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# **Intro**

In this lab, we will go over few features in Hive, which are useful for managing data in Hive. We will go over the following features:

* Load a data file into a Hive table
* Create a table using RC File Format
* Query a table using HQL
* Managed tables vs external tables
* Create a table using ORC File Format
* Partitioning a Table
* Bucketing a Table

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Here are a few points to get to know Hive :

* Hive data warehouse software facilitates loading, querying and transforming data on top of mainly Hadoop.
* Hive is used for ETL processing.
* Hive is very much SQL like.
* Hive query executes MapReduce processes on a hadoop cluster.
* Hive store it’s meta information in it’s metastore.
* Hive enables ad-hoc querying
* Hive works great for batch processing
* Latency for Hive queries is usually high

# **Let’s go!**

# **Step-1. Load a data file into a Hive table**

As hive stores data in HDFS, loading data into a Hive table means loading data files into HDFS and mapping the Hive table definition to the files’ content.

On your server, you can type “hive” and you will go to hive prompt as hive is already available on your instance.

Now, let’s create a table as follows:

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# CREATE TABLE Web\_Session\_Log

# (DATETIME varchar(500),

# USERID varchar(500),

# SESSIONID varchar(500),

# PRODUCTID varchar(500),

# REFERERURL varchar(500))

# row format delimited

# fields terminated by '\t'

# **stored as textfile;**

# Now let’s load some data into the table.

# From the github code, pull the data file, named, ‘weblog.csv’ into one of your folders. After that run the following command to load data into the above Hive table.

# LOAD DATA INPATH '/mnt/weblog.csv'

# OVERWRITE INTO TABLE Web\_Session\_Log;

The above command loaded the data file which is stored in your local unix directory into the hive table.

# **Step-2. Create a table using RC(Record Columnar) file format**

# As Hive reads datafiles stored in Hadoop, to optimize the storage of data format, there are various ways. RC File format is one format which has been very much used in Hive warehouses. RC File format is a structure which is a combination of data storage format, data compression approach, and optimization techniques for data reading. RC File format has the advantage of row oriented structure and column oriented structure both. Basically, you can slice and dice and table horizontally and vertically for storing. This gives the maximum flexibility to design your table based on access patterns.

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# Now, let’s create a table with RC File Format:

# CREATE TABLE Web\_Session\_Log\_RC

# (DATETIME varchar(500),

# USERID varchar(500),

# SESSIONID varchar(500),

# PRODUCTID varchar(500),

# REFERERURL varchar(500))

# row format delimited

# fields terminated by '\t'

# **STORED AS RCFILE;**

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# Let’s load data from the previously built Hive Table which was in Text File format.

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# INSERT OVERWRITE TABLE Web\_Session\_Log\_ORC

# select \* from Web\_Session\_Log;

# **Step-3. Query a tables**

# Let’s query the same table. Here is an example query. You can create your own query and run as well.

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# SELECT DISTINCT SESSIONID,count(\*) as count from Web\_Session\_Log\_ORC GROUP BY SESSIONID ORDER BY count;

# **Step-4. Managed tables vs External tables**

# In Hive, there are two kinds of tables, Managed and External. Let’s create these tables.

# Managed:

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# CREATE TABLE Web\_Session\_Log\_Managed(DATETIME varchar(500), USERID varchar(500), SESSIONID varchar(500), PRODUCTID varchar(500), REFERERURL varchar(500))

# row format delimited

# fields terminated by '\t'

# stored as textfile;

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# External:

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# CREATE **EXTERNAL** TABLE IF NOT EXIST Web\_Session\_Log\_External(DATETIME varchar(500), USERID varchar(500), SESSIONID varchar(500), PRODUCTID varchar(500), REFERERURL varchar(500))

# row format delimited

# fields terminated by '\t'

# stored as textfile;

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# **Note:**

# When you drop a Managed table, it deletes the data as well alongwith metadata.

# When you drop an External table, it only deletes the metadata.

# **Step-5. ORC format**

# Now let’s create a table with ORC format. ORC format is Optimized Row Columnar file format. It provides efficient way to store Hive data by doing better compression. This improves reading, writing and processing data in Hive.

# CREATE TABLE ORCFileFormatExample(

# DATETIME varchar(500), USERID varchar(500), SESSIONID varchar(500),

# PRODUCTID varchar(500), REFERERURL varchar(500))

# COMMENT 'This is the Web Session Log data'

# ROW FORMAT DELIMITED

# FIELDS TERMINATED BY '\t'

# STORED AS ORC tblproperties ("orc.compress"="GLIB");

# **Step-5. Parquet format**

Here we will create a table with Parquet file format. This will give you another option to store your data in another efficient format. However, you can compare the above file formats by reading further.

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