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A Data Architect's Guide
to Lakehouse Architectures
in Microsoft Fabric



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Agenda

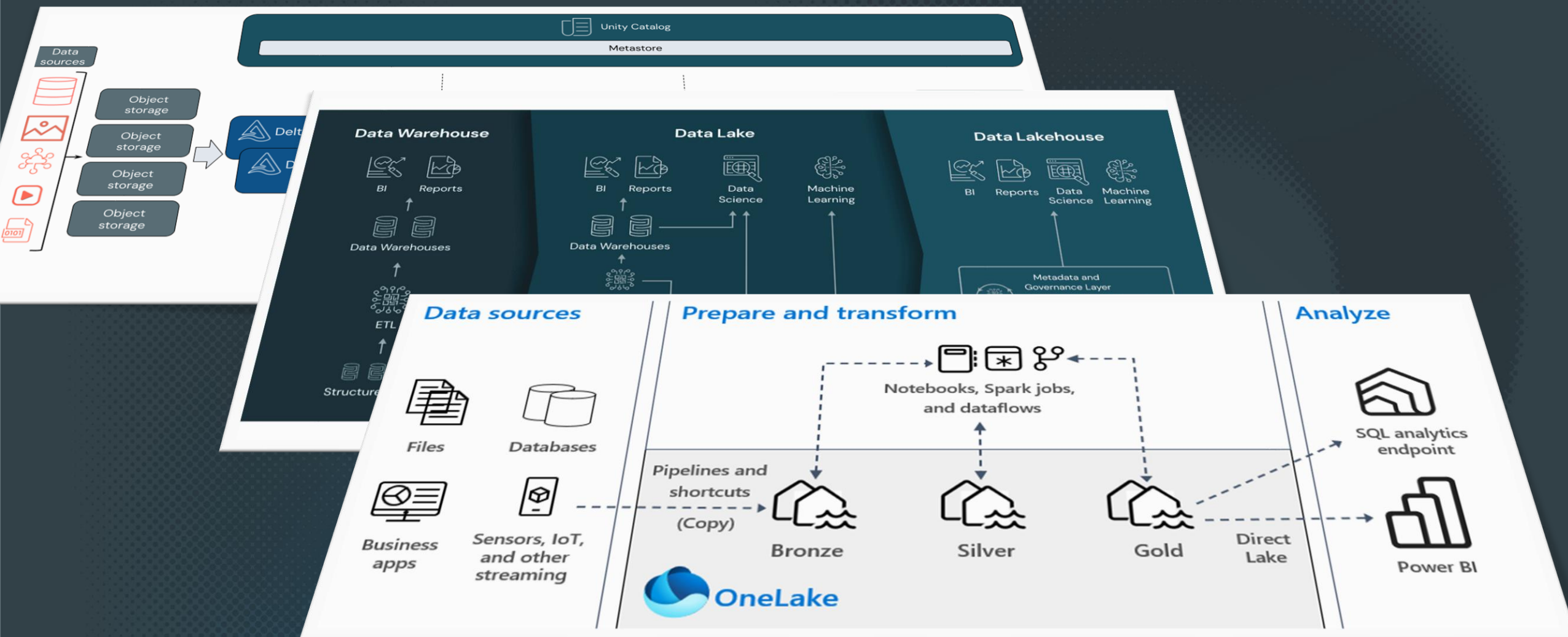
- Introduction “Lakehouse Architectures”
- Drivers for Architecture
- Adoption to Microsoft Fabric
- Q&A

Introduction

“Lakehouse Architectures”



Introduction “Lakehouse Architectures”



What is a data lakehouse? - Azure Databricks | Microsoft Learn

What is a Data Lakehouse? | Databricks

Implement medallion lakehouse architecture in Fabric - Microsoft Fabric | Microsoft Learn

Introduction “Lakehouse Architectures”



*“The medallion lakehouse architecture, commonly known as medallion architecture, is a design pattern that's used by organizations to logically organize data in a lakehouse. **It's the recommended design approach for Fabric.** Since OneLake is the data lake for Fabric, medallion architecture is implemented by creating lakehouses in OneLake.”*

Introduction “Lakehouse Architectures”



“Even though adopting a Lakehouse architecture is said to be the solution, there are still countless questions that remain unanswered.”

Every Data Architect

Drivers for Architecture



Drivers for Architecture

Organizational Considerations

- Business Needs & Goals
- Compliance and Governance
- Skillset
- Budget/Cost Efficiency

Drivers for Architecture

Technical Considerations

- Security
- Scalability
- Performance
- Integration
- Automation
- Platform Limitations

Adoption to Microsoft Fabric



Drivers for Architecture



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Everything clear?

And now what?

How do we start?

Workspace Design is crucial 🧑‍💻

Workspace Types – Which type do we need?



 Central

 Developer

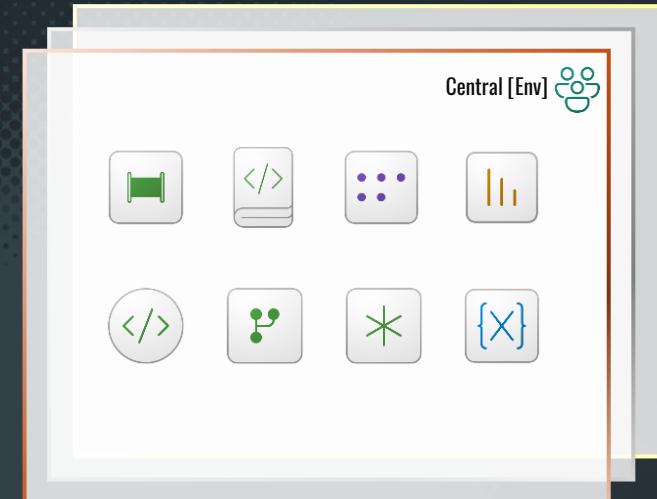
 Dataspace

 Domain/Department

Workspace Types: Central



- **Purpose**
 - Provide access to central code artifacts
- **Access**
 - Central data engineering team
 - Contributor or viewer in [DEV]
 - Viewer in [PROD]
- **Item Types**
 - Code artifacts (e.g. data pipelines, notebooks, semantic models, reports, environments, variable libraries,...)
- **CI/CD**
 - No GIT integration
 - Deployed from main or environment branch via fabric-cicd

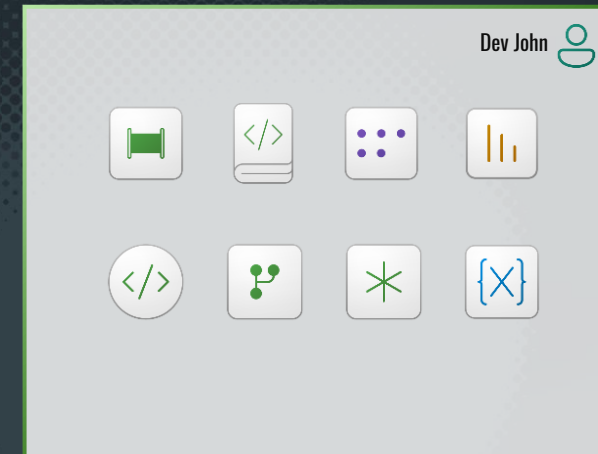




Workspace Types: Developer



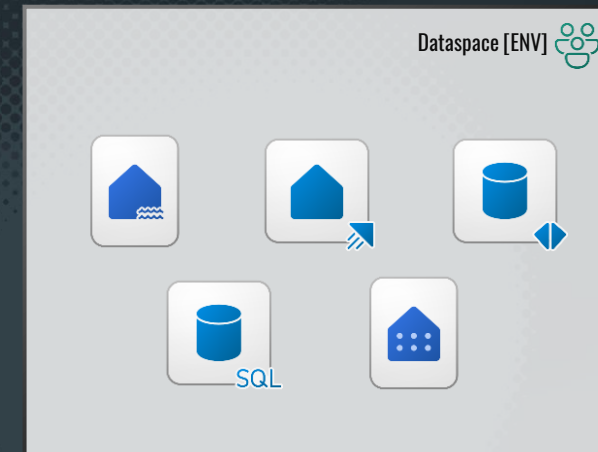
- **Purpose**
 - Personal workspace for developers working on features and bugfixes
- **Access**
 - Individual developers (Admin)
- **Item Types**
 - Code artifacts (e.g. data pipelines, notebooks), semantic models, reports, environments, ...)
- **CI/CD**
 - Connected to current feature branch.
 - Merged back via Pull Request into main/environmental branch



Workspace Types: Dataspace



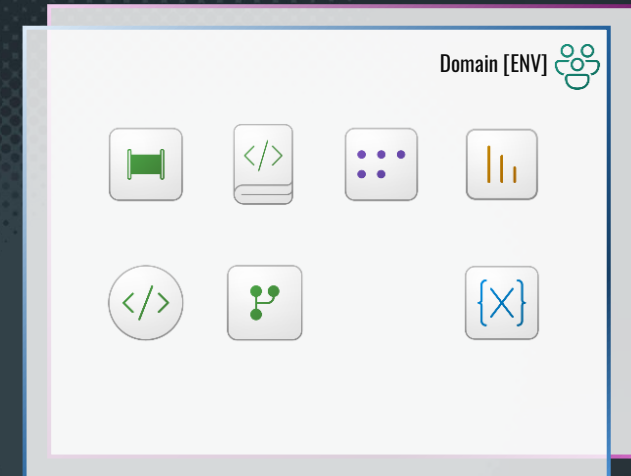
- **Purpose**
 - Provide access to data
 - Avoid integration issues based on Git conflicts
- **Access**
 - Central data engineering team (Contributor)
 - Analysts (Viewer + Item-level permissions)
- **Item Types**
 - Data artifacts (e.g. Lakehouse, Warehouse, Eventhouse, Mirrored DB, ...)
- **CI/CD**
 - Optional Git integration (e.g. if queries are stored)
 - Deployment via Fabric CLI or terraform



Workspace Types: Domain/Department



- **Purpose**
 - Owned by the Domain/Department. Working on specific reports, analytics
- **Access**
 - Analytics Engineers (Contributor)
- **Item Types**
 - Code artifacts (e.g. data pipelines, notebooks), semantic models, reports, environments
- **CI/CD**
 - Git integration optional, recommended; depends on the skill level
 - Provide trainings and processes for collaboration and deployment
 - Deployment via deployment pipelines or azure pipelines



Automation – digression

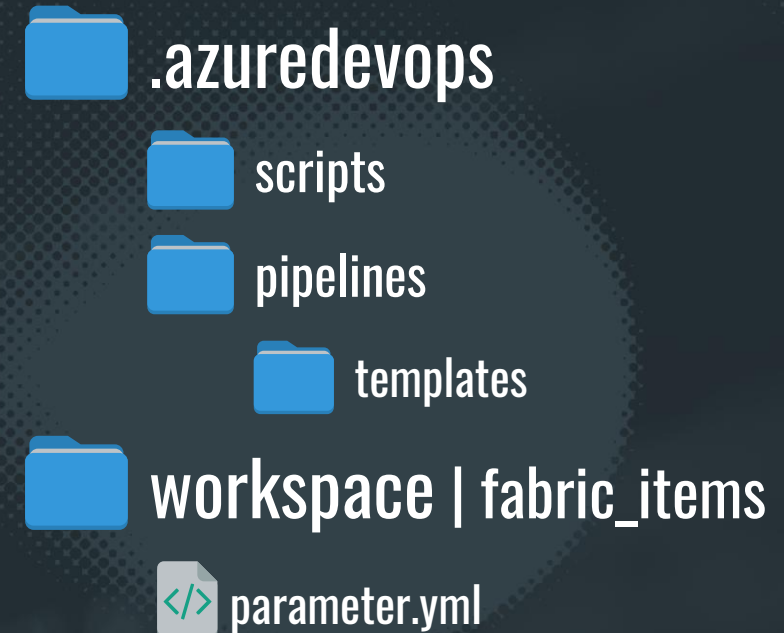
“No CI/CD, no effective automation in delivery workflows 🤔”

Hopefully Everybody

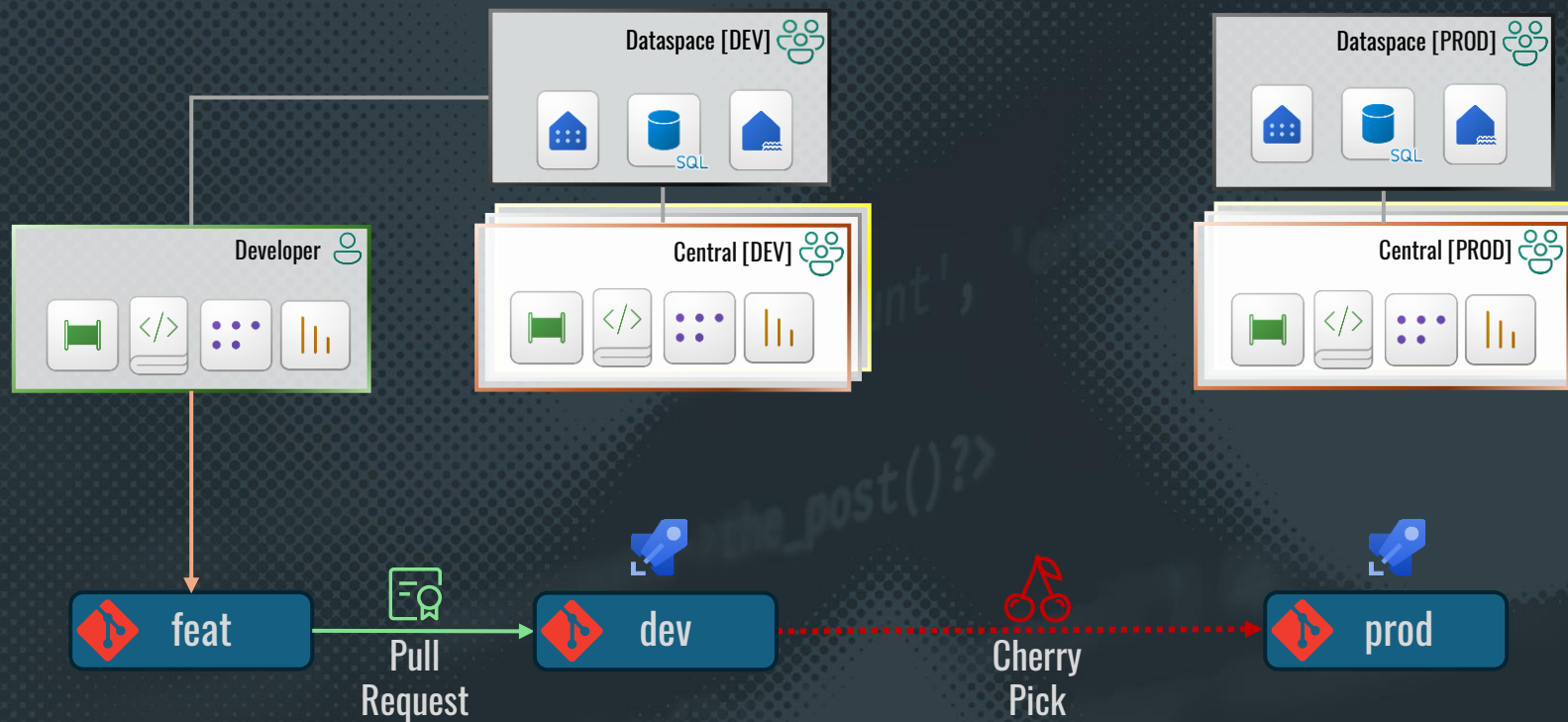
CI/CD & Repo Structure



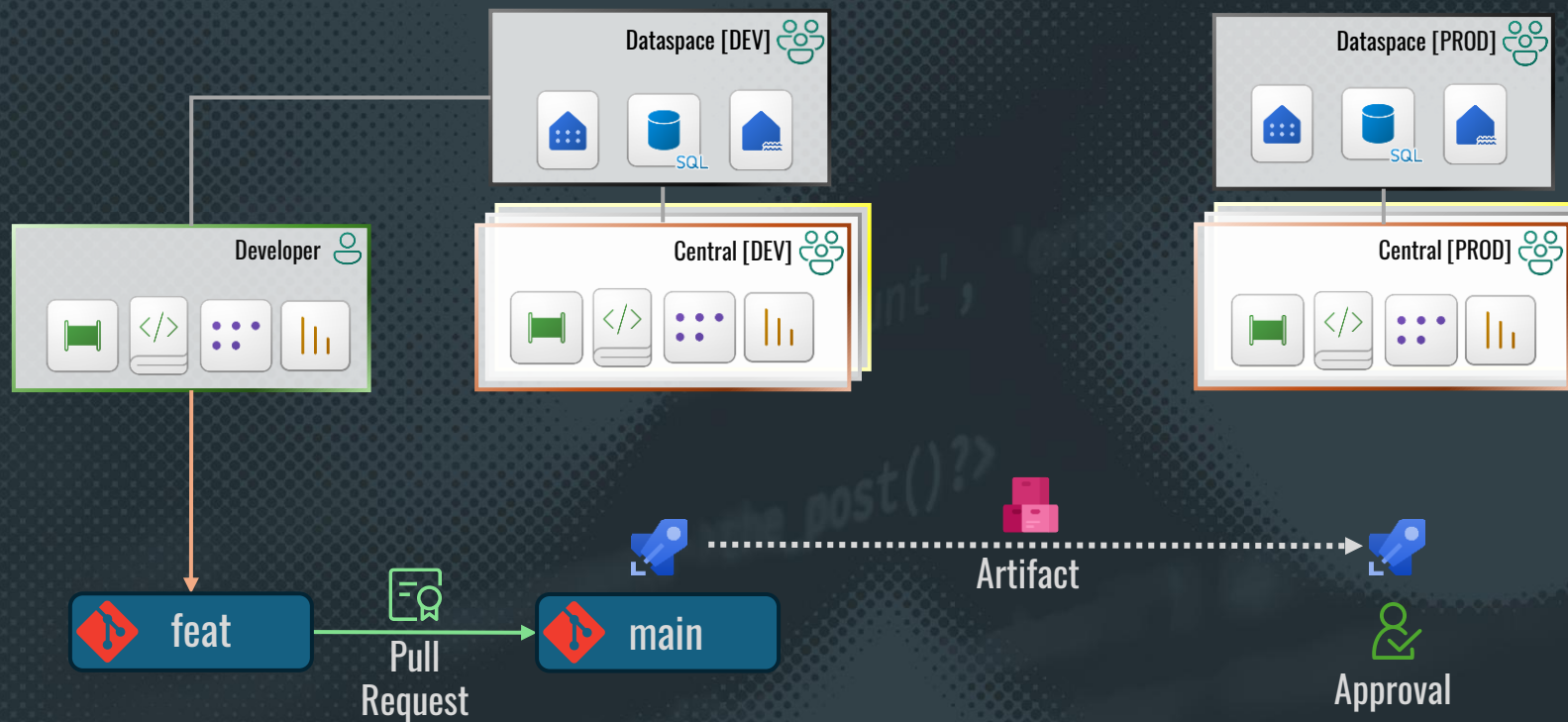
- **Platforms:**
 - Azure DevOps
 - GitHub
- **Tooling:**
 - fabric-cicd ([GitHub](#))
 - Fabric tools ([GitHub](#))
 - DacFx/SSDT ([Learn](#))
 - Best Practice Analyzer ([Website](#))
 - ~~Delta Kusto~~
- **Branching Strategies:**
 - Trunk-based
 - GitLab Flow



CI/CD: GitLab-Flow



CI/CD: Trunk-based

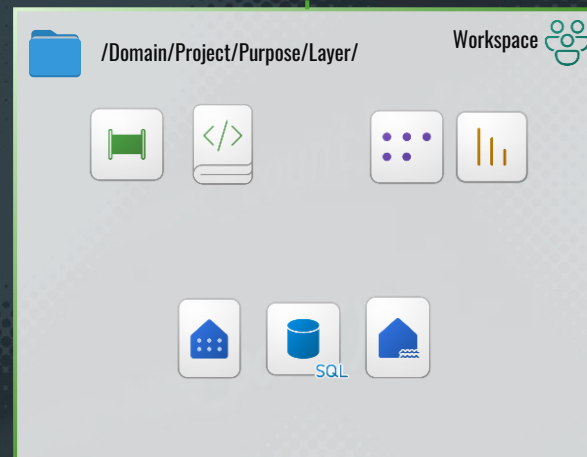


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Back to the workspaces... 🏭

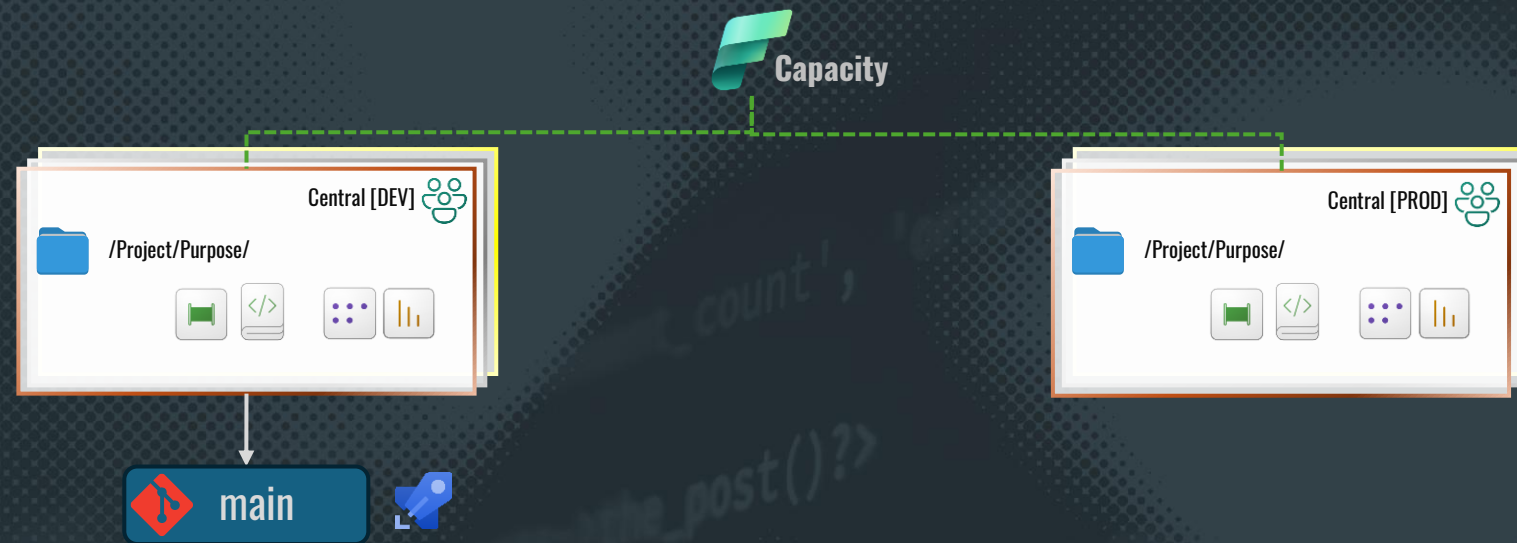
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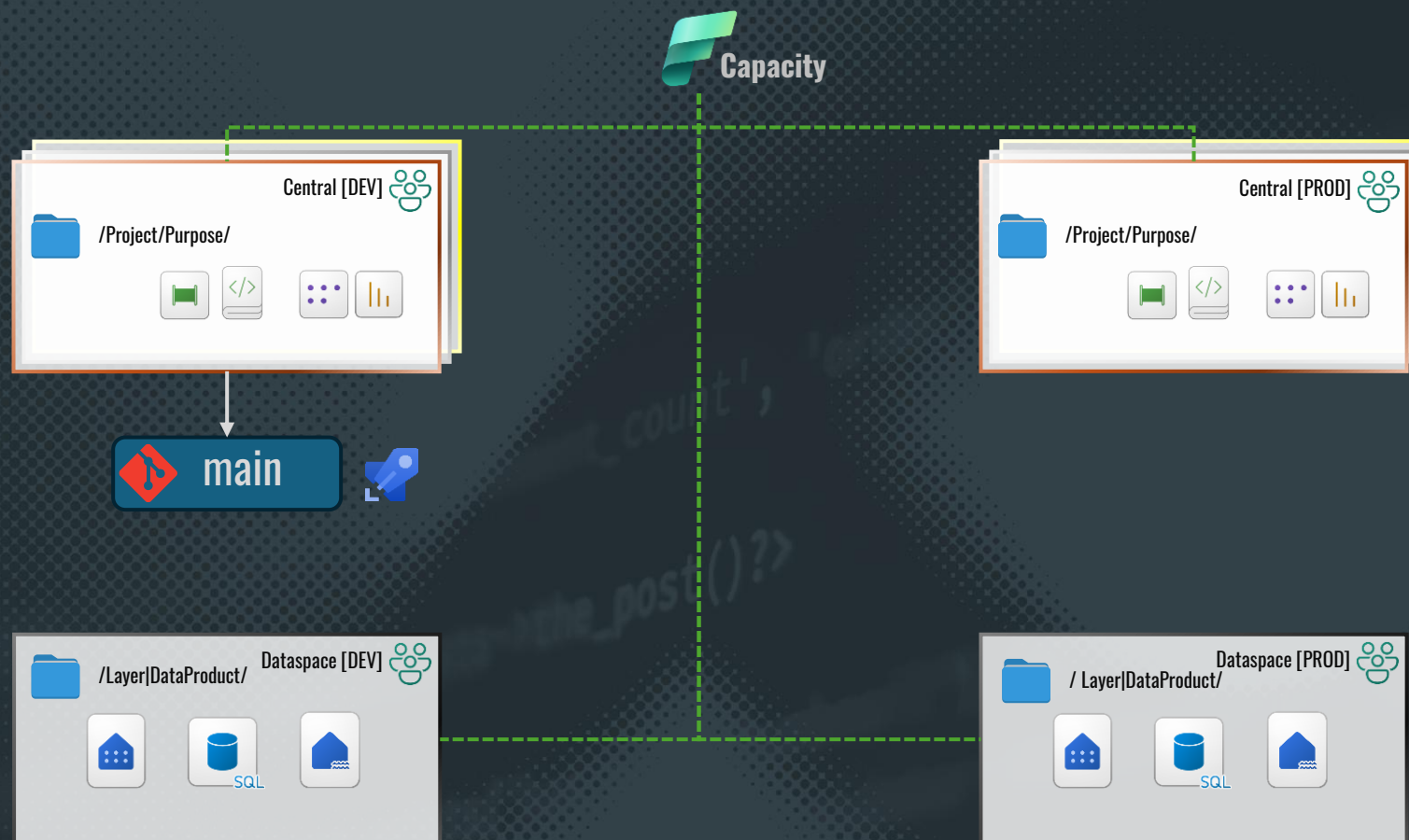
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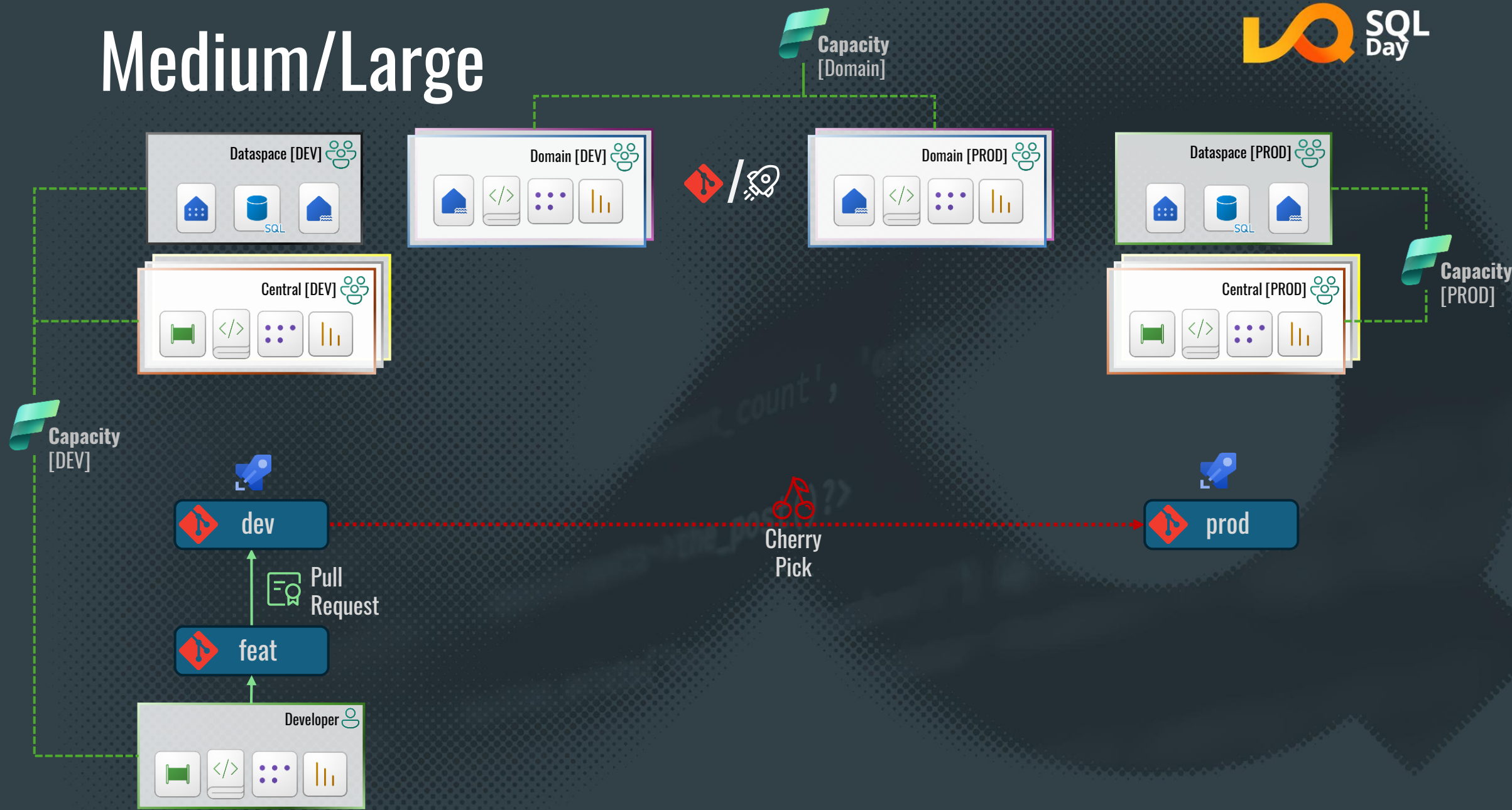
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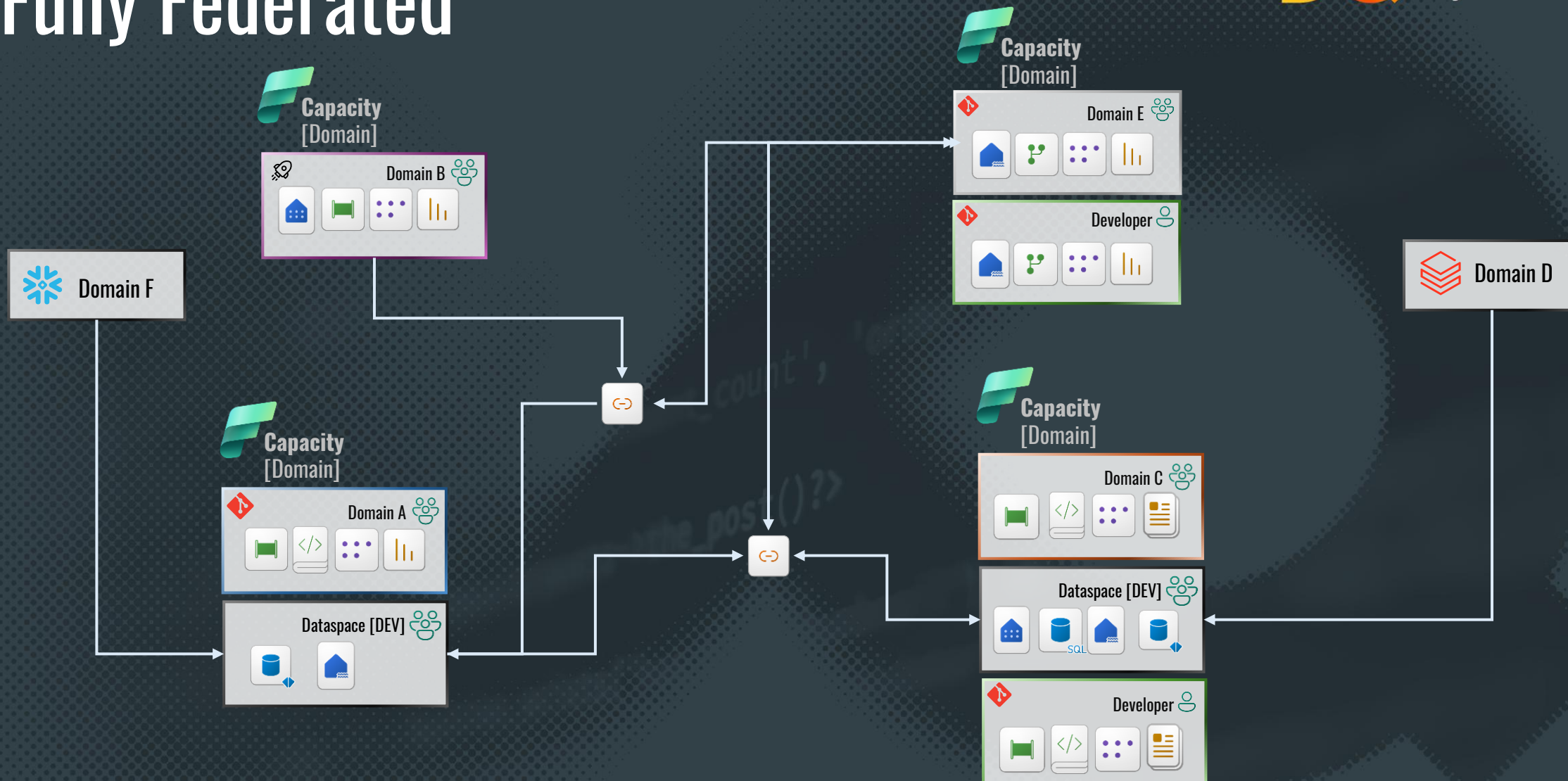
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Medium/Large



Fully Federated



Recap



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Design the Workspace! 🤖

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Q&A



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