

SQL Server to Azure Synapse Migration Accelerator (Migration Process, Modules, Scripts)

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SqlToSynapse Migration Accelerators



Overview – What it does and how it is related to Azure Synapse Pathway

Step 1: Table DDLs Migration

Step 2: Export SQL Server Data / Step 2A Generate Polybase Export Scripts

Step 3: Upload Data into Azure Storage / Step 3A Use Polybase Export Directly to Azure Storage

Step 4: Generate Copy T-SQL Import Scripts

Step 5: Import Data into Azure Synapse SQL Pool

SqlToSynapse Migration Accelerator (PowerShell Scripts)

What does the Scripts do?

- ✓ Translate SQL Server Table DDLs into Azure Synapse DDLs
- ✓ Execute Translated Table DDLs in Azure Synapse – to migrate Tables DDLs into Azure Synapse
- ✓ Generate Polybase Export T-SQL Scripts
- ✓ Execute Polybase Export T-SQL Scripts – to export data directly into Azure Storage from SQL Server
- ✓ Upload Exported Data into Azure Data Lake Store (Blob Storage) if using BCP export
- ✓ Generate T-SQL Copy Scripts
- ✓ Execute T-SQL Copy Scripts - to Import Data into Azure Synapse from Azure Storage



Complementary to Azure Synapse Pathway



Why do we need these Scripts when we already have Azure Synapse Pathway?

These Scripts are complementary to Azure Synapse Pathway (ASP). ASP does not perform data migration today. We designed and implemented 6 modules to complete the end-to-end tasks of tables migration and data migration (using BCP or Polybase Export).

We recommend using Azure Synapse Pathway for all Code Translation Tasks.

You can use scripts described in this document (Module 5_RunSqlFilesInFolder) to execute all translated code by ASP or other methods. Please check the newest release of Azure Synapse Pathway so you can use the best code translation capabilities: [sql-docs/azure-synapse-pathway-overview.md](https://sql-docs.azure-synapse-pathway-overview.md) at live · [MicrosoftDocs/sql-docs \(github.com\)](https://MicrosoftDocs/sql-docs.github.com)

In addition, Module 3, 4, 5 are reusable for other types of migrations, for example, Netezza or Teradata or Exadata or Oracle to Azure Synapse migrations. After the code is translated, and data is exported out of source systems, the rest of the tasks are the same. Therefore module 3-5 can be utilized for any of those migrations.

What Do I need to Use the Utilities?

Choose One of the Environments:

1. Windows PowerShell ISE (preferred)
2. Visual Studio Code (with PowerShell Extension Installed)

PowerShell Modules required:

- (1) Import-module -name SqlServer
- (2) Import-module -name ImportExcel
- (3) Install-Module -Name Az –AllowClobber

PowerShell Permissions (Permissions may be denied if the Scripts are from GitHub or Email):

Use one of the options to set Powershell permissions (examples):

```
Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted -Scope CurrentUser
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```
Unblock-File -Path C:\migratemaster\modules\1_TranslateMetaData\TranslateMetaData.ps1
```

Download and Install AzCopy (Only if you will be using BCP Export Method). This task can be skipped if you will be using other methods to upload data into Azure Storage such as Azure Data Box Gateway or Azure Data Explore).

[Copy or move data to Azure Storage by using AzCopy v10 | Microsoft Docs](#)

BCP or Polybase Export Path

#	BCP Export	Polybase Export	Results
1 – Task 1	Translate SQL Tables (Module 1_TranslateTableDDLs)	Same as BCP	Azure Synapse Table DDLs generated
1 – Task 2	Execute Synapse Tables DDLs (Module 5_RunSqlFilesInFolder)	Same as BCP	Tables Created in Azure Synapse.
2 – BCP	Export SQL Server Table data into .csv files (Module 2_ExportSourceData)		Data is exported to local files (.csv)
2A – Polybase		Generate Polybase Export Scripts (Module 2A_GeneratePolybaseExportScripts)	Polybase Export T-SQL Scripts generated
3 – BCP	Upload exported Data into Azure Storage (3_LoadDataIntoAzureStorage)		Data loaded to Azure Storage
3A - Polybase		Use 5_RunSqlFilesInFolder to execute Polybase	Data loaded to Azure Storage
4	Generate COPY Into Scripts (Module 4_GenerateCopyIntoScripts)	Same as BCP	Copy Into T-SQL Scripts generated
5	Execute COPY Into Scripts (Module 5_RunSqlFilesInFolder)	Same as BCP	Data imported to Synapse

PowerShell Modules to Use for BCP Export

There are five modules that contain PowerShell Scripts and T-SQL Scripts designed to accomplish key task(s) if you will use BCP Export method.

The modules are summarized as below:

1_TranslateTableDDLs: Translate SQL objects (DDLs) from source system format to Azure Synapse format. The output is stored as .sql files in specified output file folder (configurable).). **We recommend Azure Synapse Pathway (ASP) for this capability as ASP is the official Code Translation tool which continues to deliver comprehensive capabilities.** Use this module as a fallback method or if you run into any issues for certain tables.

2_ExportSourceData: Export SQL Server Tables into data files stored in predefined structure and format (.csv or .txt)

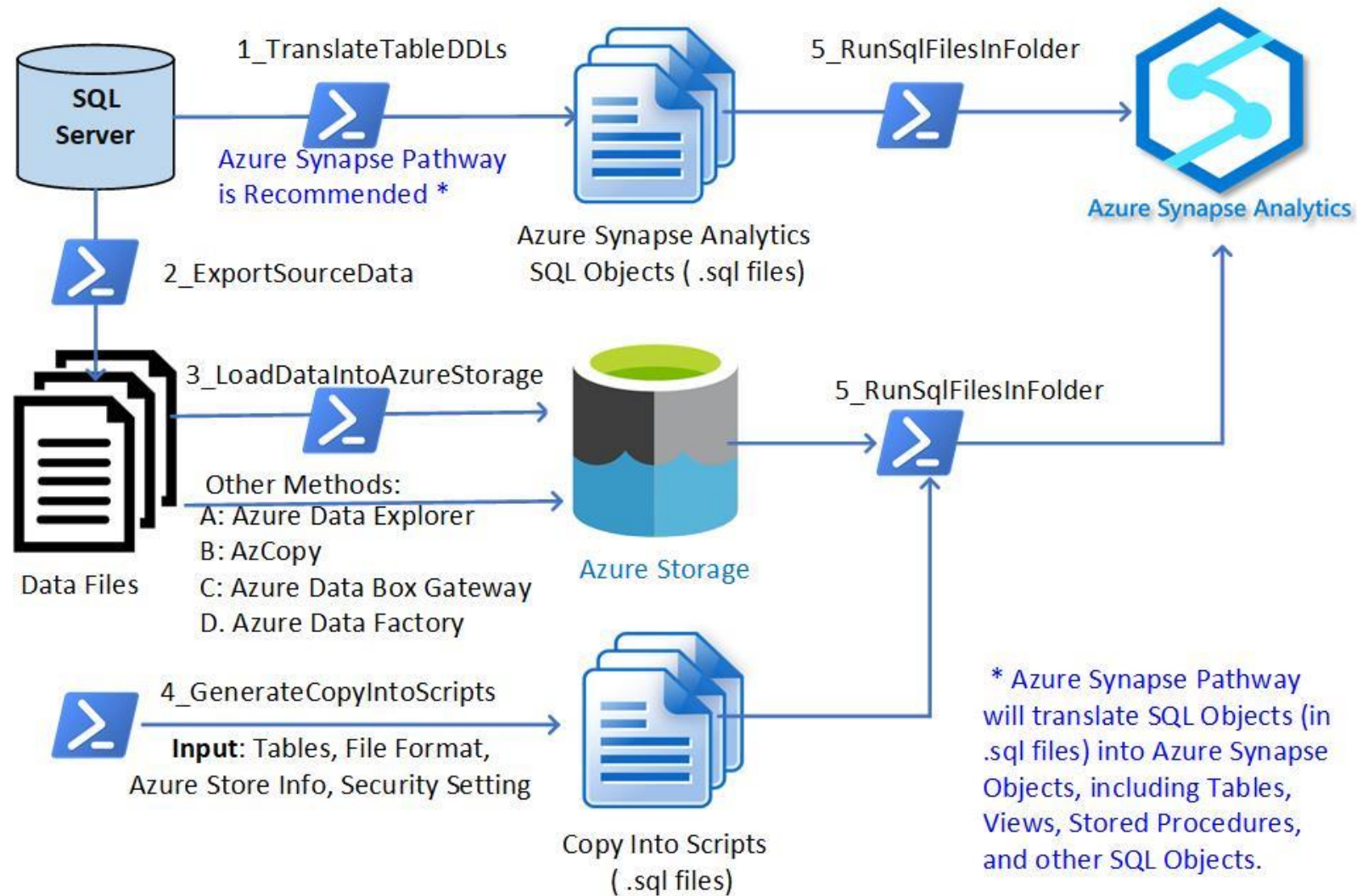
3_LoadDataIntoAzureStorage: Load exported data files into specified container in Azure Storage (Azure Data Lake Store).

4_GenerateCopyIntoScripts: Generate “COPY Into” T-SQL Scripts that will move data from Azure Storage into Azure Synapse SQL Pool tables, once executed.

5_RunSqlFilesInFolder: Run all T-SQL Scripts defined in .sql files stored in a specified file folder. The T-SQL Scripts can be DDL, DML, Data Movement Scripts (such as Copy Into scripts or Polybase Export Scripts), or any other scripts such as create/update statistics or indexes. In fact, this module is designed to run all T-SQL scripts in a folder (against Azure Synapse or SQL Server).

Note: 5_RunSqlFilesInFolder is reused twice in the process: (1) Run T-SQL Scripts generated from 1_TranslateMetadata, and (2) Run T-SQL Scripts generated from 4_GenerateCopyIntoScripts.

SQL Server to Synapse Migration Tasks Carried out by PowerShell Scripts (Modules) – BCP Export – All Versions of SQL Servers



PowerShell Modules to Use for Polybase Export

There are four modules that contain PowerShell Scripts and T-SQL Scripts designed to accomplish key task(s) if you will use Polybase Export method.

The modules are summarized as below:

1_TranslateMetaData: Translate SQL objects (DDLs) from source system format to Azure Synapse format. The output is stored as .sql files in specified file folder (configurable). **We recommend Azure Synapse Pathway (ASP) for this capability as ASP is the official Code Translation tool which continues to deliver comprehensive capabilities.** Use this module as a fallback method or if you run into any issues for certain tables.

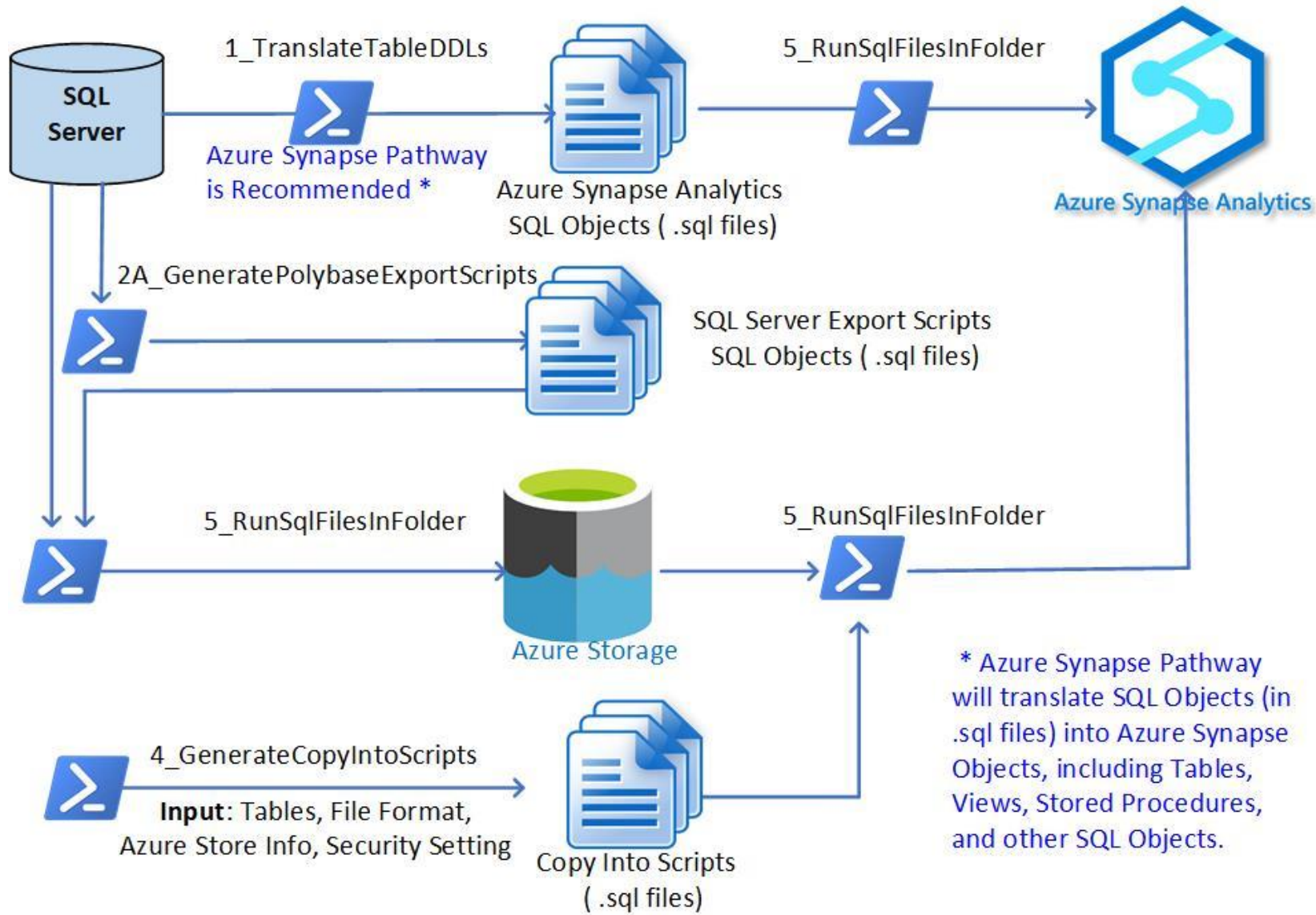
2A_GeneratePolybaseExportScripts: Generate Polybase Export T-SQL Script for each table. Polybase export set up examples are provided in subfolder "Utilities" inside this module.

4_GenerateCopyIntoScripts: Generate "COPY Into" T-SQL Scripts that will move data from Azure Storage into Azure Synapse SQL Pool tables, once executed.

5_RunSqlFilesInFolder: Run all T-SQL Scripts defined in .sql files stored in a specified file folder. The T-SQL Scripts can be DDL, DML, Data Movement Scripts (such as Copy Into scripts or Polybase Export Scripts), or any other scripts such as create/update statistics or indexes. In fact, this module is designed to run all T-SQL scripts in a folder (against Azure Synapse or SQL Server).

Note: 5_RunSqlFilesInFolder is reused three times in the process: (1) Run T-SQL Scripts generated from 1_TranslateMetadata, (2) Run T-SQL Scripts generated from 2A_GeneratePolybaseExportScripts, and (3) Run T-SQL Scripts generated from 4_GenerateCopyIntoScripts.

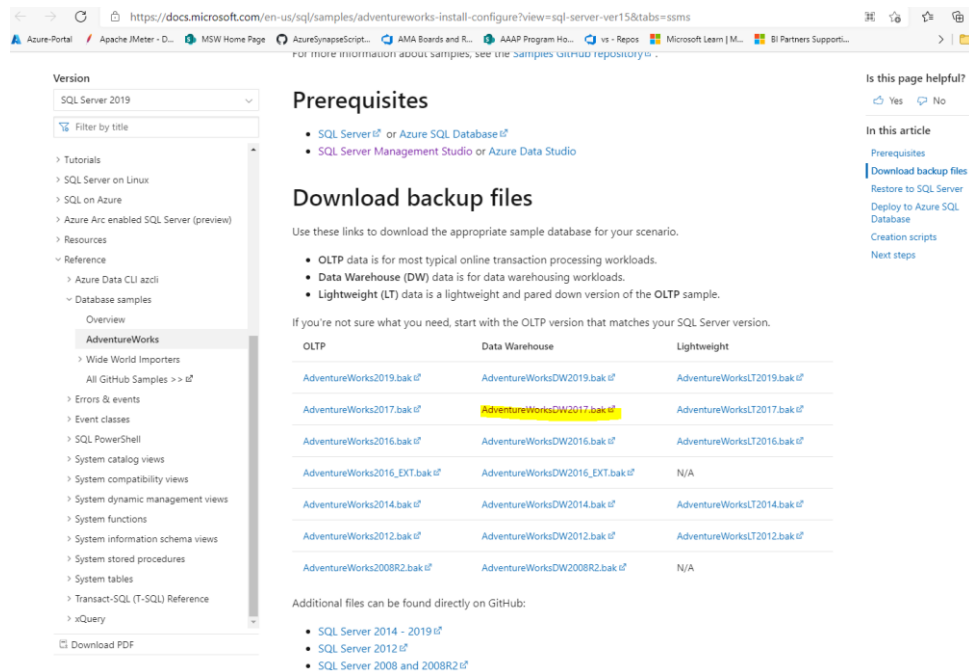
SQL Server to Synapse Migration Tasks Carried out by PowerShell Scripts (Modules) – Polybase Export – SQL Servers 2016+



To Test the Scripts with an actual SQL Server & Azure Synapse

- (1) Set up your Azure Synapse Workspace with Azure SQL Pool Created
- (2) Download **AdventureWorksDW2017.bak** from the link below and restore it to your SQL Server.

[AdventureWorks sample databases - SQL Server | Microsoft Docs](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/samples/adventureworks-install-configure?view=sql-server-ver15&tabs=ssms)



How to Restore SQL Server Database to .bak file

[Restore a Database Backup Using SSMS - SQL Server | Microsoft Docs](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/dedicated-configuration/ssms-restore-a-database-backup-using-ssms-sql-server)

Download SQL Server 2017 if you do not have a SQL Server already

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/sql-server/sql-server-2017>

Download SSMS if you don't have it already

[Download SQL Server Management Studio \(SSMS\) - SQL Server Management Studio \(SSMS\) | Microsoft Docs](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/ssms/download-sql-server-management-studio-ssms)

5-Step Migration Process with BCP Export

- You can use this method for all versions of SQL Servers

If you have SQL Server 2016 or later, you have additional option to export SQL server data directly into Azure Storage. See details later in this presentation.

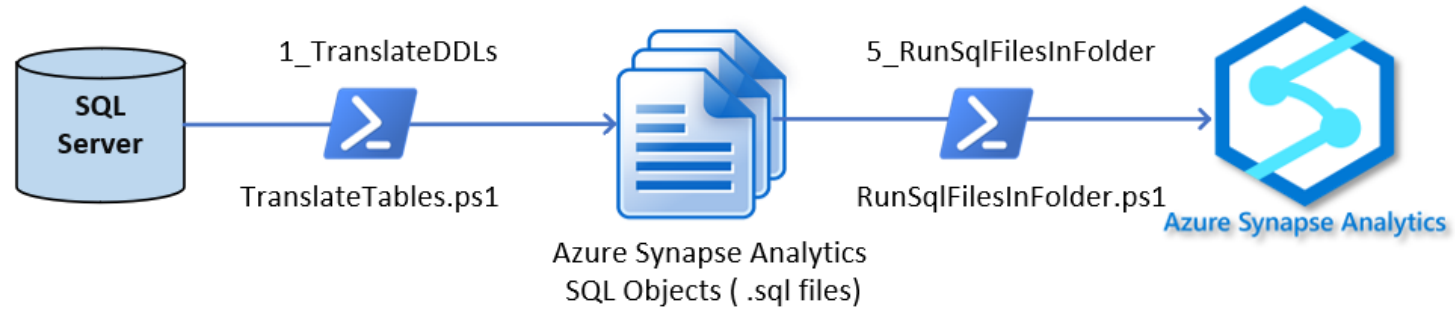
(Polybase is available only for SQL Server 2016 or later)

BCP Export Path

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3 - BCP	Upload exported Data into Azure Storage (3_LoadDataIntoAzureStorage)	Data loaded to Azure Storage
4	Generate COPY Into Scripts (Module 4_GenerateCopyIntoScripts)	Copy Into T-SQL Scripts generated
5	Execute COPY Into Scripts (Module 5_RunSqlFilesInFolder)	Data imported to Synapse

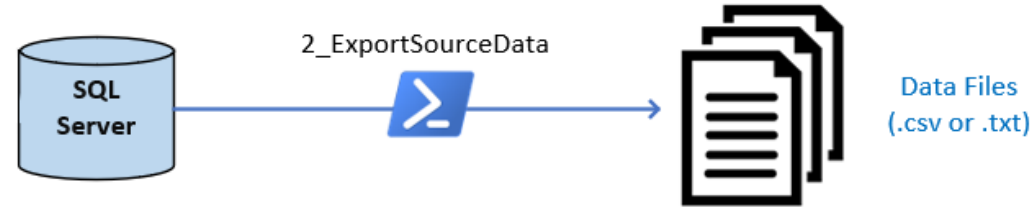
Step 1: Code (DDLs) Migration – Translate SQL Server Tables and create them in Azure Synapse

Step 1
(Same for
BCP and
Polybase
Export)



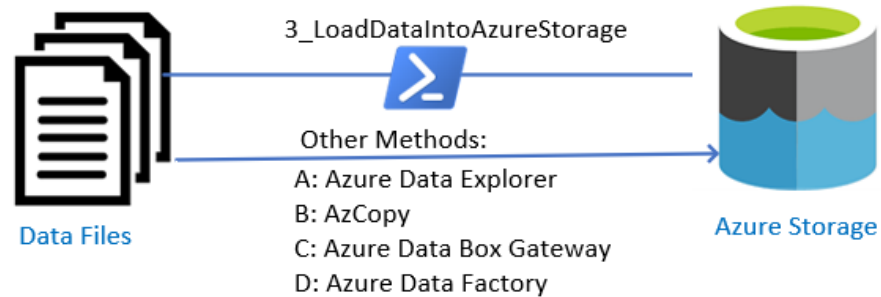
Step 2: Data Migration – Export Data from SQL Server

Step 2



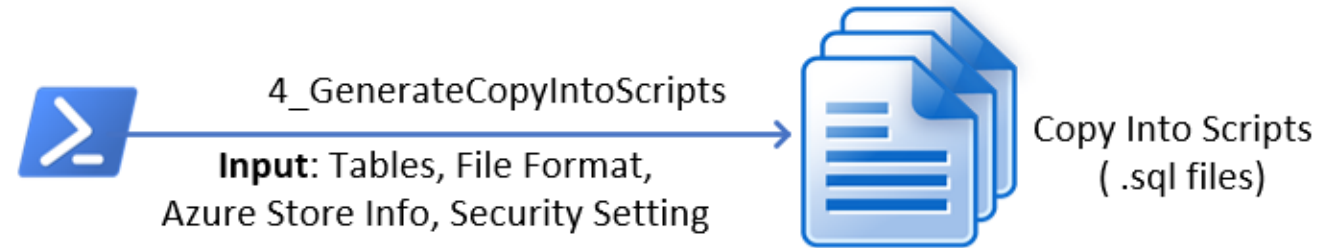
Step 3: Upload Exported Data Files into Azure Storage (Azure Data Lake Store or Blob Storage)

Step 3

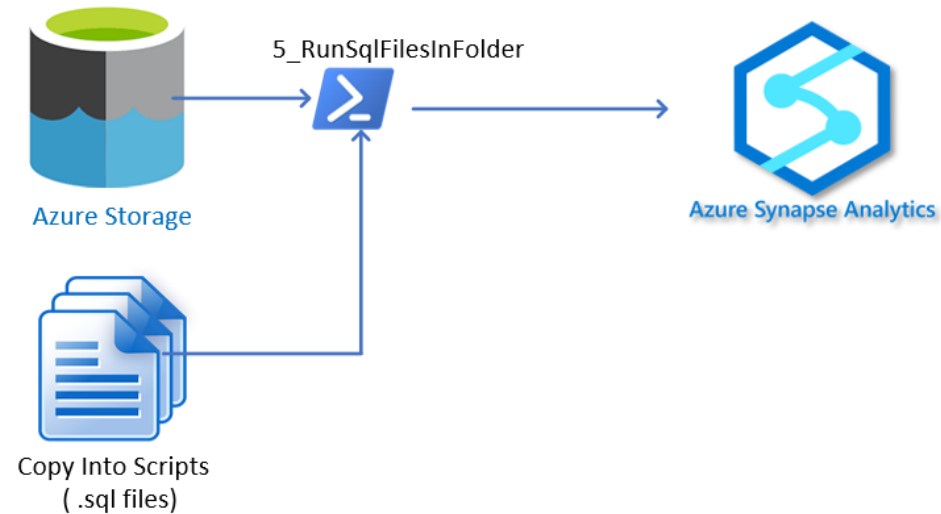


Note: Step 4 and Step 5 are the same for BCP or Polybase Export

Step 4 Step 4: Generate COPY Into T-SQL Script for Tables (to run in Azure Synapse Dedicated SQL POOL)



Step 5 Step 5: Import Data From Azure Storage into Azure Synapse Dedicated SQL POOL)



5-Step Migration Process with Polybase Export

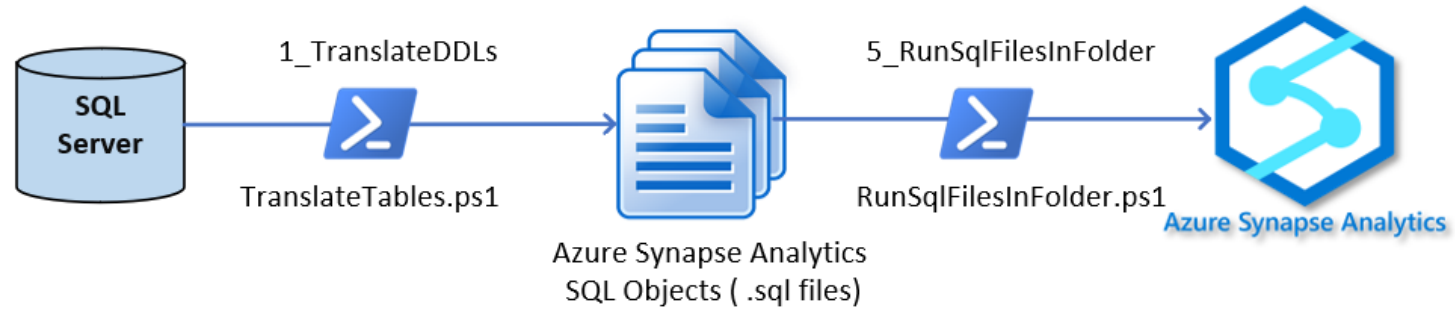
(Polybase is available only for SQL Server 2016 or later)

Polybase Export Path

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1 – Task 2	Execute Synapse Tables DDLs (Module 5_RunSqlFilesInFolder)	Tables Created in Azure Synapse.
2A – Polybase	Generate Polybase Export Scripts (Module 2A_GeneratePolybaseExportScripts)	Polybase Export T-SQL Scripts generated
3A - Polybase	Use 5_RunSqlFilesInFolder to execute Polybase	Data loaded to Azure Storage
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5	Execute COPY Into Scripts (Module 5_RunSqlFilesInFolder)	Data imported to Synapse

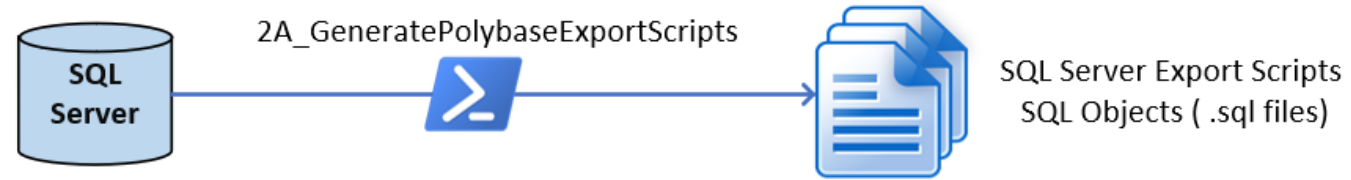
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Step 1
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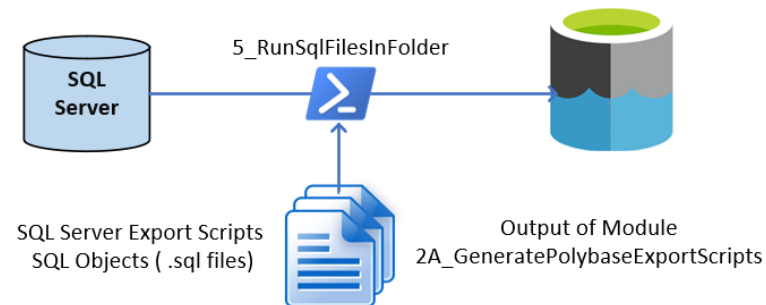
Step 2A: Generate Polybase Export Scripts

Step 2A



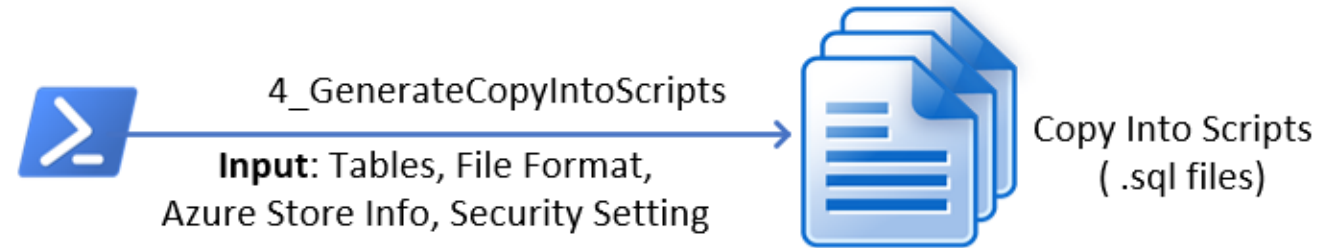
Step 3A: Export Directly to Azure Storage

Step 3A

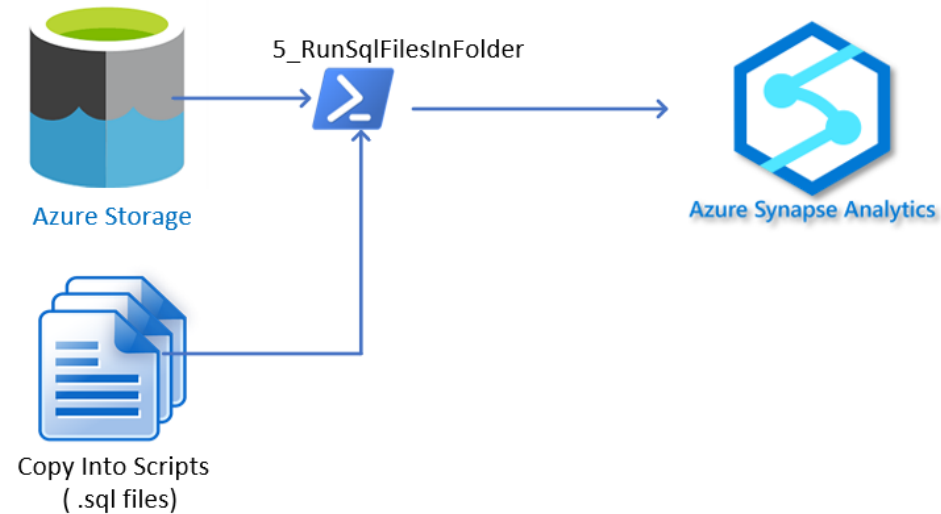


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