

# Analytics Architectures on Microsoft Fabric



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# Agenda

How do we discuss analytics solutions?

What is Microsoft Fabric?

Data Warehouse

Data Lake

Lakehouse

Data Mesh





# Types of analytics

**Descriptive** tell us what has happened.

*X number of widgets were sold each day, at each location. Peaks and valleys are visible in the data.*

**Diagnostics** tell us why something happened.

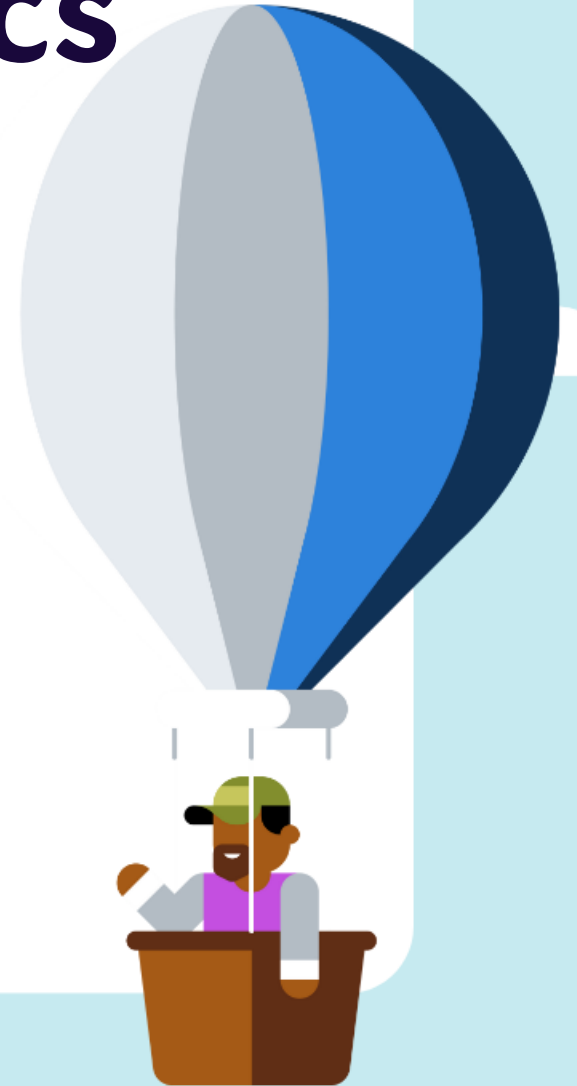
*We can correlate certain widget sales different times of the year. We can also correlate the peaks and valleys of various widgets to major holidays and seasons.*

**Predictive** tell us what could happen.

*A surge in sales of aquatic widgets is forecasted to occur in a few weeks, just before kids begin their spring break from school.*

**Prescriptive** tell us what we should do.

*Increase the stock of aquatic widgets, move them to high traffic areas, and add more workers. This will result in more labor cost but that will be offset by increased sales.*



# The V's of data analytics

Volume – Amount of data

Velocity – Speed at which data is generated

Variety – Data types and sources

Veracity – Quality, accuracy, and authenticity

Value – What can be done with the data





## Microsoft Fabric



Data  
Integration  
Data Factory



Data  
Engineering  
Synapse



Data  
Warehouse  
Synapse



Data  
Science  
Synapse



Real-Time  
Analytics  
Synapse



Business  
Intelligence  
Power BI



Applied  
Observability  
Data Activator



Unified data foundation  
OneLake

### Unified

SaaS product  
experience

Security and  
governance

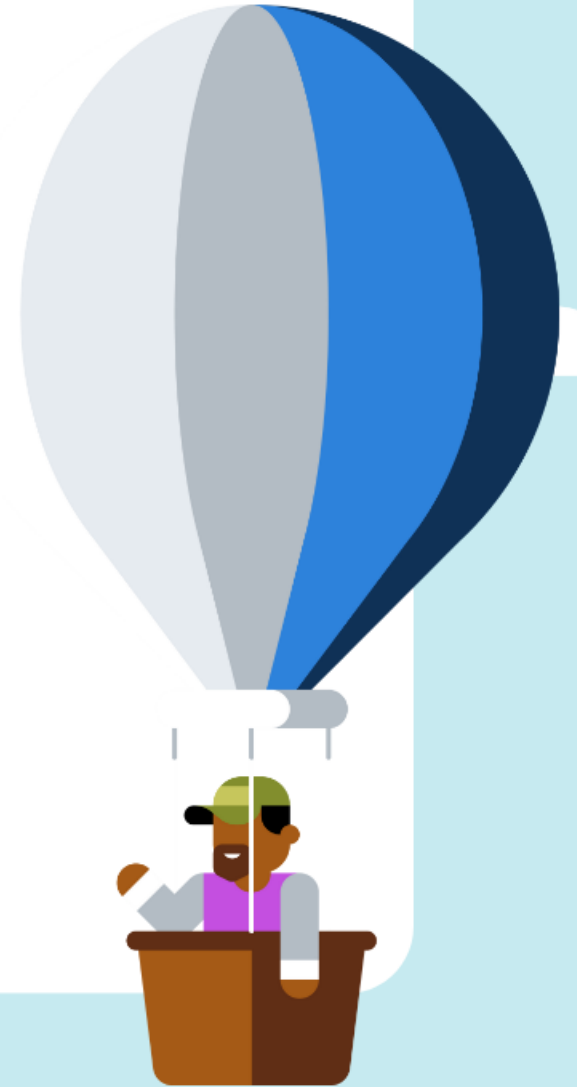
Compute

Storage

Business  
model



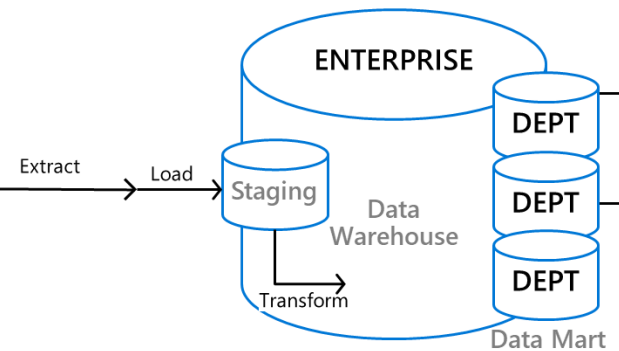
# What is your role?





# Evolution of analytics

## Late 1980's Data Warehouse



# Data warehouse

## Benefits

Create a single “version of the truth”.

“What are the trends in the market?”

ETL into a consistent, organized format (relational database).

Fast and easy data exploration and visualization.

Kimball model introduced in 1996.

## Challenges

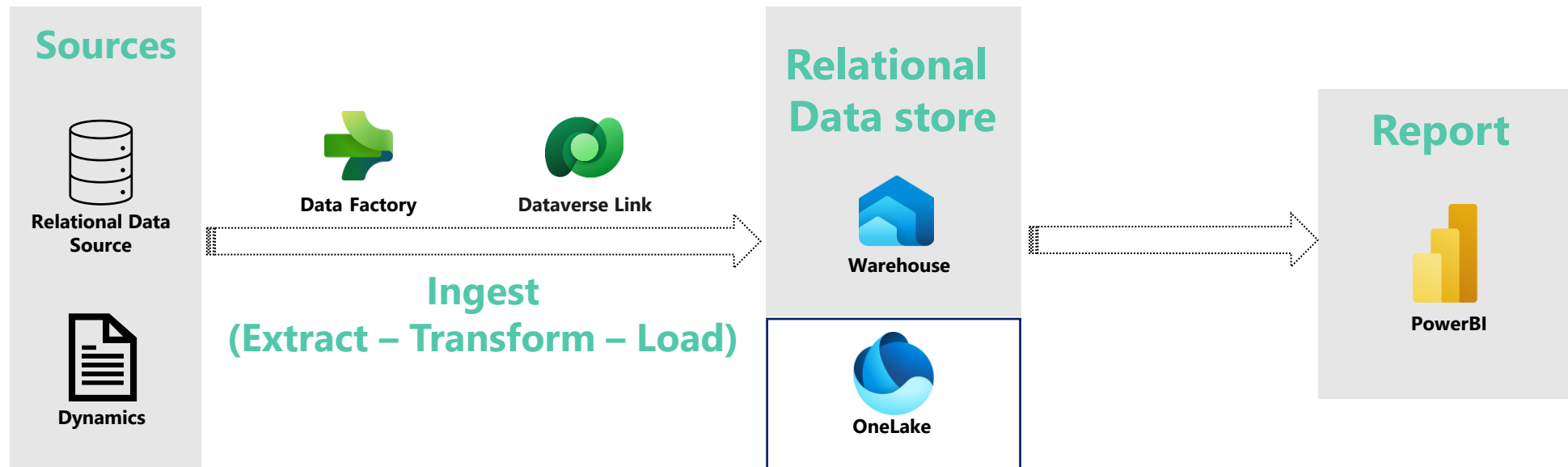
Long development cycles leading to project failure.

Data integration across systems.

Integrate new historical data points to the model.

Performance and scalability suffer when a single server gets overloaded.

# Data warehouse on Fabric





# How do we get that performance?



# Resource allocation

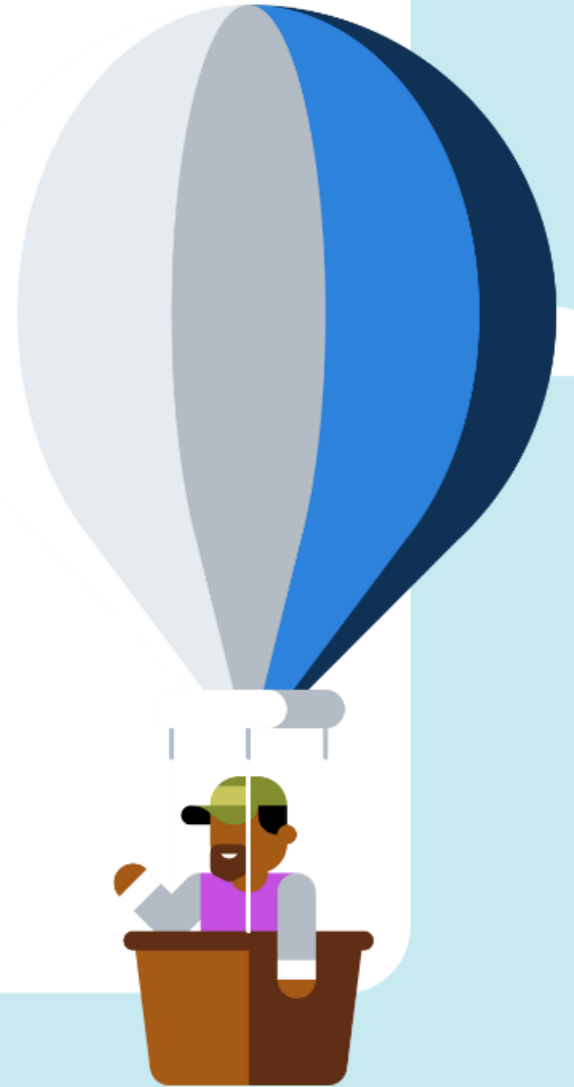
1. Stats updated if necessary
2. Cost calculated, resources requested
3. Resources provisioned
4. Query executed across nodes
5. Nodes torn down





# Bursting

Regardless of SKU, Fabric bursting will automatically allocate resources as needed to execute at maximum performance.



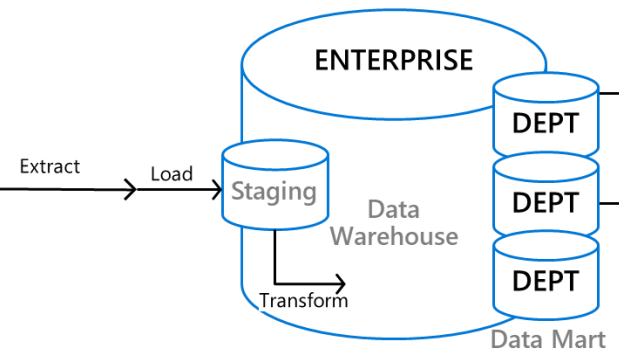
# Resource isolation



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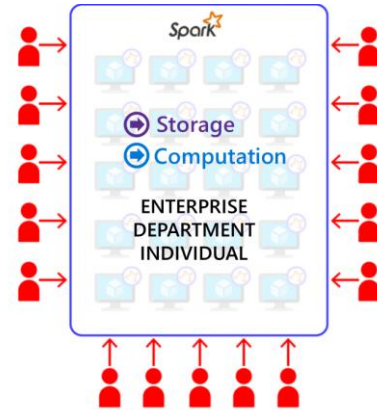
Late 1980's

Data Warehouse



2011

Data Lake





# Data lake

**Scalability:** Data lakes can handle large data volumes that grow and fluctuate based on data inputs. Making them a good option for businesses with rapidly increasing data storage needs.

**Low cost:** Data lakes use technologies that are cost-effective for organizations.

**Agility:** Data scientists can prepare and analyze data models rapidly using data lakes.

**Flexibility:** Data lakes can store structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data in its native format, which makes it easier to integrate with different types of applications.

**Data exploration:** Data lakes allow users to explore raw data without the need for pre-defined schemas or structures of a Relational Store.

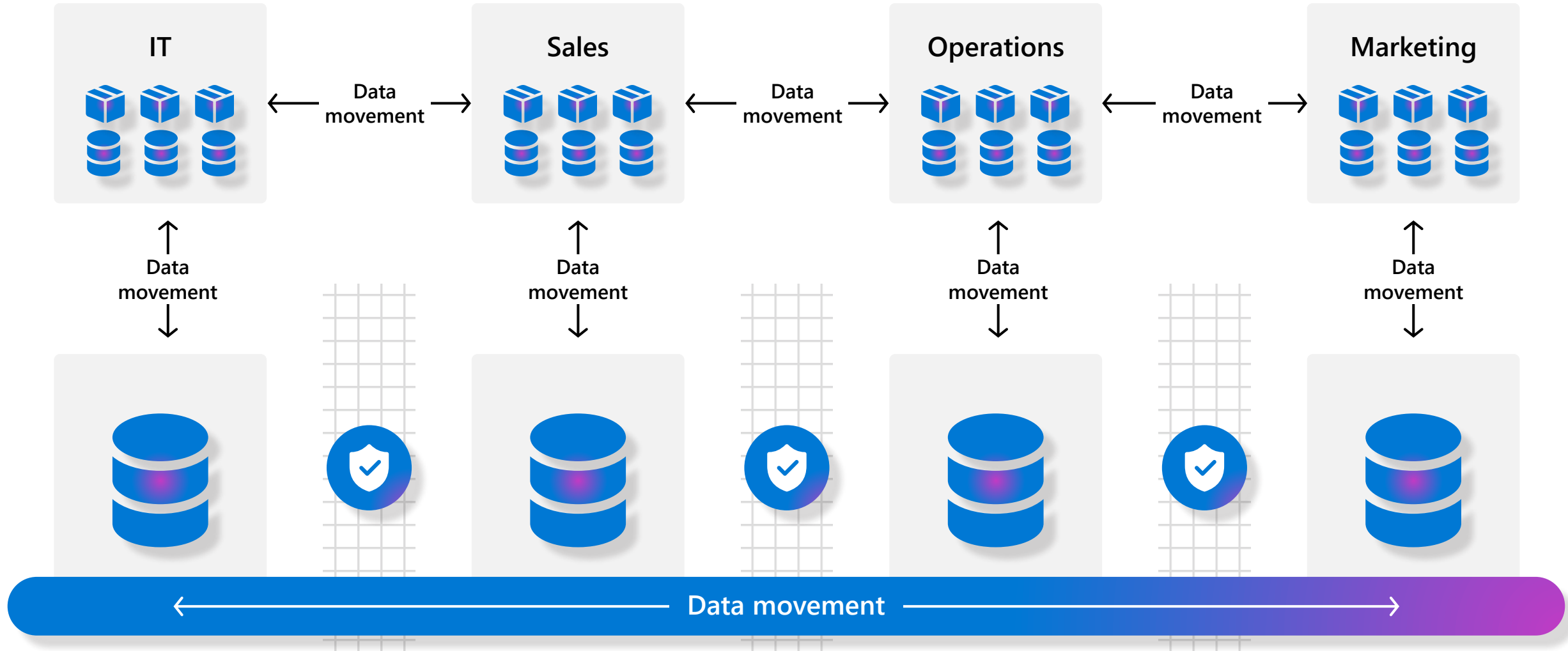
# Data lake challenges

- Ungoverned
- Unstandardized Data
- Hard to find
- Hard to use
- Hard to Secure



**Data Swap**

# Common Problems



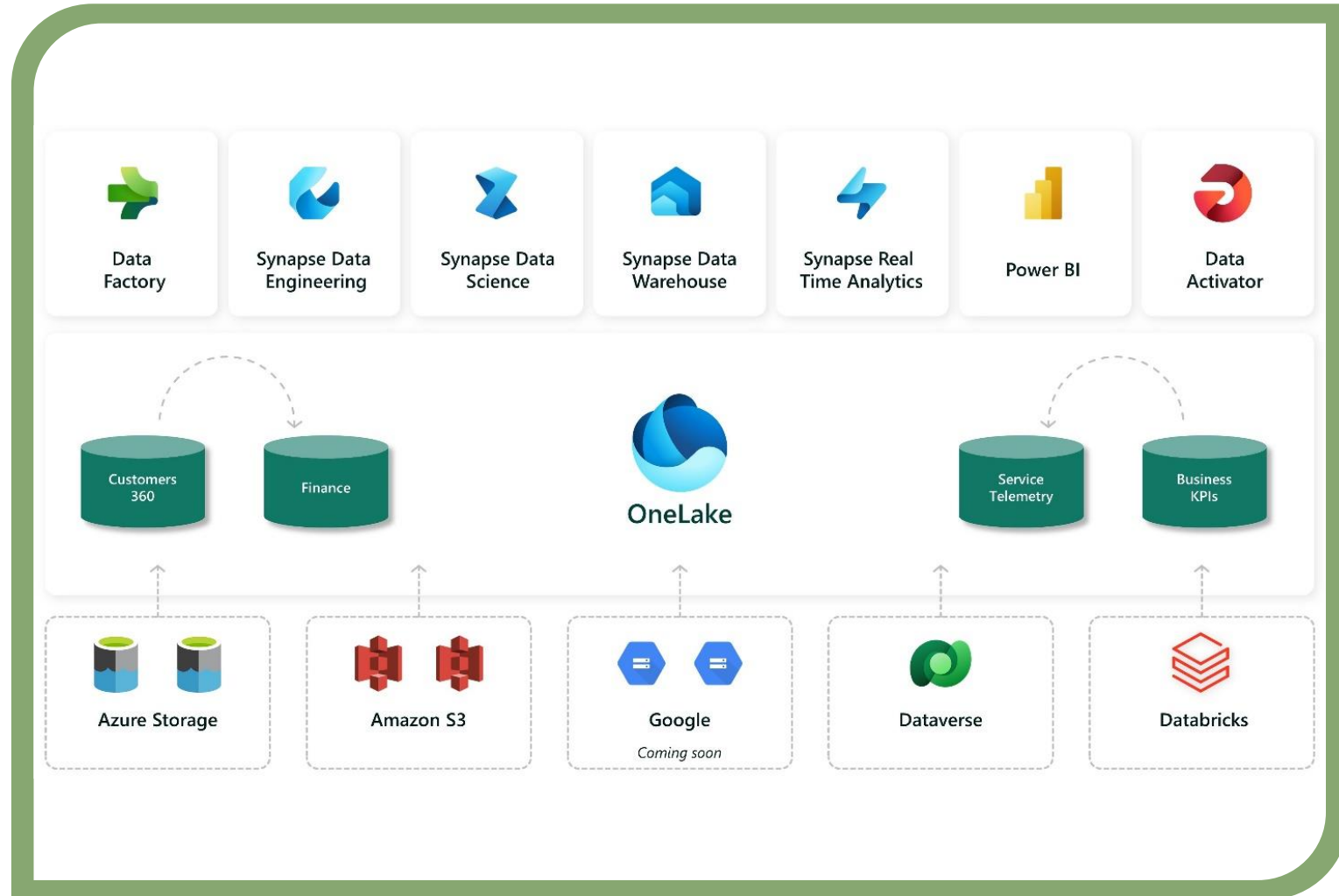
# Data lake on Fabric

**Shortcuts** unify data without copying or moving existing data.

This means that data can be used multiple times without data duplication.

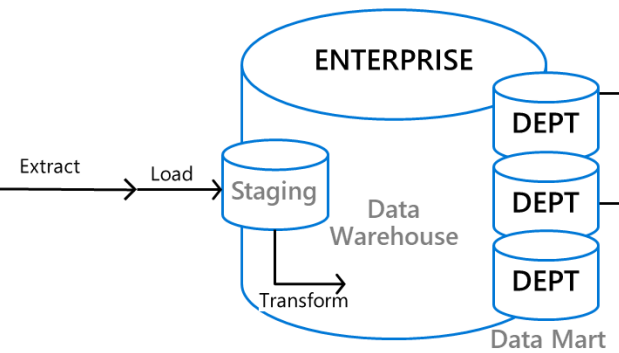
## Key Capabilities:

- Create shortcuts within Microsoft Fabric to consolidate data across artifacts or workspaces, without changing ownership of the data
- With shortcuts, data throughout OneLake can be composed together without any data movement
- Shortcuts can be external that links external data sources (ADLS, S3, Google Cloud) or internal, from logical entities such as tables, or physical as folders.
- With support for industry standard APIs, OneLake data can be directly accessed by any application or service

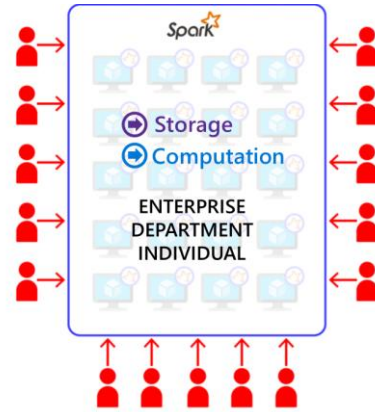


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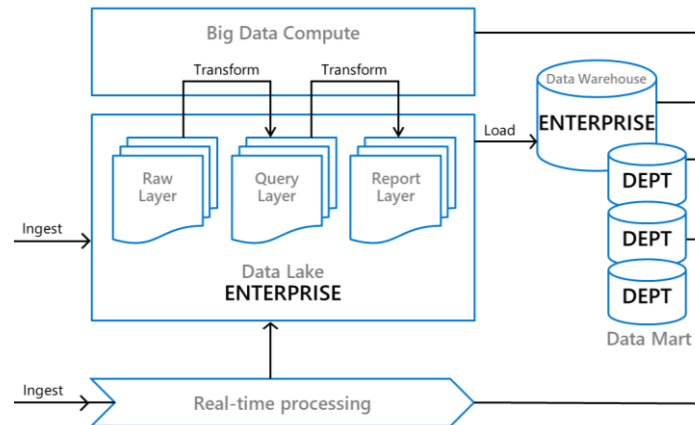
## Late 1980's Data Warehouse



## 2011 Data Lake



## Mid 2010's Cloud Data Platform



# Cloud data platform

## Flexibility

Similar concepts  
New tools  
Multi-region

## Scalability

Any size  
On-demand scale  
Multi-region

## Accessibility

Lower barrier of entry  
(cost and difficulty)  
New technology  
available to everyone

# Cloud data platform challenges

## Complexity

Multiple components  
Management and orchestrating

## Data Integration

Sources span on-prem, cloud, streaming, APIs, etc.

## Security

Networking  
Encryption  
Mixed identities  
Auditing

## Vendor Lock-in

Limited interoperability  
Limited portability of data and tools

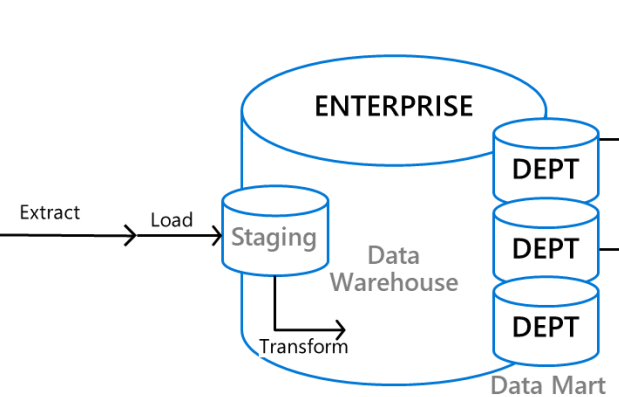
# Cloud data platform on Fabric



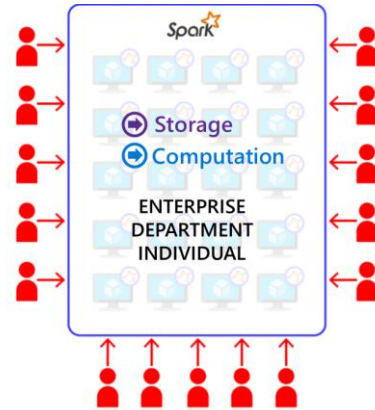


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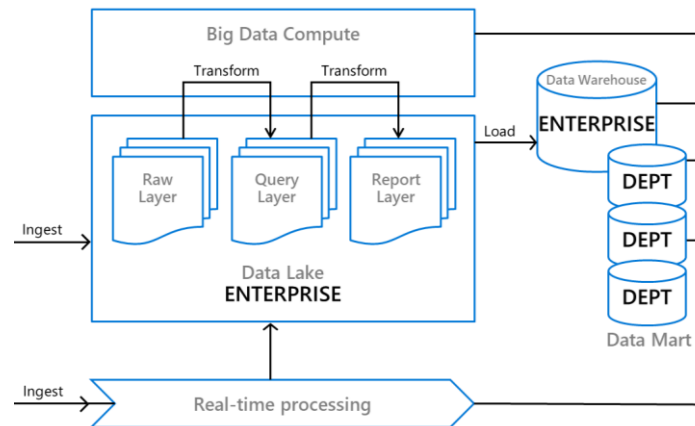
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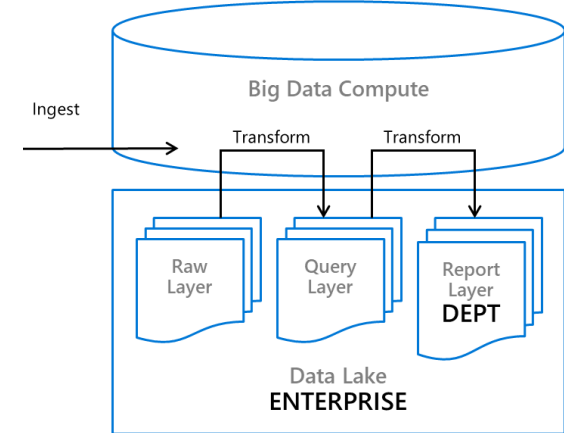
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## 2020 Data Lakehouse





# Data lakehouse

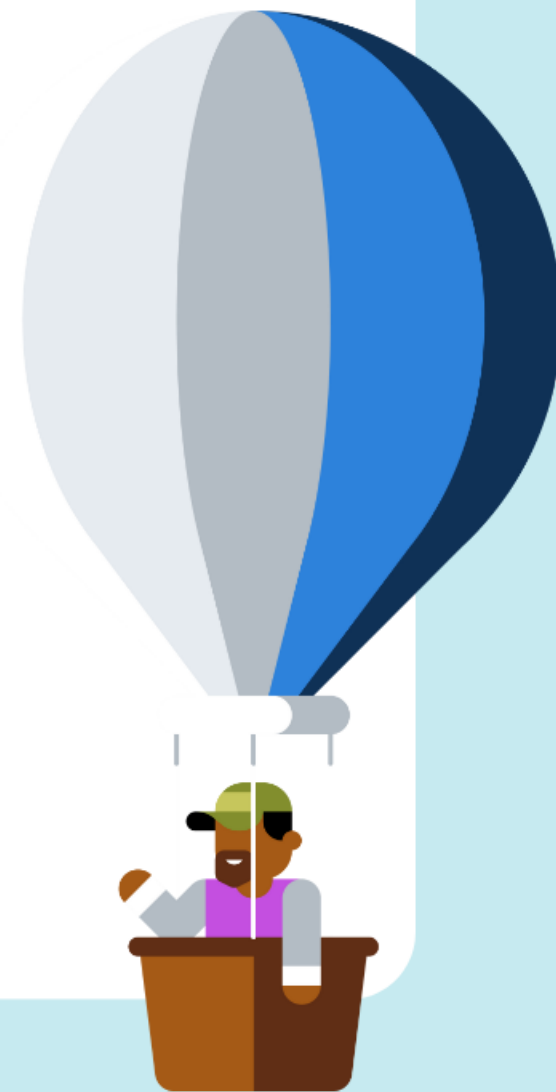
Data Lake + SQL + Performance + Python + Data Science

Low TCO

Open-source format

Flexibility

Unlimited rainbows, butterflies, unicorns, and free pizza for all  
(no pineapples, seriously, why people, just why?).



# Delta Lake

ACID transactions

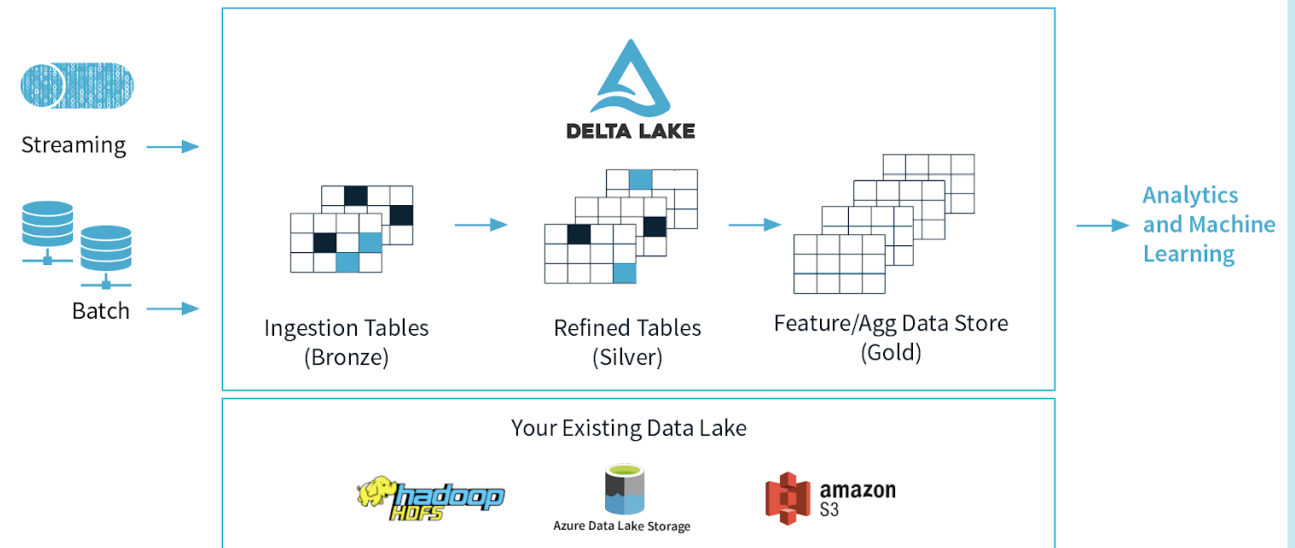
Time travel

Schema enforcement

Append, update and delete

Performance improvement

Streaming and batch unification





# Data lakehouse challenges

Reporting speed  
(especially vs. MPP)

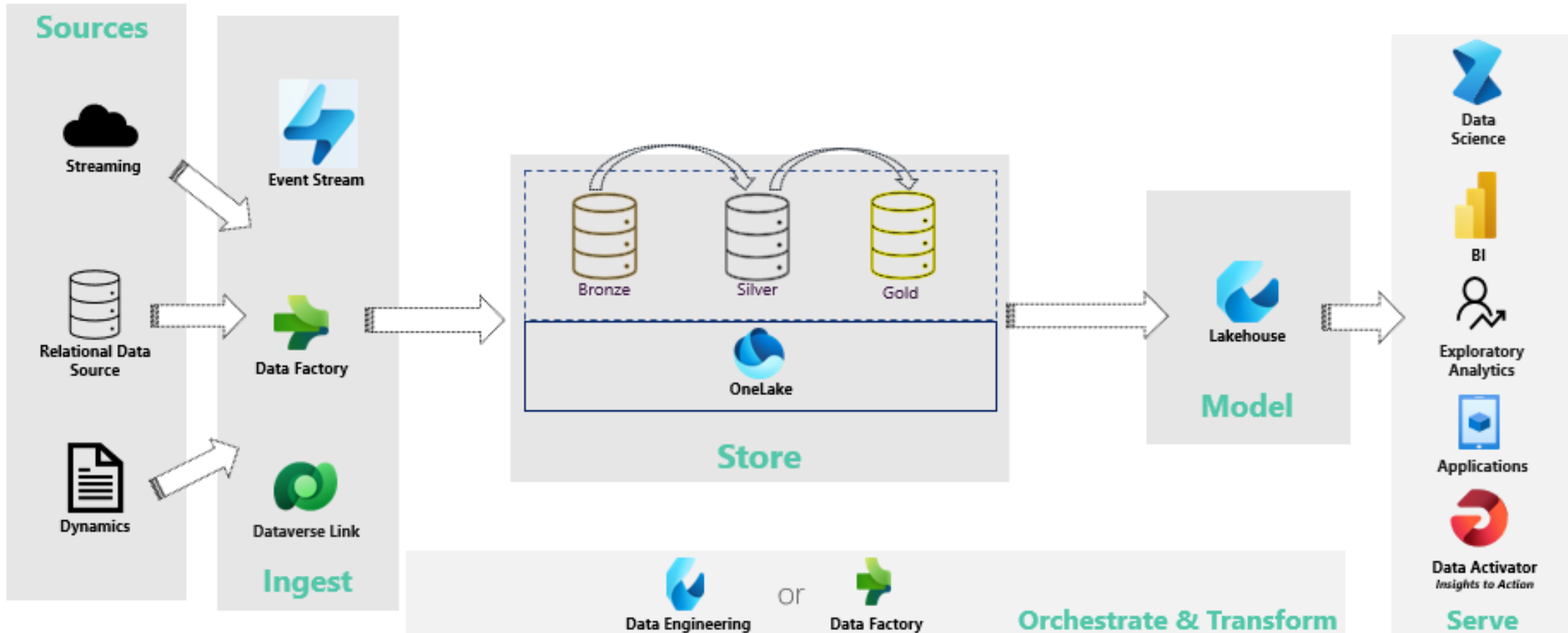
Security

Missing functionality  
(foreign keys, TDE, workload management, Spark/SQL separation)

Learning curve



# Lakehouse on Fabric



# Table definition matters

General Source Destination Mapping Settings

> Type conversion settings

← Import schemas Preview source + New mapping ↺ Reset ⓘ Delete

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<input type="checkbox"/>	3	abc String	→	o_orderstatus	abc string	+	🗑️
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# Table definition matters

dbo.lineitem

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l_partkey (bigint, null)
l_suppkey (bigint, null)
l_linenumber (bigint, null)
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l_extendedprice (decimal(38,18), null)
l_discount (decimal(38,18), null)
l_tax (decimal(38,18), null)
l_returnflag (varchar(8000), null)
l_linestatus (varchar(8000), null)
l_shipdate (date, null)
l_commitdate (date, null)
l_receiptdate (date, null)
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dbo.lineitem

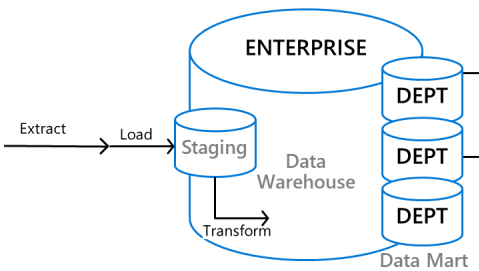
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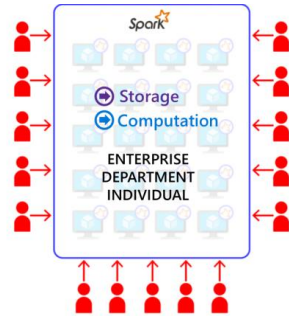
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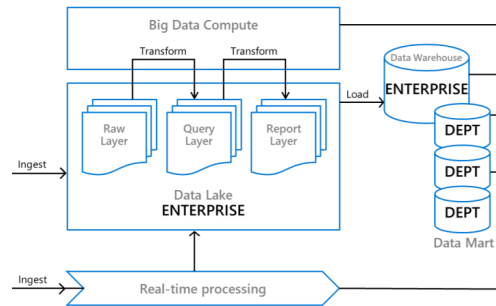
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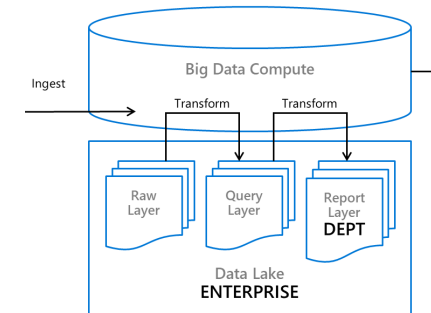
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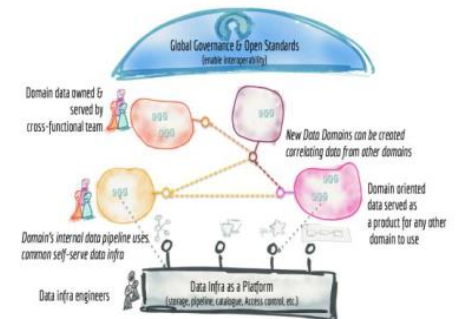
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## 2021 Data Mesh







# Data mesh

**Domain-oriented:** Decentralized data ownership and architecture.

**Data as a product:** This principle treats data as a product that is designed, built, and managed by the domain team.

**Self-service:** Provides a self-service platform for domain teams to build, test, and deploy their data products.

**Federated computational governance:** Domain teams have the autonomy to govern their data products.

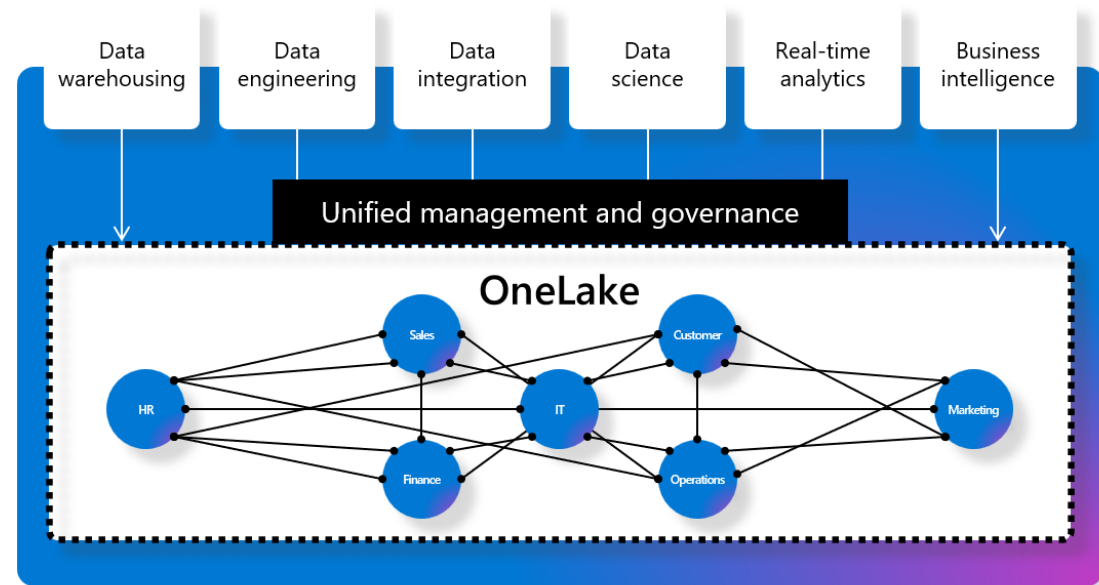


# Data mesh on Fabric

One Copy enables data to be used across domains

An organization will have many data domains with many workspaces with different data owners. However, a single data product can span multiple domains.

Shortcuts provide the connections between domains so that data can be virtualized into a single data product without data movement, data duplication or changing the ownership of the data.



# Data mesh challenges

No standard definition of a data mesh.

Huge investment in organizational change and technical implementation.

Performance of combining data from multiple domains.

Duplication of data for performance reasons.

Getting quality engineering people for each domain.

Inconsistent technical implementations for the domains.

Self-serve approach of data requests could be challenging.





















Creation of data silos for domains not able to join data mesh.



# What is the answer?

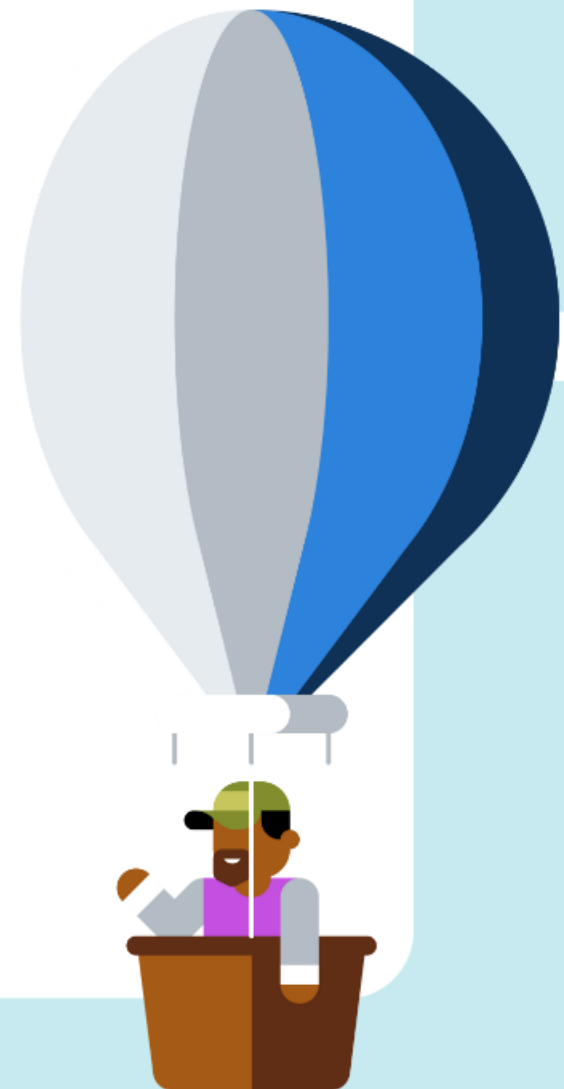


# Comparing the options

Architecture	Volume	Velocity	Variety	Veracity	Value
Data Warehouse	100s TB				
Data Lake	PB+				
Cloud Data Platform	PB+				
Data Lakehouse	TB to PB				
Data Mesh	PB+				



# Questions





# Thank you

