Getting Started with R & Hadoop From Local VM to the Cloud

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Part 2: Introduction to R & Hadoop

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(https://github.com/jeffreybreen/tutorial-201209-TDWI-big-data)

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Why MapReduce? Why R?

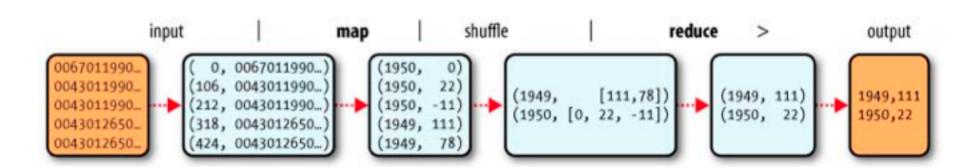
- MapReduce is a programming pattern to aid in the parallel analysis of data
 - Popularized, but not invented, by Google
 - Named from its two primary steps: a "map" phase which picks out the identifying and subject data ("key" and "value") and a "reduce" phase where the values (grouped by key value) are analyzed
 - Generally, the programmer/analyst need only write the mapper and reducer while the system handles the rest
- R is an open source environment for statistical programming and analysis
 - Open source and wide platform support makes it easy to try out at work or "nights and weekends"
 - Benefits from an active, growing community
 - Offers a (too) large library of add-on packages (see http:// cran.revolutionanalytics.com/)
 - Commercial support, extensions, training is available

Before we go on...

I have two confessions

I was wrong about MapReduce

- When the Google paper was published in 2004, I was running a typical enterprise IT department
- Big hardware (Sun, EMC) + big applications (Siebel, Peoplesoft) + big databases (Oracle, SQL Server)
 - = big licensing/maintenance bills
- Loved the scalability, COTS components, and price, but missed the fact that keys (and values) could be compound & complex

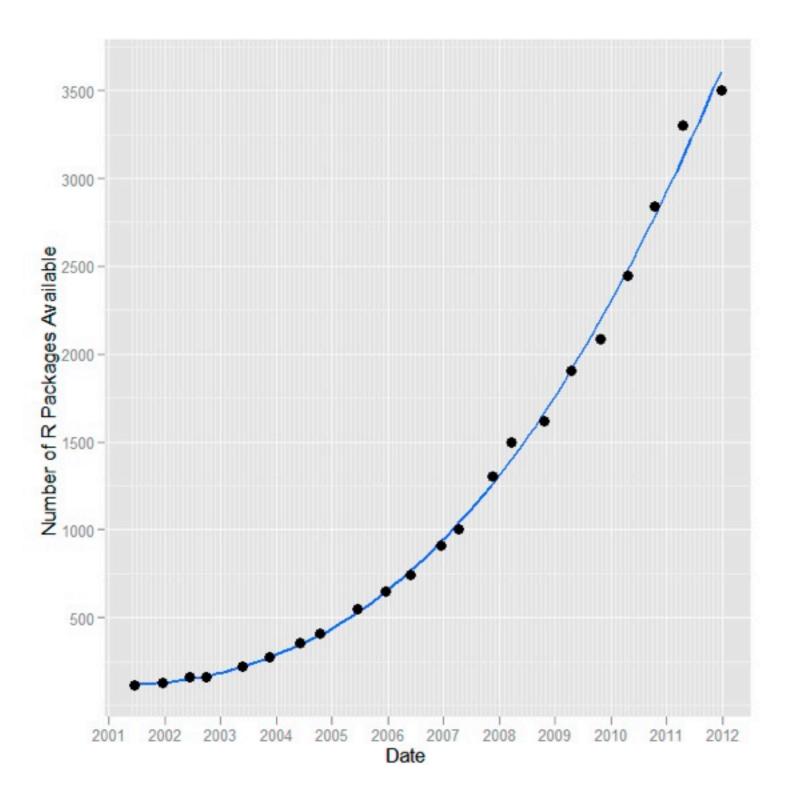


Source: Hadoop: The Definitive Guide, Second Edition, p. 20

And I was wrong about R

- In 1990, my boss (an astronomer) encouraged me to learn S or S+
- But I knew C, so I resisted, just as I had successfully fended off the FORTRAN-pushing physicists
- 20 years later, it's my go-to tool for anything data-related
 - I rediscovered it when we were looking for a way to automate the analysis and delivery of our consumer survey data at Yankee Group

Number of R Packages Available



How many R Packages are there now?

At the command line enter:

> dim(available.packages())

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R + Hadoop options

- Hadoop streaming enables the creation of mappers, reducers, combiners, etc. in languages other than Java
 - Any language which can handle standard, textbased input & output will do
- R is designed at its heart to deal with data and statistics making it a natural match for Big Datadriven analytics
- As a result, there are a number of R packages to work with Hadoop

There's never just one R package to do anything...

Package	Latest Release (as of 2012-07-09)	Comments
hive	v0.1-15: 2012-06-22	misleading name: stands for "Hadoop interactIVE" & has nothing to do with Hadoop hive. On CRAN.
HadoopStreaming	v0.2: 2010-04-22	focused on utility functions: I/O parsing, data conversions, etc. Available on CRAN.
RHIPE	v0.69: "11 days ago"	comprehensive: code & submit jobs, access HDFS, etc. Unfortunately, most links to it are broken. Look on github instead: https://github.com/saptarshiguha/RHIPE/
segue	v0.04: 2012-06-05	JD Long's very clever way to use Amazon EMR with small or no data. http://code.google.com/p/segue/
RHadoop (rmr, rhdfs, rhbase)	rmr 1.2.2: "3 months ago" rhdfs 1.0.3 "2 months ago" rhbase 1.0.4 "3 months ago"	Divided into separate packages by purpose: • rmr - all MapReduce-related functions • rhdfs - management of Hadoop's HDFS file system • rhbase - access to HBase database Sponsored by Revolution Analytics & on github: https://github.com/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop

Any more?

- Yeah, probably. My apologies to the authors of any relevant packages I may have overlooked.
- R is nothing if it's not flexible when it comes to consuming data from other systems
 - You could just use R to analyze the output of existing MapReduce jobs and workflows
 - R can connect via ODBC and/or JDBC, so you could connect to Hive as if it were just another database
- So... how to pick?



Thanks, Jonathan Seidman



 While Big Data big wig at Orbitz, Jonathan (now at Cloudera) published sample code to perform the same analysis of the airline on-time data set using Hadoop streaming, RHIPE, hive, and RHadoop's rmr

https://github.com/jseidman/hadoop-R

 To be honest, I only had to glance at each sample to make my decision, but let's take a look at the code he wrote for each package

About the data & Jonathan's analysis

- Each month, the US DOT publishes details of the on-time performance (or lack thereof) for every domestic flight in the country
- The ASA's 2009 Data Expo poster session was based on a cleaned version spanning 1987-2008, and thus was born the famous "airline" data set:

Year, Month, DayofMonth, DayOfWeek, DepTime, CRSDepTime, ArrTime, CRSArrTime, UniqueCarrier, FlightNum, TailNum, ActualElapsedTime, CRSElapsedTime, AirTime, ArrDelay, DepDelay, Origin, Dest, Distance, TaxiIn, TaxiOut, Cancelled, CancellationCode, Diverted, CarrierDelay, WeatherDelay, NASDelay, SecurityDelay, LateAircraftDelay

http://stat-computing.org/dataexpo/2009/the-data.html

 Jonathan's analysis determines the mean departure delay ("DepDelay") for each airline for each month

"naked" streaming

hadoop-R/airline/src/deptdelay_by_month/R/streaming/map.R

```
#! /usr/bin/env Rscript
# For each record in airline dataset, output a new record consisting of
# "CARRIER|YEAR|MONTH \t DEPARTURE DELAY"
con <- file("stdin", open = "r")</pre>
while (length(line <- readLines(con, n = 1, warn = FALSE)) > 0) {
  fields <- unlist(strsplit(line, "\\,"))</pre>
  # Skip header lines and bad records:
  if (!(identical(fields[[1]], "Year")) & length(fields) == 29) {
    deptDelay <- fields[[16]]</pre>
    # Skip records where departure dalay is "NA":
    if (!(identical(deptDelay, "NA"))) {
      # field[9] is carrier, field[1] is year, field[2] is month:
      cat(paste(fields[[9]], "|", fields[[1]], "|", fields[[2]], sep=""),
"\t",
          deptDelay, "\n")
close (con)
```

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hadoop-R/airline/src/deptdelay_by_month/R/streaming/reduce.R

```
#!/usr/bin/env Rscript
# For each input key, output a record composed of
# YEAR \t MONTH \t RECORD COUNT \t AIRLINE \t AVG DEPT DELAY
con <- file("stdin", open = "r")</pre>
delays <- numeric(0) # vector of departure delays</pre>
lastKev <- ""</pre>
while (length(line <- readLines(con, n = 1, warn = FALSE)) > 0) {
  split <- unlist(strsplit(line, "\t"))</pre>
  key <- split[[1]]</pre>
  deptDelay <- as.numeric(split[[2]])</pre>
  # Start of a new key, so output results for previous key:
  if (!(identical(lastKey, "")) & (!(identical(lastKey, key)))) {
    keySplit <- unlist(strsplit(lastKey, "\\|"))</pre>
    cat(keySplit[[2]], "\t", keySplit[[3]], "\t", length(delays), "\t", keySplit[[1]], "\t", (mean
(delays)), "\n")
    lastKey <- key</pre>
    delays <- c(deptDelay)</pre>
  } else { # Still working on same key so append dept delay value to vector:
      lastKey <- key</pre>
      delays <- c(delays, deptDelay)</pre>
# We're done, output last record:
keySplit <- unlist(strsplit(lastKey, "\\|"))</pre>
cat(keySplit[[2]], "\t", keySplit[[3]], "\t", length(delays), "\t", keySplit[[1]], "\t", (mean
(delays)), "\n")
```

hive

hadoop-R/airline/src/deptdelay_by_month/R/hive/hive.R

```
#! /usr/bin/env Rscript
mapper <- function() {</pre>
  # For each record in airline dataset, output a new record consisting of
  # "CARRIER|YEAR|MONTH \t DEPARTURE DELAY"
  con <- file("stdin", open = "r")</pre>
  while (length(line <- readLines(con, n = 1, warn = FALSE)) > 0) {
    fields <- unlist(strsplit(line, "\\,"))</pre>
    # Skip header lines and bad records:
    if (!(identical(fields[[1]], "Year")) & length(fields) == 29) {
      deptDelay <- fields[[16]]</pre>
      # Skip records where departure dalay is "NA":
      if (!(identical(deptDelay, "NA"))) {
        # field[9] is carrier, field[1] is year, field[2] is month:
        cat(paste(fields[[9]], "|", fields[[1]], "|", fields[[2]], sep=""), "\t",
             deptDelay, "\n")
  close (con)
reducer <- function() {</pre>
  con <- file("stdin", open = "r")</pre>
  delays <- numeric(0) # vector of departure delays</pre>
  while (length(line <- readLines(con, n = 1, warn = FALSE)) > 0) {
    split <- unlist(strsplit(line, "\t"))</pre>
    key <- split[[1]]</pre>
    deptDelay <- as.numeric(split[[2]])</pre>
    # Start of a new key, so output results for previous key:
    if (!(identical(lastKey, "")) & (!(identical(lastKey, key)))) {
      keySplit <- unlist(strsplit(lastKey, "\\|"))</pre>
      cat(keySplit[[2]], "\t", keySplit[[3]], "\t", length(delays), "\t", keySplit[[1]], "\t", (mean(delays)), "\n")
      lastKey <- key
      delays <- c(deptDelay)</pre>
    } else { # Still working on same key so append dept delay value to vector:
        lastKey <- key
        delays <- c(delays, deptDelay)</pre>
  # We're done, output last record:
  keySplit <- unlist(strsplit(lastKey, "\\|"))</pre>
  \texttt{cat}(\texttt{keySplit}[[2]], "\t", \texttt{keySplit}[[3]], "\t", \texttt{length}(\texttt{delays}), "\t", \texttt{keySplit}[[1]], "\t", \texttt{(mean}(\texttt{delays})), "\n")
library(hive)
DFS dir remove("/dept-delay-month", recursive = TRUE, henv = hive())
hive stream (mapper = mapper, reducer = reducer,
             input="/data/airline/", output="/dept-delay-month")
results <- DFS read lines("/dept-delay-month/part-r-00000", henv = hive())
```

RHIPE

hadoop-R/airline/src/deptdelay_by_month/R/rhipe/rhipe.R

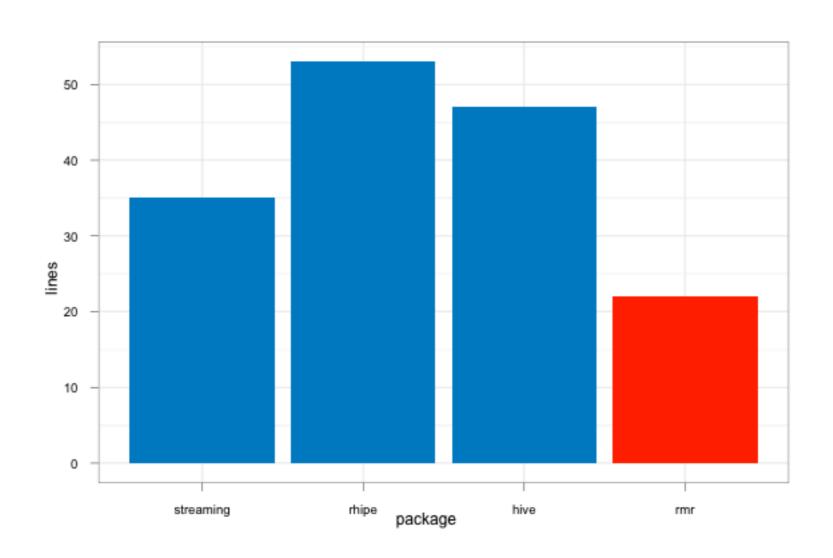
```
#! /usr/bin/env Rscript
# Calculate average departure delays by year and month for each airline in the
# airline data set (http://stat-computing.org/dataexpo/2009/the-data.html)
library(Rhipe)
rhinit (TRUE, TRUE)
# Output from map is:
# "CARRIER|YEAR|MONTH \t DEPARTURE DELAY"
map <- expression({</pre>
  # For each input record, parse out required fields and output new record:
  extractDeptDelays = function(line) {
    fields <- unlist(strsplit(line, "\\,"))</pre>
    # Skip header lines and bad records:
    if (!(identical(fields[[1]], "Year")) & length(fields) == 29) {
      deptDelay <- fields[[16]]</pre>
     # Skip records where departure dalay is "NA":
      if (!(identical(deptDelay, "NA"))) {
        # field[9] is carrier, field[1] is year, field[2] is month:
        rhcollect(paste(fields[[9]], "|", fields[[1]], "|", fields[[2]], sep=""),
                   deptDelay)
  # Process each record in map input:
 lapply(map.values, extractDeptDelays)
# Output from reduce is:
# YEAR \t MONTH \t RECORD COUNT \t AIRLINE \t AVG DEPT DELAY
reduce <- expression(</pre>
 pre = {
    delays <- numeric(0)</pre>
    # Depending on size of input, reduce will get called multiple times
    # for each key, so accumulate intermediate values in delays vector:
    delays <- c(delays, as.numeric(reduce.values))</pre>
  },
 post = {
    # Process all the intermediate values for key:
    keySplit <- unlist(strsplit(reduce.key, "\\|"))</pre>
    count <- length(delays)</pre>
    avg <- mean(delays)</pre>
    rhcollect(keySplit[[2]],
              paste(keySplit[[3]], count, keySplit[[1]], avg, sep="\t"))
inputPath <- "/data/airline/"</pre>
outputPath <- "/dept-delay-month"</pre>
# Create job object:
z <- rhmr(map=map, reduce=reduce,</pre>
          ifolder=inputPath, ofolder=outputPath,
          inout=c('text', 'text'), jobname='Avg Departure Delay By Month',
          mapred=list(mapred.reduce.tasks=2))
# Run it:
rhex(z)
```

rmr (I.I)

hadoop-R/airline/src/deptdelay_by_month/R/rmr/deptdelay-rmr.R

```
#!/usr/bin/env Rscript
# Calculate average departure delays by year and month for each airline in the
# airline data set (http://stat-computing.org/dataexpo/2009/the-data.html).
# Requires rmr package (https://github.com/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop/wiki).
library(rmr)
csvtextinputformat = function(line) keyval(NULL, unlist(strsplit(line, "\\,")))
deptdelay = function (input, output) {
 mapreduce(input = input,
            output = output,
            textinputformat = csvtextinputformat,
           map = function(k, fields) {
              # Skip header lines and bad records:
              if (!(identical(fields[[1]], "Year")) & length(fields) == 29) {
                deptDelay <- fields[[16]]</pre>
                # Skip records where departure dalay is "NA":
                if (!(identical(deptDelay, "NA"))) {
                  # field[9] is carrier, field[1] is year, field[2] is month:
                  keyval(c(fields[[9]], fields[[1]], fields[[2]]), deptDelay)
            reduce = function(keySplit, vv) {
              keyval(keySplit[[2]], c(keySplit[[3]], length(vv), keySplit[[1]], mean(as.numeric(vv))))
            })
from.dfs(deptdelay("/data/airline/1987.csv", "/dept-delay-month"))
```

shorter is better



Other rmr advantages

- Well designed API
 - Your code only needs to deal with R objects: strings, lists, vectors & data.frames
- Very flexible I/O subsystem (new in rmr 1.2, faster in 1.3)
 - Handles common formats like CSV
 - Allows you to control the input parsing line-by-line without having to interact with stdin/stdout directly (or even loop)
- The result of the primary mapreduce() function is simply the HDFS path of the job's output
 - Since one job's output can be the next job's input, mapreduce calls can be daisy-chained to build complex workflows

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RHadoop overview

- Modular
 - Packages group similar functions
 - Only load (and learn!) what you need
 - Minimizes prerequisites and dependencies
- Open Source
 - Cost: Low (no) barrier to start using
 - Transparency: Development, issue tracker, Wiki, etc. hosted on github: https://github.com/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop/
- Supported
 - Sponsored by Revolution Analytics
 - Training & professional services available

RHadoop packages

- rhbase access to HBase database
- rhdfs interaction with Hadoop's HDFS file system
- rmr all MapReduce-related functions

RHadoop prerequisites

- General
 - R 2.13.0+, Revolution R 4.3, 5.0
 - Cloudera CDH3 Hadoop distribution
 - Detailed answer: https://github.com/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop/wiki/Which-Hadoop-for-rmr
 - Environment variables
 - HADOOP_HOME=/usr/lib/hadoop
 - HADOOP_CONF=/etc/hadoop/conf
 - HADOOP CMD=/usr/bin/hadoop
 - HADOOP STREAMING=/usr/lib/hadoop/contrib/streaming/hadoop-streaming-<version>.jar
- rhdfs
 - R package: rJava
- rmr
 - R packages: RJSONIO (0.95-0 or later), itertools, digest
- rhbase
 - Running Thrift server (and its prerequisites)
 - see https://github.com/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop/wiki/rhbase

Downloading RHadoop

- Stable and development branches are available on github
 - https://github.com/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop/
- Releases available as packaged "tarballs"
 - https://github.com/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop/downloads
- Most current as of August 2012
 - https://github.com/downloads/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop/rmr_1.3.1.tar.gz
 - https://github.com/downloads/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop/rhdfs_1.0.5.tar.gz
 - https://github.com/downloads/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop/rhbase_1.0.4.tar.gz
- Or pull your own from the master branch
 - https://github.com/RevolutionAnalytics/RHadoop/tarball/master

Primary rmr functions

Convenience

 keyval() - creates a key-value pair from any two R objects. Used to generate output from input formatters, mappers, reducers, etc.

Input/output

- from.dfs(), to.dfs() read/write data from/to the HDFS
- make.input.format() provides common file parsing (text, CSV) or will wrap a user-supplied function

Job execution

 mapreduce() - submit job and return an HDFS path to the results if successful

First, an easy example

Let's harness the power of our Hadoop cluster... to square some numbers

```
library (rmr)
small.ints = 1:1000
small.int.path = to.dfs(1:1000)
out = mapreduce(input = small.int.path,
     map = function(k, v) keyval(v, v^2)
df = as.data.frame( from.dfs( out,
     structured=T ) )
```

Example output (abridged edition)

```
> out = mapreduce(input = small.int.path, map = function(k,v) keyval(v, v^2))
12/05/08 10:31:17 INFO mapred. File Input Format: Total input paths to process: 1
12/05/08 10:31:18 INFO streaming.StreamJob: getLocalDirs(): [/tmp/hadoop-cloudera/
mapred/locall
12/05/08 10:31:18 INFO streaming.StreamJob: Running job: job 201205061032 0107
12/05/08 10:31:18 INFO streaming.StreamJob: To kill this job, run:
12/05/08 10:31:18 INFO streaming.StreamJob: /usr/lib/hadoop-0.20/bin/hadoop job -
Dmapred.job.tracker=ec2-23-22-84-153.compute-1.amazonaws.com:8021 -kill
job 201205061032 0107
12/05/08 10:31:18 INFO streaming.StreamJob: Tracking URL: <a href="http://">http://</a>
ec2-23-22-84-153.compute-1.amazonaws.com:50030/jobdetails.jsp?
jobid=job 201205061032 0107
12/05/08 10:31:20 INFO streaming.StreamJob: map 0% reduce 0%
12/05/08 10:31:24 INFO streaming.StreamJob: map 50% reduce 0%
12/05/08 10:31:25 INFO streaming.StreamJob: map 100% reduce 0%
12/05/08 10:31:32 INFO streaming.StreamJob: map 100% reduce 33%
12/05/08 10:31:34 INFO streaming.StreamJob: map 100% reduce 100%
12/05/08 10:31:35 INFO streaming.StreamJob: Job complete: job 201205061032 0107
12/05/08 10:31:35 INFO streaming.StreamJob: Output: /tmp/Rtmpu9IW4I/file744a2b01dd31
> df = as.data.frame( from.dfs( out, structured=T ) )
> colnames(df) = c('n', 'n2')
> str(df)
'data.frame': 1000 obs. of 2 variables:
 $ n : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
 $ n2: num 1 4 9 16 25 36 49 64 81 100 ...
```

Components of basic rmr jobs

- Process raw input with formatters
 - see make.input.format()
- Write mapper function in R to extract relevant key-value pairs
- Perform calculations and analysis in reducer function written in R
- Submit the job for execution with mapreduce()
- Fetch the results from HDFS with from.dfs()

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Preparing to run examples

- data/ directory on github contains sample data sets
 - data/hadoop/ contains small extracts for the VMbased one-node Hadoop cluster
 - bin/populate.hdfs.sh contains script to copy data to HDFS
- data/local/ contains even smaller extracts for use with rmr's local backend (emulates Hadoop cluster for development and debugging)
 - examples run with local backend will create output in 'out/' directory on local file system

bin/populate.hdfs.sh

```
#!/bin/sh
/usr/bin/hadoop fs -mkdir /user/cloudera
/usr/bin/hadoop fs -mkdir /user/cloudera/wordcount
/usr/bin/hadoop fs -mkdir /user/cloudera/wordcount/
data
/usr/bin/hadoop fs -put data/hadoop/wordcount/*
       /user/cloudera/wordcount/data
/usr/bin/hadoop fs -mkdir /user/cloudera/airline
/usr/bin/hadoop fs -mkdir /user/cloudera/airline/data
/usr/bin/hadoop fs -put data/hadoop/airline/*
       /user/cloudera/airline/data
```

Example I: wordcount

The "hello world" of Hadoop

- Overview
 - Perhaps the most common example of MapReduce, this analysis simply counts the occurrence of the words which appear in a text
- Objective
 - Provide a simple example which demonstrates the basics of using rmr: writing a mapper & reducer, submitting the job, and fetching the results
- Data
 - Any text will do!
 - Sample data (Shakespeare, Bible, etc.) available from Cloudera

https://github.com/cloudera/cloudera-training/tree/master/data

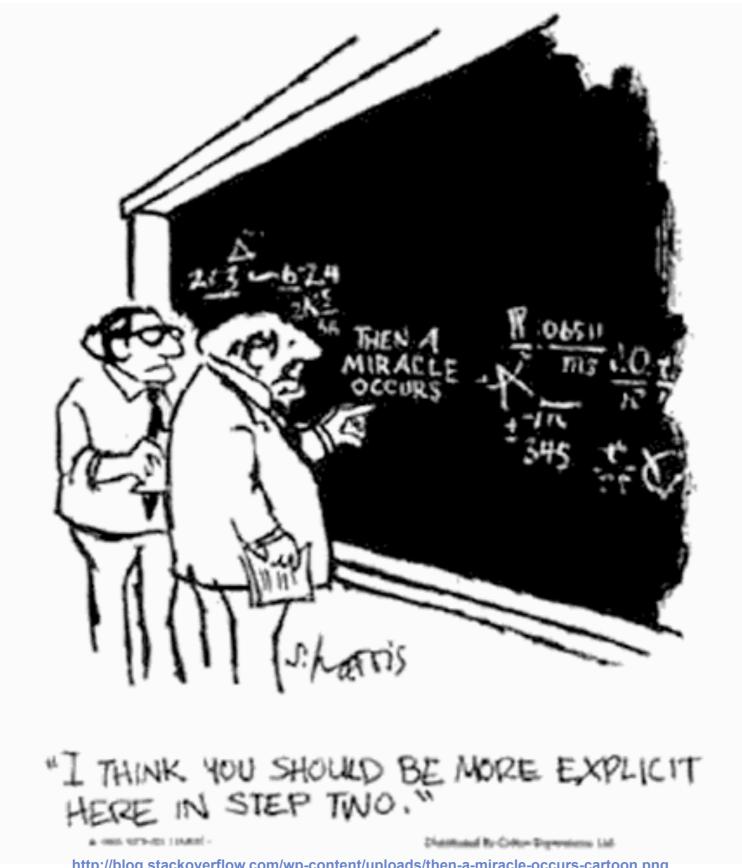
wordcount: code

```
map = function(k, v)  {
   lapply(
      strsplit(x = v, split = '\\W')[[1]],
             function(w) keyval(w,1)
reduce = function(k,vv) {
   keyval(k, sum(unlist(vv)))
wordcount = function (input, output = NULL) {
   mapreduce(input = input ,
            output = output,
            input.format = "text",
            map = map,
            reduce = reduce,
            combine = T) }
```

wordcount: mapper

```
map = function(k, v)  {
    lapply( strsplit(x = v, split = '\s')[[1]],
                  function(w) keyval(w,1) )
}
Input is simply a line of text from the "text" input formatter (key is NULL):
k = NULL
v = structure("Second Carrier\tPeas and beans are as dank here as a dog, and
that", rmr.input = "debug/wordcount/data/all-shakespeare.100")
Output is a list of keyvals: key = word, value = I (its occurrence count):
> str(emit[[1]])
List of 2
 $ key: chr "Second"
 $ val: num 1
 - attr(*, "rmr.keyval") = logi TRUE
> str(emit[[2]])
List of 2
 $ key: chr "Carrier"
 $ val: num 1
 - attr(*, "rmr.keyval") = logi TRUE
```

Hadoop then collects mapper output by key



http://blog.stackoverflow.com/wp-content/uploads/then-a-miracle-occurs-cartoon.png

wordcount: reducer

```
Code
reduce = function(k,vv) {
  keyval(k, sum(unlist(vv)))
Input is key, value with key = word, value = list of
counts
     k = "and"
     vv = list(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)
Output is keyval with key=word, value=sum of counts
      $ key: chr "and"
      $ val: num 9
      - attr(*, "rmr.keyval") = logi TRUE
```

wordcount: combiner

What's a combiner?

 A function used to consolidate mapper output locally before the big shuffle/sort happens across nodes

When to use?

- Analyses which deal with aggregates (e.g., lengths, sums), extremes (e.g., min, max), etc. can often benefit
- But if you need details of the output (e.g., median, mean, quantile) or cross-node results, combiners may not be for you
- In this case, since we're just counting, we can use a combiner

How to specify

- Specify your function via the "combine" parameter to mapreduce()
- "combine=T" tells it to use the same function as for reducing...

wordcount: combiner

```
...and that's why our reducer code uses sum() and not length():
```

```
reduce = function(k, vv) {
   keyval(k, sum(unlist(vv)))
}
```

wordcount: submit job

Submit job

```
> out = wordcount(hdfs.data, hdfs.out)
```

Fetch results from HDFS and sort:

```
> df = as.data.frame( from.dfs(out, structured=T) )
```

> head(df)

```
V1 V1.1
1 Ten 1
2 Attendants 1
3 chaste 1
4 hell 1
5 sleeping 1
6 minion 1
```

Example 2: airline enroute time

- Since Hadoop keys and values needn't be single-valued, let's pull out a few fields from the data: scheduled and actual gate-to-gate times and actual time in the air keyed on year and airport pair
- To review, here's what the data for a given day (3/25/2004) and airport pair (BOS & MIA) might look like:

Why Hadoop for structured data?

- Hadoop and other MapReduce systems are often associated with unstructured data
- The mapping phase provides the opportunity to determine what data to use and how
- But this flexibility can be very useful for structured data too.
 - Remember all those meetings trying to getting your schema "just right"?
 - How often have you wanted to run a query against a field for which you forgot to build an index?
 - Ever have data feeds start arriving in a (slightly) different format?

rmr input formatter

- The input formatter is called to parse each input line for mapping
 - in v1.3, speed can be improved by processing batches of lines, but the idea's the same
- While rmr can parse CSV files out of the box, we're going to write our own parser
- Use make.input.format() to wrap your custom function
 - We start with Jonathan's code, but we're going to get fancy and name the fields of the resulting vector

code: input formatter

```
asa.csvtextinputformat = make.input.format( format =
function(con, nrecs) {
   line = readLines(con, nrecs)
   values = unlist( strsplit(line, "\\,") )
   if (!is.null(values)) {
       names(values) = c('Year', 'Month', 'DayofMonth', 'DayOfWeek',
        'DepTime', 'CRSDepTime', 'ArrTime', 'CRSArrTime',
        'UniqueCarrier', 'FlightNum', 'TailNum', 'ActualElapsedTime',
        'CRSElapsedTime', 'AirTime', 'ArrDelay', 'DepDelay',
        'Origin', 'Dest', 'Distance', 'TaxiIn', 'TaxiOut',
        'Cancelled', 'CancellationCode', 'Diverted',
        'CarrierDelay', 'WeatherDelay', 'NASDelay',
        'SecurityDelay','LateAircraftDelay')
       return( keyval(NULL, values) )
}, mode='text' )
```

data view: input formatter

Sample input (string):

2004,3,25,4,1445,1437,1820,1812,AA,399,N275AA,215,215,197,8,8,BOS,MIA,1258,6,12,0,,0,0,0,0,0

Sample output (key-value pair):

(For clarity, column names have been omitted on these slides)

mapper

Note the improved readability due to named fields and the compound key-value output:

```
#
# the mapper gets a key and a value vector generated by the formatter
# in our case, the key is NULL and all the field values come in as a vector
mapper.year.market.enroute time = function(key, val) {
     # Skip header lines, cancellations, and diversions:
     if (!identical(as.character(val['Year']), 'Year')
          & identical(as.numeric(val['Cancelled']), 0)
          & identical(as.numeric(val['Diverted']), 0) ) {
         # We don't care about direction of travel, so construct 'market'
         # with airports ordered alphabetically
         # (e.g, LAX to JFK becomes 'JFK-LAX'
         if (val['Origin'] < val['Dest'])</pre>
              market = paste(val['Origin'], val['Dest'], sep='-')
         else
              market = paste(val['Dest'], val['Origin'], sep='-')
         # key consists of year, market
         output.key = c(val['Year'], market)
         # output gate-to-gate elapsed times (CRS and actual) + time in air
         output.val = c(val['CRSElapsedTime'], val['ActualElapsedTime'], val['AirTime'])
         return( keyval(output.key, output.val) )
     }
```

data view: mapper

Sample input (key-value pair):

Sample output (key-value pair):

reducer

For each key, our reducer is called with a list containing all of its values:

```
#
# the reducer gets all the values for a given key
# the values (which may be multi-valued as here) come in the form of a list()
#
reducer.year.market.enroute time = function(key, val.list) {
     # val.list is a list of row vectors
     # a data.frame is a list of column vectors
     # plyr's ldply() is the easiest way to convert IMHO
     if ( require(plyr) )
         val.df = ldply(val.list, as.numeric)
     else { # this is as close as my deficient *apply skills can come w/o plyr
         val.list = lapply(val.list, as.numeric)
         val.df = data.frame( do.call(rbind, val.list) )
     colnames(val.df) = c('crs','actual','air')
     output.key = key
     output.val = c( nrow(val.df), mean(val.df$crs, na.rm=T),
                                       mean(val.df$actual, na.rm=T),
                                       mean(val.df$air, na.rm=T) )
     return( keyval(output.key, output.val) )
}
```

data view: reducer

Sample input (key + list of vectors):

```
key:
    c("2004", "BOS-MIA")

value.list:

list(c("215", "215", "197"), c("187", "195", "170"),
    c("198", "198", "168"), c("199", "199", "165"),
    c("204", "182", "157"), c("219", "227", "176"),
    c("206", "178", "158"), c("216", "202", "180"),
    c("203", "203", "173"), c("207", "175", "161"),
    c("187", "193", "163"), c("194", "221", "196"))
```

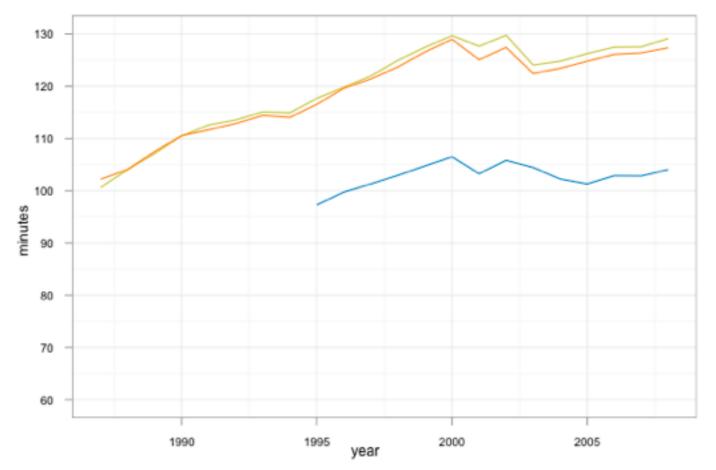
Sample output (key-value pair):

```
$key
[1] "2004" "BOS-MIA"
$val
[1] 12.0000 202.9167 199.0000 172.0000
```

submit the job and get the results

```
mr.year.market.enroute time = function (input, output) {
    mapreduce(input = input,
               output = output,
               input.format = asa.csvtextinputformat,
               map = mapper.year.market.enroute time,
               reduce = reducer.year.market.enroute time,
               backend.parameters = list(
                               hadoop = list(D = "mapred.reduce.tasks=10")
                               ),
               verbose=T)
hdfs.output.path = file.path(hdfs.output.root, 'enroute-time')
results = mr.year.market.enroute time(hdfs.input.path, hdfs.output.path)
results.df = as.data.frame( from.dfs(results, structured=T) )
colnames(results.df) = c('year', 'market', 'flights', 'scheduled',
'actual', 'in.air')
save(results.df, file="out/enroute.time.RData")
```

Big Data In, Small Results Out



Outline

- Why MapReduce? Why R?
- R + Hadoop options
- RHadoop overview
- Step-by-step example
- Advanced RHadoop features

rmr's local backend

- rmr can simulate a Hadoop cluster on your local machine
- Just set the 'backend' option:

```
rmr.options.set(backend='local')
```

- Very handy for development and testing
- You can try installing rmr completely
 Hadoop-free, but your mileage may vary

did you notice...

- ...that we simply declared functions in our local R environment, and they were magically available on all the nodes?
- When generating the Hadoop streaming job, rmr's mapreduce() function bundles up everything in your global and local environments
- This can make writing map- or reduce-side joins very simple
 - Just load your reference tables and use them when you need them!

Other RHadoop packages

- rhbase access to HBase database
- rhdfs interaction with Hadoop's HDFS file system
- rmr all MapReduce-related functions

rhbase function overview

Initialization

```
• hb.init()
```

Create and manage tables

- hb.list.tables(), hb.describe.table()
- hb.new.table(), hb.delete.table()

Read and write data

- hb.insert(), hb.insert.data.frame()
- hb.get(), hb.get.data.frame(), hb.scan()
- hb.delete()

Administrative, etc.

- hb.defaults(), hb.set.table.mode()
- hb.regions.table(), hb.compact.table()

rhdfs function overview

• File & directory manipulation

- hdfs.ls(), hdfslist.files()
- hdfs.delete(), hdfs.del(), hdfs.rm()
- hdfs.dircreate(), hdfs.mkdir()
- hdfs.chmod(), hdfs.chown(), hdfs.file.info()
- hdfs.exists()

Copying, moving & renaming files to/from/within HDFS

- hdfs.copy(), hdfs.move(), hdfs.rename()
- hdfs.put(), hdfs.get()

Reading files directly from HDFS

- hdfs.file(), hdfs.read(), hdfs.write(), hdfs.flush()
- hdfs.seek(), hdfs.tell(con), hdfs.close()
- hdfs.line.reader(), hdfs.read.text.file()

• Misc.

hdfs.init(), hdfs.defaults()

Next up: Taking it to the cloud