

CLICKHOUSE

**OPEN-SOURCE COLUMN-ORIENTED
DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT
ALLOWS GENERATING ANALYTICAL DATA
REPORTS IN REAL TIME**

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CROBOX



combines consumer psychology with machine-learning to
influence (purchase) decisions

In one line of code

HISTORY

Yandex development

- MyISAM 2008-2011
- Metrage 2010-now
- OLAPServer 2009-2013
- ClickHouse 2013-now

REQUIREMENTS

- Be able to work with Big Data - 11,4 trillion rows(2015)
- Linear scalability - from 60 to 394 in 2 years, 1 Tb/s of uncompressed data
- High performance (benchmarks)
- Enough functionality for tools of web analytics. SQL dialect

COMPETITORS

- Commercial OLAP systems on-premise

HP Vertica, Actian Vector, Actian Matrix, EXASol, Sybase IQ, etc.

Difference: open-source and free

- Cloud solutions

Amazon Redshift and Google BigQuery.

Difference: can run you on own hardware

COMPETITORS

- Hadoop solutions

Cloudera Impala, Spark SQL, Facebook Presto, Apache Drill.

Difference: web user-service, hadoop-less, geo-distribution

- Open-source OLAP DBMS

InfiniDB, MonetDB, LucidDB.

Difference: they are immature or abandoned, non-distributed

COMPETITORS

- Open-source analytical systems that is not Relational OLAP DBMS

Metamarkets Druid, Apache Kylin.

Difference: ClickHouse doesn't require preaggregation, has SQL support

WHAT IS CLICKHOUSE?

ClickHouse is a columnar DBMS for OLAP.

In a "normal" row-oriented DBMS, data is stored in this order

```
5123456789123456789 1 Eurobasket - Greece - Bosnia and  
Herzegovina 1 2011-09-01 01:03:02 6274717  
  
5234985259563631958 0 Consulting, Tax assessment, Accounting,  
Law 13 2011-09-02 01:03:20 6320881  
  
5234985259563623423 2 Accounting, Tax assessment 3 2011-09-04  
01:03:445 6320890
```

WHAT IS CLICKHOUSE?

In a column-oriented DBMS, data is stored like this:

```
WatchID: 5385521489354350662      5385521490329509958      538552
1489953706054      5385521490476781638      5385521490583269446
5385521490218868806      5385521491437850694      5385521491090174022
      5385521490792669254      5385521490420695110      5385521491532
181574      5385521491559694406      5385521491459625030      5385521
492275175494      5385521492781318214      5385521492710027334      53
85521492955615302      5385521493708759110      5385521494506434630
      5385521493104611398
JavaEnable: 1      0      1      0      0      0      1
      0      1      1      1      1      1      0
1      0      0      1      1
Title:      Yandex Announcements - Investor Relations - Yandex
      Yandex – Contact us – Moscow      Yandex – Mission      Ru
Yandex – History – History of Yandex      Yandex Financial Releases
- Investor Relations - Yandex Yandex – Locations      Yandex Board
of Directors - Corporate Governance - Yandex      Yandex – Techn
ologies
GoodEvent: 1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1
      1      1      1      1      1      1      1
1      1      1      1      1
EventTime: 2016-05-18 05:19:20      2016-05-18 08:10:20      2016-0
5-18 07:38:00      2016-05-18 01:13:08      2016-05-18 00:04:06
2016-05-18 04:21:30      2016-05-18 00:34:16      2016-05-18 07:35:4
9      2016-05-18 11:41:59      2016-05-18 01:13:32
...
```

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF CLICKHOUSE

- True column-oriented DBMS.
- Data compression.
- Disk storage of data(not only RAM).
- Parallel processing on multiple cores.
- Distributed processing on multiple servers.
- Indexes.
- Vector engine.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF CLICKHOUSE

- SQL support.

NULLs are not supported. All the functions have different names.

However, this is a declarative query language based on SQL that can't be differentiated from SQL in many instances.

JOINS are supported. Subqueries are supported in FROM, IN, JOIN clauses.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF CLICKHOUSE

- Real-time data updates.
- Suitable for online queries.
- Support for approximated calculations.
- Support for nested data structures. Support for arrays as data types.
- Support for restrictions on query complexity, along with quotas.
- Data replication and support for data integrity on replicas.
Uses asynchronous multimaster replication.

INTERFACES

1. HTTP

```
$ curl 'http://localhost:8123/'
```

```
$ wget -O- -q 'http://localhost:8123/?query=SELECT 1'
```

2. JDBC driver

3. Third-party client libraries

There exist third-party client libraries for Python, PHP, Go, Node.js, Perl.

4. Native interface (TCP)

5. Command-line client

TABLE ENGINES

- TinyLog
for small intermediate batches
- Memory
stores data in RAM, in uncompressed form.
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- Replicated

TABLE ENGINES

- Distributed

```
<remote_servers>
  <logs>
    <shard>
      <weight>1</weight>
      <internal_replication>>false</internal_replication>
      <replica>
        <host>example01-01-1</host>
        <port>9000</port>
      </replica>
      <replica>
        <host>example01-01-2</host>
        <port>9000</port>
      </replica>
    </shard>
    <shard>
```


TABLE ENGINES

- MergeTree

Example without sampling support:

```
MergeTree(EventDate, (CounterID, EventDate), 8192)
```

Example with sampling support:

```
MergeTree(EventDate, intHash32(UserID), (CounterID, EventDate, intHash32(UserID)))
```

- CollapsingMergeTree

The change log makes it possible to incrementally calculate almost any statistics. To do this, we need to consider "new" rows with a plus sign, and "old" rows with a minus sign. In other words, incremental calculation is possible for all statistics whose algebraic structure contains an operation for taking the inverse of an element.

TABLE ENGINES

- SummingMergeTree
- AggregatingMergeTree
- ReplacingMergeTree (not documented yet)
[00325_replacing_merge_tree.sql](#)

EXPORT/IMPORT FORMATS

- Native
- CSV
- JSON
- JSONEachRow
- TSV

DEMO

DOCUMENTATION

- [Tutorial](#)
- [Reference](#)
- [Forum](#)
- [Benchmarks](#)

QA

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