

Star Schema The Complete Reference

Building upon his earlier book that detailed agile data warehousing programming techniques for the Scrum master, Ralph's latest work illustrates the agile interpretations of the remaining software engineering disciplines: Requirements management benefits from streamlined templates that not only define projects quickly, but ensure nothing essential is overlooked. Data engineering receives two new "hyper modeling" techniques, yielding data warehouses that can be easily adapted when requirements change without having to invest in ruinously expensive data-conversion programs. Quality assurance advances with not only a stereoscopic top-down and bottom-up planning method, but also the incorporation of the latest in automated test engines. Use this step-by-step guide to deepen your own application development skills through self-study, show your teammates the world's fastest and most reliable techniques for creating business intelligence systems, or ensure that the IT department working for you is building your next decision support system the right way. Learn how to quickly define scope and architecture before programming starts Includes techniques of process and data engineering that enable iterative and incremental delivery Demonstrates how to plan and execute quality assurance plans and includes a guide to continuous integration and automated regression testing Presents program management strategies for coordinating multiple agile data mart projects so that over time an enterprise data warehouse emerges Use the provided 120-day road map to establish a robust, agile data warehousing program Provides developments and research, as well as current innovative activities in data warehousing and mining, focusing on the intersection of data warehousing and business intelligence.

This comprehensive and authoritative guide will teach you the DAX language for business intelligence, data modeling, and analytics. Leading Microsoft BI consultants Marco Russo and Alberto Ferrari help you master everything from table functions through advanced code and model optimization. You'll learn exactly what happens under the hood when you run a DAX expression, how DAX behaves differently from other languages, and how to use this knowledge to write fast, robust code. If you want to leverage all of DAX's remarkable power and flexibility, this no-compromise "deep dive" is exactly what you need. Perform powerful data analysis with DAX for Microsoft SQL Server Analysis Services, Excel, and Power BI Master core DAX concepts, including calculated columns, measures, and error handling Understand evaluation contexts and the CALCULATE and CALCULATETABLE functions Perform time-based calculations: YTD, MTD, previous year, working days, and more Work with expanded tables, complex functions, and elaborate DAX expressions Perform calculations over hierarchies, including parent/child hierarchies Use DAX to express diverse and unusual relationships Measure DAX query performance with SQL Server Profiler and DAX Studio

The definitive reference for building actionable business intelligence—completely revised for SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.0. Unleash the full potential of business intelligence with fact-based decisions, aligned to business goals, using reports and dashboards that lead from insight to action. SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.0: The Complete Reference offers completely updated coverage of the latest BI platform. Find out how to work with the new Information Design Tool to create universes that access multiple data sources and SAP BW. See how to translate complex business questions into highly efficient Web Intelligence queries and publish your results to the BI Launchpad. Learn how to create dashboards from data sourced through a universe or spreadsheet. The most important concepts for universe designers, report and dashboard authors, and business analysts are fully explained and illustrated by screenshots, diagrams, and step-by-step instructions. Establish and evolve BI goals Maximize your BI investments by offering the right module to the right user Create robust universes with the Information Design Tool, leveraging multiple data sources, derived tables, aggregate awareness, and parameters Develop a security plan that is scalable and flexible Design Web Intelligence reports from basic to advanced Create sophisticated calculations and advanced formatting to highlight critical business trends Build powerful dashboards to embed in PowerPoint or the BI Launchpad Use Explorer to visually navigate large data sets and uncover patterns

Annotation In this book, Rick van der Lans explains how data virtualization servers work, what techniques to use to optimize access to various data sources and how these products can be applied in different projects.

This book is the most complete and up-to-date resource on Java from programming guru, Herb Schildt -- a must-have desk reference for every Java programmer.

The data warehousing bible updated for the new millennium Updated and expanded to reflect the many technological advances occurring since the previous edition, this latest edition of the data warehousing "bible" provides a comprehensive introduction to building data marts, operational data stores, the Corporate Information Factory, exploration warehouses, and Web-enabled warehouses. Written by the father of the data warehouse concept, the book also reviews the unique requirements for supporting e-business and explores various ways in which the traditional data warehouse can be integrated with new technologies to provide enhanced customer service, sales, and support-both online and offline-including near-line data storage techniques.

The "father of data warehousing" incorporates the latest technologies into his blueprint for integrated decision support systems Today's corporate IT and data warehouse managers are required to make a small army of technologies work together to ensure fast and accurate information for business managers. Bill Inmon created the Corporate Information Factory to solve the needs of these managers. Since the First Edition, the design of the factory has grown and changed dramatically. This Second Edition, revised and expanded by 40% with five new chapters, incorporates these changes. This step-by-step guide will enable readers to connect their legacy systems with the data warehouse and deal with a host of new and changing technologies, including Web access mechanisms, e-commerce systems, ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) systems. The book also looks closely at exploration and data mining servers for analyzing customer behavior and departmental data marts for finance, sales, and marketing.

Successfully meeting the challenges of combining VMware and Oracle, this comprehensive reference provides a broad spectrum of technological recommendations that demonstrate how to reliably and consistently achieve optimal configuration and maximum performance for any virtualized Oracle database scenario. The guide includes the best practices for virtualized servers, suggested virtualization server configuration, and recommendations for client operating system configuration for Oracle in a virtualized world. With real-world examples and highly applicable advice, this handbook also details the complexities of designing, configuring, maintaining, and tuning Oracle database deployments, making it a complete compendium for keeping virtualized Oracle databases in top form.

Updated new edition of Ralph Kimball's groundbreaking book on dimensional modeling for data warehousing and business intelligence! The first edition of Ralph Kimball's *The Data Warehouse Toolkit* introduced the industry to dimensional modeling, and now his books are considered the most authoritative guides in this space. This new third edition is a complete library of updated dimensional modeling techniques, the most comprehensive collection ever. It covers new and enhanced star schema dimensional modeling patterns, adds two new chapters on ETL techniques, includes new and expanded business matrices for 12 case studies, and more. Authored by Ralph Kimball and Margy Ross, known worldwide as educators, consultants, and influential thought leaders in data warehousing and business intelligence. Begins with fundamental design recommendations and progresses through increasingly complex scenarios. Presents unique modeling techniques for business applications such as inventory management, procurement, invoicing, accounting, customer relationship management, big data analytics, and more. Draws real-world case studies from a variety of industries, including retail sales, financial services, telecommunications, education, health care, insurance, e-commerce, and more. Design dimensional databases that are easy to understand and provide fast query response with *The Data Warehouse Toolkit: The Definitive Guide to Dimensional Modeling, 3rd Edition*.

This is the fourth edition of the standard introductory text and complete reference for scientists in all disciplines, as well as engineers. This fully revised version includes important updates on articles and books as well as information on a crucial new topic: how to create transparencies and computer projections, both for classrooms and professional meetings. The text maintains its user-friendly, example-based, visual approach, gently easing readers into the secrets of LaTeX with *The Short Course*. Then it introduces basic ideas through sample articles and documents. It includes a visual guide and detailed exposition of multiline math formulas, and even provides instructions on preparing books for publishers.

A cutting-edge response to Ralph Kimball's challenge to the data warehouse community that answers some tough questions about the effectiveness of the relational approach to data warehousing. Written by one of the best-known exponents of the Bill Inmon approach to data warehousing. Addresses head-on the tough issues raised by Kimball and explains how to choose the best modeling technique for solving common data warehouse design problems. Weighs the pros and cons of relational vs. dimensional modeling techniques. Focuses on tough modeling problems, including creating and maintaining keys and modeling calendars, hierarchies, transactions, and data quality.

The first comprehensive handbook on star schema design. *The Star Schema Handbook* is a comprehensive guide to dimensional modeling covering both basic and advanced topics. Organized around technical concepts rather than business examples, this is the perfect resource for data warehouse designers or developers. The book is architecture-neutral, providing full coverage of the best practices for the design of star schema and OLAP cubes in any environment. You'll find numerous examples of designs drawn from real-world situations. The book covers schema capabilities, ETL loading, reporting, and more. *The Star Schema Handbook* is a complete reference for dimensional modeling and star schema design, whether you're new to the field or are seeking advanced information to help you address specific design challenges. The book explores best practices for star schema design and OLAP cubes; it is architecture-neutral, providing guidance on best design practices for any environment. Topics include schema capabilities, ETL loading, reporting, and much more. This comprehensive guide covers both basic and advanced topics, making it the complete reference for all data warehouse designers.

The definitive guide to dimensional design for your data warehouse. Learn the best practices of dimensional design. *Star Schema: The Complete Reference* offers in-depth coverage of design principles and their underlying rationales. Organized around design concepts and illustrated with detailed examples, this is a step-by-step guidebook for beginners and a comprehensive resource for experts. This all-inclusive volume begins with dimensional design fundamentals and shows how they fit into diverse data warehouse architectures, including those of W.H. Inmon and Ralph Kimball. The book progresses through a series of advanced techniques that help you address real-world complexity, maximize performance, and adapt to the requirements of BI and ETL software products. You are furnished with design tasks and deliverables that can be incorporated into any project, regardless of architecture or methodology. Master the fundamentals of star schema design and slow change processing. Identify situations that call for multiple stars or cubes. Ensure compatibility across subject areas as your data warehouse grows. Accommodate repeating attributes, recursive hierarchies, and poor data quality. Support conflicting requirements for historic data. Handle variation within a business process and correlation of disparate activities. Boost performance using derived schemas and aggregates. Learn when it's appropriate to adjust designs for BI and ETL tools.

The data lakehouse is the next generation of the data warehouse and data lake, designed to meet today's complex and ever-changing analytics, machine learning, and data science requirements. Learn about the features and architecture of the data lakehouse, along with its powerful analytical infrastructure. Appreciate how the universal common connector blends structured, textual, analog, and IoT data. Maintain the lakehouse for future generations through *Data Lakehouse Housekeeping* and *Data Future-proofing*. Know how to incorporate the lakehouse into an existing data governance strategy. Incorporate data catalogs, data lineage tools, and open source software into your architecture to ensure your data scientists, analysts, and end users live happily ever after.

This is the first book to provide in-depth coverage of star schema aggregates used in dimensional modeling—from selection and design, to loading and usage, to specific tasks and deliverables for implementation projects. Covers the principles of aggregate schema design and the pros and cons of various types of commercial solutions for navigating and building aggregates. Discusses how to include aggregates in data warehouse development projects that focus on incremental development, iterative builds, and early data loads.

Explore and understand data with the powerful data visualization techniques of Tableau, and then communicate insights in powerful ways. **Key Features** Apply best practices in data visualization and chart types exploration. Explore the latest version of Tableau Desktop with hands-on examples. Understand the fundamentals of Tableau storytelling. **Book Description** Graphical presentation of data enables us to easily understand complex data sets. *Tableau 10 Complete Reference* provides easy-to-follow recipes with several use cases and real-world business scenarios to get you up and running with Tableau 10. This Learning Path begins with the history of data visualization and its importance in today's businesses. You'll also be introduced to Tableau - how to connect, clean, and analyze data in this visual analytics software. Then, you'll learn how to apply what you've learned by creating some simple calculations in Tableau and using Table Calculations to help drive greater analysis from your data. Next, you'll explore different advanced chart types in Tableau. These chart types require you to have some understanding of the Tableau interface and understand basic calculations. You'll study in detail all dashboard techniques and best practices. A number of recipes specifically for geospatial visualization, analytics, and data preparation are also covered. Last but not least, you'll learn about the power of storytelling through the creation of interactive dashboards in Tableau. Through this Learning Path, you will gain

confidence and competence to analyze and communicate data and insights more efficiently and effectively by creating compelling interactive charts, dashboards, and stories in Tableau. This Learning Path includes content from the following Packt products: Learning Tableau 10 - Second Edition by Joshua N. Milligan Getting Started with Tableau 2018.x by Tristan Guillevin What you will learn Build effective visualizations, dashboards, and story points Build basic to more advanced charts with step-by-step recipes Become familiar row-level, aggregate, and table calculations Dig deep into data with clustering and distribution models Prepare and transform data for analysis Leverage Tableau's mapping capabilities to visualize data Use data storytelling techniques to aid decision making strategy Who this book is for Tableau 10 Complete Reference is designed for anyone who wants to understand their data better and represent it in an effective manner. It is also used for BI professionals and data analysts who want to do better at their jobs.

Provides examples of XML schema components with corresponding schema document elements.

Geared to IT professionals eager to get into the all-important field of data warehousing, this book explores all topics needed by those who design and implement data warehouses. Readers will learn about planning requirements, architecture, infrastructure, data preparation, information delivery, implementation, and maintenance. They'll also find a wealth of industry examples garnered from the author's 25 years of experience in designing and implementing databases and data warehouse applications for major corporations. Market: IT Professionals, Consultants.

I have been dealing with many Power BI challenges in my professional life as a Power BI consultant and a trainer. Challenges normally come as calculation or DAX questions, or sometimes as a performance question. However, after digging deeper into the problem, soon, it will be revealed that the problem is related to a more fundamental challenge; data modeling. If you have a Power BI implementation with many calculation-related or performance-related issues, I strongly suggest looking into your data model because that is where most of the problems start. A good data model is a great base, which upon that, you can build up many stories of calculations and analysis. A bad data model causes problems on every level that you add upon it, and might sometime cause the whole solution to collapse. Fortunately, data modeling is not rocket science. I explained the basic principles of the data modeling with examples in this book. Use this book as the learning path towards a better data model. Most of the tips mentioned in this book are product-agnostic (such as star-schema, dimension, and fact tables). However, this book is particularly designed and developed for a Power BI product user. This book is for you if you are building a Power BI solution. If your task is only visualizing the existing data, this book might not be needed for you. However, What I have seen in many cases, is that the requirement starts with just visualize the data, and then more data tables appear, and you get into the tunnel of data modeling without knowing the principles of it. This book is a guide for you through that tunnel.

Manage and work with business data effectively by learning data modeling techniques and leveraging the latest features of Power BI Key Features Understand data modeling techniques to get the best out of data using Power BI Define the relationships between data to extract valuable insights Solve a wide variety of business challenges by building optimal data models Book Description Microsoft Power BI is one of the most popular business intelligence tools available on the market for desktop and the cloud. This book will be your guide to understanding the ins and outs of data modeling and how to create data models using Power BI confidently. You'll learn how to connect data from multiple sources, understand data, define and manage relationships between data, and shape data models. In this book, you'll explore how to use data modeling and navigation techniques to define relationships and create a data model before defining new metrics and performing custom calculations using modeling features. As you advance through the chapters, the book will demonstrate how to create full-fledged data models, enabling you to create efficient data models and simpler DAX code with new data modeling features. With the help of examples, you'll discover how you can solve business challenges by building optimal data models and changing your existing data models to meet evolving business requirements. Finally, you'll learn how to use some new and advanced modeling features to enhance your data models to carry out a wide variety of complex tasks. By the end of this Power BI book, you'll have gained the skills you need to structure data coming from multiple sources in different ways to create optimized data models that support reporting and data analytics. What you will learn Implement virtual tables and time intelligence functionalities in DAX to build a powerful model Identify Dimension and Fact tables and implement them in Power Query Editor Deal with advanced data preparation scenarios while building Star Schema Explore best practices for data preparation and data modeling Discover different hierarchies and their common pitfalls Understand complex data models and how to decrease the level of model complexity with different data modeling approaches Who this book is for This MS Power BI book is for BI users, data analysts, and analysis developers who want to become well-versed with data modeling techniques to make the most of Power BI. Basic knowledge of Power BI and Star Schema will help you to understand the concepts covered in this book.

An unparalleled collection of recommended guidelines for data warehousing and business intelligence pioneered by Ralph Kimball and his team of colleagues from the Kimball Group. Recognized and respected throughout the world as the most influential leaders in the data warehousing industry, Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group have written articles covering more than 250 topics that define the field of data warehousing. For the first time, the Kimball Group's incomparable advice, design tips, and best practices have been gathered in this remarkable collection of articles, which spans a decade of data warehousing innovation. Each group of articles is introduced with original commentaries that explain their role in the overall lifecycle methodology developed by the Kimball Group. These practical, hands-on articles are fully updated to reflect current practices and terminology and cover the complete lifecycle—including project planning, requirements gathering, dimensional modeling, ETL, and business intelligence and analytics. This easily referenced collection is nothing less than vital if you are involved with data warehousing or business intelligence in any capacity. Agile Data Warehouse Design is a step-by-step guide for capturing data warehousing/business intelligence (DW/BI) requirements and turning them into high performance dimensional models in the most direct way: by modelstorming (data

modeling] brainstorming) with BI stakeholders. This book describes BEAM, an agile approach to dimensional modeling, for improving communication between data warehouse designers, BI stakeholders and the whole DW/BI development team. BEAM provides tools and techniques that will encourage DW/BI designers and developers to move away from their keyboards and entity relationship based tools and model interactively with their colleagues. The result is everyone thinks dimensionally from the outset! Developers understand how to efficiently implement dimensional modeling solutions. Business stakeholders feel ownership of the data warehouse they have created, and can already imagine how they will use it to answer their business questions. Within this book, you will learn: Agile dimensional modeling using Business Event Analysis & Modeling (BEAM) Modelstorming: data modeling that is quicker, more inclusive, more productive, and frankly more fun! Telling dimensional data stories using the 7Ws (who, what, when, where, how many, why and how) Modeling by example not abstraction; using data story themes, not crow's feet, to describe detail Storyboarding the data warehouse to discover conformed dimensions and plan iterative development Visual modeling: sketching timelines, charts and grids to model complex process measurement - simply Agile design documentation: enhancing star schemas with BEAM dimensional shorthand notation Solving difficult DW/BI performance and usability problems with proven dimensional design patterns LawrenceCorr is a data warehouse designer and educator. As Principal of DecisionOne Consulting, he helps clients to review and simplify their data warehouse designs, and advises vendors on visual data modeling techniques. He regularly teaches agile dimensional modeling courses worldwide and has taught dimensional DW/BI skills to thousands of students. Jim Stagnitto is a data warehouse and master data management architect specializing in the healthcare, financial services, and information service industries. He is the founder of the data warehousing and data mining consulting firm Llumino.

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This book constitutes the reviewed proceedings of the first Conference on Performance Evaluation and Benchmarking, TPCTC 2009, held in Lyon, France, August 24-28,2009. The 16 full papers and two keynote papers were carefully selected from 34 submissions. This book considers issues such as appliance, business intelligence, cloud computing, complex event processing, database performance optimizations, green computing, data compression, disaster tolerance and recovery, energy and space efficiency, hardware innovations, high speed data generation, hybrid workloads or operational data warehousing, unstructured data management, software management and maintenance, virtualization and very large memory systems

In this IBM Redbooks publication we describe and demonstrate dimensional data modeling techniques and technology, specifically focused on business intelligence and data warehousing. It is to help the reader understand how to design, maintain, and use a dimensional model for data warehousing that can provide the data access and performance required for business intelligence. Business intelligence is comprised of a data warehousing infrastructure, and a query, analysis, and reporting environment. Here we focus on the data warehousing infrastructure. But only a specific element of it, the data model - which we consider the base building block of the data warehouse. Or, more precisely, the topic of data modeling and its impact on the business and business applications. The objective is not to provide a treatise on dimensional modeling techniques, but to focus at a more practical level. There is technical content for designing and maintaining such an environment, but also business content. For example, we use case studies to demonstrate how dimensional modeling can impact the business intelligence requirements for your business initiatives. In addition, we provide a detailed discussion on the query aspects of BI and data modeling. For example, we discuss query optimization and how you can determine performance of the data model prior to implementation. You need a solid base for your data warehousing infrastructure a solid data model.

Cowritten by Ralph Kimball, the world's leading data warehousing authority, whose previous books have sold more than 150,000 copies Delivers real-world solutions for the most time- and labor-intensive portion of data warehousing-data staging, or the extract, transform, load (ETL) process Delineates best practices for extracting data from scattered sources, removing redundant and inaccurate data, transforming the remaining data into correctly formatted data structures, and then loading the end product into the data warehouse Offers proven time-saving ETL techniques, comprehensive guidance on building dimensional structures, and crucial advice on ensuring data quality

"Each chapter is... a practice run for the way we all ought to design our data marts and hence our data warehouses."-Ralph Kimball, from the Foreword. Let the experts show you how to customize data warehouse designs for real business needs in Data Warehouse Design Solutions. To effectively design a data warehouse, you have to understand its many business uses. This guidebook shows you how business managers in different corporate functions actually use data warehouses to make decisions. You'll get a rich set of data warehouse designs that flow from realistic business cases. Two top experts show you how to customize your data warehouse designs for real-life business needs including: * Sales and marketing * Production and inventory management * Budgeting and financial reporting * Quality control * Product delivery and fulfillment * Strategic business analysis such as determining market share, rates of return on investment, and other key analytic ratios. CD-ROM includes All sample data warehouse designs with accompanying preformatted reports in HTML for specific business uses such as marketing, sales, and financial analysis.

Aimed at helping business and IT managers clearly communicate with each other, this helpful book addresses concerns straight-on and provides practical methods to building a collaborative data warehouse . You'll get clear explanations of the goals and objectives of each stage of the data warehouse lifecycle while learning the roles that both business managers and technicians play at each stage. Discussions of the most critical decision points for success at each phase of the data warehouse lifecycle help you understand ways in which both business and IT management can make decisions that best meet unified objectives.

OLAP enables users to access information from multidimensional datawarehouses almost instantly, to view information in any way theylike, and to cleanly specify and carry out sophisticatedcalculations. Although many commercial OLAP tools and products arenow available, OLAP is still a difficult and complex technology tomaster. Substantially updated with expanded coverage of implementationmethods for data storage, access, and calculation; also, newchapters added to combine OLAP with data warehouse, mining, anddecision support tools Teaches the best practices for building OLAP models thatimprove business and organizational decision-making, completelyindependent of commercial tools, using revised case studies Companion Web site provides updates on OLAP standards andtools, code examples, and links to valuable resources

Beginning Database Design, Second Edition provides short, easy-to-read explanations of how to get database design right the first time. This book offers numerous examples to help you avoid the many pitfalls that entrap new and not-so-new database designers. Through the help of use cases and class diagrams modeled in the UML, you'll learn to discover and represent the details and scope of any design problem you choose to attack. Database design is not an exact science. Many are surprised to find that problems with their databases are caused by poor design rather than by difficulties in using the database management software. Beginning Database Design, Second Edition helps you ask and answer important questions about your data so you can understand the problem you are trying to solve and create a pragmatic design capturing the essentials while leaving the door open for refinements and extension at a later stage. Solid database design principles and examples help demonstrate the consequences of simplifications and pragmatic decisions. The rationale is to try to keep a design simple, but allow room for development as situations change or resources permit. Provides solid design principles by which to avoid pitfalls and support changing needs Includes numerous examples of good and bad design decisions and their consequences Shows a modern method for documenting design using the Unified Modeling Language

When you have questions about C# 9.0 or .NET 5, this best-selling guide has the answers you need. C# is a language of unusual flexibility and breadth, but with its continual growth there's so much more to learn. In the tradition of O'Reilly's Nutshell guides, this thoroughly updated edition is simply the best one-volume reference to the C# language available today. Organized around concepts and use cases, C# 9.0 in a Nutshell provides intermediate and advanced programmers with a concise map of C# and .NET that also plumbs significant depths. Get up to speed on C#, from syntax and variables to advanced topics such as pointers, records, closures, and patterns Dig deep into LINQ with three chapters dedicated to the topic Explore concurrency and asynchrony, advanced threading, and parallel programming Work with .NET features, including regular expressions, networking, spans, reflection, and cryptography

Naeem, a top SAP professional, covers just what people need to know about BW. This essential guide--and the only BW offering at this time--provides straightforward information to help users reach the top of their field. CD includes the best resources for SAP's BW.

Develop a custom, agile data warehousing and business intelligence architecture Empower your users and drive better decision making across your enterprise with detailed instructions and best practices from an expert developer and trainer. The Data Warehouse Mentor: Practical Data Warehouse and Business Intelligence Insights shows how to plan, design, construct, and administer an integrated end-to-end DW/BI solution. Learn how to choose appropriate components, build an enterprise data model, configure data marts and data warehouses, establish data flow, and mitigate risk. Change management, data governance, and security are also covered in this comprehensive guide. Understand the components of BI and data warehouse systems Establish project goals and implement an effective deployment plan Build accurate logical and physical enterprise data models Gain insight into your company's transactions with data mining Input, cleanse, and normalize data using ETL (Extract, Transform, and Load) techniques Use structured input files to define data requirements Employ top-down, bottom-up, and hybrid design methodologies Handle security and optimize performance using data governance tools Robert Laberge is the founder of several Internet ventures and a principle consultant for the IBM Industry Models and Assets Lab, which has a focus on data warehousing and business intelligence solutions.

Renowned DAX experts Alberto Ferrari and Marco Russo teach you how to design data models for maximum efficiency and effectiveness. How can you use Excel and Power BI to gain real insights into your information? As you examine your data, how do you write a formula that provides the numbers you need? The answers to both of these questions lie with the data model. This book introduces the basic techniques for shaping data models in Excel and Power BI. It's meant for readers who are new to data modeling as well as for experienced data modelers looking for tips from the experts. If you want to use Power BI or Excel to analyze data, the many real-world examples in this book will help you look at your reports in a different way--like experienced data modelers do. As you'll soon see, with the right data model, the correct answer is always a simple one! By reading this book, you will:

- Gain an understanding of the basics of data modeling, including tables, relationships, and keys
- Familiarize yourself with star schemas, snowflakes, and common modeling techniques
- Learn the importance of granularity
- Discover how to use multiple fact tables, like sales and purchases, in a complex data model
- Manage calendar-related calculations by using date tables
- Track historical attributes, like previous addresses of customers or manager assignments
- Use snapshots to compute quantity on hand
- Work with multiple currencies in the most efficient way
- Analyze events that have durations, including overlapping durations
- Learn what data model you need to answer your specific business questions

About This Book • For Excel and Power BI users who want to exploit the full power of their favorite tools • For BI professionals seeking new ideas for modeling data Three books by the bestselling authors on Data Warehousing! The most authoritative guides from the inventor of the technique all for a value price. The Data Warehouse Toolkit, 3rd Edition (9781118530801) Ralph Kimball invented a data warehousing technique called "dimensional modeling" and popularized it in his first Wiley book, The Data Warehouse Toolkit. Since this book was first published in 1996, dimensional modeling has become the most widely accepted technique for data warehouse design. Over the past 10 years, Kimball has improved on his earlier techniques and created many new ones. In this 3rd edition, he will provide a comprehensive collection of all of these techniques, from basic to advanced. The Data Warehouse Lifecycle Toolkit, 2nd Edition (9780470149775) Complete coverage of best practices from data warehouse project inception through on-going program management. Updates industry best practices to be in sync with current recommendations of Kimball Group. Streamlines the lifecycle methodology to be more efficient and user-friendly The Data Warehouse ETL Toolkit (9780764567575) shows data warehouse developers how to effectively manage the ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) phase of the data warehouse development lifecycle. The authors show developers the best methods for extracting data from scattered sources throughout the enterprise, removing obsolete, redundant, and inaccurate data, transforming the remaining data into correctly formatted data structures, and then physically loading them into the data warehouse. This book provides complete coverage of proven, time-saving ETL techniques. It begins with a quick overview of ETL fundamentals and the role of the ETL development team. It then quickly moves into an overview of the ETL data structures, both relational and dimensional. The authors show how to build useful dimensional structures, providing practical examples of beginning through advanced techniques.

Master the most agile and resilient design for building analytics applications: the Unified Star Schema (USS) approach. The USS has many benefits over traditional dimensional modeling. Witness the power of the USS as a single star schema that serves as a foundation for all present and future business requirements of your organization. Data warehouse legend Bill Inmon and business

intelligence innovator, Francesco Puppini, explain step-by-step why the Unified Star Schema is the recommended approach for business intelligence designs today, and show through many examples how to build and use this new solution. This book contains two parts. Part I, Architecture, explains the benefits of data marts and data warehouses, covering how organizations progressed to their current state of analytics, and to the challenges that result from current business intelligence architectures. Chapter 1 covers the drivers behind and the characteristics of the data warehouse and data mart. Chapter 2 introduces dimensional modeling concepts, including fact tables, dimensions, star joins, and snowflakes. Chapter 3 recalls the evolution of the data mart. Chapter 4 explains Extract, Transform, and Load (ETL), and the value ETL brings to reporting. Chapter 5 explores the Integrated Data Mart Approach, and Chapter 6 explains how to monitor this environment. Chapter 7 describes the different types of metadata within the data warehouse environment. Chapter 8 progresses through the evolution to our current modern data warehouse environment. Part II, the Unified Star Schema, covers the Unified Star Schema (USS) approach and how it solves the challenges introduced in Part I. There are eight chapters within Part II: · Chapter 9, Introduction to the Unified Star Schema: Learn about its architecture and use cases, as well as how the USS approach differs from the traditional approach. · Chapter 10, Loss of Data: Learn about the loss of data and the USS Bridge. Understand that the USS approach does not create any join, and for this reason, it has no loss of data. · Chapter 11, The Fan Trap: Get introduced to the Oriented Data Model convention, and learn the dangers of a fan trap through an example. Differentiate join and association, and realize that an “in-memory association” is the preferred solution to the fan trap. · Chapter 12, The Chasm Trap: Become familiar with the Cartesian product, and then follow along with an example based on LinkedIn, which illustrates that a chasm trap produces unwanted duplicates. See that the USS Bridge is based on a union, which does not create any duplicates. · Chapter 13, Multi-Fact Queries: Distinguish between multiple facts “with direct connection” versus multiple facts “with no direct connection”. Explore how BI tools are capable of building aggregated virtual rows. · Chapter 14, Loops: Learn more about loops and five traditional techniques to solve them. Follow along with an implementation, which will illustrate the solution based on the USS approach. · Chapter 15, Non-Conformed Granularities: Learn about non-conformed granularities, and learn that the Unified Star Schema introduces a solution called “re-normalization”. · Chapter 16, Northwind Case Study. Witness how easy it is to detect the pitfalls of Northwind using the ODM convention. Follow along with an implementation of the USS approach on the Northwind database with various BI tools.

The Data Vault was invented by Dan Linstedt at the U.S. Department of Defense, and the standard has been successfully applied to data warehousing projects at organizations of different sizes, from small to large-size corporations. Due to its simplified design, which is adapted from nature, the Data Vault 2.0 standard helps prevent typical data warehousing failures. "Building a Scalable Data Warehouse" covers everything one needs to know to create a scalable data warehouse end to end, including a presentation of the Data Vault modeling technique, which provides the foundations to create a technical data warehouse layer. The book discusses how to build the data warehouse incrementally using the agile Data Vault 2.0 methodology. In addition, readers will learn how to create the input layer (the stage layer) and the presentation layer (data mart) of the Data Vault 2.0 architecture including implementation best practices. Drawing upon years of practical experience and using numerous examples and an easy to understand framework, Dan Linstedt and Michael Olschimke discuss: How to load each layer using SQL Server Integration Services (SSIS), including automation of the Data Vault loading processes. Important data warehouse technologies and practices. Data Quality Services (DQS) and Master Data Services (MDS) in the context of the Data Vault architecture. Provides a complete introduction to data warehousing, applications, and the business context so readers can get-up and running fast Explains theoretical concepts and provides hands-on instruction on how to build and implement a data warehouse Demystifies data vault modeling with beginning, intermediate, and advanced techniques Discusses the advantages of the data vault approach over other techniques, also including the latest updates to Data Vault 2.0 and multiple improvements to Data Vault 1.0

The final edition of the incomparable data warehousing and business intelligence reference, updated and expanded The Kimball Group Reader, Remastered Collection is the essential reference for data warehouse and business intelligence design, packed with best practices, design tips, and valuable insight from industry pioneer Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group. This Remastered Collection represents decades of expert advice and mentoring in data warehousing and business intelligence, and is the final work to be published by the Kimball Group. Organized for quick navigation and easy reference, this book contains nearly 20 years of experience on more than 300 topics, all fully up-to-date and expanded with 65 new articles. The discussion covers the complete data warehouse/business intelligence lifecycle, including project planning, requirements gathering, system architecture, dimensional modeling, ETL, and business intelligence analytics, with each group of articles prefaced by original commentaries explaining their role in the overall Kimball Group methodology. Data warehousing/business intelligence industry's current multi-billion dollar value is due in no small part to the contributions of Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group. Their publications are the standards on which the industry is built, and nearly all data warehouse hardware and software vendors have adopted their methods in one form or another. This book is a compendium of Kimball Group expertise, and an essential reference for anyone in the field. Learn data warehousing and business intelligence from the field's pioneers Get up to date on best practices and essential design tips Gain valuable knowledge on every stage of the project lifecycle Dig into the Kimball Group methodology with hands-on guidance Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group have continued to refine their methods and techniques based on thousands of hours of consulting and training. This Remastered Collection of The Kimball Group Reader represents their final body of knowledge, and is nothing less than a vital reference for anyone involved in the field.

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