Discover the secrets to supercharging your analytics with Microsoft Fabric Warehouse

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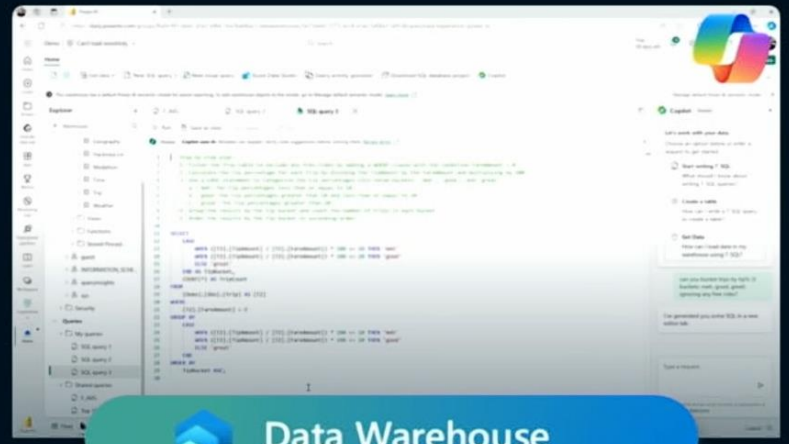

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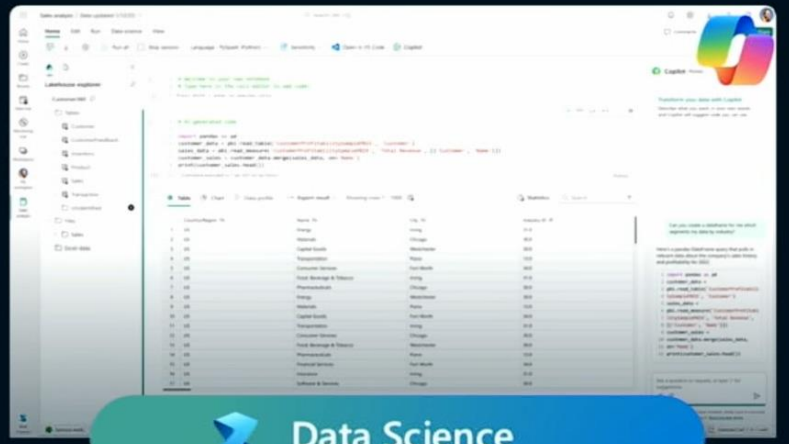

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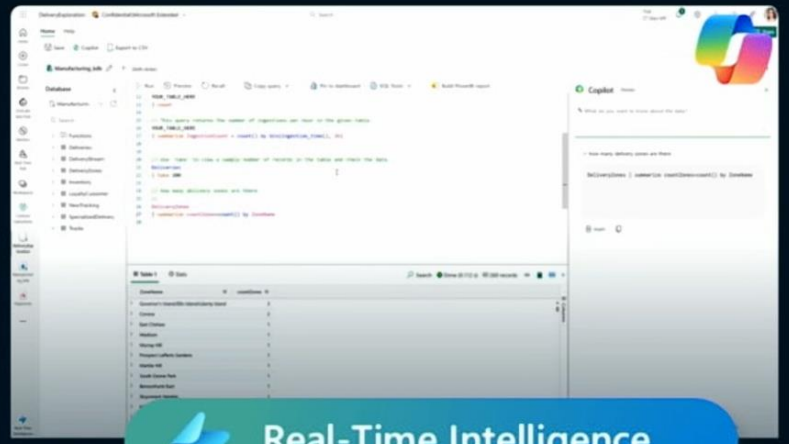

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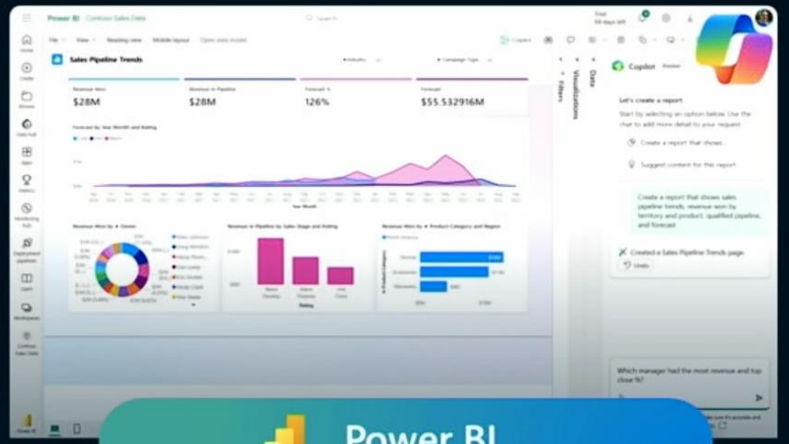

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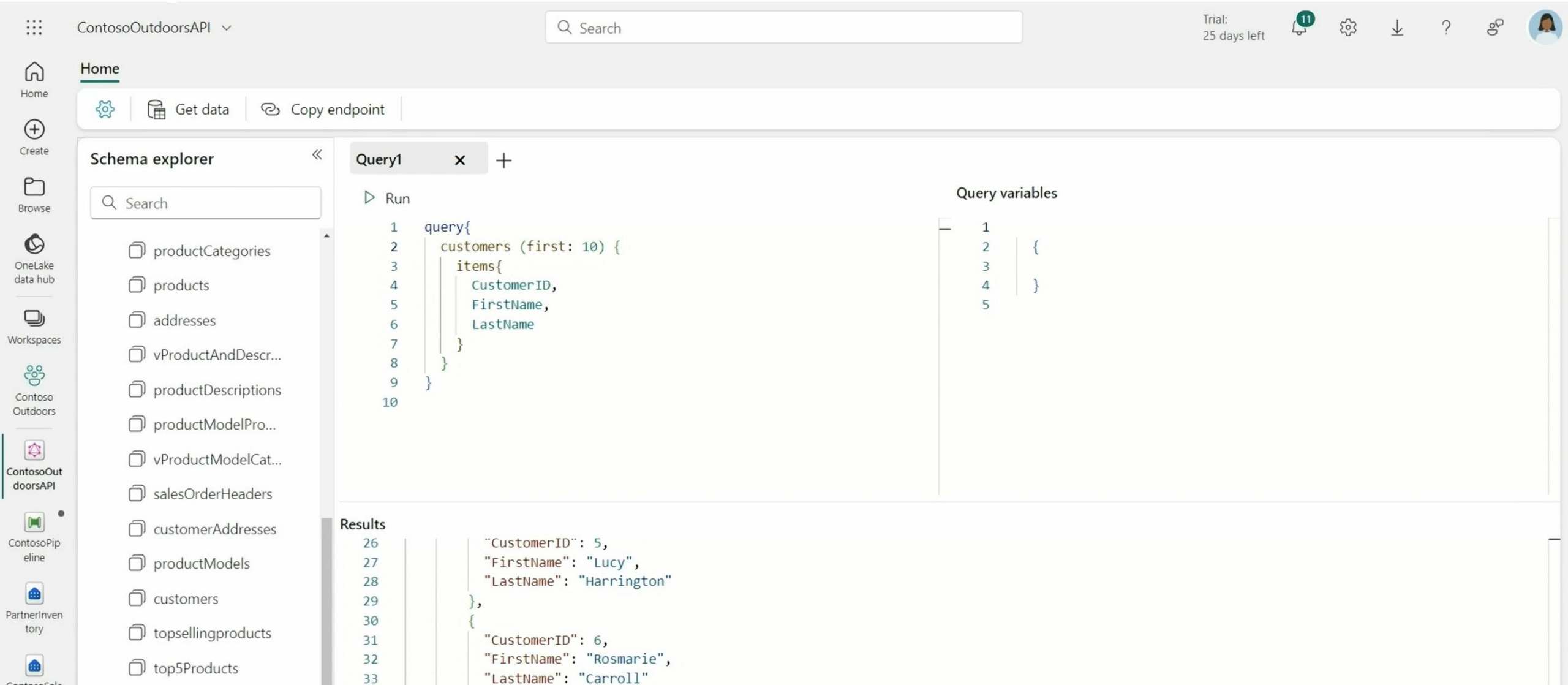
API for GraphQL



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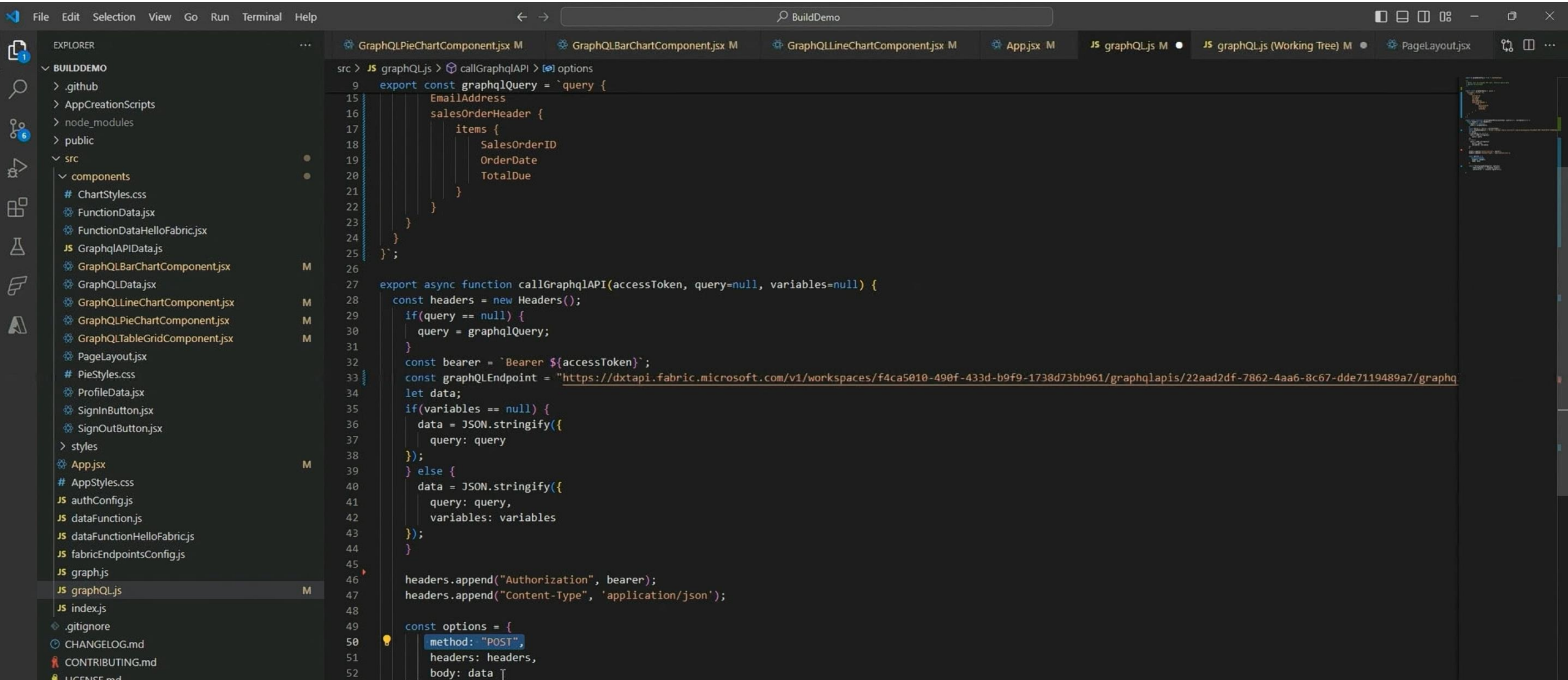
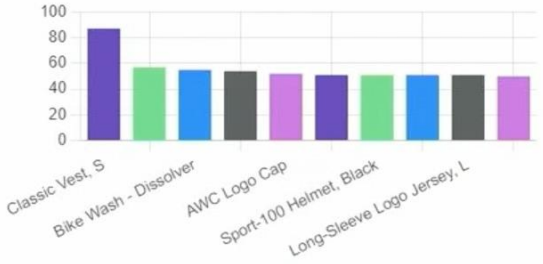


API for GraphQL

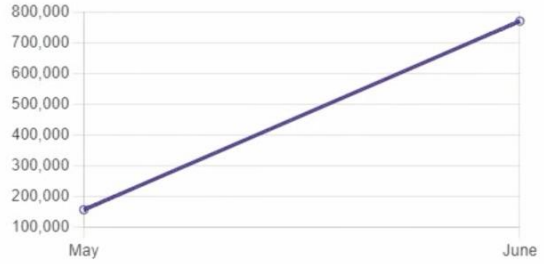
Contoso Outdoors

Sign Out

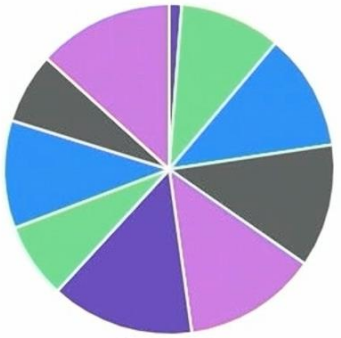
Welcome to Contoso Outdoors Portal



Top 10 selling products



Montly revenue



Inventory

GraphQL Customer Orders Details

Search by Customer ID or OrderId

Search by orderId

CustomerID	FirstName	LastName	EmailAddress	salesOrderId	TotalDue	OrderDate
1	Orlando	Gee	orlando0@adventure-works.com	230	125.34	2024-05-20T00:00:00.000Z
2	Keith	Harris	keith0@adventure-works.com	532	25.04	2024-05-20T00:00:00.000Z

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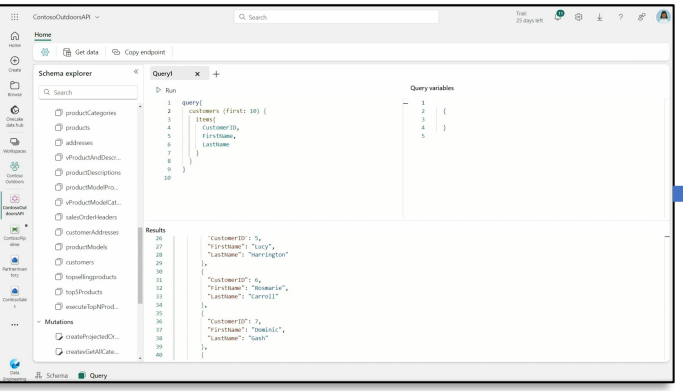

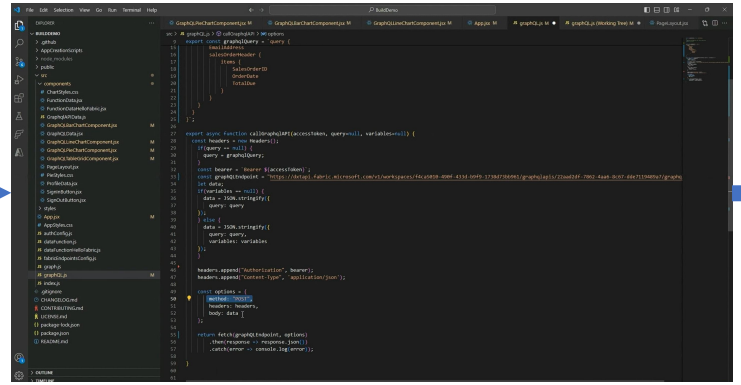

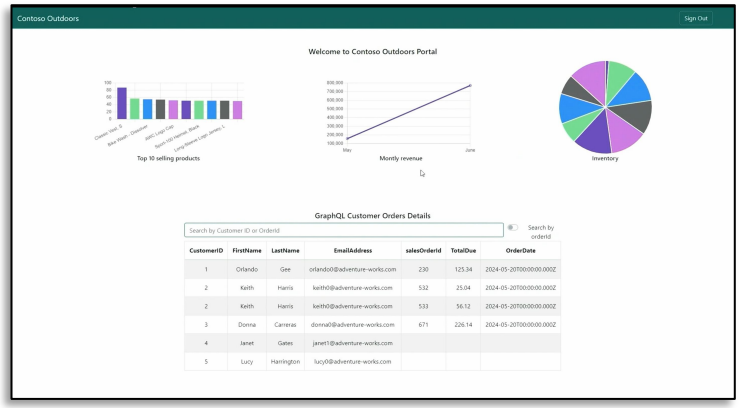

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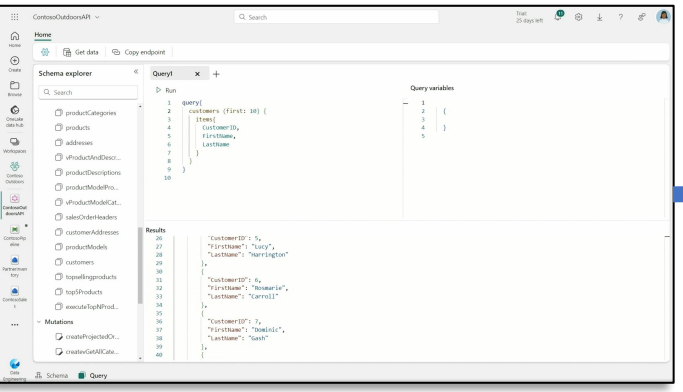

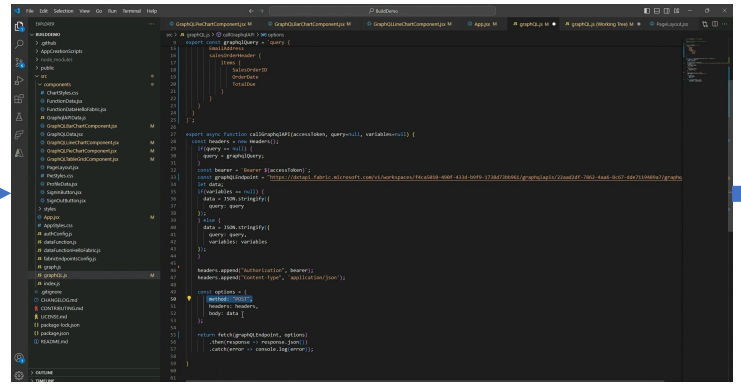

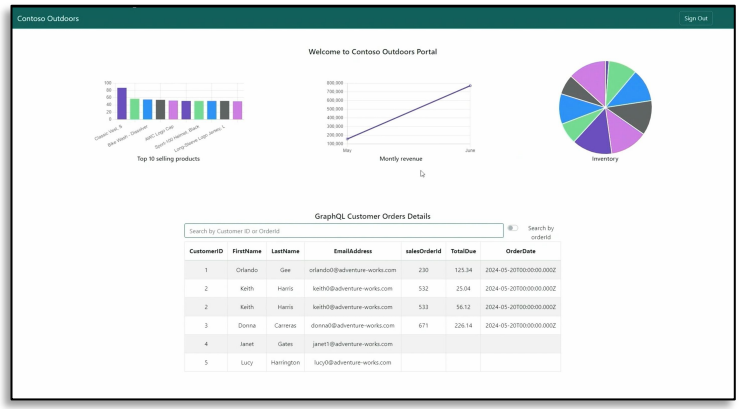

Takeaways

API for GraphQL in Fabric

Bridging the gap between data and applications

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Synapse Data Warehouse

Synapse Serverless SQL

Synapse Dedicated pool

Databricks

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Storage: Fabric focuses on a single storage solution, the Unified Data Location, built on Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2. This eliminates the need for role-based access control and simplifies data management for organizations.

Integration: Seamless integration with multiple Azure services, including Azure Data Factory, Azure Synapse Analytics, Synapse Real-Time Analytics, Synapse Data Warehousing, Power BI and Data Explorer, with automatic provisioning of the underlying hardware.

Collaboration: Dedicated workspaces enable diverse developers – including data engineers and data scientists – to collaborate effortlessly.

Synapse Data Warehouse

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Databricks

A unified workspace: Synapse Analytics provides a unified workspace where data engineers and data scientists can collaborate on big data and SQL-based analytics tasks.

Real-time analysis: The integration of Apache Spark and dedicated SQL pool enables users to perform real-time analysis - on both structured and unstructured data.

Security and Governance: Synapse Analytics provides robust security features and fine-grained access controls to ensure data is protected.

Synapse Data Warehouse

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Databricks

Scalability: Databricks can easily handle large data tasks as it has the ability to scale horizontally.

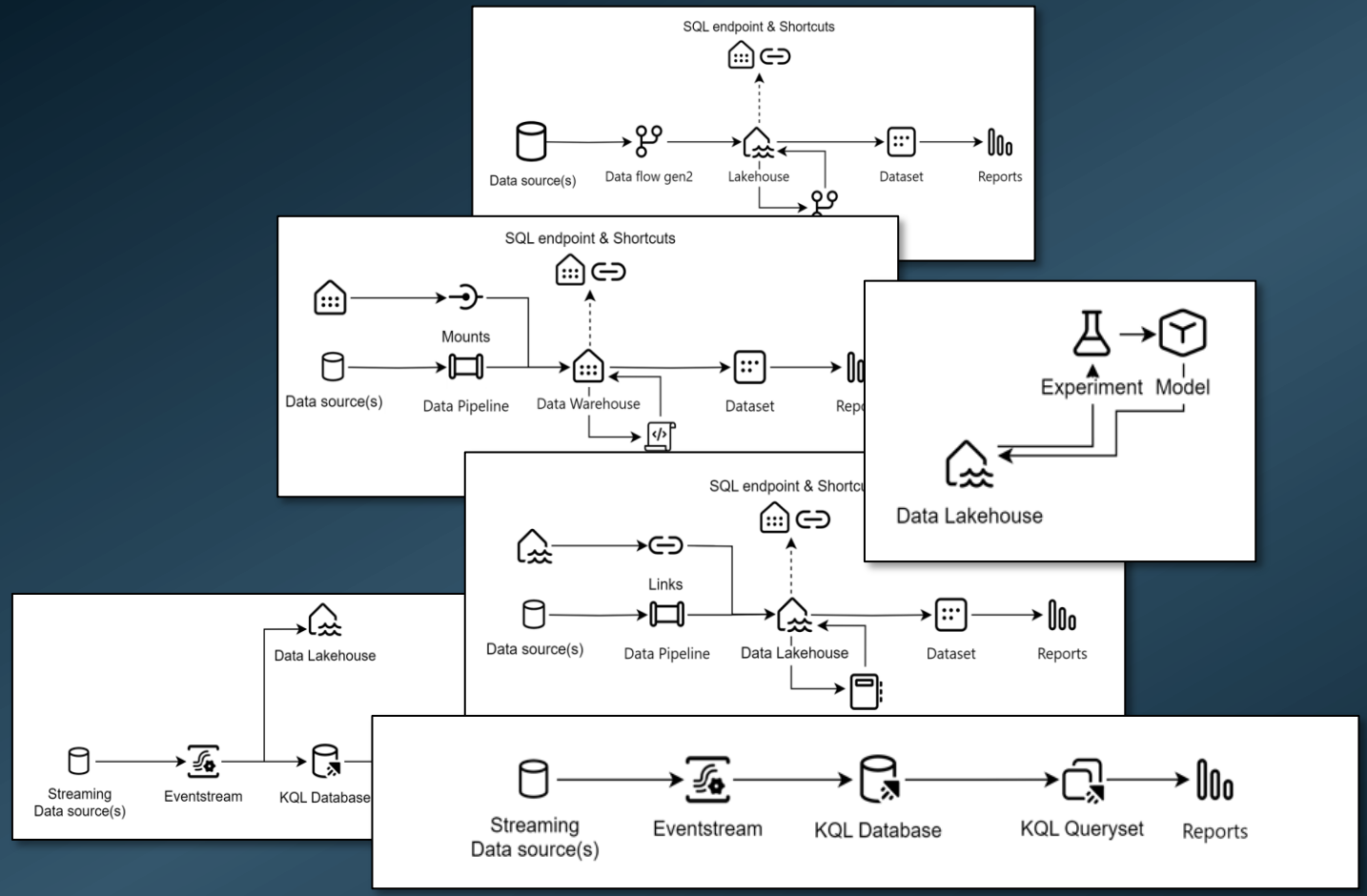
Notebooks: Interactive notebooks allow users to execute and visualize code in real time, facilitating data exploration and model training.

Integration: Seamless integration with other Azure services such as Azure Storage and Azure Data Lake Storage simplifies the process of data import and extraction.

Data Warehouse

Lakehouse

Warehouse	Lakehouse
Structured	Structured, Semi structured, Unstructured
SQL language	Notebooks
Schemas, Tables	Folders, Files and tables
OLS, RLS, CLS	RLS, TLS
T-SQL	Spark (Scala, PySpark, SparkSQL)



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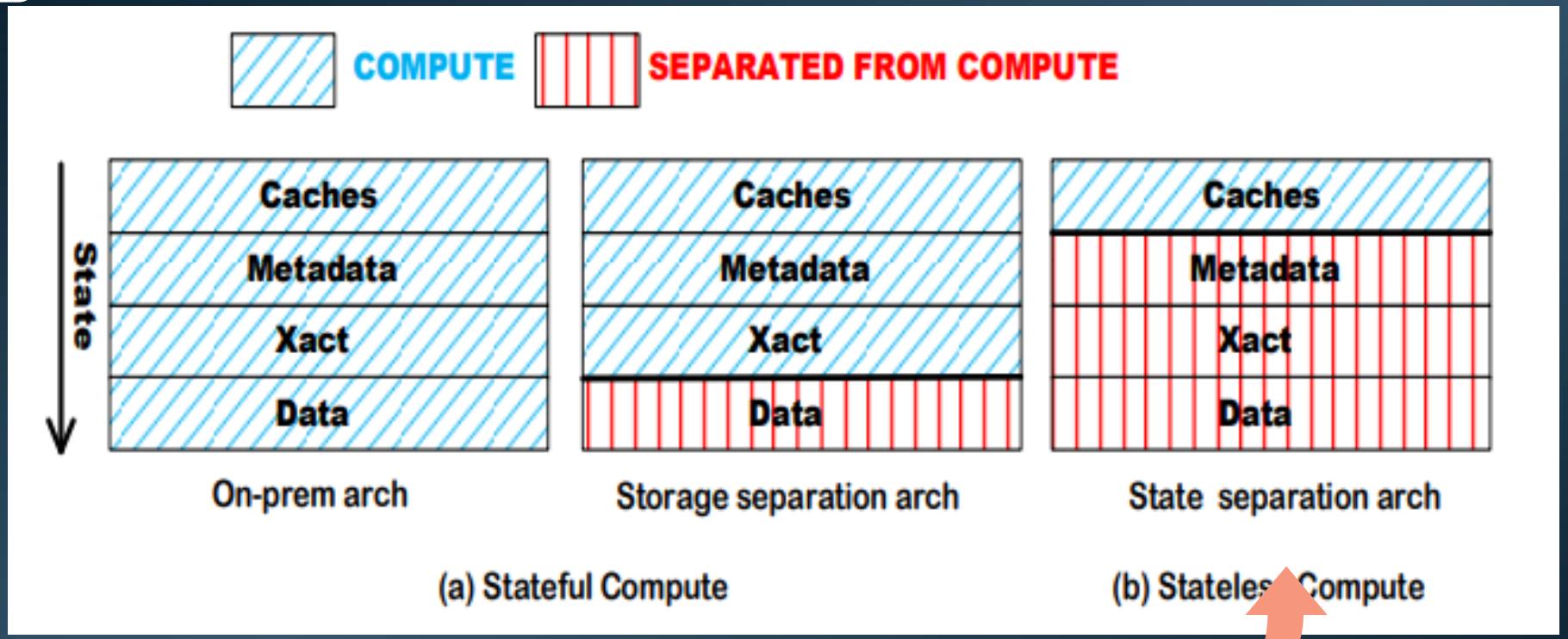
The Polaris engine

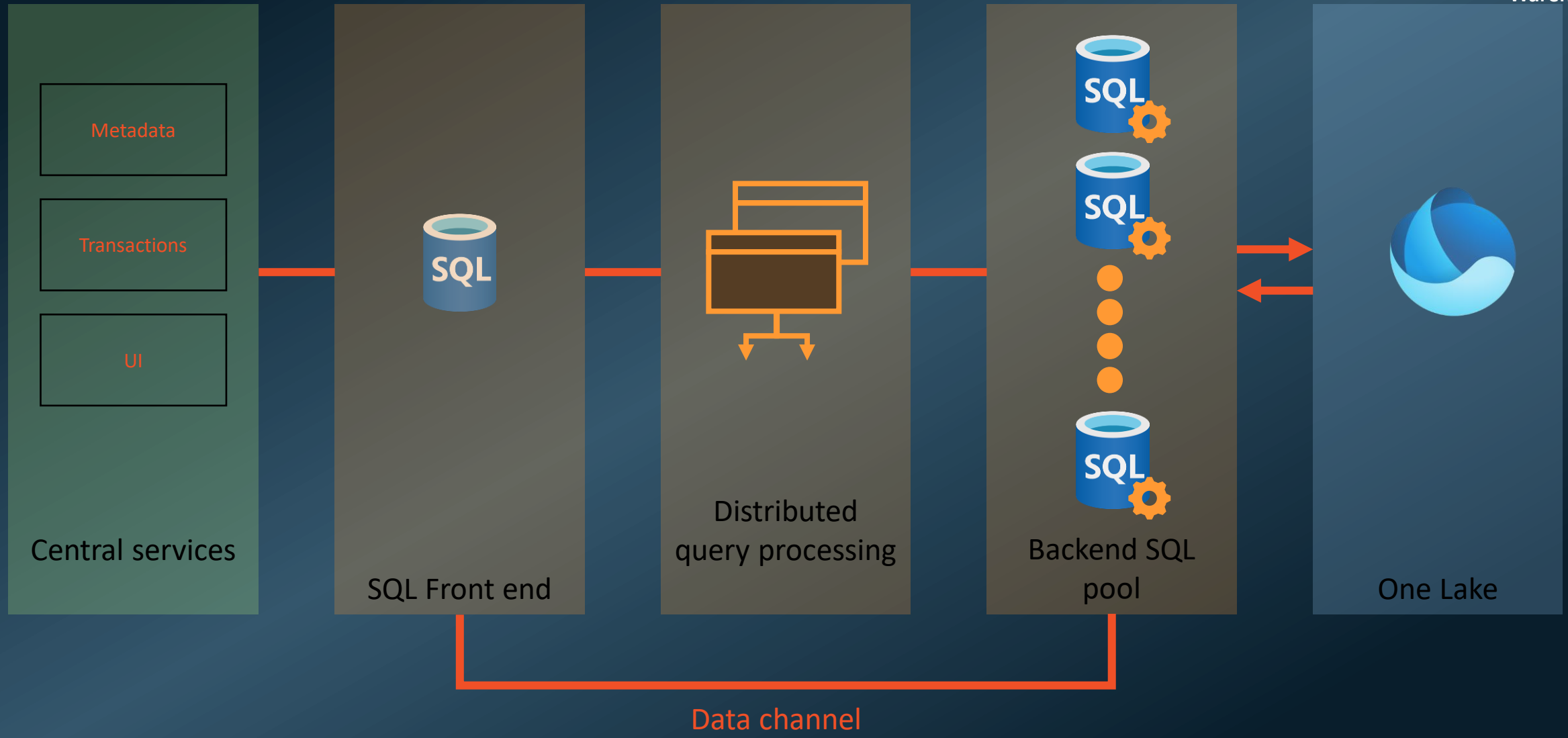
Stateless compute



Synapse and Fabric

The Polaris engine

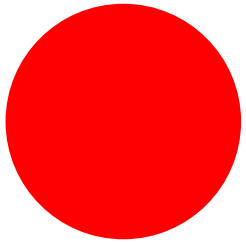
Service architecture



T-SQL Surface Area

The T-SQL Surface area covers the supported syntax within both the Warehouse & the Lakehouse SQL Endpoint

Currently unsupported syntax (and the potential impact...)



ALTER TABLE...
...<ADD/ALTER/DROP>

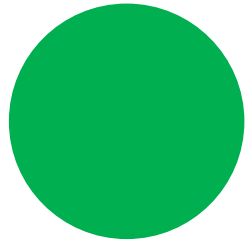
Identity Columns

TRUNCATE

CREATE ROLE/USER

MERGE

Recursive Queries



BULK LOAD

SP_SHOWSPACEUSED

SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL

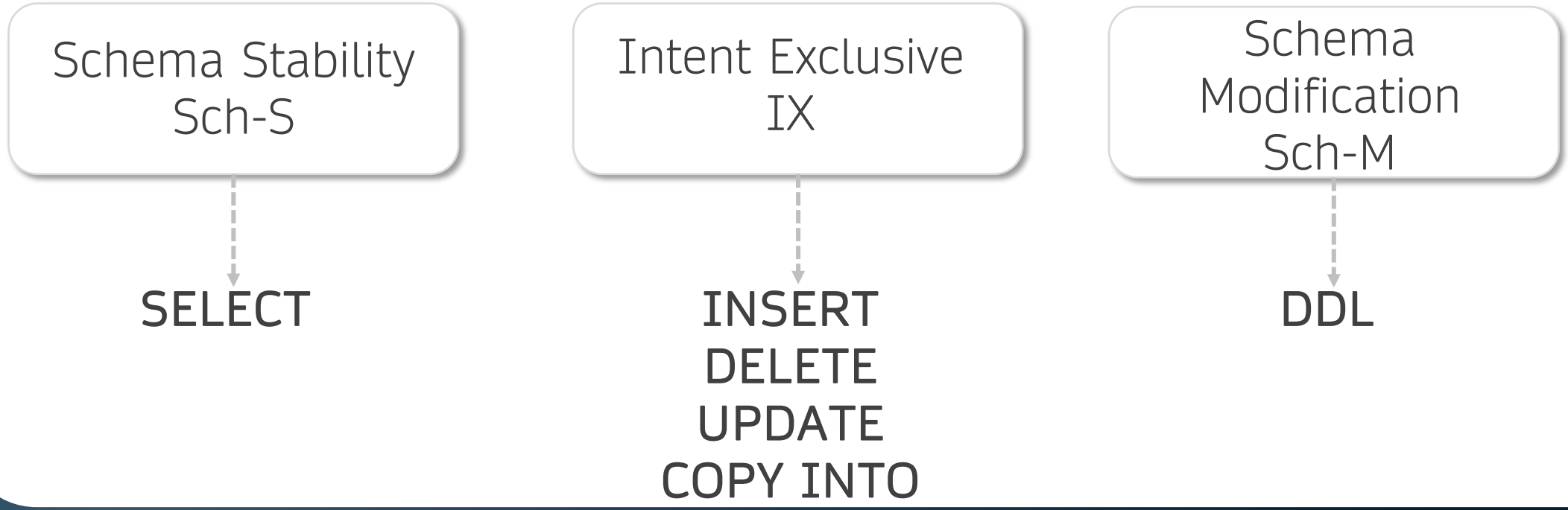
Transactions & Isolation Levels

Transactions are included (including multi-table)

Only **Snapshot Isolation** supported (Optimistic Concurrency)

Locks are at the **table level**

Use **sys.dm_tran_locks** to show current locks



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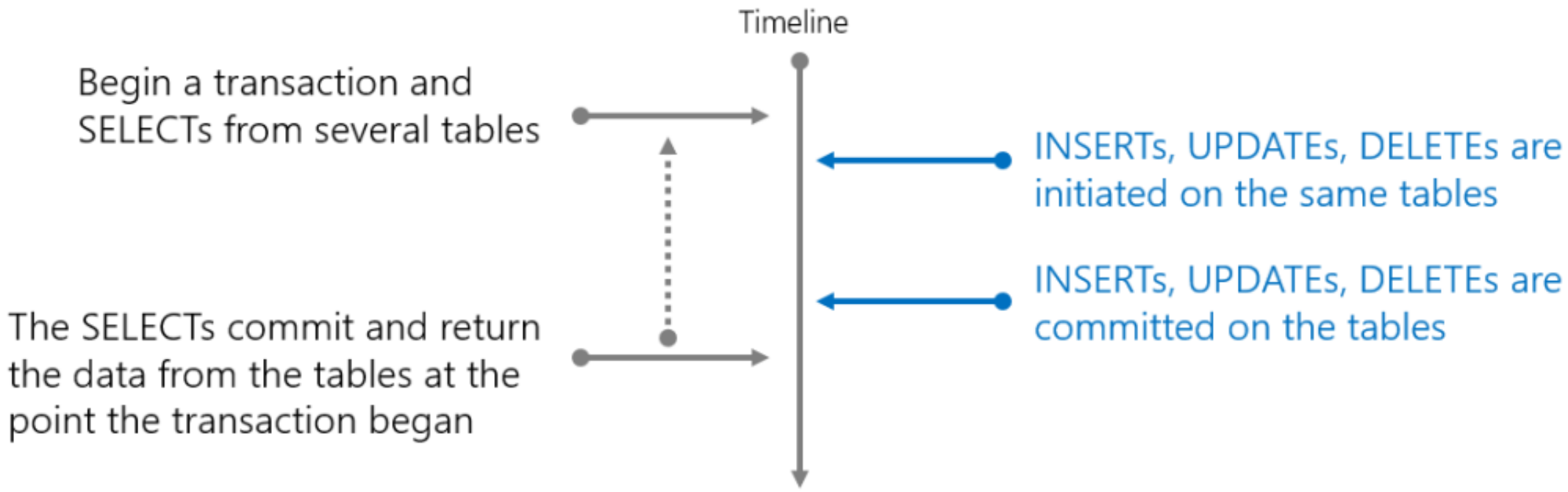

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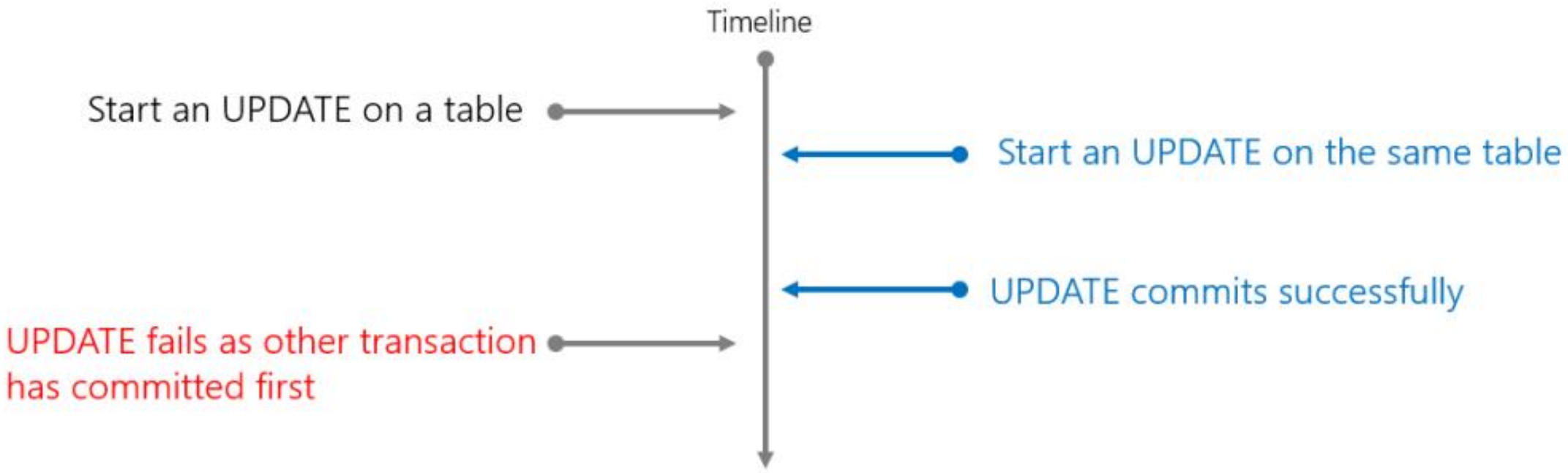

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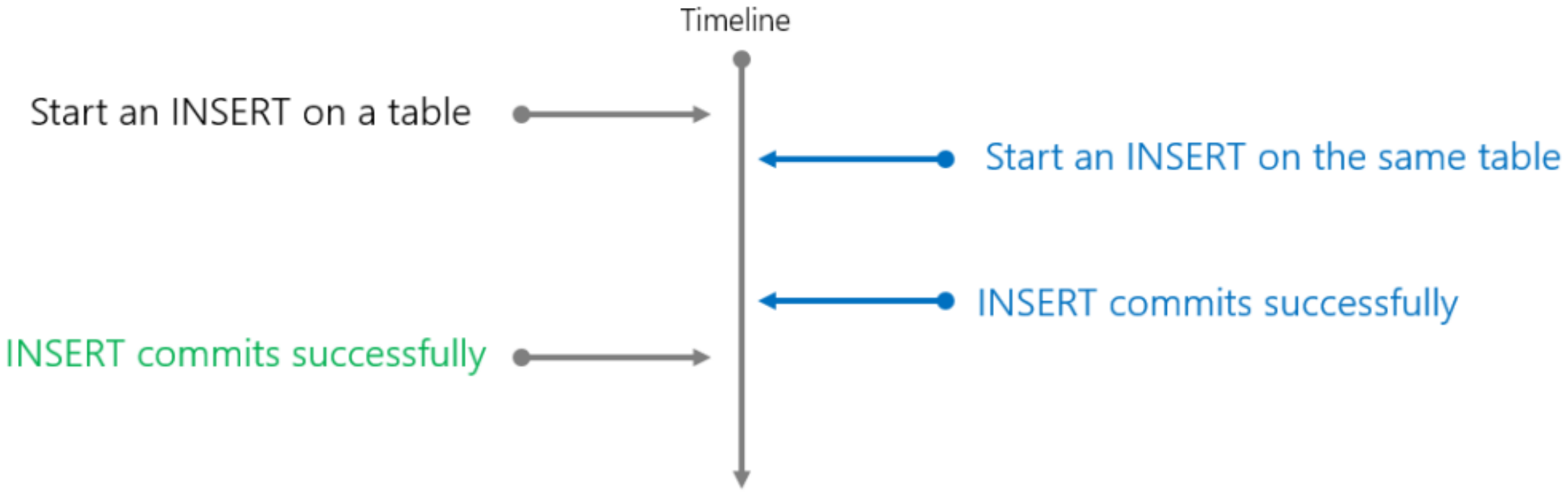


Ingestion: Loading the Warehouse

Data Warehouse

Code

SQL **COPY INTO**... <from Azure storage>

SQL **CREATE TABLE AS...SELECT**

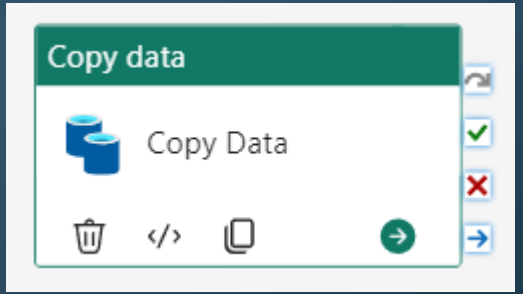
SQL **INSERT INTO...VALUES / SELECT**

Pyodbc/JDBC (from Notebooks)

Low/No-Code

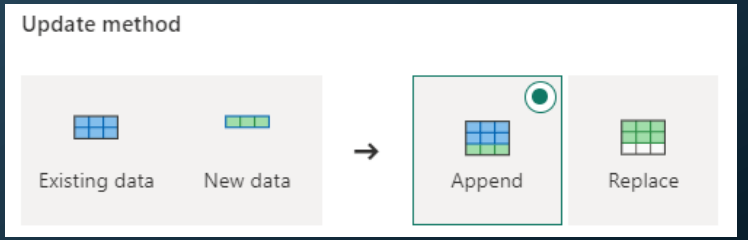
Pipelines

"Brute force"



Dataflows Gen2

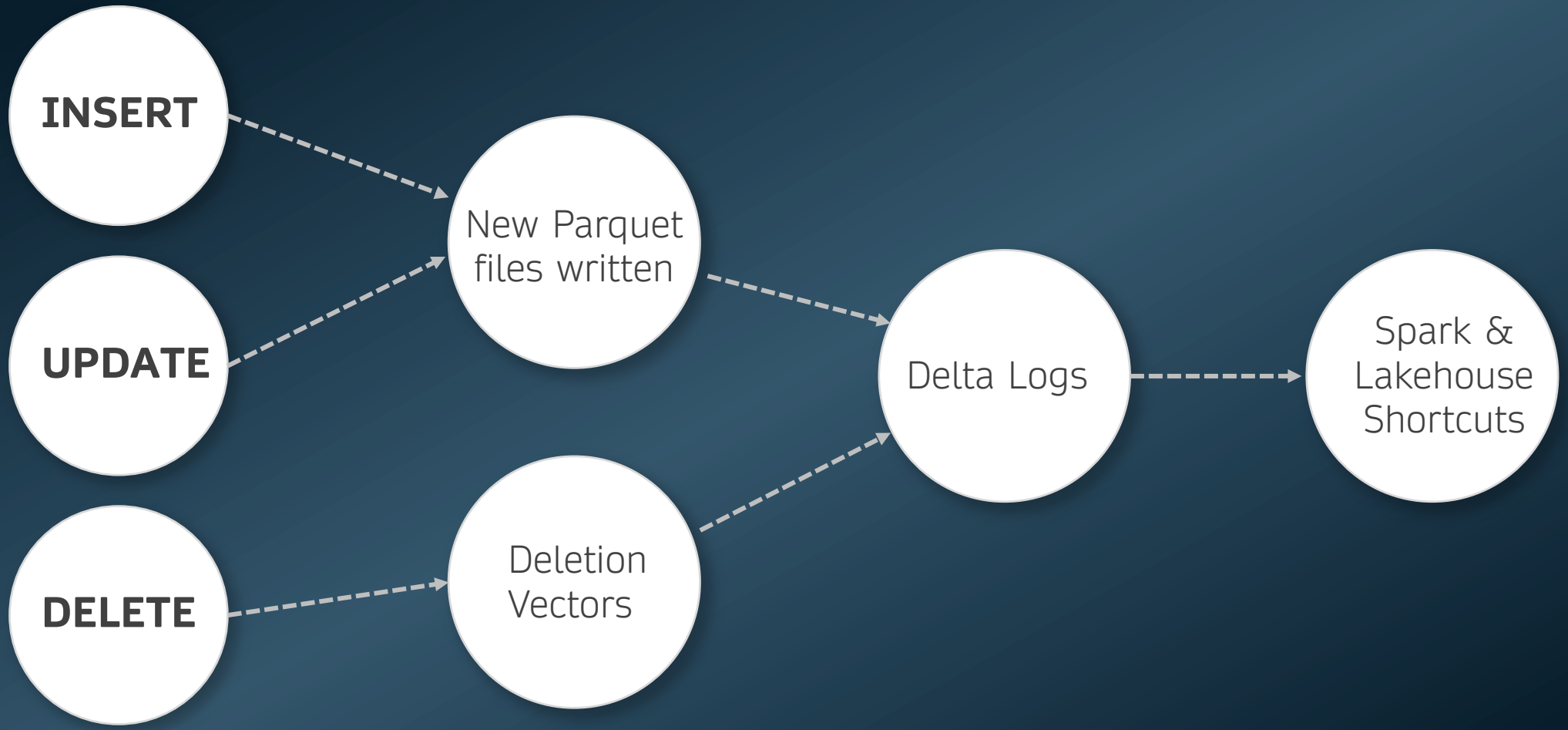
(Power Query)



Ingestion: Loading the Warehouse

Data Warehouse

All SQL operations are performed on Parquet files in OneLake



Ingestion: Loading the Warehouse

dbt (including cloud) support in Warehouse

Declare your SQL loading processes

Create DAG for loading tables based on dependencies

Warehouse Utilization

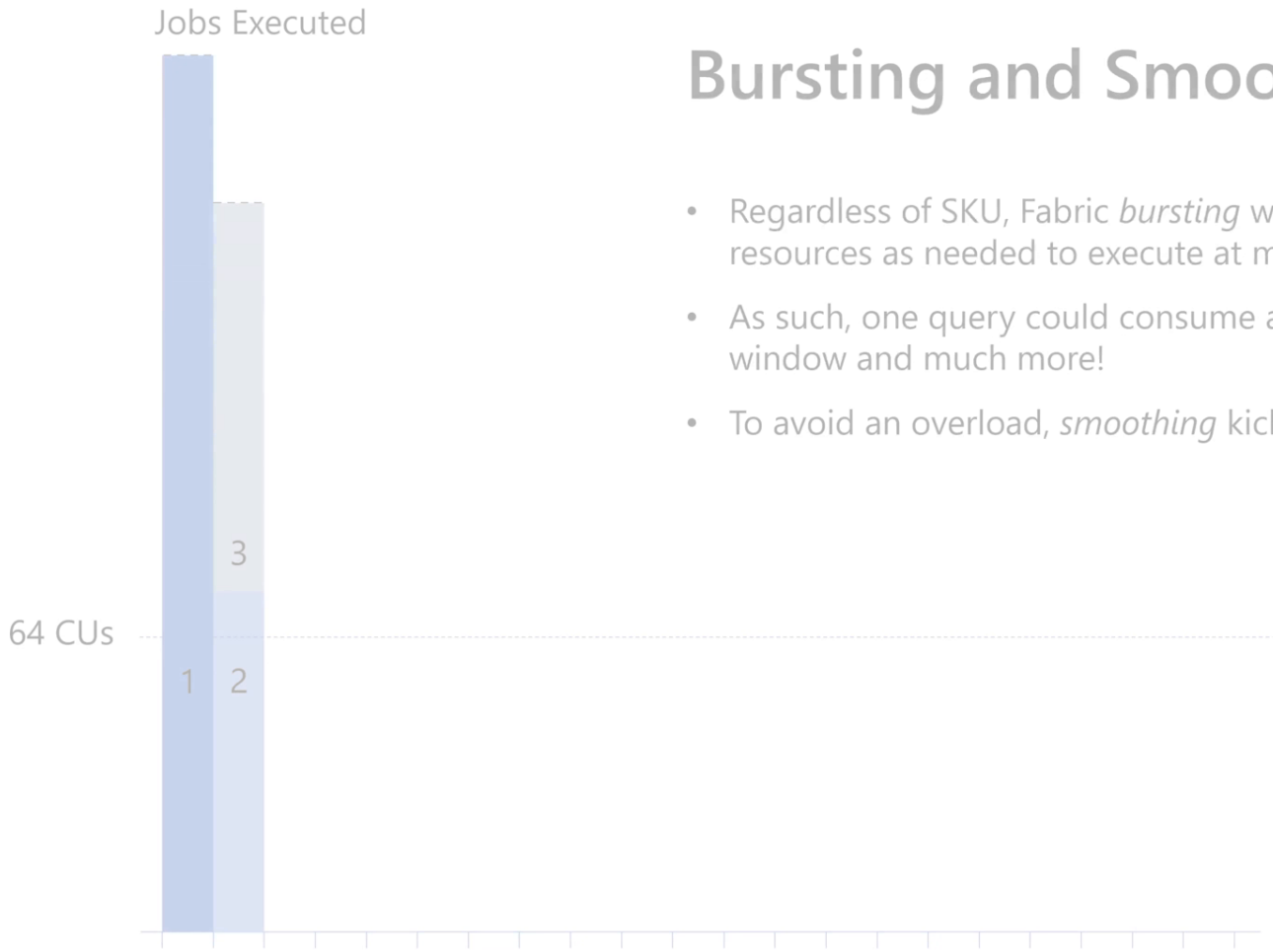
Usage is tracked by Capacity Unit seconds (consumed by read and write activity against the Warehouse and reads against Lakehouse SQL Endpoint)

- Warehouse Query: Compute charged for Warehouse (includes user generated and system tasks)
- SQL Endpoint Query: Compute charged for Lakehouse SQL Endpoint (includes user generated and system tasks)
- One Lake compute: Compute charged for all reads and writes for data stored in One Lake

Operation name	CU (s)	Duration (s)	Users	Billing type
Warehouse Query	2,187.77	1,360.42	5	Billable
OneLake Compute	0.01	11,880.00	1	Billable
Total	**2,187.78**	**13,240.42**	**6**	

Operation name	CU (s)	Duration (s)	Users	Billing type
SQL Endpoint Query	4,086.87	1,503.81	6	Both
Total	**4,086.87**	**1,503.81**	**6**	

Warehouse Utilization



Bursting and Smoothing

- Regardless of SKU, Fabric *bursting* will automatically allocate resources as needed to execute at maximum performance
- As such, one query could consume all the quota of a single time window and much more!
- To avoid an overload, *smoothing* kicks in

Dynamics Management Views

Monitor Connection, Session, and Request Status in SQL Analytics Endpoint and Warehouses

sys.dm_exec_connections

- Provides comprehensive information about active connections to the Fabric Warehouse SQL Engine
- Includes details such as session ID, client address, client port, protocol, and authentication method.

sys.dm_exec_sessions

- shows information about all active user connections
- Offers insights into resource utilization by each session, such as the number of active requests

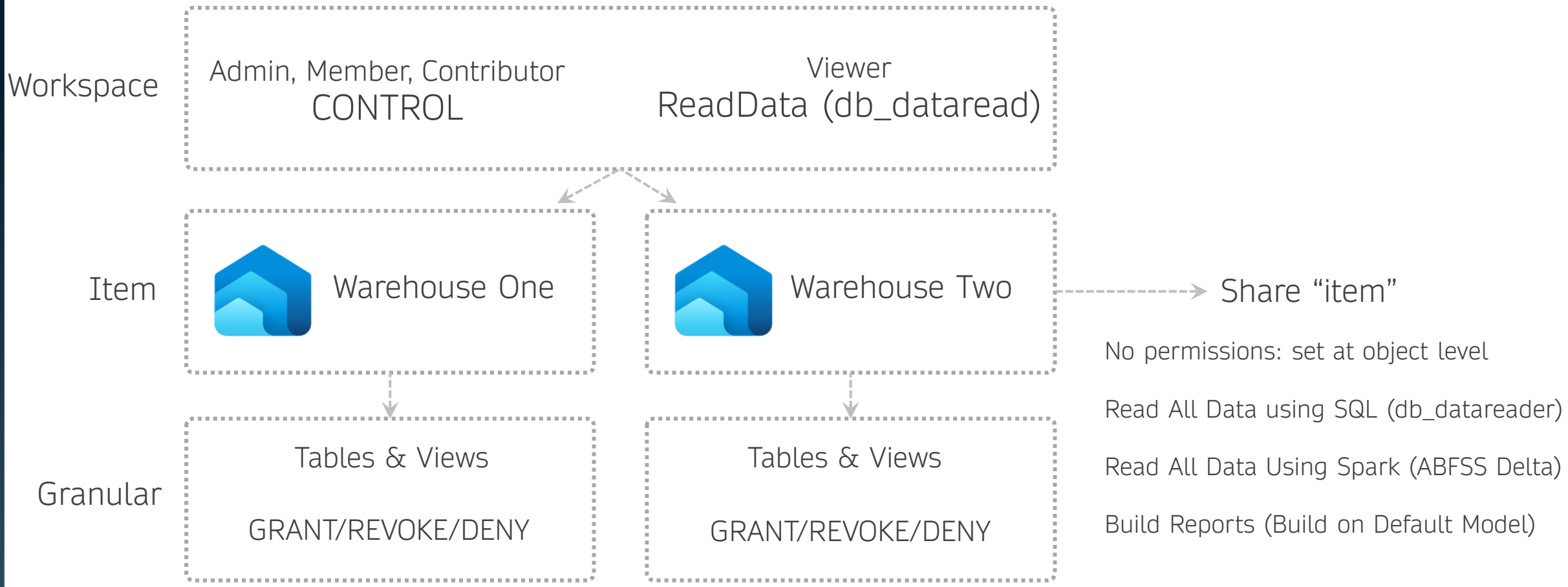
sys.dm_exec_requests

- Provides detailed information about currently executing or waiting queries
- Includes details such as session ID, query text, start time, status

Member, Contributor, and Viewer can execute sys.dm_exec_sessions and sys.dm_exec_requests

Security

Security can be applied at Workspace, Warehouse, and Object level



Disaster Recovery

Restore-In-Place

- Restore to a known “good” state
- Used when any corruption occurs
- Restore back after a failed deployment
- Restore back to a version for dev/test

Table Cloning (see next section)

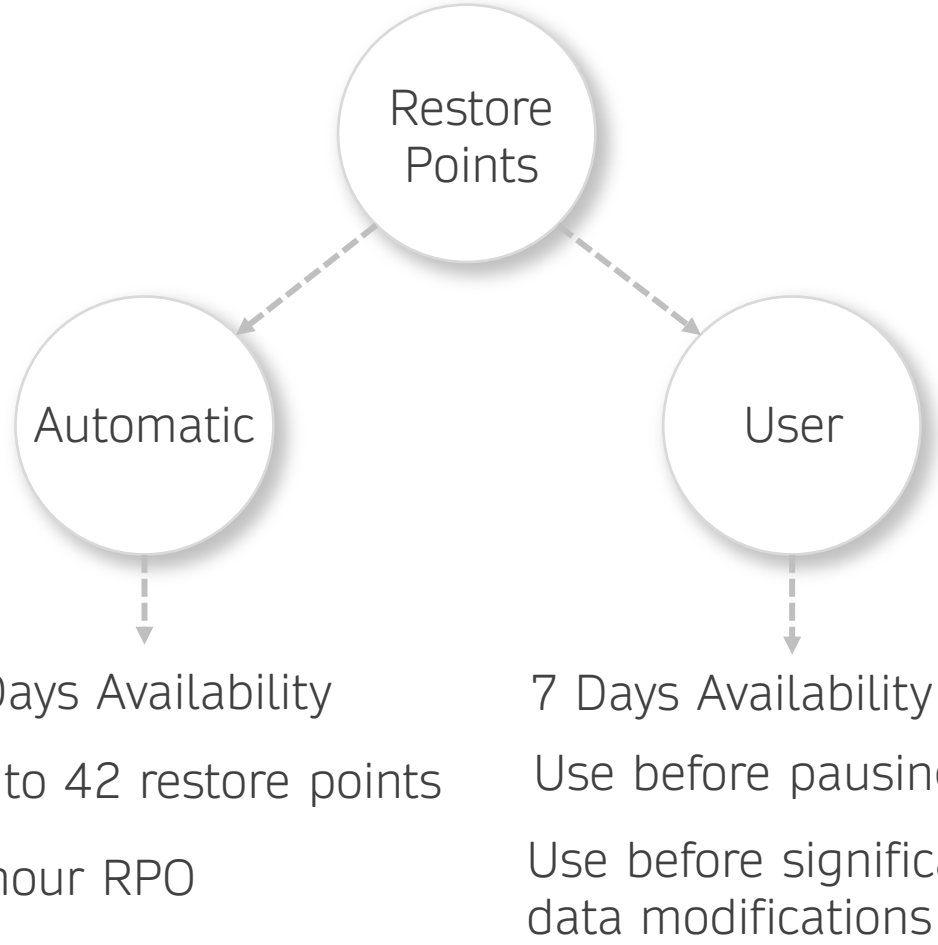


Table Cloning

Clone an existing table into new table

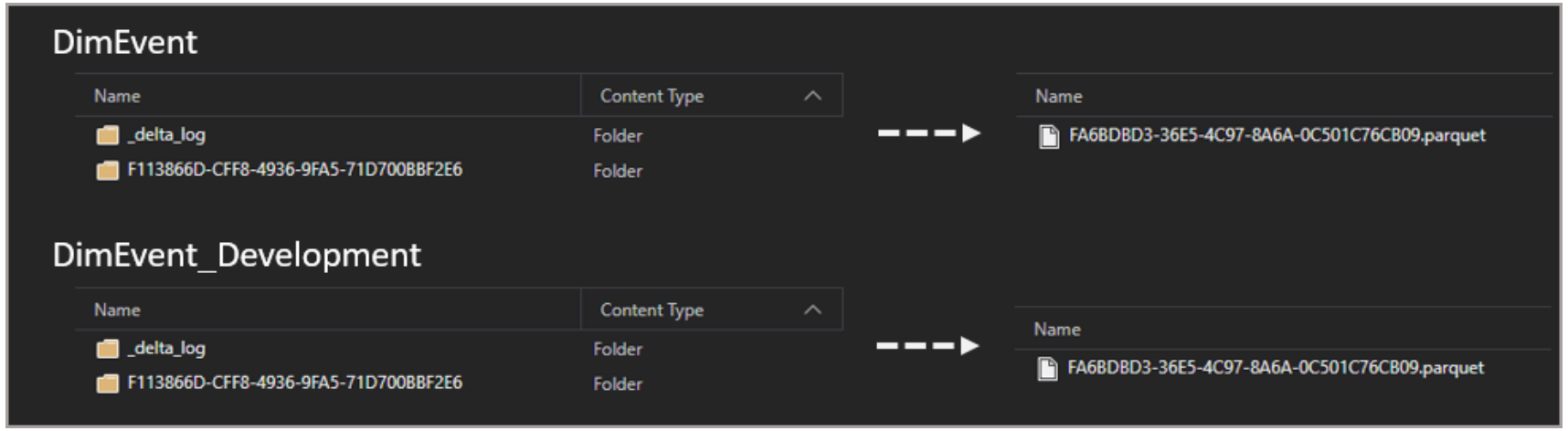
“Shallow” clone as only the metadata is cloned

Cloned table is separate from base table

--create table clone
CREATE TABLE <schema>.<new_table_name>
AS CLONE OF <schema>.<existing_table_name>

Used for:

- Snapshotting at point-in-time
- Backups for recovery
- Testing data changes before applying to main table

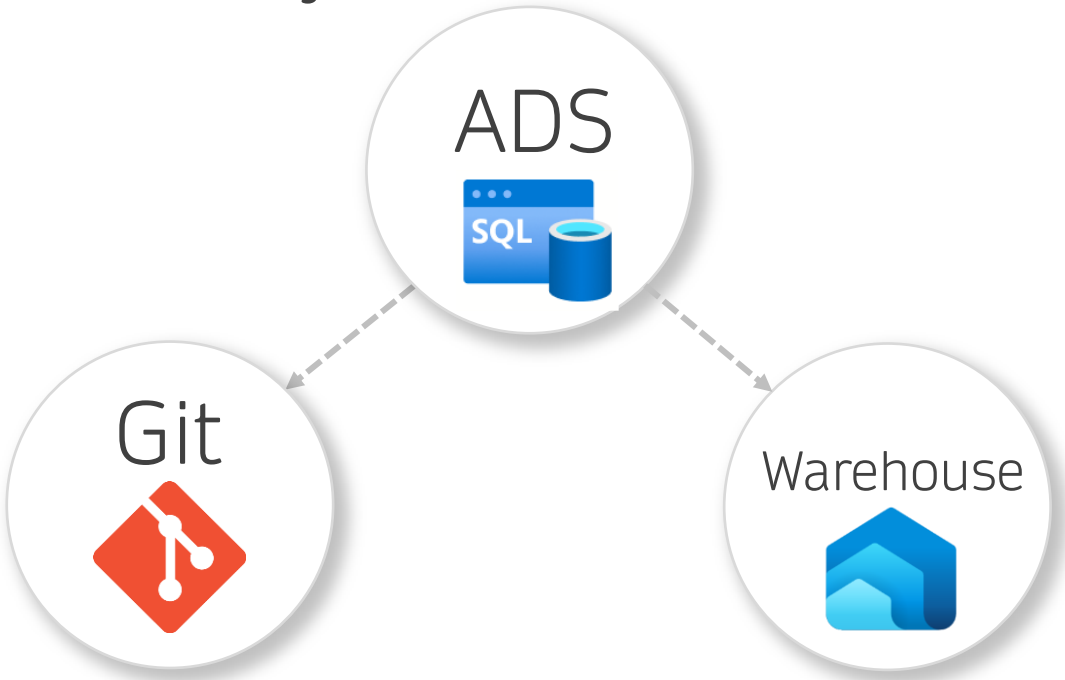


Source Control & Deployment

“Treat your database like code” Grant Fritchey

Azure Data Studio Database Projects

- Current version 1.48.0 (DB: 1.4.2)
- Support for Warehouse and Lakehouse SQL Endpoint
- Uses dacpac for build and deploy
- Cannot ALTER!

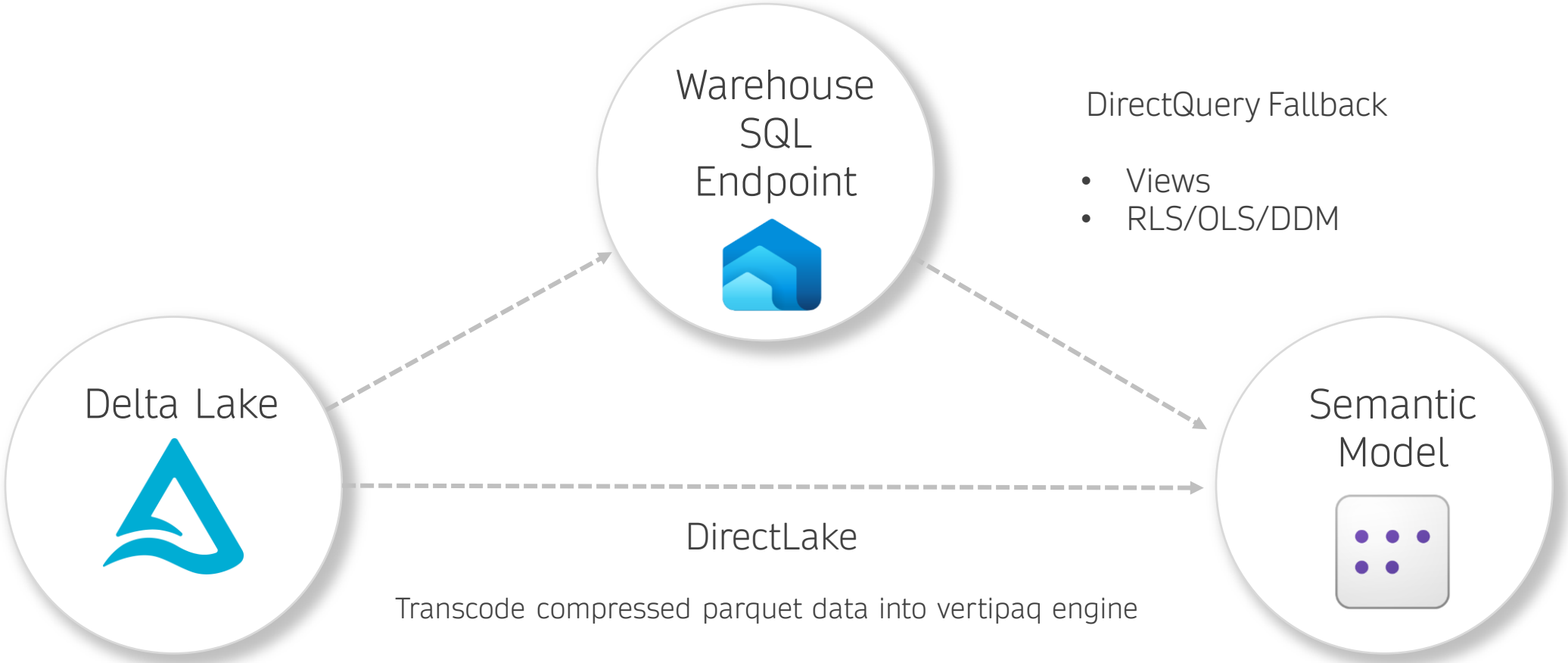


Connect ADS to Git to allow source control

Semantic Models – Direct Lake

Direct Lake is the new connectivity method from Semantic Models to Warehouse & Lakehouse

No requirement to Import the data into the Semantic model

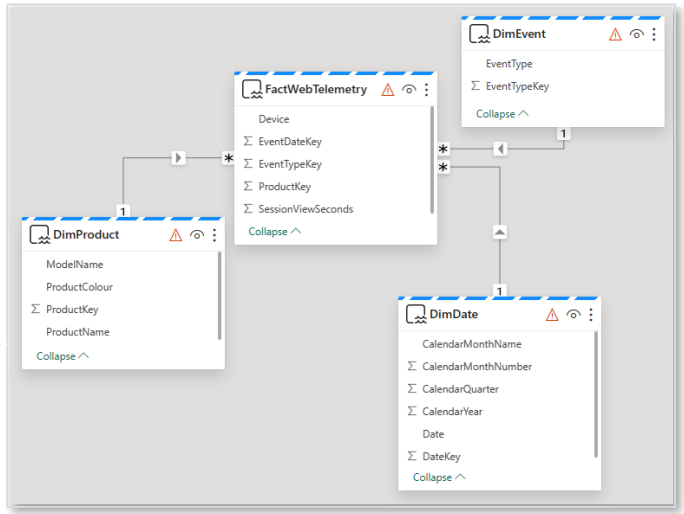


Constraints created in Warehouse appear in Default Semantic Model

Constraints created in Default Semantic Model appear in Warehouse

	foreign_table	primary_table	fk_column	pk_column	fk_constraint
1	dbo.FactWebTelemetry	dbo.DimDate	EventDateKey	DateKey	FK_FactWebTelemetry_EventDateKey
2	dbo.FactWebTelemetry	dbo.DimEvent	EventTypeKey	EventTypeKey	FK_FactWebTelemetry_EventTypeKey
3	dbo.FactWebTelemetry	dbo.DimProduct	ProductKey	ProductKey	FK_FactWebTelemetry_ProductKey

Default Semantic Model has a bi-directional sync with it's underlying Warehouse



Custom Semantic Models are unaffected by Warehouse constraints

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