

Data Vault Pipeline Description - Introduction and orientation

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Data Vault Pipeline Description is a concept and syntax to provide a standardized document format, to declare all necessary metadata for fetching, parsing, hashing a data source and load it into a data vault model.

It provides as a common interface between all steps and tools, that are executed during the design and implementation of data vault models and loading processes.

Even though it is generally an easy to use concept, the description of all provided elements and how to apply them needs some amount of words. Therefore the documentation is distributed over multiple articles.

This article provides the overview, what you will find here.

PLEASE NOTE: **Knowledge about Data Vault modelling and loading procedures is essential to understand the concept.**

Please consult appropriate literature, to learn Data Vault first.

The main articles

[DVPD The Concept](#)

The main article about the concept

- motivation of the concept
- Data Vault model and load requirements covered by the concept
- design decisions that have been made and are driving the syntax
- concepts behind the "non obvious purpose" syntax elements
- benefits of the concept for projects / consultants / tool developers

[Data Vault method coverage and syntax examples](#)

Provides examples for Data Vault models, especially all model elements from the book "Building A Scalable Data Warehouse With Data Vault 2.0" by Dan Linstedt and Michael Olschimke from 2016. This is to prove the completeness of the concept.

Besides from that, this is a good entry point to understand the core syntax by looking at examples.

[Reference of code syntax elements](#)

Defines and explains the DVPD core syntax and structure.

This article is highly formalized. The order of elements is not always supporting a learning process.

[Reference of model profile syntax](#)

Defines and explains syntax and structure of the model profile syntax.

[Additional appliance descriptions](#)

[DVPD development workflows](#)

Describes different project scenarios, how the DVPD should be integrated in the development workflow.

[Model and method investigations](#)

Some requirements of the Data Vault Method are not directly described in the books, but are hidden as implicit conclusions. The following articles are investigating different aspects in the data vault method and explain the requirements that lead to some syntax concepts and design descisions.

[Model topologies and basic field mapping variations](#)

This article provides a complete set of model topologies. The described topologies are an aggregation and combination of the basic patterns, described by the Data Vault modelling method.

Also it explains the basic variations how fields of the source record can be mapped.

Understanding both aspects is necessary to prove the completeness of the syntax via test cases.

[Catalog of field mappings in relations](#)

Loading relations to the data vault model is getting complex, when the same hub, link or satellite must be loaded more then once for a single record (e.g. when loading hierachical link structures). This article investigates the scenarios and provides all the background needed to understand the relation concept in DVPD.

It also is one of the main drivers of testcases.

[Deletion detection catalog](#)

Deletion detection is a complex problem on its own. The full investigation about all possible variations of deletion detection and how to describe it in a syntax is placed in this document to shorten the central concept article.