

Question 1:

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The basic idea of MapReduce is to divide a large task into several small independent tasks and run them in parallel to complete the task faster. MapReduce has two phases: Map and Reduce. Take the Min Temperature as an example.

In Map phase, the original input is divided into several independent parts and is distributed to different nodes. Each node runs a Map method to generate a key-value pairs. For example, the mapper reads input one line at a time, extracts the year and temperature. The year is key, temperature is value. In Reduce phase, ~~the~~ a Reducer collects key-value pairs generated by mapper.

All values that have the same key will be gathered together. Reducer can have algorithm to deal with the values to form the final output. For example, reducer combine the temperature value that has the same year number as a key. And find the minimum of temperature in that year. and output the year as a key and the minimum temperature as value.

Question 2

Read: Client requires a file-read to the namenode. The namenode check the permission and return a block ID if the client has the permission. The client then start reading from that block ID. Client perform a one-byte checksum every 512 bytes. If checksum mismatch, client will inform namenode and throw checksum exception. The client can read from another replica.

Write: Client requires a file-write to namenode. ~~the~~ Name Node checks the permission. Name Node returns block ID & locations. Client breaks file into packets. Client send to ~~the~~ one target node. Then the node sends the ~~first~~ packet to the next node. The final node will check the checksum. It will return ~~ack~~ acknowledge if checksum passes.

Question 3.

1. `hadoop fs -setrep [-R][-w] <rep> <path/file>`

This command sets the number of replica in the HDFS of a file. `<rep>` is the number and `<path/file>` is the file path.

`hadoop fs -setrep 2 /tmp/text.txt` will set file `/tmp/text.txt` to have two replica in HDFS.

2. `hadoop fs -chown [-R] [OWNER][:[Group]] PATH`

It changes the owner and the group of a file.

`hadoop fs -chown hadoop:hadoop text.txt` will change the owner of `text.txt` to `hadoop` and it belongs to `hadoop` group.

3. `hadoop fs -touchz <File>`

It creates a file that is 0 length. If the file exists and its length is not 0, it is removed.

`hadoop fs -touchz tmp.txt` creates a blank Text file.

4. `hadoop fs -mv <SRC> <DST>`

More `<SRC>` file to `<DST>` location

`hadoop fs -mv /tmp/text.txt /tmp2/` will move `/tmp/text.txt` to `/tmp2/`

5. `hadoop fs -mkdir PATH`

Makes a new directory `<PATH>`

`hadoop fs -mkdir /tmp2/` will make a directory `/tmp2/`