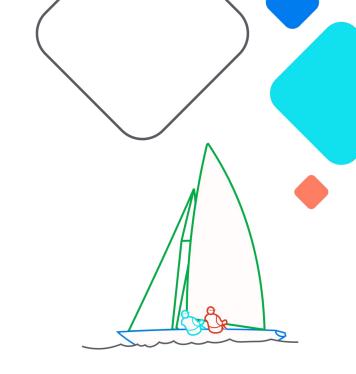
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How the FT automated its ETL pipelines with Airflow

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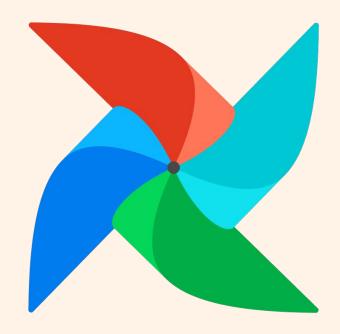
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Big Data in FT

- Important decisions taken based on data
- More and more data use cases across the company
- Our legacy batching solution was not up for the job

Airflow was the perfect fit

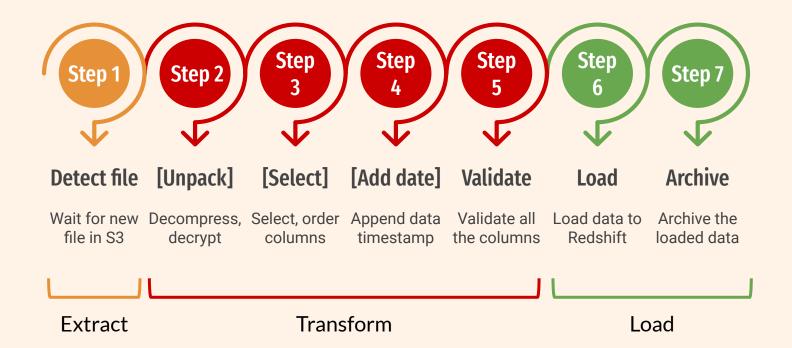
- Durable and flexible
- Many built-in functionalities
- Large community



FT Airflow setup

- Extension of the original Airflow project
- Developed and maintained by a dedicated FT Airflow team
- Additional built-in functionalities
- Provided to other FT teams as self-service

Extract, transform and load (ETL)



How we implemented them back then?

```
with FTDAG(dag_id='sfdc_case_cdc',
                 schedule='0 23 * * *^{*}'):
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         detect file = ETLFileIngesterSensorOperator(
              task_id='detect_new_file',
              timeout=10800.
              poke interval=900)
         validation = ETLFileValidatorOperator(
              task id='validate data',
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              data_input=StoragePath(task_id='transform_file'),
              file format=FileFormat.CSV,
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              file delimiter=FileDelimiter.COMMA)
```

How we implemented them back then?

```
load_data_in_redshift = ETLS3ToRedshiftOperator(
    task id='load data to redshift',
    redshift_conn_id='redshift_conn_id',
    table='ftsfv2db.sfdc case cdc',
    s3 input=StoragePath(task id='validate_data'),
    copy_options=[
       "DELIMITER ','",
      "EMPTYASNULL",
      "CSV",
       "timeformat 'auto'",
       "TRUNCATECOLUMNS"
archive_data_in_s3 = ETLS3ToS3Operator(
    task id='archive file',
    s3 input=StoragePath(task id='validate data'))
detect file >> validation >> [load data in redshift, archive data in s3]
```

Challenges

- A lot of ETL pipelines to be migrated from the legacy tool
- Increasing requests for new ones
- Problem having different DAG configuration per environment
- The pipelines look more or less the same

We had to do something...



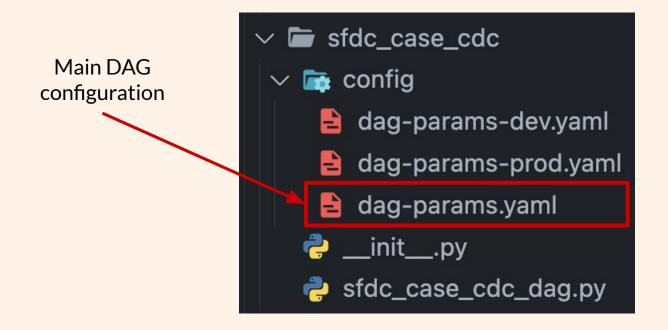
Dynamic ETL DAGs from configuration?



We decided to try it out...

Let's start with: DAG Configuration system

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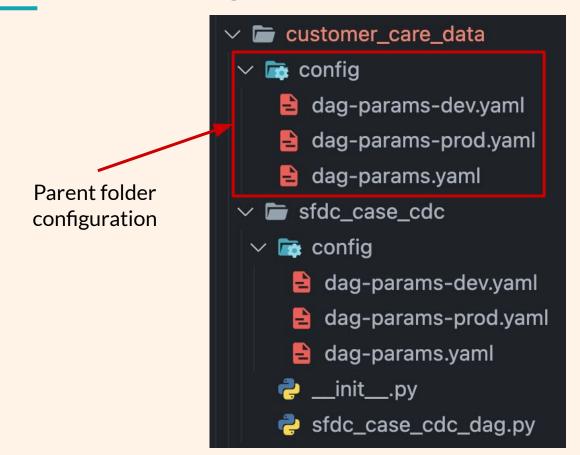
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Usage inside DAG definition

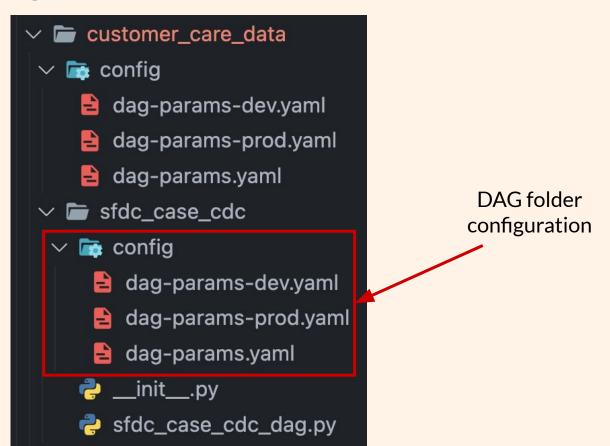
```
with FTDAG(dag_id='sfdc_case_cdc',
           max active runs=1,
           schedule='0 23 * * *') as dag:
    detect_file = ETLFileIngesterSensorOperator(
        task id=dag.dag params.tasks.detect file.task id,
        timeout=dag.dag_params.tasks.detect_file.timeout,
        poke_interval=dag.dag_params.tasks.detect_file.poke_interval,
        s3 input=StoragePath(connection id=dag.team params.connections
                             bucket=dag.dag_params.tasks.detect_file.i
                             file_path=dag.dag_params.tasks.detect_fi
```

One step further: Nested DAG Configurations

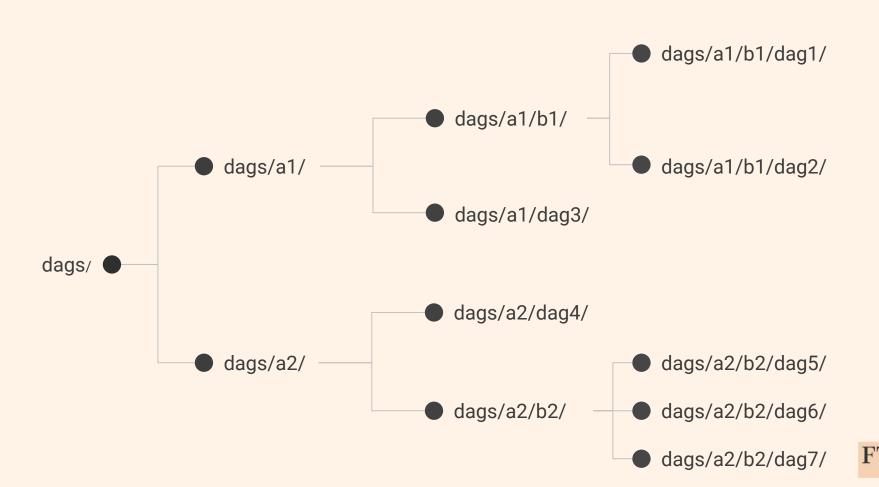
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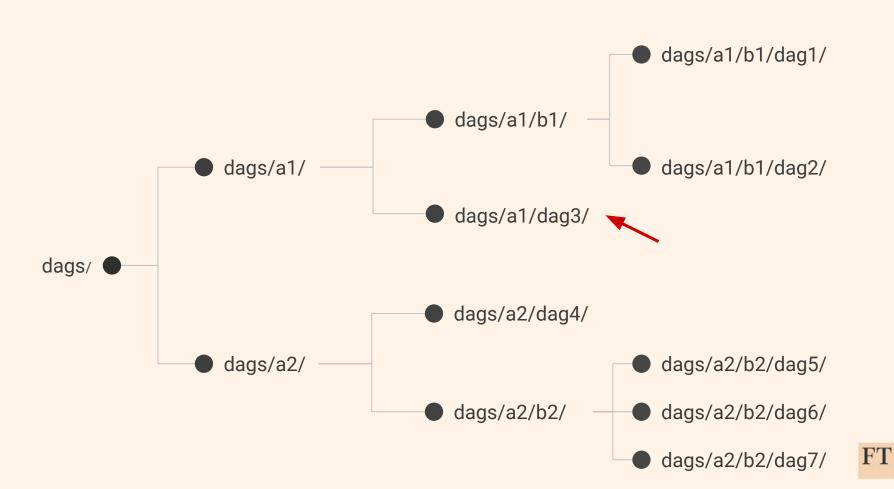


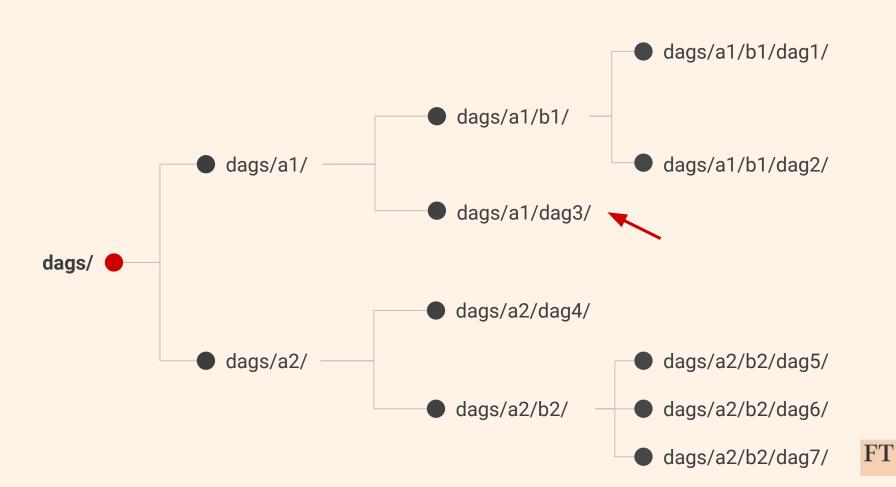
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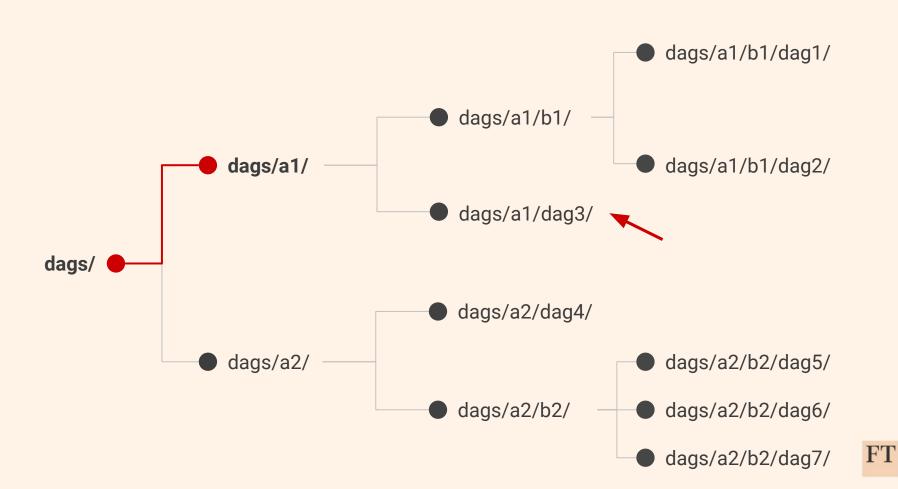


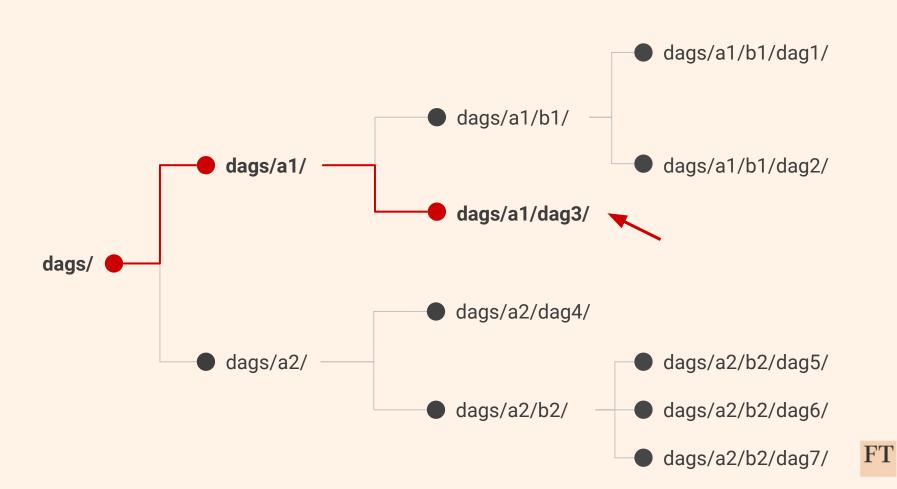
Let's see some examples..

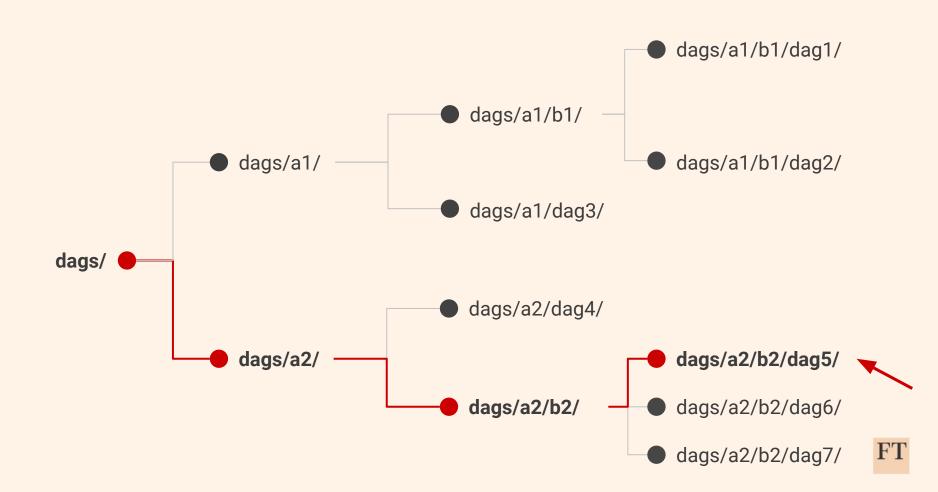












What's the final config?!

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DAG: dataplatform_sfdc_case_cdc

Local Dev Prod

```
archive:
    s3 output:
      bucket: localdev.ft.dw.archive
      connection id: aws conn id
      sub_path: '{{dag.dag_id}}/{{logical_date}}'
tasks:
 archive_data_in_s3:
    output:
      bucket: localdev.ft.dw.archive
      file_path: dataplatform/sfdc_archive/sfdc_case_cdc
    task_id: archive_files_for_storage
 call stored procedure:
    parameters:
      business_key: id
     job_type: IU
      row_order: id
    task_id: staging_to_cdc
 common:
   job_id: sfdc_case_cdc
    redshift:
      cdc table: sfdc case cdc
      schema: ftsfv2db
      staging_table: sfdc_case_stg
 detect file:
    input:
     bucket: ip-crm-data-bridge-dev
      file path: Exports/dw/Global-case/
    mode: reschedule
    poke interval: 900
   soft_fail: true
```

```
etl:
 archive:
    s3 output:
      bucket: dev.ft.dw.archive
      connection id: aws conn id
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    mode: reschedule
    poke interval: 900
    soft_fail: true
```

```
etl:
 archive:
    s3 output:
      bucket: prod.ft.dw.archive
      connection id: aws conn id
      sub_path: '{{dag.dag_id}}/{{logical_date}}'
tasks:
 archive_data_in_s3:
    output:
     bucket: prod.ft.dw.archive
     file_path: dataplatform/sfdc_archive/sfdc_case_cdc
   task_id: archive_files_for_storage
 call stored procedure:
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     job_type: IU
      row_order: id
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      schema: ftsfv2db
      staging_table: sfdc_case_stg
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   input:
      bucket: ip-crm-data-bridge-dev
      file path: Exports/dw/Global-case/
   mode: reschedule
   poke interval: 900
   soft_fail: true
```

And what's next?

Defining a common structure: ETL Pipeline Config

Structure

```
job id: salesforce contact v2 cdc
vendor: 'salesforce_v2'
meta:
  header_lines_count: 1
  threshold_percentage: 0
  file_delimiter: ','
file ingest:
  poll_interval: 900 # 15 minutes
  timeout: 10800 # 3 hours
  entrypoint path:
    connection_id: 'aws_conn_id_crm_role_prod'
    bucket: 'ip-crm-data-bridge-prod'
    file path: dw/Global-contact/
```

Structure

```
columns:
 - name: id
   data_type: varchar
   max_length: 18
    nullable: true
 - name: isdeleted
   data_type: boolean
   nullable: true
 - name: lastmodifieddate
   data_type: timestamp
    data_format: '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S.%f%z'
    nullable: true
 - name: annualrevenue
    data_type: numeric
    precision: 18
    scale: 2
    should_round: true
    nullable: true
```

Structure

```
redshift:
  schema: ftsalesforcev2db
  final_table: salesforce_contacts_v2_cdc
  copy_options:
    EMPTYASNULL
    - timeformat 'auto'

    TRUNCATECOLUMNS

    - dateformat 'auto'
archive:
  s3 output:
    connection id: aws conn id
    bucket: prod.ft.dw.archive
    file_path: dataplatform/salesforce_v2_archive
    sub_path: '{{dag.dag_id}}/{{logical_date}}'
  s3_output_encryption_config:
    keys_to_use: ftwebanalytics
```

Time for automation...

ETL Reusable DAG

What is the idea behind it?

1. Read the ETL Pipeline config

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- 1. Read the ETL Pipeline config
- 2. Create the DAG

Implementation

```
@classmethod
def build_dag(cls,
              dag_configuration: Dict,
              default args: Dict) -> FTDAG:
    default args = default args or {}
    default_args['depends_on_past'] = default_args.get('depends_on_past', True)
    default args['wait for downstream'] = default args.get('wait for downstream', True)
    default_args = DAGArgumentsBuilder.build(**default_args)
    with FTDAG(**dag_configuration,
               default args=default args) as dag:
        cls. build tasks(dag=dag)
        return dag
```

What is the idea behind it?

- 1. Read the ETL Pipeline config
- 2. Create the DAG
- 3. Add the necessary operators

Implementation

```
@classmethod
def _build_tasks(cls,
                 dag: FTDAG,
                 entrypoint_path: Optional[StoragePath] = None,
                 is task group: bool = False) -> None:
   job_config = ETLConfigService.read_job_config_from_dag_params(dag_params=dag.dag_params)
    tasks = []
    if not is_task_group:
        task = cls._entry_task_factory(job_config)
        tasks.append(task)
    if job_config.get_transformations():
        file transformer = ETLFileTransformerOperator(
            task_id='transform',
            data_input=StoragePath(task_id=tasks[-1].task_id) if tasks else entrypoint_path
        tasks.append(file_transformer)
```

Usage with predefined data sources

```
    ✓ archimedes_finance_cdc
    ✓ config
    dag-params-dev.yaml
    dag-params-prod.yaml
    dag-params.yaml
    __init__.py
    archimedes_finance_cdc.py
```

Usage with custom data sources

```
with FTDAG(dag_id="appsflyer_aggregated_skan_installs",
           schedule='0 1 * * *',
           start_date=datetime.datetime(2022, 8, 30, 0, 0, 0)) as dag:
    http_to_s3 = HttpToS30perator(task_id=dag.dag_params.http_to_s3.task_id,
                                  http_conn_id=dag.dag_params.http_to_s3.http_conn_id,
                                  endpoint=dag.dag_params.endpoint)
    TG = ETLReusableDAG.build_task_group(
        dag=dag,
        entrypoint path=StoragePath(task id=dag.dag params.http to s3.task id)
    http_to_s3 >> TG
```

And even more automation..

Generation of DDL SQLs



YAML

```
redshift:
  final_table: finance_cdc
  stg_table: finance_stg
  business key: financeid
columns:
- name: addressid
 data_type: bigint
 nullable: true
- name: product
 data_type: varchar
 max_length: 110
 nullable: true
- name: subcounter
 data_type: bigint
  nullable: true
```

SQL

```
CREATE TABLE ftarchimedesdb.finance_stg

(
    addressid BIGINT
    ,product VARCHAR(110)
    ,subcounter BIGINT
    ,"type" VARCHAR(110)
    ,financeid BIGINT
    ,createdate DATE
    ,periodfrom DATE
```

Let's recap..

- Flexible DAG config system
- Additional ETL feature
 - Automates the DAG creation
 - Enforces the same config structure throughout all the DAGs
 - Removes most of the repetitive configuration and DAG code
 - Easily apply changes to all DAGs (can be a problem as well)
 - Opens the door for more automations

Further improvements

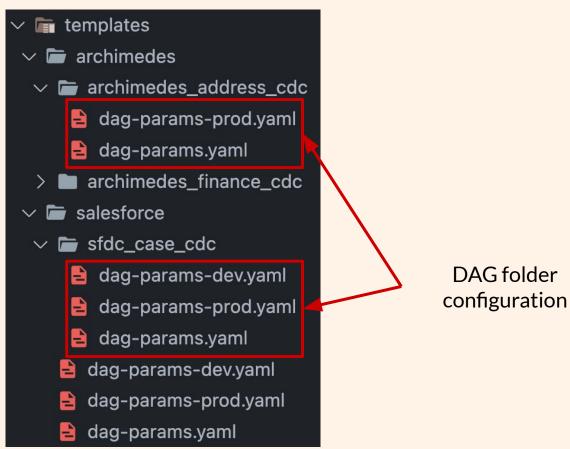


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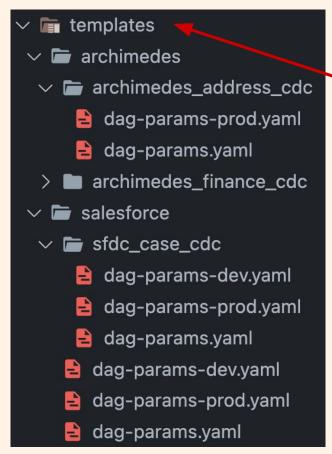
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Parent folder configuration

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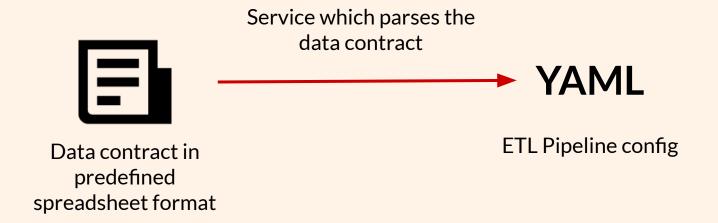
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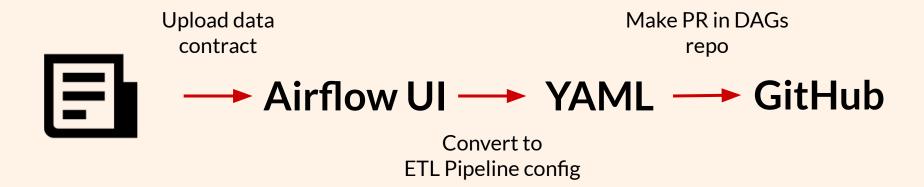


Service which scans the folder and creates the DAGs

Step 2: Convert data contract to ETL Pipeline config



Step 3: Connect everything and make a GitHub PR







Yes!

ETL DAGs can be written just from configuration!



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