

Hive: Background

- Started at Facebook
- Data was collected by nightly cron jobs into Oracle DB
- "ETL" via hand-coded Python
- HQL, a variant of SQL
- Translates queries into map/reduce jobs, Hadoop YARN, Tez, or Spark
- Note
 - No UPDATE or DELETE support, for example
 - Focuses primarily on the query part of SQL

Hive: Example

- Hive looks similar to an SQL database
- Relational join on two tables:
 - Table of word counts from Shakespeare collection
 - Table of word counts from Homer

Hive: Example

SELECT s.word, s.freq, k.freq FROM shakespeare s
JOIN homer k ON (s.word = k.word) WHERE s.freq >= 1 AND k.freq >= 1
ORDER BY s.freq DESC LIMIT 10;

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62394
the
       25848
              8854
       23031
       19671
              38985
and
       18038
              13526
to
of
       16700 34654
              8057
       14170
       12702
              2720
you
       11297
              4135
my
       10797
              12445
in
               6884
is
       8882
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Hive: Behind the Scenes

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Abstract Syntax Tree)

(TOK_QUERY (TOK_FROM (TOK_JOIN (TOK_TABREF shakespeare s) (TOK_TABREF homer k) (= (.

(TOK_TABLE_OR_COL s) word) (. (TOK_TABLE_OR_COL k) word)))) (TOK_INSERT (TOK_DESTINATION (TOK_DIR TOK_TMP_FILE)) (TOK_SELECT (TOK_SELEXPR (. (TOK_TABLE_OR_COL s) word)) (TOK_SELEXPR (. (TOK_TABLE_OR_COL k) freq))) (TOK_WHERE (AND (>= (. (TOK_TABLE_OR_COL s) freq) 1) (>= (. (TOK_TABLE_OR_COL k) freq) 1))) (TOK_ORDERBY (TOK_TABSORTCOLNAMEDESC (. (TOK_TABLE_OR_COL s) freq))) (TOK_LIMIT 10)))



(one or more of MapReduce jobs)

Hive Components

- Shell: allows interactive queries
- Driver: session handles, fetch, execute
- Compiler: parse, plan, optimize
- Execution engine: DAG of stages (MR, HDFS, metadata)
- Metastore: schema, location in HDFS, etc.

Metastore

- Hive uses a traditional database to store its metadata
 - A namespace containing a set of tables
 - Holds table definitions (column types, physical layout)
 - Holds partitioning information
- Can be stored in MySQL, Oracle, and many other relational databases

Physical Layout

- Warehouse directory in HDFS
 - E.g., /user/hive/warehouse
- Tables stored in subdirectories of warehouse
 - Partitions form subdirectories of tables
- Actual data stored in flat files
 - Control char-delimited text, or SequenceFiles
 - Can be customized to use arbitrary format