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Troubleshooting Slow Running Beam Pipelines

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Hello!

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Q Goals

- Apache Beam pipeline troubleshooting techniques that would empower professionals to research and resolve Beam issues by themselves.
- Self service skills would reduce MTTR (Mean Time To Recover) significantly
- Share some tricks and samples of troubleshooting slow running beam pipelines using Dataflow as an example

Troubleshooting Slow Running Beam Pipelines

How to identify if the beam pipeline is slow/stuck

- Pipeline is running from a long time without reporting results
- Increased data watermark or system latency
- Pipeline is not consuming input





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Troubleshooting using Logs Explorer View

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Troubleshooting using Job Metrics Tab

Throughput dropping to zero



Check under "Job Metrics" tab for various metrics

High CPU Utilization



High CPU Utilization



Data Freshness





Stragglers in batch job

When a batch job takes a long time to process data, it would be best to check on the <u>Straggler Workers</u>



There can be various causes of stragglers:

- Hot Keys: Hot keys can create stragglers because they limit ability of Dataflow to process elements in parallel.
 - a. Re-key your data. Apply a ParDo transform to output new key-value pairs.

• **Re-shuffle your data** to avoid a single worker having extra load

Scenario 1: Long active user operation



Processing Stuck/ Operation ongoing

From Logs Explorer



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https://github.com/apache/beam/blob/master/sdks/java/io/google-cloud-platform/src/main/java/org/apache/beam/sdk/io/gcp/bigguery/BigQueryHelpers.java

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Apache Beam Issues/Feature Request

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Scenario 2: GC Thrashing/OOM

GC Thrashing/OOM: Diagnostics Tab



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GC Thrashing/OOM



General Recommendations

- Use machine types with higher memory
 Link: <u>goo.gle/45USWe3</u>
- Decrease the parallelism of processing by reducing the number of worker harness threads
 Link: <u>goo.gle/45RM6WT</u>
- Do vertical autoscaling (Enable Dataflow Prime)
 Link: <u>goo.gle/3r3KZjv</u>



Performance Optimization using Dataflow profiling

Cloud Profiler is available for Dataflow pipelines written in Apache Beam SDK for Java and Python, version 2.33.0 or later.

It can be enabled at pipeline start time.

E.g. For Java SDK, to enable CPU profiling, start the pipeline with the following option

--dataflowServiceOptions=enable_google_cloud_profiler





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QUESTIONS?

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