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Building analytics solutions using Serverless SQL Pools

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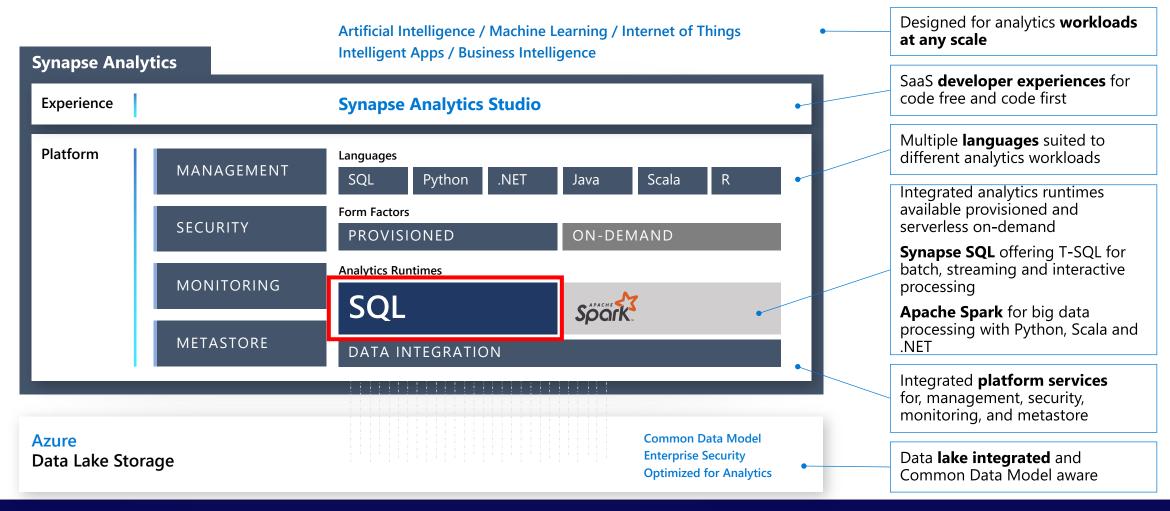
AGENDA

- Overview Azure Synapse Analytics
- SQL Pools Key features
- Developer & Clients Tools
- serverless SQL Pool Overview & Benefits
- Use Cases
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- serverless SQL Pool Key features
- Best Practices
- Demo
- Q&A



Azure Synapse Analytics

Limitless analytics service with unmatched time to insight









Key features – SQL Pools

Rich surface area

- T-SQL language for data analytics
- Supporting large number of languages and tools
- Enterprise-grade security

SQL Provisioned

- Modern Data Warehouse
- Indexing and caching
- Import and query external data
- Workload management

SQL Serverless

- Querying external data
- Model raw files as virtual tables and views
- Easy data transformation

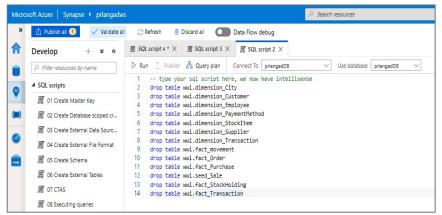




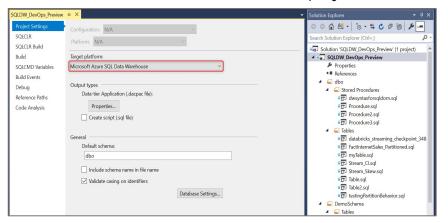


Developer Tools

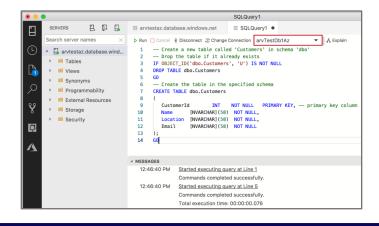
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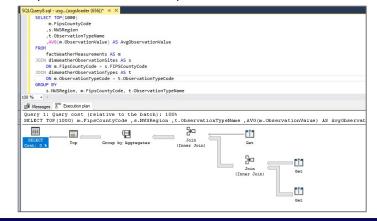
Visual Studio - SSDT database projects



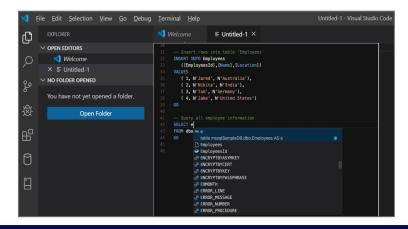
Azure Data Studio (queries, extensions etc.)



SQL Server Management Studio (queries, execution plans etc.)



Visual Studio Code











Azure Synapse Analytics SQL Pool (serverless model)





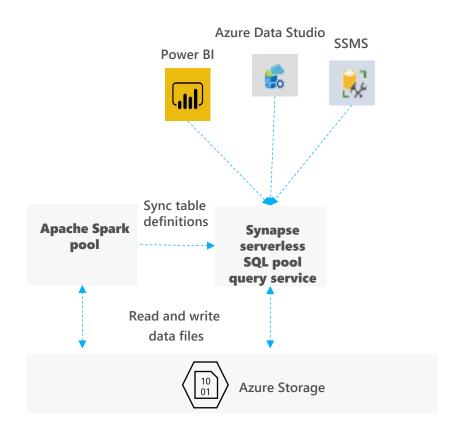
serverless SQL pool

Overview

An interactive query service that enables you to use standard T-SQL queries over files in Azure storage.

Benefits

- Use SQL to work with files on Azure storage
 - Directly query files on Azure storage using T-SQL
 - Logical Data Warehouse on top of Azure storage
 - Easy data transformation of Azure storage files
- Supports any tool or library that uses T-SQL to query data
- Automatically synchronize tables from Spark
- Serverless
 - No infrastructure, no upfront cost, no resource reservation
 - Pay only for query execution (per data processed)









Use Cases

Quick data exploration

- Easily explore schema and data in files on Azure storage
- Supports various file formats (Parquet, CSV, JSON)
- Direct connector to Azure storage for large BI ecosystem

Logical Data Warehouse

- Model raw files as virtual tables and views
- Use any tool that works with SQL to analyze files
- Use enterprise-grade security model

Easy data transformation

- Transform CSV to parquet format
- Move data between containers and accounts
- Save the results of queries on external storage

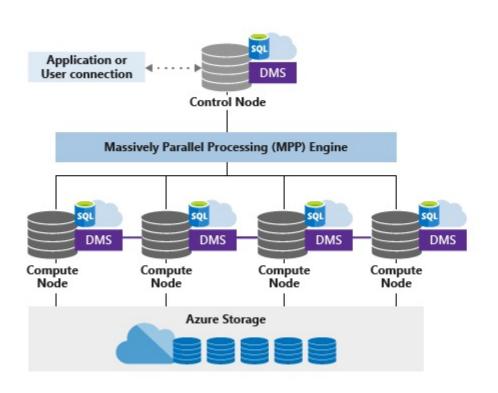




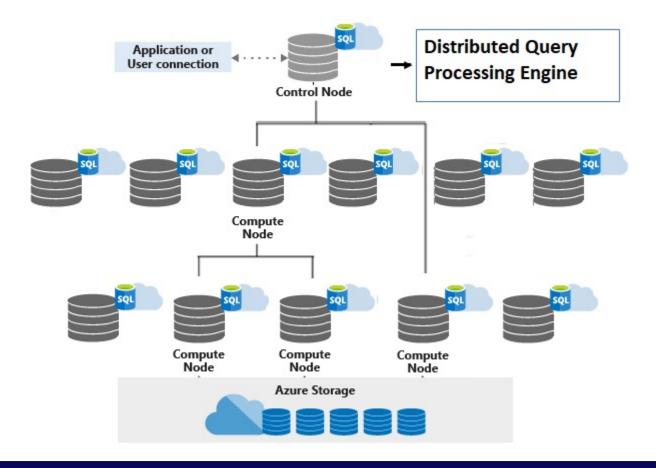


SQL pools – Architecture

SQL pool - dedicated



SQL pool - serverless









Key Features - serverless

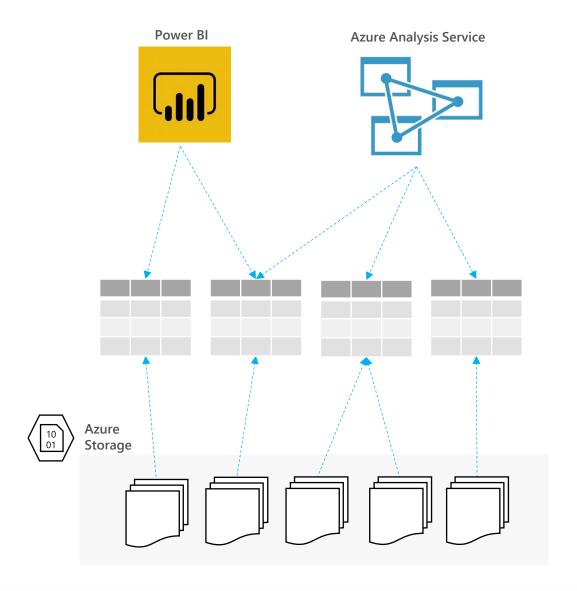
- Easily explore files on storage
- Easily query files in various formats
- Automatic schema inference
- Defined the query result schema inline
- Customize the content parsing to fit your case
- Easily query multiple files, with wildcards
- Query partitioned data, using the folder structure

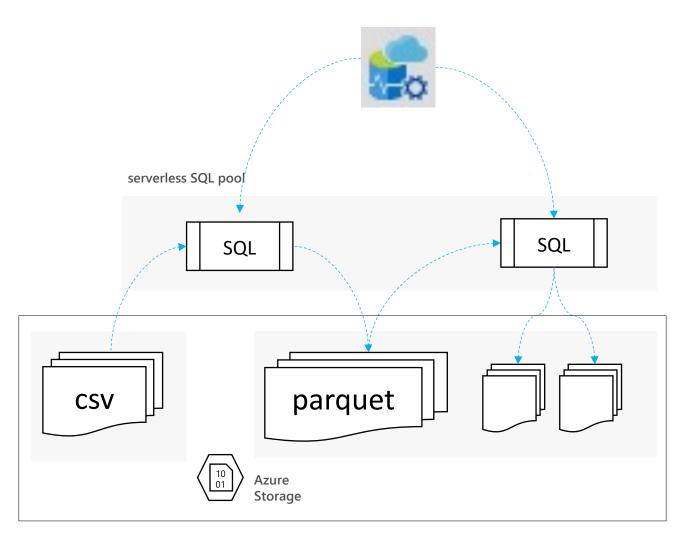
- SQL serverless as a logical data warehouse
- Logical data warehouse views
- Logical data warehouse tables
- Easy data transformation with CETAS
- Automatic syncing of Spark tables
- Automatic syncing with Synapse Link

















Best practices

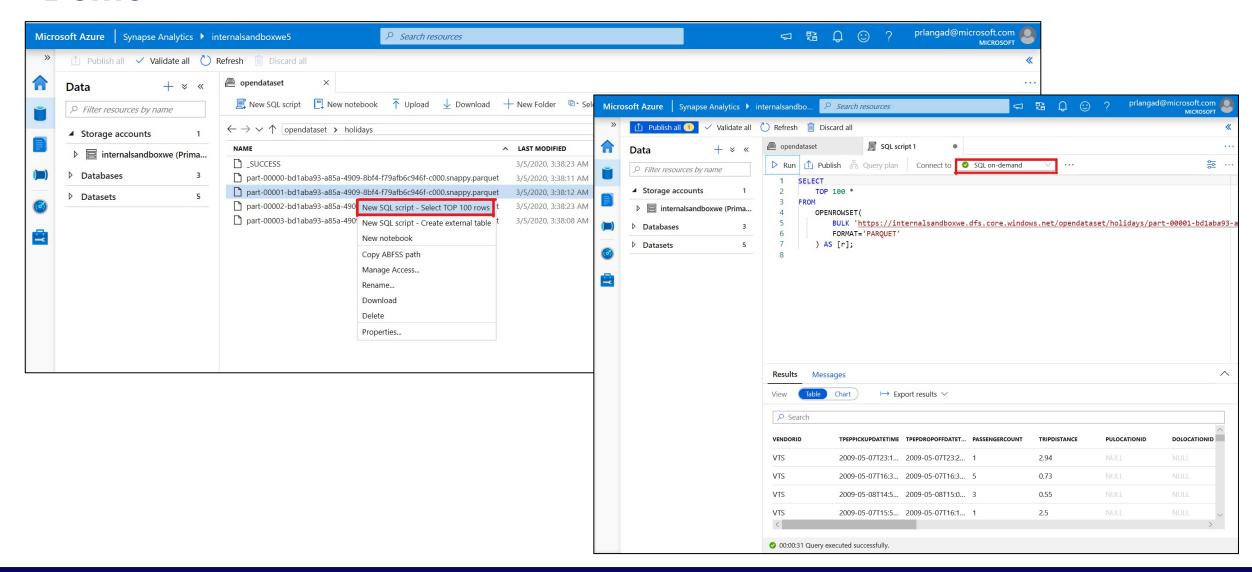
- Co-locate storage and serverless SQL pools
- Consider Azure Storage throttling
- Prepare files for querying (CSV, JSON -> Parquet)
- Push wildcards to lower levels in the path
- Use appropriate data types and check inferred data types
- Use filename and filepath functions to target specific partitions
- Use PARSER_VERSION 2.0 to query CSV files
- Use CETAS to enhance query performance and joins
- Choose SAS credentials over Azure AD pass-through (for now)







Demo







Q&A







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