

Aurora extract: DoorDash's journey from Aurora Postgres to CockroachDB

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SINGLE PRIMARY

MULTIPLE WRITERS

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- Vertical federation
 - extract tables to separate Aurora clusters
- Horizontal sharding
 migrate to CockroachDB



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MOTIVATION

RDS UPGRADES Far from hitless Lead to prolonged outages CLICK & PRAY

$9.5 \Rightarrow 9.6 \Rightarrow 10 \Rightarrow 11 \Rightarrow 12$ One major version at a time

 $RDS \mapsto AURORA$ One extra step to go from plain RDS to RDS Aurora



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PHILOSOPHY: Invest into reusable tools that would automate all of the most tricky bits

- ⇒ Minimize labor, never go through the same effort again, multiply the velocity at which we can proceed
- ⇒ Constantly improve and enhance the tool, invest on it and commoditize it via autotuning so any engineer can just fire it up
- ⇒ Provide a convenient UI that holds your hand during the operation and allows to edit the generated SQL
- ⇒ Add safeguards and autotuning, minimize the opportunities for human error
- ⇒ Allow for emergency revert in as few clicks as possible
- ⇒ Safely operate over production databases, both source and destination

TRADITIONAL MIGRATION PITFALLS

- Aurora CDC: logical replication, 40% overhead on single primary not available on 9.6
 exposes to the danger of OOM killer
- ⇒ Triggers (for migrations) or Double Writes (for extractions)
 synchronous and tightly coupled,
 work can't be suspended and resumed as needed
- ⇒ Destination CPU overload & Aurora replica lag

Source contention and CPU oveload

⇒ Heavy vacuuming or downtime due to transaction wraparound
 ⇒ Page buffer contention (Aurora) / hopping hotspots (CRDB)
 ⇒ High CRDB commit latency ⇒ large bandwidth-delay product

⇒ tail changes directly from tables

- ⇒ poll instead of push
- ⇒ feedback loop and PID controller
- ⇒ load balance writes across cluster
- ⇒ load balance reads across read replicas

aurora_replica_status() & crdb_internal.kv_node_status & show ranges

- \Rightarrow auto-tunable batch size
- ⇒ spread out batches/distant extents
- ⇒ fill BDP via massive parallelism

KEEP IT SIMPLE STUPID!

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- ⇒ At any point in time, have a clear Source of Truth
 - before the extraction, the SoT is the "old" database and the new database catches up
 - after the extraction, the SoT is the "new" database and the old database catches up
- ⇒ There's no need or desire to replay each and every individual change
 - we don't need to capture all changes, but just **what** changed (i.e. what was inserted, updated, or deleted)
 - always fast-forward to the latest will need a rolling max of the replication lag to have a truthful estimate
- ⇒ If possible, avoid pulling and pushing data via a client
 - leverage foreign data wrappers
- ⇒ If/when we can't leverage foreign data wrappers,
 - maximize parallelism so as to be able to fill the much greater bandwidth-delay product
- ⇒ Iterative looping & chunking ⇒ several python asyncic event loops with multi-processing vs.

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code-generated DML SQL

⇒ Declarative transformations, filtering & syncing

Source DataBase Introspection

GENERATION Desegues Source Setup DDL

- add __updated_at column if missing
- lightweight triggers
 - bypass idempotent writes
 - bump update timestamp only if client didn't
 - track deletes in outbox
- foreign servers (destination primary / replicas / CRDB)
- foreign tables
- delete outboxes
- unique constraint violation resolution logs/backups
- CRDB Destination Setup
 - table & sequence definitions
 - changefeeds
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CODE

- Postgres Destination Setup DDL
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• "Hybrid" PgBouncer setup derived automagically from regular source pgbouncer via code generation

RUNTIME BEHAVIOR

Generate DML SQL that (optionally) accounts for:

- Changes in schema and required data transformations
- Changes in primary key
- Desired constraint to **upsert** by
- Any desired filtering
 careful about cardinality if not supported by appropriate index!
- Desired behavior
 - only clobber if more recent
 - \circ only clobber if missing / just fill the gaps along the desired constraint
 - never clobber / just insert rows that do not violate <u>any</u> constraint
 - \mapsto useful to speed-up resolution
 - always clobber / repave
 - just compare the two databases for consistency

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RUNTIME BEHAVIOR

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Iteratively issue DML SQL against <u>far-apart</u> chunks of:

- range key / circular key (i.e. random integer or UUID) / timestamp (i.e. created_at or updated_at).
 all mapped to integers for simplicity to keep a single, coherent implementation
- deletes captured in delete outbox
- primary keys from changefeed

If unable to SET SESSION_REPLICATION_ROLE = 'REPLICA', catch & resolve constraint violations automatically as you go.

Perform careful checkpointing, so as to be able to pause and resume the initial import.

Keep catching up after initial import.

careful with high watermarks: account for the latency between a write and its commit!

Finally, cut the source of truth over!



TABLE EXTRACTION TO (AURORA) POSTGRES: before cutover



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TABLE EXTRACTION TO (AURORA) POSTGRES: after cutover



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FORKLIFT EXTRACTION TO CRDB:

before cutover



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cutover

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FORKLIFT EXTRACTION TO CRDB:

before revert



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revert

FORKLIFT EXTRACTION TO CRDB:

after revert





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THIS ITALIAN NEO-REALIST FILM IS REALLY LONG. Can it be done already?