# Big Data Analytics

### Course Objectives

- glean system's view of big data analytics
- understand the technological challenges
- develop familiarity with the state of the art

#### Course Structure

#### Theory

- lectures
- readings

#### Lab

hands-on practice

#### Course Content

#### Theory

- original research publications
- articles from tech journals ACM, Spinger, IEEE, ...
- textbooks and reference books

#### Course Content

#### **Practice**

- Hadoop and associated technology stack
- official documentation and reference guides
- reference books and online resources

#### Evaluation

Two internal tests

Lab assignments

End-semester written theory exam

End-semester lab exam

#### What is Big Data?

Big data technologies describe a new generation of technologies and architectures, designed to economically extract value from very large volumes of a wide variety of data, by enabling high-velocity capture, discovery, and/or analysis.

- IDC, 2011

#### What is Big Data?

Big data is where the data volume, acquisition velocity, or data representation limits the ability to perform effective analysis using traditional relational approaches or requires the use of significant horizontal scaling for efficient processing.

- NIST

### Big Data Science

The study of techniques covering the acquisition, conditioning, and evaluation of big data.

- NIST

#### Big Data Frameworks

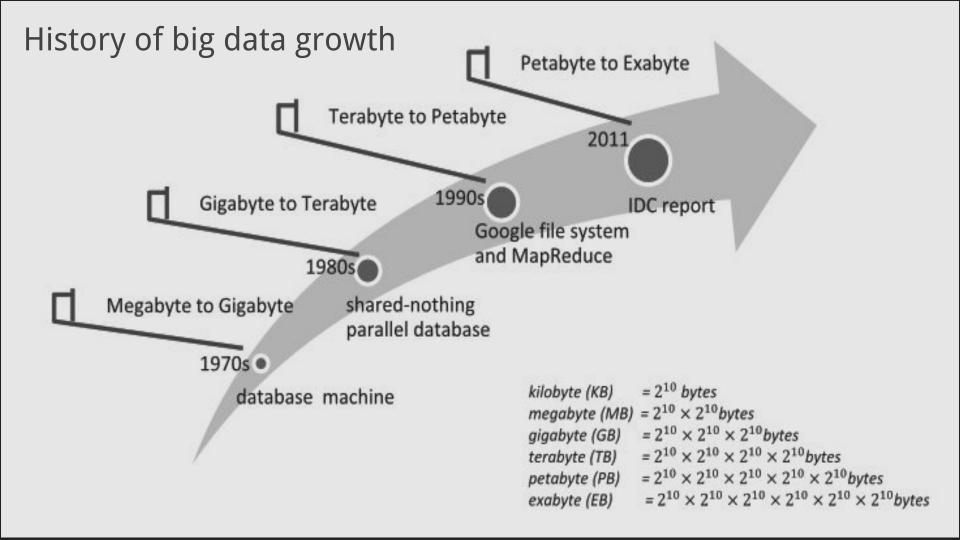
Software libraries along with their associated algorithms that enable distributed processing and analysis of big data problems across clusters of computer units.

- NIST

#### Big Data Frameworks

"The reason big data is impacting every one of us is the data oozing out of everything... It's like electricity flowing throughout an organization—everyone can tap into it on command to answer the individual questions their jobs demand"

- Pat Hanrahan



# Big Data Analytics

Volume

Velocity

Value

Variety

Veracity

Big data analytics is a workflow that distills terabytes of low-value data down to, in some cases, a single bit of high-value data.

The goal is to see the big picture from the minutia of our digital lives.

### Big Data Analytics - Limitations

Just because analysts have big data to work with doesn't guarantee the sample they need is sufficiently representative of their entire user population (bigger is not better)

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Working with big data is still subjective and that automated data collection is not self-explanatory — it requires selection and interpretation.

Data sampling and cleaning processes in particular are prone to potential error and bias.

boyd and Crawford

# The Nature of Analytics Work

Corporate analytics teams

The analytics team uses their expertise in statistics, data mining, machine learning, and visualization to answer questions that corporate leaders pose.

### The Nature of Analytics Work

- The work is exploratory and demand-driven
- The ultimate goal of the work is clear communication
- The work must produce high-confidence results
- The work creates a strong need to preserve institutional memory

### Big Data Paradigms

Batch processing

Stream processing

complex event processing

stream data processing

Academic research scientists

Research scientists analyze data to test hypotheses and form theories.

Scientists typically choose their own research questions, exercise more control over the source data, and report results to knowledgeable peers

Capital markets

algorithmic trading

smart order routing

Banking

credit card fraud detection

Healthcare

patient monitoring

fraud detection

Public sector

surveillance

emergency response

security

Energy

energy trading

pipeline monitoring

power grid control

Web

click-stream analysis

resource monitoring

fraud detection

Energy

energy trading

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