AdventureWorks Business DB ETL Pipeline – Design Document

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1. Repository Overview

• GitHub Repository:

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This repository contains:

- Python scripts for Extract, Transform, Load (ETL)
- Database schema (.sql files)
- Documentation for deployment and usage

2. Source Datasets

2.1. Dataset Origin & Rationale

We use AdventureWorks CSV files, which are a well-known sample dataset provided by Microsoft. The dataset includes tables such as:

- Employee.csv
- Vendor.csv
- ShipMethod.csv
- Product.csv
- PurchaseOrderHeader.csv
- PurchaseOrderDetail.csv
- Sales.csv (optional for simulation)
- SalesTarget.csv (monthly/quarterly targets)

- Customer.csv
- WeeklySalesSummary.csv (aggregated data)

Why Choose AdventureWorks?

- Realistic Business Environment: Simulates manufacturing, sales, and related processes.
- Rich Relationships: Ideal for practicing SQL joins, foreign keys, and building data warehouses.
- Standard Example: Widely recognized in the SQL community.

3. Pipeline Output

3.1. What the Pipeline Produces

Post-ETL execution, cleaned and transformed data are loaded into MySQL, enabling the following reports:

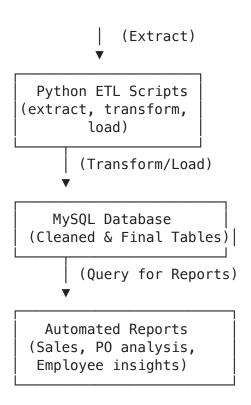
- Weekly Sales: Revenue, order counts, average sale values.
- Purchase Order Analysis: Vendor-product relations, spending totals, order statuses.
- Employee & Sales Performance: Comparison of SalesTarget vs. actual Sales.

3.2. Benefits of the Pipeline

- Business Insights: Informs decisions on inventory, vendor management, and employee performance.
- **Automation:** Ensures up-to-date metrics through scheduled reporting.
- Scalability: Designed to extend with additional tables and data sources.

4. Architecture Diagram

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CSV Datasets
(Employee.csv,
Vendor.csv,
)
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5. Final Schema Diagram

Key Tables and Relationships:

• **Employee:** EmployeeID (PK)

• Vendor: VendorID (PK)

• **ShipMethod:** ShipMethodID (PK)

• **Product:** ProductID (PK)

• PurchaseOrderHeader:

PurchaseOrderID (PK)

- EmployeeID (FK → Employee(EmployeeID))
- VendorID (FK → Vendor(VendorID))
- ShipMethodID (FK → ShipMethod(ShipMethodID))
- PurchaseOrderDetail:
 - PurchaseOrderDetailID (PK)
 - PurchaseOrderID (FK → PurchaseOrderHeader(PurchaseOrderID))
 - ProductID (FK → Product(ProductID))
- Sales:
 - SaleID (PK)
 - EmployeeID (FK → Employee(EmployeeID))
 - CustomerID (FK → Customer(CustomerID)) (optional)
- SalesTarget:
 - SalesTargetID (PK) or composite key (EmployeeID, Year, Month)
 - EmployeeID (FK → Employee(EmployeeID))
- WeeklySalesSummary:
 - Composite Key: (Year, Week)
- Customer: CustomerID (PK)

(If additional relationships or bridging tables are necessary (e.g., for ShipMethod ↔ Product), adjust accordingly.)

6. System Considerations and Future Improvements

6.1. Scalability

Current Approach:

A single MySQL instance with Python-based ETL handles moderate data volumes.

- Potential Bottlenecks and Enhancements:
 - Table sharding or partitioning for scaling.

- Migrating to distributed databases (e.g., Amazon Redshift, BigQuery).
- Implementing chunk-based or incremental loading to optimize performance.

6.2. Security

- AWS RDS & RDS Proxy:
- The RDS Proxy can manage database credentials via AWS Secrets Manager, limiting direct access to the DB.
- Connections can be IAM-authenticated or use token-based security.
- Token-Based Access:
- The application can request temporary credentials/tokens from IAM, reducing the need to store static passwords.
- Network:
- Deploy RDS in a private subnet; only the proxy endpoint is exposed to the application.
- Use security groups to restrict inbound connections to known IPs or VPC resources.
- Encryption:
- At Rest: Use KMS to encrypt RDS data.
- In Transit: Enforce SSL/TLS connections between the application and the proxy.

6.3. Extensibility

• Adding New Tables:

The schema is flexible and can integrate additional CSV inputs.

• Adapting Transformations:

Python scripts are modular, allowing new transformation functions.

• Alternate Data Outputs:

Possibility to connect with BI dashboards or load data into a data warehouse for advanced analytics.

7. Conclusion

This design document describes a robust ETL pipeline that: 1. Extracts AdventureWorks CSV data. 2. Transforms it via Python scripts. 3. Loads final tables into AWS RDS (MySQL) behind an RDS Proxy. 4. Secures credentials using token-based access and AWS Secrets Manager. 5. Produces automated reports on sales, purchase orders, employee metrics, etc.

Strengths: • AWS-based deployment with RDS Proxy improves security and performance. • Token-based authentication removes the need for static credentials. • Pipeline is modular, allowing easy extension.

Areas for Improvement: • Scaling for very large datasets may require read replicas or a data warehouse approach. • Additional security layers (audit logging, stricter IAM roles) can further reduce risk.

This pipeline meets typical business intelligence needs and is structured for future expansion and scalability.