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Assessment Details

Problem Statement:

- Create an ELT pipeline that ingests a CSV dataset (choose any sufficiently dense source
 eg. https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/abdullah0a/telecom-customer-churn-insights-for-analysis).
- Load up the dataset into a staging database of your choice.
- Design a transformation layer to process the input dataset for missing values (use defaults) and anonymising PII.
- The destination for the processed data should be a database ideal for generating reports.
- Establish an orchestration workflow for this pipeline to accept a feed every hour (should be configurable).
- Integrate any open-source reporting tool to generate statistics about the flow.
- Ensure the entire setup is available through composable container definition(s).

Tech Stack:

- Language/frameworks/solutions of your choice. Please just ensure, the solution is easy to run on a laptop.
- Please use open-source solutions wherever possible.

Delivery:

- Please share the entire source code as a public Github repository.
- Do add relevant instructions to run the code.
- Please also ensure it stays accessible for the duration of the discussions with HGI.

ETA:

• Please ensure the assignment is completed in about 16-20 hours (can be split over days if practical schedules demand).

Assessment – In scope:

- Bronze Layer (Data Lake): Read and writing csv data via a pipeline to store in the database table – csv data will be pulled up from Kaggle
- Silver Layer (Transformed Data layer): Data transformation and stored the refined data into database tables – up to 3 use cases
- Gold Layer (Reporting Layer): Pre-aggregated data for reporting purposes up to 3 use

Assessment – Out of scope:

• Containerization of the solution

Assessment – Use Case Success Criteria:

The solution should be considered as successful if the following use cases are achieve during the user acceptance testing:

- 1. Tech stack selection: should be Open source as far as possible
- 2. Each run should have internal runid to track pipeline runs
- CSV file(s) should be able read from <>/source/<name>.csv folder and load into the
 database without any change in the data in the raw_customer table of bronze_db
 database
- 4. Solution to enable hourly to ingest a new file hourly
- 5. The processes file should be moved/archived in the processed file into

```
<>/archive/runid_<>_ allfiles_gooddata_datetimeid.csv
<>/archive/runid_<>_ allfiles_baddata_datetimeid.csv
```

Presently bad data is computed based on non-integer customerids only

- Solution should follow 3 use cases to conduct data transformations:
 - a. Check for NaN or missing values for a few fields (field names TBD)
 - b. Check valid values for Age should be a positive integer only
 - c. Check for valid values from the data dictionary for ContractType field as Monthto-Month, One-Year, Two-Year

- 7. Bad data rows based on the above should be saved into the
 - <>/baddata/<name> runid datetimeid done.csv
- 8. Read bronze_db.raw_customer table data and perform following transformation to make presentable reports:
 - a. Transform InternetService missing values to None
 - b. Round off TotalCharges values to 2 decimals
 - c. Define new dimension as Tenure Range for each 10 blocks, e.g. 1-10, 11-20 so on
 - d. Define Age band dimension 20-25, 36-30 so on every 5 years
 - e. Drop Age field to preserve PII information
 - f. Define new dimension Category High/Medium/Low for MonthlyCharges < 50
 Low, 51-100 medium and > 100 high
- The transformed data should be stored into silver_db.customer table
- 10. Produce a aggregated data models to generate various reports in the
 - gold_db.<table_names>, like:
 - a. Count of customers by Categories (i.e. High/Medium/Low)
 - b. Aggregated revenue (TotalCharges) by Contract Types
 - c. Aggregated revenue (TotalCharges) by InternetService
 - d. Customer demographic Presentation who availed technical support facility by Age_band and gender
- 11. A run and log table to record runs

Assessment – Tech Stack Selection: Tentative

- OS Windows laptop
- Prefect for data pipeline Open source
- Superset Open source
- Database Sqlserver Express using sa credentials

Assessment – Deliverables:

Git repo url https://github.com/chitwanhumad/hg datapipeline
 (Kindly confirm you can access the url)

Assessment – Completion Date: Tentative

22-Aug-2025

Solution High Level

 SCD 2 Implementation – maintained all history however report shows all latest data for each customer. Example –

Runid	New CustomerID in the	Updated CustomerID in	Report Data
	input file	the input file	
1	1- 100	NA	All 1 - 100
2	101 - 120	5, 50	All 1 – 120**
3	NA	61, 71	All 1 – 120**

^{**} updated records data with the latest rows

- No archival of old data has been provisioned however it has to be there. Suggested
 solution could be, based on the business requirements last N days data should be kept
 into silver_db.customers tables as per business policy. The system performance will
 degrade without data archival policies.
- 3. Only one condition of Bad data has been assumed for now. It is for non int customerID.
- 4. It is assumed that there could be more than one customer files may be loaded at a time. All good data and/or bad data will be saved in the /archive/ folder with the runid in the file.
- 5. Runid is to track every run. The same runid will be used to read logs from the dbo.acr_log table.
- 6. Runid will also be used for data lineage purpose.
- 7. Bronze_db will have all data, each row will have a runid and inserttime associated with it.

- 8. Siliver db will have soft delete of the older rows, reference column is is current = 'Y'
- Gold_db will have up-to-date aggregated data only. Users can refer lastrefreshtime field for their reference.

Prerequisites

1. Make sure you have python 3.10 environment on your windows

Set up Prefect Environment

- Refer \Environment.txt (complete Solution Installation Steps first and come back here) or follow the below steps:
 - create project folder

D:\
mkdir HGInsights
cd HGInsights

set up virtual env

python -m venv hg_venv

activate hg_venv

hg_venv\Scripts\activate

install prefect

pip install prefect

create root directory

mkdir D:\HGInsights\source\

create Archive directory

mkdir D:\HGInsights\archive\

create Git directory

mkdir D:\HGInsights\Git\

2. Access Prefect dashboard here:

http://127.0.0.1:4200

Solution Installation Steps

- Sync the git repo in your windows laptop
 https://github.com/chitwanhumad/hg_datapipeline
- Install packages from requirements.txtpip install -r requirements.txt
- 3. Open config.ini file to update your paths and SQL Server database credentials. Update server name, user and password.
- 4. Configure your root directory where the source file will be placed.
- 5. Run \ddl\dbsetup.sql using SQL Server management studio. This script will create all required databases, tables and other db objects.

Start Prefect Server

- 1. Run command to start server
 - Open file \prefect\start prefect server.bat
 - Review and update your virtual environment paths
 - Run following to start server start_prefect_server.bat

Set up and Run Data pipeline

- Copy the source file into the <>/source/*.csv folder, there could be more than 1 incoming files.
- 2. Run /workflow/main.py
- 3. Check Run status and logs in by using following queries

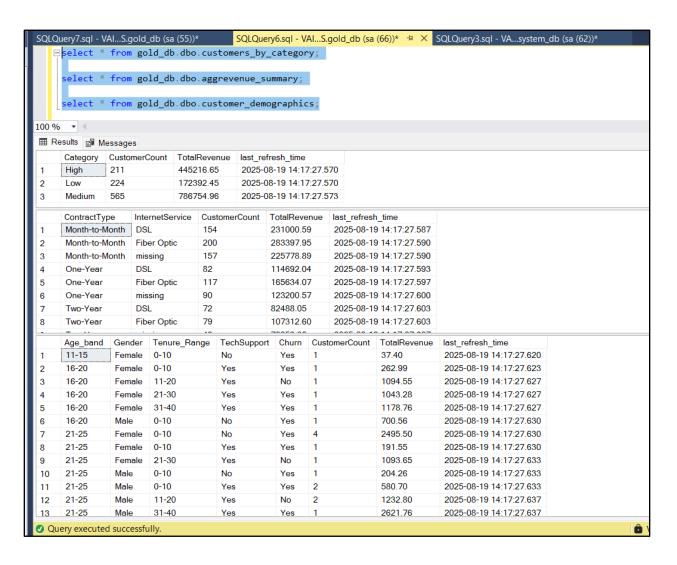
```
select * from system_db.dbo.ach_runs where runid = ?;
select * from system_db.dbo.ach_logs where runid = ?;
```

4. If now ERROR in the above step, verify your data in bronze and silver layers databases by using following queries

```
select * from bronze_db.dbo.raw_customers where runid = 51
select * from silver_db.dbo.customers where is_current = 'Y' order by CustomerID;
```

5. To view the modeled data for reports, run following sqls:

```
select * from gold_db.dbo.customers_by_category;
select * from gold_db.dbo.aggrevenue_summary;
select * from gold_db.dbo.customer_demographics
```



Set up Local Superset Environment

- 3. Download install Superset
 - a. Python virtual environment

```
python -m pip install --upgrade pip setuptools wheel
python -m venv venv
venv\Scripts\activate
(every time when you start server)
```

b. Install apache-supersetpip install apache-superset

c. create a new secret

python -c "import secrets; print(secrets.token_urlsafe(64))"

d. save this secret inside into D:\superset\superset_config.py

import os

SECRET_KEY = "my_random_long_secret_key_123!@#"

Note: example superset_config.py file canbe referred from \superset\superset config.py

e. Make sure you have the below package

```
pip install marshmallow==3.20.1

pip install pymssql # sql server connector

pip install sqlalchemy==2.0.25

pip install pyodbc

pip install --upgrade apache-superset
```

f. Set up variables and flask application

```
set SUPERSET_CONFIG_PATH=D:\superset\superset_config.py
set FLASK_APP=superset.app:create_app()
(every time when you start server)
```

g. run db upgrade command superset db upgrade

(one time only)

h. To create admin user/password for your set up, complete the prompts:

superset fab create-admin (one time only)

i. Load examples

superset load_examples (one time only)

j. Initialize superset

superset init

(every time when you start server)

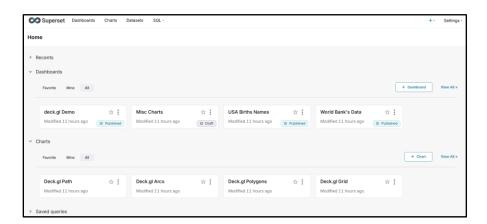
k. Start server

superset run -h localhost -p 8088 (every time when you start server)

I. Access server

http://localhost:8088

m. With the login with admin user you should be able to see the home page on Superset



Start Superset Server:

- 1. Refer file \superset\start_superset_server.bat
- 2. Set up path where your python virtual environment for superset is available
- 3. Run the batch file

\superset\start_superset_server.bat

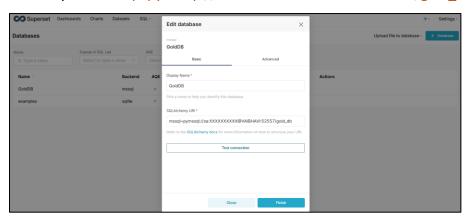
4. Break it to stop server

Create Database Connection

1. Create datasource for gold db

Name: GoldDB

SQL Alchemy URI: mssql+pymssql://sa:unica*03@VAIBHAVI:52557/gold_db

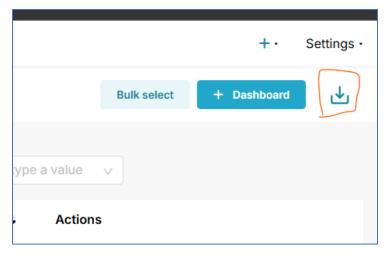


NOTE: In my case the instance name is SQLEXPRESS, it's dynamic port is 52557 so used dynamic port, check TCP/IP settings to fetch the same.

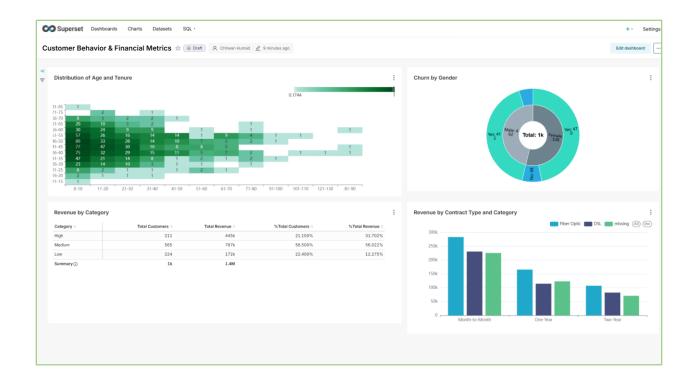
2. Test connection, save datasource name as GoldDB

Import Dashboards

- 1. Access /dashboards/customer dashboard.zip from the git repository
- 2. Click Import



- 3. Select the zip file and import
- 4. Verify import
 - a. Go to Datasets, you should see
 - i. customers_by_category
 - ii. customer demographics
 - iii. aggrevenue_summary
 - b. Go to Charts, you should see
 - i. Distribution of Age and Tenure
 - ii. Churn by Gender
 - iii. Revenue by Category
 - iv. Revenue by Contract Type and Category
 - c. Go to Dashboards, you should see
 - i. Customer Behavior & Financial Metrics
- 5. Recheck the Database connection and re-test the GoldDB datasource
- 6. Open Customer Behavior & Financial Metrics



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