Comprehensive Implementation Guide: Secure Data Lake with Delta Lake (PRJ-AZURE-DATA-073)

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1. Project Overview

This implementation guide details the deployment and configuration of **PRJ-AZURE-DATA-073**, a robust, highly secure, and governed data lake platform built on Microsoft Azure. The solution leverages key Azure services—**Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 (ADLS Gen2)**, **Azure Synapse Analytics**, and **Microsoft Purview**—to create a modern data architecture that meets stringent enterprise security and compliance requirements.

The core innovation of this project is the strategic adoption of the **Delta Lake** format within the curated data zones. Delta Lake, an open-source storage layer, brings **ACID (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability) properties** to the data lake, transforming it from a simple file store into a reliable, transactional data platform. This enables schema enforcement, data quality checks, and a unified approach to both streaming and batch data processing, which is critical for modern data warehousing and machine learning workloads.

The entire platform is secured and governed by **Microsoft Purview**, which acts as the central hub for data cataloging, lineage tracking, and policy enforcement. This integration ensures that data is automatically classified, sensitive information is protected, and compliance with global regulations is maintained from ingestion to consumption.

Key Components of the Solution:

Component	Role in Architecture	Key Feature
Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 (ADLS Gen2)	Foundation for the data lake, hosting raw and curated data.	Hierarchical Namespace, Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) integration.
Azure Synapse Analytics	Unified analytics platform for data processing and querying.	Spark Pools for Delta Lake processing, Serverless SQL for ad-hoc querying.
Delta Lake Format	Storage layer in the curated zone.	ACID Transactions, Schema Enforcement, Time Travel.
Microsoft Purview	Centralized data governance and compliance.	Automated Data Classification, Data Lineage, Policy Enforcement.
Azure Key Vault	Secure storage and management of secrets and encryption keys.	Centralized key management for Synapse and other services.

2. Business Context: Quantifying Value and Mitigating Risk

Modern organizations face a trilemma: they must rapidly ingest and analyze massive volumes of data while simultaneously ensuring that sensitive information is protected and regulatory compliance is met. This project directly addresses this challenge by providing a framework that transforms data security from a reactive burden into a proactive, automated capability.

The Problem Statement

Organizations often struggle with the following critical issues in their existing data platforms:

1. **Data Protection Complexity:** Protecting sensitive data (e.g., PII, ePHI, financial records) across diverse Azure data services (SQL, Synapse, Cosmos DB) requires fragmented, manual security configurations, leading to gaps and inconsistencies.
2. **Security and Compliance Risks:** The lack of a unified governance layer increases the risk of data breaches, unauthorized access, and compliance

violations, which can result in severe financial penalties and reputational damage.

3. **Inefficient Governance:** Traditional data governance processes are manual, slow, and do not scale with the exponential growth of data volume and velocity, hindering agility and time-to-insight.

The Solution: A Layered Defense Strategy

PRJ-AZURE-DATA-073 implements a comprehensive, layered defense strategy that embeds security and governance directly into the data architecture:

- **Data Classification and Labeling:** Automated identification and tagging of sensitive data using Microsoft Purview, ensuring that protection policies are applied consistently.
- **Encryption and Access Controls:** Enforcing encryption at rest (ADLS Gen2, TDE for SQL) and in transit (TLS/SSL), coupled with fine-grained **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)** and **Row-Level Security (RLS)** to restrict data access to only authorized users and roles.
- **Monitoring and Auditing:** Continuous monitoring and audit trail generation across all data services, providing an immutable record of data access and usage for compliance reporting.

Business Value and Quantified Impact

While specific financial figures depend on the organization, the value proposition of this secure data lake architecture can be quantified in terms of risk mitigation and efficiency gains:

Value Proposition	Description	Quantified Impact (Conceptual)
Compliance Automation	Automated data classification and policy enforcement via Microsoft Purview.	**50-70% reduction** in manual compliance auditing effort; **Near-zero** risk of unclassified sensitive data exposure.
Breach Prevention	Layered security (Deny-by-default, Encryption, DLP) prevents unauthorized access and exfiltration.	**Avoidance of multi-million dollar fines** (e.g., GDPR fines up to 4% of global annual turnover) and associated reputational damage.
Operational Efficiency	Delta Lake provides reliable, transactional data, eliminating data corruption and reprocessing.	**30-40% reduction** in data engineering time spent on data quality fixes and job reprocessing due to failed ETL/ELT pipelines.
Unified Governance	Microsoft Purview provides a single pane of glass for data cataloging and lineage.	**Accelerated time-to-insight** by providing data scientists with trusted, easily discoverable, and compliant data assets.

Risk Mitigation

This architecture is specifically designed to prevent the following high-impact risks:

- **Data Breaches and Unauthorized Access:** Mitigated by strict RBAC, network isolation, and encryption.
- **Data Exfiltration and Insider Threats:** Mitigated by Data Loss Prevention (DLP) policies configured in Purview and continuous monitoring.
- **Compliance Violations:** Mitigated by automated classification and the implementation of controls mapped to global regulatory frameworks.

3. GRC Mapping (Governance, Risk, and Compliance)

A production-ready data platform must demonstrate clear alignment with industry-standard governance, risk, and compliance frameworks. This solution is architected to satisfy controls across multiple major standards.

Compliance Frameworks and Control Mapping

The following table details the mapping of the solution's features to specific controls within key compliance frameworks:

Framework	Control Area	Relevant Control	Solution Alignment
NIST CSF	Protect (PR)	PR.DS-1 (Data protection), PR.DS-5 (Data leak protection)	End-to-end encryption, Deny-by-default network policies, and Purview DLP.
ISO 27001	Annex A	A.8.2 (Information classification), A.18.1 (Data protection compliance)	Automated and manual data labeling, strict access control based on classification.
CIS Controls	Foundational	Control 3 (Data Protection), Control 14 (Security Awareness)	Centralized data protection policies, encryption, and audit trails for all data access.
SOC 2	CC6.1 (Logical access), CC6.7 (Data classification)	Strict RBAC implementation on ADLS Gen2 and Synapse, and comprehensive data classification via Purview.	

Security Controls Implemented

The solution implements a suite of technical controls to enforce the GRC requirements:

1. **Data Classification and Labeling:** Utilizes Microsoft Purview to automatically scan and label data based on sensitivity (e.g., Highly Confidential, PII). This classification drives downstream security policies.
2. **Encryption:**
    - **At Rest:** ADLS Gen2 uses Microsoft-managed or customer-managed keys (CMK) for encryption. Synapse SQL pools use Transparent Data Encryption (TDE).

    - **In Transit:** All communication between services (e.g., Synapse to ADLS Gen2) is enforced over TLS/SSL.
3. **Dynamic Data Masking (DDM):** Applied in Azure Synapse SQL pools to obfuscate sensitive data (e.g., social security numbers, email addresses) for non-privileged users, ensuring data utility without compromising privacy.
4. **Row-Level Security (RLS):** Implemented in Synapse SQL to restrict the rows a user can access based on their execution context (e.g., department, region), providing fine-grained access control within the data itself.
5. **Data Loss Prevention (DLP):** Policies configured in Purview to monitor and prevent the unauthorized movement or sharing of sensitive data outside the defined security boundaries.

Regulatory Alignment

The architecture is designed with specific regulatory requirements in mind:

Regulation	Requirement	How the Solution Aligns
GDPR	Article 32 (Data security), Article 25 (Privacy by design)	Strong encryption, access control, data minimization via DDM/RLS, and clear data lineage for data subject requests.
HIPAA	§ 164.312(a)(2)(iv) (Encryption), § 164.312(e)(2)(ii) (Transmission encryption)	End-to-end encryption for electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) and robust access logging for auditability.
PCI DSS	Requirement 3 (Protect stored data), Requirement 4 (Encrypt transmission)	Tokenization/masking of cardholder data (via DDM/RLS) and mandatory TLS for all data transfer.

4. Prerequisites and Environment Setup

Before deploying the infrastructure, ensure the following prerequisites are met and the local environment is configured correctly.

4.1. Required Accounts and Tools

1. **Azure Subscription:** An active Azure subscription with billing enabled.

2. **Azure CLI:** The Azure Command-Line Interface must be installed and configured on the local machine.
3. **Permissions:** The deploying user must have the following roles on the target subscription or resource group:
    - `Owner` or `Contributor` role to create and manage resources.
    - `User Access Administrator` role (or equivalent permissions) to perform Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) assignments, which is necessary to grant the Synapse Managed Identity access to the storage account.

4.2. Azure CLI Configuration

Execute the following commands to log in and set the correct subscription context:

```
# 1. Log in to Azure
az login

# 2. Set the target subscription (replace <Subscription Name or ID>)
az account set --subscription "<Subscription Name or ID>"

# 3. Verify the current account and subscription
az account show
```

5. Architecture Overview: The Medallion Pattern

The solution employs the widely accepted **Medallion Architecture** (also known as Bronze, Silver, Gold) to structure the data lake, ensuring data quality and reliability as it moves through the processing pipeline.

Data Flow and Zones

1. **Raw Zone (Bronze):**
    - **Purpose:** Stores raw, immutable data exactly as it was received from the source.
    - **Format:** Native source format (CSV, JSON, Parquet, etc.).
    - **Security:** High security, restricted access. Data is immutable.

2. **Curated Zone (Silver/Gold):**
    - **Purpose:** Stores cleansed, transformed, and business-ready data. This zone is the single source of truth for analytics.
    - **Format: Delta Lake**. This is where ACID properties, schema enforcement, and RLS/DDM are applied.
    - **Security:** Highest security, fine-grained access control (RLS/DDM) applied based on user roles.

Component Roles

Component	Role in Data Flow	Security Contribution
ADLS Gen2	Storage foundation for Raw and Curated zones.	Hierarchical Namespace enables file-system-like permissions; Encryption at Rest.
Azure Synapse Analytics	Processing engine for data transformation.	Spark Pools read from Raw and write to Curated (Delta Lake); SQL Pools query the Curated zone.
Microsoft Purview	Governance layer.	Scans ADLS Gen2 and Synapse to catalog data, classify sensitive data, and enforce DLP policies.
Azure Key Vault	Secret management.	Stores Synapse SQL admin password and other connection strings, preventing hardcoding of credentials.

The architecture is a closed-loop system where Purview's governance policies influence the security configurations of ADLS Gen2 and Synapse, ensuring continuous compliance.

6. Step-by-Step Implementation

The following steps use the Azure CLI to deploy the core infrastructure. It is highly recommended to execute these commands sequentially in a secure shell environment.

Step 6.1: Setup Environment Variables and Resource Group

Define the project variables. Note that the `STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME` must be globally unique across all of Azure. The script automatically sanitizes the `PROJECT_ID` to ensure compliance with naming rules.

```
# Define project variables
RESOURCE_GROUP="rg-prj-azure-data-073-prod"
LOCATION="eastus" # Choose a region close to your users
PROJECT_ID="prj-azure-data-073"
# Storage account name must be globally unique, lowercase, and 3-24
characters
STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME="adls${PROJECT_ID//-}"
SYNAPSE_WORKSPACE_NAME="synapse-${PROJECT_ID}"
PURVIEW_ACCOUNT_NAME="purview-${PROJECT_ID}"

# Create Resource Group
echo "Creating resource group $RESOURCE_GROUP in $LOCATION..."
az group create --name $RESOURCE_GROUP --location $LOCATION
```

Step 6.2: Deploy Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2

This step deploys the ADLS Gen2 account with critical security settings enabled by default: `hierarchical-namespace true` (required for ADLS Gen2) and strict network access controls (`--default-action Deny`).

```
# Deploy ADLS Gen2 (Storage Account)
echo "Deploying ADLS Gen2 storage account: $STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME"
az storage account create \
    --name $STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME \
    --resource-group $RESOURCE_GROUP \
    --location $LOCATION \
    --kind StorageV2 \
    --sku Standard_LRS \
    --hierarchical-namespace true \
    --allow-blob-public-access false \
    --default-action Deny # Security Best Practice: Deny all public access

# Retrieve the storage key for container creation (temporary use)
STORAGE_KEY=$(az storage account keys list --resource-group $RESOURCE_GROUP
--account-name $STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME --query "[0].value" -o tsv)

# Create Raw and Curated containers
echo "Creating 'raw' and 'curated' containers..."
az storage container create \
    --name "raw" \
    --account-name $STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME \
    --account-key $STORAGE_KEY

az storage container create \
    --name "curated" \
    --account-name $STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME \
    --account-key $STORAGE_KEY
```

Step 6.3: Deploy Azure Synapse Analytics Workspace

The Synapse workspace is the central processing hub. It includes a dedicated Spark pool configured for Delta Lake operations.

CRITICAL SECURITY NOTE: The password `ComplexP@ssw0rd123!` is a placeholder. In a production environment, this password **MUST** be generated securely and stored in **Azure Key Vault**. The Synapse deployment should then reference the Key Vault secret.

```
# Deploy Synapse Workspace
echo "Deploying Azure Synapse Workspace: $SYNAPSE_WORKSPACE_NAME"
az synapse workspace create \
    --name $SYNAPSE_WORKSPACE_NAME \
    --resource-group $RESOURCE_GROUP \
    --location $LOCATION \
    --storage-account $STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME \
    --file-system "synapse" \
    --sql-administrator-login "synapseadmin" \
    --sql-administrator-login-password "ComplexP@ssw0rd123!"

# Deploy Synapse Spark Pool (for Delta Lake processing)
echo "Deploying Synapse Spark Pool 'sparkpool01'..."
az synapse spark pool create \
    --name "sparkpool01" \
    --workspace-name $SYNAPSE_WORKSPACE_NAME \
    --resource-group $RESOURCE_GROUP \
    --location $LOCATION \
    --node-count 3 \
    --node-size Small \
    --spark-version 3.3 # Ensure compatibility with Delta Lake features
```

Step 6.4: Deploy Microsoft Purview (Conceptual)

Purview is a critical component for GRC. While the initial deployment can be done via CLI, the full configuration (data source registration, scanning, and policy creation) is typically performed via the Azure Portal or ARM templates.

```
# Deploy Microsoft Purview Account
echo "Deploying Microsoft Purview Account: $PURVIEW_ACCOUNT_NAME"
az purview account create \
    --name $PURVIEW_ACCOUNT_NAME \
    --resource-group $RESOURCE_GROUP \
    --location $LOCATION \
    --sku Standard # Purview is a critical component for GRC
```

Step 6.5: Configure Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

The Synapse Workspace uses a Managed Identity (MI) to securely access the ADLS Gen2 storage account. The principle of least privilege dictates that we grant the MI the minimum necessary permissions to read and write data.

```
# Get Synapse Managed Identity Principal ID
SYNAPSE_MI_ID=$(az synapse workspace show --name $SYNAPSE_WORKSPACE_NAME --
resource-group $RESOURCE_GROUP --query "identity.principalId" -o tsv)

# Assign Storage Blob Data Contributor role to Synapse MI on the storage
account
echo "Assigning 'Storage Blob Data Contributor' to Synapse MI..."
az role assignment create \
    --role "Storage Blob Data Contributor" \
    --assignee $SYNAPSE_MI_ID \
    --scope "/subscriptions/$(az account show --query id -o
tsv)/resourceGroups/$RESOURCE_GROUP/providers/Microsoft.Storage/storageAccount
```

This assignment grants the Synapse workspace the ability to read, write, and delete data in the ADLS Gen2 containers, which is necessary for ETL/ELT operations between the Raw and Curated zones.

6.6. Delta Lake Configuration Example

After deployment, the next step is to configure the data processing pipeline within Synapse. The following PySpark code snippet demonstrates the core functionality of writing data to the Curated zone in Delta Lake format and validating its transactional capabilities. This code should be executed within a Synapse Spark Notebook.

File: `delta_lake_setup.py`

```
# Assume 'df_raw' is a Spark DataFrame loaded from the 'raw' container
# Example: df_raw =
spark.read.format("csv").load("abfss://raw@${STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME}.dfs.core.wi

# 1. Define the path for the Delta Lake table in the curated container
# NOTE: Replace ${STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME} with the actual variable value in
the notebook
delta_path =
"abfss://curated@${STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME}.dfs.core.windows.net/sales_data_delta

# 2. Write the DataFrame to the curated zone in Delta Lake format (Initial
Load)
# The 'overwrite' mode ensures a clean initial state.
df_raw.write \
    .format("delta") \
    .mode("overwrite") \
    .save(delta_path)

print(f"Successfully wrote initial data to Delta Lake at: {delta_path}")

# 3. Read the Delta Lake table back
df_delta = spark.read.format("delta").load(delta_path)
print(f"Initial row count: {df_delta.count()}")

# 4. Perform a simple transformation (e.g., add a new column)
from pyspark.sql.functions import current_timestamp
df_delta_transformed = df_delta.withColumn("ProcessedTimestamp",
current_timestamp())

# 5. Write the transformed data back, demonstrating an update (ACID
property)
# The 'overwrite' mode with 'overwriteSchema' demonstrates a transactional
update.
df_delta_transformed.write \
    .format("delta") \
    .mode("overwrite") \
    .option("overwriteSchema", "true") \
    .save(delta_path)

print("Successfully read, transformed, and updated the Delta Lake table.")
print(f"Final row count:
{spark.read.format('delta').load(delta_path).count()}")
```

7. Validation and Testing

A rigorous validation process is essential to confirm that the infrastructure is deployed correctly and the security and governance controls are functioning as intended.

7.1. Infrastructure Verification

Use the Azure CLI to confirm that all resources are deployed and in a `Succeeded` state.

```
# List all resources in the deployed resource group
az resource list --resource-group $RESOURCE_GROUP --output table
```

Expected Output: The table should list the Storage Account, Synapse Workspace, Synapse Spark Pool, and Purview Account, all showing a provisioning state of `Succeeded`.

7.2. Access Control Test (Least Privilege)

This test validates the principle of least privilege and the security boundary between the data plane and the control plane.

1. **Positive Test (Synapse MI):** Verify that the Synapse Spark Pool can successfully execute the `delta_lake_setup.py` script, confirming the `Storage Blob Data Contributor` role is correctly assigned to the Synapse Managed Identity.
2. **Negative Test (Non-Privileged User):**
    - Log in to the Azure Portal as a user who is *not* an Owner/Contributor on the storage account and does *not* have the `Storage Blob Data Reader` role.
    - Attempt to browse the `curated` container in ADLS Gen2 via the Storage Explorer.
    - **Expected Result:** Access should be explicitly denied, confirming that the default-deny policy and RBAC are correctly enforcing access restrictions.

7.3. Delta Lake Functionality Test (ACID Validation)

Run the `delta_lake_setup.py` script in a Synapse Spark notebook. This validates the core transactional capabilities of the Delta Lake layer.

- **Atomicity:** The entire write operation (steps 2 and 5) must either fully succeed or fully fail. If the script completes, atomicity is confirmed.
- **Consistency:** The final read (step 5) must reflect the data written in the same transaction, including the new `ProcessedTimestamp` column.
- **Durability:** The data must persist on ADLS Gen2 after the Spark job completes.
- **Schema Enforcement:** Attempt to write a DataFrame with a column type incompatible with the existing Delta table schema. The write operation should fail, confirming schema enforcement is active.

7.4. Purview Scan Validation

This test confirms that the governance layer is actively cataloging and classifying the data.

1. **Data Source Registration:** In the Purview portal, register the ADLS Gen2 storage account and the Azure Synapse Workspace as data sources.
2. **Scan Execution:** Run a full scan on the ADLS Gen2 `curated` container.
3. **Verification:**
    - Verify that the Delta Lake table (`sales_data_delta`) is cataloged in the Purview Data Map.
    - Verify that Purview has automatically applied sensitivity labels (e.g., PII, Financial) to columns containing sensitive data, confirming the automated classification engine is working.
    - Verify that data lineage is established, showing the flow from the ADLS Gen2 source to the Synapse processing.

8. Troubleshooting Common Issues

While the deployment process is streamlined, complex cloud environments can present common challenges. This section provides resolutions for typical issues encountered during deployment and operation.

Issue	Potential Cause	Resolution
Synapse cannot access ADLS Gen2	Missing or incorrect RBAC assignment for the Synapse Managed Identity (MI).	Verify the Synapse MI has the `Storage Blob Data Contributor` role on the storage account scope. Use the `az role assignment list` command to confirm the assignment.
Delta Lake ACID failure	Attempting to write to a Delta table without specifying the `format("delta")` or using an incompatible Spark version.	Ensure the Synapse Spark pool is using a compatible version (e.g., Spark 3.3+) and the correct format option is set in the PySpark code.
Purview scan fails	Purview Managed Identity lacks `Storage Blob Data Reader` permission on the ADLS Gen2 containers.	Grant the Purview MI the `Storage Blob Data Reader` role on the storage account. This is a separate assignment from the Synapse MI.
`az group create` fails	Resource Group name or Location is invalid, or the user lacks subscription-level permissions.	Check the spelling of the location (e.g., `eastus` vs `East US`). Verify the user's role is `Owner` or `Contributor` at the subscription level.
Synapse SQL Admin Password Error	The password used in Step 6.3 does not meet Azure's complexity requirements.	Ensure the password is at least 8 characters long and contains characters from at least three of the following categories: uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and non-alphanumeric characters. **Always use Azure Key Vault in production.**
Network Access Denied	The ADLS Gen2 account has its network access set to `Deny` (default-action Deny), and the Synapse workspace is not configured as a trusted service or is not using a managed VNet.	If using a Managed VNet, ensure the Synapse workspace has a Managed Private Endpoint configured to the ADLS Gen2 account. If not using a VNet, add the Synapse workspace's public IP address to the ADLS Gen2 firewall exceptions.

9. Cost Optimization Strategies

Optimizing cloud costs is a continuous process. This architecture provides several opportunities to minimize operational expenses without compromising performance or security.

1. **ADLS Gen2 Tiering:**
    - **Strategy:** Implement lifecycle management policies on the ADLS Gen2 account.
    - **Action:** Automatically move data in the **Raw Zone** from the **Hot** access tier to the **Cool** or **Archive** tier after 30-90 days, as raw data is typically accessed less frequently after initial processing. This can result in **cost savings of up to 70%** for storage.
2. **Synapse Spark Pools Autoscale and Auto-Pause:**
    - **Strategy:** Avoid paying for idle compute resources.
    - **Action:** Configure **autoscale** to dynamically adjust the number of nodes based on workload demand. Implement **auto-pause** to automatically shut down the Spark pool after a period of inactivity (e.g., 15 minutes), ensuring compute resources are only consumed when jobs are actively running.
3. **Serverless SQL for Ad-Hoc Querying:**
    - **Strategy:** Leverage the pay-per-query model for non-critical, exploratory analysis.
    - **Action:** Use Synapse **Serverless SQL pools** to query the Delta Lake tables in the Curated zone. This eliminates the cost of dedicated SQL pools for ad-hoc analysis, as you only pay for the data processed by the query.
4. **Purview Scope Management:**
    - **Strategy:** Focus governance efforts on high-value, sensitive data.
    - **Action:** Only configure Purview scans for the necessary data sources and containers (primarily the `curated` zone and any sensitive data in the `raw` zone). Avoid scanning low-value, temporary, or non-sensitive data to minimize Purview operational costs, which are based on the number of resources scanned and the volume of data mapped.

10. Security Best Practices and Hardening Steps

Security is the foundation of this project. Beyond the initial deployment, continuous adherence to best practices is required to maintain a hardened, production-ready environment.

Best Practice	Implementation Detail	GRC Alignment
Key Management	Store all secrets (SQL passwords, service principal keys, connection strings) in **Azure Key Vault**. Configure Synapse and ADF to retrieve secrets at runtime via Managed Identities, eliminating hardcoded credentials.	PCI DSS Req 3, ISO 27001 A.11.2.1
Data Encryption	Ensure **Double Encryption** is enabled on ADLS Gen2 (if required by policy) and use TDE for Synapse SQL pools. Use Azure Policy to enforce encryption standards across all new resources.	HIPAA § 164.312(a)(2)(iv), NIST CSF PR.DS-1
RBAC Least Privilege	Implement the **principle of least privilege** rigorously. Use built-in roles like `Storage Blob Data Reader` instead of broad roles like `Contributor` for data access. Create custom roles for specific data access patterns.	SOC 2 CC6.1, ISO 27001 A.9.2.1
Network Isolation	Deploy Synapse Workspace within a **Managed Virtual Network (VNet)** and use Managed Private Endpoints to connect to ADLS Gen2 and Purview. This ensures all data traffic remains on the Azure backbone, isolated from the public internet.	NIST CSF PR.DS-2, CIS Control 12
Auditing and Monitoring	Enable diagnostic settings for all services (ADLS Gen2, Synapse, Purview) to stream logs to **Azure Monitor/Log Analytics**. Configure alerts for critical security events, such as unauthorized access attempts or large data deletions.	GDPR Article 30, ISO 27001 A.12.4.1
Data Masking and RLS	Proactively identify sensitive columns in the Curated zone and implement **Dynamic Data Masking (DDM)** in Synapse SQL and **Row-Level Security (RLS)** policies to protect data from non-privileged users.	GDPR Article 25, HIPAA § 164.312(a)(2)(iv)

11. Cleanup

To remove all deployed resources and avoid further charges, execute the following command. This action is irreversible and will delete the resource group and all contained services.

```
echo "Deleting resource group $RESOURCE_GROUP..."
az group delete --name $RESOURCE_GROUP --yes --no-wait
```

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