



Identifiers

Identifiers include the names of relations (aliases), fields, variables and so on. In Pig, identifiers start with a letter and can be followed by any number of letters, digits or underscores

Valid identifiers

A a ABC ABC_123



Invalid identifiers

ABC ABC\$ A!B



Case Sensitivity

Keywords are not case sensitive, but relation and field names are.

input = LOAD 'test.txt';

VS.

input = load 'test.txt';



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Referencing relations

Let's look at an example relation in Pig

A = LOAD 'Input path' USING function as schema;

Here, A is the alias of the relation. We can also assign an alias to another alias, for example:

B = A;

Technically, we can create a new relation, using an alias from an old relation, like so:

A = LOAD 'Input path' USING function as schema;

A = filter A by C;

A = foreach A and so on...

However this is not recommended practice for a few reasons, try to avoid doing it.

Comments

There are two ways to type comments in Pig Latin. Single line comments take after SQL and multiline comments take after Java

input = LOAD 'test.txt'; -- Here's a single line comment

/*

* Here's a multiline comment

*/

input2 = LOAD /* we can even put one here*/ 'test2.text';

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The LOAD operator

On the left hand side of the = sign we need to define the name of the relation where our data will be stored. On the right hand side we need to define how our relation will be loaded.

relation name = LOAD 'Input path' USING function as schema;

relation_name

The name of the relation in which we want to store the data

Input path The directory where the file is stored

function A set of load functions are provided by Pig, we choose which one to use

schema We can define the schema of the data

relation name = LOAD 'Input path' USING function as schema;

'function'

pigStorage

A load function that parses a line of input into fields using a character delimiter. The default delimiter is a tab.

CSVLoader

A load function based on PigStorage that implements part of the CSV "standard" This loader properly supports double-quoted fields that contain commas and other double-quotes escaped with backslashes.

'schema'

If we specify a schema it should be done in the following manner

(column1: data type, column2: data type, column3: data type);

For example

(name: chararray, age: int, salary: float

If we don't specify a schema, we can simply refer to the columns as

\$01, \$02 etc.



Diagnostic Operators explain team; am: New For Each(false,false,false,false,false,false)[bag] - scope-41 dump team; (Taylor, Walker, fwd, 13, Broken Hill, 30) (Rory, Sloane, mid, 9, Melbourne, 30) (Daniel, Talia, def, 12, Kilmore, 28) (Brad, Crouch, mid, 2, Ballarat, 26) ---Project[bytearray][0] - scope-23 ---Project[bytearray][1] - scope-26 ---Project[bytearray][2] - scope-29 (Matthew, Crouch, mid, 5, Ballarat, 25) ---Project[bytearray][3] - scope-32 ---Project[bytearray][4] - scope-35 st[int] - scope-39 | |---Project[bytearray][5] - scope-38 describe team; grunt> describe team team: {firstName: chararray,lastName: chararray,position: chararray,playerNum: int,hometown: chararray,age: int} illustrate team; | firstName:chararray | lastName:chararray | hometown:chararray | position:chararray | playerNum:int ,...um:int | Ballarat | Brad University of South Australia

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