FINAL PROJECT ON DISEASE MODEL

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Executive Summary:

Our project develops a sophisticated database system to manage and analyze disease-related data. Leveraging our knowledge in data modeling, database design, and analysis, we've crafted a tool that offers valuable insights into disease trends and the effectiveness of treatments.

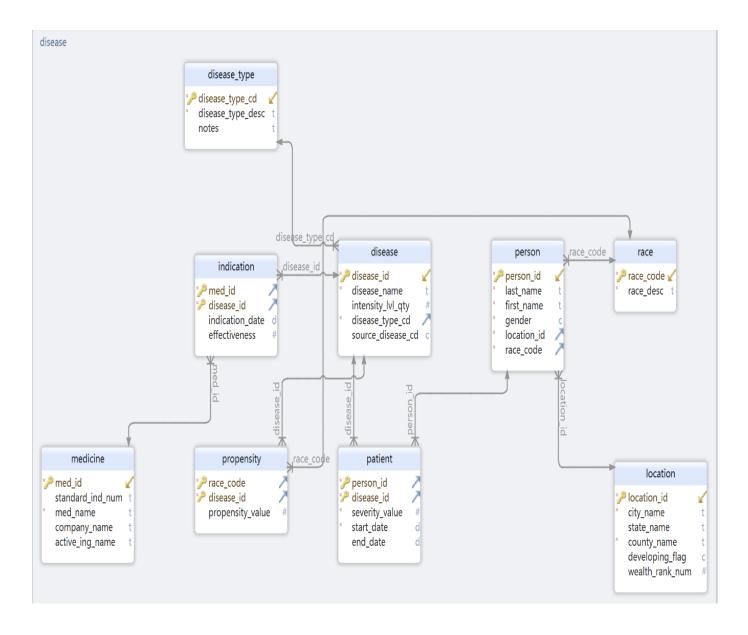
Introduction

The goal of this project is to build a database system adept at handling disease data. We aim to utilize various data modeling and database management techniques learned during our course to derive meaningful insights into patterns in disease spread, treatment efficacy, and demographic distributions.

Background and Context

In this project, we applied fundamental concepts such as Entity-Relationship (ER) modeling, OLTP, OLAP, and ETL processes. These concepts are vital in managing and interpreting extensive health-related data sets. We also explored transitioning to flexible, schema-less NoSQL databases like MongoDB or Neo4J, enhancing scalability and performance. Additionally, we researched using AWS components like RDS/Aurora, DynamoDB, Lambda, and Kinesis for robust, secure, and real-time data processing. For data warehousing, we delved into Snowflake's capabilities for scalability, automated performance tuning, and efficient data sharing.

ER Diagram and Data Dictionary



Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD) for a database related to healthcare information. It shows several tables with their columns, and the lines between them indicate relationships between the tables. Here's a detailed breakdown of the tables, their columns, and how they're connected:

1. disease_type:

Disease_type_cd: (Primary Key) Code identifying the type of disease.

disease_type_desc: The description of the disease type.

notes: Any notes related to the disease type.

2 disease:

disease_id: Unique identifier for the disease.

disease_name: Name of the disease.

intensity_lvl_qty: The intensity level quantity of the disease.

disease_type_cd: A foreign key linking to the disease_type_cd in the

disease_type table.

source_disease_cd: The source code of the disease.

3. indication:

med id: The medication identifier.

disease_id: A foreign key linking to the disease_id in the disease table.

indication date: The date when the medication was indicated.

effectiveness: The effectiveness of the medication.

4. medicine:

med_id: Unique identifier for the medicine.

standard_id_num: A standard identification number for the medicine.

med_name: Name of the medicine.

company_name: The name of the company that produces the medicine.

active_ing_name: The name of the active ingredient in the medicine.

5. person:

person_id: Unique identifier for the person.

last_name: The last name of the person.

first_name: The first name of the person.

gender: The gender of the person.

location_id: A foreign key linking to the location_id in the location table.

race_code: A foreign key linking to the race_code in the race table.

6. race:

race_code: The code for the race.

race_desc: The description of the race.

7. patient:

person_id: A foreign key linking to the person_id in the person table.

disease_id: A foreign key linking to the disease_id in the disease table.

severity_value: The value indicating the severity of the patient's condition.

start_date: The start date of the disease or condition.

end_date: The end date of the disease or condition.

8. location:

location_id: Unique identifier for the location.

city_name: The name of the city.

state_name: The name of the state.

county_name: The name of the county.

developing_flag: A flag indicating whether the location is in a developing area.

wealth_rank_num: A numerical rank of the location's wealth.

9. propensity:

race_code: A foreign key linking to the race_code in the race table.

disease_id: A foreign key linking to the disease_id in the disease table.

propensity_value: The value indicating the propensity of the race to a disease.

The connections between these tables are represented by the lines, which indicate the relationships based on foreign keys. For example, the disease_id in the disease table is linked to the disease_id in the indication table, meaning that the indications are related to specific diseases. Similarly, the person_id in the person table is linked to the person_id in the patient table, suggesting that the patient records are related to specific people in the person table. The above ERD shows how data related to diseases, patients, medications, and demographics are structured and interrelated in this database.

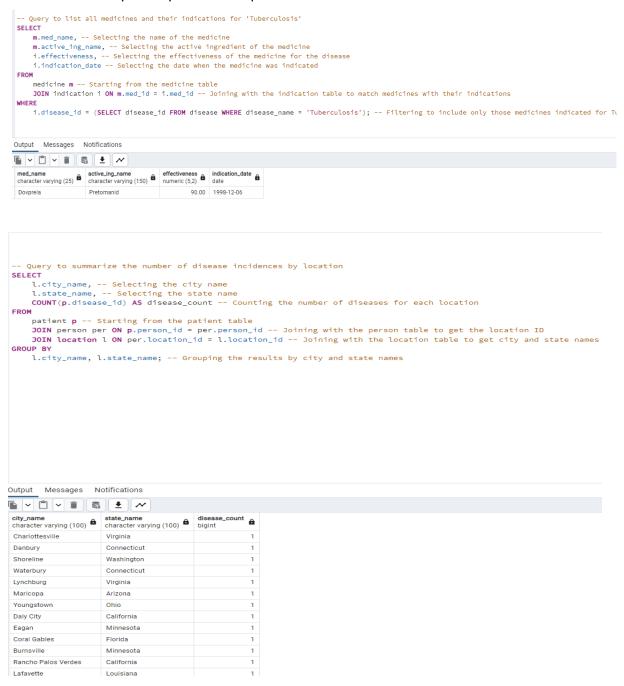
Database and Table Creation in PostgreSQL

We developed a relational database in PostgreSQL, focusing on referential integrity and relational design. The schema was crafted to optimize query performance and data accuracy, reflecting the relationships established in the ER model.

```
Query Query History
59 -- Creation of table for storing geographical locations
60 CREATE TABLE location(
       location_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY, -- Using SERIAL for auto-incrementing primary key
62
        city_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
63
       state name VARCHAR(100).
       county name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
65
        developing_flag CHAR(1), -- Flag to indicate if the location is developing
66
        wealth_rank_num INT CHECK (wealth_rank_num >= 1) -- Check constraint for wealth rank
67 );
68
69
     - Creation of table for storing personal details
70 CREATE TABLE person(
71
       person_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY, -- Using SERIAL for auto-incrementing primary key
72
        last_name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
73
       first_name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
74
       gender CHAR(1) NOT NULL CHECK (gender IN ('M', 'F', 'U')), -- Check constraint for gender
        location_id INT NOT NULL,
75
76
        race_code CHAR(5) NOT NULL,
77
      FOREIGN KEY(race_code) REFERENCES race(race_code)
78
           ON UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE CASCADE,
79
       FOREIGN KEY(location_id) REFERENCES location(location_id)
           ON UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE CASCADE
80
81 );
82
83 -- Creation of table for storing patient disease records
84 CREATE TABLE patient(
      person_id INT NOT NULL,
        disease_id INT NOT NULL.
87
        severity_value INT NOT NULL DEFAULT 1, -- Default severity
88
       start_date DATE NOT NULL,
89
       end date DATE.
        PRIMARY KEY(person_id, disease_id), -- Composite primary key
       FOREIGN KEY(disease_id) REFERENCES disease(disease_id)
92
           ON UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE CASCADE,
93
       FOREIGN KEY(person_id) REFERENCES person(person_id)
           ON UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE CASCADE
94
95 );
Data Output Messages Notifications
CREATE TABLE
Query returned successfully in 318 msec.
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Data Loading Process and Operational Queries on OLTP

We sourced data from credible healthcare datasets in CSV format and loaded it into our PostgreSQL database. This setup enables efficient querying and analysis, as demonstrated by the operational queries we executed:



```
-- Query to analyze the propensity of races for different diseases

SELECT

r.race_desc, -- Selecting the race description
d.disease_name, -- Selecting the disease name
pr.propensity_value -- Selecting the propensity value indicating how common the disease is among the race

FROM

propensity pr -- Starting from the propensity table

JOIN race r ON pr.race_code = r.race_code -- Joining with the race table to get race descriptions

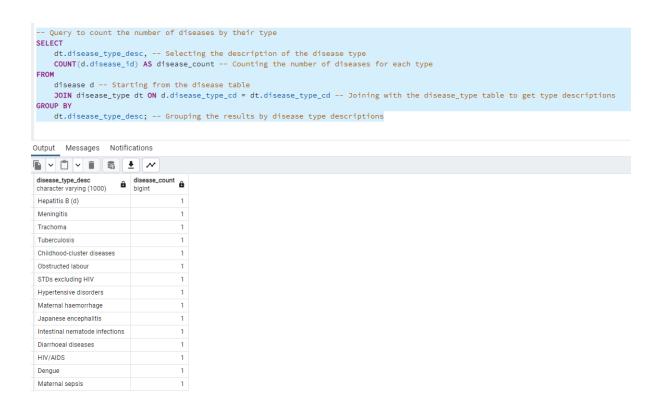
JOIN disease d ON pr.disease_id = d.disease_id -- Joining with the disease table to get disease names

ORDER BY

pr.propensity_value DESC; -- Ordering by propensity value to see which combinations have the highest propensity
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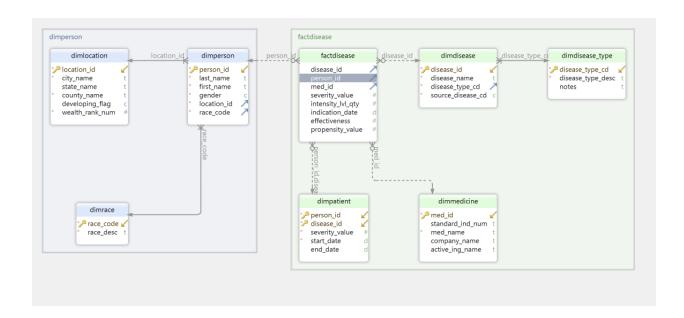
Output Messages Notifications

race_desc character varying (100)	disease_name character varying (100)	propensity_value integer
Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	Malaria	10
Unspecified	Dengue	10
Hispanic	Trachoma	10
Unspecified	Other intestinal infections	10
Unspecified	Lower respiratory infections	10
Asian	HIV/AIDS	10
White, not of Hispanic origin	Leprosy	10
White, not of Hispanic origin	Intestinal nematode infections	10
Hispanic	Diarrhoeal diseases	9
Unspecified	Hepatitis C (d)	9
Unspecified	Trachoma	9
Unspecified	HIV/AIDS	9
White not of Hispanic origin	Diarrhoeal diseases	q



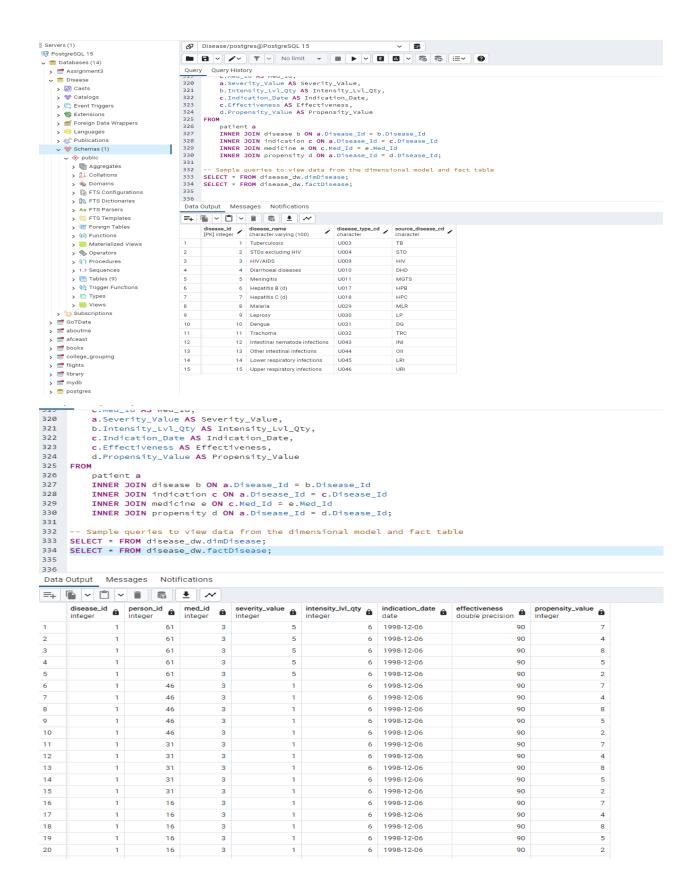
Dimensional Data Model and ELT in Data Warehouse:

In our data warehouse, we have adopted the Star Schema, comprising both fact and dimension tables. This structure enhances the efficiency of queries and analytical operations, enabling us to handle intricate analytical queries effortlessly.



The data workflow in our system follows an ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) approach. Initially, we extract data from the OLTP (Online Transaction Processing) system. Following this, the data undergoes transformation to align with the dimensional model of our data warehouse. Finally, it's loaded into the warehouse. This methodology guarantees that the data used for analytical gueries is tailored for optimal analysis.

```
Creating dimension table for Person in the data warehouse
248
      CREATE TABLE disease_dw.dimPerson(
            Person_Id INT PRIMARY KEY, -- Primary Key for Person
Last_Name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, -- Last name of the person
First_Name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, -- First name of the person
249
250
251
             Gender CHAR(1) NOT NULL, -- Gender of the person
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253
254
            Location_Id INT NOT NULL, -- Foreign key to Location Race_Code CHAR(5) NOT NULL, -- Foreign key to Race
255
            FOREIGN KEY(Race_Code) REFERENCES disease_dw.dimRace(Race_Code)
             ON UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE CASCADE, -- Cascade updates/deletes to Race FOREIGN KEY(Location_Id) REFERENCES disease_dw.dimLocation(Location_Id)
256
257
258
                  ON UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE CASCADE -- Cascade updates/deletes to Location
259
      );
260
          Populating the dimPerson table from the existing person table
261
       INSERT INTO disease_dw.dimPerson
262
263
       SELECT Person_Id, Last_Name, First_Name, Gender, Location_Id, Race_Code FROM person;
264
            Creating dimension table for Medicine in the data warehouse
268
       CREATE TABLE disease_dw.dimMedicine(
             Med_Id INT PRIMARY KEY, -- Primary Key for Medicine
Standard_Ind_Num VARCHAR(250), -- Standard Industry Number
Med_Name VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL, -- Name of the Medicine
Company_Name VARCHAR(150), -- Name of the Company that manufactures the Medicine
270
271
272
273
              Active_Ing_Name VARCHAR(150) -- Active Ingredient in the Medicine
274
            Populating the dimMedicine table from the existing medicine table
276
277
278
       INSERT INTO disease_dw.dimMedicine
SELECT Med_Id, Standard_Ind_Num, Med_Name, Company_Name, Active_Ing_Name FROM medicine;
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281
282
       -- Drop the existing dimPatient table if it exists
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS disease_dw.dimPatient;
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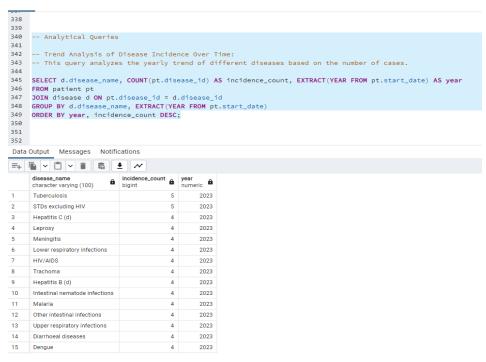


Analytical Queries:

Our analytical queries delve into diverse facets of disease data. For instance, one such query focuses on examining the occurrence of diseases over time, uncovering trends and patterns. The valuable insights derived from these queries are crucial for shaping healthcare policies and strategies.

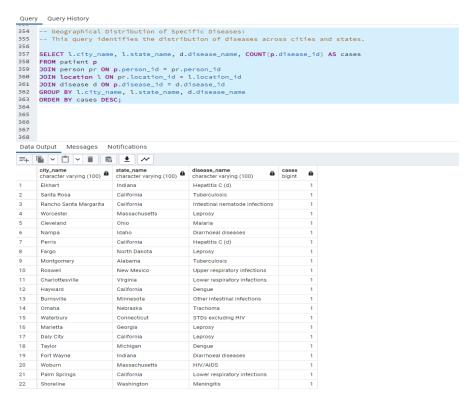
1. Trend Analysis of Disease Incidence Over Time:

Our analysis involves tracking the annual trends of various diseases, based on the recorded number of cases.



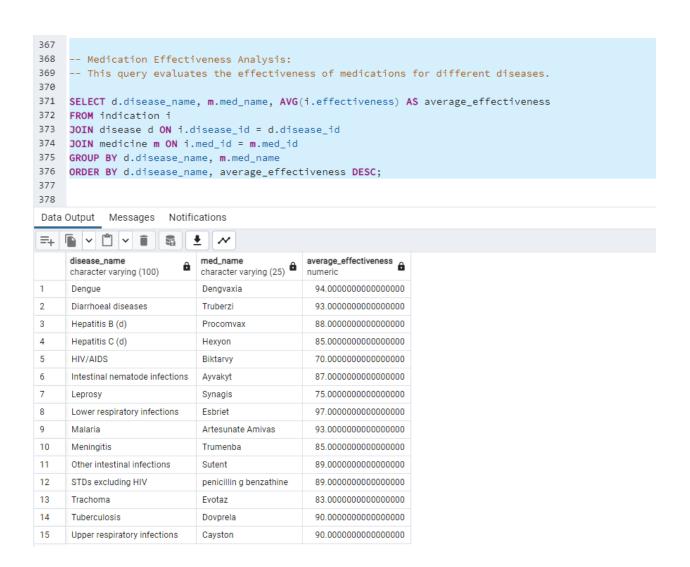
2. Geographical Distribution of Specific Diseases

We implemented analytical queries to identify the distribution of diseases across cities and states in the United States.



3. Medication Effectiveness Analysis

This analytical query evaluates the effectiveness of medications for different diseases.



4. Correlation between Race and Disease Propensity.

We tried to examine if certain races have higher propensities for specific diseases.

```
382
      --Correlation Between Race and Disease Propensity:
383 -- This query examines if certain races have higher propensities for specific diseases.
384
385
     SELECT r.race_desc, d.disease_name, AVG(p.propensity_value) AS average_propensity
386
     FROM propensity p
      JOIN race r ON p.race_code = r.race_code
387
     JOIN disease d ON p.disease_id = d.disease_id
388
      GROUP BY r.race_desc, d.disease_name
390
      ORDER BY average_propensity DESC;
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Data Output
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     race_desc
                                                  disease_name
                                                                               average_propensity
      character varying (100)
                                                  character varying (100)
       White, not of Hispanic origin
                                                  Intestinal nematode infections
                                                                                   10.00000000000000000
2
       Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin
                                                  Malaria
                                                                                   10.00000000000000000
3
       Unspecified
                                                  Lower respiratory infections
                                                                                   10.00000000000000000
4
       Unspecified
                                                  Dengue
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       Asian
                                                  HIV/AIDS
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6
       Unspecified
                                                  Other intestinal infections
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       Hispanic
                                                  Trachoma
                                                                                   10.00000000000000000
       White, not of Hispanic origin
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                                                  HIV/AIDS
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       White, not of Hispanic origin
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       Unspecified
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       Hispanic
                                                  Diarrhoeal diseases
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                                                  Trachoma
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       Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin
                                                  Meningitis
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                                                  Other intestinal infections
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       Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin
                                                  Diarrhoeal diseases
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       Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin
                                                  STDs excluding HIV
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18
       Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin
                                                  Tuberculosis
19
       Hispanic
                                                  Malaria
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                                                                                    8.0000000000000000
20
       White, not of Hispanic origin
                                                  Malaria
21
       Unspecified
                                                  Tuberculosis
                                                                                    7.000000000000000000
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22
       Asian
                                                  Malaria
```

5. Patient Demographics for Specific Disease

The below analytical query provides demographical insights such as gender and race for patients with specific diseases.

Data Output Messages Notifications

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'	disease_name character varying (100)	gender character	race_desc character varying (100)	patient_count bigint	
1	HIV/AIDS	М	White, not of Hispanic origin	1	
2	Lower respiratory infections	F	Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	1	
3	STDs excluding HIV	F	Unspecified	1	
4	Malaria	F	Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	1	
5	STDs excluding HIV	F	Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	1	
6	Dengue	М	Asian	1	
7	Other intestinal infections	F	Hispanic	1	
8	Dengue	F	Unspecified	1	
9	Leprosy	М	Hispanic	1	
10	Leprosy	М	Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	1	
11	Trachoma	М	Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	2	
12	Tuberculosis	М	White, not of Hispanic origin	1	
13	Dengue	М	Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	1	
14	Meningitis	М	White, not of Hispanic origin	1	
15	Lower respiratory infections	F	Hispanic	1	
16	Malaria	М	White, not of Hispanic origin	1	
17	STDs excluding HIV	F	White, not of Hispanic origin	1	
18	Hepatitis C (d)	F	White, not of Hispanic origin	1	
19	Intestinal nematode infections	М	Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	1	
20	Hepatitis C (d)	М	Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	2	
21	Hepatitis B (d)	М	Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	2	
22	Diarrhoeal diseases	М	Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin	2	

NoSQL Database Structure for Disease Model

MongoDB (Document-Oriented NoSQL Database):

In MongoDB, instead of tables, we have collections of documents. Each document can have a different structure. A patient document in MongoDB can look like the following:

- For instance, a Patient document could include embedded documents for
 Diseases and Treatments, allowing for a more holistic view of the patient's
 health record in a single document. This structure allows adding new diseases
 or treatments to a patient's record without altering the schema for other
 patients.
- This model is flexible; as new diseases or treatment modalities are introduced, they can easily be added to the patient's record without altering the structure of other documents or collections.

Advantages of MongoDB (Document-Oriented NoSQL Database):

Documents and Collections: Each document can have a varied structure, containing all the data related to a single entity, which allows embedding arrays and other documents directly.

Denormalization: Related data might be stored together in the same document for quicker read access, reducing the need for joins

.Schema-less Design: The schema can evolve over time without requiring migrations, making it easier to adapt to changing data needs.

Neo4J (Graph-Based NoSQL Database):

In Neo4J, data is stored as nodes and edges. Nodes represent entities and edges represent relationships. For the disease model, patients, diseases, and treatments would be nodes. Relationships like "HAS_DISEASE" or "UNDERGOES_TREATMENT" would be edges connecting these nodes. This structure is particularly powerful for querying complex relationships, like tracing the spread of a disease through a network of patients or analyzing the efficacy of treatments across various demographics.

Patient Node: Labeled as "Patient" with properties such as name: "John Doe".

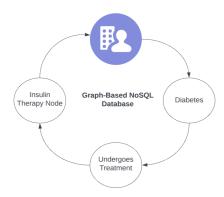
Disease Node: Labeled as "Disease" with properties like name: "Diabetes".

Treatment Node: Labeled as "Treatment" with properties such as name: "Insulin Therapy".

Relationships:

HAS_DISEASE Relationship connects "John Doe" (Patient Node) to "Diabetes" (Disease Node). This relationship indicates that John Doe has been diagnosed with Diabetes. UNDERGOES_TREATMENT Relationship connects "Diabetes" (Disease Node) to "Insulin Therapy" (Treatment Node). This relationship shows that the standard treatment for Diabetes in this case is Insulin Therapy.

The overall structure forms a chain from the patient, through their disease, to their treatment, clearly and intuitively representing the relationships between these entities.



Neo4J (Graph-Based NoSQL Database):

Nodes and Relationships: Data is structured as nodes (entities) and edges (relationships), which is ideal for datasets where relationships are as important as the data itself.

Property Graph: Both nodes and relationships can have properties, allowing them to store data.

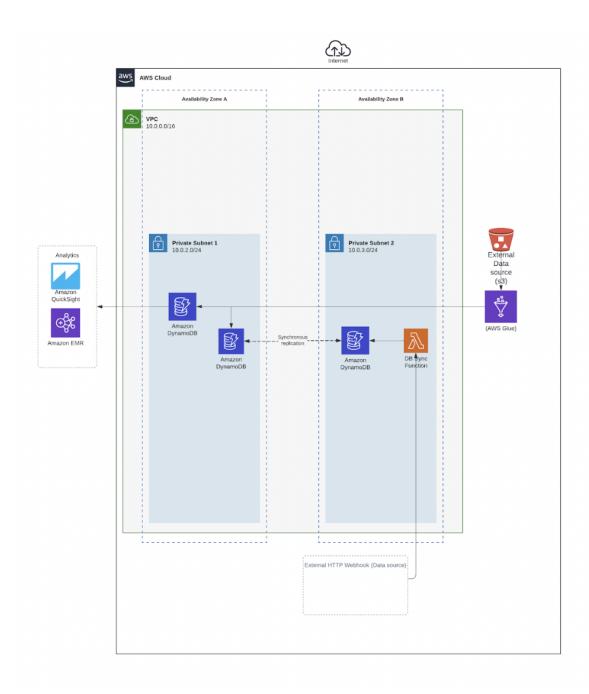
Schema-free: There's no fixed schema, enabling you to add different properties to nodes and relationships as needed.

AWS Architecture for Disease Model

Components of AWS Architecture

- 1. Amazon EC2: Host application in the cloud.
- 2. Amazon S3: Store backups, logs, and other files.
- 3. AWS Glue: For ETL process

- 4. AWS DynamoDB: As NoSQL databases for different types of data storage needs.
- 5. AWS Lambda: To run code in response to triggers (such as changes in data or system states).
- 6. Amazon EMR on AWS: To handle data-processing jobs



Data Processing and Loading:

- 1. **Batch Processing (AWS Glue)**: Regularly scheduled ETL jobs that process historical patient data for analysis, for example, aggregating monthly treatment success rates.
- 2. Real-Time Processing (AWS Lambda and Amazon Kinesis): Real-time monitoring of patient vitals streamed through Kinesis, with Lambda functions triggering alerts for abnormal readings.
- 3. Ensuring Resilience, Performance, and Security:
 - a) **Resilience**: Use of Amazon RDS Multiple availability zones (AZ) deployments ensures that if one AZ goes down, the database can failover to another, ensuring continuity of critical healthcare applications.
 - b) **Performance**: Utilize Amazon ElastiCache to store frequently accessed data like common disease-treatment mappings, reducing the load on the main database.
 - c) **Security**: Implement strict IAM roles to control access to patient data, ensuring that only authorized personnel can view or modify sensitive information.

Scalability

Snowflake	PostgreSQL
Scenario: Suppose our disease model database needs to rapidly scale up for a project analyzing extensive data from thousands of patients to identify genetic predispositions to certain diseases.	Scenario : The same genomic data analysis in a PostgreSQL-based warehouse.
Snowflake's Approach: In Snowflake, we can instantly scale up computational resources (warehouses) to handle this increased demand without impacting your storage costs. This means we can run complex genomic data analyses and queries concurrently without performance degradation.	PostgreSQL's Approach: To manage this, we might need to provision additional hardware or implement sharding (distributing the database load across multiple machines or partitions), which can be complex and time-consuming.

Maintenance and Performance

Snowflake	PostgreSQL
Scenario : Running a complex query to correlate genetic markers with the efficacy of cancer treatments.	Scenario : The same complex query in a PostgreSQL environment.
Snowflake's Approach: Snowflake automatically optimizes query performance. Its architecture separates compute and storage, enabling efficient query execution without manual tuning.	PostgreSQL's Approach: This would likely require manual performance tuning, such as creating and maintaining indexes, which can be labor-intensive and require deep database expertise.
Benefit: This is particularly advantageous for dynamically changing query patterns often seen in medical research.	Challenge: For complex and evolving queries, this manual tuning can become a bottleneck in data analysis.

Data Sharing and Security

Snowflake	PostgreSQL
Scenario : Sharing anonymized patient treatment outcomes with external research institutions for collaborative studies.	Scenario : Attempting the same data sharing using PostgreSQL.
Snowflake's Approach: Snowflake allows us to securely share a portion of our data warehouse, like specific datasets, without replicating the data. We can grant access to external researchers to these datasets with fine-grained control.	PostgreSQL's Approach: Typically, this involves creating database replicas or exporting data, which can be complex to manage and may introduce security vulnerabilities.
Benefit: This facilitates secure and efficient collaboration without increasing the risk of data breaches or duplicating data.	Challenge: This method increases the complexity of data management and can pose challenges in ensuring data security and compliance, especially crucial in healthcare data handling.

In summary, while PostgreSQL is a powerful and widely-used relational database system, Snowflake offers specific advantages in a data warehousing context, particularly for large-scale, complex, and collaborative disease model analyses. Snowflake's architecture provides scalability, ease of maintenance, and secure data sharing capabilities, which are highly beneficial for dynamic and data-intensive fields like healthcare research and genomics.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, our project successfully designed and implemented a comprehensive database system focused on managing and analyzing disease-related data. By integrating principles of data modeling, database design, and analytical techniques, we developed a robust tool capable of providing critical insights into disease patterns, treatment effectiveness, and demographic distributions.

Utilizing a relational database setup in PostgreSQL allowed us to maintain referential integrity and optimize query performance. Our structured approach, from the conceptual ER model to the physical data dictionary, ensured a clear understanding of the database's organization, enabling efficient data handling and accurate insights.

The implementation of ETL processes facilitated a seamless flow of data from the OLTP system to our data warehouse, adhering to a dimensional model that supports complex analytical queries. This structured data workflow proved to be essential for optimizing the data for analysis, allowing for sophisticated trend analysis and demographic studies.

Our exploration into NoSQL databases like MongoDB and Neo4J demonstrated the flexibility and scalability of schema-less and graph-based models, respectively. These systems provided alternative methods for managing and querying data, showing promise for handling complex, unstructured datasets.

Incorporating AWS cloud services into our architecture offered robust, secure, and real-time data processing capabilities. Services like AWS Glue, Lambda, Kinesis, RDS, and ElastiCache contributed to a highly resilient, performant, and secure infrastructure.

Furthermore, the comparison between Snowflake and PostgreSQL highlighted the distinct advantages of Snowflake in terms of scalability, maintenance, and data sharing, particularly in the context of large-scale, collaborative research efforts.

Overall, our project stands as a testament to the power of modern database technologies in transforming healthcare data into actionable insights, thus supporting the advancement of healthcare decisions and strategies. The methodologies and technologies we've employed demonstrate the potential to significantly impact the

healthcare industry by enhancing the ability to conduct in-depth analyses of disease trends and treatment outcomes.