

# CS150A Database

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Today:

- Analytics and ML in Data Systems:
  - Part 1
  - Data warehouse & Data Lake

Readings:

- Database Management Systems (DBMS), Chapter 25

# Transaction Processing vs Analytics

## **Online Transaction Processing (OLTP)**

- Many small queries:
  - Freq. use of indexes
  - Many writes
  - Concurrency and Logging
- Managing the “Now”
  - Source of truth
- Fairly simple queries with few predicates and relations

## **Online Analytics Processing (OLAP) & Data Mining/ML**

- Exploratory Full Table Queries
  - e.g., Agg. Sales Per Market
  - Infrequent (but bulk) writes
  - Limited transaction processing
- Recording the history
  - What was our inventory at the end of last two quarters
- Complex queries with many predicates and many relations

# Analytics & ML queries:

- What was our total sales by market last quarter?
  - Summarization
- What is our predicted sales for next quarter?
  - Forecasting
- Which users will likely leave our service?
  - Churn prediction
- If a user buys X what else are they likely to buy?
  - Collaborative filtering & Recommender Systems



Sales  
(Asia)



Sales  
(US)



Inventory



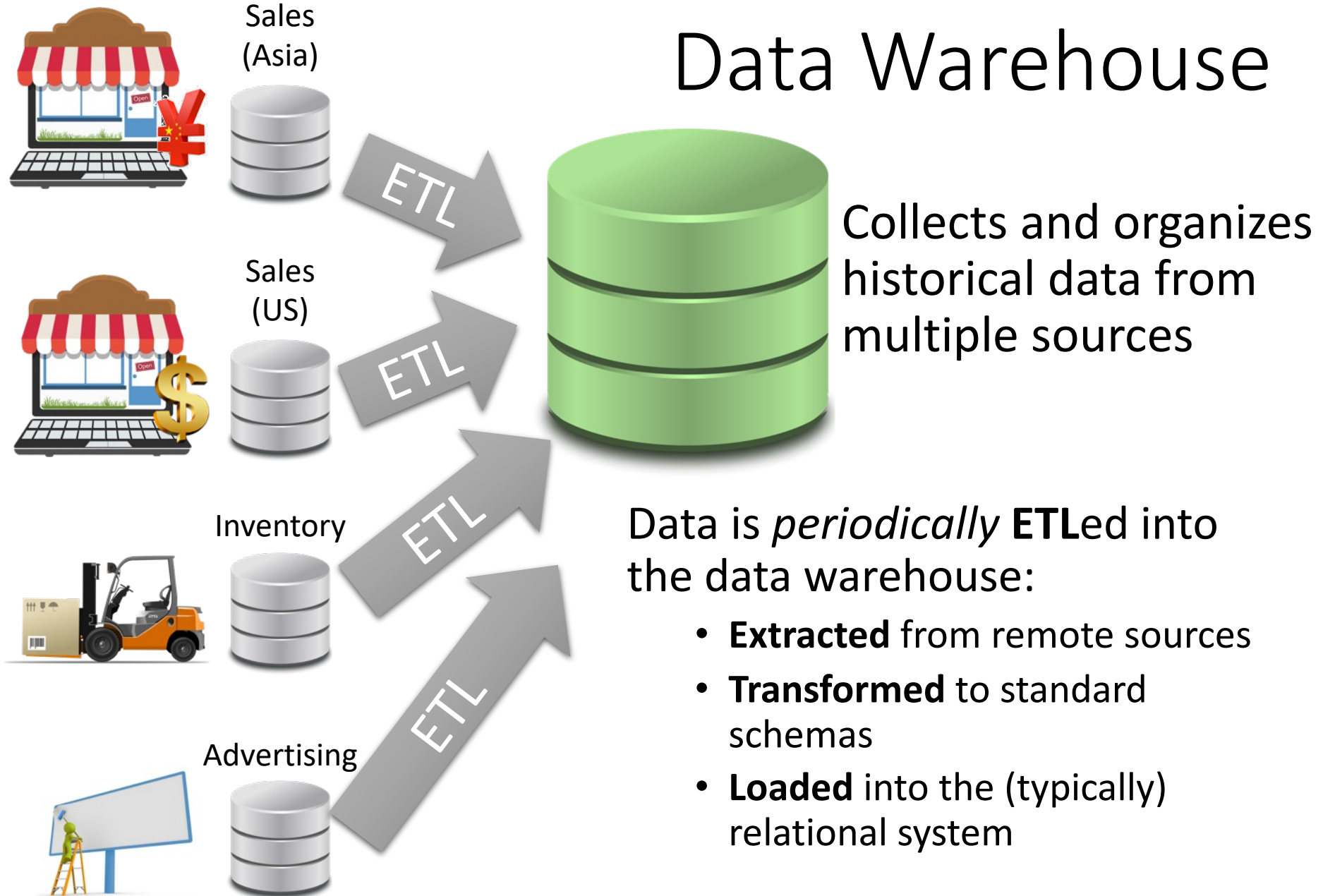
Advertising



# Data Everywhere

- Stored Across Multiple Operational OLTP Systems
  - Different formats (e.g., currency)
    - Different schemas (acquisitions ...)
  - Mission critical
    - Serving live sales traffic
    - Managing inventory
    - ... Be careful!
- Often limited historical data

We would like a consolidated, cleaned, historical snapshot of the data.



# Extracting Data from Sources

- Need to collect data from multiples sources
  - Various RDBMS vendors
  - Structured files JSON, XML
- Often done using SQL interfaces
- Validate extracted data
  - Flag corrupted records ...

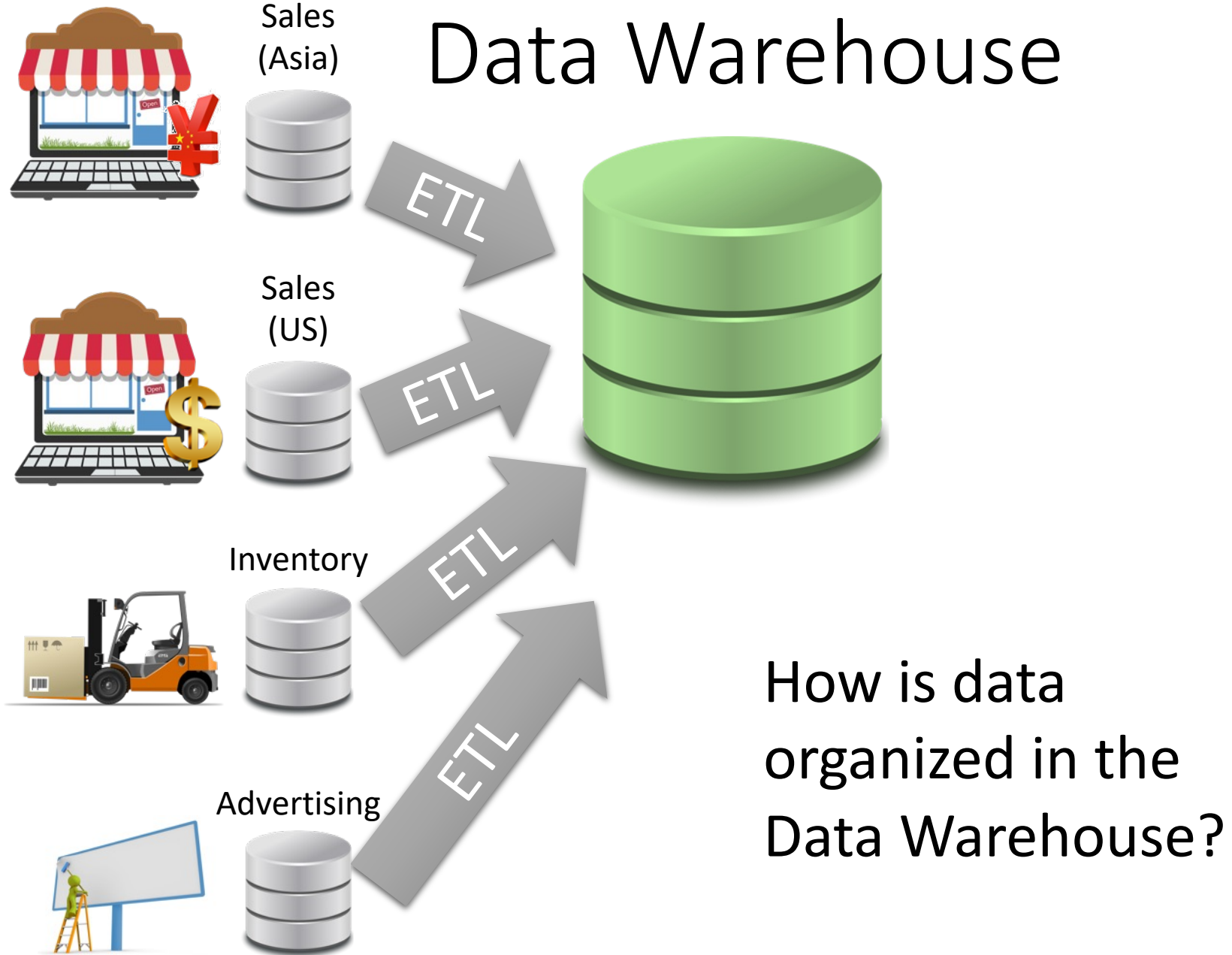
# Transforming “Cleaning” Data

- Additional data validation and filtering
- Schema manipulation
  - Extract key fields
  - Encoding text
  - Verifying and enforcing constraints
- Data normalization (time zones, currency)

# Loading Data


- Data is bulk loaded into large relations
  - Fact tables ... (more on this later)
- Update:
  - Indexes
  - Metadata tables: Data about the data
    - When and how was it collected
    - Meaning of fields
  - Updating materialized views ...
- Occasionally move older data to archival storage
  - Data aging





# Example Sales Data:

pname	category	price	qty	date	day	city	state	country
Corn	Food	25	25	3/30/16	Wed.	Omaha	NE	USA
Corn	Food	25	8	3/31/16	Thu.	Omaha	NE	USA
Corn	Food	25	15	4/1/16	Fri.	Omaha	NE	USA
Galaxy 1	Phones	18	30	1/30/16	Wed.	Omaha	NE	USA
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Peanuts	Food	2	45	3/31/16	Thu.	Seoul		Korea
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- **Big** table: many *columns* and *rows*
  - Substantial redundancy → expensive to store and access
- Could we organize the data a little better?

# Multidimensional Data Model

*Sales* **Fact Table**

pid	timeid	locid	sales
11	1	1	25
11	2	1	8
11	3	1	15
12	1	1	30
12	2	1	20
12	3	1	50
12	1	1	8
13	2	1	10
13	3	1	10
11	1	2	35
11	2	2	22
11	3	2	10
12	1	2	26

**Locations**

locid	city	state	country
1	Omaha	Nebraska	USA
2	Seoul		Korea
5	Richmond	Virginia	USA

**Dimension  
Tables**

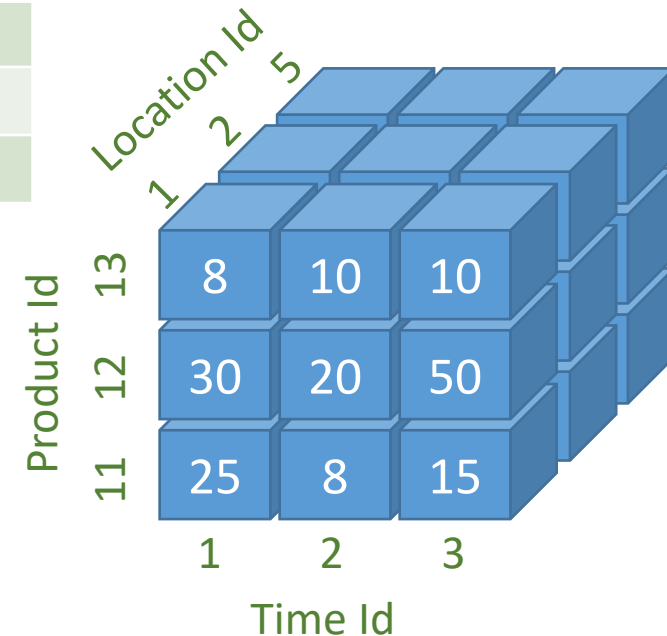
**Products**

pid	pname	category	price
11	Corn	Food	25
12	Galaxy 1	Phones	18
13	Peanuts	Food	2

- Multidimensional “Cube” of data

**Time**

timeid	Date	Day
1	3/30/16	Wed.
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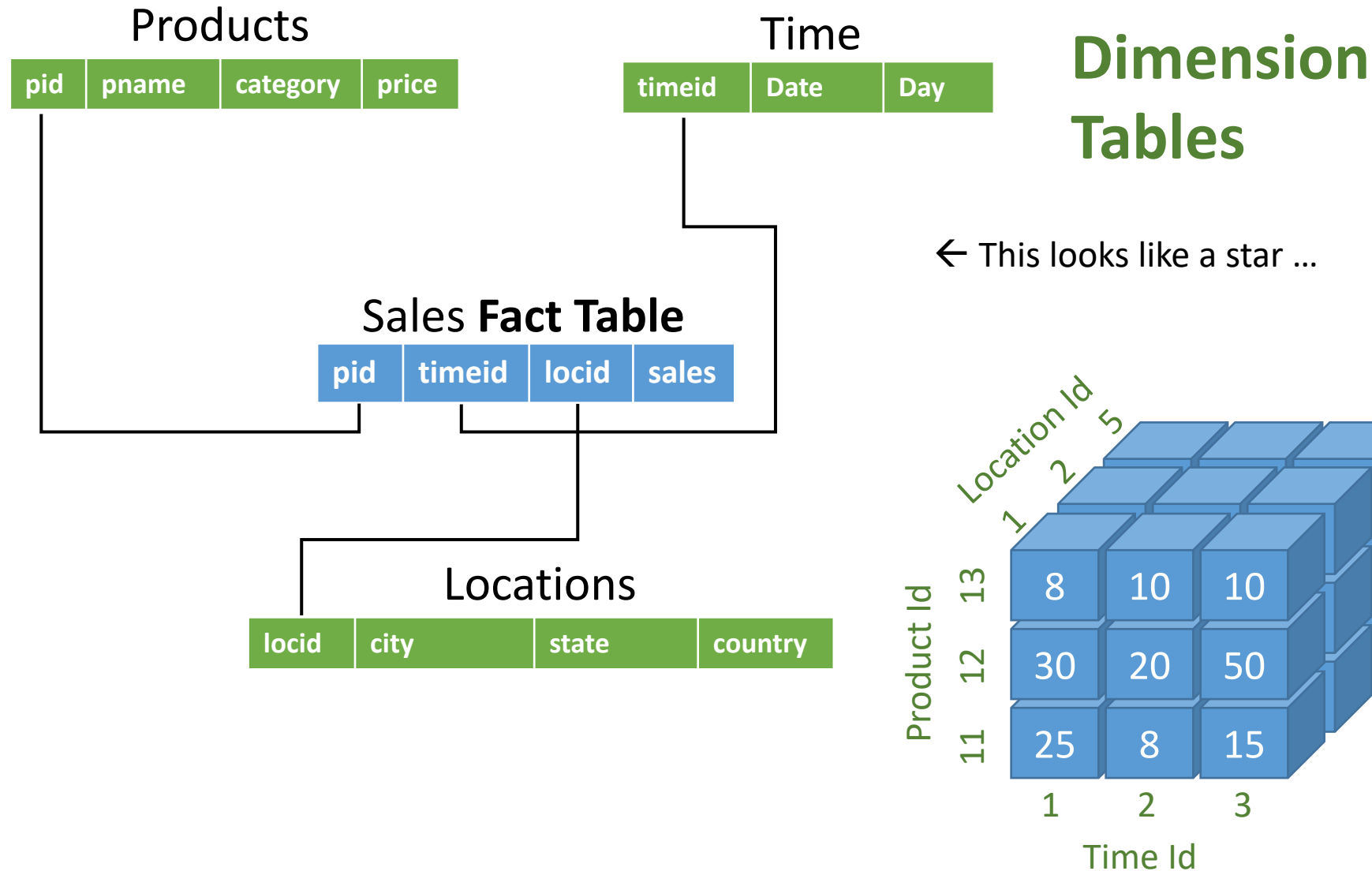
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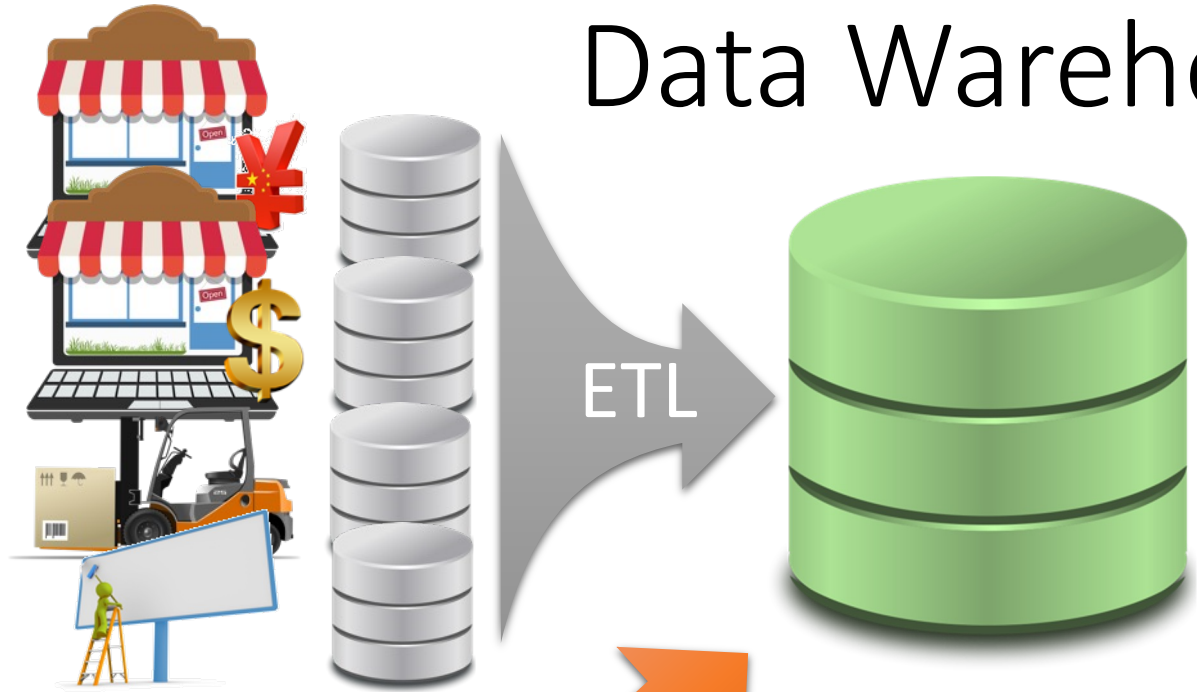
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- Sales Fact Table
  - Contains only foreign keys → Efficient
- Easy to manage Dimensions
  - Galaxy1 → Phablet: no need to update **Fact Table**
- Normalization
  - Minimizing redundancy

# Multidimensional Data: Star Schema



# Data Warehouse



Text/Log Data



Photos & Videos



*It is Terrible!*

- How do we deal with semi-structured and unstructured data?
- Do we really want to force a schema on load?

# Data Warehouse

How do we **clean** and **organize** this data?

Depends on use ...



Text/Log Data



Photos & Videos



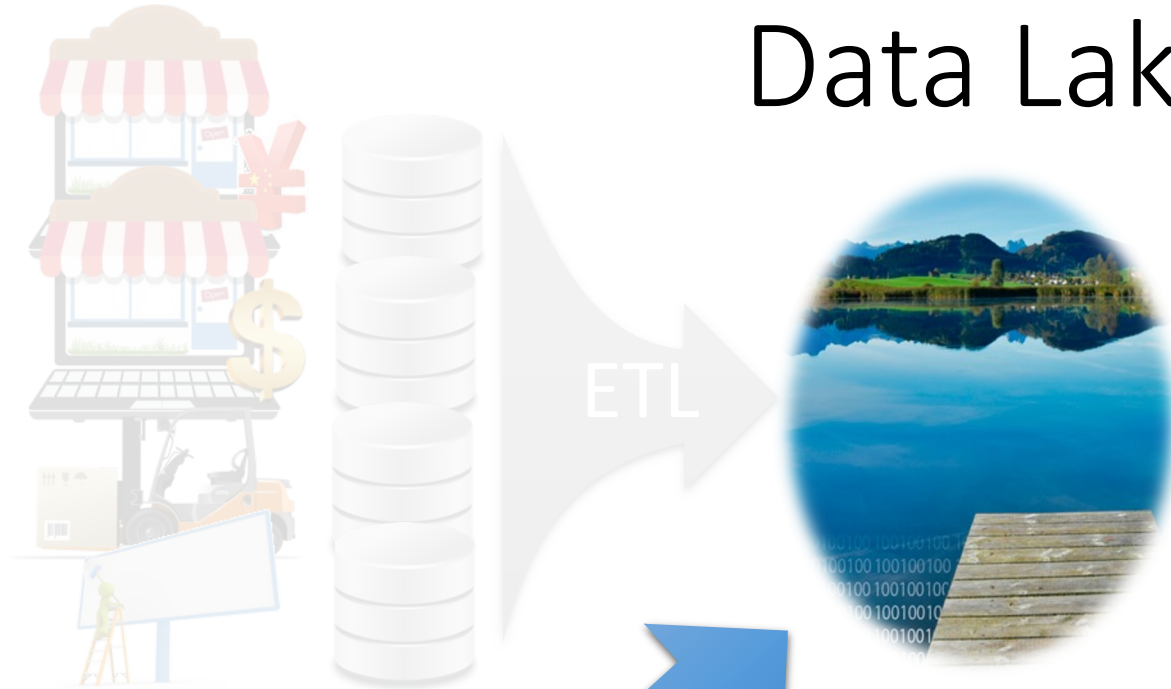
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ETL?

How do we **load** and **process** this data in a relation system?

Depends on use ...  
Can be difficult ...  
Requires thought ...

# Data Lake\*



\*Still being defined...  
[Buzzword Disclaimer]

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*It is Terrible!*

## Big Idea:

Maintain a copy of all the data in one place and *free*\* data consumers to choose how to transform and use it.

\*free to solve all the problems themselves



# Origin of the Data Lake

- Attributed to James Dixon, CTO of Pentaho, 2010

“If you think of a **datamart** as a store of bottled water – **cleansed** and **packaged** and **structured** for **easy consumption** – the **data lake** is a **large body of water** in a more **natural state**.

The contents of the data lake **stream in** from a source to fill the lake, and various users of the lake can come to examine, dive in, or **take samples**.”

# Data Lake

- Store unstructured data in **raw form**
  - Schema-on-**Read**: *determine the best organization **when data is used***
  - **Contrast**: Data Warehouses are Schema-on-Load (ETL)
    - Plan ahead (Fact tables and Dimensions)
- Often much **larger** than data warehouses
- Technologies
  - **Storage**: Large distributed file systems (e.g., HDFS)
    - Semi-structured formats (JSON, Parquet)
  - **Computation**: Map-Reduce
    - Recent trend to add SQL (or SQL like) functionality
- More Agile (?):
  - Don't worry about schema & verification when loading
  - Disaggregated compute and storage → BYOF
    - bring your own compute frameworks ...
- **What could go wrong?**



*As his data lake slowly turned into a data swamp, Carruthers regretted not investing more in data quality...*



# Data Lake → Data Swamp

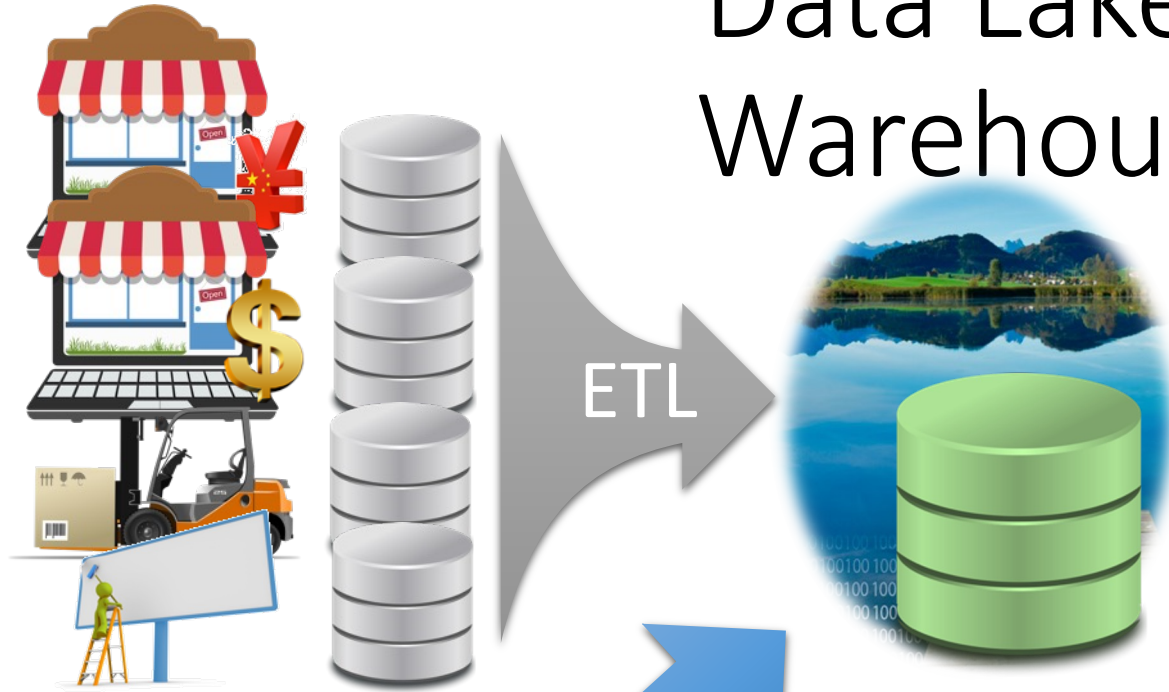


- Cultural shift: *Curate* → Save **Everything!**
  - Signal to Noise ratio drops ...
- Limited data governance → more agile →
  - **What** does it contain? **What** are all the “fields”
  - **When** and **how** and **from where** was it created
- Without cleaning and verification we begin to collect a rich history of **dirty data**
- Limited compatible with traditional tools

# Data Lakes *Appear* to be Maturing

- Relational data-models + SQL:
  - **Hive**: SQL on top of Hadoop Map-Reduce
  - **SparkSQL**: SQL on top of Spark
- Tools are Improving:
  - Better data cleaning
  - Catalog Managers
  - Improved semi-structured “raw” data formats
- Improved data governance
  - Organization are recognizing the issues

# Data Lake / Warehouse



Text Data

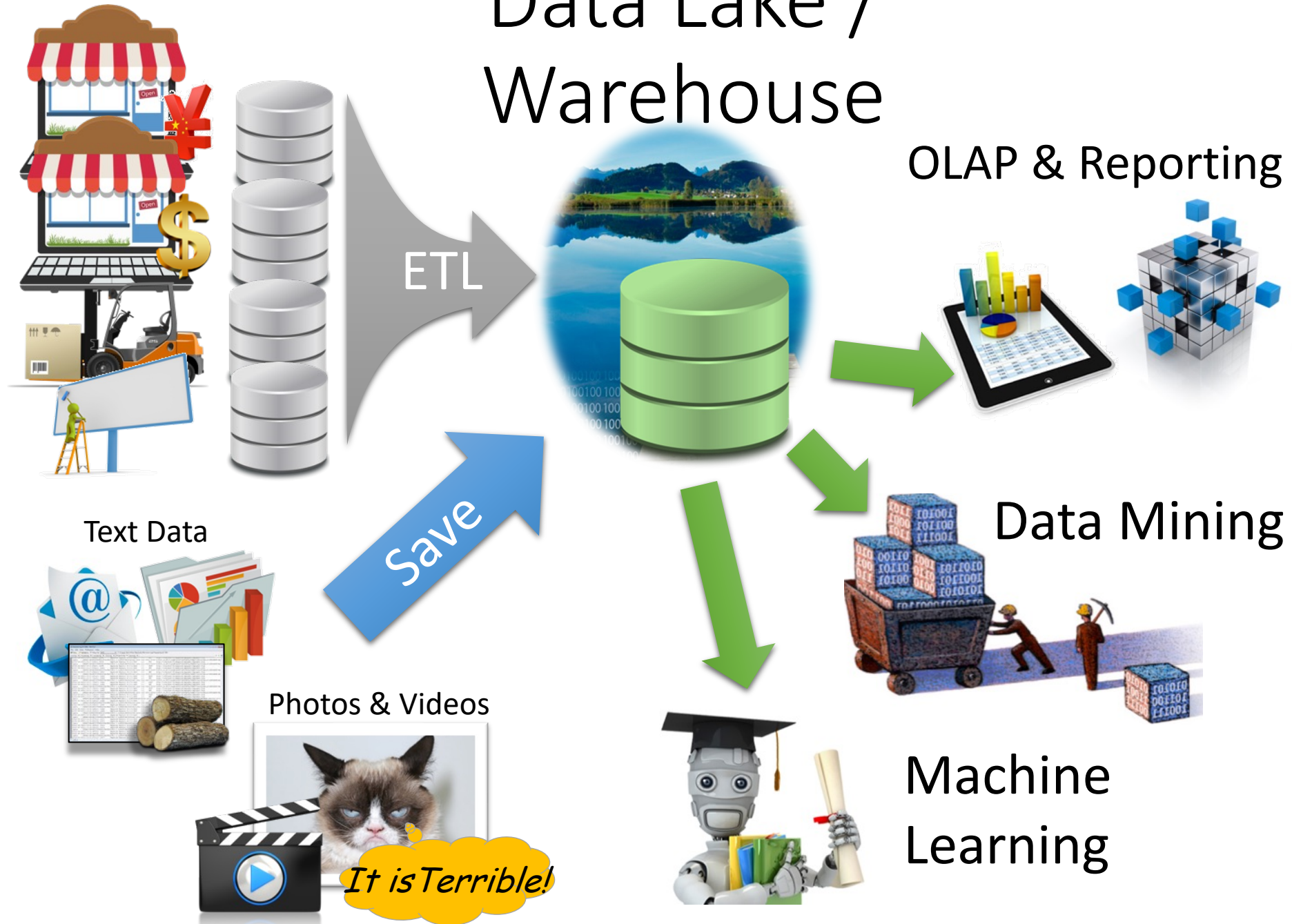


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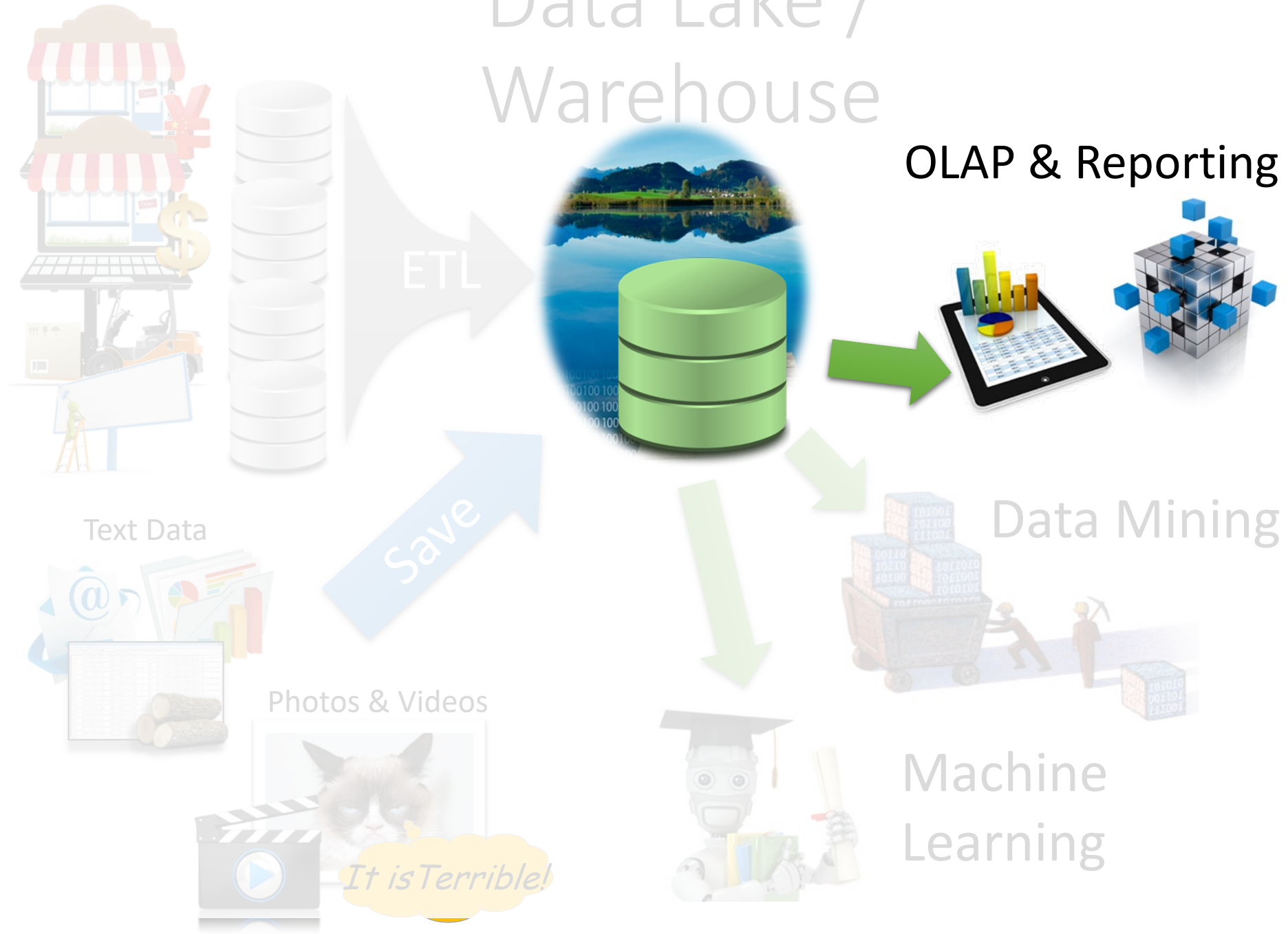
What do we do  
with all this  
data?

# Data Lake / Warehouse





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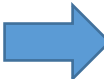
# Online Analytics Processing (OLAP)

Users interact with multidimensional data:

- Constructing ad-hoc and often complex SQL queries
- Using graphical tools that to construct queries
- Sharing views that summarize data across important dimensions

# Cross Tabulation (Pivot Tables)

Item	Color	Quantity
Desk	Blue	2
Desk	Red	3
Sofa	Blue	4
Sofa	Red	5



		Item		
		Desk	Sofa	Sum
Color	Blue	2	4	<b>6</b>
	Red	3	5	<b>8</b>
	Sum	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>

- Aggregate data across pairs of dimensions
  - **Pivot Tables:** *graphical interface* to select dimensions and aggregation function (e.g., SUM, MAX, MEAN)
  - **GROUP BY** queries
- Related to contingency tables and marginalization in stats.
- What about many dimensions?

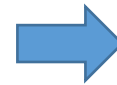
# Cube Operator

- Generalizes cross-tabulation to higher dimensions.

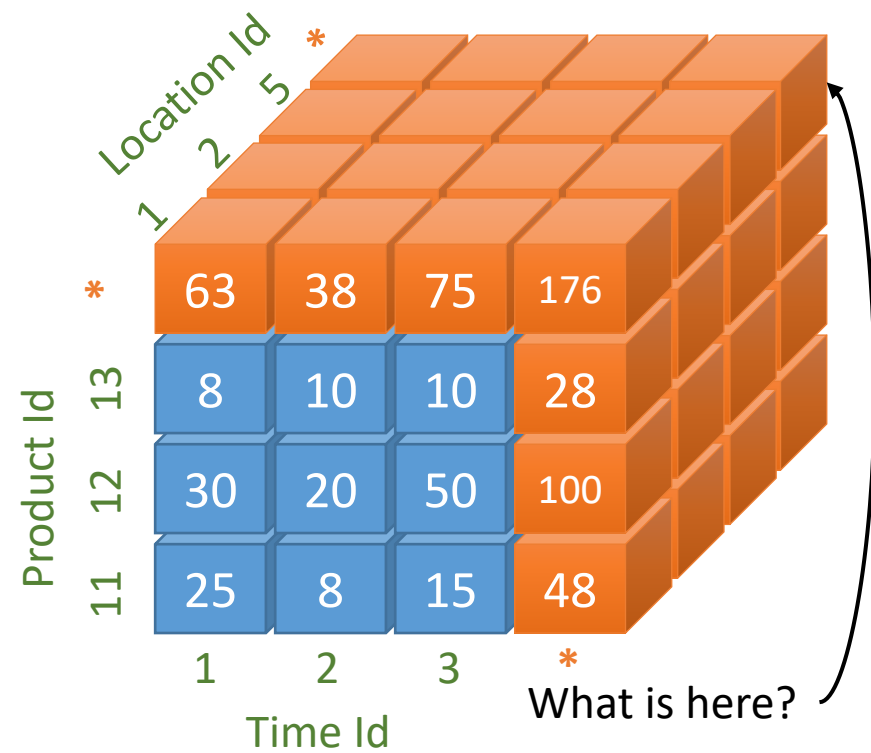
➤ In SQL:

```
SELECT Item, Color, SUM(Quantity) AS QtySum
FROM Furniture
GROUP BY CUBE (Item, Color);
```

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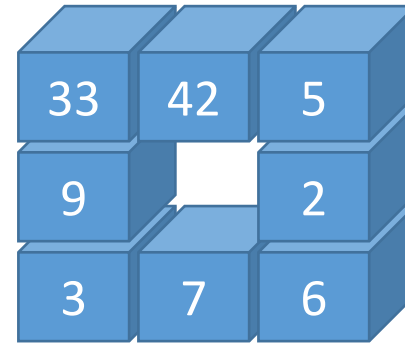
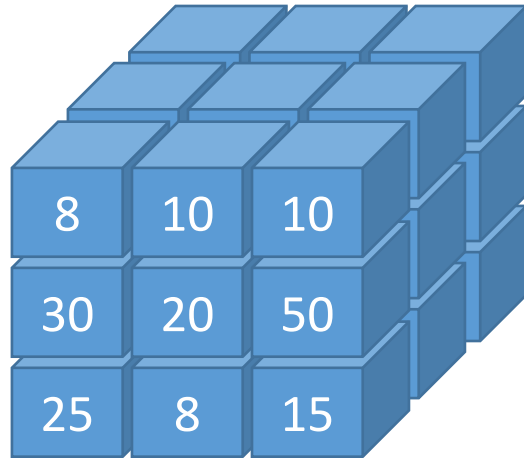


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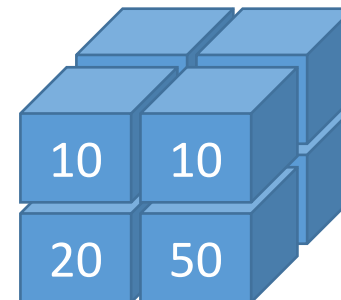
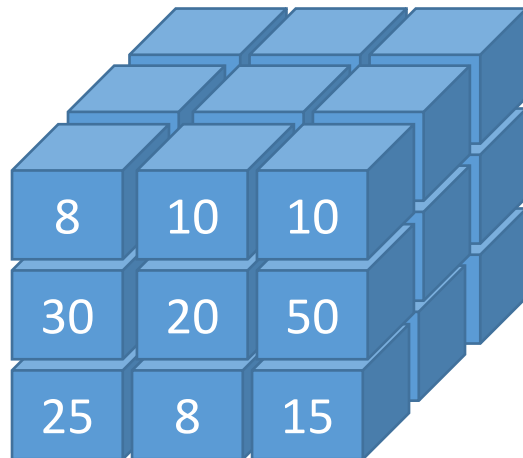


# OLAP Queries

- **Slicing:** *selecting a value for a dimension*

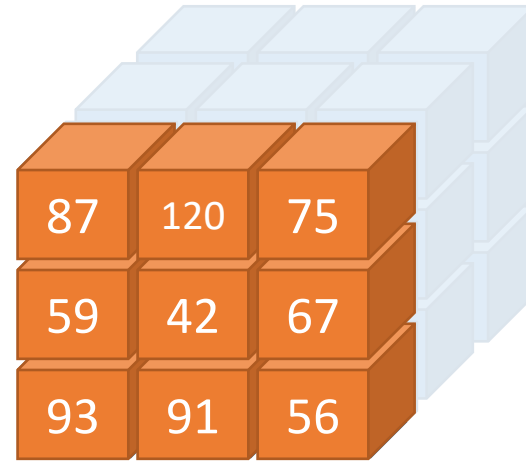
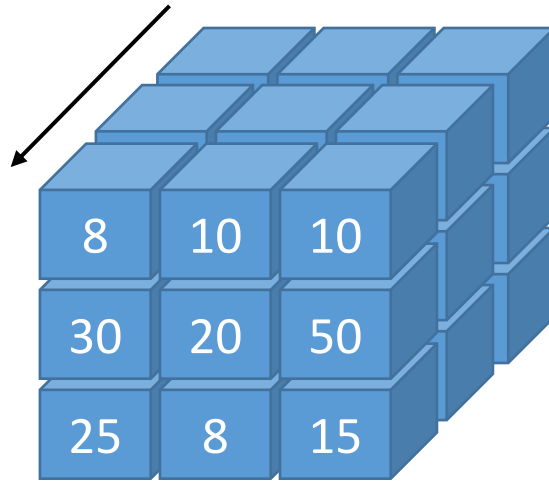


- **Dicing:** *selecting a range of values in multiple dimension*

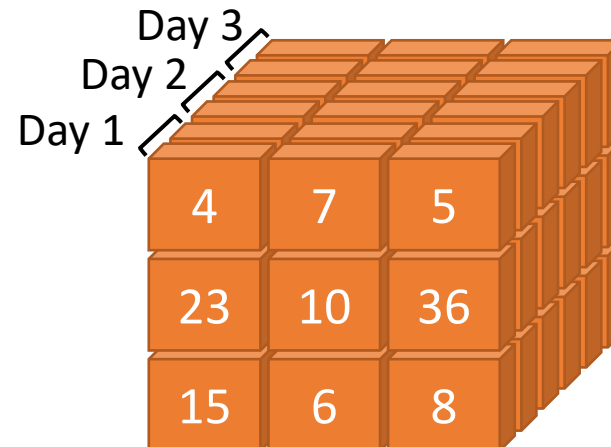
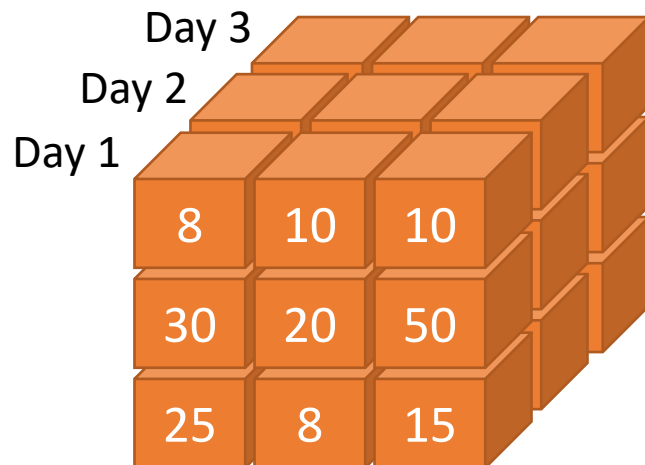


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- **Rollup:** *Aggregating along a dimension*

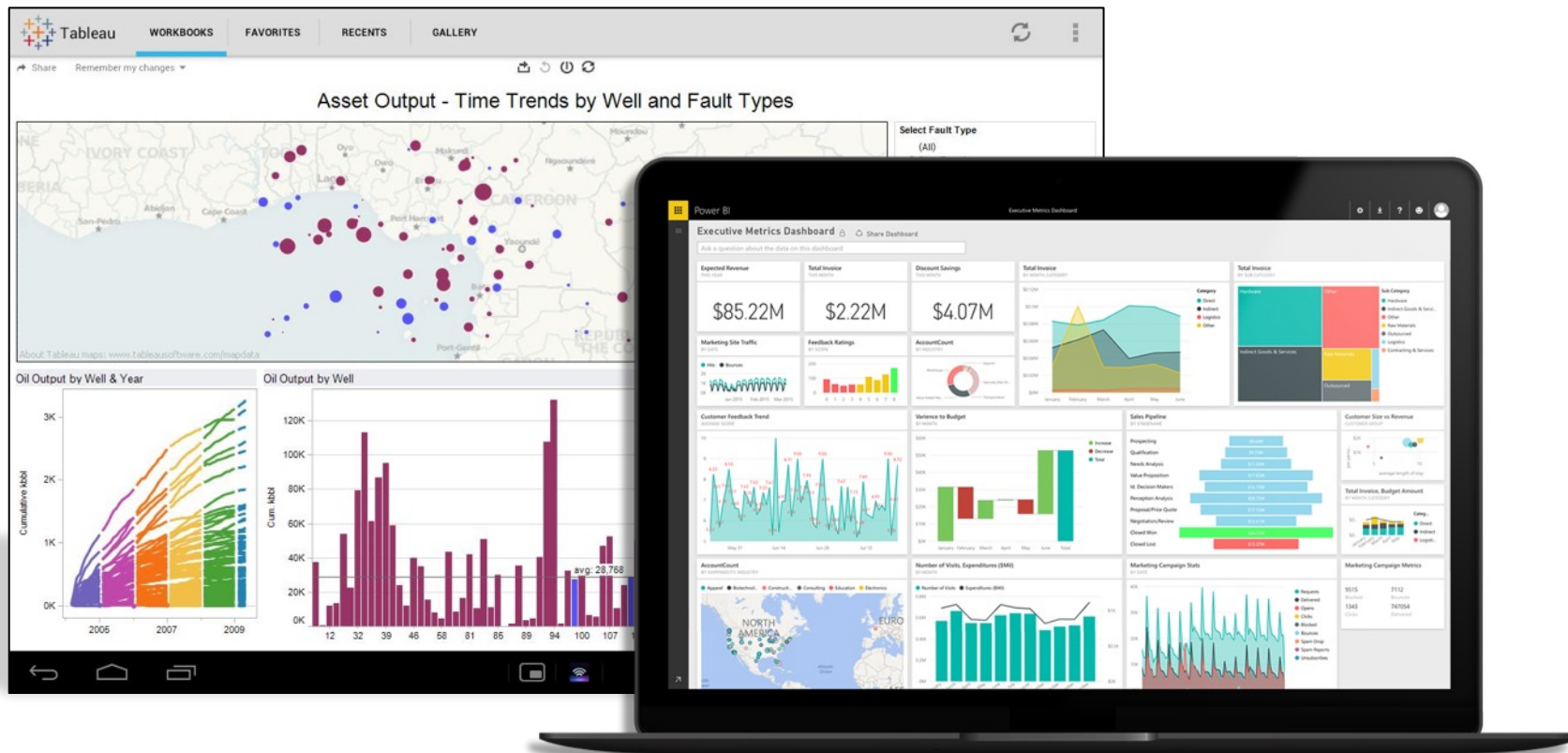


- **Drill-Down:** *de-aggregating along a dimension*

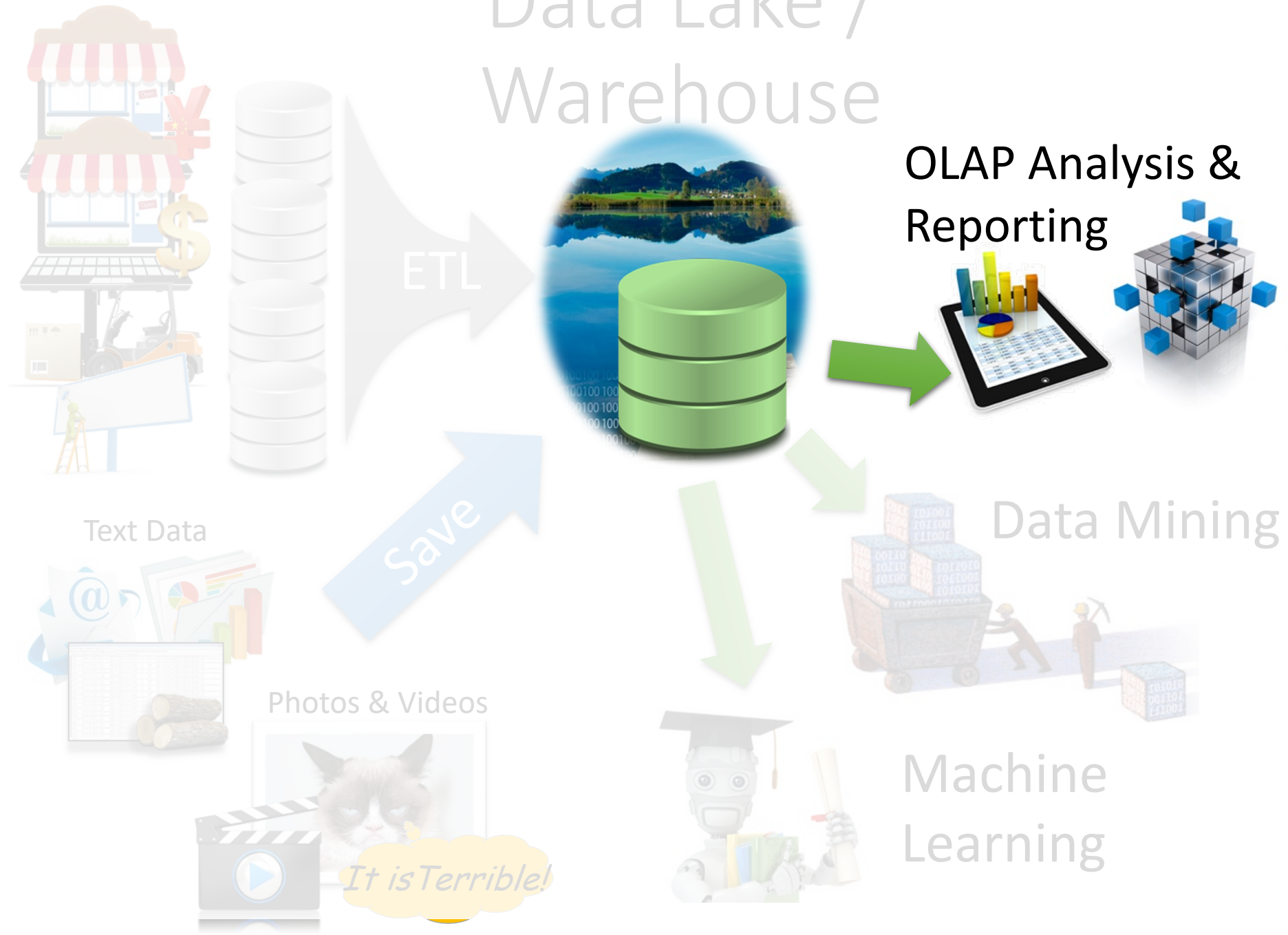


# Reporting and Business Intelligence (BI)

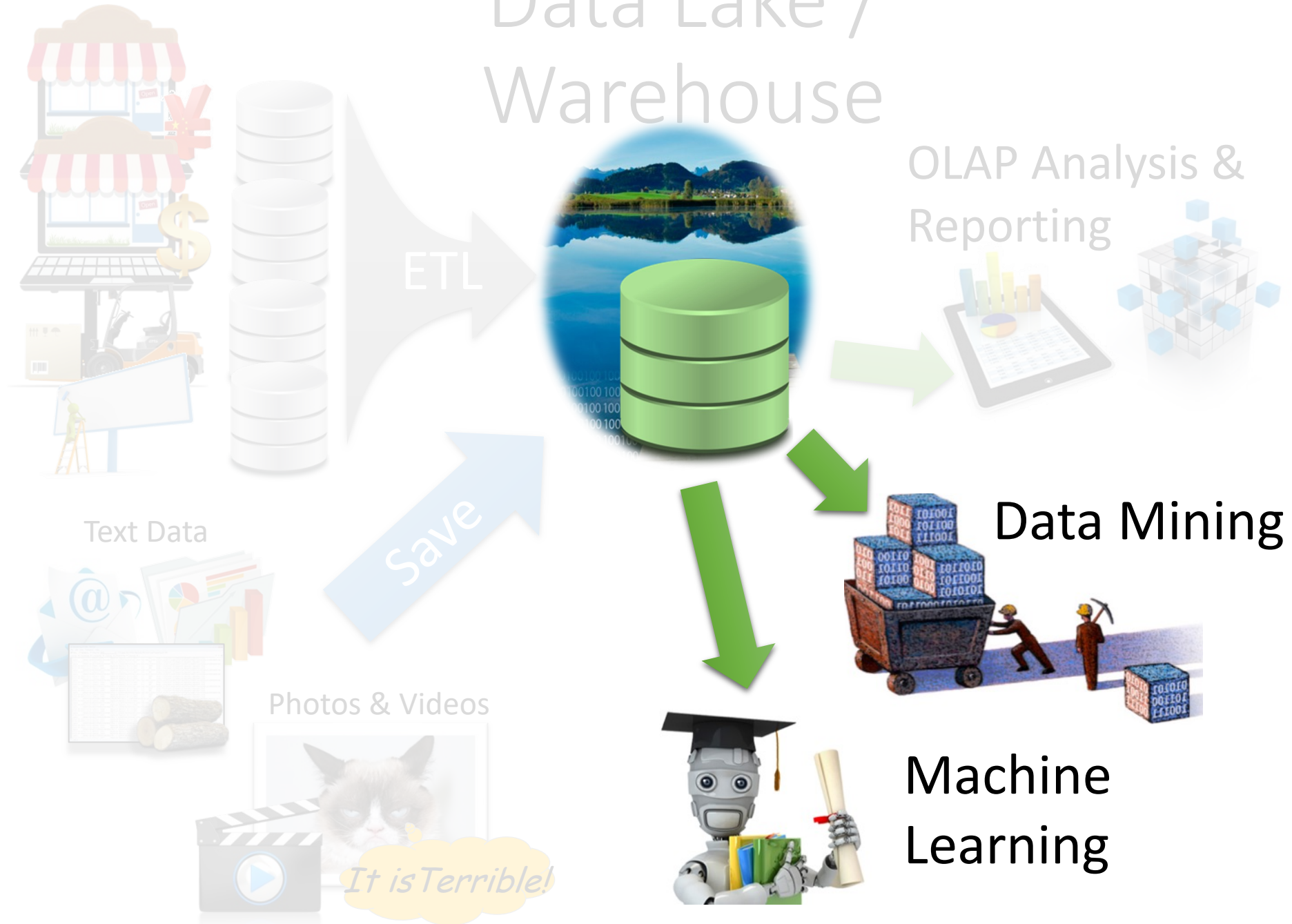
- Use high-level tools to interact with their data:
  - Automatically generate SQL queries
    - Queries can get big!
- Common!



# Data Lake / Warehouse



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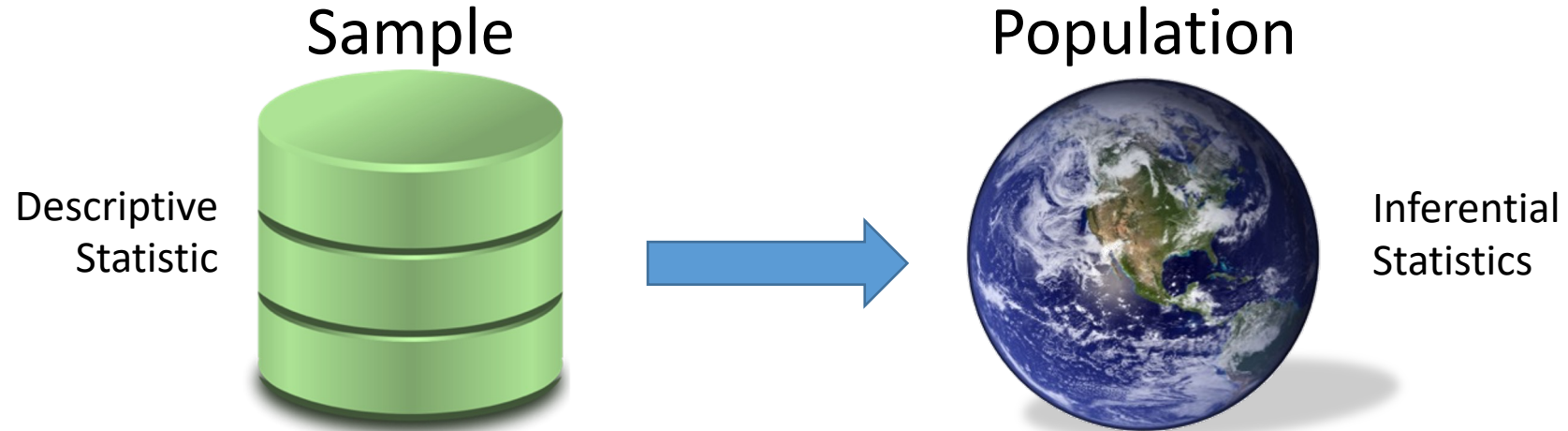




# Knowledge Discovery in Databases (KDD)

- Process of extracting ***knowledge*** from a ***data***
  - What does this mean?

# Descriptive vs. Inferential Statistics

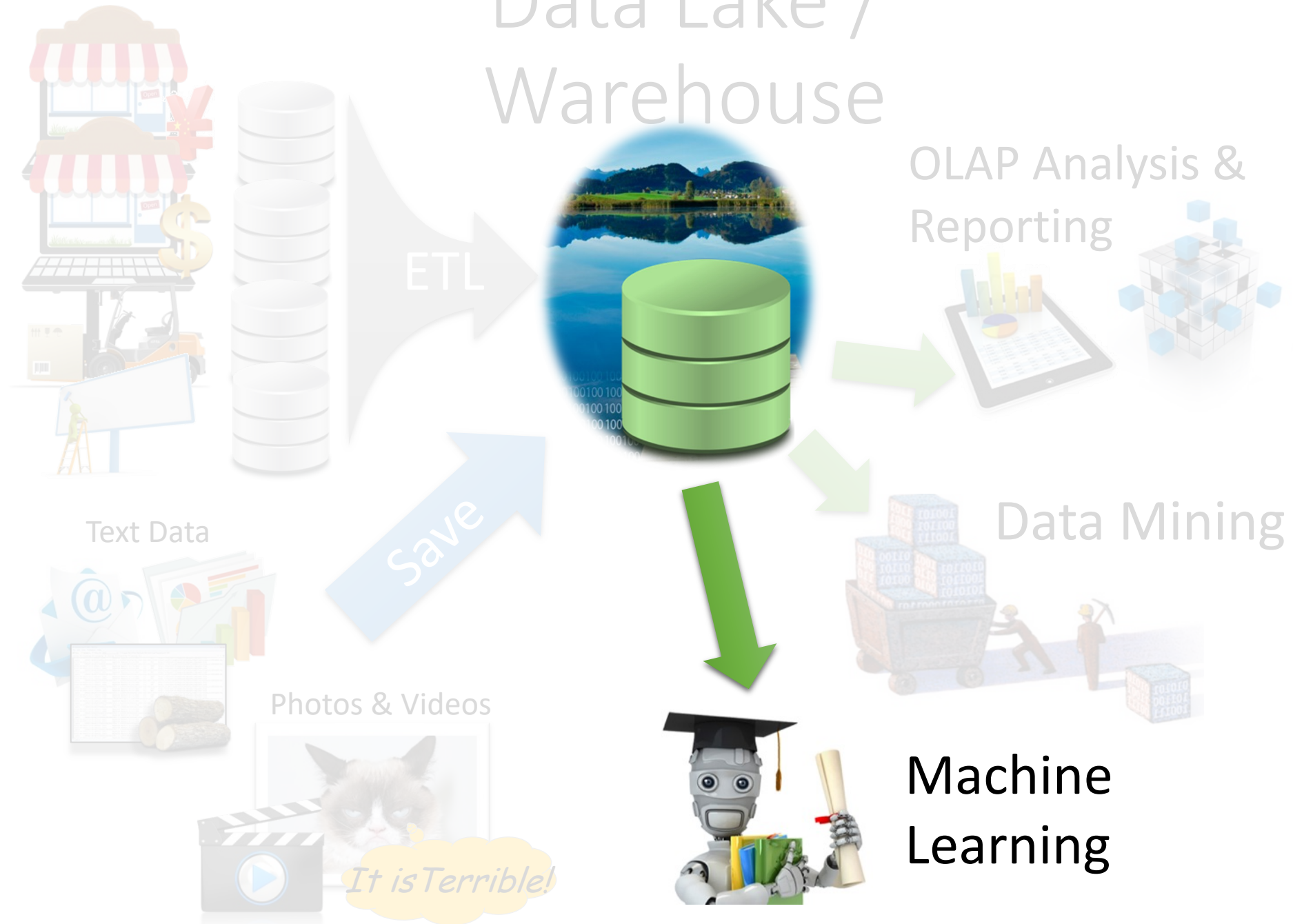


- **Descriptive Statistics:** *describe* the sample data
  - Example: *Average* sales last quarter
  - Can be **measured directly** from the database
- **Inferential Statistics:** *estimate* the population
  - Example: *Expected* sales next quarter
  - May be **estimated** using descriptive statistics

# The Basic KDD Process

- **Data Selection:** *What data do I need for a given task?*
  - If data was already collected, how was the data collected?
- **Data Cleaning:** *Preparing the data for a given task*
  - Typically most challenging (time consuming) part.
  - Why might ETL not be enough?
- **Data Mining & ML:** *Running algorithms to infer patterns*
  - The fun part! Many tools, many options, complex tradeoffs.
- **Evaluation:** *Verifying that patterns are significant*
  - Algorithms will typically find patterns especially when none exist.

# Data Lake / Warehouse



# What is Machine Learning?

Study of algorithms that:

- That improve their **performance**
    - Ability to understand what you are saying
  - at some **task**
    - Voice recognition
  - through **experience**
    - Transcribed speech data
- Prof. Tom Mitchell, *CMU*

*“Machine Learning is the **second best** solution to any problem.  
The **first best** is of course to **solve the problem directly.**”*

-- Prof. Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa, *Caltech*

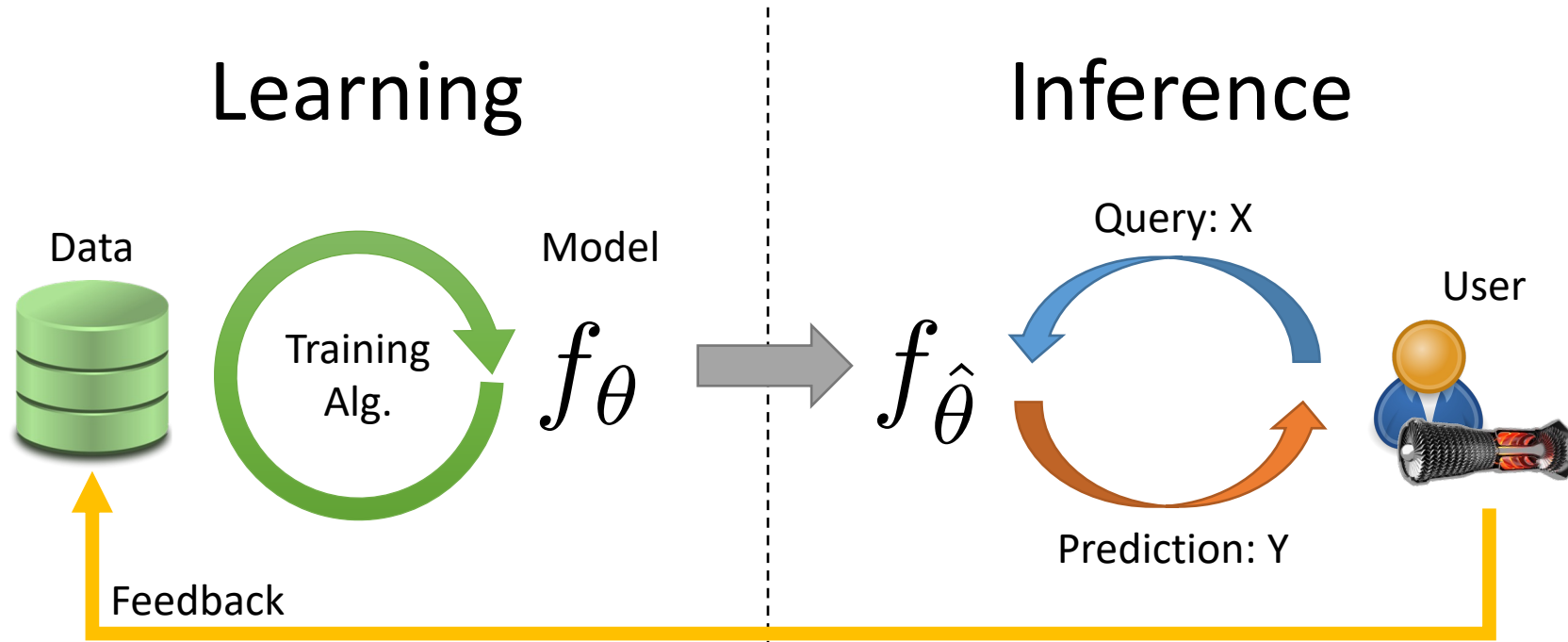
How would you write a program to recognize human speech?

# You use ML every day!

What machine learning do you use every day?

- Spam detection
- Voice recognition
- Face tagging on Facebook
- Ad Targeting
- Credit card fraud detection
- Others? ...

# Machine Learning Lifecycle

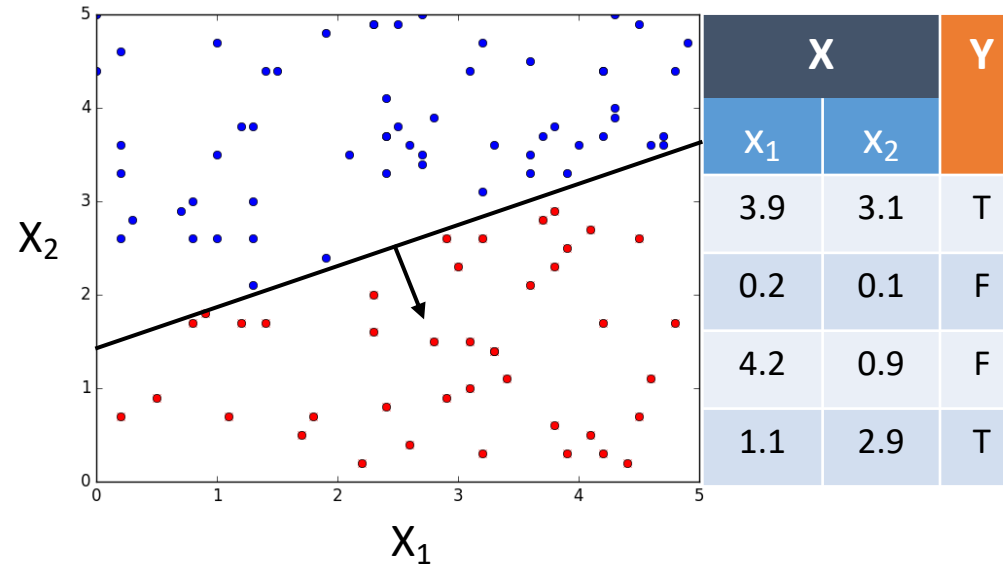


- Typically a time consuming iterative batch process
  - Feature engineering
  - Validation

- Focus is on making fast robust predictions
  - Monitoring and tracking feedback
  - Materialization + fast model inference

# Learning: *Fitting the Model*

- **Training Data**
  - **X**: Features
  - **Y**: Label/Obs.
- Learn a function that **generalizes** the relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$



min  $\|f_{\Theta}(x) - y\|_2^2$

Function class / Model Family  $\rightarrow f_{\theta}(X) \rightarrow Y$  Labels / Observations

Features  $\rightarrow X$

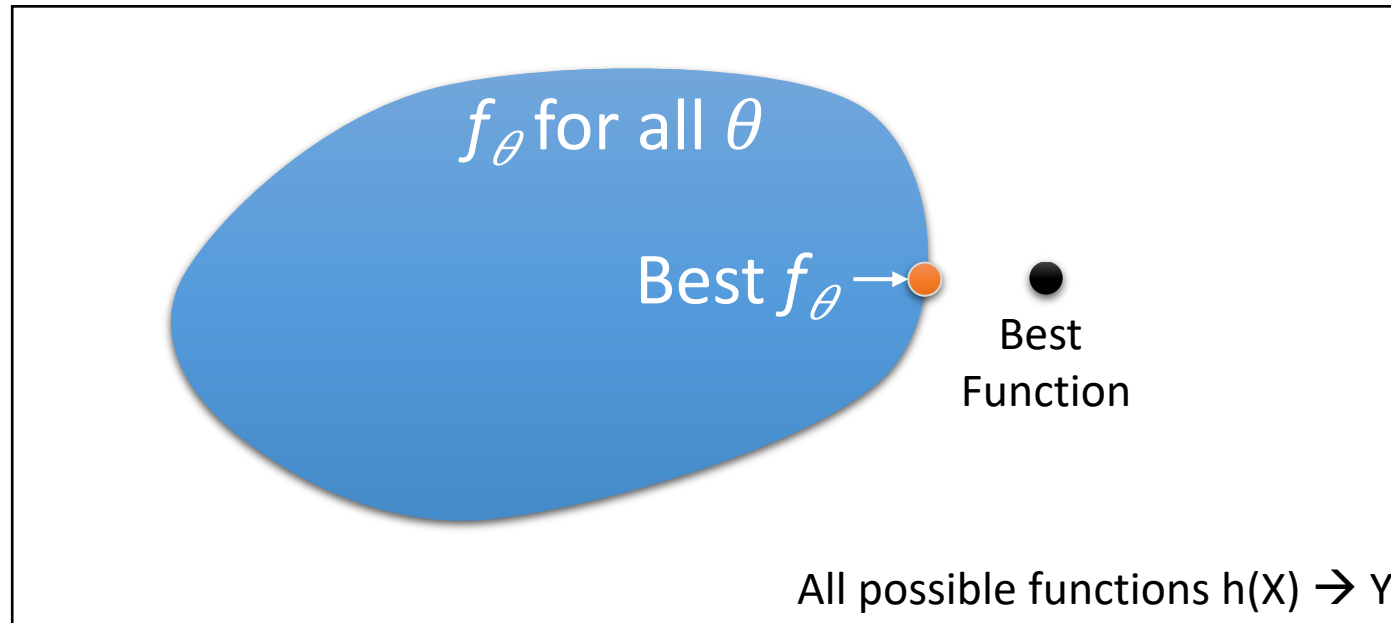
Model Parameters  $\rightarrow \theta$



# Finding the Best Parameters

$$f_{\theta}(X) \rightarrow Y$$

- Define some **objective** (e.g., prediction error)
- Search for best  $\theta$  with respect to the objective

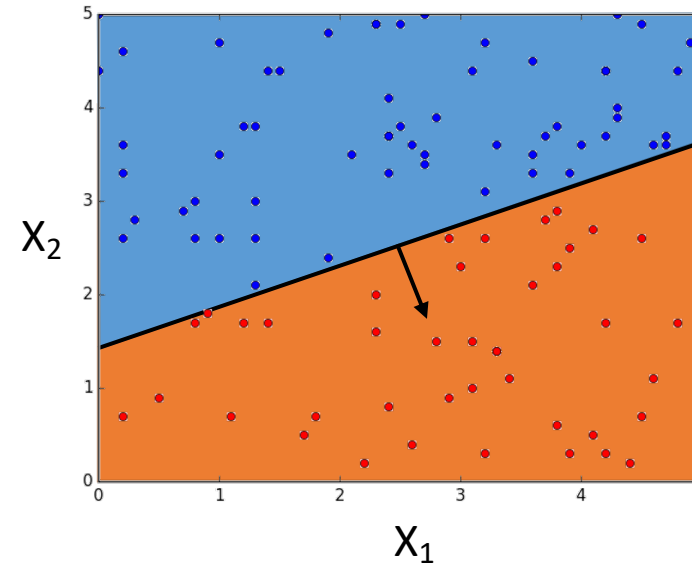
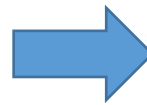
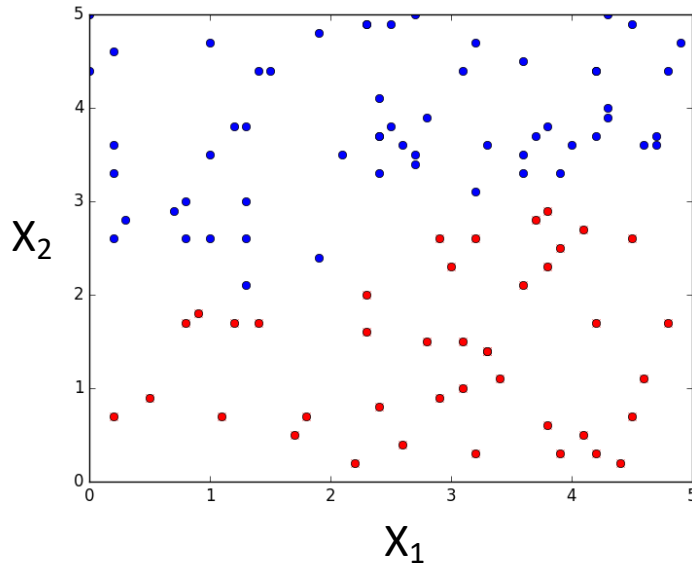


# Generalization ...

Sample



Population



# Inference: *Rendering Predictions*

- Evaluating the model on input queries:

$$f_{\hat{\theta}}(X) \rightarrow Y$$

- Online vs Offline:
  - Pre-computed **offline**: *movie rankings*
  - Computed **online** with each query: *speech recognition*
- May want to track confidence in prediction
- May require additional pre and post-processing
  - Feature lookup, content ranking, etc...

# Feedback: *Incorporating New Data*

- After rendering a prediction we may get feedback on the results of the prediction:
  - **Explicit:** the *correct value* was “cat”
  - **Implicit:** the predicted animal was *incorrect*
  - Can be **noisy** ...
- Watch out for **sample bias**:
  - Model affects the data it uses for training in the future
  - **Example:** only play top40 songs ...



# Taxonomy of Machine Learning

