Use OpenCellID Data To Estimate GSM/UMTS/LTE Coverage

Practical Exam

Goal

OpenCellID.com provides regulary exports of worldwide cell data:

- https://www.opencellid.org
- Latest Full Dump and Diffs: https://www.opencellid.org/downloads.php

Full Database

- cell_towers.csv.gz
  Updated: 2021-03-21 (982MB)

Differential

- OCID-diff-cell-export-2021-03-21-T000000.csv.gz (829KB)
- OCID-diff-cell-export-2021-03-20-T000000.csv.gz (1526KB)
- OCID-diff-cell-export-2021-03-19-T000000.csv.gz (1534KB)
- OCID-diff-cell-export-2021-03-18-T000000.csv.gz (1550KB)
- OCID-diff-cell-export-2021-03-17-T000000.csv.gz (1540KB)
- OCID-diff-cell-export-2021-03-16-T000000.csv.gz (1434KB)
- OCID-diff-cell-export-2021-03-15-T000000.csv.gz (545KB)

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cell_towers.csv

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Goal

We want to make use of this data to estimate the coverage of GSM, UMTS and LTE for a certain place (*latitude, longitude*).

Workflow:

- **Gather** **data** from OpenCellID.com
- **Save** raw data (*CSV files*) to HDFS (partitioned by radio, e.g. *GSM*, *UMTS*, *LTE*…)
- **Optimize**, **reduce** and **clean** **raw** **data** and save it to **final** directory on HDFS
- **Export** address 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 (Latitude, Longitude…)
    - checks against OpenCellID data in end-user database
    - Display result (GSM, LTE and UMTS coverage)
- The whole data workflow **must be implemented** within an ETL **workflow tool** (e.g. **Pentaho Data Integration** or **Airflow**) and **run automatically**

Latitude:

    52.254409790039

Longitude:

    13.436965942383

Check Cell Coverage!

Result:

GSM: **very good**

UMTS: **good**

LTE: **poor**

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Dataflow: 1. Get Cell Data

Get **Initial data** cell_towers.csv.gz
as well as **Diffs** (OCID-diff-cell-export-2021-03-21-T000000.csv.gz) for
every future execution of ETL Workflow
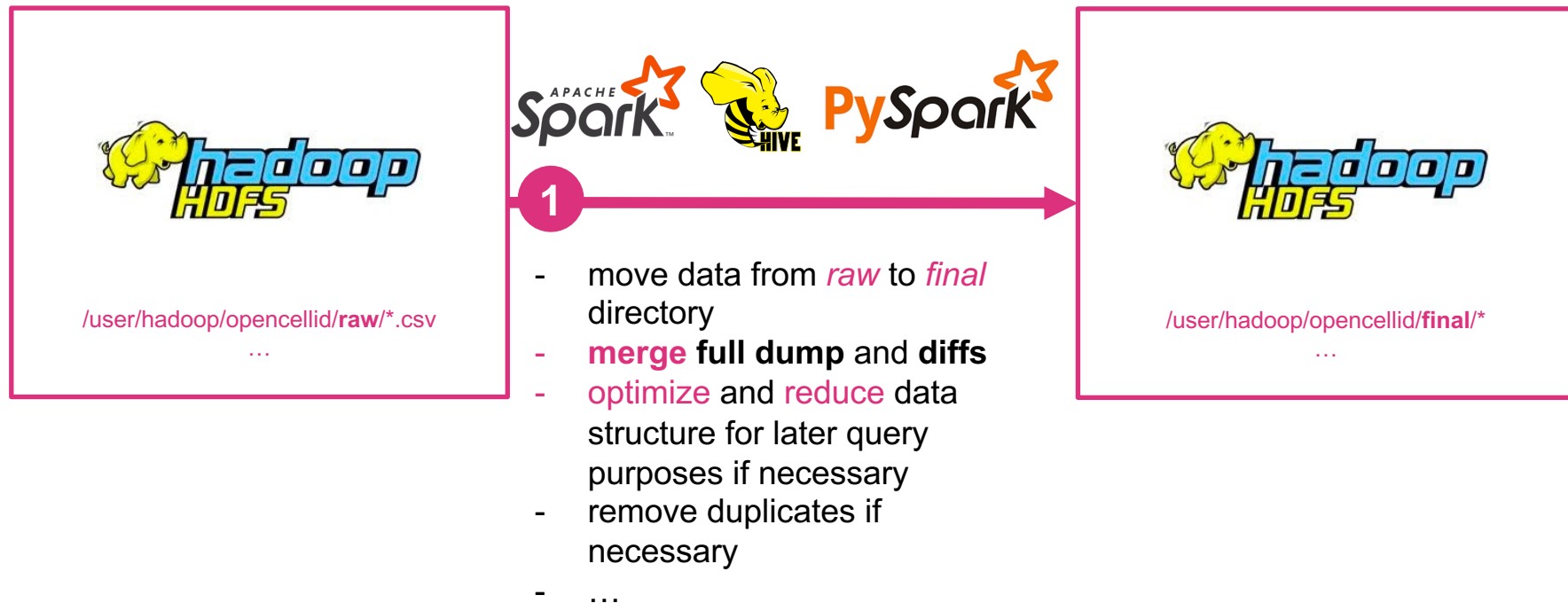(Airflow or Pentaho Data Integration)

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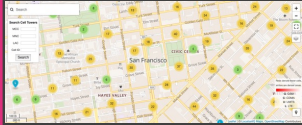
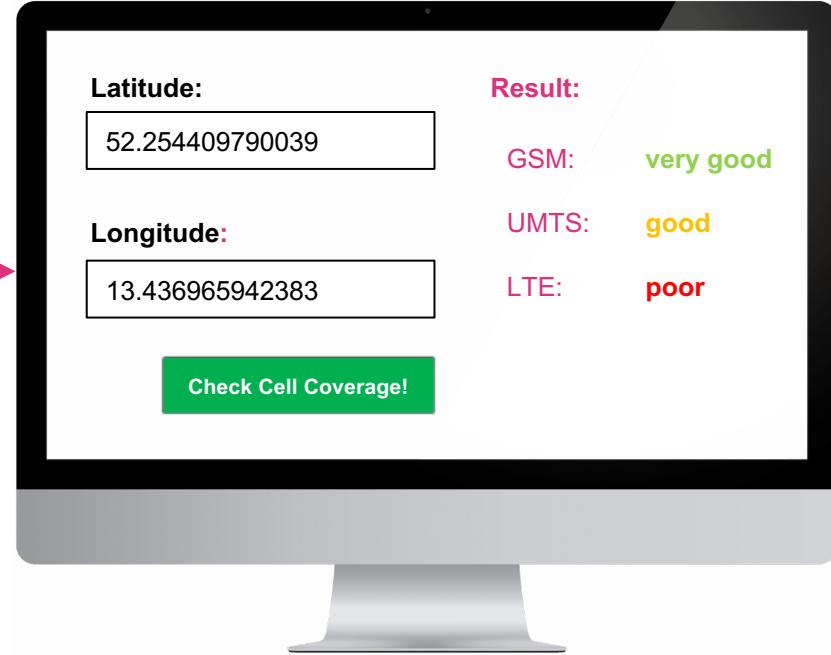/user/hadoop/opencellid/**raw**/*.csv
…

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

/user/hadoop/opencellid/**final**/*
...

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Dataflow: **4. Provide Simple Web Interface**

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