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## Exam Questions AWS-Certified-Data-Engineer-Associate

AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate (DEA-C01)



### NEW QUESTION 1

A data engineer needs to join data from multiple sources to perform a one-time analysis job. The data is stored in Amazon DynamoDB, Amazon RDS, Amazon Redshift, and Amazon S3.

Which solution will meet this requirement MOST cost-effectively?

- A. Use an Amazon EMR provisioned cluster to read from all source
- B. Use Apache Spark to join the data and perform the analysis.
- C. Copy the data from DynamoDB, Amazon RDS, and Amazon Redshift into Amazon S3. Run Amazon Athena queries directly on the S3 files.
- D. Use Amazon Athena Federated Query to join the data from all data sources.
- E. Use Redshift Spectrum to query data from DynamoDB, Amazon RDS, and Amazon S3 directly from Redshift.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

Amazon Athena Federated Query is a feature that allows you to query data from multiple sources using standard SQL. You can use Athena Federated Query to join data from Amazon DynamoDB, Amazon RDS, Amazon Redshift, and Amazon S3, as well as other data sources such as MongoDB, Apache HBase, and Apache Kafka<sup>1</sup>. Athena Federated Query is a serverless and interactive service, meaning you do not need to provision or manage any infrastructure, and you only pay for the amount of data scanned by your queries. Athena Federated Query is the most cost-effective solution for performing a one-time analysis job on data from multiple sources, as it eliminates the need to copy or move data, and allows you to query data directly from the source.

The other options are not as cost-effective as Athena Federated Query, as they involve additional steps or costs. Option A requires you to provision and pay for an Amazon EMR cluster, which can be expensive and time-consuming for a one-time job. Option B requires you to copy or move data from DynamoDB, RDS, and Redshift to S3, which can incur additional costs for data transfer and storage, and also introduce latency and complexity. Option D requires you to have an existing Redshift cluster, which can be costly and may not be necessary for a one-time job. Option E also does not support querying data from RDS directly, so you would need to use Redshift Federated Query to access RDS data, which adds another layer of complexity<sup>2</sup>. References:

- ? Amazon Athena Federated Query
- ? Redshift Spectrum vs Federated Query

### NEW QUESTION 2

A data engineer maintains custom Python scripts that perform a data formatting process that many AWS Lambda functions use. When the data engineer needs to modify the Python scripts, the data engineer must manually update all the Lambda functions.

The data engineer requires a less manual way to update the Lambda functions. Which solution will meet this requirement?

- A. Store a pointer to the custom Python scripts in the execution context object in a shared Amazon S3 bucket.
- B. Package the custom Python scripts into Lambda layer
- C. Apply the Lambda layers to the Lambda functions.
- D. Store a pointer to the custom Python scripts in environment variables in a shared Amazon S3 bucket.
- E. Assign the same alias to each Lambda function
- F. Call each Lambda function by specifying the function's alias.

**Answer:** B

#### Explanation:

Lambda layers are a way to share code and dependencies across multiple Lambda functions. By packaging the custom Python scripts into Lambda layers, the data engineer can update the scripts in one place and have them automatically applied to all the Lambda functions that use the layer. This reduces the manual effort and ensures consistency across the Lambda functions. The other options are either not feasible or not efficient. Storing a pointer to the custom Python scripts in the execution context object or in environment variables would require the Lambda functions to download the scripts from Amazon S3 every time they are invoked, which would increase latency and cost. Assigning the same alias to each Lambda function would not help with updating the Python scripts, as the alias only points to a specific version of the Lambda function code. References:

- ? AWS Lambda layers
- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide, Chapter 3: Data Ingestion and Transformation, Section 3.4: AWS Lambda

### NEW QUESTION 3

A data engineer needs to schedule a workflow that runs a set of AWS Glue jobs every day. The data engineer does not require the Glue jobs to run or finish at a specific time.

Which solution will run the Glue jobs in the MOST cost-effective way?

- A. Choose the FLEX execution class in the Glue job properties.
- B. Use the Spot Instance type in Glue job properties.
- C. Choose the STANDARD execution class in the Glue job properties.
- D. Choose the latest version in the GlueVersion field in the Glue job properties.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

The FLEX execution class allows you to run AWS Glue jobs on spare compute capacity instead of dedicated hardware. This can reduce the cost of running non-urgent or non-time sensitive data integration workloads, such as testing and one-time data loads. The FLEX execution class is available for AWS Glue 3.0 Spark jobs. The other options are not as cost-effective as FLEX, because they either use dedicated resources (STANDARD) or do not affect the cost at all (Spot Instance type and GlueVersion). References:

- ? Introducing AWS Glue Flex jobs: Cost savings on ETL workloads
- ? Serverless Data Integration – AWS Glue Pricing
- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide (Chapter 5, page 125)

### NEW QUESTION 4

A data engineer is building a data pipeline on AWS by using AWS Glue extract, transform, and load (ETL) jobs. The data engineer needs to process data from Amazon RDS and MongoDB, perform transformations, and load the transformed data into Amazon Redshift for analytics. The data updates must occur every hour. Which combination of tasks will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead? (Choose two.)

- A. Configure AWS Glue triggers to run the ETL jobs every hour.

- B. Use AWS Glue DataBrew to clean and prepare the data for analytics.
- C. Use AWS Lambda functions to schedule and run the ETL jobs every hour.
- D. Use AWS Glue connections to establish connectivity between the data sources and Amazon Redshift.
- E. Use the Redshift Data API to load transformed data into Amazon Redshift.

**Answer:** AD

**Explanation:**

The correct answer is to configure AWS Glue triggers to run the ETL jobs every hour and use AWS Glue connections to establish connectivity between the data sources and Amazon Redshift. AWS Glue triggers are a way to schedule and orchestrate ETL jobs with the least operational overhead. AWS Glue connections are a way to securely connect to data sources and targets using JDBC or MongoDB drivers. AWS Glue DataBrew is a visual data preparation tool that does not support MongoDB as a data source. AWS Lambda functions are a serverless option to schedule and run ETL jobs, but they have a limit of 15 minutes for execution time, which may not be enough for complex transformations. The Redshift Data API is a way to run SQL commands on Amazon Redshift clusters without needing a persistent connection, but it does not support loading data from AWS Glue ETL jobs. References:

- ? AWS Glue triggers
- ? AWS Glue connections
- ? AWS Glue DataBrew
- ? [AWS Lambda functions]
- ? [Redshift Data API]

**NEW QUESTION 5**

A data engineer needs to use an Amazon QuickSight dashboard that is based on Amazon Athena queries on data that is stored in an Amazon S3 bucket. When the data engineer connects to the QuickSight dashboard, the data engineer receives an error message that indicates insufficient permissions. Which factors could cause the permissions-related errors? (Choose two.)

- A. There is no connection between QuickSight and Athena.
- B. The Athena tables are not cataloged.
- C. QuickSight does not have access to the S3 bucket.
- D. QuickSight does not have access to decrypt S3 data.
- E. There is no IAM role assigned to QuickSight.

**Answer:** CD

**Explanation:**

QuickSight does not have access to the S3 bucket and QuickSight does not have access to decrypt S3 data are two possible factors that could cause the permissions-related errors. Amazon QuickSight is a business intelligence service that allows you to create and share interactive dashboards based on various data sources, including Amazon Athena. Amazon Athena is a serverless query service that allows you to analyze data stored in Amazon S3 using standard SQL. To use an Amazon QuickSight dashboard that is based on Amazon Athena queries on data that is stored in an Amazon S3 bucket, you need to grant QuickSight access to both Athena and S3, as well as any encryption keys that are used to encrypt the S3 data. If QuickSight does not have access to the S3 bucket or the encryption keys, it will not be able to read the data from Athena and display it on the dashboard, resulting in an error message that indicates insufficient permissions.

The other options are not factors that could cause the permissions-related errors. Option A, there is no connection between QuickSight and Athena, is not a factor, as QuickSight supports Athena as a native data source, and you can easily create a connection between them using the QuickSight console or the API. Option B, the Athena tables are not cataloged, is not a factor, as QuickSight can automatically discover the Athena tables that are cataloged in the AWS Glue Data Catalog, and you can also manually specify the Athena tables that are not cataloged. Option E, there is no IAM role assigned to QuickSight, is not a factor, as QuickSight requires an IAM role to access any AWS data sources, including Athena and S3, and you can create and assign an IAM role to QuickSight using the QuickSight console or the API. References:

- ? Using Amazon Athena as a Data Source
- ? Granting Amazon QuickSight Access to AWS Resources
- ? Encrypting Data at Rest in Amazon S3

**NEW QUESTION 6**

A manufacturing company wants to collect data from sensors. A data engineer needs to implement a solution that ingests sensor data in near real time. The solution must store the data to a persistent data store. The solution must store the data in nested JSON format. The company must have the ability to query from the data store with a latency of less than 10 milliseconds. Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A. Use a self-hosted Apache Kafka cluster to capture the sensor data
- B. Store the data in Amazon S3 for querying.
- C. Use AWS Lambda to process the sensor data
- D. Store the data in Amazon S3 for querying.
- E. Use Amazon Kinesis Data Streams to capture the sensor data
- F. Store the data in Amazon DynamoDB for querying.
- G. Use Amazon Simple Queue Service (Amazon SQS) to buffer incoming sensor data
- H. Use AWS Glue to store the data in Amazon RDS for querying.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Amazon Kinesis Data Streams is a service that enables you to collect, process, and analyze streaming data in real time. You can use Kinesis Data Streams to capture sensor data from various sources, such as IoT devices, web applications, or mobile apps. You can create data streams that can scale up to handle any amount of data from thousands of producers. You can also use the Kinesis Client Library (KCL) or the Kinesis Data Streams API to write applications that process and analyze the data in the streams<sup>1</sup>. Amazon DynamoDB is a fully managed NoSQL database service that provides fast and predictable performance with seamless scalability. You can use DynamoDB to store the sensor data in nested JSON format, as DynamoDB supports document data types, such as lists and maps. You can also use DynamoDB to query the data with a latency of less than 10 milliseconds, as DynamoDB offers single-digit millisecond performance for any scale of data. You can use the DynamoDB API or the AWS SDKs to perform queries on the data, such as using key-value lookups, scans, or queries<sup>2</sup>.

The solution that meets the requirements with the least operational overhead is to use Amazon Kinesis Data Streams to capture the sensor data and store the data in Amazon DynamoDB for querying. This solution has the following advantages:

- ? It does not require you to provision, manage, or scale any servers, clusters, or queues, as Kinesis Data Streams and DynamoDB are fully managed services that handle all the infrastructure for you. This reduces the operational complexity and cost of running your solution.
- ? It allows you to ingest sensor data in near real time, as Kinesis Data Streams can capture data records as they are produced and deliver them to your

applications within seconds. You can also use Kinesis Data Firehose to load the data from the streams to DynamoDB automatically and continuously<sup>3</sup>.

? It allows you to store the data in nested JSON format, as DynamoDB supports document data types, such as lists and maps. You can also use DynamoDB Streams to capture changes in the data and trigger actions, such as sending notifications or updating other databases.

? It allows you to query the data with a latency of less than 10 milliseconds, as DynamoDB offers single-digit millisecond performance for any scale of data. You can also use DynamoDB Accelerator (DAX) to improve the read performance by caching frequently accessed data.

Option A is incorrect because it suggests using a self-hosted Apache Kafka cluster to capture the sensor data and store the data in Amazon S3 for querying. This solution has the following disadvantages:

? It requires you to provision, manage, and scale your own Kafka cluster, either on EC2 instances or on-premises servers. This increases the operational complexity and cost of running your solution.

? It does not allow you to query the data with a latency of less than 10 milliseconds, as Amazon S3 is an object storage service that is not optimized for low-latency queries. You need to use another service, such as Amazon Athena or Amazon Redshift Spectrum, to query the data in S3, which may incur additional costs and latency.

Option B is incorrect because it suggests using AWS Lambda to process the sensor data and store the data in Amazon S3 for querying. This solution has the following disadvantages:

? It does not allow you to ingest sensor data in near real time, as Lambda is a serverless compute service that runs code in response to events. You need to use another service, such as API Gateway or Kinesis Data Streams, to trigger Lambda functions with sensor data, which may add extra latency and complexity to your solution.

? It does not allow you to query the data with a latency of less than 10 milliseconds, as Amazon S3 is an object storage service that is not optimized for low-latency queries. You need to use another service, such as Amazon Athena or Amazon Redshift Spectrum, to query the data in S3, which may incur additional costs and latency.

Option D is incorrect because it suggests using Amazon Simple Queue Service (Amazon SQS) to buffer incoming sensor data and use AWS Glue to store the data in Amazon RDS for querying. This solution has the following disadvantages:

? It does not allow you to ingest sensor data in near real time, as Amazon SQS is a message queue service that delivers messages in a best-effort manner. You need to use another service, such as Lambda or EC2, to poll the messages from the queue and process them, which may add extra latency and complexity to your solution.

? It does not allow you to store the data in nested JSON format, as Amazon RDS is a relational database service that supports structured data types, such as tables and columns. You need to use another service, such as AWS Glue, to transform the data from JSON to relational format, which may add extra cost and overhead to your solution.

References:

? 1: Amazon Kinesis Data Streams - Features

? 2: Amazon DynamoDB - Features

? 3: Loading Streaming Data into Amazon DynamoDB - Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose

? [4]: Capturing Table Activity with DynamoDB Streams - Amazon DynamoDB

? [5]: Amazon DynamoDB Accelerator (DAX) - Features

? [6]: Amazon S3 - Features

? [7]: AWS Lambda - Features

? [8]: Amazon Simple Queue Service - Features

? [9]: Amazon Relational Database Service - Features

? [10]: Working with JSON in Amazon RDS - Amazon Relational Database Service

? [11]: AWS Glue - Features

## NEW QUESTION 7

A company is migrating its database servers from Amazon EC2 instances that run Microsoft SQL Server to Amazon RDS for Microsoft SQL Server DB instances. The company's analytics team must export large data elements every day until the migration is complete. The data elements are the result of SQL joins across multiple tables. The data must be in Apache Parquet format. The analytics team must store the data in Amazon S3.

Which solution will meet these requirements in the MOST operationally efficient way?

- A. Create a view in the EC2 instance-based SQL Server databases that contains the required data element
- B. Create an AWS Glue job that selects the data directly from the view and transfers the data in Parquet format to an S3 bucket
- C. Schedule the AWS Glue job to run every day.
- D. Schedule SQL Server Agent to run a daily SQL query that selects the desired data elements from the EC2 instance-based SQL Server database
- E. Configure the query to direct the output .csv objects to an S3 bucket
- F. Create an S3 event that invokes an AWS Lambda function to transform the output format from .csv to Parquet.
- G. Use a SQL query to create a view in the EC2 instance-based SQL Server databases that contains the required data element
- H. Create and run an AWS Glue crawler to read the view
- I. Create an AWS Glue job that retrieves the data and transfers the data in Parquet format to an S3 bucket
- J. Schedule the AWS Glue job to run every day.
- K. Create an AWS Lambda function that queries the EC2 instance-based databases by using Java Database Connectivity (JDBC). Configure the Lambda function to retrieve the required data, transform the data into Parquet format, and transfer the data into an S3 bucket
- L. Use Amazon EventBridge to schedule the Lambda function to run every day.

**Answer: A**

### Explanation:

Option A is the most operationally efficient way to meet the requirements because it minimizes the number of steps and services involved in the data export process. AWS Glue is a fully managed service that can extract, transform, and load (ETL) data from various sources to various destinations, including Amazon S3. AWS Glue can also convert data to different formats, such as Parquet, which is a columnar storage format that is optimized for analytics. By creating a view in the SQL Server databases that contains the required data elements, the AWS Glue job can select the data directly from the view without having to perform any joins or transformations on the source data. The AWS Glue job can then transfer the data in Parquet format to an S3 bucket and run on a daily schedule.

Option B is not operationally efficient because it involves multiple steps and services to export the data. SQL Server Agent is a tool that can run scheduled tasks on SQL Server databases, such as executing SQL queries. However, SQL Server Agent cannot directly export data to S3, so the query output must be saved as .csv objects on the EC2 instance. Then, an S3 event must be configured to trigger an AWS Lambda function that can transform the .csv objects to Parquet format and upload them to S3. This option adds complexity and latency to the data export process and requires additional resources and configuration.

Option C is not operationally efficient because it introduces an unnecessary step of running an AWS Glue crawler to read the view. An AWS Glue crawler is a service that can scan data sources and create metadata tables in the AWS Glue Data Catalog. The Data Catalog is a central repository that stores information about the data sources, such as schema, format, and location. However, in this scenario, the schema and format of the data elements are already known and fixed, so there is no need to run a crawler to discover them. The AWS Glue job can directly select the data from the view without using the Data Catalog. Running a crawler adds extra time and cost to the data export process.

Option D is not operationally efficient because it requires custom code and configuration to query the databases and transform the data. An AWS Lambda function is a service that can run code in response to events or triggers, such as Amazon EventBridge. Amazon EventBridge is a service that can connect applications and services with event sources, such as schedules, and route them to targets, such as Lambda functions. However, in this scenario, using a Lambda function to query the databases and transform the data is not the best option because it requires writing and maintaining code that uses JDBC to connect to the SQL Server

databases, retrieve the required data, convert the data to Parquet format, and transfer the data to S3. This option also has limitations on the execution time, memory, and concurrency of the Lambda function, which may affect the performance and reliability of the data export process.

References:

- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide
- ? AWS Glue Documentation
- ? Working with Views in AWS Glue
- ? Converting to Columnar Formats

### NEW QUESTION 8

A data engineer must use AWS services to ingest a dataset into an Amazon S3 data lake. The data engineer profiles the dataset and discovers that the dataset contains personally identifiable information (PII). The data engineer must implement a solution to profile the dataset and obfuscate the PII.

Which solution will meet this requirement with the LEAST operational effort?

- A. Use an Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose delivery stream to process the dataset
- B. Create an AWS Lambda transform function to identify the PII
- C. Use an AWS SDK to obfuscate the PII
- D. Set the S3 data lake as the target for the delivery stream.
- E. Use the Detect PII transform in AWS Glue Studio to identify the PII
- F. Obfuscate the PII
- G. Use an AWS Step Functions state machine to orchestrate a data pipeline to ingest the data into the S3 data lake.
- H. Use the Detect PII transform in AWS Glue Studio to identify the PII
- I. Create a rule in AWS Glue Data Quality to obfuscate the PII
- J. Use an AWS Step Functions state machine to orchestrate a data pipeline to ingest the data into the S3 data lake.
- K. Ingest the dataset into Amazon DynamoDB
- L. Create an AWS Lambda function to identify and obfuscate the PII in the DynamoDB table and to transform the data
- M. Use the same Lambda function to ingest the data into the S3 data lake.

**Answer: C**

### Explanation:

AWS Glue is a fully managed service that provides a serverless data integration platform for data preparation, data cataloging, and data loading. AWS Glue Studio is a graphical interface that allows you to easily author, run, and monitor AWS Glue ETL jobs. AWS Glue Data Quality is a feature that enables you to validate, cleanse, and enrich your data using predefined or custom rules. AWS Step Functions is a service that allows you to coordinate multiple AWS services into serverless workflows.

Using the Detect PII transform in AWS Glue Studio, you can automatically identify and label the PII in your dataset, such as names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. You can then create a rule in AWS Glue Data Quality to obfuscate the PII, such as masking, hashing, or replacing the values with dummy data. You can also use other rules to validate and cleanse your data, such as checking for null values, duplicates, outliers, etc. You can then use an AWS Step Functions state machine to orchestrate a data pipeline to ingest the data into the S3 data lake. You can use AWS Glue DataBrew to visually explore and transform the data, AWS Glue crawlers to discover and catalog the data, and AWS Glue jobs to load the data into the S3 data lake.

This solution will meet the requirement with the least operational effort, as it leverages the serverless and managed capabilities of AWS Glue, AWS Glue Studio, AWS Glue Data Quality, and AWS Step Functions. You do not need to write any code to identify or obfuscate the PII, as you can use the built-in transforms and rules in AWS Glue Studio and AWS Glue Data Quality. You also do not need to provision or manage any servers or clusters, as AWS Glue and AWS Step Functions scale automatically based on the demand. The other options are not as efficient as using the Detect PII transform in AWS Glue Studio, creating a rule in AWS Glue Data Quality, and using an AWS Step Functions state machine. Using an Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose delivery stream to process the dataset, creating an AWS Lambda transform function to identify the PII, using an AWS SDK to obfuscate the PII, and setting the S3 data lake as the target for the delivery stream will require more operational effort, as you will need to write and maintain code to identify and obfuscate the PII, as well as manage the Lambda function and its resources. Using the Detect PII transform in AWS Glue Studio to identify the PII, obfuscating the PII, and using an AWS Step Functions state machine to orchestrate a data pipeline to ingest the data into the S3 data lake will not be as effective as creating a rule in AWS Glue Data Quality to obfuscate the PII, as you will need to manually obfuscate the PII after identifying it, which can be error-prone and time-consuming. Ingesting the dataset into Amazon DynamoDB, creating an AWS Lambda function to identify and obfuscate the PII in the DynamoDB table and to transform the data, and using the same Lambda function to ingest the data into the S3 data lake will require more operational effort, as you will need to write and maintain code to identify and obfuscate the PII, as well as manage the Lambda function and its resources. You will also incur additional costs and complexity by using DynamoDB as an intermediate data store, which may not be necessary for your use case. References:

- ? AWS Glue
- ? AWS Glue Studio
- ? AWS Glue Data Quality
- ? [AWS Step Functions]
- ? [AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide], Chapter 6: Data Integration and Transformation, Section 6.1: AWS Glue

### NEW QUESTION 9

A data engineer needs to create an AWS Lambda function that converts the format of data from .csv to Apache Parquet. The Lambda function must run only if a user uploads a .csv file to an Amazon S3 bucket.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A. Create an S3 event notification that has an event type of s3:ObjectCreated:\*. Use a filter rule to generate notifications only when the suffix includes .csv
- B. Set the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the Lambda function as the destination for the event notification.
- C. Create an S3 event notification that has an event type of s3:ObjectTagging:\* for objects that have a tag set to .csv
- D. Set the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the Lambda function as the destination for the event notification.
- E. Create an S3 event notification that has an event type of s3:\*. Use a filter rule to generate notifications only when the suffix includes .csv
- F. Set the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the Lambda function as the destination for the event notification.
- G. Create an S3 event notification that has an event type of s3:ObjectCreated:\*. Use a filter rule to generate notifications only when the suffix includes .csv
- H. Set an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic as the destination for the event notification
- I. Subscribe the Lambda function to the SNS topic.

**Answer: A**

### Explanation:

Option A is the correct answer because it meets the requirements with the least operational overhead. Creating an S3 event notification that has an event type of s3:ObjectCreated:\* will trigger the Lambda function whenever a new object is created in the S3 bucket. Using a filter rule to generate notifications only when the suffix includes .csv will ensure that the Lambda function only runs for .csv files. Setting the ARN of the Lambda function as the destination for the event notification will directly invoke the Lambda function without any additional steps.

Option B is incorrect because it requires the user to tag the objects with .csv, which adds an extra step and increases the operational overhead.  
 Option C is incorrect because it uses an event type of s3:\*, which will trigger the Lambda function for any S3 event, not just object creation. This could result in unnecessary invocations and increased costs.  
 Option D is incorrect because it involves creating and subscribing to an SNS topic, which adds an extra layer of complexity and operational overhead.

References:

- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide, Chapter 3: Data Ingestion and Transformation, Section 3.2: S3 Event Notifications and Lambda Functions, Pages 67-69
- ? Building Batch Data Analytics Solutions on AWS, Module 4: Data Transformation, Lesson 4.2: AWS Lambda, Pages 4-8
- ? AWS Documentation Overview, AWS Lambda Developer Guide, Working with AWS Lambda Functions, Configuring Function Triggers, Using AWS Lambda with Amazon S3, Pages 1-5

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A company receives a daily file that contains customer data in .xls format. The company stores the file in Amazon S3. The daily file is approximately 2 GB in size. A data engineer concatenates the column in the file that contains customer first names and the column that contains customer last names. The data engineer needs to determine the number of distinct customers in the file.

Which solution will meet this requirement with the LEAST operational effort?

- A. Create and run an Apache Spark job in an AWS Glue notebook
- B. Configure the job to read the S3 file and calculate the number of distinct customers.
- C. Create an AWS Glue crawler to create an AWS Glue Data Catalog of the S3 file
- D. Run SQL queries from Amazon Athena to calculate the number of distinct customers.
- E. Create and run an Apache Spark job in Amazon EMR Serverless to calculate the number of distinct customers.
- F. Use AWS Glue DataBrew to create a recipe that uses the COUNT\_DISTINCT aggregate function to calculate the number of distinct customers.

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

AWS Glue DataBrew is a visual data preparation tool that allows you to clean, normalize, and transform data without writing code. You can use DataBrew to create recipes that define the steps to apply to your data, such as filtering, renaming, splitting, or aggregating columns. You can also use DataBrew to run jobs that execute the recipes on your data sources, such as Amazon S3, Amazon Redshift, or Amazon Aurora. DataBrew integrates with AWS Glue Data Catalog, which is a centralized metadata repository for your data assets<sup>1</sup>.

The solution that meets the requirement with the least operational effort is to use AWS Glue DataBrew to create a recipe that uses the COUNT\_DISTINCT aggregate function to calculate the number of distinct customers. This solution has the following advantages:

- ? It does not require you to write any code, as DataBrew provides a graphical user interface that lets you explore, transform, and visualize your data. You can use DataBrew to concatenate the columns that contain customer first names and last names, and then use the COUNT\_DISTINCT aggregate function to count the number of unique values in the resulting column<sup>2</sup>.

- ? It does not require you to provision, manage, or scale any servers, clusters, or notebooks, as DataBrew is a fully managed service that handles all the infrastructure for you. DataBrew can automatically scale up or down the compute resources based on the size and complexity of your data and recipes<sup>1</sup>.

- ? It does not require you to create or update any AWS Glue Data Catalog entries, as

DataBrew can automatically create and register the data sources and targets in the Data Catalog. DataBrew can also use the existing Data Catalog entries to access the data in S3 or other sources<sup>3</sup>.

Option A is incorrect because it suggests creating and running an Apache Spark job in an AWS Glue notebook. This solution has the following disadvantages:

- ? It requires you to write code, as AWS Glue notebooks are interactive development environments that allow you to write, test, and debug Apache Spark code using Python or Scala. You need to use the Spark SQL or the Spark DataFrame API to read the S3 file and calculate the number of distinct customers.

- ? It requires you to provision and manage a development endpoint, which is a serverless Apache Spark environment that you can connect to your notebook. You need to specify the type and number of workers for your development endpoint, and monitor its status and metrics.

- ? It requires you to create or update the AWS Glue Data Catalog entries for the S3 file, either manually or using a crawler. You need to use the Data Catalog as a metadata store for your Spark job, and specify the database and table names in your code.

Option B is incorrect because it suggests creating an AWS Glue crawler to create an AWS Glue Data Catalog of the S3 file, and running SQL queries from Amazon Athena to calculate the number of distinct customers. This solution has the following disadvantages:

- ? It requires you to create and run a crawler, which is a program that connects to your data store, progresses through a prioritized list of classifiers to determine the schema for your data, and then creates metadata tables in the Data Catalog. You need to specify the data store, the IAM role, the schedule, and the output database for your crawler.

- ? It requires you to write SQL queries, as Amazon Athena is a serverless interactive query service that allows you to analyze data in S3 using standard SQL. You need to use Athena to concatenate the columns that contain customer first names and last names, and then use the COUNT(DISTINCT) aggregate function to count the number of unique values in the resulting column.

Option C is incorrect because it suggests creating and running an Apache Spark job in Amazon EMR Serverless to calculate the number of distinct customers. This solution has the following disadvantages:

- ? It requires you to write code, as Amazon EMR Serverless is a service that allows you to run Apache Spark jobs on AWS without provisioning or managing any infrastructure. You need to use the Spark SQL or the Spark DataFrame API to read the S3 file and calculate the number of distinct customers.

- ? It requires you to create and manage an Amazon EMR Serverless cluster, which is a fully managed and scalable Spark environment that runs on AWS Fargate. You need to specify the cluster name, the IAM role, the VPC, and the subnet for your cluster, and monitor its status and metrics.

- ? It requires you to create or update the AWS Glue Data Catalog entries for the S3 file, either manually or using a crawler. You need to use the Data Catalog as a metadata store for your Spark job, and specify the database and table names in your code.

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- ? 1: AWS Glue DataBrew - Features
- ? 2: Working with recipes - AWS Glue DataBrew
- ? 3: Working with data sources and data targets - AWS Glue DataBrew
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- ? [5]: Development endpoints - AWS Glue
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- ? [9]: Amazon EMR Serverless - Features
- ? [10]: Creating an Amazon EMR Serverless cluster - Amazon EMR
- ? [11]: Using the AWS Glue Data Catalog with Amazon EMR Serverless - Amazon EMR

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A company has used an Amazon Redshift table that is named Orders for 6 months. The company performs weekly updates and deletes on the table. The table has an interleaved sort key on a column that contains AWS Regions.

The company wants to reclaim disk space so that the company will not run out of storage space. The company also wants to analyze the sort key column.

Which Amazon Redshift command will meet these requirements?

- A. VACUUM FULL Orders
- B. VACUUM DELETE ONLY Orders
- C. VACUUM REINDEX Orders
- D. VACUUM SORT ONLY Orders

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Amazon Redshift is a fully managed, petabyte-scale data warehouse service that enables fast and cost-effective analysis of large volumes of data. Amazon Redshift uses columnar storage, compression, and zone maps to optimize the storage and performance of data. However, over time, as data is inserted, updated, or deleted, the physical storage of data can become fragmented, resulting in wasted disk space and degraded query performance. To address this issue, Amazon Redshift provides the VACUUM command, which reclaims disk space and resorts rows in either a specified table or all tables in the current schema<sup>1</sup>.

The VACUUM command has four options: FULL, DELETE ONLY, SORT ONLY, and REINDEX. The option that best meets the requirements of the question is VACUUM REINDEX, which re-sorts the rows in a table that has an interleaved sort key and rewrites the table to a new location on disk. An interleaved sort key is a type of sort key that gives equal weight to each column in the sort key, and stores the rows in a way that optimizes the performance of queries that filter by multiple columns in the sort key. However, as data is added or changed, the interleaved sort order can become skewed, resulting in suboptimal query performance. The VACUUM REINDEX option restores the optimal interleaved sort order and reclaims disk space by removing deleted rows. This option also analyzes the sort key column and updates the table statistics, which are used by the query optimizer to generate the most efficient query execution plan<sup>23</sup>.

The other options are not optimal for the following reasons:

? A. VACUUM FULL Orders. This option reclaims disk space by removing deleted rows and resorts the entire table. However, this option is not suitable for tables that have an interleaved sort key, as it does not restore the optimal interleaved sort order. Moreover, this option is the most resource-intensive and time-consuming, as it rewrites the entire table to a new location on disk.

? B. VACUUM DELETE ONLY Orders. This option reclaims disk space by removing deleted rows, but does not resort the table. This option is not suitable for tables that have any sort key, as it does not improve the query performance by restoring the sort order. Moreover, this option does not analyze the sort key column and update the table statistics.

? D. VACUUM SORT ONLY Orders. This option resorts the entire table, but does not reclaim disk space by removing deleted rows. This option is not suitable for tables that have an interleaved sort key, as it does not restore the optimal interleaved sort order. Moreover, this option does not analyze the sort key column and update the table statistics.

References:

? 1: Amazon Redshift VACUUM

? 2: Amazon Redshift Interleaved Sorting

? 3: Amazon Redshift ANALYZE

**NEW QUESTION 14**

A company uses an on-premises Microsoft SQL Server database to store financial transaction data. The company migrates the transaction data from the on-premises database to AWS at the end of each month. The company has noticed that the cost to migrate data from the on-premises database to an Amazon RDS for SQL Server database has increased recently.

The company requires a cost-effective solution to migrate the data to AWS. The solution must cause minimal downtime for the applications that access the database.

Which AWS service should the company use to meet these requirements?

- A. AWS Lambda
- B. AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS)
- C. AWS Direct Connect
- D. AWS DataSync

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS) is a cloud service that makes it possible to migrate relational databases, data warehouses, NoSQL databases, and other types of data stores to AWS quickly, securely, and with minimal downtime and zero data loss<sup>1</sup>. AWS DMS supports migration between 20-plus database and analytics engines, such as Microsoft SQL Server to Amazon RDS for SQL Server<sup>2</sup>. AWS DMS takes over many of the difficult or tedious tasks involved in a migration project, such as capacity analysis, hardware and software procurement, installation and administration, testing and debugging, and ongoing replication and monitoring<sup>1</sup>. AWS DMS is a cost-effective solution, as you only pay for the compute resources and additional log storage used during the migration process<sup>2</sup>. AWS DMS is the best solution for the company to migrate the financial transaction data from the on-premises Microsoft SQL Server database to AWS, as it meets the requirements of minimal downtime, zero data loss, and low cost.

Option A is not the best solution, as AWS Lambda is a serverless compute service that lets you run code without provisioning or managing servers, but it does not provide any built-in features for database migration. You would have to write your own code to extract, transform, and load the data from the source to the target, which would increase the operational overhead and complexity.

Option C is not the best solution, as AWS Direct Connect is a service that establishes a dedicated network connection from your premises to AWS, but it does not provide any built-in features for database migration. You would still need to use another service or tool to perform the actual data transfer, which would increase the cost and complexity.

Option D is not the best solution, as AWS DataSync is a service that makes it easy to transfer data between on-premises storage systems and AWS storage services, such as Amazon S3, Amazon EFS, and Amazon FSx for Windows File Server, but it does not support Amazon RDS for SQL Server as a target. You would have to use another service or tool to migrate the data from Amazon S3 to Amazon RDS for SQL Server, which would increase the latency and complexity.

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? Database Migration - AWS Database Migration Service - AWS

? What is AWS Database Migration Service?

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**NEW QUESTION 15**

A data engineering team is using an Amazon Redshift data warehouse for operational reporting. The team wants to prevent performance issues that might result from long-running queries. A data engineer must choose a system table in Amazon Redshift to record anomalies when a query optimizer identifies conditions that might indicate performance issues.

Which table views should the data engineer use to meet this requirement?

- A. STL\_USAGE\_CONTROL
- B. STL\_ALERT\_EVENT\_LOG

- C. STL QUERY METRICS
- D. STL PLAN INFO

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

The STL ALERT EVENT LOG table view records anomalies when the query optimizer identifies conditions that might indicate performance issues. These conditions include skewed data distribution, missing statistics, nested loop joins, and broadcasted data. The STL ALERT EVENT LOG table view can help the data engineer to identify and troubleshoot the root causes of performance issues and optimize the query execution plan. The other table views are not relevant for this requirement. STL USAGE CONTROL records the usage limits and quotas for Amazon Redshift resources. STL QUERY METRICS records the execution time and resource consumption of queries. STL PLAN INFO records the query execution plan and the steps involved in each query. References:

- ? STL ALERT EVENT LOG
- ? System Tables and Views
- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide

**NEW QUESTION 17**

A company has a production AWS account that runs company workloads. The company's security team created a security AWS account to store and analyze security logs from the production AWS account. The security logs in the production AWS account are stored in Amazon CloudWatch Logs. The company needs to use Amazon Kinesis Data Streams to deliver the security logs to the security AWS account. Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Create a destination data stream in the production AWS account
- B. In the security AWS account, create an IAM role that has cross-account permissions to Kinesis Data Streams in the production AWS account.
- C. Create a destination data stream in the security AWS account
- D. Create an IAM role and a trust policy to grant CloudWatch Logs the permission to put data into the stream
- E. Create a subscription filter in the security AWS account.
- F. Create a destination data stream in the production AWS account
- G. In the production AWS account, create an IAM role that has cross-account permissions to Kinesis Data Streams in the security AWS account.
- H. Create a destination data stream in the security AWS account
- I. Create an IAM role and a trust policy to grant CloudWatch Logs the permission to put data into the stream
- J. Create a subscription filter in the production AWS account.

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

Amazon Kinesis Data Streams is a service that enables you to collect, process, and analyze real-time streaming data. You can use Kinesis Data Streams to ingest data from various sources, such as Amazon CloudWatch Logs, and deliver it to different destinations, such as Amazon S3 or Amazon Redshift. To use Kinesis Data Streams to deliver the security logs from the production AWS account to the security AWS account, you need to create a destination data stream in the security AWS account. This data stream will receive the log data from the CloudWatch Logs service in the production AWS account. To enable this cross-account data delivery, you need to create an IAM role and a trust policy in the security AWS account. The IAM role defines the permissions that the CloudWatch Logs service needs to put data into the destination data stream. The trust policy allows the production AWS account to assume the IAM role. Finally, you need to create a subscription filter in the production AWS account. A subscription filter defines the pattern to match log events and the destination to send the matching events. In this case, the destination is the destination data stream in the security AWS account. This solution meets the requirements of using Kinesis Data Streams to deliver the security logs to the security AWS account. The other options are either not possible or not optimal. You cannot create a destination data stream in the production AWS account, as this would not deliver the data to the security AWS account. You cannot create a subscription filter in the security AWS account, as this would not capture the log events from the production AWS account. References:

- ? Using Amazon Kinesis Data Streams with Amazon CloudWatch Logs
- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide, Chapter 3: Data Ingestion and Transformation, Section 3.3: Amazon Kinesis Data Streams

**NEW QUESTION 18**

A data engineer must build an extract, transform, and load (ETL) pipeline to process and load data from 10 source systems into 10 tables that are in an Amazon Redshift database. All the source systems generate .csv, JSON, or Apache Parquet files every 15 minutes. The source systems all deliver files into one Amazon S3 bucket. The file sizes range from 10 MB to 20 GB. The ETL pipeline must function correctly despite changes to the data schema. Which data pipeline solutions will meet these requirements? (Choose two.)

- A. Use an Amazon EventBridge rule to run an AWS Glue job every 15 minute
- B. Configure the AWS Glue job to process and load the data into the Amazon Redshift tables.
- C. Use an Amazon EventBridge rule to invoke an AWS Glue workflow job every 15 minute
- D. Configure the AWS Glue workflow to have an on-demand trigger that runs an AWS Glue crawler and then runs an AWS Glue job when the crawler finishes running successfully
- E. Configure the AWS Glue job to process and load the data into the Amazon Redshift tables.
- F. Configure an AWS Lambda function to invoke an AWS Glue crawler when a file is loaded into the S3 bucket
- G. Configure an AWS Glue job to process and load the data into the Amazon Redshift table
- H. Create a second Lambda function to run the AWS Glue job
- I. Create an Amazon EventBridge rule to invoke the second Lambda function when the AWS Glue crawler finishes running successfully.
- J. Configure an AWS Lambda function to invoke an AWS Glue workflow when a file is loaded into the S3 bucket
- K. Configure the AWS Glue workflow to have an on-demand trigger that runs an AWS Glue crawler and then runs an AWS Glue job when the crawler finishes running successfully
- L. Configure the AWS Glue job to process and load the data into the Amazon Redshift tables.
- M. Configure an AWS Lambda function to invoke an AWS Glue job when a file is loaded into the S3 bucket
- N. Configure the AWS Glue job to read the files from the S3 bucket into an Apache Spark DataFrame
- O. Configure the AWS Glue job to also put smaller partitions of the DataFrame into an Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose delivery stream
- P. Configure the delivery stream to load data into the Amazon Redshift tables.

**Answer:** AB

**Explanation:**

Using an Amazon EventBridge rule to run an AWS Glue job or invoke an AWS Glue workflow job every 15 minutes are two possible solutions that will meet the requirements. AWS Glue is a serverless ETL service that can process and load data from various sources to various targets, including Amazon Redshift. AWS Glue can handle different data formats, such as CSV, JSON, and Parquet, and also support schema evolution, meaning it can adapt to changes in the data

schema over time. AWS Glue can also leverage Apache Spark to perform distributed processing and transformation of large datasets. AWS Glue integrates with Amazon EventBridge, which is a serverless event bus service that can trigger actions based on rules and schedules. By using an Amazon EventBridge rule, you can invoke an AWS Glue job or workflow every 15 minutes, and configure the job or workflow to run an AWS Glue crawler and then load the data into the Amazon Redshift tables. This way, you can build a cost-effective and scalable ETL pipeline that can handle data from 10 source systems and function correctly despite changes to the data schema.

The other options are not solutions that will meet the requirements. Option C, configuring an AWS Lambda function to invoke an AWS Glue crawler when a file is loaded into the S3 bucket, and creating a second Lambda function to run the AWS Glue job, is not a feasible solution, as it would require a lot of Lambda invocations and coordination. AWS Lambda has some limits on the execution time, memory, and concurrency, which can affect the performance and reliability of the ETL pipeline. Option D, configuring an AWS Lambda function to invoke an AWS Glue workflow when a file is loaded into the S3 bucket, is not a necessary solution, as you can use an Amazon EventBridge rule to invoke the AWS Glue workflow directly, without the need for a Lambda function. Option E, configuring an AWS Lambda function to invoke an AWS Glue job when a file is loaded into the S3 bucket, and configuring the AWS Glue job to put smaller partitions of the DataFrame into an Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose delivery stream, is not a cost-effective solution, as it would incur additional costs for Lambda invocations and data delivery. Moreover, using Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose to load data into Amazon Redshift is not suitable for frequent and small batches of data, as it can cause performance issues and data fragmentation. References:

- ? AWS Glue
- ? Amazon EventBridge
- ? Using AWS Glue to run ETL jobs against non-native JDBC data sources
- ? [AWS Lambda quotas]
- ? [Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose quotas]

#### NEW QUESTION 21

A company uses an Amazon Redshift cluster that runs on RA3 nodes. The company wants to scale read and write capacity to meet demand. A data engineer needs to identify a solution that will turn on concurrency scaling.

Which solution will meet this requirement?

- A. Turn on concurrency scaling in workload management (WLM) for Redshift Serverless workgroups.
- B. Turn on concurrency scaling at the workload management (WLM) queue level in the Redshift cluster.
- C. Turn on concurrency scaling in the settings during the creation of a new Redshift cluster.
- D. Turn on concurrency scaling for the daily usage quota for the Redshift cluster.

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

Concurrency scaling is a feature that allows you to support thousands of concurrent users and queries, with consistently fast query performance. When you turn on concurrency scaling, Amazon Redshift automatically adds query processing power in seconds to process queries without any delays. You can manage which queries are sent to the concurrency-scaling cluster by configuring WLM queues. To turn on concurrency scaling for a queue, set the Concurrency Scaling mode value to auto. The other options are either incorrect or irrelevant, as they do not enable concurrency scaling for the existing Redshift cluster on RA3 nodes.

References:

- ? Working with concurrency scaling - Amazon Redshift
- ? Amazon Redshift Concurrency Scaling - Amazon Web Services
- ? Configuring concurrency scaling queues - Amazon Redshift
- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide (Chapter 6, page 163)

#### NEW QUESTION 23

A manufacturing company collects sensor data from its factory floor to monitor and enhance operational efficiency. The company uses Amazon Kinesis Data Streams to publish the data that the sensors collect to a data stream. Then Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose writes the data to an Amazon S3 bucket.

The company needs to display a real-time view of operational efficiency on a large screen in the manufacturing facility.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LOWEST latency?

- A. Use Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink (previously known as Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics) to process the sensor data.
- B. Use a connector for Apache Flink to write data to an Amazon Timestream database.
- C. Use the Timestream database as a source to create a Grafana dashboard.
- D. Configure the S3 bucket to send a notification to an AWS Lambda function when any new object is created.
- E. Use the Lambda function to publish the data to Amazon Aurora.
- F. Use Aurora as a source to create an Amazon QuickSight dashboard.
- G. Use Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink (previously known as Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics) to process the sensor data.
- H. Create a new Data Firehose delivery stream to publish data directly to an Amazon Timestream database.
- I. Use the Timestream database as a source to create an Amazon QuickSight dashboard.
- J. Use AWS Glue bookmarks to read sensor data from the S3 bucket in real time.
- K. Publish the data to an Amazon Timestream database.
- L. Use the Timestream database as a source to create a Grafana dashboard.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

This solution will meet the requirements with the lowest latency because it uses Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink to process the sensor data in real time and write it to Amazon Timestream, a fast, scalable, and serverless time series database. Amazon Timestream is optimized for storing and analyzing time series data, such as sensor data, and can handle trillions of events per day with millisecond latency. By using Amazon Timestream as a source, you can create an Amazon QuickSight dashboard that displays a real-time view of operational efficiency on a large screen in the manufacturing facility. Amazon QuickSight is a fully managed business intelligence service that can connect to various data sources, including Amazon Timestream, and provide interactive visualizations and insights.

The other options are not optimal for the following reasons:

- ? A. Use Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink (previously known as Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics) to process the sensor data. Use a connector for Apache Flink to write data to an Amazon Timestream database. Use the Timestream database as a source to create a Grafana dashboard. This option is similar to option C, but it uses Grafana instead of Amazon QuickSight to create the dashboard. Grafana is an open source visualization tool that can also connect to Amazon Timestream, but it requires additional steps to set up and configure, such as deploying a Grafana server on Amazon EC2, installing the Amazon Timestream plugin, and creating an IAM role for Grafana to access Timestream. These steps can increase the latency and complexity of the solution.
- ? B. Configure the S3 bucket to send a notification to an AWS Lambda function when any new object is created. Use the Lambda function to publish the data to Amazon Aurora. Use Aurora as a source to create an Amazon QuickSight dashboard. This option is not suitable for displaying a real-time view of operational efficiency, as it introduces unnecessary delays and costs in the data pipeline. First, the sensor data is written to an S3 bucket by Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose, which can have a buffering interval of up to 900 seconds. Then, the S3 bucket sends a notification to a Lambda function, which can incur additional invocation and

execution time. Finally, the Lambda function publishes the data to Amazon Aurora, a relational database that is not optimized for time series data and can have higher storage and performance costs than Amazon Timestream .

? D. Use AWS Glue bookmarks to read sensor data from the S3 bucket in real time.

Publish the data to an Amazon Timestream database. Use the Timestream database as a source to create a Grafana dashboard. This option is also not suitable for displaying a real-time view of operational efficiency, as it uses AWS Glue bookmarks to read sensor data from the S3 bucket. AWS Glue bookmarks are a feature that helps AWS Glue jobs and crawlers keep track of the data that has already been processed, so that they can resume from where they left off. However, AWS Glue jobs and crawlers are not designed for real-time data processing, as they can have a minimum frequency of 5 minutes and a variable start-up time. Moreover, this option also uses Grafana instead of Amazon QuickSight to create the dashboard, which can increase the latency and complexity of the solution .

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- ? 1: Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Flink
- ? 2: Amazon Timestream
- ? 3: Amazon QuickSight
- ? : Analyze data in Amazon Timestream using Grafana
- ? : Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose
- ? : Amazon Aurora
- ? : AWS Glue Bookmarks
- ? : AWS Glue Job and Crawler Scheduling

#### NEW QUESTION 24

A company maintains multiple extract, transform, and load (ETL) workflows that ingest data from the company's operational databases into an Amazon S3 based data lake. The ETL workflows use AWS Glue and Amazon EMR to process data.

The company wants to improve the existing architecture to provide automated orchestration and to require minimal manual effort.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A. AWS Glue workflows
- B. AWS Step Functions tasks
- C. AWS Lambda functions
- D. Amazon Managed Workflows for Apache Airflow (Amazon MWAA) workflows

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

AWS Glue workflows are a feature of AWS Glue that enable you to create and visualize complex ETL pipelines using AWS Glue components, such as crawlers, jobs, triggers, and development endpoints. AWS Glue workflows provide automated orchestration and require minimal manual effort, as they handle dependency resolution, error handling, state management, and resource allocation for your ETL workflows. You can use AWS Glue workflows to ingest data from your operational databases into your Amazon S3 based data lake, and then use AWS Glue and Amazon EMR to process the data in the data lake. This solution will meet the requirements with the least operational overhead, as it leverages the serverless and fully managed nature of AWS Glue, and the scalability and flexibility of Amazon EMR12.

The other options are not optimal for the following reasons:

? B. AWS Step Functions tasks. AWS Step Functions is a service that lets you coordinate multiple AWS services into serverless workflows. You can use AWS Step Functions tasks to invoke AWS Glue and Amazon EMR jobs as part of your ETL workflows, and use AWS Step Functions state machines to define the logic and flow of your workflows. However, this option would require more manual effort than AWS Glue workflows, as you would need to write JSON code to define your state machines, handle errors and retries, and monitor the execution history and status of your workflows3.

? C. AWS Lambda functions. AWS Lambda is a service that lets you run code without provisioning or managing servers. You can use AWS Lambda functions to trigger AWS Glue and Amazon EMR jobs as part of your ETL workflows, and use AWS Lambda event sources and destinations to orchestrate the flow of your workflows. However, this option would also require more manual effort than AWS Glue workflows, as you would need to write code to implement your business logic, handle errors and retries, and monitor the invocation and execution of your Lambda functions. Moreover, AWS Lambda functions have limitations on the execution time, memory, and concurrency, which may affect the performance and scalability of your ETL workflows.

? D. Amazon Managed Workflows for Apache Airflow (Amazon MWAA) workflows.

Amazon MWAA is a managed service that makes it easy to run open source Apache Airflow on AWS. Apache Airflow is a popular tool for creating and managing complex ETL pipelines using directed acyclic graphs (DAGs). You can use Amazon MWAA workflows to orchestrate AWS Glue and Amazon EMR jobs as part of your ETL workflows, and use the Airflow web interface to visualize and monitor your workflows. However, this option would have more operational overhead than AWS Glue workflows, as you would need to set up and configure your Amazon MWAA environment, write Python code to define your DAGs, and manage the dependencies and versions of your Airflow plugins and operators.

References:

- ? 1: AWS Glue Workflows
- ? 2: AWS Glue and Amazon EMR
- ? 3: AWS Step Functions
- ? : AWS Lambda
- ? : Amazon Managed Workflows for Apache Airflow

#### NEW QUESTION 26

A data engineer needs to maintain a central metadata repository that users access through Amazon EMR and Amazon Athena queries. The repository needs to provide the schema and properties of many tables. Some of the metadata is stored in Apache Hive. The data engineer needs to import the metadata from Hive into the central metadata repository.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST development effort?

- A. Use Amazon EMR and Apache Ranger.
- B. Use a Hive metastore on an EMR cluster.
- C. Use the AWS Glue Data Catalog.
- D. Use a metastore on an Amazon RDS for MySQL DB instance.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

The AWS Glue Data Catalog is an Apache Hive metastore-compatible catalog that provides a central metadata repository for various data sources and formats. You can use the AWS Glue Data Catalog as an external Hive metastore for Amazon EMR and Amazon Athena queries, and import metadata from existing Hive metastores into the Data Catalog. This solution requires the least development effort, as you can use AWS Glue crawlers to automatically discover and catalog the metadata from Hive, and use the AWS Glue console, AWS CLI, or Amazon EMR API to configure the Data Catalog as the Hive metastore. The other options are either more complex or require additional steps, such as setting up Apache Ranger for security, managing a Hive metastore on an EMR cluster or an RDS instance, or migrating the metadata manually. References:

- ? Using the AWS Glue Data Catalog as the metastore for Hive (Section: Specifying AWS Glue Data Catalog as the metastore)
- ? Metadata Management: Hive Metastore vs AWS Glue (Section: AWS Glue Data Catalog)
- ? AWS Glue Data Catalog support for Spark SQL jobs (Section: Importing metadata from an existing Hive metastore)
- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide (Chapter 5, page 131)

#### **NEW QUESTION 31**

A data engineer needs to use AWS Step Functions to design an orchestration workflow. The workflow must parallel process a large collection of data files and apply a specific transformation to each file.

Which Step Functions state should the data engineer use to meet these requirements?

- A. Parallel state
- B. Choice state
- C. Map state
- D. Wait state

**Answer: C**

#### **Explanation:**

Option C is the correct answer because the Map state is designed to process a collection of data in parallel by applying the same transformation to each element. The Map state can invoke a nested workflow for each element, which can be another state machine or a Lambda function. The Map state will wait until all the parallel executions are completed before moving to the next state.

Option A is incorrect because the Parallel state is used to execute multiple branches of logic concurrently, not to process a collection of data. The Parallel state can have different branches with different logic and states, whereas the Map state has only one branch that is applied to each element of the collection.

Option B is incorrect because the Choice state is used to make decisions based on a comparison of a value to a set of rules. The Choice state does not process any data or invoke any nested workflows.

Option D is incorrect because the Wait state is used to delay the state machine from continuing for a specified time. The Wait state does not process any data or invoke any nested workflows.

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- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide, Chapter 5: Data Orchestration, Section 5.3: AWS Step Functions, Pages 131-132
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- ? AWS Documentation Overview, AWS Step Functions Developer Guide, Step Functions Concepts, State Types, Map State, Pages 1-3

#### **NEW QUESTION 36**

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