Mastering Multitenant Orchestration with dbt and Dagster

Life of Data Engineers does not have to be that hard

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Audience questions

Problem

We need to re-design

Requirements

New architecture

Stage: Extract

Stage: Load

Stage: Transformation

Stage: Transformation - Leveraging DBT for multitenancy

Stage: Transformation - but for +250 clients?

Takeaways

Audience questions

- 1. Airflow familiarity?
- 2. Crazy tools difficult to debug?

What is needed?

- ▶ Daily updates to client dashboards. +250 different clients
- Custom reports per client
- Product and business questions

Legacy product(s) - Data Warehouse

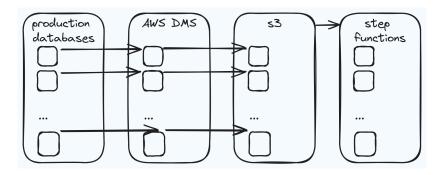


Figure: Legacy DWH product

- Daily refresh
- Failed 2 or 4 times a week for heavy clients

Legacy product(s) - Reporting

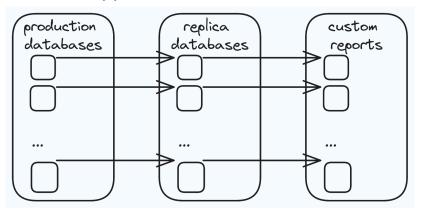


Figure: Legacy reporting product

- Replicated once a week
- Raw sql
- Stored procedures

We need to re-design

Different users, different requirements

Dashboards

Clients need their dashboards updated to know events statuses

Business questions

What are the most used features?, how virtual vs in-person events attendance has changed after pandemic?

Client questions

How long is taking a candidate to become an applicant? Do I have a diverse pipeline?

New architecture

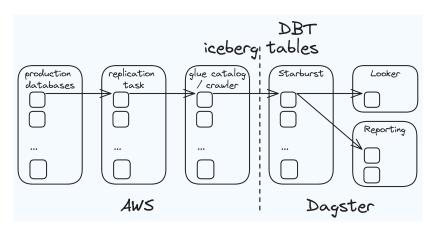


Figure: New architecture to accomplish reporting and DWH requirements

DMS

- ► Cheap...
- ► Not reliable as we would like
- ► Trade-off

Glue catalog and Crawler

- Easy enough to implement
- ► Our compute engine support it

Starburst - DBT

Pros:

- Starburst is a vendor option for Trino
- Cheaper than snowflake
- Trino has a good community

Cons:

- SQL ANSI
- It's a new product, random changes
- Compute throttling
- We were their first large user

Minimum Example: DBT and multiple clients

Data used:

- Open data Colombia Mobile Telephony subscribers by category
- One CSV with information for all mobile telephony providers
- We need to split this data in a convenient way

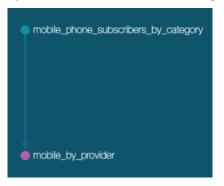


Figure: Example: Example Lineage

DBT and multiple clients

Model: Mobile by provider

```
ANO AS year
, TRIMESTER AS trimester
, PROVEEDOR AS provider
, "LINEAS EN SERVICIO" AS lines_in_service
, "LINEAS PREPAGO" AS prepaid_lines
, "LINEAS POSPAGO" AS postpaid_lines
, "LINEAS ACTIVADAS" AS enabled_lines
, "LINEAS RETIRADAS" AS retired_lines
FROM {{ ref('mobile_phone_subscribers_by_category')}}
WHERE PROVEEDOR = '{{ var("client")}}'
```

DBT and multiple clients

DBT command:

```
dbt run — profiles - dir dbt_project /.dbt — select
    mobile_by_provider — vars '{client: AVANTEL S
    . A . S }'
```

SQL compiled:

```
CREATE TABLE
     "housing". "avantelsas". "mobile_by_provider"
   AS (
SELECT
   ANO AS year
    . TRIMESTER AS trimester
    , PROVEEDOR AS provider
    , "LINEAS EN SERVICIO" AS lines_in_service
    , "LINEAS PREPAGO" AS prepaid_lines
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FROM housing.telephony_sources.
   mobile_phone_subscribers_by_category
WHERE PROVEEDOR = 'AVANTEL S.A.S')
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DBT and multiple clients

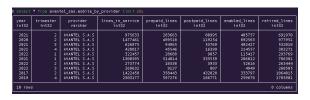


Figure: Example: client = AVANTEL S.A.S

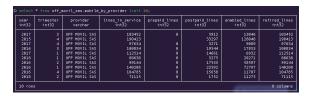
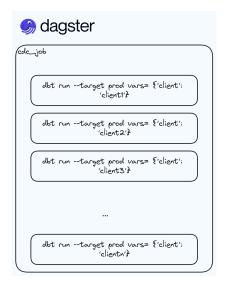


Figure: Example: client = UFF MOVIL

Orchestration tool: Dagster



- We run the job daily starting at 2 am CST
- Each job client partition takes about 7 mins
- Job finishes before 7 am CST

Figure: Dagster: How do we run

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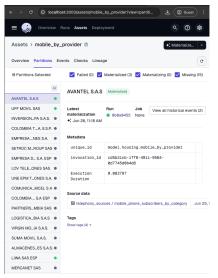


Figure: Dagster: How do we run +250 transformations?

Takeaways

- Not getting used to what is poorly done
- Don't fall in love with a technology product
- Invest time learning new tools!
- ► Fail fast mindset

Who am I?



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Figure: Andrea Montes

Code example: https://github.com/mamontesp/mastering-orchestration-dbt-dagster

My blog: https://mamontesp.ghost.io/

QRs!





Figure: Andrea Montes in in

Figure: Code Example