SQOOP

1. What is sqoop?
2. What are different sqoop commands?
3. What is the difference between target directory and warehouse directory arguments in sqoop import?
4. How to redirect output and log messages from console to files?
5. What are the different file formats and compression techniques in sqoop import?
6. Explain the arguments --columns, --where, --table in sqoop import?
7. What are free form query imports?
8. Is sqoop import a map-reduce job? Pls explain number of mappers argument in sqoop import.
   1. number of mappers
   2. split by
   3. controlling parallelism
   4. bounding vals query
9. How to format output in sqoop import?
10. How to append to existing data in sqoop import?
11. How to delete existing directory during sqoop import?
12. How to deal with nulls during sqoop import?
13. Explain incremental import in sqoop import.
14. What are the different ways of handling password in sqoop.
15. Explain sqoop import execution flow.
16. What is the concept of staging table in sqoop export and why it is needed?
17. Explain sqoop job.
18. How you schedule sqoop job in your project?

HIVE

1. What is hive? How it places itself in Hadoop ecosystem?
2. Why we use hive in place of MapReduce?
3. Can you explain hive internal architecture in detail?
   1. https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/Hive/Design
4. What is thrift server / hive server?
5. Difference between hive and rdbms.
6. Difference between hql and sql.
7. What is the concept of a table in hive?
8. Why metadata is stored in a rdbms?
9. What are the different types of tables in hive? And what is the difference between them?
   1. managed
   2. external
   3. temporary
10. What are the 3 different ways to insert data into a hive table?
    1. insert command using values
    2. load command (from local (copy paste), from hdfs (cut paste))
    3. insert command using queries (one table to another table)
11. What are the different ways to connect to hive?
    1. hive shell
    2. hue ui
    3. beeline
12. How you run hive queries in production?
    1. beeline with hive.hql file containing hive queries
13. What are different data types in hive?
    1. https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/Hive/LanguageManual+Types
14. What are hive subqueries?
    1. https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/Hive/LanguageManual+SubQueries
15. What are hive views? Why we use views?
16. What are different set operations in hive?
    1. https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/Hive/LanguageManual+Union
17. What are the different types of functions in hive?
    1. https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/Hive/LanguageManual%20UDF
18. What is lateral view and how we use it?
    1. <https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/sql-ref-syntax-qry-select-lateral-view.html>
    2. <https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/Hive/LanguageManual+LateralView>
19. How to create temporary as well as permanent custom UDFs in hive?
    1. <https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/Hive/HivePlugins>
20. What is the difference between order by, sort by, distribute by, cluster by?
21. What is the difference between normalization and de-normalization and what is preferred in hive?
22. What is msck repair command and why do we use it?
23. How will you skip header rows in hive?
24. How and why we make a table immutable?
25. Difference between drop, truncate, purge, delete.
26. What is the use of the configuration serilization.null.format?
    1. <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/43263038/empty-string-is-not-treated-as-null-in-hive>
27. What are hive variables? Why do we use it?
28. How can we print headers along with data in hive?

OPTIMIZATIONS

1. What are the different optimization techniques you have used?
2. What is partitioning?
3. How do you select proper columns for partitioning?
4. What is the difference between static and dynamic partitioning?
5. What is bucketing?
6. How do you select proper columns for bucketing?
7. How to calculate the number of buckets needed?
8. Can we have partitions inside buckets? Can we have buckets inside partitions?
9. Tell some differences between partitioning and bucketing.
10. Given following operations - filter, joins, group by - which of them get optimized with the help of partitioning, which of them get optimized with the help of bucketing?
11. What are the configurations that need to be set for partitioning and bucketing?
    1. hive> SET hive.exec.dynamic.partition=true;
    2. hive> SET hive.exec.dynamic.partition.mode=non-strict;
    3. hive> SET hive.enforce.bucketing =true;​
    4. <https://medium.com/@sujathamudadla1213/how-can-you-configure-hive-for-dynamic-partitioning-and-specify-the-number-of-reducers-for-a-job-1a6464da4143>

I'd be glad to explain hive.exec.dynamic.partition.mode in Hive and provide an example:

**What is** hive.exec.dynamic.partition.mode**?**

In Apache Hive, hive.exec.dynamic.partition.mode is a configuration property that controls how Hive handles partitioning during data insertion into partitioned tables using dynamic partitioning. Dynamic partitioning allows you to insert data without explicitly specifying the partition values in your INSERT statement. Hive infers the partition values from the data itself based on the specified partition columns.

**Dynamic Partition Modes:**

This property has two main modes:

* **STRICT (default):** (Value: STRICT)
  + In this mode (the default), Hive strictly enforces that every row in the data being inserted must have values for all the partition columns. If any row is missing a partition value, the entire insertion operation fails. This mode is more secure as it prevents accidental creation of empty partitions.
* **NONSTRICT:** (Value: NONSTRICT)
  + With NONSTRICT mode, Hive inserts rows that have valid partition values into their corresponding partitions. However, rows missing partition values are simply skipped and not inserted into any partition. This mode offers more flexibility but requires caution to avoid unintended data loss.

**Choosing the Right Mode:**

* Use STRICT mode when data quality and completeness are crucial, and you want to ensure every row has all necessary partition values.
* Consider NONSTRICT mode if you anticipate some rows might lack partition values, but you still want to insert the rest of the valid data. However, be mindful of the potential for skipped rows and unintended consequences.

**Example:**

Suppose you have a partitioned table sales\_data with partition columns year and month. You're inserting data from a non-partitioned table temp\_sales.

**Scenario 1: STRICT Mode (Default)**

SQL

-- Assuming temp\_sales has all columns, including year and month

SET hive.exec.dynamic.partition=true;

INSERT OVERWRITE TABLE sales\_data PARTITION (year, month)

SELECT \* FROM temp\_sales;

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In this case, with STRICT mode (the default), Hive will:

* Read each row from temp\_sales.
* Attempt to infer year and month values from the corresponding columns in the row.
* If all rows have valid year and month values, they'll be inserted into their respective partitions in sales\_data.
* If even one row is missing a year or month value, the entire insertion will fail.

**Scenario 2: NONSTRICT Mode**

SQL

SET hive.exec.dynamic.partition=true;

SET hive.exec.dynamic.partition.mode=NONSTRICT;

INSERT OVERWRITE TABLE sales\_data PARTITION (year, month)

SELECT \* FROM temp\_sales;

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Here, with NONSTRICT mode:

* Hive will process each row from temp\_sales.
* Rows with valid year and month values will be inserted into their corresponding partitions.
* Rows missing year or month values will be **skipped** and not inserted into any partition.

**Key Points:**

* Dynamic partitioning can improve performance and data organization, but it's essential to choose the appropriate mode based on your data quality and desired behavior.
* Consider using STRICT mode for stricter data validation.
* Use NONSTRICT mode cautiously, understanding that rows might be skipped.
* Always test your queries thoroughly in a non-production environment before running them on critical data.

1. How do you usually perform partitioning?
   1. static - load command
   2. dynamic - transfer data from non-partitioned table to partitioned table
2. How do you usually perform bucketing?
   1. transfer data from non-bucketed table to bucketed table
3. Which among mappers and reducers are invoked during partitioning, bucketing?
   1. partitioning - only mappers
   2. bucketing - both mappers and reducers (number of buckets ~ number of reducers)
4. What are the different types of join optimizations that you have used?
5. How a normal join works?
6. When can we perform a map side join?
7. Explain working of map side join in detail.
8. Among inner, left, right, full outer joins, which one of them can be performed using a map side join if the left table is small and right table is big?
9. When can we perform a bucket map join?
10. Explain working of bucket map join in detail.
11. When can we perform a sort merge bucket join?
12. Explain working of sort merge bucket join in detail.
13. What are some of the configurations needed to be set for performing different joins?
14. What is broadcast join and when to use it?
15. What are window functions and how they help in optimizing our queries?
16. What is the difference between row and columnar file formats? Why columnar file formats are preferred?
17. Why we need to think about file formats and what are the different factors based on which we decide a suitable file format?
18. Explain text file format in detail.
19. Explain avro file format in detail.
20. Explain orc file format in detail.
21. Explain parquet file format in detail.
22. What are the different tradeoffs when it comes to compression? What are the different factors based on which we decide a suitable compression technique?
23. Explain different compression techniques in detail.
    1. https://stackoverflow.com/questions/32382352/is-snappy-splittable-or-not-splittable
24. What is vectorization? What is the configuration to enable it?
25. What are the different supported engines for hive? Which configuration is used to change the hive engine?
26. How to deal with UDFs in a proper way?
27. What is CBO in hive?
    1. <https://teepika-r-m.medium.com/cost-based-optimization-in-hive-ea0c6296894c#:~:text=CBO%20is%20one%20of%20the%20optimization%20techniques%20used%20to%20boost,they%20are%20expensive%20to%20compute>.

SQL

1. What are window functions in SQL?
2. What are the different ranking functions? Explain each one of them using examples.

SYSTEM DESIGN

1. Difference between database, data warehouse, datalake.
2. Difference between normalization and de-normalization.
3. What are the different normal forms?
4. What is SCD? What are the different types of SCD?
5. Can you write code for SCD1 in PySpark, SQL?
6. Can you write code for SCD2 in PySpark, SQL?

ADF

1. What are the different kinds of triggers in ADF? Explain the working of each one of them.

GENERIC

1. What is bigdata?
2. Difference between transactional vs analytical processing.

PROJECT

1. Explain your project in detail.
2. How much amount of data that you are processing per day?
3. What you mean by incremental data? And how you process incremental data in your project?
4. What are the challenges/bottlenecks you faced while developing your pipeline and how did you resolve them?