Objectives

Our high-level objectives are to orchestrate and modularize the data transformations for our warehouse so that they can become more automated and portable. We will do that by standing up a dbt project and converting our staging, intermediate, and mart layers from Colab to dbt.

Conversion Strategies

Go through our staging, intermediate, and mart Colab notebooks and identify the SQL and Python blocks which mutate the database. Follow the conversion strategies detailed below based on the type of mutation in question:

- For create table statements, which can be in the form of create-table-as-select, insert-table-as-select, and pandas Dataframe writes, convert them to a dbt model. SQL statements should be translated into SQL models while Python blocks should be translated into Python models:
 - SQL models comprise of one or more common table expressions, followed by a select statement for dbt to evaluate and persist as a table.
 - Python models contain data manipulations that can't be easily done in SQL, namely interacting with the LLM and converting the output to a <u>PySpark</u>
 <u>Dataframe</u>. Note: Python models get executed on a Dataproc cluster which uses a PySpark runtime, hence the need to convert from Pandas to PySpark Dataframe.
 - All models that source from the raw layer should call the <u>source()</u> function to read the raw tables.
 - All models that source from the staging layer or above should call the <u>ref()</u> function to read the staging or intermediate tables, whether they are the final table or just a temp table.
- For any DML statements, copy them into <u>post-hooks</u> or rewrite them into select statements.
- For uniqueness, not null tests and referential integrity tests, convert them to yaml format
 and add them to in models/intermediate/schema.yml using dbt's unique and not null
 and relationship constructs. Note that in order to test for the uniqueness of a
 combination of fields, an additional macro is required (for more details on macros, see
 hints section).
- Copy any drop table statements to remove temp tables into <u>post-hooks</u> and attach them
 to the final model so that they get deleted only after the final table has been created. For
 example, if tmp_airports is a temp table that persists some intermediate results and is
 used in the creation of the Airport table, add the drop table statement into the
 post-hook of the Airport model.

Implementation Details

- Materialize all models as BQ tables. This is defined in the <u>dbt_project.yml</u> file, which also contains the folder structure and BQ datasets.
- Follow the naming convention of dbt_[your-domain]_stg, dbt_[your-domain]_int, and dbt_[your-domain]_mrt for naming your datasets. Follow the dbt_project.yml example file.
- Specify your raw tables in a models/staging/schema.yml file. This will allow you to refer to them using the source() function from your staging models. Follow the schema.yml example file.
- Run the dbt run command to compile your models. This should not only create the tables, but also create the primary key constraints on those tables. At this time, there is a bug in the bigquery adaptor that is preventing the foreign key constraints from getting created. Don't worry if they don't show up so long as you specify them in schema.yml.
- Run the <u>dbt test</u> command to run your data integrity tests, namely uniqueness, not null, and relationship checks.
- When you are ready to commit your code, create a new folder in your repo for this project and name it project6. Copy your top-level dbt project folder (e.g. air_travel) into the project6. You can exclude the dbt logs and target folders from your commit.
- Use <u>custom schemas</u> to specify the naming of your BigQuery datasets. This comes in the form of a macro, generate_schema_name, which you can copy from the <u>snippets</u> <u>repo</u>, and place in your macros folder.
- Use the additional macro, unique_combination_of_columns, to test for the uniqueness of composite primary keys. You can copy the code from the <u>snippets repo</u> and place it in your own macros folder.
- Generate one or more <u>lineage graphs</u> that capture the dependencies between the
 models from your warehouse. To do that, you'll first need to compile the <u>documentation</u>
 for your warehouse and then bring up the UI, just like we did during the setup. Take a
 screenshot of your full lineage graph. If your graph has > 30 nodes and is difficult to
 visualize in its entirety, take additional screenshots of each layer (staging, intermediate,
 and mart). Save the screenshots in a new folder under the project6 folder, called
 lineage.
- Create the usual submission.json file and upload it to Canvas by the deadline. Only one person per group needs to do this step.

Hints

• To get started, run the dbt init [your-domain] command to generate a new dbt project for your warehouse. You'll need to modify .dbt/profiles.yml just like we did during the setup. From there, you should create the proper directory structure under the models folder and then modify the default dbt_project.yml. You should also create the two macros and the models/staging/schema.yml file.

- I suggest keeping around your temp tables in BigQuery until you have verified the final models that they need to feed into. Otherwise, you will be wasting time waiting for dbt to compile and recompile the temp models.
- To speed up the dbt run command, you can increase the number of threads from 1 to 3 in your .dbt/profiles.yml. This will allow dbt to execute up to 3 models concurrently without violating dependencies.
- If you are renaming a model or changing the schema of an existing model, use the dbt run --full-refresh option. More details here.
- For the primary key, foreign key, uniqueness, not null and relationship tests, I would suggest copying one of the schema.yml files from the snippets repo (such as this one) and using it as your starting point.
- If you get an "Insufficient quota" error, whether it be CPU or Persistent Disk, go to the
 Quotas page and request an increase for the resource in question. For CPU, I would
 recommend requesting 48 CPUs in the us-central1 region, which would be double from
 the current allocation. For storage, I would recommend also doubling the volume of
 available disk to 8 TB. These requests should get auto-approved within minutes. If they
 don't, please contact me as soon as possible.

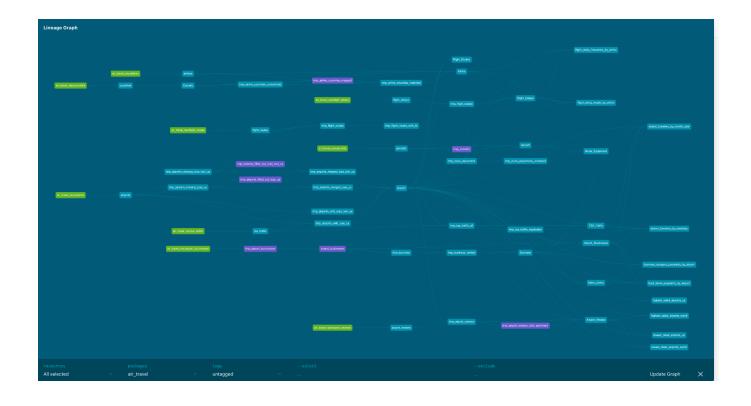


• To create the lineage graphs, run dbt docs generate followed by dbt docs serve --port 8181 on the machine where you are running dbt. If you are running dbt on a VM, you'll also need to bring up a local terminal, run gcloud init, and then set up the ssh tunnel to connect to the VM. You can use this command to create the tunnel:

gcloud compute ssh dbt --project [GCP-PROJECT_ID] --zone us-central1-c --NL 8181:localhost:8181

Be sure to replace [GCP-PROJECT_ID] with your own project. Then, open a browser on your local machine and navigate to http://localhost:8181. To view the lineage graph,

click on this icon: on the bottom-right corner of the home page. The graph should look similar to the image below:



Due Date: 11/07/24

| dbt project folder is thorough and meets all requirements -5 for each missing table or model file in staging, intermediate or mart datasets -4 for each empty table in staging, intermediate or mart datasets -2 for each failing uniqueness, not null or relationship test -2 for each missing primary key or foreign key constraint from schema.yml -2 for each missing primary key constraint from a final intermediate table -2 for each model file not using source() or ref() -3 for not following dataset naming convention -90 missing dbt project folder under project6 | 90 |
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| Lineage folder contains one or more screenshots of the model dependency graph -1 for each missing model or dependency that doesn't correspond to the model files in the repo -2 model names are not legible in the provided screenshot(s) -10 missing lineage folder under project6 | 10 |
| submission.json submitted into Canvas. Your project will not be graded without this submission. The file should have the following schema: | Required |
| <pre>"commit-id": "your most recent commit ID from Github", "project-id": "your project ID from GCP" }</pre> | |
| Example: | |
| <pre>{ "commit-id": "dab96492ac7d906368ac9c7a17cb0dbd670923d9", "project-id": "some-project-id" }</pre> | |
| Total Credit: | 100 |