Amazon MWAA

Our journey and the road ahead

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Like most things at AWS, it started with our customers
Customers asked if we could

• ... simplify the creation, management and operation of Airflow clusters
• ... increase data engineer efficiency by allowing them to innovate faster
• ... take care of scaling their workers on-demand for cost optimization

Can you do all this, with the same community version of Airflow we use today?
Our Journey
Understanding Airflow

• Learning the domain and how Airflow components interoperate
• Learn the why’s behind the evolution of Airflow as a system

• Understanding and appreciating what customers love about Airflow
• Recognizing that every customer sets up Airflow to their unique needs
Customer driven design choices

Deployment Safety

- Prod vs Pre-prod environments
- Effect of plugin and requirement updates on production
- When it comes to deployment, customers preferred safety over speed
Customer driven design choices

Simple and Seamless Auth

- IAM and Console familiarity
- Single Sign-On into Airflow UI
- RBAC Plugin and 1:1 pairing of Airflow user to IAM
Customer driven design choices

Auto Scaling - Celery

- Baseline – single worker
- Scale out based on tasksQueued, tasksRunning and task-density/worker
- Provisioned worker capacity – for customers that need it
Customer driven design choices

Storage

- One source of truth and consistent reads
- Flexible to setup CI/CD pipelines
- S3’s durability, familiarity and easy accessibility across regions
Airflow 2.0 and beyond

What are we excited about
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Community’s direction on
- Airflow UI modernization
- Manifest and remote DAG fetching
- Granular access and permission controls for multi-tenancy

Our contributions and involvement
- S3 Bucket Tagging Operator, EKS Operator and hook (In progress)
- Code quality and integration test improvements
- More than 4500 lines of code across Airflow, Moto and Watchtower
Our customers are all current and future users of Airflow. We will help our customers to be successful on or outside of AWS by always maintaining compatibility and committing to build AWS integrations for Airflow.
Q&A

Talk to us on Apache Airflow Community Slack

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