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Project Title:

Finance Bank Data Processing and Dashboarding Using Microsoft Fabric

Objective:

To design and implement a scalable, end-to-end data pipeline leveraging SQL Server, Azure Data Factory, and Microsoft Fabric, structured using the **Medallion Architecture**. The goal was to efficiently ingest, transform, and analyze banking financial data and present actionable insights through a dynamic Power BI dashboard.

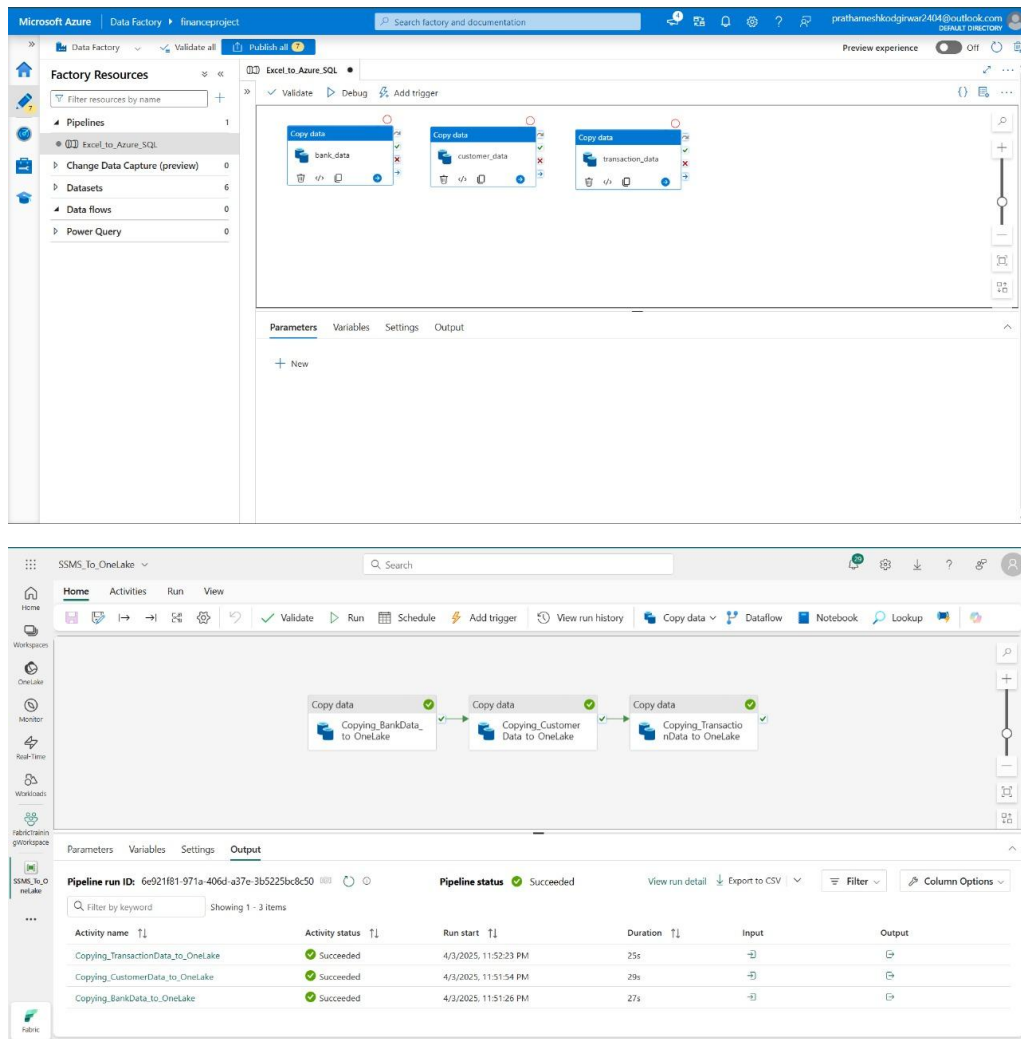
Tools & Technologies Used:

- **SQL Server / Azure SQL Database** – Initial data storage and transformation
 - **Azure Data Factory** – Data ingestion and movement
 - **Microsoft Fabric** – Data Lake (OneLake), Notebooks (PySpark & Spark SQL), Warehouse, Delta Lake tables
 - **Power BI** – Visualization and business intelligence layer
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Step-by-Step Workflow:

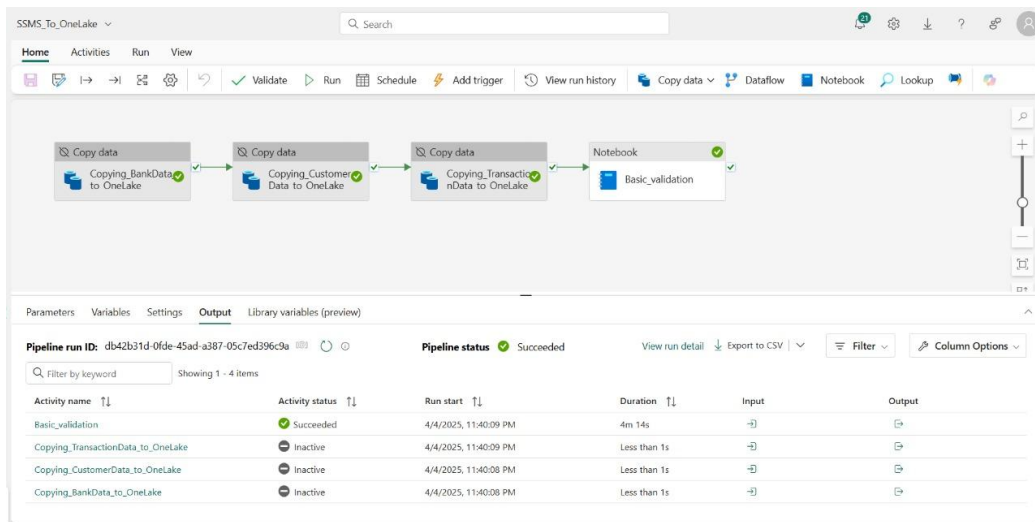
1. Data Ingestion (Bronze Layer)

- **Source:** Excel files containing historical and transactional financial banking data.
- **Preprocessing:** Uploaded and mapped Excel data into SQL Server staging tables.
- **Process:** Leveraged **Azure Data Factory (ADF)** Copy Data activity to extract from SQL Server and ingest into **Microsoft Fabric OneLake** as **Parquet** files.
- **Storage:** Raw data stored in the Bronze layer under a logical folder structure in OneLake



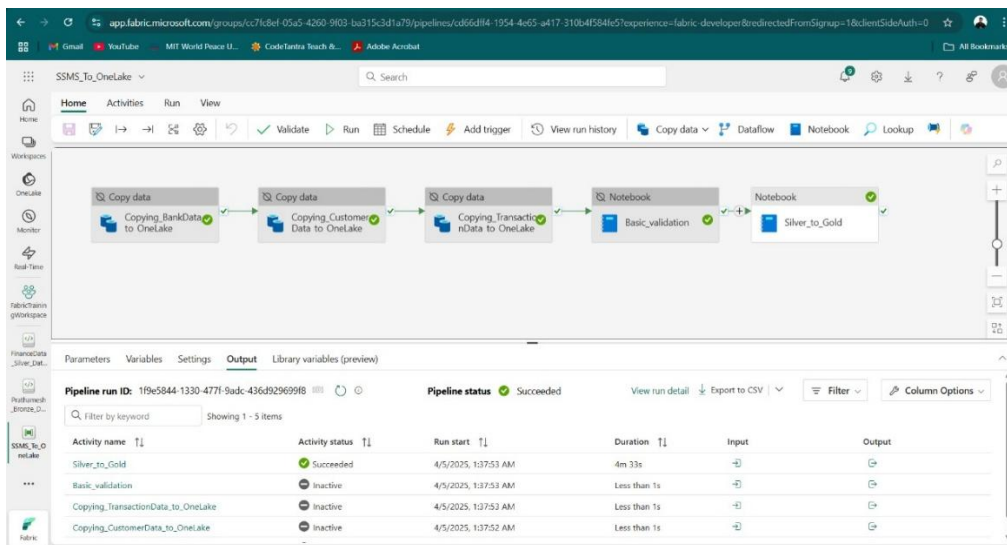
2. Data Validation & Structuring (Silver Layer)

- **Tools Used:** Microsoft Fabric **Notebooks** using **PySpark** and **Spark SQL**.
- **Key Tasks:**
 - Detection and handling of **null values** and **missing records**.
 - **De-duplication** to ensure data integrity.
 - Standardization of schema through **column renaming**, **data type alignment**, and **format consistency**.
- **Output:** Cleaned and structured data written as **Delta Tables** in the Silver layer.



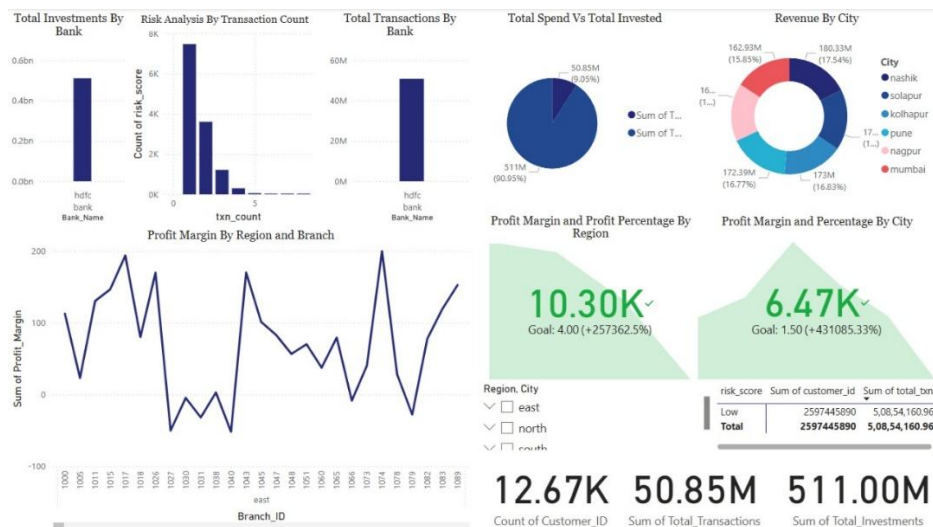
3. Data Transformation & Enrichment (Gold Layer)

- Created transformation logic using **additional Fabric Notebooks**.
- Enhancements Included:**
 - Creation of **derived/aggregated columns** for KPIs and business metrics.
 - Implementation of **business rules** (e.g., account status logic, customer segmentation).
 - Mapped and merged related datasets (customer, accounts, transactions).
- Output:** Final analytical datasets loaded into **Microsoft Fabric Warehouse** for optimized querying and seamless Power BI integration.



4. Data Visualization

- **Tool Used:** Power BI (connected directly to Fabric Warehouse).
- **Dashboard Highlights:**
 - **Key financial metrics** (e.g., account balances, total deposits/withdrawals).
 - **Time-series trends** (monthly, quarterly, and yearly views).
 - **Segmentation analysis** (by customer type, region, and account category).
 - Monitoring of **data quality issues**, including nulls, anomalies, and processing errors.



Architecture Followed: Medallion Architecture

Layer	Purpose	Storage	Tools Used
Bronze	Raw data ingestion	OneLake (Parquet)	Azure Data Factory
Silver	Cleaned & structured data	Delta Tables	Fabric Notebooks (PySpark/SQL)
Gold	Analytical, business-ready	Fabric Warehouse	Notebooks + Power BI

Challenges Faced:

- **Data type mismatches** during migration from Excel to SQL Server.
- Efficiently processing **large and inconsistent Excel files** with formatting issues.
- Managing **schema evolution** in Delta tables while maintaining data quality and lineage.
- Ensuring optimal performance during **Power BI direct queries** from Fabric Warehouse.

Outcome:

- Developed a **fully automated, scalable**, and **cloud-native** data pipeline.
- Delivered **clean, reliable, and analytics-ready** financial datasets.
- Enabled stakeholders to interact with a **live Power BI dashboard** providing real-time business intelligence, operational insights, and decision-making support.