

Objective:

- Make a easy guideline for Python users who want to transfer its own database to the cloud.

To make this report, I am using Jupyter Notebook. To run the application you have to download the right libraries (I will put the names below) and IDE that you are confortable with. In my case, I am using Spyder.

Tools:

The tools necessary to make the migration are the following:

- Python 3.x
- Local Database (In this example, we will use PostgreSQL)
- An account in AWS (We will use S3, EC2 and RedShift)
- SQL Workbench/J (To make the queries in the clustered database in AWS)

Below, there are different websites to make the installation of the tools:

- Python 3.x: <https://www.python.org/downloads/>
- AWS: <https://aws.amazon.com/>
- SQL Workbench/J: <http://www.sql-workbench.net/manual/install.html>

Python libraries used in this application:

- psycopg2: make the connection to my local database and my clustered database
- boto3: make the connection to AWS
- csv: use csv files
- time: suspend the execution of my program for few minutes

A documentation which help me to make this project using Python was

<https://boto3.amazonaws.com/v1/documentation/api/latest/reference/services/redshift.html>

Steps:

The website <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/redshift/latest/gsg/getting-started.html> will help us to make the migration. Below, I will make an example how to use those steps to make the transference.

- Create IAM role:

To create IAM role, please follow the instructions in this website: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/redshift/latest/gsg/rs-gsg-create-an-iam-role.html>. In this case, it was created myRedshiftRole. You can see an example of this below.



Be sure the role created has as a policy AmazonS3ReadOnlyAccess.



- Create a cluster (Optional):

To create a cluster in RedShift, follow the instructions in this website: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/redshift/latest/gsg/rs-gsg-launch-sample-cluster.html> or run the application in Python. The app will create an example of a cluster with a default database. The function creating_cluster in the application will do it. Below, there is a picture of our cluster.



- Configure VPC Security Group:

The following website will authorize access to the cluster <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/redshift/latest/gsg/rs-gsg-authorize-cluster-access.html>. Make sure to configure the security group related to the cluster to authorize access:



- Connect to the cluster:

Using SQL Workbench/J, we will make the connection to the cluster. First, we need the driver to connect SQL Workbench to AWS cluster. In this website, we will do it <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/redshift/latest/mgmt/configure-jdbc-connection.html>. Then, we have to configure Workbench using the following website <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/redshift/latest/gsg/rs-gsg-connect-to-cluster.html>.



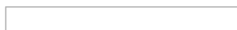
- Create a bucket (Optional):

To create a bucket in S3, follow the instructions in this website: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/user-guide/create-bucket.html> or run the application in Python. The function creating_bucket inside the application will create a bucket.



- Creating local files from our local database:

We will do it using the application in Python. The following picture will show our database tables in PostgreSQL.



Running the application will convert to local files (the function convert_to_local_files will make this). Below, we will see a picture where converts to a local files (csv files).



- Get access to AWS instance from local:

This is a important step to achieve the access to Linux instance created in AWS. To do this, I prefer to use Putty to get access using fingerprints (you can consult this website to do it: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/putty.html>) or you are free to use another method. The following website will help you with that <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/AccessingInstances.html> .

- Transfer local files to my bucket:

Also, we will make use of our application. The function put_files_bucket will be in charge of doing this. Below, we will see some pictures which demonstrate how will look our bucket.



- Copy the files from my bucket to my clustered database:

At the end, we will do this using the application as well. The function copy_from_s3_to_redshift will make this. The following picture is an example of how to make copy statements.



Below, we will see a picture of our fact table inside the clustered database.



Conclusion:

This steps allowed us to make the migration from a local database to the cloud, using AWS. It is a fact that the cloud has a lot of benefits so it is required for companies in expansion to increment its capacity of storage using new technologies, such as AWS.