Picking the right AWS backend for your (Java) application

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What to expect

- Writing Java apps on AWS
- Databases
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- Analytics
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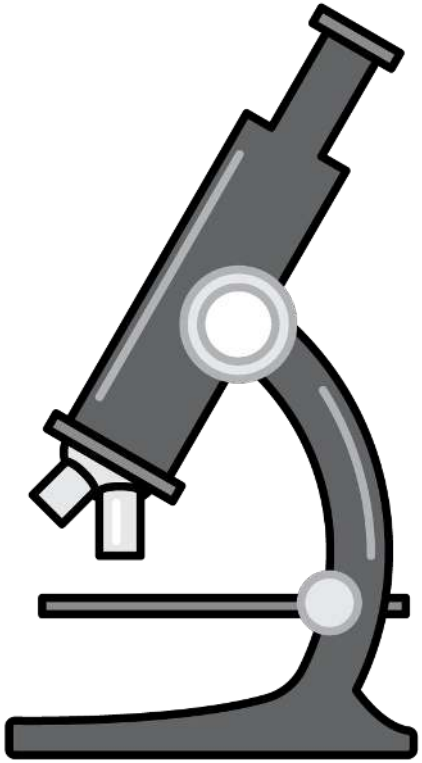


Code available at https://github.com/juliensimon/aws/tree/master/javabackends

Writing Java apps on AWS

Four deployment options

Amazon EC2

Amazon EC2 Container Service

AWS ElasticBeanstalk

Java 6/7/8 with Tomcat 7/8
Java 7/8 with Glassfish 4

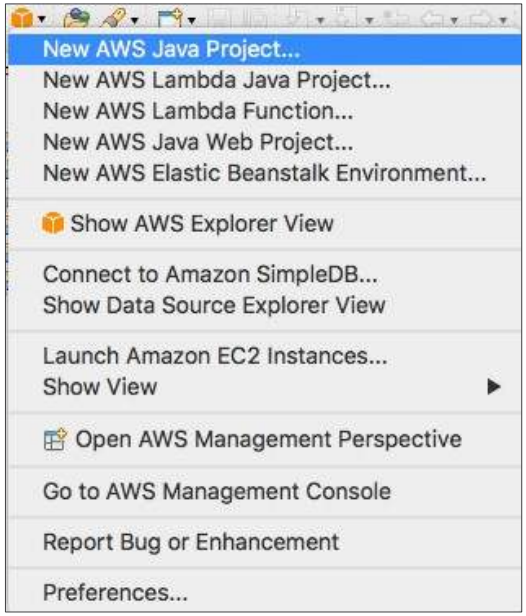
AWS Lambda

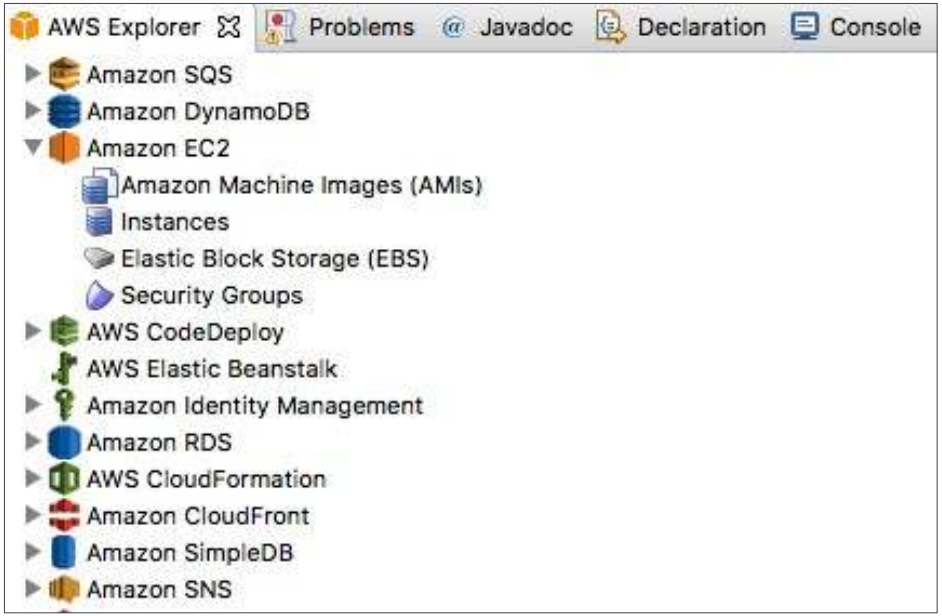
Java 8
Open Source frameworks:
Serverless, Gordon, Apex, ….

Java SDK for the AWS API (Java 1.6+)

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/sdk-for-java/
https://github.com/aws/aws-sdk-java

AWS plugin for Eclipse





https://aws.amazon.com/documentation/awstoolkiteclipse/

3rd party plugins for Intellij IDEA

- AWS Elastic Beanstalk Integration
  https://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/7274-aws-elastic-beanstalk-integration

- AWS CloudFormation
  https://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/7371-aws-cloudformation

- AWS Manager – almost 2 years old :-/
  https://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/4558-aws-manager

Managing credentials

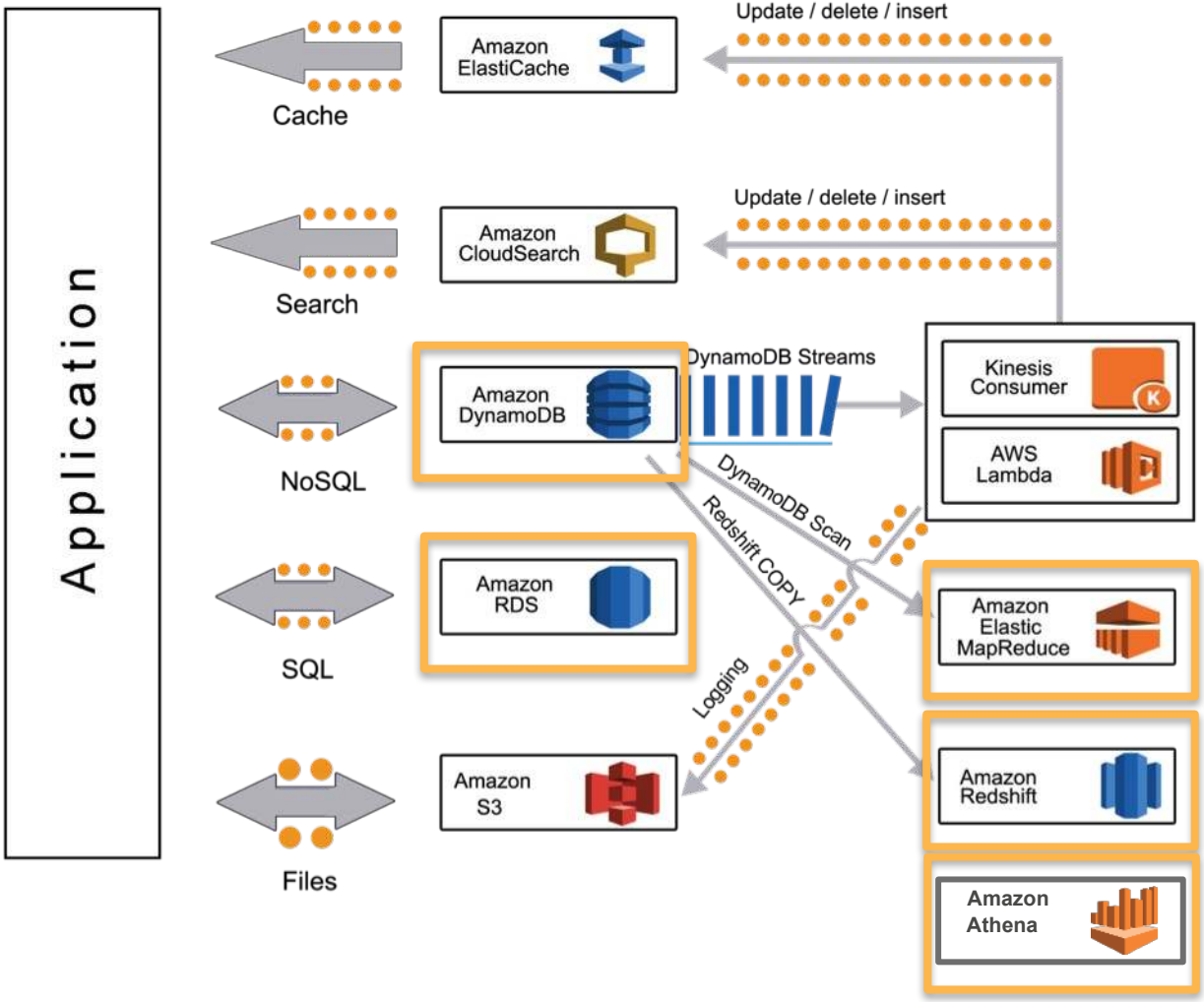
- Please do not hardcode them in your application
- Please do not store them on EC2 instances
- It WILL end in tears

- AWS credentials: use IAM Roles
- Backend credentials: use the EC2 Parameter Store
    - Automatic encryption with Amazon KMS

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/sdk-for-java/v1/developer-guide/credentials.html
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSJavaSDK/latest/javadoc/index.html?com/amazonaws/auth/AWSCredentialsProvider.html
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/systems-manager/latest/userguide/systems-manager-paramstore.html


One backend to rule them all?
… and in darkness bind them

Reference architecture



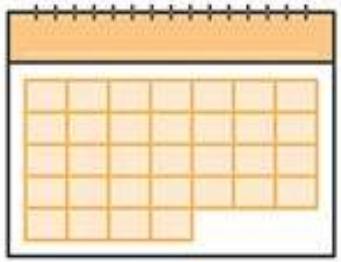
Databases

Amazon Relational Database Service

AWS Free Tier

No infrastructure management

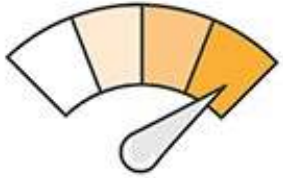
Application compatibility



Instant provisioning

Cost-effective

99.95% SLA



Scale up/down

https://aws.amazon.com/rds/
https://aws.amazon.com/rds/sla/

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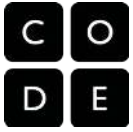
Amazon RDS – 6 Database Engines

- Amazon Aurora
- MySQL 5.5.46 → 5.7.17
- MariaDB 10.0.17 → 10.1.23
- PostgreSQL 9.3.12-R1 → 9.6.3-R1
- Oracle 11.2.0.4.v1 → 12.1.0.2.v8
- SQL Server 2008 → 2016

Aurora design principles https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3056101

Selected Amazon RDS customers

vodafone



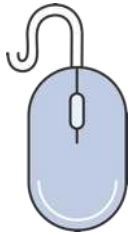
Trinity Mirror plc

Amazon Aurora demo

Java SDK: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSJavaSDK/latest/javadoc/com/amazonaws/services/rds/AmazonRDSClient.html
JDBC drivers: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/java-rds.html

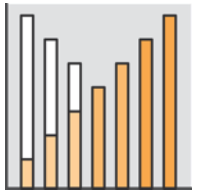
Amazon DynamoDB

AWS Free Tier



Fully Managed NoSQL

Key-Value, Document, Object



Scales to Any Workload

Fast and Consistent

Access Control

Event Driven Programming

https://aws.amazon.com/dynamodb/
http://www.allthingsdistributed.com/2007/10/amazons_dynamo.html
http://www.allthingsdistributed.com/2012/01/amazon-dynamodb.html

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Case Study – Expedia

> With DynamoDB we were up and running in a less than a day, and there is no need for a team to maintain it.
>
> **Kuldeep Chowhan**
> Principal Engineer, Expedia

Expedia is a leader in the $1 trillion travel industry, with an extensive portfolio that includes some of the world's most trusted travel brands.

- Expedia's real-time analytics application collects data for its "test & learn" experiments on Expedia sites.
- The analytics application processes ~200 million messages daily.
- Ease of setup, monitoring, and scaling were key factors in choosing DynamoDB.

https://aws.amazon.com/fr/blogs/big-data/how-expedia-implemented-near-real-time-analysis-of-interdependent-datasets/

Amazon DynamoDB demo

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Low-level API (key/value): getItem, putItem, updateItem
                batchGetItem, batchWriteItem
                      query, scan

          High-level API (ORM-like): DynamoDBMapper
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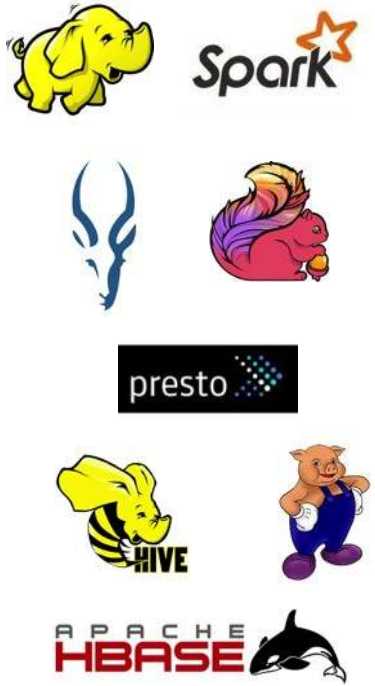
Java SDK: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/CodeSamples.Java.html
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/sdk-for-java/v1/developer-guide/examples-dynamodb.html
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/DynamoDBLocal.html

Analytics

Amazon Elastic Map Reduce (EMR)

- Apache Hadoop, Spark, Hive,etc.
- Managed service
- Easy to start, resize & terminate clusters
- Cost-efficient, especially with Spot Instances
- Integration with backends



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Case study – FINRA

FINRA, the primary regulatory agency for stock brokers in the US, uses AWS extensively in their IT operations and has migrated key portions of its technology stack to AWS including Market Surveillance and Member Regulation.

For market surveillance, each night FINRA loads approximately 35 billion rows of data into Amazon S3 and Amazon EMR (up to 10,000 nodes) to monitor trading activity on exchanges and market centers in the US.

https://aws.amazon.com/solutions/case-studies/finra/

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Hive demo

Java SDK: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/emr/latest/ManagementGuide/calling-emr-with-java-sdk.html
JDBC: https://docs.aws.amazon.com//emr/latest/ReleaseGuide/HiveJDBCDriver.html

Amazon Athena

- Run read-only SQL queries on S3 data
- No data loading, no indexing, no nothing
- No infrastructure to create, manage or scale

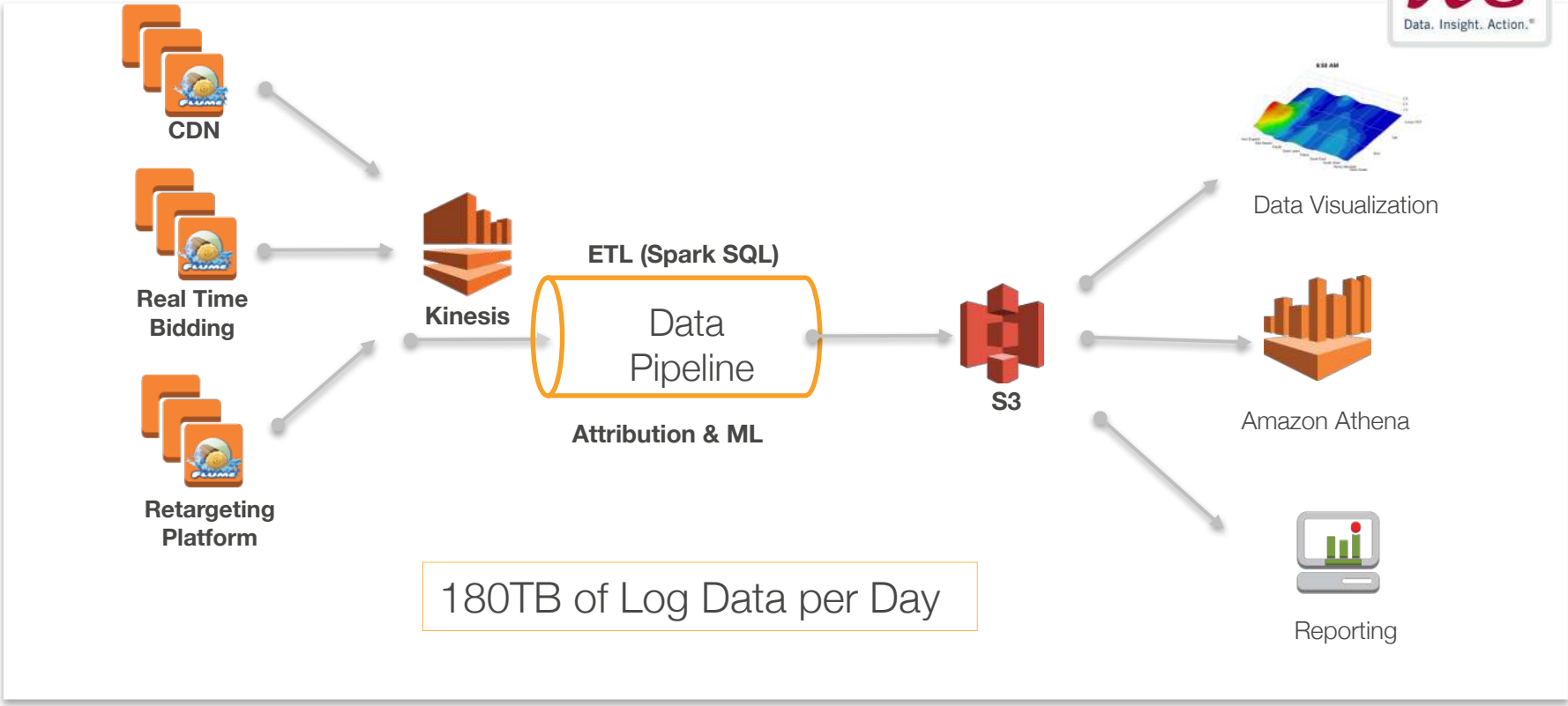
- Service based on Presto
- Table creation: Apache Hive Data Definition Language
- ANSI SQL operators and functions: what Presto supports, with a few exceptions

AWS re:Invent 2016: Introducing Athena (BDA303) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxAuj_Ky5aw
https://prestodb.io

Data formats supported by Athena

- Unstructured
  - Apache logs, with customizable regular expression
- Semi-structured
  - delimiter-separated values (CSV, OpenCSV)
  - Tab-separated values (TSV)
  - JSON (including CloudTrail logs)
- Structured
  - Apache Parquet https://parquet.apache.org/
  - Apache ORC https://orc.apache.org/
  - Apache Avro https://avro.apache.org/
- Compression (LZO, Snappy, Zlib, GZIP) & partitioning

Case Study – DataXu



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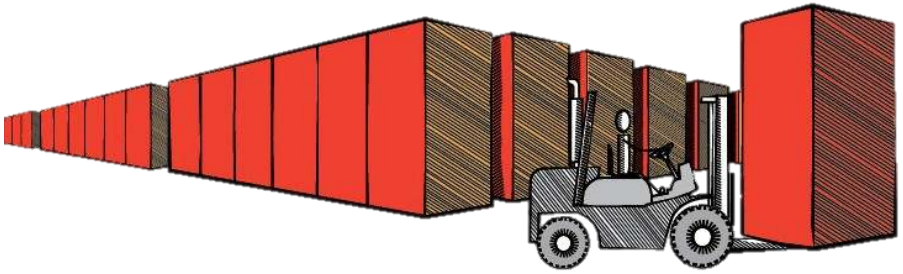
Amazon Athena demo

Java SDK: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/athena/latest/ug/code-samples.html
JDBC: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/athena/latest/ug/connect-with-jdbc.html

Amazon Redshift AWS Free Tier

- Relational data warehouse
- SQL is all you need to know
- Fully managed
- Massively parallel
- Petabyte scale
- As low as $1000/TB/year
- Athena-like capabilities with Redshift Spectrum



https://aws.amazon.com/redshift
http://www.allthingsdistributed.com/2012/11/amazon-redshift.html
Intro to Amazon Redshift Spectrum https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gchd2sDhSuY

What customers says about Amazon Redshift

"Redshift is twenty times faster than Hive" (5x – 20x reduction in query times) link

…[Redshift] performance has blown away everyone here (we generally see 50-100x speedup over Hive). link

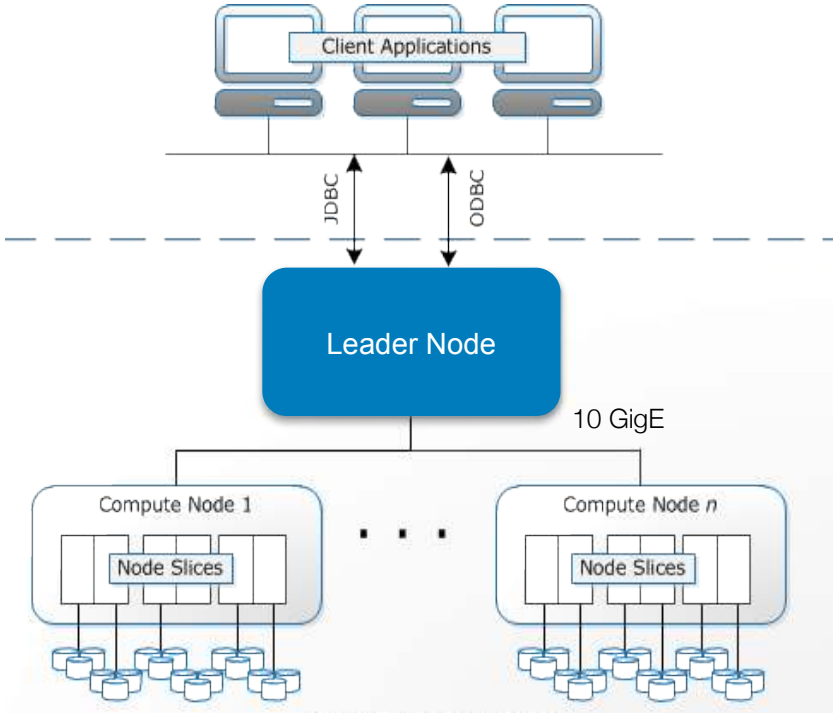
We regularly process multibillion row datasets and we do that in a matter of hours. link

"Queries that used to take hours came back in seconds. Our analysts are orders of magnitude more productive." (20x – 40x reduction in query times) link

"Did I mention it's ridiculously fast? We'll be using it immediately to provide our analysts an alternative to Hadoop."

"Team played with Redshift today and concluded it is ****** awesome. Un-indexed complex queries returning in < 10s."

Amazon Redshift Architecture



Ingestion
Backup
Restore

S3 / EMR / DynamoDB

Spectrum

Query external tables stored in S3

Amazon Redshift demo

Java SDK: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/redshift/latest/mgmt/using-aws-sdk-for-java.html
JDBC driver: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/redshift/latest/mgmt/configure-jdbc-connection.html

Migrating your databases

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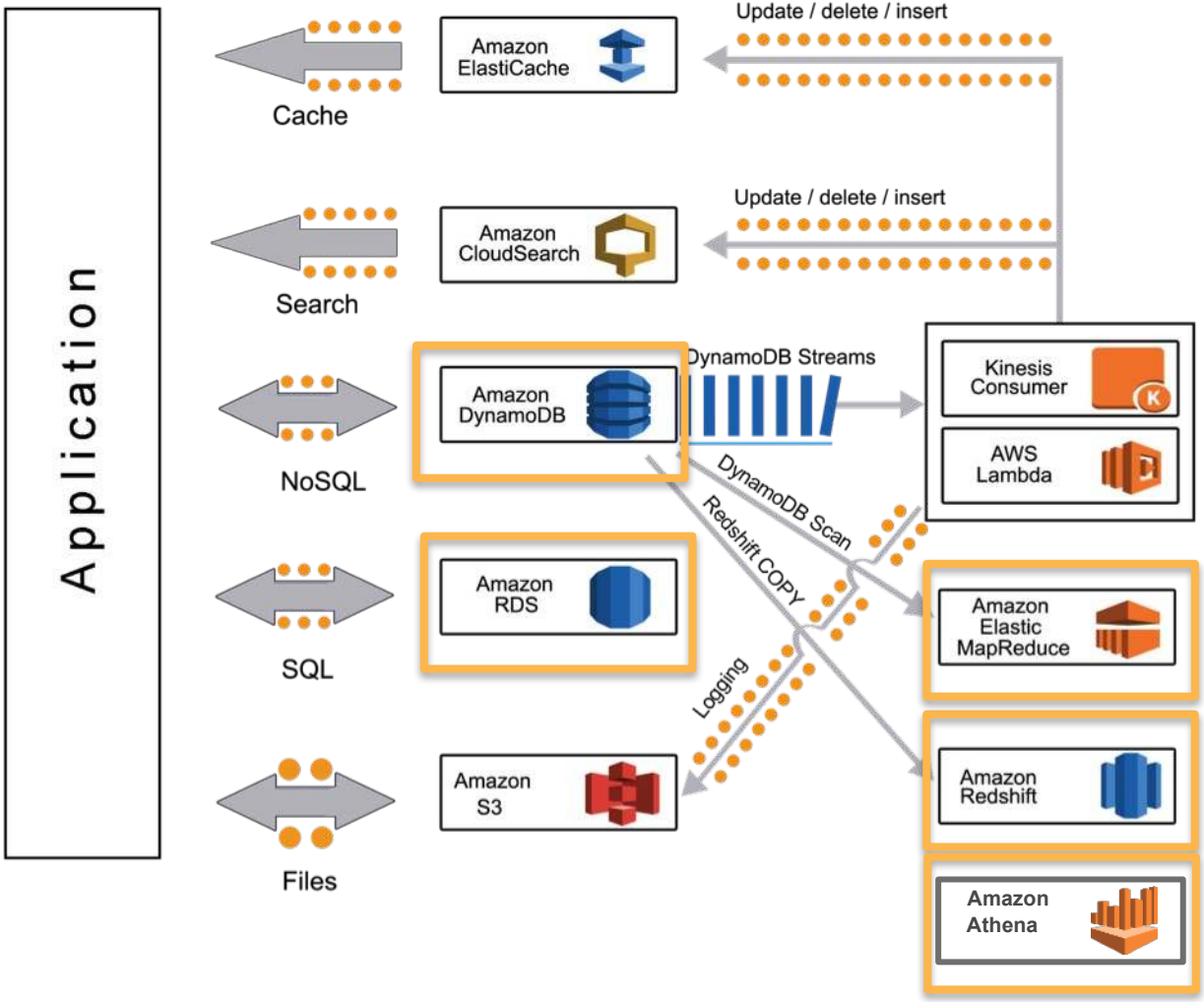
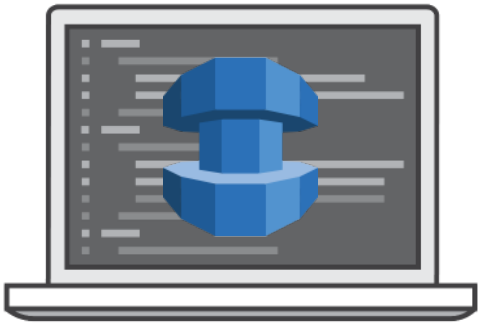


AWS Schema Conversion Tool



- Converts your tables, views, stored procedures, and data manipulation language to RDS or Amazon Redshift
- Highlights where manual edits are needed

Source Database	Target Database on Amazon RDS
Oracle	Amazon Aurora, MySQL, PostgreSQL, MariaDB
Oracle Data Warehouse	Amazon Redshift
Microsoft SQL Server	Amazon Aurora, MySQL, PostgreSQL, MariaDB
Teradata	Amazon Redshift
Netezza	Amazon Redshift
Greenplum	Amazon Redshift
MySQL and MariaDB	PostgreSQL
PostgreSQL	Amazon Aurora, MySQL, MariaDB
Amazon Aurora	PostgreSQL

https://aws.amazon.com/dms/

AWS Database Migration Service

PostgreSQL Amazon Aurora mongoDB ORACLE

MySQL MariaDB SAP ASE Microsoft SQL Server

- ✓ Move data to the same or different database engine
- ✓ Move data to Redshift, DynamoDB or S3
- ✓ Keep your apps running during the migration
- ✓ Start your first migration in 10 minutes or less
- ✓ Replicate within, to, or from Amazon EC2 or RDS

https://aws.amazon.com/dms/
http://docs.aws.amazon.com/dms/latest/userguide/CHAP_Introduction.Sources.html
http://docs.aws.amazon.com/dms/latest/userguide/CHAP_Introduction.Targets.html
https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/database/database-migration-what-do-you-need-to-know-before-you-start/

Conclusion

AWS is a rich and lively environment for Java platforms

Your choice of backends: relational, NoSQL, Big Data, analytics

The tools you need, with less or no infrastructure drama

Built-in high availability, scalability, security & compliance

Focus on creativity and productivity, not on plumbing

Thank you!

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