

# Lab 9 Load Data Warehouse

## BUAN 6390.001 – Analytics Practicum

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### Connecting to PowerShell:

Microsoft Azure

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Password Sx@1571995 accepted. Make sure you remember this!  
Registering resource providers...  
Microsoft.Synapse : Registering  
Microsoft.Sql : Registering  
Microsoft.Storage : Registering  
Microsoft.Compute : Registering  
Your randomly generated suffix for Azure resources is Sx@1571995  
Finding an available region. This may take several minutes...

### Resuming the SQL pool:

Microsoft Azure

Synapse Analytics

SQL pools

The serverless SQL pool, built-in, is immediately available for your workspace. Dedicated SQL pools can be configured to adapt to team or organizational requirements and constraints. [Learn more](#)

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Filter by name

Showing 1-2 of 2 items (1 Serverless, 1 Dedicated)

Name	Type	Status	Size
Built-in	Serverless	Online	Auto
sqlbntuef	Dedicated	Paused	DW100c

Resume Pool

Would you like to resume sqlbntuef?

Resume Cancel

Prepare to load data

1. After the script has completed, in the Azure portal, go to the **dp203-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 - revealing the different pages within Synapse Studio that you'll use to manage resources and perform data analytics tasks.
4. On the **Manage** page, on the **SQL pools** tab, select the row for the **sqlbntuef** dedicated SQL pool, which hosts the data warehouse for this exercise, and use its > icon to start it; confirming that you want to resume it when prompted.  
  
Resuming the pool can take a few minutes. You can use the **Refresh** button to check its status periodically. The status will show as **Online** when it's ready. While you're waiting, proceed with the steps below to view the data files you will load.
5. 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 **synapsexxxxxxx (Primary - datalakexxxxxxx)**.
6. Expand your storage account and verify that it contains a file system container named **files (primary)**.
7. Select the files container, and note that it contains a folder named **data**. This folder contains the data files you're going to load into the data warehouse.
8. Open the **data** folder and observe that it contains .csv files of customer and product data.
9. Right-click any of the files and select **Preview** to see the data it contains. Note the files contain a header row, so you can select the option to display column headers.

Loading the Data warehouse table:

Loading data from a data lake by using the COPY statement:

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Synapse Analytics workspace. The SQL script pane contains the following code:

```
1 COPY INTO dbo.StageProduct
2 (ProductID, ProductName, ProductCategory, Color, Size, ListPrice, Discontinued)
3 FROM 'https://datalakeintouef.blob.core.windows.net/files/data/Product.csv'
4 WITH
5 (
6 FILE_TYPE = 'CSV',
7 MAXERRORS = 0,
8 IDENTITY_INSERT = 'OFF',
9 FIRSTROW = 2 --Skip header row
10 );
11
12
13 SELECT COUNT(1)
14 FROM dbo.StageProduct
```

The Results pane shows a single row with the value 11, indicating that 11 rows were loaded into the StageProduct table.

On the right, a sidebar titled "Load Data Warehouse" provides instructions for using the COPY statement:

1. In your SQL script, enter the following code into the window.
2. On the toolbar, use the **Run** button to run the SQL code and confirm that there are **0** rows currently in the **StageProduct** table.
3. Replace the code with the following COPY statement (changing **datalake\*xxxxxx** to the name of your data lake):

```
sql
1 COPY INTO dbo.StageProduct
2 (ProductID, ProductName, ProductCategory, Color, Size, ListPrice, Discontinued)
3 FROM 'https://datalakexxxxxx.blob.core.windows.net/files/data/Product.csv'
4 WITH
5 (
6 FILE_TYPE = 'CSV',
7 MAXERRORS = 0,
8 IDENTITY_INSERT = 'OFF',
9 FIRSTROW = 2 --Skip header row
10 );
11
12 SELECT COUNT(1)
13 FROM dbo.StageProduct
```

4. Run the script and review the results. 11 rows should have been loaded into the **StageProduct** table.
- Now let's use the same technique to load another table, this time logging any errors that might occur.
5. Replace the SQL code in the script pane with the following code, changing **datalake\*xxxxxx** to the name of your data lake in both the **FROM** and the **ERRORFILE** clauses:

```
sql
1 COPY INTO dbo.StageCustomer
2 (GeographyKey, CustomerAlternateKey, Title, FirstName, MaritalStatus, Suffix, Gender, EmailAddress, YearSpentInEducation, FrenchEducation, EnglishOccupationalNumberCarsOwned, AddressLine1, AddressLine2, PhoneNumber)
3 FROM 'https://datalakexxxxxx.dfs.core.windows.net/files/data/Customer.csv'
4 WITH (ERRORFILE = 'https://datalakexxxxxx.dfs.core.windows.net/files/data/Customer_errors.csv')
5 (
6 FILE_TYPE = 'CSV',
7 MAXERRORS = 1,
8 IDENTITY_INSERT = 'OFF',
9 FIRSTROW = 2 --Skip header row
10 );
11
12 SELECT COUNT(1)
13 FROM dbo.StageCustomer
```

Using a CREATE TABLE AS (CTAS) statement:

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Synapse Analytics workspace. The SQL script pane contains the following code:

```
1 CREATE TABLE dbo.DimProduct
2 WITH
3 (
4 DISTRIBUTION = HASH(ProductAltKey),
5 CLUSTERED COLUMNSTORE INDEX
6 )
7 AS
8 SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER(ORDER BY ProductID) AS ProductKey,
9 ProductID AS ProductAltKey,
10 ProductName,
11 ProductCategory,
12 Color,
13 Size,
14 ListPrice,
15 Discontinued
16 FROM dbo.StageProduct;
17
18
19 SELECT ProductKey,
20 ProductAltKey,
21 ProductName,
22 ProductCategory,
23 Color,
24 Size,
25 ListPrice,
26 Discontinued
27 FROM dbo.DimProduct;
```

The Results pane shows a table with 6 columns: ProductKey, ProductAltKey, ProductName, ProductCategory, Color, Size, and ListPrice. The first row of data is shown:

ProductKey	ProductAltKey	ProductName	ProductCategory	Color	Size	ListPrice
8	CA-7457	HL Crankam	(NULL)	Silver	(NULL)	(NULL)

On the right, a sidebar titled "Use a CREATE TABLE AS (CTAS) statement" provides instructions:

1. Return to the script pane, and replace the code it contains with the following code:

```
sql
1 CREATE TABLE dbo.DimProduct
2 WITH
3 (
4 DISTRIBUTION = HASH(ProductAltKey),
5 CLUSTERED COLUMNSTORE INDEX
6 )
7 AS
8 SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER(ORDER BY ProductID) AS ProductKey,
9 ProductID AS ProductAltKey,
10 ProductName,
11 ProductCategory,
12 Color,
13 Size,
14 ListPrice,
15 Discontinued
16 FROM dbo.StageProduct;
```

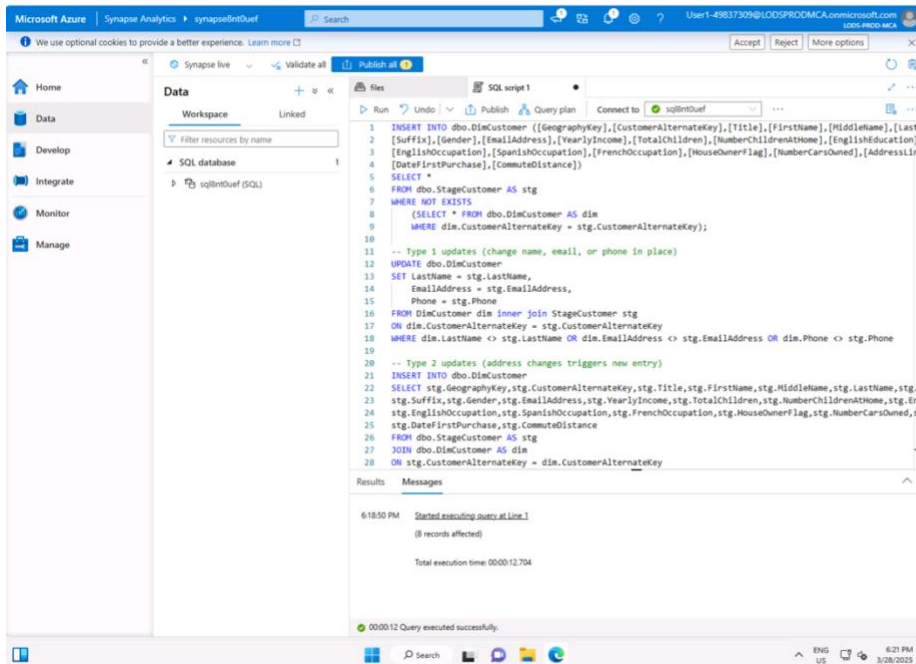
2. Run the script, which creates a new table named **DimProduct** from the staged product data that uses **ProductAltKey** as its hash distribution key and has a clustered columnstore index.
3. Use the following query to view the contents of the new **DimProduct** table:

```
sql
1 SELECT ProductKey,
2 ProductAltKey,
3 ProductName,
4 ProductCategory,
5 Color,
6 Size,
7 ListPrice,
8 Discontinued
9 FROM dbo.DimProduct;
```

The CREATE TABLE AS SELECT (CTAS) expression has various uses, which include:

- Redistributing the hash key of a table to align with other tables for better query performance.
- Assigning a surrogate key to a staging table based upon existing values after performing a delta analysis.

## Combining INSERT and UPDATE statements to load a slowly changing dimension table:



Microsoft Azure | Synapse Analytics | synapredintuef

Workspace | Linked

SQL database | sqlintduef (SQL)

Files | SQL script 1

Run | Undo | Publish | Query plan | Connect to | sqlintduef

```
1 INSERT INTO dbo.DimCustomer ([GeographyKey],[CustomerAlternateKey],[Title],[FirstName],[MiddleName],[Last  
2 [Suffix],[Gender],[EmailAddress],[YearlyIncome],[TotalChildren],[NumberChildrenAtHome],[EnglishEducation],  
3 [EnglishOccupation],[SpanishOccupation],[FrenchOccupation],[HouseOwnerFlag],[NumberCarsOwned],[AddressLine  
4 [DateFirstPurchase],[CommuteDistance])  
5 SELECT *  
6 FROM dbo.StageCustomer AS stg  
7 WHERE NOT EXISTS  
8 (SELECT * FROM dbo.DimCustomer AS dim  
9 WHERE dim.CustomerAlternateKey = stg.CustomerAlternateKey);  
10  
11 -- Type 1 updates (change name, email, or phone in place)  
12 UPDATE dbo.DimCustomer  
13 SET LastName = stg.LastName,  
14 EmailAddress = stg.EmailAddress,  
15 Phone = stg.Phone  
16 FROM DimCustomer dim inner join StageCustomer stg  
17 ON dim.CustomerAlternateKey = stg.CustomerAlternateKey  
18 WHERE dim.LastName <> stg.LastName OR dim.EmailAddress <> stg.EmailAddress OR dim.Phone <> stg.Phone  
19  
20 -- Type 2 updates (address changes triggers new entry)  
21 INSERT INTO dbo.DimCustomer  
22 SELECT stg.GeographyKey,stg.CustomerAlternateKey,stg.Title,stg.FirstName,stg.MiddleName,stg.LastName,stg.H  
23 stg.Suffix,stg.Gender,stg.EmailAddress,stg.YearlyIncome,stg.TotalChildren,stg.NumberChildrenAtHome,stg.D  
24 stg.EnglishOccupation,stg.SpanishOccupation,stg.FrenchOccupation,stg.HouseOwnerFlag,stg.NumberCarsOwned,st  
25 stg.DateFirstPurchase,stg.CommuteDistance  
26 FROM dbo.StageCustomer AS stg  
27 JOIN dbo.DimCustomer AS dim  
28 ON stg.CustomerAlternateKey = dim.CustomerAlternateKey
```

Results | Messages

6:18:50 PM Started executing query at Line 1  
(8 records affected)  
Total execution time: 00:00:12.704

00:00:12 Query executed successfully.

1. In the query pane, replace the existing SQL code with the following code:

```
sql  
1 INSERT INTO dbo.DimCustomer ([GeographyKey],[CustomerAlternateKey],[Title],[FirstName],[MiddleName],[Last  
2 [Suffix],[Gender],[EmailAddress],[YearlyIncome],[TotalChildren],[NumberChildrenAtHome],[EnglishEducation],  
3 [EnglishOccupation],[SpanishOccupation],[FrenchOccupation],[HouseOwnerFlag],[NumberCarsOwned],[AddressLine  
4 [DateFirstPurchase],[CommuteDistance])  
5 SELECT *  
6 FROM dbo.StageCustomer AS stg  
7 WHERE NOT EXISTS  
8 (SELECT * FROM dbo.DimCustomer AS dim  
9 WHERE dim.CustomerAlternateKey = stg.CustomerAlternateKey);  
10  
11 -- Type 1 updates (change name, email, or phone in place)  
12 UPDATE dbo.DimCustomer  
13 SET LastName = stg.LastName,  
14 EmailAddress = stg.EmailAddress,  
15 Phone = stg.Phone  
16 FROM DimCustomer dim inner join StageCustomer stg  
17 ON dim.CustomerAlternateKey = stg.CustomerAlternateKey  
18 WHERE dim.LastName <> stg.LastName OR dim.EmailAddress <> stg.EmailAddress OR dim.Phone <> stg.Phone  
19  
20 -- Type 2 updates (address changes triggers new entry)  
21 INSERT INTO dbo.DimCustomer  
22 SELECT stg.GeographyKey,stg.CustomerAlternateKey,stg.Title,stg.FirstName,stg.MiddleName,stg.LastName,stg.H  
23 stg.Suffix,stg.Gender,stg.EmailAddress,stg.YearlyIncome,stg.TotalChildren,stg.NumberChildrenAtHome,stg.D  
24 stg.EnglishOccupation,stg.SpanishOccupation,stg.FrenchOccupation,stg.HouseOwnerFlag,stg.NumberCarsOwned,st  
25 stg.DateFirstPurchase,stg.CommuteDistance  
26 FROM dbo.StageCustomer AS stg  
27 JOIN dbo.DimCustomer AS dim  
28 ON stg.CustomerAlternateKey = dim.CustomerAlternateKey  
29 AND stg.AddressLine1 <> dim.AddressLine1;
```

2. Run the script and review the output.

Perform post-load optimization

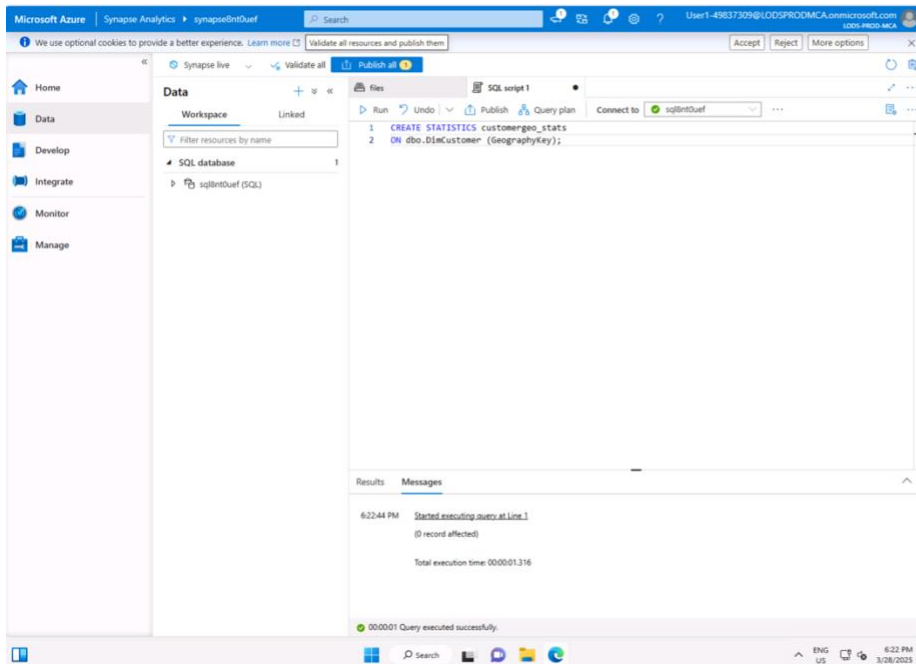
After loading new data into the data warehouse, it's recommended to rebuild the table indexes and update statistics on commonly queried columns.

1. Replace the code in the script pane with the following code:

```
sql  
1 ALTER INDEX ALL ON dbo.DimProduct REBUILD;
```

End >

## Performing post-load optimization:



Microsoft Azure | Synapse Analytics | synapredintuef

Workspace | Linked

SQL database | sqlintduef (SQL)

Files | SQL script 1

Run | Undo | Publish | Query plan | Connect to | sqlintduef

```
1 CREATE STATISTICS customergeo_stats  
2 ON dbo.DimCustomer (GeographyKey);
```

Results | Messages

6:22:44 PM Started executing query at Line 1  
(0 record affected)  
Total execution time: 00:00:01.316

00:00:01 Query executed successfully.

2. Run the script and review the output.

Perform post-load optimization

After loading new data into the data warehouse, it's recommended to rebuild the table indexes and update statistics on commonly queried columns.

1. Replace the code in the script pane with the following code:

```
sql  
1 ALTER INDEX ALL ON dbo.DimProduct REBUILD;
```

2. Run the script to rebuild the indexes on the **DimProduct** table.

3. Replace the code in the script pane with the following code:

```
sql  
1 CREATE STATISTICS customergeo_stats  
2 ON dbo.DimCustomer (GeographyKey);
```

4. Run the script to create or update statistics on the **GeographyKey** column of the **DimCustomer** table.

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 **dp203-xxxxxxx** resource group for your Synapse Analytics workspace (not the managed resource group), and verify that it contains the Synapse workspace, storage account, and Spark pool for your workspace.
4. At the top of the **Overview** page for your resource group, select **Delete resource group**.
5. Enter the **dp203-xxxxxxx** resource group name to confirm you want to delete it, and select **Delete**.

After a few minutes, your Azure Synapse workspace resource group

End >

## Deleting Azure resources:

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure portal interface. On the left, the 'Resource groups' section shows a list of resource groups, including 'dp203-8nt0uef'. The main area shows the 'Delete a resource group' dialog for 'dp203-8nt0uef'. The dialog states: 'The following resource group and all its dependent resources will be permanently deleted.' It lists the resource group to be deleted and the dependent resources to be deleted (3): datalakeint0uef, sqlint0uef, and synapseint0uef. A 'Delete confirmation' pop-up is also visible, stating: 'Deleting this resource group and its dependent resources is a permanent action and cannot be undone.' The background shows the Azure portal interface with a list of resource groups and a terminal window at the bottom.

**Perform post-load optimization**

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```

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5. Enter the **dp203-xxxxxx** 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.

**End the lab**

Please be sure to end the lab.

## Conclusion:

In this lab, I learned how to resume SQL pools, load data from a data lake using the COPY statement, and utilize the CREATE TABLE AS (CTAS) statement for efficient table creation. Additionally, I practiced combining INSERT and UPDATE statements to handle slowly changing dimension tables and performed post-load optimization. This process enhanced my understanding of data loading techniques and best practices for maintaining data integrity and optimizing performance within a data warehouse environment.