# INTRO TO DATA SCIENCE: MAP-REDUCE

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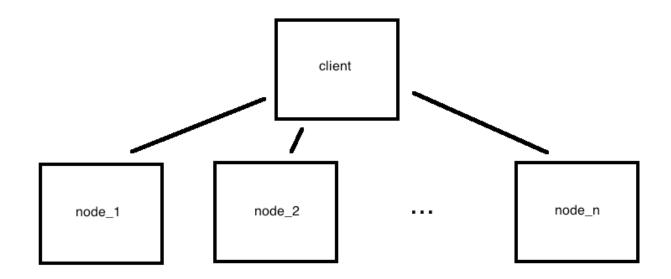
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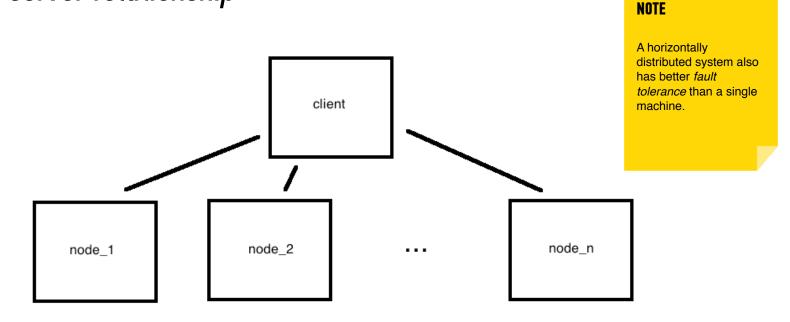
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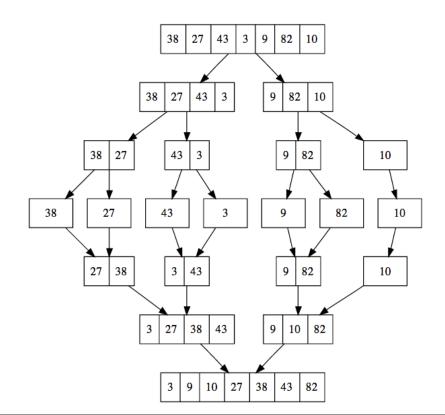
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(The similarity is approximate, because results are output in multiple sets, and data is not broken down to single-element subsets.)

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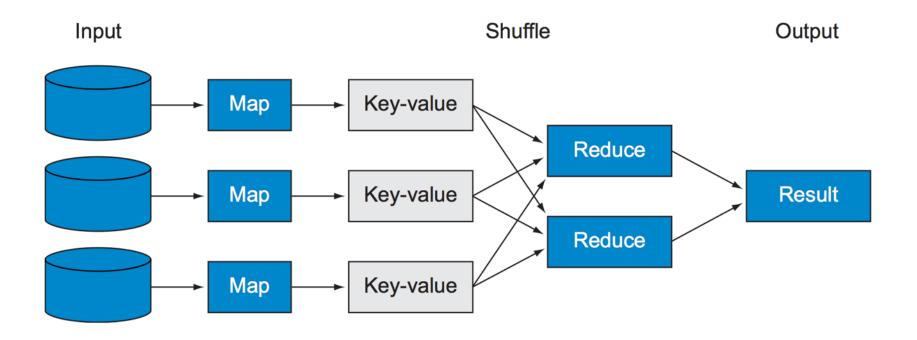
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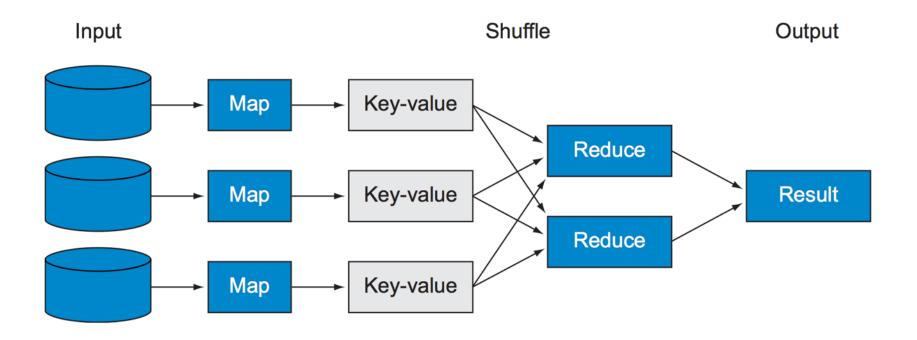
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combiners — perform reducer operations on the mapper node (optional step, to reduce network traffic and disk I/O).

partitioners — shuffle/sort/redirect mapper output reducers — aggregate results



It's possible to overlay the map-reduce framework with an additional declarative syntax.

This makes operations like select & join easier to implement and less error prone.

Popular examples include Pig and Hive.

# Why Pig?

Because I bet you can read the following script.

#### A Real Pig Script

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  joined = join users 1825 by username, pages by username;
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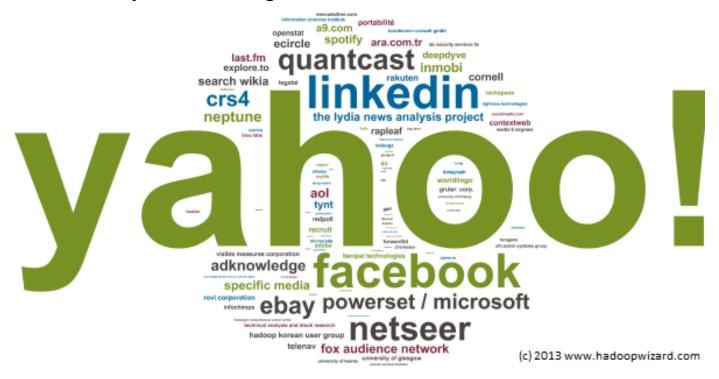
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- commercial distributions (Cloudera, MapR, etc)
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#### That said, Hadoop has a large user base.



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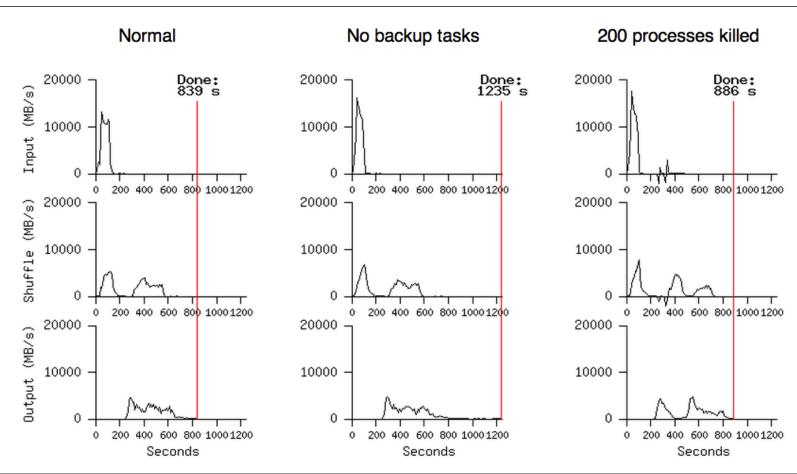
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If you use Amazon EMR, you can use their file system (Amazon S3) as well.



## III. WORD COUNT EXAMPLE

## Map-reduce processes data in terms of key-value pairs:

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input <k1, v1>

mapper <k1, v1> \rightarrow <k2, v2>

(partitioner) <k2, v2> \rightarrow <k2, [all k2 values]>

reducer <k2, [all k2 values]> \rightarrow <k3, v3>
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mapper(k1, v1):
// k1 = line number
// v1 = line contents (eg, space-delimited string)

words = tokenize(v1) // split string into words
for word in words:
    emit (word, 1)
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reducer(k2, k2_vals):
// k2 = word
// k2_vals = word counts
emit k2, sum(k2_vals)
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#### Reducer output is aggregated...

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## Reducer output is aggregated & sorted by key.

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