dbt Project Structure Guide

How to lay out a dbt project that scales past 200 models: staging/intermediate/marts layers, naming, tests, and the refactors to do early.

1. The three-layer layout: staging, intermediate, marts
2. Naming: stg_, int_, fct_, dim_ and when to break the rules
3. Sources, freshness and staging 1:1 rule
4. Tests that catch real regressions
5. Snapshots and seeds placement
6. Refactors to do before model 50, not after model 500

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