

Building The Modern Data Warehouse with Azure SQL DWH, Spark & Power BI

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Why now?

\$40B

estimated additional
revenue/shifting revenue
driven by AI in three years

85%

Enterprises using
AI by 2020

Big Data

Powerful algorithms

Cloud compute



PC

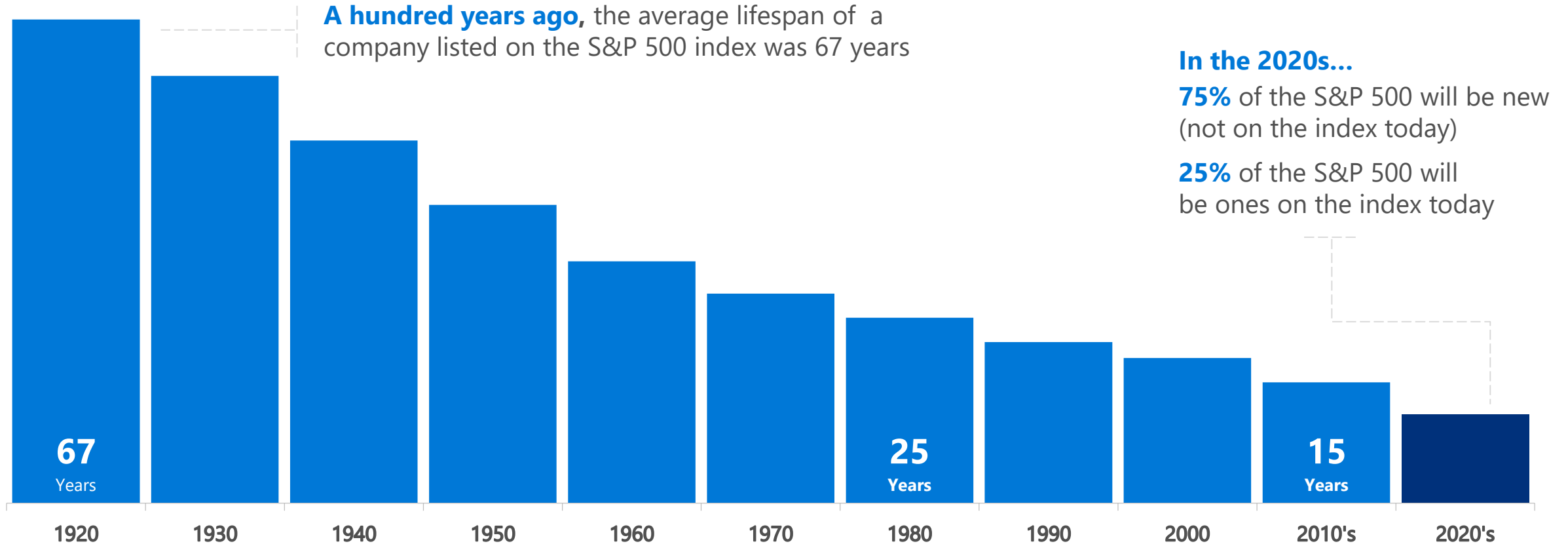


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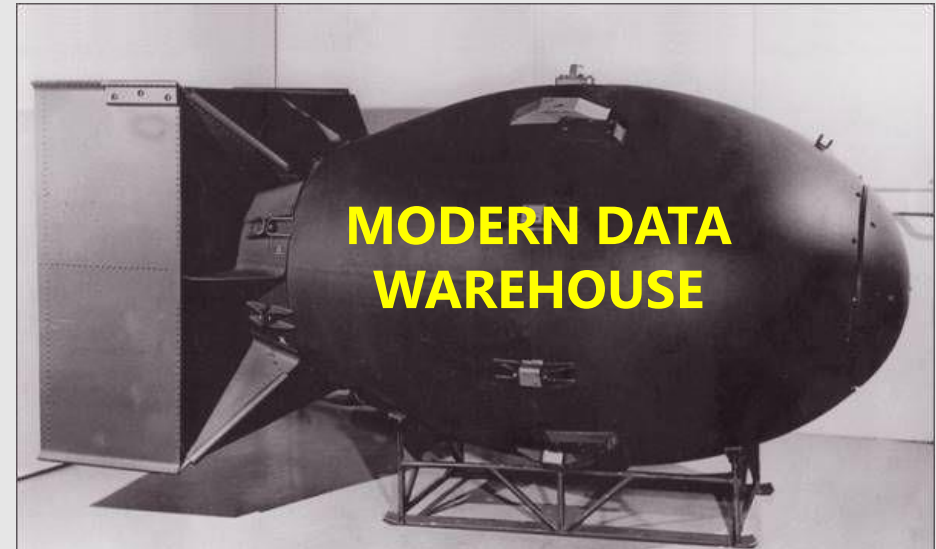
AI

The time to adapt to disruptions is shrinking

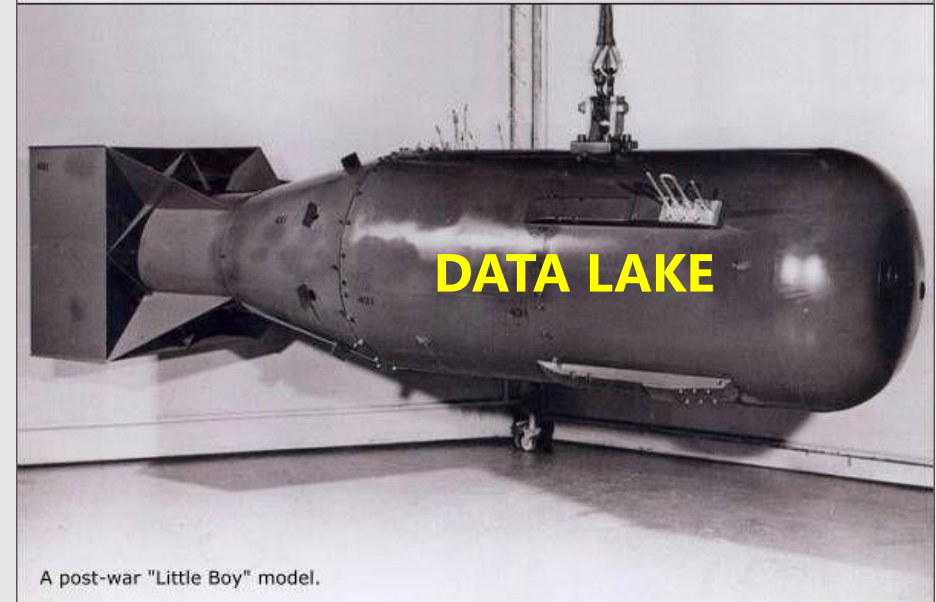


Source: BBC

BUZZWORD BOMBS!



Mockup of the original "Fat Man" weapon



A post-war "Little Boy" model.

What is a modern data warehouse?

Integrated Data Platform

Near Real-Time

Advanced Analytics

Multi-Structured Data

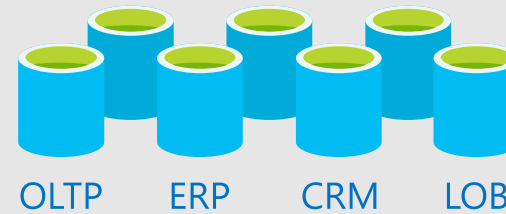
Performance

Scalable (Dynamic)



Customer Challenges in Data Warehousing

- ➔ Increased data types and volumes
- ➔ Varied data sources
- ➔ Added complexity and cost
- ➔ Technology confusion!



Devices



Web



Sensors



Social

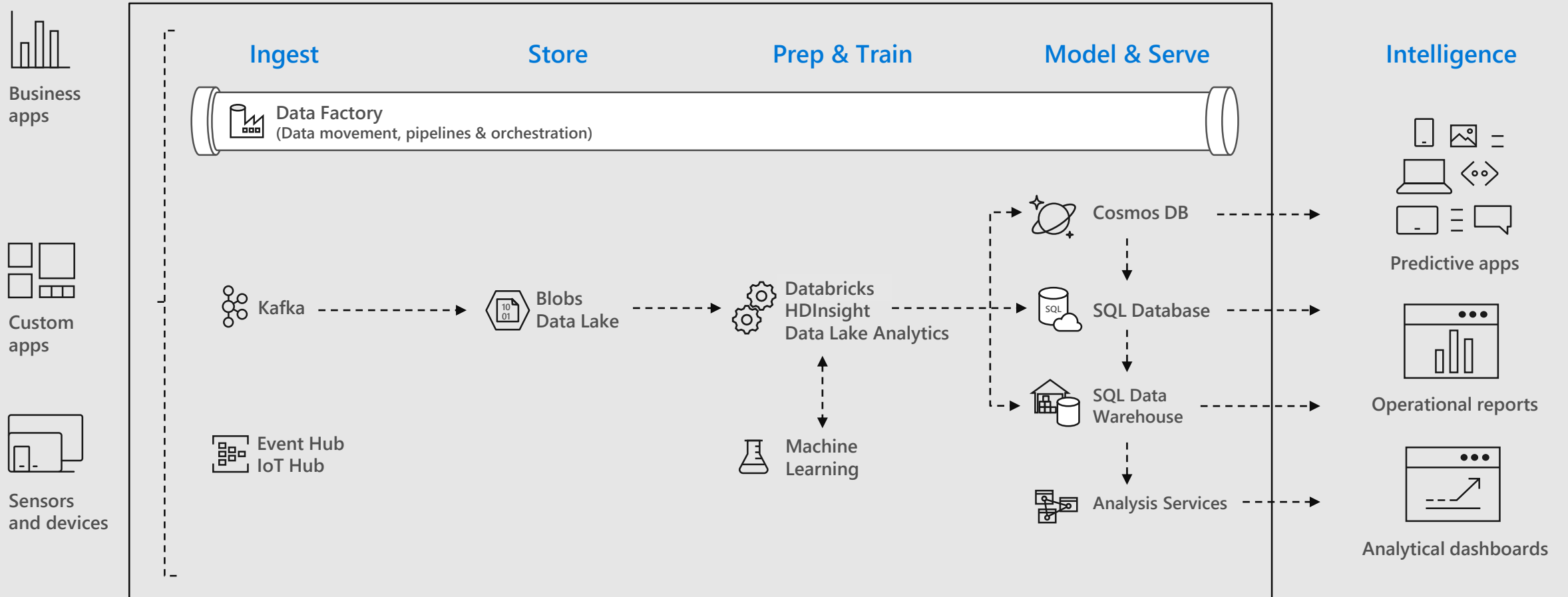


New data thinking: all data has value!

- ⚡ All data has potential value
- ⚡ Data hoarding
- ⚡ No defined schema—stored in native format
- ⚡ Schema is imposed and transformations are done at query time (*schema-on-read*).
- ⚡ Apps and users interpret the data as they see fit



BIG DATA & ADVANCED ANALYTICS AT A GLANCE



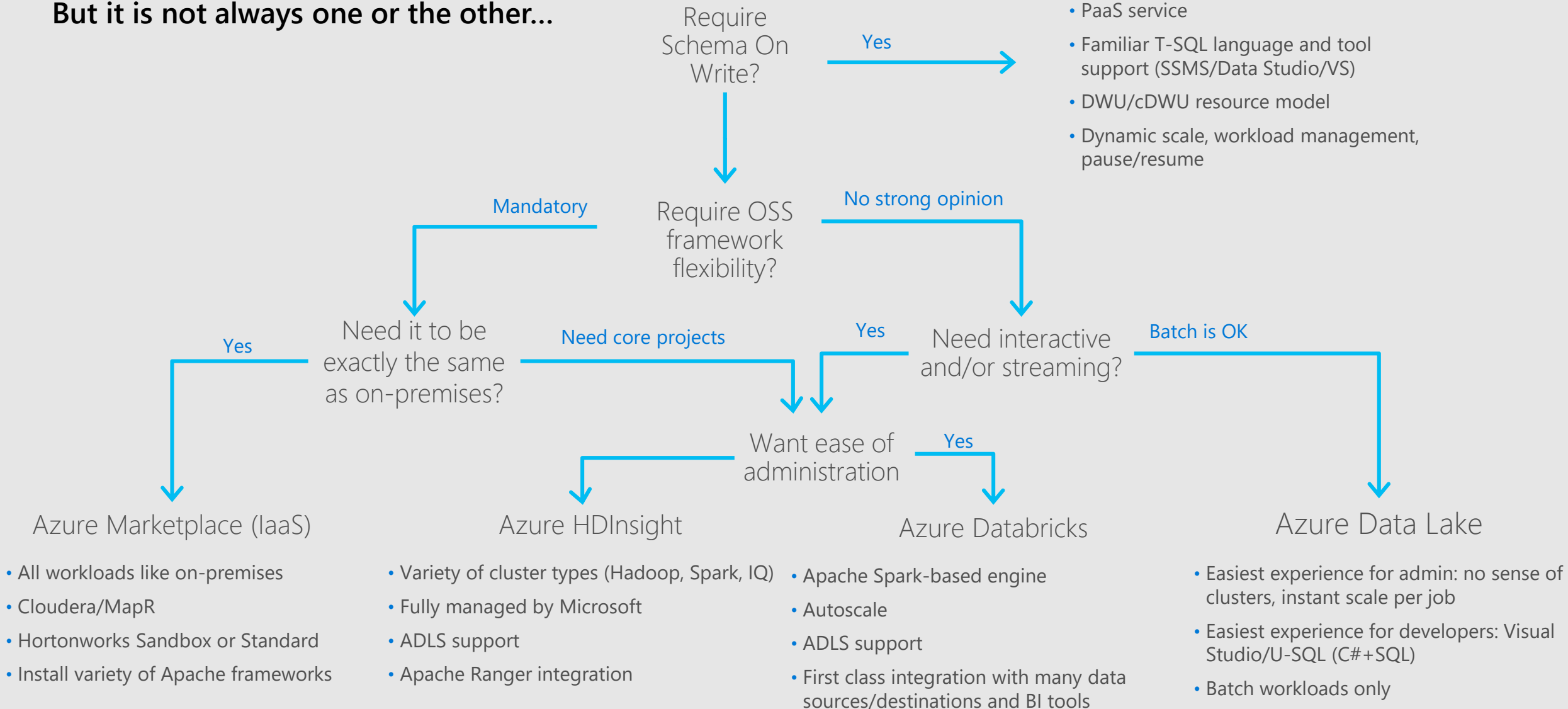
Demo 1: BRING IT!

Copy Data With Azure Data Factory



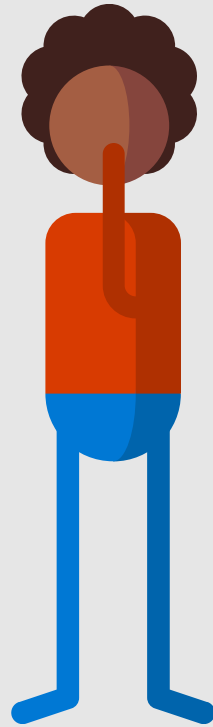
Use the right solution for the job

But it is not always one or the other...



Technology Choices

Ingestion





Data Integration

Extract, Transform,
Load (ETL)

On-Premises



Data Movement &
Orchestration

Extract, Load,
Transform (ELT)

Hybrid



Apache Spark-based
Analytics Service

Collaborative
Notebooks

Cloud

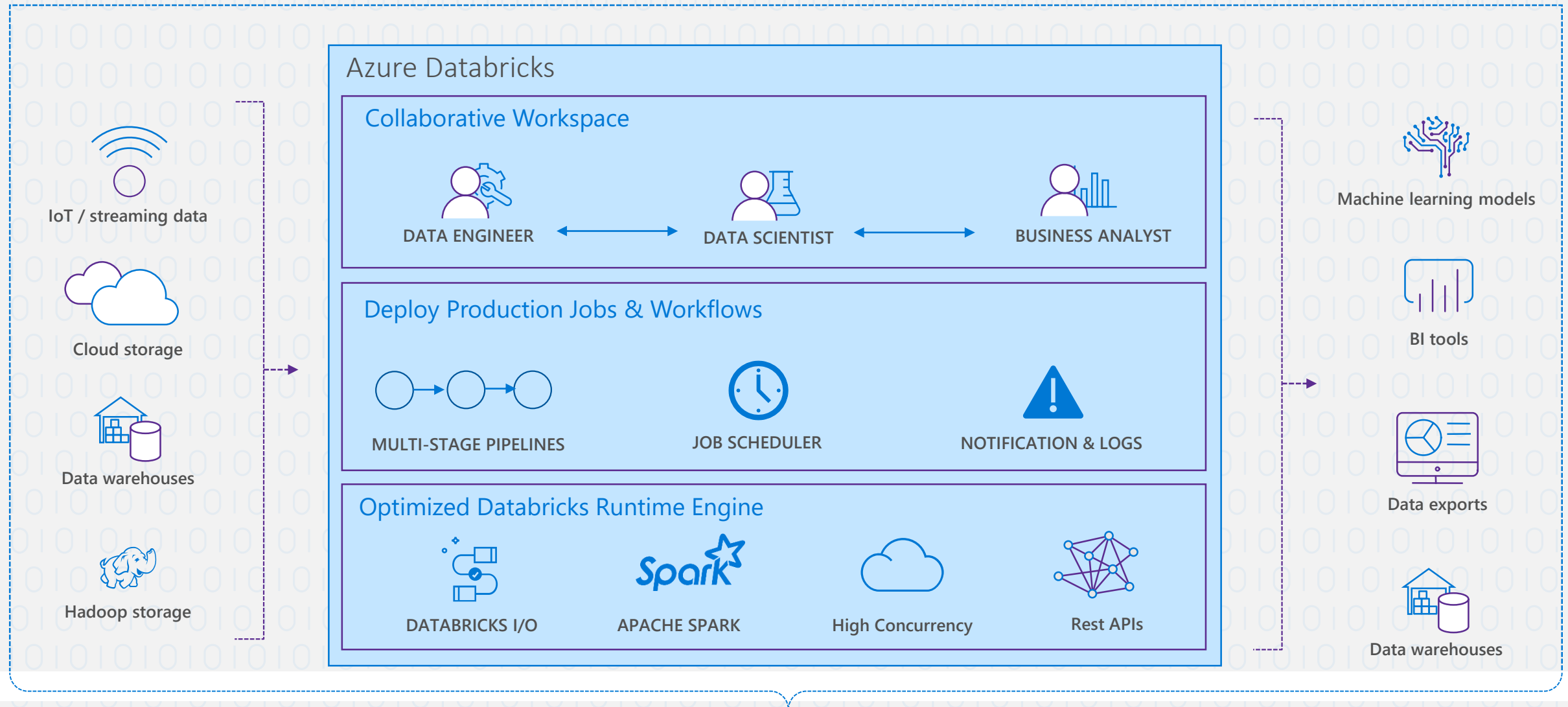
Prep & Transform

A Z U R E D A T A B R I C K S

- Azure Databricks is a **first party** service on Azure.
 - Unlike with other clouds, it is not an Azure Marketplace or a 3rd party hosted service.
- Azure Databricks is integrated seamlessly with Azure services:
 - [Azure Portal](#): Service can be launched directly from Azure Portal
 - [Azure Storage Services](#): Directly access data in Azure Blob Storage and Azure Data Lake Store
 - [Azure Active Directory](#): For user authentication, eliminating the need to maintain two separate sets of users in Databricks and Azure.
 - [Azure SQL DW and Azure Cosmos DB](#): Enables you to combine structured and unstructured data for analytics
 - [Apache Kafka for HDInsight](#): Enables you to use Kafka as a streaming data source or sink
 - [Azure Billing](#): You get a single bill from Azure
 - [Azure Power BI](#): For rich data visualization
- Eliminates need to create a separate account with Databricks.



AZURE DATABRICKS

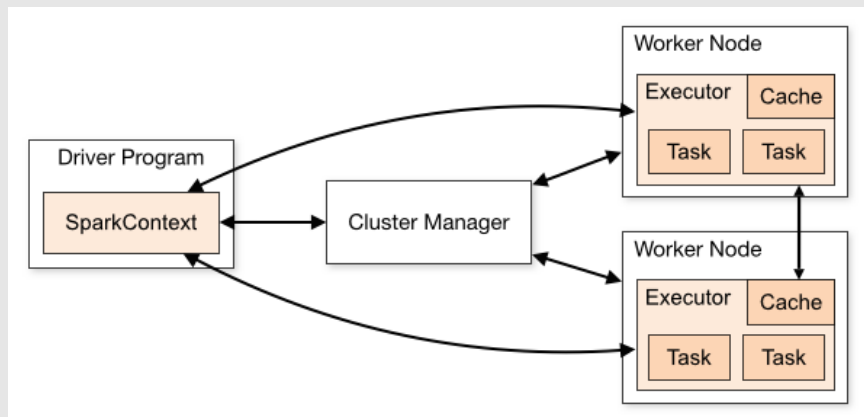


Enhance Productivity

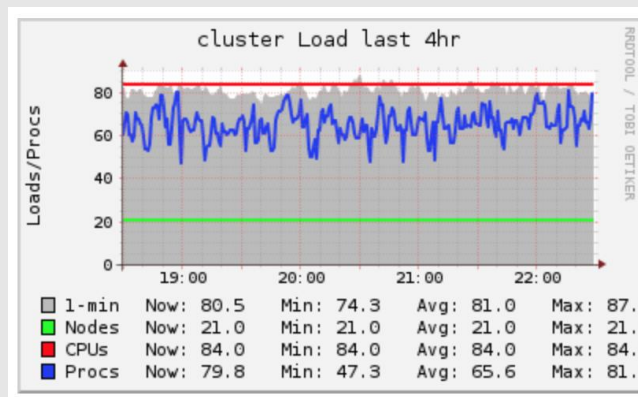
Build on secure & trusted cloud

Scale without limits

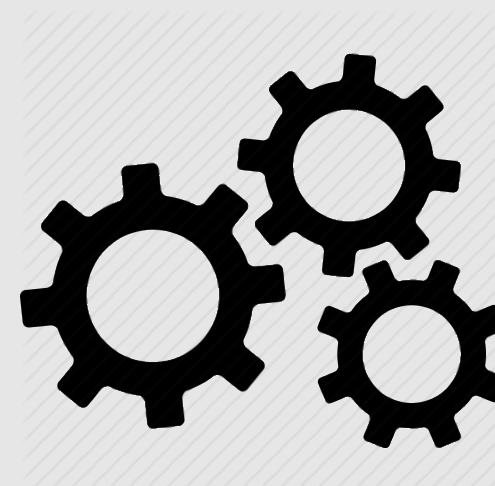
Infinite Scale, Lower Cost, Zero Management



1 to 1000s of Worker Nodes



Auto-scale
Compute & Storage



Auto-Recovery &
Upgrade

Demo 2: Massage Your Data

Process semi-structured data with Databricks



Azure Databricks

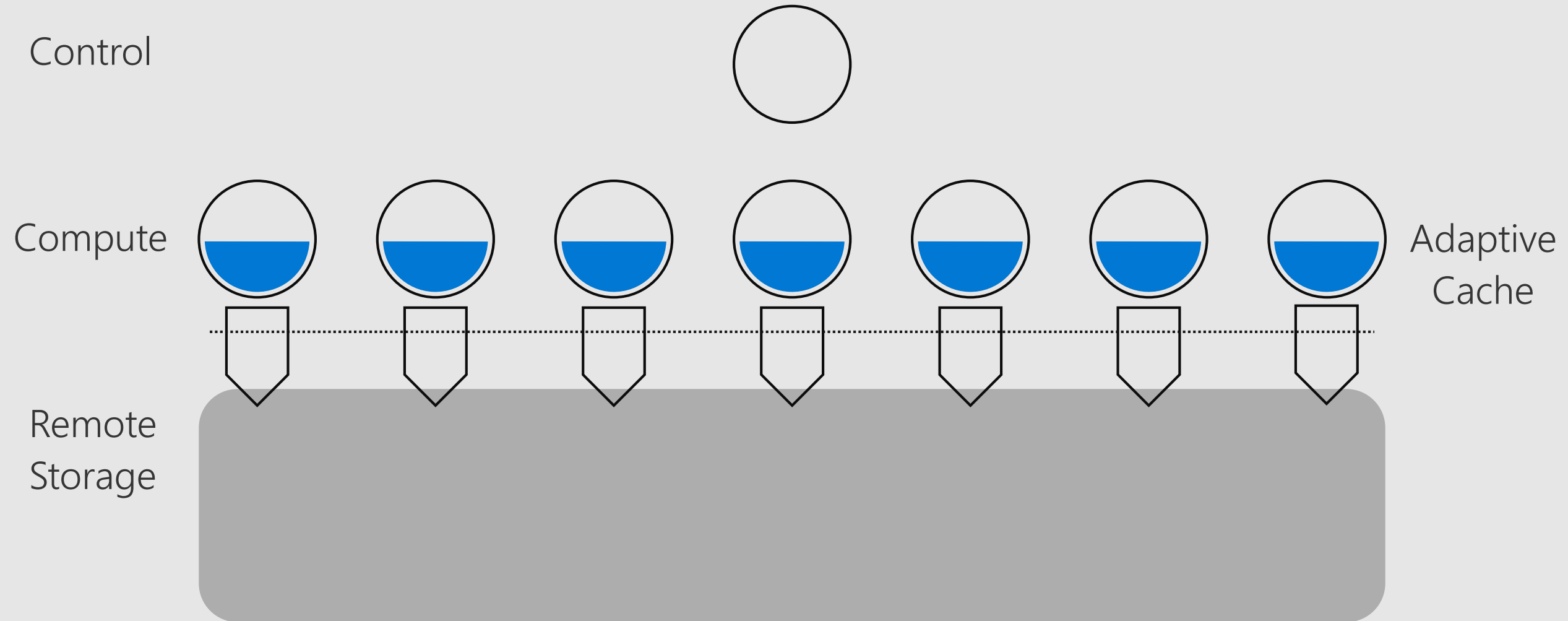
Performance Considerations

- Land data in Blob Store/ADLS partitioned into separate directories
- For best query performance use a Delta table. Alternatively, use a regular Spark table backed by Parquet
- Avoid small files. File size 100s MB – 1GB preferred
 - Delta supports compaction `OPTIMIZE events WHERE date >= '2017-01-01'`
 - Improve the speed of read queries from a table by coalescing small files into larger ones
- Use Secrets (AKV or DB backed)

Model & Serve

Next Generation Architecture

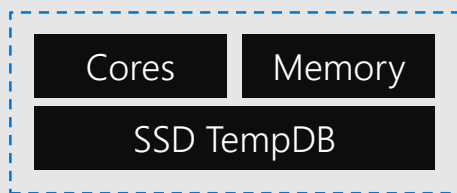
Adaptive caching



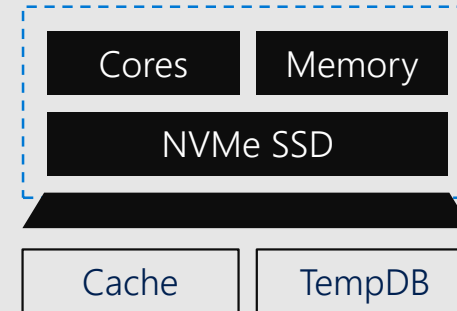
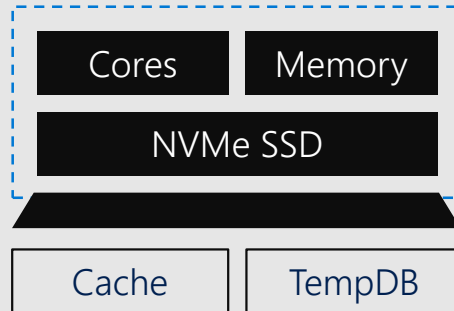
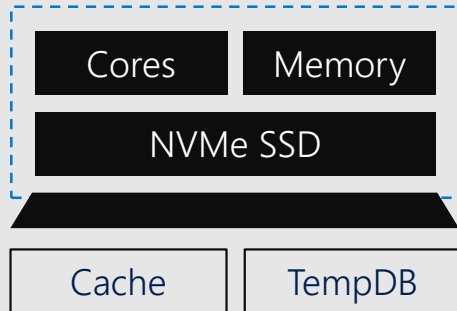
Next Generation Architecture

bottomless storage

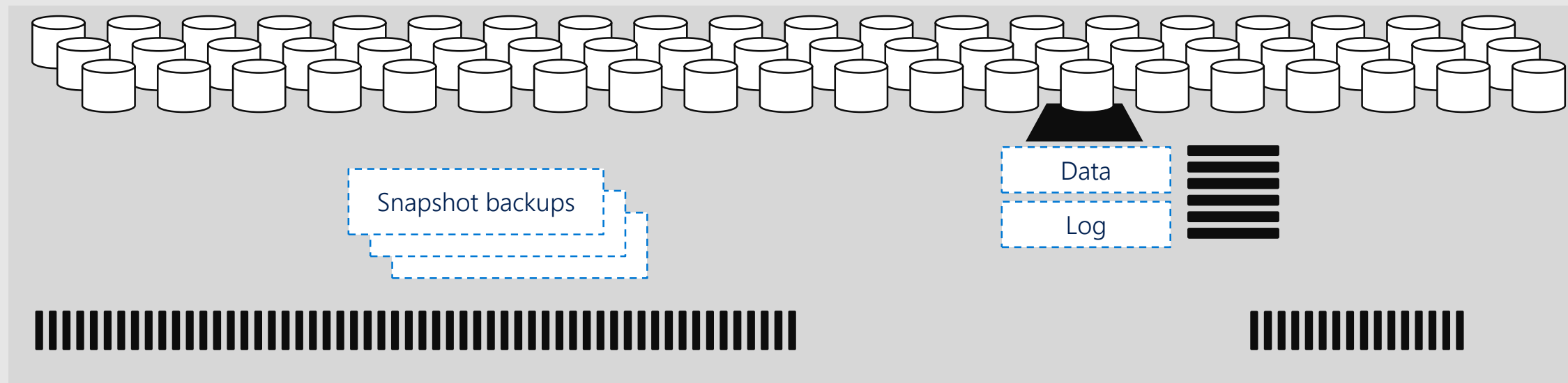
Control



Compute

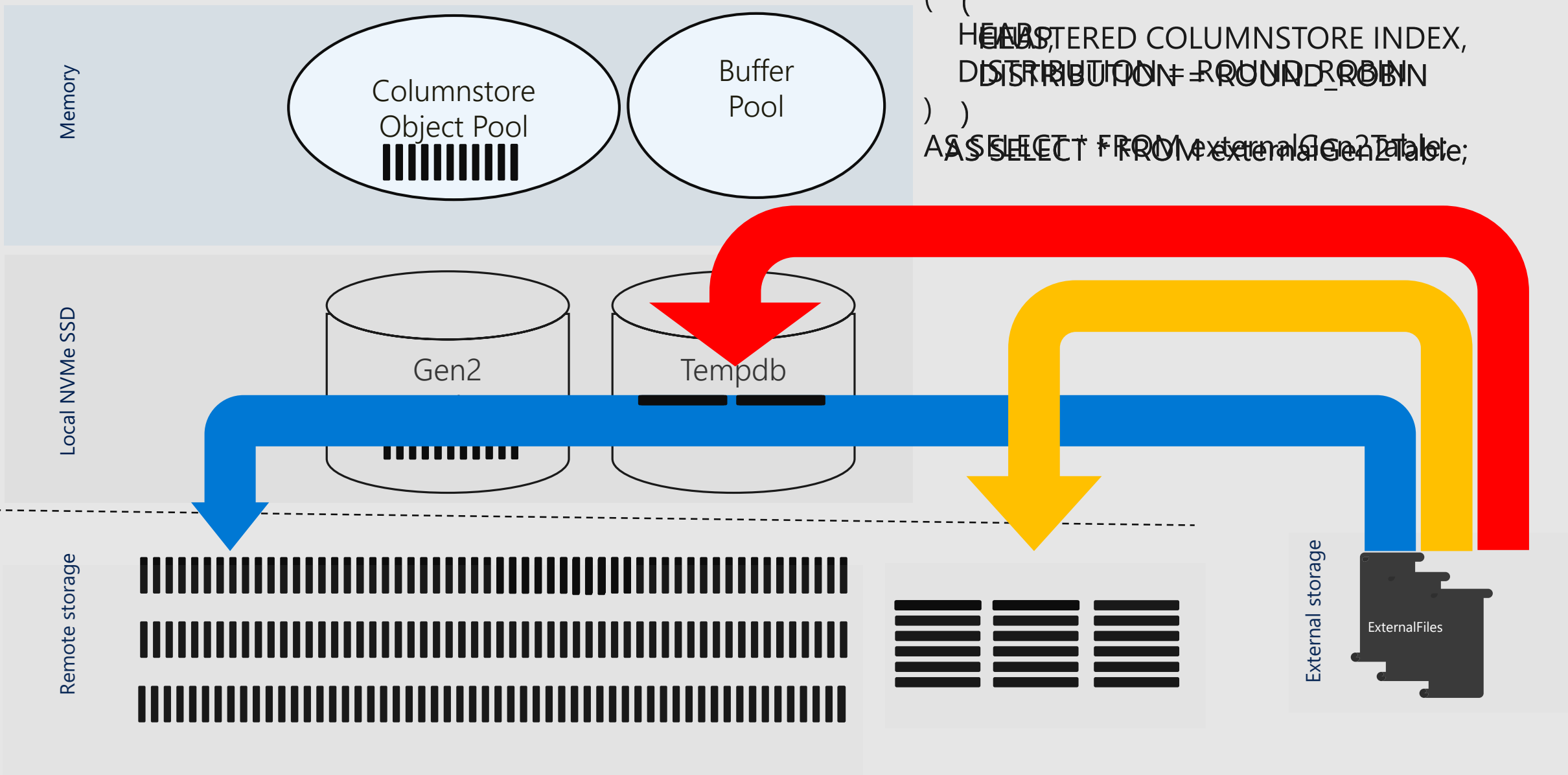


Remote storage

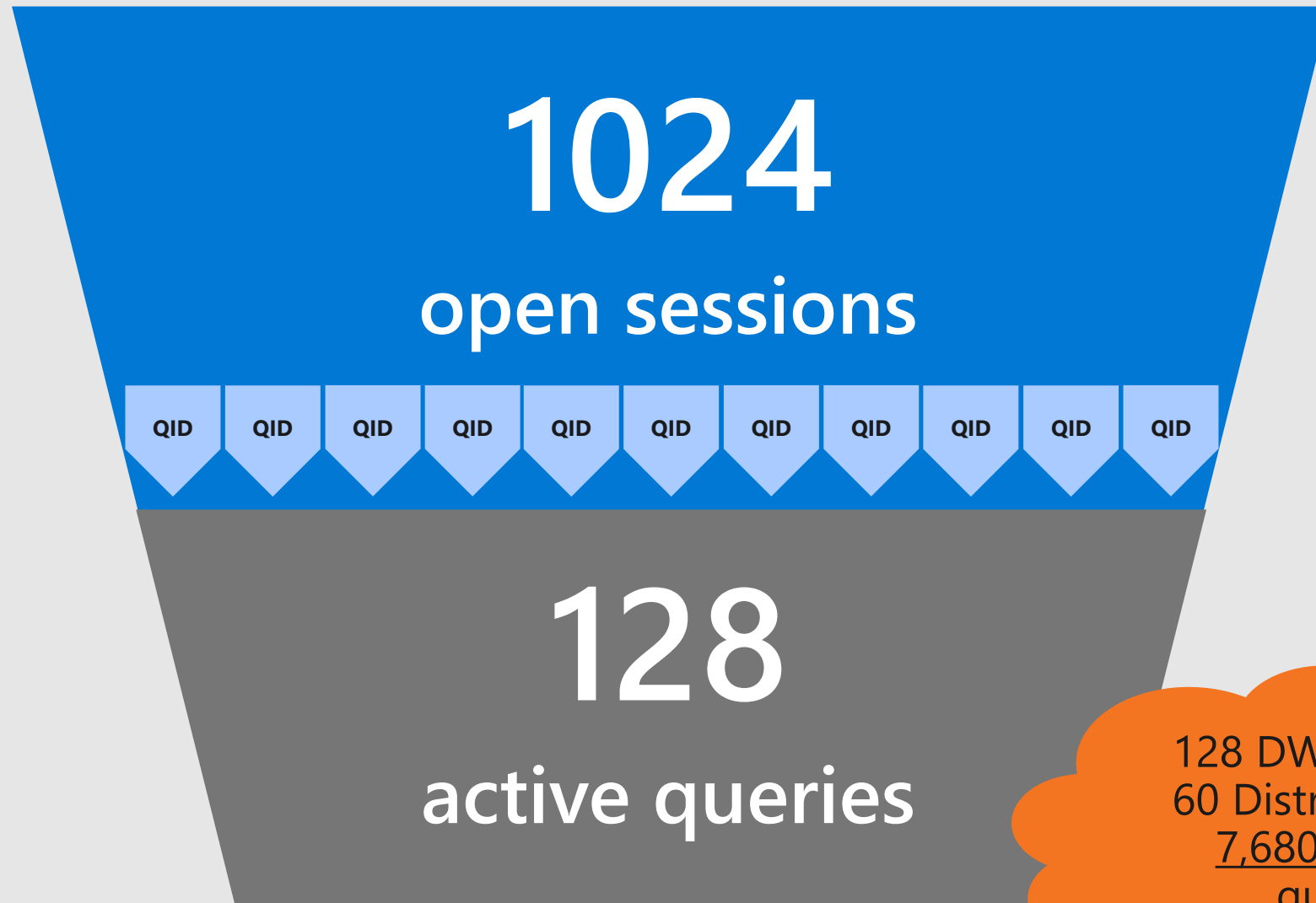


Loading into Gen2

```
SELECT SUM(TotalCost)
FROM gen2TableHeap
WITH #gen2TableHeap
( (
  HEAPS,
  DISTRIBUTION = ROUND_ROBIN
) )
AS SELECT FROM externalGen2Table;
```



Gen2 Query Concurrency

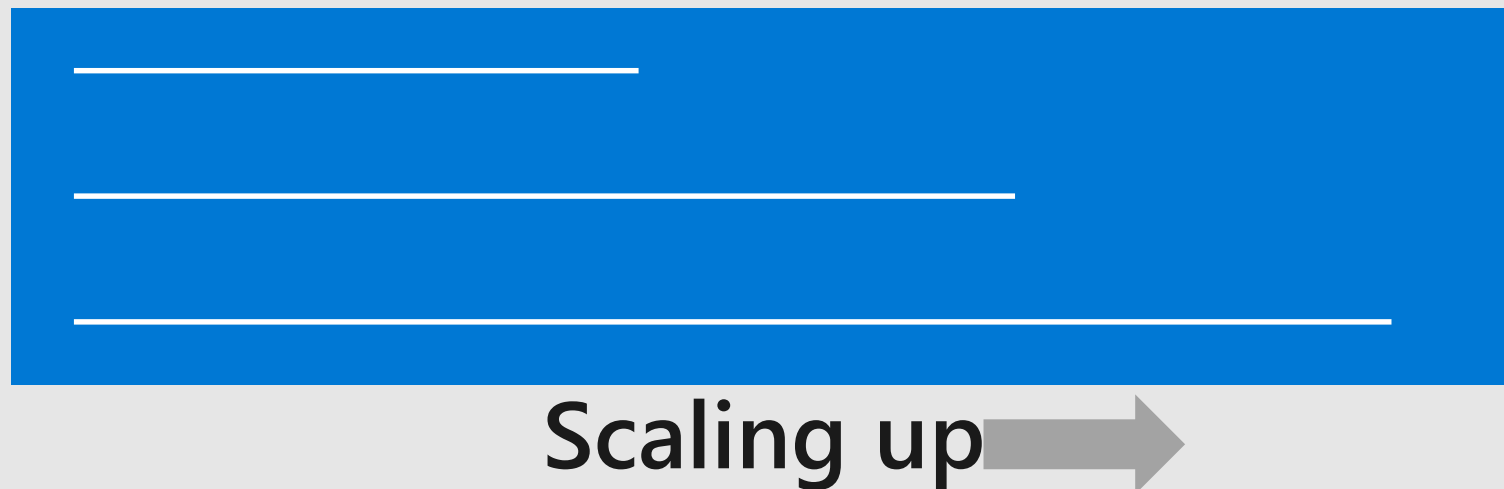


128 DW Queries x
60 Distributions =
7,680 SQL DB
queries

Resource Classes – Dynamic

Allocates variable amounts of memory depending on the scale of the DW instance.

- ✓ Beneficial for variable sized workloads that scale to meet demand.
- ✗ There is no increase in concurrency with scaling. Should be avoided.



Resource Classes – Static

Allocates a fixed amount of memory regardless of the scale level.



Essential for high query concurrency workloads.



Queries may run the same regardless of the scale unit.



Scaling up 

Demo 3: Load Your Data

Load data to SQL DW with Polybase



Azure SQL Data Warehouse

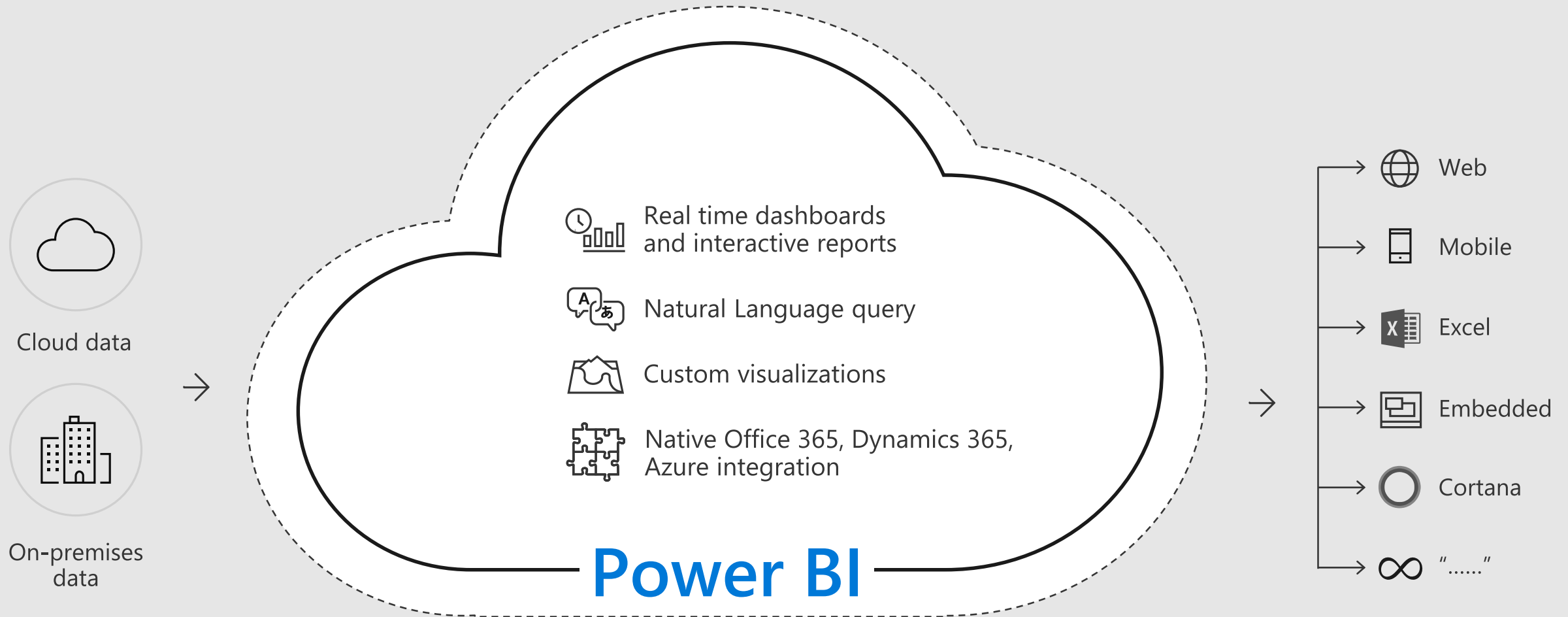
Performance Considerations

- Manage table statistics
- Use PolyBase to load data but do not use external tables for queries
- Use distributed tables and do not over partition them
- Data movement is a common cause of bad performance
- Monitor for data skew
- Leverage HEAP for initial load
 - Faster load time
 - Prevent cache population/eviction
- Assign appropriate resource class for optimal CCI compression

Visualize & Consume

Power BI: experience your data

Any data, any way, anywhere





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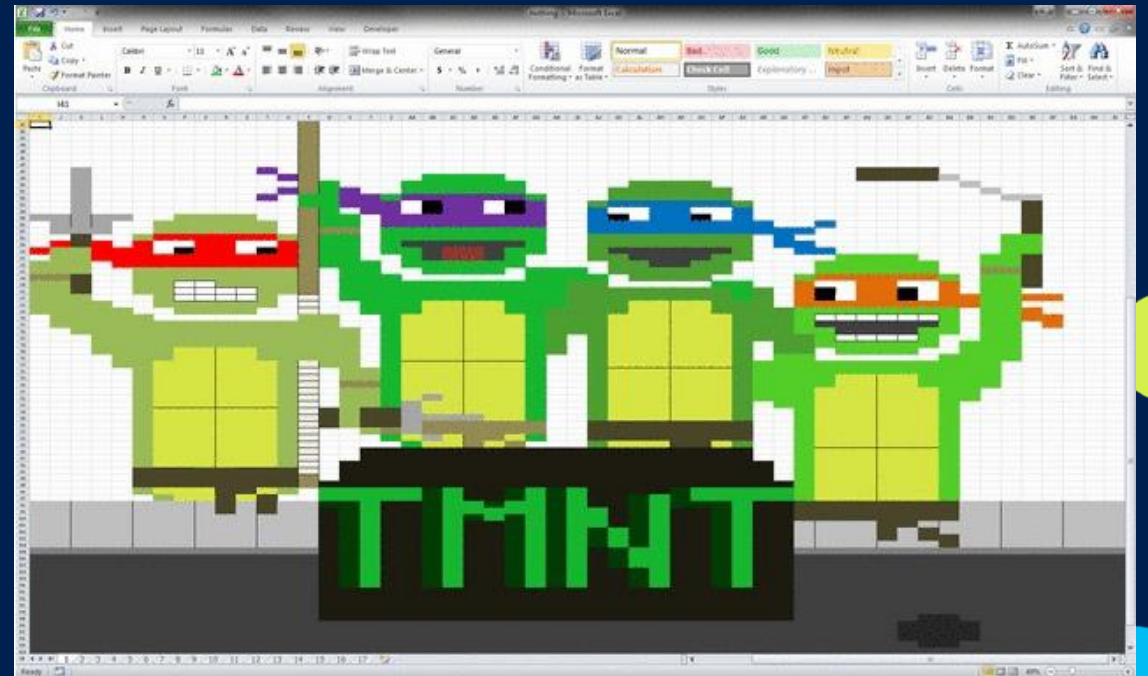


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Demo 4: Visualize Your Data

Connect to your data sources with Power BI



Key Takeaways

What did we see today?

- What is a modern data warehouse?
- Building a data pipeline in Azure:
 - Use Data Factory to Orchestrate
 - Data movement from Cloud/OnPrem to Cloud/On Prem
 - Crunch and prep large datasets with Databricks
 - Load data to the serving layer
 - Visualize with Power BI

Key Takeaways

Plan your data strategy

Use case driven approach, evolve the target state

Use data warehouse services which meet the needs of the organization

Cloud is the obvious choice

Accelerate time to value and global service availability

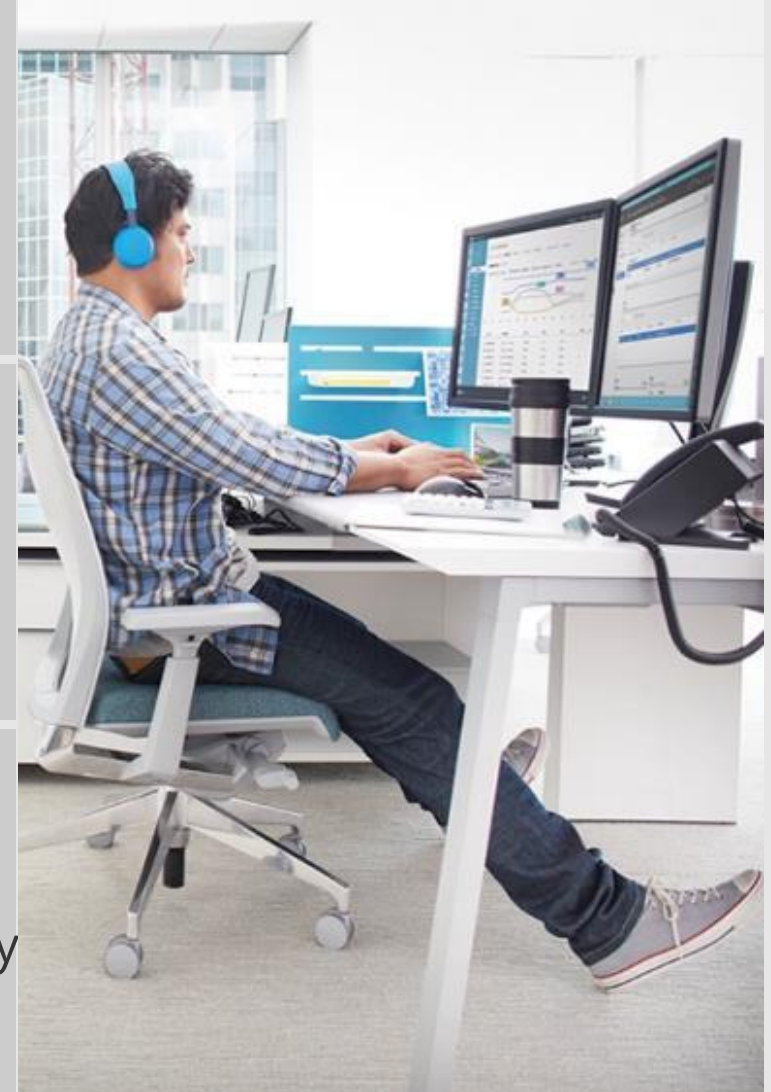
"No longer waiting six months to procure a server"

Multiple implementation options and considerations

Consider non-technical challenges

Technology is the easy part. Greater challenge with people and process

Example: organizational capabilities, evolution of procedures, data privacy and security concerns



Q&A

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Thank You.

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