How to configure apache flume in Cloudlab to fetch Twitter Data

Flume is a distributed, reliable, and available service for efficiently collecting, aggregating, and moving large amounts of streaming event data.

Our use case:

Collect data from the Twitter Streaming API, and forward it to HDFS.

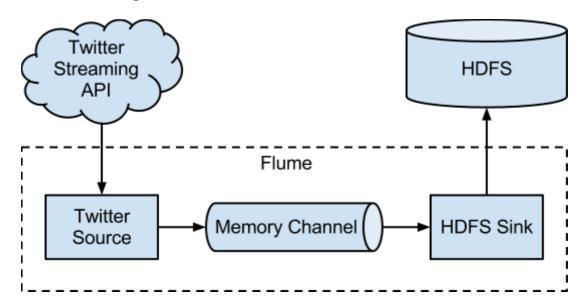
Event Accessing Twitter API

Sources Twitter

Channel Memory Channel

Sink HDFS

Agent Twitter Agent



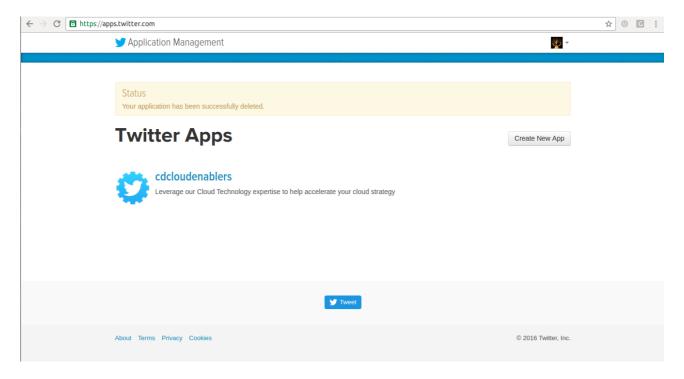
Prerequisites:

- 1.Cloudlab webconsole access.
- 2. Twitter account to create an application in twitter application.

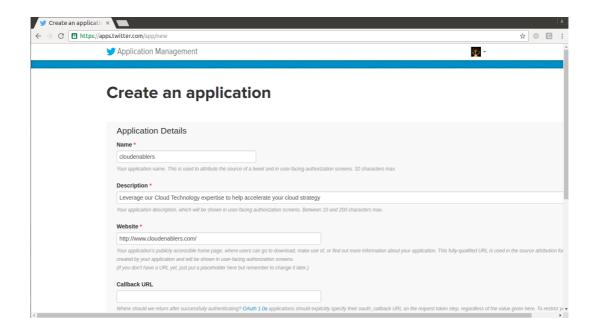
Step1:

Log in to your twitter account and create an application. https://apps.twitter.com/

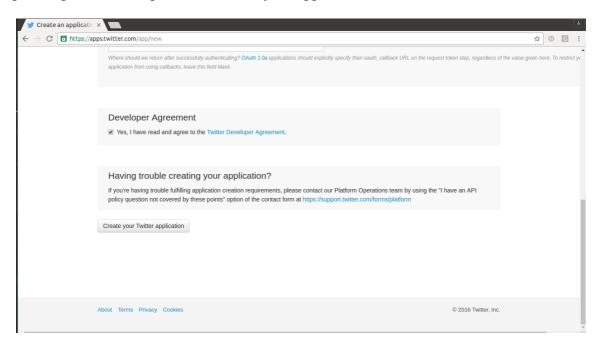
Select "Create New App"



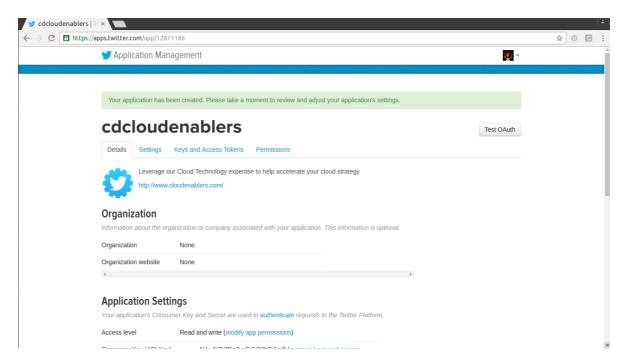
Assign name to your application, Add description and your website details.



Accept the agreement and proceed to create your application.



Get consumer key, consumer secret, access token and access token secret for adding these details to get twitter access log from bigdata lab server.



Step2:

Log in to cloudlab webconsole with access details provided by your course instructor. https://labs.simplilearn.com/big-data/webconsole

Check the current directory **\$pwd**

Create a new folder to keep your flume configuration file. **\$mkdir -p /home/sabapathy/flume/conf**

\$cd /home/sabapathy/flume/conf

\$touch flume.conf

Copy the configuration file available in the following link to flume.conf file. https://s3.amazonaws.com/simplilearnlab/flume.conf

Modify the configuration files according to your user name and credentials.

TwitterAgent.sources.Twitter.consumerKey = CONSUMER KEY
TwitterAgent.sources.Twitter.consumerSecret = CONSUMER SECRET
TwitterAgent.sources.Twitter.accessToken = ACCESS TOKEN
TwitterAgent.sources.Twitter.accessTokenSecret = TOKEN SECRET

TwitterAgent.sinks.HDFS.hdfs.path = hdfs://cloudlabns/user/USERNAME/twitter/

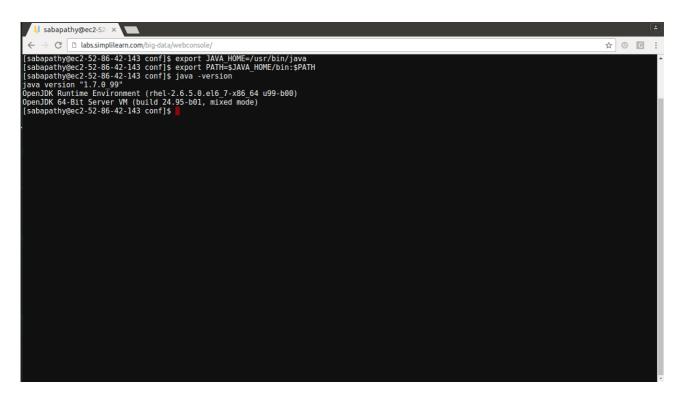
Create a new folder in hdfs to get twitter access log **\$hadoop fs -mkdir /user/sabapathy/twitter**

Before starting the flume agent make sure java home is set in your shell environment by issuing the command given below.

java -version

If java home is not set before, export the two environment variables to your shell or your \sim /.bash_profile

export JAVA_HOME=/usr/bin/java export PATH=\$JAVA_HOME/bin:\$PATH

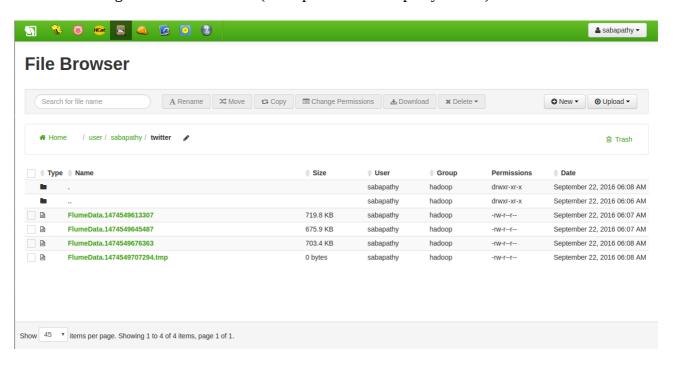


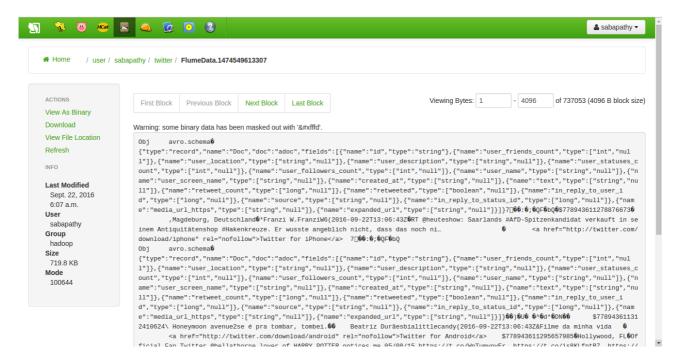
Run flume agent with your configuration file

 $sflume-ng\ agent\ --conf\ /home/sabapathy/flume/conf\ -f\ /home/sabapathy/flume/conf/flume.conf\ Dflume.root.logger=DEBUG, console\ -n\ TwitterAgent$

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Check the files generated in hdfs sink (Example: /home/sabapathy/twitter)





After verfiying this operation, Stop the process and remove the logs generated in hdfs.