Azure Data Factory: Data Flows – first blood

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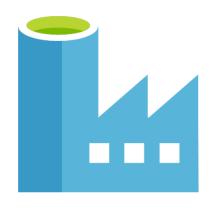


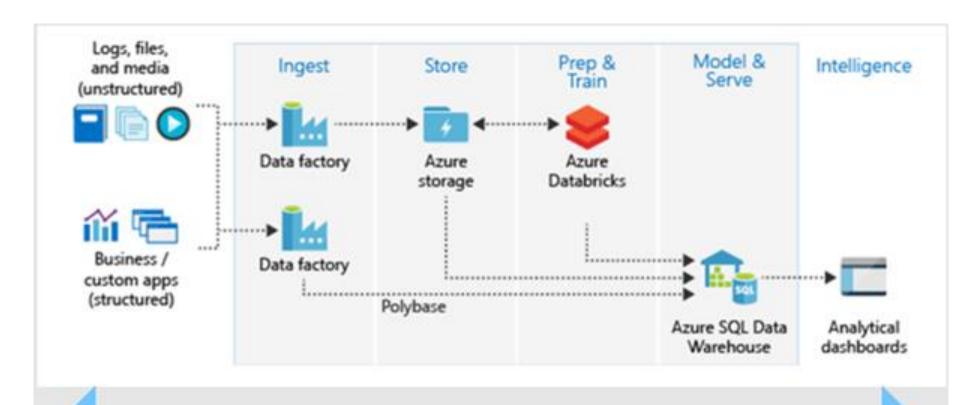






What the Azure Data Factory is?

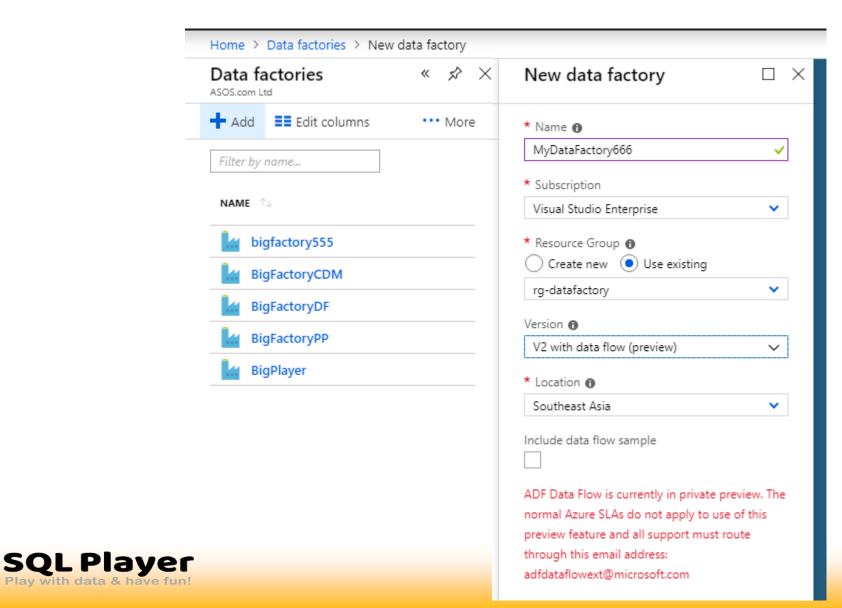




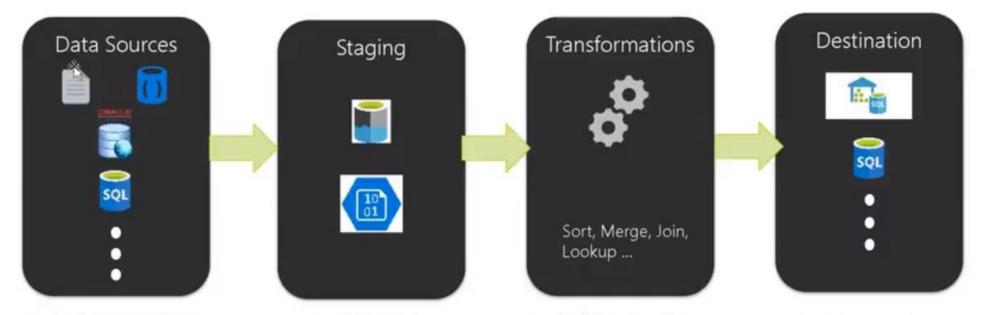
AZURE DATA FACTORY ORCHESTRATES PIPELINE WORKFLOW & SCHEDULING



How to create Azure Data Factory with Data Flow?



What the hell Data Flows are?



- Explicit user action
- User places data source(s) on design surface, from toolbox
- Select explicit sources

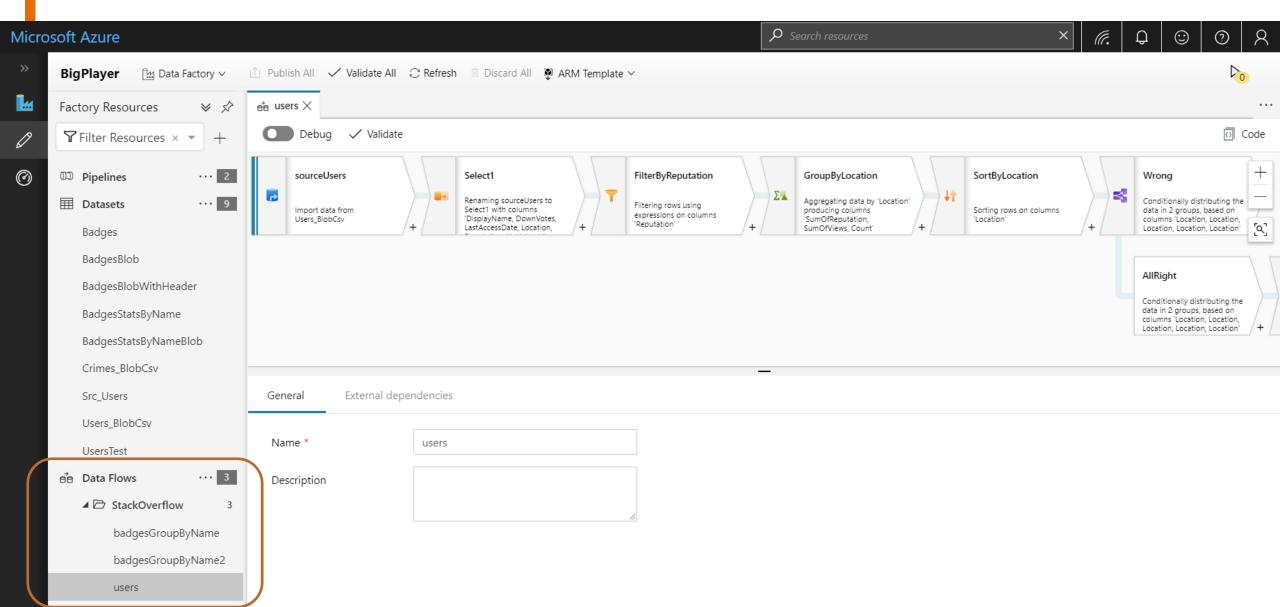
- Implicit/Explicit
- Data Lake staging area as default
- User does not need to configure this manually
- Advanced feature to set staging area options
- File Formats / Types (Parquet, JSON, txt, CSV ...)

- Explicit user action
- User places transformations on design surface, from toolbox
- User must set properties for transformation steps and step connectors

- Explicit user action
- User chooses destination connector(s)
- User sets connector property options



Authoring of Azure Data Factory (v2)



Data Flow: Components = Actions *

Multiple inputs/outputs



🍃 Join

Conditional Split

Union

A Lookup

Schema modifier

Derived Column

Aggregate

Surrogate Key

Row modifier

Exists

Select

Filter

↓↑ Sort

Custom

Extend

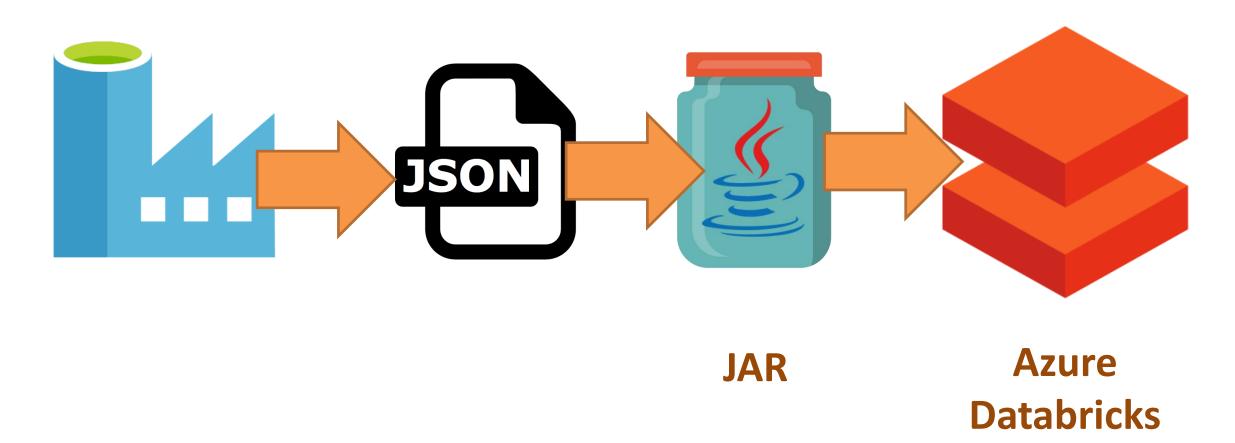
Destination

Sink

* With some small exceptions



What is going on behind the scenes?





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