
Query Processing (Virtual Warehouse) Compute Layer

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Snowflake
= SaaS **Datawarehouse**

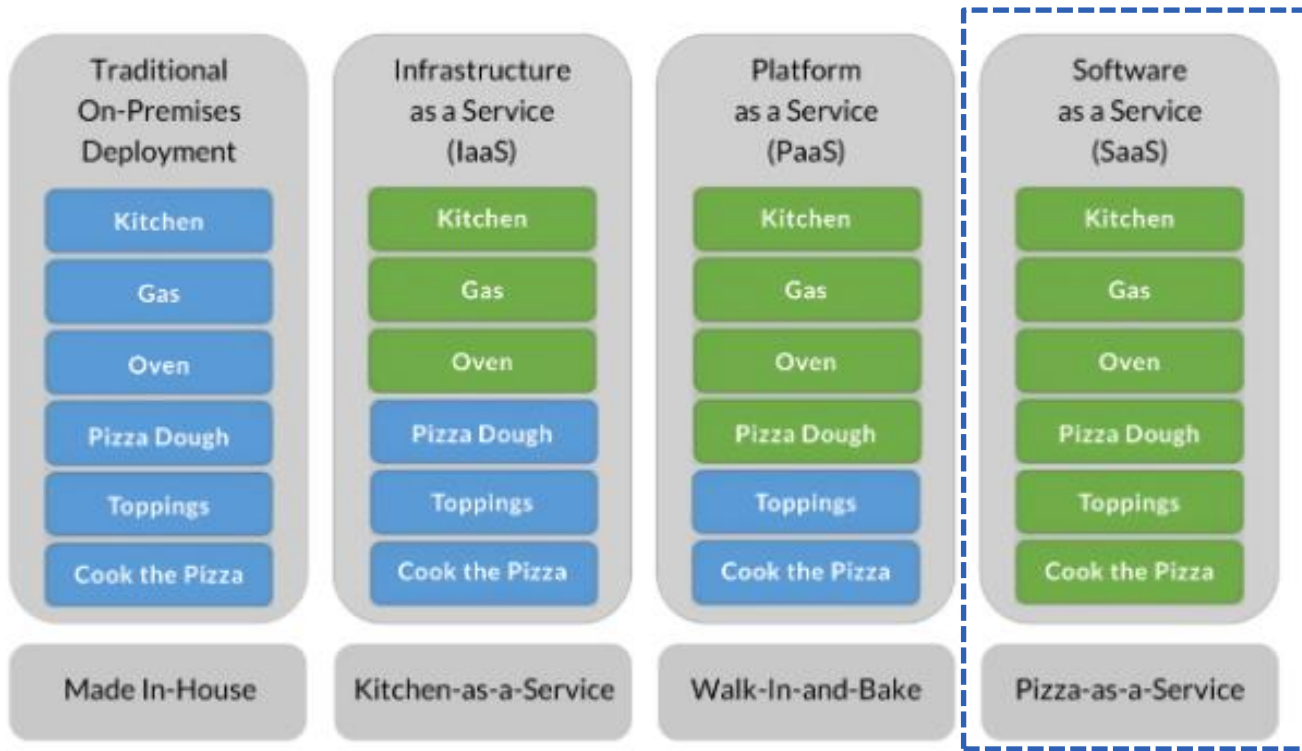
Data Warehouse

- Structured data
- Stored in tables
- Schema on read
- Huge volume

Data Lake

- Unstructured data (files)
- Stored in object storage
- Schema on read
- Massive volume

New Pizza as a Service

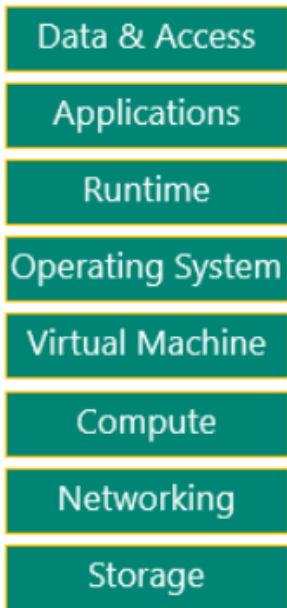


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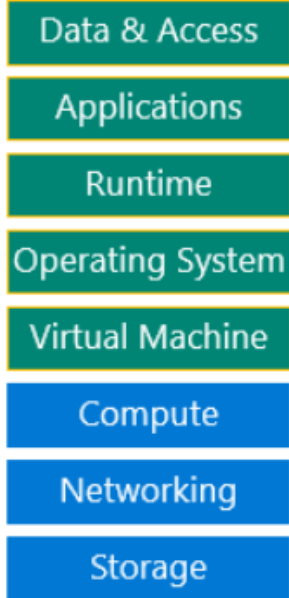
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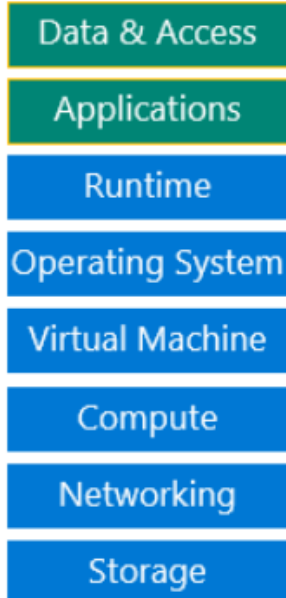
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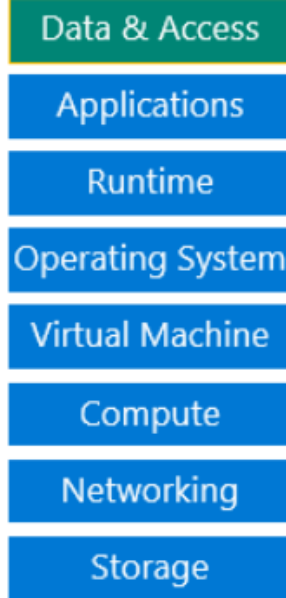
Infrastructure (as a Service)



Platform (as a Service)



Software (as a Service)



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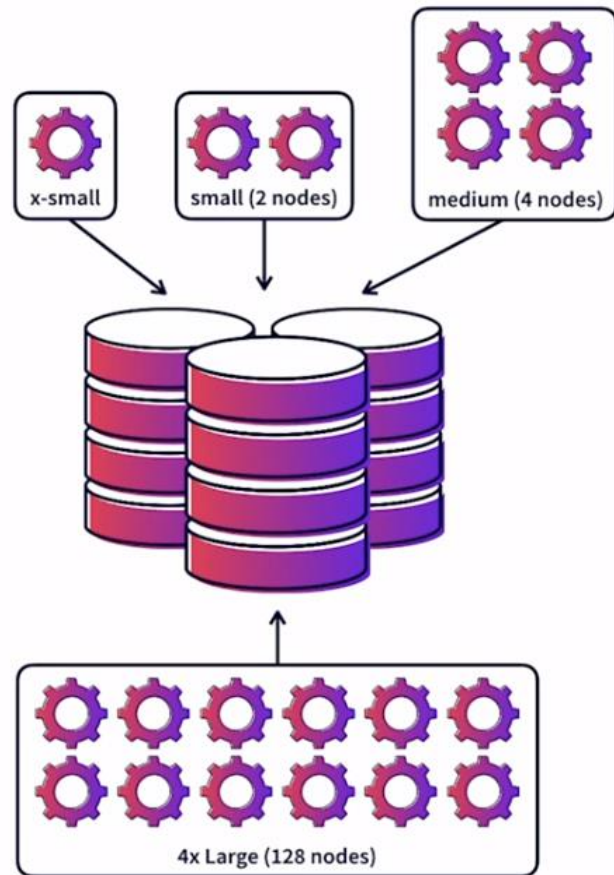
Cloud Provider Manages

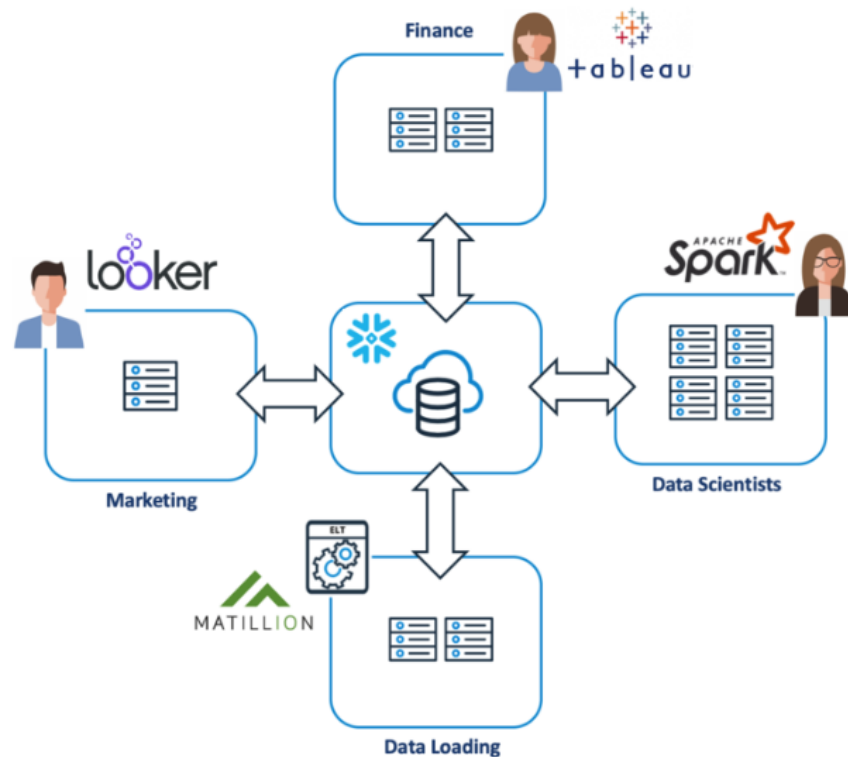
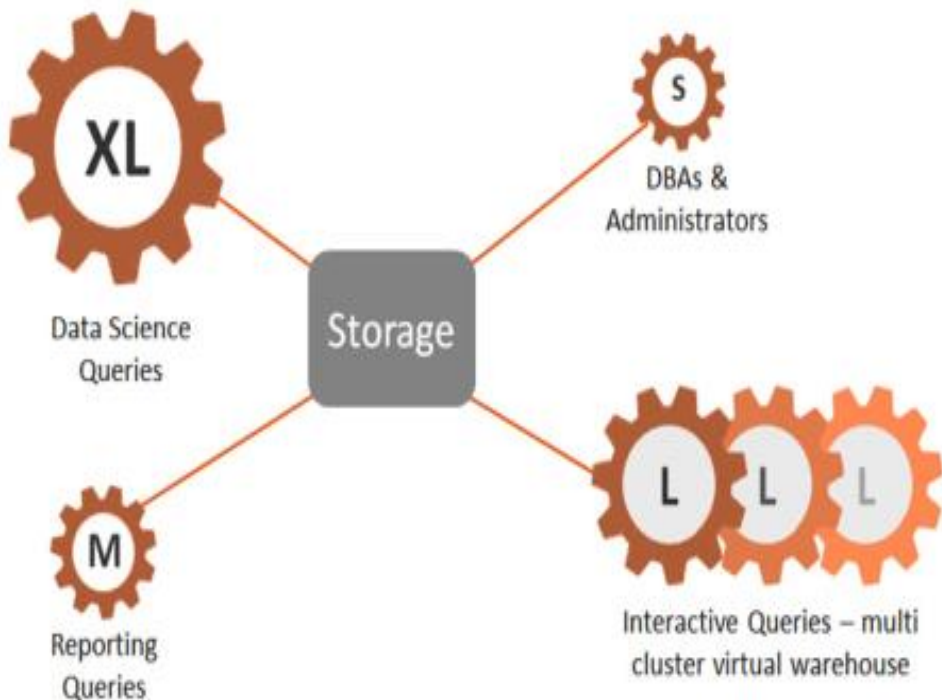




1. Virtual and multicloud warehouses
2. Time travel and zero-copy cloning
3. Data sharing and marketplace
4. High availability via cross-cloud replication
5. Granular security and automatic encryption

*ALSO: Strong support for JSON data





Source: Snowflake /Mahmood & Sharif (2021)

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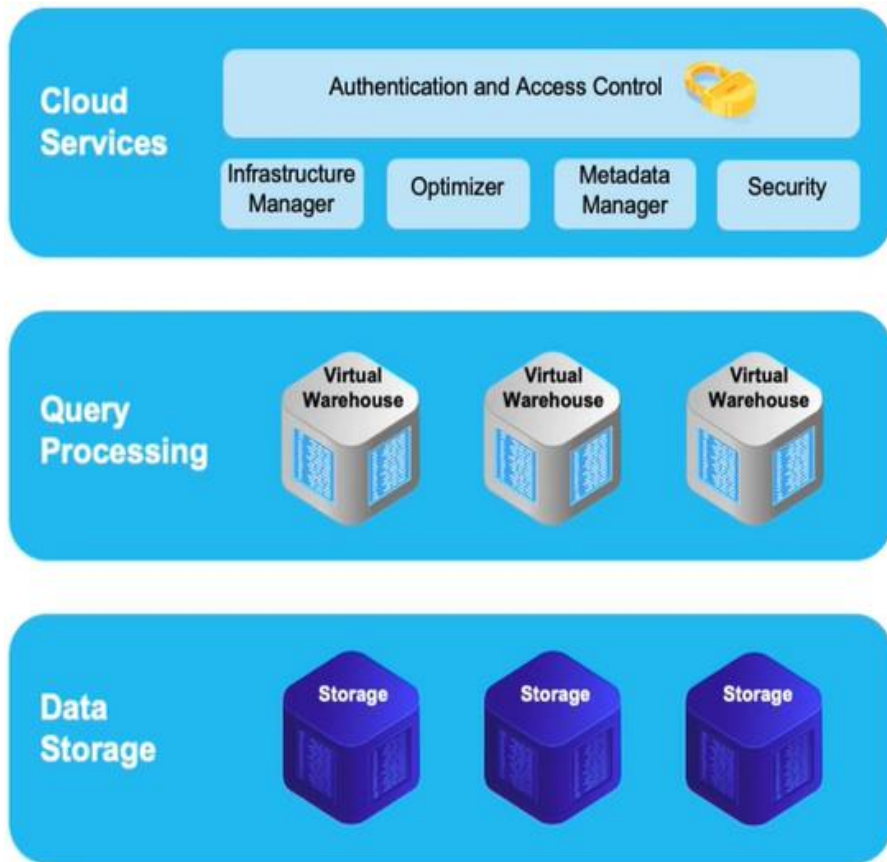
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Compute/Queries

Billed by seconds of usage

Paused when not in use

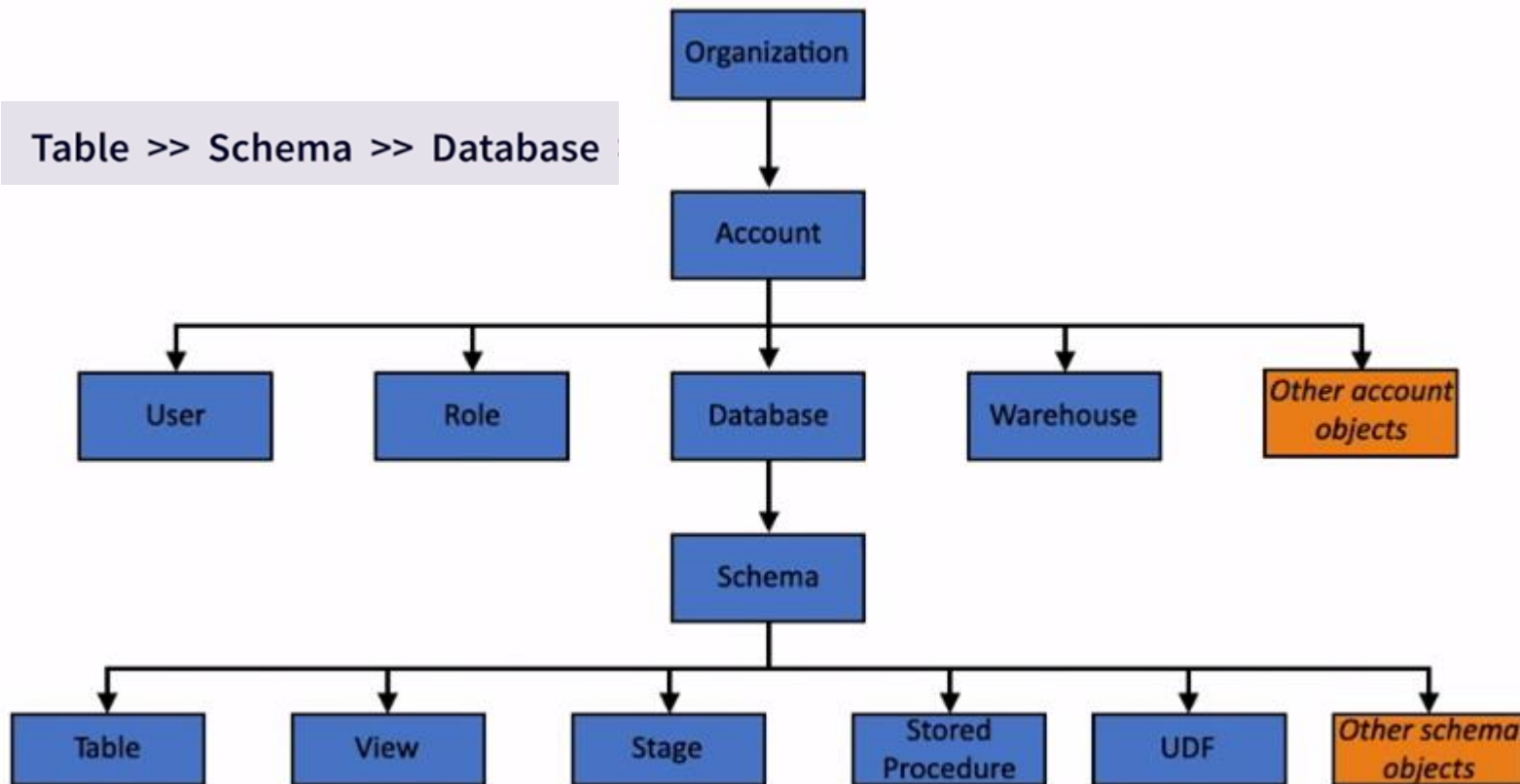
Flexible and scalable (account-> usage)

- Cluster of servers
 - CPU, memory, temp storage
- Query caching
- Elastic sizing
- On-demand
 - Powered on/off
 - Millisecond availability
- Pay-as-you-go
 - Per second (min 60 seconds)
- Automatic suspend and resume



```
USE ROLE SYSADMIN;
CREATE WAREHOUSE WH_DEL
  WITH WAREHOUSE_SIZE =
  MEDIUM Auto_suspend = 300
         Auto_resume = true
         Initially_suspended = true;
```

Table >> Schema >> Database



- Access data/objects from the past which may have been:
 - Deleted
 - Modified
 - Dropped
- Restore dropped tables, schemas, or databases
- Clone tables, schemas, or databases at or before a specific time

Time Travel

24 Hours
(90 days with Enterprise)



Snowflake
Sysadmin Role

- Undo mistakes
- Repair accidental deletes, updates, drops
- Restore at time point
- Restore by ID
- Performed using SQL Time Travel Extensions

Fail-safe

7 Days



Snowflake
Support Team

- Recover lost data
- Contact Snowflake

Snowflake Tables	Permanent	Transient	Temporary	External
Persistence	Until explicitly dropped	Until explicitly dropped	Remainder of session	Until explicitly dropped
Time Travel Retention (Days)	0 – 90 days*	0 or 1	0 or 1	0
Fail-Safe Period (Days)	7	0	0	0
Cloning Possible	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Create Views Possible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
*Enterprise Edition and above 0-90 days. Standard Edition 0 or 1 day.				

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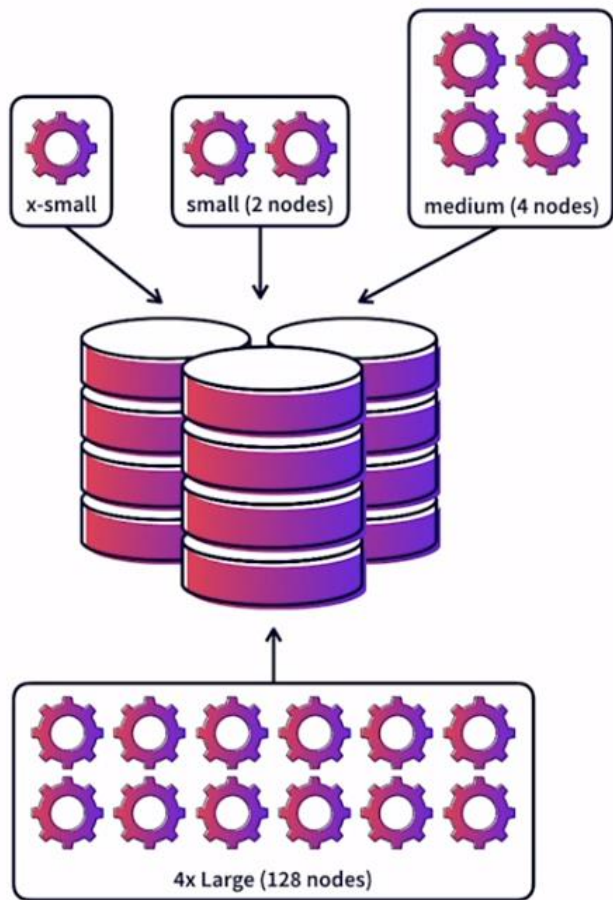
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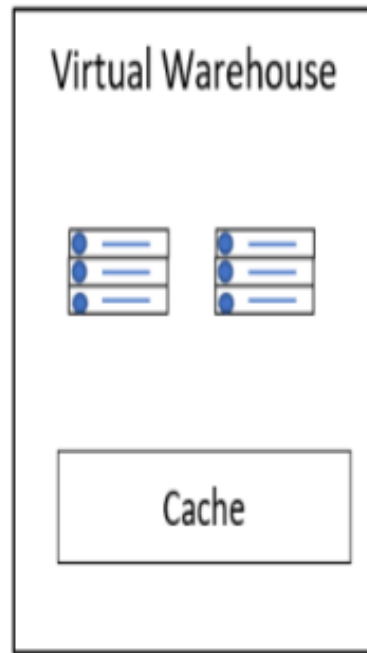
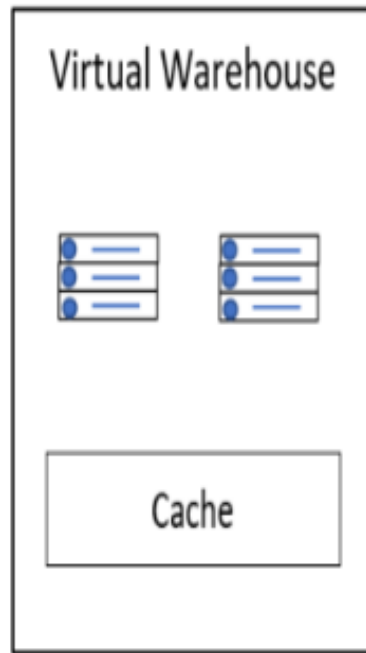
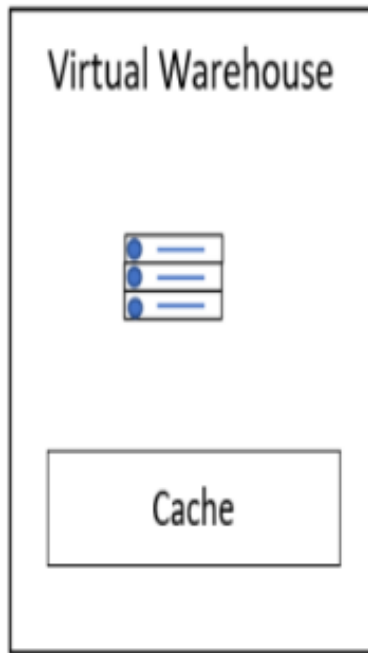
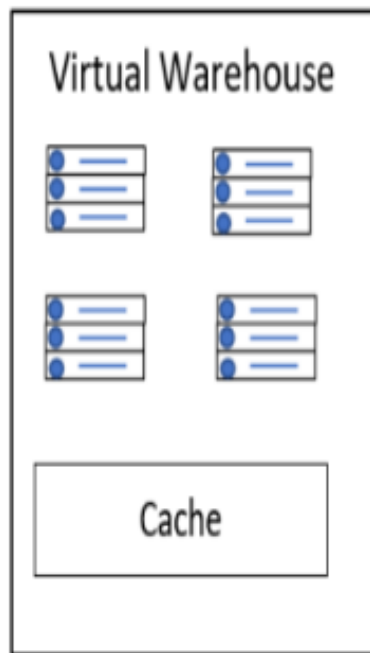
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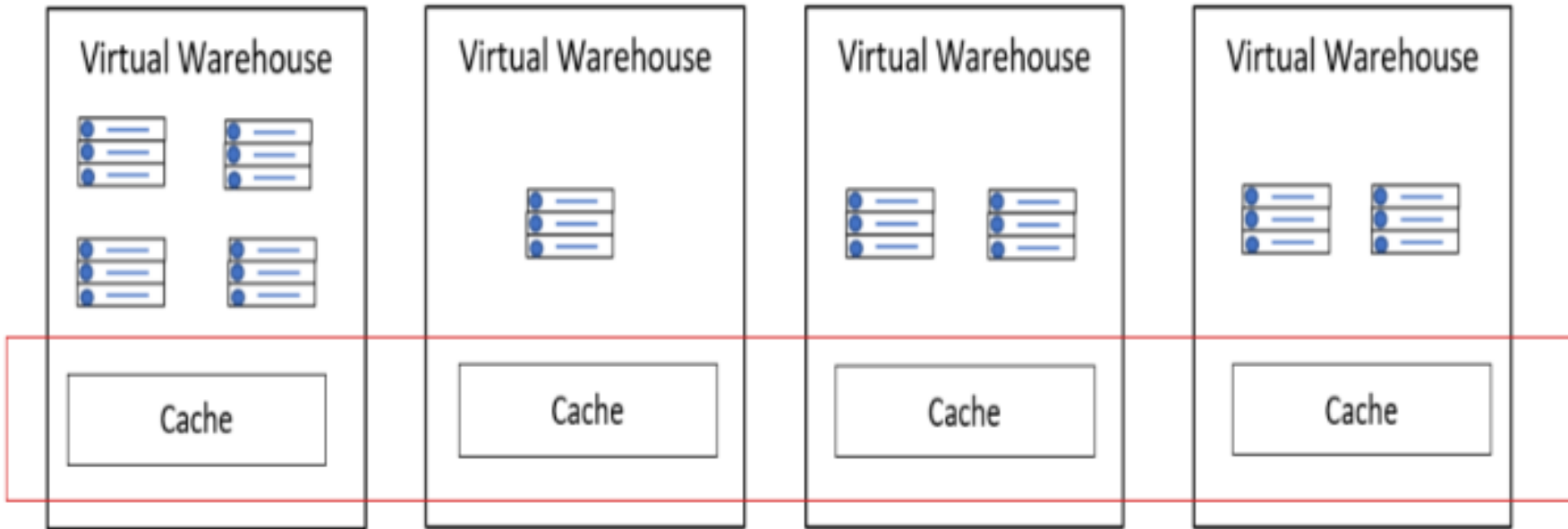
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Virtual Warehouse	Credits
X-Small	1
Small	2
Medium	4
Large	8
X-Large	16
2X-Large	32
3X-Large	64
4X-Large	128
5X-Large	256
6X-Large	512



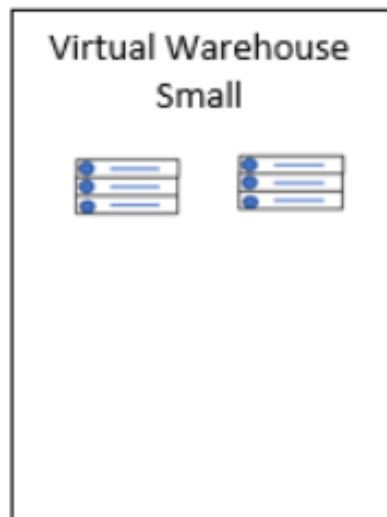


Cache (SSD or Solid-State Drive): Which holds the results of every query executed in the past 24 hours.

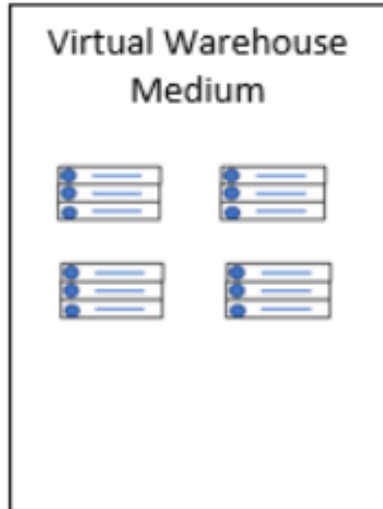
These are available across virtual warehouses, so query results returned to one user is available to any other user on the system who executes the same query, provided the underlying data has not changed



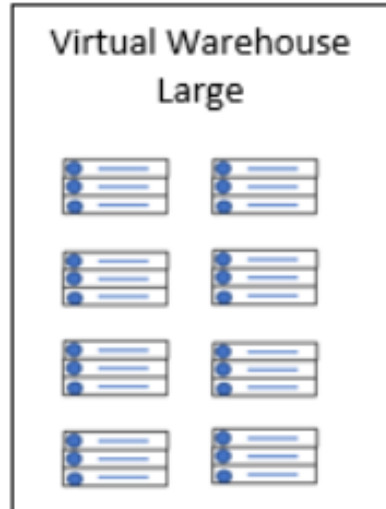
Original
Warehouse



Scaled Up version of
Original Warehouse



Further Scaled Up
version of Original
Warehouse



Original Warehouse



Scaled Out version of Original Warehouse



Further Scaled Out version of Original Warehouse



```
CREATE WAREHOUSE ACCOUNTING WITH Warehouse_Size = MEDIUM MIN_CLUSTER_COUNT = 1 MAX_CLUSTER_COUNT = 6  
SCALING_POLICY = 'STANDARD';
```

SNOWFLAKE METADATA:

Includes table definitions and references to the micro-partition files for that table. The range of values in terms of MIN and MAX, the NULL count, and the number of distinct values are captured from micro-partitions and stored in Snowflake. As a result, any queries which return the MIN or MAX value, for example, will not need a running warehouse.

New Warehouse

Creating as  SYSADMIN

Name

Original

Size ?

Small 2 credits/hour

Comment (optional)

Multi-cluster Warehouse

Scale compute resources as query needs change



Advanced Warehouse Options ▾

Cancel

Create Warehouse

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Micro-partitions

Data Clustering

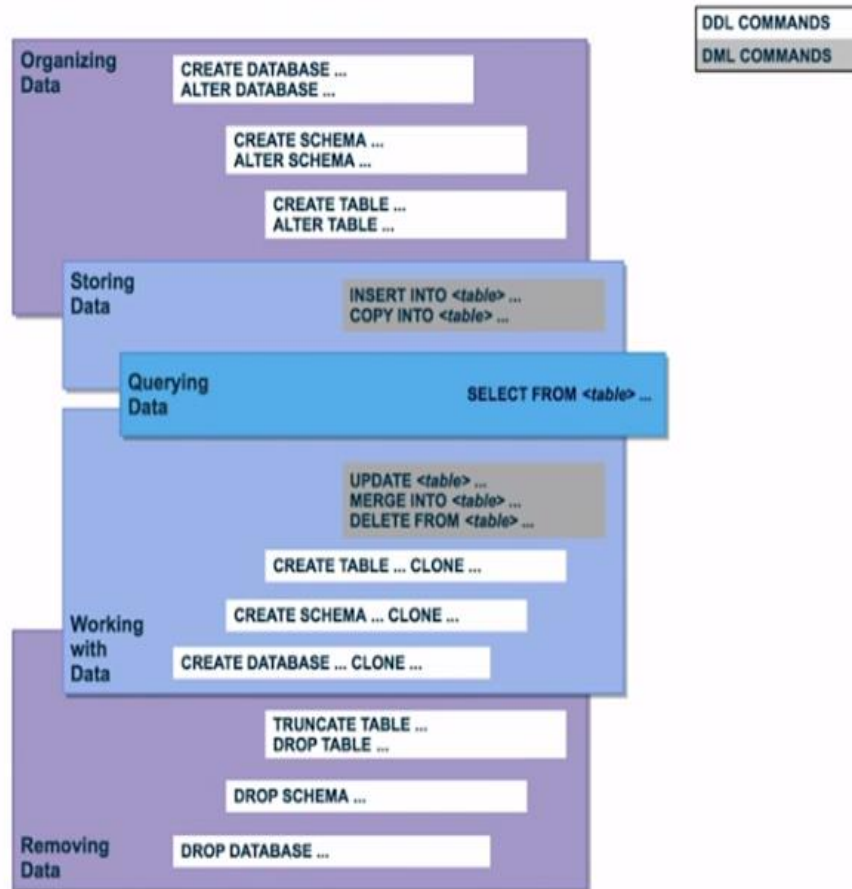
Snowflake stores the total number of **micro-partitions** and the depth of overlapping micro-partitions to provide information about **clustering**.

All data in Snowflake automatically divided into micro-partitions - no explicit partitioning done by user

Each micro-partition contains 50MB to 500MB uncompressed data

Rows in tables mapped to micro-partitions and organized in a columnar fashion

Large tables can contain thousands, even millions of micro-partitions



Improve queries by skipping data that does not match the filter predicate

Better column compression

Only configuration required is to correctly define the clustering key

Improves performance of equality searches as well as range searches



Logical Structure

type	name	country	date
2	A	UK	11/2
4	C	SP	11/2
3	C	DE	11/2
2	B	DE	11/2
3	A	FR	11/2
2	C	SP	11/2
3	Z	DE	11/2
2	B	UK	11/2
4	C	NL	11/2
5	X	FR	11/3
1	A	NL	11/3
5	A	FR	11/3
2	X	FR	11/2
4	Z	NL	11/2
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1	C	FR	11/3
4	Z	NL	11/4
5	Y	SP	11/4
5	B	SP	11/5
3	X	DE	11/5
2	Z	UK	11/5

Physical Structure

	Micro-partition 1 (rows 1-6)	Micro-partition 2 (rows 7-12)	Micro-partition 3 (rows 13-18)	Micro-partition 4 (rows 19-24)																								
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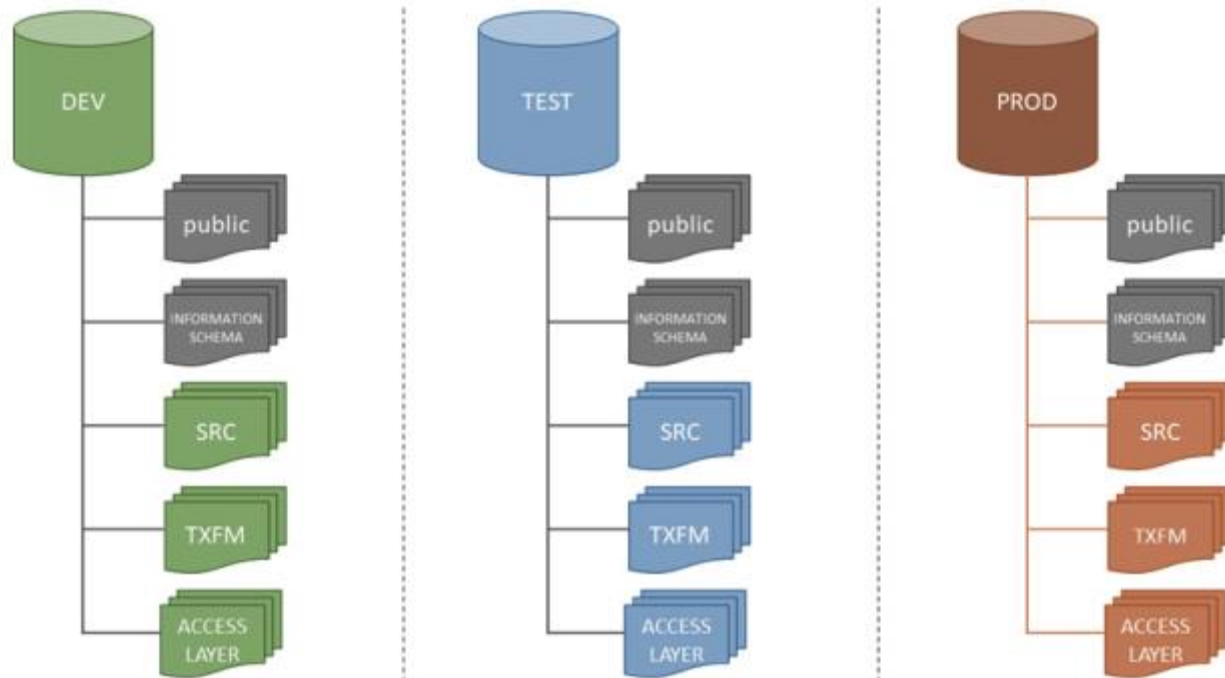
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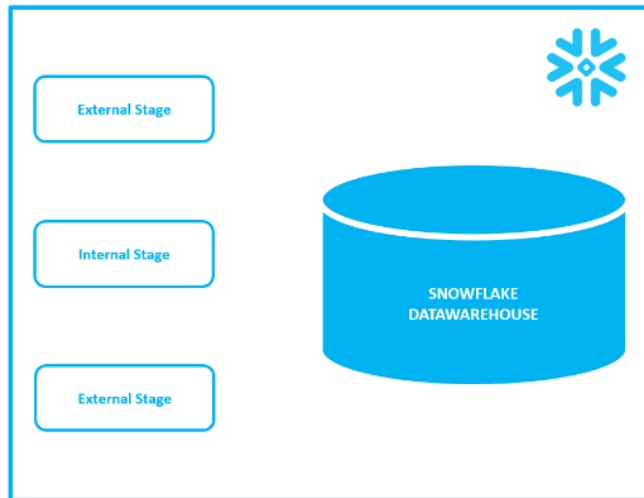
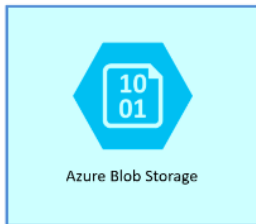
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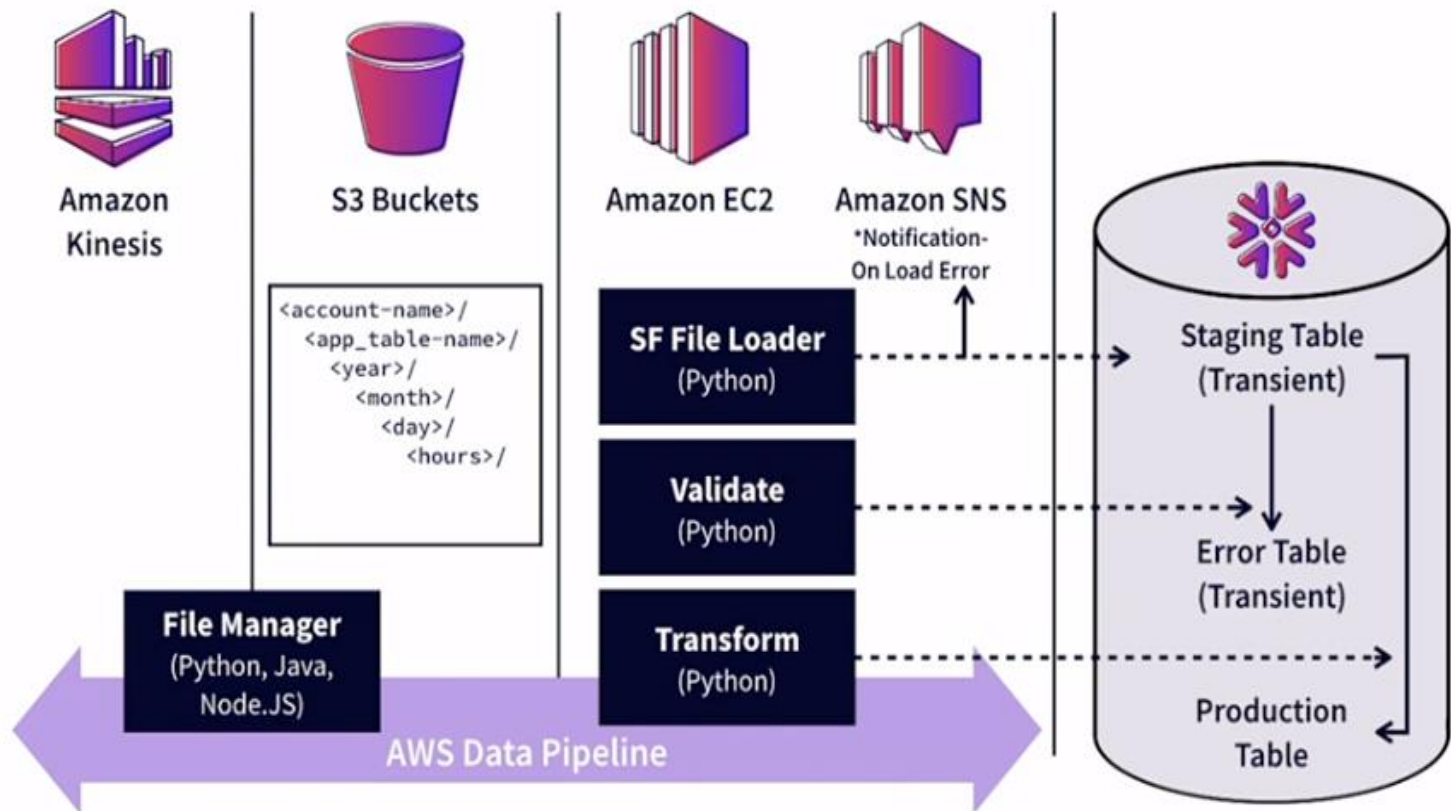
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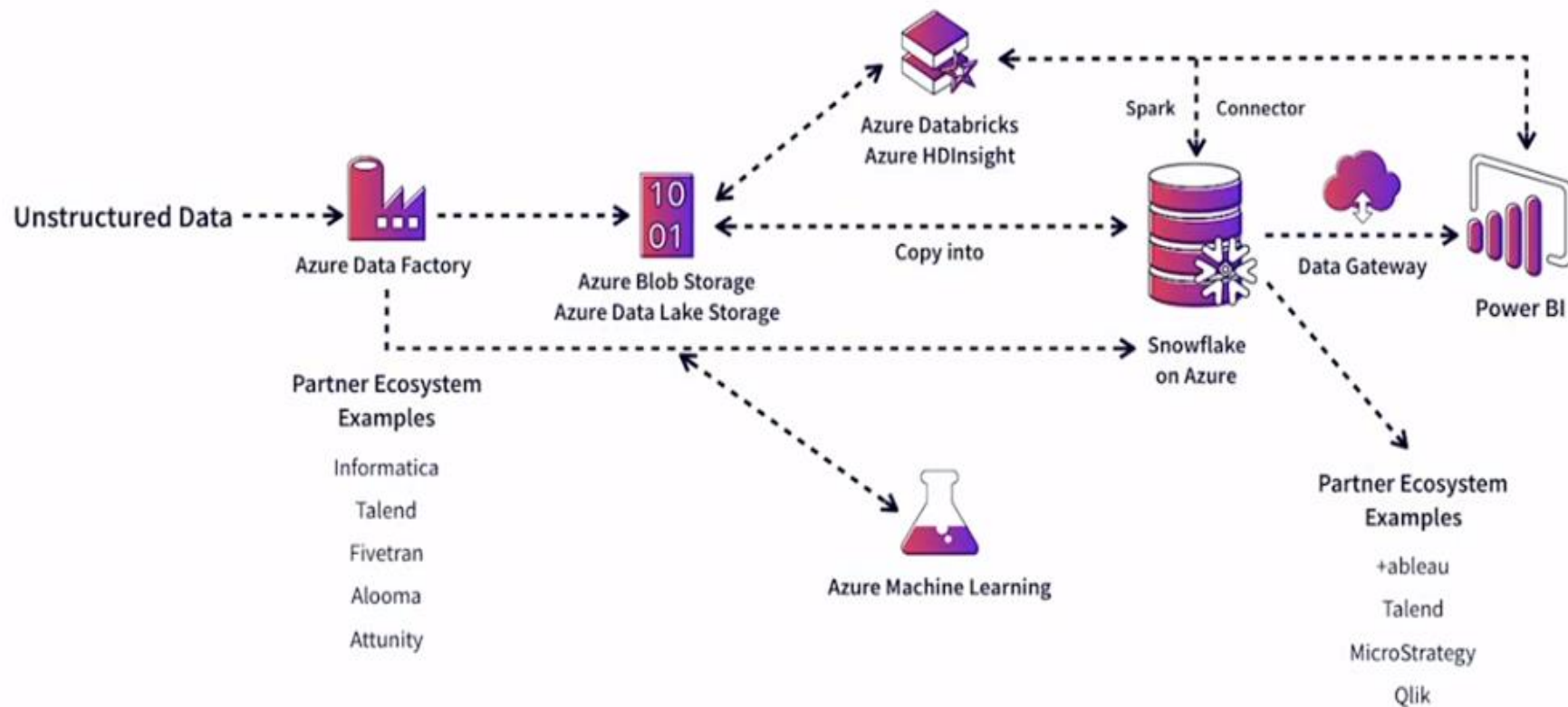
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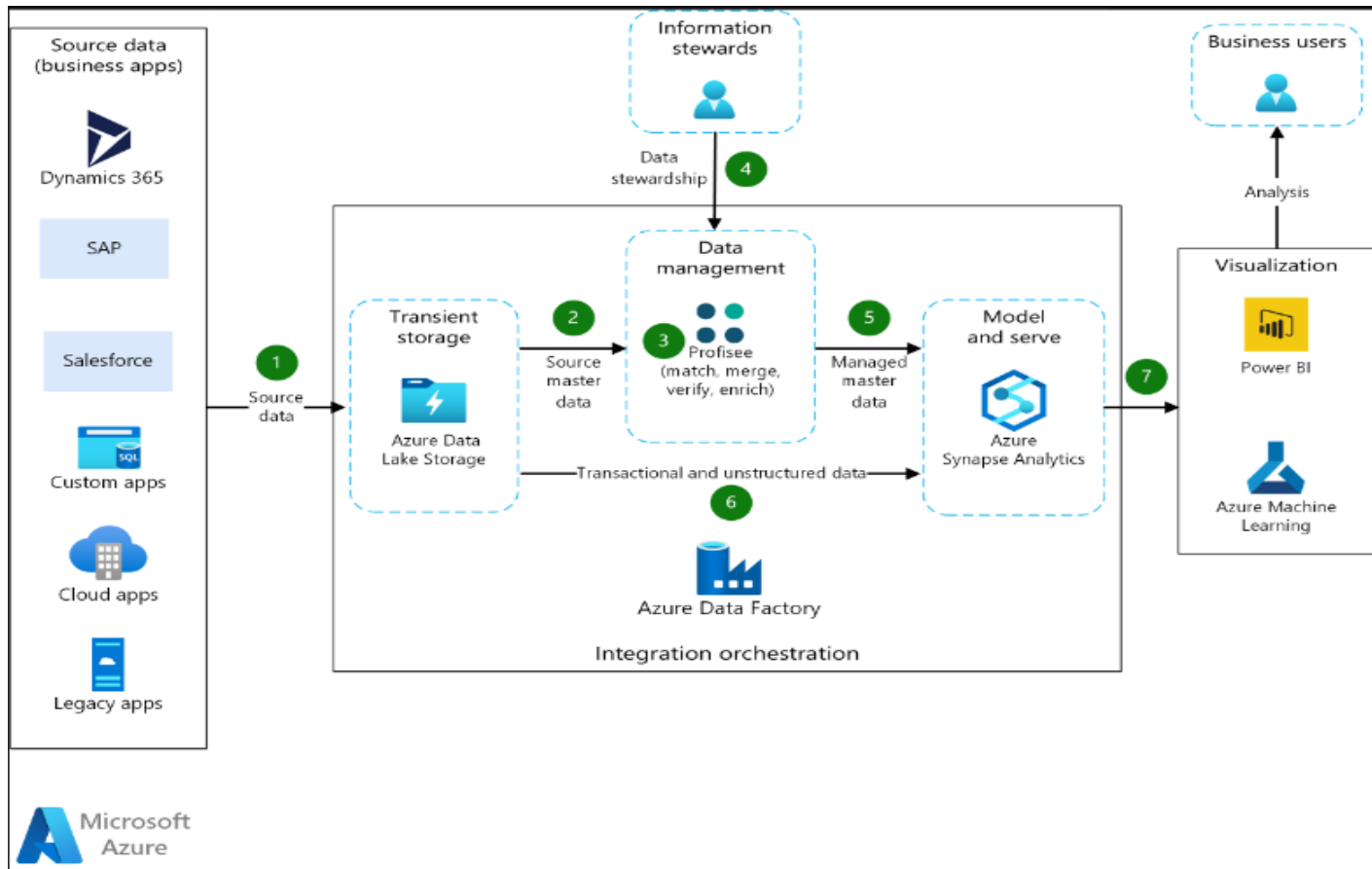


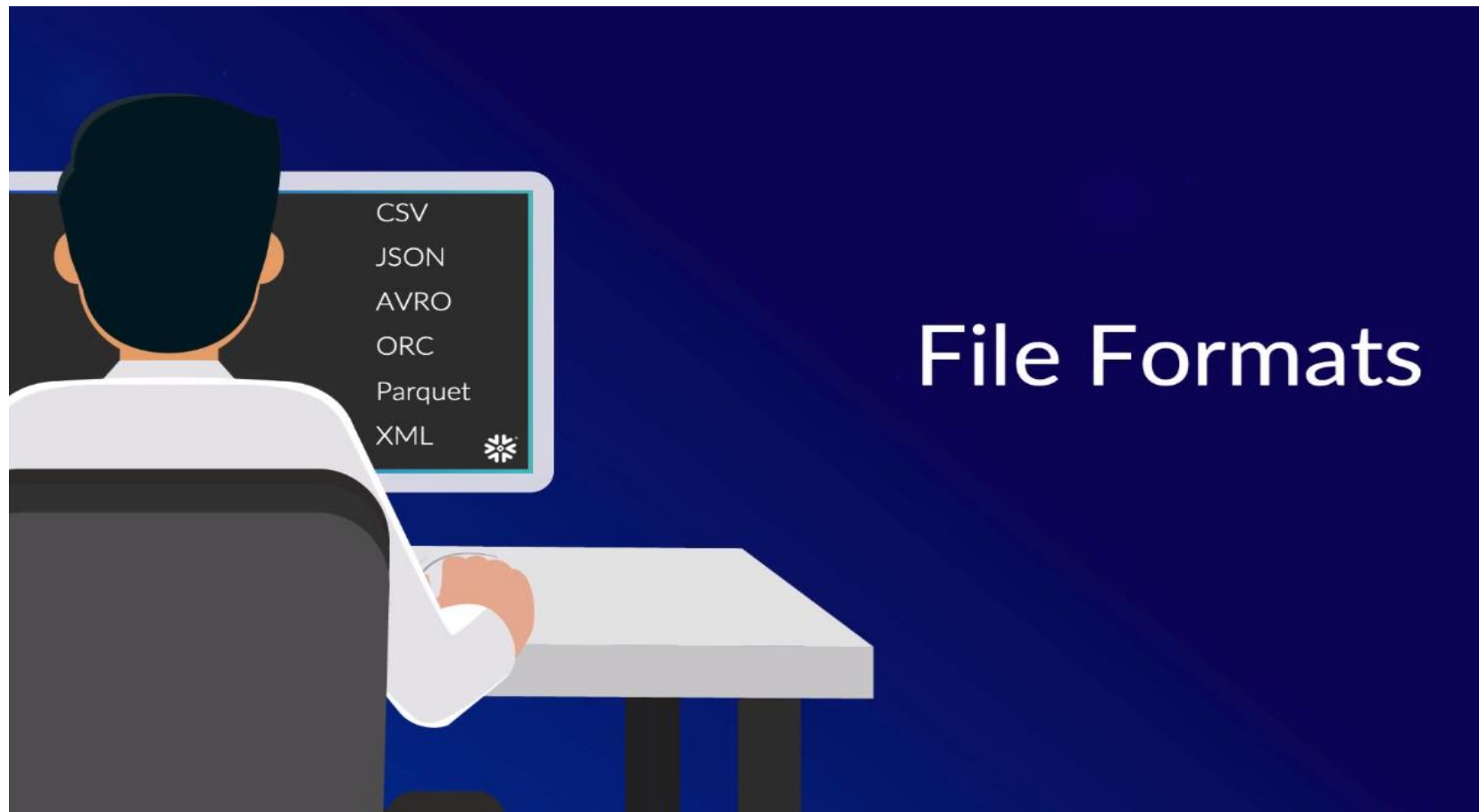
1. Source from bucket.
2. Create or use file format.
3. Load with Web UI (max 100 MB).











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FILE_FORMAT=(TYPE = 'CSV' FIELD_DELIMITER = '|' SKIP_HEADER = 1)
PATTERN= '.*.csv';

COPY INTO [TABLENAME] ([COLUMN]) FROM @[STAGENAME]
FILE_FORMAT=(TYPE = 'JSON' STRIP_OUTER_ARRAY = TRUE)
PATTERN= '.*.json';

COPY INTO [TABLENAME] ([COLUMN]) FROM @[STAGENAME]
FILE_FORMAT=(TYPE = 'XML')
PATTERN= '.*.xml';
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COPY INTO [TABLENAME] ([COLUMN]) FROM @[STAGENAME]  
FILE_FORMAT=(TYPE = 'AVRO')  
PATTERN= '.*.avro';
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COPY INTO [TABLENAME] ([COLUMN]) FROM @[STAGENAME]  
FILE_FORMAT=(TYPE = 'ORC')  
PATTERN= '.*.orc';
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COPY INTO [TABLENAME] ([COLUMN]) FROM @[STAGENAME]  
FILE_FORMAT=(TYPE = 'PARQUET')  
PATTERN= '.*.parquet';
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🗑️ All Usage Types ▾



3.66 Spent

By Hour ▾

■ ZN63884

\$1.6

\$0.0

Sep 28, 12 AM

Sep 29, 5 PM

Oct 1, 10 AM

Oct 3, 3 AM

Oct 4, 11 PM

Spend per Account from 9/28/2022 to 10/4/2022

ACCOUNT

REGION

SERVICE LEVEL

USAGE TREND

COST ↓

Snowflake deployed in
Azure in the Australia East region



STANDARD



- Complete SQL data warehouse
- Secure Data Sharing across regions / clouds
- Premier Support 24 x 365
- 1 day of time travel
- Always-on enterprise grade encryption in transit and at rest
- Customer-dedicated virtual warehouses
- Federated authentication
- Database replication
- Snowsight
- Create your own Data Exchange
- Data Marketplace access

\$2.75

cost per credit

GET STARTED

ENTERPRISE



Standard +

- Multi-cluster warehouse
- Up to 90 days of time travel
- Annual rekeying of all encrypted data
- Materialized views
- Search Optimization Service
- Dynamic Data Masking

\$4.05

cost per credit

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BUSINESS CRITICAL



Enterprise +

- HIPAA support
- PCI compliance
- Tri-Secret Secure using customer-managed keys
- Database failover and fallback for business continuity
- Azure PrivateLink support

\$5.50

cost per credit

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ON-DEMAND STORAGE

Pay for usage month to month.

\$46

per TB / per month

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CAPACITY STORAGE

Pay for usage up front.

\$25

per TB / per month

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Snowflake deployed in AWS in the US East region



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\$3.00

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- External Functions - AWS API Gateway Private Endpoints support

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cost per credit

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VIRTUAL PRIVATE SNOWFLAKE (VPS)



Business Critical +

- Customer-dedicated virtual servers wherever the encryption key is in memory
- Customer-dedicated metadata store

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ON-DEMAND STORAGE

Pay for usage month to month.

\$40

per TB / per month

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CAPACITY STORAGE

Pay for usage up front.

\$23

per TB / per month

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30-DAY FREE TRIAL

- Gain immediate access to the Data Cloud
- Enable your most critical data workloads
- Scale instantly, elastically, and near-infinately across public clouds
- Snowflake is HIPAA, PCI DSS, SOC 1 and SOC 2 Type 2 compliant, and FedRAMP Authorized



Choose your Snowflake edition*

- ☐ **Standard**
A strong balance between features, level of support, and cost.
- ☒ **Enterprise**
Standard plus 90-day time travel, multi-cluster warehouses, and materialized views.
- ☐ **Business Critical**
Enterprise plus enhanced security, data protection, and database failover/fallback.

Choose your cloud provider*



Microsoft Azure



Amazon Web Services



Google Cloud Platform

- ☐ Check here to indicate that you have read and agree to the terms of the [Snowflake Self Service On Demand Terms](#).

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SNOWSQL CLI USAGE

Connecting and
Authenticating

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snowsql --accountname aza12345 --username username
```

```
snowsql -a accountname -u username -d databasename -s schemaname
```



SNOWSQL FOR LINUX

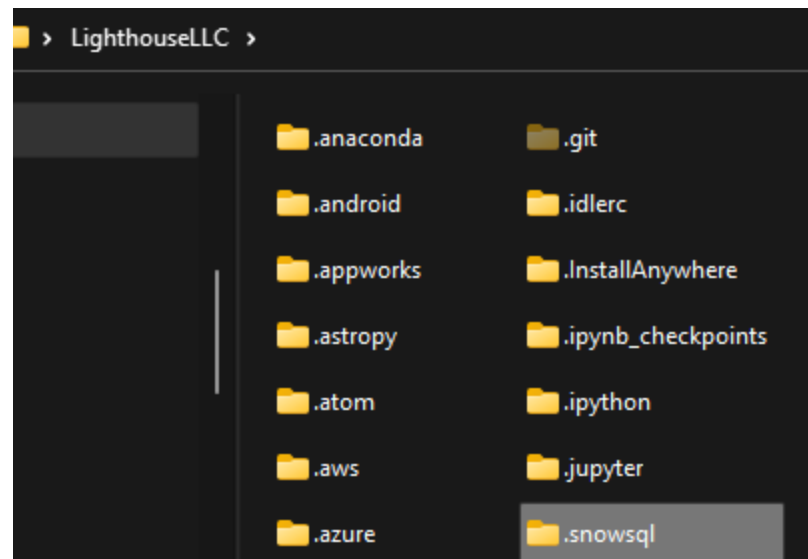
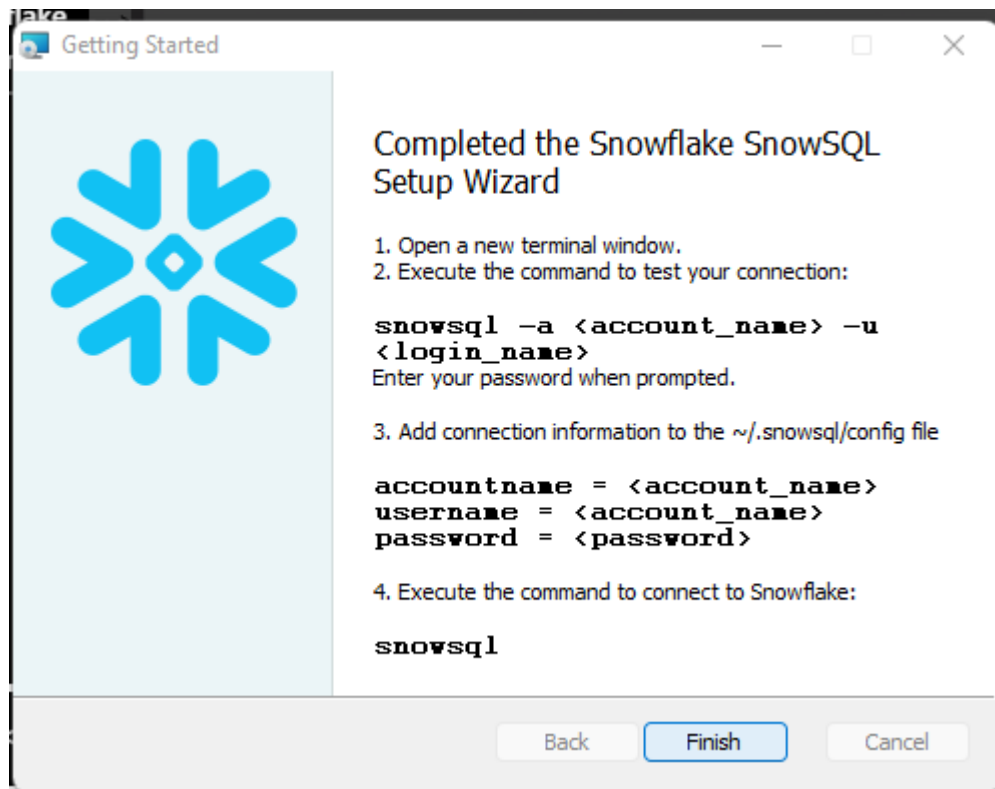


SNOWSQL FOR MACOS



SNOWSQL FOR WINDOWS

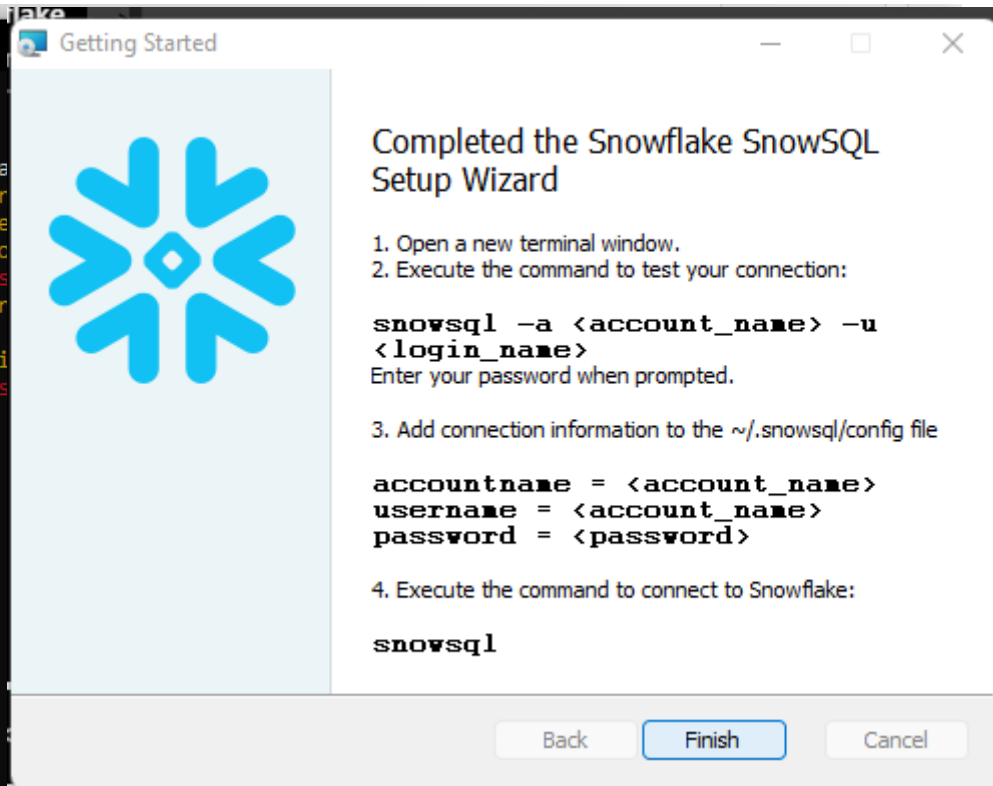
Download All Versions




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Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.978]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

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We were unable to create or write to the ../snowsql_r
file's parent folder or to modify the location of the
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Enterprise

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Password:
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403: HTTP 403: Forbidden
If the error message is unclear, enable logging using -o log_level=DEBUG and see the log to find out the cause. Contact
support for further help.
Goodbye!
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Object does not exist, or operation cannot be performed.
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Additional Resources



Snowflake is a managed big data platform

Tables in Snowflake can be permanent, temporary, or transient


Snowflake allows you to create non-materialized and materialized views

Queries are optimized using caching, clustering, and search optimization

Snowflake allows you to manage and query semi-structured data

Snowflake enables access control using roles

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If you don't already have DAX Studio on your lab workstation, please download and install the latest version using the following link: [DAX Studio - The ultimate client tool for working with DAX](#).

Download and install the latest version of [Azure Storage Explorer](#) (Optional).

****Consider This:**** Resize your browser windows so you can view this lab guide and your web browser side-by-side to more easily follow the instructions. It is also advised to use a secondary display dedicated to the lab guide. This way you are able to view the Snowflake UI and Azure Portal side by side.

Download the Snowflake Lab Data to your local machine

- Click here: [lab-snowflake-powerbi-load-to-azure-blob.sh](#) and download the file. This file contains pre-written SQL commands and will be used to load the lab data into Snowflake.
- Click here: [lab-snowflake-powerbi-load-to-azure-blob.sh](#) and download the file. This file contains the shell script we will use to copy the lab data files from Github directly to an Azure Storage container and we will use this file later in the lab.

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The COVID-19 Data Atlas provides the general public, media outlets, researchers and policy makers with data resources related to COVID-19 pandemic - both health metrics and economic impact related indicators. It includes data on the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths, reproduction rates, characteristics of COVID-19 deaths by sex and age. It also covers anti-COVID-19 public policy measures, stringency of government response, mobility, employment and economic activity trends, pandemic uncertainty.

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- COVID-19 cases
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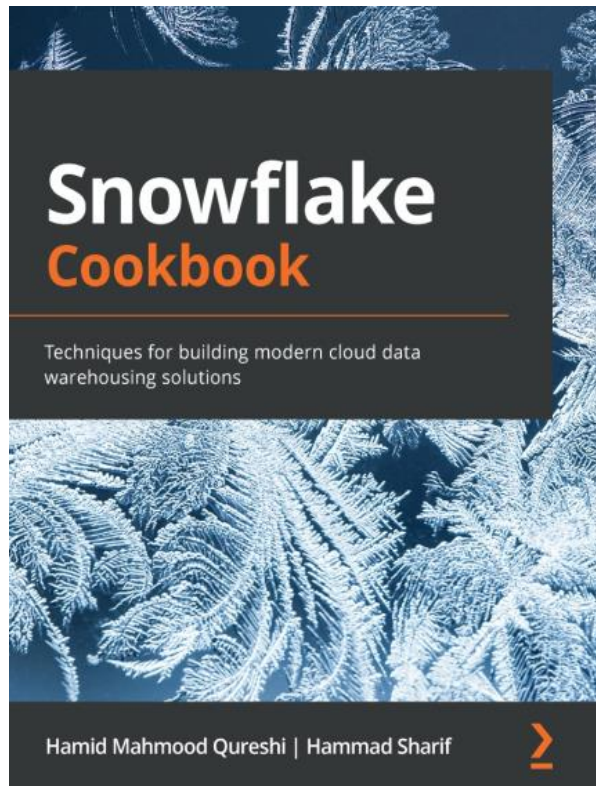


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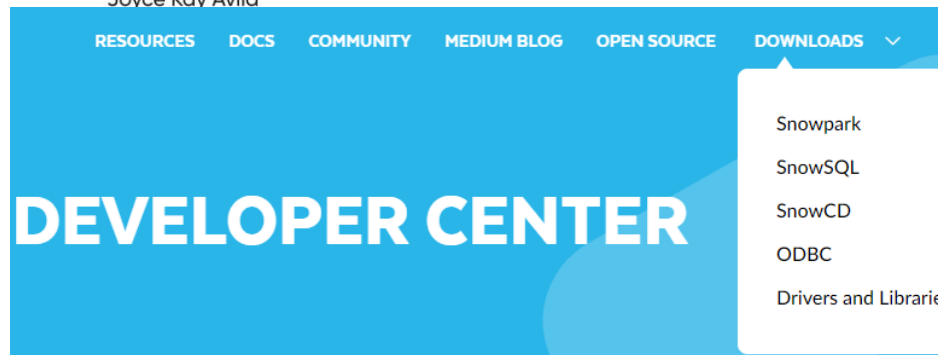
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Tutorial: Bulk Loading from a Local File System Using COPY

This tutorial describes how to load data from files in an internal Snowflake stage into a table.

You will learn how to:

- Create named file formats that describe your data files.
- Create named stage objects.
- Stage your data files to internal Snowflake stages.
- Load your data into Snowflake tables.
- Resolve errors in your data files.

The tutorial covers loading of both CSV and JSON data.

Interface: [SnowSQL \(CLI Client\)](#)

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Cost%

Bulk data load: Billed for the amount of time each virtual warehouse is active.

Snowpipe: Billed according to the compute resources used in the Snowpipe warehouse while loading the files.

Recommended Load File Size%

For the most efficient and cost-effective load experience with Snowpipe, we recommend following the file sizing recommendations in [File Sizing Best Practices and Limitations](#) and staging files once per minute. This approach typically leads to a good balance between cost (i.e. resources spent on Snowpipe queue management and the actual load) and performance (i.e. load latency). For more information, see [Continuous Data Loads \(i.e. Snowpipe\)](#) and [File Sizing](#).

Load Order of Data Files%

For each pipe object, Snowflake establishes a single queue to sequence data files awaiting loading. As new data files are discovered in a stage, Snowpipe appends them to the queue. However, multiple processes pull files from the



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