**Project: Data Modeling with Postgres**

**Introduction**

A startup called Sparkify wants to analyze the data they've been collecting on songs and user activity on their new music streaming app. The analytics team is particularly interested in understanding what songs users are listening to. Currently, they don't have an easy way to query their data, which resides in a directory of JSON logs on user activity on the app, as well as a directory with JSON metadata on the songs in their app.

They'd like a data engineer to create a Postgres database with tables designed to optimize queries on song play analysis, and bring you on the project. Your role is to create a database schema and ETL pipeline for this analysis. You'll be able to test your database and ETL pipeline by running queries given to you by the analytics team from Sparkify and compare your results with their expected results.

**Project Description**

In this project, you'll apply what you've learned on data modeling with Postgres and build an ETL pipeline using Python. To complete the project, you will need to define fact and dimension tables for a star schema for a particular analytic focus, and write an ETL pipeline that transfers data from files in two local directories into these tables in Postgres using Python and SQL.

# Project Datasets

**Song Dataset**

The first dataset is a subset of real data from the [**Million Song Dataset**](https://labrosa.ee.columbia.edu/millionsong/). Each file is in JSON format and contains metadata about a song and the artist of that song. The files are partitioned by the first three letters of each song's track ID. For example, here are filepaths to two files in this dataset.

song\_data/A/B/C/TRABCEI128F424C983.json

song\_data/A/A/B/TRAABJL12903CDCF1A.json

And below is an example of what a single song file, TRAABJL12903CDCF1A.json, looks like.

{"num\_songs": 1, "artist\_id": "ARJIE2Y1187B994AB7", "artist\_latitude": null, "artist\_longitude": null, "artist\_location": "", "artist\_name": "Line Renaud", "song\_id": "SOUPIRU12A6D4FA1E1", "title": "Der Kleine Dompfaff", "duration": 152.92036, "year": 0}

**Log Dataset**

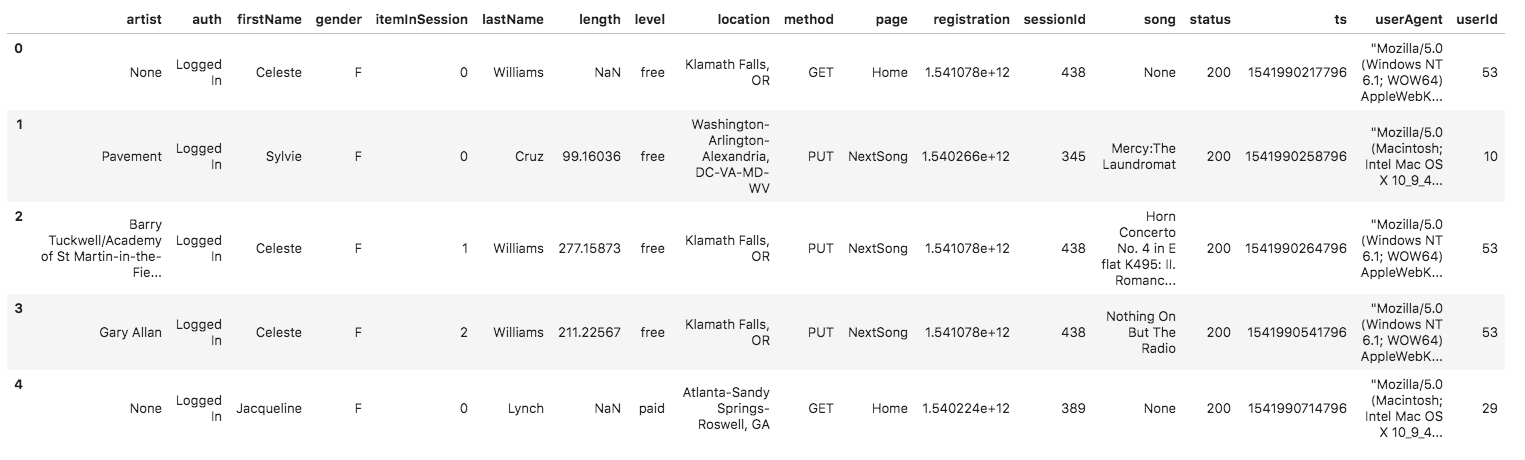
The second dataset consists of log files in JSON format generated by this [**event simulator**](https://github.com/Interana/eventsim) based on the songs in the dataset above. These simulate app activity logs from a music streaming app based on specified configurations.

The log files in the dataset you'll be working with are partitioned by year and month. For example, here are filepaths to two files in this dataset.

log\_data/2018/11/2018-11-12-events.json

log\_data/2018/11/2018-11-13-events.json

And below is an example of what the data in a log file, 2018-11-12-events.json, looks like.

**[](https://classroom.udacity.com/nanodegrees/nd027/parts/f7dbb125-87a2-4369-bb64-dc5c21bb668a/modules/c0e48224-f2d0-4bf5-ac02-3e1493e530fc/lessons/01995bb4-db30-4e01-bf38-ff11b631be0f/concepts/a5609601-2314-4d8b-a7cf-e40048b3ee96)**

If you would like to look at the json data within log\_data files, you will need to create a Panda df to read the data. Remember to first import json and pandas libraries.

df = pd.read\_json(filepath, lines=True)

For e.g., df = pd.read\_json('data/log\_data/2018/11/2018-11-01-events.json', lines=True)would read the data file 2018-11-01-events.json

In case you need a refresher on JSON files, here is a helpful video from [**Udacity's Data Wrangling course**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=hO2CayzZBoA) talking about the JSON files format.

# Project Instructions

# Schema for Song Play Analysis

Using the song and log datasets, you'll need to create a star schema optimized for queries on song play analysis. This includes the following tables.

#### Fact Table

1. **songplays** - records in log data associated with song plays i.e. records with page NextSong
   * songplay\_id, start\_time, user\_id, level, song\_id, artist\_id, session\_id, location, user\_agent

#### Dimension Tables

1. **users** - users in the app
   * user\_id, first\_name, last\_name, gender, level
2. **songs** - songs in music database
   * song\_id, title, artist\_id, year, duration
3. **artists** - artists in music database
   * artist\_id, name, location, lattitude, longitude
4. **time** - timestamps of records in **songplays** broken down into specific units
   * start\_time, hour, day, week, month, year, weekday

# Project Template

To get started with the project, go to the workspace on the next page, where you'll find the project template files. You can work on your project and submit your work through this workspace. Alternatively, you can download the project template files from the Resources folder if you'd like to develop your project locally.

In addition to the data files, the project workspace includes six files:

1. test.ipynb displays the first few rows of each table to let you check your database.
2. create\_tables.py drops and creates your tables. You run this file to reset your tables before each time you run your ETL scripts.
3. etl.ipynb reads and processes a single file from song\_data and log\_data and loads the data into your tables. This notebook contains detailed instructions on the ETL process for each of the tables.
4. etl.py reads and processes files from song\_data and log\_data and loads them into your tables. You can fill this out based on your work in the ETL notebook.
5. sql\_queries.py contains all your sql queries, and is imported into the last three files above.
6. README.md provides discussion on your project.

# Project Steps

Below are steps you can follow to complete the project:

### Create Tables

1. Write CREATE statements in sql\_queries.py to create each table.
2. Write DROP statements in sql\_queries.py to drop each table if it exists.
3. Run create\_tables.py to create your database and tables.
4. Run test.ipynb to confirm the creation of your tables with the correct columns. Make sure to click "Restart kernel" to close the connection to the database after running this notebook.

### Build ETL Processes

Follow instructions in the etl.ipynb notebook to develop ETL processes for each table. At the end of each table section, or at the end of the notebook, run test.ipynb to confirm that records were successfully inserted into each table. Remember to rerun create\_tables.py to reset your tables before each time you run this notebook.

### Build ETL Pipeline

Use what you've completed in etl.ipynb to complete etl.py, where you'll process the entire datasets. Remember to run create\_tables.py before running etl.py to reset your tables. Run test.ipynb to confirm your records were successfully inserted into each table.

### Document Process

Do the following steps in your README.md file.

1. Discuss the purpose of this database in the context of the startup, Sparkify, and their analytical goals.
2. State and justify your database schema design and ETL pipeline.
3. [Optional] Provide example queries and results for song play analysis.

Here's a [**guide**](https://www.markdownguide.org/basic-syntax/) on Markdown Syntax.

### ****NOTE:**** You will not be able to run test.ipynb, etl.ipynb, or etl.py until you have run create\_tables.py at least once to create the sparkifydb database, which these other files connect to.

# Project Rubric

Read the project [**rubric**](https://review.udacity.com/#!/rubrics/2500/view) before and during development of your project to ensure you meet all specifications.

## PROJECT SPECIFICATION

**Data Modeling with Postgres**

Table Creation

| CRITERIA | MEETS SPECIFICATIONS |
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| Table creation script runs without errors. | The script, create\_tables.py, runs in the terminal without errors. The script successfully connects to the Sparkify database, drops any tables if they exist, and creates the tables. |
| Fact and dimensional tables for a star schema are properly defined. | CREATE statements in sql\_queries.py specify all columns for each of the five tables with the right data types and conditions. |

ETL

| CRITERIA | MEETS SPECIFICATIONS |
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| ETL script runs without errors. | The script, etl.py, runs in the terminal without errors. The script connects to the Sparkify database, extracts and processes the log\_data and song\_data, and loads data into the five tables. |
| ETL script properly processes transformations in Python. | INSERT statements are correctly written for each tables and handles existing records where appropriate. songs and artists tables are used to retrieve the correct information for the songplays INSERT. |

Code Quality

| CRITERIA | MEETS SPECIFICATIONS |
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| The project shows proper use of documentation. | The README file includes a summary of the project, how to run the Python scripts, and an explanation of the files in the repository. Comments are used effectively and each function has a docstring. |
| The project code is clean and modular. | Scripts have an intuitive, easy-to-follow structure with code separated into logical functions. Naming for variables and functions follows the PEP8 style guidelines. |

**Suggestions to Make Your Project Stand Out!**

* Insert data using the COPY command to bulk insert log files instead of using INSERT on one row at a time
* Add data quality checks
* Create a dashboard for analytic queries on your new database