ANALYTICS ON AIR TRANSPORT STATISTICS DATA

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Abstract

The primary goal of the project is to perform analytics on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics dataset, which contains the information about all the domestic flights from 1987 to 2013. The process involves posing questions about the data, designing the queries that generates the outputs and finally interpret the results. The motivation behind the team's choice of the project was to gain exposure and insight into the emerging field of "Big Data" and its associated technologies. On a more practical side the team's goal can be summarized as "Acquiring a large dataset and the using an emerging technology associated with large scale data analytics to perform analysis". "Large" In this case refers to data in quantities too large to work with on a single machine in a reasonable amount of time.

Due to the fact that single, stand-alone machine simply would not suffice for a workload that the team had in mind and to comply with the COSC-6376 (Cloud Computing) final project requirements we used a subset of technologies present in the Amazon Cloud Ecosystem. They were Amazon EC2 (Elastic Compute Cloud), EMR (Elastic map-Reduce) and the Amazon S3 (Simple Storage Service). Given that our application couldn't simply be deployed on the cloud without being tested locally, there was a requirement for a small scale local system that could run Hadoop jobs. The Cloudera VM served this purpose. Lastly, to perform analytics them team narrowed down on Apache HIVE from among the myriad tools that were initially considered with the criteria being ease of use and gradual learning curve.

Introduction

This report contains 3 sections after this point.

- 1. Design and implementation: This section contains many subsections. They are as follows:
 - a. The first subsection describes the plethora of technologies and cloud services like Amazon S3, Cloudera VM and the rest.
 - b. The second subsection describes the requirements for the project determined by the team as well as the course's de-facto requirements.
 - c. The architecture of some of the systems used is described in sub-section 3.
 - d. The fourth and the lengthiest subsection describes the procedure for setup, configuration and use of the HIVE CLI.
 - e. Subsection 5 describes the distribution of effort among the team members for this project.
- 2. Results: The result section has 3 subsections.
 - a. The first explains how the requirements posed in section 2 were met by the various procedures and techniques used.
 - b. The second describes the dataset itself.
 - c. The third subsection details the findings of the team after performing analytics on the dataset along with the queries used to obtain the said results.
- 3. Related work: Describes a very similar project which used HIVE and the RITA dataset (the dataset chosen by the team) by Pere Ferrera Bertran. More importantly it explains the fine points of the similarities and differences between the two projects. The details of the project by Bertran was published in a blog in 2011.

Design and Implementation

- 1. List of Technologies and cloud services.
 - Amazon S3: Amazon S3 is an online file storage web service offered by Amazon Web Services. Amazon S3 provides storage through web services interfaces (REST, SOAP, and Bit Torrent). Amazon says that S3 uses the same scalable storage infrastructure that Amazon.com uses to run its own global e-commerce network. Details of S3's design are not made public by Amazon, though it clearly manages data with object storage architecture. According to Amazon, S3's design aims to provide scalability, high availability, and low latency at commodity costs.

S3 is designed to provide 99.999999999% durability and 99.99% availability of objects over a given year, though there is no SLA for durability. S3 stores arbitrary objects (computer files) up to 5 terabytes in size, each accompanied by up to 2 kilobytes of metadata. Objects are organized into buckets (each owned by an Amazon Web Services account), and identified within each bucket by a unique, user-assigned key. Amazon Machine Images (AMIs) which are used in the Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) can be exported to S3 as bundles.

Buckets and objects can be created, listed, and retrieved using either a REST-style HTTP interface or a SOAP interface. Additionally, objects can be downloaded using the HTTP GET interface and the BitTorrent protocol.

Requests are authorized using an access control list associated with each bucket and object. Bucket names and keys are chosen so that objects are addressable using HTTP URLs:

- http://s3.amazonaws.com/bucket/key
- http://bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/key
- http://bucket/key (where bucket is a DNS CNAME record pointing to bucket.s3.amazonaws.com)
- Amazon EC2: Amazon EC2's simple web service interface allows you to obtain and configure capacity with minimal friction. It provides you with complete control of your computing resources and lets you run on Amazon's proven computing environment. Amazon EC2 reduces the time required to obtain and boot new server instances to minutes, allowing you to quickly scale capacity, both up and down, as your computing requirements change. Amazon EC2 changes the economics of cloud computing servers by allowing you to pay only for capacity that you actually use. Amazon EC2 provides developers the tools to build failure resilient applications and isolate themselves from common failure scenarios. Amazon EC2 works in conjunction with Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3), Amazon Relational Database Service (Amazon RDS), Amazon SimpleDB and Amazon Simple Queue Service (Amazon SQS) to provide a complete solution for computing, query processing and storage across a wide range of applications.

- Amazon EMR: Amazon Elastic MapReduce (Amazon EMR) is a web service that makes it easy to quickly and cost-effectively process vast amounts of data. Amazon EMR uses Hadoop, an open source framework, to distribute your data and processing across a resizable cluster of Amazon EC2 instances. Amazon EMR is used in a variety of applications, including log analysis, web indexing, data warehousing, machine learning, financial analysis, scientific simulation, and bioinformatics. It is a web service that enables cost-effective analysis of vast amounts of data. It utilizes a hosted Hadoop framework running on Amazon's cloud computing and storage services. Companies like Netflix, Yelp, and Airbnb rely on EMR to process petabytes of data across thousands of machines.
- Apache HIVE: Apache Hive is a data warehouse infrastructure built on top of Hadoop for providing data summarization, query, and analysis. While initially developed by Facebook, Apache Hive is now used and developed by other companies such as Netflix. Amazon maintains a software fork of Apache Hive that is included in Amazon Elastic MapReduce on Amazon Web Services. Apache Hive supports analysis of large datasets stored in Hadoop's HDFS and compatible file systems such as Amazon S3 file system. It provides an SQL-like language called HiveQL while maintaining full support for map/reduce. To accelerate queries, it provides indexes, including bitmap indexes. By default, Hive stores metadata in an embedded Apache Derby database and other client/server databases like MySQL can optionally be used. Currently, there are four file formats supported in Hive, which are TEXTFILE, SEQUENCEFILE, ORC and RCFILE.

Other features of Hive include:

- a. Indexing to provide acceleration, index type including compaction and Bitmap index as of 0.10, more index types are planned.
- b. Different storage types such as plain text, RCFile, HBase, ORC, and others.
- c. Metadata storage in an RDBMS, significantly reducing the time to perform semantic checks during query execution.
- d. Operating on compressed data stored into Hadoop ecosystem, algorithm including gzip, bzip2, snappy, etc.
- e. Built-in user defined functions (UDFs) to manipulate dates, strings, and other data-mining tools. Hive supports extending the UDF set to handle use-cases not supported by built-in functions.
- f. SQL-like queries (Hive QL), which are implicitly converted into map-reduce jobs.
- Cloudera VM: This is a 64-bit VM. It requires a 64-bit host OS and a virtualization product that can support a 64-bit guest OS. The VM uses 4 GB of total RAM. The total system memory required varies depending on the size of your data set and on the other processes that are running. The VM file is approximately 2 GB depending on the format. The Cloudera QuickStart VM includes:
 - a. CDH4
 - b. Cloudera Manager

- c. Cloudera Impala
- d. Cloudera Search

2. Project Requirements.

- a. Analytics: The goal is to perform analytics on the RITA flights dataset. For this purpose, the technologies used in this project must be able to pass easy to write SQL-esque queries. This includes support of nested queries, aggregations and joins.
- b. Large dataset: Also the system must be capable of handling large datasets in a fault tolerant distributed manner. Moreover, to satisfy the additional project requirements as dictated by the course project manual, this platform (and the data) must be present on the cloud.
- c. Nature of results: The results must be easy to interpret (i.e. must do away with the need to write scripts to parse the results) and must in be in the form of tables (or csv files).

3. Architecture.

a. Hive architecture:

Figure 1 (see next page) shows the major components of Hive and its interactions with Hadoop. The main components of Hive are:

- External Interfaces Hive provides both user interfaces like command line (CLI) and web
 UI, and application programming interfaces (API) like JDBC and ODBC.
- The Hive Thrift Server exposes a very simple client API to execute HiveQL statements. Thrift is a framework for cross-language services, where a server written in one language (like Java) can also support clients in other languages. The Thrift Hive clients generated in different languages are used to build common drivers like JDBC (java), ODBC (C++), and scripting drivers written in php, perl, python etc.
- The Metastore is the system catalog. All other components of Hive interact with the metastore. For more details see Section 3.1.
- The Driver manages the life cycle of a HiveQL statement during compilation, optimization and execution. On receiving the HiveQL statement, from the thrift server or other interfaces, it creates a session handle which is later used to keep track of statistics like execution time, number of output rows, etc.
- The Compiler is invoked by the driver upon receiving a HiveQL statement. The compiler translates this statement into a plan which consists of a DAG of mapReduce jobs. For more details see Section 3.2.
- The driver submits the individual map-reduce jobs from the DAG to the Execution Engine in a topological order. Hive currently uses Hadoop as its execution engine.

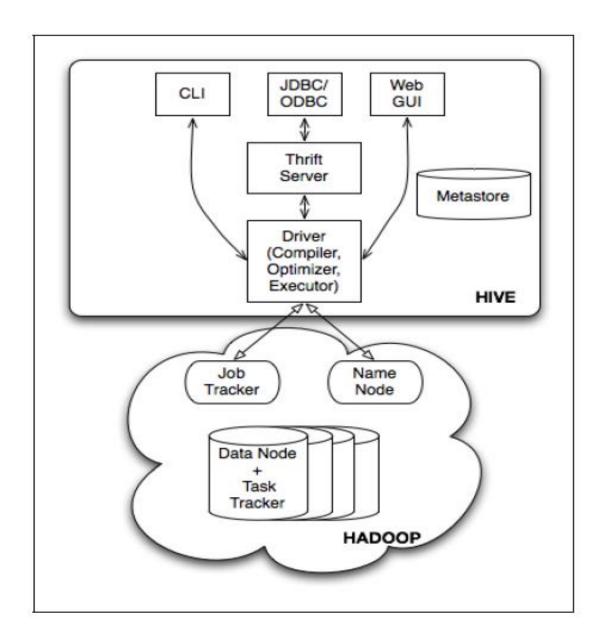


Figure 1 : Hive Architecture.

b. Dataflow in an a HIVE database:

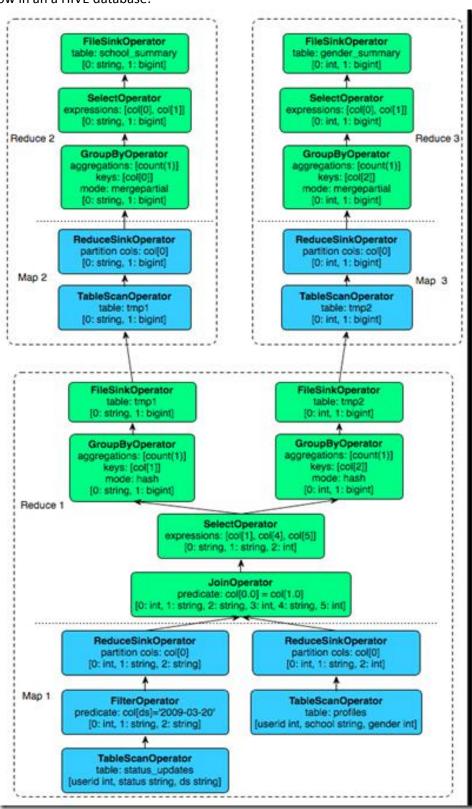


Figure 2: A generic data flow in HIVE query planning

c. Table Schema.

year	int
quarter	int
month	int
dayofmonth	int
dayofweek	int
entry_date	string
carrierid	string
airlineid	int
carrier	string
tailnum	string
flightnum	int
origairportid	int
origcityid	int
origairport	string
origstate	string
origwac	int
destairportid	int
destcityid	int
destairport	string
deststate	string
destwac	int
crsdeptime	int
deptime	int
depdelay	float
taxiout	float
wheelsoff	int
wheelson	int
taxiin	float
crsarrtime	int
arrtime	int
arrdelay	float
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elapsedtime	float
airtime	float
numflights	float
distance	float
carrierdelay	int

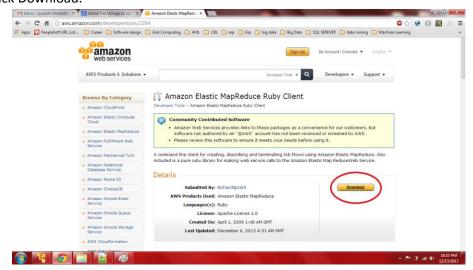
weatherdelay int nasdelay int securitydelay int lateaircraftdelay int numdivairportlandings int divreacheddest int divelapsedtime int divarrdelay int divdistance int

- 4. Implementation.
 - a. Setting up CLI for Amazon Hive.
 - 1. List all ruby versions available for download with "yum list ruby*".
 - 2. Install a ruby package with "sudo yum install {ruby package name}".
 - Check ruby version with "ruby -v".
 - 4. Check if RubyGems is installed with "gem -v".
 - 5. If not then download and install from http://rubyforge.org/frs/?group_id=126
 Extract the archive and install using the following command "sudo ruby setup.rb".
 - 6. Create a new directory to install the Amazon EMR CLI into. From the command-line prompt, enter the following "mkdir elastic-mapreduce-cli".





8. Click Download.

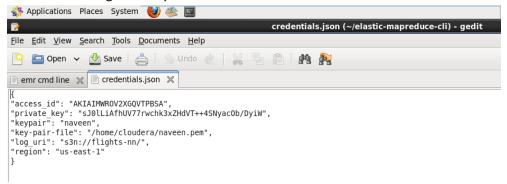


- 9. Save the file in your newly created directory.
- 10. Navigate to your newly created elastic-mapreduce-cli directory.
- 11. Unzip the compressed file by using "unzip elastic-mapreduce-ruby.zip".

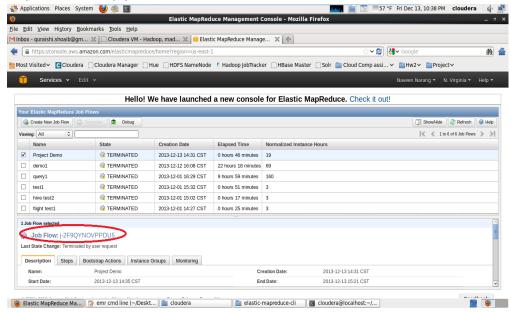




- 12. Create a file named credentials.json in the directory where you unzipped the Amazon EMR CLI.
- 13. Add the following lines to your credentials file:

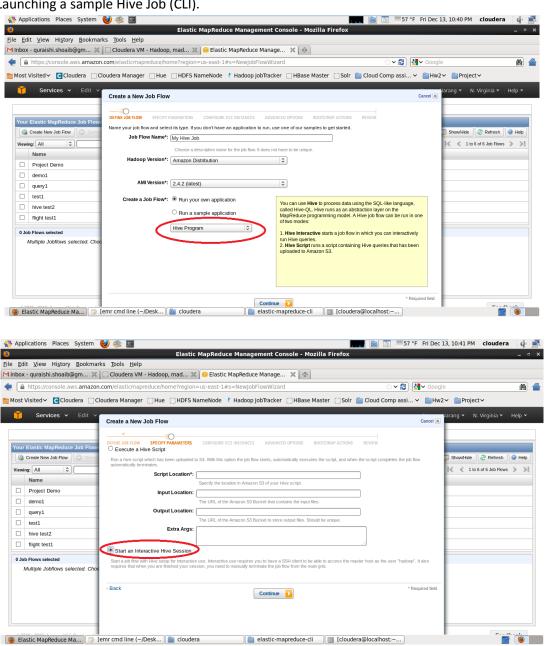


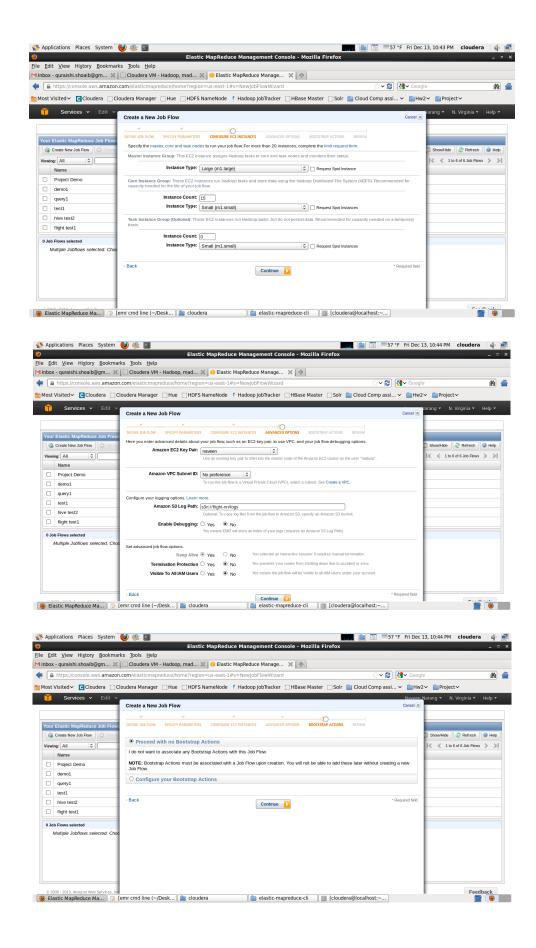
- 14. To configure your SSH credentials "chmod og-rwx mykeypair.pem".
- 15. To test proper installation "./elastic-mapreduce --version" and "./elastic-mapreduce --list -j {jobID}".

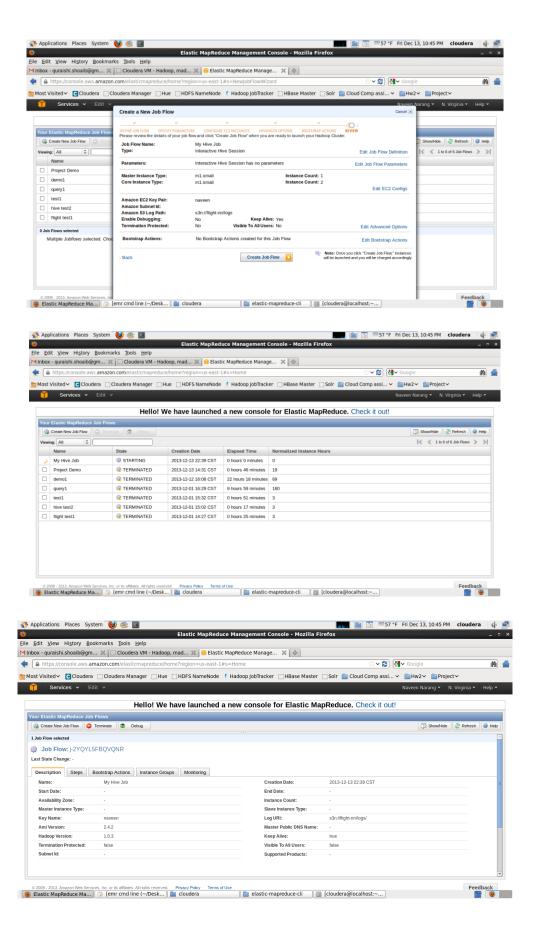


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[cloudera@localhost ~]$ cd elastic-mapreduce-cli/
[cloudera@localhost elastic-mapreduce-cli]$ ./elastic-mapreduce --version
Version 2013-09-24
[cloudera@localhost elastic-mapreduce-cli]$ ./elastic-mapreduce --list -j j-2F9QYNOVPPDU5
j-2F9QYNOVPPDU5
                   TERMINATED
                                  ec2-107-20-53-42.compute-1.amazonaws.com
                                                                                    Project Demo
   COMPLETED
                 Setup Hive
[cloudera@localhost elastic-mapreduce-cli]$
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- 16. SSH to master node with "./elastic-mapreduce --ssh {jobID}".
- 17. To start the HIVE session type "hive".
- b. Launching a sample Hive Job (CLI).

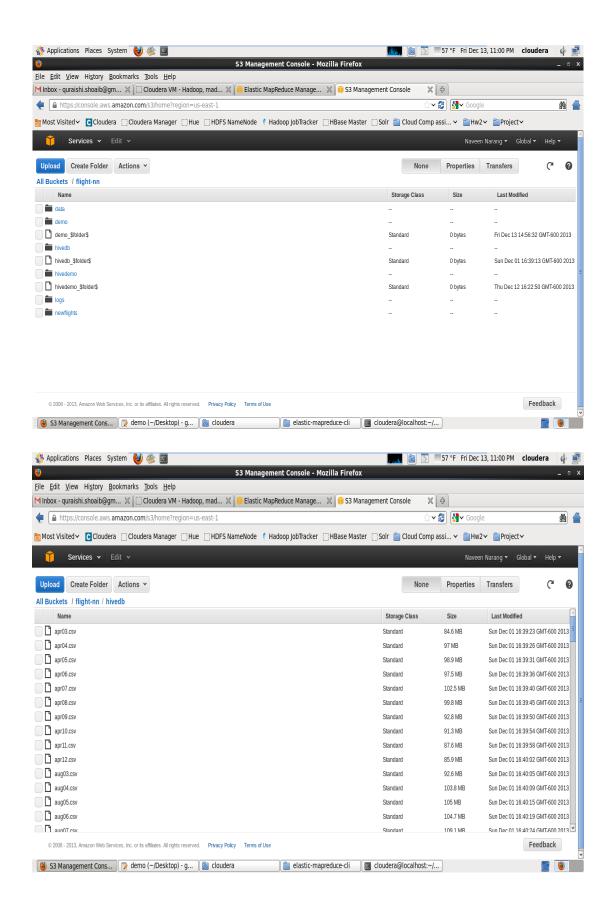




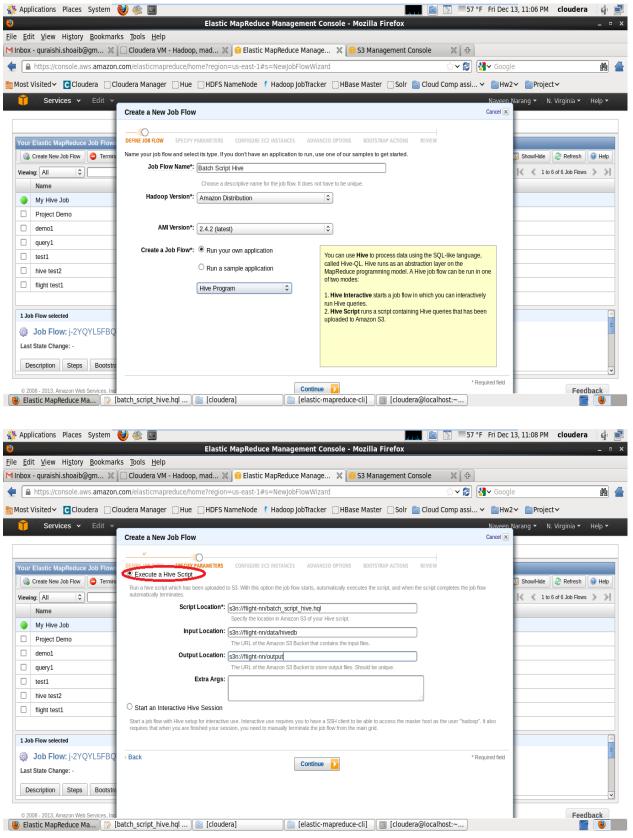








c. Launching a sample Hive Job (batch).



5. Work distribution [Contribution report].

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	 Post-Processing and interpretation of results.
	 Preliminary analysis for use in final presentation.
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Yashraj Jayaraj Digge	 Authoring the project report
	Testing of queries on the dataset locally.
	 Running the queries on the Amazon cloud with CLI and
	collecting the results.
	 Post-Processing and interpretation of results.
	 Preliminary analysis for use in final presentation.

All the tasks mentioned above were completed successfully in their entirety.

Results

- 1. Satisfying the requirements.
 - a. The first requirement that is being able to perform analytics using a sql like query language. This requirement was met by HIVE was chosen as the analytics platform as its query live language supports i.e. Hive QL has many features similar to that of SQL.
 - b. The second requirement namely distributed handling of big data while being based in the cloud was met by the combination of Amazon's EMR, EC2 and S3, all of which are cloud based and have Hadoop infrastructure which allows large amounts of data to be handled in a fault tolerant manner.
 - c. Since the output of Hive QL queries is in the form of tables, which may be stored directly into a files of 4 different formats depending on the requirements. This feature allows us to meet the third requirements.

2. RITA Flights Dataset:

The RITA flights dataset is compiled and maintained by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. It contains a record of every flight starting from January 01, 1987. It has about 60 fields from

which we have only chosen 49. Each month's data in a given year is about 150 MB making our subsampled dataset (2003-2013) about 12GB in size. The dataset can be downloaded at http://www.transtats.bts.gov/DL_SelectFields.asp?Table_ID=310

- 3. Question, Queries and Answers.
 - a. Which airports are involved in the highest and lowest number of cancellations?

select

t1.cancel+t2.cancel,t1.origAirport,t1.origState

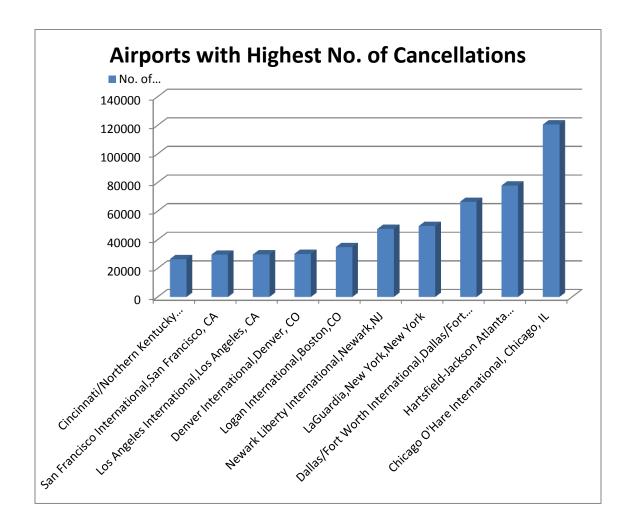
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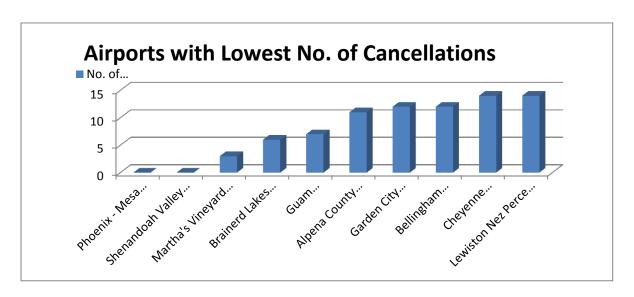
(select sum(cancelled) as cancel,origAirport,origState from flights group by origAirport,origState) t1 join

select sum(cancelled) as cancel,destAirport,destState from flights group by destAirport,destState) t2

on

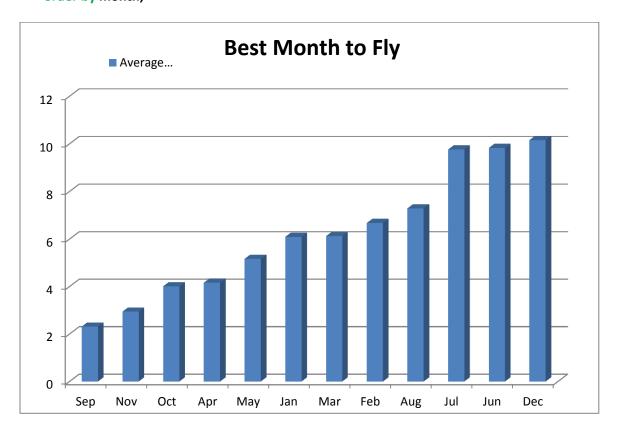
(t1.origAirport = t2.destAirport and t1.origState = t2.deststate);



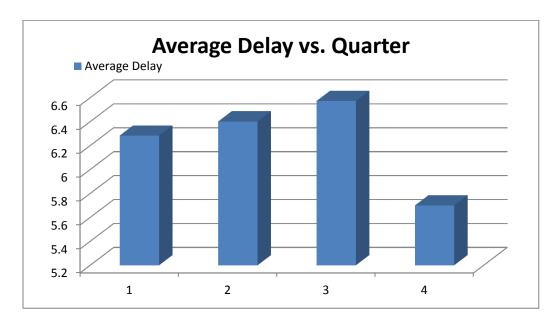


b. When is the best time to fly & minimize delays?

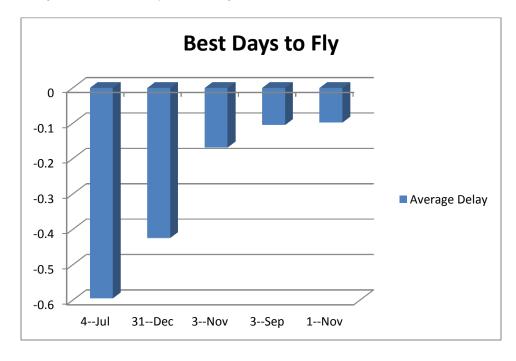
//01.best month to fly
select
avg(arrDelay),month from default.flights
group by
month
order by month;

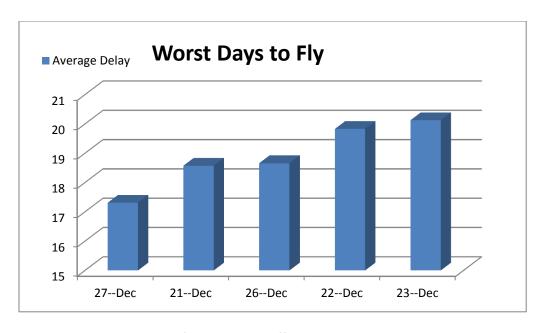


//02. best quarter to fly/
select
avg(arrDelay),quarter from default.flights
group by
quarter
order by quarter;



//03. best days of the year to fly
Select avg(arrDelay),dayOfMonth,month from default.flights group by
month,dayOfMonth order by month,dayOfMonth;





c. Which are the busiest airports for domestic traffic?

drop table if exists temp;

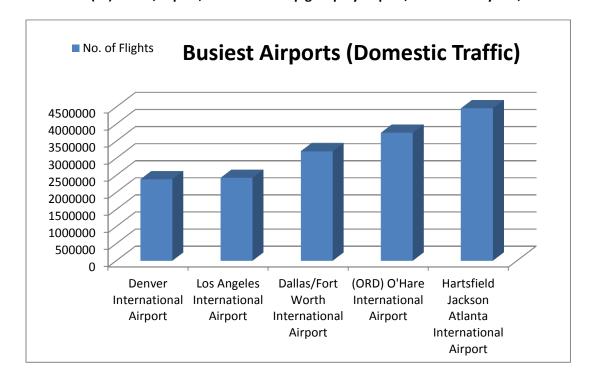
create table temp(flt INT,airport STRING,state STRING)

ROW FORMAT DELIMITED FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' STORED AS TEXTFILE;

insert into table temp select count(*) as flt,origAirport,origState from flights group by
origAirport,origState;

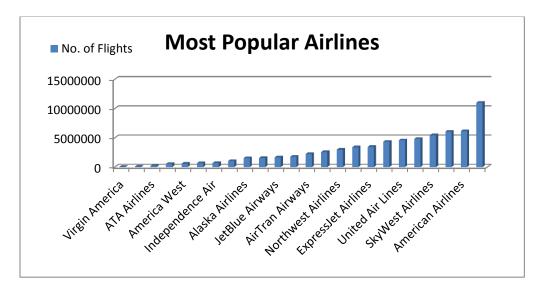
insert into table temp select count(*) as flt,destAirport,destState from flights group by
destAirport,destState;

select sum(flt) as nof,airport,state from temp group by airport,state order by nof;



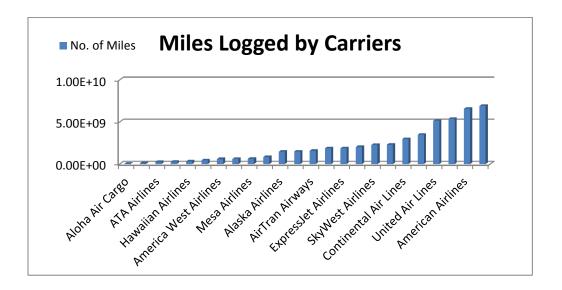
d. Airline carrier with the highest and lowest number of flights.

Select count(*) as flt,carrierid from flights group by carrierid order by flt;



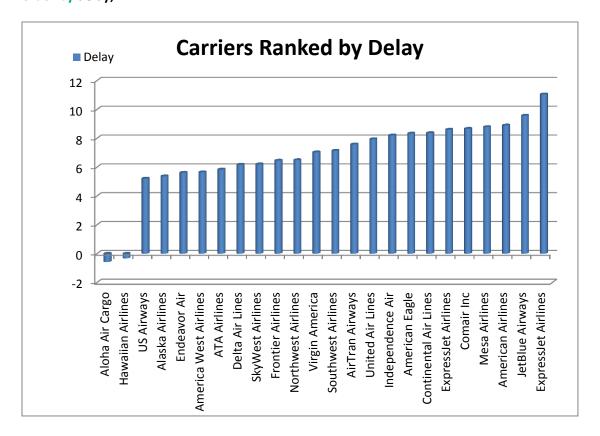
e. Airline carrier ranked by distance travelled.

select sum(distance) as dist,carrierid from flights group by carrierid order by dist;



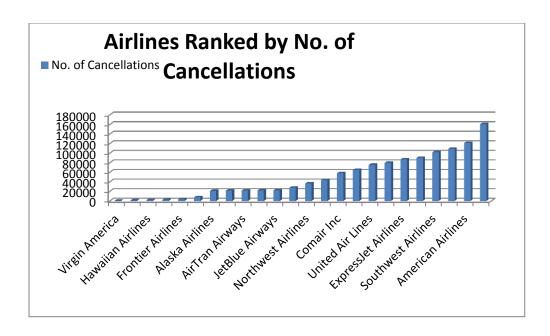
f. Airline carrier ranked by delays.

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drop table if exists temp;
create table temp(delay FLOAT,carrier STRING)
ROW FORMAT DELIMITED FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' STORED AS TEXTFILE;
insert into table temp select avg(depDelay) as delay,carrierid from flights
group by carrierid;
insert into table temp select avg(arrDelay) as delay,carrierid from flights
group by carrierid;
select avg(delay) as delay,carrier from temp group by carrier
order by delay;
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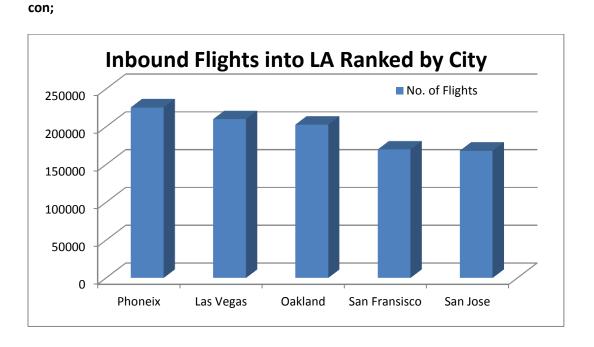
g. Airline carrier ranked by cancellations.

select
sum(cancelled)
as
cnc,carrierid
from
flights
group by
carrierid
order by
cnc;



h. Inbound Flights into LA Ranked by City

select
count(*) as con,origCityId,destCityId
from
flights
group by
origCityId,destCityId
where
destCityId = 32575
order by



Related work

Our project when viewed in the broader context of data analytics is just another use case for apache HIVE and AWS. In any case, the total number of use cases for Apache HIVE will be too numerous to report. However when it comes to performing the exact same thing namely performing analytics on flight data and amazon AWS, such a project was implemented by Pere Ferrera Bertran in 2011 (his work can be found at http://www.datasalt.com/2011/05/massive-data-processing-with-hive-us-flight-history-analysis/).

Both our projects use Amazon AWS and Hive. But the types of queries authored Bertran are different from ours with only some degree of overlap. Bertram's works contains analysis of statistical measures like correlation between columns with only a passing mention of aggregate queries while our work is geared towards aggregate reports in particular.

Conclusion

With this project the team acquired large scale real world data, used state of the art tools and a cloud based platform to perform analytics and obtain relevant results. When it comes to learning, the team members had the opportunity to work with a variety of cutting edge technologies like Apache Hive, Amazon AWS components (S3, EC2 and EMR) as well as the Cloudera VM training platform.

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