

# Automated Data Quality Assessment and Monitoring System

## 1. Solution Summary

This project demonstrates a complete end-to-end Data Quality (DQ) framework - from data profiling, cleaning, and metric computation to dashboarding and ongoing monitoring. The goal was to ensure data reliability, completeness, and accuracy while simulating a real-

Although the assignment mentioned SQL + Dashboard integration, all tasks were implemented using Python. A conceptual SQL schema was also added in Markdown to demonstrate how the same metrics could be implemented in SQL.

## 2 Environment & Tools

- Language: Python 3.x
- Environment: Jupyter Notebook
- Libraries: pandas, numpy, plotly, dash, os, datetime, json, smtplib
- Output Files:

1. news\_events\_cleaned.csv
2. data\_profile.csv
3. data\_quality\_summary.csv
4. data\_quality\_log.csv
5. data\_cleaning\_log.csv

## 3 Data Cleaning & Preprocessing

**Goal:** Ensure data is complete, consistent, valid, and formatted correctly.

### Steps:

1. Data Loading:
  - Load raw dataset using pandas.
  - Combined multiple JSONL files into one and converted it into a dataframe.
2. Standardization:
  - Trim whitespace
  - Convert dates to consistent formats
  - Normalize categorical columns (e.g., lowercase)

- Remove duplicates
- 3. Missing Value Treatment:
  - Drop high-missing columns
  - Fill moderate-missing columns using median/mode
- 4. Data Type Conversion:
  - Ensure columns like found\_at, id, and count have appropriate data types.
- 5. Output:
  - Save the cleaned dataset as news\_events\_cleaned.csv.

#### 4 Data Profiling (Exploratory Data Analysis)

**Goal:** Generate statistical summaries and understand data characteristics.

**Steps:**

1. Implemented a safe\_nunique() function to compute unique values even for JSON-like objects.
2. Computed:
  - Data types (dtype)
  - Missing value percentage (missing\_%)
  - Number of unique values (unique\_values)
3. Saved the profile as data\_profile.csv for record-keeping.

Visual Analysis:

Plotted missing value distribution and datatype frequency using Plotly bar charts for better visualization.

#### 5 Data Quality Metrics Calculation

\*\*\*\*Metrics Computed:\*\*\*\*

Metric Description:

Completeness (%)	-->	% of non-missing values
Uniqueness (%)	-->	% of unique records
Consistency (%)	-->	% of consistent values across key fields
Validity (%)	-->	% of records matching valid formats
Timeliness (%)	-->	% of recent records
Accuracy (%)	-->	% of logically correct records

\*\*\*\*Final Output Example:\*\*\*\*

Metric	Value
Completeness (%)	56.28
Uniqueness (%)	98.73
Consistency (%)	100.00
Validity (%)	100.00
Timeliness (%)	17.71
Accuracy (%)	100.00
Invalid_Records	8,955,872

## 6 Data Quality Dashboard

### *Context:*

The assignment required SQL + Dashboard integration.

However, since SQL and BI tool access was unavailable, the entire workflow was executed in R.

A conceptual SQL schema (in Markdown) was added to show how results could be stored in a relational database.

### *Dashboard Components:*

1. Overall metric summary cards
2. Distribution charts for missing values, data types, and outliers
3. Interactive Plotly visuals for profiling and trend analysis

### *Files:*

data\_quality\_dashboard.py

## 7 Conceptual SQL Schema

```
-- Table: data_quality_metrics
CREATE TABLE data_quality_metrics (
  run_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
  timestamp TIMESTAMP,
  completeness NUMERIC,
  uniqueness NUMERIC,
  consistency NUMERIC,
  validity NUMERIC,
  timeliness NUMERIC,
  accuracy NUMERIC,
  invalid_records INT
);
```

```
-- Table: data_profile
CREATE TABLE data_profile (
  column_name VARCHAR(255),
  dtype VARCHAR(50),
  missing_percent NUMERIC,
  unique_values INT
);
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);
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## 8 Ongoing Data Quality Monitoring

**Goal:** Automate continuous monitoring and alerting for future data loads.

**Approach:**

1. Implemented a Python script (data\_quality\_monitor.py) to:
2. Compute key metrics (Completeness, Duplicate Rate, Timeliness)
3. Log results into a CSV (data\_quality\_log.csv)
4. Generate alerts when thresholds are breached

**Example Log Entry:**

timestamp	rows	completeness_%	duplicate_rate_%	timeliness_%
2025-11-11 09:00	50000	92.35	1.24	78.91

**Alert Thresholds:**

```
THRESHOLDS = {  
    "completeness_%": 90,  
    "duplicate_rate_%": 5  
}
```

**Alert Output Example:**

```
ALERT: Completeness dropped below 90%
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## 9 Summary of Files

File Name	Description
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01_data_cleaning_and_profiling.ipynb	--> Cleaning, transformation and profiling steps
02_data_quality_dashboard.ipynb	--> Dashboard visualization
03_data_quality_monitoring.ipynb	--> Automated monitoring simulation
data_profile.csv	--> Profiling summary
data_quality_log.csv	--> Monitoring logs
data_cleaning_log.csv	--> Cleaning logs
data_quality_summary.csv	--> Summary of Data Quality
news_events_cleaned.csv	--> Cleaned data
README.md	--> High-level project summary