Data Engineering in the Cloud

Introduction to Azure Databricks

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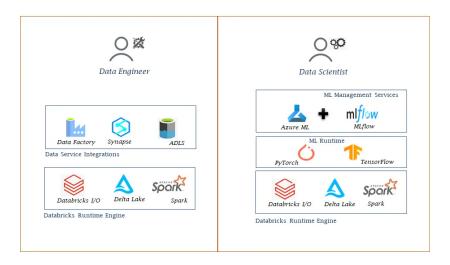
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- Databricks File System
- Lab 1: Creating an Azure Databricks Workspace
- Lab 2: Creating a Cluster
- Lab 3: Using DataFrames in Azure Databricks

Introduction to Azure Databricks

- Azure Databricks is a fast, easy, and collaborative Apache Spark-based analytics platform optimized for Microsoft Azure.
- Key Features
 - ► Collaborative Workspaces: Interactive environments for team collaboration
 - Automated Cluster Management: Easy scaling and management of Spark clusters
 - ▶ Machine Learning: Built-in tools for developing and deploying models
 - Seamless Integration: Works with Azure services like Synapse Analytics, Data Lake Storage, and Power BI

Introduction to Azure Databricks



Reading and Writing Data in Azure Databricks

- Several types of data can be read with Azure Databricks
- Reading Data in CSV Format
- Reading Data in JSON Format

```
val df = spark.read.json("example.json")
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val mdf =
  spark.read.option("multiline","true").json("/tmp/demo.json")
  mdf.show(false)
```

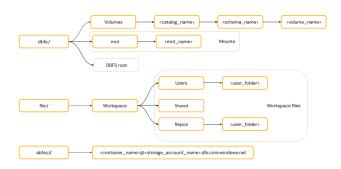
- Reading Data in Parquet Format
 - data = spark.read.parquet("/tmp/Parquetfile")

Reading and Writing Data in Azure Databricks

- Writing data: Apache Spark can be used to write data frame into disk and data into multiple files.
 - df.write.format("csv").mode("overwrite").save("/my-file/demo csv")

Databricks File System

- Databricks file system, also known as DBFS, is a distributed file system.
 - It has a master slave architecture to attain reliability.
 - https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/databricks/files/
- URI-style paths include a URI scheme.



Databricks File System

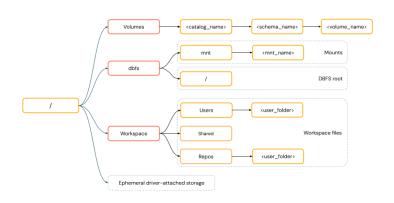
- The structure shows how different storage paths are organized and accessed in Azure Databricks.
- dbfs:/
 - ▶ Volumes: Structured as <catalog_name>/<schema_name>/<volume_name>.
 - mnt: Mount points for external storage, structured as <mnt_name>.

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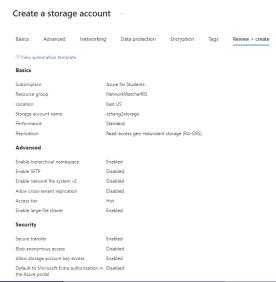
- Workspace: Contains:
 - Users: Individual user folders.
 - Shared: Shared files.
 - Repos: Repositories, structured as <user_folder>.
- abfss://: Connects to Azure Blob Storage using the format <container_name>@<storage_account_name>.dfs.core.windows.net.

Databricks File System

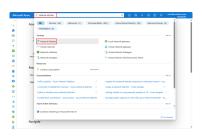
POSIX-style paths provide data access relative to the driver root (/)



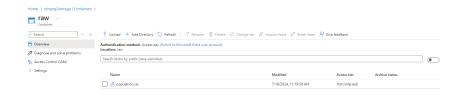
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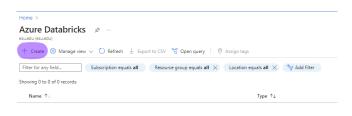
- Network Watcher is a regional service that enables you to monitor and diagnose conditions
 at a network scenario level in, to, and from Azure. It includes a suite of tools for
 monitoring, diagnosing, viewing metrics, and enabling or disabling logs for resources in a
 virtual network.
- This resource group is automatically generated by Azure when you enable Network Watcher in a region.
 - https://learn.microsoft.com/en-gb/azure/network-watcher/network-watcheroverview
- When you enable Network Watcher, Azure creates a resource group named NetworkWatcherRG in each region where it is enabled.



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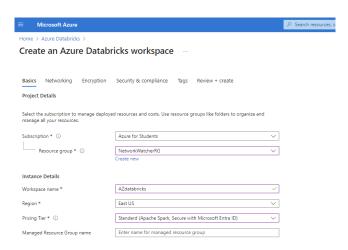


Search for Azure Databricks in the search bar and click on the Create

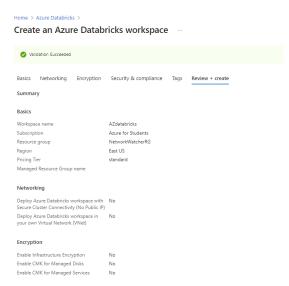


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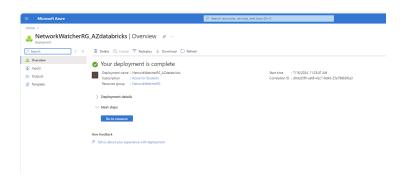
• Specify workspace name, region, and pricing tier as shown below:



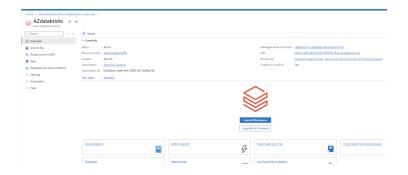
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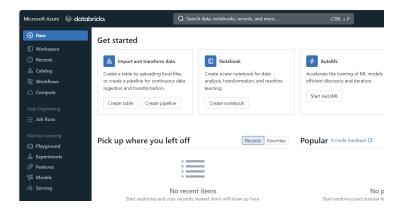
• Once the deployment is completed, click on the Go to resource button



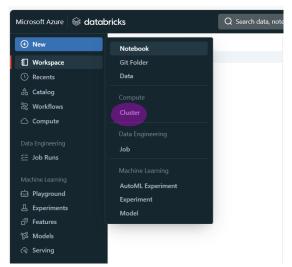
• Click on the "Launch workspace" button to launch the workspace



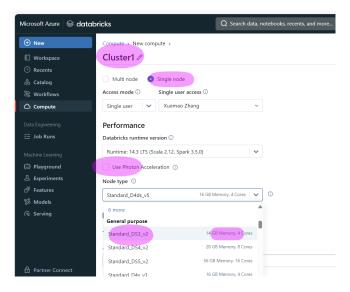
Thi is how the Azure Databricks workspace looks like



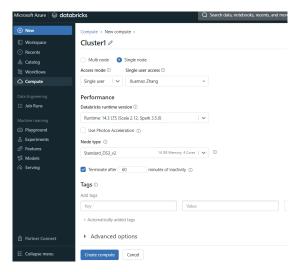
- Databricks eliminate the complexity and provide convenience to get a spark cluster. The Spark experience is seamless and requires no management.
- Click on Cluster under the menu + New to create a cluster



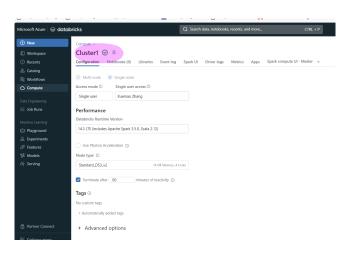
• Specify the name for the "Cluster"; and Select the Cluster mode



- We can specify the termination time as well. The defaulted value is 120 minutes
 - ▶ And then click on the Create compute button



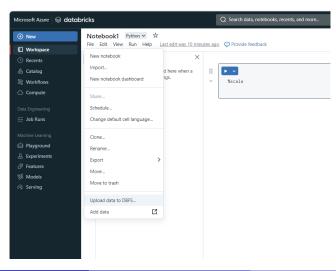
• If successful, you should be able to see this

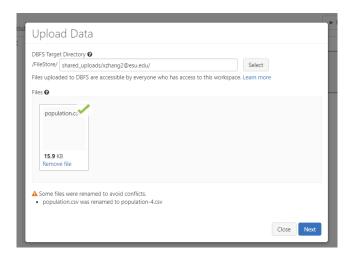


Now create a notebook in the cluster and rename the notebook



- ullet In the menus of the notebook, Click file o Upload data to DBFS... to upload the file population.csv on your local disk
 - ▶ We consider how to get the data from storage later

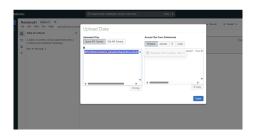




• Copy the code from the two boxes

dbfs:/FileStore/shared_uploads/xzhang2@esu.edu/population-4.csv

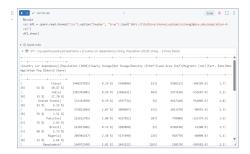
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df1 = spark.read.format("csv").
option("header", "true").
load("dbfs:/FileStore/shared_uploads/xzhang2@esu.edu/population-4.csv")
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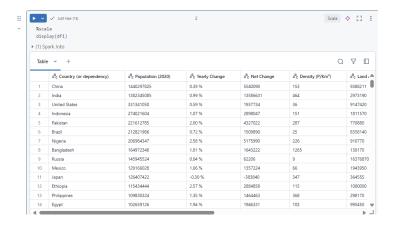
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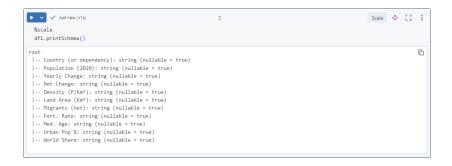
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df1.show()
```



 The DataFrame can also be displayed by executing the display() function as shown below.



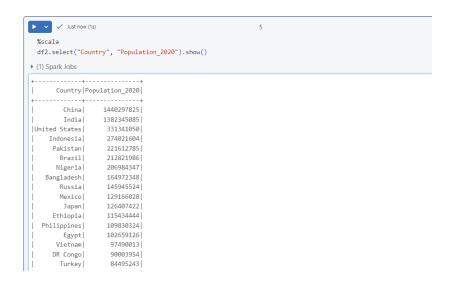
Study the underlying data types by executing the printSchema() function



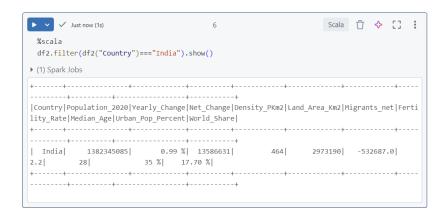
 To change the names of the columns in a DataFrame using Scala in Azure Databricks, you can use the withColumnRenamed method for each column you want to rename

```
%scala
val df2 = df1
  .withColumnRenamed("Country (or dependency)", "Country")
  .withColumnRenamed("Population (2020)", "Population 2020")
  .withColumnRenamed("Yearly Change", "Yearly Change")
  .withColumnRenamed("Net Change", "Net Change")
  .withColumnRenamed("Density (P/Km2)", "Density PKm2")
  .withColumnRenamed("Land Area (Km2)", "Land Area Km2")
  .withColumnRenamed("Migrants (net)", "Migrants net")
  .withColumnRenamed("Fert. Rate", "Fertility Rate")
  .withColumnRenamed("Med. Age", "Median Age")
  .withColumnRenamed("Urban Pop %", "Urban Pop Percent")
  .withColumnRenamed("World Share", "World Share")
```

• To filter the columns that are needed, execute the command given below.



 To filter the row that contains the data for India, execute the filter function given below.



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