Acing a Data Engineer interview requires mastering core Apache Spark concepts.

Here's a step-by-step breakdown of some of the most frequently asked questions to help you shine:

- Executor Out Of Memory: Link to your explanation Understand the root causes and effective solutions!
- Salting: Link to your explanation Master data distribution and avoid skewed joins.
- **Data Locality in Spark:** Link to your explanation Optimize processing by keeping data close to its processing units.
- **Garbage Collection (GC) Tuning:** <u>Link to your explanation</u> Fine-tune garbage collection for peak performance.
- **Predicate Push-Down and Partition Pruning:** <u>Link to your explanation</u> Leverage these techniques to filter data efficiently.
- Avoiding Shuffles in Spark: <u>Link to your explanation</u> Minimize data movement for faster processing.
- Adaptive Query Engine (AQE): <u>Link to your explanation</u> Uncover how AQE dynamically optimizes queries.
- **Breaking the DAG:** <u>Link to your explanation</u> Learn to control the execution flow for complex tasks.
- Spark UI: Link to your explanation Master navigating the Spark UI for insights.
- Cost-Based Optimizer (CBO): <u>Link to your explanation</u> Demystify how CBO chooses the most efficient execution plan.
- Compression in Spark: Link to your explanation Reduce data size for faster processing and storage savings.