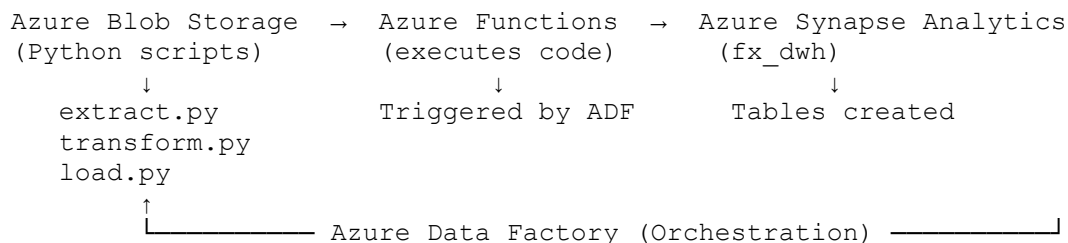


Implementation Steps - Graphical Orchestration with Azure Data Factory

1. Azure Resources

- ☒ Azure Subscription (free account acceptable)
- ☒ Resource Group
- ☒ Azure Data Factory configured (ADF)
- ☒ Azure Synapse Analytics (DWH)
- ☒ Azure Blob Storage (to store Python scripts and temporary CSV files)
- ☒ Integration Runtime (Self-Hosted if MySQL is local, otherwise Azure IR)

Architecture



Prerequisites

- ☒ Azure Synapse Analytics with tables created
- ☒ Azure Data Factory configured and linked with ABS, AFA, ASA
- ☒ Azure Blob Storage with Python scripts

Solution: Azure Functions + Azure Data Factory

Why this solution?

- ☒ No need for VM or Azure Batch
- ☒ 100% graphical configuration
- ☒ Cost-effective (pay-per-execution)
- ☒ Easy to orchestrate with Data Factory

STEP 1: Prepare Azure Blob Storage

1.1 Organize files

In your **Azure Storage Account**, create this structure:

```
Container: fx-pipeline-scripts
├── config/
│   └── config.py
├── scripts/
│   ├── extract.py
│   ├── transform.py
│   └── load.py
├── requirements.txt
└── temp/ (empty folder for temporary CSV files)
```

1.2 Create requirements.txt file

In Blob Storage, add a requirements.txt file:

```
requests==2.31.0
pandas==2.1.4
pymysql==1.1.0
sqlalchemy==2.0.23
python-dotenv==1.0.0
azure-storage-blob==12.19.0
```

STEP 2: Modify Python Scripts for Azure

2.1 Modify config.py for Azure

Replace the content of config/config.py with Azure-compatible configuration.

2.2 Update requirements.txt

Replace content with:

```
requests==2.31.0
pandas==2.1.4
pymssql==2.2.11
sqlalchemy==2.0.23
azure-storage-blob==12.19.0
azure-functions==1.18.0
```

⚡ STEP 3: Create Azure Functions (Graphical Interface)

3.1 Create a Function App

1. **Go to Azure Portal** → <https://portal.azure.com>
2. Click "**Create a resource**"
3. Search for "**Function App**" → Click "**Create**"

Configuration:

- **Subscription:** Your subscription
 - **Resource Group:** Your project resource group (or create new)
 - **Function App name:** fx-pipeline-functions (globally unique)
 - **Runtime stack:** **Python**
 - **Version:** **3.11** (or 3.10)
 - **Region:** Same region as your SQL Database
 - **Operating System:** **Linux**
 - **Plan type:** **Consumption (Serverless)**
4. Click "**Review + Create**" → "**Create**"

⌚ Wait 2-3 minutes for the Function App to be created.

3.2 Configure Application Settings

1. Once created, go to your **Function App** → fx-pipeline-functions
2. In the left menu → **Settings** → **Configuration**
3. Click "+ **New application setting**" to add each variable:

Name	Value	Description
DB_HOST	your-server.database.windows.net	Your Azure SQL Server
DB_USER	your_username	SQL Username
DB_PASSWORD	your_password	SQL Password
DB_NAME	fx_dwh	Database name
DB_PORT	1433	Azure SQL Port

Name	Value	Description
START_DATE	2024-01-01	Start date
AZURE_STORAGE_CONNECTION_STRING	DefaultEndpointsProtocol=https;AccountName=...	Storage connection string
BLOB_CONTAINER_NAME	fx-pipeline-scripts	Container name

To get the Storage Connection String:

- Go to your **Storage Account** → **Access keys**
 - Copy "**Connection string**" under **key1**
4. Click "**Save**" at the top
 5. Restart the Function App

3.3 Create the 3 Functions (HTTP Trigger)

Function 1: ExtractFX

1. In your Function App → **Functions** → + **Create**
2. **Development environment: Develop in portal**
3. **Template: HTTP trigger**
4. **New Function: ExtractFX**
5. **Authorization level: Function**
6. Click **Create**

Python Code (init.py):

```
import logging
import azure.functions as func
import sys
import os

# Import your extract script
sys.path.insert(0, os.path.abspath(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__),
'..')))

def main(req: func.HttpRequest) -> func.HttpResponse:
    logging.info('ExtractFX function started')

    try:
        # Import and execute extract
        from scripts import extract

        start_date = req.params.get('start_date', '2024-01-01')
        end_date = req.params.get('end_date')
```

```

result = extract.main(start_date=start_date, end_date=end_date)

if result == 0:
    return func.HttpResponse(
        "☑ Extraction successful",
        status_code=200
    )
else:
    return func.HttpResponse(
        "✗ Extraction failed",
        status_code=500
    )

except Exception as e:
    logging.error(f"Error: {e}")
    return func.HttpResponse(
        f"✗ Error: {str(e)}",
        status_code=500
    )

```

Function 2: TransformFX

Repeat the same steps:

- **New Function:** TransformFX
- **Code:**

```

import logging
import azure.functions as func
import sys
import os

sys.path.insert(0, os.path.abspath(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__),
'..')))

def main(req: func.HttpRequest) -> func.HttpResponse:
    logging.info('TransformFX function started')

    try:
        from scripts import transform

        result = transform.main()

        if result == 0:
            return func.HttpResponse(
                "☑ Transformation successful",
                status_code=200
            )
        else:
            return func.HttpResponse(
                "✗ Transformation failed",
                status_code=500
            )
    
```

```

except Exception as e:
    logging.error(f"Error: {e}")
    return func.HttpResponse(
        f"✖ Error: {str(e)}",
        status_code=500
    )

```

Function 3: LoadFX

- **New Function: LoadFX**
- **Code:**

```

import logging
import azure.functions as func
import sys
import os

sys.path.insert(0, os.path.abspath(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__),
'..')))

def main(req: func.HttpRequest) -> func.HttpResponse:
    logging.info('LoadFX function started')

    try:
        from scripts import load

        result = load.main()

        if result == 0:
            return func.HttpResponse(
                "☑ Loading successful",
                status_code=200
            )
        else:
            return func.HttpResponse(
                "✖ Loading failed",
                status_code=500
            )

    except Exception as e:
        logging.error(f"Error: {e}")
        return func.HttpResponse(
            f"✖ Error: {str(e)}",
            status_code=500
        )

```

STEP 4: Create the Pipeline in Azure Data Factory (Graphical)

4.1 Open Azure Data Factory Studio

1. Go to your **Azure Data Factory**
2. Click "**Launch Studio**"

4.2 Create Linked Services

Linked Service 1: Azure Functions

1. In ADF Studio → **Manage** (briefcase icon) → **Linked Services**
2. Click "+ New"
3. Search for "**Azure Function**" → Select → **Continue**
4. **Configuration:**
 - **Name:** AzureFunctionLinkedService
 - **Function App URL:** https://fx-pipeline-functions.azurewebsites.net
 - **Authentication type:** **Function key**
 - **Function key:**
 - Go to your Function App → **Functions** → **App keys**
 - Copy the **default** key
 - Paste in ADF
5. **Test connection** → Click **Create**

Linked Service 2: Azure SQL Database (if not already done)

1. + **New** → Search for "**Azure SQL Database**" → **Continue**
2. **Configuration:**
 - **Name:** AzureSQLDatabase
 - **Server name:** your-server.database.windows.net
 - **Database name:** fx_dwh
 - **Authentication:** **SQL authentication**
 - **User name / Password**
3. **Test connection** → **Create**

4.3 Create the FX Pipeline

1. In ADF Studio → **Author** (pencil icon) → **Pipelines** → + (**New Pipeline**)
2. **Name:** FX_ETL_Pipeline

Activity 1: ExtractFX

1. In the **Activities** toolbox → **Azure Function** → Drag onto canvas
2. **General tab:**
 - **Name:** Extract_FX_Data
3. **Azure Function tab:**
 - **Azure Function linked service:** AzureFunctionLinkedService
 - **Function name:** ExtractFX
 - **Method:** POST
 - **Body:** {"start_date": "@{pipeline().parameters.StartDate}"}

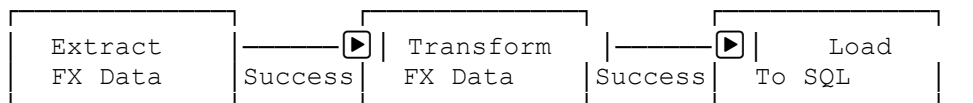
Activity 2: TransformFX

1. Drag a new **Azure Function** activity
2. **General:**
 - **Name:** Transform_FX_Data
3. **Azure Function:**
 - **Linked service:** AzureFunctionLinkedService
 - **Function name:** TransformFX
 - **Method:** POST
4. **Connect Extract → Transform:**
 - Click the **green arrow** from Extract_FX_Data
 - Drag to Transform_FX_Data
 - This creates a dependency: Transform executes **only if** Extract succeeds

Activity 3: LoadFX

1. Drag a 3rd **Azure Function** activity
2. **General:**
 - **Name:** Load_To_SQL
3. **Azure Function:**
 - **Linked service:** AzureFunctionLinkedService
 - **Function name:** LoadFX
 - **Method:** POST
4. **Connect Transform → Load**

Visual Result:



4.4 Add a Pipeline Parameter

1. Click on the **white background** of the pipeline (not on an activity)
2. Bottom → **Parameters tab**
3. **+ New:**
 - **Name:** StartDate
 - **Type:** String
 - **Default value:** 2024-01-01

4.5 Publish the Pipeline

1. Top → Click **"Publish all"**
2. Click **"Publish"** to confirm

STEP 5: Create an Automatic Trigger (Graphical Interface)

5.1 Create a Schedule Trigger

1. In your pipeline FX_ETL_Pipeline
2. Top → **Add trigger** → **New/Edit**
3. **Choose trigger** → + **New**
4. **Configuration:**
 - **Name:** DailyFXTrigger
 - **Type:** **Schedule**
 - **Start date:** Today at 17:00
 - **Time zone:** **Europe/Paris** (or your timezone)
 - **Recurrence:** **Every 1 Day**
 - **At these hours:** 17 (5 PM)
 - **At these minutes:** 0
5. **Activated:** ☒ **Yes**
6. Click **OK** → **OK**
7. **Publish** the trigger




Result: The pipeline will automatically execute every day at 5 PM.

STEP 6: Test the Pipeline Manually

6.1 Manual Execution

1. In your pipeline FX_ETL_Pipeline
2. Top → **Add trigger** → **Trigger now**
3. **Pipeline run parameters:**
 - **StartDate:** 2024-01-01
4. Click **OK**

6.2 Monitor Execution

1. In ADF Studio → **Monitor** (chart icon) → **Pipeline runs**
2. See your pipeline in progress:
 -  **In Progress**
 -  **Succeeded**
 -  **Failed**
3. Click on the **pipeline name** to see details of each activity

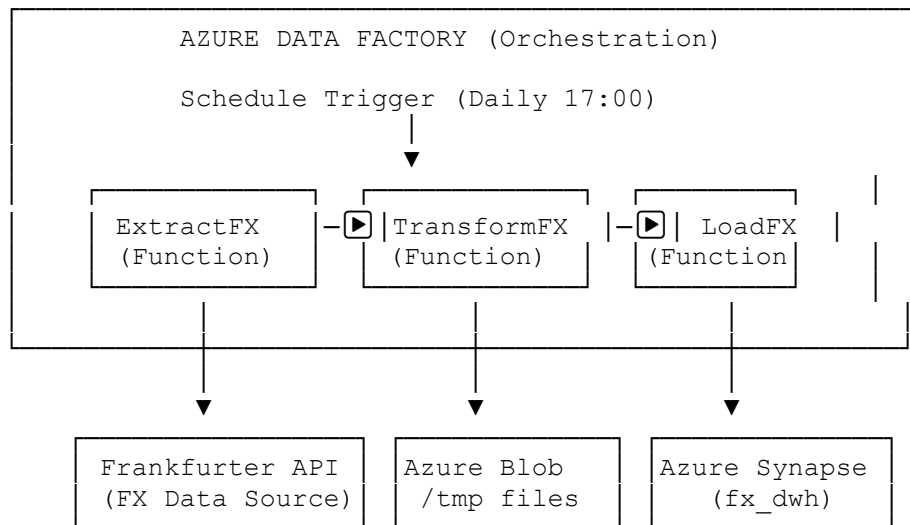
STEP 7: Verify Results in Azure SQL

1. Open **Azure Data Studio** or **SQL Server Management Studio**
2. Connect to your Azure SQL Database
3. Execute:

```
-- Verify data
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM fact_fx_rates_daily;
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM fact_fx_rates_ytd;

-- View pipeline logs
SELECT * FROM pipeline_execution_log
ORDER BY execution_date DESC;
```

Final Visual Diagram



Complete Checklist

- ☐ **Azure Blob Storage:** Scripts uploaded (config, extract, transform, load)
- ☐ **Function App:** Created and configured
- ☐ **Application Settings:** Environment variables added
- ☐ **3 Azure Functions:** ExtractFX, TransformFX, LoadFX created
- ☐ **Linked Services:** Azure Function + Azure Synapse configured
- ☐ **ADF Pipeline:** 3 activities connected
- ☐ **Trigger:** Daily schedule at 5 PM
- ☐ **Manual test:** Pipeline executed successfully
- ☐ **SQL Verification:** Data present in tables

Final Result

- ☒ **Automated pipeline** that executes every day at 5 PM
- ☒ **Graphical orchestration** in Azure Data Factory
- ☒ **3 serverless Azure Functions** (cost-effective)
- ☒ **Monitoring** via Azure portal
- ☒ **No server management required** (fully managed)