



Azure Data Factory – Mapping Data Flows’ Components

Activity	Description	SSIS equivalent	SQL Server equivalent
New branch	Create a new flow branch with the same data	Multicast (+icon)	<code>SELECT INTO</code> <code>SELECT OUTPUT</code>
Join	Join data from two streams based on a condition	Merge join	<code>INNER</code> <code>LEFT</code> <code>RIGHT JOIN</code> , <code>CROSS</code> <code>FULL OUTER JOIN</code>
Conditional Split	Route data into different streams based on conditions	Conditional Split	<code>SELECT INTO WHERE</code> condition1 <code>SELECT INTO WHERE</code> condition2 <code>CASE ... WHEN</code>
Exists	Check the existence of data in another stream	Lookup / Merge Join	<code>SELECT * FROM Table</code> <code>WHERE EXISTS (SELECT ...)</code> <code>JOIN</code> <code>NOT EXISTS</code>
Union	Collect data from multiple streams	Union All	<code>SELECT</code> colla <code>UNION (ALL)</code> <code>SELECT</code> collb
Lookup	Lookup additional data from another stream	Lookup	<code>LEFT</code> <code>RIGHT JOIN</code>
Derived Column	Compute new columns based on the existing once	Derived Column	<code>SELECT</code> Column1 * 1.09 <code>as</code> NewColumn
Select	Choose columns to flow to the next stream	OUTPUT in components, mapping columns	<code>SELECT</code> Column1, Column4 <code>FROM</code> Table
Aggregate	Calculate aggregation on the stream	Aggregate	<code>SELECT</code> Year(DateOfBirth) <code>as</code> Year, <code>MIN()</code> , <code>MAX()</code> , <code>AVG()</code> <code>GROUP BY</code> Year(DateOfBirth)
Surrogate Key	Add a surrogate key column to output stream from a specific value	Script Component	<code>SELECT ROW NUMBER()</code> <code>OVER(ORDER BY n ASC) AS R#, n</code> <code>FROM sys.databases</code> <i>+ Incremental Primary Key (with limited capabilities)</i>
Pivot	Pivots row values into columns, groups columns and aggregates data	Pivot	<code>SELECT</code> rowCol, c1, c2 <code>FROM</code> (<code>SELECT</code> sourceCols <code>FROM</code> Table) PIVOT (<code>SUM</code> (sumCol) <code>FOR</code> col <code>IN</code> (...))
Unpivot	Unpivots columns into row values and ungroups columns	Unpivot	<code>SELECT</code> rowCol, col, X <code>FROM</code> (<code>SELECT</code> rowCol, c1, c2 <code>FROM</code> pvt) UNPIVOT (X <code>FOR</code> col <code>FROM</code> (c1, c2)) <code>AS</code> unpvt
Window	Aggregates data based on a window and joins with original data	[Sort] + Custom Script	<code>SELECT</code> fun() OVER (PARTITION BY pc <code>ORDER BY</code> oc) newc, pc, oc, otherCols <code>FROM</code> Table
Filter	Filter rows in the stream based on a condition	Conditional Split	<code>SELECT * FROM Table</code> WHERE [Column] <code>LIKE</code> '%pattern%'
Sort	Order data in the stream based on column(s)	Sort	<code>SELECT * FROM Table</code> ORDER BY [Column] <code>ASC</code>
Alter Row	Set action policy on rows when database is sink	Conditional Split + n Destinations	MERGE <code>INSERT</code> , <code>UPDATE</code> , <code>DELETE</code> <code>IF</code> <code>WHERE</code>
Source	Source for your data flow. Obligatory first element of every Data Flow in ADF	OLE DB Source and more ...	<code>SELECT * FROM</code> SourceTable
Sink	Destination for your data flow	OLE DB Destination and more...	<code>INSERT INTO</code> TargetTable

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