DENIS PROJECT

Data Engineering using Medallion Architecture

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Introduction:

The DENIS Project is a data engineering project that follows the Medallion Architecture to transform and curate data for reporting. The project was implemented using Azure Data Factory (ADF), Azure Data Lake Storage (ADLS), Azure SQL Database, and Power BI. The primary goal of the project is to ingest, transform, and analyse data from various sources, including Blob Storage, ADLS, MySQL, and Cosmos DB, and ultimately provide a final analytical dataset in the Gold layer.

Project Workflow Overview

The project follows a 3-layer architecture based on the Medallion architecture:

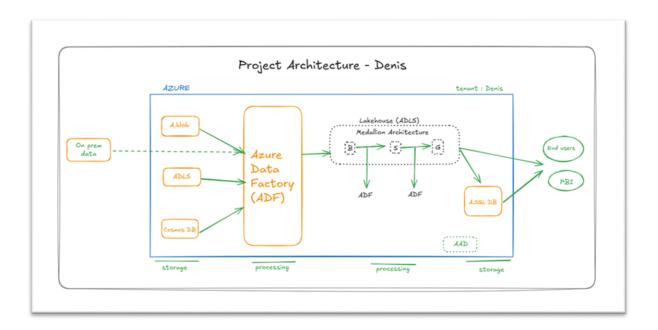
- 1. Bronze Layer: Raw, untransformed data.
- 2. Silver Layer: Cleaned and structured data with business logic applied.
- 3. **Gold Layer**: Curated, report-ready dataset that combines all data into a single analytical table.

Each layer is implemented using Azure services, particularly Azure Data Factory, Azure Data Lake Storage, and Azure SQL Database.

Architecture and Design

The data pipeline architecture followed the Medallion Architecture, with three key stages:

- Bronze Layer: This layer ingested raw data from various sources such as Blob Storage, Azure Data Lake Storage (ADLS), Cosmos DB, and On-Prem MySQL. The data was stored in its raw format for future processing.
- 2. **Silver Layer**: This layer transformed the data by cleaning, structuring, and enriching it. Transformations included trimming, creating new columns, adjusting data types, and selecting only necessary columns.
- 3. **Gold Layer**: The final analytical layer that joined fact and dimension data to create a single, optimized dataset for reporting and business intelligence.

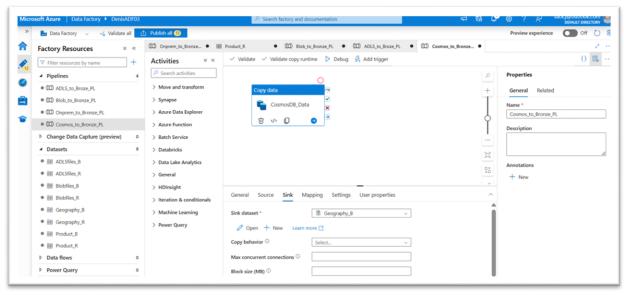


Bronze Layer

The **Bronze Layer** is where raw data was ingested from multiple sources into Azure Data Lake Storage. This raw data is stored as-is without any transformations.

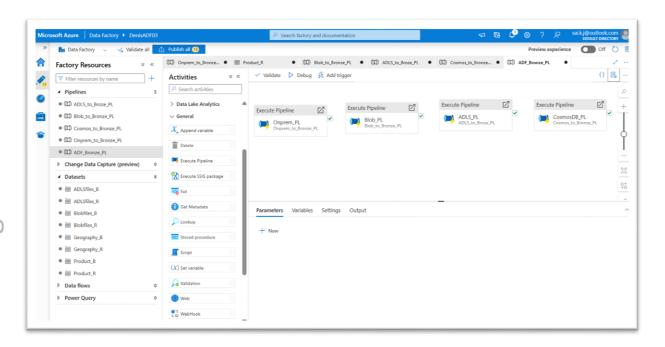
Sources Ingested:

- Blob Storage: Data files in CSV and Excel formats.
- Azure Data Lake Storage (ADLS): Additional CSV and Excel files.
- Cosmos DB: Data in JSON format.
- On-Prem MySQL: Data from an on-premises database.

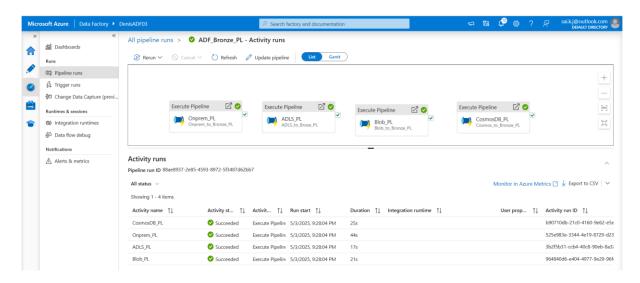


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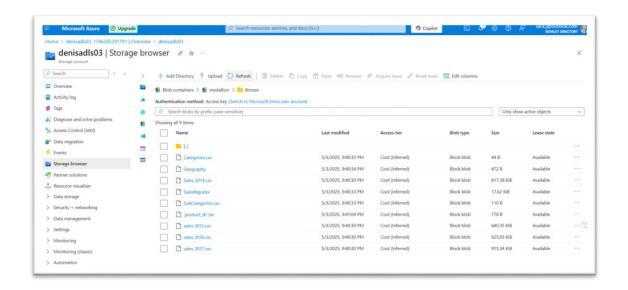
- Data was ingested into separate folders for each source: /bronze/blob/, /bronze/adls/, /bronze/cosmos/, and /bronze/mysql/.
- Separate Azure Data Factory (ADF) pipelines were created for each source, ensuring that the data was copied into the Bronze layer efficiently.



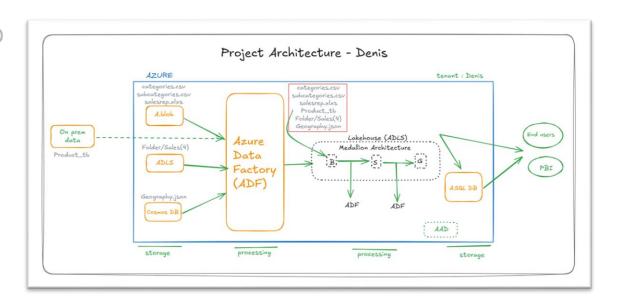
Pipeline triggered



Data Moved to bronze Layer:



Bronze Layer Successfully Created



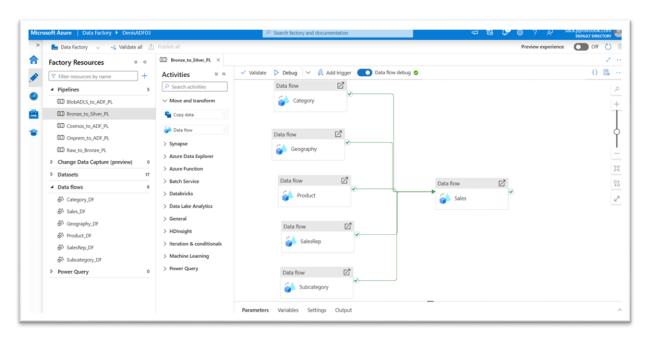
Silver Layer

The Silver Layer involved transforming the data from the Bronze layer into a cleaner, structured form, making it ready for analytical processing.

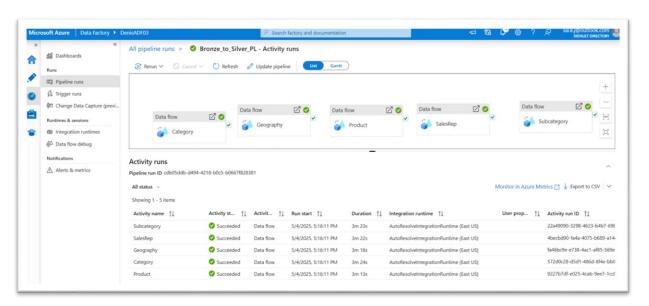
Dataflows:

- 6 Dataflows were created in Azure Data Factory:
 - Dimension Data: Transformation of customer, product, and other dimension data.
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 - 2. Fact Data: Sales data transformation.

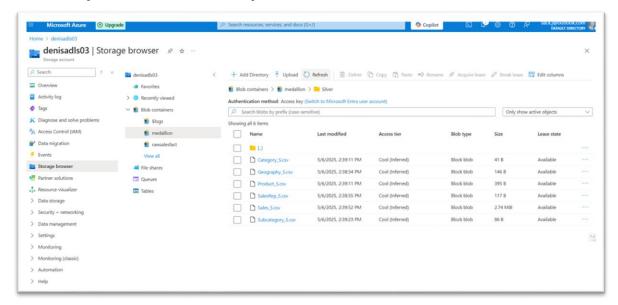
- 3. Additional dataflows cleaned and transformed necessary data for reporting.
- Transformations Applied:
 - o Data Cleaning: Removed unnecessary columns.
 - o Derived Columns: Created new columns based on existing data.
 - o Data Type Adjustments: Set appropriate data types for each column.
 - o Regex Operations: Cleaned and trimmed values.



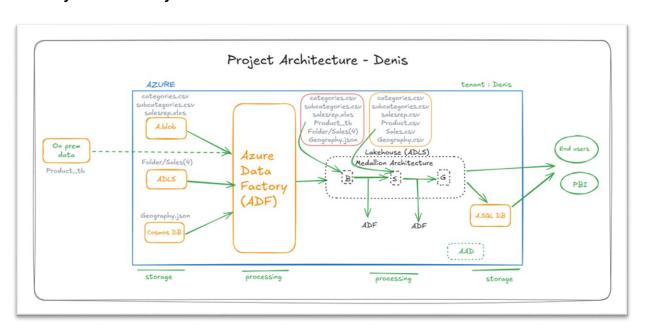
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Successfully data moved to Silver Layer in one formatted files i.e. csv



Silver Layer successfully created



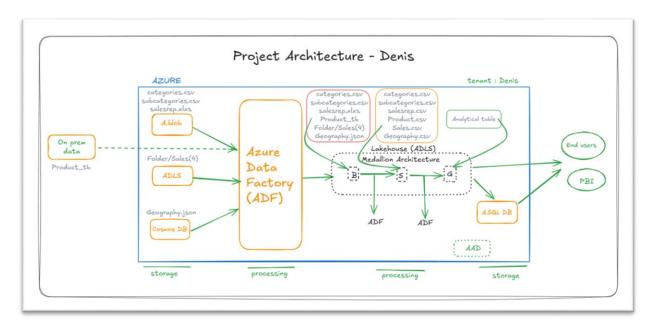
Gold Layer

The Gold Layer contained the final dataset prepared for reporting and business analysis.

Final Dataflow:

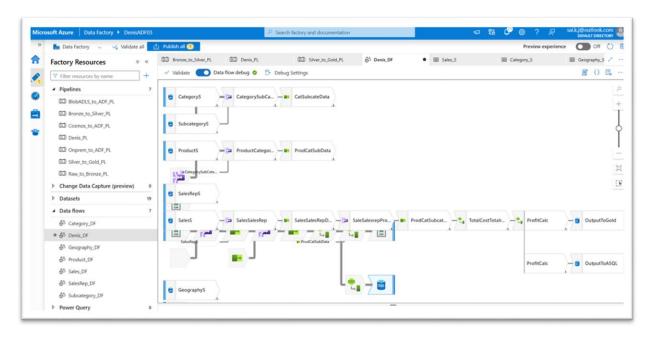
- A single dataflow was created to combine all dimension and fact data.
- Joins were made between the transformed sales data (Silver) and the dimension data to create a complete analytical dataset.

Unnecessary columns were removed to ensure the dataset was optimized for reporting.

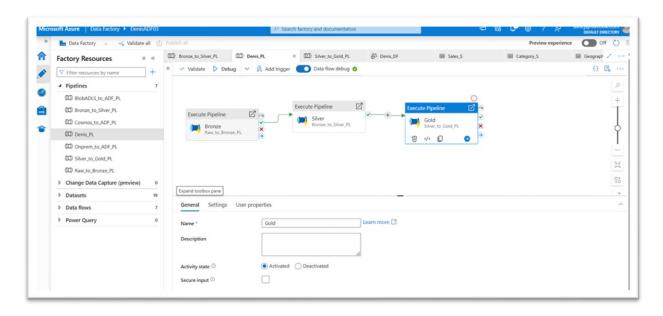


Execution:

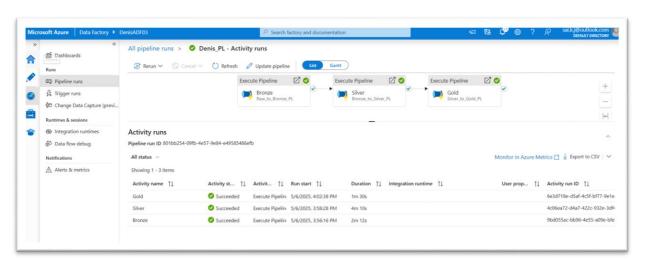
• The final dataset was stored in Azure Data Lake Storage (Gold) and Azure SQL Database for Power BI integration.



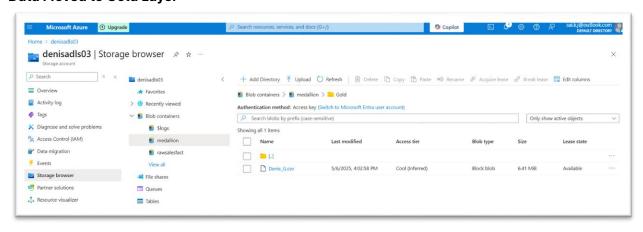
Here I already connected this dataflow to silver to gold layer pipeline and executed this pipeline in Master pipeline i.e. Denis_PL



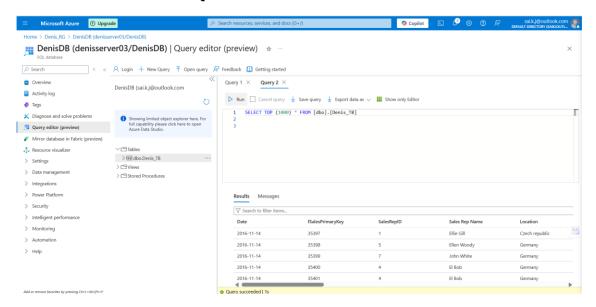
Triggered Pipeline



Data Moved to Gold Layer



Also data Moved to Azure SQL Database



Conclusion

The DENIS Project successfully built a scalable, automated data pipeline using Azure Data Factory and Power BI, following the Medallion Architecture. The project met the client's requirements for data ingestion, transformation, and reporting. The final Gold layer dataset provides clean, structured data for business insights and decision-making.