Overview

On September 17 and October 8, 2024, the Microsoft Fabric & AI Learning Hackathon team held AMAs on Microsoft Tech Community. These live hours of Q&A provided members with the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to the product team. We hope you join us live next time!

Resources

- [Microsoft Fabric & AI Learning Hackathon announcement](#)
- [Microsoft Fabric & AI Hackathon website](#)

Introduction

Welcome to the Azure AI Studio AMA! View the list of introductions in this [thread](#) and [this thread](#).

General Discussion

Q: I *would like to know if Open AI is inclusive with Fabric Trial, or if we need a separate subscription from Azure Open AI service. ([link](#))*

A: Azure Open AI is a separate service outside of Microsoft Fabric. However, to ensure that you have all the tools necessary to build the next AI innovation with Microsoft Fabric and Azure Open AI, we are offering free access to Microsoft Fabric in addition to an Azure Open AI Proxy service that will allow you to use AI services without an Azure account. More details on how to access Azure Open AI services without the need for an Azure subscription can be seen here: https://aka.ms/fabricaoaiproxy (Note: access will instead require login with a GitHub user id).

Q1: *For Fabric Trial capacity, we will have to use a work email id. Am I correct?*

A1: Work / Enterprise emails can be used to activate the Microsoft Fabric trial if they are recognized by Microsoft as organizational accounts. However, if you prefer to use a personal email, you can register a new or existing Microsoft account to enable the Fabric Trial. Details on how to access Microsoft Fabric for developers, startups and enterprises along with steps to setup a new Microsoft account can be viewed here: https://blog.fabric.microsoft.com/blog/accessing-microsoft-fabric-for-developers-startups-and-enterprises?ft=All

Q2: *Can we participate as a team from an organization? And will there be sharing of a problem statement from Devpost or third-party?*

A2: We are advising team formations of up to 3 members. Also, there are no issues in sharing the problem statement from Devpost as the Hackathon details / information are public.

Q3: *I meant to ask that we need to identify our own problem statement/use case for the hackathon based on the category.*

A3: Yes, we want participants to pursue projects that inspire, motivate, and impassion the creator(s) to build high-quality compelling solutions with Microsoft Fabric, which demonstrate real-world value. So, while the problem statement is open to interpretation, we advise that you select something that would be important to you and / or the world at large!

Q4: *What are other 3rd party sites that we need to register for for this hackathon? I'm asking to ensure that when we are using login from corporate email address, we need to understand what all registration would be required from the fabric account email address?*

A4: At a minimum, the Microsoft Fabric account will be all you need to get access to Fabric. You would then need a GitHub account (or similar service account) for documentation / reproducibility step during submission, optional use of a GitHub account to access the Azure Open AI Proxy, and an account on YouTube or a similar video hosting site in order to accommodate the required video demonstration during submission.

Q5: *YouTube video can be done with non-Fabric and non-official accounts, right?*

A5: Correct, we aren't particular about the account being used here, just that you are able to submit a video demonstrating your solution in action via an online video platform that is accessible to the judges.

Q: *How can we get registered in Fabrics with a personal Outlook account? Is it required to have an enterprise email address to get a free trial in Fabrics?* ([link](#))

A: Work / Enterprise emails can be used to activate the Microsoft Fabric trial if it is recognized by Microsoft as an organizational account (and is not blocked by policies). However, if you prefer to use a personal email, you can register a new or existing Microsoft account to enable the Fabric Trial.

Details on how to access Microsoft Fabric for developers, startups and enterprises along with steps to setup a new Microsoft account can be viewed here (Note: this method requires setting up an M365 E5 subscription which will limit your ability to access the trial for a maximum of 30 days): https://blog.fabric.microsoft.com/blog/accessing-microsoft-fabric-for-developers-startups-and-enterprises?ft=All

For a different method of how to setup a Fabric Trial without a business email address see (this method will allow you to access the trial for 60 days): https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=6K4ADjkWjaY

Q: *Can we integrate ticketing tools with Outlook, so we can create a ticket for each communication? This will help to calculate the workload and add subsequent replies in one place. ([link](#))*

A: This would certainly be possible, although it may require some customization to achieve, using the Data Activator workload in Microsoft Fabric. More details are available here: https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/fabric/data-activator/data-activator-introduction

Q: *How can enterprise clients properly change control and version all aspects of a MS Fabric deployment and implementation? ([link](#))*

A: Microsoft Fabric supports Git integration, allowing developers to backup, control versions, revert to previous stages, and collaborate on their work using Git branches. However, only Git in Azure Repos with the same tenant as the Fabric tenant is currently supported. Azure DevOps on-prem and sovereign clouds are not supported. More details are available at: https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/fabric/cicd/git-integration/intro-to-git-integration?tabs=azure-devops

Q1: *None of my Azure cloud clients use Azure DevOps. 100% use GitHub.*

A1: Great news, GitHub and GitHub Enterprise repos are also supported! For more information, see: https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/fabric/cicd/git-integration/intro-to-git-integration?tabs=azure-devops#supported-git-providers

Q: *Why is Brazil is excluded? It doesn't make sense. ([link](#))*

A: The exclusion of Brazil from hackathon eligibility is due to legal restrictions. Specifically, the rules state that the hackathon is not open to residents of certain countries where the laws of the United States or local law prohibit participating or receiving a prize in the hackathon. This means that Devpost, the platform managing the hackathon, can only support eligibility in countries that allow participation and prize reception in such events.

That's a wrap!

Thank you for joining these fun events! We hope you'll continue to ask questions and share your feedback.

See you next time!