



# Databricks

Data Boot Camp

Lesson 22.4



Congratulations! You've reached the final day of formal in-class instruction. After today, you will consolidate your data analytics skills in your final projects.



# Class Objectives

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By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:



Explain the purpose, key features, and applications of Databricks.



Set up a Databricks environment.



Identify the key components of a Databricks environment.



Navigate the Databricks workspace using dbutils.



Import data into a new notebook by using Parquet files, CSV files, and S3.



Explain the advantage of Parquet as a big-data storage format.



Perform complex data analysis, including joins, using the Python and SQL interfaces.



Identify two advantages of using Databricks over PySpark for data analysis.



# Introduction to Databricks and Signing Up

Today you'll get a chance to practice your SQL skills by using the Databricks interface.

The screenshot shows the Databricks Data Science & Engineering dashboard. On the left is a sidebar with navigation icons. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Get started', 'Set up your workspace', and 'Next steps'. A modal dialog titled 'What's your current data project?' is open in the center, with a dropdown menu showing options like 'Exploring data (Python, R)', 'Building data pipelines (ETL, streaming)', 'Creating SQL dashboards and reports', 'Training ML models (MLflow, AutoML)', and 'I don't know yet, inspire me!'. A 'Finish' button is in the bottom right of the modal. The background interface includes links for 'Notebook', 'Partner Connect', 'Data import', and 'Release notes'.

## Get started

This is your home for all data science and engineering work.

We'll show you how to set up clusters, data and users.

## Data Science & Engineering

### Notebook

Create a new notebook for querying, data processing, and machine learning.

[Create a notebook](#)

### Partner Connect

Fivetran, dbt  
Tableau, Power BI

[View all partners](#)

### Data import

Quickly import data, create a table, and query it.

[Browse files](#)

### Guide: Quickstart tutorial

Spin up a cluster, run queries, import data, and display results.

[Start tutorial](#)

## Set up your workspace

Create a cluster

Ingest data

Invite collaborators

## Next steps

Explore data

Read documentation

### What's your current data project?

Help us personalize your experience

Exploring data (Python, R)

Building data pipelines (ETL, streaming)

Creating SQL dashboards and reports

Training ML models (MLflow, AutoML)

I don't know yet, inspire me!

[Finish](#)

### Release notes

[Runtime release notes](#)

[Databricks preview releases](#)

[Platform release notes](#)

[More release notes](#)

This tutorial gets you going with Databricks Data Science & Engineering

[Best practices](#)  
Get the best performance when using Databricks

[Data guide](#)  
How to work with data in Databricks

[More documentation](#)

# Introduction to Databricks

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Companies look for SQL expertise because it is the industry standard for querying databases, including filtering data and working across multiple tables.



# Introduction to Databricks

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This class will build on your knowledge of Spark and SQL, including filtering data.



There is significant work required to set up, manage, and use a cluster of on-site CPUs running Spark.



This includes managing the hardware and scheduling any work to be performed, depending on demand.



This overhead cost leads to many companies looking for a managed, cloud-based solution.

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# Introduction to Databricks

## Databricks:

- Is a cloud platform for Spark.
- Enables us to run Apache Spark on cloud servers provided by Amazon's AWS or Microsoft's Azure, for example.
- Provides a robust system to manage and optimize clusters of computers for large-scale data analysis.







**What are some possible advantages  
of running Spark on the cloud?**



# Databrick Advantages

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<b>Ease of use:</b>	Databricks can automatically scale its activities up or down based on what's needed. Managing Spark clusters takes a lot of time, and there are many opportunities to make mistakes. Databricks eliminates much of the complexity involved in the process.
<b>Enables collaboration:</b>	Multiple team members can work on the same notebook. For example, after a data engineer prepares the data, one person can work on data analysis while another person works on data visualization.
<b>Cost effective:</b>	Spark can often significantly reduce the time and money spent on managing clusters of computers for data analysis. For a data team with budgetary constraints, running a Spark cluster in the cloud will be cheaper than managing an on-site cluster, which will have administrative costs.
<b>Versatile:</b>	You can use Python, R, SQL, and Scala in the same Databricks notebook.

# Databrick Disadvantages

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Other cloud platforms can run Spark, and Databricks is more expensive than many of them.

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One heavily used cluster can cost thousands of dollars per month or more.

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Spark is designed to work with multiple sources of data.  
( *We'll work with different sources of data, including CSV and Parquet files.*)



**What is a possible advantage of using a format like Parquet over CSVs?**

# Parquet Advantage

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Parquet loads data by specific columns instead of rows.

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Traditional data formats store data by row. If Spark uses multiple nodes to perform queries, each node would need to load a copy of all rows of the dataset.

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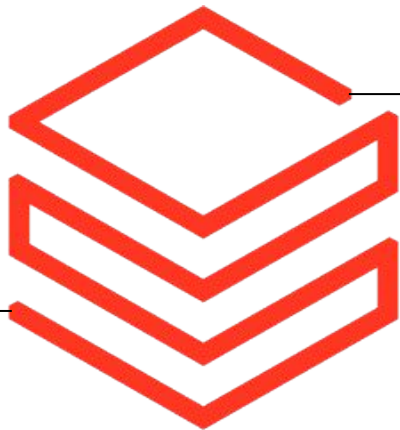


When working with large amounts of data, loading only the specified columns can save time and computing resources.

# Key Benefits of Using Databricks

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Data analytics teams can spend more time analyzing data and less time configuring and managing clusters.



Teams can also create visualizations quickly to explore data and can create dashboards for an audience.

# databricks



# Activity: Sign Up for Databricks

In this activity, you will sign up for a free Databricks Community Edition account.

Suggested Time:

10 Minutes



Time's Up! **Let's Review.**



# Questions?





# Databricks Basics



# Instructor Demonstration

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## Databricks Basics

# Questions?





# Activity: Databricks Basics

In this activity, you will perform basic navigation and data analysis tasks in Databricks.

Suggested Time:

15 Minutes



Time's Up! **Let's Review.**

# Questions?



# Joins





# Instructor Demonstration

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## Joins



# Activity: Joining Animal Species

In this activity, you will perform queries on datasets using both PySpark and SQL interfaces in Databricks.

Suggested Time:

15 Minutes



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# Questions?





# Group Activity



# Time to divide into teams!





## Group Programming Activity:

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In this activity, you will work in groups of three or four to gather data insights from a fictional company's database.

You will query the database in SQL, and many of the queries will require working across multiple tables.

Based on your findings, the groups will create a brief report with recommendations.

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Suggested Time:

60 Minutes



# Group Presentations



Time's Up! **Let's Review.**

# Questions?



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