

**OSA CON 24**



# AERODYNAMIC DATA MODELS: FLYING FAST AT SCALE WITH DUCKDB & CLICKHOUSE

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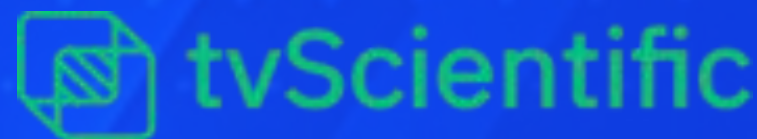


# Rill is an operational BI platform

Proven tech: Spun core IP out of Snap (ex-Metamarkets)

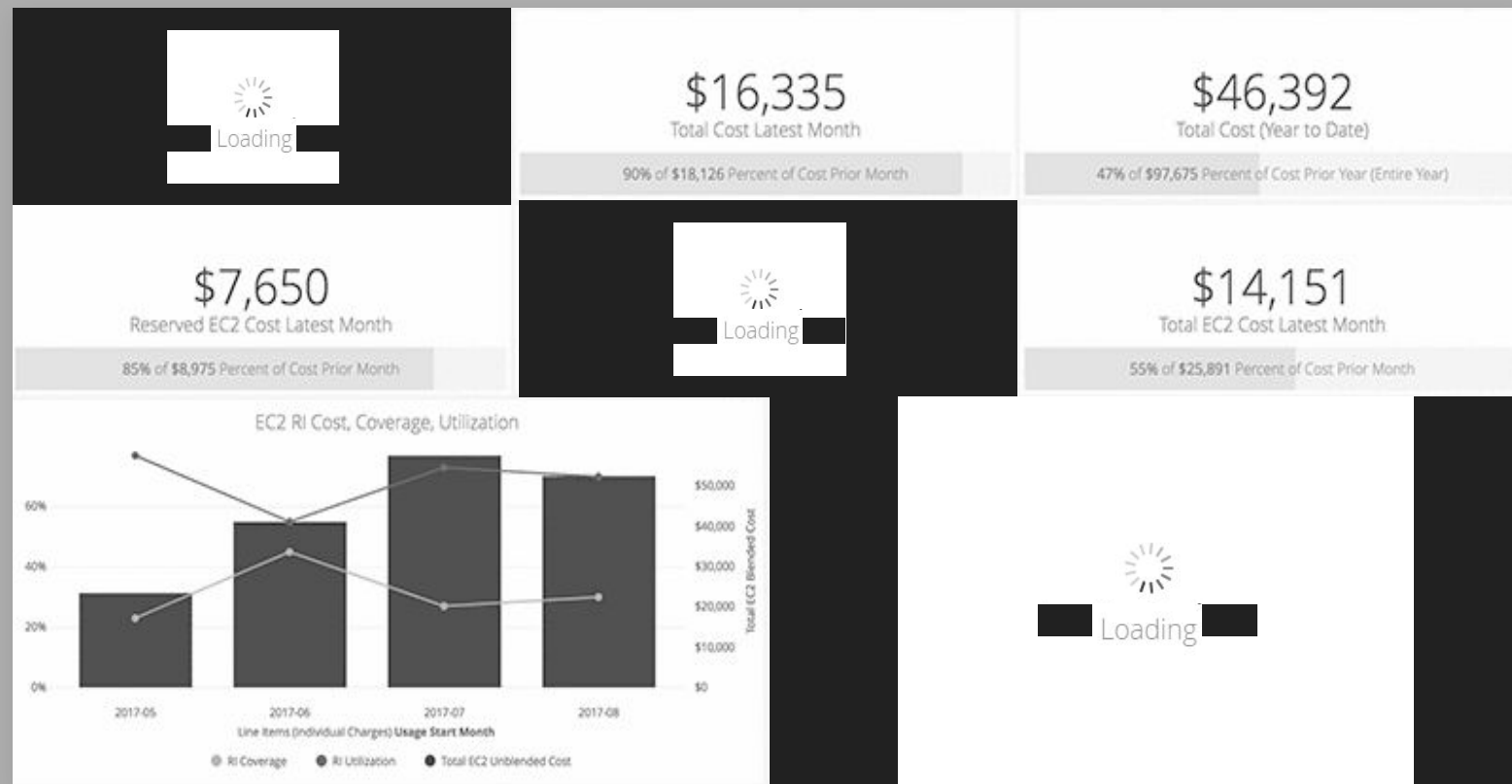
Proven scale: Managing 100TB+ of data, 1000s of users, millions of queries

Proven impact: Trusted by leading media, ecommerce, and tech platforms



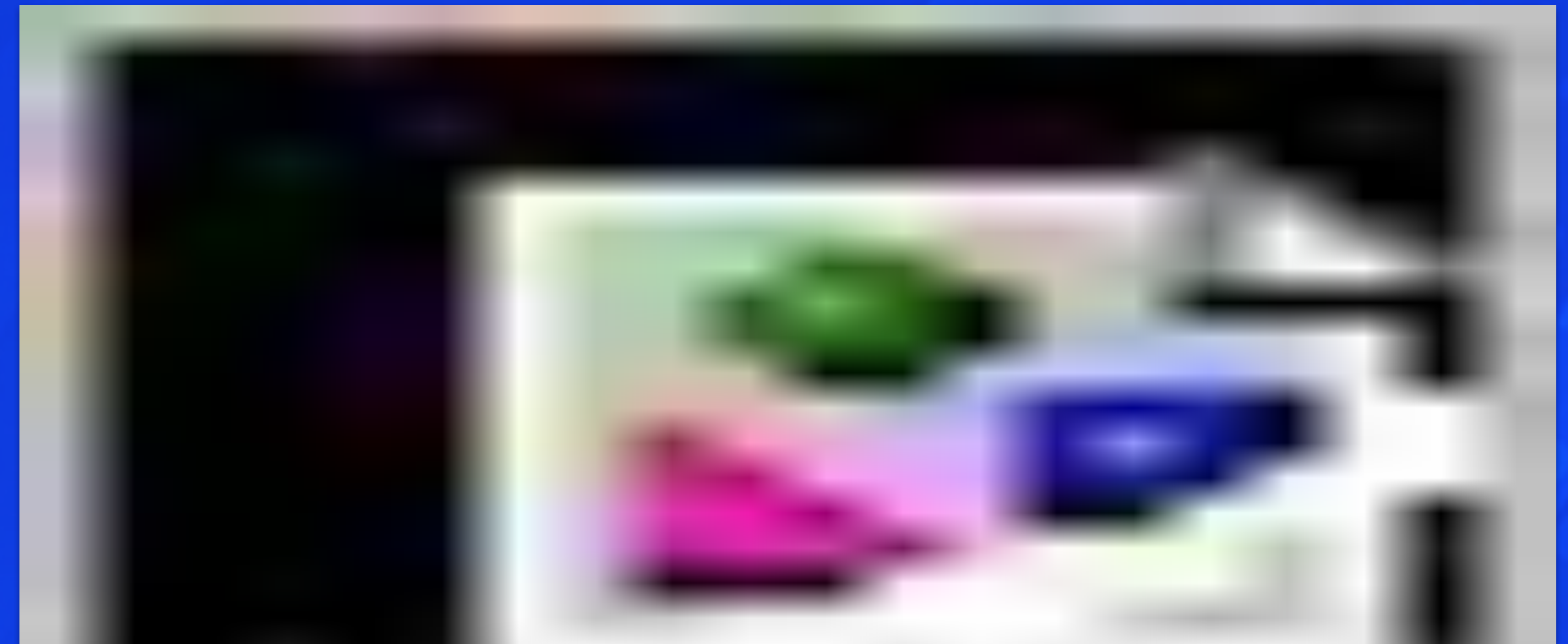


Traditional BI is  
*slow & rigid*



- Canned reports
- Limited exploration
- Works with slow data warehouses

Rill is  
*fast & flexible*



- Ad hoc, exploratory analysis
- High dimensionality & cardinality
- Requires a high performance DB



# Why is Rill's BI tool different?

## 10X Faster Dashboards

- DuckDB & ClickHouse-powered, so queries return instantly

## BI-as-Code

- Develop locally, deploy globally with benefits of Git workflows

## Metrics-first Philosophy

- Users declare metrics with SQL expressions, Rill *auto-generates* dashboards



# 3-in-1 Architecture: ETL + OLAP + BI





# Our criteria for choosing OLAP engines

## Speed

- Profiling 10s of GBs of datasets with sub-second performance

## Simplicity

- Lightweight, embeddable, low maintenance overhead

## Scalability

- Serve 100s of concurrent queries and scales to 100s of GBs

## Open source

- Permissive license with a vibrant developer community





# Live Demo with the BlueSky Firehose

## INSTALL RILL

```
$ curl https://rill.sh | sh
```



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# Appendix

# Programmatic Ads Bids

Edit Metrics 🔗 Deploy

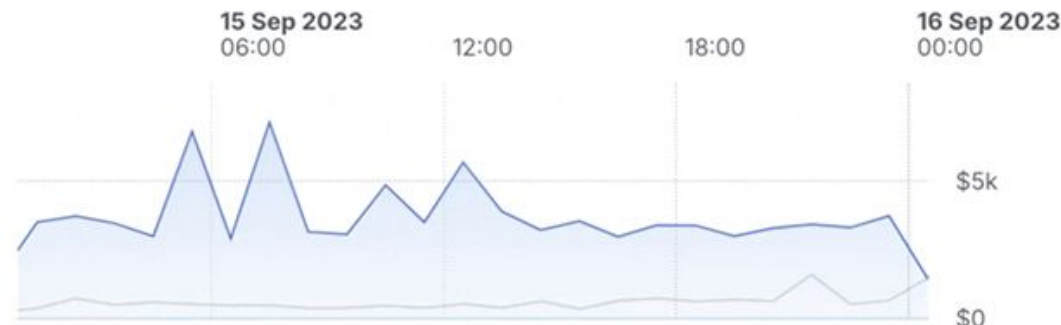
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All Measures ▾

**Advertising Spend Overall**  
**\$89.3k**  
 +\$74.5k 500%



**Bids**  
**178.2k**  
 +100.4k 129%



**Impressions**  
**13.6k**  
 +10.9k 400%



**Win Rate**  
**7.6%**  
 +4.1%



**Clicks**  
**12**  
 +11 1k%



**CTR**



All Dimensions ▾ showing Advertising Spend Overall ▾ with Percent change ▾

Dimension	Advertising Spend	Percent change
16	\$21.8k	395%
10	\$13.6k	1k%
13	\$11.7k	812%
12	\$6.7k	659%
11.5	\$6.0k	190%
Not Available	\$4.8k	684%
10.15	\$4.4k	283%

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Location	Advertising Spend	Percent change
USA/OH	\$24.3k	5k%
USA/CA	\$6.5k	170%
USA/TX	\$5.6k	814%
USA/FL	\$5.0k	1k%
USA/NY	\$4.2k	1k%
USA/IL	\$3.1k	1k%
USA/GA	\$2.8k	210%

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Device Type	#	Δ%
Mobile/Tablet	\$45.8k	478%
Personal Computer	\$17.6k	670%
Set Top Box[NR1]	\$11.0k	304%
Connected TV	\$9.0k	1k%
Tablet	\$3.9k	675%
Games Console	\$1.5k	116%
Phone	\$608.49	425%

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Interstitial	#	Δ%
Not Interstitial	\$88.6k	506%
Interstitial/Full Screen	\$739.63	177%

Line Item Name	#	Δ%
Instacart_BrandBounce_2431	\$16.6k	6k%
Amgen Inc_BrandRamp_1003	\$12.4k	2k%
Instacart_BrandBounce_2608	\$9.9k	6k%
Instacart_BrandBounce_2588	\$9.5k	7k%
Amgen Inc_BrandRamp_10031	\$9.4k	744%
Amgen Inc_AdPower_10060	\$5.3k	534%
Instacart_BrandBounce_2432	\$5.0k	11k%

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Placement Type	#	Δ%
VIDEO	\$87.9k	532%
BANNER	\$1.4k	44%
BANNER_AND_VIDEO	\$6.33	no data





# Speed at Scale Requires Coordinated Optimization Across the Stack

- Application layer
- Data model
- Data engine (DuckDB)





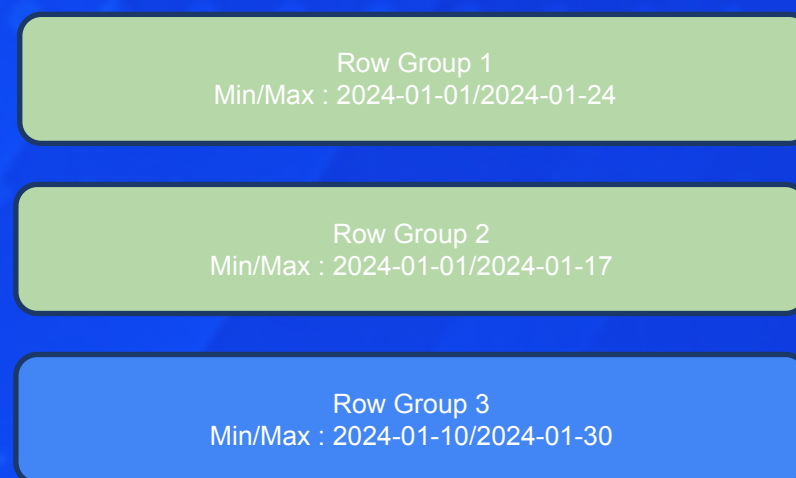
# Data reordering speeds up min-max indexes

DuckDB's storage format stores the data in row groups, i.e., horizontal partitions of the data.

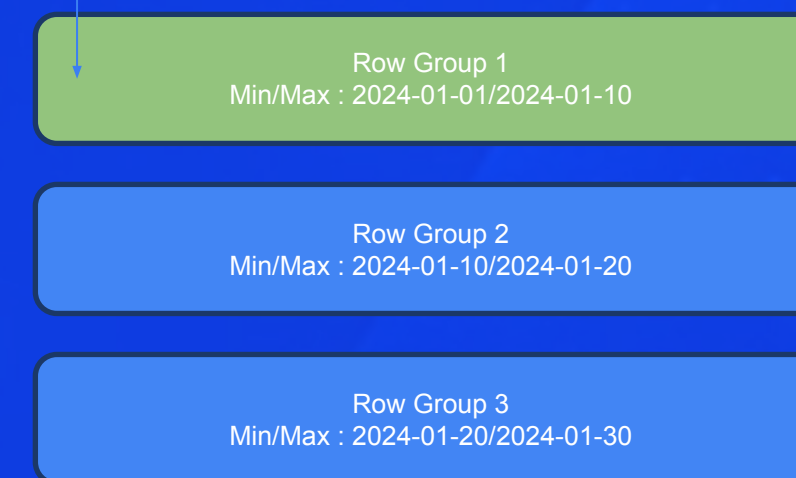
Sorting by time -> efficient use of min-max indexes

```
SELECT product_id, sum(total_sales) FROM sales
WHERE time BETWEEN '2024-01-01' AND '2024-01-07'
ORDER BY 1 DESC LIMIT 10
```

## Without ordering



## With ordering by time



Tip: For datasets already partitioned by time, preserving insertion order during ingestion is faster and leads to natural partitioning in row groups as well





# Enums are faster than strings

Converting strings to enum types leads to lower RAM usage, improving speed at scale

```
1 CREATE TYPE campaign_enum AS ENUM (SELECT DISTINCT campaign_name FROM events);  
2 ALTER TABLE events ALTER COLUMN campaign_name SET TYPE campaign_enum;
```

## Trade-offs

- Higher data ingestion time
- Incremental ingestion becomes harder as you need to rewrite column types for new values in enum

More details - <https://duckdb.org/2021/11/26/duck-enum.html>



# Query cancellation sheds unnecessary load

Exploratory dashboards can queue 100s of queries per view

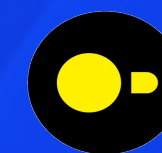
When the user changes a view, pending queries are no longer needed



Drill down



Cancel in-flight  
API requests



**DuckDB**

Interrupt & cancel  
query





# Priority queues keep applications snappy

Some application queries ought to be served faster than others:

- Interactive dashboard queries are the highest priority
- Scheduled reports and machine generated queries are lower priority

How

- Create a priority queue for database queries

Results

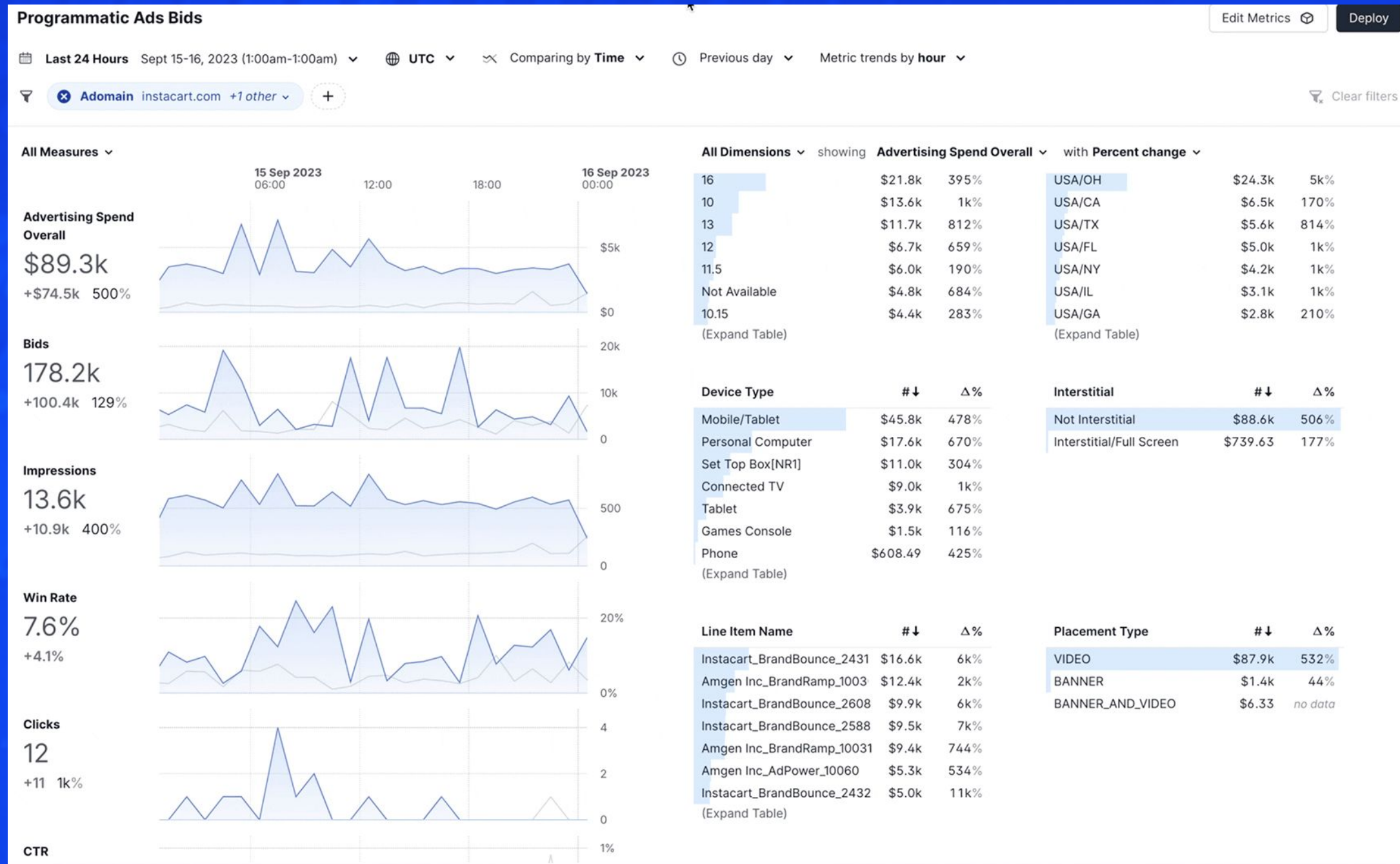
- Improved dashboard interactivity





# WYSIWYF (What you see is what you fetch)

## Delayed evaluation of queries







# Data modeling: reduce data, retain insights

```
1  -- @materialize: true -> Materialize model output
2  SELECT
3  DATE_TRUNC('DAY', event_datetime) AS event_date, -> Aggregate to reduce data by 10X
4  store_id,
5  product_id,
6  SUM(sales_amount) as total_sales_amount,
7  SUM(quantity_sold) as total_quantity_sold
8  FROM sales
9  WHERE event_date > current_date() - INTERVAL '1' YEAR -> Prune per business needs
10 GROUP BY ALL
11 ORDER BY event_date ASC -> Order by time for better use of min-max indexes
12 |
```