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NEW QUESTION 1

Review the following error traceback:

Which statement describes the error being raised?

- A. The code executed was PySpark but was executed in a Scala notebook.
- B. There is no column in the table named `heartrateheartrateheartrate`
- C. There is a type error because a column object cannot be multiplied.
- D. There is a type error because a `DataFrame` object cannot be multiplied.
- E. There is a syntax error because the `heartrate` column is not correctly identified as a column.

Answer: E

Explanation:

The error being raised is an `AnalysisException`, which is a type of exception that occurs when Spark SQL cannot analyze or execute a query due to some logical or semantic error¹. In this case, the error message indicates that the query cannot resolve the column name `'heartrateheartrateheartrate'` given the input columns `'heartrate'` and `'age'`. This means that there is no column in the table named `'heartrateheartrateheartrate'`, and the query is invalid. A possible cause of this error is a typo or a copy-paste mistake in the query. To fix this error, the query should use a valid column name that exists in the table, such as `'heartrate'`.

References: `AnalysisException`

NEW QUESTION 2

A junior data engineer has been asked to develop a streaming data pipeline with a grouped aggregation using `DataFrame df`. The pipeline needs to calculate the average humidity and average temperature for each non-overlapping five-minute interval. Events are recorded once per minute per device.

Streaming `DataFrame df` has the following schema:

`"device_id INT, event_time TIMESTAMP, temp FLOAT, humidity FLOAT"` Code block:

Choose the response that correctly fills in the blank within the code block to complete this task.

- A. `to_interval("event_time", "5 minutes").alias("time")`
- B. `window("event_time", "5 minutes").alias("time")`
- C. `"event_time"`
- D. `window("event_time", "10 minutes").alias("time")`
- E. `lag("event_time", "10 minutes").alias("time")`

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because the `window` function is used to group streaming data by time intervals. The `window` function takes two arguments: a time column and a window duration. The window duration specifies how long each window is, and must be a multiple of 1 second. In this case, the window duration is `"5 minutes"`, which means each window will cover a non-overlapping five-minute interval. The `window` function also returns a struct column with two fields: `start` and `end`, which represent the start and end time of each window. The `alias` function is used to rename the struct column as `"time"`. Verified References:

[Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under `"Structured Streaming"` section; Databricks Documentation, under `"WINDOW"` section.

<https://www.databricks.com/blog/2017/05/08/event-time-aggregation-watermarking-apache-sparks-structured-streaming.html>

NEW QUESTION 3

A data ingestion task requires a one-TB JSON dataset to be written out to Parquet with a target part-file size of 512 MB. Because Parquet is being used instead of Delta Lake, built-in file-sizing features such as `Auto-Optimize` & `Auto-Compaction` cannot be used.

Which strategy will yield the best performance without shuffling data?

- A. Set `spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes` to 512 MB, ingest the data, execute the narrow transformations, and then write to parquet.
- B. Set `spark.sql.shuffle.partitions` to 2,048 partitions ($1\text{TB} \times 1024 \times 1024 / 512$), ingest the data, execute the narrow transformations, optimize the data by sorting it (which automatically repartitions the data), and then write to parquet.
- C. Set `spark.sql.adaptive.advisoryPartitionSizeInBytes` to 512 MB bytes, ingest the data, execute the narrow transformations, coalesce to 2,048 partitions ($1\text{TB} \times 1024 \times 1024 / 512$), and then write to parquet.
- D. Ingest the data, execute the narrow transformations, repartition to 2,048 partitions ($1\text{TB} \times 1024 \times 1024 / 512$), and then write to parquet.
- E. Set `spark.sql.shuffle.partitions` to 512, ingest the data, execute the narrow transformations, and then write to parquet.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The key to efficiently converting a large JSON dataset to Parquet files of a specific size without shuffling data lies in controlling the size of the output files directly.

? Setting `spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes` to 512 MB configures Spark to process data in chunks of 512 MB. This setting directly influences the size of the part-files in the output, aligning with the target file size.

? Narrow transformations (which do not involve shuffling data across partitions) can then be applied to this data.

? Writing the data out to Parquet will result in files that are approximately the size specified by `spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes`, in this case, 512 MB.

? The other options involve unnecessary shuffles or repartitions (B, C, D) or an incorrect setting for this specific requirement (E).

References:

? Apache Spark Documentation: Configuration - `spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes`

? Databricks Documentation on Data Sources: Databricks Data Sources Guide

NEW QUESTION 4

A junior data engineer seeks to leverage Delta Lake's Change Data Feed functionality to create a Type 1 table representing all of the values that have ever been valid for all rows in a bronze table created with the property `delta.enableChangeDataFeed = true`. They plan to execute the following code as a daily job:

Which statement describes the execution and results of running the above query multiple times?

- A. Each time the job is executed, newly updated records will be merged into the target table, overwriting previous values with the same primary keys.
- B. Each time the job is executed, the entire available history of inserted or updated records will be appended to the target table, resulting in many duplicate entries.
- C. Each time the job is executed, the target table will be overwritten using the entire history of inserted or updated records, giving the desired result.
- D. Each time the job is executed, the differences between the original and current versions are calculated; this may result in duplicate entries for some records.

E. Each time the job is executed, only those records that have been inserted or updated since the last execution will be appended to the target table giving the desired result.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Reading table's changes, captured by CDF, using spark.read means that you are reading them as a static source. So, each time you run the query, all table's changes (starting from the specified startingVersion) will be read.

NEW QUESTION 5

A user new to Databricks is trying to troubleshoot long execution times for some pipeline logic they are working on. Presently, the user is executing code cell-by-cell, using display() calls to confirm code is producing the logically correct results as new transformations are added to an operation. To get a measure of average time to execute, the user is running each cell multiple times interactively.

Which of the following adjustments will get a more accurate measure of how code is likely to perform in production?

- A. Scala is the only language that can be accurately tested using interactive notebooks; because the best performance is achieved by using Scala code compiled to JAR
- B. all PySpark and Spark SQL logic should be refactored.
- C. The only way to meaningfully troubleshoot code execution times in development notebooks is to use production-sized data and production-sized clusters with Run All execution.
- D. Production code development should only be done using an IDE; executing code against a local build of open source Spark and Delta Lake will provide the most accurate benchmarks for how code will perform in production.
- E. Calling display () forces a job to trigger, while many transformations will only add to the logical query plan; because of caching, repeated execution of the same logic does not provide meaningful results.
- F. The Jobs UI should be leveraged to occasionally run the notebook as a job and track execution time during incremental code development because Photon can only be enabled on clusters launched for scheduled jobs.

Answer: D

Explanation:

In Databricks notebooks, using the display() function triggers an action that forces Spark to execute the code and produce a result. However, Spark operations are generally divided into transformations and actions. Transformations create a new dataset from an existing one and are lazy, meaning they are not computed immediately but added to a logical plan. Actions, like display(), trigger the execution of this logical plan. Repeatedly running the same code cell can lead to misleading performance measurements due to caching. When a dataset is used multiple times, Spark's optimization mechanism caches it in memory, making subsequent executions faster. This behavior does not accurately represent the first-time execution performance in a production environment where data might not be cached yet.

To get a more realistic measure of performance, it is recommended to:

? Clear the cache or restart the cluster to avoid the effects of caching.

? Test the entire workflow end-to-end rather than cell-by-cell to understand the cumulative performance.

? Consider using a representative sample of the production data, ensuring it includes various cases the code will encounter in production.

References:

? Databricks Documentation on Performance Optimization: Databricks Performance Tuning

? Apache Spark Documentation: RDD Programming Guide - Understanding transformations and actions

NEW QUESTION 6

A data engineer needs to capture pipeline settings from an existing in the workspace, and use them to create and version a JSON file to create a new pipeline. Which command should the data engineer enter in a web terminal configured with the Databricks CLI?

- A. Use the get command to capture the settings for the existing pipeline; remove the pipeline_id and rename the pipeline; use this in a create command
- B. Stop the existing pipeline; use the returned settings in a reset command
- C. Use the clone command to create a copy of an existing pipeline; use the get JSON command to get the pipeline definition; save this to git
- D. Use list pipelines to get the specs for all pipelines; get the pipeline spec from the return results parse and use this to create a pipeline

Answer: A

Explanation:

The Databricks CLI provides a way to automate interactions with Databricks services. When dealing with pipelines, you can use the databricks pipelines get --pipeline-id command to capture the settings of an existing pipeline in JSON format. This JSON can then be modified by removing the pipeline_id to prevent conflicts and renaming the pipeline to create a new pipeline. The modified JSON file can then be used with the databricks pipelines create command to create a new pipeline with those settings. References:

? Databricks Documentation on CLI for Pipelines: Databricks CLI - Pipelines

NEW QUESTION 7

The data architect has mandated that all tables in the Lakehouse should be configured as external Delta Lake tables. Which approach will ensure that this requirement is met?

- A. Whenever a database is being created, make sure that the location keyword is used
- B. When configuring an external data warehouse for all table storage
- C. leverage Databricks for all ELT.
- D. Whenever a table is being created, make sure that the location keyword is used.
- E. When tables are created, make sure that the external keyword is used in the create table statement.
- F. When the workspace is being configured, make sure that external cloud object storage has been mounted.

Answer: C

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it ensures that this requirement is met. The requirement is that all tables in the Lakehouse should be configured as external Delta Lake tables. An external table is a table that is stored outside of the default warehouse directory and whose metadata is not managed by Databricks. An external table can be created by using the location keyword to specify the path to an existing directory in a cloud storage system, such as DBFS or S3. By creating external tables, the data engineering team can avoid losing data if they drop or overwrite the table, as well as leverage existing data without moving or copying it.

Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Delta Lake” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Create an external table” section.

NEW QUESTION 8

The data engineer team is configuring environment for development testing, and production before beginning migration on a new data pipeline. The team requires extensive testing on both the code and data resulting from code execution, and the team want to develop and test against similar production data as possible. A junior data engineer suggests that production data can be mounted to the development testing environments, allowing pre production code to execute against production data. Because all users have Admin privileges in the development environment, the junior data engineer has offered to configure permissions and mount this data for the team. Which statement captures best practices for this situation?

- A. Because access to production data will always be verified using passthrough credentials it is safe to mount data to any Databricks development environment.
- B. All developer, testing and production code and data should exist in a single unified workspace; creating separate environments for testing and development further reduces risks.
- C. In environments where interactive code will be executed, production data should only be accessible with read permissions; creating isolated databases for each environment further reduces risks.
- D. Because delta Lake versions all data and supports time travel, it is not possible for user error or malicious actors to permanently delete production data, as such it is generally safe to mount production data anywhere.

Answer: C

Explanation:

The best practice in such scenarios is to ensure that production data is handled securely and with proper access controls. By granting only read access to production data in development and testing environments, it mitigates the risk of unintended data modification. Additionally, maintaining isolated databases for different environments helps to avoid accidental impacts on production data and systems. References:

? Databricks best practices for securing data:

<https://docs.databricks.com/security/index.html>

NEW QUESTION 9

Which of the following technologies can be used to identify key areas of text when parsing Spark Driver log4j output?

- A. Regex
- B. Julia
- C. pyspark.ml.feature
- D. Scala Datasets
- E. C++

Answer: A

Explanation:

Regex, or regular expressions, are a powerful way of matching patterns in text. They can be used to identify key areas of text when parsing Spark Driver log4j output, such as the log level, the timestamp, the thread name, the class name, the method name, and the message. Regex can be applied in various languages and frameworks, such as Scala, Python, Java, Spark SQL, and Databricks notebooks. References:

? <https://docs.databricks.com/notebooks/notebooks-use.html#use-regular-expressions>

? <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/spark-sql/udf-scala.html#using-regular-expressions-in-udfs>

? https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/sparkr/functions/regexp_extract.html

? https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/sparkr/functions/regexp_replace.html

NEW QUESTION 10

Which REST API call can be used to review the notebooks configured to run as tasks in a multi-task job?

- A. /jobs/runs/list
- B. /jobs/runs/get-output
- C. /jobs/runs/get
- D. /jobs/get
- E. /jobs/list

Answer: D

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it is the REST API call that can be used to review the notebooks configured to run as tasks in a multi-task job. The REST API is an interface that allows programmatically interacting with Databricks resources, such as clusters, jobs, notebooks, or tables. The REST API uses HTTP methods, such as GET, POST, PUT, or DELETE, to perform operations on these resources. The /jobs/get endpoint is a GET method that returns information about a job given its job ID. The information includes the job settings, such as the name, schedule, timeout, retries, email notifications, and tasks. The tasks are the units of work that a job executes. A task can be a notebook task, which runs a notebook with specified parameters; a jar task, which runs a JAR uploaded to DBFS with specified main class and arguments; or a python task, which runs a Python file uploaded to DBFS with specified parameters. A multi-task job is a job that has more than one task configured to run in a specific order or in parallel. By using the /jobs/get endpoint, one can review the notebooks configured to run as tasks in a multi-task job.

Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Databricks Jobs” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Get” section; Databricks Documentation, under “JobSettings” section.

NEW QUESTION 10

A Structured Streaming job deployed to production has been experiencing delays during peak hours of the day. At present, during normal execution, each microbatch of data is processed in less than 3 seconds. During peak hours of the day, execution time for each microbatch becomes very inconsistent, sometimes exceeding 30 seconds. The streaming write is currently configured with a trigger interval of 10 seconds.

Holding all other variables constant and assuming records need to be processed in less than 10 seconds, which adjustment will meet the requirement?

- A. Decrease the trigger interval to 5 seconds; triggering batches more frequently allows idle executors to begin processing the next batch while longer running tasks from previous batches finish.

- B. Increase the trigger interval to 30 seconds; setting the trigger interval near the maximum execution time observed for each batch is always best practice to ensure no records are dropped.
- C. The trigger interval cannot be modified without modifying the checkpoint directory; to maintain the current stream state, increase the number of shuffle partitions to maximize parallelism.
- D. Use the trigger once option and configure a Databricks job to execute the query every 10 seconds; this ensures all backlogged records are processed with each batch.
- E. Decrease the trigger interval to 5 seconds; triggering batches more frequently may prevent records from backing up and large batches from causing spill.

Answer: E

Explanation:

The adjustment that will meet the requirement of processing records in less than 10 seconds is to decrease the trigger interval to 5 seconds. This is because triggering batches more frequently may prevent records from backing up and large batches from causing spill. Spill is a phenomenon where the data in memory exceeds the available capacity and has to be written to disk, which can slow down the processing and increase the execution time¹. By reducing the trigger interval, the streaming query can process smaller batches of data more quickly and avoid spill. This can also improve the latency and throughput of the streaming job².

The other options are not correct, because:

? Option A is incorrect because triggering batches more frequently does not allow idle executors to begin processing the next batch while longer running tasks from previous batches finish. In fact, the opposite is true. Triggering batches more frequently may cause concurrent batches to compete for the same resources and cause contention and backpressure². This can degrade the performance and stability of the streaming job.

? Option B is incorrect because increasing the trigger interval to 30 seconds is not a good practice to ensure no records are dropped. Increasing the trigger interval means that the streaming query will process larger batches of data less frequently, which can increase the risk of spill, memory pressure, and timeouts¹². This can also increase the latency and reduce the throughput of the streaming job.

? Option C is incorrect because the trigger interval can be modified without modifying the checkpoint directory. The checkpoint directory stores the metadata and state of the streaming query, such as the offsets, schema, and configuration³. Changing the trigger interval does not affect the state of the streaming query, and does not require a new checkpoint directory. However, changing the number of shuffle partitions may affect the state of the streaming query, and may require a new checkpoint directory⁴.

? Option D is incorrect because using the trigger once option and configuring a Databricks job to execute the query every 10 seconds does not ensure that all backlogged records are processed with each batch. The trigger once option means that the streaming query will process all the available data in the source and then stop⁵. However, this does not guarantee that the query will finish processing within 10 seconds, especially if there are a lot of records in the source.

Moreover, configuring a Databricks job to execute the query every 10 seconds may cause overlapping or missed batches, depending on the execution time of the query.

References: Memory Management Overview, Structured Streaming Performance Tuning Guide, Checkpointing, Recovery Semantics after Changes in a Streaming Query, Triggers

NEW QUESTION 15

A junior data engineer has manually configured a series of jobs using the Databricks Jobs UI. Upon reviewing their work, the engineer realizes that they are listed as the "Owner" for each job. They attempt to transfer "Owner" privileges to the "DevOps" group, but cannot successfully accomplish this task. Which statement explains what is preventing this privilege transfer?

- A. Databricks jobs must have exactly one owner; "Owner" privileges cannot be assigned to a group.
- B. The creator of a Databricks job will always have "Owner" privileges; this configuration cannot be changed.
- C. Other than the default "admins" group, only individual users can be granted privileges on jobs.
- D. A user can only transfer job ownership to a group if they are also a member of that group.
- E. Only workspace administrators can grant "Owner" privileges to a group.

Answer: E

Explanation:

The reason why the junior data engineer cannot transfer "Owner" privileges to the "DevOps" group is that Databricks jobs must have exactly one owner, and the owner must be an individual user, not a group. A job cannot have more than one owner, and a job cannot have a group as an owner. The owner of a job is the user who created the job, or the user who was assigned the ownership by another user. The owner of a job has the highest level of permission on the job, and can grant or revoke permissions to other users or groups. However, the owner cannot transfer the ownership to a group, only to another user. Therefore, the junior data engineer's attempt to transfer "Owner" privileges to the "DevOps" group is not possible. References:

? Jobs access control: <https://docs.databricks.com/security/access-control/table-acls/index.html>

? Job permissions: <https://docs.databricks.com/security/access-control/table-acls/privileges.html#job-permissions>

NEW QUESTION 16

The data engineering team is migrating an enterprise system with thousands of tables and views into the Lakehouse. They plan to implement the target architecture using a series of bronze, silver, and gold tables. Bronze tables will almost exclusively be used by production data engineering workloads, while silver tables will be used to support both data engineering and machine learning workloads. Gold tables will largely serve business intelligence and reporting purposes. While personal identifying information (PII) exists in all tiers of data, pseudonymization and anonymization rules are in place for all data at the silver and gold levels.

The organization is interested in reducing security concerns while maximizing the ability to collaborate across diverse teams.

Which statement exemplifies best practices for implementing this system?

- A. Isolating tables in separate databases based on data quality tiers allows for easy permissions management through database ACLs and allows physical separation of default storage locations for managed tables.
- B. Because databases on Databricks are merely a logical construct, choices around database organization do not impact security or discoverability in the Lakehouse.
- C. Storing all production tables in a single database provides a unified view of all data assets available throughout the Lakehouse, simplifying discoverability by granting all users view privileges on this database.
- D. Working in the default Databricks database provides the greatest security when working with managed tables, as these will be created in the DBFS root.
- E. Because all tables must live in the same storage containers used for the database they're created in, organizations should be prepared to create between dozens and thousands of databases depending on their data isolation requirements.

Answer: A

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it exemplifies best practices for implementing this system. By isolating tables in separate databases based on data quality tiers, such as bronze, silver, and gold, the data engineering team can achieve several benefits. First, they can easily manage permissions for different users and

groups through database ACLs, which allow granting or revoking access to databases, tables, or views. Second, they can physically separate the default storage locations for managed tables in each database, which can improve performance and reduce costs. Third, they can provide a clear and consistent naming convention for the tables in each database, which can improve discoverability and usability. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Lakehouse” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Database object privileges” section.

NEW QUESTION 20

A Delta Lake table was created with the below query:

Consider the following query:

```
DROP TABLE prod.sales_by_store -
```

If this statement is executed by a workspace admin, which result will occur?

- A. Nothing will occur until a COMMIT command is executed.
- B. The table will be removed from the catalog but the data will remain in storage.
- C. The table will be removed from the catalog and the data will be deleted.
- D. An error will occur because Delta Lake prevents the deletion of production data.
- E. Data will be marked as deleted but still recoverable with Time Travel.

Answer: C

Explanation:

When a table is dropped in Delta Lake, the table is removed from the catalog and the data is deleted. This is because Delta Lake is a transactional storage layer that provides ACID guarantees. When a table is dropped, the transaction log is updated to reflect the deletion of the table and the data is deleted from the underlying storage. References:

? <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/quick-start.html#drop-a-table>

? <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-batch.html#drop-table>

NEW QUESTION 24

The business reporting team requires that data for their dashboards be updated every hour. The total processing time for the pipeline that extracts transforms and load the data for their pipeline runs in 10 minutes.

Assuming normal operating conditions, which configuration will meet their service-level agreement requirements with the lowest cost?

- A. Schedule a job to execute the pipeline once an hour on a dedicated interactive cluster.
- B. Schedule a Structured Streaming job with a trigger interval of 60 minutes.
- C. Schedule a job to execute the pipeline once an hour on a new job cluster.
- D. Configure a job that executes every time new data lands in a given directory.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Scheduling a job to execute the data processing pipeline once an hour on a new job cluster is the most cost-effective solution given the scenario. Job clusters are ephemeral in nature; they are spun up just before the job execution and terminated upon completion, which means you only incur costs for the time the cluster is active. Since the total processing time is only 10 minutes, a new job cluster created for each hourly execution minimizes the running time and thus the cost, while also fulfilling the requirement for hourly data updates for the business reporting team's dashboards.

References:

? Databricks documentation on jobs and job clusters: <https://docs.databricks.com/jobs.html>

NEW QUESTION 26

A junior data engineer is working to implement logic for a Lakehouse table named silver_device_recordings. The source data contains 100 unique fields in a highly nested JSON structure.

The silver_device_recordings table will be used downstream for highly selective joins on a number of fields, and will also be leveraged by the machine learning team to filter on a handful of relevant fields, in total, 15 fields have been identified that will often be used for filter and join logic.

The data engineer is trying to determine the best approach for dealing with these nested fields before declaring the table schema.

Which of the following accurately presents information about Delta Lake and Databricks that may impact their decision-making process?

- A. Because Delta Lake uses Parquet for data storage, Dremel encoding information for nesting can be directly referenced by the Delta transaction log.
- B. Tungsten encoding used by Databricks is optimized for storing string data: newly-added native support for querying JSON strings means that string types are always most efficient.
- C. Schema inference and evolution on Databricks ensure that inferred types will always accurately match the data types used by downstream systems.
- D. By default Delta Lake collects statistics on the first 32 columns in a table; these statistics are leveraged for data skipping when executing selective queries.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Delta Lake, built on top of Parquet, enhances query performance through data skipping, which is based on the statistics collected for each file in a table. For tables with a large number of columns, Delta Lake by default collects and stores statistics only for the first 32 columns. These statistics include min/max values and null counts, which are used to optimize query execution by skipping irrelevant data files. When dealing with highly nested JSON structures, understanding this behavior is crucial for schema design, especially when determining which fields should be flattened or prioritized in the table structure to leverage data skipping efficiently for performance optimization. References: Databricks documentation on Delta Lake optimization techniques, including data skipping and statistics collection (<https://docs.databricks.com/delta/optimizations/index.html>).

NEW QUESTION 29

A junior member of the data engineering team is exploring the language interoperability of Databricks notebooks. The intended outcome of the below code is to register a view of all sales that occurred in countries on the continent of Africa that appear in the geo_lookup table.

Before executing the code, running SHOW TABLES on the current database indicates the database contains only two tables: geo_lookup and sales.

```
Cmd 1
%python
countries_af = [x[0] for x in
spark.table("geo_lookup").filter("continent='AF']").select("country").collect()]

Cmd 2
%sql
CREATE VIEW sales_af AS
SELECT *
FROM sales
WHERE city IN countries_af
AND CONTINENT = "AF"
```

Which statement correctly describes the outcome of executing these command cells in order in an interactive notebook?

- A. Both commands will succeed
- B. Executing show tables will show that countries at and sales at have been registered as views.
- C. Cmd 1 will succeed
- D. Cmd 2 will search all accessible databases for a table or view named countries af: if this entity exists, Cmd 2 will succeed.
- E. Cmd 1 will succeed and Cmd 2 will fail, countries at will be a Python variable representing a PySpark DataFrame.
- F. Both commands will fail
- G. No new variables, tables, or views will be created.
- H. Cmd 1 will succeed and Cmd 2 will fail, countries at will be a Python variable containing a list of strings.

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because Cmd 1 is written in Python and uses a list comprehension to extract the country names from the geo_lookup table and store them in a Python variable named countries af. This variable will contain a list of strings, not a PySpark DataFrame or a SQL view. Cmd 2 is written in SQL and tries to create a view named sales af by selecting from the sales table where city is in countries af. However, this command will fail because countries af is not a valid SQL entity and cannot be used in a SQL query. To fix this, a better approach would be to use spark.sql() to execute a SQL query in Python and pass the countries af variable as a parameter. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Language Interoperability" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Mix languages" section.

NEW QUESTION 32

A Delta Lake table representing metadata about content posts from users has the following schema:

user_id LONG, post_text STRING, post_id STRING, longitude FLOAT, latitude FLOAT, post_time TIMESTAMP, date DATE

This table is partitioned by the date column. A query is run with the following filter: longitude < 20 & longitude > -20

Which statement describes how data will be filtered?

- A. Statistics in the Delta Log will be used to identify partitions that might include files in the filtered range.
- B. No file skipping will occur because the optimizer does not know the relationship between the partition column and the longitude.
- C. The Delta Engine will use row-level statistics in the transaction log to identify the files that meet the filter criteria.
- D. Statistics in the Delta Log will be used to identify data files that might include records in the filtered range.
- E. The Delta Engine will scan the parquet file footers to identify each row that meets the filter criteria.

Answer: D

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it describes how data will be filtered when a query is run with the following filter: longitude < 20 & longitude > -20. The query is run on a Delta Lake table that has the following schema: user_id LONG, post_text STRING, post_id STRING, longitude FLOAT, latitude FLOAT, post_time TIMESTAMP, date DATE. This table is partitioned by the date column. When a query is run on a partitioned Delta Lake table, Delta Lake uses statistics in the Delta Log to identify data files that might include records in the filtered range. The statistics include information such as min and max values for each column in each data file. By using these statistics, Delta Lake can skip reading data files that do not match the filter condition, which can improve query performance and reduce I/O costs. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Data skipping" section.

NEW QUESTION 35

To reduce storage and compute costs, the data engineering team has been tasked with curating a series of aggregate tables leveraged by business intelligence dashboards, customer-facing applications, production machine learning models, and ad hoc analytical queries.

The data engineering team has been made aware of new requirements from a customer-facing application, which is the only downstream workload they manage entirely. As a result, an aggregate table used by numerous teams across the organization will need to have a number of fields renamed, and additional fields will also be added.

Which of the solutions addresses the situation while minimally interrupting other teams in the organization without increasing the number of tables that need to be managed?

- A. Send all users notice that the schema for the table will be changing; include in the communication the logic necessary to revert the new table schema to match historic queries.
- B. Configure a new table with all the requisite fields and new names and use this as the source for the customer-facing application; create a view that maintains the original data schema and table name by aliasing select fields from the new table.
- C. Create a new table with the required schema and new fields and use Delta Lake's deep clone functionality to sync up changes committed to one table to the corresponding table.
- D. Replace the current table definition with a logical view defined with the query logic currently writing the aggregate table; create a new table to power the customer-facing application.
- E. Add a table comment warning all users that the table schema and field names will be changing on a given date; overwrite the table in place to the specifications of the customer-facing application.

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it addresses the situation while minimally interrupting other teams in the organization without increasing the number of tables that need to be managed. The situation is that an aggregate table used by numerous teams across the organization will need to have a number of fields renamed,

and additional fields will also be added, due to new requirements from a customer-facing application. By configuring a new table with all the requisite fields and new names and using this as the source for the customer-facing application, the data engineering team can meet the new requirements without affecting other teams that rely on the existing table schema and name. By creating a view that maintains the original data schema and table name by aliasing select fields from the new table, the data engineering team can also avoid duplicating data or creating additional tables that need to be managed. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Lakehouse” section; Databricks Documentation, under “CREATE VIEW” section.

NEW QUESTION 40

A developer has successfully configured credential for Databricks Repos and cloned a remote Git repository. They do not have privileges to make changes to the main branch, which is the only branch currently visible in their workspace.

Use Response to pull changes from the remote Git repository commit and push changes to a branch that appeared as a change were pulled.

- A. Use Repos to merge all differences and make a pull request back to the remote repository.
- B. Use repos to merge all difference and make a pull request back to the remote repository.
- C. Use Repos to create a new branch commit all changes and push changes to the remote Git repository.
- D. Use repos to create a fork of the remote repository commit all changes and make a pull request on the source repository

Answer: C

Explanation:

In Databricks Repos, when a user does not have privileges to make changes directly to the main branch of a cloned remote Git repository, the recommended approach is to create a new branch within the Databricks workspace. The developer can then make changes in this new branch, commit those changes, and push the new branch to the remote Git repository. This workflow allows for isolated development without affecting the main branch, enabling the developer to propose changes via a pull request from the new branch to the main branch in the remote repository. This method adheres to common Git collaboration workflows, fostering code review and collaboration while ensuring the integrity of the main branch.

References:

? Databricks documentation on using Repos with Git: <https://docs.databricks.com/repos.html>

NEW QUESTION 43

The data governance team has instituted a requirement that all tables containing Personal Identifiable Information (PII) must be clearly annotated. This includes adding column comments, table comments, and setting the custom table property "contains_pii" = true.

The following SQL DDL statement is executed to create a new table:

Which command allows manual confirmation that these three requirements have been met?

- A. DESCRIBE EXTENDED dev.pii test
- B. DESCRIBE DETAIL dev.pii test
- C. SHOW TBLPROPERTIES dev.pii test
- D. DESCRIBE HISTORY dev.pii test
- E. SHOW TABLES dev

Answer: A

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it allows manual confirmation that these three requirements have been met. The requirements are that all tables containing Personal Identifiable Information (PII) must be clearly annotated, which includes adding column comments, table comments, and setting the custom table property "contains_pii" = true. The DESCRIBE EXTENDED command is used to display detailed information about a table, such as its schema, location, properties, and comments. By using this command on the dev.pii_test table, one can verify that the table has been created with the correct column comments, table comment, and custom table property as specified in the SQL DDL statement. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Lakehouse” section; Databricks Documentation, under “DESCRIBE EXTENDED” section.

NEW QUESTION 47

A distributed team of data analysts share computing resources on an interactive cluster with autoscaling configured. In order to better manage costs and query throughput, the workspace administrator is hoping to evaluate whether cluster upscaling is caused by many concurrent users or resource-intensive queries.

In which location can one review the timeline for cluster resizing events?

- A. Workspace audit logs
- B. Driver's log file
- C. Ganglia
- D. Cluster Event Log
- E. Executor's log file

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 49

A CHECK constraint has been successfully added to the Delta table named activity_details using the following logic:

A batch job is attempting to insert new records to the table, including a record where latitude = 45.50 and longitude = 212.67.

Which statement describes the outcome of this batch insert?

- A. The write will fail when the violating record is reached; any records previously processed will be recorded to the target table.
- B. The write will fail completely because of the constraint violation and no records will be inserted into the target table.
- C. The write will insert all records except those that violate the table constraints; the violating records will be recorded to a quarantine table.
- D. The write will include all records in the target table; any violations will be indicated in the boolean column named valid_coordinates.
- E. The write will insert all records except those that violate the table constraints; the violating records will be reported in a warning log.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The CHECK constraint is used to ensure that the data inserted into the table meets the specified conditions. In this case, the CHECK constraint is used to ensure that the latitude and longitude values are within the specified range. If the data does not meet the specified conditions, the write operation will fail completely and no records will be inserted into the target table. This is because Delta Lake supports ACID transactions, which means that either all the data is written or none of it

is written. Therefore, the batch insert will fail when it encounters a record that violates the constraint, and the target table will not be updated. References:

? Constraints: <https://docs.delta.io/latest/delta-constraints.html>

? ACID Transactions: <https://docs.delta.io/latest/delta-intro.html#acid-transactions>

NEW QUESTION 50

The downstream consumers of a Delta Lake table have been complaining about data quality issues impacting performance in their applications. Specifically, they have complained that invalid latitude and longitude values in the activity_details table have been breaking their ability to use other geolocation processes.

A junior engineer has written the following code to add CHECK constraints to the Delta Lake table:

```
ALTER TABLE activity_details
ADD CONSTRAINT valid_coordinates
CHECK (
    latitude >= -90 AND
    latitude <= 90 AND
    longitude >= -180 AND
    longitude <= 180);
```

A senior engineer has confirmed the above logic is correct and the valid ranges for latitude and longitude are provided, but the code fails when executed.

Which statement explains the cause of this failure?

- A. Because another team uses this table to support a frequently running application, two- phase locking is preventing the operation from committing.
- B. The activity details table already exists; CHECK constraints can only be added during initial table creation.
- C. The activity details table already contains records that violate the constraints; all existing data must pass CHECK constraints in order to add them to an existing table.
- D. The activity details table already contains records; CHECK constraints can only be added prior to inserting values into a table.
- E. The current table schema does not contain the field valid coordinates; schema evolution will need to be enabled before altering the table to add a constraint.

Answer: C

Explanation:

The failure is that the code to add CHECK constraints to the Delta Lake table fails when executed. The code uses ALTER TABLE ADD CONSTRAINT commands to add two CHECK constraints to a table named activity_details. The first constraint checks if the latitude value is between -90 and 90, and the second constraint checks if the longitude value is between -180 and 180. The cause of this failure is that the activity_details table already contains records that violate these constraints, meaning that they have invalid latitude or longitude values outside of these ranges. When adding CHECK constraints to an existing table, Delta Lake verifies that all existing data satisfies the constraints before adding them to the table. If any record violates the constraints, Delta Lake throws an exception and aborts the operation. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Delta Lake” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Add a CHECK constraint to an existing table” section. <https://docs.databricks.com/en/sql/language-manual/sql-ref-syntax-ddl-alter-table.html#add-constraint>

NEW QUESTION 55

Which statement regarding stream-static joins and static Delta tables is correct?

- A. Each microbatch of a stream-static join will use the most recent version of the static Delta table as of each microbatch.
- B. Each microbatch of a stream-static join will use the most recent version of the static Delta table as of the job's initialization.
- C. The checkpoint directory will be used to track state information for the unique keys present in the join.
- D. Stream-static joins cannot use static Delta tables because of consistency issues.
- E. The checkpoint directory will be used to track updates to the static Delta table.

Answer: A

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because stream-static joins are supported by Structured Streaming when one of the tables is a static Delta table. A static Delta table is a Delta table that is not updated by any concurrent writes, such as appends or merges, during the execution of a streaming query. In this case, each microbatch of a stream-static join will use the most recent version of the static Delta table as of each microbatch, which means it will reflect any changes made to the static Delta table before the start of each microbatch. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Structured Streaming” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Stream and static joins” section.

NEW QUESTION 59

The data engineering team maintains a table of aggregate statistics through batch nightly updates. This includes total sales for the previous day alongside totals and averages for a variety of time periods including the 7 previous days, year-to-date, and quarter-to-date. This table is named store_sales_summary and the schema is as follows:

The table daily_store_sales contains all the information needed to update store_sales_summary. The schema for this table is: store_id INT, sales_date DATE, total_sales FLOAT If daily_store_sales is implemented as a Type 1 table and the total_sales column might be adjusted after manual data auditing, which approach is the safest to generate accurate reports in the store_sales_summary table?

- A. Implement the appropriate aggregate logic as a batch read against the daily_store_salestable and overwrite the store_sales_summary table with each Update.
- B. Implement the appropriate aggregate logic as a batch read against the daily_store_sales table and append new rows nightly to the store_sales_summary table.
- C. Implement the appropriate aggregate logic as a batch read against the daily_store_sales table and use upsert logic to update results in the store_sales_summary table.
- D. Implement the appropriate aggregate logic as a Structured Streaming read against the daily_store_sales table and use upsert logic to update results in the store_sales_summary table.
- E. Use Structured Streaming to subscribe to the change data feed for daily_store_sales and apply changes to the aggregates in the store_sales_summary table

with each update.

Answer: E

Explanation:

The daily_store_sales table contains all the information needed to update store_sales_summary. The schema of the table is:

store_id INT, sales_date DATE, total_sales FLOAT

The daily_store_sales table is implemented as a Type 1 table, which means that old values are overwritten by new values and no history is maintained. The total_sales column might be adjusted after manual data auditing, which means that the data in the table may change over time.

The safest approach to generate accurate reports in the store_sales_summary table is to use Structured Streaming to subscribe to the change data feed for daily_store_sales and apply changes to the aggregates in the store_sales_summary table with each update. Structured Streaming is a scalable and fault-tolerant stream processing engine built on Spark SQL. Structured Streaming allows processing data streams as if they were tables or DataFrames, using familiar operations such as select, filter, groupBy, or join. Structured Streaming also supports output modes that specify how to write the results of a streaming query to a sink, such as append, update, or complete. Structured Streaming can handle both streaming and batch data sources in a unified manner.

The change data feed is a feature of Delta Lake that provides structured streaming sources that can subscribe to changes made to a Delta Lake table. The change data feed captures both data changes and schema changes as ordered events that can be processed by downstream applications or services. The change data feed can be configured with different options, such as starting from a specific version or timestamp, filtering by operation type or partition values, or excluding no-op changes.

By using Structured Streaming to subscribe to the change data feed for daily_store_sales, one can capture and process any changes made to the total_sales column due to manual data auditing. By applying these changes to the aggregates in the store_sales_summary table with each update, one can ensure that the reports are always consistent and accurate with the latest data. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Spark Core” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Structured Streaming” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Delta Change Data Feed” section.

NEW QUESTION 64

A data team's Structured Streaming job is configured to calculate running aggregates for item sales to update a downstream marketing dashboard. The marketing team has introduced a new field to track the number of times this promotion code is used for each item. A junior data engineer suggests updating the existing query as follows: Note that proposed changes are in bold.

Original query:

```
df.groupBy("item")
  .agg(count("item").alias("total_count"),
       mean("sale_price").alias("avg_price"))
.writeStream
  .outputMode("complete")
  .option("checkpointLocation", "/item_agg/__checkpoint")
.start("/item_agg")
```

Proposed query:

```
df.groupBy("item")
  .agg(count("item").alias("total_count"),
       mean("sale_price").alias("avg_price"),
       count("promo_code = 'NEW_MEMBER'").alias("new_member_promo"))
.writeStream
  .outputMode("complete")
  .option('mergeSchema', 'true')
  .option("checkpointLocation", "/item_agg/__checkpoint")
.start("/item_agg")
```

Which step must also be completed to put the proposed query into production?

- A. Increase the shuffle partitions to account for additional aggregates
- B. Specify a new checkpointLocation
- C. Run REFRESH TABLE delta, /item_agg'
- D. Remove .option (mergeSchema', true') from the streaming write

Answer: B

Explanation:

When introducing a new aggregation or a change in the logic of a Structured Streaming query, it is generally necessary to specify a new checkpoint location. This is because the checkpoint directory contains metadata about the offsets and the state of the aggregations of a streaming query. If the logic of the query changes, such as including a new aggregation field, the state information saved in the current checkpoint would not be compatible with the new logic, potentially leading to incorrect results or failures. Therefore, to accommodate the new field and ensure the streaming job has the correct starting point and state information for aggregations, a new checkpoint location should be specified. References:

? Databricks documentation on Structured Streaming:

<https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/structured-streaming/index.html>

? Databricks documentation on streaming checkpoints: <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/structured-streaming/production.html#checkpointing>

NEW QUESTION 67

The Databricks workspace administrator has configured interactive clusters for each of the data engineering groups. To control costs, clusters are set to terminate after 30 minutes of inactivity. Each user should be able to execute workloads against their assigned clusters at any time of the day.

Assuming users have been added to a workspace but not granted any permissions, which of the following describes the minimal permissions a user would need to start and attach to an already configured cluster.

- A. "Can Manage" privileges on the required cluster
- B. Workspace Admin privileges, cluster creation allowe
- C. "Can Attach To" privileges on the required cluster
- D. Cluster creation allowe
- E. "Can Attach To" privileges on the required cluster
- F. "Can Restart" privileges on the required cluster
- G. Cluster creation allowe

H. "Can Restart" privileges on the required cluster

Answer: D

Explanation:

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/databricks/security/auth-authz/access-control/cluster-acl>
<https://docs.databricks.com/en/security/auth-authz/access-control/cluster-acl.html>

NEW QUESTION 72

A data engineer wants to join a stream of advertisement impressions (when an ad was shown) with another stream of user clicks on advertisements to correlate when impression led to monetizable clicks.

```
In the code below, impressions is a streaming DataFrame with a watermark ("event_time", "10 minutes")
.groupBy(
  window("event_time", "5 minutes"),
  "id")
.count()
).      withWatermark("event_time", 2 hours)
impressions.join(clicks, expr("clickAdId = impressionAdId"), "inner")
```

Which solution would improve the performance?

- A)
Joining on event time constraint: `clickTime == impressionTime` using a `leftOuter` join
- B)
Joining on event time constraint: `clickTime >= impressionTime - interval 3 hours` and removing watermarks
- C)
Joining on event time constraint: `clickTime + 3 hours < impressionTime - 2 hours`
- D)
Joining on event time constraint: `clickTime >= impressionTime AND clickTime <= impressionTime + interval 1 hour`

- A. Option A
B. Option B
C. Option C
D. Option D

Answer: A

Explanation:

When joining a stream of advertisement impressions with a stream of user clicks, you want to minimize the state that you need to maintain for the join. Option A suggests using a left outer join with the condition that `clickTime == impressionTime`, which is suitable for correlating events that occur at the exact same time. However, in a real-world scenario, you would likely need some leeway to account for the delay between an impression and a possible click. It's important to design the join condition and the window of time considered to optimize performance while still capturing the relevant user interactions. In this case, having the watermark can help with state management and avoid state growing unbounded by discarding old state data that's unlikely to match with new data.

NEW QUESTION 76

Spill occurs as a result of executing various wide transformations. However, diagnosing spill requires one to proactively look for key indicators. Where in the Spark UI are two of the primary indicators that a partition is spilling to disk?

- A. Stage's detail screen and Executor's files
B. Stage's detail screen and Query's detail screen
C. Driver's and Executor's log files
D. Executor's detail screen and Executor's log files

Answer: B

Explanation:

In Apache Spark's UI, indicators of data spilling to disk during the execution of wide transformations can be found in the Stage's detail screen and the Query's detail screen. These screens provide detailed metrics about each stage of a Spark job, including information about memory usage and spill data. If a task is spilling data to disk, it indicates that the data being processed exceeds the available memory, causing Spark to spill data to disk to free up memory. This is an important performance metric as excessive spill can significantly slow down the processing.

References:

- ? Apache Spark Monitoring and Instrumentation: Spark Monitoring Guide
- ? Spark UI Explained: Spark UI Documentation

NEW QUESTION 77

A Spark job is taking longer than expected. Using the Spark UI, a data engineer notes that the Min, Median, and Max Durations for tasks in a particular stage show the minimum and median time to complete a task as roughly the same, but the max duration for a task to be roughly 100 times as long as the minimum. Which situation is causing increased duration of the overall job?

- A. Task queueing resulting from improper thread pool assignment.
B. Spill resulting from attached volume storage being too small.
C. Network latency due to some cluster nodes being in different regions from the source data
D. Skew caused by more data being assigned to a subset of spark-partitions.
E. Credential validation errors while pulling data from an external system.

Answer: D

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because skew is a common situation that causes increased duration of the overall job. Skew occurs when some partitions have more data than others, resulting in uneven distribution of work among tasks and executors. Skew can be caused by various factors, such as skewed data distribution, improper partitioning strategy, or join operations with skewed keys. Skew can lead to performance issues such as long-running tasks, wasted resources, or even task failures due to memory or disk spills. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Performance Tuning” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Skew” section.

NEW QUESTION 81

The data engineer is using Spark's MEMORY_ONLY storage level.

Which indicators should the data engineer look for in the spark UI's Storage tab to signal that a cached table is not performing optimally?

- A. Size on Disk is > 0
- B. The number of Cached Partitions > the number of Spark Partitions
- C. The RDD Block Name included the " " annotation signaling failure to cache
- D. On Heap Memory Usage is within 75% of off Heap Memory usage

Answer: C

Explanation:

In the Spark UI's Storage tab, an indicator that a cached table is not performing optimally would be the presence of the _disk annotation in the RDD Block Name. This annotation indicates that some partitions of the cached data have been spilled to disk because there wasn't enough memory to hold them. This is suboptimal because accessing data from disk is much slower than from memory. The goal of caching is to keep data in memory for fast access, and a spill to disk means that this goal is not fully achieved.

NEW QUESTION 82

The data engineer team has been tasked with configured connections to an external database that does not have a supported native connector with Databricks. The external database already has data security configured by group membership. These groups map directly to user group already created in Databricks that represent various teams within the company.

A new login credential has been created for each group in the external database. The Databricks Utilities Secrets module will be used to make these credentials available to Databricks users.

Assuming that all the credentials are configured correctly on the external database and group membership is properly configured on Databricks, which statement describes how teams can be granted the minimum necessary access to using these credentials?

- A. “Read” permissions should be set on a secret key mapped to those credentials that will be used by a given team.
- B. No additional configuration is necessary as long as all users are configured as administrators in the workspace where secrets have been added.
- C. “Read” permissions should be set on a secret scope containing only those credentials that will be used by a given team.
- D. “Manage” permission should be set on a secret scope containing only those credentials that will be used by a given team.

Answer: C

Explanation:

In Databricks, using the Secrets module allows for secure management of sensitive information such as database credentials. Granting 'Read' permissions on a secret key that maps to database credentials for a specific team ensures that only members of that team can access these credentials. This approach aligns with the principle of least privilege, granting users the minimum level of access required to perform their jobs, thus enhancing security.

References:

? Databricks Documentation on Secret Management: Secrets

NEW QUESTION 86

A DLT pipeline includes the following streaming tables:

Raw_iot ingest raw device measurement data from a heart rate tracking device. Bgm_stats incrementally computes user statistics based on BPM measurements from raw_iot.

How can the data engineer configure this pipeline to be able to retain manually deleted or updated records in the raw_iot table while recomputing the downstream table when a pipeline update is run?

- A. Set the skipChangeCommits flag to true on bpm_stats
- B. Set the SkipChangeCommits flag to true raw_iot
- C. Set the pipelines, reset, allowed property to false on bpm_stats
- D. Set the pipelines, reset, allowed property to false on raw_iot

Answer: D

Explanation:

In Databricks Lakehouse, to retain manually deleted or updated records in the raw_iot table while recomputing downstream tables when a pipeline update is run, the property pipelines.reset.allowed should be set to false. This property prevents the system from resetting the state of the table, which includes the removal of the history of changes, during a pipeline update. By keeping this property as false, any changes to the raw_iot table, including manual deletes or updates, are retained, and recomputation of downstream tables, such as bpm_stats, can occur with the full history of data changes intact. References:

? Databricks documentation on DLT pipelines: <https://docs.databricks.com/data-engineering/delta-live-tables/delta-live-tables-overview.html>

NEW QUESTION 90

The marketing team is looking to share data in an aggregate table with the sales organization, but the field names used by the teams do not match, and a number of marketing specific fields have not been approved for the sales org.

Which of the following solutions addresses the situation while emphasizing simplicity?

- A. Create a view on the marketing table selecting only these fields approved for the sales team alias the names of any fields that should be standardized to the sales naming conventions.
- B. Use a CTAS statement to create a derivative table from the marketing table configure a production job to propagate changes.
- C. Add a parallel table write to the current production pipeline, updating a new sales table that varies as required from marketing table.
- D. Create a new table with the required schema and use Delta Lake's DEEP CLONE functionality to sync up changes committed to one table to the corresponding table.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Creating a view is a straightforward solution that can address the need for field name standardization and selective field sharing between departments. A view allows for presenting a transformed version of the underlying data without duplicating it. In this scenario, the view would only include the approved fields for the sales team and rename any fields as per their naming conventions.

References:

? Databricks documentation on using SQL views in Delta Lake: <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/quick-start.html#sql-views>

NEW QUESTION 93

Which statement regarding spark configuration on the Databricks platform is true?

- A. Spark configuration properties set for an interactive cluster with the Clusters UI will impact all notebooks attached to that cluster.
- B. When the same spark configuration property is set for an interactive to the same interactive cluster.
- C. Spark configuration set within a notebook will affect all SparkSession attached to the same interactive cluster
- D. The Databricks REST API can be used to modify the Spark configuration properties for an interactive cluster without interrupting jobs.

Answer: A

Explanation:

When Spark configuration properties are set for an interactive cluster using the Clusters UI in Databricks, those configurations are applied at the cluster level. This means that all notebooks attached to that cluster will inherit and be affected by these configurations. This approach ensures consistency across all executions within that cluster, as the Spark configuration properties dictate aspects such as memory allocation, number of executors, and other vital execution parameters. This centralized configuration management helps maintain standardized execution environments across different notebooks, aiding in debugging and performance optimization.

References:

? Databricks documentation on configuring clusters: <https://docs.databricks.com/clusters/configure.html>

NEW QUESTION 98

The data architect has decided that once data has been ingested from external sources into the

Databricks Lakehouse, table access controls will be leveraged to manage permissions for all production tables and views.

The following logic was executed to grant privileges for interactive queries on a production database to the core engineering group.

GRANT USAGE ON DATABASE prod TO eng; GRANT SELECT ON DATABASE prod TO eng;

Assuming these are the only privileges that have been granted to the eng group and that these users are not workspace administrators, which statement describes their privileges?

- A. Group members have full permissions on the prod database and can also assign permissions to other users or groups.
- B. Group members are able to list all tables in the prod database but are not able to see the results of any queries on those tables.
- C. Group members are able to query and modify all tables and views in the prod database, but cannot create new tables or views.
- D. Group members are able to query all tables and views in the prod database, but cannot create or edit anything in the database.
- E. Group members are able to create, query, and modify all tables and views in the prod database, but cannot define custom functions.

Answer: D

Explanation:

The GRANT USAGE ON DATABASE prod TO eng command grants the eng group the permission to use the prod database, which means they can list and access the tables and views in the database. The GRANT SELECT ON DATABASE prod TO eng command grants the eng group the permission to select data from the tables and views in the prod database, which means they can query the data using SQL or DataFrame API. However, these commands do not grant the eng group any other permissions, such as creating, modifying, or deleting tables and views, or defining custom functions. Therefore, the eng group members are able to query all tables and views in the prod database, but cannot create or edit anything in the database. References:

? Grant privileges on a database: <https://docs.databricks.com/en/security/auth-authz/table-acls/grant-privileges-database.html>

? Privileges you can grant on Hive metastore objects: <https://docs.databricks.com/en/security/auth-authz/table-acls/privileges.html>

NEW QUESTION 103

A data pipeline uses Structured Streaming to ingest data from kafka to Delta Lake. Data is being stored in a bronze table, and includes the Kafka_generated timesamp, key, and value. Three months after the pipeline is deployed the data engineering team has noticed some latency issued during certain times of the day.

A senior data engineer updates the Delta Table's schema and ingestion logic to include the current timestamp (as recoded by Apache Spark) as well the Kafka topic and partition. The team plans to use the additional metadata fields to diagnose the transient processing delays:

Which limitation will the team face while diagnosing this problem?

- A. New fields not be computed for historic records.
- B. Updating the table schema will invalidate the Delta transaction log metadata.
- C. Updating the table schema requires a default value provided for each file added.
- D. Spark cannot capture the topic partition fields from the kafka source.

Answer: A

Explanation:

When adding new fields to a Delta table's schema, these fields will not be retrospectively applied to historical records that were ingested before the schema change. Consequently, while the team can use the new metadata fields to investigate transient processing delays moving forward, they will be unable to apply this diagnostic approach to past data that lacks these fields.

References:

? Databricks documentation on Delta Lake schema management: <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-batch.html#schema-management>

NEW QUESTION 105

A production cluster has 3 executor nodes and uses the same virtual machine type for the driver and executor.

When evaluating the Ganglia Metrics for this cluster, which indicator would signal a bottleneck caused by code executing on the driver?

- A. The five Minute Load Average remains consistent/flat

- B. Bytes Received never exceeds 80 million bytes per second
- C. Total Disk Space remains constant
- D. Network I/O never spikes
- E. Overall cluster CPU utilization is around 25%

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it indicates a bottleneck caused by code executing on the driver. A bottleneck is a situation where the performance or capacity of a system is limited by a single component or resource. A bottleneck can cause slow execution, high latency, or low throughput. A production cluster has 3 executor nodes and uses the same virtual machine type for the driver and executor. When evaluating the Ganglia Metrics for this cluster, one can look for indicators that show how the cluster resources are being utilized, such as CPU, memory, disk, or network. If the overall cluster CPU utilization is around 25%, it means that only one out of the four nodes (driver + 3 executors) is using its full CPU capacity, while the other three nodes are idle or underutilized. This suggests that the code executing on the driver is taking too long or consuming too much CPU resources, preventing the executors from receiving tasks or data to process. This can happen when the code has driver-side operations that are not parallelized or distributed, such as collecting large amounts of data to the driver, performing complex calculations on the driver, or using non-Spark libraries on the driver. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Spark Core” section; Databricks Documentation, under “View cluster status and event logs - Ganglia metrics” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Avoid collecting large RDDs” section.

In a Spark cluster, the driver node is responsible for managing the execution of the Spark application, including scheduling tasks, managing the execution plan, and interacting with the cluster manager. If the overall cluster CPU utilization is low (e.g., around 25%), it may indicate that the driver node is not utilizing the available resources effectively and might be a bottleneck.

NEW QUESTION 106

A table is registered with the following code:

Both users and orders are Delta Lake tables. Which statement describes the results of querying recent_orders?

- A. All logic will execute at query time and return the result of joining the valid versions of the source tables at the time the query finishes.
- B. All logic will execute when the table is defined and store the result of joining tables to the DBFS; this stored data will be returned when the table is queried.
- C. Results will be computed and cached when the table is defined; these cached results will incrementally update as new records are inserted into source tables.
- D. All logic will execute at query time and return the result of joining the valid versions of the source tables at the time the query began.
- E. The versions of each source table will be stored in the table transaction log; query results will be saved to DBFS with each query.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 111

Which Python variable contains a list of directories to be searched when trying to locate required modules?

- A. importlib.resource path
- B. ,sys.path
- C. os-path
- D. pypi.path
- E. pylab.source

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 115

Which statement describes integration testing?

- A. Validates interactions between subsystems of your application
- B. Requires an automated testing framework
- C. Requires manual intervention
- D. Validates an application use case
- E. Validates behavior of individual elements of your application

Answer: D

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it describes integration testing. Integration testing is a type of testing that validates interactions between subsystems of your application, such as modules, components, or services. Integration testing ensures that the subsystems work together as expected and produce the correct outputs or results. Integration testing can be done at different levels of granularity, such as component integration testing, system integration testing, or end-to-end testing. Integration testing can help detect errors or bugs that may not be found by unit testing, which only validates behavior of individual elements of your application. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Testing” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Integration testing” section.

NEW QUESTION 120

A Delta table of weather records is partitioned by date and has the below schema: date DATE, device_id INT, temp FLOAT, latitude FLOAT, longitude FLOAT

To find all the records from within the Arctic Circle, you execute a query with the below filter:

latitude > 66.3

Which statement describes how the Delta engine identifies which files to load?

- A. All records are cached to an operational database and then the filter is applied
- B. The Parquet file footers are scanned for min and max statistics for the latitude column
- C. All records are cached to attached storage and then the filter is applied
- D. The Delta log is scanned for min and max statistics for the latitude column
- E. The Hive metastore is scanned for min and max statistics for the latitude column

Answer: D

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because Delta Lake uses a transaction log to store metadata about each table, including min and max statistics for each column in each data file. The Delta engine can use this information to quickly identify which files to load based on a filter condition, without scanning the entire table or the file footers. This is called data skipping and it can improve query performance significantly. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Delta Lake” section; [Databricks Documentation], under “Optimizations - Data Skipping” section.

In the Transaction log, Delta Lake captures statistics for each data file of the table. These statistics indicate per file:

- Total number of records
- Minimum value in each column of the first 32 columns of the table
- Maximum value in each column of the first 32 columns of the table
- Null value counts for in each column of the first 32 columns of the table

When a query with a selective filter is executed against the table, the query optimizer uses these statistics to generate the query result. It leverages them to identify data files that may contain records matching the conditional filter.

For the SELECT query in the question, The transaction log is scanned for min and max statistics for the price column

NEW QUESTION 123

The data engineering team has configured a job to process customer requests to be forgotten (have their data deleted). All user data that needs to be deleted is stored in Delta Lake tables using default table settings.

The team has decided to process all deletions from the previous week as a batch job at 1am each Sunday. The total duration of this job is less than one hour.

Every Monday at 3am, a batch job executes a series of VACUUM commands on all Delta Lake tables throughout the organization.

The compliance officer has recently learned about Delta Lake's time travel functionality. They are concerned that this might allow continued access to deleted data. Assuming all delete logic is correctly implemented, which statement correctly addresses this concern?

- A. Because the vacuum command permanently deletes all files containing deleted records, deleted records may be accessible with time travel for around 24 hours.
- B. Because the default data retention threshold is 24 hours, data files containing deleted records will be retained until the vacuum job is run the following day.
- C. Because Delta Lake time travel provides full access to the entire history of a table, deleted records can always be recreated by users with full admin privileges.
- D. Because Delta Lake's delete statements have ACID guarantees, deleted records will be permanently purged from all storage systems as soon as a delete job completes.
- E. Because the default data retention threshold is 7 days, data files containing deleted records will be retained until the vacuum job is run 8 days later.

Answer: E

Explanation:

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/databricks/delta/vacuum>

NEW QUESTION 124

Which configuration parameter directly affects the size of a spark-partition upon ingestion of data into Spark?

- A. spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes
- B. spark.sql.autoBroadcastJoinThreshold
- C. spark.sql.files.openCostInBytes
- D. spark.sql.adaptive.coalescePartitions.minPartitionNum
- E. spark.sql.adaptive.advisoryPartitionSizeInBytes

Answer: A

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes is a configuration parameter that directly affects the size of a spark-partition upon ingestion of data into Spark. This parameter configures the maximum number of bytes to pack into a single partition when reading files from file-based sources such as Parquet, JSON and ORC. The default value is 128 MB, which means each partition will be roughly 128 MB in size, unless there are too many small files or only one large file. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Spark Configuration” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Available Properties - spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes” section.

NEW QUESTION 125

The data engineering team has configured a Databricks SQL query and alert to monitor the values in a Delta Lake table. The recent_sensor_recordings table contains an identifying sensor_id alongside the timestamp and temperature for the most recent 5 minutes of recordings.

The below query is used to create the alert:

```
SELECT MEAN(temperature), MAX(temperature), MIN(temperature)
FROM recent_sensor_recordings
GROUP BY sensor_id
```

The query is set to refresh each minute and always completes in less than 10 seconds. The alert is set to trigger when mean (temperature) > 120. Notifications are triggered to be sent at most every 1 minute.

If this alert raises notifications for 3 consecutive minutes and then stops, which statement must be true?

- A. The total average temperature across all sensors exceeded 120 on three consecutive executions of the query
- B. The recent_sensor_recordingstable was unresponsive for three consecutive runs of the query
- C. The source query failed to update properly for three consecutive minutes and then restarted
- D. The maximum temperature recording for at least one sensor exceeded 120 on three consecutive executions of the query
- E. The average temperature recordings for at least one sensor exceeded 120 on three consecutive executions of the query

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because the query is using a GROUP BY clause on the sensor_id column, which means it will calculate the mean temperature for each sensor separately. The alert will trigger when the mean temperature for any sensor is greater than 120, which means at least one sensor had an average temperature above 120 for three consecutive minutes. The alert will stop when the mean temperature for all sensors drops below 120. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “SQL Analytics” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Alerts” section.

NEW QUESTION 130

Which distribution does Databricks support for installing custom Python code packages?

- A. sbt
- B. CRAN
- C. CRAM
- D. nom
- E. Wheels
- F. jars

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 131

A junior data engineer on your team has implemented the following code block.

```
MERGE INTO events
USING new_events
ON events.event_id = new_events.event_id
WHEN NOT MATCHED
    INSERT *
```

The view new_events contains a batch of records with the same schema as the events Delta table. The event_id field serves as a unique key for this table. When this query is executed, what will happen with new records that have the same event_id as an existing record?

- A. They are merged.
- B. They are ignored.
- C. They are updated.
- D. They are inserted.
- E. They are deleted.

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it describes what will happen with new records that have the same event_id as an existing record when the query is executed. The query uses the INSERT INTO command to append new records from the view new_events to the table events. However, the INSERT INTO command does not check for duplicate values in the primary key column (event_id) and does not perform any update or delete operations on existing records. Therefore, if there are new records that have the same event_id as an existing record, they will be ignored and not inserted into the table events. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under “Delta Lake” section; Databricks Documentation, under “Append data using INSERT INTO” section.

"If none of the WHEN MATCHED conditions evaluate to true for a source and target row pair that matches the merge_condition, then the target row is left unchanged." https://docs.databricks.com/en/sql/language-manual/delta-merge-into.html#:~:text=If%20none%20of%20the%20WHEN%20MATCHED%20conditions%20evaluate%20to%20true%20for%20a%20source%20and%20target%20row%20pair%20that%20matches%20the%20merge_condition%2C%20then%20the%20target%20row%20is%20left%20unchanged.

NEW QUESTION 134

Which is a key benefit of an end-to-end test?

- A. It closely simulates real world usage of your application.
- B. It pinpoint errors in the building blocks of your application.
- C. It provides testing coverage for all code paths and branches.
- D. It makes it easier to automate your test suite

Answer: A

Explanation:

End-to-end testing is a methodology used to test whether the flow of an application, from start to finish, behaves as expected. The key benefit of an end-to-end test is that it closely simulates real-world, user behavior, ensuring that the system as a whole operates correctly.

References:

? Software Testing: End-to-End Testing

NEW QUESTION 136

The data governance team is reviewing user for deleting records for compliance with GDPR. The following logic has been implemented to propagate deleted requests from the user_lookup table to the user aggregate table.

```
(spark.read
  .format("delta")
  .option("readChangeData", True)
  .option("startingTimestamp", '2021-08-22 00:00:00')
  .option("endingTimestamp", '2021-08-29 00:00:00')
  .table("user_lookup")
  .createOrReplaceTempView("changes"))

spark.sql("""
  DELETE FROM user_aggregates
  WHERE user_id IN (
    SELECT user_id
    FROM changes
    WHERE _change_type='delete'
  )
""")
```

Assuming that user_id is a unique identifying key and that all users have requested deletion have been removed from the user_lookup table, which statement describes whether successfully executing the above logic guarantees that the records to be deleted from the user_aggregates table are no longer accessible and why?

- A. No: files containing deleted records may still be accessible with time travel until a VACUUM command is used to remove invalidated data files.
- B. Yes: Delta Lake ACID guarantees provide assurance that the DELETE command succeeded fully and permanently purged these records.
- C. No: the change data feed only tracks inserts and updates not deleted records.
- D. No: the Delta Lake DELETE command only provides ACID guarantees when combined with the MERGE INTO command

Answer: A

Explanation:

The DELETE operation in Delta Lake is ACID compliant, which means that once the operation is successful, the records are logically removed from the table. However, the underlying files that contained these records may still exist and be accessible via time travel to older versions of the table. To ensure that these records are physically removed and compliance with GDPR is maintained, a VACUUM command should be used to clean up these data files after a certain retention period. The VACUUM command will remove the files from the storage layer, and after this, the records will no longer be accessible.

NEW QUESTION 137

Where in the Spark UI can one diagnose a performance problem induced by not leveraging predicate push-down?

- A. In the Executor's log file, by grepping for "predicate push-down"
- B. In the Stage's Detail screen, in the Completed Stages table, by noting the size of data read from the Input column
- C. In the Storage Detail screen, by noting which RDDs are not stored on disk
- D. In the Delta Lake transaction log
- E. by noting the column statistics
- F. In the Query Detail screen, by interpreting the Physical Plan

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it is where in the Spark UI one can diagnose a performance problem induced by not leveraging predicate push-down. Predicate push-down is an optimization technique that allows filtering data at the source before loading it into memory or processing it further. This can improve performance and reduce I/O costs by avoiding reading unnecessary data. To leverage predicate push-down, one should use supported data sources and formats, such as Delta Lake, Parquet, or JDBC, and use filter expressions that can be pushed down to the source. To diagnose a performance problem induced by not leveraging predicate push-down, one can use the Spark UI to access the Query Detail screen, which shows information about a SQL query executed on a Spark cluster. The Query Detail screen includes the Physical Plan, which is the actual plan executed by Spark to perform the query. The Physical Plan shows the physical operators used by Spark, such as Scan, Filter, Project, or Aggregate, and their input and output statistics, such as rows and bytes. By interpreting the Physical Plan, one can see if the filter expressions are pushed down to the source or not, and how much data is read or processed by each operator. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Spark Core" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Predicate pushdown" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Query detail page" section.

NEW QUESTION 140

A small company based in the United States has recently contracted a consulting firm in India to implement several new data engineering pipelines to power artificial intelligence applications. All the company's data is stored in regional cloud storage in the United States.

The workspace administrator at the company is uncertain about where the Databricks workspace used by the contractors should be deployed.

Assuming that all data governance considerations are accounted for, which statement accurately informs this decision?

- A. Databricks runs HDFS on cloud volume storage; as such, cloud virtual machines must be deployed in the region where the data is stored.
- B. Databricks workspaces do not rely on any regional infrastructure; as such, the decision should be made based upon what is most convenient for the workspace administrator.
- C. Cross-region reads and writes can incur significant costs and latency; whenever possible, compute should be deployed in the same region the data is stored.
- D. Databricks leverages user workstations as the driver during interactive development; as such, users should always use a workspace deployed in a region they are physically near.
- E. Databricks notebooks send all executable code from the user's browser to virtual machines over the open internet; whenever possible, choosing a workspace region near the end users is the most secure.

Answer: C

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it accurately informs this decision. The decision is about where the Databricks workspace used by the contractors should be deployed. The contractors are based in India, while all the company's data is stored in regional cloud storage in the United States. When choosing a region for deploying a Databricks workspace, one of the important factors to consider is the proximity to the data sources and sinks. Cross-region reads and writes can incur significant costs and latency due to network bandwidth and data transfer fees. Therefore, whenever possible, compute should be deployed in the same region the data is stored to optimize performance and reduce costs. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Databricks Workspace" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Choose a region" section.

NEW QUESTION 141

An external object storage container has been mounted to the location /mnt/finance_eda_bucket.

The following logic was executed to create a database for the finance team:

After the database was successfully created and permissions configured, a member of the finance team runs the following code:

If all users on the finance team are members of the finance group, which statement describes how the tx_sales table will be created?

- A. A logical table will persist the query plan to the Hive Metastore in the Databricks control plane.
- B. An external table will be created in the storage container mounted to /mnt/finance_eda_bucket.
- C. A logical table will persist the physical plan to the Hive Metastore in the Databricks control plane.
- D. An managed table will be created in the storage container mounted to /mnt/finance_eda_bucket.
- E. A managed table will be created in the DBFS root storage container.

Answer: A

Explanation:

<https://docs.databricks.com/en/lakehouse/data-objects.html>

NEW QUESTION 146

Each configuration below is identical to the extent that each cluster has 400 GB total of RAM, 160 total cores and only one Executor per VM.

Given a job with at least one wide transformation, which of the following cluster configurations will result in maximum performance?

- A. • Total VMs; 1 • 400 GB per Executor • 160 Cores / Executor
- B. • Total VMs: 8 • 50 GB per Executor • 20 Cores / Executor
- C. • Total VMs: 4 • 100 GB per Executor • 40 Cores/Executor
- D. • Total VMs: 2 • 200 GB per Executor • 80 Cores / Executor

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it is the cluster configuration that will result in maximum performance for a job with at least one wide transformation. A wide transformation is a type of transformation that requires shuffling data across partitions, such as join, groupBy, or orderBy. Shuffling can be expensive and time-consuming, especially if there are too many or too few partitions. Therefore, it is important to choose a cluster configuration that can balance the trade-off between parallelism and network overhead. In this case, having 8 VMs with 50 GB per executor and 20 cores per executor will create 8 partitions, each with enough memory and CPU resources to handle the shuffling efficiently. Having fewer VMs with more memory and cores per executor will create fewer partitions, which will reduce parallelism and increase the size of each shuffle block. Having more VMs with less memory and cores per executor will create more partitions, which will increase parallelism but also increase the network overhead and the number of shuffle files. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Performance Tuning" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Cluster configurations" section.

NEW QUESTION 149

All records from an Apache Kafka producer are being ingested into a single Delta Lake table with the following schema:

key BINARY, value BINARY, topic STRING, partition LONG, offset LONG, timestamp LONG

There are 5 unique topics being ingested. Only the "registration" topic contains Personal Identifiable Information (PII). The company wishes to restrict access to PII. The company also wishes to only retain records containing PII in this table for 14 days after initial ingestion. However, for non-PII information, it would like to retain these records indefinitely.

Which of the following solutions meets the requirements?

- A. All data should be deleted biweekly; Delta Lake's time travel functionality should be leveraged to maintain a history of non-PII information.
- B. Data should be partitioned by the registration field, allowing ACLs and delete statements to be set for the PII directory.
- C. Because the value field is stored as binary data, this information is not considered PII and no special precautions should be taken.
- D. Separate object storage containers should be specified based on the partition field, allowing isolation at the storage level.
- E. Data should be partitioned by the topic field, allowing ACLs and delete statements to leverage partition boundaries.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Partitioning the data by the topic field allows the company to apply different access control policies and retention policies for different topics. For example, the company can use the Table Access Control feature to grant or revoke permissions to the registration topic based on user roles or groups. The company can also use the DELETE command to remove records from the registration topic that are older than 14 days, while keeping the records from other topics indefinitely. Partitioning by the topic field also improves the performance of queries that filter by the topic field, as they can skip reading irrelevant partitions. References:

? Table Access Control: <https://docs.databricks.com/security/access-control/table-acls/index.html>

? DELETE: <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-update.html#delete-from-a-table>

NEW QUESTION 154

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