



Dataflow Logging

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Outline

Introduce Dataflow's logging & error reporting integration -- we make it easy to bring the best of Cloud Logging with your Dataflow application

Find the logging panel at the bottom

- Step logs vs. worker logs
- Severity types of logs
- Show them Cloud Logging interface
- Explain indicators for specific log name

Diagnostics tabs

- Show Error Reporting interface
- Show them links to platform errors

Advanced things you can do with logs:

- Custom logs using SLF4J

Discuss costs:

- Dataflow service logs are not chargeable
- Which logs are chargeable?
- How do you control that?

Demo

- Walk them through the Logging Panel
- Show them the step logs vs. worker logs
- Show them filtering severity levels of logs
- Click over to Cloud Logging -- show a sample query for logs
- Click over to Error Reporting -- show them diagnostics for errors



Logging & Error Reporting

Every SRE best practices book will emphasize the importance of having robust logging & error reporting capabilities

Google Cloud offers an end-to-end suite for these needs with Operations Suite

- Cloud Monitoring
- Cloud Logging
- Error Reporting
- Cloud Profiler
- Cloud Trace
- Cloud Debugger
- ... and several more

What do I need to do to extend these to our Dataflow applications?



Dataflow + Logging & Error Reporting

Nothing at all!

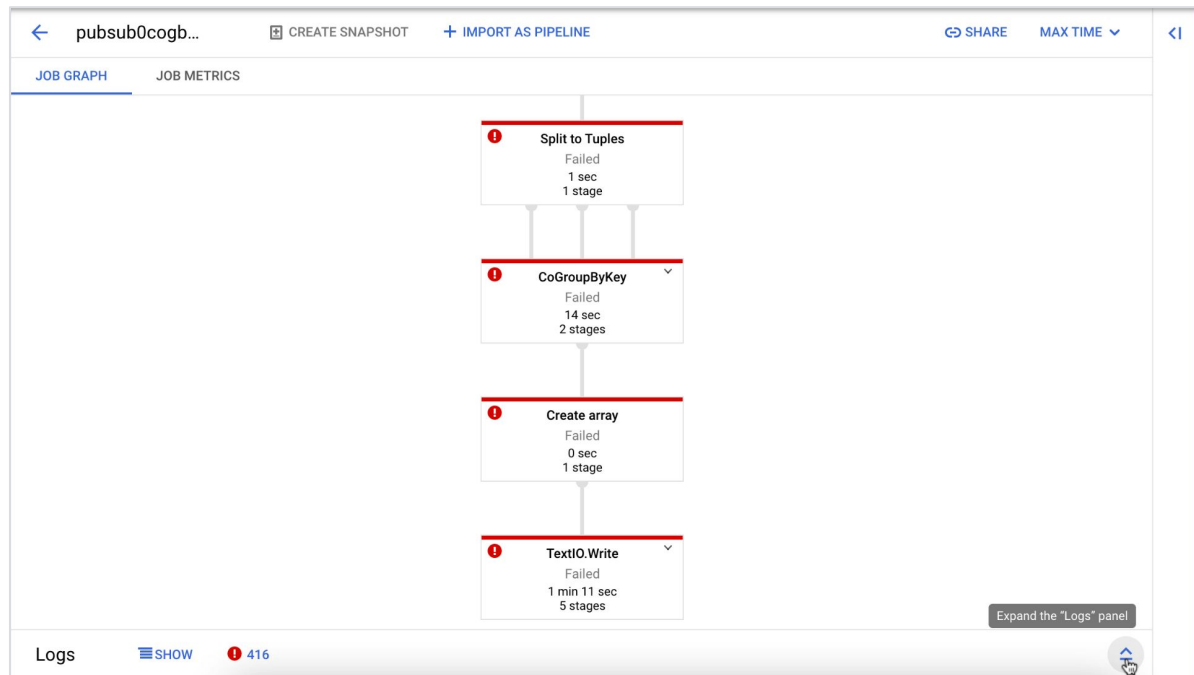
Dataflow offers native integration with Cloud Logging and Error Reporting

Dataflow Logging



Logging Panel

You'll find the logging panel at the bottom of your Job Details page:





Logging Panel

You'll find three panels:

- Job Logs
- Worker Logs
- Diagnostics

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Logging Panel for a job named "wordcount6". The interface is divided into three main sections: Job Graph, Job Metrics, and Logs. The Job Graph section shows a single node "ReadLines" with a status of "Succeeded" and a duration of "1 sec". The Job Metrics section shows "1 of 1 stage succeeded". The Logs section shows a list of 30 messages, including "Finished operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/GatherTempFileResults/View.AsList/...", "Executing operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/GatherTempFileResults/Reify.Reify...", "Finished operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/GatherTempFileResults/Reify.ReifyV...", "Executing operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/FinalizeTempFileBundles/Reshuffle...", "Finished operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/FinalizeTempFileBundles/Reshuffle...", "Executing operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/FinalizeTempFileBundles/Reshuffle...", "Finished operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/FinalizeTempFileBundles/Reshuffle...", "Stopping worker pool...", and "Worker pool stopped...". The right sidebar contains "Job info" and "Resource metrics".

wordcount6 CLONE LOGS SHARE MAX TIME

JOB GRAPH JOB METRICS

ReadLines
Succeeded
1 sec
1 of 1 stage succeeded

Logs

JOB LOGS WORKER LOGS DIAGNOSTICS

Showing 30 messages Info Filter logs

2020-12-14 13:34:56.951 PST Finished operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/GatherTempFileResults/View.AsList/...

2020-12-14 13:34:57.122 PST Executing operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/GatherTempFileResults/Reify.Reify...

2020-12-14 13:35:00.587 PST Finished operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/GatherTempFileResults/Reify.ReifyV...

2020-12-14 13:35:00.676 PST Executing operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/FinalizeTempFileBundles/Reshuffle...

2020-12-14 13:35:00.737 PST Finished operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/FinalizeTempFileBundles/Reshuffle...

2020-12-14 13:35:01.054 PST Executing operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/FinalizeTempFileBundles/Reshuffle...

2020-12-14 13:35:02.786 PST Finished operation WriteCounts/WriteFiles/FinalizeTempFileBundles/Reshuffle...

2020-12-14 13:35:03.049 PST Stopping worker pool...

2020-12-14 13:35:51.659 PST Worker pool stopped.

Job info

Job name wordcount6

Job ID [REDACTED]

Job type Batch

Job status Succeeded

SDK version Apache Beam SDK for Java 2.23.0

Job region us-central1

Worker location us-central1-b

Current workers 0

Latest worker status Worker pool stopped.

Start time December 14, 2020 at 1:33:18 PM GMT-8

Elapsed time 2 min 38 sec

Encryption type Google-managed key

Resource metrics

Current vCPUs 3

Total vCPU time 0.066 vCPU hr

Current memory 11.25 GB

Total memory time 0.247 GB hr

Current HDD PD 750 GB



Logs

Job Logs

Messages that report the status of a job as a whole

Worker Logs

Messages that are produced by the worker instances

Diagnostics

Frequency of each error across time observed in your job



Logging Panel - A Closer Look

- Filter for minimum severity
- Search for specific strings

The screenshot shows the Apache Beam Logging Panel for a job named "pubsub0cogb...". The top navigation bar includes a back arrow, the job name, "CREATE SNAPSHOT", "IMPORT AS PIPELINE", "SHARE", "MAX TIME", and a close button. Below this, there are tabs for "JOB GRAPH" and "JOB METRICS". The "JOB GRAPH" tab is active, showing a pipeline diagram with a node labeled "Split to Tuples" that has failed. Below the graph, there is a "Logs" section with a "HIDE" button and a count of 416 logs. The "Logs" section has tabs for "JOB LOGS", "WORKER LOGS", and "DIAGNOSTICS". The "JOB LOGS" tab is active, showing a list of logs. A filter menu is open, showing severity levels: Emergency, Alert, Critical, Error, Warning, Debug, Info, and Notice. The log entries show various messages, including errors and finished operations.



Searching Logs

Initialization failure?

Worker jar file misconfiguration

Memory pressure?

Out of memory: Kill process

Shutting down JVM after consecutive periods of measured GC thrashing

Slow processing?

Lengthy operation in step

Hot key detected

Large amount of data?

Commit Key request Exceeds Size Limit

Too much logging?

Throttling logger worker



Logs Explorer

pubsub0cogb... CREATE SNAPSHOT + IMPORT AS PIPELINE SHARE MAX TIME

JOB GRAPH JOB METRICS

Split to Tuples
Failed
1 sec
1 stage

Logs HIDE 416

JOB LOGS WORKER LOGS DIAGNOSTICS

Showing 100 messages

Emergency Alert Critical Error Warning Debug Info Notice

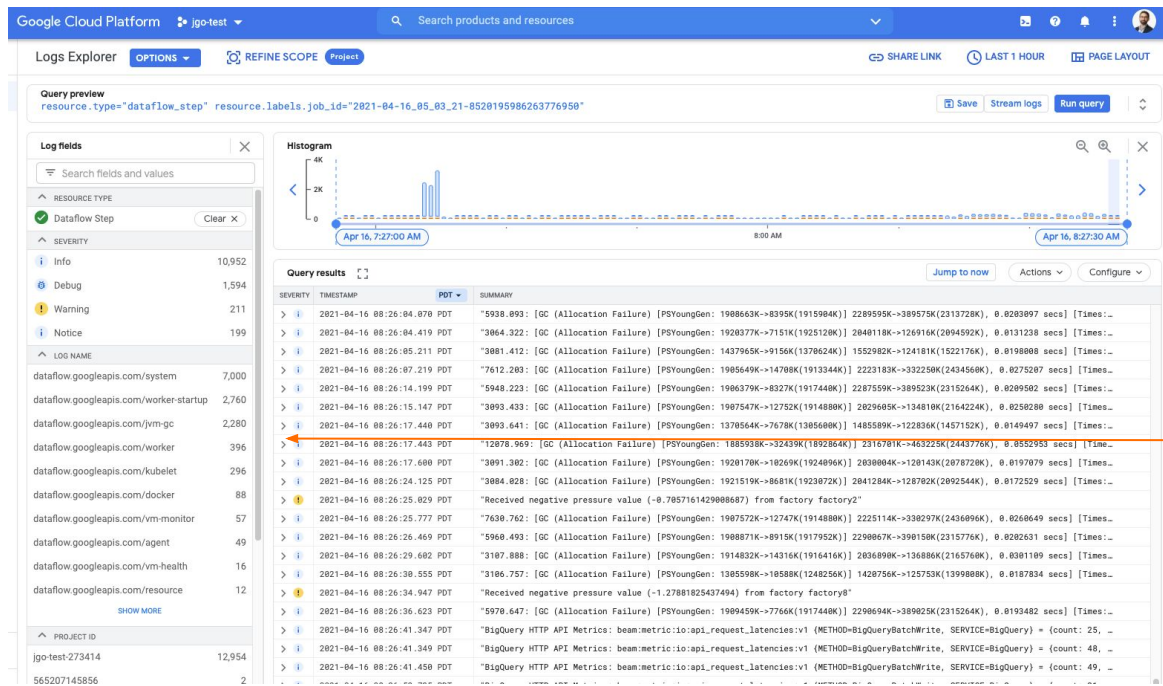
Filter logs

2021-02-14 21:15:05.071 EST Error mes
2021-02-14 21:15:15.066 EST Error mes
2021-02-14 21:15:25.065 EST Error mes
2021-02-14 21:15:35.042 EST Error mes
2021-02-14 21:15:45.046 EST Error mes
2021-02-14 21:15:48.158 EST Cancel re
2021-02-14 21:15:48.217 EST Finished
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2021-02-14 21:15:48.217 EST Finished operation TextIO.Write/WriteFiles/GatherTempFileResults/Reshuffle/GroupByKey/ReadStream+TextIO.Write/WriteFiles/GatherT...
2021-02-14 21:15:48.264 EST Finished operation Read PubSub Subscription/PubsubUnboundedSource+Read PubSub Subscription/MapElements/Map+Window.Into()/Window...

Link to Logs Explorer



Logs Explorer



Create custom queries for your logs

Observe the frequency different types of logs

Filter for different types of logs



Different Types of Logs

- **job-message:** job-level messages that various components of Dataflow generate (i.e. autoscaling configuration, when workers start up or shut down, progress on job step, and job errors). Worker-level errors that originate from crashing user code and that are present in **worker** logs also propagate up to the job-message logs.
- **worker:** messages produced by Dataflow workers. Workers do most of the pipeline work (i.e. they are the only applying ParDops to data). Worker logs contain messages logged by your code and Dataflow.
- **worker-startup:** captures messages related to the startup process. This includes downloading a job's jars from Cloud Storage, then starting the workers. If there is a problem starting workers, these logs are a good place to look.
- **shuffler:** messages from workers that consolidate the results of parallel pipeline operations.
- **docker & kubelet:** messages related to processes by Dataflow service



Custom Logging

You can also (and should!) write custom logs to track events of note

Java

Apache Beam provides
the open source SLF4J
library

Python

Apache Beam provides
the `logging` library
package

```

PCollectionTuple eventsTuple = events
    .apply("Filter bad events", ParDo.of(new DoFn<Event, Event>() {

        private final Counter counter = Metrics.counter(EventProcessingPipeline.class,
"bad-counter");

        @ProcessElement
        public void processElement(ProcessContext ctx) {
            Event event = ctx.element();
            Double dataValue = event.getDataValue();
            if (dataValue < 10) {
                counter.inc();
                if (dataValue < 0) {
                    LOG.warn("Received negative pressure value ({{}}) from factory {{}}",
dataValue, event.getFactoryCode());
                }
                ctx.output(badEventsTupleTag, event);
            }
            else {
                ctx.output(goodEventsTupleTag, event);
            }
        }
    }).withOutputTags(goodEventsTupleTag, TupleTagList.of(badEventsTupleTag)));

```



Custom Logs in Logs Explorer

- You can find custom logs in the Logs Explorer with:
 - `resource.type: dataflow_step`
 - `logName: dataflow.googleapis.com%2Fworker`

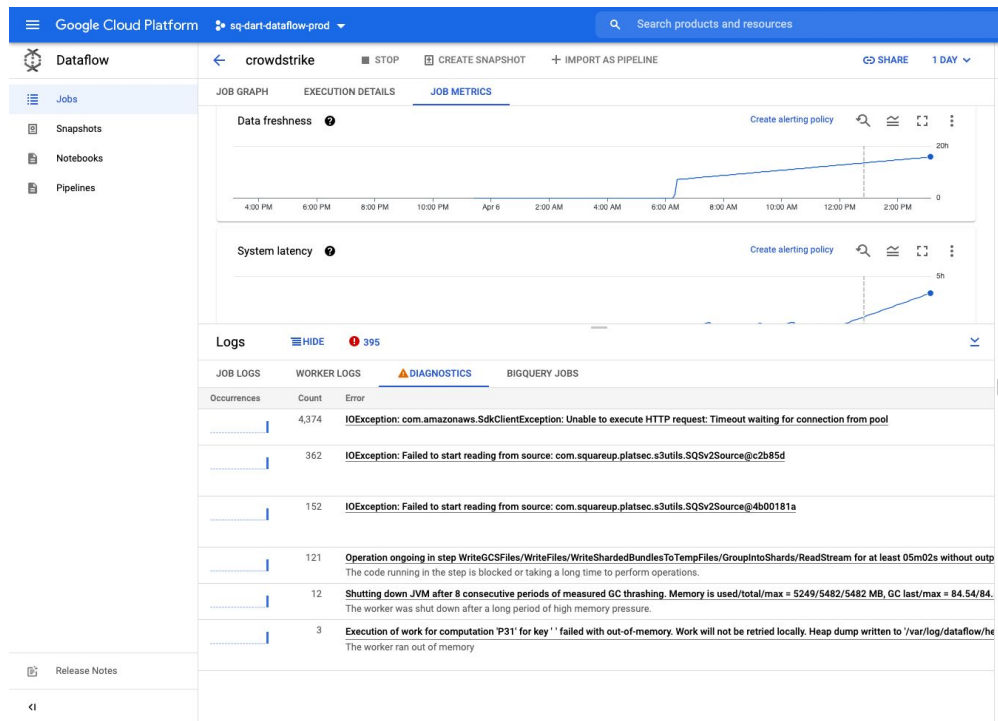
Dataflow Error Reporting



Diagnostics Tab

Diagnostics tab shows:

- Where errors occurred along the chosen timeline
- Count of all logged errors
- Possible recommendations for your pipeline





Diagnostics Tab - Recommendations

Logs	HIDE	395	
JOB LOGS	WORKER LOGS	DIAGNOSTICS	BIGQUERY JOBS
Occurrences	Count	Error	
	4,374	<u>IOException: com.amazonaws.SdkClientException: Unable to execute HTTP request: Timeout waiting for connection from pool</u>	
	362	<u>IOException: Failed to start reading from source: com.squareup.platsec.s3utils.SQSv2Source@c2b85d</u>	
	152	<u>IOException: Failed to start reading from source: com.squareup.platsec.s3utils.SQSv2Source@4b00181a</u>	
	121	<u>Operation ongoing in step WriteGCSFiles/WriteFiles/WriteShardedBundlesToTempFiles/GroupIntoShards/ReadStream for at least 05m02s without outp</u> The code running in the step is blocked or taking a long time to perform operations.	
	12	<u>Shutting down JVM after 8 consecutive periods of measured GC thrashing. Memory is used/total/max = 5249/5482/5482 MB, GC last/max = 84.54/84.</u> The worker was shut down after a long period of high memory pressure.	
	3	<u>Execution of work for computation 'P31' for key '' failed with out-of-memory. Work will not be retried locally. Heap dump written to '/var/log/dataflow/he</u> The worker ran out of memory	



Error Reporting Interface

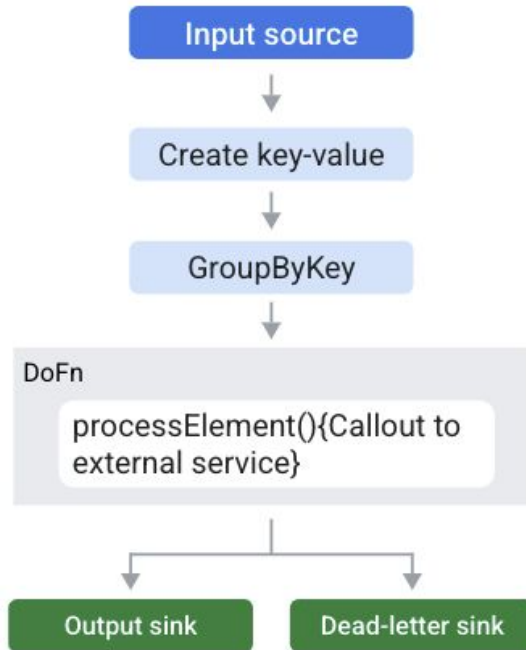


- Histogram showing errors across your Dataflow project
- Different time ranges
- Look at errors across jobs
- Examine stack traces
- Link to internal issue tracker

Best Practices

Dead-letter queues & Error logging

- Write erroneous records to a dead-letter queue
- Use an exception block that allows you to log an issue & send the raw data as a SideOutput to store unprocessable data



```
final TupleTag successTag;
final TupleTag deadLetterTag;
PCollection input = /* ... */;

PCollectionTuple outputTuple = input.apply(ParDo.of(new DoFn(){
    @Override
    void processElement(ProcessContext ctxt) {
        try {
            c.output(process(c.element));
        } catch(MyException ex) {
            // Optional Logging at debug level
            c.sideOutPut(deadLetterTag, c.element);
        }
    }
})).writeOutPutTags(successTag, TupleTagList.of(deadLetterTag));

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outputTuple.get(deadLetterTag).apply(BigQuery.write(...));

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Demo



Thank you!

Q & A