Iceberg support for Atlas

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Iceberg support for Atlas (Technical Preview)

Atlas integration with Iceberg helps you identify the Iceberg tables to scan data and provide lineage support. Learn how Atlas works with Iceberg and what schema evolution, partition specification, partition evolution are with examples.

How Atlas works with Iceberg

You can use Atlas to find, organize, and manage different aspects of data about your Iceberg tables and how they relate to each other. This enables a range of data stewardship and regulatory compliance use cases.

The Atlas connectors distinguish between Hive and Iceberg tables. The Iceberg table is available in a "typedef" format which implies that the underlying data can be retrieved by querying the Iceberg table. All attributes of the Hive table are available in the Iceberg table and this equivalence is achieved by creating the Iceberg table as a subtype of the underlying Hive table. Optionally, the Iceberg table can also be queried by Hive or Impala engine. For more information about Iceberg and related concepts, see Apache Iceberg features and Apache Iceberg in CDP.

Both Iceberg and Hive tables have equality in Atlas in terms of data tagging. Data evolution and transformation are features unique to Iceberg tables. Iceberg adds tables to compute engines including Spark, Hive and Impala using a high-performance table format that works just like a SQL table. Also, the lineage support for Iceberg table is available. For example, when a Hive table is converted to Iceberg format, the lineage is displayed for the conversion process in Atlas UI.

- · Migration of Hive tables to Iceberg is achieved with the following:
 - Using in-place migration by running a Hive query with the ALTER TABLE statement and setting the table properties
 - Executing CTAS command from Hive table to the Iceberg table.
- Schema evolution allows you to easily change a table's current schema to accommodate data that changes over
 time. Schema evolution enables you to update the schema that is used to write new data while maintaining
 backward compatibility with the schemas of your old data. Later the data can be read together assuming all of the
 data has one schema.
 - Iceberg tables supports the following schema evolution changes:

Add – add a new column to the table or to a nested struct

Drop- remove an existing column from the table or a nested struct

Rename- rename an existing column or field in a nested struct

Update- widen the type of a column, struct field, map key, map value, or list element

Reorder – change the order of columns or fields in a nested struct

Partition specification allows you to initiate queries faster by grouping similar rows together when writing.

As an example, queries for log entries from a logs table usually include a time range, like the following query for logs between 10 A.M. and 12 A.M.

SELECT level, message FROM logs

WHERE event time BETWEEN '2018-12-01 10:00:00' AND '2018-12-0112:00:00'

Configuring the logs table to partition by the date of event_time groups log events into files with the same event date. Iceberg keeps track of that date and uses it to skip files for other dates that do not have useful data.

 Partition evolution across Iceberg table partitioning can be updated in an existing table because queries do not reference partition values directly.

When you evolve a partition specification, the old data written with an earlier specification remains unchanged. New data is written using the new specification in a new layout. The metadata for each of the partition versions is stored separately.

Due to this nature of partition evolution, when you start writing queries, you get split planning. This is where each partition layout plans files separately using the filter it derives for that specific partition layout.

Using the Spark shell

Using Spark, you can create an Iceberg table followed by schema evolution, partition specification, and partition evolution.

Before you begin

You must configure the Spark shell as such you have included the valid Spark runtime version.

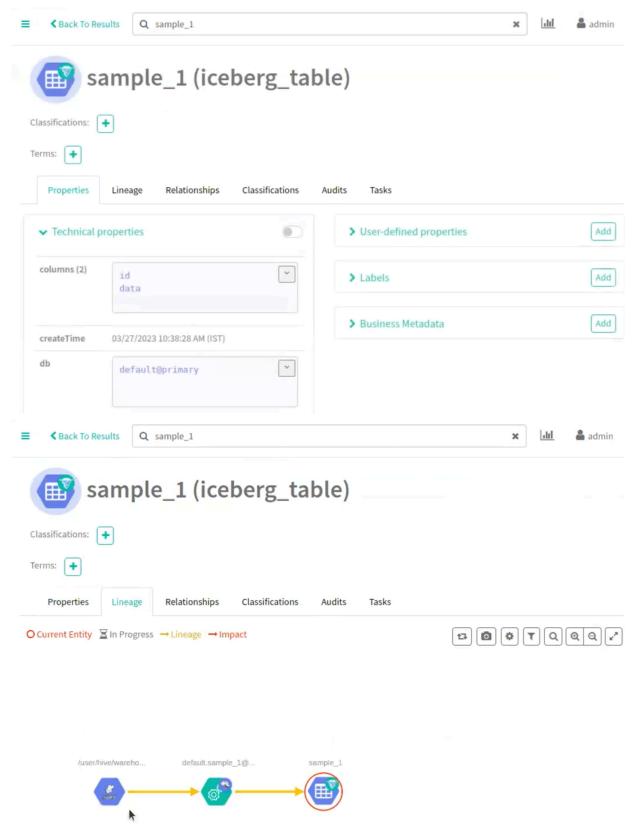
Run the following command in your Spark shell to create a new Iceberg table

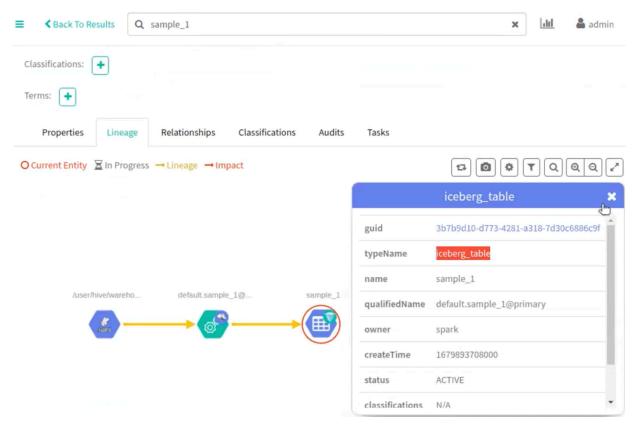
Procedure

1. spark.sql("CREATE TABLE spark_catalog.default.sample_1 (id bigint COMMENT
 'unique id', data string) USING iceberg");

2. Navigate accordingly in the Atlas UI to view the changes.

The following images provide information about Iceberg table creation process.



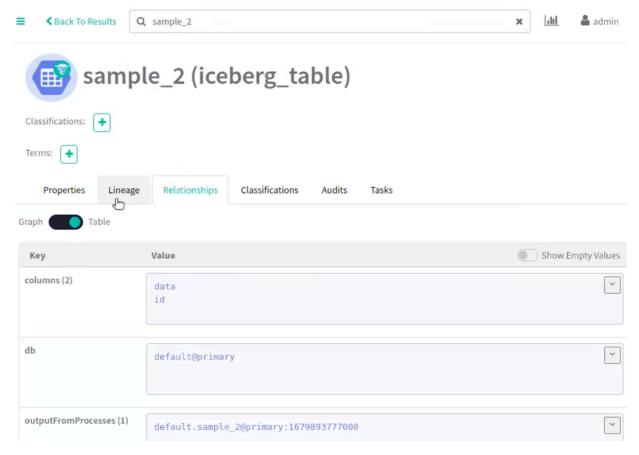


Run the following command in your Spark shell to create a Schema Evolution in a new table. For example - sample_2.

3. spark.sql("CREATE TABLE spark_catalog.default.sample_2 (id bigint COMMENT 'unique id', data string) USING iceberg");

4. Navigate accordingly in the Atlas UI to view the changes.

The following image provide information about Iceberg schema evolution process.

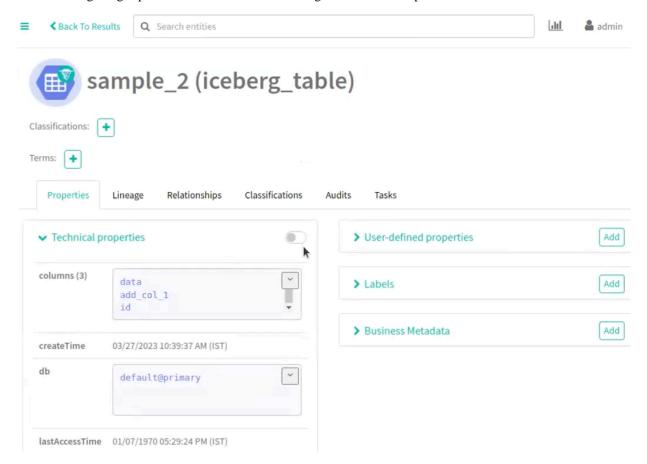


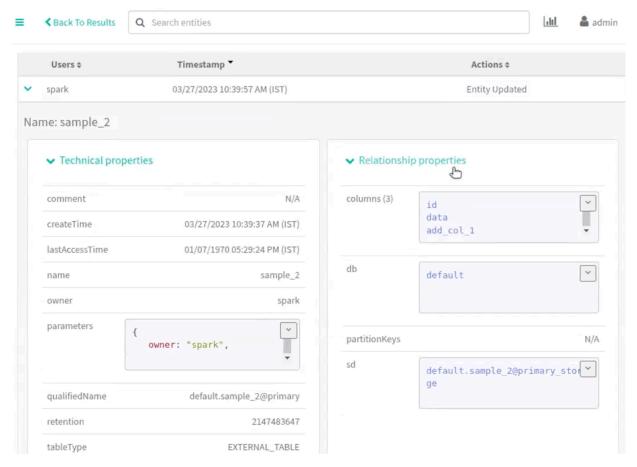
Run the following command in your Spark shell to include a column:

5. spark.sql("ALTER TABLE spark_catalog.default.sample_2 ADD COLUMN (add_col_1 string)");

6. Navigate accordingly in the Atlas UI to view the changes.

The following images provide information about Iceberg schema creation process.



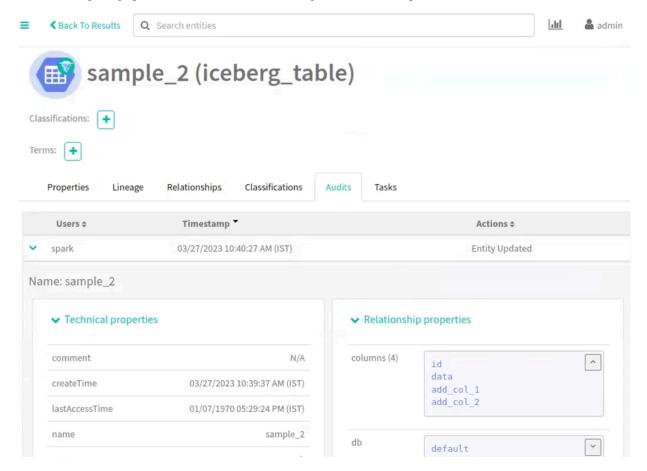


Run the following command in your Spark shell to include the second column:

7. spark.sql("ALTER TABLE spark_catalog.default.sample_2 ADD COLUMN (add_col_2 string)");

8. Navigate accordingly in the Atlas UI to view the changes.

The following image provide information about Iceberg schema creation process.

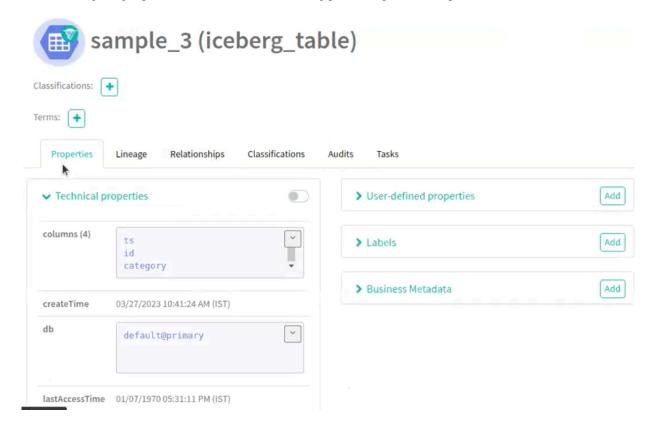


Run the following command in your Spark shell to create a Partition Specification in a new table (sample_3):

9. spark.sql("CREATE TABLE spark_catalog.default.sample_3 (id bigint,data string,category string,ts timestamp) USING iceberg PARTITIONED BY (bucket(16, id), days(ts), category)");

10. Navigate accordingly in the Atlas UI to view the changes.

The following images provide information about Iceberg partition specification process.

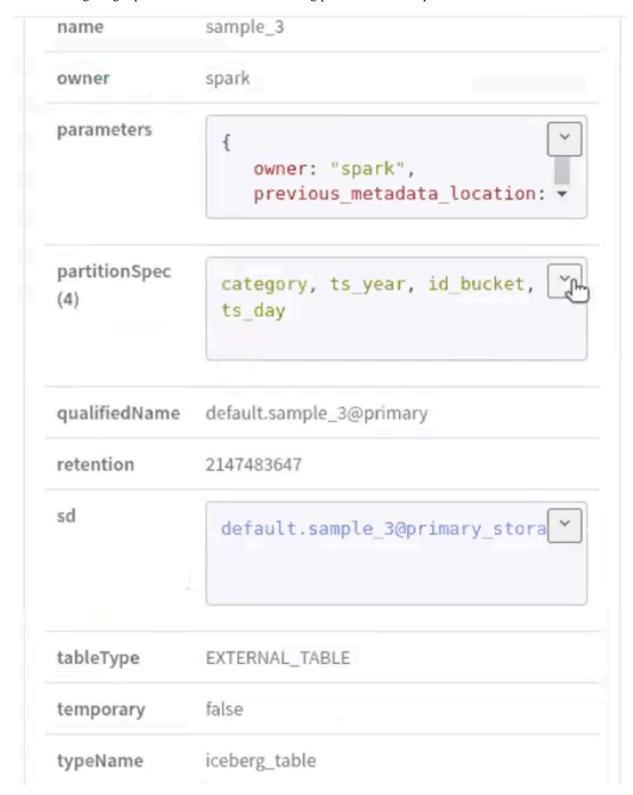




Run the following command in your Spark shell to create a Partition Evolution in a new table (sample_3): **11.** spark.sql("ALTER TABLE spark_catalog.default.sample_3 ADD PARTITION FIELD years(ts)");

12. Navigate accordingly in the Atlas UI to view the changes.

The following images provide information about Iceberg partition evolution process.



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Using the Hive shell

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Using Hive, you can create an Iceberg table followed by using the CTAS command to alter or copy the existing Hive table and its properties into the Iceberg table.

Before you begin

In this case, you create an external table and alter an existing Hive table to Iceberg table using the Hive engine.

Run the following command in your Hive shell to create an Iceberg table.

Procedure

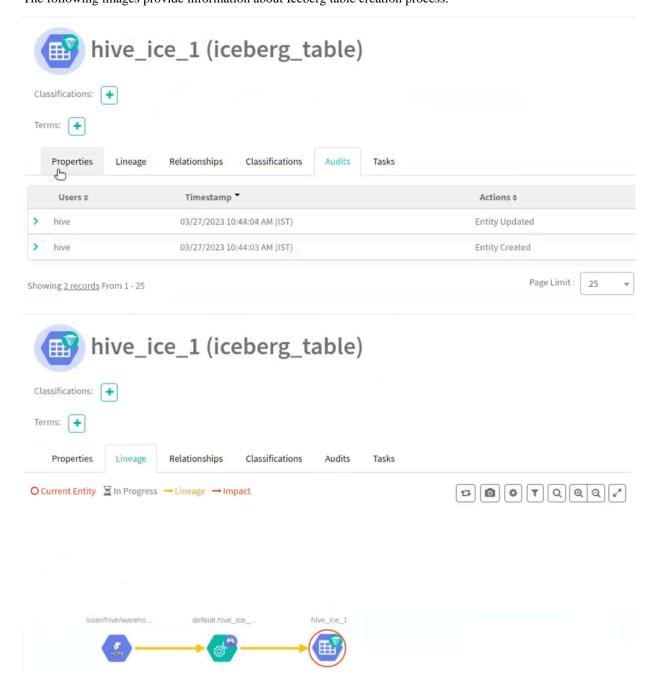
1. create external table if not exists hive_ice_1 (CountryID int, CountryName string, Capital string, Population string) STORED BY ICEBERG STORED AS PARQUET;

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2. Navigate accordingly in the Atlas UI to view the changes.

The following images provide information about Iceberg table creation process.



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Run the following commands in your Hive shell to copy the contents of one table (hive_ice_3) to another newly created table (hive_ice_4).

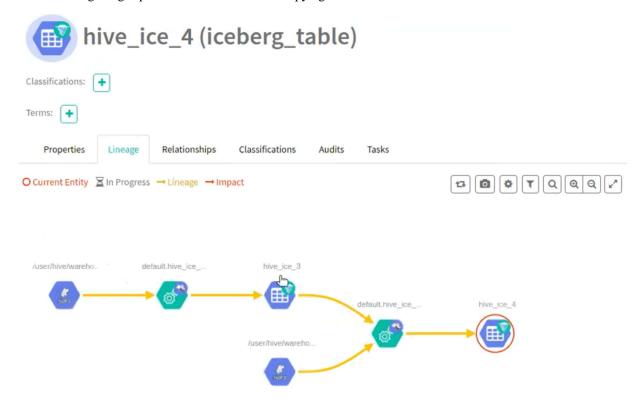
3. create external table if not exists hive_ice_3 (CountryID int, ring) STORED BY ICEBERG STORED AS PARQUET; CountryName string, Capital string, Population st

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4. create external table if not exists hive_ice_4 STORED BY ICEBERG STORED AS PARQUET as select * f rom hive_ice_3;

The following images provide information about copying contents from one table to another.



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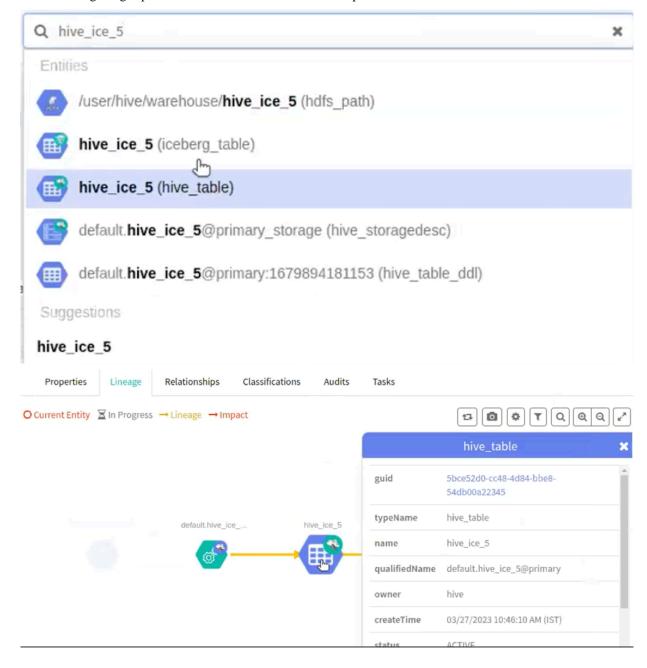
You can alter an existing Hive table to Iceberg table.

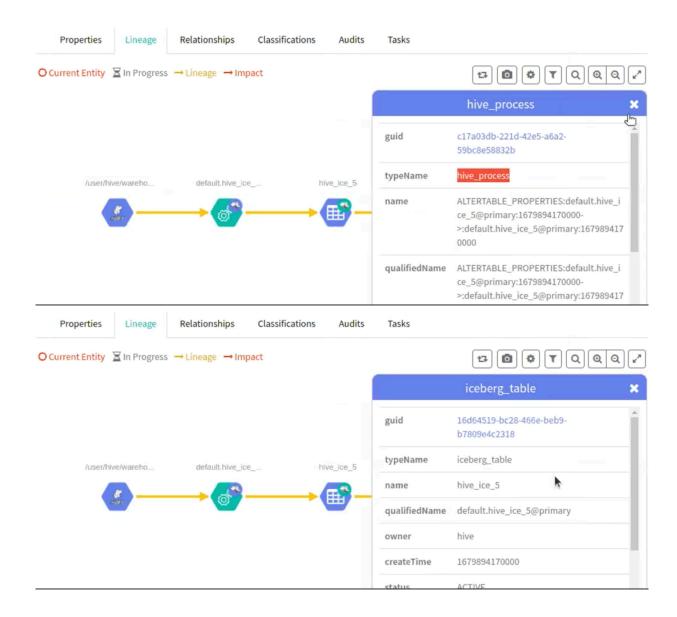
5. create external table if not exists hive_ice_5 (CountryID int, ring)STORED AS PARQUET; CountryName string, Capital string, Population st

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6. ALTER TABLE hive_ice_5 SET TBLPROPERTIES ('storage_handler'='org.apache.iceberg.mr.hive.HiveIce bergStorageHandler');

The following images provide information about alter tables operations.





Using the Impala shell

Using Impala, you can create an Iceberg table followed by Schema evolution, partition specification, partition evolution and CTAS operation.

Before you begin

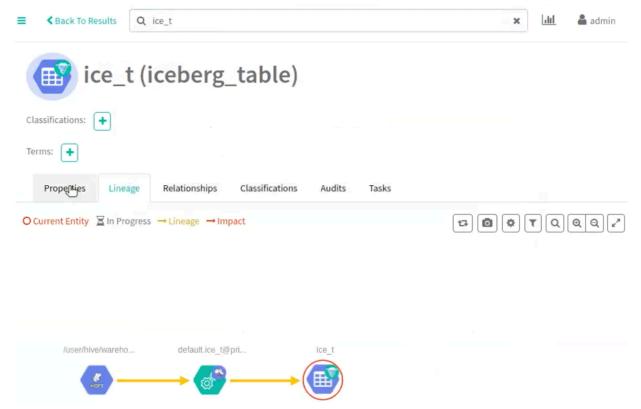
Run the following command in your Impala shell to create a new Iceberg table

Procedure

1. CREATE TABLE ice_t (i INT) STORED AS ICEBERG;

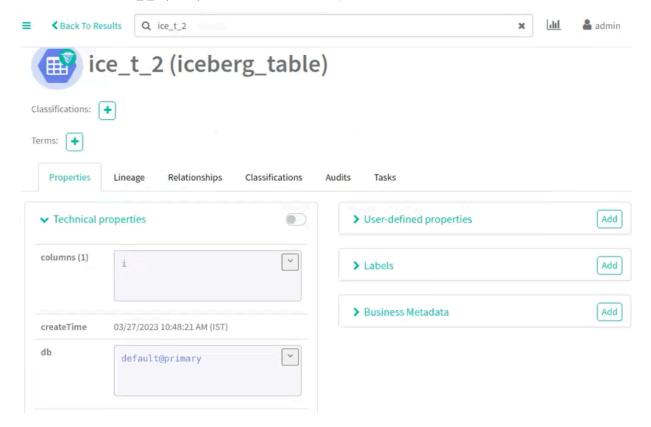
2. Navigate accordingly in the Atlas UI to view the changes.

The following images provide information about Iceberg table creation process.



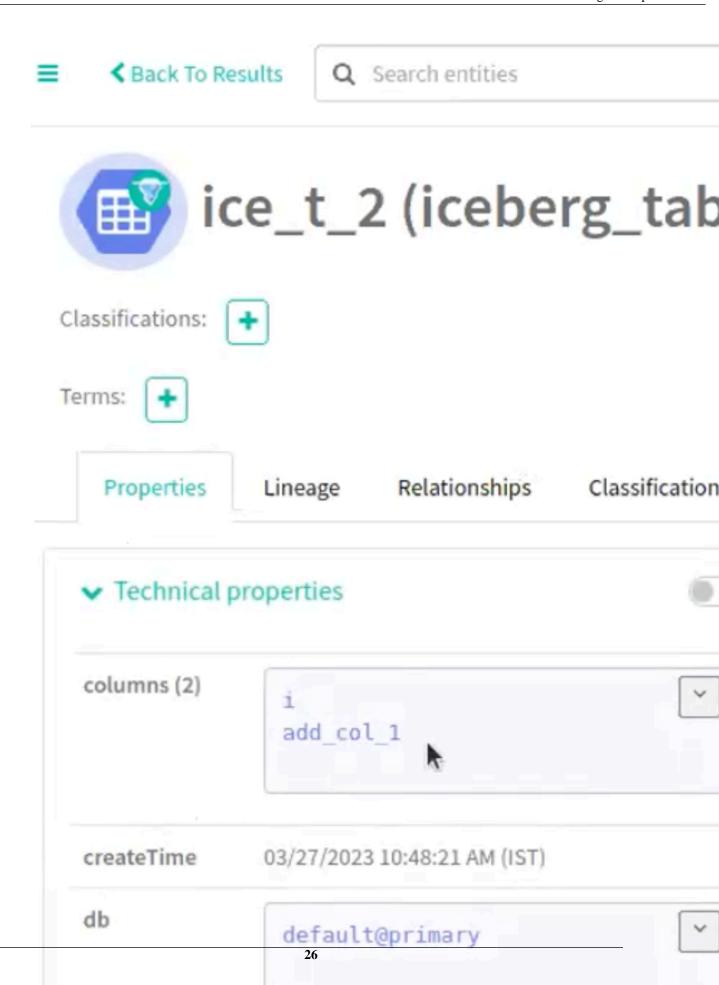
Run the following command in your Impala shell to create a scheme evolution:

3. CREATE TABLE ice_t_2 (i INT) STORED AS ICEBERG;



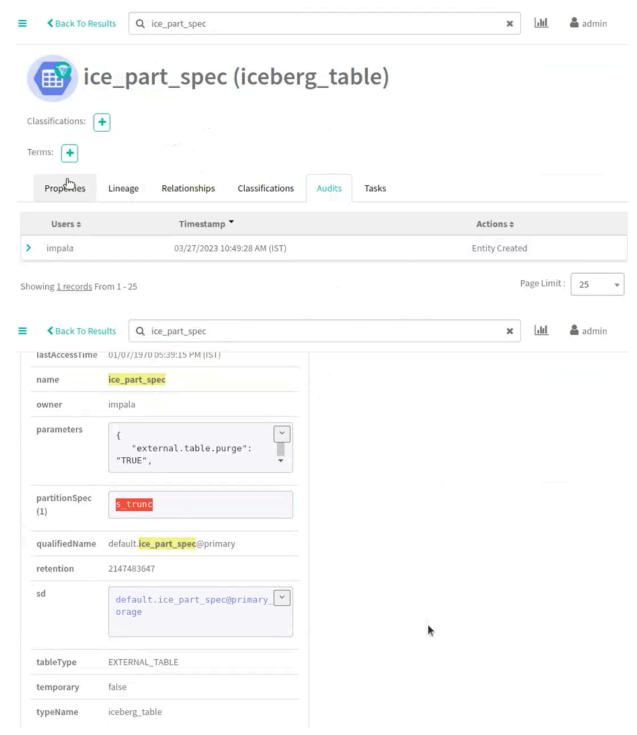
Run the following command in your Impala shell to add a column to the existing table (ice_t_2):

4. alter table ice_t_2 ADD COLUMNS (add_col_1 string);



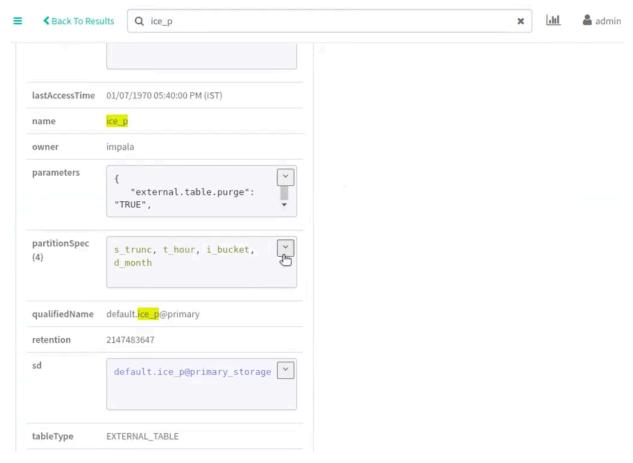
Run the following command in your Impala shell to create a partition specification.

5. CREATE TABLE ice_part_spec (s string , b string) PARTITIONED BY SPEC (truncate(3, s)) STORED AS ICEBERG;



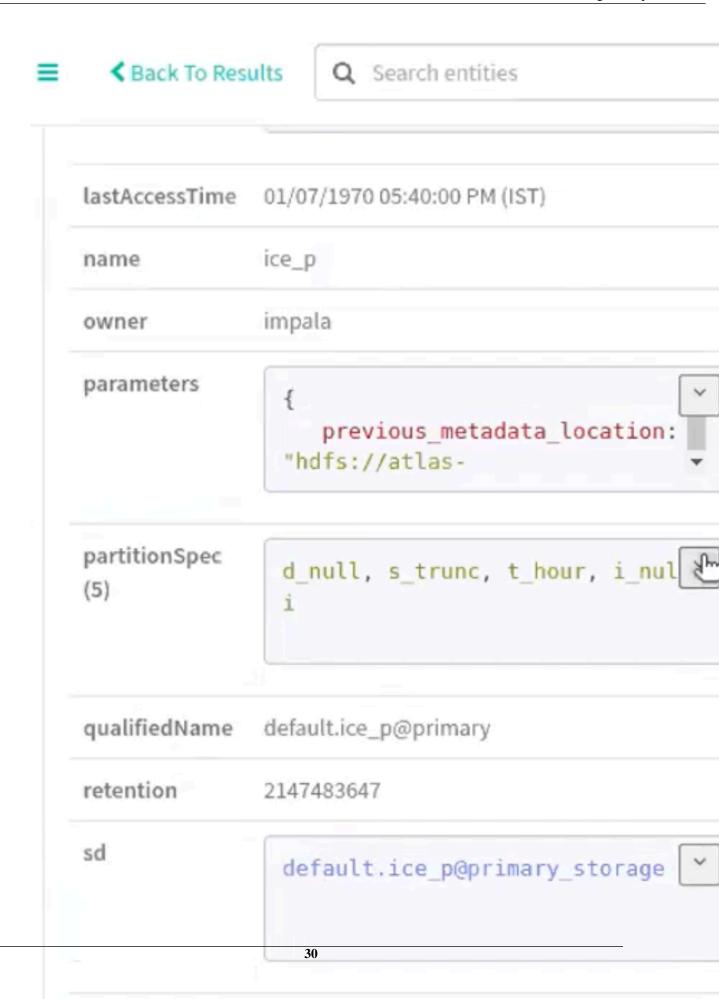
Run the following command in your Impala shell to create a partition evolution.

6. CREATE TABLE ice_p (i INT, d DATE, s STRING, t TIMESTAMP) PARTITIONED BY SPEC (BUCKET(5, i), MONTH(d), TRUNCATE(3, s), HOUR(t))STORED AS ICEBERG;



Run the following command in your Impala shell to modify the partition specification

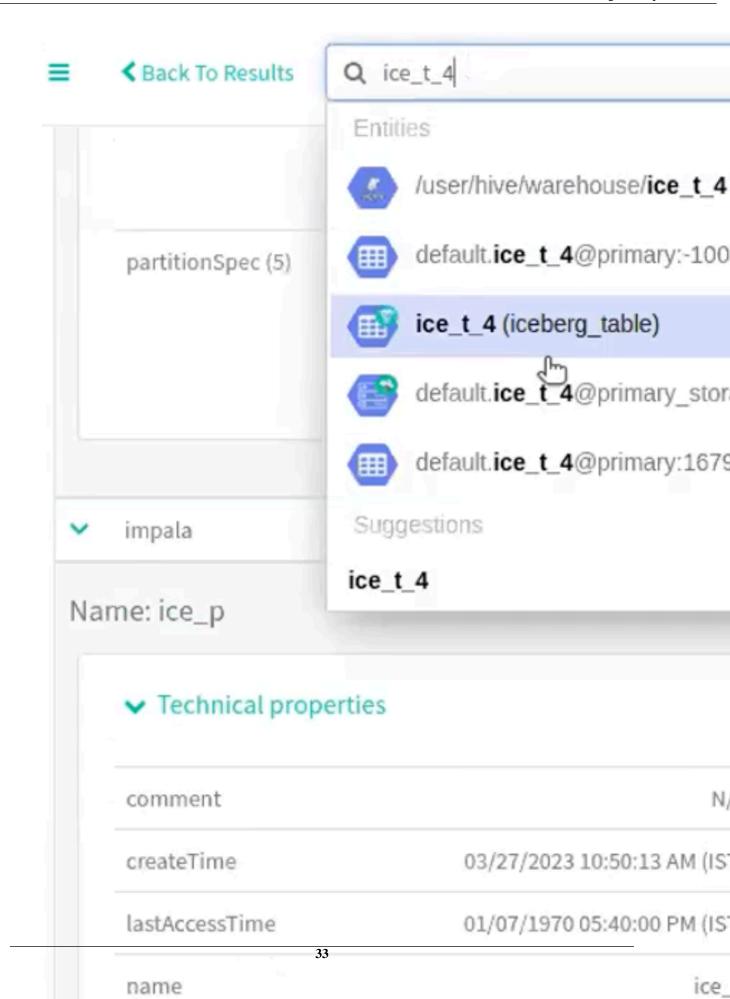
 $\textbf{7.} \ \ ALTER \ TABLE \ ice_p \ SET \ PARTITION \ SPEC \ (VOID(i), \ VOID(d), \ TRUNCATE(3, s), \ HOUR(t), i);$

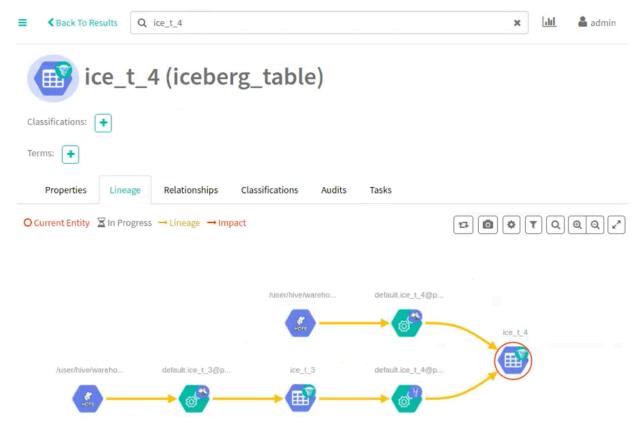


Run the following commands in your Impala shell to create the contents of one table (ice $_t_3$) to another table (ice $_t_4$).

8. CREATE TABLE ice $_t_3$ (i INT) STORED AS ICEBERG;

9. CREATE TABLE ice_t_4 STORED AS ICEBERG as select * from ice_t_3;





The process is completed.