The Automation of the Data Lake Ingestion Process from Various Sources



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Introduction

• Part of a larger project – primary and secondary education in Croatia







Users



BIG DATA APPLIANCE

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Goal

- Integrate data into Hadoop
- Users can query Hadoop data using SQL
- Export to data warehouse







Hive

- Hive and Impala support standard SQL
- Parquet table format on HDFS
- Can be read by Pig and Map Reduce
- Supports partitons
- Limitations:
- No support for UPDATE/DELETE
- However, no need for UPDATE/DELETE
- INSERT and DROP PARTITION are sufficient

Limitations of the project

- Avoid addional costs and dependency on:
- Oracle Big Data Connectors
- Oracle Data Integrator
- Oracle Golden Gate
- Etc...
- Therefore, we decided to use Apache Sqoop for data transfers
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Apache Sqoop



Import an entire table from RDBMS to HDFS:

sqoop import \

--connect jdbc:mysql://mysql.example.com/sqoop \

- --username sqoop \
- --password sqoop \
- --table cities \
- --target-dir /etl/input/cities
- --where "country = 'USA'"
- --num-mappers 10









Sqoop limitations

- Keywords in source colums (e.g. "order")
- Special characters in source columns or table names
- Importing date/datetime/timestamp columns bug?
- We need a new column "LOAD_DATE"

Solution: Free-form queries

- More limitations:
 - Import only 1 table at a time
 - import into partitioned Hive tables not supported

Project Requirements

- A periodical import of data from Postgres, MySQL and SQL Server databases into Hive tables.
- Processes must be scheduled so they can be automatically started at a defined time.
- Tables for import selected by user.
- Full copies or copies of incremental changes where possible
- Filter data before importing (in the WHERE clause).
- Table format supports partitioning and is readable by Impala as well.
- Since there are many tables, they need to be created automatically using metadata from RDBMS
- There needs to be a log that contains a status for each process.



- Atomic units of work
- Written as BASH scripts
- Nested workflows
- 3 types:
 - Create Hive table
 - Import data
 - Export data
- Controlled by configuration files
- Write status to a log table

Workflow design





Subworkflow 2 Subworkflow 2.1

.... Subworkflow N

- Workflows can be nested
- Subworkflows can be started sequentially or in parallel
- Workflow states:
 - Success
 - In process
 - Error
- States are stored in an external RDBMS table (log)

Workflow design - continued

Workflow for creating tables

- Potentially thousands of tables at source (automation!)
- Sqoop create-hive-table tool (limitations!)

We need to:

- Append at least 1 new column to Hive table (LOAD_DATE)
- Handle timestamps
- Adjust column/table names for Hive compatibility
- Create partitioned tables in Parquet



Two iterations:

- 1. Create **temporary** databases and tables with in Hive (sqoop-import tool)
- 2. Create final databases and tables in Hive
 - Using Hive's Beeline tool (DESCRIBE TABLE, CREATE TABLE statements) by reading metadata from temporary tables
 - Add LOAD_DATE and columns for timestamp reformatting

Workflow for creating tables



- Incremental or full import
- Sqoop-import tool with free-form query
- 1. Read metadata from Hive with Beeline
- 2. Construct SQL query (increment?)
- 3. Import data to HDFS
- 4. Import into Hive using Beeline (LOAD DATA INPATH)

Workflows for importing data

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Hue (Oozie) Workflows

- Hue provides user-friendly interface
- Part of Cloudera Hadoop distribution
- "Shell action" interface for starting BASH scripts

Which workflow to schedule?

eDnevnik Import Workflow 🔼

How often?

	Every day at 3 : 0			
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Advanced syntax				
Timezone	Europe/Zagreb 🔹			
From		2019-01-03	0	14:45
То		2100-02-01	0	14:26

Parameters

load_date

Parameter 🕶

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Hue (Oozie) Schedules

- In Hue we can schedule the Oozie workflow from previous slide
- User-friendly interface for one-time or repeating schedules
- Forward parameters to workflows (LOAD_DATE in our case...)

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Thank you!

Questions?

