A Introduction to Azure Data Factory

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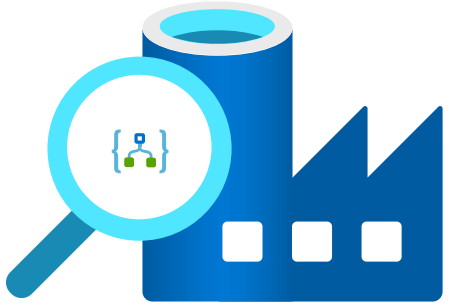
- What is it and why use it?
- Data Factory Components
- Common Activities
- Execution Dependencies
- Integration Runtimes
  - Azure/Hosted/SSIS
- Data Factory Data Flows
- Source Control
- Deployments
- Monitoring & Logging
- Conclusions

Azure Data Factory –

What is it?

Why use it?



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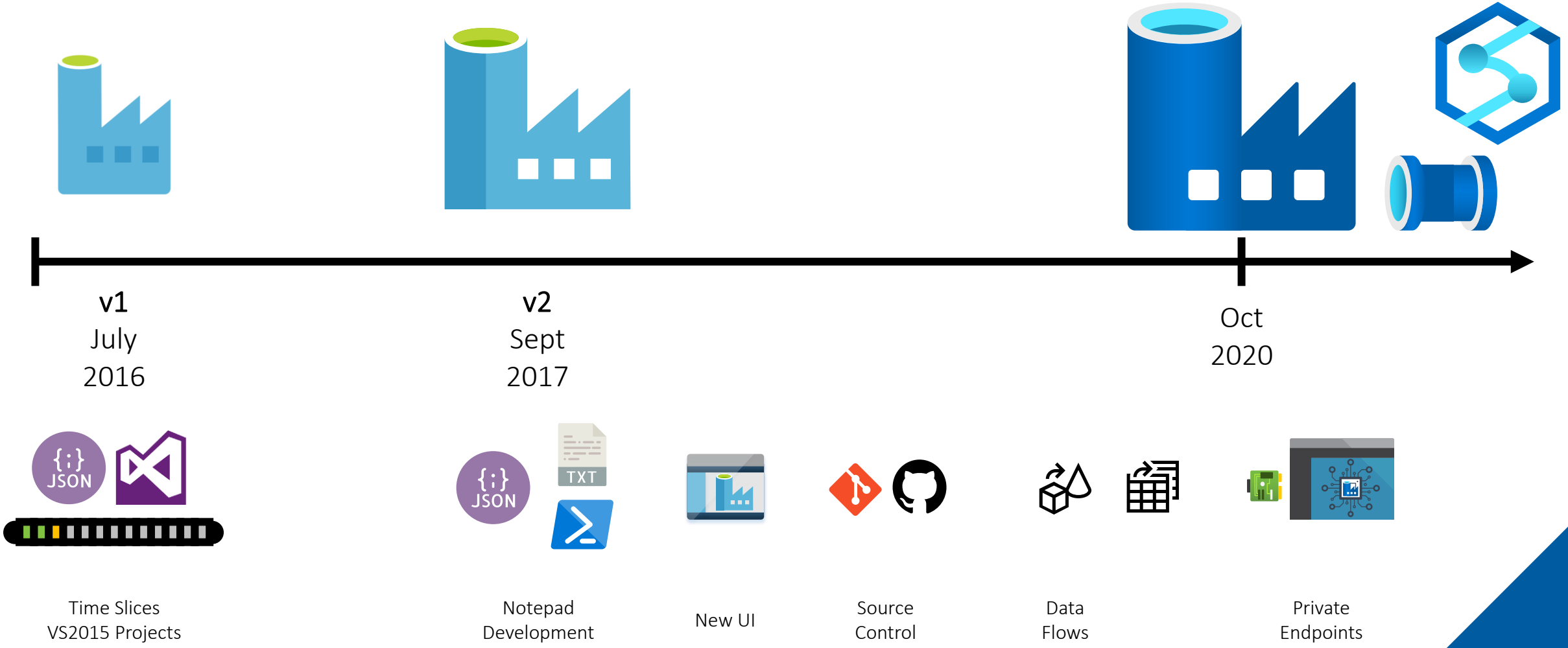

What is Azure Data Factory (ADF)?

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Data Factory

Hybrid data integration service that simplifies ETL at scale

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Accelerate data integration

Integrate data silos with Azure Data Factory, a service built for all data integration needs and skill levels. Easily construct ETL and ELT processes code-free within the intuitive visual environment, or write your own code. Visually integrate data sources using more than 90+ natively built and maintenance-free connectors at no added cost. Focus on your data – the serverless integration service does the rest.

https://azure.microsoft.com/en-gb/services/data-factory

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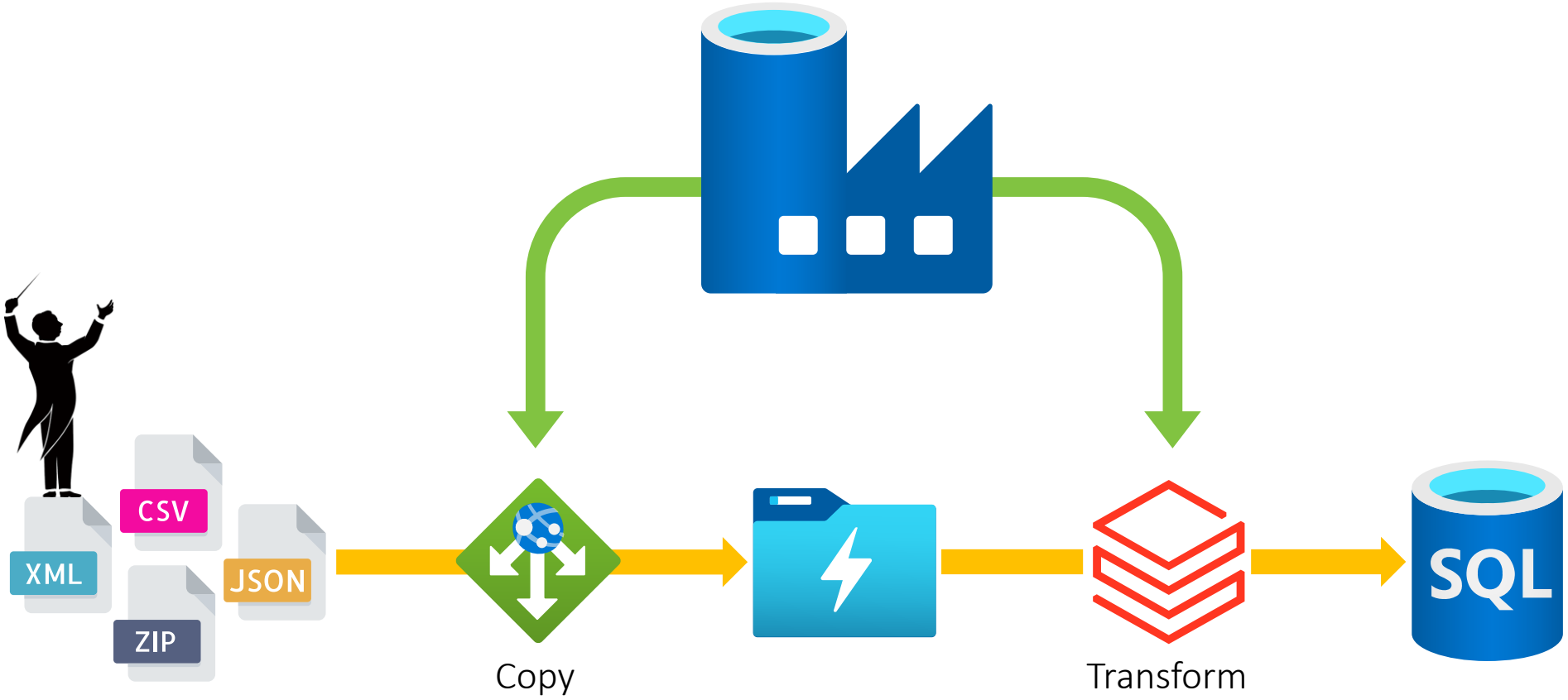

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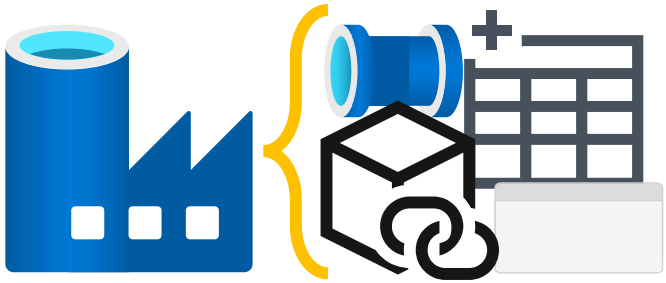

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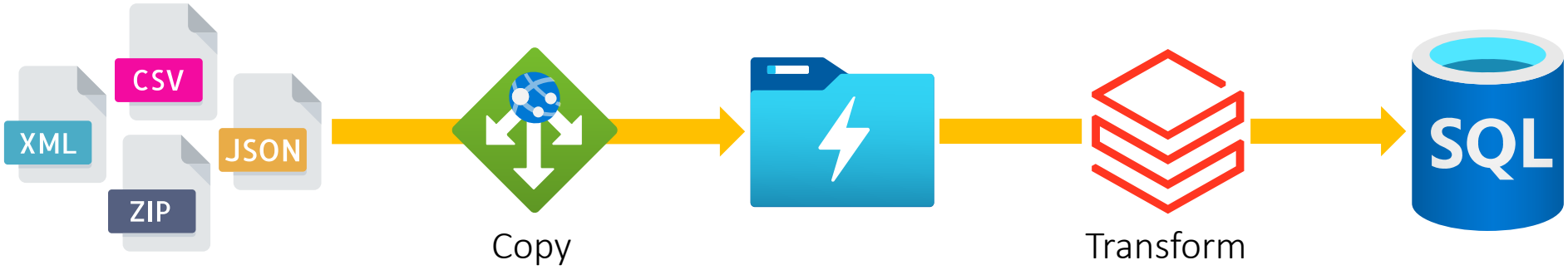

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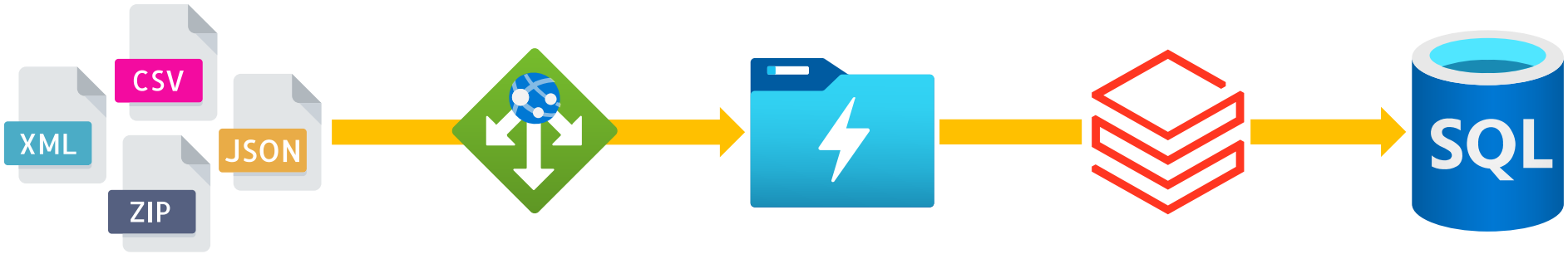

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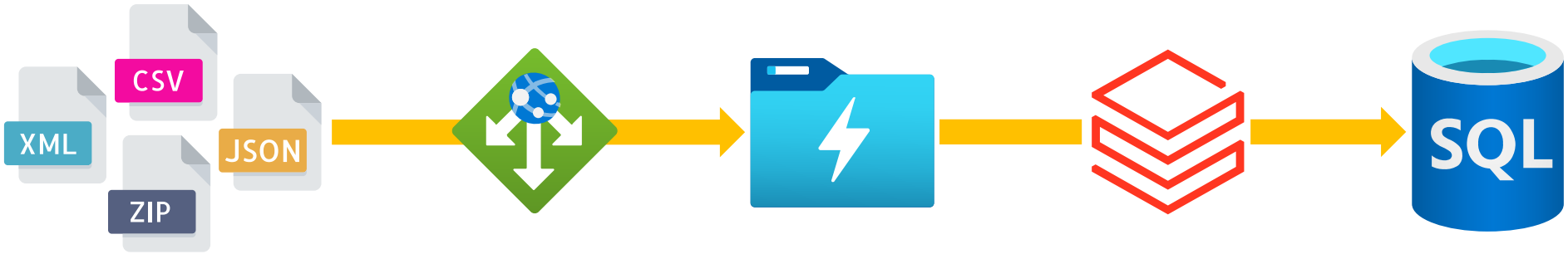

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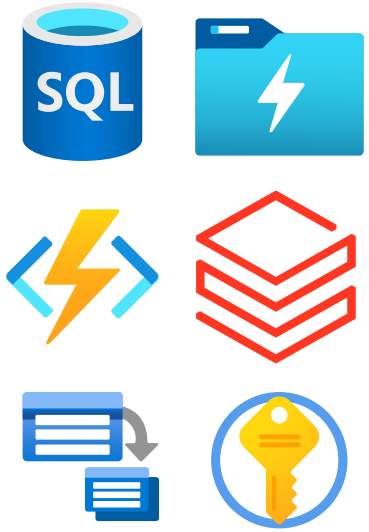

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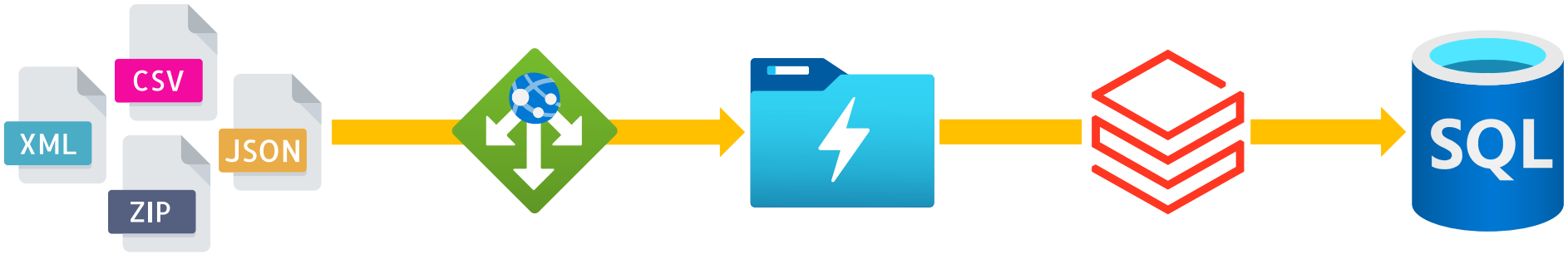

1. **Linked Services**
2. **Datasets** – Where is my data? What format? What file path/table do I need?

[dbo].[SalesOrders]

/RAW/Orders/2018/01/01/SalesOrders.csv

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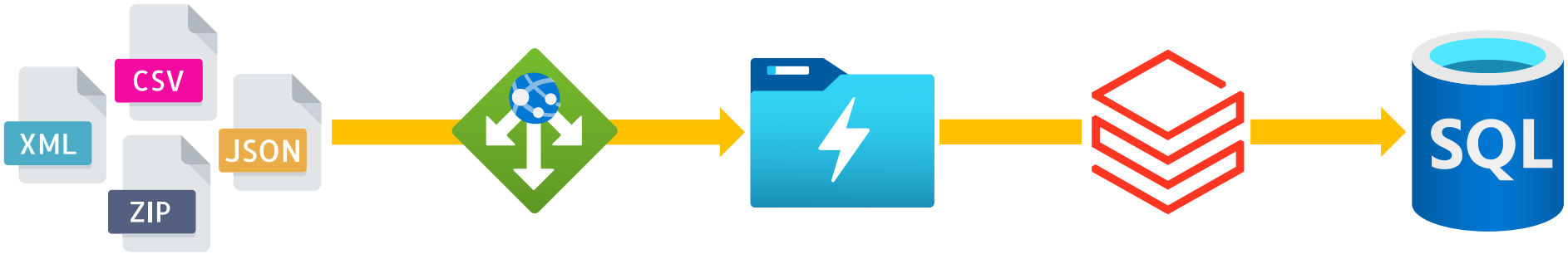

1. **Linked Services**
2. **Datasets**
3. **Activities** – What do we want to happen when we invoke a Linked Service?
   With what conditions?

JSON

Databricks Notebook Activity

notebookPath: */Playground/Playing*
baseParameters: *Testing*
libraries[jar]: dbfs:/lib1.jar
linkedServiceName: *BricksOfData01*

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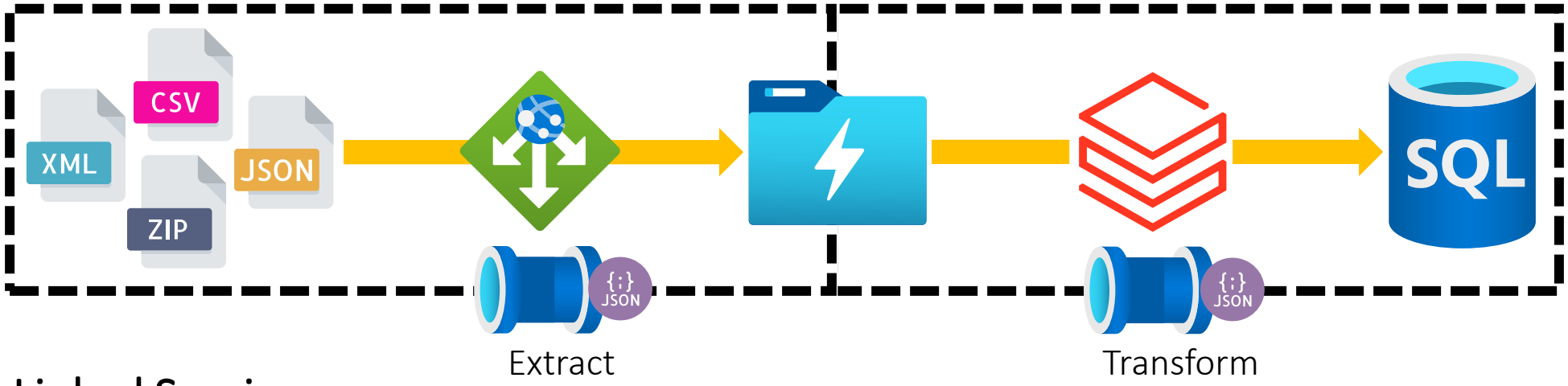

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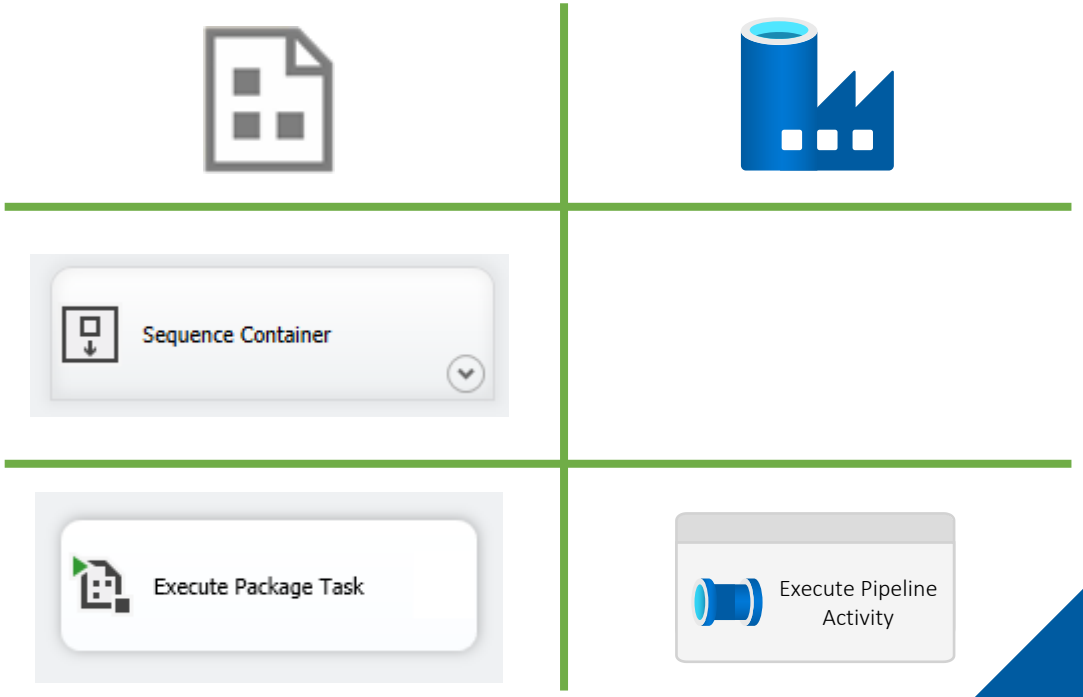

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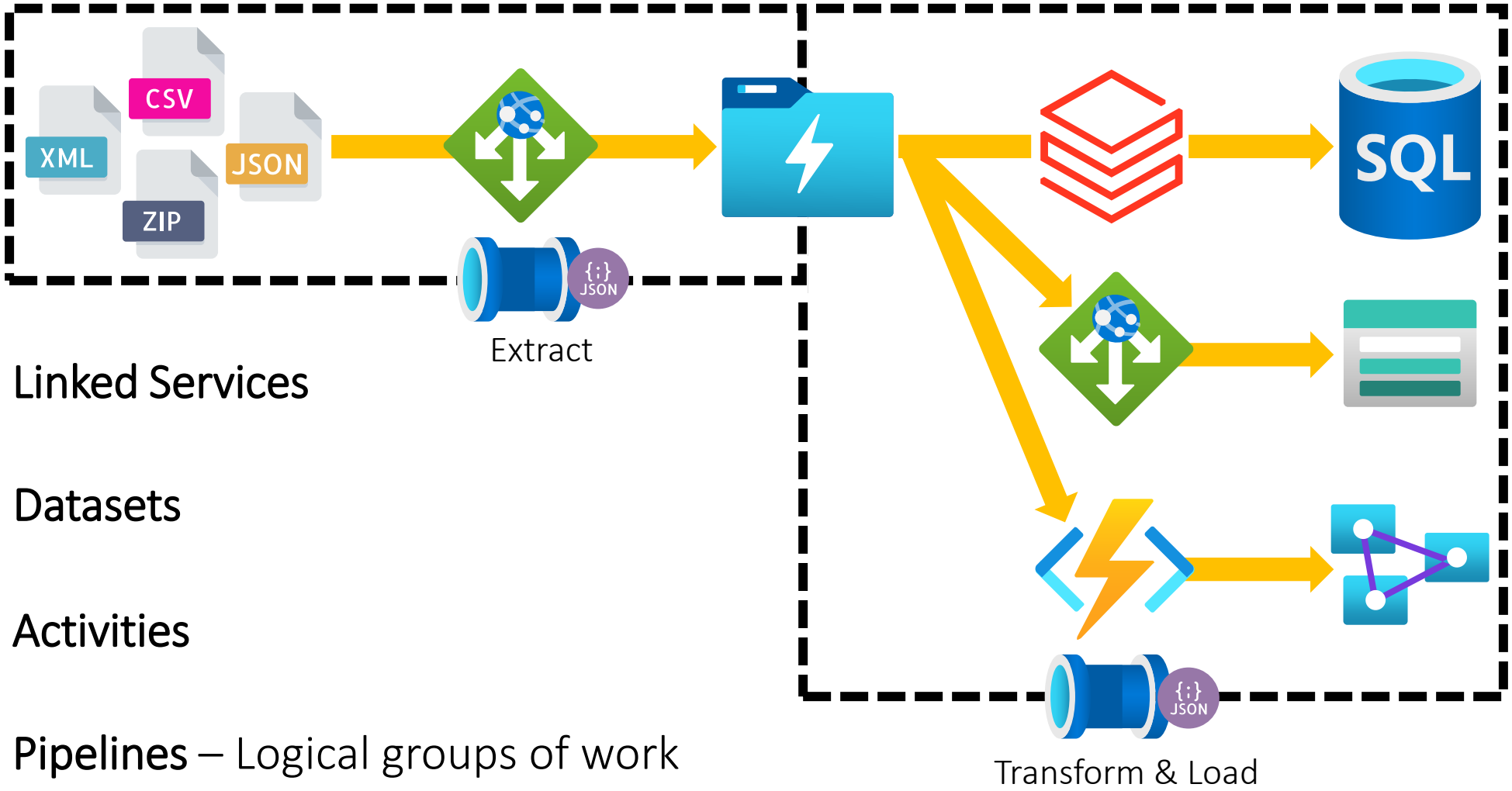

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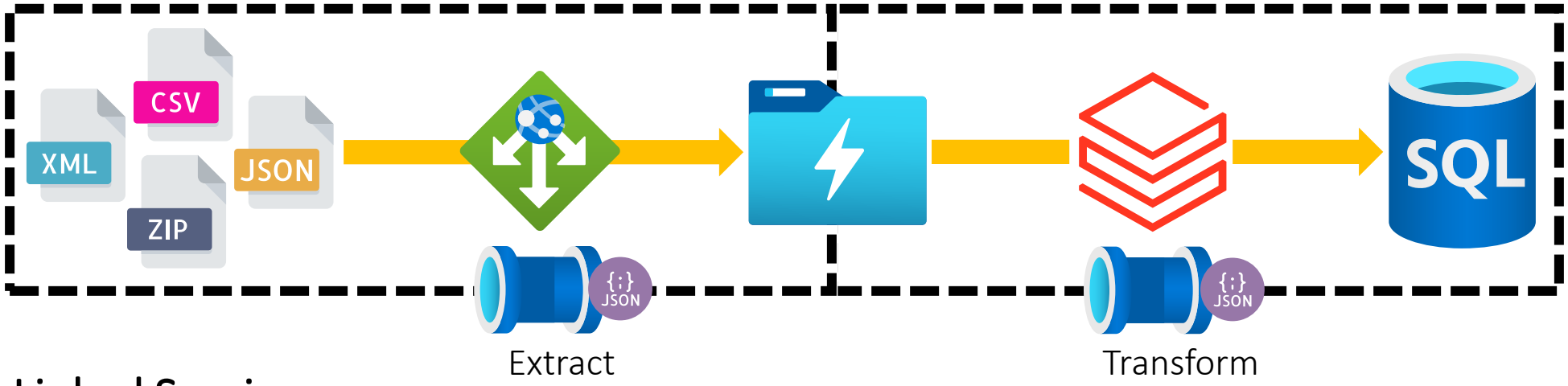

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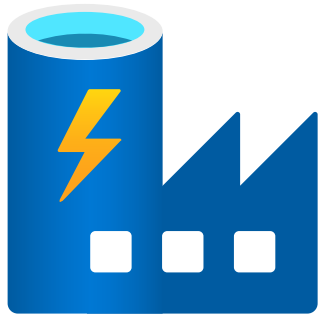
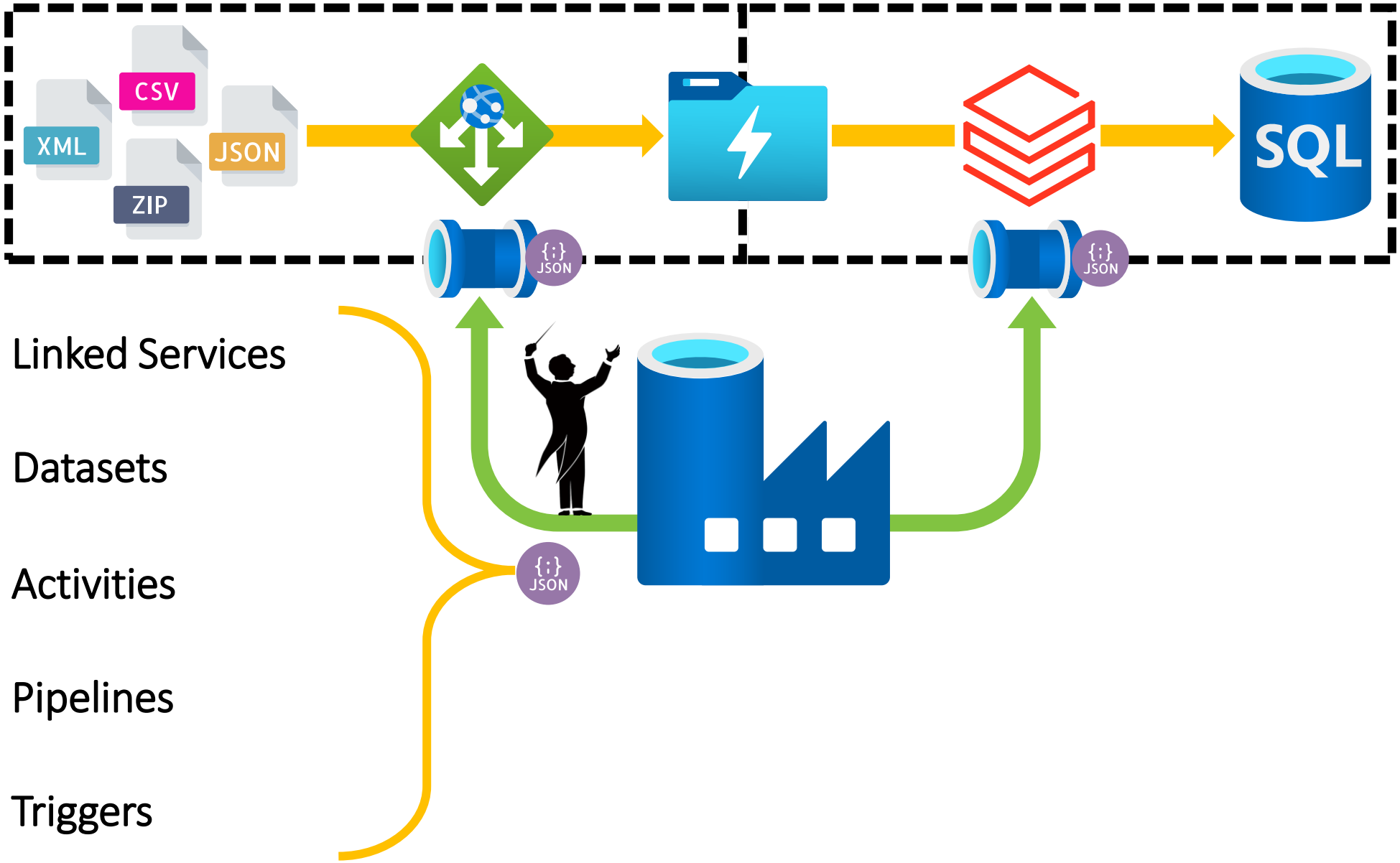
2. Datasets
3. Activities
4. Pipelines
5. **Triggers** – Telling our when pipelines to run.



- Manually
- Programmatically
- Schedule
- Tumbling Windows
- File Event

Data Factory Components



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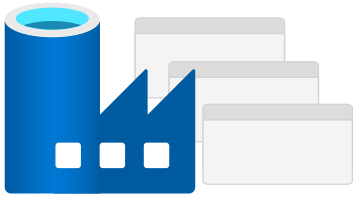
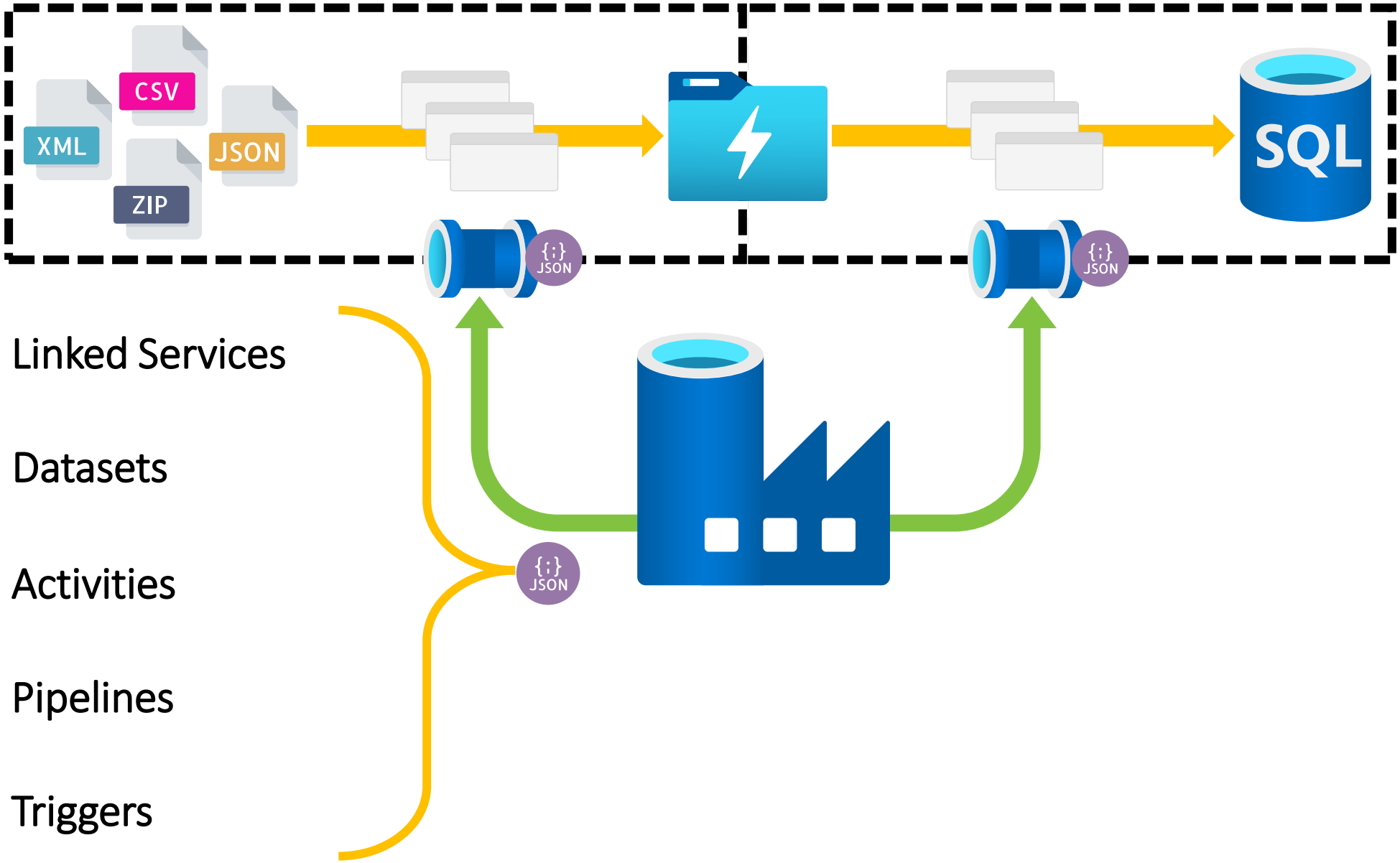
Common Activities



```sql
SELECT TOP 5
    [ActivityName],
    [Inputs],
    [Outputs],
    [Details]
FROM
    [metadata].[AdfActivities]
WHERE
    [Notes] = 'Pauls Favourites';
```

Data Factory Common Activities



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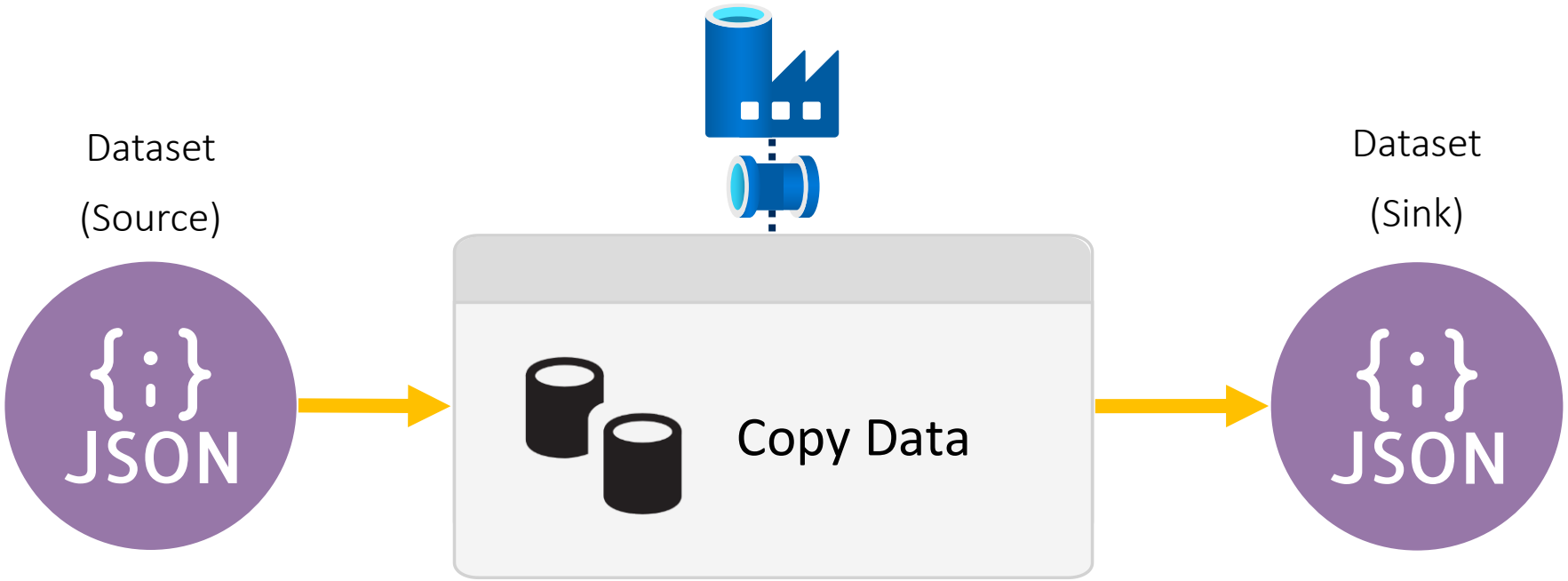
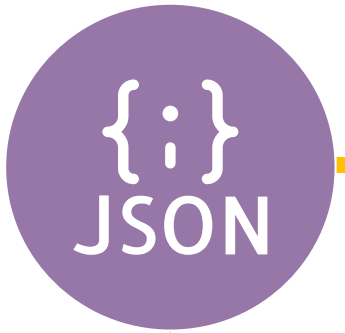


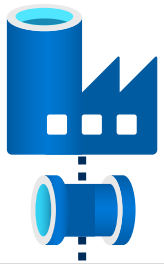
- Auto Scaling
- Transactional Restarts
- Handle Zip Compression
- Attribute Mapping and Schema Drift
- Handle Failed Rows
- Add Custom Attributes
- Parse Excel & JSON Files

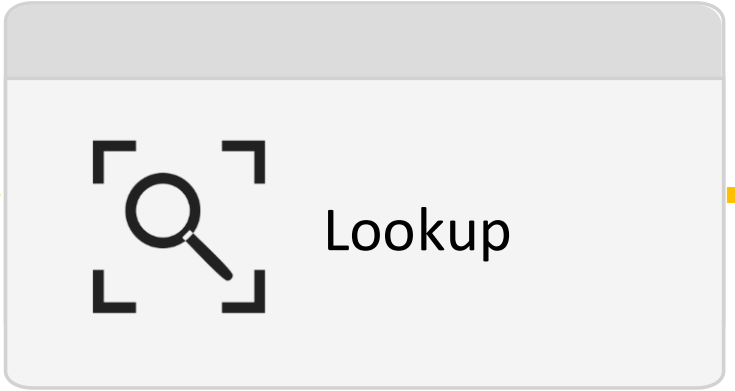
Lookup

Get value to support other control flow activities

Dataset



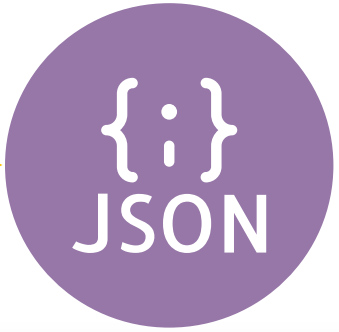




Single Value

Or

Many Values
[array]



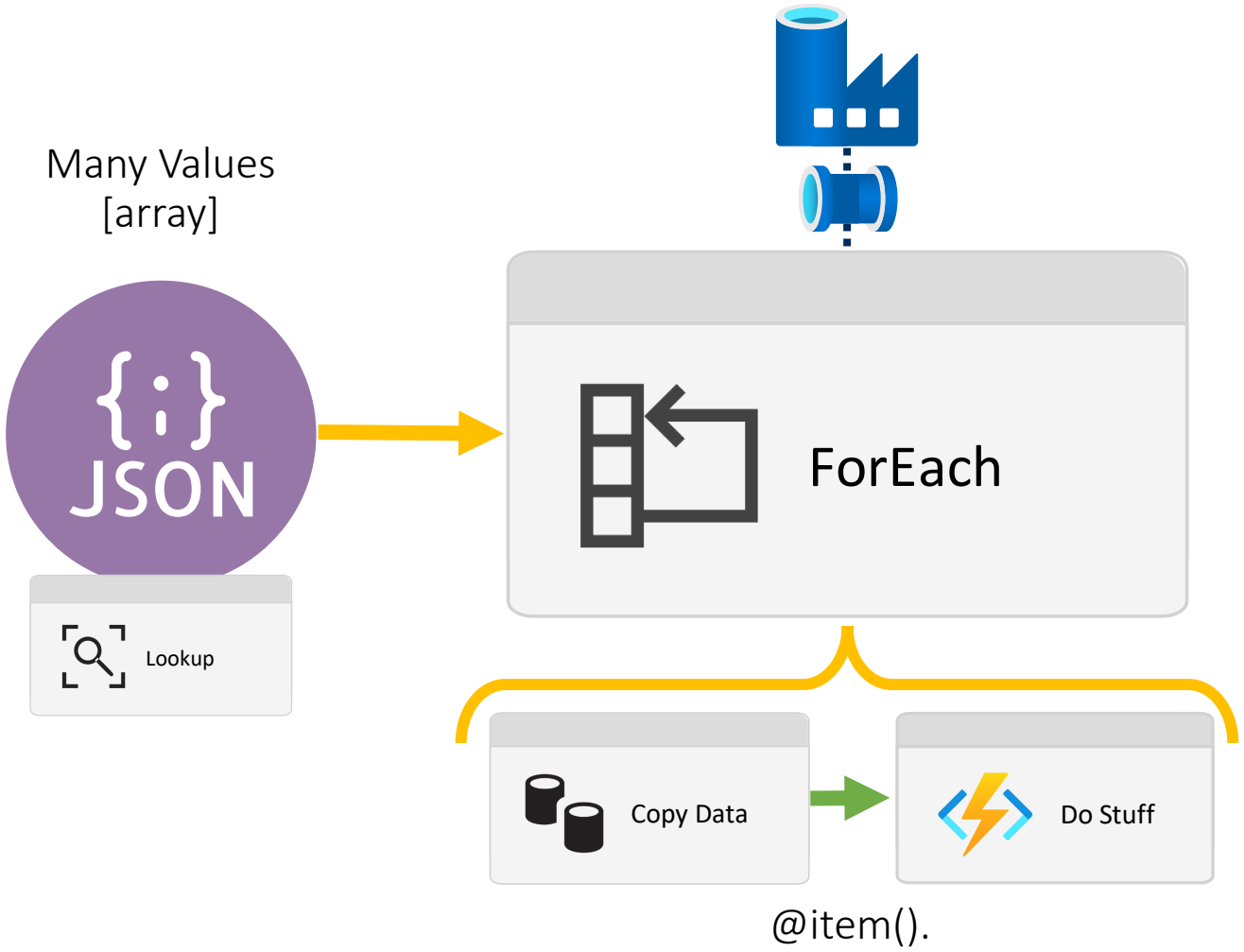

```sql
SELECT
    [SourceDIR],
    [TargetDIR],
    [FileName]
FROM
    [dbo].[FileList]
```


```
{
    "count": 3,
    "value": [
        {
            "SourceDIR": "ADFRoot\\ForUpload\\People\\",
            "TargetDIR": "RAW",
            "FileName": "Address.csv"
        },
        {
            "SourceDIR": "ADFRoot\\ForUpload\\People\\",
            "TargetDIR": "RAW",
            "FileName": "Gender.csv"
        },
        {
            "SourceDIR": "ADFRoot\\ForUpload\\People\\",
            "TargetDIR": "RAW",
            "FileName": "Ids.csv"
        }
    ]
}
```


https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/data-factory/control-flow-lookup-activity

ForEach

Scaling Out Control Flow Activities



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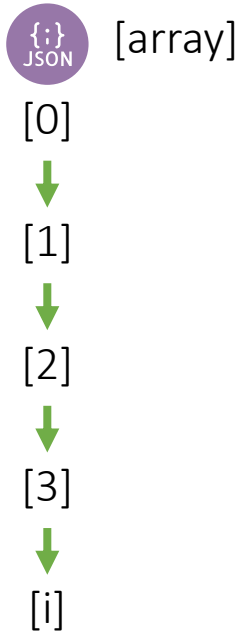

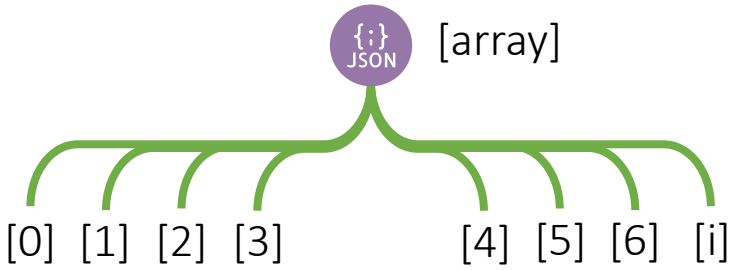

Batch Count Default: 20

Batch Count Max: 50

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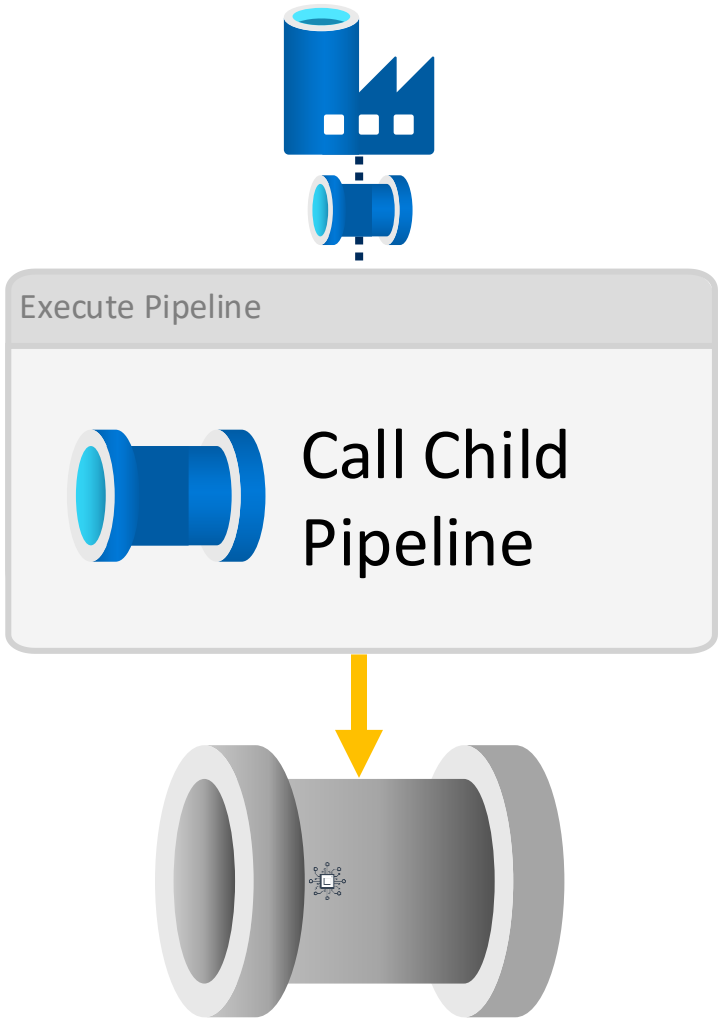
Execute Pipeline



Pipeline Hierarchies Generation Control

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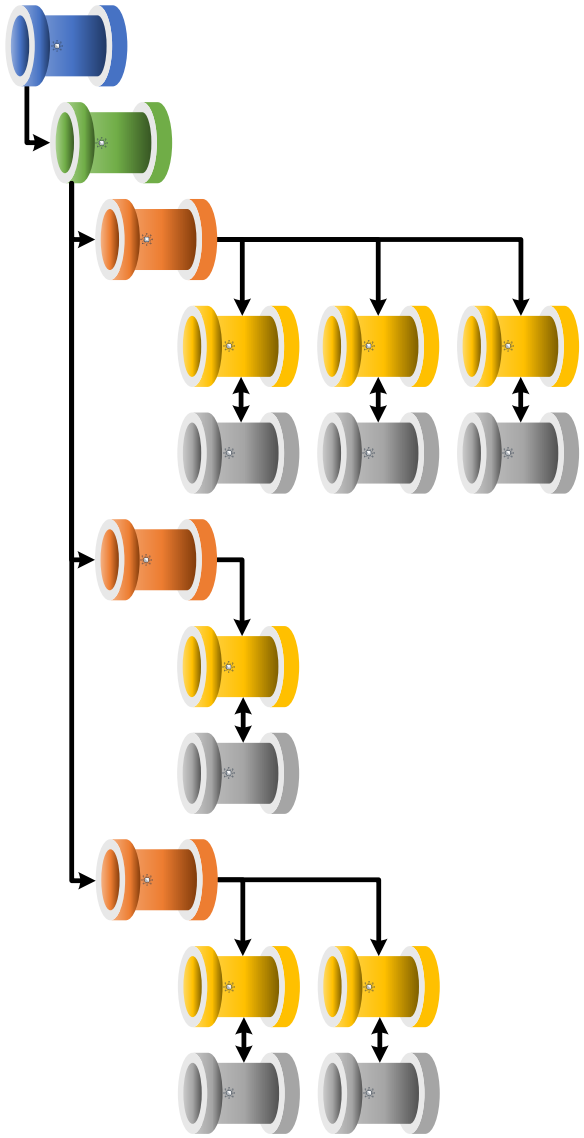
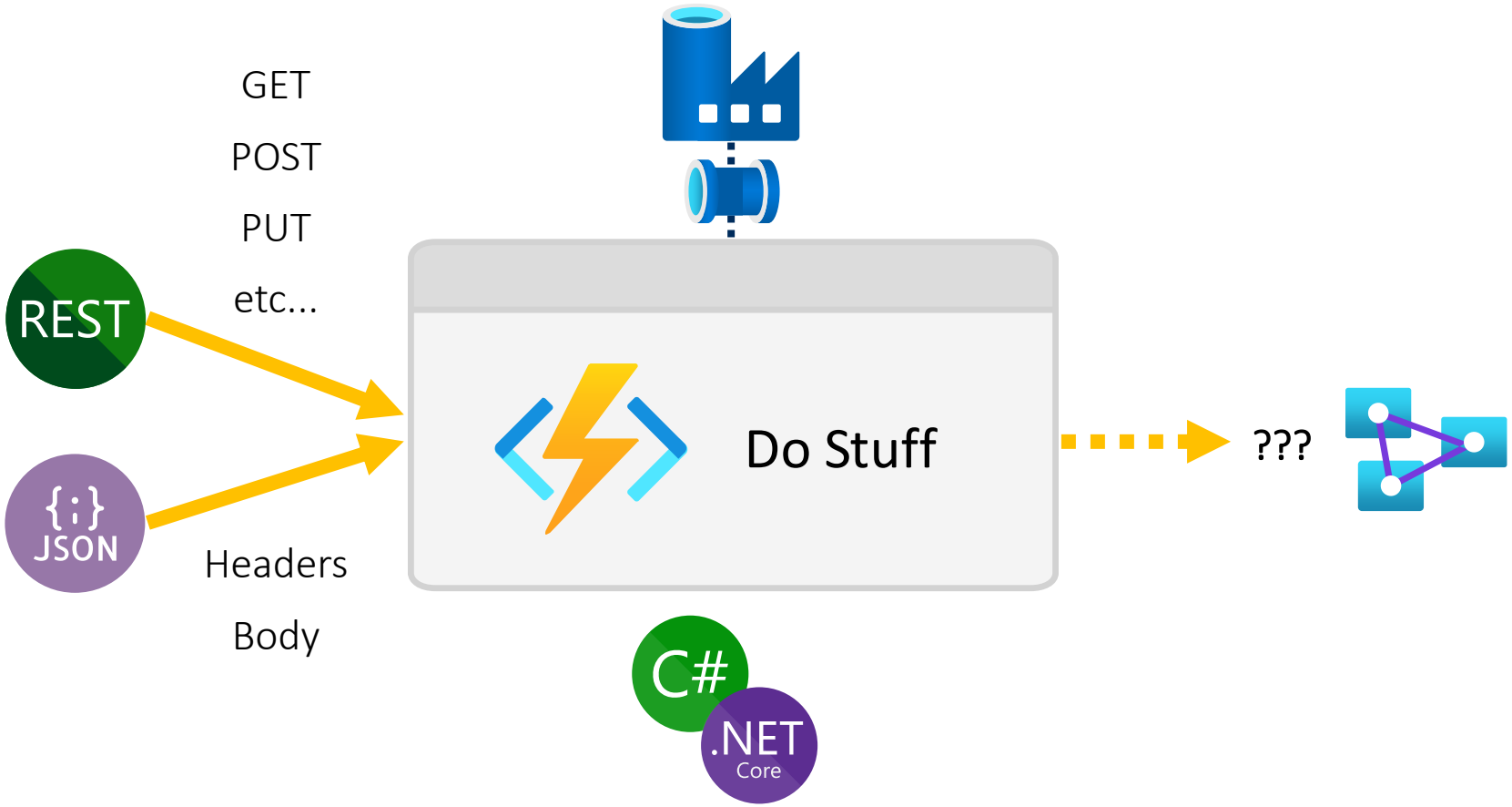
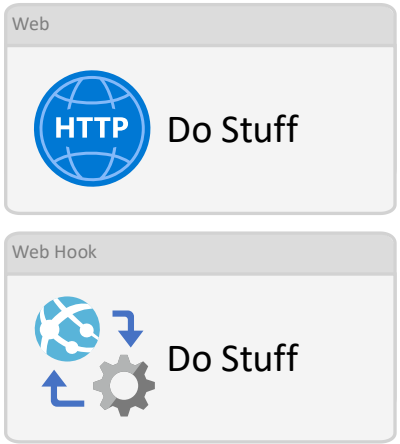


Azure Function

Extend Data Factory with Rest Calls





Custom

Extend Data Factory with Custom Code

Creating a Custom Activity

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References Objects

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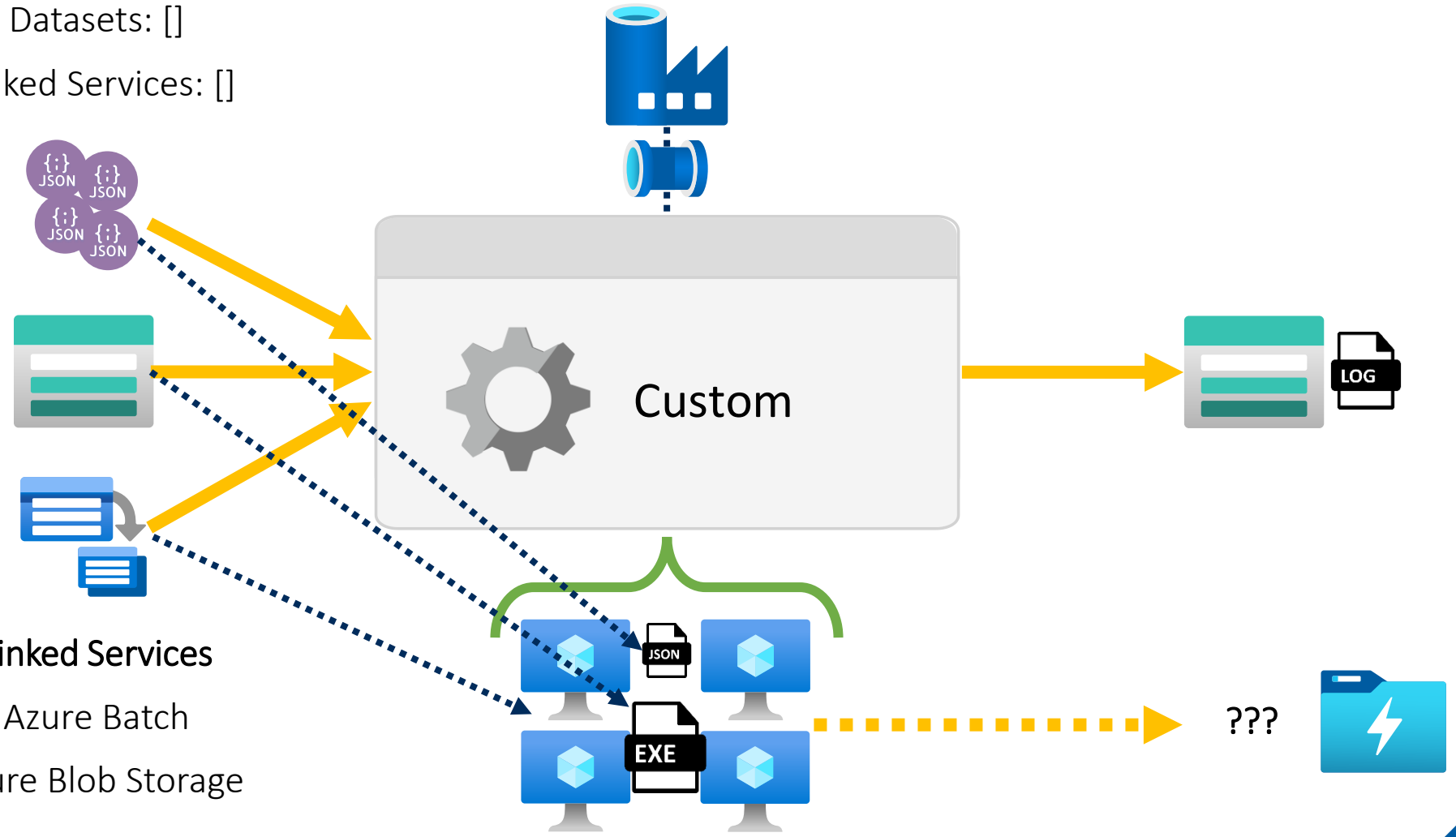
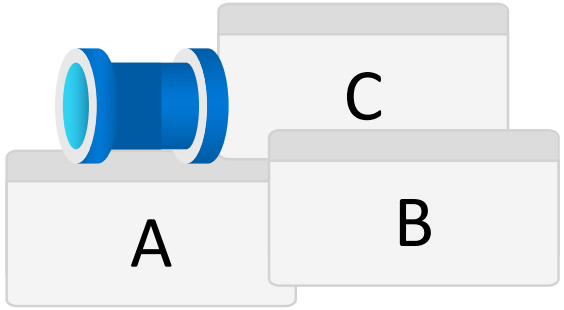


Linked Services

Azure Batch

Azure Blob Storage

Execution Dependencies



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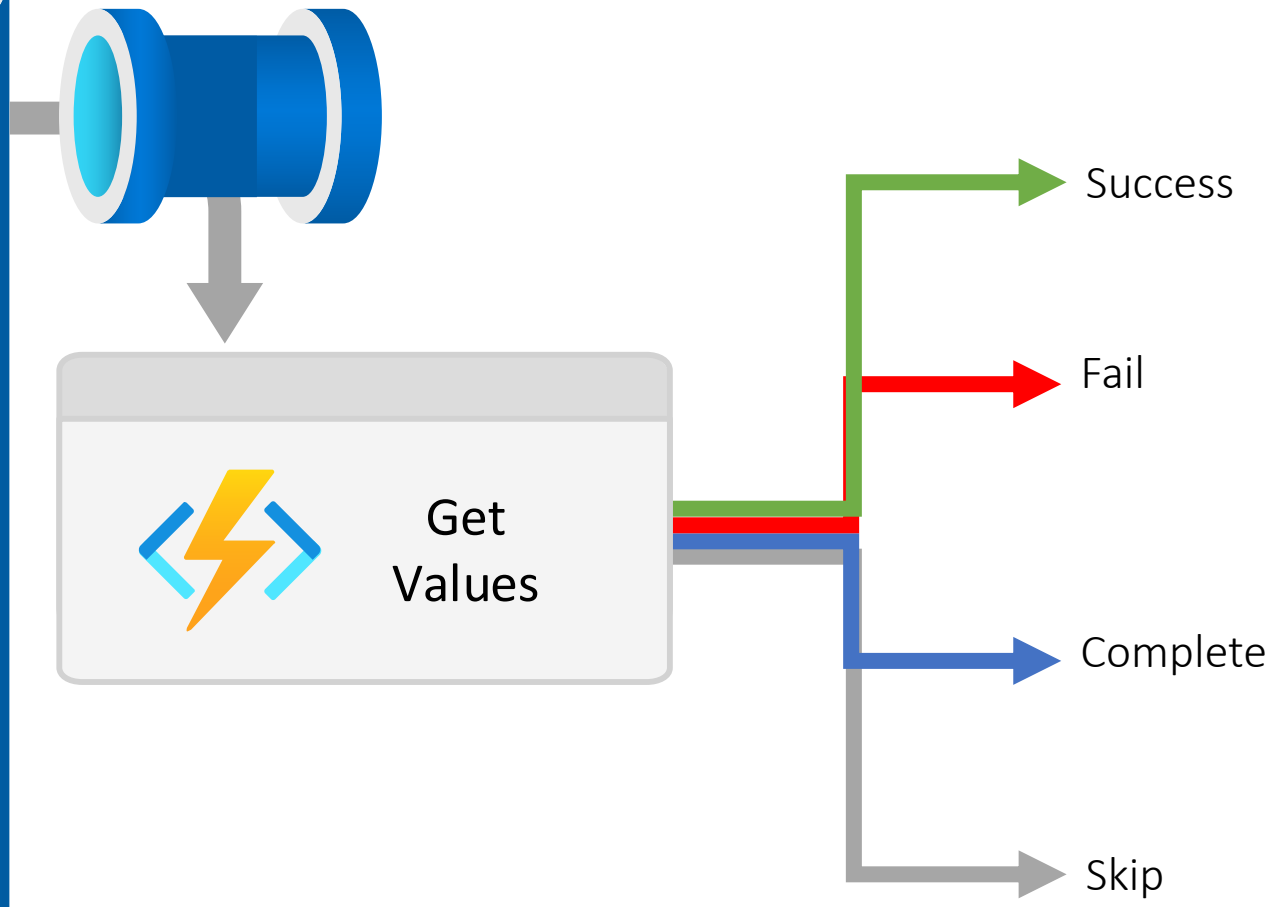

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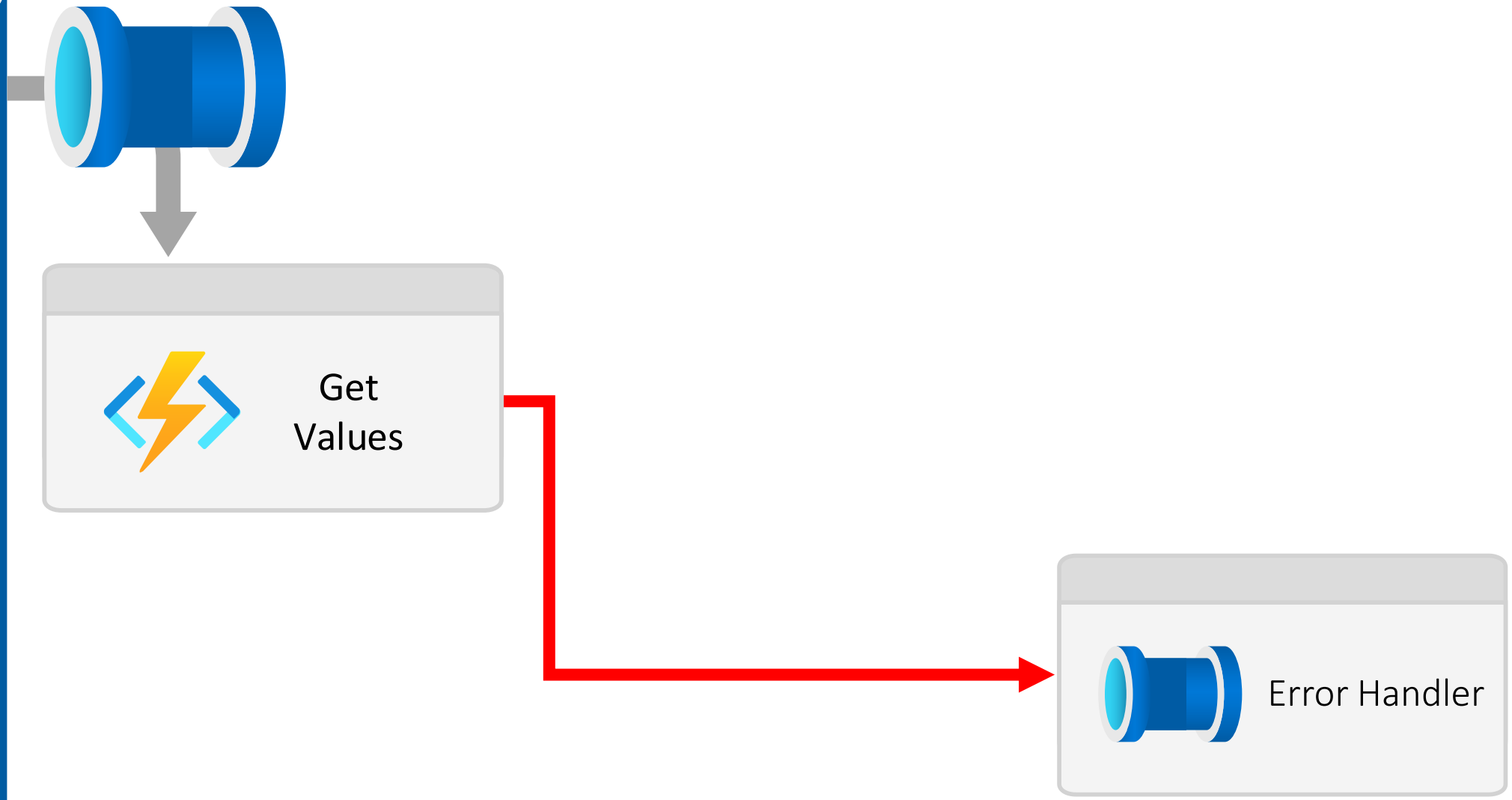

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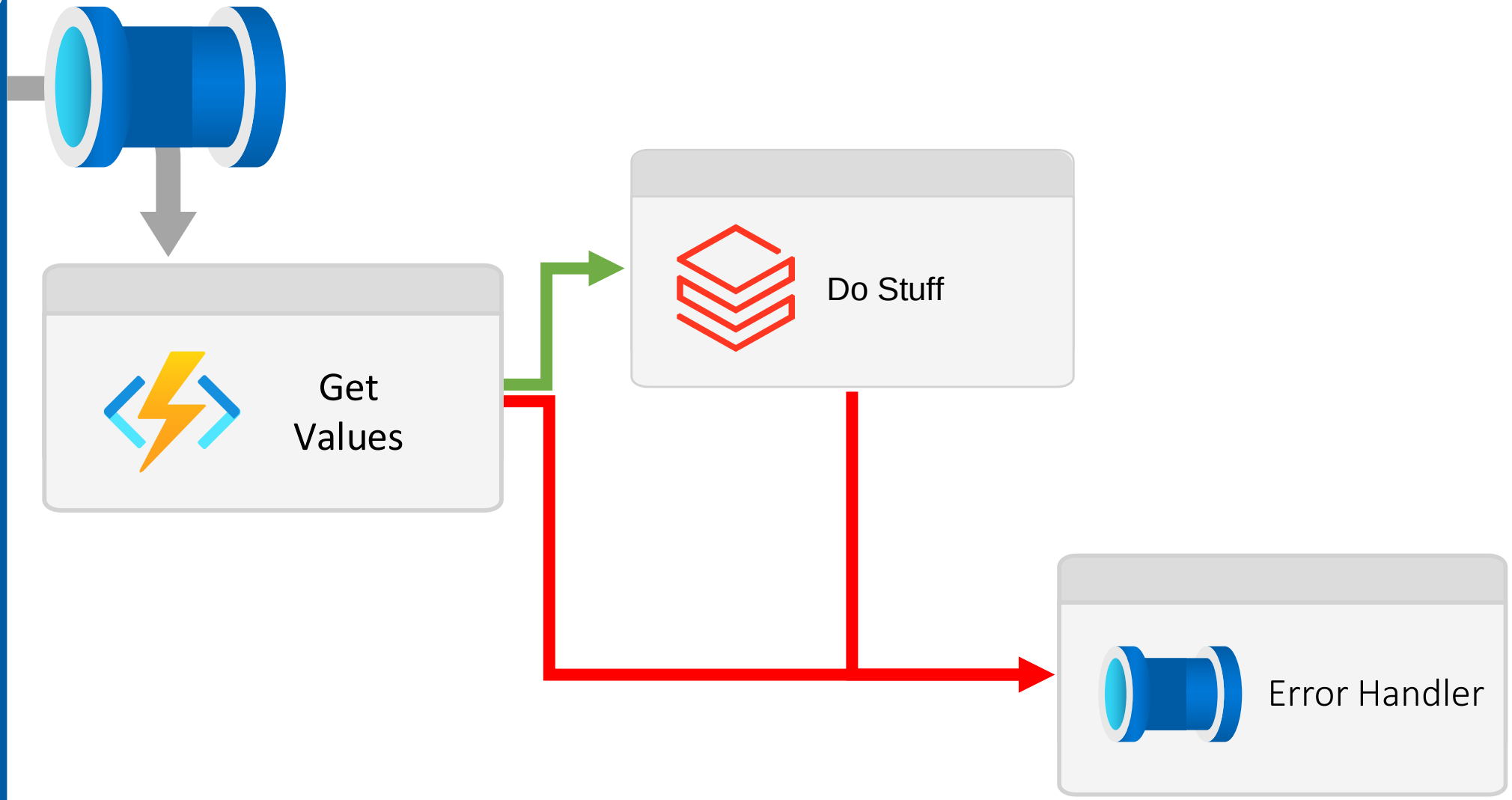

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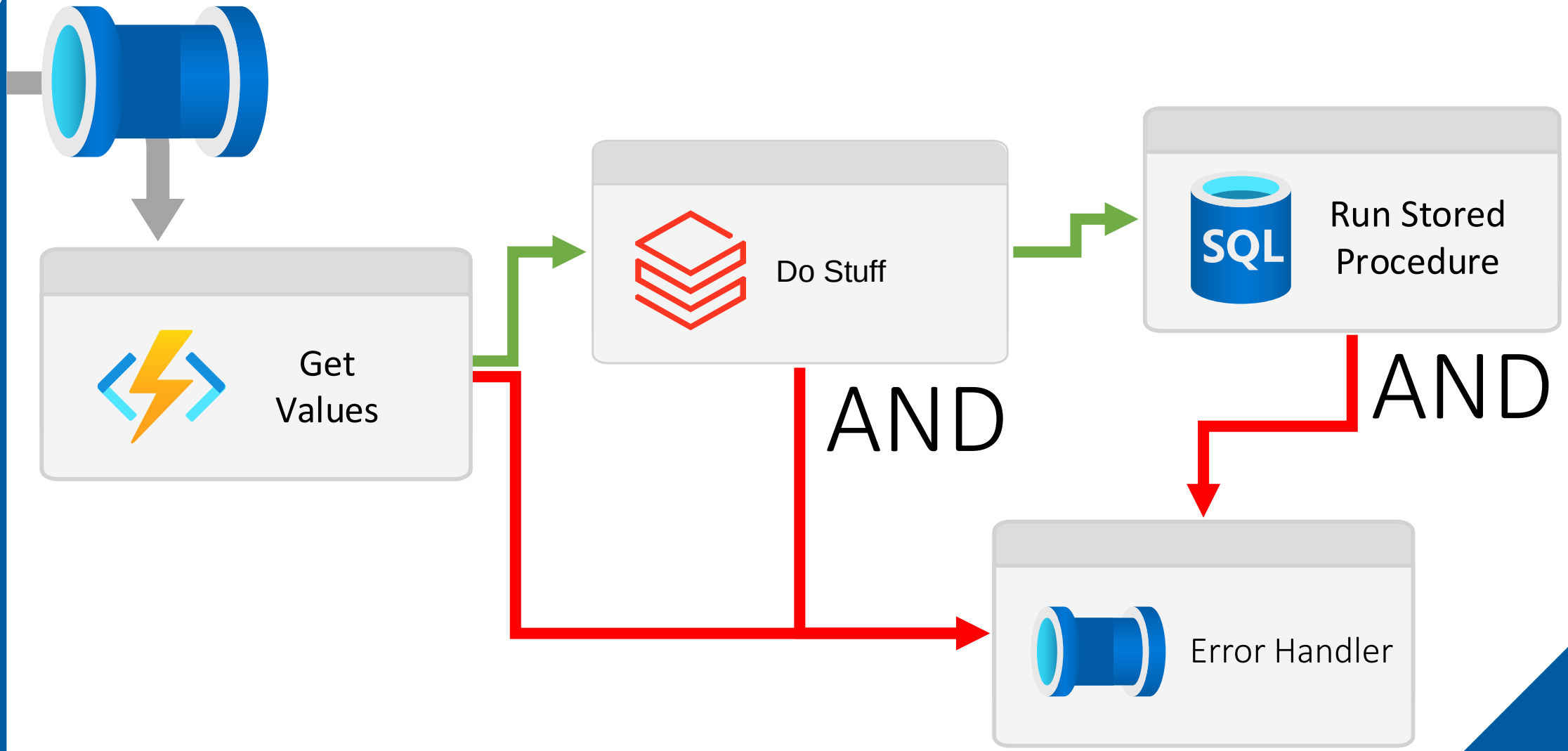

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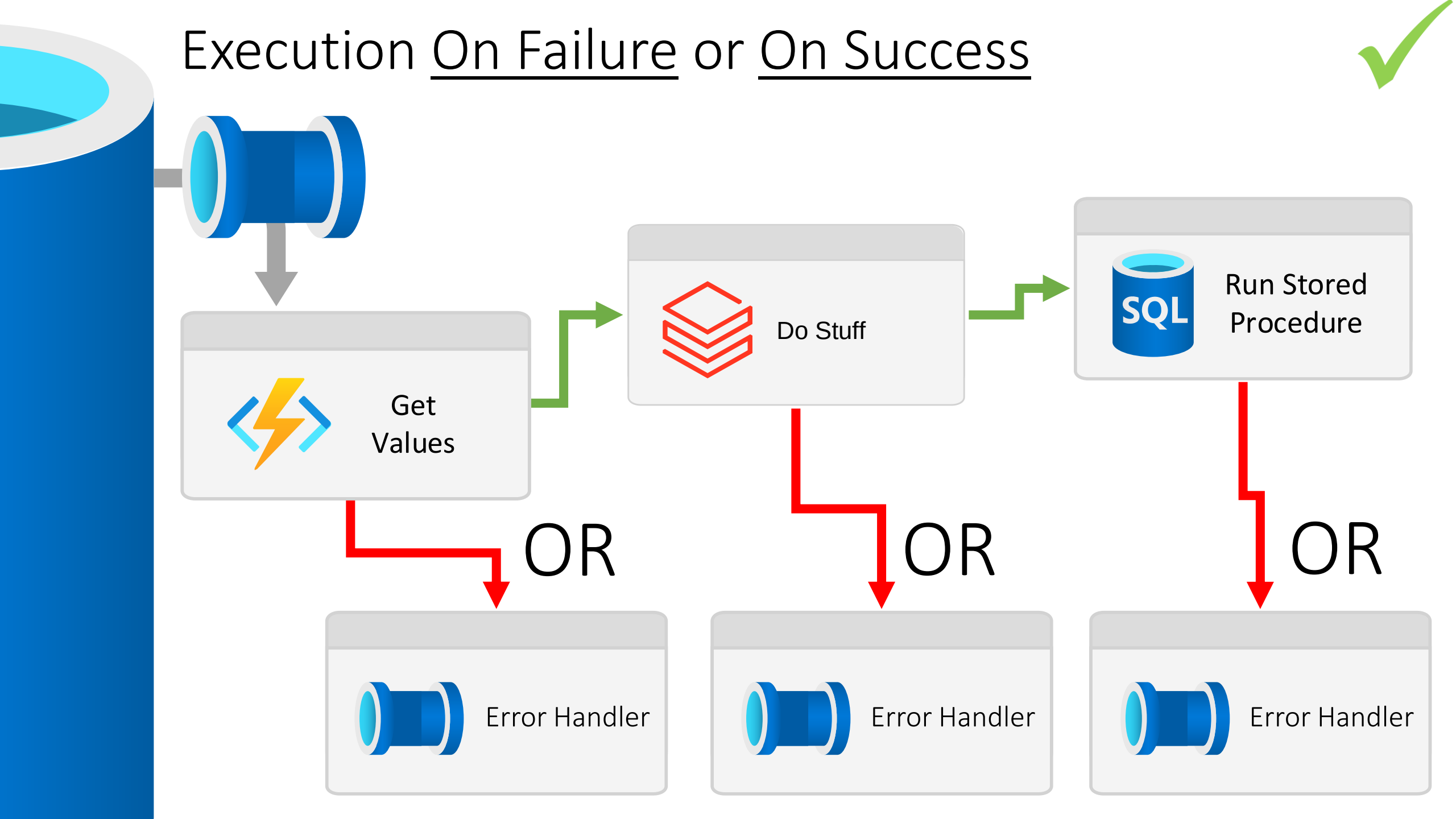

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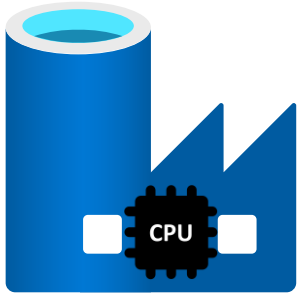

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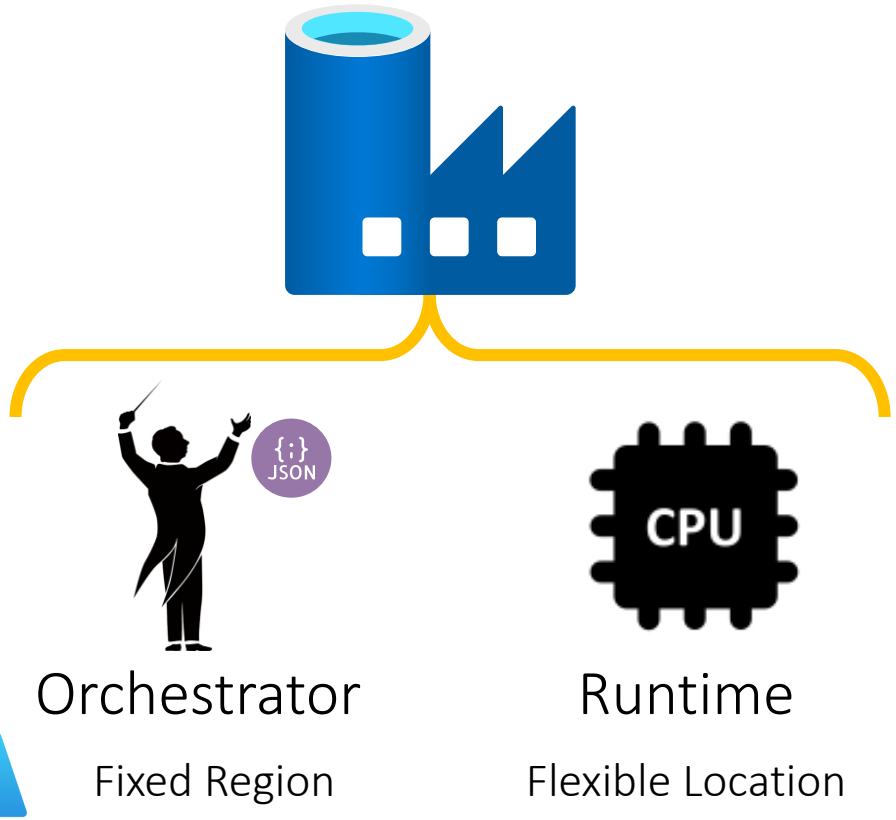

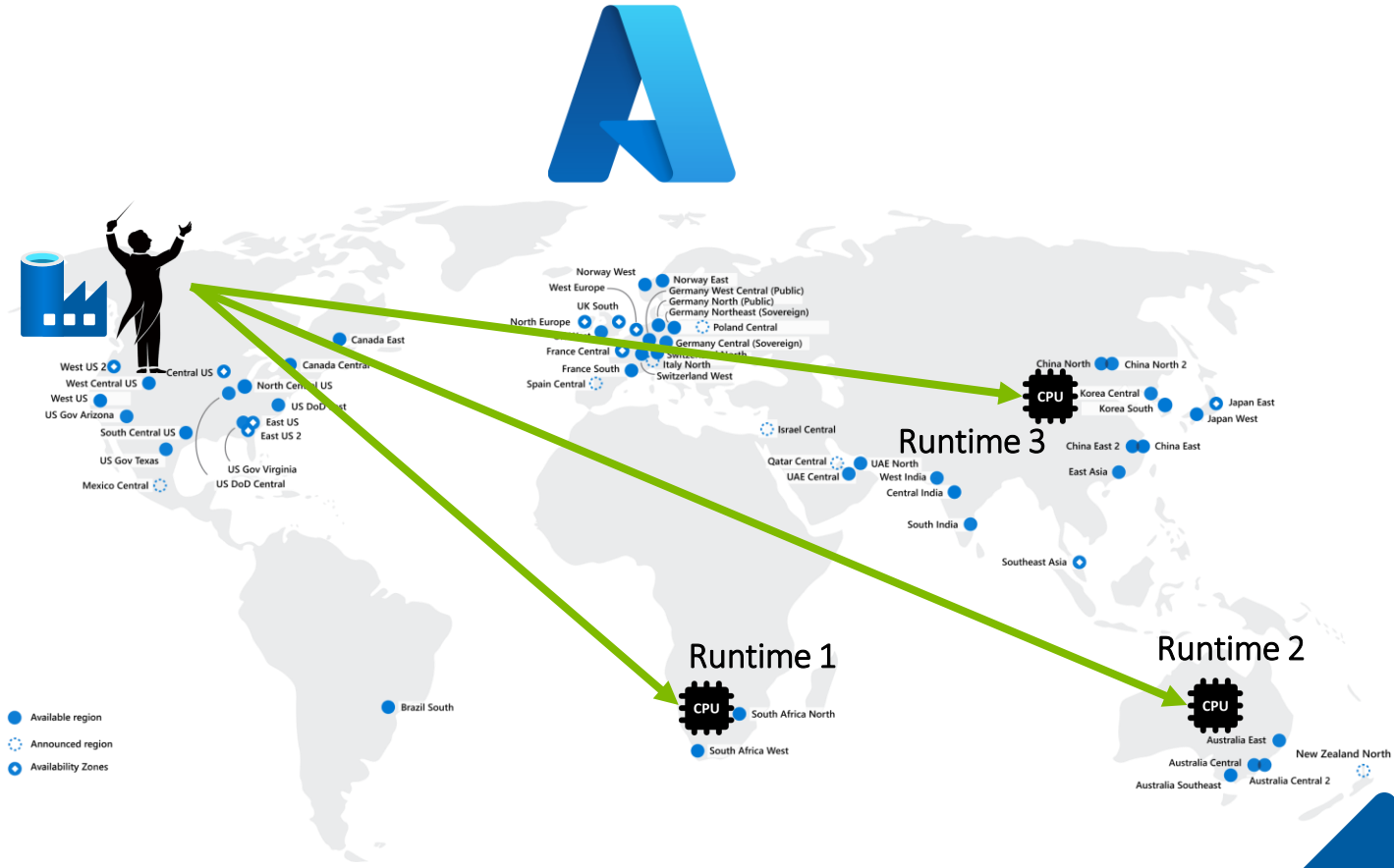

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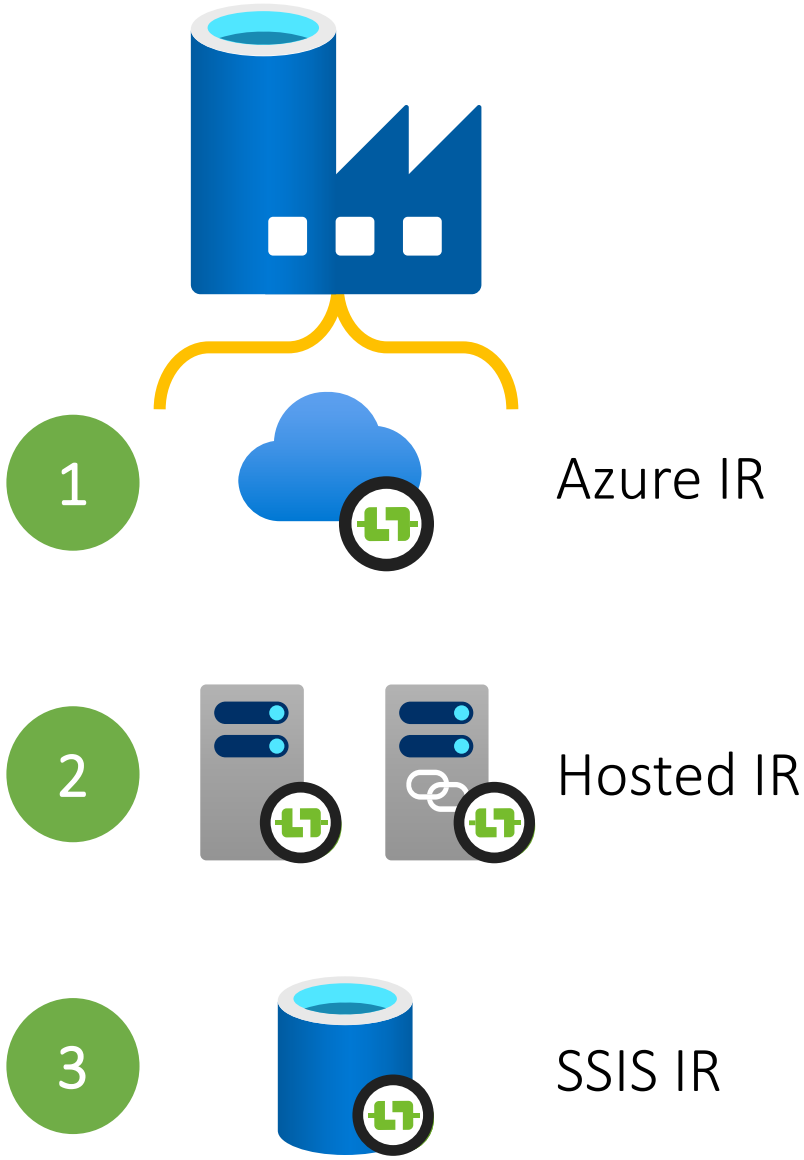

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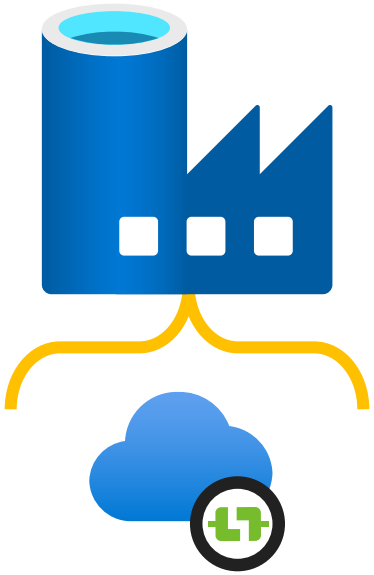

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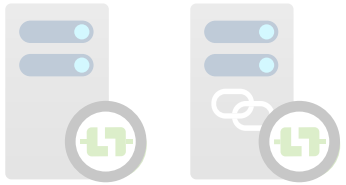

Hosted IR

SSIS IR

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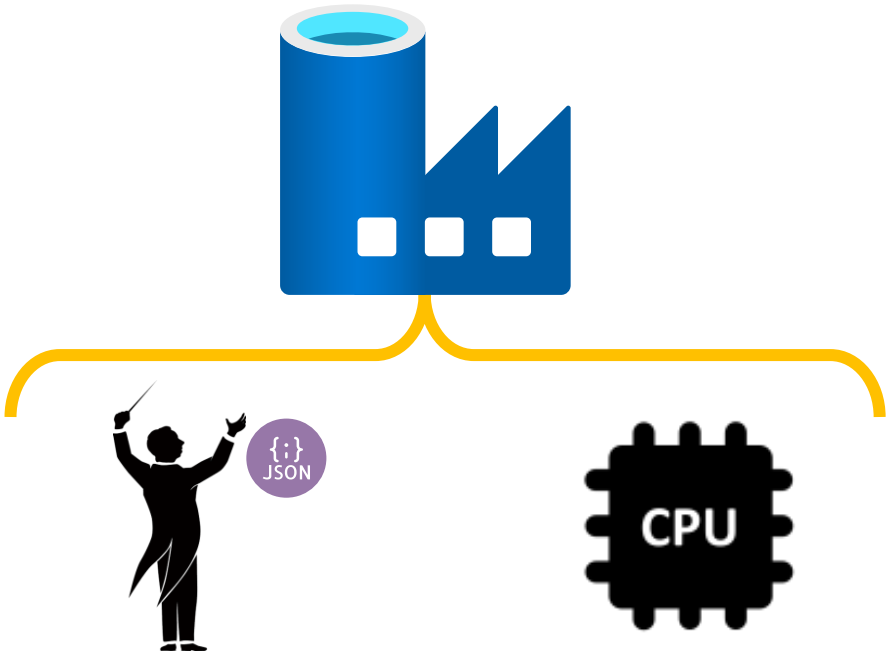
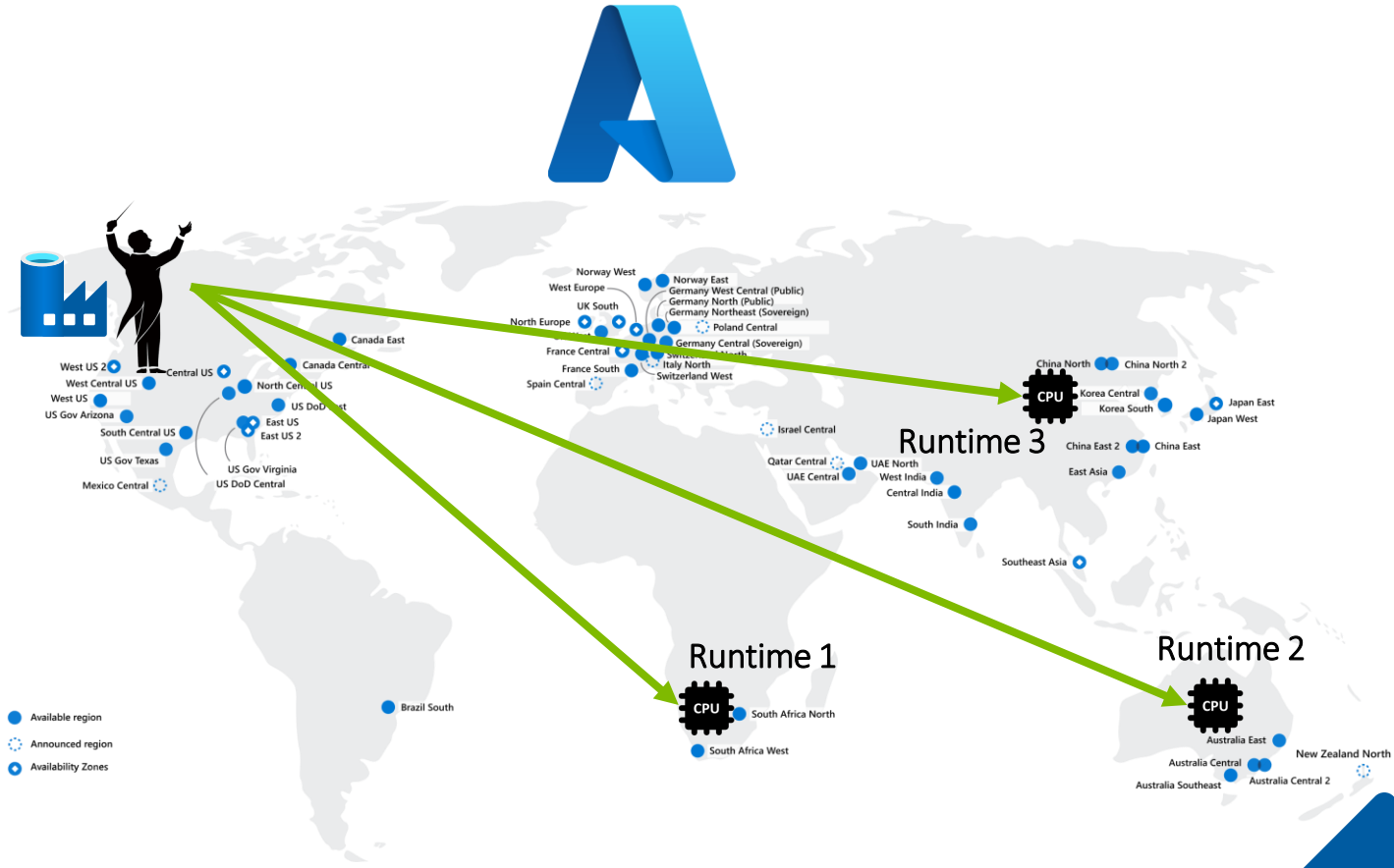


Orchestrator

Fixed Region

Runtime

Flexible Location



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Internal vs External Activities

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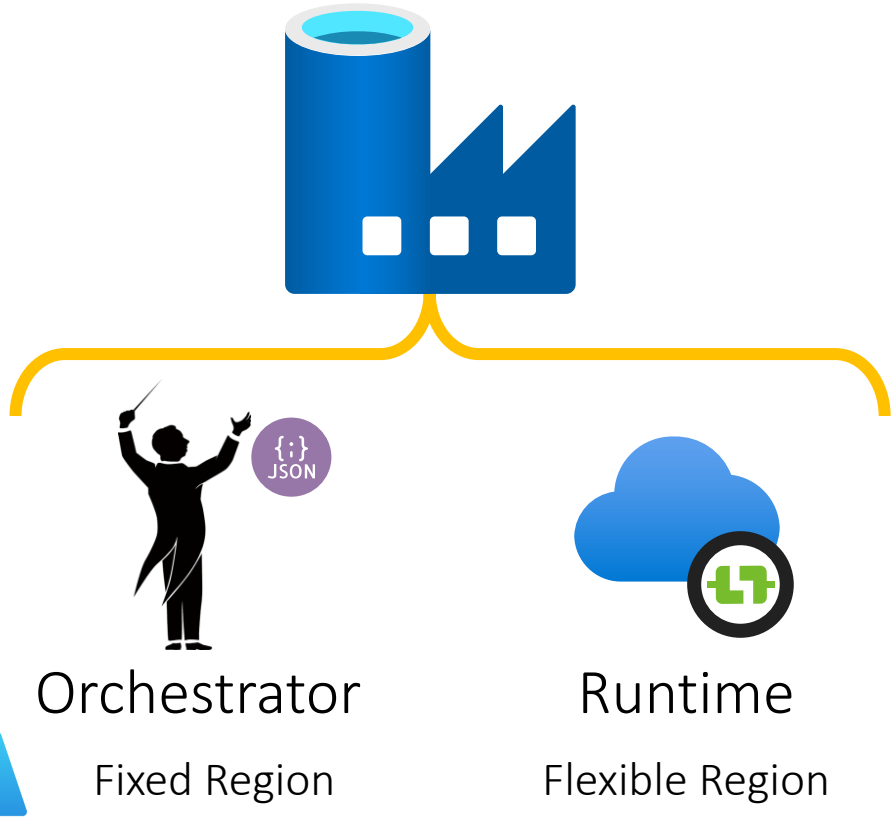

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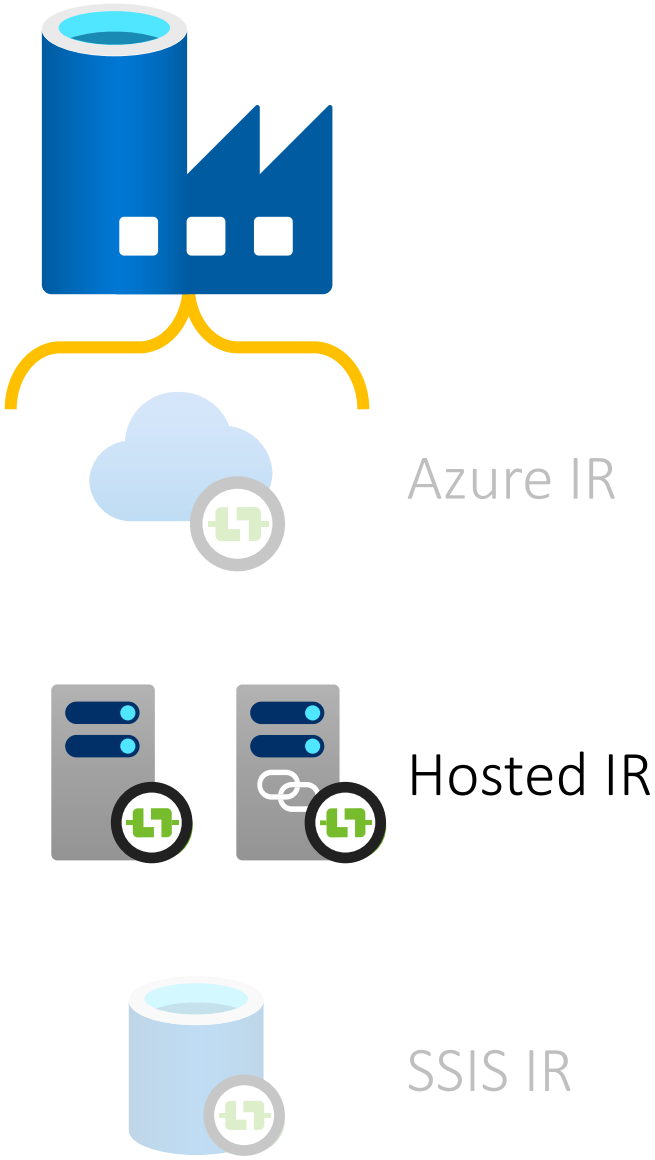

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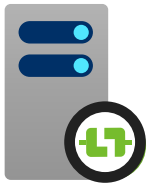

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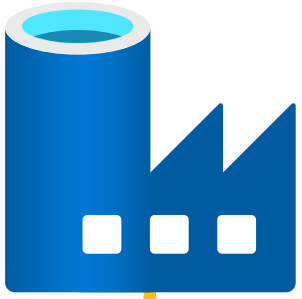

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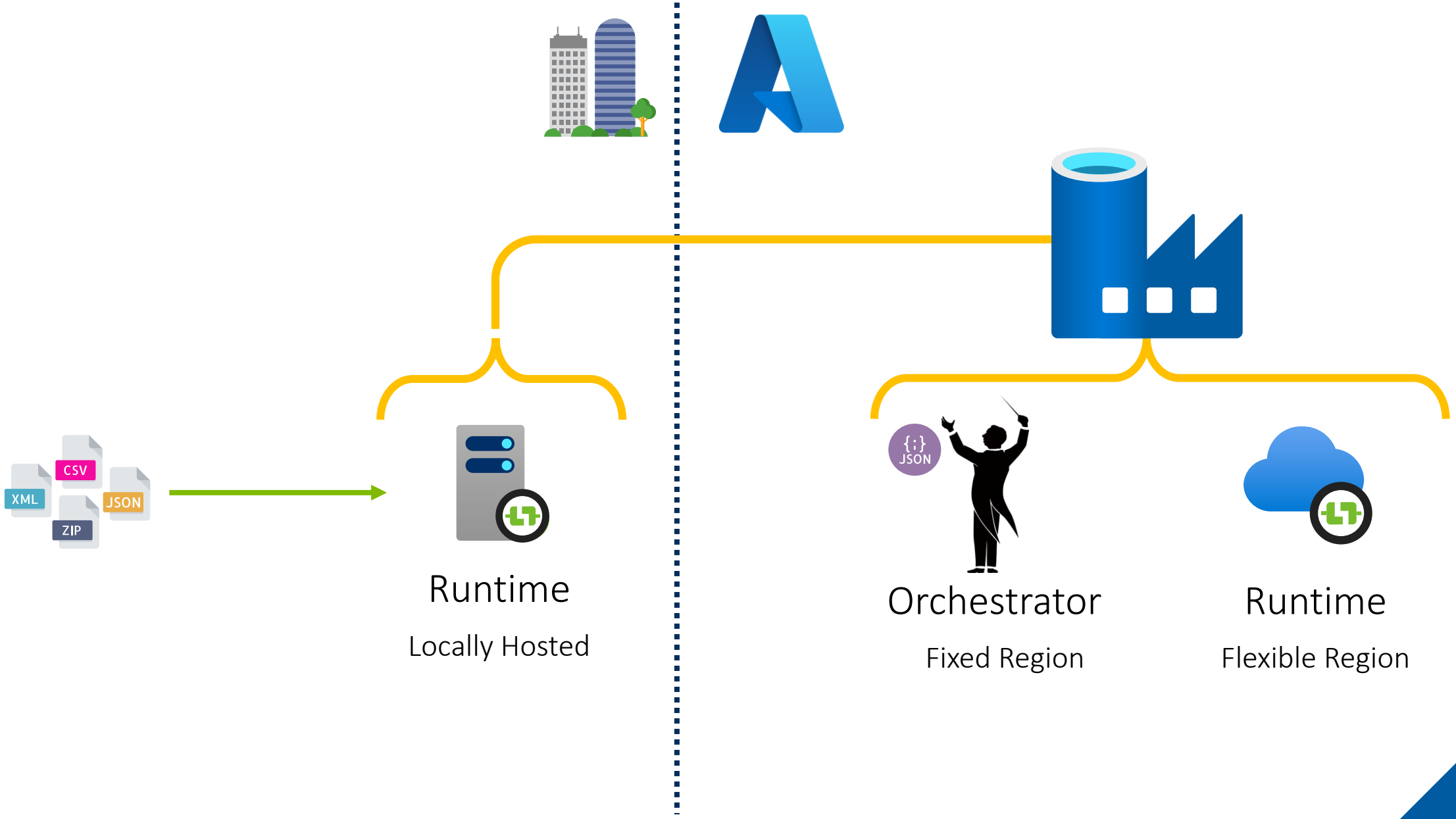
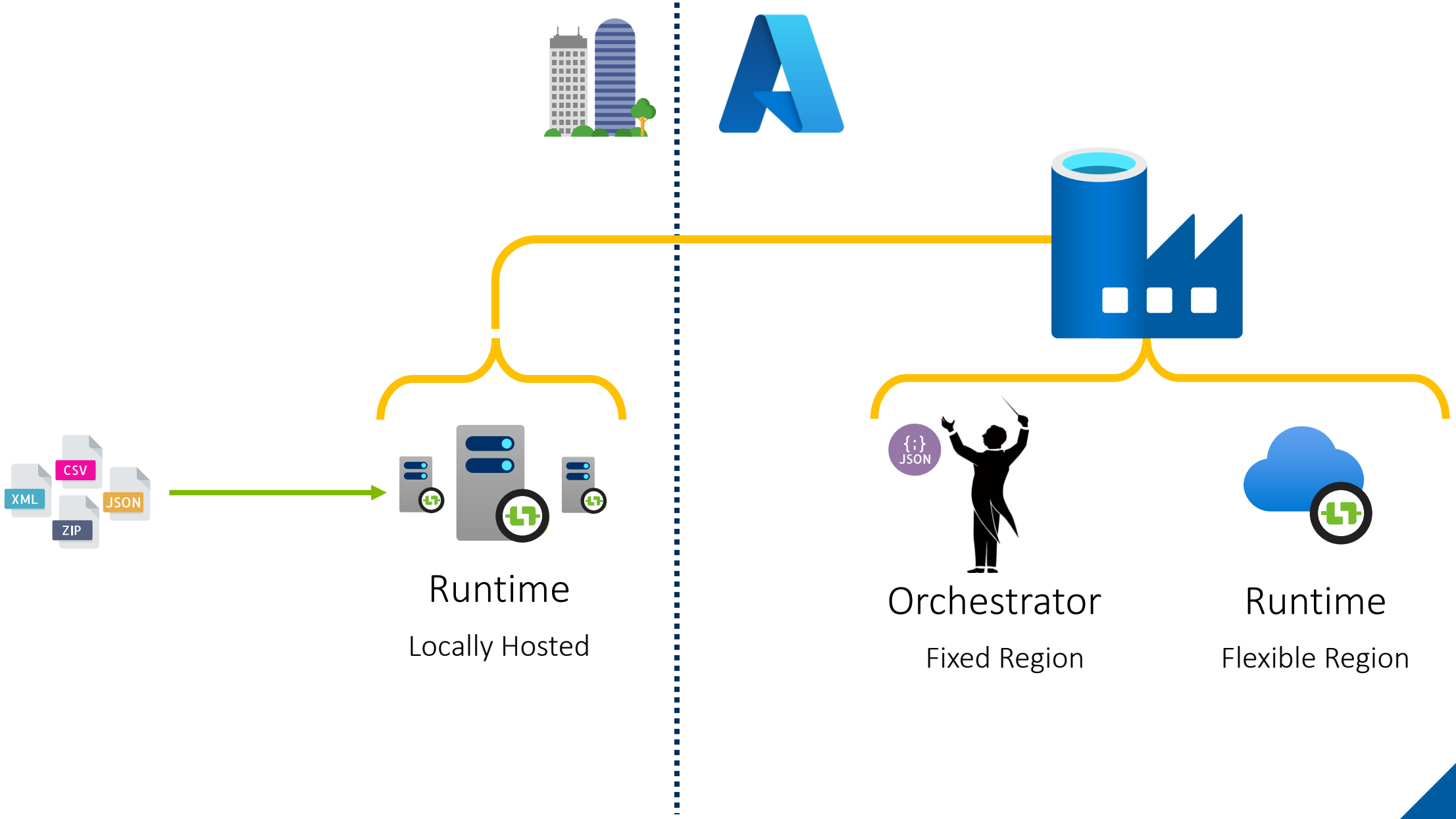


Hosted Integration Runtime – Secondary Nodes



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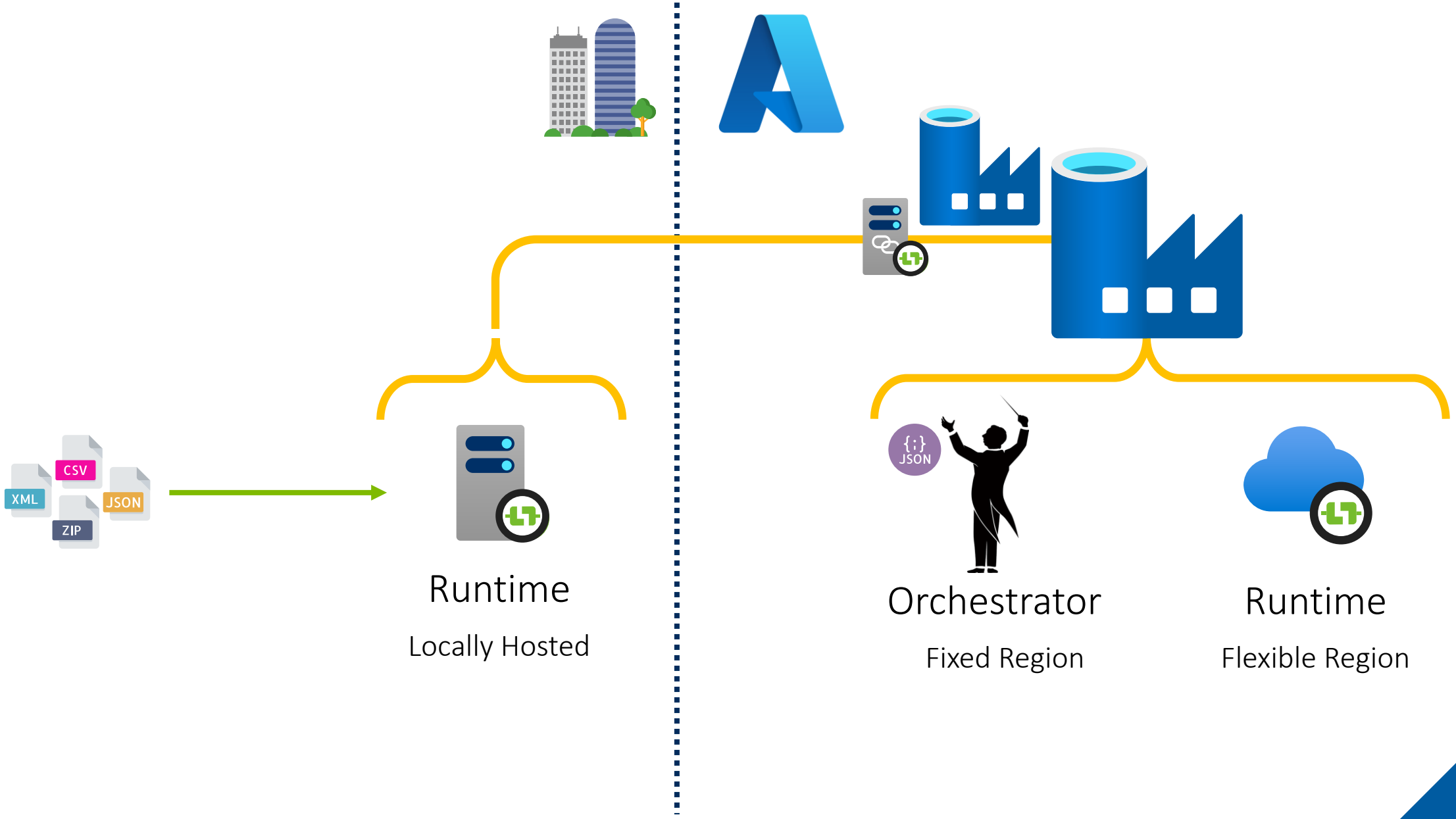

Hosted IR Advanced Patterns

Scaling Azure Data Integration Pipelines

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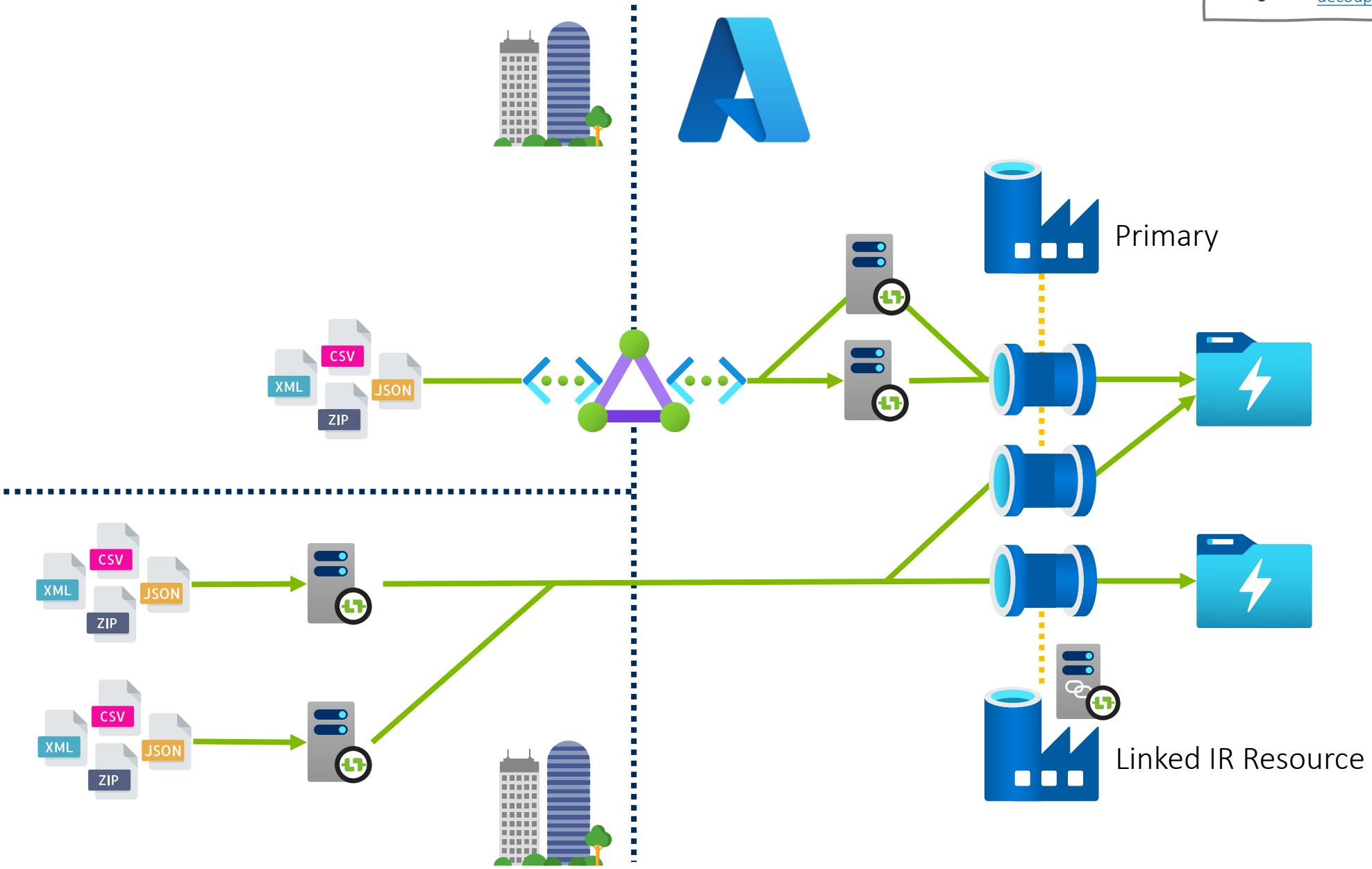

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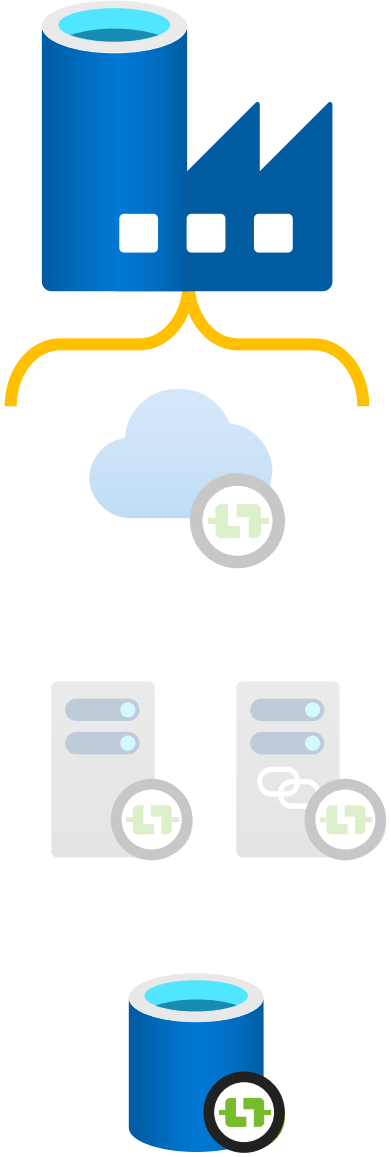

Running an SSIS Package in Azure

SSIS IR

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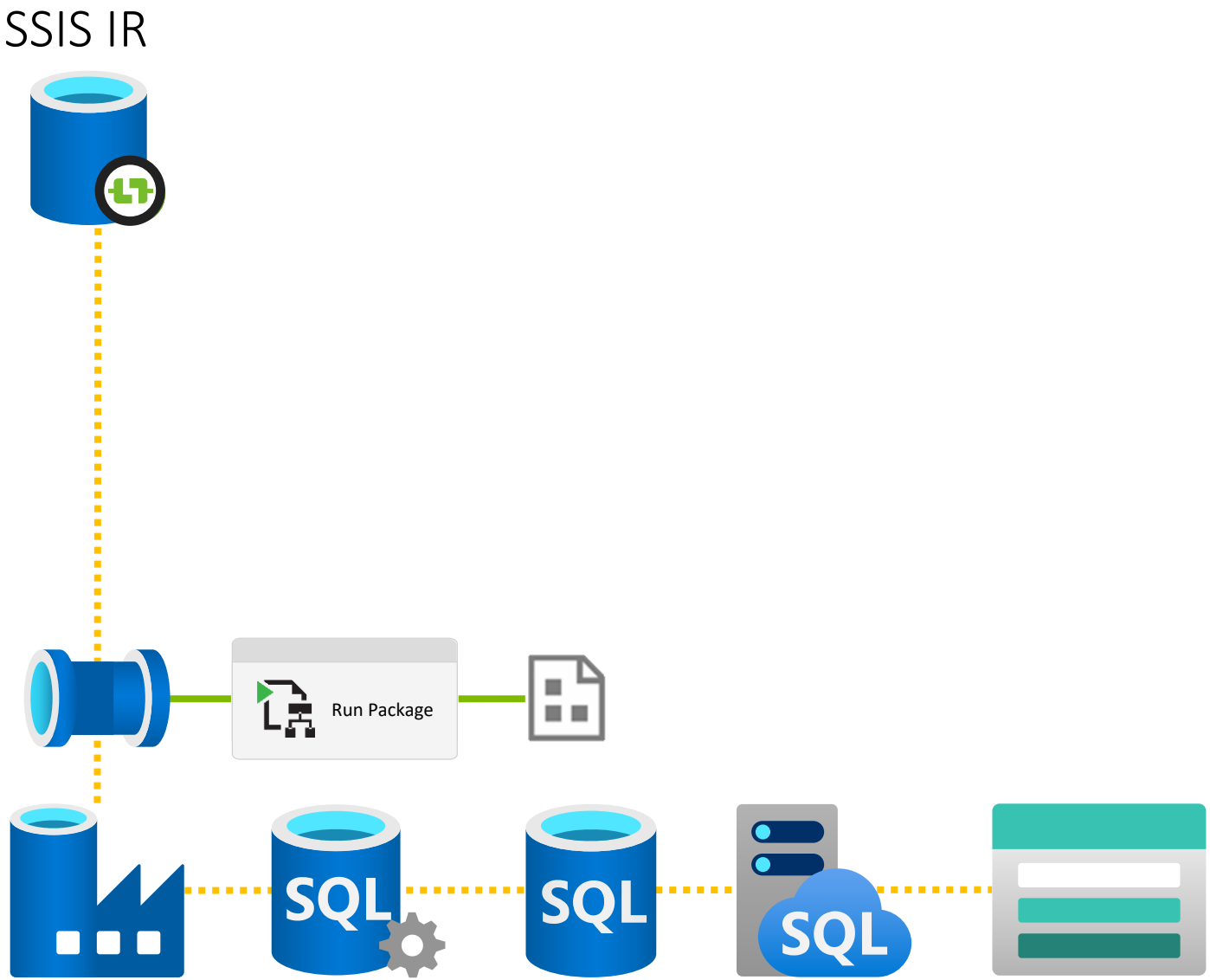

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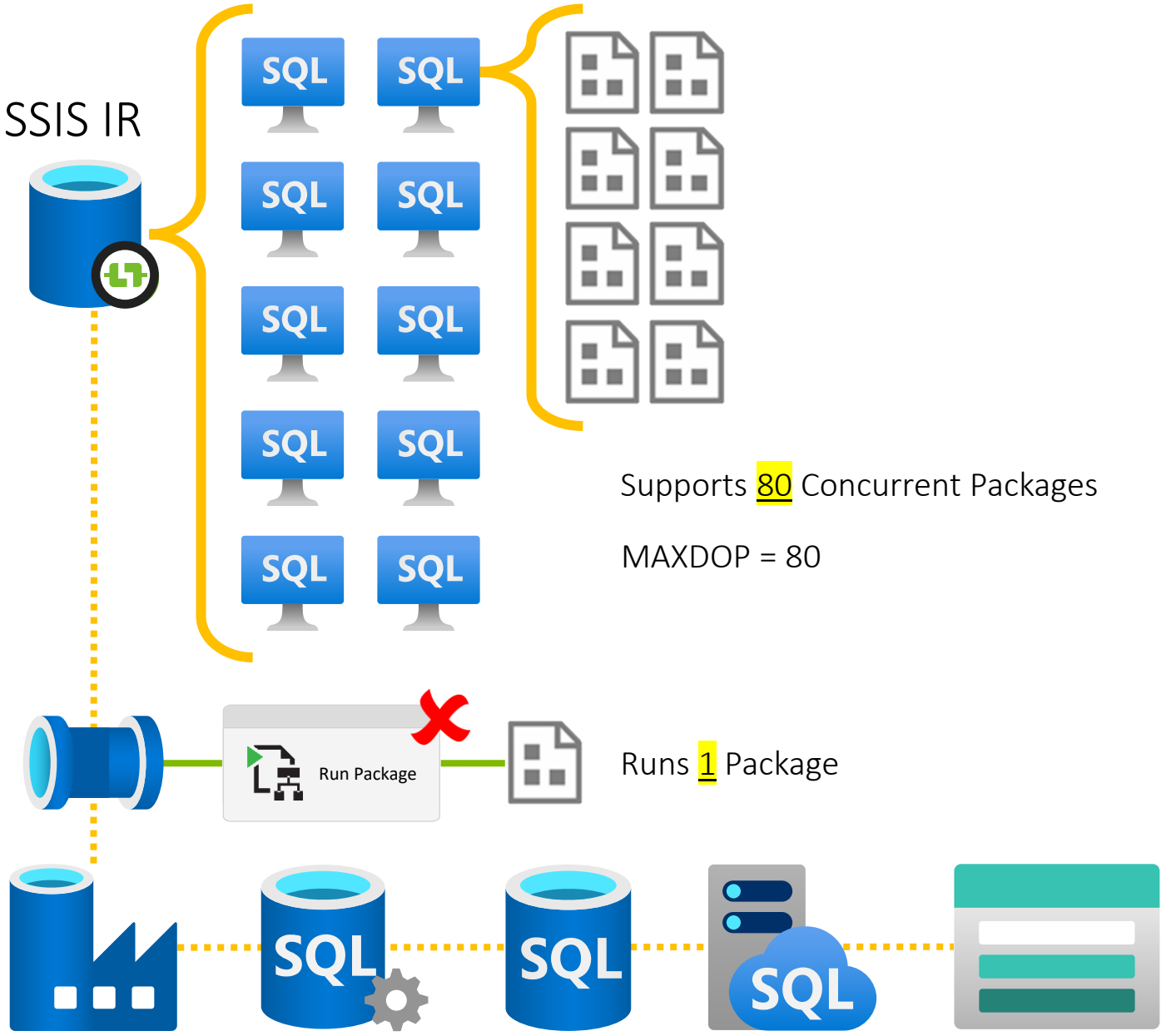

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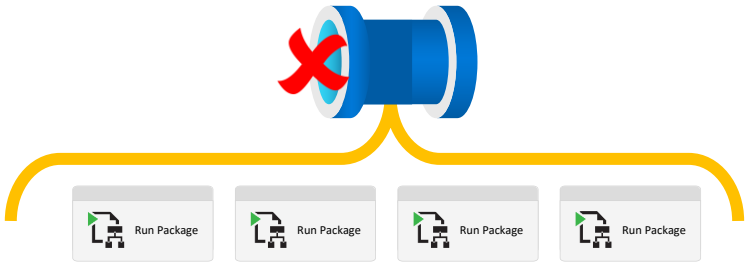

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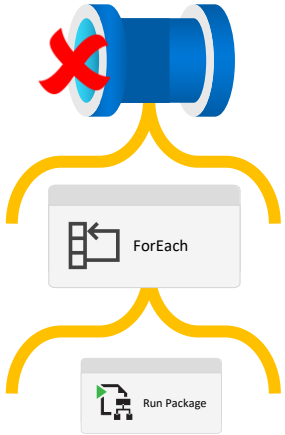

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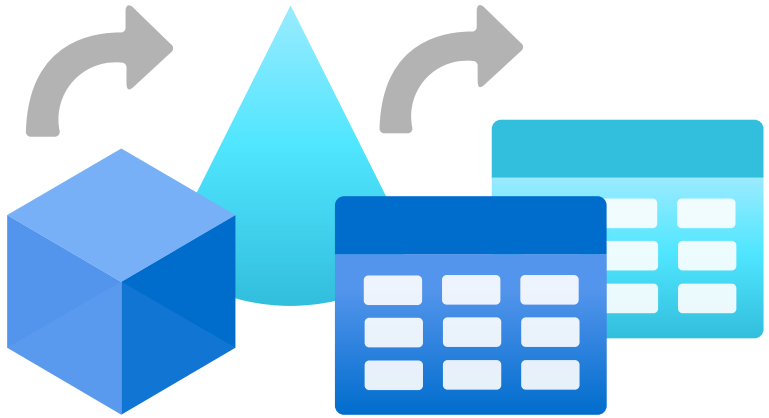
ForEach
Max Batch
(50)

Data Flows



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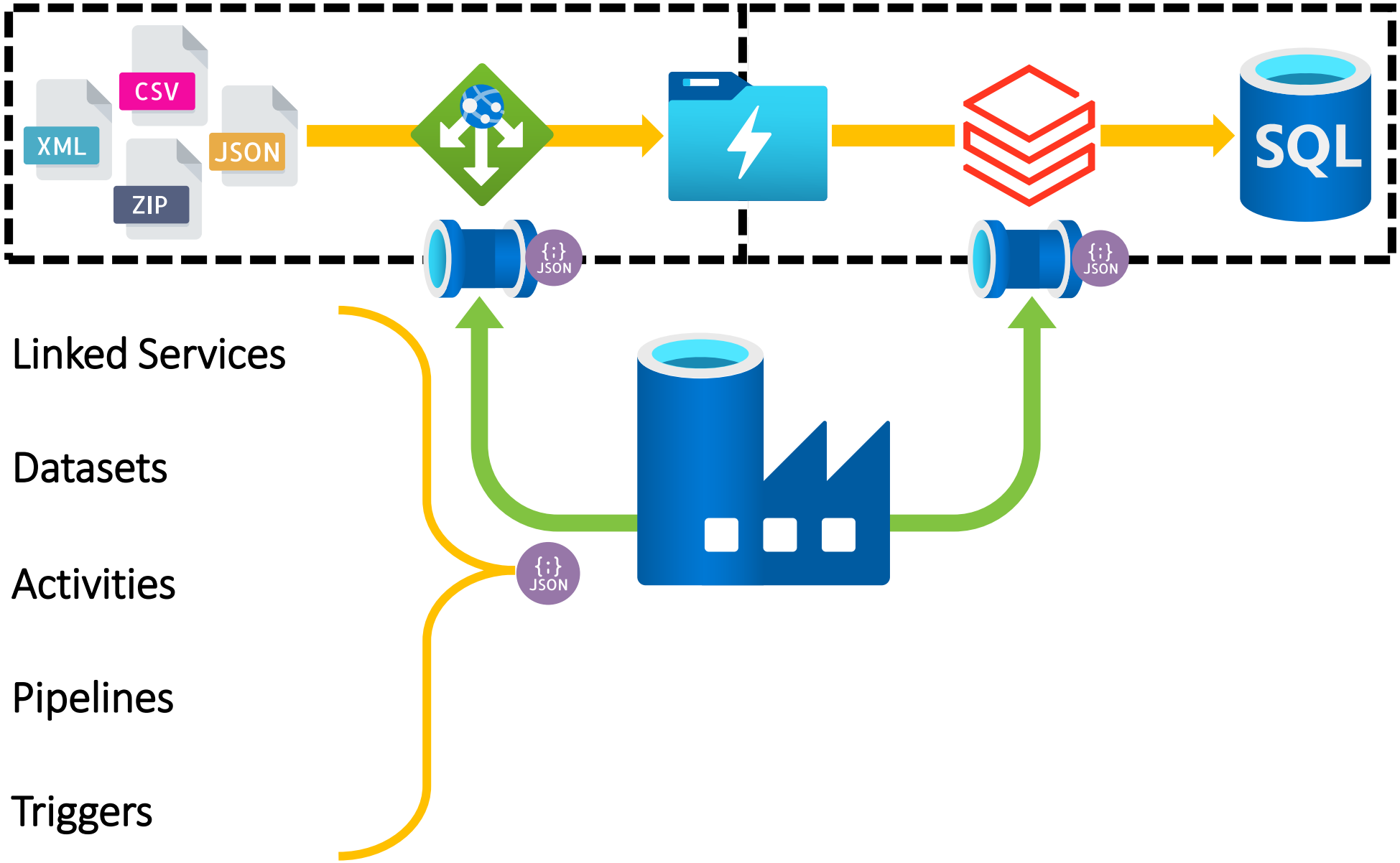

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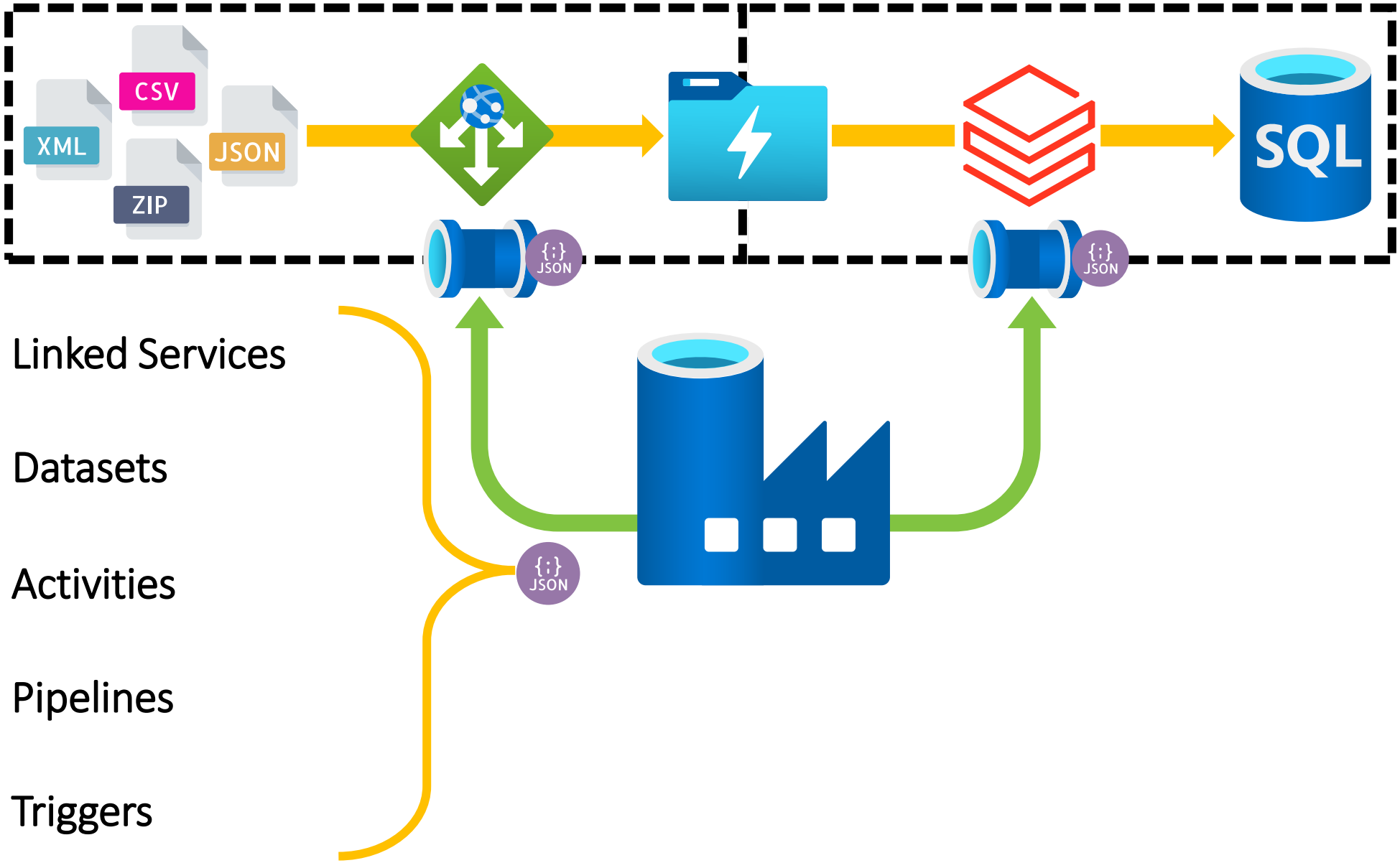

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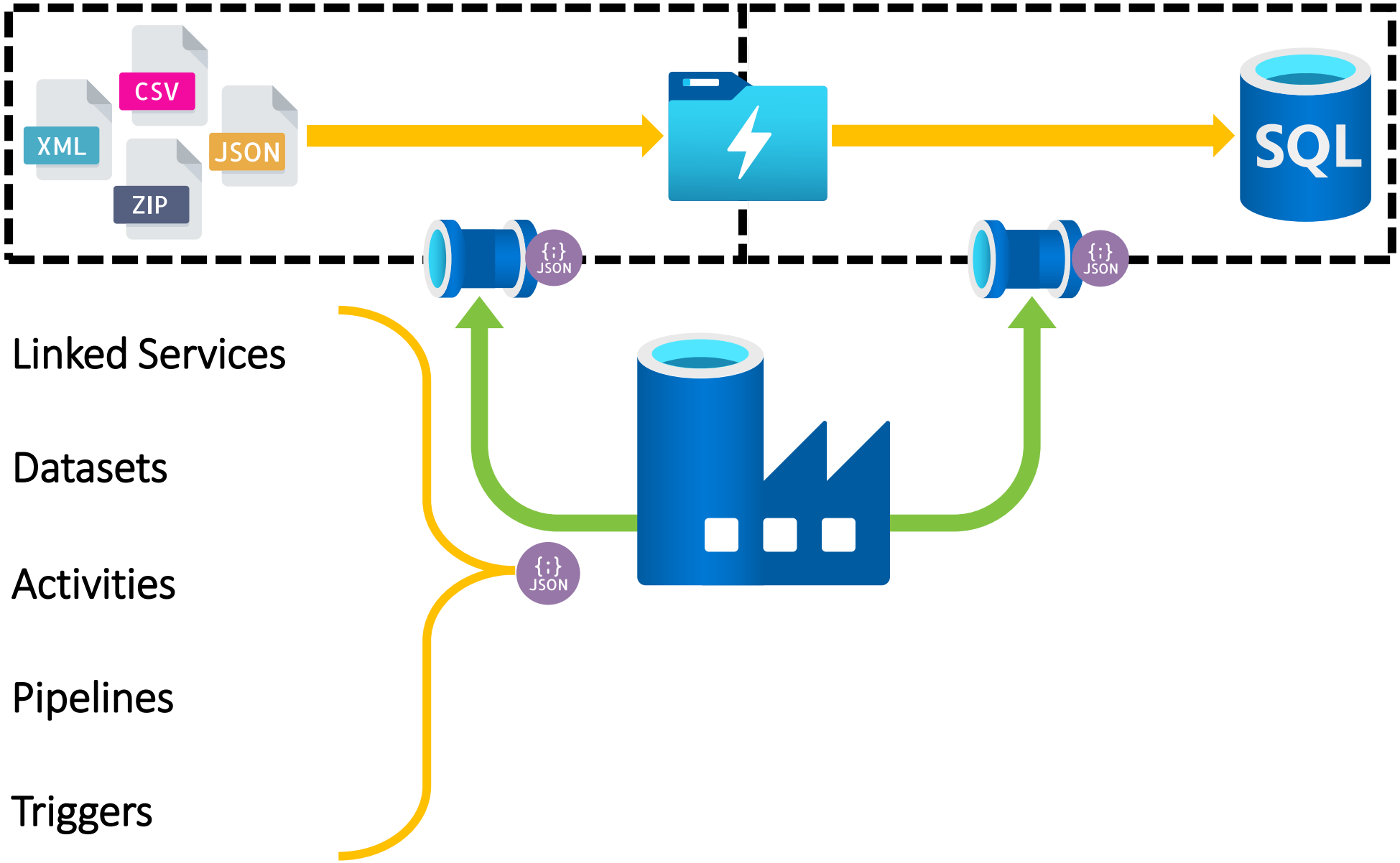

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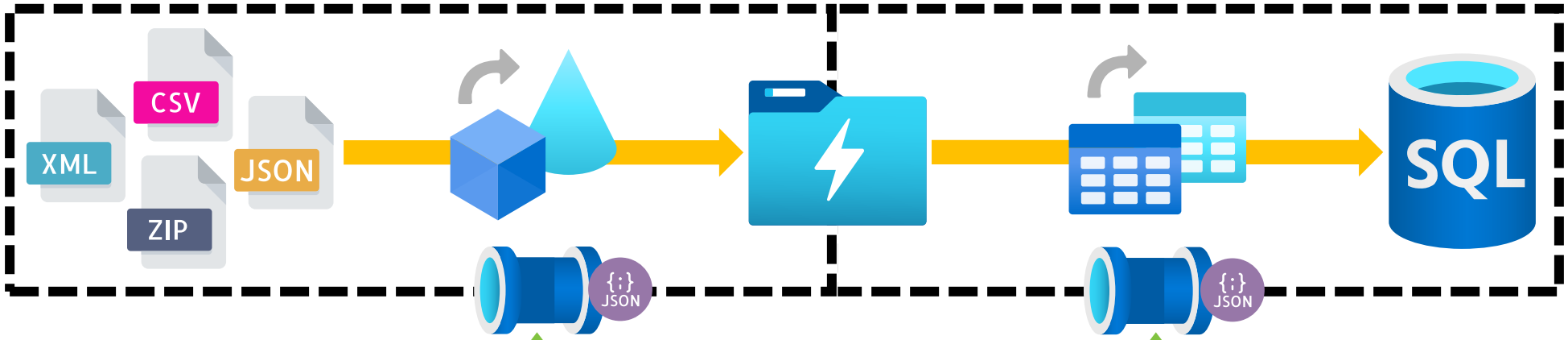
Integration Data Flow (Transformation) Activities



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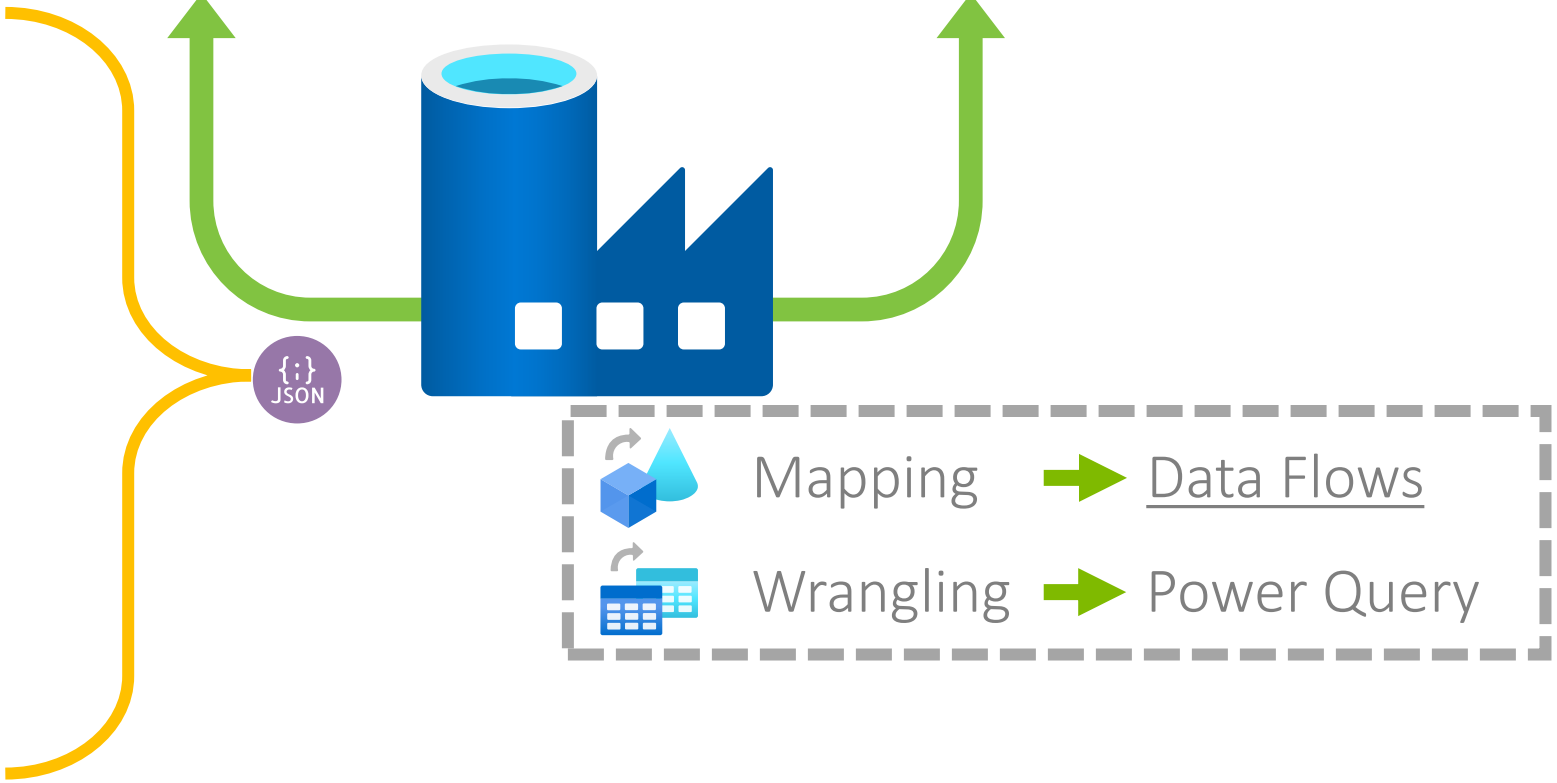

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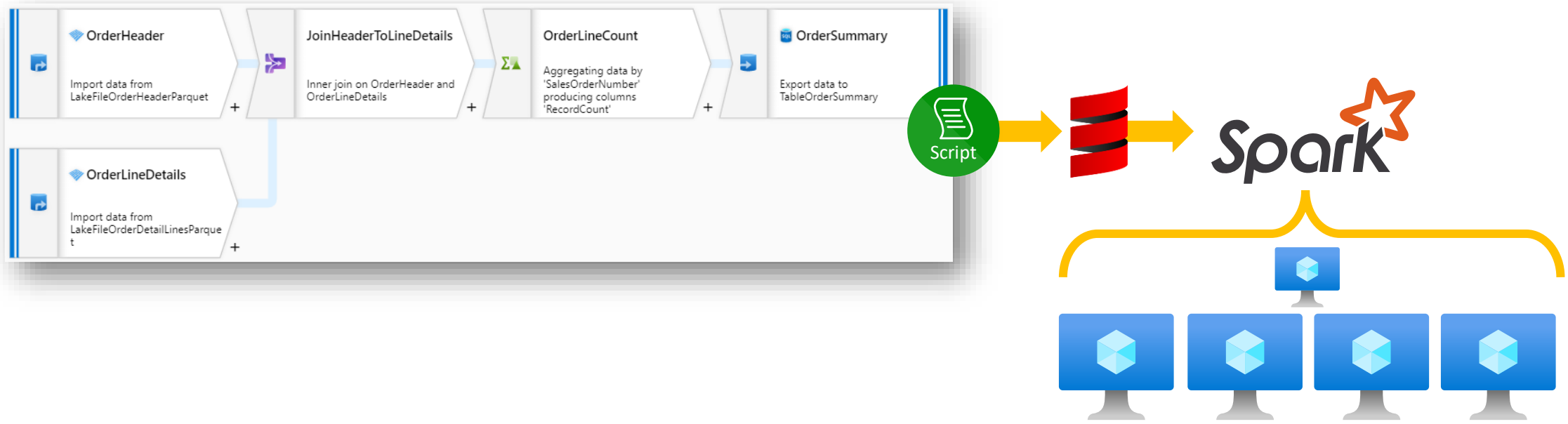
Control Flow

Data Flow



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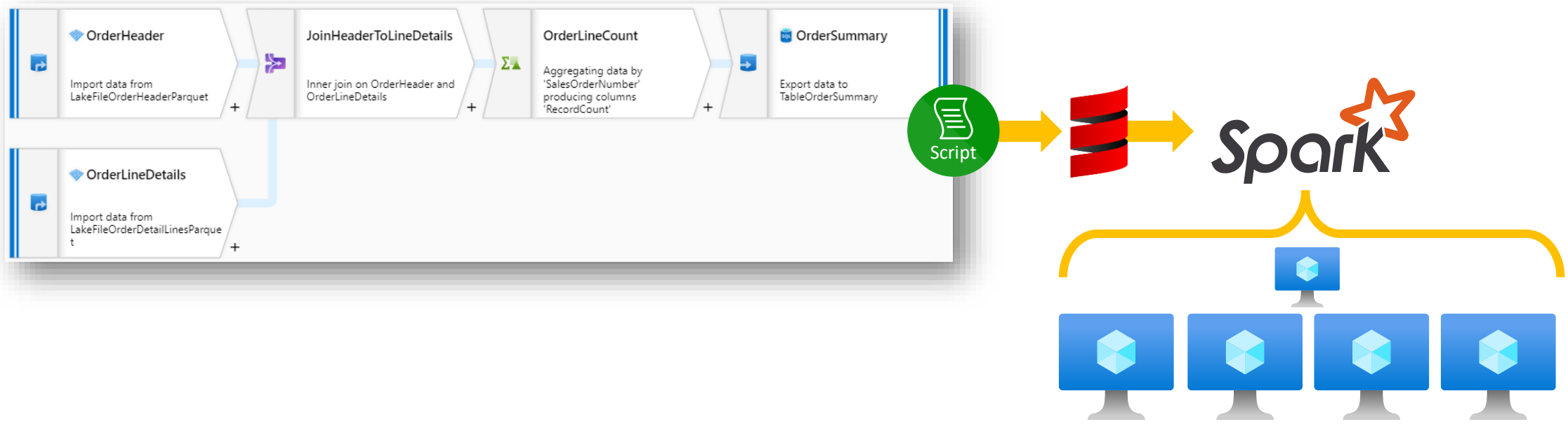

A: Graphic no low/low code data transformation tool that sits on top of Apache Spark.

Data Flows – Inputs & Outputs

Source & Sink

Linked Services

Source Types

Dataset

Inline

Data Flows – Transformations

- New Branch
- Join
- Conditional Split
- Exists
- Union
- Lookup
- Derived Column
- Select
- Aggregate
- Surrogate Key
- Pivot
- Unpivot
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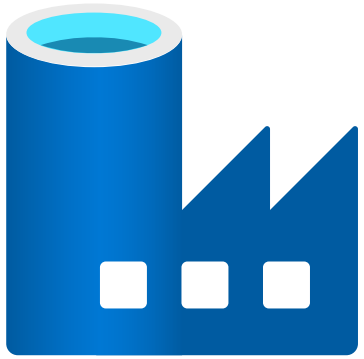
Key

Input & Output Modifiers

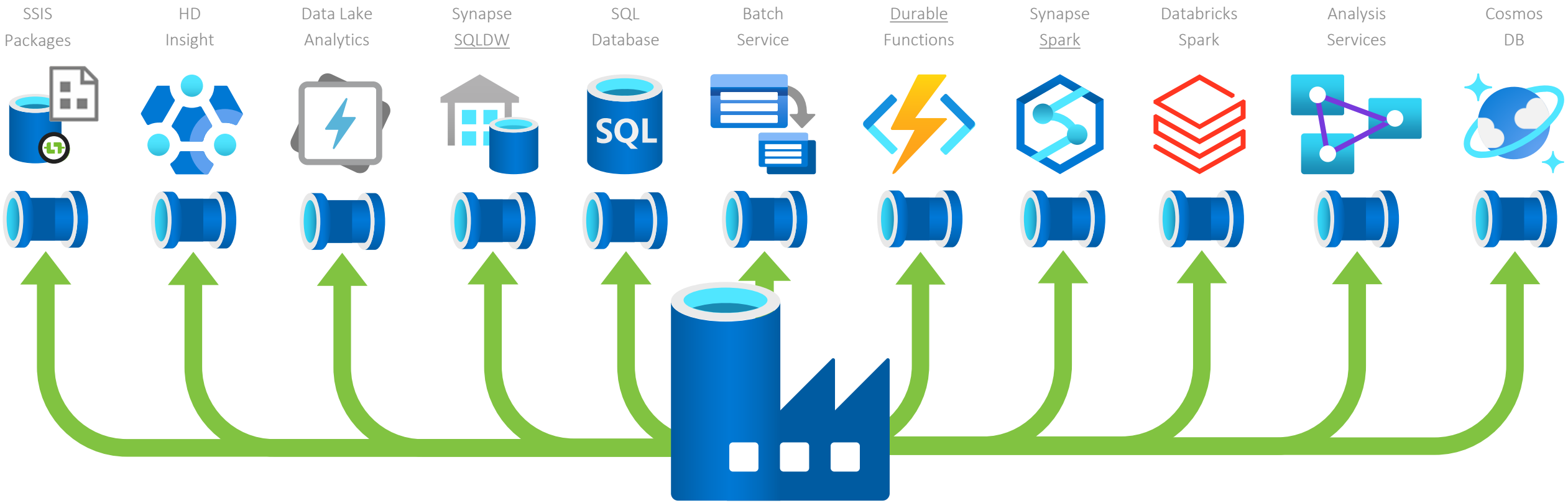
Schema Modifiers

Formatters

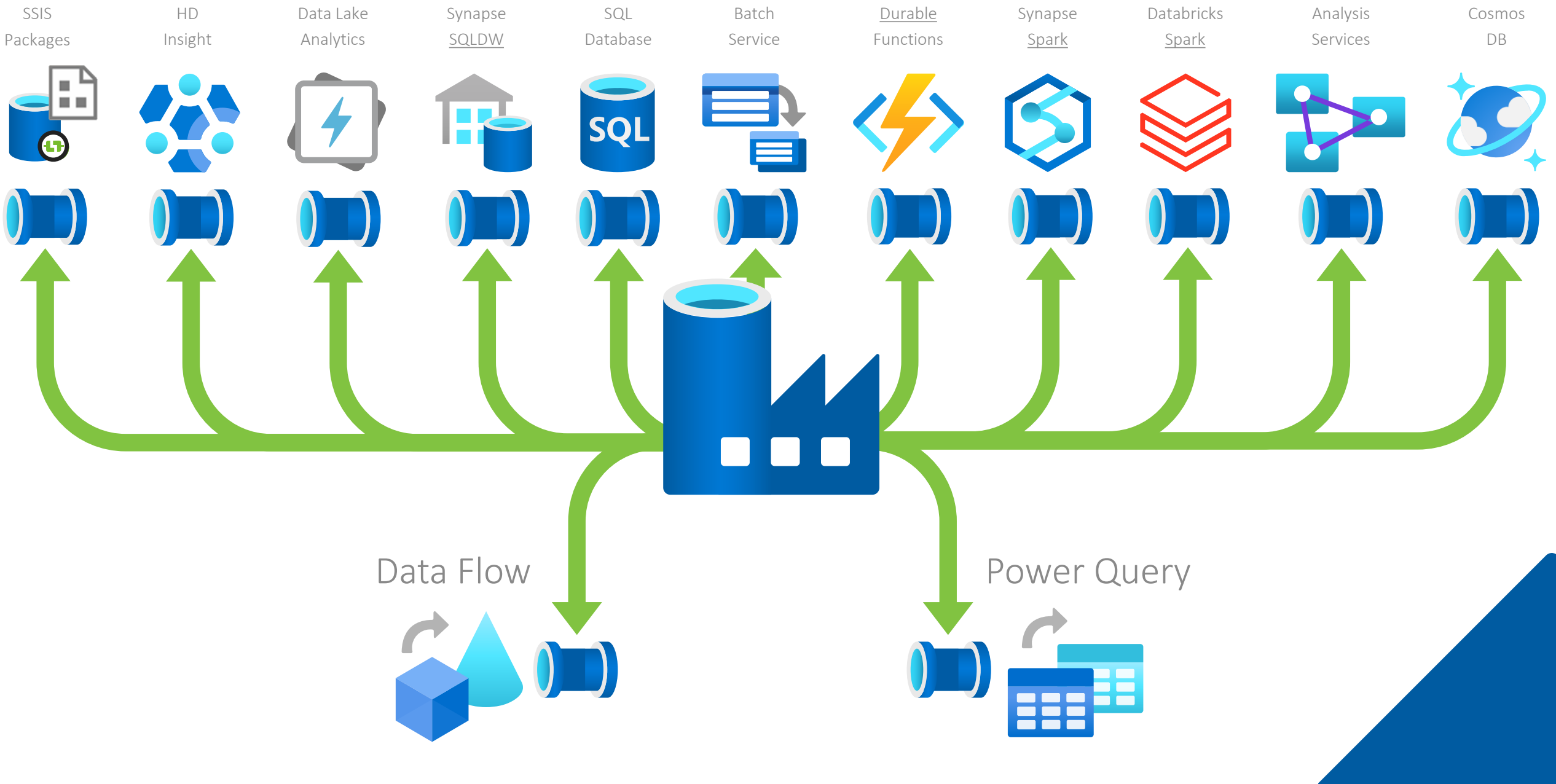
Row Modifiers



Other Data Transformation Services in Azure

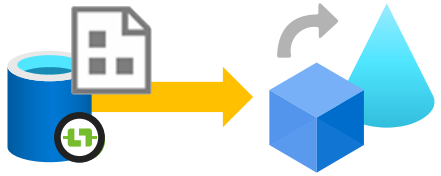


When Should We Use These Integration Pipeline Transformation Activities?

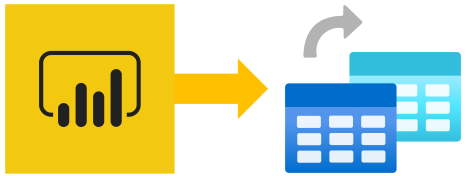


Use Cases

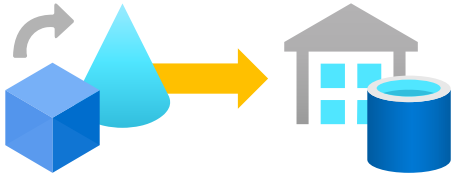
SSIS developers who are transferring existing skills to cloud native technologies have a very low barrier to entry and don't need to worry about distributed compute to get started.



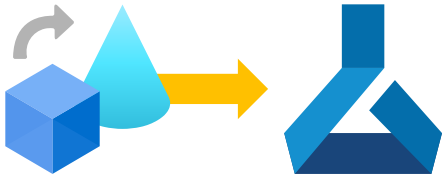
Data engineering made easy for the power users who has grown out of Power BI following a series of Data Lake exploration sessions.



Data insight teams needing to do rapid prototyping and data warehouse loading within a single Azure Resource making deployments simple and release cycles short.



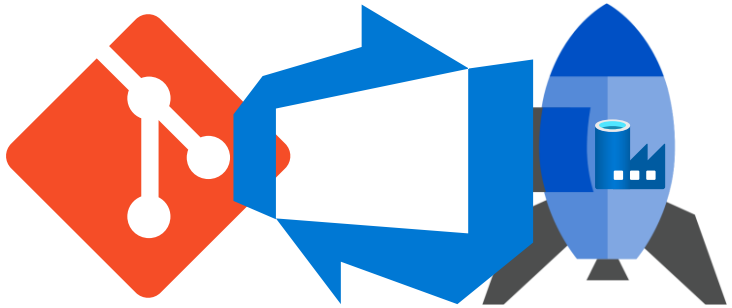
Simpler and quicker data wrangling for data scientists that want to quickly prepare multiple raw datasets ready for model training and testing, also with the ability to use large amounts of compute.

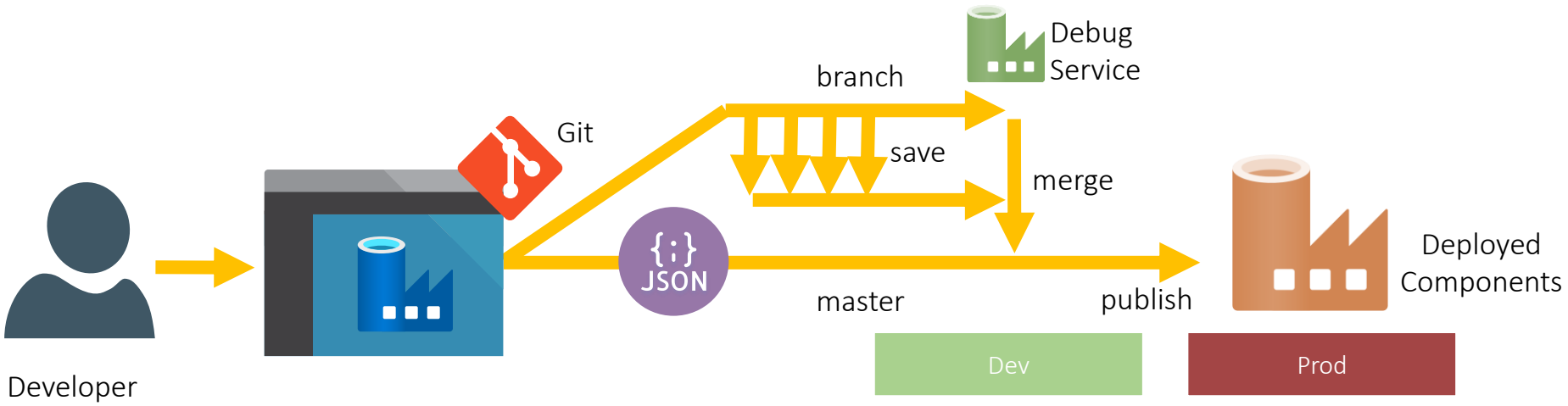


Data Flows used to deliver all data transformation workloads as part of a end to end cloud based data analytics/warehouse solution.

Data Flows script dynamically generated from external metadata and injected into like we once did with BIML for SSIS packages.

Source Control & Deployments

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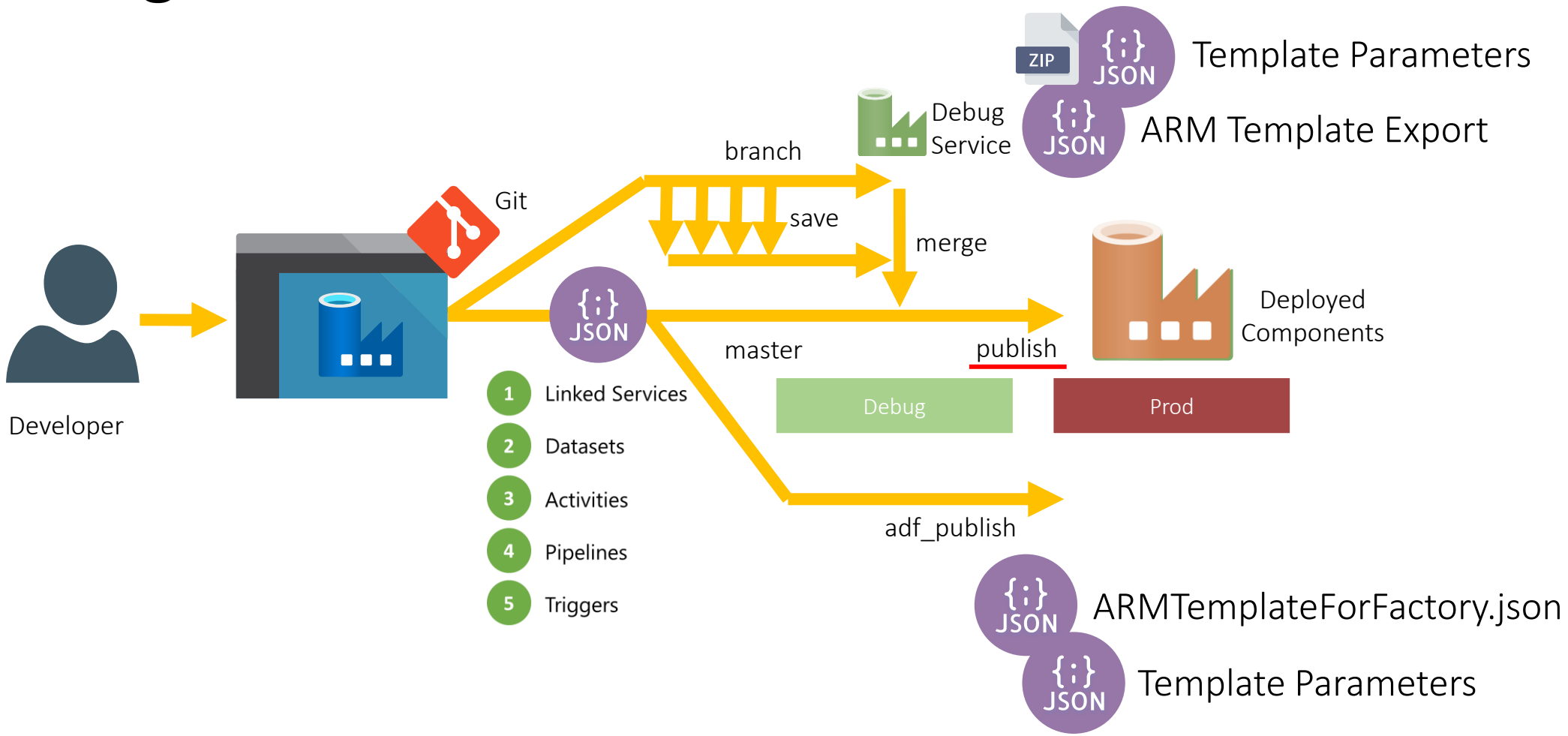
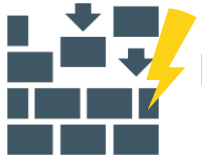
Getting Our ADF Source Code



Data Factory Continuous Delivery

Azure DevOps



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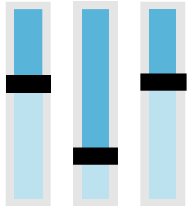

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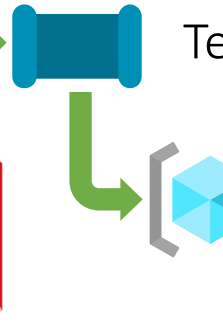

Release Approver

Test

Azure Resource Group Deployment

- Override Template Parameters
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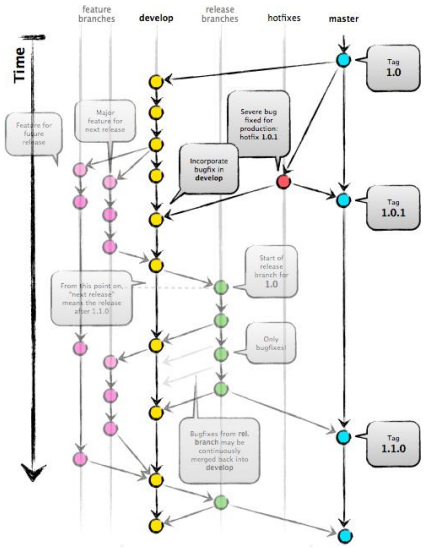
ARMTemplateForFactory.json

Production

Azure Resource Group Deployment



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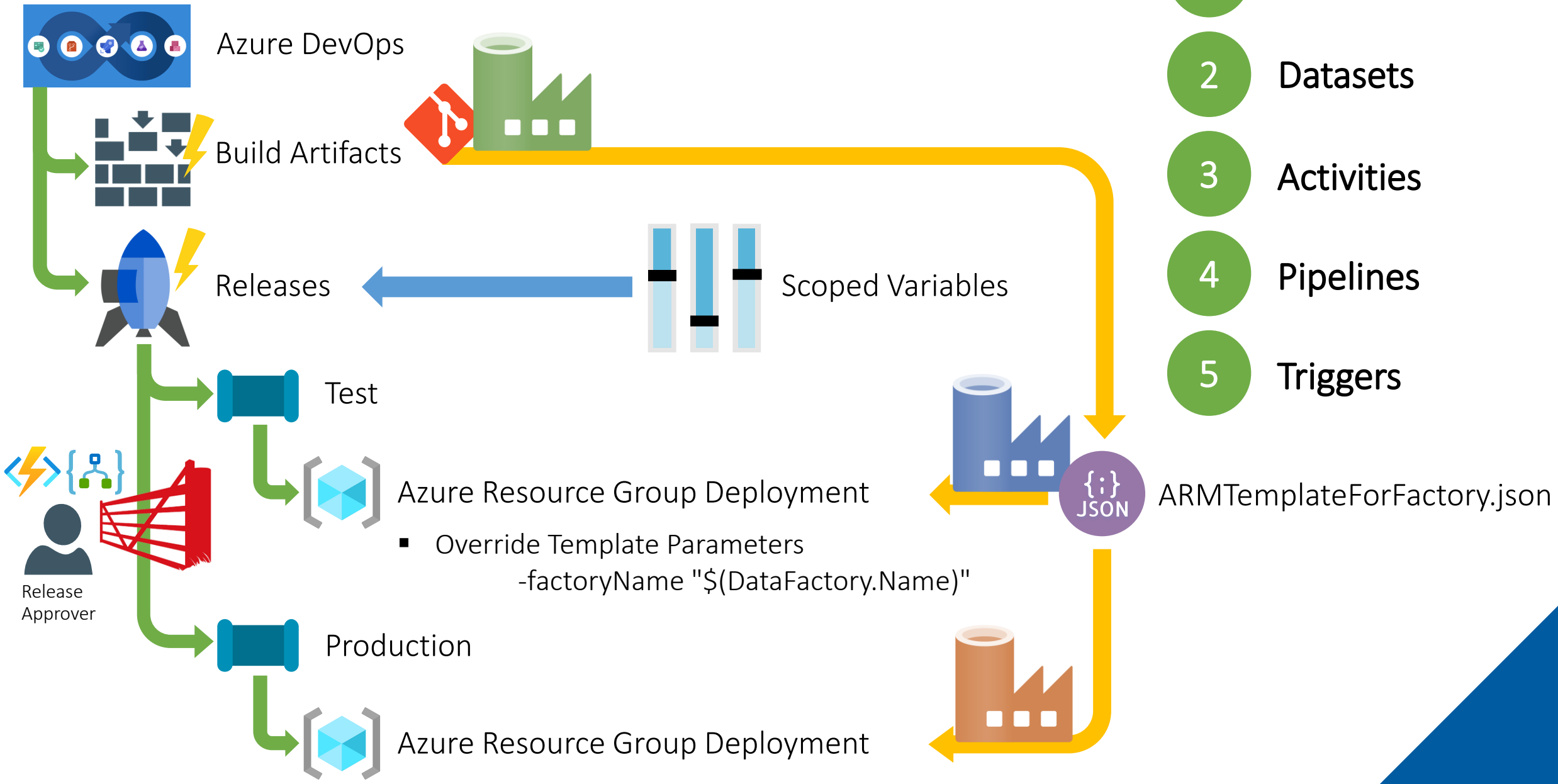

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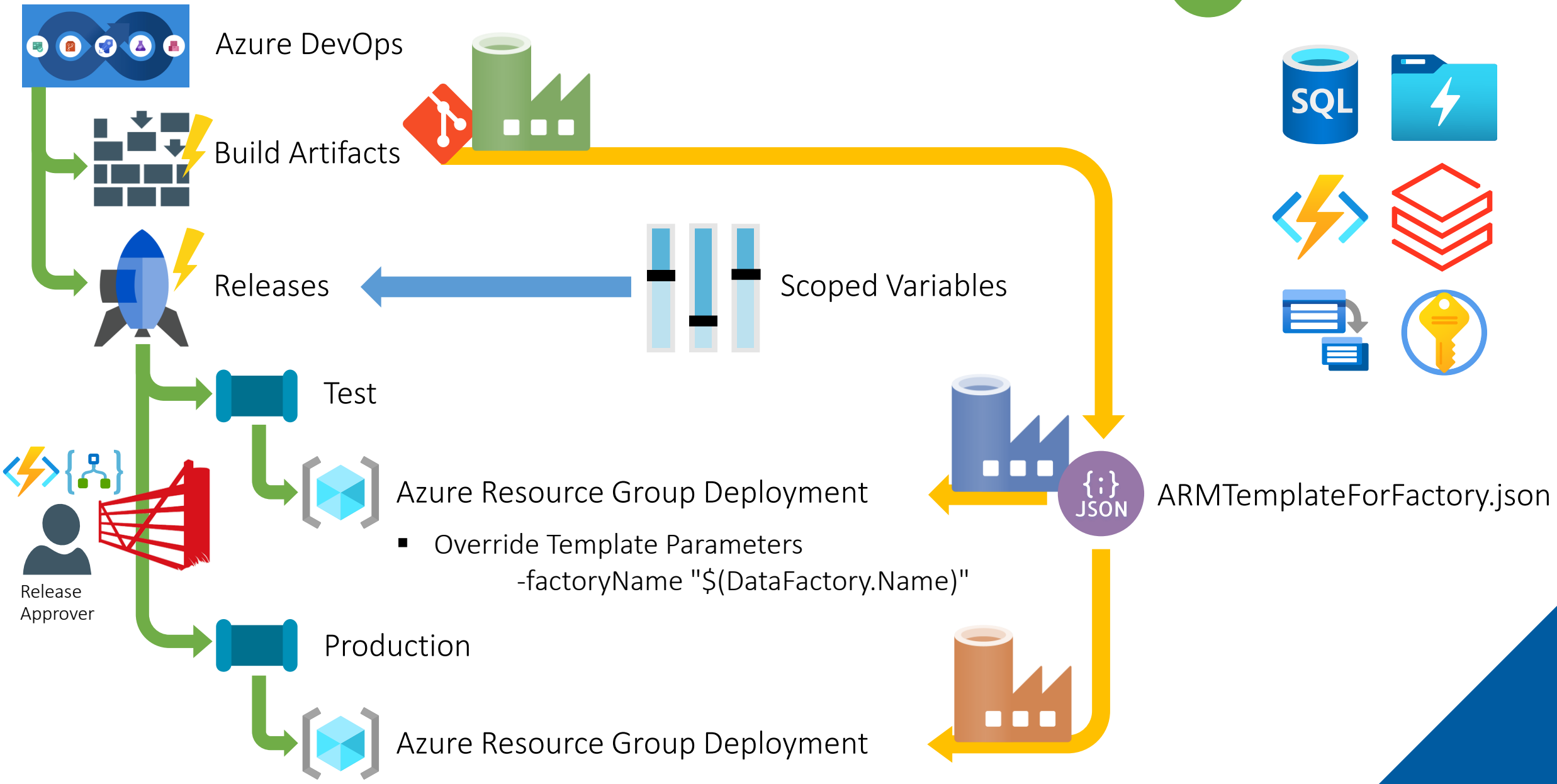

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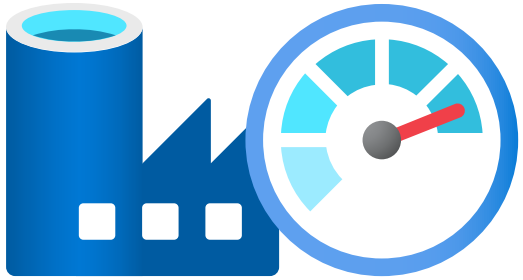

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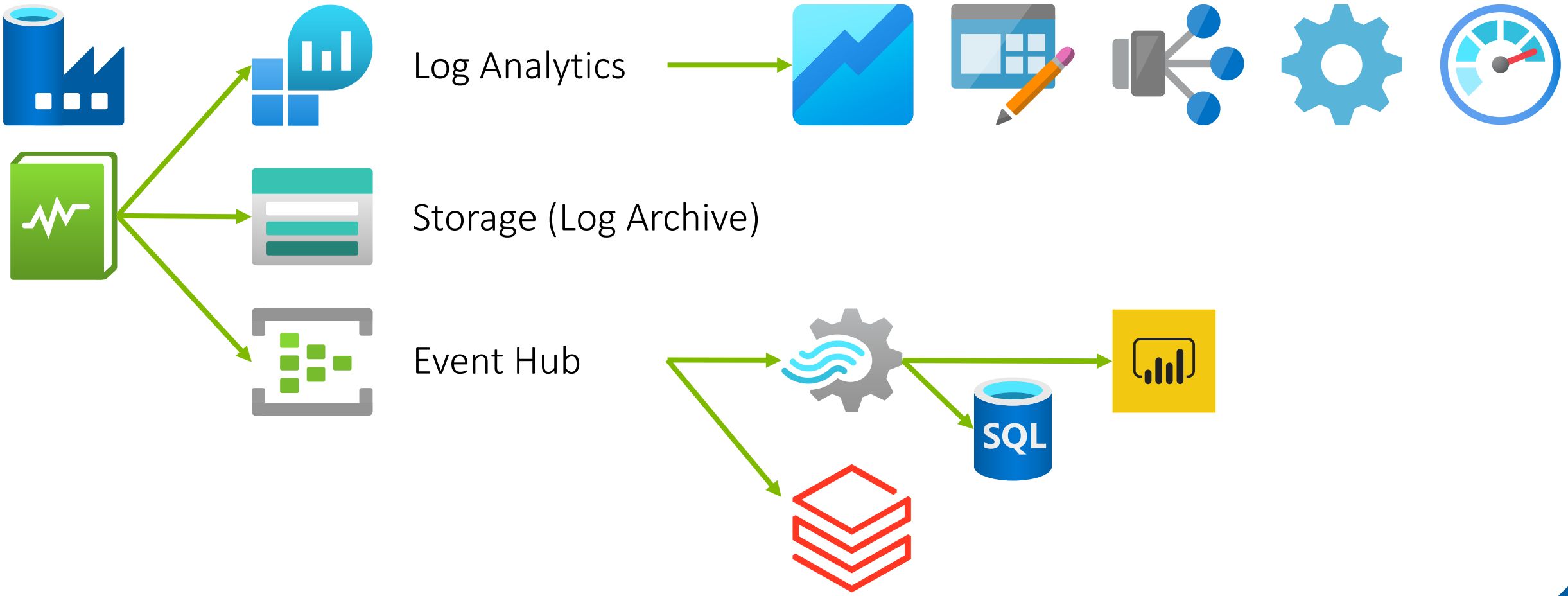

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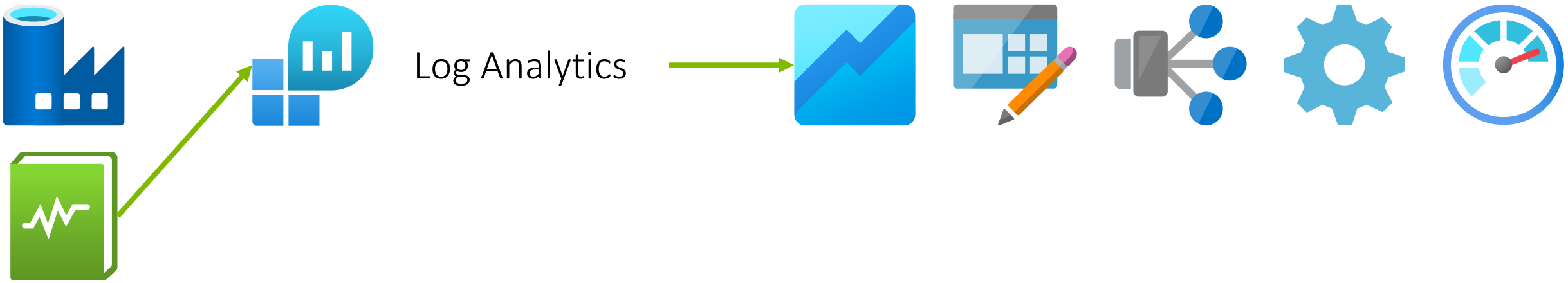

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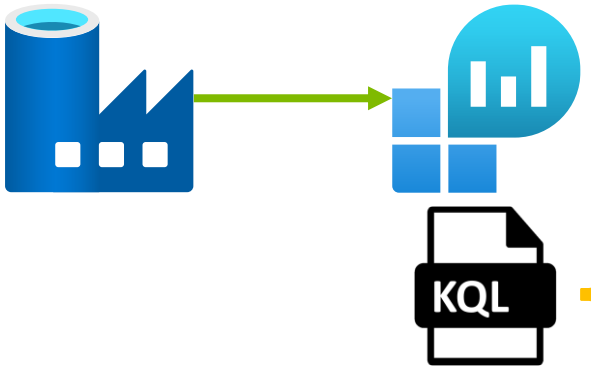


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         Start,
         End,
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         Status,
         PipelineName,
         Parameters,
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         and Status !in ('InProgress','Queued','Cancelling')
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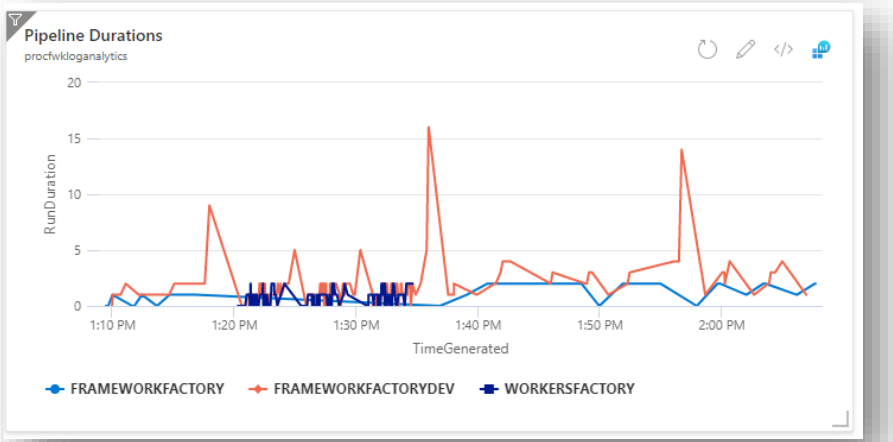

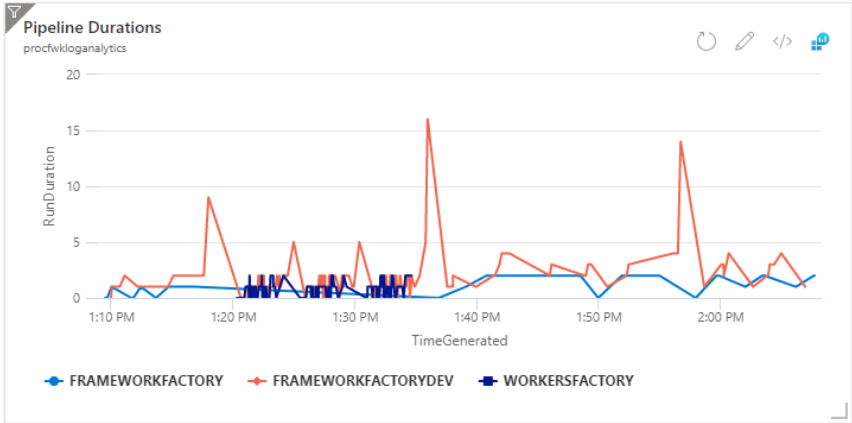
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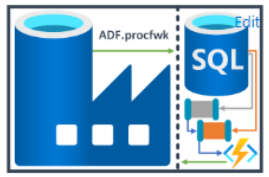

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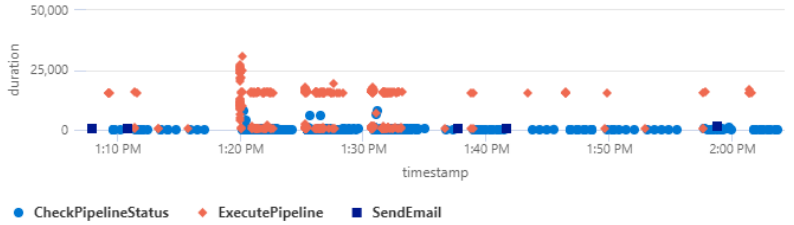

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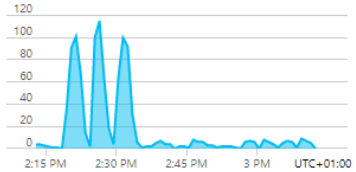

Server requests (Count)
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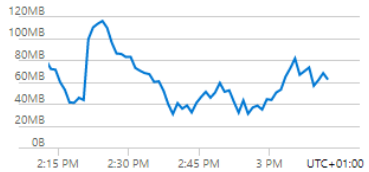

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frameworksupportfunctions
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Resources

ADF.procfwk

- ProcFwkLogAnalytics
- FrameworkFactory
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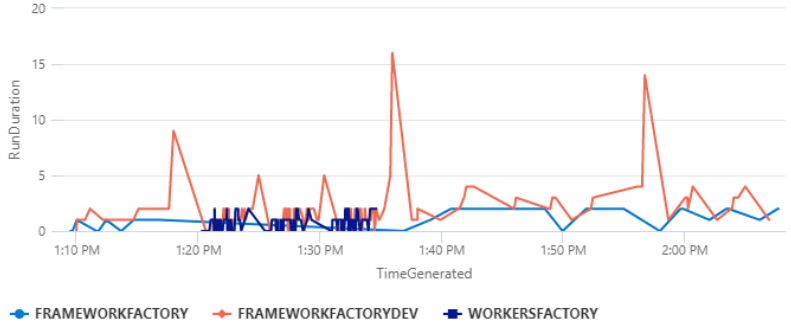

FrameworkKeys
Key vault

Average latency

auxiliary
frameworkkeys
45.45 ms

secret
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33.57 ms

FrameworkMetadat...
SQL database
Online

Compute utilization

DTU percentage (Max)
platformsupport01/frameworkmetadatadev
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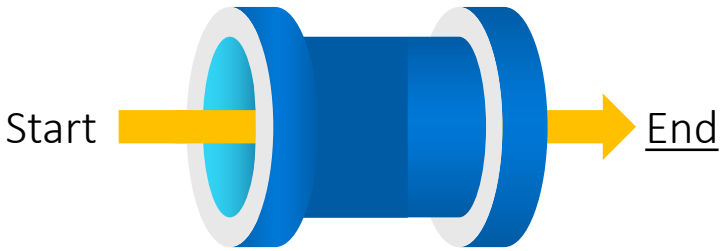
Conclusions



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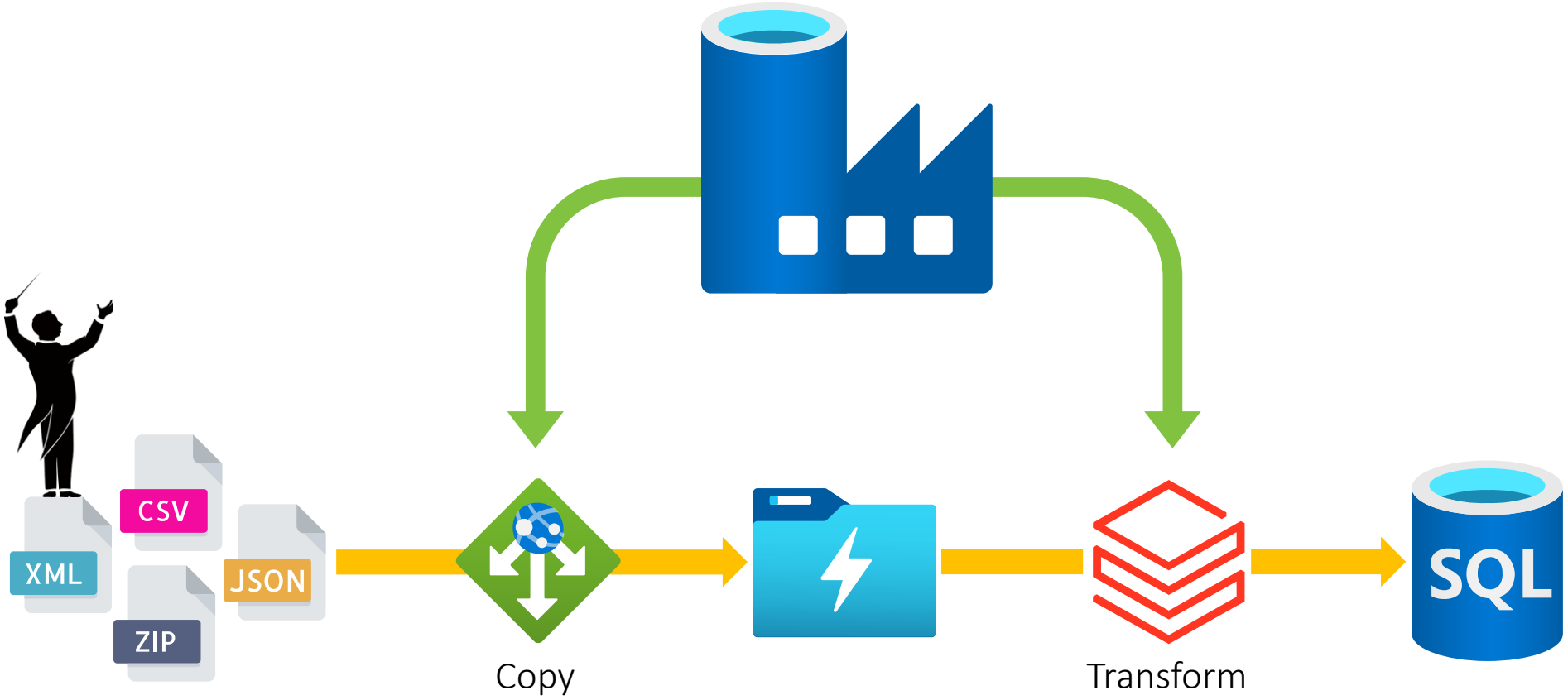
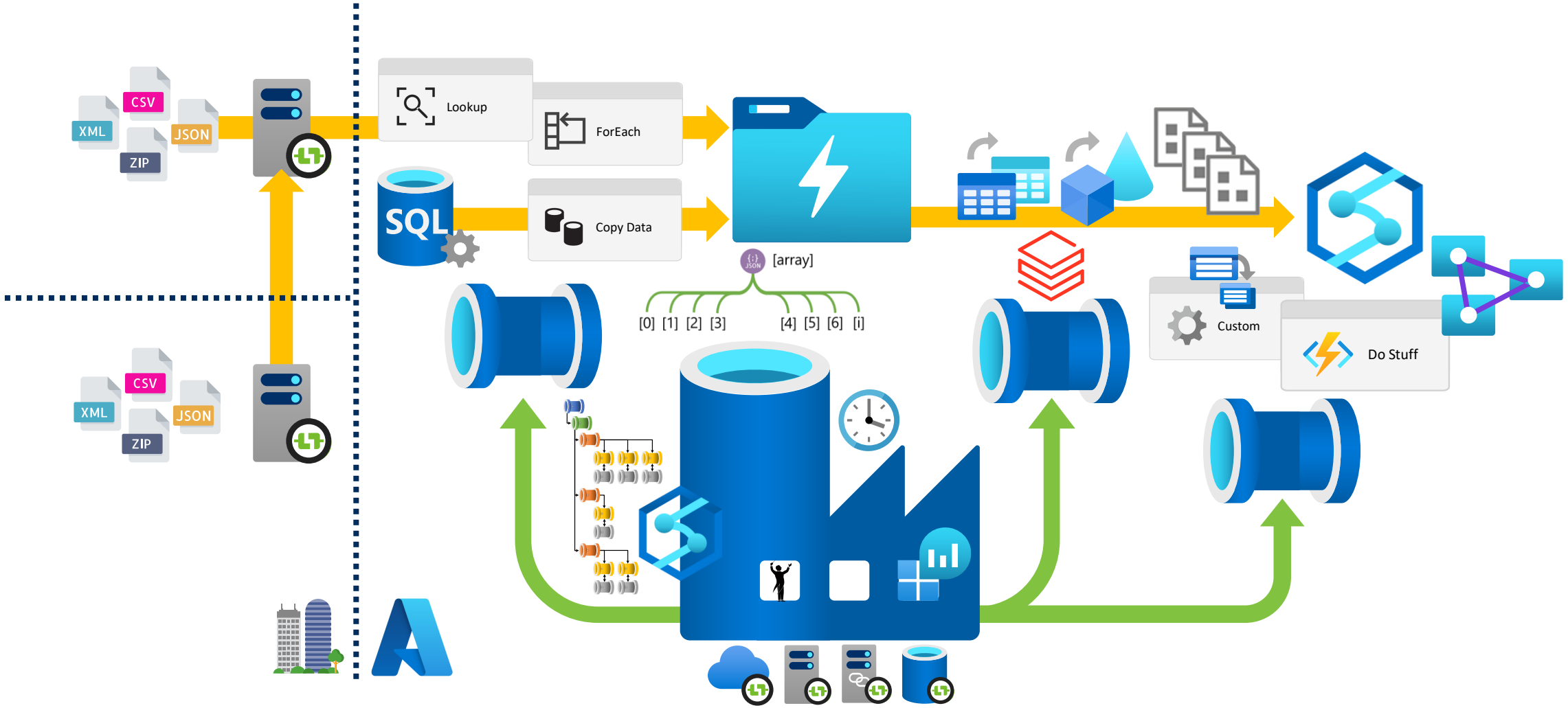


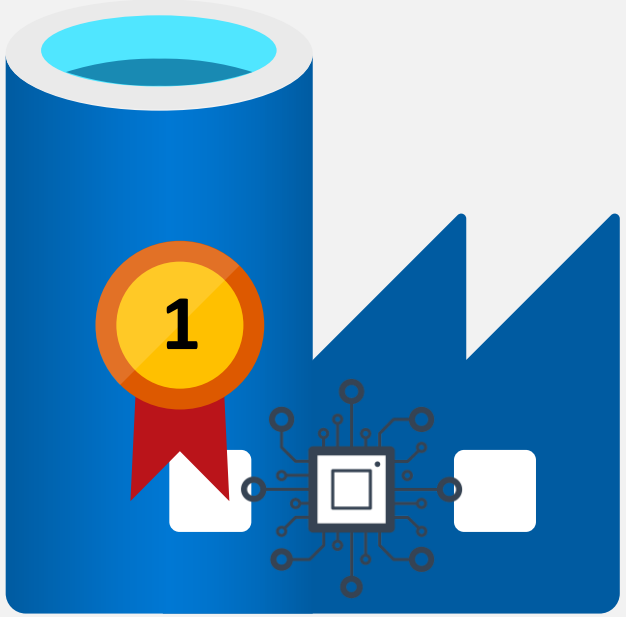
What are Azure ~~Data Factory~~ Integration Pipelines?



1. A complete Microsoft Azure integration tool.
2. Orchestrator of our Control Flow operations – with scale out Activities.
3. Orchestrator of our Data Flow transformations – using cloud native services.
4. The scheduler of solutions – using a variety of Pipeline Triggers and dynamic frameworks.

What Next?

Best Practices for Implementing Azure Data Factory



- Environment Setup
- Multiple Data Factory Instance's
- Deployments
- Automated Testing
- Naming Conventions
- Pipeline Hierarchies
- Pipeline & Activity Descriptions
- Annotations
- Factory Component Folders
- Linked Service Security via Azure Key Vault
- Security Custom Roles
- Dynamic Linked Services
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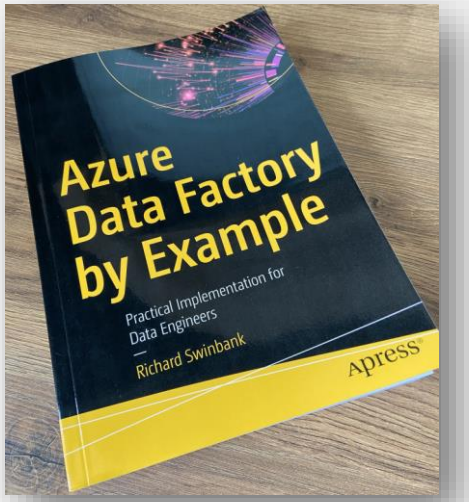
What Next?

Azure Data Factory by Example



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