

Data Quality

First Step to Verify Table



CUSTOMER

First	Maiden	SSN	Last Order
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Emily	Davis	999-65-4321	5/2/2024
Mike	NULL	999-78-9012	5/18/2024
...

Data Quality

Previously Are Statistical; DataPrep For Example

Stats

Histogram

KDE Plot

Normal Q-Q Plot

Box Plot

Overview

Distinct Count

74

Unique (%)

0.2%

Missing

0

Missing (%)

0.0%

Infinite

0

Infinite (%)

0.0%

Memory Size

763.2 KB

Mean

38.6436

Minimum

17

Maximum

90

Zeros

0

Zeros (%)

0.0%

Negatives

0

Negatives (%)

0.0%

Quantile Statistics

Minimum

17

5-th Percentile

19

Q1

28

Median

37

Q3

48

Descriptive Statistics

Mean

38.6436

Standard Deviation

13.7105

Variance

187.9781

Sum

1.8874×10⁰⁶

Skewness

0.5576

Kurtosis

-0.1844

Coefficient of Variation

0.3548

Stats

Histogram

KDE Plot

age

frequency

2400

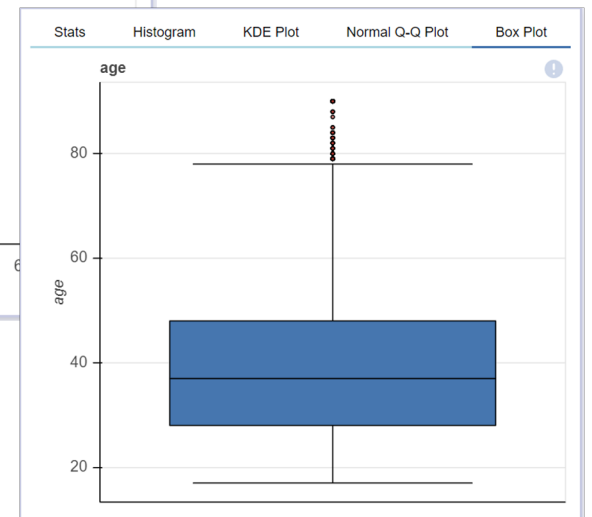
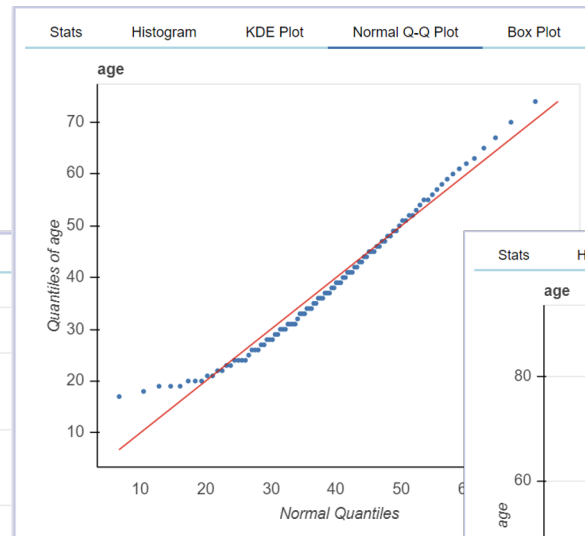
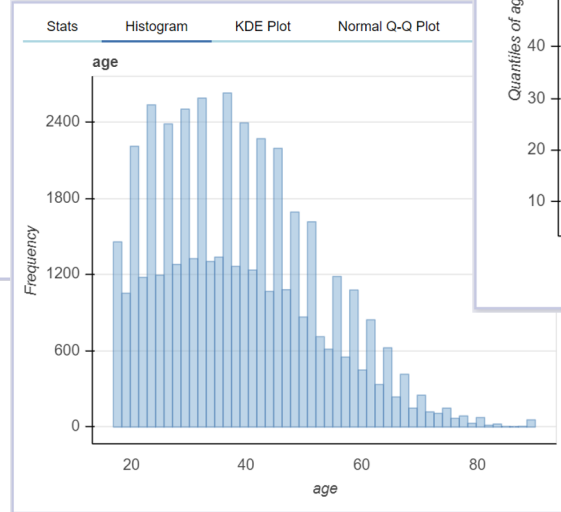
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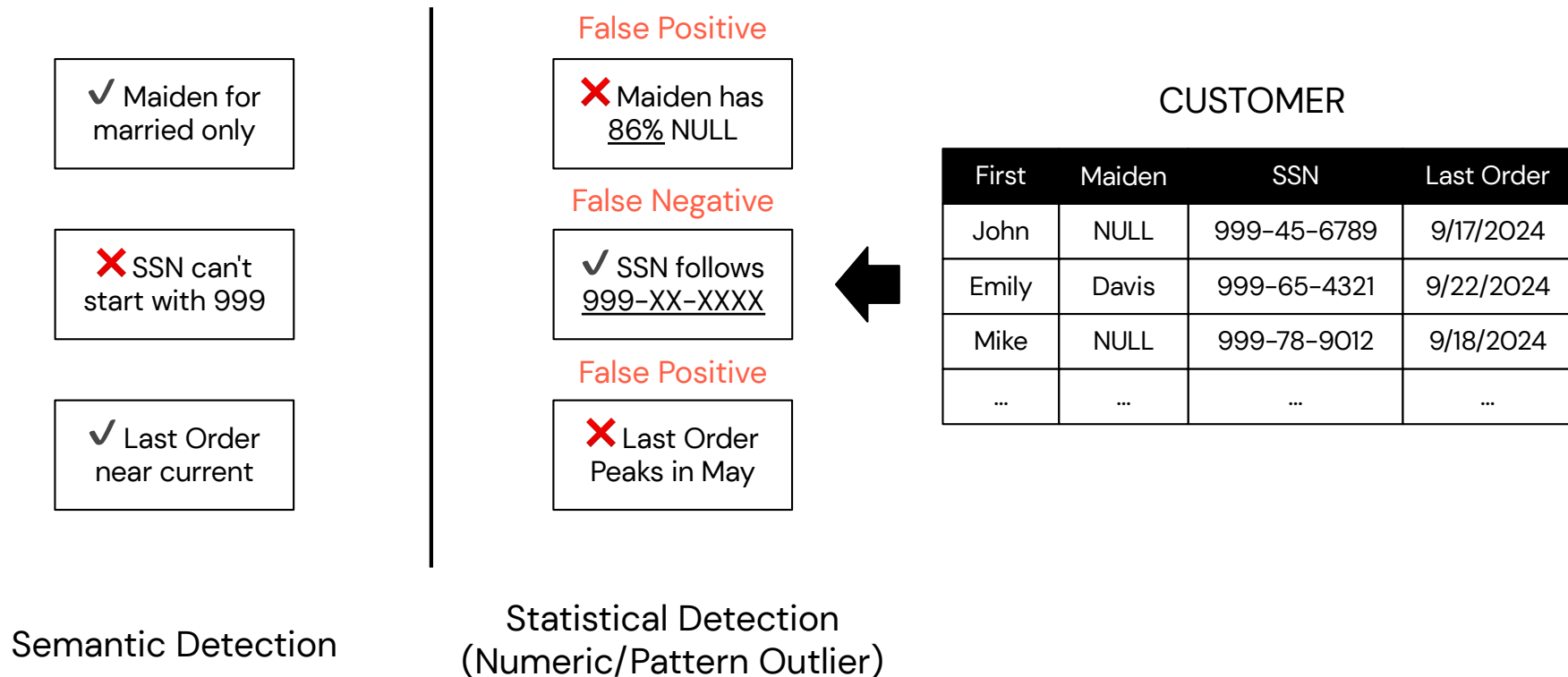
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Previously Are Statistical; Need Semantics



Data Quality

Semantics Achieved by LLMs

✗ SSN can't
start with 999

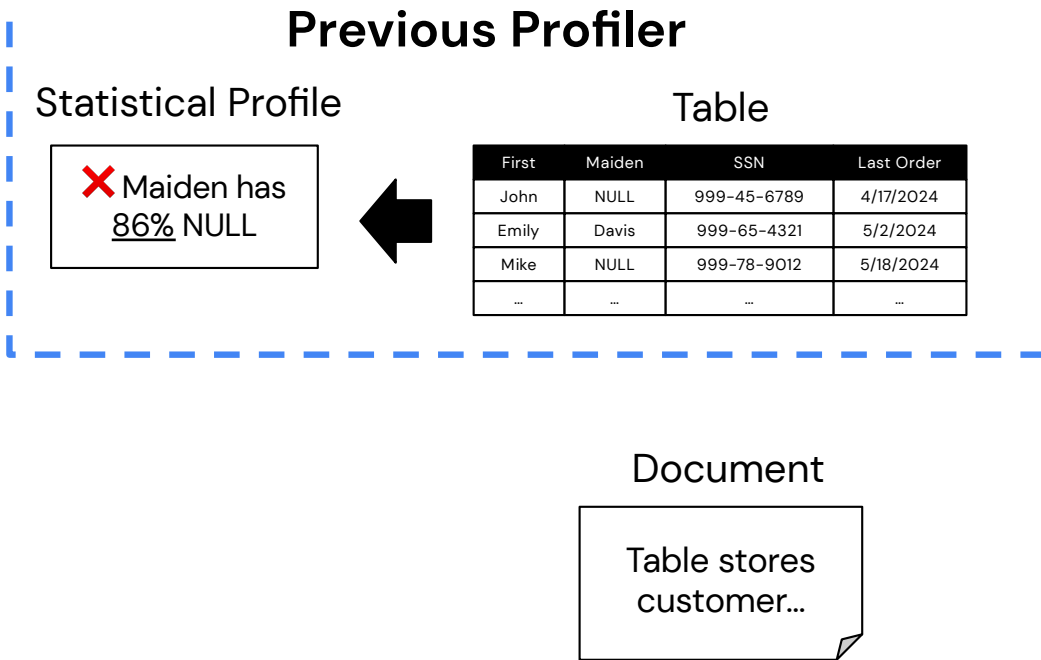


For SSN Column, it follows the pattern 999-XX-XXXX. Is it normal?

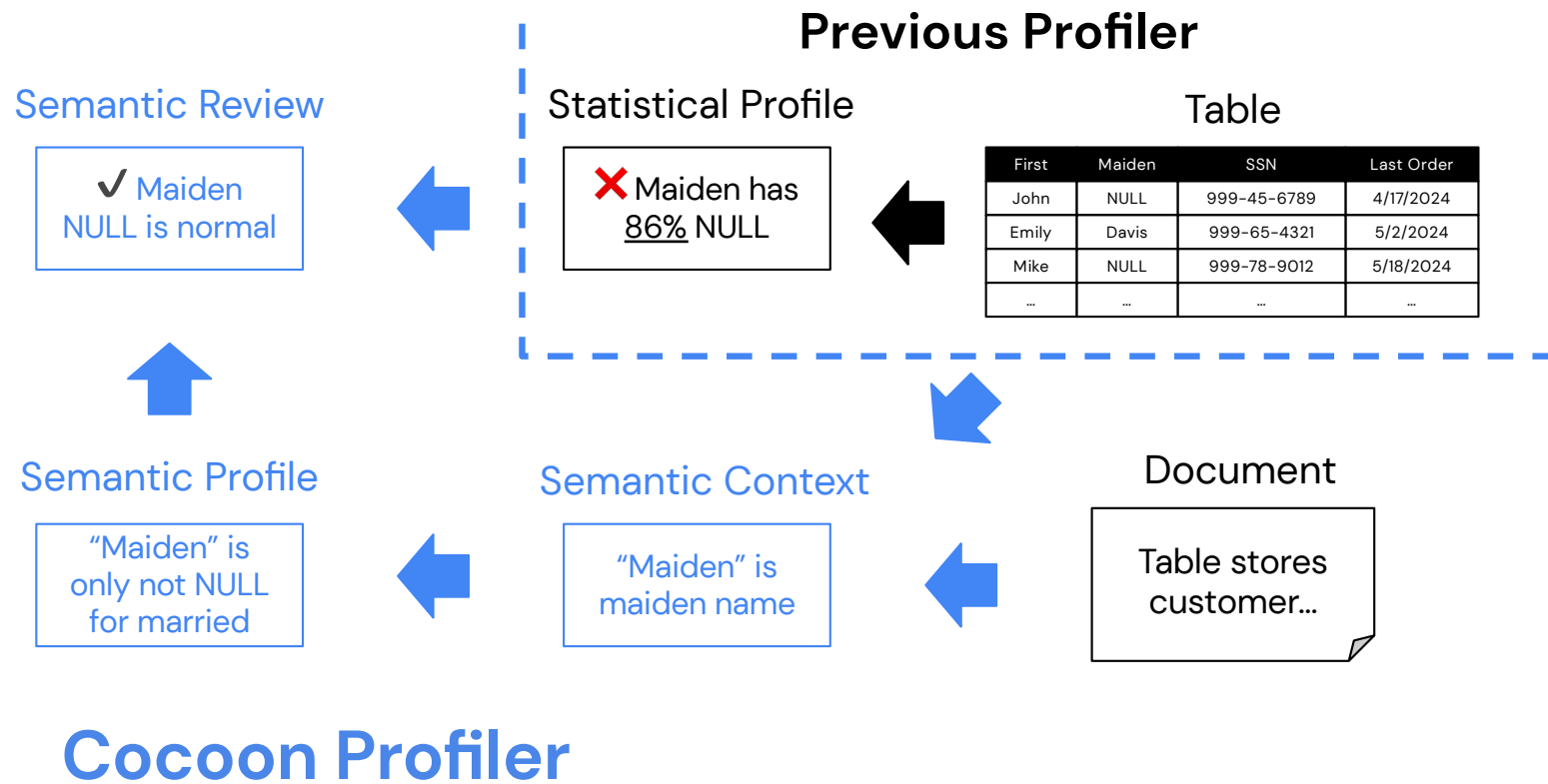


No, that pattern for a Social Security Number (SSN) is not normal in the United States because 999 is not a valid area number.

How semantics is applied



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Cocoon: Semantic Table Profiling Using LLMs

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Table profiling

First step to understand table

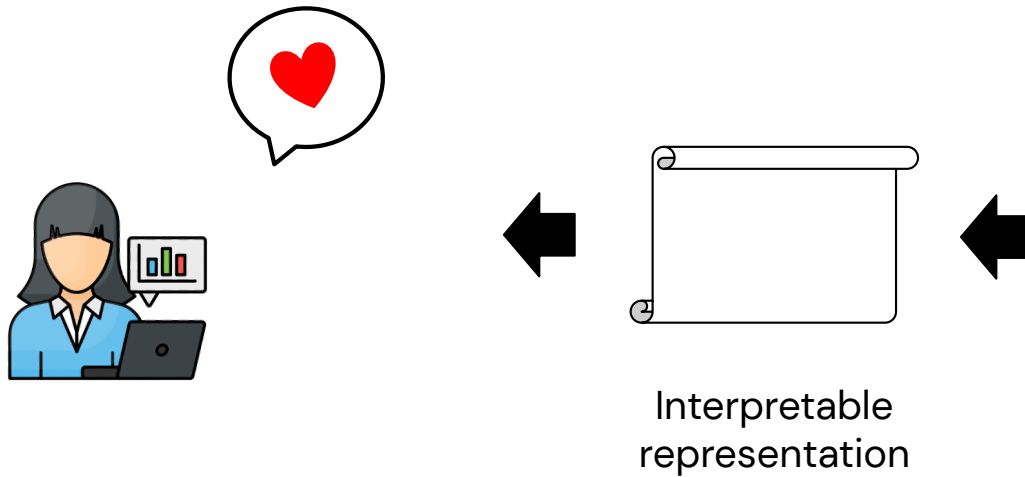


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✗ Maiden has
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✓ SSN follows
999-XX-XXXX

✗ Last Order
Peaks in May

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Statistical Profile
(+ Outlier Alert)

Table profiling

First step to understand table



✓ Maiden for married only

✗ SSN can't start with 999

✓ Last Order near current

Semantic Review

False Positive

✗ Maiden has 86% NULL

False Negative

✓ SSN follows 999-XX-XXXX

False Positive

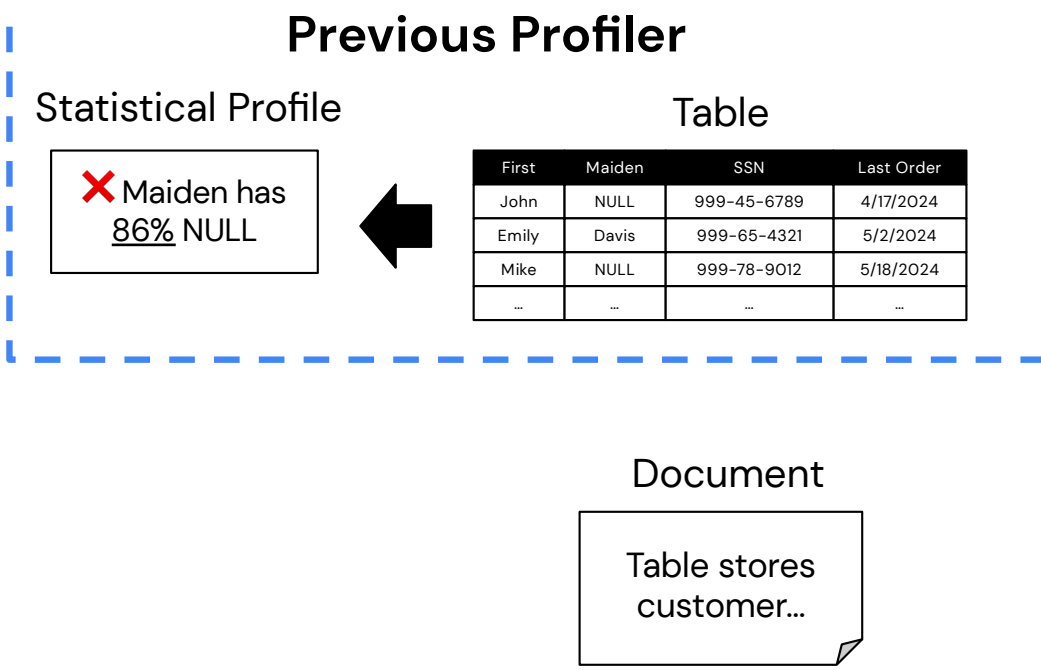
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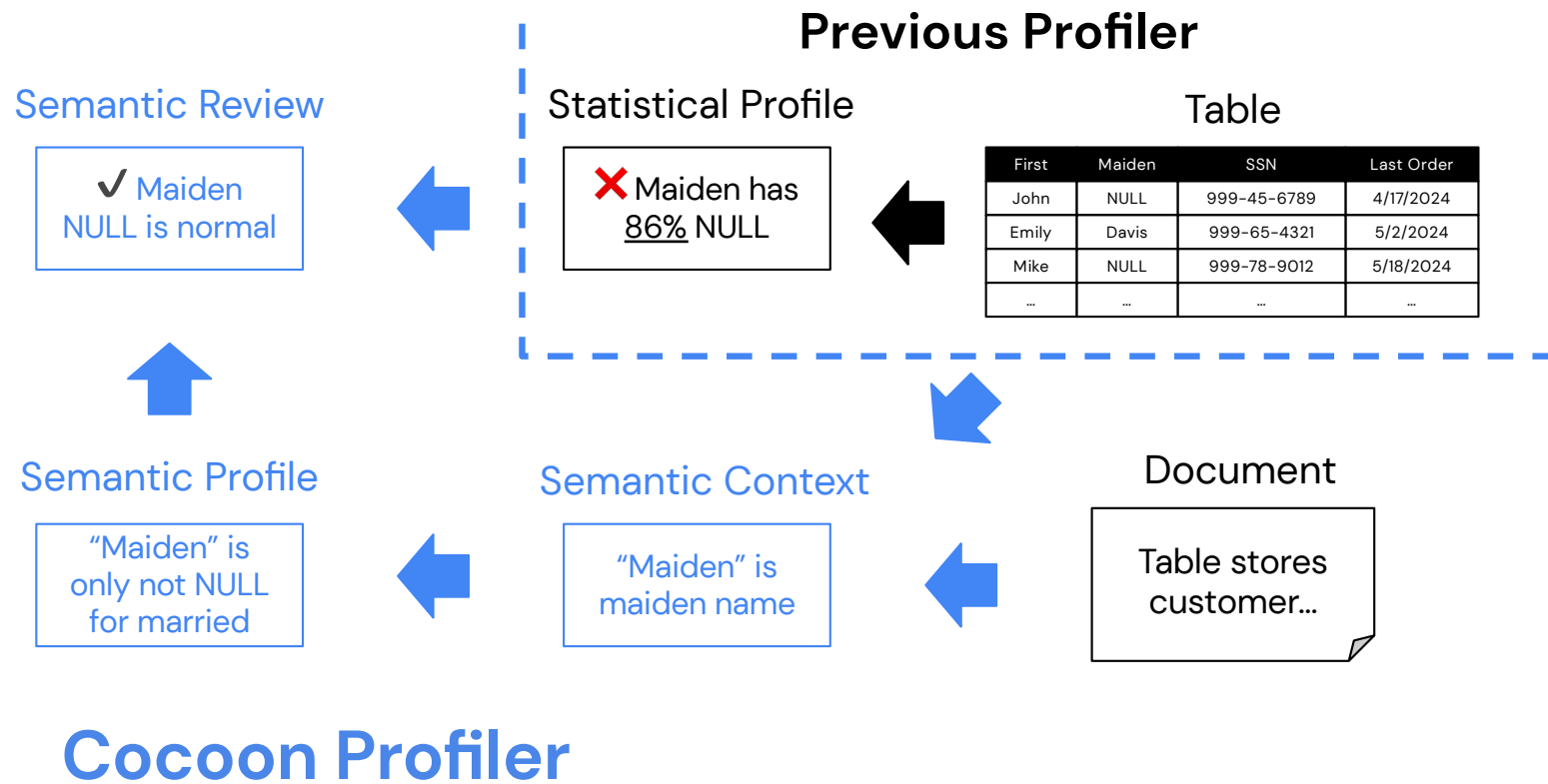
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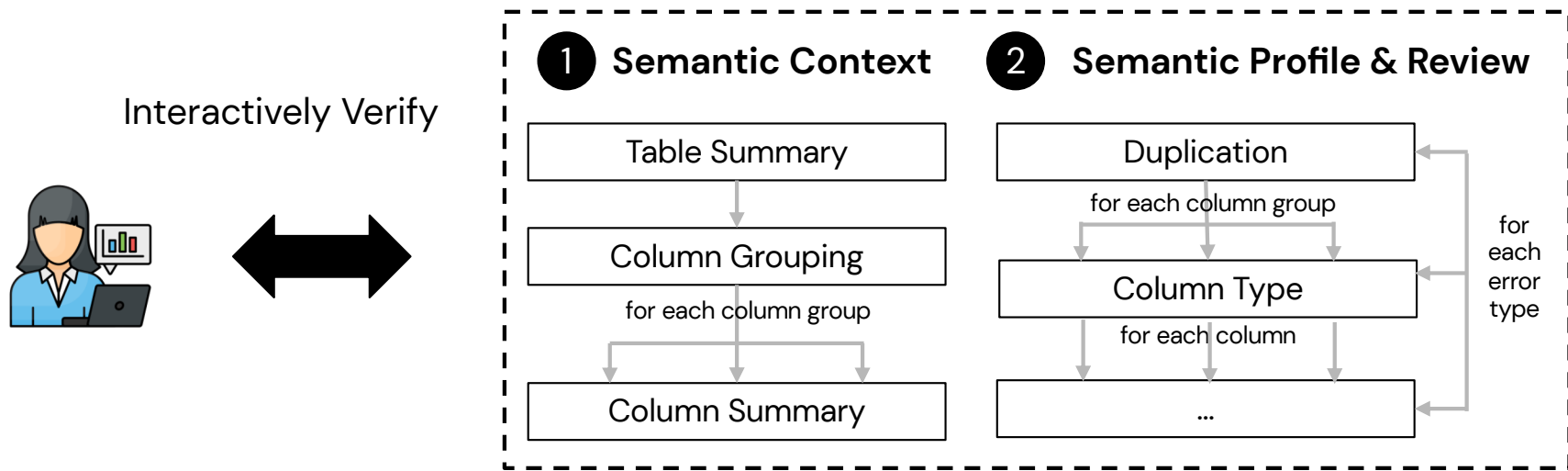
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Task Decomposition, but how?

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Semantic Context

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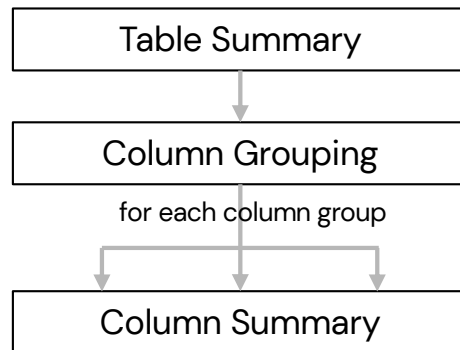


Table Summary: Given table samples (first 5 rows) and document, describe the table in NL

Column Grouping: Given the Table Summary, cluster columns into groups. This is to

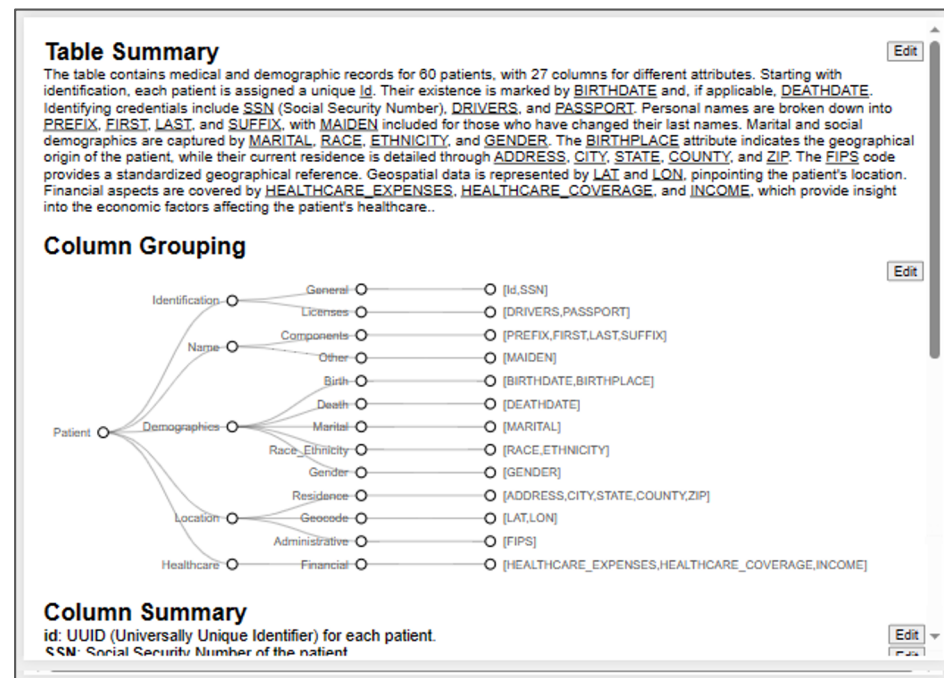
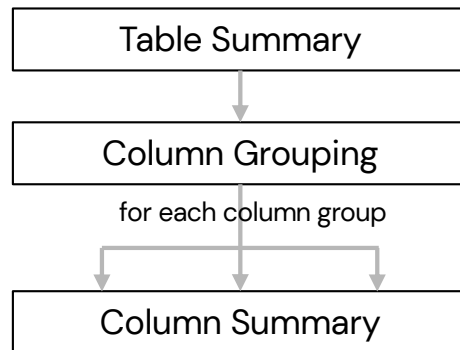
1. Find columns together express single concept (E.g., longitude, latitude)
2. Help human understand

Column Summary: Given samples for each Column Group and Table Summary, describe the group in NL

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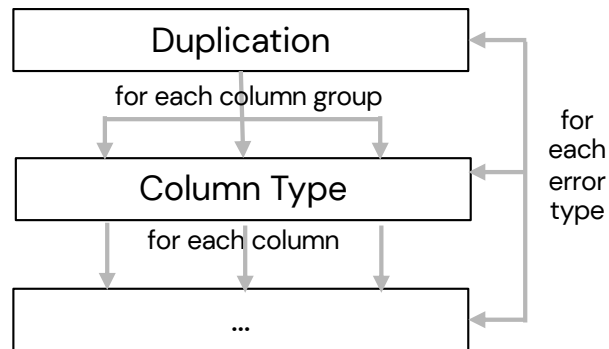


Interface for human feedback

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Semantic Profile & Review

2 Semantic Profile & Review



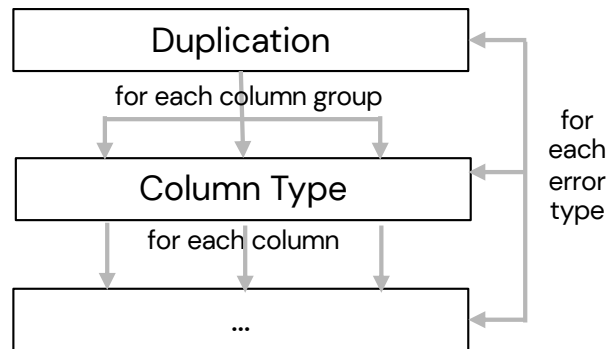
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- Column Type
- Uniqueness
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- String Outliers
- Missing Record

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Semantic Profile & Review

2 Semantic Profile & Review



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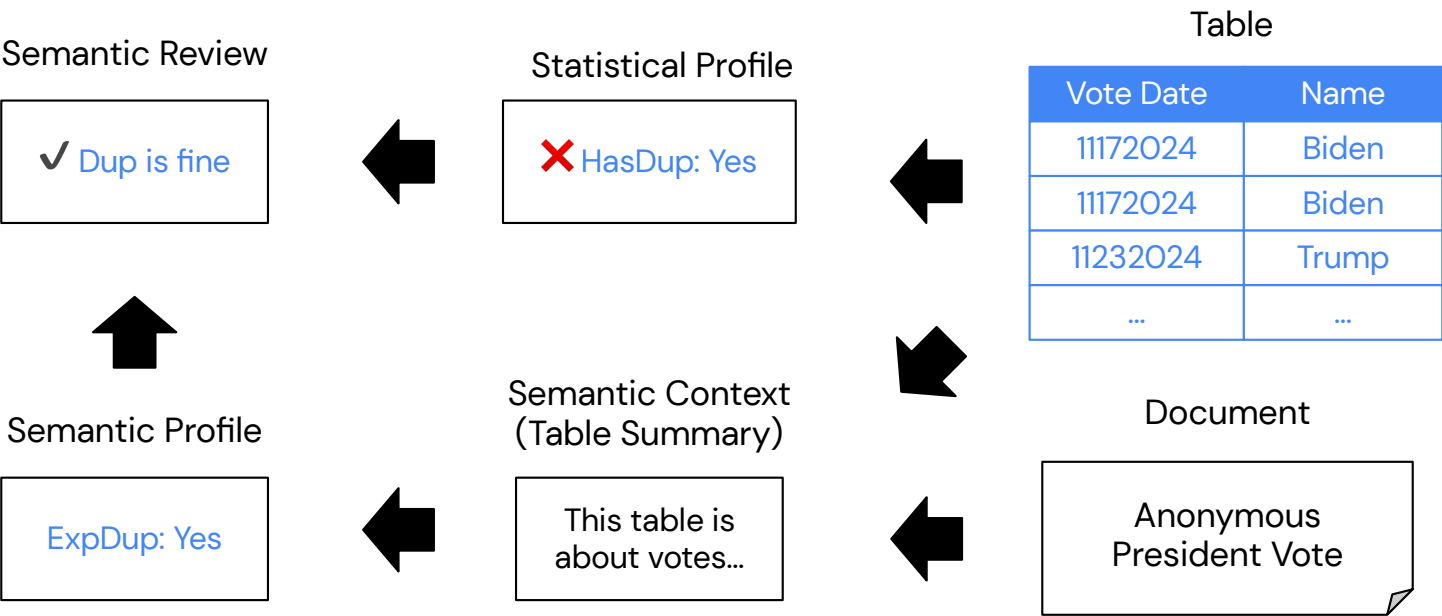
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Design: What are the Semantic Profile & Review

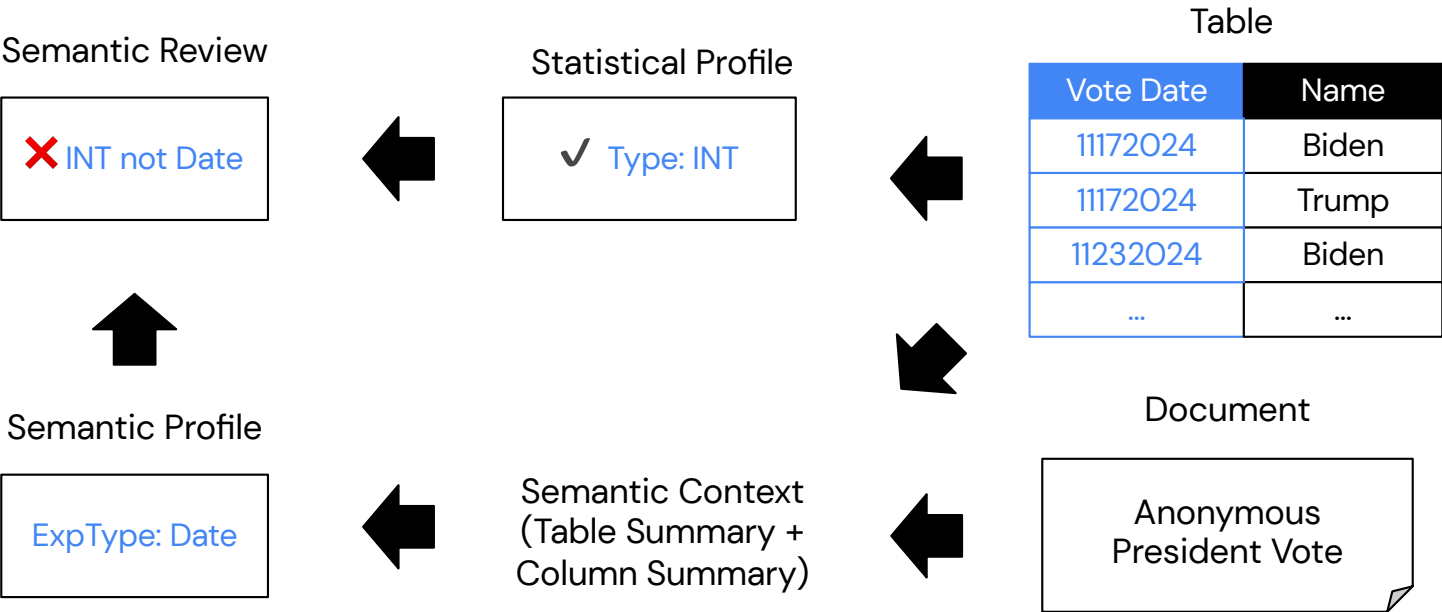
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Semantic Profile & Review for Duplication



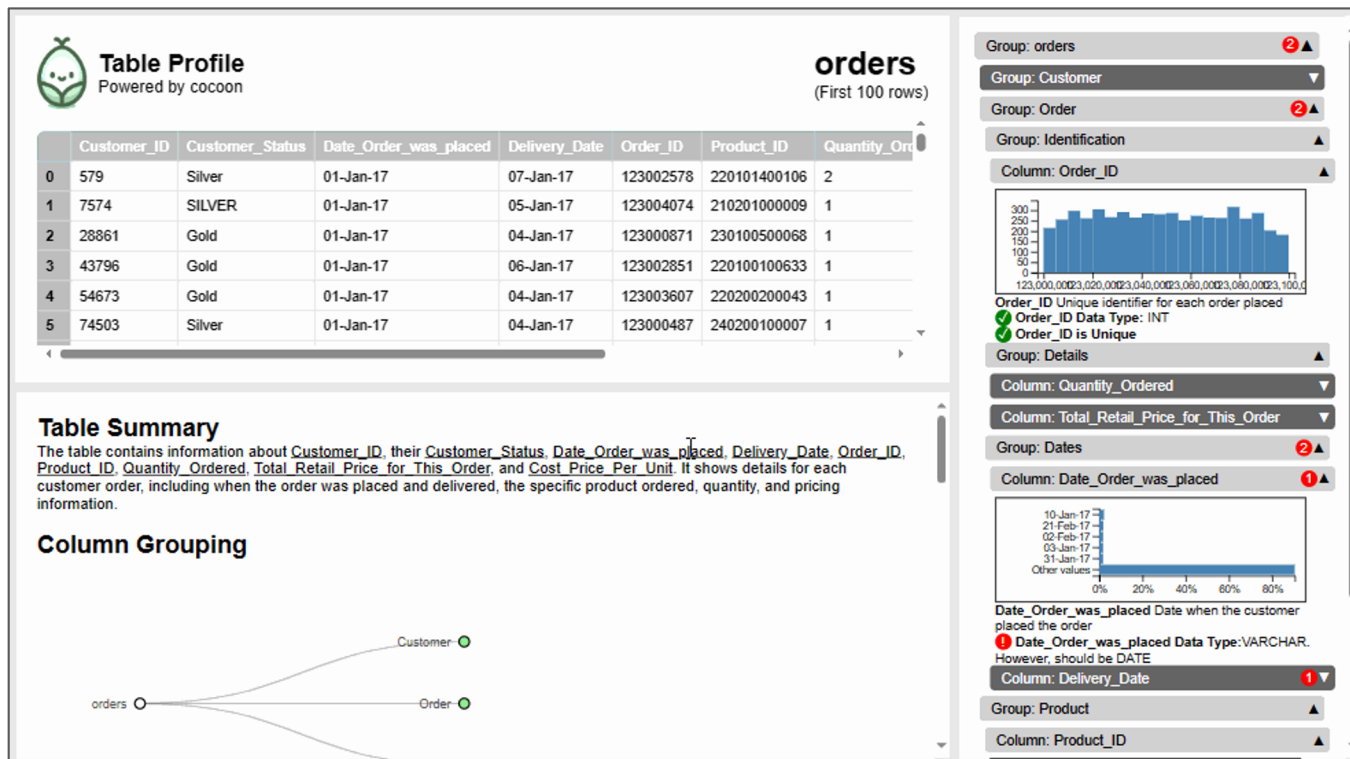
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Semantic Profile & Review for Data Type



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Final Output



Conclusion

- Statistical profiling has false positives/negatives
- LLMs help interactively improve profiling with semantics
- Task decomposition improves quality