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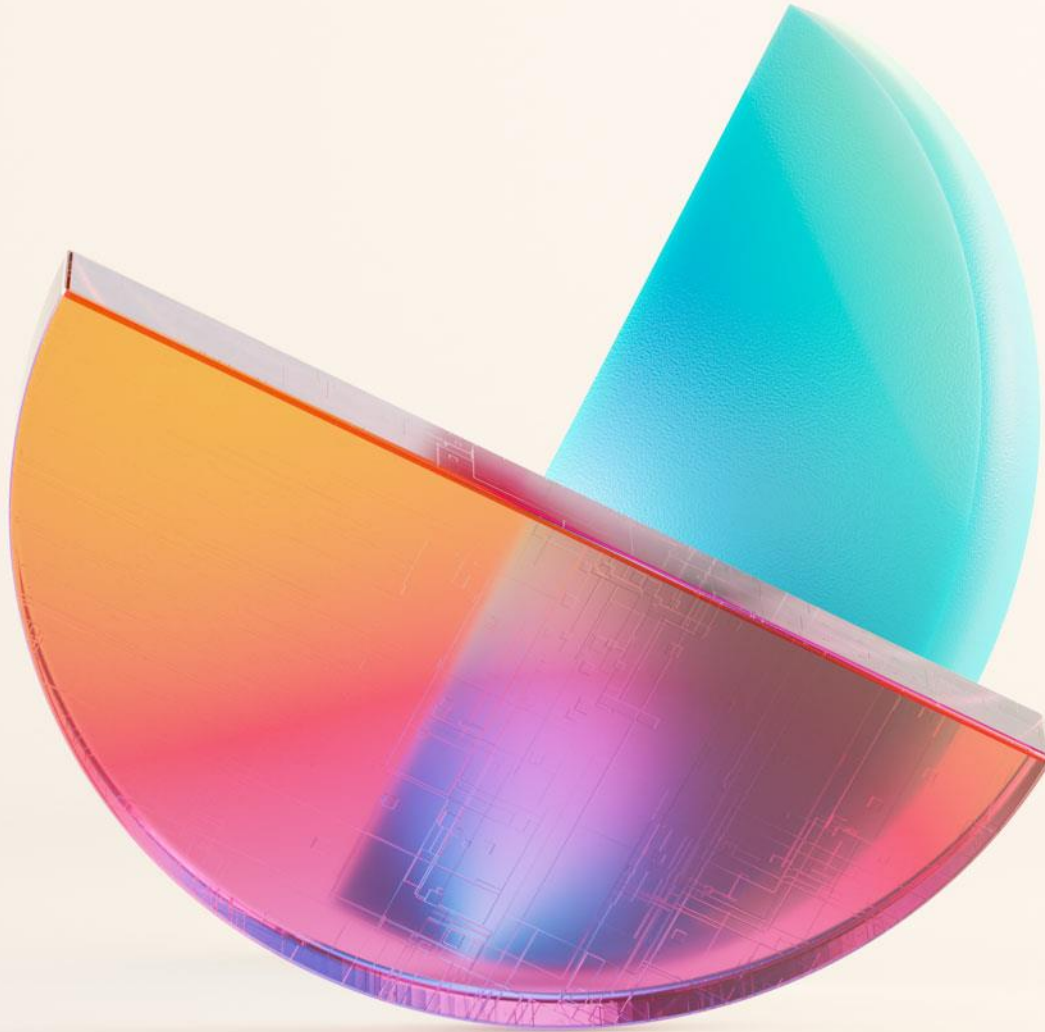
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Mastering Fabric Administration

Workshop Agenda



Introduction



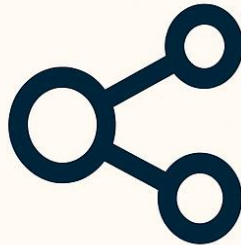
Tenant
Administration



Capacity
Administration



Workspace
Administration



Connections and
Gateway
Administration



Quiz



Slides and lab files:

<https://aka.ms/FabricAdmin>

Schedule

9:00	Introduction	1:00	Capacity Administration
9:20	Tenant Administration	2:30	Break
10:30	Break	2:45	Workspace Administration
11:00	Tenant Administration	3:30	Connections and Gateway Administration
12:00	Lunch	3:45	Quiz
		4:00	Q&A

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Speakers: The three Vikings from the North



- Ásgeir Gunnarsson
MVP, Data Person @ Data Lab



- Just Blindbæk
MVP, Principal Architect @ twoday



- Lars Andersen
Program Manager @ Fabric CAT



Building blocks of a Fabric tenant

Tenant

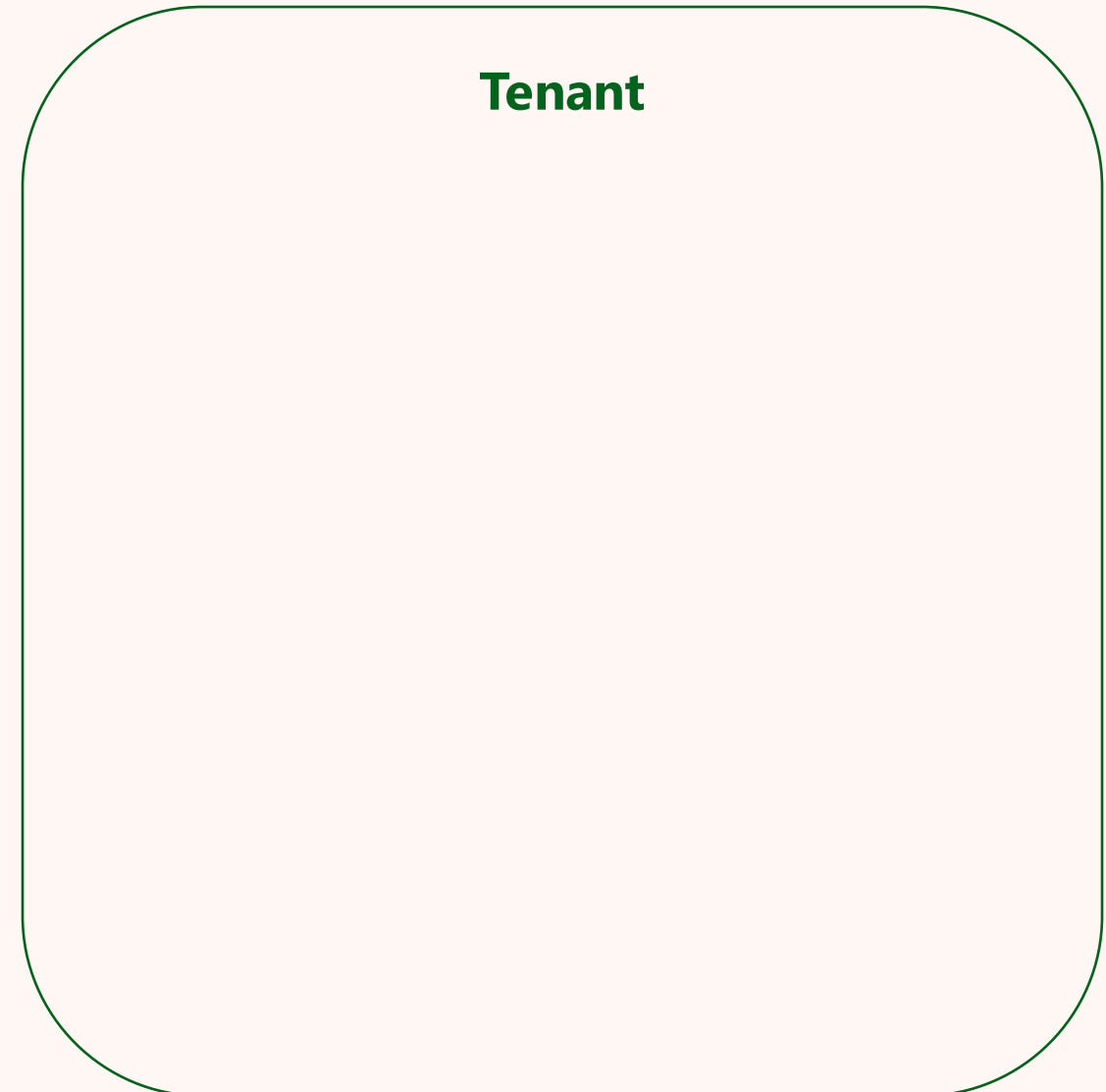
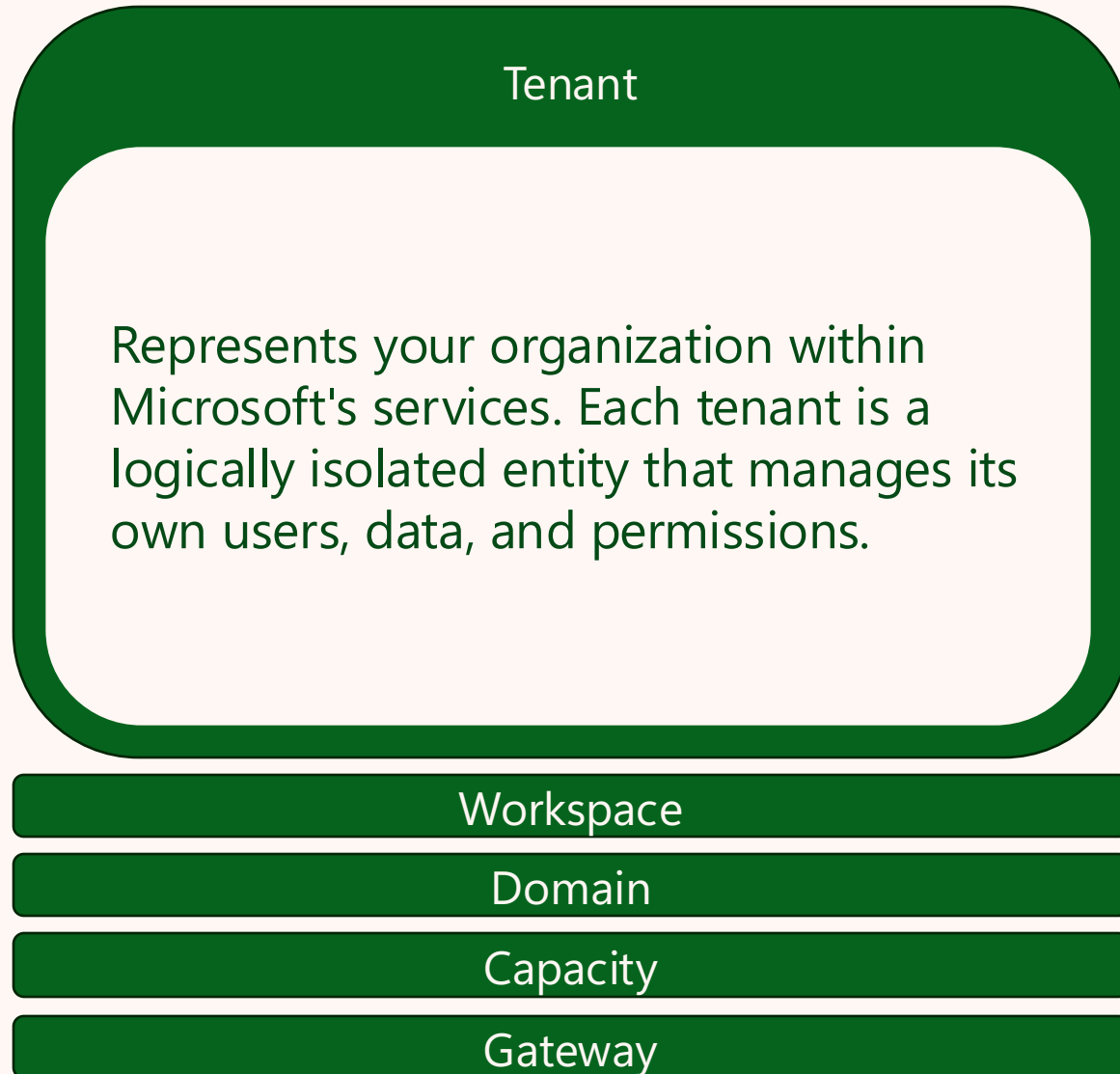
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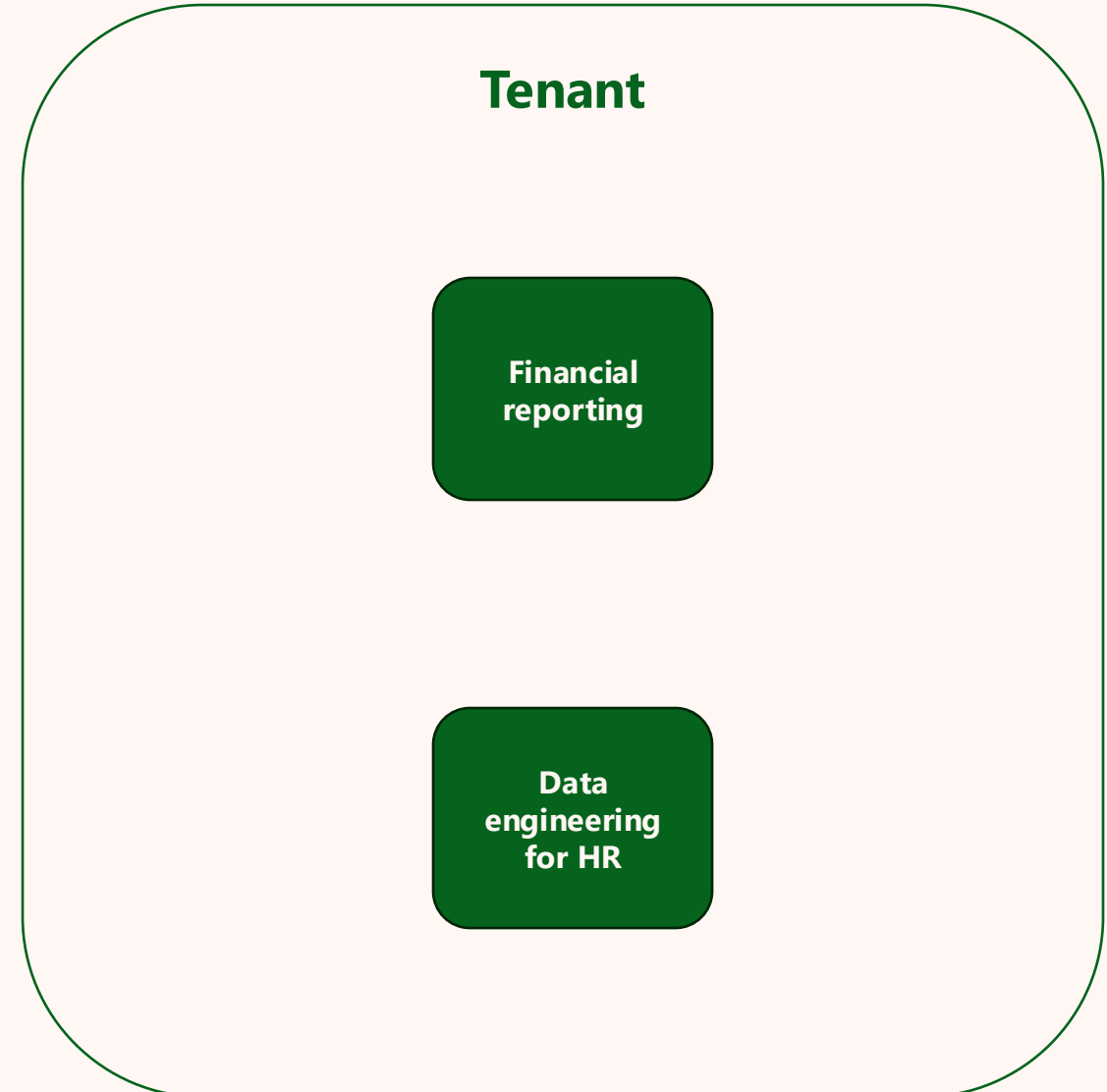
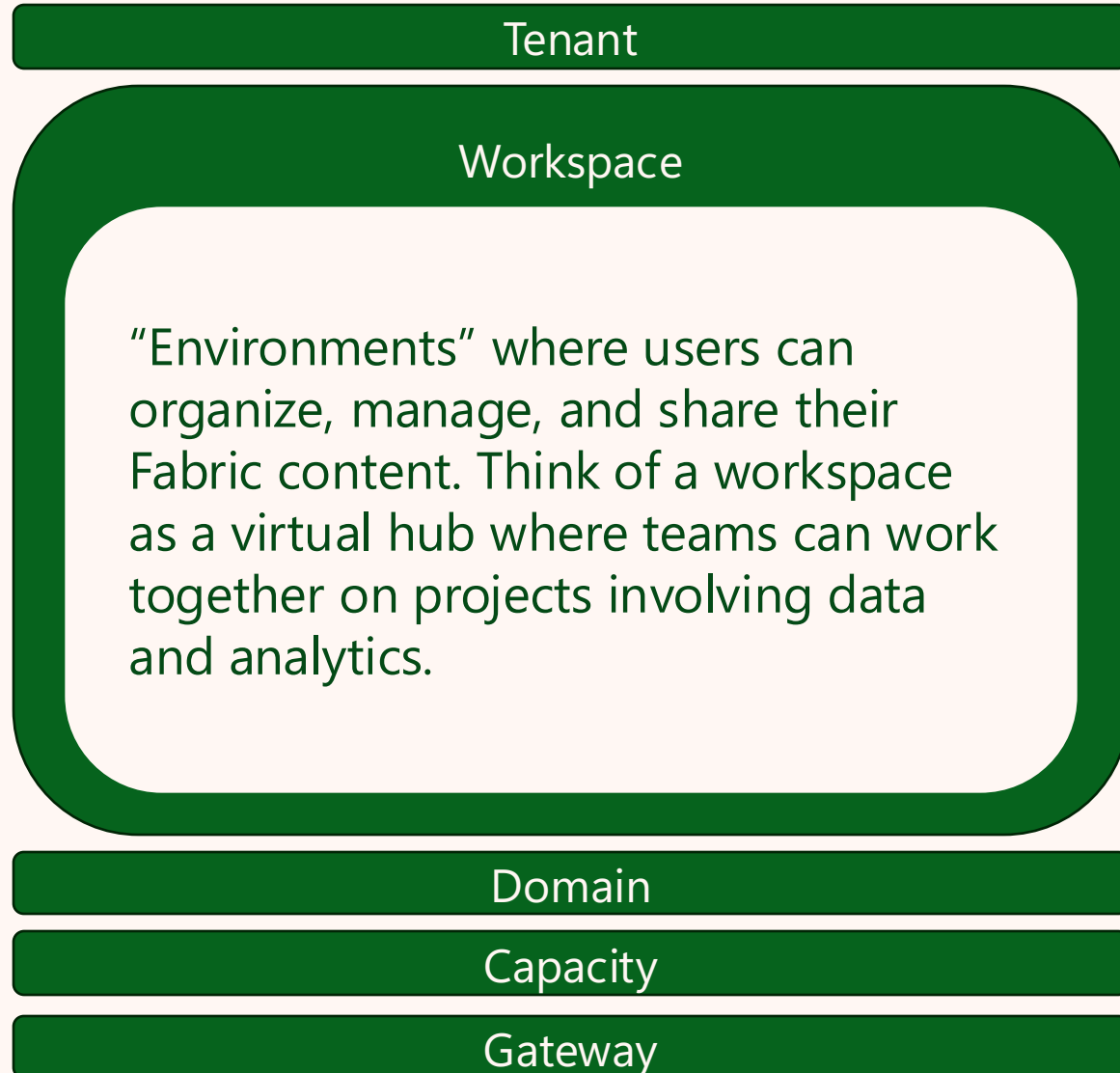
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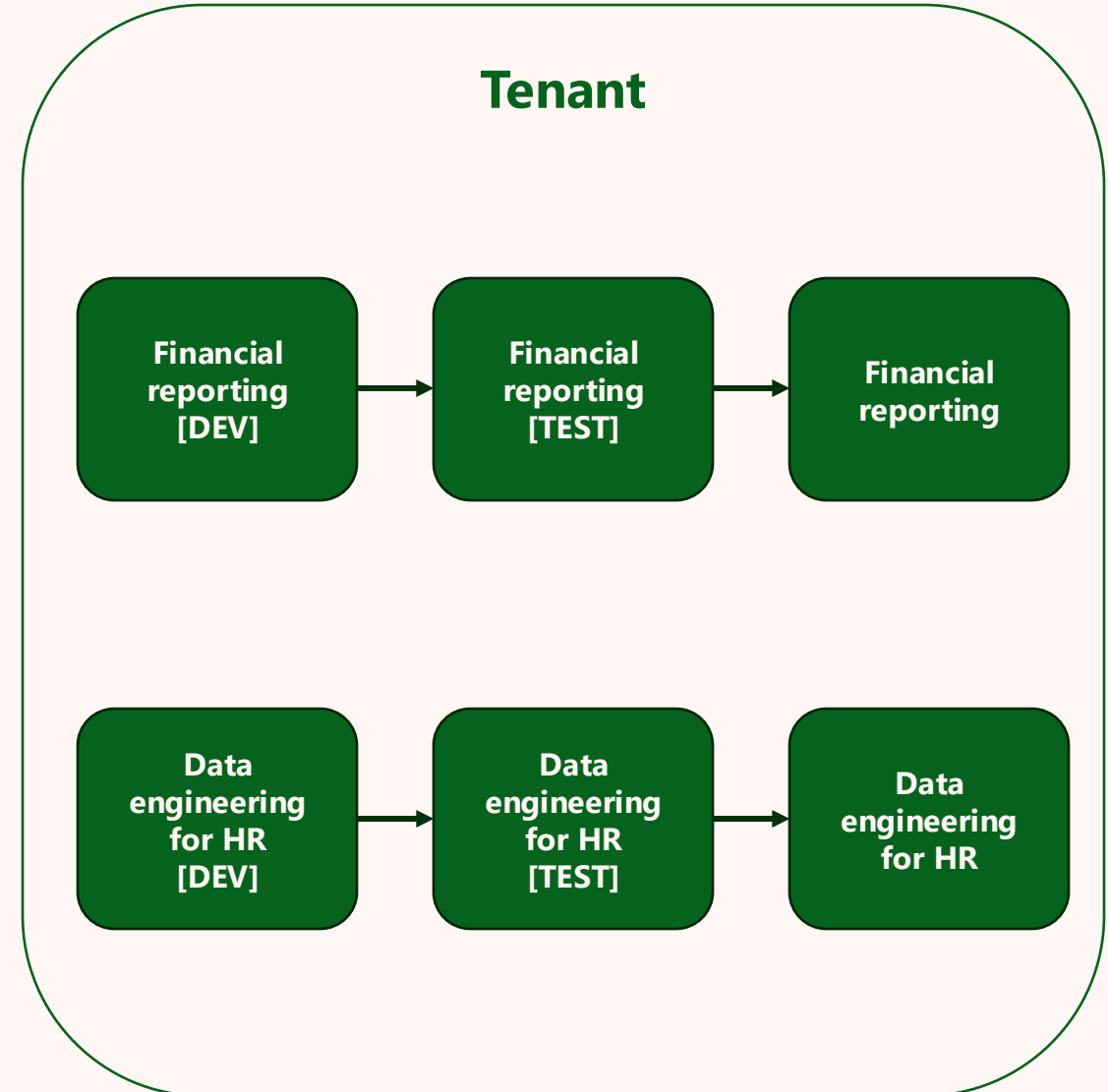
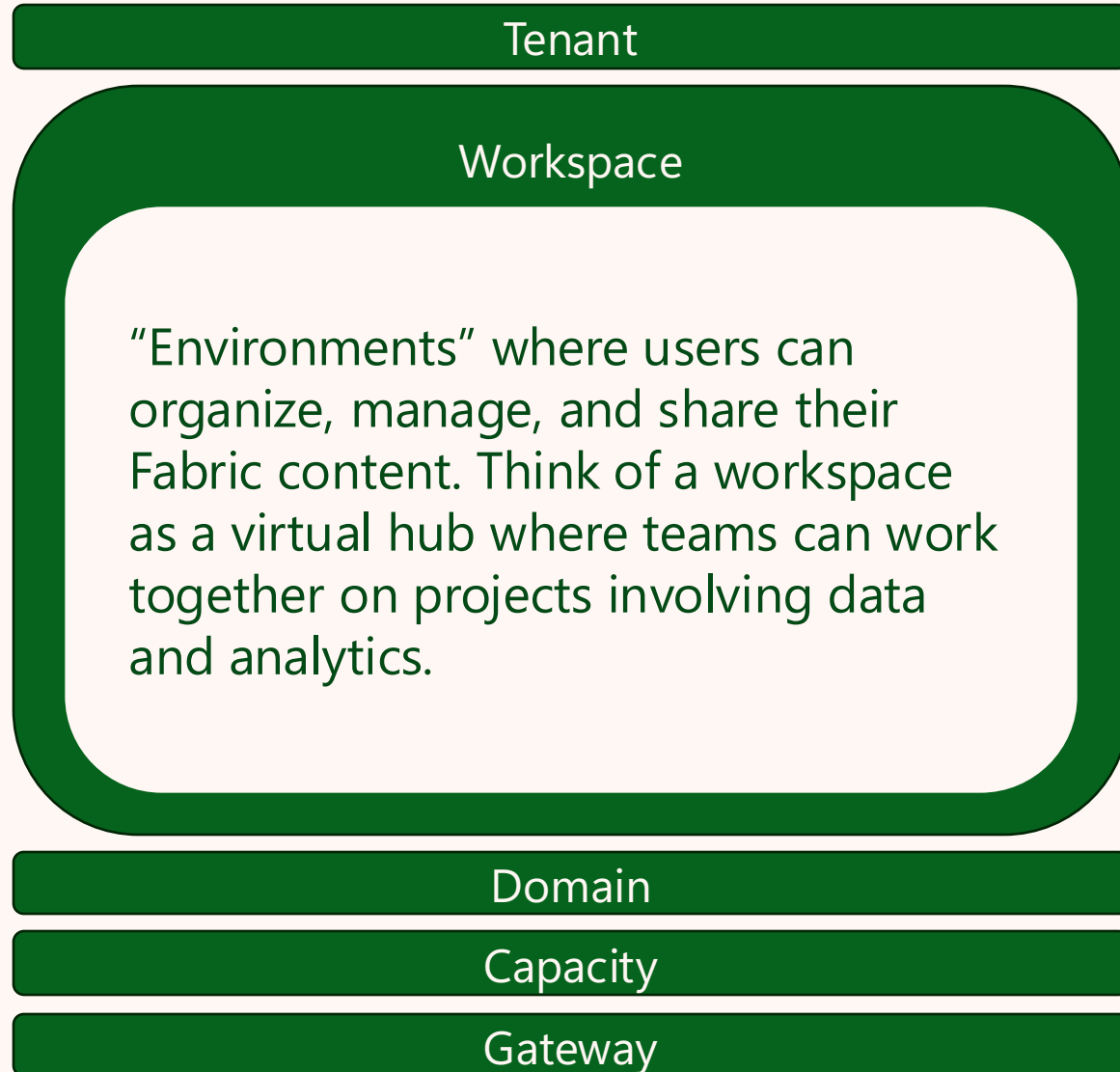
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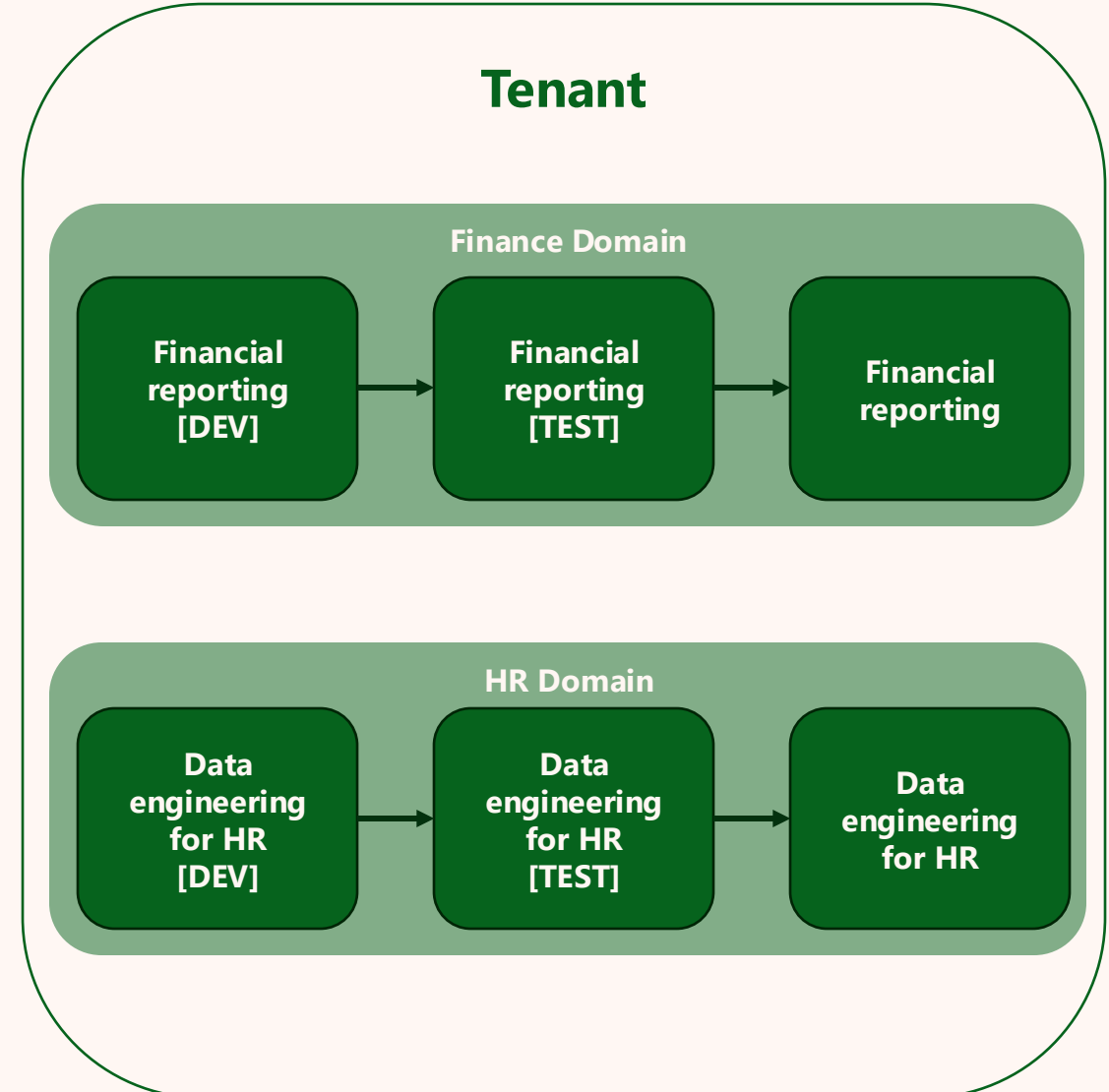
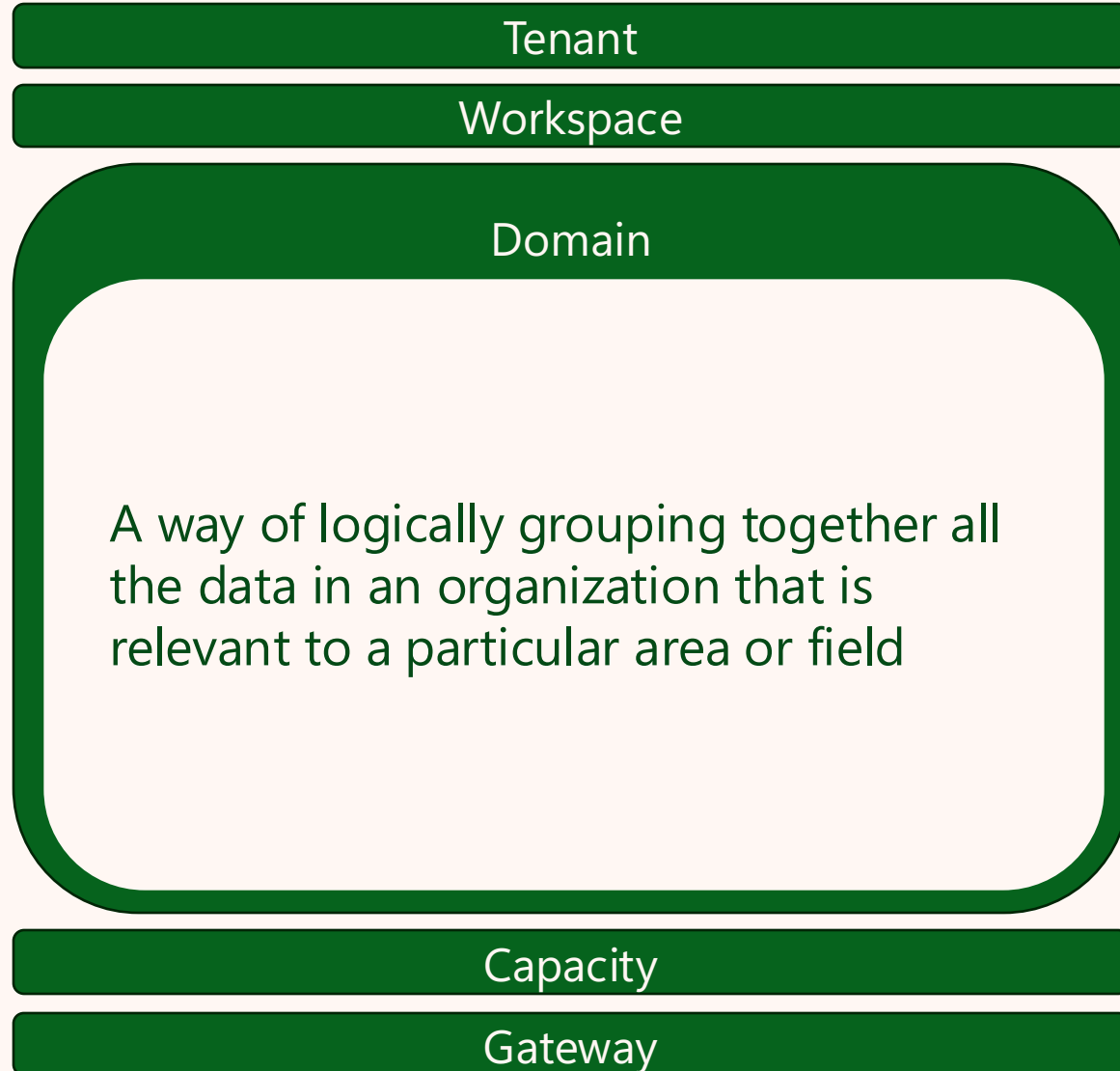
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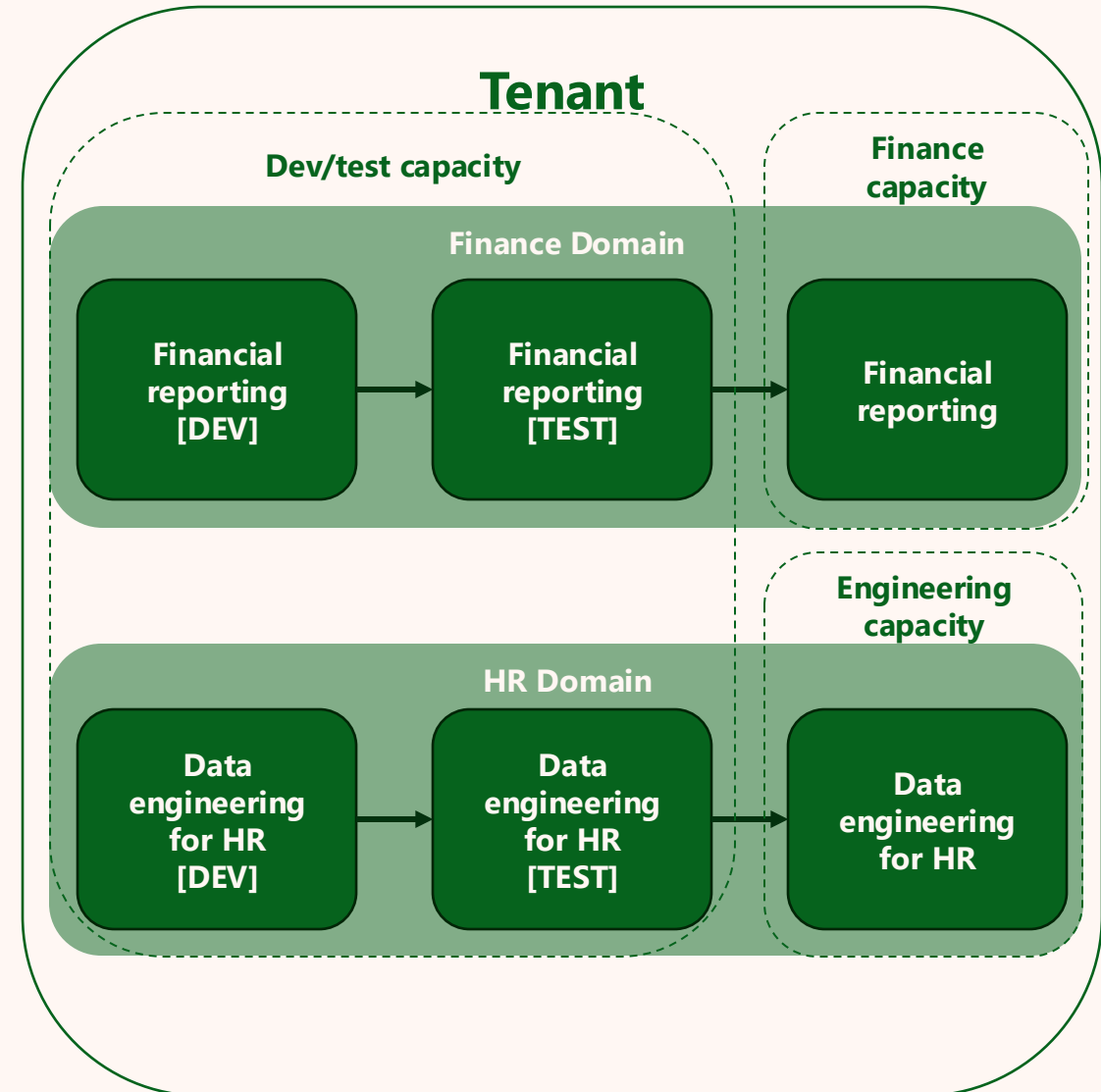
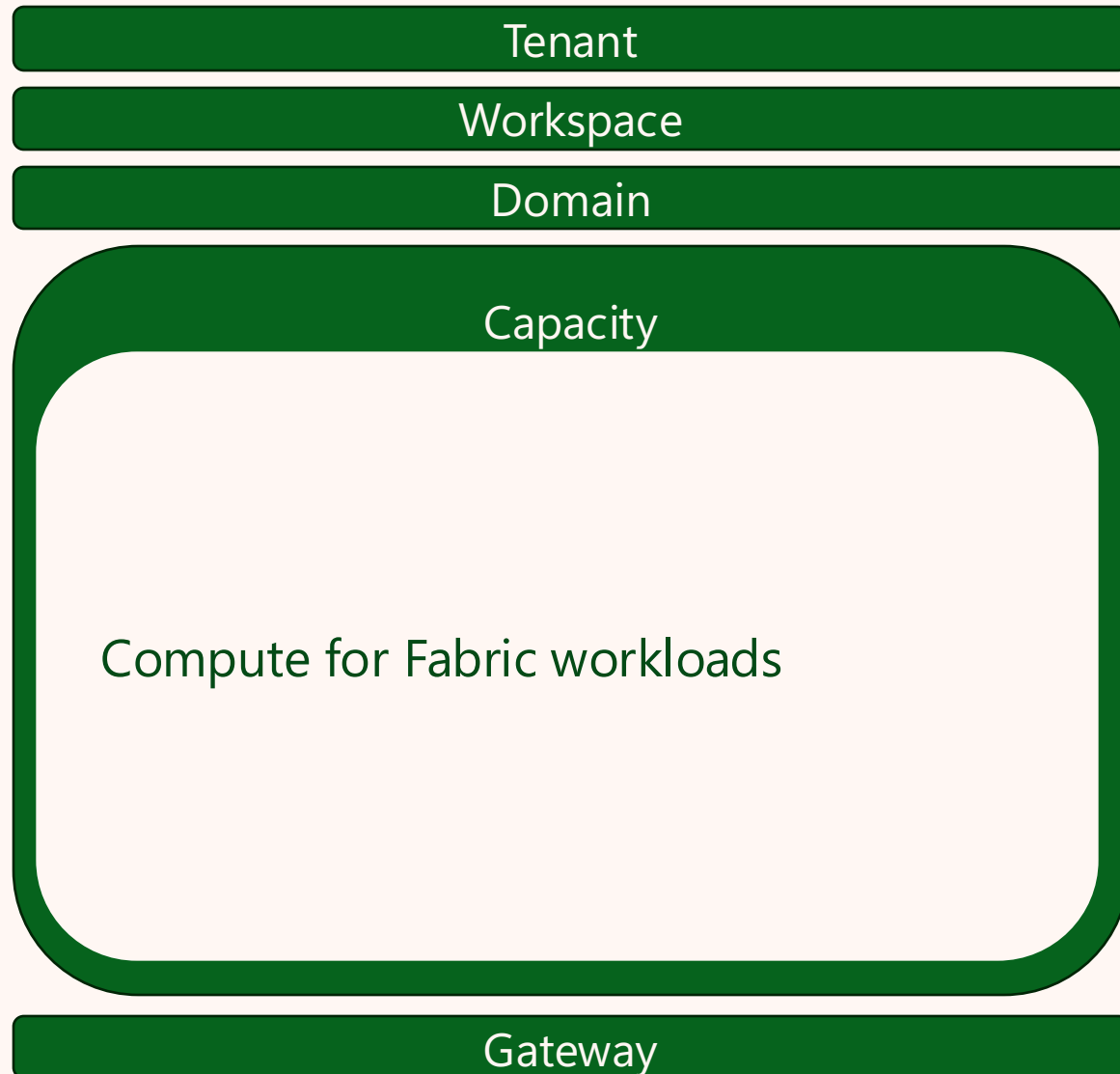
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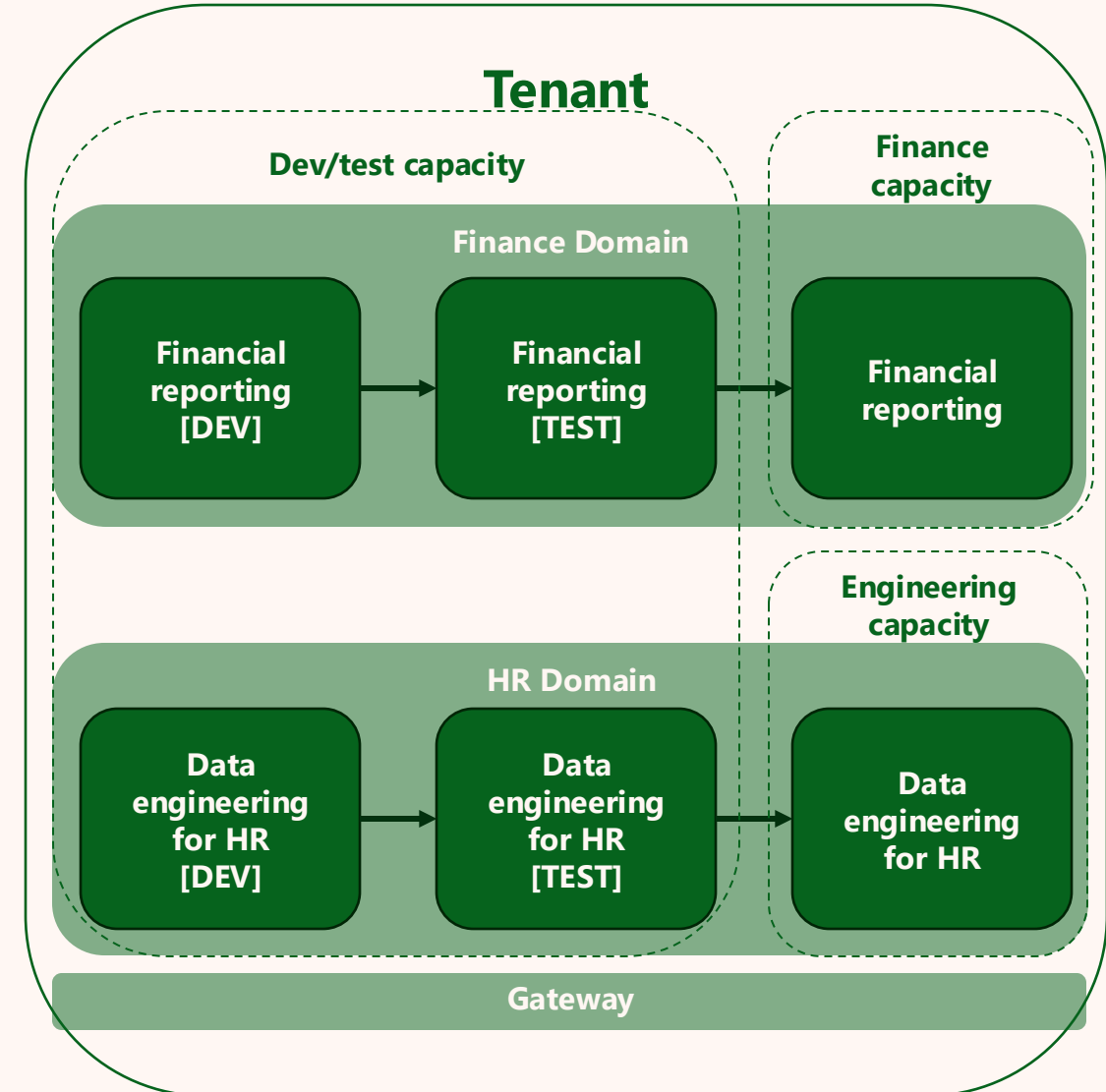
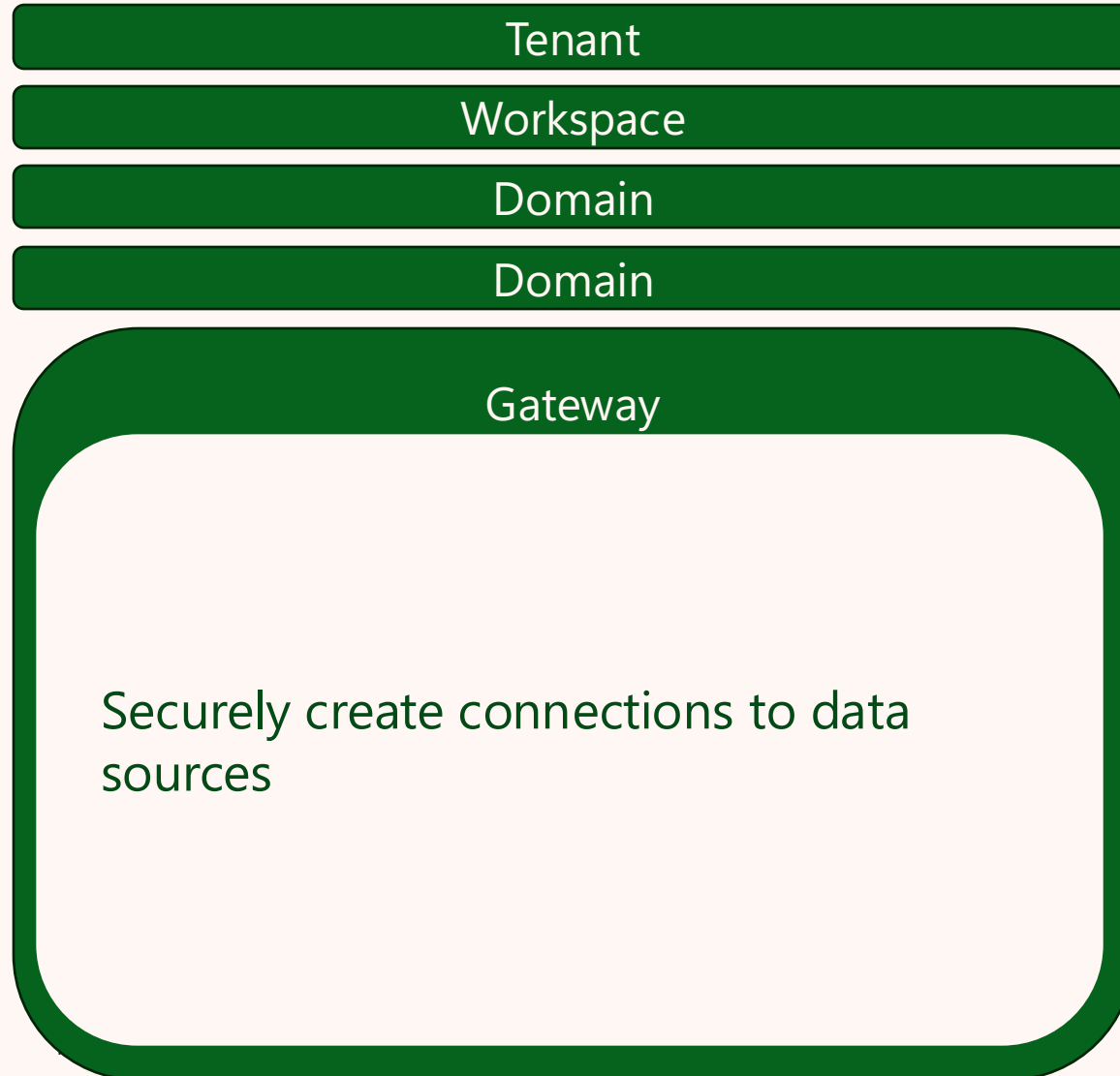
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Tenant Administration

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Capacity Administration

Capacity Administration Topics

- Types and Purchase
- Understanding Consumption
- Roles, Settings and Control
- Monitoring

4(5) types of Capacities

- Power BI Premium (P SKU no longer available for purchase*)
- Power BI Embedded (A & EM SKU) **
- Trial (60 day free trial, size equivalent to F64)
- **Fabric Capacity (F SKU)**
- *Fabric Copilot Capacity*

* [Important update coming to Power BI Premium licensing](#)

** Can only be used for Power BI items

[Microsoft Fabric concepts/licensing](#)

Fabric Copilot capacity

- Capacity that can be enabled for Copilot usage without having items in Capacity backed workspace
- Tenant setting

Capacities can be designated as Fabric Copilot capacities

Enabled for the entire organization

With this setting on, capacity admins can designate capacities as Fabric Copilot capacities. Copilot capacities are special capacity types that allow your organization to consolidate users' Copilot usage and billing on a single capacity. [Learn More](#)

When users use Copilot features, capacity admins can see the names of the items associated with users' Copilot activity. [Learn More](#)

☒ Enabled

Apply to:

☒ The entire organization

☐ Specific security groups

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Copilot capacity

Disabled for the entire organization

Turn on this setting to designate this capacity as a Fabric Copilot capacity. Copilot capacities are special capacity types that allow your organization to consolidate users' Copilot usage and billing on a single capacity. Copilot capacities may not be available in all regions. [Learn more](#)

Select the users or user groups who can use this capacity for their Copilot usage and billing.

Apply to:

- ☐ The entire organization
- ☒ Specific users or groups

Fabric Copilot capacity

- Capacity that can be enabled for Copilot usage without having items in Capacity backed workspace
- Tenant setting
- Capacity setting
- Required F64+ or P1+
- All Copilot usage will consume the Fabric Copilot capacity

Fabric Copilot capacity

Introducing Fabric Copilot capacity: Democratizing AI usage in Microsoft Fabric

Purchasing capacity

- Azure Portal, need permission to purchase Fabric

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface for the 'Microsoft Fabric' resource. The top navigation bar includes the 'Microsoft Azure' logo, a search bar, and the 'Copilot' button. The main header shows 'Home > Microsoft Fabric' with a sub-header 'PBICAT (fabriccat.net)'. Below this, there are action buttons: '+ Create', 'Manage view', 'Refresh', 'Export to CSV', 'Open query', and 'Assign tags'. A filter bar shows 'Subscription equals all', 'Resource group equals all', and 'Location equals all'. The status 'Showing 0 to 0 of 0 records.' is displayed. The table headers are 'Name', 'Type', 'Resource group', 'Location', and 'Subscription'. The main content area features the Microsoft Fabric logo and the text 'No Microsoft Fabric to display'. Below this, a description states: 'Microsoft Fabric delivers an end-to-end analytics platform that goes from the data lake to the business user.' A large blue button '+ Create Fabric Capacity' is prominently displayed. At the bottom, there are links for 'Service overview' and 'Sign-up for a trial'.

Purchasing capacity

- Azure Portal, need permission to purchase Fabric
- Pay-as-you-go (PAYGO, one minute minimum) or 1-year Reservation
 - [Microsoft Fabric - Pricing](#)
 - [Save costs with Microsoft Fabric Capacity reservations](#)

- Price when scaling up

- Pay-as-you-go: PAYGO

- Reservations: PAYGO for CUs larger than Reservation

*A reservation that's smaller than the used capacity. For example, **you buy 64 CUs of capacity and you deploy an F128**. In this example, your **discount is applied to 64 CUs** that were used. For the **remaining 64 CUs**, you pay the **pay-as-you-go** rate.*

Purchasing capacity – a couple of details to remember

- A capacity is purchased for a specific Azure region, and prices varies across regions

- You **cannot** move a workspace between capacities in **different regions** if it contains Fabric items

[Manage workspaces - Microsoft Fabric](#)

- Fabric Quotas

[Announcing the launch of Microsoft Fabric Quotas](#)

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- Limited Capacity Units available in each Azure region
- Possible to request new quota

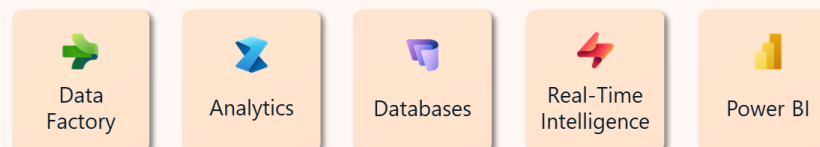
Understanding Consumption

Subtopics

- What is a Capacity
- How to use Capacities
- Bursting and Smoothing
- Throttling
- Resize Capacity
- Pause/Resume Capacities

What is a Capacity

- Compute for Fabric workloads



- Shared **across workloads**

- A single capacity is providing the compute power for all Fabric workloads in a workspace

- Shared **across projects**

- A single capacity typically supports multiple projects simultaneously

- Shared **across users**

- For each project, many developers will share a workspace where collaborative development and consumption at scale is managed

Compute in Capacity

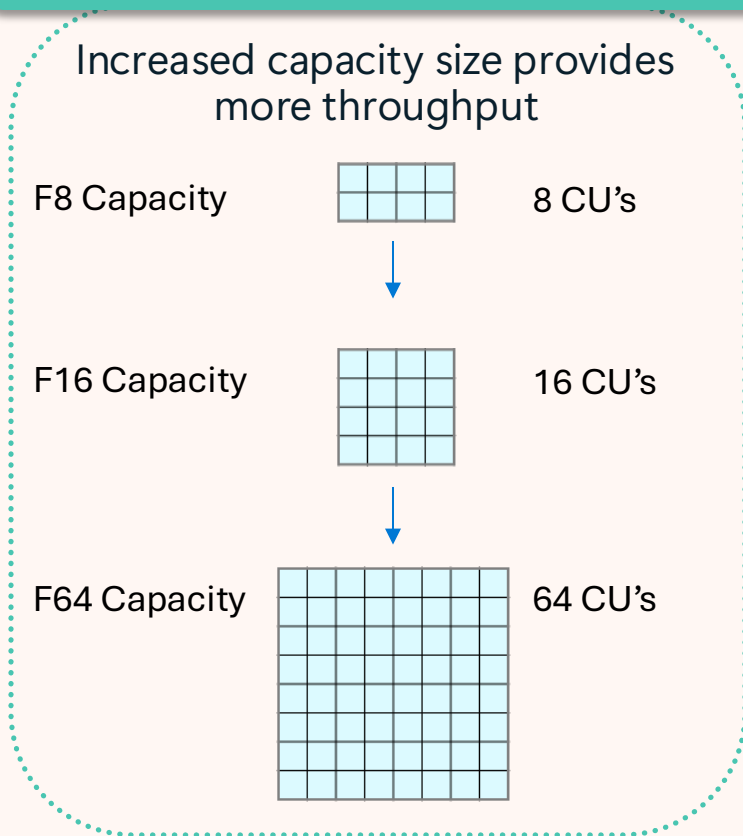
- **Capacity Unit Seconds** or **CUs**
“see-yews” are the base compute unit for all Capacities
- The more **CUs are provisioned, the more load** the Capacity can support
- Scaling up to a bigger capacity, is doubling the size of the capacity

SKU*	Capacity Units (CU)	Power BI SKU	Power BI v-cores
F2	2	-	0.25
F4	4	-	0.5
F8	8	EM/A1	1
F16	16	EM2/A2	2
F32	32	EM3/A3	4
F64	64	P1/A4	8
Trial	64	-	8
F128	128	P2/A5	16
F256	256	P3/A6	32
F512	512	P4/A7	64
F1024	1024	P5/A8	128
F2048	2048	-	256

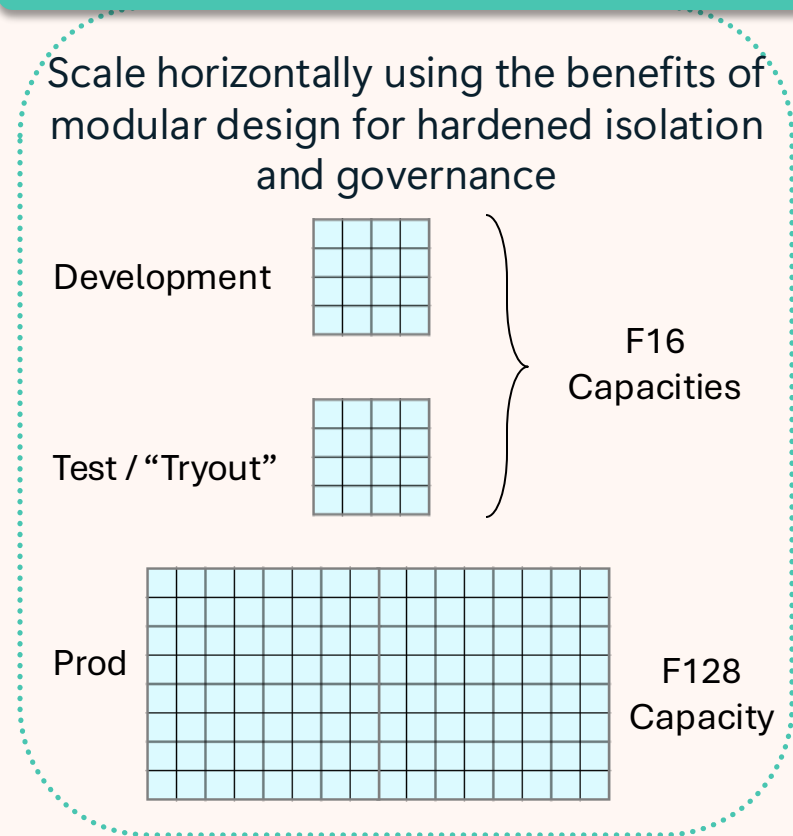
How to use Capacities

- Capacities can be configured to meet scale, usage and governance requirements while tuning to minimize TCO and performance goals

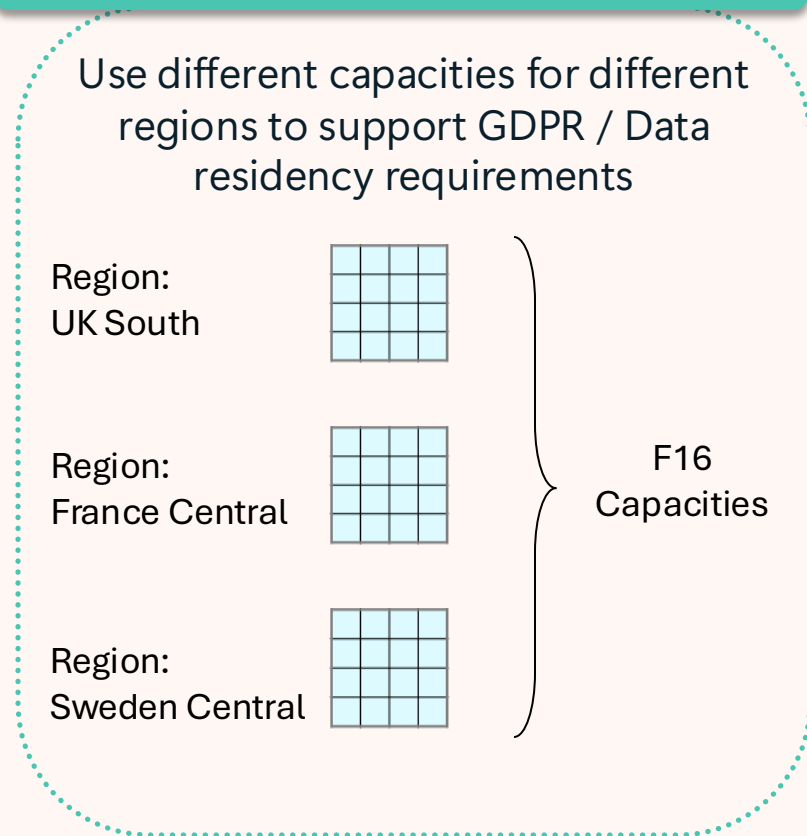
Scale Vertically



Scale Horizontally



Regional Availability

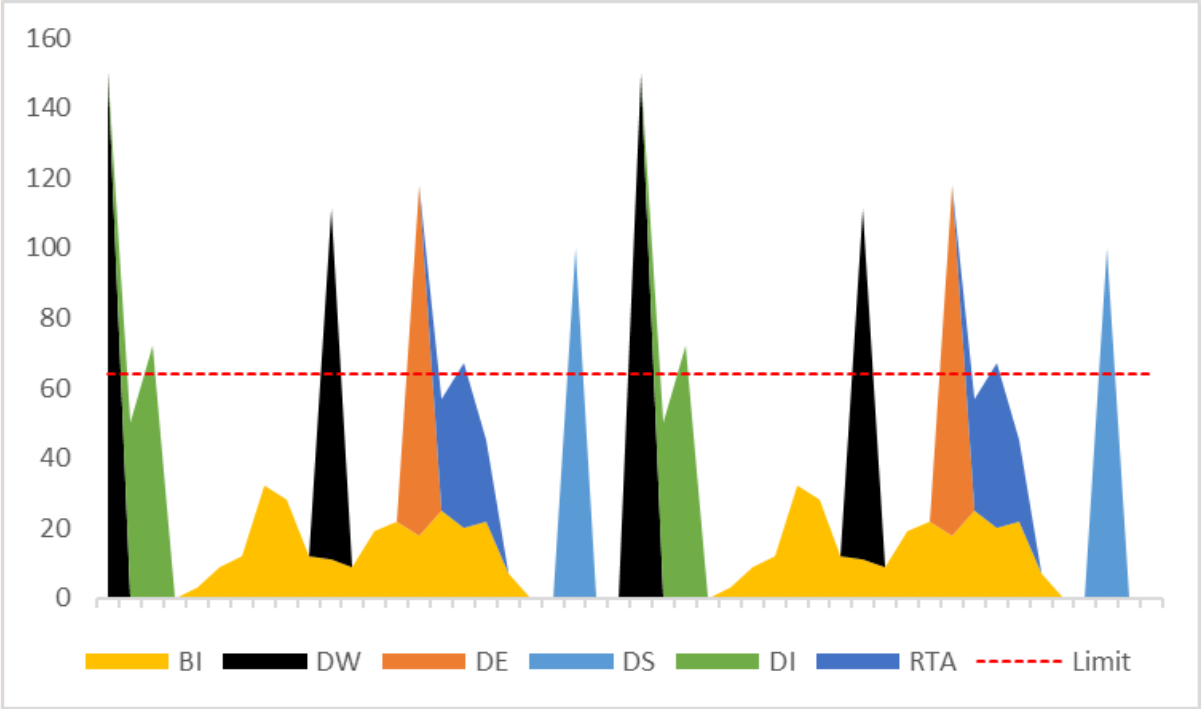


Bursting and Smoothing

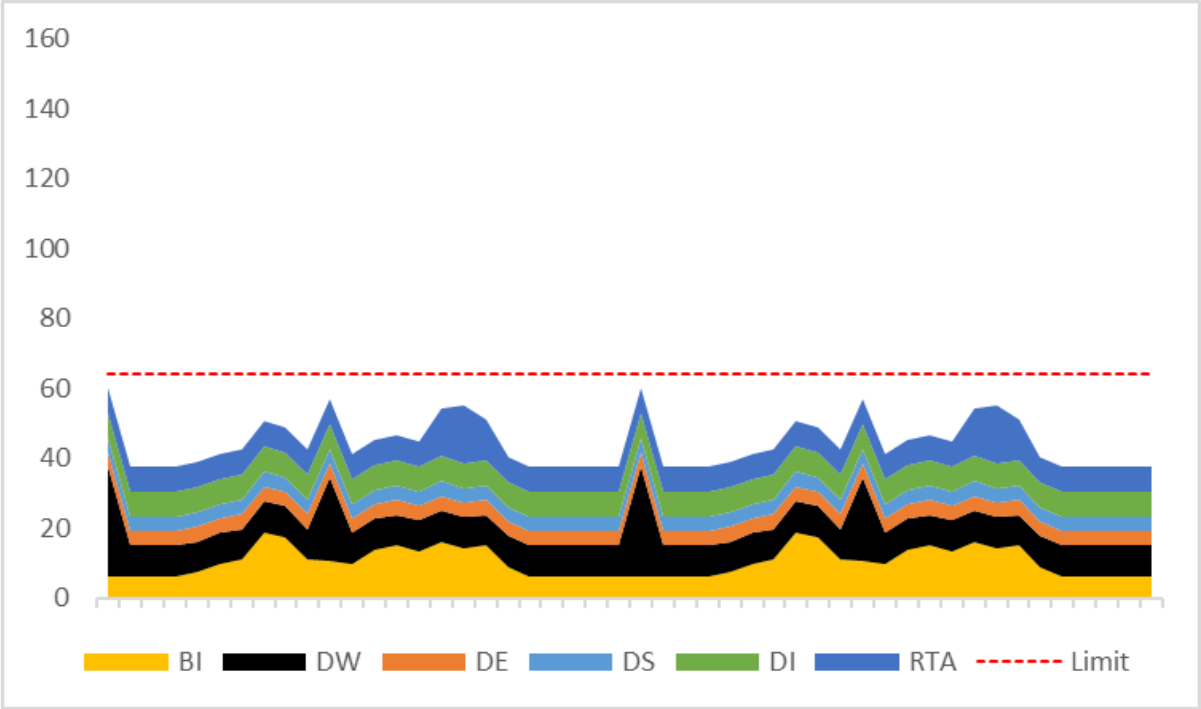
- **Bursting** allows jobs to run at peak performance
 - Users are happier because jobs complete faster
- **Smoothing** reduces the impact of spikes in compute
 - Pay for the compute from your future capacity
 - No need to schedule jobs after another one finishes

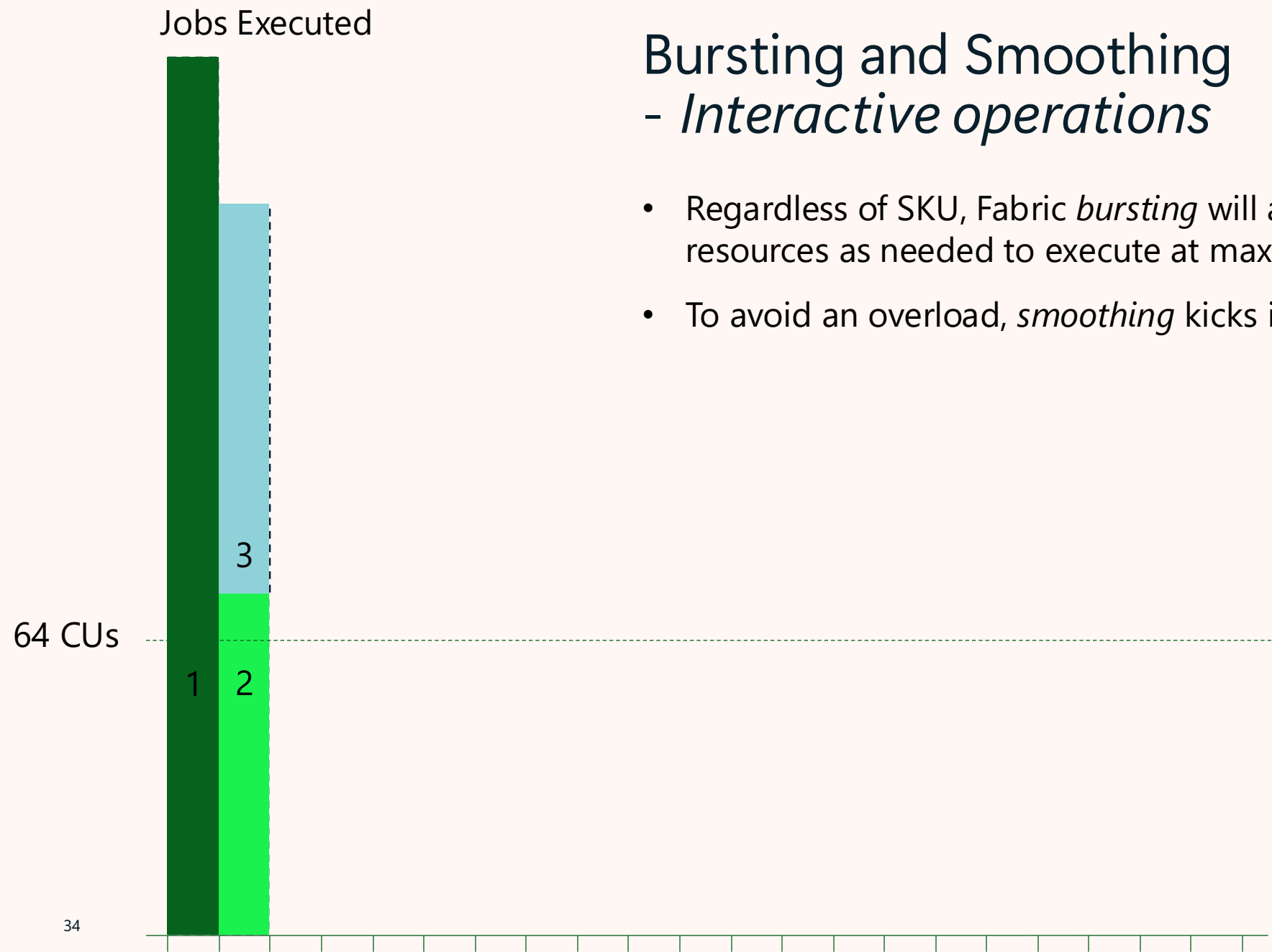
Bursting and Smoothing

Before Smoothing



After Smoothing





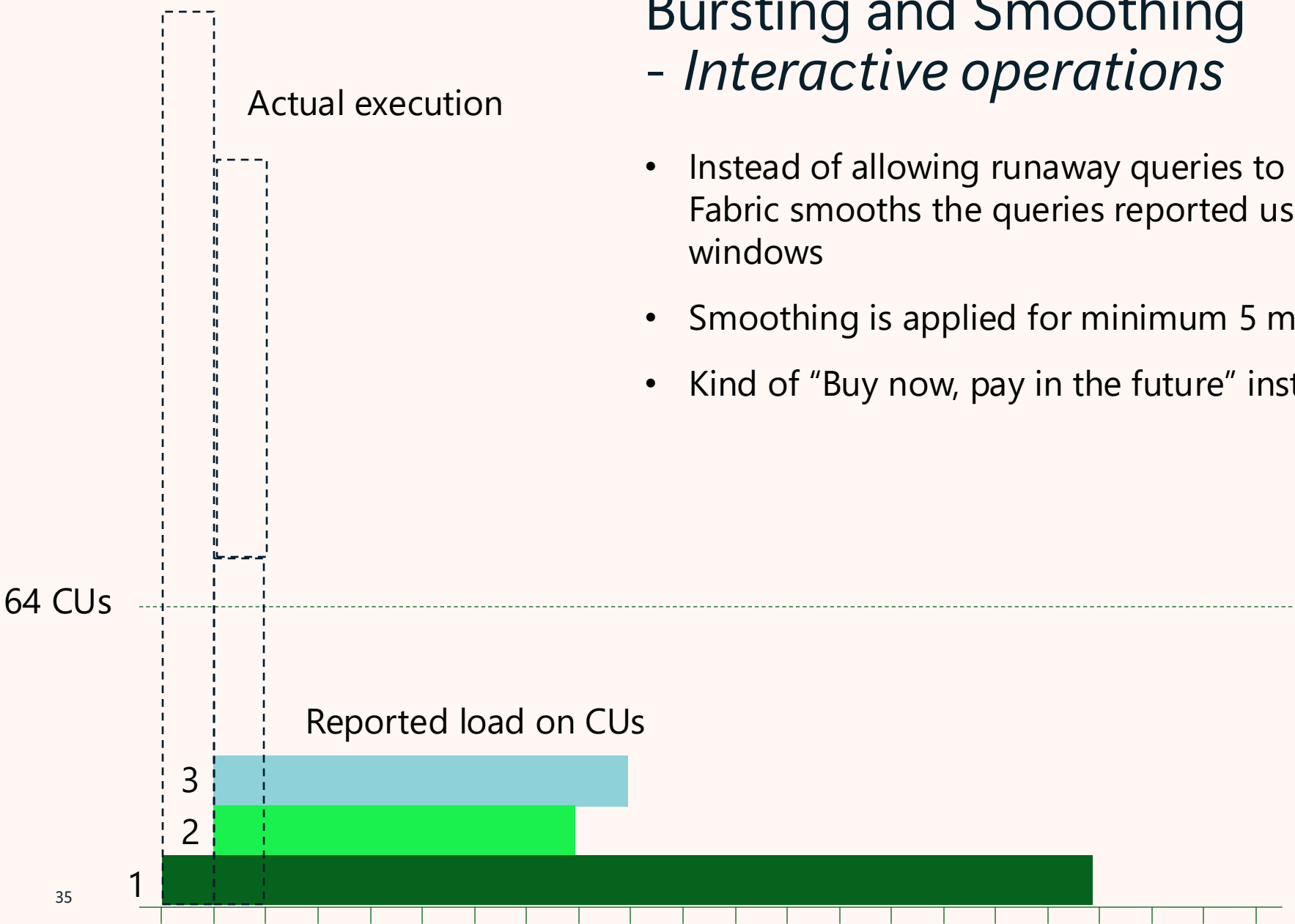
Bursting and Smoothing - *Interactive operations*

- Regardless of SKU, Fabric *bursting* will automatically allocate resources as needed to execute at maximum performance
- To avoid an overload, *smoothing* kicks in

Bursting and Smoothing

- *Interactive operations*

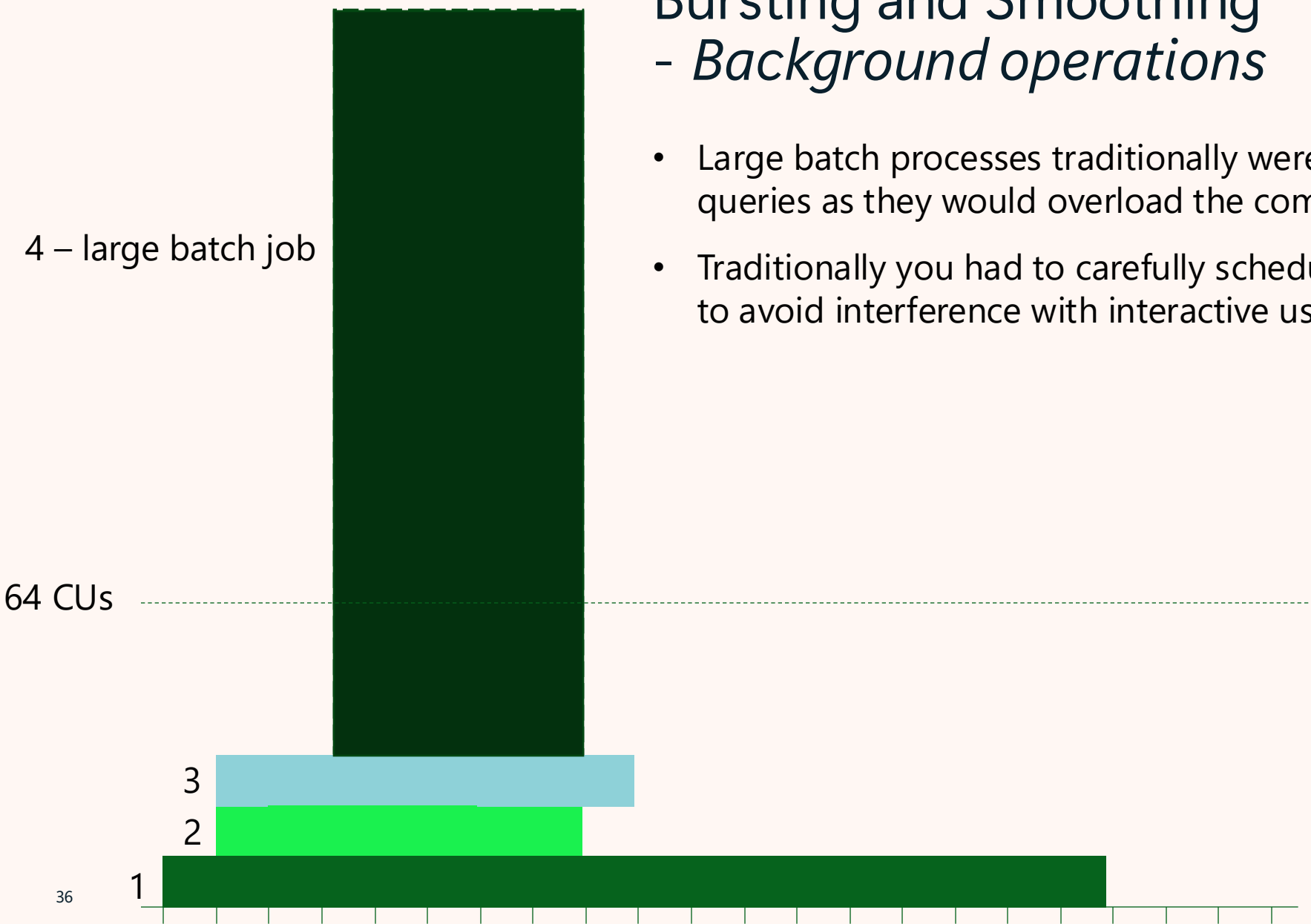
- Instead of allowing runaway queries to create a local overload, Fabric smooths the queries reported usage to future time windows
- Smoothing is applied for minimum 5 minutes
- Kind of “Buy now, pay in the future” installment plan



Bursting and Smoothing

- *Background operations*

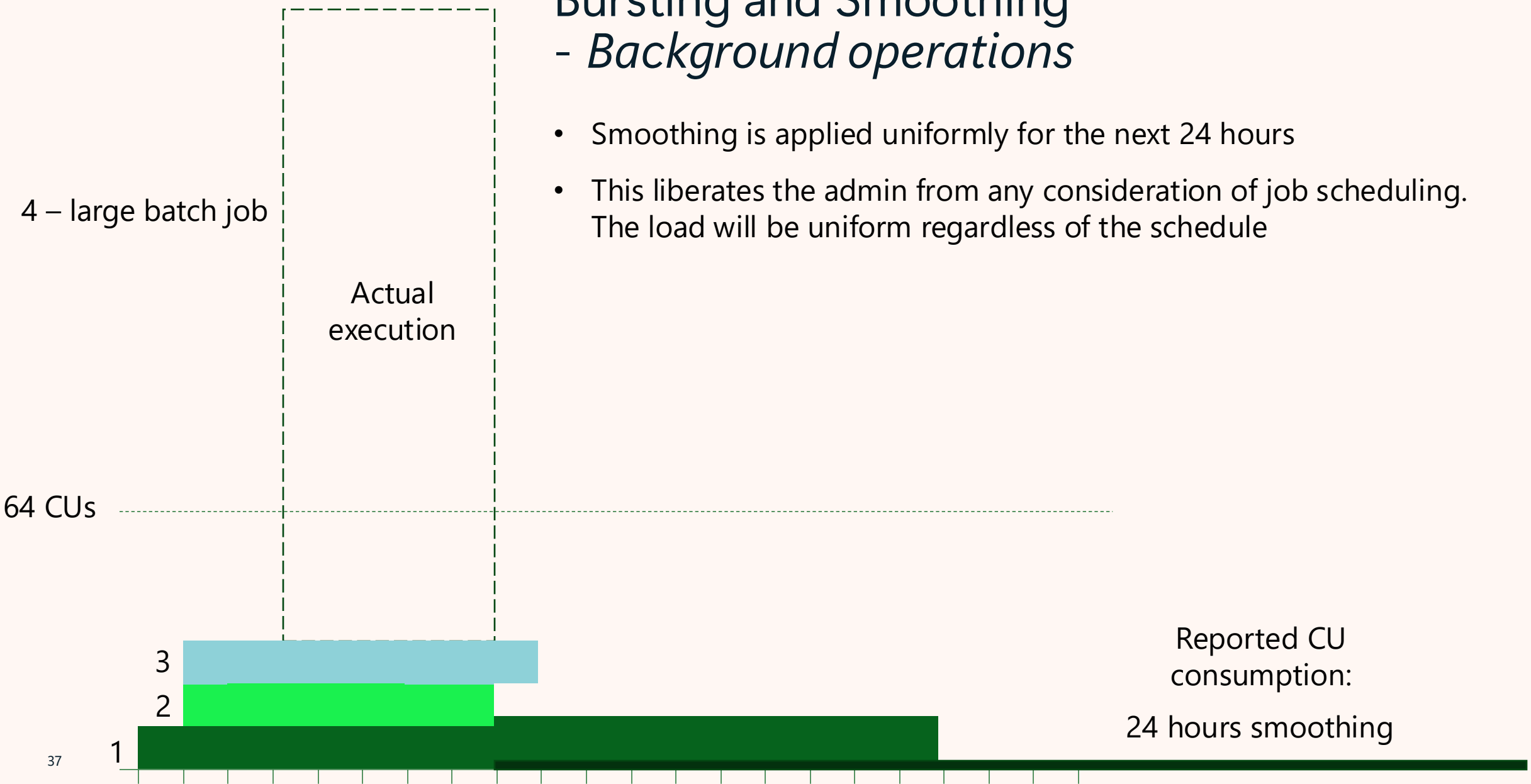
- Large batch processes traditionally were a threat to interactive queries as they would overload the compute resource
- Traditionally you had to carefully schedule these jobs to off-hours to avoid interference with interactive user experiences



Bursting and Smoothing

- *Background operations*

- Smoothing is applied uniformly for the next 24 hours
- This liberates the admin from any consideration of job scheduling. The load will be uniform regardless of the schedule



Throttling

- Capacities offer built-in resource governance
- A sustained overuse will result in throttling
- You won't use your monthly budget in a single day
- When capacities throttle usage users will see the **CapacityLimitExceeded** error code in the detailed message
- Be aware that users may experience delays, slowness, or failures due to **workload limits**. These are unrelated to Capacity Throttling

Throttling

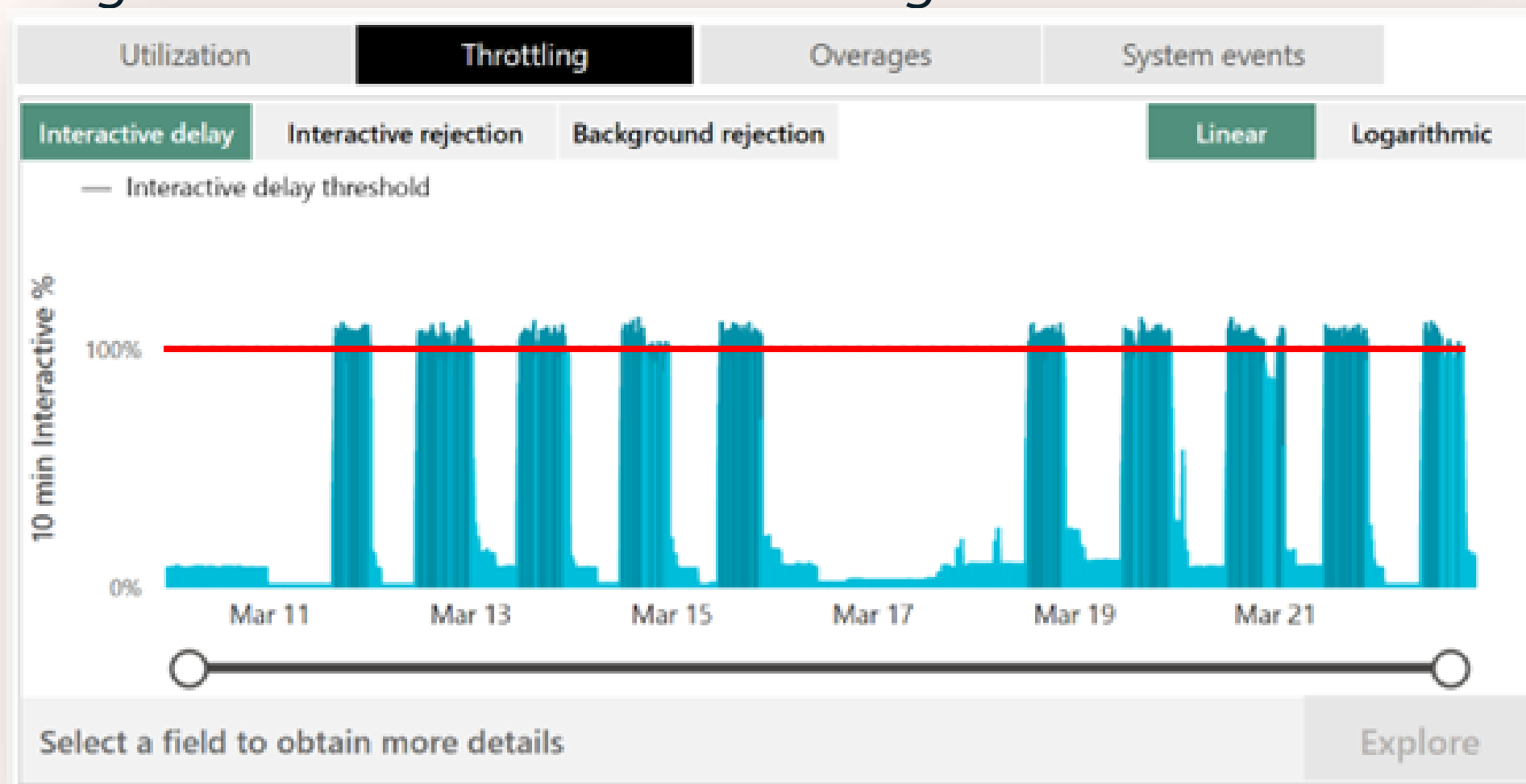
- 1. First, interactive requests are delayed
- 2. Then interactive requests are rejected
- 3. Background requests are rejected

[Understand your Fabric capacity throttling](#)

Usage	Policy Limits	Platform Policy Experience Impact
Usage <= 10 minutes	Overage protection	Jobs can consume 10 minutes of future capacity use without throttling.
10 minutes < Usage <= 60 minutes	Interactive Delay	User-requested interactive jobs are delayed 20 seconds at submission.
60 minutes < Usage <= 24 hours	Interactive Rejection	User-requested interactive jobs are rejected.
Usage > 24 hours	Background Rejection	All requests are rejected.

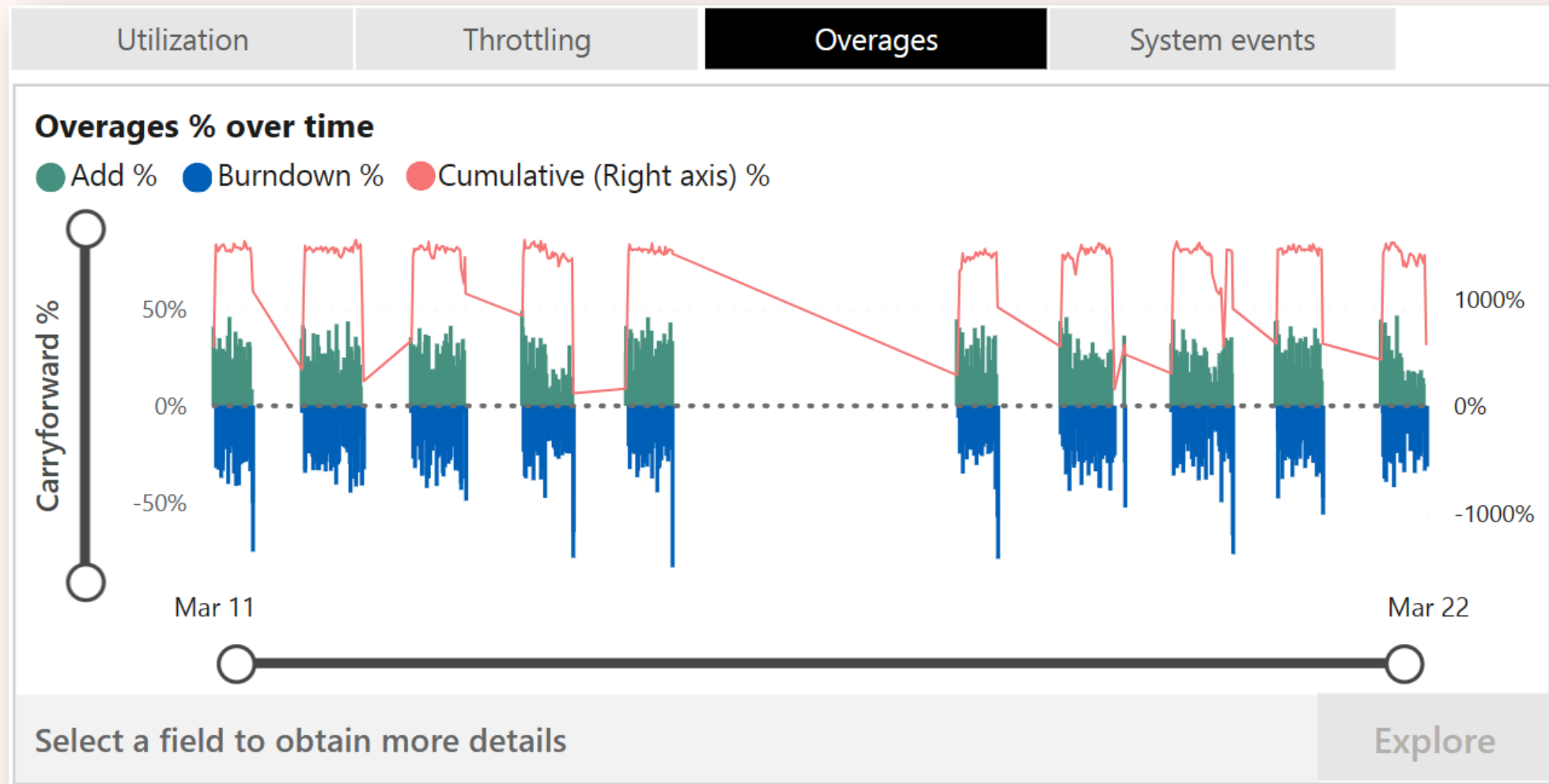
Throttling

- When throttling is happening, you'll see it in the Metrics App. Overages occur when smoothed usage exceeds 100%.



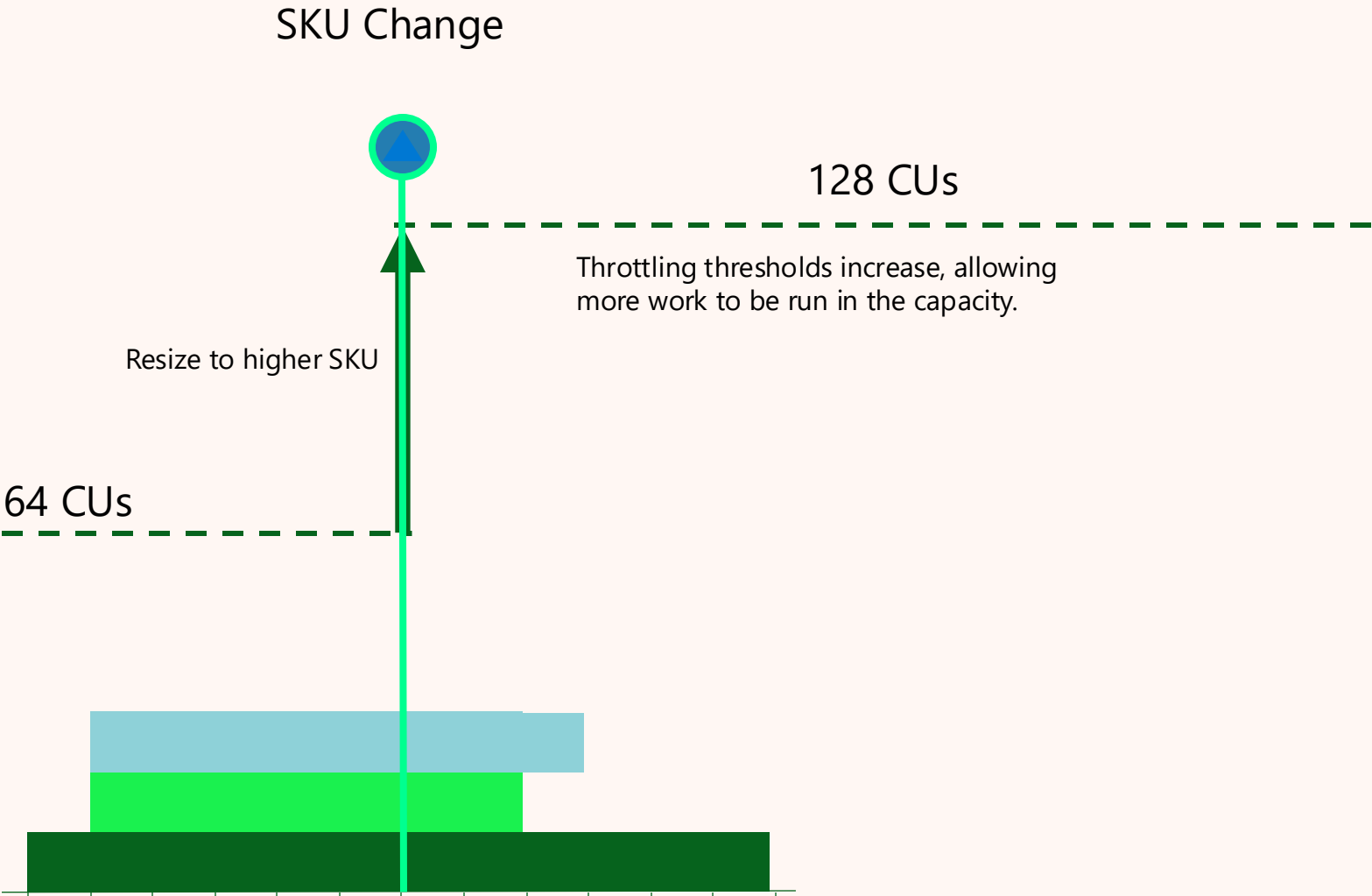
Throttling

- Overages burn down when your capacity has **unused** CUs



Resize Capacity

When a capacity is **resized**... The allowed CUs per timepoint increase or decrease.
This changes the throttling allowed limits based on the new SKU's CUs and the throttling windows.



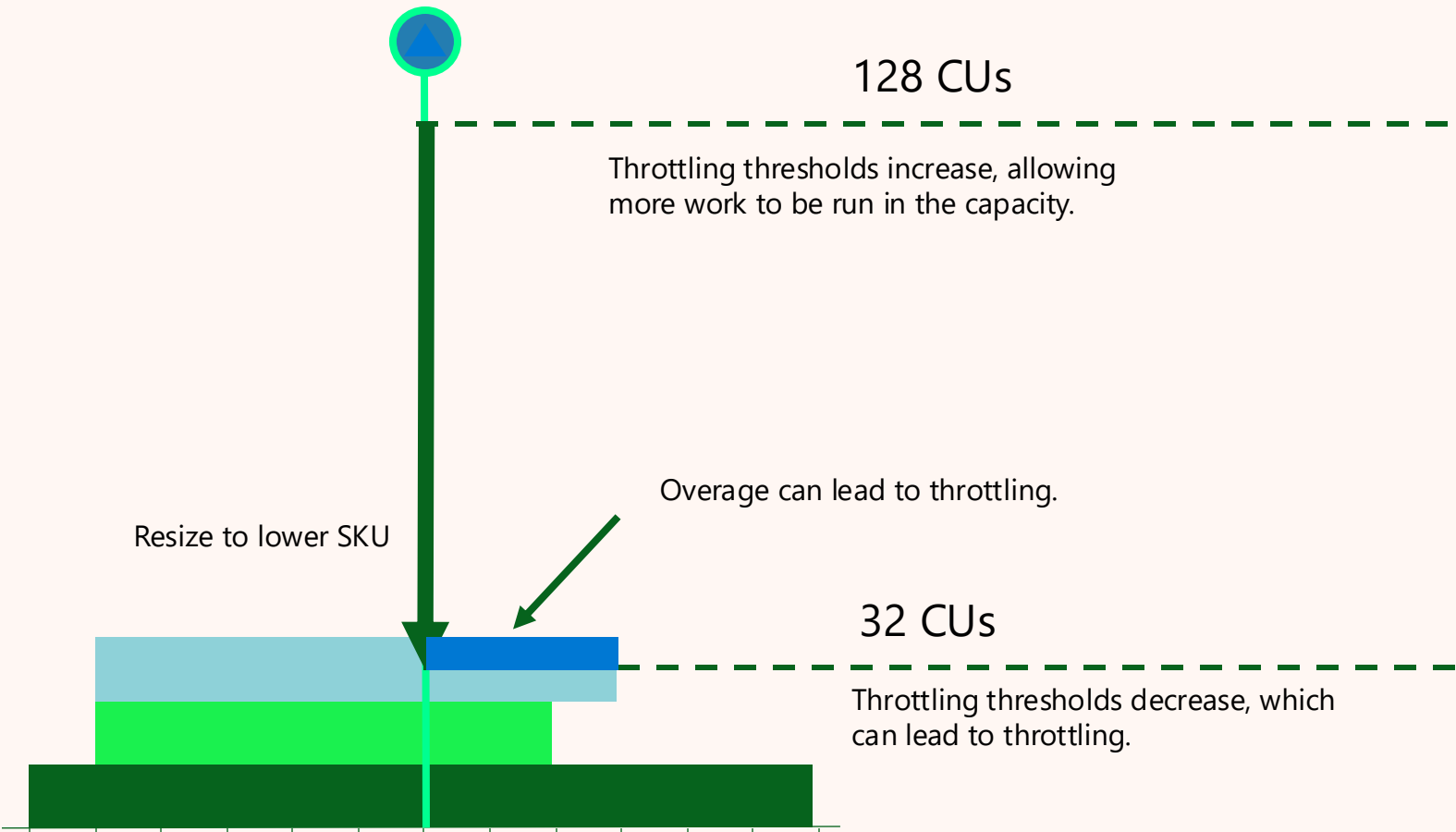
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SKU Change



Key Insights

- Sizing **down** will incur the cost of the new SKU
- Sizing down could lead to more throttling
- Review your Throttling Thresholds before sizing down your SKU

Pausing and Resuming Capacities

Why pause capacities?

- It helps manage compute costs
- It clears any debt that has accumulated. Use it to quickly resolve throttling

What does it do?

Workloads stop
execution within
10 minutes of
Pause action

New requests are
not allowed to
Start

Smoothed usage
will be reconciled

Pausing and Resuming Capacities

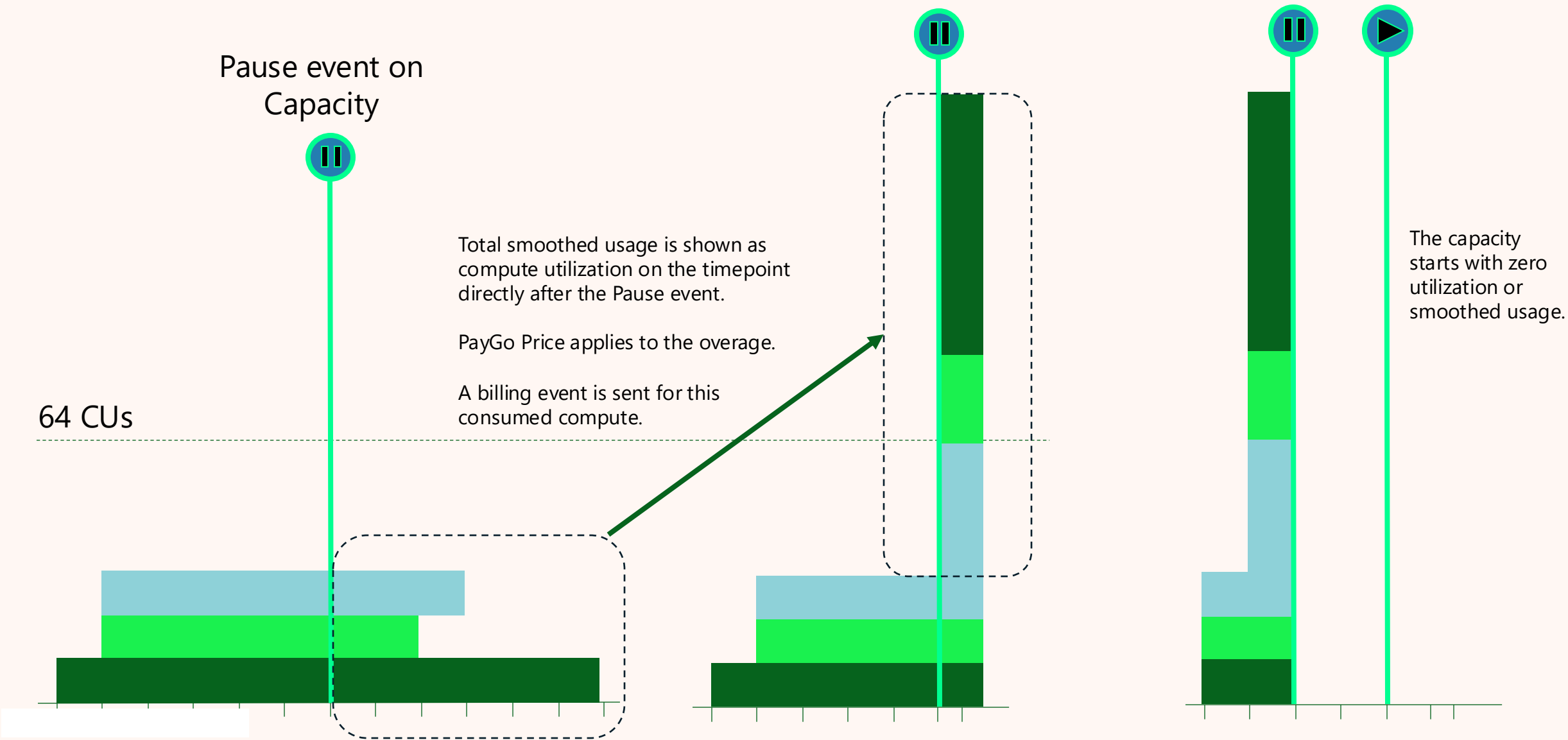


Pausing and Resuming Capacities

When a capacity is **paused**...

Smoothed usage is **reconciled**

Later, it can be **resumed**



Admin permissions

- Configured in Admin portal > Capacity settings
- **Contributor permission**
Add or remove workspaces from capacity
- **Admin permission**
Same as Contributor + change capacity settings, add contributors
Configured in Azure Portal for Power BI Embedded
Not applicable for Trial capacity

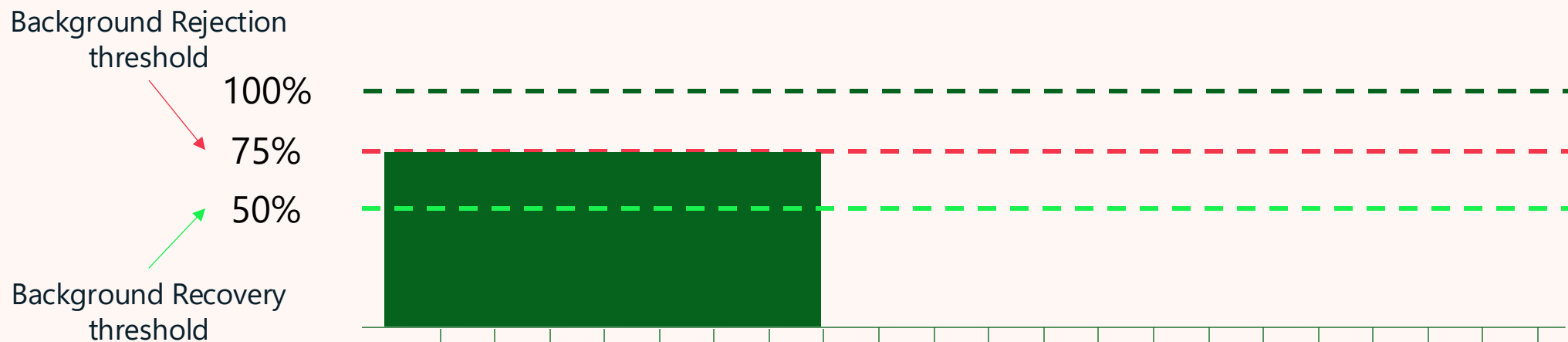
Capacity settings (P & F Capacities)

- Disaster Recovery
- Capacity usage report
- Surge Protection
- Notifications
- Copilot capacity
- Contributor permissions
- Admin permissions
- Power BI workloads
- Preferred capacity for My workspace
- Data Engineering/Science Settings
- Workspaces assigned to this capacity
- Delegated tenant settings

[Fabric capacity settings](#)

Surge Protection

- Applicable for background operations
- Jobs in progress are not affected by surge protection
- Background Rejection threshold
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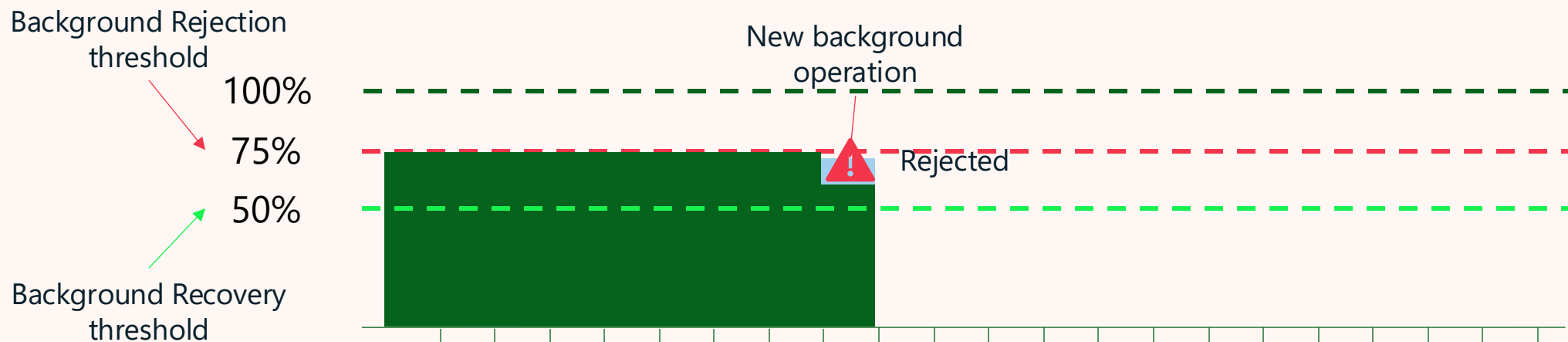
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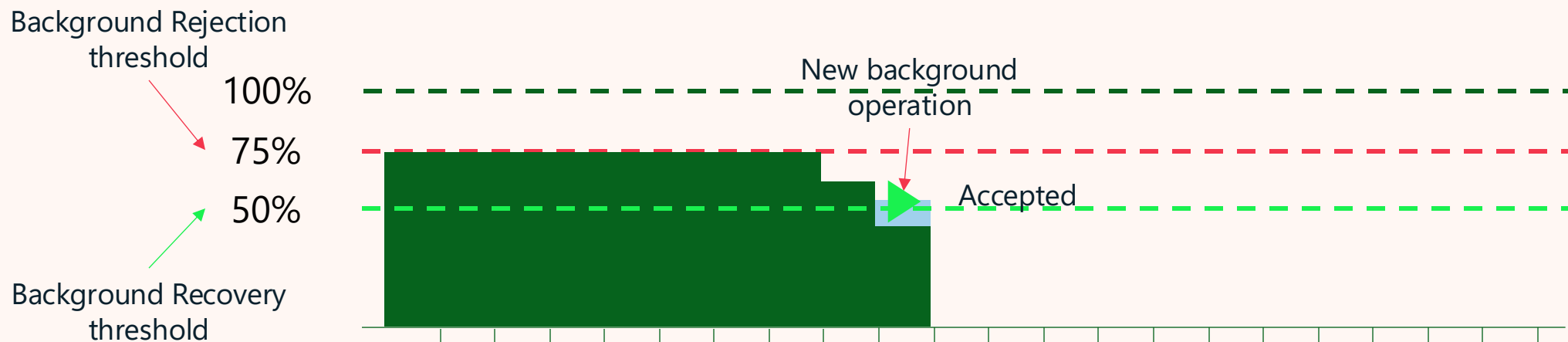
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Microsoft Fabric Capacity Metrics app

- Built-in report that you can install
- Prerequisite:
 - Must be capacity admin (after install, it can be share with others)
 - Requires a Pro license
- Installed in its own workspace
 - Avoid assigning capacity to the workspace
- New versions of report requires update
- Semantic model is a composite model, requires refresh to see new items created

Microsoft Fabric Capacity Metrics app

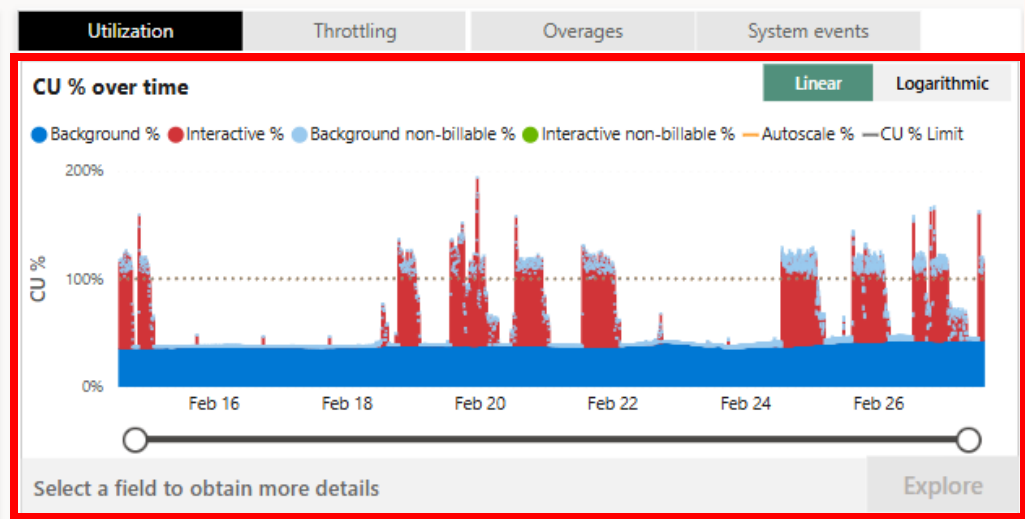
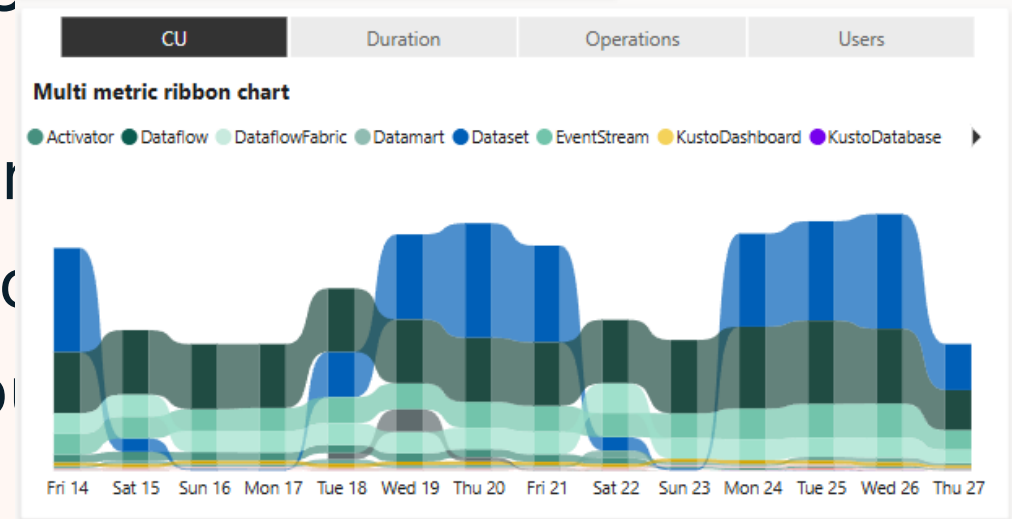
- Tenant wide visibility into capacity usage for all Fabric experiences
- Monitor **CU consumption** and **OneLake usage**
- You can get an overview of the state of a capacity

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Capacity name:

Pick a capacity from the Capacity name slicer to see data. All visuals on the page will refresh each time a capacity is picked. Learn how to use this page by clicking the "info" button.



Select item kind(s): Select optional column(s):

Items (14 days)

Workspace	Item kind	Item name	CU (s)	Duration (s)	Users	Rejected count	Billing type
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Real:	Demo	KustoEventH...	4,932,465.0000	1,160,580.0000	1	0	Billable
Real:	Demo	SynapseNote...	3,588,604.7480	857,646.5780	1	0	Billable
Real:	Demo	EventStream	1,946,229.2295	4,687,200.0000	2	0	Billable
Real:	Demo	KustoEventH...	1,461,060.0000	1,159,920.0000	1	0	Billable
Real:	Demo	KustoEventH...	1,451,250.0000	1,161,000.0000	1	0	Non-billable
GM I	PreCon Prep	KustoEventH...	1,450,875.0000	1,160,700.0000	1	0	Billable
GM I	PreCon Prep	EventStream	1,171,181.3066	3,513,600.0000	2	0	Billable
sqler		SynapseNote...	1,034,638.9920	1,034,633.9290	1	0	Billable
THIE		Activator	950,428.5200	1,182,155.4150	1	0	Billable
CSA		Report	777,600.0000	16,493.9350	1	0	Billable
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Microsoft Fabric Capacity Metrics app

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- Monitor **CU consumption** and **OneLake usage**
- You can get an overview of the state of a capacity
- And drill into TimePoint Details to see activities in 30-second intervals

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End : 2/24/2025 11:01:00 PM



CU %

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Interactive operations

100K
Background operations

P1
SKU

1920
CU (s)

Interactive operations for timerange

Select optional column(s): Billing type														
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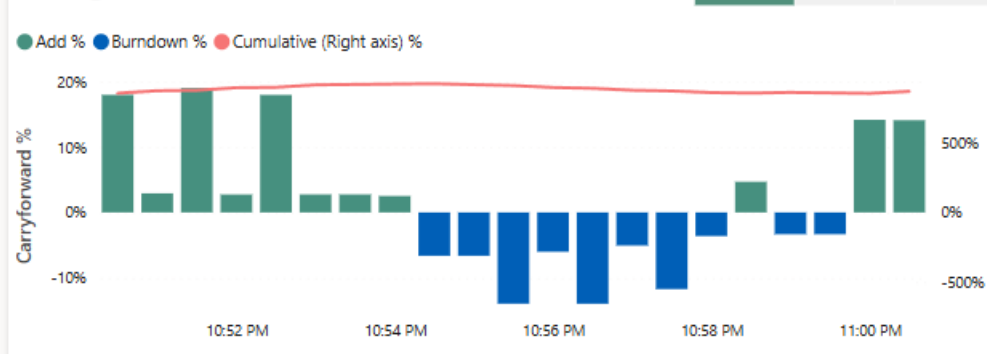
Background operations for timerange

Workspace	Item kind	Item name	Operation	Start	End	Status	User	Duration (s)	Total CU (s)	Timepoint CU (s)	Throttling (s)	% of Base capacity	Billing type	
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Burndown table for timerange

Experience	Add %	Burndown %	Cumulative %	Minutes to burndown
AS	9.36%	0.00%	573.18%	2.87
Kusto	2.54%	0.00%	159.58%	0.80
ES	1.02%	0.00%	64.19%	0.32
SparkCore	0.79%	0.00%	50.52%	0.25
ScreenshotEngine	0.13%	0.00%	8.21%	0.04
lake	0.08%	0.00%	5.58%	0.03
DI	0.07%	0.00%	4.70%	0.02
Total	14.08%	0.00%	871.77%	4.36

Overages



Microsoft Fabric Capacity Metrics app

- Tenant wide visibility into capacity usage for all Fabric experiences
- Monitor CU consumption and OneLake usage
- You can get an overview of the state of a capacity
- And drill into TimePoint Details to see activities in 30-second intervals
- Types of **Status** for Operations
 - Success
 - Failure
 - InProgress
 - Rejected
 - RejectedSurgeProtection

[What is the Microsoft Fabric Capacity Metrics app?](#)

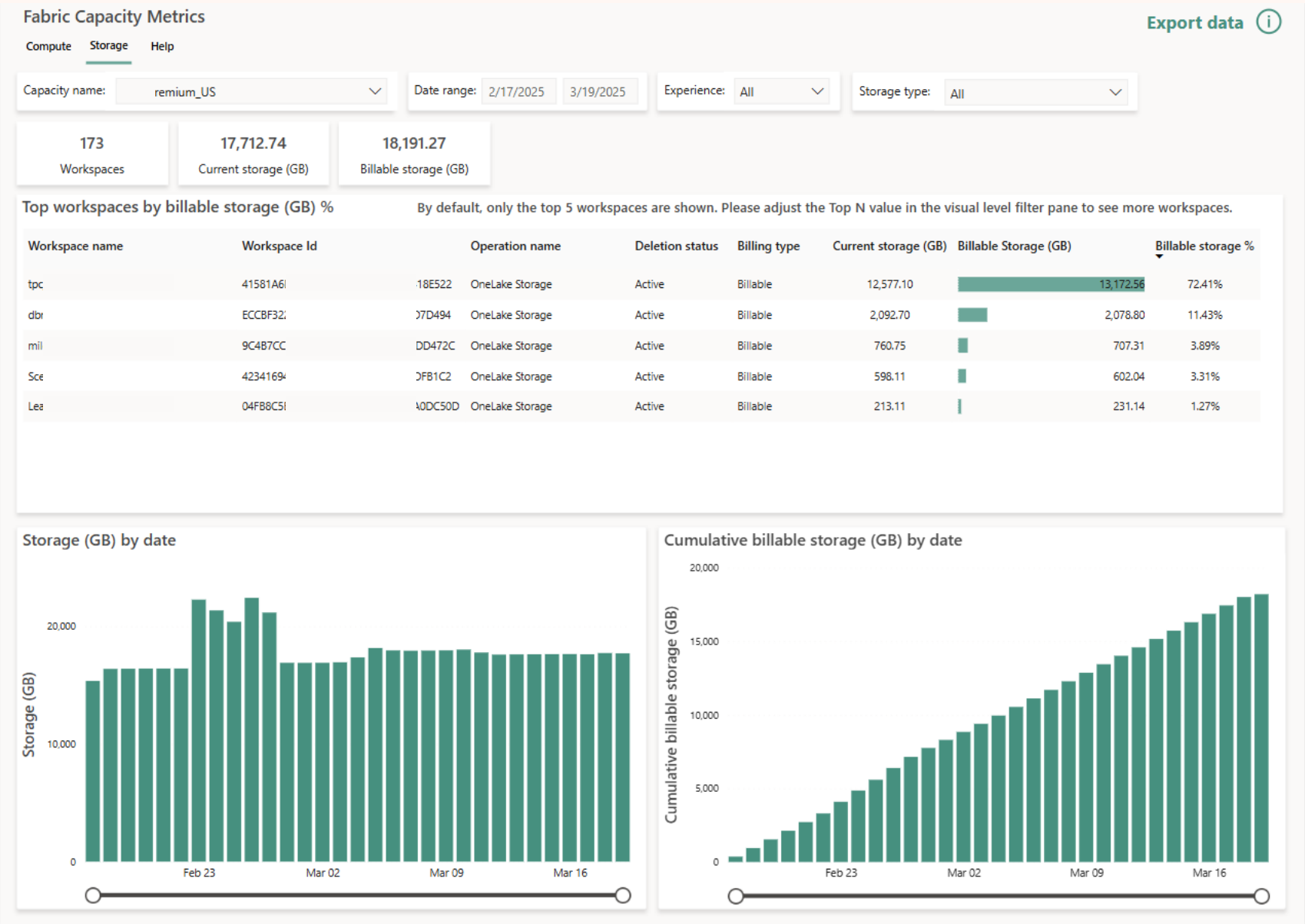
Microsoft Fabric Capacity Metrics app - Storage

- Overview of OneLake Storage per capacity
- Contain 30 days of data

[Understand the metrics app storage page](#)

Microsoft Fabric Capacity Metrics app - Storage

- Overview
- Contain



Calculate OneLake Storage Cost

- OneLake Storage is billed per GB per month
- Storage cost depends on region of capacity
- You pay an average of the storage used throughout the month
- OneLake soft delete (7 days) is charged as active storage

OneLake capacity consumption example
Microsoft Fabric - Pricing

Calculate OneLake Storage Cost – simple examples

notice that actual storage cost is based on hourly averages

1 TB on day 1 and delete same day

Day	Storage
1	1,000
2	0
..	..
30	0
Acc	1,000

- 1,000 GB / 30 days = **33 GB** OneLake storage
- *Example excludes soft delete*

100 GB on day 1, add 10 GB each day

Day	Storage
1	100
2	110
..	..
29	380
30	390
Acc	7,350

- 7,350 GB / 30 days = **245 GB** OneLake storage

50 GB on day 1, add 5 GB until day 15

Day	Storage
1	50
2	55
..	..
15	120
16	120
..	..
30	120
Acc	3,075

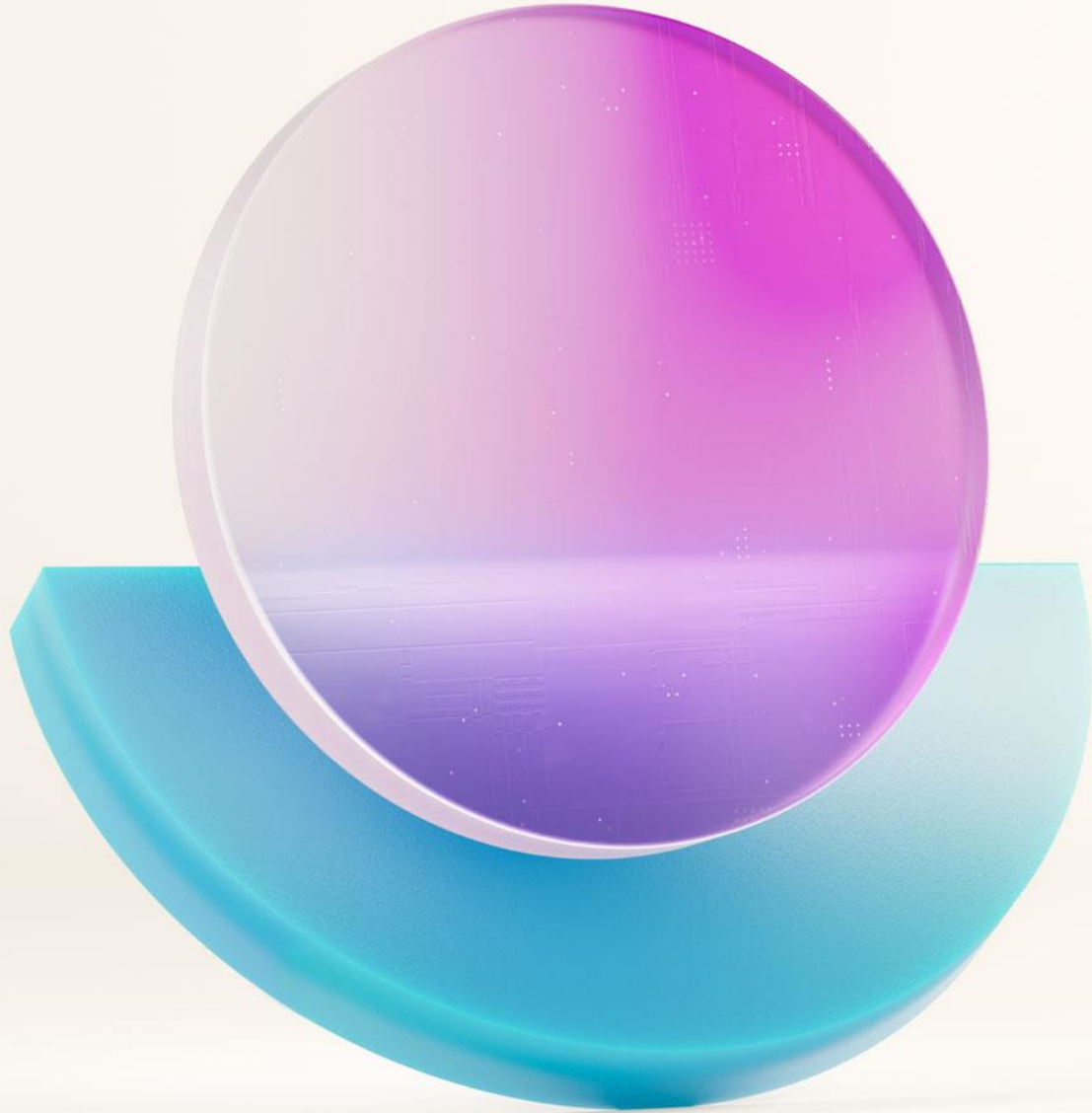
- 3,075 GB / 30 days = **103 GB** OneLake storage

Fabric operations

- Any operation in Fabric is either **interactive** or **background**
- All operations are documented here: [Fabric operations - Microsoft Fabric](#)

Roadmap

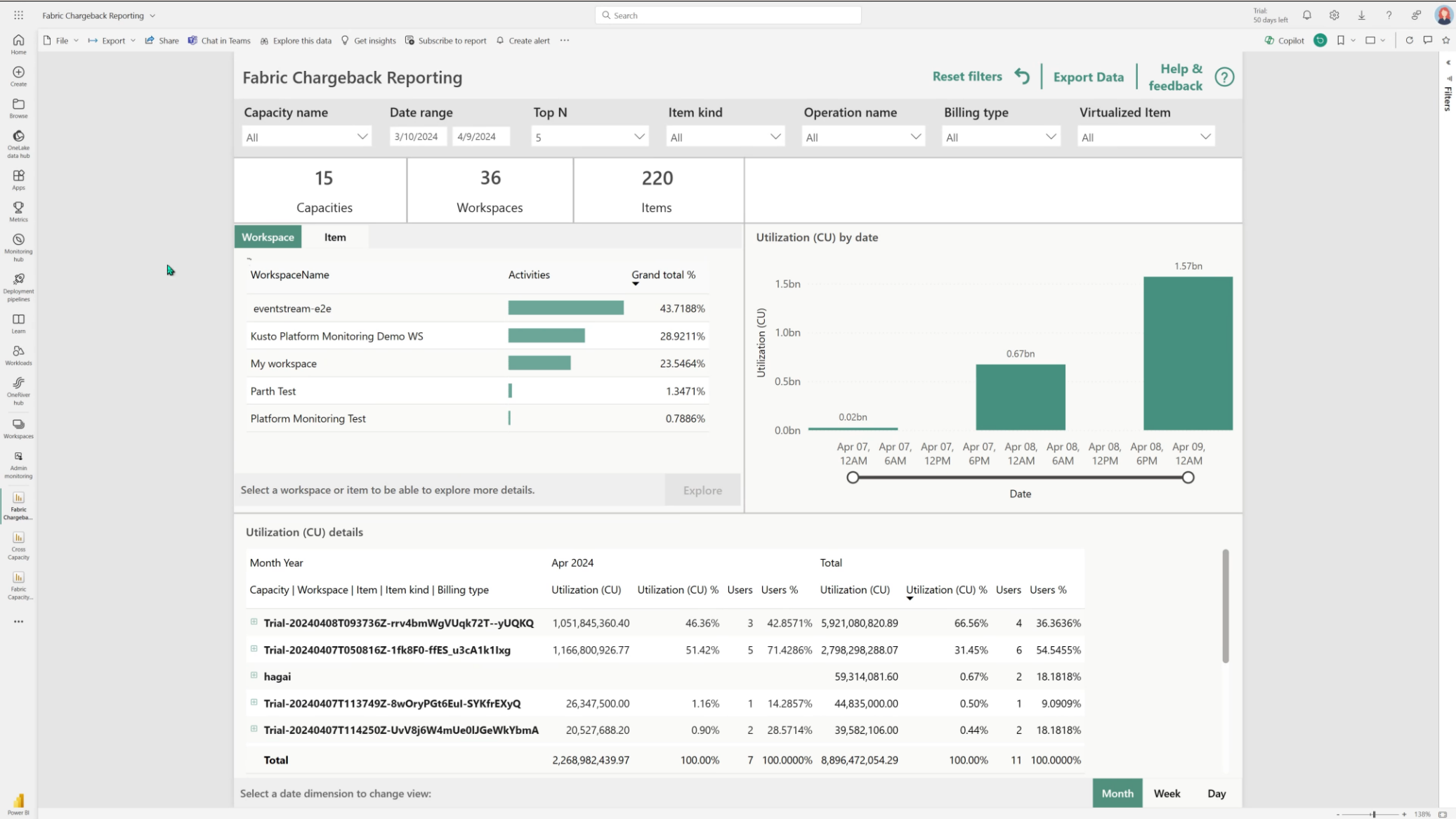
- [Fabric Capacity Metrics Cross-capacity insights](#)
- [Capacity Metrics Chargeback Public Preview](#)
- [Fabric Capacity Metrics Admin monitoring integration](#)



Lab Capacity Administration

1. Capacity Metrics app report

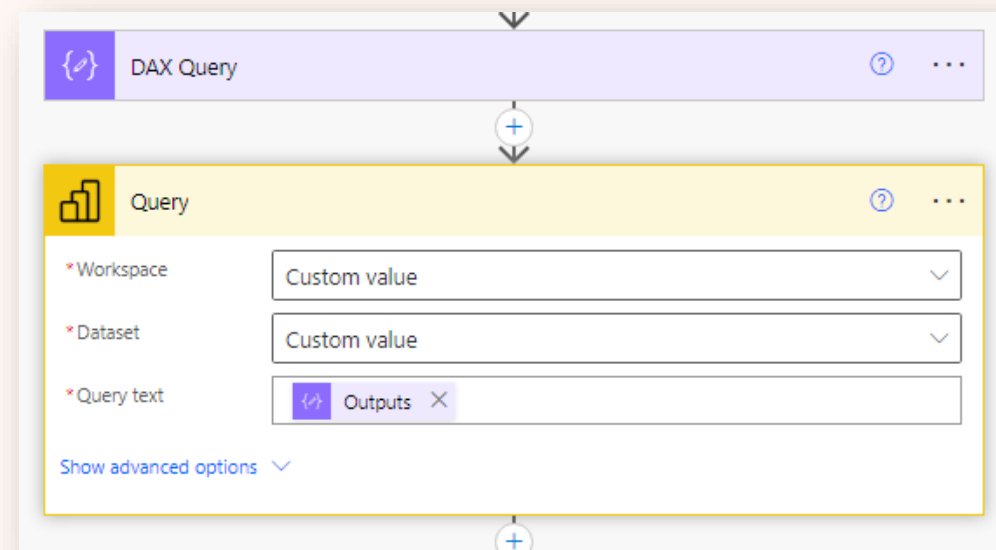
Roadmap – Chargeback report



Custom Monitoring Solutions

- Modify the Metrics App to meet your needs
- Build a custom report off the semantic model
- Send DAX queries to the metrics app semantic model in your own solution
 - Power Automate, Notebook (SemPy), PowerShell, etc.
 - Get throttling % values (Interactive Delay, Interactive Rejection, and/or Background Rejection)
 - Latest values and/or trends over time
 - Best for summarized data only (e.g., hour, day)

Incorporate Metrics App queries into custom solutions



Automate with F SKUs

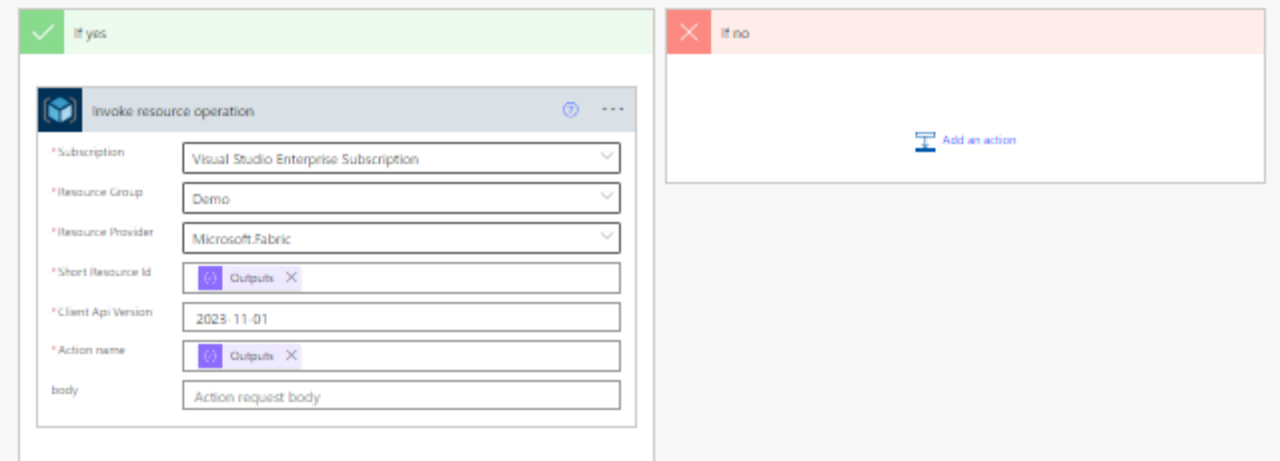
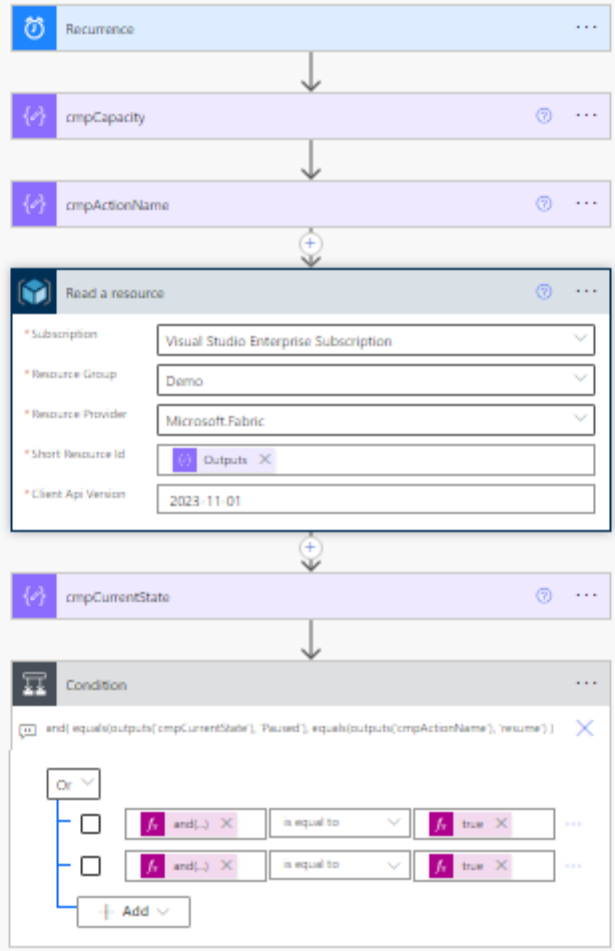
Dynamically scale and pause your capacity to match expected demand

- Pause/resume on a schedule
 - Automate with Power Automate, Logic Apps, or a Notebook
- Resize at peak/slow times
 - Mix with Reserved Instance (PAYGO when at increased size)
 - Query the metrics app and respond to actual demand (DIY autoscale)

AI Example of Using Power Automate to Pause/Resume on a Schedule

Dynamically scale

- Pause/resume
 - Automate with
- Resize at peak
 - Mix with Rese
- Query the me



Expected demand

book

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DIY autoscale)

Microsoft Fabric Capacity Autoscaler

- Created by Bret Myers
- [FabricTools/CapacityAutoScale at main · bretmyers/FabricTools](https://github.com/bretmyers/FabricTools)

A solution to automate the scaling of a capacity based on the consumption of the capacity units to stay within the bounds of the capacity for cost optimization. A Fabric capacity has a concept of bursting and smoothing capacity units over a period of time. This works great when the workload is consistent day to day but does not handle for scenarios for unexpected or inconsistent loads.

Target Scenarios

- Development environments typically don't have a consistent workload day to day.
- PoC/MVP where you have a day zero load of data with high usage and have gaps in days when the solution is worked on.
- Production environments when there is unpredictable user activity day to day where users run different load sizes.
- Environments where there are inconsistent workloads throughout the month. Example, month end activities which may require larger data loads for data reconciliation and higher consumption of reports.
- Environments that have seasonal loads where there's a month or two throughout the year where within higher activity/consumption.

Community Conference



Workspace Administration

Workspace Administration Topics

- Workspace tenant settings
 - Delete and restore
 - Retention settings
- Workspace Settings
- Roles
- Domains
- Monitoring

Workspace tenant settings

- Settings that affect workspaces
- Who can create workspaces
- Retention period
 - Delete and restore
 - Default 7 days
 - Cannot change retention period for MyWorkspaces
- Monitoring
- Partner workloads

Workspace settings

- ▷ Create workspaces
Enabled for the entire organization
- ▷ Use semantic models across workspaces
Enabled for the entire organization
- ▷ Block users from reassigning personal workspaces (My Workspace)
Disabled for the entire organization
- ▷ Define workspace retention period
Enabled for the entire organization
- ▷ Workspace admins can turn on monitoring for their workspaces (preview)
Enabled for the entire organization
- ▷ Workspace admins can develop partner workloads
Disabled for the entire organization

Create workspaces

- Decides who can create workspaces
- Can be restricted to a security group(s)
- Think carefully what strategy you want for this
 - If everyone can create workspaces will there be anarchy
 - If only specific group can create workspaces will there be a bottleneck
- Monitoring is very important and should always accompany any workspace strategy (more on that later)

Workspace settings

△ Create workspaces

Enabled for a subset of the organization

Users in the organization can create app workspaces to collaborate on dashboards, reports, and other content. Even if this setting is disabled, a workspace will be created when a template app is installed.

☒ Enabled

Apply to:

☐ The entire organization

☒ Specific security groups

☒ Employees ×

☐ Except specific security groups

Apply

Cancel

Workspaces section in the Admin portal

- Visibility of all workspaces in the tenant
- Ability to change access of all workspaces in the tenant
- See which workspaces don't have an owner (orphan workspaces)
- Re-assign workspaces to different capacity

Workspaces

View personal and group workspaces that exist in your organization. To change users' ability to create workspaces, see [Tenant settings](#).

Refresh Export Details Edit Access Reassign workspace

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ▾	Description ▾	Type ▾	State ▾	Capacity name ▾	Capacity SKU Tier ▾	Upgrade status ▾
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	Test workspace		Workspace	Active			
	template workloads (with map tables)		Workspace	Active	Trial-20250212T073921...	FT1	
	Sales		Workspace	Active			
	Finance		Workspace	Active			

Admin portal

Tenant settings **New**

Usage metrics

Users

Premium Per User

Audit logs

Domains **New**

Workloads

Tags (preview) **New**

Capacity settings

Refresh summary

Embed Codes

Organizational visuals

Azure connections

Workspaces

Custom branding

Protection metrics

Fabric identities

Featured content

Help + support

Workspaces section in the Admin portal

Option	Description
Refresh	Refreshes the workspace list.
Export	Exports the table as a .csv file.
Details	Lists the items that are contained in the workspace.
Edit	Enables you to edit the workspace name and description.
Access	Enables you to manage workspace access. You can use this feature to delete workspaces by first adding yourself to a workspace as an admin then opening the workspace to delete it.
Get access	Grants you temporary access to another user's MyWorkspace.
Capacity	Enables you to assign the workspace to Premium capacity or to remove it from Premium capacity.
Recover	Enables you to restore an orphaned workspace.
Restore	Enables you to restore the MyWorkspace (fixed 30-day retention period) of a user that has left the organization, or a deleted collaborative workspace.
Permanently delete	Enables you to permanently delete a deleted collaborative workspace before the end of its retention period.

Roles

- Administrator will normally not have anything to do with roles in a workspace
 - Except for orphan workspaces
 - Good to have a policy how that is handled
 - Important to understand that the Admin role can change workspace settings
 - Sometimes override tenant settings
- 4 roles in a workspace
 - 3 roles are write roles
 - 1 role is read role
- In the order of most to least privilege
 - Admin
 - Member
 - Contributor
 - Viewer

Workspace settings

- Administrator will normally not have anything to do with settings of a workspace
 - Important to understand them
- Workspace contact list
- License info
- Azure connection configuration *
- Git integration
- Workspace identity
- Network security
- Monitoring *
- Delegated Settings
- Data Engineering/Science
- Data Factory

* Either Log analytics or workspace monitoring for a workspace

Workspace settings

General

License info

Azure connections

System storage

Git integration

OneLake

Workspace identity

Network security

Monitoring

Power BI

Delegated Settings

Data Engineering/Science

Data Factory

General

About

Workspace image

Name *

Description

Domain

Notifications

Workspace contacts

Upload

Delete

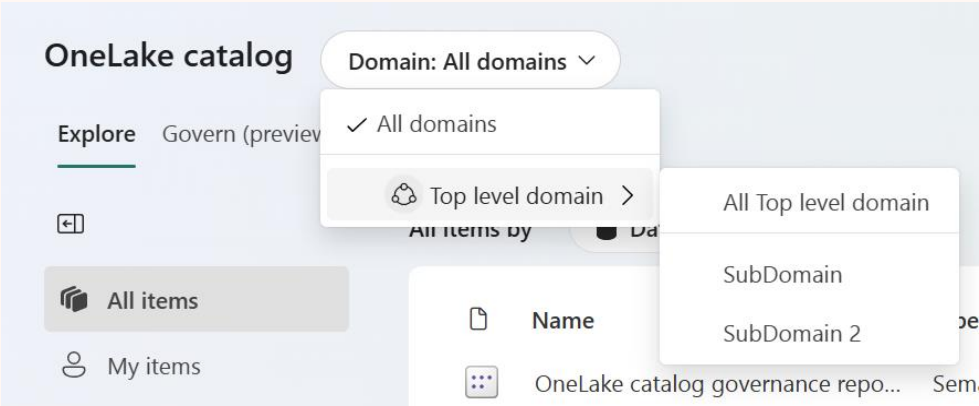
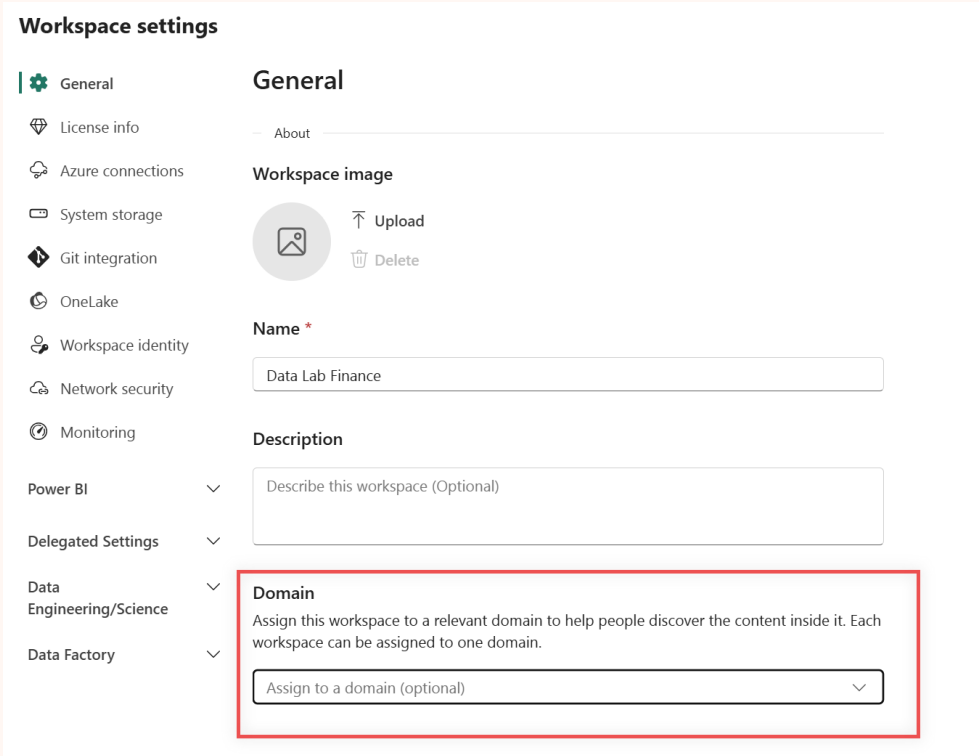
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Describe this workspace (Optional)

Finance

Domains

- Domains are useful for grouping workspaces and overriding settings
- Admins create domains
- Admins add Domain admins and/or Domain contributors
- Domain contributors can add workspaces they are admins of to a domain they are contributor of
 - **Default is the entire organization**
 - Can add people or groups who's workspaces will automatically be added to the domain
- Domain changes can be monitored in the audit log -
UpdateDataDomainFoldersRelationsAsAdmin



Domains

- Important to plan the domain structure
 - Org structure
 - Project/Product structure
 - Region structure
 - Other
- [Best practices for planning and creating domains in Microsoft Fabric - Microsoft Fabric | Microsoft Learn](#)
- Some tenant settings can be delegated to domain admins
- [Delegate tenant settings to domain](#)

The screenshot shows the 'Domain settings' page in Microsoft Fabric. On the left is a navigation pane with the following items: 'Top level domain', 'General settings', 'Image', 'Admins', 'Contributors', 'Default domain', 'Delegated Settings' (with an expand/collapse arrow), and 'Export and sharing' (which is currently selected and highlighted with a green bar and icon). The main content area is titled 'Export and sharing settings'. It features a 'Certification' section with a toggle switch set to 'On'. Below the toggle is a description: 'Choose whether people in your org or specific security groups can certify items (like apps, reports, or datamarts) in this domain, Top level domain, as trusted sources for the wider organization.' A note follows: 'Note: When a user certifies an item, their contact details will be visible along with the certification badge.' Underneath is a section 'Enabled for specific users' containing a list item 'Fab-Setting-Certification-Allow' with a pink circular icon. An 'Edit scope' button is located below the list. At the bottom of the main content area, a message states 'This domain uses the tenant's default setting'. At the very bottom are 'Apply' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Domain settings

Top level domain

General settings

Image

Admins

Contributors

Default domain

Delegated Settings ^

Export and sharing

Export and sharing settings

Certification On

Choose whether people in your org or specific security groups can certify items (like apps, reports, or datamarts) in this domain, Top level domain, as trusted sources for the wider organization.

Note: When a user certifies an item, their contact details will be visible along with the certification badge.

▼ Enabled for specific users

- Fab-Setting-Certification-Allow

[Edit scope](#)

This domain uses the tenant's default setting

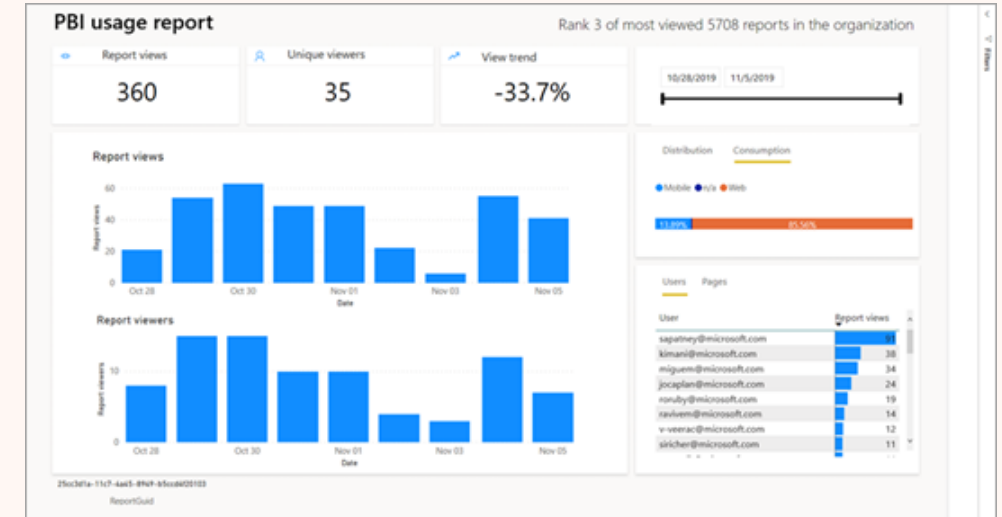
[Apply](#) [Cancel](#)

Monitoring

- Usage metrics
- Workspace monitoring
- Monitoring hub
- Custom monitoring

Usage metrics

- Allows the content creators to create usage metrics report for their Power BI Reports
- Initially one Usage metrics report per report but possible to remove the report filter
- Gives insights into usage
 - If allowed down to specific user level



[Monitor usage metrics in workspaces \(preview\) - Power BI | Microsoft Learn](#)

Workspace monitoring

- Allows you to monitor the usage/run of items in the workspace
- Requires a tenant setting (Workspace admins can turn on monitoring for their workspaces) to be turned on
- Activity is logged in a KQL database in the workspace
- Users with contributor or higher access to the workspace can see the database
- Both historical data (30 days) and streaming
- Supported items:
 - Semantic models
 - Eventhouse (KQL)
 - GraphQL
 - Mirrored databases
- **Uses CUs from your capacity**
- Possible to get template reports to report on the content: [fabric-toolbox/monitoring/workspace-monitoring-dashboards](https://github.com/microsoft/fabric-toolbox/tree/main/monitoring-workspace-monitoring-dashboards) at main · microsoft/fabric-toolbox · GitHub

Monitoring hub

Monitor

View and track the status of the activities across all the workspaces for which you have permissions within Microsoft Fabric.

Refresh

Filter by keyword

Filter

Column Options

Clear all

To apply filters, select the values from the Filter dropdown menu.

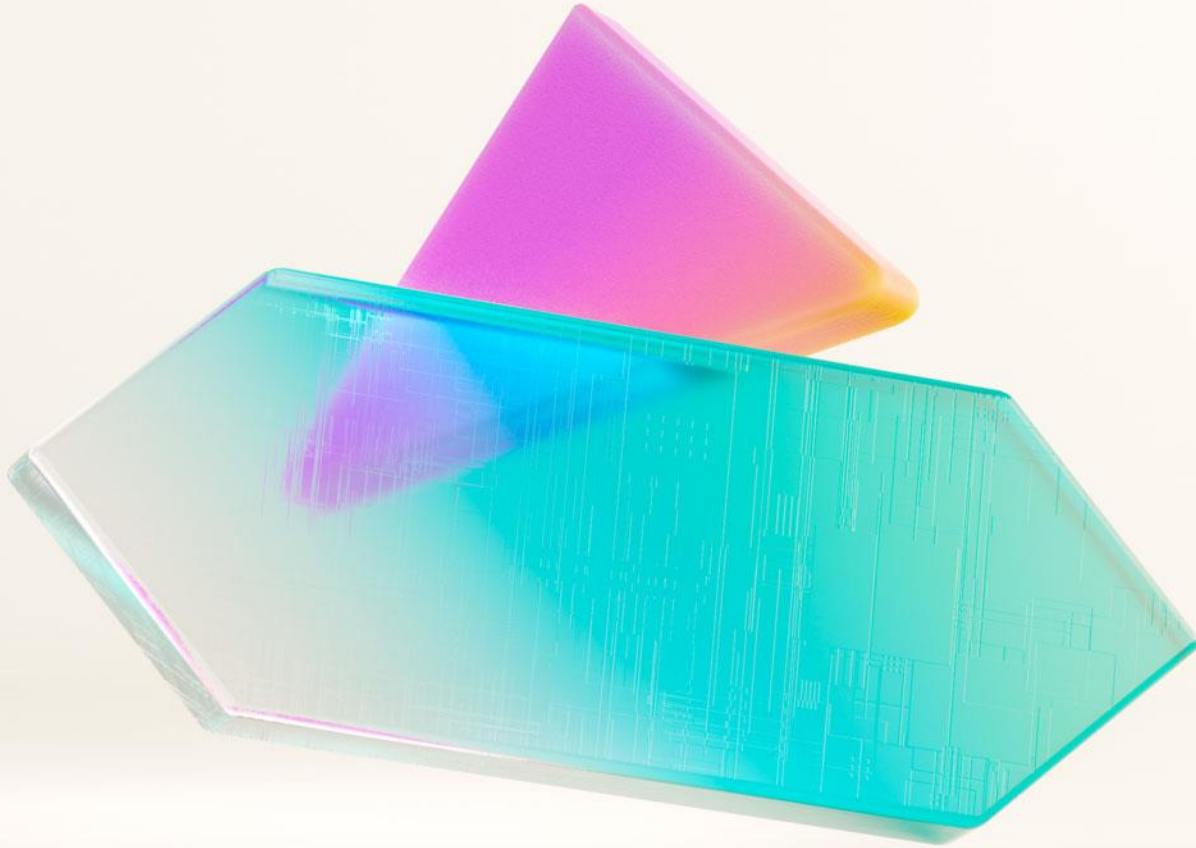
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DimGeneric_07549352-6430-4638-8033-ee5fc10...	Succeeded	Notebook	03/05/2025, 4:07 PM		Template Workl...	1 executors, 8 cores	LoadDimTables	—
DimGeneric_0db37973-5ed9-4b43-...	Succeeded	Notebook	03/05/2025, 4:07 PM		Template Workl...	1 executors, 8 cores	LoadDimTables	—
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DimGeneric_8e80383d-27f1-4e9e-b991-741310...	Succeeded	Notebook	03/05/2025, 4:04 PM		Template Workl...	1 executors, 8 cores	LoadDimTables	—
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- Administrator will normally not have anything to do with the monitoring hub
 - It only shows items you have explicit permissions to see
- Monitoring Hub can be found in the left menu bar as an independent item
- Displays activities from Fabric items
- Everyone can see the monitoring hub
- Users can only see items they have access to
- Can click on the activity and get more information
 - Depends on activity type
- Default sorted by newest on top
- Lots of filtering options

Custom monitoring

- Create a repository of all items in workspaces
 - What items exists (including which type of item)
 - Who are the owners of items
 - Who has access to what
 - Item lineage
- Use what ever tool you want
- Typical “sources”
 - REST APIs
 - PowerShell Cmdlets
 - Semantic Labs

Community Conference



Connections and Gateway Administration

Connection and gateway administration topics

- What is the gateway
- Administering the gateway
- Administering connections

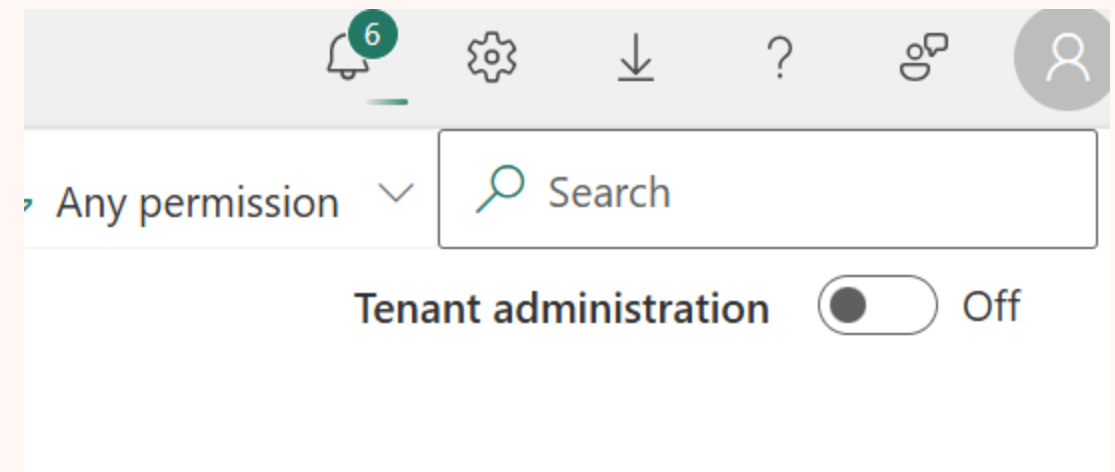
What is the gateway

The gateway acts as an agent that runs securely within the organizational network or on a standalone machine, and provides the Fabric service access to the required resources

- Comes in two flavors – standard and personal
- Used to allow access to
 - On-premise data sources
 - Data sources not supported in Fabric
 - Custom connectors (for Power BI and Dataflow gen1 and gen2)
- Installed on the local network
- Can be a part of cluster
- Should be sized to handle data throughput of pipelines and data mashups of published datasets or dataflows

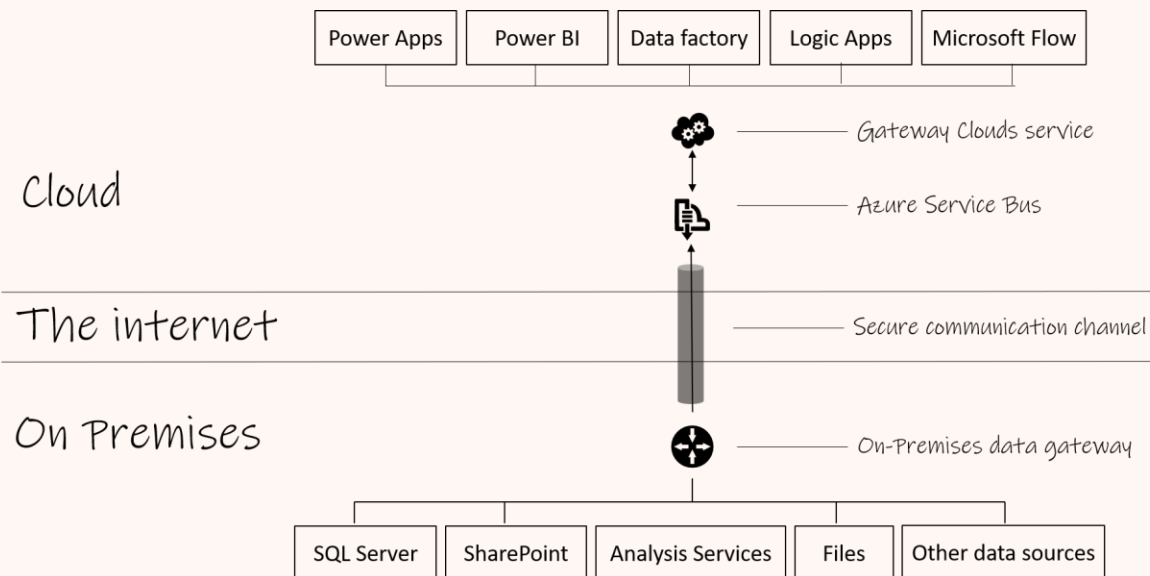
What is the gateway

- Very important to monitor the server as any other infrastructure server
- Tenant Administration toggle
- Possible to manage gateway installers in the Fabric Service or Power Platform Admin Centre
- **The Fabric administrator is NOT a gateway administrator by default and cannot see the gateway unless they toggle the Tenant Administration toggle**



Gateway architecture

- Typical steps for a data request
 1. Gateway Cloud Service receives a request for data from the Fabric service
 2. Gateway Cloud Service packages the data request together with credentials required for the query.
 3. The package gets placed on the Azure Service Bus
 4. An available Gateway member pulls data-requests securely from the Azure Service Bus
 5. On-premises data gateway decrypts query and credentials.
 6. On-premises data gateway executes the query; If the query is a Mashup query, it will invoke a Mashup engine to perform the data import
 7. On-premises data gateway returns the results of the request to the Gateway Cloud Service via Azure Service Bus.
- This process is the same for both the standard or personal gateways.



Installing the gateway

- Download installer from Microsoft
- Wizard driven simple installer
- Make sure you store the encryption keys securely and properly
 - **If lost they cannot be retrieved, not even by Microsoft support**
- Gateway can be standalone or as a part of a cluster
- Fabric administrator can restrict who can install gateways in the Manage connection and gateways
 - Need to turn on Tenant administration

Gateway administration

- Twofold administration
 - Server and service
 - Data sources and users

Gateway administration – Server and service

- Need to login to the server
- Restart gateway or change service account
- Check network status and force HTTPS
- Allow custom connectors
 - Add them
- Find logs and configure logging level

Gateway administration – Server and service

- Good idea to monitor the gateway server
- Monitor the server as you would with any other server in your network
 - Memory
 - CPU
 - Disk
- Use the logs from the gateway to anticipate problems
- Use Rui Romanos gateway monitor
 - [GitHub - RuiRomano/pbigtwmonitor](#)
 - Collects logs from one or more gateways in a cluster
 - Saves them in ADLS gen2
 - Models the data so it's more easily readable
 - Power BI Report and dataset to visualize the logs

Data sources – add new connection

- Done from Fabric portal
- Add connections from the gateway to data sources
- Need to be a member of one of three roles
 - Connection Creator
 - Connection Creator with resharing
 - Admin
- Only admins can add anyone in the above roles
- Many predefined data sources
- Most will allow connection via the credentials set on the connection
- Few allow single sign-on (SSO)
- Set privacy levels on the connection to determine what data can be mixed with the data from the connection

- ☒ Connection Creator
Allows the user to create data sources and connections on the gateway
- ☐ Connection Creator with resharing
Allows the user to create data sources and connection on the gateway and reshare gateway access
- ☐ Admin
Allows the user to create data sources and connections on the gateway, manage gateway access, configurations, credentials and updates

Data sources – add users to connections

- Done from Fabric portal
- Select a connection and add a user to one of the following roles
 - User
 - User with resharing
 - Owner
- The user can use the connection to connect to the data source
- Important to understand that the connection is most often run in the user context of the credentials set on the connection in the gateway

- ☐ User
Allows the user to use the data source
- ☐ User with resharing
Allows the user to use the data source and reshare with others
- ☒ Owner
Allows the user to use the data source, manage data source configurations and credentials

Cloud connection

- Done from Fabric portal
- By default, all connections to cloud sources are created as Personal Cloud Connection
- Possible to create a shareable connection to cloud data sources
- Can use connection credentials or sometimes SSO
- Allows you to simplify management of cloud sources
- Does not currently work for Dataflows (gen1 and 2) or Power BI Datamarts

New connection

Currently, these cloud connections are not supported by Dataflows, Dataflows Gen2, and Datamarts. To create personal cloud connections for these experiences, please use the Dataflows or Datamarts editor in "Get Data".

On-premises

Virtual network

Cloud

Connection name *

Connection type *

Virtual network (Vnet) Gateway

- Allows you to connect your Azure data services and Fabric together securely
- No traffic is exposed to public endpoints
- Can force all traffic to the data source through the gateway
- Works similarly to the On-premise Data Gateway
- Currently supports:
 - Fabric Dataflow Gen2
 - Power BI semantic models
 - Power Platform dataflows
 - Power BI paginated reports
- Recommended to have F8 or higher (works on all F skus)
 - [What is a virtual network \(VNet\) data gateway | Microsoft Learn](#)
- Not all data sources are supported
 - [Use virtual network data gateway and data sources in Power BI | Microsoft Learn](#)

Lab - Explore workspace monitoring report

1. How many operations are there in total?
Hint: it's on the workspace page
2. What is the Avg Query Duration for semantic models
Hint: it's on the SM | Execution page
3. What day had the highest combined Query CPUTime
Hint: it's on the SM | Execution page
4. What is the total query CPU time on March 21st for eventhouses
Hint: it's on the Eventhouses page

Fabric Administration related sessions at FabCon Vegas

- How Much is Fabric | Strategies for Estimating Fabric Capacity Expense - Microsoft Fabric Community Conference
Tuesday 1 April, 8:00am, BOULEVARD BR 157
- Mastering Fabric Data Engineering Admin and Capacity Management - Microsoft Fabric Community Conference (Spark)
Tuesday 1 April, 11:15am, BOULEVARD BR 157
- Enterprise Scale - Administer and Govern Fabric with Ease - Microsoft Fabric Community Conference
Wednesday 2 April, 10:00am, GRAND BR 122
- What's New in Fabric Capacities - Microsoft Fabric Community Conference
Wednesday 2 April, 11:15am, PREMIER BR 313

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