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Considerations for Datastores

When planning for datastores, consider the following guidelines:

- When using Azure blob storage, *premium* level storage may provide improved I/O performance for large datasets. However, this option will increase cost and may limit replication options for data redundancy.

- When working with data files, although CSV format is very common, Parquet format generally results in better performance.

- You can access any datastore by name, but you may want to consider changing the default datastore (which is initially the built-in **workspaceblobstore** datastore).

To change the default datastore, use the **set_default_datastore()** method:

```python
ws.set_default_datastore('blob_data')
```