

Introduction to Python

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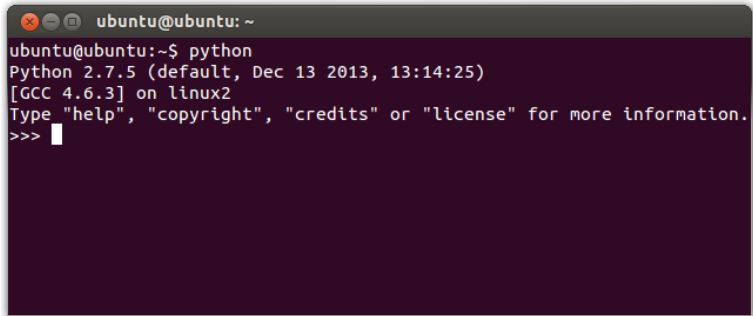


what is python...

Python is a high-level, interpreted, interactive and object-oriented scripting language. Python is designed to be highly readable..



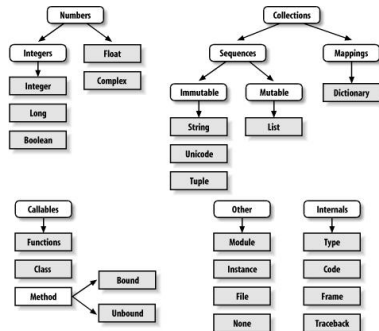
Environment

A terminal window with a dark purple background and a grey title bar. The title bar contains three window control icons (close, minimize, maximize) and the text 'ubuntu@ubuntu: ~'. The terminal text is as follows:

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ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ python
Python 2.7.5 (default, Dec 13 2013, 13:14:25)
[GCC 4.6.3] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 
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Variable Types

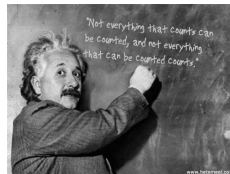
- ▶ Numbers
- ▶ String
- ▶ List
- ▶ Tuple
- ▶ Dictionary



..., but there are problems with relying on data too much.

Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.

- Albert Einstein



Data is a treasure ..., except when it is not.

Getting information off the Internet is like taking a drink from a fire hose.

- Mitchell Kapor



However, any data is better than none.

An approximate answer to the right problem is worth a good deal more than an exact answer to an approximate problem.

- John Tukey

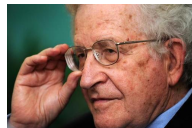


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We can be confident that any system of power - whether it's the state, Google, or whatever - is going to use the best available technology to control, to dominate, and to maximize their power. And they'll want to do it in secret.

Now that's sounding more like Chomsky.

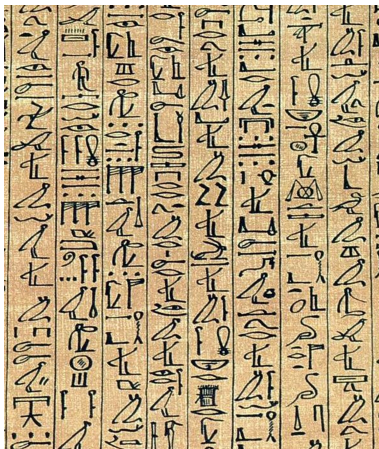
They Want to Do It In Secret ...

The truth cannot stay hidden forever!



A Brief History of Data Management!

- ▶ Manual recording
- ▶ From tablets to papyrus, to parchment, and then to paper

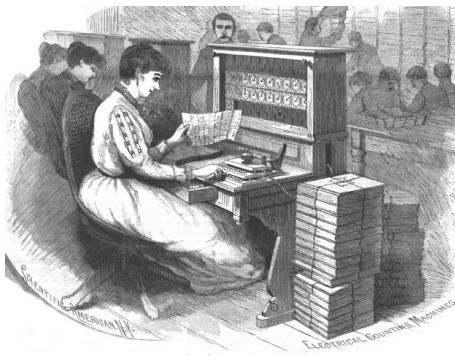


- ▶ Gutenberg's printing press



1800's - 1940's

- ▶ Punched cards (no fault-tolerance)
- ▶ Binary data
- ▶ 1890: US census
- ▶ 1911: IBM appeared



1940's - 1970's

- ▶ Magnetic tapes
- ▶ Batch transaction processing
- ▶ File-oriented record processing model (e.g., COBOL)
- ▶ Hierarchical DBMS (one-to-many)
- ▶ Network DBMS (many-to-many)



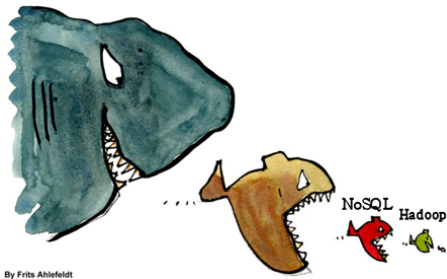
- ▶ Relational DBMS (tables) and SQL
- ▶ ACID
- ▶ Client-server computing
- ▶ Parallel processing



► The Internet...

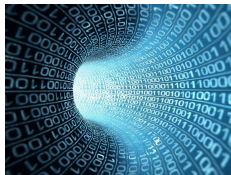


- ▶ NoSQL: BASE instead of ACID
- ▶ Big Data



Big Data

- ▶ In recent years we have witnessed a **dramatic increase** in available data.
- ▶ For example, the **number of web pages** indexed by Google, which were around **one million** in 1998, have exceeded **one trillion** in 2008, and its expansion is accelerated by appearance of the social networks.



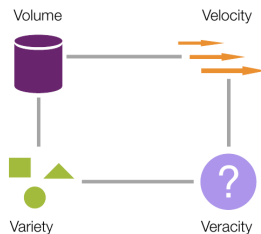
Big Data Definition

- **Big Data** refers to datasets and flows **large enough** that has outpaced our capability to **store, process, analyze, and understand**.



The Four Dimensions of Big Data

- ▶ **Volume**: data size
- ▶ **Velocity**: data generation rate
- ▶ **Variety**: data heterogeneity
- ▶ **Veracity**: uncertainty of accuracy and authenticity of data



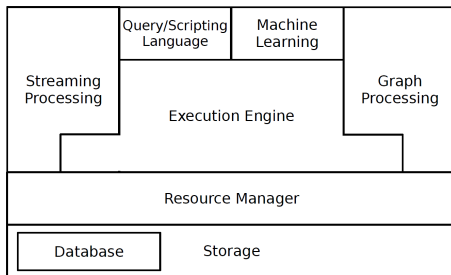
Big Data Market Driving Factors

- ▶ Mobile devices
- ▶ Internet of Things (IoT)
- ▶ Cloud computing
- ▶ Open source initiatives



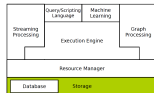
The Big Data Stack!

Big Data Analytics Stack



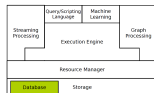
Big Data - Storage (Filesystem)

- ▶ Traditional filesystems are not well-designed for large-scale data processing systems.
- ▶ **Efficiency** has a higher priority than other features, e.g., directory service.
- ▶ Massive size of data tends to store it across **multiple machines** in a distributed way.
- ▶ HDFS, Amazon S3, ...



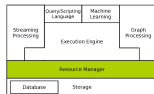
Big Data - Database

- ▶ Relational Databases Management Systems (RDMS) were **not** designed to be distributed.
- ▶ NoSQL databases **relax** one or more of the ACID properties: **BASE**
- ▶ Different data models: **key/value**, **column-family**, **graph**, **document**.
- ▶ Dynamo, Scalaris, BigTable, Hbase, Cassandra, MongoDB, Volde-mort, Riak, Neo4J, ...



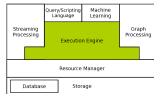
Big Data - Resource Management

- ▶ Different frameworks require different **computing resources**.
- ▶ Large organizations need the ability to **share data and resources** between multiple frameworks.
- ▶ **Resource management** share resources in a cluster between **multiple frameworks** while providing resource **isolation**.
- ▶ Mesos, YARN, Quincy, ...



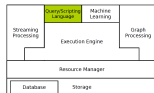
Big Data - Execution Engine

- ▶ **Scalable** and **fault tolerance** parallel data processing on clusters of unreliable machines.
- ▶ Data-parallel **programming model** for clusters of commodity machines.
- ▶ MapReduce, Spark, Stratosphere, Dryad, Hyracks, ...



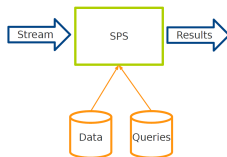
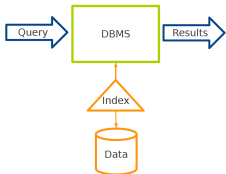
Big Data - Query/Scripting Language

- ▶ **Low-level** programming of execution engines, e.g., MapReduce, is **not** easy for end users.
- ▶ Need **high-level** language to improve the query capabilities of execution engines.
- ▶ It translates **user-defined** functions to **low-level** API of the execution engines.
- ▶ Pig, Hive, Shark, Meteor, DryadLINQ, SCOPE, ...

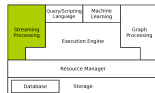


Big Data - Stream Processing

- ▶ Providing users with **fresh** and **low latency** results.
- ▶ Database Management Systems (**DBMS**) vs. Stream Processing Systems (**SPS**)

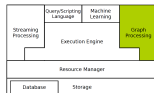


- ▶ Storm, S4, SEEP, D-Stream, Naiad, ...



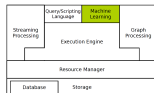
Big Data - Graph Processing

- ▶ Many problems are expressed using **graphs**: sparse **computational dependencies**, and **multiple iterations** to converge.
- ▶ Data-parallel frameworks, such as MapReduce, are not ideal for these problems: **slow**
- ▶ Graph processing frameworks are **optimized** for graph-based problems.
- ▶ Pregel, Giraph, GraphX, GraphLab, PowerGraph, GraphChi, ...

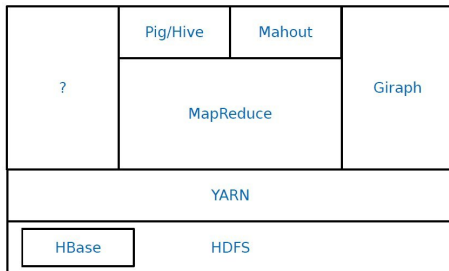


Big Data - Machine Learning

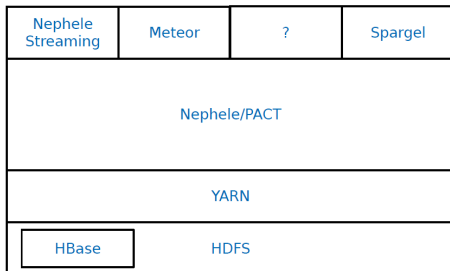
- ▶ Implementing and consuming machine learning techniques at scale are **difficult tasks** for developers and end users.
- ▶ There exist platforms that address it by providing scalable machine-learning and data mining libraries.
- ▶ Mahout, MLBase, SystemML, Ricardo, Presto, ...



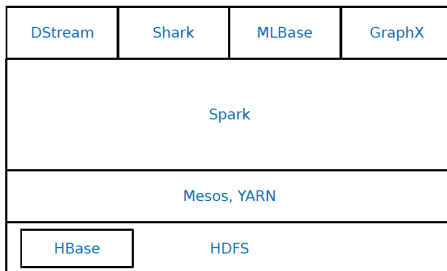
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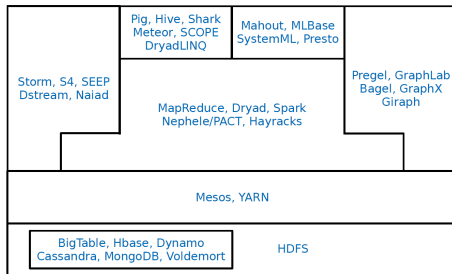
Stratosphere Big Data Analytics Stack



Spark Big Data Analytics Stack



Summary



Questions?