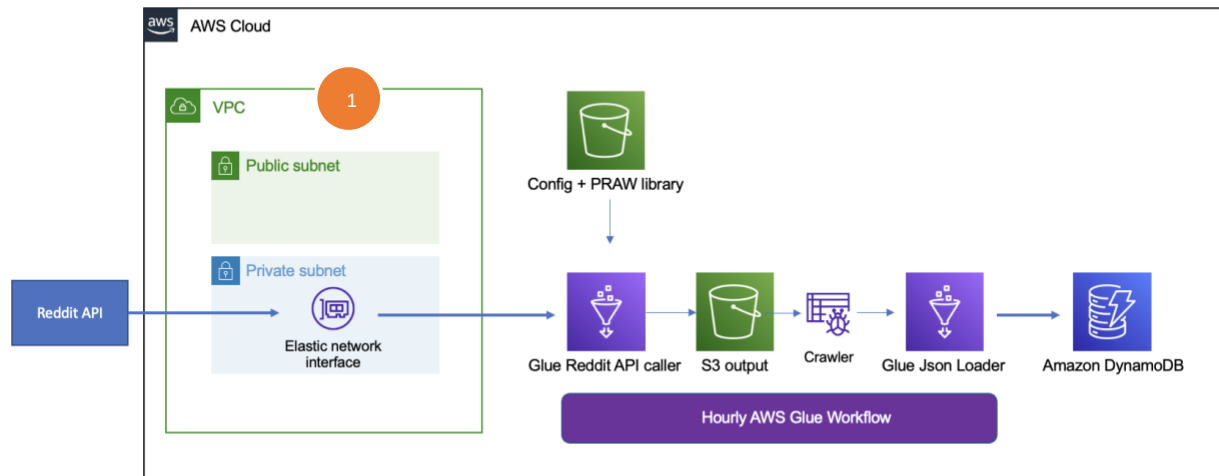


## Architecture Diagram



### Flow of the Architecture:

1. We access the Reddit API via AWS VPC that has ENI in the Private subnet, so that any AWS resource that use this VPC would have access outside the public internet, but the public won't have access over our resources.
2. We created an AWS Glue job, I named it as 'Reddit API Caller' that connects over the VPC and accesses the Reddit API.
3. The problem is that PRAW library is not native in AWS Glue. So then this library is manually uploaded in an S3 bucket, along with a configuration file that contains all our access identities. The library and the configuration file are then used by the Reddit API Caller on runtime. This is designed this way so that all IDs and Accesses are not exposed on the scripts.
4. Reddit API Caller then outputs the data into S3, in JSON format. This format is chosen because the fields we use from the response are semi-structured, so it will be problematic when handled in a traditional row-column (CSV) format.
5. The JSON output is then *crawled* by an AWS Glue crawler which results to a Hive table that is accessible by any AWS resource.
6. This hive table is then read by another AWS Glue job that loads the data into Dynamodb.
7. The whole workflow is managed by AWS Glue Workflow. Each job is triggered whenever the task before it succeeded. This is scheduled to run every hour.

## Factors in Designing the Architecture

- Serverless
  - I went for a serverless design. Putting this in EC2 server and bootstrapping it is one way to do it, but it would cap the performance acc to the size of the server. And once the server has an issue, the whole process stops. So designing it serverless-ly means microservice and scalability.
- Scalability
  - AWS Glue in PySpark is scalable. Taking advantage of the distributed parallel processing power and its elasticity is beneficial to this project i.e. we can size up or down the DPU of each job anytime we want.
- AWS Cloud Cost Optimization
  - Only paying for when you would run the job, and only upscaling when you need to, and archiving old data in S3, are all ways to make the project cost efficient.
- Semi-structured Data Compatibility
  - I chose JSON and Dynamodb because the response we get are semi-structured. We need the flexibility and ease of use in the future downstream processes so I opted to use Dynamodb.

GITHUB REPO: <https://github.com/jergadi/coding-challenge>

REDDIT dev account:

developed applications



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**redirect uri**

**script to explore reddit api for practice**

**developers** jergadi (that's you!)

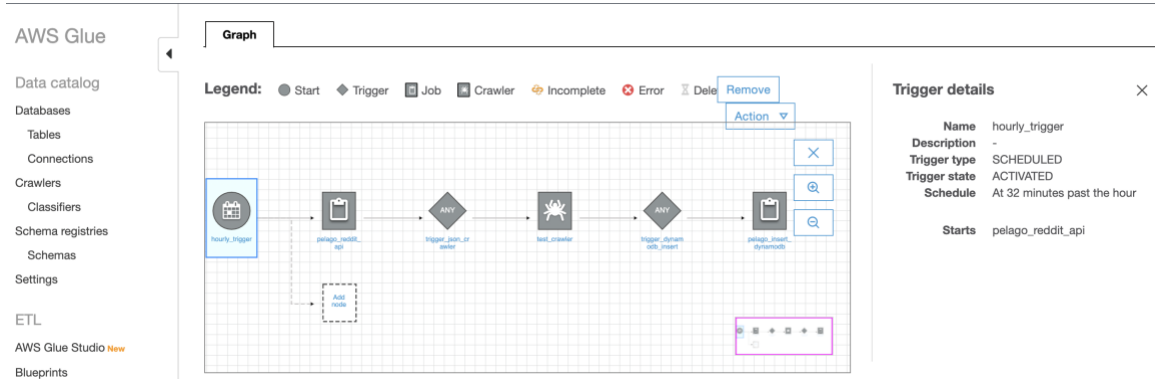
**add developer:**

create application

Please [read the API usage guidelines](#) before creating your application. After creating, you will be required to [register](#) for production API use.

## AWS RESOURCES:

### 1. AWS Glue Workflow – hourly scheduled.



### 2. S3 bucket containing the JSON output records

Amazon S3 > aws-glue-lgaife-test > pelago/ > output/

output/

Objects (112)

Find objects by prefix

Name	Type	Last modified	Size	Storage class
pelago_1632187805.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:20 (UTC+08:00)	5.6 KB	Standard
pelago_1634619615.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:20 (UTC+08:00)	647.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634759990.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:24 (UTC+08:00)	215.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634763631.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 21:33:29 (UTC+08:00)	851.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634774229.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:23 (UTC+08:00)	216.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634783677.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:21 (UTC+08:00)	218.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634784902.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:23 (UTC+08:00)	216.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634793592.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 20:28:11 (UTC+08:00)	216.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634802896.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:23 (UTC+08:00)	218.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634811768.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:21 (UTC+08:00)	223.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634815574.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:22 (UTC+08:00)	218.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634823561.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:24 (UTC+08:00)	211.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634823723.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:22 (UTC+08:00)	213.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634823975.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:21 (UTC+08:00)	216.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634824393.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:22 (UTC+08:00)	216.0 B	Standard
pelago_1634826170.0.json	json	October 22, 2021, 22:33:22 (UTC+08:00)	215.0 B	Standard

### 3. Dynamodb containing the inserted Records

DynamoDB

test

Run Reset

Completed Read capacity units consumed: 2.5

This table has more items to retrieve. To retrieve the next page of items, choose Retrieve next page.

Items returned (50)

id	created	author	author_id	over_18	selfhost	treasure	upvotes	url
pelago_163474848	163474848	MelindaLash	false	false	<empty>	[ ]	0.95	https://i.redd.it/762mta72du71.jpg
pelago_163478176	163478176	FredDB	false	false	<empty>	[ ]	0.86	https://i.redd.it/9faywrmnu71.png
pelago_163483329	163483329	sunhewie	false	false	<empty>	[ ]	0.99	https://i.redd.it/87yn2akmu71.jpg
pelago_163486713	163486713	Legitimater...	false	false	<empty>	[ ]	0.82	https://i.redd.it/8gubd0ruw71.jpg
pelago_163490806	163490806	anxious-ora...	false	false	Not so mac...	[ ]	0.78	https://www.reddit.com/r/StanleyValley/comm...
pelago_163483509	163483509	DavidEveryB...	false	false	<empty>	[ ]	0.93	https://i.redd.it/hk3f966u71.jpg
pelago_163482366	163482366	5933	false	false	<empty>	[ ]	0.99	https://i.redd.it/06dairawu71
pelago_1634863790	1634863790	cardman	false	false	<empty>	[ ]	0.92	https://i.redd.it/j876ghu71.jpg
pelago_1634891429	1634891429	jandong15	false	false	<empty>	[ ]	0.94	https://www.reddit.com/r/StanleyValley/comm...
pelago_1634910109	1634910109	RealHelon...	false	false	Not going t...	[ ]	0.95	https://www.reddit.com/r/StanleyValley/comm...
pelago_1634880041	1634880041	DapperCorp...	false	false	<empty>	[ ]	0.89	https://i.redd.it/widpww71.jpg
pelago_1634866737	1634866737	CoderOfCo...	false	false	<empty>	[ ]	0.99	https://i.redd.it/7w6lrmowu71.jpg
pelago_1634899080	1634899080	WitcherD...	false	false	I missed it b...	[ ]	0.8	https://www.reddit.com/r/StanleyValley/comm...

## 4. AWS Glue job Reddit API Caller settings

pelago_reddit_api		Spark	python	s3://aws-glue-scripts-709...	22 October 2021 7:56 PM UTC+8	Disable
History Details Script Metrics						
Name	pelago_reddit_api		Python lib path	-		
IAM role	GlueRdsS3Role		Jar lib path	-		
Type	Spark		Other lib path	-		
Glue version	2.0		Job parameters	--additional-python-modules s3://aws-glue-kgalife-test/pelago/wheelhouse/praw-7.4.0-py3-none-any.whl		
Python version	3		Non-overridable	-		
ETL language	python		Job parameters	-		
Script location	s3://aws-glue-scripts-709581768673-sa-east-1/root/pelago_reddit_api		Connections	outside_connection		
Temporary directory	s3://aws-glue-temporary-709581768673-sa-east-1/root		Maximum capacity	2		
Job bookmark	Disable					

## 5. Aws Glue job JSON loader settings

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pelago_insert_dynamodb	Spark	python	s3://aws-glue-scripts-709...	22 October 2021 8:12 PM UTC+8	Disable
<input type="checkbox"/> pelago_reddit_api	Spark	python	s3://aws-glue-scripts-709...	22 October 2021 7:56 PM UTC+8	Disable
History Details Script Metrics					
Name	pelago_insert_dynamodb		Python lib path	-	
IAM role	GlueRdsS3Role		Jar lib path	-	
Type	Spark		Other lib path	-	
Glue version	2.0		Job parameters	-	
Python version	3		Non-overrideable	-	
ETL language	python		Job parameters	-	
Script location	s3://aws-glue-scripts-709581768673-sa-east-1/root/pelago_insert_dynamodb		Connections	-	
Temporary directory	s3://aws-glue-temporary-709581768673-sa-east-1/root		Maximum capacity	2	
Job bookmark	Disable		Worker type	Standard	

## 6. S3 Bucket containing the config file and PRAW library

Amazon S3 > aws-glue-kgalife-test > pelago/

pelago/

Objects Properties

Objects (5)

Objects are the fundamental entities stored in Amazon S3. You can use [Amazon S3 inventory](#) to get a list of all objects in your bucket. For others to access your objects, you'll need to explicitly grant them permissions. [Learn more](#)

Find objects by prefix

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Last modified	Size
<input type="checkbox"/>	config.json	json	October 22, 2021, 14:01:10 (UTC+08:00)	20
<input type="checkbox"/>	output/	Folder	-	
<input type="checkbox"/>	wheelhouse/	Folder	-	

Amazon S3 > aws-glue-kgalife-test > pelago/ > wheelhouse/

wheelhouse/

Objects Properties

Objects (1)

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Find objects by prefix

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Last modified
<input type="checkbox"/>	praw-7.4.0-py3-none-any.whl	whl	October 22, 2021, 19:33:30 (UTC+08:00)