Kumaran's

Data Quality Validator (DQV)

Engineered for Every Byte That Matters





Pain Points in Data Processing

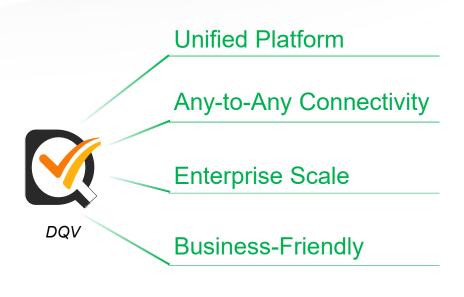






Solution Overview







DQV – Built on lessons learnt















Who needs DQV?

User	(O)		***	(D)		Use Cases
ETL Tester	✓	✓		✓	✓	 ✓ Validate & report quality of incoming data. ✓ Fixing the missing or invalid data. ✓ Mimic the data flow & process to get target data set. ✓ Compare source and target data sets. ✓ Generate synthetic data for testing the data process.
DBA		✓	✓			 ✓ Mask (in-flight, in-place, deterministic masking) data ✓ Migrate data between environments.
Developer	✓	✓		√	√	 ✓ Validate & report the quality of incoming data. ✓ Fixing the missing or invalid data. ✓ Export and import data to different formats. ✓ Compare two different data sets – Unit testing. ✓ Generating synthetic data in the absence of production grade data
Functional QA		✓		√	√	 ✓ Generate test data out of existing database records. ✓ Compare two different data sets / exported files / DB. ✓ Generate synthetic test data.
API Tester		✓		✓	✓	 ✓ Generate synthetic test data. ✓ Mimic the data flow & process to get target data set. ✓ Compare actual vs expected results.



Features & Data Sources



- Supports various Homogeneous or Heterogeneous data sources (Extensible to new data sets)
- Parallel Processing
- Lesser memory / CPU even for multimillion records
- Detailed field level comparison results
- Detailed mismatch reports
- Integration with CI/CD pipeline; or embeddable in application



Supported Data Sources

✓ Databases

- Any Relational Database (Oracle, MS SQL Server / Azure SQL, MySQL / MariaDB, PostgreSQL, etc)
- Any NoSQL database having JDBC drivers (MongoDB, DataBricks, etc)
- ODBC data sources via ODBC-JDBC driver.

√ Files

- Delimited Files (CSV, TSV, custom delimiter)
- Fixed Length text files
- Excel files (old and new formats)

√ File Formats

- XML
- JSON

✓ Special Data Sources

- Parquet files
- REST APIs
- Any AMQP supported middleware (ActiveMQ, IBM-MQ, Solace, etc)
- √ Any other custom data sources





Operations



Comparison

- Supports different structures
- Memory efficient even on large data comparison
- Detailed comparison results, highlight field level data differences
- Detailed mismatch report



Masking

- Deterministic masking
- In-Place / In-Flight masking



Transfer / Migration

- Filter & Transform data
- Aggregate the data
- Create calculated fields



Validation



- Validate the quality of data (part of profiling)
- Field level: Null values, Value in Range, List of Values, Format / pattern
- Record level: Conditions against value of other fields (example: max val >= min val)
- Fix the data on-the-fly for missing or incorrect values

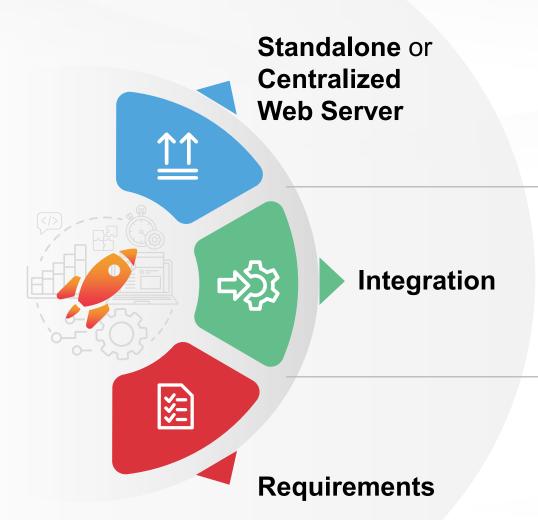


Generation

- Meaningful data generator (names, addresses, etc)
- Numerical, String generators with given range, list of values
- SIN / SSN fake value generation
- Random, Sequential selections



Deployment Options

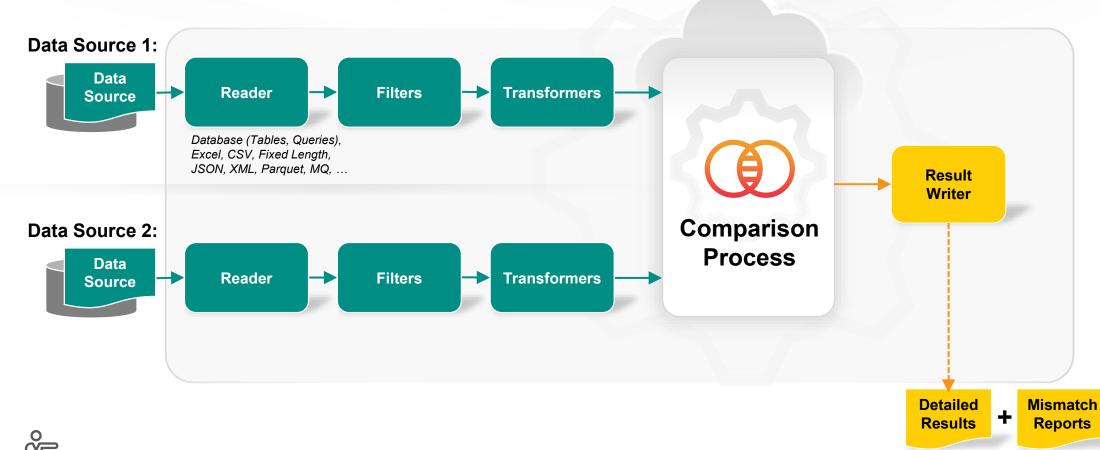


- Centrally managed web application
- Or, executable as a single JAR file; with configuration file names as parameters
- Supports parallel processing within each execution

- Embeddable in the application
- Embeddable in ETL tools (Informatica, DataBricks)
- Integrated within CI/CD pipeline.
 - Failure can be determined using exit code.
- Just Java is enough
 - Minimum version 1.8.x
- Recommended to have 4 GB RAM
 - More the memory, quicker the process
- Should have connectivity and access to different data sources



Comparison Process





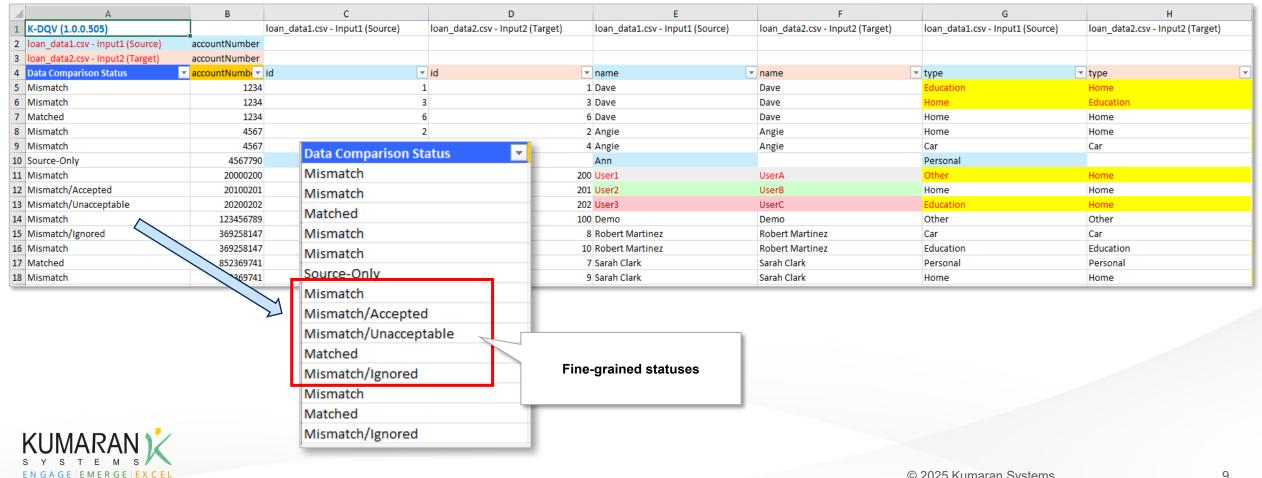
- Result files with field level differences highlighted
- Supports comparing **entire schema** in one shot



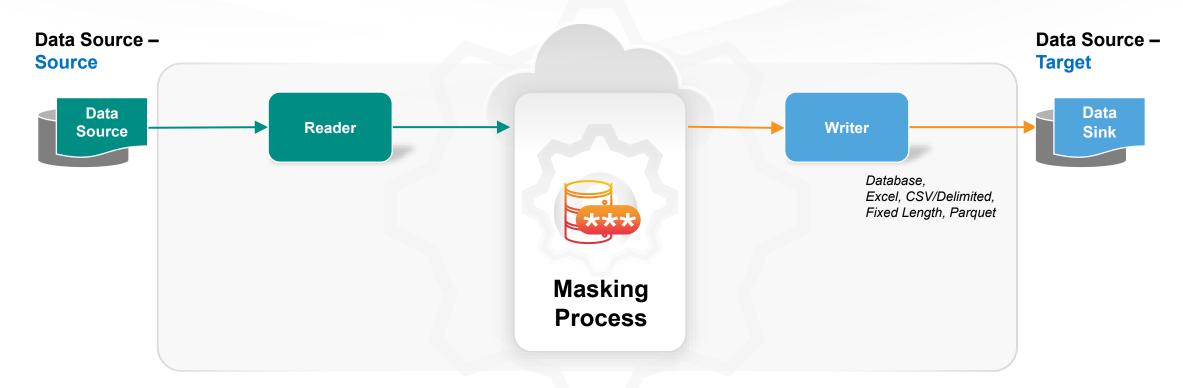
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Masking Process





 Deterministic masking support) for PDiT requirements



Masking Features

In-Flight / In-Place data masking



- In-Flight: Mask the data ask the data is copied from source to target. Ex: PROD to DIT database
- Use any data source (DB to DB, File to DB or DB to File)
- In-Place: Read the data from table, mask and write back to the table.

Deterministic masking



- Apply the same masked value across other tables in the db.
- Maintain referential integrity across parent-child relationships.

Repeatable/deterministic masking



- Masked data can be stored in file system (Mask Info store) for re-use in another migration run or different database / schema.
- Original values are protected i.e., only hash value of original value and the new value are stored.

Various masking **Techniques**



- Redaction
- Replacement
- Randomize

- Nullify / Clear
- One-way Hashing / Encryption



Masking Techniques

Redact

- Retain part of the source data and replace with redaction character ('x')
- Supports retaining or replacing source characters with alphabet, number characters.

Example:

Source Data: "john.david@abc.com", Mask: "=x*(.)=x*(@)==x*(.)="
Result: "jxxx.dxxxx@abx.com"

Replace / Variance

Replace the values with new values which are meaningful incl. sequential numbers.

Example: "John David", Replace: "generate:name().fullName()" → "Samuel Daniel"

Example: "100", Replace: "applyVariancePct(current_value, 20)" → "85"

Randomize

Generate random values, or from range, or from list/lookup or regex patterns

Example: "random(5)" \rightarrow "39563", "getNext('country')" \rightarrow "France"

Nullify / Clear

Clear the values from the field i.e., set to NULL

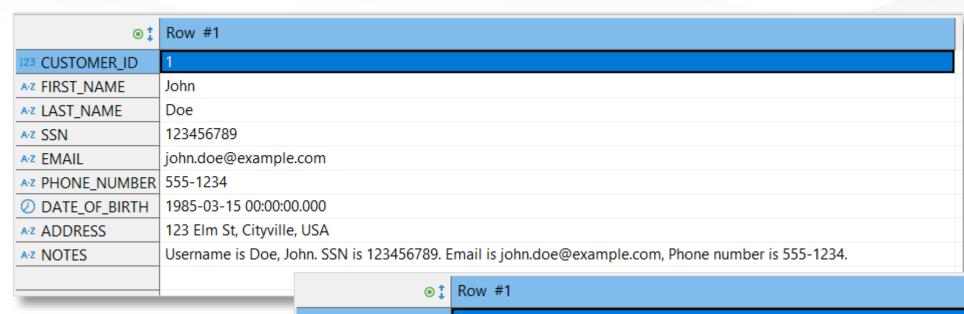
Hashing / Encrypt



Reversible encryption with the given secret
 Generally, not recommended for sharing data.



Masking – Results



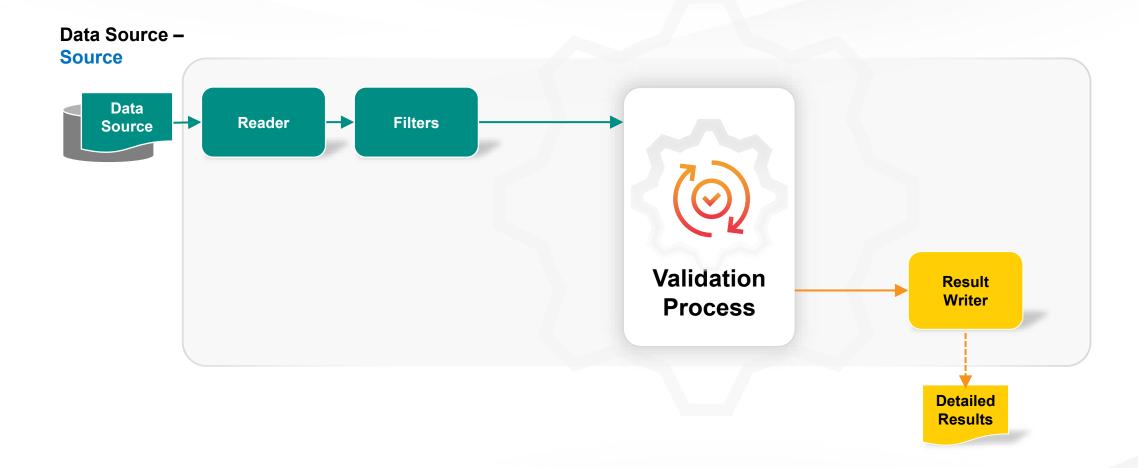
← Source data



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A-Z LAST_NAME	Bogan J Neplace										
A-Z SSN	142965048 ← Randomize										
A-Z EMAIL	jxxx.xxx@exxxxxxxx ← Redact										
A-Z PHONE_NUMBER	555-0149 ← Redact & Randomize										
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A-Z ADDRESS	Suite 614 829 Boehm Spring, North Annemariestad, IA 96897 ← Replace										
A-Z GENERATED_FIELD	Username is Bogan, Gavin. SSN is xxxxxxxx. Email is jxxx.xxx@exxxxxxxxx, Phone number is xxxxxxxxx.										
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Validation Process





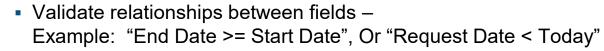
Validation Checks

Validation at Field level



- Format of data Number, String and Date formats, patterns
- Range (Min, Max) of values for Numbers and Dates
- Allowed list of values / Lookup reference

Business Validation at Record level



Displays custom message on failures

Validation at entire table level

Uniqueness

Reporting Issues

Log all errors at field, record and table level in an Excel

Fixing Values

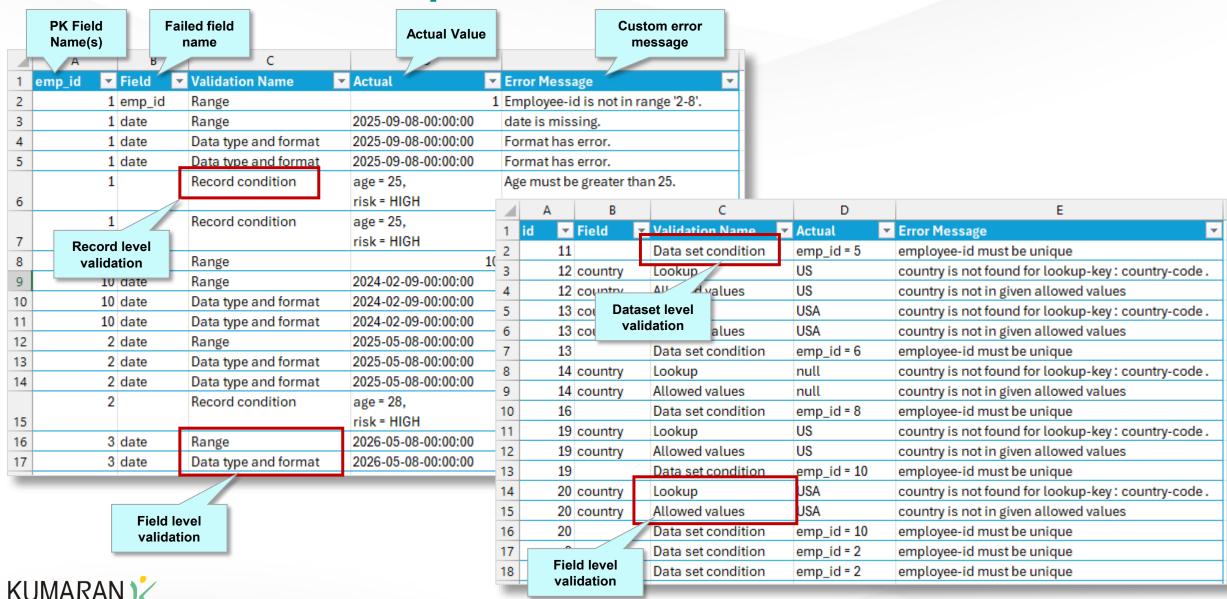
- Should treat empty values as missing?
- Fixing Missing values
- Fixing Invalid values



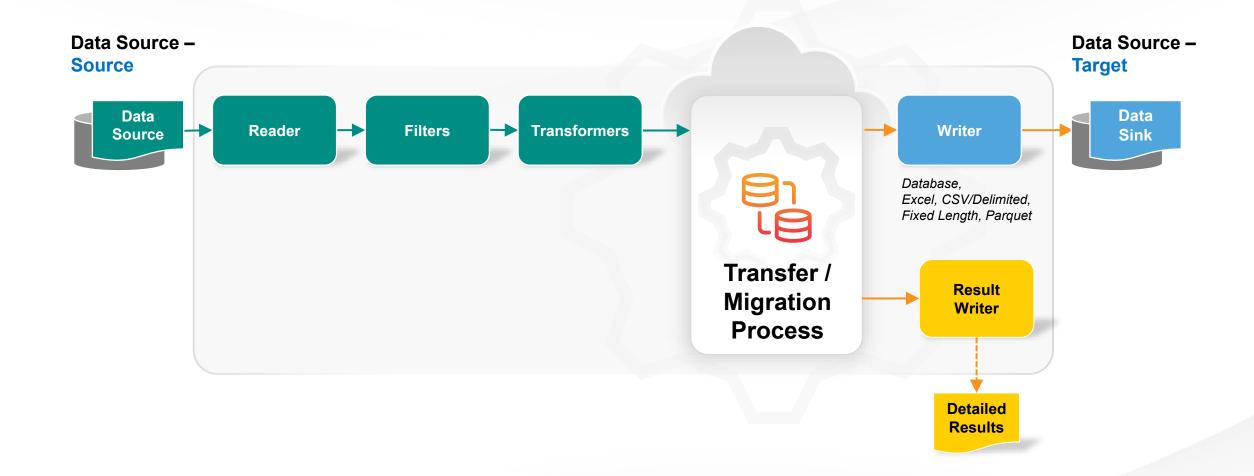




Validation – Error Report

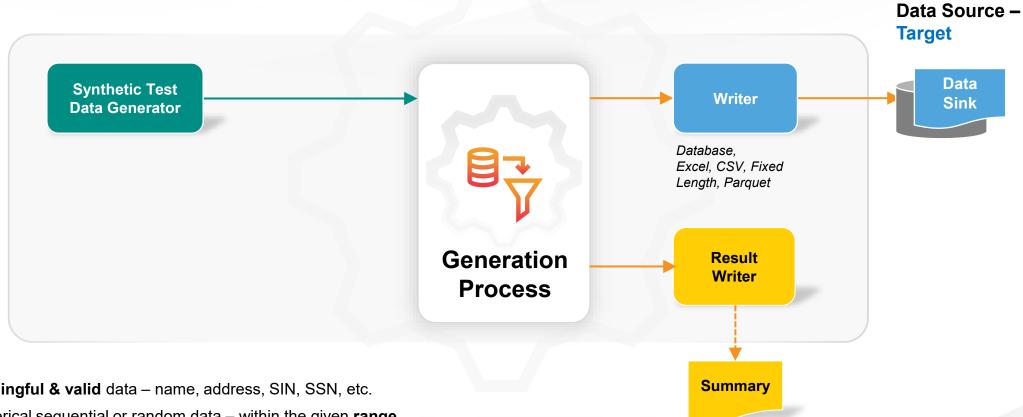


Transfer / Migration Process





Generation Process





- Meaningful & valid data name, address, SIN, SSN, etc.
- Numerical sequential or random data within the given range
- String data Sequential or Random data selected from a pre-defined list



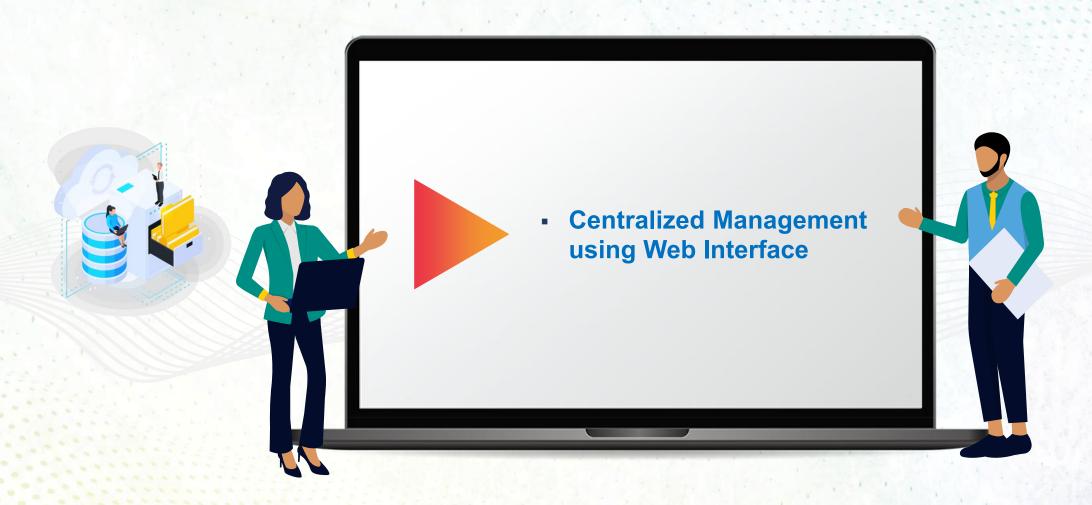
Synthetic Data Generation



Meaningful Fake Data	 Names, Addresses, etc Random number, strings Conditional data based on other field values
Pattern	Regular Expression pattern valuesAlpha Numeric pattern
ID numbers	 SSN and SIN numbers
Lookups – List of values	 Sequentially using values Randomly using values Lookup from reference data / tables
Parent-Child relationships	 Generate child data for each parent record Lookup data from another reference table Generate child records as JSON/XML in parent
Masking Data	Pattern MaskingRandom MaskingDeterministic Masking

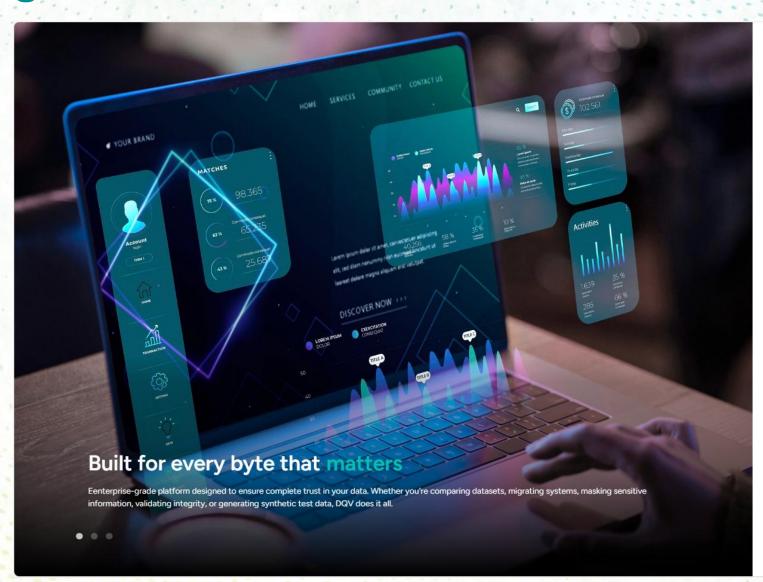


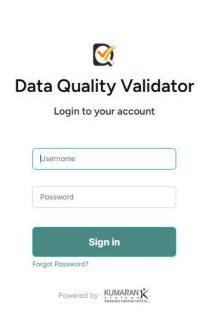
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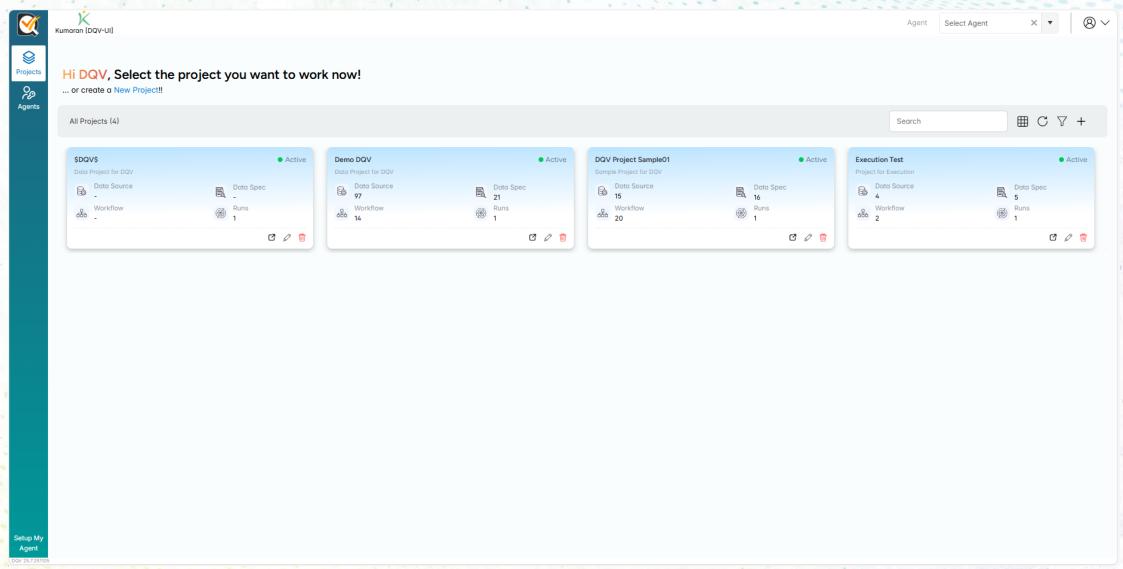
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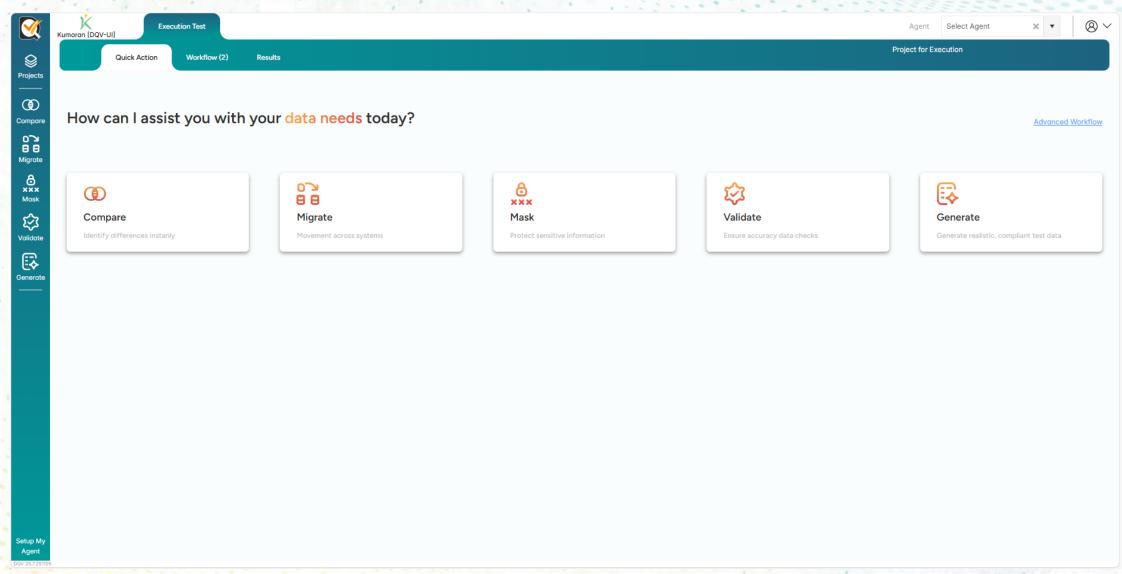


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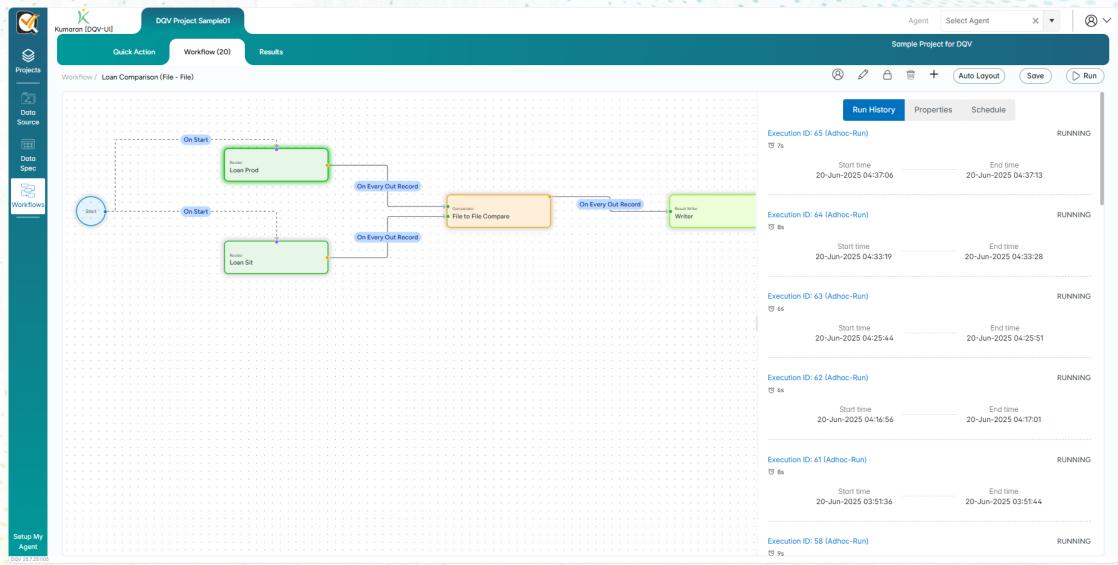


Quick Actions



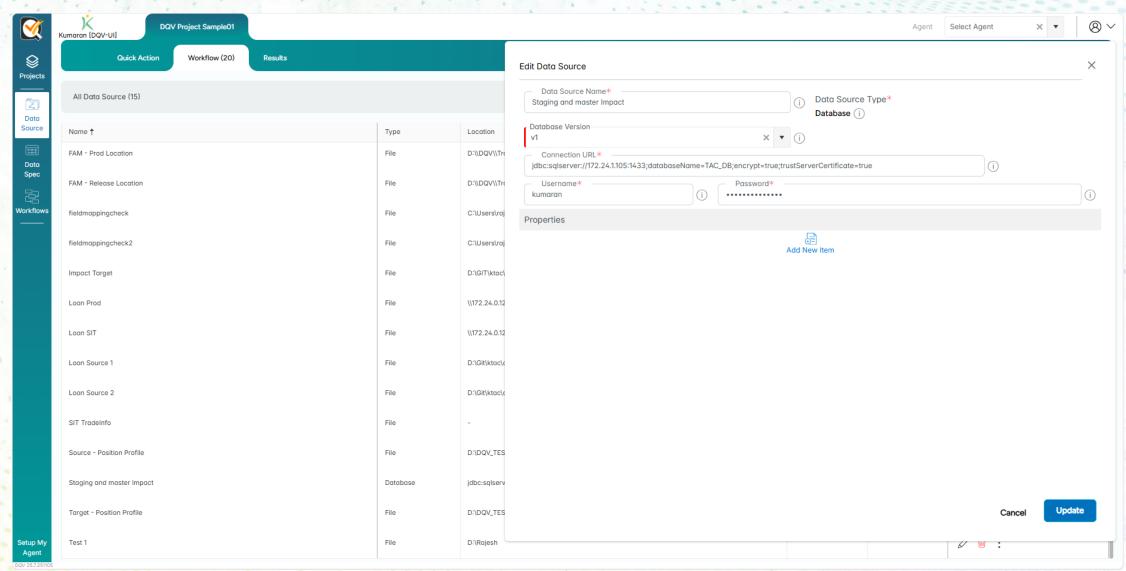


Workflow Editor



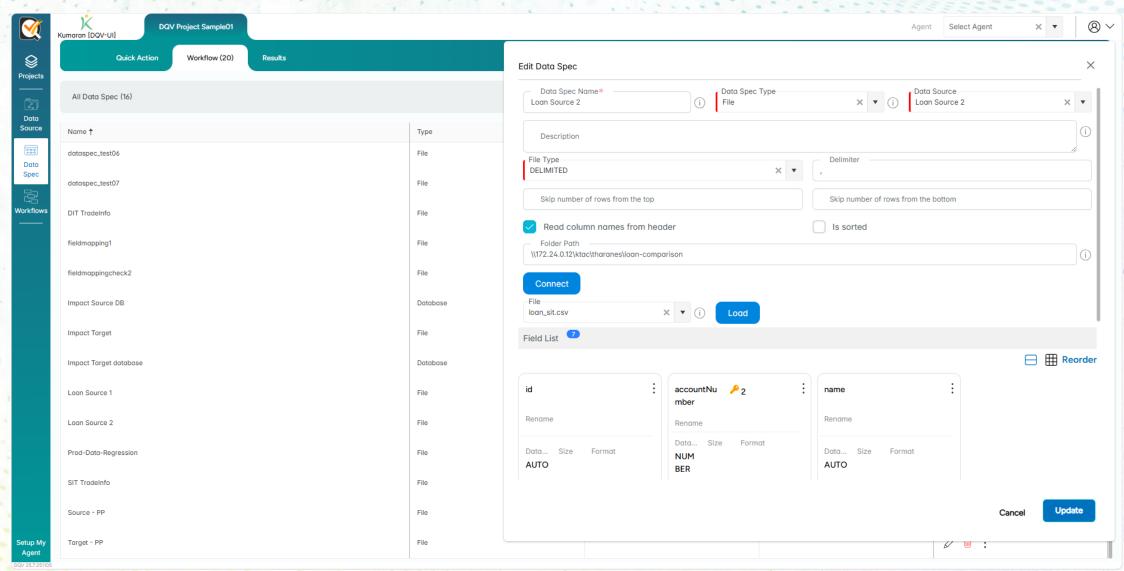


Data Source definition



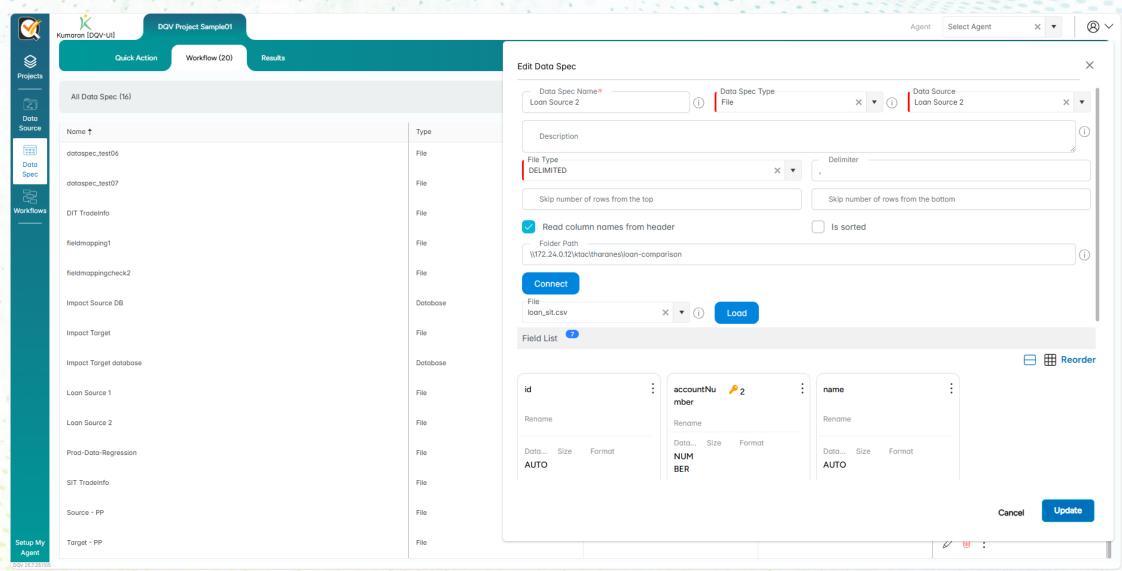


Data Specification



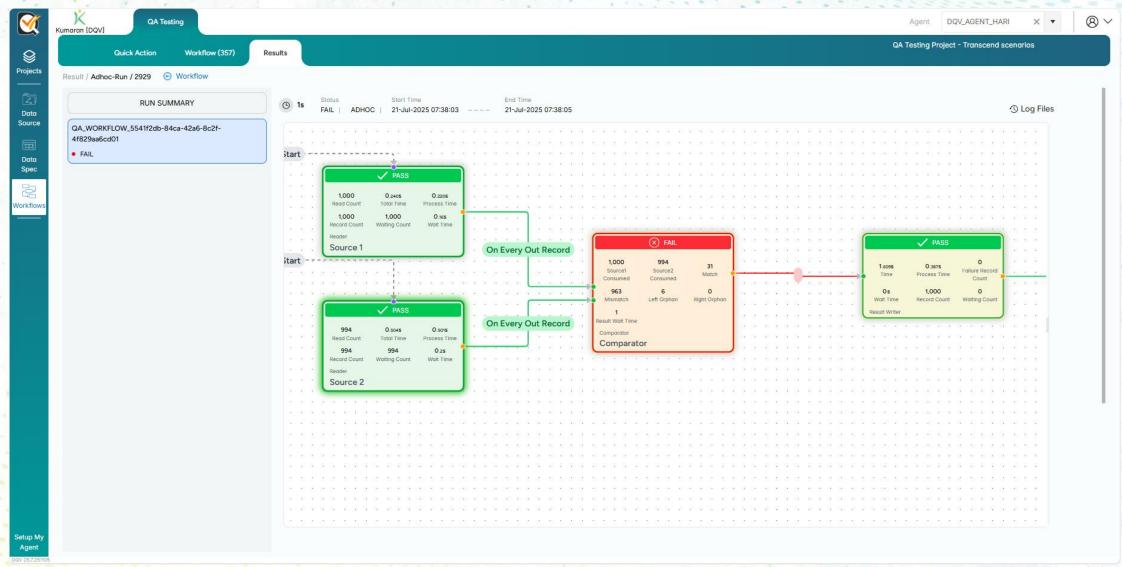


Results



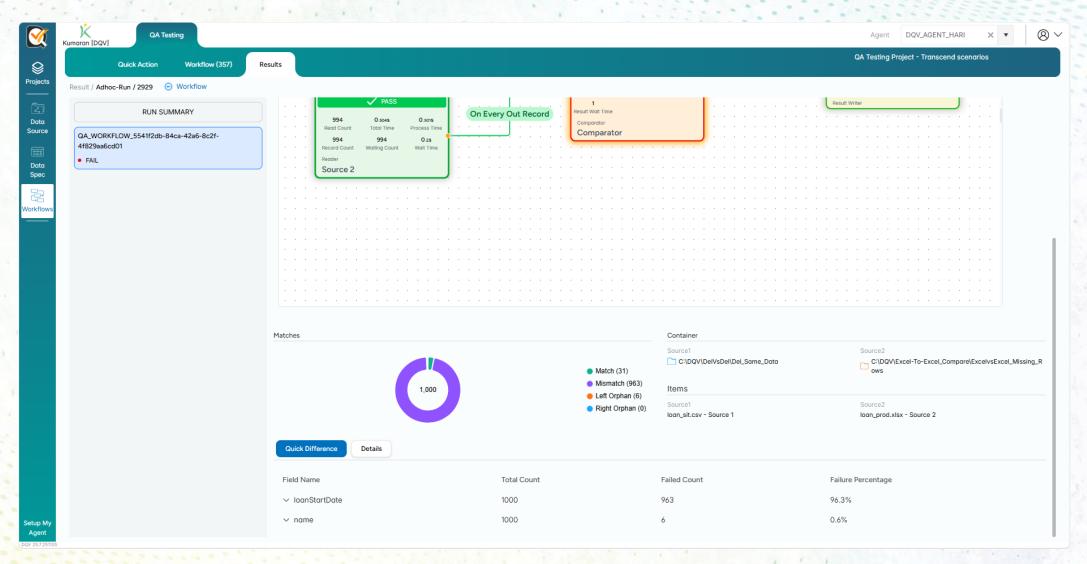


Run Results



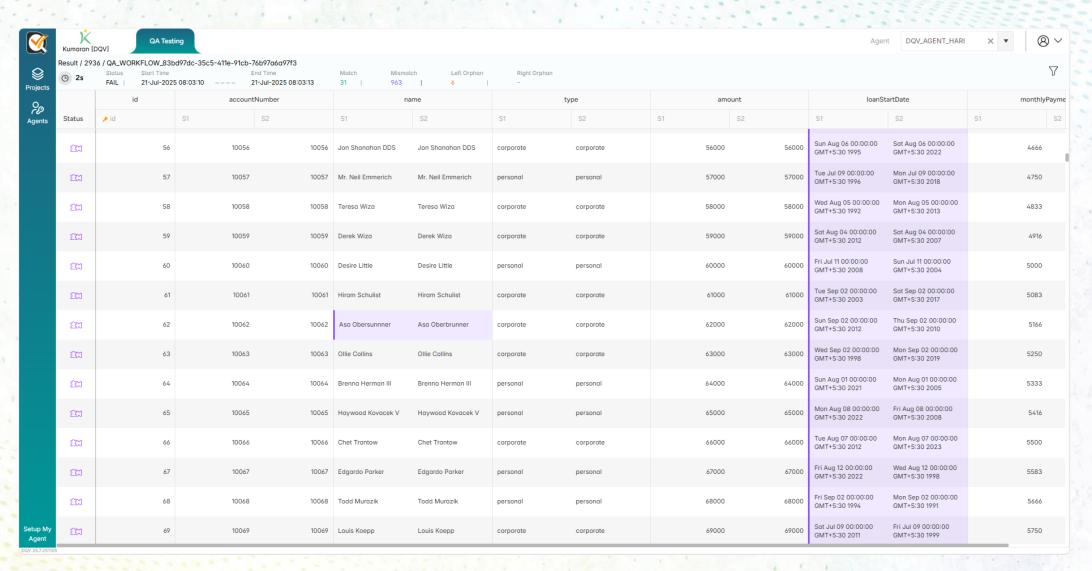


Comparison Details



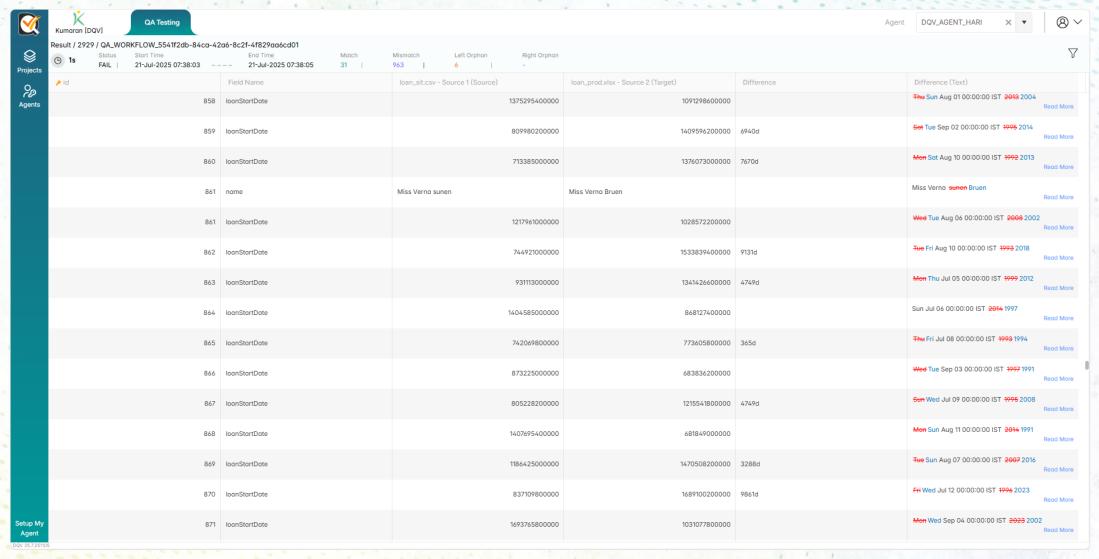


Comparison Results





Mismatch Results





Command Line Interface



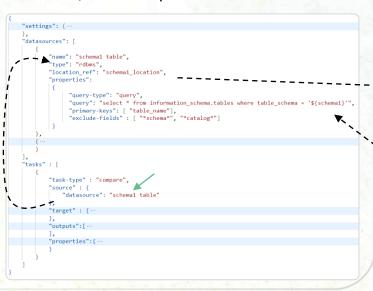


CLI Execution – Configuration Files

Number of configuration files can be used to extend or reuse existing configuration, or to selectively execute part of the requirements.



- Contains various Tasks
 - Copy, Compare, Validate, Generate
 - Configure sub-tasks such as filter, transform, etc.
- Each Task is associated with one or more Data Sources
 - Input, Output and Results
- A data source may be a table, schema or file, used for specific task
- Does not define the "location" such as Database Server or folder names.
- Supports parameterization
- Execute sequentially or parallelly with dependency





Location Configuration

- Defines various data source locations
 - Database server details, schema, credentials
 - File names or folder locations
- Supports encrypted password
- Supports getting parameters from environment variables
- Supports parameterization
- Parameters can be overridden from CLI arguments



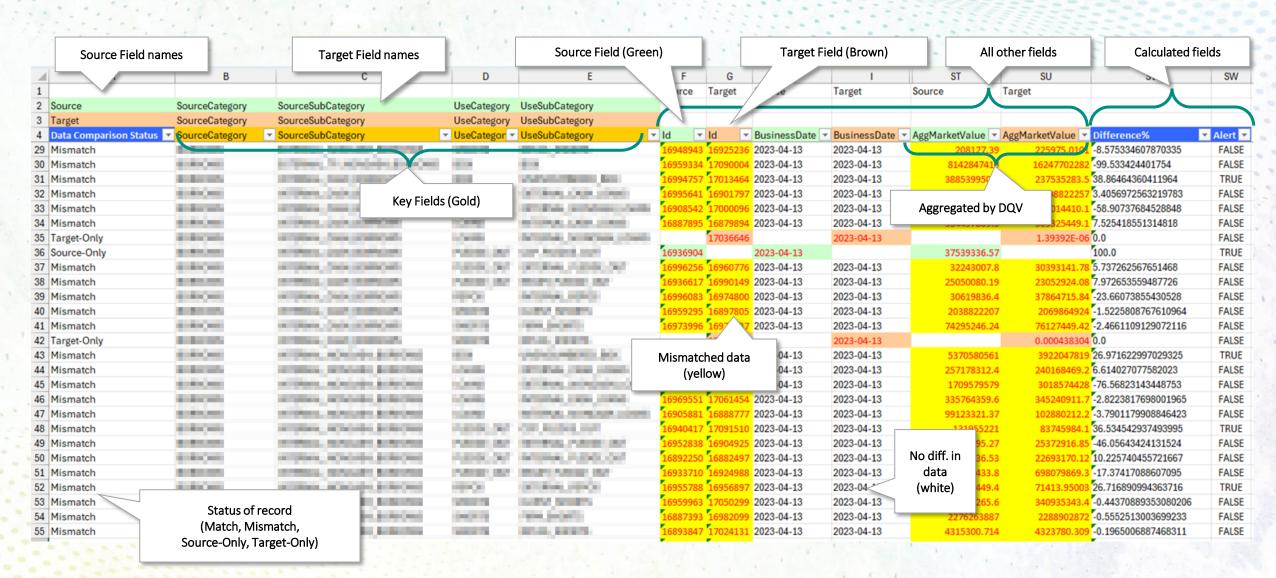
Comparison – Summary Results

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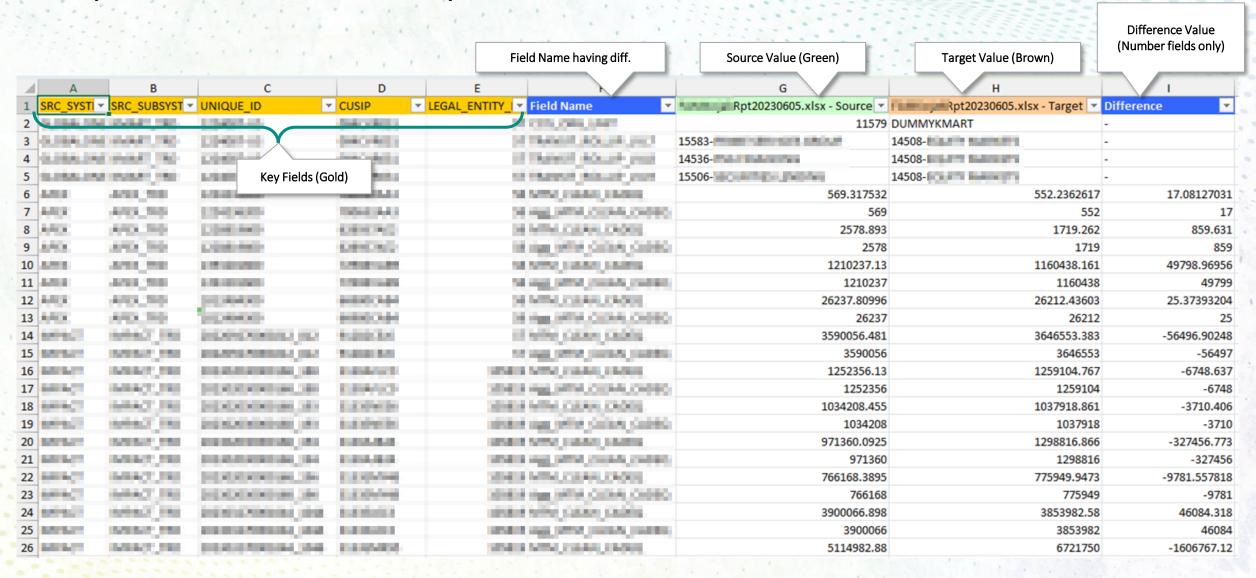
Target table information

Field-by-Field Comparison Results





Comparison – Mismatch Report

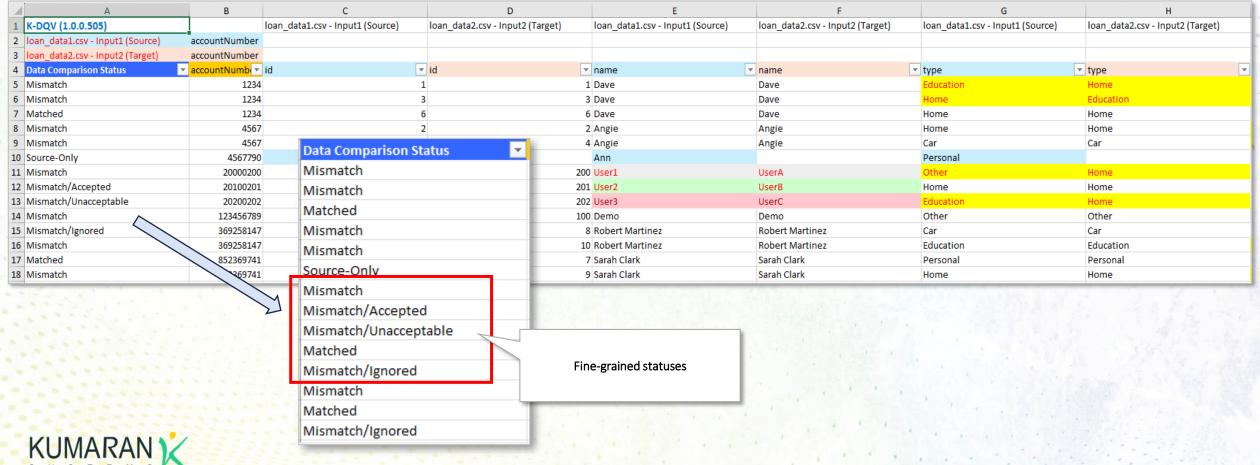




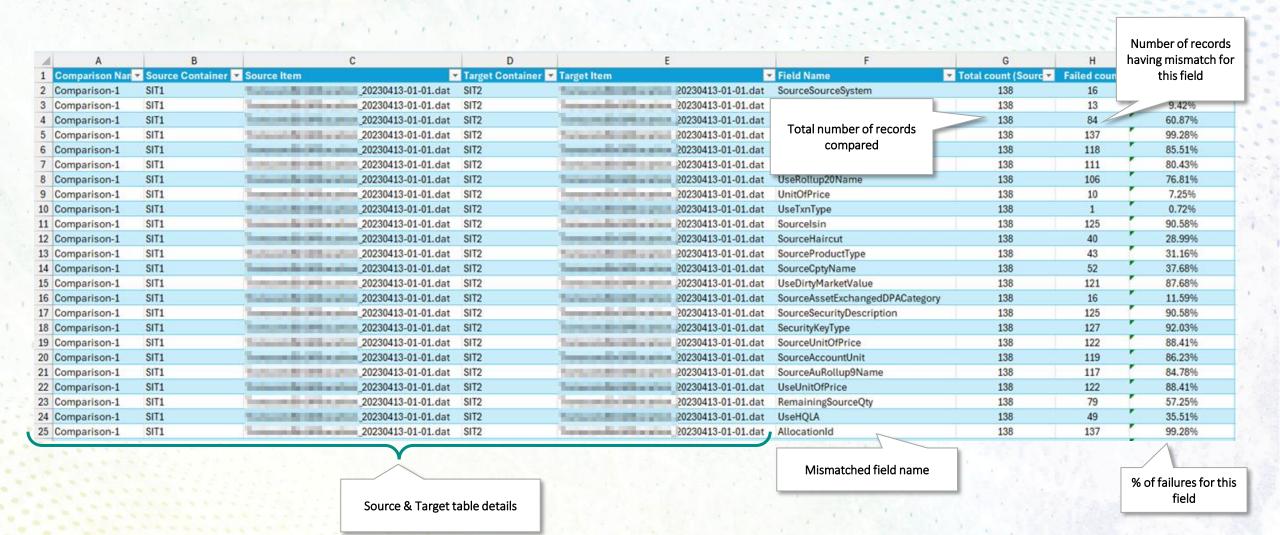
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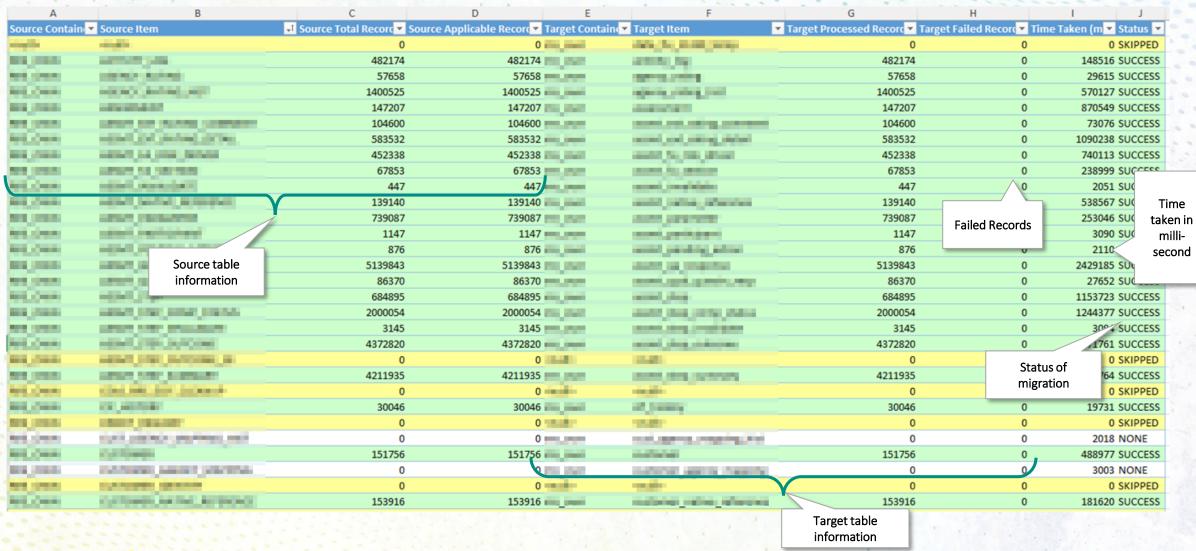


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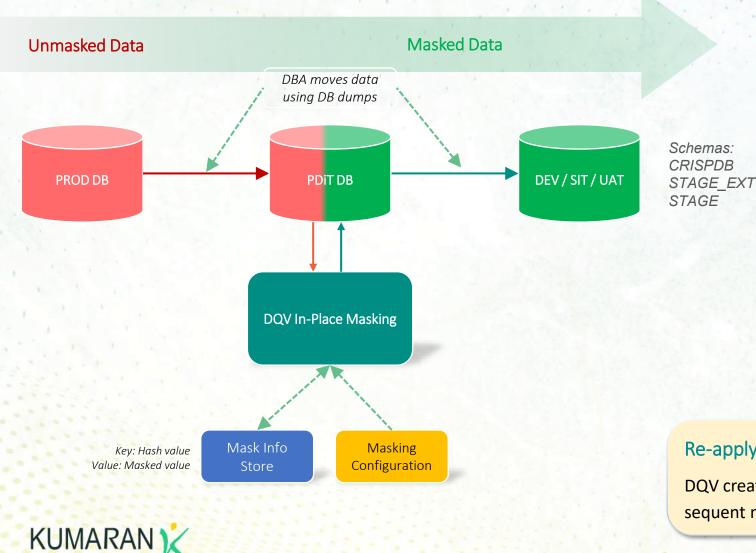


Transfer / Migration – Results





Incoming Feed Masking - Initial



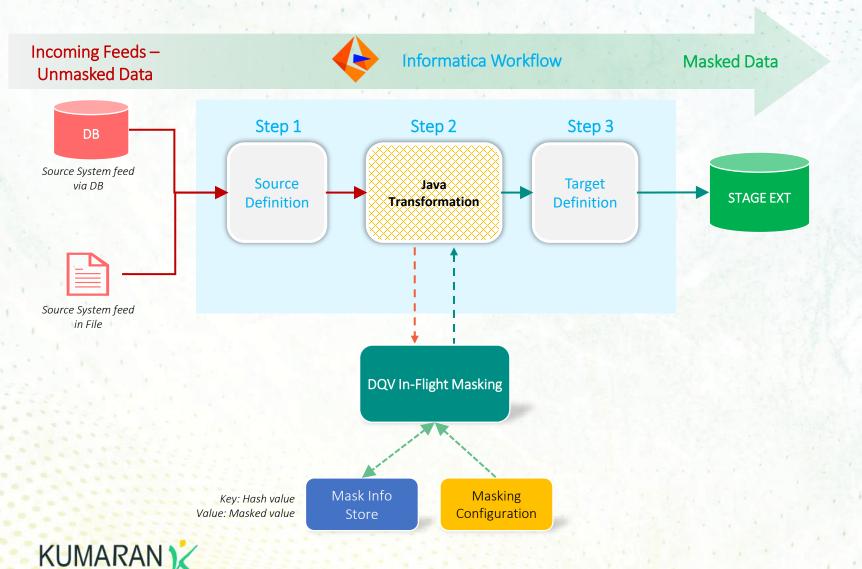
Activities

- ✓ Step 1: DBA move the production data to PDiT environment using traditional approaches such as dump file export / import.
- Step 2: DQV is executed to do inplace masking.
- Step 3: DBA uses the masked data for refreshing other lower environments.

Re-apply masking

DQV creates a Mask Info file which can be used for incremental / subsequent masking purpose for the same environment.

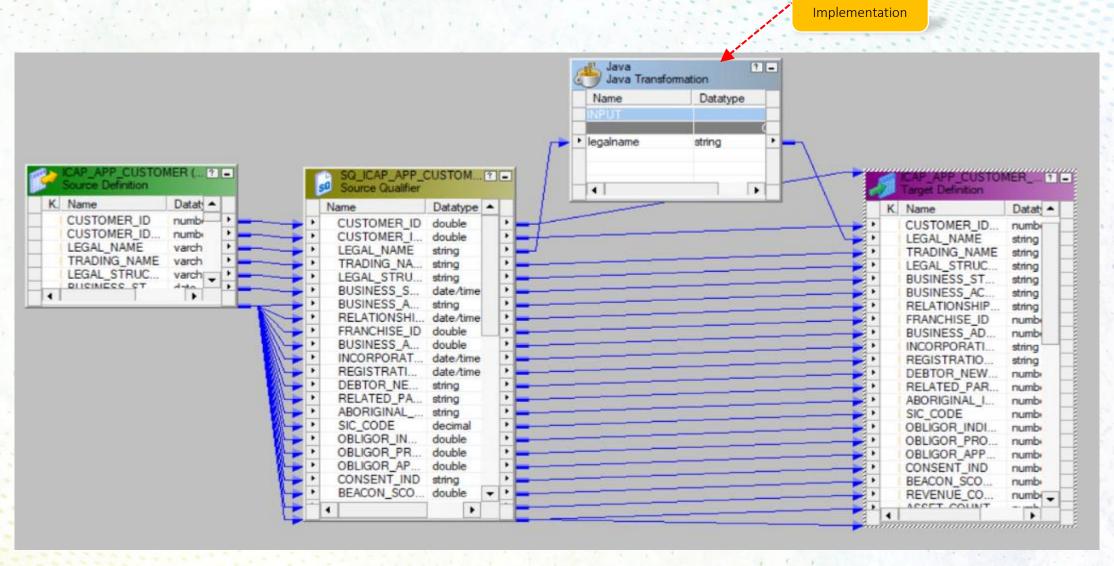
Incoming Feed Masking - Incremental



Activities

- ✓ Step 1: Informatica workflow reads the source system file or database
- ✓ Step 2: Informatica Transformation used DQV library which applies masked values in-flight.
- Step 3: Informatica writes the data to the target tables.

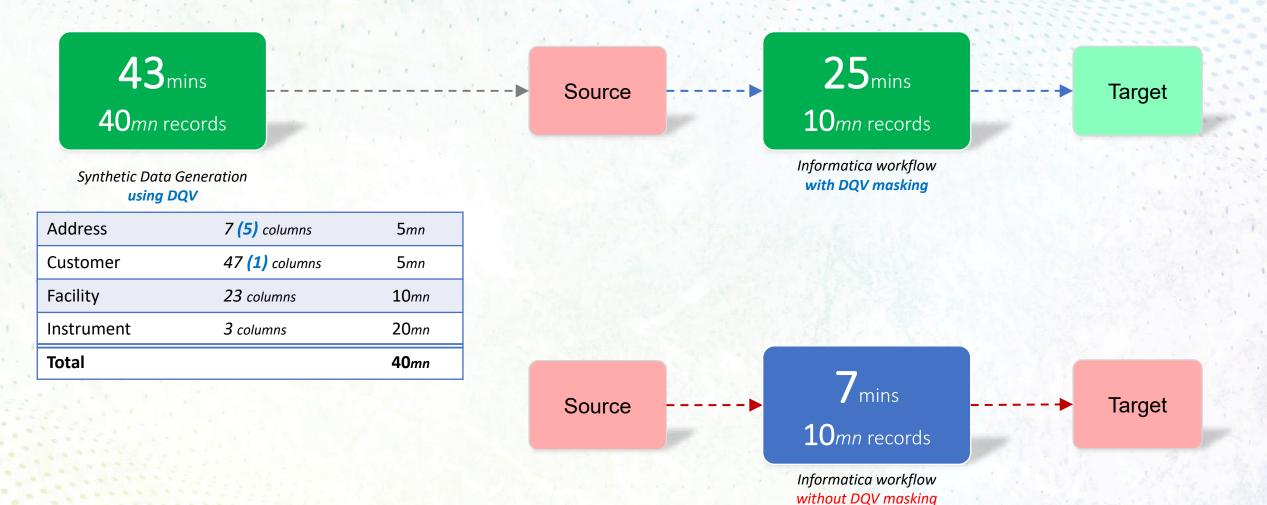
Informatica Workflow Change





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Statistics





Leading enterprise Data Migration – Case Study

Problem statement



- There are about 23 millions of records across 15 tables that are required to migrated from IBM DB2 Database to MS SQL Database Server for the Tax Estimator and Business Cash Flow Planning applications.
- SSMA was tried but it requires special privileges on the MS SQL server and requires additional software installation.
 Moreover, SSMA does not offer data comparison.

Portfolio



- Portfolio: Front Line Technology
- Owner: Warren Chan / Montaz Chowdhury
- Implementation Period: May 2025 (PROD)

Approach



- DQV is used to migrate data in all DIT / SIT / PROD environments. Once migrated, the data is compared with DQV.
- Utilize DQV to compare the database structures of DB2 and SQL Server tables, enabling quick identification of any differences in table structures, or the definitions of views and procedures.

Advantages & Benefits



- Quickly migrated the data from source to target database without any errors.
- Field level highlight of differences are provided by DQV within a short period of time.





Leading Enterprise – Case Study

DQV will be utilized to ensure that the changes made to the applications do not disrupt the existing production functionality.

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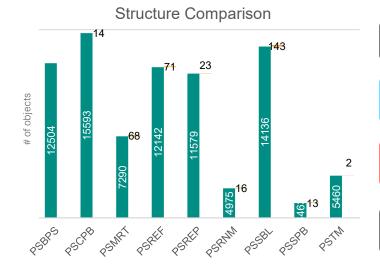


- There are about 800 batches being executed in Prime Services Group.
- Data/Report Validation: Whenever there is a change to the batch logic, regression is required to ensure all ETL jobs are working as intended, but this could not be done due to time crunch / lack of tools.
- The ETL batch configurations are stored in database tables but are not consistently promoted across different environments, making data comparison a tedious process.
- Schema Validation: The data model and procedure changes done by the development team is not properly promoted to other environments and caused errors.

Approach



- DQV would be used to compare outputs of different ETL jobs after executing them in both SIT-A and SIT-B environments. SIT-B is the production mirror environment.
 - ✓ Data Load jobs Compare the data in the tables that are loaded from files
 - ✓ Data Extract jobs Compare the data in the files that are exported from tables
 - ✓ File Delivery jobs Compare the file's meta-data properties (size, check-sum, last modified, etc) to ensure that the files are exactly same
- Utilize DQV to periodically compare the database structures of SIT-A and SIT-B, enabling quick identification of any differences in table structures, or the definitions of views and procedures.



Data Comparison - PSTM

79Tables
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32 Fully matched **39** Mismatch

200 million

Records Compared

187 k

Mismatched Records

0.09 % Mismatch

01h **45**m

Execution Time

Advantages & Benefits



- Field level highlight of differences are provided by DQV within a short period of time.
- Integration with DevOps pipelines to reduce manual intervention.
- Kumaran agreed to automate in low budget using Fixed bid mode.
- Assisted by the DQV product team in implementing enhancements to address unique testing scenarios.

Future Scope



- Comparison of JSON structures.
- Integration with API and MQs and perform validations.
- Implementation / Integration with attestation process.

