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# Applications of Big Data Project Data Visualisation Tune Trends

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# Introduction

This project aims to study a database from a music streaming application as part of an advanced analysis based on Big Data principles. The primary objective is to build a dynamic dashboard that showcases relevant Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), such as the most played tracks, the most popular albums, and user behavior on the platform.

The project is divided into three main stages:

- 1. **ETL Process (Extract, Transform, Load):** Data preparation by merging multiple source files, enriching and transforming the data to make it analysis-ready.
- 2. **Migration to a Relational Database:** Integration of the transformed data into PostgreSQL for more efficient analysis.
- 3. **Dashboard Creation with Power BI:** Data visualization and presentation of the results in an interactive and visual format.

This report details each stage, the challenges encountered, the solutions implemented, and the results achieved.

# Chapter 1: ETL Process

The ETL process is a key step in this project, as it transforms raw data from CSV files into a format suitable for analysis tools. Below are the main steps of the implemented ETL pipeline.

# 1. Merging CSV Files and Adding a Username Column

The data was distributed across multiple CSV files, each representing a user. The first step involved combining these files into a single dataset while adding a **username** column to identify the source of the data.

```
import pandas as pd
import os
input_folder = './dataset'
output_file = './dataset/data_transformed.csv'
if not os.path.exists(input_folder):
    print(f"Le dossier spécifié n'existe pas : {input_folder}")
    for filename in os.listdir(input folder):
         if filename.endswith('.csv')
              file_path = os.path.join(input_folder, filename)
             print(f"Traitement du fichier : {filename}")
             username = os.path.basename(file_path).replace('.csv', '')
                  df = pd.read_csv(file_path, header=None, names=["Artist", "Album", "Track", "Date"])
                  all data.append(df)
             except Exception as e:
                  print(f"Erreur lors du chargement de {filename}: {e}")
if all data:
    combined_data = pd.concat(all_data, ignore_index=True)
    {\tt combined\_data.to\_csv(output\_file,\ index=False)}
    print(f'Tous les fichiers combinés ont été enregistrés dans : {output_file}')
    print("Aucun fichier CSV valide trouvé ou chargé.")
Traitement du fichier : AkaGambit.csv
Traitement du fichier : alexlray.csv
Traitement du fichier : animefreekben.csv
Traitement du fichier : apatel158.csv
Traitement du fichier : artangelo.csv
Traitement du fichier : AscendingNode.csv
Traitement du fichier : avarthar.csv
Traitement du fichier : axoaxoaxo.csv
Traitement du fichier : Champignonette.csv
Traitement du fichier : codycollett.csv
Traitement du fichier : crimetays.csv
```

- Merging the Files: The script iterates through the folder containing the CSV files, reads each one, and combines them into a single dataset.
- Adding the Username Column: A new username column is added to identify the user corresponding to each source file.
- Saving the Transformed Data: The resulting file is saved under the name data\_transformed.csv.

### 2. Converting the Date Column to Datetime Format

To enable time-based analysis, the Date column is converted to the datetime format. This ensures that the dates can be properly manipulated for temporal analysis.

```
import pandas as pd
input_file = './dataset/data_transformed.csv'
output_file = './dataset/data_transformed_datetime.csv'

df = pd.read_csv(input_file)

df['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Date'], format='%d %b %Y %H:%M')

df.to_csv(output_file, index=False)
print(f'Le fichier avec la colonne Date convertie a été enregistré : {output_file}')

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- Loading the Data: The combined file is loaded for transformation.
- Converting to Datetime Format: The Date column is converted into a standard format that is useful for analysis tools.
- Saving the Data: The transformed data is saved into a new file.

The ETL process has successfully transformed raw data into a structured format, ready for migration into PostgreSQL. The data is now cleaned, enriched, and organized, providing a solid foundation for KPI analysis and visualization.

# Chapter 2: Data Migration to PostgreSQL

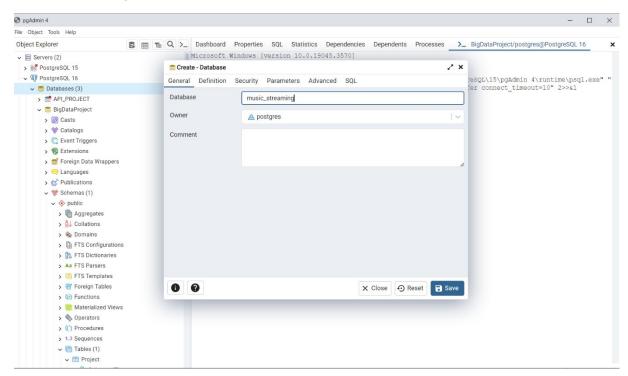
After preparing and transforming the data through the ETL process, the next step is to import it into a relational PostgreSQL database. This migration is crucial for performing efficient analyses and organizing the data in a structured manner.

## 1. Creating the Database in PostgreSQL

We used **PGAdmin**, a graphical tool for managing PostgreSQL databases. The following steps were followed:

The first step was to launch PGAdmin and connect to the PostgreSQL server.

Next, we created a new database to host the transformed data. We named this database **music\_streaming**.

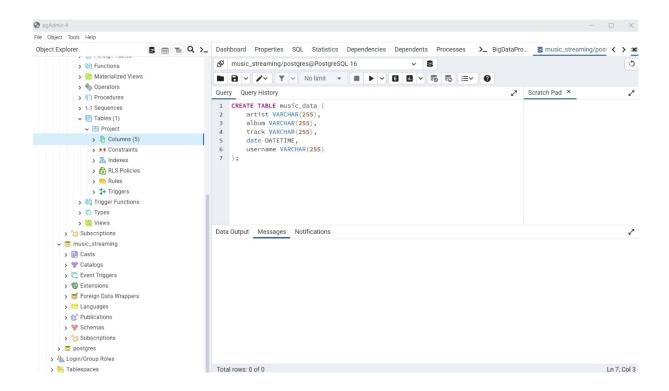


# 2. Creating the Table to Store the Data

Once the database was created, we defined a table to structure the imported data. The table includes the following columns:

- artist (type VARCHAR): The name of the artist.
- album (type VARCHAR): The name of the album.
- track (type VARCHAR): The title of the track.
- date (type DATETIME): The date and time the track was listened to.
- username (type VARCHAR): The identifier of the user.

This table structure ensures that the data is well-organized and ready for analysis.

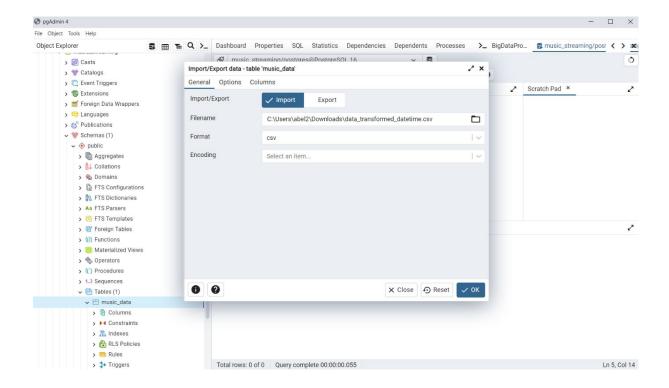


# 3. Importing CSV Data into the Table

The CSV file generated at the end of the ETL process was imported into the PostgreSQL table. The following steps were followed:

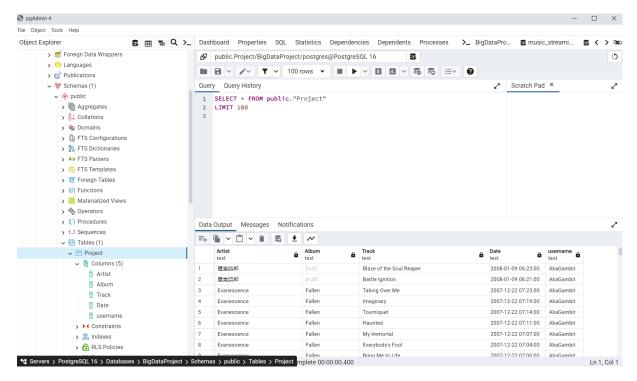
- 1. Selecting the "Import" Option: We selected the "Import" option and specified the path to the transformed CSV file (data\_transformed\_datetime.csv).
- 2. Configuring the Parameters:
  - Delimiter: Comma (,), used as the column separator.
  - Header: Enabled (the first line contains the column names).
  - Encoding: UTF-8, to ensure proper character encoding.

This process allowed us to successfully import the transformed data into the PostgreSQL database for further analysis.



# 4. Verifying the Imported Data

To ensure that the data was correctly imported, we executed a simple query:



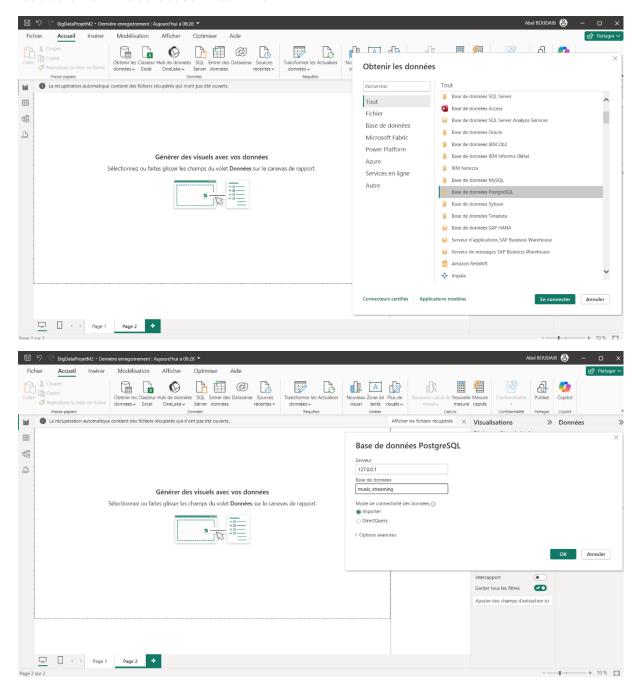
This query allows you to view the first 100 rows of the table and verify that the data matches the contents of the CSV file.

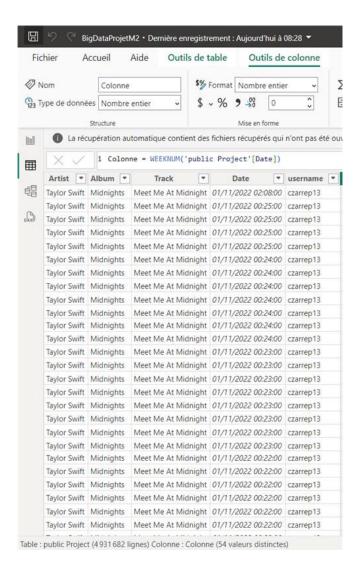
# Chapter 3: Creating a dashboard with Power BI

In this section, we detail the steps to connect PostgreSQL data to Power BI, calculate KPIs, and create interactive visualizations in the form of charts and tables.

# 1. Connecting PostgreSQL data to Power BI

After launching Power BI, we connected to the PostgreSQL database. This allows Power BI to load data from the database in real time.





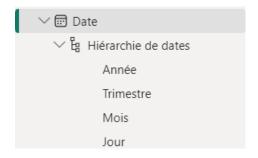
# 2. Creating new columns for future analysis

For the next analysis that we need for our dashboard, we need to create other columns in order to make our dashboard more complete. First, let's set the type of the column "Date" as Date in power BI. That will help us to build a hierarchy of Date in our model.



When setting the type of our column, we can see that power BI set automatically a hierarchy in our dataset to split our date. Usually, Power BI split the date into 4 features: Year, Trimester, Months, Day.

Here's the result:



But for our research we need more values to make the Date more accurate. So, we decided to count the week number of each year and the hours of each date for our dashboard using the DAX tool of power BI.

```
1 WeekNum = WEEKNUM('public Project'[Date], 1)
1 Hours = HOUR('public Project'[Date])
```

Using this tool, we can now add new columns for our dataset in order to start our analysis.

Artist 💌	Album ▼	Track	Date •	username 🔻	WeekNum 💌	Hours 💌
Taylor Swift	Midnights	Meet Me At Midnight	01/11/2022 02:08:00	czarrep13	45	2
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# 3. Calculating metrics

For our dashboard, we need also other data valuable for our research. Power BI has an amazing tool named metrics with which you can use DAX syntax to compute data and save it in your model.

In order to to complete our dashboard, we will need these metrics:

- Number of listened Track
- Number of listened Album
- Maximum of listened Track
- Maximum of listened Album
- Unique Track listened

```
1 Number of listened Track = COUNT('public Project'[Track])
1 Number of listened Album = COUNT('public Project'[Album])
1 Maximum de MostListedTrack par Track =
2 MAXX(
3
      KEEPFILTERS(VALUES('public Project'[Track])),
4
      CALCULATE([Number of listened Track])
5 )
1 Maximum de MostListedAlbum par Album =
2 MAXX(
3
      KEEPFILTERS(VALUES('public Project'[Album])),
      CALCULATE([Number of listened Album])
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5 )
1 Tracks listened = DISTINCTCOUNT('public Project'[Track])
```

### 4. Setting the Dashboard

Our dashboard is divided into 4 pages:

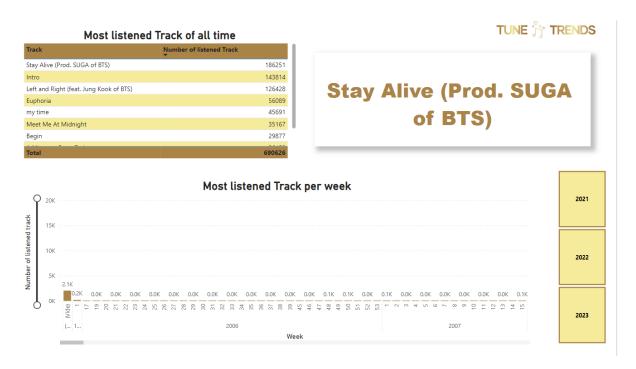
- A page dedicated to the track
- A page dedicated to the album
- · A page dedicated to the user
- A page dedicated to more analysis

### Track page

For our first page, we will make 3 graphs: A table, an histogram and a card that will be updated everytime we click on a value of the graphs.

The table listed all the track of our dataset and it is ordered by the number of listened.

For our histogram, the X line is the number of week for each years. We can also choose what year you want to focus on. The Y axis is the maximum value of listened track.

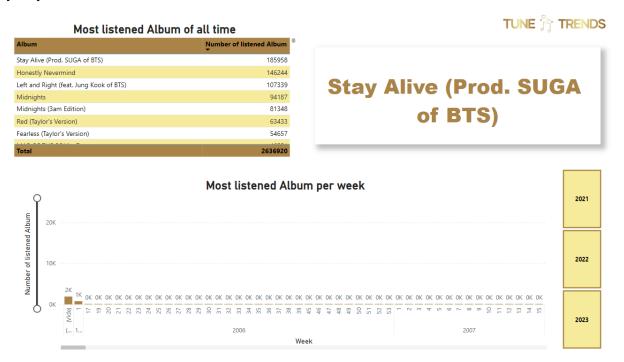


# Album page

For our second page, we will make 3 graphs: A table, an histogram and a card that will be updated everytime we click on a value of the graphs.

The table listed all the album of our dataset and it is ordered by the number of listened.

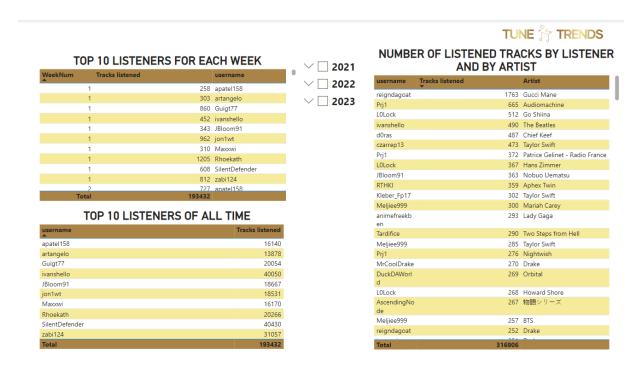
For our histogram, the X line is the number of week for each years. We can also choose what year you want to focus on. The Y axis is the maximum value of listened Album.



# User page

For our user page, we will make 3 tables:

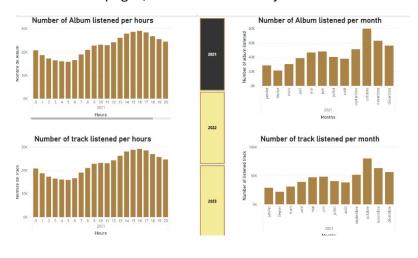
- Top 10 listeners of all time
- Number of listened track by listener and by artist
- Top 10 listeners for each week



# Trend page

For our this page, we are interested in what time and month we have the most listened album and tracks.

Like the other pages, we can select what year we want to see.



# Conclusion

The Applications of Big Data course has provided us with an invaluable opportunity to work on a comprehensive project, encompassing every critical stage of the data pipeline. From exploring raw data and performing ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) processes to integrating data into a PostgreSQL database for structured storage and analysis, we have gained hands-on experience with essential tools and methodologies. Additionally, designing a dynamic dashboard using Power BI allowed us to showcase actionable insights through effective visualizations, reinforcing the importance of storytelling with data.

This project has not only deepened our understanding of Big Data concepts but also strengthened our technical skills in data preparation, database management, and visualization. It has highlighted the challenges of working with real-world data and the satisfaction of deriving meaningful insights.

As a potential future enhancement, we would like to push the boundaries of this project by incorporating a real-time data management system. By leveraging tools such as Apache Airflow, we aim to automate ETL tasks and streamline the process of pushing data into the database. This addition would bring greater efficiency, scalability, and adaptability to our pipeline, further aligning the project with industry best practices.