Programming for Big Data

Lecture 1

Data Processing with Spark



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Agenda

Preliminaries

- 1. Data Warehousing
- 2. Big Data Architectures
 - Batch Processing Data Lakes
 - Batch and Stream Processing Lambda
 - Stream Processing Kappa
- 3. Apache Spark
 - What is Spark
 - What is Spark used for?
 - Spark Architecture
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PRELIMINARIES

Books and Resources

Mastering Spark

www.packtpub.com/big-data-and-business-intelligence/mastering-apache-spark

Apache Spark From Inception to Production

http://info.mapr.com/rs/mapr/images/Getting_Started_With_Apache_Spark.pdf

Spark Programming Guide

http://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/programming-guide.html

Course Details

Classes: Wednesday 18:30 - 21:30

- 4 labs with 3 lab assignments (voluntary)
- Final assignment starts in last (4th) lab

Grading: Only final assignment is graded (100%)

Software



http://spark.apache.org/

https://community.cloud.databricks.com

DATA WAREHOUSING

- Since the 1970s, organisations have gained competitive advantage by **automating** business processes to offer more efficient and **cost-effective** services
- This resulted in accumulation of growing amounts of data in operational databases
- Organisations now focus on using operational data to support decision-making
- However, operational systems were never designed to support such business activities
- Behold the data warehouse was born!

- A data warehouse is a relational database that is designed for query and analysis rather than for transaction processing
- It usually contains historical data derived from transaction data, but it can include data from other sources
- It separates analysis workload from transaction
 workload and enables an organisation to consolidate data
 from several sources to business users

"A copy of transaction data, specifically structured for query and analysis"

-Ralph Kimball

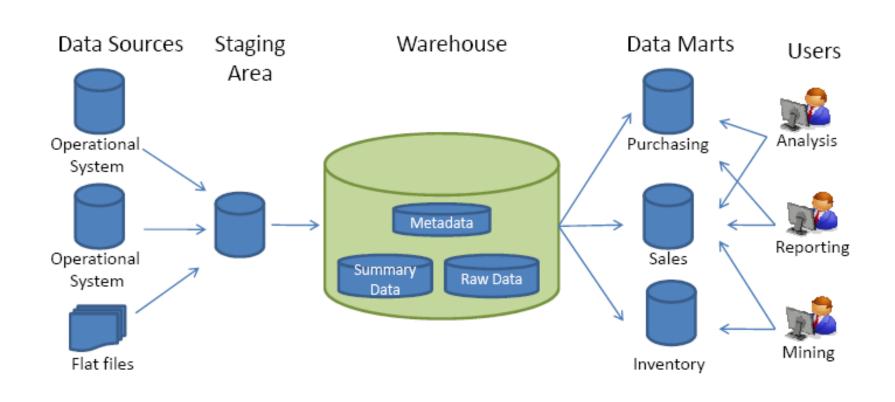
"A data warehouse is a **simple**, **complete** and **consistent** store of data obtained from a **variety of sources** and made available to end users in a way they can **understand** and **use it** in a **business context**"

-IBM

"A data warehouse is a **subject-oriented**, **integrated**, **time-variant**, and **non-volatile** collection of data in support of management's decision-making process"

-Bill Inmon

- Data Warehousing has two aspects
 - Data Warehouse Data:
 - An integrated decision support database
 - Data Warehouse Process (includes Governance):
 - Software and Methodologies used to gather, cleans, transform, and store data from a variety of different databases



A data warehouse architecture typically consists of:

- The **Data Sources** area contains raw transactional data that is regularly updated.
- The **Data Staging area** is all cleansing and integration processes.
- The Data Warehouse contains a complete integrated database set generated from Data Sources.
- The **Data Marts** are subsets of the Data Warehouse which provide a domain specific access layer to the Data Warehouse.
- The user interfaces allow users to generate analysis and reports through BI tools from the Data Marts.

- 1. **Difficult to develop** need to predefine questions, involve stakeholders, define scope and restricted exploration, lengthy duration of project, homogenisation of data
- 2. **Difficult to maintain** need to define an ETL process, set up a Schema change process, define methods of governance
- 3. **Downstream Transformation** early transformation can be immutable and result in lost or leaked data
- 4. **Difficult to scale** Newer technology such as **MPP** enables scaling but this can be an issue with legacy and cost
- 5. **Always Limited** can only answer predefined questions and not developer for explorative or interactive analysis
- 6. **Restricted Schemas** use dimensional models such as star or snowflake schema
- 7. Need for more technology to apply stats and modelling

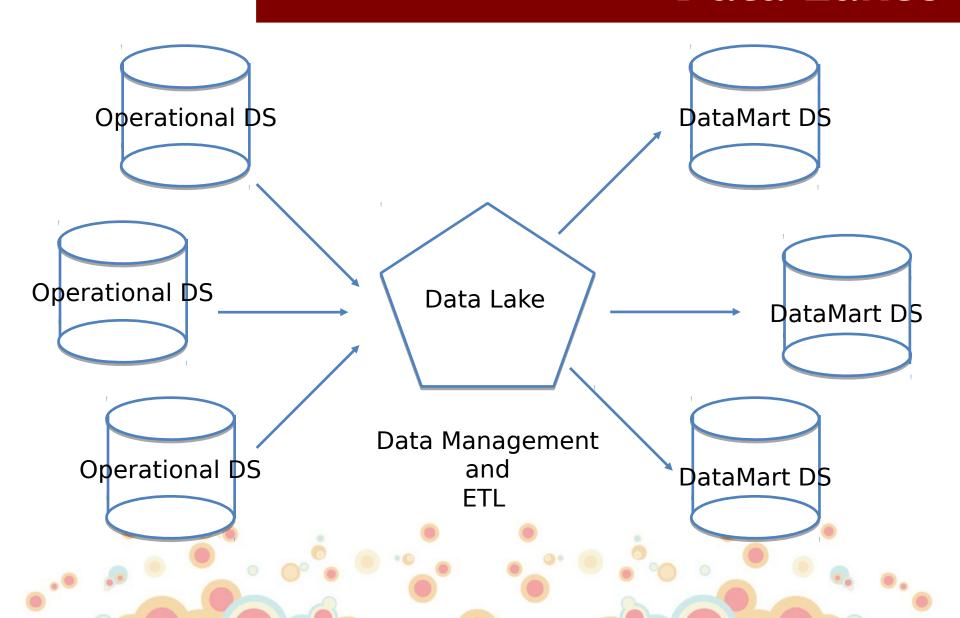
BIG DATA ARCHITECTURES

Big Data Architectures

- 1. Addresses the 4 Vs
- Velocity Streaming data
- Veracity Gaps in the data, dirty data, etc
- Volume Massive scale
- Variety Unstructured and structured
- 2. Run on commodity hardware
- 3. Address batch and stream processing
- 4. Supports advanced statistical modelling
- 5. Supports model deployment
- 6. Supports Data replay / reprocess

BATCH PROCESSING - DATA LAKES

Data Lakes

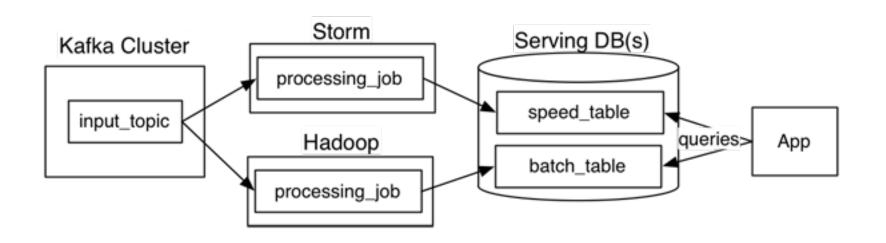


Data Lakes

- 1. **Retain all Data** don't throw away anything, everything is kept in the original form, no upstream transformation
- 2. **Support all data types** Structured (csv, tsv, rdf, sql) and un-structured (text, numeric), no homogenisation required, use HDFS or Key-Value Store
- 3. Supports all users data scientists, business users etc
- 4. Easily adapt to change
- 5. **Provide faster insights** Schema-on-read so there is no need to define complex ETL and homogenisation efforts
- 6. Requires strict governance and data engineering efforts
- 7. Supports Batch Processing

BATCH AND STREAM PROCESSING - LAMBDA

Lambda Architecture



Resources:

- https://www.oreilly.com/ideas/questioning-the-lambda-architecture
- http://radar.oreilly.com/2015/02/improving-on-the-lambda-architecture-for-streaming-analysis.html
- http://lambda-architecture.net/

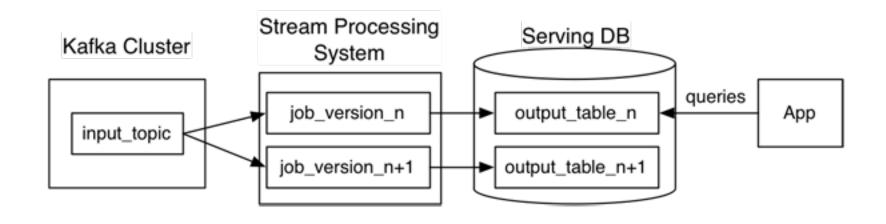
Lambda Architecture

A complex architecture that requires two code bases to be maintained, each applying functions independently on data. Given the stress of software production, each code base can fall out of step resulting in different functions being applied to the same data at different stages.

STREAM PROCESSING -

KAPPA

Kappa Architecture



Resources:

http://milinda.pathirage.org/kappa-architecture.com/

https://community.mapr.com/community/exchange/blog/2017/04/04/the-trouble-with-kappa-architecture

Big Data Architecture

Data Processing has developed in a way that requires new systems that support a variety of mechanisms to stream, manage, process and interrogate data.

The ecosystem was divided between a variety of Apache Incubator projects until the arrival of Spark - a general purpose data processing engine that has gained momentum in the last several years.

APACHE SPARK

What is Spark?

Spark, an incubated project of the Apache Software Foundation, is a general-purpose data processing engine, suitable for use in a wide range of circumstances including, interactive queries across large data sets, processing of streaming data, large scale machine learning and large-scale ETL.

What is Spark?

Spark has several core benefits:

- 1) Simplicity its a single environment that can address a lot of tasks
- 2) Speed Spark is an in-memory Big Data solution and is thus blistering fast compare to standard on-disk Hadoop
- **3) Support** Spark has APIs for Java, Python, R, Scala and is currently supported by a range of different commercial applications

What is Spark used for?

- 1) Stream Processing Spark, like Storm, can support streamed data
- 2) Machine Learning Spark scales horizontally (is a cluster based system) and has an active library called Spark ML that provides a range of algorithms that work at scale
- 3) Interactive Analysis Can be used to explore data as opposed to providing pre-built cubes and warehouses
- 4) Data Integration Perfect solution for supporting large scale ETL efforts

BlinkDB Approximate SQL Alpha/Pre-Alpha

Spark SQL

Spark Streaming Streaming MLib Machine Learning GraphX Graph Computation Spark R R on Spark

Spark Core Engine

- 1) Spark Core: Management functions of Spark, Scheduling, Resilient Distributed Datasets, etc.
- 2) Spark SQL Used to interact with structured data and can be used by different BI tools.
- **3) Spark Streaming** Used to support the processing of streamed data but the code can be repurposed for batch as it is based on RDDs.

- **4) MLib** Provides a set of common algorithms for addressing scalable ML problems.
- **5) GraphX -** GraphX supports analysis of and computation over graphs of data.
- **6) Spark R** A lightweight interface for users who prefer to use R

Resilient Distributed Dataset (RDD) sits as the principal abstraction at the core of Spark. RDDs provide in-memory data storage, distributed across a cluster in a manner that is demonstrably both fault-tolerant and efficient.

Resilient Distributed Dataset (RDD) supports two basic types of operation:

Transformation: Creates a new RDD by changing the original RDD using things like map, filter, etc. **Actions:** Such as counts that measure but do not change the original data

Operations can be chained together and are lazily evaluated - thus not compute until required

Transformations

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filter

flatMap

mapPartitions

mapPartitionsWithInde

X

sample

Actions

reduce

collect

count

first

take

takeSample

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Questions

