

What are we going to build?





Our Silver & Gold Tables

We're going to build 2 tables, test them, and document them:

- *Note: Our Bronze (raw data) has been loaded by Fivetran*
- **Silver:**
 - `dim_customers`: a dimension table holding attributes about our customer, plus a `unique_id` we will generate
- **Gold:**
 - `top_customers`: a summary table of our top 100 customers by spend for this business

```
dim_customers.sql
top_customers.sql

1 select
2   store_id || "-" || cast(id as string) as unique_id,
3   id,
4   store_id,
5   name,
6   email
7 from {{ source('apjuice', 'users') }}
```

```
top_customers.sql
1 select
2   s.store_id,
3   ss.unique_customer_id,
4   c.name,
5   sum(product_cost) total_spend
6 from
7   {{ ref('sales_items') }} s
8   join {{ ref('sales') }} ss on s.sale_id = ss.id
9   join {{ ref('dim_customers') }} c on ss.unique_customer_id = c.unique_id
10 where
11   ss.unique_customer_id is not null
12 group by s.store_id, ss.unique_customer_id, c.name
13 order by total_spend
14 limit 100
```



Our final data lineage:

Green represents raw or Bronze Data.
For example loaded by Fivetran.

apjuice.sales2021

apjuice.stores

sales

apjuice.users

dim_products

dim_locations

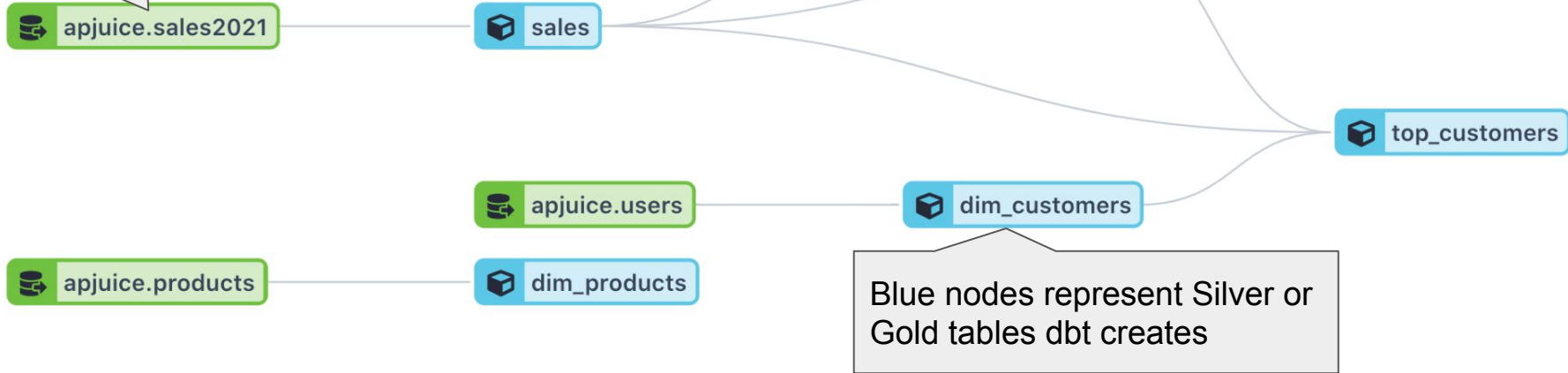
sales_items

dim_customers

country_sales

top_customers

Blue nodes represent Silver or Gold tables dbt creates





Optional: Starter SQL code for exercises

Link here:

<https://gist.github.com/adinsmoor/60f33ebd8537c06fdd7edb1880e38f8e>



Exercise 1: creating our Silver model

The Ask: “we need a single source of truth for customer details. Can you create a `dim_customers` model?”

- Include: `id`, `store_id`, `name`, `email`
- You'll need to add a new `unique_key` field that concatenates `store_id` and users `id`, since user `id` may not be unique across stores
- Define a source
- Execute *dbt run* once complete

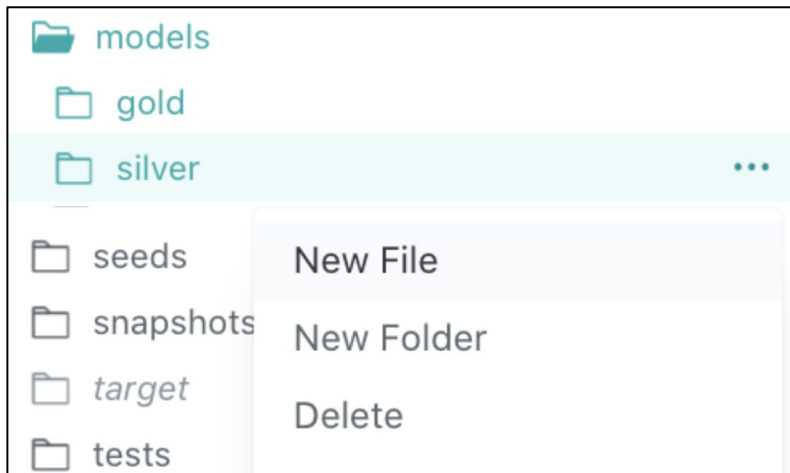
Cheat code: use dbt Cloud shortcuts! Type “`__s`”, select *source*, and tab.

Bonus: optionally, try adding a custom configuration at the top of the model file to define this model as a *view* (instead of the *table* default we have set for the project).

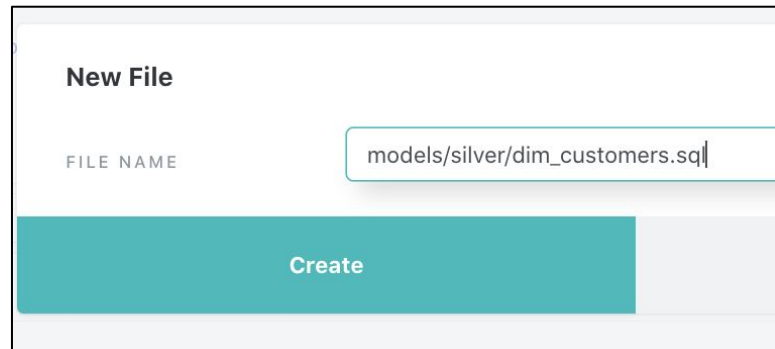


Exercise 1: Solution

1. Select **New File** from the dropdown



2. Give the file a **name** with a **.sql** extension





Exercise 1: Solution (cont.)

3. Add your *SQL* and Save

dim_customers.sql

```
select
  store_id || "-" || cast(id as string) as unique_id,
  id,
  store_id,
  name,
  email
from {{ source('apjuice', 'users') }}
```

4. Execute the model with *dbt run*

| Runs | | dbt run | |
|---------|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| dbt run | init | 17s | dbt run init |
| | | Passed | 7 |
| | | RUN STATUS | PASS |
| | | SYSTEM LOGS | |
| | | > view logs | |
| | | DETAILS | |
| | | > dim_customers | |
| | | > dim_locations | |
| | | > dim_products | |
| | | > sales | |
| | | > sales_items | |
| | | > country_sales | |
| | | > top_customers | |



Exercise 2: Testing & Documenting Our Models

The Ask: “We want to share context about the data with users and verify that the source data conforms to our expectations over time. Can you set that up?”

1. **Open `silver_docs.yml` and add docs & a `not_null` for your `dim_customers` model, follow the example for `locations`**

2. **Execute the test with `dbt test`**

```
silver_docs.yml
1  version: 2
2
3  models:
4    - name: dim_locations
5      description: store locations further classified by country
6      columns:
7        - name: id
8          tests:
9            - not_null
10
11
```

Bonus: optionally, try adding a custom singular test (in the `tests` folder) that checks for any records in `sales_items` with a `product_cost < 0`.

Is there a way to set the test up to error if > 10 records have negative amounts, but only warn otherwise?

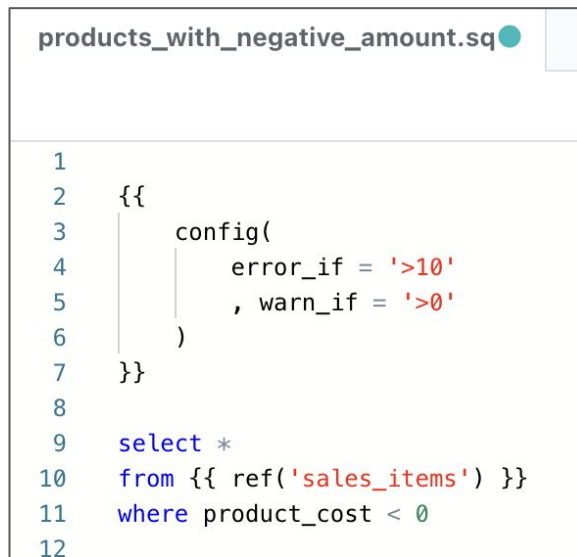


Exercise 2: Bonus Solution

3. Add your *product_with_negative_amount.sql* to the tests folder



4. Define your SQL-based test. Save. Execute your test with *dbt test -select sales_items*





Exercise 3: creating our Gold model

The Ask: “the marketing team runs special promotions for the top 100 customers. Can you add this to our Gold layer?”

- Include: `store_id`, `unique_customer_id`, `name`, `total spend`
- Hint: start with `sales_items` and join in `sales` and `dim_customers`
- Remember to use the `ref` command!
- Execute `dbt run` once complete

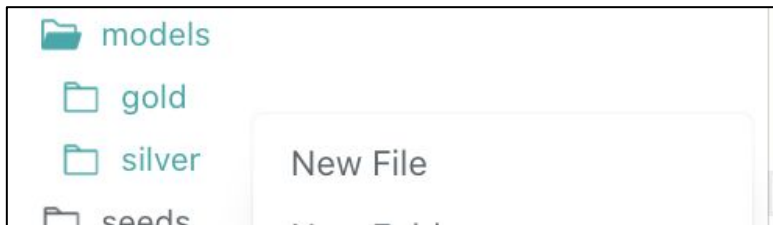
Advanced Bonus: optionally, create a `dbt snapshot` (in the `snapshots` directory) on `dim_customers` to preserve a history of how customers have changed over time. Config you'll need: `unique_key = 'unique_id'`, `strategy='check'`, `check_cols='all'`

Cheat code: use `dbt Cloud` shortcuts! Type “`__r`”, select `ref`, and tab. For the bonus: type “`__s`”, select `snapshot`, and tab.

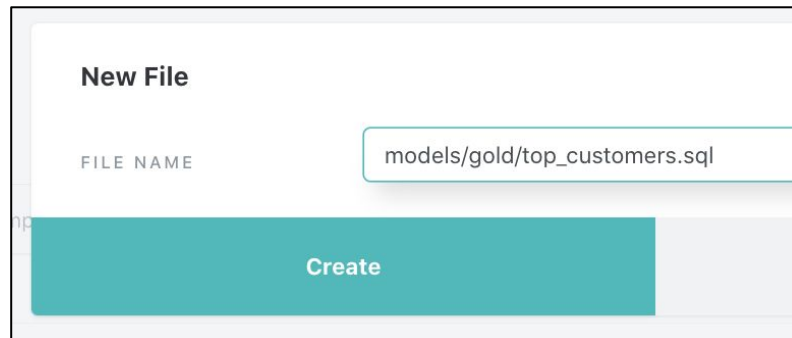


Exercise 3: Solution

1. Select **New File** from the dropdown



2. Give the file a **name** with a **.sql** extension





Exercise 3: Solution (cont.)

3. Add your SQL and Save

```
top_customers.sql

1 select
2   s.store_id,
3   ss.unique_customer_id,
4   c.name,
5   sum(product_cost) total_spend
6 from
7   {{ ref('sales_items') }} s
8   join {{ ref('sales') }} ss      on s.sale_id = ss.id
9   join {{ ref('dim_customers') }} c on ss.unique_customer_id = c.unique_id
10 where
11   ss.unique_customer_id is not null
12 group by s.store_id, ss.unique_customer_id, c.name
13 order by total_spend
14 limit 100
```

4. Execute the model with *dbt run*

Runs dbt run

| | | |
|---------|---|-----|
| dbt run | ✓ | 17s |
| init | | |

dbt run
🔗 init

Passed 7
RUN STATUS PASS

SYSTEM LOGS

> view logs

DETAILS

- > dim_customers
- > dim_locations
- > dim_products
- > sales
- > sales_items
- > country_sales
- > top_customers



Exercise 3: Bonus Solution

5. Add a `dim_customer_snapshot.sql` file with the appropriate logic to the `snapshots` directory.

```
dim_customer_snapshot.sql

1
2 {% snapshot dim_customers_snapshot %}
3   {{
4     config(
5       unique_key='unique_id',
6       strategy='check',
7       check_cols='all'
8     )
9   }}
10
11   select * from {{ ref('dim_customers') }}
12
13 {% endsnapshot %}
14
```

6. Execute the snapshot with **`dbt snapshot`**

| dbt snapshot | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|---------|--------|----------|-----------|
| ad-mock | | | | | | | |
| Passed | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 06:03:04 | 8 seconds |
| RUN STATUS | PASS | WARN | FAIL | SKIPPED | QUEUED | START | DURATION |
| SYSTEM LOGS | | | | | | | |
| > view logs | | | | | | | |
| DETAILS | | | | | | | |
| > dim_customers_snapshot | | | | | | | |

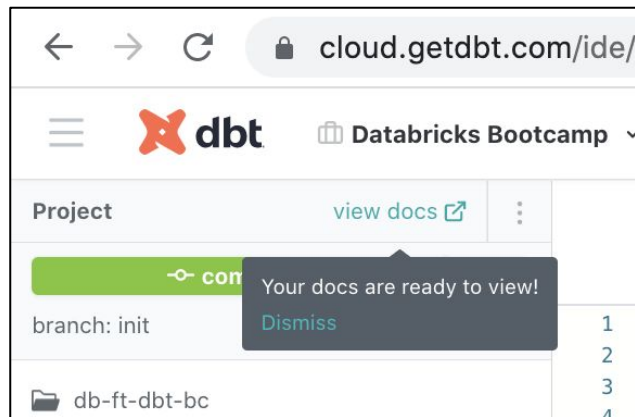


Wrap up: building our docs

1. Run dbt Docs

| Runs | | dbt docs generate | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|------|------|
| dbt docs generate | ✓ | dbt docs generate | | |
| init | 5s | init | | |
| dbt test | ✓ | Passed | 10 | 0 |
| init | 6s | RUN STATUS | PASS | WARN |
| dbt test --select dim_customers | ✓ | SYSTEM LOGS | | |
| init | 6s | > view logs | | |
| dbt run | ✓ | DETAILS | | |
| init | 17s | > dim_customers | | |
| | | > dim_locations | | |
| | | > dim_products | | |

2. Click on the View Docs Link to view dbt Docs





Solution code (including bonuses!)

Link here:

<https://gist.github.com/adinsmoor/93cd64264307b005bbe896b1f7804519>

Wrapping Up

- What have we built?
- How do we deploy to Production?
- Can we test our changes prior to deployment (CI Testing)
- How do we share documentation with stakeholders?
- Open Q&A

