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## Databricks Launches Spark Certification Program for Systems Integrators

Company Certifies a Growing Ecosystem of SI Partners to Meet the Explosion of Adoption of and Demand for Spark

BERKELEY, CA--(Marketwired - Nov 12, 2014) - [Databricks](#), the company founded by the creators of the popular open-source Big Data processing engine Apache Spark, today announced a certification program to enable all enterprises to quickly find qualified resources and support for their Apache Spark-based data analytic projects. The System Integrators Certification Program will foster the growth of an ecosystem of qualified resources, with validated expertise, that provide Spark-based professional services to organizations looking to use and implement the platform. Databricks is releasing the System Integrator Certification Program weeks after the company's roll out of the Spark Developer Certification Program [announced](#) in partnership with O'Reilly Media. The Developer Certification Program outlines the industry standard for measuring and validating Spark technical expertise for individual developers.

"Spark has led to a significant surge in enterprise usage as the adoption rate and platform momentum are skyrocketing. Not only does the number of enterprises leveraging Spark in a proof-of-concept or development environments continue to grow rapidly, but a significant number have moved on to large-scale production workloads. We're excited to help build an ecosystem of qualified developers and value-added systems integrators to help companies adopt and use Spark," said John Tripier, Alliances and Ecosystem Lead at Databricks.

Currently, there are nine systems integrators who have achieved Spark certification including AgileLab, Cloudwick, Big Data Partnership, Lateral Thoughts, Metistream, Silicon Valley Data Science, Softnet Solutions, Think Big Analytics and Zaloni.

The criteria for certification is a three-prong approach to fully recognize the System Integrator's expertise and involvement with the Spark platform:

- **Experience with Apache Spark** - Developing, integrating and deploying Spark-based solutions.
- **Expertise of Apache Spark Users and Certified Developers** - Measurement in both the quantity of trained resources and the specific domain expertise acquired deploying Spark projects.
- **Involvement in Apache Spark Community** - contributions to the open-source ecosystem and the adoption of the Apache Spark project.

Spark System Integrator Certification is available immediately. For more information, visit [www.databricks.com/certified-on-spark](http://www.databricks.com/certified-on-spark)

### About Databricks:

Databricks was founded by the team that created and continues to drive Apache Spark, the most active open source project in the Big Data ecosystem. Databricks' vision is to dramatically simplify big data processing and free users to focus on turning data into value. Databricks Cloud, a cloud platform built around Apache Spark, delivers on this vision by combining the power of Spark with a zero-management hosted platform and an initial set of applications built around common workflows. Databricks is venture-backed by Andreessen Horowitz and NEA. For more information, visit <http://www.databricks.com>.