High Performance Computational Analysis of The National Archives Energy Consumption

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1 Introduction

Since the introduction of mainframe computers in the 1950s, large amounts of data have been collected and stored in databases (Lee, 2017). With advances in technology and the development of the internet over the years, which plays a massive role in our modern daily lives, there has been a huge growth in data, and changes in the way data is accessed and analysed (Taylor-Sakyi, 2016; Lee, 2017) (*Figure 1*). Data are individual items that come in many forms such as numbers, words and symbols that do not carry any specific meaning (Vaughan, 2019). Although data may describe things about everything and anything, such as events, transactions, and entities, data by itself is not very informative. In order for data to be of any use, the information it contains must be processed and transformed into useable content (Vaughan, 2019).

Big Data are enormous structured and unstructured datasets, which are too complex for processing by traditional data mining techniques (Taylor-Sakyi, 2016; Lee, 2017). There are 4 types of rich data, also known as the 4 V's, which make up Big Data and hold the key to understanding how Big Data is measured. The Volume of data is the size of the dataset that is collected for data processing and analysis, and is measured in zettabytes, commonly due to large use of mobile devices and social networks. The Variety of data is the layout of the data generated either by humans or by machines and comes in numerous formats from many categories and sources such as e-mails, the web and sensors. The Velocity of data is the speed or the rate at which data is generated and transformed. Finally, the Veracity of data refers to the accuracy and the quality of the data. The quality of the data does not always guarantee it's accuracy, this depends more on the trustworthiness, source, type and processing of the data (Taylor-Sakyi, 2016; Lee, 2017).

With the advancement in technology at our fingertips, data is generated every single minute and growing in real time (Taylor-Sakyi, 2016; Lee, 2017). The figure below shows how data is generated by the internet every minute of the day (Lewis, 2021).

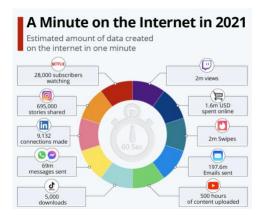


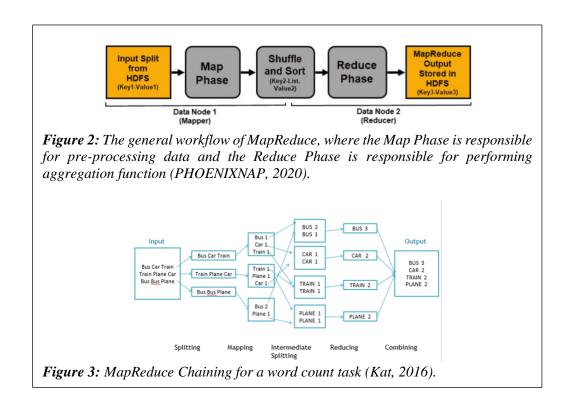
Figure 1: Statistics showing the amount of data produced every minute by the internet in 2021, extracted from Statista (https://www.statista.com/) (Lewis, 2021).

However, traditional data mining is no longer adequate to deal with such high volume of data, needed to extract useful and important information from the raw data, in order to make sense of them and make them usable (Lee, 2017). Additionally, with Big Data being generated every single minute, simple computational processing and storage units are not sufficient to handle the large amounts of data being generated by computer systems of large organisations and industries (Lee, 2017). Therefore, techniques such as High-Performance Computing (HPC) have been introduced and developed to address these issues (Taylor-Sakyi, 2016; Lee, 2017). HPC, also known as supercomputing, is a group of computers, called clusters, which consist of operating systems and processors with high storage and network capabilities (Hager and Wellein, 2010). The computer power is aggregated to deliver higher performance and solve large data problems, enabling time and cost-effective analysis of high volumes of data (Hager and Wellein, 2010). Many organisations such Amazon, IBM and Microsoft use the Apache Hadoop (https://hadoop.apache.org/) open-source framework (BDAN, 2022), one of the first HPC frameworks created and developed, to utilise their Big Data Storage system to distribute the task of solving large data problems throughout their system (Taylor-Sakyi, 2016; Lee, 2017; PHOENIXNAP, 2020).

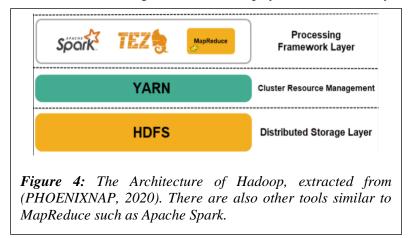
The infrastructure of Apache Hadoop works by combining multiple computers to work in parallel simultaneously to store and process large volumes of data efficiently and quickly (PHOENIXNAP, 2020). The framework consists of 3 fundamental components, to help work on Big Data: Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS), Yet Another Resource Negotiator (YARN), and MapReduce (PHOENIXNAP, 2020) (see figure 4).

HDFS is a distributed file system used to store the data in order to capitalise the information (Shvachko *et al.*, 2010; PHOENIXNAP, 2020). It is an efficient, fault-tolerant designed storage system that makes multiple copies of the data and stores them across individual data blocks or nodes of multiple systems. As a result, even if one or several nodes fail, the rest of the system will not be affected (Shvachko *et al.*, 2010; PHOENIXNAP, 2020).

Once the data has been successfully stored, it needs to be processed (PHOENIXNAP, 2020). This is performed through MapReduce (Mapper and Reducer), which is a framework that enables several computers to perform parallel computing of the data. During the Mapper Phase, the raw data, which has been split into smaller components, is pre-processed and generated into intermediate key-value pairs. These pairs are then shuffled and sorted into groups and are then passed through the Reducer Phase to become aggregated and generate final key-value pairs (*see Figure 2*). The figure below is an example of this process used to count the total number of a sequence of repeated words (Kat, 2016) (*see Figure 3*).



YARN is a cluster management source which monitors the Hadoop cluster system by processing job requests and resources. It is the backbone to ensuring the whole Hadoop system runs smoothly (PHOENIXNAP, 2020).



Hadoop's HDFS ability to cope with large data and fast recovery from hardware failure makes it ideal for Batch Processing of large data (Shvachko *et al.*, 2010). This is particularly beneficial and cost-effective for large corporations and industries that need to deal with large real time data and keep historical records, such as payroll and billing systems, printing labels and any group of transactions collected over a period of time (Vaghasiya, 2018). Batch processing is used in almost every field and industry (Thakurdesai, 2016; Vaghasiya, 2018).

This report will provide an in-depth design and implementation of Apache Hadoop's Framework and will implement MapReduce jobs to answer the following research question: "Given the real-time dataset on electricity consumption of the National Archives' main building in Kew, has the electricity consumption per day, increased or decreased over the last decade?"

The data used to answer this question has been extracted from the UK Government's Database (https://data.gov.uk/) and shows real-time data of the amount of electricity used in the Kew Building, the main UK Building site for the National Archive, in 24 hours of each day from 2010 to 2019 (https://data.gov.uk/dataset/da9a88d6-6535-4c7f-8d54-a93a50b2f177/the-national-archives-energy-consumption). The metadata of this dataset can be seen in the table below.

Name of Attribute	Description	Data Type
Location	Location of National Archive	Character
	(All of the same location; Kew	
	Building, the Main Building)	
Utility	The type of energy (all	Character
	electricity)	
Units	Kilowatt per Hour (kWh)	Character
Date	Date/Month/Year (from	Character
	January 2010 to November	
	2019)	
Time	Energy consumption used at	Character
(00:00-23:30)	every half an hour time interval	
	(for each day)	
Totals	Total energy consumption	Numerical (Double)
	(electricity) used for each day	

Following a quick data clean by mainly removing all empty rows and headers, this dataset contained 3405 observations and 53 attributes.

In order to answer the research question, two areas need to be addressed and analysed through batch processing:

- 1) What is the total average electricity consumed in the building over the period?
- 2) Does the electricity consumption vary between seasonal summer and winter months?

2 Design and Implementation

VirtualBox Machine software (https://www.virtualbox.org/) was used to perform the Hadoop's cluster environment for the MapReduce jobs. Java Programming Language was also used, as it is the main language that MapReduce utilise to manipulate and perform their jobs (Verma and Pandey, 2016).

In order to answer the first part, 'What is the total average electricity consumption over the period?', a MapReduce Chaining technique was performed. MapReduce Chaining is a very useful way of creating a sequence of MapReduce jobs. This process involves chaining two MapReduce jobs together, meaning the output of the first Mapper and Reducer, is further processed by the next chained Mapper and Reducer to give the final output (Nguyen, 2020). In this case, the first Mapper and Reducer would find and produce an output of the total sum of the electricity consumption for each year. This output is then used for the second Mapper and Reducer to find the average electricity consumption of all the years. Figure 5 illustrates the workflow design for this MapReduce Chaining, showing the input and output data types for each mapper and reducer.

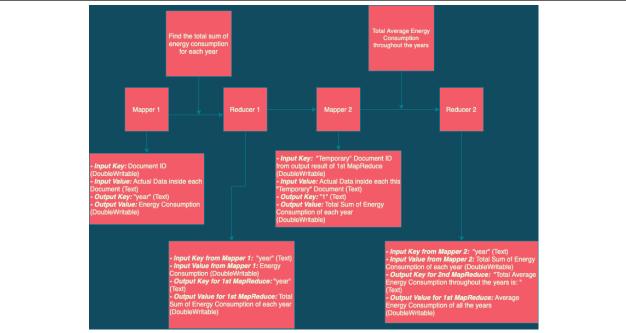


Figure 5: The workflow design and plan out to perform the MapReduce chaining job to answer 'What is the total average electricity consumption over the period?' (In the plan, energy refers to electricity). Created using Diagrams.net (https://drawio-app.com)

Using Eclipse, an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) software for Java (https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/), within the Virtual Machine, four Java classes were produced to perform this MapReduce Chaining job: the 'TotalAverageEnergyConsumption.java', the 'Mapper1.java' and 'Reducer1.java', 'Mapper2.java' and 'Reducer2.java'.

The 'TotalAverageEnergyConsumption.java' is the main driver class that calls the Mapper and Reducer classes and ensures that the Hadoop's job runs smoothly on the Hadoop cluster (Verma and Pandey, 2016; Nguyen, 2020). As this MapReduce Chaining involves two MapReduce jobs, this driver class will ensure that both jobs are set to their Mapper1 and Reducer1 and Mapper2 and Reducer2 java classes, respectively. This class also ensures the input and output file paths are set accordingly when running the Hadoop's cluster environment for these two chained jobs (Verma and Pandey, 2016; Nguyen, 2020). The input file path for the first MapReduce is the file path that contains data file ('EnergyConsumptionModified1.csv'), and the output file path is the 'temporary' output path, where the first part of the results, being the total sum of electricity consumption for each year, is written and stored into the 'temporary' file (Nguyen, 2020). This 'temporary' file path becomes the input file path for the second MapReduce job. The output file path will be the final output result of the whole MapReduce Chaining, where it will contain a value of the total average electricity consumption throughout the years. This driver class also ensures that the configuration parameters are accessible and run smoothly when performing the MapReduce Chaining job within the Hadoop cluster environment (Nguyen, 2020) (see Figure 6).

```
🕽 *TotalAverageEnergyConsumption.java 🗴
           package org.myorg;
            //Importing the required packages or libraries for this driver; it includes classes and methods import org.apache.hadoop.conf.Configuration; \!\!\!\Box
                               jobl.jobl.gotInstance(conf1, "Total Sum Energy Consumption For each Year");
// Directing and allocating the Jar file to be the driver class
jobl.setJarByClass(TotalAverageEnergyConsumption.class);
                               //Calling and Setting up the Mapperl and Reducerl class (of the first MapReduce Job)
jobl.setMapperClass(Mapperl.class);
jobl.setReducerClass(Reducerl.class);
                                // Setting up the input and output file path for the Hadoop's first MapReduce Job
// remember that 1st argument is the driver class, that why input and output path is index with 1 and 2, respectively
// However, the output path needs to be passed to the second MapReduce Job, therefore will add an file path called "temp", short for temporarily file path
FileInputFormat.addInputFath(job1, new Path(args[1]);
FileOutputFormat.setOutputPath(job1, new Path(args[1]+"/temp"));
                                      Delete output if exists
This code below ensures that output folder (for the temporarily file) within HDFS does not exist,
and if it does exist, then it will be deleted in the HDFS system.
Either way, this functions ensures that new output folder (for the temporarily file path) is created within HDFS.
                               // mither way, this functions ensures that new output rotuer (to the filesystem hdfs = filesystem.get(confl);
Path outputDir = new Path(args[1]*"/temp");
if (hdfs.exists(outputDir))
hdfs.delete(outputDir, true);
// Completion of the 1st MapReduce becomes true when it finished and then we move onto the next chained MapReduce job
                                 Job job2;
job2=Job.getInstance(conf2, "Total Average Energy Consumption");
// Directing and allocating the Jar file to be the driver class
job2.setJarByClass(TotalEnergyConsumption.class);
                                 // Setting the Key and Value classes for the output from this Job
// The key is Text as it is Strings of "1"
job2.setOutputKeyClass(Text.class);
// The output is DoubleWritable as it is the energy consumption (the total average of all the years)
job2.setOutputValueClass(DoubleWritable.class);
                                 // the input path is the output path and temporarily file from the first MapReduce Job (hence the index being 1 plus temp file)
// The output file is final output from this MapReduce Chaining, hence end with the last index (2)
FileInputFormat.addInputPath(job2, new Path(args[1]+"/temp"));
FileOutputFormat.setOutputPath(job2, new Path(args[2]));
                                    // Completion of the 2nd MapReduce becomes true wher
System.exit(job2.waitForCompletion(true) ? 0 : 1);
```

Figure 6: The Driver Class for the MapReduce Chaining

For Hadoop's cluster to run the MapReduce jobs, the key-value pairs that are passed in and out of the Mapper and Reducer classes need to be in the form of Hadoop's Object data type. *Table 2* show the Hadoop's data types for key-value pairs, in equivalence with Java's Data types (Siva, 2014).

Hadoop's Data Type	Java Data Type
IntWritable	Integer
FloatWritable	Float
LongWritable	Long
ShortWritable	Short
DoubleWritable	Double
Text	String

In the first MapReduce job of the MapReduce Chaining, the first Mapper class ('Mapper1.java') involves extracting and pre-processing the important information from the dataset. This class initially takes in the input key and value pairs, the document ID (from the input path from the driver class), and the actual data inside each passing document ID, respectively. The Hadoop's data type of this input key-value pair is LongWritable and Text respectively (*Figure 5*). This class then extracts the "years" values from the date attribute and sets this as the output key for this first Mapper class. This output key is Text as the "years" extracted are a String data type, for example, "2011", "2012" and so forth. This class will also extract the electricity consumption values from the totals attribute and will be set as the output value for this Mapper class, being DoubleWritable, as it consists of numerical data type values (*Figure 5*). The output key-value pair is passed to the first Reducer (Reducer1.java) (*see figure 7 to see the code*).

```
| package org.wyreg:
| //Importing the required packages or libraries for the first Mapper class; it includes classes and methods
| apport java.im.ToException()|
| //Using 'extend' to create a subclass called 'Mapper' from the Mapper parent class
| //Passing 4 parameters within this class | //Passing 4 parameters within this class | //Passing 4 parameters within this class | //Passing 4 parameters within this class | //Passing 4 parameters within this class | //Passing 4 parameters within this class | //Passing 5 parameters within this class | //Passing 6 parameters within within within this class | //Passing 6 parameters within within within within within within within within within
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Figure 7: The Mapper1.java of the first MapReduce job for the MapReduce Chaining

The 'Reducer1.java' class takes in the output results from the Mapper1.java class as the Reducer's input key-value pair (Figure 5). This Reducer takes in all the content from their input key-value pair and performs aggregation and group-by function to extract the total sum of electricity consumption for each year. Therefore, the output key of this Reducer will be all of the duplicated years, aggregated and reduced to each year with their respective total sum of electricity consumption, which will be the Reducer's output value (see figure 8). This temporary result of the first MapReduce job, consisting of two attributes, each year and the total sum of electricity consumption, is chained to the next MapReduce to be further processed and aggregated (Figure 5).

Figure 8: The Reducer1.java of the first MapReduce job for the MapReduce Chaining

In the second MapReduce job of the MapReduce Chaining, the whole process is repeated, with the difference being that the document ID is now the temporary file used. Moreover, the output key-value pair of the second Mapper class is a repeated string of "1" and total sum of electricity consumption (for each year), respectively (*Figure 5*). This output is then passed to the second Reducer class, to be further aggregated to formulate the final output result (*see Figure 9 and 10*). *Figure 11* shows a small abstract of this MapReduce Chaining.

Figure 9: The Mapper2.java of the second MapReduce job for the MapReduce Chaining

Figure 10: The Reducer2.java of the second MapReduce job for the MapReduce Chaining

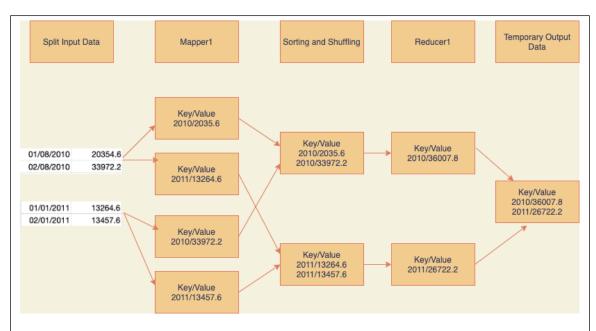


Figure 11: A small abstract of the MapReduce Chaining, showing the first two observations for 2010 and 2011. Created using Diagrams.net (https://drawio-app.com).

To run this MapReduce Chaining job within the Hadoop cluster and obtain the final results (*see figure 12*), the following command lines were executed on the terminal within the VirtualBox Machine (Verma and Pandey, 2016):

- 1) The following command was used to remove the temporary data from the Hadoop directory (base) hadoop@hadoop-VirtualBox:~\$ rm -rf /tmp/hadoop-hadoop/*
- 2) Then the HDFS file system was formatted

```
(base) hadoop@hadoop-VirtualBox:~$ hdfs namenode -format
```

3) The HDFS and YARN was initiated

```
(base) hadoop@hadoop-VirtualBox:~$ start-dfs.sh
Starting namenodes on [localhost]
Starting datanodes
Starting secondary namenodes [hadoop-VirtualBox]
(base) hadoop@hadoop-VirtualBox:~$ start-yarn.sh
Starting resourcemanager
Starting nodemanagers
```

4) JPS command was used to check that all the elements of YARN and HDFS were present

```
(base) hadoop@hadoop-VirtualBox:~$ jps
1937 org.eclipse.equinox.launcher_1.5.0.v20180512-1130.jar
3397 DataNode
3958 NodeManager
3255 NameNode
3627 SecondaryNameNode
3804 ResourceManager
4287 Jps
```

- 5) A new input directory was created within the HDFS directories

 (base) hadoop@hadoop-VirtualBox:~\$ hdfs dfs -mkdir /input
- 6) The input data file was copied into this new input directory of the HDFS

 (base) hadoop@hadoop-VirtualBox:~\$ hdfs dfs -put Downloads/EnergyConsumptionModified1.csv /input
- 7) The following command was used to execute the MapReduce Chaining job on the Hadoop

 (base) hadoop@hadoop-VirtualBox:-\$ hadoop jar Downloads/TotalAverageEnergyConsumption.jar TotalAverageEnergyConsumption /input/ output
- 8) The output files of the result were then copied from HDFS to the local system to be accessed (base) hadoop@hadoop-VirtualBox:~\$ hdfs dfs -get output output

1 The total average electricity consumption over the period is: 6246353.16

Figure 12: The output result from the MapReduce Chaining, answering the first part of the question, 'What is the total average electricity consumption over the period?'

In order to answer the second part, 'Does the electricity consumption vary between seasonal summer and winter months?', a single MapReduce job was performed (Verma and Pandey, 2016). This involved producing 3 java classes: 'SeasonalMonths.java', the driver class, 'SeasonalMonthMapper.java' and 'SeasonalReducer.java', the Mapper and Reducer class, respectively. The workflow for this job is illustrated in figure 13, again showing data types for the different passing key-values pairs for the classes (Verma and Pandey, 2016).

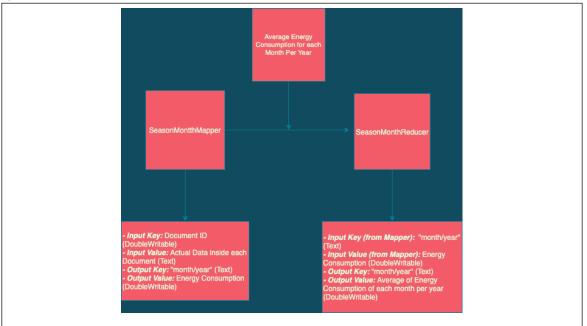


Figure 13: The workflow design and plan to perform the MapReduce job to answer 'Does the electricity consumption vary between seasonal summer and winter months?' (In the plan, energy refers to electricity). Created using Diagrams.net (https://drawio-app.com)

Within the driver class, a similar process to the driver class from MapReduce Chaining job occurs. However, this driver class calls one Mapper and Reducer class, ensuring that the Hadoop's job runs smoothly on the

Hadoop cluster for this single MapReduce job (Verma and Pandey, 2016). Again, it sets the Mapper and Reducer to their respective java classes and also ensures the input and output file paths are set accordingly when running the Hadoop's cluster environment for this job. The input file path contains the data file ('EnergyConsumptionModified1.csv') and the output file path contains the final output results for this job. Similarly, this driver class also ensures that the configuration parameters are accessible and run smoothly when performing this job within the Hadoop's cluster environment (Verma and Pandey, 2016) (see Figure 14).

```
package org.myorg:

| package org.myorg:
| //Importing the required packages or libraries for this driver; it includes classes and methods
| popular class SeasonalMonths|
| public class SeasonalMonths|
| public class SeasonalMonths|
| continued to the continued
```

Figure 14: The Driver class for the single MapReduce job.

In the 'SeasonalMonthMapper.java', similar processes to the 'Mapper1.java' from the previous job, occur. The only difference between the two classes is that the output key of this Mapper is each month per year ("month/year") (see Figure 15). The output key-value pair is passed to the 'SeasonalReducer.java', where this Reducer performs aggregation and group-by function to produce the final output file of the average electricity consumption of each month per year (see Figure 16).

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| Journal of SessonalMonthMapper org.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myorg.myo
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Figure 15: The Mapper class for the single MapReduce job.

Figure 16: The Reducer class for the single MapReduce job.

The same command lines were executed on the terminal to run this job within the Hadoop cluster to obtain the final results (Verma and Pandey, 2016) (table shown in the appendix), which has been visualised in *Figure 18* and 19. Figure 17 shows a small abstract of this single MapReduce job (Verma and Pandey, 2016).

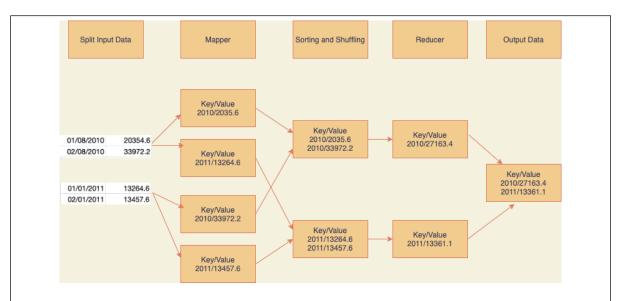


Figure 17: A small abstract of the single MapReduce, showing the first two observations for 2010 and 2011. Created using Diagrams.net (https://drawio-app.com).

3 Results and Evaluations

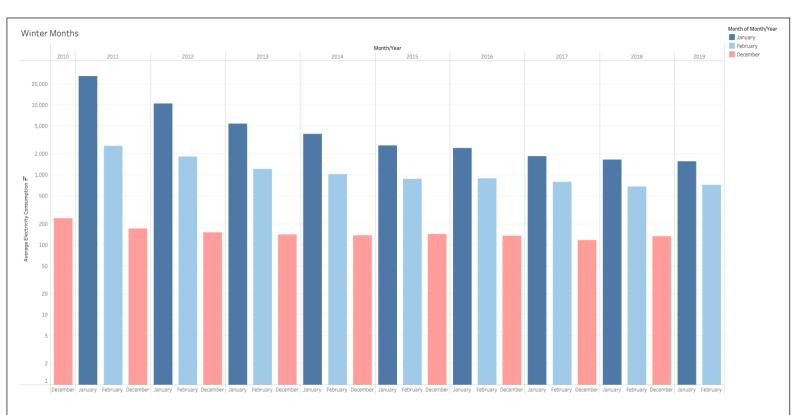


Figure 18: The average electricity consumption over the winter seasons. This figure was created using Tableau (https://www.tableau.com/en-gb).



Figure 19: The average electricity consumption over the summer seasons. This figure was created using Tableau (https://www.tableau.com/en-gb).

The results show that, during the winter season, the UK National Archive building has the most electricity consumption during January and the least consumption in December. In January 2011, the average consumption was almost 26,000 kWh per day as opposed to an average of under 5,000 kWh per day in December of the same year. During the summer season, the electricity consumption varies each year. For instance, in 2011, the average consumption was highest in June, with a usage of just over 600 kWh per day, whereas, in 2013 the average consumption was highest in July, with a usage of just 420 kWh per day. Additionally, the figures show that considerably more electricity was consumed in the winter months compared to the summer months. Moreover, the changes in electricity usage during both seasonal months highlights that consumption has slowly decreased over the last decade. On average, the total electricity consumption by the building has been 6,246,353.16 kWh over the last 10 years.

Increase in the electricity consumption during the winter months could be attributed to the need to heat the building due to cold weather, in particular, January 2011 showed a very high consumption. During this period, the UK suffered extreme cold weather with significant snow events (MetOffice, 2011). The slow decrease in consumption over the last 10 years during both winter and summer seasons may be due to climate change with milder winters and more modern and energy efficient appliances being utilised.

To conclude, Apache Hadoop is a very useful tool in batch processing of large real-time data, saving computational time and costs. This technique is particularly beneficial in obtaining information in an efficient, user-friendly manner, when there are large amounts of complex data involved.

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5 Appendix

The table of results from the single MapReduce job can be found in the attached 'files' zip file understand the name 'MapReduce_SeasonalMonths.' The java files for all MapReduce jobs can be found in the within this zip file as well. Lastly, the data can be found within the Data folder in this zip file as well.