

# Azure Databricks Coding Challenge

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## Question 2 : Explain Overview of 3 level namespace and creating Unity Catalog objects.

Unity Catalog is a powerful tool in Databricks that offers centralized access control, auditing, lineage, and data discovery capabilities across all your workspaces. Think of it as the single source of truth for your data governance needs.

A three-level namespace in Unity Catalog consists of three levels of hierarchy — catalog, schema, and objects. Catalogs are like databases, schemas are like folders or directories, and objects can be tables, views, functions, or other entities.

### **1st level :**

**Catalog:** Catalogs are the highest level in the data hierarchy (catalog > schema > table/view/volume) managed by the Unity Catalog metastore. They are intended as the primary unit of data isolation in a typical Databricks data governance model.

### **2nd level :**

**Schema (Database):** Schemas, also known as databases, are logical groupings of tabular data (tables and views), non-tabular data (volumes), functions, and machine learning models. They give you a way to organize and control access to data that is more granular than catalogs. Typically they represent a single use case, project, or team sandbox.

### **3rd level :**

**Tables:** Tables reside in the third layer of Unity Catalog's three-level namespace. They contain rows of data.

**Views:** A view is a read-only object derived from one or more tables and views in a metastore.

**Volumes:** Volumes reside in the third layer of Unity Catalog's three-level namespace. They manage non-tabular data.

**Models and functions:** Although they are not, strictly speaking, data assets, registered models and user-defined functions can also be managed in Unity Catalog and reside at the lowest level in the object hierarchy.

Creating Unity Catalog Object :

Cell 1

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from pyspark.sql import SparkSession

Cell 2

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spark=SparkSession.Builder().appName('Unity').getOrCreate()

Cell 3

05:21 PM (5s)

spark.sql("CREATE CATALOG IF NOT EXISTS quickstart\_catalog")

DataFrame[]

Cell 4

05:25 PM (1s)

spark.sql("USE CATALOG quickstart\_catalog")

DataFrame[]

Cell 5

05:25 PM (<1s)

display(spark.sql("SHOW CATALOGS"))

Table +

New result table: OFF

	catalog
1	hive_metastore
2	main
3	quickstart_catalog
4	samples
5	system

5 rows | 0.45 seconds runtime

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Cell 6

05:30 PM (1s)

spark.sql("""  
GRANT CREATE, USE CATALOG  
ON CATALOG quickstart\_catalog  
TO `account users`""")

DataFrame[]

Cell 7

05:31 PM (1s)

```
display(spark.sql("SHOW GRANT ON CATALOG quickstart_catalog"))
```

Table ▾ +

New result table: OFF ▾

	Principal	ActionType	ObjectType	ObjectKey
1	account users	CREATE SCHEMA	CATALOG	quickstart_catalog
2	account users	USE CATALOG	CATALOG	quickstart_catalog

2 rows | 0.61 seconds runtime

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Cell 8

05:31 PM (1s)

```
spark.sql("""
CREATE SCHEMA IF NOT EXISTS quickstart_schema
COMMENT 'A new Unity Catalog schema called quickstart_schema'""")
```

DataFrame[]

Cell 9

05:31 PM (1s)

```
display(spark.sql("SHOW SCHEMAS"))
```

Table ▾ +

New result table: OFF ▾

	databaseName
1	default
2	information_schema
3	quickstart_schema

3 rows | 0.59 seconds runtime

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Cell 10

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```
display(spark.sql("DESCRIBE SCHEMA EXTENDED quickstart_schema"))
```

Table ▾ +

New result table: OFF ▾

	database_description_item	database_description_value
1	Catalog Name	quickstart_catalog
2	Namespace Name	quickstart_schema
3	Comment	A new Unity Catalog schema called quickstart_schema
4	Location	
5	Owner	pratikwani116@outlook.com
6	Properties	

05:32 PM (1s)

Cell 11

```
spark.sql("""
GRANT CREATE TABLE, USE SCHEMA
ON SCHEMA quickstart_schema
TO `account users`""")
```

DataFrame[]

05:32 PM (<1s)

Cell 12

```
spark.sql("USE quickstart_schema")
```

DataFrame[]

05:32 PM (<1s)

Cell 13

```
spark.catalog.currentDatabase()
```

'quickstart\_schema'

05:32 PM (18s)

Cell 14

```
spark.sql("CREATE OR REPLACE TABLE quickstart_table (id STRING)")
```

▶ (3) Spark Jobs

DataFrame[]

05:33 PM (1s)

Cell 15

```
spark.sql("""
GRANT SELECT, MODIFY
ON TABLE quickstart_table
TO `account users`""")
```

DataFrame[]

05:33 PM (<1s)

Cell 16

```
display(spark.sql("SHOW TABLES"))
```

Table ▾ +

New result table: OFF ▾

	database	tableName	isTemporary
1	quickstart_schema	quickstart_table	false

1 row | 0.34 seconds runtime

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05:33 PM (7s)

Cell 17

```
spark.range(10).selectExpr("id").write.insertInto("quickstart_table")
```

▶ (6) Spark Jobs

05:33 PM (3s)

Cell 18

```
display(spark.table("quickstart_table"))
```

(3) Spark Jobs

Table

New result table: OFF

	id
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	7
5	8
6	9
7	0

10 rows | 2.95 seconds runtime

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Cell 19

```
display(spark.sql("SHOW TABLES in quickstart_schema"))
```

Table

New result table: OFF

	database	tableName	isTemporary
1	quickstart_schema	quickstart_table	false

4 minutes ago (1s)

Cell 20

```
import pyspark.pandas as ps
psdf = ps.read_table("quickstart_schema.quickstart_table")
```

4 minutes ago (1s)

Cell 21

```
display(psdf)
```

(2) Spark Jobs

Table

New result table: OFF

	id
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	7
5	8
6	9
7	0

10 rows | 0.51 seconds runtime

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Cell 22

Python

4 minutes ago (5s)

```
psdf.to_table("quickstart_schema.quickstart_table_ps", overwriteSchema=True)
```

(6) Spark Jobs

Cell 23

3 minutes ago (<1s)

```
spark.sql("""
GRANT SELECT, MODIFY
ON TABLE quickstart_table_ps
TO `account users`""")
```

DataFrame[]

Cell 24

3 minutes ago (<1s)

```
display(spark.sql("SHOW TABLES in quickstart_schema"))
```

Table

+

New result table: OFF

2 rows | 0.30 seconds runtime

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Cell 25

Python

3 minutes ago (1s)

```
display(spark.table("quickstart_table_ps"))
```

(3) Spark Jobs

Table

+

New result table: OFF

10 rows | 0.97 seconds runtime

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