

“Different File Format Comparison: Guide To CSV, Excel, Avro, Parquet and ORC”



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INTRODUCTION

- Handling data efficiently is vital for every organization.

The right file format choice optimizes storage, processing, and analysis.

- **Comparative Analysis:**

Explore popular file formats like CSV, XLSX, Avro, Parquet, and ORC to make informed decisions for our data warehouse operations.

Abstract geometric lines and polygons in the top-left corner of the slide.

Why choose between different
file formats?

DATA STRUCTURE COMPLEXITY

Different data structures require different file formats to efficiently store and represent the data.

PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION

Columnar storage formats like Parquet & ORC are designed for analytical queries & Row-based formats like CSV may be more suitable for transactional data.

SCHEMA EVOLUTION AND FLEXIBILITY

This flexibility is essential for evolving data requirements and adapting to changing business needs.

SECURITY AND ACCESS CONTROL

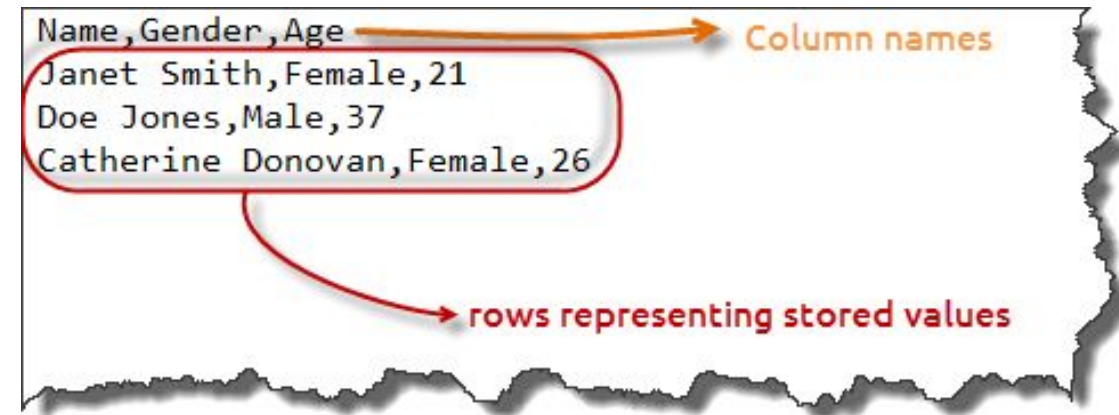
Encryption and access control mechanisms, to protect sensitive data from unauthorized access or tampering.

COMMA SEPARATED VALUES(CSV) FILE

It is used to store tabular data where the column names and row values are separated using commas.

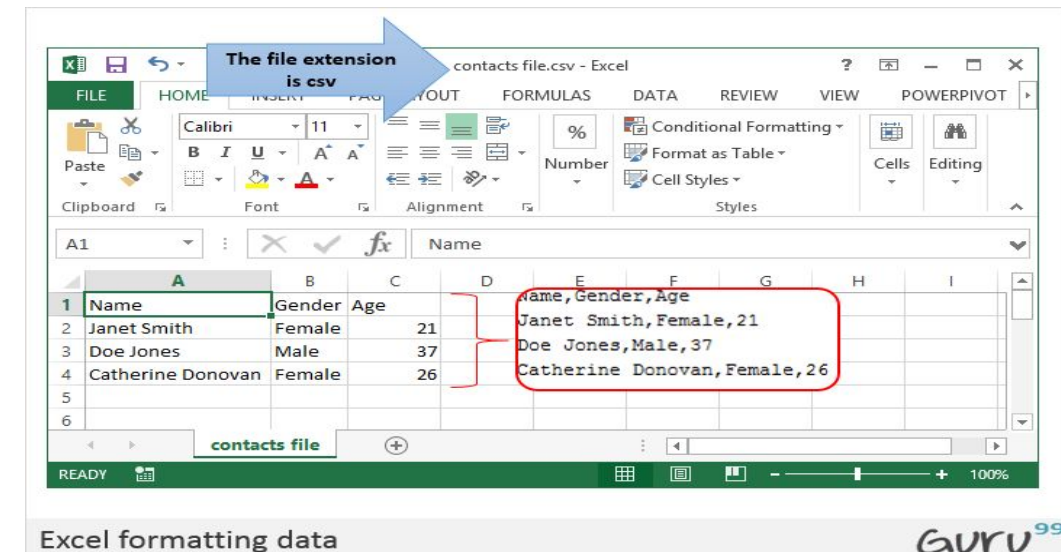
Advantages:-

- Simplicity: Easy to create and understand, suitable for basic data storage.
- Human-readable: Can be opened and edited using a simple text editor.
- Widely supported: Compatible with most data processing tools and programming languages.



The diagram shows a CSV file structure with three columns and three rows of data. An orange arrow points from the text 'Column names' to the first row, which contains the headers 'Name, Gender, Age'. A red arrow points from the text 'rows representing stored values' to the subsequent three rows of data. The data rows are enclosed in a red rounded rectangle.

Name	Gender	Age
Janet Smith	Female	21
Doe Jones	Male	37
Catherine Donovan	Female	26



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled 'contacts file.csv - Excel'. A blue arrow points to the file name with the text 'The file extension is csv'. The spreadsheet displays the same data as the diagram above, with columns A, B, and C containing the headers 'Name', 'Gender', and 'Age' respectively. The data rows are in columns D, E, and F. A red rounded rectangle highlights the data rows in columns D, E, and F.

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LIMITATIONS

LACK OF DATA TYPE
INFORMATION

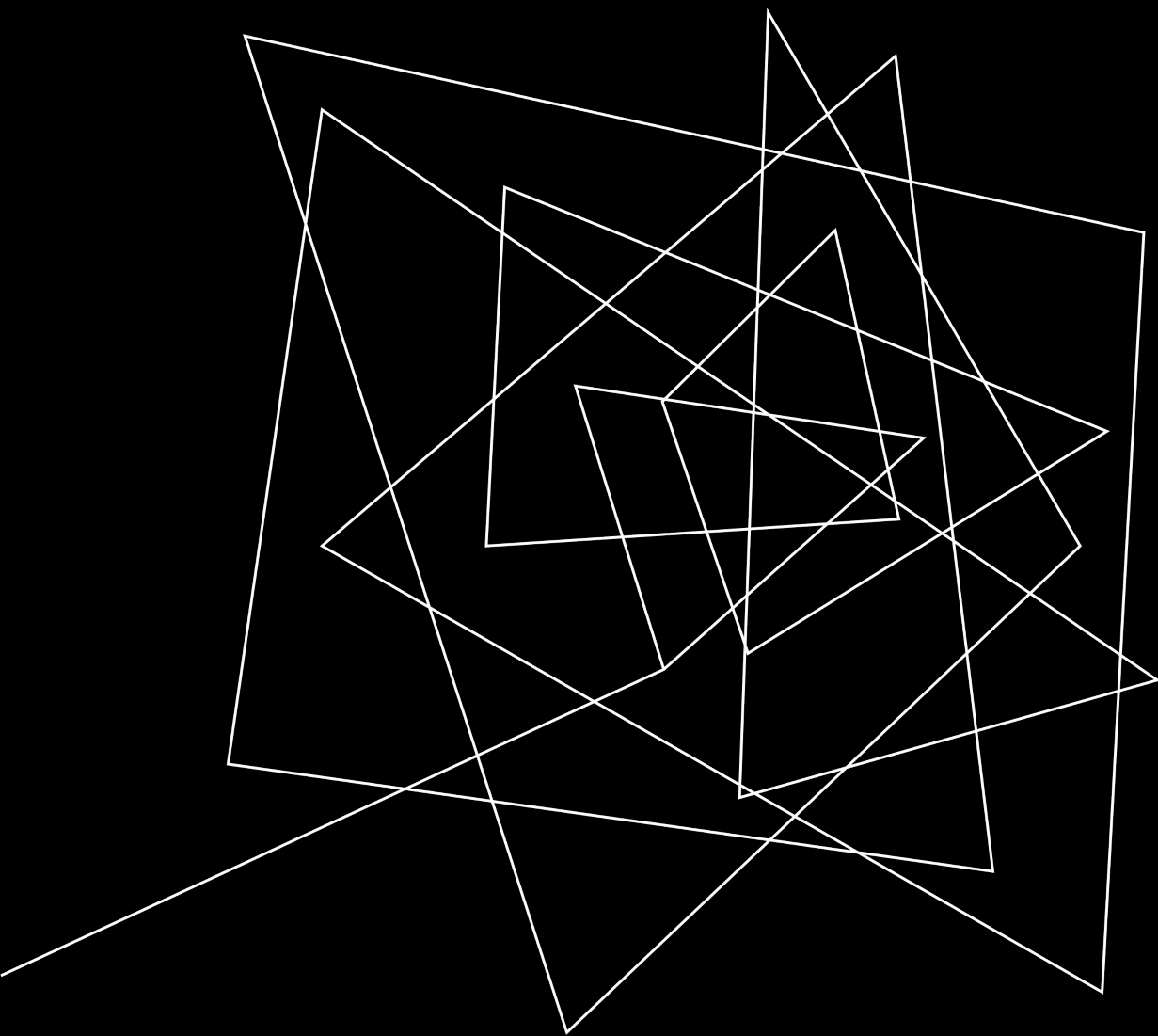
INEFFICIENT FOR LARGE
DATASETS

POTENTIAL DATA LOSS

LIMITED METADATA SUPPORT

LIMITED DATA VALIDATION

PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION
WITH WIDE TABLES



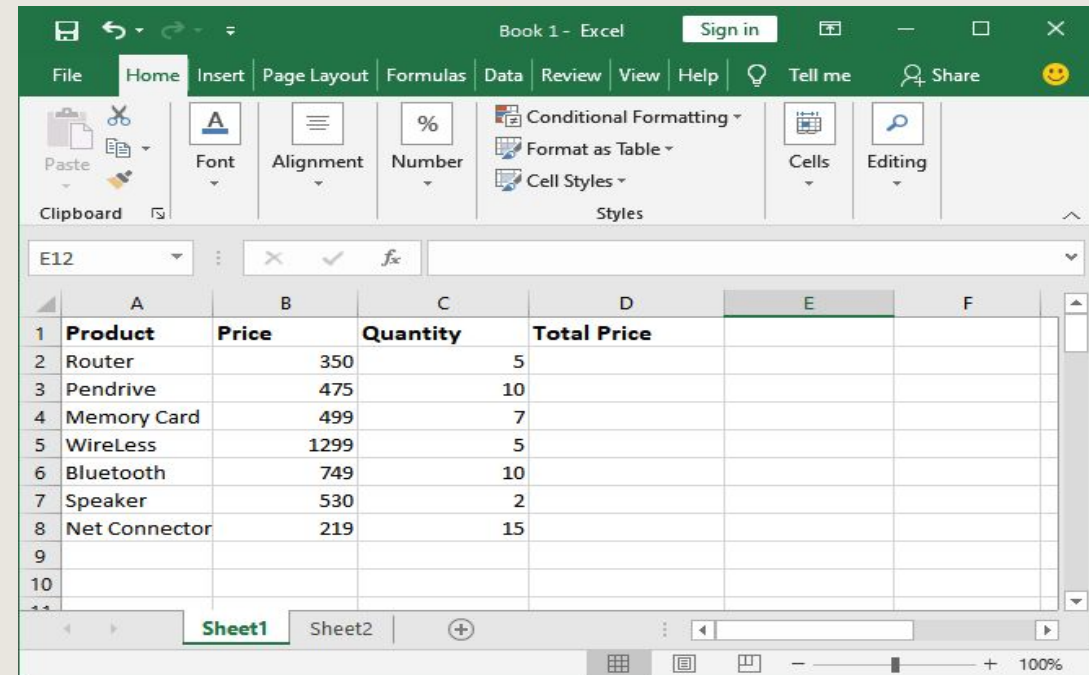
MS EXCEL WORKBOOK

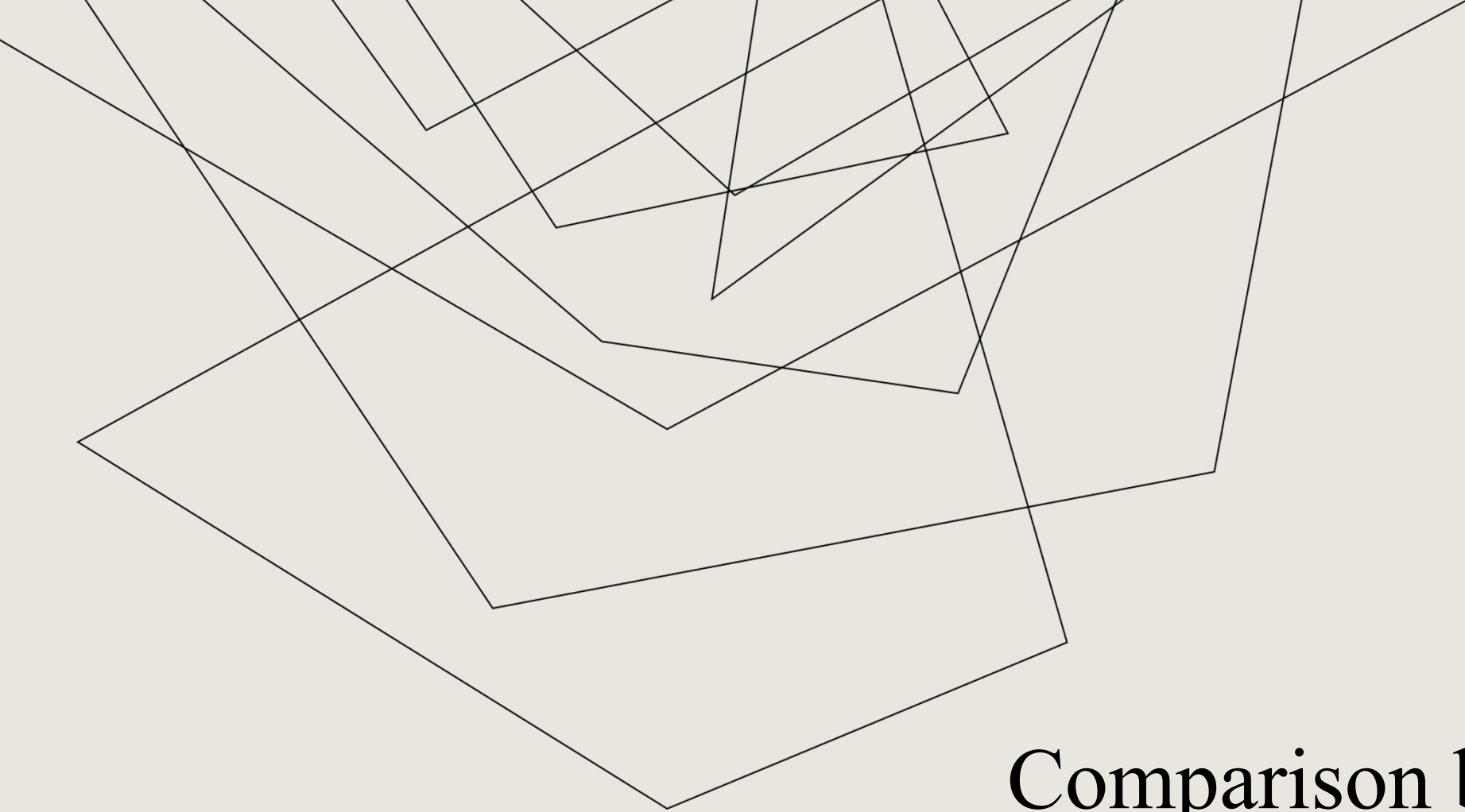
XLSX(MS EXCEL WORKBOOK)

- XLSX is a binary file format used by Microsoft Excel to store spreadsheet data.
- It supports multiple sheets within a single workbook, as well as various formatting options and formulas.

Advantages:-

- Supports multiple sheets
- Formulas: Enables the use of formulas for calculations and data manipulation.
- Formatting: Supports various formatting options for text, numbers, and visuals.





Comparison between CSV File and Excel

COMPARISON BETWEEN CSV AND EXCEL

CSV	EXCEL
CSV format is a plain text format with a series of values separated by commas.	Excel is a binary file that holds information about all the worksheets in a file, including both content and formatting
Opened with any text editor in Windows like notepad, MS Excel, OpenOffice, etc.	Only be read by applications that have been especially written to read their format, and can only be written in the same way.
Importing CSV files can be much faster, consumes less memory	Consumes more memory while importing data
Apart from text, data can also be stored in form of charts and graphs	CSV can not store charts or graphs
In data-warehouse, CSV follows a fairly flat, simple schema	In data-warehouse, Excel is preferable for detailed standardized schema specification
Can connect to external data sources to fetch data. It allows for Review of Data with detailed tracking and commenting feature	All this functionality is not possible in CSV



```
import os

# Specify the path to your csv file
csv_file_path = '/content/migrationdata.csv'

# Get the size of the csv file in bytes
file_size_bytes = os.path.getsize(csv_file_path)

# Convert bytes to kilobytes and megabytes
file_size_kb = file_size_bytes / 1024
file_size_mb = file_size_kb / 1024

print(f"Size of csv file: {file_size_bytes} bytes")
print(f"Size of csv file in kilobytes: {file_size_kb:.2f} KB")
print(f"Size of csv file in megabytes: {file_size_mb:.2f} MB")
```



```
Size of csv file: 26644216 bytes
Size of csv file in kilobytes: 26019.74 KB
Size of csv file in megabytes: 25.41 MB
```

```
import os
```

```
# Specify the path to your excel file
excel_file_path = '/content/migrationdata.xlsx'

# Get the size of the excel file in bytes
file_size_bytes = os.path.getsize(excel_file_path)

# Convert bytes to kilobytes and megabytes
file_size_kb = file_size_bytes / 1024
file_size_mb = file_size_kb / 1024

print(f"Size of excel file: {file_size_bytes} bytes")
print(f"Size of excel file in kilobytes: {file_size_kb:.2f} KB")
print(f"Size of excel file in megabytes: {file_size_mb:.2f} MB")
```

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Size of excel file: 14695508 bytes
Size of excel file in kilobytes: 14351.08 KB
Size of excel file in megabytes: 14.01 MB
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```
import pandas as pd
import time

start_time = time.time()

# Read CSV file
df = pd.read_csv('migrationdata.csv')

end_time = time.time()

# Display time taken
print("Time taken:", end_time - start_time, "seconds")
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➞ Time taken: 0.41454577445983887 seconds

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import pandas as pd
import time

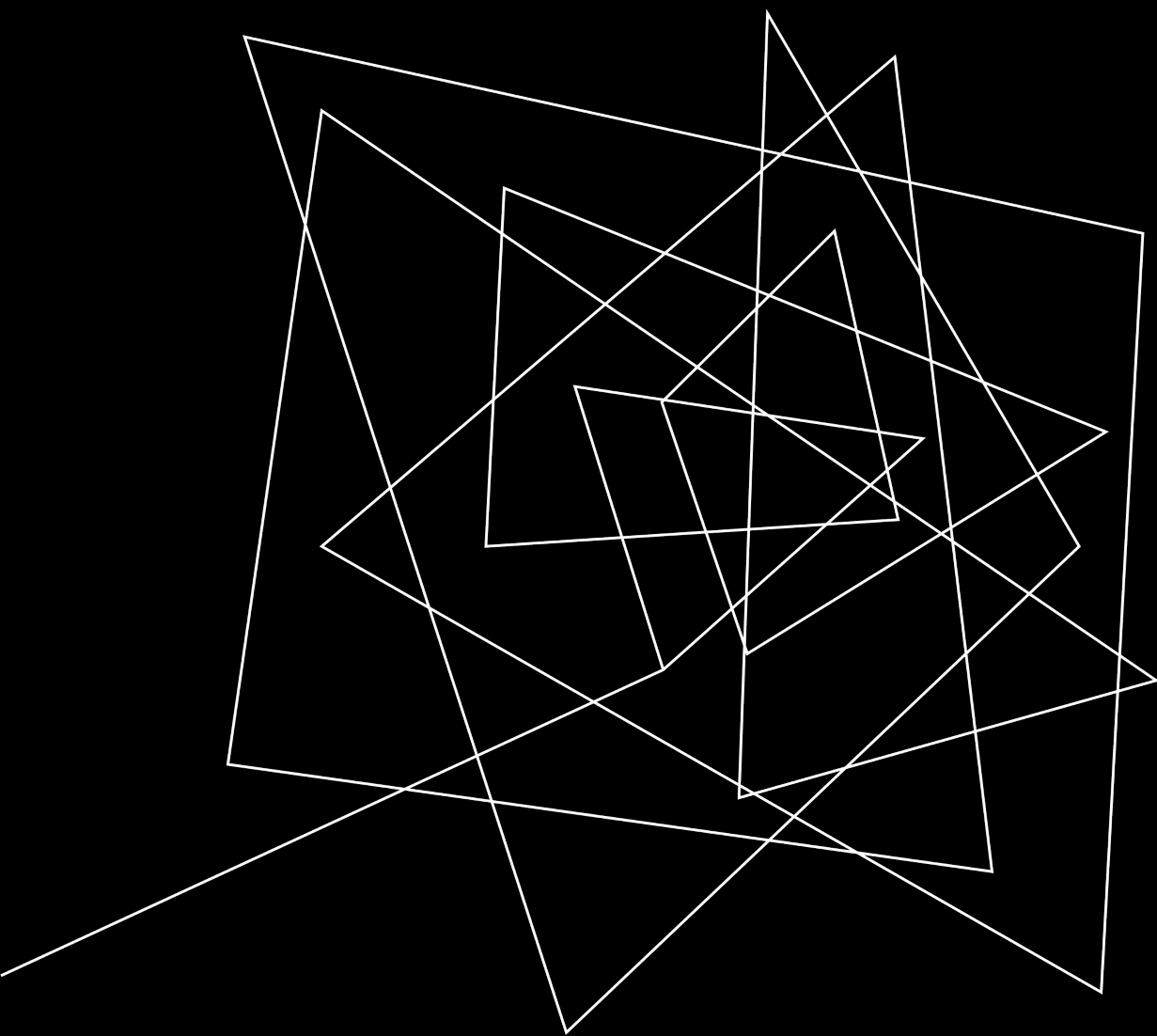
start_time = time.time()

# Read XLSX file
df = pd.read_excel('migrationdata.xlsx')

end_time = time.time()

# Display time taken
print("Time taken:", end_time - start_time, "seconds")
```

➞ Time taken: 88.14125370979309 seconds



AVRO

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AVRO FORMAT

- Avro is a binary serialization format developed within the Apache Hadoop project.
- It defines a schema for the data, allowing for schema evolution over time.

ADVANTAGES

- Schema evolution
- Efficient serialization: Compact binary format leads to efficient serialization and deserialization of data.
- Data compression

LIMITATIONS

- Not human-readable: Avro files are binary and not easily readable without specific tools or libraries.
- Limited support in some ecosystems: While widely used in Hadoop ecosystems, support may be limited in other environments or tools.

AVRO FORMAT FEATURES

Can be shared by programs using different languages

Self-describing; bundles serialized data with data schema

Supports schema evolution and flexibility

Splittable

Compression options including uncompressed, snappy, deflate, bzip2, and xz

AVRO FORMAT USE CASE

Write-heavy operations (such as ingestion into a data lake) due to serialized row-based storage.

When writing speed with schema evolution (adaptability to change in metadata) is critical.



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```
# Get the size of the csv file in bytes
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```
# Convert bytes to kilobytes and megabytes
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file_size_kb = file_size_bytes / 1024
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file_size_mb = file_size_kb / 1024
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import os
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# Specify the path to your Avro file
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avro_file_path = 'output.avro'
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```
# Get the size of the Avro file in bytes
```

```
file_size_bytes = os.path.getsize(avro_file_path)
```

```
# Convert bytes to kilobytes and megabytes
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file_size_kb = file_size_bytes / 1024
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print(f"Size of Avro file: {file_size_bytes} bytes")
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print(f"Size of Avro file in megabytes: {file_size_mb:.2f} MB")
```



Size of Avro file: 28805745 bytes

Size of Avro file in kilobytes: 28130.61 KB

Size of Avro file in megabytes: 27.47 MB



```
import fastavro
import time
```

```
start_time = time.time()
```

```
# Read Avro file
```

```
with open('output.avro', 'rb') as f:
    reader = fastavro.reader(f)
    data = [record for record in reader]
```

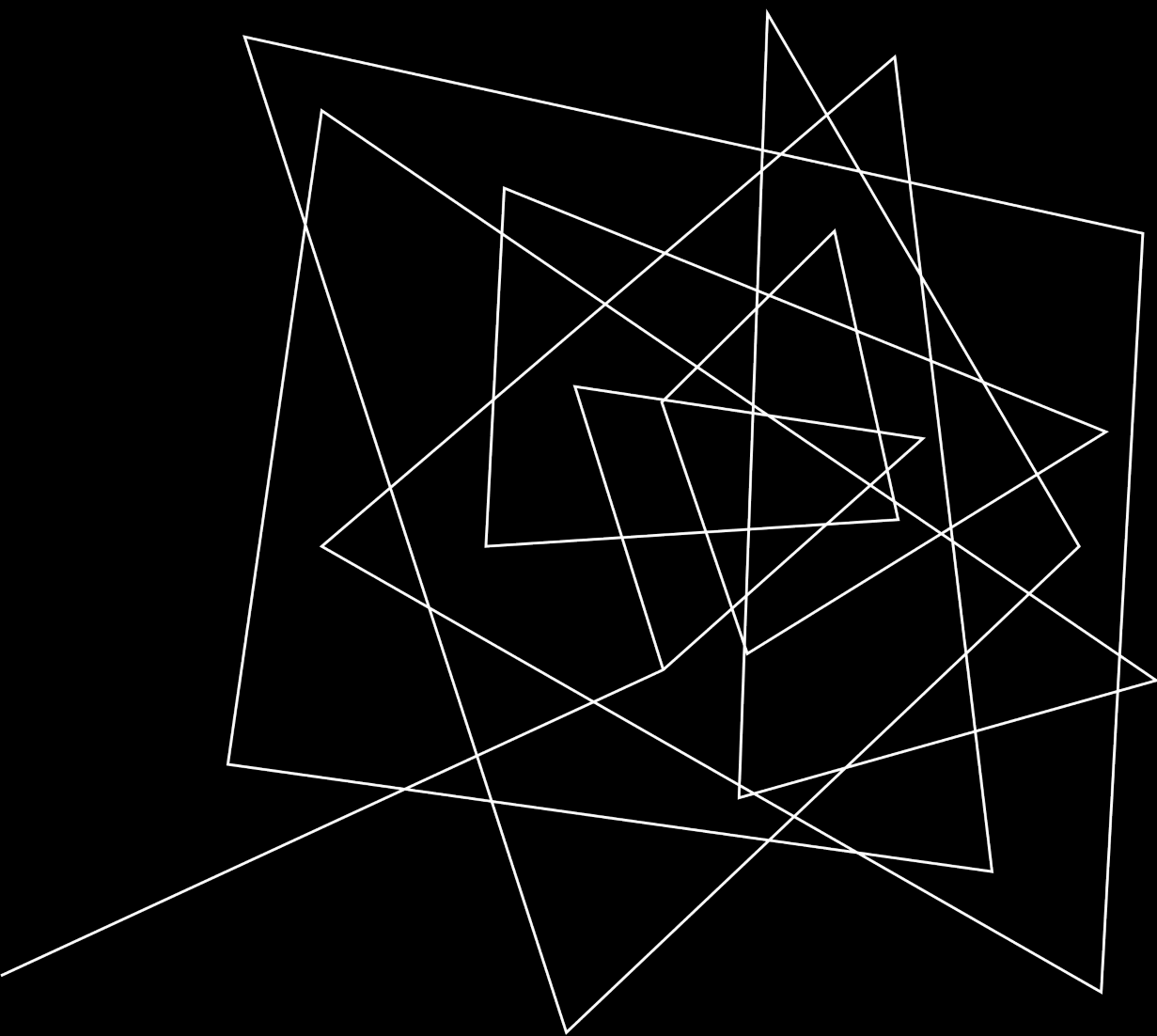
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end_time = time.time()
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# Display time taken
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print("Time taken:", end_time - start_time, "seconds")
```



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Time taken: 3.9781198501586914 seconds
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PARQUET

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Parquet Format Features

Language agnostic

Supports complex data types

Multiple flexible compression options

Supports schema evolution

Enables data skipping, reduced I/O

Ideal Parquet Use Case

Storing big data of any kind (structured data tables, images, videos, documents).

Ideal for services such as AWS Athena and Amazon Redshift Spectrum, which are serverless, interactive technologies

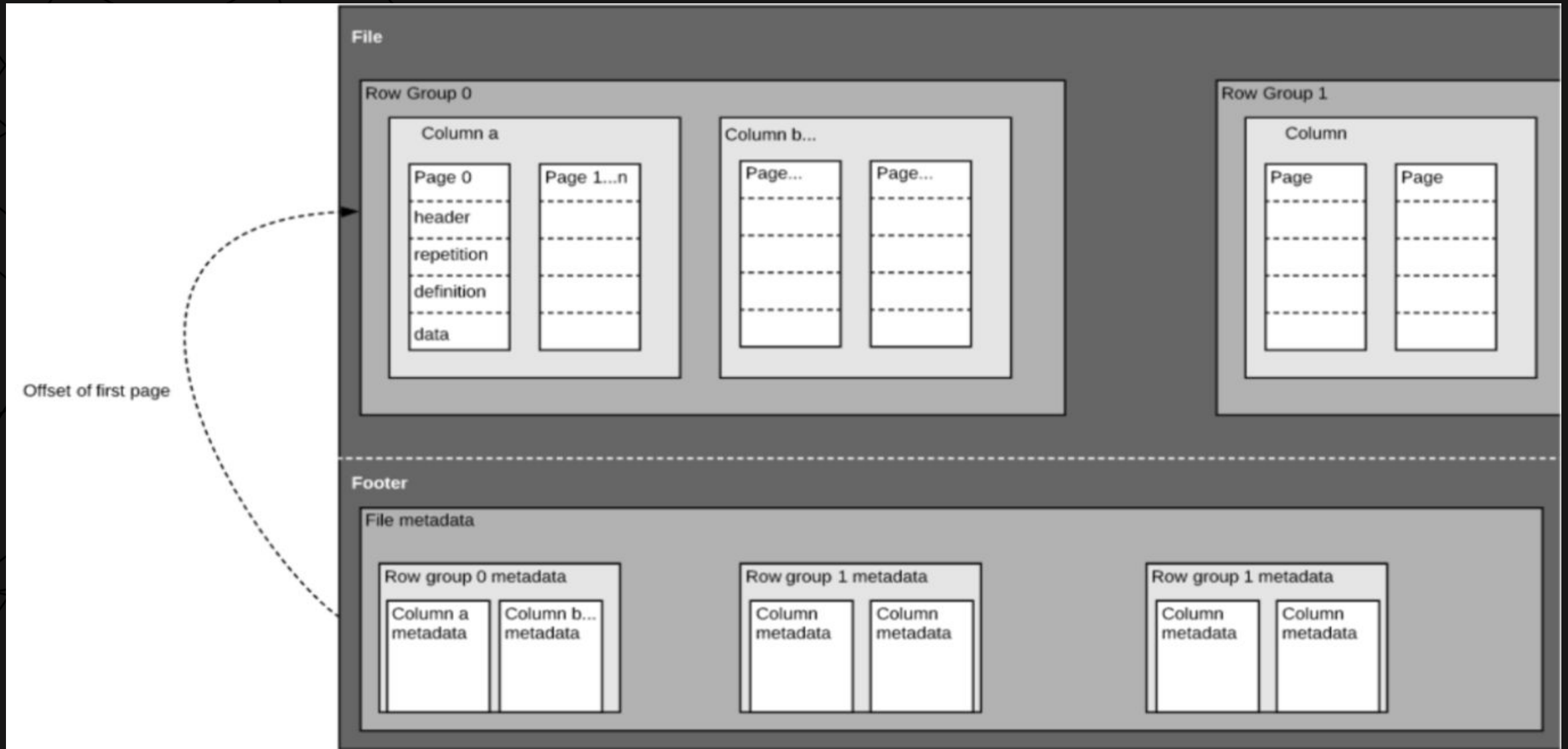
A good fit for Snowflake as it supports extremely efficient compression and encoding schemes.

When your full dataset has many columns, but you only need to access a subset.

When you want multiple services to consume the same data from object storage.

When you're largely or wholly dependent on Spark.

PARQUET




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import os

# Specify the path to your Parquet file
parquet_file_path = 'output.parquet'

# Get the size of the Parquet file in bytes
file_size_bytes = os.path.getsize(parquet_file_path)

# Convert bytes to kilobytes and megabytes
file_size_kb = file_size_bytes / 1024
file_size_mb = file_size_kb / 1024

print(f"Size of parquet file: {file_size_bytes} bytes")
print(f"Size of parquet file in kilobytes: {file_size_kb:.2f} KB")
print(f"Size of parquet file in megabytes: {file_size_mb:.2f} MB")
```

➞ Size of parquet file: 639615 bytes
Size of parquet file in kilobytes: 624.62 KB
Size of parquet file in megabytes: 0.61 MB

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import pyarrow.parquet as pq
import time

start_time = time.time()

# Read Parquet file
table = pq.read_table('output.parquet')

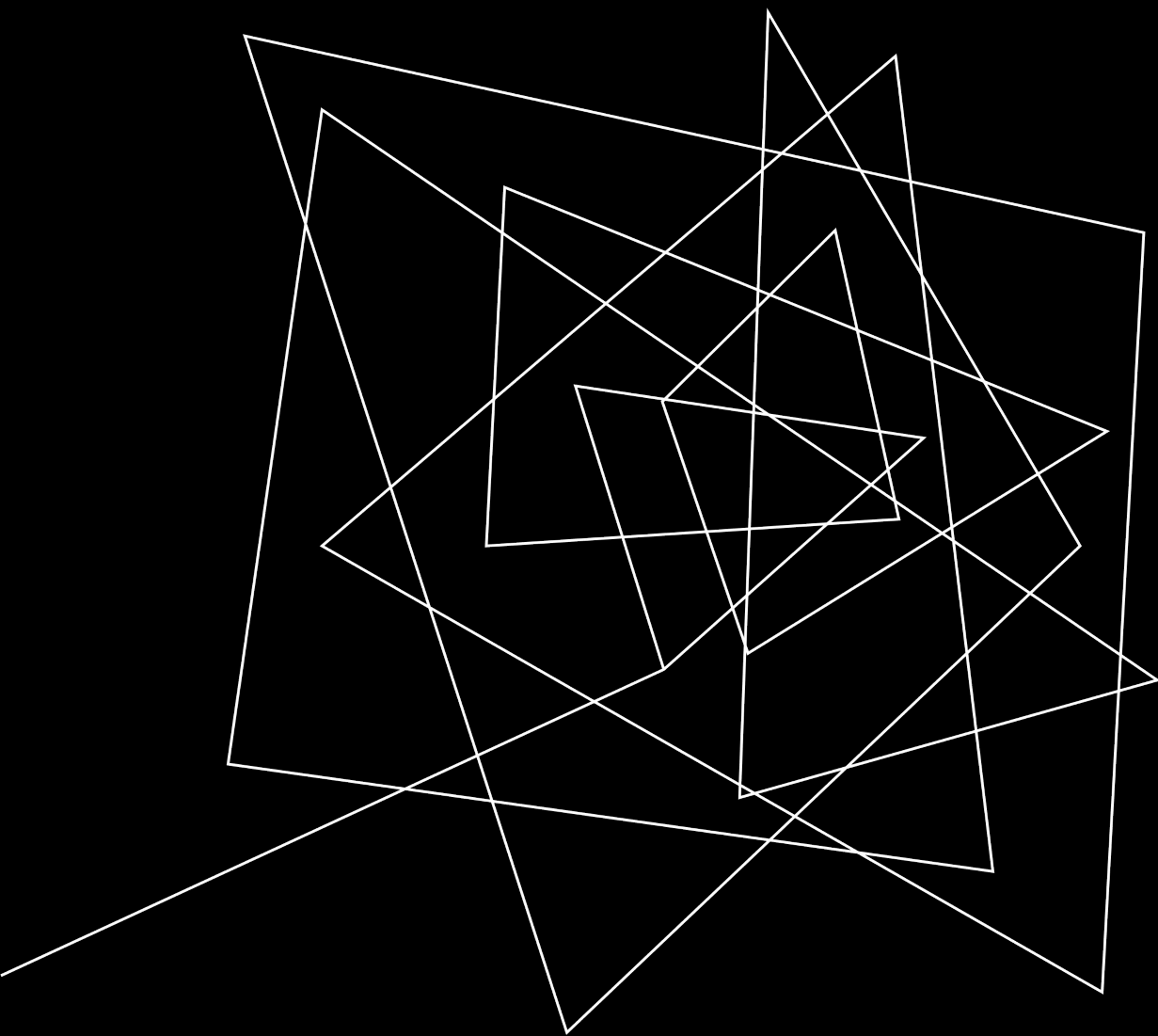
# Convert to Pandas DataFrame
df = table.to_pandas()

end_time = time.time()

# Display time taken
print("Time taken:", end_time - start_time, "seconds")
```



Time taken: 0.13330721855163574 seconds



ORC (OPTIMIZED
ROW COLUMNAR)

OPTIMIZED ROW COLUMNAR(ORC)

Columnar Storage

Developed primarily for Apache Hive, a data warehouse infrastructure built on top of Hadoop

Efficient Compression

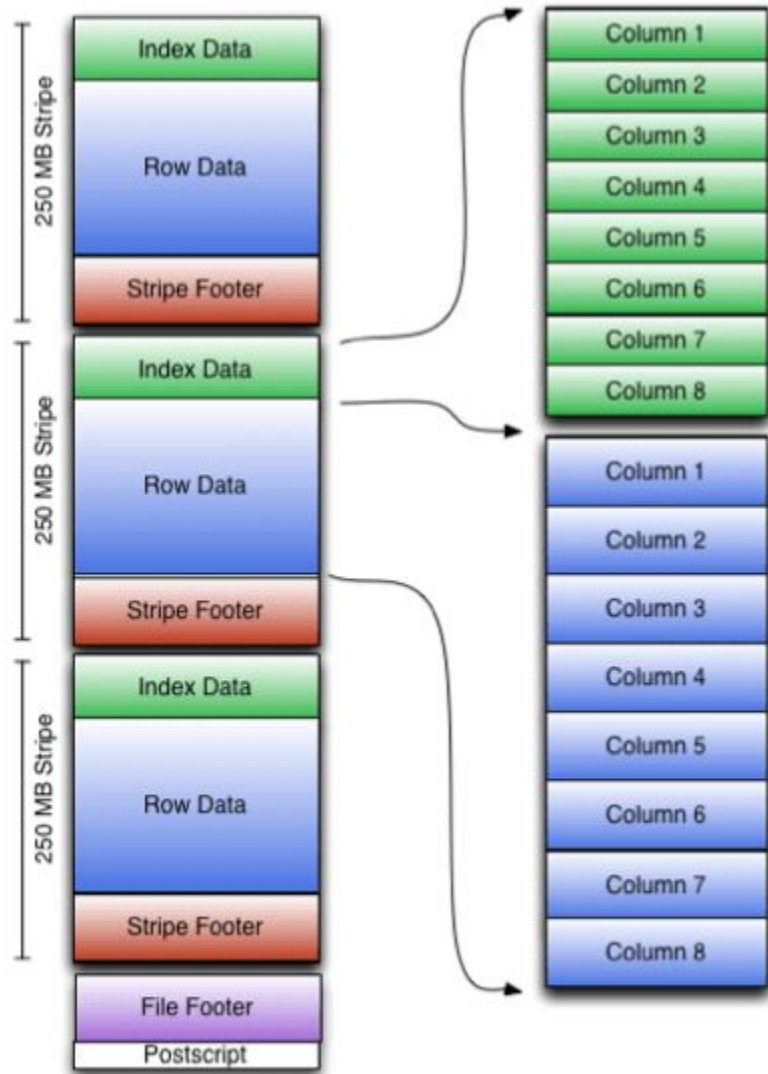
Compression options including Snappy,

Predictive Pushdown

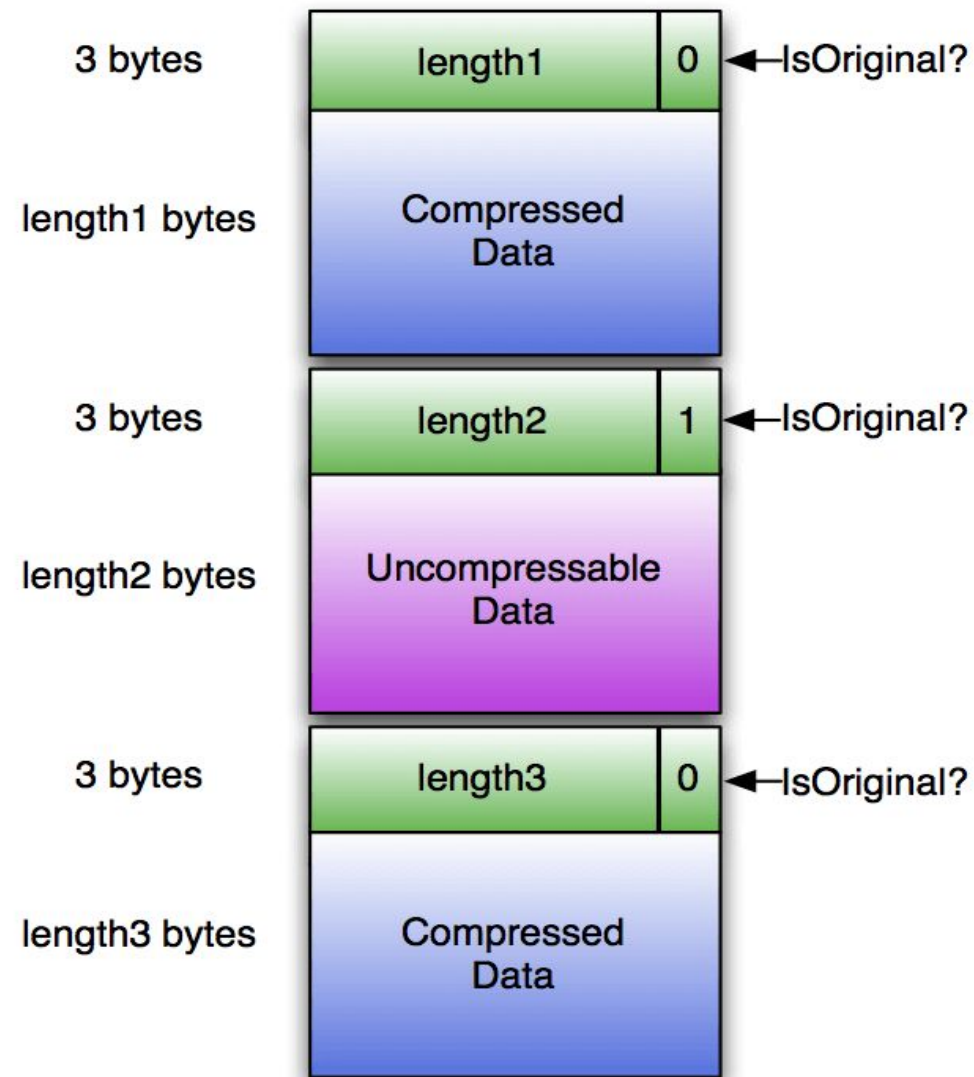
Filters are applied during data reading, reducing the data that needs to be processed.

Complex Type Support

Including Datetime, struct, list, map, and union



ORC file structure



ORC compression chunk

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```
import os

# Specify the path to your orc file
orc_file_path = 'output.orc'

# Get the size of the orc file in bytes
file_size_bytes = os.path.getsize(orc_file_path)

# Convert bytes to kilobytes and megabytes
file_size_kb = file_size_bytes / 1024
file_size_mb = file_size_kb / 1024

print(f"Size of orc file: {file_size_bytes} bytes")
print(f"Size of orc file in kilobytes: {file_size_kb:.2f} KB")
print(f"Size of orc file in megabytes: {file_size_mb:.2f} MB")
```

```
➞ Size of orc file: 22682229 bytes
Size of orc file in kilobytes: 22150.61 KB
Size of orc file in megabytes: 21.63 MB
```



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```
import pyarrow.orc as orc
import time

start_time = time.time()

# Read ORC file
table = orc.read_table('output.orc')

# Convert to Pandas DataFrame
df = table.to_pandas()

end_time = time.time()

# Display time taken
print("Time taken:", end_time - start_time, "seconds")
```

Time taken: 0.15850090980529785 seconds



RECOMMENDATIONS

DATA CHARACTERISTICS

Choose CSV for simple, portable data, and Parquet/ORC for big data analytics.

PROCESSING NEEDS

Select XLSX for business data with formulas & formatting
Avro for Hadoop-based processing with evolving schemas.

ECOSYSTEM COMPATIBILITY

Consider compatibility with existing systems and tools, favoring formats widely supported in the organization's ecosystem.

FUTURE SCALABILITY

Selecting formats that can scale efficiently with the organization's future needs.

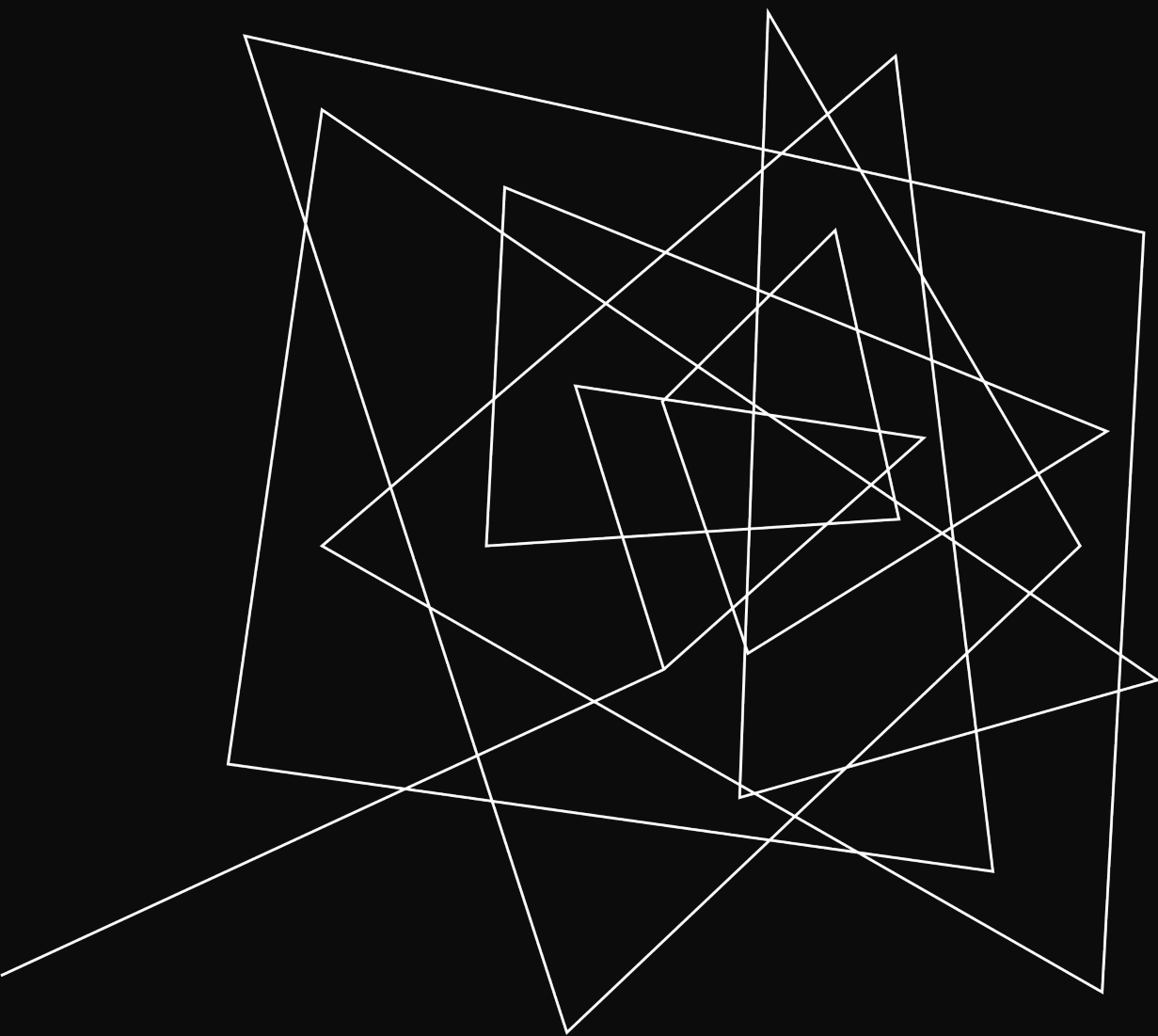


CONCLUSION

It's imperative to recognize the importance of selecting the right file format to optimize our operations.

Prioritizing readability with CSV, harnessing power of columnar storage with Parquet , etc.

Our choices profoundly impact our ability to derive insights and drive informed decisions from our data.



THANK YOU