



MapReduce

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Lecture 4

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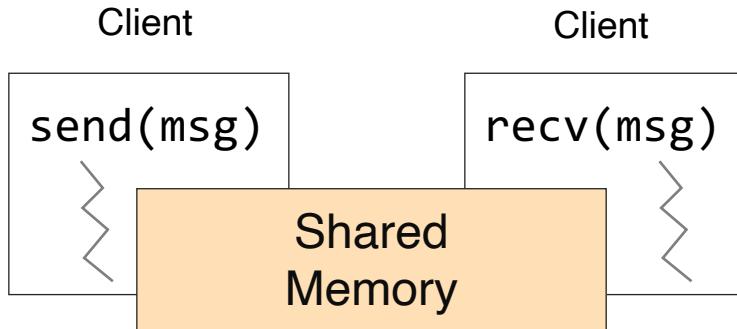
Question: How to program these many computers?



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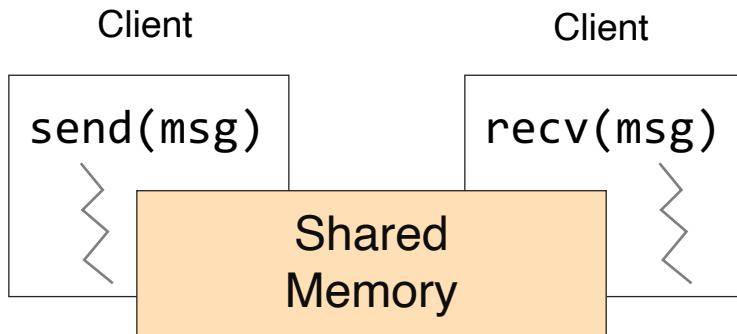


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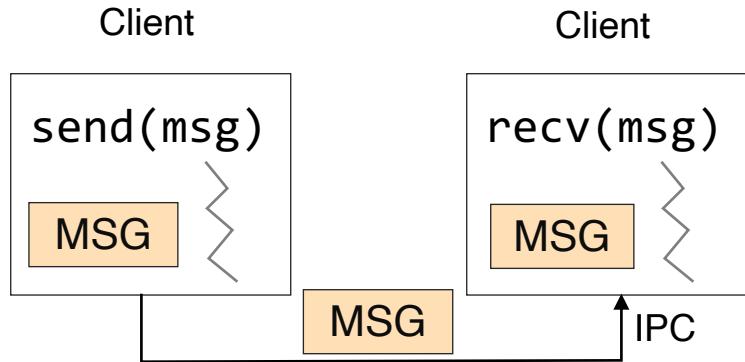


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- Message passing: exchange data explicitly via IPC
- Application developers define protocol and exchanging format, number of participants, and each exchange

Review:

Shared memory vs. Message passing

- Easy to program; just like a single multi-threaded machines
- Hard to write high perf. apps:
 - Cannot control which data is local or remote (remote mem. access much slower)
- Hard to mask failures
- Message passing: can write very high perf. apps
- Hard to write apps:
 - Need to manually decompose the app, and move data
 - Need to manually handle failures

Shared memory: Pthread

- A POSIX standard (IEEE 1003.1c) API for thread creation and synchronization
- API specifies behavior of the thread library, implementation is up to development of the library
- Common in UNIX (e.g., Linux) OSes

Shared memory: Pthread

```
void *myThreadFun(void *vargp) {
    sleep(1);
    printf("Hello world\n");
    return NULL;
}

int main() {
    pthread_t thread_id_1, thread_id_2;
    pthread_create(&thread_id_1, NULL, myThreadFun, NULL);
    pthread_create(&thread_id_2, NULL, myThreadFun, NULL);
    pthread_join(thread_id_1, NULL);
    pthread_join(thread_id_2, NULL);
    exit(0);
}
```

Message passing: MPI

- MPI – Message Passing Interface
 - Library standard defined by a committee of vendors, implementers, and parallel programmers
 - Used to create parallel programs based on message passing
- Portable: one standard, many implementations
 - Available on almost all parallel machines in C and Fortran
 - De facto standard platform for the HPC community

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```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    MPI_Init(NULL, NULL);

    // Get the number of processes
    int world_size;
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &world_size);

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mpirun -n 4 -f host_file ./mpi_hello_world
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- Want a parallel processing framework that:
 - is **general** (works for many problems)
 - is **easy to use** (no locks, no need to explicitly handle communication, no race conditions)
 - can **automatically parallelize** tasks
 - can **automatically handle** machine failures

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- **Key question:** how can every Google engineer be imbued with the ability to write **parallel**, **scalable**, **distributed**, **fault-tolerant** code?
- **Solution:** **abstract out** the redundant parts
- **Restriction:** relies on job semantics, so restricts which problems it works for

Application: Word Count

```
cat data.txt  
| tr -s '[:punct:][:space:]' '\n'  
| sort | uniq -c
```

```
SELECT count(word), word FROM data  
GROUP BY word
```

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MapReduce: Programming interface

- $\text{map}(\text{k1}, \text{v1}) \rightarrow \text{list}(\text{k2}, \text{v2})$
 - Apply function to $(\text{k1}, \text{v1})$ pair and produce set of intermediate pairs $(\text{k2}, \text{v2})$
- $\text{reduce}(\text{k2}, \text{list}(\text{v2})) \rightarrow \text{list}(\text{k3}, \text{v3})$
 - Apply aggregation (reduce) function to values
 - Output results

MapReduce: Word Count

```
map(key, value):
```

```
    for each word w in value:
```

```
        EmitIntermediate(w, "1");
```

```
reduce(key, values):
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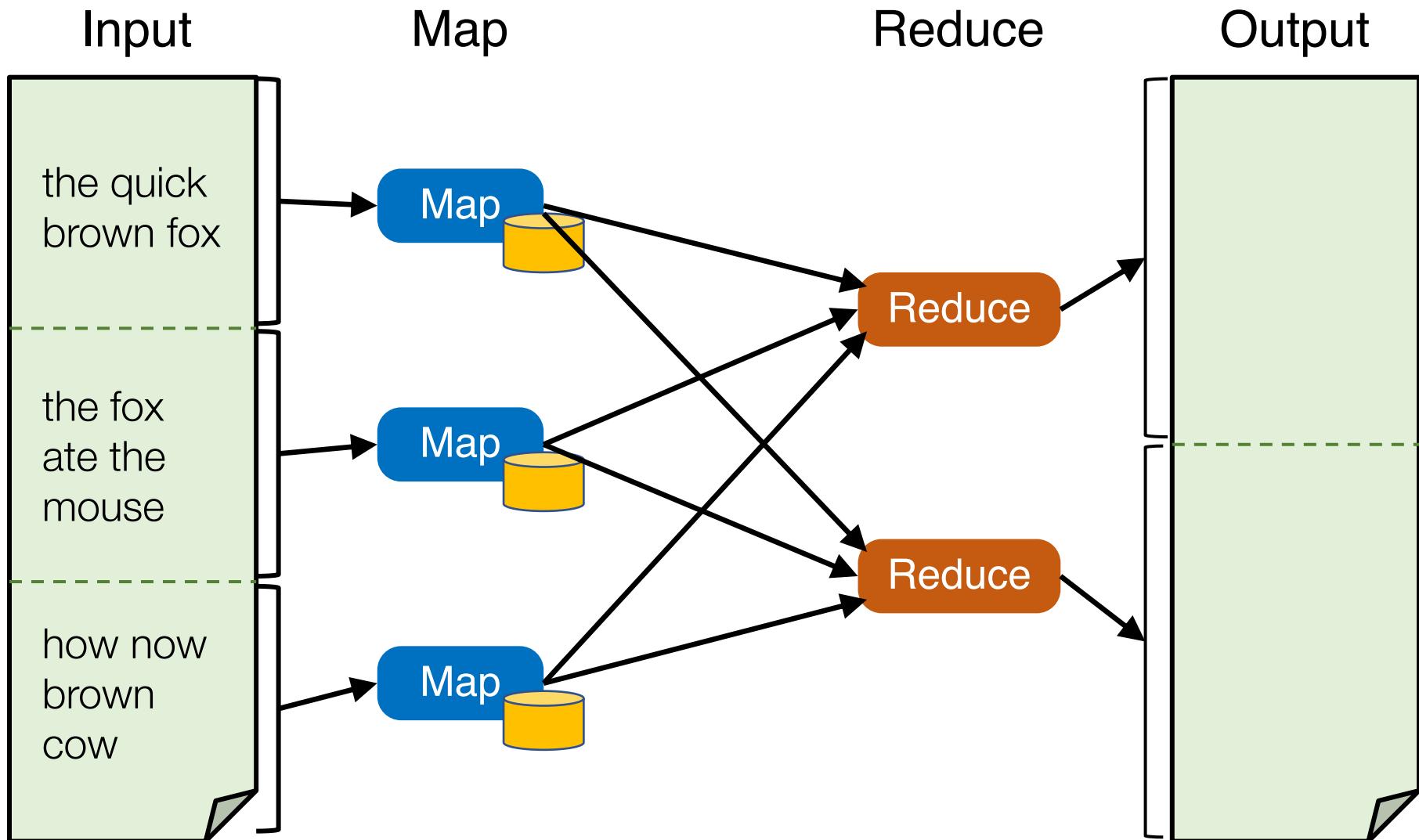
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    int result = 0;
```

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    for each v in values:
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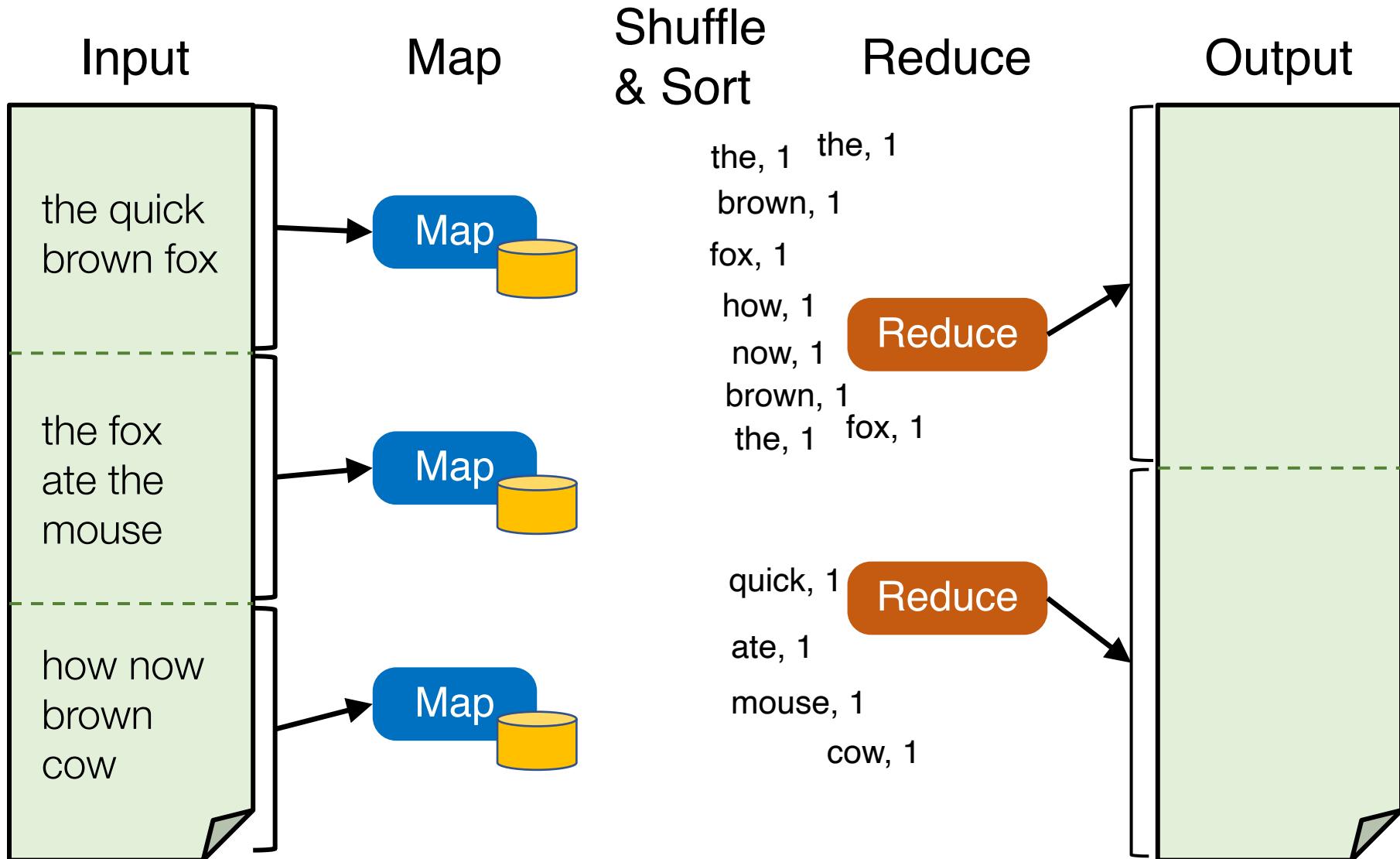
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        results += ParseInt(v);
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    Emit(AsString(result));
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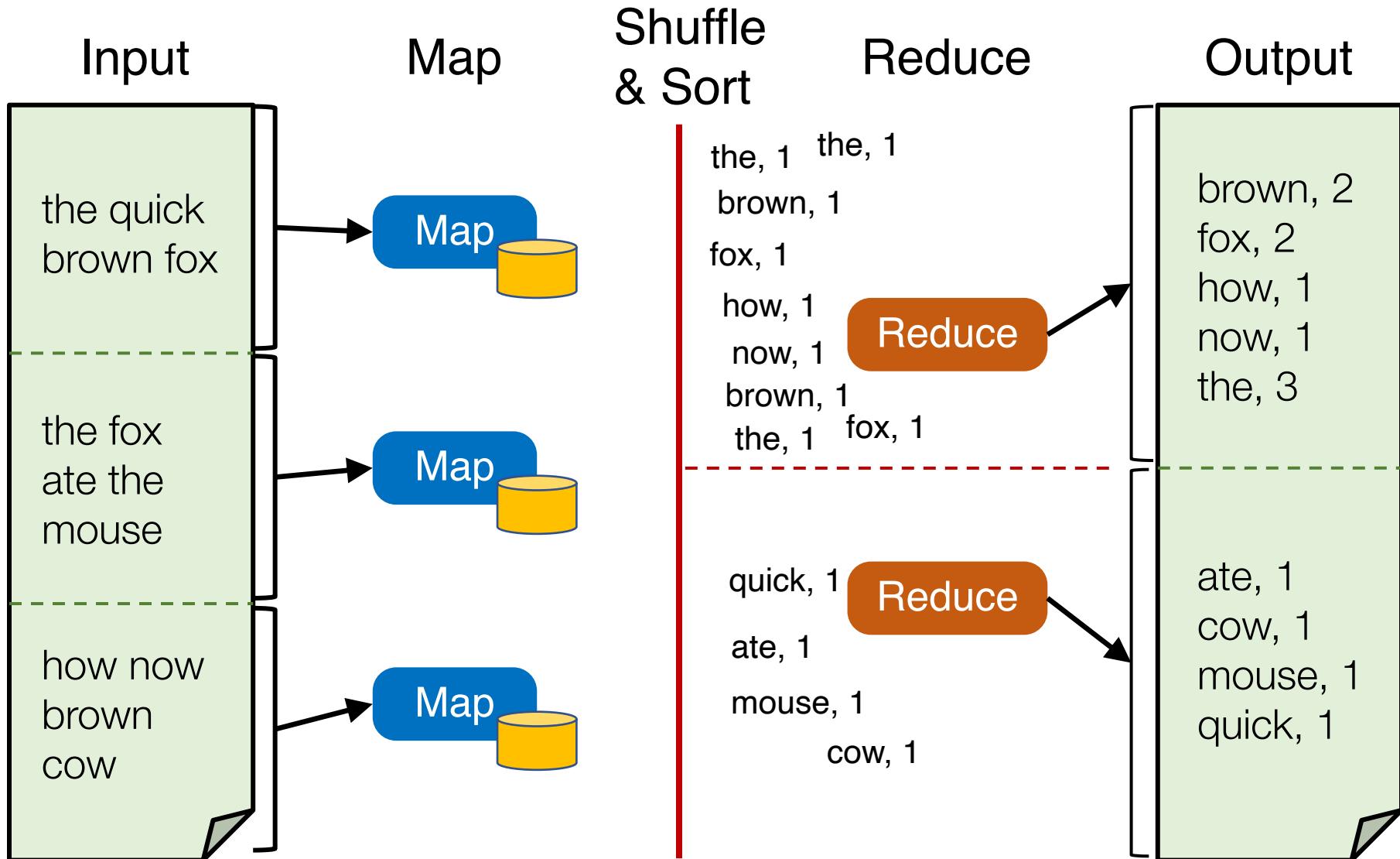
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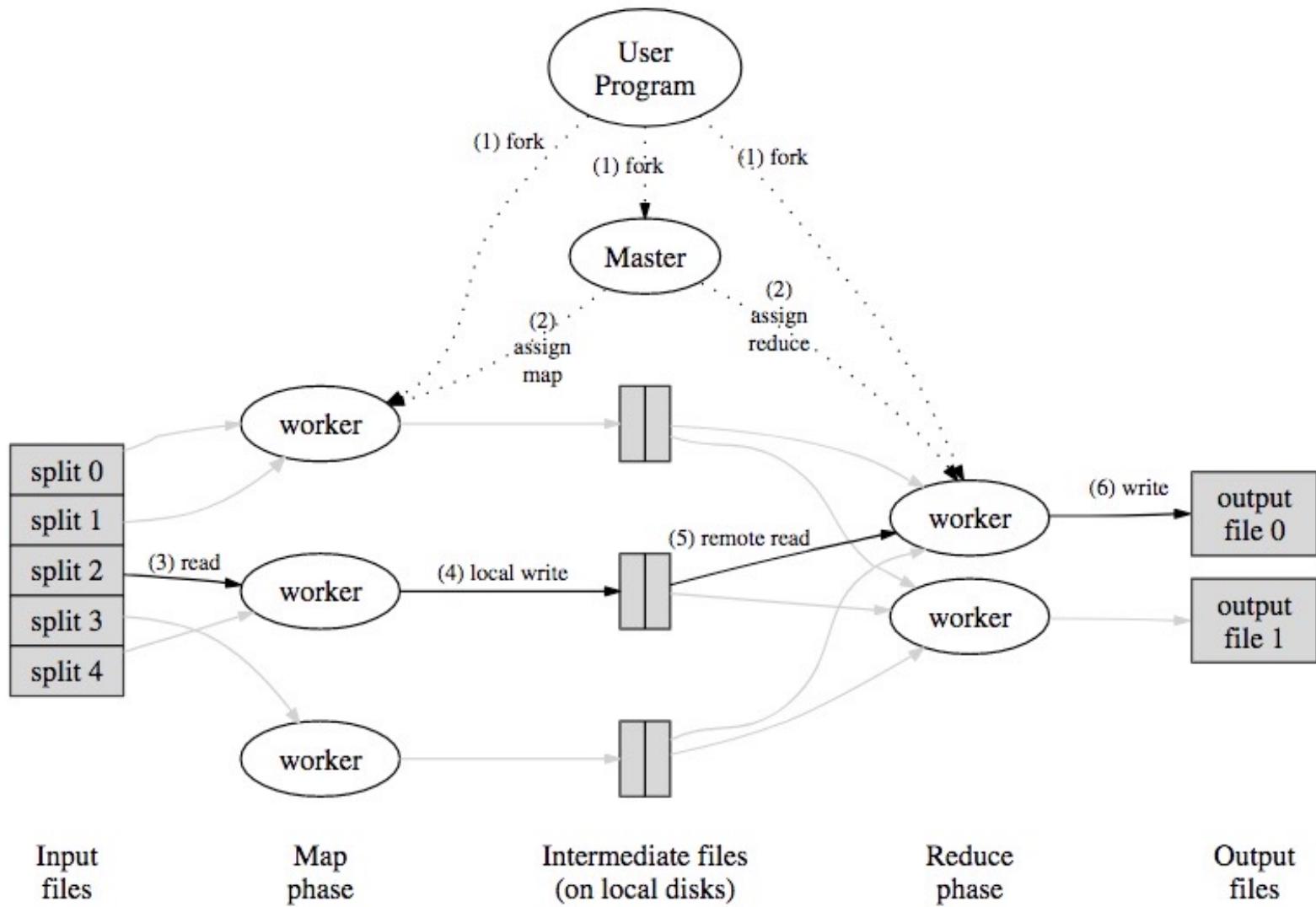
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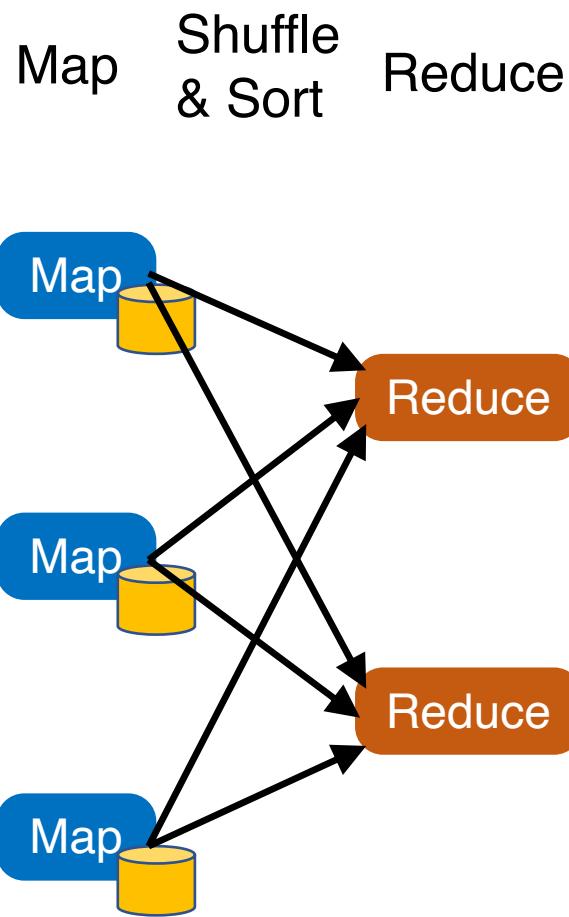
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MapReduce data flows



MapReduce processes



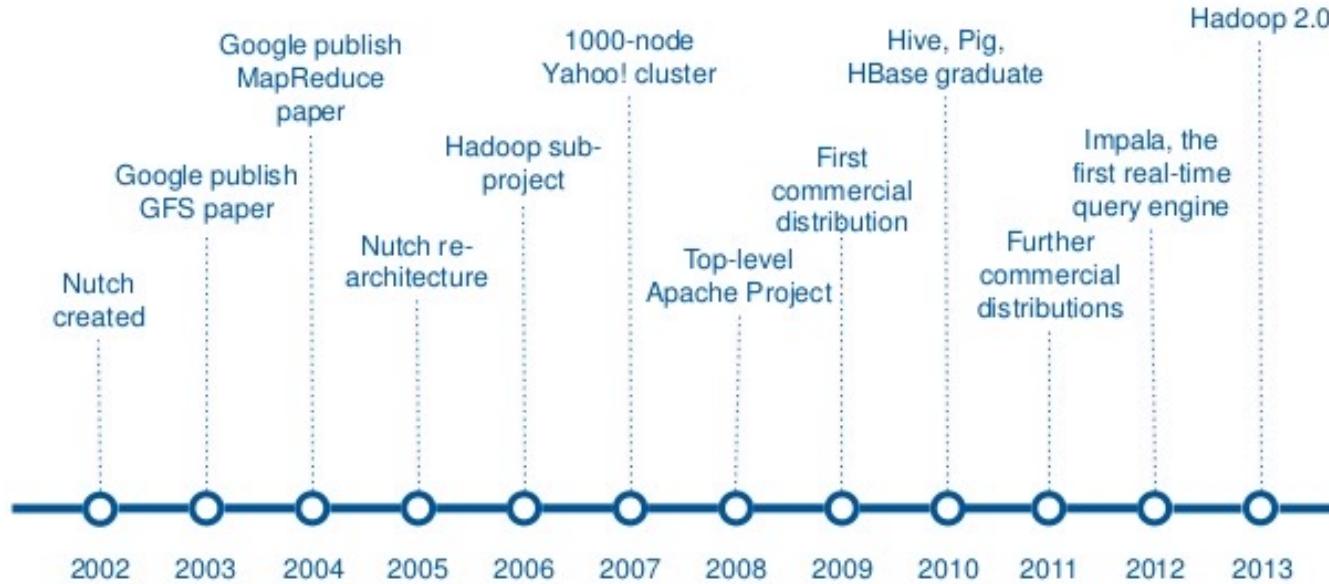
- Map workers write intermediate output to local disk, separated by partitioning. Once completed, tell master node
- Reduce worker told of location of map task outputs, pulls their partition's data from each mapper, execute function across data
- Note:
 - “All-to-all” shuffle b/w mappers and reducers
 - Written to disk (“materialized”) b/w each state

Apache Hadoop

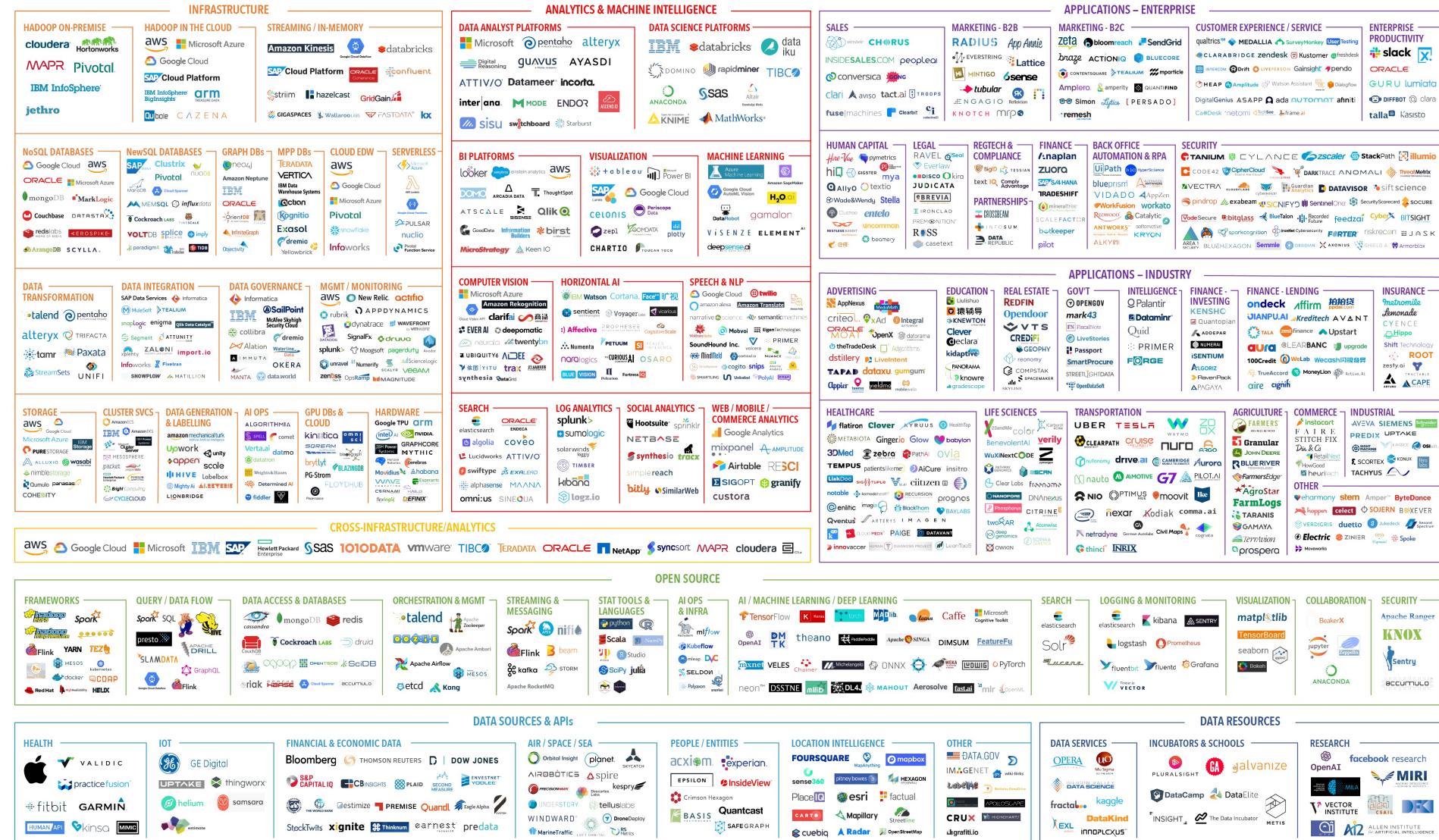


- An open-source implementation of Google's MapReduce framework
 - Hadoop MapReduce atop Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS)

A Brief History of Hadoop



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