Lab 5 - Ingest and load data into the Data Warehouse

This lab teaches you how to ingest data into the data warehouse through T-SQL scripts and Synapse Analytics integration pipelines. You will learn how to load data into Synapse dedicated SQL pools with PolyBase and COPY using T-SQL. You will also learn how to use workload management along with a Copy activity in a Azure Synapse pipeline for petabyte-scale data ingestion.

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

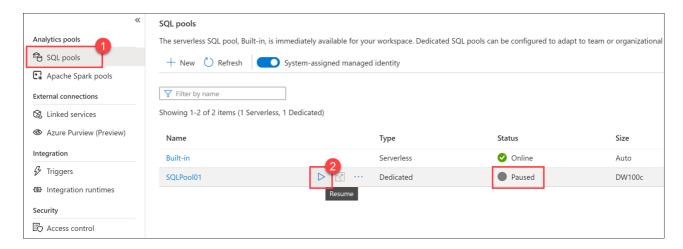
- Perform petabyte-scale ingestion with Azure Synapse Pipelines
- Import data with PolyBase and COPY using T-SQL
- Use data loading best practices in Azure Synapse Analytics

Lab setup and pre-requisites

Before starting this lab, you must complete **Lab 4:** Explore, transform, and load data into the Data Warehouse using Apache Spark.

This lab uses the dedicated SQL pool you created in the previous lab. You should have paused the SQL pool at the end of the previous lab, so resume it by following these instructions:

- 1. Open Synapse Studio (https://web.azuresynapse.net/).
- 2. Select the Manage hub.
- 3. Select **SQL pools** in the left-hand menu. If the **SQLPool01** dedicated SQL pool is paused, hover over its name and select ▷.



4. When prompted, select **Resume**. It will take a minute or two to resume the pool.

Important: Once started, a dedicated SQL pool consumes credits in your Azure subscription until it is paused. If you take a break from this lab, or decide not to complete it; follow the instructions at the end of the lab to pause your SQL pool!

Exercise 1 - Import data with PolyBase and COPY using T-SQL

There are different options for loading large amounts and varying types of data into Azure Synapse Analytics, such as through T-SQL commands using a Synapse SQL Pool, and with Azure Synapse pipelines. In our scenario, Wide World Importers stores most of their raw data in a data lake and in different formats. Among the data loading options available to them, WWI's data engineers are most comfortable using T-SQL.

However, even with their familiarity with SQL, there are some things to consider when loading large or disparate file types and formats. Since the files are stored in ADLS Gen2, WWI can use either PolyBase external tables or the new COPY statement. Both options enable fast and scalable data load operations, but there are some differences between the two:

PolyBase	COPY
Needs CONTROL permission	Relaxed permission
Has row width limits	No row width limit
No delimiters within text	Supports delimiters in text
Fixed line delimiter	Supports custom column and row delimiters
Complex to set up in code	Reduces amount of code

WWI has heard that PolyBase is generally faster than COPY, especially when working with large data sets.

In this exercise, you will help WWI compare ease of setup, flexibility, and speed between these loading strategies.

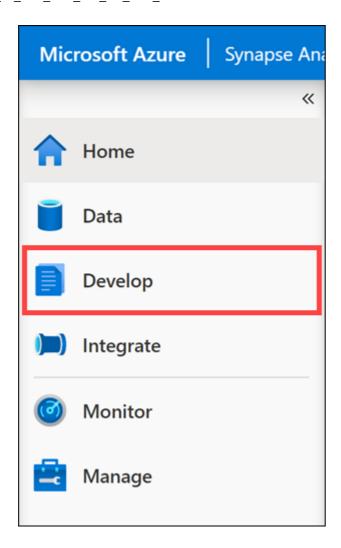
Task 1: Create staging tables

The **Sale** table has a columnstore index to optimize for read-heavy workloads. It is also used heavily for reporting and ad-hoc queries. To achieve the fastest loading speed and minimize the impact of heavy data inserts on the **Sale** table, WWI has decided to create a staging table for loads.

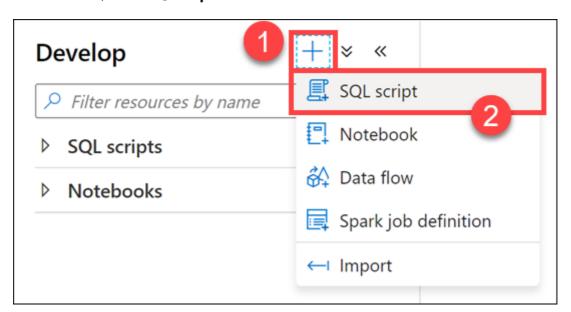
In this task, you will create a new staging table named **SaleHeap** in a new schema named **wwi_staging**. You will define it as a heap and use round-robin distribution. When WWI finalizes their data loading pipeline, they will load the data into **SaleHeap**, then insert from the heap table into **Sale**. Although this is a two-step process, the second step of inserting the rows to the production table does not incur data movement across the distributions.

You will also create a new **Sale** clustered columnstore table within the **wwi_staging** schema to compare data load speeds.

1. In Synapse Analytics Studio, navigate to the **Develop** hub.



2. In the + menu, select **SQL script**.



3. In the toolbar menu, connect to the **SQLPool01** database.



4. In the query window, enter the following code to verify that the **wwi_staging** schema exists.

```
SELECT * FROM sys.schemas WHERE name = 'wwi_staging'
```

5. Select **Run** from the toolbar menu to run the script.



The results should include a single row for the **wwi_staging** schema, which was created when setting up the previous lab.

6. In the query window, replace the script with the following to create the heap table:

```
CREATE TABLE [wwi_staging].[SaleHeap]
    [TransactionId] [uniqueidentifier] NOT NULL,
    [CustomerId] [int] NOT NULL,
    [ProductId] [smallint] NOT NULL,
    [Quantity] [smallint] NOT NULL,
    [Price] [decimal](9,2) NOT NULL,
    [TotalAmount] [decimal](9,2) NOT NULL,
    [TransactionDate] [int] NOT NULL,
    [ProfitAmount] [decimal](9,2) NOT NULL,
    [Hour] [tinyint] NOT NULL,
    [Minute] [tinyint] NOT NULL,
    [StoreId] [smallint] NOT NULL
)
WITH
(
    DISTRIBUTION = ROUND_ROBIN,
    HEAP
)
```

- 7. Run the SQL script to create the table.
- 8. In the query window, replace the script with the following to create the **Sale** table in the **wwi_staging** schema for load comparisons:

```
CREATE TABLE [wwi_staging].[Sale]
(
     [TransactionId] [uniqueidentifier] NOT NULL,
     [CustomerId] [int] NOT NULL,
     [ProductId] [smallint] NOT NULL,
     [Quantity] [smallint] NOT NULL,
     [Price] [decimal](9,2) NOT NULL,
     [TotalAmount] [decimal](9,2) NOT NULL,
     [TransactionDate] [int] NOT NULL,
     [ProfitAmount] [decimal](9,2) NOT NULL,
     [Hour] [tinyint] NOT NULL,
     [Minute] [tinyint] NOT NULL,
     [StoreId] [smallint] NOT NULL
```

```
WITH
(
    DISTRIBUTION = HASH ( [CustomerId] ),
    CLUSTERED COLUMNSTORE INDEX,
    PARTITION
        [TransactionDate] RANGE RIGHT FOR VALUES (20100101, 20100201,
20100301, 20100401, 20100501, 20100601, 20100701, 20100801, 20100901,
20101001, 20101101, 20101201, 20110101, 20110201, 20110301, 20110401,
20110501, 20110601, 20110701, 20110801, 20110901, 20111001, 20111101,
20111201, 20120101, 20120201, 20120301, 20120401, 20120501, 20120601,
20120701, 20120801, 20120901, 20121001, 20121101, 20121201, 20130101,
20130201, 20130301, 20130401, 20130501, 20130601, 20130701, 20130801,
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20181201, 20190101, 20190201, 20190301, 20190401, 20190501, 20190601,
20190701, 20190801, 20190901, 20191001, 20191101, 20191201)
    )
)
```

9. Run the script to ceate the table.

Task 2: Configure and run PolyBase load operation

PolyBase requires the following elements:

- An external data source that points to the abfss path in ADLS Gen2 where the Parquet files are located
- An external file format for Parquet files
- An external table that defines the schema for the files, as well as the location, data source, and file format
- 1. In the query window, replace the script with the following code to create the external data source. Be sure to replace **SUFFIX** with the unique suffix for your Azure resources in this lab:

```
-- Replace SUFFIX with the lab workspace id.

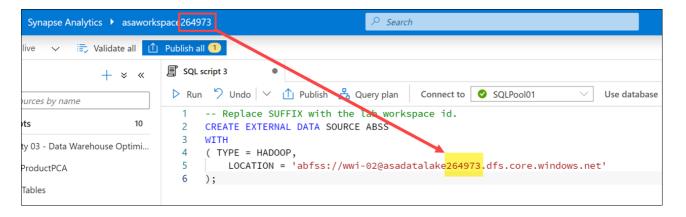
CREATE EXTERNAL DATA SOURCE ABSS

WITH

( TYPE = HADOOP,

LOCATION = 'abfss://wwi-02@asadatalakeSUFFIX.dfs.core.windows.net'
);
```

You can find your suffix at the end of the Synapse Analytics workspace name:



- 2. Run the script to create the external data source.
- 3. In the query window, replace the script with the following code to create the external file format and external data table. Notice that we defined **TransactionId** as an **nvarchar(36)** field instead of **uniqueidentifier**. This is because external tables do not currently support **uniqueidentifier** columns:

```
CREATE EXTERNAL FILE FORMAT [ParquetFormat]
WITH (
    FORMAT_TYPE = PARQUET,
    DATA_COMPRESSION = 'org.apache.hadoop.io.compress.SnappyCodec'
)
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CREATE SCHEMA [wwi_external];
G0
CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE [wwi_external].Sales
    (
        [TransactionId] [nvarchar](36) NOT NULL,
        [CustomerId] [int] NOT NULL,
        [ProductId] [smallint] NOT NULL,
        [Quantity] [smallint] NOT NULL,
        [Price] [decimal](9,2) NOT NULL,
        [TotalAmount] [decimal](9,2) NOT NULL,
        [TransactionDate] [int] NOT NULL,
        [ProfitAmount] [decimal](9,2) NOT NULL,
        [Hour] [tinyint] NOT NULL,
        [Minute] [tinyint] NOT NULL,
        [StoreId] [smallint] NOT NULL
WITH
    (
        LOCATION = '/sale-small/Year=2019',
        DATA SOURCE = ABSS,
        FILE_FORMAT = [ParquetFormat]
    )
G<sub>0</sub>
```

Note: The /sale-small/Year=2019/ folder's Parquet files contain **4,124,857 rows**.

- 4. Run the script.
- 5. In the query window, replace the script with the following code to load the data into the **wwi_staging.SalesHeap** table:

```
INSERT INTO [wwi_staging].[SaleHeap]
SELECT *
FROM [wwi_external].[Sales]
```

- 6. Run the script. It may take some time to complete.
- 7. In the query window, replace the script with the following to see how many rows were imported:

```
SELECT COUNT(1) FROM wwi_staging.SaleHeap(nolock)
```

8. Run the script. You should see a result of 4124857.

Task 3: Configure and run the COPY statement

Now let's see how to perform the same load operation with the COPY statement.

1. In the query window, replace the script with the following to truncate the heap table and load data using the COPY statement. As you did before, be sure to replace **SUFFIX** with your unique suffix:

```
TRUNCATE TABLE wwi_staging.SaleHeap;

GO

-- Replace SUFFIX with the unique suffix for your resources

COPY INTO wwi_staging.SaleHeap

FROM 'https://asadatalakeSUFFIX.dfs.core.windows.net/wwi-02/sale-small/Year=2019'

WITH (

FILE_TYPE = 'PARQUET',

COMPRESSION = 'SNAPPY'
)

GO
```

- 2. Run the script. Notice how little scripting is required to perform a similar load operation.
- 3. In the query window, replace the script with the following to see how many rows were imported:

```
SELECT COUNT(1) FROM wwi_staging.SaleHeap(nolock)
```

4. Run the script. Once again, 4124857 rows should have been imported. Note that both load operations copied the same amount of data in roughly the same amount of time.

Task 4: Use COPY to load text file with non-standard row delimiters

One of the advantages COPY has over PolyBase is that it supports custom column and row delimiters.

WWI has a nightly process that ingests regional sales data from a partner analytics system and saves the files in the data lake. The text files use non-standard column and row delimiters where columns are delimited by a period and rows by a comma:

```
20200421.114892.130282.159488.172105.196533,20200420.109934.108377.122039.101946.1 00712,20200419.253714.357583.452690.553447.653921
```

The data has the following fields: **Date**, **NorthAmerica**, **SouthAmerica**, **Europe**, **Africa**, and **Asia**. They must process this data and store it in Synapse Analytics.

1. In the query window, replace the script with the following to create the **DailySalesCounts** table and load data using the COPY statement. As before, be sure to replace **SUFFIX** with your unique suffix:

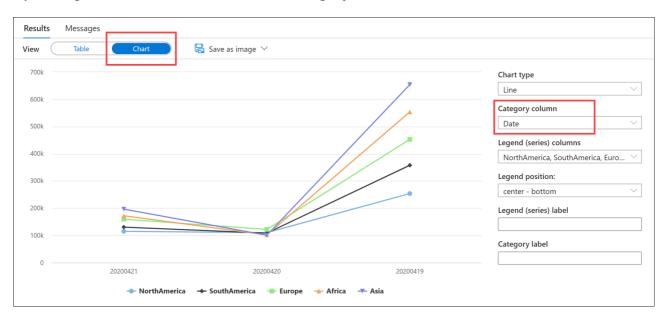
```
CREATE TABLE [wwi_staging].DailySalesCounts
    (
        [Date] [int] NOT NULL,
        [NorthAmerica] [int] NOT NULL,
        [SouthAmerica] [int] NOT NULL,
        [Europe] [int] NOT NULL,
        [Africa] [int] NOT NULL,
        [Asia] [int] NOT NULL
    )
G<sub>0</sub>
-- Replace SUFFIX with the unique suffix for your resources
COPY INTO wwi staging.DailySalesCounts
FROM 'https://asadatalakeSUFFIX.dfs.core.windows.net/wwi-02/campaign-
analytics/dailycounts.txt'
WITH (
    FILE_TYPE = 'CSV',
    FIELDTERMINATOR='.',
    ROWTERMINATOR=','
)
G0
```

Notice the FIELDTERMINATOR` and ROWTERMINATOR properties that enable the code to correctly parse the file.

- 2. Run the script.
- 3. In the query window, replace the script with the following to view the imported data:

```
SELECT * FROM [wwi_staging].DailySalesCounts
ORDER BY [Date] DESC
```

- 4. Run the script and view the results.
- 5. Try viewing the results in a Chart and set the **Category column** to **Date**:



Task 5: Use PolyBase to load text file with non-standard row delimiters

Let's try this same operation using PolyBase.

1. In the query window, replace the script with the following to create a new external file format, external table, and load data using PolyBase:

```
CREATE EXTERNAL FILE FORMAT csv_dailysales
WITH (
    FORMAT_TYPE = DELIMITEDTEXT,
    FORMAT OPTIONS (
        FIELD TERMINATOR = '.',
        DATE_FORMAT = '',
        USE TYPE DEFAULT = False
);
G0
CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE [wwi_external].DailySalesCounts
        [Date] [int] NOT NULL,
        [NorthAmerica] [int] NOT NULL,
        [SouthAmerica] [int] NOT NULL,
        [Europe] [int] NOT NULL,
        [Africa] [int] NOT NULL,
        [Asia] [int] NOT NULL
WITH
        LOCATION = '/campaign-analytics/dailycounts.txt',
        DATA_SOURCE = ABSS,
```

```
FILE_FORMAT = csv_dailysales
)
GO
INSERT INTO [wwi_staging].[DailySalesCounts]
SELECT *
FROM [wwi_external].[DailySalesCounts]
```

2. Run the script. You should see an error similar to:

Failed to execute query. Error: HdfsBridge::recordReaderFillBuffer - Unexpected error encountered filling record reader buffer: HadoopExecutionException: Too many columns in the line..

Why is this? According to PolyBase documentation:

The row delimiter in delimited-text files must be supported by Hadoop's LineRecordReader. That is, it must be either \r, \n, or \r\n. These delimiters are not user-configurable.

This is an example of where COPY's flexibility gives it an advantage over PolyBase.

3. Keep the script open for the next exercise.

Exercise 2 - Petabyte-scale ingestion with Azure Synapse Pipelines

Tailwind Traders needs to ingest large volumes of sales data into the data warehouse. They want a repeatable process that can efficiently load the data. When the data loads, they want to prioritize the data movement jobs so they take priority.

You have decided to create a proof of concept data pipeline to import a large Parquet file, following best practices to improve the load performance.

There is often a level of orchestration involved when moving data into a data warehouse, coordinating movement from one or more data sources and sometimes some level of transformation. The transformation step can occur during (extract-transform-load - ETL) or after (extract-load-transform - ELT) data movement. Any modern data platform must provide a seamless experience for all the typical data wrangling actions like extractions, parsing, joining, standardizing, augmenting, cleansing, consolidating, and filtering. Azure Synapse Analytics provides two significant categories of features - data flows and data orchestrations (implemented as pipelines).

In this exercise, we will focus on the orchestration aspect. A later lab will focus more on the transformation (data flow) pipelines.

Task 1: Configure workload management classification

When loading a large amount of data, it is best to run only one load job at a time for fastest performance. If this isn't possible, run a minimal number of loads concurrently. If you expect a large loading job, consider scaling up your dedicated SQL pool before the load.

Be sure that you allocate enough memory to the pipeline session. To do this, increase the resource class of a user which has permissions to rebuild the index on this table to the recommended minimum.

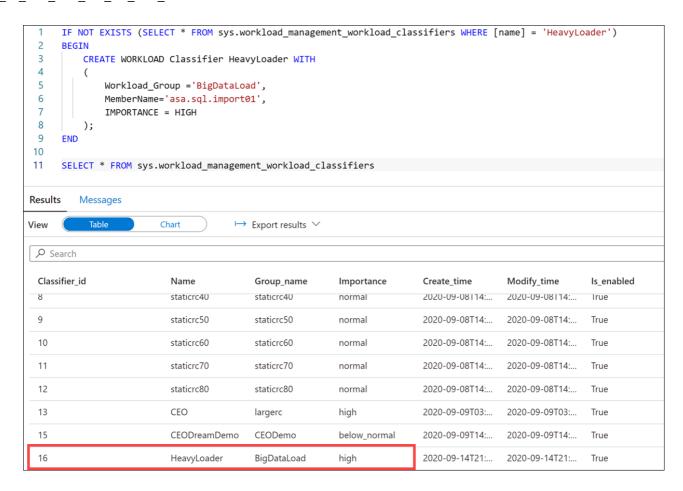
To run loads with appropriate compute resources, create loading users designated for running loads. Assign each loading user to a specific resource class or workload group. To run a load, sign in as one of the loading users, and then run the load. The load runs with the user's resource class.

- 1. In the SQL script query window you worked with in the previous exercise, replace the script with the following to create:
 - A workload group, **BigDataLoad**, that uses workload isolation by reserving a minimum of 50% resources with a cap of 100%
 - A new workload classifier, HeavyLoader that assigns the asa.sql.import01 user to the BigDataLoad workload group.

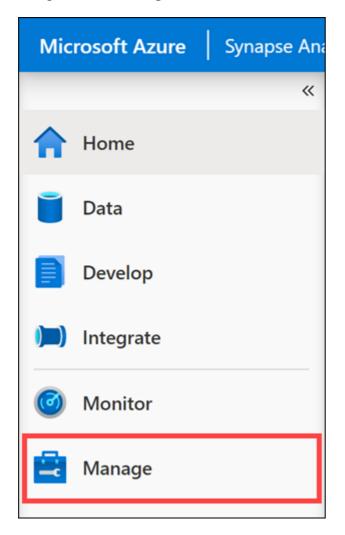
At the end, we select from **sys.workload_management_workload_classifiers** to view all classifiers, including the one we just created:

```
-- Drop objects if they exist
IF EXISTS (SELECT * FROM sys.workload_management_workload_classifiers WHERE
[name] = 'HeavyLoader')
    DROP WORKLOAD CLASSIFIER HeavyLoader
END;
IF EXISTS (SELECT * FROM sys.workload management workload groups WHERE name
= 'BigDataLoad')
BEGIN
   DROP WORKLOAD GROUP BigDataLoad
END;
--Create workload group
CREATE WORKLOAD GROUP BigDataLoad WITH
      MIN PERCENTAGE RESOURCE = 50, -- integer value
      REQUEST MIN RESOURCE GRANT PERCENT = 25, -- (guaranteed min 4
concurrency)
      CAP_PERCENTAGE_RESOURCE = 100
  );
-- Create workload classifier
CREATE WORKLOAD Classifier HeavyLoader WITH
(
    Workload_Group = 'BigDataLoad',
    MemberName='asa.sql.import01',
    IMPORTANCE = HIGH
);
-- View classifiers
SELECT * FROM sys.workload management workload classifiers
```

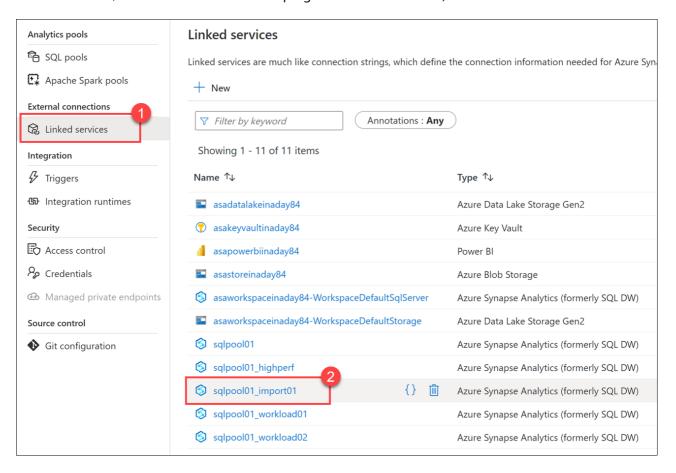
2. Run the script, and if necessary, switch the results to **Table** view. You should see the new **HeavyLoader** classifier in the guery results:



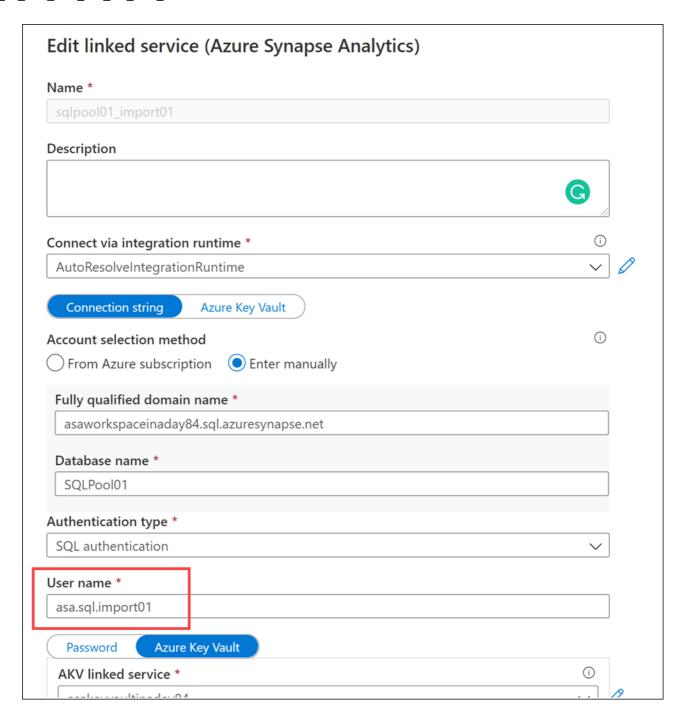
3. Navigate to the **Manage** hub.



4. Select **Linked services** in the left-hand menu, then select the **sqlpool01_import01** linked service (if this is not listed, use the v button at the top right to refresh the view).



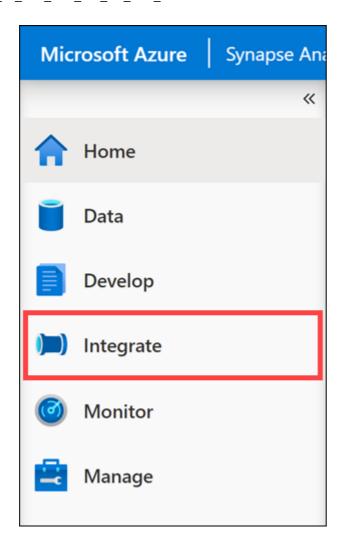
5. Notice that the user name for the dedicated SQL pool connection is the **asa.sql.import01** user you added to the **HeavyLoader** classifier. We will use this linked service in our new pipeline to reserve resources for the data load activity.



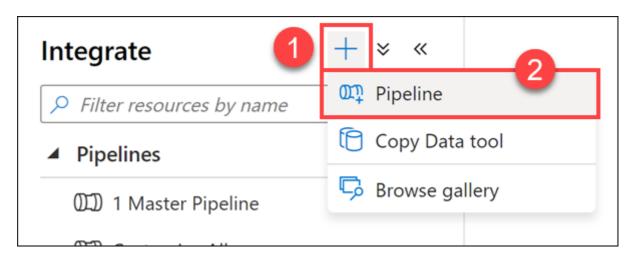
6. Select **Cancel** to close the dialog, and select **Discard changes** if prompted.

Task 2: Create pipeline with copy activity

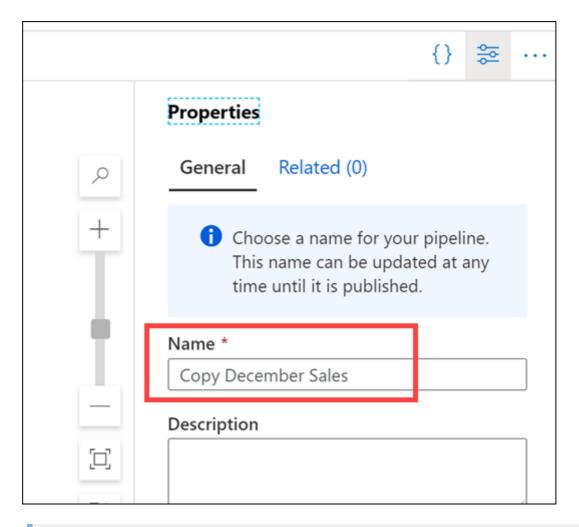
1. Navigate to the **Integrate** hub.



2. In the + menu, select **Pipeline** to create a new pipeline.

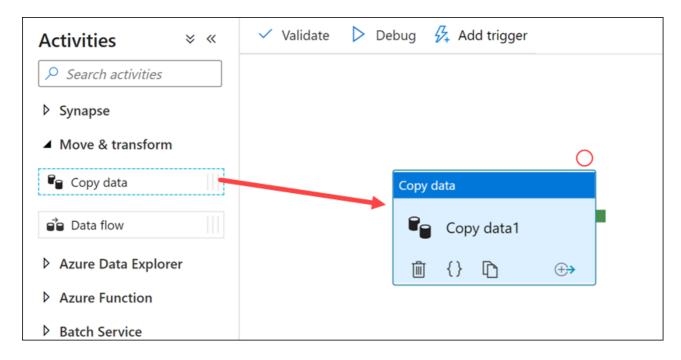


3. In the **Properties** pane for the new pipeline, set the **Name** of the pipeline to **Copy December Sales**.

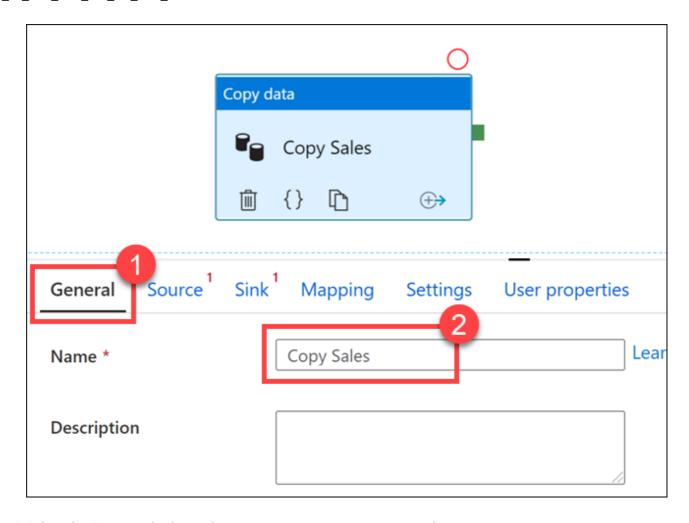


Tip: After setting the name, hide the **Properties** pane.

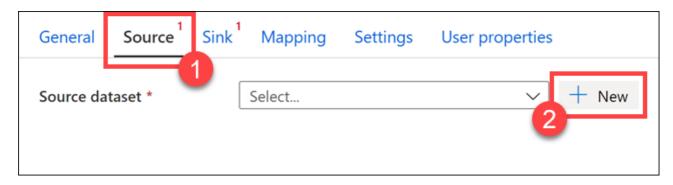
4. Expand **Move & transform** within the Activities list, then drag the **Copy data** activity onto the pipeline canvas.



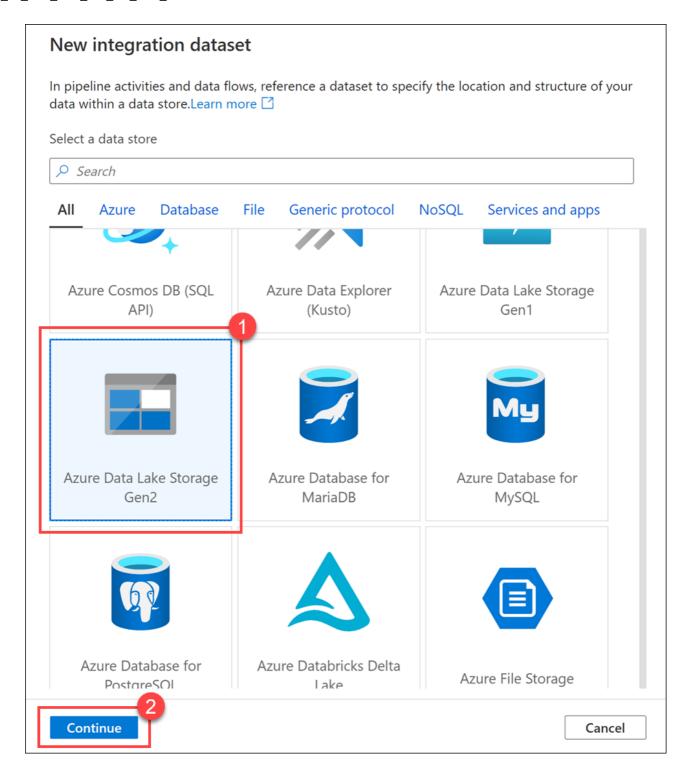
5. Select the **Copy data** activity on the canvas. Then, beneath the canvas, on the **General** tab, set the **Name** of the activity to **Copy Sales**.



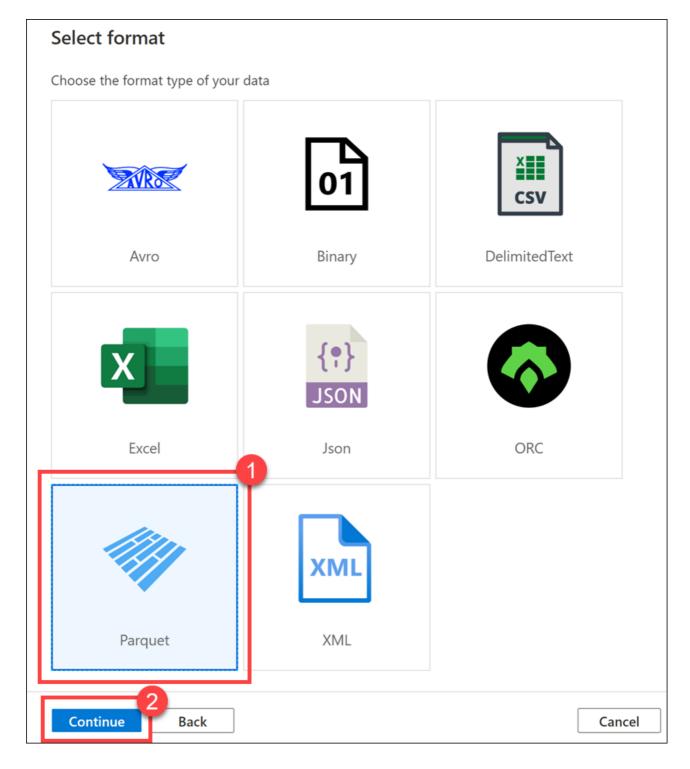
6. Select the **Source** tab, then select + **New** to create a new source dataset.



7. Select the Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 data store, then select Continue.

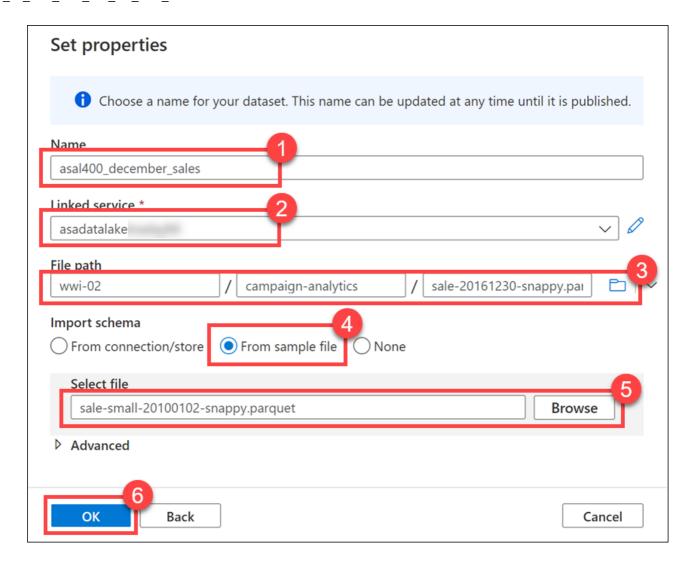


8. Choose the **Parquet** format, then select **Continue**.



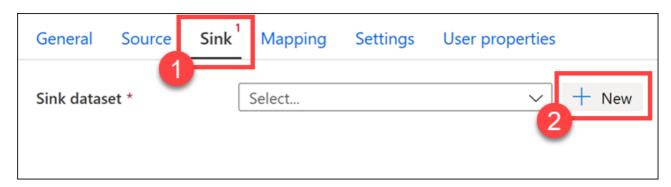
9. In the **Set properties** pane:

- 1. Set the name to asal400_december_sales.
- 2. Select the asadatalakexxxxxxx linked service.
- 3. Browse to the wwi-02/campaign-analytics/sale-20161230-snappy.parquet file
- 4. Select **From sample file** for schema import.
- 5. Browse to C:\dp-203\data-engineering-ilt-deployment\Allfiles\samplefiles\sale-small-20100102-snappy.parquet in the Select file field.
- 6. Select OK.

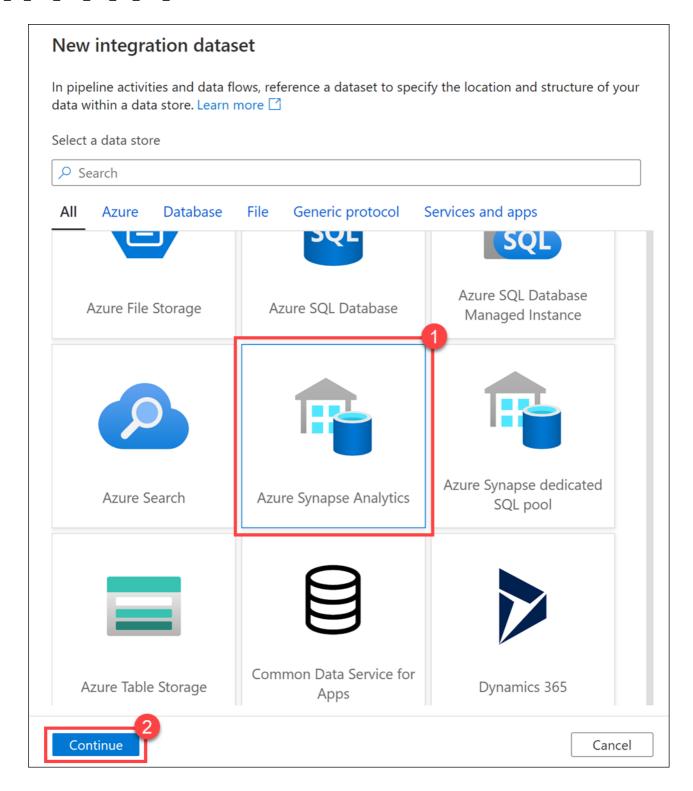


We downloaded a sample Parquet file that has the exact same schema, but is much smaller. This is because the file we are copying is too large to automatically infer the schema in the copy activity source settings.

10. Select the **Sink** tab, then select **+ New** to create a new sink dataset.

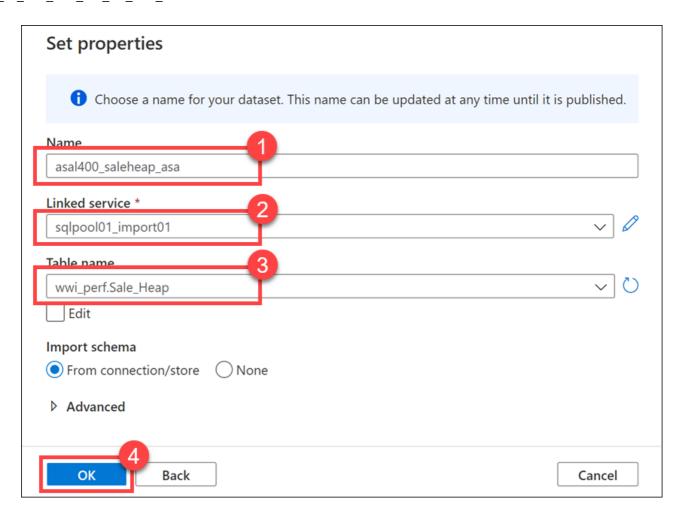


11. Select the **Azure Synapse Analytics** data store, then select **Continue**.



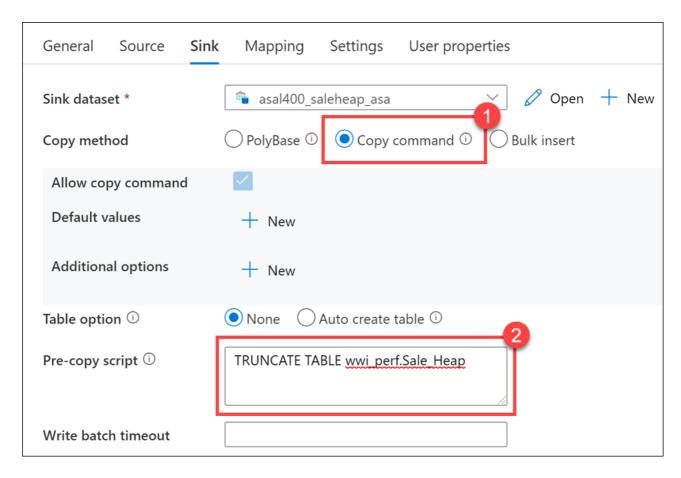
12. In the **Set properties** pane:

- 1. Set the **Name** to asal400_saleheap_asa
- 2. Select the **sqlpool01_import01** linked service.
- 3. Select the wwi_perf.Sale_Heap table
- 4. Select **OK**.



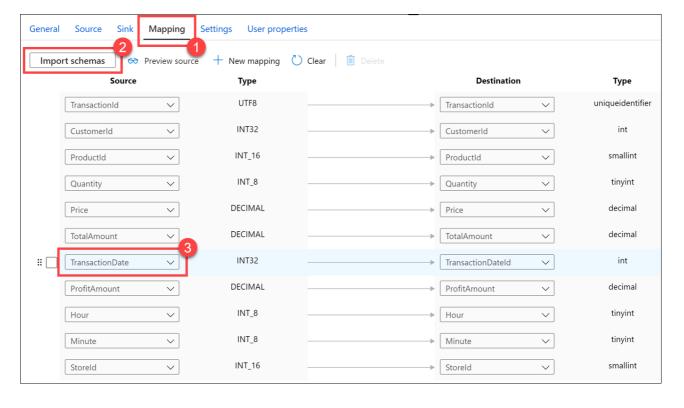
13. In the **Sink** tab, select the **Copy command** copy method and enter the following code in the pre-copy script to clear the table before import:

TRUNCATE TABLE wwi_perf.Sale_Heap

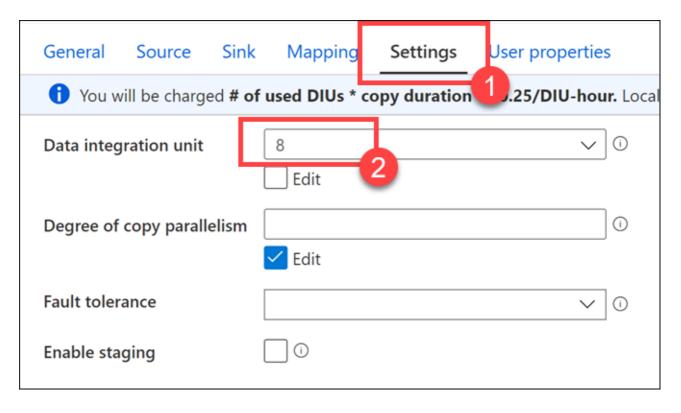


The fastest and most scalable way to load data is through PolyBase or the COPY statement, and the COPY statement provides the most flexibility for high-throughput data ingestion into the SQL pool.

14. Select the **Mapping** tab and select **Import schemas** to create mappings for each source and destination field. Select **TransactionDate** in the source column to map it to the **TransactionDateId** destination column.



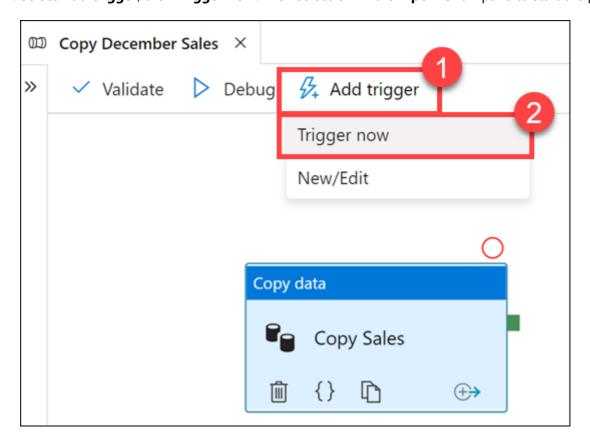
15. Select the **Settings** tab and set the **Data integration unit** to **8**. This is required due to the large size of the source Parquet file.



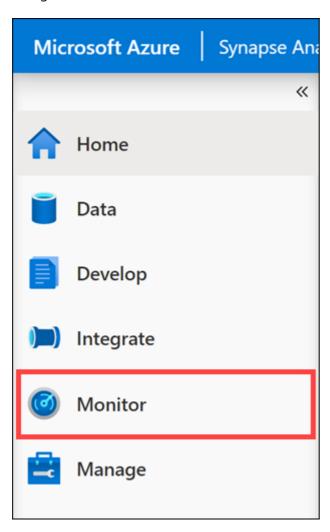
16. Select **Publish all**, then **Publish** to save your new resources.



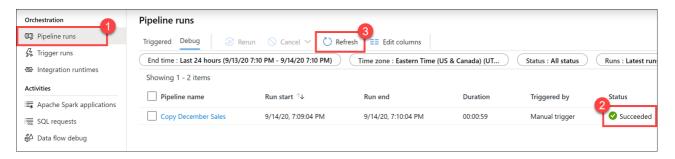
17. Select **Add trigger**, then **Trigger now**. Then select **OK** in the **Pipeline run** pane to start the pipeline.



18. Navigate to the **Monitor** hub.



19. Select **Pipeline Runs**. You can see the status of your pipeline run here. Note that you may need to refresh the view. Once the pipeline run is complete, you can query the **wwi_perf.Sale_Heap** table to view the imported data.



Task 3: Execute PowerShell script to Prepare CosmosDB

1. In the hosted VM environment provided for this course, open Powershell in administrator mode, and execute the following to set the execution policy to Unrestricted so you can run the local PowerShell script file:

Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted

Note: If you receive a prompt that you are installing the module from an untrusted repository, select **Yes to All** to proceed with the setup.

2. Change directories to the root of this repo within your local file system.

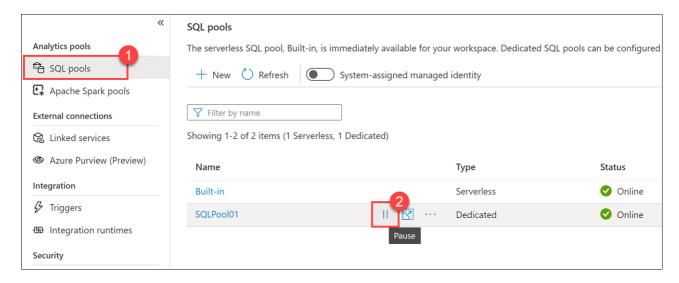
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cd C:\dp-203\data-engineering-ilt-
deployment\Allfiles\00\artifacts\environment-setup\automation\
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3. Enter the following command to run a PowerShell script that Creates the Cosmos DB objects and runs the pipelines to load the data from Synapse to Cosmos DB:

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.\dp-203-setup-Part03.ps1
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NOTE: This script should run in roughly 10-15 minutes and loads data into CosmosDB.

- 4. When prompted to sign into Azure, and your browser opens; sign in using your credentials. After signing in, you can close the browser and return to Windows PowerShell.
- 5. When prompted, sign into your Azure account again (this is required so that the script can manage resources in your Azure subscription be sure you use the same credentials as before).
- 6. If you have more than one Azure subscription, when prompted, select the one you want to use in the labs by entering its number in the list of subscriptions.
- 7. In Synapse Studio, select the **Manage** hub.
- 8. Select **SQL pools** in the left-hand menu. Hover over the **SQLPool01** dedicated SQL pool and select **||**.



9. When prompted, select Pause.

Important: Pause your SQL pool when the PowerShell script has completed running

Complete these steps to free up resources you no longer need.