Getting started with Data Warehousing

Course Description:

This course provides an in-depth understanding of data warehousing concepts, architecture, data modeling, ETL processes, implementation, and optimization techniques. It is designed for professionals aiming to build, manage, and optimize data warehouses.

Course Duration: 24 hours

Prerequisites:

✓ Basic understanding of databases and SQL.

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- Key Characteristics of a Data Warehouse
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- Evolution of Data Warehousing

Module 2: Data Warehouse Architecture

- Three-Tier Architecture
 - Bottom Tier (Data Storage)
 - Middle Tier (OLAP Server)
 - Top Tier (Front-End Tools)
- Components of a Data Warehouse
 - o Data Sources
 - o ETL (Extract, Transform, Load)
 - o Data Storage

- Metadata
- Query and Reporting Tools
- Types of Data Warehouse Architectures
 - Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW)
 - Operational Data Store (ODS)
 - Data Marts

Module 3: Data Modeling for Data Warehouses

- Dimensional Modeling
 - Star Schema
 - o Snowflake Schema
 - Galaxy Schema (Fact Constellation)
- Fact Tables
 - o Types of Facts (Additive, Semi-Additive, Non-Additive)
- Dimension Tables
 - o Types of Dimensions (Conformed, Junk, Degenerate)
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 - o Type 1, Type 2, Type 3, and Hybrid Approaches

Module 4: ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) Process

- Overview of ETL
- Extraction Techniques
- Transformation Techniques
 - Data Cleaning
 - Data Integration
 - Data Aggregation
- Loading Techniques
 - o Full Load vs Incremental Load
- ETL Tools Overview (e.g., Informatica, Talend, SSIS)

Module 5: Data Warehouse Implementation

- Planning and Requirements Gathering
- Data Warehouse Design
- Data Integration and Migration
- Testing and Validation
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Module 6: Data Warehouse Optimization

- Indexing Strategies
- Partitioning and Clustering
- Query Optimization Techniques
- Caching and Materialized Views
- Performance Monitoring and Tuning