# L1 E3 - Columnar Vs Row Storage - Solution

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## 1 Exercise 03 - Columnar Vs Row Storage - Solution

- The columnar storage extension used here:
  - cstore\_fdw by citus\_data https://github.com/citusdata/cstore\_fdw
- The data tables are the ones used by citus\_data to show the storage extension

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In [1]: %load_ext sql
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#### 1.1 STEP 0: Connect to the local database where Pagila is loaded

In [2]: !sudo -u postgres psql -c 'CREATE DATABASE reviews;'

#### 1.1.1 Create the database

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!wget http://examples.citusdata.com/customer_reviews_1998.csv.gz
        !wget http://examples.citusdata.com/customer_reviews_1999.csv.gz
        !gzip -d customer_reviews_1998.csv.gz
        !gzip -d customer_reviews_1999.csv.gz
        !mv customer_reviews_1998.csv /tmp/customer_reviews_1998.csv
        !mv customer_reviews_1999.csv /tmp/customer_reviews_1999.csv
CREATE DATABASE
--2022-03-10 06:24:12-- http://examples.citusdata.com/customer_reviews_1998.csv.gz
Resolving examples.citusdata.com (examples.citusdata.com)... 104.26.15.56, 104.26.14.56, 172.67.
Connecting to examples.citusdata.com (examples.citusdata.com)|104.26.15.56|:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 301 Moved Permanently
Location: https://examples.citusdata.com/customer_reviews_1998.csv.gz [following]
--2022-03-10 06:24:12-- https://examples.citusdata.com/customer_reviews_1998.csv.gz
Connecting to examples.citusdata.com (examples.citusdata.com) | 104.26.15.56 | :443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 24774482 (24M) [application/x-gzip]
Saving to: customer_reviews_1998.csv.gz
customer_reviews_19 100%[===========] 23.63M 22.1MB/s
                                                                    in 1.1s
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2022-03-10 06:24:14 (22.1 MB/s) - customer_reviews_1998.csv.gz saved [24774482/24774482]
URL transformed to HTTPS due to an HSTS policy
--2022-03-10 06:24:14-- https://examples.citusdata.com/customer_reviews_1999.csv.gz
Resolving examples.citusdata.com (examples.citusdata.com)... 104.26.15.56, 104.26.14.56, 172.67.
Connecting to examples.citusdata.com (examples.citusdata.com)|104.26.15.56|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 48996256 (47M) [application/x-gzip]
Saving to: customer_reviews_1999.csv.gz
in 0.5s
2022-03-10 06:24:15 (95.2 MB/s) - customer_reviews_1999.csv.gz saved [48996256/48996256]
1.1.2 Connect to the database
In [3]: DB_ENDPOINT = "127.0.0.1"
       DB = 'reviews'
       DB_USER = 'student'
       DB_PASSWORD = 'student'
       DB_PORT = '5432'
       \# postgresql://username:password@host:port/database
       conn_string = "postgresql://{}:{}@{}:{}/{}" \
                               .format(DB_USER, DB_PASSWORD, DB_ENDPOINT, DB_PORT, DB)
       print(conn_string)
postgresql://student:student@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
In [4]: %sql $conn_string
Out[4]: 'Connected: student@reviews'
1.2 STEP 1: Create a table with a normal (Row) storage & load data
In [5]: %%sql
       DROP TABLE IF EXISTS customer_reviews_row;
       CREATE TABLE customer_reviews_row
       (
           customer_id TEXT,
           review_date DATE,
           review_rating INTEGER,
           review_votes INTEGER,
           review_helpful_votes INTEGER,
           product_id CHAR(10),
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product_title TEXT,
            product_sales_rank BIGINT,
            product_group TEXT,
            product_category TEXT,
            product_subcategory TEXT,
            similar_product_ids CHAR(10)[]
        )
 * postgresql://student:***@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
Done.
Done.
Out[5]: []
In [6]: %%sql
        COPY customer_reviews_row FROM '/tmp/customer_reviews_1998.csv' WITH CSV;
        COPY customer_reviews_row FROM '/tmp/customer_reviews_1999.csv' WITH CSV;
 * postgresql://student:***@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
589859 rows affected.
1172645 rows affected.
Out[6]: []
1.3 STEP 2: Create a table with columnar storage & load data
In [7]: %%sql
        -- load extension first time after install
        CREATE EXTENSION cstore_fdw;
        -- create server object
        CREATE SERVER cstore_server FOREIGN DATA WRAPPER cstore_fdw;
 * postgresql://student:***@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
Done.
Done.
Out[7]: []
In [8]: %%sql
        -- create foreign table
        DROP FOREIGN TABLE IF EXISTS customer_reviews_col;
        CREATE FOREIGN TABLE customer_reviews_col
        (
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customer_id TEXT,
            review_date DATE,
            review_rating INTEGER,
            review_votes INTEGER,
            review_helpful_votes INTEGER,
            product_id CHAR(10),
            product_title TEXT,
            product_sales_rank BIGINT,
            product_group TEXT,
            product_category TEXT,
            product_subcategory TEXT,
            similar_product_ids CHAR(10)[]
        )
        SERVER cstore server
        OPTIONS(compression 'pglz');
 * postgresql://student:***@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
Done.
Done.
Out[8]: []
In [9]: %%sql
        COPY customer_reviews_col FROM '/tmp/customer_reviews_1998.csv' WITH CSV;
        COPY customer_reviews_col FROM '/tmp/customer_reviews_1999.csv' WITH CSV;
 * postgresql://student:***@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
589859 rows affected.
1172645 rows affected.
Out[9]: []
1.4 Step 3: Compare performance
In [10]: %%time
         %%sql
         SELECT
             customer_id, review_date, review_rating, product_id, product_title
         FROM
             customer_reviews_row
         WHERE
             customer_id ='A27T7HVDXA3K2A' AND
             product_title LIKE '%Dune%' AND
             review_date >= '1998-01-01' AND
             review_date <= '1998-12-31';
* postgresql://student:***@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
5 rows affected.
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CPU times: user 2.43 ms, sys: 2.77 ms, total: 5.2 ms
Wall time: 4.86 s
Out[10]: [('A27T7HVDXA3K2A', datetime.date(1998, 4, 10), 5, '0399128964', 'Dune (Dune Chronicles
          ('A27T7HVDXA3K2A', datetime.date(1998, 4, 10), 5, '044100590X', 'Dune'),
          ('A27T7HVDXA3K2A', datetime.date(1998, 4, 10), 5, '0441172717', 'Dune (Dune Chronicles
          ('A27T7HVDXA3K2A', datetime.date(1998, 4, 10), 5, '0881036366', 'Dune (Dune Chronicles
          ('A27T7HVDXA3K2A', datetime.date(1998, 4, 10), 5, '1559949570', 'Dune Audio Collection
In [11]: %sql select * from customer_reviews_row limit 10
* postgresql://student:***@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
10 rows affected.
Out[11]: [('AE22YDHSBFYIP', datetime.date(1970, 12, 30), 5, 10, 0, '1551803542', 'Start and Run
          ('AE22YDHSBFYIP', datetime.date(1970, 12, 30), 5, 9, 0, '1551802538', 'Start and Run a
          ('ATVPDKIKXODER', datetime.date(1995, 6, 19), 4, 19, 18, '0898624932', 'The Power of M
          ('AH70KBE1Z35YA', datetime.date(1995, 6, 23), 5, 4, 4, '0521469112', 'Invention and Ev
          ('ATVPDKIKXODER', datetime.date(1995, 7, 14), 5, 0, 0, '0679722955', 'The Names (Vinta
          ('A102UKC71I5DU8', datetime.date(1995, 7, 18), 4, 2, 2, '0471114251', 'Bitter Winds',
          ('A1HPIDTM9SRBLP', datetime.date(1995, 7, 18), 5, 0, 0, '0517887290', 'Fingerprints of
          ('A1HPIDTM9SRBLP', datetime.date(1995, 7, 18), 5, 0, 0, '1574531093', 'Fingerprints of
          ('ATVPDKIKXODER', datetime.date(1995, 7, 18), 5, 1, 0, '0962344788', 'Heavy Light', 66
          ('ATVPDKIKXODER', datetime.date(1995, 7, 18), 5, 1, 1, '0195069056', "Albion's Seed",
In [12]: %%time
         %%sql
         SELECT
             customer_id, review_date, review_rating, product_id, product_title
         FROM
             customer_reviews_col
         WHERE
             customer_id ='A27T7HVDXA3K2A' AND
             product_title LIKE '%Dune%' AND
             review_date >= '1998-01-01' AND
             review_date <= '1998-12-31';
* postgresql://student:***@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
5 rows affected.
CPU times: user 4.7 ms, sys: 0 ns, total: 4.7 ms
Wall time: 246 ms
Out[12]: [('A27T7HVDXA3K2A', datetime.date(1998, 4, 10), 5, '0399128964', 'Dune (Dune Chronicles
          ('A27T7HVDXA3K2A', datetime.date(1998, 4, 10), 5, '044100590X', 'Dune'),
          ('A27T7HVDXA3K2A', datetime.date(1998, 4, 10), 5, '0441172717', 'Dune (Dune Chronicles
          ('A27T7HVDXA3K2A', datetime.date(1998, 4, 10), 5, '0881036366', 'Dune (Dune Chronicles
          ('A27T7HVDXA3K2A', datetime.date(1998, 4, 10), 5, '1559949570', 'Dune Audio Collection
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### 1.5 Conclusion: We can see that the columnar storage is faster!

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In [13]: %%time
        %%sql
        SELECT product_title, avg(review_rating)
        FROM customer_reviews_col
        WHERE review_date >= '1995-01-01'
            AND review_date <= '1998-12-31'
        GROUP BY product_title
        ORDER by product_title
        LIMIT 20;
 * postgresql://student:***@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
20 rows affected.
CPU times: user 4.93 ms, sys: 123 ts, total: 5.05 ms
Wall time: 548 ms
Out[13]: [('!Yo!', Decimal('4.750000000000000)),
         ("# 1's", Decimal('4.2682926829268293')),
         ('#1 Record/Radio City', Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("#1 Soul Hits Of The 60's, Vol. 3", Decimal('5.000000000000000')),
         ("#1's", Decimal('4.2409638554216867')),
         ("'58 Miles Featuring Stella by Starlight", Decimal('5.0000000000000000')),
         ("'Bout It", Decimal('3.000000000000000)),
         ("'Round Midnight", Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("'Salem's Lot", Decimal('4.633333333333333)),
         ("'The Moon by Whale Light", Decimal('4.250000000000000)),
         ("'The Radical Reformation (3rd ed)", Decimal('5.000000000000000')),
         ("'Til It Kills", Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("'Til Shiloh", Decimal('5.000000000000000')),
         ("'Til Their Eyes Shine (The Lullaby Album)", Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("'night, Mother ", Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("(I'm) Stranded", Decimal('5.00000000000000')),
         ('(Sick) ', Decimal('4.000000000000000)),
         ("(What's The Story) Morning Glory?", Decimal('4.1538461538461538')),
         ("(Who's Afraid Of?) The Art of Noise!", Decimal('3.333333333333333))]
In [14]: %%time
        %%sql
        SELECT product_title, avg(review_rating)
        FROM customer_reviews_row
        WHERE review_date >= '1995-01-01'
            AND review_date <= '1998-12-31'
        GROUP BY product_title
        ORDER by product_title
        LIMIT 20;
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* postgresql://student:***@127.0.0.1:5432/reviews
20 rows affected.
CPU times: user 3.99 ms, sys: 522 ts, total: 4.52 ms
Wall time: 1.21 s
Out[14]: [('!Yo!', Decimal('4.750000000000000)),
         ("# 1's", Decimal('4.2682926829268293')),
         ('#1 Record/Radio City', Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("#1 Soul Hits Of The 60's, Vol. 3", Decimal('5.000000000000000')),
         ("#1's", Decimal('4.2409638554216867')),
         ("'58 Miles Featuring Stella by Starlight", Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("'Bout It", Decimal('3.000000000000000)),
         ("'Round Midnight", Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("'Salem's Lot", Decimal('4.633333333333333)),
         ("'The Moon by Whale Light", Decimal('4.250000000000000)),
         ("'The Radical Reformation (3rd ed)", Decimal('5.0000000000000000')),
         ("'Til It Kills", Decimal('5.000000000000000')),
         ("'Til Shiloh", Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("'Til Their Eyes Shine (The Lullaby Album)", Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("'night, Mother ", Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ("(I'm) Stranded", Decimal('5.000000000000000)),
         ('(Sick) ', Decimal('4.000000000000000)),
         ("(What's The Story) Morning Glory?", Decimal('4.1538461538461538')),
         ("(Who's Afraid Of?) The Art of Noise!", Decimal('3.333333333333333))]
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