Azure Data Factory – Common Errors and Solutions

1. Error: AZURE QUOTA EXCEEDED EXCEPTION

Description:

Occurs when Azure resource quota (e.g., total regional cores) is exceeded. It may happen when spinning up new compute resources, like Azure Databricks clusters, beyond your subscription limits.

Solution:

- Go to Azure Portal → Subscriptions → Usage + quotas.
- Identify the resource type and region (e.g., Standard D3 v2 in East US).
- Click Request Increase and submit a quota increase request.
- Alternatively, stop/scale down other running resources to free capacity.
- Retry the pipeline after the quota has been increased or usage reduced.

2. Error: CLUSTER_NODE_UNAVAILABLE

Description:

Databricks could not start the cluster because one or more nodes are unavailable.

Solution:

- Check the Databricks cluster configuration and ensure chosen VM size is available in the target region.
- Try restarting the cluster with a different node type.
- Use Azure status page to check for service outages.

3. Error: STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NOT_ACCESSIBLE

Description:

ADF pipeline activity cannot access the linked Azure Storage account due to permission or networking issues.

Solution:

- Verify that the Storage Account firewall allows access from your Data Factory's public
 IP.
- Ensure that the Linked Service credentials are correct and the secret/key hasn't expired.

- If using Managed Identity, ensure it has the correct role assignment (Storage Blob Data Reader/Contributor).
- Test the linked service connection in ADF UI.

4. Error: PIPELINE PARAMETER MISSING

Description:

The pipeline was triggered without required parameters.

Solution:

- In the trigger definition, ensure all required parameters are defined and given values.
- Validate parameter passing from upstream pipelines or triggers.
- Use default parameter values where applicable.

5. Error: SINK_CONNECTION_TIMEOUT

Description:

The sink (target system) took too long to respond during the copy activity.

Solution:

- Check the network connectivity between Data Factory integration runtime and the target system.
- Increase the timeout property in the dataset or linked service configuration.
- Batch data into smaller chunks to avoid large transfers in one go.
- Confirm target system availability during pipeline run time.