



Externalizing Data Access -Functions for Insert / Update / Delete

Standard Procedures in Service Programs for Insert/Update/Delete and Single Row Access

Parameter for Insert/Update: Data Structure Base View

Return Value for Insert: Unique Key (e.g. Identity Colum or compound key) or Relative Record No

Parameter for Delete/Single Row: Unique Key and/or Relative Record No

Return Value for Single Row: Indicator i.e. Found or Not

Output Parameter for Single Row: Initialized Data Structure Base View

Additional Parameters: Handling Record Locks, Execution with/without Commitment Control,

Send Escape Message if an Error occurs, Update Always

→ Base Source Code can be automatically generated based on Templates

Additional Procedures (must be manually completed)

Delete: Check Procedure, whether a record/row can be deleted or not
 Insert/Update: Check Procedure for Input Values / Initialization with Default Values

These Standard Functions must be used for ALL Insert/Update/Delete Operations



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Hiding Query Complexity in SQL Views

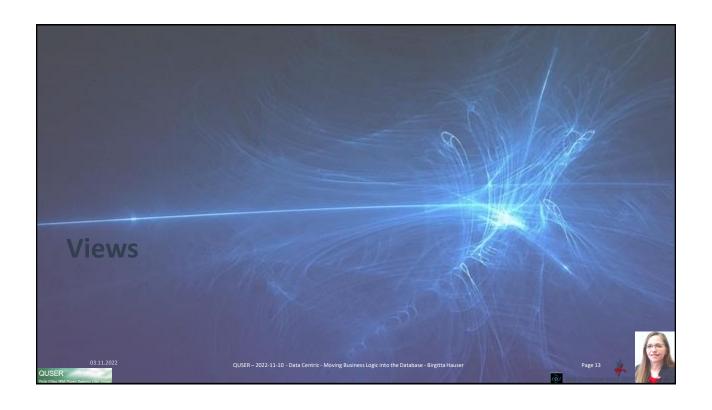
- Creating a Base View (for each table with all columns and may be additional columns)
- Creating a View for each task (based on the base views)

Generated Service Programs for each View

- With all procedures that access this specific view
- Use **Call Back Processing** when reading the view in the same loop, but execute different procedures (Procedures can be passed as Procedure Pointers)







View - Non-Keyed logical File

Creation with the SQL command CREATE VIEW

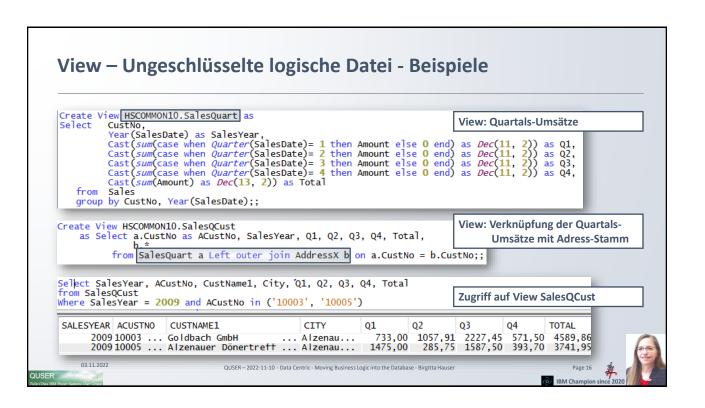
- Describes the data to be accessed based on a SELECT statement
- Does not contain any data
- Equivalent to a **non-keyed logical file** object





View — Non-Keyed logical File Everything that is allowed in a SELECT statement can be used in a view with the exception of ORDER BY Column selection and generating new columns All types of JOIN expressions (Inner Join, Left/Right/Full Outer Join, Exception Join, Cross Join) WHERE conditions GROUP BY (including multidimensional grouping) and HAVING clauses Scalar Functions / User Defined Functions / User Defined Table Functions CASE Expressions UNION / EXCEPT / INTERSECT Common Table Expressions (CTE) / nested Sub-Selects Recursive CTEs and Hierarchical Query Clauses Use of Global Variables A view can be built over an other view → Nested Views Break complex queries into multiple logical steps Non-keyed → Access Path Maintenance *REBLD

Thousands of views can exists without any performance decrease



View - Modernization - What to do and how to start

Create a basic view containing all fields/columns in the same sequence as in the based physical file/table

- No longer access the based physical file/table directly
 - → Using Instead Of Triggers will allow a future redesign of your database

Create additional views based on this basic view

Joins with other (basic) views: e.g. Join OrderHeader, Addresses, OrderPositions, ItemMaster

Create a view for each problem to solve

- Move business logic into database: e.g. Outstanding Orders, accumulated stocks / item no
- If circumstances change, only one or several views must be updated

Force your programmers and query users to only access these views

- Use them with embedded SQL, ODBC/JDBC, Query/400, Db2 WebQuery
- When accessing those views, do not use SELECT *
 - o If a view is changed, recompilation is only necessary if new columns are added and used
 - o Listing Columns may result in performance gains (Less logical DB access, IOA access)

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Data Integrity

What is data integrity?

 Data integrity is the principle of ensuring data values between tables are kept in a state that makes sense to the business.

Methods to accomplish data integrity:

Constraints are rules enforced by the database manager

Check Constraints
 Key Constraints
 Prevent from duplicate rows/records

Referential Integrities
 Defines dependencies between tables - Primary and Foreign Key Constraints

Trigger are programs activated by the database manager

depending on the trigger time (before / after)
 the trigger event (insert / update / delete / instead of)

Advantages

The definition of business roules can be centralized

Reduced Source Code Business roules are moved into the database

SQE optimizer: Constraint awarness.

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Methods to accomplish Data Integrity

Unique Key Access Path:

UNIQUE Keyword in physical/logical files or SQL Indexes

Unique/Primary Key Constraints

- Adding Primary and Unique Key Constraints to SQL Tables
- Adding Unique Key Constraints: ALTER TABLE SQL Command / ADDPFCST CL Command

Check Constraints

- Checks on Column Level
 - o Compare the inserted/modified value with a predefined List of Values or a Data Range
 - o Compare the inserted/modified value with values in other columns in the same row
- Adding Check Constraints: ALTER TABLE SQL Command / ADDPFCST CL Command
- Queries with SQE: Constraint Awarness





Check Constraints - Examples Alter Table HSCOMMON10.OrderHdr Constraint HSCOMMON10.OHChkOrderType Add Constraint HSCOMMON10.OHCh Check (OrderType in ('DO' List of Values Alter Table HSCOMMON10.OrderHdr Add Constraint HSCOMMON10.OHChkDelTerms Check (DelTerms in ('CPT', 'EXW', 'FOB')); Alter Table HSCOMMON10.OrderHdr Add Constraint HSCOMMON10.OHChkStatus Check (Status in ('CD', 'CL', 'GT'. 'PD')); -- 2. Order Detail Alter Table HSCOMMON10.OrderDet Add Constraint HSCOMMON10.ODChkQuantity Check(OrderQty >= DelQty · Comparison with an other column and OrderQty and DeltQty >= 0); Alter Table HSCOMMON10.OrderDet Add Constraint HSCOMMON10.ODChkStatus Check(Status in ('CD', 'CL', 'GT', 'PD')); -- 3. Item Master Alter Table HSCOMMON10.ItemMast · Defining a range in composition with Add Constraint HSCOMMONIA INChkItem Check (Substr(ItemNo, 1, 2) Between 'AA' and 'ZZ' and Substr(ItemNo, 3, 3) Between '000' and '999'); predicates and scalar functions Alter Table HSCOMMON10.ItemMast Add Constraint HSCOMMON10.IMChkPrice Chk(Preise > 0,50); QUSER - 2022-11-10 - Data Centric - Moving Business Logic into the Database - Birgitta Hauser

Methods to accomplish Data Integrity – Referential Integrities

Referential Integrities

- Dependencies between different Tables
 - Forcing Business Rules
 - Definition Rules when Changing Key Values
 - Definition Rules when Deleting the Parent Rows
- Activated as soon as an Insert / Update / Delete Operation is performed
- Adding Ref. Integrities: ALTER TABLE SQL Command / ADDPFCST CL Command



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Methods to accomplish Data Integrity – Referential Integrities

Constraint that deals with relationships between tables

- No Order Header without Order Position
- Item Master cannot be deleted as long as the item is on stock

Advantages

Less coding
 Rules are directly implemented within the database

Better performance DBMS handles these rules faster than a user-written application program

Better portability
 Business rules are not hidden in the source code of the program

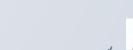
More secure Business and data integrity rules cannot be circumvented neither by a

faulty nor manually nor an incompletely written application.

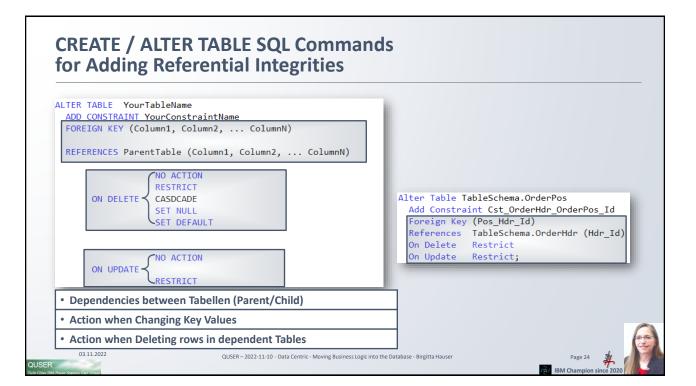
Must be planned and implemented carefully

- Dependencies between tables within applications must be known
- Inserts/Updates/Delete must be in a predefined sequence









Methods to accomplish Data Integrity - Triggers

Programs that are directly linked with the database

SQL Tables or DDS described physical files or SQL Views

Programs will be activated by the database manager

• Depending on **Trigger Event** → Insert, Update, Delete, Read

Trigger Time → Before, After

Activation occurs always independent of the used interface

Complement/enhance referential integrity / check constraints

- Check an inserted/changed value against values in other tables
- Automatically delete header rows as soon as the last detail is deleted
- Update Summary Tables
- Write History Files



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Methods to accomplish Data Integrity - Triggers

Forcing Business Rules

- Rules that cannot be handled by check constraints
- Examples: After having delivered all positions,
 copy Order Header and Order Positions into a History Table

Checking Data Integrities

• Example: Clerk enters an order → check if he is responsible for the customer

Checking Data Consistence over multiple Tables

Example: Delivery Date is stored in multiple Tables
 when changing the delivery date in any table, it is also modified in all other tables

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Example: After a Order is entered, an eMail/SMS will be send to the customer





Add Trigger Program

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Create Or Replace Trigger COMDBMOD.ORDER_HEADER_B4IU_DELDATE

Before Insert Or Update Of DELIVERY_DATE_NUM, DELIVERY_DATE
On COMDBMOD.ZZ_ORDER_HEADER
                                                                                                  Before Insert / Update Trigger for
           Referencing New as N
                                                                                                  Delivery_Date_Num and Delivery_Date
                        Old as O
                                                                                                    1. Changed Delivery-Date
           For Each Row
           Mode DB2ROW
                                                                                                      Determine/Update Numeric Value
           Program Name ZZOHBIU01
                                                                                                    2. Changed Numeric Date
           Not SECURED
                                                                                                      Determine/Update Delivery Date
    Begin Atomic
                                                                                                      Invalid Date → Return '8888-12-31'
           Declare LocType
                                VarChar(10) Default '';
                                                                                                    3. Otherwise
           Declare Continue Handler for SQLEXCEPTION Set N.Delivery_Date = '8888-12-31';
                                                                                                      Initialize both dates with the Default
                Inserting and N.Delivery_Date > '0001-01-01'
              or Updating and O.Delivery_Date <> N.Delivery_Date
              Then Set N.Delivery_Date_Num = Dec(N.Delivery_Date, 8, 0);
           ElseIf Inserting and N.Delivery_Date_Num > 10101
              or Updating and O.Delivery_Date_Num <> N.Delivery_Date_Num
              Then Set N.Delivery_Date = Date(Digits(N.Delivery_Date_Num) concat '000000');
           ElseIf Inserting
                                             = '0001-01-01';
              Then Set N.Delivery_Date
                    Set N.Delivery_Date_Num = 0;
           End If;
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Data Integrity

Add Check Constraints whenever possible

Add Triggers

Before Insert/Update Triggers: Check/Set Column Values

Check whether a row can be deleted or not

Convert numeric date into a real date value and vice versa

After Trigger: Update Summary Tables

Delete depending Rows (Cascading Delete)

Creating an Order

Send an SMS or other Message

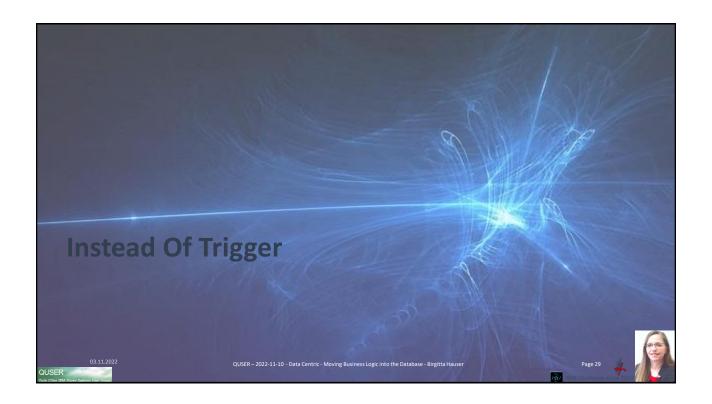
For new tables implement Referential Integrities

For existing tables add Referential Integrities whenever possible

→ but analyze your programs first







Instead Of Trigger

Special type of SQL Trigger

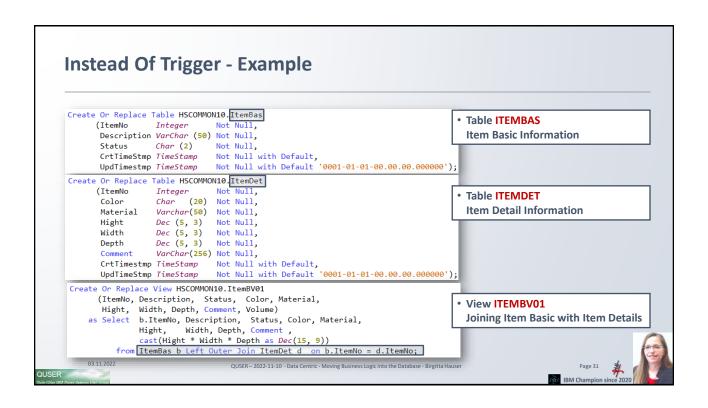
- Special Event: Instead Of
- Trigger program linked with a SQL views
 - ∘ Only **SQL trigger** → External trigger are not allowed
 - o DDS described (joined) logical files are not allowed
 - o Can only be used in composition with the **SQE**

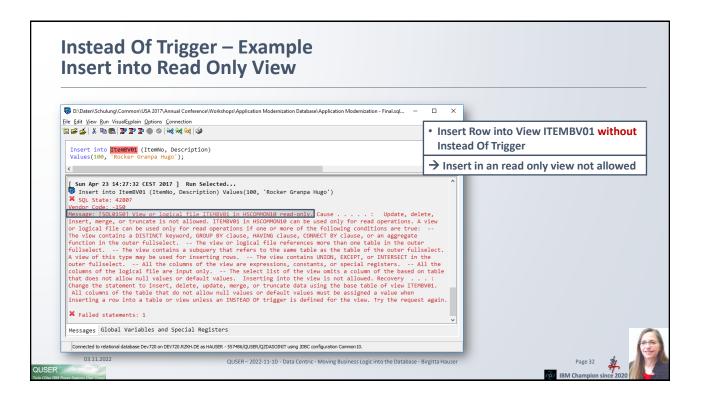
What are Instead Of Triggers for?

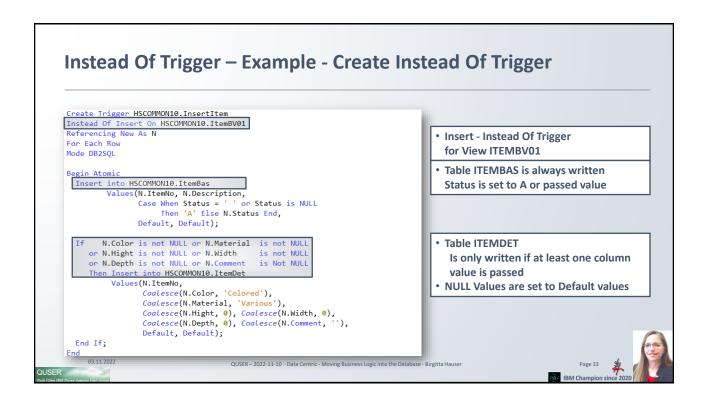
- Set **Default Values** when inserting a row
- Allows Insert/Updates/Deletes on non-updateable (joined) views
 - o The trigger program will update the underlying base tables
 - o Faciliates redesigning your database

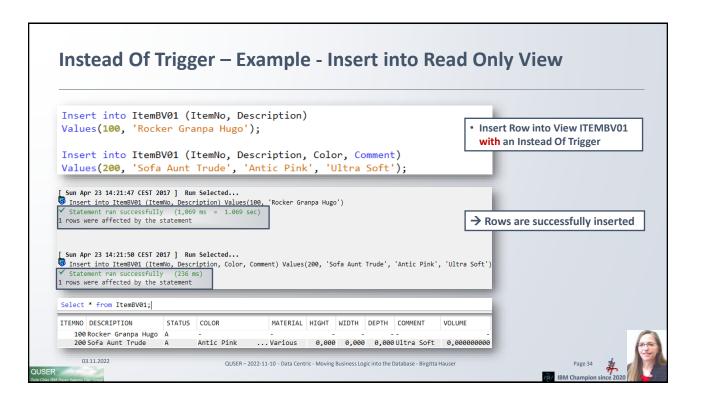














Commitment Control

Condensing multiple operation to a single Transaction

- A Transaction includes multiple individual modifications on objects, which are handled as a single Action
- **Examples** for Transactions:

Accounting: Credit / Debit

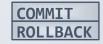
Order: Part Delivery not allowed

Commitment Control ensures

- ALL changes within a transaction are executed
- NONE of the changes within a transaction is executed
- When cancelling a transaction all changes within the transaction are reset

Begin/End of a Transaction:

Reset a Transaction:







Commitment Control and SQL

Prerequisites: Tables are registered in a Journal

STRCMTCTL is automatically executed by the SQL runtime

• Attention: Start with Default Values → CMTSCOPE – Activation Group



Set Commitment Properties:

Interaktive SQL: F13=Service → 1. Change session attributes

→ Commitment Control = *CHG

Access Client Solutions (ACS): Connection → JDBC Config./Setup → Server

→ Commit Mode = *CHG

Insert / Update / Delete Statements: End Statement: WITH Commitment Level (NC/CS...)



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Commitment Control and SQL

Modifying Data in Tables

- Execute **COMMIT** first **BEFORE** Insert / Update / Delete
- Run your Insert, Update, Delete Statement
- Check the modifications with a SELECT Statement

Wrong Result: Reset with ROLLBACK

Correct Result: Confirm modifications with COMMIT



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What is RCAC?

RCAC = Row and Column Access Control

- Additional layer of Data Security (available with Db2)
 - o CL commands for securing (database) objects can be used additionally
- Complementary to Object Level Security
- Limits access to only the required data
 - Controls access to a table at the row and/or column level
 - *ALLOBJ users can no longer freely access all of the data in the database

Provides 2 different approaches

- Access permissions for rows
- Provides masks for column contents
- → CREATE PERMISSION → CREATE MASK

IBM Advanced Data Security feature for i

- Must be installed → No-charge feature, option 47
- Required on both development and production systems

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Why to use RCAC?

Current methods for limiting data access

- By defining and using SQL Views
- Access rules are included within the application logic → programming required

Access restrictions can be circumvented

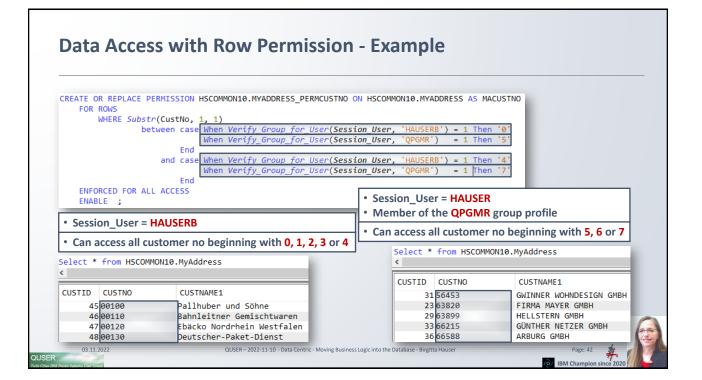
- By accessing the database table directly
 - o With interactive SQL, Db2-WebQuery, Query/400, JDBC, ODBC native I/O, UPDDTA etc.
- Users with object authority (e.g. *ALLOBJ) still can view ALL data

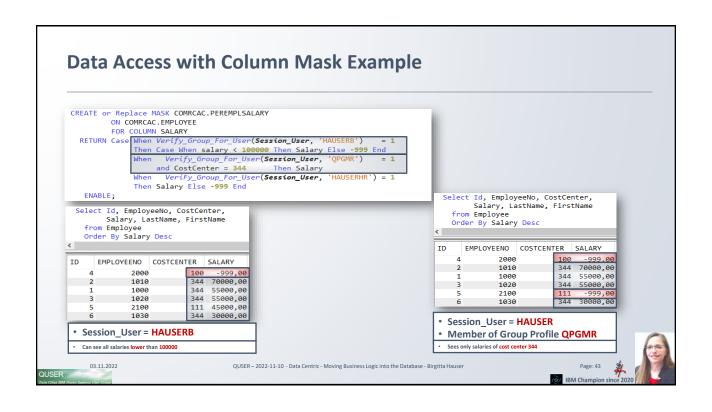
With RCAC ALL data access can be controlled at Column/Row Level

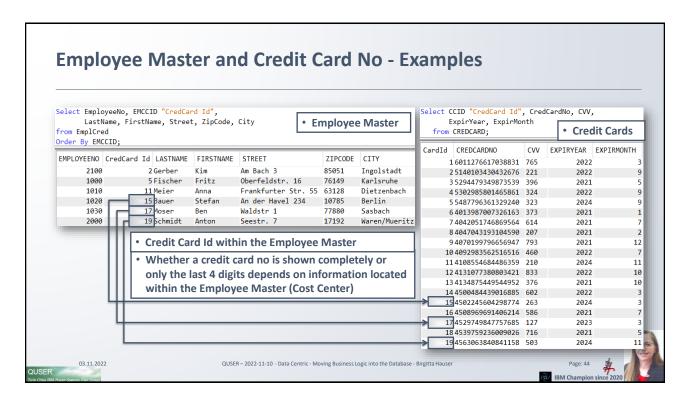
- Indepenent of which access method is used i.e. SQL, native I/O, CL, ODBC
- No dependency on application logic → Business logic is moved into the database
- Faciliates multi-tenancy
 - o several independent customers/business units can share a single database table without being aware of one another
 - o ensures each user only sees the rows and column values they are truly entitled to view



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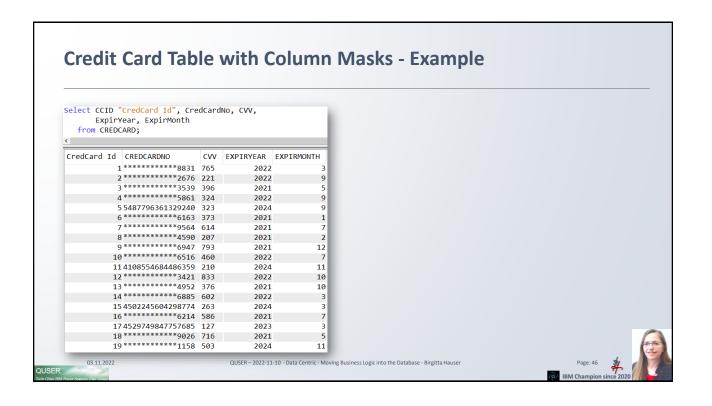
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Employee Master and Credit Card No - Example
Create Or Replace Mask COMRCAC.COLM_CREDCARD_CREDCARDNO
    On COMRCAC.CREDCARD For Column CREDCARDNO
                           Verify_Group_For_User(Session_User, 'HAUSERHR') = 1
       Return Case When
                   Then CredCardNo
                            Verify_Group_For_User(Session_User, 'HAUSERB')
                        and (Select CostCenter
                                                                                · Cost Center from the Employee
                                From EmplCred
                                                                                  Master must be checked
                                Where EMCCID = CCID
                                 Fetch First Row Only) between 100 and 200
                   Then CredCardNo
                       Verify_Group_For_User(Session_User, 'QPGMR') = 1
                   and (Select CostCenter
                         from EmplCred

    The last 4 digits of the credit card

                         Where emccid = CCID
                               Fetch First Row Only) = 344
                                                                                 are always readeable
                        CredCardNo
                   Else Repeat('*', Length(Trim(CredCardNo)) - 4) concat Right(Trim(CredCardno), 4)
              End
        Enable;
 ALTER TABLE COMRCAC, CREDCARD

    Activating Column Access Control

            ACTIVATE COLUMN ACCESS CONTROL ;
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