Use of shared handles for Cache reuse across DoFn’s in Python

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Agenda

- Who am I?
- Strivr’s stream processing platform
- Use Case
  - Initial approaches
  - Solution that worked
- Q & A
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● Immersive Learning platform

● End-to-end solution for immersive learning at scale
Strivr - Stream Processing platform

VR Headset

Source

Google Cloud Storage

Stream Processing

Google Dataflow

Cloud Pub/Sub

Sink

Google Cloud Storage

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Problem Statement

- Processing events received from the headsets
- Device metadata available in our Database backend
- Enrich events with the metadata (location)
- Metadata size less than 1 MB
Side Inputs - Approach

- Read Location metadata from file in GCS
- Embed each event with location metadata
- Refreshing the side input every 1 hour
Side Inputs - Issues

- Upon deployment we started seeing issues
- Errors messages
  - "Error message from worker: generic::data_loss: SDK claims to have processed 90959 but should have processed 90077 elements"
- Dataflow pipeline autoscaled workers
- Worsening data freshness
- Pipeline not successfully draining
Stateful Dofn - Approach

- Group events by device id
- Using stateful Dofn to read location metadata from Datastore
- Append the metadata to the events
- Refresh the state every 1 hour
Stateful Dofn - Issues

- Noticed major bottle neck at the stateful dofn step
- Increased data freshness from that step
- Rewindowing to global windows and fixed windows could possible issues downstream
Shared cache - One that worked!

- Read the location data from a GCS file
- Load the file into a shared cache object as a dict
- Refresh cache object after a fixed time interval (1 hour)
- Given the timestamp of the current event, gets either the cached object of the dict or refreshes it from GCS file.
Sample code

- Here is the repo with the sample code
Questions?
Thank You!

Let’s connect!

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