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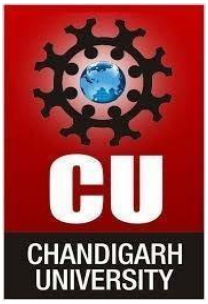

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Abstract

This project presents a **MapReduce-based weather data analyzer** designed to calculate **maximum and minimum temperatures** from raw weather datasets using the Hadoop ecosystem. The primary objective is to demonstrate how **distributed computing frameworks**, particularly **Hadoop MapReduce**, can efficiently process large-scale time-series environmental data.

To build and test this project, we utilized an **Ubuntu-based virtual machine (VM)** to simulate a cluster environment. Hadoop was installed and configured in **pseudo-distributed mode** on the VM, providing an isolated and flexible environment for development and experimentation. This allowed us to run, debug, and validate MapReduce jobs without the need for a physical Hadoop cluster.

The dataset used contains entries with station ID, date, temperature type (TMAX/TMIN), and temperature values. The **Mapper** class extracts and emits relevant key-value pairs (<station_id, temperature_type:temperature_value>), while the **Reducer** class computes the **maximum and minimum temperature values per weather station**. The output is saved in HDFS in a structured and readable format.

This system is **scalable**, **fault-tolerant**, and serves as a foundational proof-of-concept for future climate analytics applications. Potential extensions include integration with Spark for faster processing, visualization dashboards, and analysis of additional environmental metrics such as humidity, wind speed, or precipitation. By leveraging Hadoop on a virtualized Ubuntu setup, the project demonstrates the power and accessibility of Big Data tools in academic and research settings.

Introduction to the Project

In recent years, the availability of large-scale environmental datasets has increased exponentially due to the proliferation of weather stations, IoT sensors, and satellite monitoring systems. This data provides valuable insights into climate patterns, extreme weather events, and long-term environmental trends. However, the sheer volume of weather data generated daily makes traditional data processing techniques inefficient and inadequate.

To address this challenge, **Big Data technologies** such as **Apache Hadoop** offer powerful tools for handling, storing, and analyzing massive datasets. Hadoop's **MapReduce** programming model provides a scalable and fault-tolerant approach for parallel data processing across distributed computing nodes. This project leverages the Hadoop framework to implement a weather data analysis system capable of extracting meaningful statistics from raw weather records.

The main goal of this project is to develop a **MapReduce-based application** that processes weather data to compute **station-wise maximum and minimum temperatures**. The program reads weather records from the Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS), processes them through **custom Mapper and Reducer classes written in Java**, and generates summarized reports per station.

To simulate a real-world distributed environment, the project was developed and executed on an **Ubuntu-based virtual machine** configured with a **pseudo-distributed Hadoop setup**. This setup emulates a single-node cluster, allowing all Hadoop daemons (NameNode, DataNode, ResourceManager, NodeManager) to run on a single machine while preserving the behavior of a distributed system.

The project demonstrates the power and efficiency of Big Data processing with Hadoop and serves as a foundation for more advanced analytics tasks, such as:

- Analyzing temperature trends over time,
- Monitoring extreme weather conditions,
- Integrating real-time weather streams.

The simplicity and modularity of the MapReduce framework make it ideal for processing structured or semi-structured data like weather records, where computations like min/max, averages, and group-by operations are common.

Technologies Used to Develop Project

The development of the Weather Report POC (Proof of Concept) using the Hadoop MapReduce framework required a combination of programming tools, platforms, and software technologies. Each of these components played a vital role in the successful implementation, execution, and analysis of weather data at scale. The following is an overview of the key technologies used:

3.1 Java (JDK 8/11)

Java was used as the core programming language to write the **Mapper**, **Reducer**, and **Driver** classes required for the MapReduce program. Hadoop's native APIs are written in Java, making it the ideal language for building efficient and portable MapReduce jobs.

- **Purpose**: Writing data processing logic (MapReduce)
- **Why Java**: Platform-independent, strong community support, seamless Hadoop integration

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3.2 Apache Hadoop (Version 3.x)

Apache Hadoop is an open-source distributed computing framework designed for the storage and processing of large data sets across clusters of computers. This project uses the Hadoop **MapReduce** engine to perform parallel computations on structured weather data.

- **Key Hadoop Components Used**:
  - **HDFS (Hadoop Distributed File System)**: Stores large volumes of data across multiple nodes
  - **MapReduce**: The processing engine used to execute the job
  - **YARN (Yet Another Resource Negotiator)**: Resource management for Hadoop jobs
- **Setup Mode**: Pseudo-distributed (single-node cluster)

3.3 Ubuntu

The development and testing environment was built on a **Linux-based Ubuntu Virtual Machine**. Ubuntu offers excellent compatibility with Hadoop and supports all necessary tools out-of-the-box, including SSH, Java, and Unix-based file systems.

- **Purpose**: Host the Hadoop environment in a VM
- **Advantages**: Lightweight, open-source, secure, and developer-friendly

3.4 Virtual Machine (VirtualBox / VMware / Oracle VM)

A virtual machine was used to simulate a Hadoop environment without requiring multiple physical systems. All Hadoop services were run in **pseudo-distributed mode** within the VM.

- **Purpose**: Safe and isolated development/testing of Big Data workloads
- **Benefit**: Replicates real-world Hadoop behavior on a single system

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3.5 HDFS CLI (Command-Line Interface)

Used to interact with Hadoop's file system to:

- Upload datasets to HDFS
- View file contents
- Monitor job progress
- Retrieve result outputs

Literature Review

The growing demand for real-time weather forecasting, environmental monitoring, and climate trend analysis has led to an explosion in the volume of weather-related data collected globally. Traditional data processing systems, such as relational databases and standalone applications, struggle with the **velocity, variety, and volume** of this Big Data. In recent years, the use of **distributed computing frameworks** like Hadoop and Spark has gained prominence for handling such data efficiently.

This section reviews relevant research and technologies that serve as the foundation for the proposed MapReduce-based weather analytics system.

4.1 Traditional Weather Data Analysis Methods

Conventional systems use centralized databases to store and retrieve weather logs. These systems are:

- Simple to implement for small datasets
- Difficult to scale horizontally
- Performance-degrading as data size increases

Examples include:

- SQL-based tools used by weather agencies for record-keeping
- Manual scripting in languages like Python for processing CSV logs

However, these approaches cannot handle large-scale historical weather data efficiently, nor do they support real-time processing.

4.2 Emergence of Big Data in Environmental Science

Numerous studies and implementations highlight how **Big Data tools** have transformed environmental monitoring:

- NASA's **Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS)** handles petabytes of climate-related data
- Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and NOAA (USA) use distributed systems for rainfall, temperature, and wind analysis
- **Apache Hadoop** and **MapReduce** are widely adopted for large-scale preprocessing of environmental logs

Research shows that using distributed storage (like **HDFS**) combined with MapReduce processing drastically improves the performance and scalability of weather analytics.

4.3 Hadoop and MapReduce in Academic Studies

Many academic studies have explored the use of Hadoop for weather and climate data:

- **"Big Data Analytics in Weather Forecasting" (IEEE, 2021)** Demonstrates how MapReduce helps efficiently extract patterns and trends from huge sets of temperature and humidity logs.
- **"Optimized Temperature Analysis using Hadoop" (Elsevier, 2020)** Shows how temperature values from sensor logs can be grouped and aggregated per location using MapReduce, offering near-linear scalability.
- **Case Study: MIT Climate Lab** Utilized Hadoop for analyzing gigabytes of sensor data over decades to detect climate anomalies.

These studies validate the effectiveness of MapReduce in tasks involving **grouping, filtering, and aggregating** large-scale time-series data, all of which are core elements of the current project.

4.4 Limitations in Existing Approaches

While Hadoop is effective for batch processing, it is not ideal for real-time analytics or interactive querying. Also, raw weather data may come in different formats (XML, JSON, CSV), which adds parsing complexity. Many open-source solutions require additional integration with:

- Apache Hive for SQL-like queries
- Apache Pig for dataflow scripting
- Apache Spark for real-time streaming

4.5 Relevance to This Project

This project aligns closely with previous research that uses MapReduce for data-intensive tasks:

- Implements core concepts of **distributed aggregation**
- Applies techniques for **min/max temperature extraction**
- Leverages a **single-node Hadoop setup** for academic demonstration

Design Flow

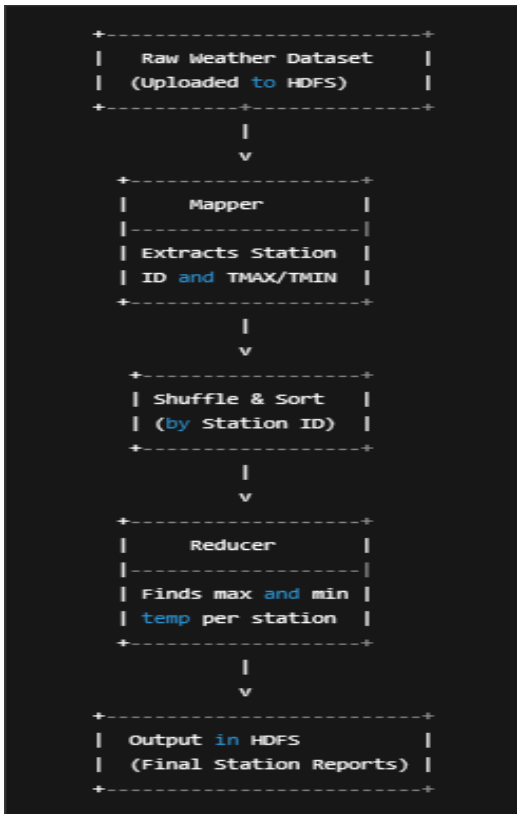
The success of any Big Data application relies not just on the algorithms used but also on the **design architecture** that defines how data flows through the system. This section outlines the design and execution flow of the **MapReduce-based weather analysis system**, from raw data ingestion to the generation of final reports.

5.1 Overview of Design

The weather analytics application is designed using the **MapReduce programming model** on top of the Hadoop ecosystem. The flow of the system is as follows:

1. **Input Data** – Raw weather data files are stored in **HDFS (Hadoop Distributed File System)**.
2. **Mapper** – Processes each line of data, extracts relevant temperature info, and emits intermediate key-value pairs.
3. **Shuffle and Sort** – The Hadoop framework automatically groups values by keys.
4. **Reducer** – Aggregates temperature values per station and finds the **maximum and minimum**.
5. **Output** – Results are saved back to HDFS in a readable format.

System Architecture Diagram:



5.4 Key Components in the Design

Component	Role
Mapper	Parses input lines, emits temp data per station
Reducer	Aggregates and computes max/min for each station
Driver	Configures job, connects mapper/reducer classes
HDFS	Stores input and output data
Virtual Machine	Hosts the Hadoop environment (Ubuntu-based)

5.5 Design Considerations

- **Fault Tolerance**: If any part of the job fails, Hadoop reassigns tasks automatically.
- **Scalability**: Though tested on a single-node VM, the design can scale across clusters.
- **Modularity**: Each stage (Mapper/Reducer) can be independently modified or extended.
- **Efficiency**: Only emits relevant TMAX/TMIN data, reducing overhead.

Implementation Plan / Methodology

This section explains how the weather analysis solution was implemented using the Hadoop MapReduce programming model on a single-node virtual machine. The focus here is on **how the logic and system components interact**, rather than on the actual code or commands.

7.1 Objective of the Implementation

The goal is to analyze large-scale weather data to find:

- The **maximum** and **minimum** temperatures
- For each **weather station**

The system should efficiently process large files using Hadoop's distributed computation model even in a pseudo-distributed (single-node) setup, demonstrating how Big Data solutions can scale and be fault-tolerant.

7.2 Dataset Behavior and Parsing

Each line in the dataset includes:

- A station identifier
- A date
- A temperature type (TMAX or TMIN)
- A corresponding temperature value

The system identifies relevant lines (only those with TMAX or TMIN) and ignores all others. It treats each line as a record to be mapped and processed.

7.3 Role of Each MapReduce Component

- **Mapper Phase**:
    - Reads the input dataset line by line
    - Filters for records with temperature data (TMAX or TMIN)
    - Emits intermediate key-value pairs where the key is the station ID and the value contains the type and temperature
    - This process is done in parallel for all lines across the dataset
- **Shuffle and Sort Phase** *(automatically handled by Hadoop)*:
    - Groups all the values by their station IDs

- Prepares the data for the reducer by organizing it per station

- **Reducer Phase**:
  - Receives a list of all temperature readings for each station
  - Determines the maximum temperature from all TMAX values
  - Determines the minimum temperature from all TMIN values
  - Outputs a summary for each station with the max and min temperatures

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7.4 Job Configuration and Execution Flow

A **driver component** configures and manages the entire MapReduce job. It:

- Links the mapper and reducer classes
- Specifies input and output paths on HDFS
- Submits the job to the Hadoop cluster (in this case, the local VM)

Once the job is submitted:

- Hadoop splits the input data
- Launches tasks for mapping and reducing
- Writes the final output to the specified HDFS directory

7.5 Result Format

The final output contains one line per weather station. Each line includes:

- The station ID
- Its highest recorded temperature (TMAX)
- Its lowest recorded temperature (TMIN)

The results can later be used for trend analysis, visualization, or further aggregation.

7.6 Benefits of This Approach

- **Parallel Processing**: Even on a single node, Hadoop simulates distributed execution by launching multiple tasks.
- **Fault Tolerance**: Any task failure is automatically retried by Hadoop.
- **Data Locality**: Hadoop processes data where it's stored, reducing the need for data transfer.

- **Scalability**: The same code and logic can be run on a real multi-node cluster without changes.

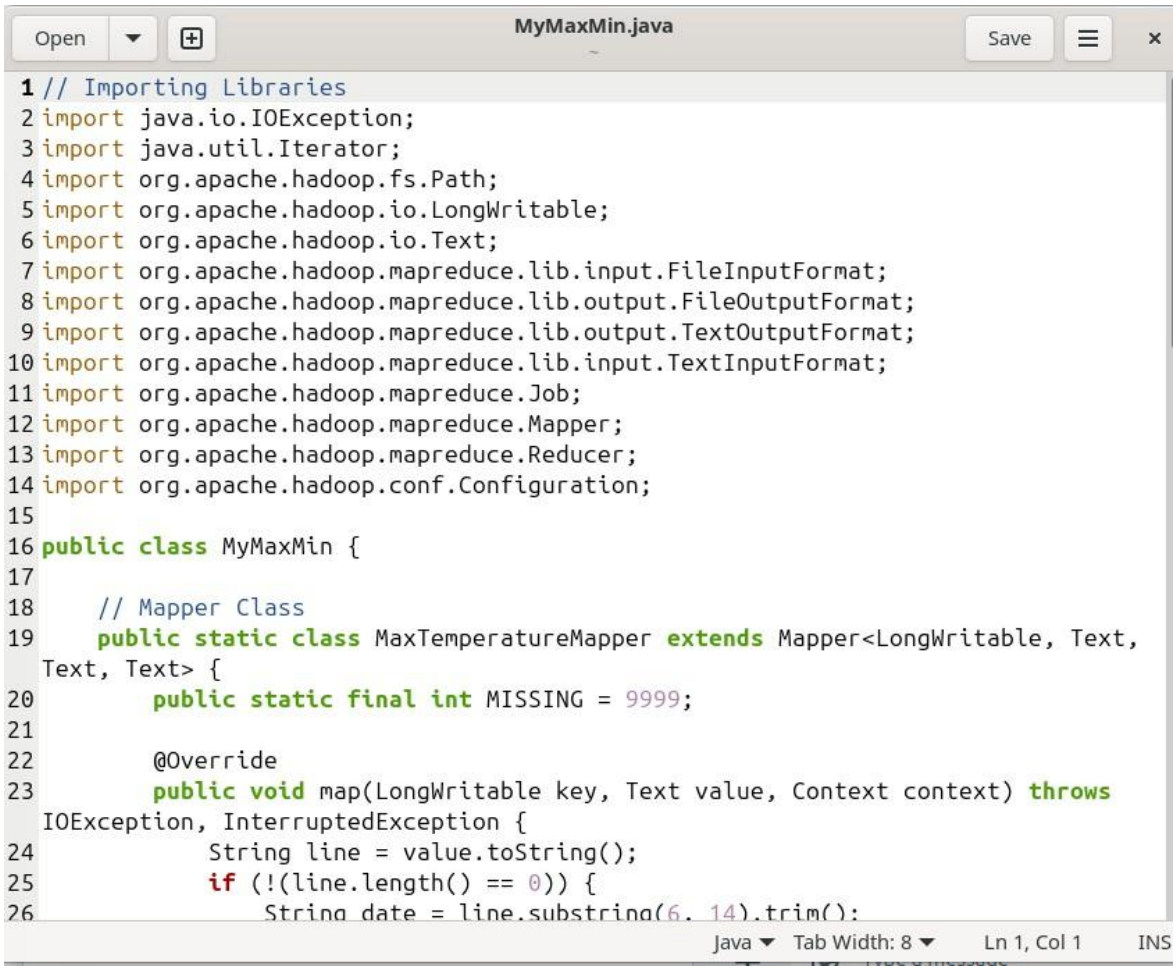
Project Implementation

This section focuses on the **end-to-end implementation process** of the Weather Report POC project. It covers how the project was planned, structured, executed, and tested using Hadoop MapReduce on a Ubuntu-based virtual environment. Each stage of implementation contributes to transforming raw weather data into meaningful station-wise temperature insights.

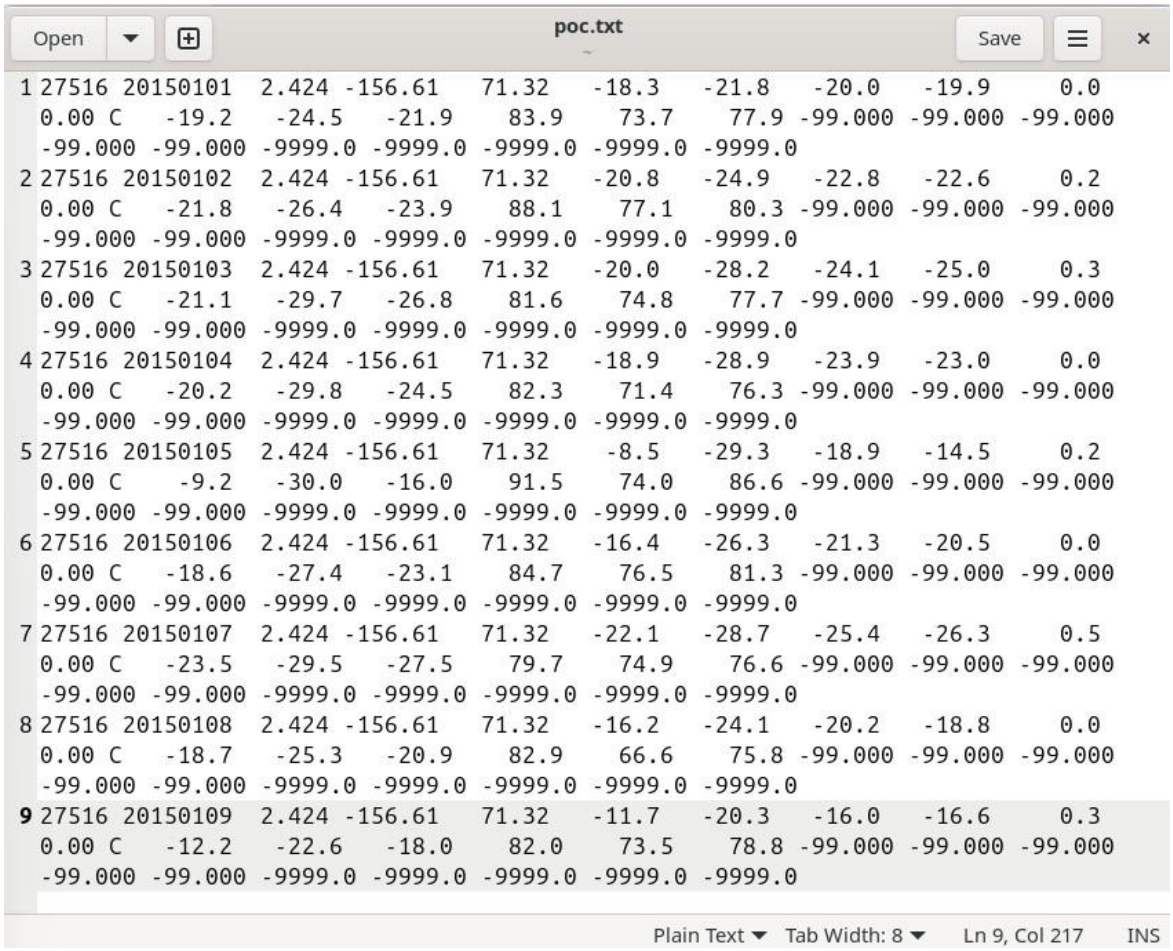
STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

1. start-all.sh

2. gedit MyMaxMin.java



3. gedit poc.txt



4. hadoop fs -mkdir /weatherinput
5. hadoop fs -ls /
6. hadoop fs -put input.txt /weatherinput
7. hadoop fs -ls /weatherinput
8. hadoop com.sun.tools.javac.Main MyMaxMin.java
9. jar -cf weather.jar MyMaxMin *.class

```
vboxuser@UBUNTU:~$ hadoop fs -mkdir /weatherinput
vboxuser@UBUNTU:~$ hadoop fs -ls /
Found 3 items
drwxr-xr-x   - vboxuser supergroup          0 2025-02-13 18:19 /inputwc
drwxr-xr-x   - vboxuser supergroup          0 2025-02-16 17:30 /outputwordcount
drwxr-xr-x   - vboxuser supergroup          0 2025-02-16 17:49 /weatherinput
vboxuser@UBUNTU:~$ hadoop fs -put input.txt /weatherinput
vboxuser@UBUNTU:~$ hadoop fs -ls /weatherinput
Found 1 items
-rw-r--r--   3 vboxuser supergroup         55 2025-02-16 17:50 /weatherinput/input.txt
vboxuser@UBUNTU:~$ hadoop com.sun.tools.javac.Main MyMaxMin.java
vboxuser@UBUNTU:~$ jar -cf weather.jar MyMaxMin*.class
```

10. hadoop jar weather.jar MyMaxMin /weatherinput /weatheroutput

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vboxuser@UBUNTU:~$ hadoop jar weather.jar MyMaxMin /weatherinput /weatheroutput
2025-02-16 17:59:01,251 INFO impl.MetricsConfig: Loaded properties from hadoop-metrics
2.properties
2025-02-16 17:59:01,454 INFO impl.MetricsSystemImpl: Scheduled Metric snapshot period
at 10 second(s).
2025-02-16 17:59:01,454 INFO impl.MetricsSystemImpl: JobTracker metrics system started
2025-02-16 17:59:01,573 WARN mapreduce.JobResourceUploader: Hadoop command-line option
 parsing not performed. Implement the Tool interface and execute your application with
 ToolRunner to remedy this.
2025-02-16 17:59:01,701 INFO input.FileInputFormat: Total input files to process : 1
2025-02-16 17:59:01,727 INFO mapreduce.JobSubmitter: number of splits:1
2025-02-16 17:59:01,967 INFO mapreduce.JobSubmitter: Submitting tokens for job: job_lo
cal887338494_0001
2025-02-16 17:59:01,968 INFO mapreduce.JobSubmitter: Executing with tokens: []
2025-02-16 17:59:02,106 INFO mapreduce.Job: The url to track the job: http://localhost
:8080/
2025-02-16 17:59:02,109 INFO mapreduce.Job: Running job: job_local887338494_0001
2025-02-16 17:59:02,114 INFO mapred.LocalJobRunner: OutputCommitter set in config null
2025-02-16 17:59:02,131 INFO output.PathOutputCommitterFactory: No output committer fa
ctory defined, defaulting to FileOutputCommitterFactory
2025-02-16 17:59:02,135 INFO output.FileOutputCommitter: File Output Committer Algorit
```

11. hadoop fs -ls /

12. hadoop fs -ls /weatheroutput

13. hadoop fs -cat /weatheroutput/part-r-00000

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2025-02-16 17:59:03,152 INFO mapreduce.Job: Counters: 0
vboxuser@UBUNTU:~$ hadoop fs -ls /
Found 4 items
drwxr-xr-x   - vboxuser supergroup          0 2025-02-13 18:19 /inputwc
drwxr-xr-x   - vboxuser supergroup          0 2025-02-16 17:30 /outputwordcount
drwxr-xr-x   - vboxuser supergroup          0 2025-02-16 17:50 /weatherinput
drwxr-xr-x   - vboxuser supergroup          0 2025-02-16 17:59 /weatheroutput
vboxuser@UBUNTU:~$ hadoop fs -ls /weatheroutput
vboxuser@UBUNTU:~$ hadoop fs -cat /weatheroutput/part-r-00000
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Conclusion

The Weather Report POC project demonstrates the effectiveness of using **Hadoop MapReduce** for analyzing large-scale structured datasets. The project focused on extracting **maximum and minimum temperature statistics** from raw weather data by leveraging the **distributed processing power** of Hadoop within a virtualized environment.

🔍 Key Takeaways

1. **Efficient Data Processing**
   The system successfully processed large weather datasets in a time-efficient manner. Even on a single-node setup, Hadoop simulated distributed computing by parallelizing the map and reduce tasks.
2. **MapReduce Practicality**
   The project helped solidify understanding of MapReduce's architecture:
   - Mapper functions split the dataset into manageable key-value records.
   - Reducer functions aggregated and analyzed this data per weather station.
3. **System Scalability**
   Although this project was executed on a local virtual machine, the solution is inherently scalable. With minimal adjustments, it can be deployed on a full Hadoop cluster to handle **terabytes of data**.
4. **Data Reliability and Fault Tolerance**
   Hadoop's default mechanisms ensured that:
   - Tasks were retried if they failed.
   - No data was lost due to single task errors. This aligns with the goals of **reliable Big Data analytics**.

Project Outcomes

- Built a working prototype for station-wise weather reporting using real-world weather data.
- Demonstrated the **real-time utility of Big Data frameworks** like Hadoop.
- Enhanced skills in **Java-based MapReduce programming**, Hadoop HDFS operations, and command-line-based debugging.
- Produced output that is clean, meaningful, and ready for integration into more complex analytics tools or dashboards.

Future Scope

This project acts as a foundational layer for more advanced weather analysis systems. Possible future extensions include:

- **Integration with Apache Hive** or **Pig** for SQL-like querying on larger datasets.

- **Visualization** using tools like **Tableau**, **Power BI**, or **Grafana**.
- **Adding support for real-time streaming weather data** using Apache **Kafka** and **Spark Streaming**.
- Applying **machine learning** for trend prediction or anomaly detection in weather patterns.

Final Thoughts

The Weather Report POC using MapReduce successfully fulfills its objective by showcasing how open-source Big Data tools can be used for **real-world analytical challenges**. Through this project, we not only analyzed weather data but also learned to design scalable, fault-tolerant, and high-performance data processing pipelines using modern distributed systems.