Create MTG Trading Card Database By API

Practical Exam

Goal

magicthegathering.io provides up-to-date information regarding all MTG trading cards available:

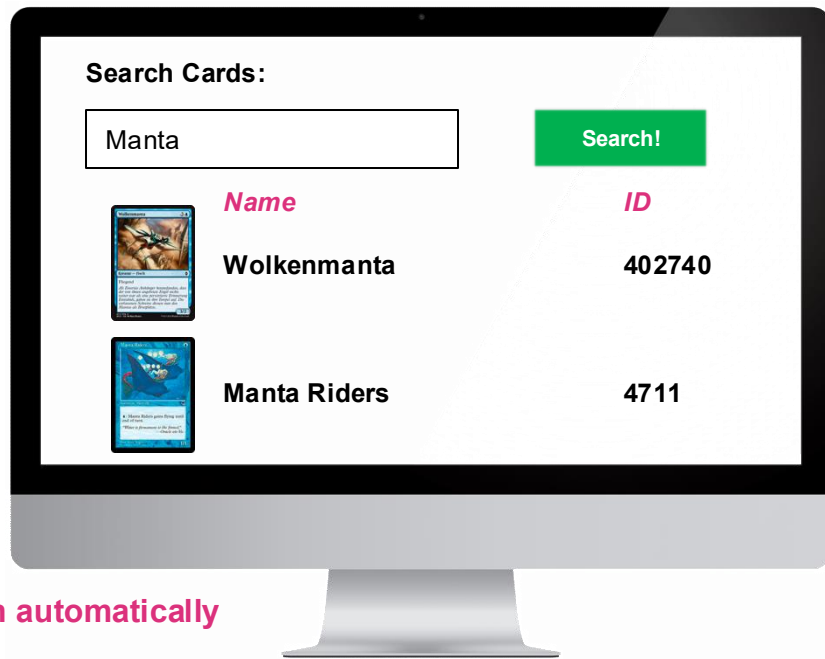- https://docs.magicthegathering.io/

- E.g. https://api.magicthegathering.io/v1/cards/4711

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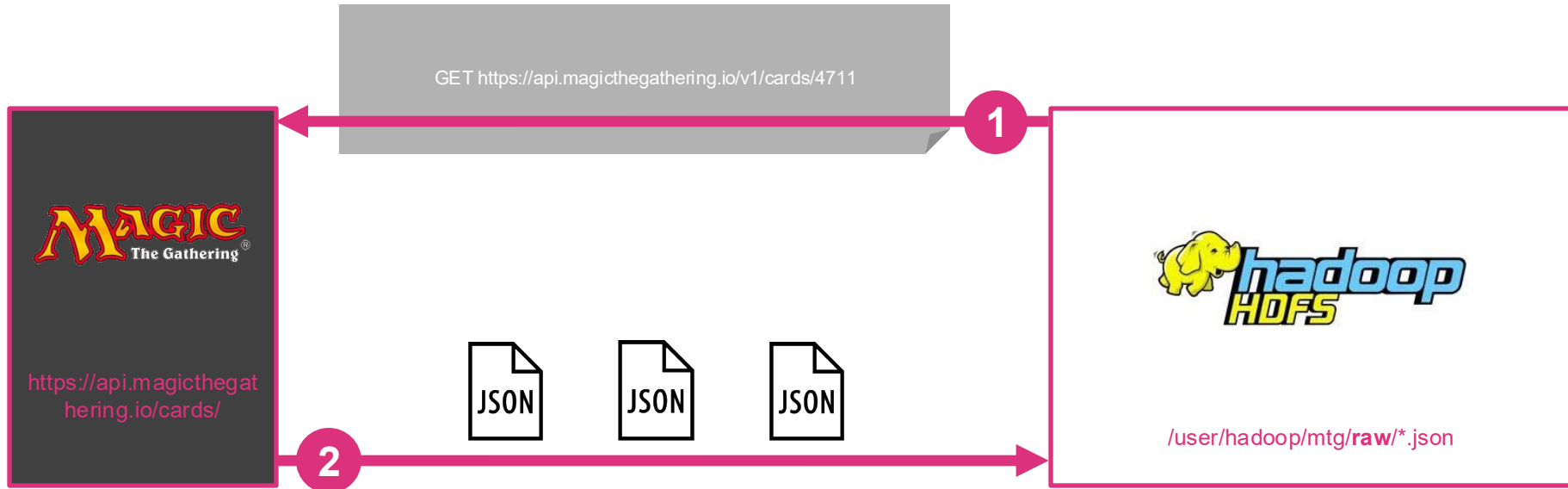
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We want to make use of this data to build a searchable database of all MTG trading cards.

Workflow:

- **Gather** **data** from api.magicthegathering.io
- **Save** **raw data** (*JSON files*) to HDFS
- **Optimize**, **reduce** and **clean** **raw** **data** and save it to **final** directory on HDFS
- **Export** MTG data **to end-user database** (e.g. MySQL, MongoDB…)
- Provide a simple **HTML Frontend** which is able to:
    - read from end-user database
    - process user input (card name, text or artist)
    - **display search results**

- The whole data workflow **must be implemented** within an ETL **workflow tool** (e.g. Pentaho Data Integration or Airflow) and **run automatically**

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Dataflow: 1. Get MTG Data

GET https://api.magicthegathering.io/v1/cards/4711

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https://api.magicthegathering.io/cards/

JSON JSON JSON

/user/hadoop/mtg/**raw**/*.json

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Dataflow: **2. Raw To Final Transfer**

/user/hadoop/mtg/**raw**/*.json

- move data from *raw* to *final* directory
- optimize and reduce data structure for later query purposes if necessary
- remove duplicates if necessary
- …

/user/hadoop/mtg/**final**/*

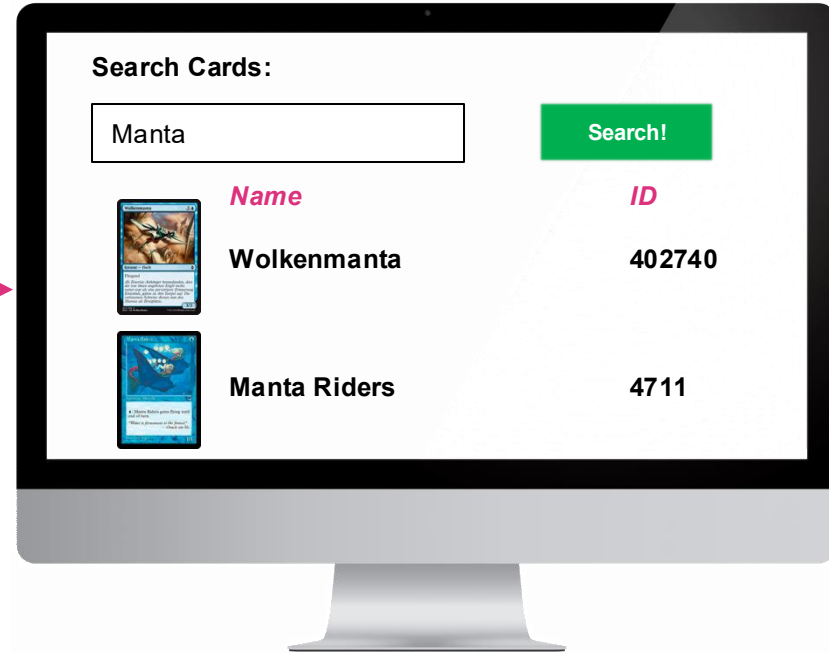**www.marcel-mittelstaedt.com**

/user/hadoop/mtg/**final**/*

- enhance data (e.g. for later querying)
- use *Hive*, *Spark* or *PySpark*
- save everything to a end-user database (e.g. *MySQL*, *MongoDB*)

- Provide a simple **HTML Frontend** which is able to:
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