

## **The Db2 Parallel Universe**

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- Query parallelism overview and concepts
- Row-organized query parallelism
- Column-organized query parallelism
- Query parallelism and the database partitioning feature (DPF)
- How the optimizer choose parallelization strategies
- Configuration
- Monitoring



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## **Query Parallelism**





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## **Query Parallelism**

- Using multiple database subagents to execute a single SQL statement
- All modern systems have multiple cores (even your phone!)
- Increases in processor speed started to slow about 10 years ago
  - Limited by power consumption, heat dissipation and current leakage
  - Where are the 10GHz chips?
- So systems have more processors
- Modern SW must use parallelism to achieve performance improvements





## CPUs aren't getting any faster...

CPU scaling showing transistor density, power consumption, and efficiency. Chart originally from <u>The</u> <u>Free Lunch Is Over: A Fundamental</u> <u>Turn Toward Concurrency in</u> <u>Software</u>







# 2 Types of Query Parallelism in Db2 (1/2)

- Db2 parallelizes execution of a single SQL statement using 2 approaches:
  - Inter-partition parallelism
    - Occurs naturally with database (DB) partitioned tables
      - Db2 Database Partitioning Feature (DPF)
    - Statement must be executed on each of the table's DB partitions
    - Parallelism efficiency depends on:
      - Table's partitioning key
      - Other table's partitioning key (for joins)
      - Relational operations (joins, aggregation distinct, union, etc.)





# 2 Types of Query Parallelism in Db2 (2/2)

- Db2 parallelizes execution of a single SQL statement using 2 approaches:
  - Inter-partition parallelism
  - Intra-partition parallelism
    - Does not require tables to be partitioned (range or DB)
    - Can be used in combination with inter-partition parallelism
    - Used for both row and column-organized tables
    - Also known as 'multi-core parallelism'
  - Both approaches can be used together





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**Query Parallelization Techniques** 

- The **query** is sub-divided so that different pieces execute in parallel or are executed by multiple sub-agents
  - These 'pieces' are called subsections





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## **Query Subdivision**



This query can be subdivided into 3 subsections:

- 1. Scan PRODUCT table and create hash table
- 2. Scan DAILY\_SALES table and perform a hash join using the hash table from step 1.
- Sort the result of the hash join and compute the SUM for each CATEGORY group.
   Subsection 1 must complete before subsection 2 and 3.
   Subsection 2 and 3 can execute in parallel.





### **Query Parallelization Techniques**

- The **data** is sub-divided so that the same subsection can execute in parallel, on different pieces of the data
  - These 'pieces' of data are called partitions
  - Db2 partitions the data in a few ways:
    - Random
    - Hash
    - Range
- The data could also be replicated
  - Each subsection sees all the data
  - Will explain why this is useful later...





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## Data Subdivision







### **Intra-Partition Query Parallelism Architecture**

- Db2 doesn't require tables to be pre-partitioned
- The data is dynamically partitioned when it is read from the table using a 'straw scan'
  - Db2 determines optimal 'gulp size'
  - Assigns gulps to subagents
    - Range of rows or pages
    - Multiple gulps for large tables to ensure load balance
    - Assign new range when range is consumed
    - Gulp size is adjusted dynamically to maintain load balance
  - Provides dynamic load balancing
  - Supports table and index scans
  - Used for row and column-organized tables





### **Dynamic Data Partitioning – "straw scans"**







**Dynamic Data Partitioning – "straw scans"** 

- Allows each subagent to get more work as needed
- Some subagents might get more "gulps" then others, but some gulps are easier to swallow
- The important thing is that all subagents (and cores) are busy and that each one does the same amount of work (load balance)





### **Row-organized Intra-Partition Parallelism Architecture**

#### Parallelize Query Execution

- Query is processed in parallel by multiple subagents
- Result set is returned to the co-ordinator agent
  - Via a "table queue"
  - A special Db2 pipe, with multiple writers (subagents) and 1 reader (coordinator agent)
  - There are many types of table queues (more later...)
- Single co-ordinator agent services application requests





## **Row-organized Intra-Partition Parallelism Example (1/4)**



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## **Row-organized Intra-Partition Parallelism Example (2/4)**



select p.name, p.prod\_id, pa.attribute
from product p, prodatr pa
where p.prod\_id = pa.prod\_id;

Results returned via shared memory table queue to co-ordinator agent

Join processed in parallel by each agent by joining corresponding partitions

Each agent scans a sort partition

Hash partitioned SORTs on prod\_id one partition per agent

Parallel table scans ("straw" scans)

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### **Row-organized Intra-Partition Parallelism Example (4/4)**







## **Row-organized Intra-Partition Query Parallelism Architecture**

- Parallelization techniques
  - Scans dynamically partition data
    - 'Straw' partitioning (not hashed)
  - Sorts can be private, shared or partitioned
  - Temps can be private or shared
    - Temps are used to replicate streams





## **Row-organized Intra-Partition Query Parallelism Parallel Sorts (1/2)**

- Private
  - Each subagent sorts and processes its own stream
  - Data is randomly partitioned
- Partitioned
  - Stream is hash-partitioned provides 'value' partitioning
  - Most important for aggregation and distinct
- Shared
  - Each subagent inserts into the same sort, but the sort is read using a straw scan
  - Stream has random partitioning
  - Used for rebalancing a low cardinality stream
  - Higher contention on the single sort, but there are only a few rows





## **Row-organized Intra-Partition Query Parallelism** Parallel Sorts (2/2)

- Round-robin
  - Multiple sort partitions are created
  - Subagents insert into each partition in round-robin fashion
  - Subagents assigned a single partition to read
  - Stream has random partitioning
  - Used to rebalance a high cardinality stream
  - Less contention => better parallelism
- Replicated
  - Each subagent inserts into the same sort
  - Each subagent reads the entire sort





## **Row-organized Intra-Partition Query Parallelism**

#### Parallelization techniques

- Joins
  - Hash join dynamically partitions data
    - Build and probe phases are each parallelized
  - Merge sort join relies on hash partitioned or replicated sorts
  - Nested loop join
    - Complex inners processed in parallel
    - Simple inners processed independently (privately)
    - Outer can be replicated or partitioned
- Aggregation, distincting
  - Partial, final modes supported





### **Row-organized Intra-Partition Query Parallelism**

- Load imbalance results in poor scalability
- •REBAL operator redistributes rows to ensure all subagents do equal work
- •Optimizer performs load balance analysis to determine REBAL placement

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	713706				
	63				
/	+\				
292.2	23173.3				
REBAL	FETCH				
(7)	( 9)				
325.265	2456.85				
11		2			
1	/+				
292.2	23173.3	6.77122e+07			
TBSCAN	IXSCAN TABLE: DB2USE				
(8)	( 10)	DAILY_SALES			
325.265	1605.23	Q1			
11	1				
1					
2922	6.77122e+07				
TABLE: DB2USER	INDEX: SYSIBM				
PERIOD	SQL091218161022180				
Q2	Q1				







between threads.





### **Row-organized Intra-Partition Query Parallelism**

- INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE operations are not executed in parallel
- A sub-select feeding an INSERT is parallelized, but not the INSERT
- SELECT over INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE is not parallelized





## **Query Parallelism and the Explain Facility**

- Some operators are only used to support query parallelism
  - Table queues (TQ)
  - Rebalance operator (REBAL)
- Other operators can execute in serial or parallel
  - Extra explain arguments indicate the parallelization technique
- SORT
  - SORTTYPE (GLOBAL, PARTITIONED, ROUND ROBIN, REPLICATED, SHARED)
  - PARTCOLS
    - Partitioning columns when SORTTYPE=PARTITIONED





## **Query Parallelism and the Explain Facility**

- TBSCAN, IXSCAN (row-organized processing only)
  - Optimizer determines these options for row-organized parallelism
  - Determined at runtime for column-organized parallelism
  - SCANGRAN (n): (Intra-Partition Parallelism Scan Granularity)
  - SCANTYPE: (Intra-Partition Parallelism Scan Type)
    - LOCAL PARALLEL
  - SCANUNIT: (Intra-Partition Parallelism Scan Unit)
    - PAGE | ROW

## • TQ

- TQ TYPE : (Table queue type)
  - LOCAL
- TQDEGREE (n): (Degree of Intra-Partition parallelism)





## **Query Parallelism and the Explain Facility**

- TEMP (row-organized processing only)
  - SHARED (Temporary table is shared among subagents)
    - TRUE
  - SNGLPROD (Intra-partition parallelism SORT or TEMP produced by a single agent)
    - TRUE | FALSE





### **Column-organized Intra-Partition Query Parallelism**

- Uses similar parallelization techniques as row-organized parallelism
  - Dynamic straw scans of column data
    - Straw size determined at runtime
  - Uses mostly hash or random partitioning
    - Limited use of range partitioning for certain types of OLAP functions
- There can be multiple column-organized subsections
  - Every individual table access is in a separate subsection
  - Subsections pass data through special runtime table queues
  - These aren't shown in explain because they are determined at runtime, not by the optimizer





### **Column-organized Intra-Partition Query Parallelism**

- Column-organized operators execute in different subsections than row-organized operators
- Column-organized subsections are processed by different sets of subagents
- Data is transferred between row and column-organized subsections using a column-organized table queue (CTQ)

•CTQ also performs row materialization







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## **Column-organized Intra-Partition Query Parallelism**

- BLU SORT uses PARADIS, a highly parallel in-place radix sort from IBM Watson
- BLU SORT can use range partitioning to improve parallelism and leverage ordered stream for multiple

operations	RETURN	
Select c1, c2, c3, max(c1) over (partition by c2), max(c1) over (partition by c2, c3) from tc1	( 1)   LTQ ( 2)   CTQ ( 3)   TBSCAN ( 4)   SORT ( 5)   TBSCAN ( 6)   CO-TABLE: TC1	<ul> <li>Each sort output stream contains a range of values for C2</li> <li>The data is ordered on C3 within each distinct value of C2</li> <li>The data is not ordered on C2 within each stream</li> <li>C2 does not need to be ordered – just partitioned         <ul> <li>Indicated by "R" (random order)</li> </ul> </li> <li>This allows each MAX to be computed in parallel         <ul> <li>PARTCOLS: (Table partitioning columns)                 <ul></ul></li></ul></li></ul>





### **Column-organized Intra-Partition Parallelism**

- Parallel INSERT is supported into BLU permanent and temporary tables (DGTTs)
  - Source can be a row or column-organized table
  - Applies to NOT LOGGED BLU DGTTs too
- Only used if a 'large' number of rows are being inserted
  - ~ 50K rows
- Each subagent puts data into a separate set of pages
- Parallelizing small inserts could result in a large amount of wasted space
- Ensure statistics are accurate so the optimizer can make the correct decision
- Enabled by default for BLU DGTTs in Db2 11.1
- Enabled by default for BLU permanent tables in Db2 11.1.2.2
- Some restrictions apply
  - See link to web page in speaker notes





### Parallel Insert into NOT LOGGED BLU DGTT

- Multiple DB agents can insert into a column-organized DGTT
  - Source must be a single table (regular or DGTT)
  - Source and target could be on a different number of DB partitions (MPP system)
  - Must be enough rows to make it worthwhile
    - about 50000 rows







## **Inter-Partition Query Parallelism**

- Shared nothing architectural model
- Partitioned database
  - Database is divided into multiple partitions
  - Database partitions can run on one or multiple machines
  - Each database partition has dedicated resources (engine, log manager, lock manager, bufferpool, etc.)
  - Parallel processing occurs on all partitions concurrently and is coordinated by the DBMS
  - Single system image to user and application







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## **Inter-Partition Query Parallelism**

- Tables are distributed across multiple DB partitions (hash or randomly partitioned)
- Queries are divided into subsections and executed across the DB partitions
- Query performance depends on how tables are partitioned and the relational operations
- Subsections are determined by table queue position







## **Table Queues (TQs)**

- Table Queue represents communication between database partitions or subagents
- Subsection boundaries in DPF

#### • There are 5 types of TQs:

- Merging TQ (MDTQ, MBTQ, LMTQ)
- Broadcast TQ (BTQ, MBTQ)
- Directed TQ (DTQ, MDTQ)
- Local TQ (LTQ, LMTQ)
  - Intra-partition parallelism
- Column-organized (CTQ, RCTQ)
  - Column->row or row->column

3) TQ : (Table Queue)
Arguments:

#### LISTENER: (Listener Table Queue type) FALSE

- SORTKEY : (Sort Key column) 1: L\_RETURNFLAG(A)
- SORTKEY : (Sort Key column) 2: L\_LINESTATUS(A)
- TQMERGE : (Merging Table Queue flag) TRUE
- TQREAD : (Table Queue Read type) READ AHEAD
- TQSEND : (Table Queue Write type) DIRECTED
- UNIQUE : (Uniqueness required flag) FALSE





## **Inter-Partition Parallelism Join Strategies**



Equi-join predicate on each table's partitioning key Tables must be in same DB partition group Join column(s) data type must be partition compatible No table queues (TQs) necessary



Equi-join predicate on one table's partitioning key Direct rows of one table to partitioning of the other





## **Inter-Partition Parallelism Join Strategies**

#### **Broadcast join**

Partitioning keys: STORE: STOREKEY DAILY\_SALES: CUSTKEY Join predicate: STORE.STOREKEY = DAILY\_SALES.STOREKEY



No equi-join predicate on both table's partitioning key or no equi-join predicate.
One table is much smaller than the other.
Broadcast (replicate) smaller table to partitions of the larger table.





## **Inter + Intra Partition Parallelism**

- Intra-partition parallelism can be enabled in a DPF system
- This allows each DPF subsection to be parallelized
- But... intra-parallel might add too much parallelism depending on the ratio of cores to DB partitions
- There might already be enough DPF subsections to drive parallelism
- BLU DPF systems should have more cores per DB partition, because BLU relies on intra-partition parallelism
  - 1 socket per DB partition
  - Typically 8-16 cores per DB partition
- Row-organized DPF systems could have 2-4 cores per DB partition







#### RETURN **BLU Inter + Intra-Partition Parallelism** ( 1) CTQ Subsection 1 BLU Table queues (TQ) MDTQ ( 3 M = mergingTBSCAN D = directed( 4) Subsection 2 Т SORT B = broadcast• ( 5) GRPBY Flows encoded data DTQ A TQ delimits a DPF subsection GRPBY Each DPF subsection can use multiple 8) ( Subsection 3 subagents via intra-partition parallelism ^HSJOIN ( 9) Indicated by TQDEGREE explain argument ^HSJOIN TBSCAN ( 10) ( 14) Recall that each DPF subsection could 1 TBSCAN BTQ TABLE: DB2USER have multiple BLU subsections ( 11) ( 12) ITEM Subsection 4 CO-TABLE: DB2USER TBSCAN ( 13) WEB SALES CO-TABLE: DB2U DATE DIM



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#### **Inter-Partition Parallelism**

• INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE are automatically parallelized for DBpartitioned tables





## **Intra-Partition Query Parallelism Configuration**

- There are 2 types of controls:
  - Toggling intra-partition parallelism support
    - Db2 requires extra infrastructure to support query parallelism
      - Controlling access to shared data structures
      - Co-ordination of multiple subagent threads
    - This infrastructure adds 10-15% overhead to OLTP applications
  - Controlling the degree of parallelism
    - The number of subagents used to execute a query
    - Query parallelism is bad for OLTP SQL statements
    - Query parallelism is good for reporting queries on OLTP applications





## **Toggling Intra-partition Parallelism Support**

- Instance level switch
  - INTRA\_PARALLEL database manager configuration parameter
- Application level switch
  - SYSPROC.ADMIN\_SET\_INTRA\_PARALLEL(YES | NO) stored procedure
  - Takes effect in the next transaction
  - Overrides the instance level switch
- Workload level switch
  - MAXIMUM DEGREE workload manager option
  - Value of 1 disables intra-partition parallelism
  - Value > 1 enables intra-partition parallelism and sets a cap on the degree
  - Overrides the instance and application level switches





## **Toggling Intra-Partition Query Parallelism**

- WLM workload control:
  - An OLTP workload that doesn't use parallelism
    - =1  $\rightarrow$  INTRA\_PARALLEL=NO

#### CREATE WORKLOAD banking\_wl APPLNAME (`banking') MAXIMUM DEGREE 1;

- A complex query workload using parallelism
  - >1 → INTRA\_PARALLEL=YES
  - Also specifies the degree upper limit
  - The application specifies the requested degree using existing external controls CREATE WORKLOAD report\_wl APPLNAME (`cognos') MAXIMUM DEGREE 8;
  - ALTER WORKLOAD report\_wl MAXIMUM DEGREE 4;
- Application control:
   CALL SYSPROC.ADMIN\_SET\_INTRA\_PARALLEL ( `YES' )
- Toggles intra-partition parallelism at <u>transaction</u> boundaries
  - Must not have open cursors across transaction boundaries e.g. WITH HOLD cursors





## **Controlling the Degree of Parallelism**

- There are 2 types of controls:
  - (1) Tell the optimizer what degree to use
    - CURRENT DEGREE special register (dynamic SQL)
    - DEGREE bind option (static SQL)
    - dft\_degree database configuration parameter
      - Provides the default for special register or bind option
    - The degree can be a specific value
      - SET CURRENT DEGREE '16'
      - The query will use 16 subagents
    - The degree can be 'ANY'
      - SET CURRENT DEGREE 'ANY'
      - The optimizer will determine the degree
      - Runtime might choose to further reduce the degree based on system load





## **Controlling the Degree of Parallelism**

- (2) Specify a degree limit at runtime
- MAX\_QUERYDEGREE database manager configuration parameter
  - Instance level limit on the degree for any statement
  - Dynamic
  - The optimizer does NOT consider this parameter
  - 'ANY' or -1 means there is no limit

#### • SET RUNTIME DEGREE command

- Allows specifying the maximum degree for a particular application using the application handle
- SET RUNTIME DEGREE FOR ( 41408, 55458 ) TO 4
- SET RUNTIME DEGREE FOR ALL TO 2





## **Controlling Intra-Partition Query Parallelism**

- Intra-partition query parallelism requires shared sort heap
- Shared sort heap is always allocated when INTRA\_PARALLEL DBM config parm = ON
  - SHEAPTHRES\_SHR is automatic
- <u>Shared sort heap is not allocated when INTRA\_PARALLEL=OFF and</u>
   <u>SHEAPTHRES > 0</u>
  - Must set SHEAPTHRES=0 in order to enable INTRA\_PARALLEL at application or workload level
- If no shared sort heap available:
  - CALL SYSPROC.ADMIN\_SET\_INTRA\_PARALLEL('YES') will fail with SQL5192W
  - WLM MAXIMUM DEGREE > 1 setting will have no effect





## **Intra-Partition Query Parallelism Configuration**

- Common Scenario: mixed workload support
  - Parallelize report queries in an OLTP system
  - Avoid parallel 'infrastructure' overhead on OLTP queries
    - There is a 10-15% impact just by setting INTRA\_PARALLEL=ON
      - In ESE only. DPF unconditionally enables parallel infrastructure
    - Disable query parallelism at instance level
      - update dbm cfg using intra\_parallel off
    - Enable parallelism for connections executing reporting queries
      - SET CURRENT DEGREE 'ANY'
      - Use Workload Manager (WLM) to toggle INTRA\_PARALLEL and maximum DEGREE for a workload OR
      - Reporting connections issue "CALL ADMIN\_SET\_INTRA\_PARALLEL(YES)"





## **Controlling the Degree of Parallelism**

- The degree of parallelism is not limited by the number of cores/processors
  - It is completely independent, other than for degree = 'ANY'
- Degree can exceed the number of cores
  - Query parallelism can be used on a single-processor machine
- Sometimes over parallelization can improve performance if system is I/O bound.



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#### **Intra-Partition Parallelism External Controls Summary**



Parameter	Value	Default	Scope	DB2 10	Comment
INTRA_PARALLEL	NO,YES	NO	Instance	N	DBM configuration
ADMIN_SET_INTRA_P ARALLEL	NO,YES	NO	Application	Y	Stored procedure. Switch INTRA_PARALLEL for a connection.
MAXIMUM DEGREE	1-32,767	DEFAULT	Workload	Y	WLM workload option. Controls both INTRA_PARALLEL and maximum runtime degree
MAX_QUERYDEGREE	ANY, 1-32,767	ANY	Instance	N	DBM configuration. Maximum runtime degree.
SET RUNTIME DEGREE	1-32,767	N/A	Application	N	CLP command. Maximum runtime degree for specific applications.
DFT_DEGREE	ANY, 1-32,767		Database	N	DB configuration. Default value for CURRENT DEGREE special register or package bind DEGREE option
CURRENT DEGREE	ANY, 1-32,767	DFT_DEGREE	Application	N	Special register. The degree of parallelism considered by the SQL compiler for dynamic SQL.
Bind DEGREE	ANY, 1-32,767	DFT_DEGREE	Package	N	DB2 bind option. The degree of parallelism considered by the SQL compiler for static SQL.

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### **Monitoring Intra-Partition Query Parallelism**

- Determine exactly what degree a statement used
- intra\_parallel\_state: YES/NO
- effective\_query\_degree: degree chosen by optimizer
- query\_actual\_degree: degree chosen at runtime if degree='ANY'

```
SELECT
   ac.application_handle, package_name, intra_parallel_state,
   effective_query_degree, query_actual_degree, stmt_text
    FROM
   TABLE ( WLM GET WORKLOAD OCCURRENCE ACTIVITIES ( null, -1 )) ac,
   TABLE ( MON_GET_ACTIVITY_DETAILS ( ac.application_handle, ac.uow_id,
                                   ac.activity_id, -1)) ad,
   XMLTABLE (XMLNAMESPACES( DEFAULT 'http://www.ibm.com/xmlns/prod/db2/mon'),
              '$actmetrics/db2 activity details'
              PASSING XMLPARSE ( DOCUMENT AD. DETAILS ) AS "actmetrics"
              COLUMNS
              "PACKAGE_NAME" VARCHAR(128)
                                              PATH 'package_name',
              "INTRA PARALLEL STATE" CHAR(3) PATH 'intra parallel state',
              "EFFECTIVE_QUERY_DEGREE" BIGINT PATH 'effective_query_degree',
                                              PATH 'query_actual_degree',
              "QUERY ACTUAL DEGREE" BIGINT
              "STMT_TEXT" VARCHAR(1024)
                                              PATH 'stmt_text' ) am;
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