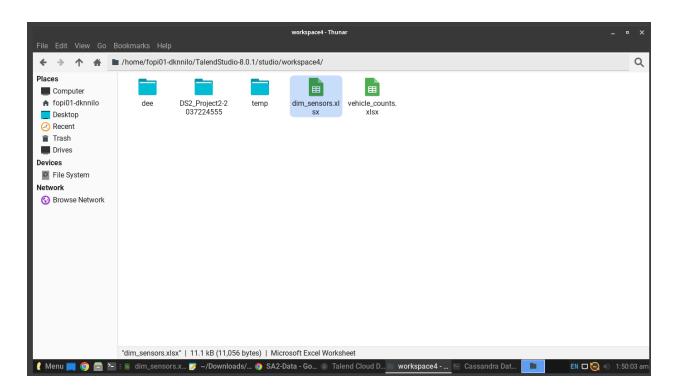
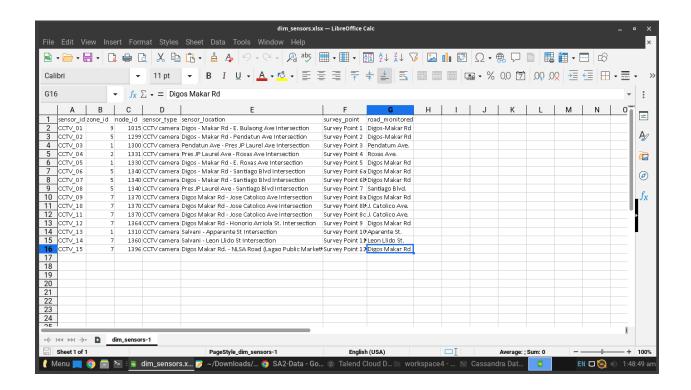
M2-SA2: Excel File to Cassandra Migration Process using Talend

DOWNLOADING AND EXAMINING THE EXCEL FILE

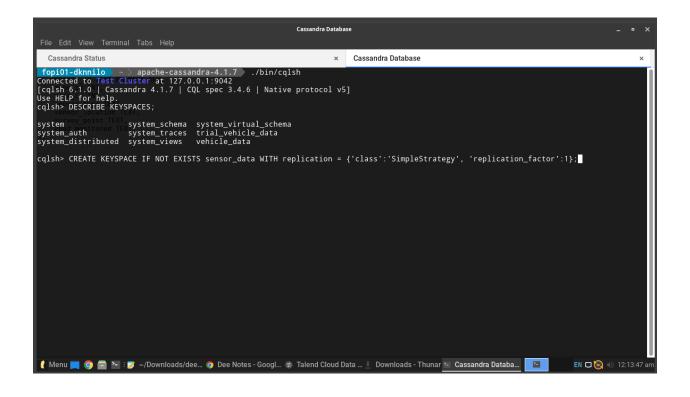
Before doing the activity, we downloaded the excel file, dim_sensor.xls, first and then checked its contents. The Excel file contains 7 columns (sensor_id, zone_id, node_id, sensor_type, sensor_location, survery_point, and road_monitored) and 15 entries of sensor id.

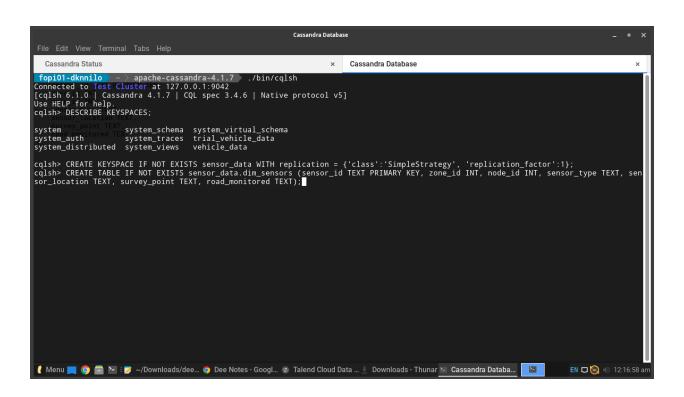




CREATING CASSANDRA KEYSPACE AND TABLE

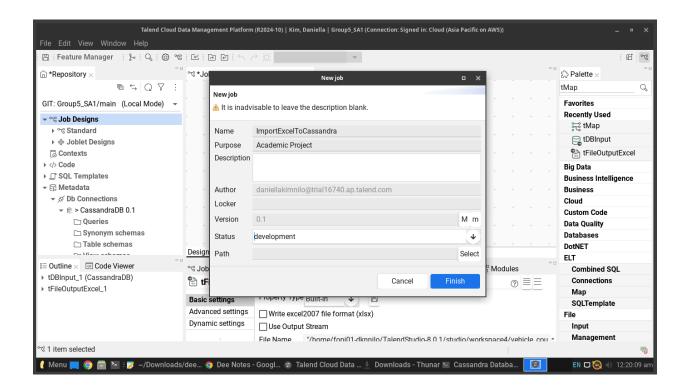
After checking the file, we utilized the DESCRIBE KEYSPACES command to key the available keyspaces. This will help determine if the sensor_data keyspace already exists. After making sure the keyspace did not exist, we created the keyspace using the command, CREATE KEYSPACE IF NOT EXISTS sensor_data WITH replication = {'class': 'SimpleStrategy', 'replication_factor':1};. We also created a table using the command, CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS sensor_data.dim_sensors (sensor_id TEXT PRIMARY KEY, zone_id INT, node_id INT, sensor_type TEXT, sensor_location TEXT, survey_point TEXT, road_monitored TEXT);. The table columns used in the commands are taken from the columns on the Excel file.





CREATING A NEW JOB FOR EXCEL TO CASSANDRA

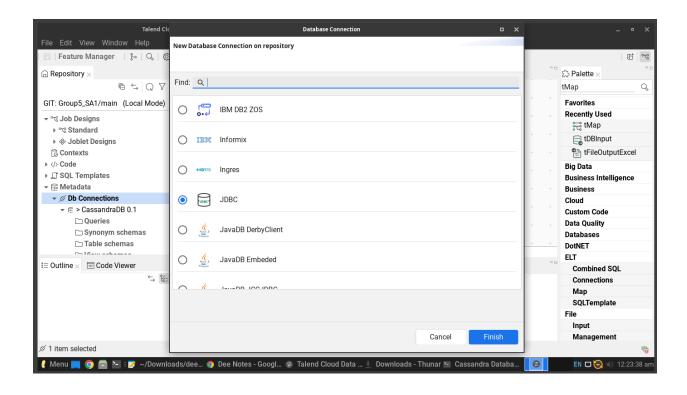
After creating a keyspace and table, we proceeded with creating a new job for importing Excel file to Cassandra database. In this step, we first click the new job button. We input the name of the project (ImportExcelToCassandra), its purpose (Academic Project), its status (development), and then clicked the Finish button.

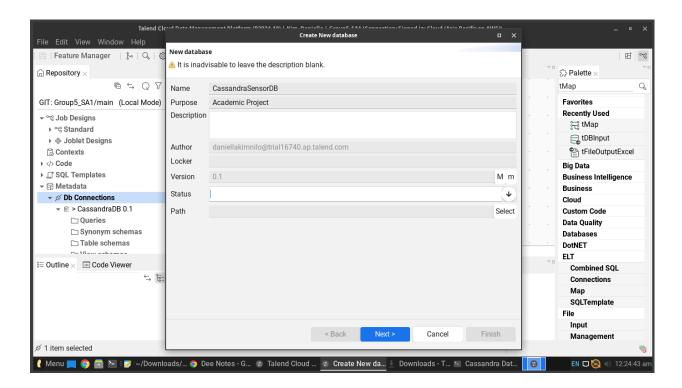


CREATING A JDBC DB CONNECTION

In creating this connection, we first clicked the JDBC button for the Database Connection window and entered CassandrSensorDB for name and Academic Project for Purpose in the Create New database window. We clicked the next button, and it redirected us to another page. On this page, we entered the JDBC URL (jdbc:cassandra://127.0.0.1:9042/sensor_data) and

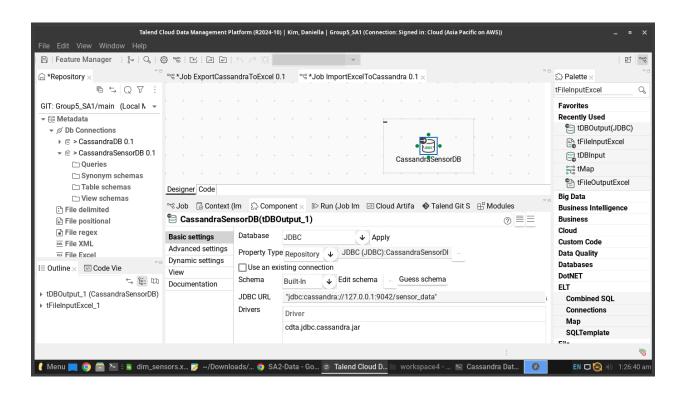
clicked the cdata.jbdc.cassandra.jar for the driver. We clicked the finish button to end the process. Another prompt showed our connection process is successful.

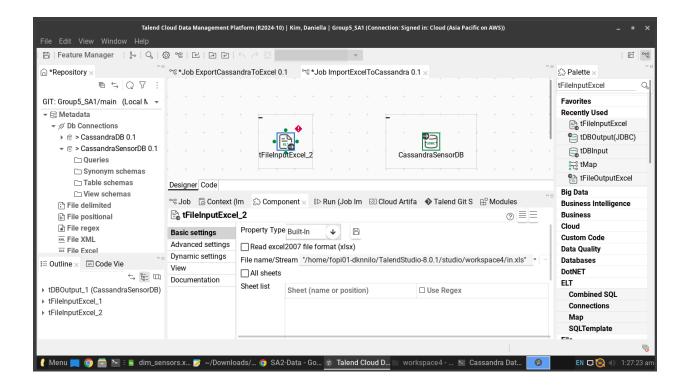




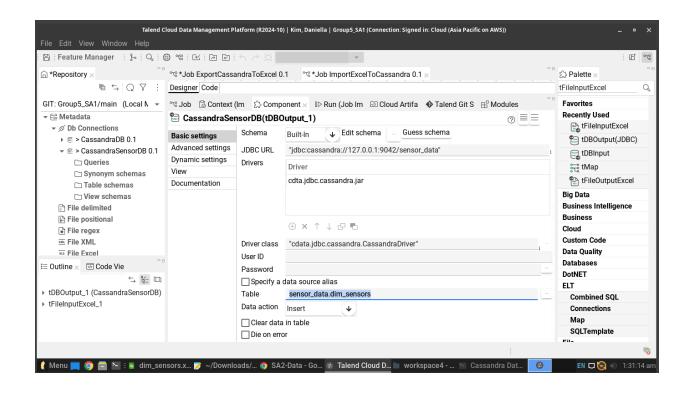
IMPORTING PROCESS

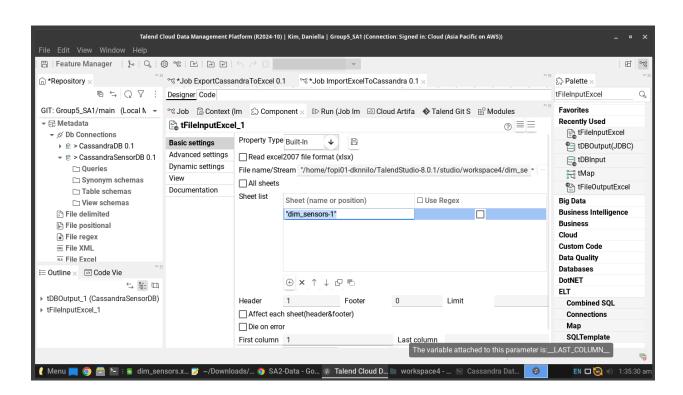
Clicking OK on the last prompt brought us back to the Job ImportCassandraToExcel 0.1 workspace. We dragged the CassandraSensorDB 0.1 and tFileInputExcel from the left palette to the workspace. The tFileInputExcel is utilized because this component reads an Excel file row by row, which splits them up into fields using regular expressions. It also sends the fields as defined in the Cassandra database schema to the next component in the Talend job.

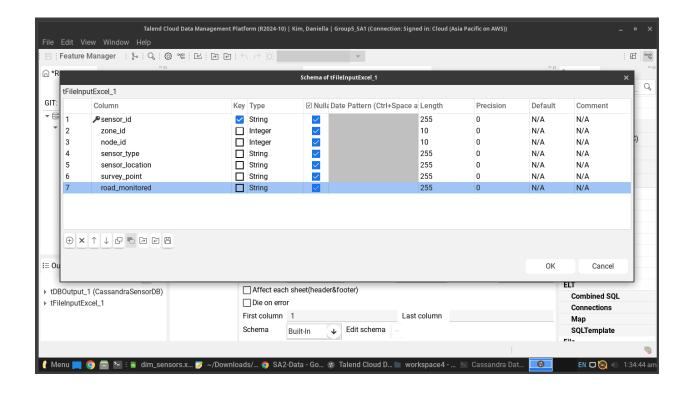




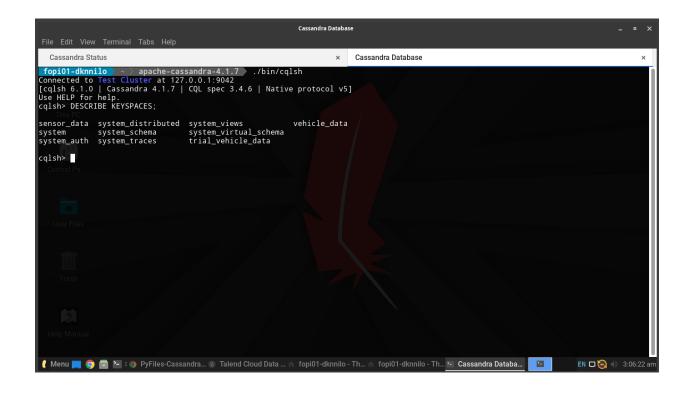
The next process is to configure the tDBOutput_1(CassandraSensorDB) by clicking it and adjusting the Designer windows upwards and write sensor_data.dim_sensors in the Table textbox. After configuring the tDBOutput_1(CassandraSensorDB), the component, tFileInputExcel_1, is configured by typing "dim_sensors-1" into the Sheet list textbox. Then, create a schema manually in tFileInputExcel_1 to arrange column names and click the OK button.

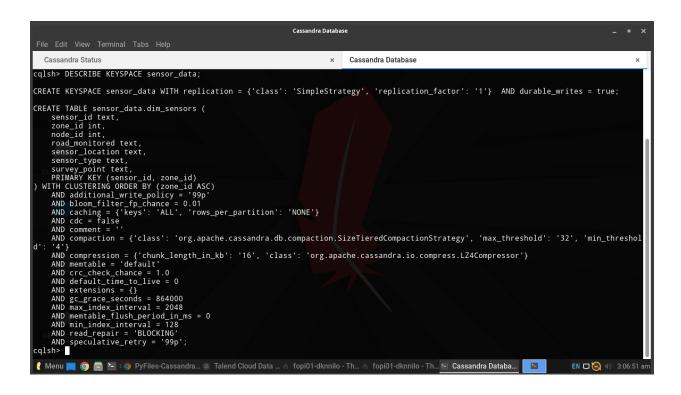




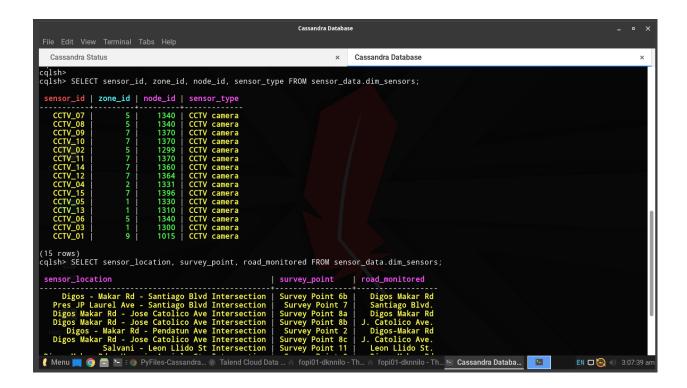


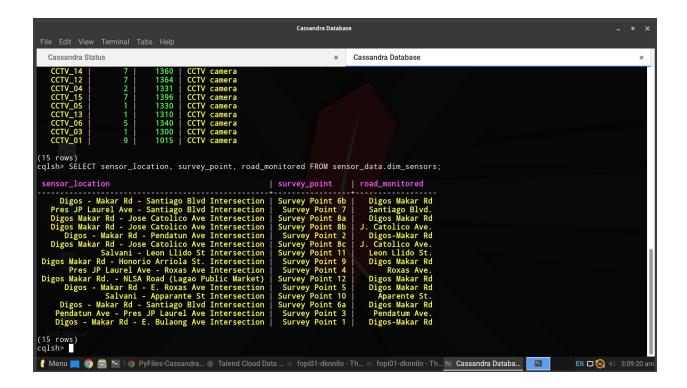
The next step is to connect the tFileInputExcel_1 to CassandraSensorDB(tDBOuput_1) by manually establishing a connection line between the two components. Run the job and verify if the data is imported by querying in Cassandra. Use the command DESCRIBE_KEYSPACE to determine if the sensor_data keyspace is present. After confirming it is present, use the command DESCRIBE KEYSPACE sensor_data; to view the necessary information about the keyspace and the table present in the keyspace.





Afterwards, display the data using the commands SELECT sensor_id, zone_id, node_id, sensor_type FROM sensor_data.dim_sensors; to view the first 4 columns of the table and SELECT sensor_location, survey_point, road_monitored FROM sensor_data.dim_sensors; to view the location of the sensor, their survey point, and the road assigned to them for monitoring.





The order of the queries in the image is unsorted since Cassandra is designed for rapid distributed data access rather than preserving the order of the responses. The clustering columns sort the data in Cassandra. If the clustering columns are not defined, Cassandra is unable to sort rows within a partition. More specifically, if the table simply has a partition key, such as a PRIMARY KEY, the rows within the partition are not sorted in a certain order by default. Since the sorting between partitions is not supported, the queried data from different partitions appears to be unsorted.

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