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## Adopted Bitmap

The base class Bmap.Person defines persons within an organization distributed by various countries. All records are indexed by (Country, PersonId). this structure doesn't allow use of bitmaps.

So a wrapper class Bmap.PersonQ around the data eliminates the top level of the index (Country) and isolates the PersonId (%Integer, MINVAL=1). We are ready to use a Bitmap index.

A few performance figures on 300010 generated records.  
You see that Relative Cost are sometimes quite misleading.

base

```
select count(*) from Bmap.Person
300010 global references 1600446 lines executed
```

demo 1

```
select count(*) from Bmap.Person where Ctry='RU'
Relative cost = 197762
10015 global references 70474 lines executed
```

```
select count(*) from Bmap.PersonQ where Bmap.Ctry('RU')=1
Relative cost = 401400
10 global references 424 lines executed
```

demo2

```
select count(*) from Bmap.Person
  where Ctry='RU' and home_state='MA'
Relative cost = 457.96
218 Global references 2335 lines executed
```

```
select count(*) from Bmap.PersonQ
where Bmap.Ctry('RU')=1 and homestate='MA'
Relative cost = 2012.8
16 global references 478 lines executed
```

demo3

```
select home_state,count(*) from Bmap.Person
  where Ctry='RU' group by home_state
```

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Relative cost = 372162

Row count: 50 Performance: 0.027 seconds

10420 global references 153708 lines

```
select homestate,count(*) from Bmap.PersonQ
```

```
where Bmap.Ctry('RU')=1 group by homestate
```

Relative cost = 453400

Row count: 50 Performance: 0.018 seconds

817 global references 155475 lines executed

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