Executive summary

Combining all your data in a traditional data warehouse is an anti-pattern, which requires a lot of ETLs on a rigid platform that mainly supports structured data geared toward mission-critical reporting and BI use cases. To leverage ML and AI effectively and be a better, more data-driven organization, you need a unified repository that supports large and diverse data sets, including semi-structured and unstructured, in an open format with enterprise-grade reliability and performance. Welcome to lakehouse, a new architecture that combines the best elements of data lakes and data warehouses. This packaged offering from Databricks will accelerate implementing one simplified platform for data analytics, data science and ML — setting the foundation for your lakehouse vision.

Key outcomes

- Modern multi-hop pipeline reference architecture per your chosen scenario
- One use case implementation of a multi-hop pipeline with a maximum of 10 tables in each layer (Bronze, Silver and Gold)
- Reference consumer layer that integrates with Databricks SQL
- Extended options for additional pipeline scenarios plus production readiness

Overview

Build or optimize a Delta Lake as the structured transaction layer on top of low-cost storage following the most up-to-date best practices, laying the foundation of your lakehouse vision. The package addresses many of the common problems found with data lakes by leveraging Delta Lake and its associated architecture patterns. The package offers three tiers: Foundation, Extended and Optimized. Milestones and the outcome for each tier are produced by our prescriptive methodology, and each tier can be chained for greater impact on your journey of realizing your lakehouse vision. See the Resources and schedule section for details.
Common challenges with data lakes and data warehouses

**DATA LAKE**
- Data integrity (failed writes)
- Lack of consistency (multiple readers/writers)
- Schema mismatch
- Complex Lambda architecture

**DATA WAREHOUSE**
- Mainly supports structured data
- Not the most cost-efficient
- Lacks open standards and formats
- Largely only stores refined data sets

Key benefits of a lakehouse with Delta Lake

**DATA LAKE**
- Greater data reliability and scalability
- Unified batch and streaming
- Modern data platform ready for your ML and AI initiatives

**DATA WAREHOUSE**
- Data teams can collaborate and innovate faster
- Simplifies data and AI with a single platform
- Enjoy the data lake economics

Databricks lakehouse build-out process

**ORGANIZE YOUR LAKEHOUSE**
- Create zones (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
- Develop multi-hop architecture

**CONFIGURE ETL PIPELINE**
- Source to Bronze ingestion
- Bronze, Silver to Gold reference pipeline

**EXTEND REFERENCE IMPLEMENTATION**
- Build second pipeline
- One additional Bronze, Silver to Gold pipeline

**PRODUCTION READINESS**
- Scale, optimization and automation
- Monitoring, alerting and security

Resources and schedule

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*Up to 4 resources supporting the activity over a 3-week period
**Up to 4 resources supporting the activity over a 5-week period
Prior to kickoff, be sure to review the readiness checklist and complete required tasks

Out of scope

- Configuration and integration of non-Databricks products and systems
- Data cleansing and solving data quality issues