# Introduction to Azure Databricks

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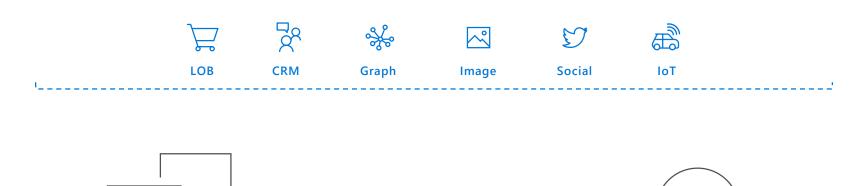




# Agenda

- Big Data Architectures
- Why data lakes?
- Top-down vs Bottom-up
- Data lake defined
- Hadoop as the data lake
- Modern Data Warehouse
- Federated Querying
- Solution in the cloud
- SMP vs MPP

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Operational databases

Data warehouses

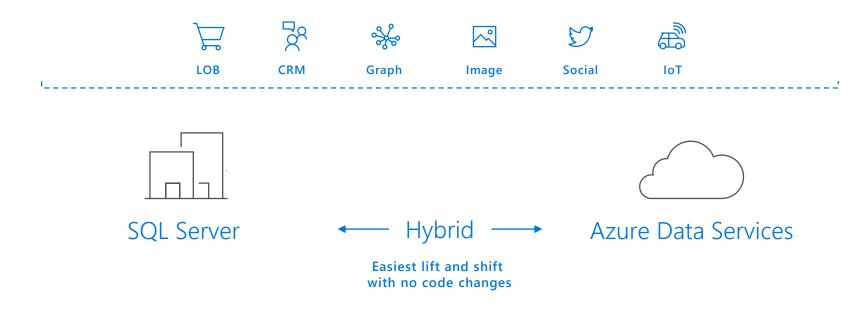
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# THE MICROSOFT OFFERING



Industry leader 2 years in a row Operational databases

**#1 TPC-H performance** Data warehouses

T-SQL query over any data Data lakes

Operational databases 70% faster than Aurora

Data warehouses 2x global reach than Redshift

Data lakes No Limits Analytics with 99.9% SLA

### Al built-in | Most secure | Lowest TCO

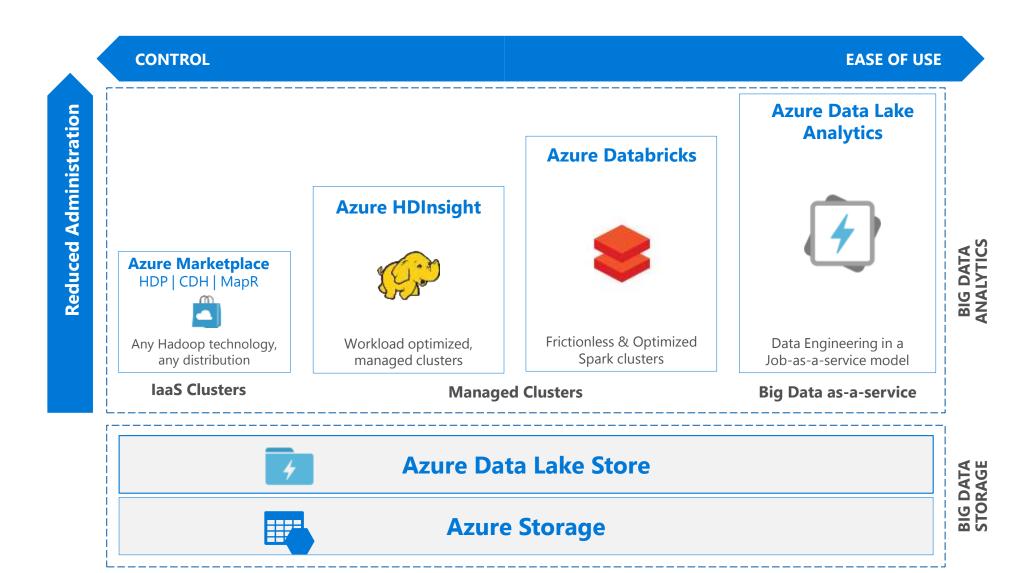
Reason over any data, anywhere

Flexibility of choice

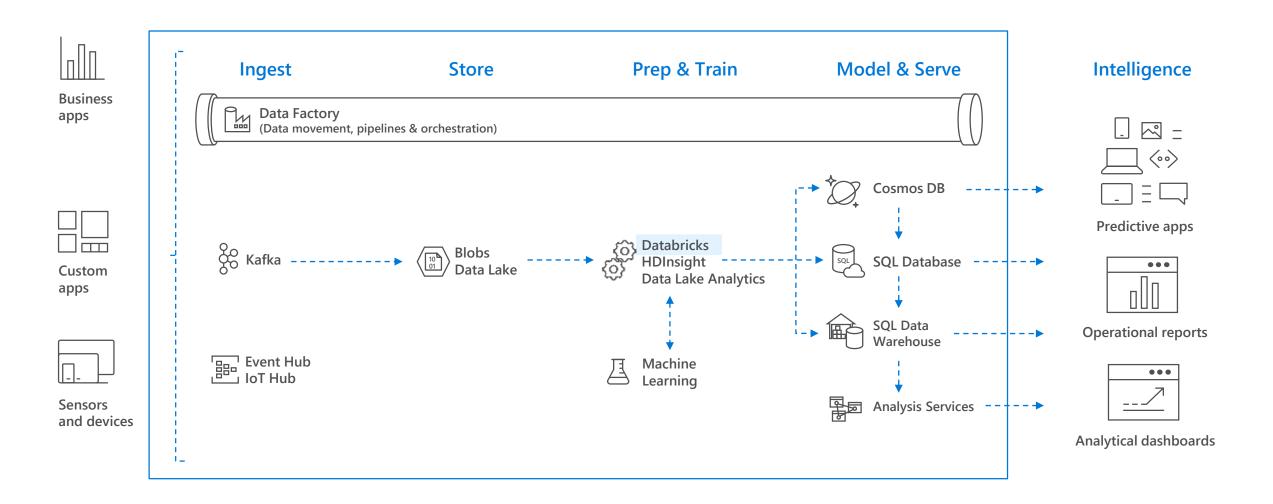
Security and performance

# Big Data & Advanced Analytics in Azure

# KNOWING THE VARIOUS BIG DATA SOLUTIONS



# BIG DATA & ADVANCED ANALYTICS AT A GLANCE



# Azure Databricks Powered by Apache Spark

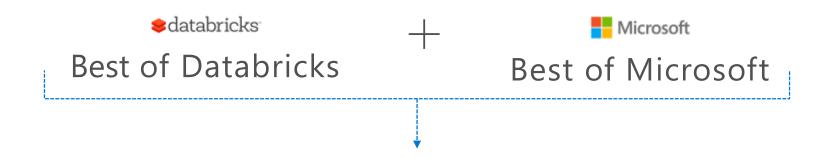
# Why Spark?



- Open-source data processing engine built around speed, ease of use, and sophisticated analytics
- In memory engine that is up to 100 times faster than Hadoop
- Largest open-source data project with 1000+ contributors
- **Highly extensible** with support for Scala, Java and Python alongside Spark SQL, GraphX, Streaming and Machine Learning Library (Mllib)

# What is Azure Databricks?

A fast, easy and collaborative Apache® Spark™ based analytics platform optimized for Azure





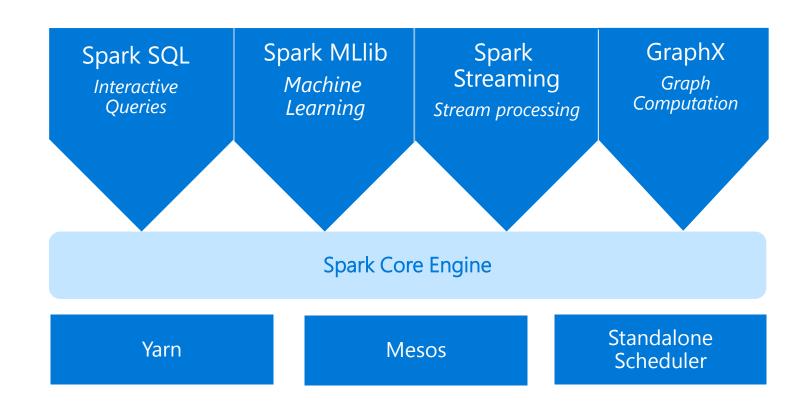
- One-click set up; streamlined workflows
  - Interactive workspace that enables collaboration between data scientists, data engineers, and business analysts.
- Native integration with Azure services (Power BI, SQL DW, Cosmos DB, Blob Storage)
- Enterprise-grade Azure security (Active Directory integration, compliance, enterprise-grade SLAs)

### APACHE SPARK

# An unified, open source, parallel, data processing framework for Big Data Analytics

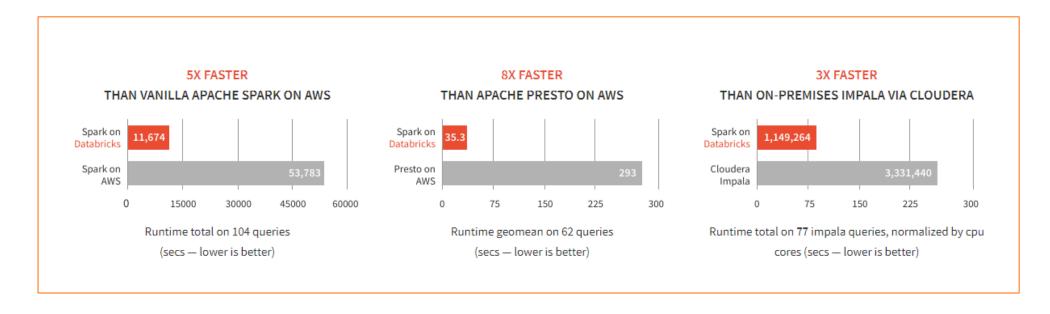
#### Spark Unifies:

- Batch Processing
- Interactive SQL
- Real-time processing
- Machine Learning
- Deep Learning
- Graph Processing



### DATABRICKS SPARK IS FAST

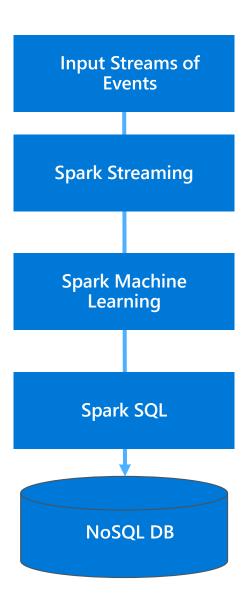
Benchmarks have shown Databricks to often have better performance than alternatives



**SOURCE:** Benchmarking Big Data SQL Platforms in the Cloud

# ADVANTAGES OF A UNIFIED PLATFORM

- Improves developer productivity—a single consistent set of APIs
- All different systems in Spark share the same abstraction – RDDs (Resilient Distributed Datasets)
- Developers can mix and match different kind of processing in the same application. This is a common requirement for many big data pipelines.
- Performance improves because unnecessary movement of data across engines is eliminated. In many pipelines, data exchange between engines is the dominant cost



# Differentiated experience on Azure

#### **ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY**

**Get started quickly** by launching your new Spark environment with one click.

Share your insights in powerful ways through rich integration with Power Bl.

Improve collaboration amongst your analytics team through a unified workspace.

**Innovate faster** with native integration with rest of Azure platform

#### BUILD ON THE MOST COMPLIANT CLOUD

**Simplify security and identity control** with built-in integration with Active Directory.

**Regulate access** with fine-grained user permissions to Azure Databricks' notebooks, clusters, jobs and data.

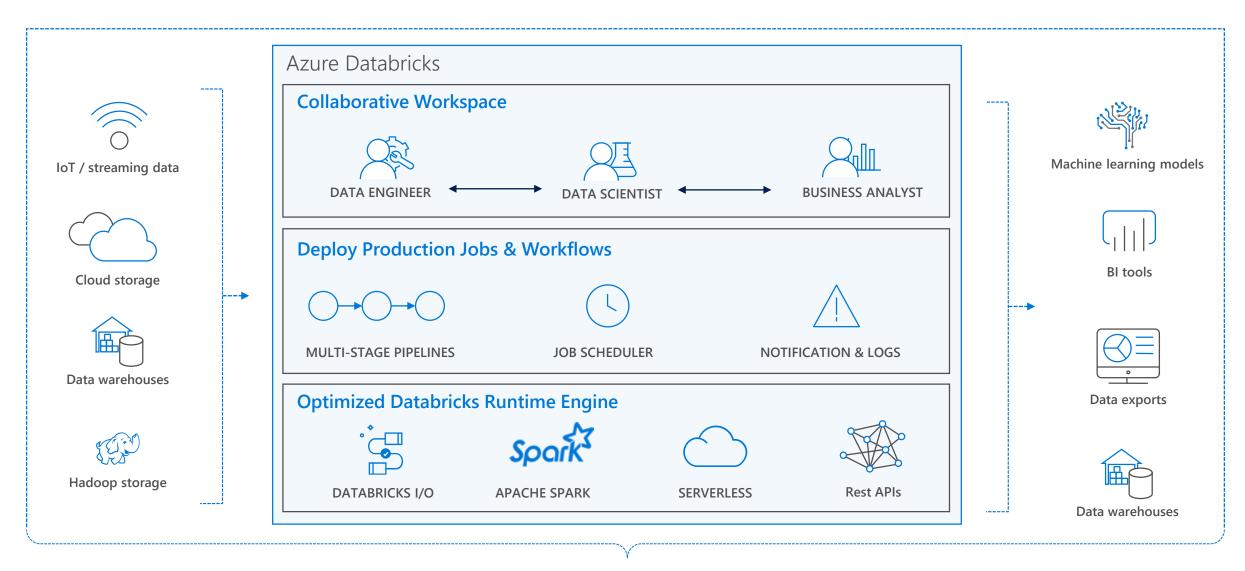
Build with confidence on the trusted cloud backed by unmatched support, compliance and SLAs.

#### **SCALE WITHOUT LIMITS**

Operate at massive scale without limits globally.

Accelerate data processing with the fastest Spark engine.

# Azure Databricks



# Collaborative Workspace

#### **GET STARTED IN SECONDS**

Single click to launch your new Spark environment

#### INTERACTIVE EXPLORATION

Explore data using interactive notebooks with support for multiple programming languages including R, Python, Scala, and SQL

#### **COLLABORATION**

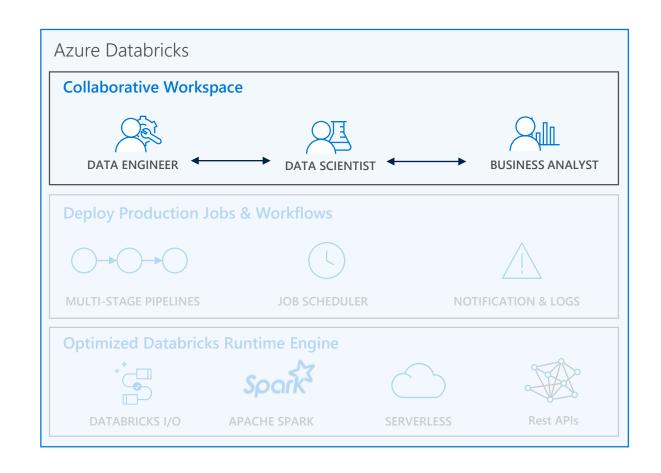
Work on the same notebook in real-time while tracking changes with detailed revision history, GitHub, or Bitbucket

#### **VISUALIZATIONS**

Visualize insights through a wide assortment of point-and-click visualizations. Or use powerful scriptable options like matplotlib, ggplot, and D3

#### **DASHBOARDS**

Rich integration with PowerBI to discover and share your insights in powerful new ways



# Deploy Production Jobs & Workflows

#### **JOBS SCHEDULER**

Execute jobs for production pipelines on a specific schedule

#### **NOTEBOOK WORKFLOWS**

Create multi-stage pipelines with the control structures of the source programming language

#### **RUN NOTEBOOKS AS JOBS**

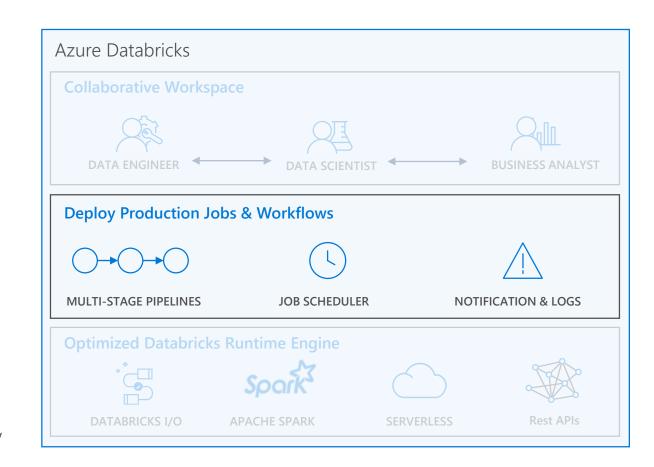
Turn notebooks or JARs into resilient Spark jobs with a click or an API call

#### **NOTIFICATIONS AND LOGS**

Set up alerts and quickly access audit logs for easy monitoring and troubleshooting

#### INTEGRATE NATIVELY WITH AZURE SERVICES

Deep integration with Azure SQL Data Warehouse, Cosmos DB, Azure Data Lake Store, Azure Blob Storage, and Azure Event Hub



# Optimized Databricks Runtime Engine

#### **OPTIMIZED I/O PERFORMANCE**

The Databricks I/O module (DBIO) takes processing speeds to the next level — significantly improving the performance of Spark in the cloud

#### FULLY-MANAGED PLATFORM ON AZURE

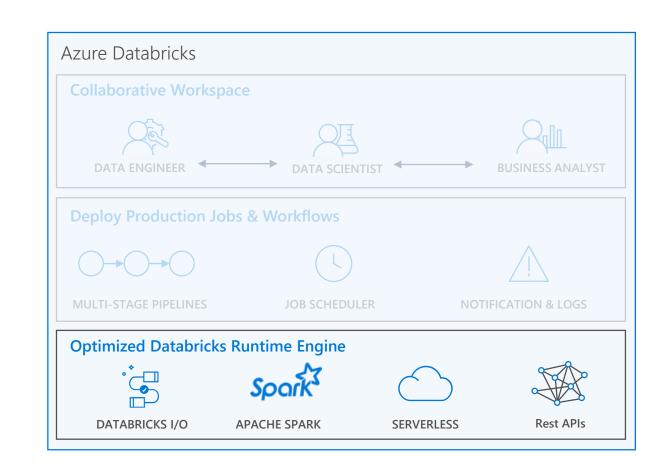
Reap the benefits of a fully managed service and remove the complexity of big data and machine learning

#### SERVERLESS INFRASTRUCTURE

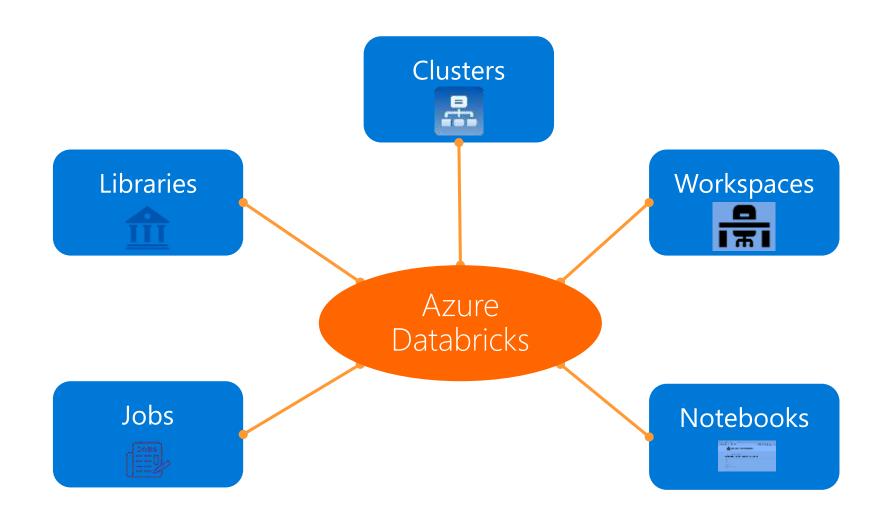
Databricks' serverless and highly elastic cloud service is designed to remove operational complexity while ensuring reliability and cost efficiency at scale

#### **OPERATE AT MASSIVE SCALE**

Without limits globally

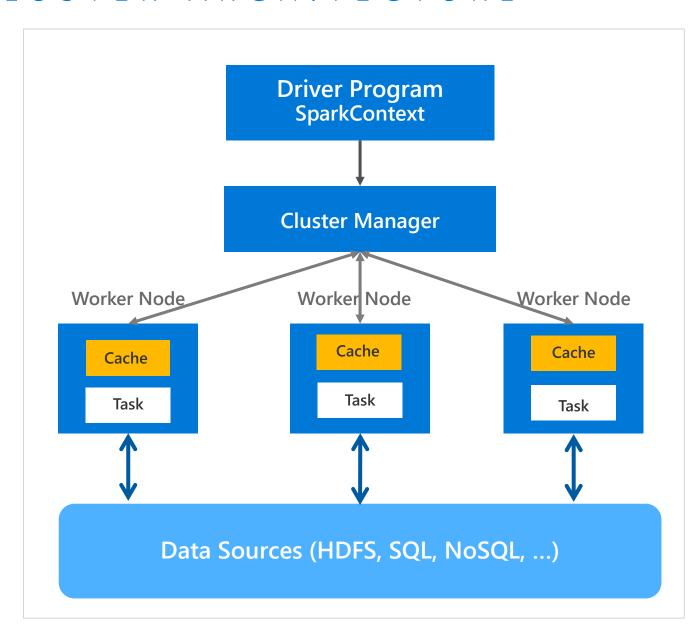


# AZURE DATABRICKS CORE ARTIFACTS



# GENERAL SPARK CLUSTER ARCHITECTURE

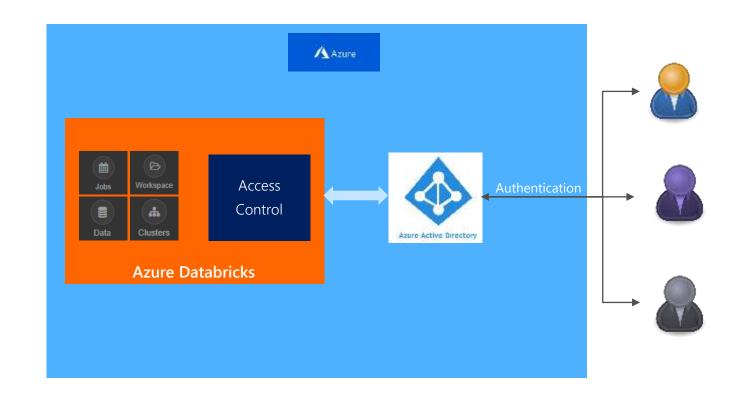
- 'Driver' runs the user's 'main' function and executes the various parallel operations on the worker nodes.
- The results of the operations are collected by the driver
- The worker nodes read and write data from/to Data Sources including HDFS.
- Worker node also cache transformed data in memory as RDDs (Resilient Data Sets).
- Worker nodes and the Driver Node execute as VMs in public clouds (AWS, Google and Azure).



# AZURE DATABRICKS INTEGRATION WITH AAD

# Azure Databricks is integrated with AAD—so Azure Databricks users are just regular AAD users

- There is no need to define users—and their access control—separately in Databricks.
- AAD users can be used directly in Azure
   Databricks for all user-based access control (Clusters, Jobs, Notebooks etc.).
- Databricks has delegated user authentication to AAD enabling single-sign on (SSO) and unified authentication.
- Notebooks, and their outputs, are stored in the Databricks account. However, AADbased access-control ensures that only authorized users can access them.



# CLUSTERS: AUTO SCALING AND AUTO TERMINATION

# Simplifies cluster management and reduces costs by eliminating wastage

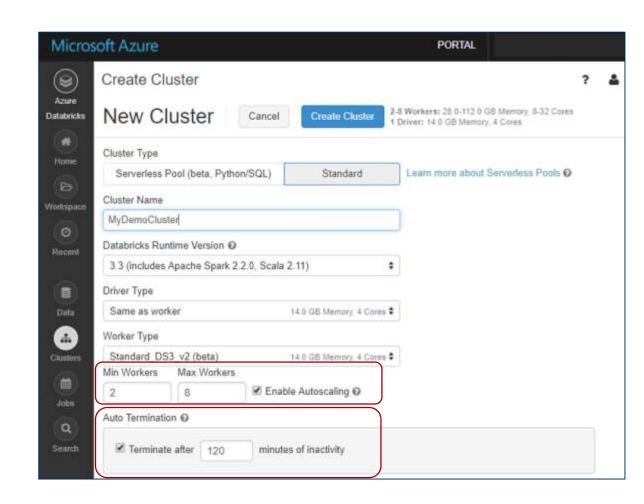
When creating Azure Databricks clusters you can choose Autoscaling and Auto Termination options.

Autoscaling: Just specify the min and max number of clusters. Azure Databricks automatically scales up or down based on load.

Auto Termination: After the specified minutes of inactivity the cluster is automatically terminated.

#### Benefits:

- You do not have to guess, or determine by trial and error, the correct number of nodes for the cluster
- As the workload changes you do not have to manually tweak the number of nodes
- You do not have to worry about wasting resources when the cluster is idle. You only pay for resource when they are actually being used
- You do not have to wait and watch for jobs to complete just so you can shutdown the clusters



# JOBS

Jobs are the mechanism to submit Spark application code for execution on the Databricks clusters

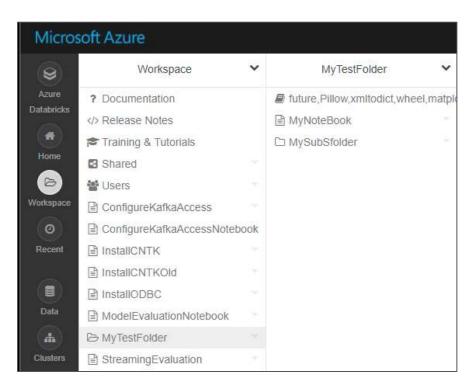
- Spark application code is submitted as a 'Job' for execution on Azure Databricks clusters
- Jobs execute either 'Notebooks' or 'Jars'
- Azure Databricks provide a comprehensive set of graphical tools to create, manage and monitor Jobs.

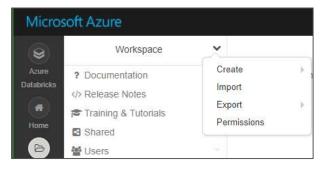


# WORKSPACES

### Workspaces enables users to organize—and share—their Notebooks, Libraries and Dashboards

- Workspaces—sort of like Directories— are a convenient way to organize an user's Notebook, Libraries and Dashboards.
- Everything in a workspace is organized into hierarchical folders. Folders can hold Libraries, Notebooks, Dashboard or more (sub) folders.
  - Icons indicate the type of the object contained in a folder
- Every user has one directory that is private and unshared.
  - By default, the workspace and all its contents are available to users.
- Fine grained access control can be defined on workspaces (next slide) to enable secure collaboration with colleagues.



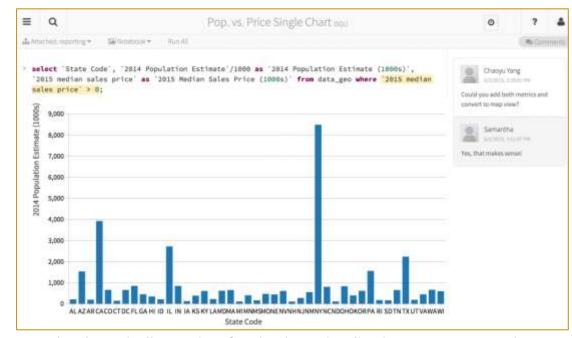


# AZURE DATABRICKS NOTEBOOKS OVERVIEW

# Notebooks are a popular way to develop, and run, Spark Applications

- Notebooks are not only for authoring Spark applications but can be run/executed directly on clusters
  - Shift+Enter

  - Submit via Job
- Notebooks support fine grained permissions—so they can be securely shared with colleagues for collaboration (see following slide for details on permissions and abilities)
- Notebooks are well-suited for prototyping, rapid development, exploration, discovery and iterative development

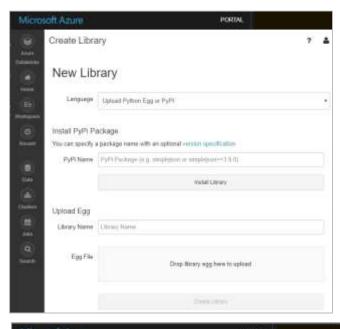


Notebooks typically consist of code, data, visualization, comments and notes

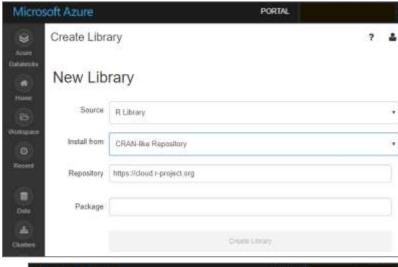
# LIBRARIES OVERVIEW

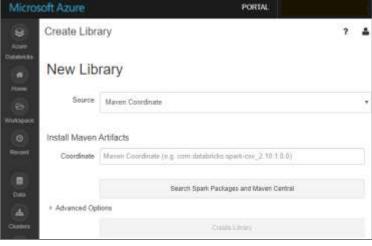
# Enables external code to be imported and stored into a Workspace

- Libraries are containers to hold all your Python, R, Java/Scala libraries.
- Libraries resides within workspaces or folders.
- Libraries are created by importing the source code
- After importing libraries are immutable—can be deleted or overwritten only.
- You can customize installation of libraries via <u>Init Scripts</u> by writing custom UNIX scripts
- Libraries can also be managed via the <u>Library</u> <u>API</u>





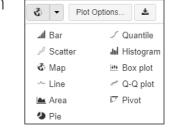


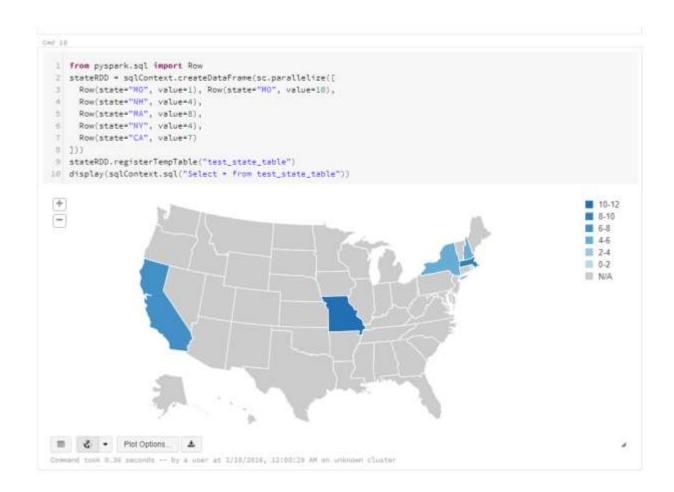


# VISUALIZATION

# Azure Databricks supports a number of visualization plots out of the box

- All notebooks, regardless of their language, support Databricks visualizations.
- When you run the notebook the visualizations are rendered inside the notebook in-place
- The visualizations are written in HTML.
  - You can save the HTML of the entire notebook by exporting to HTML.
  - If you use Matplotlib, the plots are rendered as images so you can just right click and download the image
- You can change the plot type just by picking from the selection

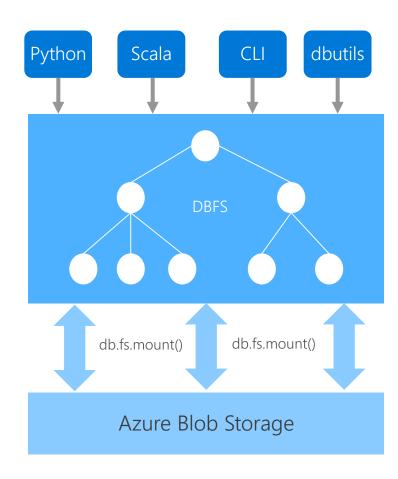




# DATABRICKS FILE SYSTEM (DBFS)

# Is a distributed File System (DBFS) that is a layer over Azure Blob Storage

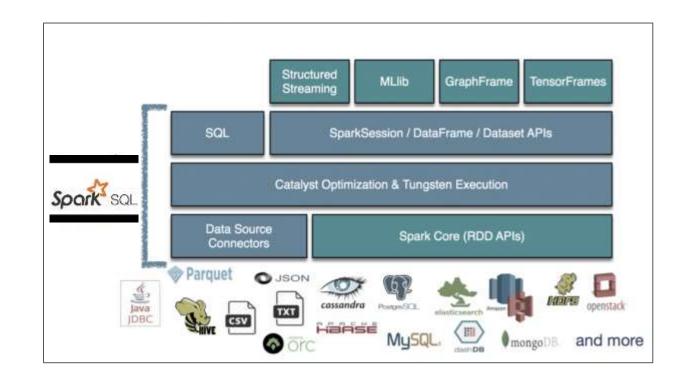
- Azure Storage buckets can be mounted in DBFS so that users can directly access them without specifying the storage keys
- DBFS mounts are created using dbutils.fs.mount()
- Azure Storage data can be cached locally on the SSD of the worker nodes
- Available in both Python and Scala and accessible via a DBFS CLI
- Data persist in Azure Blob Storage is not lost even after cluster termination
- Comes pre-installed on Spark clusters in Databricks



# SPARK SQL OVERVIEW

# Spark SQL is a distributed SQL query engine for processing structured data

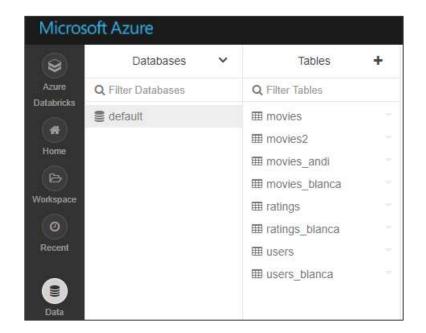
- Can query data stored in wide variety of data sources—external databases, structured data files, Hive tables and more.
- Data can be queried using either SQL or HiveQL
- Has bindings in Python, Scala and Java
- Has built-in support for structured streaming.
- Built using the <u>Catalyst optimizer</u> and <u>Tungsten</u> <u>execution</u>



### DATABASES AND TABLES OVERVIEW

Tables enable data to be structured and queried using Spark SQL or any of the Spark's language APIs

- Databases are a collection of related tables
- Tables are defined using the GUI in the console or programmatically using APIs or Notebooks
- Databricks uses the Hive metastore to manage tables, and supports all file formats and Hive data sources.
- There are multiple ways to create tables (see next slide).
- Like Apache Spark DataFrames, any Spark operation can be applied to Tables (including caching, filtering).
- Partitioned Tables and Partition Pruning: Spark SQL is able to dynamically generate partitions at the file storage level to provide partition columns for tables. When the table is scanned, Spark pushes down the filter predicates involving the partitionBy keys for partition pruning.



# SPARK MACHINE LEARNING (ML) OVERVIEW

# Enables Parallel, Distributed ML for large datasets on Spark Clusters

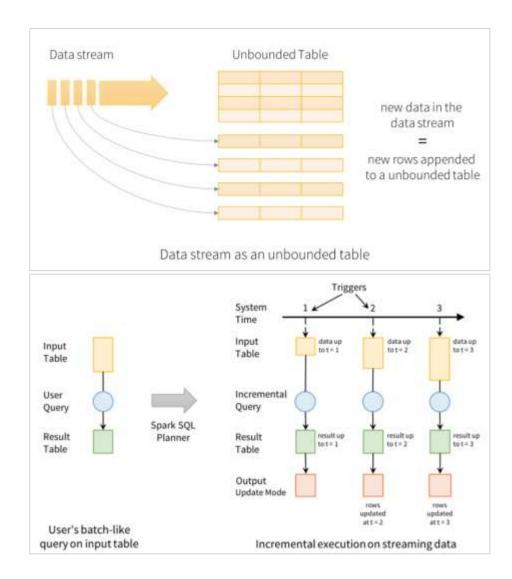
- Offers a set of parallelized machine learning algorithms (MMLSpark, Spark ML, Deep Learning, SparkR)
- Supports <u>Model Selection</u> (hyperparameter tuning) using <u>Cross</u>
   <u>Validation</u> and <u>Train-Validation Split</u>.
- Supports Java, Scala or Python apps using <u>DataFrame</u>-based API (as of Spark 2.0). Benefits include:
  - An uniform API across ML algorithms and across multiple languages
  - Facilitates <u>ML pipelines</u> (enables combining multiple algorithms into a single pipeline).
  - Optimizations through Tungsten and Catalyst
- Spark MLlib comes pre-installed on Azure Databricks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party libraries supported include: <u>H20 Sparkling Water</u>, <u>SciKitlearn</u> and XGBoost



# SPARK STRUCTURED STREAMING OVERVIEW

A unified system for end-to-end fault-tolerant, exactly-once stateful stream processing

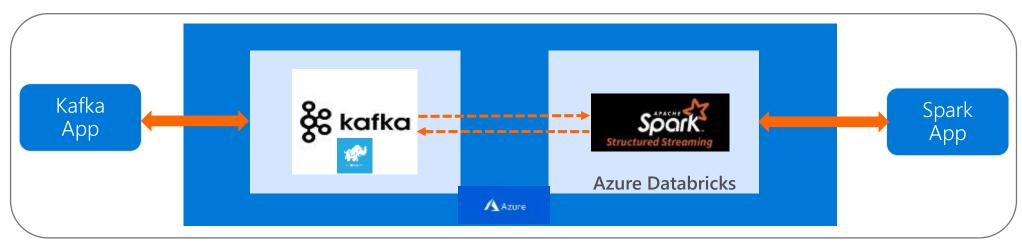
- Unifies streaming, interactive and batch queries—a single API for both static bounded data and streaming unbounded data.
- Runs on Spark SQL. Uses the Spark SQL <u>Dataset/DataFrame</u> API used for batch processing of static data.
- Runs incrementally and continuously and updates the results as data streams in.
- Supports app development in Scala, Java, Python and R.
- Supports streaming aggregations, event-time windows, windowed grouped aggregation, stream-to-batch joins.
- Features streaming deduplication, multiple output modes and APIs for managing/monitoring streaming queries.
- Built-in sources: Kafka, File source (json, csv, text, parquet)



# APACHE KAFKA FOR HDINSIGHT INTEGRATION

# Azure Databricks Structured Streaming integrates with Apache Kafka for HDInsight

- Apache Kafka for Azure HDInsight is an enterprise grade streaming ingestion service running in Azure.
- Azure Databricks Structured Streaming applications can use Apache Kafka for HDInsight as a data source or sink.
- No additional software (gateways or connectors) are required.
- Setup: Apache Kafka on HDInsight does not provide access to the Kafka brokers over the public internet. So the Kafka clusters and the Azure Databricks cluster must be located in the same Azure Virtual Network.



Note: Azure Databricks Structured Streaming integration with Azure Event Hubs is forthcoming

### SPARK GRAPHX OVERVIEW

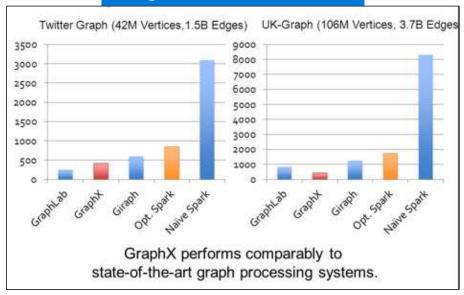
A set of APIs for graph and graph-parallel computation.

- Unifies ETL, exploratory analysis, and iterative graph computation within a single system.
- Developers can:
  - view the same data as both graphs and collections,
  - <u>transform</u> and <u>join</u> graphs with RDDs, and
  - write custom iterative graph algorithms using the <u>Pregel API</u>.
- Currently only supports using the Scala and RDD APIs.

# Algorithms

- PageRank
- Connected components
- Label propagation
- SVD++
- Strongly connected components
- Triangle count

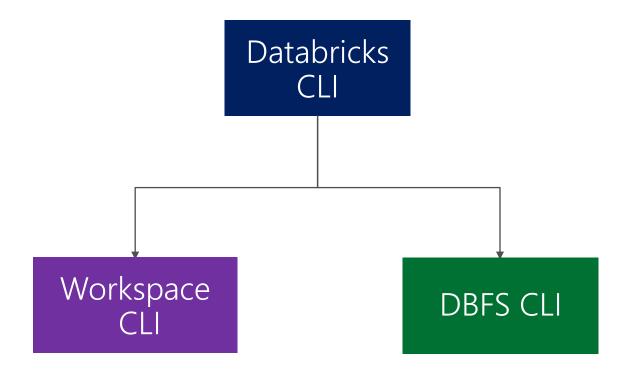
# PageRank Benchmark



Source: <u>AMPLab</u>

# DATABRICKS CLI

An easy to use interface built on top of the Databricks <u>REST API</u>



Currently, the CLI fully implements the DBFS API and the Workspace API

# DATABRICKS REST API

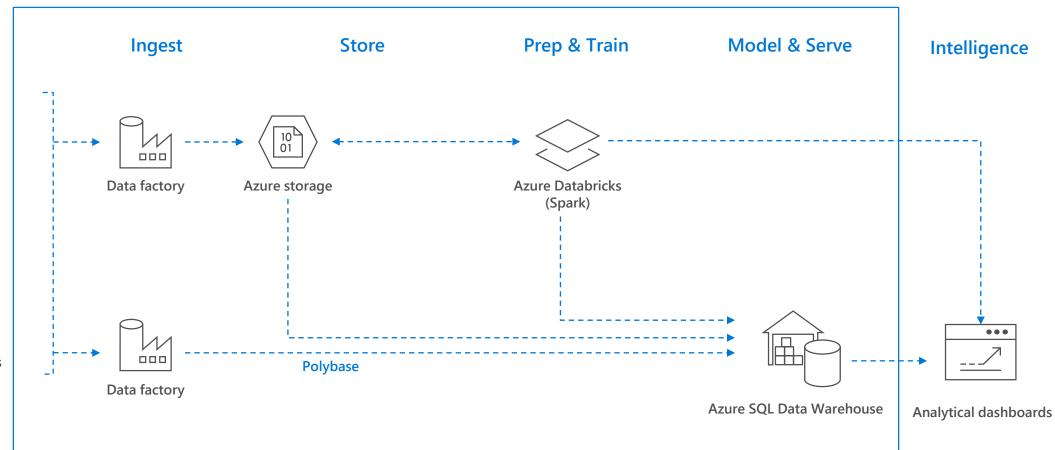
Databricks REST API	Cluster API	Create/edit/delete clusters
	DBFS API	Interact with the Databricks File System
	Groups API	Manage groups of users
	Instance Profile API	Allows admins to add, list, and remove instances profiles that users can launch clusters with
	Job API	Create/edit/delete jobs
	Library API	Create/edit/delete libraries
	Workspace API	List/import/export/delete notebooks/folders

# Use Cases

# Modern Big Data Warehouse



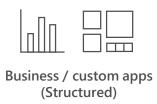


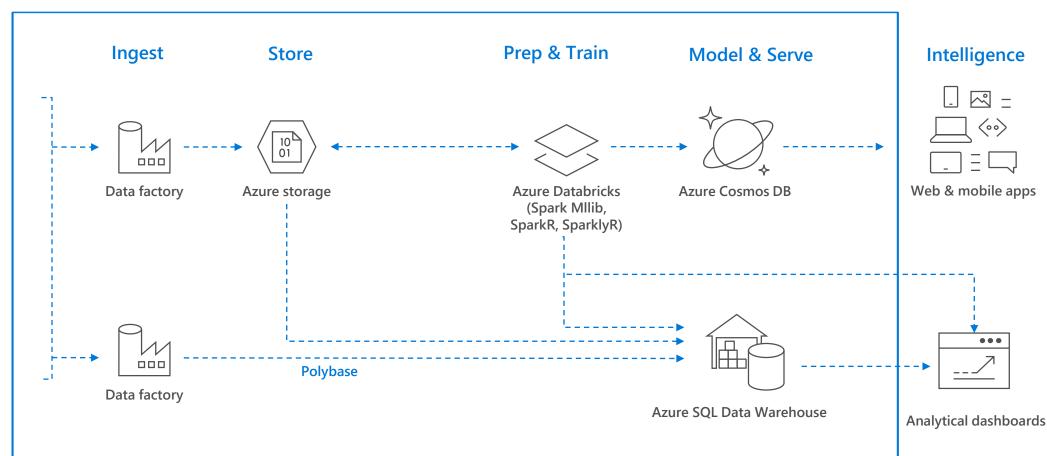


# Advanced Analytics on Big Data

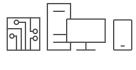


Logs, files and media (unstructured)

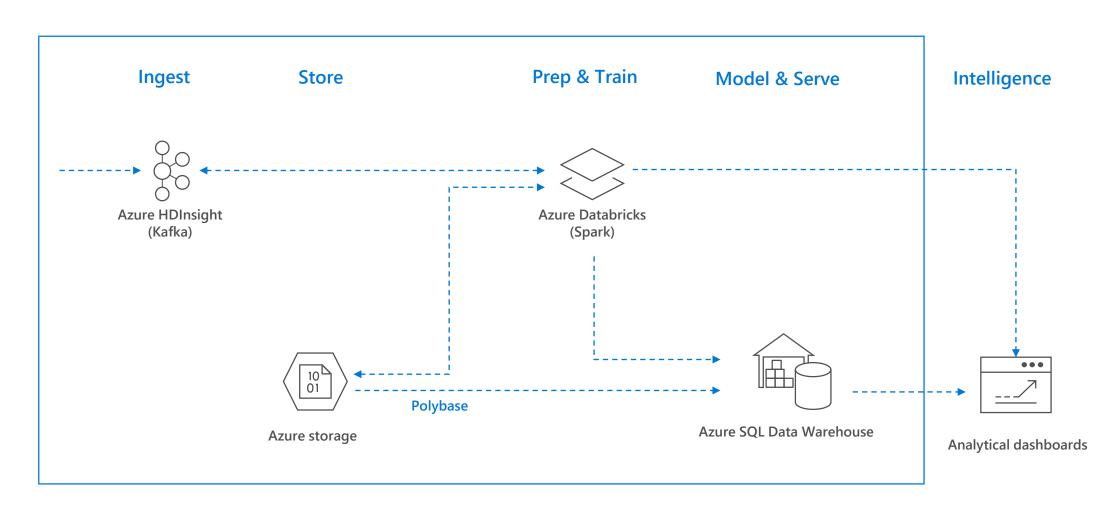




# Real-time analytics on Big Data



**Unstructured data** 



# Pricing & Product Guidance

# Big Data OSS - Comparison

## Azure HDInsight (1st party + Support)

#### What it is

- **Hadoop** (Hortonworks' Distribution) as a managed service supporting a variety of open-source analytics engines such as Apache Spark, Hive LLAP, Storm, Kafka, HBase.
- Security via Ranger (Kerberos based)

### **Pricing**

• Priced to compete with AWS EMR. Standard offering.

### **Use When**

 Customer prefers a PaaS like experience to address big data use cases by working with different OSS analytics engines to address big data use cases. Cost sensitive.

## Azure Databricks (1<sup>st</sup> party + Support)

### What it is

- Databricks Spark, the most popular open-source analytics engine, as a managed service providing an easy and fast way to unlock big data use cases. Offers best-in-class notebooks experience for productivity and collaboration as well integration with Azure Data Warehouse, Power BI, etc
- Security via native Azure AD integration

### **Pricing**

• Priced to match Databricks on AWS. Premium offering.

### **Use When**

 Customer prefers SaaS like experience to address big data use cases and values Databricks' ease of use, productivity & collaboration features.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Offerings

### What it is

Hadoop distributions from Cloudera, MapR & Hortonworks available on Azure Marketplace as IaaS VMs.

### **Pricing**

• N/A. Vendor prices their products.

### **Use When**

 Customer wants to move their on premises Hadoop distribution to Azure laaS using their existing licenses.

# LOOKING ACROSS THE OFFERINGS

## **Azure HDInsight**

#### What It Is

- · Hortonworks distribution as a first party service on Azure
- Big Data engines support Hadoop Projects, Hive on Tez, Hive LLAP, Spark, HBase, Storm, Kafka, R Server
- Best-in-class developer tooling and Monitoring capabilities
- Enterprise Features
  - VNET support (join existing VNETs)
  - · Ranger support (Kerberos based Security)
  - Log Analytics via OMS
  - Orchestration via Azure Data Factory
  - Available in most Azure Regions (27) including Gov Cloud and Federal Clouds

#### **Guidance**

- Customer needs Hadoop technologies other than, or in addition to Spark
- Customer prefers Hortonworks Spark distribution to stay closer to OSS codebase and/or 'Lift and Shift' from onpremises deployments
- Customer has specific project requirements that are only available on HDInsight

### **Azure Databricks**

#### What It Is

- · Databricks' Spark service as a first party service on Azure
- Single engine for Batch, Streaming, ML and Graph
- Best-in-class notebooks experience for optimal productivity and collaboration
- Enterprise Features
- Native Integration with Azure for Security via AAD (OAuth)
- Optimized engine for better performance and scalability
- RBAC for Notebooks and APIs
- Auto-scaling and cluster termination capabilities
- Native integration with SQL DW and other Azure services
- Serverless pools for easier management of resources

#### Guidance

- Customer needs the best option for Spark on Azure
- Customer teams are comfortable with notebooks and Spark
- · Customers need Auto-scaling and
- Customer needs to build integrated and performant data pipelines
- Customer is comfortable with limited regional availability (3 in preview, 8 by GA)

### **Azure ML**

#### What It Is

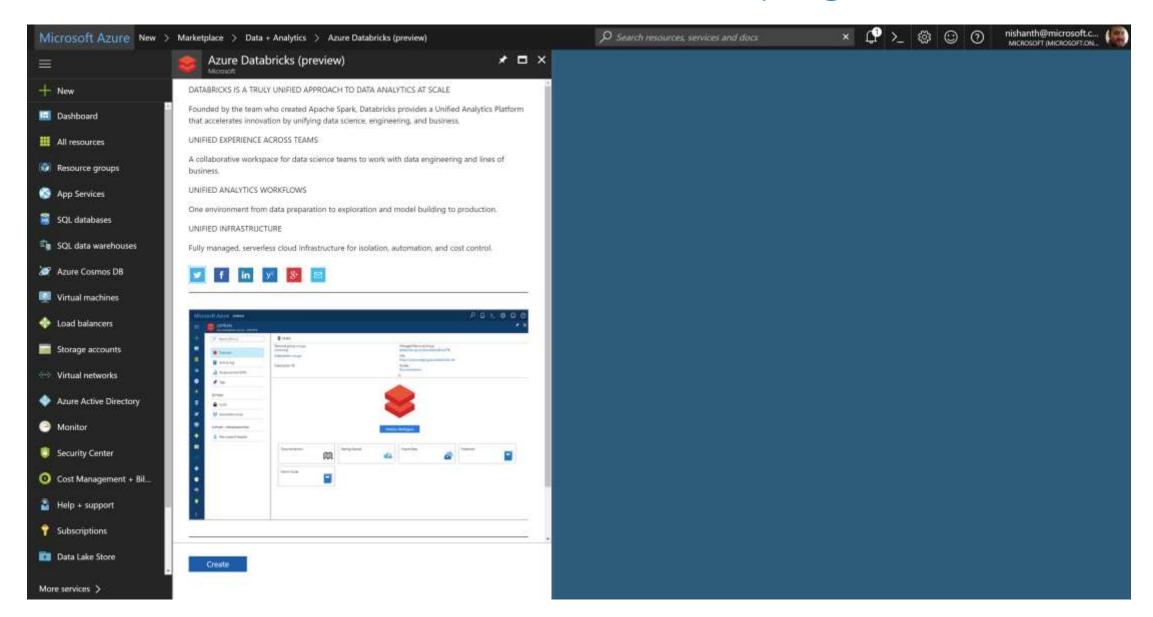
- Azure first party service for Machine Learning
- Leverage existing ML libraries or extend with Python and R
- Targets emerging data scientists with drag & drop offering
- · Targets professional data scientists with
  - Experimentation service
  - Model management service
  - Works with customers IDE of choice

#### Guidance

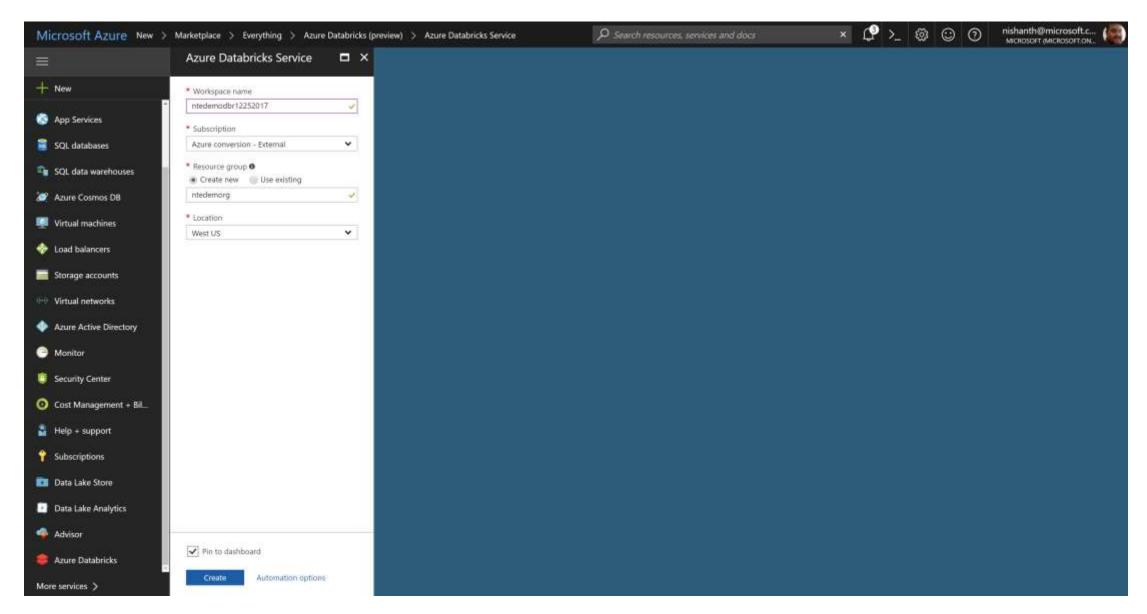
- Azure Machine Learning Studio is a GUI based ML tool for emerging Data Scientists to experiment and operationalize with least friction
- Azure Machine Learning Workbench is not a compute engine & uses external engines for Compute, including SQL Server and Spark
- AML deploys models to HDI Spark currently
- AML should be able to deploy Azure Databricks in the near future

# Demo

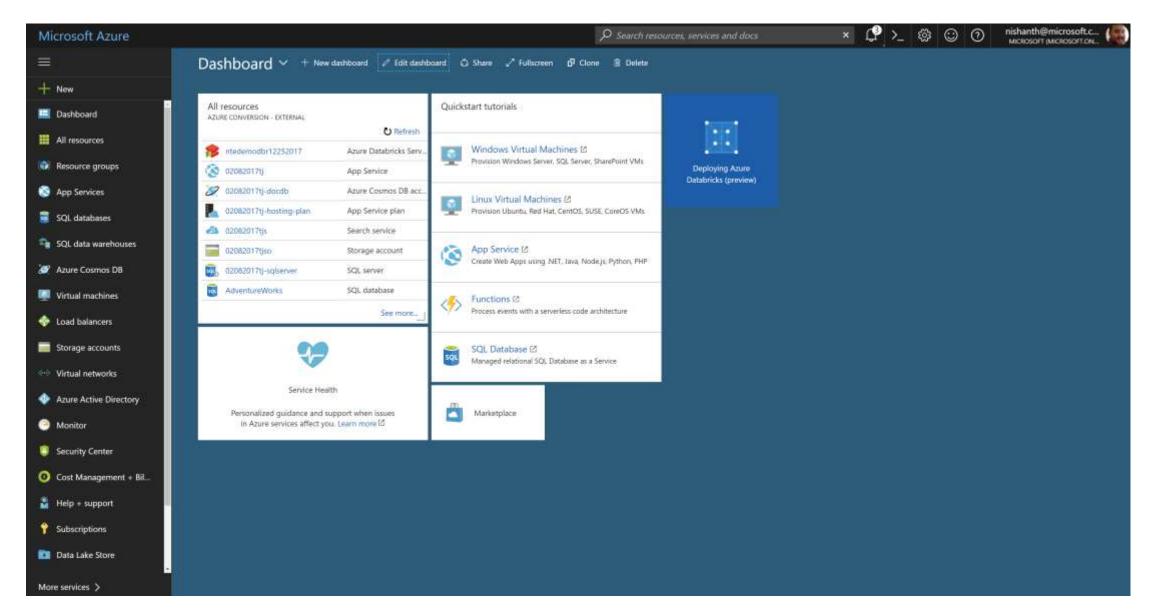
# Azure Databricks – service home page



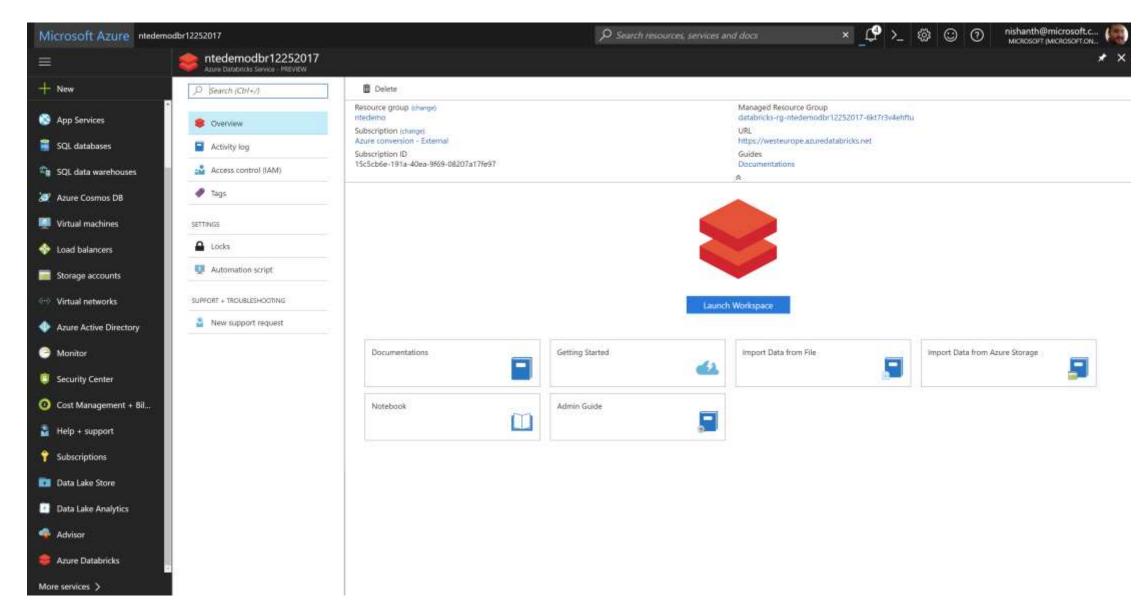
# Azure Databricks – creating a workspace



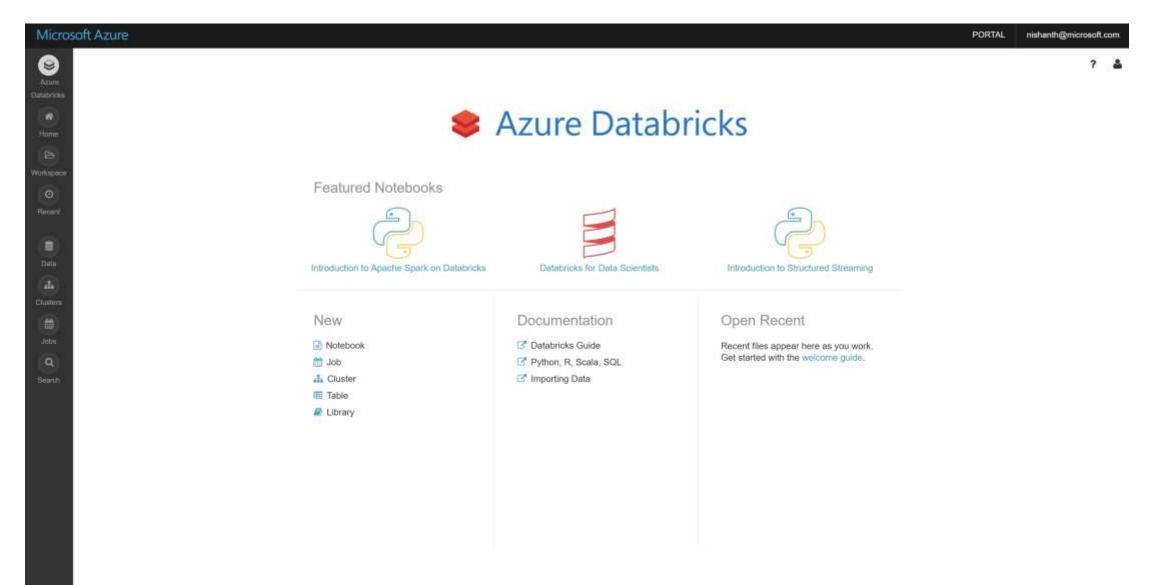
# Azure Databricks – workspace deployment



# Azure Databricks – launching the workspace



# Azure Databricks – workspace home page



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