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Introduction Guide

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Preface

The *MDM-RE Introduction Guide* provides an overview of the purpose of MDM Registry product.

Learning About Informatica MDM Registry

This section provides details of documentation available with the Informatica MDM Registry product.

Introduction Guide

Introduces MDM Registry product and its related terminology. It may be read by anyone with no prior knowledge of the product who requires a general overview of MDM Registry.

Installation Guide

This manual is intended to be the first technical material a new user reads before installing the MDM Registry software, regardless of the platform or environment.

Design Guide

This is a guide that describes the steps needed to design, define and load an MDM Registry "System".

Developer Guide

This manual describes how to develop a custom search client application using the MDM - Registry Edition API.

Operations Guide

This manual describes the operation of the run-time components of MDM - Registry Edition, such as servers, search clients and other utilities.

Populations and Controls Guide

This manual describes SSA-Name3 populations and the controls they support. The latter are added to the Controls statement used within an IDX-Definition or Search-Definition section of the SDF.

Security Framework Guide

This manual describes how to implement security in the MDM-RE product.

Release Notes

The Release Notes contain information about what's new in this version of MDM - Registry Edition. It is also summarizes any documentation updates as they are published.

What Do I Read If. . .

I am. . .

. . . a business manager

The INTRODUCTION to MDM- Registry Edition will address questions such as "Why have we got MDM - Registry Edition?", "What does MDM - Registry Edition do"?

I am. . .

. . . installing the product?

Before attempting to install MDM-RE, you should read the INSTALLATION GUIDE to learn about the prerequisites and to help you plan the installation and implementation of the MDM-Registry Edition.

I am. . .

...an Analyst or Application Programmer?

A high-level overview is provided specifically for Application Programmers in the INTRODUCTION to MDM Registry Edition.

When designing and developing the application programs, refer to the DEVELOPER GUIDE which describes a typical application process flow and API parameters. Working example programs that illustrate the calls to MDM-RE in various languages are available under the <MDM-RE_client_installation>/samples directory.

I am. . .

...designing and administering Systems?

The process of designing, defining and creating Systems is described in the DESIGN GUIDE. Administering the servers and utilities is described in the OPERATIONS manual.

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CHAPTER 1

Overview

This manual gives an overview of the purpose of Informatica MDM - Registry Edition™ (MDM-RE) and introduces MDM-RE terminology.

MDM - Registry Edition

"Out of the Box" Software

MDM - Registry Edition (MDM-RE) is "out of the box" software to add search and matching applications to identity data stored in databases and DataWarehouses. On-line and Batch Identity Search and Matching Clients are provided for LAN, Intranet and Web Systems.

Without programming or change to existing databases this software provides ready to use on-line inquiry and batch processing of identification data about people, companies, addresses and products. Very high quality results are achieved regardless of the quality, format or variation of the user's data.

Custom Clients can be built in a variety of other development languages.

Overcomes spelling and word variation

When searching and matching names and addresses and other identity data, MDM-RE overcomes spelling, keying, word variation and sequence errors. It addresses the fact that transactions often contain repeated identity fields such as prior names and addresses, aliases, compound names, and multiple identity or phone numbers. The matching of dates and codes compensates for the particular error and variation found in this class of data.

Data does not require cleaning or enhancement

The user's source data can be formatted or unformatted and does not require cleaning or enhancement. MDM-RE supports data from all countries, in local character sets.

Achieves productive results quickly

With initial specialist help, productive results can be achieved in the user's environment in a few days. Because of the rapid setup time, iterative tuning with users can be based upon actual results with production data, rather than the typical lengthy design, build, test and change process.

Large volumes of data can be processed

MDM-RE is a highly scalable system that operates efficiently on servers running Unix and Windows. Large volumes of data can be processed and it is not constrained by operating system file size limits.

Rulebase Driven Implementation

During installation, the definition of the user's database tables is used to choose and customize the required search and matching features. These are then stored as meta-data rules in the user's database. The Rulebase is maintained with a GUI Rulebase editor.

High-Performance Indexes

High performance MDM-RE Indexes are automatically generated and maintained with no change to existing business application programs or databases.

Identity Search Clients for LAN, Intranet and Web Applications

The MDM-RE on-line and batch client applications provide high quality identity search, matching and duplicate finding despite the unavoidable error and variation in name, address and other identity data. The search clients are controlled by customizable rules so that they may be designed to suit the data and needs of the users.

The client applications can be used on local client terminals, LANs and as WEB applets. The user of the on-line client can enter the search data in any convenient format, and view the candidate records in a flexible table or fixed field format.

Additional searches can be conducted using the data from any record found, and a history of current searches is maintained. The batch client supports search and matching from a user's input transaction file; output can be to screen or file in a variety of formats.

Search Server

Search Server provides on-line search and matching services to applications used by multiple concurrent users.

Flexible Search Algorithms & Matching Schemes

The search algorithms use rich, highly compressed keys for names, addresses, titles or descriptions. The search strategies are calculated in real time, based on the data being searched for.

The search clients satisfy business needs that range from the extreme positive, where the search data is reliable and a close match is expected, to the extreme negative where it is essential to prove that there is no match on file.

The matching schemes used to choose candidate records are tuned and tested to mimic an expert human operator making identification decisions that suit the specific business purpose. Matching schemes for persons, households, companies, and all forms of transactions and documents are available.

CHAPTER 2

Terminology

The following terminologies are used in the MDM-RE product:

Batch Search Client - DupFinder

Refers to the rule based search client provided with MDM-RE to run duplicate searches within an IDT. Output is to a file or database table.

Batch Search Client - Relate

Refers to the rule-based batch C search client provided with MDM-RE to run searches against the MDM-RE Identity Indexes via the Search Server. Input is from a file or database tables. Output is written to a file or database table.

MDM-RE Console

The MDM-RE Console is used to administer the operational aspects of MDM-RE, including System Loading, Table Loading, and the startup and shutdown of the servers. The MDM-RE Console is comprised of the Console Server and Console Client.

MDM-RE Identity Table (IDT)

An MDM-RE Identity Table (IDT) is a table stored in the user's database containing denormalized and transformed matching and display data extracted by MDM-RE from the User Source Table(s). The IDT is accessible using native SQL.

MDM-RE Identity Index (IDX)

An MDM-RE Identity Index (IDX) is a table stored in the user's database containing key information plus compressed matching and display data. Each IDX maps to a physical index (IDX_i). This is also known as a heavy index.

MDM-RE Identity Link (IDL)

An MDM-RE Identity Link (IDL) is an MDM-RE table stored in the user's database containing relationships (links) between rows of the IDT.

MDM-RE Nucleus

The MDM-RE Nucleus is a term used to describe the collection of servers that provide the indexing, search and matching facilities of MDM-RE.

MDM-RE Search Server

The MDM-RE Search Server provides multi-user local and remote access to IDT & IDX tables.

MDM-RE Tables

Refers to all of the database tables and indexes created, used and maintained by MDM-RE.

Lite Index

A Lite Index is a non-fuzzy index on an MDM-RE Identity Table column. It has lower storage requirements than a heavy index but requires additional I/O when used in a search.

Online Search Client

Refers to the rule-based Java search client provided with MDM-RE to run searches against the MDM-RE Identity Indexes via the MDM-RE Search Server. Input and output is to a screen.

Population file

Contains the SSA-NAME3 Key-building Algorithms, Search Strategies and Matching Schemes used by MDM-RE.

Rulebase

The MDM-RE Rulebase contains all of the information and rules necessary to run an MDM-RE System. It is stored in tables on the user's database. It is accessed via the MDM-RE Rulebase Server and is maintained by the Rulebase Client.

Source Database

The source database is the database containing the User Source Tables.

System

A system is the highest level logical definition in an MDM-RE Rulebase. It can be thought of as corresponding to the user's view of a system, although this is not enforced. Many systems can be defined to the Rulebase.

System Definition File (SDF)

The SDF is a text file containing the rules for a System. It is loaded to the Rulebase via the System Loader.

System Loader

The System Loader is a set of utilities used to load an MDM-RE System to the Rulebase. It is normally run from the MDM-RE Console.

Table Loader

The Table Loader is a set of utilities used to extract, denormalize, transform and key data into the MDM-RE Identity and Index Tables. It is normally run from the MDM-RE Console.

Target Database

The target database is the database containing the MDM-RE Tables and Indexes

Update Synchronizer

The Update Synchronizer is a program that actively monitors changes to the User Source Tables and synchronizes these changes to the MDM-RE Identity Tables and Indexes.

User Service Group (USG)

Contains the SSA-NAME3 v1 Key-building Algorithms, Search Strategies and Matching Schemes used by MDM-RE.

User Source Table (UST)

A User Source Table (UST) refers to user data stored in a table in the user's database containing the identity data to be searched and matched.