Power BI on SAP HANA



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Power BI on SAP HANA

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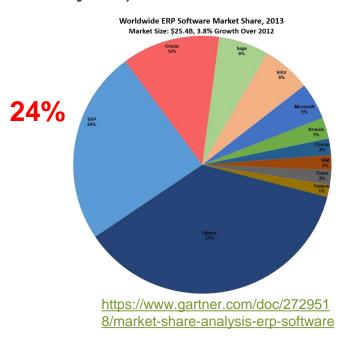
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Background

- Why is this scenario so important (for us/for you)
- SAP is Market Leader in ERP
 - Especially in Germany
- Lack of Third-Party Integration
- **2011**
 - Introduction of SAP HANA
 - Introduction of Power BI v1.0
- Late 2014: Introduction of Power BI v2.0





What's new in Power BI v2.0?



Power BI Designer

Platform-Independent / Excel-Independent

HMTL5 / Mobile

New License Model



What's new in Power BI v2.0?



Live-Reporting

APIs / Extendibility

Integrated Security



What is SAP HANA?



- It's a RDBMS Appliance
 - Row- and Column-Store
 - In-memory only

MPP-Architecture

Deep Integration with other SAP Products



What is SAP HANA?



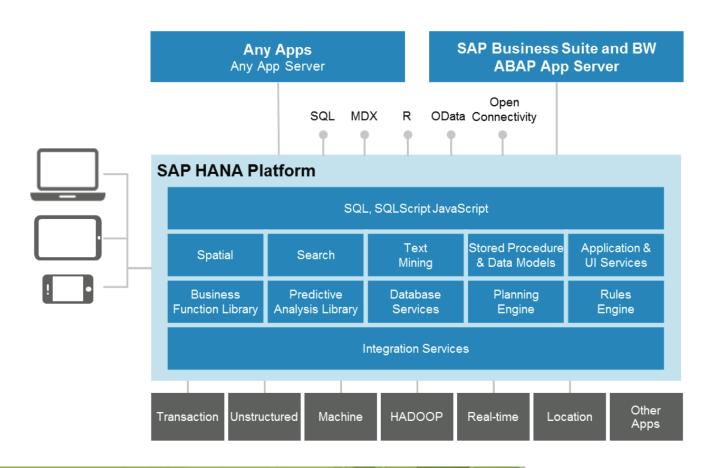
Standard Interfaces for Data Extraction

Real-Time capabilities

Built-In Application Layer / XS Engine



SAP HANA Architecture





Adventure Works on SAP HANA

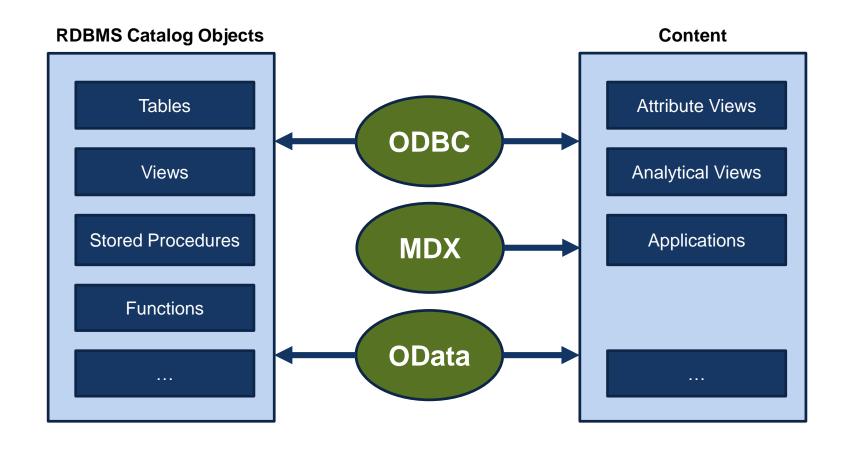
Microsoft Sample DB

Tables

- Analytic Views
 - Dimensions
 - Cubes



Objects in SAP HANA



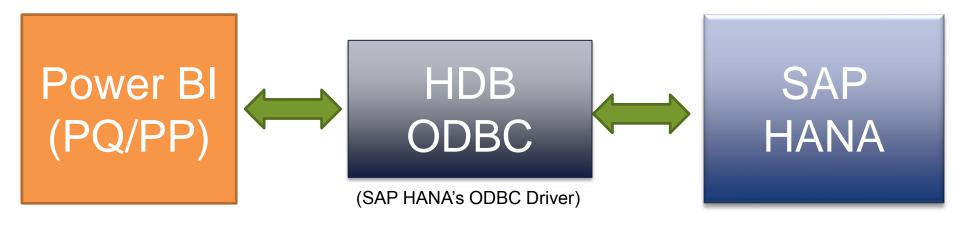


SQL Connectivity with ODBC

- ODBC is an industrial standard
- Native to PowerQuery / PowerPivot
- Hard to get any ODBC Connection String
- Easy to implement SQL Queries to get data that YOU want
 - ANSI-SQL
 - SAP HANA SQLScript



SQL Connectivity with ODBC



Note: Does not work with Data Management Gateway yet (!)



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SQL Connectivity with ODBC



MDX Connectivity with Excel Pivot Tables

- Using SAP HANA MDX Provider
- Analytical Views / Calculation Views
- Currently some Limitations
 - Stability
 - (Formattings)
 - Slicers
 - **.**...



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MDX Connectivity and Excel Pivot Tables



OData Connectivity – What is OData?

Open Data Protocol (**OData**) is a RESTful data access protocol initially defined by Microsoft. Versions 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 are released under the Microsoft Open Specification Promise. Version 4.0 is being standardized at OASIS,^[1] and was released in March 2014.^[2]

The protocol enables the creation and consumption of REST APIs, which allow resources, identified using URLs and defined in a data model, to be published and edited by Web clients using simple HTTP messages. It shares some similarity with JDBC and ODBC but OData is not limited to relational databases.

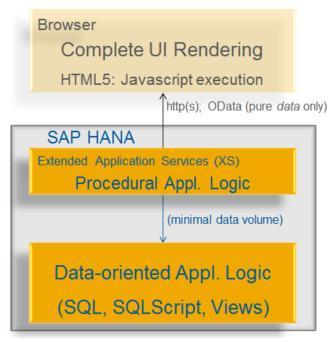
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_Data_Protocol



SAP HANA and OData – The XS Engine

- Extended Application Services
- Built-In App- and Web Server
 - Lightweight
 - Integrated Security
- Development Server
- Fully integrated

HANA Native Applications





SAP HANA and OData – The XS Engine

- Build Applications
 - HTML5
 - JavaScript (Server-Side)
 - OData

- SAP Web IDE
 - Hosted within the XS Engine (!)
- SAP HANA Studio



SAP HANA and OData – The XS Engine

- Using .xsodata
- Catalog Objects
 - Tables
 - Views
- Content
 - Attribute Views
 - Analytical Views
 - Calculation Views



OData Connectivity with Power Query

- Native Integration / Open Standard
- SAP HANA Security
 - Basic Authentication
- Query Folding
 - \$filter
 - \$orderby
 - ...
- Detect Relationship



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XS Engine and OData Connectivity



What's next? (hopefully)

- Live OData support in Power BI (?)
 - Mapping of Security credentials?
 - Not only for HANA, also for other Data Sources

- Native Support for SAP HANA (?)
 - Dedicated provider
 - Similar to SAP Business Objects BI Universes



Summary

- SAP HANA offers various Interfaces
 - ODBC
 - MDX
 - OData
- Power BI works with most of them smoothly
- However, choose the right Interface!
 - Supported Objects
 - Performance
 - Security and Integration

