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LEVEL 03 OF 04 · INTERMEDIATE

Apache Spark Intermediate Training

Tune Spark jobs, process streams with Structured Streaming and manage lakehouse tables with Delta Lake or Iceberg.

LIVE ONLINE **Max 8-10 hours**	CORPORATE (DAY-WISE) **3 days · Days 1-3**	SELF-PACED VIDEO **1-year LMS access**
BATCH SIZE **Max 10 learners**	NEXT BATCHES **1st of every month · weekends: first Saturday**	CERTIFICATE **Verifiable certificate of completion**

Foundation	Essential	Intermediate	Advanced
1 day · Included	2 days · Included	3 days · This curriculum	5 days · Next step

INSIDE THIS CURRICULUM

What you will achieve	Outcomes and level focus
Who should attend	Audience and prerequisites
Agenda	34 topics · Foundation to Intermediate
Hands-on labs	3 labs
Formats and fees	Live, 1:1, self-paced, corporate
Trainer and reviews	Rajesh Kumar
Enrolment	Batches, payment, contacts

WHY DEVOPSSCHOOL

- Rated 4.6 on Google
- 1,500+ verifiable certificates issued in the public registry
- Trainer Rajesh Kumar: 20 years in industry
- Small batches: max 10 learners, every session recorded

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OUTCOMES

What you will achieve

By the end of the Apache Spark course path, you will be able to:

1

Process data at scale

Write PySpark and Spark SQL jobs that transform large datasets reliably.

2

Tune and stream confidently

Diagnose slow jobs, tune shuffles and joins and build Structured Streaming pipelines.

3

Run Spark in production

Operate Spark on Kubernetes or managed platforms with orchestration, security and monitoring.

WHAT THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL ADDS

Performance tuning, streaming and lakehouse tables

Hands-on: Tune a job and stream from Kafka. Fix a skewed join using AQE and broadcast hints, then build a Structured Streaming job that reads Kafka events and upserts them into a Delta Lake table.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Regular Apache Spark users who want to automate, integrate and manage it at a deeper level.
- Specialists who support Apache Spark for colleagues or customers.
- Leads preparing Apache Spark for wider use across projects.

BEFORE YOU START

- The Essential level, or equivalent hands-on experience.
- You can already: Build reliable batch data pipelines with DataFrames and Spark SQL, from joins and aggregations to partitioned outputs.
- Basic computer skills and a laptop with a stable internet connection for the live sessions and labs.
- This curriculum includes every earlier level, so it is complete on its own.

AGENDA · FOUNDATION TO INTERMEDIATE

Apache Spark Intermediate Training agenda

34 topics. Each level builds on the one before it, so this curriculum lists every earlier level in full. Days are for corporate (day-wise) delivery; live online batches cover the same agenda in max 8-10 hours.

DAY 1 — Foundation: Spark architecture, setup and first jobs

Included from Foundation

1. Big data processing basics: batch vs streaming, distributed storage and why Spark replaced classic MapReduce
2. Spark architecture: driver, executors, cluster managers, jobs, stages and tasks
3. Spark components: Spark Core, Spark SQL, Structured Streaming, MLlib and GraphX
4. Installation: Java, Spark binaries, PySpark via pip, environment variables and spark-shell or pyspark
5. SparkSession: creating a session, configuration options and the local[*] master
6. RDD basics: parallelize, map, filter, reduceByKey and collect
7. Lazy evaluation: transformations vs actions and how the DAG is built
8. DataFrame basics: creating DataFrames, schemas, select, filter, withColumn and show
9. Reading and writing data: CSV, JSON and Parquet with read and write options
10. Spark SQL basics: temporary views and running SQL queries against DataFrames
11. Spark UI: jobs, stages, storage and executors tabs for a first job

DAY 2 — Essential: DataFrames, Spark SQL and data engineering

Included from Essential

12. Schemas and data types: StructType, explicit schemas vs inference and handling nulls
13. Column expressions: built-in functions, when and otherwise, string, date and timestamp functions
14. Aggregations: groupBy, agg, pivot and rollup and cube
15. Joins: inner, outer, semi and anti joins and avoiding duplicate column problems
16. Window functions: ranking, running totals and lag and lead over partitions
17. User-defined functions: Python UDFs vs pandas UDFs vs built-in functions
18. File formats: Parquet, ORC, Avro and compression codecs
19. Partitioned writes: partitionBy, save modes, bucketing and small-file problems
20. Catalog and tables: managed vs external tables and the Hive metastore
21. Data quality checks: deduplication, validation rules and quarantine of bad records
22. Notebooks and scripts: Jupyter, packaging jobs and spark-submit options

DAY 3 — Intermediate: Performance tuning, streaming and lakehouse tables

New at this level

23. Partitions and shuffles: repartition vs coalesce, shuffle partitions and data skew
24. Adaptive Query Execution: coalescing partitions, skew join handling and dynamic join selection
25. Join strategies: broadcast hash join, sort-merge join and join hints
26. Caching and persistence: cache, persist storage levels and when caching hurts
27. Reading query plans: explain modes, Catalyst optimiser and predicate pushdown
28. Memory and executor sizing: executor cores, memory overhead and dynamic allocation
29. Structured Streaming: sources, sinks, triggers, output modes and checkpoints
30. Streaming with Kafka: reading topics, watermarks, windowed aggregations and exactly-once sinks

31. Lakehouse tables: Delta Lake or Apache Iceberg, ACID writes, MERGE, time travel and schema evolution
32. Spark on YARN and Kubernetes: deploy modes, spark-submit to a cluster and resource requests
33. Troubleshooting: out-of-memory errors, stragglers, failed stages and reading executor logs
34. Testing Spark code: unit tests with pytest and small local sessions

PRACTICE

Hands-on labs

You build these yourself during the course, guided by the trainer.

FOUNDATION

First PySpark data job

Install PySpark locally, load a CSV dataset into a DataFrame, clean and aggregate it with DataFrame and SQL queries and write the result as Parquet.

ESSENTIAL

Batch ETL pipeline with Spark SQL

Build a spark-submit job that joins orders and customers, applies window functions and data quality checks and writes partitioned Parquet tables.

INTERMEDIATE

Tune a job and stream from Kafka

Fix a skewed join using AQE and broadcast hints, then build a Structured Streaming job that reads Kafka events and upserts them into a Delta Lake table.

HOW YOU CAN LEARN

Formats and fees

The same agenda in four formats. Fees are in Indian rupees as of November 2026; the course page shows them in your currency.

FORMAT	DURATION	WHAT YOU GET	FEE
Live & interactive (online)	Max 8-10 hours	Instructor-led public batch of max 10 learners with demos, labs, Q&A and assignment review. Weekday batches start on the 1st of every month, weekend batches on the first Saturday of every month.	**INR 34,999**
1:1 live training (online)	Max 8-10 hours, one-to-one	The same agenda, taught one-to-one by the trainer. Starts immediately, without waiting for the next batch; sessions planned around your working hours, at your pace.	**INR 99,999**
Self-paced video	1-year LMS access	All four Apache Spark levels, plus 20+ more courses and 50+ tools, at your own pace.	**INR 833/month** billed yearly at INR 9,996
Corporate (day-wise)	3 days for this level	A private batch for your team, on demand. Foundation 1 day, Essential 2, Intermediate 3, Advanced 5 (cumulative).	**Quote on request**

ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATE

Your progress is checked through hands-on labs and assignments at every level. On completion you receive a DevOpsSchool certificate of completion with a unique credential ID that anyone can verify at devopsschool.com/certificates.

INCLUDED WITH EVERY LIVE BATCH

- Every live session is recorded and stays in your LMS for a year.
- Can't attend your batch? Move to next month's batch.
- Free demo class before you pay.
- Free 10-15 minute call with an advisor or the trainer to check the course fits you.

YOUR TRAINER

Learn from Rajesh Kumar

Principal Architect, trainer and mentor in DevOps, SRE, DevSecOps and platform engineering, with 20 years across 8+ software MNCs, including Staff DevOps/SRE Engineer for a leading Japanese mobile-payment platform and Principal DevOps Architect and Manager in Europe.

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20 years in industry	**200+** corporate trainings
10,000+ engineers mentored	**70+** organisations coached

REVIEWS

What learners say

Rated 4.6 on Google · more reviews at devopsschool.com/testimonials and in our video testimonials.

> “Rajesh is very good trainer. Rajesh was able to resolve our queries and question effectively. We really liked the hands-on examples covered during this training program.”
>
> Indrayani, India

> “The training was very useful and interactive. Rajesh helped develop the confidence of all.”
>
> Abhinav Gupta, Pune

START YOUR APACHE SPARK TRAINING

Join the next batch

Weekday batches start on the 1st of every month and weekend batches on the first Saturday of every month, with max 10 learners each. 1:1 training can start immediately; corporate batches run on demand. We reply within 1 hour.

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Next step after this level: Apache Spark Advanced Training - Run Spark in production at scale on Kubernetes or managed platforms with orchestration, ML pipelines, security and cost control.