

# Amazon

## 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 media company uses software as a service (SaaS) applications to gather data by using third-party tools. The company needs to store the data in an Amazon S3 bucket. The company will use Amazon Redshift to perform analytics based on the data.

Which AWS service or feature will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A. Amazon Managed Streaming for Apache Kafka (Amazon MSK)
- B. Amazon AppFlow
- C. AWS Glue Data Catalog
- D. Amazon Kinesis

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Amazon AppFlow is a fully managed integration service that enables you to securely transfer data between SaaS applications and AWS services like Amazon S3 and Amazon Redshift. Amazon AppFlow supports many SaaS applications as data sources and targets, and allows you to configure data flows with a few clicks.

Amazon AppFlow also provides features such as data transformation, filtering, validation, and encryption to prepare and protect your data. Amazon AppFlow meets the requirements of the media company with the least operational overhead, as it eliminates the need to write code, manage infrastructure, or monitor data pipelines. References:

? Amazon AppFlow

? Amazon AppFlow | SaaS Integrations List

? Get started with data integration from Amazon S3 to Amazon Redshift using AWS Glue interactive sessions

**NEW QUESTION 3**

A company stores datasets in JSON format and .csv format in an Amazon S3 bucket. The company has Amazon RDS for Microsoft SQL Server databases, Amazon DynamoDB tables that are in provisioned capacity mode, and an Amazon Redshift cluster. A data engineering team must develop a solution that will give data scientists the ability to query all data sources by using syntax similar to SQL.

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

- A. Use AWS Glue to crawl the data source
- B. Store metadata in the AWS Glue Data Catalog
- C. Use Amazon Athena to query the data
- D. Use SQL for structured data source
- E. Use PartiQL for data that is stored in JSON format.
- F. Use AWS Glue to crawl the data source
- G. Store metadata in the AWS Glue Data Catalog
- H. Use Redshift Spectrum to query the data
- I. Use SQL for structured data source
- J. Use PartiQL for data that is stored in JSON format.
- K. Use AWS Glue to crawl the data source
- L. Store metadata in the AWS Glue Data Catalog
- M. Use AWS Glue jobs to transform data that is in JSON format to Apache Parquet or .csv format
- N. Store the transformed data in an S3 bucket
- O. Use Amazon Athena to query the original and transformed data from the S3 bucket.
- P. Use AWS Lake Formation to create a data lake
- Q. Use Lake Formation jobs to transform the data from all data sources to Apache Parquet format
- R. Store the transformed data in an S3 bucket
- S. Use Amazon Athena or Redshift Spectrum to query the data.

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

The best solution to meet the requirements of giving data scientists the ability to query all data sources by using syntax similar to SQL with the least operational

overhead is to use AWS Glue to crawl the data sources, store metadata in the AWS Glue Data Catalog, use Amazon Athena to query the data, use SQL for structured data sources, and use PartiQL for data that is stored in JSON format.

AWS Glue is a serverless data integration service that makes it easy to prepare, clean, enrich, and move data between data stores<sup>1</sup>. AWS Glue crawlers are processes that connect to a data store, progress through a prioritized list of classifiers to determine the schema for your data, and then create metadata tables in the Data Catalog<sup>2</sup>. The Data Catalog is a persistent metadata store that contains table definitions, job definitions, and other control information to help you manage your AWS Glue components<sup>3</sup>. You can use AWS Glue to crawl the data sources, such as Amazon S3, Amazon RDS for Microsoft SQL Server, and Amazon DynamoDB, and store the metadata in the Data Catalog.

Amazon Athena is a serverless, interactive query service that makes it easy to analyze data directly in Amazon S3 using standard SQL or Python<sup>4</sup>. Amazon Athena also supports PartiQL, a SQL-compatible query language that lets you query, insert, update, and delete data from semi-structured and nested data, such as JSON. You can use Amazon Athena to query the data from the Data Catalog using SQL for structured data sources, such as .csv files and relational databases, and PartiQL for data that is stored in JSON format. You can also use Athena to query data from other data sources, such as Amazon Redshift, using federated queries.

Using AWS Glue and Amazon Athena to query all data sources by using syntax similar to SQL is the least operational overhead solution, as you do not need to provision, manage, or scale any infrastructure, and you pay only for the resources you use. AWS Glue charges you based on the compute time and the data processed by your crawlers and ETL jobs<sup>1</sup>. Amazon Athena charges you based on the amount of data scanned by your queries. You can also reduce the cost and improve the performance of your queries by using compression, partitioning, and columnar formats for your data in Amazon S3.

Option B is not the best solution, as using AWS Glue to crawl the data sources, store metadata in the AWS Glue Data Catalog, and use Redshift Spectrum to query the data, would incur more costs and complexity than using Amazon Athena. Redshift Spectrum is a feature of Amazon Redshift, a fully managed data warehouse service, that allows you to query and join data across your data warehouse and your data lake using standard SQL. While Redshift Spectrum is powerful and useful for many data warehousing scenarios, it is not necessary or cost-effective for querying all data sources by using syntax similar to SQL. Redshift Spectrum charges you based on the amount of data scanned by your queries, which is similar to Amazon Athena, but it also requires you to have an Amazon Redshift cluster, which charges you based on the node type, the number of nodes, and the duration of the cluster<sup>5</sup>. These costs can add up quickly, especially if you have large volumes of data and complex queries. Moreover, using Redshift Spectrum would introduce additional latency and complexity, as you would have to provision and manage the cluster, and create an external schema and database for the data in the Data Catalog, instead of querying it directly from Amazon Athena.

Option C is not the best solution, as using AWS Glue to crawl the data sources, store metadata in the AWS Glue Data Catalog, use AWS Glue jobs to transform data that is in JSON format to Apache Parquet or .csv format, store the transformed data in an S3 bucket, and use Amazon Athena to query the original and transformed data from the S3 bucket, would incur more costs and complexity than using Amazon Athena with PartiQL. AWS Glue jobs are ETL scripts that you can write in Python or Scala to transform your data and load it to your target data store. Apache Parquet is a columnar storage format that can improve the performance of analytical queries by reducing the amount of data that needs to be scanned and providing efficient compression and encoding schemes<sup>6</sup>. While using AWS Glue jobs and Parquet can improve the performance and reduce the cost of your queries, they would also increase the complexity and the operational overhead of the data pipeline, as you would have to write, run, and monitor the ETL jobs, and store the transformed data in a separate location in Amazon S3. Moreover, using AWS Glue jobs and Parquet would introduce additional latency, as you would have to wait for the ETL jobs to finish before querying the transformed data.

Option D is not the best solution, as using AWS Lake Formation to create a data lake, use Lake Formation jobs to transform the data from all data sources to Apache Parquet format, store the transformed data in an S3 bucket, and use Amazon Athena or Redshift Spectrum to query the data, would incur more costs and complexity than using Amazon Athena with PartiQL. AWS Lake Formation is a service that helps you centrally govern, secure, and globally share data for analytics and machine learning<sup>7</sup>. Lake Formation jobs are ETL jobs that you can create and run using the Lake Formation console or API. While using Lake Formation and Parquet can improve the performance and reduce the cost of your queries, they would also increase the complexity and the operational overhead of the data pipeline, as you would have to create, run, and monitor the Lake Formation jobs, and store the transformed data in a separate location in Amazon S3. Moreover, using Lake Formation and Parquet would introduce additional latency, as you would have to wait for the Lake Formation jobs to finish before querying the transformed data. Furthermore, using Redshift Spectrum to query the data would also incur the same costs and complexity as mentioned in option B. References:

- ? What is Amazon Athena?
- ? Data Catalog and crawlers in AWS Glue
- ? AWS Glue Data Catalog
- ? Columnar Storage Formats
- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide
- ? AWS Glue Schema Registry
- ? What is AWS Glue?
- ? Amazon Redshift Serverless
- ? Amazon Redshift provisioned clusters
- ? [Querying external data using Amazon Redshift Spectrum]
- ? [Using stored procedures in Amazon Redshift]
- ? [What is AWS Lambda?]
- ? [PartiQL for Amazon Athena]
- ? [Federated queries in Amazon Athena]
- ? [Amazon Athena pricing]
- ? [Top 10 performance tuning tips for Amazon Athena]
- ? [AWS Glue ETL jobs]
- ? [AWS Lake Formation jobs]

#### NEW QUESTION 4

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 5

A company maintains an Amazon Redshift provisioned cluster that the company uses for extract, transform, and load (ETL) operations to support critical analysis tasks. A sales team within the company maintains a Redshift cluster that the sales team uses for business intelligence (BI) tasks.

The sales team recently requested access to the data that is in the ETL Redshift cluster so the team can perform weekly summary analysis tasks. The sales team needs to join data from the ETL cluster with data that is in the sales team's BI cluster.

The company needs a solution that will share the ETL cluster data with the sales team without interrupting the critical analysis tasks. The solution must minimize usage of the computing resources of the ETL cluster.

Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Set up the sales team BI cluster as a consumer of the ETL cluster by using Redshift data sharing.
- B. Create materialized views based on the sales team's requirement
- C. Grant the sales team direct access to the ETL cluster.
- D. Create database views based on the sales team's requirement
- E. Grant the sales team direct access to the ETL cluster.
- F. Unload a copy of the data from the ETL cluster to an Amazon S3 bucket every week
- G. Create an Amazon Redshift Spectrum table based on the content of the ETL cluster.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

Redshift data sharing is a feature that enables you to share live data across different Redshift clusters without the need to copy or move data. Data sharing provides secure and governed access to data, while preserving the performance and concurrency benefits of Redshift. By setting up the sales team BI cluster as a consumer of the ETL cluster, the company can share the ETL cluster data with the sales team without interrupting the critical analysis tasks. The solution also minimizes the usage of the computing resources of the ETL cluster, as the data sharing does not consume any storage space or compute resources from the producer cluster. The other options are either not feasible or not efficient. Creating materialized views or database views would require the sales team to have direct access to the ETL cluster, which could interfere with the critical analysis tasks. Unloading a copy of the data from the ETL cluster to an Amazon S3 bucket every week would introduce additional latency and cost, as well as create data inconsistency issues. References:

? Sharing data across Amazon Redshift clusters

? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide, Chapter 2: Data Store Management, Section 2.2: Amazon Redshift

#### NEW QUESTION 6

A company stores petabytes of data in thousands of Amazon S3 buckets in the S3 Standard storage class. The data supports analytics workloads that have unpredictable and variable data access patterns.

The company does not access some data for months. However, the company must be able to retrieve all data within milliseconds. The company needs to optimize S3 storage costs.

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

- A. Use S3 Storage Lens standard metrics to determine when to move objects to more cost-optimized storage classes
- B. Create S3 Lifecycle policies for the S3 buckets to move objects to cost-optimized storage classes
- C. Continue to refine the S3 Lifecycle policies in the future to optimize storage costs.
- D. Use S3 Storage Lens activity metrics to identify S3 buckets that the company accesses infrequently
- E. Configure S3 Lifecycle rules to move objects from S3 Standard to the S3 Standard-Infrequent Access (S3 Standard-IA) and S3 Glacier storage classes based on the age of the data.
- F. Use S3 Intelligent-Tiering
- G. Activate the Deep Archive Access tier.
- H. Use S3 Intelligent-Tiering
- I. Use the default access tier.

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

S3 Intelligent-Tiering is a storage class that automatically moves objects between four access tiers based on the changing access patterns. The default access tier consists of two tiers: Frequent Access and Infrequent Access. Objects in the Frequent Access tier have the same performance and availability as S3 Standard, while objects in the Infrequent Access tier have the same performance and availability as S3 Standard-IA. S3 Intelligent-Tiering monitors the access patterns of each object and moves them between the tiers accordingly, without any operational overhead or retrieval fees. This solution can optimize S3 storage costs for data with unpredictable and variable access patterns, while ensuring millisecond latency for data retrieval. The other solutions are not optimal or relevant for this requirement. Using S3 Storage Lens standard metrics and activity metrics can provide insights into the storage usage and access patterns, but they do not automate the data movement between storage classes. Creating S3 Lifecycle policies for the S3 buckets can move objects to more cost-optimized storage classes, but they require manual configuration and maintenance, and they may incur retrieval fees for data that is accessed unexpectedly. Activating the Deep Archive Access tier for S3 Intelligent-Tiering can further reduce the storage costs for data that is rarely accessed, but it also increases the retrieval time to 12 hours, which does not meet the requirement of millisecond latency. References:

? S3 Intelligent-Tiering

? S3 Storage Lens

? S3 Lifecycle policies

? [AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide]

#### NEW QUESTION 7

A data engineer is configuring Amazon SageMaker Studio to use AWS Glue interactive sessions to prepare data for machine learning (ML) models.

The data engineer receives an access denied error when the data engineer tries to prepare the data by using SageMaker Studio.

Which change should the engineer make to gain access to SageMaker Studio?

- A. Add the AWSGlueServiceRole managed policy to the data engineer's IAM user.
- B. Add a policy to the data engineer's IAM user that includes the sts:AssumeRole action for the AWS Glue and SageMaker service principals in the trust policy.
- C. Add the AmazonSageMakerFullAccess managed policy to the data engineer's IAM user.
- D. Add a policy to the data engineer's IAM user that allows the sts:AddAssociation action for the AWS Glue and SageMaker service principals in the trust policy.

**Answer:** B



**Explanation:**

This solution meets the requirement of gaining access to SageMaker Studio to use AWS Glue interactive sessions. AWS Glue interactive sessions are a way to use AWS Glue DataBrew and AWS Glue Data Catalog from within SageMaker Studio. To use AWS Glue interactive sessions, the data engineer's IAM user needs to have permissions to assume the AWS Glue service role and the SageMaker execution role. By adding a policy to the data engineer's IAM user that includes the sts:AssumeRole action for the AWS Glue and SageMaker service principals in the trust policy, the data engineer can grant these permissions and avoid the access denied error. The other options are not sufficient or necessary to resolve the error. References:

? Get started with data integration from Amazon S3 to Amazon Redshift using AWS Glue interactive sessions

? Troubleshoot Errors - Amazon SageMaker

? AccessDeniedException on sagemaker:CreateDomain in AWS SageMaker Studio, despite having SageMakerFullAccess

**NEW QUESTION 8**

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 9**

A company's data engineer needs to optimize the performance of table SQL queries. The company stores data in an Amazon Redshift cluster. The data engineer cannot increase the size of the cluster because of budget constraints.

The company stores the data in multiple tables and loads the data by using the EVEN distribution style. Some tables are hundreds of gigabytes in size. Other tables are less than 10 MB in size.

Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Keep using the EVEN distribution style for all table
- B. Specify primary and foreign keys for all tables.
- C. Use the ALL distribution style for large table
- D. Specify primary and foreign keys for all tables.
- E. Use the ALL distribution style for rarely updated small table
- F. Specify primary and foreign keys for all tables.
- G. Specify a combination of distribution, sort, and partition keys for all tables.

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

This solution meets the requirements of optimizing the performance of table SQL queries without increasing the size of the cluster. By using the ALL distribution style for rarely updated small tables, you can ensure that the entire table is copied to every node in the cluster, which eliminates the need for data redistribution during joins. This can improve query performance significantly, especially for frequently joined dimension tables. However, using the ALL distribution style also increases the storage space and the load time, so it is only suitable for small tables that are not updated frequently or extensively. By specifying primary and foreign keys for all tables, you can help the query optimizer to generate better query plans and avoid unnecessary scans or joins. You can also use the AUTO distribution style to let Amazon Redshift choose the optimal distribution style based on the table size and the query patterns. References:

? Choose the best distribution style

? Distribution styles

? Working with data distribution styles

**NEW QUESTION 10**

A data engineer must manage the ingestion of real-time streaming data into AWS. The data engineer wants to perform real-time analytics on the incoming streaming data by using time-based aggregations over a window of up to 30 minutes. The data engineer needs a solution that is highly fault tolerant.

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

- A. Use an AWS Lambda function that includes both the business and the analytics logic to perform time-based aggregations over a window of up to 30 minutes for the data in Amazon Kinesis Data Streams.
- B. Use Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink (previously known as Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics) to analyze the data that might occasionally contain duplicates by using multiple types of aggregations.
- C. Use an AWS Lambda function that includes both the business and the analytics logic to perform aggregations for a tumbling window of up to 30 minutes, based on the event timestamp.
- D. Use Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink (previously known as Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics) to analyze the data by using multiple types of aggregations to perform time-based analytics over a window of up to 30 minutes.

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

This solution meets the requirements of managing the ingestion of real-time streaming data into AWS and performing real-time analytics on the incoming streaming data with the least operational overhead. Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink is a fully managed service that allows you to run Apache Flink applications without having to manage any infrastructure or clusters. Apache Flink is a framework for stateful stream processing that supports various types of aggregations, such as tumbling, sliding, and session windows, over streaming data. By using Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink, you can easily connect

to Amazon Kinesis Data Streams as the source and sink of your streaming data, and perform time-based analytics over a window of up to 30 minutes. This solution is also highly fault tolerant, as Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink automatically scales, monitors, and restarts your Flink applications in case of failures. References:

- ? Amazon Managed Service for Apache Flink
- ? Apache Flink
- ? Window Aggregations in Flink

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A company uses Amazon S3 to store semi-structured data in a transactional data lake. Some of the data files are small, but other data files are tens of terabytes. A data engineer must perform a change data capture (CDC) operation to identify changed data from the data source. The data source sends a full snapshot as a JSON file every day and ingests the changed data into the data lake.

Which solution will capture the changed data MOST cost-effectively?

- A. Create an AWS Lambda function to identify the changes between the previous data and the current dat
- B. Configure the Lambda function to ingest the changes into the data lake.
- C. Ingest the data into Amazon RDS for MySQL
- D. Use AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS) to write the changed data to the data lake.
- E. Use an open source data lake format to merge the data source with the S3 data lake to insert the new data and update the existing data.
- F. Ingest the data into an Amazon Aurora MySQL DB instance that runs Aurora Serverless
- G. Use AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS) to write the changed data to the data lake.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

An open source data lake format, such as Apache Parquet, Apache ORC, or Delta Lake, is a cost-effective way to perform a change data capture (CDC) operation on semi-structured data stored in Amazon S3. An open source data lake format allows you to query data directly from S3 using standard SQL, without the need to move or copy data to another service. An open source data lake format also supports schema evolution, meaning it can handle changes in the data structure over time. An open source data lake format also supports upserts, meaning it can insert new data and update existing data in the same operation, using a merge command. This way, you can efficiently capture the changes from the data source and apply them to the S3 data lake, without duplicating or losing any data. The other options are not as cost-effective as using an open source data lake format, as they involve additional steps or costs. Option A requires you to create and maintain an AWS Lambda function, which can be complex and error-prone. AWS Lambda also has some limits on the execution time, memory, and concurrency, which can affect the performance and reliability of the CDC operation. Option B and D require you to ingest the data into a relational database service, such as Amazon RDS or Amazon Aurora, which can be expensive and unnecessary for semi-structured data. AWS Database Migration Service (AWS DMS) can write the changed data to the data lake, but it also charges you for the data replication and transfer. Additionally, AWS DMS does not support JSON as a source data type, so you would need to convert the data to a supported format before using AWS DMS. References:

- ? What is a data lake?
- ? Choosing a data format for your data lake
- ? Using the MERGE INTO command in Delta Lake
- ? [AWS Lambda quotas]
- ? [AWS Database Migration Service quotas]

#### NEW QUESTION 14

A company created an extract, transform, and load (ETL) data pipeline in AWS Glue. A data engineer must crawl a table that is in Microsoft SQL Server. The data engineer needs to extract, transform, and load the output of the crawl to an Amazon S3 bucket. The data engineer also must orchestrate the data pipeline.

Which AWS service or feature will meet these requirements MOST cost-effectively?

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

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

AWS Glue workflows are a cost-effective way to orchestrate complex ETL jobs that involve multiple crawlers, jobs, and triggers. AWS Glue workflows allow you to visually monitor the progress and dependencies of your ETL tasks, and automatically handle errors and retries. AWS Glue workflows also integrate with other AWS services, such as Amazon S3, Amazon Redshift, and AWS Lambda, among others, enabling you to leverage these services for your data processing workflows. AWS Glue workflows are serverless, meaning you only pay for the resources you use, and you don't have to manage any infrastructure.

AWS Step Functions, AWS Glue Studio, and Amazon MWAA are also possible options for orchestrating ETL pipelines, but they have some drawbacks compared to AWS Glue workflows. AWS Step Functions is a serverless function orchestrator that can handle different types of data processing, such as real-time, batch, and stream processing. However, AWS Step Functions requires you to write code to define your state machines, which can be complex and error-prone. AWS Step Functions also charges you for every state transition, which can add up quickly for large-scale ETL pipelines.

AWS Glue Studio is a graphical interface that allows you to create and run AWS Glue ETL jobs without writing code. AWS Glue Studio simplifies the process of building, debugging, and monitoring your ETL jobs, and provides a range of pre-built transformations and connectors. However, AWS Glue Studio does not support workflows, meaning you cannot orchestrate multiple ETL jobs or crawlers with dependencies and triggers. AWS Glue Studio also does not support streaming data sources or targets, which limits its use cases for real-time data processing.

Amazon MWAA is a fully managed service that makes it easy to run open-source versions of Apache Airflow on AWS and build workflows to run your ETL jobs and data pipelines. Amazon MWAA provides a familiar and flexible environment for data engineers who are familiar with Apache Airflow, and integrates with a range of AWS services such as Amazon EMR, AWS Glue, and AWS Step Functions. However, Amazon MWAA is not serverless, meaning you have to provision and pay for the resources you need, regardless of your usage. Amazon MWAA also requires you to write code to define your DAGs, which can be challenging and time-consuming for complex ETL pipelines. References:

- ? AWS Glue Workflows
- ? AWS Step Functions
- ? AWS Glue Studio
- ? Amazon MWAA
- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide

#### NEW QUESTION 15

A company receives .csv files that contain physical address data. The data is in columns that have the following names: Door\_No, Street\_Name, City, and Zip\_Code. The company wants to create a single column to store these values in the following format:

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{
  "Door_No": "24",
  "Street_Name": "AAA street",
  "City": "BBB",
  "Zip_Code": "111111"
}
```

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

- A. Use AWS Glue DataBrew to read the file
- B. Use the NEST TO ARRAY transformation to create the new column.
- C. Use AWS Glue DataBrew to read the file
- D. Use the NEST TO MAP transformation to create the new column.
- E. Use AWS Glue DataBrew to read the file
- F. Use the PIVOT transformation to create the new column.
- G. Write a Lambda function in Python to read the file
- H. Use the Python data dictionary type to create the new column.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The NEST TO MAP transformation allows you to combine multiple columns into a single column that contains a JSON object with key-value pairs. This is the easiest way to achieve the desired format for the physical address data, as you can simply select the columns to nest and specify the keys for each column. The NEST TO ARRAY transformation creates a single column that contains an array of values, which is not the same as the JSON object format. The PIVOT transformation reshapes the data by creating new columns from unique values in a selected column, which is not applicable for this use case. Writing a Lambda function in Python requires more coding effort than using AWS Glue DataBrew, which provides a visual and interactive interface for data transformations.

References:

? 7 most common data preparation transformations in AWS Glue DataBrew (Section: Nesting and unnesting columns)

? NEST TO MAP - AWS Glue DataBrew (Section: Syntax)

**NEW QUESTION 16**

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 18**

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 21

A data engineer must orchestrate a data pipeline that consists of one AWS Lambda function and one AWS Glue job. The solution must integrate with AWS services.

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

A. Use an AWS Step Functions workflow that includes a state machine

B. Configure the state machine to run the Lambda function and then the AWS Glue job.

C. Use an Apache Airflow workflow that is deployed on an Amazon EC2 instance

D. Define a directed acyclic graph (DAG) in which the first task is to call the Lambda function and the second task is to call the AWS Glue job.

E. Use an AWS Glue workflow to run the Lambda function and then the AWS Glue job.

F. Use an Apache Airflow workflow that is deployed on Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (Amazon EKS). Define a directed acyclic graph (DAG) in which the first task is to call the Lambda function and the second task is to call the AWS Glue job.

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

AWS Step Functions is a service that allows you to coordinate multiple AWS services into serverless workflows. You can use Step Functions to create state machines that define the sequence and logic of the tasks in your workflow. Step Functions supports various types of tasks, such as Lambda functions, AWS Glue jobs, Amazon EMR clusters, Amazon ECS tasks, etc. You can use Step Functions to monitor and troubleshoot your workflows, as well as to handle errors and retries.

Using an AWS Step Functions workflow that includes a state machine to run the Lambda function and then the AWS Glue job will meet the requirements with the least management overhead, as it leverages the serverless and managed capabilities of Step Functions. You do not need to write any code to orchestrate the tasks in your workflow, as you can use the Step Functions console or the AWS Serverless Application Model (AWS SAM) to define and deploy your state machine. You also do not need to provision or manage any servers or clusters, as Step Functions scales automatically based on the demand.

The other options are not as efficient as using an AWS Step Functions workflow. Using an Apache Airflow workflow that is deployed on an Amazon EC2 instance or on Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (Amazon EKS) will require more management overhead, as you will need to provision, configure, and maintain the EC2 instance or the EKS cluster, as well as the Airflow components. You will also need to write and maintain the Airflow DAGs to orchestrate the tasks in your workflow. Using an AWS Glue workflow to run the Lambda function and then the AWS Glue job will not work, as AWS Glue workflows only support AWS Glue jobs and crawlers as tasks, not Lambda functions. References:

? AWS Step Functions

? AWS Glue

? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide, Chapter 6: Data Integration and Transformation, Section 6.3: AWS Step Functions

#### NEW QUESTION 23

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 27

A company uses Amazon RDS for MySQL as the database for a critical application. The database workload is mostly writes, with a small number of reads.

A data engineer notices that the CPU utilization of the DB instance is very high. The high CPU utilization is slowing down the application. The data engineer must reduce the CPU utilization of the DB Instance.

Which actions should the data engineer take to meet this requirement? (Choose two.)

- A. Use the Performance Insights feature of Amazon RDS to identify queries that have high CPU utilization
- B. Optimize the problematic queries.
- C. Modify the database schema to include additional tables and indexes.
- D. Reboot the RDS DB instance once each week.
- E. Upgrade to a larger instance size.
- F. Implement caching to reduce the database query load.

**Answer:** AE

#### Explanation:

Amazon RDS is a fully managed service that provides relational databases in the cloud. Amazon RDS for MySQL is one of the supported database engines that you can use to run your applications. Amazon RDS provides various features and tools to monitor and optimize the performance of your DB instances, such as Performance Insights, Enhanced Monitoring, CloudWatch metrics and alarms, etc.

Using the Performance Insights feature of Amazon RDS to identify queries that have high CPU utilization and optimizing the problematic queries will help reduce the CPU utilization of the DB instance. Performance Insights is a feature that allows you to analyze the load on your DB instance and determine what is causing performance issues. Performance Insights collects, analyzes, and displays database performance data using an interactive dashboard. You can use Performance Insights to identify the top SQL statements, hosts, users, or processes that are consuming the most CPU resources. You can also drill down into the details of each query and see the execution plan, wait events, locks, etc. By using Performance Insights, you can pinpoint the root cause of the high CPU utilization and optimize the queries accordingly. For example, you can rewrite the queries to make them more efficient, add or remove indexes, use prepared statements, etc. Implementing caching to reduce the database query load will also help reduce the CPU utilization of the DB instance. Caching is a technique that allows you to store frequently accessed data in a fast and scalable storage layer, such as Amazon ElastiCache. By using caching, you can reduce the number of requests that hit your database, which in turn reduces the CPU load on your DB instance. Caching also improves the performance and availability of your application, as it reduces the latency and increases the throughput of your data access. You can use caching for various scenarios, such as storing session data, user preferences, application configuration, etc. You can also use caching for read-heavy workloads, such as displaying product details, recommendations, reviews, etc.

The other options are not as effective as using Performance Insights and caching. Modifying the database schema to include additional tables and indexes may or may not improve the CPU utilization, depending on the nature of the workload and the queries. Adding more tables and indexes may increase the complexity and overhead of the database, which may negatively affect the performance. Rebooting the RDS DB instance once each week will not reduce the CPU utilization, as it will not address the underlying cause of the high CPU load. Rebooting may also cause downtime and disruption to your application. Upgrading to a larger instance size may reduce the CPU utilization, but it will also increase the cost and complexity of your solution. Upgrading may also not be necessary if you can optimize the queries and reduce the database load by using caching. References:

? Amazon RDS

? Performance Insights

? Amazon ElastiCache

? [AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide], Chapter 3: Data Storage and Management, Section 3.1: Amazon RDS

### NEW QUESTION 29

A data engineer must orchestrate a series of Amazon Athena queries that will run every day. Each query can run for more than 15 minutes.

Which combination of steps will meet these requirements MOST cost-effectively? (Choose two.)

- A. Use an AWS Lambda function and the Athena Boto3 client start\_query\_execution API call to invoke the Athena queries programmatically.
- B. Create an AWS Step Functions workflow and add two state
- C. Add the first state before the Lambda function
- D. Configure the second state as a Wait state to periodically check whether the Athena query has finished using the Athena Boto3 get\_query\_execution API call
- E. Configure the workflow to invoke the next query when the current query has finished running.
- F. Use an AWS Glue Python shell job and the Athena Boto3 client start\_query\_execution API call to invoke the Athena queries programmatically.
- G. Use an AWS Glue Python shell script to run a sleep timer that checks every 5 minutes to determine whether the current Athena query has finished running successfully
- H. Configure the Python shell script to invoke the next query when the current query has finished running.
- I. Use Amazon Managed Workflows for Apache Airflow (Amazon MWAA) to orchestrate the Athena queries in AWS Batch.

**Answer:** AB

#### Explanation:

Option A and B are the correct answers because they meet the requirements most cost-effectively. Using an AWS Lambda function and the Athena Boto3 client start\_query\_execution API call to invoke the Athena queries programmatically is a simple and scalable way to orchestrate the queries. Creating an AWS Step Functions workflow and adding two states to check the query status and invoke the next query is a reliable and efficient way to handle the long-running queries. Option C is incorrect because using an AWS Glue Python shell job to invoke the Athena queries programmatically is more expensive than using a Lambda function, as it requires provisioning and running a Glue job for each query.

Option D is incorrect because using an AWS Glue Python shell script to run a sleep timer that checks every 5 minutes to determine whether the current Athena query has finished running successfully is not a cost-effective or reliable way to orchestrate the queries, as it wastes resources and time.

Option E is incorrect because using Amazon Managed Workflows for Apache Airflow (Amazon MWAA) to orchestrate the Athena queries in AWS Batch is an overkill solution that introduces unnecessary complexity and cost, as it requires setting up and managing an Airflow environment and an AWS Batch compute environment.

**References:**

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- ? Building Batch Data Analytics Solutions on AWS, Module 5: Data Orchestration, Lesson 5.1: AWS Lambda, Lesson 5.2: AWS Step Functions, Pages 1-15
- ? AWS Documentation Overview, AWS Lambda Developer Guide, Working with AWS Lambda Functions, Configuring Function Triggers, Using AWS Lambda with Amazon Athena, Pages 1-4
- ? AWS Documentation Overview, AWS Step Functions Developer Guide, Getting Started, Tutorial: Create a Hello World Workflow, Pages 1-8

**NEW QUESTION 33**

A company uses Amazon Redshift for its data warehouse. The company must automate refresh schedules for Amazon Redshift materialized views. Which solution will meet this requirement with the LEAST effort?

- A. Use Apache Airflow to refresh the materialized views.
- B. Use an AWS Lambda user-defined function (UDF) within Amazon Redshift to refresh the materialized views.
- C. Use the query editor v2 in Amazon Redshift to refresh the materialized views.
- D. Use an AWS Glue workflow to refresh the materialized views.

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The query editor v2 in Amazon Redshift is a web-based tool that allows users to run SQL queries and scripts on Amazon Redshift clusters. The query editor v2 supports creating and managing materialized views, which are precomputed results of a query that can improve the performance of subsequent queries. The query editor v2 also supports scheduling queries to run at specified intervals, which can be used to refresh materialized views automatically. This solution requires the least effort, as it does not involve any additional services, coding, or configuration. The other solutions are more complex and require more operational overhead. Apache Airflow is an open-source platform for orchestrating workflows, which can be used to refresh materialized views, but it requires setting up and managing an Airflow environment, creating DAGs (directed acyclic graphs) to define the workflows, and integrating with Amazon Redshift. AWS Lambda is a serverless compute service that can run code in response to events, which can be used to refresh materialized views, but it requires creating and deploying Lambda functions, defining UDFs within Amazon Redshift, and triggering the functions using events or schedules. AWS Glue is a fully managed ETL service that can run jobs to transform and load data, which can be used to refresh materialized views, but it requires creating and configuring Glue jobs, defining Glue workflows to orchestrate the jobs, and scheduling the workflows using triggers. References:

- ? Query editor V2
- ? Working with materialized views
- ? Scheduling queries
- ? [AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide]

**NEW QUESTION 34**

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 .cs
- 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 .cs
- 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 .cs
- 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 .cs
- 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 37**

A company loads transaction data for each day into Amazon Redshift tables at the end of each day. The company wants to have the ability to track which tables have been loaded and which tables still need to be loaded.

A data engineer wants to store the load statuses of Redshift tables in an Amazon DynamoDB table. The data engineer creates an AWS Lambda function to publish the details of the load statuses to DynamoDB.

How should the data engineer invoke the Lambda function to write load statuses to the DynamoDB table?

- A. Use a second Lambda function to invoke the first Lambda function based on Amazon CloudWatch events.
- B. Use the Amazon Redshift Data API to publish an event to Amazon EventBridge
- C. Configure an EventBridge rule to invoke the Lambda function.
- D. Use the Amazon Redshift Data API to publish a message to an Amazon Simple Queue Service (Amazon SQS) queue
- E. Configure the SQS queue to invoke the Lambda function.

F. Use a second Lambda function to invoke the first Lambda function based on AWS CloudTrail events.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The Amazon Redshift Data API enables you to interact with your Amazon Redshift data warehouse in an easy and secure way. You can use the Data API to run SQL commands, such as loading data into tables, without requiring a persistent connection to the cluster. The Data API also integrates with Amazon EventBridge, which allows you to monitor the execution status of your SQL commands and trigger actions based on events. By using the Data API to publish an event to EventBridge, the data engineer can invoke the Lambda function that writes the load statuses to the DynamoDB table. This solution is scalable, reliable, and cost-effective. The other options are either not possible or not optimal. You cannot use a second Lambda function to invoke the first Lambda function based on CloudWatch or CloudTrail events, as these services do not capture the load status of Redshift tables. You can use the Data API to publish a message to an SQS queue, but this would require additional configuration and polling logic to invoke the Lambda function from the queue. This would also introduce additional latency and cost. References:

? Using the Amazon Redshift Data API

? Using Amazon EventBridge with Amazon Redshift

? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide, Chapter 2: Data Store Management, Section 2.2: Amazon Redshift

**NEW QUESTION 38**

A company extracts approximately 1 TB of data every day from data sources such as SAP HANA, Microsoft SQL Server, MongoDB, Apache Kafka, and Amazon DynamoDB. Some of the data sources have undefined data schemas or data schemas that change.

A data engineer must implement a solution that can detect the schema for these data sources. The solution must extract, transform, and load the data to an Amazon S3 bucket. The company has a service level agreement (SLA) to load the data into the S3 bucket within 15 minutes of data creation.

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

A. Use Amazon EMR to detect the schema and to extract, transform, and load the data into the S3 bucket.

B. Create a pipeline in Apache Spark.

C. Use AWS Glue to detect the schema and to extract, transform, and load the data into the S3 bucket.

D. Create a pipeline in Apache Spark.

E. Create a PySpark program in AWS Lambda to extract, transform, and load the data into the S3 bucket.

F. Create a stored procedure in Amazon Redshift to detect the schema and to extract, transform, and load the data into a Redshift Spectrum table.

G. Access the table from Amazon S3.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

AWS Glue is a fully managed service that provides a serverless data integration platform. It can automatically discover and categorize data from various sources, including SAP HANA, Microsoft SQL Server, MongoDB, Apache Kafka, and Amazon DynamoDB. It can also infer the schema of the data and store it in the AWS Glue Data Catalog, which is a central metadata repository. AWS Glue can then use the schema information to generate and run Apache Spark code to extract, transform, and load the data into an Amazon S3 bucket. AWS Glue can also monitor and optimize the performance and cost of the data pipeline, and handle any schema changes that may occur in the source data. AWS Glue can meet the SLA of loading the data into the S3 bucket within 15 minutes of data creation, as it can trigger the data pipeline based on events, schedules, or on-demand. AWS Glue has the least operational overhead among the options, as it does not require provisioning, configuring, or managing any servers or clusters. It also handles scaling, patching, and security automatically. References:

? AWS Glue

? [AWS Glue Data Catalog]

? [AWS Glue Developer Guide]

? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide

**NEW QUESTION 39**

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.

References:

? Database Migration - AWS Database Migration Service - AWS



- ? What is AWS Database Migration Service?
- ? AWS Database Migration Service Documentation
- ? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide

**NEW QUESTION 43**

A media company wants to improve a system that recommends media content to customer based on user behavior and preferences. To improve the recommendation system, the company needs to incorporate insights from third-party datasets into the company's existing analytics platform. The company wants to minimize the effort and time required to incorporate third-party datasets. Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A. Use API calls to access and integrate third-party datasets from AWS Data Exchange.
- B. Use API calls to access and integrate third-party datasets from AWS
- C. Use Amazon Kinesis Data Streams to access and integrate third-party datasets from AWS CodeCommit repositories.
- D. Use Amazon Kinesis Data Streams to access and integrate third-party datasets from Amazon Elastic Container Registry (Amazon ECR).

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

AWS Data Exchange is a service that makes it easy to find, subscribe to, and use third-party data in the cloud. It provides a secure and reliable way to access and integrate data from various sources, such as data providers, public datasets, or AWS services. Using AWS Data Exchange, you can browse and subscribe to data products that suit your needs, and then use API calls or the AWS Management Console to export the data to Amazon S3, where you can use it with your existing analytics platform. This solution minimizes the effort and time required to incorporate third-party datasets, as you do not need to set up and manage data pipelines, storage, or access controls. You also benefit from the data quality and freshness provided by the data providers, who can update their data products as frequently as needed<sup>12</sup>.

The other options are not optimal for the following reasons:

? B. Use API calls to access and integrate third-party datasets from AWS. This option is vague and does not specify which AWS service or feature is used to access and integrate third-party datasets. AWS offers a variety of services and features that can help with data ingestion, processing, and analysis, but not all of them are suitable for the given scenario. For example, AWS Glue is a serverless data integration service that can help you discover, prepare, and combine data from various sources, but it requires you to create and run data extraction, transformation, and loading (ETL) jobs, which can add operational overhead<sup>3</sup>.

? C. Use Amazon Kinesis Data Streams to access and integrate third-party datasets from AWS CodeCommit repositories. This option is not feasible, as AWS CodeCommit is a source control service that hosts secure Git-based repositories, not a data source that can be accessed by Amazon Kinesis Data Streams. Amazon Kinesis Data Streams is a service that enables you to capture, process, and analyze data streams in real time, such as clickstream data, application logs, or IoT telemetry. It does not support accessing and integrating data from AWS CodeCommit repositories, which are meant for storing and managing code, not data .

? D. Use Amazon Kinesis Data Streams to access and integrate third-party datasets from Amazon Elastic Container Registry (Amazon ECR). This option is also not feasible, as Amazon ECR is a fully managed container registry service that stores, manages, and deploys container images, not a data source that can be accessed by Amazon Kinesis Data Streams. Amazon Kinesis Data Streams does not support accessing and integrating data from Amazon ECR, which is meant for storing and managing container images, not data .

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- ? 2: AWS Data Exchange FAQs
- ? 3: AWS Glue Developer Guide
- ? : AWS CodeCommit User Guide
- ? : Amazon Kinesis Data Streams Developer Guide
- ? : Amazon Elastic Container Registry User Guide
- ? : Build a Continuous Delivery Pipeline for Your Container Images with Amazon ECR as Source

**NEW QUESTION 46**

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 50**

A company stores daily records of the financial performance of investment portfolios in .csv format in an Amazon S3 bucket. A data engineer uses AWS Glue crawlers to crawl the S3 data.

The data engineer must make the S3 data accessible daily in the AWS Glue Data Catalog. Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Create an IAM role that includes the AmazonS3FullAccess policy
- B. Associate the role with the crawler
- C. Specify the S3 bucket path of the source data as the crawler's data store
- D. Create a daily schedule to run the crawler
- E. Configure the output destination to a new path in the existing S3 bucket.

- F. Create an IAM role that includes the AWSGlueServiceRole policy
- G. Associate the role with the crawler
- H. Specify the S3 bucket path of the source data as the crawler's data store
- I. Create a daily schedule to run the crawler
- J. Specify a database name for the output.
- K. Create an IAM role that includes the AmazonS3FullAccess policy
- L. Associate the role with the crawler
- M. Specify the S3 bucket path of the source data as the crawler's data store
- N. Allocate data processing units (DPUs) to run the crawler every day
- O. Specify a database name for the output.
- P. Create an IAM role that includes the AWSGlueServiceRole policy
- Q. Associate the role with the crawler
- R. Specify the S3 bucket path of the source data as the crawler's data store
- S. Allocate data processing units (DPUs) to run the crawler every day
- T. Configure the output destination to a new path in the existing S3 bucket.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

To make the S3 data accessible daily in the AWS Glue Data Catalog, the data engineer needs to create a crawler that can crawl the S3 data and write the metadata to the Data Catalog. The crawler also needs to run on a daily schedule to keep the Data Catalog updated with the latest data. Therefore, the solution must include the following steps:

? Create an IAM role that has the necessary permissions to access the S3 data and

the Data Catalog. The AWSGlueServiceRole policy is a managed policy that grants these permissions<sup>1</sup>.

? Associate the role with the crawler.

? Specify the S3 bucket path of the source data as the crawler's data store. The crawler will scan the data and infer the schema and format<sup>2</sup>.

? Create a daily schedule to run the crawler. The crawler will run at the specified time every day and update the Data Catalog with any changes in the data<sup>3</sup>.

? Specify a database name for the output. The crawler will create or update a table in the Data Catalog under the specified database. The table will contain the metadata about the data in the S3 bucket, such as the location, schema, and classification.

Option B is the only solution that includes all these steps. Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

Option A is incorrect because it configures the output destination to a new path in the existing S3 bucket. This is unnecessary and may cause confusion, as the crawler does not write any data to the S3 bucket, only metadata to the Data Catalog.

Option C is incorrect because it allocates data processing units (DPUs) to run the crawler every day. This is also unnecessary, as DPUs are only used for AWS Glue ETL jobs, not crawlers.

Option D is incorrect because it combines the errors of option A and C. It configures the output destination to a new path in the existing S3 bucket and allocates DPUs to run the crawler every day, both of which are irrelevant for the crawler.

References:

? 1: AWS managed (predefined) policies for AWS Glue - AWS Glue

? 2: Data Catalog and crawlers in AWS Glue - AWS Glue

? 3: Scheduling an AWS Glue crawler - AWS Glue

? [4]: Parameters set on Data Catalog tables by crawler - AWS Glue

? [5]: AWS Glue pricing - Amazon Web Services (AWS)

**NEW QUESTION 53**

A data engineer must ingest a source of structured data that is in .csv format into an Amazon S3 data lake. The .csv files contain 15 columns. Data analysts need to run Amazon Athena queries on one or two columns of the dataset. The data analysts rarely query the entire file.

Which solution will meet these requirements MOST cost-effectively?

- A. Use an AWS Glue PySpark job to ingest the source data into the data lake in .csv format.
- B. Create an AWS Glue extract, transform, and load (ETL) job to read from the .csv structured data source
- C. Configure the job to ingest the data into the data lake in JSON format.
- D. Use an AWS Glue PySpark job to ingest the source data into the data lake in Apache Avro format.
- E. Create an AWS Glue extract, transform, and load (ETL) job to read from the .csv structured data source
- F. Configure the job to write the data into the data lake in Apache Parquet format.

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Amazon Athena is a serverless interactive query service that allows you to analyze data in Amazon S3 using standard SQL. Athena supports various data formats, such as CSV, JSON, ORC, Avro, and Parquet. However, not all data formats are equally efficient for querying. Some data formats, such as CSV and JSON, are row-oriented, meaning that they store data as a sequence of records, each with the same fields. Row-oriented formats are suitable for loading and exporting data, but they are not optimal for analytical queries that often access only a subset of columns. Row-oriented formats also do not support compression or encoding techniques that can reduce the data size and improve the query performance.

On the other hand, some data formats, such as ORC and Parquet, are column-oriented, meaning that they store data as a collection of columns, each with a specific data type. Column-oriented formats are ideal for analytical queries that often filter, aggregate, or join data by columns. Column-oriented formats also support compression and encoding techniques that can reduce the data size and improve the query performance. For example, Parquet supports dictionary encoding, which replaces repeated values with numeric codes, and run-length encoding, which replaces consecutive identical values with a single value and a count. Parquet also supports various compression algorithms, such as Snappy, GZIP, and ZSTD, that can further reduce the data size and improve the query performance.

Therefore, creating an AWS Glue extract, transform, and load (ETL) job to read from the .csv structured data source and writing the data into the data lake in Apache Parquet format will meet the requirements most cost-effectively. AWS Glue is a fully managed service that provides a serverless data integration platform for data preparation, data cataloging, and data loading. AWS Glue ETL jobs allow you to transform and load data from various sources into various targets, using either a graphical interface (AWS Glue Studio) or a code-based interface (AWS Glue console or AWS Glue API). By using AWS Glue ETL jobs, you can easily convert the data from CSV to Parquet format, without having to write or manage any code. Parquet is a column-oriented format that allows Athena to scan only the relevant columns and skip the rest, reducing the amount of data read from S3. This solution will also reduce the cost of Athena queries, as Athena charges based on the amount of data scanned from S3.

The other options are not as cost-effective as creating an AWS Glue ETL job to write the data into the data lake in Parquet format. Using an AWS Glue PySpark job to ingest the source data into the data lake in .csv format will not improve the query performance or reduce the query cost, as .csv is a row-oriented format that does not support columnar access or compression. Creating an AWS Glue ETL job to ingest the data into the data lake in JSON format will not improve the query performance or reduce the query cost, as JSON is also a row-oriented format that does not support columnar access or compression. Using an AWS Glue PySpark job to ingest the source data into the data lake in Apache Avro format will improve the query performance, as Avro is a column-oriented format that supports compression and encoding, but it will require more operational effort, as you will need to write and maintain PySpark code to convert the data from CSV

to Avro format. References:

? Amazon Athena

? Choosing the Right Data Format

? AWS Glue

? [AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide], Chapter 5: Data Analysis and Visualization, Section 5.1: Amazon Athena

#### NEW QUESTION 56

A company is developing an application that runs on Amazon EC2 instances. Currently, the data that the application generates is temporary. However, the company needs to persist the data, even if the EC2 instances are terminated.

A data engineer must launch new EC2 instances from an Amazon Machine Image (AMI) and configure the instances to preserve the data.

Which solution will meet this requirement?

- A. Launch new EC2 instances by using an AMI that is backed by an EC2 instance store volume that contains the application data
- B. Apply the default settings to the EC2 instances.
- C. Launch new EC2 instances by using an AMI that is backed by a root Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) volume that contains the application data
- D. Apply the default settings to the EC2 instances.
- E. Launch new EC2 instances by using an AMI that is backed by an EC2 instance store volume
- F. Attach an Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) volume to contain the application data
- G. Apply the default settings to the EC2 instances.
- H. Launch new EC2 instances by using an AMI that is backed by an Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) volume
- I. Attach an additional EC2 instance store volume to contain the application data
- J. Apply the default settings to the EC2 instances.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

Amazon EC2 instances can use two types of storage volumes: instance store volumes and Amazon EBS volumes. Instance store volumes are ephemeral, meaning they are only attached to the instance for the duration of its life cycle. If the instance is stopped, terminated, or fails, the data on the instance store volume is lost. Amazon EBS volumes are persistent, meaning they can be detached from the instance and attached to another instance, and the data on the volume is preserved. To meet the requirement of persisting the data even if the EC2 instances are terminated, the data engineer must use Amazon EBS volumes to store the application data. The solution is to launch new EC2 instances by using an AMI that is backed by an EC2 instance store volume, which is the default option for most AMIs. Then, the data engineer must attach an Amazon EBS volume to each instance and configure the application to write the data to the EBS volume. This way, the data will be saved on the EBS volume and can be accessed by another instance if needed. The data engineer can apply the default settings to the EC2 instances, as there is no need to modify the instance type, security group, or IAM role for this solution. The other options are either not feasible or not optimal. Launching new EC2 instances by using an AMI that is backed by an EC2 instance store volume that contains the application data (option A) or by using an AMI that is backed by a root Amazon EBS volume that contains the application data (option B) would not work, as the data on the AMI would be outdated and overwritten by the new instances. Attaching an additional EC2 instance store volume to contain the application data (option D) would not work, as the data on the instance store volume would be lost if the instance is terminated. References:

? Amazon EC2 Instance Store

? Amazon EBS Volumes

? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide, Chapter 2: Data Store Management, Section 2.1: Amazon EC2

#### NEW QUESTION 57

A company uses an Amazon Redshift provisioned cluster as its database. The Redshift cluster has five reserved ra3.4xlarge nodes and uses key distribution.

A data engineer notices that one of the nodes frequently has a CPU load over 90%. SQL Queries that run on the node are queued. The other four nodes usually have a CPU load under 15% during daily operations.

The data engineer wants to maintain the current number of compute nodes. The data engineer also wants to balance the load more evenly across all five compute nodes.

Which solution will meet these requirements?

- A. Change the sort key to be the data column that is most often used in a WHERE clause of the SQL SELECT statement.
- B. Change the distribution key to the table column that has the largest dimension.
- C. Upgrade the reserved node from ra3.4xlarge to ra3.16xlarge.
- D. Change the primary key to be the data column that is most often used in a WHERE clause of the SQL SELECT statement.

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

Changing the distribution key to the table column that has the largest dimension will help to balance the load more evenly across all five compute nodes. The distribution key determines how the rows of a table are distributed among the slices of the cluster. If the distribution key is not chosen wisely, it can cause data skew, meaning some slices will have more data than others, resulting in uneven CPU load and query performance. By choosing the table column that has the largest dimension, meaning the column that has the most distinct values, as the distribution key, the data engineer can ensure that the rows are distributed more uniformly across the slices, reducing data skew and improving query performance.

The other options are not solutions that will meet the requirements. Option A, changing the sort key to be the data column that is most often used in a WHERE clause of the SQL SELECT statement, will not affect the data distribution or the CPU load. The sort key determines the order in which the rows of a table are stored on disk, which can improve the performance of range-restricted queries, but not the load balancing. Option C, upgrading the reserved node from ra3.4xlarge to ra3.16xlarge, will not maintain the current number of compute nodes, as it will increase the cost and the capacity of the cluster. Option D, changing the primary key to be the data column that is most often used in a WHERE clause of the SQL SELECT statement, will not affect the data distribution or the CPU load either.

The primary key is a constraint that enforces the uniqueness of the rows in a table, but it does not influence the data layout or the query optimization. References:

? Choosing a data distribution style

? Choosing a data sort key

? Working with primary keys

#### NEW QUESTION 59

A healthcare company uses Amazon Kinesis Data Streams to stream real-time health data from wearable devices, hospital equipment, and patient records.

A data engineer needs to find a solution to process the streaming data. The data engineer needs to store the data in an Amazon Redshift Serverless warehouse.

The solution must support near real-time analytics of the streaming data and the previous day's data. Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST operational overhead?

- A. Load data into Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose



- B. Load the data into Amazon Redshift.
- C. Use the streaming ingestion feature of Amazon Redshift.
- D. Load the data into Amazon S3. Use the COPY command to load the data into Amazon Redshift.
- E. Use the Amazon Aurora zero-ETL integration with Amazon Redshift.

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

The streaming ingestion feature of Amazon Redshift enables you to ingest data from streaming sources, such as Amazon Kinesis Data Streams, into Amazon Redshift tables in near real-time. You can use the streaming ingestion feature to process the streaming data from the wearable devices, hospital equipment, and patient records. The streaming ingestion feature also supports incremental updates, which means you can append new data or update existing data in the Amazon Redshift tables. This way, you can store the data in an Amazon Redshift Serverless warehouse and support near real-time analytics of the streaming data and the previous day's data. This solution meets the requirements with the least operational overhead, as it does not require any additional services or components to ingest and process the streaming data. The other options are either not feasible or not optimal. Loading data into Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose and then into Amazon Redshift (option A) would introduce additional latency and cost, as well as require additional configuration and management. Loading data into Amazon S3 and then using the COPY command to load the data into Amazon Redshift (option C) would also introduce additional latency and cost, as well as require additional storage space and ETL logic. Using the Amazon Aurora zero-ETL integration with Amazon Redshift (option D) would not work, as it requires the data to be stored in Amazon Aurora first, which is not the case for the streaming data from the healthcare company. References:

? Using streaming ingestion with Amazon Redshift

? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide, Chapter 3: Data Ingestion and Transformation, Section 3.5: Amazon Redshift Streaming Ingestion

**NEW QUESTION 64**

A company uses Amazon RDS to store transactional data. The company runs an RDS DB instance in a private subnet. A developer wrote an AWS Lambda function with default settings to insert, update, or delete data in the DB instance.

The developer needs to give the Lambda function the ability to connect to the DB instance privately without using the public internet.

Which combination of steps will meet this requirement with the LEAST operational overhead? (Choose two.)

- A. Turn on the public access setting for the DB instance.
- B. Update the security group of the DB instance to allow only Lambda function invocations on the database port.
- C. Configure the Lambda function to run in the same subnet that the DB instance uses.
- D. Attach the same security group to the Lambda function and the DB instance.
- E. Include a self-referencing rule that allows access through the database port.
- F. Update the network ACL of the private subnet to include a self-referencing rule that allows access through the database port.

**Answer:** CD

**Explanation:**

To enable the Lambda function to connect to the RDS DB instance privately without using the public internet, the best combination of steps is to configure the Lambda function to run in the same subnet that the DB instance uses, and attach the same security group to the Lambda function and the DB instance. This way, the Lambda function and the DB instance can communicate within the same private network, and the security group can allow traffic between them on the database port. This solution has the least operational overhead, as it does not require any changes to the public access setting, the network ACL, or the security group of the DB instance.

The other options are not optimal for the following reasons:

? A. Turn on the public access setting for the DB instance. This option is not recommended, as it would expose the DB instance to the public internet, which can compromise the security and privacy of the data. Moreover, this option would not enable the Lambda function to connect to the DB instance privately, as it would still require the Lambda function to use the public internet to access the DB instance.

? B. Update the security group of the DB instance to allow only Lambda function invocations on the database port. This option is not sufficient, as it would only modify the inbound rules of the security group of the DB instance, but not the outbound rules of the security group of the Lambda function. Moreover, this option would not enable the Lambda function to connect to the DB instance privately, as it would still require the Lambda function to use the public internet to access the DB instance.

? E. Update the network ACL of the private subnet to include a self-referencing rule

that allows access through the database port. This option is not necessary, as the network ACL of the private subnet already allows all traffic within the subnet by default. Moreover, this option would not enable the Lambda function to connect to the DB instance privately, as it would still require the Lambda function to use the public internet to access the DB instance.

References:

? 1: Connecting to an Amazon RDS DB instance

? 2: Configuring a Lambda function to access resources in a VPC

? 3: Working with security groups

? : Network ACLs

**NEW QUESTION 68**

A company currently stores all of its data in Amazon S3 by using the S3 Standard storage class.

A data engineer examined data access patterns to identify trends. During the first 6 months, most data files are accessed several times each day. Between 6 months and 2 years, most data files are accessed once or twice each month. After 2 years, data files are accessed only once or twice each year.

The data engineer needs to use an S3 Lifecycle policy to develop new data storage rules. The new storage solution must continue to provide high availability.

Which solution will meet these requirements in the MOST cost-effective way?

- A. Transition objects to S3 One Zone-Infrequent Access (S3 One Zone-IA) after 6 month
- B. Transfer objects to S3 Glacier Flexible Retrieval after 2 years.
- C. Transition objects to S3 Standard-Infrequent Access (S3 Standard-IA) after 6 month
- D. Transfer objects to S3 Glacier Flexible Retrieval after 2 years.
- E. Transition objects to S3 Standard-Infrequent Access (S3 Standard-IA) after 6 month
- F. Transfer objects to S3 Glacier Deep Archive after 2 years.
- G. Transition objects to S3 One Zone-Infrequent Access (S3 One Zone-IA) after 6 month
- H. Transfer objects to S3 Glacier Deep Archive after 2 years.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

To achieve the most cost-effective storage solution, the data engineer needs to use an S3 Lifecycle policy that transitions objects to lower-cost storage classes

based on their access patterns, and deletes them when they are no longer needed. The storage classes should also provide high availability, which means they should be resilient to the loss of data in a single Availability Zone<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, the solution must include the following steps:

? Transition objects to S3 Standard-Infrequent Access (S3 Standard-IA) after 6 months. S3 Standard-IA is designed for data that is accessed less frequently, but requires rapid access when needed. It offers the same high durability, throughput, and low latency as S3 Standard, but with a lower storage cost and a retrieval fee<sup>2</sup>.

Therefore, it is suitable for data files that are accessed once or twice each month. S3 Standard-IA also provides high availability, as it stores data redundantly across multiple Availability Zones<sup>1</sup>.

? Transfer objects to S3 Glacier Deep Archive after 2 years. S3 Glacier Deep Archive is the lowest-cost storage class that offers secure and durable storage for data that is rarely accessed and can tolerate a 12-hour retrieval time. It is ideal for long-term archiving and digital preservation<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, it is suitable for data files that are accessed only once or twice each year. S3 Glacier Deep Archive also provides high availability, as it stores data across at least three geographically dispersed Availability Zones<sup>1</sup>.

? Delete objects when they are no longer needed. The data engineer can specify an expiration action in the S3 Lifecycle policy to delete objects after a certain period of time. This will reduce the storage cost and comply with any data retention policies.

Option C is the only solution that includes all these steps. Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

Option A is incorrect because it transitions objects to S3 One Zone-Infrequent Access (S3 One Zone-IA) after 6 months. S3 One Zone-IA is similar to S3 Standard-IA, but it stores data in a single Availability Zone. This means it has a lower availability and durability than S3 Standard-IA, and it is not resilient to the loss of data in a single Availability Zone<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, it does not provide high availability as required.

Option B is incorrect because it transfers objects to S3 Glacier Flexible Retrieval after 2 years. S3 Glacier Flexible Retrieval is a storage class that offers secure and durable storage for data that is accessed infrequently and can tolerate a retrieval time of minutes to hours. It is more expensive than S3 Glacier Deep Archive, and it is not suitable for data that is accessed only once or twice each year<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, it is not the most cost-effective option.

Option D is incorrect because it combines the errors of option A and B. It transitions objects to S3 One Zone-IA after 6 months, which does not provide high availability, and it transfers objects to S3 Glacier Flexible Retrieval after 2 years, which is not the most cost-effective option.

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? 1: Amazon S3 storage classes - Amazon Simple Storage Service

? 2: Amazon S3 Standard-Infrequent Access (S3 Standard-IA) - Amazon Simple Storage Service

? 3: Amazon S3 Glacier and S3 Glacier Deep Archive - Amazon Simple Storage Service

? [4]: Expiring objects - Amazon Simple Storage Service

? [5]: Managing your storage lifecycle - Amazon Simple Storage Service

? [6]: Examples of S3 Lifecycle configuration - Amazon Simple Storage Service

? [7]: Amazon S3 Lifecycle further optimizes storage cost savings with new features

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## NEW QUESTION 71

A company is building an analytics solution. The solution uses Amazon S3 for data lake storage and Amazon Redshift for a data warehouse. The company wants to use Amazon Redshift Spectrum to query the data that is in Amazon S3.

Which actions will provide the FASTEST queries? (Choose two.)

- A. Use gzip compression to compress individual files to sizes that are between 1 GB and 5 GB.
- B. Use a columnar storage file format.
- C. Partition the data based on the most common query predicates.
- D. Split the data into files that are less than 10 KB.
- E. Use file formats that are not

**Answer: BC**

### Explanation:

Amazon Redshift Spectrum is a feature that allows you to run SQL queries directly against data in Amazon S3, without loading or transforming the data. Redshift Spectrum can query various data formats, such as CSV, JSON, ORC, Avro, and Parquet. However, not all data formats are equally efficient for querying. Some data formats, such as CSV and JSON, are row-oriented, meaning that they store data as a sequence of records, each with the same fields. Row-oriented formats are suitable for loading and exporting data, but they are not optimal for analytical queries that often access only a subset of columns. Row-oriented formats also do not support compression or encoding techniques that can reduce the data size and improve the query performance.

On the other hand, some data formats, such as ORC and Parquet, are column-oriented, meaning that they store data as a collection of columns, each with a specific data type. Column-oriented formats are ideal for analytical queries that often filter, aggregate, or join data by columns. Column-oriented formats also support compression and encoding techniques that can reduce the data size and improve the query performance. For example, Parquet supports dictionary encoding, which replaces repeated values with numeric codes, and run-length encoding, which replaces consecutive identical values with a single value and a count. Parquet also supports various compression algorithms, such as Snappy, GZIP, and ZSTD, that can further reduce the data size and improve the query performance.

Therefore, using a columnar storage file format, such as Parquet, will provide faster queries, as it allows Redshift Spectrum to scan only the relevant columns and skip the rest, reducing the amount of data read from S3. Additionally, partitioning the data based on the most common query predicates, such as date, time, region, etc., will provide faster queries, as it allows Redshift Spectrum to prune the partitions that do not match the query criteria, reducing the amount of data scanned from S3. Partitioning also improves the performance of joins and aggregations, as it reduces data skew and shuffling.

The other options are not as effective as using a columnar storage file format and partitioning the data. Using gzip compression to compress individual files to sizes that are between 1 GB and 5 GB will reduce the data size, but it will not improve the query performance significantly, as gzip is not a splittable compression algorithm and requires decompression before reading. Splitting the data into files that are less than 10 KB will increase the number of files and the metadata overhead, which will degrade the query performance. Using file formats that are not supported by Redshift Spectrum, such as XML, will not work, as Redshift Spectrum will not be able to read or parse the data. References:

? Amazon Redshift Spectrum

? Choosing the Right Data Format

? AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide, Chapter 4: Data Lakes and Data Warehouses, Section 4.3: Amazon Redshift Spectrum

## NEW QUESTION 72

A data engineer is configuring an AWS Glue job to read data from an Amazon S3 bucket. The data engineer has set up the necessary AWS Glue connection details and an associated IAM role. However, when the data engineer attempts to run the AWS Glue job, the data engineer receives an error message that indicates that there are problems with the Amazon S3 VPC gateway endpoint.

The data engineer must resolve the error and connect the AWS Glue job to the S3 bucket. Which solution will meet this requirement?

- A. Update the AWS Glue security group to allow inbound traffic from the Amazon S3 VPC gateway endpoint.
- B. Configure an S3 bucket policy to explicitly grant the AWS Glue job permissions to access the S3 bucket.
- C. Review the AWS Glue job code to ensure that the AWS Glue connection details include a fully qualified domain name.
- D. Verify that the VPC's route table includes inbound and outbound routes for the Amazon S3 VPC gateway endpoint.

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

The error message indicates that the AWS Glue job cannot access the Amazon S3 bucket through the VPC endpoint. This could be because the VPC's route table does not have the necessary routes to direct the traffic to the endpoint. To fix this, the data engineer must verify that the route table has an entry for the Amazon S3 service prefix (com.amazonaws.region.s3) with the target as the VPC endpoint ID. This will allow the AWS Glue job to use the VPC endpoint to access the S3 bucket without going through the internet or a NAT gateway. For more information, see Gateway endpointsR. eferences:

? Troubleshoot the AWS Glue error "VPC S3 endpoint validation failed"

? Amazon VPC endpoints for Amazon S3

? [AWS Certified Data Engineer - Associate DEA-C01 Complete Study Guide]

**NEW QUESTION 74**

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:

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**NEW QUESTION 75**

A company receives call logs as Amazon S3 objects that contain sensitive customer information. The company must protect the S3 objects by using encryption. The company must also use encryption keys that only specific employees can access.

Which solution will meet these requirements with the LEAST effort?

- A. Use an AWS CloudHSM cluster to store the encryption key
- B. Configure the process that writes to Amazon S3 to make calls to CloudHSM to encrypt and decrypt the object
- C. Deploy an IAM policy that restricts access to the CloudHSM cluster.
- D. Use server-side encryption with customer-provided keys (SSE-C) to encrypt the objects that contain customer informatio
- E. Restrict access to the keys that encrypt the objects.
- F. Use server-side encryption with AWS KMS keys (SSE-KMS) to encrypt the objects that contain customer informatio
- G. Configure an IAM policy that restricts access to the KMS keys that encrypt the objects.
- H. Use server-side encryption with Amazon S3 managed keys (SSE-S3) to encrypt the objects that contain customer informatio
- I. Configure an IAM policy that restricts access to the Amazon S3 managed keys that encrypt the objects.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

Option C is the best solution to meet the requirements with the least effort because server-side encryption with AWS KMS keys (SSE-KMS) is a feature that allows you to encrypt data at rest in Amazon S3 using keys managed by AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS). AWS KMS is a fully managed service that enables you to create and manage encryption keys for your AWS services and applications. AWS KMS also allows you to define granular access policies for your keys, such as who can use them to encrypt and decrypt data, and under what conditions. By using SSE-KMS, you can protect your S3 objects by using encryption keys that only specific employees can access, without having to manage the encryption and decryption process yourself.

Option A is not a good solution because it involves using AWS CloudHSM, which is a service that provides hardware security modules (HSMs) in the AWS Cloud. AWS CloudHSM allows you to generate and use your own encryption keys on dedicated hardware that is compliant with various standards and regulations.

However, AWS CloudHSM is not a fully managed service and requires more effort to set up and maintain than AWS KMS. Moreover, AWS CloudHSM does not integrate with Amazon S3, so you have to configure the process that writes to S3 to make calls to CloudHSM to encrypt and decrypt the objects, which adds complexity and latency to the data protection process. Option B is not a good solution because it involves using server-side encryption with customer-provided keys (SSE-C), which is a feature that allows you to encrypt data at rest in Amazon S3 using keys that you provide and manage yourself. SSE-C requires you to send your encryption key along with each request to upload or retrieve an object. However, SSE-C does not provide any mechanism to restrict access to the keys that encrypt the objects, so you have to implement your own key management and access control system, which adds more effort and risk to the data protection process.

Option D is not a good solution because it involves using server-side encryption with Amazon S3 managed keys (SSE-S3), which is a feature that allows you to encrypt data at rest in Amazon S3 using keys that are managed by Amazon S3. SSE-S3 automatically encrypts and decrypts your objects as they are uploaded and downloaded from S3. However, SSE-S3 does not allow you to control who can access the encryption keys or under what conditions. SSE-S3 uses a single encryption key for each S3 bucket, which is shared by all users who have access to the bucket. This means that you cannot restrict access to the keys that encrypt the objects by specific employees, which does not meet the requirements.

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