

# Overview

**Optimize queries with Hive partitions**

**Work with partitioned tables**

- Creating partitions
- Loading data into partitions
- Querying data from partitions

**Implement static and dynamic partitioning on Hive tables**

# Faster Queries on Traditional Databases

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# Designing Databases



## **Faster queries**

**Retrieving information from a  
database should be fast**

# Designing Databases



**Traditional database admins **design** data layouts based on **usage** patterns**



# Usage Patterns and Design

**Do users access customer and order information together?**

**Customer id is a foreign key in the orders table**

**Create a Customer\_Orders table grouping both information together**

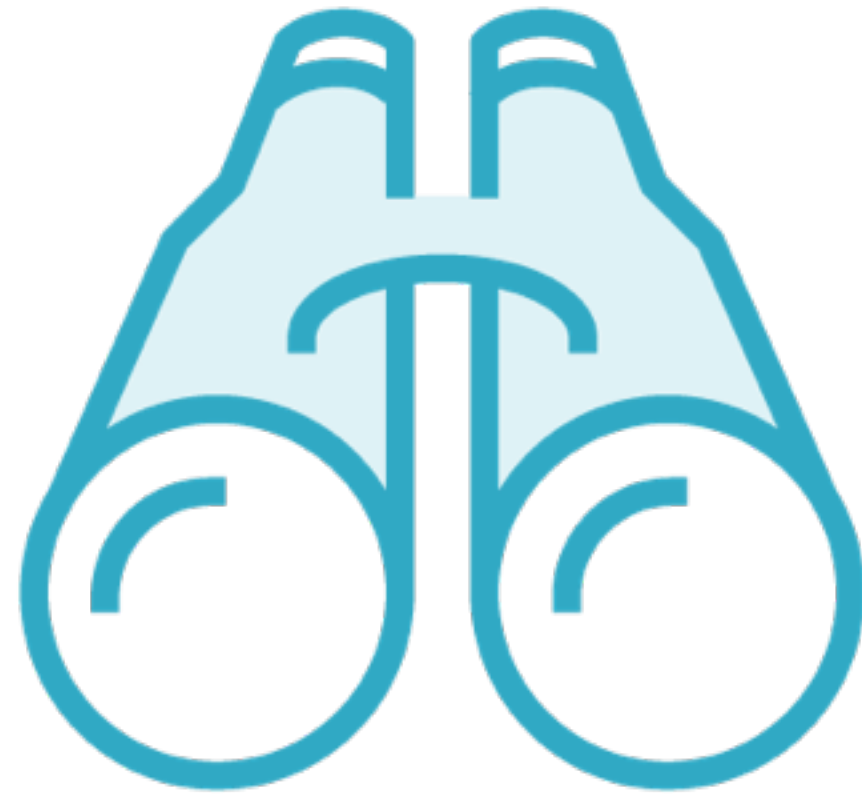


# Usage Patterns and Design

Do users often require order information for a particular date?

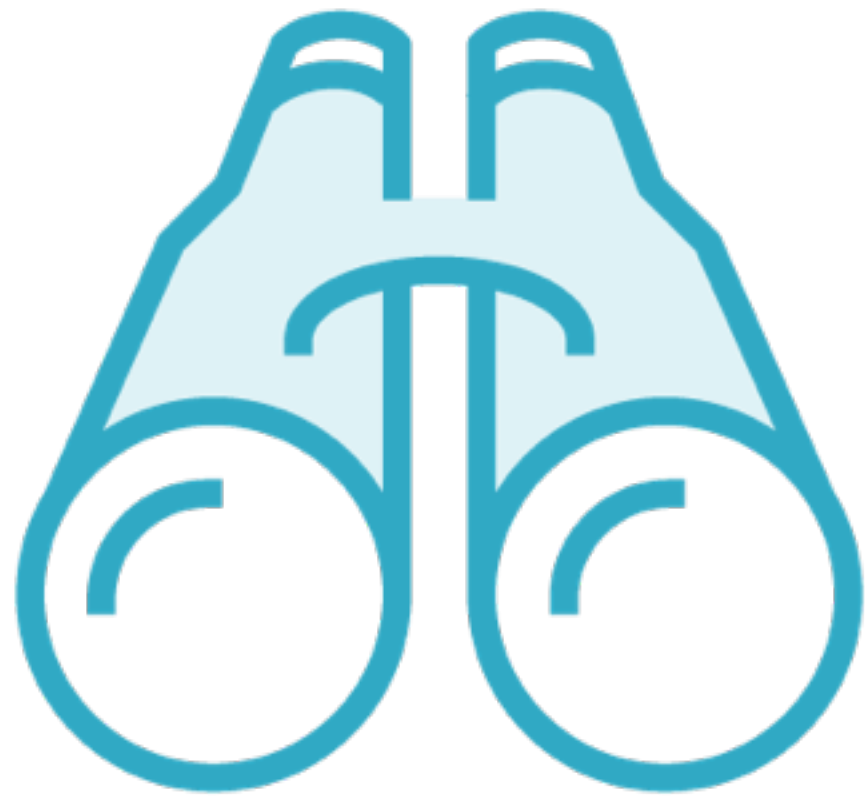
Create an **index** on the date column of the orders table

# Indexes



## **Faster lookup**

**Speed up data retrieval in  
traditional relational databases**

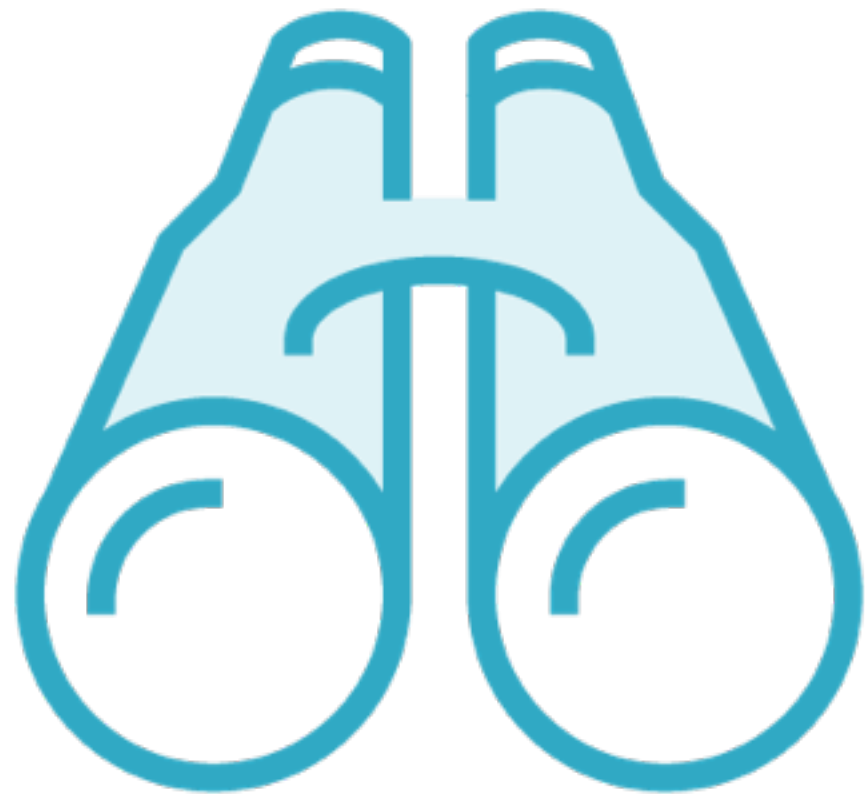


# Indexes

```
select * from Orders  
where date = "12/07/2016"
```

```
select * from Orders  
where date > "12/07/2016"  
and date < "16/07/2016"
```





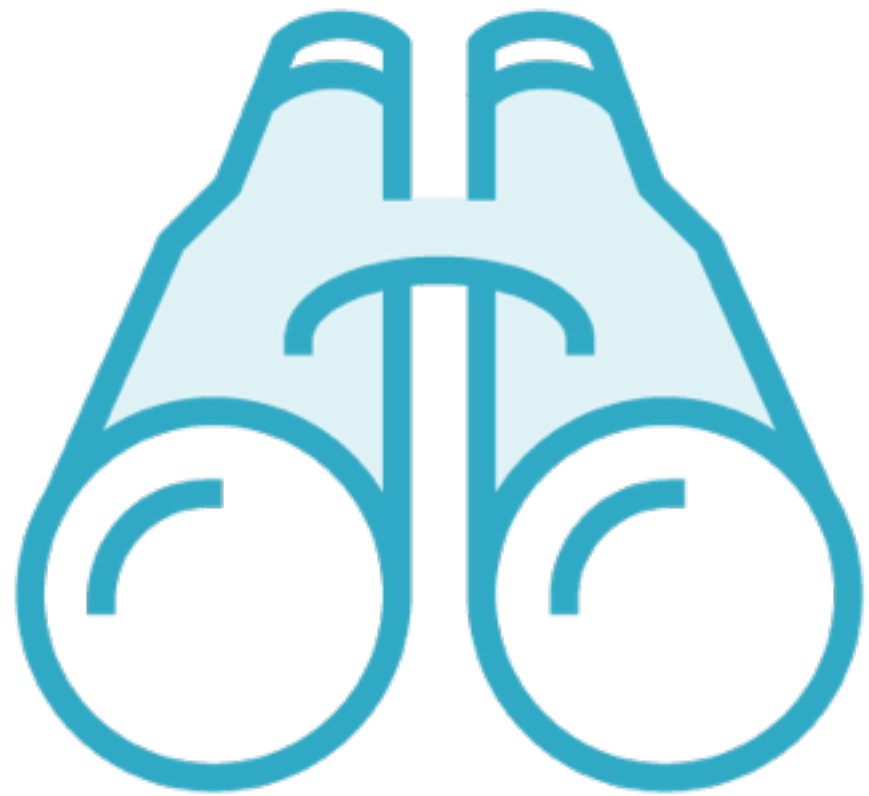
# Indexes

Associated with a table which allow **fast lookup** of records

Created from one or more columns

Copy of column data that can be **searched** very **efficiently**

# Indexes



Well-designed indexes are  
can be a **major performance  
improvement** for queries

# Indexes ~ Partitioning



Partitions are the **logical equivalent** of indexes in Hive

# Partitioning Tables in Hive

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# Partitioning



**Split data into smaller subsets**

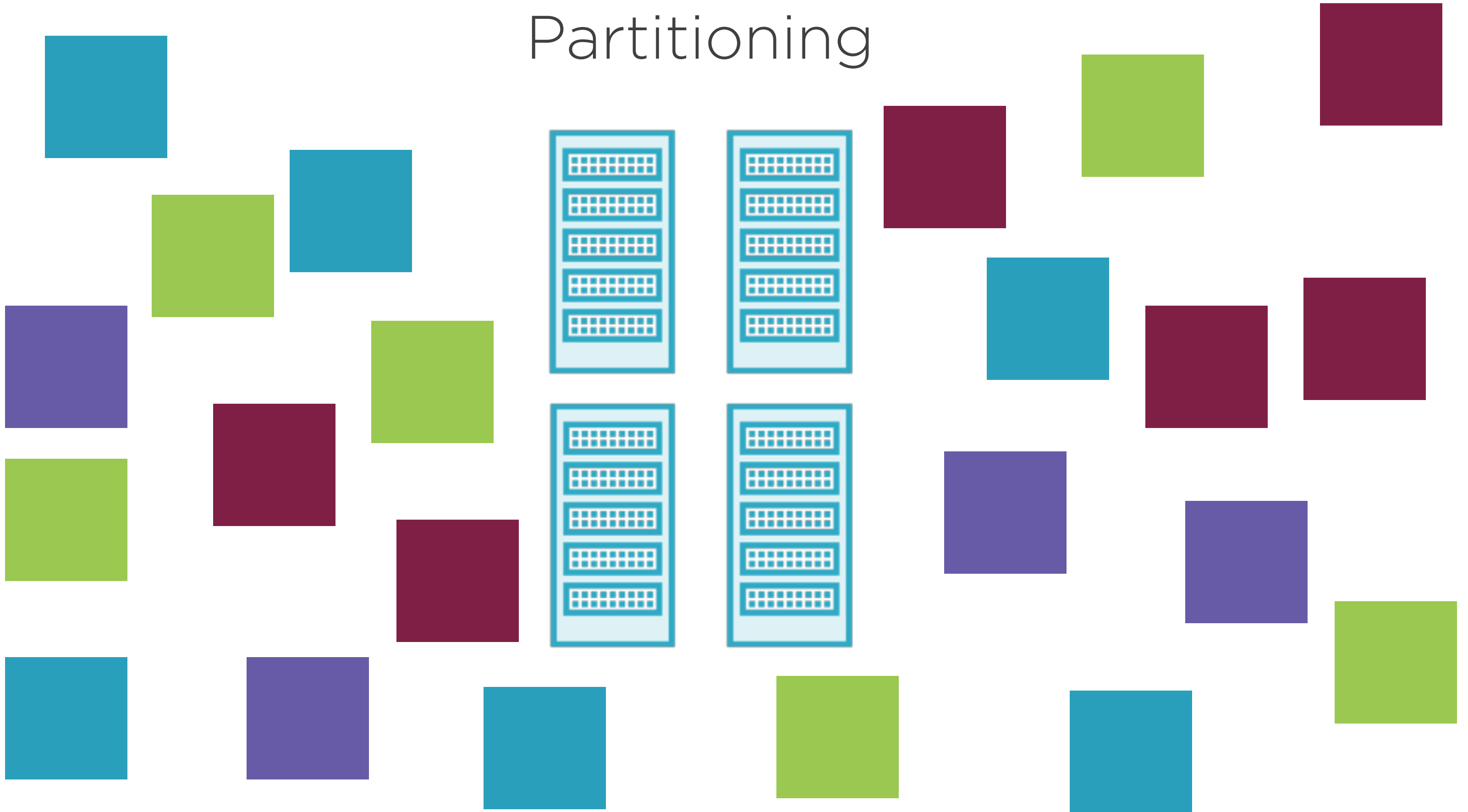
**Separate records into manageable parts based on a column value**

# Partitioning



**Consider an e-commerce site with order data from across the United States**

# Partitioning



# Partitioning



**Records will be split across multiple machines in the cluster**

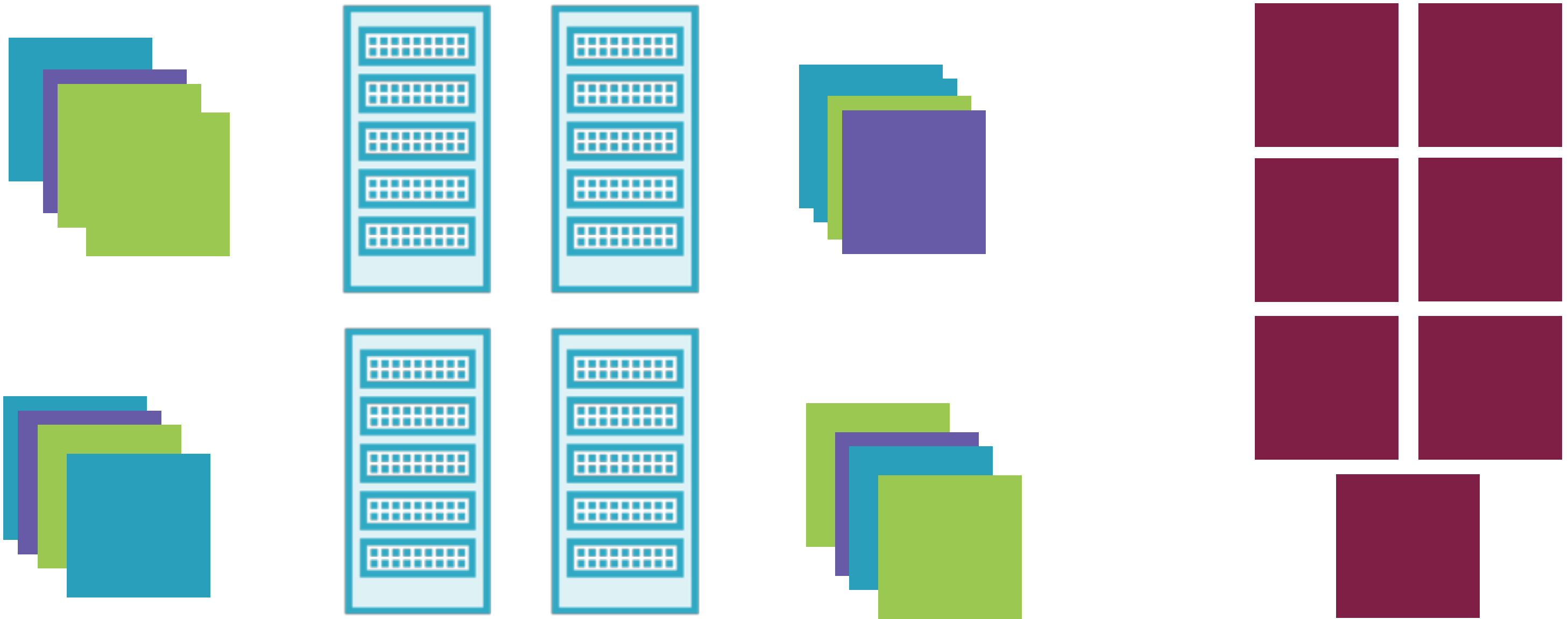


# Partitioning



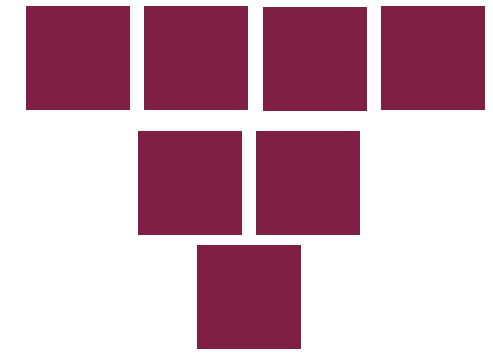
**`select * from Orders where state = "WA"`**

# Partitioning



**select \* from Orders where state = “WA”**

# Partitioning



**All records** on  
each machine  
need to be  
scanned to  
retrieve results

`select * from Orders where state = "WA"`

# Partitioning



**select \* from Orders where state = “WA”**

What if the **dataset is huge** on each node?

What if this is the **most common query** run?

# Partitioning

**Data may be naturally split into logical units**



**Customers in the US**

# Partitioning

WA

OR

CA

CT

NY

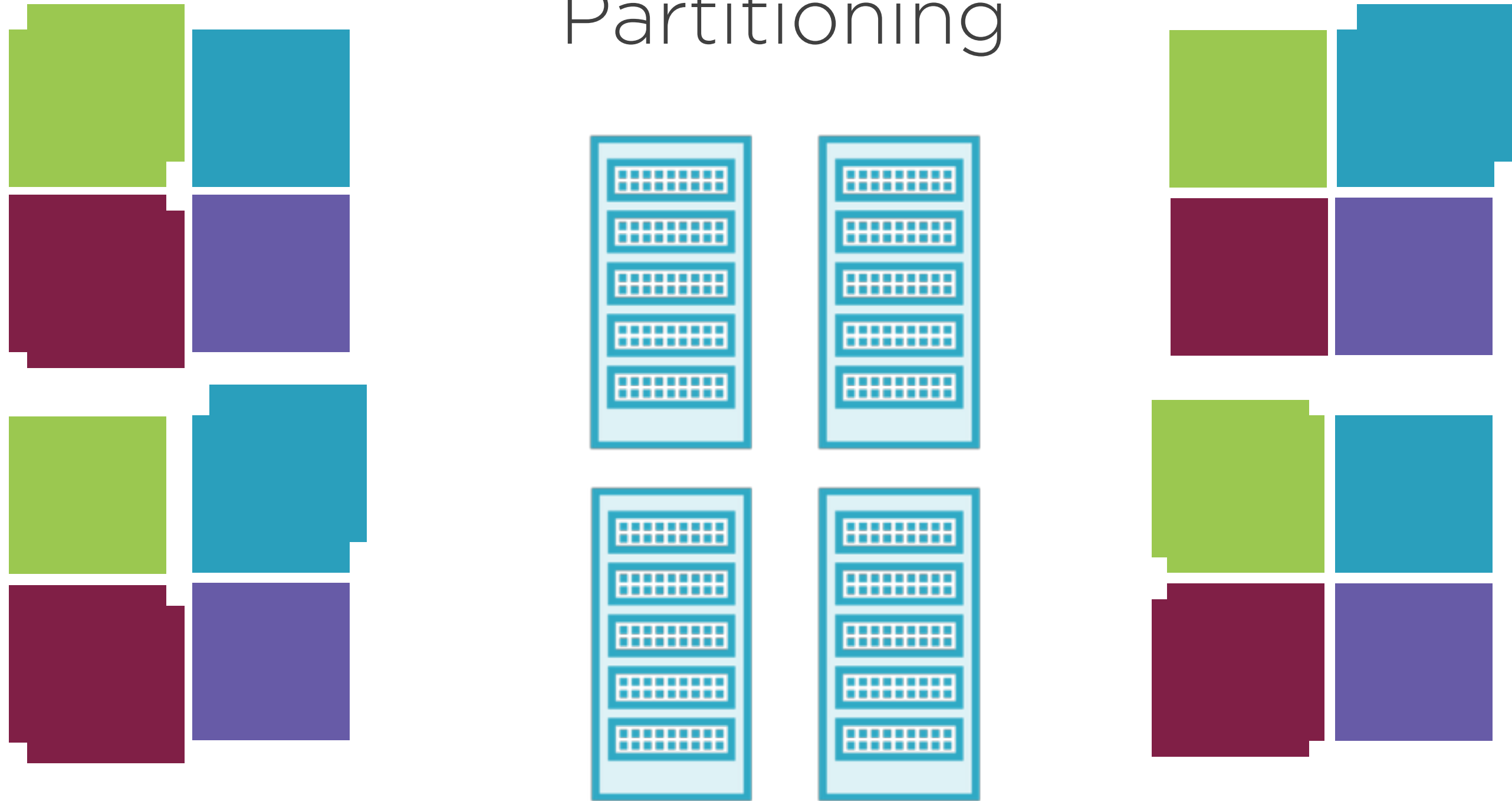
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# Partitioning



**Partition this data on state information**

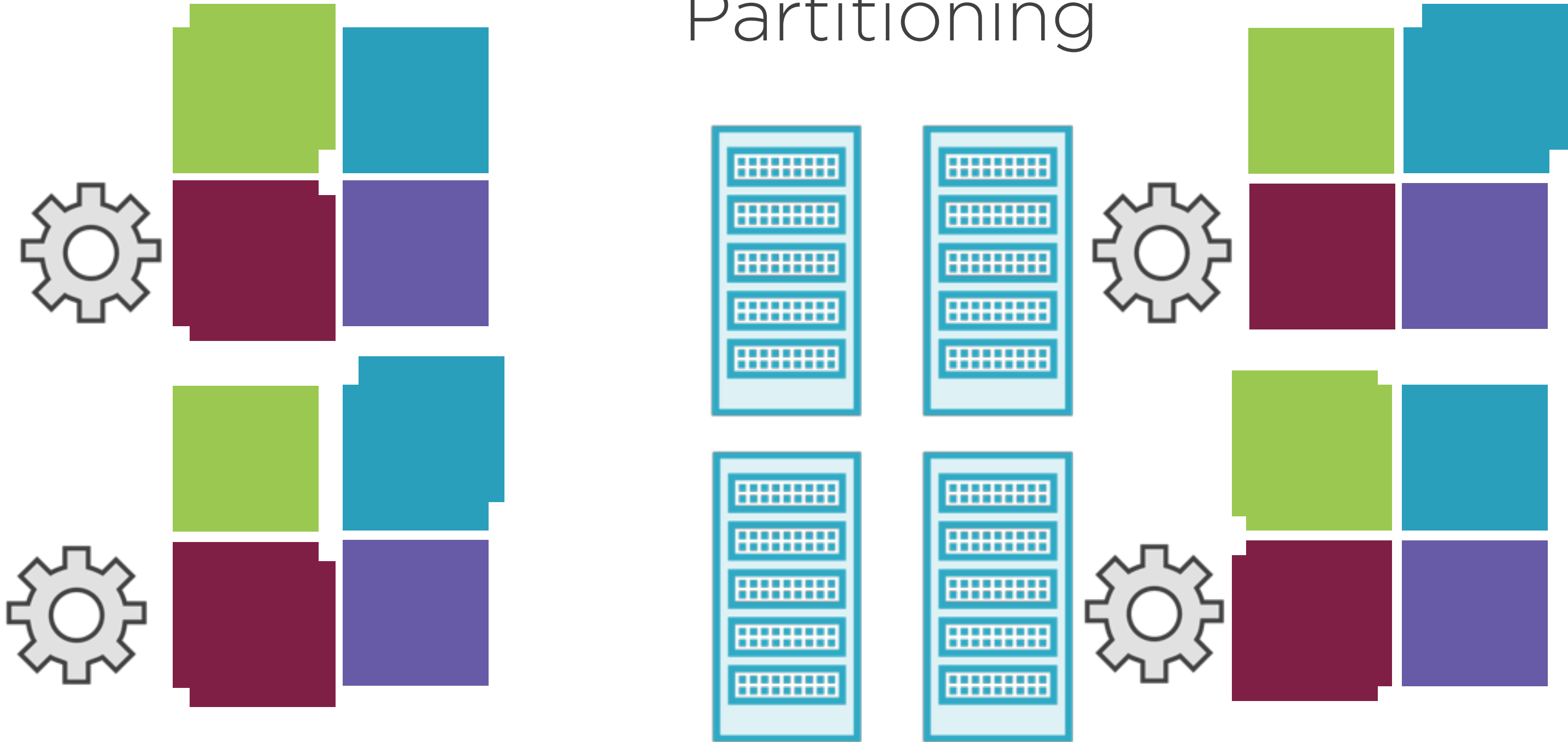
# Partitioning



**Records from each state will be in a different directory**



# Partitioning



State specific queries will run only on  
data in **one** directory

# Partitioning



The records in a Hive table are  
typically stored in HDFS

by default in `/user/hive/warehouse`

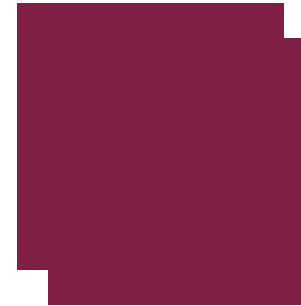
# Partitioning

`/user/hive/warehouse/db/orders`

`/state=CA`



`/state=NY`



`/state=WA`



`/state=NJ`



# Partitioning

**/user/hive/warehouse/db/orders**

**/state=CA**

**/file-01**

**/file-02**

**/file-03**



# Partitions vs. Indexes



## Partitions

**Physical storage of records  
affected**

**No additional data structures  
used for lookup**

**Huge datasets**

## Indexes

**No change to how the actual  
records are stored**

**Additional data structures hold a  
copy of indexed column values**

**Relatively smaller datasets**

# Demo

**Create a managed partitioned table**

**Load data into a partitioned table**

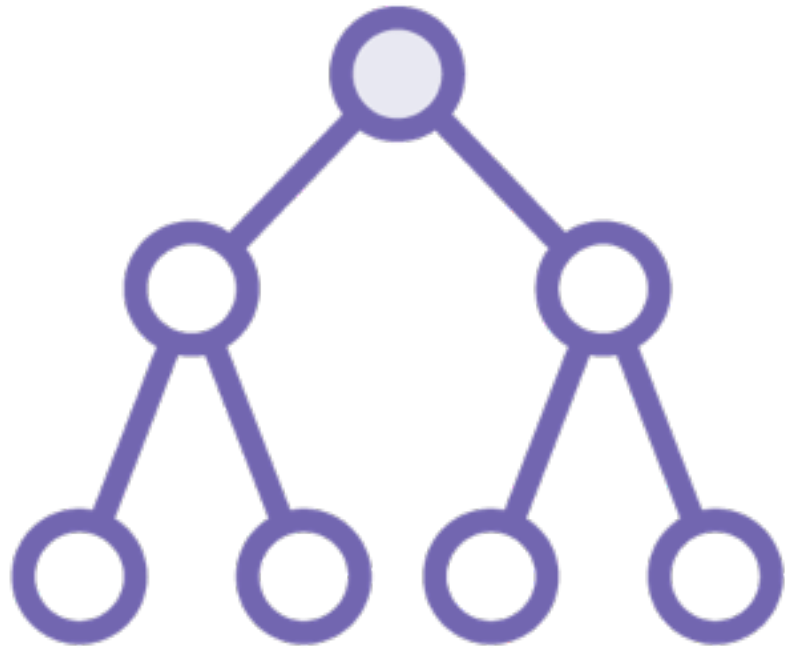
**Query the partitioned table**

**See how partitioned tables are laid out  
in HDFS**

# Why Partition Tables?

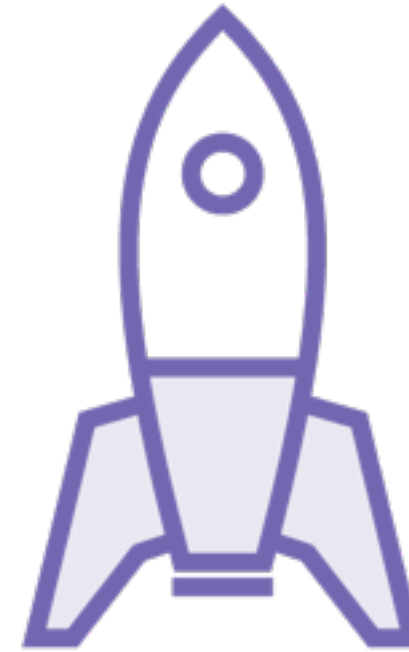
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# Why Partition Tables?



## Logical organization of data

Set up directories and sub-directories in Hive based on how data is partitioned



## Improve query performance

Only scan the data in the partition where the result might be found



# Why Partition Tables?

ID	Customer	Product	Quantity	Amount	State
c1	John	iPhone	1	599	CA
c2	Jill	Doll	2	58	WA
c3	Emily	Shoes	1	66	NJ
c4	Nina	Jeans	1	99	NJ
c5	Rick	Skates	1	199	CA
c6	Valerie	Make Up	1	88	WA
c7	Olga	Book	3	45	NY
c8	Steven	Belt	2	25	NY

## Orders

# Why Partition Tables?

state=CA

ID	Customer	Product	Quantity	Amount	State
c1	John	iPhone	1	599	CA
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state=WA

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state=NJ

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state=NY

ID	Customer	Product	Quantity	Amount	State
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```
select * from orders
where state = "NJ"
and product = "Jeans"
```

# Why Partition Tables?

**state=NJ**

ID	Customer	Product	Quantity	Amount	State
c3	Emily	Shoes	1	66	NJ
c4	Nina	Jeans	1	99	NJ

```
select * from orders  
where state = "NJ"  
and product = "Jeans"
```

Only **one partition**  
needs to be scanned

# Why Partition Tables?

**state=NJ**

ID	Customer	Product	Quantity	Amount	State
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**Potentially huge  
performance gains**

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```
select * from orders
where quantity > 1
and product = "Jeans"
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**All** partitions need to  
be scanned

# Why Partition Tables?

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Partition should be based on  
the **most common queries** run

Use **partitions** intelligently for the  
most **common** queries



# Demo

**Load data into a managed partitioned  
table from files**

# Demo

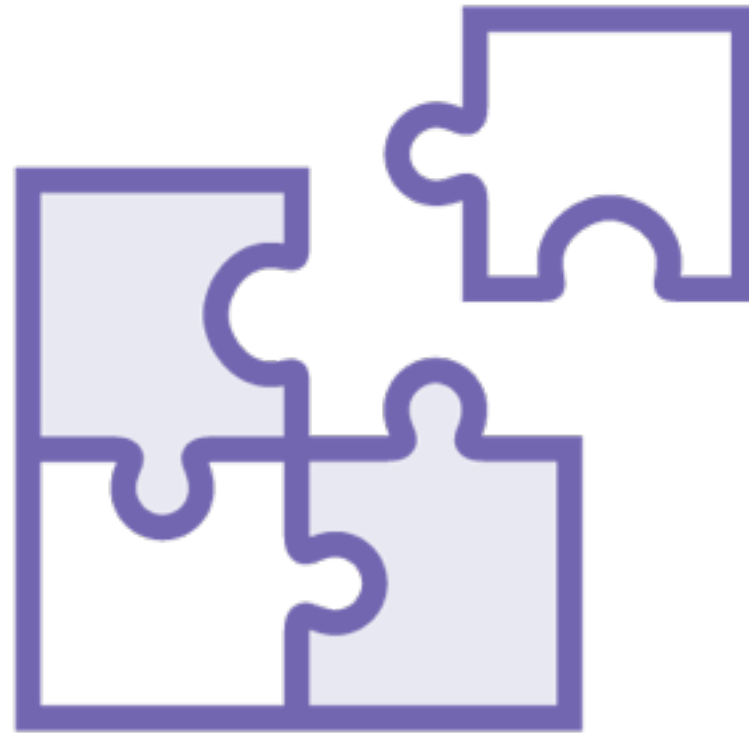
## **Working with an external partitioned table**

- add partitions using the alter command
- change partitions once created
- drop partitions

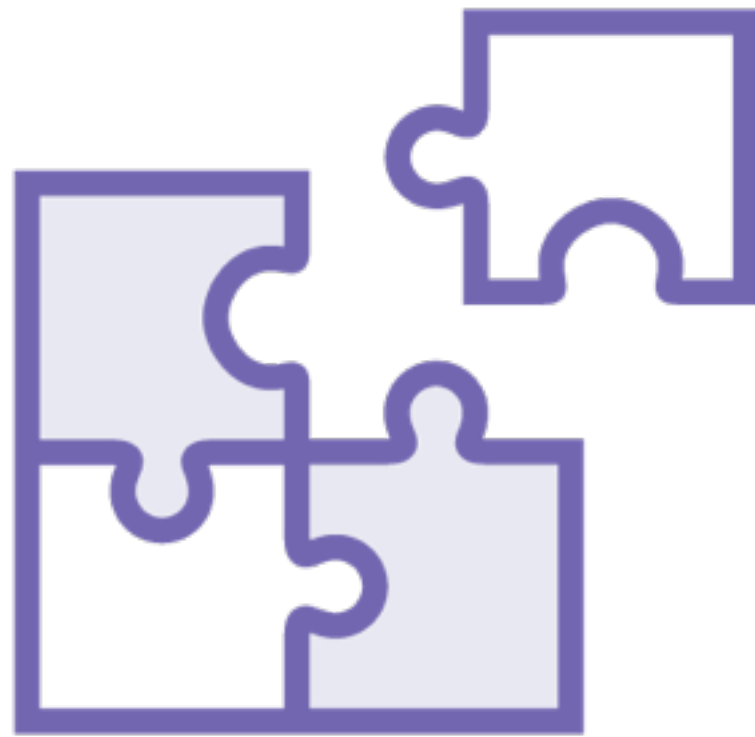
# Partitioning Trade-offs

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**How many partitions  
should you have?**



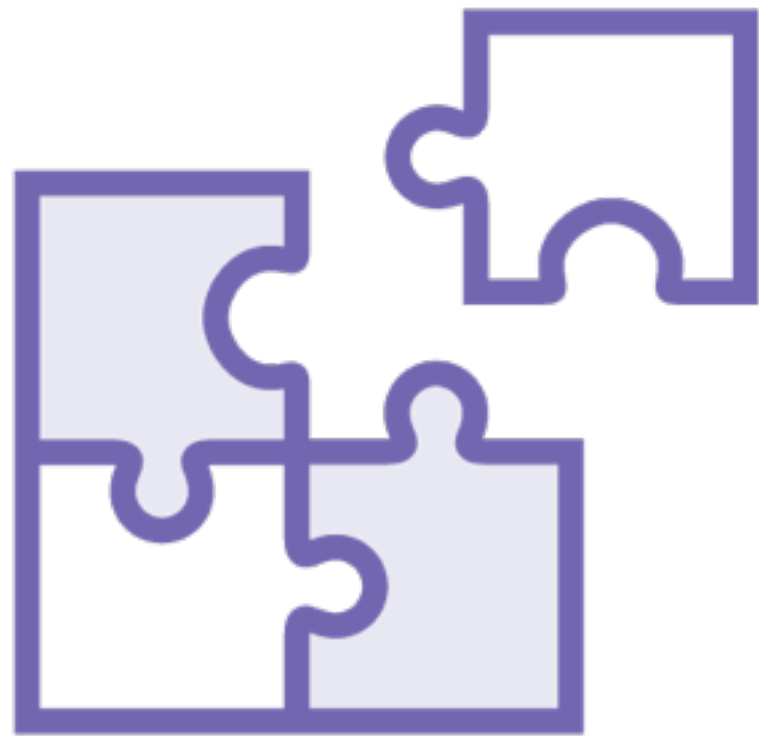
# Large Number of Partitions

Partition on customer id on the orders table?

Millions of partitions, an HDFS directory for **each** partition

**Huge overhead** for the NameNode in Hadoop

May **optimize** some queries but be **detrimental** for others



# Small Number of Partitions

Partition on product quantity on the orders table?

Very few partitions, few logical groupings in our data

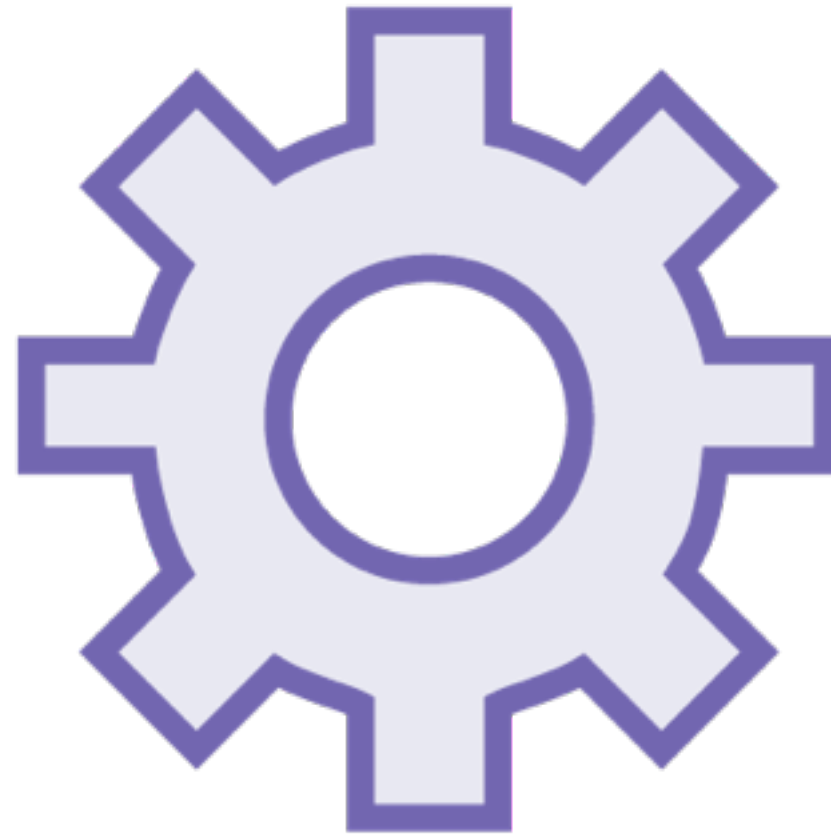
**No real optimizations** on queries run

**No reduction** in the data scanned by queries

# Static and Dynamic Partitioning

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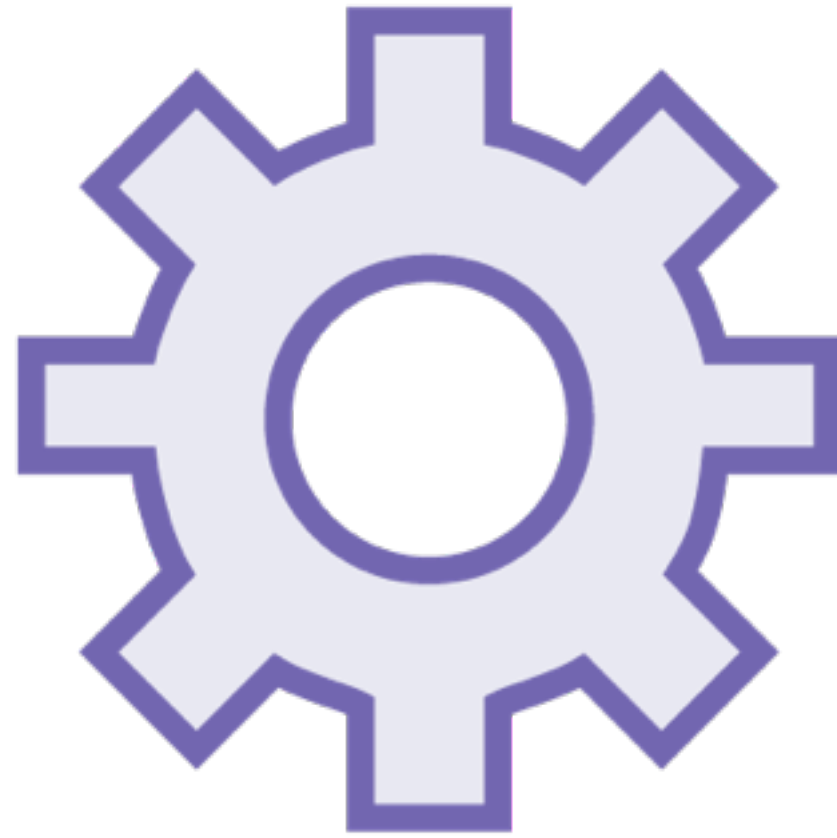
# Static Partitioning



Partitions we've seen so far have been  
**static** partitions

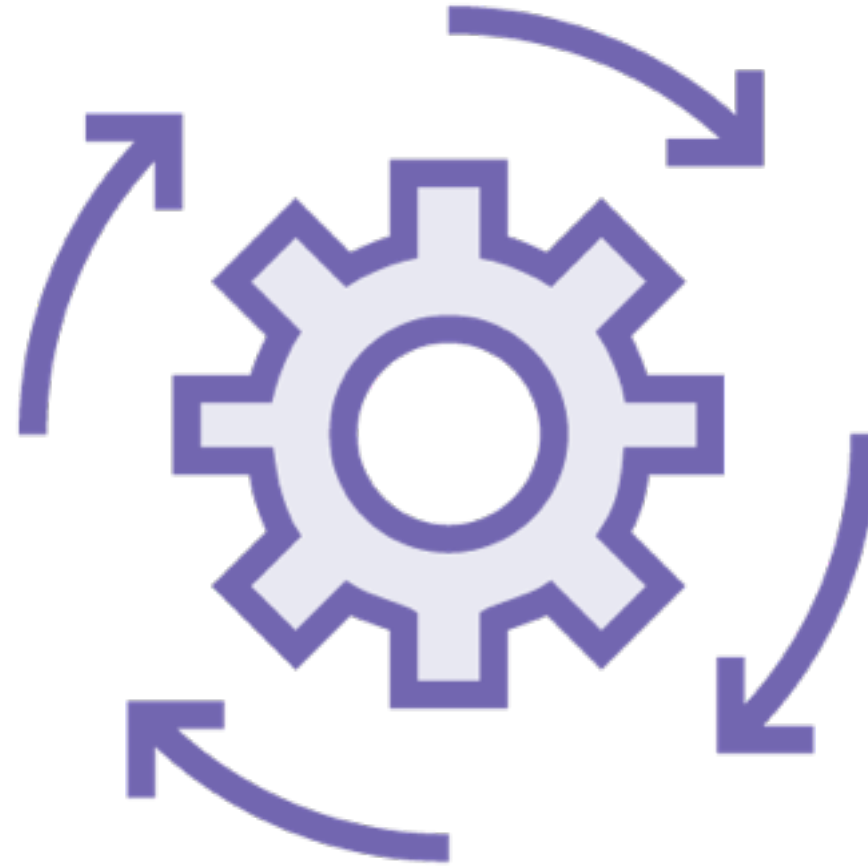


# Static Partitioning



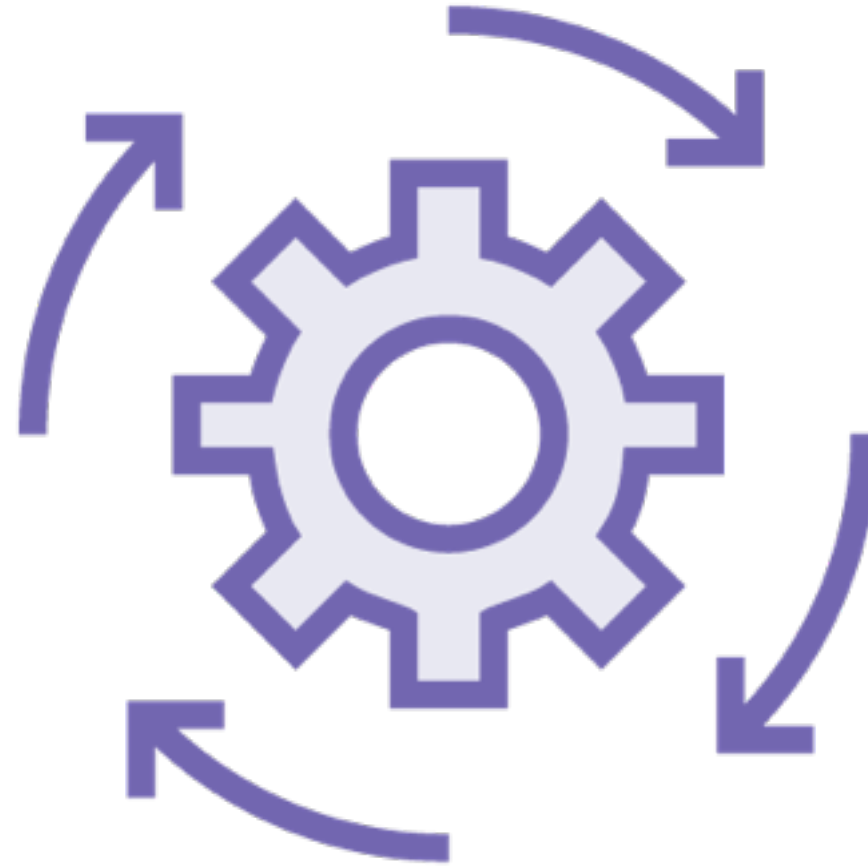
**Managing partitions manually is not a  
*scalable* process**

# Dynamic Partitioning



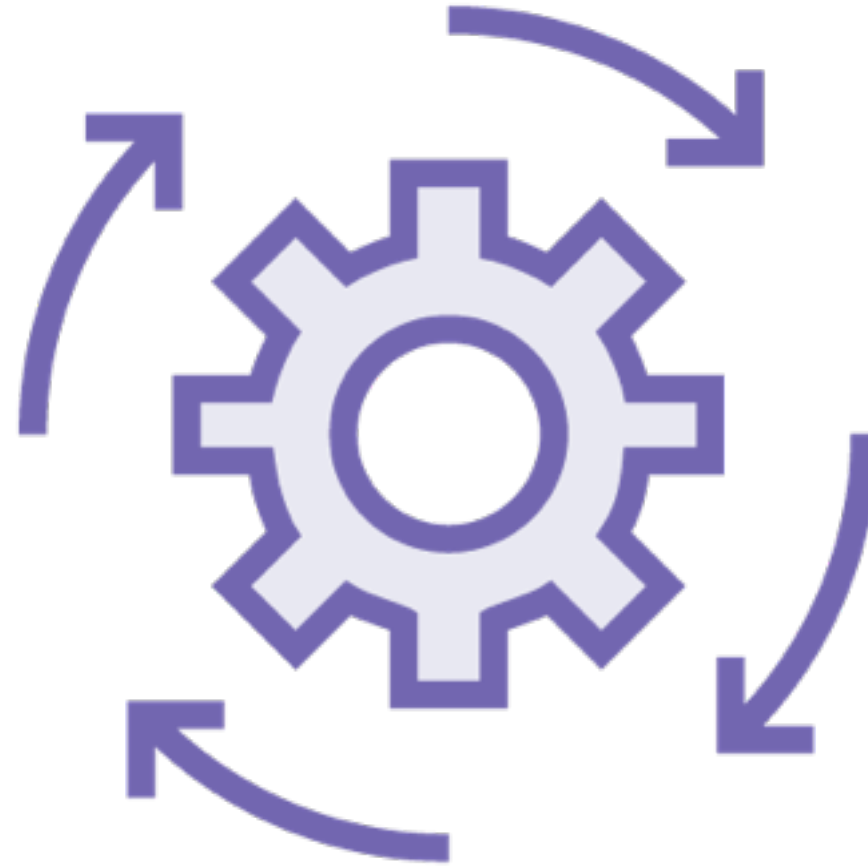
Dynamic partitioning allows Hive to **automatically** create partitions on data

# Dynamic Partitioning



**Partitions are based on the values of the  
partition keys**

# Dynamic Partitioning



Properties to be set in **hive-site.xml**  
or on a **per-session** basis

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set hive.exec.dynamic.partition=true
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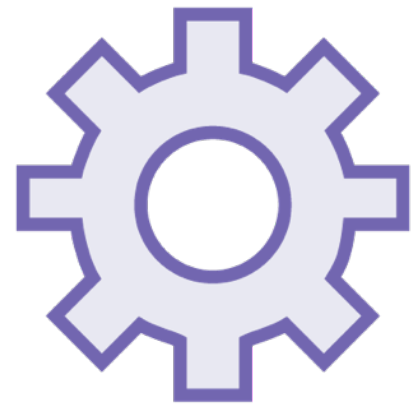
## Enable Dynamic Partitioning

**The default for Hive is disabled, need to explicitly enable dynamic partitioning**

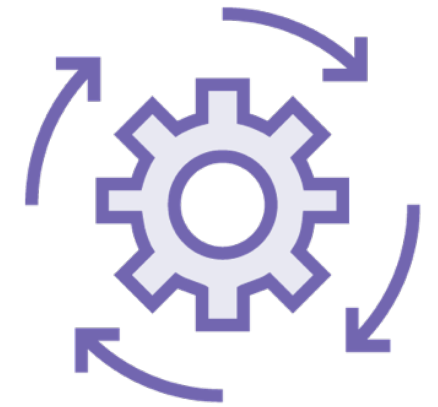
# Demo

**Set the properties to enable dynamic partitioning in Hive**

**Create and load a table with dynamic partitioning**



# Static and Dynamic Partitioning



## Static

**Partition column values are known before loading data**

**User needs to manually load data into partitions**

**Used when partitions are known and the directory structure exists in HDFS**

**Fine grained control over exact partition values**

## Dynamic

**Partition column values known only when data is loaded**

**Hive automatically loads data into partitions**

**Used when loading from an existing table that is not partitioned**

**Less control over the exact partition values**

# Demo

**Create and load a table partitioned on more than one column**



# Summary

**Organized data and optimized queries with Hive partitions**

**Worked with managed and external partitioned tables**

**Implemented static and dynamic partitioning and understood when each should be used**