Rithik K

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Professional Summary

I'm a certified AWS Data Engineer with over 2 years of experience working on cloud-based data projects. I've helped improve and modernize old data systems, set up both real-time and scheduled data workflows, and made sure data is clean, reliable, and ready for reporting. I'm comfortable working with tools like Python, SQL, AWS Glue, Redshift, Apache NiFi, and Databricks, and I enjoy solving problems that help teams work smarter and make better decisions.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming & Scripting: Python, SQL, PySpark.

Data Processing & ETL: Apache Spark, Apache NiFi, Apache Kafka, Airflow, Talend. Data Warehousing: Amazon Redshift, Snowflake, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB. Data Integration & Pipelines: AWS Glue, Step Functions, Informatica, SSIS.

Databases: Relational (PostgreSQL, MySQL), NoSQL (MongoDB, Cassandra).

DevOps & Automation: Git, Jenkins, Docker. Monitoring & Logging: Prometheus, Grafana.

Data Visualization: Power BI, Tableau.

CERTIFICATIONS

AWS Certified Data Engineer – Associate

Amazon Web Services

Jan 2025 - Jan 2028

View Credential

Denton, TX

EDUCATION

University of North Texas

Master's in Information Systems and Technology

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad

Bachelor's in Electronics and Communication Engineering

Aug 2022 - May 2024 Hyderabad, India June 2017 - July 2021

Projects

AWS Redshift Migration Pipeline | Glue, Lambda, Step Functions

GitHub: aws-redshift-migration-pipeline

• Set up a sample Redshift migration using AWS Glue, Lambda, Step Functions, and NiFi based on my work at Blue Shield of California. The project handled over 5TB of data with minimal downtime.

Real-Time Retail Streaming Pipeline | Kafka, Airflow, Spark

GitHub: real-time-streaming-kafka-airflow

• Put together a real-time retail data flow using Kafka, Airflow, and Spark to process over 100,000 order events per day, based on the kind of streaming work I was part of at Infosys.

EXPERIENCE

Blue Shield of California

CA, USA

Data Engineer

March 2024 - Present

• Led the successful migration of a legacy on-premise data warehouse to Amazon Redshift with less than 1 hour of downtime, ensuring uninterrupted business operations and smooth transition.

- Created ETL pipelines using AWS Glue, Apache NiFi, and Informatica to integrate data from over 15 internal and external healthcare sources, including claims, provider networks, and member records.
- Handled data cleansing and validation using Talend, AWS DataBrew, Glue Data Catalog, and Python scripts, reducing post-migration issues by 40% and improving overall data governance.
- Built and maintained CI/CD pipelines using GitLab, Apache Airflow, and Prometheus, accelerating deployment cycles and minimizing manual errors.
- Worked on end-to-end data workflows using AWS Lambda, Step Functions, and Apache Spark to manage data collection, processing, and transformation efficiently.
- Ran real-time and batch data pipelines on Amazon EMR using PySpark to handle large volumes of data and make it available 60% faster for reporting and analysis.
- Improved Amazon Redshift query performance by up to 50% by redesigning schema, applying optimized partitioning and indexing strategies, and fine-tuning complex SQL queries.
- Used ODI, SSIS, BODI, and IBM DataStage across different platforms to reduce manual data issues and improve integration efficiency by 30%.
- Strengthened security posture by configuring IAM policies, KMS encryption, and VPC-based access controls to protect data during and after migration.

Infosys Hyd, India

 $Data\ Engineer$

Jan 2021 - Aug 2022

- Set up and managed Databricks, JupyterHub, PySpark, PostgreSQL, Prometheus, and Grafana to support data operations and real-time monitoring, improving system reliability by 40% and reducing downtime alerts by 30%.
- Used Apache NiFi and Apache Airflow to create ETL pipelines that integrated structured and semi-structured data from over 10 sources, including product catalogs, customer transactions, and website activity logs.
- Developed a centralized data warehouse on Azure SQL Data Warehouse, enhancing reporting capabilities, cross-team collaboration, and governance compliance.
- Built real-time streaming pipelines using Apache Kafka and Airflow, enabling low-latency ingestion with high data throughput.
- Created and deployed machine learning models for demand forecasting using Scikit-learn and TensorFlow, improving forecasting accuracy and business agility.
- Processed high-volume data with Apache Spark and Hadoop, cutting pipeline runtimes by 45% and supporting near real-time analytics for faster decision-making..
- Made 8+ easy to understand dashboards in Tableau and Power BI to help business and engineering teams get the insights they needed for reporting and decision-making.
- Ran data applications in Docker and managed deployments with Kubernetes on Azure (AKS) to ensure consistent environments and support scalable processing.
- Helped run data workflows automatically using CI/CD pipelines with Git and Jenkins, which made deployments faster and more consistent.

ACADEMIC PROJECT

Netflix Dataset Analysis | Python / Pandas / Matplotlib

GitHub: netflix-data-analysis

• Looked into a Netflix dataset from Kaggle to find 10 insights about viewer behavior. Cleaned and visualized the data using Python libraries like Pandas and Matplotlib, and applied basic machine learning to understand viewing patterns.