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An introduction to the data lakehouse architecture and IBM watsonx.data

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The Enterprise Data Warehouse

- Highly performant data management platform
- Data from multiple sources organized into a centralized, highly-structured relational database
- Strongly governed
- Primarily supports data analytics and business intelligence applications
- Data stored in proprietary formats on fast, expensive block-based storage devices





What do you like about your **Enterprise Data Warehouse**?

Trusted, reliable data – high-quality, consistent

 Provides a great data foundation for your business-critical BI and analytics workloads



✓ Fast!

(yeah, EDWs are great!)



But what <u>don't</u> you like about your Enterprise Data Warehouse?

- X Can only store structured data
- ★ Data locked in
- ★ Maybe not scalable enough
- ★ Not ideal for ML/AI projects
- X It's costly! (infrastructure, processes, effort)

So, organizations have explored alternatives, or additional data stores to augment their EDW...



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Along came the Data Lake

- Low-cost, scalable to petabytes of raw data
- Stores structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data
- Commonly associated with Apache Hadoop
- Traditionally has used HDFS, but object storage increasingly more common
- Designed for data discovery and data science/ML use cases



Along came the Data Lake... and then the swamp



- Complex to manage
- Difficult to use and govern
- Poor data quality
- Expensive to maintain



Introducing... the Data Lakehouse

- Brings together the best attributes of data warehouses and data lakes
- Utilizes low-cost object storage
- Exploits open data and table formats
- Flexibility to support both data analytics, **BI and ML/AI workloads**
- Highly scalable
- Fit for purpose query engines (ideally)

74% of surveyed organizations have adopted a lakehouse architecture, with most of the rest expected to do so in the next three years.

MIT Technology Review (Oct 2023)



Lakehouses are a new class of data store that combines the best of data warehouses and data lakes



First generation lakehouses are still limited by their ability to address cost and complexity challenges:

- Single query engines set up to support limited workloads ... typically just BI or ML
- Typically deployed on cloud only with no support for multi-/hybrid-cloud deployments
- Minimal governance and metadata capabilities to deploy across the entire ecosystem







The platform for AI and data

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Scale and accelerate the impact of AI with trusted data.

watsonx.ai

Train, validate, tune and deploy AI models

A next generation enterprise studio for AI builders to train, validate, tune, and deploy both traditional machine learning and new generative AI capabilities powered by foundation models. It enables you to build AI applications in a fraction of the time with a fraction of the data.

watsonx.data

Scale AI workloads, for all your data, anywhere

A hybrid, open data lakehouse to power AI and analytics with all your data, anywhere – supported by querying, governance, and open data formats to access and share data.

watsonx.governance

Accelerate responsible, transparent and explainable AI workflows

End-to-end toolkit for AI governance across the entire model lifecycle to accelerate responsible, transparent, and explainable AI workflows





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Seamlessly deploy across any cloud or on-premises environment in minutes with workload portability through Red Hat[®] OpenShift[®].

Access all your data through a single point of entry across all clouds and on-premises environments.



Reduce the cost of your data warehouse by up to 50%* through workload optimization across multiple query engines and storage tiers.



Unify, curate, and prepare data for AI



*When comparing published 2023 list prices normalized for VPC hours of IBM watsonx.data to several major cloud data warehouse vendors. Savings may vary depending on configurations, workloads and vendors.

The IBM approach to a data lakehouse architecture combines the best of IBM with the best of open source Best-in-class cost and performance optimizations for compute and storage



Open and vendoragnostic across architectural tiers





IBM watsonx.data – the next generation data lakehouse



Multiple engines including Presto and Spark that provide fast, reliable, and efficient processing of big data at scale

Milvus for semantic searching and RAG uses cases

Built-in governance that is compatible with existing solutions such as watsonx.governance and IBM Knowledge Catalog

Vendor agnostic open formats for analytic data sets, allowing different engines to access and share the same data, at the same time

Cost effective, simple object storage available across hybrid-cloud and multicloud environments

Hybrid-cloud deployments and workload portability across hyperscalers and on-prem with Red Hat OpenShift

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What is object storage?



- Most notable provider for object storage is Amazon S3 (Simple Storage Service)
- Other vendors offer S3-compatible object storage ullet

Object storage:

- Low cost
- Near unlimited scalability ullet
- Extreme durability & reliability lacksquare(99.99999999%)
- High throughput lacksquare
- High latency (but can be compensated for)
- Basic units are *objects*, which lacksquareare organized in *buckets*



Common open data file formats

Computer systems and applications store data in files

Data can be stored in binary or text format

File formats can be open or closed (proprietary/lock-in)

Open formats (Parquet, ORC, and Avro) are commonly used in data lakes and lakehouses

CSV

- Human-readable text
- Each row corresponds ulletto a single data record
- Each record consists • of one or more fields, delimited by commas



- Open-source ${\bullet}$
- Binary columnar storage ullet
- Designed for efficient ulletdata storage and fast retrieval
- Highly compressible •
- Self-describing

$\{JSON\}$

- Human-readable text
- Open file and data • interchange format
- Consists of attribute-• value pairs and arrays
- JSON = JavaScript **Object Notation**



- Open-source
- Binary columnar storage
- Designed and optimized for Hive data
- Self-describing •
- Similar in concept ulletto Parquet



- Open-source
- Row-oriented data format and serialization framework
- Robust support for schema evolution
- Mix of text/binary

Apache Parquet

Parquet is designed to support fast data processing for complex data

- Open-source
- Columnar storage \bullet
- Highly compressible with configurable compression \bullet options and extendable encoding schemas by data type
- Self-describing: schema and structure metadata is included \bullet
- Schema evolution with support for automatic schema merging \bullet

Why do these things matter in a lakehouse?

- Performance of queries directly impacted by size and amount of file(s) being read \bullet
- Ability to read/write data to an open format from multiple runtime engines enables collaboration \bullet
- Size of data stored, amount of data scanned, and amount of data transported affect the charges \bullet incurred in using a lakehouse (depending on the pricing model)





Apache ORC

- Open-source, **columnar storage** format \bullet
 - Similar in concept to Parquet, but different design
 - Parquet considered to be more widely used than ORC lacksquare
- Highly compressible, with multiple compression options Considered to have higher compression rates than Parquet ullet
- Self-describing and type-aware
- Support for schema evolution
- Built-in indexes to enable skipping of data not relevant to a query lacksquare
- Excellent performance for read-heavy workloads
 - ORC generally better for workloads involving frequent updates or appends Parquet generally better for write-once, read-many analytics





Apache Avro

- Open-source, row-based storage and serialization format lacksquare
 - Can be used for file storage or message passing ullet
- Beneficial for write-intensive workloads \bullet
- Format contains a mix of text and binary ullet
 - Data definition: Text-based JSON lacksquare
 - Data blocks: Binary lacksquare
- Robust support for schema evolution
 - Handles missing/added/changed fields ullet
- Language-neutral data serialization lacksquare
 - APIs included for Java, Python, Ruby, C, C++, and more





Source: https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/operationalizing-the-data/9781492049517/ch04.html

What are Hive tables?

- Apache Hive was introduced in 2010 to provide a data warehouse-like ulletstructure on top of **Hadoop**
- Supports the distributed analysis of large datasets in Hadoop's HDFS, \bullet as well as S3-compatible object storage
- SQL-like **HiveQL** queries are converted to **MapReduce** jobs
- "Schema on read" enforces structure at query time \bullet
- Tables are just "data files in directories" supporting plain text, ORC, RCFile, Parquet, and other formats
- Metadata store (HMS) component tracks metadata \bullet such as schema and location
- No concurrency control, inefficient updates/deletes, and schema changes require **rewriting** entire dataset





Source: https://dev.to/aws-builders/introduction-to-hivea-sql-layer-above-hadoop-kk1

Table management and formats

- Sits "above" the data file layer
- Organizes and manages table metadata and data
- Typically supports multiple underlying disk file formats (Parquet, Avro, ORC, etc.)
- May offer transactional concurrency, I/U/D, indexing, time-based queries, and other capabilities



- Open-source ●
- Designed for large, • petabyte (PB)-scale tables
- ACID-compliant • transaction support
- Capabilities not • traditionally available with other table formats, including schema evolution, partition evolution, and table version rollback – all without re-writing data
- Advanced data filtering •
- Time-travel queries let ● you see data at points in the past



- Open-source, but Databricks is primary contributor and user, and controls all commits to the project - so "closed"
- Foundation for storing data in the Databricks Lakehouse Platform
- Extends Parquet data files with a file-based transaction log for ACID transactions and scalable metadata handling
- Capabilities include indexing, data skipping, compression, caching, and time-travel queries
- Designed to handle batch as well as streaming data



- **Open-source**
- Manages the storage of large datasets on HDFS and cloud object storage
- Includes support for tables, ACID transactions, upserts/ deletes, advanced indexes, streaming ingestion services, concurrency, data clustering, and asynchronous compaction
- Multiple query options: snapshot, incremental, and read-optimized





Apache Iceberg open data table format

Open-source data table format that helps simplify data processing on large dataset stored in data lakes

People love it because it has:

- SQL access Build the data lake and perform most operations without learning a new language
- Data Consistency ACID compliance (not just append data operations to tables)
- Schema Evolution Add/remove columns without distributing underlying table structure
- Data Versioning Time travel support that lets you analyze data changes between update and deletes
- Cross Platform Support Supports variety of storage systems and query engines (Spark, Presto, Hive, +++)





Source: https://iceberg.apache.org/spec/



What is a metastore?

- Manages metadata for the tables in the lakehouse, including:
 - Schema information (column names, types)
 - Location and type of data files
- Similar in principle to the system catalogs of a relational database
- Shared metastore ensures query engines see schema and data consistently
- May be a built-in component of a larger integration/governance solution



HMS used by watsonx.data

- Hive metastore (HMS) is ulleta component of Hive, but can run standalone
- Open-source ullet
- Manage tables on HDFS and cloud object storage
- Pervasive use in industry



Microsoft Purview Data Catalog

- Component of Microsoft ● Purview data governance solution
- Helps manage lacksquareon-premises, multicloud, and SaaS data
- Offers discovery, lacksquareclassification, and lineage



- Component of AWS Glue integration service
- Inventories data assets of AWS data sources
- Includes location, ulletschema, and runtime metrics



- Provides centralized access control, auditing, lineage, and data discovery across a Databricks lakehouse
- Contains data and AI \bullet assets including files, tables, machine learning models, and dashboards





Hive Metastore (HMS)

- Open-source **Apache Hive** was built to provide an \bullet SQL-like query interface for data stored in Hadoop
- **Hive Metastore (HMS)** is a component of Hive that stores ulletmetadata for tables, including schema and location
- HMS can be deployed standalone, without the rest of Hive (often needed for lakehouses, like watsonx.data)
- Query engines use the metadata in HMS to optimize query execution plans
- The metadata is stored in a traditional relational ulletdatabase (PostgreSQL in the case of watsonx.data)
- In watsonx.data, IBM Knowledge Catalog integrates with HMS to provide policy-based access and governance





Lakehouse Object Storage







presto

Make sense of all your data, any size, anywhere

Get the insights you need with Presto, a fast and flexible open-source SQL query engine Scalable architecture

- Designed for analytic queries
- Uses open source query engines

Pluggable Connectors

- Allows access to external data sources without moving data
- Wide variety of connector for cloud and on- premises data sources

Performance

- MPP architecture for processing large data sets
- Can scale worker nodes as needed



Presto architecture

The structure of Presto is similar to that of classical MPP database management systems.

- **Client:** Issues user query and receives final result.
- **Coordinator:** Parses statement, plans query execution, and manages worker nodes. Gets results from workers and returns final result to client.
- Workers (Java/C++): Execute tasks and process data.
- **Connectors:** Integrate Presto with external data sources like object stores, relational databases, or Hive.
- **Caching:** Accelerated query execution through metadata and data caching (provided by Alluxio and RaptorX).





Powered by





Digital advertising platform

Over 2000 daily reports and 100s of pipelines on a 7 PB data lake with over 400 billion records

Uber

Ride-hailing, food delivery

Over 100 million queries per day with 7000 weekly active users on a 50 PB data lake



Ride-hailing, micromobility rentals, and food delivery in Europe and Africa

Up to 100,000 daily queries (over 1.5 million queries per month) with over 2000 active internal users on 2 PB data lake

Meta

Social media

30,000 queries per day with 1000 daily active users on a 300 PB data lake

ByteDance

Internet technology

Over 2 million queries per day for business intelligence and one-off use cases



Communications API technology

Over 2700 active internal users running 1 million queries scanning 40 PB of data per month



Presto connectors in watsonx.data for federated data access

- IBM Db2
- IBM Netezza
- IBM Data Virtualization Manager for z/OS
- IBM Informix
- Apache Druid
- Apache Kafka
- Apache Pinot
- Amazon Redshift
- BigQuery
- Cassandra
- ClickHouse
- Elasticsearch

- MongoDB
- MySQL
- Oracle
- PostgreSQL
- Prometheus
- Redis
- SAP HANA
- SingleStore
- Snowflake
- SQL Server
- Teradata
- ... with more to come

Add database

Register an existing, externally managed database.

Database details

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IBM Db2		~
Database name	Display name	
Example: your_db_01	Example: Your Database 01	
Hostname	Port	
Examples: your.hn.com, 1.23.456.789	Example: 1234	
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Example: your_catalog_01		

Cancel	Register

watsonx.data **Use Cases**

Data warehouse optimization

Optimize workloads from your data warehouse by choosing the right engine for the right workload, at the right cost. Replace ETL jobs and reduce costs of your data warehouse by up to 50% through workload optimization.

Data lake modernization

Augment Hadoop data lakes using watsonx.data and access better performance, security, and governance, without migration or ETL

Mainframe data for AI

Unleash the power of mainframe data for AI and analytics in watsonx.data with integration to IBM Data Gate for watsonx and Data Virtualization Manager for z/OS. Readily virtualize or replicate data to Iceberg for analytics and AI.

Datastore for Generative AI

Unify, curate, and prepare data efficiently for AI models and applications. Integrated vectorized embedding capabilities enable RAG use cases at scale across large sets of your trusted, governed data.

Generative AI powered data insights

Leverage Gen-AI infused in watsonx.data to find and understand data and unlock new data insights through semantic search – no SQL required. Unleash cryptic structured data using auto-generated semantic metadata in natural language for easy self-service access to data.

Investments in an open and trusted data foundation will accelerate and scale your AI initiatives



Gain deeper visibility into your data and its journey from source to end-use for regulatory compliance and AI use cases with Manta, an IBM company.

Automated data lineage

IBM watsonx.data and your data ecosystem





Watsonx.data's native Presto and **Spark** engines work with open data and table formats.



Presto's connectors allow for federated data access to many different data sources, without having to move or copy data.



Sync metadata with watsonx.data. Convert legacy file storage structures to Iceberg (over time).



Natively store Db2 WH data in open data formats. Offload/promote between Db2 WH and watsonx.data.



Access lakehouse data **natively** through Netezza.



For DWs that "speak" Iceberg, offload data/workloads to lakehouse.



With Data Gate for watsonx, **replicate** mainframe transactional data to Iceberg, where it can be used for analytics and AI workloads.

Data Gate for WatsonX (different than Data Gate for Db2 for z/OS) watsonx.ai ML & AI Model Prompt Tuning Machine Lab Library Studio Learning (\bigcirc) Data 00 **Operational Data Synchronization** (read/write) (unidirectional) For analytics and ML in watsonx.data **red hat**" OPENSHIFT Combination with Spark streaming for streaming z/OS ۲ queries or writing to further data stores **Data Target** watsonx.data DG1 -Data • Working on cached copy Gate for Integrated zIIP-eligible integrated synchronization workload watsonx \bullet Query engine synchronization (Db2 for z/0S) Db2 for z/OS Metadata store Low-latency data synchronization protocol \bullet Catalog Catalog Catalog DG2 - Data High performance ingest into Iceberg DG1 DG2 DG3 **CDC technology** Gate for watsonx (IMS) IMS Object store End-to-end encryption Hides CDC complexities DG3 - Data **CDC technology** Containerized, OpenShift-based installation Gate for Bucket Bucket Bucket DG2 DG1 DG3 watsonx

Use cases

Minimal operational impact on Db2/z

High performance requirements

With...

- ullet
- ullet
- ullet(for non z/OS parts) – runs where watsonx.data runs

VSAM

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MINIO

Db2 Warehouse DATALAKE tables (doesn't require watsonx.data)



Work with Db2 data in open data & table formats (e.g. Parquet, Iceberg) hosted on low-cost object storage



Optimize resources by segmenting workloads across the warehouse and other datalake/lakehouse engines



Seamlessly combine warehouse data with enterprise lakehouse data



Export Db2 warehouse data to object storage (e.g. CTAS), while retaining the ability to query that data



Use a datalake engine (e.g. Spark) to cleanse and transform data; then bring that curated data into Db2





Db2 Warehouse and Netezza integration with watsonx.data

- Functionality in Db2 WH and Netezza (NPSaaS): \bullet
 - Ability to work with open data format tables in ulletobject storage (e.g. Db2's DATALAKE tables)
 - Integration with watsonx.data's metastore ullet(w/ syncing of metadata for tables in object storage)
- Db2 WH and Netezza can be registered as lacksquare"External Engines" in the watsonx.data console

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Configuring watsonx.data and Db2 Warehouse



S3-compatible Object Storage (e.g. AWS S3, IBM COS)



Create bucket in object storage

watsonx.data is helping companies scale their AI workloads

intel

"We look forward to partnering with IBM to optimize the watsonx.data stack and contributing to the opensource community."

Das Kamhout VP and Senior Principal Engineer Intel

CLOUDERA

"Customers will benefit from a truly open and interoperable hybrid data platform that fuels the adoption of AI."

Paul Codding EVP of Product Management Cloudera

capital

"We're excited to see how watsonx can help us drive predictive analytics, identify fraud, and optimize our marketing."

Bahaa' Awartany Chief Data Officer Capital Bank of Jordan

NucleusTeq

"We believe watsonx.data will help enterprises lower storage costs, optimize compute, and ensure seamless data management."

Ashish Baghel CEO and Founder NucleusTeq

Three ways to get started with watsonx.data today IBM's investment in partnering with clients



Free trial

Experience watsonx.data and test out core capabilities with the free "Lite" plan.

Try the free Lite plan



Client briefing

Discussion and custom demonstration of IBM's generative AI watsonx pointof-view and capabilities. Understand how watsonx.data can be leveraged in any businesses AI strategy.

2-4 hours



Pilot program

Watsonx pilot developed with IBM AI engineers. Prove watsonx.data value for the selected use case(s) with a plan for adoption.

1-4 weeks



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