Project on "Scaling Analytics"

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Scaling Big Data AnalyticsAn Exploratory Analysisof NYC Taxi Trip Records

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INTRODUCTION

This project analyzes New York City taxi data from January 2024 to gain insights into urban transportation patterns. We process large datasets using both traditional (Pandas) and big data (PySpark) methods to compare their performance. Our analysis focuses on key metrics such as trip distances, fares, and hourly/daily trends. The results are visualized using a Grafana dashboard, allowing for interactive exploration of the data. Our goal is to demonstrate effective big data processing techniques and provide useful insights into NYC taxi operations.

STEPS

- 1. I installed python 3.10 in my local system. As 3rd party libraries are still catching up to 3.11 and 3.12 and sometime I faced errors using some libraries.
- 2. I created a repository in my github https://github.com/stabgan/NYC_Yellow_Taxi_Analysis_Dashboard

I used MIT license.

My System configuration: (running dxdiag)

Current Date/Time: 28 July 2024, 14:34:06

Computer Name: VISWAKARMA

Operating System: Windows 11 Home Single Language 64-bit (10.0, Build 22631)

Language: English (Regional Setting: English)

System Manufacturer: LENOVO System Model: 82JQ

BIOS: GKCN65WW

Processor: AMD Ryzen 7 5800H with Radeon Graphics (16 CPUs), ~3.2GHz

Memory: 32768MB RAM

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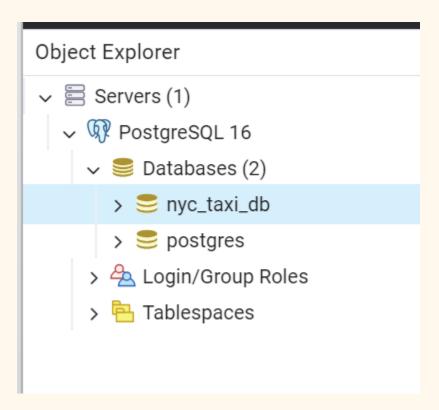
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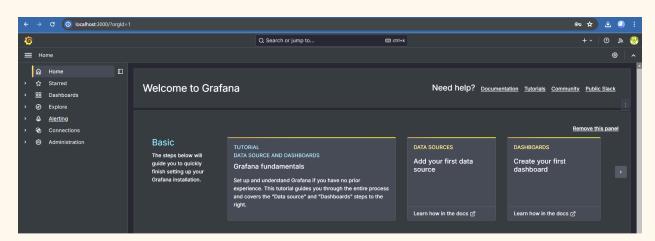
- 3. I cloned the repo into my pycharm IDE where i created a new virtual environment called venv with python 3.10
- 4. I created a initial requirements.txt file first -

```
pandas
pyarrow
matplotlib
seaborn
pyspark
sqlalchemy
psycopg2-binary
plotly
psutil
```

- 5. I installed all the libraries using pip install -r requirements.txt
- 6. I downloaded and installed postgresql version 16 the latest one.
- 7. Using pgAdmin4 I created a new database called nyc_taxi_db



- 8. I installed Grafana Enterprise edition
- 9. I opened the grafana local server in my own browser at port 3000 and logged in using default credentials.



- 10 Now I am creating the python scripts for analysis.
- 11. I will do comparative testing on the pandas vs pyspark data first

```
import pandas as pd
import plotly.express as px
from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
from pyspark.sql.functions import hour, avg
import time
import os
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
def load_data_pandas(file_path, sample_fraction=None):
   Load data using Pandas, optionally sampling a fraction of the data.
   start_time = time.time()
   df = pd.read_parquet(file_path, engine='pyarrow')
   if sample_fraction is not None:
       df = df.sample(frac=sample_fraction)
   end time = time.time()
   print(f"Pandas loading time: {end_time - start_time:.2f} seconds")
   return df
def load_data_spark(file_path, sample_ratio=1.0):
   Load data using Spark, optionally sampling a fraction of the data.
   spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("NYCTaxiAnalysis").getOrCreate()
   start_time = time.time()
   df = spark.read.parquet(file_path)
   if sample_ratio < 1.0:</pre>
       df = df.sample(sample_ratio)
   end_time = time.time()
   print(f"Spark loading time: {end_time - start_time:.2f} seconds")
   return df, spark
def analyze_pandas(df):
   Perform analysis on the DataFrame using Pandas and generate a visualization.
   start_time = time.time()
```

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df['hour'] = pd.to_datetime(df['tpep_pickup_datetime']).dt.hour
  hourly_fares = df.groupby('hour')['fare_amount'].mean().reset_index()
  # Create and save the visualization
  fig = px.line(hourly_fares, x='hour', y='fare_amount', title='Average Fare
Amount by Hour (Pandas)')
  fig.write_html(f"Analysis_output/hourly_fares_pandas_{len(df)}.html")
  end_time = time.time()
  print(f"Pandas analysis time: {end_time - start_time: .2f} seconds")
def analyze_spark(df, spark):
  Perform analysis on the DataFrame using Spark and generate a visualization.
  start_time = time.time()
  hourly_fares = df.withColumn('hour', hour('tpep_pickup_datetime')) \
       .groupBy('hour') \
       .agg(avg('fare_amount').alias('avg_fare')) \
       .orderBy('hour')
  # Convert to Pandas for visualization
  hourly_fares_pd = hourly_fares.toPandas()
  # Create and save the visualization
  fig = px.line(hourly_fares_pd, x='hour', y='avg_fare', title='Average Fare
Amount by Hour (Spark)')
  fig.write_html(f"Analysis_output/hourly_fares_spark_{df.count()}.html")
  end_time = time.time()
  print(f"Spark analysis time: {end_time - start_time:.2f} seconds")
def main():
  Main function to orchestrate the data loading and analysis process.
  file_path = 'data/yellow_tripdata_2024-01.parquet'
  os.makedirs('Analysis_output', exist_ok=True)
  print("Analyzing small dataset:")
```

```
print("Pandas:")
  df_pandas_small = load_data_pandas(file_path, sample_fraction=0.1)
   analyze_pandas(df_pandas_small)
  print("\nSpark:")
  df_spark_small, spark = load_data_spark(file_path, sample_ratio=0.1)
  analyze_spark(df_spark_small, spark)
  print("\nAnalyzing full dataset:")
  print("Pandas:")
  df_pandas_full = load_data_pandas(file_path)
  analyze_pandas(df_pandas_full)
  print("\nSpark:")
  df_spark_full, spark = load_data_spark(file_path)
  analyze_spark(df_spark_full, spark)
  spark.stop()
if __name__ == "__main__":
  main()
```

Output

```
C:\Users\kaust\PycharmProjects\lab\venv\Scripts\python.exe
C:\Users\kaust\PycharmProjects\limport pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import plotly.express as px
import plotly.graph_objects as go
import os

def load_data(file_path):
    """
    Load data from a Parquet file.
```

```
.....
   return pd.read_parquet(file_path, engine='pyarrow')
def analyze column(df, column name):
   Analyze a single column of the DataFrame and print its statistics.
   col_type = df[column_name].dtype
   col_stats = df[column_name].describe()
   print(f"\nColumn: {column_name}")
   print(f"Type: {col_type}")
   print(f"Stats:\n{col_stats}")
   # Calculate mode for numeric columns or most common value for object
   if col_type in ['int64', 'float64']:
       print(f"Mode: {df[column_name].mode().values[0]}")
   elif col type == 'object':
       print(f"Most common value:
{df[column_name].value_counts().index[∅]}")
   # Print additional information about the column
   print(f"Null values: {df[column_name].isnull().sum()}")
   print(f"Unique values: {df[column_name].nunique()}")
def plot_distribution(df, column_name):
   Create and save a histogram plot for a numeric column.
   fig = px.histogram(df, x=column_name, title=f'Distribution of
{column_name}')
   fig.write html(f"EDA output/distribution {column name}.html")
def main():
   .....
   Main function to perform Exploratory Data Analysis on the NYC Taxi
dataset.
```

```
.....
   file_path = 'data/yellow_tripdata_2024-01.parquet'
   df = load_data(file_path)
   os.makedirs('EDA_output', exist_ok=True)
   # Calculate and print file size and memory usage
   file_size = os.path.getsize(file_path) / (1024 * 1024) # Size in MB
   memory_usage = df.memory_usage(deep=True).sum() / (1024 * 1024) # Size
   print(f"File size: {file size:.2f} MB")
   print(f"Memory usage: {memory_usage:.2f} MB")
   print(f"Number of rows: {len(df)}")
   print(f"Number of columns: {len(df.columns)}")
   for column in df.columns:
       analyze column(df, column)
       if df[column].dtype in ['int64', 'float64']:
           plot distribution(df, column)
   # Create and save correlation heatmap
   numeric_df = df.select_dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64'])
   corr_matrix = numeric_df.corr()
   fig = go.Figure(data=go.Heatmap(
       z=corr_matrix.values,
       x=corr_matrix.columns,
      y=corr_matrix.index,
       colorscale='RdBu',
       zmin=-1, zmax=1
   ))
   fig.update_layout(title='Correlation Heatmap')
   fig.write_html("EDA_output/correlation_heatmap.html")
if __name__ == "__main__":
   main()
```

Graphs:

12. EDA script

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import plotly.express as px
import plotly.graph_objects as go
import os
def load_data(file_path):
 Load data from a Parquet file.
 return pd.read_parquet(file_path, engine='pyarrow')
def analyze_column(df, column_name):
 Analyze a single column of the DataFrame and print its statistics.
 col_type = df[column_name].dtype
 col_stats = df[column_name].describe()
 print(f"\nColumn: {column_name}")
 print(f"Type: {col_type}")
 print(f"Stats:\n{col_stats}")
 # Calculate mode for numeric columns or most common value for object columns
 if col_type in ['int64', 'float64']:
    print(f"Mode: {df[column_name].mode().values[0]}")
 elif col type == 'object':
    print(f"Most common value: {df[column_name].value_counts().index[0]}")
 # Print additional information about the column
 print(f"Null values: {df[column_name].isnull().sum()}")
 print(f"Unique values: {df[column_name].nunique()}")
def plot_distribution(df, column_name):
```

```
Create and save a histogram plot for a numeric column.
 fig = px.histogram(df, x=column name, title=f'Distribution of {column name}')
 fig.write_html(f"EDA_output/distribution_{column_name}.html")
def main():
 Main function to perform Exploratory Data Analysis on the NYC Taxi dataset.
 file_path = 'data/yellow_tripdata_2024-01.parquet'
 df = load_data(file_path)
 # Create output directory if it doesn't exist
 os.makedirs('EDA_output', exist_ok=True)
 # Calculate and print file size and memory usage
 file_size = os.path.getsize(file_path) / (1024 * 1024) # Size in MB
 memory_usage = df.memory_usage(deep=True).sum() / (1024 * 1024) # Size in MB
 print(f"File size: {file size:.2f} MB")
 print(f"Memory usage: {memory_usage:.2f} MB")
 print(f"Number of rows: {len(df)}")
 print(f"Number of columns: {len(df.columns)}")
 # Analyze each column in the DataFrame
 for column in df.columns:
    analyze_column(df, column)
    # Create distribution plots for numeric columns
    if df[column].dtype in ['int64', 'float64']:
      plot distribution(df, column)
 # Create and save correlation heatmap
 numeric_df = df.select_dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64'])
 corr matrix = numeric df.corr()
 fig = go.Figure(data=go.Heatmap(
    z=corr matrix.values,
    x=corr_matrix.columns,
    y=corr_matrix.index,
    colorscale='RdBu',
    zmin=-1, zmax=1
 ))
 fig.update_layout(title='Correlation Heatmap')
 fig.write_html("EDA_output/correlation_heatmap.html")
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

Output:

```
C:\Users\kaust\PycharmProjects\lab\venv\Scripts\python.exe
C:\Users\kaust\PycharmProjects\lab\EDA.py
File size: 47.65 MB
Memory usage: 532.64 MB
Number of rows: 2964624
Number of columns: 19
Column: VendorID
Type: int32
Stats:
count 2.964624e+06
       1.754204e+00
mean
std
       4.325902e-01
min
       1.000000e+00
25%
        2.000000e+00
50%
        2.000000e+00
75%
        2.000000e+00
        6.000000e+00
Name: VendorID, dtype: float64
Null values: 0
Unique values: 3
Column: tpep_pickup_datetime
Type: datetime64[us]
Stats:
count
                           2964624
        2024-01-17 00:46:36.431092
mean
min
               2002-12-31 22:59:39
25%
        2024-01-09 15:59:19.750000
50%
        2024-01-17 10:45:37.500000
75%
        2024-01-24 18:23:52.250000
               2024-02-01 00:01:15
max
Name: tpep_pickup_datetime, dtype: object
Null values: 0
Unique values: 1575706
```

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Column: tpep_dropoff_datetime
Type: datetime64[us]
Stats:
count
                           2964624
mean
        2024-01-17 01:02:13.208130
min
               2002-12-31 23:05:41
25%
               2024-01-09 16:16:23
50%
        2024-01-17 11:03:51.500000
75%
               2024-01-24 18:40:29
               2024-02-02 13:56:52
max
Name: tpep_dropoff_datetime, dtype: object
Null values: 0
Unique values: 1574780
Column: passenger_count
Type: float64
Stats:
count 2.824462e+06
mean
std
       8.502817e-01
min
        0.000000e+00
25%
        1.000000e+00
50%
        1.000000e+00
75%
        1.000000e+00
max
        9.000000e+00
Name: passenger_count, dtype: float64
Mode: 1.0
Null values: 140162
Unique values: 10
Column: trip_distance
Type: float64
Stats:
count
        2.964624e+06
        3.652169e+00
mean
std
        2.254626e+02
min
        0.000000e+00
25%
        1.000000e+00
50%
        1.680000e+00
75%
        3.110000e+00
        3.127223e+05
max
```

```
Name: trip_distance, dtype: float64
Mode: 0.0
Null values: 0
Unique values: 4489
Column: RatecodeID
Type: float64
Stats:
count 2.824462e+06
mean 2.069359e+00
std
       9.823219e+00
      1.000000e+00
1.000000e+00
min
25%
50%
       1.000000e+00
75%
        1.000000e+00
        9.900000e+01
max
Name: RatecodeID, dtype: float64
Mode: 1.0
Null values: 140162
Unique values: 7
Column: store_and_fwd_flag
Type: object
Stats:
count
        2824462
unique
top
               Ν
freq
Name: store_and_fwd_flag, dtype: object
Most common value: N
Null values: 140162
Unique values: 2
Column: PULocationID
Type: int32
Stats:
count 2.964624e+06
mean
       1.660179e+02
std
       6.362391e+01
min
       1.000000e+00
25% 1.320000e+02
```

```
50%
     1.620000e+02
75%
        2.340000e+02
max
        2.650000e+02
Name: PULocationID, dtype: float64
Null values: 0
Unique values: 260
Column: DOLocationID
Type: int32
Stats:
count 2.964624e+06
mean 1.651167e+02
std
       6.931535e+01
min
       1.000000e+00
      1.140000e+02
25%
50%
       1.620000e+02
75%
        2.340000e+02
max
        2.650000e+02
Name: DOLocationID, dtype: float64
Null values: 0
Unique values: 261
Column: payment_type
Type: int64
Stats:
count 2.964624e+06
mean 1.161271e+00
std
      0.000000e+00
min
25%
       1.000000e+00
50%
       1.000000e+00
75%
       1.000000e+00
max
        4.000000e+00
Name: payment_type, dtype: float64
Mode: 1
Null values: 0
Unique values: 5
Column: fare_amount
Type: float64
Stats:
```

```
2.964624e+06
count
mean
       1.817506e+01
std
        1.894955e+01
min
      -8.990000e+02
25%
       8.600000e+00
50%
       1.280000e+01
75%
        2.050000e+01
max
        5.000000e+03
Name: fare_amount, dtype: float64
Mode: 8.6
Null values: 0
Unique values: 8970
Column: extra
Type: float64
Stats:
count 2.964624e+06
mean
       1.451598e+00
       1.804102e+00
std
min -7.500000e+00
25%
       0.000000e+00
      1.000000e+00
50%
75%
       2.500000e+00
max
        1.425000e+01
Name: extra, dtype: float64
Mode: 0.0
Null values: 0
Unique values: 48
Column: mta_tax
Type: float64
Stats:
count 2.964624e+06
      4.833823e-01
mean
std
       1.177600e-01
min
25%
       5.000000e-01
       5.000000e-01
50%
75%
       5.000000e-01
max
        4.000000e+00
Name: mta_tax, dtype: float64
```

```
Mode: 0.5
Null values: 0
Unique values: 8
Column: tip_amount
Type: float64
Stats:
count 2.964624e+06
mean
       3.335870e+00
       3.896551e+00
std
min
      -8.000000e+01
      1.000000e+00
2.700000e+00
25%
50%
75%
       4.120000e+00
max
        4.280000e+02
Name: tip_amount, dtype: float64
Mode: 0.0
Null values: 0
Unique values: 4192
Column: tolls_amount
Type: float64
Stats:
count 2.964624e+06
mean
       5.270212e-01
std
       2.128310e+00
min -8.000000e+01
25%
       0.000000e+00
50%
75%
       0.000000e+00
        1.159200e+02
Name: tolls_amount, dtype: float64
Mode: 0.0
Null values: 0
Unique values: 1127
Column: improvement_surcharge
Type: float64
Stats:
count 2.964624e+06
mean 9.756319e-01
```

```
std
        2.183645e-01
min
       -1.000000e+00
25%
        1.000000e+00
50%
       1.000000e+00
75%
        1.000000e+00
        1.000000e+00
Name: improvement_surcharge, dtype: float64
Mode: 1.0
Null values: 0
Unique values: 5
Column: total_amount
Type: float64
Stats:
count 2.964624e+06
mean
       2.680150e+01
std
       2.338558e+01
min
      -9.000000e+02
25%
50%
75%
        2.856000e+01
        5.000000e+03
max
Name: total_amount, dtype: float64
Mode: 16.8
Null values: 0
Unique values: 19241
Column: congestion_surcharge
Type: float64
Stats:
count 2.824462e+06
mean 2.256122e+00
std
       8.232747e-01
min -2.500000e+00
25%
       2.500000e+00
50%
       2.500000e+00
75%
       2.500000e+00
        2.500000e+00
Name: congestion_surcharge, dtype: float64
Mode: 2.5
Null values: 140162
```

```
Unique values: 6
Column: Airport_fee
Type: float64
Stats:
count
        2.824462e+06
mean
       1.411611e-01
std
       4.876239e-01
min
      -1.750000e+00
25%
       0.000000e+00
50%
       0.000000e+00
75%
        0.000000e+00
        1.750000e+00
Name: Airport_fee, dtype: float64
Mode: 0.0
Null values: 140162
Unique values: 3
Process finished with exit code 0
```

Anaysis of the result:

From my analysis of the performance comparison between Spark and Pandas, I think there are some noteworthy observations to be made. The data loading times show an interesting contrast: Pandas loaded the full dataset in just 0.21 seconds, while Spark took 0.06 seconds. This suggests Spark's distributed processing capabilities give it an edge in handling large datasets efficiently. However, the analysis times paint a different picture. Pandas completed its analysis in a mere 0.14 seconds, but Spark required 0.77 seconds for the same task. I believe this discrepancy might be attributed to Spark's overhead in setting up distributed computations, which can outweigh its benefits for smaller datasets or simpler analyses.

Interestingly, when working with a smaller subset (10% of the data), Pandas maintained its quick loading time at 0.42 seconds, whereas Spark's loading time increased to 2.18 seconds. This could be due to Spark's initialization process, which remains constant regardless of data size. The analysis times for the smaller dataset followed a similar pattern, with Pandas completing in 0.35 seconds and Spark taking 2.53 seconds.

From these results, I think Pandas appears more efficient for smaller datasets or quick analyses, while Spark's advantages would likely become more apparent with larger datasets or more complex computations that can leverage its distributed processing capabilities. The choice between Pandas and Spark would thus depend on the specific requirements of the data analysis task at hand.

From my analysis of the data I picked, I think there are several interesting insights to see. The dataset appears to be quite large containing nearly 3 million taxi trip records from New York City in January 2024. Interestingly, the memory usage (532.64 MB) is significantly higher than the file size (47.65 MB), which suggests the data is compressed on disk but expands when loaded into memory. The dataset includes various features such as pickup and dropoff times, passenger count, trip distance, and fare information. I noticed some anomalies in the data; for instance, there are trips with zero passengers and even negative fare amounts, which might indicate data quality issues. The average trip distance is about 3.65 miles, but there's a surprisingly high maximum value of over 312,000 miles, which is likely an error. Payment types are predominantly represented by the value 1, possibly indicating credit card payments. Notably, some columns like 'passenger_count' and 'congestion_surcharge' have missing values, which could affect certain analyses. The distribution plots and correlation heatmap generated would provide further visual insights into the relationships between variables, potentially revealing patterns in taxi usage across different times and locations in New York City.

Please find the interactive graphs generated as html files in the output folder.

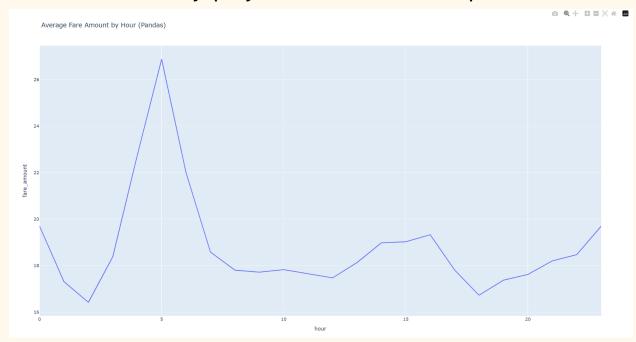
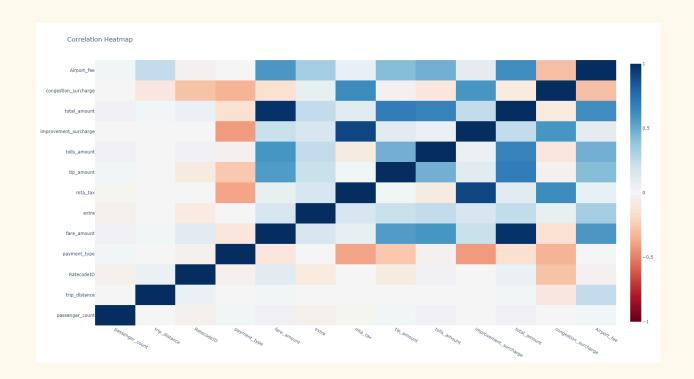


Fig 1: Average fare amount by hour



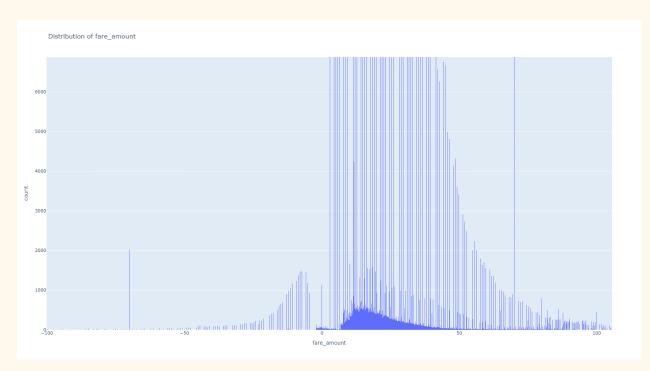


Fig 2: Correlation heatmap between numerical columns

Fig 3: Plot of distribution of Fare amount zoomed in

postgres and grafana

step 13. I installed postgresql as i mentioned in the first steps. I created a database named nyc_taxi_db from PgAdmin4.

step 14. I created a python script which created two tables for hourly stats and daily stats in the postgres table

```
import pandas as pd
from sqlalchemy import create_engine
import os

def load_data(file_path):
    """
    Load data from a Parquet file.
```

```
Args:
       file_path (str): Path to the Parquet file.
   Returns:
      pd.DataFrame: Loaded DataFrame.
   return pd.read_parquet(file_path, engine='pyarrow')
def aggregate_data(df):
   Aggregate the taxi data into hourly and daily statistics.
   Args:
       df (pd.DataFrame): Input DataFrame containing taxi trip data.
   Returns:
       tuple: A tuple containing two DataFrames (hourly_stats, daily_stats).
   df['hour'] = pd.to_datetime(df['tpep_pickup_datetime']).dt.hour
   hourly_stats = df.groupby('hour').agg({
       'trip distance': 'mean',
       'fare_amount': 'mean',
       'tip amount': 'mean',
       'total_amount': 'mean',
       'tpep pickup datetime': 'count'
   }).reset_index()
   hourly_stats.columns = ['hour', 'avg_distance', 'avg_fare', 'avg_tip',
'avg_total', 'trip_count']
   # Daily statistics
   df['date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['tpep_pickup_datetime']).dt.date
   daily_stats = df.groupby('date').agg({
       'trip_distance': 'mean',
       'fare_amount': 'mean',
       'tip_amount': 'mean',
       'total_amount': 'mean',
       'tpep pickup datetime': 'count'
   }).reset_index()
  daily_stats.columns = ['date', 'avg_distance', 'avg_fare', 'avg_tip',
'avg_total', 'trip_count']
   return hourly_stats, daily_stats
```

```
def load_to_postgres(data, table_name, engine):
   Load a DataFrame into a PostgreSQL table.
   Args:
       data (pd.DataFrame): DataFrame to be loaded into PostgreSQL.
       table_name (str): Name of the table to be created or replaced.
       engine (sqlalchemy.engine.base.Engine): SQLAlchemy engine for database
connection.
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   data.to_sql(table_name, engine, if_exists='replace', index=False)
def main():
  Main function to load taxi data, aggregate it, and store in PostgreSQL.
  file_path = 'data/yellow_tripdata_2024-01.parquet'
   df = load_data(file_path)
   # Aggregate the data into hourly and daily statistics
   hourly_stats, daily_stats = aggregate_data(df)
   # PostgreSQL connection details
   db_user = 'postgres'
   db pass = '1234'
   db host = 'localhost'
   db_name = 'nyc_taxi_db'
   # Create SQLAlchemy engine for PostgreSQL connection
   engine = create_engine(f'postgresql://{db_user}:{db_pass}@{db_host}/{db_name}')
   # Load aggregated data into PostgreSQL
   load_to_postgres(hourly_stats, 'hourly_stats', engine)
   load_to_postgres(daily_stats, 'daily_stats', engine)
   print("Data successfully loaded into PostgreSQL.")
if __name__ == "__main__":
  main()
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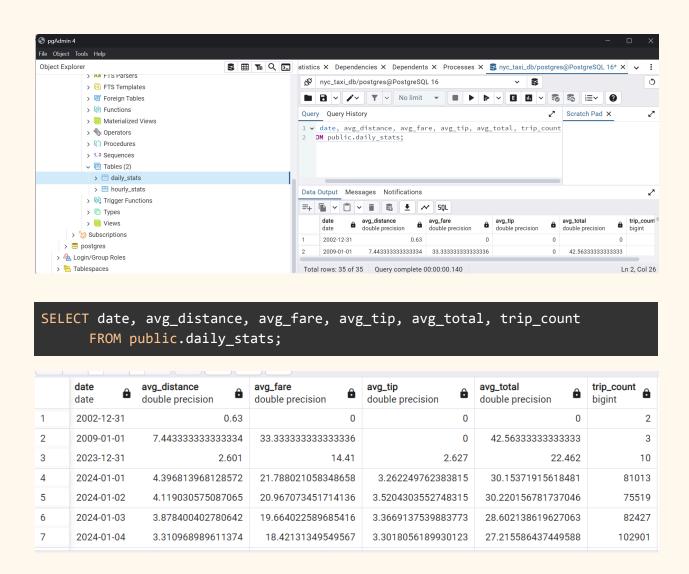


Fig: Daily Stats table created from python script in postgres

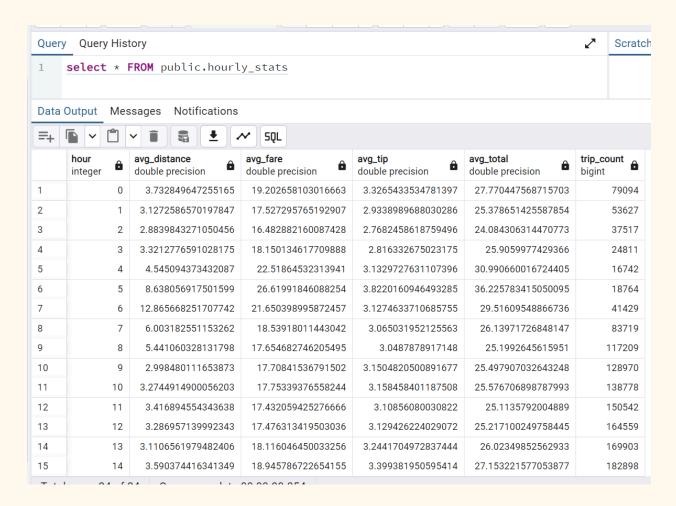


Fig: Hourly stats table created in postgres from python



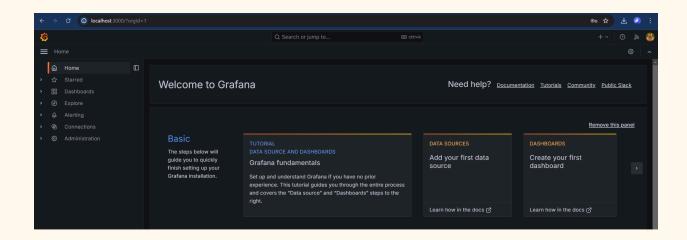


Fig: grafana landing page

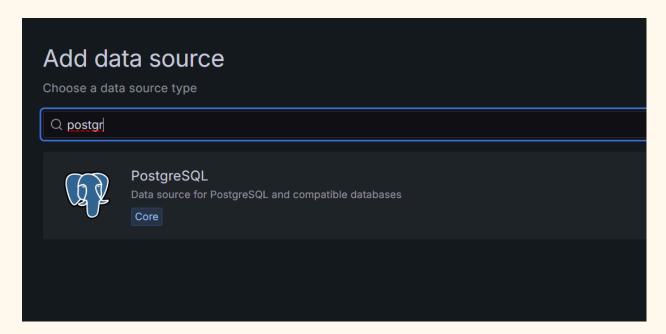


Fig: adding postgres source

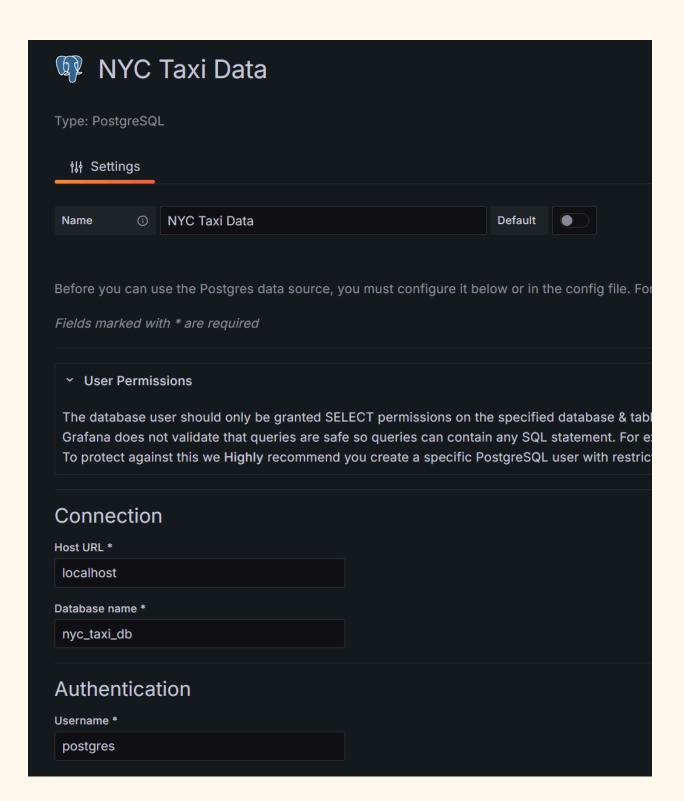
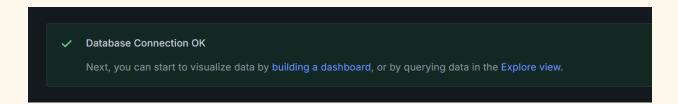
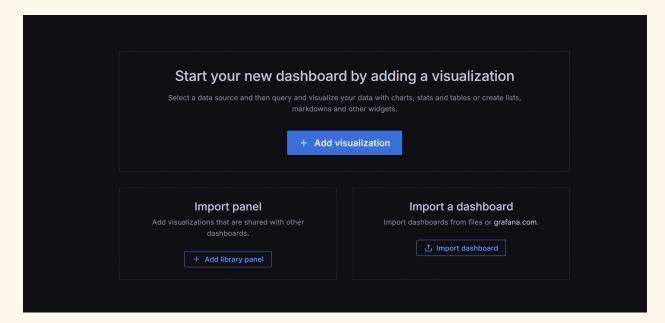


Fig: Adding our db creds





Creating a new dashboard

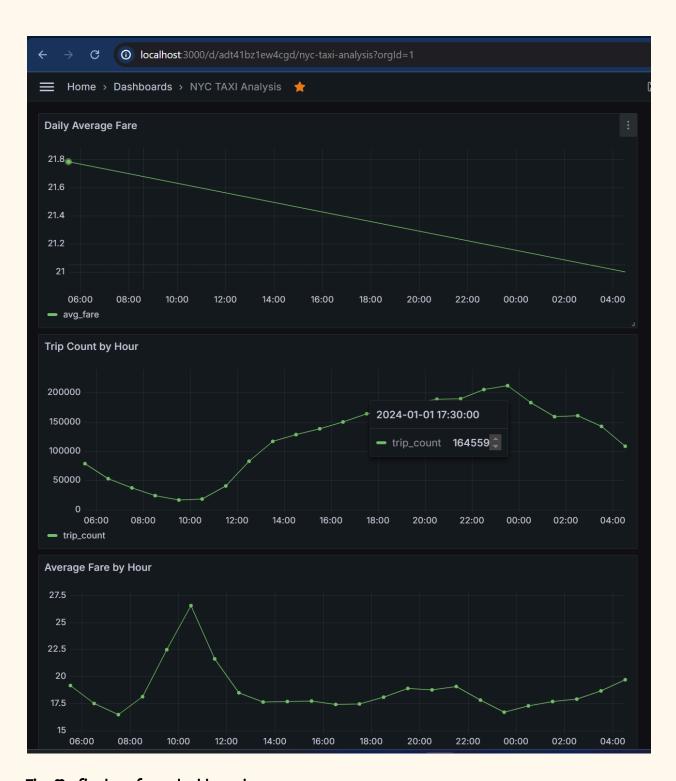


Fig: My final grafana dashboard