

Data Streaming on the Cloud

with Amazon Kinesis and Spark Streaming

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Data Streaming - What is?

 Streaming Data is data that is generated continuously by thousands of data sources, which typically send in the data records simultaneously, and in small sizes (order of Kilobytes).



Data Streaming - Benefits

 Streaming data processing is beneficial in most scenarios where new, dynamic data is generated on a continual basis. It applies to most of the industry segments and big data use cases.

Data Streaming - Benefits

- If we could summarise the benefits of data streaming in one sentence, this sentence would be: real time insights.
 - Quick reaction to operational errors (logs streaming);
 - Improved services (new opportunities e.g.: usage of event processing algorithms);
 - Saving costs (faster response to failure);
 - Keep up with customers trends;
 - Many others

Data Streaming - Challenges

- Two layers: storage layer, processing layer.
 - Storage Layer: record ordering and strong consistency to enable fast, inexpensive, and replayable reads and writes of large streams of data.
 - Processing Layer: consumes data from the storage layer, runs computations on that data, and then notifies the storage layer to delete data that is no longer needed.
- You also have to plan for scalability, data durability, and fault tolerance in both the storage and processing layers.

Data Streaming - Challenges

Change on organization work flow;

Special tools













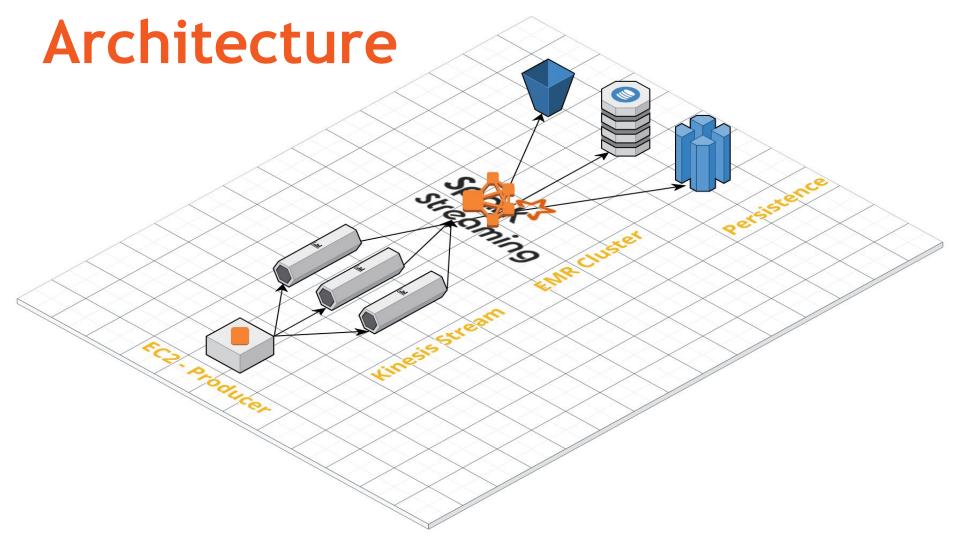


Let's build a Data Pipeline









Amazon Kinesis

Amazon Kinesis is an Amazon Web Service (AWS) for processing big data in real time.

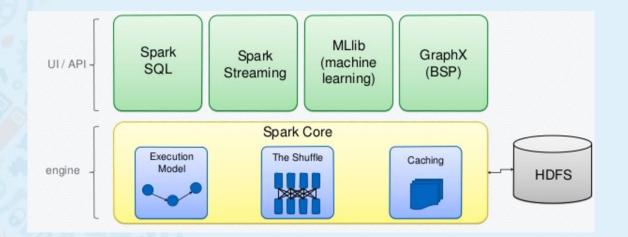
Benefits (by Amazon):

- Real-time; Secure; Easy to Use; Reliable
- Parallel Processing; Elastic; Low Cost



Apache Spark

Apache Spark is a fast, in-memory data processing engine which allows data workers to efficiently execute streaming, machine learning or SQL workloads that require fast iterative access to datasets.



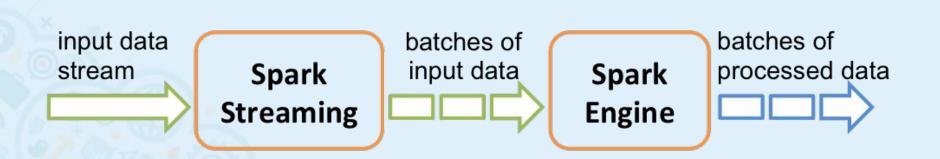
Spark Streaming

Spark Streaming is an extension of the core Spark **API** that enables scalable, high-throughput, fault-tolerant stream processing of live data streams.

Data can be ingested from many sources like Kafka, Flume, Kinesis, or TCP sockets, and can be processed using complex algorithms expressed with high-level functions like map, reduce, join and window.

Finally, processed data can be pushed out to filesystems, databases, and live dashboards. In fact, you can apply Spark's machine learning and graph processing algorithms on data streams.

Spark Streaming



Example - Reddit

Reddit is a social news aggregation, web content rating, and discussion website.

Reddit is divided in subreddits - Each subreddit is a like a "forum" for a specific topic, it has its own moderators and rules.

For our example we will focus on the /r/worldnews subreddit.

/r/worldnews



Reddit API

Reddit has a great (public/free) API that allows querying the public data available on the website, but it has a limited rate:(

PRAW (Python Reddit API Wrapper) - A wrapper in Python for the Reddit API with "extra features", such as streaming data!

We can use the streaming module from PRAW to get real-time data coming from a specific subreddit (we can get the comments and submissions for the /r/worldnews subreddit for example.)

Topic Modelling and Sentiment Analysis

Not on the scope of this presentation.

 But...I am writing an article about my experience with Topic Modelling for this project, you can find more about it on my github (https://github.com/pedromb/pyDMM)

 For the Sentiment Analysis part I am using Google's Natural Language API, which is part of the Google Cloud Platform.
More about it here.

In practice...

You can find the code here:
https://github.com/pedromb/data_streaming

