

## 7-26-2023 Townhall Q&A

1. Is a file a table, a piece of program coding or both?  
**A-** A file refers to any object users have stored in their project space. It could be SAS program, a table, a pdf file that users uploaded to their workbench; any type of file. All user data is stored in Simple Storage Service (S3) so it would all be covered under these policies.
2. Will the Hive to Glue migration be done for all users at once or will that be by group/organization?  
**A-** More information regarding Hive to Glue migration will be forthcoming. We plan to provide comprehensive communication around what it entails, what it means for users, and what to expect in the lead up to the actual migration.
3. Will we have a norm queue and a heavy queue, or just norm?  
**A-** There will not be any queues for Databricks (DBX). The cluster can spin up a bunch of resources very quickly when it needs to based on usage.
4. Will there be more information on R functionality on Databricks?  
**A-** There will be more functionality for the R cluster in Databricks in the future. Users will be updated on the roll out and new features once that information is available.
5. Is there a priority on which apps will be rolled out before others such as R, SQL, Python etc.?  
**A-** Initially, the priority was to get the Notebook out to the user community. The next priority was the rest of the functionality, which is more based towards getting the part for SAS to connect. Now that is going to be fully rolled out, we want to look forward to some of the new features of the Databricks is starting to implement. Users have these tools right now, but they are new. We need more training and education on how to harness the power of Databricks, which is coming up in our next PI. We will keep users informed on any updates.
6. Is there a timeline for mounting some kind of persistent storage for file writing? Preferably Simple Storage Service (S3) for writing data analysis reports?  
**A-** Persistent storage currently exists. If users write to their Workbench or their project schema in SAS or Databricks, all that data is stored in S3.