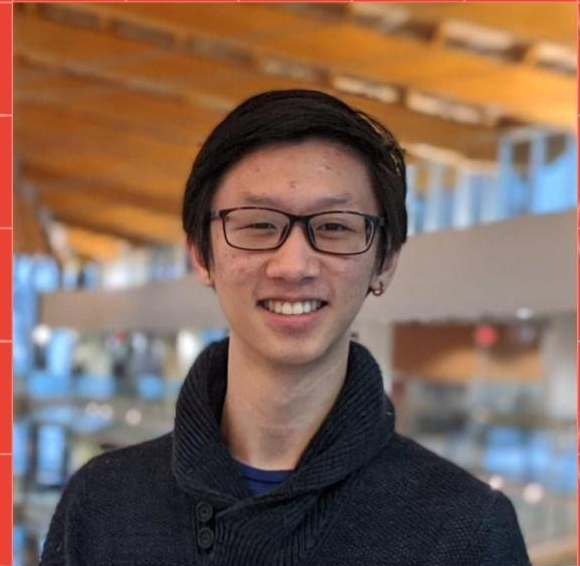


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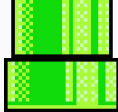
  
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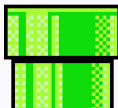
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# A DAY IN DATA

The exponential growth of data is undisputed, but the numbers behind this explosion - fuelled by internet of things and the use of connected devices - are hard to comprehend, particularly when looked at in the context of one day

**500m**

tweets are sent every day

Twitter



**4PB**

of data created by Facebook, including

**350m** photos

**100m** hours of video watch time

Facebook Research

**320bn**

emails to be sent each day by 2021

**306bn**

emails to be sent each day by 2020

**294bn**

billion emails are sent

Radicati Group

**3.9bn**

people use emails

**4TB**

of data produced by a connected car

Intel

## ACCUMULATED DIGITAL UNIVERSE OF DATA

**4.4ZB**

PwC

2013

**44ZB**

2020

## DEMYSTIFYING DATA UNITS

From the more familiar 'bit' or 'megabyte', larger units of measurement are more frequently being used to explain the masses of data

Unit	Value	Size
<b>b</b> bit	0 or 1	1/8 of a byte
<b>B</b> byte	8 bits	1 byte
<b>KB</b> kilobyte	1,000 bytes	1,000 bytes
<b>MB</b> megabyte	1,000 <sup>2</sup> bytes	1,000,000 bytes
<b>GB</b> gigabyte	1,000 <sup>3</sup> bytes	1,000,000,000 bytes
<b>TB</b> terabyte	1,000 <sup>4</sup> bytes	1,000,000,000,000 bytes
<b>PB</b> petabyte	1,000 <sup>5</sup> bytes	1,000,000,000,000,000 bytes
<b>EB</b> exabyte	1,000 <sup>6</sup> bytes	1,000,000,000,000,000,000 bytes
<b>ZB</b> zettabyte	1,000 <sup>7</sup> bytes	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 bytes
<b>YB</b> yottabyte	1,000 <sup>8</sup> bytes	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 bytes

\*A lowercase "b" is used as an abbreviation for bits, while an uppercase "B" represents bytes.

**65bn**

messages sent over WhatsApp and two billion minutes of voice and video calls made

Facebook

Searches made a day

**5bn**

Searches made a day from Google

**3.5bn**

Smart Insights

**463EB**

of data will be created every day by 2025

IDC

**95m**

photos and videos are shared on Instagram

Instagram Business

**28PB**

to be generated from wearable devices by 2020

Statista



# Why do you(r leaders) want data?

Analyze past performance.

Understand current performance.

Experiment on new features.

Make informed business decisions.

Machine Learning for new insights.



# Outline

- 0. data engineering fundamentals
- 1. starter tools
- 2. meaning from a mess
- 3. organizational maturity



# 0. the fundamentals



# Where does it come from, where does it go?

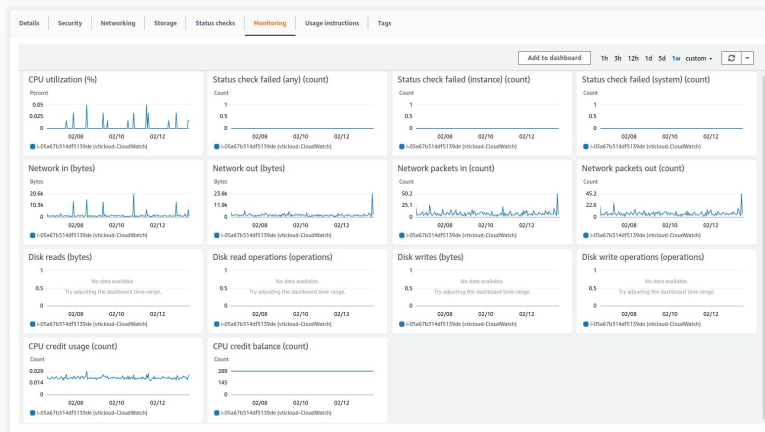


# What kind of data?

User behaviour  
(e.g. signups, interactions)



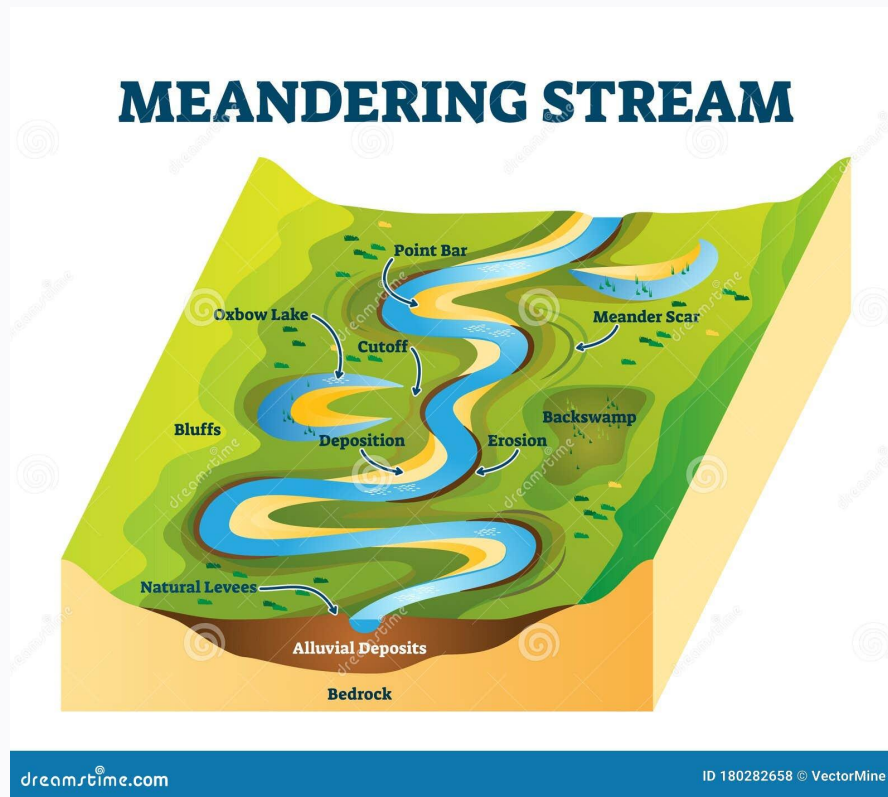
Operational metrics  
(e.g. cpu, memory, latency, network)



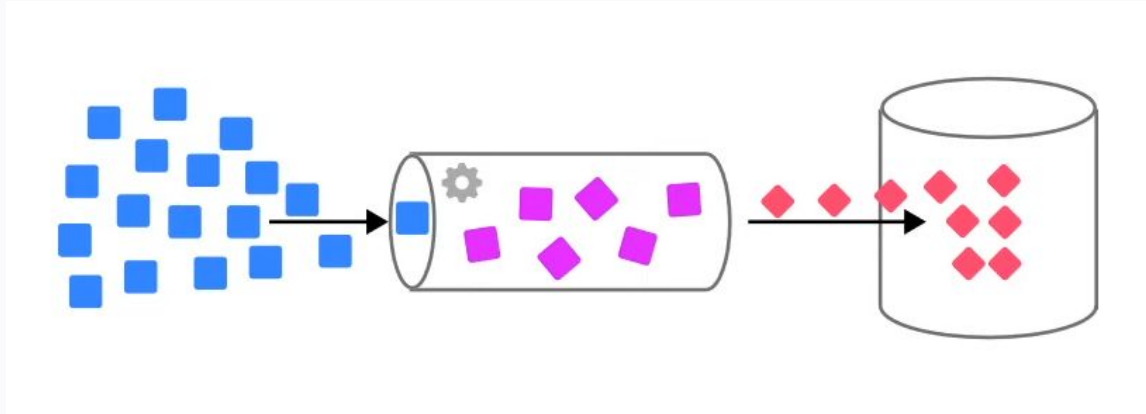




# Streaming Data Pipeline



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Search across your channel



Your channel  
Hootsuite Labs



Dashboard



Content



Analytics



Comments



Subtitles



Copyright



Earn



Customization



Audio library



Daily Ideas



Keyword Inspector

## Channel analytics

ADVANCED MODE

Overview

Content

Audience

Revenue

Research

Jan 1 - 26, 2023

January



In January, people watched your videos 107,422 times

Views

107.4K



11% more than Dec 6 - 31, 2022

Watch time (hours)

4.2K



24% more than Dec 6 - 31, 2022

Subscribers

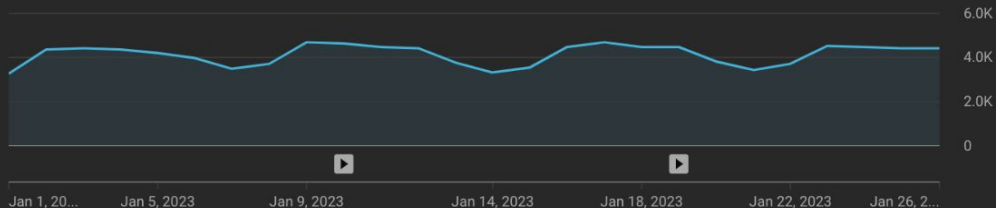
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6% less than Dec 6 - 31, 2022

Estimated revenue

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### Realtime

Updating live

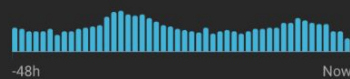
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Subscribers

SEE LIVE COUNT

8,200

Views - Last 48 hours



Top content

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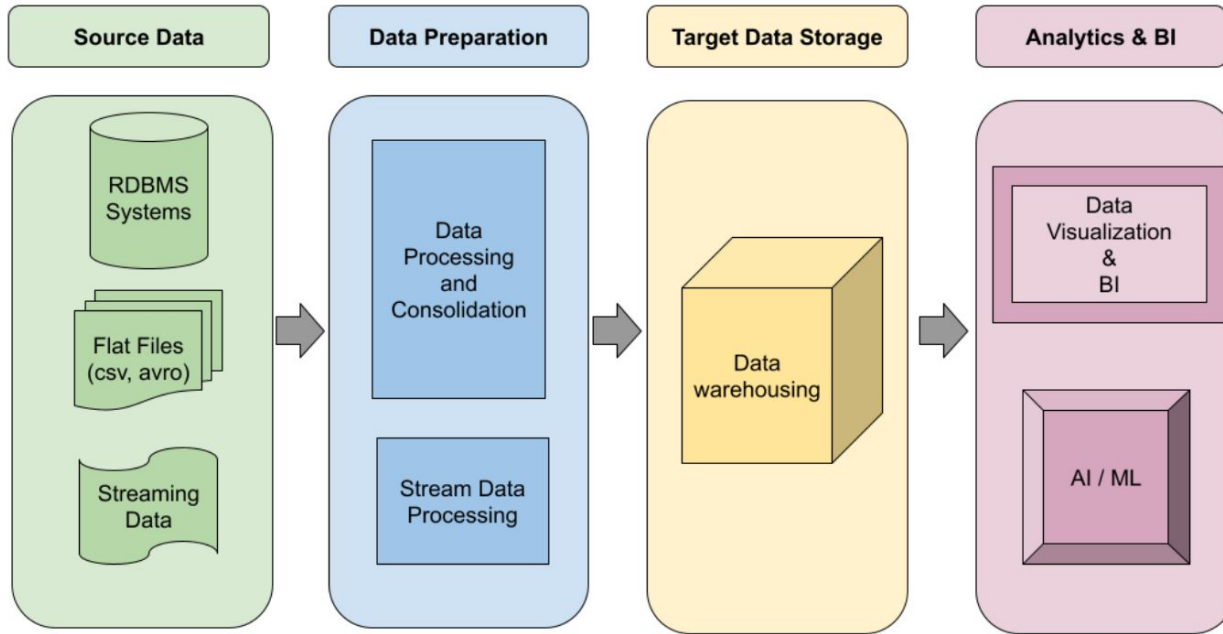
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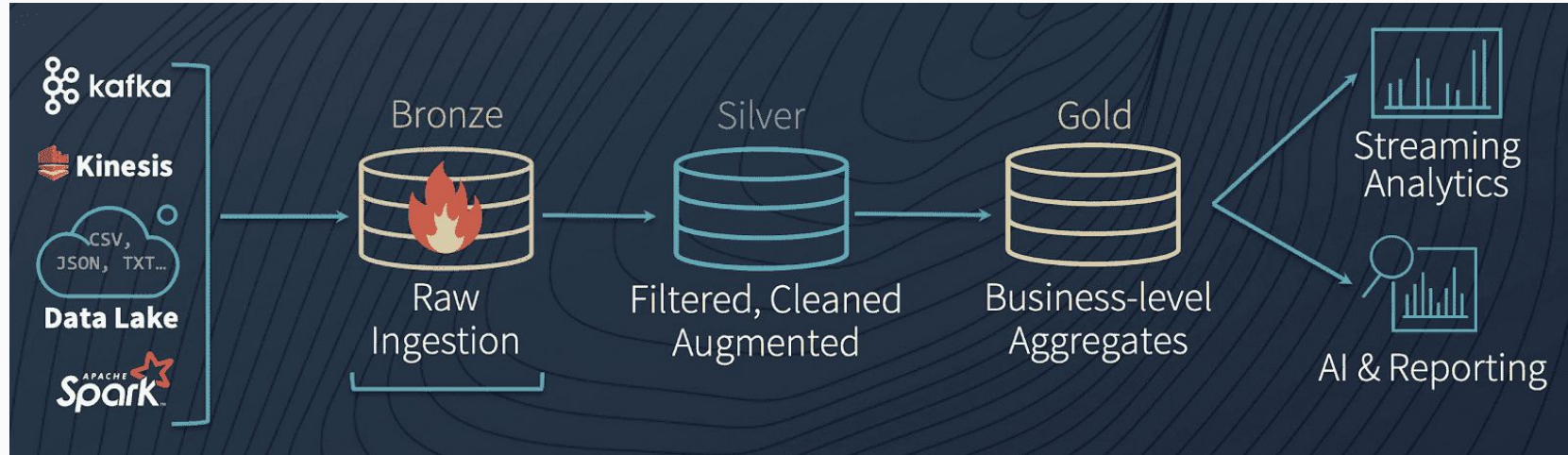
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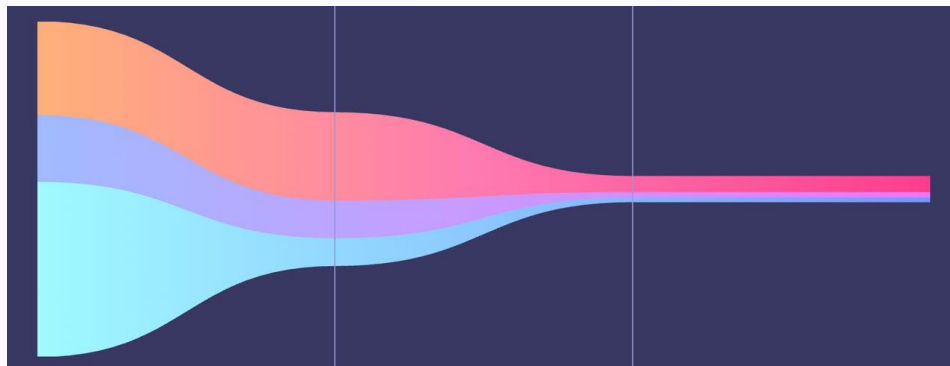
# Batch Data Pipeline



# Data Pipeline Architecture



# The Dataflow



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## 01. ingestion and storage

pseudonymization  
anonymization  
replayability  
verification from source

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## 02. cleaning and filtering

sanity checks  
standardization  
elimination of invalid data

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## 03. aggregating and analyzing

averaging  
determining patterns  
alerting  
p50/p99  
diffs across days, weeks,  
months, or years  
graphing time series data  
predictive analysis

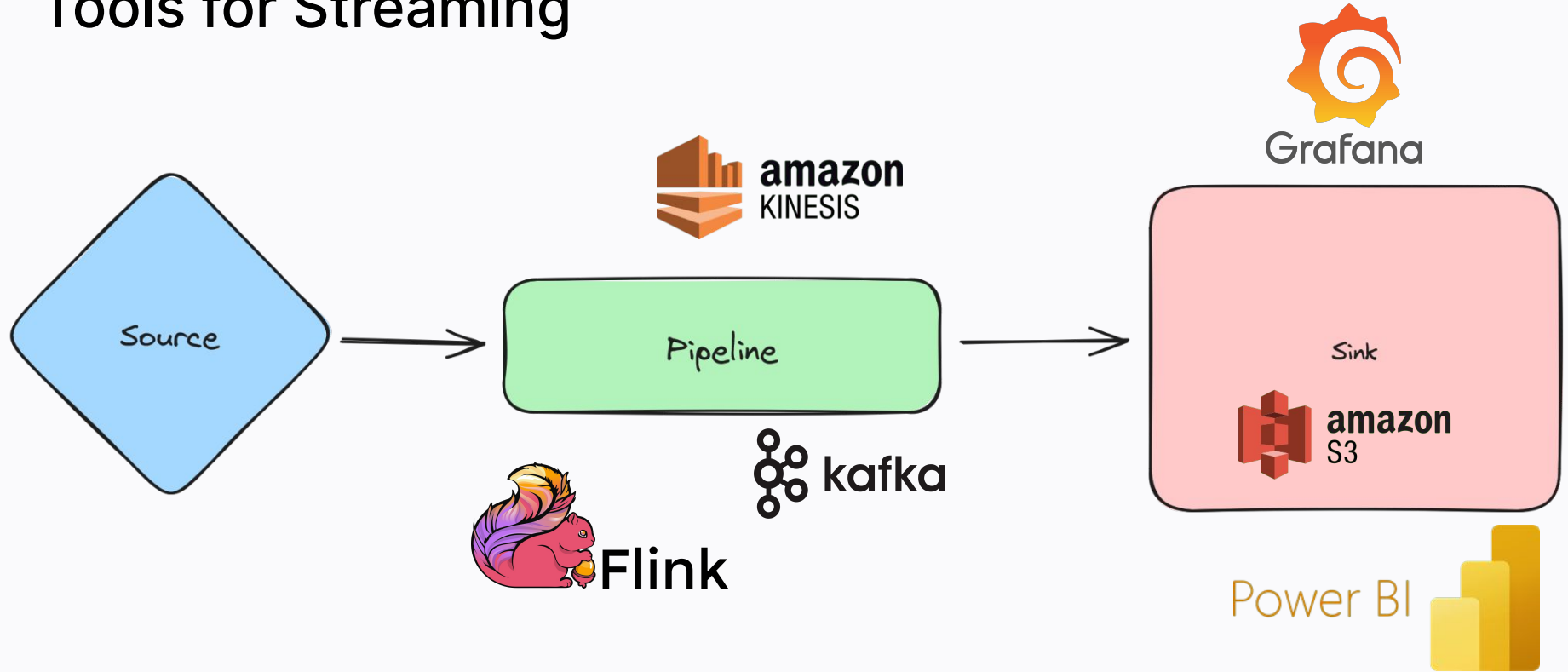


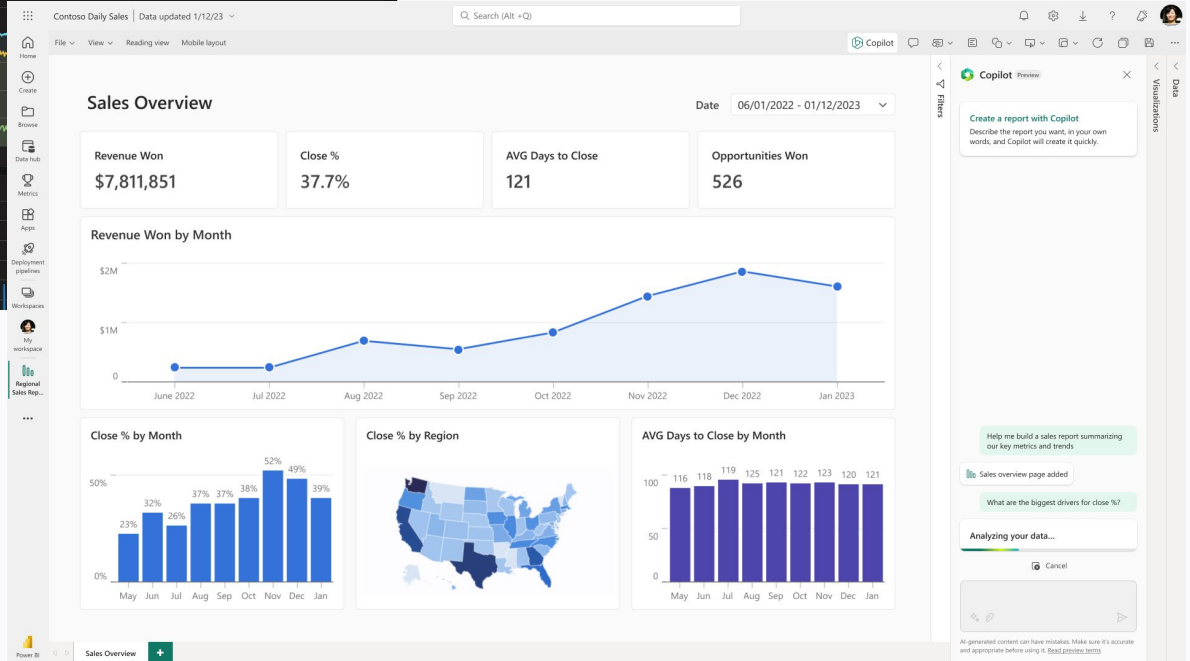
# 1. the tools



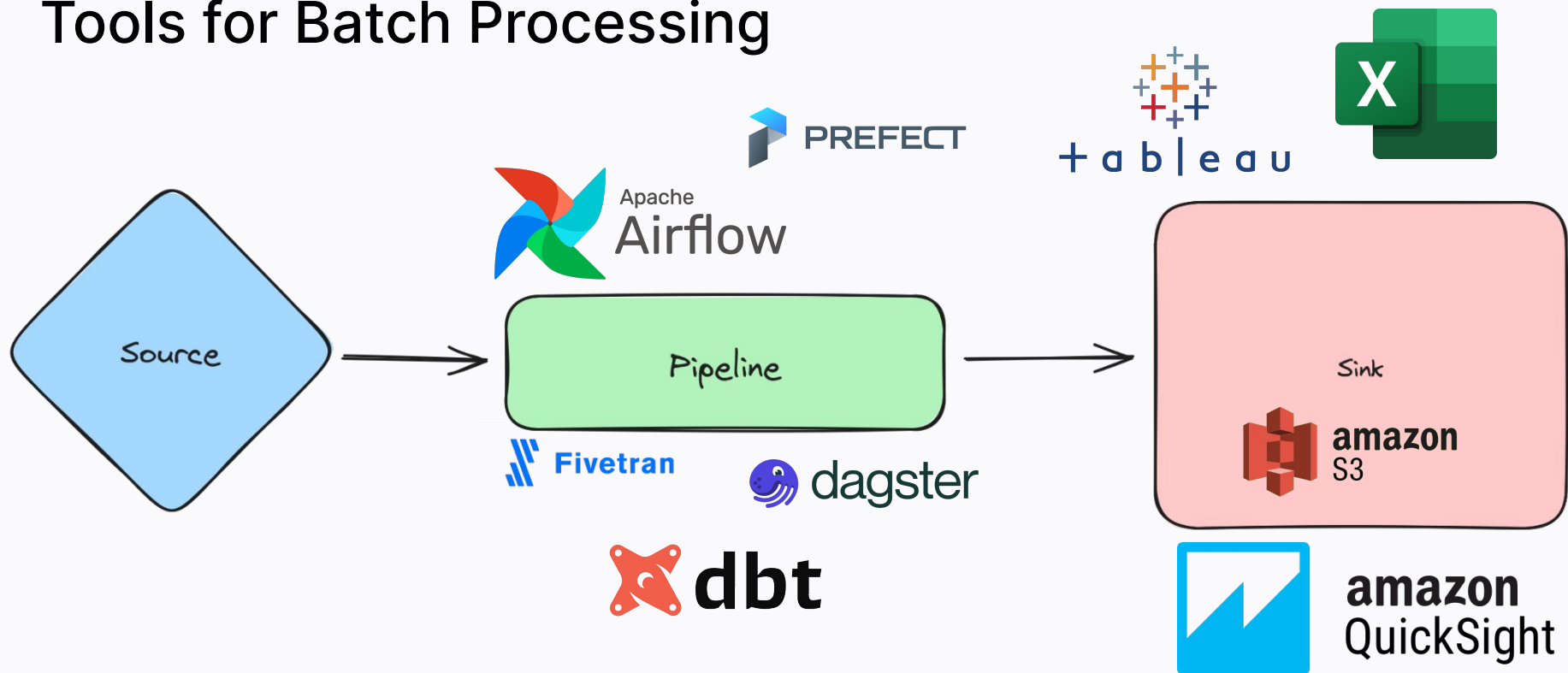


# Tools for Streaming





# Tools for Batch Processing



# Data Warehouses



Google  
BigQuery



**databricks**



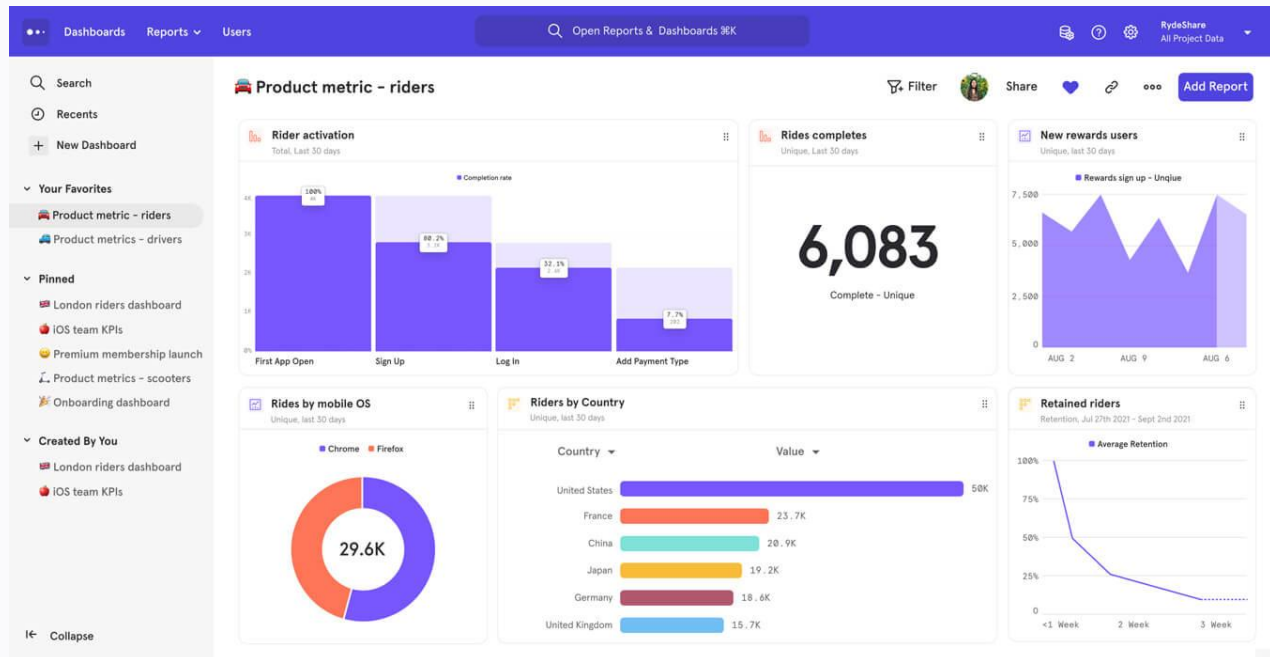
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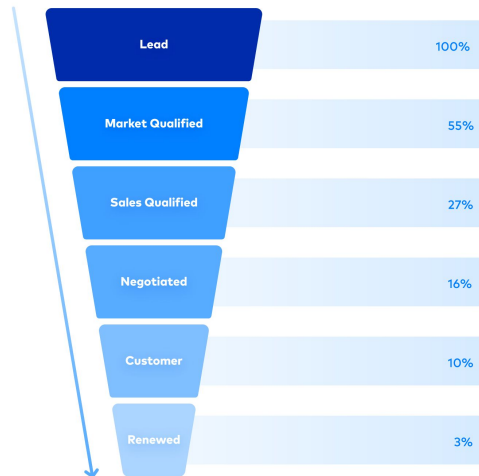
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# Something Else: Mixpanel



## Sales Funnel



## 2. the why



Who wants this data?

How do they want to consume it?

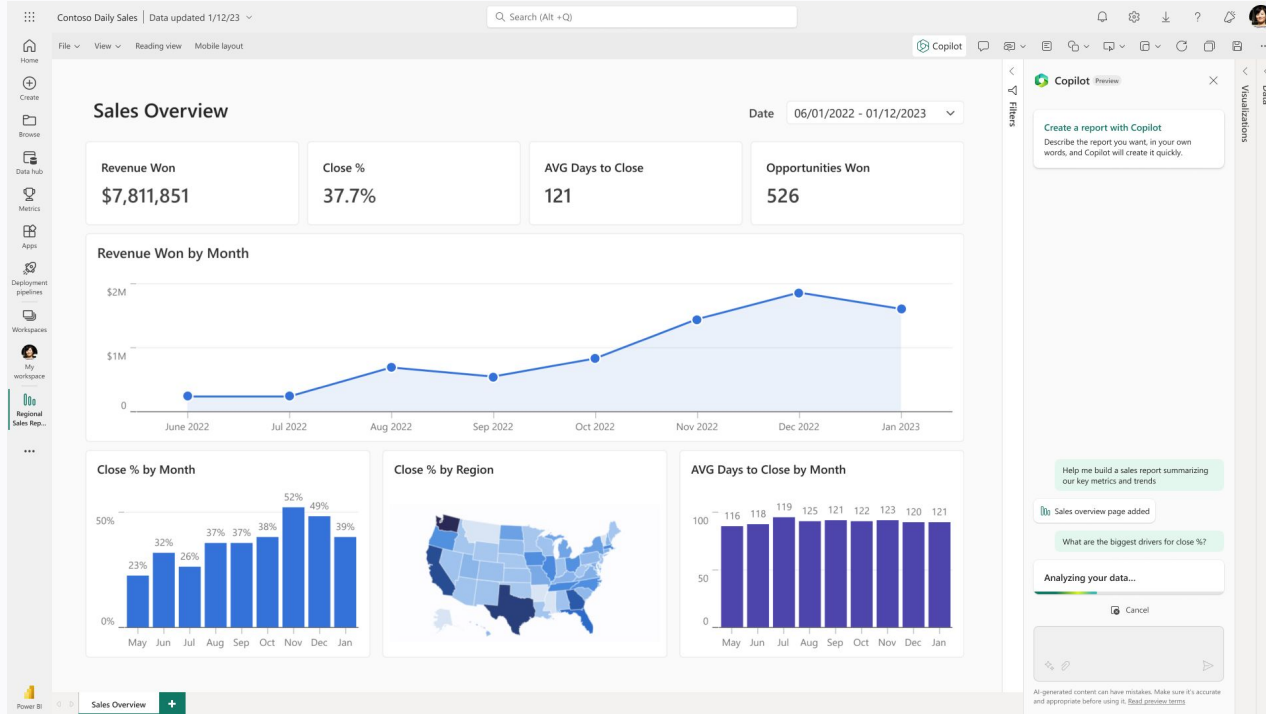
What decisions do they want to make with it?

What is this data intended to measure?

How do we measure what we actually want data on?



# Align on expected output.





# What **business value** does this data provide?

Is this the best way to provide it?



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# Data is your Product.

Understand the requirements.

Validate the user need.

Design an MVP.



# Present **clearly**.

Use graphs and charts.

Compare for context.

p50, p90, p99.



# 3. data org maturity



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# How to draw an Owl.

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*"A fun and creative guide for beginners"*

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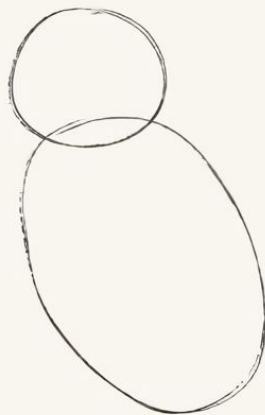


Fig 1. Draw two circles



Fig 2. Draw the rest of the damn Owl

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# Follow these people



**Zach Wilson**

Staff Data Engineer  
Prev. Facebook, Netflix, Airbnb



**Benjamin Rogoan**

Seattle Data Guy  
Prev. Facebook



# Get that data integrity

Compliance (GDPR, DSAR, COPPA, DMA) - anonymization, retention, deletion

Quality verification (e.g. Great Expectations, deequ)

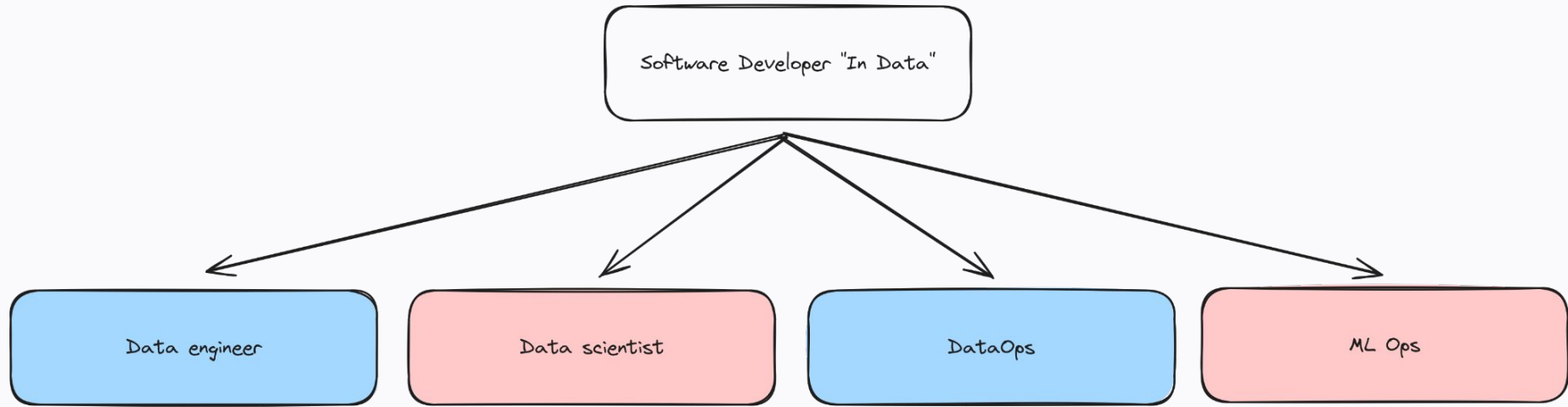
Documentation (e.g. Amundsen)

Monitoring and alerting





# Evolution of a data-driven organization



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Experimentation.

Long-range performance analytics.

Deep learning for understanding/prediction.



# Questions?



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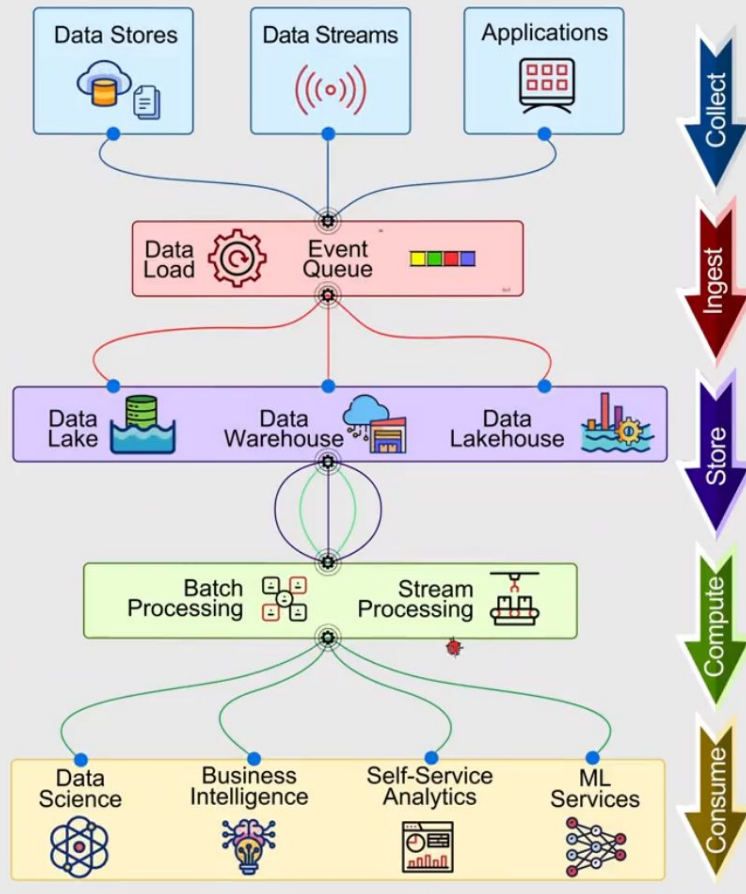


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# Data Pipeline Overview

ByteByteGo



# The Dataflow

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01. ingestion and storage

retention: **short**

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02. cleaning and filtering

retention: **medium**

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03. aggregating and analyzing

retention: **long**

