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Introduction to Apache Pig

Chapter 3



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Introduction to Apache Pig

In this chapter, you will learn

- The key features Pig offers
- How organizations use Pig for data processing and analysis
- How to use Pig interactively and in batch mode

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- Pig Features
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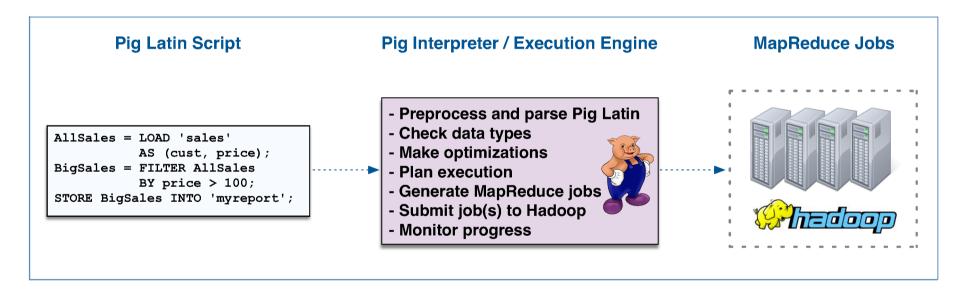
Apache Pig Overview

- Apache Pig is a platform for data analysis and processing on Hadoop
 - It offers an alternative to writing MapReduce code directly
- Originally developed as a research project at Yahoo
 - Goals: flexibility, productivity, and maintainability
 - Now an open source Apache project

The Anatomy of Pig

Main components of Pig

- The data flow language (Pig Latin)
- The interactive shell (Grunt) where you can type Pig Latin statements
- The Pig interpreter and execution engine



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Pig Features

- Pig is an alternative to writing low-level MapReduce code in Java
- Many features enable sophisticated analysis and processing
 - HDFS manipulation
 - UNIX shell commands
 - Relational operations
 - Positional references for fields
 - Common mathematical functions
 - Support for custom functions and data formats
 - Complex data structures

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How Are Organizations Using Pig?

Many organizations use Pig for data analysis

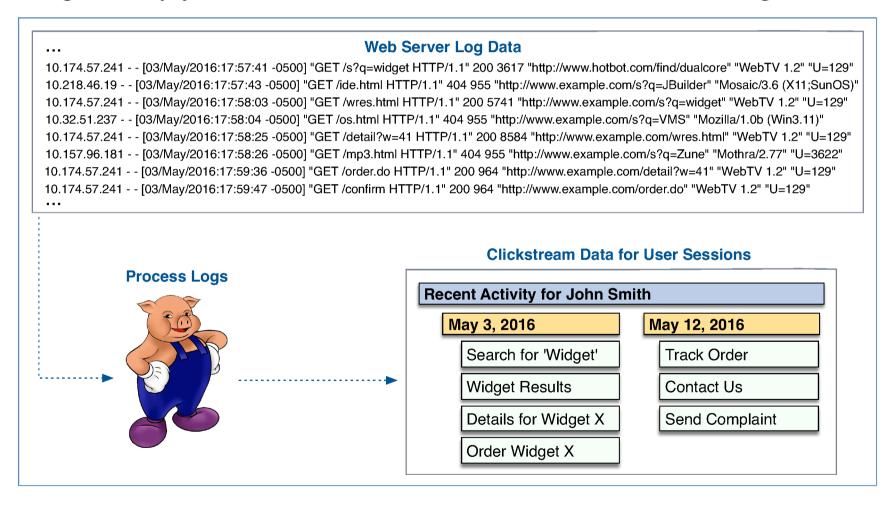
- Finding relevant records in a massive dataset
- Querying multiple datasets
- Calculating values from input data

Pig is also frequently used for data processing

- Reorganizing an existing dataset
- Joining data from multiple sources to produce a new dataset

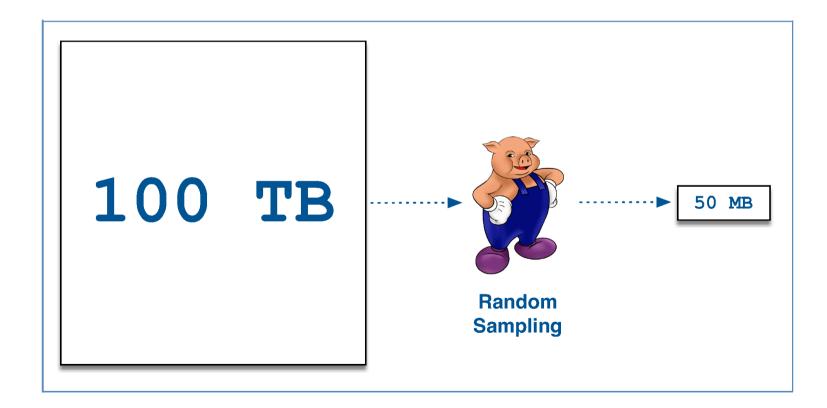
Use Case: Web Log Sessionization

Pig can help you extract valuable information from web server log files



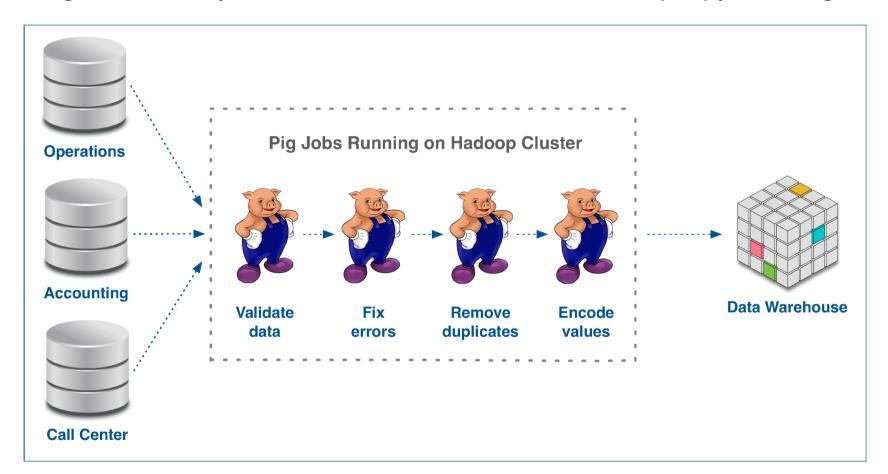
Use Case: Data Sampling

- Sampling can help you explore a representative portion of a large dataset
 - Allows you to examine this portion with tools that do not scale as well
 - Supports faster iterations during development of analysis jobs



Use Case: ETL Processing

Pig is also widely used for Extract, Transform, and Load (ETL) processing



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Using Pig Interactively

- You can use Pig interactively in the Grunt shell
 - Pig interprets each Pig Latin statement as you type it
 - Execution is delayed until output is required
 - Very useful for ad hoc data inspection
- Example of how to start, use, and exit Grunt

```
$ piq
grunt> allsales = LOAD 'sales' AS (name, price);
grunt> bigsales = FILTER allsales BY price > 999;
grunt> STORE bigsales INTO 'myreport';
grunt> quit;
```

Use pig -e to execute a Pig Latin statement from the UNIX shell

Interacting with HDFS

You can manipulate HDFS with Pig, using the fs command

```
grunt> fs -mkdir sales/;
grunt> fs -put europe.txt sales/;
grunt> allsales = LOAD 'sales' AS (name, price);
grunt> bigsales = FILTER allsales BY price > 999;
grunt> STORE bigsales INTO 'myreport';
grunt> fs -getmerge myreport/ bigsales.txt;
```

Interacting with UNIX

The sh command lets you run UNIX programs from Pig

```
grunt> sh date;
Wed Nov 12 06:39:13 PST 2016
                                -- lists local files
grunt> sh ls;
grunt> fs -ls;
                                -- lists HDFS files
```

Running Pig Scripts

- A Pig script is simply Pig Latin code stored in a text file
 - By convention, these files have the .pig extension
- You can run a Pig script from within the Grunt shell using run
 - This is useful for automation and batch execution

```
grunt> run salesreport.pig;
```

It is common to run a Pig script directly from the UNIX shell

```
$ pig salesreport.pig
```

MapReduce and Local Modes

- As described earlier, Pig turns Pig Latin into MapReduce jobs
 - Pig submits those jobs for execution on the Hadoop cluster
- It is also possible to run Pig in "local mode" using the -x flag
 - This runs jobs on the *local machine* instead of the cluster
 - Local mode uses the local filesystem instead of HDFS
 - Can be helpful for testing before deploying a job to production

```
piq -x local
                              -- interactive
pig -x local salesreport.pig -- batch
```

Client-Side Log Files

- If a job fails, Pig may produce a log file to explain why
 - These log files are typically produced in your current working directory on the local (client) machine

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Essential Points

- Pig offers an alternative to writing MapReduce code directly
 - Pig interprets Pig Latin code in order to create MapReduce jobs
 - It then submits these jobs to the Hadoop cluster
- You can execute Pig Latin code interactively through the Grunt shell
 - Pig delays job execution until output is required
- It is also common to store Pig Latin code in a script for batch execution
 - Allows for automation and code reuse

Bibliography

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