Optional Lab – Explore Copilot capabilities

Lab Guide

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Lab Description

Microsoft has integrated Copilot and other generative AI features into Fabric to introduce new ways for you to transform and analyze data, generate insights, and create visualizations and reports. You must enable Copilot before you can use it. Copilot in Fabric is not available in all regions. Microsoft includes the following Copilot integrations:

- Data Factory: This integration includes tools that help you streamline workflows. The toolset can both generate and explain code for transforming data.
- Power BI: This integration includes generative AI to build reports automatically based on topics that you select or prompts that you create.

In this exercise, you will explore Copilot Data Factory capabilities.

You will explore the Power BI Copilot in a later exercise in this lab.

Note: There is no dependency on other labs execution to run this lab

Pre-Requisite

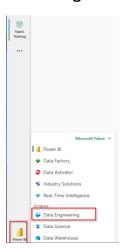
Provision a paid capacity before you proceed with this lab. Trial capacity does not support Co-Pilot features.

Lab Tasks

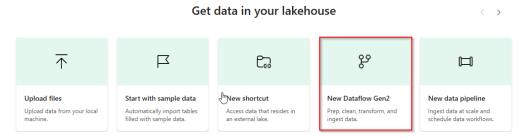
Exercises 1: Explore Copilot for data flows

Task 1: Ingest a Dataset into Fabric with Data Pipelines Copilot.

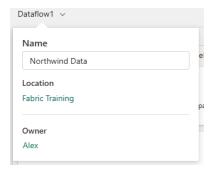
1. On the left menu, select **Power BI**, then under **Synapse**, select **Data Engineering**.



- 2. Select the bronze Lakehouse you have created on the previous lab.
- 3. Under Get data in your lakehouse. select New Dataflow Gen2.



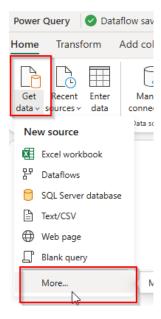
4. Select the Dataflow 1 in the menu, then in the Name box, enter Northwind Data



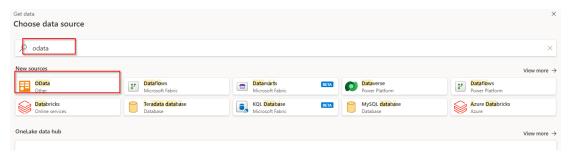
5. On the **Power Query** toolbar, on the **Home** tab, select **CoPilot**:



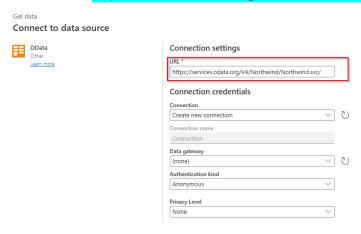
6. On the **Home** tab, select **Get data**, then under **New source**, select **More**:



7. In the **Choose data source** box, enter odata to filter the possible data sources, then select **OData**.



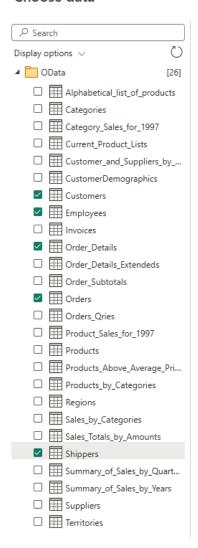
8. In the **Connect to data source** window, under **Connection settings**, in the **URL** box, enter https://services.odata.org/V4/Northwind/Northwind.svc/, then select **Next**.



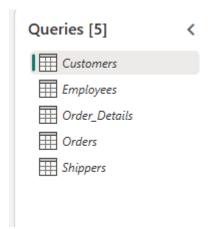
9. On the **Choose Data** window, select **Orders** checkbox, select **Select related tables**, then select **Create**.

Get data

Choose data

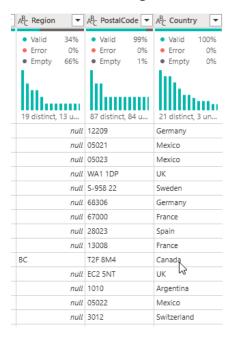


The query should look like the following query.

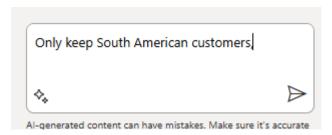


Task 2: Ingest the Dataset via Data Pipelines to Lakehouse File Section

1. In the customers table, scroll to the right and examine the Country column. Notice the countries include **Argentina** and **Mexico**.



2. In the Copilot pane enter Only keep South American customers, then select Send.



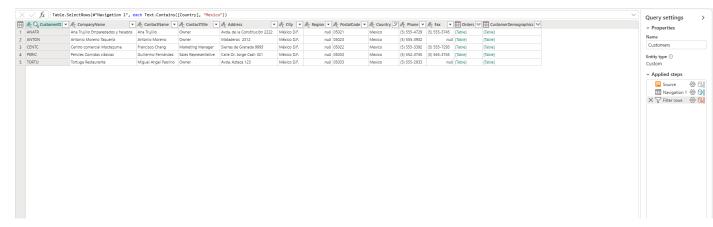
Note:

Due to the nature of Copliot you may end up with differing results. You can also try Only keep customers from South American countries

The desired Applied Step text is:

Table.SelectRows(#"Navigation 1", each List.Contains({"Mexico", "Brazil", "Argentina", "Chile", "Peru", "Colombia", "Venezuela", "Ecuador", "Bolivia", "Paraguay", "Uruguay", "Guyana", "Suriname"}, [Country]))

3. a) As you can see, it selected Mexico only:

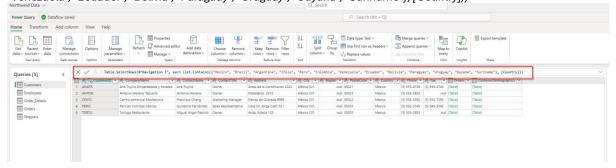


You can undo the step by clicking on Undo

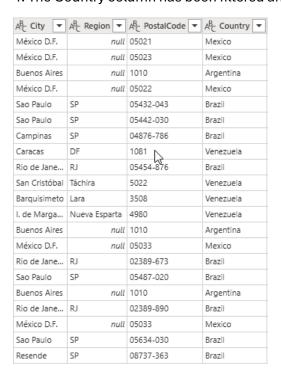
Afterwards type: Only keep South American customers

b) If this step returns Mexico only, then insert this step in the transformation tab:

Table.SelectRows(#"Navigation 1", each List.Contains({"Mexico", "Brazil", "Argentina", "Chile", "Peru", "Colombia", "Venezuela", "Ecuador", "Bolivia", "Paraguay", "Uruguay", "Guyana", "Suriname"}, [Country]))

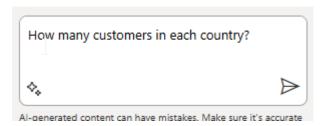


4. The Country column has been filtered and only includes customers from South America.

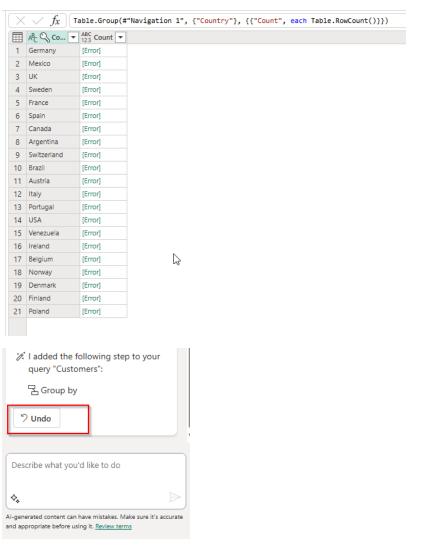


5. In the **Copilot** pane, select **Undo** to revert the changes as we want to use the Copilot against the whole dataset.

6. In the Copilot pane enter How many customers in each country?, then select Send.



! Sometimes, due to the nature of Copliot you may end up with different results or errors. Click on Undo in the Copilot chat:



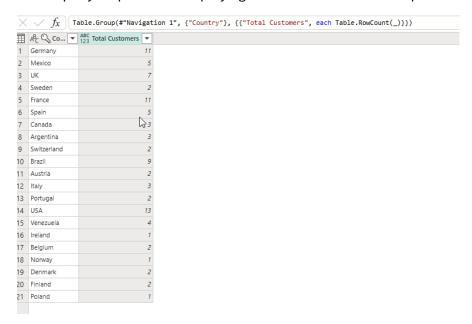
You need to have an accurate question, so you can also try:

What is the total number of customers in each country?

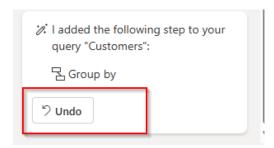
The desired Applied Step text is:

Table.Group(#"Navigation 1", {"Country"}, {{"Total Customers", each Table.RowCount(_)}})

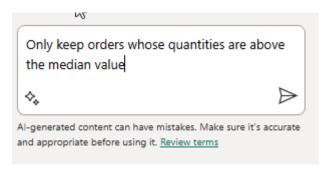
7. The query outputs a list displaying the number of customers per country.



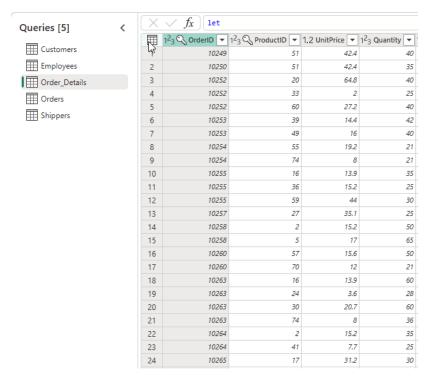
8. In the **Copilot** pane, select **Undo** to revert the changes.



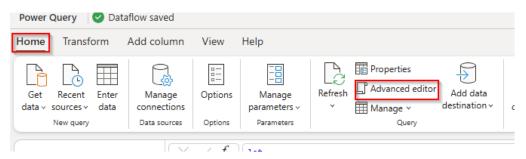
9. Select the **Order_Details** query, then in the **Copilot** pane, enter *Only keep orders whose quantities are above the median value*, then select **Send**.



10. The Quantity Column now displays values all above 20:



11. On the **Power Query** toolbar, on the **Home** tab, select **Advanced editor**.

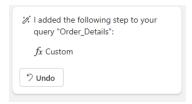


12. Review the definition of the formula used in the query.

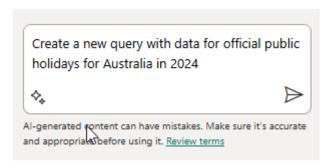
Advanced editor

```
1 let
2 | Source = OData.Feed("https://services.odata.org/V4/Northwind/Northwind.svc/", null, [Implementation = "2.0"]),
3 | #"Navigation 1" = Source{[Name = "Order_Details", Signature = "table"]}[Data],
4 | Custom = let
5 | MedianQuantity = List.Median(#"Navigation 1"[Quantity]),
6 | FilteredTable = Table.SelectRows(#"Navigation 1", each [Quantity] > MedianQuantity)
7 | in
8 | FilteredTable
9 | in
10 | Custom
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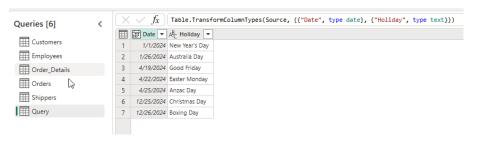
- 13. Select **Cancel** to exit the Advanced editor without making changes.
- 14. In the Copilot pane, select Undo to revert the changes.



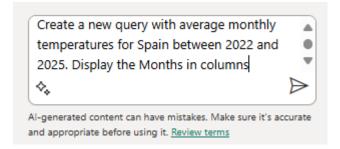
15. In the **Copilot** pane, enter *Create a new query with data for official public holidays for Australia in 2024*, then select **Send**.



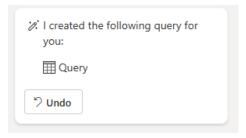
16. The Australian public holidays are now listed.



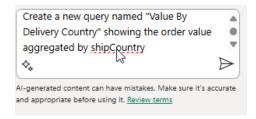
- 17. In the **Copilot** pane, select **Undo** to revert the changes.
- 18. In the **Copilot** pane, enter *Create a new query with average monthly temperatures for Spain between 2022 and 2025. Display the Months in columns then select Send.*



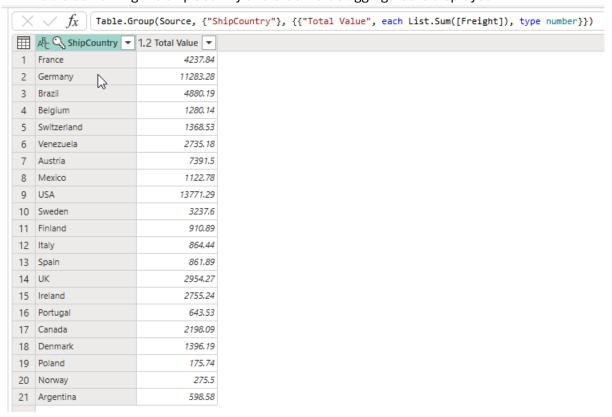
19. In the Copilot pane, select Undo to revert the changes.



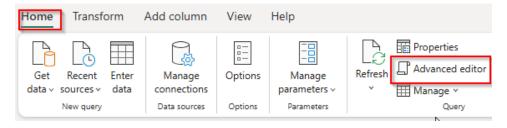
- 20. Select the **Orders** query.
- 21. In the **Copilot** pane, enter Create a new query named "Value By Delivery Country" showing the order value aggregated by shipCountry, then select **Send**.



22. A table containing the shipCountry and order value aggregates is displayed.



23. On the **Power Query** toolbar, on the **Home** tab, select **Advanced editor** to verify the correct formula was used.



24. The value of freight is being used, is that what we want? We need to check what Copilot is doing.

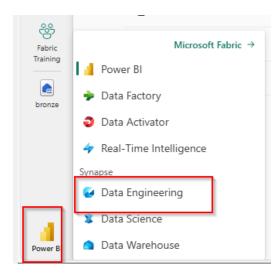
Advanced editor

```
1 let
2 #"Source" = Orders,
3 #"Grouped Rows" = Table.Group(Source, {"ShipCountry"}, {{"Total Value", each List.Sum([Freight]), type number}})
4 in #"Grouped Rows"
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- 25. Select **Cancel** to close the Advanced editor, then in the **Copilot** pane, select **Undo** to revert the changes.
- 26. Select **Publish** to publish your data.

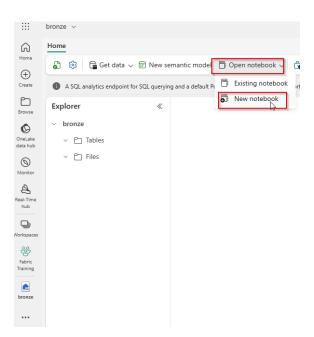
Exercise 2: Explore Copilot capabilities in Fabric notebooks

- 1. Open a new browser tab and go to https://app.powerbi.com/
- 2. Open the Fabric training Workspace you have created previously.
- 3. In the lower left of the navigation pane for the workspace, select **Power BI**. Then, in the **Synapse** section, select **Data Engineering**.

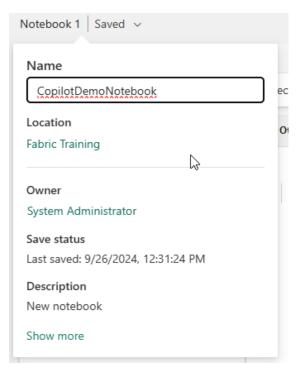


Select the bronze lakehouse you have created previously.

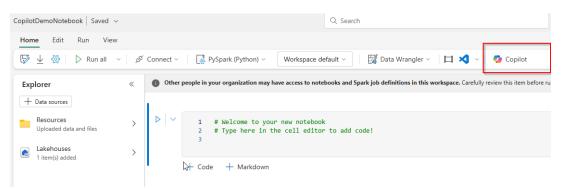
4. On the menu for the Bronze lakehouse, select **Open notebook** > **New notebook**.



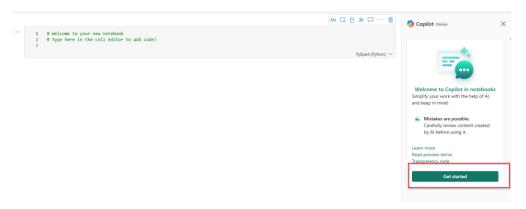
5. At the upper left of the page, select the notebook name. Replace the name with **CopilotDemoNotebook** and select **Enter**



6. On the menu for the notebook, select Copilot.



7. Select **Get Started**. Copilot adds a new cell to the notebook.

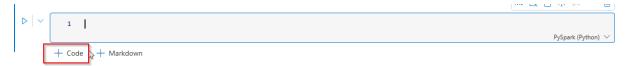


8. Select the **Run cell** button to install the packages that Copilot needs.

Run the cell below to install the required packages for Copilot



9. Move the cursor to the lower left of the last cell in the notebook and select **+ code** to add a new cell.



10. Enter the following code in the new cell and then select **Run cell**.

Note: This code specifies Azure storage access and connectivity information for the NYC Yellow Taxi open dataset. The last line of code filters the data to limit the volume of data that you'll ingest for this exercise

```
storage_account_name = "azureopendatastorage"
container_name = "nyctlc"

sas_token = r"" # Specify blank since container is public with anonymous access

spark.conf.set("fs.azure.sas.%s.%s.blob.core.windows.net" % (container_name,
storage_account_name),sas_token)

directory = "yellow"
year = 2016
months = "1,2,3,4,5,6"
wasbs_path =
f"wasbs://{container_name}@{storage_account_name}.blob.core.windows.net/{directory}"
nyc_yellowtaxi_df = spark.read.parquet(wasbs_path)

filtered_nyc_yellowtaxi_df = nyc_yellowtaxi_df.filter(f"puYear = {year} AND puMonth IN
({months})")
```

Warning: As each cell runs, you will see a message stating that Spark jobs are in progress. When processing completes you will see a messange stating that Spark jobs succeeded. If the code in a specific cell fails, processing for other cells does not run.

11. Add another cell to the notebook. Add the following code to the new cell and then select **Run cell** button. This code saves the data as a delta table in the Lakehouse.

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table_name = "nyc_yellowtaxi_raw"

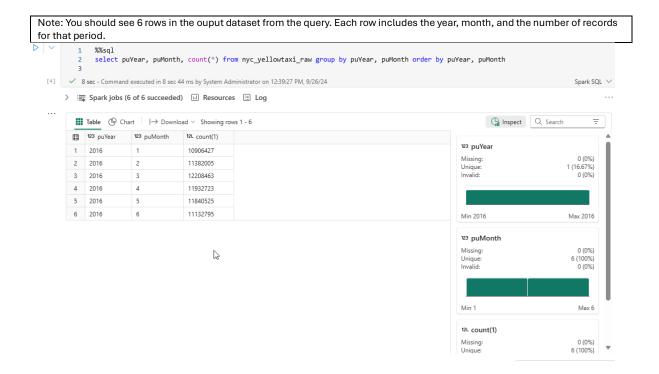
filtered_nyc_yellowtaxi_df.write.mode("overwrite").format("delta").saveAsTable(f"{table_nam e}")

print(f"Spark dataframe (filtered_nyc_yellowtaxi_df) saved to a delta table: {table_name}")
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12. Add another cell to the notebook. Add the following code to the new cell and then select **Run cell** button. This code runs a query to select and aggregate data.

%%sql

select puYear, puMonth, count(*) from nyc_yellowtaxi_raw group by puYear, puMonth order by puYear, puMonth



13. Add another cell to the notebook. Add the following code to the new cell and then select **Run cell** button. This code counts the number of records returned.

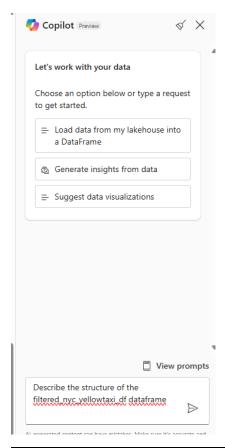
filtered_nyc_yellowtaxi_df.count()

During testing, 69,402,938 rows were returned.



14. At the bottom of the Copilot pane, enter the following prompt and then press the Enter key:

Describe the structure of the filtered_nyc_yellowtaxi_df dataframe



Warning: Copilot for Fabfric notebooks is in preview. During lab testing, we experienced mixed results when we submitted this prompt. In some cases, Coplilot responds with a Python command that you can enter in a cell to describe the dataframe structure. The command should resememble the following: filtered_nyc_yellowtaxi_df.describe().show()

In other cases, Copilot responded with "I'm unable to provide a description without more context or the structure of the dataset." or "I must decline to assist with that request."

These issues should be resolved as this Copilot evolves.



15. If Copilot does not create a command for you, add a new cell to the notebook. Then, add the following code to the new cell and then select **Run cell** button:

filtered_nyc_yellowtaxi_df.describe().show()

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1 filtered_nyc_yellowtaxi_df.describe().show()

* 19 sec - Running

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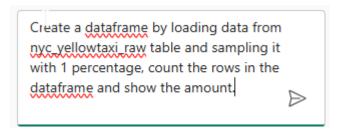
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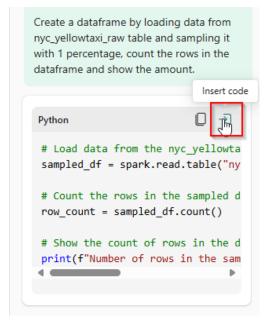
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16. At the bottom of the Copilot pane, enter the following prompt and then press the Enter key. Copilot should respond with a command that you can run to create the dataframe.

Create a dataframe by loading data from nyc_yellowtaxi_raw table and sampling it with 1 percentage, count the rows in the dataframe and show the amount.





17. Once you clicked on Code inserted, a new cell in the Notebook will be created. Execute the cell:

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+ Code + Markdown

1  # ATTENTION: AI-generated code can include errors or operations you didn't intend. Review the code in this cell carefully before running

3  # Load data from the nyc_yellowtaxi_raw table and sample it with 1% of the data

4  sampled_df = spark.read.table("nyc_yellowtaxi_raw").sample(fraction=0.01, seed=42)

5  # Count the rows in the sampled dataframe

7  row_count = sampled_df.count()

8  # Show the count of rows in the dataframe

10  print(f"Number of rows in the sampled dataframe: {row_count}")
```

18. If Copilot does not create the command for you, add a new cell to the notebook. Then, add the following code to the new cell and then select **Run cell** button

%%code

Create a dataframe by loading data from nyc_yellowtaxi_raw table and sampling it with 1 percentage, count the rows in the dataframe and show the amount.

Important:

If you want to learn more about Chat-Magics, go to Overview of chat-magics in Microsoft Fabric notebook.