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Parking ETL Pipeline



Creating SQLDatabase, Blob Storage Account w/ Container

SQL Database:

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Fabric SQL Database 'card' for 'tjjaeger-fp/card'. The interface includes a left-hand navigation pane with options: Overview, Activity log, Tags, Diagnose and solve problems, Query editor (preview), Mirror database in Fabric (preview), Resource visualizer, and Settings. The main area features a top toolbar with actions like Copy, Restore, Export, Set server firewall, Delete, Connect with..., and Feedback. Below the toolbar is a blue banner for 'Mirror databases in Microsoft Fabric'. The 'Essentials' section displays key database information in two columns.

Essentials	
Resource group (move)	: FinalProject
Status	: Paused
Location	: West US 2
Subscription (move)	: Azure for Students
Subscription ID	: fcd7587a-4cbe-4dbc-a98c-c76c39f54b05
Tags (edit)	: Add tags
Server name	: tjjaeger-fp.database.windows.net
Connection strings	: Show database connection strings
Pricing tier	: General Purpose - Serverless: Gen5, 1 vCore
Auto-pause delay	: 1 hour
Earliest restore point	: 2025-04-24 15:30 UTC

R-Studio- Cleaning (Bad Values, NA/'NULL',
Times in same format -> Upload to container



Cleaning Using R-Studio:

- Load in the Unclean Data in R
- **Parse** through the time stamps:
 - Uses **Mutate** to transform *EntranceTime* and *ExitTime*
 - **Converts** to proper datetime: *month/day/year hour:minute:second AM/PM*
 - **Removes** rows with missing timestamps
 - **Save** as CardTransaction_Cleaned.csv

```
install.packages("readr")
install.packages("dplyr")
install.packages("lubridate")

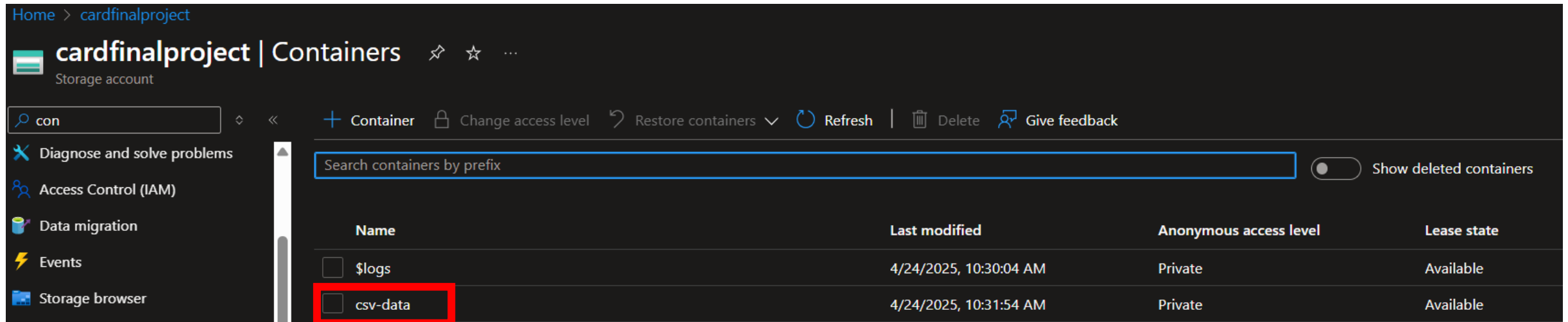
library(readr)
library(dplyr)
library(lubridate)
setwd("C:\\Users\\Tommy\\Desktop")

# Load the data
df <- read_csv("CardTransaction.csv", na = c("NULL", ""))
# Parse timestamps
df <- df %>%
  mutate(
    EntranceTime = parse_datetime(EntranceTime, format = "%m/%d/%Y %I:%M:%S %p"),
    ExitTime = parse_datetime(ExitTime, format = "%m/%d/%Y %I:%M:%S %p")
  )

df_clean <- df %>% filter(!is.na(EntranceTime) & !is.na(ExitTime))

# Save cleaned file
write_csv(df_clean, "CardTransaction_Cleaned.csv")
```

Creating Storage Account with CSV Data:



The screenshot shows the Azure portal interface for a storage account named 'cardfinalproject'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: 'Home > cardfinalproject', 'cardfinalproject | Containers' (Storage account), 'con' (search), 'Diagnose and solve problems', 'Access Control (IAM)', 'Data migration', 'Events', and 'Storage browser'. The main area displays a list of containers with the following columns: Name, Last modified, Anonymous access level, and Lease state. Two containers are listed: '\$logs' and 'csv-data'. The 'csv-data' container is highlighted with a red box. Above the table is a search bar labeled 'Search containers by prefix' and a toggle for 'Show deleted containers'.

Name	Last modified	Anonymous access level	Lease state
<input type="checkbox"/> \$logs	4/24/2025, 10:30:04 AM	Private	Available
<input type="checkbox"/> csv-data	4/24/2025, 10:31:54 AM	Private	Available

Csv-data > CardTransaction_Cleaned > copy URL for import to ADF


CardTransaction_Cleaned.csv ...

Blob

Save Discard Download Refresh Delete Change tier

Overview Versions Snapshots Edit Generate SAS

Properties

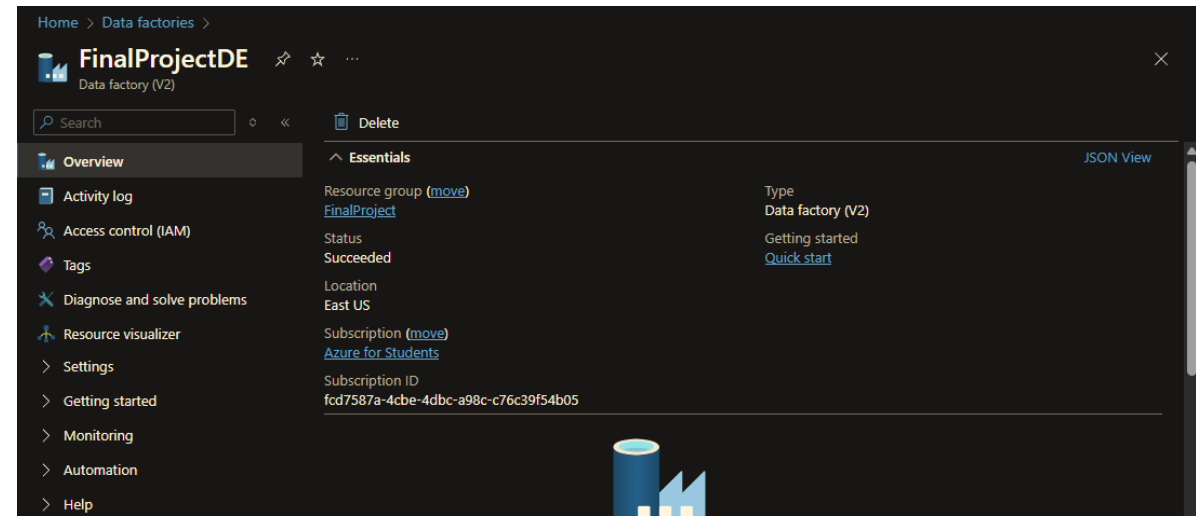
URL	https://cardfinalproject... 
LAST MODIFIED	4/24/2025, 12:36:36 PM
CREATION TIME	4/24/2025, 12:36:36 PM
VERSION ID	-
TYPE	Block blob
SIZE	107.48 MiB
ACCESS TIER	Hot (Inferred)
ACCESS TIER LAST MODIFIED	N/A
ARCHIVE STATUS	-
REHYDRATE PRIORITY	-
SERVER ENCRYPTED	true
ETAG	0x8DD83569002B7F6

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- Created the [dbo].[dim_date] table
 - Populated it with data that matched the years of the parking data

```
1 CREATE TABLE [dbo].[dim_date] (  
2     date_value DATE,  
3     date_key INT,  
4     year INT,  
5     month INT,  
6     day INT,  
7     day_of_week NVARCHAR(20),  
8     is_weekend INT  
9 );
```

```
1 WITH DateSeries AS (  
2     SELECT CAST('2020-12-31' AS DATE) AS date_value  
3     UNION ALL  
4     SELECT DATEADD(DAY, 1, date_value)  
5     FROM DateSeries  
6     WHERE date_value < '2025-12-31'  
7 )  
8 INSERT INTO [dbo].[dim_date] (date_value, date_key, year, month, day, day_of_week, is_weekend)  
9 SELECT  
10     date_value,  
11     CONVERT(INT, FORMAT(date_value, 'yyyyMMdd')) AS date_key,  
12     YEAR(date_value),  
13     MONTH(date_value),  
14     DAY(date_value),  
15     DATENAME(WEEKDAY, date_value) AS day_of_week,  
16     CASE WHEN DATENAME(WEEKDAY, date_value) IN ('Saturday', 'Sunday') THEN 1 ELSE 0 END AS is_weekend  
17 FROM DateSeries  
18 OPTION (MAXRECURSION 32767);
```

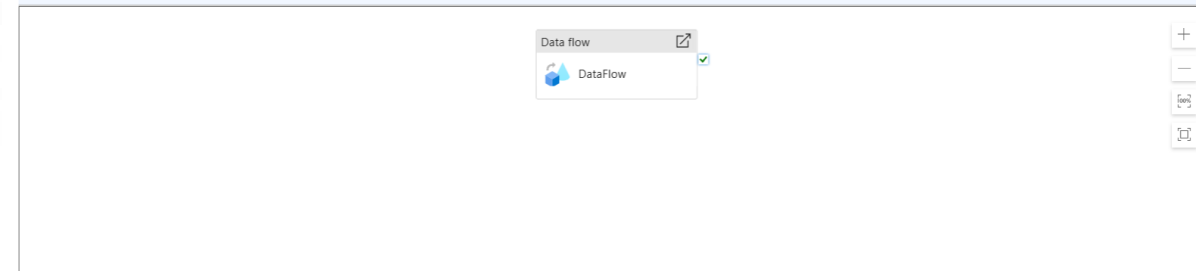

Loading and Organizing ADF:



All pipeline runs > ETL_CardTransactions_Pipeline - Activity runs

Refresh Update pipeline List Gantt

This is a recent debug run. The local pipeline configuration is shown.



Activity runs

Pipeline run ID 8ab66678-970e-4435-a7b5-bc54bb9cbd94

All status

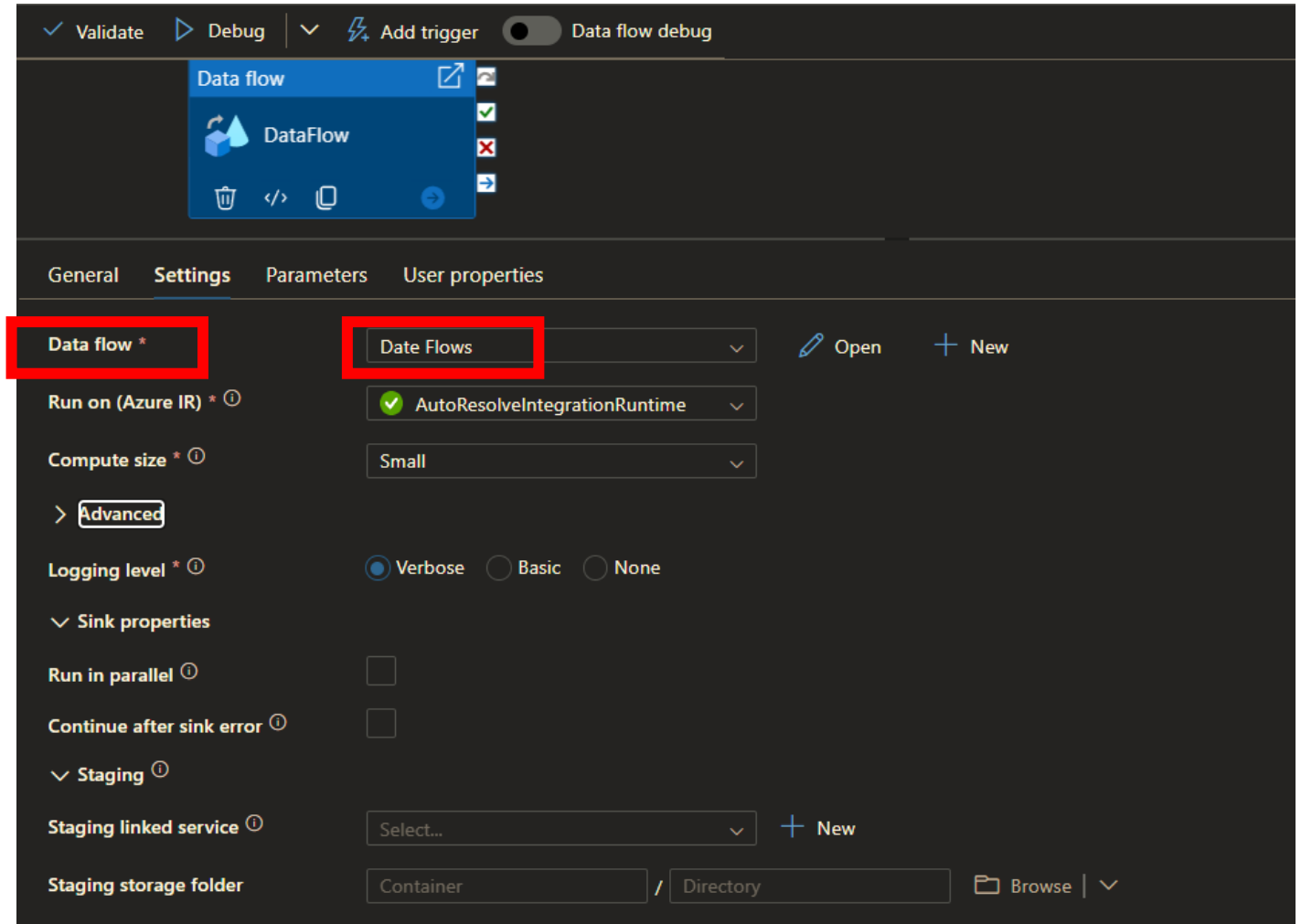
Monitor in Azure Metrics Export to CSV

Showing 1 - 1 of 1 items

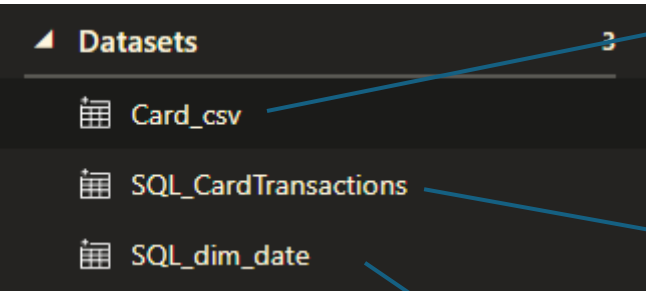
Activity name	Activity st...	Activit...	Run start	Duration	Integration runtime	User prop...	Activity run ID	Log
DataFlow	✓ Succeeded	Data flow	4/26/2025, 11:09:50 AM	4m 59s	AutoResolveIntegrationRuntime (East US)		fac9ea59-3f36-46f9-8ac7-fc82c1ec9edb	

Pipeline:

- Takes the data from DataFlow called Date Flows which I created the data flow steps
- Run on Azure IR
- Verbose Logging
- Next step is to set up the data flow



Setting up DataSets: Transaction, Card, Dim_Date

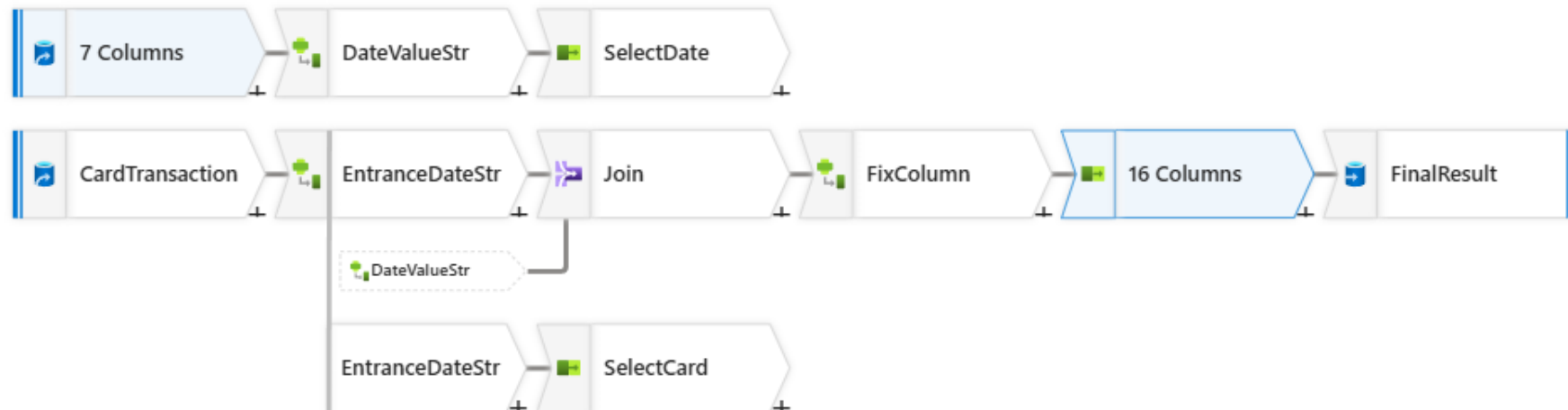


- These will be the DataSets that will be loaded into the data flow

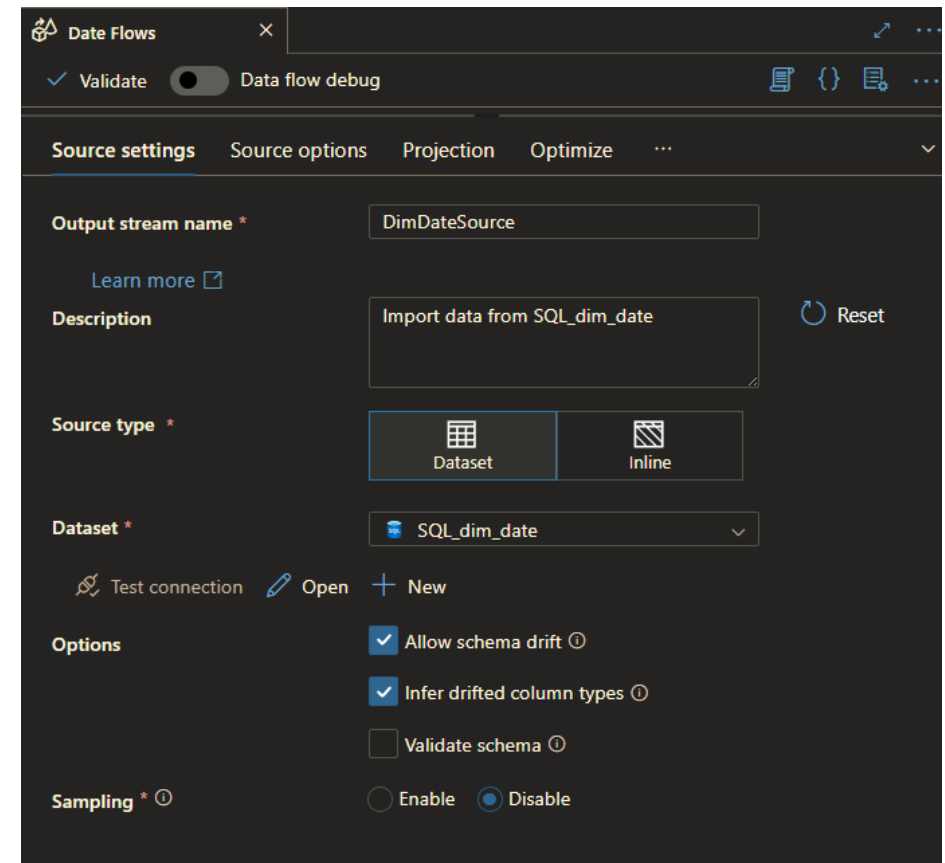
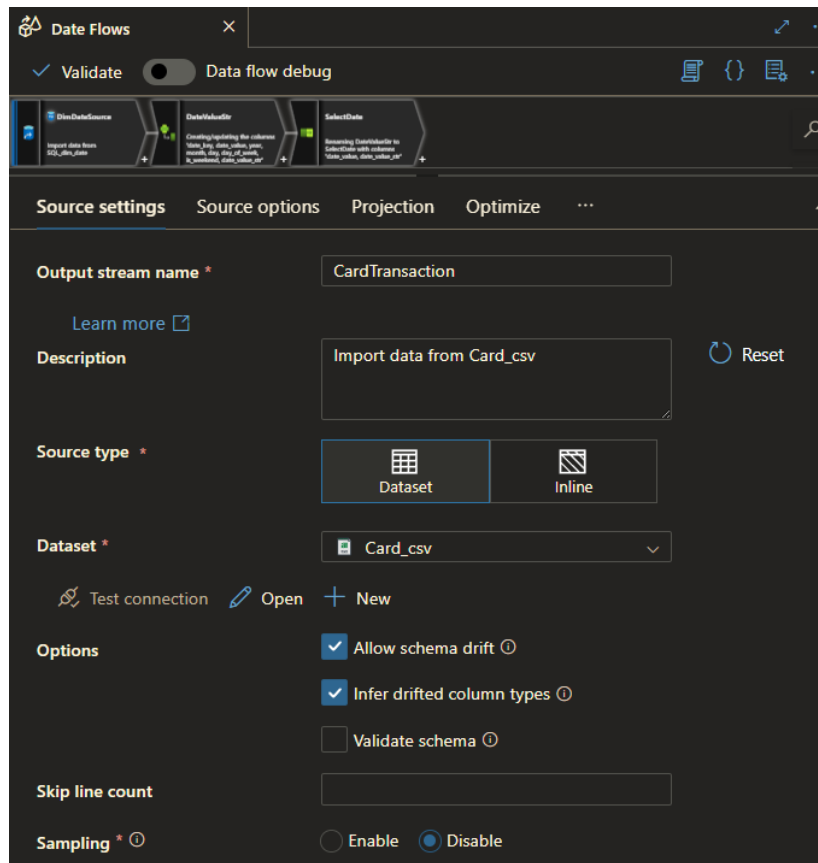
The right side of the image shows three configuration panels for the datasets listed on the left. Each panel has tabs for 'Connection', 'Schema', and 'Parameters'.

- Card_csv**:
 - Linked service: DEFP
 - File path: csv-data / Directory / CardTransaction_Cleaned.csv
 - Compression type: No compression
 - Column delimiter: Comma (,)
- SQL_CardTransactions**:
 - Linked service: SQLDB
 - Table: dbo.CardTransaction
- SQL_dim_date**:
 - Linked service: SQLDB
 - Table: dbo.dim_date
 - Enter manually: ☐

Data Flow Overview:



Importing The Two DataSets:




Joining Dim_Date and CardTransactions:

Converts Dates to Strings
for the Join, could not join
them normally.



Join Table:

 Date Flows ×

☒ Validate ☐ Data flow debug

Join settings

Optimize

Inspect

Data preview

Output stream name *

Join

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Description

Inner join on 'EntranceDateStr' and 'DateValueStr'

Reset

Left stream *

EntranceDateStr

Right stream *

DateValueStr

Join type *

Full outer

Inner

Left outer

Right outer

Custom (cross)

Use fuzzy matching ⓘ

☐

Join conditions *

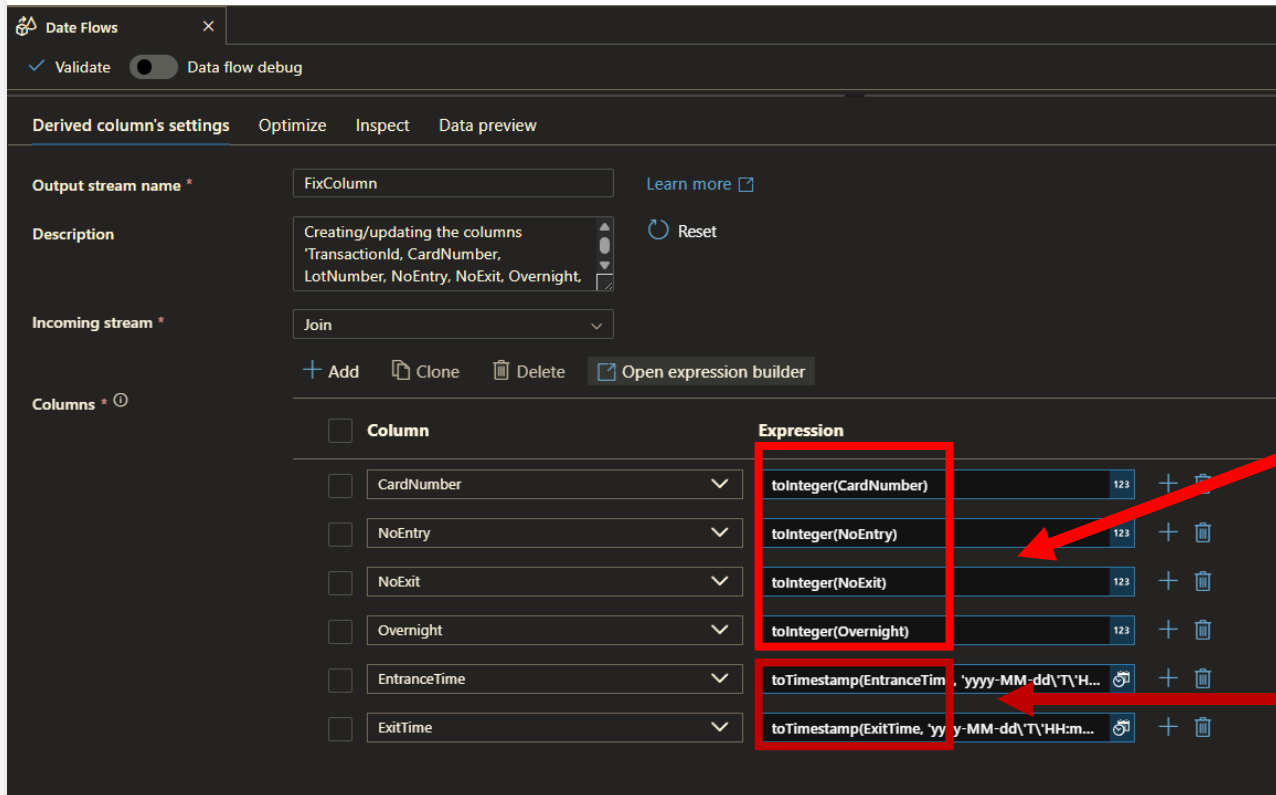
Left: EntranceDateStr's column

Right: DateValueStr's column

abc entrance_date_str

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abc date_value_str



Fixing the
Columns back to
INTs, and Times
back to
TimeStamps

Select Columns for Final Output:

- Number of Columns: 16
- Do not duplicate columns

The screenshot shows the 'Date Flows' interface with the 'Select settings' tab active. The output stream is named 'SelectColumns'. The description indicates that the 'FixColumn' stream is being renamed to 'SelectColumns' with columns: TransactionId, CardNumber, LotNumber, NoEntry, NoExit, Overnight, EntranceTime, ExitTime, EffectiveGroupNumber, date_key, date_value, year, month, day, day_of_week, and is_weekend. The 'Incoming stream' is 'FixColumn'. The 'Options' section shows that 'Skip duplicate input columns' and 'Skip duplicate output columns' are both checked. The 'Input columns' section shows a list of 16 columns to be selected for the final output. The columns are: TransactionId, CardNumber, LotNumber, NoEntry, NoExit, Overnight, EntranceTime, ExitTime, EffectiveGroupNumber, date_key, date_value, year, month, day, day_of_week, and is_weekend. The 'Name as' column shows the output names for each column, which are the same as the input column names.

FixColumn's column	Name as
TransactionId	TransactionId
CardNumber	CardNumber
LotNumber	LotNumber
NoEntry	NoEntry
NoExit	NoExit
Overnight	Overnight
EntranceTime	EntranceTime
ExitTime	ExitTime
EffectiveGroupNumber	EffectiveGroupNumber
date_key	date_key
date_value	date_value
year	year
month	month
day	day
day_of_week	day_of_week
is_weekend	is_weekend

Link The Data Flow to the Sink for Export:

- Incoming Stream is from the SelectColumns step
- SinkType: Link this to the DataSet: SQL_CardTransactions DB to link the MS Azure
- Went back to Pipeline and triggered it

The screenshot shows the 'Sink' configuration window in Azure Data Studio. The 'Incoming stream' dropdown is set to 'SelectColumns', which is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing from the first list item. The 'Sink type' section shows 'Dataset' selected, also highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing from the second list item. The 'Dataset' dropdown is set to 'SQL_CardTransaction', which is also highlighted with a red box. The 'Output stream name' is 'FinalResult', the 'Description' is 'Export data to SQL_CardTransactions', and the 'Options' section has 'Allow schema drift' checked and 'Validate schema' unchecked. The top tabs include Sink, Settings, Errors, Mapping, Optimize, Inspect, and Data preview. The bottom right has buttons for 'Test connection', 'Open', and 'New'.

Field	Value
Output stream name *	FinalResult
Description	Export data to SQL_CardTransactions
Incoming stream *	SelectColumns
Sink type *	Dataset
Dataset *	SQL_CardTransaction
Options	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allow schema drift <input type="checkbox"/> Validate schema

- These two screenshots are one table
- In the Azure Power Query Editor we ran the SQL query below and it resulted in one table joining these two tables together
- The ADF Pipeline was a success

```
1 Select *
2 From [dbo].[CardTransaction]
```

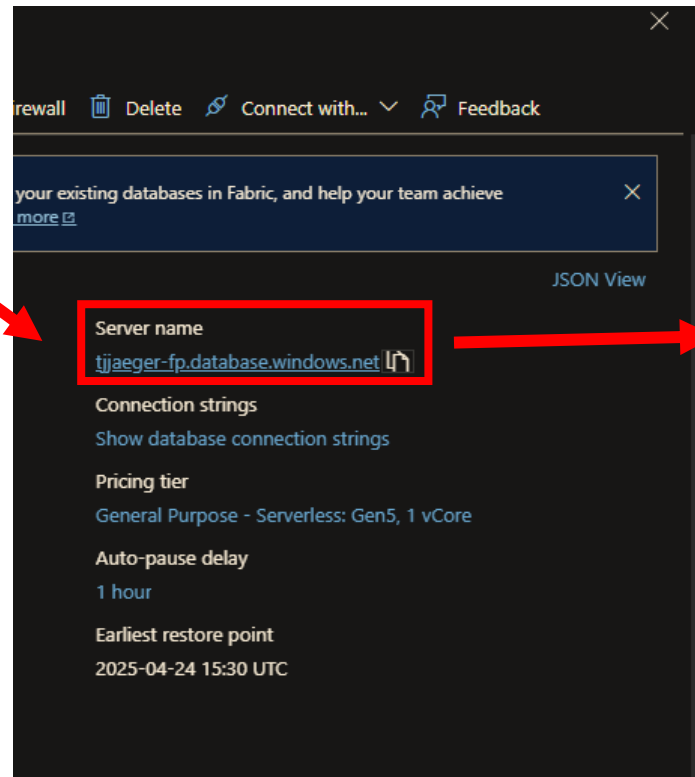
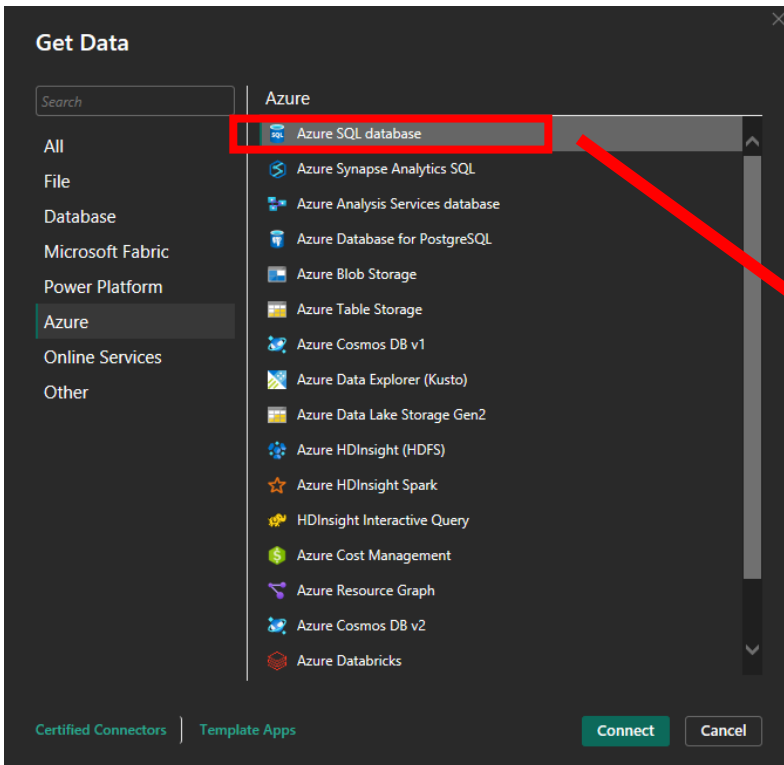
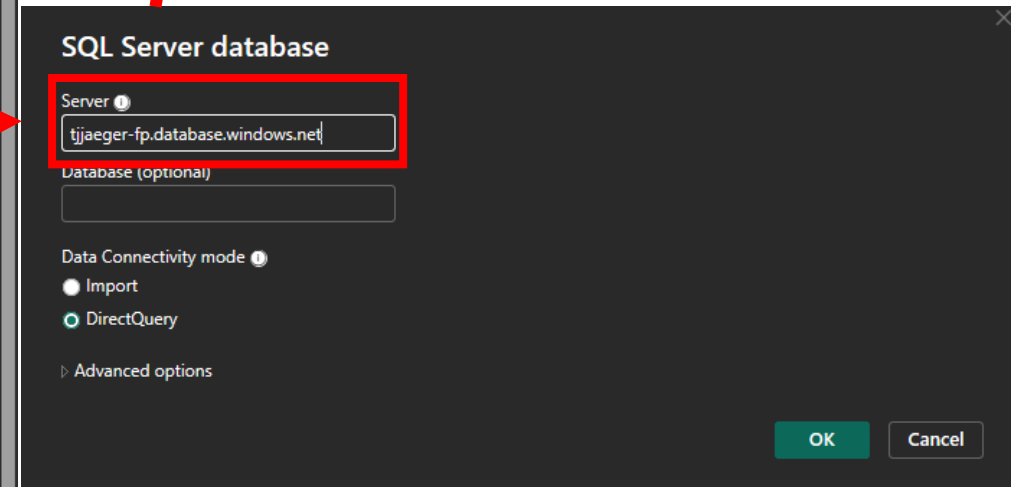
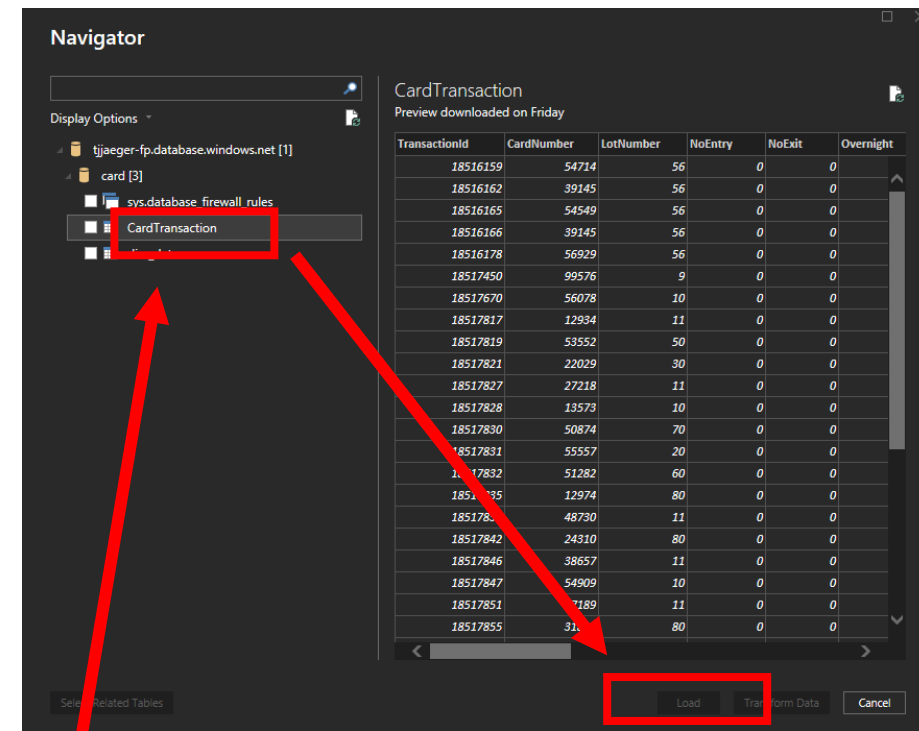
Check if Pipeline Succeeded in Azure SQL Database:

date_key	year	month	day	day_of_week
20201231	2020	12	31	Thursday
20201231	2020	12	31	Thursday
20201231	2020	12	31	Thursday
20210101	2021	1	1	Friday
20201231	2020	12	31	Thursday
20210102	2021	1	2	Saturday

TransactionId	CardNumber	LotNumber	NoEntry	NoExit	Overnight	EntranceTime	ExitTime	EffectiveGroupNumber
18516159	54714	56	0	0	1	2020-12-31T10:48:18.0000000	2021-01-01T07:43:19.0000000	43
18516162	39145	56	0	0	1	2020-12-31T16:38:51.0000000	2021-01-01T11:09:32.0000000	43
18516165	54549	56	0	0	1	2020-12-31T21:20:50.0000000	2021-01-01T11:45:40.0000000	43
18516166	39145	56	0	0	0	2021-01-01T11:44:37.0000000	2021-01-01T11:49:48.0000000	43
18516178	56929	56	0	0	1	2020-12-31T17:09:15.0000000	2021-01-01T14:22:31.0000000	43
18517450	99576	9	0	0	0	2021-01-02T13:34:30.0000000	2021-01-02T13:39:25.0000000	62

Connect SQL Database to PowerBI

- Connect to Azure SQL Database
- Azure > SQLDB > Copy Server Name
- Paste in PowerBI Server and Connect
- Select CardTransaction > Load
- Create the Report



Lot Number

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

AM (Morning)

PM (Evening)

187.5K

Total Customers

429.46

Avg Parking Time (Min)

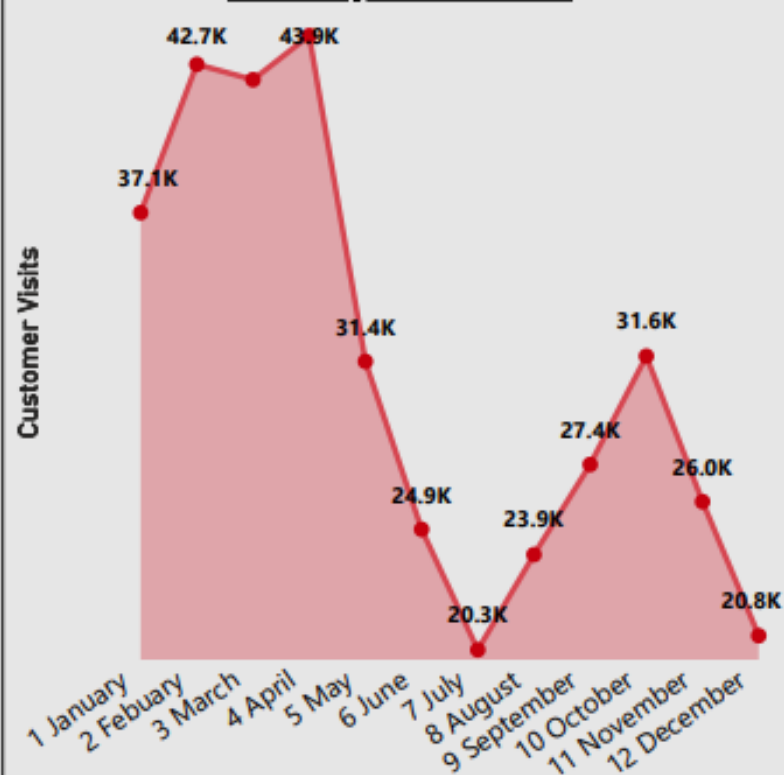
184.6K

Total Customers

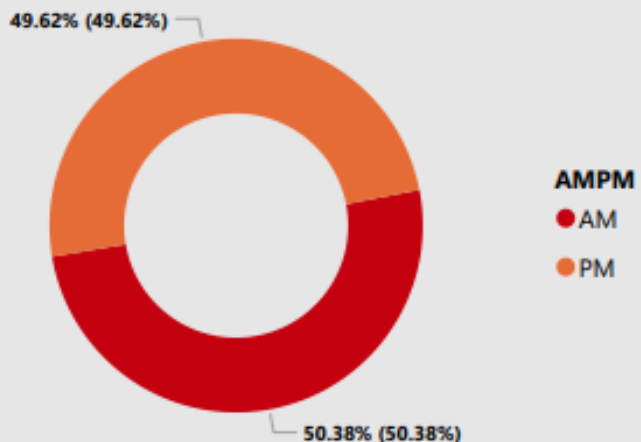
445.96

Avg Parking Time (Min)

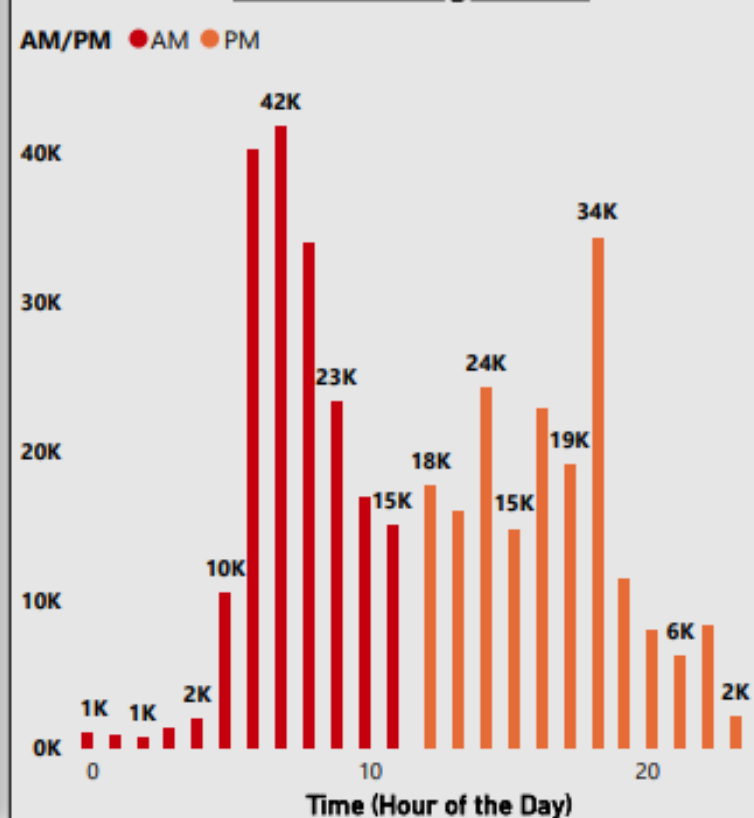
Monthly Visitations



Customers by AM/PM



Peak Parking Hours



Conclusions:

- Dip in the summer months from June to August
- 2021-2024 trends show more AM parking until 2024 where there were more PM parking
- Recently declining number of customers since 2021

