Data Engineering Project 3:

Customer 360 Data Integration

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Objective:

A retail business wants to build a unified Customer 360 view by integrating data from multiple sources, including online transactions, in-store purchases, customer service interactions, and loyalty programs. This project uses a mix of fact and dimension tables to ensure a clean, scalable structure.

Architecture Diagram:

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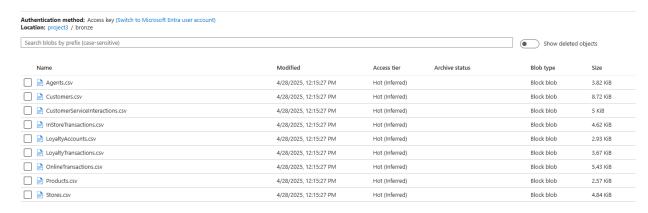


Dataset used: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/varunkumari/customer-360-data

Step 1: Data Ingestion

Use Azure Synapse Analytics pipelines to ingest data from multiple sources (online, in-store, customer service, loyalty programs) into the raw container in ADLS.

Step 1.1: Create a folder called **bronze** in ADLS Gen 2 storage account and upload all the csv files which you have downloaded form source dataset URL.



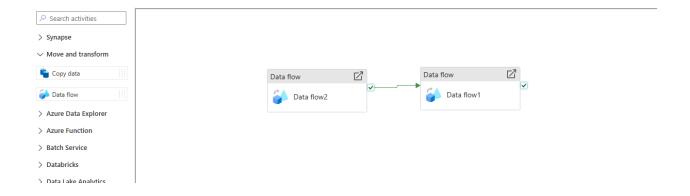
Step 1.2 Open SSMS and Connect the Azure SQL Database

Create these table in this sequence (as they have constraints)

```
8
9 Parent Table
10 FCREATE TABLE Products (
11 ProductID INT PRIMARY KEY,
12 Name VARCHAR (100),
13 Category VARCHAR(50),
14 Price DECIMAL(10, 2)
15 );
     ----Parent Table-
ECREATE TABLE Agents (
AgentID INT PRIMARY KEY,
Name VARCHAR(100),
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53
54
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56 );
57
58
----
59 BCRE
            Department VARCHAR(50),
Shift VARCHAR(50)
     InteractionID INT PRIMARY KEY,
CustomerID INT,
DateTime DATETIME,
AgentID INT,
ISSUEType VARCHAR(50),
ResolutionStatus VARCHAR(50),
FOREIGN KEY (CustomerID) REFERENCES Customers(CustomerID),
FOREIGN KEY (AgentID) REFERENCES Agents(AgentID)
65
66
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68 );
69
71 ECRE
72
73
74
    TierLevel VARCHAR(20).
            JoinDate DATE,
FOREIGN KEY (CustomerID) REFERENCES Customers(CustomerID)
     DateTime DATETIME,
PointsChange INT,
Reason VARCHAR(100),
            PRIMARY KEY (LoyaltyID, DateTime),
FOREIGN KEY (LoyaltyID) REFERENCES LoyaltyAccounts(LoyaltyID)
```

Step 1.3: Open Synapse Workspace, Create a new pipeline

Drag and drop two dataflow activities in canvas area.



Click on the first one, and Settings -> Dataflow -> New

Blank dataflow design canvas will be opened

Here, we will design transformation step from bronze to silver (staging) layer

Step 1.4 Overview of the customer records transformation steps:



Let's do step by step.

Select the source

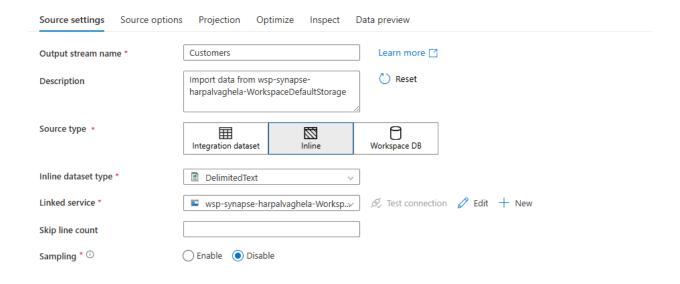
Source Settings Tab:

Write output stream: Customers

Source type: Inline

Inline dataset type: Delimited Text

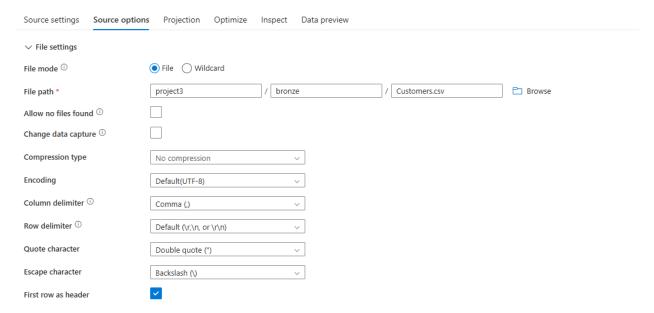
Linked Service: ADLS Gen 2



Source Options Tab:

File path: browse and select the file from storage account as shown below

Select first row as header



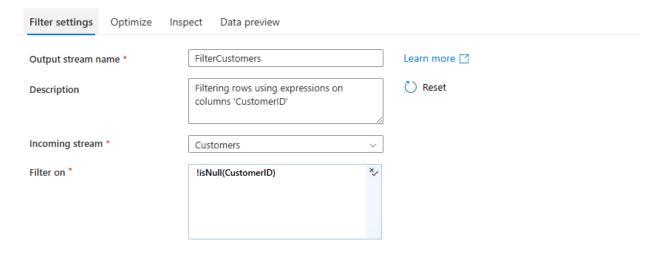
Projection Tab:

Click on Import Schema

Filter Transformation

Click on plus icon on bottom of source transformation and add filter transformation

Filter Settings Tab:



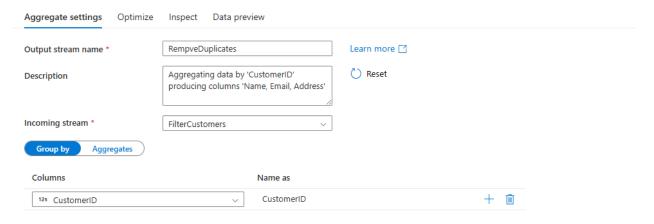
Expression used in filter on field is: !isNull(CustomerID)

Aggregate Transformation (To Remove Duplicates)

Click on plus icon on bottom of filter transformation and add aggregate transformation

Aggregate settings tab

Select ID column (here, CustomerID) in Group by tab as shown below:



Click on Aggregates tab now and click on plus icon and take column pattern and delete the default field.



Write this expression in

Each column that matches: name != 'CustomerID'

Check the data in Inspect -> Input



Inspect -> Output



Alter Row Transformation

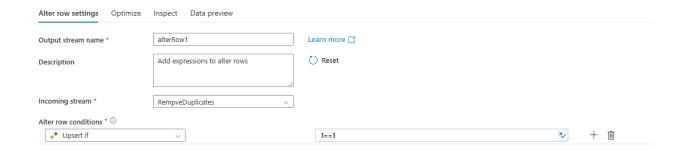
Click on plus icon on bottom of aggregate transformation and alter row sink transformation

Alter row conditions: Upsert if

Expression: 1==1

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Sink Transformation:

Click on plus icon on bottom of aggregate transformation and add sink transformation

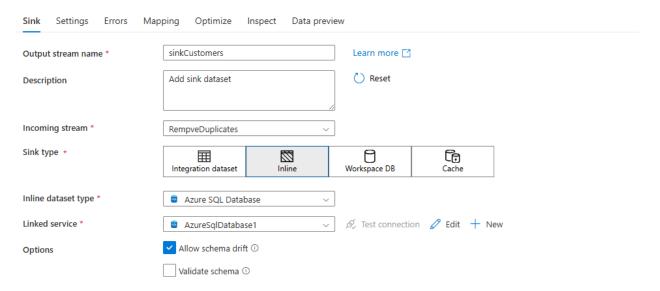
Sink tab:

Output stream name: sinkCustomers

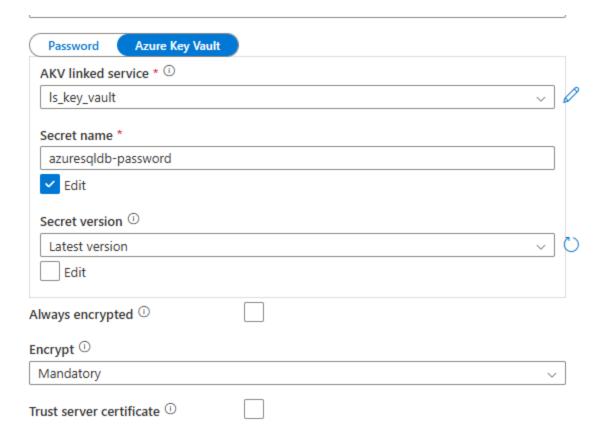
Sink type: Inline

Inline dataset type: Azure SQL Database

Linked service: Azure SQL Database



While Creating Linked Service, use Azure Key vault option to store Azure SQL server password in to key vault.



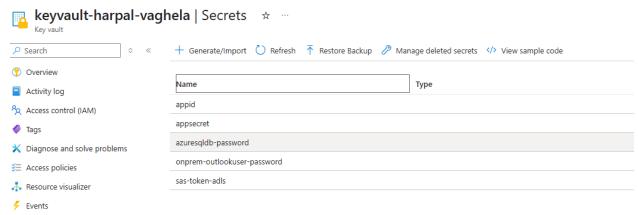
Step to create new azure sql password into key vault:

Open Key Vault and click on Generate/Import



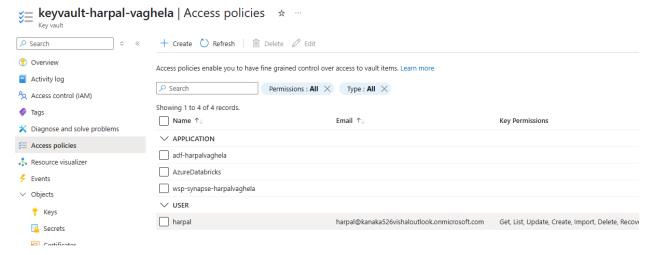
Write Secret name and Secret value (password of Azure SQL Server) and click on Create.

Dashboard > keyvault-harpal-vaghela



Also, in Key Vault Access Policies give permission (Get, List for Synapse Workspace to access key vault secrets)

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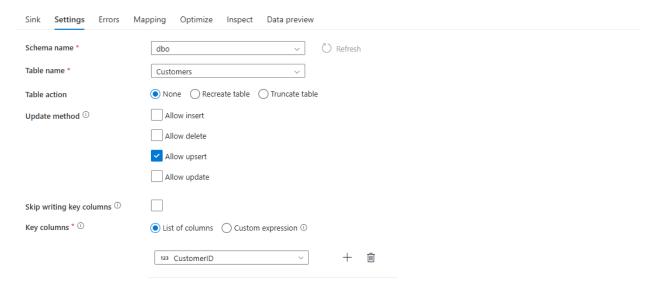
Settings tab:

Schema Name: dbo (select from a dropdown list)

Table Name: Customers (select from a dropdown list)

Update Method: Allow Upsert

Key Columns: CustomerID



Mapping tab:

Click on Import Schema and map the columns as shown below:



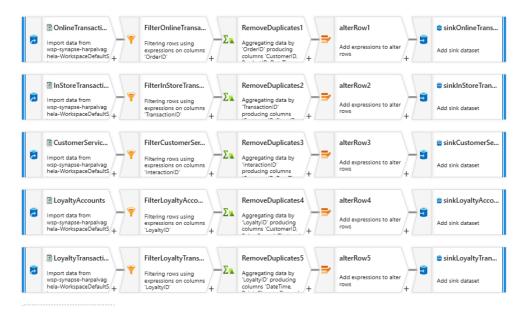
Similarly, we will do transformations steps or Products, Stores, Agents data files.

Here is an final design in dataflow1:

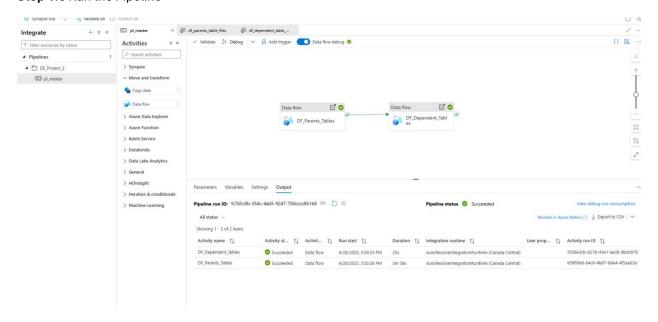


Step 1.5 Design of Dataflow2:

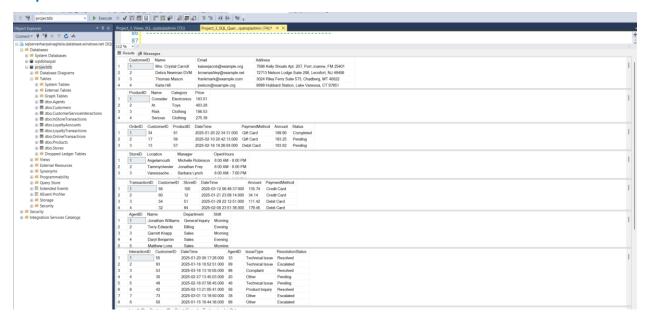
Similarly, we have to design for OnlineTransaction, InStoreTransactions, CustomerService, LoyaltyAccounts, LoyaltyTransactions



Step 1.6 Run the Pipeline



Step 2: Check the data into SSMS



We have successfully loaded the cleaned data into azure SQL database.

Step 3: Create Views for Gold Layer

View 1 - Average Order Value (AOV) (AOV = Total Sales Amount / Total Number of Orders)

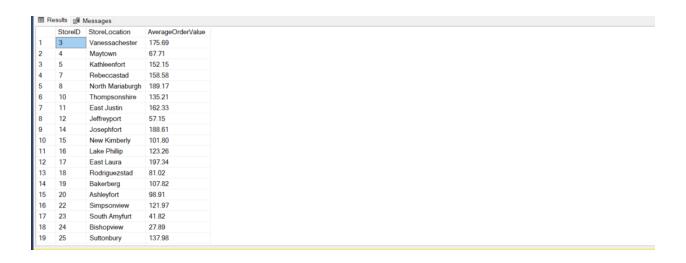
SUM(Amount) / COUNT(OrderID) per product, category, and location.

- We listed each product along with its category and the store location.
- We calculated the average amount customers spend each time they order a product.
- o We connected each online sale to its product to know what was sold.
- We also tried to link customers to store locations, even for online sales.
- Finally, we grouped the results by product, category, and store to show clear average spending for each.

In-store Transactions

```
CREATE OR ALTER VIEW View_1_InStoreAverageOrderValue AS
    SELECT
4
        S.StoreID,
5
        S.Location AS StoreLocation,
6
        CAST(SUM(IST.Amount) * 1.0 / COUNT(IST.TransactionID) AS DECIMAL(10,2)) AS AverageOrderValue
8
        InStoreTransactions IST
9
    JOIN
10
       Stores S ON IST.StoreID = S.StoreID
    GROUP BY
11
12
        S.StoreID, S.Location;
13
14
15
    select * from View_1_InStoreAverageOrderValue;
```

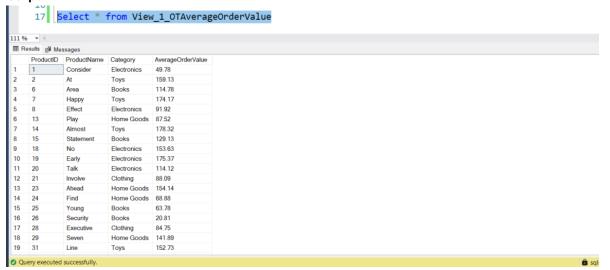
Output: select * from View_1_InStoreAverageOrderValue;



Online Transactions

```
----OnlineTransactions only - AOV for Online Only
2
   CREATE OR ALTER VIEW View_1_OTAverageOrderValue AS
3
4
   SELECT
5
       P.ProductID,
6
       P.Name AS ProductName,
7
        P.Category,
        CAST(SUM(OT.Amount) * 1.0 / COUNT(OT.OrderID) AS DECIMAL(10,2)) AS AverageOrderValue
8
9
   FROM
10
       OnlineTransactions OT
11
       Products P ON OT.ProductID = P.ProductID
12
13
   GROUP BY
14
        P.ProductID, P.Name, P.Category;
15
16
L7     Select * from View_1_OTAverageOrderValue
```

Output:



View 2 - Segment customers based on total spend, purchase frequency, and loyalty tier (LoyaltyAccounts.TierLevel).

Example: "High-Value Customers" (Top 10% spenders), "One-Time Buyers," "Loyalty Champions."

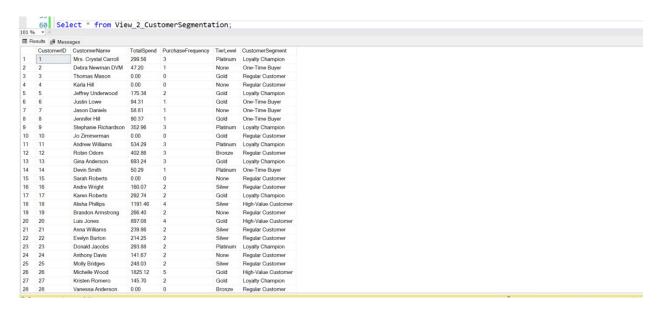
- We looked at each customer's total spending and how often they made purchases.
- We combined both online and in-store purchases to get a full view of customer activity.
- o We checked if the customer belongs to a loyalty program and noted their tier level.
- We identified the top 10% spenders as "High-Value Customers."
- o Customers who only purchased once are marked as "One-Time Buyers."
- o Customers with high loyalty status like Gold or Platinum are called "Loyalty Champions."
- o Everyone else is grouped as a "Regular Customer" for simpler analysis.

We can analyse these details from this view2:

- Total money spent (online + in-store combined)
- Number of purchases made.
- Their loyalty program tier (if they have one)
- A customer segment label: (High-Value Customer, One-Time Buyer, Loyalty Champion, or Regular Customer).
- Customers who are in the top 10% by total spending (high-priority for special offers or retention programs).
- Customers who purchased only once, it could be targeted for re-engagement campaigns.
- Customers who are highly engaged in the loyalty program (Gold/Platinum tier).
- Tailor promotions, discounts, and communications specifically for each group.

```
WITH LoyaltyRanked AS (
     SELECT *,
          ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY CustomerID
                               ORDER BY
                                   CASE TierLevel
                                        WHEN 'Platinum' THEN 4
                                        WHEN 'Gold' THEN 3
                                        WHEN 'Silver' THEN 2
                                        WHEN 'Bronze' THEN 1
                                        ELSE 0
                                   END DESC) AS rn
     FROM LoyaltyAccounts
 BestLoyalty AS (
     SELECT CustomerID, TierLevel
     FROM LoyaltyRanked
     WHERE rn = 1
 CustomerSpend AS (
     SELECT
          C.CustomerID,
          C.Name AS CustomerName,
          SUM(COALESCE(OT.Amount, 0) + COALESCE(IST.Amount, 0)) AS TotalSpend,
          COUNT(DISTINCT OT.OrderID) + COUNT(DISTINCT IST.TransactionID) AS PurchaseFrequency,
          COALESCE(BL.TierLevel, 'None') AS TierLevel
     FROM
          Customers C
     LEFT JOIN
          OnlineTransactions OT ON C.CustomerID = OT.CustomerID
          InStoreTransactions IST ON C.CustomerID = IST.CustomerID
          BestLoyalty BL ON C.CustomerID = BL.CustomerID
     GROUP BY
          C.CustomerID, C.Name, BL.TierLevel
),
38 | Percentile AS (
39
40
        SELECT
            PERCENTILE_CONT(0.9) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY TotalSpend)
41
            OVER () AS Spend90Percentile
42
        FROM CustomerSpend
43
44
    SELECT
45
        CS.CustomerID,
46
        CS.CustomerName,
47
48
        CS. Total Spend,
        CS. PurchaseFrequency,
        CS.TierLevel,
49
50
        CASE
51
            WHEN CS.TotalSpend >= (SELECT TOP 1 Spend90Percentile FROM Percentile) THEN 'High-Value Customer'
            WHEN CS.PurchaseFrequency = 1 THEN 'One-Time Buyer'
WHEN CS.TierLevel IN ('Gold', 'Platinum') AND CS.TotalSpend > 0 THEN 'Loyalty Champion'
52
53
        ELSE 'Regular Customer'
55
    END AS CustomerSegment
56
57
    FROM
58
        CustomerSpend CS;
59
60 | Select * from View_2_CustomerSegmentation;
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Output: Select * from View_2_CustomerSegmentation;



View 3 - Analyze DateTime to find peak days and times in-store vs. online.

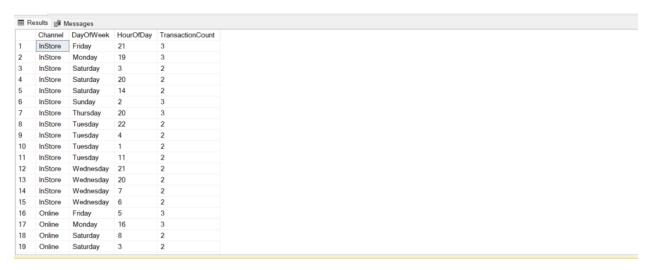
- o We combined online and in-store transaction data into a single view.
- We extracted the day of the week (like Monday, Tuesday) and the hour of the day from each transaction.
- o We counted how many transactions happened in each day-hour slot for both channels.
- We grouped the results by day, hour, and channel (Online or In-Store).
- This helps identify when customers shop the most, both by day and time.

```
CREATE OR ALTER VIEW View3_PeakTimes AS
    WITH BaseData AS (
             'Online' AS Channel,
            DATENAME(WEEKDAY, OT.DateTime) AS DayOfWeek,
            DATEPART(HOUR, OT.DateTime) AS HourOfDay,
            COUNT(*) AS TransactionCount
        FROM OnlineTransactions OT
        GROUP BY
            DATENAME(WEEKDAY, OT.DateTime),
10
11
            DATEPART(HOUR, OT.DateTime)
12
13
        UNION ALL
14
15
16
             'InStore' AS Channel,
17
            DATENAME(WEEKDAY, IST.DateTime) AS DayOfWeek,
18
            DATEPART(HOUR, IST.DateTime) AS HourOfDay,
19
            COUNT(*) AS TransactionCount
20
        FROM InStoreTransactions IST
21
        GROUP BY
22
            DATENAME(WEEKDAY, IST.DateTime),
            DATEPART(HOUR, IST.DateTime)
24
25
    RankedData AS (
26
27
            RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY Channel, DayOfWeek ORDER BY TransactionCount DESC) AS HourRank
28
        FROM BaseData
29
30
    SELECT
31
        Channel,
32
        HourOfDay,
33
34
        TransactionCount
35
    FROM RankedData
36
    WHERE HourRank = 1;
```

We can analyse these details from this view3:

- Find out which weekdays (Monday, Friday, Saturday, etc.) are busiest for both online and in-store sales.
- See which hours (morning, afternoon, evening) have the highest number of purchases.
- Understand if customers prefer shopping online during specific times and visiting stores at different times.
- For in-store, schedule more employees during peak hours.
- For online, run targeted ads or flash sales during high-traffic periods.
- Reduce wait times, improve service quality, and plan better based on when customers are most active.

Output: Select * from View_3_PeakTimes



View 4 - Number of interactions and resolution success rates per agent (ResolutionStatus)

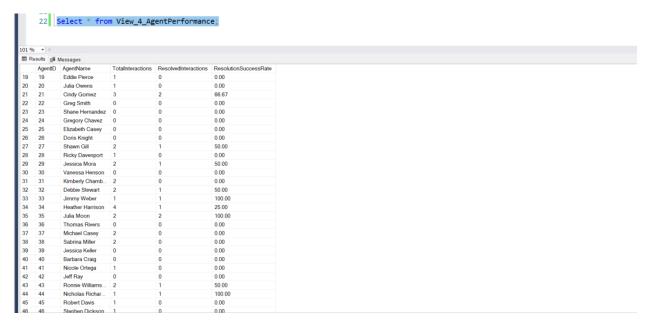
- o We listed each agent along with the total number of customer interactions they handled.
- We counted how many of those interactions were successfully resolved.
- We calculated each agent's resolution success rate as a percentage (with 2 decimal places).
- o We used a left join to make sure even agents with zero interactions are included.
- This view helps measure and compare agent performance based on how effectively they resolve customer issues.

```
105 |
106 | CREATE VIEW View_AgentPerformance AS
          A.AgentID,
          A.Name AS AgentName,
COUNT(CSI.InteractionID) AS TotalInteractions,
SUMI(CASE WHEN CSI.ResolutionStatus = 'Resolved' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS ResolvedInteractions,
109
111
               WHEN COUNT(CSI.InteractionID) = 0 THEN NULL
113
114
115
                                 (CASE WHEN CSI.ResolutionStatus = 'Resolved' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) * 1.0 / COUNT(CSI.InteractionID)) * 100 AS DECIMAL(10,2))
          END AS ResolutionSuccessRate
116
     FROM
          Agents A
117
118
119
          CustomerServiceInteractions CSI ON A.AgentID = CSI.AgentID
      GROUP
129
          A.AgentID, A.Name;
122
124 | Select * from View_AgentPerformance;
```

We can analyze these details from this view4:

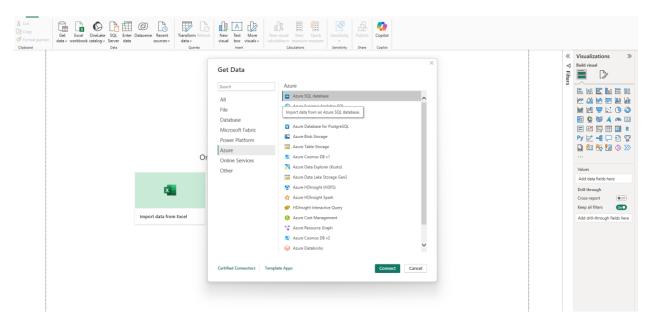
- Identify agents who have the highest success rates in resolving customer issues.
- Spot agents who have a low resolution success rate and might need additional coaching.
- See which agents are handling more customer interactions this helps in balancing team workloads.
- Track how well the overall support team is resolving issues, and how it improves over time.
- Set performance goals or KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) based on actual agent success rates.

Output: Select * from View_4_AgentPerformance;

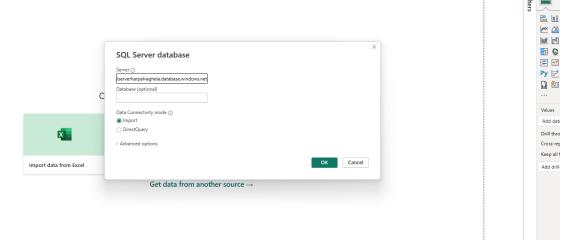


Step 4: Power BI Dashboard/Report

Select Azure -> Azure SQL Database and click on connect



Enter Server URL from Azure Portal (Azure SQL Server-> Overview tab)



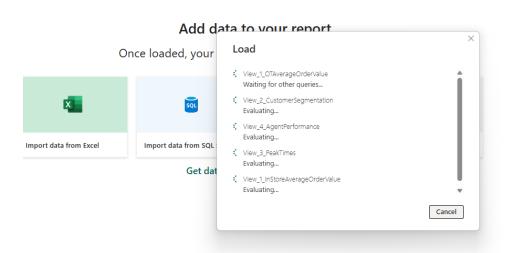
Data Connectivity Mode

- ➤ <u>Import Mode</u>: Power BI copies the full data from your source (SQL Database) into Power BI's internal storage (in-memory).
 - o Fastest performance for visuals because data is preloaded.
 - o Best for small to medium datasets.
 - o You need to refresh manually or schedule refreshes when source data changes.
 - o Report is disconnected from live source after load.
 - o Good when <u>performance</u> is critical and data changes aren't real-time.
- DirectQuery Mode: Power BI does NOT import data. Instead, every time you open a report or interact with a visual (like filter or click), it queries the database live.
 - Always live data, no refresh needed.
 - Slower performance (depends on database speed and network).

- Useful for very large datasets where importing is impractical.
- o Database needs to be highly optimized (indexes, partitions, etc.) to support fast querying.
- o Good when you need <u>real-time reporting</u> or when <u>datasets are very large</u>.

Click on Ok.

Select the views which we have created.



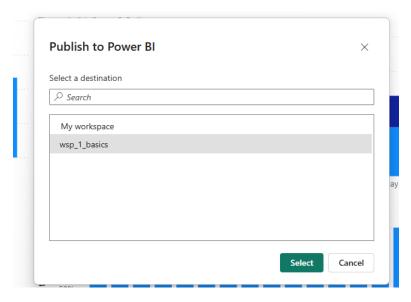
Click on Load.

We have created this dashboard in PowerBI



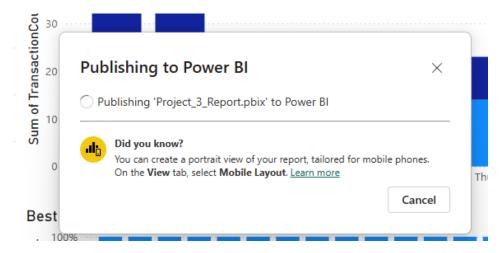
Step 5: Publish to Fabric Workspace

Now, let's publish it into Fabric Workspace.

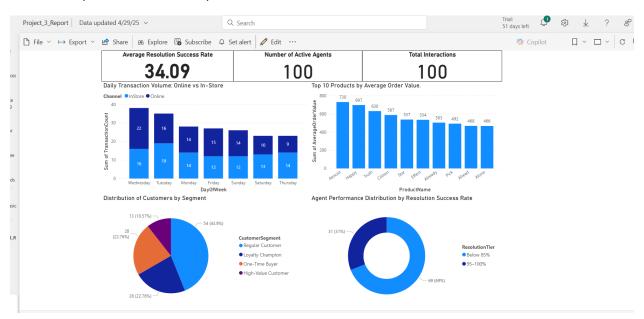


Click on Publish icon in Home -> Publish

Select the Fabric Workspace



Check the report in to fabric workspace.



Points to Remember

- Ingest data properly into the Bronze layer (ADLS folders organized upfront).
- Create Parent tables first (Customers, Products) to avoid constraint errors.
- Filter null records early and remove duplicates before moving to the Silver layer.
- Use Alter Row in dataflows for correct upsert operations into SQL tables.
- Secure passwords via Azure Key Vault instead of hardcoding credentials.
- Gold Layer views simplify business insights (AOV, Customer Segments, Peak Times, Agent Performance).
- Import Mode = better performance, DirectQuery = live data, slower.
- Apply Top N filters in Power BI visuals (Top 10 products, Top 10 agents) for clarity.
- The Gold Layer is for business reporting, making it clean, aggregated, and ready for analysis.