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BIG DATA PROJECT REPORT

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1 Introduction

The project aim was to design a tool which could establish the authorship of a manuscript by using specific criteria described later. The used architecture is based on Hadoop, a distributed filesystem simulator, running in a docker container.

2 Background and System Description

A container is a standard unit of software that packages up code and all its dependencies so the application runs quickly and reliably from one computing environment to another. A Docker container image is an executable package of software that includes everything needed to run an application: code, runtime, system tools, system libraries and settings.

Docker containers images become containers when they run on Docker Engine. They isolate software from its environment and ensure that it works uniformly despite differences for instance between development and staging.

The Cloudera[1] Docker image used in this project contains an Hadoop[2] Distributed File System (HDFS) partition. Cloudera provides a scalable, flexible, integrated platform that makes it easy to manage rapidly increasing volumes and varieties of data in an enterprise. It is distributed by Apache Hadoop. The Hadoop version used in this project is Hadoop 2.6.0-cdh5.7.0.

For the installation of Docker, the Cloudera Docker image and the execution of jobs using jar file it has been used the instructions of the course. The project is written using Java version 11.0.4. For the code compilation we used IntelliJ version 2019.2.4 compiling using compatibility mode with version 1.7.

3 Project Workflow

The first step the project is to analyze an amount of manuscripts, extracting relevant information from them in order to create a “dictionary” of known authors. Starting from these data, the program should take unknown manuscripts as input and establish the authorship by the comparing them with the “dictionary” previously created. All the manuscripts are .txt files taken from the Project Gutenberg[3] online library. The Project Workflow is the following:

1. Parsing all the files using Hadoop Map Reduce job:
 - Mapper performs the counting of all the specified language parts in each file. These parts are ArrayList instances that contain english Conjunctions, Articles and Prepositions. Mapper associates each language part with an integer flag set to 1.
 - Reducer performs the counting of language parts by putting together data taken from the Mappers.
2. Calculating the frequencies of language parts for each text.

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