

# Updating data in a data warehouse

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I found this thread about whether to update fact tables in data warehouses, other than for errors in the data.

[http://groups.google.com/group/microsoft.public.sqlserver.datawarehouse/browse\\_thread/thread/8ee96870badac8be/c1](http://groups.google.com/group/microsoft.public.sqlserver.datawarehouse/browse_thread/thread/8ee96870badac8be/c1)

The thread was from 2003, so I thought I would start this one.

It seems to me that the reason you wouldn't update data in a data warehouse is that each row represents an event, and if the data has to be updated later on to reflect something that was unknown when the record was created, it was probably because a new event has occurred to create the piece of data.

Any thoughts?

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