SQL in a Server Environment (ii)

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Alternative to Embedded SQL

• What if we want to compile an application without the need for a DBMS-specific pre-compiler?
• Use a library of database calls
  – Standardized (non-DBMS-specific) API
  – Pass SQL-strings from host language and presents result sets in a language friendly way
  – Eg. ODBC for C/C++ and JDBC for Java
  – DBMS-neutral
    • A driver traps the calls and translates them into DBMS-specific code
ODBC/JDBC Architecture

• Application
  – Initiates connections
  – Submits SQL statements
  – Terminates connections

• Driver Manager
  – Loads the right JDBC driver

• Driver
  – Connects to the data source,
  – Transmit requests,
  – Returns results and error codes

• Data Source
  – DBMS
4 Types of Drivers

• Type I: Bridge
  – Translate SQL commands to non-native API
  – eg. JDBC-ODBC bridge. JDBC is translated to ODBC to access an ODBC compliant data source.

• Type II: Direct Translation to native API via non-Java driver
  – Translates SQL to native API of data source.
  – Needs DBMS-specific library on each client.

• Type III: Network bridge
  – SQL stmts sent to a middleware server that talks to the data source. Hence small JDBC driver at each client

• Type IV: Direct Translation to native API via Java driver
  – Converts JDBC calls to network protocol used by DBMS.
  – Needs DBMS-specific Java driver at each client.
High Level Steps

1. Load the ODBC/JDBC driver
2. Connect to the data source
3. [optional] Prepare the SQL statements
4. Execute the SQL statements
5. Iterate over the resultset
6. Close the connection
Getting Data to/fro Host Language

• No declaration of shared variables
• Variables in host language is bound to columns of a SQL cursor
• ODBC
  – SQLBindCol – gets data from SQL environment to host variables.
  – SQLBindParameter – gets data from host variables to SQL environment
• JDBC
  – ResultSet class
  – PreparedStatement class
Prepare Statement or Not?

- Executing without preparing statement
  - After DBMS receives SQL statement,
    - The SQL is compiled,
    - An execution plan is chosen by the optimizer,
    - The execution plan is evaluated by the DBMS engine
    - The results are returned
- `conn.prepareStatement`
  - Compiles and picks an execution plan
- `pstmt.executeUpdate`
  - Evaluates the execution plan with the parameters and gets the results

```java
String sql = "SELECT * FROM books WHERE price < ?";
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(sql);
pstmt.setFloat(1, usermaxprice);
pstmt.executeUpdate();
```

*cf. Static vs Dynamic SQL*
Iterate over the results of a SQL statement -- cf. cursor

Note that types of column values do not need to be known at compile time

```
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(sqlstr);
while( rs.next() ){
    col1val = rs.getString(1); ... 
}
```
RowSet

• When inserting lots of data, calling an execute statement for each row can be inefficient
  – A message is sent for each execute
• Many APIs provide a rowset implementation
  – A set of rows is maintained in-memory on the client
  – A single execute will then insert the set of rows in a single message
• Pros: high performance
• Cons: data can be lost if client crashes.
• Analogous rowset for reads (ie. ResultSet) also available
Stored Procedures

• What?
  – A procedure that is called and executed via a single SQL statement
  – Executed in the same process space of the DBMS server
  – Can be programmed in SQL, C, java etc
  – The procedure is stored within the DBMS

• Advantages:
  – Encapsulate application logic while staying close to the data
  – Re-use of application logic by different users
  – Avoid tuple-at-a-time return of records through cursors
SQL Stored Procedures

CREATE PROCEDURE ShowNumReservations
    SELECT S.sid, S.sname, COUNT(*)
    FROM Sailors S, Reserves R
    WHERE S.sid = R.sid
    GROUP BY S.sid, S.sname

• Parameters modes: IN, OUT, INOUT

CREATE PROCEDURE IncreaseRating ( IN sailor_sid INTEGER, IN increase INTEGER )
    UPDATE Sailors
        SET rating = rating + increase
    WHERE sid = sailor_sid
CREATE PROCEDURE TopSailors (  
    IN num INTEGER)  
LANGUAGE JAVA  
EXTERNAL NAME  
   “file:///c:/storedProcs/rank.jar”
Calling Stored Procedures

• SQL: `CALL IncreaseRating(101, 2);`

• Embedded SQL in C:
  
  EXEC SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION
  int sid; int rating;
  EXEC SQL END DECLARE SECTION
  EXEC SQL CALL IncreaseRating(:sid, :rating);

• JDBC
  
  CallableStatement cstmt = conn.prepareCall("{call Show Sailors}"");
  ResultSet rs = cstmt.executeQuery();

• ODBC
  
  SQLCHAR *stmt = (SQLCHAR *)"CALL ShowSailors";
  cliRC = SQLPrepare(hstmt, stmt, SQL_NTS);
  cliRC = SQLExecute(hstmt);
User Defined Functions (UDFs)

• Extend and add to the support provided by SQL built-in functions

• Three types of UDFs
  – **Scalar**: returns a single-valued answer. Eg. Building SUBSTR()
  – **Column**: returns a single-valued answer from a column of values. Eg. AVG()
  – **Table**: returns a table. Invoked in the FROM clause.

• Programmable in SQL, C, JAVA.
Scalar UDFs

- Returns the tangent of a value

```sql
CREATE FUNCTION TAN (X DOUBLE)
RETURNS DOUBLE
LANGUAGE SQL
CONTAINS SQL
RETURN SIN(X)/COS(X)
```

- Reverses a string

```sql
CREATE FUNCTION REVERSE(INSTR VARCHAR(4000))
RETURNS VARCHAR(4000)
CONTAINS SQL
BEGIN ATOMIC
    DECLARE REVSTR, RESTSTR VARCHAR(4000) DEFAULT '';
    DECLARE LEN INT;
    IF INSTR IS NULL THEN
        RETURN NULL;
    END IF;
    SET (RESTSTR, LEN) = (INSTR, LENGTH(INSTR));
    WHILE LEN > 0 DO
        SET (REVSTR, RESTSTR, LEN) = (SUBSTR(RESTSTR, 1, 1) CONCAT REVSTR, SUBSTR(RESTSTR, 2, LEN - 1), LEN - 1);
    END WHILE;
    RETURN REVSTR;
END
```
Table UDFs

- returns the employees in a specified department number.

```sql
CREATE FUNCTION DEPTEmployees (DEPTNO CHAR(3))
RETURNS TABLE (
    EMPNO CHAR(6),
    LASTNAME VARCHAR(15),
    FIRSTNAME VARCHAR(12))
LANGUAGE SQL
READS SQL DATA
RETURN
SELECT EMPNO, LASTNAME, FIRSTNAME
FROM EMPLOYEE
WHERE EMPLOYEE.WORKDEPT = DEPTEmployees.DEPTNO
```
Java UDFs

CREATE FUNCTION tableUDF ( DOUBLE )
RETURNS TABLE ( name VARCHAR(20),
job VARCHAR(20),
salary DOUBLE )
EXTERNAL NAME 'MYJAR1:UDFs腿:tableUDF'
LANGUAGE JAVA
PARAMETER STYLE DB2GENERAL
NOT DETERMINISTIC
FENCED
NO SQL
NO EXTERNAL ACTION
SCRATCHPAD 10
FINAL CALL
DISALLOW PARALLEL
NO DBINFO@

import COM.ibm.db2.app.UDF;

public void tableUDF(
double inSalaryFactor,
String outName,
String outJob,
double outNewSalary)
throws Exception
{
    int intRow = 0;
    ...
} // tableUDF } // UDFsrv class