

Your application is failing intermittently. How would you use CloudWatch Logs Insights to troubleshoot?

Answer:

CloudWatch Logs Insights is great for searching patterns in logs quickly. Here's how I'd use it:

- Go to CloudWatch Logs Insights
- Select the log group for the application (e.g., /ecs/my-app or /var/log/messages)
- Use queries like:

sql

fields @timestamp, @message | filter @message like /error/ | sort @timestamp desc | limit 50

- If it's intermittent, I might query over a wider time range (last 6 hours or 12 hours).
- I'd look for patterns: specific exceptions, timeouts, or missing values in request payloads.

Example:

Once our ECS app had 502 Gateway errors, but only some users saw them. Using Logs Insights, I filtered logs by status=502 and traced them back to requests missing a token. It turned out to be a client-side issue.

Which AWS service allows you to run queries to analyze and troubleshoot application logs in near real-time?

A. AWS X-Ray

B. CloudWatch Logs Insights

- C. AWS Athena
- D. Amazon QuickSight
- B. CloudWatch Logs Insights 🔽

If an application fails intermittently, what is the best initial step in CloudWatch Logs Insights?

- A. Enable VPC Flow Logs
- B. Select the relevant log group and run targeted queries
- C. Create an S3 bucket to store logs
- D. Turn on CloudTrail for the account
- B. Select the relevant log group and run targeted queries

Why might you increase the time range (e.g., last 6 or 12 hours) when troubleshooting intermittent failures in CloudWatch Logs Insights?

- A. To reduce query costs
- B. To capture more log events and spot patterns over time
- C. To avoid rate-limiting
- D. To improve dashboard refresh speed
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In the example where an ECS app had 502 Gateway errors for some users, how was the root cause identified using CloudWatch Logs Insights?

- A. By enabling debug logging on the ECS service
- B. By filtering logs for status=502 and tracing to requests missing a token
- C. By checking CloudTrail for API failures
- D. By inspecting EC2 CPU usage metrics
- B. By filtering logs for status=502 and tracing to requests missing a token