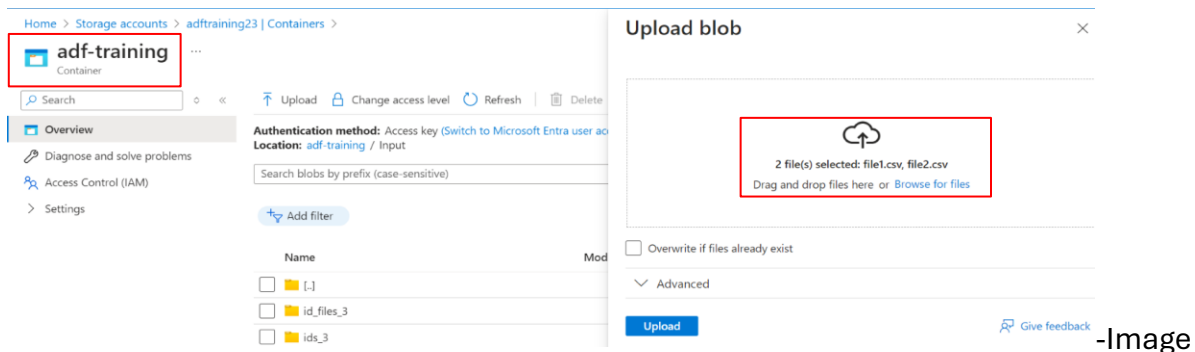


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Use Case: Unpivoting the File

1. Uploading Input File in the Container

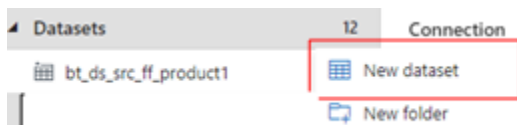
- A container named adf-training was previously created in the Azure storage account.
- For this pipeline, the file was uploaded into the container in the input folder.
- Once the upload was successful, the file was added to the input folder.
- Files uploaded: file1.csv, file2.csv (refer image 1).
- We had 2 source files: one containing the departments table and the other containing only the ids. The task was to unpivot the department file and compare the IDs file with the department file. If the id is available in the department file, then load the data to the destination.



2. Dataset Creation.

Source dataset 1

- A new source dataset was created for the source data file.
- Source dataset name: bt_ds_src_dpt_transformation
- Inside Azure Data Factory, in the Author tab, I selected the Dataset option and clicked on "New Dataset" (refer to image 1). I chose the Azure Blob Storage option (refer to image 2).
- Next, I selected the Delimited Text file format, which brought me to the properties page where I defined the dataset name and path (refer to image 3).
- I specified the dataset name, selected the linked service, and provided the path of my input file.
- These steps created my source dataset that contained department information (refer image 4).



- Image 1

New dataset

In pipeline activities and data flows, reference a dataset to specify the location and structure of your data within a data store. [Learn more](#)

Select a data store

blob









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Azure Blob Storage

- Image 2

Select format

Choose the format type of your data

 Avro	 Binary	 DelimitedText
 Excel	 JSON	 ORC
 Parquet	 XML	

Continue Back Cancel

-Image 3

Set properties

Name
bt_ds_src_dpt_transformation

Linked service *
ADF_Training

File path
adf-training / Input / file1.csv

First row as header ☒

Import schema
☒ From connection/store ☐ From sample file ☐ None

-Image 4

Source dataset 2

Source dataset 2

- A new source dataset was created for the source2 data file.
- Source dataset name: bt_ds_src_ids_transformation

- I followed similar steps for source dataset 2.
- In the Author tab, I selected the datasets, clicked on "New Dataset," selected Azure Blob Storage, and then selected the Delimited Text format, which brought me to the properties page where I defined the dataset name and path. These steps created my source dataset that contained IDs information (refer image 1).

Set properties

Name
bt_ds_src_ids_transformation

Linked service *
ADF_Training

File path
adf-training / Input / file2.csv

First row as header ☒

Import schema
☒ From connection/store
 ☐ From sample file
 ☐ None

-Image 1

Target dataset

- A new source dataset was created for the target data file.
- Source dataset name: bt_ds_tgt_ids_transformation
- I followed similar steps for the target dataset. In the Author tab, I selected the datasets, clicked on "New Dataset," selected Azure Blob Storage, and then selected the Delimited Text format, which brought me to the properties page where I defined the dataset name and path (refer image 1)

Set properties

Name
bt_ds_tgt_ids_transformation

Linked service *
ADF_Training

File path
adf-training / Output / File name

First row as header ☒

Import schema
☒ From connection/store
 ☐ From sample file
 ☐ None

- Image 1

3. Dataflow Creation

- Dataflow name: bt_df_file_transformation_unpivot.
- The mandatory step is to enable dataflow debug so we can preview the data at every step (refer to image 1).

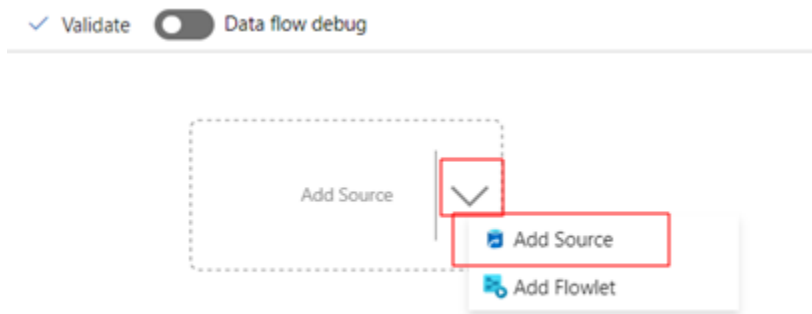


-Image 1

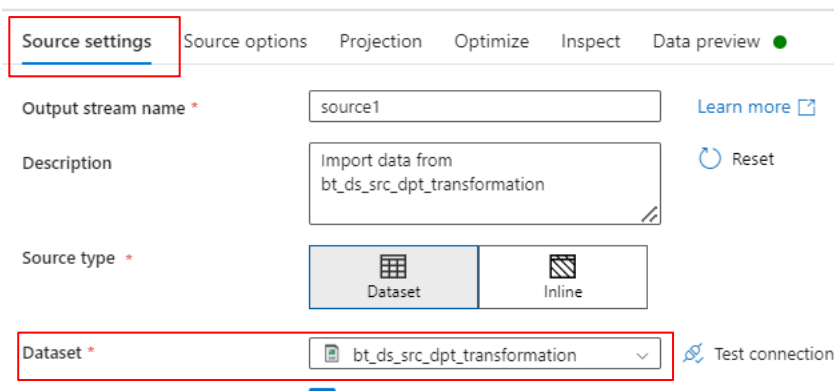
Dataflow Steps:

A. Selecting Source

- Added the sources to add my 2 separate source file (refer to image 1).
- In source settings, I added my source dataset (refer to image 2,3).



-Image 1



-Image 2

Source settings | Source options | Projection | Optimize | Inspect | Data preview ●

Output stream name * [Learn more](#)

Description [Reset](#)

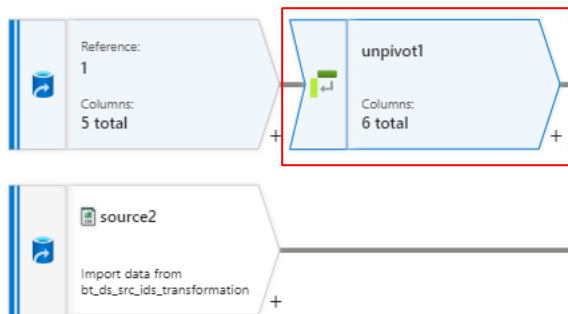
Source type * Dataset Inline

Dataset * bt_ds_src_ids_transformation [Test connection](#)

-Image 3

B. Unpivot

- Click on the "Add transformation (+)" button and select "Unpivot" (Image 1).
- The unpivot function in Azure Data Factory's Data Flow transforms columns into rows, converting wide data formats into a long, normalized format by moving the values of selected columns into rows under a new column.
- The ungroup by option in the Unpivot transformation allows you to specify columns that should not be unpivoted. I selected the columns first_name, last_name (refer image 2).
- Then there is the unpivot key, which specifies the name of the new column that will hold the original column names. I selected the ids column with a data type of integer (refer image 3).
- Moved to unpivoted columns, the Unpivot transformation allows you to convert columns into rows, making your data normalized from wide to long format. I selected the departments columns that I wanted to unpivot: dpt_id, mkt_id, fin_id (refer image 4).



-Image 1

Unpivot settings | Optimize | Inspect | Data preview ●

Output stream name *

Description

Incoming stream * source1

1. Ungroup by | 2. Unpivot key | 3. Unpivoted columns

Columns

-Image 2

Unpivot settings Optimize Inspect Data preview ●

Output stream name * ? Help

Description Reset

Incoming stream *

1. Ungroup by **2. Unpivot key** 3. Unpivoted columns

Unpivot column name *

Unpivot column type *

Option * ☒ Pick column names as values ☐ Enter values

-Image 3

Unpivot settings Optimize Inspect Data preview ●

Output stream name * ? Help [Learn more](#)

Description Reset

Incoming stream *

1. Ungroup by 2. Unpivot key **3. Unpivoted columns**

Column arrangement * ☐ Normal ☒ Lateral

Drop rows with null ⓘ ☐

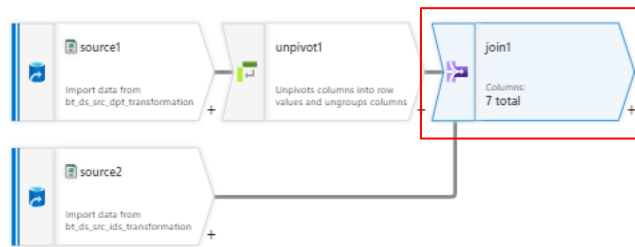
Columns *

Column name	Type	
<input type="text" value="dpt_id"/>	<input type="text" value="abc string"/>	+ <input type="button" value=""/>
<input type="text" value="mkt_id"/>	<input type="text" value="abc string"/>	+ <input type="button" value=""/>
<input type="text" value="fin_id"/>	<input type="text" value="abc string"/>	+ <input type="button" value=""/>

-Image 4

C. Join

- Click on the "Add transformation (+)" button and select "Join" (refer image 1).
- I used the join function to join the Unpivot transformation with source 2. Selected the left stream as Unpivot1 and right stream as source 2. Join type is "Inner Join".
- Mentioned the joining conditions (refer image 2).



-Image 1

Join settings | Optimize | Inspect | Data preview ●

Output stream name * [Learn more](#)

Description [Reset](#)

Left stream *

Right stream *

Join type *

Full outer ☒ Inner ☐ Left outer ☐ Right outer ☐ Custom (cross) ☐

Use fuzzy matching ☐

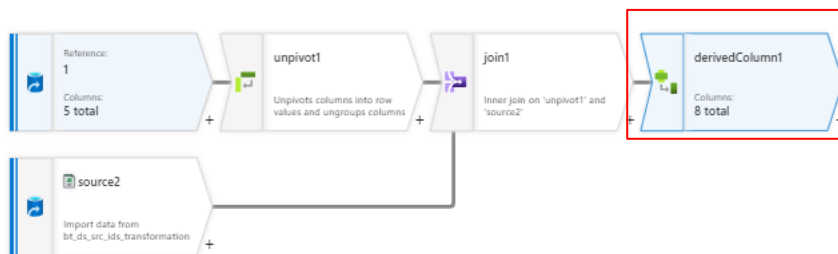
Join conditions *

Left: unpivot1's column Right: source2's column

-Image 2

D. Derived Column

- Click on the "Add transformation (+)" button and select "Derived Column" (refer image 1).
- Selected this function to concatenate the first and last names.
- In the columns option, assigned a column name as "full_name" and wrote a concat expression (refer image 2).



-Image 1

Derived column's settings

OptimizeInspectData preview

Output stream name *

derivedColumn1

Learn more

Description

Creating/updating the columns 'first_name, last_name, ids, dpt_id, mkt_id, fin_id, id, full_name'

Reset

Incoming stream *

join1

+ Add

Clone

Delete

Open expression builder

Columns *

Column	Expression
<input type="checkbox"/> full_name	concat(first_name, " ", last_name)

-Image 2

E. Select

- Click on the "Add transformation (+)" button and select "Select" (refer image 1).
- After the derived column function, we had 8 columns. I used the select function to select only the necessary columns, selecting the dpt_id, full_name column (refer image 2).



-Image 1

Select settings

OptimizeInspectData preview

Incoming stream *

derivedColumn1

Options

☒ Skip duplicate input columns
 ☒ Skip duplicate output columns

Input columns *

☐ Auto mapping

Reset

+ Add mapping

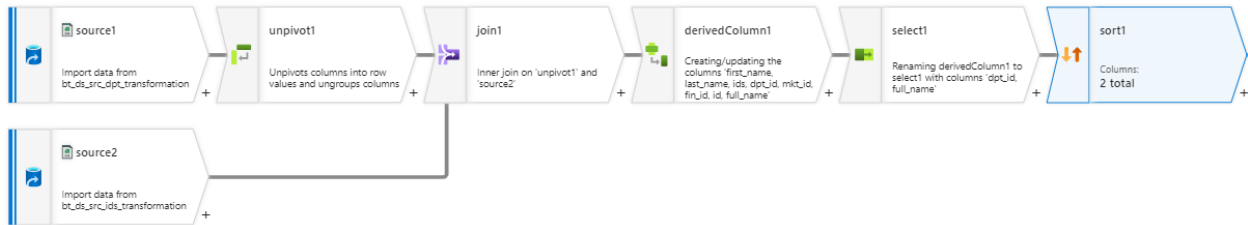
Delete

	derivedColumn1's column		Name as
<input type="checkbox"/>	abc dpt_id	→	dpt_id
<input type="checkbox"/>	abc full_name	→	full_name

-Image 2

F. Sort

- Click on the "Add transformation (+)" button and select "Sort" (refer image 1).
- Added the sort function to sort the dpt_id in ascending order (refer image 2).



-Image 1

Sort settings Optimize Inspect Data preview ●

Description

Sorting rows on columns 'dpt_id' Reset

Incoming stream *

select1

Options *

☐ Case insensitive

☐ Sort only within partition

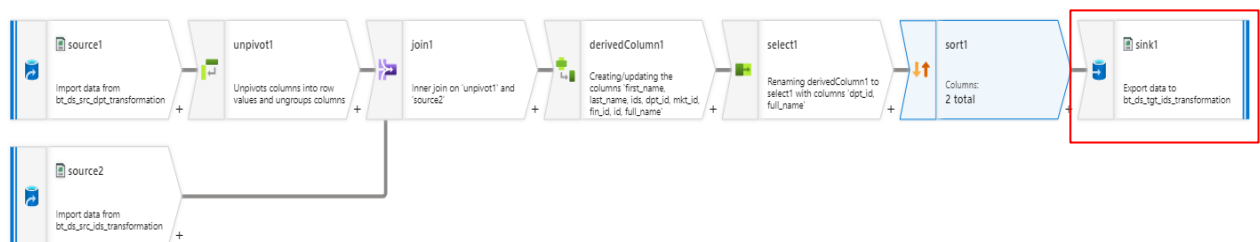
Sort conditions *

select1's column	Order
abc dpt_id	Ascending

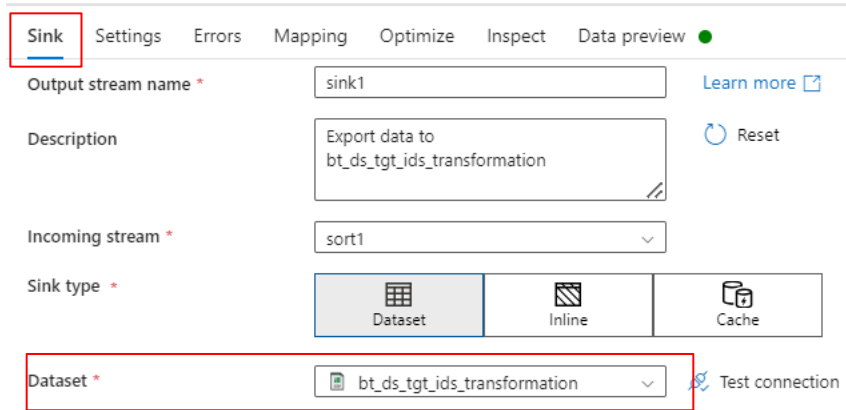
-Image 2

G. Sink

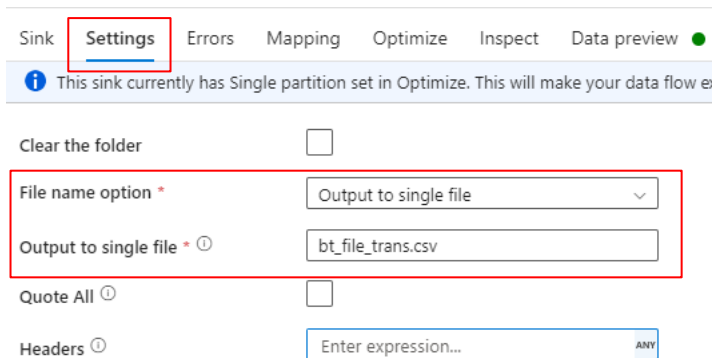
- Click on the "Add transformation(+)" button and select "Sink" (refer image 1).
- Added my target dataset in the sink and in settings selected the file name option as Output to single file so I can assign a name to my output file (refer image 2,3).



-Image 1



-Image 2



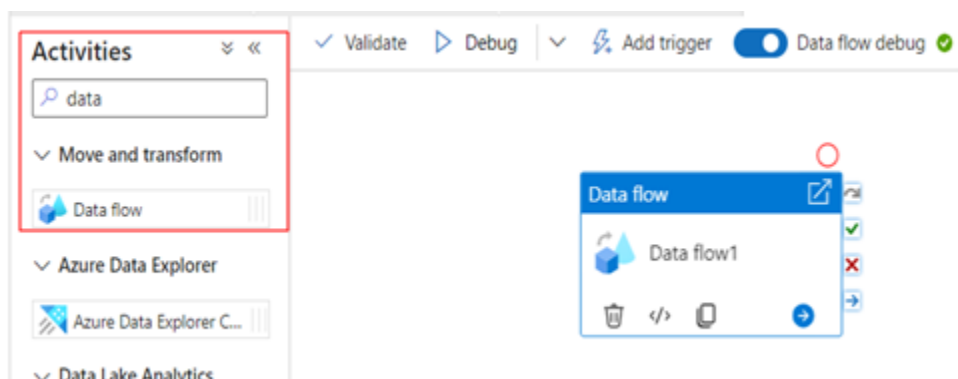
-Image 3

4. Pipeline Creation

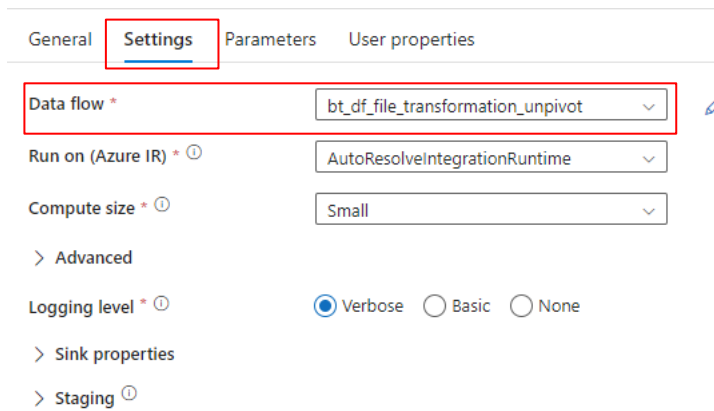
- I then created a pipeline named bt_pl_file_transformation to execute the dataflow activities.

5. Dataflow Activity

- From the activities, I dragged and dropped the dataflow activity (refer image 1).
- Then, in the settings, I select the dataflow (refer image 2).



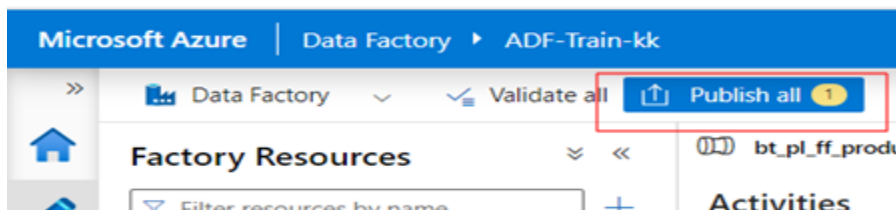
-Image 1



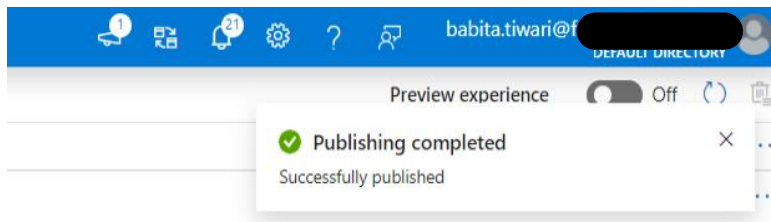
-Image 2

6. Publishing and Executing the Pipeline

- The activities were saved/published, and all were successfully published and executed via debug tab. (refer to images 1, 2, 3).



- Image 1



-Image 2

Parameters

Variables

Settings

Output

Pipeline run ID: 92e94a10-a5d6-45f8-b570-5f4a8627719f

Pipeline status

Succeeded

View debug run consumption

All status

Monitor in Azure Metrics

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Export to CSV

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Activity name	Activity status	Activity type	Run start	Duration	Integration runtime	User properties	Activity
Data flow1	<div><div></div>Succeeded</div>	Data flow	6/7/2024, 1:11:27 PM	1m 21s	AutoResolveIntegrator		049043

-Image 3

7. Verifying the Output

I then visited the output folder in the adf-training container and checked the output. The file was generated correctly (refer image 1).

Overview Versions Snapshots Edit Generate SAS

1	id,full_name
2	1,Siraj Shaikh
3	5,Raj Challa
4	7,Kamran Khan
5	12,Babita Tiwari
6	21,Siraj Shaikh
7	23,Kamran Khan
8	

-Image 1

Summary:

This document details the steps involved in creating a data flow in Azure Data Factory for unpivoting data.

