



Databricks

Exam Questions Databricks-Certified-Professional-Data-Engineer

Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional Exam

NEW QUESTION 1

A Databricks job has been configured with 3 tasks, each of which is a Databricks notebook. Task A does not depend on other tasks. Tasks B and C run in parallel, with each having a serial dependency on Task A.

If task A fails during a scheduled run, which statement describes the results of this run?

- A. Because all tasks are managed as a dependency graph, no changes will be committed to the Lakehouse until all tasks have successfully been completed.
- B. Tasks B and C will attempt to run as configured; any changes made in task A will be rolled back due to task failure.
- C. Unless all tasks complete successfully, no changes will be committed to the Lakehouse; because task A failed, all commits will be rolled back automatically.
- D. Tasks B and C will be skipped; some logic expressed in task A may have been committed before task failure.
- E. Tasks B and C will be skipped; task A will not commit any changes because of stage failure.

Answer: D

Explanation:

When a Databricks job runs multiple tasks with dependencies, the tasks are executed in a dependency graph. If a task fails, the downstream tasks that depend on it are skipped and marked as Upstream failed. However, the failed task may have already committed some changes to the Lakehouse before the failure occurred, and those changes are not rolled back automatically. Therefore, the job run may result in a partial update of the Lakehouse. To avoid this, you can use the transactional writes feature of Delta Lake to ensure that the changes are only committed when the entire job run succeeds.

Alternatively, you can use the Run if condition to configure tasks to run even when some or all of their dependencies have failed, allowing your job to recover from failures and

continue running. References:

? transactional writes: <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-intro.html#transactional-writes>

? Run if: <https://docs.databricks.com/en/workflows/jobs/conditional-tasks.html>

NEW QUESTION 2

An upstream source writes Parquet data as hourly batches to directories named with the current date. A nightly batch job runs the following code to ingest all data from the previous day as indicated by the date variable:

```
(spark.read
  .format("parquet")
  .load(f"/mnt/raw_orders/{date}")
  .dropDuplicates(["customer_id", "order_id"])
  .write
  .mode("append")
  .saveAsTable("orders")
)
```

Assume that the fields customer_id and order_id serve as a composite key to uniquely identify each order.

If the upstream system is known to occasionally produce duplicate entries for a single order hours apart, which statement is correct?

- A. Each write to the orders table will only contain unique records, and only those records without duplicates in the target table will be written.
- B. Each write to the orders table will only contain unique records, but newly written records may have duplicates already present in the target table.
- C. Each write to the orders table will only contain unique records; if existing records with the same key are present in the target table, these records will be overwritten.
- D. Each write to the orders table will only contain unique records; if existing records with the same key are present in the target table, the operation will fail.
- E. Each write to the orders table will run deduplication over the union of new and existing records, ensuring no duplicate records are present.

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because the code uses the dropDuplicates method to remove any duplicate records within each batch of data before writing to the orders table. However, this method does not check for duplicates across different batches or in the target table, so it is possible that newly written records may have duplicates already present in the target table. To avoid this, a better approach would be to use Delta Lake and perform an upsert operation using mergeInto. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "DROP DUPLICATES" section.

NEW QUESTION 3

In order to facilitate near real-time workloads, a data engineer is creating a helper function to leverage the schema detection and evolution functionality of Databricks Auto Loader. The desired function will automatically detect the schema of the source directly, incrementally process JSON files as they arrive in a source directory, and automatically evolve the schema of the table when new fields are detected.

The function is displayed below with a blank:

Which response correctly fills in the blank to meet the specified requirements?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

Option B correctly fills in the blank to meet the specified requirements. Option B uses the "cloudFiles.schemaLocation" option, which is required for the schema detection and evolution functionality of Databricks Auto Loader. Additionally, option B uses the "mergeSchema" option, which is required for the schema evolution functionality of Databricks Auto Loader. Finally, option B uses the "writeStream" method, which is required for the incremental processing of JSON files as they

arrive in a source directory. The other options are incorrect because they either omit the required options, use the wrong method, or use the wrong format.
References:

? Configure schema inference and evolution in Auto Loader:

<https://docs.databricks.com/en/ingestion/auto-loader/schema.html>

? Write streaming data: <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/structured-streaming/writing-streaming-data.html>

NEW QUESTION 4

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 5

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 alone 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 6

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 7

A junior data engineer has configured a workload that posts the following JSON to the Databricks REST API endpoint 2.0/jobs/create.

```
{
  "name": "Ingest new data",
  "existing_cluster_id": "6015-954420-peace720",
  "notebook_task": {
    "notebook_path": "/Prod/ingest.py"
  }
}
```

Assuming that all configurations and referenced resources are available, which statement describes the result of executing this workload three times?

- A. Three new jobs named "Ingest new data" will be defined in the workspace, and they will each run once daily.
- B. The logic defined in the referenced notebook will be executed three times on new clusters with the configurations of the provided cluster ID.
- C. Three new jobs named "Ingest new data" will be defined in the workspace, but no jobs will be executed.
- D. One new job named "Ingest new data" will be defined in the workspace, but it will not be executed.
- E. The logic defined in the referenced notebook will be executed three times on the referenced existing all purpose cluster.

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because the JSON posted to the Databricks REST API endpoint `2.0/jobs/create` defines a new job with a name, an existing cluster id, and a notebook task. However, it does not specify any schedule or trigger for the job execution. Therefore, three new jobs with the same name and configuration will be created in the workspace, but none of them will be executed until they are manually triggered or scheduled. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Monitoring & Logging" section; [Databricks Documentation], under "Jobs API - Create" section.

NEW QUESTION 8

A Delta Lake table was created with the below query:

Realizing that the original query had a typographical error, the below code was executed: `ALTER TABLE prod.sales_by_stor RENAME TO prod.sales_by_store`
Which result will occur after running the second command?

- A. The table reference in the metastore is updated and no data is changed.
- B. The table name change is recorded in the Delta transaction log.
- C. All related files and metadata are dropped and recreated in a single ACID transaction.
- D. The table reference in the metastore is updated and all data files are moved.
- E. A new Delta transaction log is created for the renamed table.

Answer: A

Explanation:

The query uses the `CREATE TABLE USING DELTA` syntax to create a Delta Lake table from an existing Parquet file stored in DBFS. The query also uses the `LOCATION` keyword to specify the path to the Parquet file as `/mnt/finance_edata_bucket/tx_sales.parquet`. By using the `LOCATION` keyword, the query creates an external table, which 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 from an existing directory in a cloud storage system, such as DBFS or S3, that contains data files in a supported format, such as Parquet or CSV. The result that will occur after running the second command is that the table reference in the metastore is updated and no data is changed. The metastore is a service that stores metadata about tables, such as their schema, location, properties, and partitions. The metastore allows users to access tables using SQL commands or Spark APIs without knowing their physical location or format. When renaming an external table using the `ALTER TABLE RENAME TO` command, only the table reference in the metastore is updated with the new name; no data files or directories are moved or changed in the storage system. The table will still point to the same location and use the same format as before. However, if renaming a managed table, which is a table whose metadata and data are both managed by Databricks, both the table reference in the metastore and the data files in the default warehouse directory are moved and renamed accordingly. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "ALTER TABLE RENAME TO" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Metastore" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Managed and external tables" section.

NEW QUESTION 9

A data engineer is testing a collection of mathematical functions, one of which calculates the area under a curve as described by another function. Which kind of the test does the above line exemplify?

- A. Integration
- B. Unit
- C. Manual
- D. functional

Answer: B

Explanation:

A unit test is designed to verify the correctness of a small, isolated piece of code, typically a single function. Testing a mathematical function that calculates the area under a curve is an example of a unit test because it is testing a specific, individual function to ensure it operates as expected.

References:

? Software Testing Fundamentals: Unit Testing

NEW QUESTION 10

A junior data engineer is migrating a workload from a relational database system to the Databricks Lakehouse. The source system uses a star schema, leveraging foreign key constraints and multi-table inserts to validate records on write.

Which consideration will impact the decisions made by the engineer while migrating this workload?

- A. All Delta Lake transactions are ACID compliance against a single table, and Databricks does not enforce foreign key constraints.
- B. Databricks only allows foreign key constraints on hashed identifiers, which avoid collisions in highly-parallel writes.

- C. Foreign keys must reference a primary key field; multi-table inserts must leverage Delta Lake's upsert functionality.
D. Committing to multiple tables simultaneously requires taking out multiple table locks and can lead to a state of deadlock.

Answer: A

Explanation:

In Databricks and Delta Lake, transactions are indeed ACID-compliant, but this compliance is limited to single table transactions. Delta Lake does not inherently enforce foreign key constraints, which are a staple in relational database systems for maintaining referential integrity between tables. This means that when migrating workloads from a relational database system to Databricks Lakehouse, engineers need to reconsider how to maintain data integrity and relationships that were previously enforced by foreign key constraints. Unlike traditional relational databases where foreign key constraints help in maintaining the consistency across tables, in Databricks Lakehouse, the data engineer has to manage data consistency and integrity at the application level or through careful design of ETL processes. References:

? Databricks Documentation on Delta Lake: Delta Lake Guide

? Databricks Documentation on ACID Transactions in Delta Lake: ACID Transactions in Delta Lake

NEW QUESTION 10

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 15

What statement is true regarding the retention of job run history?

- A. It is retained until you export or delete job run logs
B. It is retained for 30 days, during which time you can deliver job run logs to DBFS or S3
C. It is retained for 60 days, during which you can export notebook run results to HTML
D. It is retained for 60 days, after which logs are archived
E. It is retained for 90 days or until the run-id is re-used through custom run configuration

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 20

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 24

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 29

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 34

When evaluating the Ganglia Metrics for a given cluster with 3 executor nodes, which indicator would signal proper utilization of the VM's resources?

- A. The five Minute Load Average remains consistent/flat
- B. Bytes Received never exceeds 80 million bytes per second
- C. Network I/O never spikes
- D. Total Disk Space remains constant
- E. CPU Utilization is around 75%

Answer: E

Explanation:

In the context of cluster performance and resource utilization, a CPU utilization rate of around 75% is generally considered a good indicator of efficient resource usage. This level of CPU utilization suggests that the cluster is being effectively used without being overburdened or underutilized.

? A consistent 75% CPU utilization indicates that the cluster's processing power is being effectively employed while leaving some headroom to handle spikes in workload or additional tasks without maxing out the CPU, which could lead to performance degradation.

? A five Minute Load Average that remains consistent/flat (Option A) might indicate underutilization or a bottleneck elsewhere.

? Monitoring network I/O (Options B and C) is important, but these metrics alone don't provide a complete picture of resource utilization efficiency.

? Total Disk Space (Option D) remaining constant is not necessarily an indicator of proper resource utilization, as it's more related to storage rather than computational efficiency.

References:

? Ganglia Monitoring System: Ganglia Documentation

? Databricks Documentation on Monitoring: Databricks Cluster Monitoring

NEW QUESTION 36

What is a method of installing a Python package scoped at the notebook level to all nodes in the currently active cluster?

- A. Use &Pip install in a notebook cell
- B. Run source env/bin/activate in a notebook setup script
- C. Install libraries from PyPi using the cluster UI
- D. Use &sh install in a notebook cell

Answer: C

Explanation:

Installing a Python package scoped at the notebook level to all nodes in the currently active cluster in Databricks can be achieved by using the Libraries tab in the cluster UI. This interface allows you to install libraries across all nodes in the cluster. While the %pip command in a notebook cell would only affect the driver node, using the cluster UI ensures that the package is installed on all nodes.

References:

? Databricks Documentation on Libraries: Libraries

NEW QUESTION 37

The data science team has created and logged a production model using MLflow. The following code correctly imports and applies the production model to output the predictions as a new DataFrame named preds with the schema "customer_id LONG, predictions DOUBLE, date DATE".

```
from pyspark.sql.functions import current_date

model = mlflow.pyfunc.spark_udf(spark, model_uri="models:/churn/prod")
df = spark.table("customers")
columns = ["account_age", "time_since_last_seen", "app_rating"]
preds = (df.select(
    "customer_id",
    model(*columns).alias("predictions"),
    current_date().alias("date")
))
```

The data science team would like predictions saved to a Delta Lake table with the ability to compare all predictions across time. Churn predictions will be made at most once per day.

Which code block accomplishes this task while minimizing potential compute costs?

A) preds.write.mode("append").saveAsTable("churn_preds")

B) preds.write.format("delta").save("/preds/churn_preds")

C)

```
(preds.writeStream
    .outputMode("overwrite")
    .option("checkpointPath", "/_checkpoints/churn_preds")
    .start("/preds/churn_preds")
)
```

D)

```
(preds.write
    .format("delta")
    .mode("overwrite")
    .saveAsTable("churn_preds")
)
```

E)

```
(preds.writeStream
    .outputMode("append")
    .option("checkpointPath", "/_checkpoints/churn_preds")
    .table("churn_preds")
)
```

A. Option A

B. Option B

C. Option C

D. Option D

E. Option E

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 42

The data science team has created and logged a production using MLFlow. The model accepts a list of column names and returns a new column of type DOUBLE. The following code correctly imports the production model, load the customer table containing the customer_id key column into a Dataframe, and defines the feature columns needed for the model.

```
model = mlflow.pyfunc.spark_udf(spark,
model_uri="models:/churn/prod")

df = spark.table("customers")

columns = ["account_age", "time_since_last_seen", "app_rating"]
```

Which code block will output DataFrame with the schema" customer_id LONG, predictions DOUBLE"?

A. Model, predict (df, columns)

B. Df, map (lambda k:midel (x [columns]) ,select ("customer_id predictions")

C. D

D. Select ("customer_id". Model ("columns) alias ("predictions")

E. Df.apply(model, columns). Select ("customer_id, prediction"

Answer: A

Explanation:

Given the information that the model is registered with MLflow and assuming predict is the method used to apply the model to a set of columns, we use the model.predict() function to apply the model to the DataFrame df using the specified columns. The model.predict() function is designed to take in a DataFrame and a list of column names as arguments, applying the trained model to these features to produce a predictions column. When working with PySpark, this predictions column needs to be selected alongside the customer_id to create a new DataFrame with the schema customer_id LONG, predictions DOUBLE.

References:

? MLflow documentation on using Python function models: <https://www.mlflow.org/docs/latest/models.html#python-function-python>

? PySpark MLlib documentation on model prediction: <https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/ml-pipeline.html#pipeline>

NEW QUESTION 46

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

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 52

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_sales table 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 53

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 54

The following table consists of items found in user carts within an e-commerce website.

```
Carts (id LONG, items ARRAY<STRUCT<id: LONG, count: INT>>)  
id  items                                     email  
1001[{"id: "DESK65", count: 1}]              "u1@domain.com"  
1002[{"id: "HYSD45", count: 1}, {"id: "M27", count: 2}] "u2@domain.com"  
1003[{"id: "M27", count: 1}]                  "u3@domain.com"
```

The following MERGE statement is used to update this table using an updates view, with schema evaluation enabled on this table.

```
MERGE INTO carts c  
USING updates u  
ON c.id = u.id  
WHEN MATCHED  
  THEN UPDATE SET *  
  
How would the following update be handled?  
  
(new nested field, missing existing column)  
id  items  
1001[{"id: "DESK65", count: 2, coupon: "BOGO50"}]
```

How would the following update be handled?

- A. The update is moved to separate "restored" column because it is missing a column expected in the target schema.
- B. The new restored field is added to the target schema, and dynamically read as NULL for existing unmatched records.
- C. The update throws an error because changes to existing columns in the target schema are not supported.
- D. The new nested field is added to the target schema, and files underlying existing records are updated to include NULL values for the new field.

Answer: D

Explanation:

With schema evolution enabled in Databricks Delta tables, when a new field is added to a record through a MERGE operation, Databricks automatically modifies the table schema to include the new field. In existing records where this new field is not present, Databricks will insert NULL values for that field. This ensures that the schema remains consistent across all records in the table, with the new field being present in every record, even if it is NULL for records that did not originally include it.

References:

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

NEW QUESTION 59

The data engineering team maintains the following code:

```
import pyspark.sql.functions as F

(spark.table("silver_customer_sales")
 .groupBy("customer_id")
 .agg(
     F.min("sale_date").alias("first_transaction_date"),
     F.max("sale_date").alias("last_transaction_date"),
     F.mean("sale_total").alias("average_sales"),
     F.countDistinct("order_id").alias("total_orders"),
     F.sum("sale_total").alias("lifetime_value")
 ).write
 .mode("overwrite")
 .table("gold_customer_lifetime_sales_summary")
 )
```

Assuming that this code produces logically correct results and the data in the source table has been de-duplicated and validated, which statement describes what will occur when this code is executed?

- A. The silver_customer_sales table will be overwritten by aggregated values calculated from all records in the gold_customer_lifetime_sales_summary table as a batch job.
- B. A batch job will update the gold_customer_lifetime_sales_summary table, replacing only those rows that have different values than the current version of the table, using customer_id as the primary key.
- C. The gold_customer_lifetime_sales_summary table will be overwritten by aggregated values calculated from all records in the silver_customer_sales table as a batch job.
- D. An incremental job will leverage running information in the state store to update aggregate values in the gold_customer_lifetime_sales_summary table.
- E. An incremental job will detect if new rows have been written to the silver_customer_sales table; if new rows are detected, all aggregates will be recalculated and used to overwrite the gold_customer_lifetime_sales_summary table.

Answer: C

Explanation:

This code is using the pyspark.sql.functions library to group the silver_customer_sales table by customer_id and then aggregate the data using the minimum sale date, maximum sale total, and sum of distinct order ids. The resulting aggregated data is then written to the gold_customer_lifetime_sales_summary table, overwriting any existing data in that table. This is a batch job that does not use any incremental or streaming logic, and does not perform any merge or update operations. Therefore, the code will overwrite the gold table with the aggregated values from the silver table every time it is executed. References:

? <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/dataframes-datasets/introduction-to-dataframes-python.html>

? <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/dataframes-datasets/transforming-data-with-dataframes.html>

? <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/dataframes-datasets/aggregating-data-with-dataframes.html>

NEW QUESTION 64

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 68

A junior developer complains that the code in their notebook isn't producing the correct results in the development environment. A shared screenshot reveals that while they're using a notebook versioned with Databricks Repos, they're using a personal branch that contains old logic. The desired branch named dev-2.3.9 is not available from the branch selection dropdown.

Which approach will allow this developer to review the current logic for this notebook?

- A. Use Repos to make a pull request use the Databricks REST API to update the current branch to dev-2.3.9
- B. Use Repos to pull changes from the remote Git repository and select the dev-2.3.9 branch.
- C. Use Repos to checkout the dev-2.3.9 branch and auto-resolve conflicts with the current branch
- D. Merge all changes back to the main branch in the remote Git repository and clone the repo again
- E. Use Repos to merge the current branch and the dev-2.3.9 branch, then make a pull request to sync with the remote repository

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it will allow the developer to update their local repository with the latest changes from the remote repository and switch to the desired branch. Pulling changes will not affect the current branch or create any conflicts, as it will only fetch the changes and not merge them. Selecting the dev-2.3.9 branch from the dropdown will checkout that branch and display its contents in the notebook. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Databricks Tooling" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Pull changes from a remote repository" section.

NEW QUESTION 73

A data engineer, User A, has promoted a new pipeline to production by using the REST API to programmatically create several jobs. A DevOps engineer, User B, has configured an external orchestration tool to trigger job runs through the REST API. Both users authorized the REST API calls using their personal access tokens.

Which statement describes the contents of the workspace audit logs concerning these events?

- A. Because the REST API was used for job creation and triggering runs, a Service Principal will be automatically used to identity these events.
- B. Because User B last configured the jobs, their identity will be associated with both the job creation events and the job run events.
- C. Because these events are managed separately, User A will have their identity associated with the job creation events and User B will have their identity associated with the job run events.
- D. Because the REST API was used for job creation and triggering runs, user identity will not be captured in the audit logs.
- E. Because User A created the jobs, their identity will be associated with both the job creation events and the job run events.

Answer: C

Explanation:

The events are that a data engineer, User A, has promoted a new pipeline to production by using the REST API to programmatically create several jobs, and a DevOps engineer, User B, has configured an external orchestration tool to trigger job runs through the REST API. Both users authorized the REST API calls using their personal access tokens. The workspace audit logs are logs that record user activities in a Databricks workspace, such as creating, updating, or deleting objects like clusters, jobs, notebooks, or tables. The workspace audit logs also capture the identity of the user who performed each activity, as well as the time and details of the activity. Because these events are managed separately, User A will have their identity associated with the job creation events and User B will have their identity associated with the job run events in the workspace audit logs. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Databricks Workspace" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Workspace audit logs" section.

NEW QUESTION 74

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 75

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 80

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 83

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 85

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

The DevOps team has configured a production workload as a collection of notebooks scheduled to run daily using the Jobs UI. A new data engineering hire is onboarding to the team and has requested access to one of these notebooks to review the production logic.

What are the maximum notebook permissions that can be granted to the user without allowing accidental changes to production code or data?

- A. Can manage
- B. Can edit
- C. Can run
- D. Can Read

Answer: D

Explanation:

Granting a user 'Can Read' permissions on a notebook within Databricks allows them to view the notebook's content without the ability to execute or edit it. This level of permission ensures that the new team member can review the production logic for learning or auditing purposes without the risk of altering the notebook's code or affecting production data and workflows. This approach aligns with best practices for maintaining security and integrity in production environments, where strict access controls are essential to prevent unintended modifications. References: Databricks documentation on access control and permissions for notebooks within the workspace (<https://docs.databricks.com/security/access-control/workspace-acl.html>).

NEW QUESTION 96

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 spar configuration property is set for an interactive to the same interactive cluster.
- C. Spark configuration set within an 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 100

A member of the data engineering team has submitted a short notebook that they wish to schedule as part of a larger data pipeline. Assume that the commands provided below produce the logically correct results when run as presented.

```
Cmd 1

rawDF = spark.table("raw_data")

Cmd 2

rawDF.printSchema()

Cmd 3

flattenedDF = rawDF.select("?", "values.*")

Cmd 4

finalDF = flattenedDF.drop("values")

Cmd 5

display(finalDF)

Cmd 6

finalDF.write.mode("append").saveAsTable("flat_data")
```

Which command should be removed from the notebook before scheduling it as a job?

- A. Cmd 2
- B. Cmd 3
- C. Cmd 4
- D. Cmd 5
- E. Cmd 6

Answer: E

Explanation:

Cmd 6 is the command that should be removed from the notebook before scheduling it as a job. This command is selecting all the columns from the finalDF dataframe and displaying them in the notebook. This is not necessary for the job, as the finalDF dataframe is already written to a table in Cmd 7. Displaying the dataframe in the notebook will only consume resources and time, and it will not affect the output of the job. Therefore, Cmd 6 is redundant and should be removed. The other commands are essential for the job, as they perform the following tasks:

? Cmd 1: Reads the raw_data table into a Spark dataframe called rawDF.

? Cmd 2: Prints the schema of the rawDF dataframe, which is useful for debugging and understanding the data structure.

? Cmd 3: Selects all the columns from the rawDF dataframe, as well as the nested columns from the values struct column, and creates a new dataframe called flattenedDF.

? Cmd 4: Drops the values column from the flattenedDF dataframe, as it is no longer needed after flattening, and creates a new dataframe called finalDF.

? Cmd 5: Explains the physical plan of the finalDF dataframe, which is useful for optimizing and tuning the performance of the job.

? Cmd 7: Writes the finalDF dataframe to a table called flat_data, using the append mode to add new data to the existing table.

NEW QUESTION 105

An upstream system is emitting change data capture (CDC) logs that are being written to a cloud object storage directory. Each record in the log indicates the change type (insert, update, or delete) and the values for each field after the change. The source table has a primary key identified by the field pk_id.

For auditing purposes, the data governance team wishes to maintain a full record of all values that have ever been valid in the source system. For analytical purposes, only the most recent value for each record needs to be recorded. The Databricks job to ingest these records occurs once per hour, but each individual record may have changed multiple times over the course of an hour.

Which solution meets these requirements?

A. Create a separate history table for each pk_id resolve the current state of the table by running a union all filtering the history tables for the most recent state.

B. Use merge into to insert, update, or delete the most recent entry for each pk_id into a bronze table, then propagate all changes throughout the system.

C. Iterate through an ordered set of changes to the table, applying each in turn; rely on Delta Lake's versioning ability to create an audit log.

D. Use Delta Lake's change data feed to automatically process CDC data from an external system, propagating all changes to all dependent tables in the Lakehouse.

E. Ingest all log information into a bronze table; use merge into to insert, update, or delete the most recent entry for each pk_id into a silver table to recreate the current table state.

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it meets the requirements of maintaining a full record of all values that have ever been valid in the source system and recreating the current table state with only the most recent value for each record. The code ingests all log information into a bronze table, which preserves the raw CDC data as it is. Then, it uses merge into to perform an upsert operation on a silver table, which means it will insert new records or update or delete existing records based on the change type and the pk_id columns. This way, the silver table will always reflect the current state of the source table, while the bronze table will keep the history of all changes. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Upsert into a table using merge" section.

NEW QUESTION 106

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 110

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 112

A table in the Lakehouse named customer_churn_params is used in churn prediction by the machine learning team. The table contains information about customers derived from a number of upstream sources. Currently, the data engineering team populates this table nightly by overwriting the table with the current valid values derived from upstream data sources.

The churn prediction model used by the ML team is fairly stable in production. The team is only interested in making predictions on records that have changed in the past 24 hours.

Which approach would simplify the identification of these changed records?

- A. Apply the churn model to all rows in the customer_churn_params table, but implement logic to perform an upsert into the predictions table that ignores rows where predictions have not changed.
- B. Convert the batch job to a Structured Streaming job using the complete output mode; configure a Structured Streaming job to read from the customer_churn_params table and incrementally predict against the churn model.
- C. Calculate the difference between the previous model predictions and the current customer_churn_params on a key identifying unique customers before making new predictions; only make predictions on those customers not in the previous predictions.
- D. Modify the overwrite logic to include a field populated by calling spark.sql.functions.current_timestamp() as data are being written; use this field to identify records written on a particular date.
- E. Replace the current overwrite logic with a merge statement to modify only those records that have changed; write logic to make predictions on the changed records identified by the change data feed.

Answer: E

Explanation:

The approach that would simplify the identification of the changed records is to replace the current overwrite logic with a merge statement to modify only those records that have changed, and write logic to make predictions on the changed records identified by the change data feed. This approach leverages the Delta Lake features of merge and change data feed, which are designed to handle upserts and track row-level changes in a Delta table¹². By using merge, the data engineering team can avoid overwriting the entire table every night, and only update or insert the records that have changed in the source data. By using change data feed, the ML team can easily access the change events that have occurred in the customer_churn_params table, and filter them by operation type (update or insert) and timestamp. This way, they can only make predictions on the records that have changed in the past 24 hours, and avoid re-processing the unchanged records. The other options are not as simple or efficient as the proposed approach, because:

? Option A would require applying the churn model to all rows in the customer_churn_params table, which would be wasteful and redundant. It would also require implementing logic to perform an upsert into the predictions table, which would be more complex than using the merge statement.

? Option B would require converting the batch job to a Structured Streaming job, which would involve changing the data ingestion and processing logic. It would also require using the complete output mode, which would output the entire result table every time there is a change in the source data, which would be inefficient and costly.

? Option C would require calculating the difference between the previous model predictions and the current customer_churn_params on a key identifying unique customers, which would be computationally expensive and prone to errors. It would also require storing and accessing the previous predictions, which would add extra storage and I/O costs.

? Option D would require modifying the overwrite logic to include a field populated by calling spark.sql.functions.current_timestamp() as data are being written, which would add extra complexity and overhead to the data engineering job. It would also require using this field to identify records written on a particular date, which would be less accurate and reliable than using the change data feed.

References: Merge, Change data feed

NEW QUESTION 116

The data science team has requested assistance in accelerating queries on free form text from user reviews. The data is currently stored in Parquet with the below schema:

item_id INT, user_id INT, review_id INT, rating FLOAT, review STRING

The review column contains the full text of the review left by the user. Specifically, the data science team is looking to identify if any of 30 key words exist in this field.

A junior data engineer suggests converting this data to Delta Lake will improve query performance.

Which response to the junior data engineer's suggestion is correct?

- A. Delta Lake statistics are not optimized for free text fields with high cardinality.
- B. Text data cannot be stored with Delta Lake.
- C. ZORDER ON review will need to be run to see performance gains.
- D. The Delta log creates a term matrix for free text fields to support selective filtering.
- E. Delta Lake statistics are only collected on the first 4 columns in a table.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Converting the data to Delta Lake may not improve query performance on free text fields with high cardinality, such as the review column. This is because Delta Lake collects statistics on the minimum and maximum values of each column, which are not very useful for filtering or skipping data on free text fields. Moreover, Delta Lake collects statistics on the first 32 columns by default, which may not include the review column if the table has more columns. Therefore, the junior data engineer's suggestion is not correct. A better approach would be to use a full-text search engine, such as Elasticsearch, to index and query the review column. Alternatively, you can use natural language processing techniques, such as tokenization, stemming, and lemmatization, to preprocess the review column and create a new column with normalized terms that can be used for filtering or skipping data. References:

? Optimizations: <https://docs.delta.io/latest/optimizations-oss.html>

? Full-text search with Elasticsearch: <https://docs.databricks.com/data/data-sources/elasticsearch.html>

? Natural language processing: <https://docs.databricks.com/applications/nlp/index.html>

NEW QUESTION 119

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

Based on the above schema, which column is a good candidate for partitioning the Delta Table?

- A. Date
- B. Post_id
- C. User_id
- D. Post_time

Answer: A

Explanation:

Partitioning a Delta Lake table improves query performance by organizing data into partitions based on the values of a column. In the given schema, the date column is a good candidate for partitioning for several reasons:

? Time-Based Queries: If queries frequently filter or group by date, partitioning by the date column can significantly improve performance by limiting the amount of data scanned.

? Granularity: The date column likely has a granularity that leads to a reasonable number of partitions (not too many and not too few). This balance is important for optimizing both read and write performance.

? Data Skew: Other columns like post_id or user_id might lead to uneven partition sizes (data skew), which can negatively impact performance.

Partitioning by post_time could also be considered, but typically date is preferred due to its more manageable granularity.

References:

? Delta Lake Documentation on Table Partitioning: Optimizing Layout with Partitioning

NEW QUESTION 123

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 127

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 132

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. pylib.source

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 135

The DevOps team has configured a production workload as a collection of notebooks scheduled to run daily using the Jobs UI. A new data engineering hire is onboarding to the team and has requested access to one of these notebooks to review the production logic.

What are the maximum notebook permissions that can be granted to the user without allowing accidental changes to production code or data?

- A. Can Manage
- B. Can Edit
- C. No permissions
- D. Can Read
- E. Can Run

Answer: C

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it is the maximum notebook permissions that can be granted to the user without allowing accidental changes to production code or data. Notebook permissions are used to control access to notebooks in Databricks workspaces. There are four types of notebook permissions: Can Manage, Can Edit, Can Run, and Can Read. Can Manage allows full control over the notebook, including editing, running, deleting, exporting, and changing permissions. Can Edit allows modifying and running the notebook, but not changing permissions or deleting it. Can Run allows executing commands in an existing cluster attached to the notebook, but not modifying or exporting it. Can Read allows viewing the notebook content, but not running or modifying it. In this case, granting Can Read permission to the user will allow them to review the production logic in the notebook without allowing them to make any changes to it or run any commands that may affect production data. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Databricks Workspace" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Notebook permissions" section.

NEW QUESTION 136

The data governance team is reviewing code used for deleting records for compliance with GDPR. They note the following logic is used to delete records from the Delta Lake table named users.

```
DELETE FROM users
WHERE user_id IN
(SELECT user_id FROM delete_requests)
```

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

- A. Yes; Delta Lake ACID guarantees provide assurance that the delete command succeeded fully and permanently purged these records.
- B. No; the Delta cache may return records from previous versions of the table until the cluster is restarted.
- C. Yes; the Delta cache immediately updates to reflect the latest data files recorded to disk.
- D. No; the Delta Lake delete command only provides ACID guarantees when combined with the merge into command.
- E. No; files containing deleted records may still be accessible with time travel until a vacuum command is used to remove invalidated data files.

Answer: E

Explanation:

The code uses the DELETE FROM command to delete records from the users table that match a condition based on a join with another table called delete_requests, which contains all users that have requested deletion. The DELETE FROM command deletes records from a Delta Lake table by creating a new version of the table that does not contain the deleted records. However, this does not guarantee that the records to be deleted are no longer accessible, because Delta Lake supports time travel, which allows querying previous versions of the table using a timestamp or version number. Therefore, files containing deleted records may still be accessible with time travel until a vacuum command is used to remove invalidated data files from physical storage. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Delete from a table" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Remove files no longer referenced by a Delta table" section.

NEW QUESTION 137

The data engineering team maintains the following code:

```
accountDF = spark.table("accounts")
orderDF = spark.table("orders")
itemDF = spark.table("items")

orderWithItemDF = (orderDF.join(
    itemDF,
    orderDF.itemID == itemDF.itemID)
    .select(
        orderDF.accountID,
        orderDF.itemID,
        itemDF.itemName))

finalDF = (accountDF.join(
    orderWithItemDF,
    accountDF.accountID == orderWithItemDF.accountID)
    .select(
        orderWithItemDF["*"],
        accountDF.city))

(finalDF.write
    .mode("overwrite")
    .table("enriched_itemized_orders_by_account"))
```

Assuming that this code produces logically correct results and the data in the source tables has been de-duplicated and validated, which statement describes what will occur when this code is executed?

- A. A batch job will update the enriched_itemized_orders_by_account table, replacing only those rows that have different values than the current version of the table, using accountID as the primary key.
- B. The enriched_itemized_orders_by_account table will be overwritten using the current valid version of data in each of the three tables referenced in the join logic.

- C. An incremental job will leverage information in the state store to identify unjoined rows in the source tables and write these rows to the enriched_itemized_orders_by_account table.
- D. An incremental job will detect if new rows have been written to any of the source tables; if new rows are detected, all results will be recalculated and used to overwrite the enriched_itemized_orders_by_account table.
- E. No computation will occur until enriched_itemized_orders_by_account is queried; upon query materialization, results will be calculated using the current valid version of data in each of the three tables referenced in the join logic.

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it describes what will occur when this code is executed. The code uses three Delta Lake tables as input sources: accounts, orders, and order_items. These tables are joined together using SQL queries to create a view called new_enriched_itemized_orders_by_account, which contains information about each order item and its associated account details. Then, the code uses write.format("delta").mode("overwrite") to overwrite a target table called enriched_itemized_orders_by_account using the data from the view. This means that every time this code is executed, it will replace all existing data in the target table with new data based on the current valid version of data in each of the three input tables. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Write to Delta tables" section.

NEW QUESTION 140

Which statement describes Delta Lake optimized writes?

- A. A shuffle occurs prior to writing to try to group data together resulting in fewer files instead of each executor writing multiple files based on directory partitions.
- B. Optimized writes logical partitions instead of directory partitions partition boundaries are only represented in metadata fewer small files are written.
- C. An asynchronous job runs after the write completes to detect if files could be further compacted; yes, an OPTIMIZE job is executed toward a default of 1 GB.
- D. Before a job cluster terminates, OPTIMIZE is executed on all tables modified during the most recent job.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Delta Lake optimized writes involve a shuffle operation before writing out data to the Delta table. The shuffle operation groups data by partition keys, which can lead to a reduction in the number of output files and potentially larger files, instead of multiple smaller files. This approach can significantly reduce the total number of files in the table, improve read performance by reducing the metadata overhead, and optimize the table storage layout, especially for workloads with many small files.

References:

? Databricks documentation on Delta Lake performance tuning: <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/optimizations/auto-optimize.html>

NEW QUESTION 145

A nightly job ingests data into a Delta Lake table using the following code:

```
from pyspark.sql.functions import current_timestamp, input_file_name, col
from pyspark.sql.column import Column

def ingest_daily_batch(time_col: Column, year:int, month:int, day:int):
    (spark.read
     .format("parquet")
     .load(f"/mnt/daily_batch/{year}/{month}/{day}")
     .select("time_col.alias('ingest_time'),
            input_file_name().alias('source_file')
            )
     .write
     .mode("append")
     .saveAsTable("bronze"))
```

The next step in the pipeline requires a function that returns an object that can be used to manipulate new records that have not yet been processed to the next table in the pipeline.

Which code snippet completes this function definition? def new_records():

- A. return spark.readStream.table("bronze")
- B. return spark.readStream.load("bronze")
- C. return (spark.read
 .table("bronze")
 .filter(col("ingest_time") == current_timestamp())
)
- D. return
spark.read.option("readChangeFeed", "true").table ("bronze")
- E. return (spark.read
 .table("bronze")
 .filter(col("source_file") == f"/mnt/daily_batch/{year}/{month}/{day}")
)

Answer: E

Explanation:

<https://docs.databricks.com/en/delta/delta-change-data-feed.html>

NEW QUESTION 149

Which of the following is true of Delta Lake and the Lakehouse?

- A. Because Parquet compresses data row by row
- B. strings will only be compressed when a character is repeated multiple times.
- C. Delta Lake automatically collects statistics on the first 32 columns of each table which are leveraged in data skipping based on query filters.
- D. Views in the Lakehouse maintain a valid cache of the most recent versions of source tables at all times.
- E. Primary and foreign key constraints can be leveraged to ensure duplicate values are never entered into a dimension table.
- F. Z-order can only be applied to numeric values stored in Delta Lake tables

Answer: B

Explanation:

<https://docs.delta.io/2.0.0/table-properties.html>

Delta Lake automatically collects statistics on the first 32 columns of each table, which are leveraged in data skipping based on query filters¹. Data skipping is a performance optimization technique that aims to avoid reading irrelevant data from the storage layer¹. By collecting statistics such as min/max values, null counts, and bloom filters, Delta Lake can efficiently prune unnecessary files or partitions from the query plan¹. This can significantly improve the query performance and reduce the I/O cost.

The other options are false because:

? Parquet compresses data column by column, not row by row². This allows for better compression ratios, especially for repeated or similar values within a column².

? Views in the Lakehouse do not maintain a valid cache of the most recent versions of source tables at all times³. Views are logical constructs that are defined by a SQL query on one or more base tables³. Views are not materialized by default, which means they do not store any data, but only the query definition³. Therefore, views always reflect the latest state of the source tables when queried³. However, views can be cached manually using the `CACHE TABLE` or `CREATE TABLE AS SELECT` commands.

? Primary and foreign key constraints can not be leveraged to ensure duplicate values are never entered into a dimension table. Delta Lake does not support enforcing primary and foreign key constraints on tables. Constraints are logical rules that define the integrity and validity of the data in a table. Delta Lake relies on the application logic or the user to ensure the data quality and consistency.

? Z-order can be applied to any values stored in Delta Lake tables, not only numeric values. Z-order is a technique to optimize the layout of the data files by sorting them on one or more columns. Z-order can improve the query performance by clustering related values together and enabling more efficient data skipping. Z-order can be applied to any column that has a defined ordering, such as numeric, string, date, or boolean values.

References: Data Skipping, Parquet Format, Views, [Caching], [Constraints], [Z-Ordering]

NEW QUESTION 154

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 gripping 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 156

The view updates represents an incremental batch of all newly ingested data to be inserted or updated in the customers table.

The following logic is used to process these records.

```
MERGE INTO customers USING (
SELECT updates.customer_id as merge_ey, updates.* FROM updates
UNION ALL
SELECT NULL as merge_key, updates.* FROM updates JOIN customers
ON updates.customer_id = customers.customer_id
WHERE customers.current = true AND updates.address <> customers.address
) staged_updates
ON customers.customer_id = mergekey
WHEN MATCHED AND customers.current = true AND customers.address <> staged_updates.address THEN
UPDATE SET current = false, end_date = staged_updates.effective_date WHEN NOT MATCHED THEN
INSERT (customer_id, address, current, effective_date, end_date)
VALUES (staged_updates.customer_id, staged_updates.address, true, staged_updates.effective_date, null)
Which statement describes this implementation?
```

- A. The customers table is implemented as a Type 2 table; old values are overwritten and new customers are appended.
- B. The customers table is implemented as a Type 1 table; old values are overwritten by new values and no history is maintained.
- C. The customers table is implemented as a Type 2 table; old values are maintained but marked as no longer current and new values are inserted.
- D. The customers table is implemented as a Type 0 table; all writes are append only with no changes to existing values.

Answer: C

Explanation:

The provided MERGE statement is a classic implementation of a Type 2 SCD in a data warehousing context. In this approach, historical data is preserved by keeping old records (marking them as not current) and adding new records for changes. Specifically, when a match is found and there's a change in the address,

the existing record in the customers table is updated to mark it as no longer current (current = false), and an end date is assigned (end_date = staged_updates.effective_date). A new record for the customer is then inserted with the updated information, marked as current. This method ensures that the full history of changes to customer information is maintained in the table, allowing for time-based analysis of customer data. References: Databricks documentation on implementing SCDs using Delta Lake and the MERGE statement (<https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-update.html#upsert-into-a-table-using-merge>).

NEW QUESTION 158

A new data engineer notices that a critical field was omitted from an application that writes its Kafka source to Delta Lake. This happened even though the critical field was in the Kafka source. That field was further missing from data written to dependent, long-term storage. The retention threshold on the Kafka service is seven days. The pipeline has been in production for three months.

Which describes how Delta Lake can help to avoid data loss of this nature in the future?

- A. The Delta log and Structured Streaming checkpoints record the full history of the Kafka producer.
- B. Delta Lake schema evolution can retroactively calculate the correct value for newly added fields, as long as the data was in the original source.
- C. Delta Lake automatically checks that all fields present in the source data are included in the ingestion layer.
- D. Data can never be permanently dropped or deleted from Delta Lake, so data loss is not possible under any circumstance.
- E. Ingesting all raw data and metadata from Kafka to a bronze Delta table creates a permanent, replayable history of the data state.

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it describes how Delta Lake can help to avoid data loss of this nature in the future. By ingesting all raw data and metadata from Kafka to a bronze Delta table, Delta Lake creates a permanent, replayable history of the data state that can be used for recovery or reprocessing in case of errors or omissions in downstream applications or pipelines. Delta Lake also supports schema evolution, which allows adding new columns to existing tables without affecting existing queries or pipelines. Therefore, if a critical field was omitted from an application that writes its Kafka source to Delta Lake, it can be easily added later and the data can be reprocessed from the bronze table without losing any information. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Delta Lake core features" section.

NEW QUESTION 159

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 163

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 168

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