

## Fact Data Modeling

### **Fact Data Modeling Day 3 Lab**

*How Meta models Big Volume Event Data*

*Building reduced facts*

#### **Transcript:**

so we can say create table uh we're going to call this

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uh let's call this uh let's call it uh let's call it array

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metrics I think that's a good name um then we have a user ID

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right and apparently want to call it numeric cuz numeric will work because I

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remember in yesterday's class it was like weird because it let just match it with whatever's in events here even

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though I don't like the word numeric I don't even know what that means like but like it's fine because we used big in

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last time and it didn't work but I think numeric will work because I don't want to use text okay so we have us already then we have uh like month start uh we

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call this a date um then we have metric name uh metric name is going to be a

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text and then uh we need the array right so uh I'm just call it metric array and

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then so there there's a big debate here about like okay like what type should

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this be right is this like a real array or is this an integer array or is this

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uh like you could say this is like a scoring class array right if you want to do like array of struct right but like I

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I'm not about that life um I think we're going to do integer array here I guess like you could say integer or real right

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because if you use real like real and in like they they work like you can put an integer in a real but you can't put a

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real in an integer so uh okay fine you guys convince me or I convince myself we're going to use real um in this case

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we have a primary key here primary key is going to be uh user ID month start

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metric name right this is going to be our uh

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table we're going to be working with today uh that we will be building up slowly but

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surely so let's go ahead and uh create this bad boy cool so one of the things

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about this that is kind of tricky is that you have to uh think about this in

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terms of partitions and like Hive and uh or like partitions and things like that

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and that's where this like can be a little bit messy compared to like in postgres whereas it's a lot cleaner

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like when you have like that insert overwrite sort of mentality right because in this case we need to have

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month start but it'll make more sense like I we'll cross that bridge when we get there but I'll show you what I

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mean so what we want to start with here is we want to create that daily

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aggregate um function all right that's actually not too hard so let's go ahead

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and say with daily aggregate as so we're going to be

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pulling from events here I'm going to comment this out pull from events we're going to say select star from events and

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then well what do we want from events well we want a proba want user ID and

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then we probably want to count one as num sight hits and then we're going to have a a

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wear here and then we should be able to do date of event

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time equals date then we'll say like 2023 0101 so we're just going to do

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we're going to do like the month of January and that's what how we're going to build up this array so if we do right

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now and we say daily aggregate uh we're missing though we're missing we're missing the group

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by so we got this guy we run him cool see we have all of our hits

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okay that's a problem we need to get rid of that uh this null

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so and uh I'm G paste this to y'all like because obviously I just like jumped

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immediately into coding all right I was wondering how you are typing so

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fast while speaking so good okay so we have our

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aggregate for the day right so we like what we want to do is we need like

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yesterday's Aggregate and so this is where like like for the purpose of this

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lab I would change this because you you don't get this is one of the things I hate about postgres that I wish had

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postgres had was like a merge because postgres doesn't have merge right yeah it doesn't have merge I think it has

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like I think you can do on conflict on conflict update though right I think you

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get that I think we can use on conflict update we'll try I'll um I I might end up Googling a little bit here but so in

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this case we have our daily Aggregate and we need uh last month's aggregate as

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well like we need like uh we we need like what was yesterday because if you think about this in production when this

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is running um uh like on January 1st the array will have one value then it will

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have two values then it will have three values do all the way up right so that's something that we need to consider when

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we are building this out so let's go and get like yesterday array as um and then

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in this case we're just going to say uh select star from array metrics where uh in this case we're

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going to say uh month start equals date 2023

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0101 cuz we that's all we care about um so now in this case we can do like a

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have our daily aggregate full outer join yesterday array one of the things that I

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hope y'all like uh at the end of this data modeling stuff is that like you'll

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recognize that every data modeling problem is actually the same problem where you just uh where you full outer

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join all the time and obviously like if I said

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that on LinkedIn people would be like Zack did you have a stroke but um anyways uh let's just run this now and I

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think this will make more sense so we have our site hits and then we have nulled across the board on the other

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side like we would expect right so now what we want to do is uh we have all

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this then what we want to do is we want to uh essentially create an array or we

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want to create a new array for this daily aggregate if it doesn't exist and

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then we have to fill backwards like essentially from that date so that's where we actually do need to pull in

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this date here we so uh because this is going to be needed we say as current date because we need this uh oh we'll

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call this fun we'll just call it as date I hate how postgres doesn't like like current dates it's like a keyword so

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we're going to need this and we're also going to need to group on it right because we'll need this to do the the

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date math later for like there's an edge case where we need that I promise so

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initially what we want right is we're going to have a a cols here of

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da. user ID and ya. userid this is always the best part when you're just

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like yeah I got my cols figured out and then now like okay so then month start

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right month start can just be uh like another cols here so the cols here is

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going to be between and this cols is really really gnarly actually so in this case we have um you have ya. month start

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comma and then you have da. date but as a month start but this is not quite

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right because uh this day moves forward so you got to like truncate this right

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so you got to do like date trunk month uh da. dat so that like as we kind

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of cumulate up this will still stay month start okay so now we have month

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start then we have metric name uh good thing a good old metric name here is we call the site hits as metric name this

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is something that like is usually hardcoded but it's good now we have the hard part building the

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damn array so uh you can think about it in this first case when yesterday array

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is completely null and completely empty it's like pretty straightforward because

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we know all the users are on the other side so or they're only in the daily aggregate but they're not in the

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yesterday array so we're going to essentially fill in the first one and uh

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cuz I want to I want to really illustrate to y'all the pitfall here that can happen so in this case uh we

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just want to do array and then um so we want to say uh case when ya. metric

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array is not null then uh what we want to do is if

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the metric array is not null we want to say why. metric array but we want to um so this is the next day though so this

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is the opposite like from yesterday's date list one where we put the most

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recent data first this is actually the other way around because we want everything to line up right that's one

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of the things we want to do here is we want to have everything line up so what we want to do is we want to do a concat

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here of and then we want array and then we have da. num sight hits but there is

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uh this is uh another one of those edges where this could be um null and that

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might be okay y'all might be okay with null like I think for this case I don't

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like null I want to do a zero instead of null so that will be um so then we have

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else okay so then then we have uh so if the metric array is not null that means the user already exists but then we have

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when ya. metric array is null then for now what we're going to do is

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we're just going to put in the uh this value here but this is actually

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wrong and um I will explain why this is wrong here in just a second but you'll

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see with uh this kind of daily aggregate this is getting us pretty close so you

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see we have our user ID and we have our case when statement and it looks really nice wow someone someone hit my website

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60 times on New Year's wow someone needs to get a life or maybe they just love my

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data engineering maybe he's just a Super Fan I'm sorry um okay so then in this case this is metric array right want to

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say as metric array this case we need to put like an insert into here insert into array metrics right and then on conflict

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so in this case on conflict so our primary key here we got to put all of them here so we have on conflict then we

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have all of those right and then we say set and then we say metric array

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and then in this case we say equal to what is this even doing okay because we want it to be I

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think we want it to be the excluded one because this is going to be the um the

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the other record right and so I think this is just dot metric array I think

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that's all we do so uh we'll see if this actually works uh but uh there is one

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more bug here with this guy which I will uh kind of show here in a second but we had to get this on conflict right I'm

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glad I got the on conflict stuff to work so we don't we can do it the right way um uh in a big data world like you don't

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have to worry about this because you get overwrite right and overwrite just will

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just like you don't have to worry about how to set the updates of things like

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I'm like I don't know I I maybe I was I've been spoiled and I've just been using overwrite for so long that like I

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just expect it out of every technology work with now and every time I'm like why do I have to update I don't like the

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update keyword so um anyways uh let's go ahead and we should be able to run this query

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now okay so we ran the query for day for the first day all I want to do here is I

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want to run the query for the second day and just so I can illustrate the problem and and and check if this conflict thing

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works okay well something works so if we say uh select star from array metric

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we should have some here that have two values okay there we go perfect yes

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everything everything is exactly what I was thinking was going to happen Okay

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so remember in uh okay so you see how like for some of these metrics like you

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see this first guy here he had six on January 1st and zero on January 2nd so

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he didn't show up the second day right um this person was three and three just very consistently going to three pages

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right and so um you'll see though like remember one of the things I said was

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that every for every iteration of this

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for every data set here regardless of when a user shows up everyone should have the same number

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of elements in the array in this case they should have uh like these guys should have one more

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they should have a zero at the front because this person essentially didn't

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exist until January 2nd and that's what is going on here so what we need to do

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is there is a so in this case we have the okay if the metric array is null

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then we need to have this array but there's also uh it's really awesome so

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we have an array fill function right and we need a concat here so the the array

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fill function here is actually going to be equal to uh so in this case there's

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you see we have month start so then we have uh we have date and minus month

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start so this probably looks really funky but uh like this is what this like

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so what this does array fill what this is going to do is it's going to so for the second or or or

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let's imagine we're on the seventh of the month and a new user shows up then what this will do is uh date will be the

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7th of January and month start will be the first so then this will be uh six

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right you'll have six values that are there that need to be um kind of uh and

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so what this will do is this will create an array of six

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zeros right this it'll be 00000000 six times so one of the things I want to do

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real quick is I want to like clear out array metrics though uh we're just going to we're just

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going to clear them out cuz like and it's going to yell at me because it's saying there's no you see I love I love

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that data grip does this so that like because you don't want to delete all the data but we do want to delete all the

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data so um uh this that's what this array Phill

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is going to do and what we're going to do is we're just going to move this back to January 1st and then we're going to run this two times

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so we're going to we're going to run it for array fill integer

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integer does not exist okay so this is

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that's so weird so you actually give it an array like that that is so weird but



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okay right was that like dimensional values cannot be  
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null oh is it because month's start is null right  
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interesting because that is null and then this is null because it doesn't  
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exist yet but oh this is this is an interesting Edge right so in that case  
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we have uh I think there's like a third condition here actually so when when  
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it's completely empty this is not going to work right so when it's completely empty though we can  
just have this first  
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array because we know that that date hasn't happened yet so what we have here is it's like when ya.  
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null then we have that array okay I think this this should run  
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now okay it ran so if we look look at it let say like if we search here this  
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should perfect so the first day ran that worked great but then let's move it to  
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the second day so that we can uh just see this work working and then I will definitely send this query  
to  
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y'all okay so that should now we should get our  
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filled that did not give us the field zeros oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh  
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because no that actually makes sense because oh because it's not matching  
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here right so that's still going to yeah this is  
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wrong actually like so we got to like essentially coales this cuz one of these  
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values is going to always be there right because essentially what we want is like  
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if both of these values are the same so that's so weird I didn't even like I  
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thought I ran into this problem before I I I know I'm like kind of fumbling here in a second but like let  
me let me go  
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over what we actually needed to do here and what's going on so the problem here is this array can't accept a null value

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so what we want to do is we just need to coalesce this to zero so like if either of

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there is null then we just don't fill because we don't need to fill because that means it's the first day of the

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month right and that will fix our problem but now uh we have bad data

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again so we have to delete from the array metrics but that will um we will

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be uh will be good to go here just a second okay so that will fix our problem that's why

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you have to you have to put a col there because you can't put array bracket null because postgres apparently doesn't

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like that which is again like one of those like today I learned sort of moments so I think this query should run

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now okay but then if we change this to two this should run

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now okay now now we should be good how is that still not like okay now

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I'm wondering if like the update isn't working if it's something with the update actually that is cuz here we are

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getting our the array fill because because if you have the new date

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oh oh oh oh oh oh oh I know what it is I know what it is it's

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because month's start is still null because what we need to do is this

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month start is not actually in this yesterday array this is a hardcoded

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value this is actually not here because what's happening right now let's just

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kind I'm going kind of go over what's going on right here right so we have the date here and uh we pull it in from the

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array but we have a full outer join here right and so when I have this month

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start value here this is not the right one because this is this is going to be null so on the second if someone shows

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up and they don't exist yet this is going to be null but really in the

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pipeline this is not like this value is fixed right so this is actually date 2023 0101 and it never changes that date

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will never change that date's always the same so like that's why we're still getting buggy data wow that's a that's a

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very interesting uh uh a very interesting change okay there we go now

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now we'll be good with just like one more delete and I think we I think we got it here that's even better I love

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that I love that yep but we're we're going to move it to that right because they so you're saying date trunk month

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of date right like that yeah I like that better I like that better because then it's not hardcoded right because then

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like you don't have to like if I want to change it to a new month I only I still only have to edit it up here right so

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okay now keeping in mind that like this kind of array fill stuff it this should

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work I'm okay we got to change this back to one though so you you'll see like this has the same uh pitfalls that uh

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cumulation does ooh types interval and integer cannot

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coales date trunk because this is is it because this needs to be cast

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as a date as well that's post chis is so

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weird well because it worked before okay no yeah there we go it's because date trunk returns a time stamp that's

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why so you got to wrap that in another date right like because that's like so

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dumb okay some of this stuff like like all this silly little data engineering

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stuff is okay now like my whole point is I just wanted to get it to be where

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everything in the metrix array then there we go there we go I know that was

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painful y'all but there we go we got it so one of the things to prove it out right is we can say cardinality of

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metric array and then we can say count one and then we can see like how like everyone should have this should be two

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right everyone should be two yep there we go 138 users everyone has two values

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right and then this just keeps working too though like you'll see if we uh if

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we go to three right and then everyone will have three values now right if we

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kind of where did that query go there we go put that back and then change that to three but you'll see now

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if we run this query now everyone has three so that's kind of the idea here

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here let me paste this to y'all because that was there was that weird date cast that I think we missed that this query

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essentially does it where we can build these things up and uh run all of these queries at once and we can get all of

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the data obviously like uh this this line this line is this

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line is absolutely nuts though I don't know if y'all like if you look at this line of code you're like what is this

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guy doing here like this is so crazy but that gives us our our code for for that

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right so one of the things that I wanted to show though that I think y'all will really

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appreciate is um how to do the aggregation of this so that you can see

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how we can go we can Aggregate and I'm just going to show how to do it with uh

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with metric name and we can group on Metric name but then it will be obvious how like because you can join on user ID

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and bring in other dimensions if you want but you can group on Metric name and that's going to make more sense for

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now so I'm going to I'm just going to open a new uh query console here so if we say select star from array metrics

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right this has all of our data and we have three three three days of data

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right now right but we want to aggregate this and what we want back here is

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dimensional analysis on 3 days and I'm just going to illustrate how this works

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kind of for and then it will make more sense how this works like for like a month so we don't have to do the whole

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accumulation thing but uh so what we want to do is we want to say metric name and in this case we want to say uh sum

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and then we want to say metric array at one right right or and then we can say

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and then we we put this back into an array this is it's so weird like this is

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another thing this is another problem that I noticed that uh a lot of SQL

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uh syntax stuff doesn't work the right way for this so now you'll see and then we can

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say Group by Metric array so this query works right there we go so you see now

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how we have and then we have month start here right so oh we got to put it in the group by

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too month start so you see how now we have like

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this is all added up though like how this uh this is like we have one record

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here right so one of the things that you can do right is this part can be like

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you can do like a like there should be like a unest like function here that

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gives this should okay that worked so what you do is okay I know how to do it

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though so you have a the array not unnested

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right and we're going to call this as summed array and we say with um say a a

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call this an aggregate for now and then what we can do is we can

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say um select star from from a we could say cross join

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unest and then in this case we have a do summed array with

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ordinality right okay I think it works this way with ordinality this is like

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this is getting absurdly fancy but I I I assure you that this is important why we

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have this like index here we're gonna call this index though so if we query if we run this query

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you'll see okay so now we have this index here right and uh postgres is

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dumb and we have to do minus one because it does one based indexing but we need

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to add one day to our month start so if

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we say um so we have metric name then we say month start plus there

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should be like plus interval can you do like one day or like is it interval in

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yeah we can say day index minus one that is it like

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that what there should be a way to do that like add one day so the idea here

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is you can take this month and add one day to it like is what is the there's

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does anyone know what the add one day function is like like like from an INT it's like you got like date  
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always freaking get this stuff like date in date part date out date

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trunk okay so problem here is uh remember it's zero based right so this

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is actually the wrong day so we need to do index minus one because postgres

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and okay perfect so now this is now we have our um and then we have um LM as

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value right and then this is uh okay there we go so now we have our

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date and we have you see how now this is back to um uh daily aggregate right um

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but the thing is is like I want to show how this works really well though because of like how uh how  
like if we

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just load in one more day into the metric right then this pops in and then

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over here all we got to do is add it to the array here and then uh this part was

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like I actually ended up writing python that generated this there needs to be UDF that essentially just does this sum

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for you but uh so you see now we have the fourth and that just added it uh

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very efficiently cuz the thing is is like this explode here is like we we

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aren't like every user only has one record right and so we can sum everyone

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up and it's like very fast because we just sum them up in the array and we don't ever explode the array we only

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explode the array after everything is aggregated and so that's why like we have like one record for each metric

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name but that's where like in here when you do when you have this um this sum here this is where you could join in

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users to like get some other value right you could get like I don't know there's

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other values that you could get here to like explode out the dimensions and so that you would have more here but then

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you would have daily data with that dimensional value as well and so that's how you can go from monthly uh kind of

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array metrics back to daily Aggregates but it's very fast because you have a

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it's the minimal set of data that you need and um that's uh like this idea

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like saved Facebook so much time and so much effort and energy congrats on finishing this 5-hour course doing all

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the Hands-On exercises and getting to the end and sticking it out I'm really proud of you congratulations not very

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many people get this far you really like this content make sure to like comment and subscribe and good job I'm excited

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for you to check out week three [Music]

