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

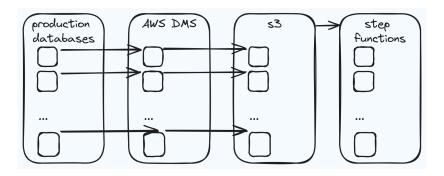


Figure: Legacy DWH product

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

Legacy product(s) - Reporting

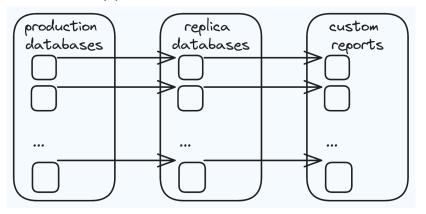


Figure: Legacy reporting product

- ► 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

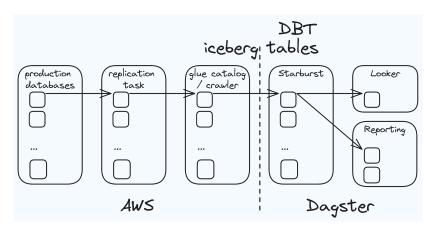


Figure: New architecture to accomplish reporting and DWH requirements

DMS

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

Glue catalog and Crawler

- Easy enough to implement
- Our compute engine support it

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Starburst - DBT



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



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

DBT and multiple clients

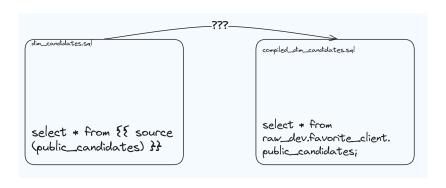


Figure: How to do multitenancy in dbt

DBT and multiple clients

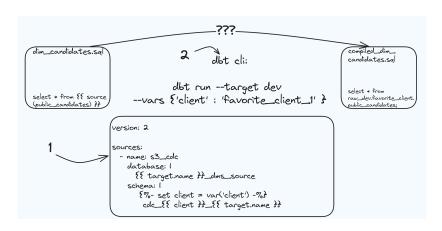
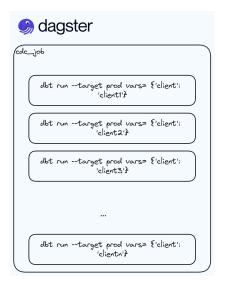


Figure: Multitenancy sorted out using dbt cli and variables

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Orchestration tool: Dagster



- We run cdc_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 250 dbt commands?

Takeaways

- ▶ Not getting used to what is poorly done
- ▶ Don't fall in love with a technology product

Who am I?



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