OLTP and OLAP

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It depends on the intended use of the data.

Approaches to processing data

OLTP

Online Transaction Processing

OLAP

Online Analytical Processing

Some concrete examples

OLTP tasks

- Find the price of a book
- Update latest customer transaction
- Keep track of employee hours

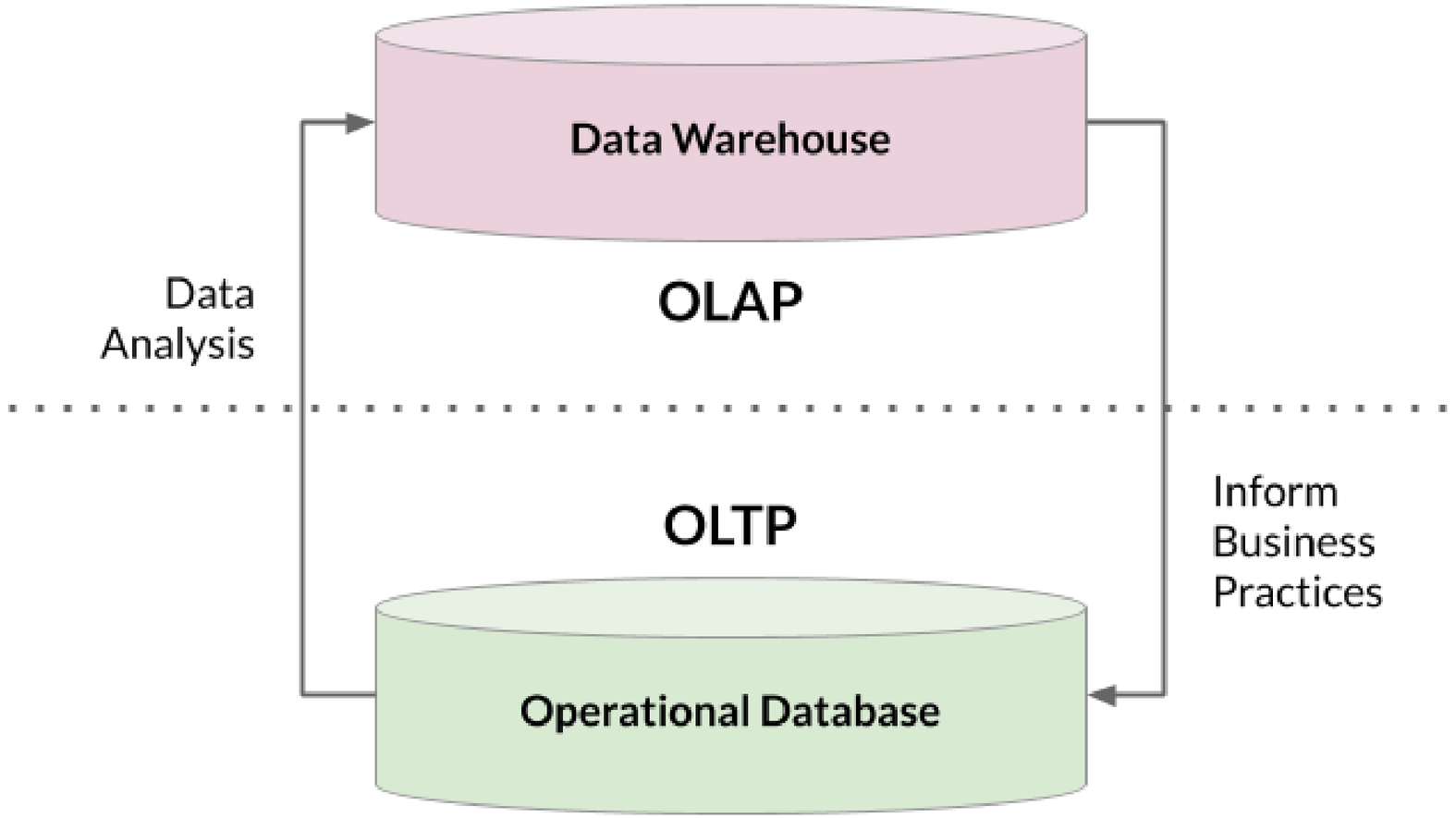
OLAP tasks

- Calculate books with best profit margin
- Find most loyal customers
- Decide employee of the month

OLAP vs. OLTP

	OLTP	OLAP
Purpose	support daily transactions	report and analyze data
Design	application-oriented	subject-oriented
Data	up-to-date, operational	consolidated, historical
Size	snapshot, gigabytes	archive, terabytes
Queries	simple transactions & frequent updates	complex, aggregate queries & limited updates
Users	thousands	hundreds

Working together



Takeaways

- Step back and figure out business requirements
- Difference between OLAP and OLTP
- OLAP? OLTP? Or something else?

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Storing data

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Structuring data

1. Structured data

- Follows a schema
- Defined data types & relationships

_e.g., SQL, tables in a relational database _

2. Unstructured data

- Schemaless
- Makes up most of data in the world

e.g., photos, chat logs, MP3

3. Semi-structured data

- Does not follow larger schema
- Self-describing structure

e.g., NoSQL, XML, JSON

```
# Example of a JSON file
"user": {
     "profile_use_background_image": true,
     "statuses_count": 31,
     "profile_background_color": "C0DEED",
     "followers_count": 3066,
     ...
```

Structuring data

Easier to Analyze

```
<?xml version="1.0"
      encoding="iso-8859-1" ?>
<languages>
  <language id="fr">
    <name lang="fr">Français</name>
    <name lang="en">French</name>
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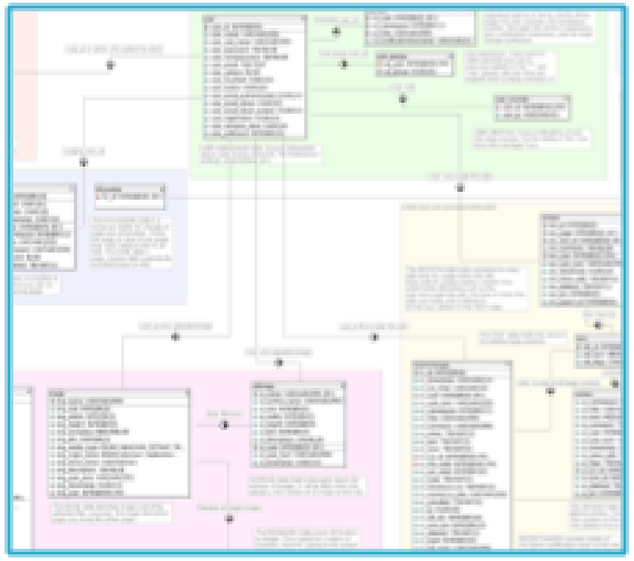


More Flexibility and Scalability

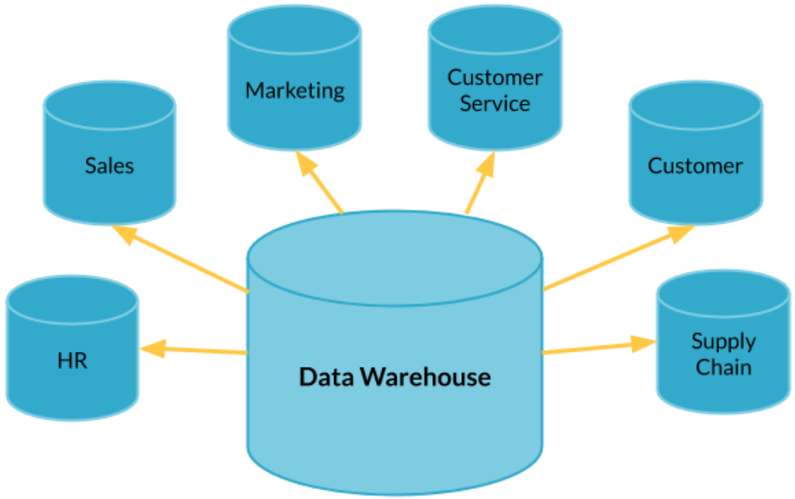
[1] Flower by Sam Oth and Database Diagram by Nick Jenkins via Wikimedia Commons https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Languages_xml.png

Storing data beyond traditional databases

- **Traditional databases**
  - For storing real-time relational structured data ? **OLTP**
- **Data warehouses**
  - For analyzing archived structured data ? **OLAP**
- **Data lakes**
  - For storing data of all structures = flexibility and scalability
  - For analyzing **big data**

Data warehouses

- Optimized for analytics - **OLAP**
  - Organized for reading/aggregating data
  - Usually read-only
- Contains data from multiple sources
- Massively Parallel Processing (MPP)
- Typically uses a denormalized schema and dimensional modeling



Data marts

- Subset of data warehouses
- Dedicated to a specific topic

Data lakes

- Store ***all*** types of data at ***a lower cost***:
  - e.g., raw, operational databases, IoT device logs, real-time, relational and non-relational
- Retains all data and can take up petabytes
- Schema-on-read as opposed to schema-on-write
- Need to catalog data otherwise becomes a **data swamp**
- Run **big data analytics** using services such as **Apache Spark** and **Hadoop**
  - Useful for deep learning and data discovery because activities require so much data

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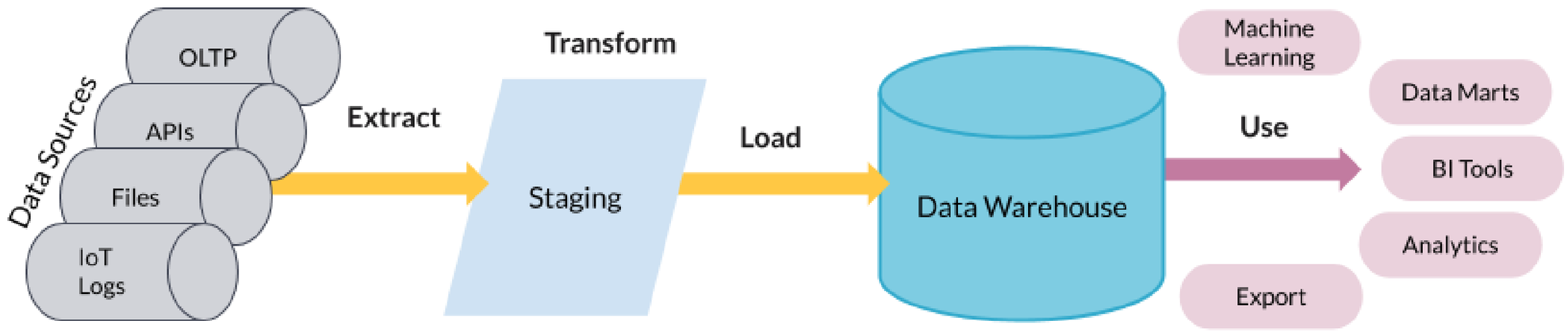
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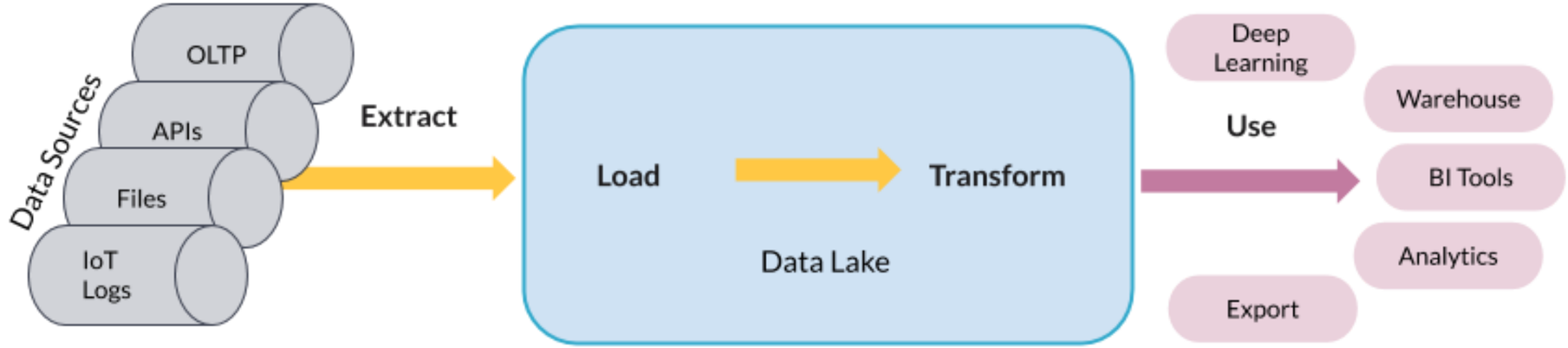
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What is database design?

- Determines how data is logically stored
  - How is data going to be read and updated?
- Uses **database models:** high-level specifications for database structure
  - Most popular: relational model
  - Some other options: NoSQL models, object-oriented model, network model
- Uses **schemas:** blueprint of the database
  - Defines tables, fields, relationships, indexes, and views
  - When inserting data in relational databases, schemas must be respected

Data modeling

Process of creating a *data model* for the data to be stored

1. **Conceptual data model**: describes entities, relationships, and attributes

- *Tools:* data structure diagrams, e.g., entity-relational diagrams and UML diagrams

2. **Logical data model**: defines tables, columns, relationships

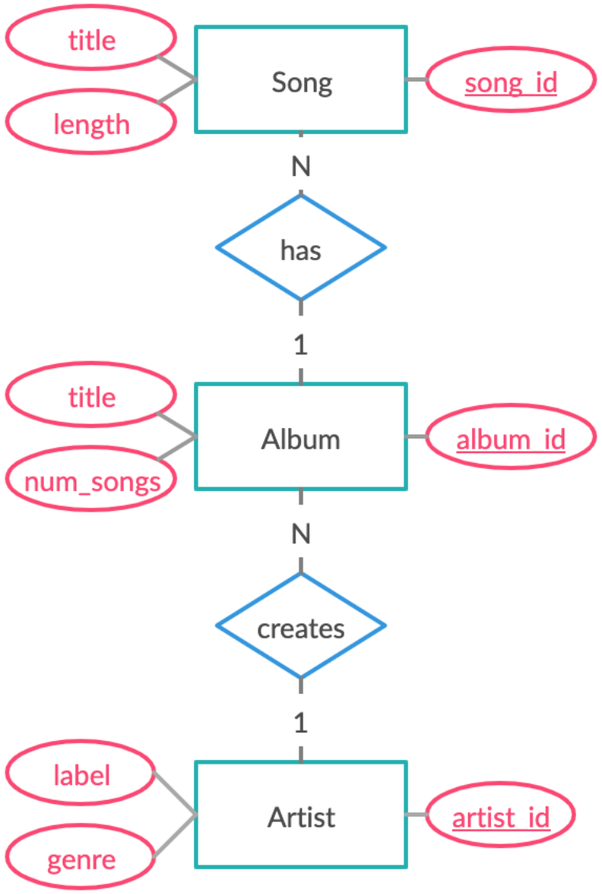
- *Tools:* database models and schemas, e.g., relational model and star schema

3. **Physical data model**: describes physical storage

- *Tools*: partitions, CPUs, indexes, backup systems and tablespaces

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data_model

Conceptual - ER diagram



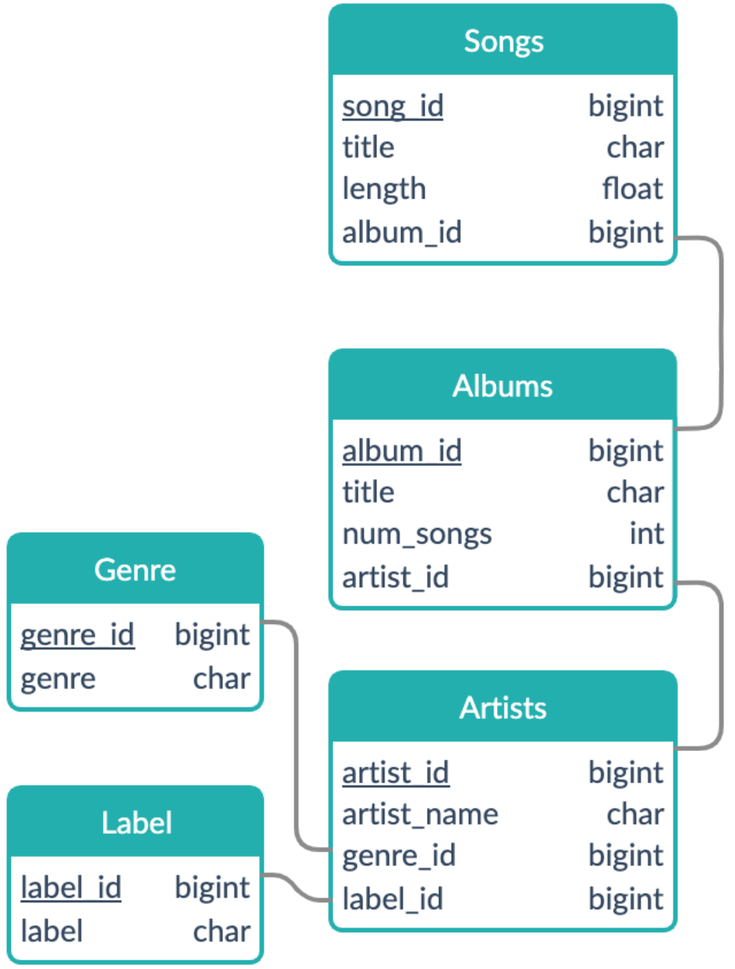
Entities, relationships, and attributes

Logical - schema

Fastest conversion: entities become the tables

Other database design options

Determining tables



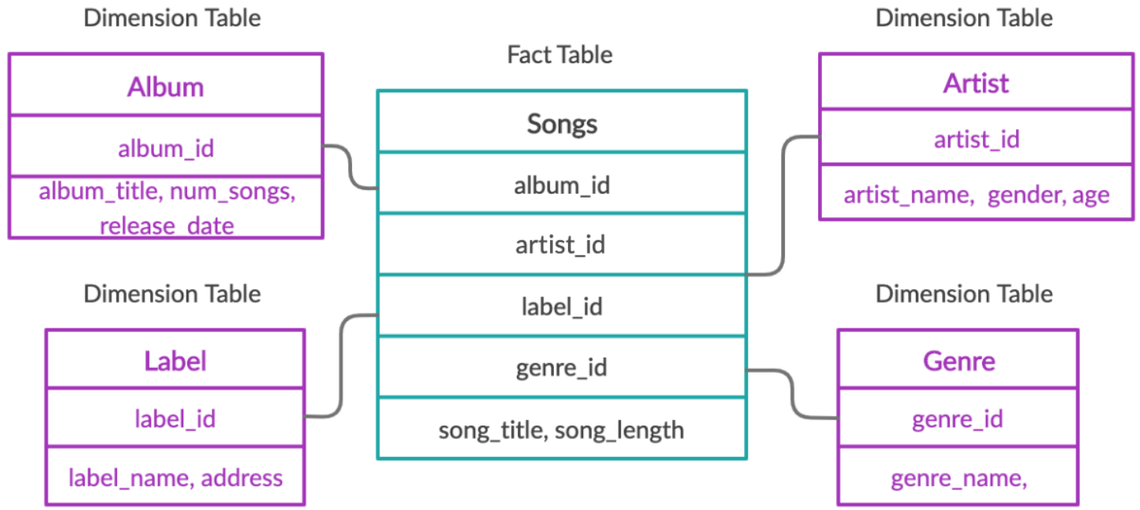
Beyond the relational model

Dimensional modeling

Adaptation of the relational model for data warehouse design

- Optimized for **OLAP** queries: aggregate data, not updating (OLTP)
- Built using the star schema
- Easy to interpret and extend schema

Elements of dimensional modeling



Organize by:

- What is being analyzed?
- How often do entities change?

Fact tables

- Decided by business use-case
- Holds records of a metric
- Changes regularly
- Connects to dimensions via foreign keys

Dimension tables

- Holds descriptions of attributes
- Does not change as often

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