Anatomy of MapReduce

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Anatomy of a job run

- There are 4 entities:
- Client: this submits the Mapreduce Job
- The jobtracker: coordinates the job run
- Tasktracker: run the tasks that the job has been split into.
- HDFS: used for sharing the files between the entities.

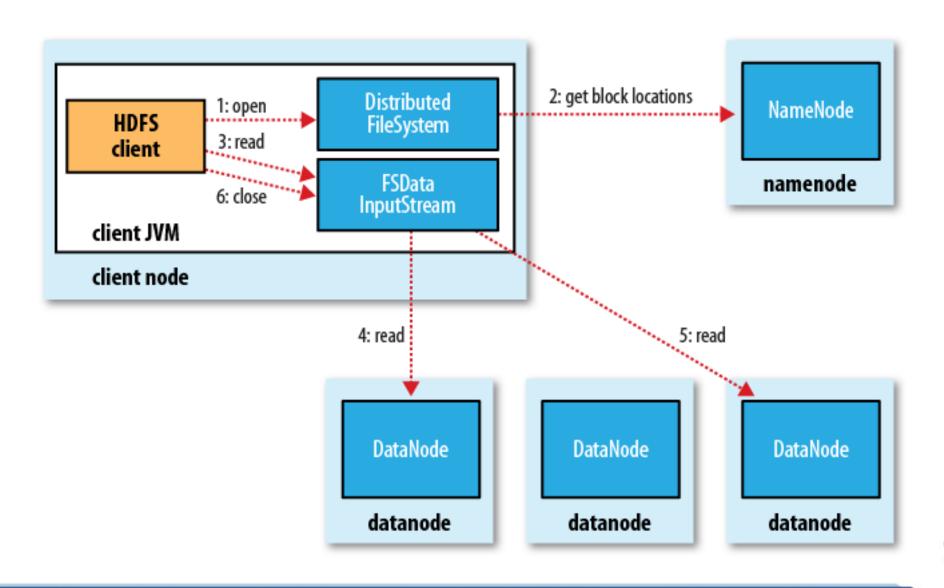


File read

- To read a file from HDFS, the client needs to interact with the Namenode.
- Namenode provides the address of the datanodes (slaves) where the files are stored.
- Client will then interact with the datanodes to read the file.
- Authentication mechanism: namenode will provide a token to the client as well as datanodes.

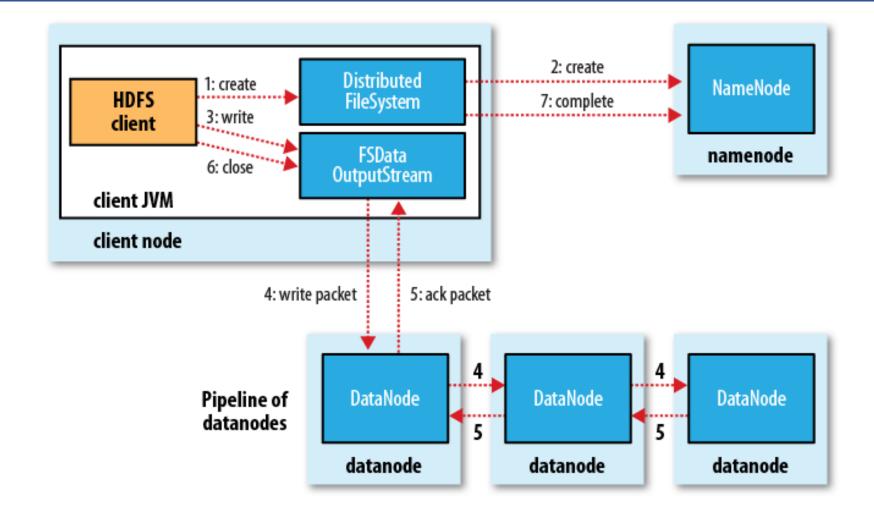


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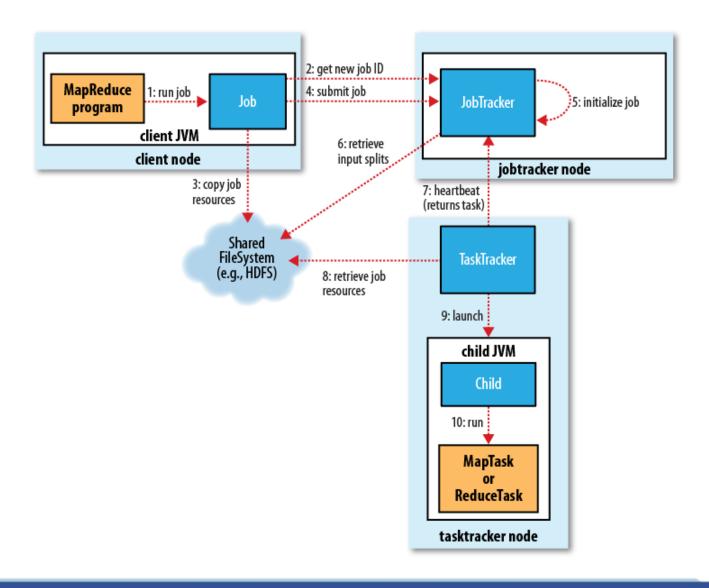




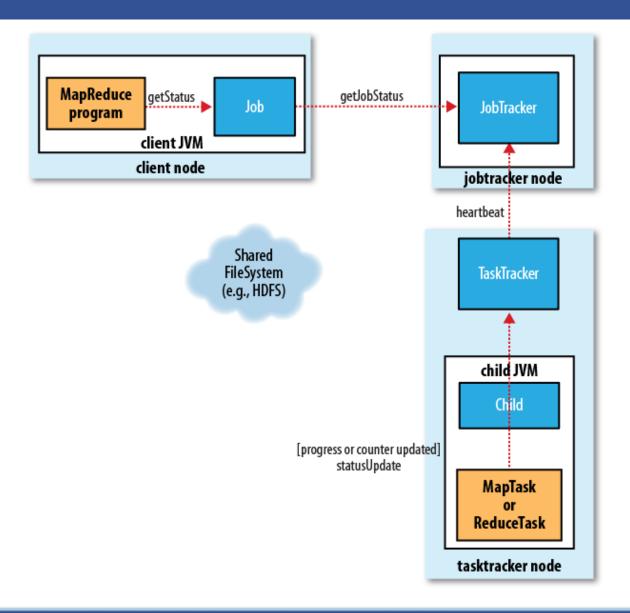
File write













Failure cases

- Task failure:
- Code caused issues:
 - Infinite loop/hung cases
 - Runtime errors (reported to tasktrackers)
 - JVM errors
- Mapred.map.max.attempts (4 by default)
- Mapred.reduce.max.attempts (4 by default)



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• Tasktracker failure:

Reschedules the task to another tasktracker.

• Re-run the incompleted tasks.

• Blacklisting tasktrackers – mapred.max.tracker.failures

Job tracker failure - SPOF



