The Power is in Their Hands: Facilitating Data Usage Throughout the University

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Welcome to the Powerhouse.

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Outline

- Introductions
- What are Reporting Tables?
- Reporting Tables Schema
- Description of Tables
- Query Training Overview
- Demonstration

University of Houston

- 43,774 students
- 14 colleges
- 110 bachelors, 119 masters, 47 doctoral, and 3 professional programs
- 9,596 degrees awarded annually



The Need for Reporting Tables

- Data access <u>before</u> PeopleSoft...
 - Data dump
 - No query ability
 - Little flexibility in terms of fields included
- Data access <u>after</u> PeopleSoft...
 - Opportunity to change how we make data available
 - Consolidate data from many tables into about a dozen tables
 - Facilitate development of queries

Reporting Table Logistics

- Refreshed daily overnight
- Roughly three hours to load
- Table purged and reloaded for the term being processed
- Key fields aid in query building

Reporting Tables Schema



Tables & Descriptions

Table Name	Description
UHIR_STUDENTS	Current demographic information for students. One record per student, per institution.
UHIR_STDNT_STRM	Term-specific information for students that have been enrolled in at least one class for that term.
UHIR_STDNT_ENRL	Class enrollment data by term.
UHIR_STDNT_DEGR	Degree information.
UHIR_STDNT_TRAN	Transfer information.
UHIR_STDNT_ACTI	Combination of student attributes, extra-curricular, student activity and student group data.
UHIR_CLASS_TBL	Data related to classes offered.
UHIR_ADMISSIONS	Admission application data.
UHIR_ADM_SCORES	Admission test score information.

Tables & Descriptions (cont'd)

Table Name	Description
UHS_STDNT_LOC	Identifies the locations of all of the classes in which a student is enrolled.
UHM_ADM_FTICPOP	Key information about admitted FTICs and where they are in the onboarding process.
UHM_FTIC_COHDAT	Tracks members of FTIC cohorts as they progress through the university.
UHM_UGRD_COHORT	Identifies new undergraduate students each semester; includes FTIC/transfer and degree-seeking status.
UHIR_HOUSING	Student data from the housing system from application to booking.

Source Tables for UHIR_STUDENTS

- 13 source tables
- 61 fields
 - 55 fields pulled
 - 6 derived fields



Query Training

- Class Length
 - Fifteen hours
 - 5 consecutive days, 3 hours per day
- Participants
 - Users wanting access to be able to write queries in the PeopleSoft student module
- Frequency
 - 3 times a year (spring, summer, fall)
- Uses Training Database
- Partner with IT

Query Training Outline



Query Training Topics

- Overview of Tables
 - UHIR Reporting Tables
 - Coordinating Board (CB) Report Tables
- Query Writing
 - Effective Date Logic
 - Query Methodology
 - Joins/Functions/Expressions
- Assessment Exercises

Query Training Assessment

- Background
 - Goal: grant access to query production data
 - Needed to ensure that users understood how to accurately query data
- Format
 - 2 exercises; 1 beginner, 1 advanced
- Grading
 - Correct tables/fields
 - Joins
 - Output formatting
 - Expressions, functions, aggregation, etc.

Example Assessment Exercise

Provide a list that displays the EMPLID and CUM_GPA for all students enrolled at the end of the term during Fall 2009 at UH if the student had a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. If the student belonged to the Honors (R003) activity type, provide that additional information in a column (UHIR_ACTIVITY_TYPE). Also add a calculated column that combines the student's current Academic Standing code with their primary plan (with a dash in between), i.e. 'E-TELSBS'; the title of the column should be "Standing and Plan". The institution should be a run-time variable that defaults to value '00730', having a lookup against master table 'INSTITUTION_TBL' and having custom heading text that says "Enter the institution". Sort the data by activity type, then by student ID.

Tip: You should receive 18,144 rows of data.

Query Tool Demonstration



Thank you!!

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