

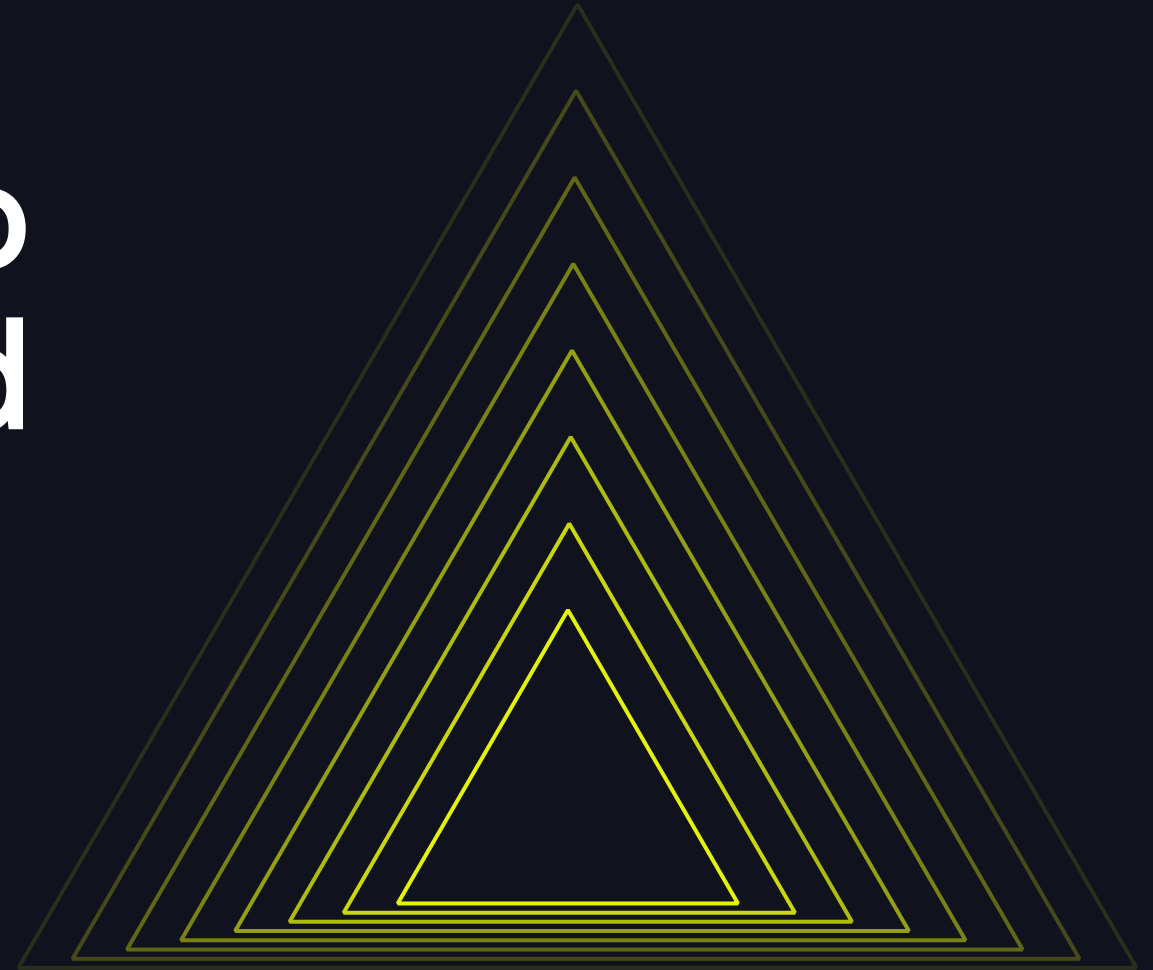
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# Deep Dive into Delta Lake and UniForm

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# Agenda

1. Intro to Delta Lake and core capabilities
2. Unpacking the Transaction Log Protocol
3. Data Layout Innovations
4. Uniform
5. Use cases
6. Roadmap

# Tech Check





# Cats or Dogs?



# Delta Lake

Delta Lake with UniForm is an open format that brings performance, interoperability, and ACID transactions to open data lakes.





# Delta Lake Key Features



## ACID Transactions

Protect your data with serializability, the strongest level of isolation.



## Scalable Metadata

Handle petabyte-scale tables with billions of partitions and files at ease



## Time Travel

Access/revert to earlier versions of data for audits, rollbacks, or reproduce



## DML Operations

SQL, Scala/Java and Python APIs to merge, update and delete datasets



## Unified Batch/Streaming

Exactly once semantics ingestion to backfill to interactive queries



## Schema Evolution / Enforcement

Prevent bad data from causing data corruption



## Audit History

Delta Lake log all change details providing a full audit trail



## Open Source

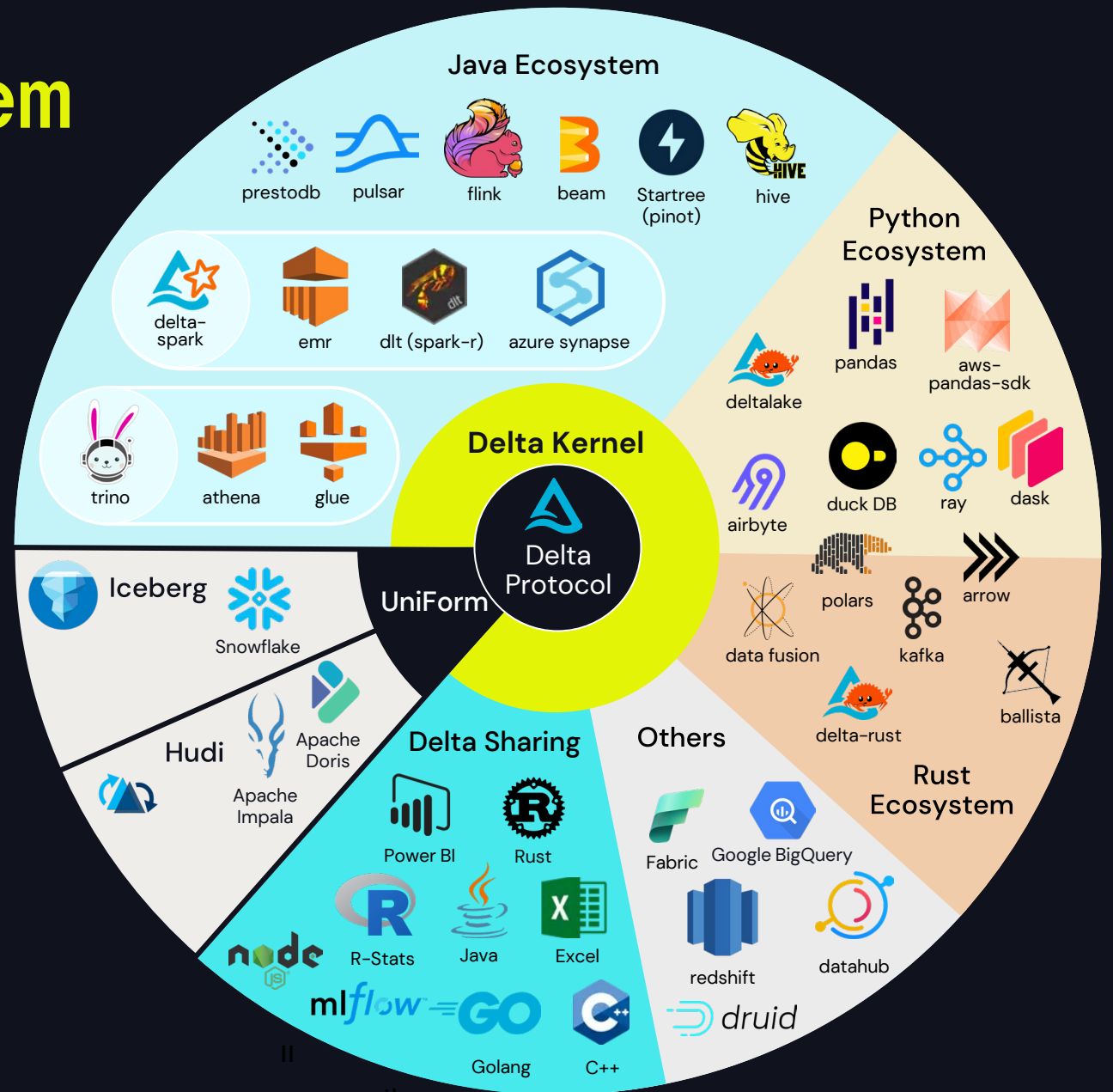
Community driven, open standards, open protocol, open discussions

# Delta Lake – quickstart

```
bin/spark-sql
  --packages io.delta:delta-spark_2.12:3.1.0
  --conf "spark.sql.extensions=io.delta.sql.DeltaSparkSessionExtension"
  --conf "spark.sql.catalog.spark_catalog=org.apache.spark.sql.delta.catalog.DeltaCatalog"
```

```
CREATE TABLE cat.sch.tbl USING DELTA
AS SELECT col1 as id
FROM VALUES 0,1,2,3,4;
```

# Thriving ecosystem

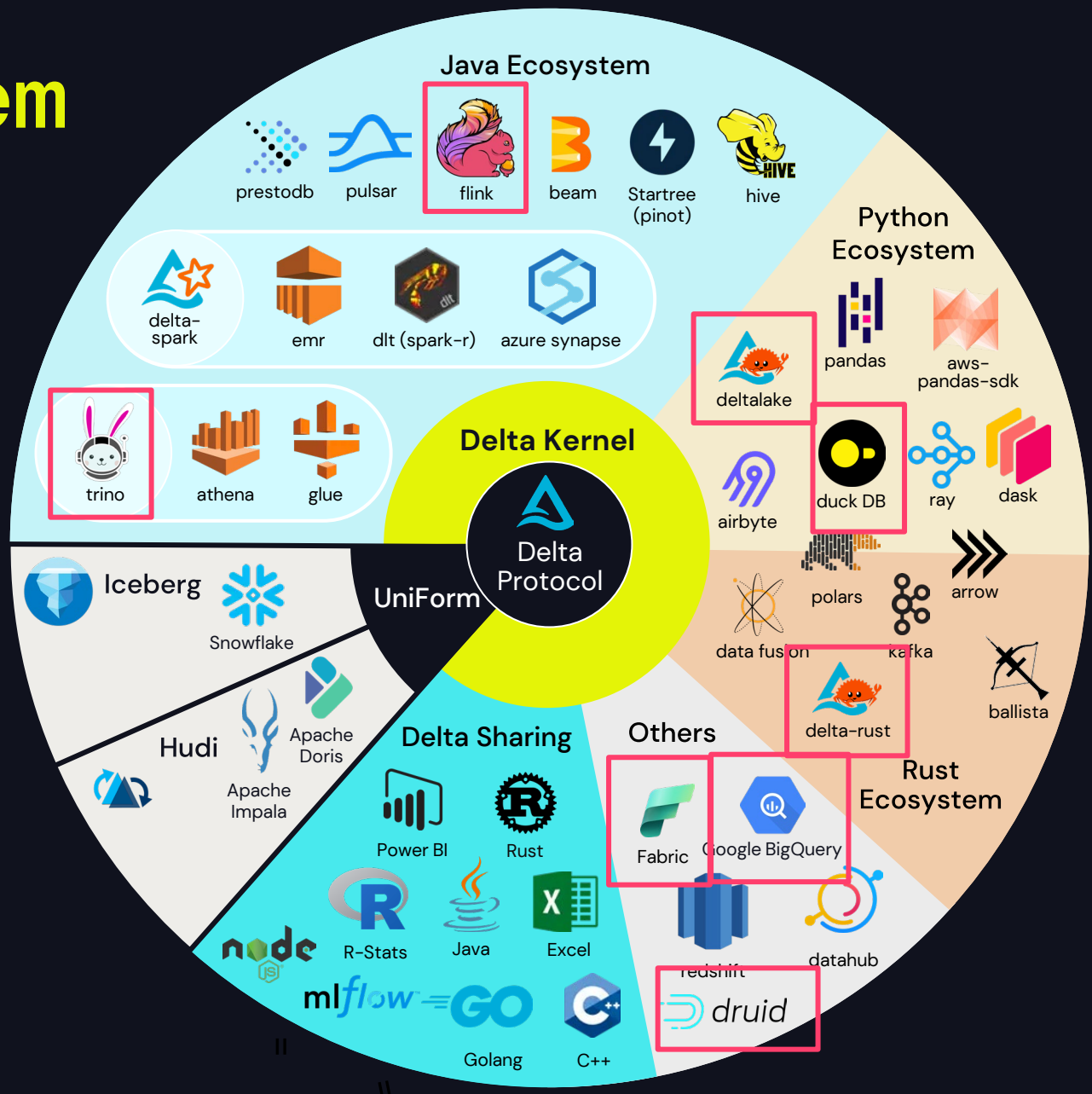


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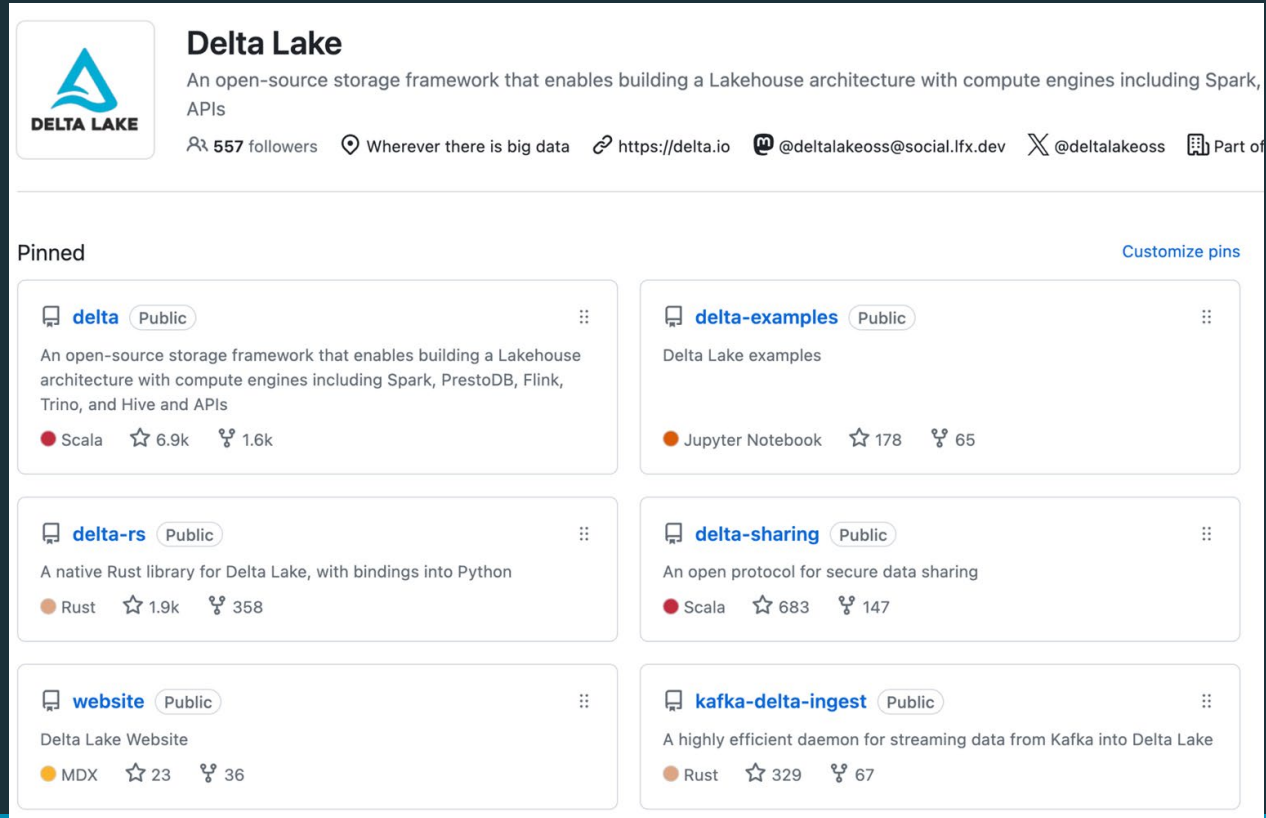
New or significantly updated

-  Delta Flink
-  Delta Trino
-  Delta Rust / deltalake Python
-  Apache Druid
-  Google BigQuery
-  DuckDB



# Community

- 11+ repos in the project
  - production and incubator projects
- > 50 releases
  - Latest: Delta 3.2, Delta Rust 0.17
- Very active community
  - ~9K Github stars
  - ~500 contributors
  - Slack: ~10K members
  - LinkedIn: ~50K members
  - YouTube: ~2.5K subscribers



**Delta Lake**  
An open-source storage framework that enables building a Lakehouse architecture with compute engines including Spark, APIs  
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- delta** (Public) · Scala · 6.9k stars · 1.6k forks  
An open-source storage framework that enables building a Lakehouse architecture with compute engines including Spark, PrestoDB, Flink, Trino, and Hive and APIs
- delta-examples** (Public) · Jupyter Notebook · 178 stars · 65 forks  
Delta Lake examples
- delta-rs** (Public) · Rust · 1.9k stars · 358 forks  
A native Rust library for Delta Lake, with bindings into Python
- delta-sharing** (Public) · Scala · 683 stars · 147 forks  
An open protocol for secure data sharing
- website** (Public) · MDX · 23 stars · 36 forks  
Delta Lake Website
- kafka-delta-ingest** (Public) · Rust · 329 stars · 67 forks  
A highly efficient daemon for streaming data from Kafka into Delta Lake

## Join the Delta Lake Community

Delta Lake is supported by more than 190 developers from over 70 organizations across multiple repositories. Chat with fellow Delta Lake users and contributors, ask questions and share tips.



Slack



Google Groups



LinkedIn



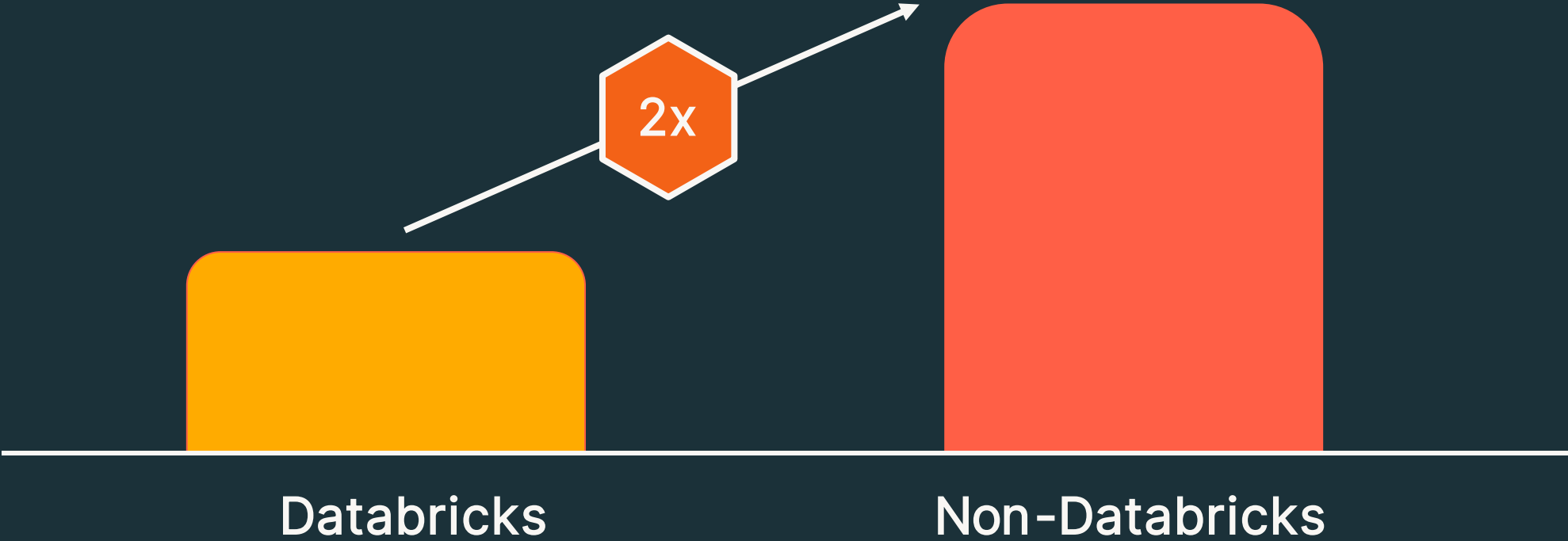
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# Delta Lake – Pull Requests Merged

Source: Linux Foundation Insights



# Delta Lake:

## The **most adopted** open lakehouse format

Scalable

**9+ exabytes**

processed  
per day

Popular

**1B+**

Clusters per  
year

Prevalent

**60%+**

Fortune 500  
Adoption

Reliable

**>10K+**

Companies  
in production

Innovative

**80+**

New  
features /  
year

Open

**>500**

Contributors

**2x yearly growth**



# The **biggest** Delta Lake release yet

Delta 3.0

Delta 4.0



Deletion Vectors



Liquid clustering



Delta Kernel

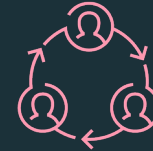


Optimized Writes



**VARIANT**

Lightning fast semi-structured data



**UniForm GA**

Write once, read as all formats



**Liquid GA**

Easy migration from partitioned tables



**Coordinated Commits**

Cross cloud, cross engines



Table features



Incremental checkpoints



Log compactions



Row IDs



**Spark Connect**

Better stability, upgradability



**Collations**

Flexible sort and comparison



**Identity columns**

Pain-free primary and foreign keys



**Type widening**

Data types expand with your data



Table cloning



MERGE improvements



CDF

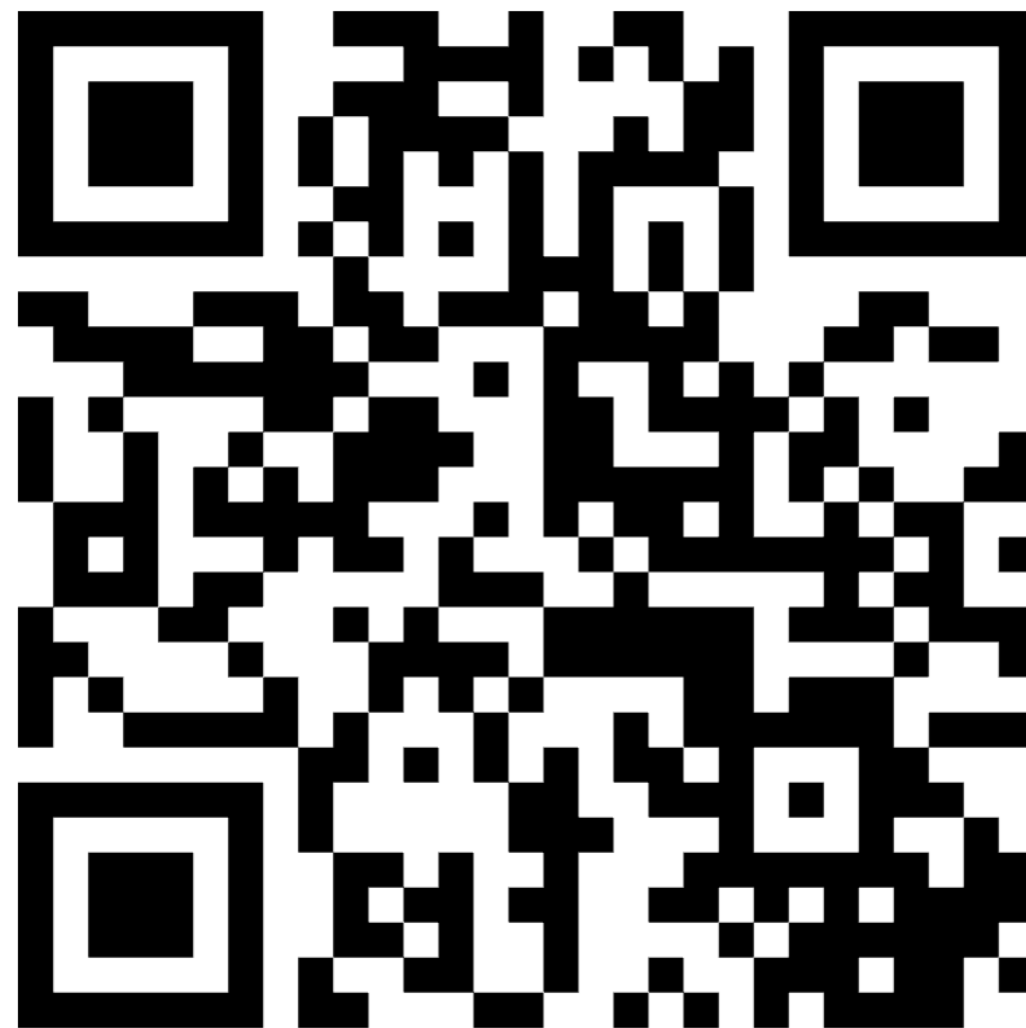


Auto-compaction





# POP QUIZ



# Unpacking the transaction log

# Delta Lake on Disk

```
/mytable/  
  _delta_log/  
    00010.checkpoint.parquet  
    00011.json  
    00012.json  
    _last_checkpoint  
  _change_data/  
    cdc-file1.snappy.parquet  
date=2024-06-14/  
  file-1.snappy.parquet  
deletion_vector1.bin
```



# Delta Lake on Disk

	/mytable/
Transaction Log	_delta_log/
Commits & Checkpoints	00010.checkpoint.parquet
	00011.json
	00012.json
Checkpoint pointer	_last_checkpoint
(Optional) Change Data	_change_data/
	cdc-file1.snappy.parquet
(Optional) Partition Directories	date=2024-06-14/
Data	file-1.snappy.parquet
(Optional) Deletion Vectors	deletion_vector1.bin



# Table = result of a set of actions

Metadata – name, schema, partitioning, etc

Add File – adds a file (with optional statistics)

Remove File – removes a file

Transaction Identifier – records an idempotent transaction id

Protocol Evolution – upgrades the version of the txn protocol

Commit Provenance – additional information about what higher-level operations was being performed as well as who executed it

**Result: Current Metadata, List of Files, List of Txns, Version**



# Example of an addFile action

The add action is used to modify the data in the table by adding individual files respectively.

`Path`, `partitionValues`, `size`, `modificationTime` and `dataChange` are required fields. Other fields like `stats`, `tags`, and `clusteringProvider` are optional.

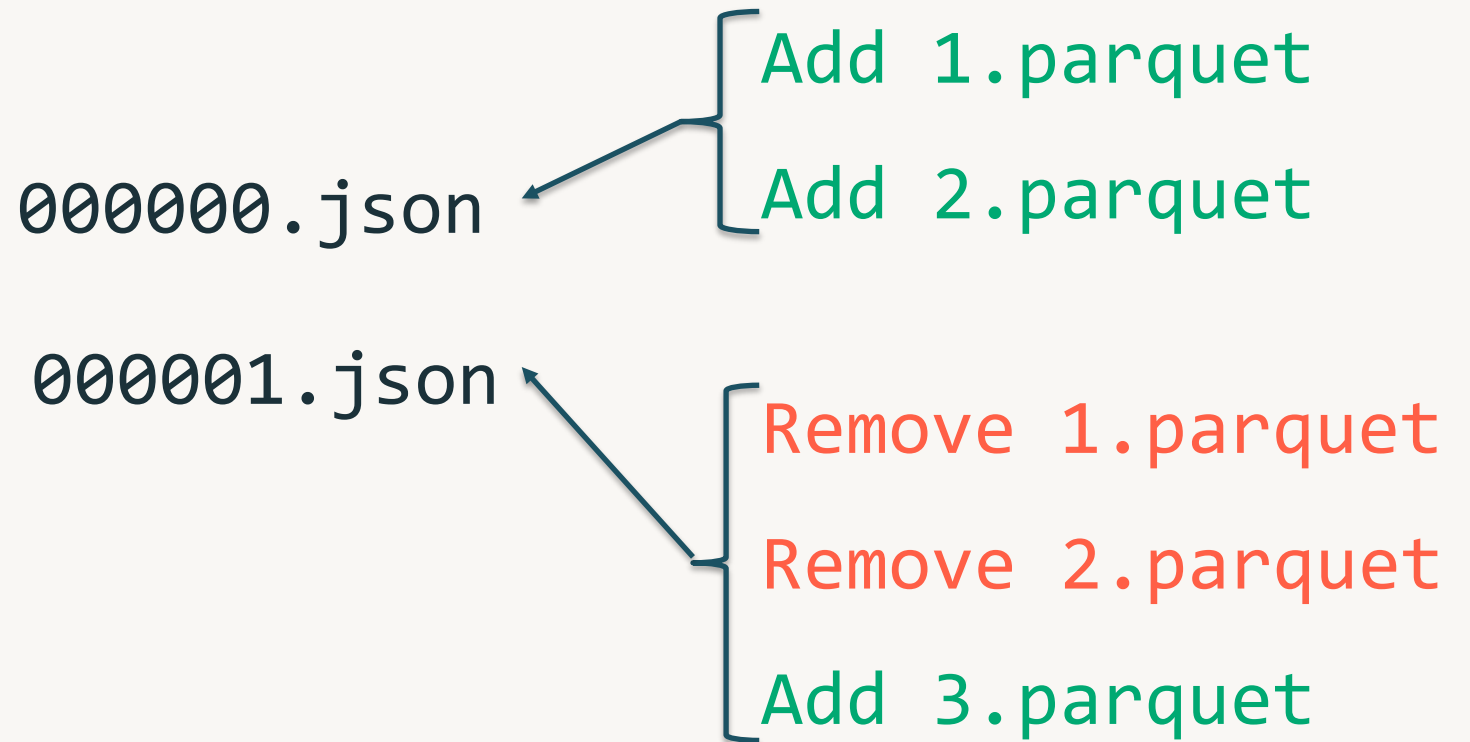
```
{
  "add": {
    "path": "date=2017-12-10/part-000...c000.gz.parquet",
    "partitionValues": {"date": "2017-12-10"},
    "size": 841454,
    "modificationTime": 1512909768000,
    "dataChange": true,
    "baseRowId": 4071,
    "defaultRowCommitVersion": 41,
    "stats": "{\"numRecords\":1,\"minValues\":{\"val...\"
  }
}
```



# ACID properties

# Implementing Atomicity

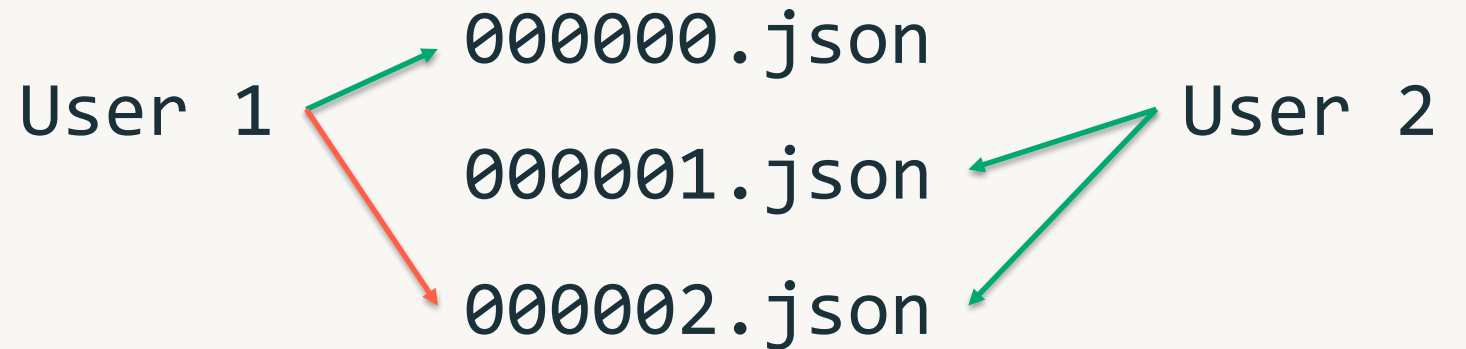
Changes to the table are stored as ordered, atomic units called **commits**





# Ensuring Serializability

Need to agree on the order of changes, even when there are multiple writers.



# Solving Conflicts Optimistically

1. Record Start Version
2. Record reads/writes
3. Attempt commit
4. If someone else wins, check if anything you read has changed
5. Try again



**Transactions and reliability are great, but what about performance?**

# Handling Massive Metadata

Large tables can have millions of files. Delta Lake can use a distributed engine for scaling

Add 1.parquet

Add 2.parquet

Remove 1.parquet

Remove 2.parquet

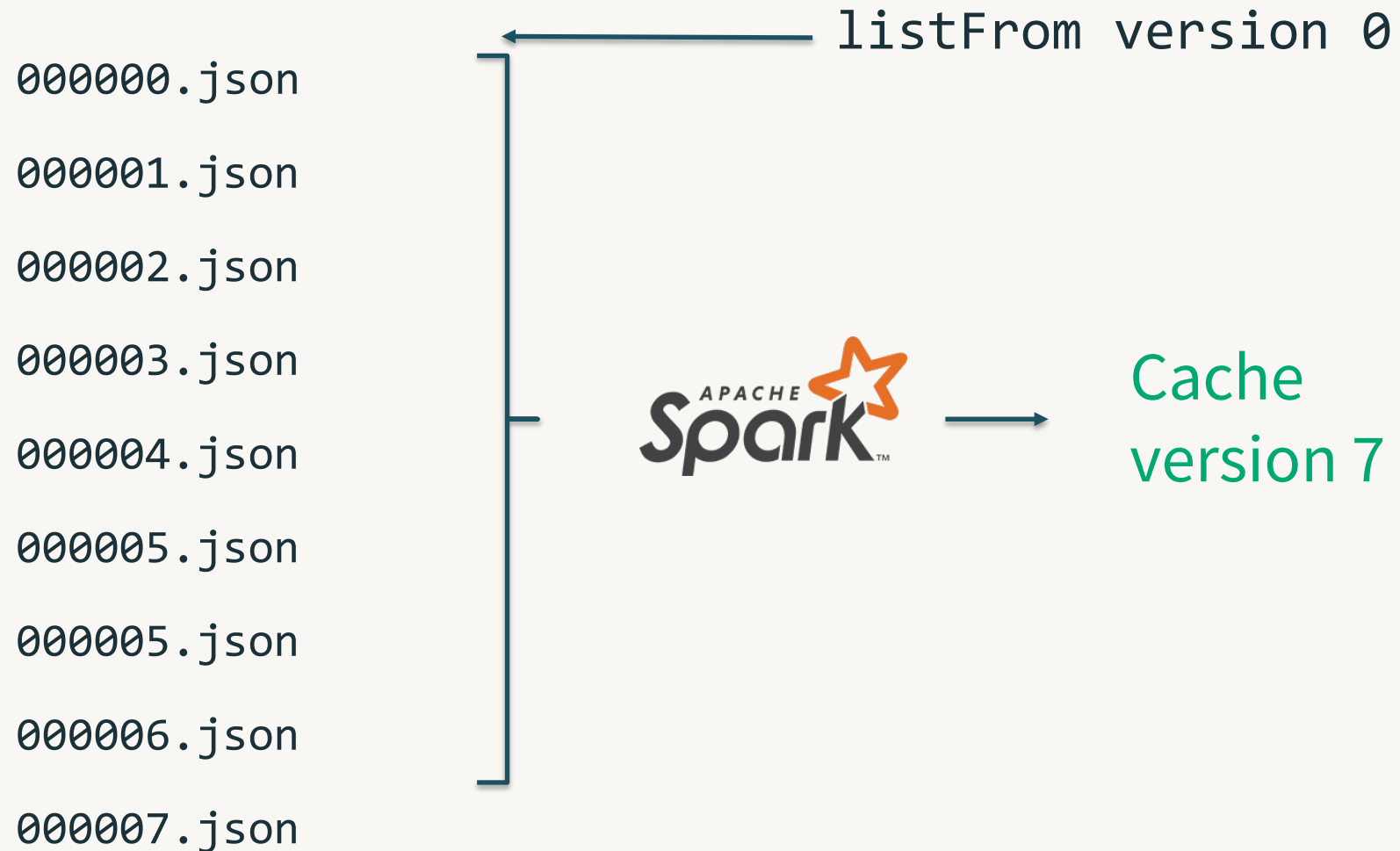
Add 3.parquet



Parquet



# Updating Delta Lake's State



# Updating Delta Lake's State

000000.json

...

000007.json

000008.json

000009.json

000010.json

000010.checkpoint.parquet

000011.json

000012.json

← listFrom version 7

← Read the checkpoint



Cache  
version 12



# Finding the latest metadata

The Delta transaction log can contain many (e.g. 10,000+) commits and this can take a long time to list

**`_last_checkpoint`** provides a pointer to near the end of the log

**`listFrom`** storage API provides the ability to list only from the last known checkpoint

```
/mytable/  
  _delta_log/  
    0000.json  
    0001.json  
    0002.json  
    ...  
  
    0100.checkpoint.parquet  
    0101.json  
    ...  
  
    0200.checkpoint.parquet  
    0201.json  
    _last_checkpoint  
    ...
```



# Time Travel



# Time Traveling by version

```
SELECT * FROM my_table VERSION AS OF 500;
```

```
SELECT * FROM my_table@v500
```

```
spark.read.option("versionAsOf", 500).load("/some/path")
```

```
spark.read.load("/some/path@v500")
```



```
deltaLog.getSnapshotAt(500)
```



# Time Traveling by timestamp

```
SELECT * FROM my_table TIMESTAMP AS OF '2019-10-16';
```

```
SELECT * FROM my_table@201910160000000000 -- yyyyMMddHHmmsSSS
```

```
spark.read.option("timestampAsOf", "2019-10-16").load("/some/path")
```

```
spark.read.load("/some/path@201910160000000000")
```



```
deltaLog.getSnapshotAt(500)
```

# Time Traveling by timestamp

Commit timestamps come from storage system modification timestamps

001070.json            2019-10-16

001071.json            2021-05-24

001072.json            2022-07-20

001073.json            2022-06-30



# Time Traveling by timestamp

Timestamps can be out of order. We adjust by adding 1 millisecond to the previous commit's timestamp

001070.json	2019-06-19	2019-06-19
001071.json	2021-05-24	2021-05-24
001072.json	2022-07-20	2022-07-20
001073.json	2022-06-30	2022-07-20
00:00:00.01		



# Time Traveling by timestamp

Price is right rules – pick the closest commit timestamp that doesn't exceed the users timestamp

001070.json	2019-06-19	
001071.json	2021-05-24	
001072.json	2022-07-20	← 2022-04-13
001073.json	2022-07-20 00:00:00.01	



# The Single Source of Truth!

# Information required to plan a query

Information	Parquet Source	Delta Lake Source
1. Schema	1. HMS or inferred from file footer	1. Transaction Log
2. Partition Columns and values	2. HMS or inferred	2. Transaction Log
3. Files to read	3. FileSystem listing	3. Transaction Log
4. File Statistics	4. NA	4. Transaction Log
5. Protocol (Delta Only)	5. NA	5. Transaction Log



# Getting the schema of a Delta Lake table

Read the transaction log!

Collect all the metadata actions for your table

Merge the schema strings together

Time Travel allows you to go back before meta changes!

```
{  
  "metaData": {  
    "id": "af23c9d7-fff1-4a5a-a2c8-55c59bd782aa",  
    "format": {"provider": "parquet", "options": {}},  
    "schemaString": "...",  
    "partitionColumns": [],  
    "configuration": {  
      "appendOnly": "true"  
    }  
  }  
}
```





# Getting the partition columns

Read the transaction log!

Collect all the metadata actions for your table

Collect list of partition columns

Scales to millions of partitions

```
{
  "metaData":{
    "id":"af23c9d7-fff1-4a5a-a2c8-55c59bd782aa",
    "format":{"provider":"parquet","options":{}},
    "schemaString":"...",
    "partitionColumns":[],
    "configuration":{
      "appendOnly": "true"
    }
  }
}
```



# Getting the list of files to read

Read the transaction log!

Collect all the add file actions

Apply partition and data filters

Collect list of paths

Scales to millions of files

```
{  
  "add": {  
    "path": "date=2017-12-10/part-000...c000.gz.parquet",  
    "partitionValues": {"date": "2017-12-10"},  
    "size": 841454,  
    "modificationTime": 1512909768000,  
    "dataChange": true,  
    "stats": "{\\"numRecords\\":1,\\"minValues\\":{\\"val..."  
  }  
}
```



# Additional Features

# Generated Columns

A generated column is a special column that's defined with a SQL Expression

```
CREATE TABLE events (  
    eventId BIGINT,  
    data STRING,  
    eventType STRING,  
    eventTime TIMESTAMP,  
    eventDate date GENERATED ALWAYS AS (CAST(eventTime AS DATE))  
)  
  
PARTITIONED BY (eventType, eventDate)
```



# Generated Columns

Querying a generated column will apply partition pushdown if you use the generated column, or the column it was generated from

```
SELECT * From events WHERE eventTime >= "2020-10-01  
00:00:00" <= "2020-10-01 12:00:00"
```

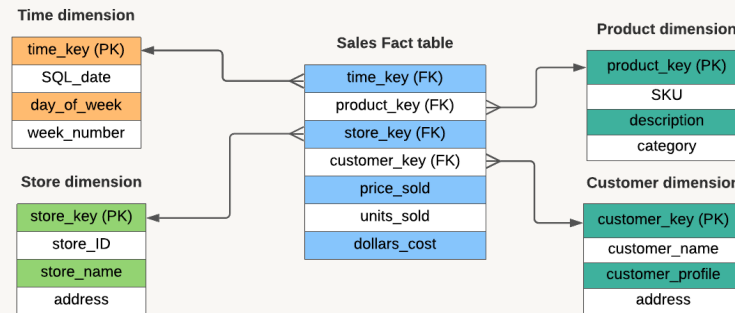
For the above query, we will only read the date 2020-10-01 even though the partition filter is not specified



# Support for Identity Columns, Primary + Foreign Key Constraints

## IDENTITY COLUMNS

- Define **IDENTITY** column on a table
- Delta can **automatically** generate **unique integer values** when new rows are added to the table with IDENTITY columns
- Users can also explicitly insert values for the IDENTITY columns



## PRIMARY + FOREIGN KEY DECLARATIONS

- Declare unenforced Primary and Foreign keys with **ALTER TABLE**
- Visible in **INFORMATION\_SCHEMA** and **DESCRIBE TABLE**
- Allow end users to understand **relationships** between tables

**GOAL:** Enable **data quality** and **easy table relationship discovery** for tools and users that are not familiar with the data model.



# Identity Columns

## Delta Lake Identity Support

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS dim_loan  
(  
  Loan_sk BIGINT GENERATED ALWAYS AS IDENTITY,  
  Loan_id BIGINT,  
  .....  
)  
USING DELTA  
LOCATION 'abfs://<container>@<storage account>/'
```

### Options

```
ALWAYS | BY DEFAULT  
START WITH start  
INCREMENT BY step
```

- Always option doesn't allow column override
- By Default option does allow column override but \*doesn't enforce duplicates\*
- Start With option allows you to start anywhere
- Increment option allows you to set the increment



# POP QUIZ





# Speeding up queries

# Speeding up queries

Reading only the necessary rows for a query = Efficient query processing

How does the transaction log help with that?



# Partitioned Tables : Partition Pruning

```
/mytable/
```

```
part=1/part_00001.parquet  
part=1/part_00002.parquet  
part=2/part_00001.parquet  
part=2/part_00002.parquet
```

```
select * from mytable where part = 2
```



# Data Skipping

Simple, well-known I/O pruning technique

- Track file-level stats like min & max
- Leverage them to avoid scanning irrelevant files

```
SELECT input_file_name() as "file_name",  
       min(col) AS "col_min",  
       max(col) AS "col_max"  
FROM table  
GROUP BY input_file_name()
```

file_name	col_min	col_max
1.parquet	6	8
2.parquet	3	10
3.parquet	1	4



# Data Skipping

```
SELECT file_name FROM index  
WHERE col_min < 5 AND col_max >= 5
```


















file_name	col_min	col_max
1.parquet	6	8
2.parquet	3	10
3.parquet	1	4



# Data Layout Challenges

# Hive-style partitioning

Working example: A table partitioned by customer ID and date

	2023-02-05	2023-02-06	2023-02-07	2023-02-08
Customer A				
Customer B				
The Whale				
Tiny 1				
Tiny 2				
Customer C				

 Target file size

Each partition contains files for one customer+date pair e.g. (The Whale, 2023-02-07)


















Number and size of files is different for each partition

Some partitions may not contain any files (yet)



# Hive-style partitioning

A table can be over- or under-partitioned — or both at the same time!

	2023-02-05	2023-02-06	2023-02-07	2023-02-08
Customer A				
Customer B				
The Whale				
Tiny 1				
Tiny 2				
Customer C				

 Target file size

Costly overread to query just one hour for a big customer

Costly small-file explosion to query a small customer
























Prefer to partition by week?  
By hour? Have to rewrite the whole table





# Hive-style partitioning

Most ingest is small, causing small-file explosion

	2023-02-05	2023-02-06	2023-02-07	2023-02-08
Customer A				
Customer B				
The Whale				
Tiny 1				
Tiny 2				
Customer C				

 Target file size

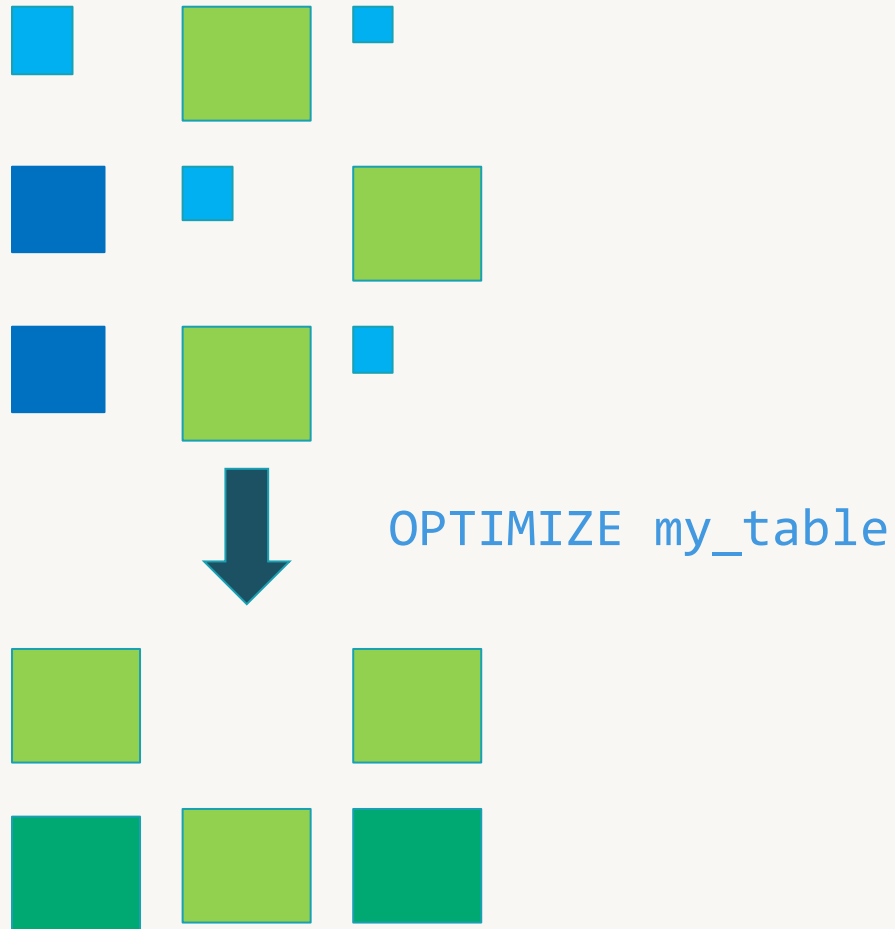
Ingest new data every hour?  
24 files per customer/day.

Ingest small data for many  
customers at once?  
One tiny file per customer.

Frequent table maintenance  
needed to control file counts



# OPTIMIZE your table



```
{  
  "remove": {  
    "path": "part-00001-9....snappy.parquet",  
    "deletionTimestamp": 1512909768000,  
    "dataChange": false  
  }  
}  
{  
  "add": {  
    "path": "part-0000....gz.parquet",  
    "size": 256841454,  
    "modificationTime": 1512909768000,  
    "dataChange": false,  
    "stats":  
    "{  
      \"numRecords\":123456789,\"minValues\":{\"val...\"  
    }  
  }  
}
```



# Z-Ordering

`optimize my_table zorder by col`

Old Layout

file_name	col_min	col_max
1.parquet	6	8
2.parquet	3	10
3.parquet	1	4

New Layout

file_name	col_min	col_max
1.parquet	1	3
2.parquet	4	7
3.parquet	8	10



# Z-Ordering

```
select * from table where col = 7
```

Old Layout

file_name	col_min	col_max
1.parquet	6	8
2.parquet	3	10
3.parquet	1	4

New Layout

file_name	col_min	col_max
1.parquet	1	3
2.parquet	4	7
3.parquet	8	10





# Data Layout Innovations

# Liquid Clustering – No more partitions

- Fast
  - Faster writes and similar reads vs. well-tuned partitioned tables
- Self-tuning
  - Avoids over- and under-partitioning
- Incremental
  - Automatic partial clustering of new data
- Skew-resistant
  - Produces consistent file sizes and low write amplification
- Flexible
  - Want to change the clustering columns? No problem!
- Better concurrency



# Liquid clustering Usage Walkthrough

Create a new Delta table with liquid clustering

```
CREATE [EXTERNAL] TABLE tbl (id INT, name STRING) CLUSTER BY(id)
```

Change Liquid Clustering keys on existing clustered table:

```
ALTER TABLE tbl CLUSTER BY (name);
```

Clustering data in a Delta table with liquid clustering:

```
OPTIMIZE tbl;
```

What you don't need to worry about:


















- Optimal file sizes
- Whether a column can be used as a clustering key
- Order of clustering keys





# Liquid clustering in action

Efficiently balance clustering vs. file size


















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Customer A				
Customer B				
The Whale				
Tiny 1				
Tiny 2				
Customer C				

 Target file size



# Liquid clustering in action

Efficiently balance clustering vs. file size

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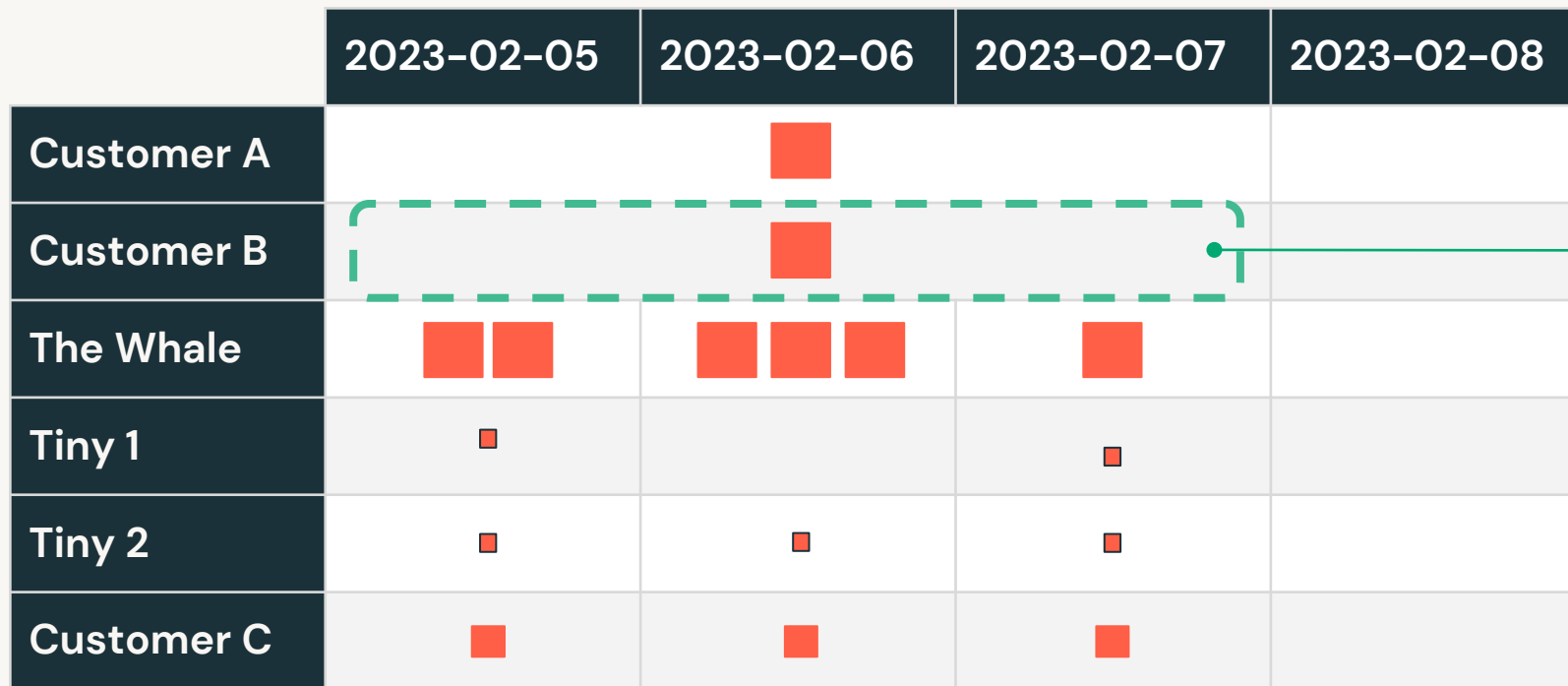
 Target file size

One file covers several dates for a single small customer



# Liquid clustering in action

Efficiently balance clustering vs. file size



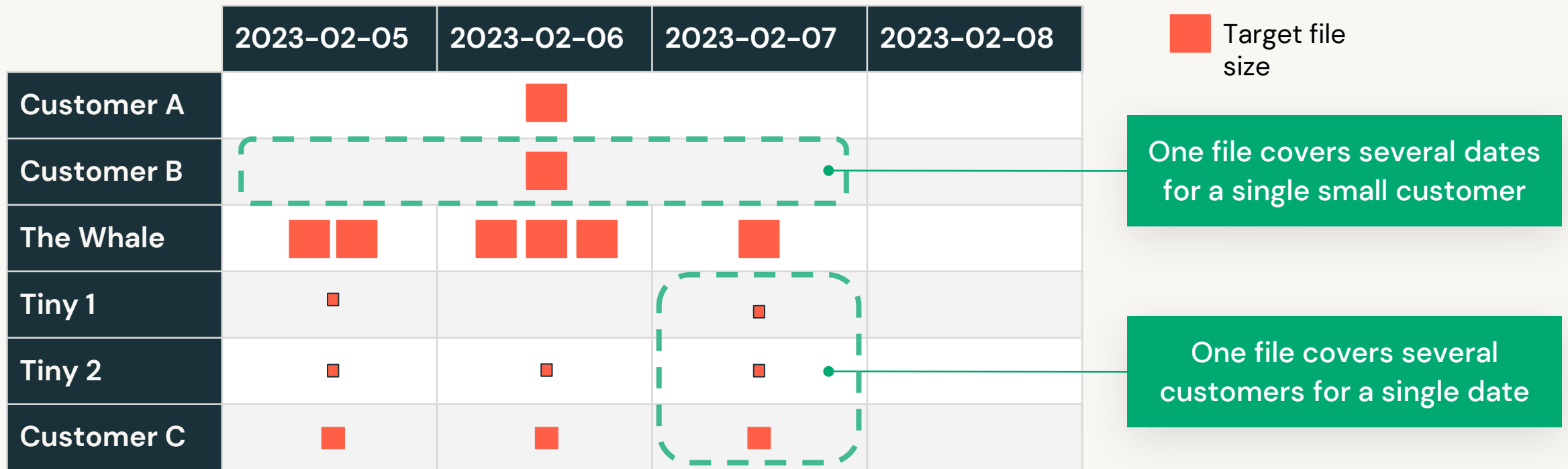
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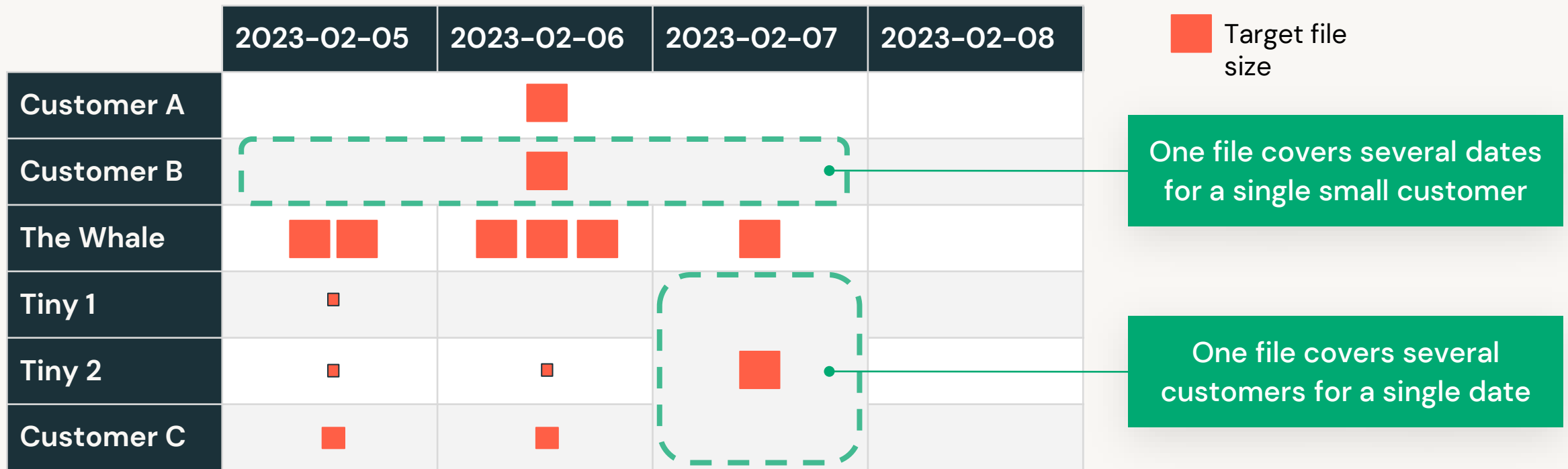
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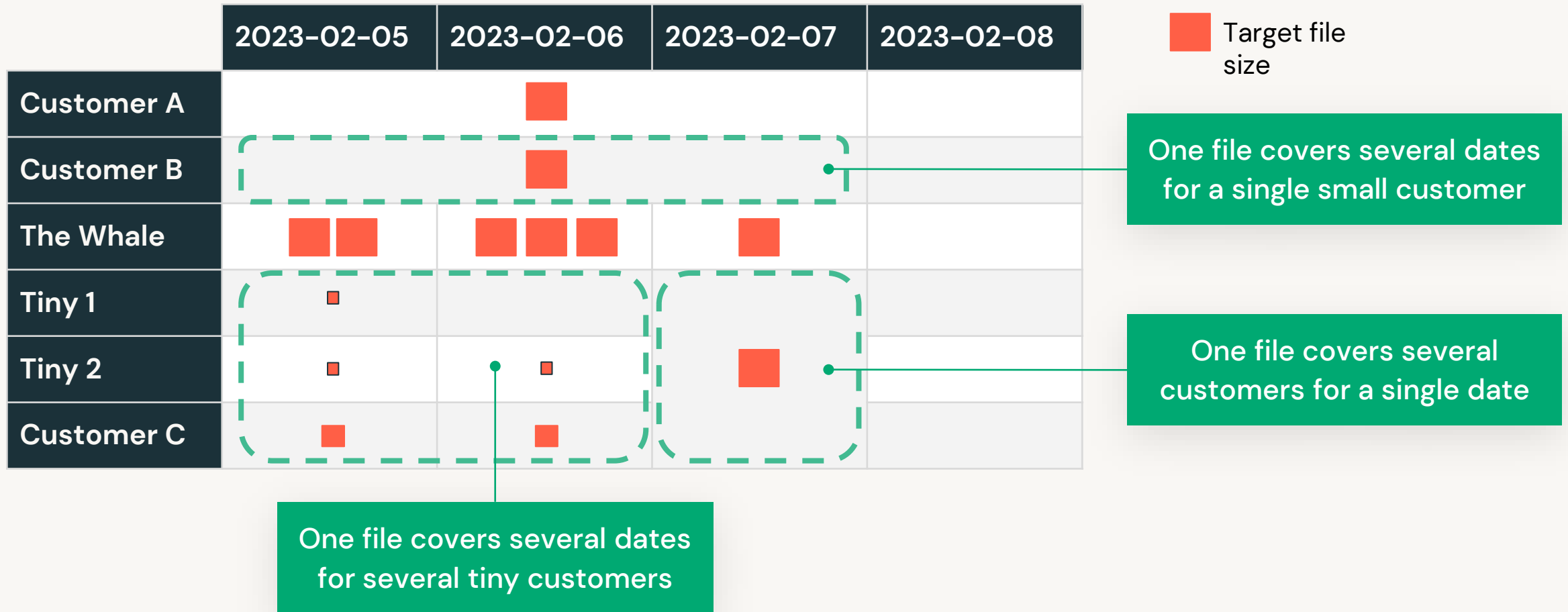
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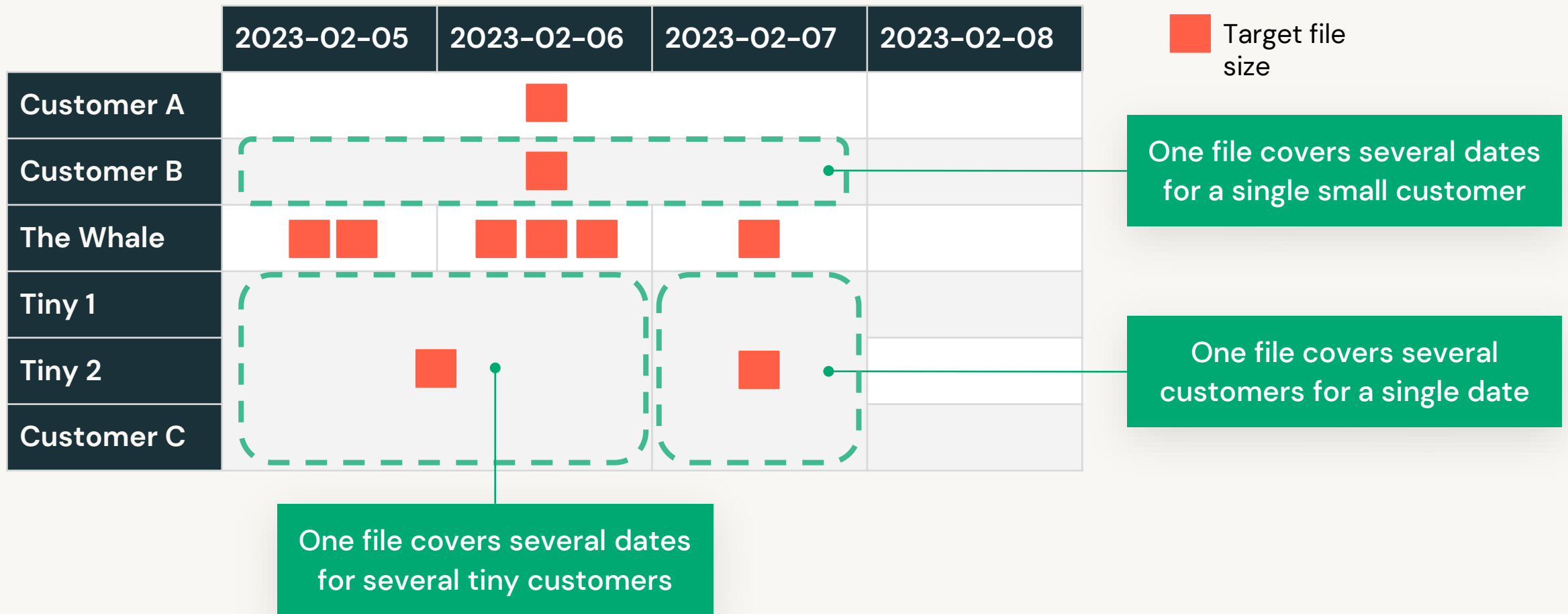
# Liquid clustering in action

Efficiently balance clustering vs. file size



# Liquid clustering in action

Efficiently balance clustering vs. file size



# Liquid clustering in action

But wait, there's more!

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Customer A		■		
Customer B		■		
The Whale	■ ■	■ ■ ■	■	
Tiny 1				
Tiny 2		■	■	
Customer C				

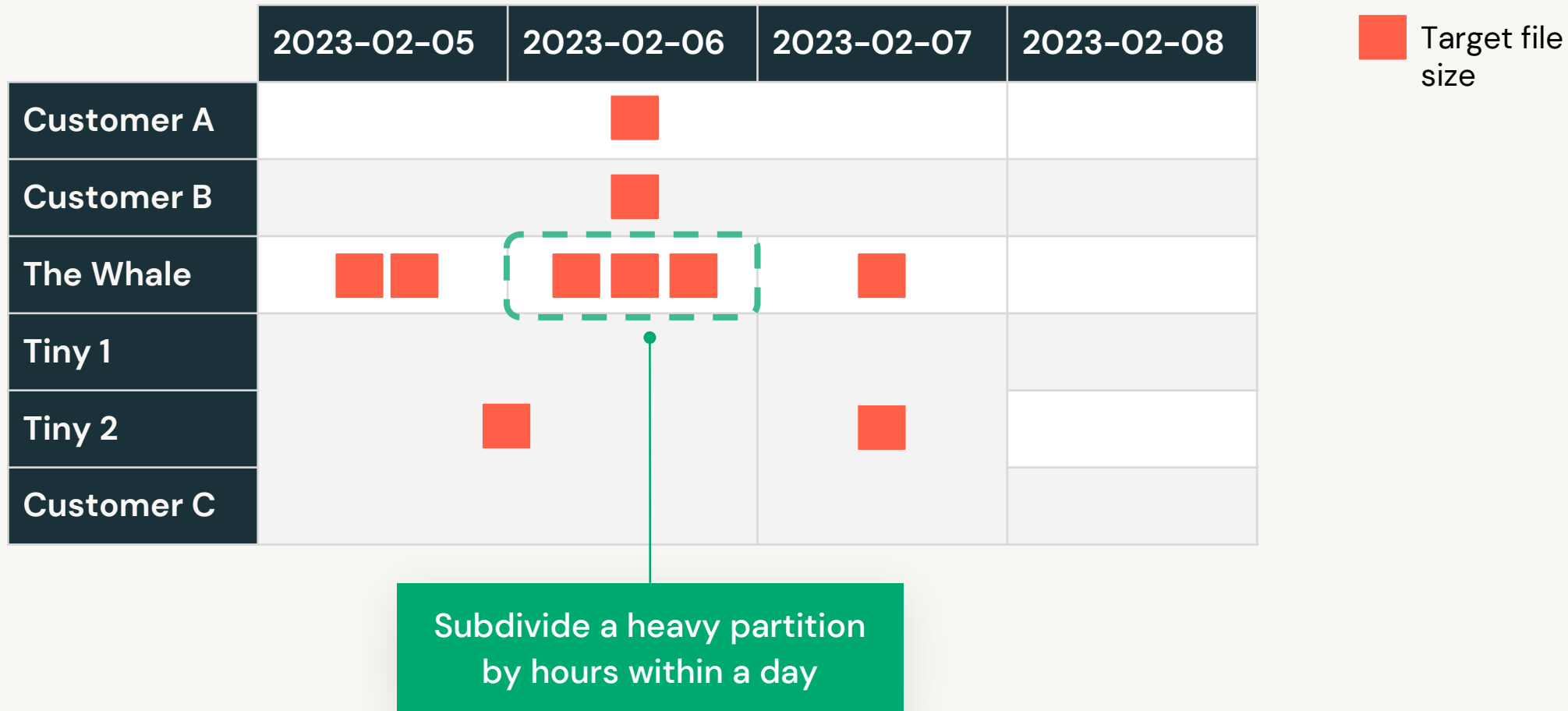
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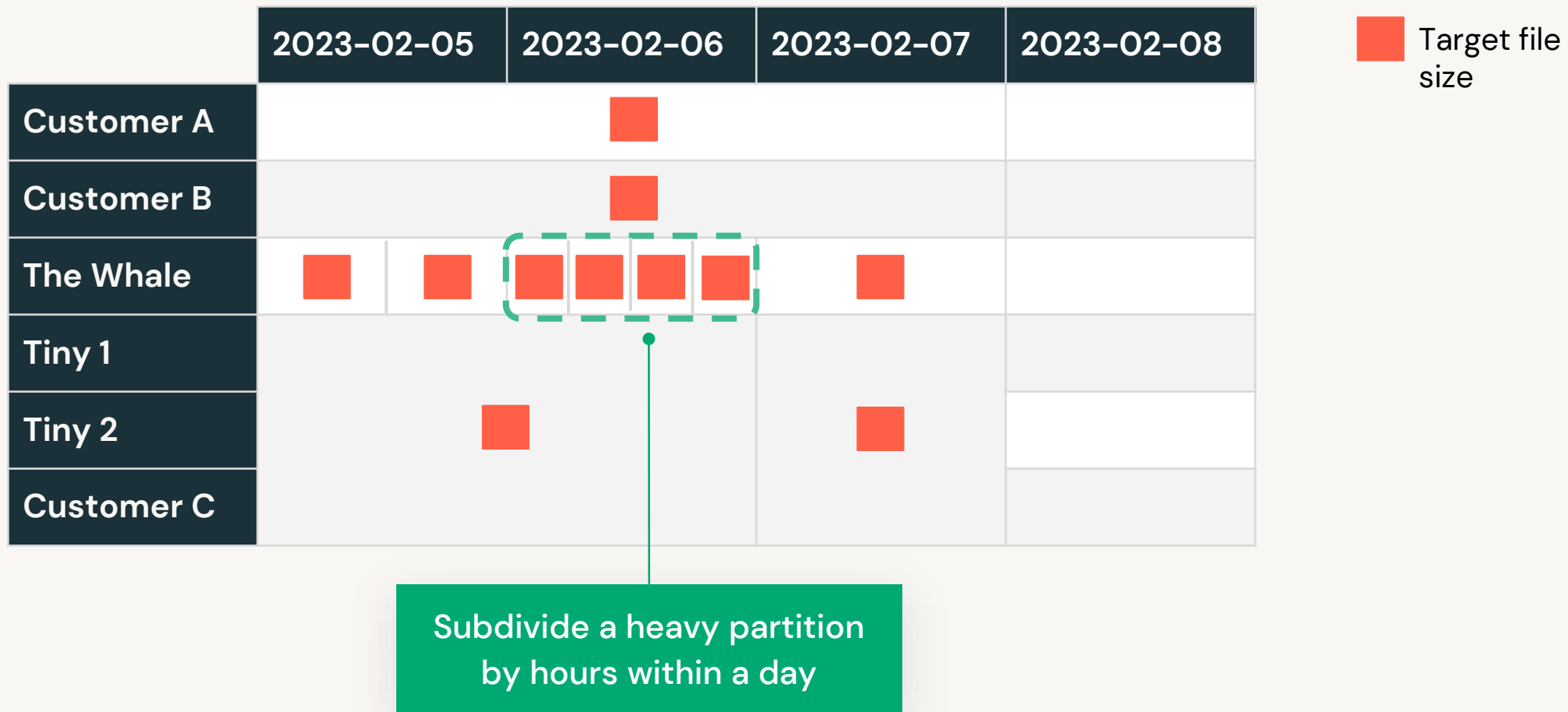
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Automatically cluster heavy partitions more finely



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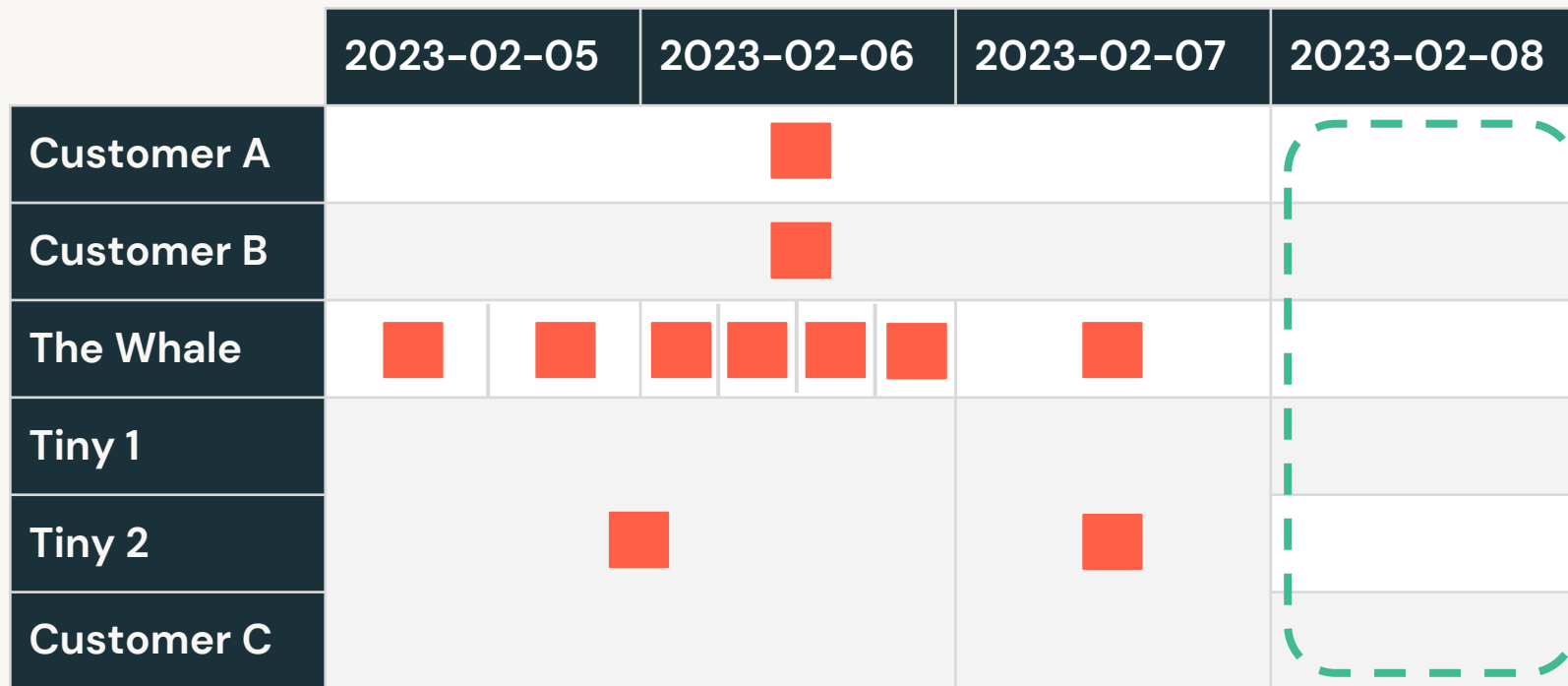
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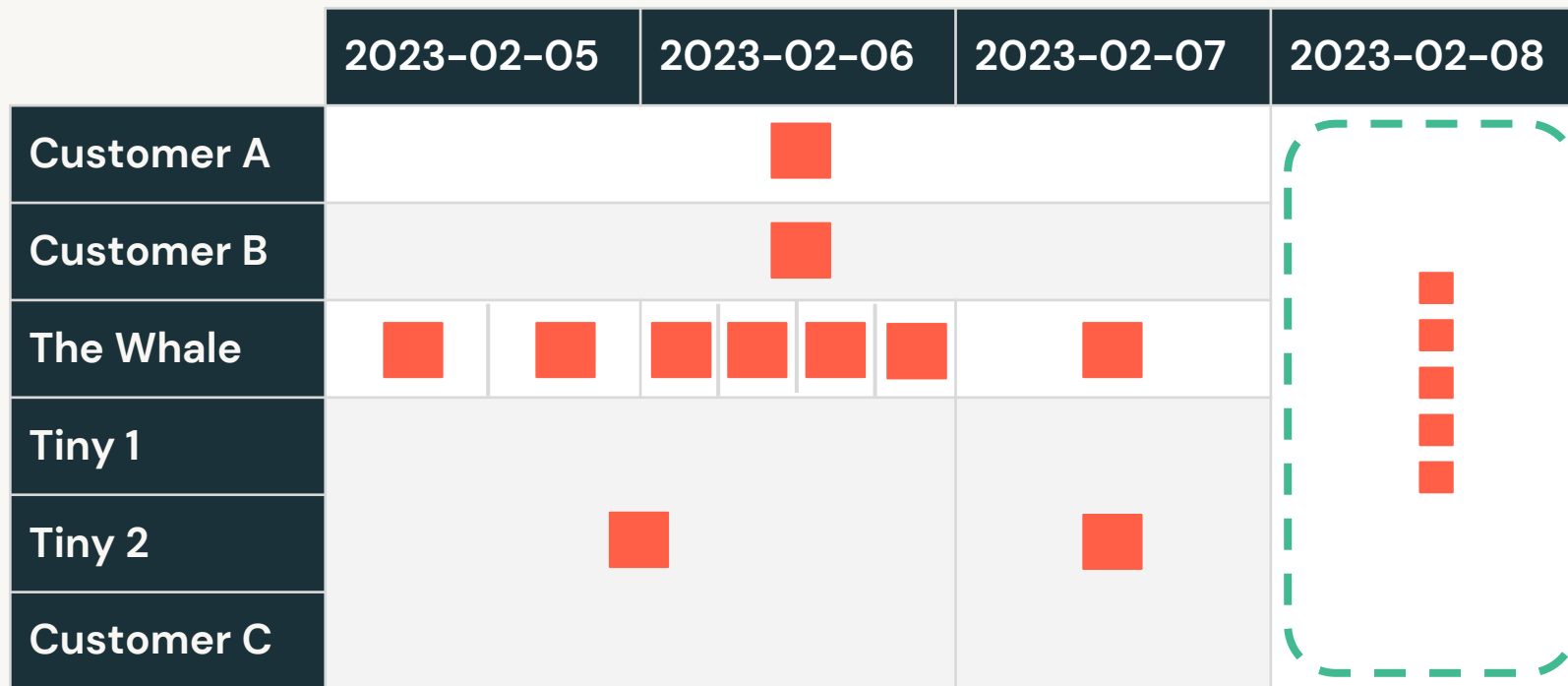
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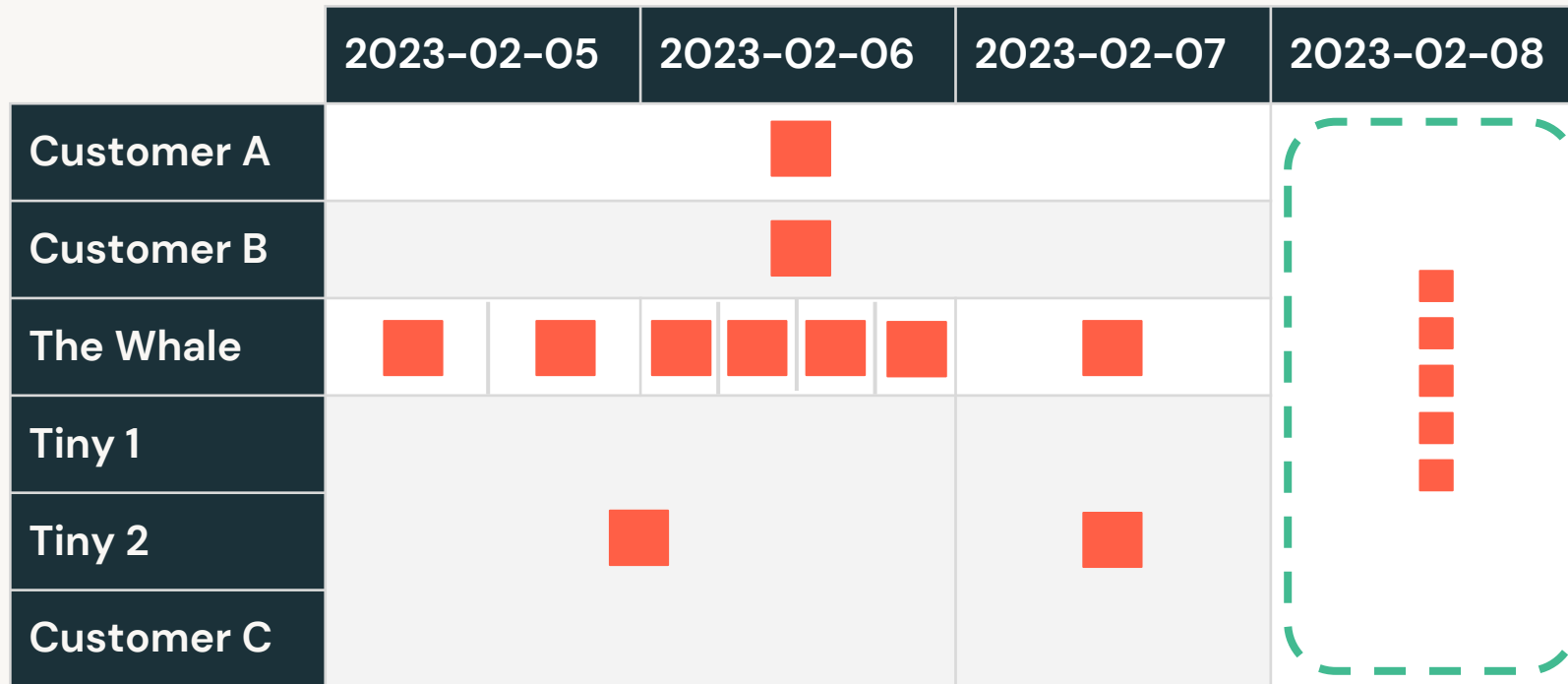
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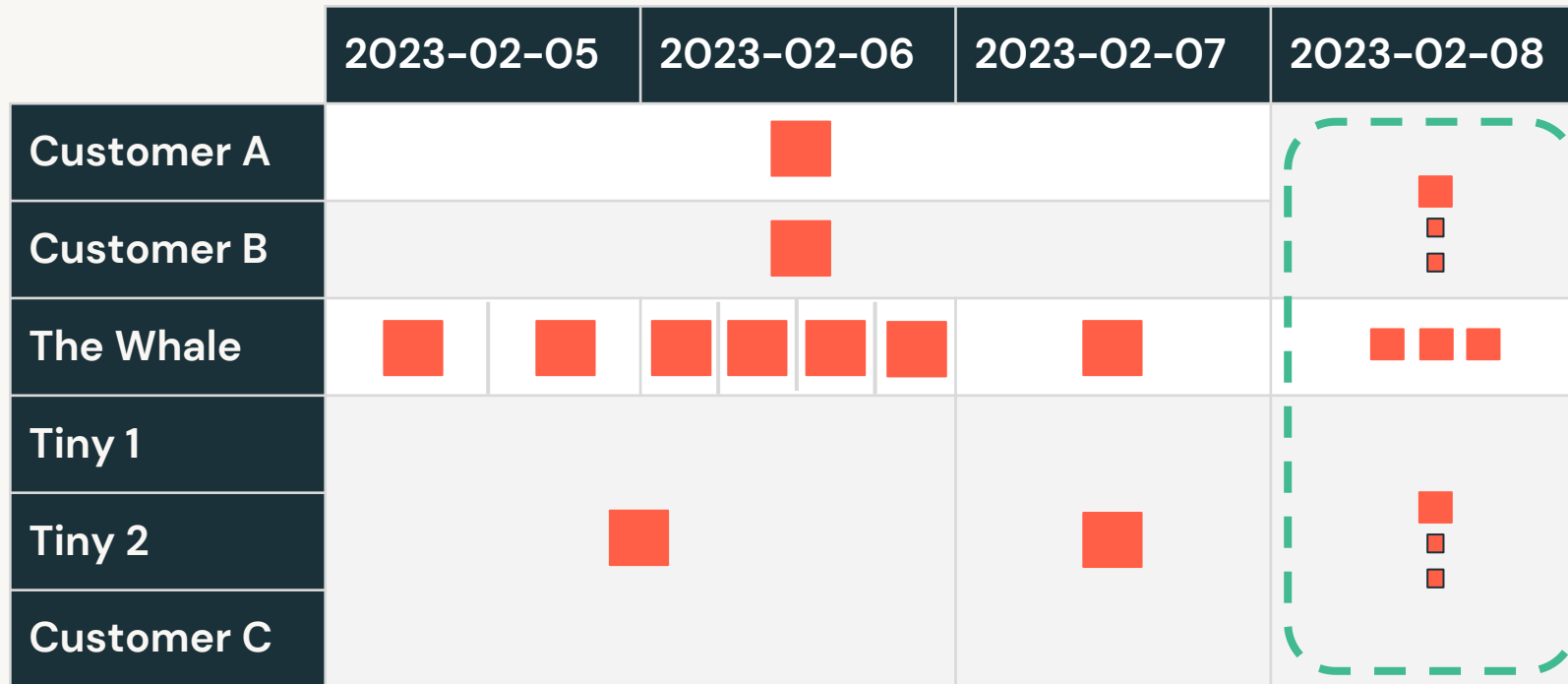
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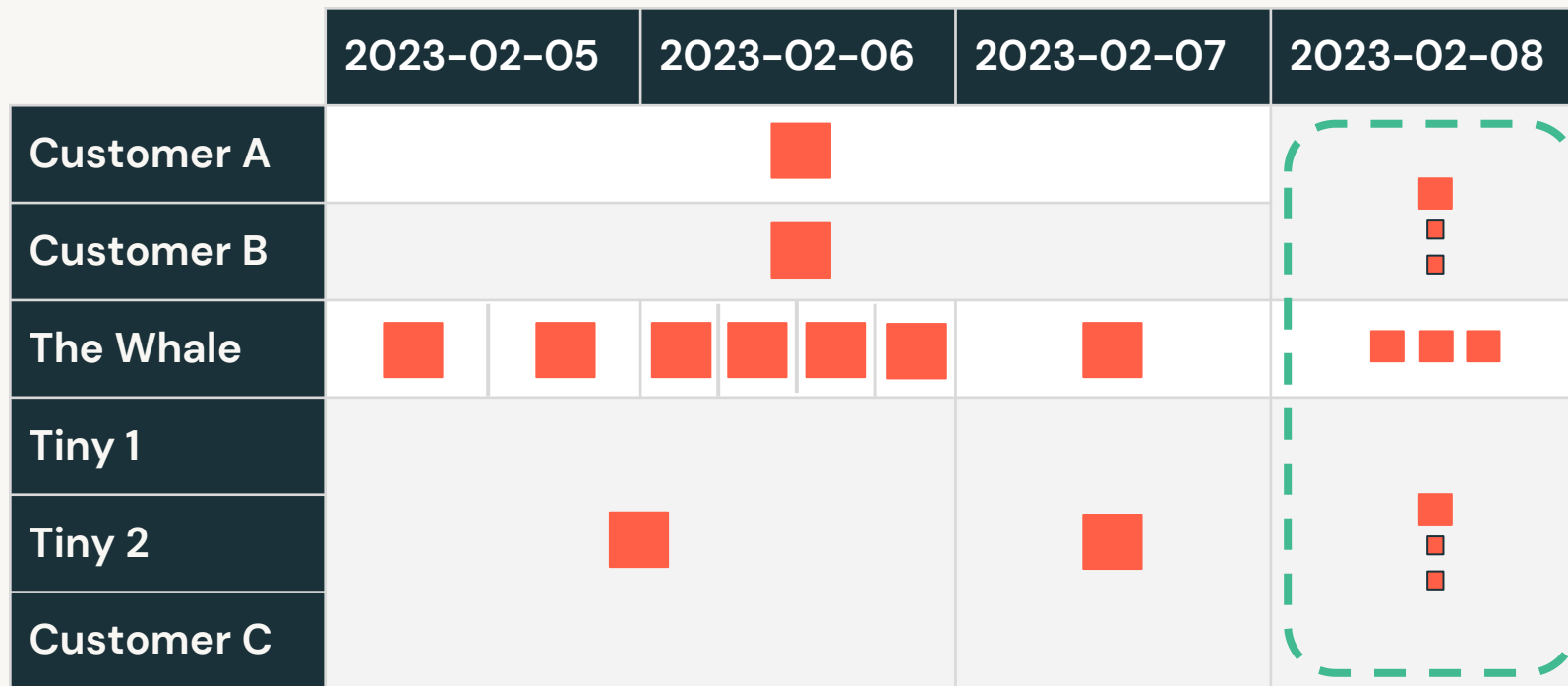
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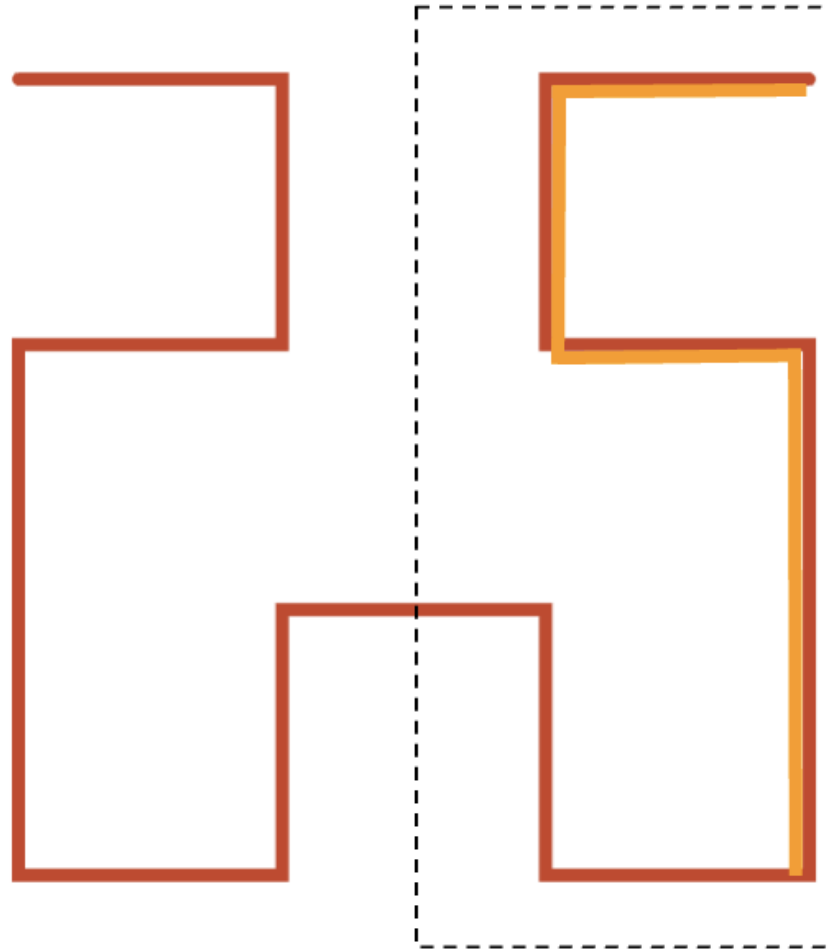
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# Liquid under-the-hood

Better data-skipping due to hilbert curves

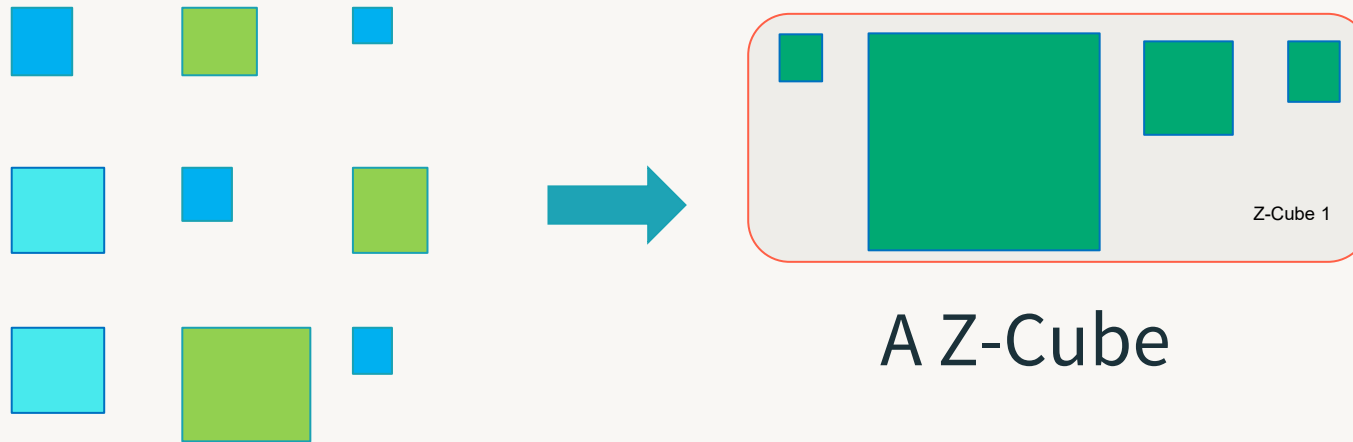


*Hilbert Curve: The bounding box for the orange line spans only half the space*



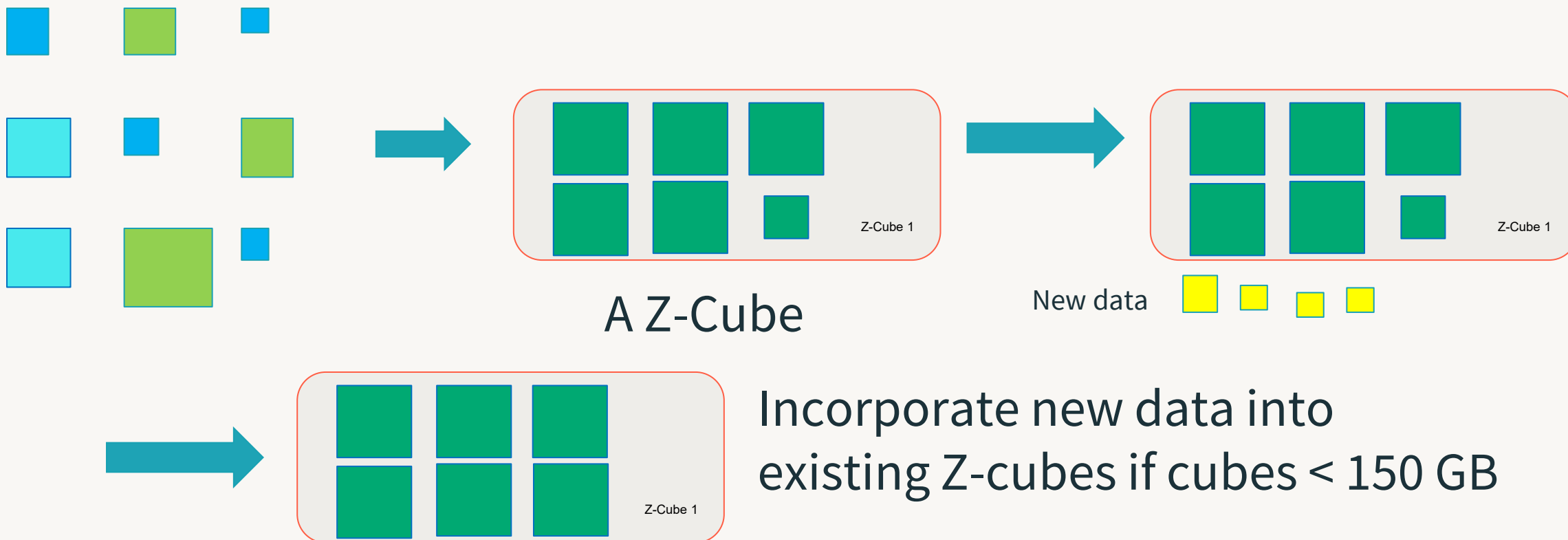
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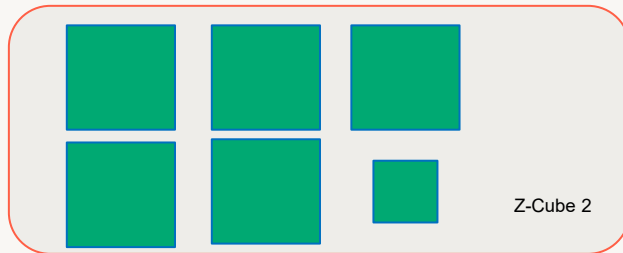
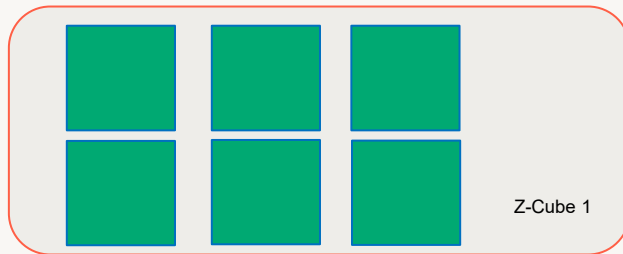


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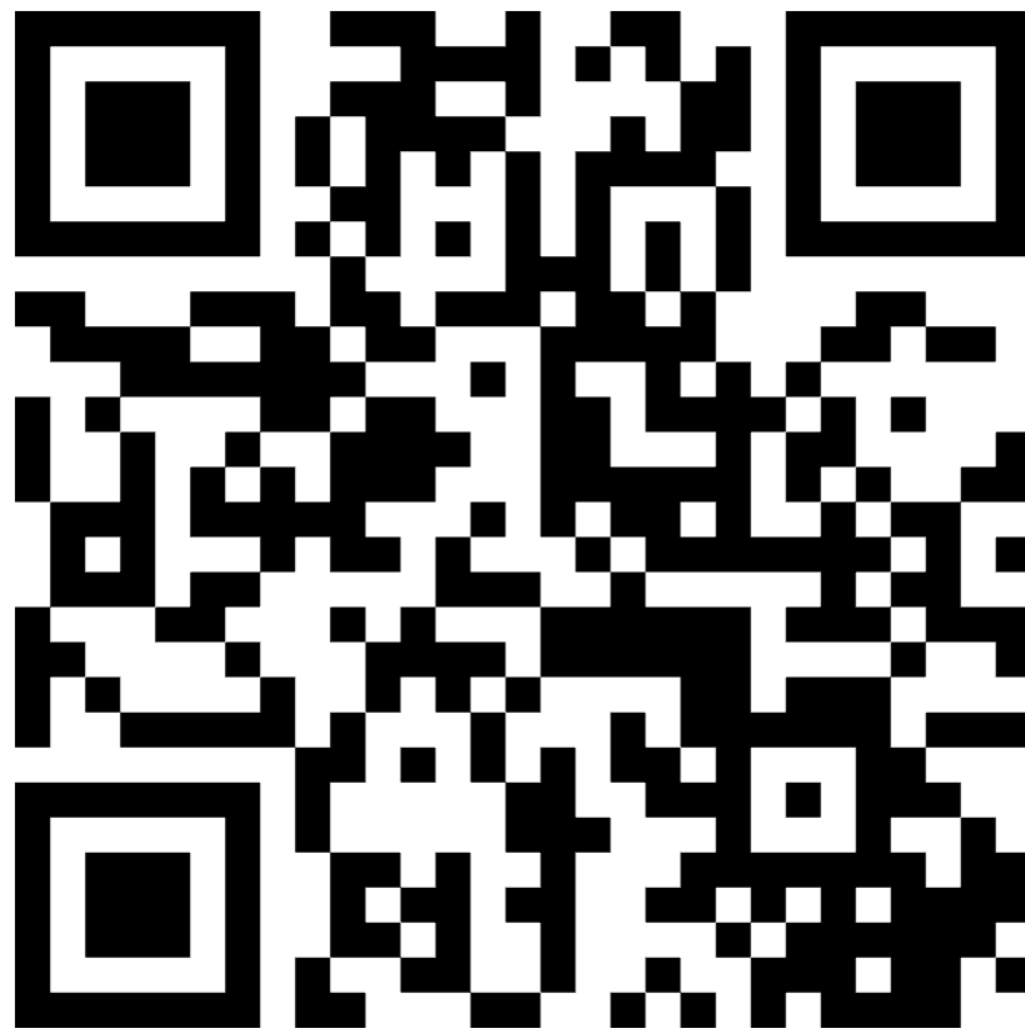


# Tables can have many ZCubes



- When we get to 150gb, we start a new ZCube to minimize write amplification on Zorder
- When data is removed from ZCube, possibly due to DML, once the ZCube reaches a threshold its eligible for more data to be added to it

# POP QUIZ



# UniForm



# Choosing a data lake format?



Apache Hudi



Delta Lake



Apache Iceberg

## Metadata

Used for transactional source of truth, concurrency control, etc.



Metadata



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## Data

All formats use Parquet!



Parquet

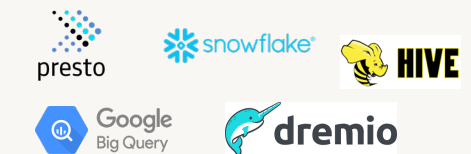
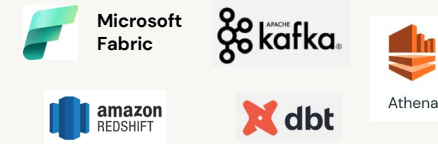


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# Delta UniForm

Write Delta, read as Iceberg



## Delta Lake With UniForm

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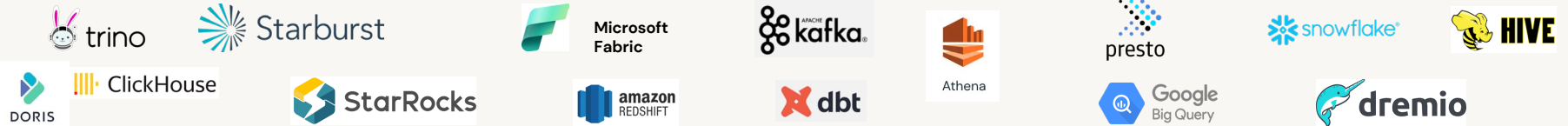


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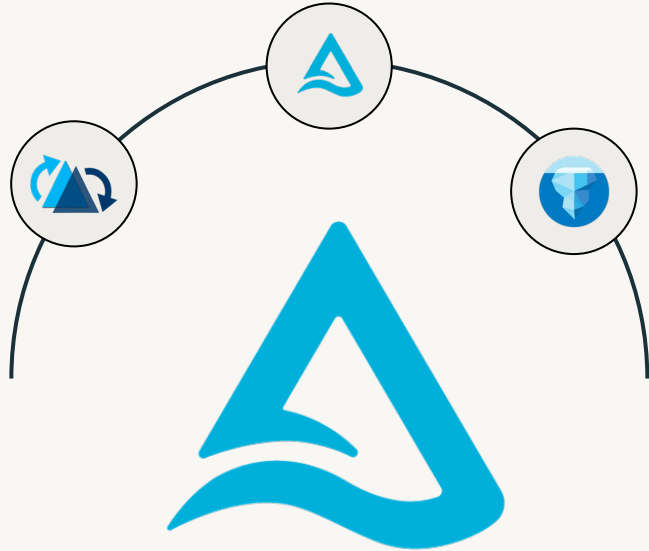
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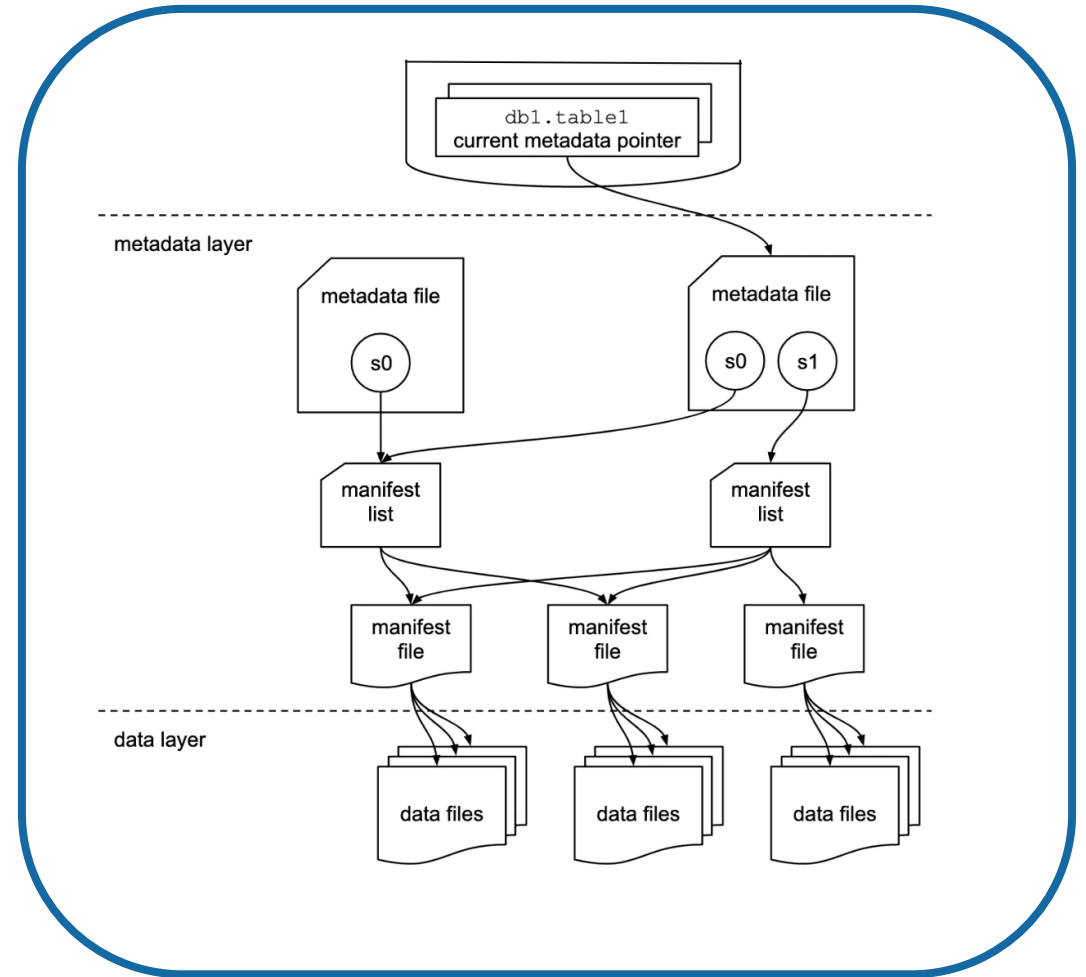
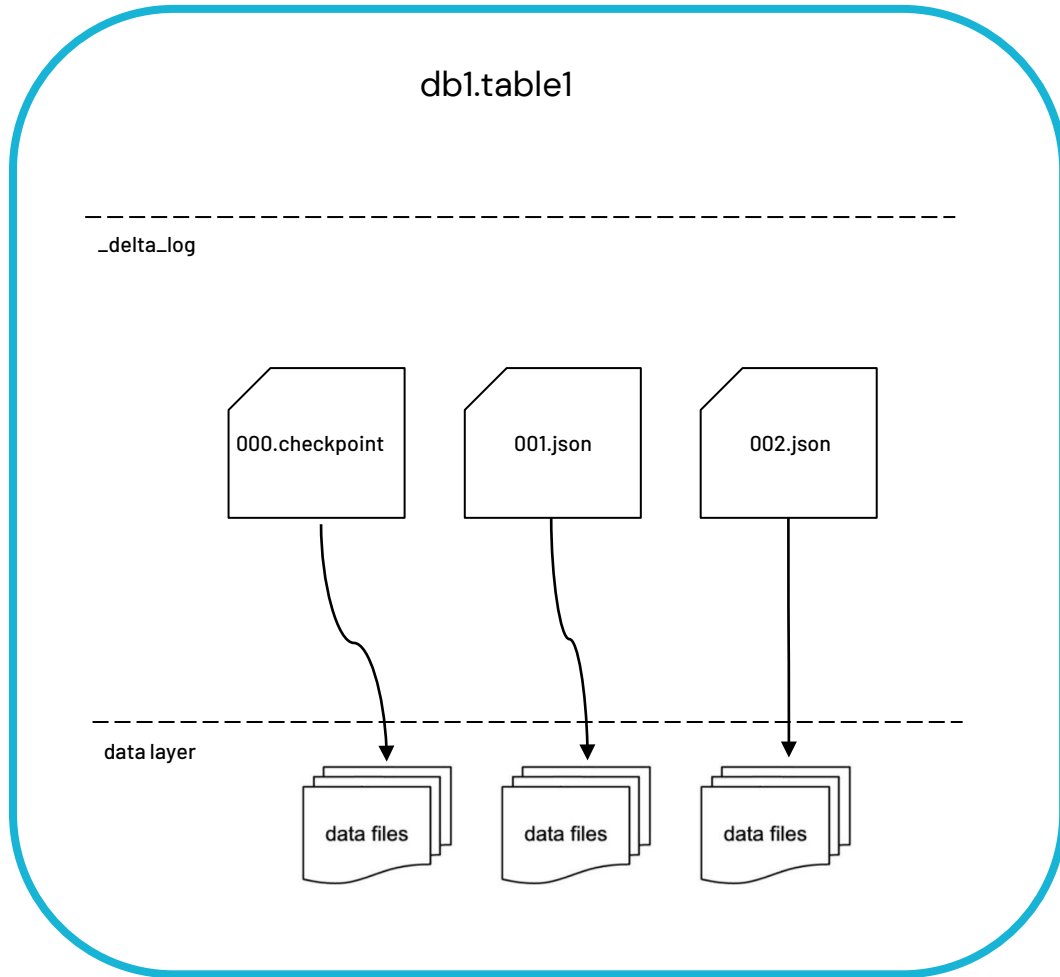
# How Delta Lake **UniForm** works



## Delta Lake **UniForm**

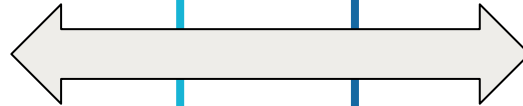
Data stored in Delta can be read as if it were Iceberg or Hudi

- ✓ Metadata automatically generated to make Delta accessible as Iceberg/Hudi
- ✓ Parquet files remain the same
- ✓ Metadata is co-located with data



### AddFile

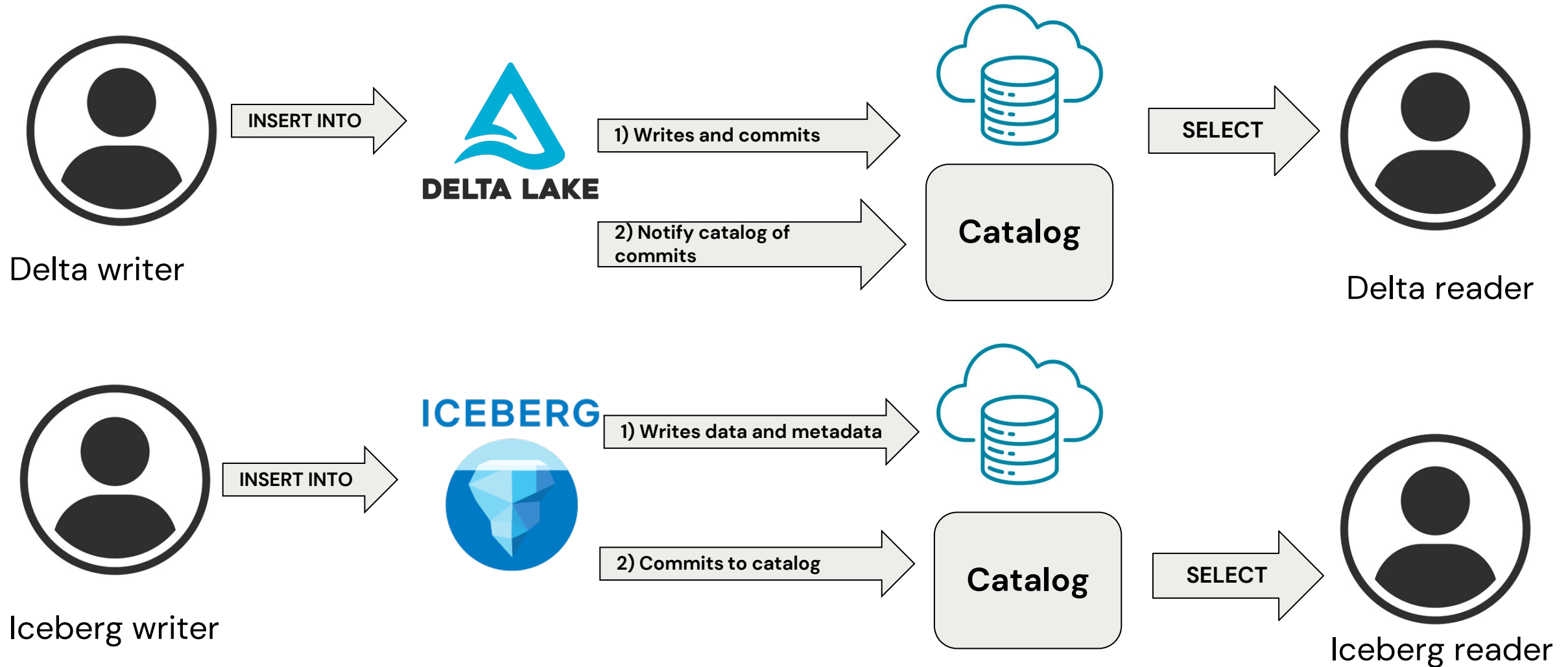
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partitionValues
size
stats.numRecords
stats.minValues
stats.maxValues
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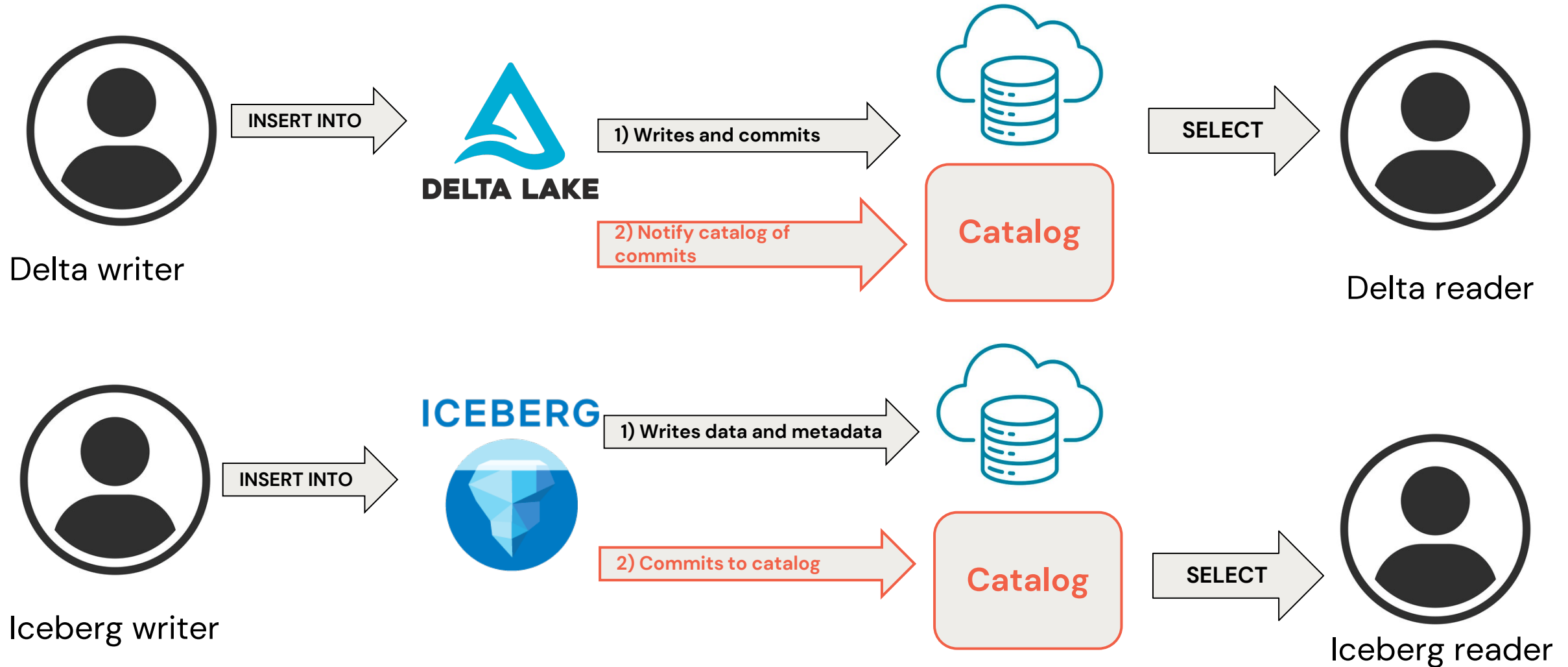
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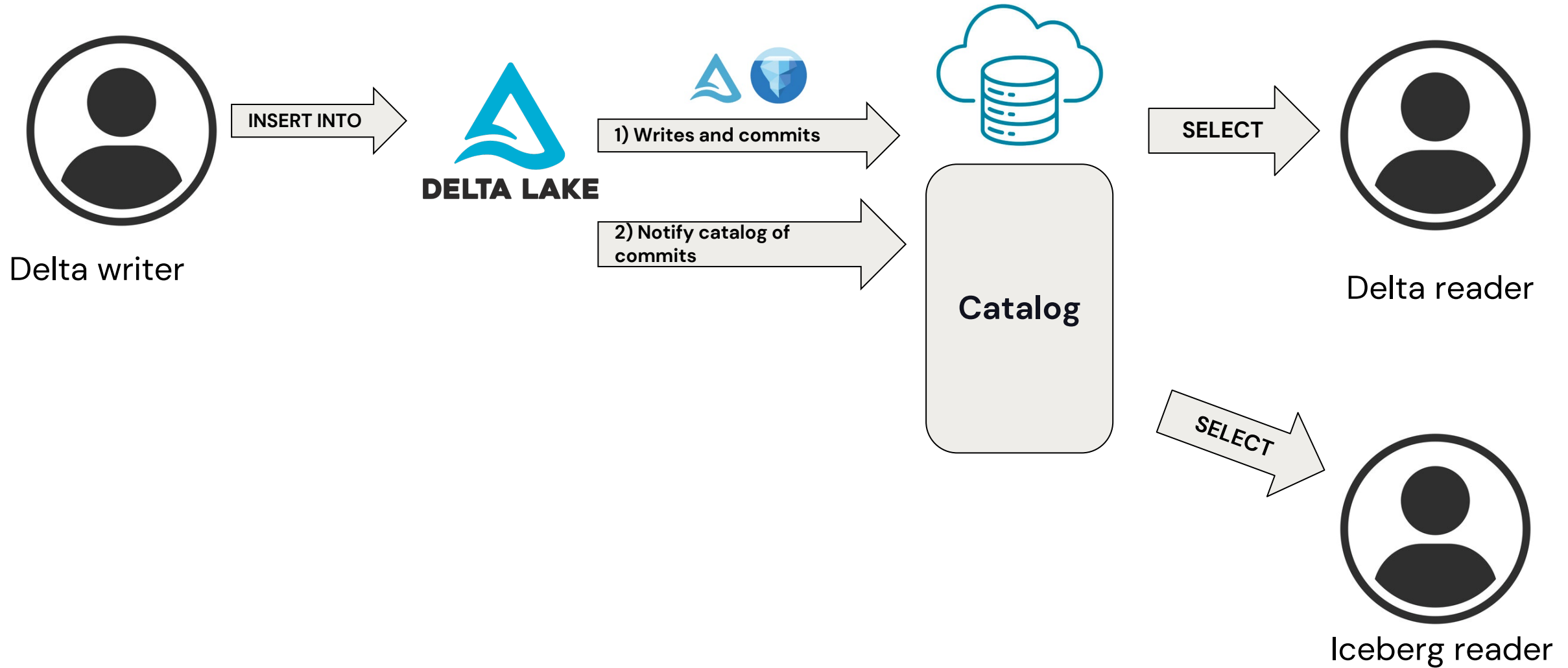
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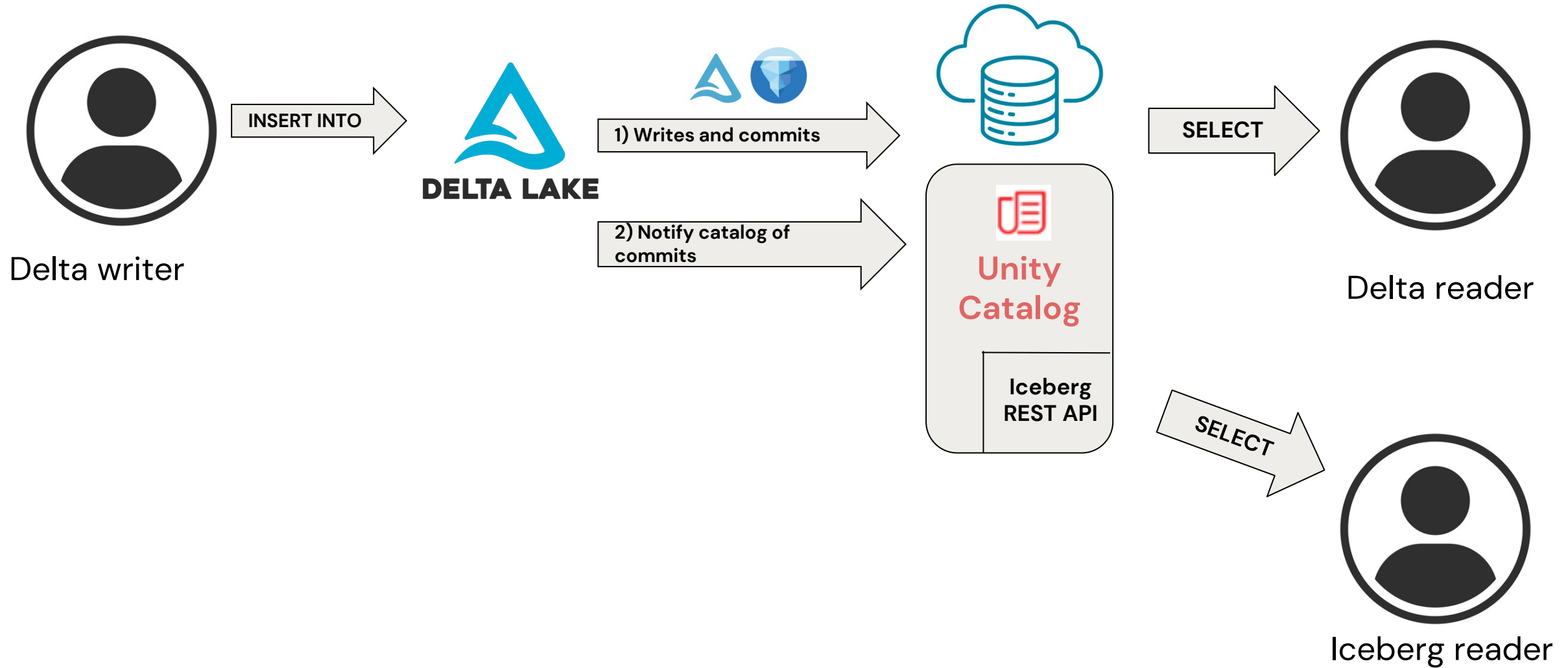
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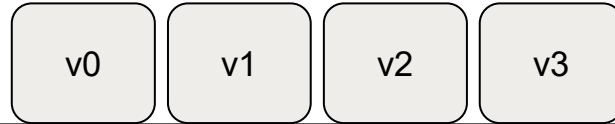
# UniForm concept unifies the write path



# UniForm as implemented by Databricks

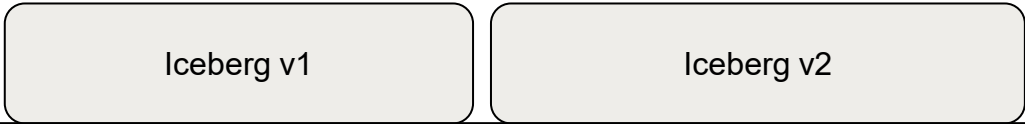
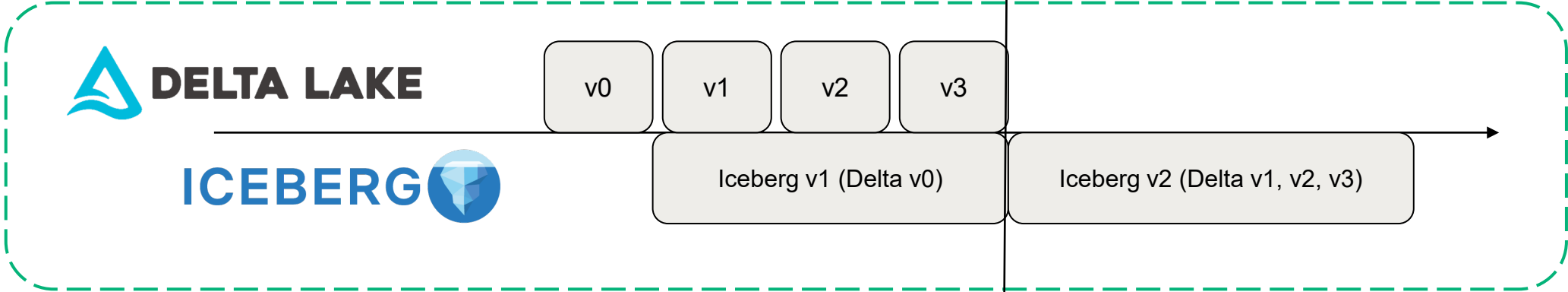








# Universal Format



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# Use Cases





**Industry:**  
Retail

**Use cases**  
Advertising effectiveness,  
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recommendation engines

## Challenge

Leverage data across their business lines to impact sales, purchasing, supply chain, and product optimization

*"Our legacy systems could take weeks to ETL data for analytics and reporting. As a result, we were unable to support a variety of use cases, impacting analyst and line-of-business satisfaction."*

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## Solution

- With Databricks, build high-performance ETL pipelines that support batch and real-time workloads.
- The pipelines feed into Delta Lake which provides secure access to curated data

*"Delta Lake provides ACID capabilities that **simplify data pipeline operations** to increase pipeline reliability and data consistency. At the same time, features like caching and auto-indexing enable **efficient and performant access to the data.**"*

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## Outcome

70% reduction in ETL pipeline creation time

48x improvement in time to process ETL workloads (4 hours to 5 minutes)

*"One of the benefits of this platform is how fast people can come up to speed on it. All that data is coming in, and more business units are using it across the enterprise in a self-service manner that was not possible before."*

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## Challenge

Creating the most efficient transportation network in North America

- Unlock value of data stuck in legacy DW systems
- Massive data volumes from data streams from IoT sensors
- Legacy systems struggled to scale
- This made telemetry-based use cases leveraging machine learning (ML) and AI nearly impossible.







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## Solution

Create an open, interoperable and rapid data lakehouse.

- Delta Lake as the open storage layer brought efficiency and portability at TB-scale
- Stream data real-time to Delta Lake – high performance and reliability at any scale
- Single copy of data for easier analysis and reproducibility
- Build ML models atop single source of truth data





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**99.8% Faster** freight recommendations

**\$2.7M** in IT infrastructure savings



# Replicating application data to the Lakehouse



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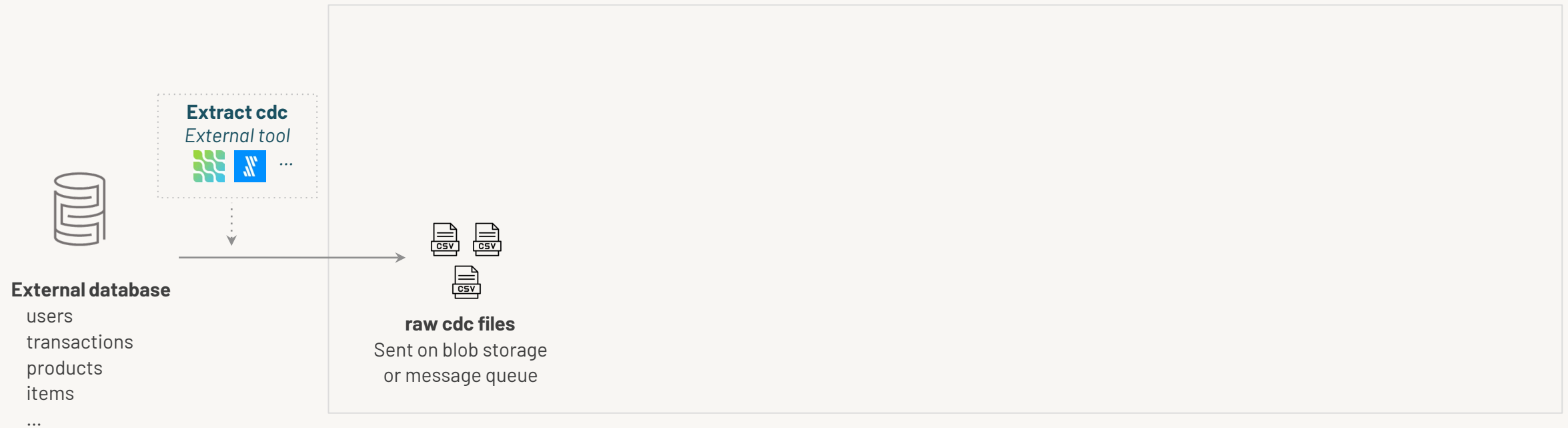
Audits of records, en masse or individually, demand the ability to readily construct data as it was at any or every point in time

Digging through all versions is impractical yet required to meet compliance requirements

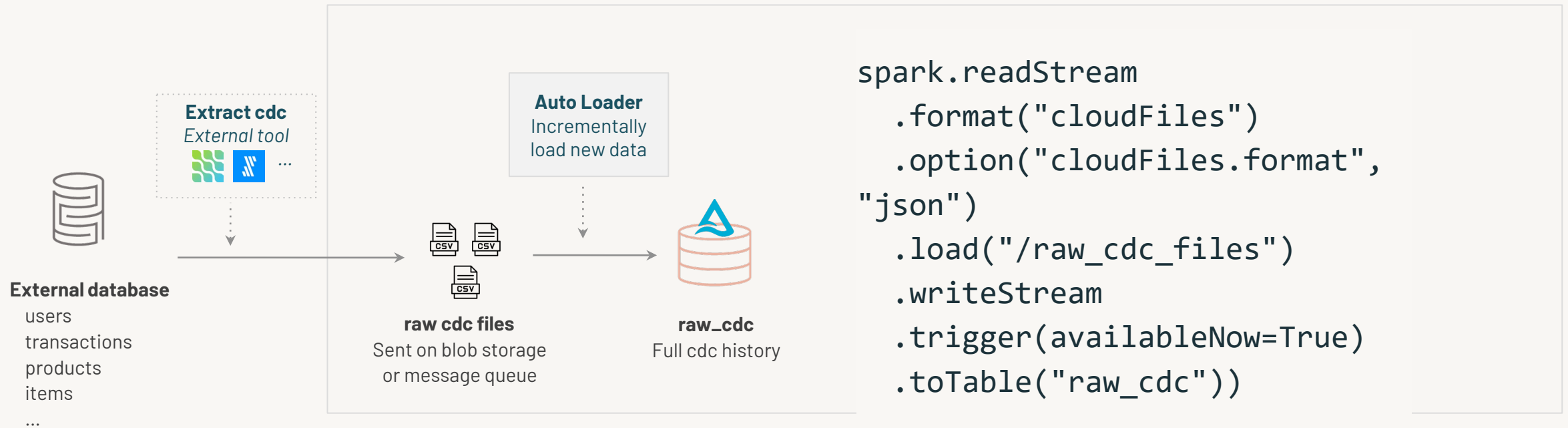


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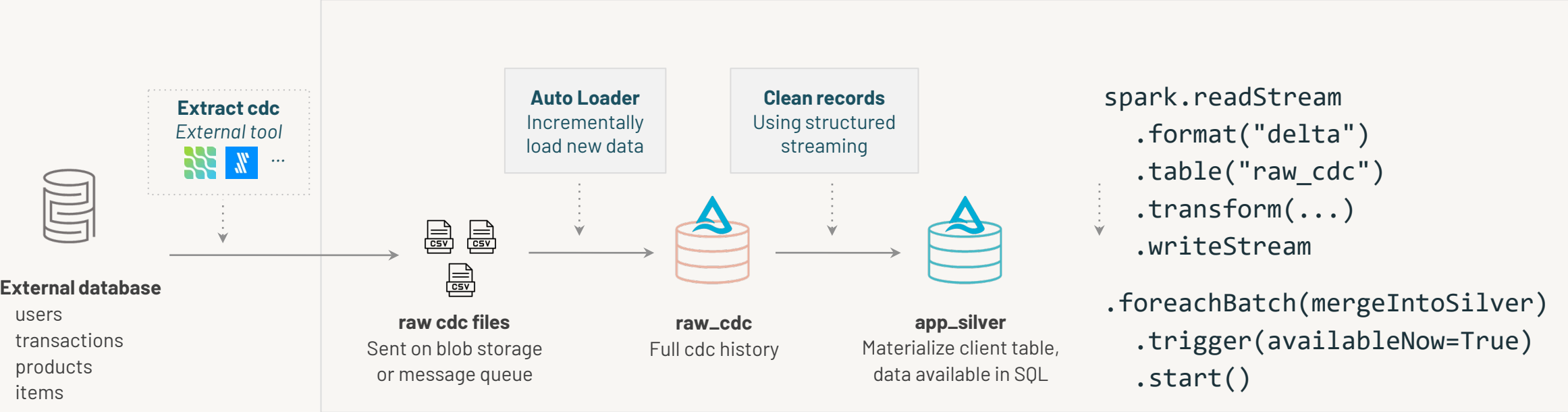


# Use autoloader to incrementally ingest your raw data into Delta Lake



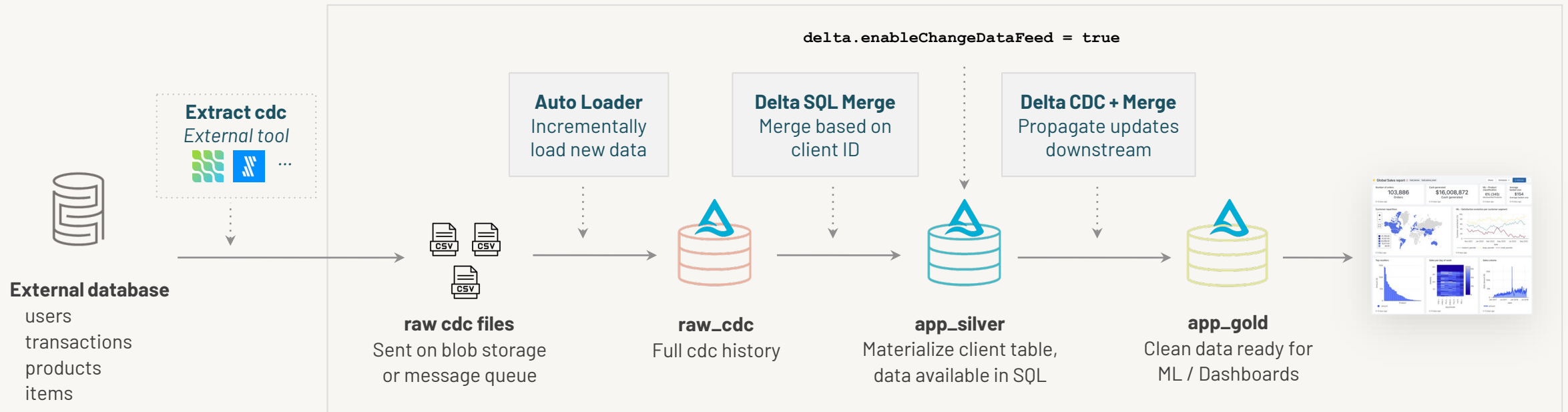


# Use Structured Streaming to incrementally clean records from bronze to silver



# MERGE into Gold Table

One of the most common use cases



# Developing AI/ML models with Delta Lake



# Reproducibility for AI/ML development

Good ML starts with high-quality data.

## **Model reproducibility starts with data reproducibility**

Many factors affect the outcome of a model

- Adding new data sets
- Data distribution
- Sample changes



# Delta Lake makes model reproducibility easy

Use cases: model retraining, comparison of different model versions, debugging

## Dataset versioning

Automatic versioning for every change (insert, delete, update)

## Change tracking

Maintain a detailed log of all data modifications, facilitates audits and lineage

## Full history and rollback

Rollback to previous versions of the dataset as needed



# Step 1: Initial model training

```
# Initialize Spark session
spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("DeltaLakeExample").getOrCreate()

# Load version 1 of the dataset
df_v1 = spark.read.format("delta").option("versionAsOf", 1).load("/path/to/delta-table")

# Preprocess data
assembler = VectorAssembler(inputCols=["feature1", "feature2"], outputCol="features")
data_v1 = assembler.transform(df_v1)

# Train initial model
lr = LinearRegression(featuresCol="features", labelCol="label")
model_v1 = lr.fit(data_v1)

# Save the model
model_v1.save("/path/to/save/model_v1")
```



# Step 2: Adding new data

```
# Load new data  
new_data = spark.read.format("csv").option("header", "true").load("/path/to/new-data.csv")
```

```
# Merge new data into the Delta table  
new_data.write.format("delta").mode("append").save("/path/to/delta-table")
```



# Step 3: Retraining the model

```
# Load version 2 of the dataset
df_v2 = spark.read.format("delta").option("versionAsOf", 2).load("/path/to/delta-table")

# Preprocess data
data_v2 = assembler.transform(df_v2)

# Retrain model
model_v2 = lr.fit(data_v2)

# Save the new model
model_v2.save("/path/to/save/model_v2")

# Compare model performance
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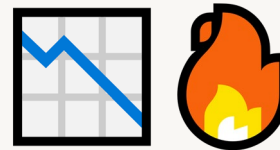
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