



# Modernizing data pipelines

Velocity for scalable insights & AI Readiness

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# Executive Summary

A large U.S.-based food and beverage retail brand partnered with CodeRoad to stabilize and modernize its data platform after encountering reliability issues in its existing data lake implementation. The organization operates thousands of retail locations and depends on accurate, timely data to understand sales performance, customer traffic, and operational trends.

Prior to the engagement, data pipelines built by a previous vendor contained unnecessary complexity and multiple handoffs. As flows began to break, analytics work stalled and reporting automation became unreliable. CodeRoad was brought in to simplify data flows, restore reliability, and enable faster aggregation of critical data sources. The result was a streamlined data pipeline that improved speed, reliability, and analytical confidence—laying the foundation for advanced reporting and future AI-driven insights.

## About the Project

This engagement reflects a common challenge across large-scale food and beverage retail organizations, where thousands of locations generate massive volumes of transactional and operational data daily. These companies rely on centralized data platforms to support executive reporting, performance analytics, and strategic planning.

As data volumes grow and new systems are integrated—such as POS platforms and franchise management tools—data pipelines must remain reliable, flexible, and easy to evolve. Without this foundation, analytics initiatives stall and the value of enterprise data remains unrealized. Integrating solutions sit at the center of that transformation.



# Looking for **reliability and speed**

The client's data lake had been implemented with multiple unnecessary hops between systems, creating fragile pipelines that frequently broke under load or change. When failures occurred, downstream analytics and reporting were delayed, limiting the organization's ability to respond quickly to business questions.

At the same time, demand for insights was increasing. Leadership needed faster access to sales and traffic data, and the analytics team aimed to automate recurring reports. The organization recognized that both speed and reliability were essential—not only to support current reporting needs, but also to prepare for future initiatives such as AI-powered analysis.

## **Our Velocity Playbook in Action**

CodeRoad applied its Velocity-as-a-Service model to simplify data architecture, restore trust in data flows, and enable scalable analytics. Throughout our engagement we've spearheaded:

### **1. Data Pipeline Simplification**

- Reduced unnecessary hops and complexity in existing data flows
- Established clearer, more direct paths into the data lake
- Improved overall pipeline stability and maintainability

### **2. Data Aggregation & Integration**

- Enabled efficient ingestion of large datasets from POS and franchise management systems
- Supported subscription-based data transfers into cloud environments
- Improved consistency and completeness of enterprise data

### **3. Analytics & AI Readiness**

- Accelerated data availability for reporting and analysis
- Enabled automated, recurring executive reports
- Laid the groundwork for an AI agent to act as a performance CoPilot

# Shipping Fast, Building Right



## Reliable Data Flows

Data now enters the lake consistently and without interruption.



## Faster Aggregation

Sales and traffic data is available more quickly for analysis.



## Future-Proof Foundation

The platform is ready to support advanced analytics and AI initiatives.



## Executive-Ready Reporting

Automated reports support ongoing leadership decision-making.



## Deeper Business Insight

Large datasets provide richer visibility into customer behavior.



## Trusted Delivery Partner

CodeRoad operates as an extension of the internal team.

# A velocity roadmap for long term growth.

At the center of this transformation was a shift toward simpler, more resilient data pipelines. By removing unnecessary handoffs and focusing on direct, reliable ingestion patterns, the data platform became easier to operate and far less prone to failure. This allowed analytics work to resume without constant interruption from broken flows.

The improved pipelines enabled the ingestion of large, high-value datasets from core retail systems, including point-of-sale and franchise management platforms. With cleaner, more consistent data landing in the lake, the analytics team gained access to insights that had previously been difficult or impossible to surface at scale.

As reliability improved, the organization was able to move beyond reactive fixes and focus on forward-looking initiatives. Automated reporting pipelines were established, and the data platform is now positioned to support an AI-powered CoPilot designed to summarize sales and traffic performance—transforming raw data into actionable intelligence.

## Technology in action

### Cloud-Based Data Lake Architecture

for centralized storage and analysis of high-volume sales and traffic data across thousands of retail locations

### POS Data Integration

for continuous ingestion of transactional sales data into the analytics platform

### Franchise Management Integration

for aggregating operational and performance data across franchise locations

### AI-Ready Data Foundations

for enabling future AI agents to generate performance summaries and decision support

# Talent + Acceleration + Precision

To restore reliability for executive reporting, CodeRoad deployed **velocity-as-a-service** focused on architectural simplification. We removed the "Coordination Tax" between fragmented data flows to build a resilient, high-velocity pipeline:

- **Architectural de-fragmentation:** Audited and simplified the existing data lake, eliminating redundant handoffs and unnecessary complexity introduced by previous implementations.
- **POS & Franchise Integration:** Engineered a streamlined ingestion engine to aggregate massive volumes of transactional data from thousands of retail locations and Point-of-Sale (POS) systems.
- **Automated ETL Stabilization:** Rebuilt the ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) processes to prevent the pipeline breaks that had previously caused analytics work to stall.
- **Insight-First Engineering:** Optimized the downstream data flow for real-time executive reporting, ensuring that customer traffic and sales performance data were immediately "production-ready" for decision-makers.

## Engineered Momentum

CodeRoad's Business Impact by the numbers

**100%** reliability. We restored full confidence in the automated reporting system by eliminating the root causes of pipeline failure.

**Zero-Disruption Ingestion** Successfully integrated thousands of disparate franchise and POS data sources into a unified, high-speed data lake.

**AI-Ready Foundation** Hardened the data infrastructure, preparing the organization for future predictive analytics and AI-driven sales forecasting.

# How CodeRoad can help you accelerate

CodeRoad delivers Velocity-as-a-Service (VaaS) by stripping away architectural complexity to unlock real-time retail intelligence. We partner with you to stabilize a fragile data lake, eliminating redundant vendor handoffs and simplifying fragmented ETL pipelines. By engineering a resilient ingestion engine for thousands of POS and franchise sources, we restored 100% reporting reliability for executive decision-makers. CodeRoad's systems are engineered to turn massive transactional volumes into a streamlined, AI-ready foundation for national growth.



## Strategic Technology Solutions

- AI & Advanced Analytics for Retail Performance
- Point-of-Sale (POS) & Franchise System Integration
- Enterprise Data Engineering & Executive Reporting
- Data Pipelines, ETL & System Integrations
- Workflow Automation & Operational Intelligence
- Cloud Data Platforms & Scalable Infrastructure
- Data Security, Governance & Compliance
- Retail IT Systems Support & Platform Operations



## The business impact of VaaS

Learn how velocity-as-a-service (VaaS) redefines outcome-based execution and engineers momentum for the future of technology. Get the latest on:

- Engineered Momentum
- Coordination Tax
- Outcome-Based Delivery
- Nearshore Transformation
- Roadmap Acceleration
- Predictable Scaling
- Predictable ROI

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