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Advanced integration patterns with Amazon DynamoDB

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Amazon DynamoDB

FAST, FULLY MANAGED & SERVERLESS KEY-VALUE DATABASE



Performance at Scale

Consistent latency at any scale
Unlimited throughput
Unlimited storage



Secure & Reliable

Data encryption
Highly available
(99.999% SLA)
Active-Active global
replication
Highly durable
storage
Continuous backups



Serverless

Nothing to provision*
Automated scaling
with no availability
impact
Pay for what you use
No maintenance
windows or version
updates

*using On-Demand Capacity



Built-in Integration with AWS Services

AWS Lambda
AWS Identity and Access
Management (IAM)
Amazon CloudWatch
Amazon Kinesis Data Streams
Amazon S3
Amazon Cognito
AWS Backup
AWS CloudTrail
AWS Step Functions
& more

Example Data — Product Questions and Answers



- Amazon Standard Identification Number (ASIN) of the product
- A unique question_id
- Question text
- Answer(s)
- Product details
- And then we've simulated metadata about the answerer: a rating, name, age, gender, and location

https://registry.opendata.aws/amazon-pqa/

```
"asin": "B003YFHQI2",
"question_id": "Tx3UX24HTBF20DP",
"brand_name": "Belle Epoque",
"item_name": "Belle Epoque 420 Full Thread Count Sheet Set with Hemstitch,
Taupe",
"question_text": "are these sheets 100% cotton?",
"answers": [
        "answer_text": "Yes, but the cotton is a bit rough. I've washed
        the sheets about six times and they are finally softening."
    },
        "answer_text": "Yes!"
"bullet_point1": "Incredible luxury: Unbelievable soft hand comes from
Belle Epoque processing formula combined with highest quality compact
combed cotton yarns".
"bullet_point2": "Soft mirror finish, Special processing ensures that
these sheets will be satin-soft and pill-free after many wash and dry
cycles",
"bullet_point3": "Oversized sheets, Flat sheet: 1 foot longer than
standard flat sheet with 6-inch hem at the top and 1-inch mitered hems on
the sides and foot of the sheet, 6-inch hem features meticulous hemstitch
for added beauty, Extra length provides additional turn",
"bullet_point4": "Fitted sheet: Deep pocket fits up to a 20-inch mattress,
Elastic is sewn in all around for secure fit",
"bullet_point5": "Pillowcases: Oversized with 6-Inch cuff and hemstitch
detailing to match flat sheet Full Sheet Set",
"product_description": "",
"question_type": "yes-no",
"answer_aggregated": "yes"
```

DynamoDB access patterns

- 1. Retrieve all questions and answers for an ASIN
- 2. Add a question to an ASIN
- 3. Add an answer to a question



DynamoDB table layout

Primary key		Attributes						
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B07BFVT2PN	metadata	item_name						
		EMONIA Queen Sheets Set -6 Pieces Bed Sheets- Microfiber Super Soft 1800 Series						
	question#Tx 1E43I11RHT WG8#Q	asin	question_id	question_text				
		B07BFVT2PN	Tx1E43I11RH TWG8	Are these sheets noisy?				
	question#Tx 1E43I11RHT WG8#answe r00001	asin	question_text	answer_text	gender	age	user_lat	user_lon
		B07BFVT2PN	Are these sheets noisy?	"Hi, Mine have no noise at all. I wash them and use Downy before I put them on the bed with no noise! Hope that helps"	male	97	-17.182330 5	80.307699



Additional access patterns

- 1. Find questions or answers containing certain words or phrases
- 2. Sort the results using a relevance algorithm
- 3. Generate a histogram chart of search results
- 4. Identify the most frequent answerer for certain topics
- 5. Limit results to answers from certain age ranges, genders
- 6. Limit results to those from a geographic area
- 7. Match using semantic meaning, not just words and phrases





Amazon OpenSearch Service

Intelligent search and log analytics solution to help you get the most out of your data



Search: Improve the relevancy of your search results in near real time with cutting edge search innovations



Analytics: Securely, easily, and efficiently visualize and analyze your operational data



Vector Database: Ingest, store, and query vectors. Hybrid search and efficient filtering



Cost effective: Optimize time and resources for strategic work



Deployment options: Serverless simplicity or managed control



Data replication pipeline with near real time

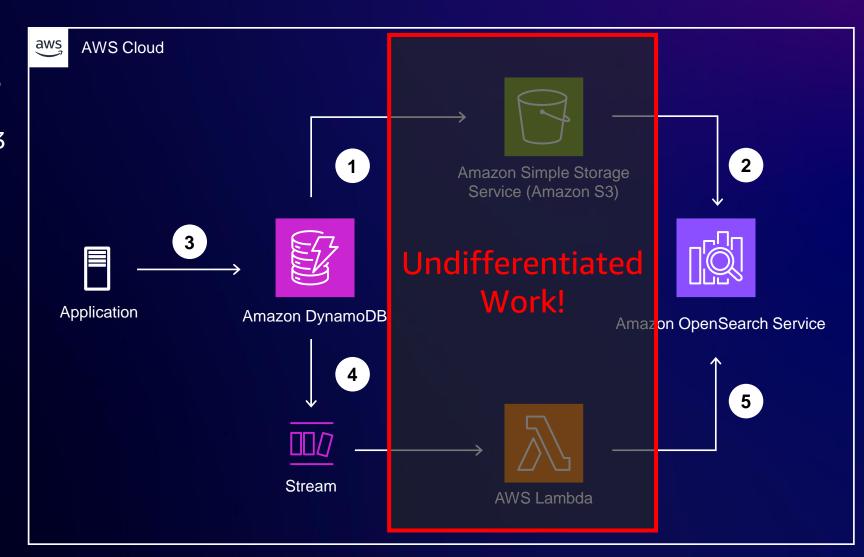
- Export a snapshot to S3
 with ExportToPointInTime
- 2. Ingest the snapshot from S3 to the OpenSearch Service
- 3. Application continues to send updates to DynamoDB while 1 & 2 are happening
- 4. Updates to DynamoDB appear on the Stream
- 5. Process the stream with AWS Lambda and push into OpenSearch





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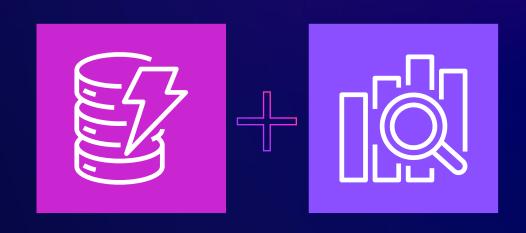
Announcing! Amazon DynamoDB Zero ETL integration with Amazon OpenSearch Service

Near real time – Bootstraps an S3 export then replicates data with Amazon DynamoDB Streams within seconds of changes

Autoscaling – Automatically scales to the demands of your application

No code required – Routing, mapping, & transforms are defined via configuration

Powerful – Built on Amazon OpenSearch Ingestion





OpenSearch Ingestion is powered by

Data Prepper



Serverless

Easy to administer with console or APIs. Automatic application of patches and security upgrades



Secure

Redact and obfuscate sensitive information. Route data for compliance



Cost Efficient

Automatically scales to fit workload demands



Open Source

Part of the Apache 2.0-licensed OpenSearch project



Data Prepper has a rich set of Processors

Manipulate data values

Rename keys, combine data into new entries

Routing

Route different data into different indexes

Sub-pipelines

Send data through multiple pipelines for tight control

Aggregate

Combine, reduce, sample, and aggregate

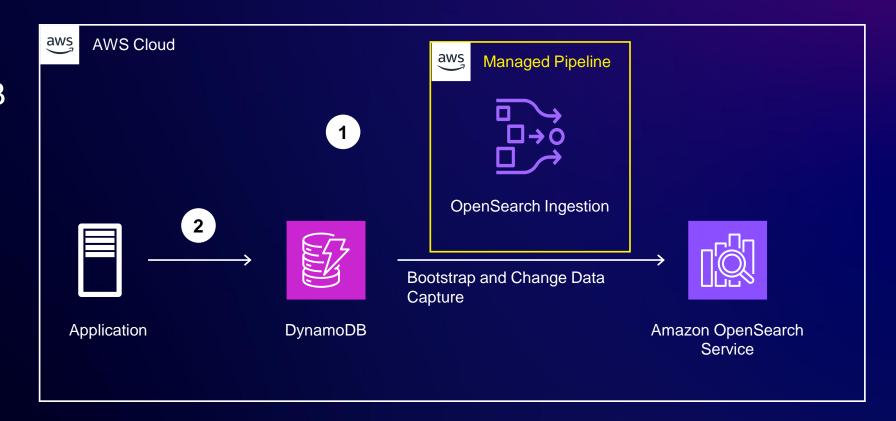
Parsers

Native understanding of CSV and JSON

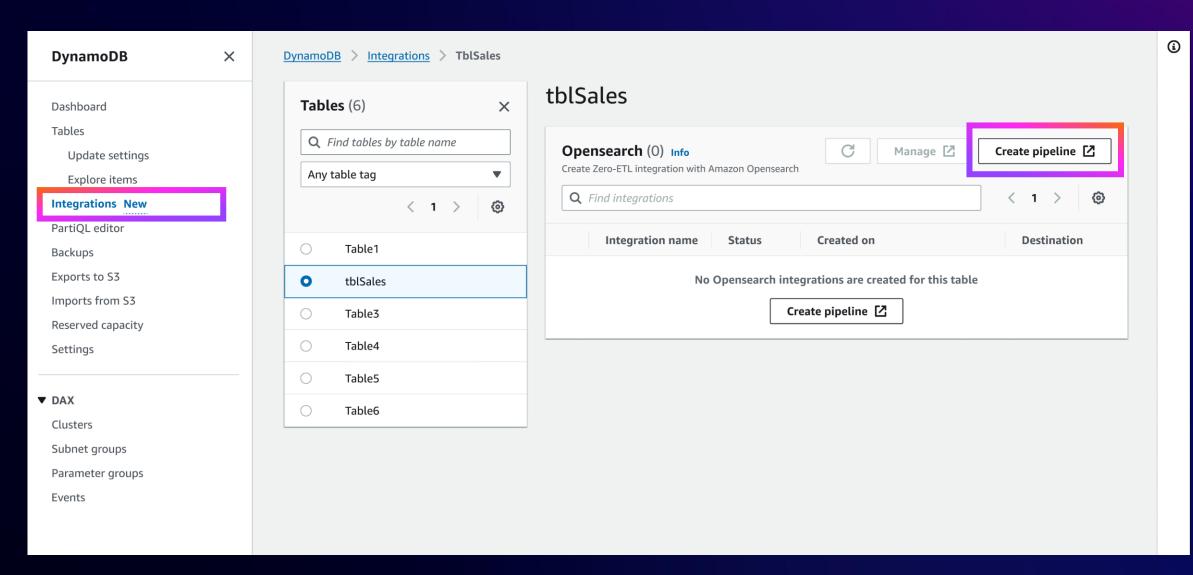


Rethinking integration

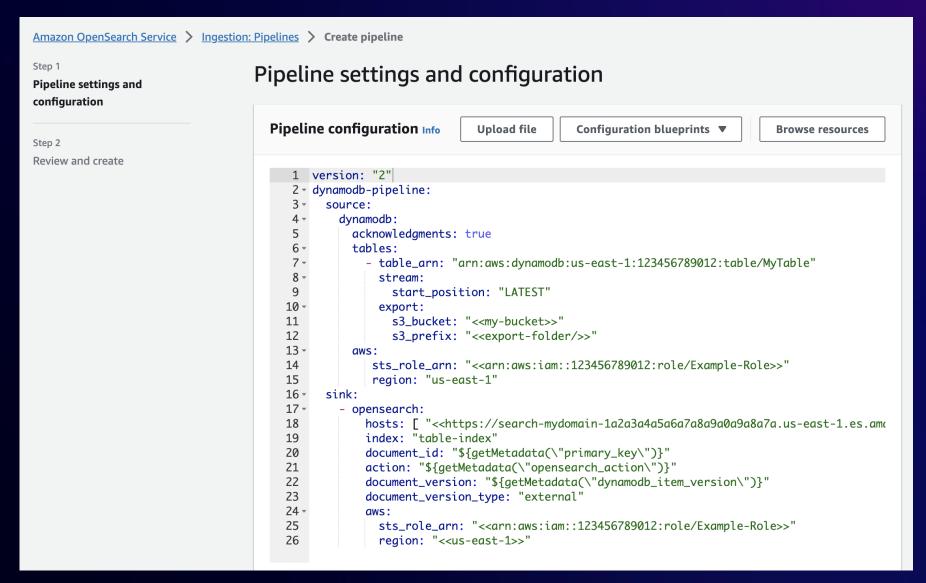
- Setup a pipeline between DynamoDB and OpenSearch Service
- 2. Application continues to send updates to DynamoDB, which are synced across



Creating a pipeline – DynamoDB console



Creating a pipeline – configure pipeline



Pipeline fundamentals: source

```
source:
                                Source – The DynamoDB table to pull from
  dynamodb:
                                         Can be 1 or many
    tables:
      - table_arn: "arn:aws:dynamodb:us-west-2:123456789012:table/QandA"
        stream:
          start_position: "LATEST"
        export:
          s3_bucket: "osisdynamodbexports"
          s3_prefix: "/ddbexports"
    aws:
      region: "us-west-2"
      sts_role_arn: "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:role/osis-source-role"
```



Pipeline fundamentals: processor



Pipeline fundamentals: sink



Amazon OpenSearch Service



To each technology, its purpose



Amazon DynamoDB

Use DynamoDB for consistent low latency, durability, and flexibility

Most likely your "system of record"



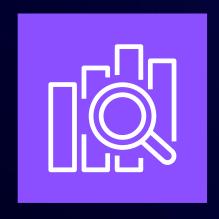
Amazon OpenSearch Service

Use OpenSearch Service to provide rich search capabilities, and relevant results

Index what you want to search then use the primary key to retrieve the items from DynamoDB



Deployment options



Managed domains

Provides fine-grained control over instance types for better resource and cost optimization, and larger scale

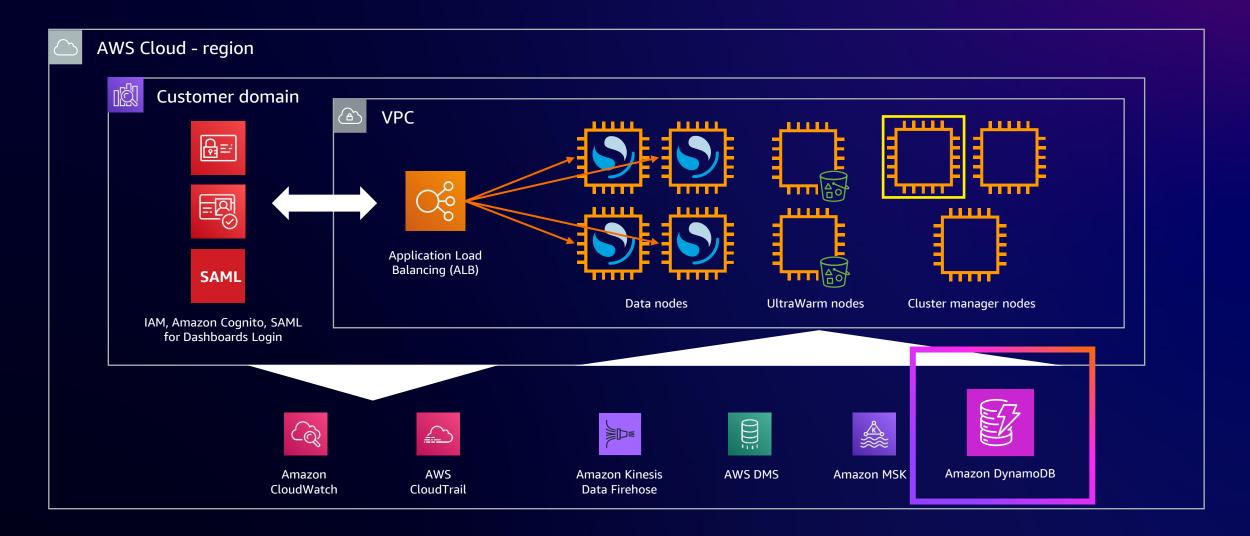


Serverless

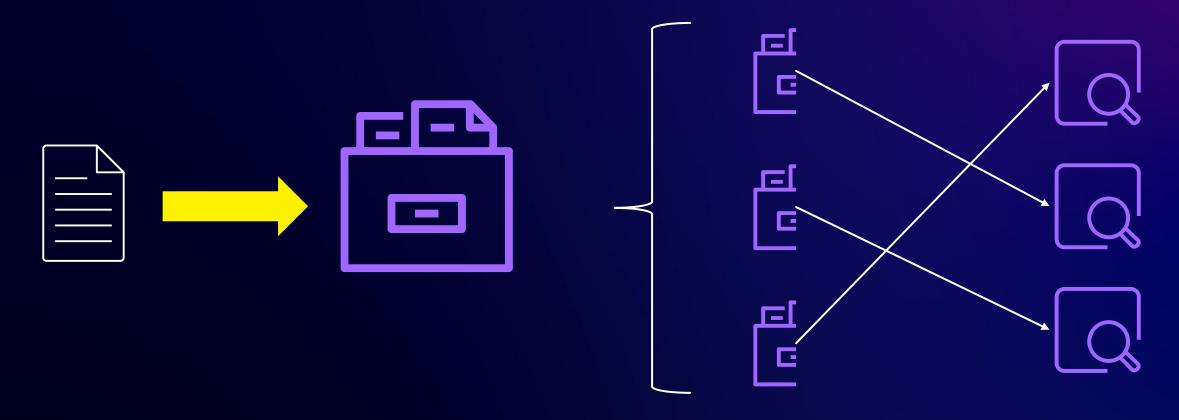
Auto-scaled and simple to manage.
Serverless collections manage
OpenSearch indices



OpenSearch Service is a distributed solution



OpenSearch Service is a distributed database



Send documents to an index

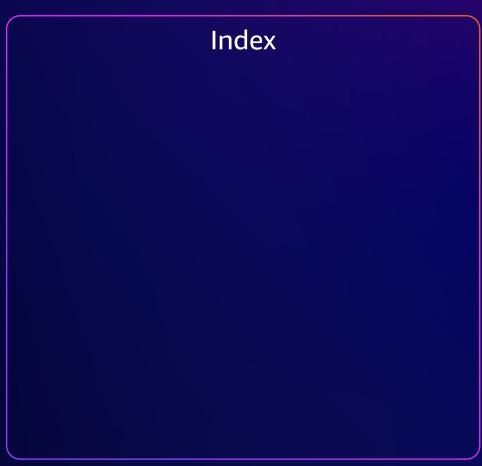
An index is comprised of shards

Shards are distributed to data nodes



DynamoDB







DynamoDB



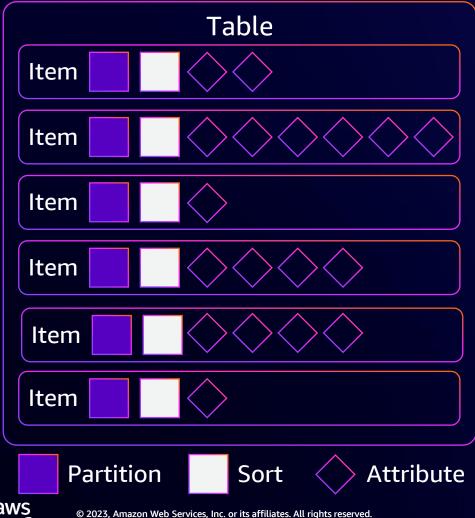


DynamoDB





DynamoDB





OpenSearch Service data layout

```
" indev" · "amazon-data?"
"_id": "B00J2HW6VI|metadata",
 _SCOTE . 2.4740100,
" source": {
 "category_name": "wrist watches",
 "sk": "metadata",
 "item name": "Nixon Men's A4051888
   Sentry Chrono Leather Watch",
 "brand name": "Nixon",
 "doc_type": "asin",
  pk . BUUJ∠⊓WOVI ,
  "product_description": "",
 "bullets": "Round watch featuring
   stick markers, three chronograph
   subdials, and date window at 4
   o'clock Stainless steel case with
   mineral dial window Japanese
   quartz movement with analog
   display Genuine leather band with
   buckle closure Water resistant to
   100 m (330 ft): In general,
   suitable for swimming and
   snorkeling, but not scuba diving"
```

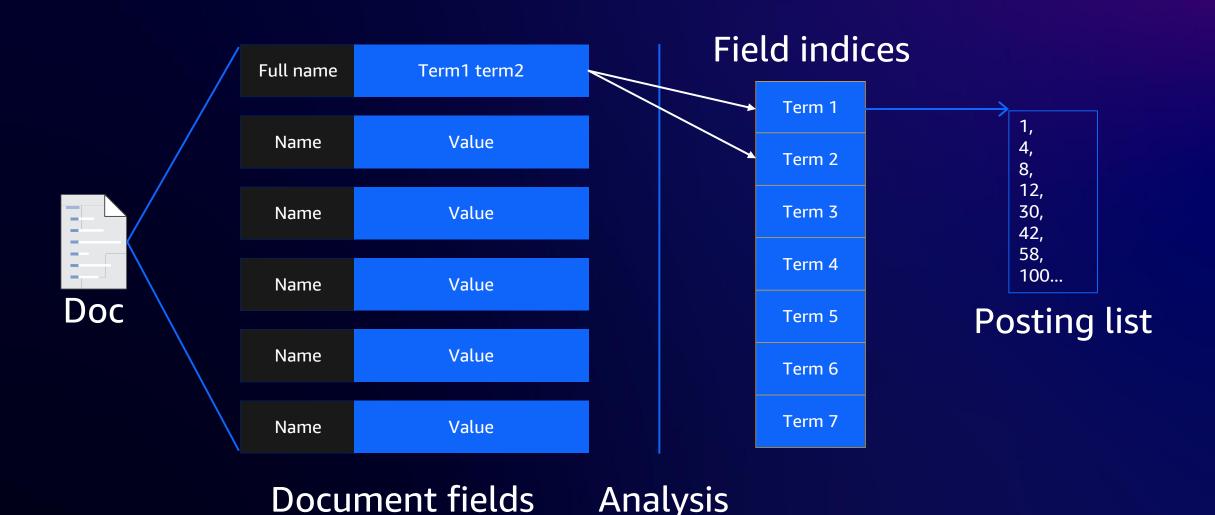
```
" index": "amazon-data2".
 id":
 "B01C5QY7DW|question#Tx1TBTIZRCFN7N#
" score": 1.1967057,
" source": {
 "question_text": "The packaging
   looks like standard x-treme vision
   bulbs. Are these standard or +100%
   x-treme vision bulbs?",
 "question_type": "WH",
 "sk": "question#Tx1TBTIZRCFN7N#Q",
 "location": null,
 "pk": "B01C50Y7DW"
 "doc_type": "question",
  "embedding_cnunk": null,
 "question_id": "Tx1TBTIZRCFN7N"
```

```
" index": "amazon-data2".
"_id":
  "B01C50Y7DW|question#Tx1S2LI4ZDBS3N]
  #answer00004",
"_score": 0.4916135/,
"_source": {
  "answer_text": "High and low beam!",
 "gender" "female"
 "doc_type": "answer",
    "question#Tx1S2LI4ZDBS3NI#answer00
   004",
  "name": "Jodi Herrera",
  "location": null,
  "pk": "B01C5QY7DW",
  "embedding_chunk": null,
  "product_rating": 2,
  "age": 45
```

OpenSearch core algorithms

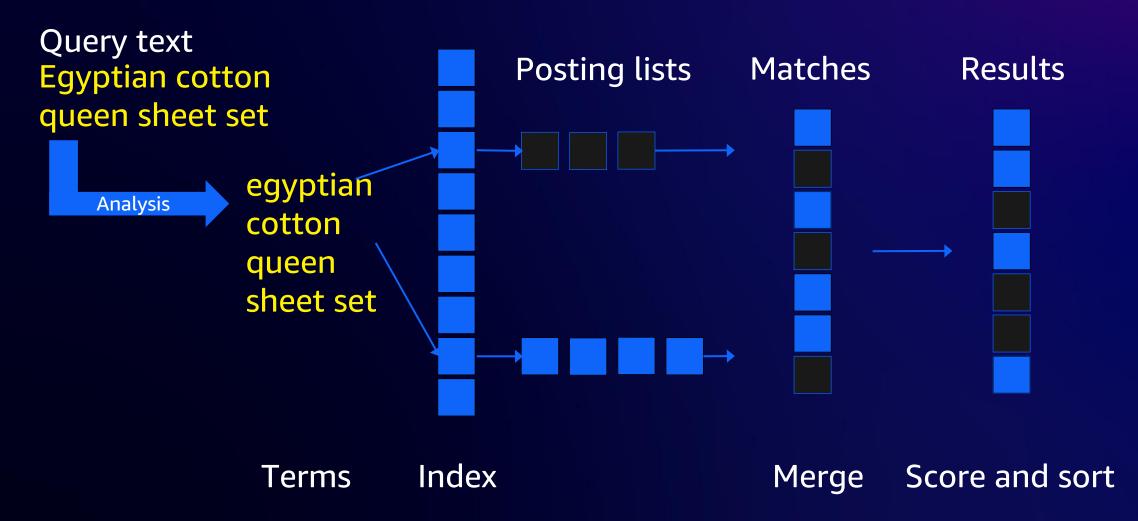


Lucene indices provide the core search functionality





Query processing





Text analysis

Source text

Name: 1100TC Egyptian Cotton Sateen Brown & Yellow Stripe Sheet Set – Oueen

Description: 1100TC Egyptian Sateen Sheet Set Includes: - 1 Flat Sheet: Brown, Yellow & Sky blue stripes on white on front (gray stripe pattern on back) - 1 Fitted Sheet: Gray stripe pattern - 2 Sham Covers: Gray stripe pattern (Available Size: Queen / King)

Standard analyzer

Name: 1100tc egyptian cotton sateen brown yellow stripe sheet set queen

Description: 1100tc egyptian sateen sheet set includes 1 flat sheet brown yellow sky blue stripes on white on front gray stripe pattern on back 1 fitted sheet gray stripe pattern 2 sham covers gray stripe pattern available size queen king

English analyzer

Name: 1100tc egyptian cotton sateen brown yellow stripe sheet set queen

Description: 1100tc egyptian sateen sheet set includ 1 flat sheet brown yellow sky blue stripe white front grai stripe pattern back 1 fit sheet grai stripe pattern 2 sham cover grai stripe pattern avail size queen king



Text-text matching example

Query text

Egyptian cotton queen sheet set

Analyzed egyptian cotton queen sheet set



Name: 1100t egyptian cotton sateen brown vellow stripe sheet set queen

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Searching scenarios



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OpenSearch mapping defines the schema

OpenSearch has a single mapping per index

The mapping controls the storage and retrieval of the data

Unmapped fields are dynamically mapped

Caution: dynamic mapping detects strings for all

Caution: item-name collision

```
"amazon-data": {
    "mappings": {
        "properties": {
            "pk": {
                "type": "text",
                "fields": { "keyword": { "type": "keyword",
                            "ignore above": 256 }
            } },
            "sk": {
                "type": "text",
                "fields": { "keyword": { "type": "keyword",
                            "ignore_above": 256 }
            } },
            "doc_type": { "type": "..." },
            "location": { "type": "..." },
            "bullets": { "type": "..." },
            "category_name": { "type": "..." },
            "gender": { "type": "..." },
            "item_name": { "type": "..." },
            "name": { "type": "..." },
            "answer_text": { "type": "..." },
            "product_description": { "type": "..." },
            "question_id": { "type": "..." },
            "question_text": { "type": "..." },
            "question_type": { "type": "..." },
            "brand_name": { "type": "..." },
            "age": { "type": "long" },
            "product_rating": { "type": "long" }
```

What kinds of queries can I run?

Text

Numeric Exact match and range queries

Geohash, geo-point, geo-polygon,

and bounding box

Full-text and single term

Exact and approximate nearestneighbor search supporting vector

matching and semantic search

Percolate, distance, span, script,

sparse, neural

Geo

Vector

Special

You can sort results by most field types



Scenario: Text Search



Matching full text: "Egyptian cotton queen sheet set"

```
"_index": "amazon-qanda",
"_id": "B00D60KQFA|metadata",
"_score": 15.895072,
"_source": {},
"highlight": {
 "item name": [
   "1100TC <em>Egyptian</em> <em>Cotton</em> Sateen
     Brown & Yellow Stripe <em>Sheet</em> <em>Set
     </em> - <em>Queen</em>"
 "product_description": [
   "100TC <em>Egyptian</em> Sateen <em>Sheet</em>
      <em>Set Includes: - 1 Flat <em>Sheet
     >: Brown, Yellow & Sky blue stripes on white
     on",
   "front (gray stripe pattern on back) - 1 Fitted
      <em>Sheet</em>: Gray stripe pattern - 2 Sham
     Covers: Gray stripe",
    "pattern (Available Size: <em>Queen</em> / King
```

Complex queries; text, range, filters

```
GET amazon-qanda/_search
 "query": {
   "bool": {
      "filter": [
       {"term": {
        "doc_type": "question"
       }}
      "must": [
       {"range": {
        "age": {"gte": 18,"lte": 24}
       }},
       {"match": {
         "product_description": "Cotton"
  "_source": ["item_name", "name", "age"]
```

```
"hits": [
   "_index": "amazon-qanda",
   "_id": "B06XL15KDN|question#Tx1N0H5I0HG0BLV#answer000
     01",
   "_score": 2.3822958,
   " source": {
     "name": "Aaron Hicks",
     "item_name": "Bibb Home Paisley Printed 1200 Thread
       Count 6 Piece Cotton Sheet Set with Bonus
        Pillowcases - 8 Colors (Cal King, Gray)",
     "age": 23
   "_index": "amazon-qanda",
   "_id": "B06XL15KDN|question#Tx1N0H5I0HG0BLV#answer000
     02",
   "_score": 2.3571477,
   "_source": {
     "name": "Vicki May",
     "item_name": "Bibb Home Paisley Printed 1200 Thread
       Count 6 Piece Cotton Sheet Set with Bonus
        Pillowcases - 8 Colors (Cal King, Gray)",
     "age": 18
```

Scenario: Analytics

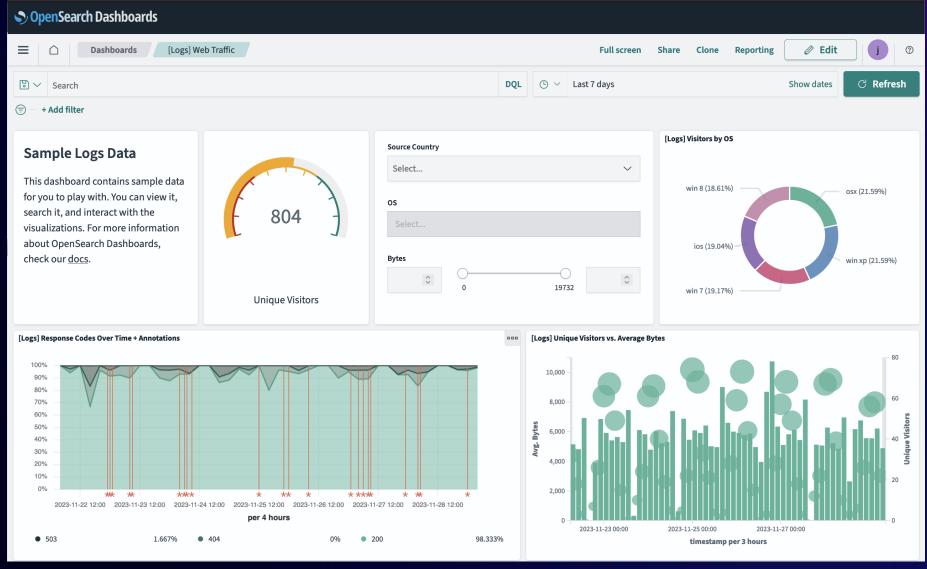


Count questions and answers by ASIN

```
GET amazon-data2/_search
  "query": {"match_all": {}},
  "size": 0,
  "aggs": {
    "Asin": {
      "terms": {
       "field": "pk",
        "size": 10
      "aggs": {
        "Type": {
          "terms": {
            "field": "doc_type",
            "size": 10
```

```
"aggregations": {
 "Asin": {
   "doc_count_error_upper_bound": 353,
   "sum_other_doc_count": 120475,
   "buckets": [
       "key": "B01N32NCPM",
       "doc_count": 18050,
       "Type": {
         "doc_count_error_upper_bound": 0,
         "sum_other_doc_count": 0,
         "buckets": [
             "key": "answer",
             "doc_count": 13123
             "key": "question",
             "doc_count": 4926
             "key": "asin",
             "doc_count": 1
```

OpenSearch Dashboards for visualizations





Scenario: Geospatial search



Mutate data and set a mapping

OpenSearch Ingestion has a rich templating capability for mapping

Add a template to your OpenSearch Ingestion config

OpenSearch Ingestion sends the template on export, and pipeline start/stop

To map geo types, use field type geo_point

```
template type: "index-template"
template content: |
    "template": {
      "mappings": {
        "properties": {
          "pk": { "type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 },
          "sk": { "type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 },
          "doc_type": { "type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 },
          "bullets": { "type": "text" },
          "category_name": { "type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 },
          "gender": { "type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 },
          "item_name": { "type": "text", "fields": { "keyword": { "type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 } } },
          "name": { "type": "text", "fields": { "keyword": { "type": "keyword", "ignore above": 256 } } },
          "answer text": { "type": "text" },
          "product description": { "type": "text" },
          "question_id": { "type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 },
          "question text": { "type": "text" },
          "question type": { "type": "keyword", "ignore above": 256 },
                                                                    type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 } } },
          "location": { "type": "geo point" },
          "product rating": { "type": "integer" }
```

Find me answers from women in Nevada

```
GET amazon-ganda/_search
  "query": {
    "bool": {
      "must": [
        {"term": {
         "gender": "female"
      "filter": [
        {"geo_bounding_box": {
          "location": {
            "top_left": {
              "lat": 42.0019276110661,
             "lon": -120.00654287832877
            "bottom_right": {
             "lat": 35.00145019239192,
              "lon": -114.04113626206261
  "_source": ["name", "age", "gender",
    "location"]
```

```
"_index": "amazon-qanda",
"_id": "B072C22R8C|question#TxKGY0R6KXE7K6#answer00002",
"_score": 0.7558831,
"_source": {
  "gender": "female",
  "name": "Tiffany Hanson",
  "location": "36.671596, -117.24538",
  "age": 96
"_index": "amazon-ganda",
"_id": "B003FGD8FU|question#Tx36DIIGL0DM9FW#answer00001",
" score": 0.7492434,
" source": {
  "gender": "female",
  "name": "David Alvarez",
  "location": "37.0252585, -118.310287",
  "age": 80
```

Scenario: LLM-Backed, Semantic Search



Artificial intelligence / machine learning boom

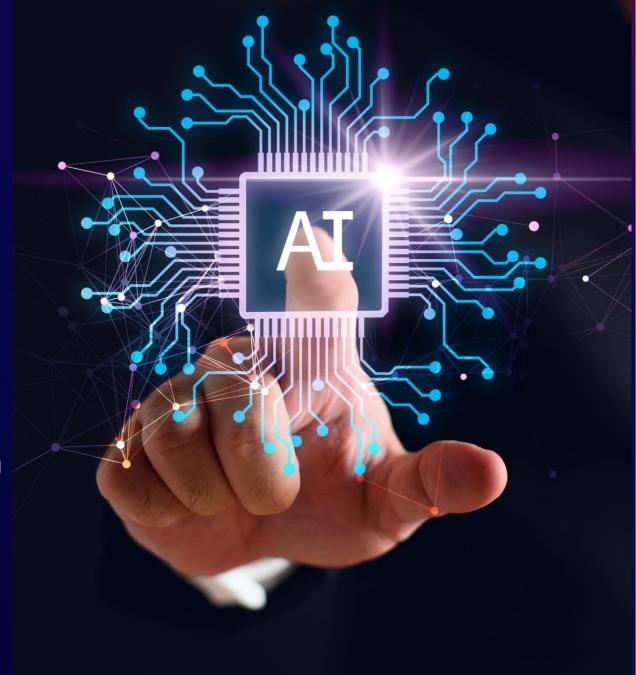
Large language models providing good baseline NLP

ChatBots hit the public's awareness

"Semantic" capabilities are used in search workloads

Other AI/ML techniques are used in search as well

Amazon OpenSearch Service enables working with vector embeddings

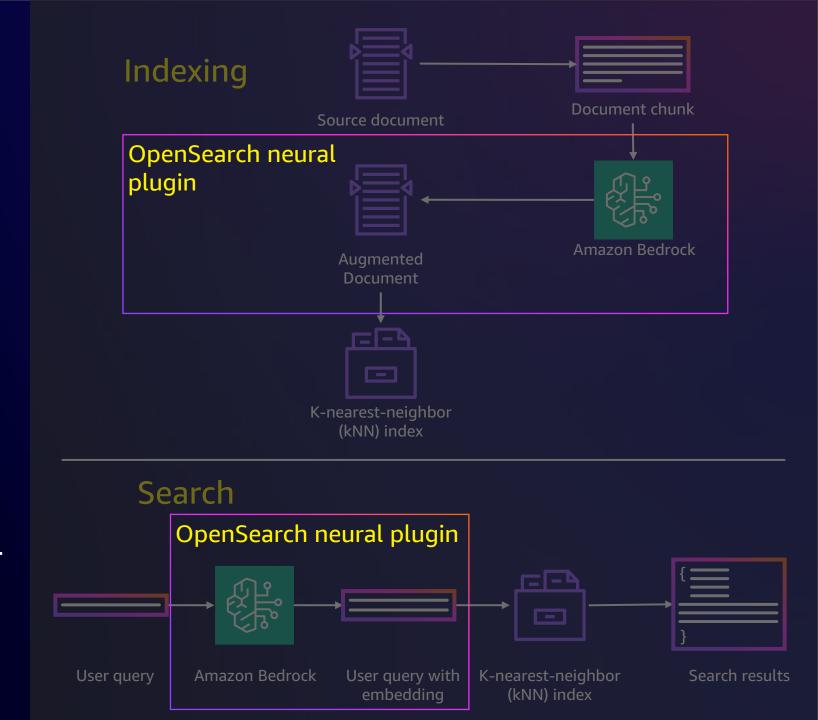


Working with embeddings

OpenSearch Service provides connectors to 3P model-hosting systems – e.g. Amazon Bedrock

Indexing: Select chunks from the source document, send to the 3P system for embeddings

Search: Create embedding for the query then find nearest neighbors



OpenSearch Ingestion config

Add an entry containing relevant portions of text

Add a vector field to the mapping

OpenSearch Service's neural plugin does the rest

```
processor:
 - add entries:
   entries:
     - key: "embedding_chunk"
       format: "${item_name} ${product_description} ${question_text} ${answer_text}"
       overwrite if key exists: true
template_type: "index-template"
template content:
    "template": {
        "index.knn": true,
        "default_pipeline": "nlp_pipeline",
         'number_ot_shards": 2,
        "number of replicas": 0
      "mappings": {
        "properties": {
          "pk": { "type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 },
          "sk": { "type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 },
           doc_type": { "type": "keyword", "ignore_above": 256 },
          "embedding": {
            "type": "knn_vector",
            "dimension": 1536,
            "method": {
              "engine": "nmslib",
              "name": "hnsw",
              "space_type": "l2"
```

What sheets should I use if I have a cat?

Top 5 questions are about dogs!

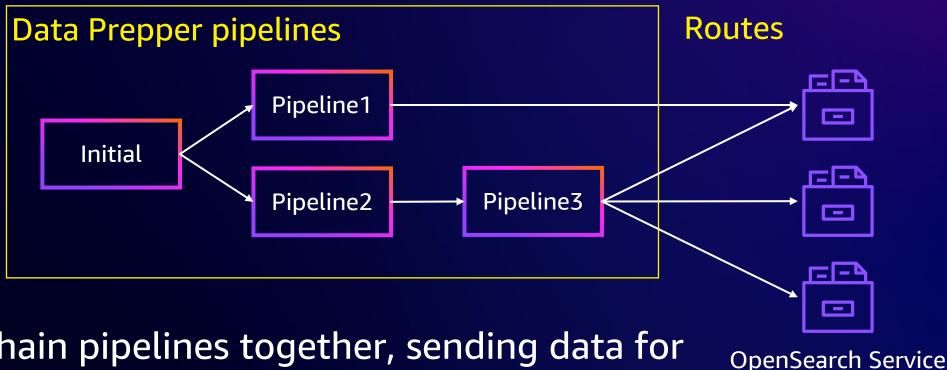
Top 5 answers mention fur

"answer_text": "I have a long-haired cat (a Maine Coon whose hair sticks to everything, but I find a lot less on these sheets than on any of the other sheets I use. This is my first set of microfiber sheets. the others are cotton and bamboo. I even notice a big difference between the pillowcases... Since this set comes with only two cases, I supplement with cotton ones. My cat has taken over one of the pillows with a case from this set. She leaves less hair on the pillow she sleeps on every night than I find on my cotton pillowcases that she just walks past and brushes up against! I've been really impressed with how little hair they attract. (In fact, I'm on this page to order another set!) Plus they are unbelievably soft and comfortable.", "question_text": "I have dogs that shed, will this stick to the bed sheets??", "item_name": "BLC Bed Sheet Set, Hypoallergenic Microfiber 3-piece sheets with 14-Inch Deep Pocket (Twin, Black)"

How-to and Best Practices



Advanced pipeline architectures



indices

You can chain pipelines together, sending data for specialized processing

Head/tail sampling, and data reduction

Route different range keys to different indices



How-to develop, best practices: getting started

Create the mapping(s) in OpenSearch Service and create your index first

Establish the pipeline with your configuration, and routing

Use the AWS console to create an item(s) in DynamoDB to ensure that the mapping is correct and the connection is working

Use OpenSearch Dashboards "Dev Tools" tab to make sure you can run your queries and your results are correct

When your mapping is correct and the queries are right, move the mapping into your OpenSearch Ingestion configuration



How-to develop, best practices: troubleshooting

Enable CloudWatch logs for your Amazon OpenSearch Service domain, and for your OpenSearch Ingestion pipeline

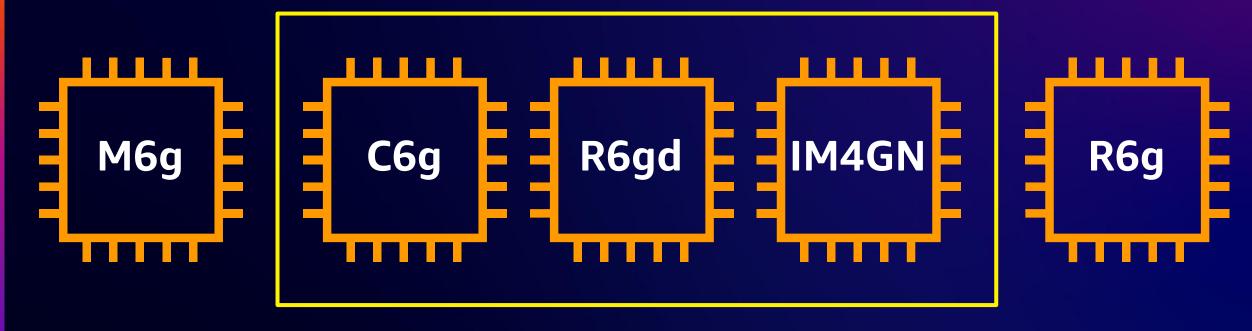
Always use a "dead letter queue"

Stop the pipeline, delete and recreate your index, then start the Ingestion pipeline to re-flow data from your export

Add a second sink to Amazon S3 to capture transformed documents and find problems



OpenSearch Service managed domain sizing



Storage needed = source * 1.1 * 2 * 1.15

Target 30/50 GiB shards

Or use Amazon OpenSearch Serverless!

vCPUs = 1.5 * shards assumes each shard occupies a vCPU 100%



OCUs

You can set min/max OCUs for your OpenSearch Ingestion pipeline to 1/96 – autoscaling will optimize; limit for cost control

Throughput per OCU for normal cases is ~5 MiB/s*

1 OCU per 5,000 WCUs as a generic guideline*

*Note: actual sizing depends on data size, data velocity, pipeline manipulation, and OpenSearch Service domain size and index/shard strategy



Wrap-up

DynamoDB offers features that make integrating and replicating with other data stores relatively easy

OpenSearch offers best-of-breed search

OpenSearch Ingestion makes it easy to integrate DynamoDB and OpenSearch with zero code

OpenSearch indices are powerful and flexible when combined with DynamoDB to solve scenarios like full-text search, geo search, neural, and vector search

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