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Spark vs Athena/Trino: Performance Analysis with Window Functions

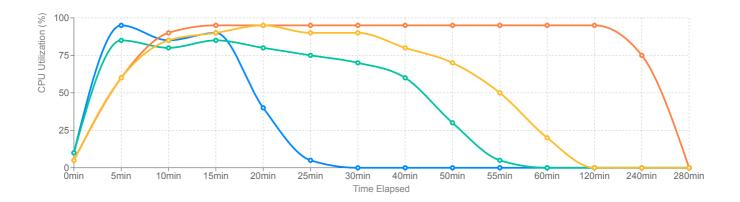
Test Environment

Dataset Size: 2.4 billion rows (35M staging + 2.37B main table) **Infrastructure:** EMR cluster with 1 core node and 1 task node **Node Configuration:** 4 CPUs and 15GB memory per node

Query Type: Window function using row number() to find most recent record per ID

CPU Utilization Over Time

Spark Window → Spark JOIN → Trino Window



Spark shows clear execution phases with efficient resource release, while Trino exhibits sustained high CPU utilization

Memory Utilization Over Time

→ Spark Window → Spark JOIN → Trino Window

