

Information Technology

Mimer SQL on OpenVMS Present and Future

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#### Agenda

- Background
- Mimer customers
- Platforms
- Technical features
- Mimer SQL on OpenVMS
- Ongoing development
- Q&A





- Started working with Mimer in 1981
  - Have worked with many parts of the system such as:
    - Database kernel
    - Transaction handling
    - Client/server communications
    - Clients such as ODBC and ADO.NET
    - Overall design
    - Multiuser systems for PDP, VMS, HP-UX, Windows etc.
    - Most recently written a new SQL optimizer
  - Head of development since 1991
  - Chief Technical Officer





#### Who was Mimer?



Mimer was a giant in the Norse Mythology who guarded the well of wisdom.

The gods came to Mimer for advice. When they looked into the well they could see everything that happened in the world.

The god Oden even took out one of his eyes and put it in the well to be able to see everything at all times.

Today, ordinary people come to Mimer for advice...



### Mimer Information Technology AB

- HQ in Uppsala, Sweden
  - Office in Stockholm and Beijing
  - Partners in China, Japan, Korea, Central Europe, and USA
- World class experts in relational database technology
- Developer of the Mimer SQL product family
  - Enterprise Solutions
  - Industrial/Automotive/Embedded Solutions
  - Mobile Solutions
- Mimer SQL used in mission critical systems world wide since the 1970s



#### What is Mimer SQL?

- Relational database management system
- Standard SQL
- Runs on many platforms
  - Tight integration with OpenVMS





#### **Company focus**

- The company focuses solely on Mimer SQL
  - Tools are through third party integrations
- How is this possible/facilitated?
  - Standard SQL
  - Standard programming interfaces
- Requires a truly open system





#### Mimer SQL background

- Roots at Uppsala University, Sweden
- 35+ years on VMS! First port 1980 (VAX780)
- Close co-operation with VSI
- OpenVMS main development platform since 1982
  - > VAX
  - ➢ Alpha
  - ➤ Integrity
  - ➤ and now...





# Mimer SQL port to OpenVMS on x86

- Will be done using prerelease from VSI
- Close in time with OS release to customers





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### Mimer SQL in Life-Critical System

- World's largest centralized blood supply management system
- NHS Blood and Transplant service, England & Wales
  - Responsible for **all** donated blood and tissues
  - System controls 2.5 million donations annually
  - 3,500+ active users
  - Database of 1 billion records
     +8 million / week



"Our experience is that Mimer SQL rarely gives us a problem and has a very low maintenance overhead, so there's no need for any expensive database administrators to run the system."

Ian Henderson, MD at Savant Enterprises,

12 the developer of PULSE



### NHS Blood and Transplant An Integrated System

"NHS Blood & Transplant provides a life-saving service. **It cannot fail**, especially in the face of major incidents. NHSBT has achieved an **extremely high level of disaster tolerance** through the use of dual data centers and split-site OpenVMS clusters.

In summary, this system demonstrates considerable in-depth strength to deliver extremely **high availability** blood-product services to NHSBT by using the **PULSE** software, the **Mimer SQL** database, and the **OpenVMS clusters** running on Integrity Server systems and EVA storage subsystems."

Availability Digest, Oct 2008



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#### **Mimer SQL at NHS**

- Database Server
  - HP Integrity servers at 2 locations
  - OpenVMS
  - Mimer SQL database
  - Serving data through ODBC
- COM+ Windows server
  - Providing "middleware" data services to clients
- Clients
  - Windows PC (thin client through Citrix)
  - HTML web pages
  - Web services to third party clients



### Mimer SQL at NHS BT Vital Statistics (July 21 2011)

- Live System
  - 1,251,033,111 records in 715 tables
  - Largest table (donation audit) is 130+ million records
- Archive System
  - For older, time expired records
  - 2,065,863,274 records



UK National Health Service – Blood & Transplant Builds World's Largest Centralised Blood Supply Management System on HP Integrity Servers and HP OpenVMS



'We've built the biggest centralised blood management s world, and we now have great visibility into our end-to-en It was a challenge moving to a national system, and we a HP and our other partners involved for mitigating the risk project a success.' – Neil Hogg, general manager of IT, N

- Maintained 99.9% uptime
- Reduced data centre footprint
- Maintained exceptional reliability
- Built disaster-tolerant solution

#### Objectives

#### NHS

**Blood and Transplant** 

HP customer case

study: NHSBT UK

Service - Blood &

Transplant (NHSBT)

National Health

Industry: health services

- Increase visibility of blood supply and improve contingency plans
  Consolidate and simplify the central system with
- minimal business disruption
- Ensure high uptime
- Reduce costs and improve efficiency

Provide a better experience to donors

#### Approach

- Implement HP Integrity servers in OpenVMS duster configuration at two separate data centres with multiple layers of redundancy
- Move from three regional centres with isolated databases to one national system

#### IT improvements

- Maintained 99.9% uptime
- Reduced data centre footprint
- Maintained exceptional reliability
- Built disaster-tolerant solution

#### **Business benefits**

- Enhanced donor relationships
- Improved blood stock management through visibility across entire country
- Improved disaster and emergency planning and capabilities
- Provided better health support services to the public while reducing costs
- Increased visibility into blood supply chain nationwide



#### Lifesaving services, reliant on technology

Every country's population is vitally dependent on a consistent and safe supply of blood, organs, plasma and tissues – and a solid base of blood and organ donors. As part of the UK's National Health Service, NHS Blood & Transplant (NHSBT) is responsible for optimising the supply of blood, organs, plasma and tissues and raising the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of blood and transplant services. NHSBT manages the supply of blood to hospitals throughout England and North Wales, tracking it from when it is first donated, through its testing and separation into various products and, finally, to its dispatch to hospitals.



#### **Mimer SQL in Production**

- Controls flow of parts to the assembly lines at the Volvo car plant in Gothenburg
- Mission critical (unplanned database downtime very expensive)
- 450 database servers for different purposes
- 250.000 cars anually
- In production since 30+ years





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  - Database of 1 billion records
     +8 million / week in a single table
- Runs in OpenVMS cluster
- 99.9% uptime







 Mimer Installations of Mission critical systems within Telecom industry

System type:	Managing SMS for operators
Transaction volume total:	Two digit billions of SMS every month
Number of operators:	29
Number of servers:	178
Number of processors:	700 (more than 2100 cores)
Support incidents since 2014:	1

- All systems migrated from Oracle/Rdb to Mimer SQL
- Runs in cluster environment to achieve redundancy



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#### **Mimer SQL positioning**











#### **Mimer SQL platforms**

- Same database kernel on all platforms
  - Enterprise server on a mobile phone
  - Small footprint and zero maintenance enterprise server



### Mimer SQL in different environments





### **Rich functionality**

- Even the smallest editions of Mimer SQL contains functionality only found in enterprise class databases
  - Stored procedures
  - Views
  - Statement triggers
  - Instead of triggers
  - Foreign keys
  - Constraints
  - Union/Intersect/Except/Unique
  - Distinct
  - Sub-queries
  - Left/Right/Full Outer join



- Precompiled SQL
- Multi-user
- Client/Server based
- ...
- Optional:
  - Collations
  - Sequences
  - Large objects
  - Auto-upgrade



#### Phones with Operating systems from Enea OSE, Symbian, Windows, and Android with Mimer Inside



## Included in more than 125.000.000 devices.



# Mimer SQL on Android: Dynamic Database Switch

- Different applications/providers may use different database engines
  - Application/Provider does not know which database is used
  - Runtime switch
  - XML configuration





#### **Mimer SQL on Android**



#### **Performance on Android**

Mimer SQL vs SQLite 30 25 Time in seconds 15 10 5 0 Contacts Calendar Email SMS Sqlite Mimer SQL



### Mimer SQL in different environments





#### **Real-time databases**

- Customer problems
  - Amount of data constantly growing
  - Many different mechanisms used
  - Need to make new real-time analysis for each implementation
  - Hard to perform analysis and aggregation of data





#### **Mimer SQL Real-Time Edition**

- A "true"-real-time edition of Mimer SQL
  - Real-Time database operations has...
    - ... predictable behavior
    - ... guaranteed worst-case response-time
    - ... full control of I/O and blocking
- Safe sharing of real-time and non-real-time data
  - All system data modeled in one database





#### **Mimer SQL Real-time Architecture**





## Mimer SQL Real-Time – Performance




## **Aggregating real-time information**



- Real-time sensor code unaware of trigger
- Trigger calls SQL stored procedure to process data
- Procedure customizable by user



## **Aggregating real-time information**



- Procedure writes to log table
  - SQL access to history data



# **User controlled aggregation**



- User written code gets the aggregated information
  - Frequency can be varied
- Can, for example, write aggregated data to network



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## **Mimer SQL foundation**

- Rich SQL support
- Performance
  - Scalability
- Availability
  - Reorganization free
  - Online backup
- Ease of use
  - Self-maintaining
  - Few system parameters





#### **Mimer SQL Standard APIs**

Open architecture and APIs 



#### **Visual Studio integration**

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#### **Visual Studio documentation**





#### **DbVisualizer**





#### **DbVisualizer – SQL explain**



#### Mimer SQL: Zero maintenance

- Automatic database reorganization
- Non-locking concurrency control
- Very few tuning parameters





# Mimer SQL: Availability (i)

- Database shadowing
  - One or more copies of the data
- Transparent fail-over to shadow on error
  - Applications unaffected





# Mimer SQL: Availability (ii)

- Zero down-time for database reorganizations
- Online backup
  - With Mimer SQL commands
  - or OS backup utilities





## Mimer SQL: Availability (iii)

- Immediate restart
  - Allows the database to be accessible directly after a system crash even when the database size is several 100 GB
  - Can be used with dual ported disks or cluster with shared disks to start the server from another node after a fail-over





## Logical independence

Original configuration: table XYZ

Modified table structure:





#### **Distributed transaction handling**

- Allows operations to be performed over several database systems as one single unit (transaction)
  - Can be several Mimer SQL databases
  - Mixed vendor transactions also possible



Standard: X/Open Distributed Transaction Processing Model



#### **Spatial data**

- Developed specifically for small footprint environments
- Data types:
  - Latitude and Longitude
  - Location
  - Coordinate
- Location index
  - completely maintenance free
  - not sensitive to order of operations
  - predictable with regards to response times
  - very space efficient







# **Linguistic Sorting and Searching**

- Built-in and user defined collations
  - 140+ different built-in languages
- Text search and sorting:
  - Independent of case
  - With national characters in correct order
  - With or without regard for accents
- Index according to collation
- Word search and indexing
- Pinyin search and indexing
- User defined collations







#### **Some built-in collations**

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- AFRIKAANS
- ALBANIAN
- ARABIC
- ARUMANIAN
- ASTURIAN
- BASQUE
- BELARUSIAN
- BOSNIAN
- BRETON
- BULGARIAN
- CATALAN
- AZERBAIJANI
- CORSICAN
- CROATIAN
- CZECH
- DANISH
- DUTCH
- ENGLISH
- EOR
- ESPERANTO
- ESTONIAN
- FAROESE
- FILLIPINO
- FINNISH

- FRENCH
- FRISIAN
- FRIULIAN
- GALICIAN
- GERMAN
- GREEK
- GREENLANDIC
- HEBREW
- HUNGARIAN
- ICELANDIC
- IRISH\_GAELIC
- ITALIAN
- KAZAKH
- KIRGHIZ
- KURDISH
- LATIN
- LATVIAN
- LITHUANIAN
- LUXEMBOURGISH
- MACEDONIAN
- MALTESE
- MOLDAVIAN
- NORWEGIAN
- OCCITAN

- POLISH
- PORTUGUESE
- ROMANIAN
- ROMANSCH RUSSIAN
- SAMI
- SCOTS
- SCOTTISH\_GAELIC
- SERBIAN
- SLOVAK
- SLOVENIAN
- SORBIAN
- SPANISH
- SWEDISH
- TATAR
- THAI
- TURKISH
- TURKMEN
- UKRAINIAN
- UNICODE
- UZBEK
- VIETNAMESE
- WELSH



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#### **Some additional collations**

- Indian languages
  - Assamese
  - Bengali
  - Gujarati
  - Hindi
  - Kannada
  - Konkani
  - Malayalam
  - Manipuri
  - Marathi
  - Nepali
  - Oriya
  - Punjabi
  - Sanskrit
  - Sinhala
  - Tamil
  - Telugu



- African Languages
  - Hausa
  - Igbo
  - Yoruba
  - Middle East languages
    - Dari
    - Pashto
    - Persian
- Chinese
  - KangXi (康熙)
  - Pinyin (拼音)
  - ZhuYin (**注音**)
  - WuBiHua (五笔画)
  - Korean
    - Hangul and Chinese together
  - Japanese



#### **Multilingual Support**

SQL>select word from t order by word collate japanese\_3;

WORD

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ていねい- teinei - polite テープ - teepu - tape でぐち - deguchi - exit テスト - tesuto - test では - dewa - well, then デパート- depaato - dep. store

SQL>select \* from t where name like 'AA%' collate danish\_1;

NAME

Aalborg Århus





#### **Advanced search using collations**

- T9 sorting for numeric keypads
- Can also be used with Pinyin

select \* from state where name like '83%' collate t9

NAME 8 matches T,U, ==== and V Texas 3 matches D,E, Vermont and F 1 2 3 2 rows found ABC DEF  $\mathbf{\infty}$ 4 5 6 GHI JKL MNO 8 9 7 PQRS TUV WXYZ Mimer

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### Mimer SQL on OpenVMS

- Developed on OpenVMS for OpenVMS
- Not a Unix or Windows product ported to OpenVMS!
- Tightly integrated on OpenVMS to get best possible performance and scalability





## **Mimer SQL Server communication**



\$HIBER/\$WAKE
 synchronization



#### **Mimer SQL: Database cache**

- Stores large parts of database in main memory
- 64-bit size
- Possible to use Reserved Memory Registry in OpenVMS
  - No paging
  - No working set quota taxation
  - Reserved at boot time



Mimer Database Server



## Mimer SQL in a cluster (i)

- Application configured to run local communication on cluster node 2 and TCP/IP from node 1
- Done outside application





### Mimer SQL in a cluster (ii)

- Database server can be automatically restarted on node 1 if node 2 fails
- Server gives instantaneous access to data after database server start (called immediate restart!)





### Mimer SQL in a cluster (iii)

- Two database servers handles separate data
- Each database operation towards a single database
- Transactions can span both databases





## Mimer SQL Version 11.0

- New storage engine
  - Database cache from 16 GB -> any size
  - File size from 8 TB -> no limit
  - New efficient storage formats and block sizes
- New SQL functionality
  - Full outer join
  - Unique predicate
  - Etc.
- Beta version available for OpenVMS on Itanium at: <u>http://developer.mimer.com/</u>



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## **Ongoing - Hot standby**



- Automatic failover
  - Actual triggering logic platform dependent
- Can be combined with in-memory option
- Next
  - Read/write access in all databases server instances



## **Ongoing - Rdb migration tools**

- Support for Module SQL
- Tool that translates from SQL dialect used by Oracle/Rdb to Mimer SQL
  - Translate SQL scripts
  - Translate Embedded SQL source
  - Translate entire Module SQL files
  - Perform ad-hoc translation of a SQL command
- Customer driven





### **Ongoing – In memory solutions**

- Migrating from small footprint versions
  - Database schema "linked" into database server
- Schema and data in database files
  - Possible to memory map database files
  - Optionally save at shutdown
- Combine with hot standby





## **Ongoing - Parallel execution**

- Will allow a single query to be executed by several server threads
- Optimizer controlled concurrency and plan
- Parallel joins
  - Inner join
  - Merge join
- Parallel sorts
- Straightforward to extend current architecture






## **Ongoing - Machine learning**

- 1. Facilitate access to data in Mimer SQL
  - New Python database client
- 2. Allow deployment of trained neural networks etc. within database server
  - Deployed as functions within the database server
  - Accessible from SQL
  - Advanced indexing techniques
- 3. Allow training within database server
  - Allows incremental refinement as more data is added



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