# Deep dive and best practices for Amazon Athena

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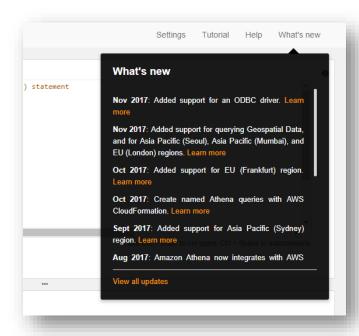
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## Many new features and improvements

- 1. Views
- 2. Simpler schema evolution for Parquet/ORC
- 3. Rest API with support for SDK in most languages
- 4. Auto-complete and Tabs in the Athena console
- 5. Spill-to-disk for Group By
- 6. JDBC and ODBC drivers performance improvements
- 7. Geospatial functions
- 8. Support for correlated sub-queries
- 9. Support for Presto Lambda expressions and functions
- 10. Added ability to skip header lines for CSV formats



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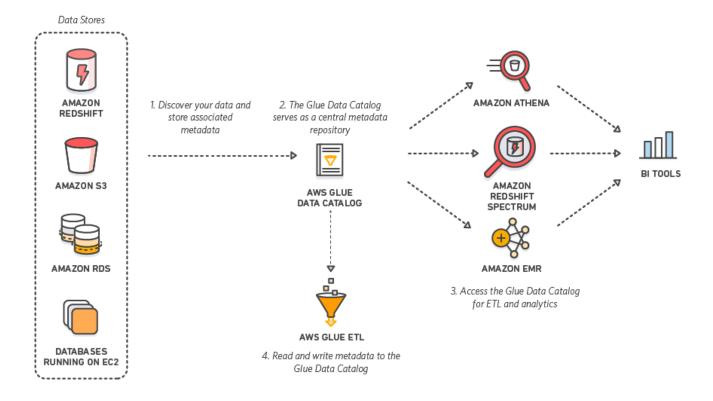


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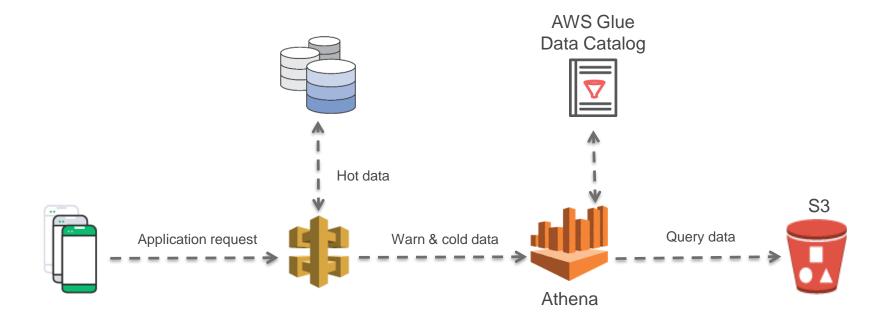


## Use Case 1: Query engine for data lake



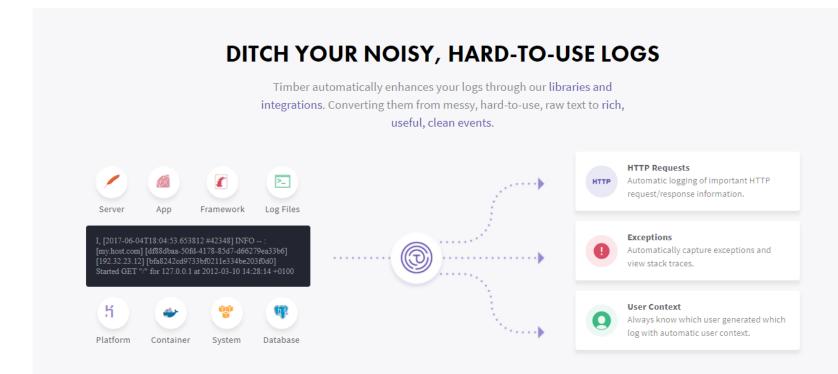


#### 2: Embed SQL for direct access to data

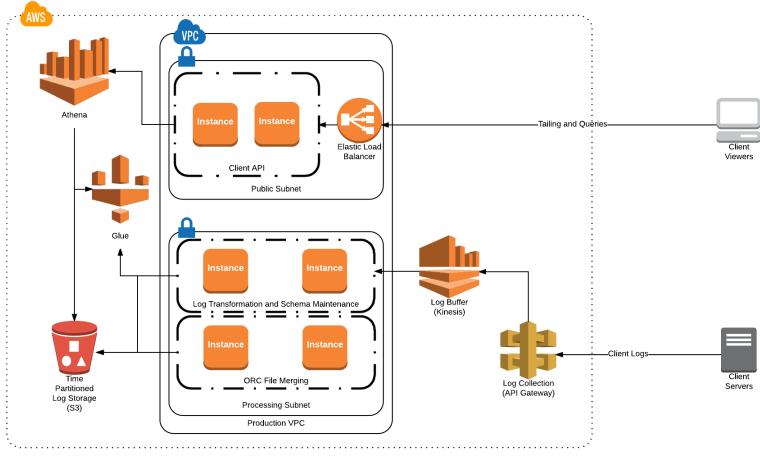




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#### 3: Migration from an On-premises infrastructure



- ETL
- Data Wrangling
- Interactive Querying
- Machine Learning
- Data Science
- Hive Metastore



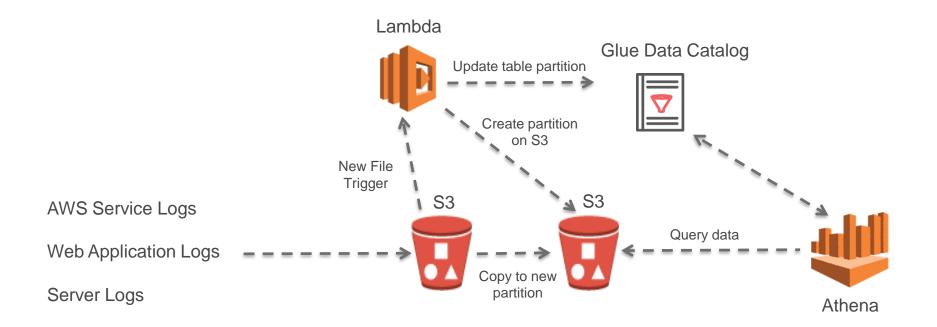
- Glue ETL and EMR for ETL
- Athena, EMR and Redshift

SageMaker and EMR for ML

Glue Data Catalog HostedMetadata Catalog

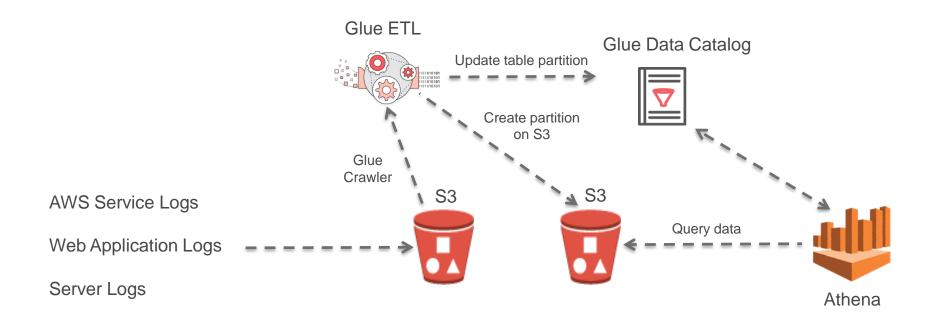


#### 4: Querying Logs





## 4a. Querying logs with ETL





#### Airbnb's StreamAlert

- Deployment is automated: simple, safe and repeatable for any AWS account
- Easily scalable from megabytes to terabytes per day
- Minimal Infrastructure maintenance
- Infrastructure security is a default, no security expertise required
- Supports data from different environments (ex: IT, PCI, Engineering)
- Supports data from different environment types (ex: Cloud, Datacenter, Office)
- Supports different types of data (ex: JSON, CSV, Key-Value, or Syslog)
- Supports different use-cases like security, infrastructure, compliance and more

#### StreamAlert - Serverless, Realtime Data Analysis Framework

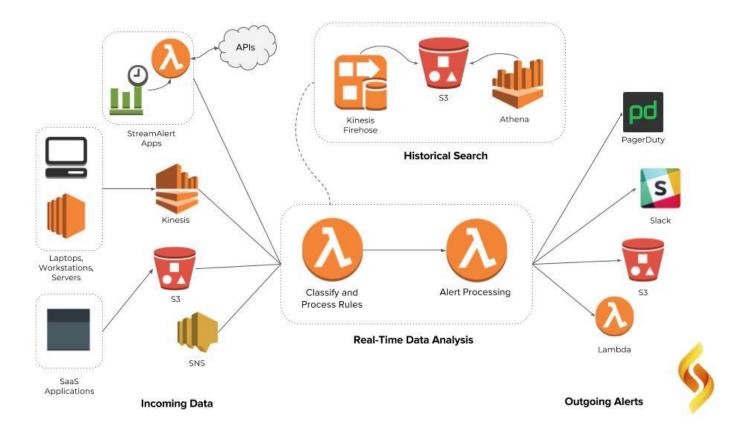




StreamAlert is a serverless, realtime data analysis framework which empowers you to ingest, analyze, and alert on data from any environment, using datasources and alerting logic you define.

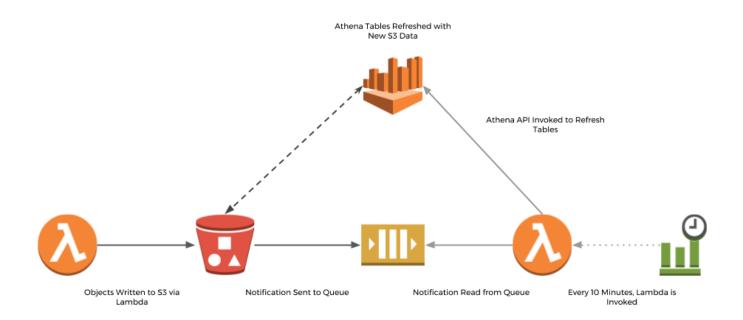


#### Overall Architecture



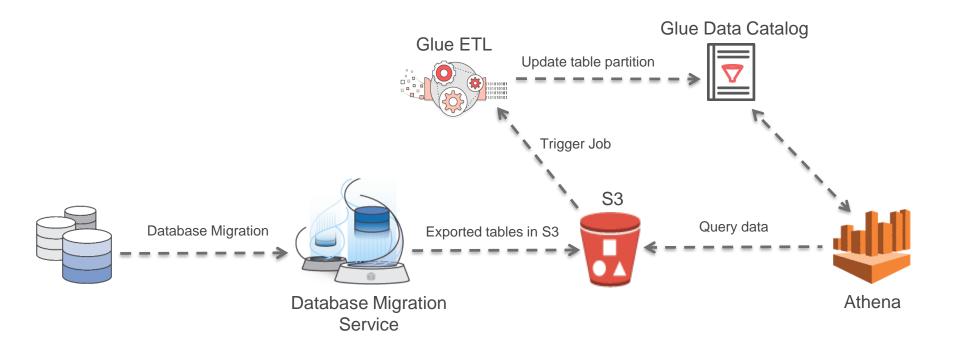


#### How is Athena used in Streamalert



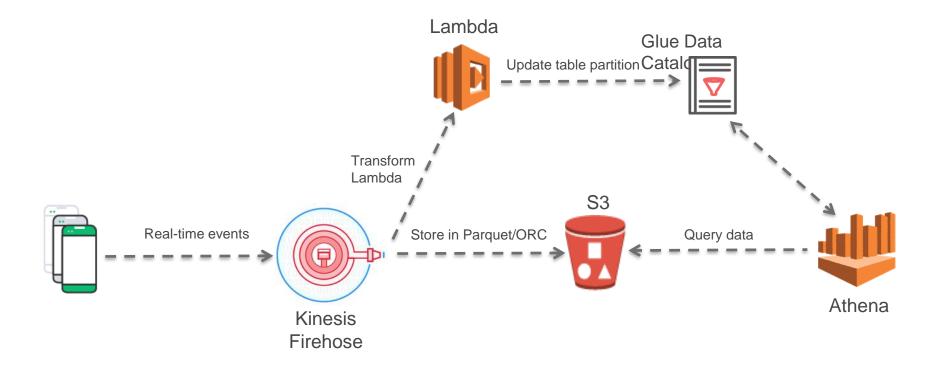


## 5. Query database backups



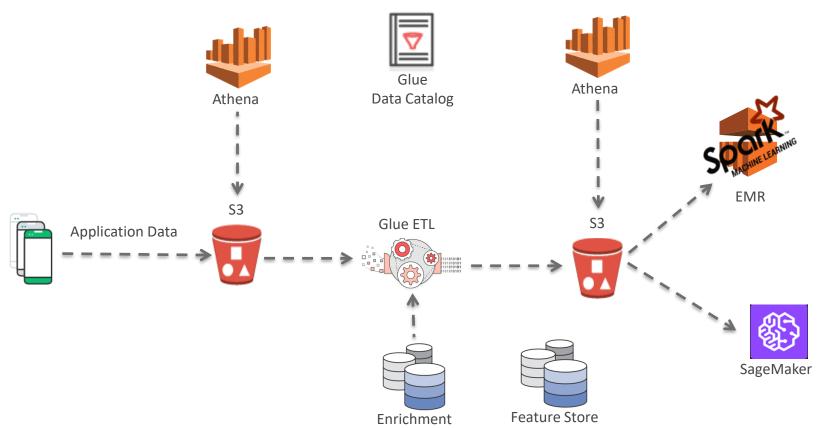


#### 6. Time-series data





## 7. ML Exploration & Validation





### 8. Geospatial Data

#### Geometry Data Types supported

- point
- line
- polygon
- multiline
- Multipolygon

Functions supported available in Docs

```
1 SELECT counties.name,
            COUNT(*) cnt
 3 FROM counties
 4 CROSS JOIN earthquakes
 5 WHERE ST_CONTAINS (counties.boundaryshape, ST_POINT(earthquakes.longitude, earthqu
 6 GROUP BY counties.name
 7 ORDER BY cnt DESC
                                                                 Use Ctrl + Enter to run guery
                      Format Query
Run Query
            Save As
                                      New Query
```

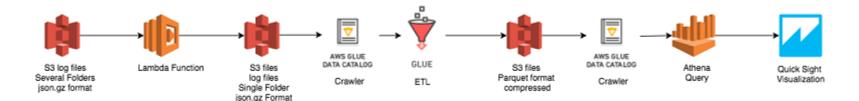


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by Luis Caro Perez | on 10 NOV 2017 | in Amazon QuickSight\*, AWS CloudTrail\*, AWS Glue\* | Permalink | ● Comments | → Share



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#### Query and Visualize AWS Cost and Usage Data Using Amazon Athena and Amazon QuickSight

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#### Analysis of Top-N DynamoDB Objects using Amazon Athena and Amazon QuickSight

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If you run an operation that continuously generates a large amount of data, you may want to know what kind of data is being inserted by your application. The ability to analyze data intake quickly can be very valuable for business units, such as operations and



#### Build a Serverless Architecture to Analyze Amazon CloudFront Access Logs Using AWS Lambda, Amazon Athena, and Amazon Kinesis Analytics

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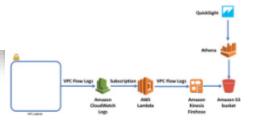


#### Audit Amazon Aurora Database Logs for Connections, Query Patterns, and More, using Amazon Athena and Amazon QuickSight

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Amazon Aurora offers a high-performance advanced auditing feature that logs detailed database activity to the database audit logs



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Many business and operational processes require you to analyze large volumes of frequently updated data. Log analysis, for exinvolves querying and visualizing large volumes of log data to identify behavioral patterns, understand application processing f and investigate and diagnose issues. VPC flow logs capture information about the IP traffic going to and from network [...]

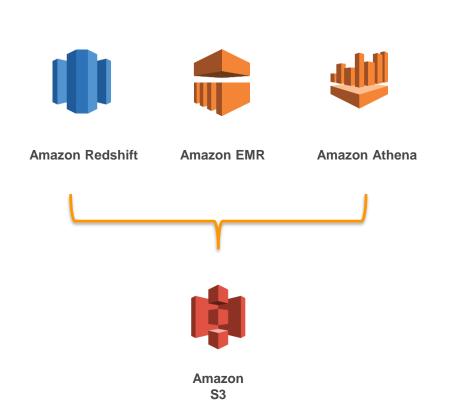
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## Athena, Redshift Spectrum & EMR



Expand your use-case to allow processing data from a S3-based Data lake



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## Connecting with Athena

- 1. API
- 2. JDBC and ODBC driver
- 3. Console



#### Connecting to Amazon Athena - API

## Asynchronous Query API

#### StartQueryExecution

```
client.startQueryExecution({
    QueryString: 'SELECT * FROM table_name LIMIT 100',
    ResultConfiguration: { OutputLocation: 's3://bucket/output/' },
    EncryptionConfiguration: { EncryptionOption: 'SSE_S3' },
    QueryExecutionContext: { Database: 'default_db' }
    }, (err, result) => {})
```

#### <u>GetQueryResults</u>

```
client.getQueryResults({
    QueryExecutionId: '2ef5d590-025a-48ec-895e-6bedfe72bc95',
    MaxResults: 1000,
    NextToken: null
    }, (err, data) => {})
```



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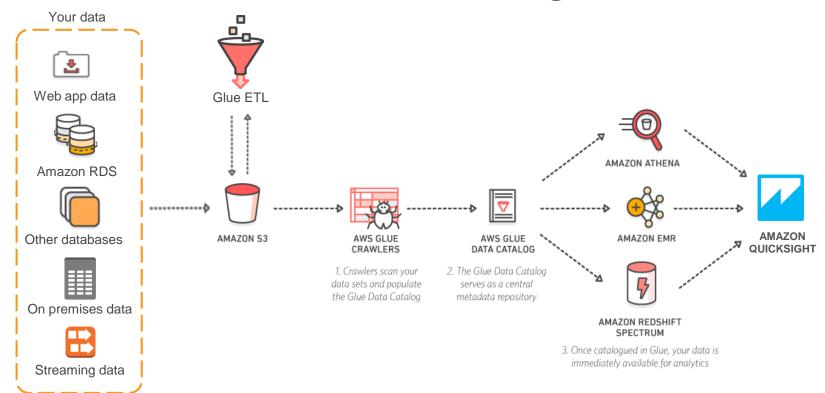
#### What is the AWS Glue Data Catalog?

**Unified metadata repository** across relational databases, Amazon RDS, Amazon Redshift, and Amazon S3...with support for more coming soon!

- Get a single view into your data, no matter where it is stored
- Automatically classify your data in one central list that is searchable
- Track data evolution using schema versioning
- Query your data using Amazon Athena or Amazon Redshift Spectrum
- **Hive metastore compatible**; can be used as an external Hive Metastore for applications running on Amazon EMR



## Data Lake on Amazon S3 using AWS Glue



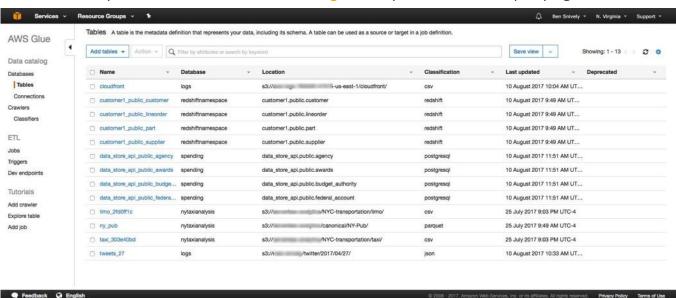


## What do I do to setup my Data Catalog

#### Its Easy!

- 1. Tell us where your data is
- 2. Tell us how often you want to check for updates

And you are done! Your Data Catalog is ready for search and querying





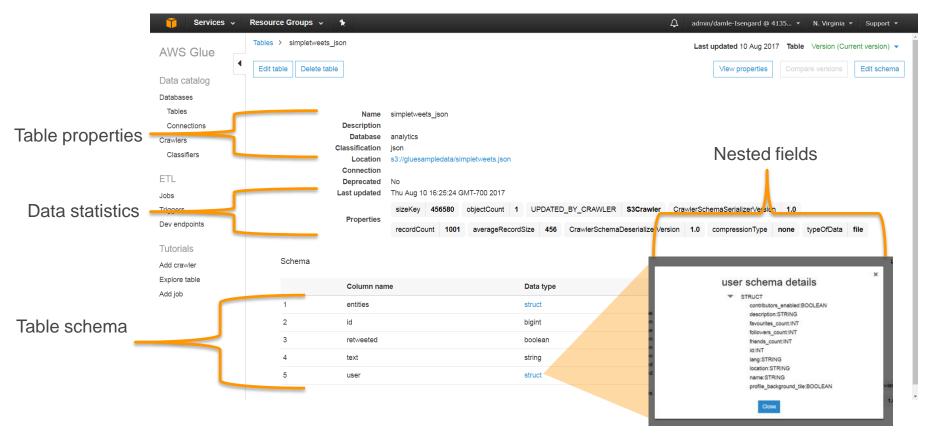
#### What are crawlers?

Crawlers automatically build your Data Catalog and keep it in sync

- Scan your data stored in various data stores, extract metadata and data statistics, and add table definitions to your Data Catalog
  - Classify data using built-in and custom classifiers
  - You can write your own using Grok expressions
- Discover new data, extracts schema definitions
  - Detect schema changes and version tables
  - Detect Hive style partitions on Amazon S3
- Run ad hoc or on a schedule; serverless only pay when crawler runs



## A table in the Glue Data Catalog



## Automatically detected partitions

		-	-	
		string	errorcode	12
	Partition (0)	string	region	13
Table	Partition (1)	string	year	14
Table partitions	Partition (2)	string	month	15
partitions	Partition (3)	string	day	16

#### Automatically register available partitions



## How is my data classified?

Glue applies a set of classifiers to the data as it scans it and adds the metadata as Tables to the Data Catalog.

A classifier recognizes the format of your data and generates a schema.

It returns a certainty number between 0.0 and 1.0 which helps Glue determine if there is a match

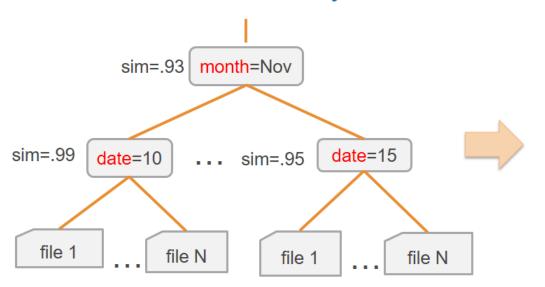
Glue has a list of in-build classifiers that are applied with every crawl. But you can write your own!

You can set up your crawler with an ordered set of classifiers. Crawlers invoke classifiers in the order they were provided until a match is found.



#### How are partitions detected?

#### S3 bucket hierarchy



#### **Table definition**

Column	Туре
month	str
date	str
col 1	int
	float
:	:

Estimate schema similarity among files at each level to handle semi-structured logs, schema evolution...



#### How can I write my own classifiers?

You can write a custom classifier by providing a grok pattern and a classification string for the matched schema

A grok pattern is a named set of regular expressions (regex) that are used to match data one line at a time.

#### Example:

```
%{TIMESTAMP_ISO8601:timestamp}
\[%{MESSAGEPREFIX:message_prefix}\]
%{CRAWLERLOGLEVEL:loglevel} :
%{GREEDYDATA:message}
```

#### Classifier name

Id Crawler logs

#### Classification

crawlerlogs

Describes the format of the data classified or a custom label.

#### **Grok pattern**

%{TIMESTAMP\_ISO8601:timestamp} \[%{MESSAGEPREFIX:messa

Built-in and custom named patterns used to parse your data into a structured schema. For more information, see the list of built-in patterns.

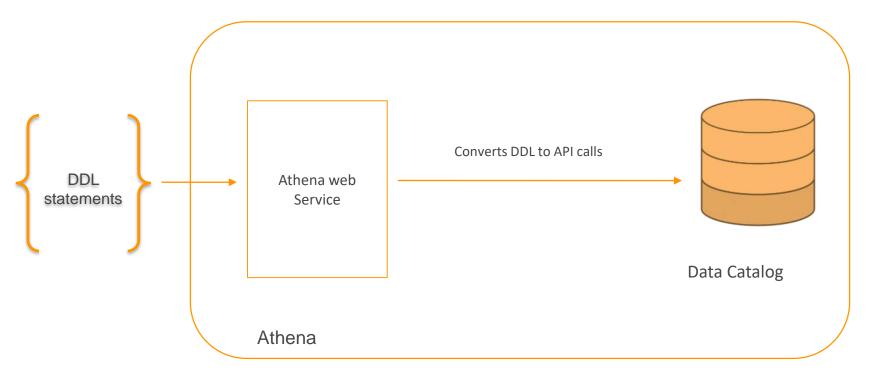
#### **Custom patterns**

- CRAWLERLOGLEVEL (BENCHMARK|ERROR|WARN|INFO|TRACE)
- MESSAGEPREFIX .\*-.\*-.\*-

Optional custom building blocks for the grok pattern.

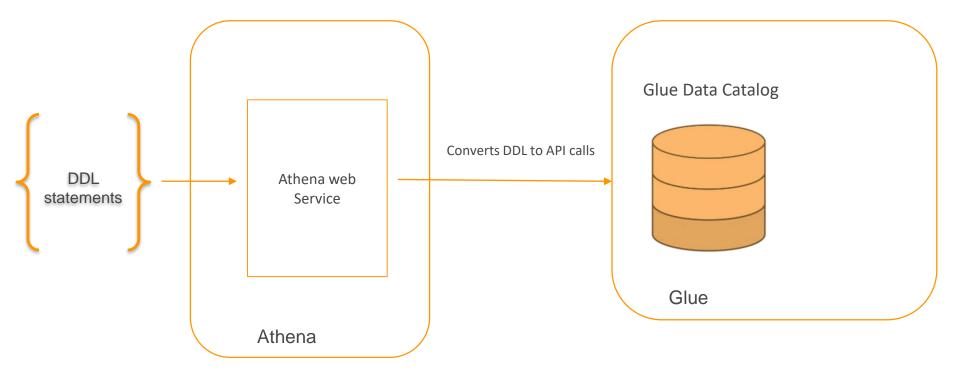


#### Athena Data Catalog or Glue Data Catalog





#### Upgrading to Glue Data Catalog





#### Upgrading is a simple process

- 1. Add Glue-specific policies to your existing Athena policies
- 2. Add permission to Glue:ImportCatalogToGlue
- 3. Upgrade the catalog



### Benefits of upgrading

- 1. You can now share metadata between EMR (Hive, Spark and Presto), Athena and Redshift Spectrum
- 2. You can use the Glue API to directly run DDL at high concurrency (table creation, partitions)
- 3. Use the crawler for automatic recognition of schema and partitioning
- 4. Use Glue to ETL data and query in Athena



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#### Creating Databases and Tables

- 1. Databases are logical collection of Tables
- Database and Table service limits can be raised
- 3. Many ways to write DDL Statement
  - 1. Use the Hive DDL statement directly from the console
  - Use the Athena API
  - 3. Use the JDBC/ODBC
  - 4. <u>Use the Glue Crawlers</u>
  - 5. Use the Glue API to create Tables
  - 6. If using the Glue Data Catalog, You can also share metadata between EMR running Spark/Hive/Presto and Athena



#### Creating Database and Tables

```
CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE access_logs
ip_address String,
 request_time Timestamp,
ROW FORMAT DELIMITED FIELDS TERMINATED BY
                                                                                    Data Catalog
'\t'
STORED AS TEXTFILE
                                                                                    Table name: access_logs
LOCATION 's3://mydatalogs/data/'
                                                                                    Location:s3://mydatalogs/data
                                                                                    Serde information:
                                                                   S3://mydatalogs/data/object1
                                                                   S3://mydatalogs/data/object2
                                                                   S3://mydatalogs/data/object3
                                                                   S3://mydatalogs/data/object4
```

#### Schema on Read Versus Schema on Write

#### Schema on Read

- Store raw data
- Schema is applied to the data

Good for query flexibility and control over data access

#### Schema on write

- Create the schema
- Fit the data to the schema

Good for schema enforcement and performance optimization



# SerDes and Compression formats

- 1. Regex
- 2. GROK
- 3.JSON
- 4. OpenCSV
- 5.TSV
- 6. Parquet
- 7. ORC
- 8. AVRO
- 9. Geospatial

Algorithm	Splittable?	Compression ratio	Compress + Decompress speed
Gzip (DEFLATE)	No	High	Medium
bzip2	Yes	Very high	Slow
LZO	No	Low	Fast
Snappy	No	Low	Very fast



#### Schema Evolution

Expected Type of Schema Update	Summary	CSV (with and without headers) and TSV	JSON	AVRO	PARQUET: Read by Name (default)	PARQUET: Read by Index	ORC: Read by Index (default)	ORC: Read by Name
Rename columns	Store your data in CSV and TSV, or in ORC and Parquet if they are read by index.	Y	N	Ν	N	Y	Y	Ν
Add columns at the beginning or in the middle of the table	Store your data in JSON, AVRO, or in Parquet and ORC if they are read by name. Do not use CSV and TSV.	N	Y	Y	Υ	N	N	Y
Add columns at the end of the table	Store your data in CSV or TSV, JSON, AVRO, and in ORC and Parquet if they are read by name.	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Remove columns	Store your data in JSON, AVRO, or Parquet and ORC, if they are read by name. Do not use CSV and TSV.	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Reorder columns	Store your data in AVRO, JSON or ORC and Parquet if they are read by name.	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Change a column's data type	Store your data in any format, but test your query in Athena to make sure the data types are compatible.	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y

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#### Data Partitioning

- Read only data the query needs
- Reduce amount of data scanned
  - decrease query completion time
  - Reduce query cost
- Define Partitions at the time of creating tables.
- Separates data files by any column
- Partitions are virtual columns that you can reference in your query
- Athena prefers Hive-style partitioning
- Works on both text and columnar data



# Partitioning of data has cost advantages

Query	Non- Partit	ioned Table	Cost	Partitioned table		Cost	Savings
	Run time	Data scanned		Run time	Data scanned		
SELECT count(*) FROM lineitem WHERE l_shipdate = '1996-09-01'	9.71 seconds	74.1 GB	\$0.36	2.16 seconds	29.06 MB	\$0.0001	99% cheaper 77% faster
SELECT count(*) FROM lineitem WHERE l_shipdate >= '1996-09- 01' AND l_shipdate < '1996-10- 01'	10.41 seconds	74.1 GB	\$0.36	2.73 seconds	871.39 MB	\$0.004	98% cheaper 73% faster



#### But it also has an overhead

Query	Non- Partitioned Table		Cost	Partitioned table		Cost	Savings
	Run time	Data scanned		Run time	Data scanned		
SELECT count(*) FROM lineitem;	8.4 seconds	74.1 GB	\$0.36	10.65 seconds	74.1 GB	\$0.36	27% slower



### Layout of data for partitioned tables

```
CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE access_logs
 ip_address String,
 request_time Timestamp
PARTTIONED by
(string year, _____
string month) -
STORED AS PARQUET
LOCATION 's3://yourBucket/pathToData/
s3://yourBucket/pathToData/<PARTITION COLUMN NAME1>=<VALUE>/<PARTITION COLUMN NAME2>=<VALUE>/
```

#### Layout of data for partitioned tables

```
CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE access_logs
 ip_address String,
 request_time Timestamp
PARTTIONED by
(string year, -----
string month) -----
STORED AS PARQUET
LOCATION 's3://yourBucket/pathToTable/
 s3://yourBucket/pathToTable/year=2017/month=11/
```

```
Alter Table access_logs

Add Partition
(year='2017',
month='11')
location 's3://yourBucket/pathToTable/year=2017/month=1

MSCK Repair Table

GLUE API
```



#### Layout of data for partitioned tables

```
CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE access_logs
 ip_address String,
 request_time Timestamp,
PARTTIONED by
(string year;-----
string month) -----
STORED AS PARQUET
LOCATION 's3://yourBucket/pathToTable/
  s3://yourBucket/pathToTable/2017/11/
```

```
Alter Table access_logs

Add Partition
(year='2017',
month='11')

location 's3://yourBucket/pathToTable/2017/11/'

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```



#### Partition loading and S3 prefixes

```
s3://yourBucket/pathToTable/year=2017/month=11/ - MSCK REPAIR TABLE
s3://yourBucket/pathToTable/2017/11/
ALTER TABLE access log ADD PARTITION (year='2017', month='11')
location 's3://yourBucket/pathToTable/2017/11/'
s3://yourBucket/pathToTable/232a-2013-26-05/hhdsy1129s/
ALTER TABLE access log ADD PARTITION (year='2017', month='11')
location 's3://yourBucket/pathToTable/232a-2013-26-05/hhdsy1129s/'
```



#### Loading Partitions

- Schedule a Glue Crawler to automatically detect partitions.
- Use the Glue Data Catalog API/CLI This is preferred for high concurrency
- Use Alter Table Add Partition You can add 99 partitions at the same time.
- Use MSCK MSCK is an time consuming operation
- Use Lambda either on a schedule or based on event
- Pre-populate at the start/end of the day these are just key-value lookups



# Choose partitions to get performance even on text data

- 1. Columns that are commonly used as filters (e.g. date, category)
- 2. You can partition by any number of columns
- 3. You can partition on any column not just date
- 4. {Partition key 1, Partition key 2, Partition 3} → unique location in S3
- 5. Look at your query patterns What data do you want to query and what do you want to filter out



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# Query Performance - bigger files help

Query	Number of files	Run time
SELECT count(*) FROM lineitem	5000 files	8.4 seconds
SELECT count(*) FROM lineitem	1 file	2.31 seconds
Speedup		72% faster



Allow users to query raw and aggregates "hourly aggregations" **AWS Glue** Amazon S3 **Amazon S3 Amazon Athena Kinesis Firehose** "raw-time-series"

# Query performance- Columnar Formats

Dataset	Size on S3	Query run time	Data Scanned	Cost
Text	1.15TB	236 seconds	1.15 TB	\$5.75
Columnar (same data)	130GB	6.78 seconds	2.51 <u>GB</u>	\$0.013
Savings/Sp eed up	87% less with Columnar	34 x	99% less data scanned	99.7% savings



# Query Performance - Limit Results

#### Example:

Dataset: 7.25 GB table, uncompressed, text format, ~60M rows

Query	Run time
SELECT * FROM lineitem ORDER BY l_shipdate	528 seconds
SELECT * FROM lineitem ORDER BY l_shipdate LIMIT 10000	11.15 seconds
Speedup	98% faster



### Query Performance - Join Reordering

Dataset: 74 GB total data, uncompressed, text format, ~602M rows

Query	Run time
SELECT count(*) FROM lineitem, part WHERE lineitem.l_partkey = part.p_partkey	22.81 seconds
SELECT count(*) FROM part, lineitem WHERE lineitem.l_partkey = part.p_partkey	10.71 seconds
Savings / Speedup	~53% speed up

Keep the larger Table on the Left Side of the join



### Query Performance - Regex better than Like

#### Example:

Dataset: 74 GB table, uncompressed, text format, ~600M rows

Query	Run time
SELECT count(*) FROM lineitem WHERE l_comment LIKE '%wake%' OR l_comment LIKE '%regular%' OR l_comment LIKE '%express%' OR l_comment LIKE '%sleep%' OR l_comment LIKE '%hello%	20.56 seconds
SELECT count(*) FROM lineitem WHERE regexp_like(l_comment, 'wake regular express sleep hello')	15.87 seconds
Speedup	17% faster



