



ETL Quick Dive

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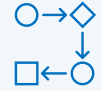
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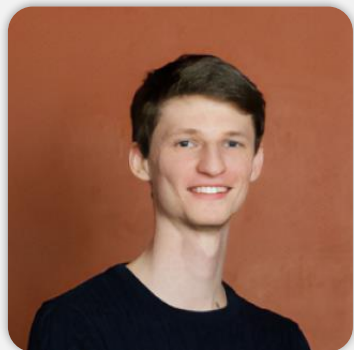
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Hey there!
I'm Ivan.
I like automation, fixing data
discrepancies, and piano music



Tbilisi

Current location

3,5 years
Overall experience

SQL
Main skill

Atria[®]
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2019-2021

Forecasting
Business Intelligence (BI)
ETL

SQL (SSMS)
IBM SPSS Modeler
Python



Symfa[™]

2021-now

BI – Enterprise Reporting
ETL – International DWH

SQL (SSMS, SSRS, SSIS)
Astera Centerprise
Git

FMCG
INSURTECH

Domain knowledge

ETL stands for
'**Extract, Transform, Load**'

This technology is very
popular among **large**
enterprises

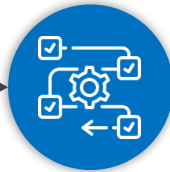
If you **collect** data from
different counteragents, you
need ETL

Extract



DataBase
File / Document
ERP

Transform



Cleaning / Grooming
Validation
Aggregation
Merging / Appending
Normalization

Load



Data Warehouse
(DWH)

Folder
Portal / Website
Cloud

Data Engineers, ETL Developers

BI

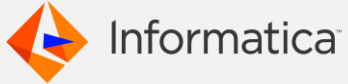


ML



BI Devs, Data Analysts,
ML Devs

The most popular ETL tools



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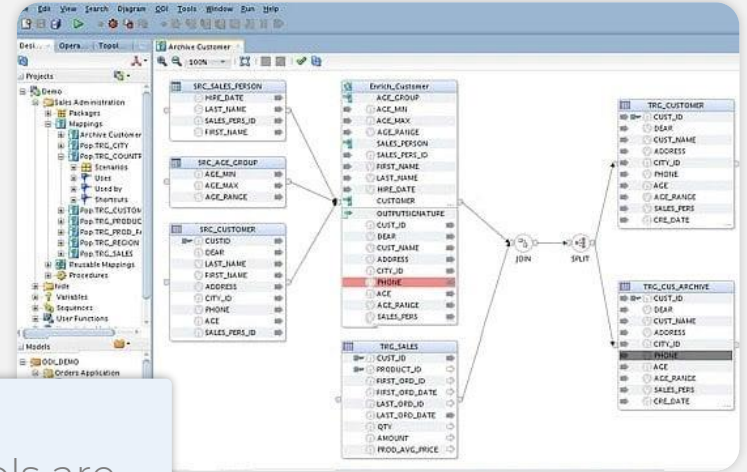
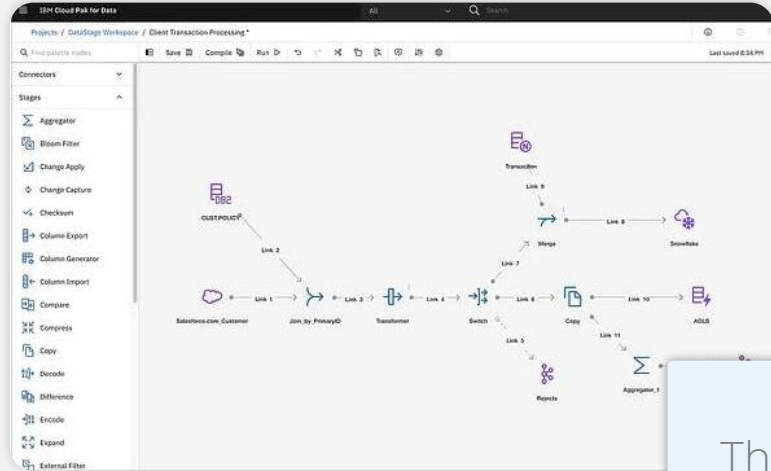
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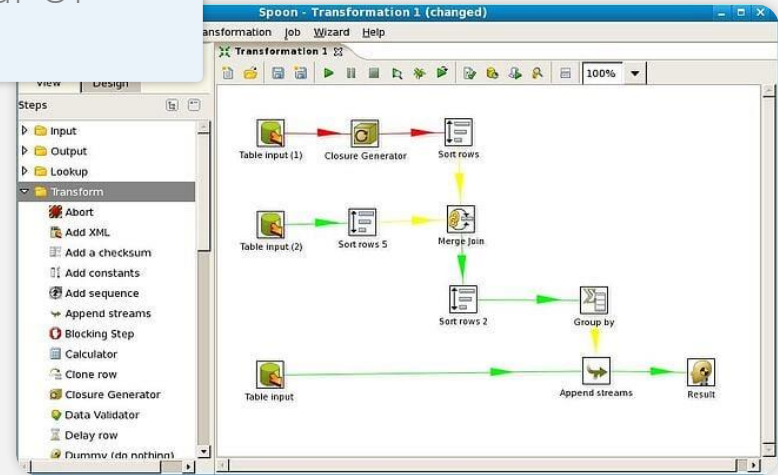
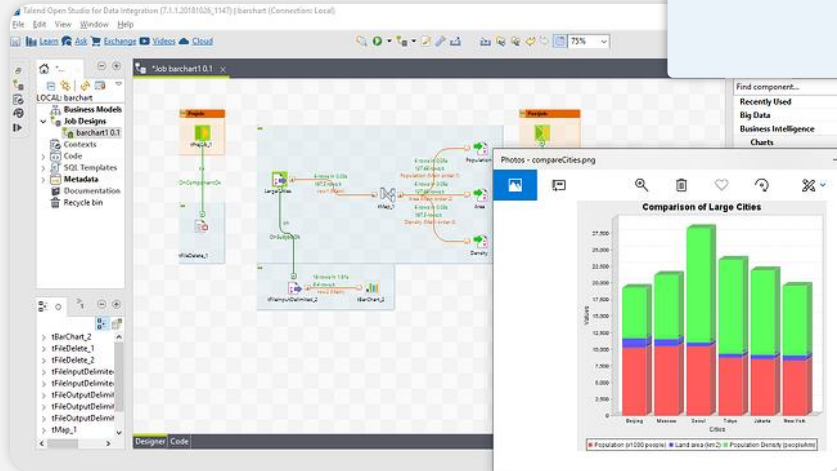
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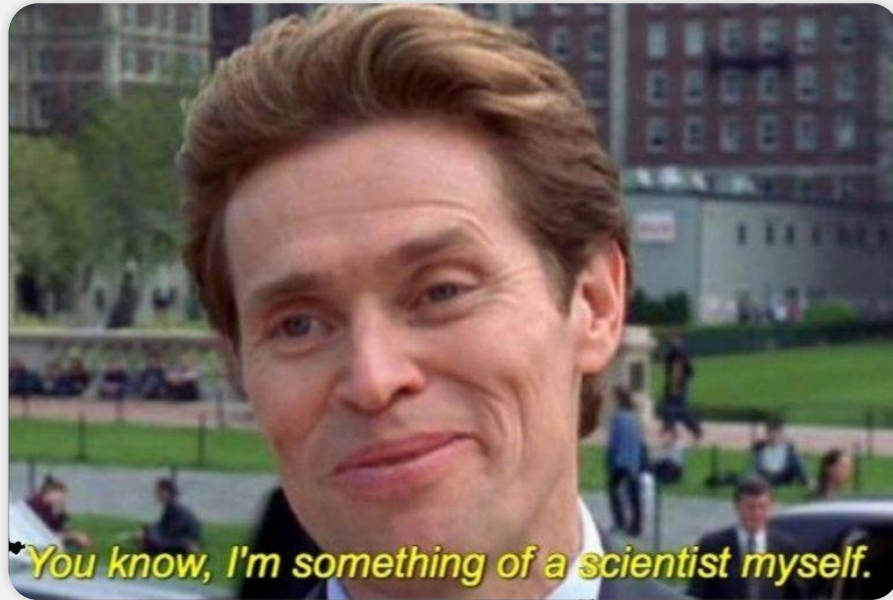
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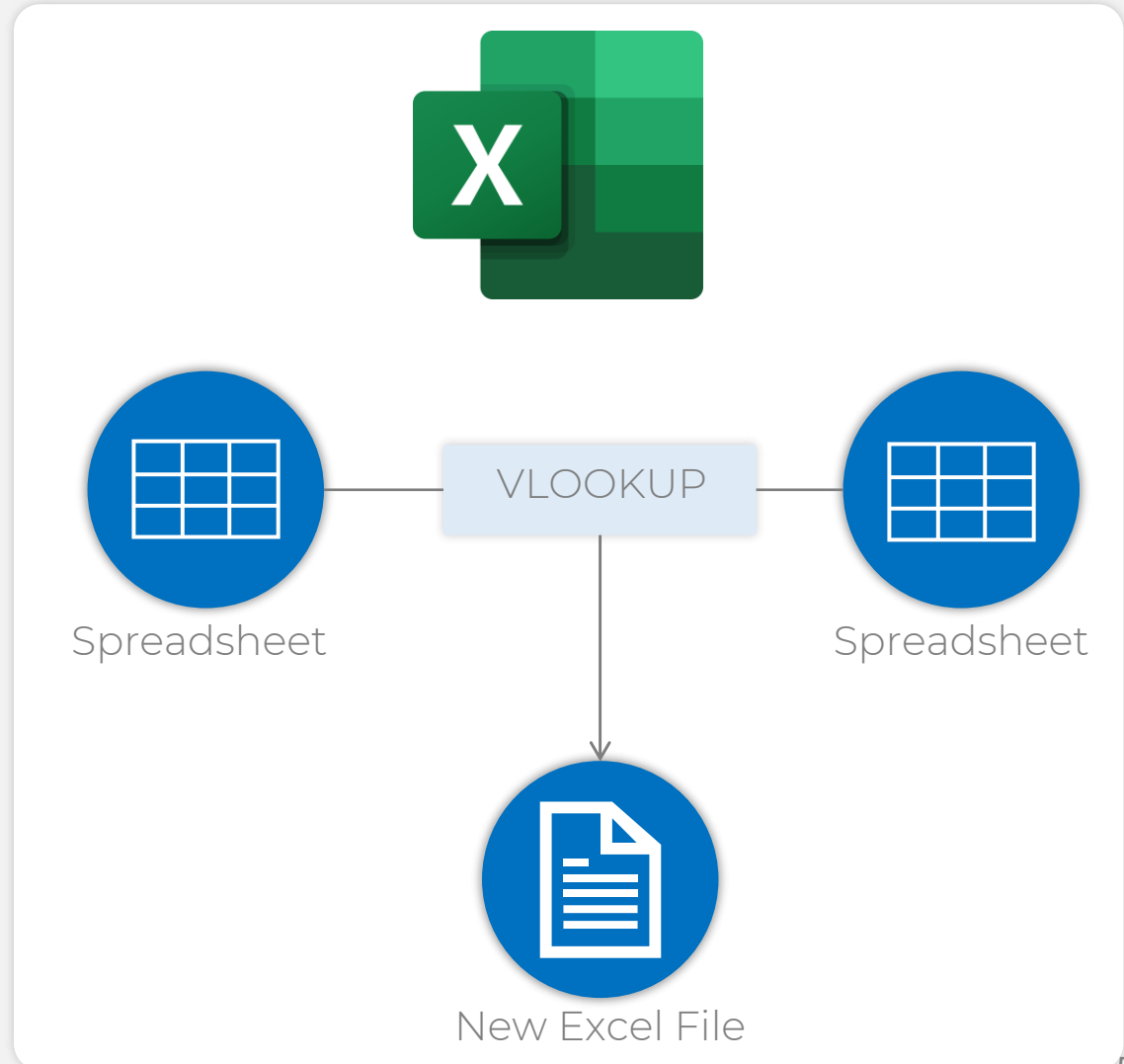


The major part of ETL tools are designed with similar UI





If you have ever merged / appended several Excel spreadsheets / built pivot tables and saved it to a new file, you already have some ETL experience





A **good** ETL Dev is a guy who:

- Understands and sees his data on the **granular** level
- Knows how to **manipulate** the data
- Understands what is going on behind **every step** of his flows

Create flows

Automate flows

Schedule flows

Update flows

Required Skillset



Tools / Software

Microsoft, Amazon, IBM, Apache or any other tool



SQL

Querying the data



Parametrization

Dynamically change ETL aspects



Scripting Language

Juggle files, directories, users, and permission issues



Organization

Keep the work at hand organized and structured



Creativity

Source To Target Mapping



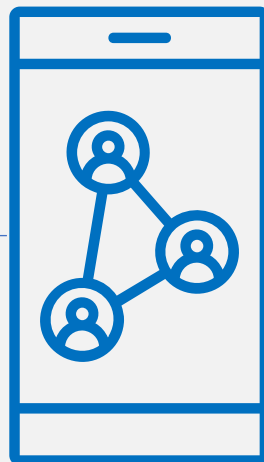
Debugging

Fix the broken

UX / UI

Functionality

Interface



Application

API

System
Components

Server / DWH /
Data

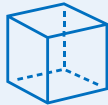
ETL is here!

ETL Development is **different**
from other development types
and has its **own features**

Functional Development



Software, app, web
object of development



CI/CD, Containers
main tool / approach



PL
Ruby, JS, Python, Swift,
C++, C, C#, Perl, R, SQL



Coding Paradigm
OOP, FP

ETL Development



Data
object of development



ETL Pipeline
main tool / approach



PL
SQL, Python, R



SQL Paradigm
Declarative language

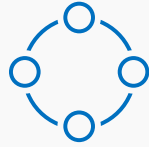


Spot Check

Simple and fast queries to check the data at random places

```
SELECT TOP <N>
<...>
FROM <Table>
WHERE <...>
```

Quick but not reliable



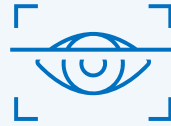
Integrity Check

Heavy queries to check the relations between the tables of a database

```
SELECT *
FROM <DimTable>
WHERE <Key> = -1
```

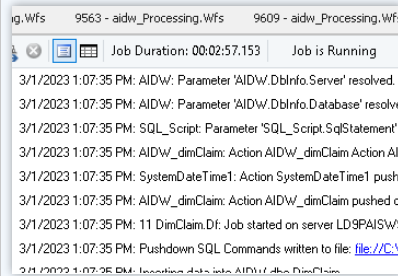
```
SELECT *
FROM <FactTable>
WHERE <Key> = -1
```

Reliable but long

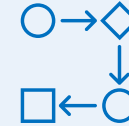


Empirical Test

Empirical analysis of the way the ETL works

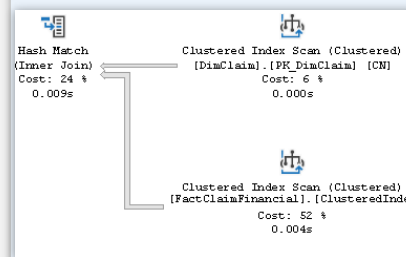


Semi-reliable



Execution Plan

SSMS feature that graphically represents operations' execution. Helps identify bottlenecks



Powerful but needs rights access



Source-Destination Check (SDC)

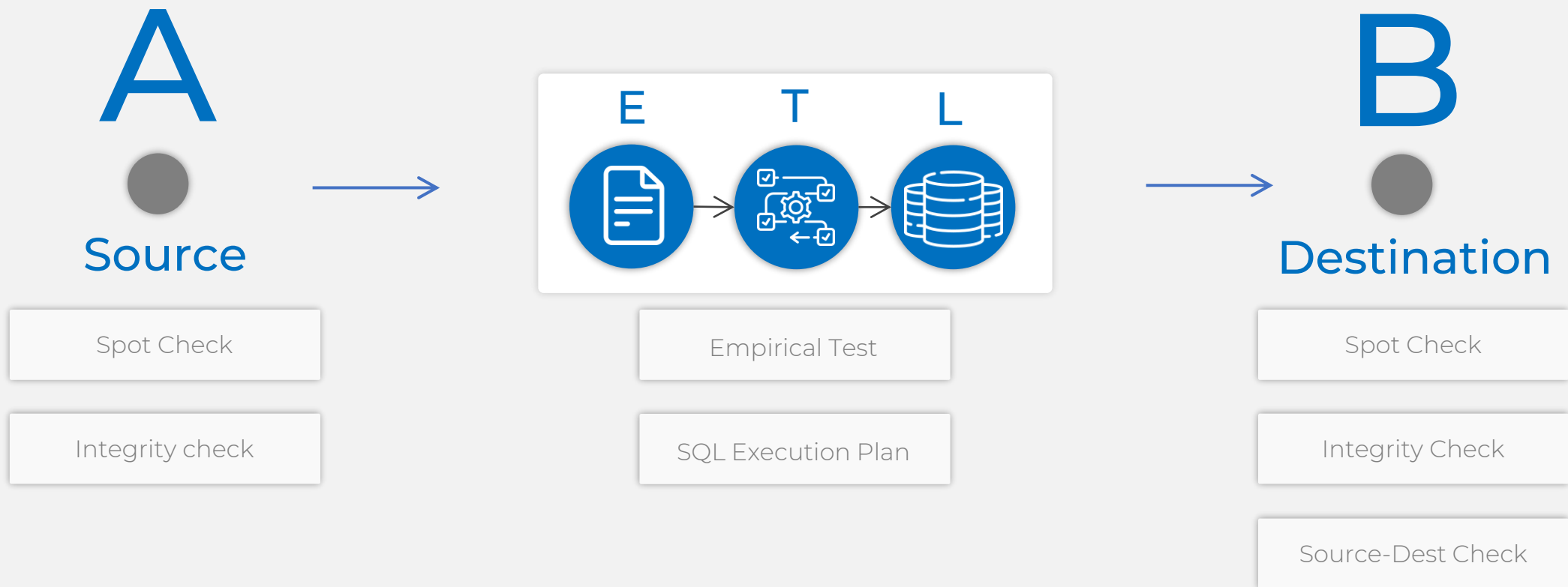
SQL queries to check destination tables against their source by a particular criteria

```
SELECT
, SUM(<Field>)
, COUNT(*)
FROM <Destination>
```

```
SELECT
, SUM(<Field>)
, COUNT(*)
FROM <Source>
```

Powerful and my favorite

Testing methods in a general dataflow



The workflow of applying testing methods

ETL Test

Empirical Test



SQL Execution Plan

Destination Test

Integrity Check



Spot Check

Source-Dest



Spot Check

Source Test

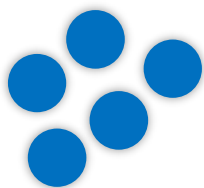
Spot Check

ETL Fix

Source Fix

When dealing with **large historical** data, at some point every ETL should use **incremental** loads

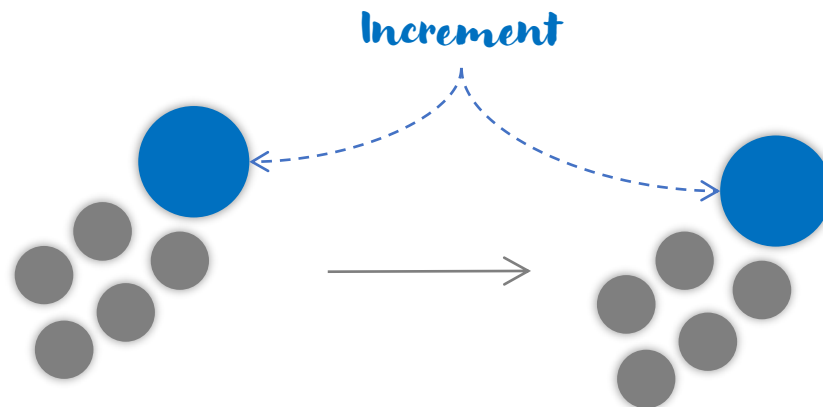
Time Period 1



Source

Destination

Time Period 2



Source

Destination

The closer you get to **Production**, the more **features** should be implemented and tested

