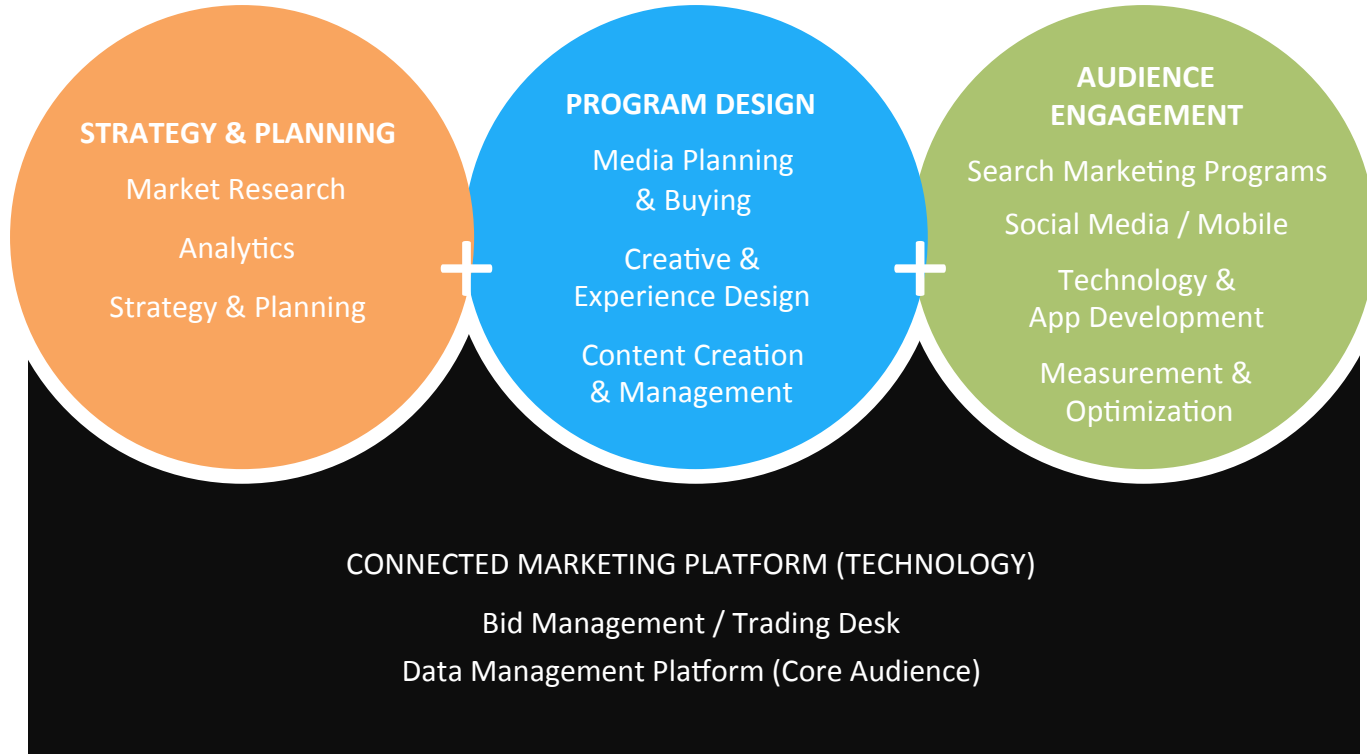


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DIGITAL AGENCY INSIDE A CONTENT EMPIRE

Leveraging audience insights:

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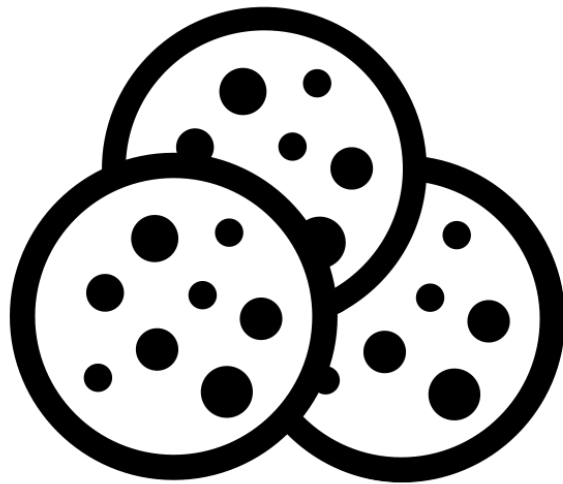
- 20+ brands
- 30+ TV networks
- 50+ newspapers
- 300+ magazines



Big Data - Cookies!

- Subscribers
- Visitors
- International
- Multiple devices

300+ million
unique cookies

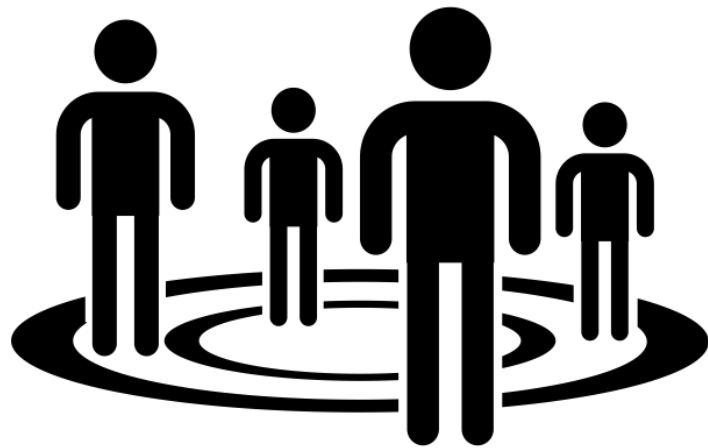


DMP Audience Data

Attributes

- Geographic
- Demographic
- Behavioral
- Psychographic

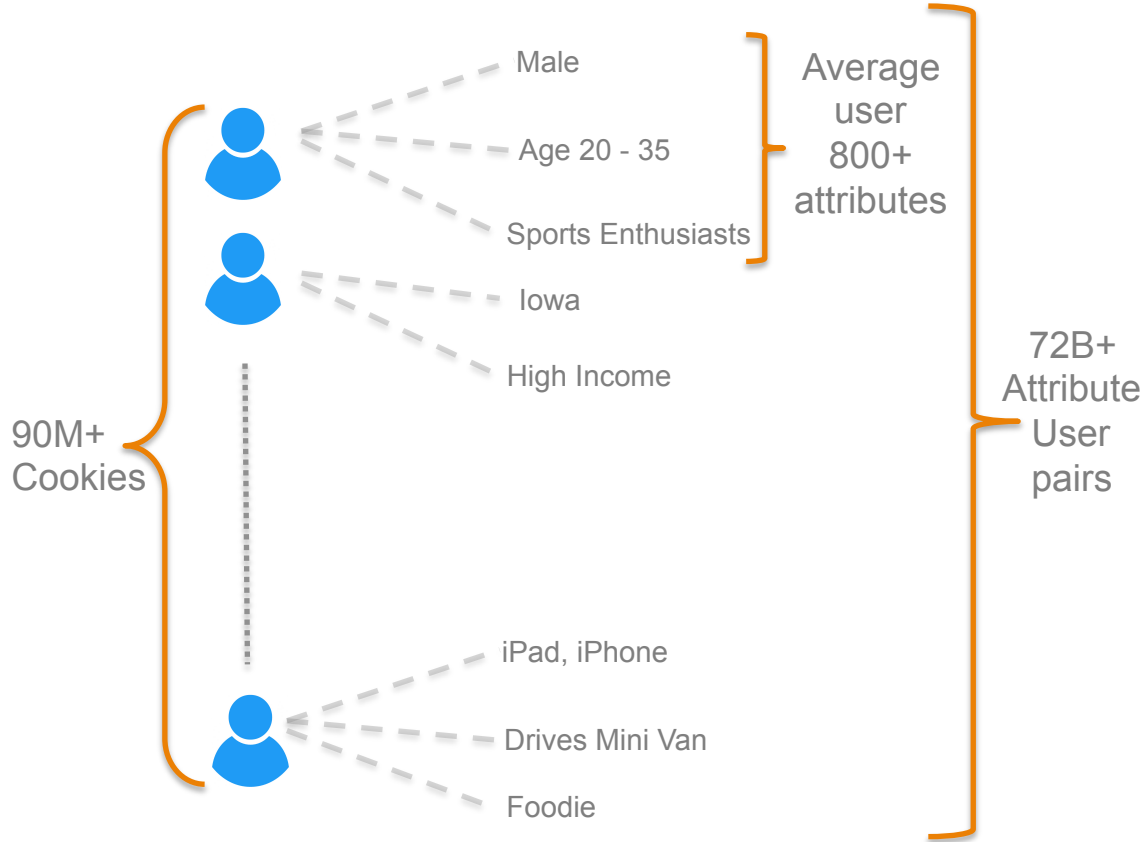
11,000+ Unique Attributes



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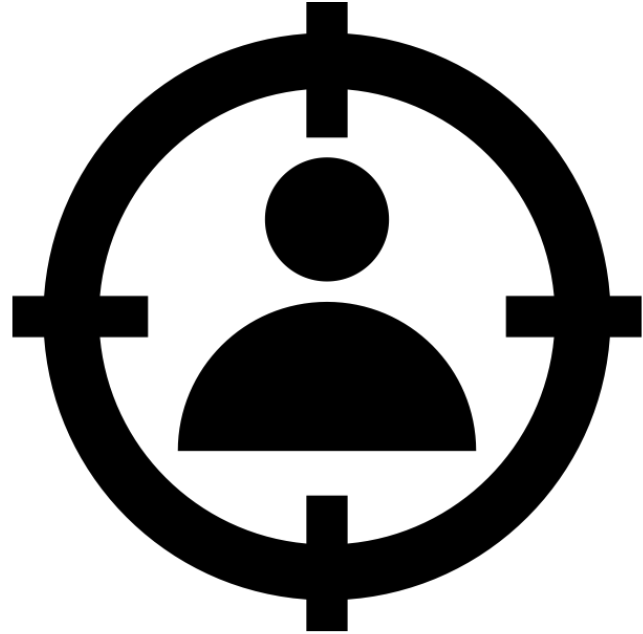


Cookies + Audience Attributes = Super Big Data!



Audiences – Targeting vs Discovering

- Who you are targeting
- How do you connect with them?
- What describes them?



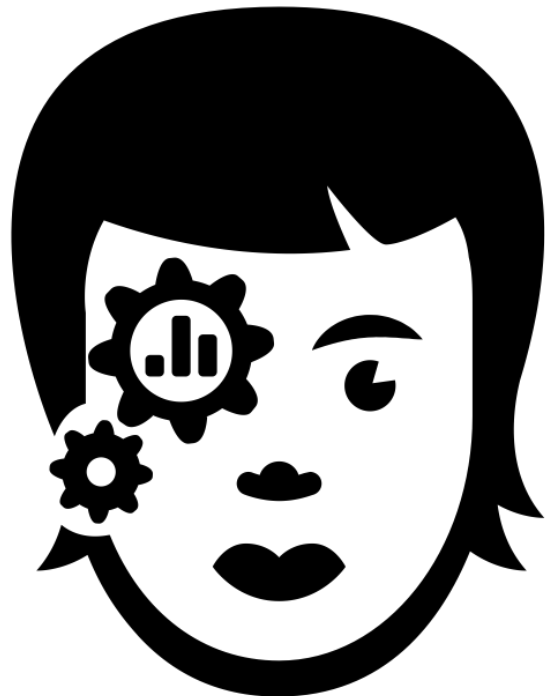
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Data Scientists

Discovering Audience Attributes

1. Define an audience using attributes
2. Identify all attributes of cookies in audience
3. Calculate highly indexing attributes

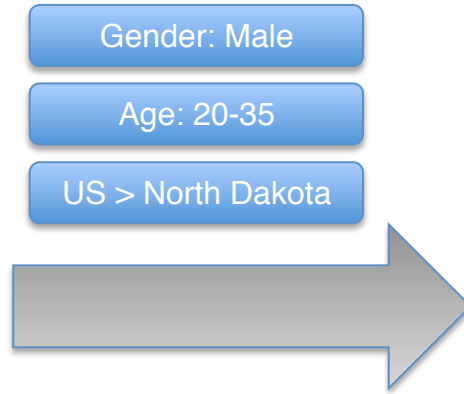
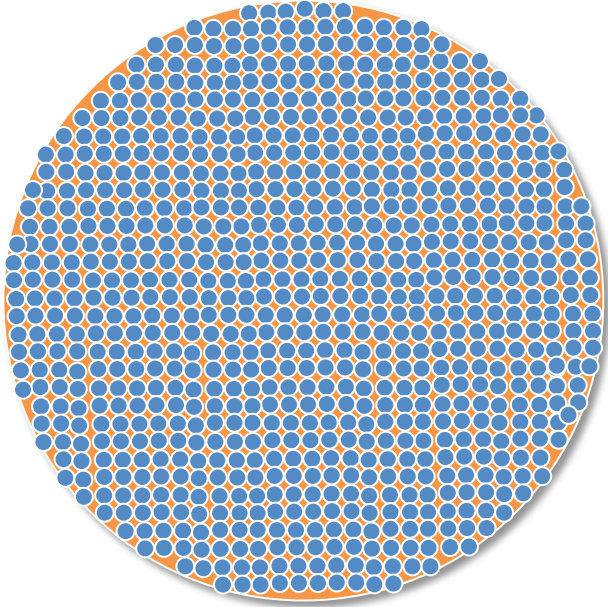


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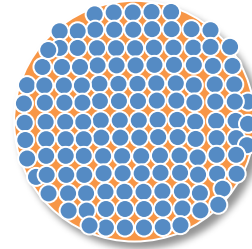


1) Define the Audience

Population
90M Cookies



Audience
300K Cookies



2) Audience Attributes

Attributes of Audience Cookies in Audience Cookies



3) Index the Attributes

Attributes of Cookies in Audience

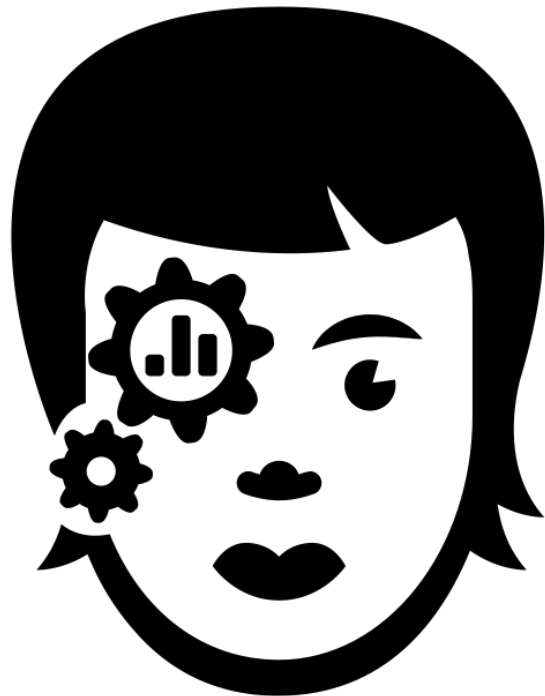
Attribute	Audience	Population
Interest: Sports Enthusia	Interest: Sports Enthusiast	
Interest: Sports Enthusia	Interest: Moose Hunting	
Interest: Moose Hunting	Intent: Auto Purchase > Truck	
Intent: Auto Purchase >	US > North Dakota > Fargo	
US > North Dakota > Far	Pet Supplies > Dog Food	
Pet Supplies > Dog Food		
	6%	9%



Data Scientists

Development Ask

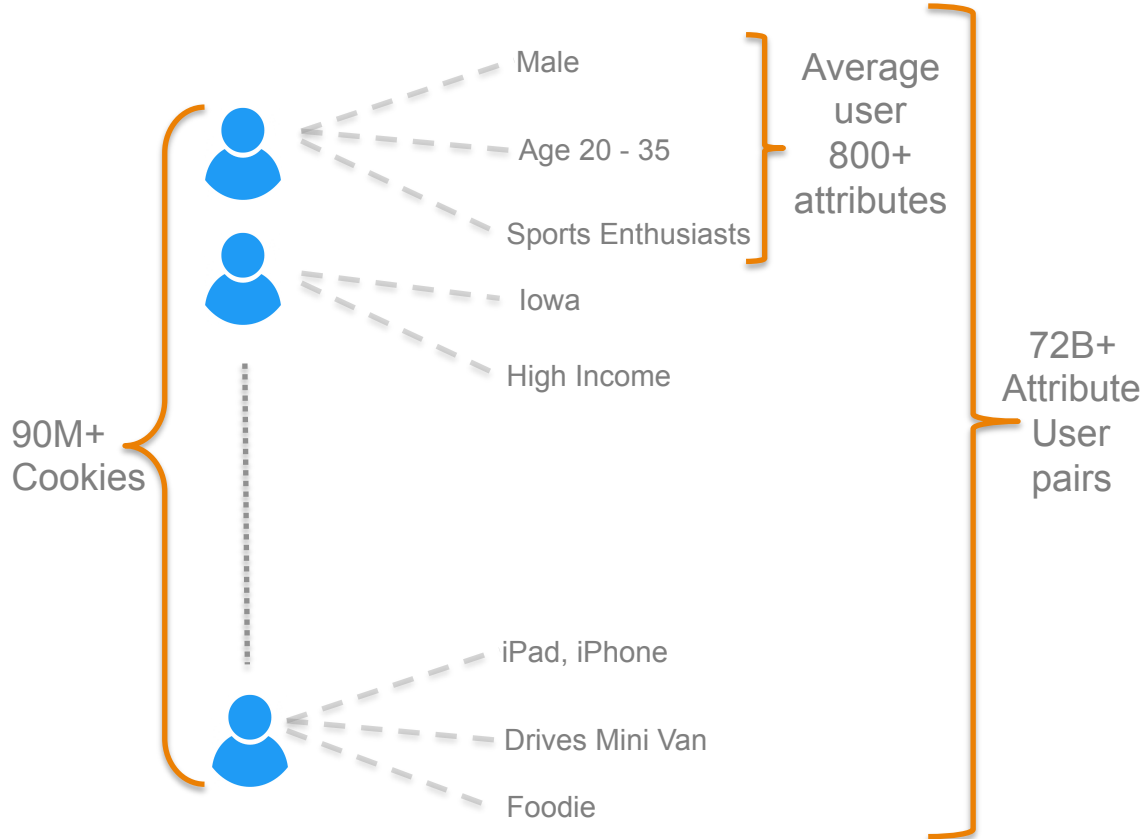
1. Make it accessible to “normals”
2. Exportable visualizations & calculations
3. Reduce query time from 1 hr to 1 sec



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Why is this Hard?



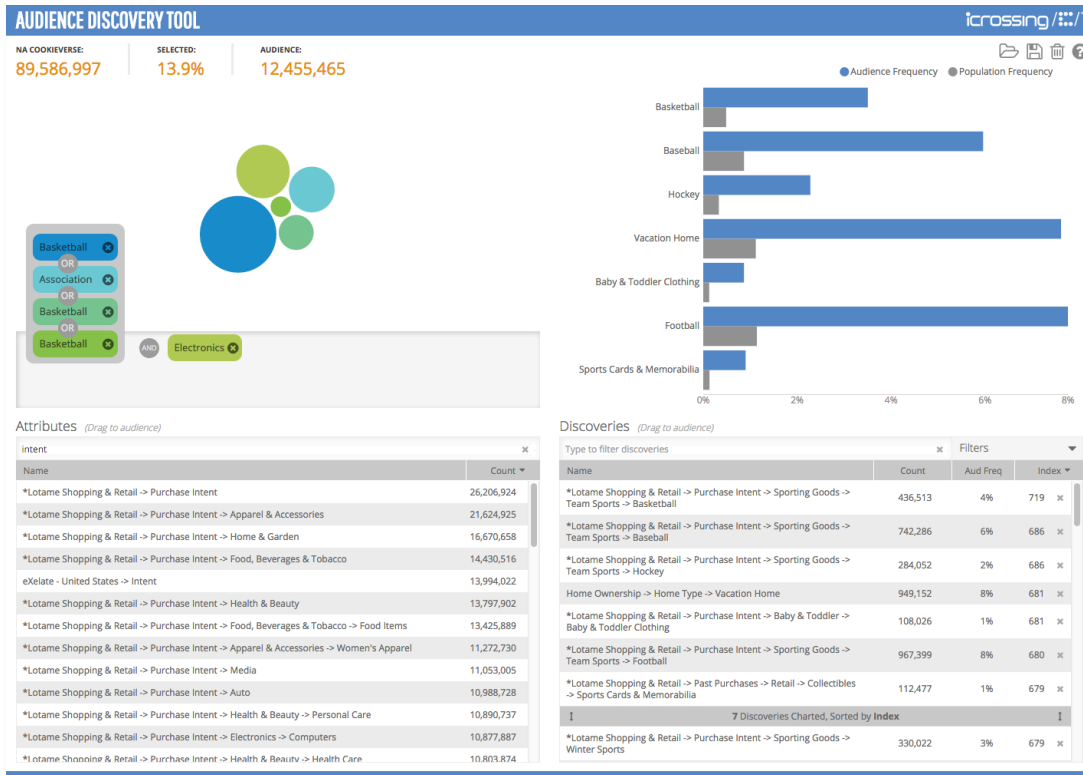
Algorithm

1. Check every cookie if it satisfies audience criteria
2. Collect all attributes for every audience cookie
3. Calculate percentages & index

Within 1 sec !!!!!!!



The Answer – Audience Discovery Tool



- Audience discovery
 - Cookie Attributes
 - Frequency vs Population
- Built for non-technical users
 - Strategy
 - Sales / Account
 - Anyone
- Flexible
 - Research tool
 - In-meeting, iterative discovery
- Approachable
 - Real-time
 - Results in seconds
 - Simple, elegant interface
 - Multiple export formats

“Making science accessible”



Data Processing R& D



Traditional Relational Databases

- Long load time
- Complex queries resulting in long query times
- Rigid data model



Non Traditional Databases

- Lack of complex query feature
- Large memory footprint requirement
- Aggregation query exceeded by many 10x of seconds



The Low Hanging Fruit

- In memory cache
- Customizable query using Java code
- Relatively low data loading time



The Vertical Problem



Distributed Computing Ecosystem

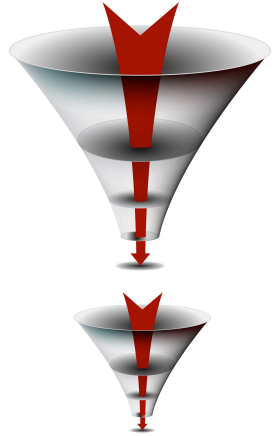
- Not production ready
- Data import fails without explanation
- Aggregation fails to impress



Back to Basics

- Pure Java code solution
- Data and logic must exists in same memory space
- Capable of advanced filtering

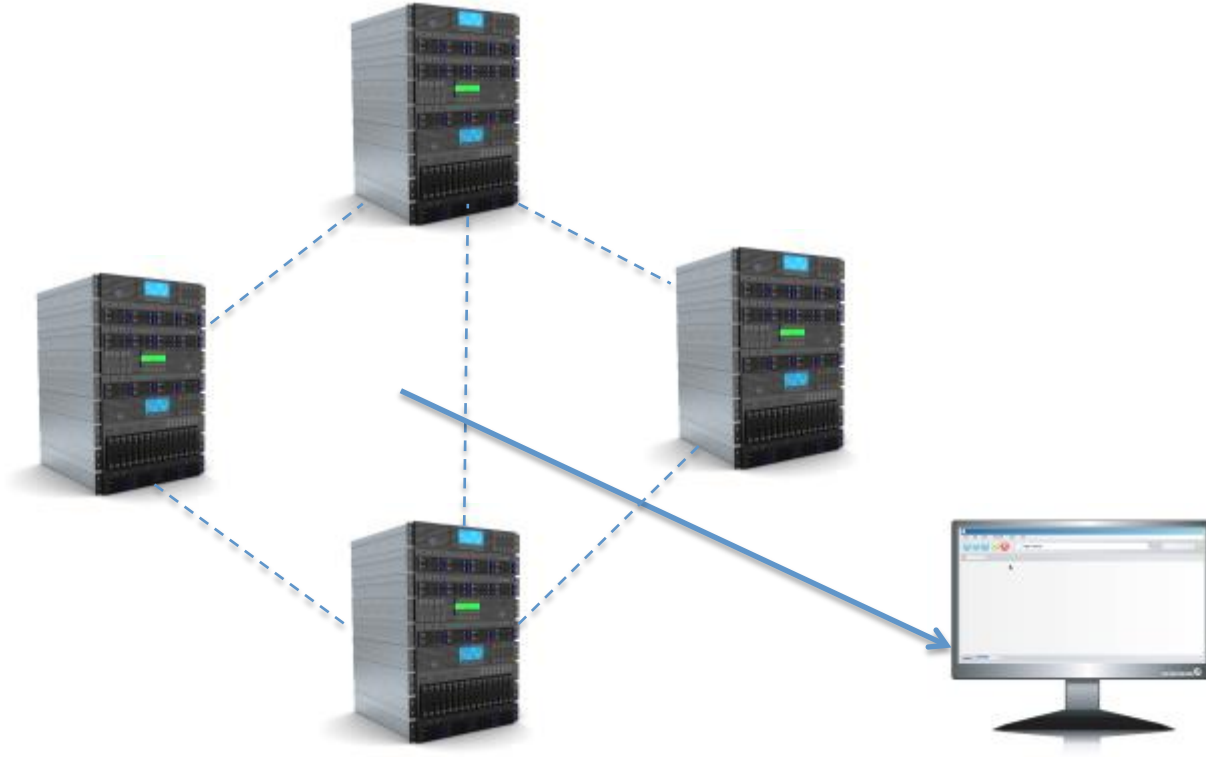




- Distributed computing, low overhead
- Data locality
- Minimal code migration



The Distributed Solution



The Challenges

- Tedious manual data distribution
- Gar building and deployment issues
- Development challenges



What We Learned

- Indexed data requiring minor calculations -- databases (relational & noSQL) great
- Large non-indexed data -- the data & processing need to live in the same (memory) space

