# Section Fifteen - Summaries

**In this section the Delegate will learn how to…**

- The principles behind Summaries
- Control their usage

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# Summaries – Purpose of Summaries in Discoverer

Summaries are designed to hold data which the Users access frequently.

They are designed by the Discoverer Administrator to help speed up retrieval from the Database, in some cases a Summary represents stable but not current data, in others it is the only means that large amounts and complex data can be retrieved for the User.

In the next section the User will be shown how to disable use of Summaries, however this is not a recommendation, Summaries are generally created to make Discoverer faster and more efficient, they should not therefore be by-passed ...

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To find out if a Summary is being used select SQL Inspector from the View menubar, click onto the Plan tab, the example on the right is using a Summary ...