

# Cloud Engineering in ETL Processes and its Impact on the Processing of HCAI Claims Data

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**Abstract:** This research is all about the transformation role of cloud engineering in extract, transform, load (ETL) processes, especially in the industry of health care and insurance (HCAI) data claims. ETL solutions offer more advantages than traditional ones, such as on-site systems, which consist of scalability, flexibility, less expense, and improved results. The other platforms that are cloud providers like AWS, Google Cloud, and Microsoft Azure are beneficial and efficient for organizations that deal with extensive data and must solve complicated datasets, such as the HCAI claims, efficiently and help get the best and most effective decisions. This research includes the advantages of real-world cases and on-the-spot analytics that can reduce the chances of fraud and any system inefficiency. The other advantage of shifting to the cloud is that it also improves data security and accuracy, using inbuilt features like encryption, control of access, and integration with healthcare rules and regulations.

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## 1. Introduction

The role of cloud engineering in evolving the conventional approaches to assess and control information is noticeable. For instance, it has brought innovation in the process of ETL (i.e. Extract, Transform, Load) that comprises the transfer of data from location to another.

The method that is being used to gather the huge amount of data from multiple resources and then prepare that gathered data for analysis is known as the ETL (Extract, Transform, Load). However as now a new technology is introduced known as the Cloud ETL. This new methodology has completely changed how the companies handled and analyze their data. The major difference between the traditional ETL and the cloud ETL is that the cloud ETL uses its techniques of scalability, flexibility, and less expensiveness to gather, change, and perform the procedures on the data [1].

In simple the cloud ETL can be explained as the process of data integration that expands the cloud computing technologies to perform different methods like the extraction, transformation, and loading of data from the different sources into one system that can be a data warehouse. This process includes the terminology of cloud engineering like the platforms, and infrastructure to make the process go smoothly and also scalability for the transferring of data from one place to another while maintaining its quality, consistency, and accessibility that will be needed while performing the analysis. The cloud ETL consists of following components.

### a) Extraction

The process of gathering data from multiple resources like the databases, files, APIs, web service, or any other streaming platforms is known as extraction. The cloud ETL provides different tools like the connectors and other tools that gather the data efficiently, these tools can be both on-site or cloud based.

### b) Transformation

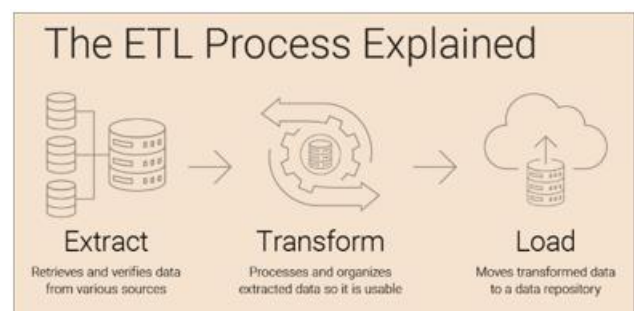
In order to use the gathered data the data should be cleaned, enriched, or formatted this process of making the data ready for

use is known as the transformation. The cloud based ETL platforms have number of tools and methods to do this process like the data mapping, filtering, conversion from one data type to another and integration. The language that is supported by the transformation is python or scala.

Understand and use RudderStack transformation that is a real time data transformation tool which allows us to write simple functions in coding language using JavaScript or Python.

### c) Loading

Now the last step is that the transformed data is now gathered in one system that can be data warehouse. The cloud ETL allows the organization to handle and store large amount of data at one place by using the scalability infrastructure of cloud platforms and also the parallel processing methods. By using these methods the data is safe to use and security is at its peak.



**Figure 1:** The ETL Process

Cloud engineering is now bringing advancements in the healthcare domain by incorporating certain methodologies for executing the Health Care and Insurance (HCAI) records of claim. In this research, we will briefly analyze the importance of cloud engineering, most importantly in ETL events as well as its probable pros in the claims of HCAI [1].

During the evaluation of information, every warehouse relies on ETL, which means the acquisition of distinct data elements from diverse resources, its manipulation by following certain formats, and eventually putting it forward into a considerable

system for additional chores. In most cases, this system is a database that stores the relevant information. At this stage, it is vital to remember that storing data is a costly mechanism that also needs enough time. It becomes even more demanding in the case of large volumes of complicated data, such as HCAI claims. These claims have distinct steps, including vast data on the physical location of patients, medical services insights, and related costs. Using the ETL approach, data is first cleaned, combined, and assessed before any conversation [2].

## 2. The Role of Cloud Engineering in ETL

Cloud engineering is prominent in possible cloud-based situations for designing, developing, and upgrading present systems. In the case of ETL and HCAI claims, cloud engineering puts forward diverse pros such as scalability, functional performance, and cost-effective measures, where all these benefits empower organizational growth and, most importantly, resolve complicated data records. Cloud-based platforms include Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google Cloud Platform (GCP), and Microsoft Azure, which provide ETL technology capable of dealing with vast and complex data side by side. By using these resources the cloud engineering organizations provide, they can overcome many hurdles, scale their ETL processes according to their needs, and improve the efficiency of the claims [3]. Whenever the ETL processes are applied, cloud engineering offers multiple advantages related to scalability, flexibility, reliability and the reduction of expenses [4].

### a) Scalability and Flexibility:

The major advantage that cloud engineering provides in the ETL processes is scalability. It is seen that HCAI claims data cannot be predicted in quantity, especially in massive incidents like natural disasters or any other situation in case of emergency. Organizations can deal with these issues only if they use cloud engineering technology to scale up their resources to get information size without doing anything to the physical matter of the site. The model that is offered by the cloud is the pay-as-you-go model, in which the organizations have to pay only for the resources they are using, this also covers the expenses.

### b) Improved Data Processing Speed:

The other advantages of using cloud engineering are that they also improve the processing speed of the system as there is no load on the system. This also makes the system efficient because these tools allow side-by-side processing, which enables the system to process a large amount of data sets more efficiently. While dealing with the HCAI claims data, we need information from multiple resources, making the process slow. However, with the help of cloud engineering tools, we can also overcome this factor.

### c) Enhanced Security and Compliance:

The information that is part of HCAI claims data is confidential and it needs to be protected in any case while keeping the standards of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) in USA and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in Europe. Cloud engineering deals with the best security related features that include the encryption of data, management related to the identity, and access control, which make Suresh that the confidential and sensitive data is secure while working with the ETL processes. While working on cloud engineering, they also have the complaint infrastructure that lowers the load of physical security measures on the site. These features are very important and useful for organizations and companies that deal with HCAI claims data.

### d) Cost Efficiency:

While doing the ETL processes in a traditional manner it needs a lot of investment in the form of hardware, software, the professionals and labor required to deal with this process and other expenses that come with the time. Cloud engineering helps to reduce all the extra expenses by using the subscription-based model where the expense depends on the services that the organizations use. Apart from this the major expense of the maintenance and updates of the ETL tools are handled by the cloud providers that do cut a huge amount of investment. The ETL tools that cloud engineering use are mostly automated because of that, the organization needs minimal support from the laborers cutting this expense as well.

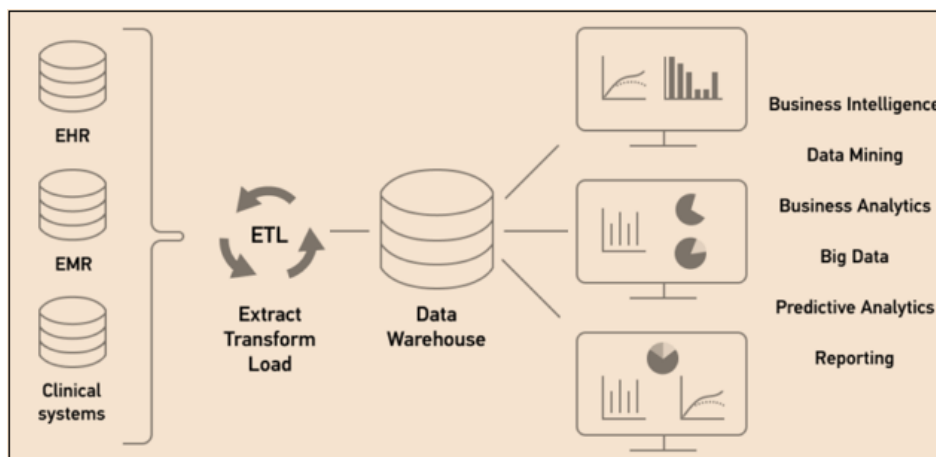


Fig.2. Implementing of ETL process in clinical data management

## 2.1 Challenges of Cloud Engineering in ETL Processes for HCAI Claims Data

The key challenges linked with transferring the HCAI claims data to the cloud include Data privacy concerns, vendor lock-in, and the complexity of integration. Even though cloud engineering is very advanced when it comes to data security, some organizations still hesitate to transfer their sensitive and confidential information due to security concerns. Apart from this, when the organization only depends on the single cloud providers, when the vendor locks forward, that can reduce flexibility and increase the expenses. To overcome this challenge, a multi-cloud strategy has been developed that improves flexibility while lowering costs. ETL processes that are cloud-based, when combined with the existing systems can be complicated because of the difference between the formats in which the HCAI claims data is stored. This thing needs proper research and strategy for the smooth and effortless ETL processes [5].

## 2.2 Impact on Processing of HCAI Claims Data

The processing of HCAI claims data is directly affected by the application of the cloud engineering ETL processes, especially in the reference of efficiency, accuracy, security, and real time analytics.

### a) *Efficiency and Automation*

Automated cloud-based ETL tools allow for efficient and smooth work of the ETL process. Just because the ETL tools are automated, they reduce the requirement of manual handling, lower the errors, and speed up the processing. In reference to HCAI claims data, it means that the healthcare providers and insurers can access and process the claims more effectively by reducing the time that they needed to check and transfer the claims.

The other advantage is that they also include the in-built connectors and templates that help them to simplify the process by extracting and transforming the data from multiple resources. These tools also clean the data, validate it, and make sure that the data is accurate and up to the mark before the use of the data for further information [6].

### b) *Data Accuracy and Integrity*

The most important factor that is very important to both the healthcare provider and the insurers is the accuracy and integrity of the HCAI claims data. To overcome this problem the cloud based ETL platforms have different features for the validation and cleaning of the data that makes sure that there is no error or problem with the HCAI claims data. Cloud engineering has some ETL tools that can do all the jobs like the validation of data and cleaning of the data automatically which reduces the risk of errors in the processing of claims. The next thing that makes it effective for the organization is the cloud platforms also offer the control version and audit trails, that allows the organization to track down the changes to claims data in time [7].

### c) *Enhanced Security*

The most common concern is data security while working in the healthcare industry, as they have sensitive data like the HCAI claims. To overcome this challenge, cloud platforms

have built-in security features like encryption, access control, and other HIPAA-related solutions (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act). They ensure the data is processed, stored, and transmitted according to the HCAI claims' needs and requirements. To overcome the fraud issues and the threat cloud based ETL solutions have real-time checking. This feature benefits organizations and insurers as they can detect the problem and make timely decisions [8].

### d) *Real-Time Analytics and Insights*

Cloud engineering ensures that data processing and analytics are done in real-time, which turns out to be on the good side of the HCAI claims data. By using the real-time ETL processes, organizations can claim and analyze information on the spot to overcome any challenges. By using this feature, the organization can improve patient care and cost trends and make the operation's performance efficient. This feature of making real-time analysis benefits healthcare providers and insurers by allowing them to make effective decisions on time to improve patient care and optimize the use of resources [9].

## 2.3 Security and Compliance Contribution in Research

The ETL procedures that relieve cloud engineering require specific steps to be considered essential such as the security plus compliance factors. Therefore, a brief literature review is produced that covers numerous vital points, for instance, distinct methods of encryption, insights of suggested tools for management as well as the implementation of regulatory bodies like HIPPA presented by certain reputed cloud service providers, for exactly, AWS, MS Azure plus Google Cloud. In addition, this research was further comprised of interviews and surveys to learn the thoughts of industry professionals and empower the outcomes of theoretical work. At the same time, a healthy comparison between cloud-based ETL bodies and on-premises is further aided in assessing data security measures, compliance, and functional performance that are possible with cloud engineering. In addition, considerable suggestions and the most useful methodologies were added for ideal growth in the healthcare sector and insurance firms to strengthen protected migration of data, compliance incorporation and administration in real-time. Eventually, all discussed steps are critical to grow ETL process performance by incorporating cloud engineering to boost data protection, integrity, and HCAI claims compliance.

## 2.4 ETL Security Best Practices

The kind of process that are efficient while dealing with big data mostly in complicated situations one like the healthcare claim along with HCAI. The procedure includes transformation of raw data that is gathered from different resources into one format, and transfer it to the final destination system like the warehouse. In the case of HCAI claims data, allows the organization to check and test the data that is gathered from the hospitals, insurance companies and also the patient care. Due to the sensitivity of the healthcare data the security of data is one of the major concerns.

In the HCAI claims data the two main procedures Data Masking and Redaction has a very important role in the context of protecting the information. In the case of sharing of these sensitive data like the patient profile or their medical

records with the external shareholders like the insurance organisations or the auditors should be masked to make sure that they are following the standard of HIPAA. Apart from this the circulation of such data that is not required can cause accidents, that is the reason that develops tests and check the process multiple times.

Audits that are done on regular bases make sure that the ETL workflow that is managing the HCAI claims data is working perfectly fine. This regular audits are performed to keep an eye on any problem, so that it can be fixed on time and don't cause much loss of the data. As healthcare data is one of the most sensitive data and is targeted by many cyber issues, that is the main reason for the daily audits, to keep and maintain the required standard of the data.

One more thing that is very important in the process of HCAI claims data is the data encryption, that consists of confidential information that is related to the patient profile and billing information. The sensitive data is stored in the warehouse makes sure that if in any case the infrastructure is damaged the data will be saved from any kind of damage.

The other process that makes the security of data more successful is the Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) that helps to restrict the roles of the individuals to minimise the effect and chances of any issue. As the claim adjuster will only get to see the billing related data and healthcare providers will access the patient records. The job of RBAC is to make sure that every stakeholder access data that he needed not more more than that to avoid any accidents.

The use of Data Privacy Regulations is very important when dealing with the HCAI claims data. The regulations that includes the management of claim data that may includes the consent from the patient and following of proper data retention policies that are linked with the regulations to overcome any legal issues and to gain the trust [10].

The ETL process allows the integration and analysis of HCAI claims data but they include multiple security checks and challenges. By applying the best security related policies like the masking, encryption, audits, RBAC, and any other regulatory compliance, this allows the organization to process the claims while maintaining the security and privacy of the patient sensitive data. These techniques not only secures the patient sensitive information like the medical records and financial data but also allows smooth access for the better and improved decisions in the healthcare industry [11].

### 3. Conclusion

The best thing and the latest update of ETL processes are obviously the involvement of the cloud engineering, that provides multiple advantages while dealing with the HCAI claims data organizations like the Health Care and insurance claims. Shifting from the traditional ETL processes to the cloud based ETL processes has multiple advantages in the context of scalability, flexibility, and less financial issues. Some of the cloud based platforms like the Microsoft Azure, AWS Google Cloud, and other platforms brings different resources to facilitate its users. This change results in less errors and also reduced the menu power resulting in less

labour cost. Apart from the cloud engineering the AI and Machine learning techniques also played a very important role in lowering the cost and developing productive strategies.

The major part of this study is the integration of cloud engineering in the ETL processes for the betterment of HCAI claims data. As the cloud platforms offer reliable and effective security technologies like the encryption, identity access management, and also the compliance certification while keeping the HIPAA rules and regulations in mind. These techniques makes sure that the data that is sensitive like the patient records and the financial statements are protected and accessible at the same time.

The encryption is a very effective technique to secure the data and it should be implemented by the healthcare and insurance companies that are going with the cloud based ETL systems, as secures the information that is at rest and only allow the assigned stakeholder to access the information using the access management (IAM) using role-based access control (RBAC) and multi-factor authentication (MFA). The working with the HIPAA and GDPR is very important as it consists of automated features that are useful for the cloud based ETL systems. To ensure the maximum protection daily backups and planing for the disaster protection should be kept in practice along with the checking for any issues. The checks that are inbuilt in the cloud based ETL systems make sures that the transformation of data is secured and lowers the risk of any errors while putting the data on cloud. Apart from this the SLAs should be monitored closely to make sure that the cloud is reliable and use multiple resources and tools to get the best response on every aspect.

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