

# Using AWS environment to learn druid capabilities



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## 1. Introduction

This document will help users to understand Druid and its capabilities in managing real time and stored data. Document shows how users can instantiate a Stack based on pre-existing template on AWS domain. This automatically generates various components i.e. master, compute nodes, broker, mysql and zookeeper to get user started on Druid technology. A pre-built database with set of segments allows them to instantly make search operation. Also provided is an easy to use Query interface to fetch data stored in compute nodes. Interface shows various querying capabilities available in Druid i.e. dimensions, filters, granularity etc.

The document also briefly covers explains the setup points needed to configure templates using Cloud Formation API (AWS) and how to instantiate stacks using existing template. Cloud Formation and Stacks are extensive AWS topics and out of scope of this document. Basic introduction is provided in document to get user started.

## 2. About Druid

Druid is the first open source, distributed, analytical data store designed to scale horizontally. Druid is better to meet the needs of analytics workloads requiring fast, real-time access to data at scale.

Druid's key features are:

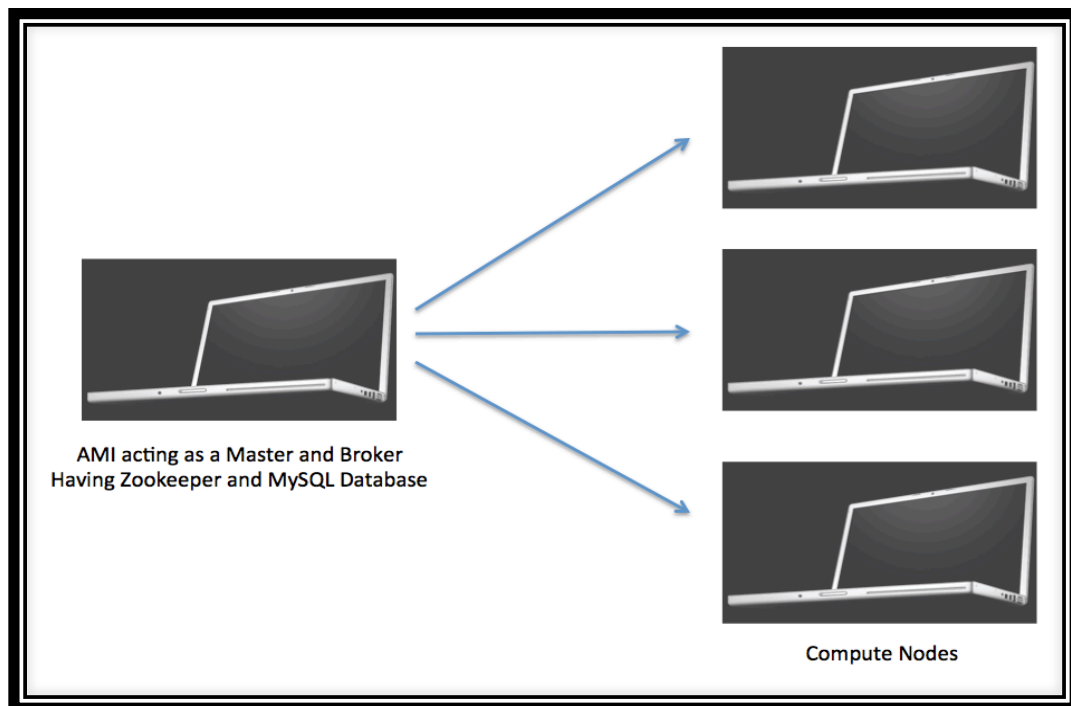
1. **Distributed architecture.** Swappable read-only data segments using swapping protocol. Per-segment replication relieves load on hot segments. Supports both in-memory and memory-mapped versions.
2. **Real-time ingestion.** Real-time ingestion coupled with broker servers to query across real-time and historical data. Automated migration of real-time to historical as it ages.
3. **Column-oriented for speed.** Data is laid out in columns so that scans are limited to specific data being searched. Compression decreases overall data footprint.
4. **Fast filtering.** Bitmap indices with CONCISE compression.
5. **Operational simplicity.** Fault tolerant due to replication. Supports rolling deployments and restarts. Allows simple scale up and scale down – just add or remove nodes.

## 3. Objectives of Druid

1. It gives an, efficient way to make Real-time analytics data store.
2. Druid will give maximum storage with minimum storage utility
3. Druid is fast and cheap for Big Data Analytics.
4. Druid data store's performance scales up well to a 6TB in-memory cluster and degrades gracefully under memory pressure.
5. Druid will give Real Time Analytics with billions of rows per second.

## 4. Druid Infrastructure Setup Points

1. Druid Infrastructure contains master node and compute nodes. Master will work with various compute nodes to handle a given data request. Data Query request is sent to Broker which internally communicates with master and routes the same via master to various compute nodes.
2. Below diagram gives schematic representation of 3 compute nodes and 1 master node which will be created using AWS template.
3. Master AMI that will act as Master and Broker, and would have Zookeeper and MySQL database.
4. Compute node AMI will be instantiated over three nodes to allow infrastructure to cater big data request.



**Figure 1**

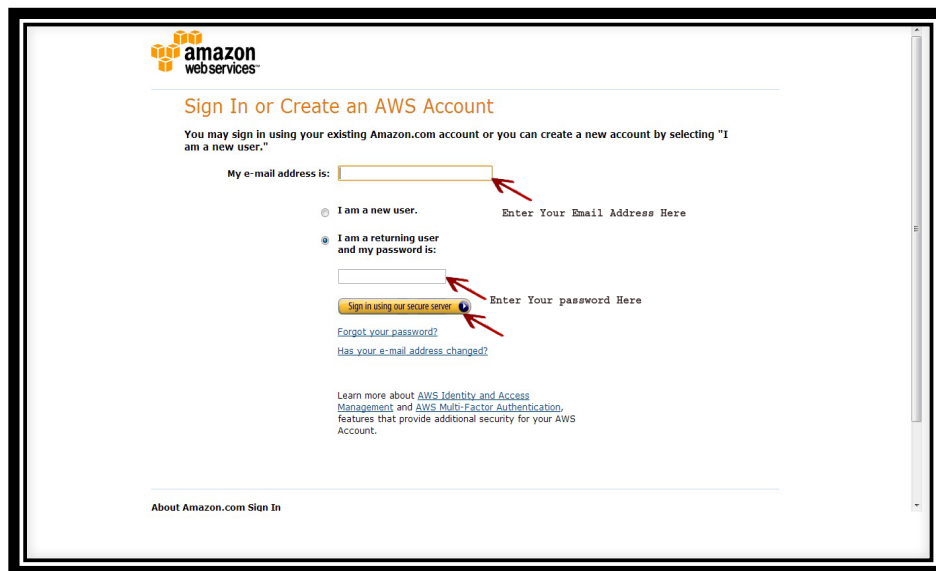
## 5. Creation of User Account in AWS

To create an account on AWS follows this link <http://aws.amazon.com/> to Sign Up for one (In case you already have an AWS account please skips this section and move to next section)

## 6. AWS Console& Stack Creation

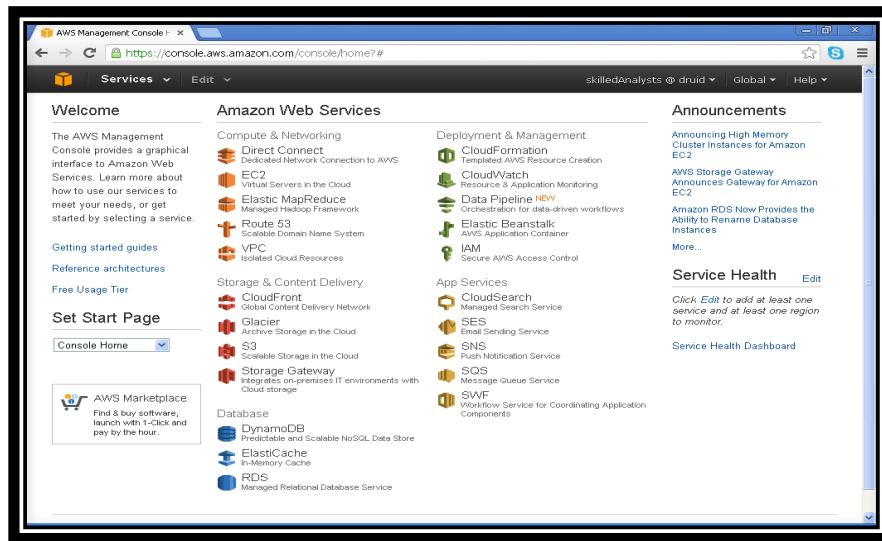
AWS Console is used to Access and manage Amazon Web Services through a simple and intuitive web-based user interface. The AWS Management Console provides a simple web interface for Amazon Web Services.

1. Log in using <https://console.aws.amazon.com/console/home>
2. Enter the Username Password and press “Sign in using our secure server”



**Figure 2**

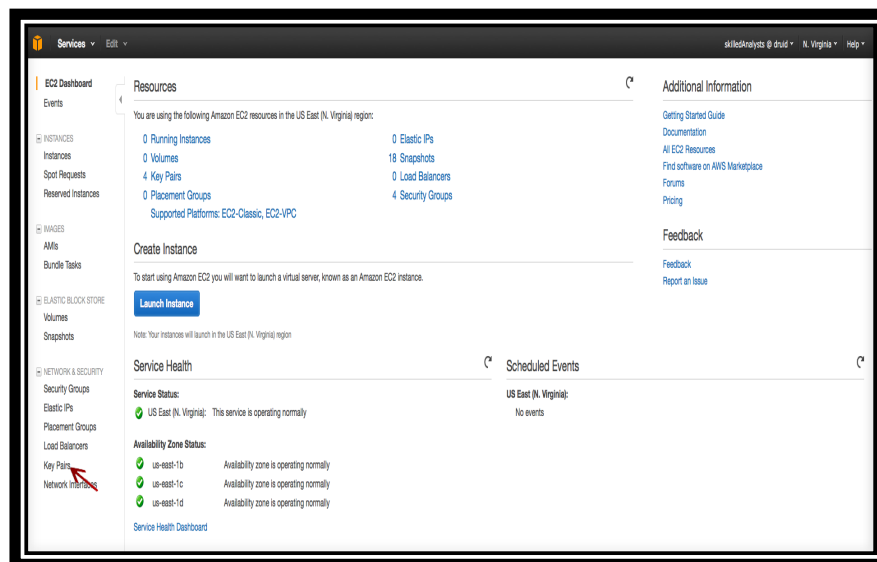
- After click you will directly go to the Welcome Screen on AWS Console.



**Figure 3**

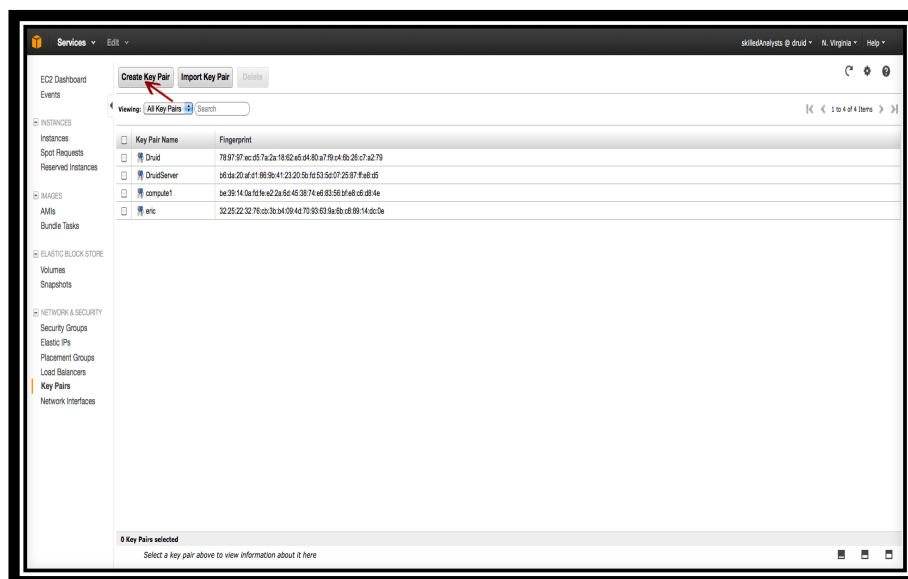
In case you do not see Deployment & Management (CloudFormation) in AWS console, please refer AWS help manual for the same.

- Select EC2 Dashboard and click on “Key Pairs”



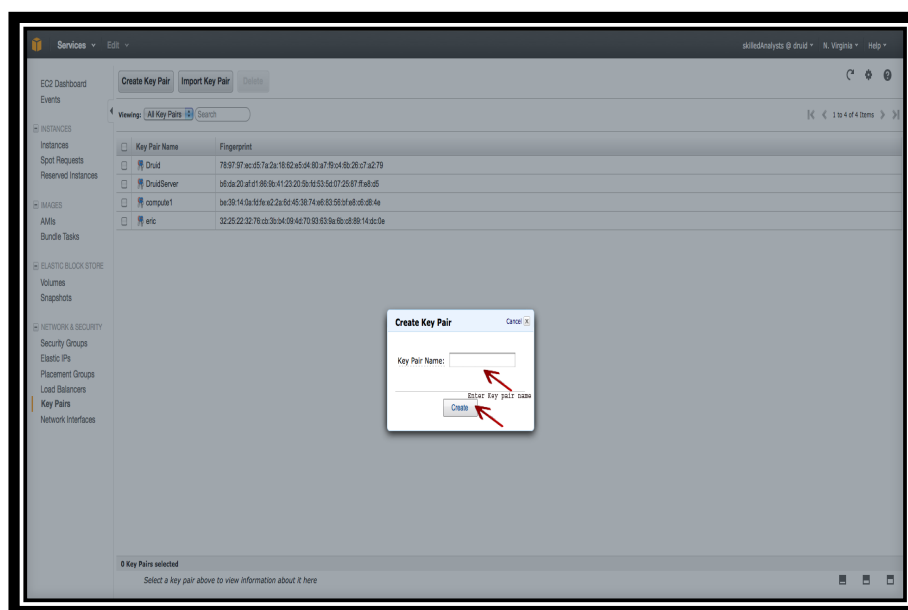
**Figure 4**

5. Press the “Create Key Pair” button.



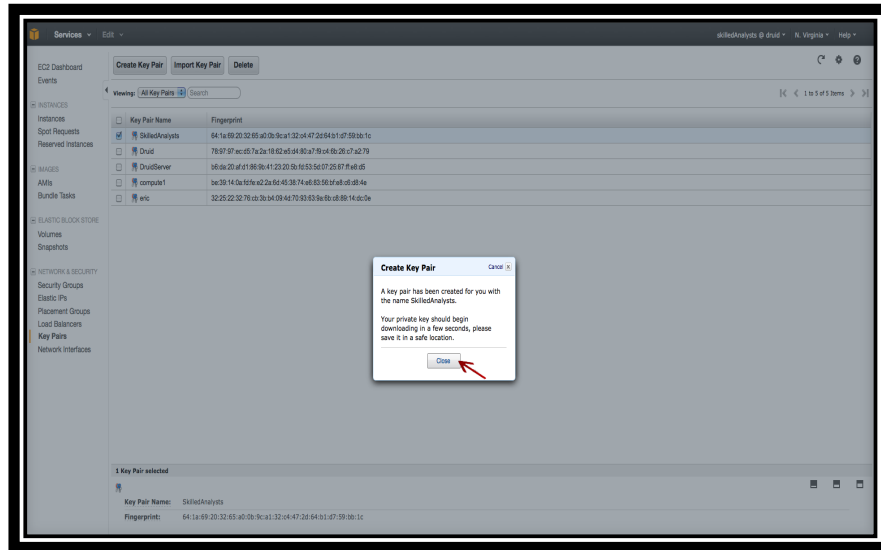
**Figure 5**

6. A dialogue box will appear, enter the Key Pair name you want to add and press the “Create” button.



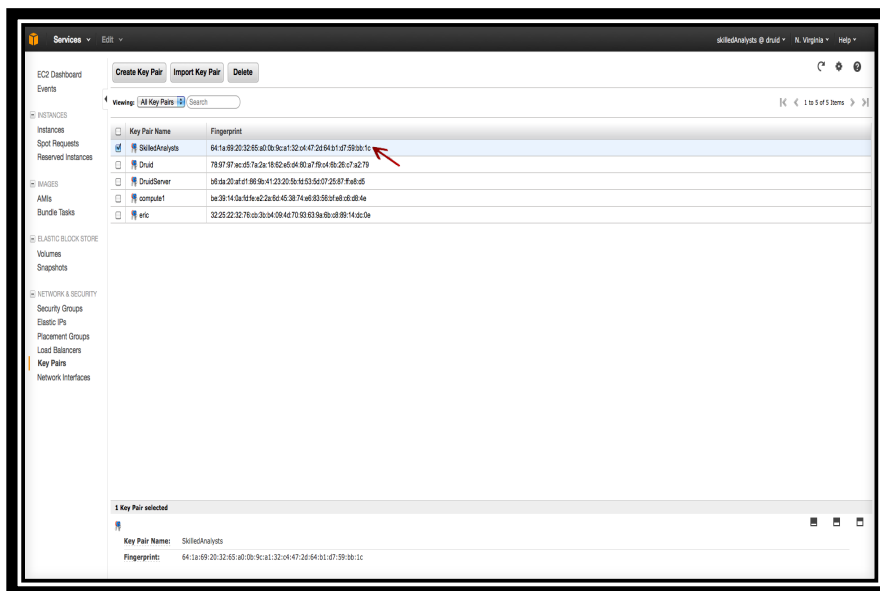
**Figure 6**

- Again a dialogue box will open saying that the Key Pair has been successfully created and press the “Close” button.



**Figure 7**

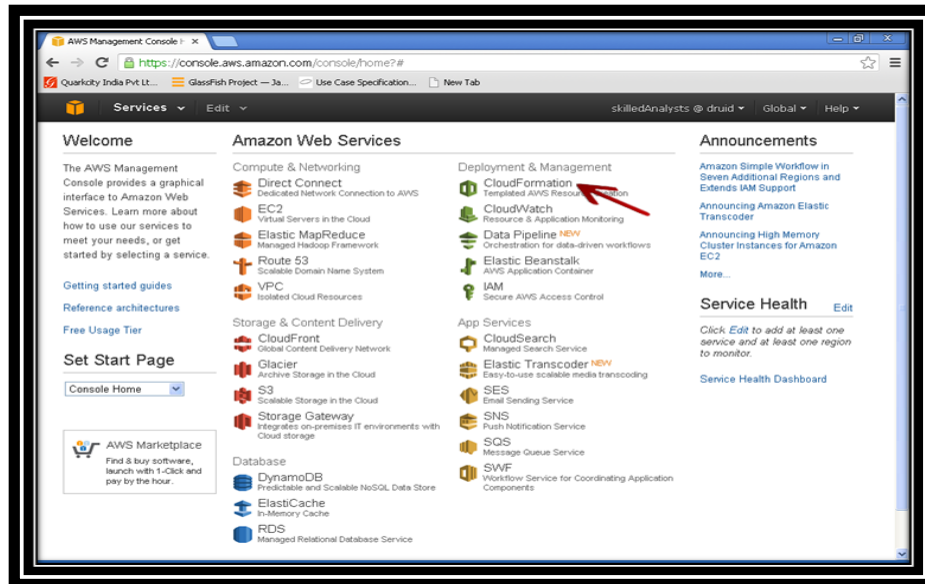
- After then you can see the created Key Pair list.



**Figure 8**

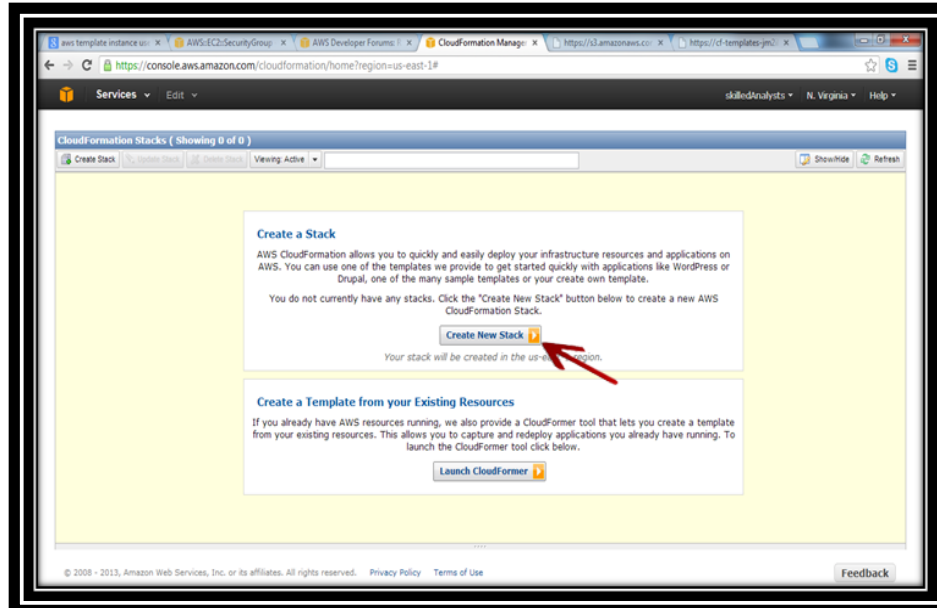


- Go to the homepage and Click on the CloudFormation under Deployment & Management.



**Figure 9**

- To create a new Stack, press “Create New Stack” button

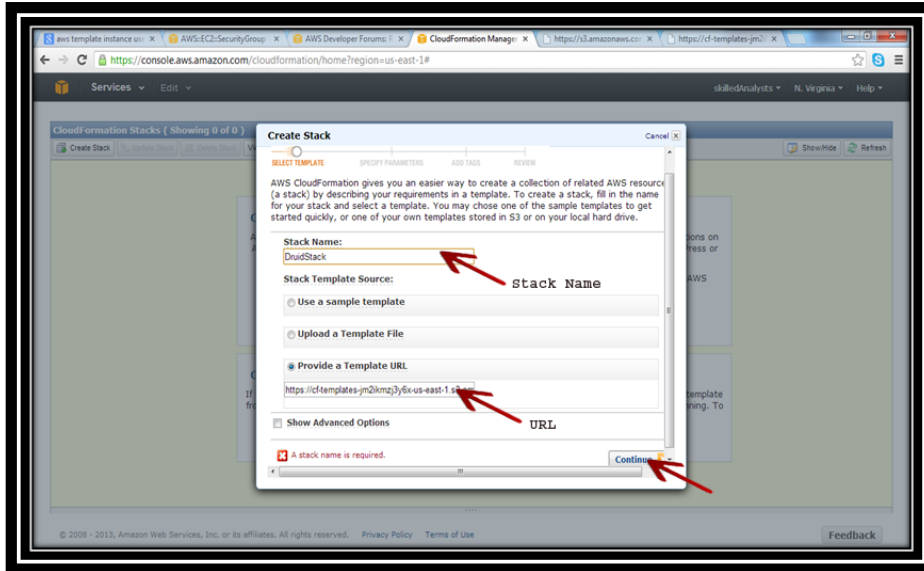


**Figure 10**

**Stack is predefined set of AMI's instances launched based on user provided template file or URL. In our case we have 1 Master node (Ubuntu 12.0.4 machine) and 3 Compute nodes (Ubuntu 12.0.4 machine). On the stack creation, the master node will register itself to zookeeper and launch a preconfigured database. So the user will be able to query the compute nodes for results. More technical details are explained under Administrator Details section.**

11. Enter the Stack name and provide a template URL

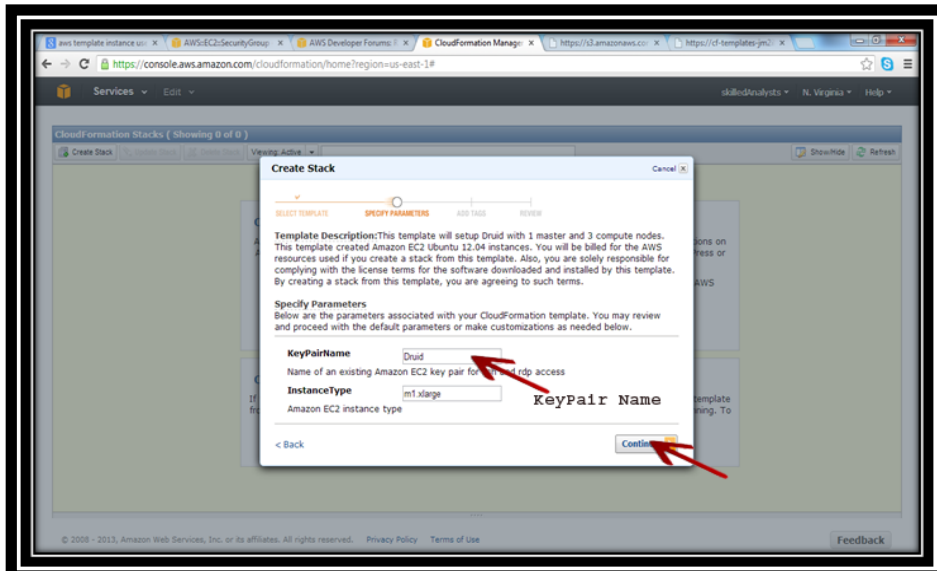
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/cf-templates-jm2ikmj3y6x-us-east-1/2013081cA9-Druid04012013.template> and press “Continue”



**Figure 11**

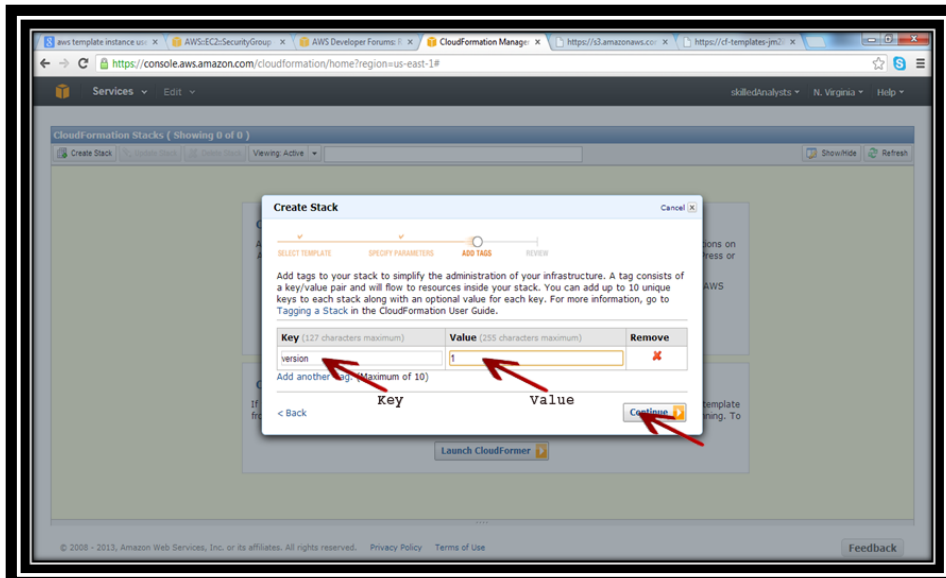
12. Enter the Key Pair name and press “Continue” button.

**Note: Here we are using Druid as Keypair name.**



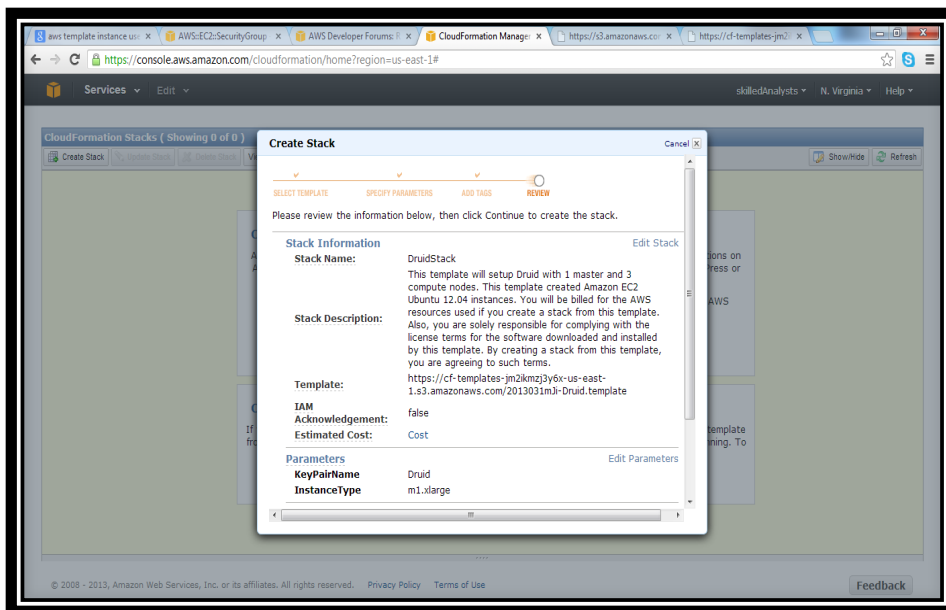
**Figure 12**

13. Enter the Key and its Value, then press “Continue” button



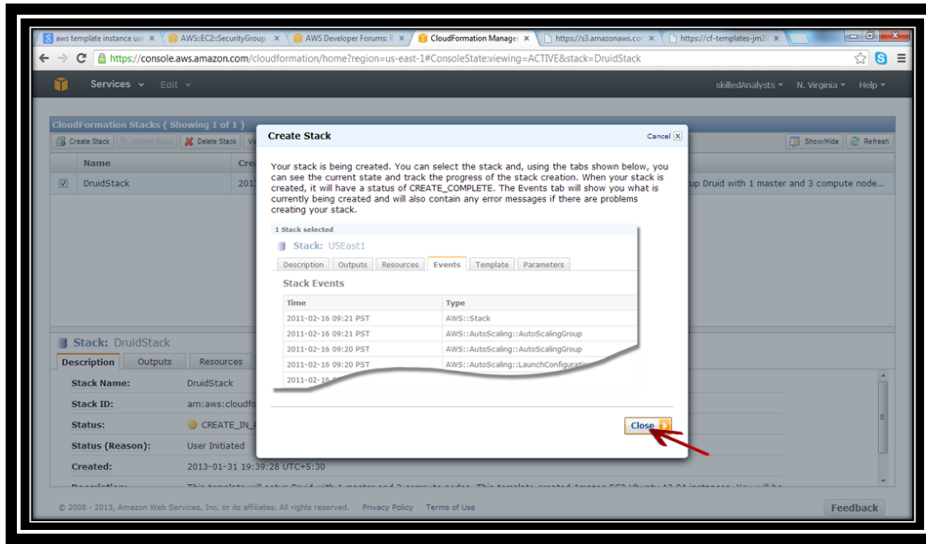
**Figure13**

14. After continue you will directly go to the Stack Information page



**Figure 14**

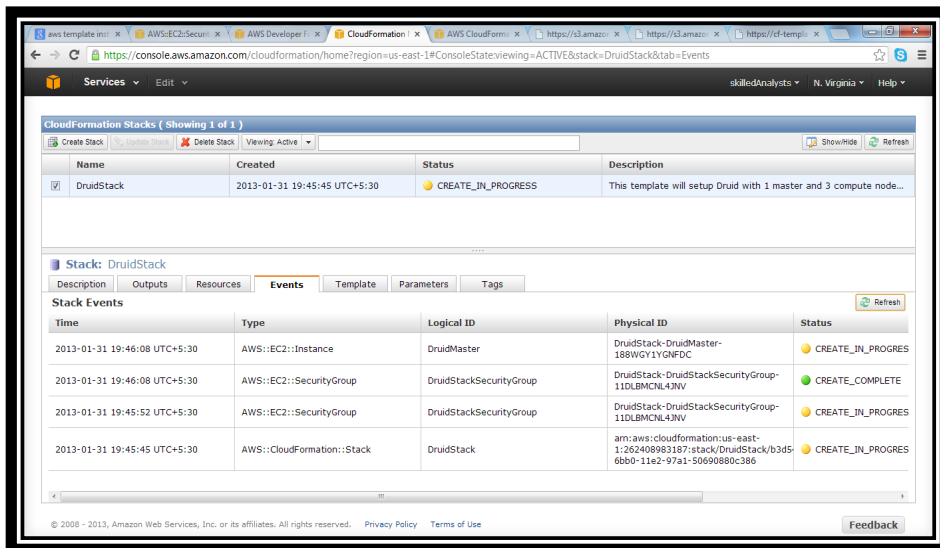
15. You will be able to see the created Stack and then press “Close” button



**Figure 15**

16. It will redirect you on the Cloud Formation Stacks page and show you the progress bar of created Stacks.

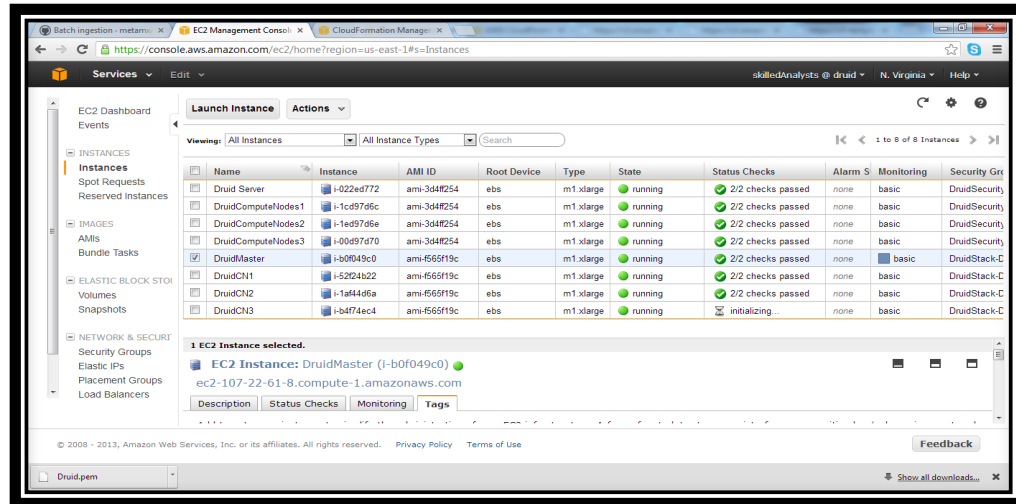
**Note: Go to the Events and press the “Refresh” button it will show the progress of the Stack. User needs to press “Refresh” button till the Creation of Stack completes. Once the Stack creation is completed then only the User can see the created instances up and running.**



**Figure 16**

17. You can see the created Instances in terms of Druid Server and Compute Nodes by clicking on Instances option in EC2 Dashboard.

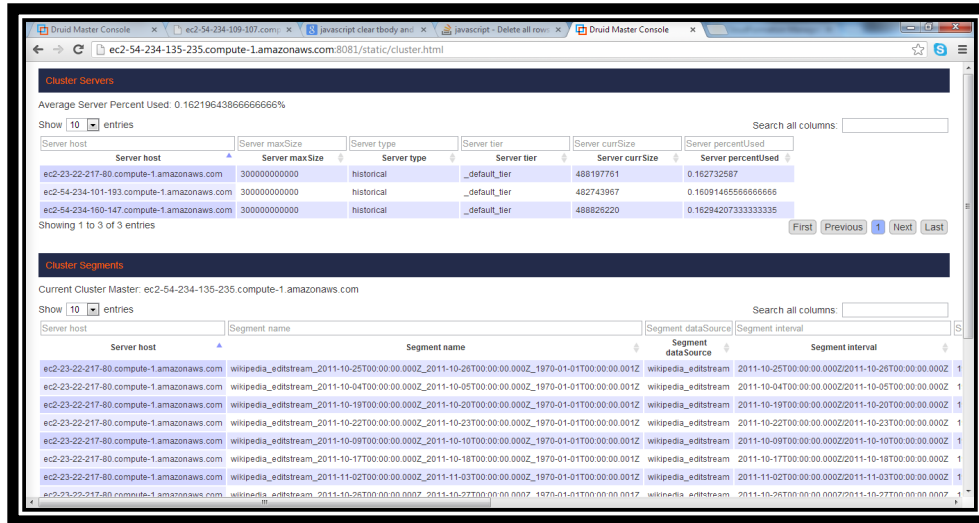
***Stack will generate its instances automatically, wait for few minutes to let it get completed. User is not required to create any AMI/Instances manually.***



**Figure 17**

## 7. Status of the Clusters

1. To see the status of clusters Use the mentioned URL  
<http://IPAddressDruidMaster:8081/static/cluster.html>
2. Replace IPAddressDruidMaster with the actual Druid Master IP Address



The screenshot shows the Druid Master Console interface. The top section, 'Cluster Servers', displays a table with columns: Server host, Server maxSize, Server type, Server tier, Server currSize, and Server percentUsed. It shows three entries for servers on ec2-54-234-135-235.compute-1.amazonaws.com. The bottom section, 'Cluster Segments', displays a table with columns: Server host, Segment name, Segment dataSource, and Segment interval. It shows multiple entries for segments on the same server, all with dataSource 'wikipedia\_edistream'.

Server host	Server maxSize	Server type	Server tier	Server currSize	Server percentUsed
ec2-23-22-217-80.compute-1.amazonaws.com	300000000000	historical	_default_tier	488197761	0.162732587
ec2-54-234-101-193.compute-1.amazonaws.com	300000000000	historical	_default_tier	482743967	0.1609148556666666
ec2-54-234-160-147.compute-1.amazonaws.com	300000000000	historical	_default_tier	488826220	0.1629420733333333

Server host	Segment name	Segment dataSource	Segment interval
ec2-23-22-217-80.compute-1.amazonaws.com	wikipedia_edistream_2011-10-25T00:00:00.000Z_2011-10-26T00:00:00.000Z_1970-01-01T00:00:00.001Z	wikipedia_edistream	2011-10-25T00:00:00.000Z/2011-10-26T00:00:00.000Z
ec2-23-22-217-80.compute-1.amazonaws.com	wikipedia_edistream_2011-10-04T00:00:00.000Z_2011-10-05T00:00:00.000Z_1970-01-01T00:00:00.001Z	wikipedia_edistream	2011-10-04T00:00:00.000Z/2011-10-05T00:00:00.000Z
ec2-23-22-217-80.compute-1.amazonaws.com	wikipedia_edistream_2011-10-19T00:00:00.000Z_2011-10-20T00:00:00.000Z_1970-01-01T00:00:00.001Z	wikipedia_edistream	2011-10-19T00:00:00.000Z/2011-10-20T00:00:00.000Z
ec2-23-22-217-80.compute-1.amazonaws.com	wikipedia_edistream_2011-10-22T00:00:00.000Z_2011-10-23T00:00:00.000Z_1970-01-01T00:00:00.001Z	wikipedia_edistream	2011-10-22T00:00:00.000Z/2011-10-23T00:00:00.000Z
ec2-23-22-217-80.compute-1.amazonaws.com	wikipedia_edistream_2011-10-09T00:00:00.000Z_2011-10-10T00:00:00.000Z_1970-01-01T00:00:00.001Z	wikipedia_edistream	2011-10-09T00:00:00.000Z/2011-10-10T00:00:00.000Z
ec2-23-22-217-80.compute-1.amazonaws.com	wikipedia_edistream_2011-10-17T00:00:00.000Z_2011-10-18T00:00:00.000Z_1970-01-01T00:00:00.001Z	wikipedia_edistream	2011-10-17T00:00:00.000Z/2011-10-18T00:00:00.000Z
ec2-23-22-217-80.compute-1.amazonaws.com	wikipedia_edistream_2011-11-02T00:00:00.000Z_2011-11-03T00:00:00.000Z_1970-01-01T00:00:00.001Z	wikipedia_edistream	2011-11-02T00:00:00.000Z/2011-11-03T00:00:00.000Z
ec2-23-22-217-80.compute-1.amazonaws.com	wikipedia_edistream_2011-10-26T00:00:00.000Z_2011-10-27T00:00:00.000Z_1970-01-01T00:00:00.001Z	wikipedia_edistream	2011-10-26T00:00:00.000Z/2011-10-27T00:00:00.000Z

Figure 18

## 8. Administrator Details

When Amazon launches an instance, template file can specify *user data*, which is available for all instances in the reservation to retrieve.

The user-data is available to the instance with a simple HTTP request at this URL:

<http://169.254.169.254/latest/user-data>

Amazon does not put this user-data on the instance itself, though the AMI may have code that causes the instance to download and process the user-data automatically. We have put code in the cloud formation template user data section to automate the process configuration, start and logging via user data. The instances use this data at launch time to ensure compute node connect to correct MySQL instance configured in master node.

Below section shows our user data snippet

```
"UserData": {
  "Fn::Base64": {
    "Fn::Join": [
      "",
      [
        "#!/bin/bash -v\n",
        "# Helper function\n",
        "dnsName=$(curl -s http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-hostname)\n",
        "sudo sed -i \"s/ec2-23-20-118-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com/${dnsName}/g\" \n",
        "/etc/mysql/my.cnf\n",
        "sudo service mysql restart\n",
        "cd /usr/share/zookeeper/bin\n",
        "sudo ./zkServer.sh start\n",
        "sudo sed -i \"s/ec2-50-19-184-93.compute-1.amazonaws.com/${dnsName}/g\" \n",
        "/home/ubuntu/index.html\n",
        "cd /home/ubuntu/druid/druid-services\n",
        "sudo sed -i \"s/ec2-50-19-184-93.compute-1.amazonaws.com/${dnsName}/g\" \n",
        "/home/ubuntu/druid/druid-services/master/runtime.properties\n",
        "sudo sed -i \"s/ec2-50-19-184-93.compute-1.amazonaws.com/${dnsName}/g\" \n",
        "/home/ubuntu/druid/druid-services/broker/runtime.properties\n",
        "nohup java -Duser.timezone=UTC -Dfile.encoding=UTF-8 -cp master:druid-services-0.2.0-SNAPSHOT-selfcontained.jar com.metamx.druid.http.MasterMain>nohup_masterLog 2>&1\n",
        "nohup java -Duser.timezone=UTC -Dfile.encoding=UTF-8 -"
```

```
cpbroker:DruidSkilledAnalystsBroker.jarcom.skilledanalysts.druid.demo.SkilledAnalystsDemo
Main>nohup_skilledAnalystsDemoLog 2>&1 &\n"
```

```
    ]
  ]
}
```

### 1. How things are laid out:

**Zookeeper** is kept under /usr/share/zookeeper. It is started with below highlighted section automatically using Userdata settings explained above.

```
"cd /usr/share/zookeeper/bin\n",
"sudo ./zkServer.sh start\n",
```

**MySQL** is located at /etc/mysql/

Using the Amazon utility URL first the DNS name of generated instance is replaced in my.cnf at /etc/mysql. Then the MySQL server is started prior to starting the druid node (master or compute). Below lines show this configuration in Userdata portion of Cloud Formation template file.

```
"sudosed -i \"s/ec2-23-20-118-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com/${dnsName}/g\"
/etc/mysql/my.cnf\n",
```

```
"sudo service mysql restart\n",
```

**Druid related files are kept under /home/ubuntu/druid/druid-services**

Master is started with below highlighted section automatically using Userdata settings explained above. Master's DNS name (based on new AWS instance) is put into runtime properties before firing it up.

```
"cd /home/ubuntu/druid/druid-services\n",
```

```
"sudosed -i \"s/ec2-50-19-184-93.compute-1.amazonaws.com/${dnsName}/g\"
/home/ubuntu/druid/druid-services/master/runtime.properties\n",
```

```
"nohup java -Duser.timezone=UTC -Dfile.encoding=UTF-8 -cp master:druid-services-0.2.0-
SNAPSHOT-selfcontained.jar com.metamx.druid.http.MasterMain>nohup_masterLog 2>&1
&\n",
```



## 2. Details of how the processes are started up:

As explained above based on Userdata DNS name is picked and configuration managed using SED (Stream editor filter). Nohup is used to run the processes. Nohup is a POSIX command to ignore the HUP (hangup) signal. The HUP (hangup) signal is by convention the way a terminal warns depending processes of logout.

This way output that would normally go to the terminal goes to a file called nohup.out if it has not already been redirected.

- Logs are generated in /home/ubuntu/druid-services.
- Since Nohup is used in command line to start java process the logs for master are logged in nohup\_master log file,
- For compute its nohup\_compute log file and
- For broker it is nohup\_skilledanalystsdemo log file.

## 3. Code Location& Data fetch URL:

Jar is kept at /home/ubuntu/druid-services

There is a demo servlet which outputs index.html located at /home/Ubuntu/index.html containing basic query interface. This query interface generates a JSON, which is sent to broker, and results retrieved are shown back to user in a simple table.

Logs for looking at this process are kept in file nohup\_skilledAnalystsDemoLog located at /home/ubuntu/druid-services. The demo application is bundled into broker jar and run at instance start by User data using the below highlighted text:

```
"nohup java -Duser.timezone=UTC -Dfile.encoding=UTF-8 -  
cpbroker:DruidSkilledAnalystsBroker.jar com.skilledanalysts.druid.demo.SkilledAnalystsDe  
moMain>nohup _skilledAnalystsDemoLog 2>&1 &\n"
```

## 4. How to adjust configuration:

Druid utilizes various configuration parameters, which are located under respective application (master, broker, compute). More information on these properties is present at wiki (<https://github.com/metamx/druid/wiki/Configuration>). For master, this file is located in /home/Ubuntu/druid/druid-services/master/runtime.properties.

For compute node this file is located in /home/Ubuntu/druid/druid-services/compute/runtime.properties.

## 5. How to view log files:

Below are various log files generated by nohup (via userdata) to generate various druid components

- Master  
`/home/ubuntu/druid/druid-services/nohup_masterLog`
- Broker (and Demo Servlet- Fetch Query Interface)  
`/home/ubuntu/druid/druid-services/nohup_skilledAnalystsDemoLog`
- Compute  
`/home/ubuntu/druid/druid-services/nohup_computeLog`
- Druid query logs  
`/tmp/druid/log/DATE.log` (where DATE represent current date)

**Important Note:***In case of any error in query execution, always first check the logs of `nohup_skilledAnalystsDemoLog`. In case there is syntax error then it will be logged there. In case Druid startup has faced any issue (database not present) or zookeeper not allowing new connections, then it will be logged in `nohup_masterLog` log file. Compute node will log its operations and issues in `nohup_computeLog`.*

## 9. Data Query

1. For Data Query hit the mentioned URL:  
<http://IPAddressDruidMaster:8082/druid/v3/demoServlet>
2. Replace **IPAddressDruidMaster** with the actual druid master IP Address

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### Druid Demo Cluster: Query Interface

Data Source Name :

Select Dimensions : 

geo  
 page  
 language  
 feed

Granularity Period:

Granularity TimeZone :

Query Type : ☒ TimeSeries ☐ GroupBy

Select Aggregation :

Select From Date(yyyy-mm-dd) :

Select To Date(yyyy-mm-dd) :

**Figure 14**

3. Browser will have prefilled values in Dimensions, granularity (which will bring result). Select Aggregation (Press add next to aggregation). Press "Execute" button.

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### Druid Demo Cluster: Query Interface

Data Source Name : wikipedia\_editstream

Select Dimensions : 

geo  
page  
language  
feed

Granularity Period: P2D

Granularity TimeZone : America/New\_York

Query Type : 
☒ TimeSeries
 ☐ GroupBy

Select Aggregation : 
 DoubleSum unpatrolled name
Add

Select From Date(yyyy-mm-dd) : 2011-09-02

Select To Date(yyyy-mm-dd) : 2011-10-31

AddFilter
Execute
Reset

**Figure 15**

4. It will show the Query is in progress by converting “Execute” into Fetching.

Select From Date(yyyy-mm-dd) : 2012-10-07

Select To Date(yyyy-mm-dd) : 2013-03-05

AddFilter
Fetching...
Reset

Result Data:

**Figure 16**

5. The results will be shown in the same page as shown below:

Select From Date(yyyy-mm-dd) :

Select To Date(yyyy-mm-dd) :

AddFilter

Execute
Reset

Result Data:

timestamp	new data
2011-10-01T00:00:00.000-04:00	0
2011-10-03T00:00:00.000-04:00	0
2011-10-05T00:00:00.000-04:00	0

**Figure 17**

## 10. Troubleshooting

### Process Troubleshooting

- From AWS console, find out the instance IP address you will like to troubleshoot (master or compute)
- SSH is provided in security group for external usage for troubleshooting.
- In case you prefer to use remote desktop then add 3389 (or custom port as per network policy) in Druid Public policy attached with the instance.
- Once you have connected to machine, open command line (terminal) and type “psaux|grep java”. The command will show Druid processes and their id. It will also show zookeeper process id in case the command is executed at master.
- Similarly to find mysql process id, type “psaux|grepmysql”.
- In case you will like to stop/kill any process, type “kill -9 processid”
- Processes can be restarted using commands used in Userdata section (as described in chapter Administrator Details).
- For example to restart Zookeeper use below

```
"cd /usr/share/zookeeper/bin"  
"sudo ./zkServer.sh start"
```

### Query Troubleshooting

- In case data is not coming on to screen from the browser application, druid allows simple querying capabilities via curl.
- Open a terminal and type below:

```
curl -X POST "http://ec2-67-202-13-229.compute-1.amazonaws.com:8082/druid/v2/?pretty" -  
H 'content-type: application/json' -d @query.json
```

- The above command assumes that a query.json is located in directory from where the command is invoked. Below is sample query.json, which is similar to what is produced by the browser application (you can copy paste and save in a file query.json in current directory and invoke curl request from there).

```
{"queryType":"groupBy","dataSource":"wikipedia_editstream","granularity":{"type":  
"period", "period": "P2D", "timeZone": "America/Los_Angeles","origin": "2011-09-  
01T00:00:00-08:00"},"dimensions":["geo"],"aggregations":[{"type":"count","name":  
"rows"}],"intervals":["2011-09-01/2011-10-31"]}
```

- The above approach allows trying out all possibilities and options offered by Druid (post aggregations etc.), which might not be intuitive as offered by simple query browser.

## 11. Appendix

### AWS Druid Template

A template is a declaration of the AWS resources that make up a stack. The template is stored as a text file whose format complies with the JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) standard.

The template allows infrastructure deployments that have different configuration values. Templates also provide output properties that can be used to easily communicate configuration or the results of deploying the template back to the user. All AWS resources in a template are identified using logical names, allowing multiple stacks to be created from a template without fear of naming collisions between AWS resources.

**Below is section of Druid template used for current deployment:**

```
{
  "AWSTemplateFormatVersion" : "2010-09-09",
  "Description" : "This template will setup Druid with 1 master and 3 compute nodes. This template created Amazon EC2 Ubuntu 12.04 instances. You will be billed for the AWS resources used if you create a stack from this template. Also, you are solely responsible for complying with the license terms for the software downloaded and installed by this template. By creating a stack from this template, you are agreeing to such terms.",
  "Parameters" : {
    "KeyName" : {
      "Description" : "Name of an existing Amazon EC2 key pair for ssh and rdp access",
      "Type" : "String"
    },
    "InstanceType" : {
      "Description" : "Amazon EC2 instance type",
      "Type" : "String",
      "Default" : "m1.xlarge",
      "AllowedValues" : [ "m1.xlarge" ]
    }
  },
  "Resources" : {
    "DruidMaster" : {
      "Type" : "AWS::EC2::Instance",
      "Properties" : {
        "ImageId" : "ami-6e71e907",
```

```
"InstanceType" : "m1.xlarge",
"KeyName" : { "Ref" : "KeyPairName" },
"SecurityGroups" : [ { "Ref" : "DruidPublicSecurity" }, { "Ref" : "DruidPrivateSecurity" } ],
"UserData": {
    "Fn::Base64": {
        "Fn::Join": [ "", [
            "dnsName=$(curl -s http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/public-hostname)\n",
            "sudo sed -i \"/s/ec2-23-20-118-187.compute-1.amazonaws.com/${dnsName}/g\" "\n",
            "/etc/mysql/my.cnf\n"] ]
        }
    }
}
```

As shown above, template has description to help broadcast deployment plan, various EC2 instances that make this deployment and it contains User data. User data is set of meta-data, which is available to EC2 instance post initialization from AWS.

AWS CloudFormation gives developers and systems administrators an easy way to create a collection of related AWS resources and provision them in an orderly and predictable fashion. It contains a collection of templates that illustrate various usage cases. Stacks can be created from the templates via the AWS Management Console, or also through the AWS CloudFormation command line tools.

You can use the templates as-is or you can use them as a starting point for creating your own templates. **In this document, we will use an existing template. User is not required to create any AMI manually. Template is used to create a stack (predefined set of instances based on template definition).** You can deploy Druid template and its associated collection of resources via the AWS Management Console, Cloud Formation command line tools or APIs.

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