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Hive Data Management

- In this chapter you will learn
 - How Hive encodes and stores data by default
 - How to create Hive databases and tables
 - How to load data into tables
 - How to alter and remove tables
 - How to save query results into tables and files

CREATING DATABASES AND HIVE MANAGED TABLES

Creating Databases In Hive

- Hive databases are simply namespaces for organizing tables
- To create a new database

```
hive> CREATE {DATABASE|SCHEMA} dualcore;
```

- Adds the database definition to the metastore
- Creates storage directory in HDFS (e.g.
 /user/hive/warehouse/dualcore.db)
- To conditionally create a new database
 - Suppresses the error message in case database already exists (useful for scripting)

```
hive> CREATE {DATABASE|SCHEMA} IF NOT EXISTS dualcore;
```

Hive Table Storage Format

- Each Hive table maps to a directory, typically in HDFS
 - Data is stored in one or more files in the directory to which the table is mapped
- Default storage format is plain text
 - One record per line (record separator is n)
 - Columns are delimited by ^A (field separator is Control-A)
 - Members of arrays or structs are separated by ^B (Control-B)
 - Map keys/values are separated by ^C (Control-C)
 - Hive allows you to override these delimiters

Creating a Table In Hive (1 Of 4)

Basic syntax for creating a table:

```
hive>CREATE TABLE tablename (colname DATATYPE, ...)

ROW FORMAT DELIMITED

FIELDS TERMINATED BY char

LINES TERMINATED BY char

STORED AS {TEXTFILE|RCFILE|AVRO|PARQUET ...};
```

- An empty subdirectory is in the database's warehouse directory
 - Default database
 - /user/hive/warehouse/tablename
 - Named database
 - /user/hive/warehouse/dbname.db/tablename
- Creates the metadata for the table in the metastore.

Creating A Table In Hive (2 Of 4)

- First, specify a name for the table, and column names and data types (later)
 - This is the only part of the syntax considered mandatory

```
CREATE TABLE tablename (colname DATATYPE, ...)

ROW FORMAT DELIMITED

FIELDS TERMINATED BY char

STORED AS {TEXTFILE|RCFILE|AVRO|PARQUET ...};
```

- If the rest of the definition is omitted, the file will be assumed to be:
 - A TEXTFILE
 - Whose fields are delimited using the Control-A character

Creating A Table In Hive (3 Of 4)

- The ROW FORMAT line instructs how each record in the table should be parsed.
- ROW FORMAT can be DELIMITED
 - Hive's default delimiter is Control-A, but you may specify an alternate delimiter (see below)

```
CREATE TABLE tablename (colname DATATYPE, ...)

ROW FORMAT DELIMITED

FIELDS TERMINATED BY '\t'

STORED AS {TEXTFILE | RCFILE | AVRO | PARQUET...};
```

ROW FORMAT can also be SERDE

```
ROW FORMAT SERDE serde_name WITH PROPERTIES (property specification)
```

- There are SerDe's for text file formats e.g. JSON, XML, log, CSV
- ROW FORMAT is often omitted when a file format other than TEXTFILE is used
 - In this case, ROW FORMAT is a special SERDE corresponding to the file format (e.g. PARQUET).

Creating A Table In Hive (4 Of 4)

- Finally, you may declare the file format
 - Again, TEXTFILE is the default and does not need to be specified explicitly
 - Other popular formats include PARQUET and ORC

```
hive> CREATE TABLE tablename (colname DATATYPE, ...)

ROW FORMAT DELIMITED

FIELDS TERMINATED BY char

STORED AS {TEXTFILE|RCFILE|AVRO|PARQUET|ORC...};
```

Example Table Definition

- The following example creates a new table named jobs
 - Data is stored as text with four comma-separated fields per line in the default database

```
CREATE TABLE jobs
(id INT, title STRING, salary INT, posted TIMESTAME)
ROW FORMAT DELIMITED
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',';

The assumed file
format is TEXTFILE
```

Example of corresponding record for the table above

```
1, Data Analyst, 100000, 2013-06-21 15:52:03
```

Create Externally Managed Tables

- Using EXTERNAL when creating the table that will not be managed by Hive
 - Dropping an external table removes only its metadata, not the actual data

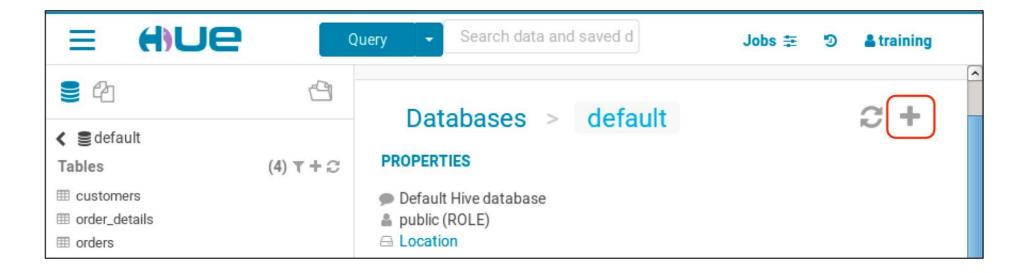
```
CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE adclicks (
    campaign_id STRING,
    click_time TIMESTAMP,
    keyword STRING,
    site STRING,
    placement STRING,
    was_clicked BOOLEAN,
    cost SMALLINT)
    LOCATION '/dualcore/ad_data';
```

- The location can be an Internet location.

The assumed file format is plain text with fields delimited by Ctrl+A

Creating Tables Using the Table Browser

- Hue's Table Browser provides a table creation wizard
 - Supports most, but not all, table options



LOADING DATA INTO HIVE

Data Validation In Hive

- Hadoop and its ecosystem are 'schema on read'
 - Unlike an RDBMS, Hive does not validate data on insert
 - Files are simply moved into place
 - Loading data into tables is therefore very fast
 - But errors in the file format will not be discovered until queries are performed
- Missing or invalid data in Hive will be represented as NULL

Loading Data From Files (1 Of 3)

- Load HDFS data into Hive using hadoop fs -mv
 - Can be done directly using hadoop fs commands
 - This example loads data from HDFS into Hive's sales table

```
$ hadoop fs -mv sales.txt /user/hive/warehouse/sales/
```

- Alternatively, use Hive's LOAD DATA INPATH command
 - Done from within the Hive shell (or a Hive script)
 - This moves data within HDFS, just like the command above
 - Destroying the original in the process
 - Source can be either a file or directory

```
hive> LOAD DATA INPATH 'sales.txt' INTO TABLE sales;
```

Loading Data From Files (2 Of 3)

- Load data from the local disk on the edge node Use Local keyword
 - Copies a local file/directory to the table's directory in HDFS

```
hive>LOAD DATA LOCAL INPATH '/home/bob/sales.txt'
INTO TABLE sales ;
```

This is equivalent to the hadoop fs -put command

Loading Data From Files (3 Of 3)

- Add the OVERWRITE keyword to delete all existing records before import
 - Removes all files within the table's directory
 - Then moves the new files into that directory

hive> LOAD DATA INPATH '/depts/finance/salesdata' OVERWRITE INTO TABLE sales;

Loading Data From A Relational Database

- Sqoop has built in support for importing data into Hive
- Just add the --hive-import to your Sqoop command
 - Creates the table in Hive (metastore)
 - Imports data from RDBMS to table's directory in HDFS

```
$ sqoop import \
    --connect jdbc:mysql://localhost/dualcore \
    --username training \
    --password training \
    --fields terminated by '\t'
    --table employees \
    --hive-import
    --hive-table dualcore.employees
```

- This example creates
 - A table named "employees" in the metastore
 - A directory named "employees" for its data under the default directory

ALTERING DATABASES AND TABLES

Removing A Database

- Removing a database is similar to creating it
 - Just replace the CREATE keyword with DROP

```
hive> DROP DATABASE dualcore;
hive> DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS dualcore;
```

- These commands will fail if the database contains any tables
 - Add the CASCADE keyword to force removal
 - Caution: This command removes data and tables in HDFS!

```
hive> DROP DATABASE dualcore CASCADE;
```

Removing A Table

Syntax is similar to database removal

```
hive> DROP TABLE customers;
hive> DROP TABLE IF EXISTS customers;
```

- Caution: If the table is a Hive Managed table, these commands will remove data in HDFS!
 - Hive does not have a rollback or undo feature
 - Dropping an External table only removes the metadata, but not actual table files.

STORING QUERY RESULTS

Saving Query Output To A Table

- Use INSERT OVERWRITE TABLE to send the results of a SELECT statement to a Hive table instead
 - Destination table (with the same schema) must already exist
 - Existing contents will be deleted

- INSERT INTO TABLE adds records without first deleting the existing data
 - In other words, appends rather than overwrites

Creating Tables Based On Existing Data

Hive supports creating a table based on a SELECT statement

```
CREATE TABLE ny_customers AS

SELECT cust_id, fname, lname FROM customers

WHERE state = 'NY';
```

- Column definitions and names are derived from the existing table
- Use aliases in the SELECT statement to specify new names
- You can also create a new table using the definition of an existing table

```
CREATE TABLE jobs_archived LIKE jobs;
```

- Column definitions and names are derived form the existing table
- New table will contain no data

Writing Output To A Filesystem

You can save output to a file in HDFS

```
hive>INSERT OVERWRITE DIRECTORY '/dualcore/ny/'

SELECT * FROM customers

WHERE state = 'NY';
```

Add LOCAL to store results to local disk instead

```
hive>INSERT OVERWRITE LOCAL DIRECTORY '/home/bob/ny'

SELECT * FROM customers

WHERE state = 'NY';
```

- Both produce text files delimited by Ctrl-A characters, regardless of the delimiter used in the table itself
 - This is a bug; a workaround is to create a delimited external table first. (e.g. you can create an External Hive table that is comma delimited, then extrat the files)