SAP HANA SQLScript Basics, Debugging, and ABAP Connectivity

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SQLScript

What?

SQL Script is an interface for applications to access SAP HANA

Extension of ANSI Standard SQL

Language for creating stored procedures in HANA

- Declarative Logic including SELECT queries, Built-In Calculation Engine functions
- Orchestration Logic including Data Definition Language (DDL), Data Manipulation Language (DML), assignment, imperative logic
SQLScript
Why?

The main goal of SQLScript is to allow the execution of data intensive calculations inside SAP HANA

There are two reasons why this is required to achieve the best performance:

- Eliminates the need to transfer large amounts of data from the database to the application
- Calculations need to be executed in the database layer to get the maximum benefit from SAP HANA features such as fast column operations, query optimization and parallel execution. If applications fetch data as sets of rows for processing on application level they will not benefit from these features
SQLScript
Advantages

Compared to plain SQL queries, SQL Script has the following advantages:

- Functions can return multiple results, while a SQL query returns only one result set
- Complex functions can be broken down into smaller functions. Enables modular programming, reuse and a better understandability by functional abstraction. For structuring complex queries, standard SQL only allows the definition of SQL views. However, SQL views have no parameters
- SQLScript supports local variables for intermediate results with implicitly defined types. With standard SQL, it would be required to define globally visible views even for intermediate steps
- SQL Script has control logic such as if/else that is not available in SQL
SQLScript
Performance gains
SQLScript
Traditional model vs. new model

**Traditional: “Data to Code”**
- Application Layer
- Massive data copies creates bottleneck
- DB Layer

**New Model: “Code to Data”**
- Application Layer
- Transfer Minimum Result Set
- DB Layer

- SQLScript
- Traditional model vs. new model
BEGIN

... 

-- Query 1 
product_ids = select "ProductId", "Category", "DescId"
from "SAP_HANA_EPM_DEMO"."sap.hana.democontent.epm.data::products"
where "Category" = 'Notebooks'
or "Category" = 'PC';

-- Query 2 
product_texts = select "ProductId", "Category", "DescId", "Text"
from :product_ids as prod_ids
inner join "SAP_HANA_EPM_DEMO"."sap.hana.democontent.epm.data::texts"
as texts on prod_ids."DescId" = texts."TextId";

-- Query 3 
out_notebook_count = select count(*) as cnt from
:product_texts where "Category" = 'Notebooks';

-- Query 4 
out_pc_count = select count(*) as cnt from
:product_texts where "Category" = 'PC';

...

END;
SQLScript
Parallel processing

SELECT statements are executed in parallel unless:
- Any local scalar parameters and variables are used in the procedure
- Read/Write procedures or DML/DDL operations are executed
- Imperative logic is used within the procedure
- Any SQL statements are used that are not assigned to a variable
## SQLScript
### CE(Calculation Engine) Built in functions

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<th>SQL</th>
<th>CE-Built In Function</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>SELECT on column</strong></td>
<td>out = SELECT A, B, C from &quot;COLUMN_TABLE&quot;</td>
<td>out = CE_COLUMN_TABLE(&quot;COLUMN_TABLE&quot;, [A, B, C])</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>SELECT on</strong></td>
<td>out = SELECT A, B, C from &quot;ATTRIBUTE_VIEW&quot;</td>
<td>out = CE_JOIN_VIEW(&quot;ATTRIBUTE_VIEW&quot;, [A, B, C])</td>
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<td><strong>SELECT on olap</strong></td>
<td>out = SELECT A, B, C, SUM(D) from &quot;ANALYTIC_VIEW&quot; GROUP BY A, B, C</td>
<td>out = CE_OLP_VIEW(&quot;ANALYTIC_VIEW&quot;, [A, B, C]);</td>
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<td><strong>WHERE HAVING</strong></td>
<td>out = SELECT A, B, C, SUM(D) from &quot;ANALYTIC_VIEW&quot; WHERE B = 'value' AND C = 'value'</td>
<td>col_tab = CE_COLUMN_TABLE(&quot;COLUMN_TABLE&quot;); out = CE_PROJECTION(col_tab, [A, B, C], '&quot;B&quot; = 'value' AND &quot;C&quot; = 'value');</td>
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<td><strong>GROUP BY</strong></td>
<td>out = SELECT A, B, C, SUM(D) FROM&quot;COLUMN_TABLE&quot; GROUP BY A, B, C</td>
<td>col_tab = CE_COLUMN_TABLE(&quot;COLUMN_TABLE&quot;); out = CE_AGGREGATION( (col_tab, SUM(D), [A, B, C]);</td>
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<td><strong>INNER JOIN</strong></td>
<td>out = SELECT A, B, Y, SUM(D) from &quot;COLTAB1&quot; INNER JOIN &quot;COLTAB2&quot; WHERE &quot;COLTAB1&quot;.&quot;KEY1&quot; = &quot;COLTAB2&quot;.&quot;KEY1&quot; AND &quot;COLTAB1&quot;.&quot;KEY2&quot; = &quot;COLTAB2&quot;.&quot;KEY2&quot;</td>
<td>out = CE_JOIN(&quot;COLTAB1&quot;,&quot;COLTAB2&quot;, [KEY1, KEY2], [A, B, Y, D])</td>
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<td><strong>LEFT OUTER JOIN</strong></td>
<td>out = SELECT A, B, Y, SUM(D) from &quot;COLTAB1&quot; LEFT OUTER JOIN &quot;COLTAB2&quot; WHERE &quot;COLTAB1&quot;.&quot;KEY1&quot; = &quot;COLTAB2&quot;.&quot;KEY1&quot; AND &quot;COLTAB1&quot;.&quot;KEY2&quot; = &quot;COLTAB2&quot;.&quot;KEY2&quot;</td>
<td>out = CE_LEFT_OUTER_JOIN(&quot;COLTAB1&quot;,&quot;COLTAB2&quot;, [KEY1, KEY2], [A, B, Y, D])</td>
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</table>
Built in functions should be used exclusively where possible
Calculation Engine functions should not be mixed with standard SQL statements
Queries can be well optimized and parallelized by the engine

```sql
bp_addresses =
    select a."PartnerId", a."PartnerRole", a."EmailAddress", a."CompanyName",
        a."AddressId", b."City", b."PostalCode", b."Street"
    from "SAP_HANA_EPM_DEMO"."sap.hana.democontent.epm.data::businessPartner" as a
    inner join "SAP_HANA_EPM_DEMO"."sap.hana.democontent.epm.data::addresses" as b
    on a."AddressId" = b."AddressId" where a."PartnerRole" = :partnerrole;
```
SQLScript
New SQLScript Editor

Available since SP05
Project based approach
Client side syntax checking
Code hints
Syntax highlighting
Local table types
SQLScript
New SQLScript Editor

```
CREATE TYPE tt_bp_addresses as table (
    PartnerId nvarchar(10),
    PartnerRole nvarchar(3),
    EmailAddress nvarchar(255),
    CompanyName nvarchar(80),
    AddressId nvarchar(10),
    City nvarchar(40),
    PostalCode nvarchar(10),
    Street nvarchar(60)
)

CREATE PROCEDURE get_bp_addresses_by_role_sql (in partnerrole nvarchar(3),
    out bp_addresses tt_bp_addresses)

    LANGUAGE SQLSCRIPT
    SQL SECURITY INVOKER
    READS SQL DATA AS
    BEGIN
        /*
         * Write your procedure logic
         */
        bp_addresses =
            select a."PartnerId", a."PartnerRole", a."EmailAddress", a."CompanyName",
                a."AddressId", b."City", b."PostalCode", b."Street"
            from "SAP_HANA_EPM_DEMO"."sap.hana.democontent.epm.data::businessPartner" as a
                inner join "SAP_HANA_EPM_DEMO"."sap.hana.democontent.epm.data::addresses" as b
                on a."AddressId" = b."AddressId"
                where a."PartnerRole" = :partnerrole;
    END;
```
SQLScript Debugging

Available since SP05
Debug session management
Breakpoint management
Variable and parameter evaluation
SQLScript Debugger
Debug Perspective
Demo
ABAP for SAP HANA
SAP NetWeaver Application Server ABAP
Empowering classic & new SAP products

- 50,000+ customers of ABAP-based products
- Millions of ABAP developers, SCN as community
- A thriving partner ecosystem
- Proven, robust and scalable
- Extends into HANA, Mobility and Cloud
- Evolves continuously w/o disruption
- Enables hybrid on-premise/on-demand scenarios

SAP NetWeaver Application Server ABAP, a strong pillar in SAP’s product strategy
Stepwise Adoption of SAP HANA by the Application Server ABAP

**Step 1**
ABAP can access SAP HANA
Side-by-side scenarios on AS ABAP 7.X

**Step 2**
ABAP runs on SAP HANA
SAP NetWeaver BW on AS ABAP 7.3

**Step 3**
ABAP optimized for SAP HANA
AS ABAP 7.4 (Future/Outlook)
ABAP Platform and SAP HANA
Scenarios and transition options

Influencing factors for Side-by-Side vs. Primary Persistence

- Innovation speed (e.g. prerequisites, limitations)
- Stability (e.g. impact on productive systems)
- TCO (e.g. landscape complexity, data integration)

Transition options for primary persistence

- New installation (chance to „clean up“)
- Copy -> Upgrade -> Migrate („before/after“ with fallback)
- In-place migration (keep landscape (e.g. SID and server))
Technology aspects of ABAP on SAP HANA

Key technology aspects of SAP HANA

- Support for **multi-core** architecture (→ benefit from massive parallelization)
- Row and **column based** data store (→ very fast aggregation and search)
- High data **compression** (→ make use of real-life / sparse fill of tables)

Key consequences for developing **ABAP on SAP HANA**

- **Database access** becomes center of attention (→ good DB / SQL knowledge is key)
- **Performance** is not only an expert domain anymore (→ tools and guidelines)
The consequence: A paradigm shift
“Code Pushdown“ or “Code-2-Data“

**Characteristics**
- Data processing code is running inside HANA
- Less data transfer between HANA and ABAP
- Reuse possible in non-ABAP scenarios

**Affected development domains include**
- Data modelling & access
- Process and display logic
- Authorization checks
ABAP database architecture in a nutshell

- **Database integration: DBI and DBSL**
  - The DBI provides a database independent interface and additional services like automatic client handling and the ABAP table buffer.
  - The DBSL connects to the respective database.

- **Database Users and Schemas**
  - The ABAP system runs with one DB user („SAP<SID>” or “SAPR3”). This user has many privileges.
  - The ABAP system stores all data in the database schema corresponding to this user.

- **Multiple DB clients**
  - The server can have multiple DB clients installed allowing to connect to different remote databases.
Open SQL in ABAP

Open SQL in a nutshell
- Open SQL provides a uniform syntax and semantics for all of the database systems supported by SAP NetWeaver.
- ABAP programs that only use Open SQL statements will work in any SAP system, regardless of the database system in use.
- Open SQL statements can only work with database tables that have been created in the ABAP Dictionary.
- Open SQL can be used via secondary database connections.

Relation of Open SQL to the DML/DDL/DCL aspects of SQL
- Open SQL covers the DML aspects.
- The ABAP dictionary tools control the DDL aspects.
- The DCL aspects are not reflected in standard ABAP; instead data access control is managed by the ABAP authorization concept.
Example: Translation of Open SQL to native SQL

Open SQL statement

```
SELECT carrid connid fldate
FROM sflight
INTO CORRESPONDING FIELDS OF TABLE sflight_tab
FOR ALL ENTRIES IN entry_tab
WHERE carrid = entry_tab-carrid AND
       connid = entry_tab-connid.
```

Translated to native SQL (taken from SQL trace; ST05)

```
SELECT "CARRID", "CONSID", "FLDATE"
FROM "SFLIGHT"
WHERE ("MANUT" = ? AND "CARRID" = ? AND "CONSID" = ?) OR ("MANUT" = ? AND
                   "CARRID" = ? AND "CONSID" = ?) OR ("MANUT" = ? AND
                   "CARRID" = ? AND "CONSID" = ?) OR ("MANUT" = ? AND
                   "CARRID" = ? AND "CONSID" = ?) OR ("MANUT" = ? AND
                   "CARRID" = ? AND "CONSID" = ?)
```
Accessing the database directly via native SQL

Native SQL in a nutshell

- Native SQL is only loosely integrated into ABAP, but allows access to all of the functions contained in the programming interface of the respective database system.
- Native SQL statements are not checked for correct syntax, but instead are sent directly to the database system.
- All tables and views in all schemas can be accessed (if the corresponding database user has sufficient privileges).
- There is no automatic client handling, nor table buffering.

EXEC SQL vs. ADBC

- Native SQL can be used via EXEC SQL (and related) statements or the ABAP Objects based ADBC (ABAP Database Connectivity) API.
- The general recommendation is to prefer ADBC because of better flexibility (e.g. flexible package size) and object orientation.
Secondary database connections

Secondary connections

- can be used to access local or remote database systems
- are maintained via SM30 for table DBCON; entries can be transported
- require specification of connection data including user (=DB schema) and password
- are supported in the Open SQL syntax by using the CONNECTION supplement
- form an own transaction context

Service note 1597627 describes the prerequisites and procedure for setting up a secondary connection to HANA.
ABAP Database Connectivity (ADBC)

**CL_SQL_CONNECTION**
- **GET_CONNECTION**
- **CREATE_STATEMENT** and **PREPARE_STATEMENT**
- **ROLLBACK** and **COMMIT**

**CL_SQL_PREPARED_STATEMENT / CL_SQL_STATEMENT**
- **PREPARE / CLOSE** – Prepare / release an SQL Statement
- **SET_PARAM** - Set an Input/Output Parameter (variants for CLOB, BLOB, STRUCT, TABLE (available soon))
- **PREPARED_QUERY, PREPARED_UPDATE** - Execute a Prepared Query / DML Operation
- **EXECUTE_DDL, EXECUTE_QUERY, EXECUTE_UPDATE** - Execute DDL, Query, DML (Insert, Update, Delete)

**CL_SQL_RESULT_SET**
- **SET_PARAM** - Set an Input/Output Parameter (variants for CLOB, BLOB, STRUCT, TABLE)
- **NEXT, NEXT_PACKAGE** – Read next record in the resulting set, or next set of records for internal tables

Have a look at the Classbuilder (SE24) or Transaction SE80!
How to detect optimizing potential on SAP HANA?
Performance tools in the Application Server ABAP

Tools for runtime analysis

- New ABAP profiler in Eclipse based on SAT* (enriched with graphical representations)
- Proven SQL Trace, STAD, DBA Cockpit

Static code checks and guidelines

- Detect certain anti-patterns in DB access (reported with priority based on table size, etc.)
- Integrated improvement proposals and guidelines

* SAT = Single Activity Trace (Runtime Analysis tool)
How to optimize existing ABAP code for SAP HANA
Two concrete examples

- **Use the power of Open SQL**
  - Use sorting, aggregations, joins, sub-selects, etc.
  - Reduce database roundtrips and transferring too much data into application server
  - Allows implicitly to benefit from parallelization on SAP HANA

- **Leverage ALV optimized for SAP HANA**
  - Option to describe data declaratively instead of passing large internal tables
  - Optimized HANA database access based on user interface needs
  - Usable in SAP GUI and Web Dynpro / Floorplan Manager
Some concrete best practices for optimization

**Field list optimization**
SELECT ... FROM ... WHERE ... UP TO n ROWS

The more rows are selected, the more important becomes the optimization for field lists. Large factors (>20) are possible for 1000 rows.

**Usage of joins** instead of nested SELECT statements (or FOR ALL ENTRIES)

Proper usage of JOINs becomes more important on HANA due to column storage. General rule: runtime for JOIN << FOR ALL ENTRIES << Nested SELECT

**Usage of ABAP table buffer** according to existing guidelines

Basic rules still apply in general:
Access times in ABAP coding:
Internal table << table buffer << DB cache / HANA << standard DB disk

More best practices and guidelines can be found at: [http://scn.sap.com/community/abap-for-hana](http://scn.sap.com/community/abap-for-hana)
ABAP Development Tools for SAP NetWeaver
SAP’s new ABAP IDE built on Eclipse™

The ABAP Development Tools integrate tightly with all Eclipse-based development tools of SAP’s strategic product areas cloud, mobility and in-memory providing a highly productive E2E development environment.

Highlights

- Evolution of the ABAP workbench built on Eclipse offering excellent user experience and assistance
- One IDE for all development tasks: SAP HANA modeling, ABAP development, HTML5 UI, ...
- Powerful search and navigation, advanced source code editing and refactoring capabilities
- Built-in extensibility: ADT SDK (lab preview)

More Information

- SCN: http://scn.sap.com/community/abap/eclipse
- Trial: http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-29607
- Youtube: http://youtu.be/BXg7xXrEAUw
SAP HANA offers advanced view modeling, e.g.
- Attribute views (join views)
- Analytic views (star schemas)
- Calculation views (modeled or coded via SQL script)

**With ABAP < 7.40** these views can be accessed low-level via ADBC.

**With ABAP 7.40** they are natively supported in ABAP
- Access possible via standard Open SQL
- Support for automatic client handling
- Mapping to DDIC types possible
SAP HANA offers writing **stored procedures** in SQL Script – a extension to SQL - for expressing data intensive application logic.

**With ABAP < 7.40** stored procedures can be called using ADBC, which requires
- Manual handling of transfer tables for input and output parameters via temporary tables or result views
- Manual mapping of database types to DDIC types

**With ABAP 7.40** they are natively supported in ABAP
- Exporting/Importing parameters like for function modules (including mapping parameter to DDIC types)
Demo
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