

Overcoming the fear

Exploring Microsoft Fabric from a Power BI Angle

After this session

Understanding of Fabric

Better understand the Microsoft Fabric ecosystem and its capabilities

Build end-to-end solution

Be able to build an end-to-end solution in Fabric solely based on Power BI knowledge

Identify learning potential

Identify the learning potential and possibilities the launch of Fabric offers you to gain new knowledge



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What we cover today

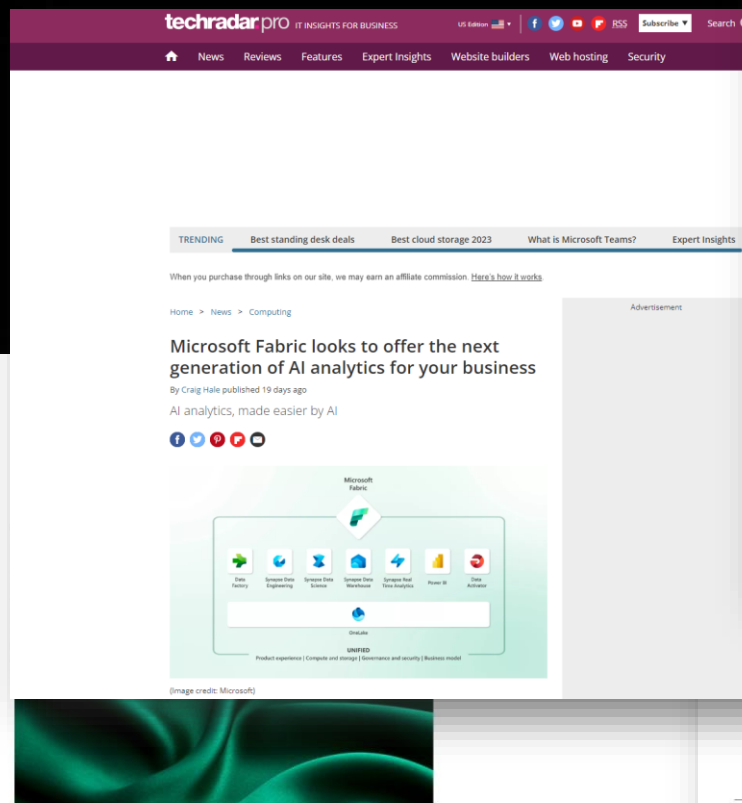
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- Learning potential



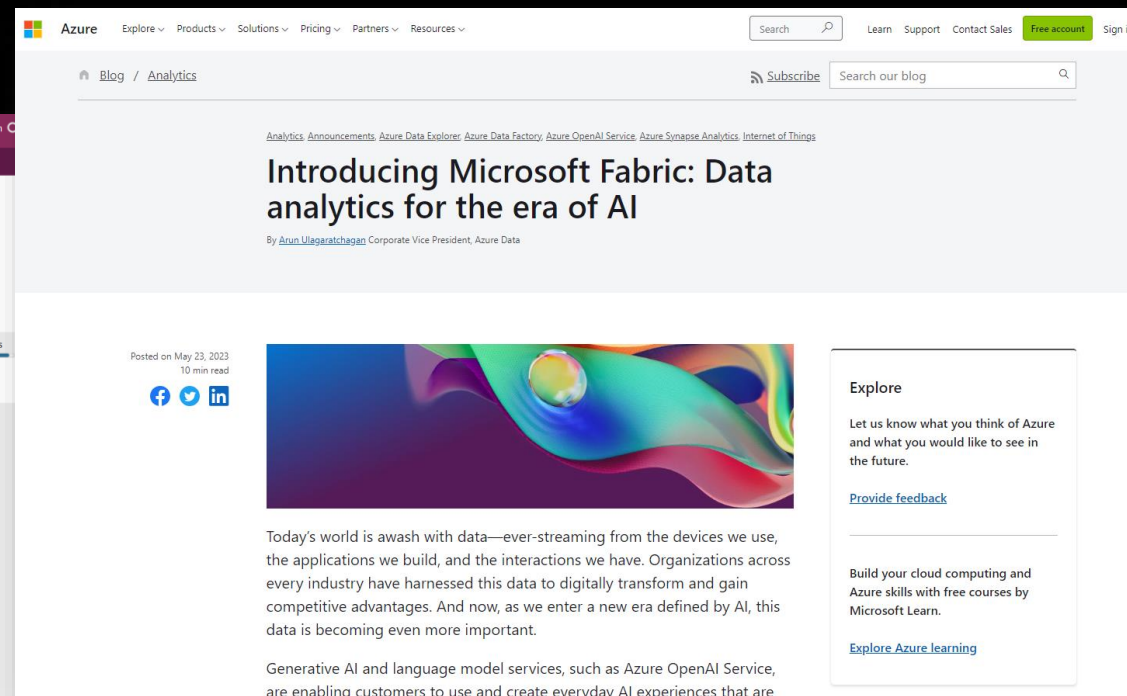


The Fear of Microsoft Fabric

Fabric – the new kid on the block



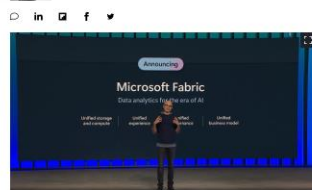
Microsoft today launched Microsoft Fabric, a new end-to-end data and analytics platform (not to be confused with [Azure Service Fabric](#)). The new platform centers around Microsoft's OneLake data lake, but can also pull in data from Amazon S3 and (soon) Google Cloud Platform, and includes everything from integration tools, a Spark-based data engineering platform, a real-time analytics platform and, thanks to the newly improved Power BI, an easy-to-use visualization and AI-based analytics tool. There is also a new no-code developer experience that allows users to monitor their



Microsoft unveils Fabric analytics program, OneLake data lake to span cloud providers

Fabric is both a nod to customers trying to tighten their belts and also to the multi-cloud database tools such as Databricks that threaten Microsoft's established database franchise.

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Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella on stage at Microsoft Build 2023
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SaaS suite that combines Microsoft's data and

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Power BI will be getting an infusion of generative AI.

new AI features for its Azure suite of data management tools. Microsoft Fabric, a SaaS platform now in preview that brings together Azure Synapse Analytics,

2021; it is an AI capability designed to assist users as they go through their data. It was built for joint Microsoft and GitHub users. Since then, Copilot and Microsoft Security Copilot, among other tools.

Copilot, which since its initial launch has been enriched with new features through a Microsoft deep relationship with OpenAI.

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- Dell Technologies

Overwhelming!

All these new things, new capabilities and workloads in the Power BI Service (look-a-like) interface!

What now? Should I start learning all this new stuff?



New terms that come along



KQL

Lakehouses

Notebooks

Warehouses

Spark

Kusto

Closer look at Fabric



Fabric Capabilities

Data
Movement

Data Lakes

Data
Engineering

Data
Integration

Data
Science

Real-Time
Analytics

Business
Intelligence

Automated
Actions

One unified platform



Data Integration

Data Factory



Data Engineering

Synapse



Data Warehouse

Synapse



Data Science

Synapse



Real Time Analytics

Synapse



Business Intelligence

Power BI



Unified data foundation

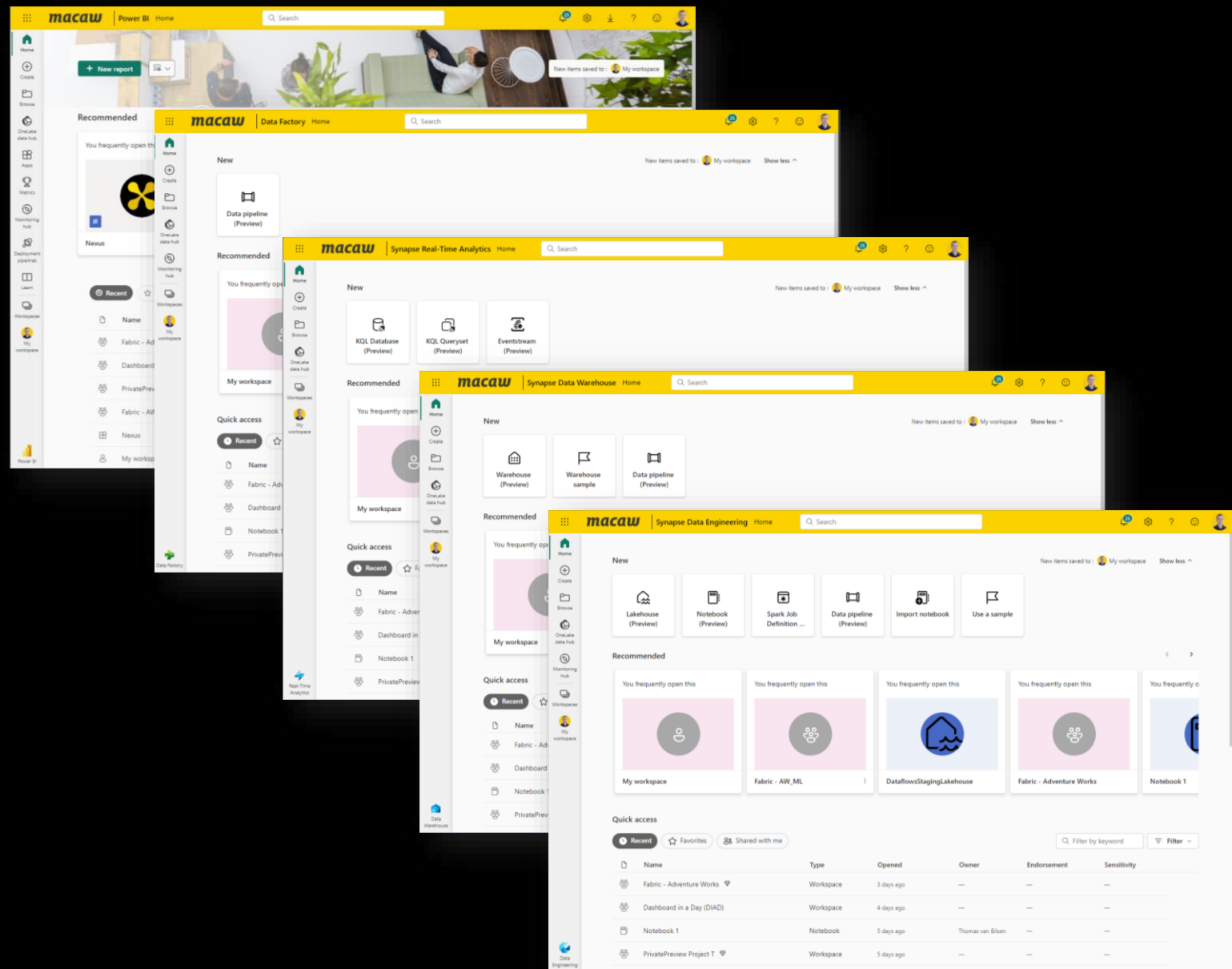
OneLake



Persistent data governance and security

Purview

One platform One interface



OneLake



One data lake for the entire organization at scale

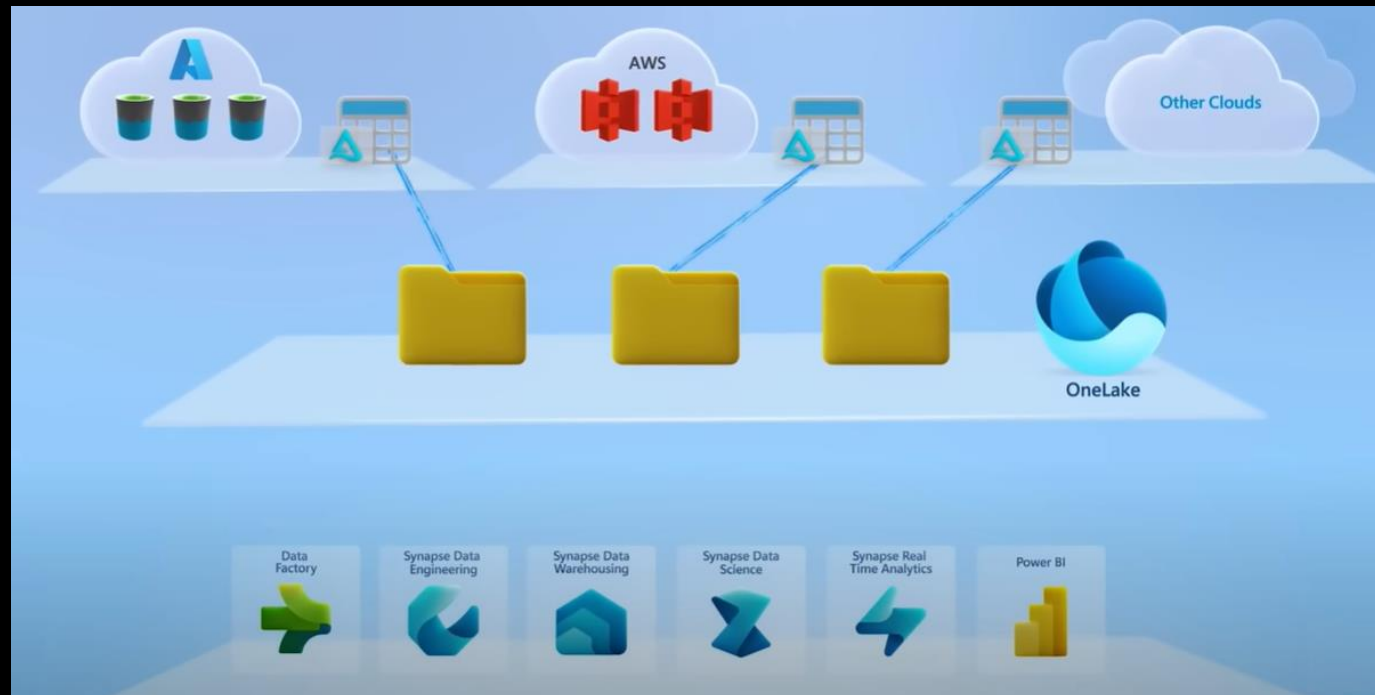
One copy of data for use across multiple analytical engines

One security model living natively with the data in the lake (coming soon)

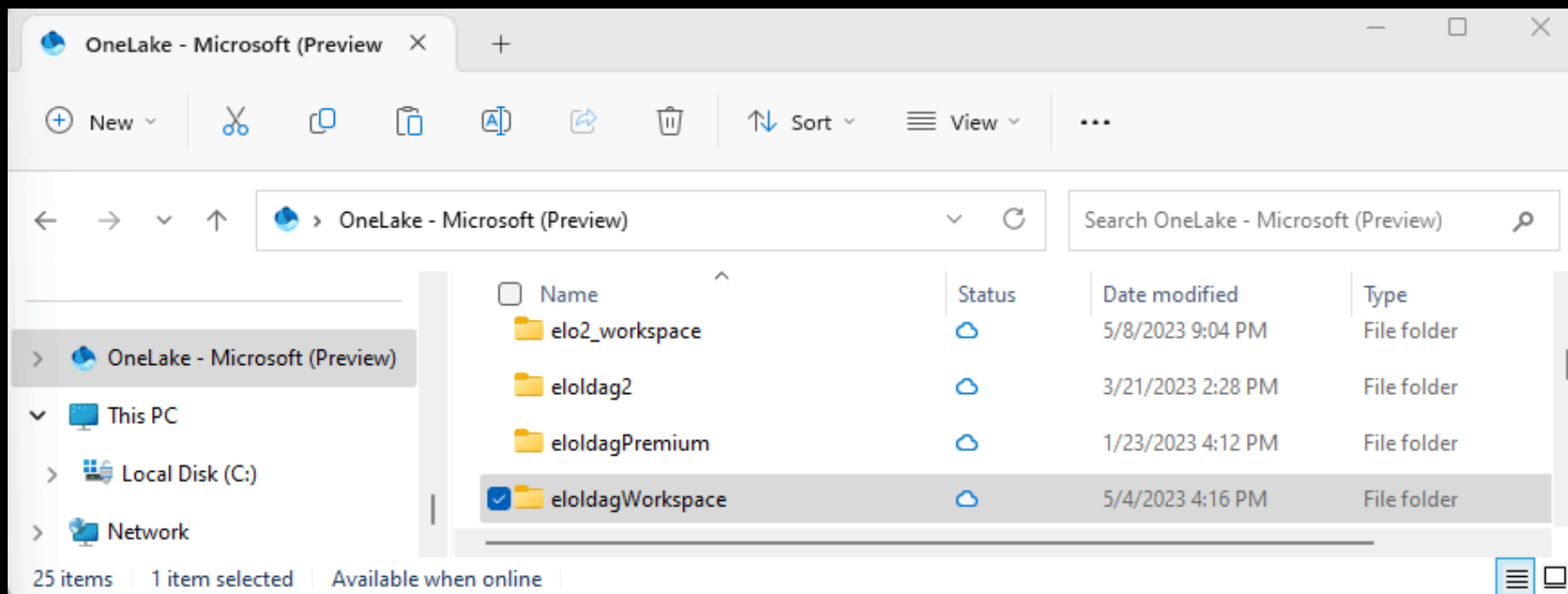
A **centralized** OneLake data hub for data discovery and management

Shortcuts to other clouds

Bring in data across domains, clouds (Azure, AWS, GCP,..) and accounts by creating a single virtualized data lake for your entire enterprise using Shortcuts in OneLake.



Onedrive for data



Data Integration

Data Factory empowers you with a modern data integration experience to ingest, prepare and transform data from a rich set of data sources.

The screenshot shows the Power BI Dataflow 27 interface. The top ribbon includes tabs for Home, Transform, Add column, View, and Help. The main workspace displays a data transformation pipeline with steps: Order_Details (4 steps), Orders (3 steps), Merge (3 steps), Customers (3 steps), and Top Customers (3 steps). The bottom pane shows a table with columns CustomerID and TotalSales, containing 14 rows of data. The right sidebar shows the Query settings for the selected step, including Properties, Entity type, and Applied steps.

The screenshot shows the Azure Data Factory Activities view. The top ribbon includes tabs for Home, Activities, and View. The main workspace displays a pipeline run with steps: Copy data (Copy_cf9) and Dataflow (Dataflow1). The bottom pane shows the Pipeline run ID and a table with the following data:

Name	Type	Run start	Duration	Status
Dataflow1	Dataflow	1/16/2023, 10:51:15 PM	00:01:20	✓ Succeeded
Copy_cf9	Copy data	1/16/2023, 10:51:03 PM	00:00:12	✓ Succeeded

Data Engineering

Ability to create lakehouses, run spark jobs and notebooks to collect, store, process and analyze large volumes of data!



Lakehouse
(Preview)



Notebook
(Preview)



Spark Job
Definition ...



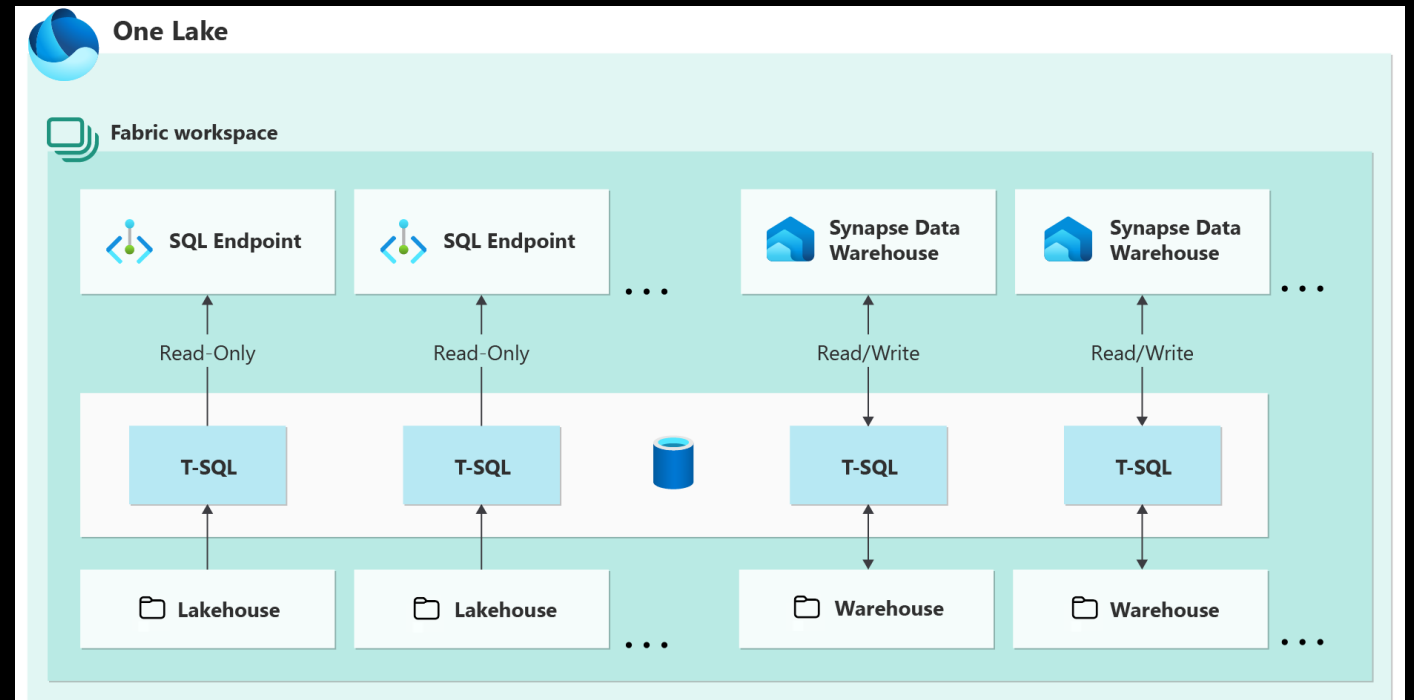
Data pipeline
(Preview)



Import notebook

Data Warehousing

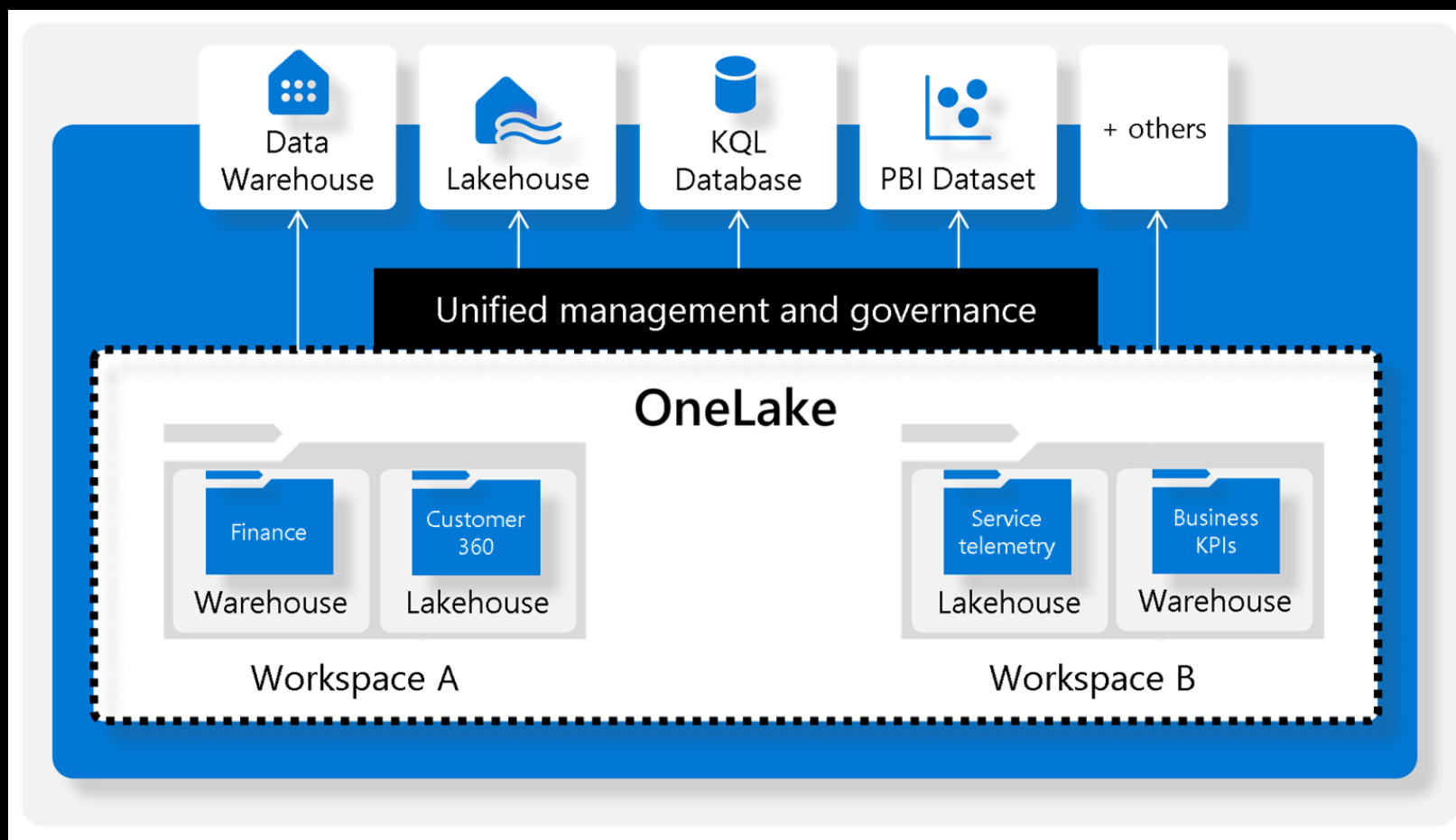
Capability to structure data in table format to build an enterprise grade distribution method to enable T-SQL interaction on top of delta files in OneLake in a recognizable interface!



One unified platform



Managed through workspace experience



Supporting data mesh through domains





Let's run some end-to-end examples

End to end flow

Stages

Ingest	Transform	Model	Visualize
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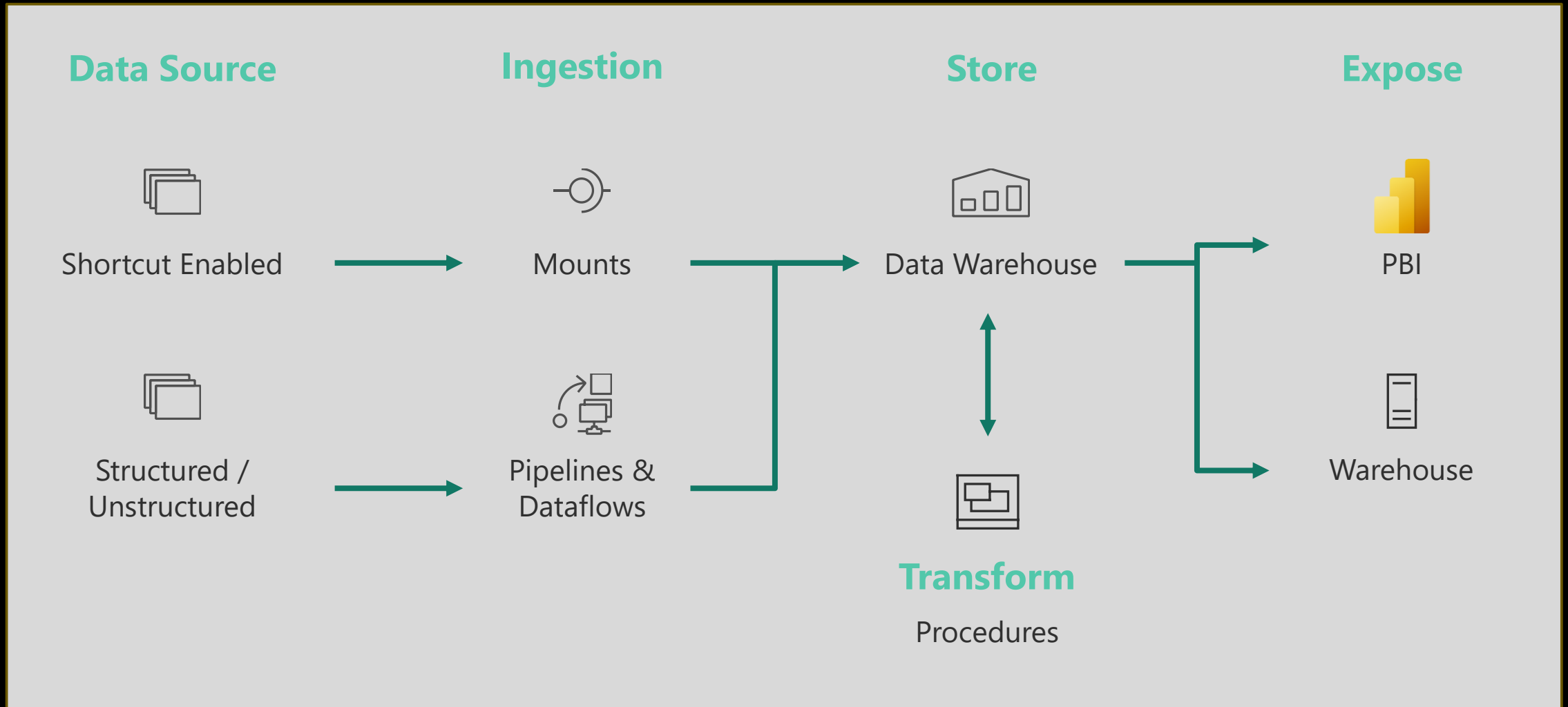
Areas ("Experience")

Data Factory	Data Engineering	Warehouse SQL Endpoint	Power BI
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Artifacts ("Workloads")

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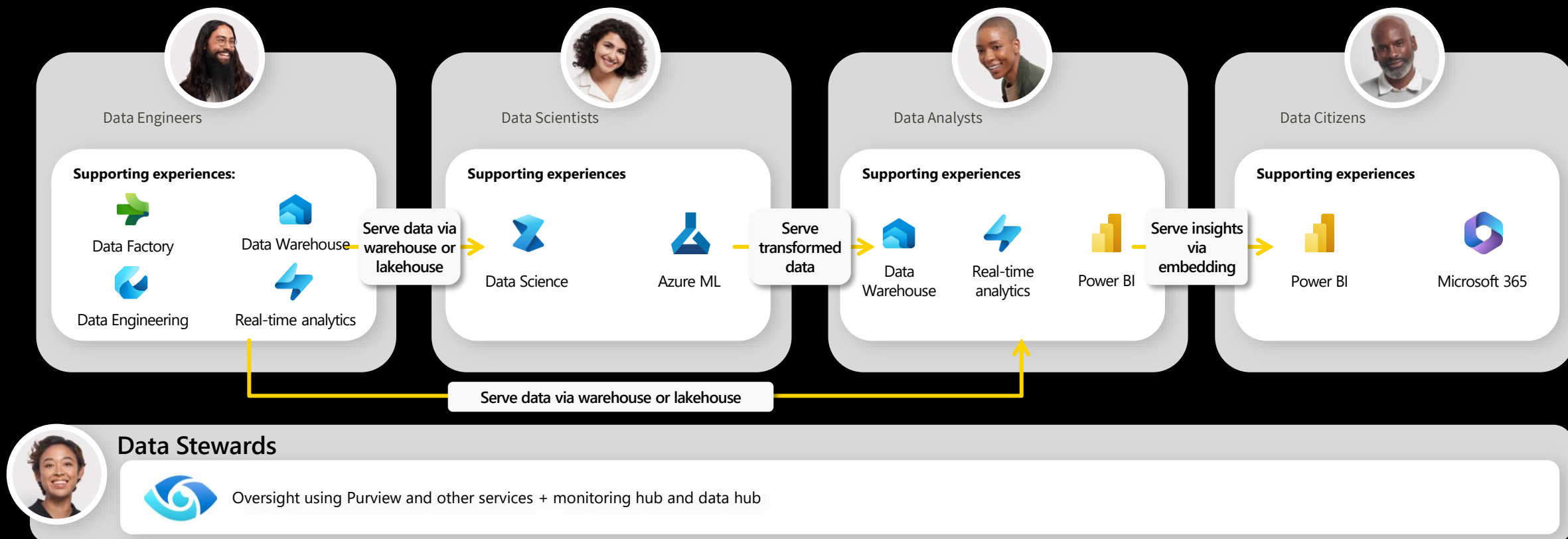
Solution Architecture to get you started



Demo time!



Personas and their usage of Fabric





Next steps

As a ~~Power BI Service~~ Fabric Administrator

Microsoft Fabric (Preview)

Users can create Fabric items (public preview) New

Enabled for a subset of the organization

Users can create Fabric items with new capabilities in Microsoft Fabric. This setting can be managed at both the tenant and the capacity levels. [Learn More](#)

☒ Enabled

Apply to:

☐ The entire organization

☒ Specific security groups

A AAD-PBI-Fabric × Enter security groups

☐ Except specific security groups

Delegate setting to other admins

☒ Capacity admins can enable/disable

Apply

Cancel

You're in control of the tenant settings, make sure you put together a security group that can start testing Fabric!

As a ~~Power BI Service~~ Fabric Administrator

Start taking advantage of Domains, this also works without Fabric enabled.


Admin portal

Domains (preview) New

Capacity settings

Refresh summary

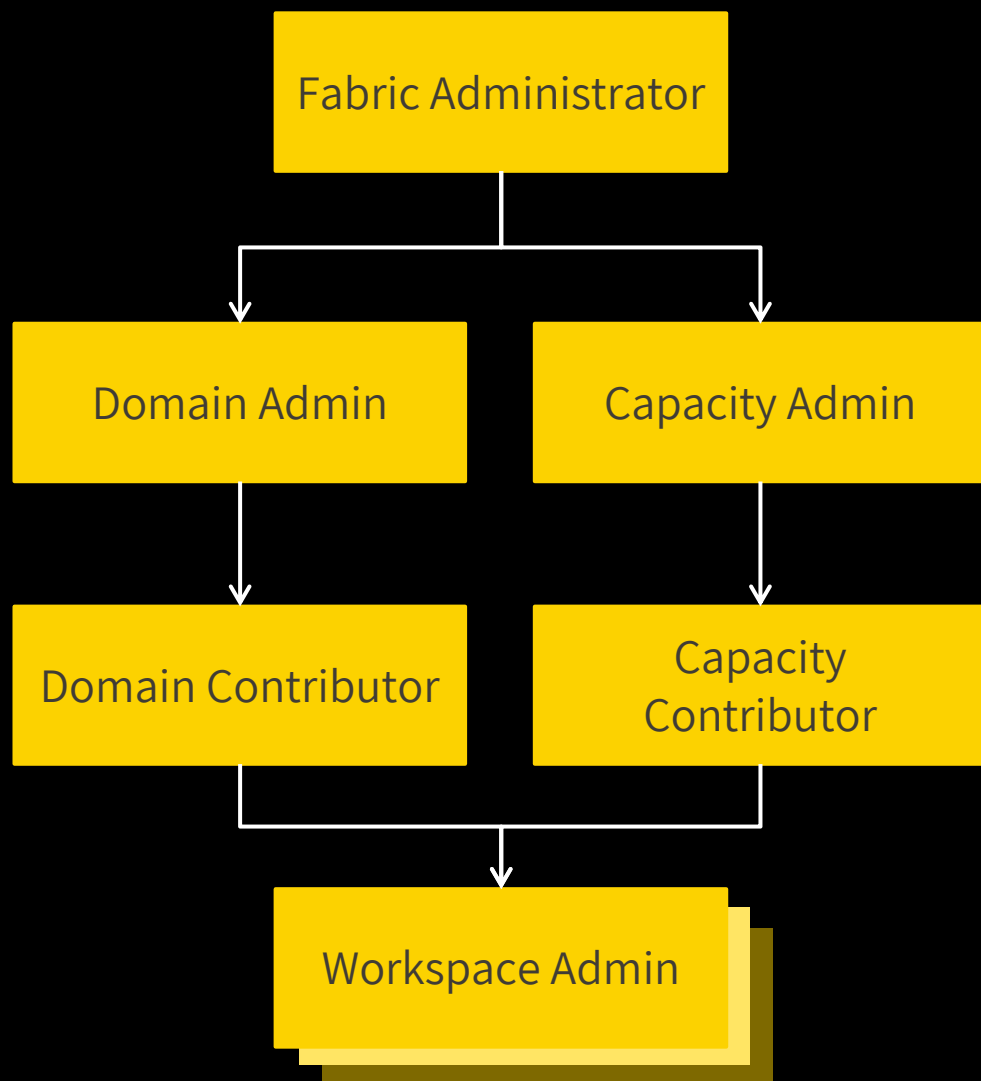
Domains

Create domains that match your org's key business segments and assign relevant workspaces. [Learn more](#) 

+ Create new domain

Name	Description	Domain admins
Demos	Containing all demo workspaces	Demo User, 1 more

More granular levels of controls



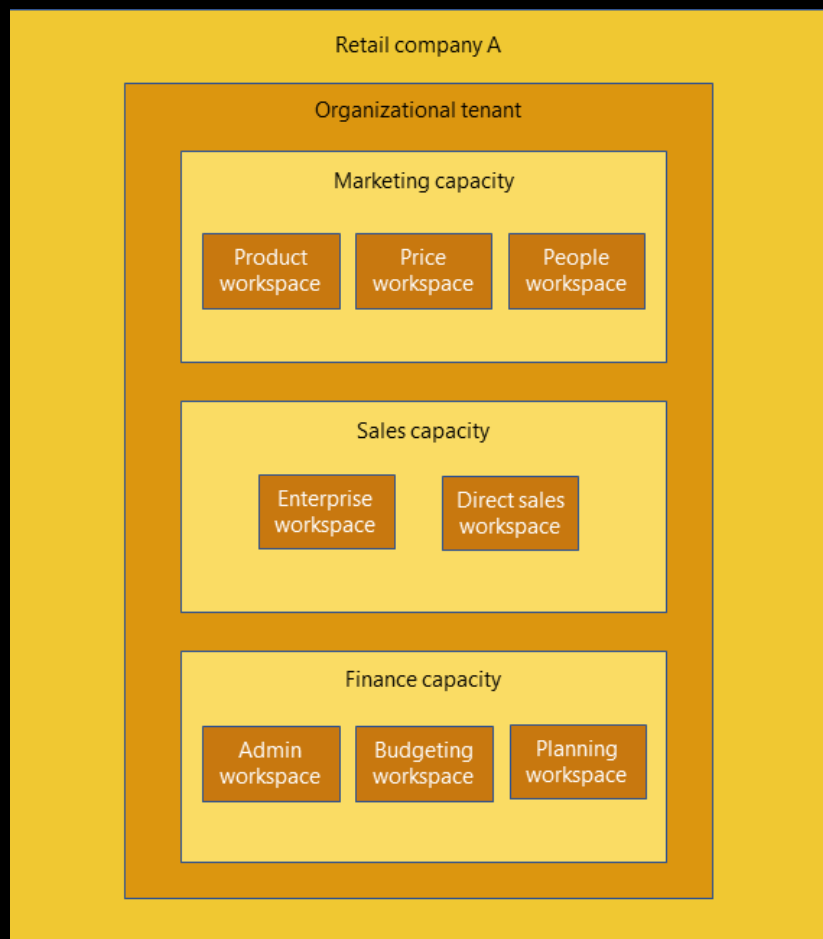
Defines tenant settings and global policies. May delegate certain settings to lower levels.

Defines specific delegated settings for domains / capacities. Assigns workspaces to domains and/or capacities.

Can assign a workspace to a domain or capacity.

Defines workspace permissions and settings on individual artifacts.

Fabric capacities



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
F128	128	P2/A5	16
F256	256	P3/A6	32
F512	512	P4/A7	64
F1024	1024	P5/A8	128
F2048	2048	-	256

*SKUs that are smaller than F64 require a Pro license to consume Power BI content.



Learning potential

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Wrap up

LET'S
RECAP...

Fabric brings many new **capabilities**

Many of these capabilities are **new for Power BI folks**

Not necessarily, you need to embrace all of this

With Fabric, you build end-to-end solutions with your **existing skill set**

It does open **new learning opportunities** in a familiar interface

Resources

Read this story in a blog

<https://data-marc.com/2023/05/24/overcoming-the-fear-exploring-microsoft-fabric-from-a-power-bi-angle/>

Fabric get started documentation

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/fabric/get-started/>

Explore Fabric end-to-end tutorials

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/fabric/get-started/end-to-end-tutorials>

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