

Guest Lecture

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OVERVIEW

What is Civitas Learning

What We Do

Mission Statement

Demo

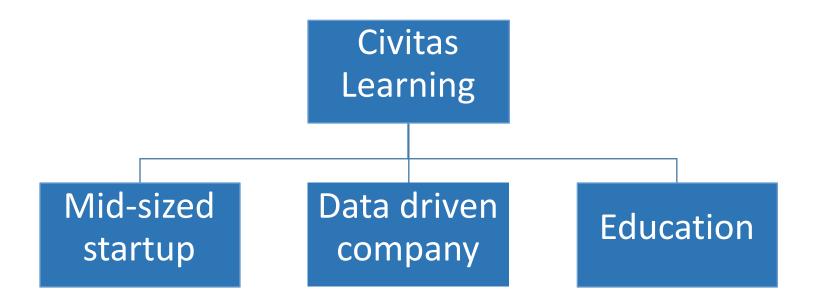
What I Do

How I Use Databases

Chad Cotton



WHAT IS CIVITAS LEARNING





"We partner with forward-thinking colleges and universities, harnessing the power of insight and action analytics to help a million more students learn well and finish strong." – The Million More Mission



WHAT WE DO

- Work with institutions to provide insights through various applications
 - Inspire



Inspire for Faculty Demo



HOW I USE DATABASES









WHAT I DO

- My role in the company
- How my work is broken down
 - Product
 - Dev managers, PSMs, engineers
 - Frontend
 - Work with HTML/CSS/ReactJS
 - Backend
 - Writing APIs
 - Working with models
 - Writing SQL
 - Optimizing performance
 - Writing tests



Chad Cotton - DE

- Graduated from THE University of Texas
 - Bachelors in Physic
 - Bachelors in Computer Science
- Data Engineering
 - I've been working in Data Engineering for about 7 ½ years.
 - I've been at Civitas for a year and a half
 - Before I was a Data Engineer I taught Math and Computer Science in High School



Goals

At the end of this lecture, you will be able to:

- Distinguish jobs in the data industry.
- Describe the process Civitas uses to manipulate data.
- Evaluate methods of loading data into a database.



Jobs in the Data Industry

- When you are out looking for work, you may wonder what types of things to look for:
 - Integration Specialist getting data out of, or into a database (ETL: Extract Transform Load)
 - Database developer getting data out of a database and using it in software, or creating routines to transform the data within the database.
 - Database Administrator make the database perform as efficiently as possible.
 - Database architect Designing schema to organize the data and or model a business process in a database
 - Data Scientist Much more about math than databases.
 - Data Analyst Investigate data to find insights.

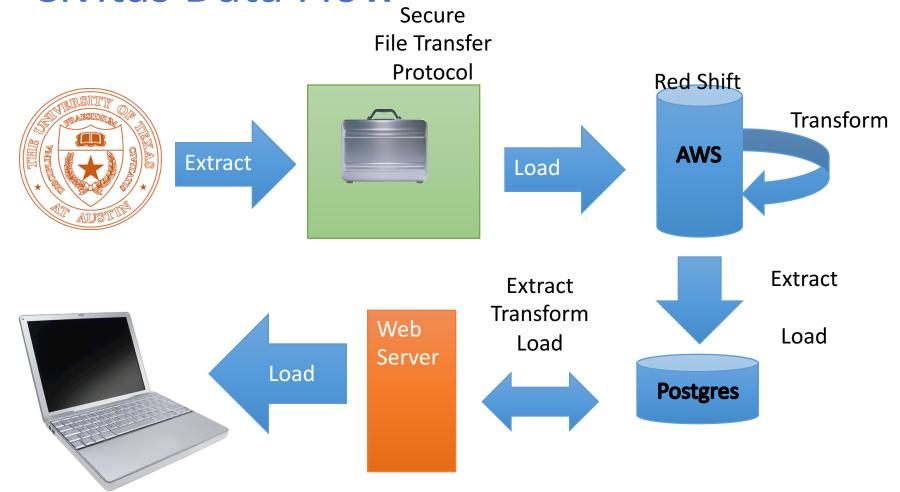


What I Do

- Data Engineer
 - Made up title to describe someone that has to do both the Integration specialist role and database developer
 - What I am not is a Data Architect/Scientist/Admin
- ETL (Extract Transform Load)
 - This is an idiom for many combinations of the three.
 - As you will see, it is rarely as simple as just those three.

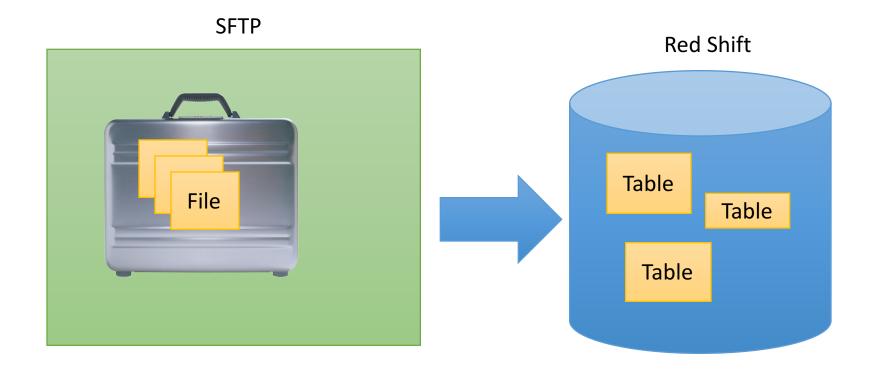


Civitas Data Flow





Load



Flat file: Plain Text file that is non-hierarchical, usually in the form of CSV, or TSV. Each row represents one row in the database.



Transform

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SRC
               RAW
   SRC
SRC
                   RAW
                                 SELECT
                                   SPBPERS.SPBPERS_PIDM AS <a href="mailto:raw_person_id">raw_person_id</a>
                                   , SPBPERS.SPBPERS_BIRTH_DATE AS <a href="mailto:raw_birth_dt">raw_birth_dt</a>
                                   , SPBPERS.SPBPERS_DEAD_DATE AS <a href="mailto:raw_death_dt">raw_death_dt</a>
                                   , SPBPERS.SPBPERS_SEX AS raw_gender
                                   , null AS raw_primary_language
                                   , null AS raw_country_of_origin
                                 FROM
                                   src_banner_saturn.spbpers
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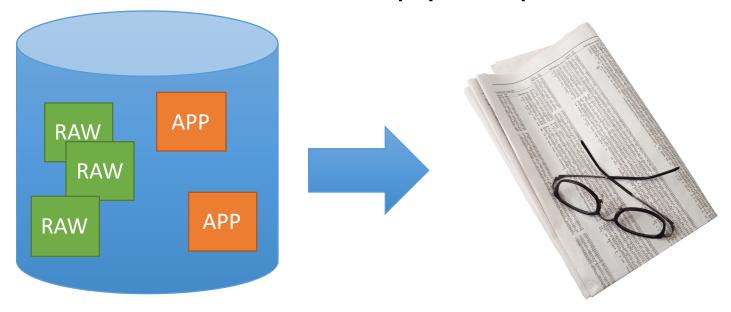
Technology for each phase

| Source | Raw Canonical Model | Aggregation Data Science | Application Model |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Load data from partner institution. | Mapping Source onto our Base model | Computations to do statistical analytics. | Prepare tables for final output to the application database: |
| Ingest using Libraries | SQL | SQL/Statistical Modeling | SQL |



Extract

• As long as the data is in the tables, there are export commands that can simply dump the data to a file.

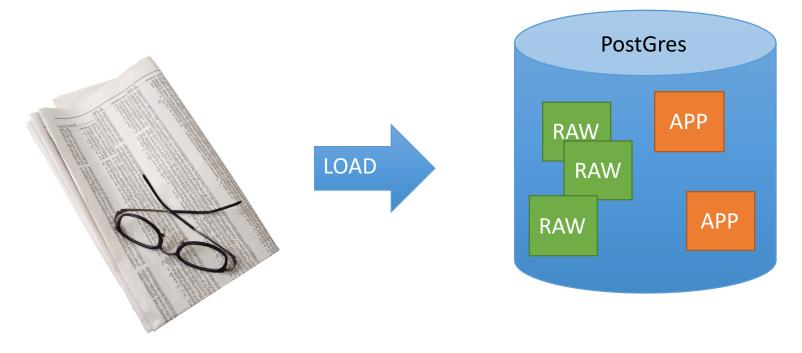


Exported as FLAT FILES



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Data Flow Secure File Transfer Protocol **Red Shift AWS** Web Server **Postgres**



Summary

- Jobs in the data industry.
- Process Civitas uses to manipulate data.
- Methods of loading data into a database.

Careers at Civitas Learning.



Questions?

