Tutorial 7

Apache Cassandra

To get started with Cassandra NoSQL database, we will step through a single-node, local installation on VM.

1) The following points are the requirements to run Cassandra locally: Move to the Apache download site for the Cassandra project (http://cassandra.apache.org/download/), choose 3.11.16, and select a mirror to download the latest version of Cassandra. When complete, copy the .tar or .gzip file to a location that your user has read and write permissions for. This example will assume that this is going to be the ~/Downloads/ directory on ubuntu VM.

Note: If you could not understand from the command instructions, then please check the screenshot for better understanding. If you like to explore the details of each command along with examples, then check the documentation of Cassandara on website: https://cassandra.apache.org/doc/latest/

Download Apache Cassandra from the following link as mentioned below

https://www.apache.org/dyn/closer.lua/cassandra/3.11.16/apache-cassandra-3.11.16-bin.tar.gz

2) \$cd Downloads

Follow the instructions to unzip on the below screenshots and change the name of the folder as you did during the Hadoop, HBase and Spark installations (Tutorials, 2, 4, 6).

```
hduser@muhammad-VM:~\S cd Downloads
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hduser@muhammad-VM:~\Downloads\S ls apa*
apache-cassandra-3.11.16-bin.tar.gz
hduser@muhammad-VM:~\Downloads\S tar -zxvf .\apache-cassandra-3.11.16-bin.tar.gz
apache-cassandra-3.11.16\bin\\
apache-cassandra-3
```

```
hduser@muhammad-VM: /usr/local/cassandra/conf
nduser@muhammad-VM:~/Downloads$ ls apa*
apache-cassandra-3.11.16:
                      CHANGES.txt doc Lib NEWS.txt NOTICE.txt
CASSANDRA-14092.txt conf
duser@muhammad-VM:~/Downloads$ sudo mv ./apache-cassandra-3.11.16 /usr/local
[sudo] password for hduser:
duser@muhammad-VM:~/Downloads$ cd /usr/local
nduser@muhammad-VM:/usr/local$ pwd
usr/local
duser@muhammad-VM:/usr/localS ls
                                     hbase
nduser@muhammad-VM:/usr/local$ sudo ln -sf ./apache-cassandra-3.11.16 ./cassandra
nduser@muhammad-VM:/usr/local$ sudo chown -R hduser:hadoopgroup cassandra
duser@muhammad-VM:/usr/local$ ls
                            cassandra hadoop
                                        hbase
nduser@muhammad-VM:/usr/local$ cd cassandra
duser@muhammad-VM:/usr/local/cassandra$ cd conf
 duser@muhammad-VM:/usr/local/cassandra/conf$ nano cassandra.yaml
```

3) Configuration: At this point, you could start your node with no further configuration. However, it is good to get into the habit of checking and adjusting the properties that are indicated as follows using instructions as shown in the screenshot in step no. 2.

\$cd /usr/local

\$cd cassandra

\$cd conf

\$nano cassandra.yaml

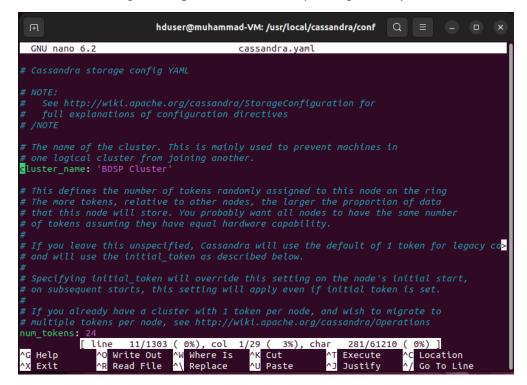
It is usually a good idea to rename your cluster. Inside the conf/cassandra.yaml file, specify a new cluster_name property, overwriting the default Test Cluster as shown below in screenshot:

cluster name: 'BDSP Cluster'

The num_tokens property default of 256 has proven to be too high for the newer, 3.x versions of Cassandra. Go ahead and set that to 24:

num tokens: 24

save the file using nano/ gedit editor after updating above parameters.



Press Alt+C to display the line number using nano editor.

4) By default, Cassandra will come up bound to localhost or 127.0.0.1. For your own local development machine

```
hduser@muhammad-VM:/usr/local/cassandra/conf$ nano cassandra-rackdc.properties
```

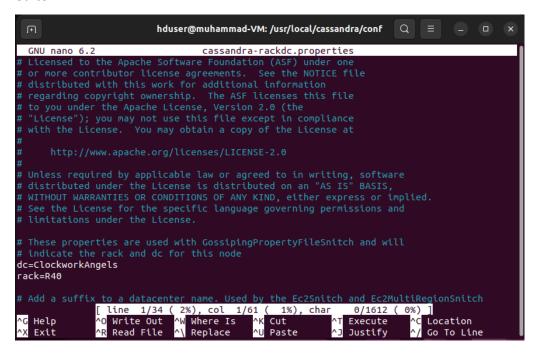
cassandra-rackdc.properties

In terms of NoSQL databases, Apache Cassandra handles multi-data center awareness better than any other. To configure this, each node must use **GossipingPropertyFileSnitch** (as previously mentioned in the preceding **cassandra.yaml** configuration process) and must

have its local data center (and rack) settings defined. Therefore, we set the dc and rack properties in the **conf/cassandra-rackdc.properties** file:

dc=ClockworkAngels rack=R40

If these properties are already set as shown below in the screenshot. You can exit from the editor.



5) Starting Cassandra: To start Cassandra locally, execute the Cassandra script. If no arguments are passed, it will run in the foreground. To have it run in the background, send the **-p flag** with a destination file for the **Process ID** (**PID**):

```
hduser@muhammad-vm: /usr/local/cassandra
 duser@muhammad-vm:/usr/local/
                                                                    s cd conf
                                                                       conf$ nano cassandra.yaml
conf$ nano cassandra-rackdc.properties
  duser@muhammad-vm:/usr/local/cass
  duser@muhammad-vm:/
                                                                              $ cd ..
 duser@muhammad-vm:/
                                                              indra$ bin/cassandra -p cassandra.pid
indra$ OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM warning: Cannot open file bin/../logs/gc.
 duser@muhammad-vm:/usr/local/cassan
  duser@muhammad-vm:/
log due to No such file or directory
CompilerOracle: dontinline org/apache/cassandra/db/Columns$Serializer.deserializeLargeSubset (Lorg/apache/cassandra/io/util/DataInputPlus;Lorg/apache/cassandra/db/Columns;I)Lorg/apache/cassandra/db/Columns;
CompilerOracle: dontinline org/apache/cassandra/db/Columns$Serializer.serializeLargeSubset (Ljava/util/Collection;ILorg/apache/cassandra/db/Columns;ILorg/apache/cassandra/io/util/DataOutputPlus;)V
CompilerOracle: dontinline org/apache/cassandra/db/Columns$Serializer.serializeLargeSubsetSize (Ljava/util/Collection;ILorg/apache/cassandra/db/Columns;I)I
 CompilerOracle: dontinline org/apache/cassandra/db/commitlog/AbstractCommitLogSegmentManager.advanceAllocat
ingFrom (Lorg/apache/cassandra/db/commitlog/CommitLogSegment;)V
CompilerOracle: dontinline org/apache/cassandra/db/transform/BaseIterator.tryGetMoreContents ()Z
CompilerOracle: dontinline org/apache/cassandra/db/transform/StoppingTransformation.stop ()V
 CompilerOracle: dontinline org/apache/cassandra/db/transform/StoppingTransformation.stopInPartition ()V
CompilerOracle: dontinline org/apache/cassandra/io/util/RufferedDataOutputStreamPlus.doFlush (I)V
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\$bin/cassandra -p cassandra.pid

Or

\$bin/cassandra -f

When the Cassandra started, then leave this terminal as shown below

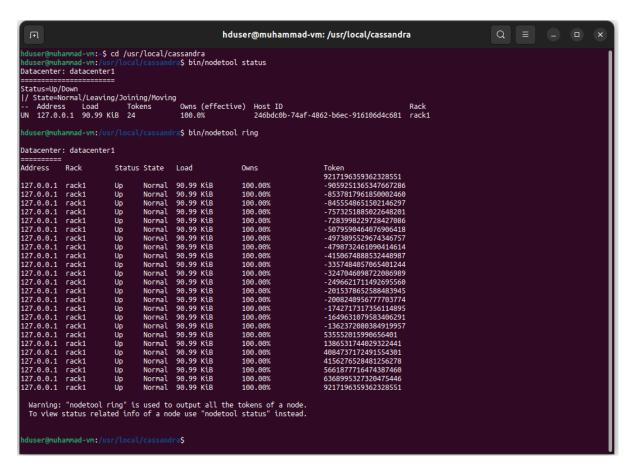
```
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,292 IndexSummaryManager.java:87 - Initializing index summary manager with a memory pool si ze of 97 MB and a resize interval of 60 minutes
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,297 MessagingService.java:750 - Starting Messaging Service on localhost/127.0.0.1:7000 (lo )
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,297 MessagingService.java:750 - Starting Messaging Service on localhost/127.0.0.1:7000 (lo )
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,313 StorageService.java:77 - Loading persisted ring state
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,318 StorageService.java:1000 - Starting up server gossip
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,318 StorageService.java:1000 - Starting up server gossip
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,318 StorageService.java:1000 - Updating topology for localhost/127.0.0.1
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,348 TokenMetadata.java:507 - Updating topology for localhost/127.0.0.1
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,348 TokenMetadata.java:507 - Updating topology for localhost/127.0.0.1
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,348 TokenMetadata.java:507 - Updating topology for localhost/127.0.0.1
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,348 TokenMetadata.java:507 - Updating topology for localhost/127.0.0.1
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,348 TokenMetadata.java:507 - Updating topology for localhost/127.0.0.1
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,348 TokenMetadata.java:507 - Updating topology for localhost/127.0.0.1
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,348 TokenMetadata.java:507 - Updating topology for localhost/127.0.0.1
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,351 StorageService.java:1506 - Using saved tokens [-1145059127204860855, -1710212054680447
294, -3663369271873104833, -4244381496726715217, -42090061617132743006, -48379226789372994488, -59640792228258976881, -7443276
294, -3663369271873104833, -4244381496726715217, -4209006161713274306, -4837926789372994488, -59640792228258976881, -7443276
29588612566643064, 78799613264813580341, Biy7962781872375769927, 8367246824431635707, 8677261543986619591
INFO [main] 2024-04-01 01:20:52,3737 StorageServic
```

Let this window stay as is for the moment, don't close it. However, if you would like to stop Cassandra, press Ctrl + C to stop the Cassandra process or you can use the command to kill the process as mentioned below on the screen. You must perform these steps if the Cassandra showed an error in the case of start-up using this command (bin/cassandra -p cassandra.pid or bin/cassandra -f).

```
hduser@muhammad-VW.jsr/local/cassandrs ps aux | grep cass | grep c
```

This will store the PID of the Cassandra process in a file named **cassandra.pid** in the **local/cassandra** directory. Several messages will be dumped to the screen.

Open a new terminal by pressing **ctrl+ Alt + t**, Check the status of Cassandra by using the following commands as mentioned below in the screenshot



6) Cassandra Cluster Manager: If you want an even faster way to install Cassandra, you can use an open-source tool called **CCM**. **CCM** installs Cassandra for you, with very minimal configuration. In addition to ease of installation, CCM also allows you to run multiple Cassandra nodes locally.

Open a new terminal by pressing (ctrl + Alt + t). Install python 2.7 before execution of next commands.

\$sudo apt install python2

Press Y for the installation.



First, let's clone the CCM repository from GitHub, and cd into the directory:

```
$cd <- Press enter Key
$sudo apt install git
```

\$git clone https://github.com/riptano/ccm.git

\$cd ccm

Next, we will run the setup program to install CCM:

\$nano ./setup.py

And change the first line word "python" to "python2"as mentioned below



\$sudo ./setup.py install

```
nduser@muhammad-VM:~$ git clone https://github.com/riptano/ccm.git
Cloning into 'ccm'..
remote: Enumerating objects: 5065, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (79/79), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (58/58), done.
remote: Total 5065 (delta 40), reused 47 (delta 20), pack-reused 4986
Receiving objects: 100% (5065/5065), 2.30 MiB | 3.43 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (3508/3508), done.
hduser@muhammad-VM:~$ cd ccm
 hduser@muhammad-VM:~/ccm$ sudo ./setup.py install
/usr/lib/python2.7/distutils/dist.py:267: UserWarning: Unknown distribution option: 'pbr'
  warnings.warn(msg)
/usr/lib/python2.7/distutils/dist.py:267: UserWarning: Unknown distribution option: 'setup_r
equires'
  warnings.warn(msg)
running install
running build
running build_scripts
creating build
creating build/scripts-2.7
copying and adjusting ccm -> build/scripts-2.7
changing mode of build/scripts-2.7/ccm from 644 to 755
running install_scripts
copying build/scripts-2.7/ccm -> /usr/local/bin
changing mode of /usr/local/bin/ccm to 755
running install_egg_info
Removing /usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/UNKNOWN-0.0.0.egg-info
Writing /usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/UNKNOWN-0.0.0.egg-info
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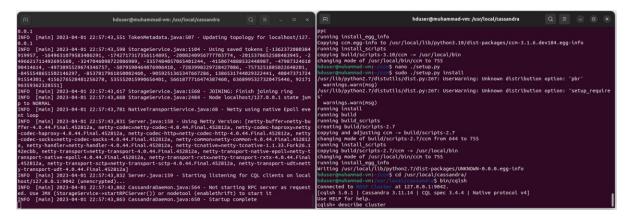
A quick introduction to the data model

Now that we have a Cassandra cluster running on our local machine, we will demonstrate its use with some quick examples. We will start with cqlsh, and use that as our primary means of working with the Cassandra data model.

7) Using Cassandra with cqlsh: To start working with Cassandra, let's start the Cassandra Query Language (CQL) shell. The shell interface will allow us to execute CQL commands to define, query, and modify our data. As this is a new cluster and we have turned on authentication and authorization, we will use the default cassandra and cassandra username and password, as follows:

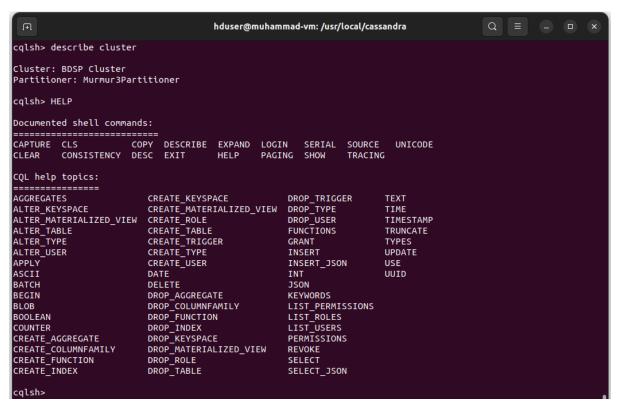
\$cd /usr/local/cassandra/

\$bin/cqlsh



One terminal showed that the Cassandra is running, and you can execute the Cassandra database commands on the other terminal.

cassandra@cqlsh> describe cluster;



cqlsh>DESCRIBE KEYSPACES;

Check all the tables that are defined in the keyspace.

```
cqlsh>DESCRIBE KEYSPACE system;
cqlsh>CREATE KEYSPACE vehicle_tracker WITH REPLICATION = { 'class' :
'SimpleStrategy', 'replication_factor' : 1 };
cqlsh>DESCRIBE KEYSPACES;
```

Check the screenshot of this command on the next page of the tutorial. If you like to drop the keyspace

```
cqlsh>DROP KEYSPACE vehicle_tracker;
```

```
hduser@muhammad-vm:/usr/local/cassandra

cqlsh> CREATE KEYSPACE vehicle_tracker
... WITH REPLICATION = { 'class' : 'SimpleStrategy', 'replication_factor' : 1};
cqlsh> DESCRIBE KEYSPACES;
system_schema system system_distributed
system_auth vehicle_tracker system_traces

cqlsh> DROP KEYSPACE vehicle_tracker;
cqlsh> DESCRIBE KEYSPACES;
system_schema system_auth system system_distributed system_traces
cqlsh> CREATE KEYSPACE home_security WITH REPLICATION = { 'class' : 'SimpleStrategy', 'replication_factor' : 1};
cqlsh> DESCRIBE KEYSPACES;
system_schema system system_distributed
system_auth home_security system_traces

cqlsh> use home_Security;
cqlsh:home_security>
```

If you would like to know the details of the commands, please check the website: https://cassandra.apache.org/doc/latest/cassandra/developing/cql/ddl.html

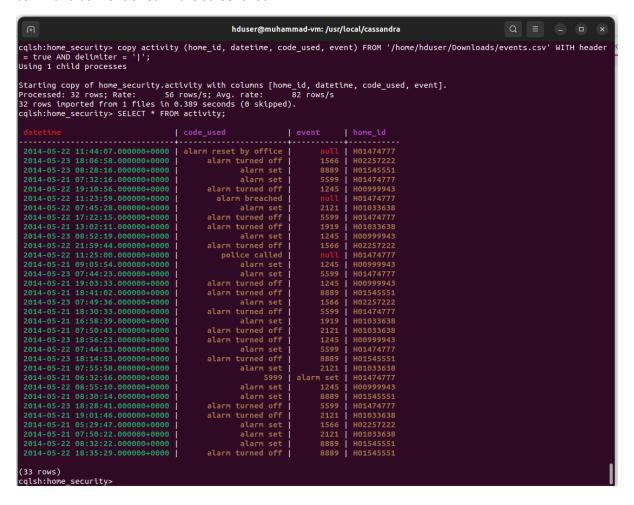
cqlsh>USE home Security;

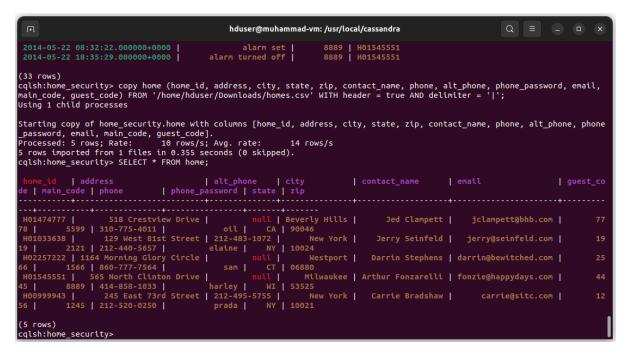
Follow the screenshot to create the Table in the collection 'home security'

Create another table named as 'activity' inside the collection 'home_security' and the screenshots are mentioned below



8) Copy the data from **csv** file. Download the file **'events.csv'** and **'homes.csv'** from Moodle in the **'Downloads'** folder on VM (This is not Hadoop and it is your local Ubuntu machine) and write the command as mentioned in the screenshot.



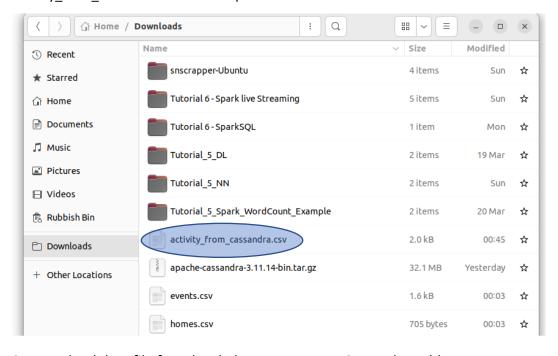


9) Export the data from the Cassandra table to 'csv' file on your local Ubuntu machine.

```
cqlsh:home_security> COPY home_security.activity(home_id, datetime, code_used, event) TO '/home/hduser/Downloads/activity_
from_cassandra.csv' WITH header = true AND delimiter = '|';
Using 1 child processes

Starting copy of home_security.activity with columns [home_id, datetime, code_used, event].
Processed: 33 rows; Rate: 385 rows/s; Avg. rate: 385 rows/s
33 rows exported to 1 files in 0.101 seconds.
cqlsh:home_security> exit
hduser@muhammad-vm:/usr/local/cassandra$
```

The output file will be stored in 'Downloads' folder as shown below on Ubuntu VM. You might see some other files in the Download folder than this screenshot. Make sure that activity from cassandra.csv must be present.



Steps to load data file from local ubuntu system to Cassandra Table

1) Create a file named as "employees_data.csv" and insert the records as mentioned below

\$nano employees data.csv

employee id,firstname,lastname,department,city

- 1,Peter,Mark,Engineering,Dublin
- 2, Sean, Kelly, Physics, Dublin
- 3, Derek, Monahan, IT, Galway
- 4, Miles, Turner, Medical, Cork
- 5,Sarah,Hayes,Nursing,Cork

Or download the file "employees data.csv" from Moodle.

2) Follow the sequence of commands to load data into Table "employees_data" and Keyspace named as "employees".

\$cd /usr/local/cassandra

```
hduser@muhammad-VM:/usr/local/cassandra$ bin/cqlsh
```

```
Connected to BDSP Cluster at <a href="mailto:127.0.0.1:9042">127.0.0.1:9042</a>.

cqlsh> CREATE KEYSPACE employees WITH replication = {'class':'
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```
SimpleStrategy', 'replication_factor' : 1};
cqlsh> CREATE TABLE employees.employees_data (employee_id int PRIMARY KEY,
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firstname text, lastname text, department text, city text);

```
cqlsh> USE employees;
cqlsh:employees> COPY employees.employees_data (employee_id, firstname,
lastname, department, city) FROM '/home/hduser/Downloads/
```

employees_data.csv' WITH HEADER = true;
cqlsh:employees> select * from employees.employees data;

3) The screenshot showed the sequence of commands as shown below.

```
hduser@muhammad-vm: /usr/local/cassandra
h<mark>duser@muhammad-vm:</mark>/usr/local/cas
                                              andra$ bin/cqlsh
Connected to BDSP Cluster at 127.0.0.1:9042.
[cqlsh 5.0.1 | Cassandra 3.11.14 | CQL spec 3.4.4 | Native protocol v4]
Use HELP for help.
cqlsh> CREATE KEYSPACE employees WITH replication = {'class':'SimpleStrategy', 'replication_factor' : 1}; cqlsh> CREATE TABLE employees.employees_data (employee_id int PRIMARY KEY, firstname text, lastname text,
department text, city text);
cqlsh> USE employees;
cqlsh:employees> COPY employees.employees_data (employee_id, firstname, lastname, department, city) FROM '
/home/hduser/Downloads/employees_data.csv
Using 1 child processes
Starting copy of employees.employees_data with columns [employee_id, firstname, lastname, department, city
Processed: 5 rows; Rate:
                                          9 rows/s; Avg. rate:
                                                                              13 rows/s
5 rows imported from 1 files in 0.377 seconds (0 skipped).
cqlsh:employees> select * from employees.employees_data;
                    Cork | Nursing |
Dublin | Engineering |
                                                         Sarah |
                                                         Peter
                      Cork
(5 rows)
cqlsh:employees>
```

4) Learn from the book reference provided in references for further understanding of Cassandra query language and perform queries on the datasets of your choice.

References:

- https://cassandra.apache.org/doc/latest/cassandra/cql/ddl.html
- Cassandra: The Definitive Guide, (Revised) Third Edition, 3rd Edition, Jeff Carpenter, Eben Hewitt, O'Reilly Media, Inc., January 2022.
- Installation instructions: https://www.cloudduggu.com/cassandra/installation/