Table Properties 2 – Immutable

- Hive provides table immunity from insert into command. Insert into command is used to append to a table or partition keeping the existing data intact.
- All the tables by default are mutable.

Let's see an example, Suppose we have two mutable tables, with some common and some different data

```
hive> Select * from EMP;
                               emp.dept_id
emp.emp_id
               emp.emp_name
249972
        SwatiGirhepunje 10
249973 Tanjila Pathan 10
249974 Shweta Bedmutha 20
149975 Sheela Sawant
249976 Rajesh Kharache 60
Time taken: 0.205 seconds, Fetched: 5 row(s)
hive> Select * from EMP_MAY;
OK
emp_may.emp_id emp_may.emp_name
                                      emp_may.dept_id
249972 SwatiGirhepunje 10
       Suvarna Katkar
249977
249978 Shneha Kapgate
                        20
149975 Sheela Sawant
                       50
249976 Rajesh Kharache 60
Time taken: 0.557 seconds, Fetched: 5 row(s)
hive>
```

Now let's insert all the data from EMP_MAY table into EMP table.

Immutable Table

A Table can be created as immutable table, by setting it's table property to True. By default this property is false.

```
create table if not exists EMP1 (emp_id int, emp_name string,
dept_id int) row format delimited fields terminated by ',' lines
terminated by '\n' stored as textfile tblproperties
("immutable"="true");
```

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hive> create table if not exists EMP1 (emp_id int, emp_name string, dept_id int) row format delimited fields terminated by ',' lines t
erminated by '\n' stored as textfile tblproperties ("immutable"="true");
OK
Time taken: 0.452 seconds
hive>
```

load file into EMP1 table.

```
hive> load data inpath '/user/cloudera/EMP_Data.txt' into table EMP1;
Loading data to table default.emp1
chgrp: changing ownership of 'hdfs://quickstart.cloudera:8020/user/hive/warehouse/emp1/EMP_Data.txt': Permission denied. user=root is
not the owner of inode=EMP_Data.txt
chmod: changing permissions of 'hdfs://quickstart.cloudera:8020/user/hive/warehouse/emp1/EMP_Data.txt': Permission denied. user=root i
s not the owner of inode=EMP_Data.txt
Table default.emp1 stats: [numFiles=1, totalSize=127]
OK
Time taken: 1.069 seconds
```

```
hive> Select * from EMP1;
OK
                                emp1.dept id
emp1.emp id
                emp1.emp name
249972
        SwatiGirhepunje 10
249973 Tanjila Pathan 10
249974 Shweta Bedmutha 20
149975
        Sheela Sawant
                        50
249976
        Rajesh Kharache 60
Time taken: 0.221 seconds, Fetched: 5 row(s)
hive>
```

Verifying table properties

Immutable property allows us to load the data for the first time. After the first data insert, the successive insert into commands will fail resulting in only one set of data into table.

• <u>Insert into command on Non-Empty Immutable Table will throw error</u> saying, *inserting into non-empty immutable table is not allowed.*

```
hive> insert into EMP1 select * from EMP_MAY;
FAILED: SemanticException [Error 10256]: Inserting into a non-empty immutable table is not allowed emp1
hive>
```

• <u>Insert Overwrite command on Non-Empty Immutable Table is not affected by immutable property</u>

Overwrite means, clearing the table contents first and then inserting the new data.

```
hive> Select * from EMP1;

OK

emp1.emp_id emp1.emp_name emp1.dept_id

249972 SwatiGirhepunje 10

249977 Suvarna Katkar 10

249978 Shneha Kapgate 20

149975 Sheela Sawant 50

249976 Rajesh Kharache 60

Time taken: 0.281 seconds, Fetched: 5 row(s)

hive>
```