



# DB2 10 A Technical Overview of New Features Part II



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# Time Travel Query (Temporal Tables)



## Time Travel Query

### Lower Costs and Risks with Less Code

- Optimized for meeting audit and compliance inquiries
- Point-in-time queries without the burden of changing application
- Standardized support for temporal insert, update, and delete operations
- Reduce risks, lower costs, and save time

#### employees

EmpID	Dept	System_start	System_end
12345	M15	05/31/2000	12/31/9999

#### employees\_history

EmpID	Dept	System_start	System_end
12345	J13	11/15/1995	01/31/1998
12345	M24	01/31/1998	05/31/2000
67890	K25	11/15/1995	03/31/2000

Which department is employee 12345 in?

```
SELECT Dept FROM employees
WHERE EmpID=12345
```

Which department was employee 12345 in on 12/01/1997?

```
SELECT Dept FROM employees
FOR SYSTEM_TIME AS OF '12/01/1997'
WHERE EmpID=12345
```

**Create Historical Queries with Less Effort and Reduced Costs**

## Temporal Tables - What are They? (cont.)

- **Built into DB2**
  - Automatic and transparent
- **Three types of temporal tables**

### *System-period temporal tables (STTs)*

- DB2 stores deleted rows or old versions of updated rows in a history table
- You can query the past state of your data
- Example: employees who have left the company

### *Application-period temporal tables (ATTs)*

- You assign a date range to a data row, indicating the period when the data is valid
- Example: insurance policy effective dates

### *Bi-temporal Tables*

- Combination of STT and ATT
- Keep user-based period information as well as system-based historical information

## System-Period Temporal Tables (STTs)

- **Allow you to maintain historical versions of the rows in the table**
- **You create base table and identical history table, including three specific columns**
  - `Row-begin` column: time at which the row data became current
  - `Row-end` column: time at which the row data was no longer current
  - `Transaction start-ID` column: time when execution started for the transaction affecting the row
- **DB2 migrates rows from base table to history table as changes occur, updating the three columns as required**
  - `Row-begin` and `row-end` times will be different for base and history tables
  - `Transaction start-ID` will usually be same as `row-begin` for base table
- **After table creation, all management of base and history is automatic and transparent**
- **Queries transparently access history table as needed**

# How to Define a System-Period Temporal Table

## 1. CREATE a table with a SYSTEM\_TIME attribute

```
CREATE TABLE travel(  
  trip_name CHAR(30) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,  
  destination CHAR(12) NOT NULL,  
  departure_date DATE NOT NULL,  
  price DECIMAL (8,2) NOT NULL,  
  sys_start TIMESTAMP(12) NOT NULL generated always as row begin implicitly hidden,  
  sys_end TIMESTAMP(12) NOT NULL generated always as row end implicitly hidden,  
  tx_start TIMESTAMP(12) generated always as transaction start id implicitly hidden,  
  PERIOD SYSTEM_TIME (sys_start, sys_end) in travel_space;
```

Captures the begin and end times when the data in a row is current

## 2. CREATE the history table

```
CREATE TABLE travel_history like travel in hist_space;  
[ALTER TABLE travel_history APPEND ON;] OPTIONAL
```

## 3. ADD VERSIONING to the system-period temporal table to establish a link to the history table

```
ALTER TABLE travel  
ADD VERSIONING USE HISTORY TABLE travel_history;
```

## Insert Data Into a System-Period Temporal Table

- Add new trips: Amazonia, departing on 10/28/2011, and Ski Heavenly Valley, departing on 3/1/2011

Current Date = January 1, 2011

```
INSERT INTO travel VALUES ('Amazonia', 'Brazil', '10/28/2011', 1000.00)
INSERT INTO travel VALUES ('Ski Heavenly Valley', 'California', '03/01/2011', 400.00)
```

System validity period  
(inclusive, exclusive)

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	sys_start	sys_end
Amazonia	Brazil	10/28/2011	1000.00	01/01/2011	12/30/9999
Ski Heavenly Valley	California	03/01/2011	400.00	01/01/2011	12/30/9999

Both `sys_start` and `sys_end` columns are inserted by DB2, not the application. For simplicity, they are represented here as `DATES`, rather than `TIMESTAMPS`



## Alter and Update a System-Period Temporal Table

- Destination name is not explicit enough. Alter the `DESTINATION` column to make it longer
  - Current Date = February 15, 2011

```
ALTER TABLE travel ALTER COLUMN destination SET DATA TYPE VARCHAR(50)
```

- Now `UPDATE` the destination column for `Ski Heavenly Valley` to make it clearer
  - Note: history table modification is automatically done by DB2

```
UPDATE travel SET destination = 'Lake Tahoe, CA'
WHERE trip_name = 'Ski Heavenly Valley'
```

### Base table

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	sys_start	sys_end
Amazonia	Brazil	10/28/2011	1000.00	01/01/2011	12/30/9999
Ski Heavenly Valley	Lake Tahoe, CA	03/01/2011	400.00	02/15/2011	12/30/9999

New sys\_start date

System validity period inclusive, exclusive)

### History table

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	sys_start	sys_end
Ski Heavenly Valley	California	03/01/2011	400.00	01/01/2011	02/15/2011

DB2 inserted row into history table automatically and supplied `sys_start` and `sys_end` dates

## Delete from a System-Period Temporal Table

- We are no longer offering the Ski Heavenly Valley trip – DELETE it
  - Current Date = April 1, 2011

```
DELETE FROM travel WHERE trip_name = 'Ski Heavenly Valley'
```

### Base table

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	sys_start	sys_end
Amazonia	Brazil	10/28/2011	1000.00	01/01/2011	12/30/9999

Ski Heavenly Valley has been removed from base table

System validity period  
(inclusive, exclusive)

### History table

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	sys_start	sys_end
Ski Heavenly Valley	California	03/01/2011	400.00	01/01/2011	02/15/2011
Ski Heavenly Valley	Lake Tahoe, CA	03/01/2011	400.00	02/15/2011	04/01/2011

DB2 inserted row into history table automatically and supplied `sys_start` and `sys_end` dates

## Query a System-Period Temporal Table

*(These queries access the table on the previous page)*

- **Query the past: what trips were available on 03/01/2011 for less than \$500?**
  - Current date = May 1, 2011

```
SELECT trip_name FROM travel FOR SYSTEM_TIME AS OF '03/01/2011'  
WHERE price < 500.00
```

- Result: Ski Heavenly Valley

- **Query the present: what trips are currently available to Brazil?**

```
SELECT trip_name FROM travel WHERE destination = 'Brazil'
```

- Result: Amazonia

Defaults to the current table only - functions as if we added  
`FOR SYSTEM TIME AS OF CURRENT DATE`

- **Query the past and the present: In 2011, how many different tours were offered?**

```
SELECT COUNT (DISTINCT trip_name) FROM travel  
FOR SYSTEM_TIME BETWEEN '01/01/2011' AND '01/01/2012'
```

- Result: 2

## Application-Period Temporal Tables (ATTs)

- **Allow you to store time-sensitive data**
  - e.g. insurance policy terms on different dates
- **Each row has a pair of `TIMESTAMP` or `DATE` columns, stored by the application**
  - `Begin` column: represents the time at which row data begins to be valid
  - `End` column: represents the time at which row data ceases to be valid
  - e.g. time range during which a price is in effect for an item
- **Data values in these columns are controlled by the user or application**
- **DB2 adds, splits, or deletes rows as needed, automatically and transparently**
- **Can be used to model data in the past, present, and future**
- **Constraints can be automatically enforced to disallow overlapping validity periods**
- **Unlike System-period temporal tables (STTs), no separate history table is required**
  - Current and past data are together in the 'base' table

## How to Define an Application-Period Temporal Table

- **CREATE** a table with a **BUSINESS\_TIME** attribute

```
CREATE TABLE travel
  (trip_name CHAR(25) NOT NULL,
   destination CHAR(8) NOT NULL,
   departure_date DATE NOT NULL,
   price DECIMAL(8,2) NOT NULL,
   bus_start DATE NOT NULL,
   bus_end DATE NOT NULL,
   PERIOD BUSINESS_TIME (bus_start, bus_end),
   PRIMARY KEY (trip_name, BUSINESS_TIME WITHOUT OVERLAPS));
```

PERIOD (bus\_start, bus\_end)  
is (inclusive, exclusive)  
The bus\_start column in the  
PERIOD clause must be less than  
the bus\_end column

trip\_name plus the bus\_start and bus\_end PERIOD form a unique primary key.

DB2 enforces that there are no overlapping PERIODs for trip\_name.

## Insert Data into a Application-Period Temporal Table

- Add new trip: **Manu Wilderness**, departing on **08/02/2011**
  - Current date = May 01, 2011

```
INSERT INTO travel VALUES (  
'Manu Wilderness', 'Peru', '08/02/2011', 1500.00, '05/01/2011', '01/01/2012')
```

**bus\_start** and **bus\_end** columns are inserted by the application, not DB2

BUSINESS\_TIME period  
(inclusive, exclusive)

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	bus_start	bus_end
Manu Wilderness	Peru	08/02/2011	1500.00	05/01/2011	01/01/2012

## Application-Period Temporal Table – Unique Enforcement

- Manu Wilderness trip has sold out, so we'll add another section departing on 11/2/2011, which is available starting on 10/01/2011 through the end of 2011
  - Current date = Sept. 1, 2011

```
INSERT INTO travel VALUES (
  'Manu Wilderness', 'Peru', '11/02/2011', 1500.00, '10/01/2011', '01/01/2012')
```

INSERT fails: **bus\_start** and **bus\_end** PERIOD of **inserted row** cannot overlap **bus\_start** and **bus\_end** times of **existing rows** (they form a unique primary key with **trip\_name**)

BUSINESS\_TIME period  
(inclusive, exclusive)

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	bus_start	bus_end
Manu Wilderness	Peru	08/02/2011	1500.00	05/01/2011	06/01/2011
Manu Wilderness	Peru	08/02/2011	1000.00	06/01/2011	07/01/2011
Manu Wilderness	Peru	08/02/2011	1500.00	07/01/2011	01/01/2012

## Application-Period Temporal Table – Valid Insert

- **Solution to INSERT error on previous page. Change name of new section to ‘Manu Wilderness 2’ and re-INSERT**
  - Current date = Sept. 1, 2011

```
INSERT INTO travel VALUES (
    'Manu Wilderness 2', 'Peru', '11/02/2011', 1500.00, '10/01/2011', '01/01/2012')
```

**SUCCESS!**  
New line inserted  
in blue

BUSINESS\_TIME period  
(inclusive, exclusive)

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	bus_start	bus_end
Manu Wilderness	Peru	08/02/2011	1500.00	05/01/2011	06/01/2011
Manu Wilderness	Peru	08/02/2011	1000.00	06/01/2011	07/01/2011
Manu Wilderness	Peru	08/02/2011	1500.00	07/01/2011	01/01/2012
Manu Wilderness 2	Peru	11/02/2011	1500.00	10/01/2011	01/01/2012



## DELETE from an Application-Period Temporal Table

- **Mudslide has wiped out the Manu Wilderness Lodge. Discontinue the Manu Wilderness trips until they rebuild**
  - Current date = Sept. 15, 2011

```
DELETE FROM travel FOR PORTION OF BUSINESS_TIME FROM '09/15/2011'
TO '12/30/9999' WHERE trip_name LIKE 'Manu Wilderness%'
```

BUSINESS\_TIME period  
(inclusive, exclusive)

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	bus_start	bus_end
Manu Wilderness	Peru	08/02/2011	1500.00	05/01/2011	06/01/2011
Manu Wilderness	Peru	08/02/2011	1000.00	06/01/2011	07/01/2011
Manu Wilderness	Peru	08/02/2011	1500.00	07/01/2011	09/15/2011

DB2 has changed bus\_end column for Manu Wilderness trip to 09/15/2011

DB2 has DELETED row for Manu Wilderness 2 trip because the entire PERIOD for the row was later than 9/15/2011

## Bi-temporal Tables

- Combine application-period (ATT) and system-period (STT) capabilities
- Every row has a pair of **TIMESTAMPS** (**SYSTEM\_TIME** period) set by DB2 and a pair of **TIMESTAMP** or **DATE** columns (**BUSINESS\_TIME** period) set by the application

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	bus_start	bus_end	sys_start	sys_end
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	02/15/2011	50.00	02/01/2011	02/16/2011	02/01/2011	12/30/9999

- You can query in both **business\_time** and **system\_time**
  - Example: What trips were offered on June 20, 2011, as recorded in the database on May 10, 2011?

```
SELECT trip_name, destination FROM TRAVEL FOR BUSINESS_TIME AS OF
'06/20/2011' FOR SYSTEM_TIME AS OF '2011-05-10';
```

- Similar **INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE** behavior to ATTs
  - Rows inserted/split/deleted as required
- UPDATE** and **DELETE** cause automatic insertion into the corresponding **STT** history table
- SELECT** will go to **STT** history as needed to get rows

## How to Define a Bi-temporal Table

```
CREATE TABLE travel(  
  trip_name CHAR(25) NOT NULL,  
  destination CHAR(8) NOT NULL,  
  departure_date DATE NOT NULL,  
  price DECIMAL(8,2) NOT NULL,  
  BUS_START DATE NOT NULL ,  
  BUS_END DATE NOT NULL ,  
  SYS_START TIMESTAMP(12) NOT NULL  
    GENERATED ALWAYS AS ROW BEGIN IMPLICITLY HIDDEN,  
  SYS_END TIMESTAMP(12) NOT NULL  
    GENERATED ALWAYS AS ROW END IMPLICITLY HIDDEN,  
  TX_ID TIMESTAMP(12)  
    GENERATED ALWAYS AS TRANSACTION START ID IMPLICITLY HIDDEN,  
  PERIOD SYSTEM_TIME (SYS_START, SYS_END) ,  
  PERIOD BUSINESS_TIME (BUS_START, BUS_END) ,  
  PRIMARY KEY (trip_name, BUSINESS_TIME WITHOUT OVERLAPS));  
  
CREATE TABLE travel_history LIKE travel;  
  
ALTER TABLE travel ADD VERSIONING USE HISTORY TABLE travel_history;
```

Application-temporal (ATT)  
keywords

System-temporal (STT) keywords

## Insert Data into a Bi-temporal Table

- Add new trip: Alligator Swamp, departing 3 times in 2011, on 2/15/2011, 5/15/2011, and 10/15/2011
  - Current date = Feb. 1, 2011

```
INSERT INTO TRAVEL VALUES ('Alligator Swamp', 'Louisiana',
'02/15/2011', 50.00, '02/01/2011', '02/16/2011')
```

- Plus 2 more INSERT statements for departure\_dates 05/15/2011 and 10/15/2011

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	bus_start	bus_end	sys_start	sys_end
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	02/15/2011	50.00	02/01/2011	02/16/2011	02/01/2011	12/30/9999
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	05/15/2011	50.00	02/16/2011	05/16/2011	02/01/2011	12/30/9999
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	10/15/2011	50.00	05/16/2011	10/16/2011	02/01/2011	12/30/9999

Both `sys_start` and `sys_end` columns are inserted by DB2, not the application. For simplicity, they are represented here as `DATES`, rather than `TIMESTAMPS`

`_tx_id` is hidden

## Update Bi-temporal Business Time

- Change departure date for 3rd section from October 15 to September 15, and update valid period during which trip can be booked (`bus_end`)
  - Current date = Feb 2, 2011

```
UPDATE travel SET departure_date = '09/15/2011', bus_end = '09/16/2011'
WHERE trip_name = 'Alligator Swamp' and departure_date = '10/15/2011'
```

### Base table

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	bus_start	bus_end	sys_start	sys_end
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	02/15/2011	50.00	02/01/2011	02/16/2011	02/01/2011	12/30/9999
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	05/15/2011	50.00	02/16/2011	05/16/2011	02/01/2011	12/30/9999
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	09/15/2011	50.00	05/16/2011	09/16/2011	02/02/2011	12/30/2099

### History table

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	bus_start	bus_end	sys_start	sys_end
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	10/15/2011	50.00	05/16/2011	10/16/2011	02/01/2011	02/02/2011

Application determined new `bus_end` time;  
DB2 sets new `sys_start` value and inserts old row into history table

## Delete Portion of Bi-temporal Business Time

- Alligator Swamp guide quit; remove trip for 3 months while we find a new guide
  - Current date – June 1, 2011

```
DELETE FROM travel FOR PORTION OF BUSINESS TIME FROM '06/01/2011'
TO '09/1/2011' WHERE trip_name = 'Alligator Swamp'
```

### Base table

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	bus_start	bus_end	sys_start	sys_end
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	02/15/2011	50.00	02/01/2011	02/16/2011	02/01/2011	12/30/9999
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	05/15/2011	50.00	02/16/2011	05/16/2011	02/01/2011	12/30/9999
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	09/15/2011	50.00	05/16/2011	06/01/2011	06/01/2011	12/30/2099
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	09/15/2011	50.00	09/01/2011	09/16/2011	06/01/2011	12/30/9999

### History table

trip_name	destination	departure_date	price	bus_start	bus_end	sys_start	sys_end
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	10/15/2011	50.00	05/16/2011	10/16/2011	02/01/2011	02/02/2011
Alligator Swamp	Louisiana	09/15/2011	50.00	05/16/2011	09/16/2011	02/02/2011	06/01/2011

## Views on Temporal Table

- Views may be defined on system-period temporal tables (base and history), application-period temporal tables, or bi-temporal tables
- All syntax (e.g. FOR PORTION OF, AS OF, FROM...TO, etc.) is supported for views
- Two types of views may be defined for temporal tables
  - View definition **containing** FOR BUSINESS\_TIME or FOR SYSTEM\_TIME  
Restricts the view to a period in time

```
CREATE VIEW travel_view AS SELECT * FROM travel FOR  
SYSTEM_TIME BETWEEN '06/30/2011' AND '01/01/2012';  
SELECT * FROM travel_view;
```

Restriction: queries against the view can't also contain FOR BUSINESS TIME  
or FOR SYSTEM TIME  
Would lead to ambiguity or conflicts

- View definition **without** FOR BUSINESS\_TIME or FOR SYSTEM\_TIME  
Data from all periods is available to the query

```
CREATE VIEW travel_view AS SELECT * FROM travel;  
SELECT * FROM travel_view FOR BUSINESS_TIME AS OF '01/01/2011';
```

# Special Registers



- **You can set the clock back or forward to a specific time for a given session**
  - No changes required for application!
- **Special registers**
  - CURRENT TEMPORAL BUSINESS\_TIME
  - CURRENT TEMPORAL SYSTEM\_TIME
- **Setting one or both of these registers allows you to query**
  - Past point in SYSTEM\_TIME
  - Past or future point in BUSINESS\_TIME

```
DB2 SET CURRENT TEMPORAL SYSTEM_TIME = CURRENT_TIMESTAMP - 1 YEAR
DB2 SET CURRENT TEMPORAL BUSINESS_TIME = '2012-12-31'
```

- **Implicit period specification attached to SQL statements**
  - FOR BUSINESS\_TIME AS OF CURRENT TEMPORAL BUSINESS\_TIME
  - FOR SYSTEM\_TIME AS OF CURRENT TEMPORAL SYSTEM\_TIME



# Summary Part II

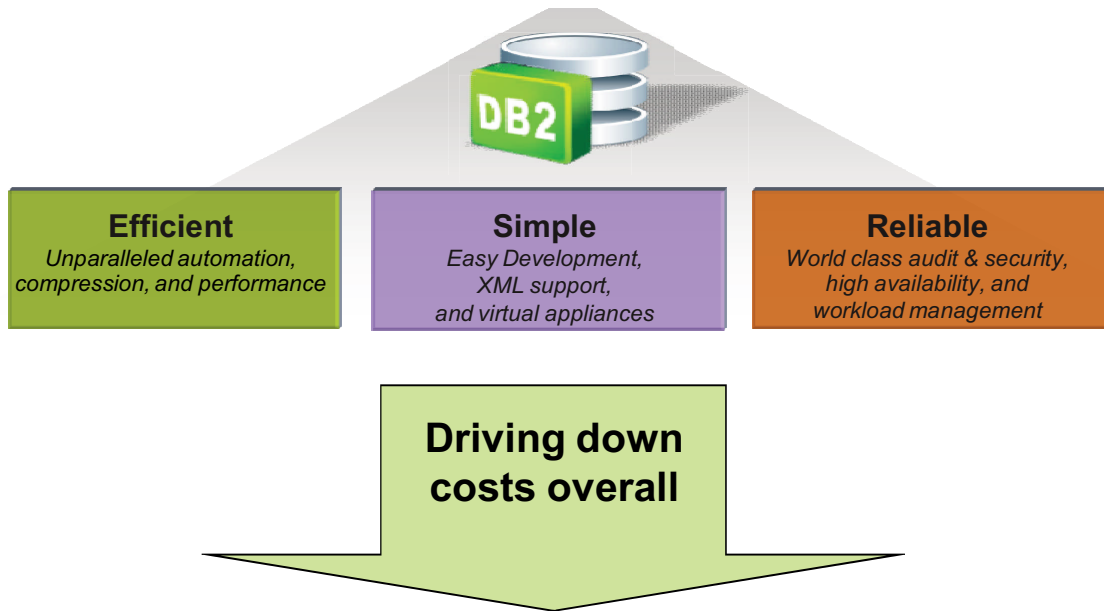


## Summary

- **Adaptive Compression provides continuous compression advantages as data values change over time without having to rebuild the static table compression dictionary**
  - Combines static table compression with adaptive page level compression
  
- **DB2 HADR now supports up to 3 standby databases and delayed log apply on an auxiliary standby**
  
- **Time Travel Query provides Bitemporal table support to enable queries against business time or system time**
  - The capability to query data in the past, present, or future

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## Building on the Three Tenets of DB2



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