Change Data Capture

Learning Objectives

- ▶ Definition of Change data capture
- Processing Change data capture with DLT

Change Data Capture

 CDC: Process of identifying changes made to data in the source and delivering those changes to the target



Row-Level changes

- ► Inserting new records
- Updating existing records
- Deleteing existing records

CDC Feed

► Row data + metadata

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FR	France	0.75	2022-11-01 08:00	UPDATE
CA			2022-11-01 00:00	DELETE
US	USA	0,5	2022-11-01 07:00	INSERT
IN	India	0.66	2022-11-01 00:00	INSERT



Country ID	Country	Vaccination Rate
FR	France	0,6
CA	Canada	0,71

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CDC with DLT

APPLY CHANGES INTO command

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APPLY CHANGES INTO LIVE.target_table

FROM STREAM(LIVE.cdc_feed_table)

KEYS (key_field)

APPLY AS DELETE WHEN operation_field = "DELETE"

SEQUENCE BY sequence_field

COLUMNS *
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APPLY CHANGES INTO: Pros

- Orders late-arriving records using the sequencing key
- ▶ Default assumption is that rows will contain inserts and updates
- Can optionally apply deletes (APPLY AS DELETE WHEN condition)
- Specify one or many fields as the primary key for a table
- Specify columns to ignore with the EXCEPT keyword
- ▶ Support applying changes as SCD Type 1 (default) or SCD Type 2

APPLY CHANGES INTO: Cons

- ▶ Breaks the append-only requirements for streaming table sources
 - ▶ Can Not perform streaming queries against the table