Assignment 2 - Yang Chen

Git repo:

https://github.com/Yangyanggogo/SkiResortDistributedSystem/tree/hw3

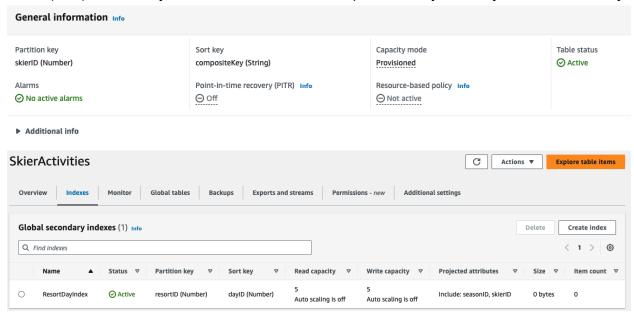
Database design

This assignment's main goal is to modify the consumer to persist the results in a database, and the database chosen for this assignment is DynamoDB since I expect very high write throughput and need to scale easily. DynamoDB is a NoSQL, scalable, serverless, good for unstructured data, and fast reads/writes.

DynamoDB table design

To be able to answer queries listed in Assignment 2 instructions, the table was designed as follows.

Table configuration with skierID as the partition key, compositeKey("seasons#dayID#time#liftID") as the sort key, and a Global Secondary Index (GSI) ResortDayIndex with resortID as the partition key and dayID as the sort key.



DynamoDB table access setting

Access to AWS services was ensured by using temporary credentials, specifically the access key ID, secret access key, and session token with AWS to enhance security. By manually obtaining temporary credentials from the AWS access portal and saving them in a local .aws/credentials file, the requests are authenticated to be written in the DynamoDB table created in AWS.

DynamoDB table create

To create a DynamoDB table in Java, I used the AWS SDK for Java. The Java code that creates a DynamoDB table suitable for storing the skier messages can be found in the git repo.

Redis database design

key: SkierId

value: seasonID|dayId|liftId

Data within Redis is managed using a hash structure keyed by a unique identifier, skierId. Each skierId is associated with a hash that stores multiple fields representing different dimensions such as seasonID, dayID, and liftID. These fields within the hash are updated to concatenate new incoming values, delimited by a pipe |, effectively accumulating a list of values within a single hash field. This method offers an efficient way to collate and access multi-dimensional data related to each unique skierId, allowing for quick updates and retrievals. The atomic operations used ensure that updates to the hash are consistent, and concurrent modifications by multiple clients are managed correctly by Redis's single-threaded processing model.

Redis access setting is ensured by the private IP address of the Redis EC2 instance because the consumer was deployed to EC2.

Deployment topologies on AWS

Server: Build artifacts of Server, then deploy into server's tomcat web app folder via tomcat management.

Client: run in local.

Consumer: scp Consumer.jar in EC2 instance and run it.

DynamoDB table: created on AWS.

Consumer class

The consumer class was updated to write messages in the DynamoDB table when polling out the messages in rabbitMQ.

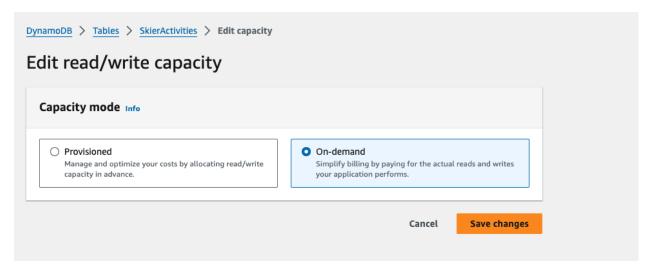
Writing performance improving

To improve my database's write performance and address write throttling, the following steps were considered.

• Permanently increase the provisioned WCUs for your table to handle higher loads. WCUs were set to be 50L in Creating the DynamoDB table Java code.

```
.provisionedThroughput(
   ProvisionedThroughput.builder()
        .readCapacityUnits( aLong: 5L)
        .writeCapacityUnits( aLong: 50L)
       .build()
.globalSecondaryIndexes(
   GlobalSecondaryIndex.builder()
        .indexName( s: "ResortDayIndex")
        .keySchema(
            KeySchemaElement.builder()
                .attributeName( s: "resortID")
                .keyType(KeyType.HASH)
                .build(),
            KeySchemaElement.builder()
                .attributeName( s: "dayID")
                .keyType(KeyType.RANGE)
                .build()
        .projection(Projection.builder()
            .projectionType(ProjectionType.INCLUDE)
            .nonKeyAttributes( ...strings: "seasonID", "skierID")
            .build())
        .provisionedThroughput(
            ProvisionedThroughput.builder()
                .readCapacityUnits( aLong: 5L)
                .writeCapacityUnits( aLong: 50L)
                .build()
```

Modify the DynamoDB table to on-demand mode.



• Implement exponential backoff in your application's retry logic.

```
if (!requestItems.isEmpty()) {
   try {
     Thread.sleep( millis: (long) Math.pow(2, attempts) * baseBackoffTime);
   } catch (InterruptedException e) {
     Thread.currentThread().interrupt();
     return; // Early exit if the thread's interrupted status is set
   }
   attempts++;
}
```

• Use the BatchWriteItem API to perform batch writes to DynamoDB instead of individual PutItem requests, which can be more efficient.

```
public class DynamoDBBatchWriter {

2 usages
  private final DynamoDbClient dynamoDbClient;
2 usages
  private final String tableName;
6 usages
  private final List<WriteRequest> writeRequests;
2 usages
  private final int batchSize;
2 usages
  private final int maxRetryAttempts;
2 usages
  private final int baseBackoffTime;
```

Details of implementations to improve writing performance can be found in the code.

Test results

Client: 32 threads for 1000 requests in phase 1. 64 threads in phase 2; Consumer: 200 threads

Multi threads consumer test start

Number of threads in phase 2: 64

Number of successful requests: 200000

Number of fail requests: 0

Wall Time: 122734

Mean latency= 34.183995 ms

Median latency= 33.0 ms

P99 latency= 71.0 ms

Throughout: 1639 requests/second

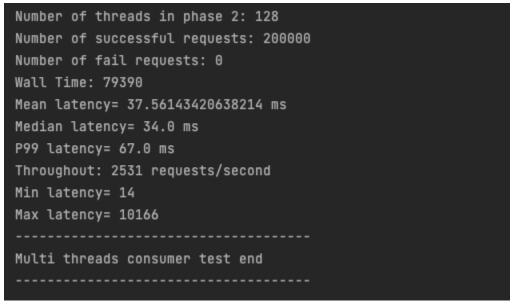
Min latency= 15

Max latency= 1055

Multi threads consumer test end



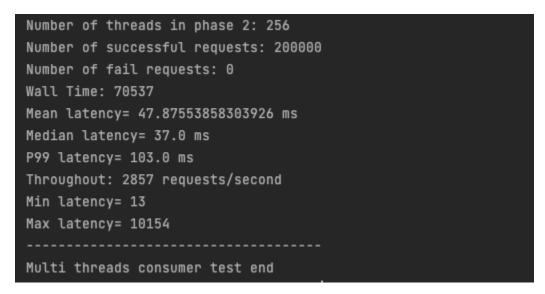
Client: 32 threads for 1000 requests in phase 1. 128 threads in phase 2; Consumer: 200 threads





Client: 32 threads for 1000 requests in phase 1. 256 threads in phase 2;

Consumer: 200 threads

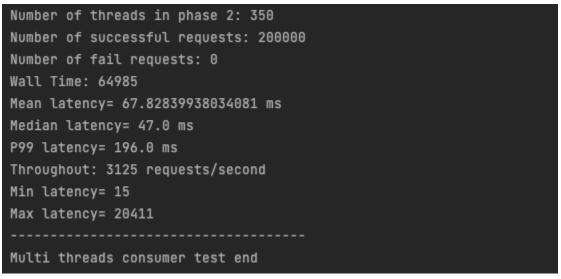


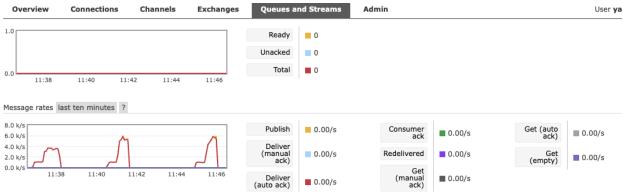
Queue PostMessageQUEUE • Overview Queued messages last ten minutes ?



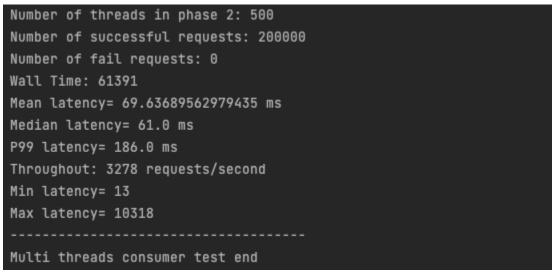
Client: 32 threads for 1000 requests in phase 1. 350 threads in phase 2;

Consumer: 200 threads





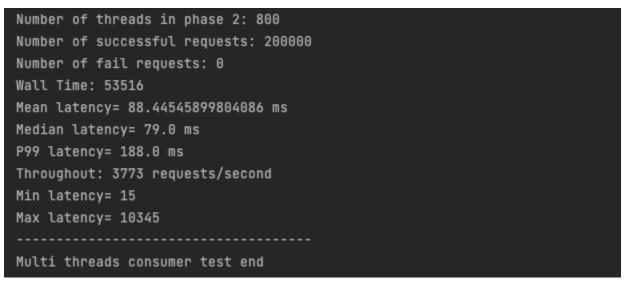
Client: 32 threads for 1000 requests in phase 1. 500 threads in phase 2; Consumer: 200 threads



Queue PostMessageQUEUE Overview Queued messages last ten minutes ? 0 Ready Unacked 0 Total 11:42 11:44 11:46 11:48 11:50 Message rates last ten minutes ? 10.0 k/s Publish 0.00/s Consumer ack ■ 0.00/s ■ 0.00/s 7.5 k/s 5.0 k/s Redelivered Get (empty) 0.00/s 0.00/s 2.5 k/s ■ 0.00/s 0.0 k/s Get (manual ack) ■ 0.00/s ■ 0.00/s Details Features State Policy Consumers Operator policy Consumer capacity ? Effective policy definition Total Ready Unacked In memory Persistent Transient, Paged Out Messages ? 0 Ω 0 0 0 Message body bytes ? 0 B 0 B 0 B 0 B 0 B 0 B Process memory ? 121 KiB Consumers (200)

Client: 32 threads for 1000 requests in phase 1. 800 threads in phase 2;

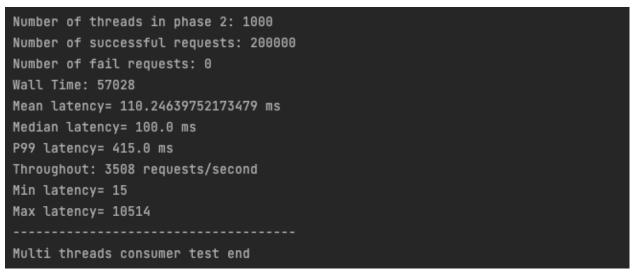
Consumer: 200 threads





Client: 32 threads for 1000 requests in phase 1. 1000 threads in phase 2;

Consumer: 200 threads





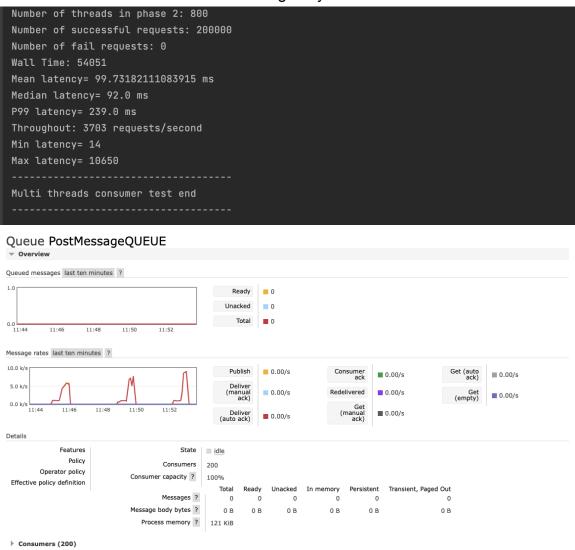
In conclusion, according to the tests shown above, the best throughput is around 3800 requests/second with almost 0 messages stocked in the rabbitMQ, 800 threads in the phase 2 client part, and 200 threads in the consumer part. The following part talks more about the comparison of data writing in the DynamoDB table and Redis.

Data writing speed Table setting with writeCapacityUnits = 50 L

Client: 32 threads for 1000 requests in phase 1. 800 threads in phase 2;

Consumer: 200 threads

It took around 65 minutes to finish writing in dynamoDB.



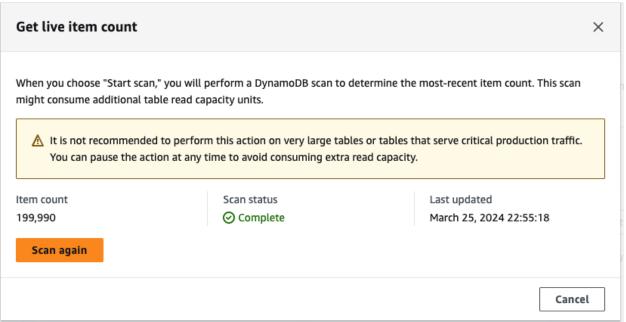
DynamoDB table items

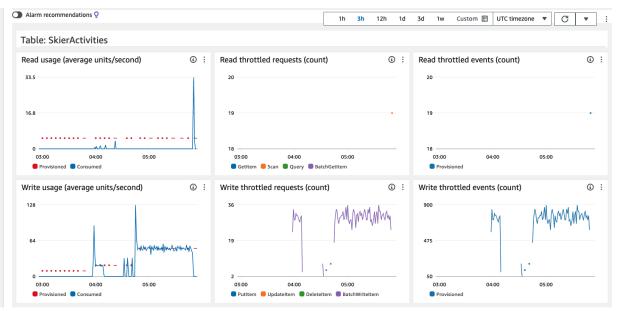
```
Run: 🗐 Consumer
       Connection succeed!

♪ Successful writes to DynamoDB: 0

       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 8700
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 11850
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 15000
🕣 🖶 Successful writes to DynamoDB: 18100
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 20925
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 23775
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 26825
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 30125
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 33250
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 35750
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 38800
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 41950
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 45050
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 48000
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 51250
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 54000
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 57100
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 60125
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 62975
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 65700
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 69125
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 72150
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 74800
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 77850
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 81225
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 84000
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 87000
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 89975
       Successful writes to DynamoDB: 92925
```







DynamoDB Data with On-demand

It took around 3 minutes to finish writing in DynamoDB.

```
Number of threads in phase 2: 800
Number of successful requests: 200000
Number of fail requests: 0
Wall Time: 63412
Mean latency= 89.35119818086409 ms
Median latency= 82.0 ms
P99 latency= 168.0 ms
Throughout: 3174 requests/second
Min latency= 15
Max latency= 10349
Queue PostMessageQUEUE
 Overview
Queued messages last ten minutes ?
                              Ready 0
                              Unacked
                                     0
Message rates last ten minutes ?
                                 Publish
                                     0.00/s
```

■ 0.00/s ■ 0.00/s 7.5 k/s 5.0 k/s 0.00/s 2.5 k/s ■ 0.00/s 0.0 k/s ■ 0.00/s ■ 0.00/s Details Features State | idle Total Ready Unacked In memory Persistent Transient, Paged Out Messages ? Policy Consumers 200 Message body bytes ? 0 B 0 B 0 B 0 B Operator policy 0 B 0 B Consumer capacity ? Effective policy definition Process memory ? Consumers (200)

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-29-95 ~]$ java -jar /opt/Consumer.jar
Connecting...
log4j:WARN No appenders could be found for logger (com.rabbitmq.client.impl.Cons
umerWorkService).
log4j:WARN Please initialize the log4j system properly.
log4j:WARN See http://logging.apache.org/log4j/1.2/faq.html#noconfig for more ir
fo.
Connection succeed!
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 0
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 44575
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 145175
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 200100
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 200100
```

(* the extra 100 writing was caused by the previous test with 100 writing.)

Get live item count

When you choose "Start scan," you will perform a DynamoDB scan to determine the might consume additional table read capacity units.

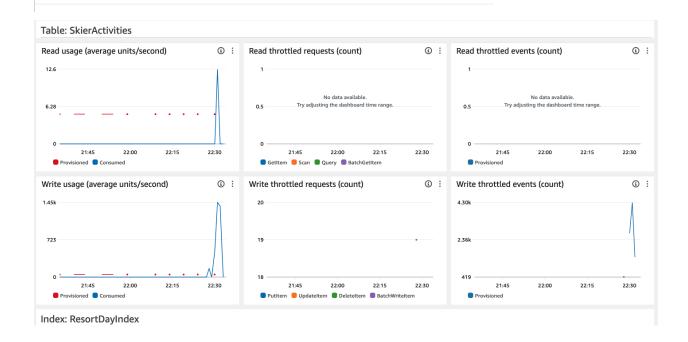


⚠ It is not recommended to perform this action on very large tables or tables ti You can pause the action at any time to avoid consuming extra read capacity.

Item count 200,000

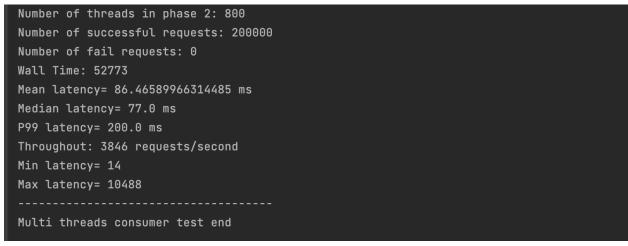
Scan status ○ Complete

Scan again



Redis Writing result

It took around 3 minutes to finish writing in Redis. The throughput is slightly greater than writing in DynamoDB.





```
^C[ec2-user@ip-172-31-29-95 ~]$ java -jar /opt/Consumer_redis.jar
log4j:WARN No appenders could be found for logger (com.rabbitma.client.impl.Cons
umer₩orkService).
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Connection succeed!
Successful Rédis writes: 9 vec
Successful Redis writes: 62495
Successful Redis writes: 147345 EC2
Successful Redis writes: 200000
Successful Redis writes: 200000
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-16-207 ~]$ redis-cli dbsize
(integer) 81824
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-16-207 ~]$ redis-cli dbsize
(integer) 93237
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-16-207 ~]$ redis-cli dbsize
(inteaer) 96901
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-16-207 ~]$ redis-cli dbsize
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```

The Redis database size is less than 200k because it is stored by skierld, which is in the range of 1 to 100000. Every new record will update the value of the keys.

Test with Circuit Breaker

Although in my previous chapters, the tests show that there is no backlogs in the message queue, a new server was implemented using a circuit breaker.

In this part of the report, I introduce throttling and a circuit breaker with exponential backoffs in the context of a client application interacting with a message queue (RabbitMQ) and a database (DynamoDB and Redis).

To implement a circuit breaker on the server side, I utilize the EventCountCircuitBreaker from Apache Commons Lang, which opens the circuit after certain events occur (such as failed attempts to write to the database). The implementation details are in my GitHub codebase, in the Server3 file.

All tests shown below share the same parameters for consumer and client: 800 threads in client phase 2; 200 threads in consumer.

DynamoDB Data writing setting with On-demand



```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-29-95 ~]$ java -jar /opt/Consumer.jar
Connecting...
log4j:WARN No appenders could be found for logger (com.rabbitmq.client.impl.Cons
umerWorkService).
log4j:WARN Please initialize the log4j system properly.
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fo.
Connection succeed!
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 0
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 49675
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 150600
Successful writes to DynamoDB: 200050
```

Get live item count

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When you choose "Start scan," you will perform a DynamoDB scan to determine the most-recent item count. This scan might consume additional table read capacity units.

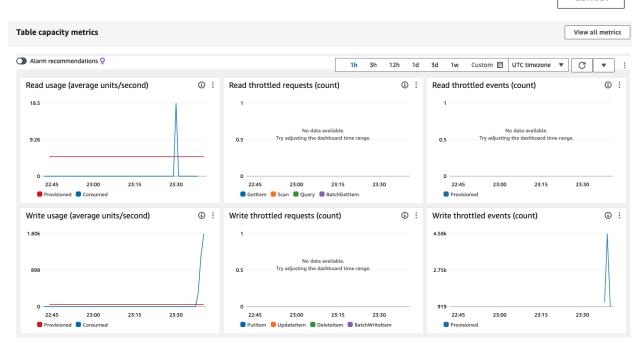


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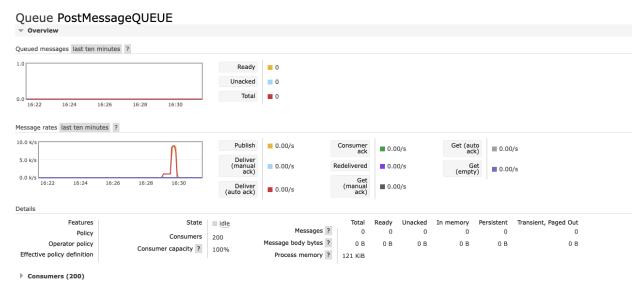
Scan status Last updated Item count 200,000 Complete March 26, 2024 17:57:21

Scan again

Cancel



Redis Writing result



```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-29-95 ~]$ java -jar /opt/Consumer_redis.jar
Connecting...
log4j:WARN No appenders could be found for logger (com.rabbitmq.client.impl.Con
umerWorkService).
log4j:WARN Please initialize the log4j system properly.
log4j:WARN See http://logging.apache.org/log4j/1.2/faq.html#noconfig for more i
fo.
Connection succeed!
Successful Redis writes: 0
Successful Redis writes: 41056
Successful Redis writes: 41056
Successful Redis writes: 119521
Successful Redis writes: 200002
```

```
[[ec2-user@ip-172-31-16-207 ~]$ redis-cli dbsize
  (integer) 0
[[ec2-user@ip-172-31-16-207 ~]$ redis-cli dbsize
  (integer) 11302
[[ec2-user@ip-172-31-16-207 ~]$ redis-cli dbsize
  (integer) 86392
```

Conclusion

Best throughput

The best throughput is 4000 requests/second, with 800 threads in the client phase 2 and 200 threads in the Consumer.

Message queue

All tests with a reasonable number of threads in the Consumer ensure that there are no backlog messages in the queue.

Database choice

Using DynamoDB with an on-demand setting has the same writing speed as Redis.