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delaying constraint checks until the end of a transaction by creating a check stack during the course of the transaction and executing entries on the check stack at the end of the transaction,

by a stack maker module operatively connected to a runtime module in said database system: receiving data from said runtime module, and

creating and updating said check stack, and retrieving constraints from said conceptual rules module,

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the Update DML operation calling up the stack maker module leading to said delete process followed by said insert process being performed on the check stack, and

by an enforcer module: receiving check data from the check stack, processing the check data received from the check stack, and providing resulting data to the runtime module,

wherein said constraints are constraints executed within the transaction which allow conceptual rules to be broken during the transaction, but allow the database system to be in a consistent state at the beginning and end of the transaction.

Analyst Note: Evidence demonstrates that Oracle Data Integrator (target product) includes a data integrity framework for ensuring the quality of a data store. Oracle Data Integrator uses data integrity rules (set of constraints) defined in its centralized metadata repository. These rules are applied to application data to guarantee the integrity of the data in the target data store. Based on the constraints rules check on data, the correct data can be integrated into target data store (permitted state) while incorrect data is

Data Quality with ODI:

With an approach based on declarative rules, **Oracle Data Integrator is the appropriate tool to help you build a data quality framework that addresses data inconsistencies. Oracle Data Integrator uses declarative rules in its centralized metadata repository. These rules are applied to application data to guarantee the integrity and consistency of enterprise information.** The benefits add to the overall Data Quality initiative and facilitate future business processes addressing this particular need. **Oracle Data Integrator automatically retrieves existing data (such as database constraints) by a reverse-engineering process that allows developers to define additional, user-defined declarative rules for data discovery and profiling within ODI, and immediately check data.** Oracle Data Integrator provides a built-in framework to check data in the following ways:

- Check data in your data servers, to validate that this data matches the rules declared on the datastores in Oracle Data Integrator. This is a static check and is performed on data models and datastores. This allows you to profile the quality of the data against rules that are not supported by the technology.
- Check data while it is moved and transformed by a mapping process. This checks the data flow against the rules defined on the target data store. **check, correct data can be integrated into the target data store, and incorrect data is automatically moved into error tables.**

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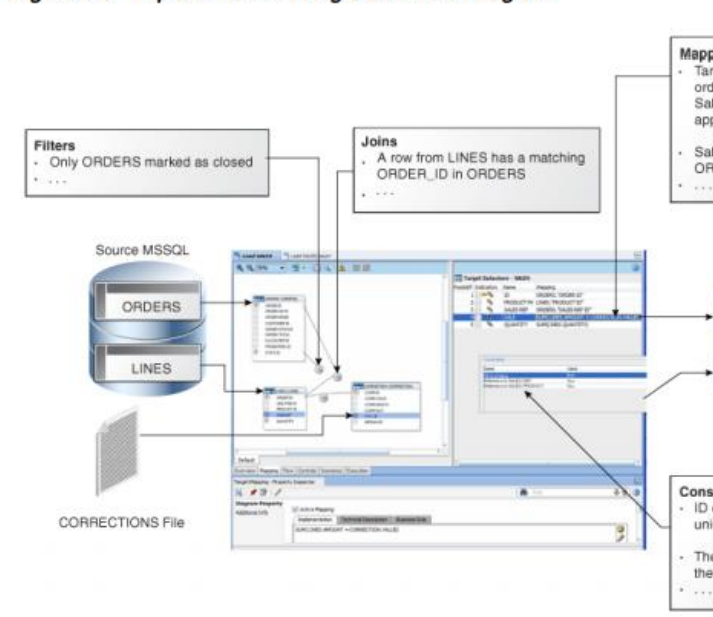
Analyst Note: Evidence demonstrates the implementation using Oracle Data Integrator uses a set of constraints (rules) to check the validity (integrity)

Introduction to Mappings

A mapping is an Oracle Data Integrator object stored that enforces data transformations between source and target datastores with data transformed from source datastores, **implemented as joins, filters and constraints.**

A constraint is an object that defines the rules enforced on the target data. A constraint ensures the validity of the data in a given data model. Constraints on the target are used to check the data before integration in the target.

Figure 1-3 Implementation using Oracle Data Integrator



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Analyst Note: Evidence demonstrates that target product uses check knowledge modules (CKM) to check the consistency of data stored in the database (the constraint check process is delayed) against constraints (rules), target product first creates the I\$ flow table (check stack) and then CKM accepts a set of data into the flow table (check stack) at the end of a transaction. This further illustrates that delaying constraint checks against the data after creating the table as discussed in the next slide.

Check Knowledge Modules (CKM)

The CKM is in charge of checking that records of a data source conform to the defined constraints. The CKM is used to maintain data integrity as part of an overall data quality initiative. The CKM can be used in 2 ways:
■ To check the consistency of existing data. This can be done through the user interfaces, by setting the STATIC_CONTROL option to "Yes". The data currently checked is the data currently in the datastore. In the second case, the datastore is checked after it is loaded.

■ **To check consistency of the incoming data before loading it into the datastore. This is done by using the FLOW_CONTROL option. This simulates the constraints of the target datastore on the data before writing to the target.**

The CKM accepts a set of constraints and the name of the table to which an "E\$" error table which it writes all the rejected records to. The CKM also writes the erroneous records from the checked result set.

Source: https://docs.oracle.com/cd/E17904_01/integrate.1111/e12645.pdf

Source/Target Transaction: Transaction where the commit is successful

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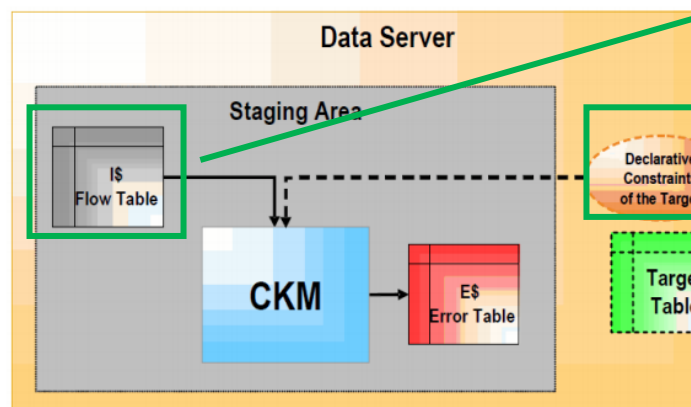
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Analyst Note: The screenshot demonstrates the check knowledge module uses constraint rules against the "I\$" flow table (check stack) that governs database system.

The following figures show how a CKM operates in both STAGING and FLOW_CONTROL modes.

In FLOW_CONTROL mode, the CKM reads the constraint rules from the Declarative Constraint Interface. It checks these constraints against the data contained in the staging area. Records that violate these constraints are placed in the staging area.

Figure 1-3 Check Knowledge Module (FLOW_CONTROL)



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