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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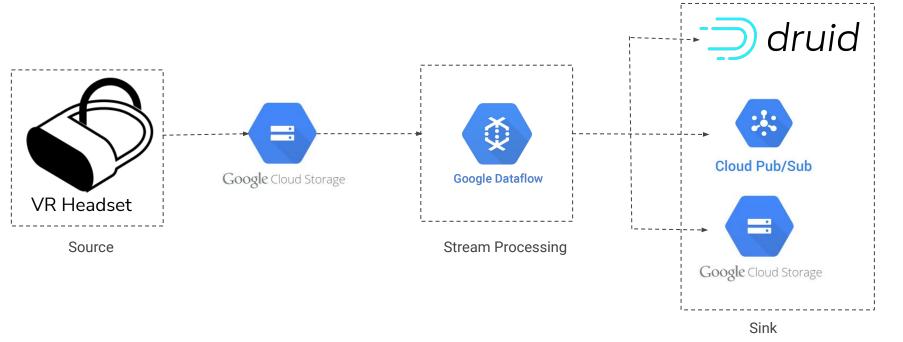
Immersive Learning platform

 End-to-end solution for immersive learning at scale



Strivr - Stream Processing platform





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



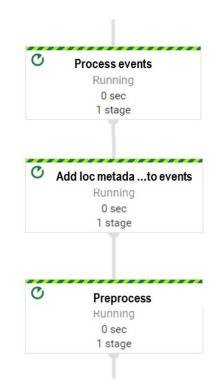
- Noticed major bottle neck at the stateful dofn step
- Increased data freshness from that step
- Rewindowing to global windows and fixed windows could possible issues downstream



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 <u>repo</u> with the sample code



Questions?



Thank You!

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