

Data Analysis with SQL + Talend + Snowflake + Power BI

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Scenario

Walmart Sales Data Transfer from SQL Server to Snowflake with ETL Process by Talend Open Studio, and Building a Sales Analysis Dashboard in Power Bl.

Step 1: Setting Up the Environment

1. SQL Server Configuration:

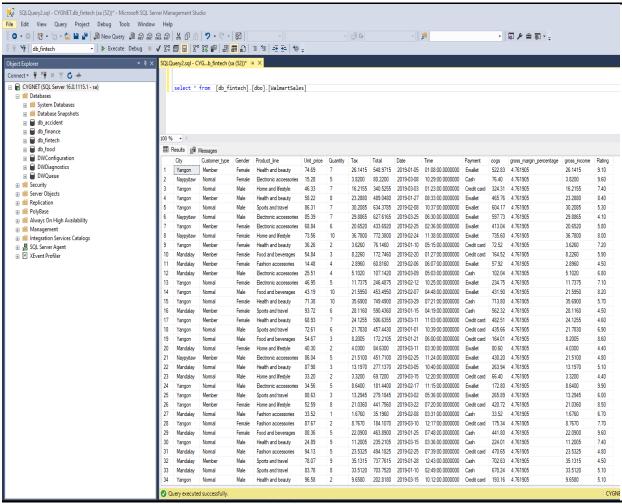
- o Ensure the SQL Server instance is up and running.
- Verify that the sales data exists in the SQL Server database.
- o Create necessary user accounts with appropriate permissions to access the data.

2. Snowflake Configuration:

- Set up a Snowflake account.
- o Create a database and schema in Snowflake for storing the sales data.
- o Create a user account with permissions to load data into the database.

3. Talend Open Studio Installation:

- o Download and install Talend Open Studio for Data Integration.
- Configure the necessary connections to SQL Server and Snowflake.



SOL Server Data

Step 2: Designing the ETL Process in Talend Open Studio

1. Create a New Talend Job:

o Open Talend Open Studio and create a new job for the ETL process.

2. Extract Data from SQL Server:

- o Use the tmssqlinput component to connect to SQL Server and extract sales data.
- o Configure the component with the SQL Server connection details (host, port, database, user, password).
- o Write a SQL query to select the relevant sales data.

3. Transform Data (Optional):

- o If transformation is needed, use Talend components like tMap, tFilterRow, tAggregateRow, etc., to process the data.
- o Perform data cleansing, aggregation, or other transformations as required.

4. Load Data into Snowflake:

- o Use the tsnowflakeOutputBulkExec component to load data into Snowflake.
- o Configure the component with Snowflake connection details (account, warehouse, database, schema, user, password).
- o Specify the target table where the sales data will be loaded.
- o Optionally, use the tFileOutputDelimited component to create a CSV file before loading it into Snowflake.

5. **Job Execution:**

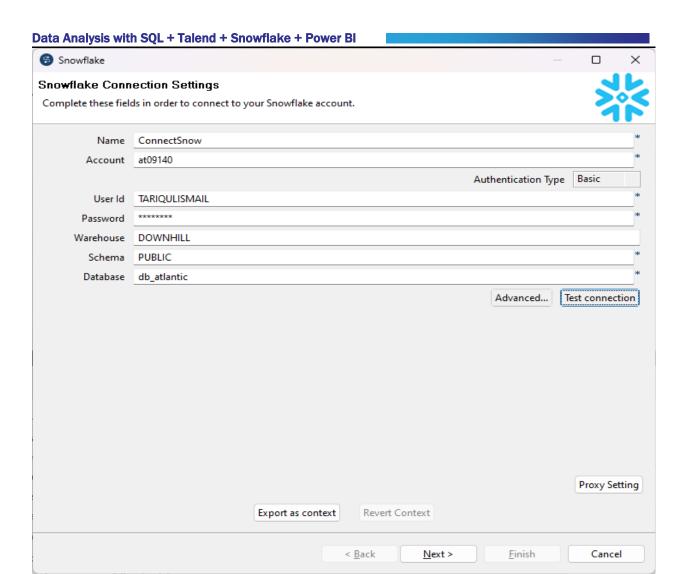
- o Link the components appropriately to define the data flow.
- o Execute the Talend job and monitor for successful data transfer.

6. Log into Snowflake:

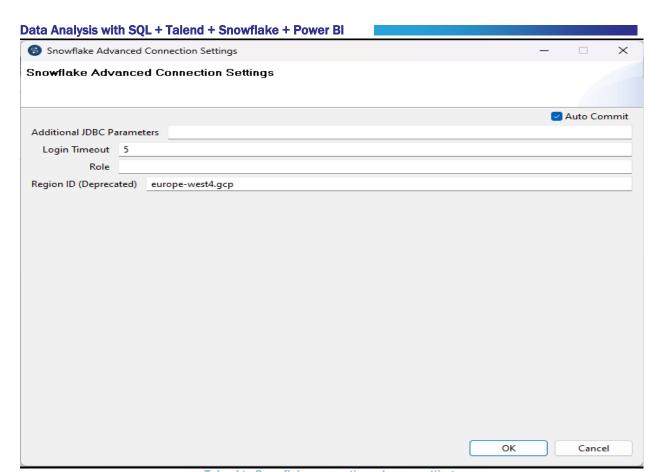
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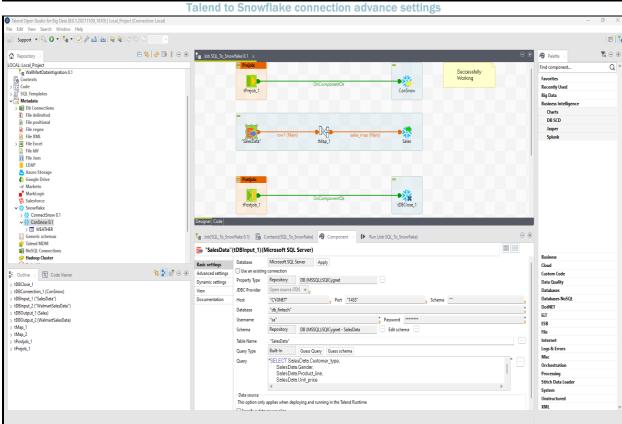
7. Verify Data Load:

- Query the target table in Snowflake to ensure that the data has been loaded correctly.
- o Perform basic checks such as row count and data integrity checks.



Talend to Snowflake connection settings





Talend to Snowflake ETL Job



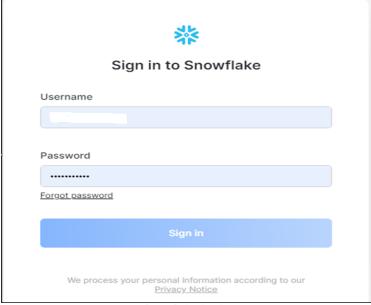
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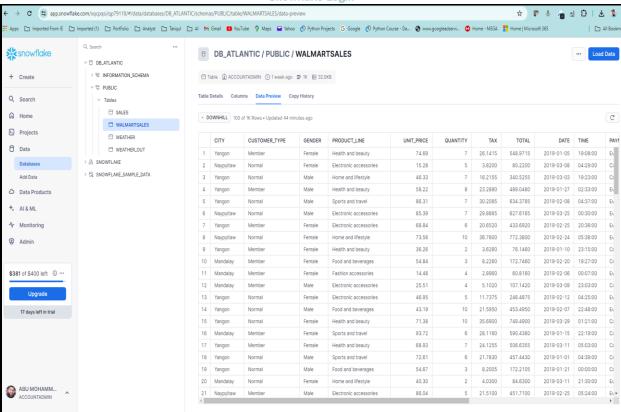
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Snowflake Login



Walmart sales data transferred to Snowflake



Step 4: Building a Sales Analysis Dashboard in Power Bl

1. Connect Power BI to Snowflake:

- Open Power BI Desktop.
- Click on "Get Data" and select "Snowflake" from the list of available connectors.
- Enter the Snowflake connection details (server, warehouse, database, schema, user, password).

2. Import Data from Snowflake:

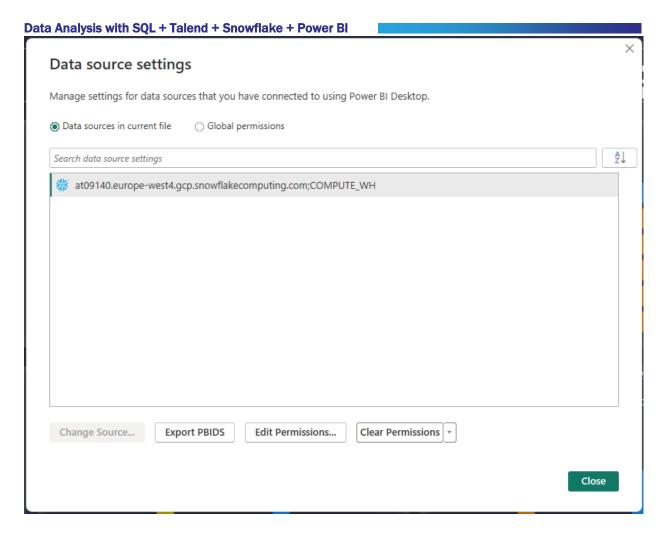
- Navigate through the Snowflake database and select the tables or views containing the sales data.
- o Load the data into Power BI for analysis.

3. **Design the Dashboard:**

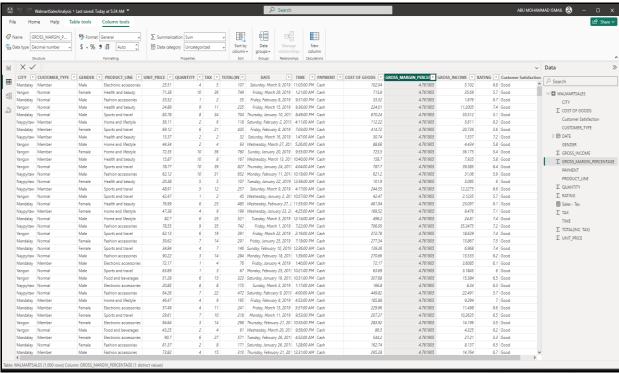
- Create visualizations such as charts, graphs, and tables to represent sales metrics.
- Use Power BI features like slicers, filters, and drill-throughs to enhance the interactivity of the dashboard.

4. Publish the Dashboard:

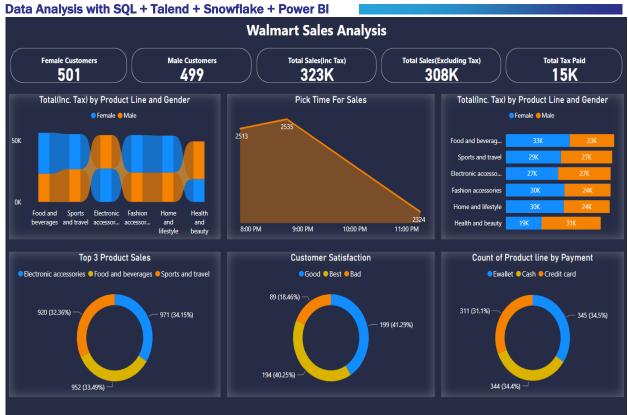
- Once the dashboard is complete, publish it to the Power BI Service for sharing with stakeholders.
- Set up scheduled data refreshes to keep the dashboard updated with the latest data from Snowflake.



Power BI to Snowflake connection settings



Data Transferred to Power Bi from Snowflake



Power BI Dashboard

Step 5: Best Practices and Considerations

• Data Quality:

 Ensure data quality checks are in place both in Talend during the ETL process and in Snowflake after loading.

Performance Optimization:

- Optimize SQL queries in SQL Server for efficient data extraction.
- Use Snowflake's clustering and partitioning features to enhance query performance.

Monitoring:

- Set up monitoring and alerting for ETL jobs in Talend to promptly address any failures or issues.
- Use Snowflake's monitoring tools to keep track of data usage and performance.

By following these detailed steps, you can effectively transfer Walmart sales data from SQL Server to Snowflake using Talend Open Studio and create a comprehensive sales analysis dashboard in Power BI.