



# BUILDING A FORTRESS OF YOUR FABRIC ENVIRONMENT: SECURITY BEST PRACTICES FOR DATA ENGINEERS

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Cybercriminals are  
getting more  
creative just like us



# AI transformation is happening **now**



95%

75%

1%

of organizations are implementing or developing an AI strategy<sup>1</sup>

of knowledge workers already using AI at work (doubled in the past 6 months)<sup>2</sup>

of risk leaders are thoroughly prepared for mass GenAI availability risks<sup>3</sup>

1. Microsoft internal research May 2023, N=638, [2. Work Trends Index](#).

3. Gartner® Executive Pulse: Organizations are not prepared for Generative AI risks Sept 2023.

# Making data security essential for adoption of AI



Data security incidents are widespread and increasing in severity

**156**

Incidents in 2024 and severity increased from 20% in 2023 to 27% in 2024<sup>1</sup>

Insider risk is significant

**20%**

Insiders account for 20% of data breaches, adding to costs<sup>2</sup>

Data leaks and oversharing are top of mind concerns

**80%**

of leaders cited leakage of sensitive data as their main concern around adopting Generative AI<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1,2</sup>Microsoft Data Security Index report

<sup>3</sup>First Annual Generative AI Study: Business Rewards vs. Security Risks, Q3 2023, ISMG, N=400

# Why data security?



**Data is most secure if no one can access it.**

**But...if no one can access data then you can't use it for anything.**

# Agenda

- ▶ Microsoft Fabric
- ▶ Challenges
- ▶ Entra ID
- ▶ Inbound / Outbound connections
- ▶ Microsoft Purview
- ▶ Q & A



# Fabric Security Whitepaper



- ▶ Who has ever heard of the Fabric Security Whitepaper?
- ▶ Only 127 pages
- ▶ [Microsoft Fabric security white paper - Microsoft Fabric | Microsoft Learn](#)

## Introduction

Security is a top priority for any organization that wants to succeed in the digital age. You need to safeguard your assets from threats and follow your organization's security policies. This whitepaper serves as an end-to-end security overview for Microsoft Fabric. It covers details on how Microsoft secures your data by default as a SaaS service and how you can secure, manage, and govern the data stored in Microsoft Fabric as an organization.

The contents of this whitepaper is created by combining several security related online documents into a single whitepaper for reading convenience. This whitepaper will be updated regularly, but the online documentation will always be up to date. You can find the online documentation here: [Microsoft Fabric security - Microsoft Fabric | Microsoft Learn](#)



# A world awash with data...

In today's digital age, data is everywhere. From social media interactions to online transactions, the amount of data generated every second is staggering. This vast ocean of information holds immense potential.

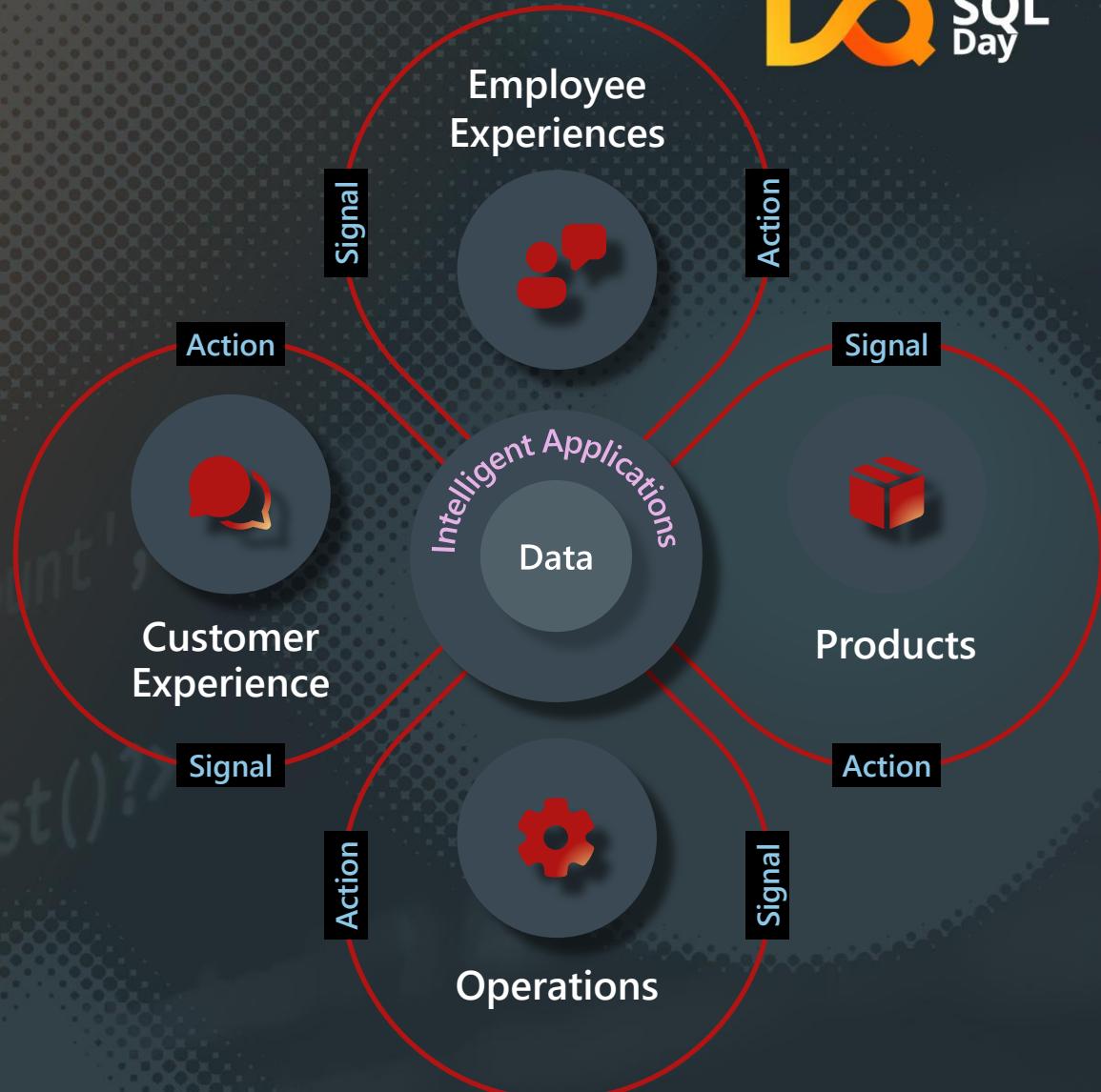
# AI is changing the world

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is at the forefront of this transformation. By leveraging data, AI systems can learn, adapt, and make decisions with unprecedented accuracy and speed. From healthcare to finance, AI is revolutionizing industries, driving innovation, and improving lives.

# Data is the oxygen of our digital transformation

"A new kind of company — we call them insights driven businesses — has formed. They are growing at an average of more than 30% annually"

Forrester Analytics Business Technographics Global Data & Analytics Survey





# Security : The Cornerstone of Microsoft Fabric

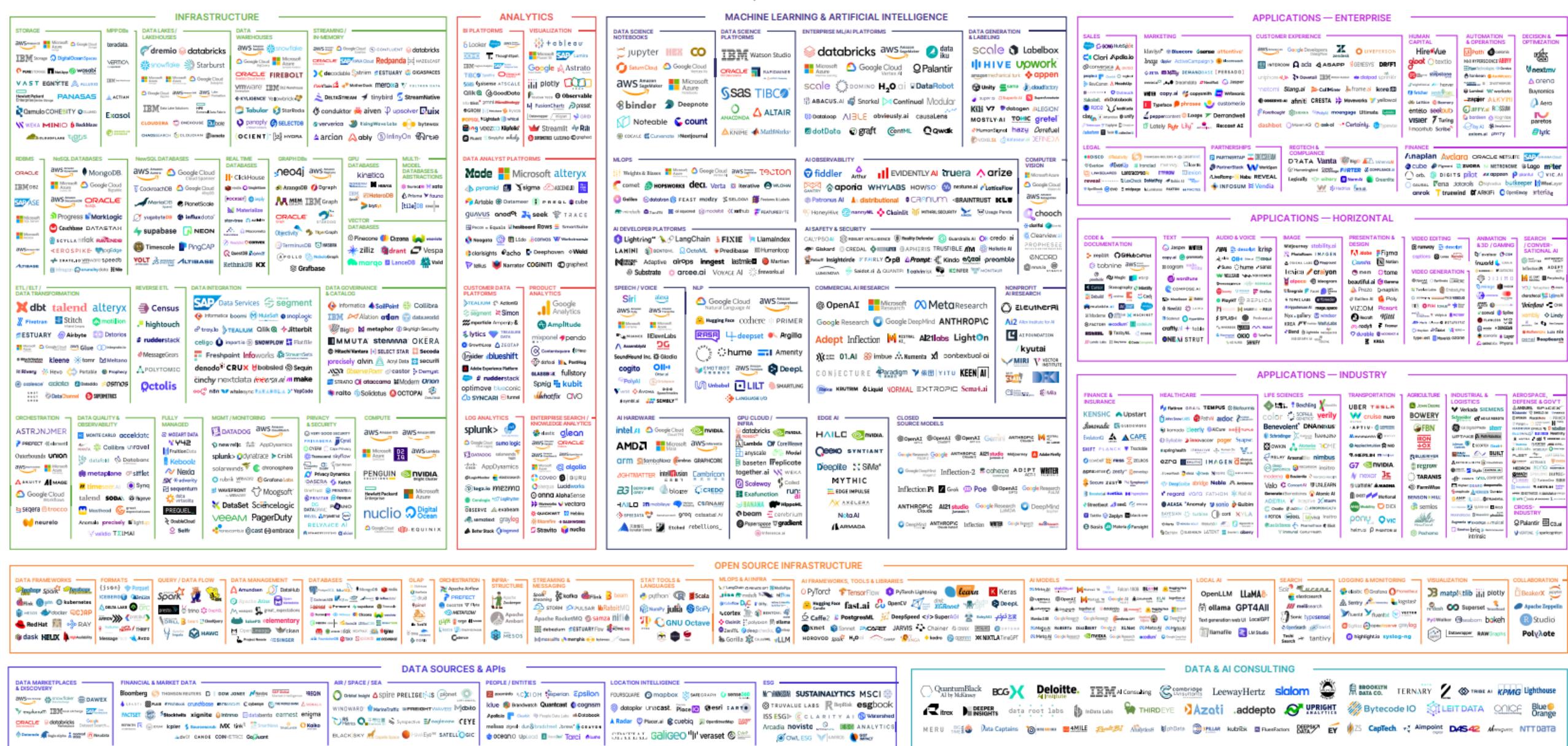
Security is paramount in the digital age, and Microsoft Fabric ensures your data is protected at every stage. By using Fabric, organizations can trust that their data is secure, allowing them to focus on innovation and growth.



# How do you translate data into competitive advantage

# The 2024 ML, AI, and Data Landscape

THE 2024 MAD (MACHINE LEARNING, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & DATA) LANDSCAPE



**Unify,**

I am the Chief Information Officer and don't want to be the Chief Integration Officer.

Help me govern and secure my data estate.

Every CIO, Every Enterprise





# Microsoft Fabric

## The unified data platform for AI transformation



From

Isolated component



To

Unified stack

Single database



All the data

Gen AI Bolted-in



Gen AI built in



# Microsoft Fabric

## The unified data platform for AI transformation



Data  
Factory



Analytics



Databases



Real-Time  
Intelligence



Power BI



Industry  
Solutions



Partner  
workloads



AI



OneLake



Microsoft Purview

# Modern data challenges



- ▶ Bring data to the masses, everyone should have access to data to make decisions
- ▶ Instant access to the latest data, no copying around.
- ▶ Modern workforce, anywhere, any device.
- ▶ At the same time, you need to secure, govern and audit your data to protect customers and the company.
- ▶ SaaS platforms are designed with these challenges in mind.
- ▶ Shift from siloed PaaS to integrated SaaS.



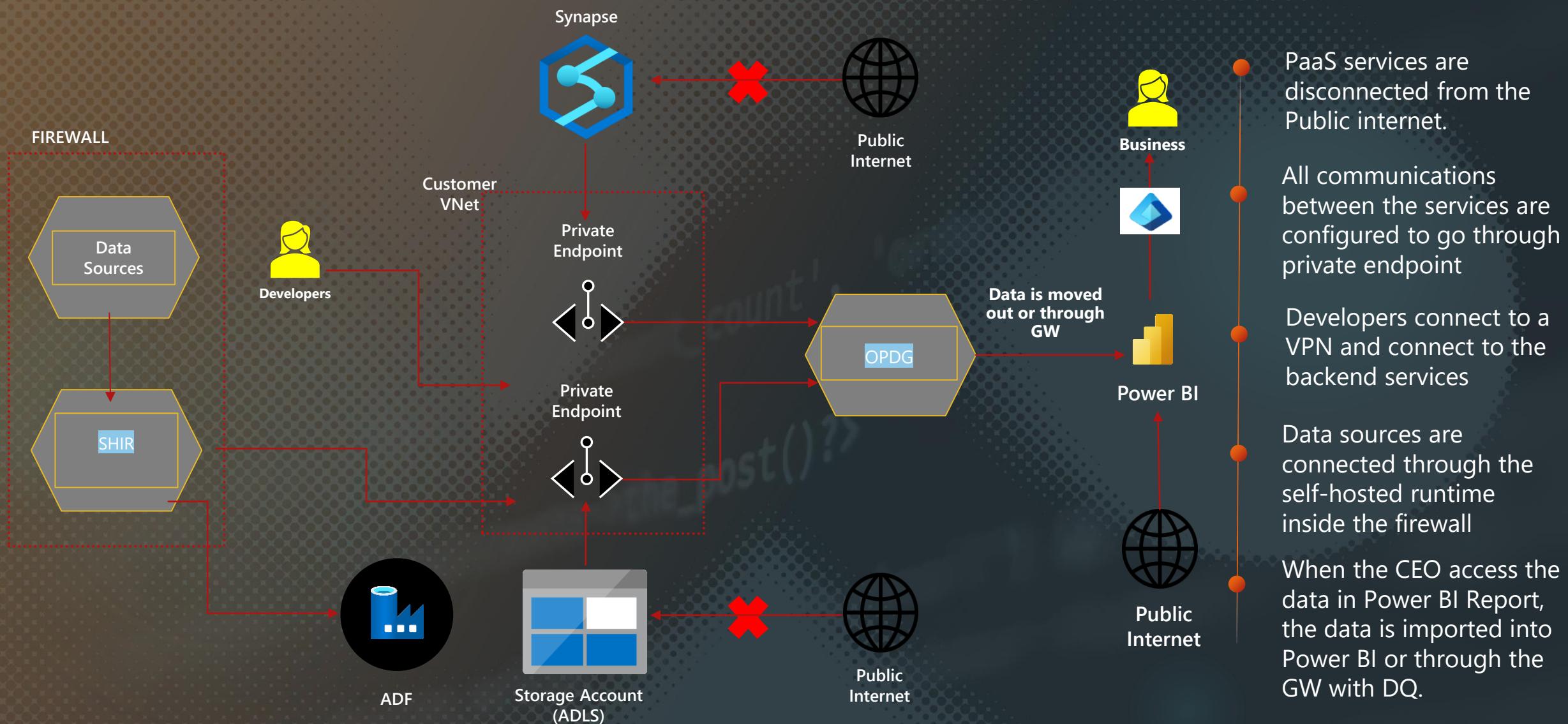
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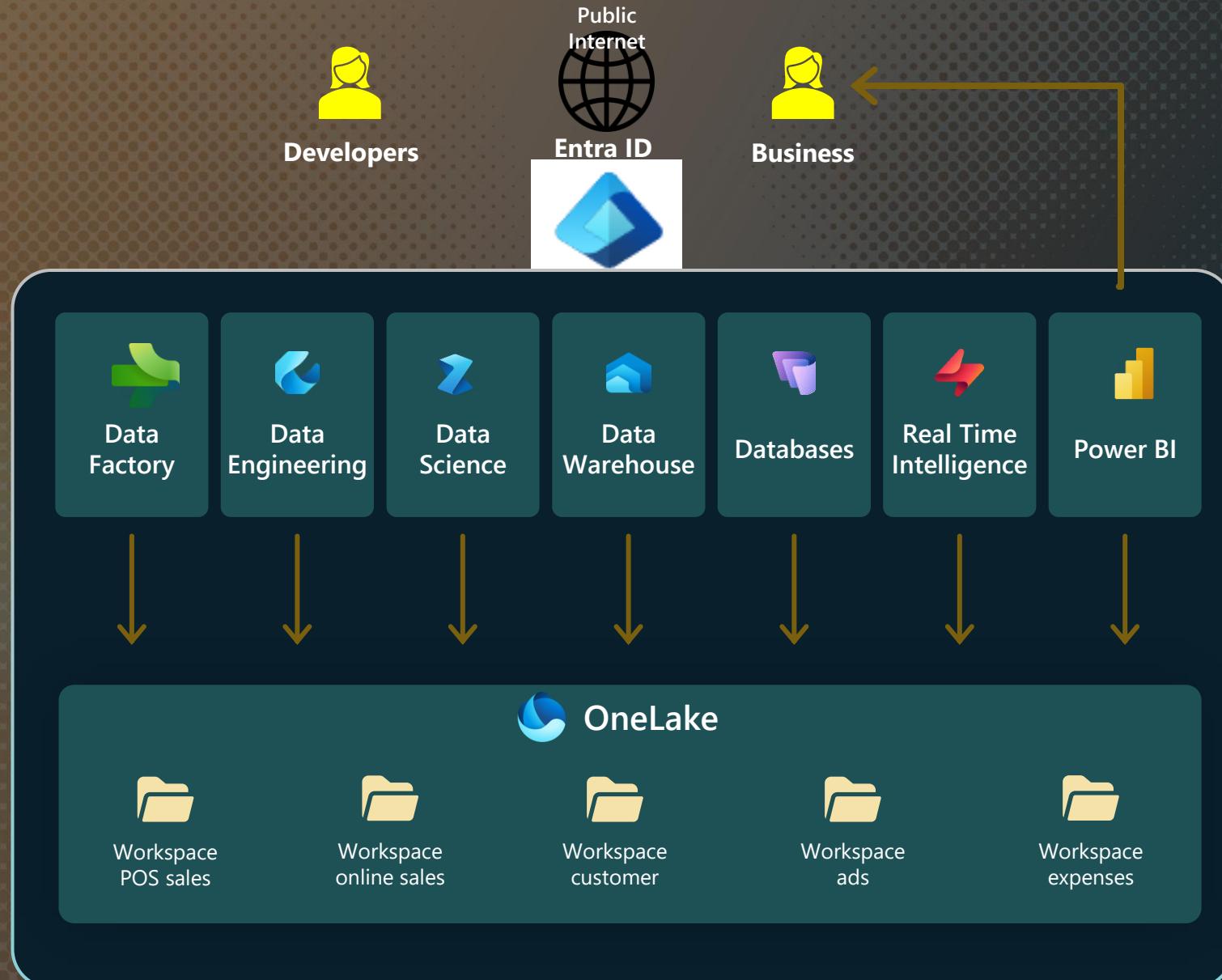
- ▶ Need to be able to connect to data inside a firewall\private link from Fabric (outbound).
- ▶ Inbound protection (restrict inbound by network location).
- ▶ More stringent customers (FSI\HLS):
  - Traffic needs to be private (not via public internet)
  - Endpoints should not be open to the public internet



# Existing PaaS World



# Microsoft Fabric – SaaS World



Users connect to the SaaS service from global network

Endpoints and access are protected using Entra ID

All internal communications between the experiences happens through MS backbone network

When the CEO access the data in Power BI Report, the data is fetched directly from the OneLake instantly and securely without copying or moving

# Entra ID



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# Microsoft Entra



Any employee

Cloud-based and on-premises identities, groups and roles



Any location

HQ, branch office, home, remote



Any platform

Android, iOS, Linux, MacOS, Windows



Any device

Corporate and personal



Any data, apps or resources



IaaS, PaaS, Datacenter



Microsoft 365



Microsoft Fabric



SaaS, websites



On-premises

Secure Access for a connected world

# Microsoft Entra



Unify conditional access



Ensure least privilege access



Improve the user experience

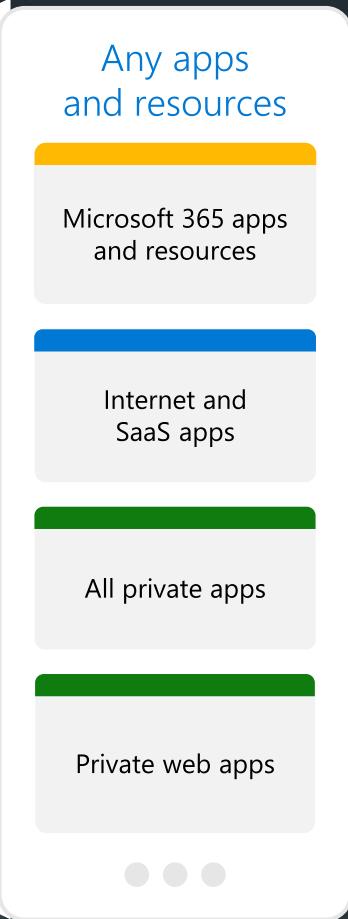
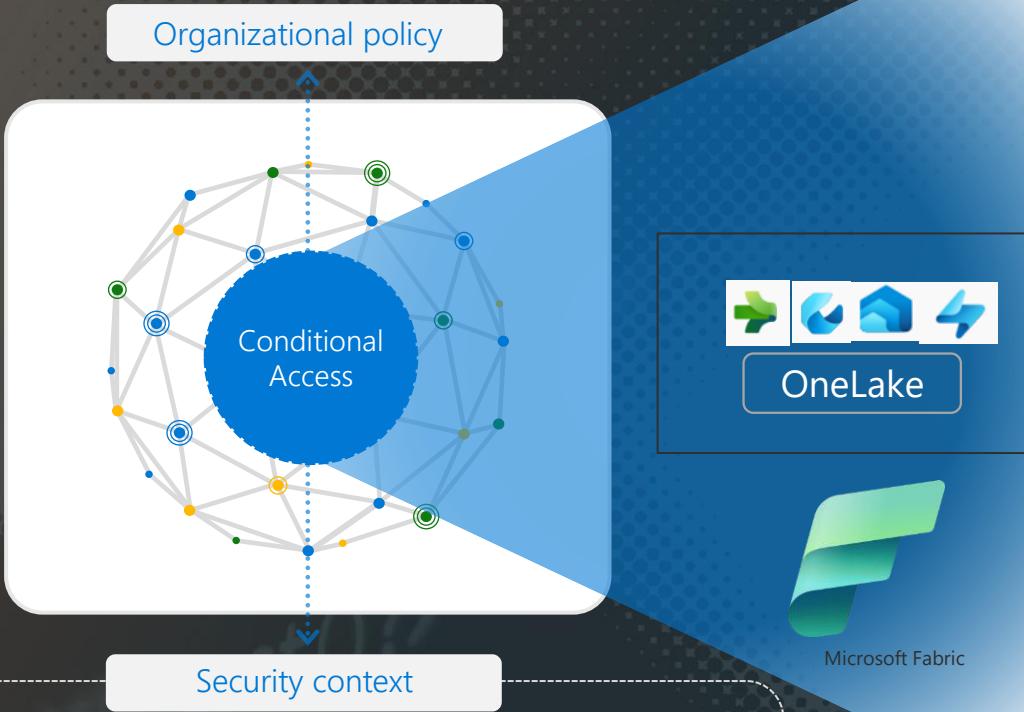
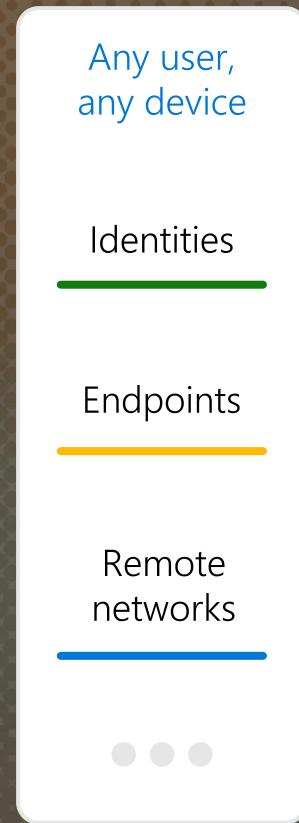


Reduce on-premises footprint



# Conditional Access - Microsoft's Adaptive Access Vision

Trusted Fabric that protects all stages of the interaction between any two entities



## Centralized control

Unified Zero Trust architecture and policy engine simplifies management of access controls and technologies (Directory, SSO, Federation, RBAC, proxy, and more)

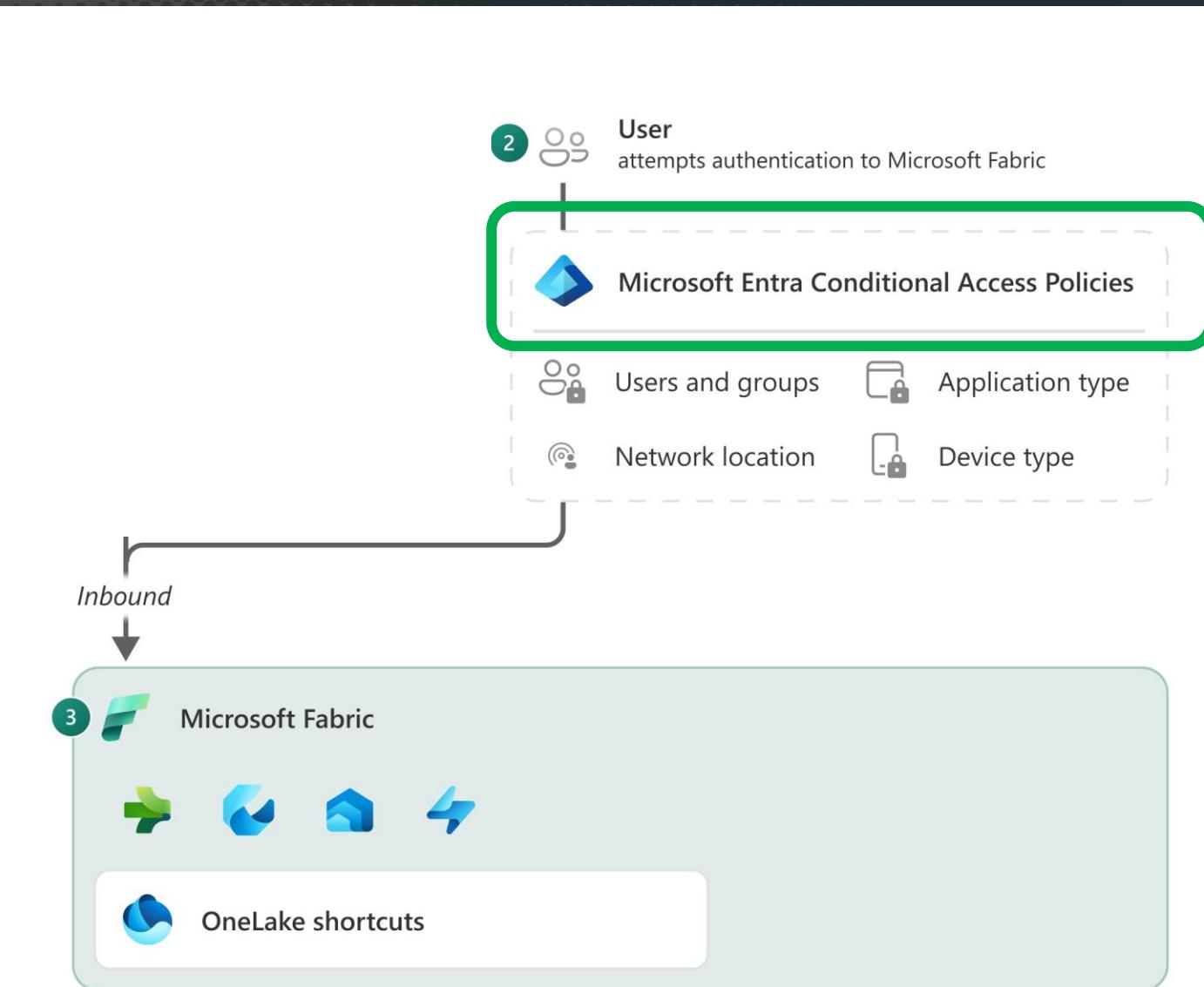
## Consistent enforcement

Centralized policy is consistently applied across all resources where the action happens (identity, data, network + infra and apps across cloud, on-premises, IoT, OT, and more)

# Microsoft Fabric Conditional Access

SQL  
Day

- ▶ Conditional access requires Microsoft Entra ID P1 licenses.



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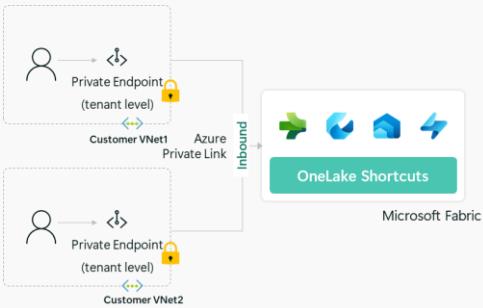
# Security layers in Microsoft Fabric



# Secure inbound and outbound network connections

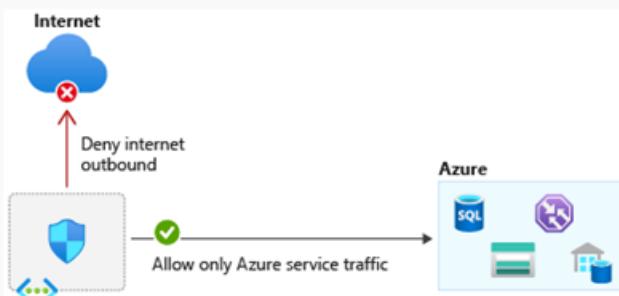


Secure and protect data across your organization



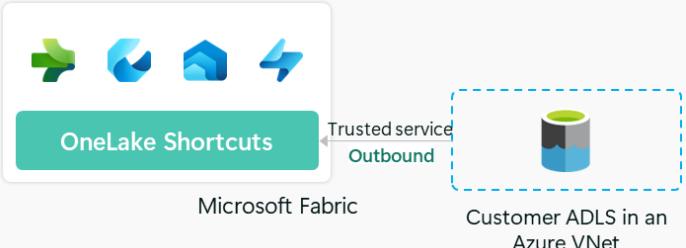
## Fabric inbound security

Seamlessly secure inbound data access scenarios with Fabric's holistic identity and network security



## Service tags

Minimize the complexity of updating network security rules using Azure service tags to group and manage IP addresses for a service

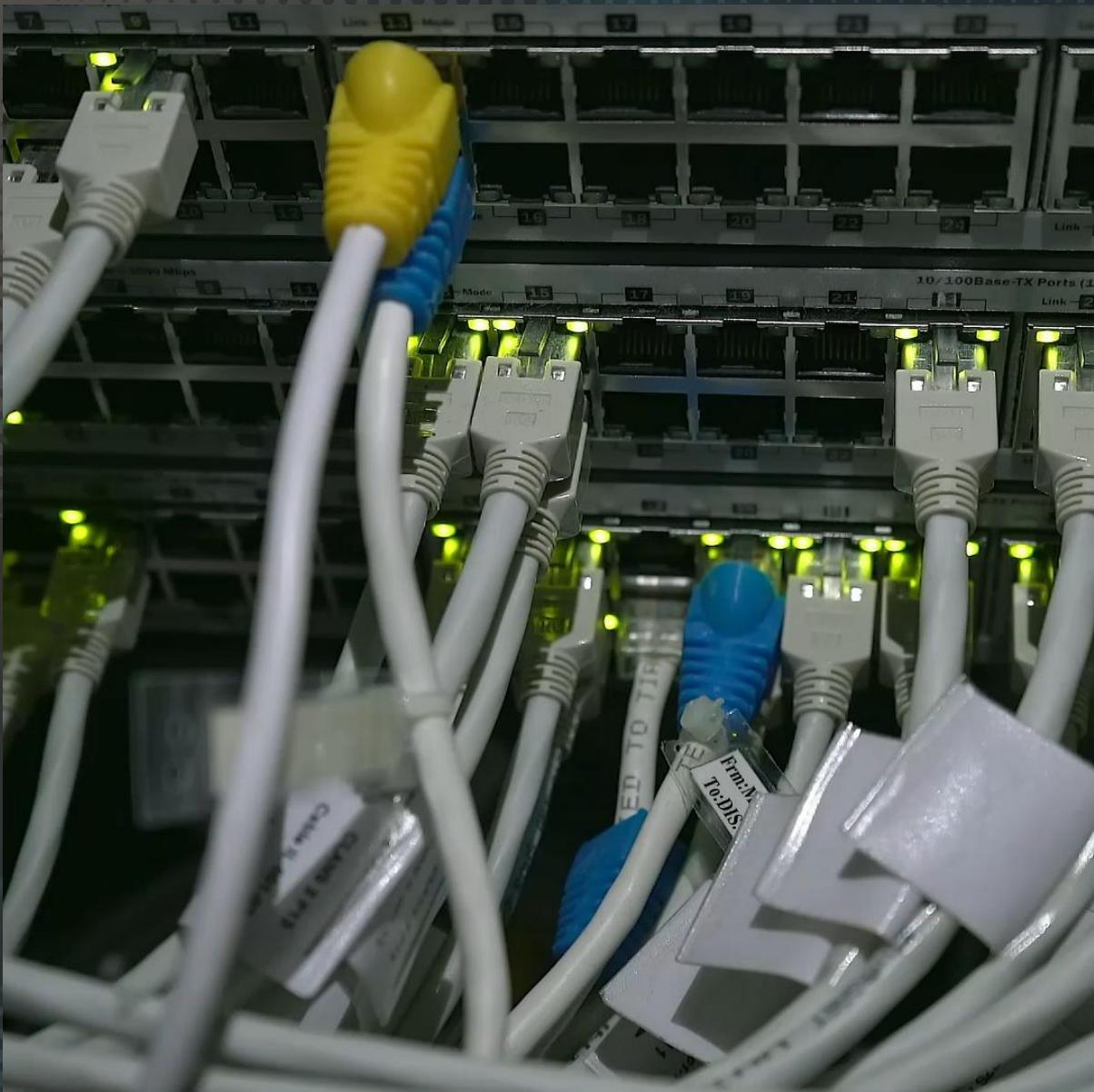


## Fabric outbound security

Securely connect to your protected data sources and/or ingest data into OneLake



# Fabric Inbound Security



# Inbound protection options



## Perimeter Network Security

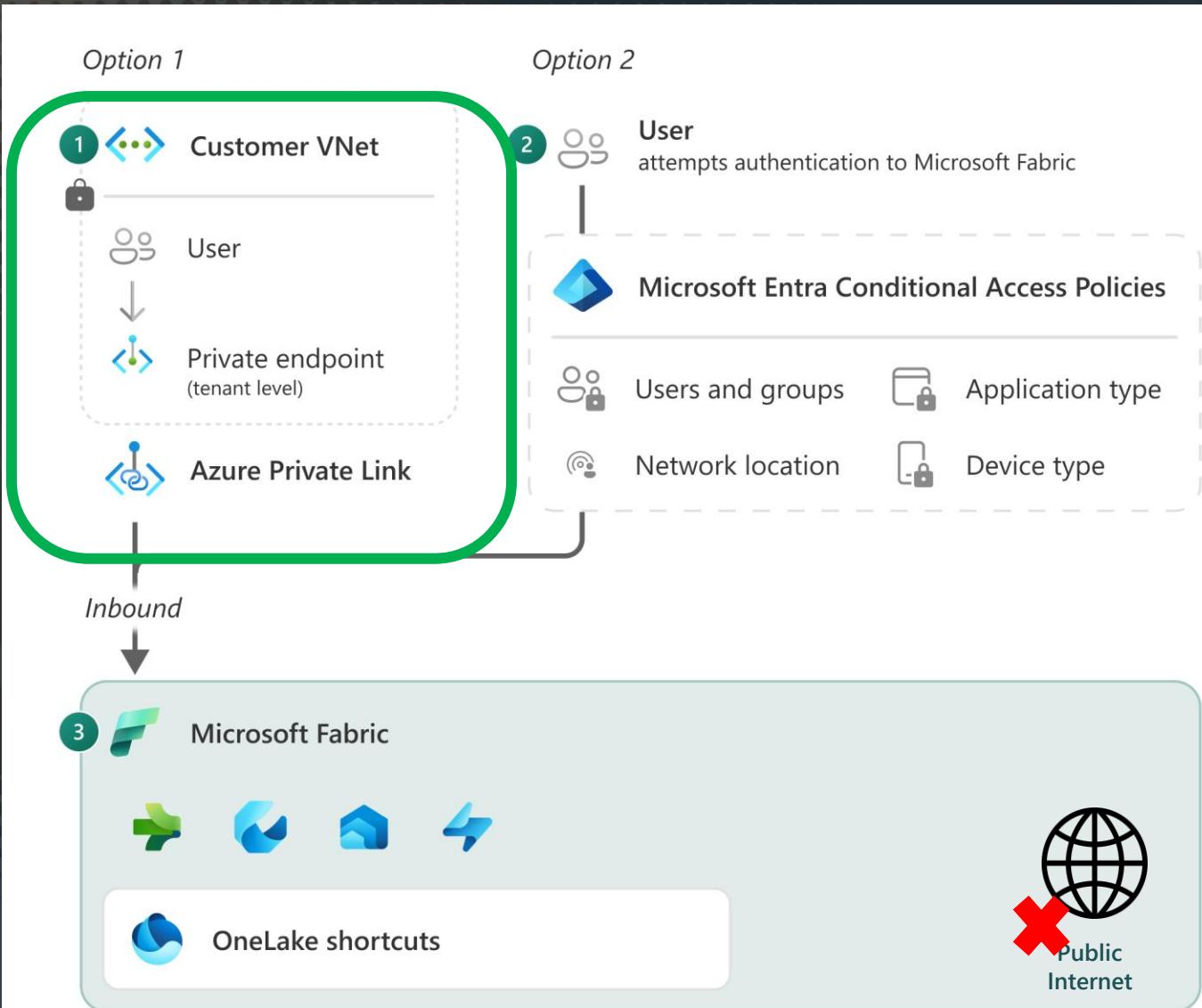


## Zero Trust Approach (Conditional Access)

# Private Link for Fabric

## ► What it means:

1. Fabric is disconnected from the public internet
2. Every user needs to connect to the private network to get access on every device
3. No longer able to load resources locally (slower reports)
4. Increases ExpressRoute bandwidth and added costs for Private Links
5. Several product limitations (like on-prem data gateway)
6. Only available on tenant level(workspace roadmap)



# Private Link for Fabric



- ▶ Private Link for Fabric (Admin Portal)
- ▶ Admin Portal



## Azure Private Link

*Disabled for the entire organization*

Increase security by allowing people to use a **Private Link** to access your Fabric tenant. Someone will need to finish the set-up process in Azure. If that's not you, grant permission to the right person or group by entering their email. [Learn More](#) | [Set-up instructions](#)

Review the [considerations and limitations](#) section before enabling **private endpoints**.



🛡 This setting applies to the entire organization

Apply

Cancel

## Block Public Internet Access

*Disabled for the entire organization*

For extra security, block access to your Fabric tenant via the public internet. This means people who don't have access to the **Private Link** won't be able to get in. Keep in mind, turning this on could take 10 to 20 minutes to take effect. [Learn More](#) [Set-up instructions](#)



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Apply

Cancel

# Private Links



## Limitations

- ▶ Fabric supports up to 450 capacities in a tenant where Private Link is enabled.
- ▶ When capacity is newly created, it won't support private link until its endpoint is reflected in the private DNS zone. This can take up to 24 hours. Trial capacity is not supported
- ▶ Tenant migration is blocked when Private Link is turned on in the Fabric admin portal.
- ▶ Customers can't connect to Fabric resources in multiple tenants from a single virtual network, but rather only the last tenant to set up Private Link.
- ▶ Each private endpoint can be connected to one tenant only. You can't set up a private link to be used by more than one tenant.
- ▶ On-premises data gateways aren't supported and fail to register when Private Link is enabled. To run the gateway configurator successfully, Private Link must be disabled. Learn more about this scenario. VNet data gateways will work.

# Service Tags

 Add inbound security rule  
nsg-mz-labs-xgnmz-p-euw-01

Source ⓘ  
Any

Source port ranges \* ⓘ  
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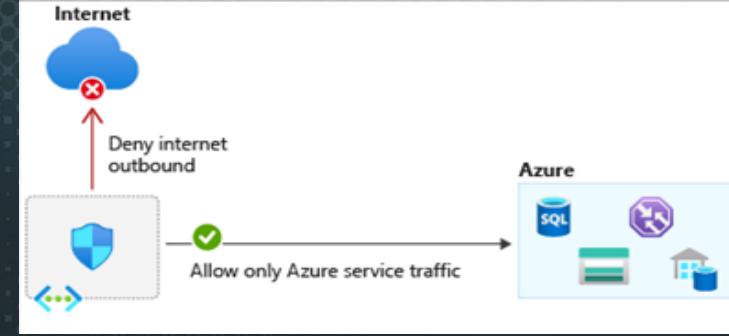
Destination ⓘ  
Service Tag

Destination service tag ⓘ  
Internet

Service ⓘ  
Custom

Destination port ranges \* ⓘ  
8080

# Service Tags



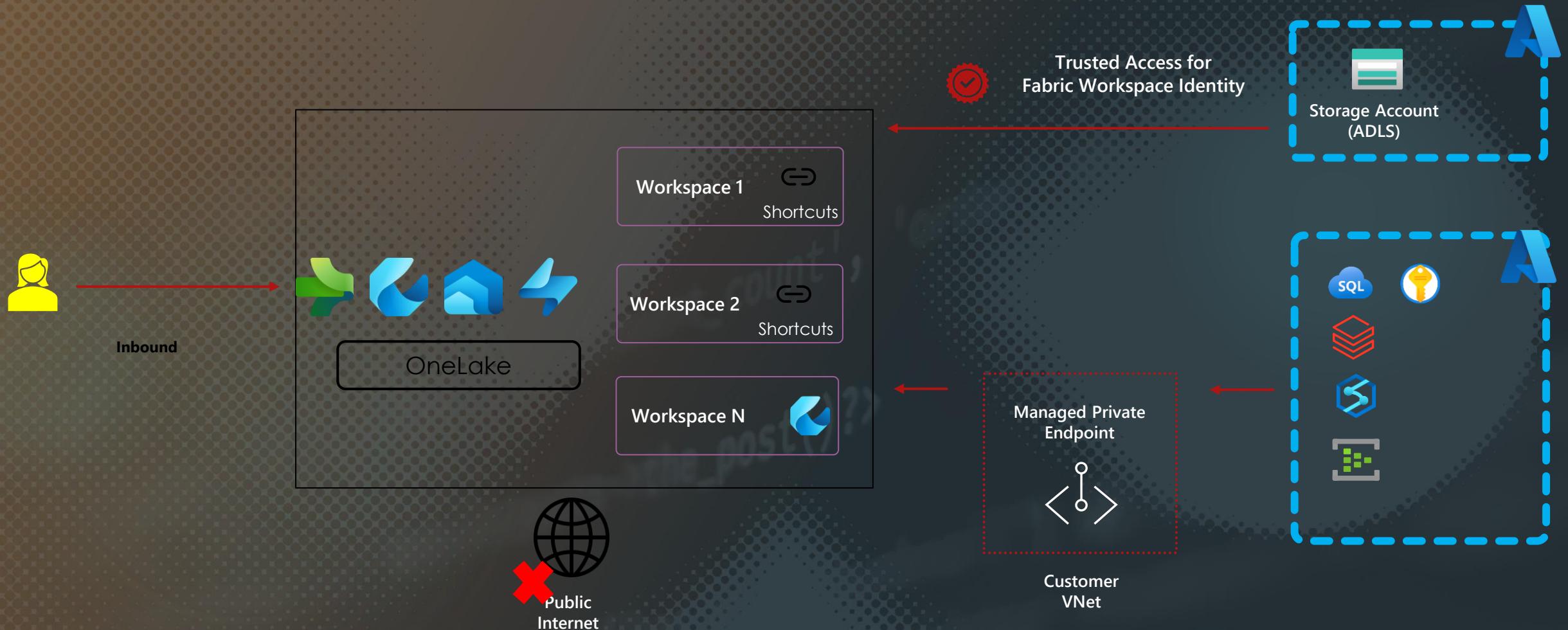
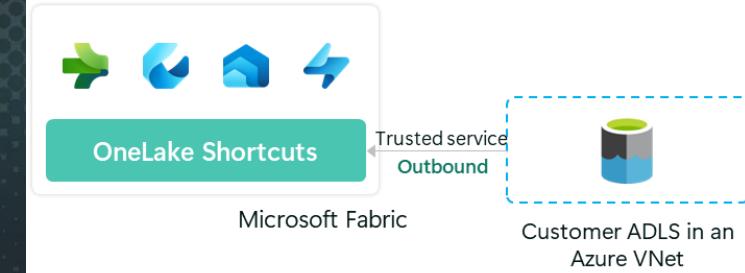
- ▶ You can use Azure service tags to enable connections to and from Microsoft Fabric.
- ▶ A service tag is a defined group of IP addresses that is automatically managed, as a group, to minimize the complexity of updates or changes to network security rules
- ▶ You can use the service tags to define network access controls:
  - Network security groups.
  - Azure Firewall.
  - User-defined routes..

Service Tag	Description	Outbound	Inbound	Notes
DataFactory	Azure Data Factory	Both	No	Yes
DataFactoryManagement	On-premises data pipeline activity	Outbound	No	Yes
EventHub	Azure Event Hubs	Outbound	Yes	Yes
Power BI	Power BI and Microsoft Fabric	Both	No	Yes
PowerQueryOnline	Power Query Online	Both	No	Yes
KustoAnalytics	Real-Time Intelligence	Both	No	Yes
SQL	Fabric SQL Database	Both	Yes	Yes

# Fabric Outbound Security



# Getting data into Fabric



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DEMO

## Workspaces

## LH\_Data\_Landingzone

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## Fabcon\_Demo

Create deployment pipeline Create app Manage access Workspace settings

New item

New folder

Import

Filter by keyword

Filter



## Choose from predesigned task flows or add a task to build one (preview)

Select from one of Microsoft's predesigned task flows or add a task to start building one yourself.

Select a predesigned task flow

Add a task

Name	Type	Task	Owner	Refreshed	Next refresh	Endorsement	Sensitivity	Included in app
LH_Data_Landingzone	Lakehouse	—	Erwin de Kreuk	—	—	—	Internal	
LH_Data_Landingzone	Semantic mod...	—	Fabcon_Demo	3/5/2025, 6:48:0...	N/A	—	Internal	
LH_Data_Landingzone	SQL analytics ...	—	Erwin de Kreuk	—	—	—	—	

Power BI WS\_ManagedPrivateEndpoint

WS\_ManagedPrivateEndpoint

+ New Upload Create deployment pipeline Create app ...

Filter by keyword Filter

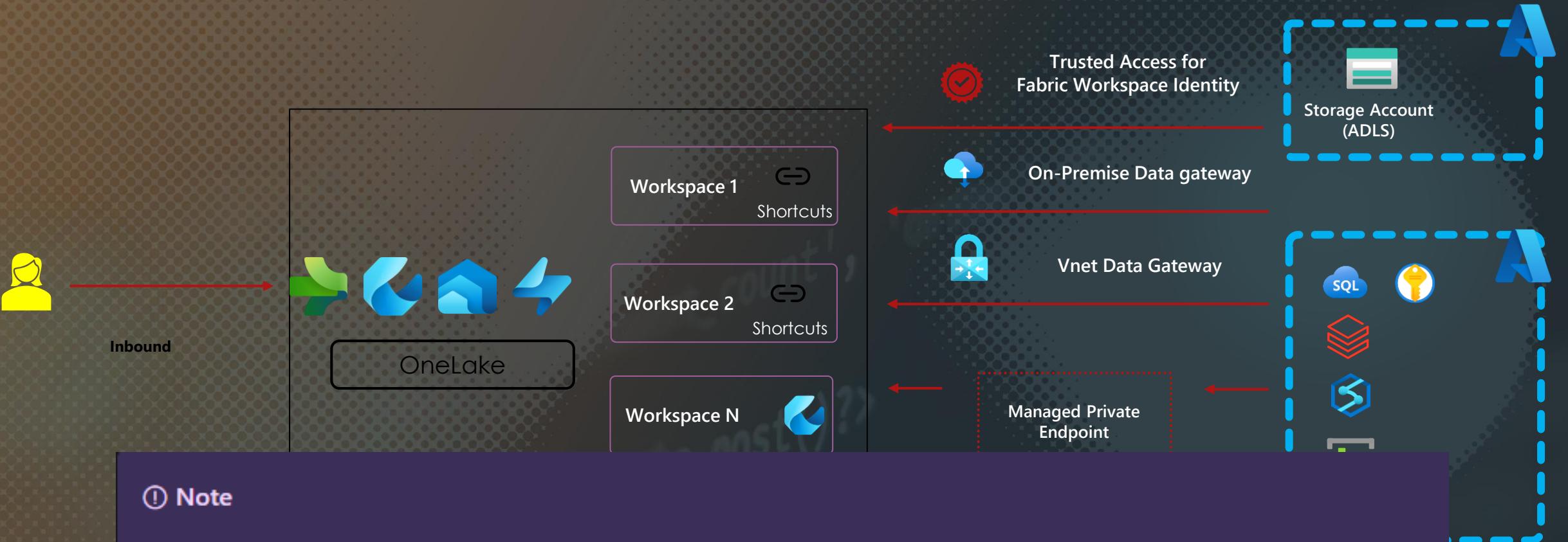
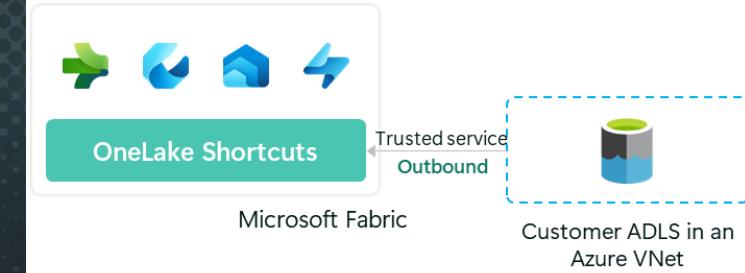
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ENV	Environment	Ishwarya	—	—	—
NB	Notebook	Ishwarya	—	—	—
outboundLH	Lakehouse	Ishwarya	—	—	—
outboundLH	Semantic model (...	WS_ManagedPriv...	2/26/24, 7:51:12 AM	N/A	—
outboundLH	SQL analytics end...	WS_ManagedPriv...	—	N/A	—
SJD	Spark Job Definiti...	Ishwarya	—	—	—
SJDHelloWorld	Spark Job Definiti...	Ishwarya	—	—	—

Manage access

WS\_ManagedPrivateEndpoint

Power BI

# Getting data into Fabric



## ① Note

Trusted workspace access is **generally available**, but can only be used in F SKU capacities. For information about buying a Fabric subscription, see [Buy a Microsoft Fabric subscription](#). Trusted workspace access is not supported in Trial capacities.

# Microsoft Purview



Reshape how you access, manage, and act on data and insights by connecting every data source and analytics service together in Fabric

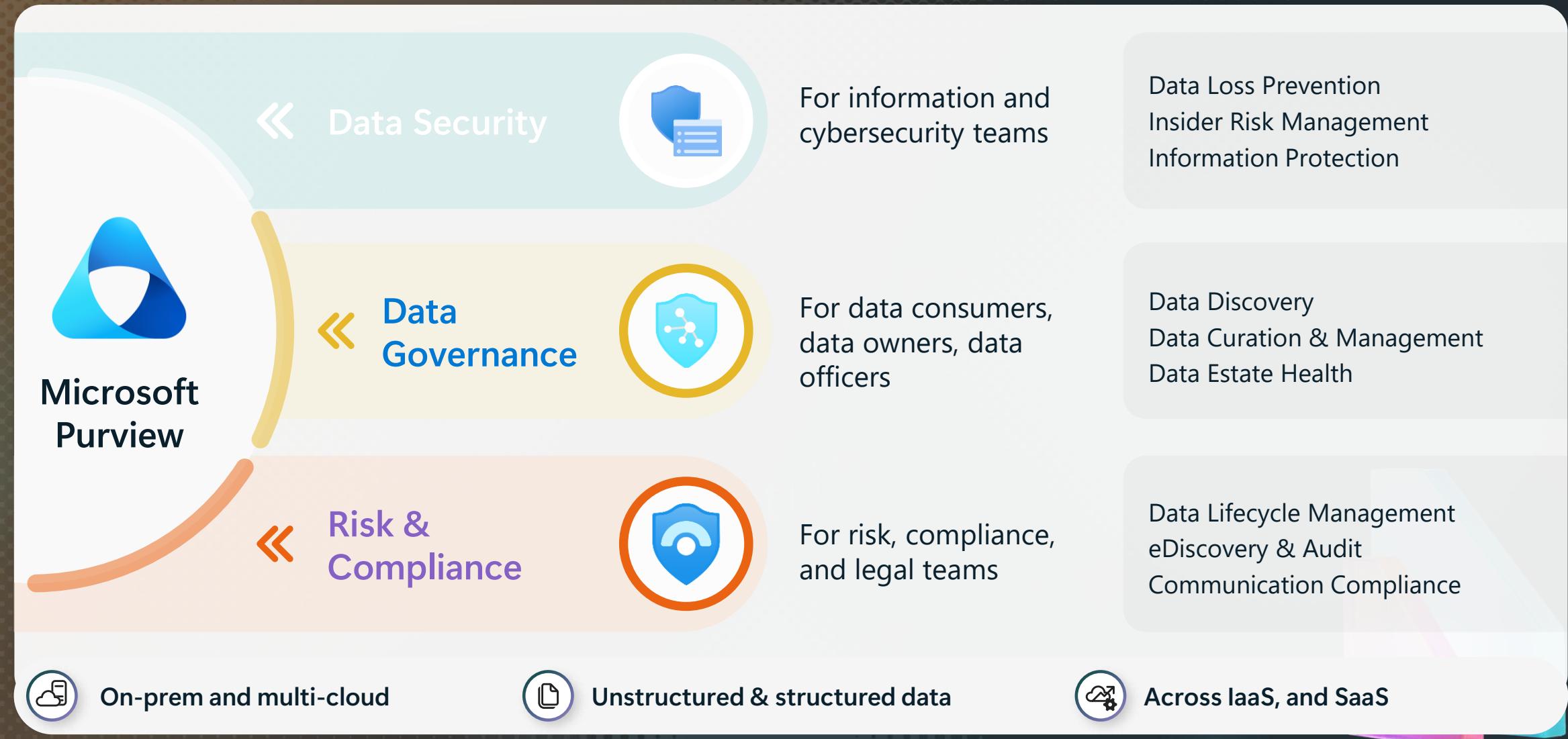


Keep your data safe and governed with unified data governance, information protection, and risk and compliance solutions

Data ownership

Unmatched security & compliance

Unified governance



# Data Security integrations in Fabric



## Information Protection

- Manual labeling of Fabric assets
- Label-based access control for specific users and groups
- Downstream inheritance from Lakehouse to other items within a Fabric workspace

## Data Loss Prevention

- DLP policies to notify users with policy tips when they interact with sensitive data in semantic models and lakehouse.
- DLP policies to restrict access to users outside of your organization for semantic models

## Insider Risk Management

- Detect risky usage signals in PowerBI

# Microsoft Fabric Compliancy



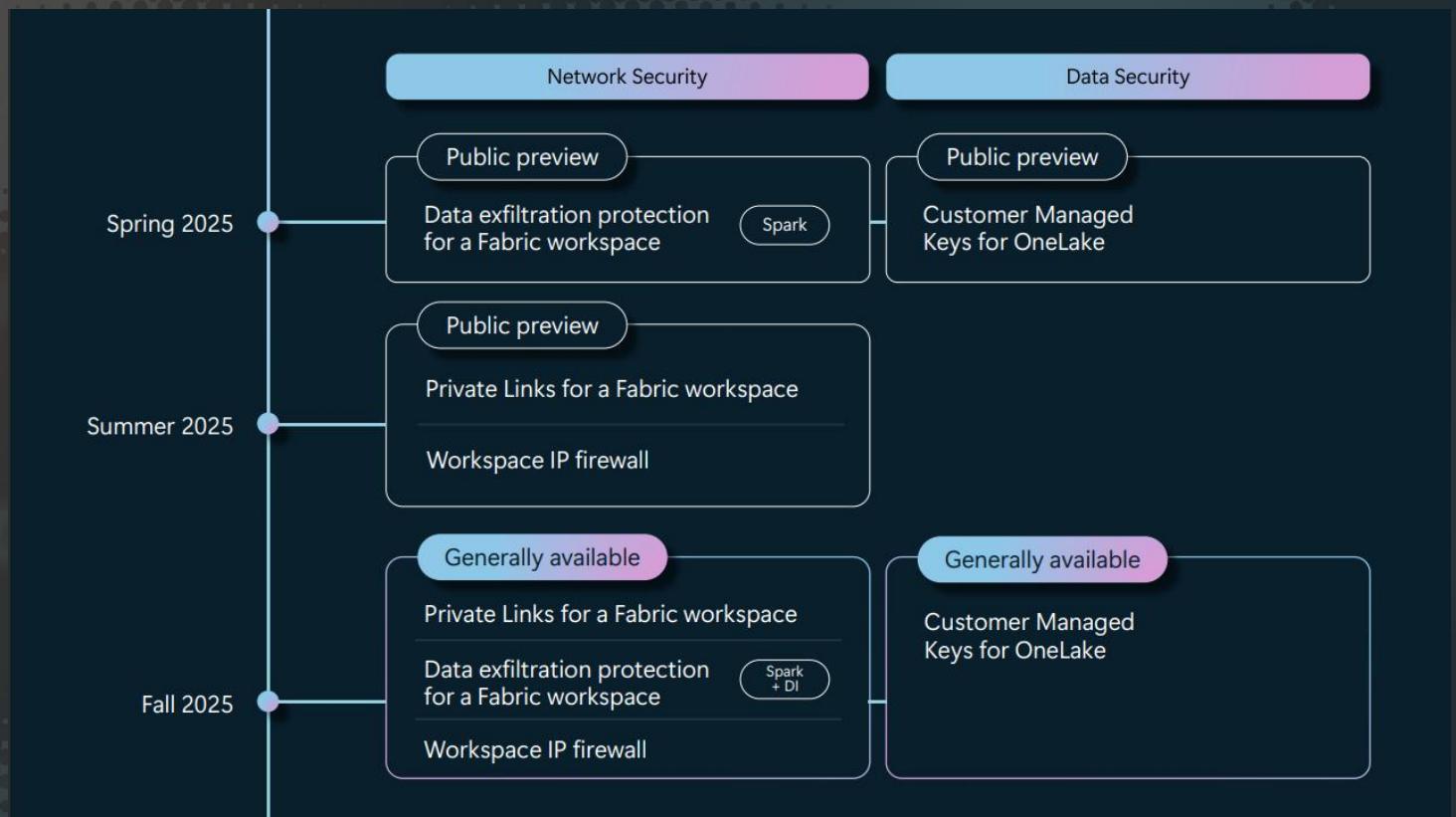
- ▶ GDPR
- ▶ EUDB
- ▶ ISO certifications including ISO 27001, 27701, 27017, 27018
- ▶ HIPAA, HITRUST compliant
- ▶ SOX compliant
- ▶ SOC 1, SOC 2, Type 2
- ▶ FedRamp



# Roadmap



- ▶ Private Link support at a workspace level
- ▶ Data exfiltration protection for Spark (Spring)
- ▶ Workspace Public IP Firewall
- ▶ Customer Managed Keys



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# Thank you



## Feedback in the Whova app

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