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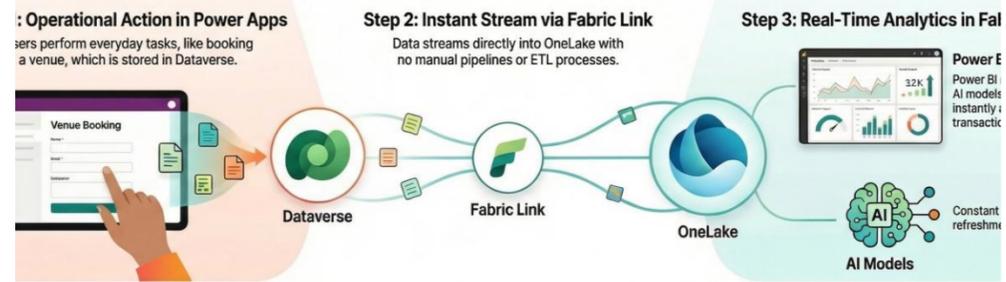
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The instant insights pipeline: OneLake shortcuts + Dataverse + Power Apps

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Microsoft Power Platform



#1 most adopted
low-code platform

1400+
connectors

Copilot
first



Power BI



Power Apps



Power Automate



Power Pages



Copilot Studio



Copilot

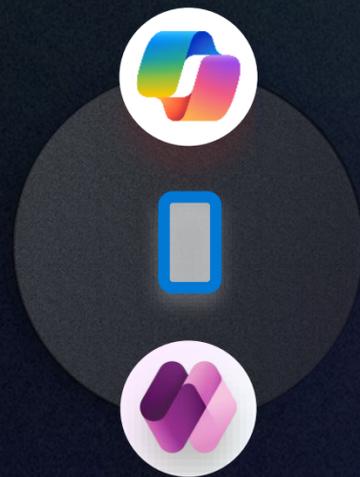
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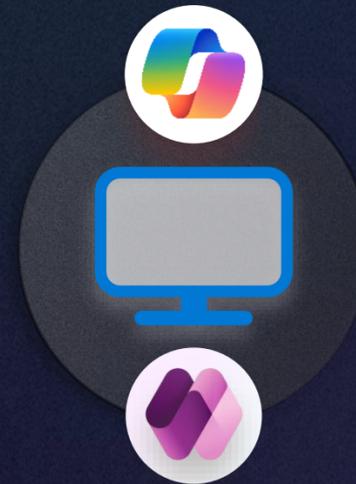
Agents

Power Platform Environment

Managed Environment



Mobile app
(phone, for front line)



Back-office app
(desktop, for managers)



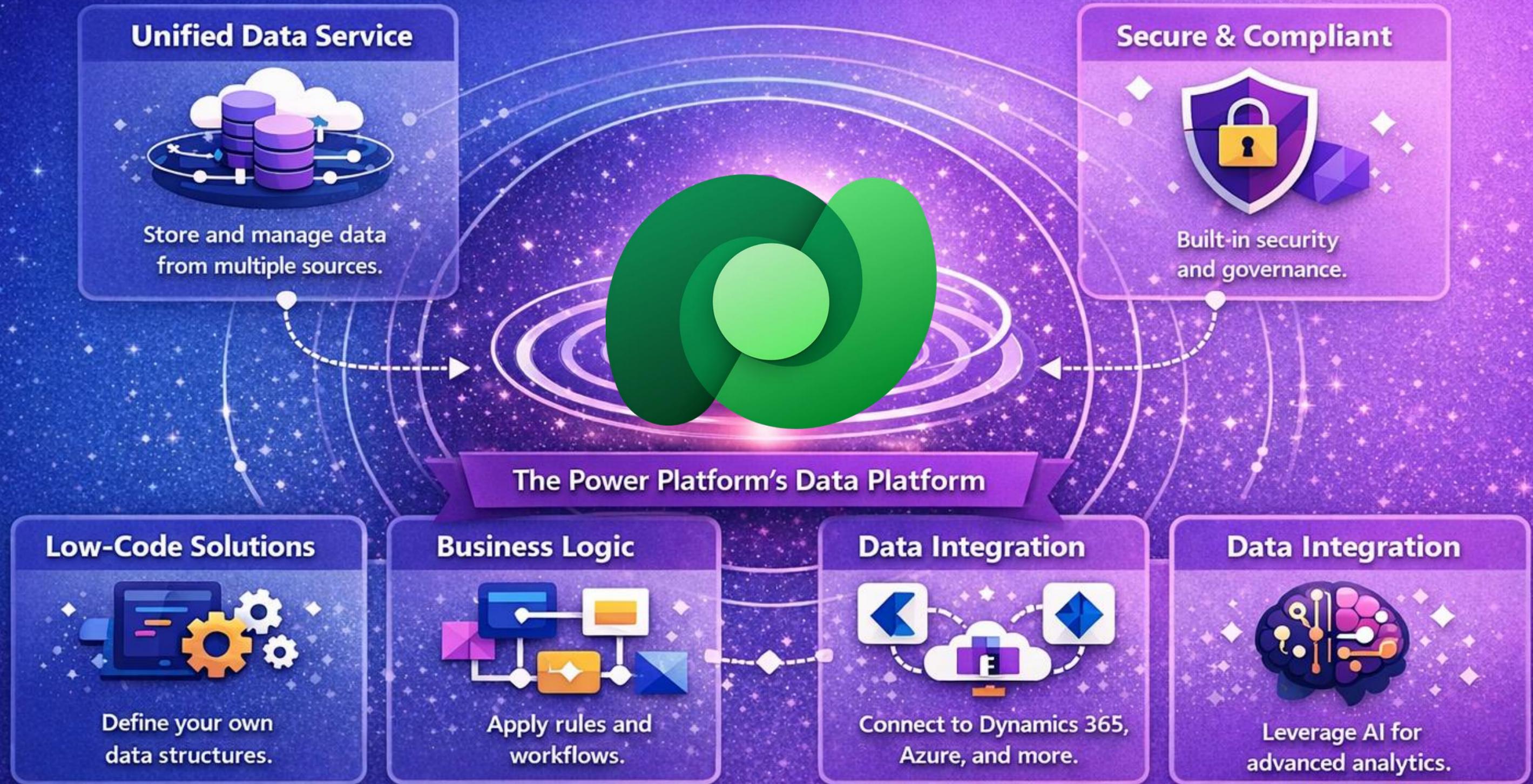
Supplier Communications
(web)

Files, emails, use Power Automate to feed into data store



Relational database

What is Dataverse?





Microsoft Fabric

The unified data platform for AI transformation



Data
Factory



Analytics



Databases



Real-Time
Intelligence



Power BI

Fabric Platform



Copilot



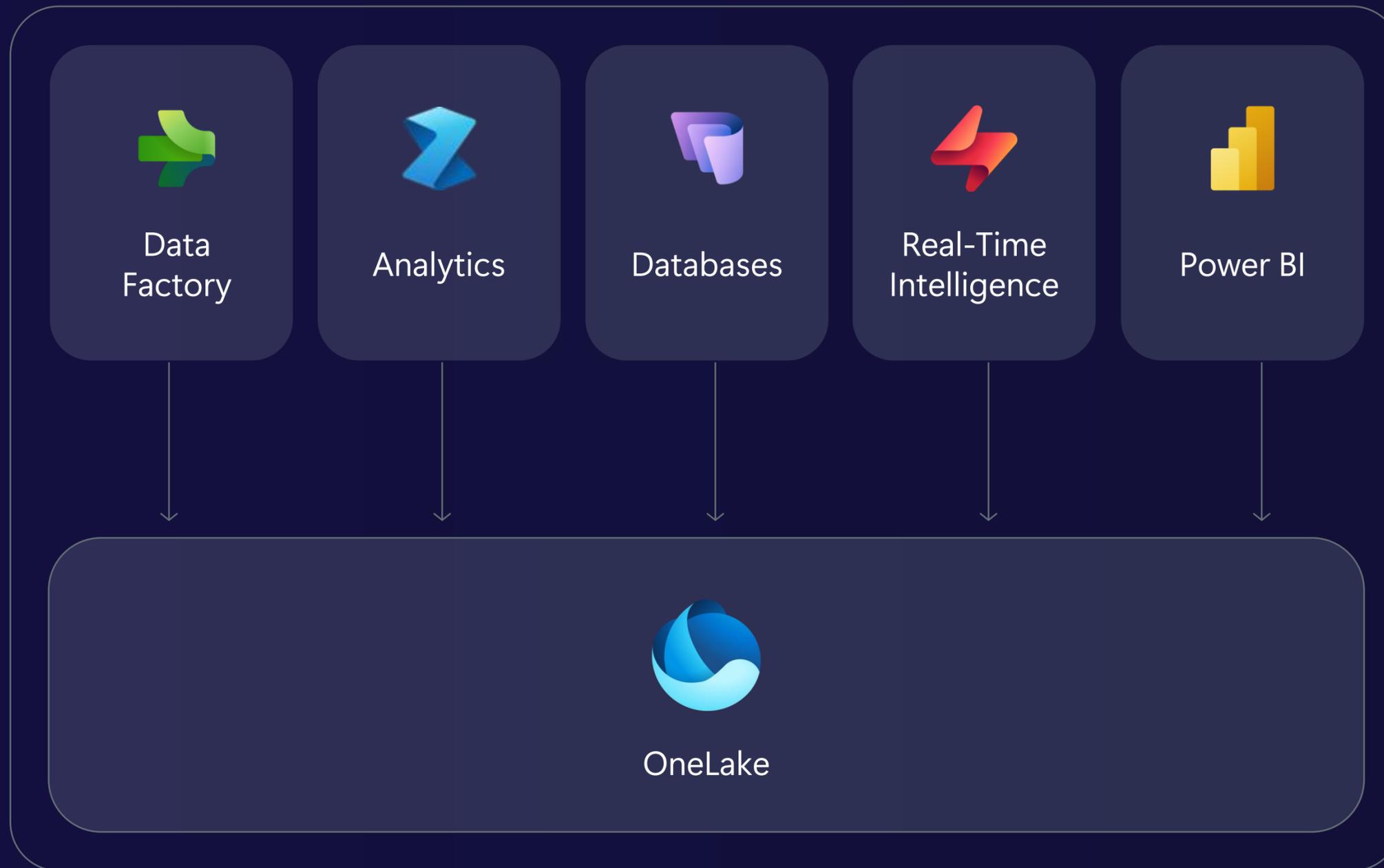
OneLake



Governance

OneLake is the OneDrive for data

Your single, secure foundation for every workload



One open format for storing and querying data org-wide

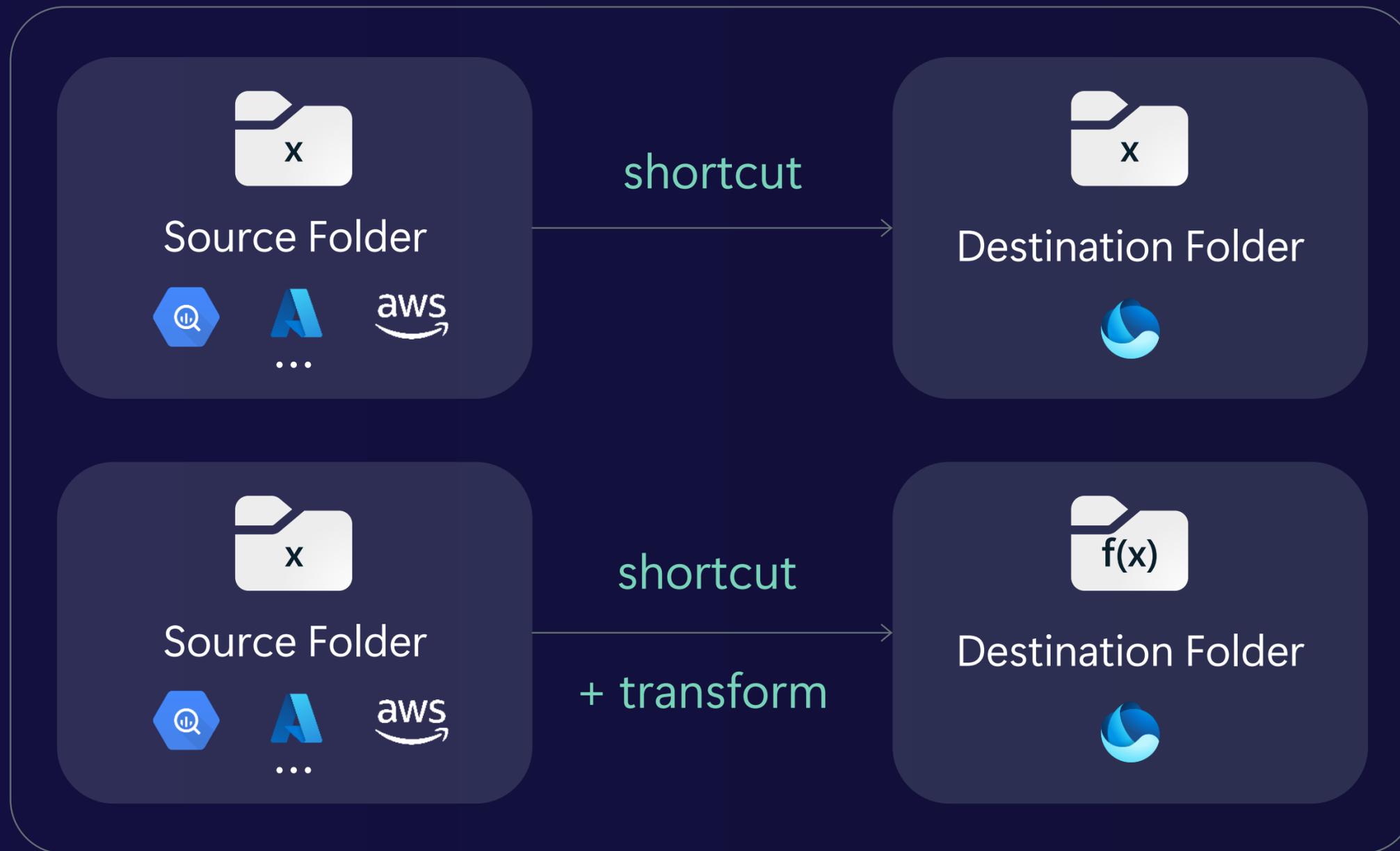
Automatically indexed to simplify discovery and sharing

Built-in lineage for end-to-end traceability across workloads

Protected at every layer with OneLake security

Shortcut transformations

Seamless enrichment with AI in OneLake



AI transformations built directly into OneLake

Extend easily by pointing to source folders and adding defined transformations

Right-click operations enabled on all folders across all clouds

Auto track changes in source and sync the destination

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Convert Formats

New



Parquet to Delta/Iceberg

New



JSON to Delta/Iceberg



CSV to Delta/Iceberg

Enhance with AI



Conversation



PII detection



Translate



Text summary



Sentiment

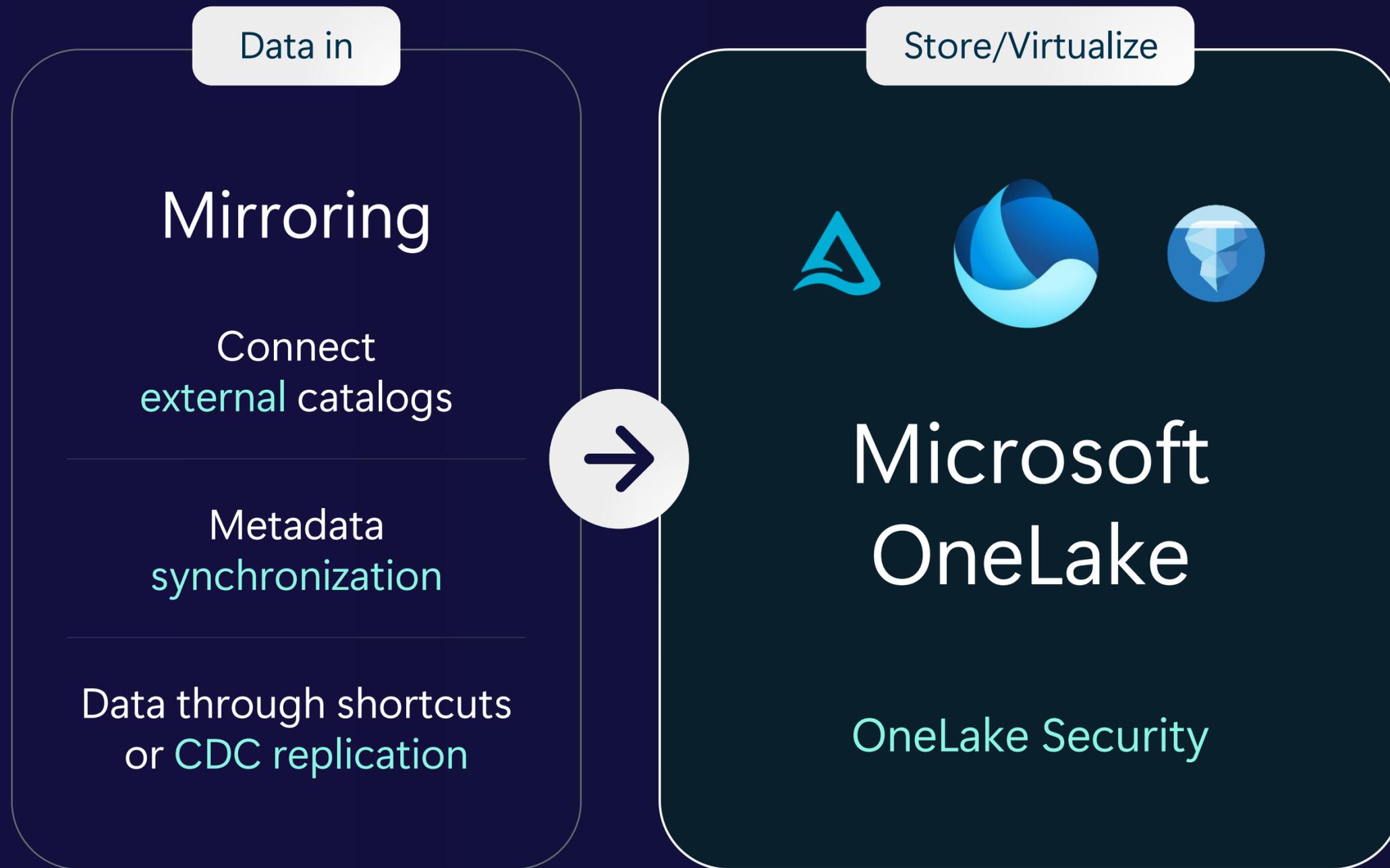


Name recognition



Key phrase extraction

OneLake Unified Data Foundation



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OneLake Diagnostics

Generally available

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Fabric OneLake Diagnostics interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation options like 'Create app', 'Manage access', and 'Workspace settings'. The main area shows a data pipeline with tasks: 'High-volume data ...', 'Low-volume data ...', 'Bronze data', 'Initial process', 'Silver data', 'Further transform', 'Golden data', 'Data visualize', and 'ML serving'. A 'Medallion' task flow details panel is open on the right, explaining the data organization process. Below the pipeline is a table listing various folders in the workspace.

Name	Type	Task	Owner	Refreshed	Next refresh	Endorsement	Sensitivity	Included in app
Demo1	Folder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Demo2	Folder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diagnostics	Folder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FabConLV25	Folder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HC Test	Folder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SAP Datasphere Demo	Folder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Test	Folder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
to be deleted	Folder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ZavaReports	Folder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Audit OneLake usage org-wide with built-in monitoring

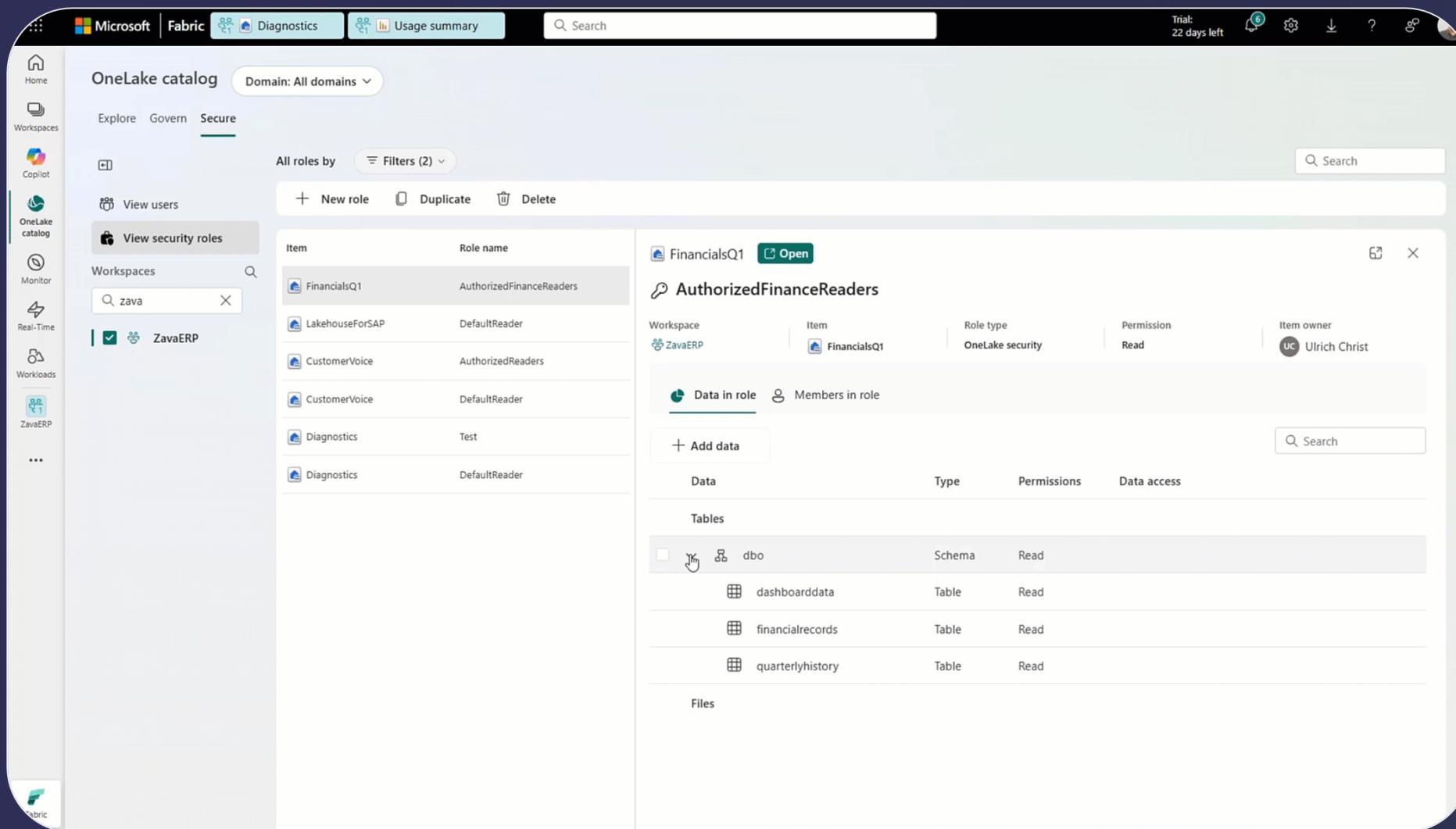
Track availability, errors, request metrics, and more

Spans all data: stored, mirrored, or virtualized via shortcuts

Compatible with storage diagnostics from Azure

OneLake Catalog Secure Tab

Public preview



Enable trusted collaboration with OneLake security in Fabric

Central management in the new OneLake catalog secure tab

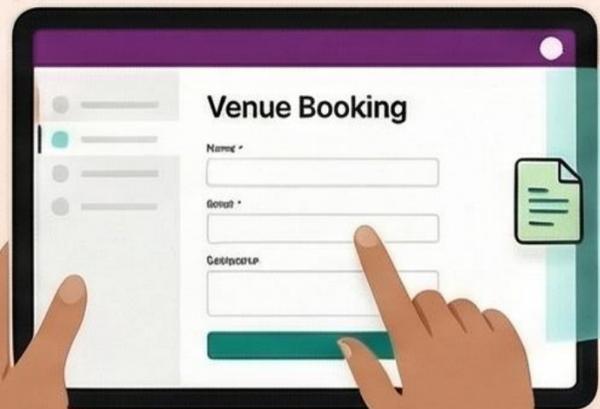
Improved REST APIs for OneLake security automation

Expanded support for all mirrored sources

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Step 1: Operational Action in Power Apps

Users perform everyday tasks, like booking a venue, which is stored in Dataverse.



Step 2: Instant Stream via Fabric Link

Data streams directly into OneLake with no manual pipelines or ETL processes.

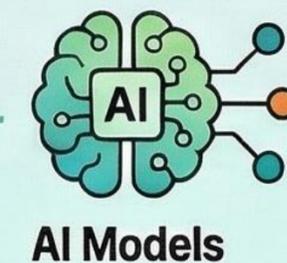


Step 3: Real-Time Analytics in Fabric



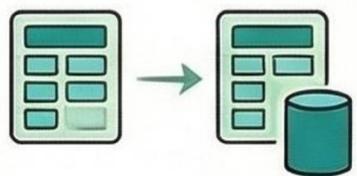
Power BI Reports

Power BI reports and AI models refresh instantly as new transactions occur.



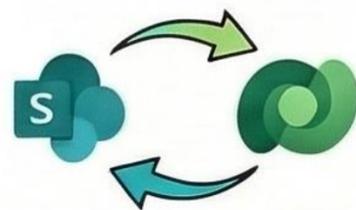
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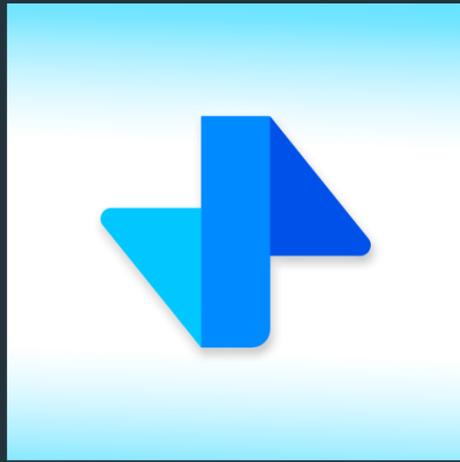


Demo Time

QUESTIONS?

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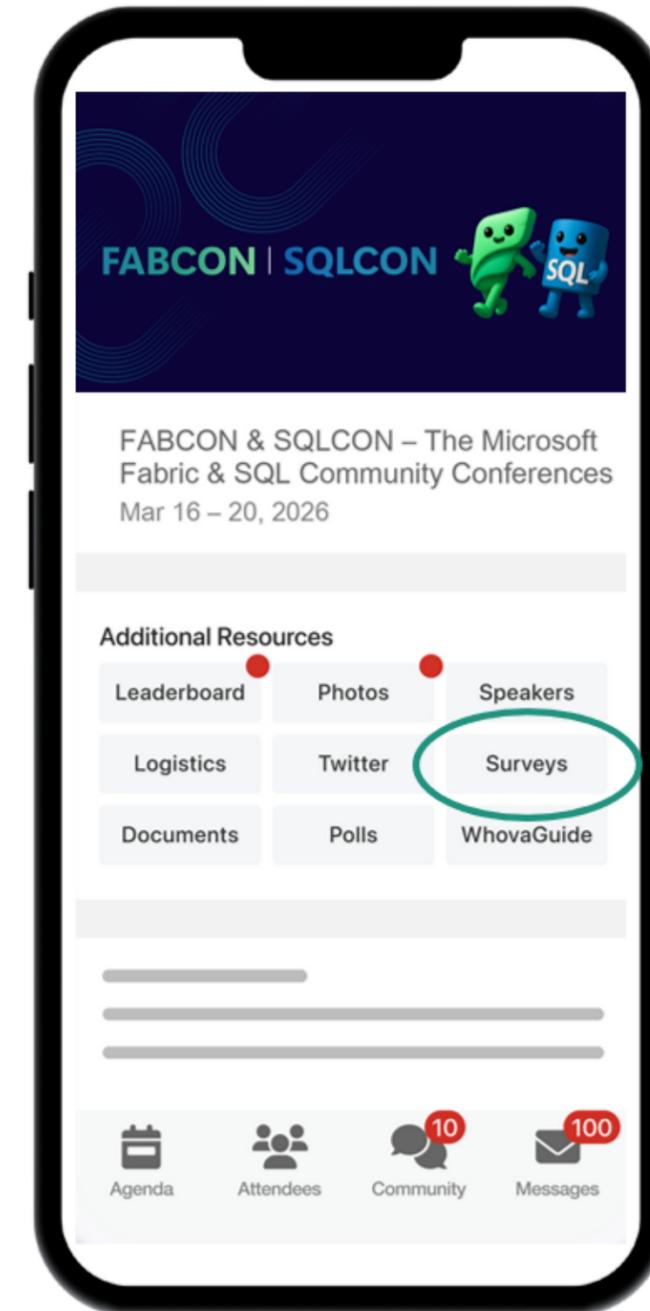
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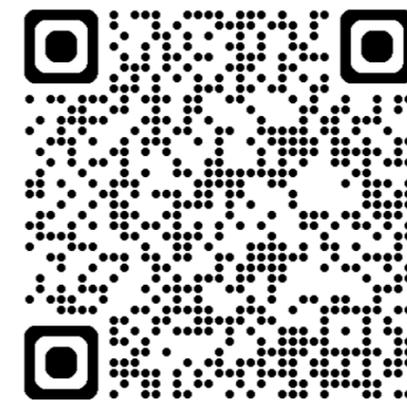


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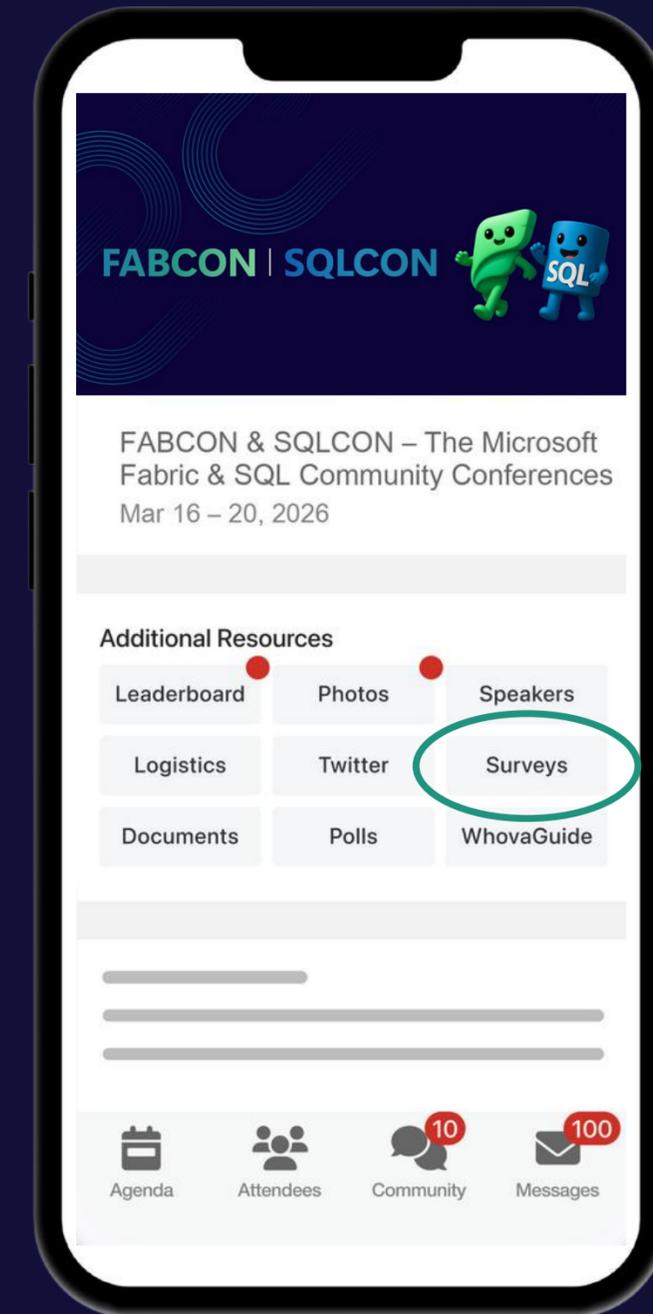
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