

Processing, Storing, and Organizing Data

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About this Course

This course will equip you with the fundamentals of database design. We'll begin by exploring two key data processing methods, OLTP and OLAP. You'll also gain a solid understanding of various data storage formats and delve into the fundamentals of data modeling

OLTP vs OLAP

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The Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Differentiate between the two main data processing approaches: OLTP (Online Transaction Processing) and OLAP (Online Analytical Processing).
2. Identify and understand the different formats for data storage.
3. Grasp the core concepts of data modeling.
4. Apply these foundational concepts to design basic databases.



OLTP vs OLAP

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How should we organize and manage data?

It depends on the intended use of the data.

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- **Schemas:** How should my data be logically organized?
- **Normalization:** Should my data have minimal dependency and redundancy? Views: What joins will be done most often?
- **Access control:** Should all users of the data have the same level of access
- **DBMS:** How do I pick between all the SQL and noSQL options?

and more!

Approaches to processing data

OLTP

Online **T**ransaction **P**rocessing



OLAP

Online **A**nalytical **P**rocessing



Some concrete examples

OLTP task

Online **T**ransaction **P**rocessing

- Find the price of a book
- Update latest customer transaction
- Keep track of employee hours

OLAP task

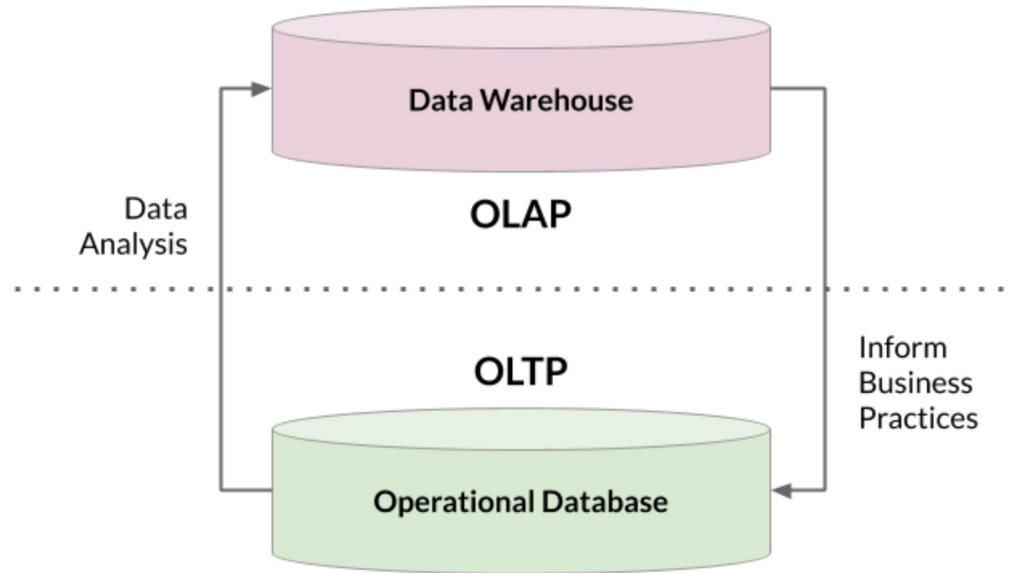
Online **A**nalytical **P**rocessing

- Calculate books with best profit margin
- Find most loyal customers
- Decide employee of the month

OLTP vs. OLAP

	OLTP	OLAP
<i>Purpose</i>	support daily transactions	report and analyze data
<i>Design</i>	application-oriented	subject-oriented
<i>Data</i>	up-to-date, operational	consolidated, historical
<i>Size</i>	snapshot, gigabytes	archive, terabytes
<i>Queries</i>	simple transactions & frequent updates	complex, aggregate queries & limited updates
<i>Users</i>	thousands	hundreds

Working together



Takeaways

- Step back and figure out business requirements
- Difference between OLAP and OLTP
- OLAP? OLTP? Or something else?

Storing data

Structuring data

1. Structured data

- Follows a schema
- Defined data types & relationships
_e.g., SQL, tables in a relational database _

2. Unstructured data

- Does not follow larger schema
- Self-describing structure
e.g., NoSQL, XML, JSON

2. Unstructured data

- Schemaless
- Makes up most of data in the world
e.g., photos, chat logs, MP3

Example of a JSON file

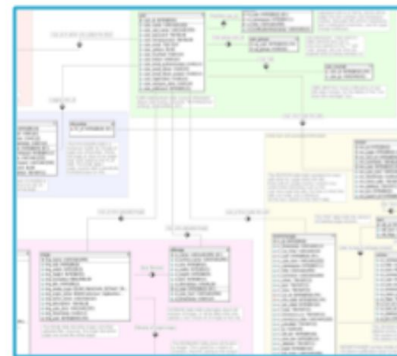
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"user": {  
  "profile_use_background_image": true,  
  "statuses_count": 31,  
  "profile_background_color": "C0DEED",  
  "followers_count": 3066,  
  ...  
}
```

Structuring data

Easier to Analyze



```
<?xml version="1.0"
encoding="iso-8859-1" ?>
<languages>
  <language id="fr">
    <name lang="fr">Français</name>
    <name lang="en">French</name>
    <name lang="es">Frances</name>
    <name lang="de">Französisch</name>
    <name lang="eo">Franca</name>
  </language>
</languages>
```



More Flexibility and Scalability

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https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Languages_xml.png

Storing data beyond traditional databases

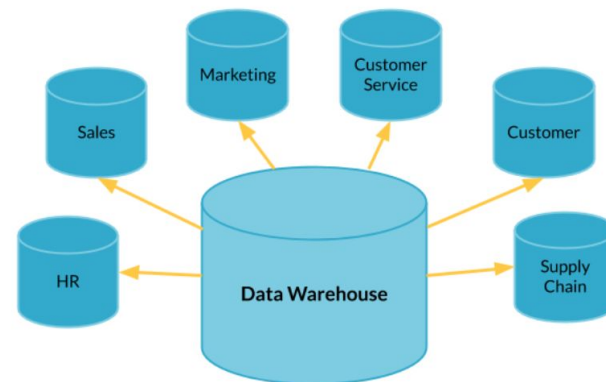
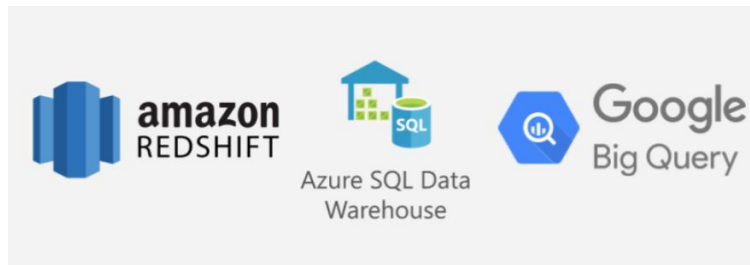
- **Traditional databases**
 - For storing real-time relational structured data ? OLTP
- **Data warehouses**
 - For analyzing archived structured data ? OLAP
- **Data lakes**
 - For storing data of all structures = flexibility and scalability
 - For analyzing big data

Data warehouses

- Optimized for analytics - OLAP
 - Organized for reading/aggregating data
 - Usually read-only
- Contains data from multiple sources
- Massively Parallel Processing (MPP)
- Typically uses a denormalized schema and dimensional modeling

Data marts

- Subset of data warehouses
- Dedicated to a specific topic

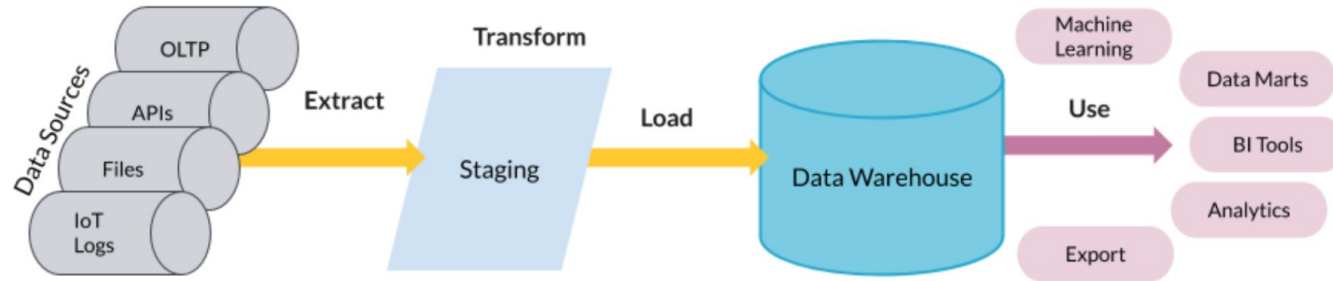


Data lakes

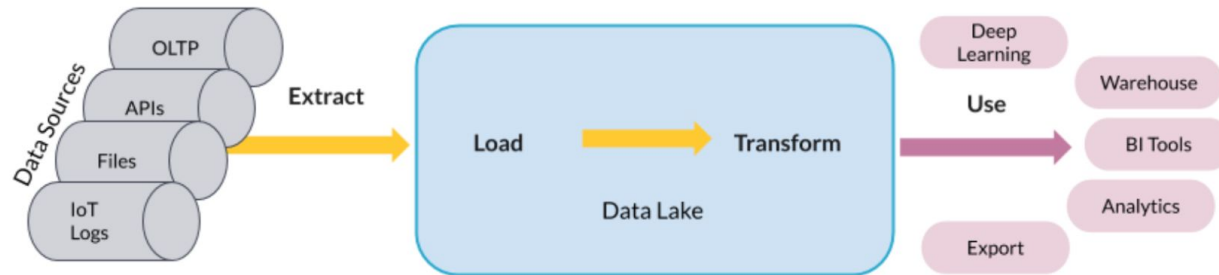
- Store **all** types of data at a **lower cost**:
 - e.g., raw, operational databases, IoT device logs, real-time, relational and non-relational
- Retains all data and can take up petabytes
- Schema-on-read as opposed to schema-on-write
- Need to catalog data otherwise becomes a **data swamp**
- Run big data analytics using services such as **Apache Spark** and **Hadoop**
 - Useful for deep learning and data discovery because activities require so much data



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Database design

What is database design?

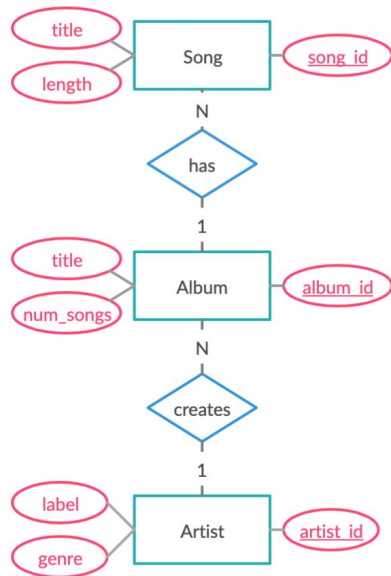
- Determines how data is logically stored
 - How is data going to be read and updated?
- Uses **database models**: high-level specifications for database structure
 - Most popular: relational model
 - Some other options: NoSQL models, object-oriented model, network model
- Uses **schemas**: blueprint of the database
 - Defines tables, fields, relationships, indexes, and views
 - When inserting data in relational databases, schemas must be respected

Data modeling

Process of creating a data model for the data to be stored

1. **Conceptual data model:** describes entities, relationships, and attributes
 - *Tools:* data structure diagrams, e.g., entity-relational diagrams and UML diagrams
2. **Logical data model:** defines tables, columns, relationships
 - *Tools:* database models and schemas, e.g., relational model and star schema
3. **Physical data model:** describes physical storage
 - *Tools:* partitions, CPUs, indexes, backup systems and tablespaces

Conceptual - ER diagram



Entities, relationships, and attributes

Logical - schema

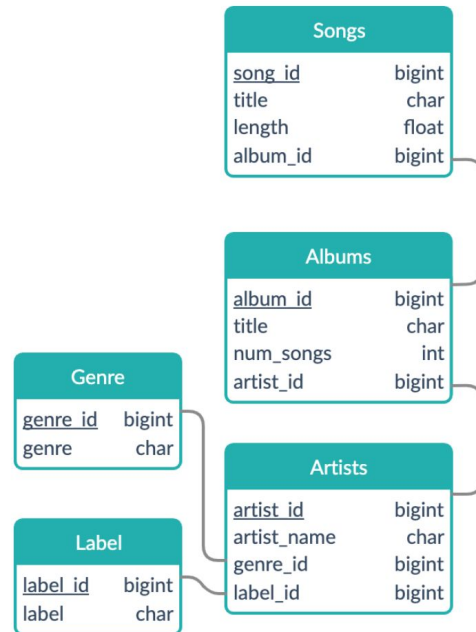


Fastest conversion: entities become the tables

Other database design options

Songs	
<u>song_id</u>	bigint
song_title	char
length	float
album_title	bigint
num_songs_album	int
artist_name	char
genre	char
label	char

Determining tables



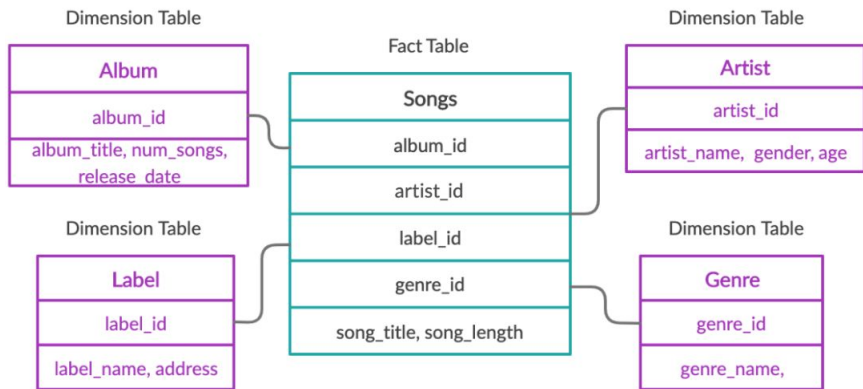
Beyond the relational model

Dimensional modeling

Adaptation of the relational model for data warehouse design

- Optimized for **OLAP** queries: aggregate data, not updating (OLTP)
- Built using the star schema
- Easy to interpret and extend schema

Elements of dimensional modeling



Organize by:

- What is being analyzed?
- How often do entities change?

Fact tables

- Decided by business use-case
- Holds records of a metric
- Changes regularly
- Connects to dimensions via foreign keys

Dimension tables

- Holds descriptions of attributes
- Does not change as often

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Thank you!

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