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Introduction

In a world where organizations generate and process vast volumes of data every second, data engineering has become the backbone of digital transformation. Data Engineering with Apache Spark and Databricks equips professionals with the ability to manage, transform, and optimize data pipelines at scale — ensuring accuracy, performance, and business agility.

This course provides an in-depth understanding of the tools and frameworks that power modern data platforms. It is tailored for executives, team leaders, and professionals working in sectors such as oil and gas, banking, telecommunications, government, and other data-intensive industries.

Participants will gain hands-on experience in building reliable data architectures, integrating multiple data sources, and leveraging the full potential of Apache Spark and Databricks to enable data-driven innovation and decision-making.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the architecture and ecosystem of Apache Spark and Databricks.
- Build and optimize scalable data pipelines for batch and real-time processing.
- Apply distributed computing principles for faster data handling.
- Integrate Databricks with various data sources and cloud platforms.
- Manage clusters, jobs, and notebooks efficiently.
- Ensure data quality, reliability, and governance across the data lifecycle.
- Use Delta Lake for structured data management and versioning.
- Implement performance optimization and troubleshooting techniques.
- Apply data engineering concepts to support analytics and AI initiatives.
- Build practical, production-ready solutions within Databricks.



Course Outlines

Day 1: Foundations of Data Engineering and Apache Spark

- Introduction to data engineering and its role in enterprise systems.
- Overview of Apache Spark and its ecosystem.
- Understanding Spark architecture: driver, executor, and cluster manager.
- Key Spark components: Spark SQL, Spark Streaming, and MLlib.
- Working with Resilient Distributed Datasets RDDs and DataFrames.
- Hands-on exercise: setting up Spark and running the first data transformation job.

Day 2: Working with Databricks Environment

- Introduction to Databricks and the concept of Unified Data Analytics.
- Creating and managing Databricks workspaces and clusters.
- Working with notebooks, jobs, and workflows.
- Integrating Databricks with cloud platforms Azure, AWS, or GCP.
- Connecting to external data sources and managing data ingestion.
- Practical exercise: building an ETL pipeline using Databricks.

Day 3: Advanced Data Processing and Optimization

- Advanced transformations using Spark SQL and DataFrame API.
- Real-time data processing with Structured Streaming.
- Implementing Delta Lake for data versioning and consistency.
- Performance tuning: caching, partitioning, and shuffle optimization.
- Managing job scheduling, cluster configuration, and monitoring.
- Lab session: optimizing a complex data pipeline for speed and reliability.

Day 4: Data Governance, Quality, and Security

- Understanding data governance principles and compliance requirements.
- Implementing data validation and data quality checks.
- Ensuring lineage, traceability, and auditing in Databricks.
- Managing access control and identity permissions.
- Encrypting data and securing sensitive information.
- Case study: enforcing governance policies in enterprise data environments.



Day 5: Real-World Implementation and Capstone Project

- Designing an end-to-end data engineering workflow.
- Integrating Databricks pipelines with analytics and BI tools.
- Streaming data from multiple sources and real-time dashboards.
- Capstone project: building and presenting a complete enterprise-grade data pipeline.
- Review session: lessons learned and best practices for production deployment.
- Final assessment and feedback discussion.

Why Attend this Course: Wins & Losses!

- Gain deep technical and strategic knowledge of Apache Spark and Databricks.
- Learn to build and optimize real-world, enterprise-scale data solutions.
- Improve your organization's ability to process and analyze data efficiently.
- Enhance your career with in-demand data engineering skills.
- Understand how to apply data governance and compliance best practices.
- Stay current with the latest cloud-based data technologies.
- Strengthen collaboration between IT, data, and business teams.
- Develop confidence in leading data transformation projects.

Conclusion

Data Engineering with Apache Spark and Databricks is more than a technical skill — it is a strategic capability for modern enterprises. This course equips professionals with the tools, methods, and frameworks to design robust, scalable, and secure data systems that empower intelligent decision-making.

Through practical exercises, real-world projects, and expert-led sessions, participants will develop the expertise needed to transform raw data into meaningful insights — driving innovation and sustainable digital growth within their organizations.

