Create your first Dataflow Flex Template and set up a CI/CD pipeline for it on Cloud Build

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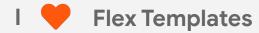
What are Flex Templates?

Flex templates package Dataflow pipeline code, including dependencies, as Docker images and stage them in Google Container Registry (GCR). Template spec files referencing the image location and the parameters to pass are created and stored in Google Cloud Storage (GCS). Users can invoke a pipeline in the console, with the CLI or using the API by referring to the spec file.



Why are Flex Templates so cool?

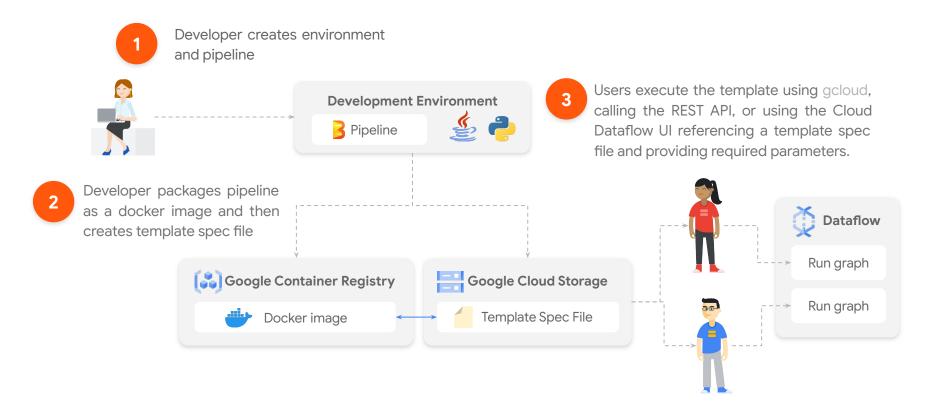




Flex templates separate pipeline authoring (development + packaging) from execution so:

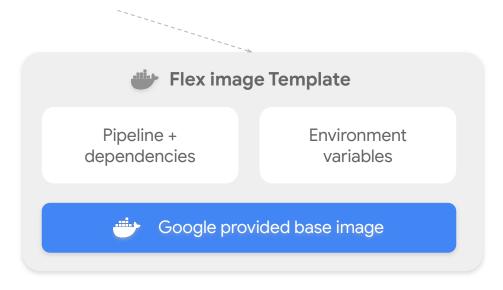
- A platform team can build and share reusable pipelines.
- Business users can launch pipelines without the need of environment dependencies.
- Pipeline execution can be scheduled using cloud-native services (e.g. Cloud Scheduler).

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Flex Template Image

Docker image does not contain the JSON serialized execution graph.



Flex Template Spec File

This spec file contains all of the necessary information to run the job:

- Container Registry image location,
- SDK language
- Metadata
 - Name
 - Description
 - Required or optional parameters*

```
"image": "gcr.io/project-id/image-name",
  "metadata": {
    "name": "Streaming data generator",
    "description": "Generates Synthetic data as
per user specified schema at a fixed QPS and
writes to Sink of user choice.",
    "parameters": [
        "name": "schemaLocation",
        "label": "Location of Schema file.",
        "helpText": "GCS path of schema location",
        "is optional": false,
        "regexes": [
          "^gs:\\/\\/[^\\n\\r]+$"
        "paramType": "GCS READ FILE"
      },
   "sdk info": {
     "language": "JAVA"
```

^{*} Regex can be used to validate input parameters provided by user.

Flex Templates

Development



(Optional) Enable Kaniko cache use by default.

\$ gcloud config set builds/use_kaniko True

Kaniko cache is a Cloud Build feature that caches container build artifacts by storing and indexing intermediate layers within a container image registry, such as Google Container Registry.

Create the Dockerfile.

```
FROM gcr.io/dataflow-templates-base/python3-template-launcher-base
ARG WORKDIR=/template
RUN mkdir -p ${WORKDIR}
WORKDIR ${WORKDIR}
# Due to a change in the Apache Beam base image in version 2.24, you must to install
# libffi-dev manually as a dependency. For more information:
# https://github.com/GoogleCloudPlatform/python-docs-samples/issues/4891
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y libffi-dev && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
COPY requirements.txt .
COPY main.py .
ENV FLEX TEMPLATE PYTHON REQUIREMENTS FILE="${WORKDIR}/requirements.txt"
ENV FLEX TEMPLATE PYTHON PY FILE="${WORKDIR}/main.py"
RUN pip install -U -r ./requirements.txt
```

(*) Do not explicitly install job packages in the Dockerfile. Packages to be installed must be referenced in the 'requirements' file.

Build the docker image.

```
$ export TEMPLATE_IMAGE="gcr.io/<PROJECT>/<IMAGE_NAME>:<TAG>"
```

```
$ gcloud builds submit --tag <TEMPLATE_IMAGE> .
```

Create the metadata file in the local file system with the name and description of the template and the parameters it takes.

```
"name": "<NAME>",
"description": "<DESCRIPTION>",
"parameters": [
    "name": "<NAME>",
    "label": "<LABEL>",
    "helpText": "<HELP_TEXT>",
    "regexes": [
      "<REGEXP>",
```

Create the template spec file in a Google Cloud Storage location

```
$ export TEMPLATE_PATH="gs://<BUCKET_NAME>/<PATH>/<FILENAME>"

$ gcloud dataflow flex-template build <TEMPLATE_PATH> \
    --image "<TEMPLATE_IMAGE>" \
    --sdk-language "PYTHON" \
    --metadata-file "<METADATA_FILE_PATH>"
```

Flex Templates

Execution



How do you run a template?

Option A — Using the CLI

How do you run a template?

Option B — REST API

```
$ curl -X POST \
  "https://dataflow.googleapis.com/v1b3/projects/$PROJECT/locations/<REGION>/flexTemplates:launch" \
  -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
  -H "Authorization: Bearer $(gcloud auth print-access-token)" \
  -d '{
    "launch parameter": {
      "jobName": "<JOB NAME>",
      "parameters": {
        "<PARAM NAME 1>": "<PARAM VALUE 1>",
        "<PARAM_NAME_2>": "<PARAM_VALUE_2>",
        "<PARAM NAME N>": "<PARAM VALUE N>",
      "containerSpecGcsPath": "<TEMPLATE PATH>"
```

Flex Templates

Access Control



Understanding Flex Template Permissions

• Storage Admin (roles/storage.admin)



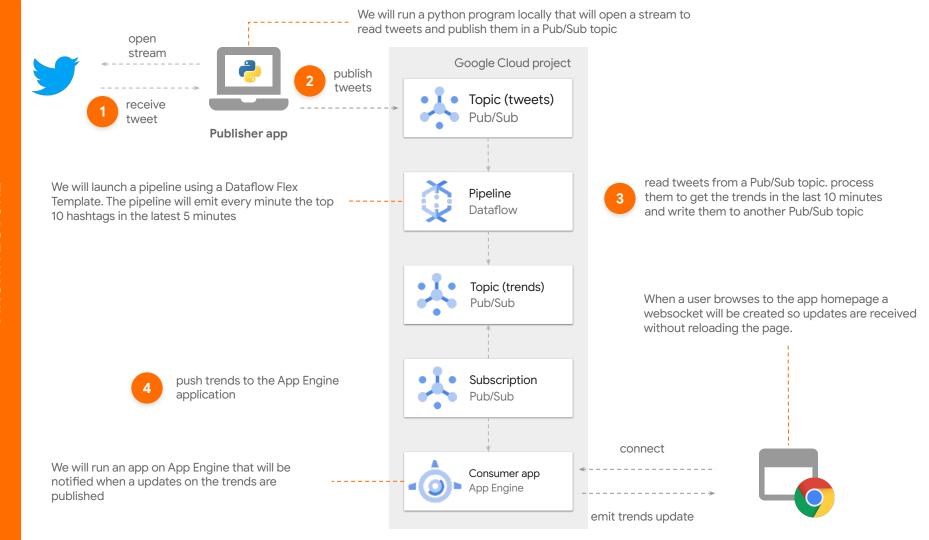
Run

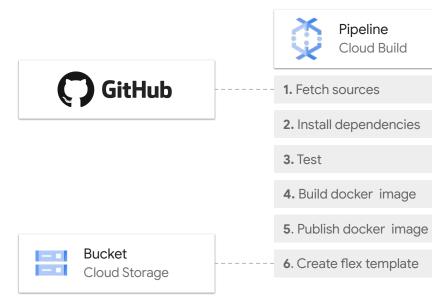
- Storage Object Admin (roles/storage.objectAdmin)
- Viewer (roles/viewer)
- Dataflow Worker (roles/dataflow.worker)

Flex Templates

Live-coding session









Repository

Container Registry

Let's get started



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Terraform

Set up the environment in Google Cloud

We are going to use **Terraform** to:

- Create a Google Cloud project.
- Enable the **services**:
 - o cloudbuild.googleapis.com
 - o pubsub.googleapis.com
 - o dataflow.googleapis.com
- Create the App Engine application in the desired region.
- Create the **service account** and a **service account key** for the tweet publisher application that will run locally. We will export the service account key to a file in your local file system.
- Create the tweets **Pub/Sub topic** and assign the Pub/Sub publisher role (roles/pubsub.publisher) to the service account created for the tweet publisher app on it.
- Create the **service account** the Dataflow workers will act as and assign the *Pub/Sub Editor* (roles/pubsub.editor) role, the *Dataflow Worker* role (roles/dataflow.worker), *Viewer* role (roles/viewer), *Storage Object Admin* role (roles/storage.objectAdmin) to it on the project.
- Create the trends **Pub/Sub topic**, assign the *Pub/Sub Publisher* role (roles/pubsub.publisher) to the service account that the Dataflow workers will act as on it and create the subscription that will push the trends to the App Engine app.
- Create the Cloud Storage bucket where the Flex Template Spec will be stored.
- Create the **Cloud Build trigge**r that will fetch the sources of the template from Github, test, build the docker image, publish it to GCR and create the Flex template spec file in Cloud Storage.

The steps to follow to create the required terraform configuration are:

1. Authenticate with Google Cloud

```
$ gcloud auth application-default login
```

2. Create a directory named terraform in your local file system and change to it

```
$ mkdir terraform
$ cd terraform
```

3. Create a file named **providers.tf** file inside the **terraform** directory and add the google and google-beta providers:

```
provider "provider-name" {
}
```

4. Create a file variables.tf and create the following variables:

NAME	DESCRIPTION	ТҮРЕ
billing_account_id	The identifier of the Google Cloud billing account	string
parent	The id of the Google Cloud organization (organizations/organization_id) or folder (folders/folder_id) where the project will be created	string
project_id	The id of the project that will be created	string
app_engine_location	The location off the App Engine application	string
bucket_location	The location of the bucket	string
github_organization	The name of the Github organization where the repository with the code of the flex template is	string
github_repo	The name of the Github repo where the code of the flex template is available.	string



```
variable "var-name" {
}

Hint
```

5. Create a file named **terraform.tfvars** inside the **terraform** directory and set the value of the variables:

```
billing_account_id=
parent=
project_id=
app_engine_location=
bucket_location=
github_organization=
github_repo=
```



6. Clone this Github repository in a directory on your local file system

```
$ git clone git@github.com:terraform-google-modules/cloud-foundation-fabric.git
```

- 7. Copy the subdirectory modules inside cloud-foundation-fabric the to the terraform directory.
- 8. Create a file named main.tf inside the terraform directory. In this file we are going to specify the Google Cloud resources that will be created. To simplify this, we will be using the Cloud Foundations Fabric modules.
- 9. Add the following module to the main.tf file to create the project and enable the required services in it.



10. Apply the changes.

```
$ terraform init
$ terraform apply
```

Verify in the console UI that the project has been created and the services have been enabled.

11. Add the following resource to the main.tf file to create the App Engine application

```
resource "google_app_engine_application" "app" {
  project = module.project_id
  location_id = var.app_engine_location
}
```

12. Apply the changes.

```
$ terraform apply
```



13. Add the following module to the main.tf file to create the service account for the publisher app that we will be running locally.

Notice that the generate_key property is set to true. We will be running the tweet publisher app locally and not in Google Cloud so we will need to have the key.

14. Add the following resource to the main.tf file to export the service account key to a file in your file system:

```
resource "local_file" "tweet-publisher-sa-key-file" {
  content = base64decode(module.tweet-publisher-sa.key.private_key)
  filename = "${path.module}/tweet-publisher-sa-key.json"
}
```



15. Apply the changes.

```
$ terraform init
$ terraform apply
```

Verify in the console UI that the service account has been created and that the key has been exported to a file in your local file system..

16. Add the following module to the main.tf file to create the tweets Pub/Sub topics and assign the tweet-publisher account a *Pub/Sub Publisher* role on it.



17. Apply the changes.

```
$ terraform init
$ terraform apply
```

- 18. Verify in the console UI that the topic has been created and that the tweet-publisher account has been assigned the right role on it.
- 19. Add the following module to the main.tf file to create the the service account the Dataflow workers with act as and assign the roles it requires on the project.



20. Apply the changes.

\$ terraform init
\$ terraform apply

Verify in the console UI that the topic has been created and that the tweet-processor account has been assigned the right roles on the project.



21. Add the following module to the main.tf file to the create the trends Pub/Sub topic, assign the Pub/Sub Publisher role to the tweet-processor service account on it and create the subscription necessary to push the messages received in that topic to an App Engine application endpoint.

```
module "trends-pubsub" {
           = "./modules/pubsub"
source
 project id = module.project.project id
            = "trends"
 name
 iam = {
   "roles/pubsub.publisher" = [
     module.tweet-processor-sa.iam email
 subscriptions = {
   trends-push = null
 push configs = {
   trends-push = {
     endpoint = "https:/${google app engine application.app.default hostname}/notify"
     attributes = null
     oidc token = null
```



22. Apply the changes.

```
$ terraform init
$ terraform apply
```

Verify in the console UI that the topic has been created. that the tweet-processor service account has the right role assigned on it and that the subscription has been created.

23. Add the following module to the main.tf file to create the bucket where the Flex Template Spec file will be created.

```
module "bucket" {
  source = "./modules/gcs"
  project_id = module.project.project_id
  name = module.project.project_id
  location = var.bucket_location
}
```

24. Apply the changes.

```
$ terraform init
$ terraform apply
```

Verify in the console UI that the topic has been created. that the tweet-processor service account has the right role assigned on it and that the subscription has been created.

25. Add the following resource to the main.tf file to the create Cloud Build trigger.

```
resource "google cloudbuild trigger" "trigger" {
provider = google-beta
project = module.project.project id
filename = "cloudbuild.yaml"
github {
  owner = var.github organization
  name = var.github repo
  push {
    branch = ".*"
substitutions = {
   REPO NAME = "dataflow"
   IMAGE NAME = "tweettrends"
   TEMPLATE GCS LOCATION = "gs://${module.bucket.name}/dataflow/templates/tweettrends.json"
```



Create the Terraform Configuration

26. Apply the changes.

\$ terraform apply

Verify in the console UI that the Cloud Build trigger has been created.



Run the Publisher App

- 1. Create a Twitter developer account, if you don't have one already. You can apply for one here.
- 2. Create a Twitter developer app. You can create one here.
- **3.** Save the following for later:
 - API key and secret.
 - Access token and secret.
- **4.** Clone this Github repository to get the publisher app code.

```
$ git clone git@github.com:apichick/beamsummit-2021-publisher-app.git
```

5. Change to the tweet-publisher subdirectory inside the beamsummit-2021-flex-template directory:

```
$ cd beamsummit-2021-flex-template/tweet-publisher
```

Run the Publisher App

6. Create a file called **config.txt** inside that directory with the following contents:

```
[twitter]
api_key=<APP_API_KEY>
api_key_secret=<APP_API_KEY>
access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>
access_token_secret=<ACCESS_TOKEN)SECRET>
[pubsub]
topic=projects/<PROJECT_ID>/topics/tweets
key_file=<TWEET_PUBLISHER_SERVICE_ACCOUNT_KEY_FILE_PATH>
```

7. Install the application dependencies.

```
$ pip install -r requirements.txt
```

8. Run the application

```
$ python main.py --locations " -74,40,-73,41" --config-file config.txt
```

The option --locations specifies a set of bounding boxes to track (In the example above, the coordinates correspond to New York City). More details <u>here</u>.

Run the Consumer App

Clone this Github repository to get the consumer app code.

```
$ git clone git@github.com:apichick/beamsummit-2021-consumer-app.git
```

Change to the **beamsummit-2021-consumer-app** directory.

```
$ cd beamsummit-2021-consumer-app
```

Authenticate with Google Cloud

```
$ gcloud auth login
```

Deploy the application.

```
$ gcloud app deploy --project <PROJECT_ID>
```

Open the application in the browser

```
$ gcloud app browse --project <PROJECT_ID>
```



1. Create a directory named **flex-template** in your local file system and change to it.

```
$ mkdir flex-template
$ cd flex-template
```

2. Initialize the git repository

```
$ git init
$ cd flex-template
```

3. Add the git upstream repository

```
 \  \  \text{git remote add origin } \underline{\text{git@github.com}} : < \underline{\text{GIT\_ORGANIZATION}} / < \underline{\text{GIT\_REPO}}. \\ \text{git}
```

3. Create a file called main.py in the flex-template directory with the following content.

```
import argparse
if name == " main ":
   parser = argparse.ArgumentParser()
   parser.add argument(
       "--tweets topic",
      help="Input Cloud Pub/Sub topic"
       "projects/PROJECT/topics/TOPIC",
   parser.add argument(
       "--trends topic",
      help="Output Cloud Pub/Sub topic"
       "projects/PROJECT/topics/TOPIC",
   args, beam args = parser.parse known args()
```

Our pipeline will take two input parameters, the names of the Cloud Pub/Sub topics.

4. Create a package called **pipeline** and a module called **tweettrends** inside it.

```
$ mkdir pipeline
$ touch pipeline/__init__.py
$ touch pipeline/tweettrends.py
```

5. Add a the following code to that newly created module:

```
import apache_beam as beam
from apache_beam.options.pipeline_options import PipelineOptions

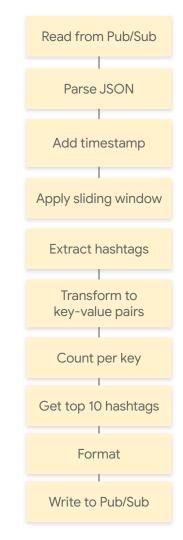
def run(tweets_topic, trends_topic, beam_args):
    opts = PipelineOptions(beam_args, save_main_session=True, streaming=True)

with beam.Pipeline(options=options) as pipeline:
    pass
    # TODO
```

We will shortly explain how to implement the actual pipeline.

6. Edit the main.tf file to invoke the run function that we just created after the input arguments have been parsed.

```
import argparse
from pipeline import run
if name == " main ":
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser()
    parser.add argument(
        "--tweets topic",
        help="Input Cloud Pub/Sub topic"
        "projects/PROJECT/topics/TOPIC",
    parser.add argument(
        "--trends topic",
        help="Output Cloud Pub/Sub topic"
        "projects/PROJECT/topics/TOPIC",
    args, beam args = parser.parse known args()
    run(tweet topic=args.tweets topic,
        trends topic=args.trends topic,
        beam args)
```





```
Read from
Pub/Sub
```

p | beam.io.ReadFromPubSub(topic='projects/PROJECT_ID/topics/TOPIC')

Parse JSON

p | beam.Map(json.load)

Add timestamp

p | beam.Map(lambda item: beam.window.TimestampedValue(item, int(item['timestamp_ms']) / 1000)

Apply sliding window

p | beam.WindowInto(SlidingWindows(duration, period))

Extract hashtags

```
def get_tweet_hashtags(tweet):
    for entity in tweet['entities']['hashtags']:
        yield '#%s' % entity['text']

p | beam.ParDo(get tweet hashtags)
```



```
p | beam.io.Map(lambda hashtag: (hashtag, 1))
```

Count per key

```
p | beam.combiners.CountPerKey()
```

Get top 10 hashtags

```
p | beam.CombineGlobally(TopCombineFn(n=10, key=lambda item: item[1])).without_defaults()
```

Format

```
def format_message(items):
    result = {}
    result['metric'] = 'top10hashtags'
    result['data'] = [ {'hashtag': item[0], 'ocurrences': item[1]} for item in items]
    yield json.dumps(result).encode('utf-8')

p | beam.ParDo(format_message)
```

Write to Pub/Sub

```
p | beam.io.WriteToPubSub(topic='projects/PROJECT_ID/topics/TOPIC')
```



7. Create a setup.py file in the flex-template directory so Dataflow can install it as a package

```
import setuptools
setuptools.setup(
  name="tweet-trends-flextemplate",
  version="0.0.1",
  description="A flex template that reads tweets from a Pub/Sub topic and writes tweet trends in another one",
  packages=setuptools.find_packages(),
)
```

Test your Pipeline

1. Create a file named requirements_test.txt in the flex-template directory for the dependencies required to run tests of the pipeline.

```
apache-beam[gcp]==2.31.0
pytest==6.2.4
```

We will use pytest to run the tests.

2. Create a file named **pytest.ini** in the **flex-template** directory for the pytest configuration.

```
[pytest]
addopts = --disable-pytest-warnings
```

With those setting pytest will not write warnings to the output.

- 3. Create a file named **test_pipeline.py** in the **flex-template** directory. You will be writing your tests here.
- **4.** Run the tests using the following command.

```
$ python -m pytest
```



```
import apache beam as beam
from apache_beam.testing.test_pipeline import TestPipeline
from apache beam.testing.util import assert that, equal to
def test transform():
    with TestPipeline() as p:
        INPUT ITEMS = ...
        EXPECTED OUTPUT ITEMS = ...
        input = p | beam.Create(INPUT_ITEMS)
        output = input | <TRANSFORM>
        assert that(output, equal to(EXPECTED OUTPUT ITEMS), label='<ASSERTION LABEL>')
```



1. Create a metadata.json file inside the flex-template directory with the name and the parameters that your template will be taking.

```
"name": "tweettrends-flex-template",
"description": "Tweet trends flex template",
"parameters": [
   "name": "tweets topic".
   "label": "Input Cloud Pub/Sub topic.",
   "helpText": "Name of Cloud Pub/Sub topic where the tweets are published",
   "regexes": [
      "projects/[^/]+/topics/[a-zA-Z][- .~+%a-zA-Z0-9]{2,}"
   "name": "trends topic",
   "label": "Output Cloud Pub/Sub topic.",
   "helpText": "Name of the Cloud Pub/Sub topic where the twitter trends are published",
    "isOptional": true,
   "regexes": [
      "projects/[^/]+/topics/[a-zA-Z][-_.~+%a-zA-Z0-9]{2,}"
```



Turn your Pipeline into a Flex Template

2. Create a **Dockerfile** file inside the **flex-template** with the following content.

```
FROM gcr.io/dataflow-templates-base/python3-template-launcher-base
ARG WORKDIR=/template
RUN mkdir -p ${WORKDIR}
WORKDIR ${WORKDIR}
ENV FLEX TEMPLATE PYTHON REQUIREMENTS FILE="$\{WORKDIR\}/requirements.txt"
ENV FLEX TEMPLATE PYTHON PY FILE="/${WORKDIR}/main.py"
COPY pipeline ./pipeline
COPY main.py .
COPY setup.py .
COPY requirements.txt .
# We could get rid of installing libffi-dev and git, or we could leave them.
RUN apt-get update \
  && apt-get install -y libffi-dev git \
  && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/* \
  # Upgrade pip and install the requirements.
  && pip install --no-cache-dir --upgrade pip \
  && pip install --no-cache-dir -r $FLEX TEMPLATE PYTHON REQUIREMENTS FILE \
  # Download the requirements to speed up launching the Dataflow job.
   && pip download --no-cache-dir --dest /tmp/dataflow-requirements-cache -r $FLEX TEMPLATE PYTHON REQUIREMENTS FILE
# Since we already downloaded all the dependencies, there's no need to rebuild everything.
ENV PIP NO DEPS=True
```



Create the CI/CD pipeline

1. Create a file called **cloudbuild.yaml** inside the **flex-template** directory with the following contents:

```
steps:
# Install dependencies
- name: python
  entrypoint: pip
  args: ["install", "-r", "requirements test.txt", "--user"]
# Run tests
- name: python
  entrypoint: python
  args: ["-m", "pytest"]
# Build docker image
- name: 'gcr.io/cloud-builders/docker'
  args: ['build', '-t', 'gcr.io/${PROJECT ID}/dataflow/templates/${ IMAGE NAME}:latest', '.']
# Push docker image to GCR
- name: 'gcr.io/cloud-builders/docker'
  args: ['push', 'gcr.io/${PROJECT ID}/dataflow/templates/${ IMAGE NAME}:latest']
# Build dataflow template
- name: 'gcr.io/google.com/cloudsdktool/cloud-sdk'
  entrypoint: 'gcloud'
  args: [ 'dataflow', 'flex-template', 'build', '${_TEMPLATE GCS LOCATION}', '--image',
'gcr.io/${PROJECT ID}/dataflow/templates/${ IMAGE NAME}:latest', '--sdk-language', 'PYTHON',
'--metadata-file', 'metadata.json']
```



1. Add and commit all the changes that you have made to the flex-template directory.

```
$ git add.
$ git commit -m "Initial import"
```

2. Push the code to the remote.

```
$ git push origin main
```

Pushing the main branch to the remote will trigger the execution of the pipeline in Cloud Build.



1. Run the pipeline using the template:

```
$ PROJECT_ID=<PROJECT_ID> gcloud dataflow flex-template run "tweettrends-`date +%Y%m%d-%H%M%S`" \
    --template-file-gcs-location "gs://${PROJECT_ID}/dataflow/templates/tweet_trends.json" \
    --parameters tweets_topic="projects/${PROJECT_ID}/topics/tweets" \
    --parameters trends_topic="projects/${PROJECT_ID}/topics/trends" \
    --service-account-email="tweet-processor@${PROJECT_ID}.iam.gserviceaccount.com" \
    --region "${REGION}" \
    --project "${PROJECT_ID}
```

- 2. Verify in the console that the job is streaming.
- 3. Head to the browser to see how the top 10 hashtags change.



Q&A



