# What is data engineering?

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### What to expect

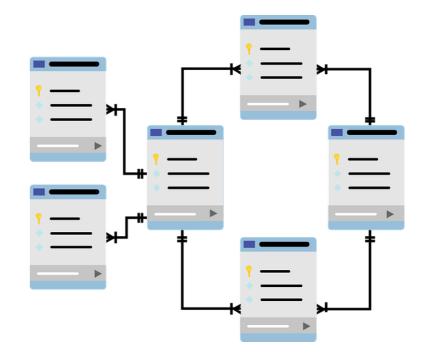
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  - What is data engineering?
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  - Tools data engineers use
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  - Extract
  - Transform
  - Load
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### In comes the data engineer

- Data is scattered
- Not optimized for analyses
- Legacy code is causing corrupt data

Data engineer to the rescue!



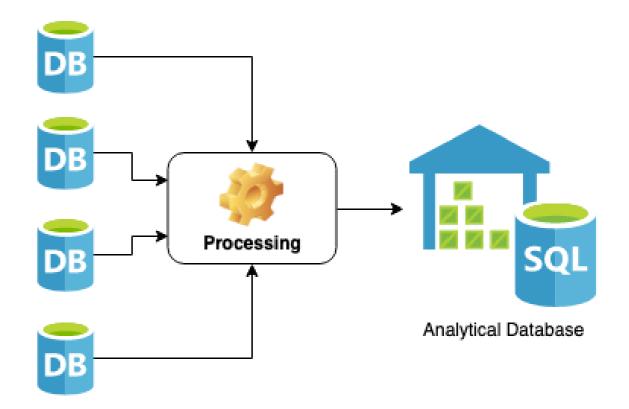




#### Data engineers: making your life easier

- Gather data from different sources
- Optimized database for analyses
- Removed corrupt data

Data scientist's life got way easier!



#### Definition of the job

An engineer that develops, constructs, tests, and maintains architectures such as databases and large-scale processing systems

- Processing large amounts of data
- Use of clusters of machines

#### Data Engineer vs Data Scientist

#### **Data Engineer**

- Develop scalable data architecture
- Streamline data acquisition
- Set up processes to bring together data
- Clean corrupt data
- Well versed in cloud technology

#### **Data Scientist**

- Mining data for patterns
- Statistical modeling
- Predictive models using machine learning
- Monitor business processes
- Clean outliers in data

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# Tools of the data engineer

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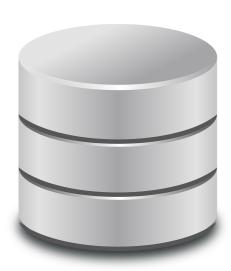
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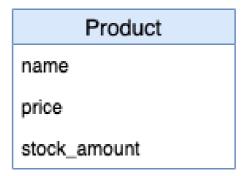


#### **Databases**

- Hold large amounts of data
- Support application

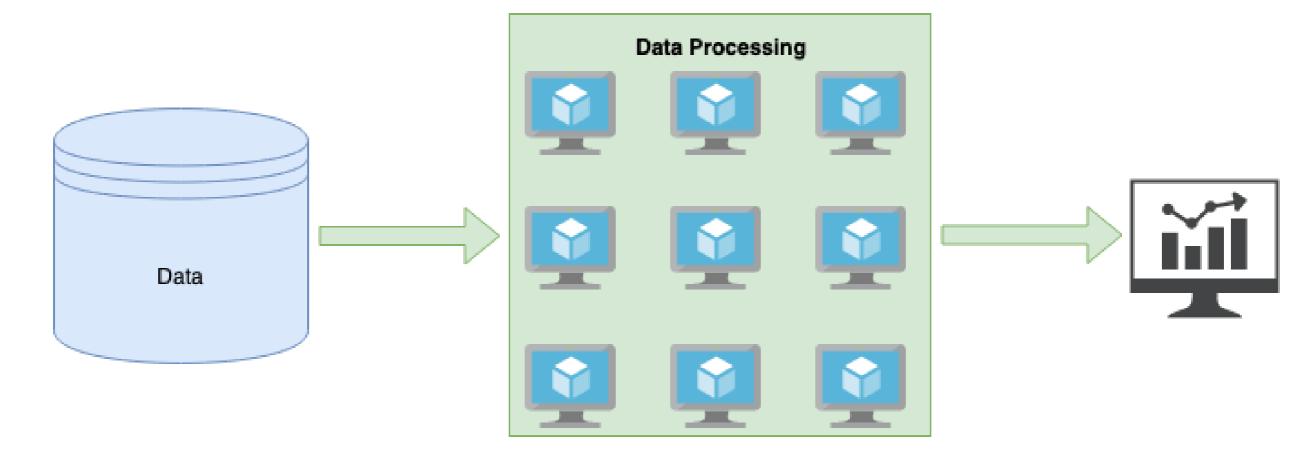
• Other databases are used for analyses





### Processing

- Clean data
- Aggregate data
- Join data



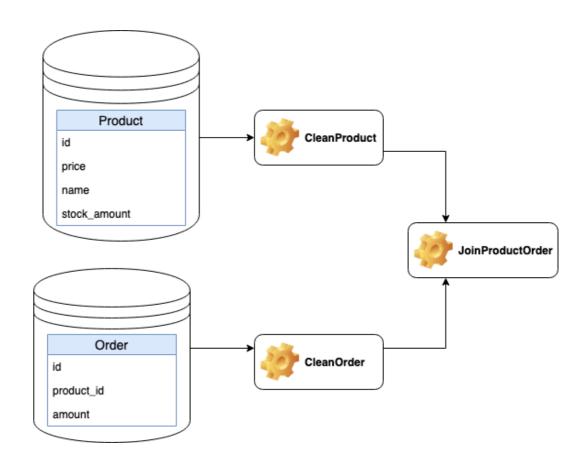
### Processing: an example

```
df = spark.read.parquet("users.parquet")
outliers = df.filter(df["age"] > 100)
print(outliers.count())
```

Data engineer understands the abstractions.

### Scheduling

- Plan jobs with specific intervals
- Resolve dependency requirements of jobs



JoinProductOrder needs to run after CleanProduct and CleanOrder

## **Existing tools**

**Databases** Scheduling





**Processing** 





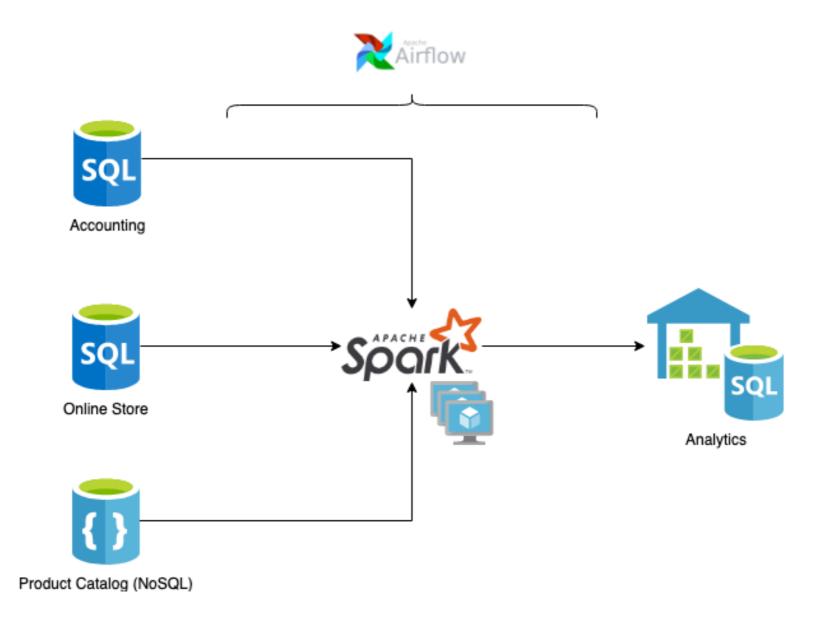








## A data pipeline



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## Cloud providers

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### Data processing in the cloud

Clusters of machines required

Problem: self-host data-center

- Cover electrical and maintenance costs
- Peaks vs. quiet moments: hard to optimize

Solution: use the cloud





### Data storage in the cloud

Reliability is required

Problem: self-host data-center

- Disaster will strike
- Need different geographical locations

Solution: use the cloud





#### The big three: AWS, Azure and Google



32% market share in 2018



17% market share in 2018



10% market share in 2018

- Storage
- Computation
- Databases.

#### Storage

Upload files, e.g. storing product images

#### **Services**

- AWS S3
- Azure Blob Storage
- Google Cloud Storage

## Computation

Perform calculations, e.g. hosting a web server

#### **Services**

- AWS EC2
- Azure Virtual Machines
- Google Compute Engine

#### **Databases**

Hold structured information

#### **Services**

- AWS RDS
- Azure SQL Database
- Google Cloud SQL

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