Insurance Analytics Platform: From Data to Decisions

Final Project Presentation
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Project Overview

Over the past few days, I've built an end-to-end insurance analytics platform using Azure Storage Accounts/Containers, Azure Databricks, Azure Data Factory, and Power BI.

Outcome: End-to-end data platform from raw to strategic insights:

- Environment Setup and Data Validation
- Customer Risk Profiling
- Customer Lifetime Premium Values and Retention Modeling
- Executive Dashboard

The project includes 4 Databricks notebooks, a fully orchestrated ADF pipeline, and a business-focused Power BI dashboard.

Databricks 4-Notebook Architecture: 4 Stages of Analytics

A diagram showing 4 notebooks in sequence.

The project is structured into 4 modular notebooks:

Notebook 0: Environment Setup & Validation – load and validate 6 insurance datasets

Notebook 1: Risk Profiling – assign risk scores and customer segmentation

Notebook 2: CLPV & Retention Modeling – lifetime value modeling and renewal prediction

Notebook 3: Executive Dashboard Executive PBI – export BI-ready data and KPIs

This modularity supports maintainability, reusability, and clear separation of concerns.

Notebook 0 - Environment Setup Foundation First: Environment & Data Validation

Loaded and validated 6 datasets from /mnt/coursedata/
Ensured referential integrity (e.g. customer_id across tables)
Created optimized temporary views for analysis / for efficient querying
Baseline metrics: total customers, active policies, claim rate
This ensures reliable data for all downstream analysis

Predictive Insights: Risk, CLPV, and Retention Notebook 1 - Risk Profiling

Risk Profiling:

- Calculated customer risk scores for 15,000 customers using policy, claims, and payment history
- Segmented by risk category and behavior patterns, as segmented customers into Low/Medium/High risk
 - Identified cross-selling opportunities as identified seasonal claim and payment behavior

Notebook 2 - CLPV & Retention

CLPV Modeling:

Modeled lifetime premium value per customer as Modeled Customer Lifetime Premium Value (CLPV)

Created renewal probability scores and fraud indicators

And predicted renewal probabilities & detected fraud risks

Developed retention and pricing strategies as outputs used to prioritize retention strategies

From Analysis to Action: Executive Insights Notebook 3 - BI Dashboard Prep Export & KPIs

Calculated executive KPIs: Total Premiums, Loss Ratio, Retention Rate Prioritized high-value customers for marketing (Flagged high-value customers for targeting)

Generated Power BI-ready exports with clean formats
Prepared Power BI-ready export tables as csv downloaded files
Built a performance monitoring framework to track business health

Automation with Azure Data Factory Azure Data Factory Pipeline

Built an ADF pipeline:

4 Databricks notebook activities, 2 web alerts: Webhooks (Success/Failure) Set up sequential dependencies: $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$

Added webhooks for success/failure notifications using httpbin.org
Scheduled to run daily at 4:00 AM with retries and monitoring

Power BI Dashboard

Page 1: KPIs, trends, policy mix, geo as Executive Insurance Overview

4 KPI cards: Total Premiums, Loss Ratio, Customer Count, Retention Rate

Line Chart: Date vs Total Premiums

Pie Chart: policy_type by Total Premiums

Page 2: Customer Analytics having Customer CLPV, risk matrix
Column chart: X = customer_lifetime_premium_value, Y = count of customers
Scatter: X: composite_risk_score Y: customer_lifetime_premium_value Legend:
risk_category Table: Columns: risk_category, value_segment Measures: Count of
customers, Avg CLPV

Page 3: Claims and high-risk analysis

Line chart: Claims over time (claim_date by month, Y: claim_amount)

Table: High-risk customers only Filter: risk_category = "High"

Bar chart: policy_type vs SUM(claim_amount)

Page 4: Business Recommendations with action matrix & top customers, KPI cards

Page 1: Executive Insurance Overview

421.65M

Total_Premiums

297.03

Loss_Ratio

2918

Customer_Count

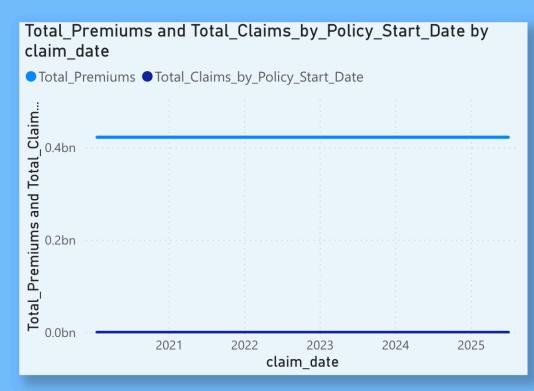
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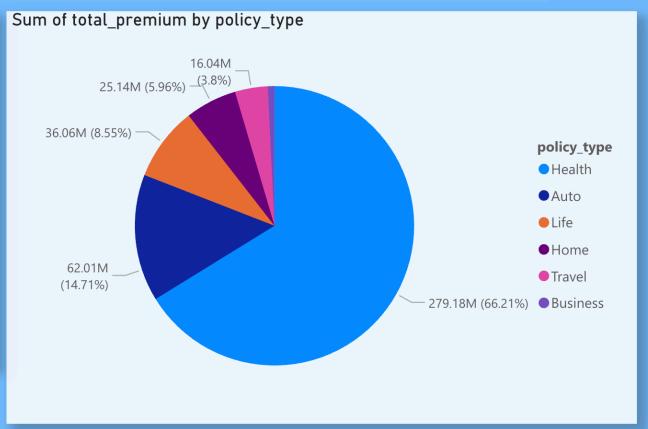
Retention_Rate

Total_Premiums, Loss_Ratio and Customer_Count by satisfaction_resolution_rate

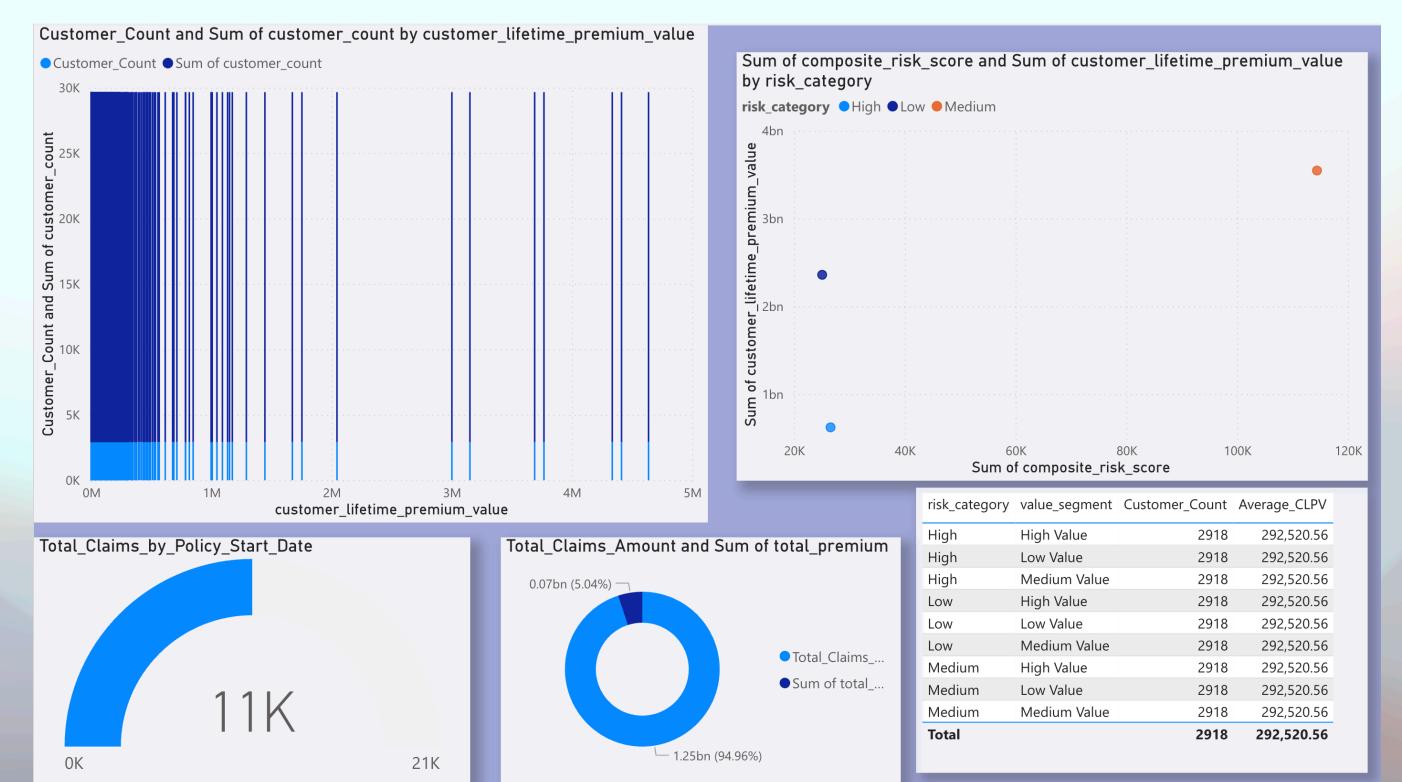
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Goal: 297, 2918

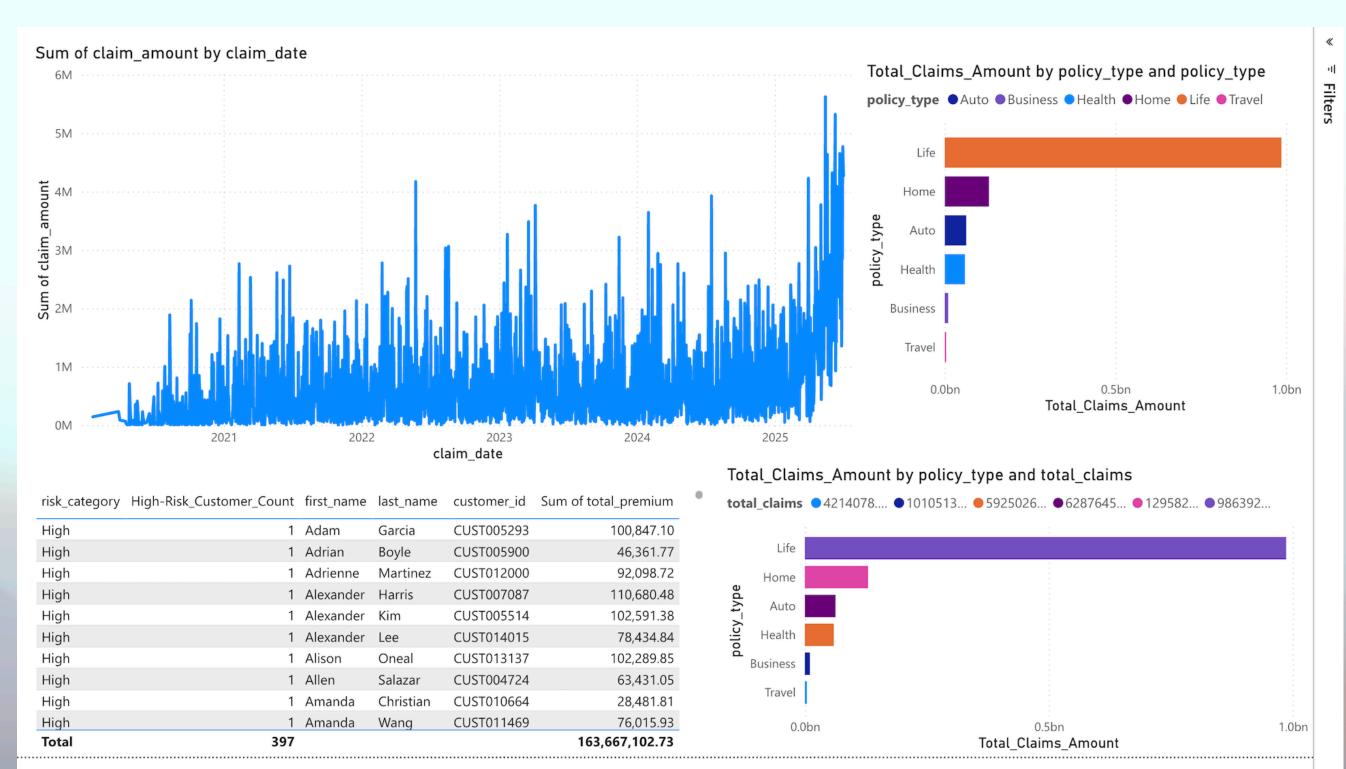




Page 2: Customer Analytics



Page 3: Claims and high-risk analysis



Page 4: Business Recommendations with action matrix & top customers, KPI cards

Line chart:

risk_category	High Value	Low Value	Medium Value	Total
High	356	740	355	1451
Low	356	2799	574	3729
Medium	1480	6298	2042	9820
Total	2192	9837	2971	15000

Average_CLPV and High-Risk_Customer_Count by risk_category

249.22K

Goal: 397 (+62675.26%)

first_name	last_name Sum of customer_lifetime_premium_value	
Danny	Hall	4,637,516.57
William	Obrien	4,413,970.56
Edward	Williams	4,335,715.60
Tracy	Randolph	4,284,636.15
Gary	Mckinney	3,767,354.82
Kathleen	Durham	3,689,849.76
David	Potter	3,151,383.85
Heather	Flynn	3,001,259.25
Mary	Bray	2,798,376.92
Michael	Schultz	2,045,174.27
Total		178,185,628.61

Final Deliverables

- 4 Databricks Notebooks
- Azure DataFactory Pipeline JSON + Screenshots
- Power BI .pbix + dashboard visuals
- Presentation PDF and summary

Conclusion & Next Steps

- Built scalable architecture and BI insights
- Next: Real-time scoring & cloud deployment

Challenges & Achievements

Challenge: Importing from Databricks to Power BI
Solved via CSV exports from Notebooks 00 & 03
Learned the value of pre-cleaned BI outputs
Future Idea: Use Azure Data Lake or a direct connector to import CSV from my Mac

Power BI:

Issue: Error due to multiple relationship paths between Calendar, Claims, and Policies tables (e.g., Calendar \rightarrow Policies \rightarrow Claims vs Calendar \rightarrow Claims).

Resolution: Used USERELATIONSHIP() inside DAX measures to activate specific relationships without breaking the data model.

Enjoyed the process – full data-to-value cycle! Enjoyed Most

- Working with complex relationships, ambiguous joins, and missing fields helped me sharpen my problem-solving skills.
- I enjoyed turning raw data into clear, insightful dashboards that tell a business story.
- I learned how to write advanced DAX for business logic.

Thank You!

Q&A?