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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

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

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

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

NEW QUESTION 4

A data engineer is configuring a pipeline that will potentially see late-arriving, duplicate records.

In addition to de-duplicating records within the batch, which of the following approaches allows the data engineer to deduplicate data against previously processed records as it is inserted into a Delta table?

- A. Set the configuration `delta.deduplicate = true`.
- B. VACUUM the Delta table after each batch completes.
- C. Perform an insert-only merge with a matching condition on a unique key.
- D. Perform a full outer join on a unique key and overwrite existing data.
- E. Rely on Delta Lake schema enforcement to prevent duplicate records.

Answer: C

Explanation:

To deduplicate data against previously processed records as it is inserted into a Delta table, you can use the merge operation with an insert-only clause. This allows you to insert new records that do not match any existing records based on a unique key, while ignoring duplicate records that match existing records. For example, you can use the following syntax:

```
MERGE INTO target_table USING source_table ON target_table.unique_key = source_table.unique_key WHEN NOT MATCHED THEN INSERT *
```

This will insert only the records from the source table that have a unique key that is not present in the target table, and skip the records that have a matching key. This way, you can avoid inserting duplicate records into the Delta table.

References:

? <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-update.html#upsert-into-a-table-using-merge>

? <https://docs.databricks.com/delta/delta-update.html#insert-only-merge>

NEW QUESTION 5

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 tasks A and B complete successfully but task C fails during a scheduled run, which statement describes the resulting state?

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

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_eda_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 resulting state after running the second command is that an external table will be created in the storage container mounted to `/mnt/finance_eda_bucket` with the new name `prod.sales_by_store`. The command will not change any data or move any files in the storage container; it will only update the table reference in the metastore and create a new Delta transaction log for the renamed table. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "ALTER TABLE RENAME TO" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Create an external table" section.

NEW QUESTION 6

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 7

The Databricks CLI is used to trigger a run of an existing job by passing the `job_id` parameter. The response that the job run request has been submitted successfully includes a `filed_run_id`.

Which statement describes what the number alongside this field represents?

- A. The `job_id` is returned in this field.
- B. The `job_id` and number of times the job has been are concatenated and returned.
- C. The number of times the job definition has been run in the workspace.

D. The globally unique ID of the newly triggered run.

Answer: D

Explanation:

When triggering a job run using the Databricks CLI, the `run_id` field in the response represents a globally unique identifier for that particular run of the job. This `run_id` is distinct from the `job_id`. While the `job_id` identifies the job definition and is constant across all runs of that job, the `run_id` is unique to each execution and is used to track and query the status of that specific job run within the Databricks environment. This distinction allows users to manage and reference individual executions of a job directly.

NEW QUESTION 8

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. Incremental state information should be maintained for 10 minutes for late-arriving data.

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. `withWatermark("event_time", "10 minutes")`
- B. `awaitArrival("event_time", "10 minutes")`
- C. `await("event_time + '10 minutes'")`
- D. `slidingWindow("event_time", "10 minutes")`
- E. `delayWrite("event_time", "10 minutes")`

Answer: A

Explanation:

The correct answer is A. `withWatermark("event_time", "10 minutes")`. This is because the question asks for incremental state information to be maintained for 10 minutes for late-arriving data. The `withWatermark` method is used to define the watermark for late data. The watermark is a timestamp column and a threshold that tells the system

how long to wait for late data. In this case, the watermark is set to 10 minutes. The other options are incorrect because they are not valid methods or syntax for watermarking in Structured Streaming. References:

? Watermarking: <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/structured-streaming/watermarks.html>

? Windowed aggregations: <https://docs.databricks.com/spark/latest/structured-streaming/window-operations.html>

NEW QUESTION 9

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

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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

References:

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

NEW QUESTION 10

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

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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

References:

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

NEW QUESTION 10

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 15

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 20

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

Original query:

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

Proposed query:

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

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

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

? Databricks documentation on Structured Streaming:

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

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

NEW QUESTION 21

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 25

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 26

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 \(https://docs.databricks.com/security/access-control/workspace-acl.html\)](https://docs.databricks.com/security/access-control/workspace-acl.html).

NEW QUESTION 27

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

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

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

References:

- ? [Databricks documentation on configuring clusters: https://docs.databricks.com/clusters/configure.html](https://docs.databricks.com/clusters/configure.html)

NEW QUESTION 30

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 33

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 38

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 42

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 44

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

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

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

NEW QUESTION 49

A data architect has heard about lake's built-in versioning and time travel capabilities. For auditing purposes they have a requirement to maintain a full of all valid street addresses as they appear in the customers table.

The architect is interested in implementing a Type 1 table, overwriting existing records with new values and relying on Delta Lake time travel to support long-term auditing. A data engineer on the project feels that a Type 2 table will provide better performance and scalability.

Which piece of information is critical to this decision?

- A. Delta Lake time travel does not scale well in cost or latency to provide a long-term versioning solution.
- B. Delta Lake time travel cannot be used to query previous versions of these tables because Type 1 changes modify data files in place.
- C. Shallow clones can be combined with Type 1 tables to accelerate historic queries for long-term versioning.
- D. Data corruption can occur if a query fails in a partially completed state because Type 2 tables requiresSetting multiple fields in a single update.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Delta Lake's time travel feature allows users to access previous versions of a table, providing a powerful tool for auditing and versioning. However, using time travel as a long-term versioning solution for auditing purposes can be less optimal in terms of cost and performance, especially as the volume of data and the number of versions grow. For maintaining a full history of valid street addresses as they appear in a customers table, using a Type 2 table (where each update creates a new record with versioning) might provide better scalability and performance by avoiding the overhead associated with accessing older versions of a large table. While Type 1 tables, where existing records are overwritten with new values, seem simpler and can leverage time travel for auditing, the critical piece of information is that time travel might not scale well in cost or latency for long-term versioning needs, making a Type 2 approach more viable for performance and scalability. References:

? Databricks Documentation on Delta Lake's Time Travel: Delta Lake Time Travel

? Databricks Blog on Managing Slowly Changing Dimensions in Delta Lake: Managing SCDs in Delta Lake

NEW QUESTION 54

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

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

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 55

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")

```
    return (spark.read
            .table("bronze")
            .filter(col("ingest_time") == current_timestamp())
            )
```

D.return

spark.read.option("readChangeFeed", "true").table ("bronze")

C. 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 56

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

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

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it describes what will happen with new records that have the same event_id as an existing record when the query is executed. The query uses the INSERT INTO command to append new records from the view new_events to the table events. However, the INSERT INTO command does not check for duplicate values in the primary key column (event_id) and does not perform any update or delete operations on existing records. Therefore, if there are new records that have the same event_id as an existing record, they will be ignored and not inserted into the table events. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Append data using INSERT INTO" section. "If none of the WHEN MATCHED conditions evaluate to true for a source and target row pair that matches the merge_condition, then the target row is left unchanged." https://docs.databricks.com/en/sql/language-manual/delta-merge-into.html#:~:text=If%20none%20of%20the%20WHEN%20MATCHED%20conditions%20evaluate%20to%20true%20for%20a%20source%20and%20target%20row%20pair%20that%20matches%20the%20merge_condition%2C%20then%20the%20target%20row%20is%20left%20unchanged.

NEW QUESTION 60

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

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

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

References:

? Software Testing: End-to-End Testing

NEW QUESTION 62

Which statement describes Delta Lake Auto Compaction?

- A. An asynchronous job runs after the write completes to detect if files could be further compacted; if yes, an optimize job is executed toward a default of 1 GB.
- B. Before a Jobs cluster terminates, optimize is executed on all tables modified during the most recent job.
- C. Optimized writes use logical partitions instead of directory partitions; because partition boundaries are only represented in metadata, fewer small files are written.
- D. Data is queued in a messaging bus instead of committing data directly to memory; all data is committed from the messaging bus in one batch once the job is complete.
- E. An asynchronous job runs after the write completes to detect if files could be further compacted; if yes, an optimize job is executed toward a default of 128 MB.

Answer: E

Explanation:

This is the correct answer because it describes the behavior of Delta Lake Auto Compaction, which is a feature that automatically optimizes the layout of Delta Lake tables by coalescing small files into larger ones. Auto Compaction runs as an asynchronous job after a write to a table has succeeded and checks if files within a partition can be further compacted. If yes, it runs an optimize job with a default target file size of 128 MB. Auto Compaction only compacts files that have not been compacted previously. Verified References: [Databricks Certified Data Engineer Professional], under "Delta Lake" section; Databricks Documentation, under "Auto Compaction for Delta Lake on Databricks" section.

"Auto compaction occurs after a write to a table has succeeded and runs synchronously on the cluster that has performed the write. Auto compaction only compacts files that haven't been compacted previously."

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/databricks/delta/tune-file-size>

NEW QUESTION 66

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 67

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 68

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