Introduction to Data Engineering

1) What is Data Engineering: the modern data ecosystem:

- the core concept is that data is a valuable asset
- The ecosystem's purpose is to turn raw data into "actionable insights" for decision making.
- This is achieved through a collaboration of several specialized roles.

- Key players in data ecosystem:
  - data engineer: build the highway for data (the Architect)
  - dat analyst: drives on the highway to report on traffic (the Storyteller)
  - data scientist: use the highway to predict where new cities will be built (Predictor)
  - Business Analyst: decides why we need the highway and where it should go for economic growth. (translator)

- data engineer tasks:
  - collecting source data
  - processing data
  - storing data
  - making data available to users securely.

2) the Data Ecosystem and languages for Data professionals:

- Data types & sources:
  - Structured: rigid schema (DB table, spreadsheet)
  - semi-structured: flexible with tags (JSON, XML, emails)
  - unstructured: not defined schema (img, video, social media posts)
  - *Source: relational / non relational DB APIs, web scraping, Datastreams (IoT, GPS)

- Data repositories (storage):
  - OLTP (transactional): For day to day operation (e.g. banking transaction) optimized for fast writes.
  - OLAP (Analytical): For complex analysis and reporting. optimized for fast reads on large datasets.
    - * Data wirehouse: central repository for structured cleaned data from multiple sources.
    - * Data Mart: subsection of a data wirehouse
    - * Data lake: stores vast amounts of raw data in its native format (struct - nonstruct - semistructured)

- Data Process & Pipelines:
  - ETL: data transformed before loaded (like Data wirehouse)
  - ELT: data loaded first (datalake) by data scientists

- Essential Languages: SQL, python, R, shell scripting.
- comparison:

repository type	Description & purpose	Key characteristics	example
DB	collecting data for input storage search, modification	- relational RDBMS: table format, SQL, ACID compliant - non relational (NoSQL) schemaless, scales easily	RDBMS: OLTP (mySQL PostgreSQL) NoSQL: Large, diverse fast changing data
DWirehouse & Data (mart)	structured	- optimized for OLAP - Analysis ready	Business Analy (Business intell & reporting) google big query, snowflake
DLake	massive amount of raw data (stru / unstru / semi)	- stores everything. - highly scalable.	Aws S3 Azure Data-Lake.
Big data	handle high Volum, Velocity, Variety.	- handles high Volum Velocity, Variety	Hadoop HDFS

- No SQL DB types:
  - Key-Value store (Redis, Dynamo DB).
  - Documented based (like JSON) (MongoDB, CouchDB)
  - column-based (Cassandra HBase.
  - Graph-based uses Nodes (data) edges (Neo4j, Cosmos DB).

RDMS (SQL) when have struct data and need ACID compliance.

NOSQL (not only) you have high Volume, Variety, or need high Scalability and Flexibility (Not ACID)

- Data Gathering & Import methods:
  - SQL: extract data from relational database (select, Filter, Sort, Group.)
  - APIs: how applic programm access data from an endpoint (like web service or data marketplace).
  - Web Scraping: process Automate download data from websites (text, contact info, images, ... from unstructured web pages.
  - Data streams: Handling continous real time data flows from sources (IoT, sensor, social media ...).

- Data exchange: using formal platforms to securely share data.
- where is part data?!
  - * structured: from relation DB
  - * unst/semi: Geos into NoSQL or Datalakes

- Data Wrangling (Data cleaning) process to make raw Data usable it involves Exploration, transformation, Validation.
  - Key tasks: in pandas-numpy
  - Join: combin (column from diff tab
  - Union: ... rows from diff tables
  - Normalization: removing nested dat
  - Denormalization: combine data from multiple tables.
  - cleaning tasks:
    - handle missing values, remove duplicate data, remove irrele data, Fix syntax error, standardize data (mainly text lower case)
    - convert data types.

- Governance & Compliance ensure that Data secure privat trustworthy

  other laws & regulation