

Microsoft Fabric and Azure Data Factory Revealed

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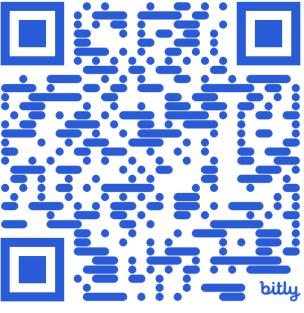
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Agenda

- Data Engineering Primer
- Intro to Data Factory (Azure & Fabric)
- Components Defined & Compared
- Demo: Data Factory in Fabric
- Q & A



Data Engineering Primer

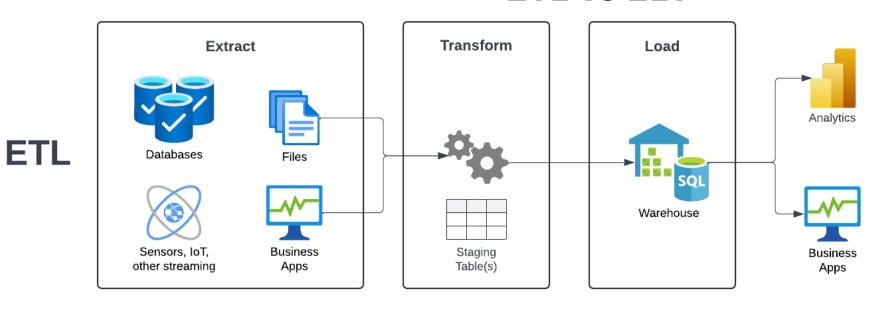


Data Engineering Terminology

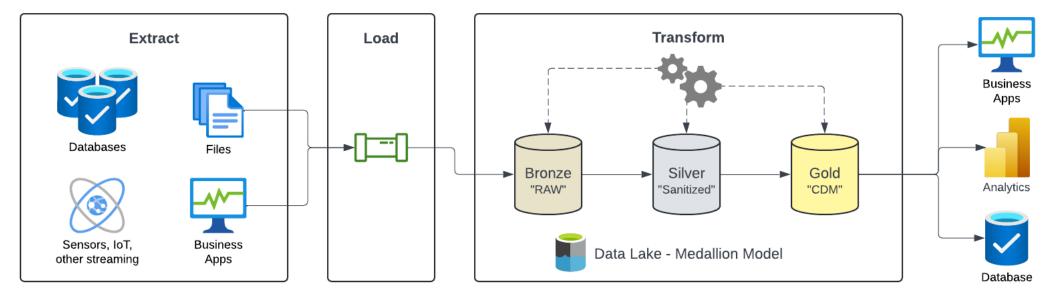
- Extract, Transform & Load (ETL)
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- Data Mapping & Wrangling
- Relational Databases
- Data Lake & Medallion Model



ETL vs ELT







Intro to Data Factory



What is Data Factory?

- Microsoft Data Platform offering
 - Runs in the Cloud but Hybrid with "on-prem" features
- Create pipelines to Copy and Transform your data
 - ETL (Extract Transform and Load)
 - ELT (Extract Load and Transform)
- Numerous integrations & connectivity options



Two Flavors

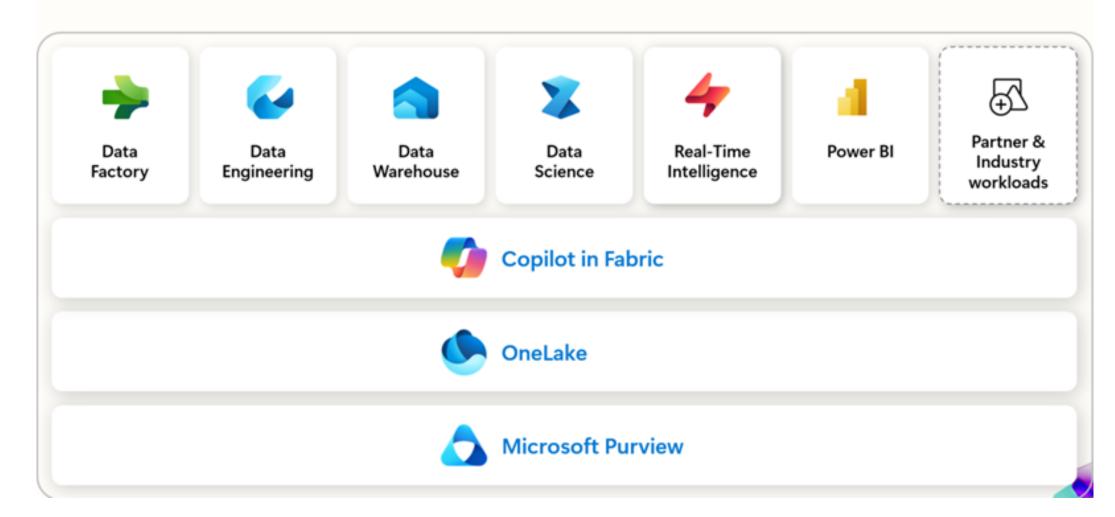
- Azure Data Factory (ADF) Established
 - Platform as a Service (PaaS) offering
 - Additional integrations and configurability
- Data Factory in Fabric ("DFF") Recent
 - Software as a Service (SaaS) offering
 - Fabric service & interface with reduced learning curve



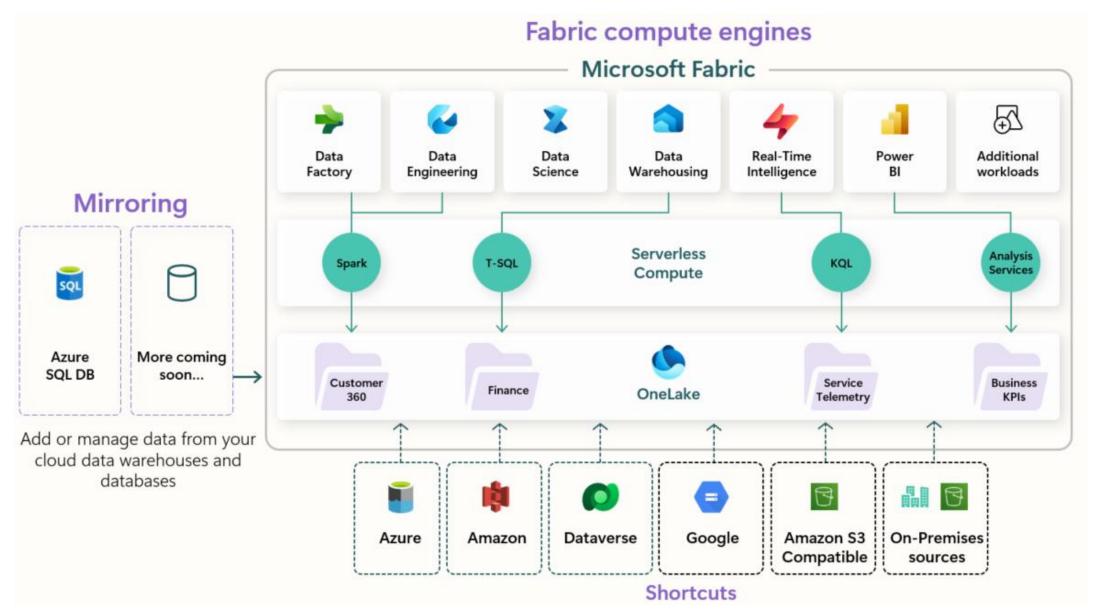
Intro to Microsoft Fabric









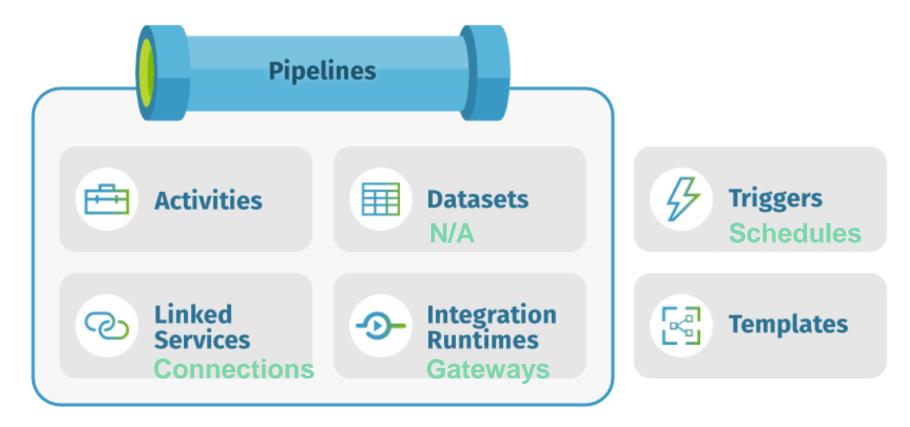




Data Factory Components



Components of Data Factory



Credit: cathrinewilhelmsen.net



Components of Data Factory

- Data Factory
- Pipeline | Data pipeline
- Activities
- Mapping Dataflow | Dataflow Gen2
- Datasets | (N/A)

* Fabric Equivalent



Components of Data Factory

Templates

* Fabric Equivalent

- Linked Service | Connections
- Triggers | Schedules
- Self-Hosted Integration Runtimes |
 On-premises Data Gateway



Components – "Data Factory"

- Environmental Boundary | Per Workspace
- Container to hold all other components
- Deploy per environment (Dev, QA, Prod) | Per Workspace
- Security (IAM) Boundary
- Integrates with Git and Azure DevOps
- Deployable as ARM template | Deployment Pipelines



Components – Pipelines

- Definition of executable ETL/ELT workflow
- Similar to an SSIS package
- Canvas designer interface
- Collection of units of work (Activities)
- Create new or from a Template



Components – Linked Services / Connections

- Data source / destination connection objects
- ADF: 110 supported connectors
- DFF: 40 supported connectors (13 source only)

Ref: https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/fabric/data-factory/connector-parity

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Components – Integration Runtimes

- Infrastructure to run Activities on
- Three types:
 - Azure Hosted | Fabric Capacities
 - Self-Hosted | On-premises + Virtual network Gateways
 - Azure-SSIS (ADF only)



Components – Triggers / Schedules

- Define when to execute your Pipelines
- Use a recurring schedule, interval or event based
- Specific Day & Time, or manually (UI or API)
- Tumbling Windows (ADF only)
- Storage Event Triggers ADLS Gen2 & General Purpose v2
- Event Grid (ADF only)



Components – Templates

- Created from your own Pipeline
- Samples available from Microsoft



DEMO: Data Factory in Fabric



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