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You and SAP HANA

- SAP HANA is, amongst other things, first and foremost a database management system.
- Or short: it's the DB system for your application.
- As that it takes care about storing and retrieving your data safely and efficiently.
- That means:
 You don't have to care about that SAP HANA offers this as a service to you, the application developer.
- Focus on your application code and let SAP HANA figure out how to deal with your data.

Performance dilemma

But how to care about performance if the DB is handling all the data handling for me?

- Use funny SQL coding tricks? (WHERE 1=1 AND 1 IS NOT NULL...)
- Put optimizer hints into the SQL? (/*+ INDEXACCESS ... */)
- Set DB parameters? (force fast query processing = true)



- This kills **your** productivity
- This makes **your** system hard to maintain and operate
- This prevents **your** SQL code to benefit from the improvements in SAP HANA revisions

Performance dilemma – EXIT

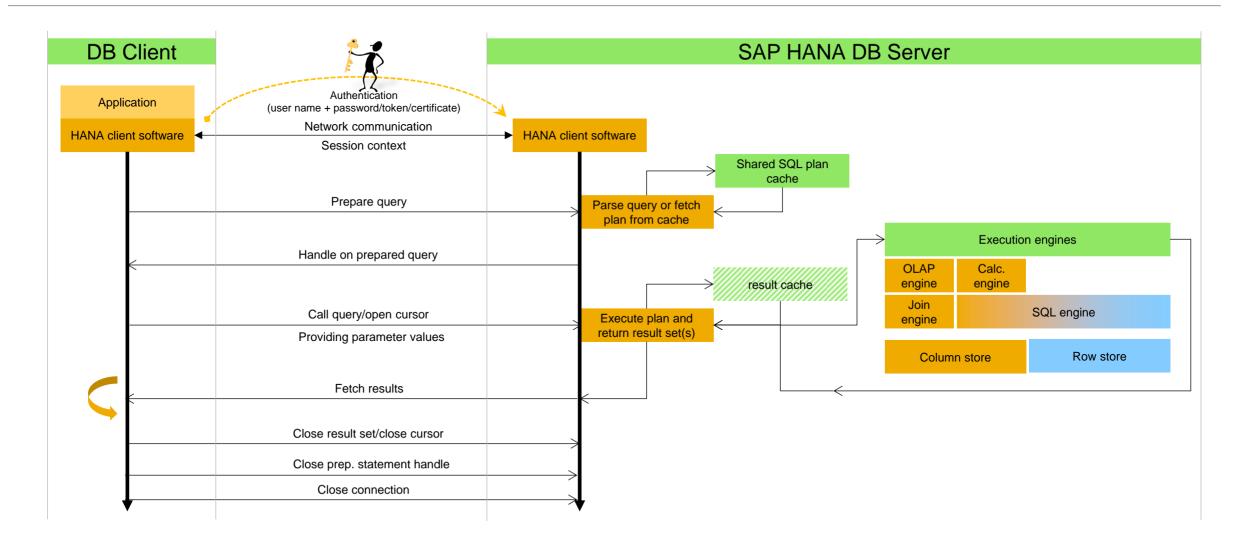
(because system performance is still your responsibility)

- Don't treat SAP HANA as a black box!
- Understand how it works and use SAP HANA based on that!
- Because: "Garbage in, garbage out" is still true in a client/server situation.

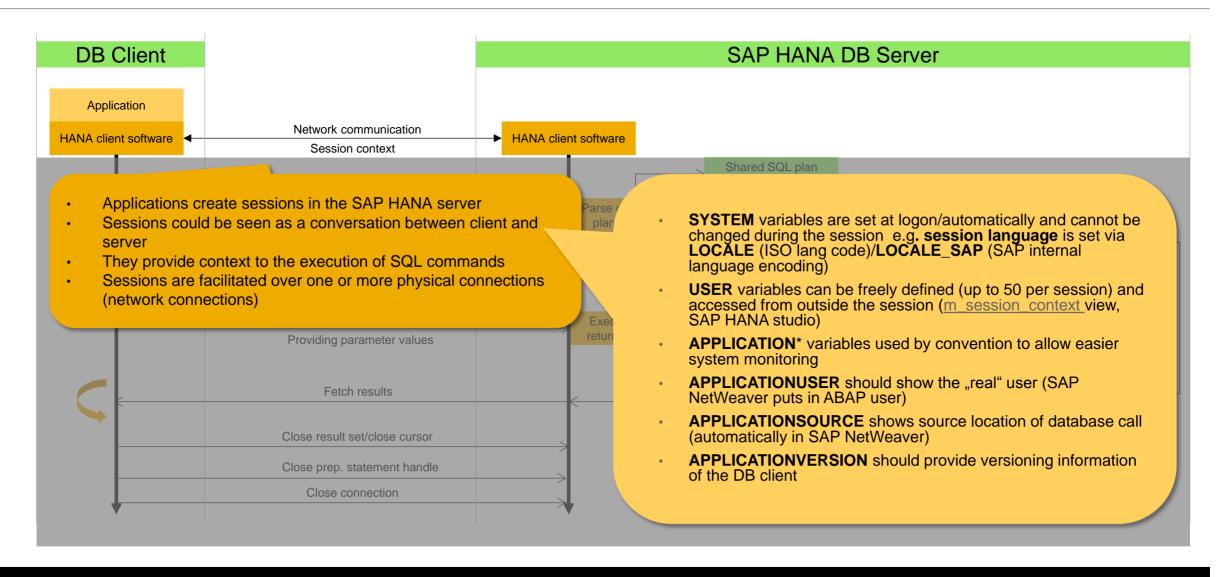
 So, let's see what SAP HANA does with your queries and how you can find out about it...

The rise and fall of your SQL commands

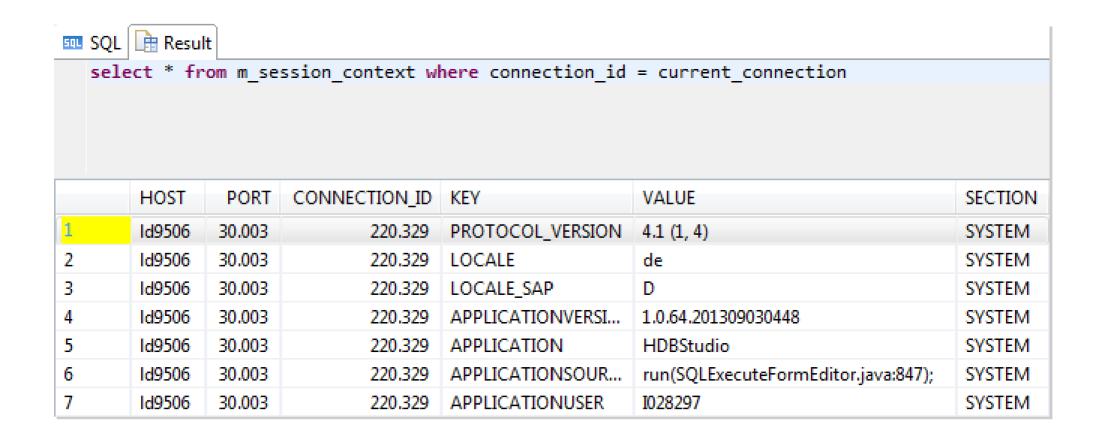
or the lifetime of a session in SAP HANA



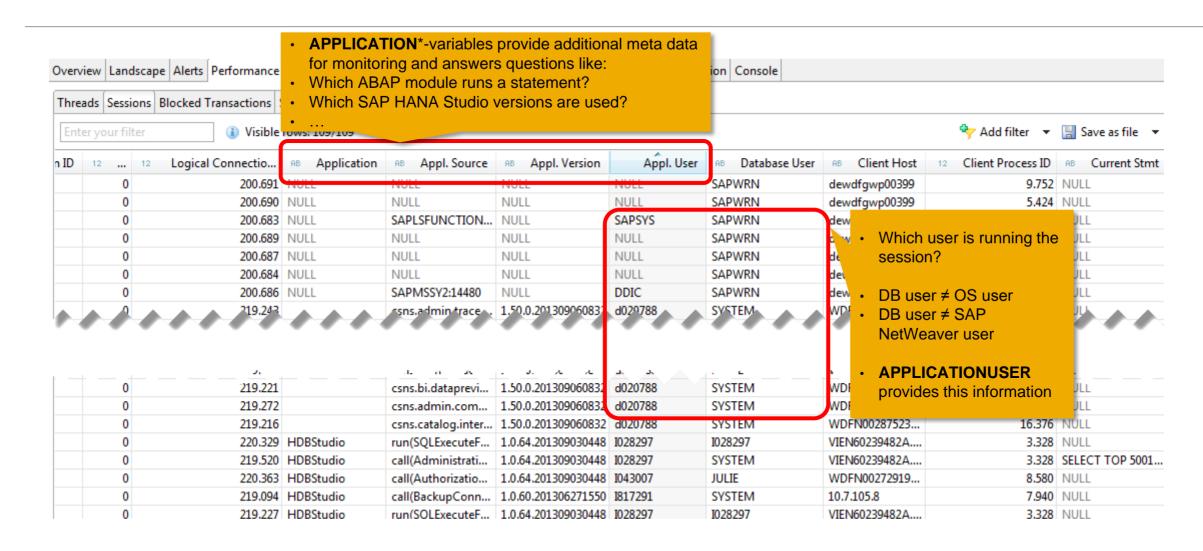
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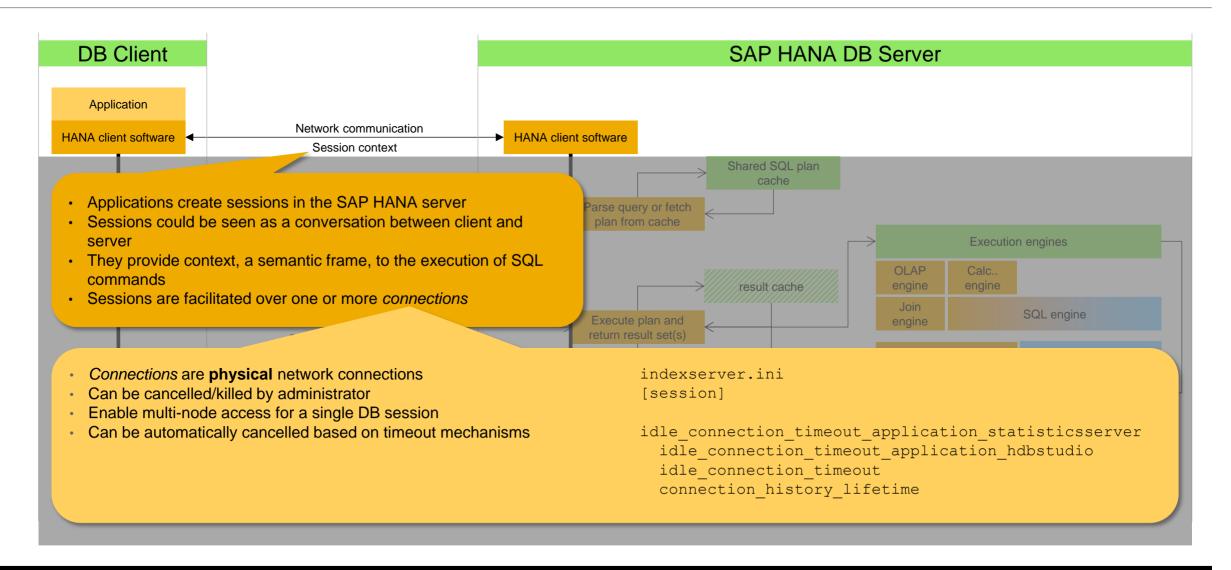
Session context variables



Session context variables – used for monitoring



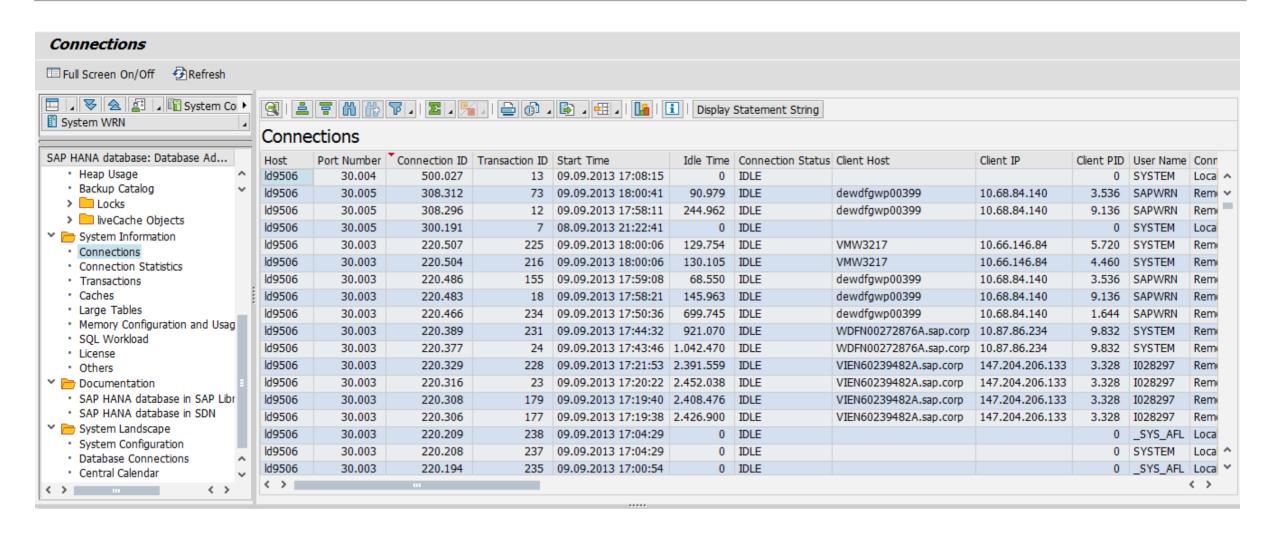
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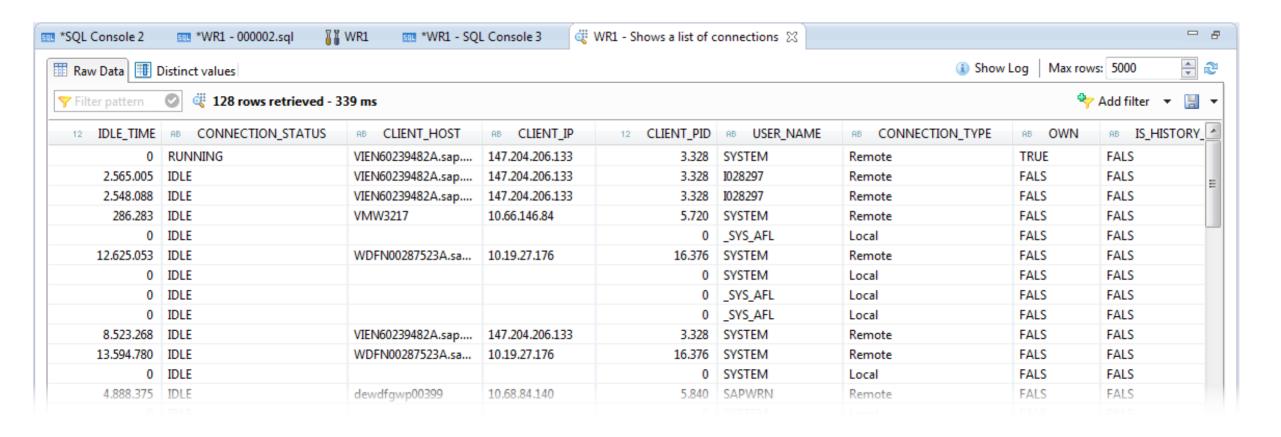
Connection information – SQL

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3	219.297	260	WDFN00287523A.sap.corp	16.376	IDLE	SYSTEM	09.09.2013 14:33:44.520618	1,11	FALS
4	219.272	254	WDFN00287523A.sap.corp	16.376	IDLE	SYSTEM	09.09.2013 14:24:56.102833	1,25	FALS
5	219.246	258	WDFN00287523A.sap.corp	16.376	IDLE	SYSTEM	09.09.2013 14:17:49.634763	1,37	FALS
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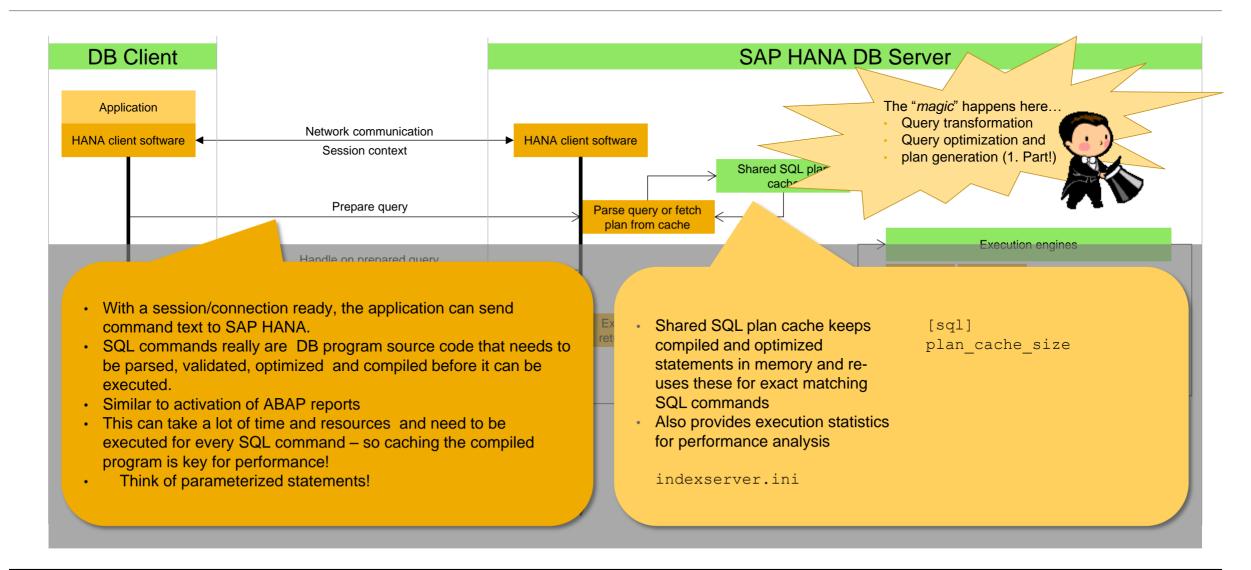
Connection information – DBACockpit



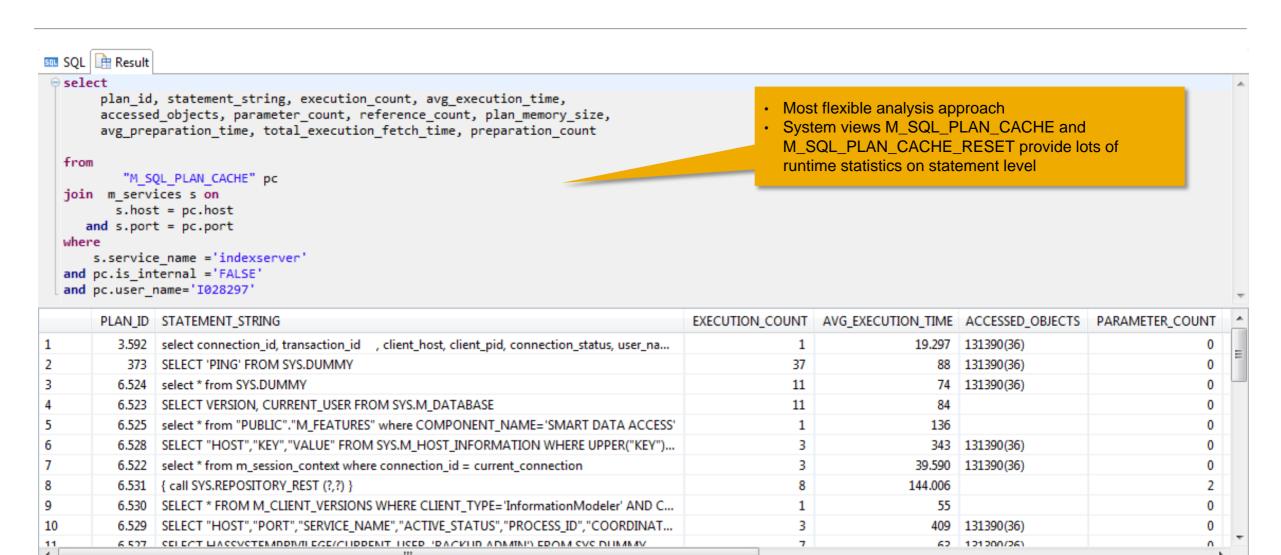
Connection information – SAP HANA Studio



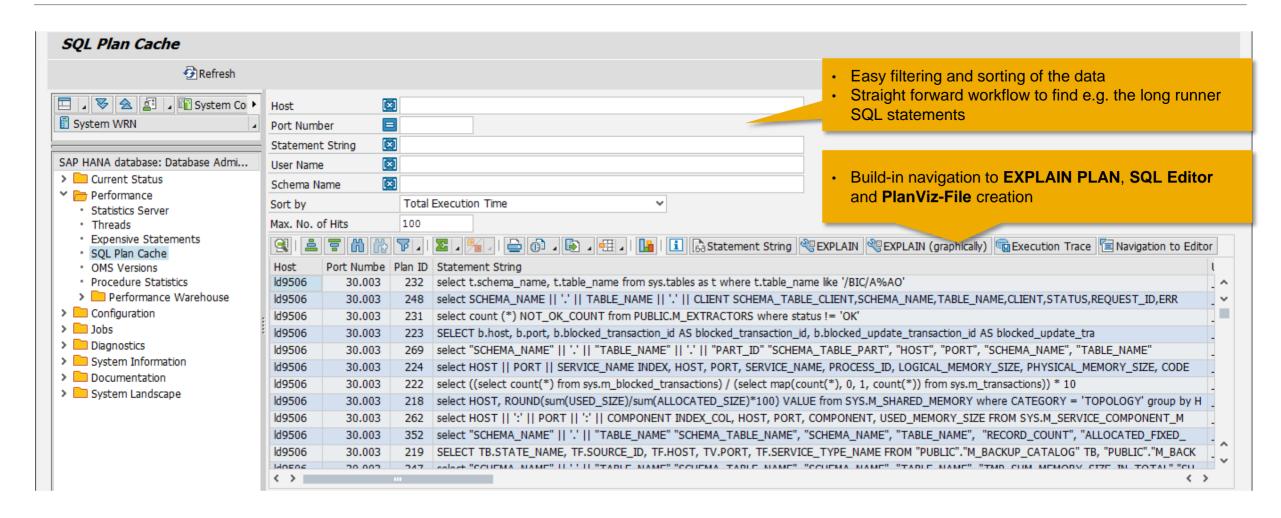
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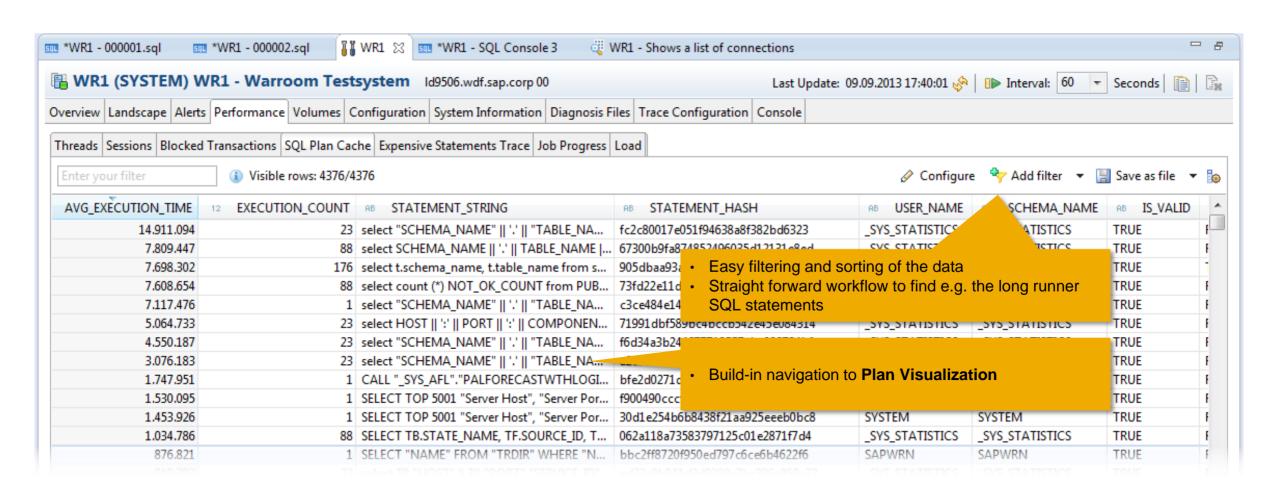
Shared SQL plan cache - SQL monitoring



Shared SQL plan cache – DBACockpit monitoring



Shared SQL plan cache – SAP HANA Studio monitoring

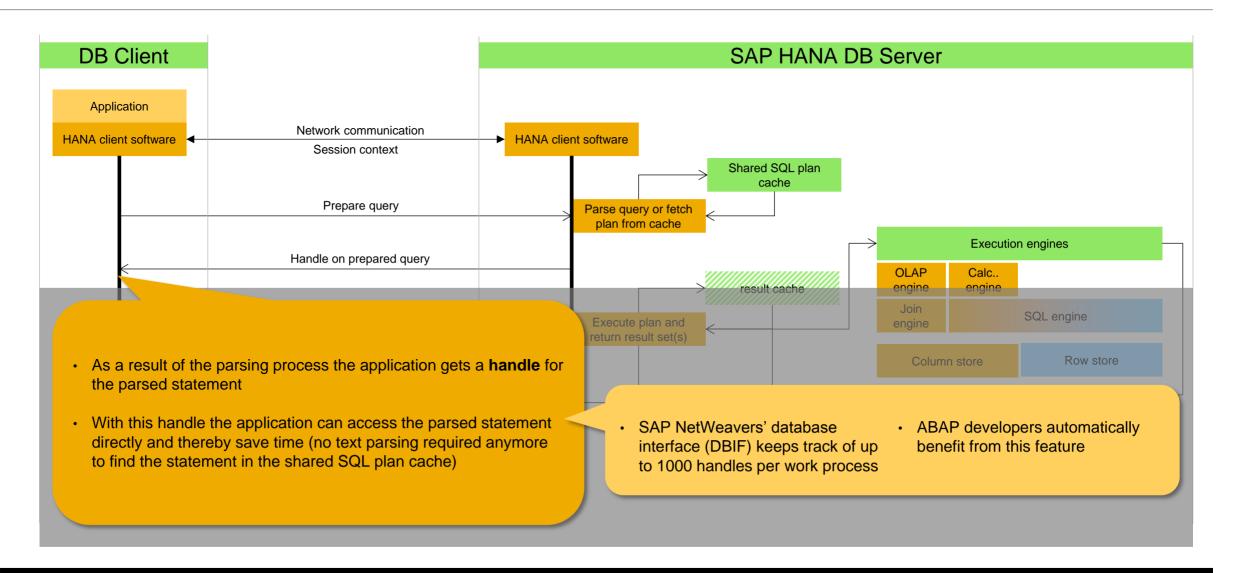


Query plan information available after preparation

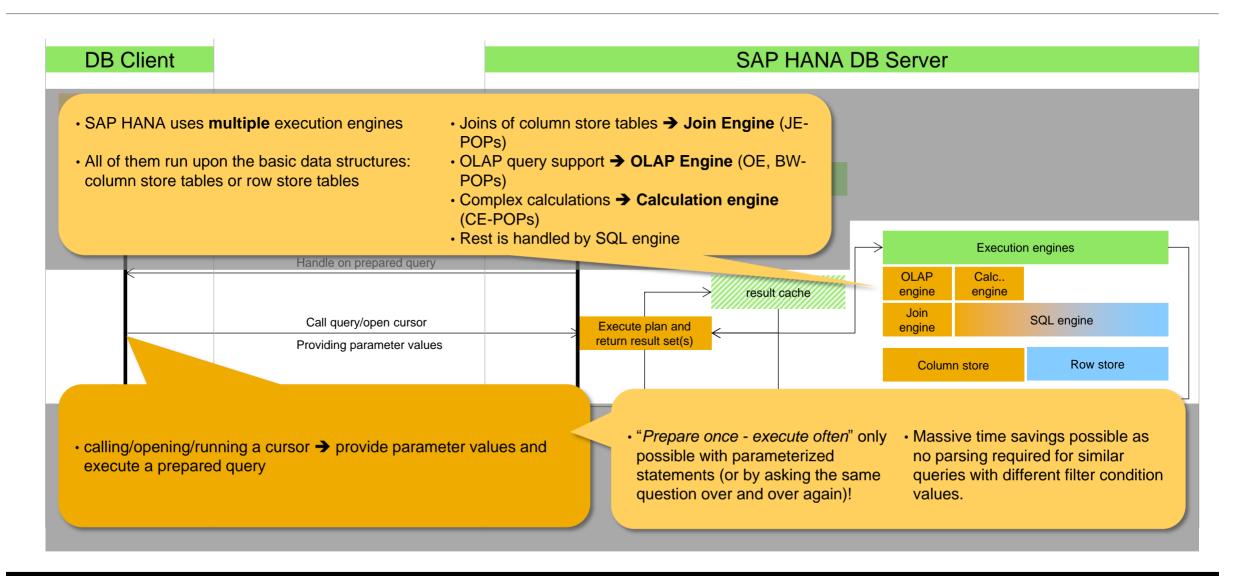


- Explain plan and it's graphical representation represent the **plan** created and optimized by the SQL optimizer.
- It's based on runtime information about the data (e.g. number of records, data distribution etc.) as well as table statistics (if available).
- Upon actual execution, additional optimizations are applied by the execution engines (e.g. column pruning in the calculation engine, join ordering in the join engine, removal of superfluous joins, etc.)
- That means, the explain plan can not tell us, where time is spent during execution!

Lifetime of a SAP HANA session



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Parameterized Statements...?!

```
select id, name from employees
where id = 1;
select id, name from employees
where id = 2;
```

- 2 similar, but different statements
- 2 x parsing, optimizing
- 2 x storing and keeping the execution plan in memory
- Can be executed only for the hard coded ID number.

select id, name from employees where id = ?;

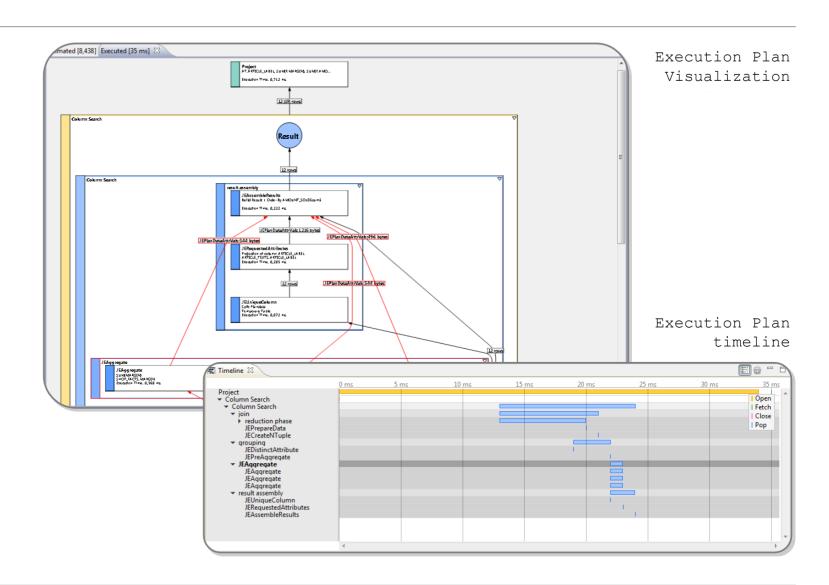
- Just 1 statement with a parameter
- 1 x parsing, optimizing
- 1 x storing and keeping the execution plan in memory
- Can be re-used indefinitely



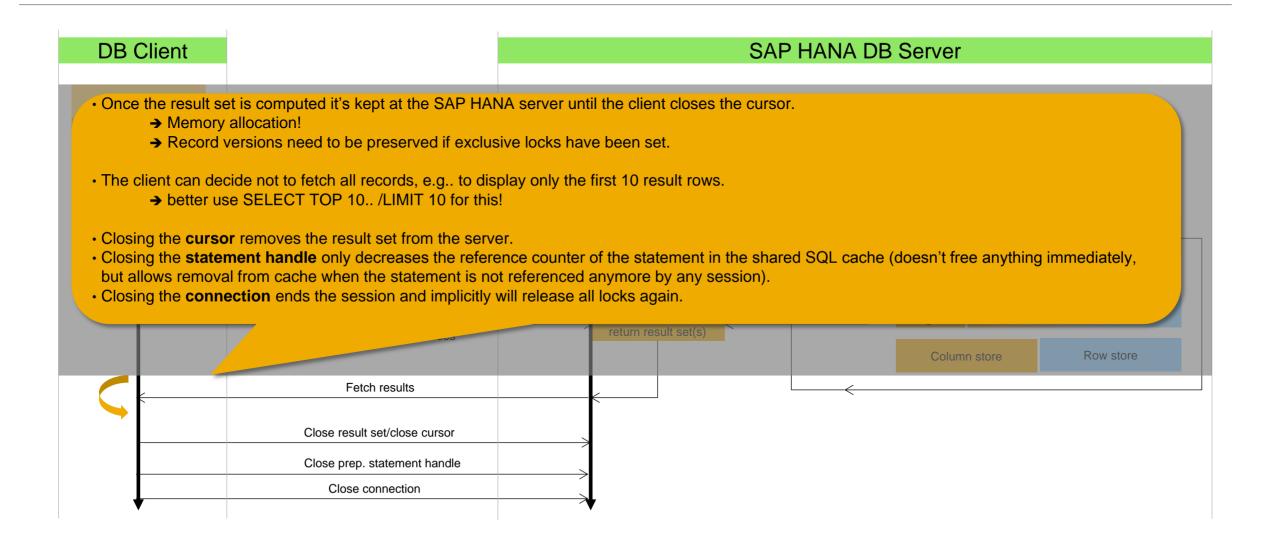


How to know what is really executed?

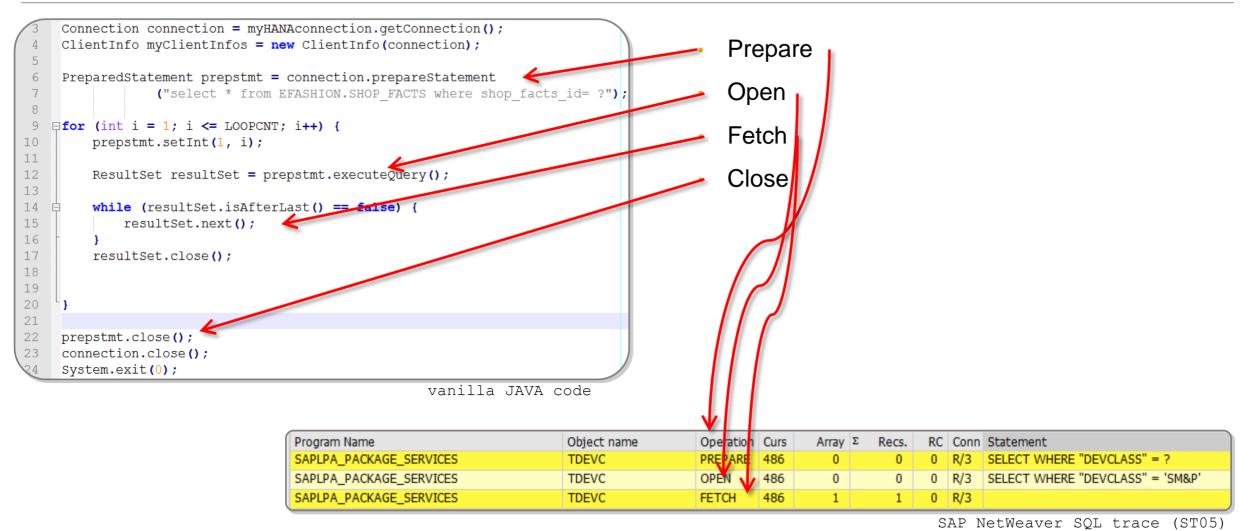
- The execution engines perform additional optimizations when the parameter values are known.
- This can change the actual execution tremendously.



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How does that look in the real world?



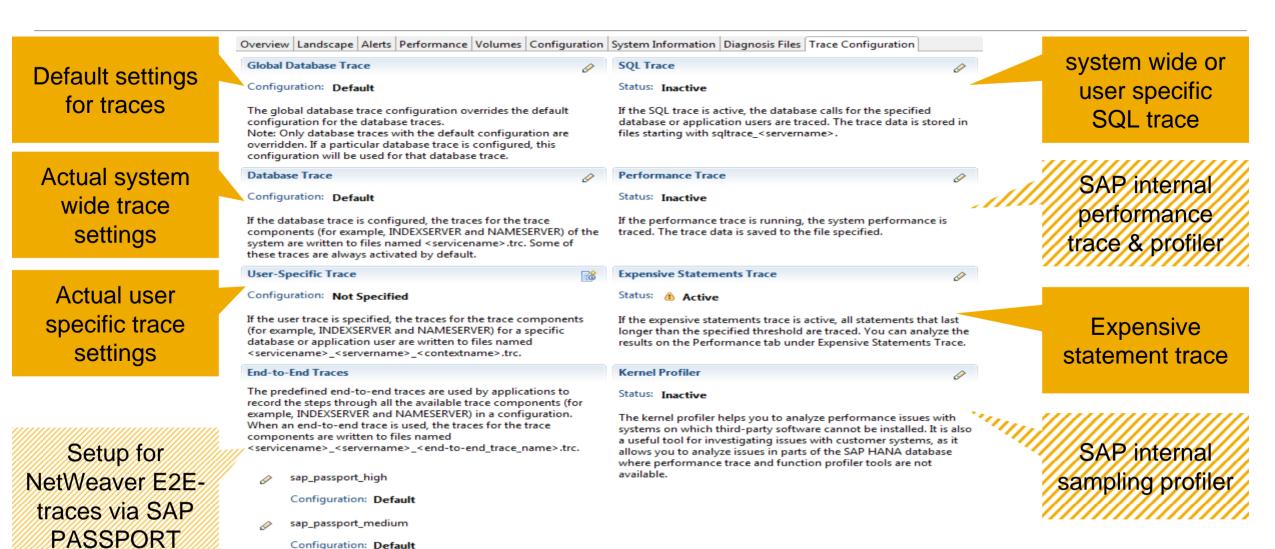


Performance Analysis Tools

What tools to you use when...



Trace options in SAP HANA Studio



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SQLTRACE (PYTHON TRACE)

- Incomprehensible w/o SAP HANA development knowledge
- Is like "taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut"
- Doesn't provide what happens during the execution (rather input → output trace)

PERFORMANCE TRACE + FUNCTION PROFILER

- TREX heritage
- unsupported for non-SAP-Development usage
- requires HANA server access + X11-Window client
- requires special privileges
- doesn't cover row store activity
- tool is barely documented and complex
- function profiler is useless w/o source code

KERNEL PROFILER

- stack code sampling
- profiler tells you how often a specific part of the SAP HANA code was executed and how long that took (approx.)
- again, useless w/o source code

OPTIMIZER TRACES

- sqlopttime (runtime information for the query optimization phase)
- sqloptStep (single query optimization/transformation steps)
- trex_qo (TREX query optimizer → column store plans)

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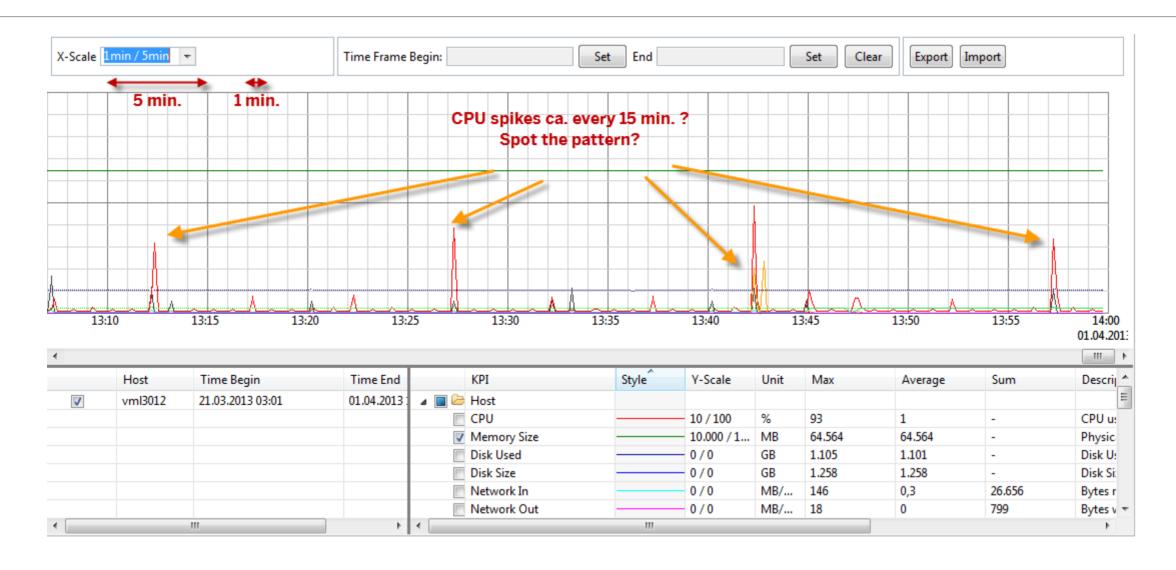
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pretty useless for mere mortals like us...

LOAD GRAPH

- Nameserver data (nameserver_history.trc)
- TREX heritage
- Highly aggregated data cannot (easily) be mapped to a specific user action
- Yet, give a "feeling" of how workload "looks like"
- Could be used to give a rough baseline
- No function to compare to time frames side-by-side or by overlay
- MIN/MAX/AVG numbers are highly volatile and fully depend on the chosen time frame

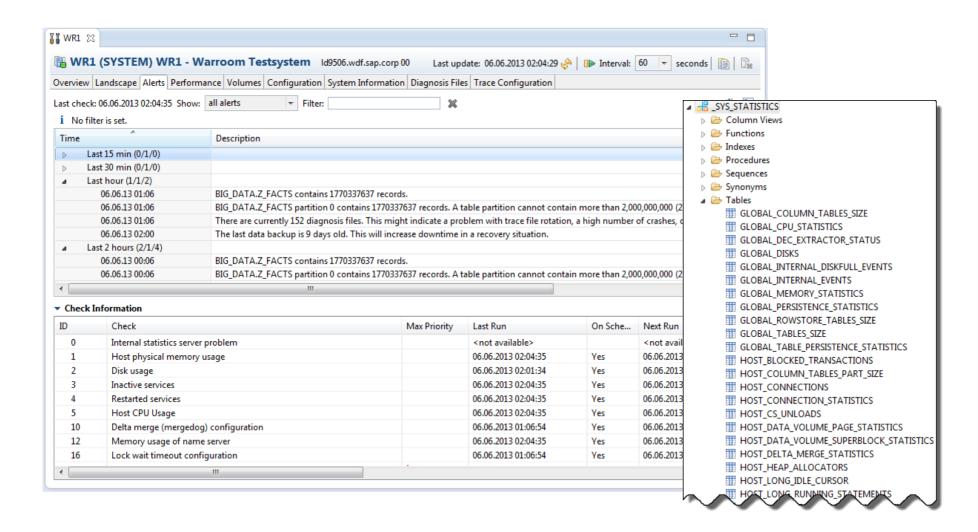
LOAD GRAPH – Screenshot



STATISTICS SERVER

- _SYS_STATISTICS schema
- Lots of data, gathered by automatic snapshots
- Are purged automatically
- Is used as the data source for solution manager (performance warehouse)
- Provide alerts for SAP HANA

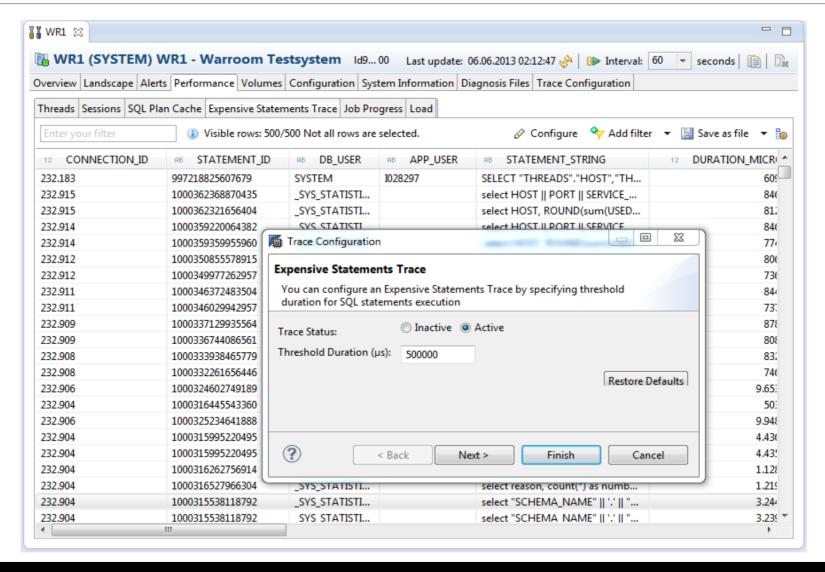
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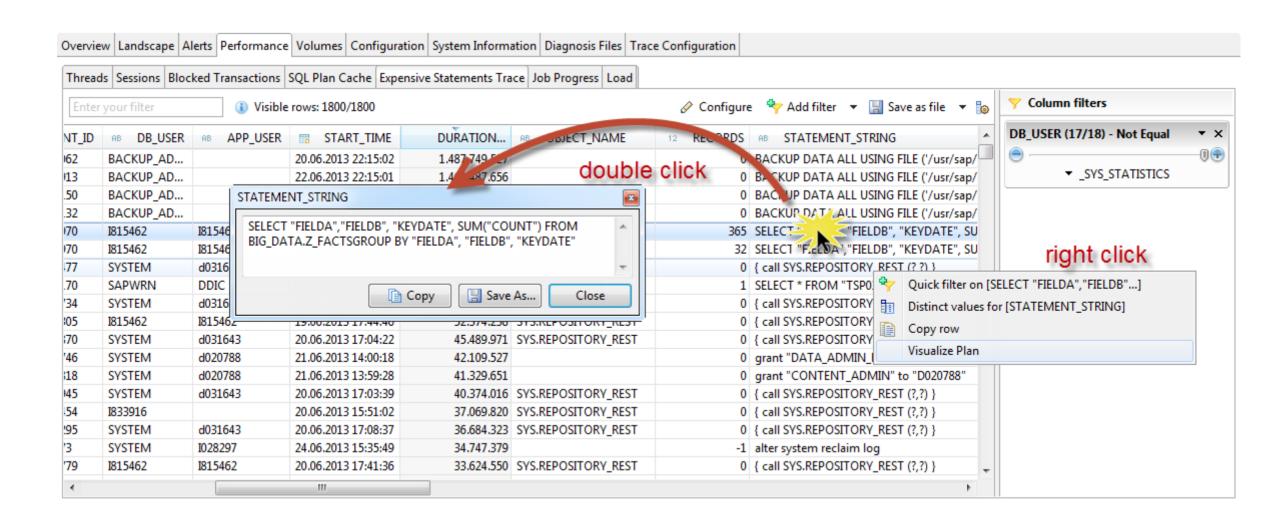
EXPENSIVE STATEMENTS TRACE

- Provides information about runtimes of single statement executions
- Captures the parameter values for parameterized statements
- Can be easily configured to focus on the real long running statements
- What long running statements are, clearly depends on your use case.
- Sometimes this means milliseconds, sometimes it's minutes

EXPENSIVE STATEMENTS TRACE – Setup Screen



EXPENSIVE STATEMENTS TRACE – Navigation

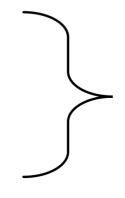


SQL PLAN CACHE

- Contains two kind of information:
 - 1. parsed statements
 - 2. call and runtime statistics for these statements
- Can answer questions like:
 - "How much time was spent on actually executing the statement?"
 - "Can my statement be reused or does it need to be optimized over and over again?"
- Depending on the use case, the default cache size can be much to small
 - We're gaining experience with that right now

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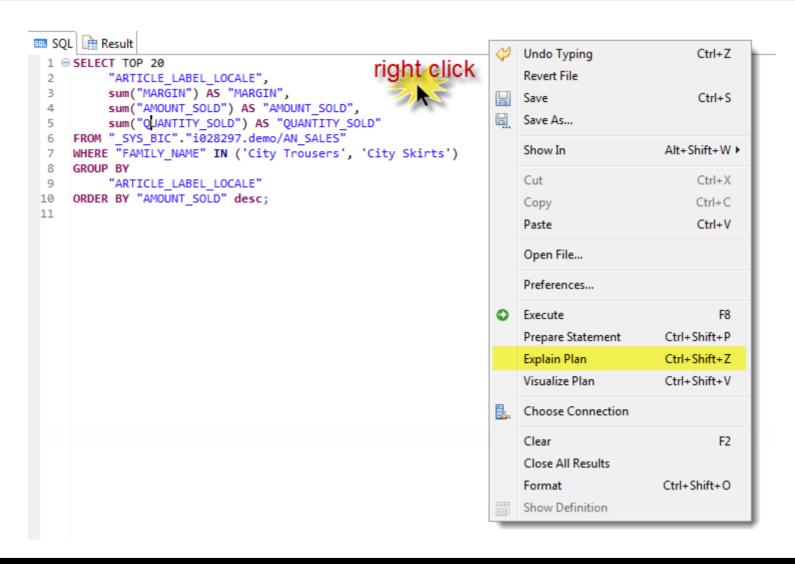


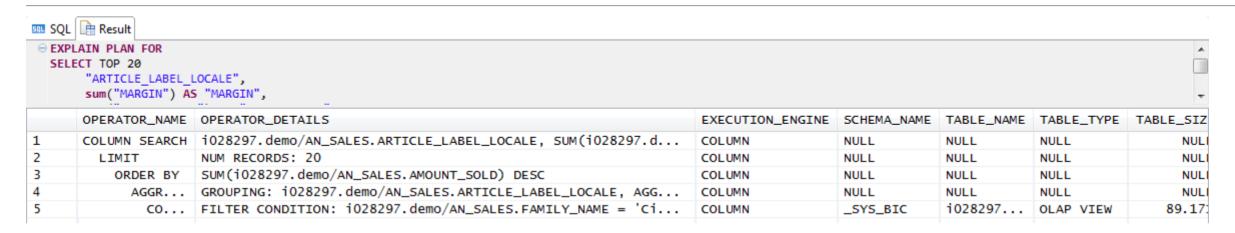
System wide monitoring – the BIG picture

EXPLAIN PLAN

- Can't look "into" modeled views!
- Raw formatting
- Focusses on "costs" and estimated cardinalities (no. of rows)
- First information on which engine is used

```
SELECT TOP 20
    "ARTICLE LABEL LOCALE",
    sum("MARGIN") AS "MARGIN",
    sum("AMOUNT SOLD") AS "AMOUNT SOLD",
    sum("QUANTITY SOLD") AS "QUANTITY SOLD"
FROM " SYS BIC"."i028297.demo/AN SALES"
WHERE "FAMILY NAME" IN ('City Trousers', 'City Skirts')
GROUP BY
    "ARTICLE LABEL LOCALE"
ORDER BY "AMOUNT SOLD" desc;
ARTICLE LABEL LOCALE
                         MARGIN
                                               AMOUNT SOLD QTY SOLD
Side Slit Long Skirt 64.437,70000000000 130.569,0999999999 598
Lycra Trousers 45.848,60000000000 105.164,0999999999 600
Corduroy Shorts 26.852,000000000015 76.395,4999999999 429
```







Which Engines are used to process the query?

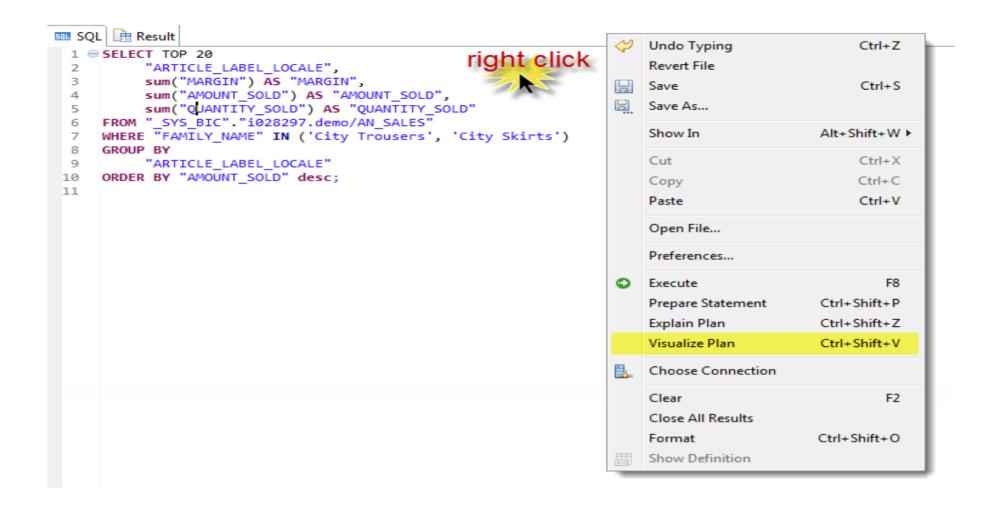
```
OPERATOR DETAILS
OPERATOR NAME
                    i028297.demo/AN SALES.ARTICLE LABEL LOCALE,
COLUMN SEARCH
                    SUM (i028297.demo/AN SALES.MARGIN),
                    SUM (i028297.demo/AN SALES.AMOUNT SOLD),
                    SUM (i028297.demo/AN SALES.QUANTITY SOLD)
                    (LATE MATERIALIZATION)
                    NUM RECORDS: 20
 LIMIT
                    SUM (i028297.demo/AN SALES.AMOUNT SOLD) DESC
    ORDER BY
      AGGREGATION
                    GROUPING:
                    i028297.demo/AN SALES.ARTICLE LABEL LOCALE,
                    AGGREGATION:
                    SUM (i028297.demo/AN SALES.MARGIN),
                    SUM (i028297.demo/AN SALES.AMOUNT SOLD),
                    SUM (i028297.demo/AN SALES.QUANTITY SOLD)
        COLUMN VIEW FILTER CONDITION:
                    i028297.demo/AN SALES.FAMILY NAME = 'City Trousers'
                    OR
                    i028297.demo/AN SALES.FAMILY NAME = 'City Skirts'
```

OPERATOR_NAME COLUMN SEARCH	EXEC_ENGINE	SCHEMA_NAME	TABLE_NAME	TABLE_TYPE
LIMIT	COLUMN	NULL	NULL	NULL
ORDER BY	COLUMN	NULL	NULL	NULL
AGGREGATION	COLUMN	NULL	NULL	NULL
COLUMN VIEW	COLUMN	NULL	NULL	NULL
	COLUMN	_SYS_BIC	i028297.demo/AN_SALES	OLAP VIEW

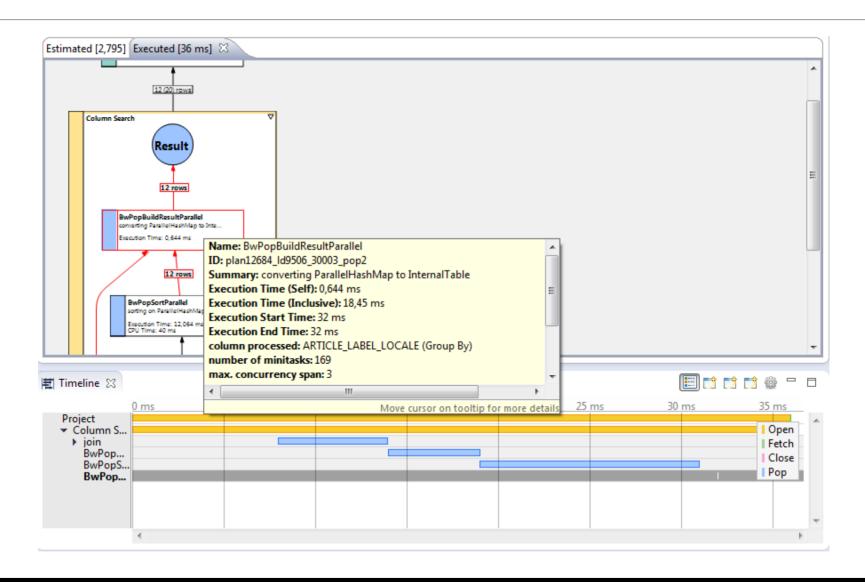
PLAN VISUALIZATION

- Relatively easy to use
- Graphical tool, build into SAP HANA studio
- Provides estimation and actual runtime statistics for memory, CPU time, parallelism and total runtime.
- Can be access via SQL Editor, SQL statement cache view, Expensive statement view
- Can be saved (XML file) and reviewed later on
- THE TOOL OF CHOICE!

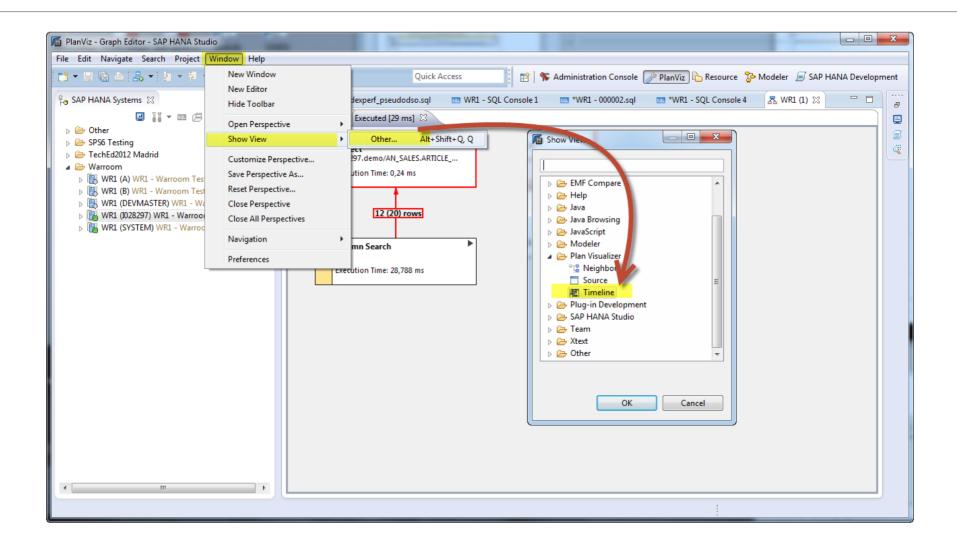
Plan Visualization (PlanViz)



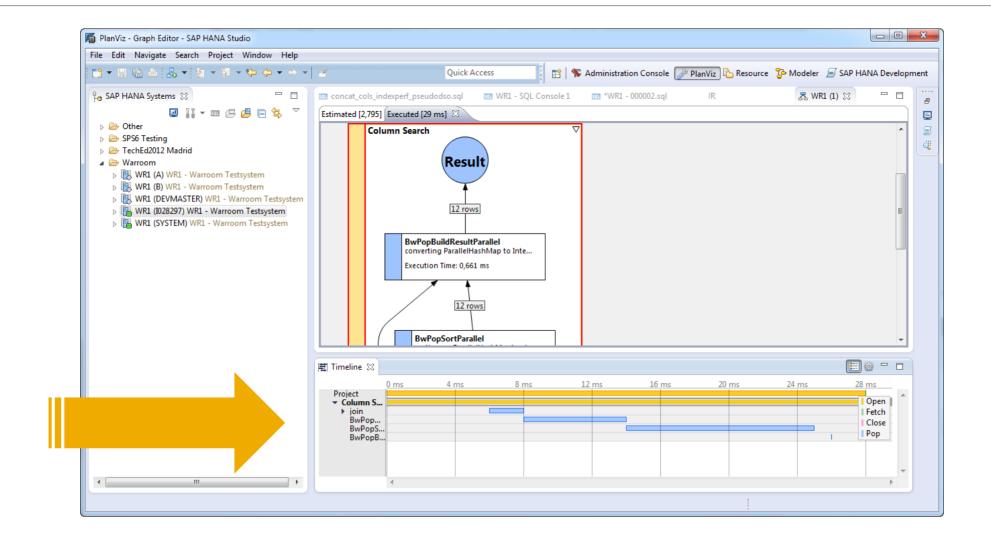
PlanViz



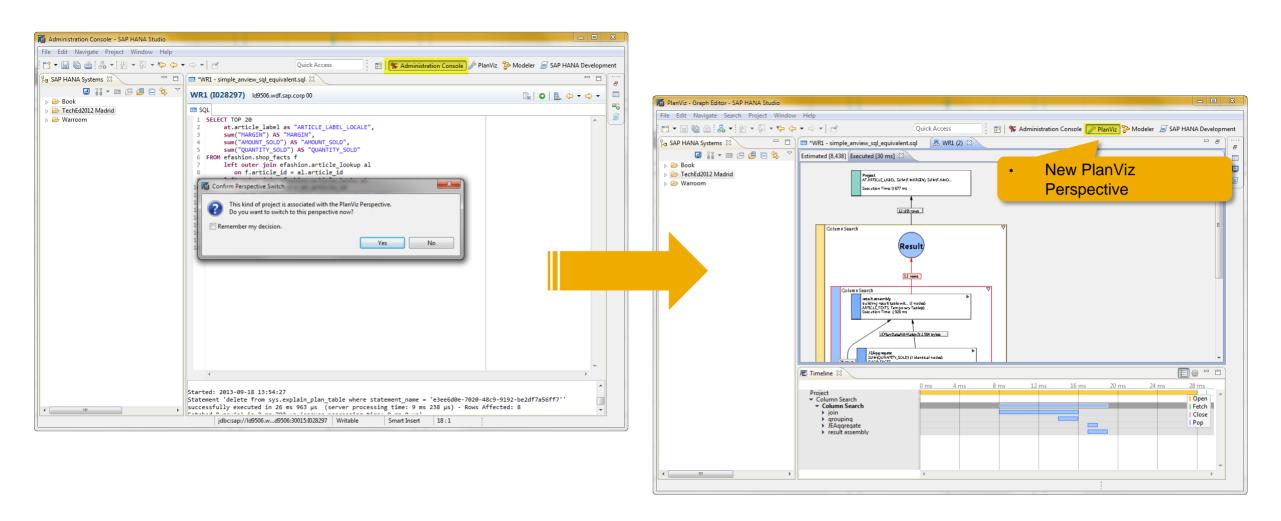
PlanViz – display timelines (pre-SPS 06)



PlanViz – display timelines



PlanViz – display timelines (SPS 06)



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Single statement analysis

Summary

- Use SAP HANA database as a service, but not as a black box!
- In case of performance problems, think about where the problem could occur.
- Use the proper tools to measure if the problem really is where you think it is.

Further Information

SAP Public Web

SCN:

SAP In-Memory computing: http://scn.sap.com/community/hana-in-memory

SAP HANA Developer center: http://scn.sap.com/community/developer-center/hana

Further important information sources:

Public HANA community: http://www.saphana.com/

Public documentation: http://help.sap.com/hana_platform

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