

# DATA LAKE OR DATA WAREHOUSE? DATA CLEANING OR DATA WRANGLING? HOW TO ENSURE THE QUALITY OF YOUR DATA?

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# BEFORE WE START...

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# BACKGROUND

Today, billions of data sources continuously generate, collect, process, and exchange data ⇒ with the rapid increase in the number of devices and IS, the amount and variety of data are increasing.

There is a need to integrate ever-increasing volumes of data, regardless of the source, format or amount, where the data quality, flexibility and scalability in connecting and processing different data sources are crucial.

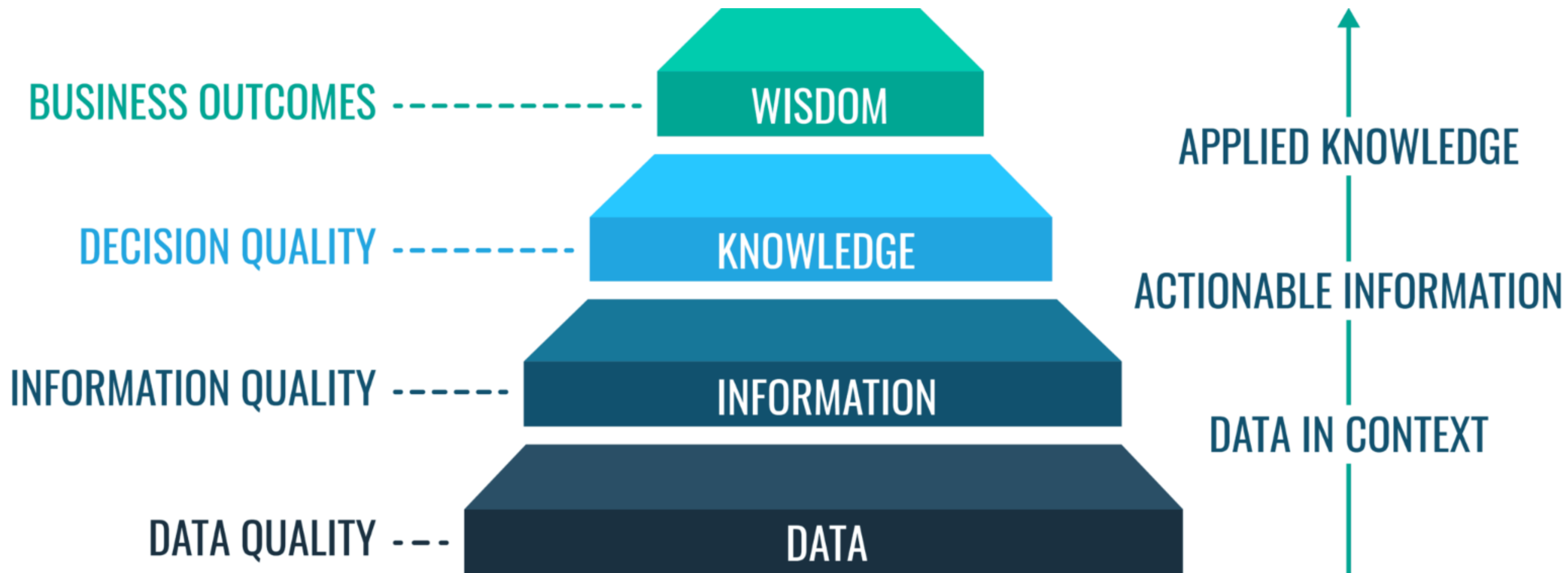


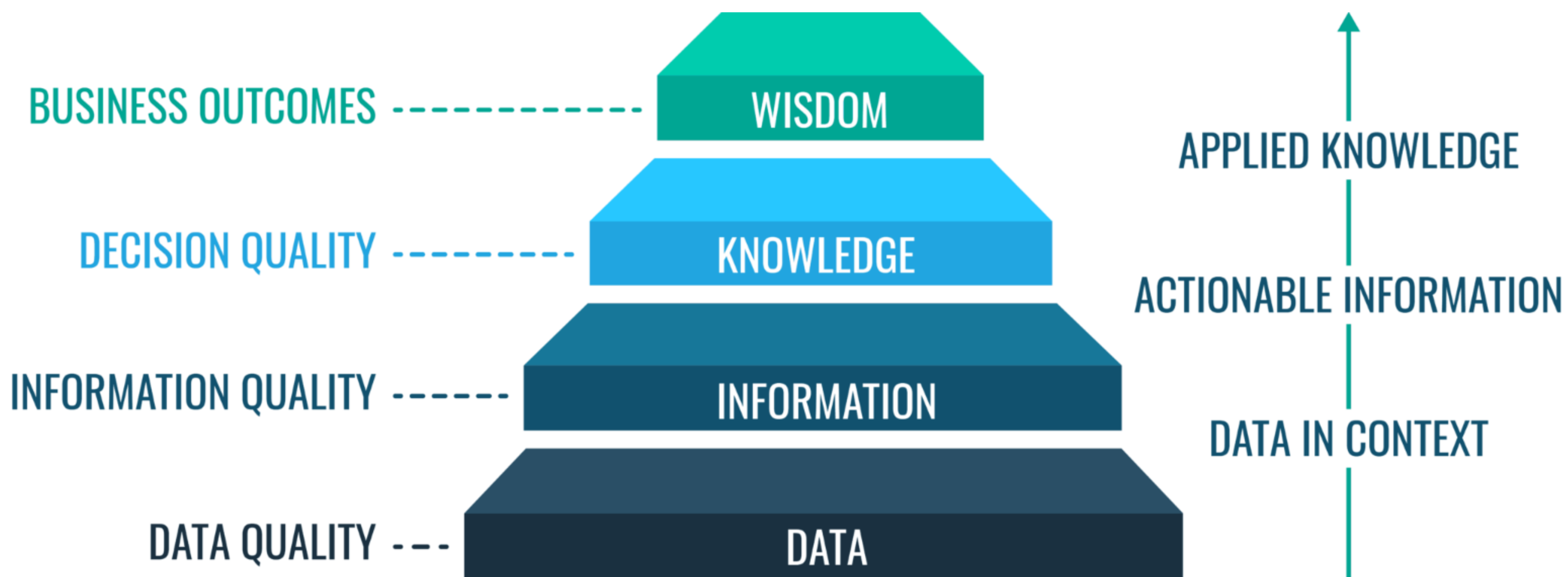
**an effective mechanism should be employed to ensure  
faster value creation from these data**



# **DATA QUALITY**

**Why data quality? Again? and still?**



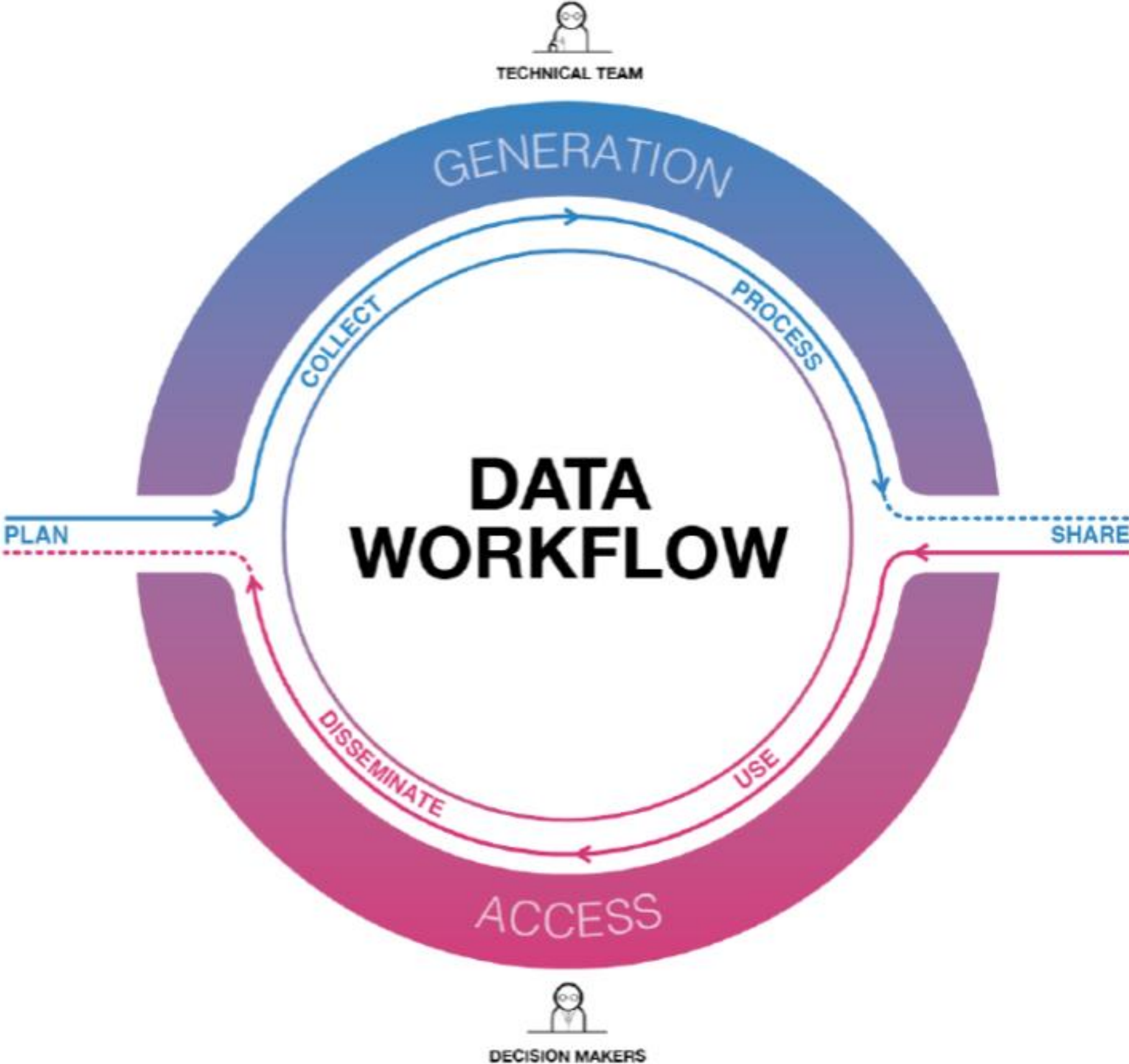


**Among other “nuances”, data quality is use-case dependent and dynamic (as well as relative) in nature!**

**\*\*\* “absolute data quality” == a level of data quality at which the data would satisfy all possible use cases - is not possible to achieve, but this is the objective to be pursued**



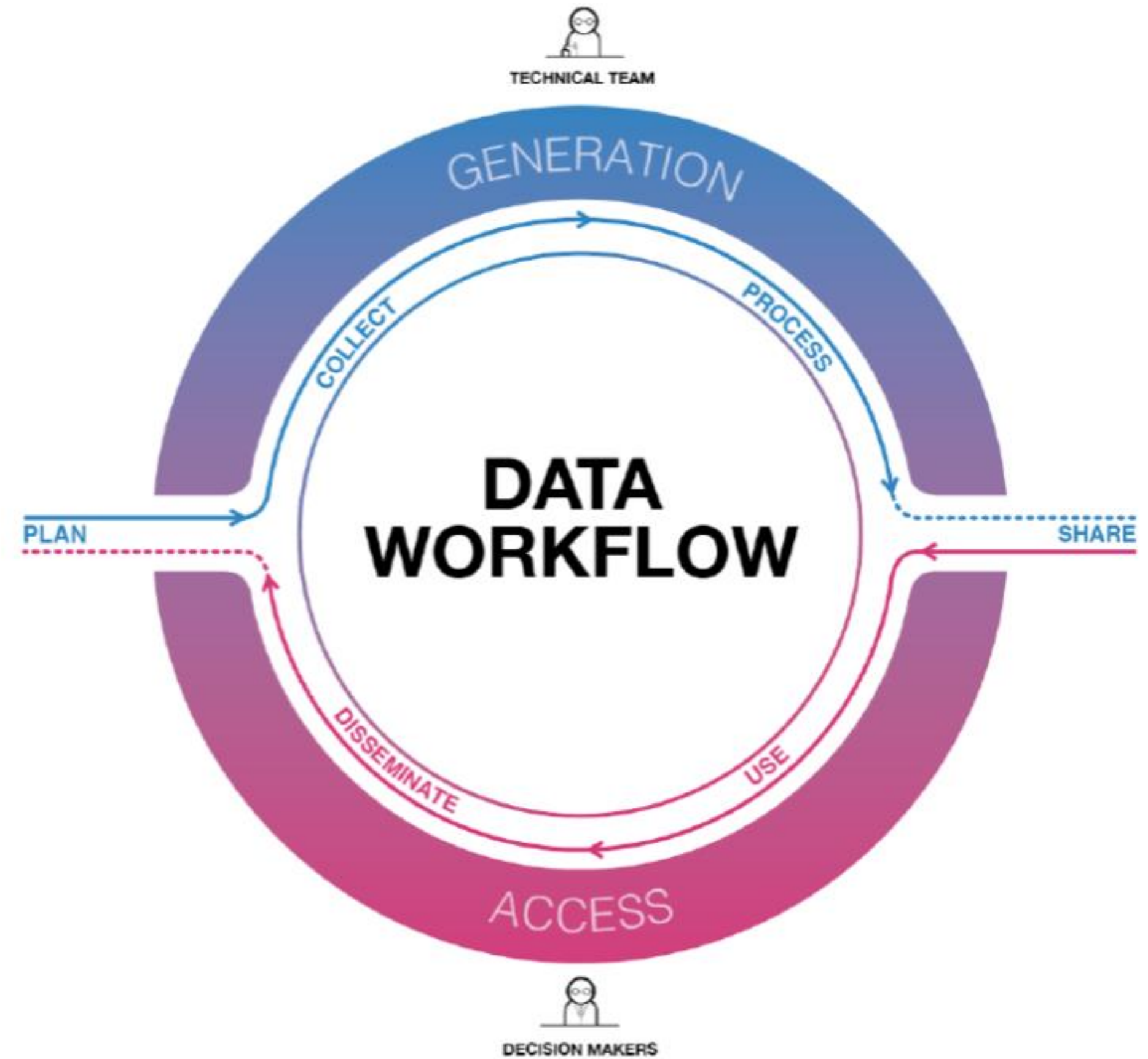
# DATA REPOSITORY



**DATA WAREHOUSE**

**DATA LAKE?**

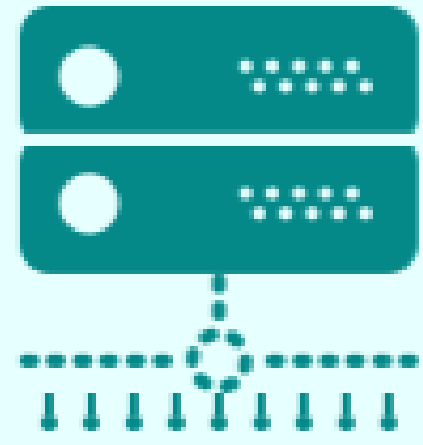
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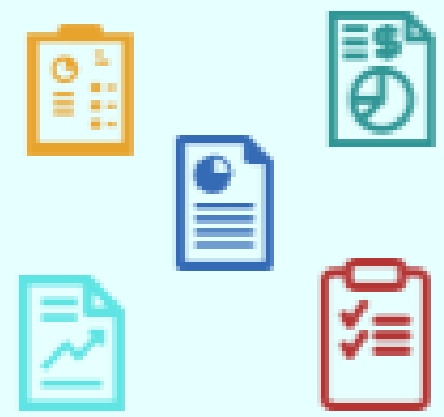
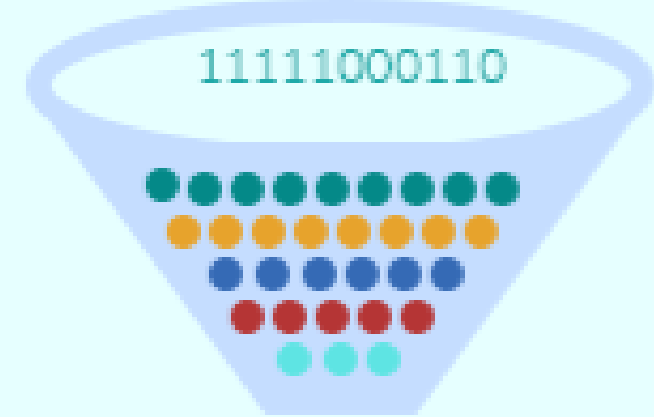
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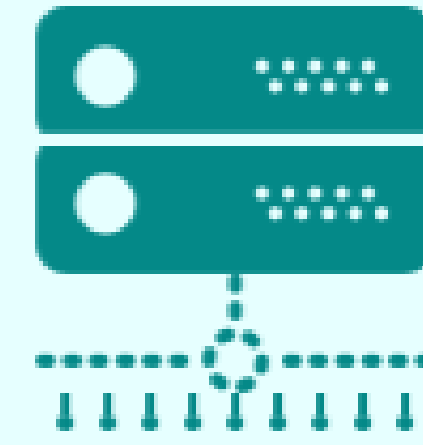


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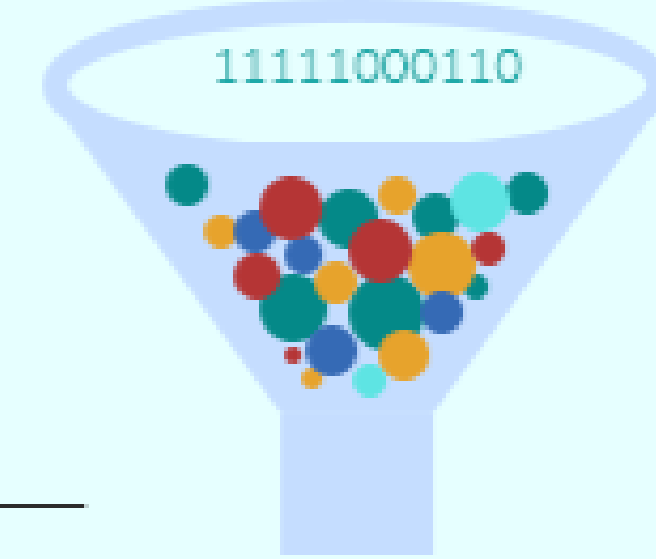


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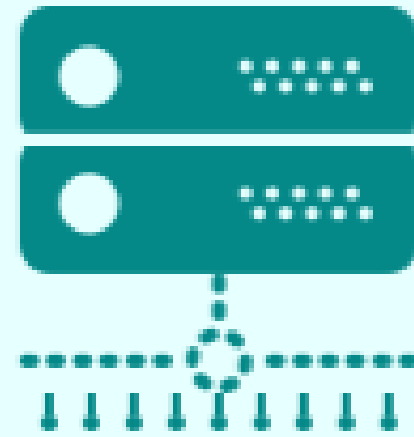


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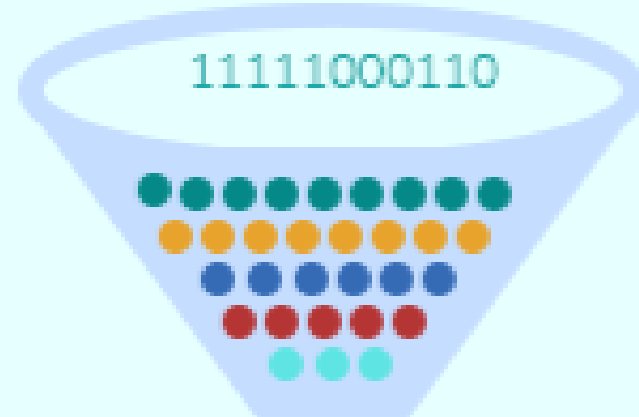
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# DATA LAKE

schema on write



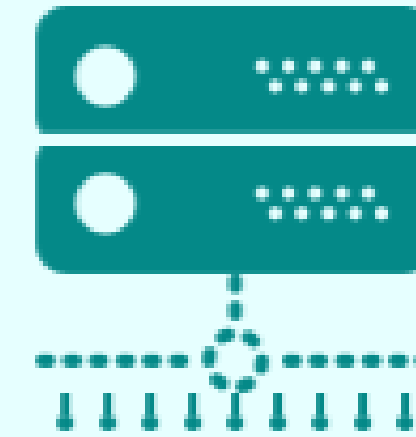
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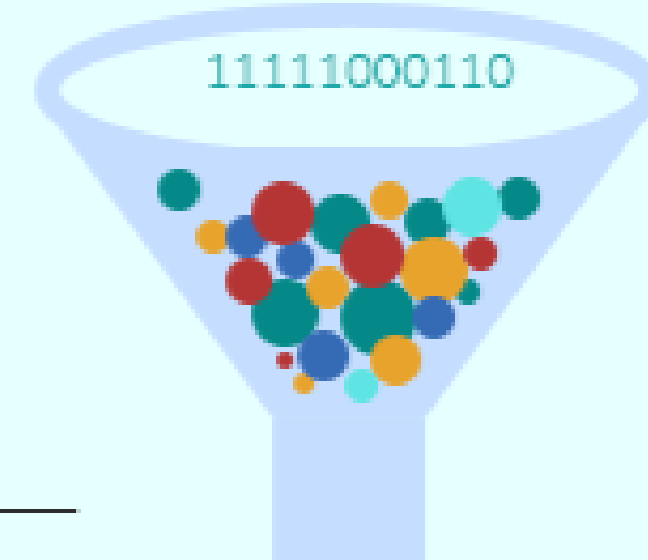
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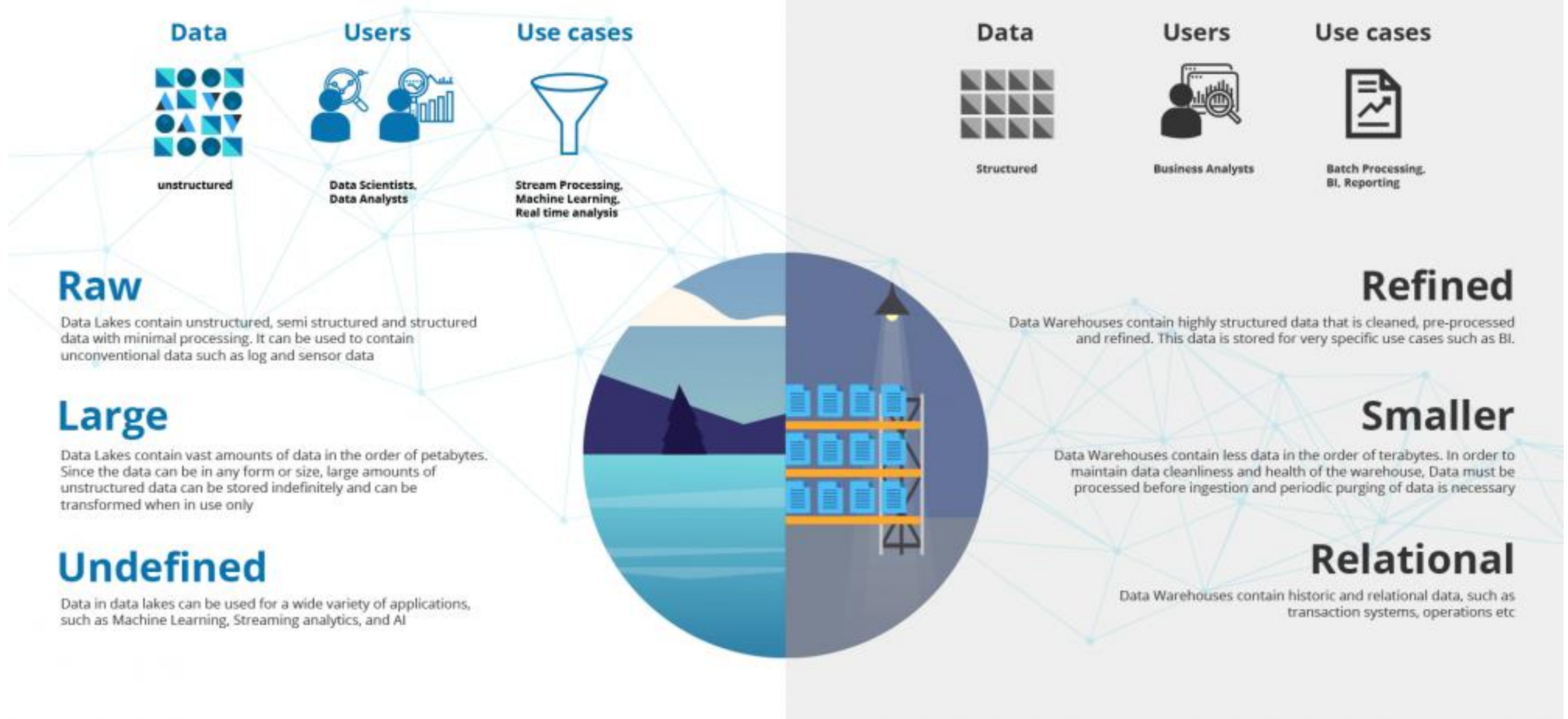
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**“single source of truth”**

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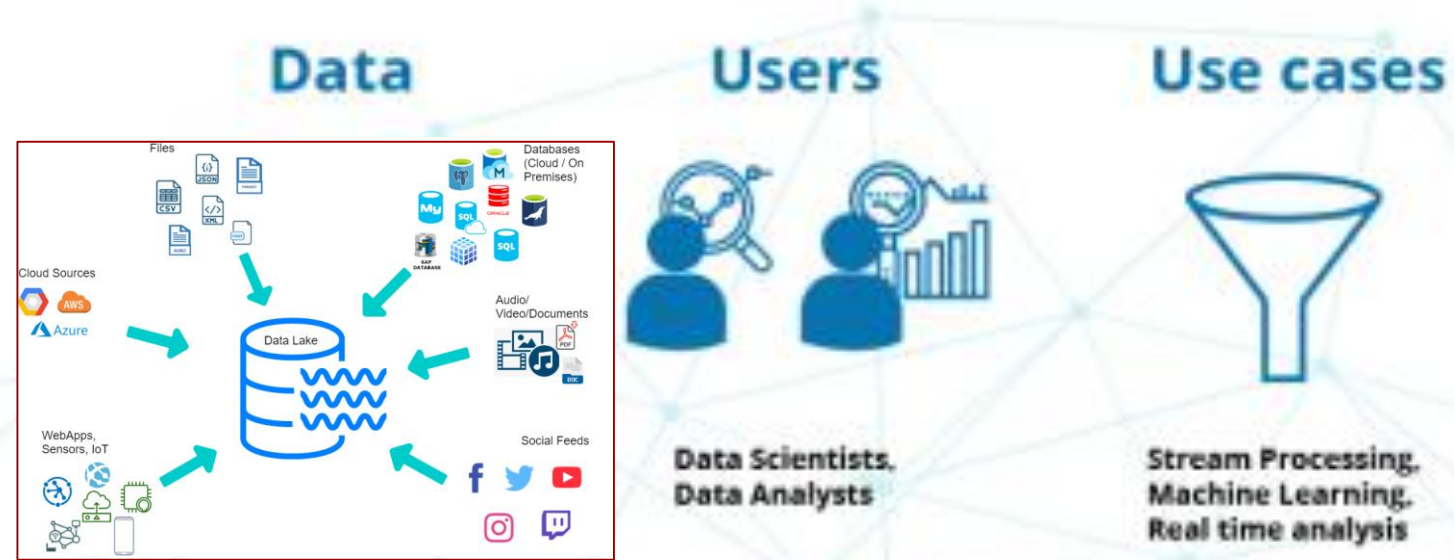




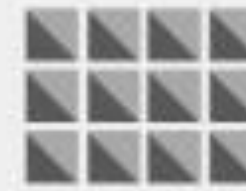
# DATA LAKE

vs

# DATA WAREHOUSE



## Data



Structured

## Users



Business Analysts

## Use cases



Batch Processing,  
BI, Reporting

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DW were considered to be «a silver bullet» for Business Intelligence ...

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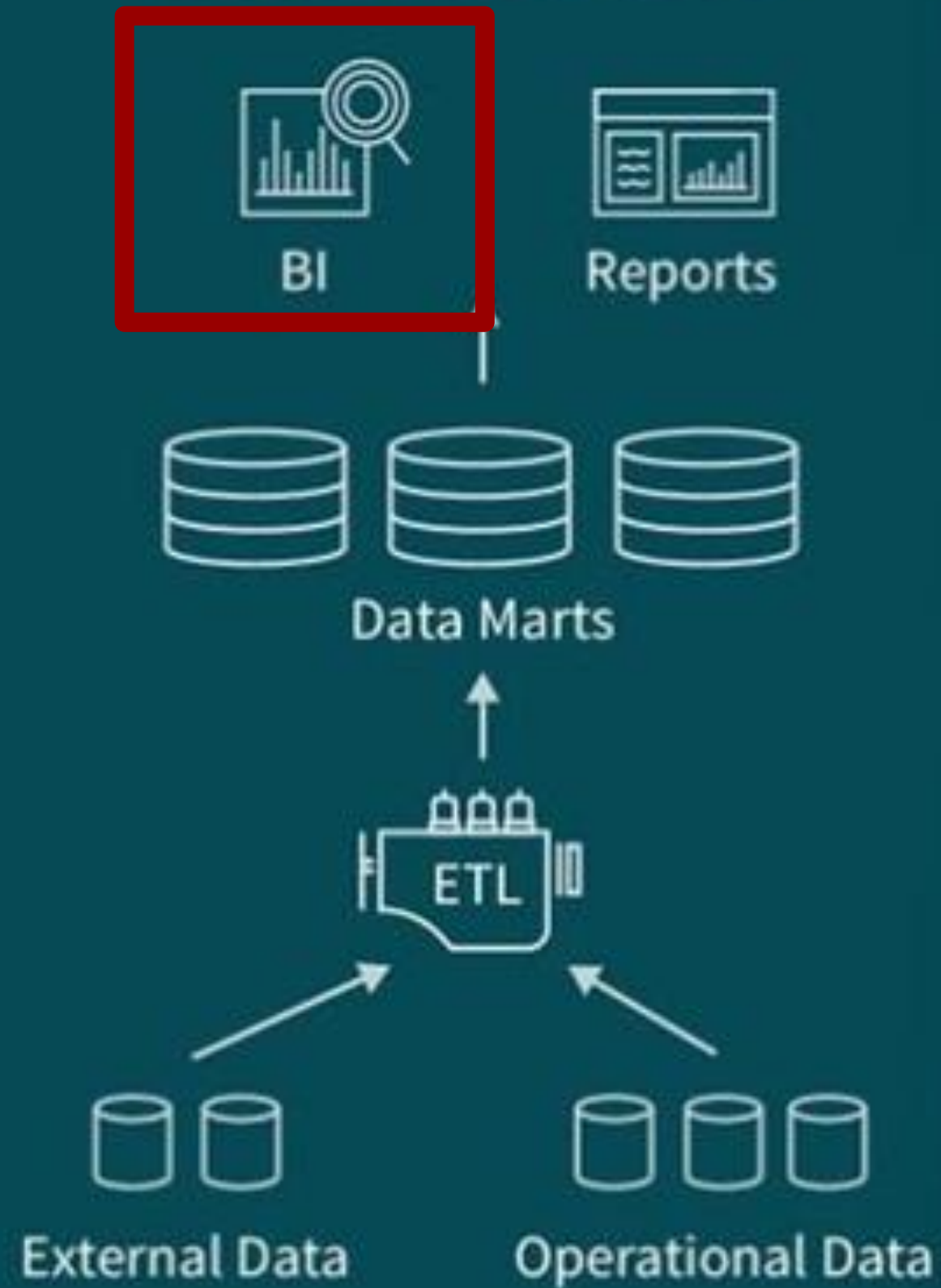
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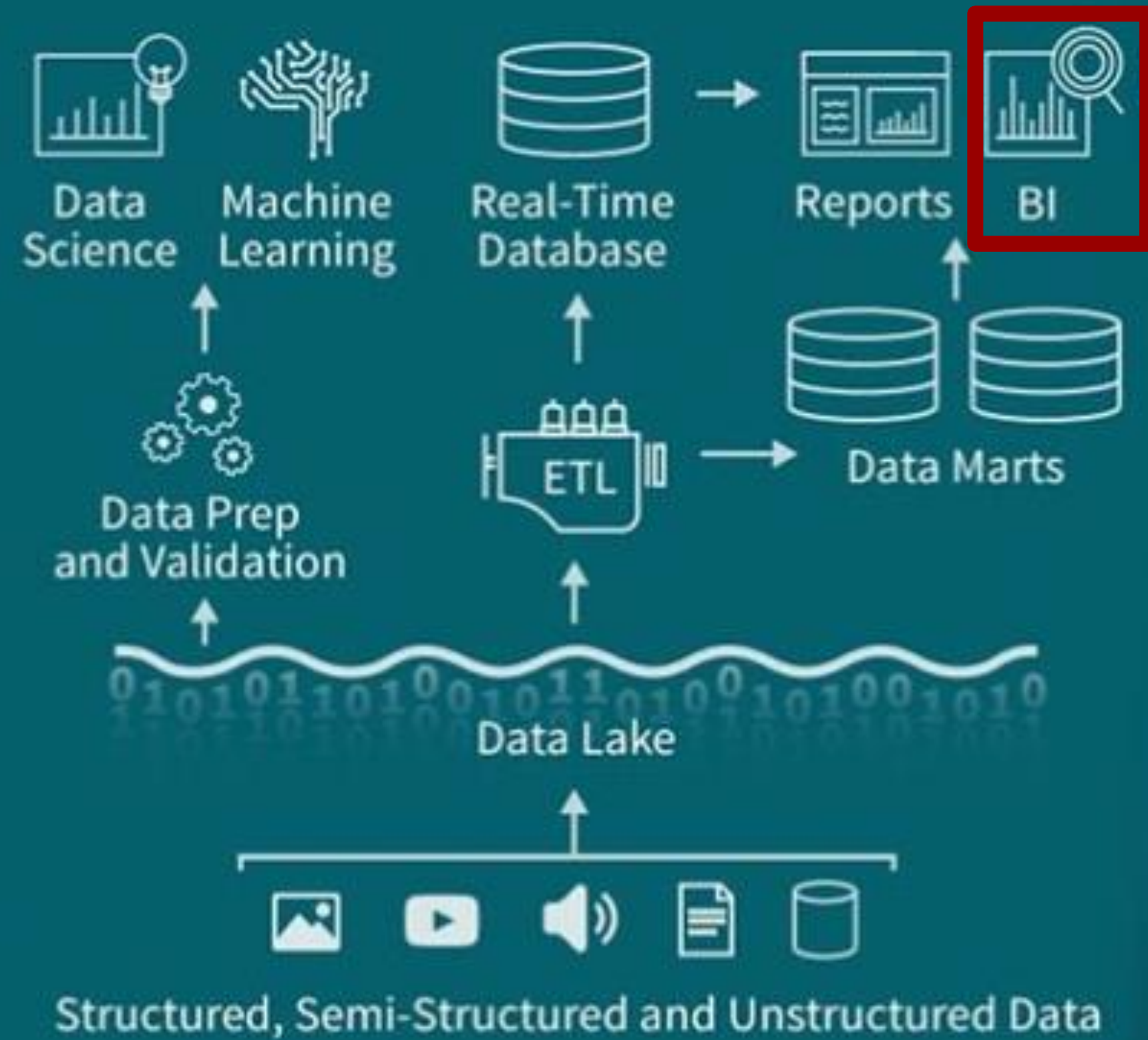
Late 1980's

## Data Warehouse



2011

## Data Lake





## Data Swamp



✗ No metadata

✗ No data governance

✗ Broken metadata management

✗ Broken ingestion process

## Data Lake



✓ Metadata

✓ Has data context

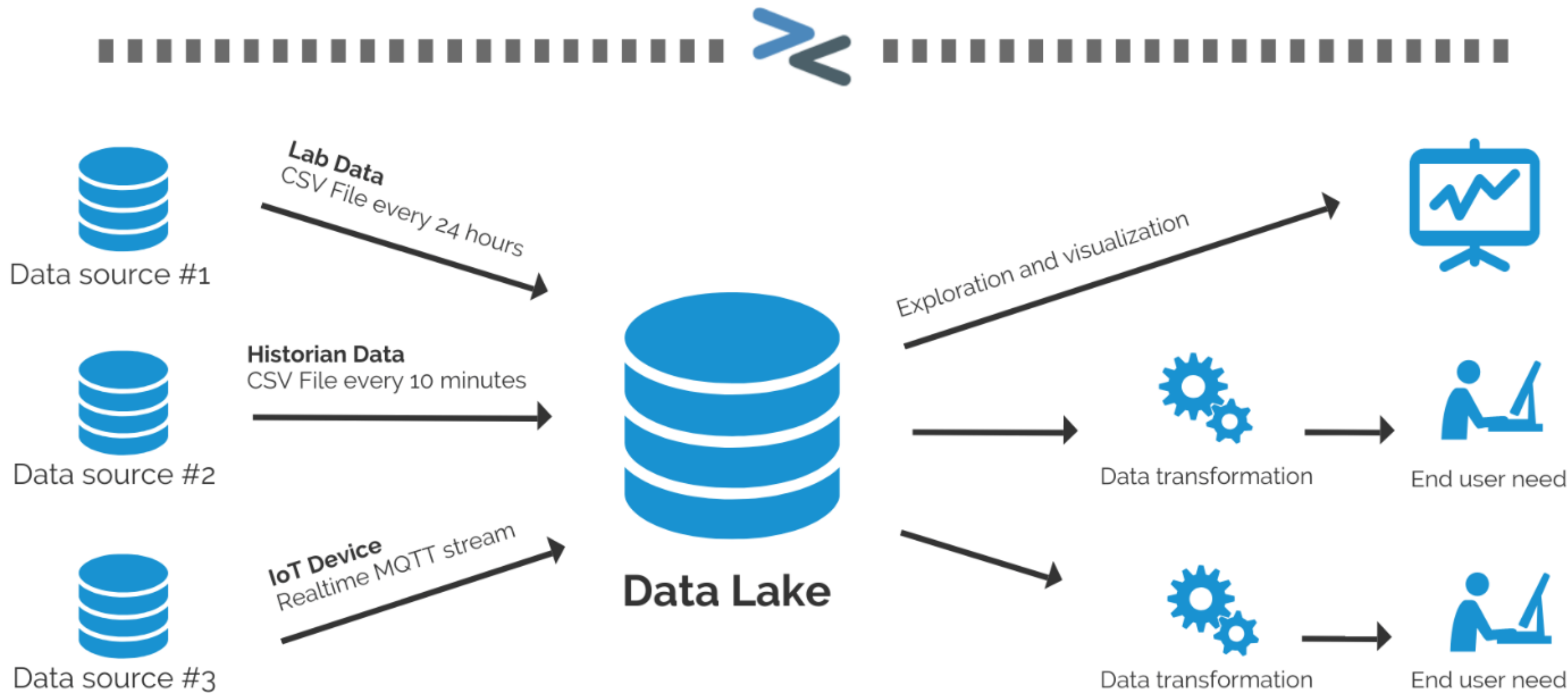
✓ Information is in rows and columns

✓ Contains a data set for running analytics

✓ Easily ordered and processed with data mining tools

✓ Has directories and sub-directories





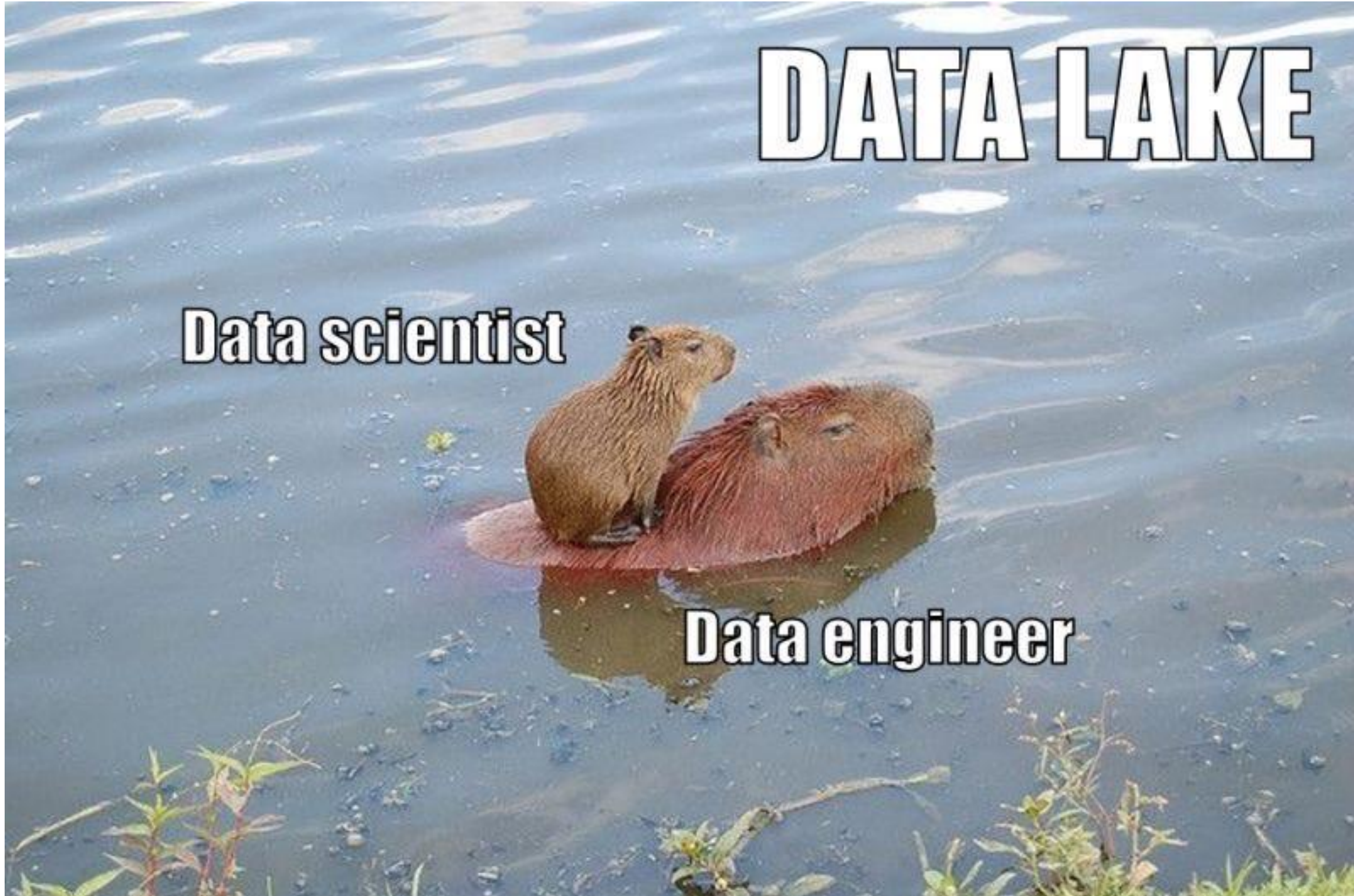
**So how to get its benefits?**



# DATA LAKE

Data scientist

Data engineer



**DATA LAKE & DATA WAREHOUSE**

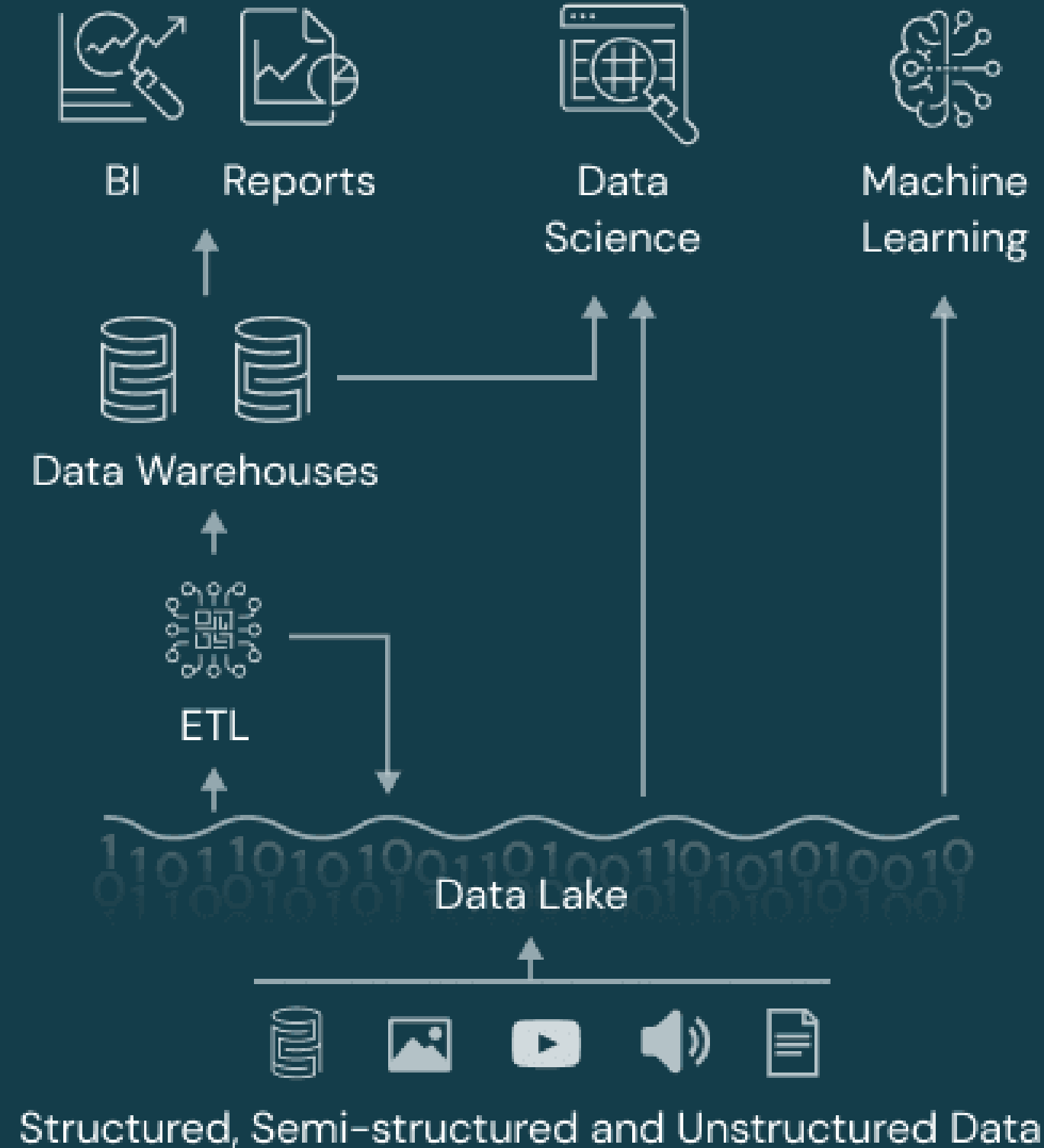
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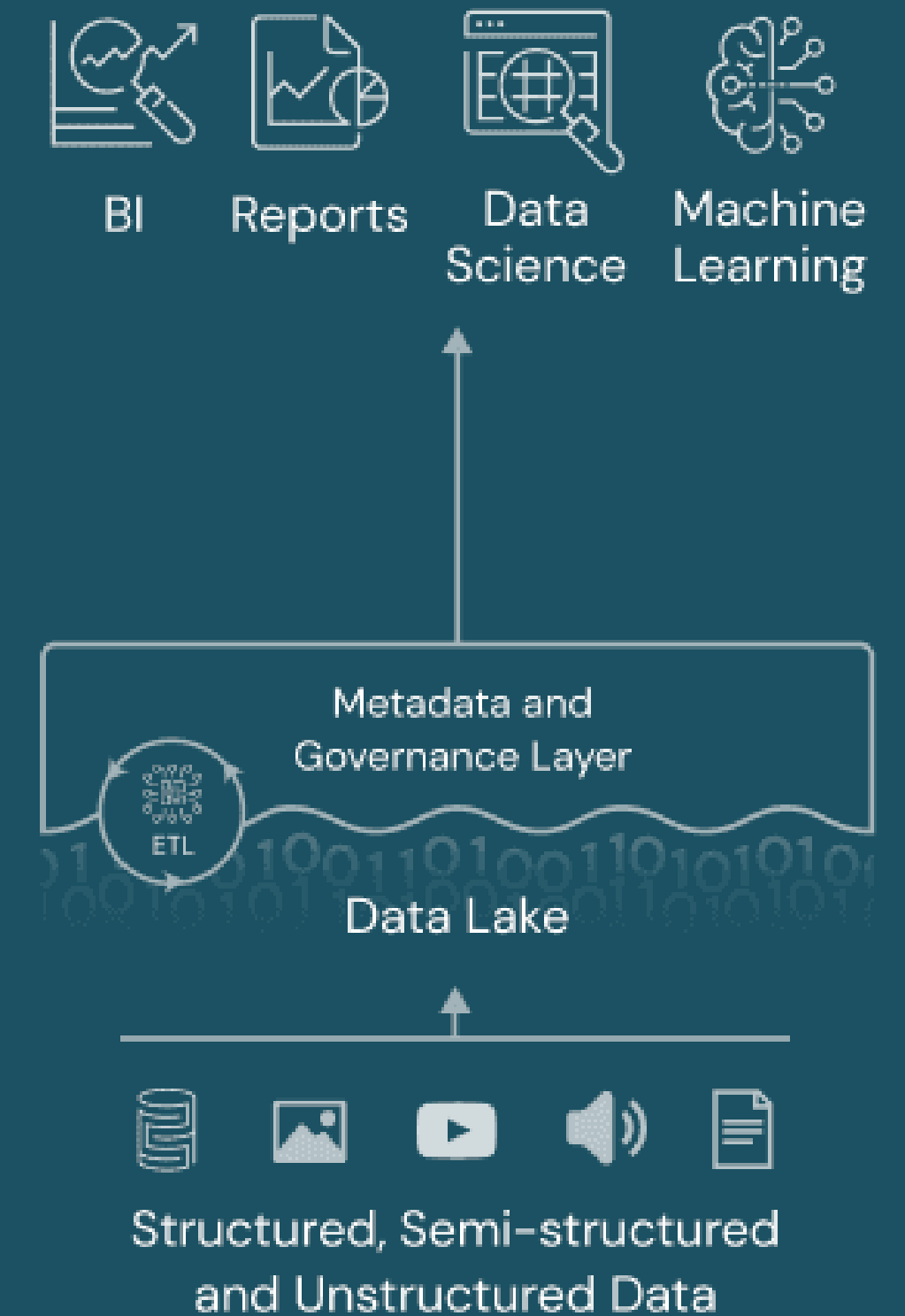
## Data Warehouse



## Data Lake



## Data Lakehouse



**Data lakehouse is seen as a combination of data warehousing workloads & data lake economics**

# databricks **Lakehouse Platform**

SIMPLE ◦ OPEN ◦ COLLABORATIVE

Data Engineering

BI & SQL Analytics

Real-time Data Applications

Data Science & Machine Learning

Data Management & Governance



Open Data Lake



Structured



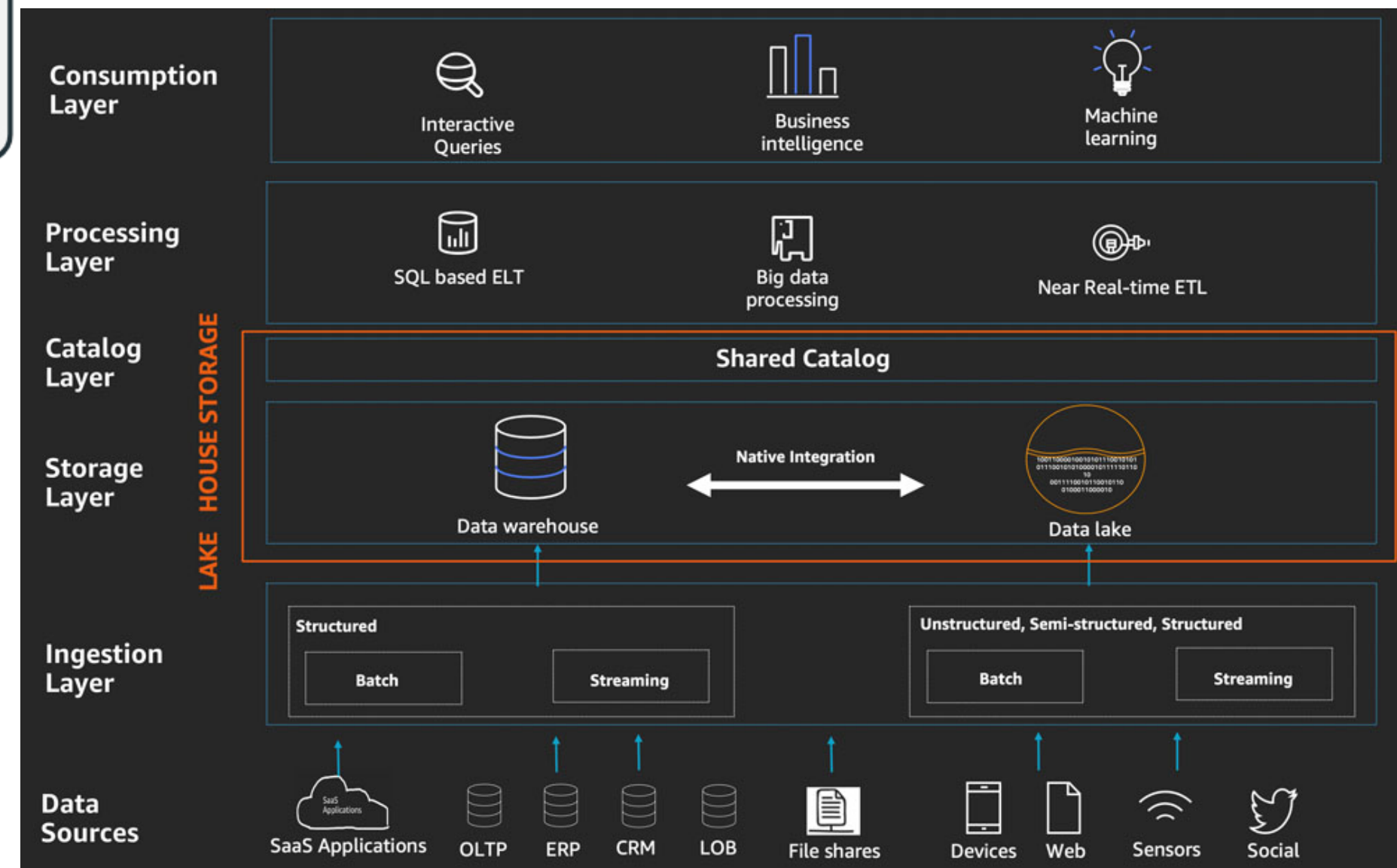
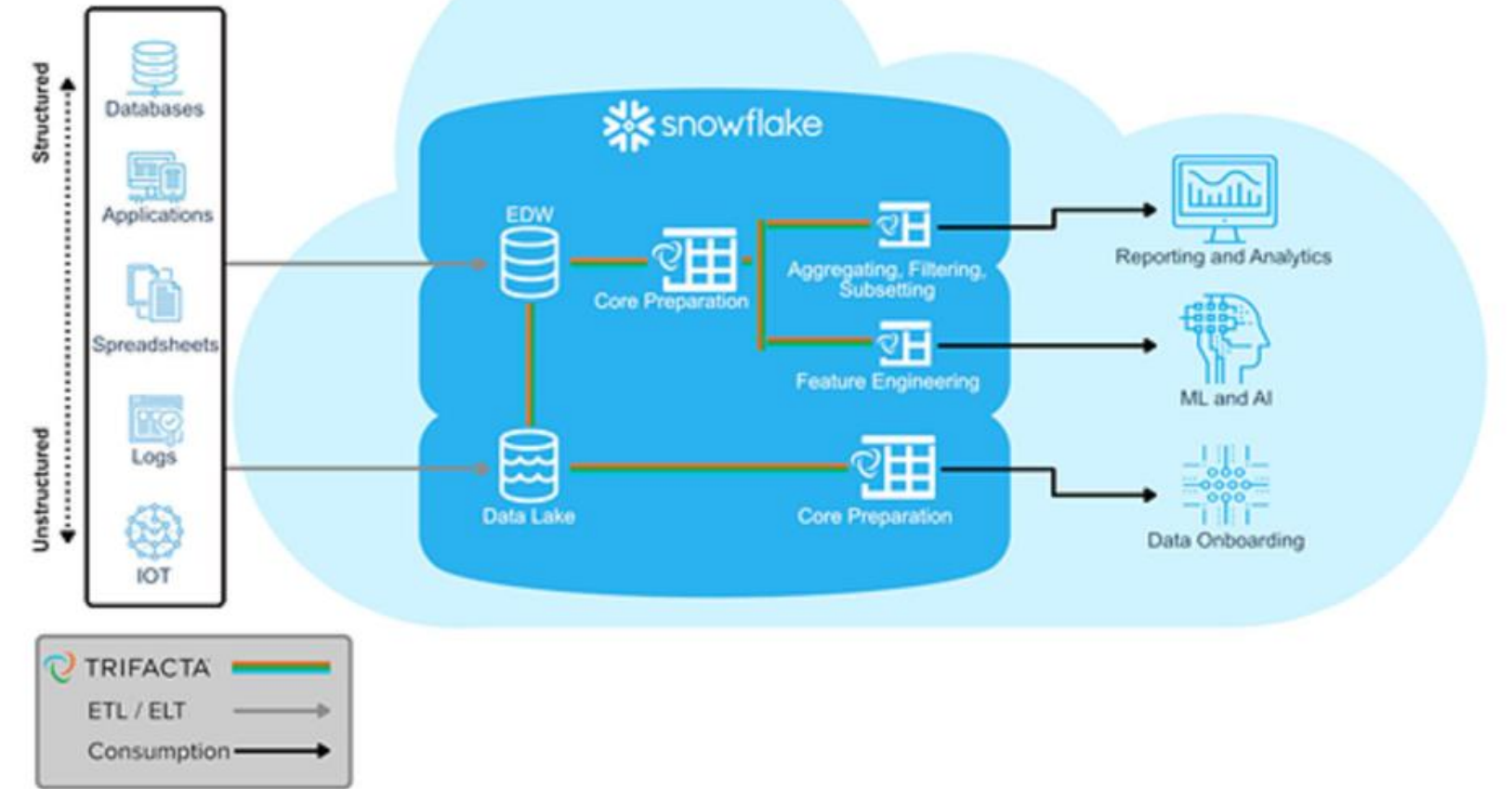
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Unstructured



Streaming



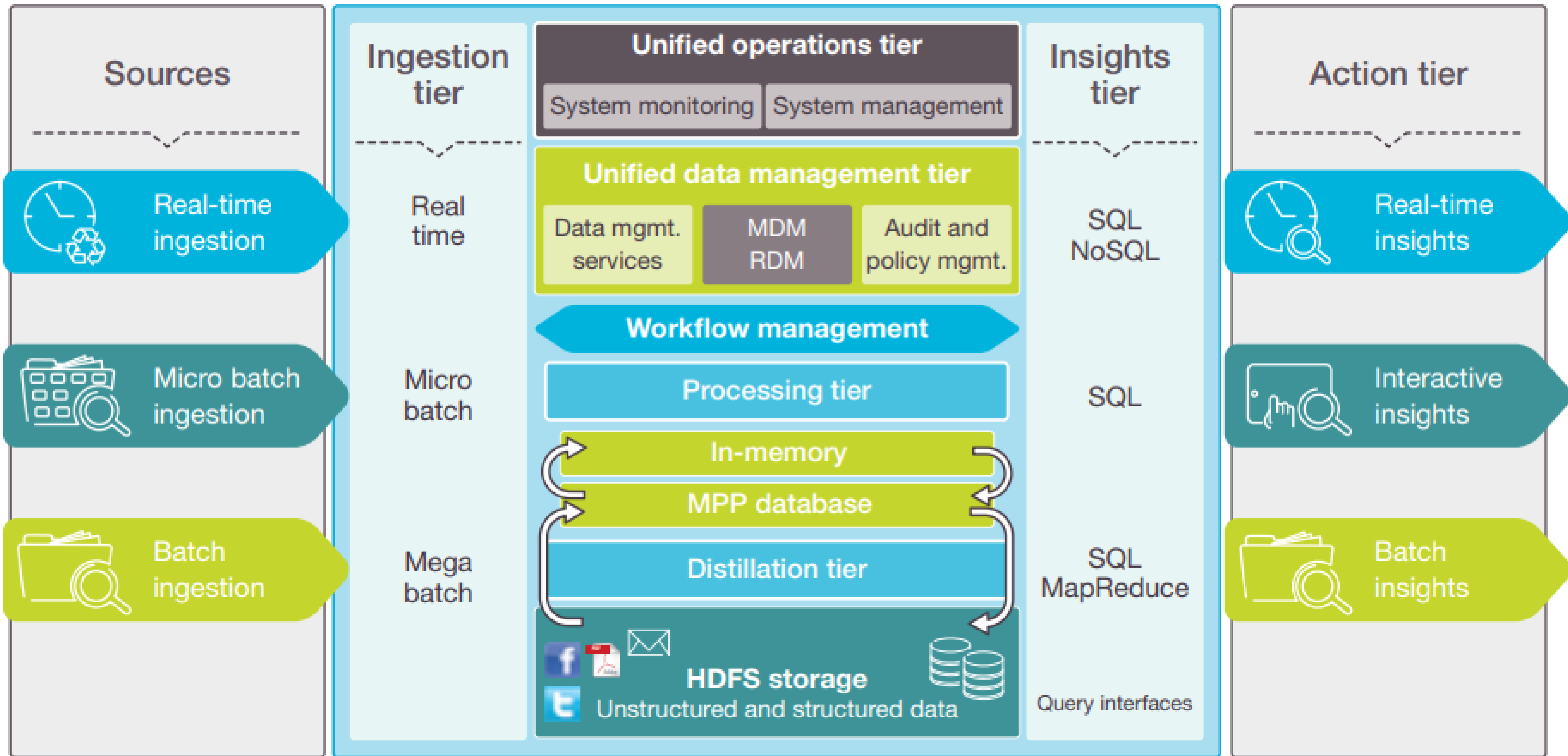
# DATA LAKE FOR BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

## BUSINESS DATA LAKE

The Technology of the Business Data Lake









**Or how to avoid GIGO\*?**

**\*"garbage in, garbage out"**

**DATA CLEANING or DATA WRANGLING?**



# DATA WRANGLING VERSUS DATA CLEANING

## DATA CLEANING

Process of detecting and removing corrupted or inaccurate records from a record set, table or database

Data cleansing is another name for data cleaning

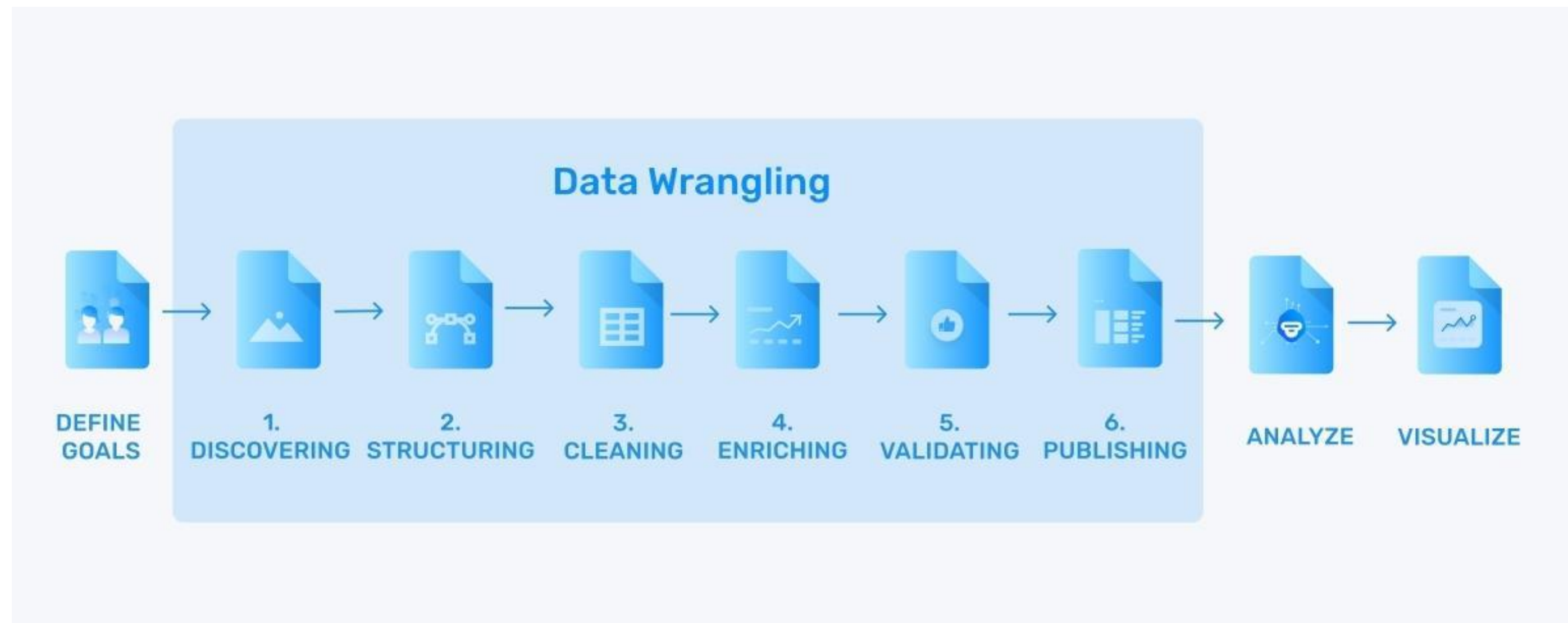
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## DATA WRANGLING

Process of transforming and mapping data from one raw data form into another form with the intent of making it more appropriate and valuable for various tasks

Data munging is another name for data wrangling

*a process of iterative data exploration and transformation that enables their further analysis by making them (1) usable, (2) credible and (3) useful*



➤ The nature of data lake allows to store a variety of data within the memory

**BUT**

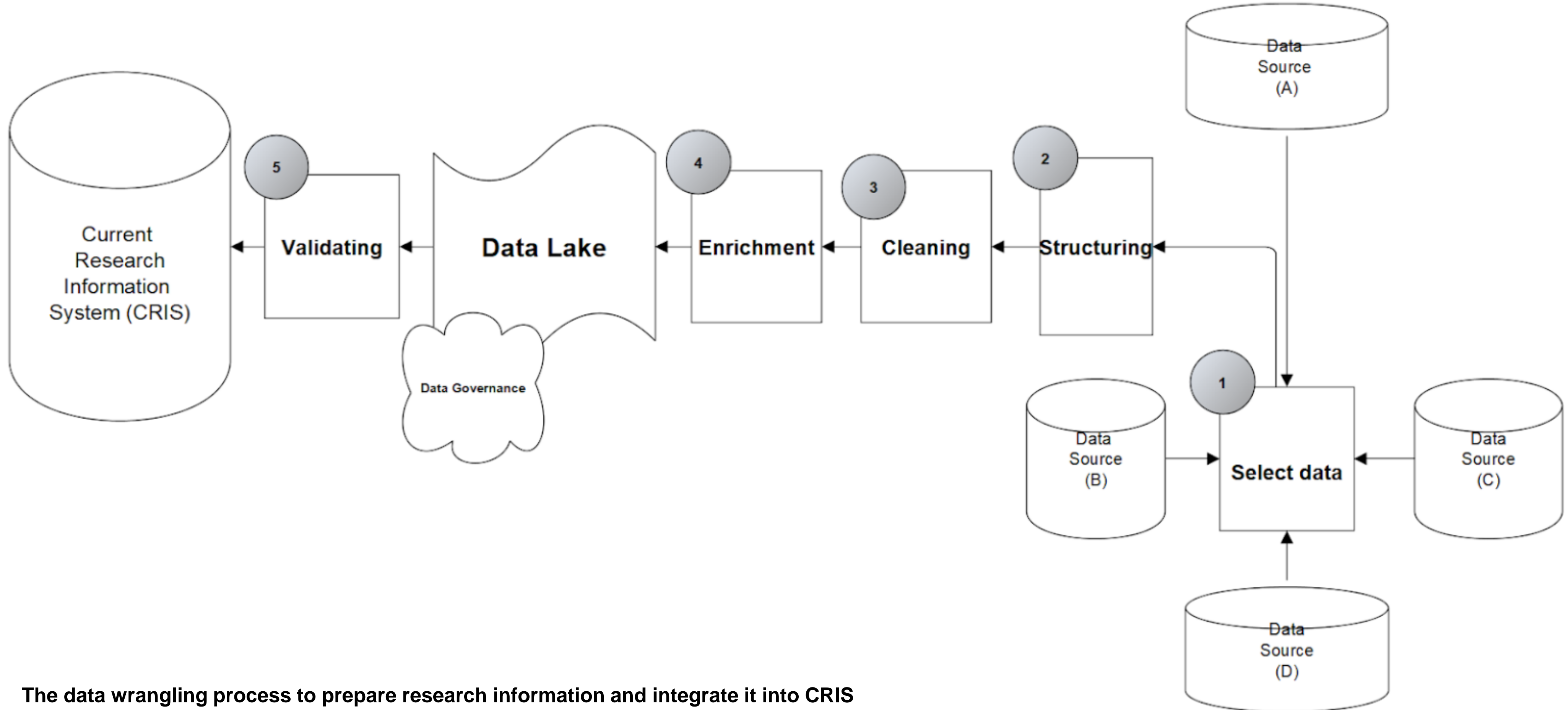
➤ there is a need to clean up dirty data and enrich them in a pre-processing process, where data wrangling is found to be suitable for these purposes.

➤ The goal is to convert complex data types and data formats into structured data without programming efforts → users should be able to prepare and transform their data without the need of using the ETL tools or familiarity and use of programming languages, where these transformations should be automatically suggested after reading the data based on machine learning algorithms that greatly speeds up this process.

**DATA LAKE + DATA WRANGLING**  
**=**  
**DATA QUALITY IN IS**

*[an asset, not a silver bullet]*





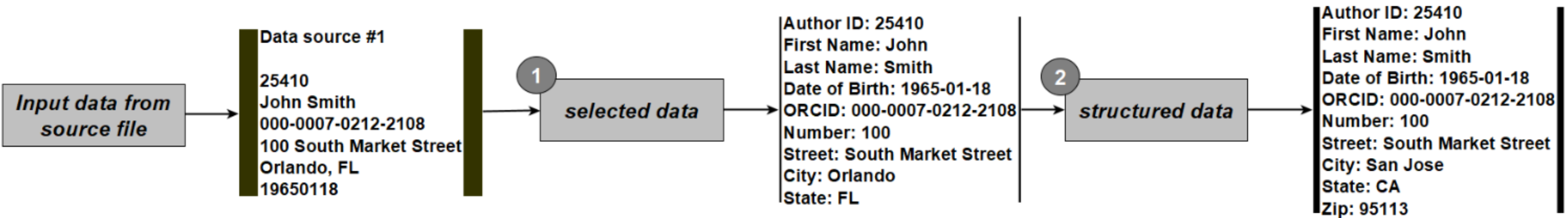
**The data wrangling process to prepare research information and integrate it into CRIS**

**Depending on the IS and the desired or required target quality\*, individual steps should be carried out several times → data wrangling is a continuous process that repeats itself repeatedly at regular intervals.**

Step	Description
Select data	The required data records are identified in different data sources. When selecting data, a record is evaluated by its value <input type="checkbox"/> if there is added value, the availability and terms of use of the data and subsequent data from this data source are checked
Structure	In most cases, there is little or no structure in the data <input type="checkbox"/> change the structure of the data for easier accessibility.
Clean	Almost every dataset contains some outliers that can skew the analysis results <input type="checkbox"/> the data are extensively cleaned for better analysis ( <i>processing of null values, removing duplicates and special characters, and standardization of the formatting to improve data consistency</i> )
Enrich	<p>The data needs to be enriched - an inventory of the data set and a strategy for improving it by adding additional data should be carried out. The data set is enriched with various metadata:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Schematic metadata provide basic information about the processing and ingestion of data <input type="checkbox"/> the data wrangler analyzes / parses data records according to an existing schema.</li> <li>✓ Conversation metadata are exchanged between accessing instances with the idea to document information obtained during the processing or analysis of these data for subsequent users.</li> </ul> <p>The recognized peculiarities/ features of a data set can be saved.</p>
<i>*Data lake</i>	<p>The physical transfer of data in the data lake. Although data are prepared using metadata, the record is not pre-processed.</p> <p>The goal is to avoid a data swamp <input type="checkbox"/> estimate the value of the data and decide on their lifespan depending on the data quality and its interconnectedness with the rest of the DB.</p> <p>Analyzes are not performed directly in the data lake, but only on the relevant data. To be able to use the data, the requester needs the appropriate access rights <input type="checkbox"/> Data Wrangler performs data extraction, however, general viewing and exploration of the data should be possible directly in the data lake.</p>
<i>*Data governance</i>	The contents of the data lake, technologies and hardware used are subject to change <input type="checkbox"/> an audit is required to take care of the care and maintenance of the data lake. The main principles / guidelines and measures that regulates data maintenance coordinating all processes in the data lake and responsibilities are defined
Validate	<p>the data are checked one more time before they are integrated into the target CRIS to identify problems with the data quality and consistency of the data, or to confirm that the transformation has been successful.</p> <p>Verify that the values of the attribute are correct and conform to the syntactic and distribution constraints, thus ensuring high data quality AND document every change so that older versions can be restored, or history of changes can be viewed. If new data are generated during data analysis in CRIS, it can be re-included in Data Lake**</p> <p><i>**New data go through the data wrangling process, starting with the step 2 of data validating and structuring the data.</i></p>

*At the end of this process, research information can be used by analytical applications and protected from unauthorized access by access control*

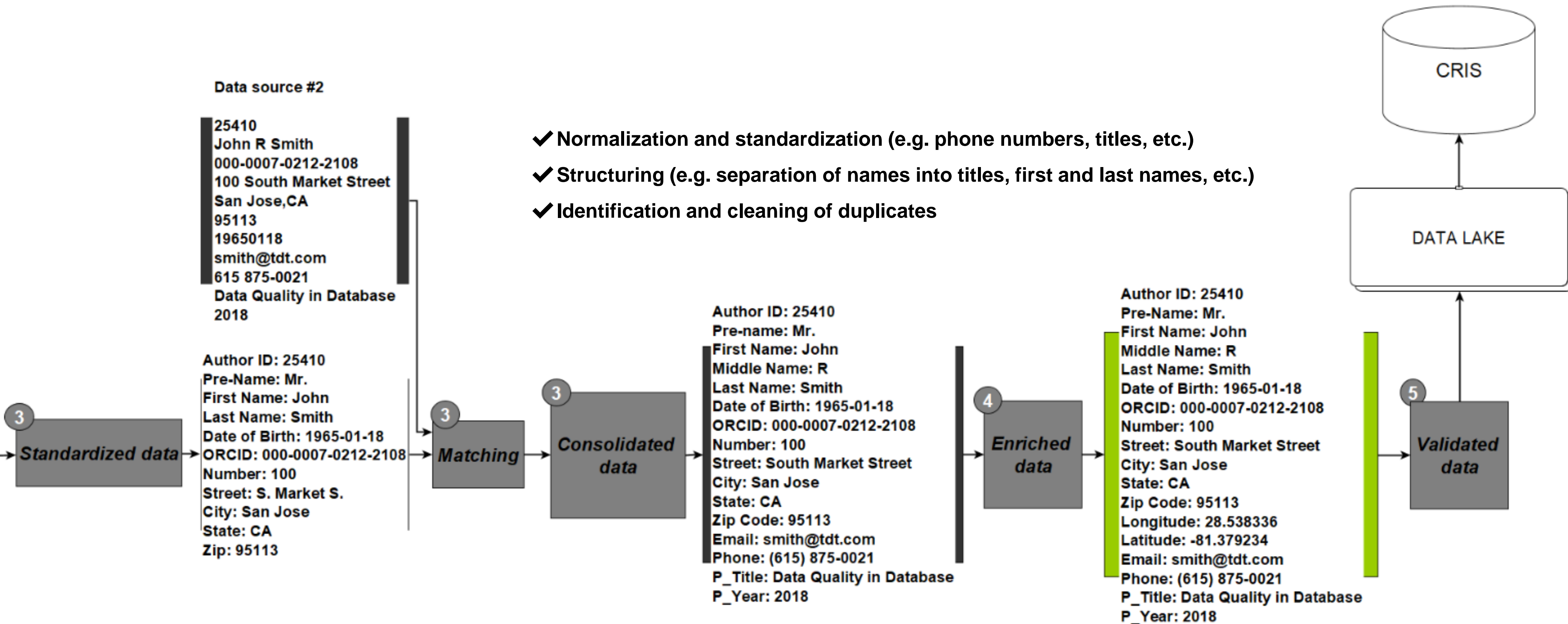
# USE-CASE



- ✓ Data formatting
- ✓ Correction of incorrect data (e.g. address data)



# USE-CASE



# USE-CASE: TRIFACTA FOR DATA WRANGLING

The screenshot displays the Trifacta data wrangling interface. At the top, the file is identified as 'PUBLICATIONS DATA.XLSX / Publikationsdaten aus WoS.xlsx/Publikationsliste - 2'. The main workspace shows a data table with columns: #, AUTHORID, RBC, FIRSTNAME, RBC, LASTNAME, GENDER, DATE OF BIRTH, RBC, ORCID, and RBC. Above the table, histograms provide a visual overview of the data distribution for each column. The 'Recipe' panel on the right lists various data transformation options:

- Scale to min max: Scale a column to a specific min max range
- One hot encode: Create a column for each unique value indicating its presence or absence
- Scale to mean: Scale a column to zero mean and unit variance
- Bin column: Bin values into ranges of equal or custom size
- New formula: Create a new column from the result of a formula
- Edit with formula: Set one or more columns to the result of a formula
- Window: Perform calculations across multiple ordered rows
- Schema: Change column type (Change the data type of a column)
- Delete columns: Delete one or more columns
- Move columns: Move one or more columns before or after another column
- Rename columns: Rename one or more columns
- Rename with pattern: Rename columns using a pattern
- Rename with prefix: Rename with prefix

The bottom status bar indicates the current state: 9 Columns, 550 Rows, 5 Data Types.



# CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ As the volume of research information and data sources increases, the prerequisite for data to be complete, findable, comprehensively accessible, interoperable, reusable (compliant with FAIR principles), but also securely stored, structured, and networked in order to be useful remain critical but at the same time become more difficult to fulfill → data wrangling can be seen a valuable asset in ensuring this.
- ✓ The goal is to counteract the growing number of data silos that isolate data from different areas of the organization. Once successfully implemented, data can be retrieved, managed and made available and accessible to everyone within the entity.
- ✓ A data lake and data wrangling can be implemented to improve and simplify IT infrastructure and architecture, governance and compliance. They provide valuable support for predictive analytics and self-service analysis by making it easier and faster to access large amount of data from multiple sources.
- ✓ The proper organization of the data lake makes it easier to find the data the user needs. Managing the data that have already been pre-processed results in an increased efficiency and cost saving, as preparing data for their further use is the most resource-consuming part of data analysis.
- ✓ By providing pre-processed data, users with limited or no experience in data preparation (low level of data literacy) can be supported and analyzes can be carried out faster and more accurately.

**TO BE  
CONTINUED...** →



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