Parallel Computing

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Shuffle and hashing

• Shuffling uses the hash of the key values to distribute the keys to the partitions.

• Hadoop has a HashPartitioner generic class for this, that extends a Partitioner class

  • It is possible to extend this class to create an alternative partitioner, if needed

  • …although HahsPartitioner already works quite well.
Sorting

• Whether there is shuffling or not the results of mappers are sorted based on key

• That’s why keys must implement WritableComparable
Input/output data formats
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• An InputFormat object creates the input splits, that is delegated by the Context to get the records.

• It is the public and customizable run() method of the Mapper to get the records from Context.

• FileInputFormat and DBInputFormat classes are derived from InputFormat.

• FileInputFormat is further specialized, with classes that f.e. combine small files or prevent file splitting.
TextInputFormat

- TextInputFormat is the default InputFormat. Each record is a line of input. The key, a LongWritable, is the byte offset within the file of the beginning of the line. The value is the contents of the line, excluding any line terminators (e.g., newline or carriage return), and is packaged as a Text object.

- A file is broken into splits at byte, not line, boundaries. Splits are processed independently.
Relationship between input splits and HDFS blocks

• The logical records that FileInputFormats define usually do not fit neatly into HDFS blocks. For example, a TextInputFormat’s logical records are lines, which will cross HDFS boundaries more often than not.

• This has no bearing on the functioning of your program: lines are not missed or broken

• This means it could be needed to perform some remote reads. The slight overhead this causes is not normally significant.
• A single file is broken into lines, and the line boundaries do not correspond with the HDFS block boundaries. Splits honor logical record boundaries, in this case lines, so we see that the first split contains line 5, even though it spans the first and second block. The second split starts at line 6.
Binary input

• Hadoop MapReduce is not restricted to processing textual data. It has support for binary formats, too.

• Hadoop’s SequenceFileInputFormat stores sequences of binary key-value pairs. Sequence files are splittable (they have sync points so that readers can synchronize with record boundaries from an arbitrary point in the file, such as the start of a split), they support compression as a part of the format, and they can store arbitrary types.

• SequenceFileAsBinaryInputFormat is a variant of SequenceFileInputFormat that retrieves the sequence file’s keys and values as opaque binary objects. They are encapsulated as BytesWritable objects, and the application is free to interpret the underlying byte array as it pleases.
Database input

- DBInputFormat is an input format for reading data from a relational database, using JDBC. Because it doesn’t have any sharding capabilities, you need to be careful not to overwhelm the database from which you are reading by running too many mappers.

- Use specifically designed databases like HBase for more complex datasets.
Storing data
Beyond text files

• Some applications and datasets will require ad hoc data structures to hold the le's contents. Over the years, le formats have been created to address both the requirements of MapReduce processing (data has to be splittable) and to satisfy the need to model both structured and unstructured data.

• There are several file formats available in Hadoop
Serialization and containers

• We are interested in two types of scenarios:

• **Serialization**: we want to encode data structures generated and manipulated at processing time to a format we can store to a file, transmit, and at a later stage, retrieve and translate back for further manipulation

• **Containers**: once data is serialized to files, containers provide means to group multiple files together and add additional metadata
Compressio

• Apache Hadoop comes with a number of compression codecs: gzip, bzip2, LZO, etc.

• We can add compression at different stages:
  • input files to be processed
  • output files that result after processing is completed
  • intermediate/temporary files produced internally within the pipeline

• Remind that MapReduce is most efficient on files that can be split into valid sub files.
This can complicate decisions, such as the choice of whether to compress and which codec to use if so, as most compression codecs (such as gzip) do not support splittable files, whereas a few (such as LZO) do.
General purpose formats

- **Text**: the simplest approach to storing data on HDFS is to use text files. It can be used both to hold unstructured data—a web page or a tweet—as well as structured data—a CSV file that is a few million rows long. Text files are splittable, though one needs to consider how to handle boundaries between multiple elements (for example, lines).

- **SequenceFile**: it is a flat data structure consisting of binary key/value pairs. It is still extensively used in MapReduce as an input/output format: the temporary outputs of maps are stored using SequenceFile.
  - can be compressed (both keys and values) and is splittable.
Column-oriented data formats

- Column-oriented data stores organize and store tables based on the columns; the data for each column will be stored together.

- Most relational DBMS instead organize data per row.

- Column-oriented storage has performance advantages when performing operations like range queries, counting numbers of matching records or performing math over a set of data.
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• Apache Avro is a schema-oriented binary data serialization format and is container; developed by the original author of Hadoop. It is both splittable and compressible, processable with many languages. When data is stored in an Avro file, its schema—defined as a JSON object—is stored with it.

• Apache Parquet is a columnar storage format that can efficiently store nested data. This is important since in real-world systems schemas with several levels of nesting are commonplace.

• The Optimized Row Columnar file format (ORC) aims to combine the performance of the RCFile (a file format developed by Facebook) with the flexibility of Avro. It is primarily intended to work with Apache Hive

  • Hive: a framework for data warehousing that allows to run SQL queries on the huge volumes of data stored in HDFS. It takes SQL queries and translates the queries into one or more MapReduce jobs. It then executes the overall MapReduce program and returns the results to the user.
Database storage

- Apache **HBase** is a distributed column-oriented database built on top of HDFS. HBase is the Hadoop application to use when you require real-time read/write random access to very large datasets.

- It is designed to scale out.

- RDBMS can not scale as much as specific Hadoop databases

- HBase is not relational and does not support SQL
HBase data model

• Applications store data in labeled tables. Tables are made of rows and columns.

• Table cells—the intersection of row and column coordinates—are versioned. By default, their version is a timestamp auto-assigned by HBase at the time of cell insertion.

• A cell’s content is an uninterpreted array of bytes.

• Table row keys are also byte arrays, so theoretically anything can serve as a row key, from strings to binary representations of long or even serialized data structures. Table rows are sorted by row key, the table’s primary key. The sort is byte-ordered. All table accesses are via the table primary key.

• Row columns are grouped into column families. All column family members have a common prefix. The column family and the qualifier are always separated by a colon character (:) A table’s column families must be specified up front as part of the table schema definition, but new column family members can be added on demand.

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HBase

- HBase’s TableInputFormat is designed to allow a MapReduce program to operate on data stored in an HBase table. TableOutputFormat is for writing MapReduce outputs into an HBase table.

- If there is need to move data from RDBMS to HDFS there are other Hadoop-related tools like Sqoop to perform these operations.
Installation
3 install modes

- Standalone (for testing)
  - used to test MapReduce program logic
- Pseudo-distributed (for testing)
  - 2 JVMs: a Namenode and a Datanode
    - Runs MapReduce, HDFS and YARN
- Fully Distributed (real deployment)
  - Production mode, runs on cluster machines (local cluster or cloud, like AWS)
Hadoop: Setting up a Single Node Cluster.

- **Purpose**
- **Prerequisites**
  - Supported Platforms
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- Download
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- Standalone Operation
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  - Setup passphraselss ssh
  - Execution
  - YARN on a Single Node
- Fully-Distributed Operation

**Purpose**

This document describes how to set up and configure a single-node Hadoop installation so that you can quickly perform simple operations using Hadoop MapReduce and the Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS).

**Prerequisites**

- **Supported Platforms**
  - GNU/Linux is supported as a development and production platform. Hadoop has been demonstrated on GNU/Linux clusters with 2000 nodes.
  - Windows is also a supported platform but the following steps are for Linux only. To set up Hadoop on Windows, see [wiki page](http://example.com).

- **Required Software**

  Required software for Linux include:

  1. Java™ must be installed. Recommended Java versions are described at [HadoopJavaVersions](http://example.com).
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  ```xml
  <configuration>
    <property>
      <name>hadoop.tmp.dir</name>
      <value>path to temp_directory</value>
    </property>
  </configuration>
  ```
SSH

• Hadoop requires SSH (Secure Shell) access to the machines it uses as nodes.

• Activate SSH daemon on your machine (in macOS: System Preferences > Sharing > Remote login)

• Add ssh access without password:

```bash
ssh-keygen -t rsa -P '' -f ~/.ssh/id_rsa
cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
chmod 0600 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
```
Create HDFS filesystem

- Create the HDFS filesystem using the Hadoop command:
  
  `bin/hdfs namenode -format`

- Start namenode and datanode daemons:
  
  `sbin/start-dfs.sh`

- To test use the browser to visit: [http://localhost:50070/](http://localhost:50070/)

- Create directories and copy files:
  
  `bin/hdfs dfs -mkdir /user`
  `bin/hdfs dfs -put /somepath/* .txt hadoop_path`
  `bin/hdfs dfs -ls hadoop_path`
  `bin/hdfs dfs -get hadoop_path/hadoop_file host_path`

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Run a MapReduce job
Copy data to HDFS

- Use either `hadoop fs` or `hdfs dfs` to issue the commands to HDFS
  - execute without any params to get a list of possible commands
- Copy data to HDFS, e.g.:
  ```
  hdfs dfs -put input_file /path_to_hdfs/path/input_file
  ```

Change spaces in path/file names to `%20`
Copy data to HDFS: Flume

• Within the Hadoop-related projects there are specific tools to handle copying data to/from HDFS, without requiring the commands seen in the previous slide.

• Apache Flume is designed for high-volume ingestion into Hadoop of event-based data. E.g. to collect log files from a bank of web servers, then moving the log events from those files into new aggregated files in HDFS for processing. The usual destination (called sink) is HDFS, but Flume is flexible enough to write to other systems like HBase or Solr.
Run the job at command line

- bin/hadoop jar <JARPath> <mainclass> <params>

- **mainclass** is the complete path (including package name) of the main class. It is not needed if the JAR is already executable.

- **params** are the possible command line arguments of the program
  - The OutputPath of the MapReduce job should not exist
  - The JAR file should not be in the HDFS filesystem, but it should be in the local path
Books

• Learning Hadoop 2, Garry Turkington and Gabriele Modena, Packt Publishing - Chapt. 2

• Hadoop The Definitive Guide, Tom White, O’Reilly - Chapt. 8

• Hadoop in Action, Chuck Lam, Manning - Chapt. 1-4