

Data Engineer Home Assignment

Estimated Time: 5–7 Hours

Deliverable Format: GitHub Repository

Objective

Design and implement a data pipeline using Python, Trino, and PostgreSQL.

This assignment evaluates your skills in:

- Building modular, production-ready Python code
 - Fetching and validating API data
 - Managing incremental loads
 - Deploying and querying a Trino environment with PostgreSQL
 - Writing analytical SQL over both raw and aggregated tables
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API to Use

SpaceX Launches API

<https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/latest>

You are required to **only fetch the *latest* data** from the API. Simulate this as if it's a real-time incremental source, e.g., via scheduled batch.

What You Need to Build

You are expected to:

1. Deploy a Local Data Stack

- Use **Docker Compose** to spin up:
 - **Trino**
 - **PostgreSQL**
- Configure Trino as the query engine for PostgreSQL as a data source

2. Build a Python Ingestion Script

Create a script or module that:

- Fetches the **latest launch** data from the API
- Parses and validates the data
- Inserts the launch into a **raw table** in PostgreSQL
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This table should be **append-only** and support **incremental ingestion**

3. Create and Maintain an Aggregation Table

Your pipeline should also:

- Generate an **aggregated table** in PostgreSQL with metrics like:
 - Total launches
 - Total successful launches
 - Average payload mass
 - Average delay between scheduled and actual launch times

The aggregation logic should be in Python or SQL and kept **up to date** when new data is ingested.

SQL Exercises

After loading the data and aggregations, write **SQL queries** to answer:

1. Launch Performance Over Time

How has the success rate of launches evolved year over year?

2. Top Payload Masses

List the top 5 launches with the heaviest total payload mass.

3. Launch Delay Breakdown

Show average and max delay (in hours) between scheduled and actual launch times, grouped by year.

4. Launch Site Utilization

How many launches have occurred at each launch site, and what's the average payload per site?

Deliverables

Please submit a link to a GitHub repository with the below structure.

- Source code in a `src/` directory
- Docker Compose files in a `docker/` directory
- SQL scripts in a `sql/` directory
- A `README.md` file including:
 - Setup instructions
 - Design choices and assumptions
 - How to test and run the ingestion and aggregation

If you need to explain any assumptions or discuss limitations, include that in the `README.md`.

If you have any concerns and feel you don't understand the assignment you can contact - ofir@zeronetnetworks.com
