

SQL database in Microsoft Fabric

Series Scenario – Conference session application

You need:

- to store and serve data for the conference webpage.
- to be able to run analysis over the data.
- an application that allows attendees to easily search for and find sessions of interest to them.
- to follow modern best practices for application lifecycle.
- to be able to monitor and troubleshoot database and query performance.

Course Overview and agenda



Episode 1: Introduction and Overview; Getting started



Episode 2: Dataflows, Notebooks, Reports



Episode 3: GenAI and vector databases



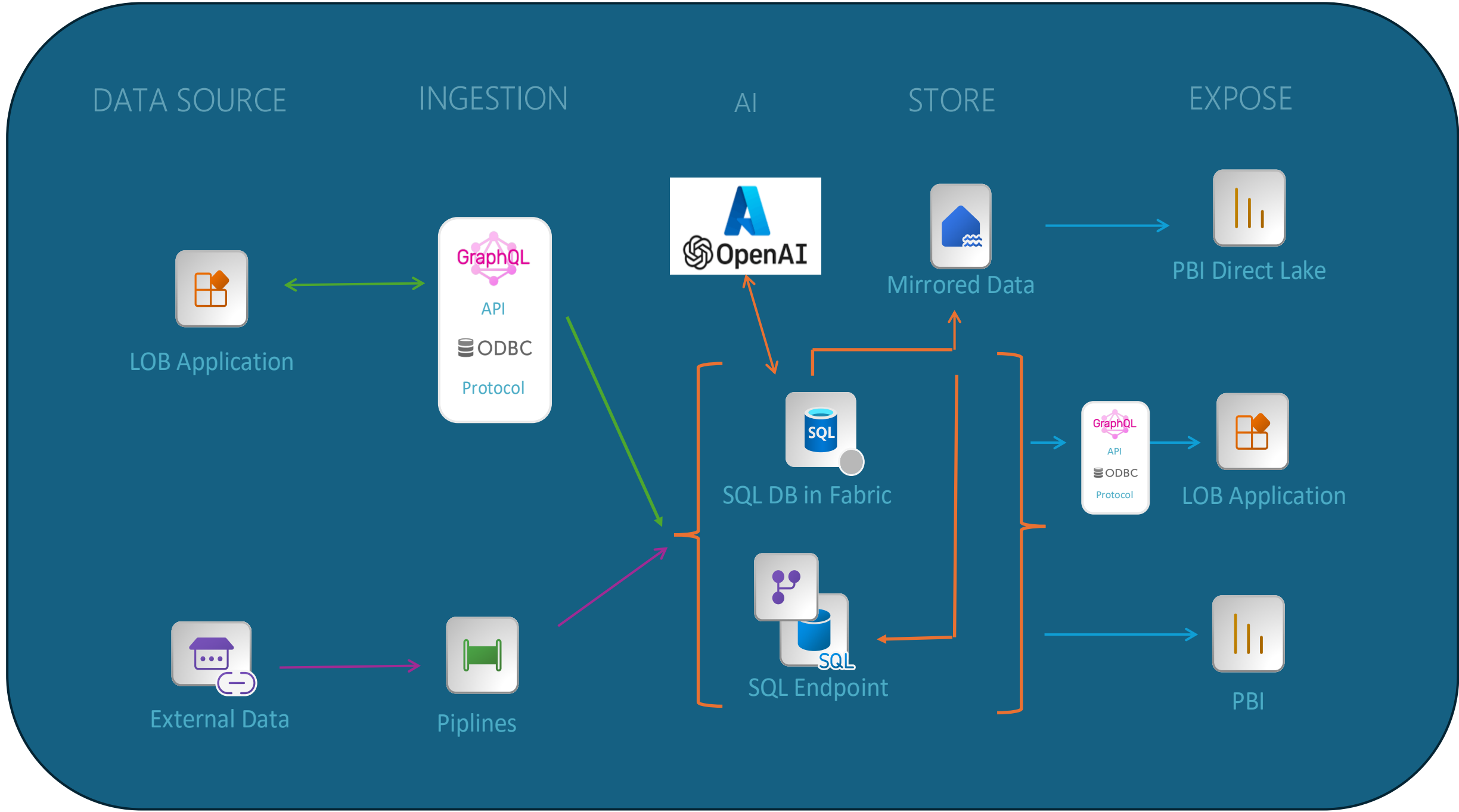
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SQL db in Fabric comes with intelligence

How can I ensure that things are going smoothly?



Look at database size

See auto scaling in action



Alerts

Ongoing
Retrospective



Identify queries of Interest

High IO queries
High CPU queries



Observe auto-indexing activity

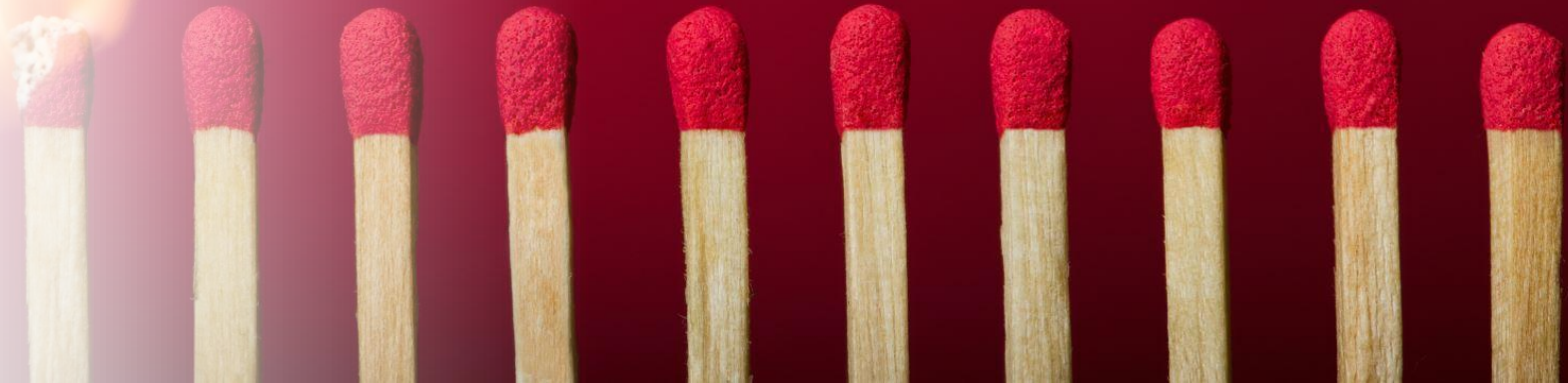
Developer-friendly tuning

Instead of enabling or using knobs....

Compare	Monitor	Track	Troubleshoot	Observe
Query performance details include comparison to previous executions	Quickly identify if query execution count has increased unexpectedly.	Track specific queries by creating favorites	Look for high-concurrency issues by finding blocking queries	Auto index behavior Alerts

Alerts

- Blocking queries – any blocking queries will trigger an alert
- CPU Usage – if CPU usage exceeds 80% of Vcores for 5 minutes or more
- Allocated Size – If size exceeds 80% of allocated size for 5 minutes or more



Timing of alerts

Active alerts are ongoing in the database, alerts that happened in the past 24 hours will also appear.

Alerts will display in performance summary tab for 24 hours, and if resolved, will go away.

Performance Dashboard

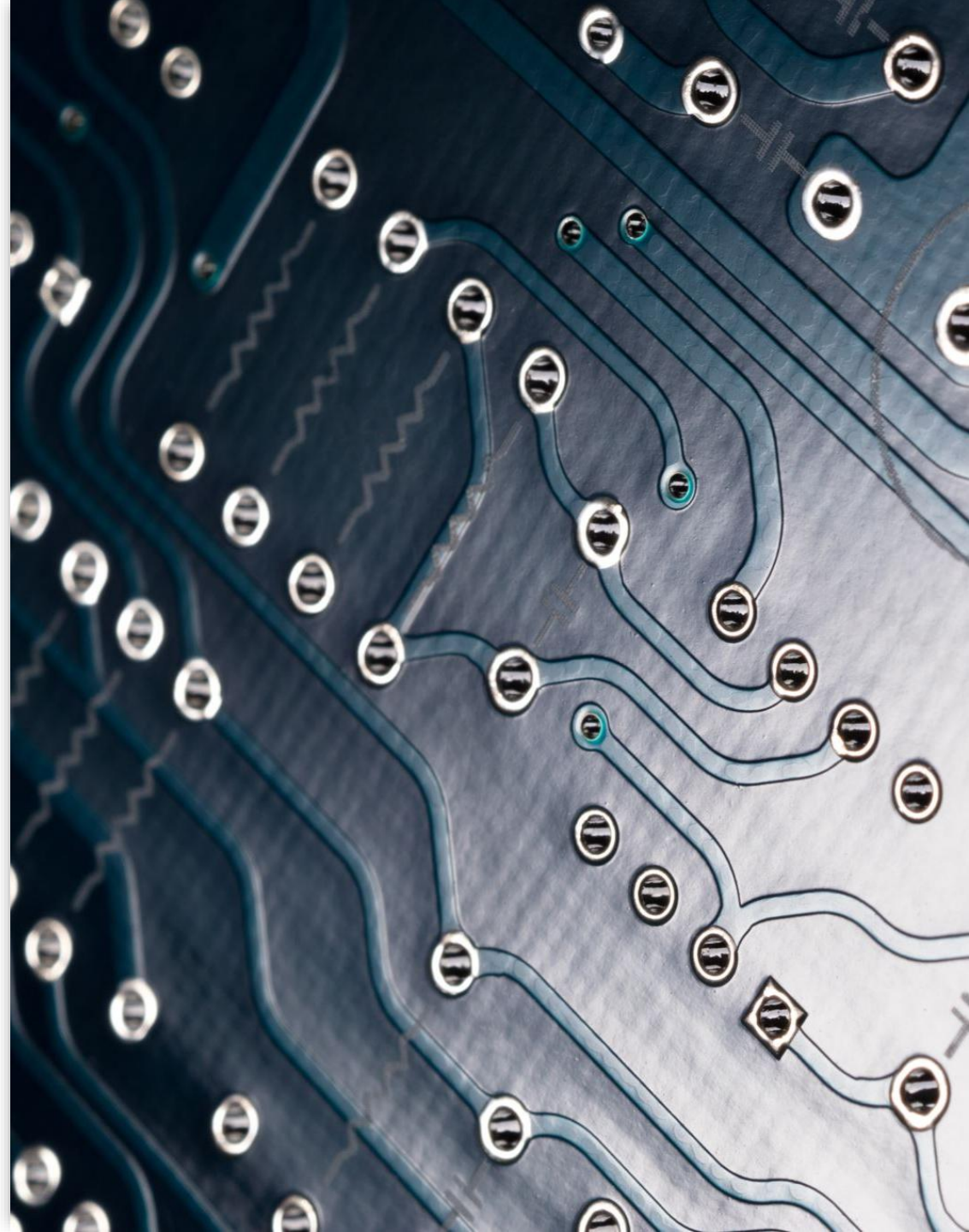
Entry Point, Alerts





CPU Consumption

- This shows the developer what the current CPU consumption is, and a historical chart of CPU consumption over the selected time interval.
- There is list at the bottom of the pane showing queries with the top CPU consuming queries at the top.
- **Developer insight:**
 - Should I write or re-write queries to be less CPU intensive?
 - If I am using more CPU than expected, how might I need to change my application?



Query details

Number of executions of the query over time

Ability to compare query performance over different time intervals

Has it changed recently in frequency or performance?

Query text

- Can copy or open in different editors with a click of a button

Query details

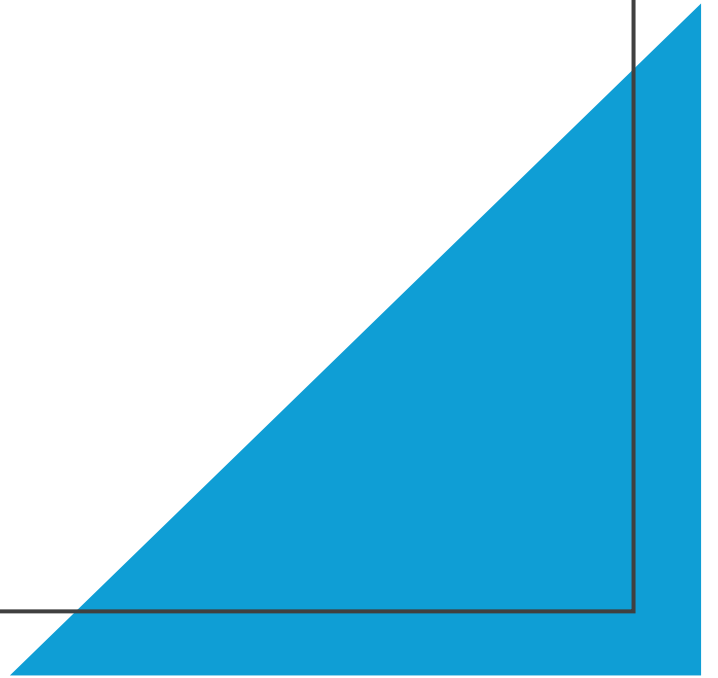
All data is obtained from Query Store

Developer Insight:

- Is my query performing as expected?
- Has it changed recently in frequency or performance?

Queries

- Lists queries across multiple interesting dimensions:
 - High CPU queries
 - Longest Running queries
 - Most Frequent queries
 - High Read queries



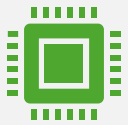
Queries



Can all be sorted by total or average.



Can filter to only starred queries – allowing you to track specific queries.

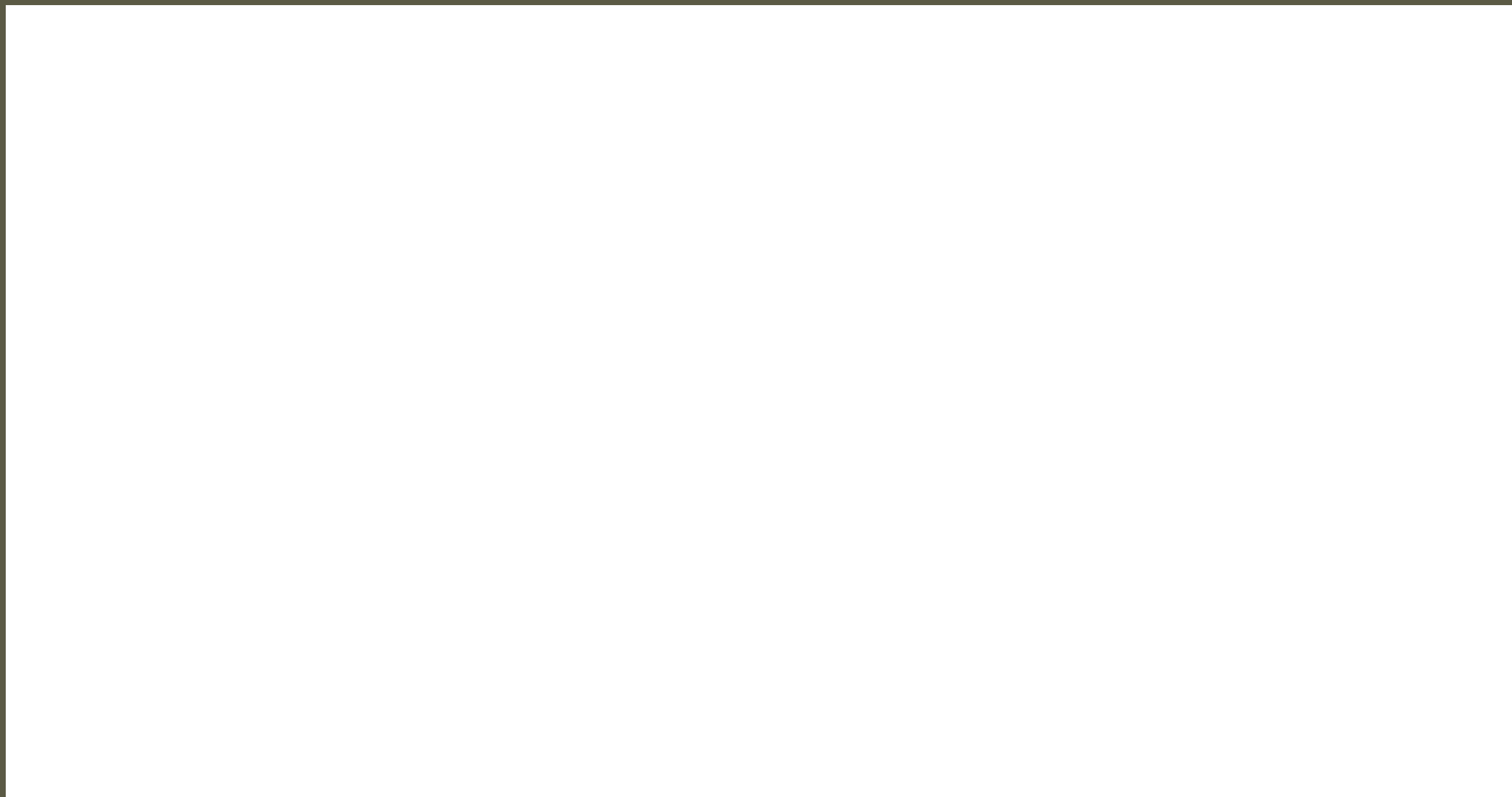


Developer insight: Provides and overall view of various queries, and how they are working within the system.

Performance Dashboard

CPU, Query details, Queries





An abstract network diagram with nodes and connections. The nodes are represented by small circles, some of which are highlighted with a double-circle effect. The connections are represented by thin, curved lines in various colors, including yellow, blue, and green. The background is dark, and the overall aesthetic is technical and modern.

User Connections

- The number of total connections is charted over the given time interval.
- The table at the bottom list the current connections.
- **Developer Insight:**
 - Is application creating more connections than expected
 - Might application be leaking connections.

Tracks the cumulative number of times a query has been executed over a period.

Table contains the most frequently executed queries.

Developer insight: If my query is executing more than expected, perhaps I need to update my code.

Requests per second

Blocked queries per second

Tracks queries that are experiencing blocks due to locking.

The chart shows the number of blocked queries per second.

The table shows which query is blocking – and all queries blocked by that query.

A blocked query *always* triggers an alert.

Developer insight: How might I rewrite or break up my query to prevent blocking?

- NOLOCK is not the answer.

Allocated size

- Shows history of database size over selected time interval.
- Table shows largest database tables (current).
- **Developer insight:**
 - Do I have tables that are growing larger than expected?
 - What tables could I change up to make queries across them more performant?



Automatic Indexes

Using SQL's built-in automatic index management.

Identifies possible indexes

- Will create indexes, and monitor performance over time.
- Will revert an index if it doesn't help in the short term.
- May drop those indexes if they stop improving performance of the workload.

Never drops user created indexes

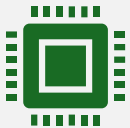
Automatic Indexes



When considering source control integration:

Created indexes can become user created indexes automatically

They become seamlessly integrated in deployment pipelines.



Developer insight:

Which indexes might I wish to create or experiment in future deployments?

Performance Dashboard

Remaining Tabs





Recap



Recap: Series in review



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Episode 1

About SQL database in Microsoft Fabric

Getting started

- Creating initial objects and your first SQL database in Microsoft Fabric

Episode 2

Integrations within Fabric ecosystem

Learning about Pipelines and Dataflows

- Importing data

Learning about notebooks

- Creating a sample notebook connected to the analytics endpoint

Learning about reports

- Creating a sample report

Episode 3

Why AI should integrate with SQL database

About Open AI

- Deploying and connecting to an Open AI instance

About vector databases

- Using vector support in SQL to generate embeddings

Episode 4

Create stored procedure to run application

About GraphQL

- Create wrapper for stored procedure
- Using GraphQL API builder to create a simple application

Episode 5

Overview of application lifecycle management

Fabric support for databases in source control

- Connect your database to source control. Update and push changes.

About deployment pipelines

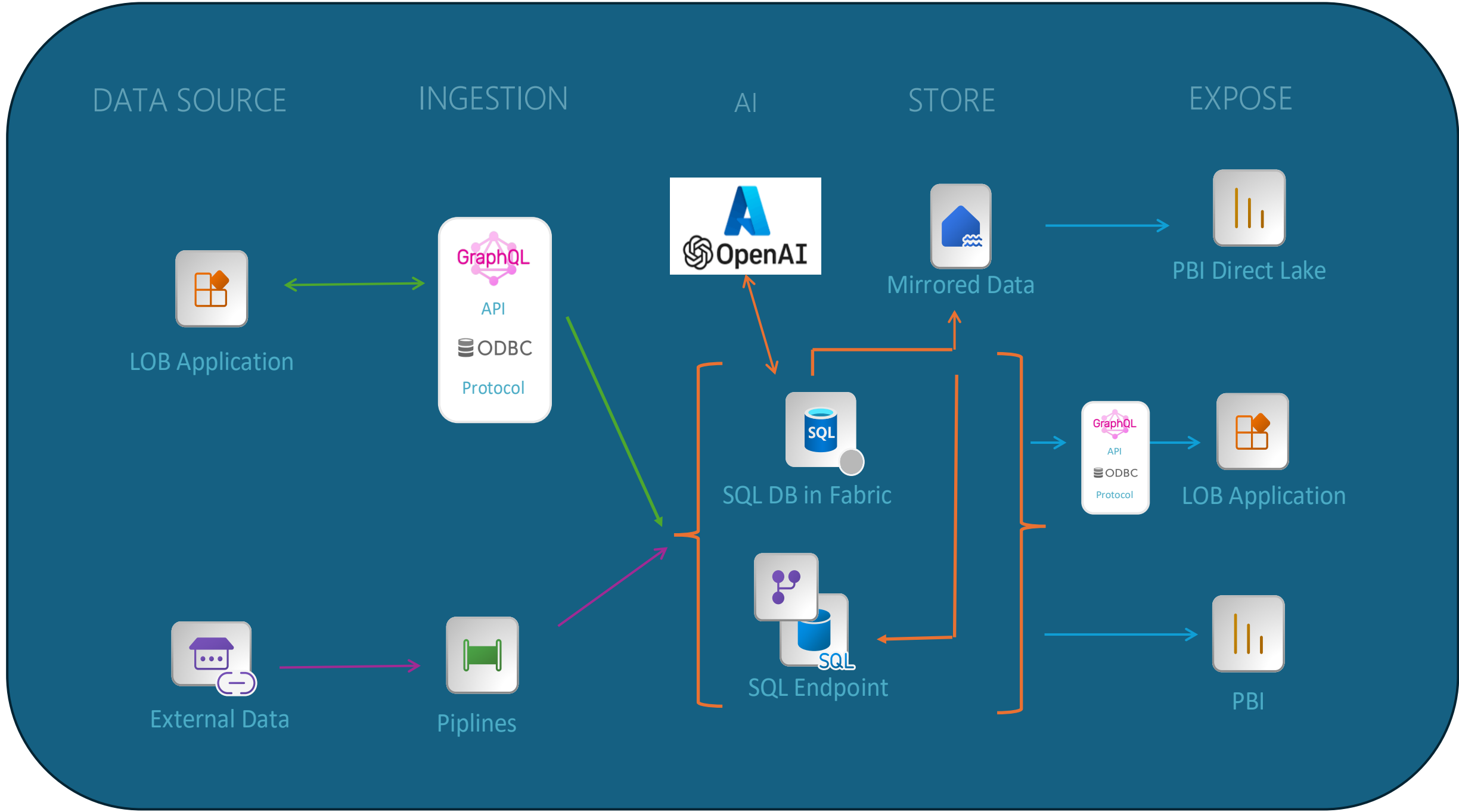
- Create an initial deployment pipeline

Episode 6

Overview of Performance Dashboard

- Developer insights for each tab

Recap of series content



End Episode 6

Performance Dashboard, Recap