Data Integration and Transformation Tools

Data integration is the process of combining data from multiple sources into a unified view, while transformation involves cleaning, reshaping, and structuring data for analysis.

Key Concepts:

- **ETL (Extract, Transform, Load):** Data is extracted from sources, transformed (cleaned and formatted), and then loaded into a data warehouse.
- **ELT (Extract, Load, Transform):** Data is first loaded into a system and then transformed, allowing for scalability.
- **Data Pipelines:** Automated workflows that move and process data (e.g., Apache Airflow, AWS Glue).

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1. **Apache Airflow**
    - open source platform for programmatically authoring   scheduling, and monitoring workflows
    - Created originally by Airbnb
    - Allows users to define and execute complex workflows
    - Support for:
        - Task dependencies
        - Parallelism
        - Error handling

2. **Kubeflow**
    - An open-source machine learning toolkit that allows execution of data science pipelines on top of Kubernetes.
    - Provides a platform for building, deploying, and managing end-to-end machine learning workflows at scale
    - Support for:
        - Distributed training
        - Model serving
        - Hyperparameter tuning

3. **Apache Kafka**

- Distributed streaming platform that allows applications to publish, process, and subscribe to streams of records in real-time
- Created originally from LinkedIn.
- It is scalable, fault-tolerant, and high-throughput
- Suitable for building mission-critical, data-intensive applications

4. **Apache Nifi**
    - An open-source data integration platform that allows users to automate the flow of data between systems
    - Provides a web-based user interface for designing and managing data flows
    - Support for:
        - Data routing
        - Transformation
        - Enrichment
        - Among other capabilities

5. **Apache Spark SQL**
    - A module in the Spark ecosystem that provides a programming interface for working with structured data using:
        - SQL
        - Data frames
        - Datasets
    - Supports a wide range of data sources and provides optimized performance for complex data processing tasks.

6. **Node Red**
    - An open-source visual programming tool for wiring together hardware devices, APIs, and online services
    - Allows users to create event-driven flows of messages
    - low in resource consumption that it even runs on tiny devices like a Raspberry Pi.
    - Support for:
        - Data transformation
        - Filtering
        - Aggregation