



Harnessing Databricks to Unlock Tax Data Value with KPMG LLP



Tax professionals are among the largest consumers of financial data within organizations, yet they are often excluded from key technology decisions. Instead of focusing on tax analysis and compliance, they frequently spend excessive time locating and managing relevant tax data. As global tax compliance and planning become increasingly complex due to evolving legislation, efficient access to high-quality data is now a corporate imperative.

Data is Everywhere

The exponential growth of data across organizations has led tax authorities to demand more granular analyses and on-demand data to verify filings. This poses unique challenges for tax departments. Many organizations have yet to digitalize their tax processes or implement effective data strategies tailored to tax needs. Even when data is centralized, it may be in an unusable format, missing key attributes, or inaccessible to the tax department.

The Value of Tax Data

Tax departments are responding by developing their own data strategies to unlock the full potential of their information. Many are leveraging dedicated tax technology teams to implement advanced tax data, technology, and AI solutions. Ideally, these tax data strategies are integrated into broader finance transformation initiatives and ERP upgrades. Databricks is a key technology that helps align stakeholder objectives and data across organizations.

Tax departments need more than just access to data – they need intelligence. Databricks is a cloud-based data and AI platform with the capability to eliminate silos, unify structured and unstructured data, perform analytics, and deploy AI use cases. KPMG is helping clients leverage Databricks to make data accessible, automate tax processes, generate intelligence from their data, and shift from reactive compliance to proactive planning. The KPMG approach, powered by Databricks, offers tax departments the ability to:

Centralize Data Access

Databricks Lakeflow Connect unifies datasets from internal and third-party systems. Unity Catalog simplifies governance, tracking, and data discovery.

Track Supplemental Information

Databricks flexibly manages supporting documents, adjustments, and offline calculations not present in source systems.

Tools Designed for Tax Professionals

Business users leverage Databricks One for a streamlined experience, using dashboards, natural language queries, and custom apps.

AI-Powered Development and Analysis

Integrated AI tools streamline tax workflows, enabling natural language queries, rapid model prototyping, and managed machine learning with MLflow.

Deliver with Speed and Flexibility

Storing data on one platform eliminates repeated validation across processes, saving time.

Unlock Value and Ensure Regulatory Compliance

Consolidating enterprise data in a single location unlocks the power to drive value, while centralized access and automation support regulatory requirements for data reporting and integration.

Leverage Existing Tools

Databricks integrates with low-code solutions like Sigma Computing, Alteryx, and PowerQuery for familiar workflows.

Integrate with Tax Applications

Automated connectors and APIs simplify imports and exports with tax software, saving time.

Support Controversy

Secure data storage and audit trails preserve records for future inquiries or disputes.

Better Serve the Business

Reliable data and automation enable faster responses to regulatory changes, improved forecasting, modeling, and alignment with enterprise strategy.

KPMG Ignition Tax Services

KPMG Ignition Tax, our center of excellence for tax technology, helps companies optimize their tax functions with innovative technology to create business value and maintain a competitive edge in a digital-first world. Our Ignition specialists combine market-leading tax and technology expertise with extensive industry experience to address your data concerns and elevate your processes. We bring our data strategy, skills, and perspectives to design and implement streamlined technology architectures that leverage both emerging and established technologies—optimizing your tax department, deriving key insights, and driving strategic value.

KPMG and Databricks: A Powerful Partnership

Together, KPMG and Databricks help tax functions modernize their data strategies—bridging the gap between IT and tax stakeholders. From requirements gathering to implementation, KPMG Ignition Tax ensures your Databricks platform delivers measurable business value. Often, tax functions are unaware that their organization is already using Databricks to centralize data relevant for compliance. Our Ignition professionals work with you to understand your tax data needs and processes, and to identify how your organization's Databricks platform can power your tax reporting. We can also help translate these findings into actionable requirements for your IT organization or our Ignition team.

KPMG can assist with:



Deploy AI and ML use cases for Tax



Leveraging Tax Data in Databricks to enable your processes with KPMG Tax Consulting services



Gathering tax requirements for a Databricks implementation



Designing and/or implementing your Databricks platform



Powering your tax analyses or applications with Databricks



Developing custom technology solutions and automation that interact with Databricks

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