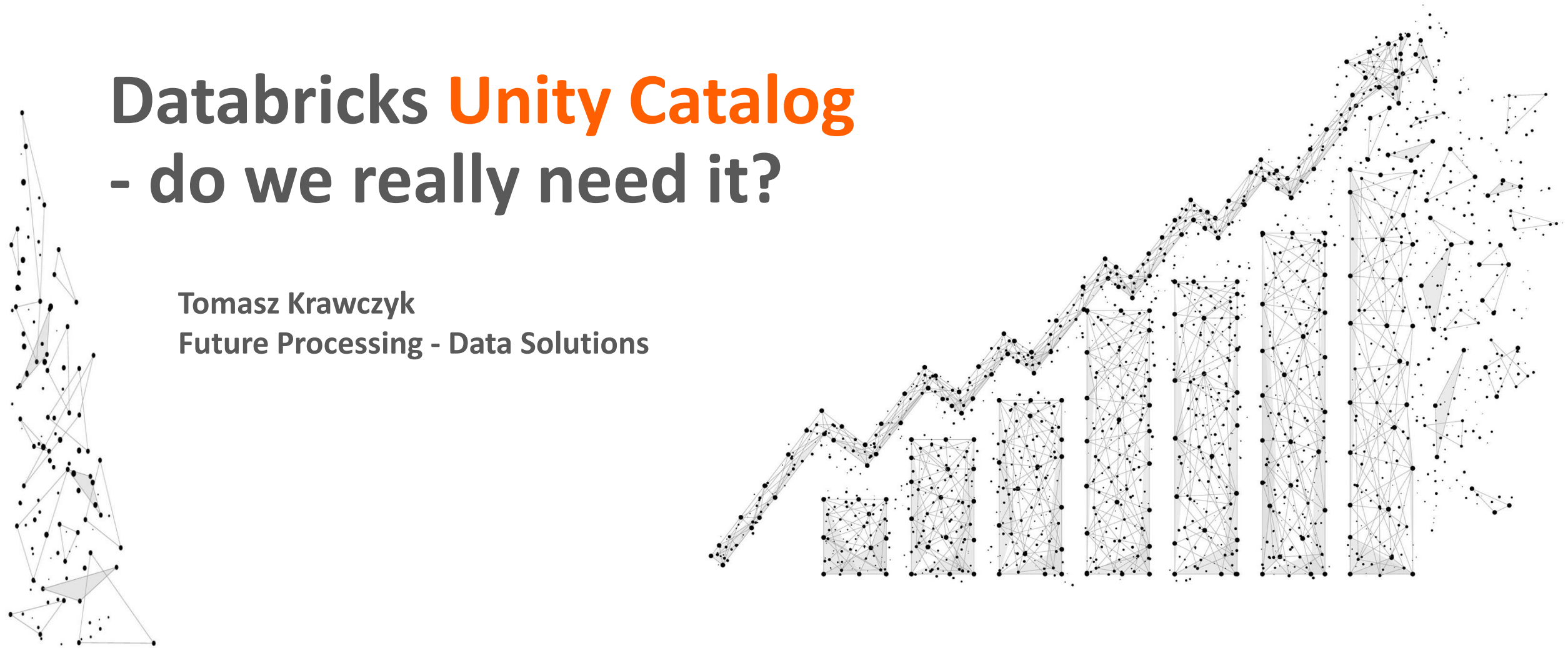


Databricks **Unity Catalog** - do we really need it?

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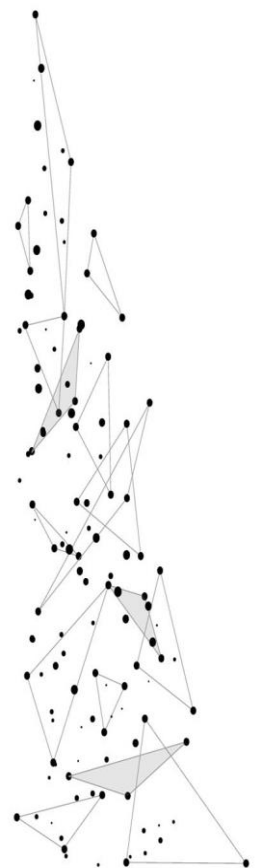


<https://github.com/fp-datasolutions>

<https://github.com/cloud4yourdata/CommunityEvents>

PLAN

- Hive/Spark/Databricks Metastore
- **Unity Catalog**
 - Setup (on Azure)
 - Structure (Unity Catalog Objects)
 - Access Control
 - Data Lineage
 - Data Security (Row and Column)
 - Data Lakehouse Federation
- **Demo(s)**
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Hive and Spark Metastore



Apache Hive is a distributed, fault-tolerant **data warehouse** system that enables analytics at a **massive scale**.

Hive Metastore is a repository containing metadata (databases, tables, column names, data types, comments, etc.) about objects we create in Hive. By default, Hive uses a built-in **Derby SQL server** to store its metadata, but in production solutions usually RDBS solution are used (MySQL, MariaDB, PostgreSQL, SQL Server ...).



Apache Spark™ is a multi-language engine for executing **data engineering**, **data science**, and **machine learning** on single-node machines or clusters.

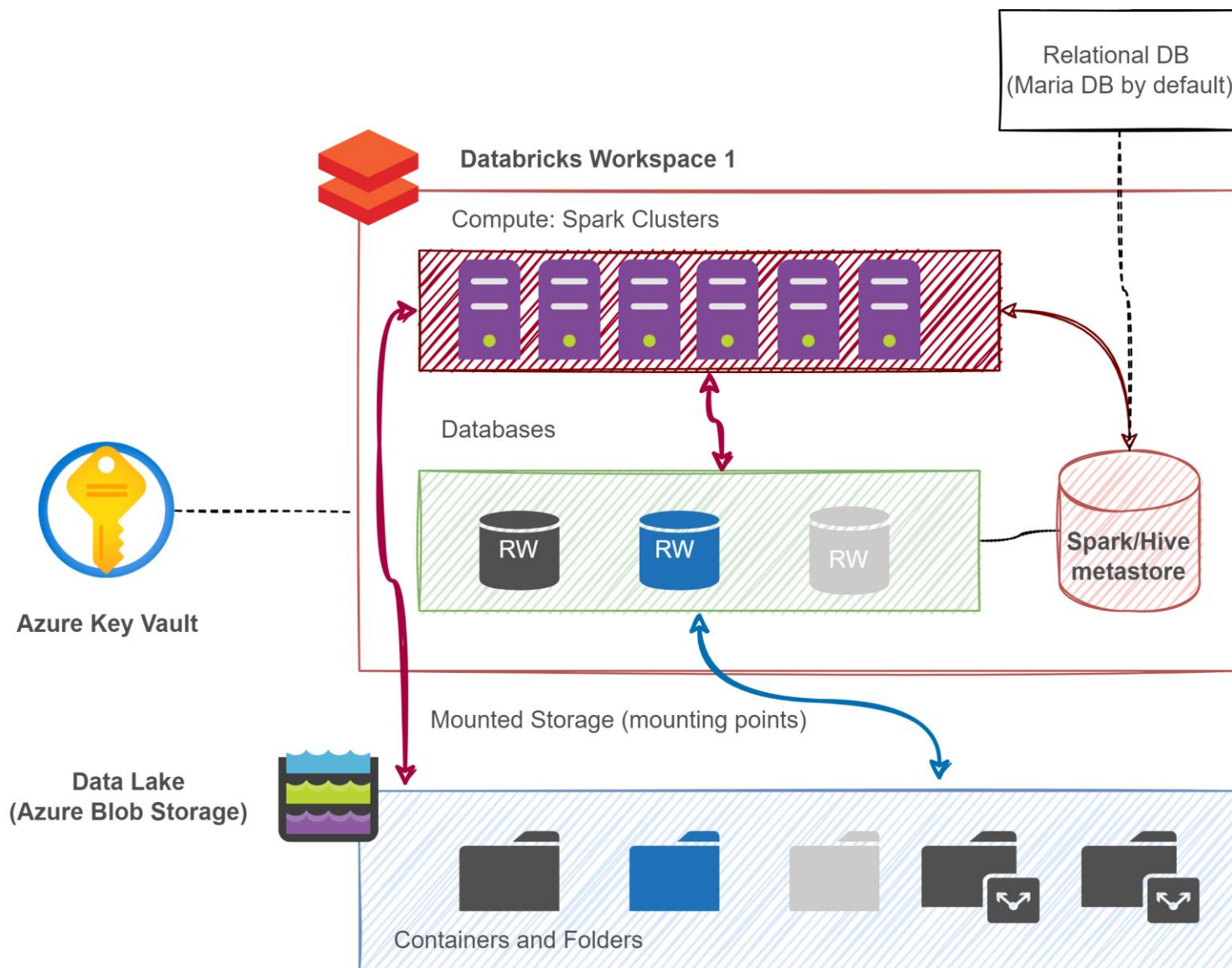
Spark SQL was released in May 2014 as an enhancement to Shark, which was principally a SQL front end to Hive. Spark SQL provides a programming abstraction called DataFrame that can act as distributed **SQL query engine**.

Databricks

Databricks is a unified, open **analytics platform** for building, deploying, sharing, and maintaining enterprise-grade data, analytics, and **AI solutions** at **scale**.

The **Databricks Lakehouse Platform** combines the best elements of **data lakes** and **data warehouses** to help you reduce costs and deliver on your data and AI initiatives faster.

Built on **open source** and **open standards**, a lakehouse simplifies your data estate by eliminating the silos that historically complicate data and AI.



Databricks

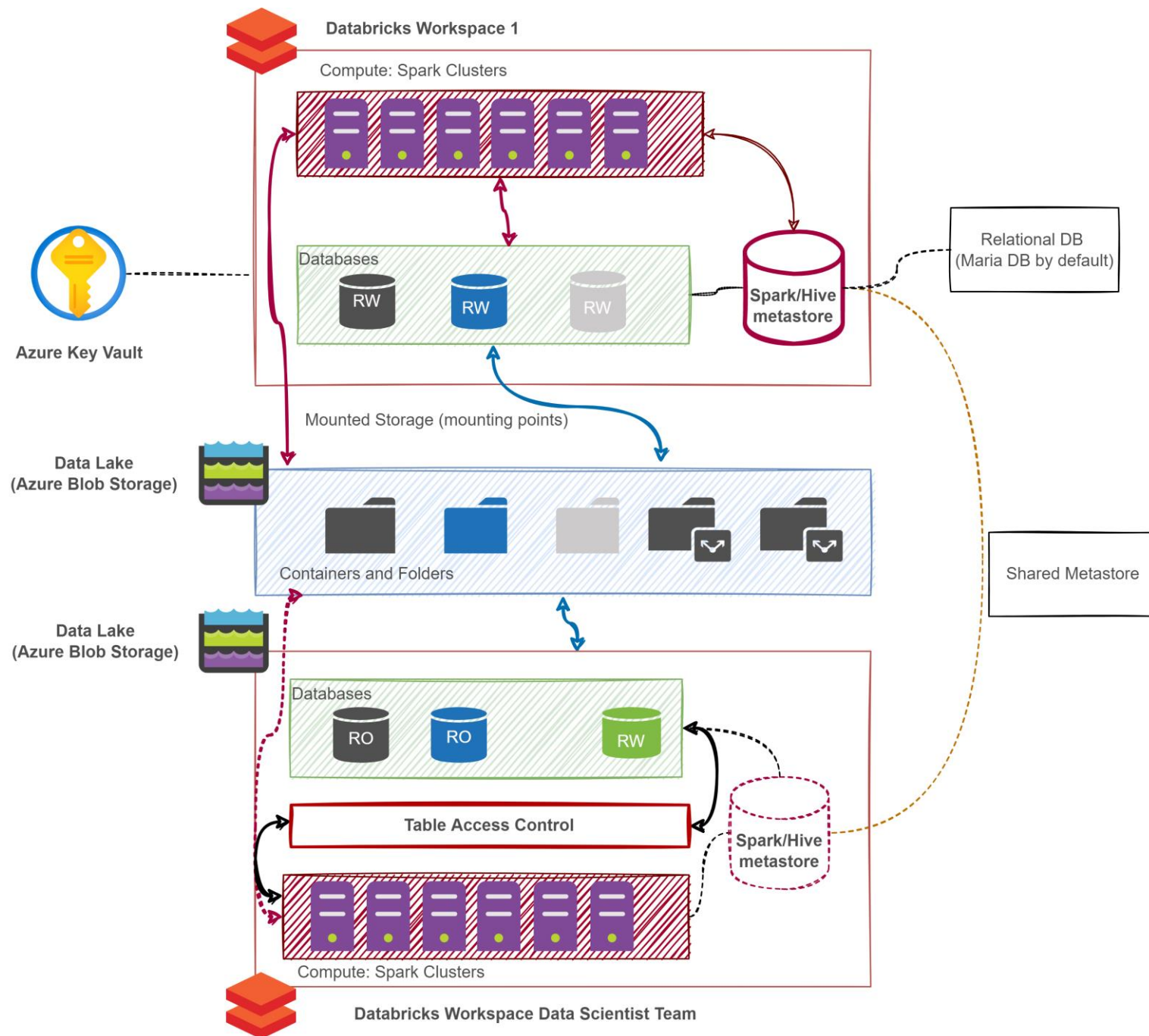
– “Data Mesh”

- **OUR CASE**

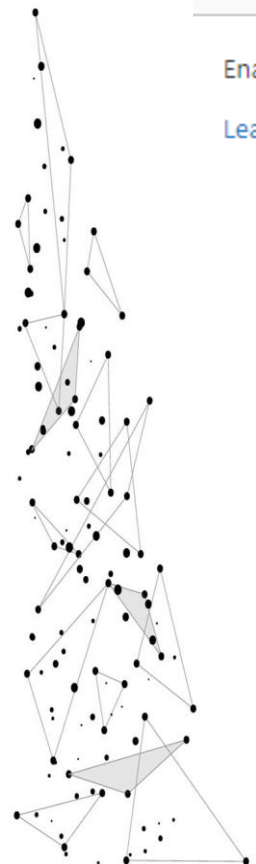
- One Workspace for ETL processes
- Additional Workspaces for Data Scientist’s teams
 - Read Only Access

- **ETL Workspace**

- Internal Metastore
- Mounted ADLS Gen2 Storage
- Databases, tables ...



Databricks Access to Internal Metastore



Web Terminal: Enabled

Enable or disable web terminal for clusters.
[Learn more](#)

Compute > UI preview Send feedback

Demo

Configuration Notebooks (0) Libraries Event log Spark UI Driver logs Metrics Apps Spark compute UI - Master

Web Terminal

Web terminal provides a Bash terminal running in the driver node. See the [documentation](#) for more details.

Web Terminal

```
Welcome to Databricks web terminal! Please read the following instructions:

* This terminal session is ephemeral, so it will go away if you close or refresh the browser tab.
* If you want to have a persistent terminal session on this cluster, please use 'tmux'.
* There is an idle timeout if no client- or server-side changes are made to the terminal session.
  Refreshing the tab would launch a new session.

root@0913-064441-1319qacf-10-139-122-0:/databricks/driver# cat /databricks/hive/conf/hive-site.xml

<configuration>

<property>
  <name>javax.jdo.option.ConnectionURL</name>
  <value>jdbc:mariadb://consolidated-northeurope-prod-metastore-addl-1.mysql.database.azure.com:3306/organization1502559121572559?useSSL=true&amp;
  <description>JDBC connection string for a JDBC metastore</description>
```

Databricks External Metastore

Admin Settings

Users Service principals Groups **Global init scripts** Workspace settings SQL settings Notification destinations SQL warehouse settings

Global init scripts run on all cluster nodes launched in your workspace. They can help you to enforce consistent cluster configurations across your workspace in a safe, visible, and secure manner. [Learn more](#)

Note: Changes to global init scripts do not take effect on running clusters until they restart.

Databricks recommends that you migrate legacy scripts to this new global init scripts framework and then disable legacy scripts. [Learn more](#)

Legacy Global Init Scripts: ☒

+ Add

Edit ordering

Order	Enabled	Name	Created
No global init scripts found			

Users Service principals Groups Global init scripts Workspace settings SQL settings Notification destinations **SQL warehouse settings**

Data Security

Define the service principals used by all warehouses to access storage and configure all warehouses with data access metastore properties. [Learn more](#)

Data Access Configuration

+ Add Service Principal ⓘ

1 Provide one space separated key-value pair per line. For example:
spark.databricks.hive.metastore.glueCatalog.enabled true

Global Init Script

Docs: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/databricks/clusters/init-scripts#global-init-scrip>

spark.hadoop.javax.jdo.option.ConnectionURL	Connection String to Metastore DB	jdbc:mariadb://consolidated-northeurope-prod-metastore-addl-1.mysql.database.azure.com:3306/organization1502559121572559?useSSL=true it should be in KeyVault {{secrets/<kv-secret-scope>/<Metastore Connection String>}}
spark.hadoop.javax.jdo.option.ConnectionUserName	User Name for Metastore DB	Key Vault option {{secrets/<kv-secret-scope>/<UserName>}}
spark.hadoop.javax.jdo.option.ConnectionPassword	User Password for Metastore DB	Key Vault option {{secrets/<kv-secret-scope>/<UserPassword>}}
spark.hadoop.javax.jdo.option.ConnectionDriverName	Driver Name (Metastore DB)	org.mariadb.jdbc.Driver
spark.sql.warehouse.dir	Default location for new databases. It should point to mounting points to additional storage.	dbfs:/mnt/datascience/dbs
spark.databricks.acl.dfAclsEnabled	Enables Table ACL mechanism	true
spark.databricks.repl.allowedLanguages	Gives access to data from python and sql	python, sql

Databrick Access Control - TAC

Table access control lets you programmatically **grant** and **revoke access** to objects in your workspace's Hive metastore from **Python** and **SQL**. When table access control is enabled, **users can set permissions for data objects** that are accessed using that cluster.

Cluster settings:

spark.databricks.acl.sqlOnly true

spark.databricks.repl.allowedLanguages python,sql

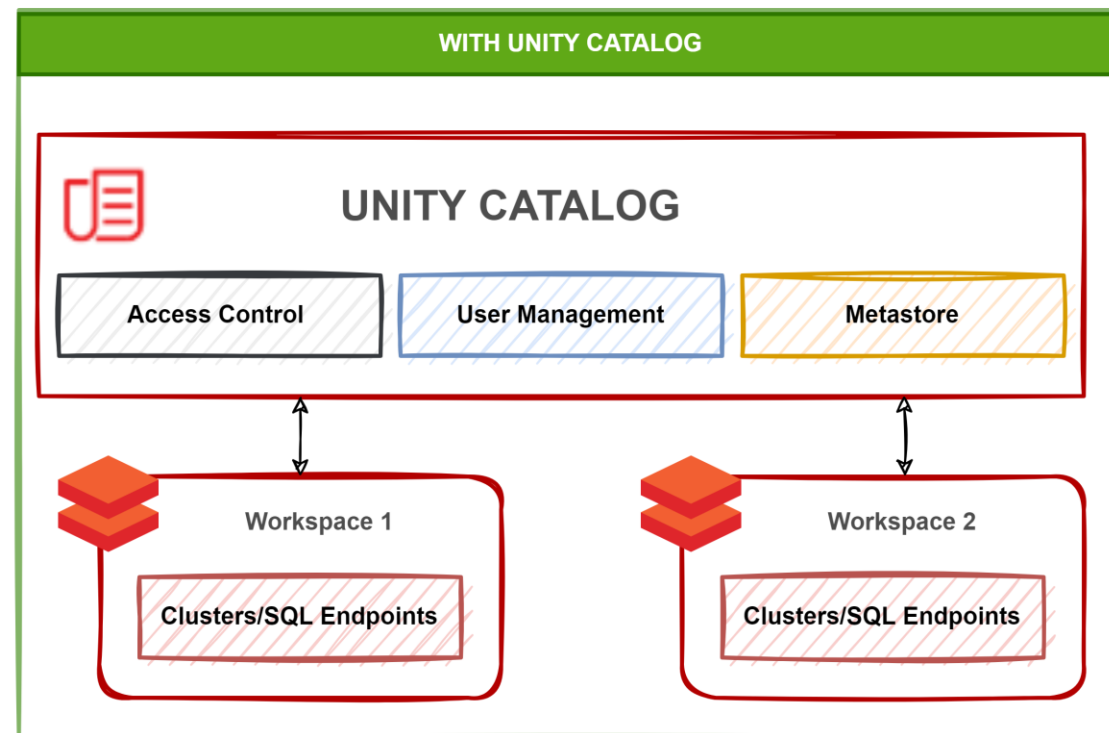
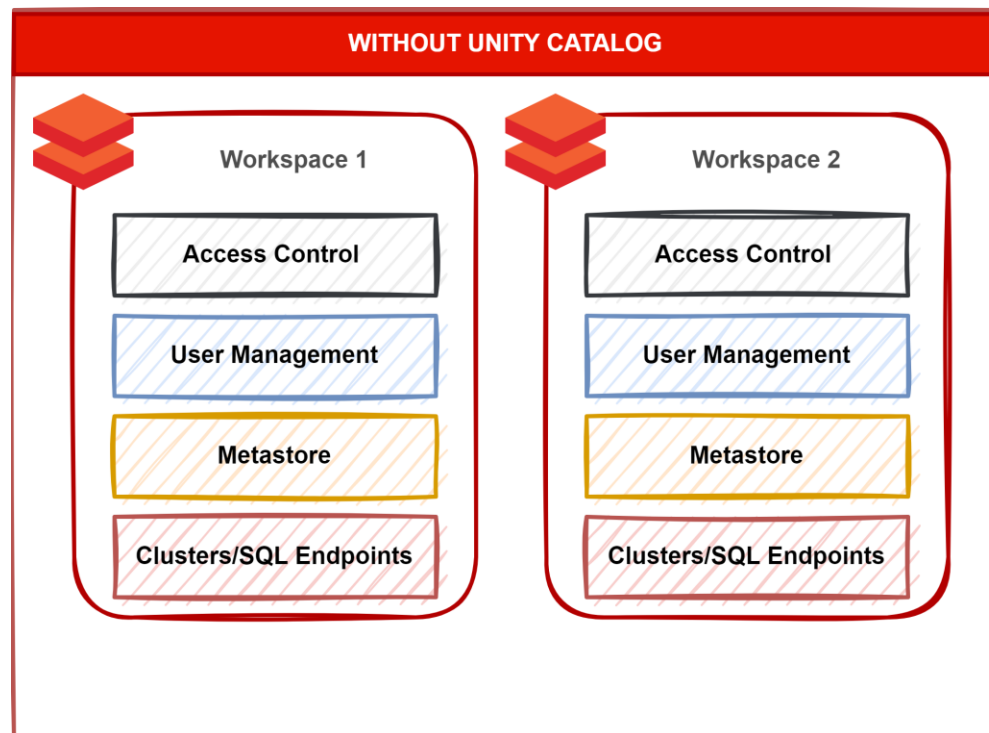
spark.databricks.acl.dfAclsEnabled true

- **GRANT/REVOKE** *privilege_types* ON *securable_object* TO *principal*
 - Privilege Types:
 - SELECT, CREATE, MODIFY, USAGE, READ_METADATA, ALL PRIVILEGES
 - Securable objects
 - DATABASE, TABLE, VIEW, FUNCTION, **ANY FILES**

Databrick Unity Catalog



Unity Catalog provides **centralized access control, auditing, lineage, and data discovery** capabilities across Databricks workspaces.



Databricks Unity Catalog on Azure

Account Console:

<https://accounts.azuredatabricks.net/>

Azure AD Global Administrator role

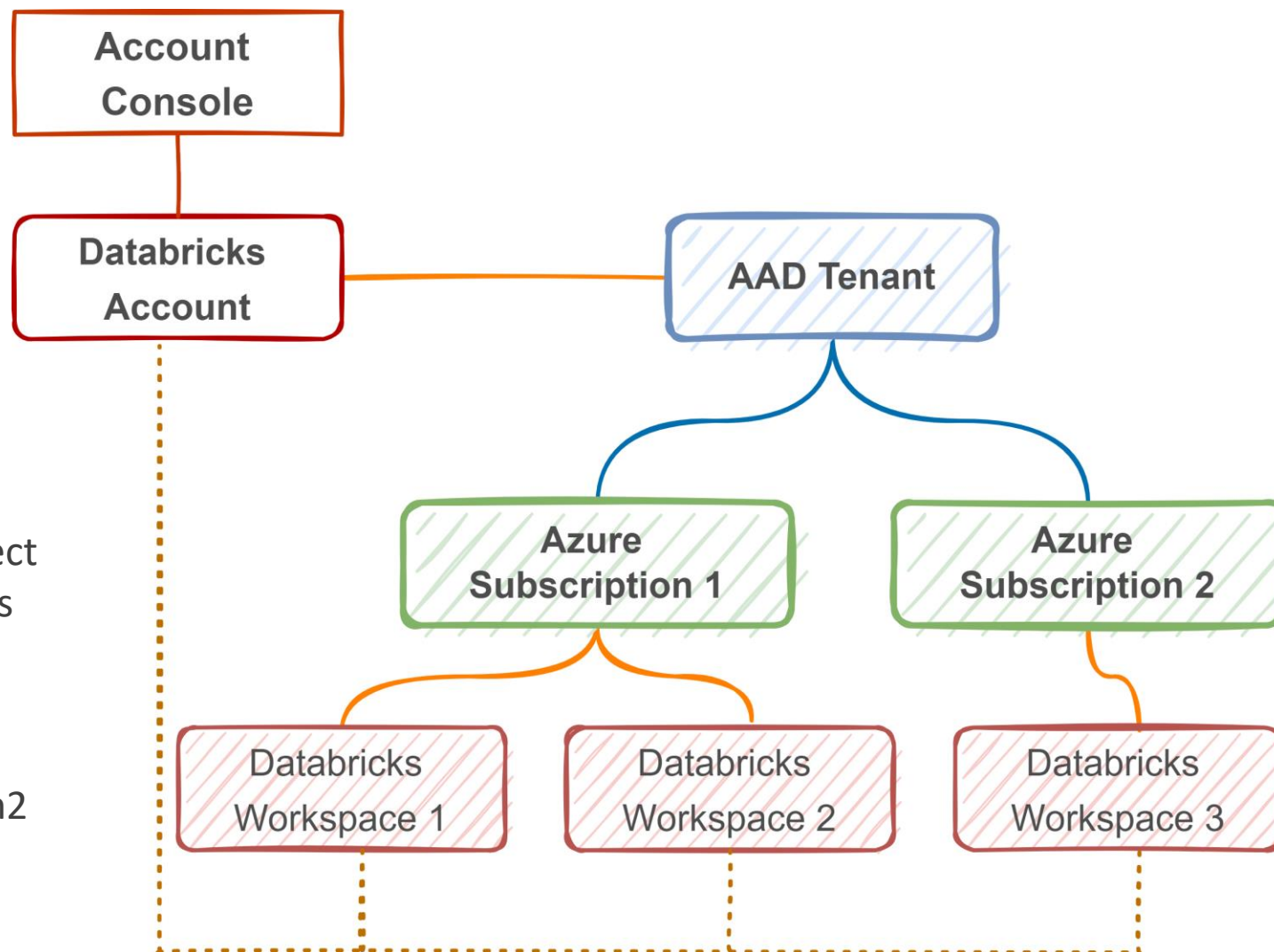


Access Connector for Azure Databricks

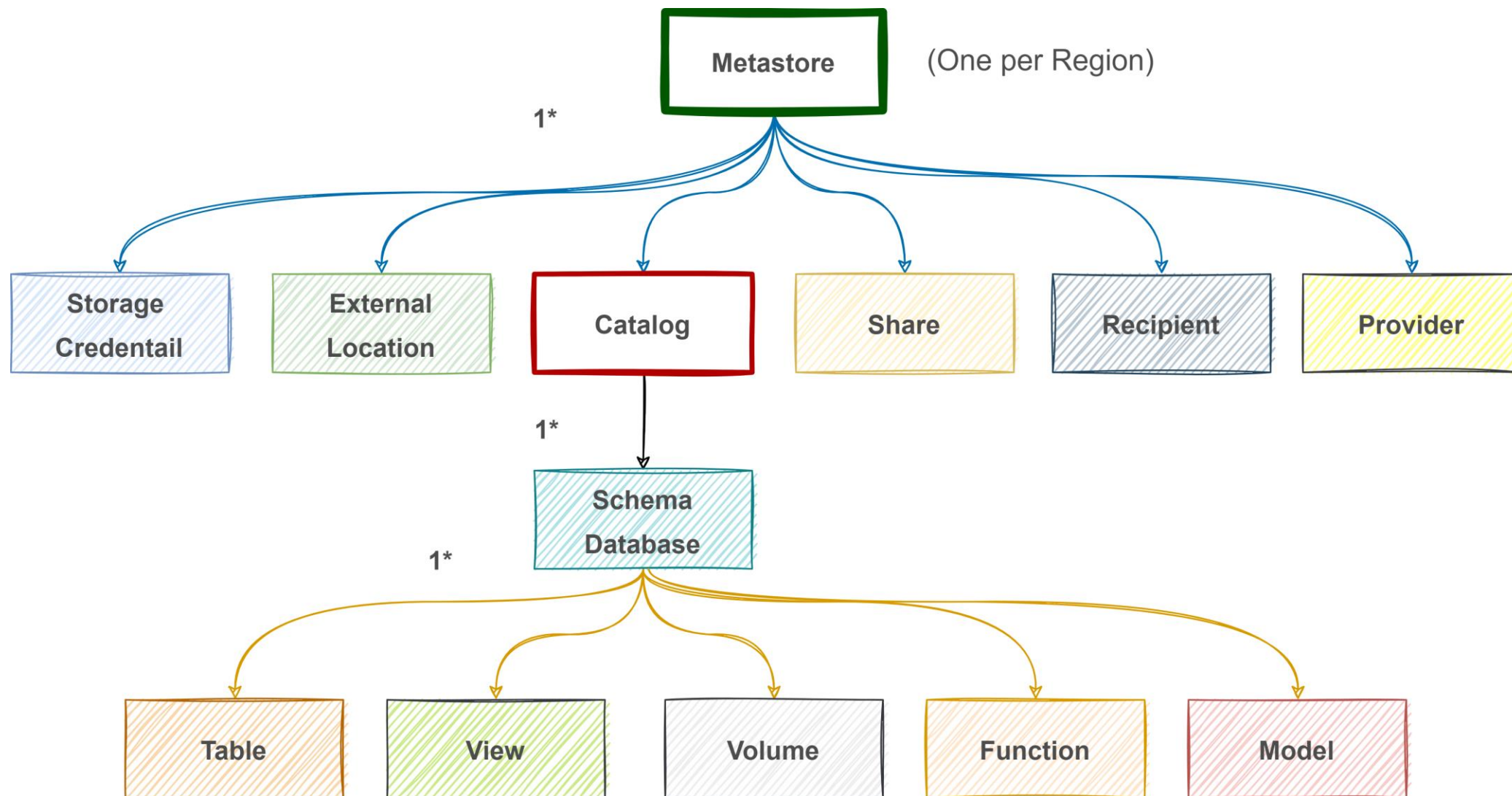
- is an Azure resource that lets you connect managed identities to an Azure Databricks account.

Managed storage

- location in an Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 container to store data and metadata



Unity Catalog



Unity Catalog – Objects Metadata

The **INFORMATION_SCHEMA** is a SQL standard based schema, provided in every catalog created on **Unity Catalog**.

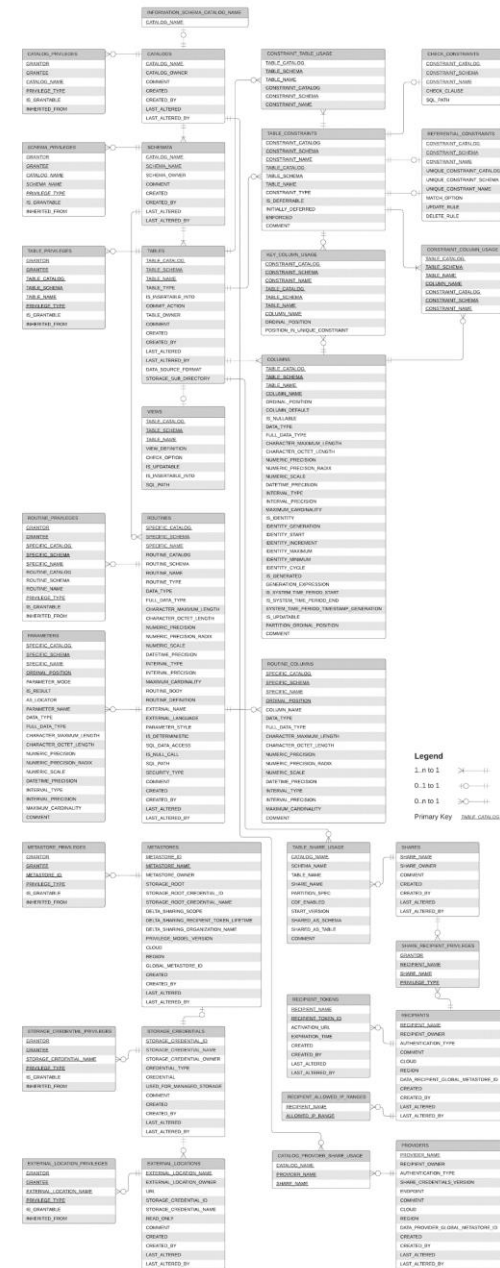
```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.catalogs;
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.catalog_privileges;
```

```
SELECT * FROM information_schema.tables;
```

System tables are an Databricks-hosted analytical store of your account's operational data

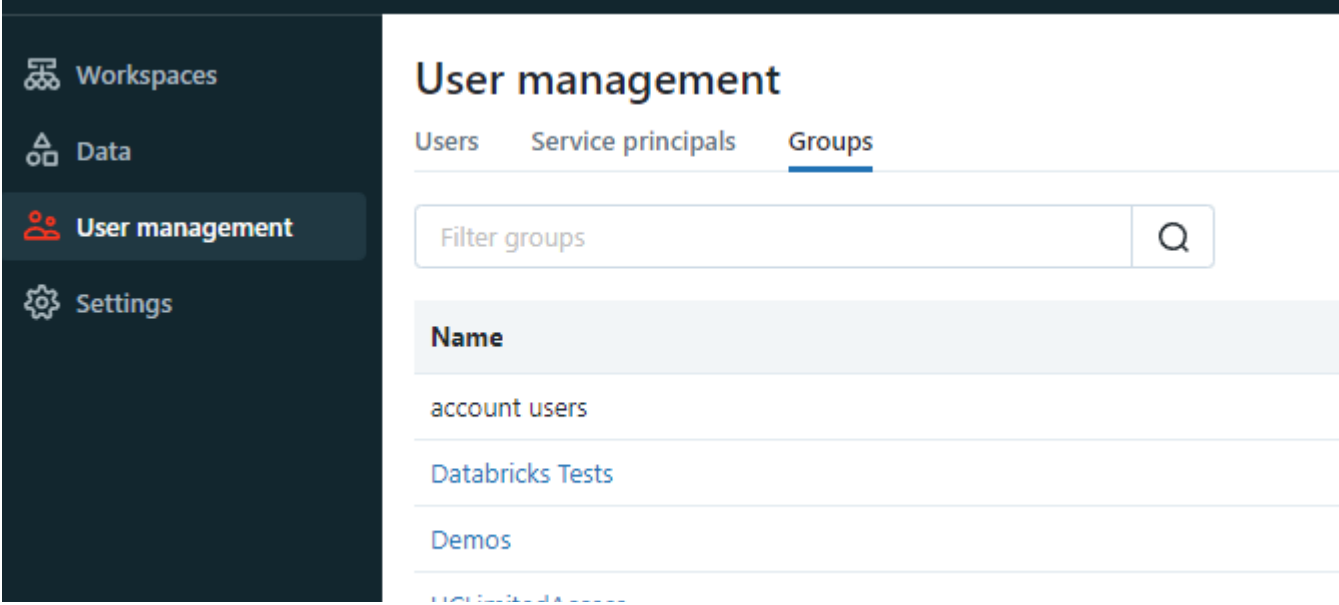
- **Audit logs:** Located at system.access.audit.
- **Billable usage logs:** Located at system.billing.usage.
- **Pricing table:** Located at system.billing.list_prices.
- **Table and column lineage:** Both tables located under system.access.
- **Marketplace listing access:** Located at system.marketplace.listing_access_events.



Unity Catalog

Managing Users and Access Control

- Azure Databricks SCIM Provisioning Connector
 - synchronizes users and groups from AD to Azure Databricks ([Docs](#))
- **GRANT/REVOKE** *privilege_types* ON *securable_object* TO *principal*
 - Privilege Types:
 - SELECT, CREATE, MODIFY, USAGE, READ_METADATA, ALL PRIVILEGES
 - Securable objects
 - DATABASE, TABLE, VIEW, FUNCTION ..



The screenshot displays the Unity Catalog 'User management' interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links for 'Workspaces', 'Data', 'User management' (selected), and 'Settings'. The main panel shows the 'Groups' tab with a search bar labeled 'Filter groups'. Below the search bar, a list of groups is visible, including 'account users', 'Databricks Tests', and 'Demos'. Below the groups list, the breadcrumb path 'Catalogs > unitycatalogdemo > appdwhstreamdemo >' is shown, followed by the object 'unitycatalogdemo.appdwhstreamdemo.dimstore'. The object's owner is 'tkrawczyk@future-processing.com' and its popularity is indicated by a bar chart. There are input fields for 'Tags' (with an 'Add tags' button) and 'Comment' (with an 'Add comment' button). Below these, a tabbed interface shows 'Columns', 'Sample Data', 'Details', 'Permissions' (selected), 'History', 'Lineage', and 'Insights'. The 'Permissions' tab contains a table with columns 'Principal', 'Privilege', and 'Object'. The table has two rows: one for 'Demos' with 'SELECT' privilege on 'unitycatalogdemo', and another row partially visible. At the top of the table are 'Grant' and 'Revoke' buttons, and a filter input field on the right.

Principal	Privilege	Object
Demos	SELECT	unitycatalogdemo

Unity Catalog

Data Lineage

Data Lineage is supported for all languages and is captured down to the column level. Lineage data includes notebooks, workflows, and dashboards related to the query.

Owner: tkrawczyk@future-processing.com Popularity: Last Updated: last week

Tags:

Comment:

Columns Sample Data Details Permissions History Lineage Insights

All connections

Tables

Notebooks

Workflows

Pipelines

Dashboards

Table name

unitycatalogdemo.appdwhstreamdemo.dimstore

unitycatalogdemo.appdwhstreamdemo.dimproduct

unitycatalogdemo.appdwhstreamdemo.sales

unitycatalogdemo.appdwhstreamdemo.dimcustomer

unitycatalogdemo.appdwhstreamdemo.salesorder

Lineage data is captured from the last 90 days

Streaming table

unitycatalogdemo.appdwhstreamdemo.dimstore
tkrawczyk@future-processing.com

StoreKey bigint
StoreId int

Show 8 more columns

Streaming table

unitycatalogdemo.appdwhstreamdemo.dimproduct
tkrawczyk@future-processing.com

ProductKey bigint
ProductId int

Show 7 more columns

Streaming table

unitycatalogdemo.appdwhstreamdemo.sales
tkrawczyk@future-processing.com

SalesKey bigint
Id int
StoreId int
CustomerId int
SalesDate timestamp
TotalGrossPrice decimal(18,5)
TotalNetPrice decimal(18,5)
SysValidFrom timestamp
SysValidTo timestamp
SysIsCurrent boolean
SysOperDate int
SysIsDeleted boolean
SysDebOperation string
SysDebTimestampMs bigint
SysDebTimestamp timestamp
__START_AT timestamp
__END_AT timestamp

Hide columns

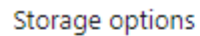
Table

unitycatalogdemo.appdwhstreamdemo.factsalescetas
tkrawczyk@future-processing.com

SalesId int
SalesOrderId int
SalesDateKey int
ProductKey bigint
StoreKey bigint
CustomerKey bigint
Quantity int
NetPrice decimal(18,5)
GrossPrice decimal(36,10)
_ct timestamp

Hide columns

Delta Live Tables is a declarative framework for building reliable, maintainable, and testable data processing pipelines.



☐ Hive Metastore ☒ Unity Catalog ☐ Preview

Catalog

A catalog where tables and other metadata will be stored.

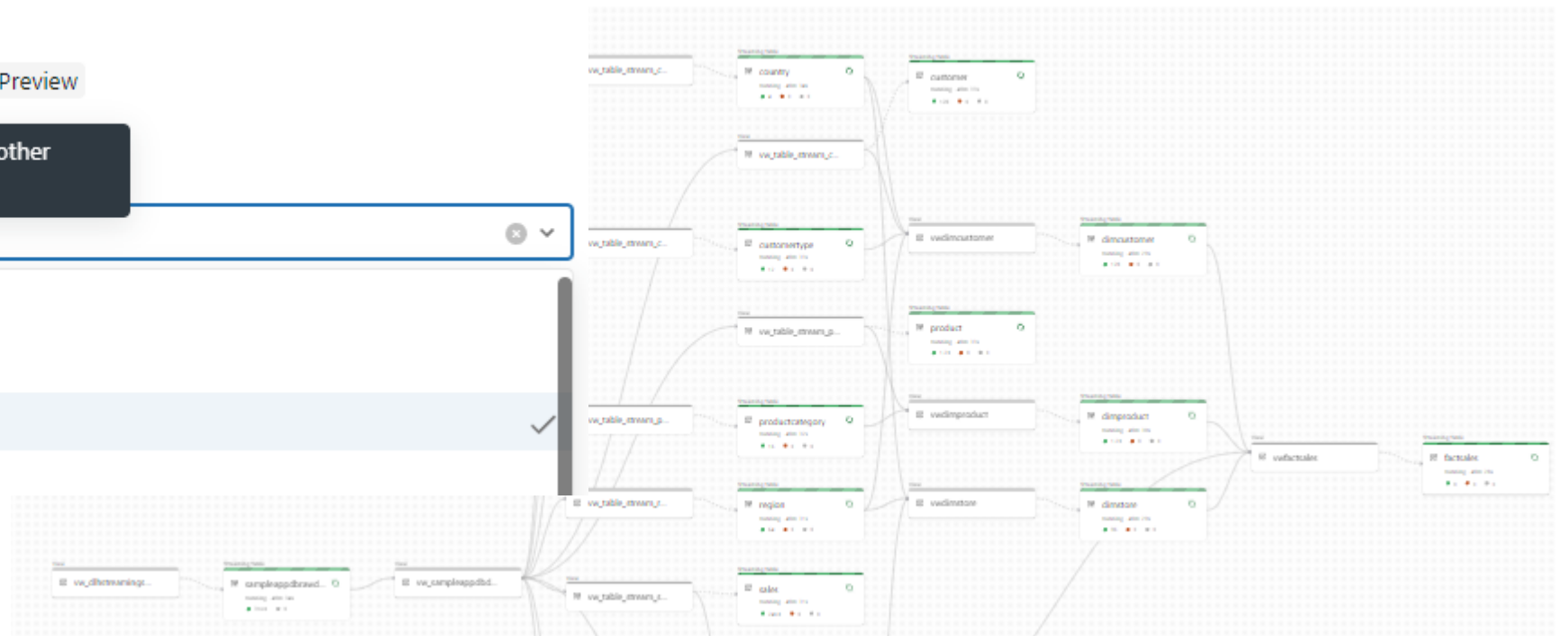
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Unity Catalog - Row filters and column masking

- **IS_ACCOUNT_GROUP_MEMBER** (account level)
- **IS_MEMBER** (workspace local group)

- **ROW FILTER FUNCTION**

```
CREATE FUNCTION us_filter(region STRING)
RETURN IF(IS_ACCOUNT_GROUP_MEMBER('admin'), true, region='US');
```

SQL

```
ALTER TABLE <table_name> SET ROW FILTER <function_name> ON (<column_name>, ...);
```

- **COLUMN MASKING FUNCTION**

```
CREATE FUNCTION ssn_mask(ssn STRING)
RETURN IF(IS_ACCOUNT_GROUP_MEMBER('admin'), ssn, '****');
```

SQL

```
ALTER TABLE <table_name> ALTER COLUMN <col_name> SET MASK <mask_func_name> [USING COLUMNS <additional_columns>];
```

Table		
Name	Age	Country
John	34	US
Eva	33	UK
Jenny	32	US

All data

USUsers Group
ViewSensitiveData Group

Table		
Name	Age	Country
John	34	US
Jenny	32	US

Not in ViewSensitiveData Group

Table		
Name	Age	Country
****	34	US
****	32	US

UKUsers Group
ViewSensitiveData Group

Table		
Name	Age	Country
Eva	33	UK

Not in ViewSensitiveData Group

Table		
Name	Age	Country
****	33	UK

Unity Catalog – Lakehouse Query Federation

Lakehouse Query Federation provides one single secure access to all your data.

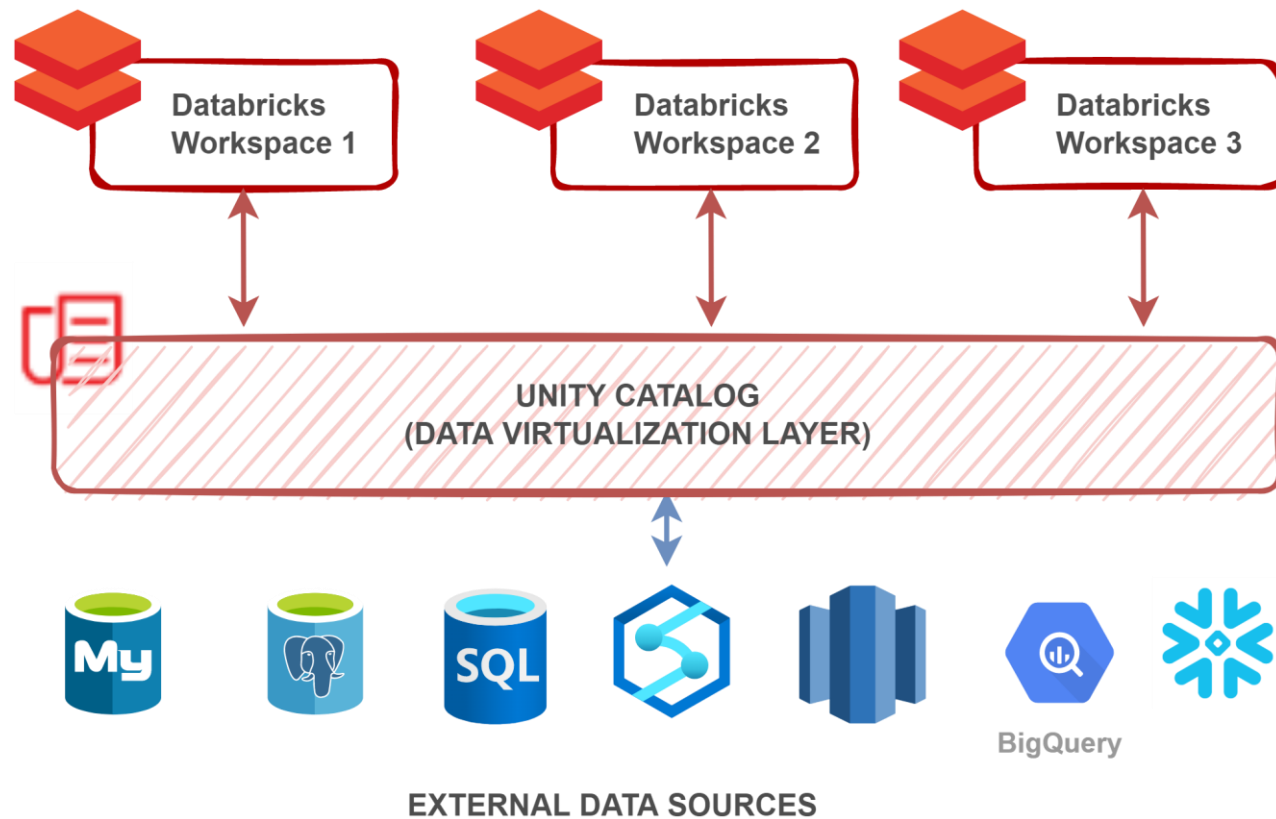
Supported data sources:

- MySQL, PostgreSQL, Amazon Redshift, Snowflake, Azure SQL Database, Azure Synapse, Google's BigQuery ...

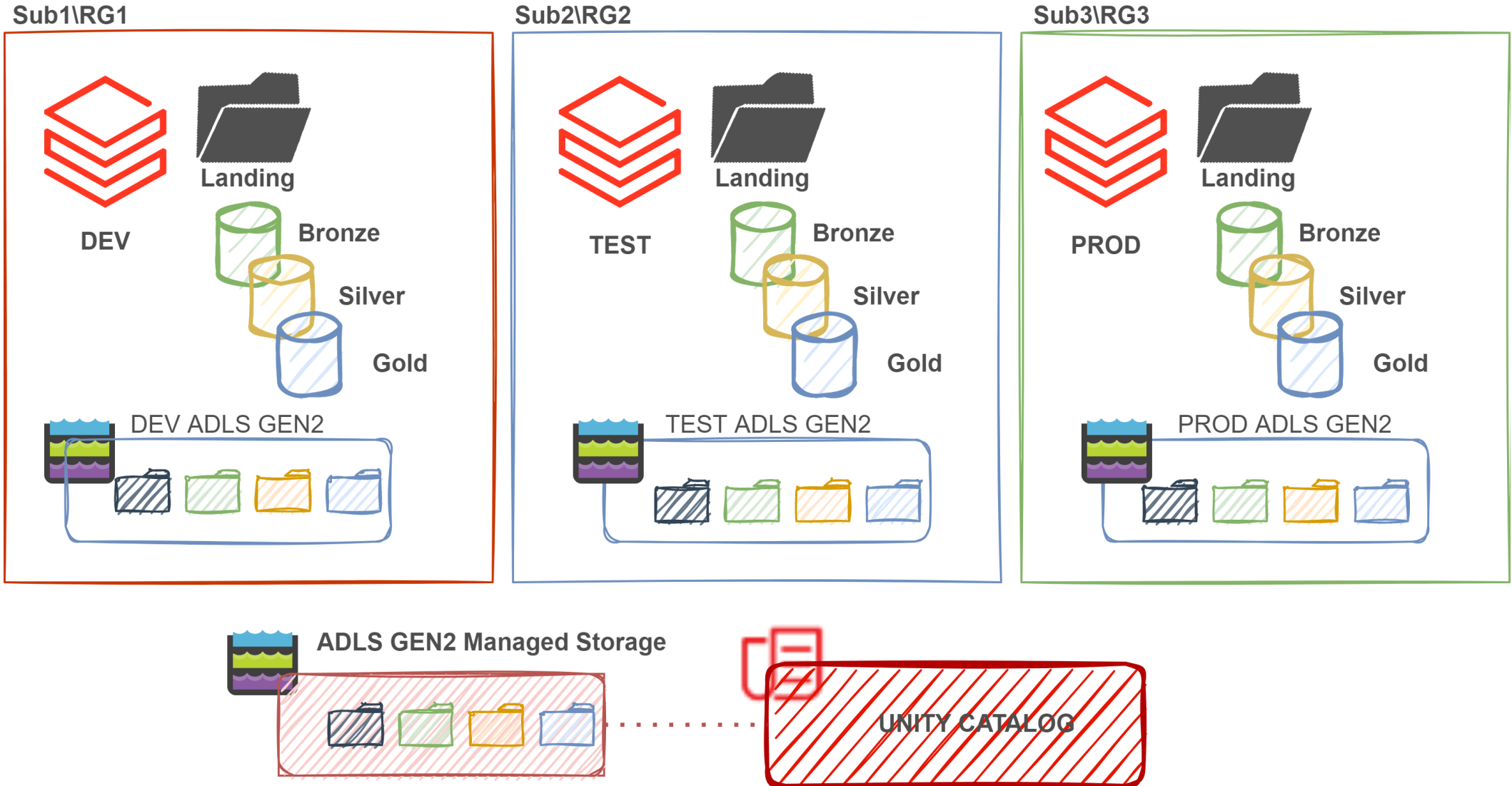
Unity Catalog provides:

- Unified permission controls
- Intelligent pushdown optimizations
- Accelerated query performance with Materialized view
- Support for R/O operations

```
CREATE FOREIGN CATALOG [IF NOT EXISTS] <catalog-name> USING CONNECTION <connection-name>  
OPTIONS (database '<database-name>');
```



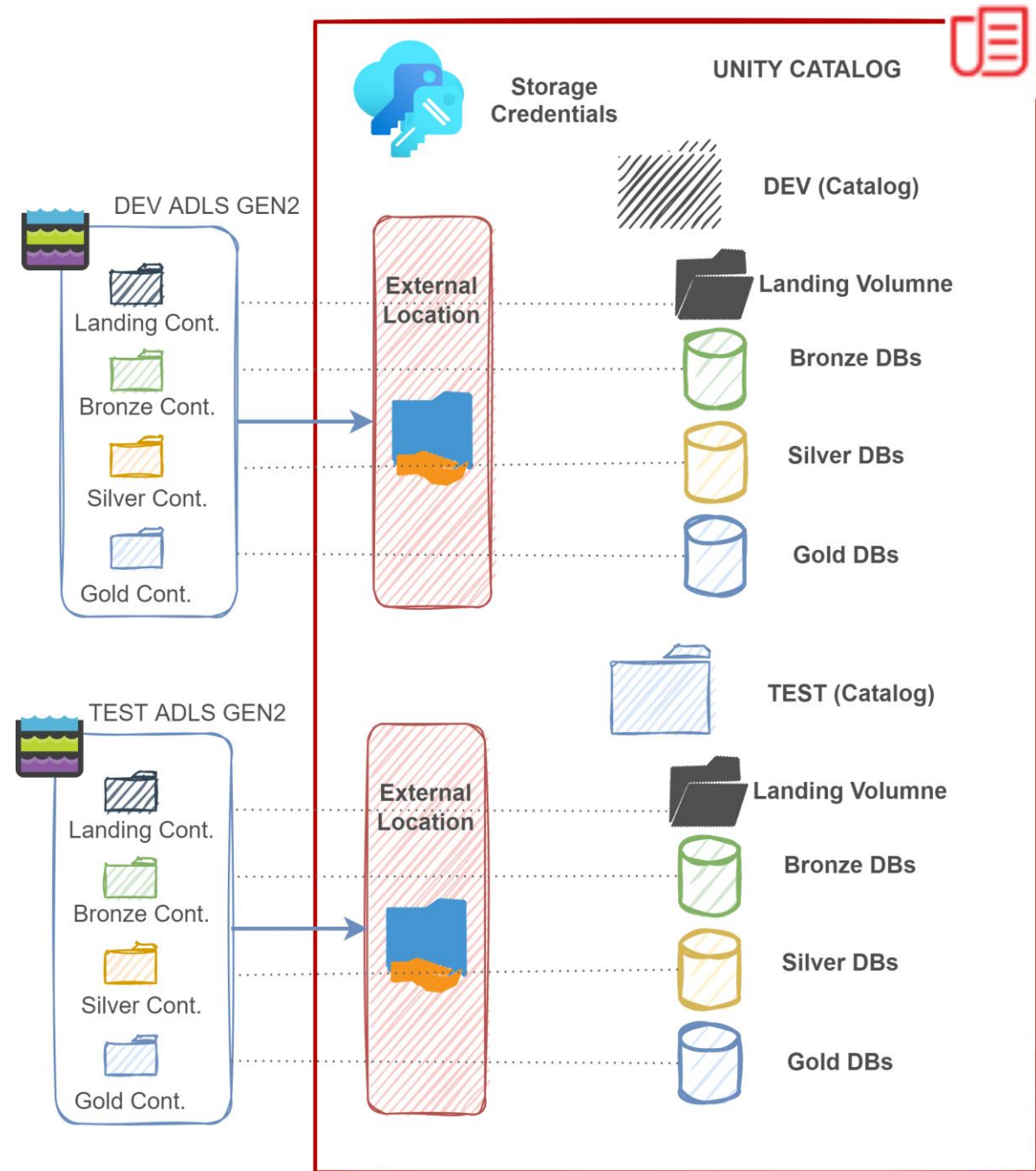
Unity Catalog – Environments



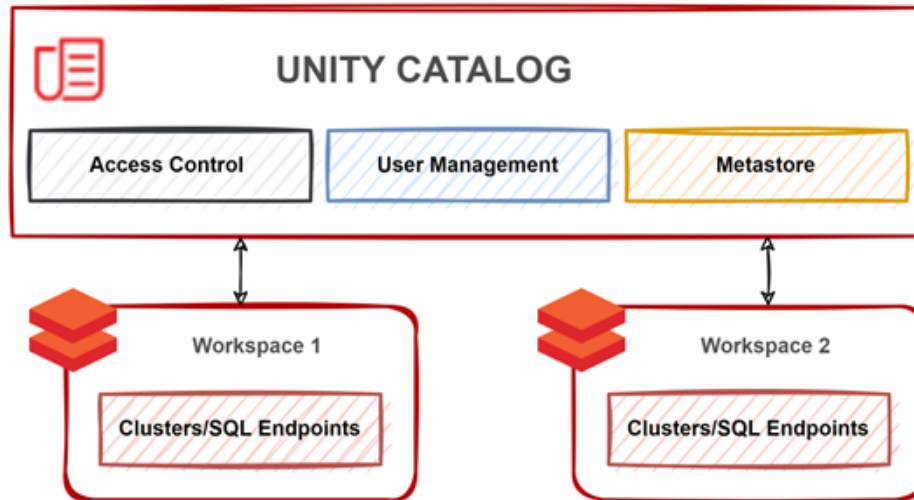
Unity Catalog –Environments

A **storage credential** represents an authentication and authorization mechanism for **accessing data stored on your cloud tenant**, using an **Azure managed identity** (strongly recommended) or **service principal**.

An **external location** is an object that combines a **cloud storage path** with a storage credential that authorizes access to the cloud storage path.



Data Mesh

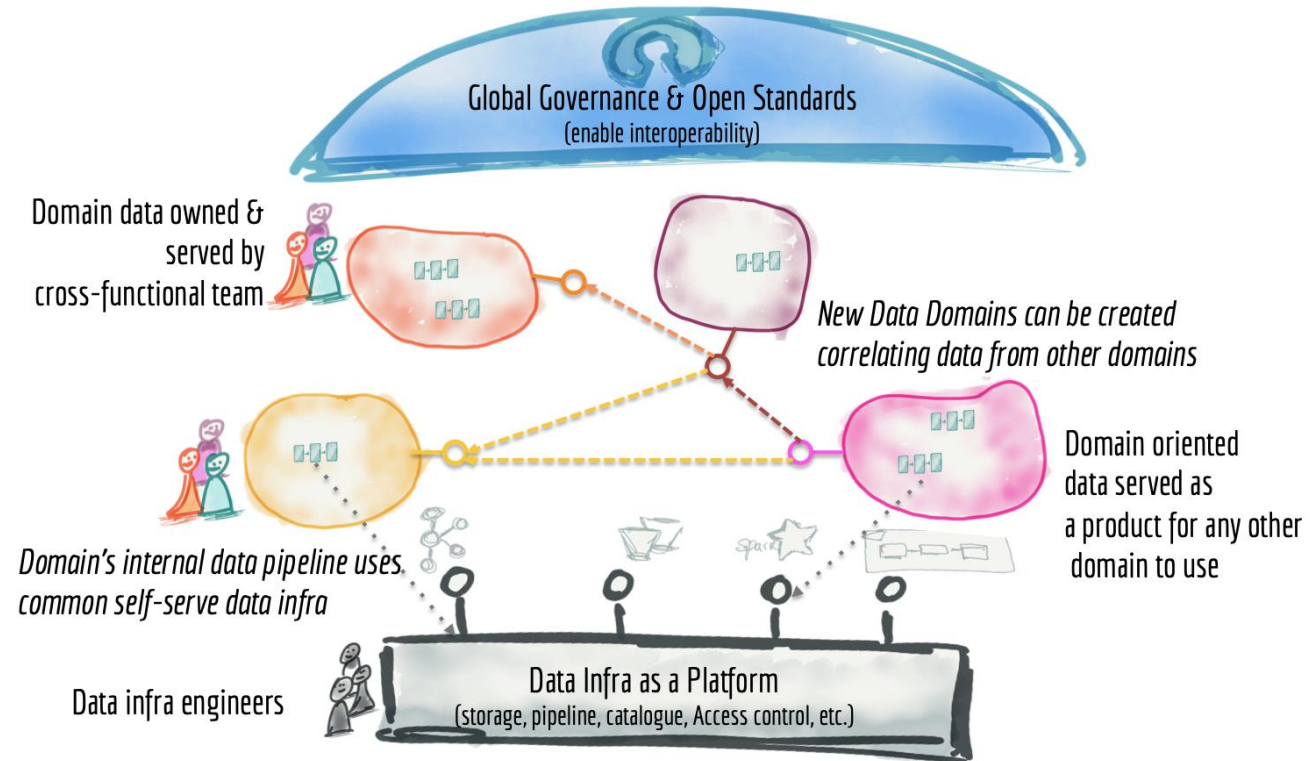


Centralized:

- Governance policies applied by a central team
- Production of data artifacts managed by a central team

Distributed:

- Domain driven production of data artifacts
- Entitlements on data owned by domain teams



Source:

<https://martinfowler.com/articles/data-monolith-to-mesh.html#TheParadigmShiftTowardsADataMesh>

DEMO TIME



SUMMARY

Do we really need Databricks Unity Catalog?

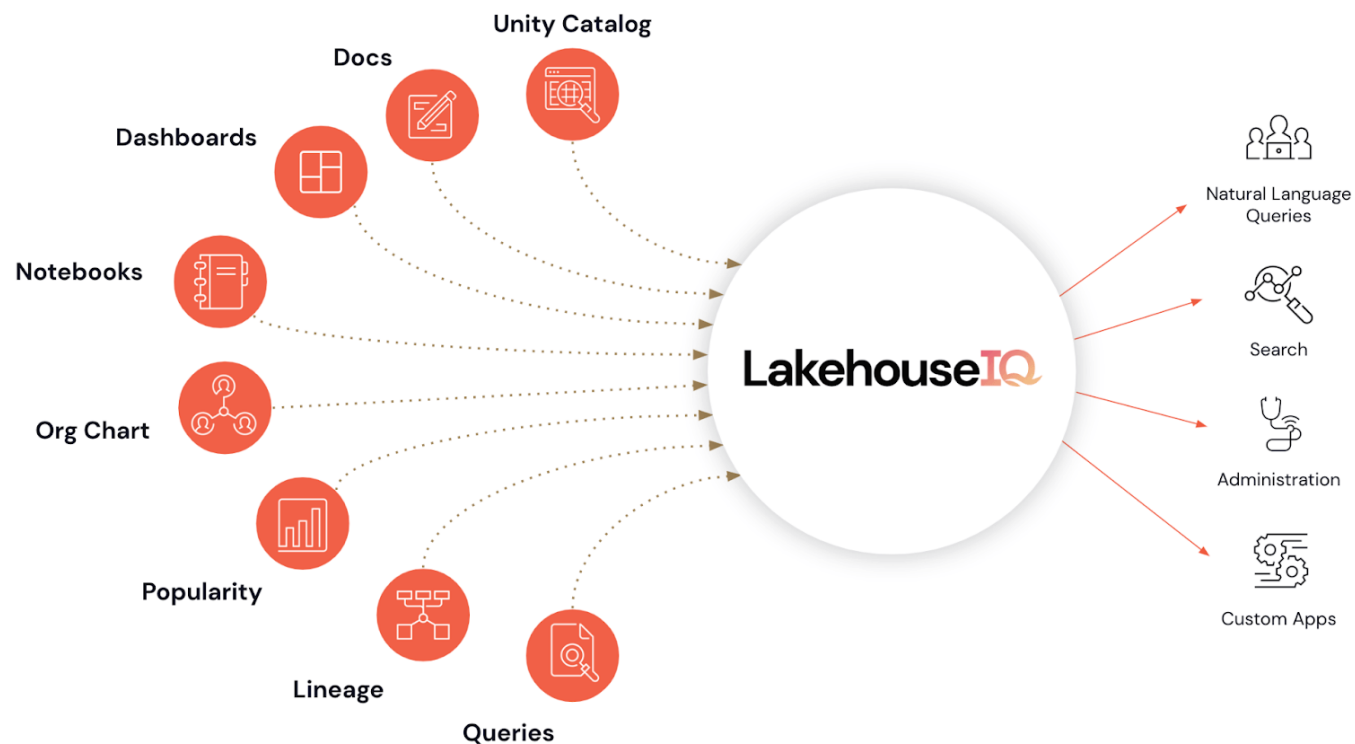
IMO : Yes

Why:

- Centralized access control
- Single permission model for our data (tables, files, models)
- Auditing
- Data Lineage
- Data Discovery
- Data Sharing
- Data Lakehouse Federation

What next:

- Lakehouse IQ
 - Docs
- Enzyme Engine



Q & A



Resources



- <https://www.databricks.com/product/unity-catalog>
- https://www.databricks.com/resources/demos/tutorials?itm_data=demo_center
- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/databricks/sql/language-manual/sql-ref-information-schema>
- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/databricks/administration-guide/system-tables/>

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