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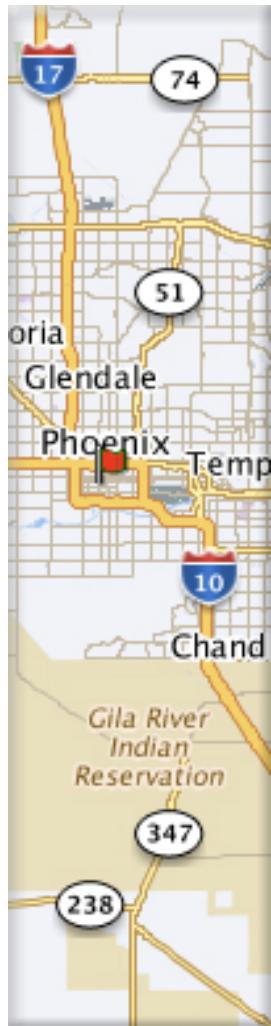


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Oracle Spatial Cartographic Database

Optimizing the U.S. Census Bureau's TIGER data for Mapping

Presentation Topics

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- Statistics, Databases, and Environment
- Cartographic Database
 - Topology Overview
 - Chaining Process
 - Dissolving Process
- Lessons Learned, Future Direction

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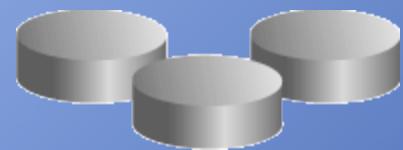
Statistics, Databases, and Environment

Lots and lots of maps

- About 15 million maps produced to date
- Maps Support 2010 Census
 - Field Maps for Census Field Workers
 - Publication Maps for Public Consumption

Database Environment

- Oracle 10g, Release 2
- Real Application Cluster (RAC) Environment
- Have 46 distinct database instances
- Instances running on Linux Blade servers
- Have development, testing, and production environments



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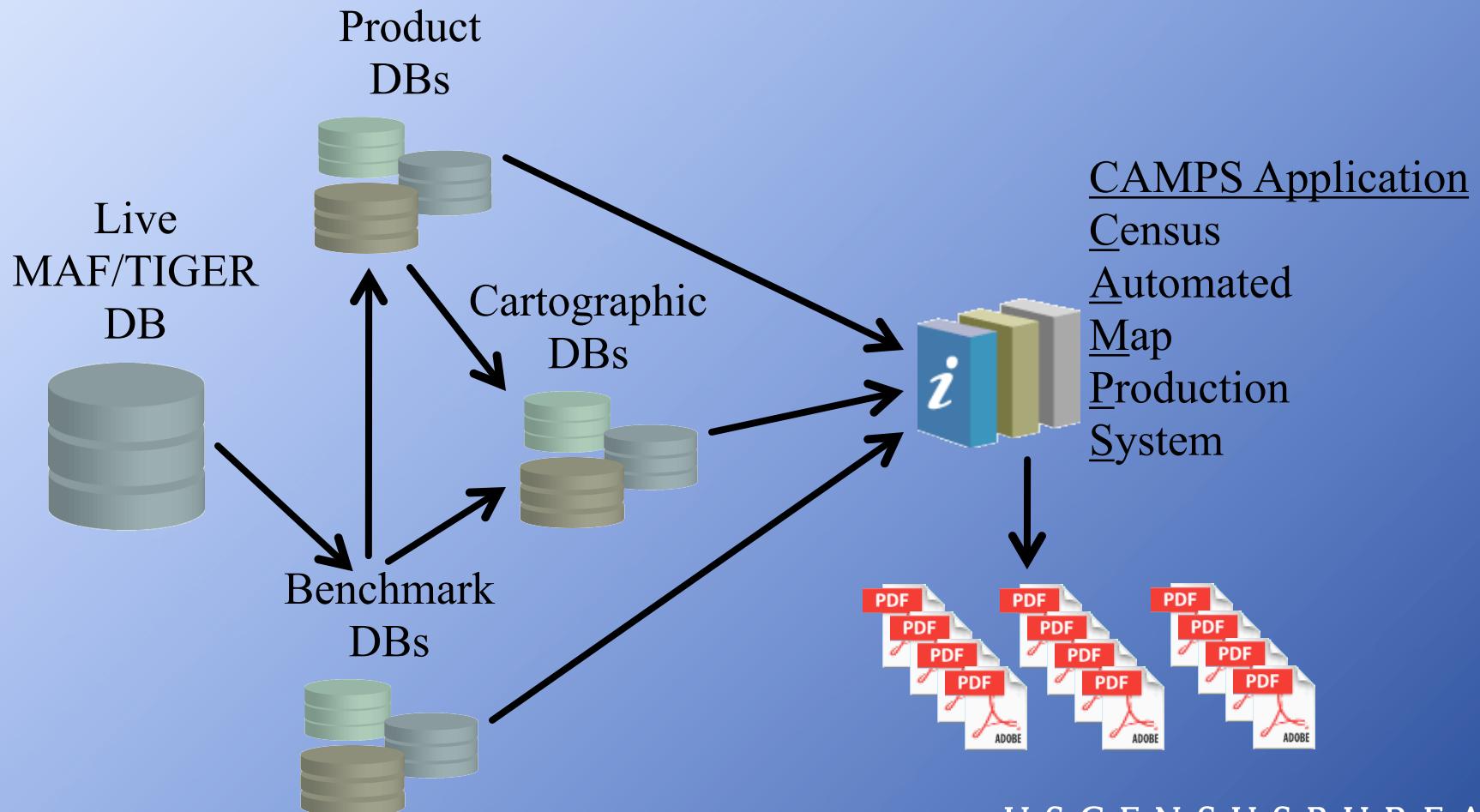
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Spatial Databases

- Live MAF/TIGER Database (2 TB)
- Benchmark Databases (~1.6 TB)
- Product Databases (~364 GB)
- Cartographic Databases (~75 GB)



Workflow Involved with Creating a Map



Live MAF/TIGER Database Statistics

- 254 million primitives
 - 159 million nodes
 - 73 million edges
 - 22 million faces
- 16 million legal and statistical geographies
- 55 different types of geographic areas
- 100 million housing unit locations
- 23 million road features
- 9 million other physical features

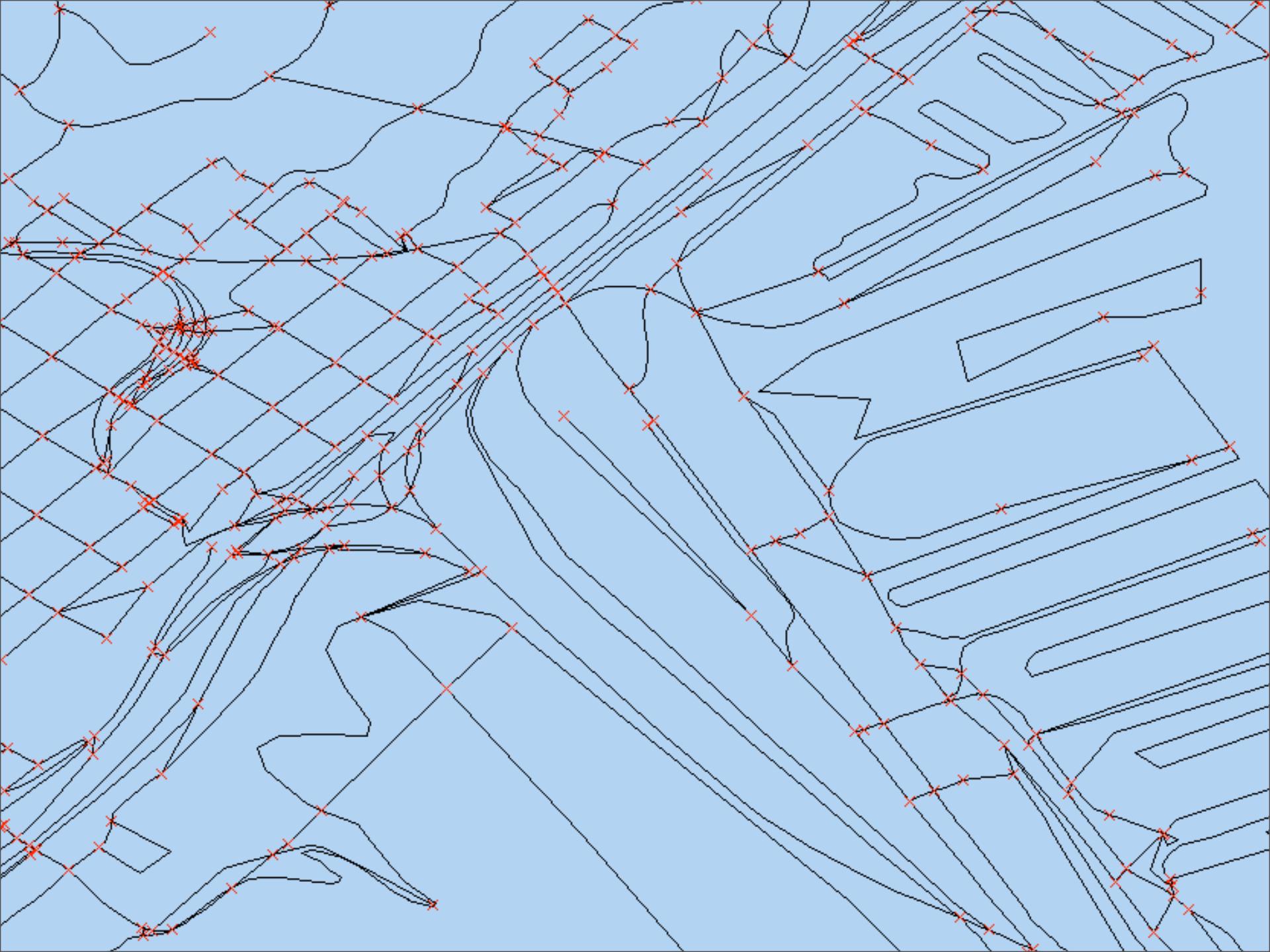


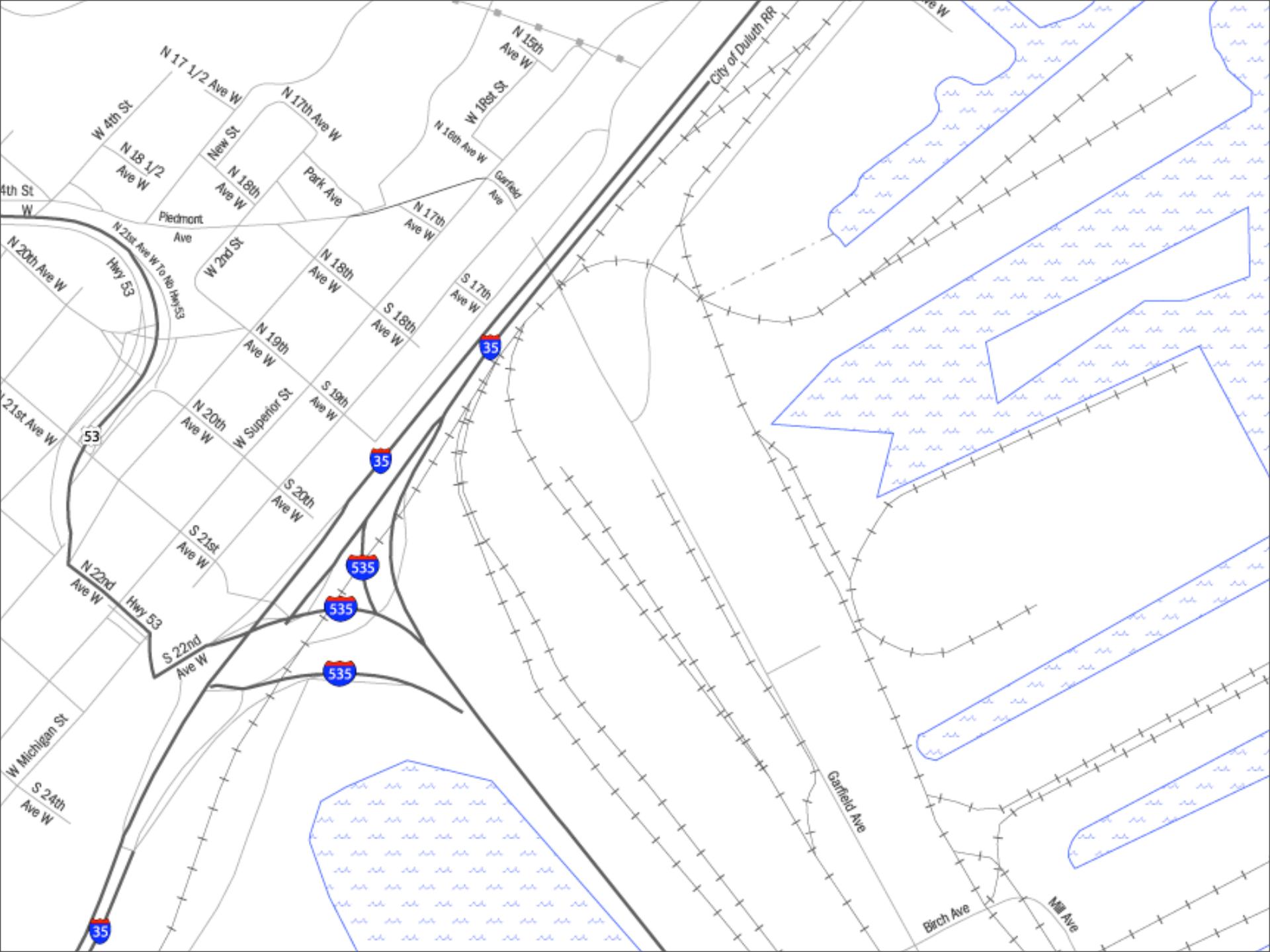
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Cartographic Database





Cartographic Database Overview

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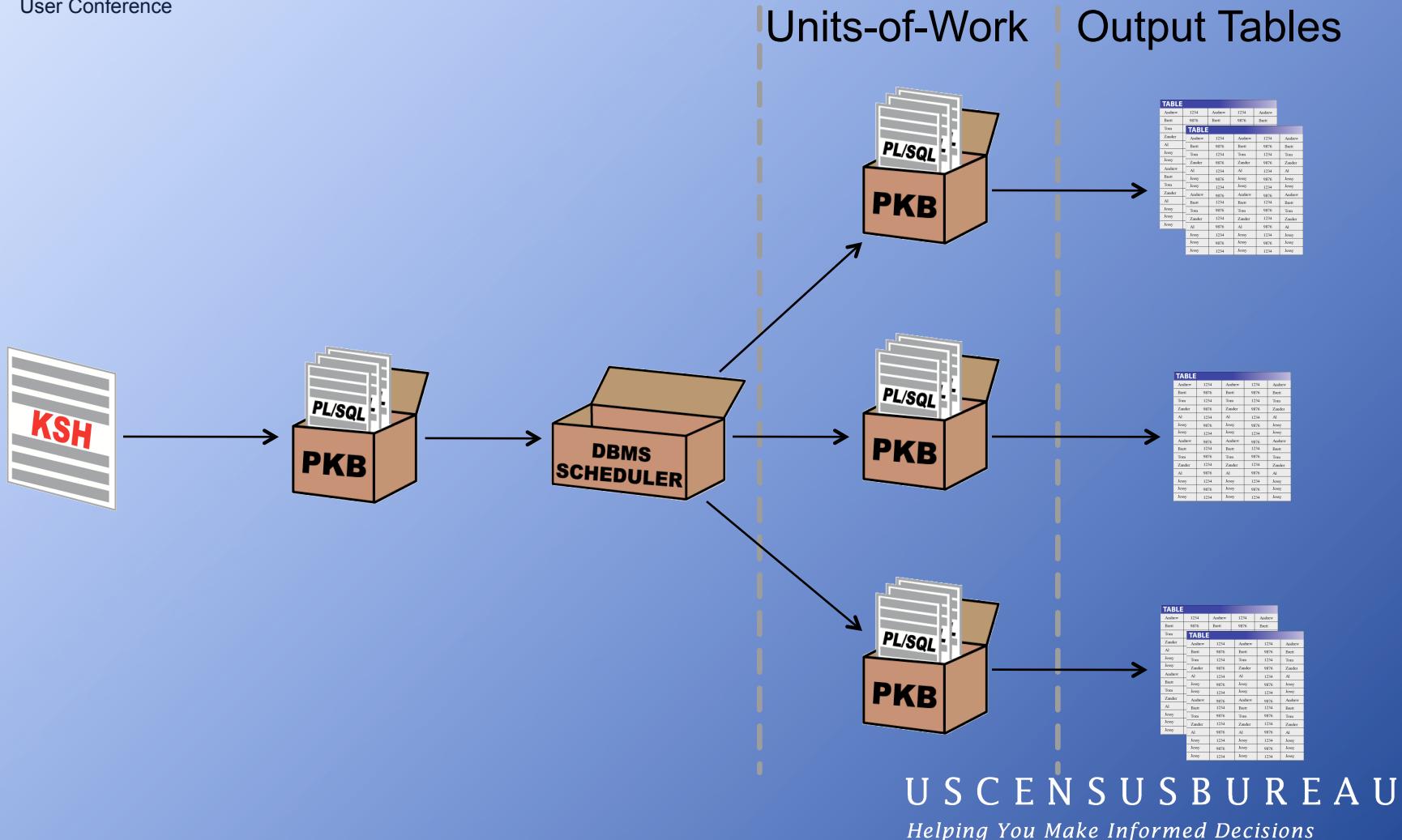
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- Predominantly stores features
- Denormalized database
- Data aggregation is key
 - Chaining
 - Dissolving
- Optimized for mapping throughput

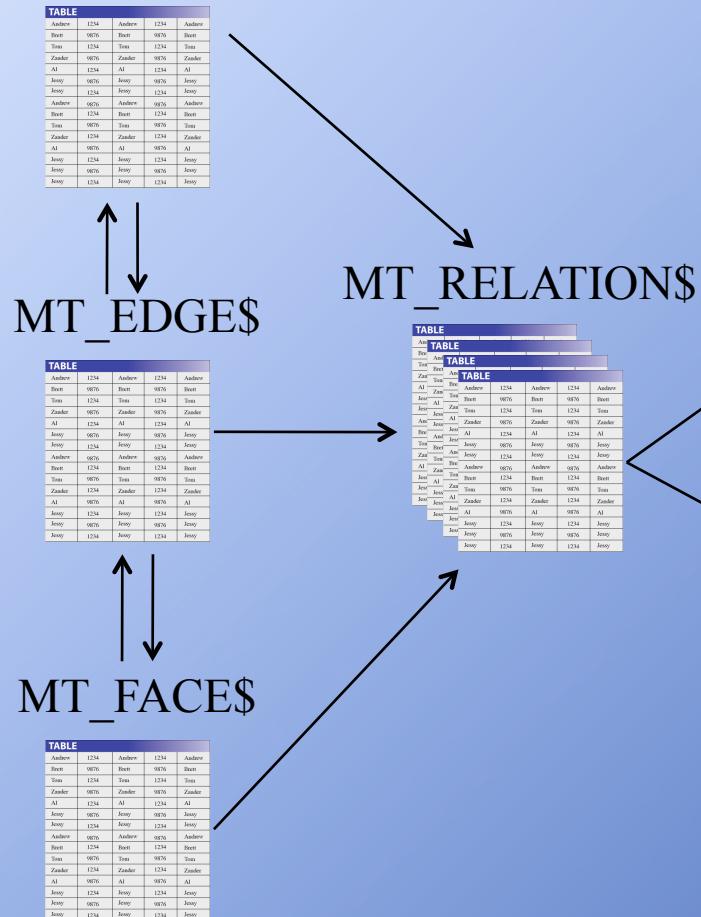
Cartographic Database Creation Process

- Korn shell master script
- Parallel processing with heavy reliance on DBMS_SCHEDULER
- Use of triggers to kick off subsequent Cartographic Database Units-of-Work

Cartographic Database Creation Process



MT NODES



Topology Model Overview

LOCAL CENSUS OFFICE

TABLE	
Andrea	1234
Bevan	9876
Tessa	1234
Zander	9876
AI	1234
Jessy	9876
Jessy	1234
Andrea	9876
Bevan	1234
Tessa	9876
Zander	1234
AI	9876
Jessy	1234
Jessy	9876
Jessy	1234
Andrea	9876
Bevan	1234
Tessa	9876
Zander	1234
AI	9876
Jessy	1234
Jessy	9876
Jessy	1234

REGIONAL CENSUS CENTER

TABLE	
Andrew	1254
Beatt	9876
Tess	1254
Zander	9876
AI	1254
Jessy	9876
Jessy	1254
Andrew	9876
Beatt	1254
Tess	9876
Zander	1254
AI	9876
Jessy	1254
Jessy	9876
Jessy	1254
Andrew	9876
Beatt	1254
Tess	9876
Zander	1254
AI	9876
Jessy	1254
Jessy	9876
Jessy	1254

COLLECTION BLOCK

TABLE	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew
Brett	1976	Brett	1976
Tess	1974	1974	Tess
Zander	1976	Zander	1976
Al	1974	Al	1974
Jessy	1976	Jessy	1976
Jessy	1974	Jessy	1974
Andrew	1976	Andrew	1976
Brett	1974	Brett	1974
Tess	1976	Tess	1976
Zander	1974	Zander	1974
Al	1976	Al	1976
Jessy	1974	Jessy	1974
Jessy	1976	Jessy	1976

ASSIGNMENT AREA

TABLE	
Andrew	1234
Brout	9876
Toni	1234
Zander	9876
AI	1234
Jessy	9876
Jessy	1234
Andrew	9876
Brout	1234
Toni	9876
Zander	1234
AI	9876
Jessy	1234
Jessy	9876
Andrew	1234
Brout	9876
Toni	1234
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AI	1234
Jessy	9876
Jessy	1234
Andrew	9876
Brout	1234
Toni	9876
Zander	1234
AI	9876
Jessy	1234
Jessy	9876

→ COUNTY
SUBDIVISION

TABLE	1234	Andrew	1234	Andrew
Brett	9876	Brett	9876	Brett
Tom	1234		1234	Tom
Zander	9876	Zander	9876	Zander
AI	1234		1234	AI
Jessy	9876	Jessy	9876	Jessy
Jessy	1234		1234	Jessy
Andrew	9876	Andrew	9876	Andrew
Brett	1234	Brett	1234	Brett
Tom	9876		9876	Tom
Zander	1234	Zander	1234	Zander
AI	9876		9876	AI
Jessy	1234	Jessy	1234	Jessy
Jessy	9876		9876	Jessy
Jessy	1234	Jessy	1234	Jessy

COUNTY

TABLE			
Andrew	1234	Andrew	1234
Brett	9876	Brett	9876
Tony	1234	Tony	1234
Zander	9876	Zander	9876
AI	1234	AI	1234
Jessy	9876	Jessy	9876
Jessy	1234	Jessy	1234
Andrew	9876	Andrew	9876
Brett	1234	Brett	1234
Tony	9876	Tony	9876
Zander	1234	Zander	1234
AI	9876	AI	9876
Jessy	1234	Jessy	1234
Jessy	9876	Jessy	9876
Jessy	1234	Jessy	1234

CREW LEADER DISTRICT

STATE

TABLE	
Andrew	1234
Brett	9876
Tom	1234
Zander	9876
AI	1234
Jessy	9876
Jessy	1234
Andrew	9876
Brett	1234
Tom	9876
Zander	1234
AI	9876
Jessy	1234
Jessy	9876
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Helping You Make Informed Decisions

Cartographic Database Chaining Requirements

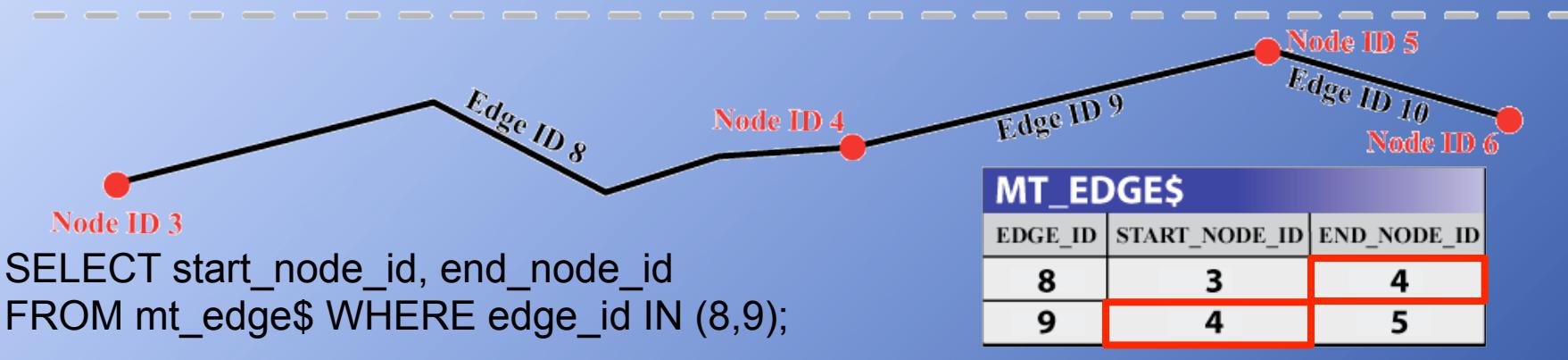


Cartographic Database Chaining Using Topology

SELECT topo_id AS edge_id
 FROM mt_relation\$ WHERE tg_layer_id = 1101
 AND topo_type = 2 AND tg_id = 1105;

Elemental Feature 1105

MT_RELATION\$			
TG_ID	TOPO_ID	TOPO_TYPE	TG_LAYER_ID
1105	8	2	1101
1105	9	2	1101
1105	10	2	1101



SELECT start_node_id, end_node_id
 FROM mt_edge\$ WHERE edge_id IN (8,9);

MT_EDGE\$		
EDGE_ID	START_NODE_ID	END_NODE_ID
8	3	4
9	4	5



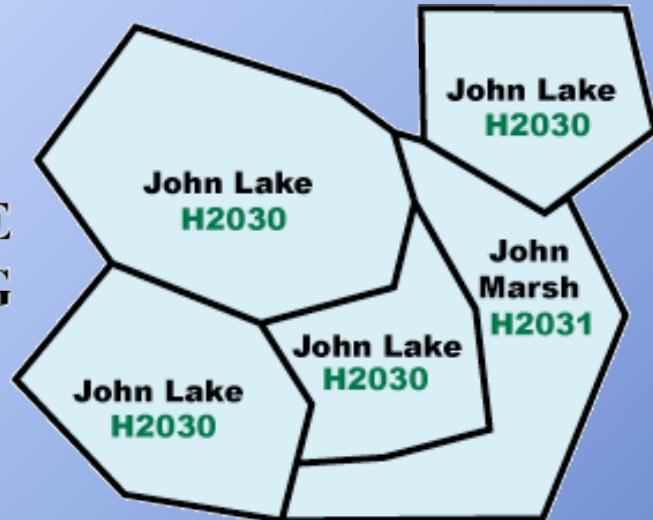
SDO_UTIL.CONCAT_LINES()

Cartographic Database Chaining Optimization

- Data Filtering and classification
 - Filter and classify on tabular attributes
 - Filter and classify on Spatial Connectivity
- Use of continual optimization of temporary tables

Cartographic Database Dissolving Requirements

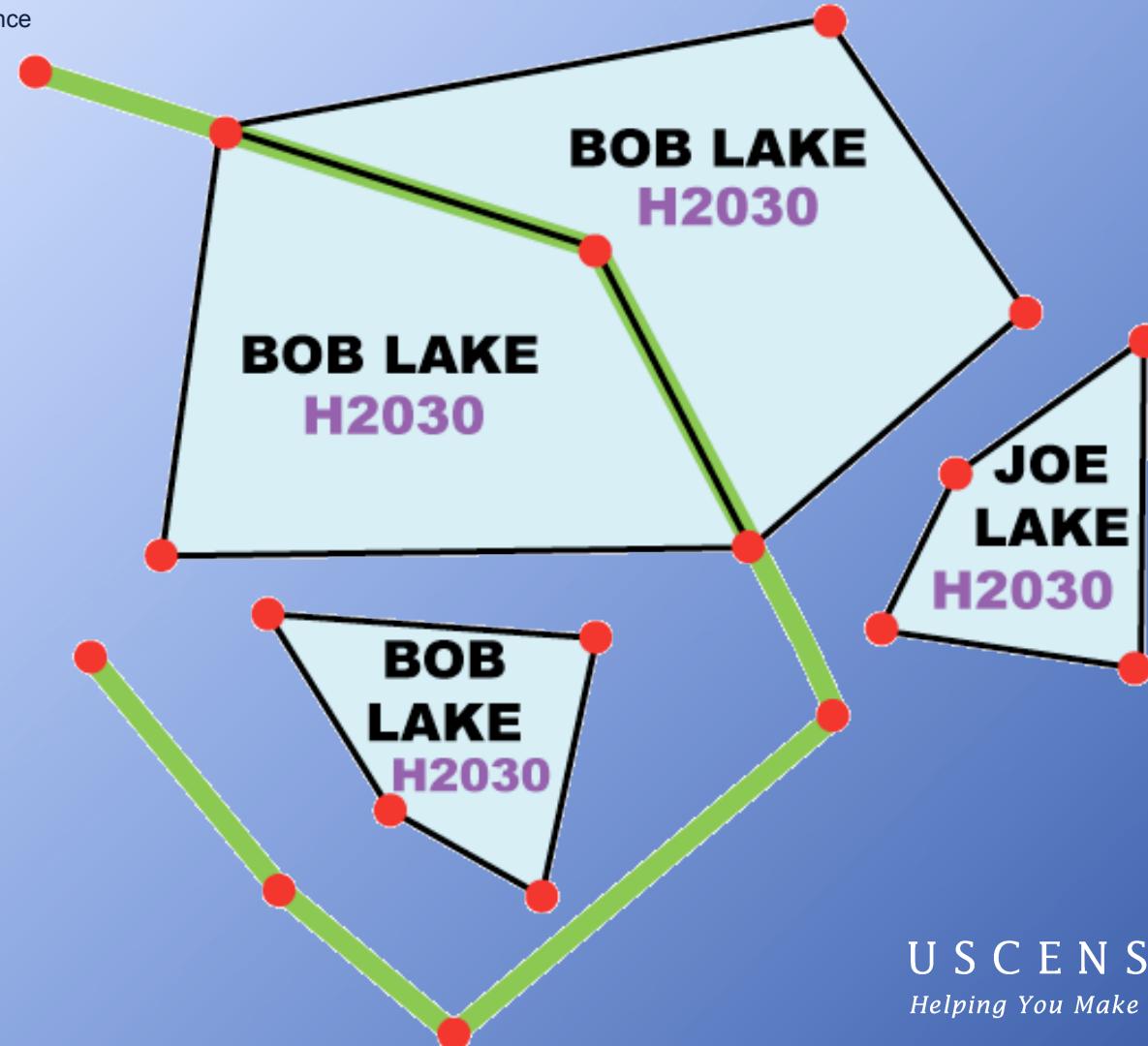
BEFORE
DISSOLVING



AFTER
DISSOLVING



Cartographic Database Dissolving Using Topology



Cartographic Database Dissolving Optimization

Optimizing Tricks

- Filtering data is important
- Classifying data is important
- Aggregating clustered polygons vs. disperse polygons
- Aggregating large numbers of polygons (max 100 at a time)

Cartographic Database Dissolving via Pipeline

```
SELECT SDO_AGGR_UNION(SDOAGGRTYPE (ugeom, .05)) ugeom
  FROM
  (
    SELECT SDO_AGGR_UNION(SDOAGGRTYPE (ugeom, .05)) ugeom
    FROM
    (
      SELECT SDO_AGGR_UNION(SDOAGGRTYPE(ugeom, .05)) ugeom
      FROM
      (
        SELECT SDO_AGGR_UNION(SDOAGGRTYPE(sdogeometry, .05)) ugeom
        FROM '||TempTable||' b
        GROUP BY MOD(ROWNUM, 1000)
      )
      GROUP BY MOD(ROWNUM, 100)
    )
    GROUP BY MOD(ROWNUM, 10)
  );

```



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Lessons Learned, Future Direction

Lessons Learned

Topology Queries vs. Spatial Functions

- Leveraging topology in large enterprise level spatial databases far out performs traditional spatial operations.
- The topology model is excellent for both database update/maintenance and querying data from a database.

Lessons Learned

Performance Tips

- Filtering data
- Classifying data
 - Tabular classification
 - Spatial classification
- Parallel processing
- Use of LIMITS
- Frequently COMMIT
- Bind Variables
- Get familiar with explain plans and resulting costs
- Use appropriate indexes.
 - Bitmap
 - BTREE

Lessons Learned

BTREE vs. Bitmap Indexes

```

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION bitmap_index_candidate(pColumnName VARCHAR2, pTableName VARCHAR2,
pSchemaName VARCHAR2 DEFAULT USER) RETURN BOOLEAN AS
  ColumnName      VARCHAR2(30)      := UPPER(pColumnName);
  TableName       VARCHAR2(30)      := UPPER(pTableName);
  SchemaName      VARCHAR2(30)      := UPPER(pSchemaName);
  RecCount        NUMBER;
  CardCnt         NUMBER;
  MaxRepeatValueCount NUMBER;
  sql_stmt        VARCHAR2(4000);
  BitmapIndexNeeded BOOLEAN        := FALSE;
BEGIN
  -- Figure Out Record Count (RecCount) -----
  EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'SELECT COUNT(*) FROM'||SchemaName||'.'||TableName INTO RecCount;
  -- Figure out Cardinality (CardinalityCount) -----
  EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT'||ColumnName||') FROM '||SchemaName||'.'||TableName INTO CardCnt;
  -- Test to see if Bitmap Index Condition is met -----
  IF ((CardCnt/RecCount) < 0.01) THEN
    BitmapIndexNeeded := TRUE;
  ELSE
    -- Figure out Maximum Repeat Value Count for the column of interest -----
    sql_stmt := 'SELECT MAX(COUNT(*)) FROM'||SchemaName||'.'||TableName||' GROUP BY'||ColumnName;
    EXECUTE IMMEDIATE sql_stmt INTO MaxRepeatValueCount;
    IF (MaxRepeatValueCount > 100) THEN
      BitmapIndexNeeded := TRUE;
    END IF;
  END IF;
  RETURN BitmapIndexNeeded;
END bitmap_index_candidate;
/

```

Future Direction with the Cartographic Database

- Used to support publication PDF map products
 - Integration of Oracle Spatial with COTS GIS software
 - Research integration of large national data sets
- Used to support web mapping endeavors
 - Optimize tables for quick data retrieval
 - Spatial sorting techniques
 - Use of partitioned tables
 - Research the best database design to achieve goals

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Questions?

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