Columnar Databases: Cassandra

# Set up

Set up Python 2.7 and enable it in current shell.

$ sudo yum install -y centos-release-scl

$ sudo yum install -y python27

$ scl enable python27 bash

Download Cassandra tarball.

$ wget http://apache.lauf-forum.at/cassandra/2.2.14/apache-cassandra-2.2.14-bin.tar.gz

Untar the file.

$ tar -xvf apache-cassandra-2.2.14-bin.tar.gz

Add the bin subdirectory into $PATH.

$ PATH=$PATH:/home/cloudera/apache-cassandra-2.2.14/bin

Start Cassandra daemon. There will be much output, shouldn’t be any errors.

$ cassandra

Verify that it is running.

$ nodetool status

Output should be like this.

Datacenter: datacenter1

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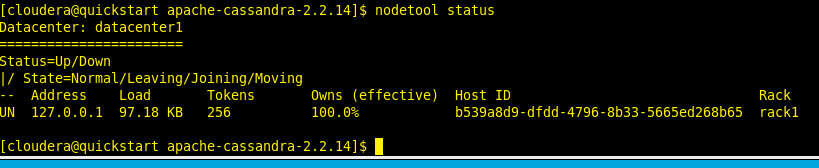
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# Prepare the data

Download stock exchange dataset

$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/hw-sandbox/tutorial1/NYSE-2000-2001.tsv.gz -O - | gzip -d > NYSE-2000-2001.tsv

Cassandra uses an SQL dialect called CQL that allows to the users familiar with SQL to start operating in a very short amount of time. The Cassandra equivalent of a database as outermost grouping unit for data is called keyspace.

Open the cqlsh.

$ cqlsh

Create new keyspace.

cqlsh> CREATE KEYSPACE stock\_exchanges WITH replication = {'class': 'SimpleStrategy', 'replication\_factor': 1};

Create a new table with partition key of (exchange, stock\_symbol).

cqlsh> CREATE TABLE stock\_exchanges.nyse

(exchange text,

stock\_symbol text,

date text,

stock\_price\_open float,

stock\_price\_high float,

stock\_price\_low float,

stock\_price\_close float,

stock\_volume float,

stock\_price\_adj\_close float,

PRIMARY KEY ((exchange, stock\_symbol), date));

# Import the data

Import it using cqlsh.

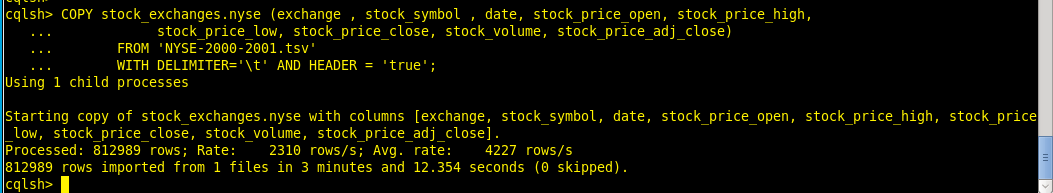
cqlsh> COPY stock\_exchanges.nyse (exchange , stock\_symbol , date, stock\_price\_open, stock\_price\_high,

stock\_price\_low, stock\_price\_close, stock\_volume, stock\_price\_adj\_close)

FROM 'NYSE-2000-2001.tsv'

WITH DELIMITER='\t' AND HEADER = 'true';

Copy here the output of the command:



# Query the data

Select the first five opening prices belonging to a specific ticker from the cqlsh.

cqlsh> SELECT date, stock\_price\_open FROM stock\_exchanges.nyse WHERE exchange = 'NYSE' AND stock\_symbol = 'ASP'

LIMIT 5;

Copy and paste text output or screenshot of at least first 5 lines here:

