Hadoop Capacity Scheduler*

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Learning Objectives

Learn how to configure a Hadoop cluster to use the Capacity Scheduler instead of the default FIFO scheduler. Learn how to submit MapReduce jobs to specific queues.

Pre-Lab Questions

- What is a scheduler in Apache Hadoop?
- Is scheduler a part of HDFS or YARN?
- What are the available schedulers in Hadoop?

Solution

- 1. In YARN configuration file, set the property yarn.resourcemanager.scheduler.class to org.apache.hadoop.yarn.server.resourcemanager.scheduler.capacity.CapacityScheduler
- 2. The file responsible for the capacity scheduler configuration is located here: \$HADOOP_HOME/etc/hadoop/capacity-scheduler.xml
- 3. We are going to set two top-level child-queues: *finance* and *marketing* and some subques for marketing: *topic1* and *topic2*:

```
<property>
    <name>yarn.scheduler.capacity.root.queues</name>
    <value>finance,marketing</value>
</property>

<name>yarn.scheduler.capacity.root.marketing.queues</name>
    <value>topic1,topic2</value>
</property>
```

- 4. Next, we need to setup the capacity and maximum capacity of each queue
 - Capacity: yarn.scheduler.capacity.<queue-path>.capacity
 - Maximum capacity: yarn.scheduler.capacity.<queue-path>.maximum-capacity

Examples of root and finance queues:

```
<value>80</value>
</property>
...
```

5. Running a job on a specific queue (e.g. *finance* queue): yarn jar hadoop-mapreduce-examples-3.3.4.jar wordcount -Dmapreduce.job.queuename=finance /input /output

Post-Lab Questions

- What happens if the queue name is not specified?
- When developing a MapReduce application, how to deal with the queue name?
- mapreduce.job.queuename or mapred.job.queuename? What is the difference?