

Handling Large Queries and Cloud-hosted Databases with Python

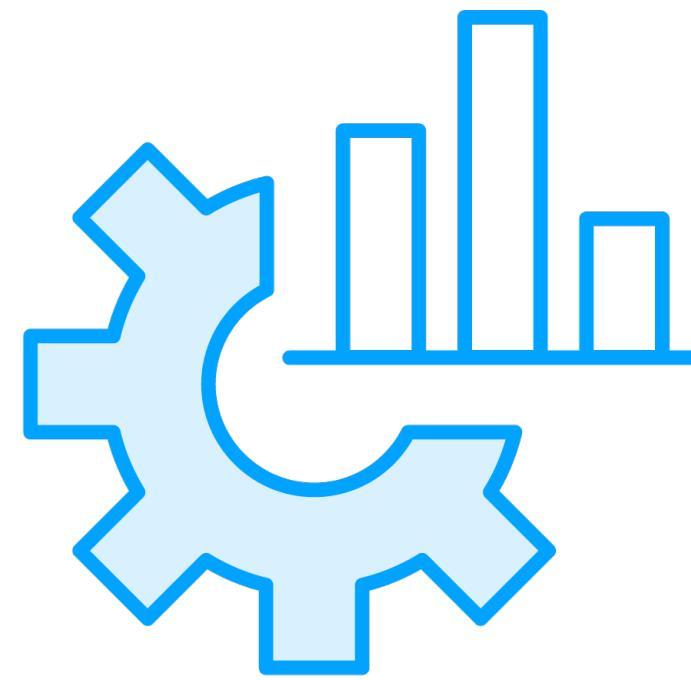


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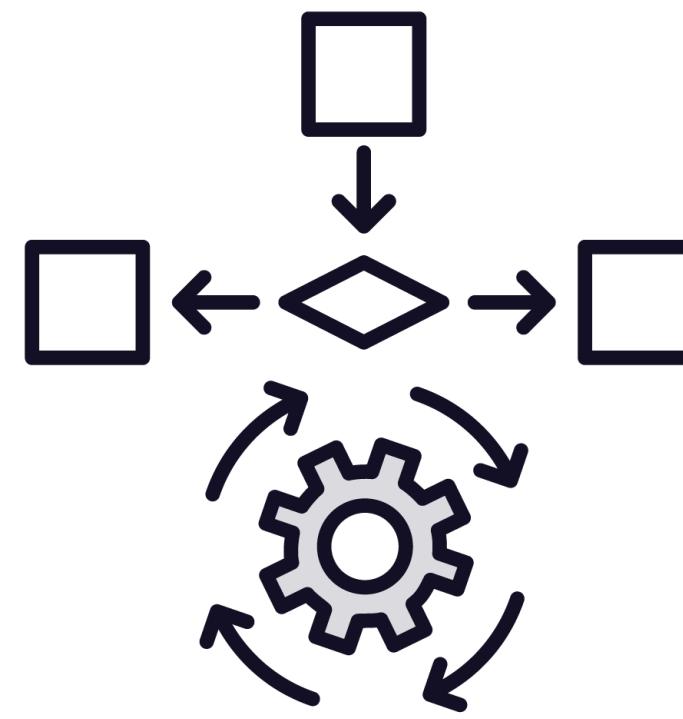
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Why Use Cloud-hosted Databases?



**Scalability,
high availability,
and managed
infrastructure**



**Big data processing,
analytics, and
distributed querying**



**Native libraries for
seamless integration**

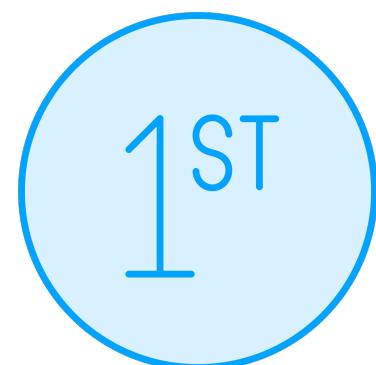


Popular Python Libraries for Cloud Databases

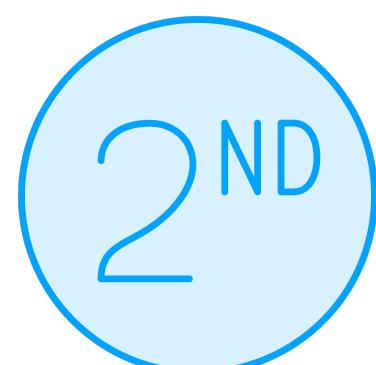
Library	Cloud database	Purpose
<code>google-cloud-bigquery</code>	Google BigQuery	Query execution, data analysis
<code>snowflake-connector-python</code>	Snowflake	Secure connection, data retrieval
<code>psycopg2 / SQLAlchemy</code>	Amazon Redshift	Query execution, ORM support



Steps to Working with Cloud Databases in Python



Connect to Google BigQuery, Snowflake, or Redshift



Load cloud data into Pandas DataFrame



Analyze, filter, and transform data seamlessly

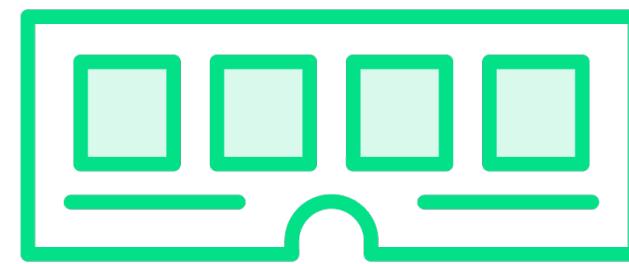


```
from google.cloud import bigquery  
  
client = bigquery.Client()  
query = "SELECT name, age FROM my_dataset.users LIMIT 10"  
result = client.query(query).to_dataframe()  
  
print(result)
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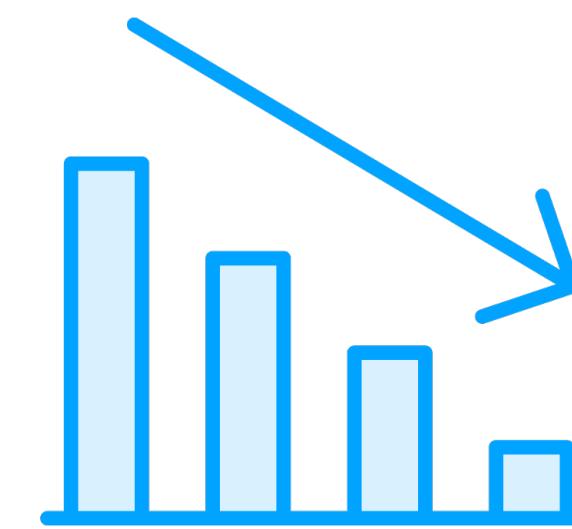
Connecting to Google BigQuery



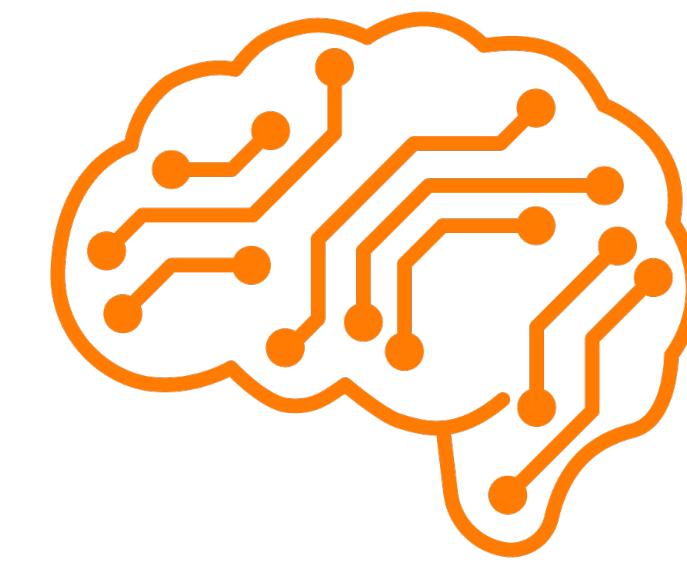
Challenges with Large Datasets



Processing large datasets can exhaust system memory



Performance degrades with inefficient data loading



Efficient techniques reduce RAM usage while processing big data



Techniques for Handling Large Data

Method	Use case	Example
Lazy loading	Load data only when needed	Python generators
Chunk processing	Process data in batches	Pandas (<code>read_csv(chunk_size=...)</code>)
Dask processing	Parallel computation for big data	<code>dask.dataframe</code>



Why Security Matters in Cloud Databases

**Data breaches due
to misconfigured
access**

**Weak authentication
can expose sensitive
data**

**Unoptimized queries
increase cloud costs**



Best Practices for Secure Querying

Security measure	Purpose	Example
IAM roles & permissions	Control who can access what	AWS IAM policies
Environment variables	Secure database credentials	<code>os.environ.get("DB_PASSWORD")</code>
Encryption	Protect data in transit and at rest	TLS, KMS, or column-level encryption



Secure Querying in Snowflake

```
import snowflake.connector
import os

conn = snowflake.connector.connect(
    user=os.environ['SNOWFLAKE_USER'],
    password=os.environ['SNOWFLAKE_PASSWORD'],
    account="my_account"
)
cur = conn.cursor()
cur.execute("SELECT * FROM sales_data LIMIT 100")
result = cur.fetchall()
```



Thank you for your attention

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