

Hunt Advantage Group – Pizza & Wings Sales Analytics

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Project Overview

This project simulates a real-world analytics pipeline for retail food sales, focused on pizza and wings performance across multiple store locations. It is designed to demonstrate full-stack data engineering capabilities using a medallion architecture (Bronze → Silver → Gold), Power BI reporting, and strategic orchestration under licensing and platform constraints.

Architecture Summary

Bronze Layer – Raw Ingestion

- **Source:** Local CSV files from simulated POS, inventory, feedback, and store metadata
- **Location:**

Code

`C:\source\repos\HBPizza\data_ingestion\csv_data\bronze`

- **Files:**
 - `orders.csv`
 - `feedback.csv`
 - `inventory.csv`
 - `locations.csv`
 - `store_metrics.csv`

Silver Layer – Cleaned & Integrated

- **Transformations:**
 - Normalized column names and types
 - Joined store metadata with orders
 - Calculated fields: `pizza_combo`, sentiment polarity
- **Tools:** Python (Pandas), Power Query
- **Output Location:**

Code

C:\source\repos\HBPizza\data_ingestion\csv_data\silver

Gold Layer – Modeled & Aggregated

- **Star Schema:**
 - dim_store, dim_product, dim_date
 - fact_orders, fact_feedback
- **Aggregations:**
 - Total sales, average order value, wings mix, sentiment score
- **Tools:** Python, DuckDB, Power BI DAX
- **Output Location:**

Code

C:\source\repos\HBPizza\data_ingestion\csv_data\gold

Reporting & Version Control

Power BI Desktop

- **Report:** pizza_reporting.pbix
- **Data Source:** Gold-layer CSVs
- **Measures:**
 - Total Sales
 - Orders
 - Average Order Value
 - Wings Mix
 - Avg Sentiment

Version Control Strategy

- **Template Format:** .pbix (Power BI Template)
- **Git Repo Structure:**

Code

```
/powerbi_templates/  
├─ pizza_reporting_template_v1.pbix  
└─ pizza_reporting_template_v2.pbix
```

- **Benefits:**
 - Lightweight versioning
 - Separation of logic from data
 - Reusability across environments

Platform Restrictions & Workarounds

Restriction	Impact	Workaround
✗ Fabric trial provisioning failed	No access to Lakehouse, Notebooks, Pipelines	Pivoted to local medallion architecture using CSVs and Python
✗ No OneDrive for Business	Blocked CSV uploads in Power BI service	Used Power BI Desktop with local files and published .pbix manually
✗ Dataflow Gen1 limited to Web connectors	No access to Folder or Gateway sources initially	Published .pbix to activate workspace, then configured gateway
✗ No Power BI Pro license	Blocked direct publishing from Desktop	Used Power BI Service “Upload” feature as workaround
✗ Large .pbix files not Git-friendly	Difficult to version control binary files	Saved as .pbir for lightweight tracking and reuse

Strategic Highlights

- Simulated Fabric-style orchestration using open-source tools
- Demonstrated medallion architecture manually for transparency and control
- Used .pbir and changelog discipline to showcase versioning without premium features
- Configured on-premises gateway to bridge local data with Power BI service
- Documented all constraints and workarounds to highlight adaptability

Next Steps

- Finalize Gold-layer aggregations and DAX measures
- Create architecture diagram and README for GitHub repo
- Build interview-ready demo script highlighting business impact
- Explore optional deployment to Databricks or DuckDB for cloud simulation