

# Lab 2 Serverless SQL

## BUAN 6390.001 – Analytics Practicum

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Connecting to PowerShell:

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure portal interface. At the top, the navigation bar shows the user's profile and the 'CloudShell' icon. The main content area is divided into two panes. The left pane, titled 'Azure services', lists various services like 'Create a resource', 'Quickstart Center', 'Azure AI services', 'Kubernetes services', 'Virtual machines', 'App Services', 'Storage accounts', 'SQL databases', 'Azure Cosmos DB', and 'More services'. Below this is a 'Resources' section with a table showing no resources have been viewed recently. The right pane, titled 'Serverless SQL', contains a 'Note' about creating a cloud shell and a list of instructions. The bottom pane is the 'CloudShell' terminal, which shows the following commands and output:

```
Subscription used to launch your CloudShell 86284da6-3956-46c5-95ea-79ef673a61c6 is not registered to Microsoft CloudShell Namespace. Please follow these instructions "https://aka.ms/RegisterCloudShell" to register. In future, unregistered subscriptions will have restricted access to CloudShell service.

Your Cloud Shell session will be ephemeral so no files or system changes will persist beyond your current session.
WARNING: You're using Az version 13.1.0. The latest version of Az is 13.2.0. Upgrade your Az modules using the following commands:
  Update-PSResource Az -WhatIf -- Simulate updating your Az modules.
  Update-PSResource Az -- Update your Az modules.

NOTE: Azure Cloud Shell now includes Predictive IntelliSense! Learn more: https://aka.ms/CloudShell/IntelliSense

VERBOSE: Authenticating to Azure ...
VERBOSE: Building your Azure drive ...
PS /home/user1-48388150>
```

The right pane, titled 'Serverless SQL', contains a 'Note' about creating a cloud shell and a list of instructions:

- Note that you can resize the cloud shell by dragging the separator bar at the top of the pane, or by using the  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\square$ , and  $\times$  icons at the top right of the pane to minimize, maximize, and close the pane. For more information about using the Azure Cloud Shell, see the [Azure Cloud Shell documentation](#).
- In the PowerShell pane, manually enter the following commands to clone this repo:

```
rm -r dp500 -f
git clone https://github.com/Micros
```

- After the repo has been cloned, enter the following commands to change to the folder for this lab and run the **setup.ps1** script it contains:

```
cd dp500/AllFiles/01
./setup.ps1
```

- If prompted, choose which subscription you want to use (this will only happen if you have access to multiple Azure subscriptions).
- When prompted, enter a suitable password to be set for your Azure Synapse SQL pool.

**Note:** Be sure to remember this password!

- Wait for the script to complete - this typically takes around 10 minutes, but in some cases may take longer. While you are waiting, review the [Serverless SQL pool in Azure Synapse Analytics article](#) in the [Azure Synapse Analytics documentation](#).

Query data in files

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## Opening Synapse Studio:

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Synapse Analytics workspace 'synapse4rl6egu'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Data, Develop, Integrate, Monitor, and Manage. The main content area is titled 'Synapse Analytics workspace synapse4rl6egu' and features three primary actions: 'Ingest' (Perform a one-time or scheduled data load), 'Explore and analyze' (Learn how to get insights from your data), and 'Visualize' (Build interactive reports with Power BI capabilities). Below these are sections for 'Discover more' (Knowledge center, Browse partners) and 'Recent resources' (No recent resources). A 'Serverless SQL' panel on the right provides instructions for querying data in files and viewing files in the data lake.

**Serverless SQL**  
1. If prompted, choose which subscription you want to use (this will only happen if you have access to multiple Azure subscriptions).  
2. When prompted, enter a suitable password to be set for your Azure Synapse SQL pool.  
**Note:** Be sure to remember this password!  
3. Wait for the script to complete - this typically takes around 10 minutes, but in some cases may take longer. While you are waiting, review the Serverless SQL pool in Azure Synapse Analytics article in the Azure Synapse Analytics documentation.

**Query data in files**  
The script provisions an Azure Synapse Analytics workspace and an Azure Storage account to host the data lake, then uploads some data files to the data lake.

**View files in the data lake**  
1. After the script has completed, in the Azure portal, go to the **dp500-xxxxxxx** resource group that it created, and select your Synapse workspace.  
2. In the **Overview** page for your Synapse workspace, in the **Open Synapse Studio** card, select **Open** to open Synapse Studio in a new browser tab; signing in if prompted.  
3. On the left side of Synapse Studio, use the **>>** icon to expand the menu - this reveals the different pages within Synapse Studio that you'll use to manage resources and perform data analytics tasks.  
4. On the **Data** page, view the **Linked** tab and verify that your workspace includes a link to your Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 storage account, which should have a name similar to **synapse-xxxxxxx (Primary - datalake-xxxxxxx)**.  
5. Expand your storage account and verify that it contains a file system container named **files**.  
6. Select the **files** container, and note that it contains a folder named **sales**. This folder contains the data files you are going to query.  
7. Open the **sales** folder and the **csv** folder it contains, and observe that this folder contains **.csv** files for three years of sales data.  
8. Right-click any of the files and select **Preview** to see the data it contains. Note that the files do not contain a header row, so you can unselect the option to display column headers.  
9. Close the preview, and then use the **↑** button to navigate back to the **sales** folder.  
10. In the **sales** folder, open the **json** folder and observe that it

## Viewing the Ingested data:

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Synapse Analytics workspace 'synapse4rl6egu' with the 'Data' tab selected. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Data, Develop, Integrate, Monitor, and Manage. The main content area displays a table of ingested data from '2019.csv'. The table has columns for ID, Count, Date, and Name. A 'Serverless SQL' panel on the right provides instructions for querying data in files and viewing files in the data lake.

**2019.csv**  
Path: https://datalake4rl6egu.dfs.core.windows.net/files/sales/csv/2019.csv  
Modified: 2/15/2025, 5:55:18 PM  
With column header: ☒ On

ID	Count	Date	Name
SO43701	1	2019-07-01	CHRISTY Z
SO43704	1	2019-07-01	Julio Ruiz
SO43705	1	2019-07-01	Curtis Lu
SO43700	1	2019-07-01	Ruben Prasa
SO43703	1	2019-07-01	Albert Alkan
SO43697	1	2019-07-01	Cole Watson
SO43699	1	2019-07-01	Sydney Wig
SO43702	1	2019-07-01	Colin Anand
SO43698	1	2019-07-01	Rachael Mar
SO43707	1	2019-07-02	Emma Brown
SO43711	1	2019-07-02	Courtney Ed
SO43706	1	2019-07-02	Edward Brow
SO43708	1	2019-07-02	Brad Deng

**Serverless SQL**  
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**Note:** Be sure to remember this password!  
3. Wait for the script to complete - this typically takes around 10 minutes, but in some cases may take longer. While you are waiting, review the Serverless SQL pool in Azure Synapse Analytics article in the Azure Synapse Analytics documentation.

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9. Close the preview, and then use the **↑** button to navigate back to the **sales** folder.  
10. In the **sales** folder, open the **json** folder and observe that it contains some sample sales orders in **.json** files. Preview any of these files to see the JSON format used for a sales order.  
11. Close the preview, and then use the **↑** button to navigate back to the **sales** folder.  
12. In the **sales** folder, open the **parquet** folder and observe that it contains a subfolder for each year (2019-2021), in each of which a file named **orders.snappy.parquet** contains the order data for that year.  
13. Return to the **sales** folder so you can see the **csv**, **json**, and **parquet** folders.

## Using SQL to query CSV files:

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure Synapse Analytics interface. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with options like Home, Data, Develop, Integrate, Monitor, and Manage. The main workspace is titled 'Sales CSV query' and shows a SQL script. The script is as follows:

```
-- This is auto-generated code
SELECT
  TOP 100 *
FROM
  OPENROWSET(
    BULK 'https://datalake4r16egu.dfs.core.windows.net/files/sales/csv/2019.csv',
    FORMAT = 'CSV',
    PARSE_VERSION = '2.0'
  ) AS [result]
```

The results pane shows a table with columns C1 through C7. The data is as follows:

C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7
SO43701	1	2019-07-01	Christy Zhu	christy12@adventu...	Mountain-100 ...	1
SO43704	1	2019-07-01	Julio Ruiz	julio1@adventu...	Mountain-100 ...	1
SO43705	1	2019-07-01	Curtis Lu	curtis@adventu...	Mountain-100 ...	1
SO43700	1	2019-07-01	Ruben Prasad	ruben10@adventu...	Road-650 Black...	1
SO43703	1	2019-07-01	Albert Alvarez	albert7@adventu...	Road-150 Red ...	1

The bottom pane shows the 'Results' tab with a table view of the query results. The table has columns: SalesOrderNu..., SalesOrderLine..., OrderDate, CustomerName, EmailAddress, Item, and Quantity. The data is as follows:

SalesOrderNu...	SalesOrderLine...	OrderDate	CustomerName	EmailAddress	Item	Quantity
SO43701	1	2019-07-01	Christy Zhu	christy12@adventu...	Mountain-100 ...	1
SO43704	1	2019-07-01	Julio Ruiz	julio1@adventu...	Mountain-100 ...	1
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SO43700	1	2019-07-01	Ruben Prasad	ruben10@adventu...	Road-650 Black...	1
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The right sidebar contains a 'Serverless SQL' section with instructions on how to use SQL to query CSV files. The instructions are as follows:

1. Select the **csv** folder, and then in the **New SQL script** list on the toolbar, select **Select TOP 100 rows**.
2. In the **File type** list, select **Text format**, and then apply the settings to open a new SQL script that queries the data in the folder.
3. In the **Properties** pane for **SQL Script 1** that is created, change the name to **Sales CSV query**, and change the result settings to show **All rows**. Then in the toolbar, select **Publish** to save the script and use the **Properties** button (which looks similar to **C1**) on the right end of the toolbar to hide the **Properties** pane.
4. Review the SQL code that has been generated, which should be similar to this:

```
SQL
-- This is auto-generated code
SELECT
  TOP 100 *
FROM
  OPENROWSET(
    BULK 'https://datalakexxxxxxx.dfs.core.windows.net/files/sales/csv/2019.csv',
    FORMAT = 'CSV',
    PARSE_VERSION = '2.0'
  ) AS [result]
```

This code uses the OPENROWSET to read data from the CSV files in the sales folder and retrieves the first 100 rows of data.

5. In the **Connect** to list, ensure **Built-in** is selected - this represents the built-in SQL Pool that was created with your workspace.
6. On the toolbar, use the **Run** button to run the SQL code, and review the results, which should look similar to this:

C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
SO45347	1	2020-01-01	Clarence Raji	clarence35@adventureworks.com

... ..

End >

7. Note the results consist of columns named C1, C2, and so on. In this example, the CSV files do not include the column headers. While it's possible to work with the data using the generic column names that have been assigned, or by ordinal position, it will be easier to understand the data if you define a tabular schema. To accomplish this, add a **WITH** clause to the OPENROWSET function as shown here (replacing **datalakexxxxxxx** with the name of your data lake storage account), and then rerun the query:

```
SQL
SELECT
  TOP 100 *
FROM
  OPENROWSET(
    BULK 'https://datalakexxxxxxx.dfs.core.windows.net/files/sales/csv/2019.csv',
    FORMAT = 'CSV',
    PARSE_VERSION = '2.0'
  )
WITH (
  SalesOrderNumber VARCHAR(10) COLLATE Latin1_General_100_BIN2_UTF8,
  SalesOrderLineNumber INT,
  OrderDate DATE,
  CustomerName VARCHAR(25) COLLATE Latin1_General_100_BIN2_UTF8,
  EmailAddress VARCHAR(50) COLLATE Latin1_General_100_BIN2_UTF8,
  Item VARCHAR(30) COLLATE Latin1_General_100_BIN2_UTF8,
  Quantity INT,
  UnitPrice DECIMAL(18,2),
  TaxAmount DECIMAL(18,2)
) AS [result]
```

Now the results look like this:

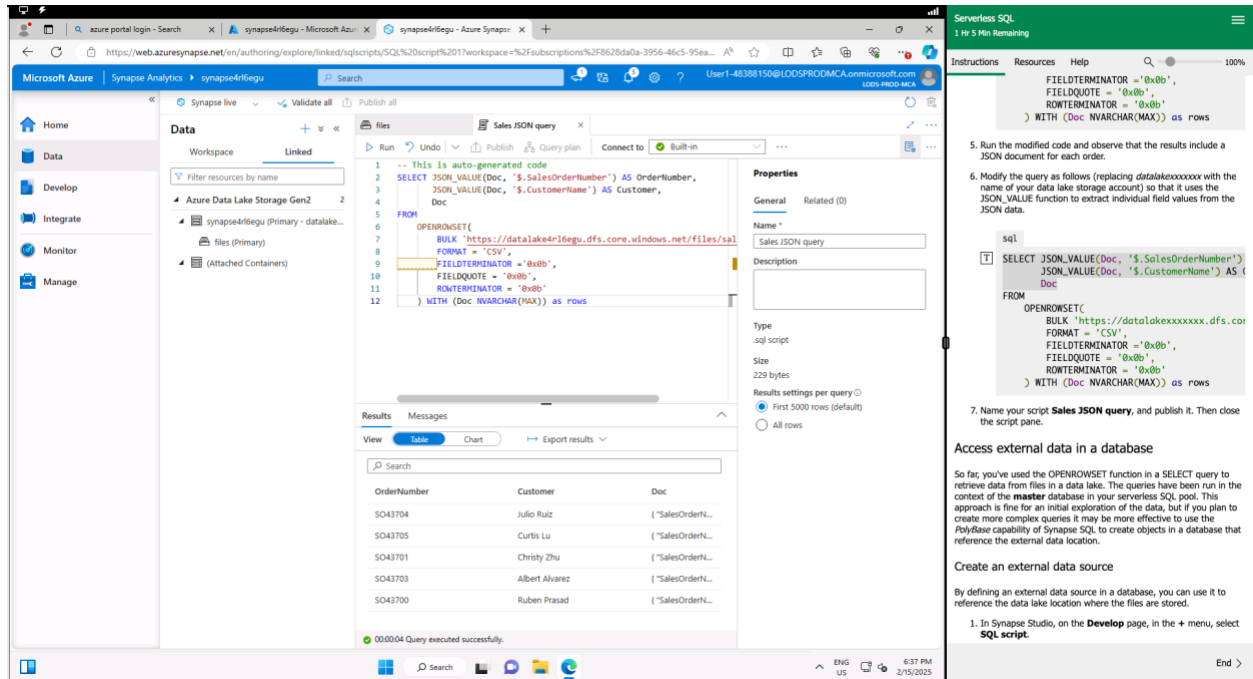
SalesOrderNumber	SalesOrderLineNumber	OrderDate
SO45347	1	2020-01-01

... ..

End >

8. Publish the changes to your script, and then close the script pane.

## Using SQL to query JSON files:



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Synapse Analytics interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, Data, Develop, Integrate, Monitor, and Manage. The main workspace is titled "Sales JSON query" and shows a SQL script in the editor. The script is as follows:

```
1 -- This is auto-generated code
2 SELECT JSON_VALUE(Doc, '$.SalesOrderNumber') AS OrderNumber,
3        JSON_VALUE(Doc, '$.CustomerName') AS Customer,
4        Doc
5 FROM
6 OPENROWSET(
7     BULK 'https://datalake4r16egu.dfs.core.windows.net/files/sal
8     FORMAT = 'CSV',
9     FIELDTERMINATOR = '0x0b',
10    ROWTERMINATOR = '0x0b'
11 ) WITH (Doc NVARCHAR(MAX)) as rows
```

The "Properties" pane on the right shows the query name "Sales JSON query" and its type "sql script". The "Results" pane at the bottom displays the query output in a table:

OrderNumber	Customer	Doc
SO43704	Julio Ruiz	(\$.SalesOrder...
SO43705	Curtis Lu	(\$.SalesOrder...
SO43701	Christy Zhu	(\$.SalesOrder...
SO43703	Albert Alvarez	(\$.SalesOrder...
SO43700	Ruben Prasad	(\$.SalesOrder...

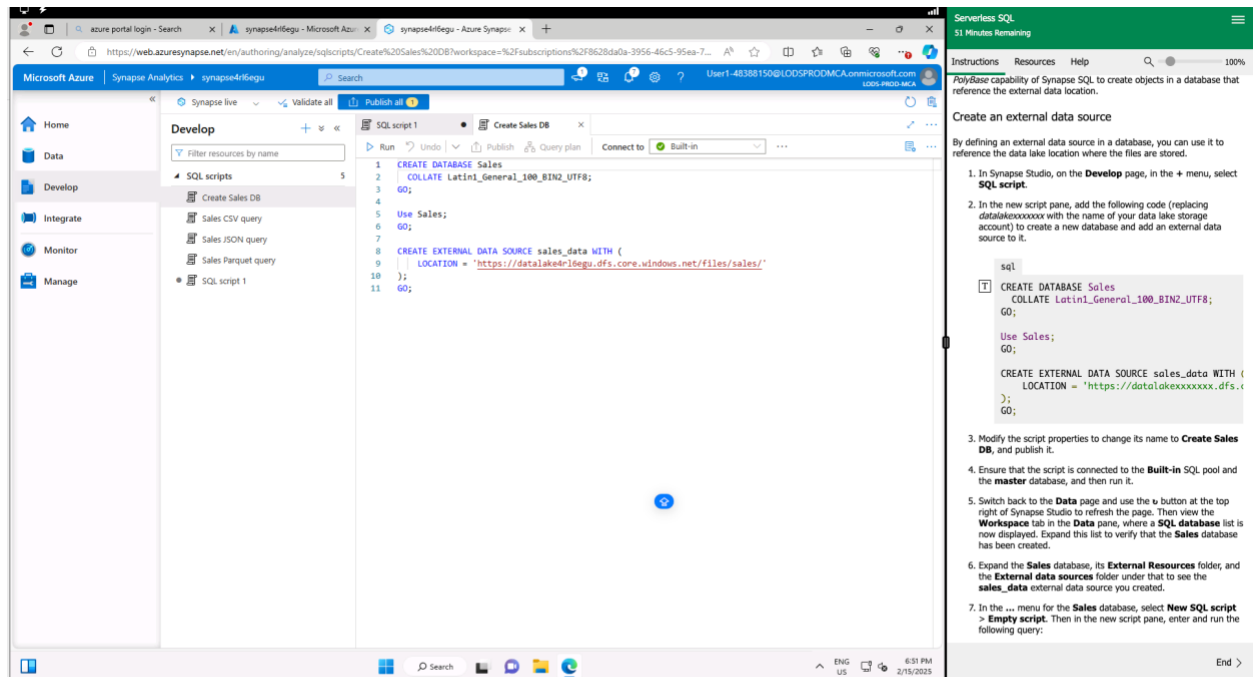
The right sidebar shows the "Serverless SQL" section with instructions and a code editor. The instructions include:

- Run the modified code and observe that the results include a JSON document for each order.
- Modify the query as follows (replacing data lake storage account) so that it uses the JSON\_VALUE function to extract individual field values from the JSON data.
- Run the script **Sales JSON query**, and publish it. Then close the script pane.

The code editor shows the following SQL script:

```
sql
SELECT JSON_VALUE(Doc, '$.SalesOrderNumber')
      JSON_VALUE(Doc, '$.CustomerName') AS (
FROM
OPENROWSET(
    BULK 'https://datalake4r16egu.dfs.core.windows.net/files/sal
    FORMAT = 'CSV',
    FIELDTERMINATOR = '0x0b',
    ROWTERMINATOR = '0x0b'
) WITH (Doc NVARCHAR(MAX)) as rows
```

## Creating External Data Source:



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Synapse Analytics interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, Data, Develop, Integrate, Monitor, and Manage. The main workspace is titled "SQL script 1" and shows a SQL script in the editor. The script is as follows:

```
1 CREATE DATABASE Sales
2 COLLATE Latin1_General_100_BIN2_UTF8;
3 GO;
4
5 Use Sales;
6 GO;
7
8 CREATE EXTERNAL DATA SOURCE sales_data WITH (
9     LOCATION = 'https://datalake4r16egu.dfs.core.windows.net/files/sales/'
10 );
11 GO;
```

The right sidebar shows the "Serverless SQL" section with instructions and a code editor. The instructions include:

- In Synapse Studio, on the **Develop** page, in the + menu, select **SQL script**.
- In the new script pane, add the following code (replacing data lake storage account) to create a new database and add an external data source to it.
- Modify the script properties to change its name to **Create Sales DB**, and publish it.
- Ensure that the script is connected to the **Built-in** SQL pool and the **master** database, and then run it.
- Switch back to the **Data** page and use the + button at the top right of Synapse Studio to refresh the page. Then view the **Workspace** tab in the **Data** pane, where a **SQL database** list is now displayed. Expand this list to verify that the **Sales** database has been created.
- Expand the **Sales** database, its **External Resources** folder, and the **External data sources** folder under that to see the **sales\_data** external data source you created.
- In the ... menu for the **Sales** database, select **New SQL script** > **Empty script**. Then in the new script pane, enter and run the following query:

The code editor shows the following SQL script:

```
sql
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COLLATE Latin1_General_100_BIN2_UTF8;
GO;

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GO;

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The query uses the external data source to connect to the data lake, and the OPENROWSET function now only need to reference the relative path to the .csv files.

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```
1 SELECT *
2 FROM
3 OPENROWSET(
4 BULK 'csv/*.csv',
5 DATA_SOURCE = 'sales_data',
6 FORMAT = 'CSV',
7 PARSER_VERSION = '2.0'
8 ) AS orders
```

The results pane shows a table with 5 columns: C1, C2, C3, C4, and C5. The data is as follows:

C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
SO49171	1	2021-01-01	Mariah Foster	mariah
SO49172	1	2021-01-01	Brian Howard	brian2
SO49173	1	2021-01-01	Linda Alvarez	linda1
SO49174	1	2021-01-01	Gina Hernandez	gina4
SO49178	1	2021-01-01	Beth Ruiz	beth4

The status bar at the bottom indicates "000010 Query executed successfully".

On the right side, there is a "Serverless SQL" panel with instructions and a "New SQL script" button. The instructions state: "In the ... menu for the Sales database, select New SQL script > Empty script. Then in the new script pane, enter and run the following query:"

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sql
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8. Modify the code as follows to query the parquet files using the data source.

```
sql
SELECT *
FROM
OPENROWSET(
BULK 'parquet/year=*/*.snappy.parquet',
DATA_SOURCE = 'sales_data',
FORMAT = 'PARQUET'
) AS orders
WHERE orders.filepath(1) = '2019'
```

Create an external table

The external data source makes it easier to access the files in the data lake, but most data analysts using SQL are used to working with tables in a database. Fortunately, you can also define external file formats and external tables that encapsulate rowsets from files in database tables.

1. Replace the SQL code with the following statement to define an external data format for CSV files, and an external table that references the CSV files, and run it:

Creating an external table dbo.orders:

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```
1 SELECT TOP (100) [SalesOrderNumber]
2 , [SalesOrderLineNumber]
3 , [OrderDate]
4 , [CustomerName]
5 , [EmailAddress]
6 , [Item]
7 , [UnitPrice]
8 , [TaxAmount]
9 FROM [dbo].[orders]
```

The results pane shows a table with 9 columns: SalesOrderNumber, SalesOrderLineNumber, OrderDate, CustomerName, EmailAddress, Item, UnitPrice, TaxAmount, and SalesOrderNumber. The data is as follows:

SalesOrderNumber	SalesOrderLineNumber	OrderDate	CustomerName	EmailAddress	Item	UnitPrice	TaxAmount	SalesOrderNumber
SO49171	1	2021-01-01	Mariah Foster	mariah				
SO49172	1	2021-01-01	Brian Howard	brian2				
SO49173	1	2021-01-01	Linda Alvarez	linda1				
SO49174	1	2021-01-01	Gina Hernandez	gina4				
SO49178	1	2021-01-01	Beth Ruiz	beth4				

The status bar at the bottom indicates "000004 Query executed successfully".

On the right side, there is a "Serverless SQL" panel with instructions and a "New SQL script" button. The instructions state: "In the ... menu for the Sales database, select New SQL script > Empty script. Then in the new script pane, enter and run the following query:"

```
sql
CREATE EXTERNAL FILE FORMAT CsvFormat
WITH (
FORMAT_TYPE = DELIMITEDTEXT,
FORMAT_OPTIONS(
FIELD_TERMINATOR = ',',
STRING_DELIMITER = ''
)
);
GO;

CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE dbo.orders
(
SalesOrderNumber VARCHAR(10),
SalesOrderLineNumber INT,
OrderDate DATE,
CustomerName VARCHAR(25),
EmailAddress VARCHAR(50),
Item VARCHAR(30),
Quantity INT,
UnitPrice DECIMAL(18,2),
TaxAmount DECIMAL (18,2)
)
WITH (
DATA_SOURCE = sales_data,
LOCATION = 'csv/*.csv',
FILE_FORMAT = CsvFormat
);
GO
```

2. Refresh and expand the External tables folder in the Data pane and confirm that a table named dbo.orders has been created in the Sales database.
3. In the ... menu for the dbo.orders table, select New SQL script > Select TOP 100 rows.
4. Run the SELECT script that has been generated, and verify that it retrieves the first 100 rows of data from the table, which is shown.

## Visualizing Query Results

The screenshot shows the Azure Synapse Analytics interface. On the left, the 'Develop' tab is active, displaying a list of SQL scripts. The main pane shows 'SQL script 2' with the following query:

```
1 SELECT YEAR(OrderDate) AS OrderYear,
2     SUM((UnitPrice * Quantity) + TaxAmount) AS GrossRevenue
3 FROM dbo.orders
4 GROUP BY YEAR(OrderDate)
5 ORDER BY OrderYear;
```

The 'Results' pane shows a line chart titled 'GrossRevenue' for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021. The Y-axis ranges from 0 to 15M. The chart type is 'Line', the category column is 'OrderYear', and the legend series column is 'GrossRevenue'.

On the right, a 'Serverless SQL' panel is visible, showing the same query and a line chart. Below the chart, there are instructions for using the charting functionality.

4. In the **Results** pane, select **Chart** and view the chart that is created for you, which should be a line chart.

5. Change the **Category column** to **OrderYear** so that the line chart shows the revenue trend over the three year period from 2019 to 2021:

6. Switch the **Chart type** to **Column** to see the yearly revenue as a column chart:

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### Delete Azure resources

If you've finished exploring Azure Synapse Analytics, you should delete the resources you've created to avoid unnecessary Azure costs.

1. Close the Synapse Studio browser tab and return to the Azure portal.
2. On the Azure portal, on the **Home** page, select **Resource groups**.
3. Select the **dp500-xxxxxx** resource group for your Synapse Analytics workspace (not the managed resource group), and verify that it contains the Synapse workspace and storage.



## Now Deleting Azure Resources:

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure portal interface. The main window shows the 'Delete a resource group' dialog for the resource group 'dp500-4rl6egu'. The dialog lists the resource group to be deleted and the dependent resources to be deleted (2): 'datalake4rl6egu' (Storage account) and 'synapse4rl6egu' (Synapse workspace). The user is prompted to enter the resource group name to confirm deletion. The 'Delete' button is visible.

On the right side, the 'Serverless SQL' sidebar is visible, showing a chart and instructions. The instructions include:

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Below the instructions, the 'Delete Azure resources' section is visible, providing a list of steps to follow:

1. Close the Synapse Studio browser tab and return to the Azure portal.
2. On the Azure portal, on the **Home** page, select **Resource groups**.
3. Select the **dp500-xxxxxxx** resource group for your Synapse Analytics workspace (not the managed resource group), and verify that it contains the Synapse workspace and storage account for your workspace.
4. At the top of the **Overview** page for your resource group, select **Delete resource group**.
5. Enter the **dp500-xxxxxxx** resource group name to confirm you want to delete it, and select **Delete**.

After a few minutes, your Azure Synapse workspace resource group and the managed workspace resource group associated with it will be deleted.

The sidebar also includes the text: 'End the lab' and 'Please be sure to end the lab.'

At the bottom, a terminal window shows the command 'PS /home/user1-48388150/dp500/AllFiles/01>' and the output of a script, indicating that the script completed at 02/16/2025 01:55:24.

## Conclusion:

In this lab, I explored the capabilities of Serverless SQL in Azure by querying CSV, JSON and Parquet files directly from a data lake using SQL. I learned how to create an external data source to efficiently connect to structured and semi-structured data without traditional database storage. The use of the OPENROWSET function simplified querying external files by referencing their relative paths. Additionally, I created external tables, such as dbo.orders, which allowed for more structured querying and visualization of results. Finally, I practiced resource management by deleting Azure resources to ensure cost efficiency. Overall, this lab provided hands-on experience with Serverless SQL, enhancing my understanding of querying data in a scalable and cost-effective manner.