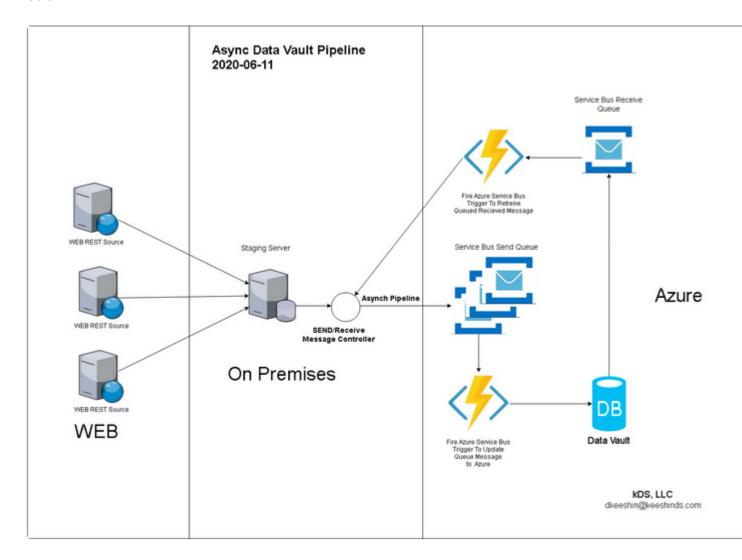
Covid19DataVault

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Background

The solution has three main system components. The first is the on-premises data staging and asynchronous controller component. The second is the asynchronous pipeline. The third is the data vault.



How It Works

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The first step is an automated process that uses Powershell scripts to gather JSON and or CSV data using REST calls to source data that comes from these sites:

For US State based Covid19 data:

https://covidtracking.com/api/states/daily

For US County based data:

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/nytimes/covid-19-data/master/us-counties.csv

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For Country data:

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https://covid.ourworldindata.org/data/ecdc/full_data.csv

I use World Population and Per Capita Income:

https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL

And U.S state and county population totals

https://www.census.gov/data.html

For per capita income I use

https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD

The process then does some minor data cleansing and adds population totals from The World Bank. Next, it sends daily country, US county and US State COVID 19 totals as a JSON message, over an asynchronous pipeline to a data vault that resides in an Azure SQL Database. Briefly, if you are not familiar with the data vault design concept-- it is a hybrid design approach combining the best of legacy relational database and star schema designs. Its' flexible and scalable. Its' easy to manage, load and audit. It can act as a stand-alone data source or be the core component in a larger data management solution. For more information see a recent blog I wrote.

http://keeshinds.com/blog/kDSBlog20200313.html

The schema for the data-vault as well as the current integration code is located here.

https://github.com/dkeeshin/covid19datavault

Let me know if you have any questions.