GENERIC APPROACH TO NVISION PERFORMANCE TUNING

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Introduction

This document sets out a number of techniques that can be used to improve and stabilise the performance of PeopleSoft nVision reports. It is based on practical experience on real productions systems at a number of customer sites over a number of years.

However, it is a generic document, and makes general statements. Every customer is different, because their data is different and often their method of analysis differs.

Some of the techniques discussed are specific to the Oracle database, although in some cases, such as partitioning, similar features are available on other databases.

We will look at

- Indexing
 - Effective indexing of LEDGER and LEDGER_BUDG tables to match the analysis criteria of the reports.
 - Enhanced indexing of the PSTREESELECT tables, so that the indexes fully satisfy the queries without the need to visit the tables.
- Collection of statistics and extended statistics on the PSTREESELECT tables.
- Using the nVision performance options to
 - use static selectors instead of dynamic selectors. They make it difficult to maintain up-to-date optimizer statistics on the selector tables
 - o simplify SQL statements by replacing joins with literal crtieria
 - o I also suggest use of Oracle Fine Grained Auditing to
 - enhance instrumentation,
 - detect the use of dynamic selectors.
- Appropriate partitioning of the LEDGER and LEDGER_BUDG tables.
 - If the partitioning option is not available, then I strongly recommended that as much historical data as possible is purged from the LEDGER and LEDGER BUDG tables.
- Archiving.

Ledger and Tree Selector Indexing

PeopleSoft delivers a one-size-fits-all approach to indexing, while the shape of customer data and to some extent the way it is used varies from system to system. This leads to the need for different customers using of the same PeopleSoft module to sometimes require different indexes.

Ledger Indexing

The indexing on the PS_LEDGER and PS_LEDGER_BUDG tables needs to match the analysis criteria used in the nVision report. There may be other custom ledger tables that also need to be indexed appropriately. This will vary from system to system. So the indexing of these tables is also a matter for each customer. It is usually necessary to add additional indexes to these tables for the benefit of nVision.

In general

- columns with single value equality criteria are at the front of the index,
- columns with multiple criteria or inequality criteria are next,
- colums with inequality crtieria are last

Let's look at some queries produced by nVision

```
SELECT A.ACCOUNT, SUM( A.POSTED BASE AMT)
FROM PS LEDGER A
WHERE (A.LEDGER IN ('LOCAL','OTHER')
AND A.FISCAL_YEAR = 2014
AND A.ACCOUNTING_PERIOD = 5
AND (A.ACCOUNT='4xxxxxx' OR A.ACCOUNT='4xxxxxx' ...)
AND (A.OPERATING UNIT='USxxx' OR A.OPERATING UNIT='USxxx' OR ...)
AND A.BUSINESS UNIT = 'USxxx')
GROUP BY A.ACCOUNT
```

I would think of building and index the following columns: LEDGER, FISCAL_YEAR, ACCOUNTING_PERIOD, BUSINESS_UNIT, OPERATING_UNIT, ACCOUNT. This is a single period query so ACCOUNTING_PERIOD is near the front of the index, immediately after fiscal year.

ACCOUNTING_PERIOD is never used without using FISCAL_YEAR, though occasionaly you might see a query by FISCAL_YEAR that does not reference ACCOUNTING_PERIOD. So ACCOUNTING_PERIOD should never preced FISCAL_YEAR in the list of indexed columns.

LEDGER was put at the front of the index because there are fewer values than there are for fiscal year.

```
SELECT B.TREE NODE NUM, SUM( A.POSTED BASE AMT)
FROM PS LEDGER A, PSTREESELECT10 B
WHERE ( A.LEDGER IN ('LOCAL','OTHER')
AND A.FISCAL YEAR = 2014
AND A.ACCOUNTING PERIOD BETWEEN 1 AND 5
AND B.SELECTOR_NUM=2xxxxx
AND A.ACCOUNT BETWEEN B.RANGE_FROM_10 AND B.RANGE_TO_10
AND B.TREE NODE NUM BETWEEN 1500000000 AND 1749999999
AND (A.OPERATING_UNIT='USxxx' OR A.OPERATING_UNIT='USxxx' OR ...)
GROUP BY B.TREE_NODE_NUM
```

This time I would suggest an index on the following columnd: LEDGER, FISCAL_YEAR, OPERATING_UNIT, ACCOUNT, ACCOUNTING_PERIOD. This is a year-to-date query, so this time ACCOUNTING_PERIOD has been pushed to the back of the list of columns.

It is often necessary to build pairs of indexes for each set of analysis criteria. One for single period queries, one for year to date queries.

Sometimes, I have added columns that are not selective, but which are referenced by the query, so that the index can satisfy the query without needing to visit the table.

Consider the following query.

```
SELECT A.ACCOUNT, SUM (A.POSTED TOTAL AMT)

FROM PS LEDGER A

WHERE A.LEDGER='ACTUALS'

AND A.FISCAL_YEAR=2016

AND A.ACCOUNTING_PERIOD BETWEEN 1 AND 12

AND A.CURRENCY_CD='GBP'

AND A.STATISTICS_CODE=''

AND (A.BUSINESS_UNIT=...)

GROUP BY A.ACCOUNT
```

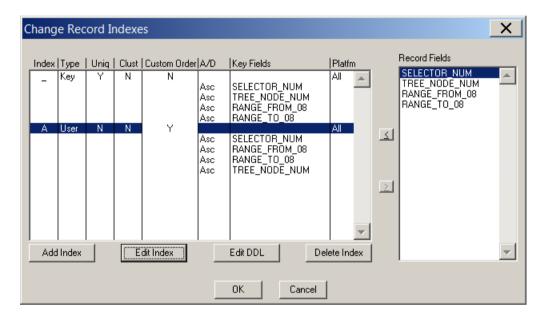
- Currency code will not be a selective column in a single currency system.
- Statistics code is rarely selective.
- There is no criteria on POSTED_TOTAL_AMT.

However, I could put all three columns into the index, so that there is no need to look up the row on the table in order to obtain the values.

Tree Selector Indexing

All the tree selector tables should have the same indexes on the following columns

- PS PSTREESELECT*nn* (where *nn* is in the range 01 to 30):
 - The columns on the unique index are unaltered as: SELECTOR_NUM, TREE_NODE_NUM, RANGE_FROM_nn, RANGE_TO_nn.
- PSAPSTREESELECT*nn*.
 - SELECTOR_NUM, RANGE_FROM_nn, RANGE_TO_nn, TREE NODE NUM
 - Additional columns have be added to this delivered index. The idea is to be able to fully satisfy the queries on the tree selector tables without need to visit the table.



Optimal Index Compression

Oracle can compress more rows into a single index leaf block by storing each distinct combination of compressed column values found within a specific index leaf block in a "prefix" table within that block, and referring to it rather that storing the column values in each index entry. This form of compression is not subject to a special Oracle licence.

The compression prefix length (the number of leading columns to be considered for compression) can be specified when the index is created. Columns with few distinct values result in better compression. Putting columns with lower cardinality at the front of the index can result in better compression, but this must not be done at the expense of the needs of the application. If too many columns are specified in the prefix length the prefix table could contain one entry for every row in the block and the compressed index would be larger than the uncompressed index. There is therefore an optimal compression for every index that depends on the data in the indexed columns. Oracle can calculate that optimal value for you with the ANALYZE INDEX VALIDATE STRUCTURE command. I have written a script² to do this for each index and index partition on a given table.

The indexes on these tables should be compressed.

- PS LEDGER
- PS LEDGER BUDG
- PSTREESELECT

NB: If there is a recommended non-zero prefix length but a zero saving, then the compression has already been applied.

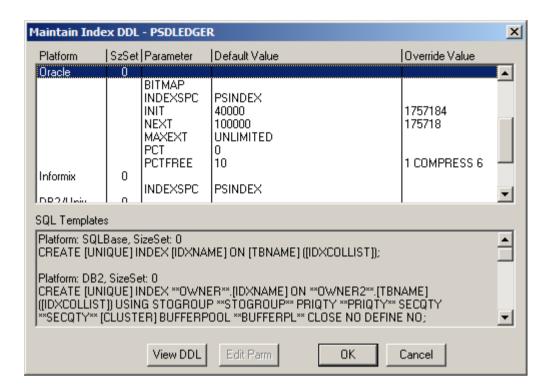
			Optimal		
			Compression		
			Prefix		
Table Name	Index Name	Partition Name	Length	BLOCKS Sa	aving %
PS_LEDGER	PSELEDGER		6	42624	.0
	PSFLEDGER		4	21504	.0
	PSGLEDGER		6	29184	.0
	PSHLEDGER		5	32768	.0
	PS_LEDGER		19	81280	.0

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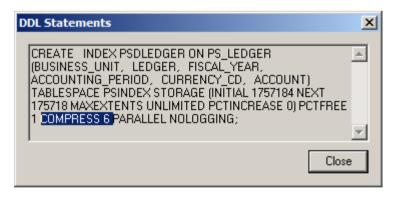
¹ See https://richardfoote.wordpress.com/2008/02/17/index-compression-part-i-low/

² See calc_opt_comp.sql script at http://www.go-faster.co.uk/scripts.htm#calc_opt_comp.sql

The recommended prefix lengths are specified in the create index DDL by adding the keyword COMPRESS followed by the prefix length. They should be applied in PeopleTools Application Designer as index overrides to the PCTFREE parameter as shown below³.



They appear in the DDL thus

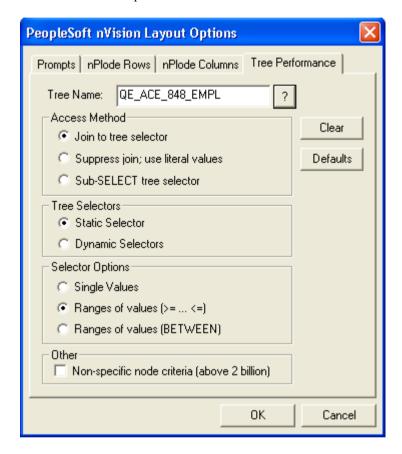


³ See also <u>Implementing Index Compression (and other Physical Storage Options) via Application Designer</u> (see http://blog.psftdba.com/2016/02/implementing-index-compression-and.html)

nVision Tree Performance Options

PS/nVision has always had 'Tree Performance Options; panel that can be accessed in the nVision add-in to Excel. The settings change the SQL generated by nVision without any functional change to the report.

From PeopleTools 8, Tree Peformance Options can be set on the tree definition in the database. This setting can then be overridden in individual nVision layout files. This screenshot is from the nVision PeopleBook⁴. Note that the operator must have security access to the Performance Options in order that the 'Tree Performance' tab is visible



 $\frac{http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E41509_01/pt852pbh2/eng/psbooks/tnvs/htm/tnvs15.htm\#_4ecd4b8}{8_13f1d8f8763_650b}$

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Generally Recommended Tree Performance Options

I would generally recommend that they should be set as follows:

- Suppress join; use literal values. nVision breaks the queries down by executing some tree queries separately and putting literal values into the final query.
 - For very large trees (>3000 tree leaves) the resulting SQL can contain very many predicates and the parse time can be significant. 'Join' should be used for such trees.
- Use Static Selectors.
 - When an nVision report uses dynamic selectors, it copies the part of the tree it wants to use into one of the PSTREESELECT tables using a new selector number, and deletes them at the end. If an nVision using dynamic selectors crashes then these rows can be left behind in the table and over time this can build up and affect table size and statistics on the table.
 - Because dynamic selectors continues alters the contents of the PSTREESELECT tables, and continues selects increasing values for SELECTOR_NUM, it is always a challenge to keep the statistics up to date on these tables. Out of date statistics, particularly the column high value of SELECTOR_NUM can result Oracle miscasting the selectivity of cirteria, and lead to sub-optimal execution plans.
 - When using static selectors, the whole of each tree required is copied into the tree selector table, but it is only copied again when the tree changes.
- Use Ranges of Values BETWEEN
 - There is no difference between the two range options in Oracle. BETWEEN
 criteria are expanded during SQL parse to 2 inequalities during SQL
 optimisation, but the SQL generated by nvision is smaller.when using the
 BETWEEN option. Fewer predicates are likely to be generated with this
 options than with single value options

From PeopleTools 8.x, nVision Tree Performance Options can be set on the tree definition stored in the database. This will be used in all nVision layouts unless specifically overridden in the layout.

Implementation

- 1. **Action:** Update nVision Tree Performance Options on All Trees by running nvperfopts-6trees.sql scripts in SQL*Plus connected as SYSADM.
 - a. NB: Going forward, any new trees must be created using the Performance Options as recommended. Those people who create trees should be informed of this. However, this script can always be run again to reset all trees.
 - b. This script sets the performance options access method to 'Use Literal Values'
- 2. Any nVision layouts which specify nVision performance options will override the settings on the tree and will need to be changed to confirm to these settings described above⁵.
 - c. Should it be necessary to reverse these changes out, the option will be to restore previous versions of the layouts. So backups should be made before making any changes.

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⁵ The PeopleSoft VB utility has been fixed so that it works on the current version of PeopleSoft/MS Office. It can do this in bulk (per directory).

```
REM nvperfopts.sql
REM (c) 2013 David Kurtz
spool nvperfopts
set pages 99
break on setid on tree name skip 1
rollback
SELECT T.SETID, T.TREE NAME, T.EFFDT
, T.TREE ACC SELECTOR --static selctors
 (SELECT X1.XLATSHORTNAME FROM PSXLATITEM X1 WHERE X1.FIELDNAME =
'TREE ACC SELECTOR' AND X1.FIELDVALUE = TREE ACC SELECTOR)
, T.TREE ACC SEL OPT --between
 (SELECT X2.XLATSHORTNAME FROM PSXLATITEM X2 WHERE X2.FIELDNAME =
'TREE ACC SEL OPT' AND X2.FIELDVALUE = TREE ACC SEL OPT)
, T.TREE ACC METHOD --literals
 (SELECT X3.XLATSHORTNAME FROM PSXLATITEM X3 WHERE X3.FIELDNAME =
'TREE ACC METHOD' AND X3.FIELDVALUE = TREE ACC METHOD)
FROM PSTREEDEFN T
WHERE (T.TREE_ACC_SELECTOR != 'S'
OR T.TREE ACC SEL OPT != 'B'
OR T.TREE ACC METHOD !='L')
AND X1.FIELDNAME = 'TREE ACC SELECTOR'
ORDER BY 1,2,3
/*increment the version numbers 6*/
UPDATE PSLOCK
SET VERSION = VERSION + 1
WHERE OBJECTTYPENAME IN('SYS','TDM')
UPDATE PSVERSION
SET VERSION = VERSION + 1
WHERE OBJECTTYPENAME IN('SYS', 'TDM')
/*update nvision flags and version number on trees*/
/*This is the general setting ^{7}*/
UPDATE PSTREEDEFN
SET TREE ACC SELECTOR = 'S' --static selctors
, TREE ACC SEL OPT = 'B' --between
, TREE ACC METHOD = 'L' --literals
, VERSION = (SELECT VERSION FROM PSLOCK WHERE OBJECTTYPENAME = 'TDM')
, lastupddttm = SYStimestamp
 lastupdoprid = 'DAVID.KURTZ'
WHERE (TREE ACC SELECTOR !=
OR TREE ACC SEL OPT != 'B'
OR TREE ACC METHOD != 'L')
AND tree strct id IN(SELECT tree strct id FROM pstreestrct WHERE node fieldname
= 'TREE NODE')
/*This is the exception for a very large tree that is resulting in massive
SOL8*/
UPDATE PSTREEDEFN
SET TREE ACC SELECTOR = 'S' --static selctors
, TREE_ACC_SEL_OPT = 'B' --between
, TREE ACC METHOD = 'J' --join
, VERSION = (SELECT VERSION FROM PSLOCK WHERE OBJECTTYPENAME = 'TDM')
, lastupddttm = SYStimestamp
 lastupdoprid = 'DAVID.KURTZ'
WHERE setid = 'SHARE'
```

⁶ Note that this script updates the PeopleTools version numbers on the trees that it updates causing them to be automatically recached by PeopleTools.

⁷ This update statement updated the nVision options on all trees to the default settings.

⁸ This second update statement updates the nVision performance options to slightly different for very large trees – it should be used for tree with more than 5000 nodes. The list of trees should be hard coded, there is only likely to be a few.

```
AND tree strct id IN(SELECT tree strct id FROM pstreestrct WHERE node fieldname
= 'TREE NODE')
AND tree name IN ('LIST NAMES OF VERY LARGE TREES');
AND 1=2
SELECT T.SETID, T.TREE_NAME, T.EFFDT
, T.TREE ACC SELECTOR --static selctors
  (SELECT X1.XLATSHORTNAME FROM PSXLATITEM X1 WHERE X1.FIELDNAME =
'TREE ACC SELECTOR' AND X1.FIELDVALUE = TREE ACC SELECTOR)
, T.TREE ACC SEL OPT --between
  (SELECT X2.XLATSHORTNAME FROM PSXLATITEM X2 WHERE X2.FIELDNAME =
'TREE ACC SEL OPT' AND X2.FIELDVALUE = TREE ACC SEL OPT)
, T.TREE ACC METHOD --literals
  (SELECT X3.XLATSHORTNAME FROM PSXLATITEM X3 WHERE X3.FIELDNAME =
'TREE ACC METHOD' AND X3.FIELDVALUE = TREE ACC METHOD)
FROM PSTREEDEFN T
WHERE (T.TREE_ACC_SELECTOR = 'S'
OR T.TREE_ACC_SEL_OPT = 'B'
OR T.TREE_ACC METHOD IN('J','L'))
AND t.tree strct id IN(SELECT tree strct id FROM pstreestrct WHERE
node fieldname = 'TREE NODE')
ORDER BY 1,2,3
select lastrefreshdttm from psstatus
UPDATE psstatus
SET lastrefreshdttm = SYSTIMESTAMP
select lastrefreshdttm from psstatus
select l.setid, l.tree name, l.effdt, x.selector num, count(*)
from pstreeleaf 1, pstreeselctl x
where l.setid = x.setid
and l.tree name = x.tree name
and l.effdt = x.effdt
and l.setcntrlvalue = x.setcntrlvalue
group by x.selector num, 1.setid, 1.setcntrlvalue, 1.tree name, 1.effdt
order by 1,2,3
spool off
```

nvperfopts.sql

Reversal

To be able to reverse this change out it will be necessary to have a backup copy of the table PSTREEDEFN from which to restore the values of the tree TREE_ACC% columns. Remember also to update the version number on the trees as follows.

Tree Performance Overrides in Layouts

beneficial.

(F) Note that the first the first to be the first

PeopleSoft created a utility to bulk update performance options in nVision layouts that may need to be used. I have had some help getting it working again on modern versions of MS Office Excel.

Tree performance options set at tree level can be overridden in the layouts⁹. Any overrides in

layouts should be removed, although we may encounter specific cases where they are



PerfOptionsAnalysisToolDocumentation.zip



PerfOption Setting Analysis. Fixed. zip

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⁹ Historical footnote: In fact, originally in PeopleTools tree performance options could only be set in the layouts. The options at tree level were added in PT8.4

Coalescing Tree Leaves

A consequence of the Tree Performance Access Method 'suppress join; use literal values' is that the resulting SQL in nVision will have a criteria for every leaf on each of the selected nodes on that tree. There will be an equality condition for each single value leaf. I normally set Selector Options to 'Ranges of values (BETWEEN)', so I get a between condition for each ranged leaf. Behind the scenes, Oracle rewrites between as a pair of inequalities, so there is no difference, but the SQL generated by nVision is slightly shorter.

The following is typical of nVision SQL with these performance options set.

```
SELECT A.ACCOUNT, SUM(A.POSTED_TOTAL_AMT)
FROM

PS_LEDGER A WHERE A.LEDGER='ACTUALS' AND A.FISCAL_YEAR=2015 AND
A.ACCOUNTING PERIOD BETWEEN 1 AND 12 AND A.CURRENCY CD='GBP' AND
A.STATISTICS CODE=' ' AND (A.BUSINESS UNIT=
...

) AND (
A.DEPTID='C500' OR A.DEPTID='C512' OR A.DEPTID='C117' OR A.DEPTID='C157' OR
A.DEPTID='C340' OR A.DEPTID='C457' OR A.DEPTID='C510' OR A.DEPTID='A758' OR
A.DEPTID='8220' OR A.DEPTID='A704' OR A.DEPTID='A121' OR A.DEPTID='A110' OR
A.DEPTID BETWEEN 'A153' AND 'A154' OR A.DEPTID BETWEEN '1151' AND '1152' OR
A.DEPTID='A724' OR A.DEPTID BETWEEN '1131' AND '1133' OR A.DEPTID='A733' OR
A.DEPTID='A217' OR A.DEPTID='A437' OR A.DEPTID='A130' OR A.DEPTID='A134' OR
A.DEPTID='A703' OR A.DEPTID='A714' OR A.DEPTID='A218' OR A.DEPTID='A226' OR
A.DEPTID BETWEEN 'A135' AND 'A138'
...
```

Although this access method can result in good execution time, it can also increase the time taken for Oracle to parse the SQL statements such that this can become significant. It may only be a few seconds in the case of a single SQL statement, but an nVision report book can consist of thousands of SQL statements.

One way to reduce the parse time is simply to reduce the number of criteria in the SQL statement by reducing the number of leaves on the tree. Tree leaves can be single values or ranges of values, by coalescing adjacent leaves into ranged leaves the number of leaves can be reduced.

The *leafcoal.sql* script seeks to address this by repeatedly merging two consecutive leaves on the same tree node into a single ranged leaf where possible. It performs two checks before merging adjacent leaves on the same tree node:

- There is not an intermediate value on the detail field defined in the tree structure record. So if the detail field was DEPT_TBL.DEPTID, the script checks that there are no values of DEPTID on PS_DEPT_TBL that are not currently selected by existing leaves that would be included in the merged leaf.
- There is not another leaf on another node on the tree that would intersect with the merged leaf.

Instructions for running leafcoal.sql

The utility is written in PL/SQL and runs as an anonymous blocks so there is nothing to install. It should be run in SQL*Plus connected as the PeopleSoft owner ID (usually SYSADM).

It is expected that there are some adjustments to the script that the user may need to make.

```
REM leafcoal.sq1
REM (c)David Kurtz 2016
REM 06.04.2016 detect overlapping ranges on other tree nodes
REM 07.04.2016 added update leaf count
set serveroutput on termout off trimspool on DECLARE
DECLARE

k testmode CONSTANT BOOLEAN := TRUE<sup>10</sup>; /*set this false to perform update*/
k dateformat CONSTANT VARCHAR2(10) := 'yymmdd';
k oprid CONSTANT VARCHAR2(20) := 'david.kurtz' 11;
1 module VARCHAR2(48);
1_action VARCHAR2(32);
no structure found EXCEPTION;
PRAGMA EXCEPTION INIT(no structure found,-20001);
PROCEDURE debug_msg(p_text VARCHAR2 DEFAULT ''
,p_debug_level INTEGER DEFAULT 5) IS
   EGIN
IF p_debug_level <= l_debug_level AND p_text IS NOT NULL THEN
    sys.dbms_output.put_line(LPAD('.',l_debug_indent,'.')||'('||p_debug_level||')'||p_text);
END IF;</pre>
END debug msg;
PROCEDURE set action(p action name VARCHAR2 DEFAULT ''
,p debug level INTEGER DEFAULT 5) IS
l_debug_indent := l_debug_indent + 1;
dbms_application_info.set_action(action_name=>p_action_name);
debug_msg(p_text=>'Setting_action_to: '||p_action_name,p_debug_level=>p_debug_level);
END set_action;
PROCEDURE unset action(p action name VARCHAR2 DEFAULT '' ,p debug level INTEGER DEFAULT 7) IS
   IF 1_debug_indent > 0 THEN
    1_debug_indent := 1_debug_indent - 1;
END IF;
chul Ir;
dbms application info.set action(action name=>p action name);
debug msg(p text=>'Resetting action to: '||p action name,p debug level=>p debug level);
END unset action;
FUNCTION show bool (p bool BOOLEAN) RETURN VARCHAR IS
BEGIN
IF p bool THEN
RETURN 'TRUE';
ELSE
RETURN 'FALSE';
END IF;
END show bool;
 --identify the table, record and field referred to in the tree
```

- 1. end of processing message
- 2. start of processing for tree
- 3. number of leaves in tree and number of leaves coalesced
- 4. details of leaves being compressed
- 5. start and end of each procedure
- 6. parameters passed to functions
- 7. number of rows updated/deleted during coalesce
- 8. dynamic SQL statement

 $^{^{10}}$ As delivered, leaf coal.sql runs in a test mode that does not update the database but reports on what it would do. Change $k_test mode$ to FALSE to have script update the PeopleTools tables.

¹¹ When the script updates the tree leaves it also updates the tree definition, and updates the last operation ID to this value. Change this as necessary.

 $^{^{12}}$ The level of output written to the spool file can be controlled by changing the value of the variable l_debug_level .

```
PROCEDURE get structure field

(p_setid IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT ', p_setcntrlvalue IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT ', p tree name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT ', p effdt IN DATE , p dll tabname OUT VARCHAR2 , p dtl fieldname OUT VARCHAR2 , p dtl fieldname OUT VARCHAR2 ) IS
 1 module VARCHAR2(48);
1 action VARCHAR2(32);
BEGIN
           dbms application info.read module(module name=>1 module, action name=>1 action);
set action(p action name=>'get structure field('||p tree name||'/'||TO CHAR(p effdt, k dateformat)||')');
debug msg('get structure field('||p setid||'/'||p setentrlvalue||'/'||p tree name
||''|'|TO CHAR(p effdt, k dateformat)||')', 6);
SELECT DECODE(r.sqltablename, ','PS '||r.recname,r.sqltablename) dtl tabname
| s.dtl recname, s.dtl fieldname
| pdtl_tabname, p_dtl_recname, p_dtl_fieldname
| pstreedefi d |
| pstreestrt s
                                                        pstreestrct s
           , pstreestrct s pszecdefn r WHERE d.secidefn r setid AND d.sectnortzvalue = p setontrlvalue AND d.sectnortzvalue = p setontrlvalue AND d.frde = peffdt aND d.frde strct_id = s.tree_strct_id AND s.node_fieldname = 'TREE_NODE' AND r.recname = s.dtl_recname
             ;
debug msg('structure field: '||p dtl tabname||'.'||p dtl fieldname,5);
unset action(p action name=>1 action);
           EXCEPTION
  | ||p_setid||'/'
END get_structure_field;
     --process one named tree
 PROCEDURE one tree
(p_setid IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT '',
p_setontrivalue IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT '',
p_tree name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT '',
p_effdt IN DATE
) IS
    PROCEDURE one tree
           dtl tabname psrecdefn.sqltablename*TYPE;
l dtl recname pstreestrct.dtl recname*TYPE;
l dtl fieldname pstreestrct.dtl fieldname*TYPE;
l sql CLOB;
           TYPE refcur IS REF CURSOR; c_treeleaf refcur;
             | tree node num | pstreeleaf.tree node num%TYPE; | range from | pstreeleaf.range from%TYPE; | range to | pstreeleaf.range to%TYPE; | next range from pstreeleaf.range from%TYPE; | next range to | pstreeleaf.range from%TYPE; | coal range from pstreeleaf.range from%TYPE := ''; | coal range to pstreeleaf.range to%TYPE := ''; | tree_branch | pstreeleaf.tree_branch%TYPE; | tree_branch | pstreeleaf.tree_branch%TYPE; | coal range to pstreeleaf.tree_branch%TYPE; | coal range 
           set_action(p_action_name=>'one_tree('||p_tree_name||'/'||TO_CHAR(p_effdt,k_dateformat)||')');
debug_msg('Processing '||p_setid||'/'||p_setcntrlvalue||'/'||p_tree_name |
|||''||TO_CHAR(p_effdt,k_dateformat),2);
get_structure_field(p_setid, p_setcntrlvalue, p_tree_name, p_effdt, l_dtl_tabname, l_dtl_recname, l_dtl_fieldname);
              SELECT COUNT(*)
           INTO 1 node count
FROM pstreenode
WHERE setid = D_setid
AND setcntrlvalue = D_setcntrlvalue
AND tree_name = D_tree_name
AND effdt = D_effdt;
              SELECT COUNT(*)
           SELECT COUNT(*)
INTO 1 leaf count
FROM pstreeleaf
WHERE setid = p_setid
AND setcntrlvalue = p_setcntrlvalue
AND tree_name = p_tree_name
AND effdt = p_effdt;
          1_sql := WITH x AS (
SELECT 1..13

SELECT 1..10

SELECT 1.
LEAD(range to,1) On next range to
FROM pstreeleaf 1
WHERE l.setid = :p1
AND l.setcntrlvalue =
AND l.tree name = :p3
AND l.effdt = :p4
), y AS (
SELECT x.*
```

¹³ This section builds the SQL for a dynamic query identifies leaves on the same tree node for which there are no intermediate values on column referred to by the tree structure, nor on any leaf on a different tree node

```
(SELECT count(*)
FROM '||1_dt1_tabname||' d
WHERE ':
     FOR i IN (
SELECT fieldname
FROM psrecfielddb
WHERE recname = 1 dtl recname
AND MOD(useedit,2) = 1
AND fieldname = 'SETID'
) LOOP
   ) LOOP
1 sql := 1 sql||'d.'||i.fieldname||' = x.'||i.fieldname||' AND ';
END LOOP;
   1 sql := 1 sql||'d.'||1 dtl fieldname||' > x.range to
AND d.'||1 dtl fieldname||' < x.next range from) intermediates
(SELECT count(*)
FROM PSTREELEAF f
WHERE f.setid = x.setid
AND f.setcntrlvalue = x.setcntrlvalue
                 AND f.setcntrlvalue = x.setcntrlvalue
AND f.tree name = x.tree name
AND f.effdt = x.effdt
AND f.tree node num != x.tree node num
AND f.trange from <= x.next range to
AND f.range to >= x.range from
) overlapers FROM x
next_range_From is not null
, select tree_node_num, range_from, range_to, next_range_from, next_range_to, tree_branch from y where intermediates=0 \,
where intermediates=0
and overlapers=0
order by 1,2';
  debug msg('SQL:'||1 sql,8);
     OPEN c_treeleaf FOR 1_sql USING p_setid, p_setcntrlvalue, p_tree_name, p_effdt;
        OOP
FETCH c_treeleaf INTO 1 tree_node_num, 1_range_from, 1_range_to, 1_next_range_from, 1_next_range_to, 1_tree_branch;
EXIT WHEN c_treeleaf%NOTFOUND;
IF 1_coal_count = 0 THEN
IF k testmode THEN --update tree version prior to first coalesce, but not in test mode
debug_msg('Running in Test Mode - No Update',1);
            ELSE 14
                UPDATE psversion
SET version = version+1
WHERE objecttypename IN('SYS','TDM');
                UPDATE pslock
SET version = version+1
WHERE objecttypename IN('SYS','TDM');
              END IF:
         END IF;
1 coal count := 1 coal count + 1;
        IF 1 range to = 1 coal range to THEN
1 coal_range_to := 1_next_range_to;
ELSE
1_coal_range_from := 1_range_from;
1_coal_range_to := 1_next_range_to;
END IF;
ELDEE debug_msg(l_range_from||'-'||l_range_to||' + '||l_next_range_from||'-'||l_next_range_to||' => '||l_coal_range_from||'-'||l_coal_range_to||' => '||l_coal_range_from||'-
            UPDATE pstreeleaf D

SET range from = 1_coal_range_from range to = 1_coal_range_to HERE setid = p setid

AND setcntrlvalue = p setcntrlvalue

AND tree name = p tree name

AND tree node num = 1 tree node num

AND range from = 1 next_range_from

AND range_to = 1_next_range_to

AND tree_branch = 1_tree_branch;

debug_msg(SQL%ROWCOUNT|' rows updated',7);
                  -delete the other leaf
            --delete the other leaf

DELETE pstreeleaf

WHERE setid = p setid

AND setontrivalue = p setontrivalue

AND tree name = p tree name

AND effdt = p effdt

AND tree node num = 1 tree node num

AND range from = 1 coal range from

AND range to = 1 range to

AND tree branch = 1 tree branch;

debug msg(SQL%ROWCOUNT||' rows deleted',7);

ND IF;
    END LOOP;
    IF NOT k testmode AND 1 coal count > 0 THEN
         UPDATE pstreedefn d 16
                   d.version = (SELECT version FROM pslock WHERE objecttypename = 'TDM')
d.lastupdoprid = k_oprid
d.lastupddttm = SYSTIMESTAMP
d.leaf_count = (SELECT COUNT(*)
```

 $^{^{14}}$ When the first change on a tree is detected, the version number for tree definitions is incremented.

¹⁵ The script merges two leaves into one. One is updated, the other deleted.

¹⁶ The tree definition is updated at the end with the new version number, and the new number of leaves on the tree. The number of nodes on the tree is unchanged.

```
FROM pstreeleaf 1
WHERE 1.setid = psetid
AND 1.tree name = ptree name
AND 1.tree name = ptree name
AND distentivalue = p.setcntrlvalue
AND debug mag(''.4);
END LOOP
Unset action(p.action_name=>l.action);
If k_testnode THEN
LOSP
Unset action(p.action_name=>l.action);
If k_testnode THEN
END IF;
END
```

The spool file output reports on the number of leaves coalesced. If the script does update the PeopleTools tree tables, it does not commit the update. It is left for the user to commit or rollback.

```
.(3)Processing SHARE, ,XXX ACCOUNT,141201
.(4)634 nodes, 2636 leaves
.(4)1358 leaves coalesced (52%)
...
(1)Commit changes or rollback
```

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 $^{^{17}}$ This query identifies the trees to be processed. It can be changed as necessary. For example, you might process

specific trees,

most recent effective dated trees

[•] trees with literal values performance option

[•] trees with a tree structure record.

Clearing Selector Control Records for which there is no Tree Definition

1. This statement deletes rows from PSTREESELCTL for which no tree is defined in PSTREEDEFN.

The next script that clears dynamic selectors from the PSTREESELECT tables will also clear any rows orphaned by this delete.

Clear Dynamic Selectors from Tree Selector Tables

- This script deletes all rows from all of the PSTREESELECT tables which relate for which there is no corresponding data in PSTREESELCTL because they are dynamic selectors
 - d. Action: Run treeselectorclup2.sql in SQL*Plus connected as SYSADM.
 - e. There is no need to be able reverse this. Rows relating to dynamic selectors can be left in the tree selector tables when an nVision crashes without cleaning up after itself. Clearing debris from the tree selector tables is something that should be done regularly regardless. In a system that still uses dynamic selector I would suggest doing this daily.

```
REM treeselectorclup2.sql
set termout on head off echo off feedback off timi off trimspool on trimout on pages 0
serveroutput on lines 200
spool treeselectorclup2
DECLARE
  1 salc CLOB;
  l sqld CLOB;
  1 numrows INTEGER;
  1_numsels INTEGER;
BEGIN
  FOR i IN (
    SELECT table name
            user tables
     where table_name LIKE 'PSTREESELECT__'
     ORDER BY 1
  ) LOOP
     lood
l sqlc := 'SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT selector_Num), COUNT(*) FROM '||i.table_name;
l_sqld := 'DELETE FROM '||i.table_name||' t WHERE NOT t.selector_num IN(SELECT
DISTINCT selector num FROM pstreeselctl)';
     EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 1 sqlc INTO 1 numsels, 1 numrows;
dbms_output_put_line('Table '||i.table_name||':'||1_numsels||' sectors,'||1_numrows||'
     IF 1 numrows > 0 THEN
       dbms output.put line('SQL:'||1 sqld);
       EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 1_sqld;
       dbms_output.put_line(SQL%ROWCOUNT||' rows deleted.');
       EXECUTE IMMEDIATE l_sqlc INTO l_numsels, l_numrows;
dbms_output.put_line('Table '||i.table_name||':'||l_numsels||'
sectors,'||l_numrows||' rows');
       COMMIT;
     END IF:
  END LOOP;
END;
spool off
```

The script produces a report of what it did. This is typical output.

```
Table PSTREESELECT01:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT02:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT03:1 sectors, 85 rows
SQL:DELETE FROM PSTREESELECT03 t WHERE NOT t.selector num IN(SELECT DISTINCT
selector num FROM pstreeselctl)
0 rows deleted.
Table PSTREESELECT03:1 sectors, 85 rows
Table PSTREESELECT04:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT05:2 sectors, 117 rows
SQL:DELETE FROM PSTREESELECT05 t WHERE NOT t.selector num IN(SELECT DISTINCT
selector_num FROM pstreeselctl)
0 rows deleted.
Table PSTREESELECT05:2 sectors, 117 rows
Table PSTREESELECT06:13 sectors, 2385 rows
SQL:DELETE FROM PSTREESELECT06 t WHERE NOT t.selector num IN(SELECT DISTINCT
selector num FROM pstreeselctl)
0 rows deleted.
Table PSTREESELECT06:13 sectors, 2385 rows
Table PSTREESELECT07:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT08:328 sectors,87798 rows
SQL:DELETE FROM PSTREESELECT08 t WHERE NOT t.selector num IN(SELECT DISTINCT
selector num FROM pstreeselctl)
26633 rows deleted.
Table PSTREESELECT08:133 sectors,61165 rows
Table PSTREESELECT09:0 sectors,0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT10:450 sectors, 66891 rows
```

```
SQL:DELETE FROM PSTREESELECT10 t WHERE NOT t.selector num IN(SELECT DISTINCT
selector num FROM pstreeselctl)
45376 rows deleted.
Table PSTREESELECT10:74 sectors, 21515 rows
Table PSTREESELECT11:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT12:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT13:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT14:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT15:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT16:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT17:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT18:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT19:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT20:3 sectors, 130 rows
SQL:DELETE FROM PSTREESELECT20 t WHERE NOT t.selector num IN(SELECT DISTINCT
selector num FROM pstreeselctl)
104 rows deleted.
Table PSTREESELECT20:1 sectors, 26 rows
Table PSTREESELECT21:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT22:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT23:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT24:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT25:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT26:0 sectors,0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT27:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT28:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT29:0 sectors, 0 rows
Table PSTREESELECT30:0 sectors,0 rows
```

Maintaining Statistics on Tree Selector Tables

First Time Generation of Statistics

Script *treeselect_stat_prefs.sql* sets table preferences on all 30 tree selector tables.

- Histograms are collected on SELECTOR_NUM and TREE_NODE_NUM. Oracle may choose to collect histograms on other columns if it judges it appropriate.
- have also created extended statistics on the combination of SELECTOR_NUM and TREE_NODE_NUM
- Statistics on the tree selector tables are locked to prevent the overnight statistics job from updating them.

```
REM treeselect stat prefs.sql
REM (c) 2013 Go-Faster Consultancy Ltd.
REM histograms
spool treeselect stat perfs
set serveroutput on
REM set table prefs and unlock stats
REGIN
FOR i IN (
 SELECT table name FROM user Tables WHERE table name like 'PSTREESELECT '
 ) LOOP
 dbms stats.lock table stats
  (ownname=>user
  ,tabname=>i.table_name
 );18
 dbms output.put line('Table:'||i.table name);
 dbms stats.set table prefs
  (ownname=>user
  ,tabname=>i.table_name
  ,pname=>'METHOD OPT'
--,pvalue=>'FOR ALL COLUMNS SIZE AUTO FOR COLUMNS SIZE 254 SELECTOR NUM TREE NODE NUM'
  ,pvalue=>'FOR ALL COLUMNS SIZE 1 FOR COLUMNS SIZE 254 SELECTOR NUM' 19
 dbms stats.set_table_prefs
 (ownname=>user
 ,tabname=>i.table_name
  ,pname=>'STALE_PERCENT'
  ,pvalue=>'1' --1pct stale threshold to force regular stats refresh by the maintenance
job
END LOOP;
END;
REM create extended stats 20
DECLARE
1 clob CLOB;
  _extension_exists EXCEPTION;
 PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT(e_extension_exists,-20007);
BEGIN
FOR i IN (
 SELECT table name FROM user Tables
  where table name like 'PSTREESELECT
) LOOP
 BEGIN
    1 clob:=sys.dbms stats.create extended stats
    (ownname=>user
    ,tabname=>i.table name
    ,extension=>'(SELECTOR_NUM, TREE_NODE_NUM)'
   dbms_output.put_line('Extended stats:'||i.table_name||':'||l_clob);
   EXCEPTION
     WHEN e extension exists THEN
      dbms_output.put_line('Extended stats already exist on :'||
                            i.table name||':'||1 clob);
   END;
END LOOP;
END;
```

¹⁸ Statistics on the tree selectors are locked because a manual adjustment is made to two densities immediately after stats are calculated.

 $^{^{19}}$ Note that histograms are only built on SELECTOR_NUM which should have a frequency histogram.

 $^{^{20}}$ Extended statistics are collected on the combination of <code>SELECTOR_NUM</code> and <code>TREE_NODE_NUM</code>.

```
REM gather stats
BEGIN
 FOR i IN (
 SELECT table name, SUBSTR(table name,-2) suffix FROM user Tables WHERE table name like 'PSTREESELECT'
  dbms output.put line('Table Stats:'||i.table name);
  sys.dbms_stats.gather_table_stats
  (ownname=>user
  ,tabname=>i.table_name
  ,force=>TRUE
);
   --set density to 1 for range from ^{21}
  dbms stats.set column stats
  (ownname=>user
  ,tabname=>i.table_name
,colname=>'RANGE FROM '||i.suffix
  ,density=>1
,force=>TRUE);
  dbms_stats.set_column_stats
  (ownname=>user
  ,tabname=>i.table_name
,colname=>'RANGE_TO_'||i.suffix
  ,density=>1
  , force=>TRUE);
 END LOOP;
END;
select table name, stattype locked, num Rows, last analyzed, stale Stats
from dba_tab_statistics
where table_name like 'PSTREESELECT__'
order by 1
set pages 99 lines 200 trimspool on
break on table_name skip 1
select
         s.*, e.extension
and e.table name = s.table name
and e.extension name = s.column name --where table_name = 'PS_LEDGER' where s.table_name LIKE 'PSTREESELECT__'
and s.num_distinct > 0
ORDER by 1,2,3
spool off
```

treeselect_stat_prefs.sql

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²¹ After collecting statistics on the PSTREESELECTnn tables the density on the RANGE_FROM_nn and RANGE_TO_nn columns is set to 1. This prevents Oracle from under estimating the cost of looking up this table which can occur when the LEDGER table is joined before the PSTREESELECTnn table.

Implementation

3. **Action:** Run *treeselect_stat_perfs.sql* in SQL*Plus connected as SYSADM.

The script produces a report of what it has updated (not shown) and the statistics that have been collected (shown below)

OWNER	TABLE NAME	COLUMN NAME	NUM DIS	TINCT LOW VALUE	HIGH VALUE	DENSITY	NUM NULLS NUM BUCKET	rs last anal sam	PLE SIZE GLO USE
NOTES		AVG COL LEN HISTOGRAM	SCOPE	EXTENSION					
SYSADM	PSTREESELECT03	RANGE FROM 03 4 NONE	SHARED	85 414257	5A4D42	1	0	1 13-JAN-16	85 YES YES
SYSADM		RANGE TO 03 4 NONE	SHARED	85 414257	5A4D42	1	0	1 13-JAN-16	85 YES YES
SYSADM		SELECTOR NUM 5 FREQUENCY	SHARED	1 C30F361A	C30F361A	.005882353	0	1 13-JAN-16	85 YES NO
SYSADM		SYS_STUSRD6Y1KXDCW#4RDM0NN3A4I	SHARED	9 CA051413330F47455C25 29 ("SELECTOR NUM", "TREE NOD	55	.111111111	0	1 13-JAN-16	85 YES NO
SYSADM		TREE NODE NUM 6 NONE	SHARED	9 C5134C	C514644C3B3C	.111111111	0	1 13-JAN-16	85 YES NO

On-Going Maintenance of Statistics on Tree Selector Tables

Statistics on the tree selectors are locked because the density was manually reset, so a process needs to be put in place to maintain the statistics as the static selectors are populated when trees are used for the first time.

PeopleSoft inserts a row into PSTREESELCTL for each statistic selector. A database trigger can be used to submit a database job to gather statististics in the same manner as the previous script.

Action: Implement trigger by running *pstreeselector_stats.sql* in SQL*Plus connected as SYSADM.

```
rem pstreeselector stats.sql
rem trigger to update stats on selector table as pstreeselctl is populated.
rem NB stats job is only fired on commit.
set echo on feedback on verify on termout on
spool pstreeselector stats
ROLLBACK;
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER sysadm.pstreeselector_stats
BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE ON sysadm.pstreeselctl
FOR EACH ROW
DECLARE
  l_jobno
                 NUMBER:
  1 cmd
                  VARCHAR2 (1000):
  1_table_name VARCHAR2(18);
  l_suffix
                VARCHAR2(2);
REGIN
  1 table name := 'PSTREESELECT'||LTRIM(TO CHAR(:new.length,'00'));
  l suffix := SUBSTR(1 table name,-2);
l_cmd := 'dbms_stats.gather_table_stats(ownname=>user,tabname=>'''
l_table_name||''',force=>TRUE);'
                 := SUBSTR(1 table name, -2);
||'dbms_stats.set_column_stats(ownname=>user,tabname=>'''
||1 table_name||''',colname=>''RANGE_FROM_'||1 suffix||''',density=>1,force=>TRUE);'
| 'dbms stats.set column stats(ownname=>user,tabname=>''' | || _table_name||''',colname=>''RANGE_TO_'||1_suffix||''',density=>1,force=>TRUE);';
                                                                  . . .
  dbms_output.put_line(l_cmd);
  dbms_job.submit(l_jobno,l_cmd);
EXCEPTION WHEN OTHERS THEN NULL;
END;
set serveroutput on
show errors
rollback; 22
alter session set nls date format='hh24:mi:ss dd.mm.yyyy';
INSERT INTO sysadm.pstreeselctl VALUES('GFC',' ','GFC TEST',sysdate,42,42,sysdate,'R',1);
delete from sysadm.pstreeselctl where setid = 'GFC';
commit;
pause
select table name, num rows, last analyzed from user tables where table name like
'PSTREESELECT
                 ' order by 1,2,3;
select table_name, column_name, num_distinct, density from user_tab_columns where
table_name = 'PSTREESELECT01';
spool off
```

pstreeselector_stats.sql

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²² This part of the script is a test. It is necessary to pause for a few seconds to allow time for the job to run, before running the queries to see if the stats have been updated correctly on PSTREESELECT01 (which is not used by the application).

 $^{^{23}}$ When an insert or update is made to PSTREESELCTL the trigger submits a PL/SQL command string to the job scheduler and also prints the command out to the standard output channel. In nVision this output is simply lost, but can be seen when in SQL*Plus with serveroutput enabled

 $^{^{24}}$ Note that the density is 1 even though the number of distinct rows is 0. Normally density would be 0 in this case.

Database Partitioning of Ledger tables

Database partitioning is not an essential part of the nVision tuning solution, but it is extremely effective. It allows the database to eliminate partitions that cannot contain data of interest without having to scan them.

Most of the large queries in nVision are on the PS_LEDGER and PS_LEDGER_BUDG tables. They always apply to a specific finanacial year, and often to a single accounting period or they year to data. Therefore, these queries always contain an equi-join on the column FISCAL_YEAR, and will contain either an equi-join or between clause on ACCOUNTING_PERIOD. For example

```
SELECT A.ACCOUNT, SUM (A.POSTED TOTAL AMT)
FROM PS LEDGER A, PSTREESELECT05 L1
WHERE A.LEDGER='ACTUALS'
AND A.FISCAL_YEAR=2016 AND
A.ACCOUNTING_PERIOD=3
AND ...
```

A single period query

```
SELECT A.ACCOUNT, SUM (A.POSTED TOTAL AMT)
FROM PS LEDGER A, PSTREESELECT05 L1
WHERE A.LEDGER='ACTUALS'
AND A.FISCAL YEAR=2015 AND
A.ACCOUNTING_PERIOD BETWEEN 1 AND 9
AND ...
```

A year-to-date query

These queries will always benefit on from partitioning on FISCAL_YEAR. There is often some benefit to partitioning on ACCOUNTING_PERIOD, particularly the queries that compare with the same period to date in the pervious fiscal year.

Oracle can only partition in two dimensions.

Range Partitioning

I always recommend range partitioning the PS_LEDGER and PS_LEDGER_BUG tables in a single dimension on the combination of FISCAL_YEAR and ACCOUNTING PERIOD to produce single period partitions in the current and previous fiscal year. There should be a separate partition for period 0, which is used to bring entries forward from the previous year, and another partition for periods 998 and 999 which are used to carry entries forward to the next year.

I would create the use something along the following lines to recreate the tables (comments in footnotes)

```
CREATE TABLE ps ledger
(business unit VARCHAR2(5) NOT NULL
,ledger VARCHAR2(10) NOT NULL
TABLESPACE GLLARGE
PCTFREE 10 PCTUSED 80
PARTITION BY RANGE (FISCAL YEAR, ACCOUNTING PERIOD) 25
(PARTITION ledger 2012 VALUES LESS THAN (2013,0) PCTFREE 0<sup>26</sup> COMPRESS<sup>27</sup>
, PARTITION ledger 2013 VALUES LESS THAN (2014,0) PCTFREE 0 COMPRESS
,PARTITION ledger 2014 VALUES LESS THAN (2015,0)<sup>28</sup> PCTFREE 0 COMPRESS
, PARTITION ledger 2015 bf VALUES LESS THAN (2015,1) PCTFREE 0 COMPRESS
, PARTITION ledger 2015 11 VALUES LESS THAN (2015,12)
, PARTITION ledger 2015 12 VALUES LESS THAN (2015,13)
,PARTITION ledger_2015_cf VALUES LESS THAN (2016,0) 29
,PARTITION ledger 2016 bf VALUES LESS THAN (2016,1)
,PARTITION ledger 2016 12 VALUES LESS THAN (2016,13)
, PARTITION ledger 2016 cf VALUES LESS THAN (2017,0)
ENABLE ROW MOVEMENT
PARALLEL
NOLOGGING
```

²⁵ This is a single range partition but on the combination of two columns. This only works because there is never a predicate on ACCOUNTING_PERIOD without there also being a predicate on FISCAL_YEAR. It is the combination of these two columns that identify a single accounting period.

 $^{^{26}}$ Note that PCTFREE is set to 0 on these paratitions because the data is static, there is no need to reserve free space for updates.

²⁷ Simple compression has been specified so that when the table is rebuilt the data is compressed. This is only applied to historical partitions, because it will not apply to rows inserted in convential path mode by parts of the Oracle application. If you are licenced for other forms of compression you could employ them on all partitions, and different levels of compression on different partitions.

²⁸ There is no need to create single period partitions for older fiscal years. This data is static and is usually rarely accessed. Here, data for fiscal year 2014 is going to be in a partition called LEDGER_2014, and all the data values are less than 2015. Each year, as a maintenance task the partitions for the oldest year with periodic partitioning could be merged into a single partition, They could also be compressed during that operation.

²⁹ Single period partitions have been defined for the current and previous fiscal year.

Sub-partitioning

It is possible to sub-partition tables in Oracle. This is partitioning in a separate dimensions. Partitions can be eliminated independently in each dimension. Partitioning was introduced in 8i. Range-hash subpartitioning was available in 8i, range-list was introduced in 10g, and range-range partitioning in 11g.

Some, but not all, PeopleSoft GL systems will benefit from sub-partitioning. The partitioning column may also vary. It depends upon the data and the data volumes. There is no point having 90% of the data in one partition.

For example, a customer with several ledgers created separate list sub-partitions for each of the larger partitions.

```
CREATE TABLE ps_ledger
(business_unit VARCHAR2(5) NOT NULL
,ledger VARCHAR2(10) NOT NULL
...)
TABLESPACE GLLARGE
PCTFREE 10 PCTUSED 80
PARTITION BY RANGE(FISCAL_YEAR, ACCOUNTING_PERIOD)
SUBPARTITION BY LIST (LEDGER)
(PARTITION ledger_2012 VALUES LESS THAN (2013,0) PCTFREE 0 COMPRESS
(SUBPARTITION ledger 2012 act eur
VALUES ('ACT EUR')
,SUBPARTITION ledger_2012_act_usd
VALUES ('ACT_USD')
,SUBPARTITION ledger_2012_z_others
VALUES (DEFAULT)
)
...
```

At another customer where different regions processed their data at different times with different batch and reporting processs, list sub-partitions were proposed for the largest business units in each region.

```
CREATE TABLE ps ledger
(business unit VARCHAR2(5) NOT NULL
,ledger VARCHAR2(10) NOT NULL
...)

TABLESPACE GLLARGE
PCTFREE 10 PCTUSED 80
PARTITION BY RANGE(FISCAL_YEAR, ACCOUNTING_PERIOD)
SUBPARTITION BY LIST (BUSINESS UNIT)
(PARTITION ledger 2012 VALUES LESS THAN (2013,0) PCTFREE 0 COMPRESS
(SUBPARTITION ledger 2012 bu eur
VALUES ('BEL01','NLD01','FRA01')
,SUBPARTITION ledger_2012 bu_usa
VALUES ('NY001','CA001','TX001',...)
,SUBPARTITION ledger 2012 z others
VALUES (DEFAULT)
)
...
```

Tuning nVision Without Partitioning

The partitioning option is licenced option of Oracle Enterprise Edition. So it costs money.

The advantage of partitioning the ledger tables is that you can eliminate historical data, i.e. previous fiscal years, without having to scan them. As data builds up over time this saving is more significant. If you can't partition those tables you will have to scan through that historical data every time you query the data.

It is also common to have a long narrower tail of data for previous fiscal years due to migration. This skew can cause Oracle to miscalculate execution plans.

Even with partitioning it is important to purge unneeded fiscal years out of the LEDGER and LEDGER_BUG tables, but without it is essential³⁰.

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³⁰ Business users are almost universally averse to letting go of data, and most countries have legislation that requires retention of data for several years. I always say that I am happy for the data to be retained in the database, just not in the LEDGER and LEDGER_BUG tables. These are for recent data that is regularly in use.

SQL Outlines/Baselines/Profiles/Patches

I don't normally recommend any of the Oracle plan stability technologies in conjuction with nVision due to the dynamic nature of the SQL. However, in some very limited cases, it is the only way I have found to consistently control the execution plan of this statement.

Additional nVision Monitoring with Fine Grain Audit

I use Oracle Fine Grain Audit (FGA) to capture access to certain nVision control tables in order to:

- Set the session's ACTION attribute using DBMS_APPLICATION_INFO³¹ to the values on the NVS_REPORT table. That value will visible on v\$session and will be captured by AWR and ASH.
- Identify the report that is running and whether it is using dynamic selectors ³². This can identify layouts with tree performance overrides.

It should be implemented as follows:

Granted Privileges

• Action: Explicitly grant (not via a role) select privilege on audit table to SYSADM

```
GRANT SELECT ON sys.fga_log$ TO SYSADM;
GRANT EXECUTE ON sys.dbms_fga TO SYSADM;
```

Audit Handler Procedure

- Action: Script fga_hander.sql (called from fga_audit_create.sql) will create a PL/SQL package to act as an error handler for the audit policy on PS_NVS_REPORT.
 - It will extract the business unit and name of the report from the third and forth parameters in the audit data and set the action of the session accordingly³³.

```
REM fga_handler.sql
spool fga_handler
REM requires psftapi<sup>34</sup>
REM requires explicit
GRANT SELECT ON sys.fga log$ TO SYSADM;
```

³¹ Use of this package does not require any special licence.

³² Acknowledgements to <u>Tyler McPheeters</u> for the original idea and implementation.

³³ Although this might change from customer to customer, and some further customisation may be required.

³⁴ Available from http://www.go-faster.co.uk/scripts.htm#psftapi.sql

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE sysadm.aeg fga nvision handler
(object_schema VARCHAR2
AS
   1 sqlbind VARCHAR2(4000);
   1_parm3
                VARCHAR2(30);
   1_parm4
               VARCHAR2 (30):
BEGIN
  BEGIN
     SELECT x.lsqlbind
               SUBSTR(x.lsqlbind,x.start1,NVL(x.end1,x.lensqlbind+1)-x.start1) parm1
               SUBSTR(x.lsqlbind,x.start2,NVL(x.end2,x.lensqlbind+1)-x.start2) parm2
               SUBSTR(x.lsqlbind,x.start3,NVL(x.end3,x.lensqlbind+1)-x.start3) parm3
              SUBSTR(x.lsqlbind,x.start4,NVL(x.end4,x.lensqlbind+1)-x.start4) parm4 l sqlbind, l parm1, l parm2, l parm3, l parm4
      INTO
     FROM
       SELECT 1.*
                  NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\)\:',1,1,1,'i'),0) start1
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\)\:',1,2,0,'i'),0) end1
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\)\:',1,2,1,'i'),0) start2
                  NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\([0-9]+\)\:',1,2,1,'1'),0) start2
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\([0-9]+\)\:',1,3,1,'i'),0) end2
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\([0-9]+\)\:',1,3,1,'i'),0) start3
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\([0-9]+\)\:',1,4,0,'i'),0) end3
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\([0-9]+\)\:',1,4,1,'i'),0) start4
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\([0-9]+\)\:',1,5,1,'i'),0) end4
                  LENGTH(lsqlbind) lensqlbind
        FROM sys.fga log$ 1
      WHERE x.sessionid = USERENV('SESSIONID')
               x.entryid = USERENV('ENTRYID')
x.obj$name = 'PS_NVS_REPORT';
     AND
     AND
   EXCEPTION
     WHEN no data found THEN
        RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR(-20000,'AEG_FGA_NVISION_HANDER: No Audit Row');
   END:
   IF 1_parm4 IS NULL THEN
     1_parm4 := 1_parm3;
1_parm3 := 1_parm2;
      1 parm2 := 1 parm1;
   IF 1 parm4 IS NULL THEN
     1_parm4 := 1_parm3;
      1_parm3 := 1_parm2;
   END IF:
   IF 1_parm4 IS NULL THEN
  1_parm4 := 1_parm3;
END IF;
  dbms_output.put_line(l_sqlbind);
   dbms output.put line(l parm1);
  dbms output.put line(1 parm2);
  dbms output.put line(l parm3);
  dbms output.put line(l parm4);
dbms_application_info.set_action(SUBSTR('PI='||psftapi.get_prcsinstance()||':'||l_parm4||'
:'||1 parm3,1,64));
--EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'ALTER SESSION SET
TRACEFILE IDENTIFIER=''PI='||psftapi.get prcsinstance()||':'||1 parm4||':'||1 parm3||'''';
END;
show errors
```

³⁵ It could also set the name of the session trace file to the same value as action. That is currently commented out because even if not using trace, it can generate lots of small trace files with just header information.

```
rem this is a test - expected output 36
rem ERROR at line 1:
rem ORA-20000: AEG FGA NVISION HANDER: No Audit Row
rem ORA-06512: at "SYSADM.AEG_FGA_NVISION_HANDLER", line 28
rem ORA-06512: at line 1
exec aeg_fga_nvision_handler('SYSADM','PS_NVS_REPORT','PS_NVS_REPORT_SEL');
spool off
```

³⁶ The script includes a test of the error handle. It will produce an error message similar to that in the comments in the script. However, if the privileges on the FGA table and package are not in place you will get other errors.

Audit Policies

- Action: Script fga_audit_create.sql will implement FGA policies on
 - O PS_NVS_REPORT. Audit Select. To capture name of report.
 - PSTREESELNUM. Audit Select. To detect allocation of new selector numbers when tree selector tables are maintained.
 - PSTREESELECTnn (where nn between 01 and 30). Audit insert and delete on tree selector tables. To detect use of dynamic selectors and introduction of new trees.

```
REM fga audit create.sql
REM (c) 2016 David Kurtz
REM (c) 2014 T McPheeters
set echo on serveroutput on
spool fga_audit_create
 * track population/delete of tree selectors.
 ^{\star} detect dynamic selectors, detect dynamic selectors that were not deleted.
BEGIN
  FOR i IN(
    SELECT r.recname, t.table_name
    FROM psrecdefn r
           user_tables t
    WHERE r.rectype = 0
    AND t.table name = DECODE(r.sqltablename,' ','PS ')||r.recname
AND ( r.recname like 'PSTREESELECT ')
    AND NOT EXISTS (
          SELECT 'x'
            FROM user audit policies p
           WHERE p.object name = t.table name
AND p.policy name = r.recname)
    ORDER BY 1
 ) LOOP
    dbms output.put line('Creating FGA Policy '||i.recname||' on insert and delete on
'||i.table_name);
DBMS_FGA.ADD_POLICY(
     object schema => 'SYSADM',
object name => i.table name,
     object name => 1.table
object name => i.recname,
-> TRUE,
     enable => TRUE,

statement_types => 'INSERT, DELETE',

audit trail => DBMS FGA.DB + DBMS FGA.EXTENDED);
  END LOOP;
END;
 * track allocation of new selector num. Static selectors appear in PSTREESELCTL.
  DBMS FGA.ADD POLICY(
  statement types => 'SELECT',
audit trail => DBMS FGA.DB + DBMS FGA.EXTENDED);
END:
 ^{\star} This policy logs query on the control table from which nVision parameters are read
 * The error handle is used to name the oracle trace file. NB creates 0 length file even
if trace not invoked
                     **************
BEGIN
  DBMS FGA.ADD POLICY(
   object schema => 'SYSADM',
object name => 'PS NVS REPORT',
policy name => 'PS NVS REPORT',
  END:
 * This policy is used to log LEDGER queries
BEGIN
 DBMS FGA.ADD POLICY(
```

Audit Archive/Purge

The audit records need to be archived and purged. I would also recommend setting the audit purge job as described in the Oracle Database Security Guide, 23: Administering the Audit Trail (https://docs.oracle.com/database/121/DBSEG/audit admin.htm#DBSE G1026). I suggest matching the retention period to that of the ASH data.

I would suggest moving SYS.FGA_LOG\$ out of the SYSTEM tables to another tablespace³⁷.

³⁷ See https://oracle-base.com/articles/11g/auditing-enhancements-11gr2

Detecting Use of Dynamic Selectors

When nVision runs with dynamic selectors it populate PSTREESELECT. This triggers an FGA. The following query reports the FGA on PSTREESELECT and determines the report by finding the corresponding FGA for select on PS_NVL_REPORT

```
set pages 99 lines 200 long 4000 column policyname format a20 column oshst format a30 column parm2 format a20 column clientid format a20 column laghtour format a20
 column lsgltext format a60
column lsqlbind format a30 column stmt_type format a8
column ntimestamp# format a25 column mintimestamp format a25
  column maxtimestamp format a25
 with x as (
SELECT 1.*
                                         1.*
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\\)\:',1,1,1,'i'),0) start1
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\\)\:',1,2,0,'i'),0) end1
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\\)\:',1,2,1,'i'),0) start2
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\\)\:',1,3,0,'i'),0) end2
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\\)\:',1,3,1,'i'),0) start3
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\\)\:',1,4,0,'i'),0) end3
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\\)\:',1,4,1,'i'),0) start4
NULLIF(REGEXP_INSTR(lsqlbind,' #[0-9]+\\([0-9]+\\)\:',1,5,0,'i'),0) end4
LENGTH(lsqlbind) lensqlbind
svs.fga log$ 1
                    FROM
                                      sys.fga_log$ l
  ), y as
              SELECT x.
                                   CAST(SUBSTR(x.lsqlbind,x.start1,NVL(x.end1,x.lensqlbind+1)-x.start1) AS VARCHAR2(32)) parm1 CAST(SUBSTR(x.lsqlbind,x.start2,NVL(x.end2,x.lensqlbind+1)-x.start2) AS VARCHAR2(32)) parm2 CAST(SUBSTR(x.lsqlbind,x.start3,NVL(x.end3,x.lensqlbind+1)-x.start3) AS VARCHAR2(32)) parm3 CAST(SUBSTR(x.lsqlbind,x.start4,NVL(x.end4,x.lensqlbind+1)-x.start4) AS VARCHAR2(32)) parm4
              FROM
 select DISTINCT y.parm2
                       a.policyname
MIN(a.ntimestamp#) mintimestamp
                      MAX(a.ntimestamp#) maxtimestamp DECODE(a.stmt_type,1,'SELECT',2,'INSERT',8,'DELETE',a.stmt_type) stmt_type CAST(a.lsqltext AS VARCHAR2(1000)) lsqltext
                       sys.fga_log$ a
LEFT OUTER JOIN pstreeselctl s
                       ON CAST(a.lsqltext AS VARCHAR2(1000)) LIKE '%'||s.selector_num||'%'
                      y
a.policyname LIKE 'PSTREESELECT_'
a.ntimestamp# > sysdate-1
a.oshst like 'WINADROOT%'
a.oshst = y.oshst
a.sessionid = y.sessionid
y.policyname = 'PS_NVS_REPORT_SEL'
y.ntimestamp# = (
SELECT_MAX(h].ntimestamp#)
 WHERE
  and
  and
  and
                      y.ntimestamp# = (
    SELECT MAX(b1.ntimestamp#)
FROM     sys.fga log$ b1
WHERE    b1.policyname = y.policyname
    and    b1.oshst = y.oshst
    and    b1.sessionid = y.sessionid
    and    b1.ntimestamp# <= a.ntimestamp#)
    a.stmt_type = 2 --delete statements only
s.selector_num IS NULL --dynamic selector
RY a.policyname y.parm2</pre>
 and
GROUP BY a.policyname, y.parm2
, CAST(a.lsqltext AS VARCHAR2(1000))
```

PARM2 is the name of the report.

LSQL_TEXT shows the query that triggered the fine-grained audit and hence we can see the name of the tree involved.

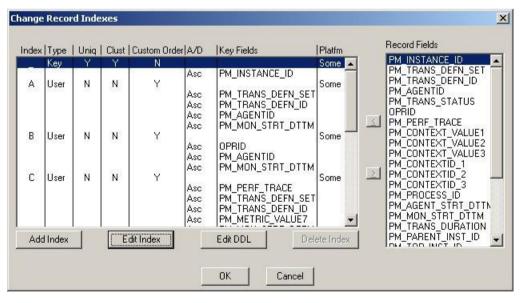
PARM2	POLICYNAME	LSQLTEXT
TR_RV_OP	PSTREESELECT10	DELETE FROM PSTREESELECT10 WHERE SELECTOR_NUM=279034
TR_RV_OP	PSTREESELECT10	DELETE FROM PSTREESELECT10 WHERE SELECTOR_NUM=279035
TR_RV_OP	PSTREESELECT10	INSERT INTO PSTREESELECT10(SELECTOR_NUM,TREE_NODE_NUM,RANGE_
		FROM_10,RANGE_TO_10) SELECT DISTINCT 279030,L.TREE_NODE_NUM,
		SUBSTR(L.RANGE_FROM,1,10), SUBSTR(L.RANGE_TO,1,10) FROM PSTR
		EELEAF L WHERE L.SETID='SHARE' AND L.SETCNTRLVALUE=' ' AND L
		.TREE_NAME='ACCTROLLUP' AND L.EFFDT=TO_DATE('2015-01-01','YY
		YY-MM-DD') AND L.TREE_NODE_NUM BETWEEN 1625000000 AND 168749

Other Recommended Changes

PeopleTools Index Platform Flags

Since PeopleTools 8.45 the platform radio button in PeopleTools is frequently set to 'some' though all the platform flags are ticked. This problem is explained at http://blog.psftdba.com/2006/08/peopletools-platform-flags-on-indexes.html





Though not part of the nVision performance work, it makes it much easier to review indexes in Application Designer if the platform button is set to ALL when all the flags are ticked.

Action: I recommend that it is applied to all PeopleSoft databases.

```
UPDATE PSVERSION
SET VERSION = VERSION + 1
WHERE OBJECTTYPENAME IN('SYS', 'RDM')
UPDATE PSLOCK
SET VERSION = VERSION + 1
WHERE OBJECTTYPENAME IN('SYS', 'RDM')
UPDATE PSRECDEFN
SET VERSION = (
  SELECT VERSION
  FROM PSVERSION
  WHERE OBJECTTYPENAME = 'RDM')
WHERE RECNAME IN (
  SELECT RECNAME
  FROM PSINDEXDEFN
  WHERE PLATFORM_DB2=PLATFORM_DBX
  AND PLATFORM_DBX=PLATFORM_INF
  AND PLATFORM_INF=PLATFORM_ORA
  AND PLATFORM ORA=PLATFORM SYB
  AND ( PLATFORM_ORA!=PLATFORM_SBS
    OR PLATFORM_ORA!=PLATFORM_ALB
    OR PLATFORM_ORA!=PLATFORM_DB4)
UPDATE psindexdefn
SET PLATFORM_DB4=PLATFORM_ORA
WHERE PLATFORM_DB2=PLATFORM_DBX
AND PLATFORM_DBX=PLATFORM_INF
AND PLATFORM_INF=PLATFORM_ORA
AND PLATFORM_ORA=PLATFORM_SYB
AND PLATFORM_SYB=PLATFORM_MSS
AND PLATFORM_ORA!=PLATFORM_DB4
UPDATE psindexdefn
SET PLATFORM_ALB=PLATFORM_ORA
WHERE PLATFORM_DB2=PLATFORM_DBX
AND PLATFORM_DBX=PLATFORM_INF
AND PLATFORM_INF=PLATFORM_ORA
AND PLATFORM_ORA=PLATFORM_SYB
AND PLATFORM_SYB=PLATFORM_MSS
AND PLATFORM_ORA!=PLATFORM_ALB
UPDATE psindexdefn
SET PLATFORM_SBS=PLATFORM_ORA
WHERE PLATFORM_DB2=PLATFORM_DBX
AND PLATFORM_DBX=PLATFORM_INF
AND PLATFORM_INF=PLATFORM_ORA
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```
AND PLATFORM_ORA=PLATFORM_SYB
AND PLATFORM_ORA!=PLATFORM_SSS

AND PLATFORM_ORA!=PLATFORM_SBS

/

COMMIT
/
```

Platformfix.sql