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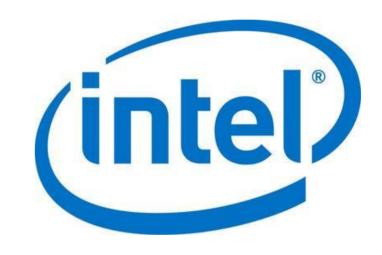
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Work Things

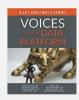
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Geeky Things









Fun Things

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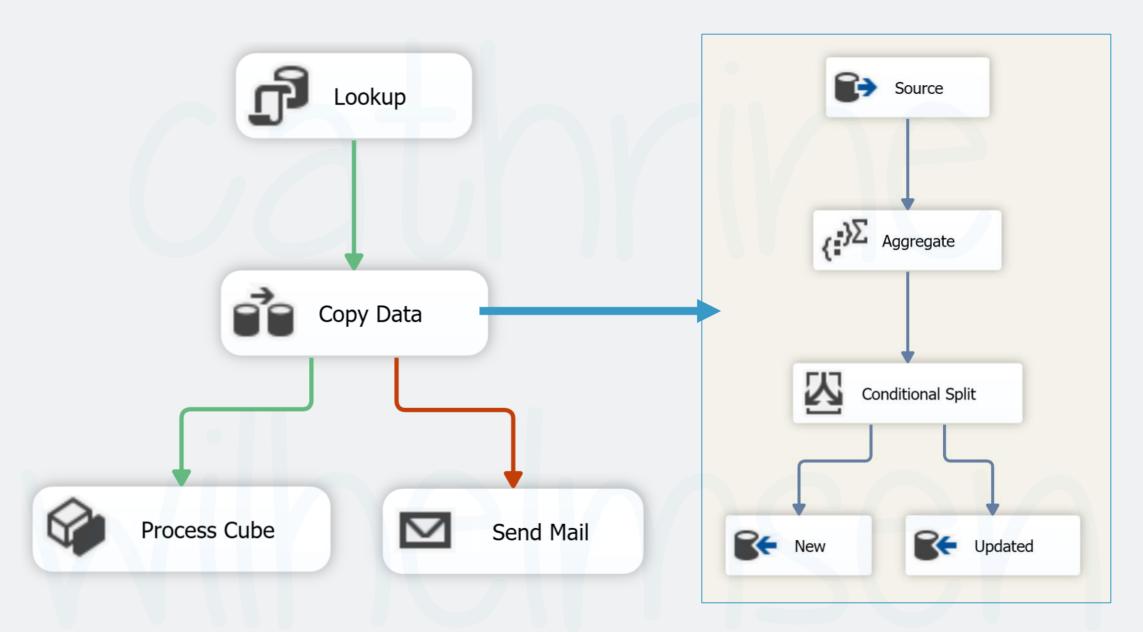




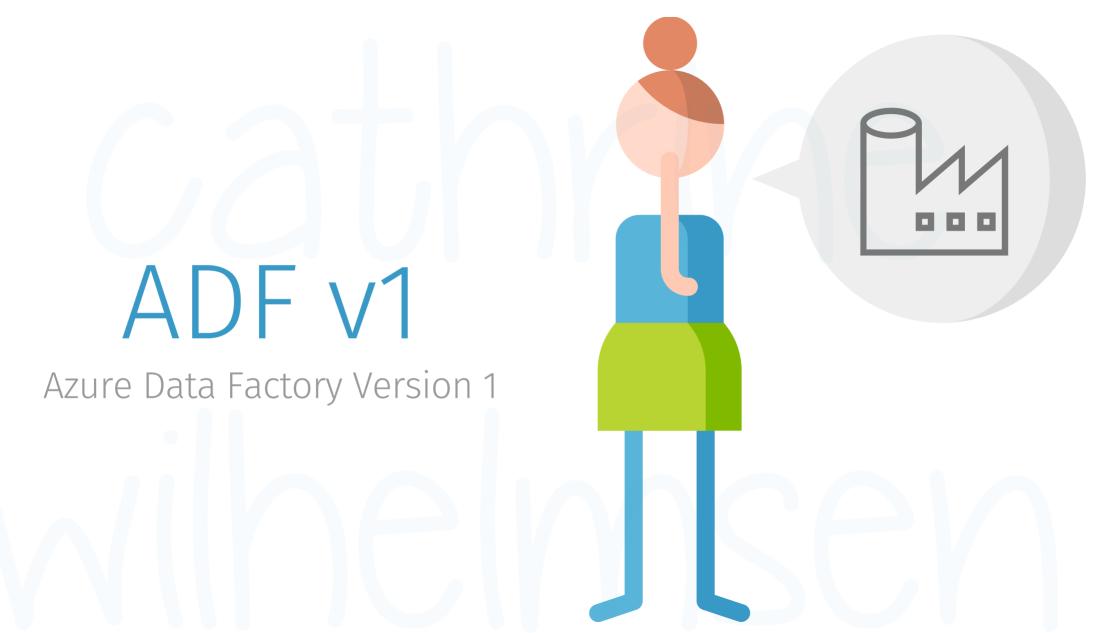
Past Learnings and Future Visions









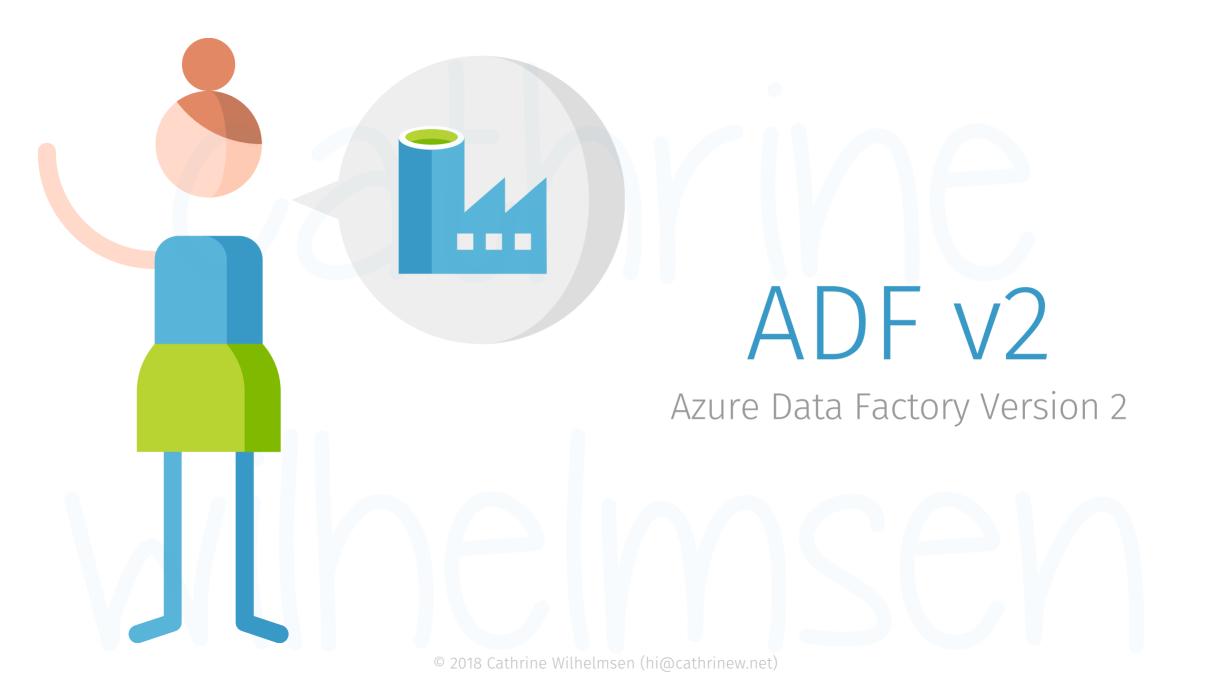


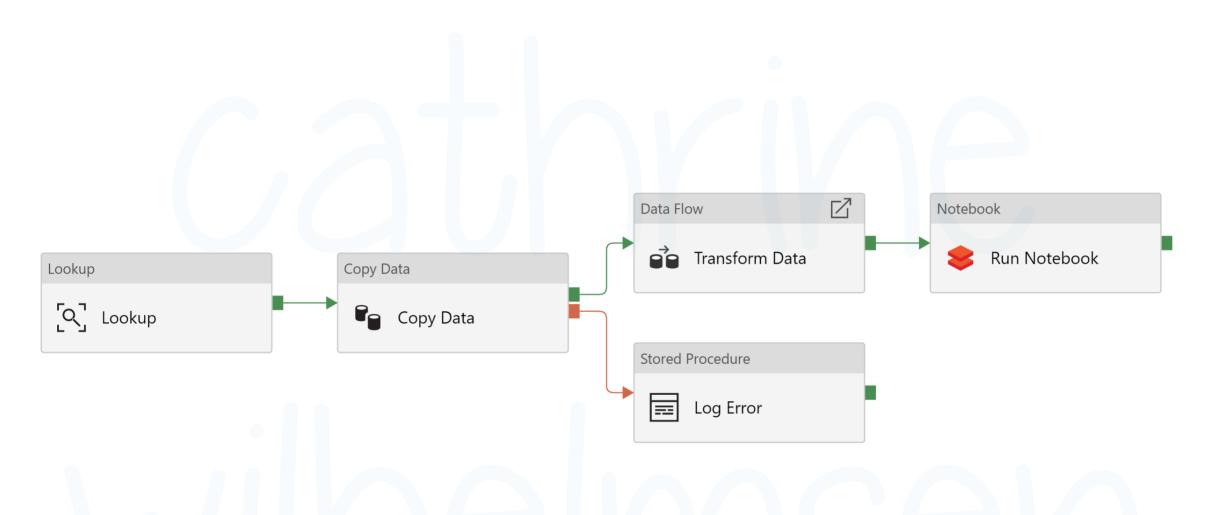




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Why?

Stop using SSIS?

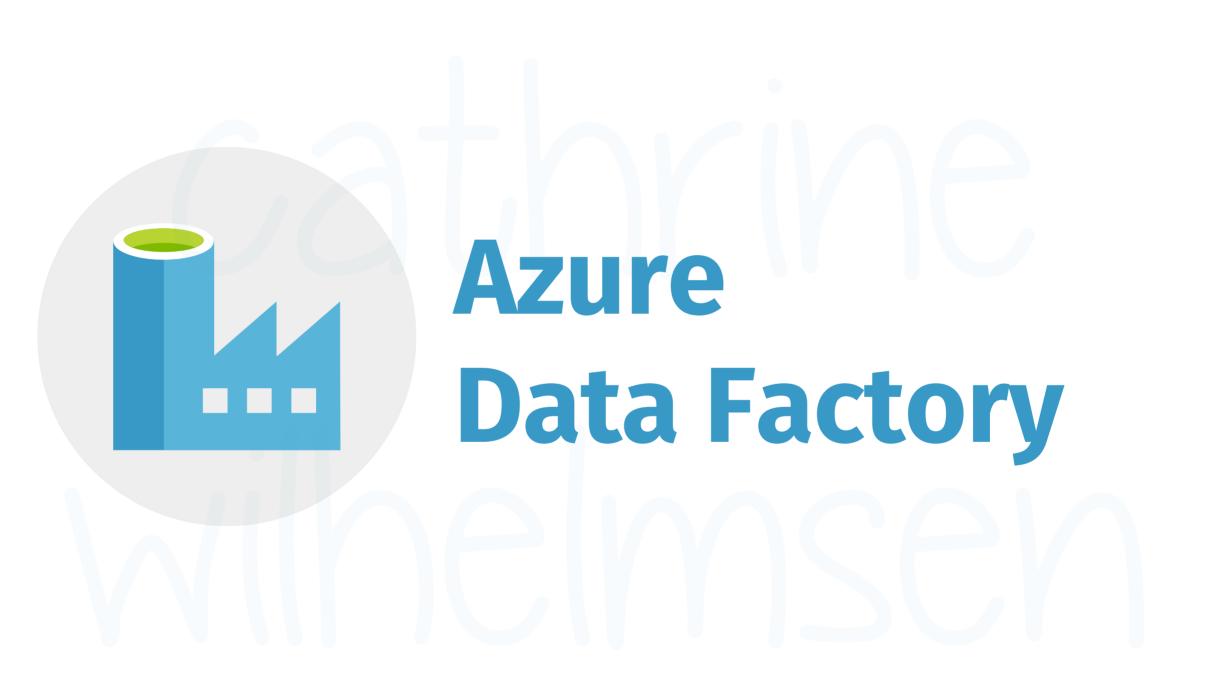


Move to ADF?

How?

What?

Existing solution?



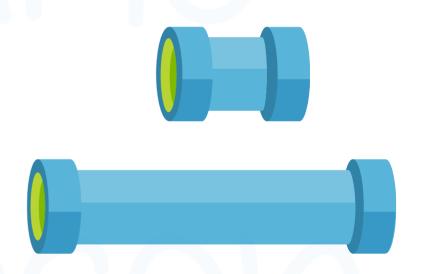
Azure Data Factory



Hybrid data integration service

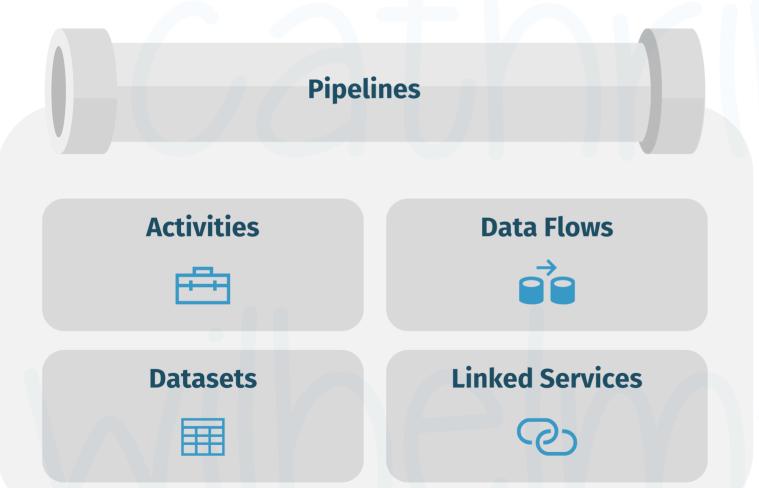
Complex and scalable pipelines

No-code ETL/ELT workflows



Azure Data Factory









Integration Runtimes



Wait... I already have thousands of SSIS packages!



SSIS Lift and Shift

Why Lift and Shift SSIS?



Reduce maintenance and costs

Modernize solution while retaining investments

Continue to use familiar tools and processes







How to Lift and Shift SSIS



- 1. Create Azure SQL Server to host SSISDB
- 2. Configure SSIS Integration Runtime
- 3. Deploy SSIS Packages to Azure SQL DB
- 4. Orchestrate SSIS Packages in Azure Data Factory

SSIS Integration Runtime



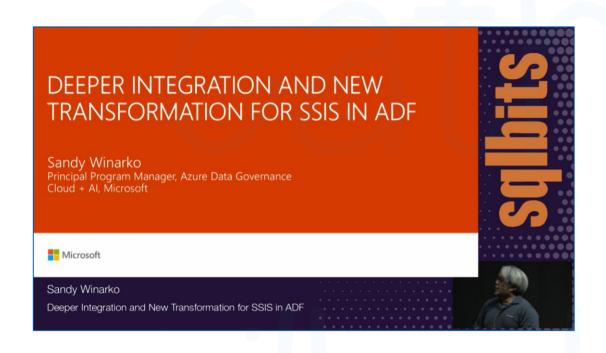
Managed cluster of Azure VMs dedicated to SSIS

Customize setup to install third-party components

Join to virtual network for on-premises data access

SSIS Integration Runtime Deep Dive





https://sqlbits.com/Sessions/Event18/Deeper_Integration_and_New_Transformation_for_SSIS_in_ADF

DEMO SSIS Lift and Shift

SSIS Lift and Shift: Lessons Learned



Billed while running (like all VMs)

Manage cost by running when necessary

Takes 20-30 minutes to start and stop





ADF vs SSIS



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Linked Service

Source

Sink

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Package

Connection Manager

Source

Destination

Control Flow Task

Data Flow



ADF vs SSIS



Pipeline

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Package

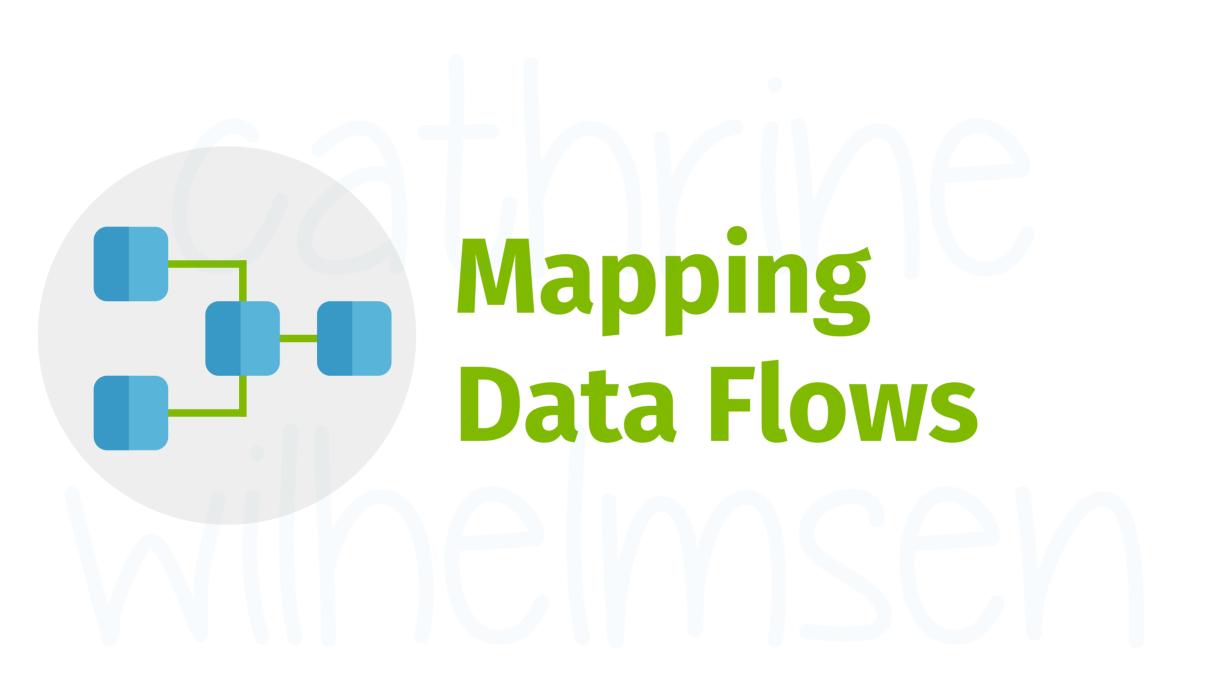
Connection Manager

Source

Destination

Control Flow Task

Data Flow



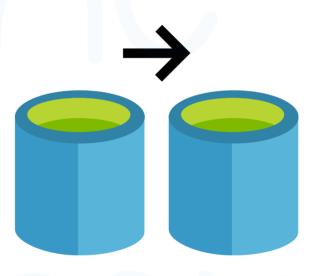
Mapping Data Flows



Data transformation at scale

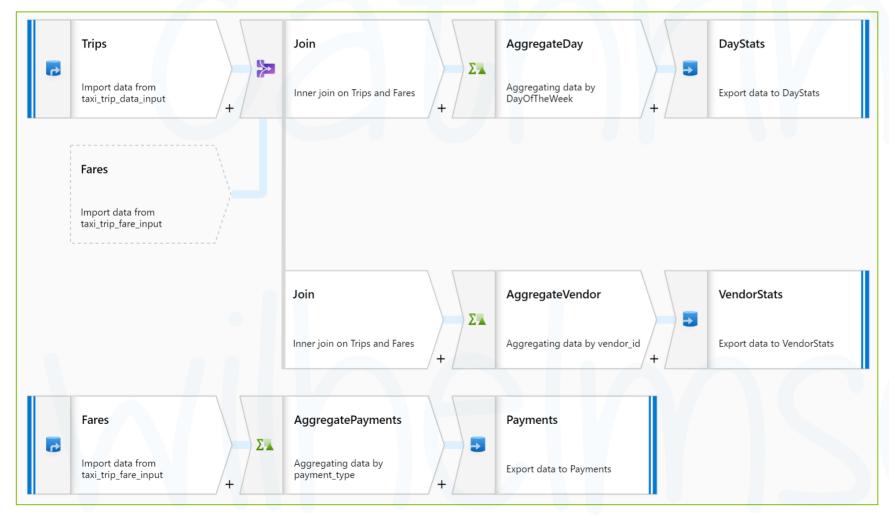
Runs on Azure Databricks

Visual editor, no-code experience



Mapping Data Flows Example





Kamil Nowinski's Cheat Sheet



		ı y – ı	Data Flow Com	ponents	#ADFDF
Activity	Description	SSIS	equivalent	SQL Server equ	ivalent
New branch	Create a new flow branch with the same data	人	Multicast (+icon)	SELECT INTO SELECT OUTPUT	
J oin	Join data from two streams based on a condition	* T	Merge join	INNER LEFT CROSS FULL O	
Conditional Split	Route data into different streams based on conditions	乙	Conditional Split	SELECT INTO WH SELECT INTO WH CASE WHEN	
Union	Collect data from multiple streams	T	Union All	SELECT colla U SELECT collb	NION (ALL)
Lookup	Lookup additional data from another stream	1	Lookup	LEFT RIGHT J	OIN
Derived Column	Compute new columns based on the existing once	fx	Derived Column	SELECT Column1	* 1.09 as NewColumn
∑ Aggregate	Calculate aggregation on the stream	(;)Σ	Aggregate	SELECT Year(Da MIN(), MAX(), GROUP BY Year(
Surrogate Key	Add a surrogate key column to output stream from a specific value	I	Script Component	FROM sys.datab	BY n ASC) AS R#, n
Pivot (NEW)	Pivots row values into columns, groups columns and aggregates data	**	Pivot	SELECT rowCol, (SELECT sour PIVOT	



github.com/SQLPlayer/CheatSheets/blob/master/ADFDF-Cheat-Sheet-sqlplayer.pdf

Schema Drift



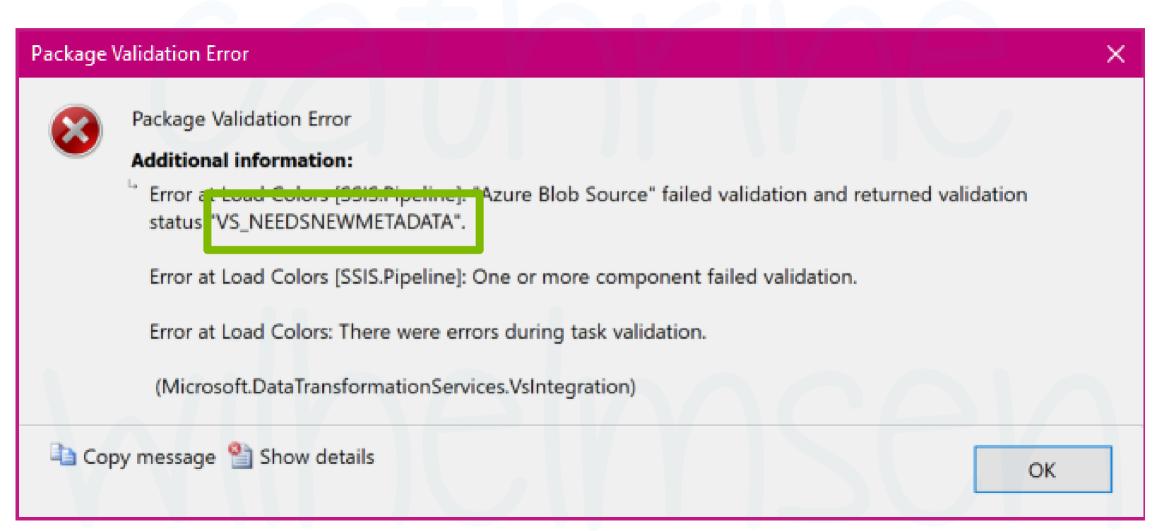
Rapidly changing source files and metadata:

- Added / Removed Columns
- Renamed Column Names
- Changed Data Types

If not handled properly, Schema Drift can (and most likely will) cause problems in the upstream pipeline

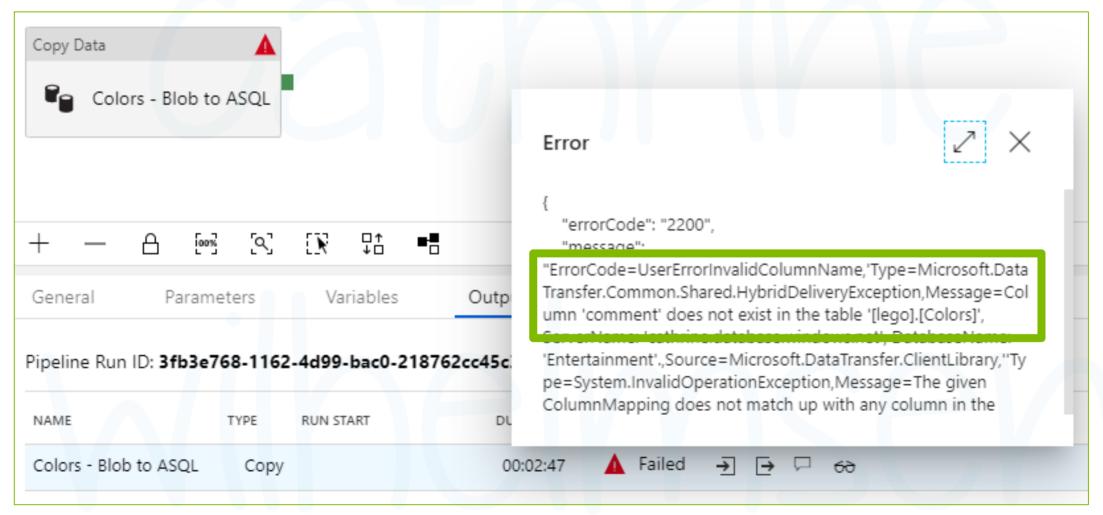
Schema Drift in SSIS





Schema Drift in ADF







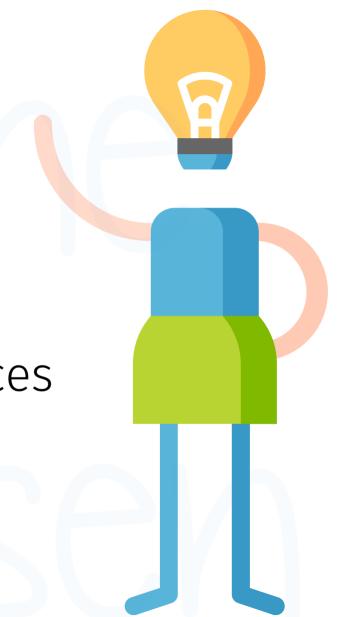


Lessons Learned

In ADF, everything has a price

SSIS best practices != ADF best practices

Learn how to learn and adapt









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