Case Study – Azure

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Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) on Retail Sales Data

Since Databricks Community Edition doesn't support direct Azure Data Lake Storage (ADLS) mounting, I simulated the ADLS step by manually uploading a dataset. The workflow demonstrates EDA and Delta table queries in Databricks.

Step 1: Prepare a dataset (CSV file)

sales.csv

order_id,product,quantity,price

101,Laptop,2,75000

102,Mobile,5,15000

103,Headphones,10,2500

104,Tablet,3,30000

Step 2: Upload dataset to Databricks Community Edition

- Login: community.cloud.databricks.com
- Navigate → Data tab (left sidebar)
- Click Add Data → Upload File
- Select sales.csv and upload

Step 3: Create Notebook & Start Cluster

- Go to Workspace > User Folder
- Click Create > Notebook
- Name: Retail_EDA
- Language: Python
- Attach to a cluster

Step 4: Read CSV into Spark DataFrame

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df = spark.read.format("csv").option("header", "true").load("/FileStore/tables/sales.csv")
df.show()
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df: pyspark.sql.connect.dataframe.DataFrame = [order_id: integer, product: string ... 2 more fields]

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|order_id|   product|quantity|price|
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|     101|    Laptop|       2|75000|
|     102|    Mobile|       5|15000|
|     103|Headphones|      10| 2500|
|     104|    Tablet|       3|30000|
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 |-- order_id: integer (nullable = true)
 |-- product: string (nullable = true)
 |-- quantity: integer (nullable = true)
 |-- price: integer (nullable = true)
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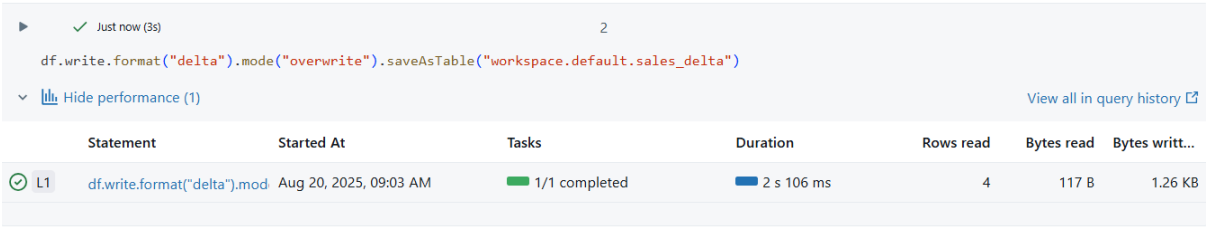
Step 5: Save DataFrame as Delta Table

df.write.format("delta").mode("overwrite").saveAsTable("sales_delta")



Step 6: Run EDA Queries on Delta Table

-- Show all products

SELECT * FROM sales_delta;

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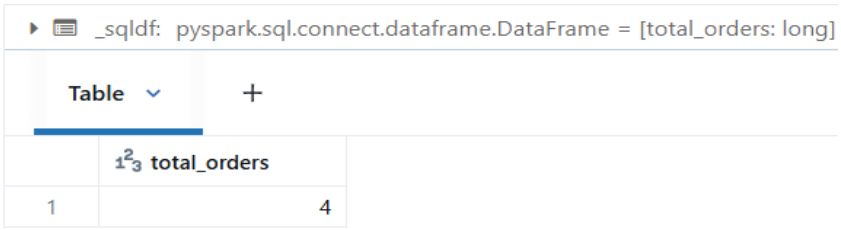
	order_id	product	quantity	price
1	101	Laptop	2	75000
2	102	Mobile	5	15000
3	103	Headphones	10	2500
4	104	Tablet	3	30000

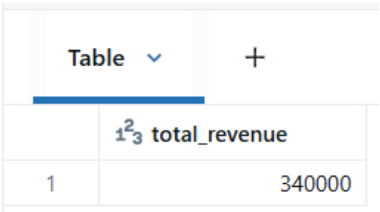
-- Count total orders

SELECT COUNT(*) AS total_orders FROM sales_delta;



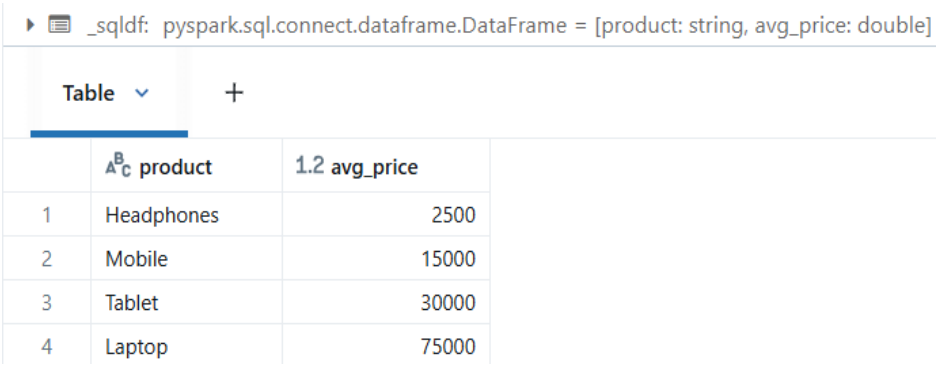
-- Find total revenue

SELECT SUM(CAST(quantity AS INT) * CAST(price AS INT)) AS total_revenue FROM sales_delta;



-- Average price per product

SELECT product, AVG(CAST(price AS INT)) AS avg_price FROM sales_delta GROUP BY product;



	product	avg_price
1	Headphones	2500
2	Mobile	15000
3	Tablet	30000
4	Laptop	75000

Conclusion

This case study showcased how to perform **EDA on a retail sales dataset** using Databricks Community Edition by simulating ADLS ingestion. The dataset was uploaded manually, processed into a Delta table, and analyzed using SQL queries. The analysis provided insights such as total revenue, product-level averages, and order counts. Even without direct ADLS integration, Databricks enabled efficient data exploration with Delta Lake.