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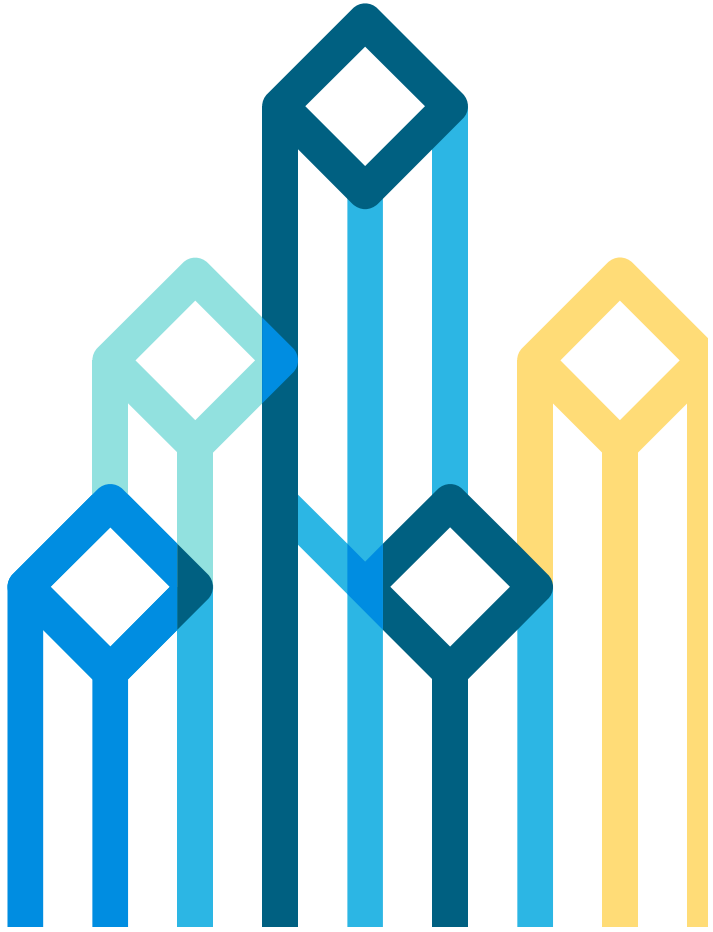

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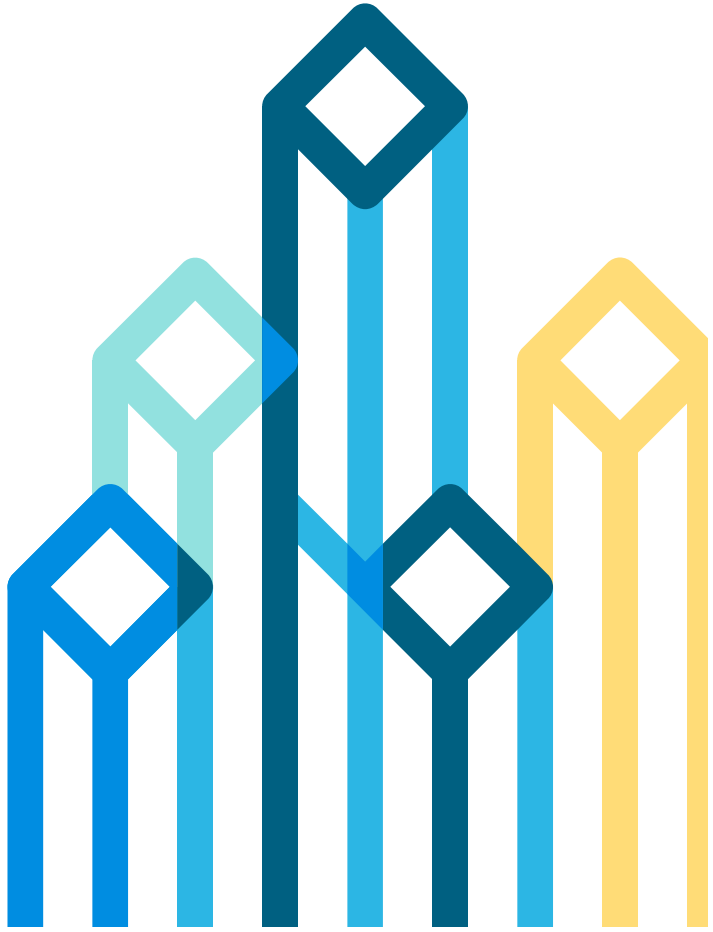

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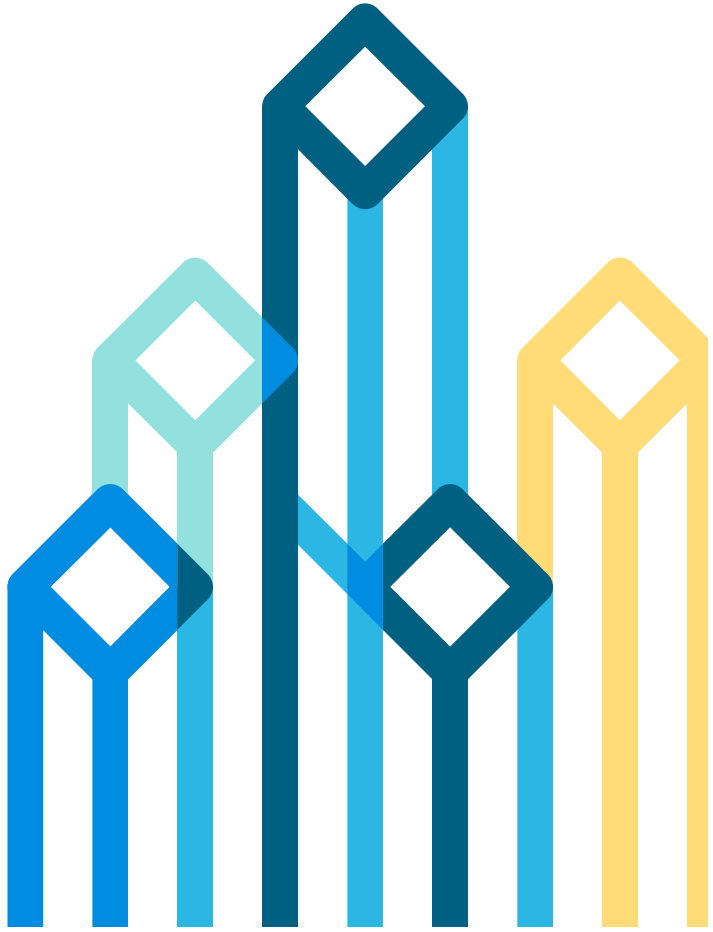

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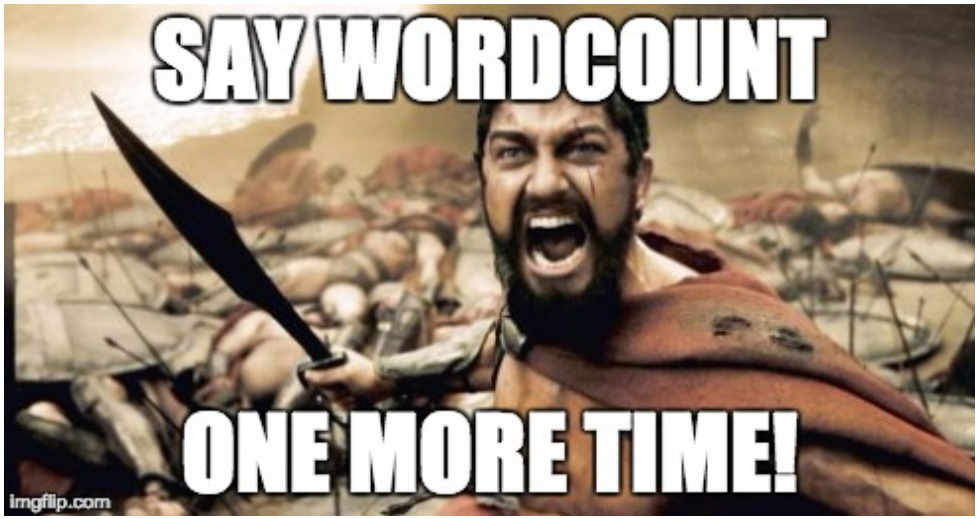

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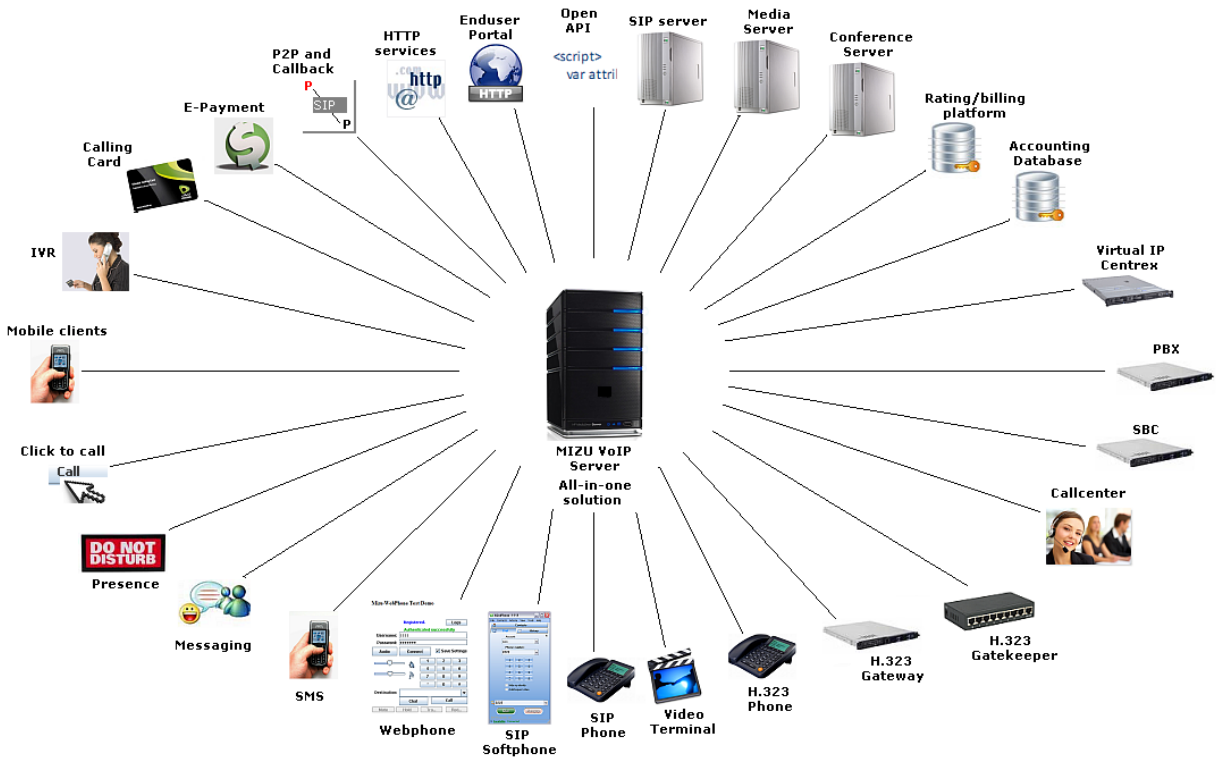

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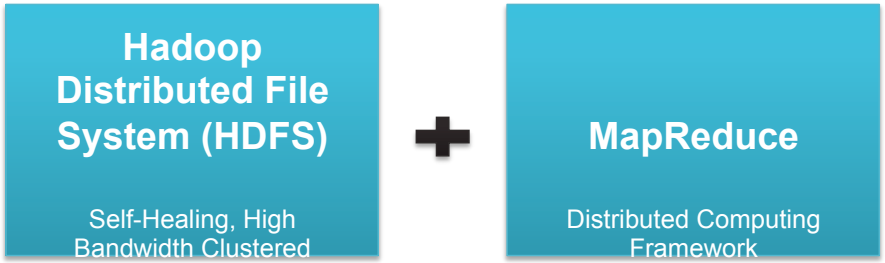

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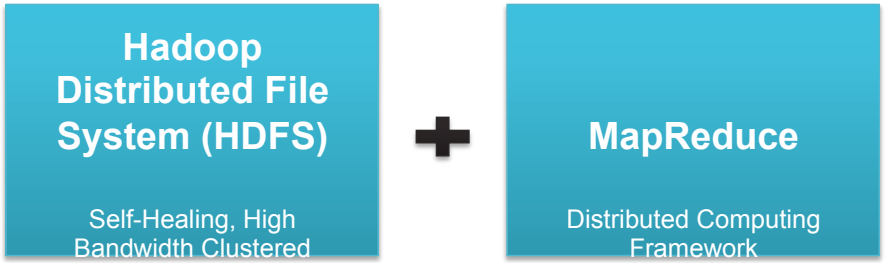

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What? No schema?

- How do you use SQL?
- Do you lose Schema-on-read when using SQL-on-Hadoop?

SQL engines

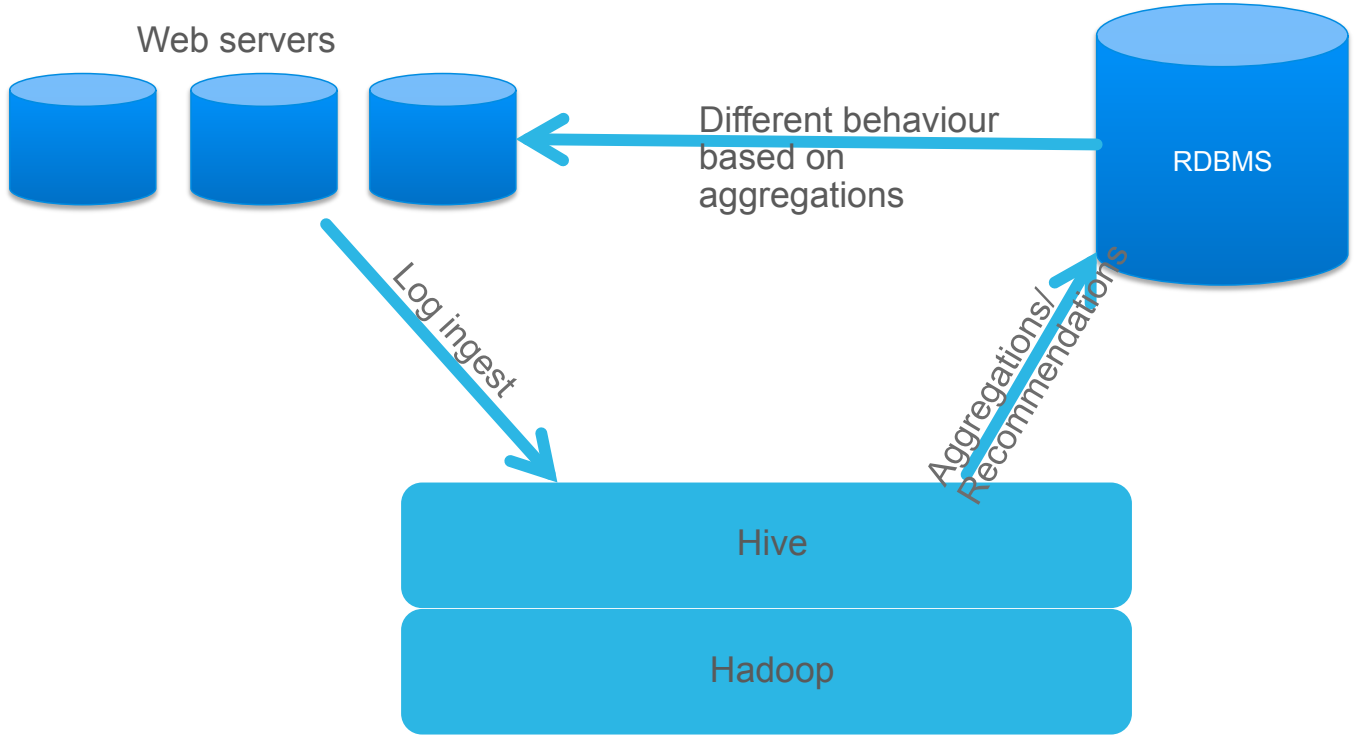
Hive

- First SQL engine
- Converts SQL to MapReduce
- New execution engine additions
  - Hive-on-Spark
  - Hive-on-Tez

Confusion #1

- If there's Hive, why we need more execution engines?
  - Just a matter of speed?

Early architecture using Hive



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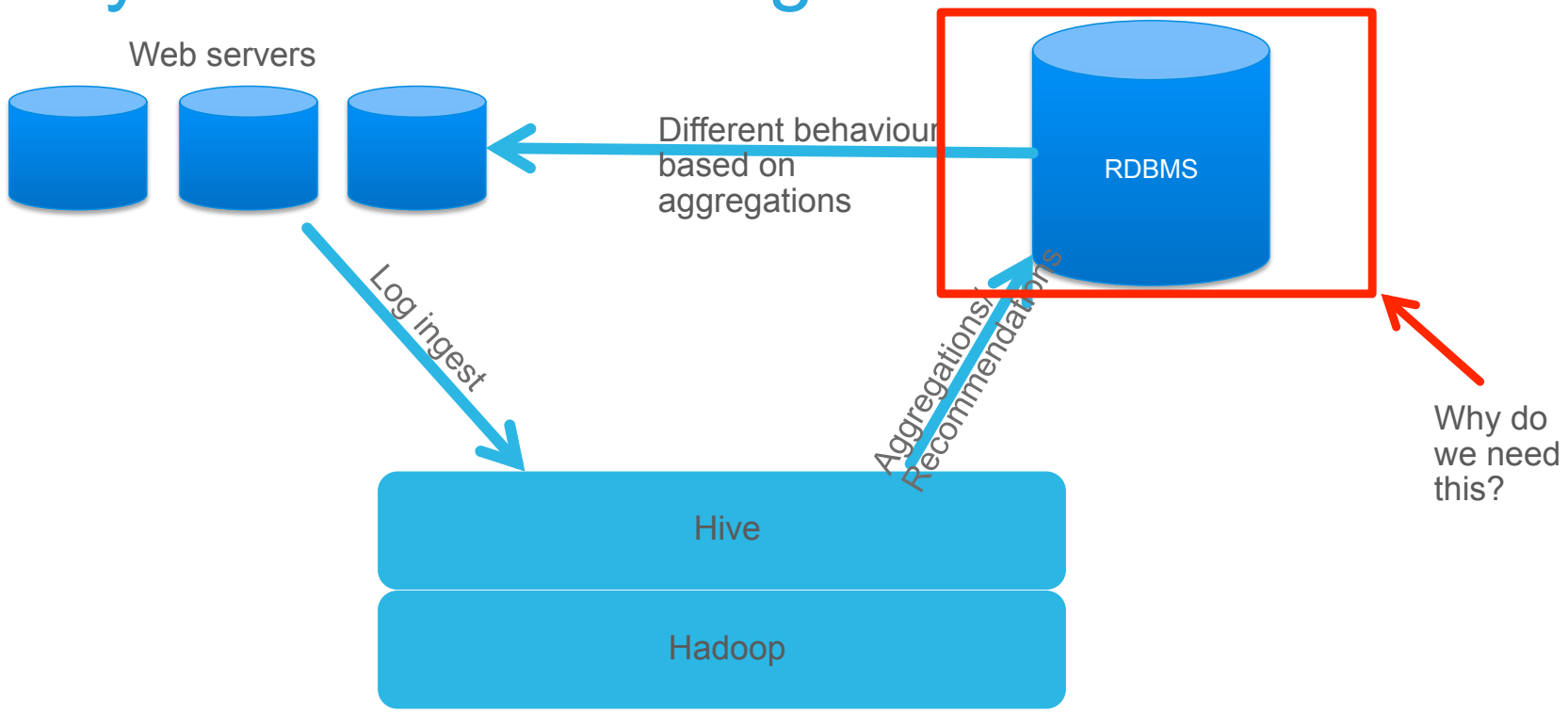

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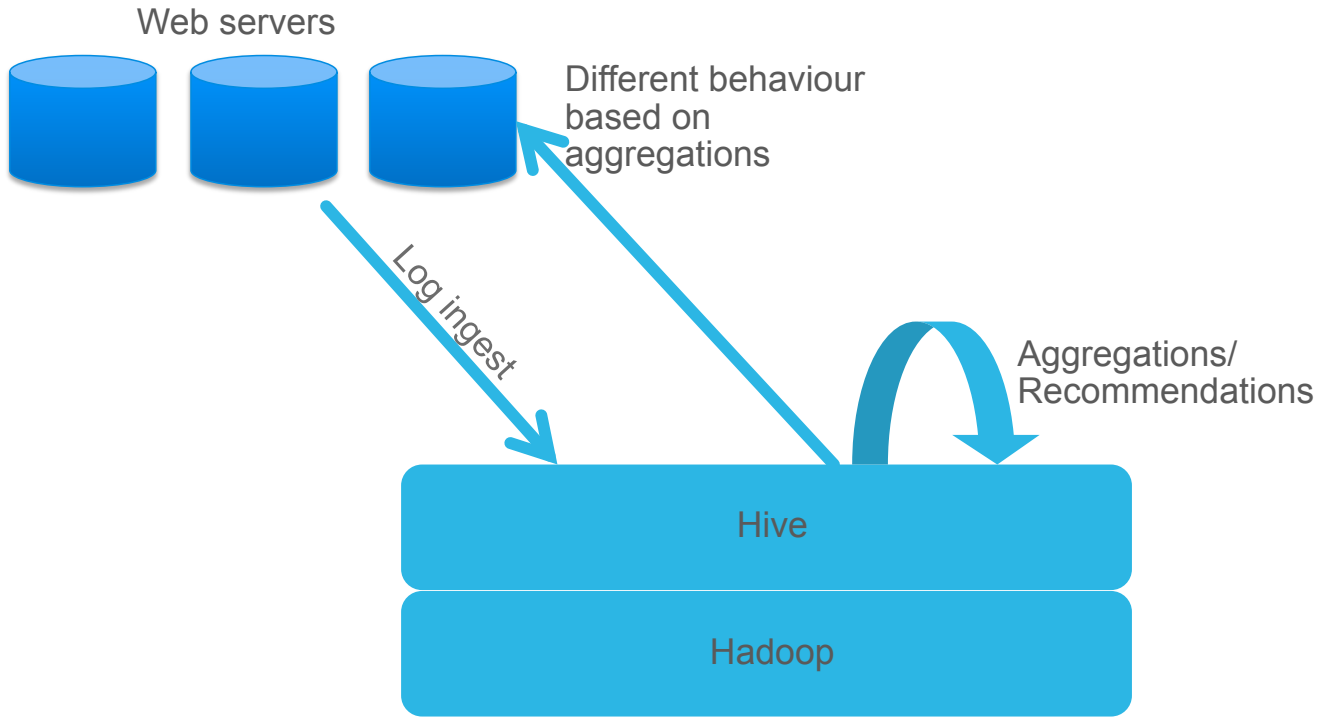

Aha #1

- Performance
  - Speed of execution
  - Concurrency
- Need an MPP like solution

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Aha #1

- Impala
- Drill
- Presto
- Hive
  - Hive-on-Tez
  - Hive-on-Spark

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Impala

Impala - Goals

- General-purpose SQL query engine:
  - Works for both for analytical and transactional/single-row workloads
- Runs directly within Hadoop:
  - reads widely used Hadoop file formats
  - talks to widely used Hadoop storage managers
  - runs on same nodes that run Hadoop processes
- High performance
  - Execution times
  - Concurrency
- Open source

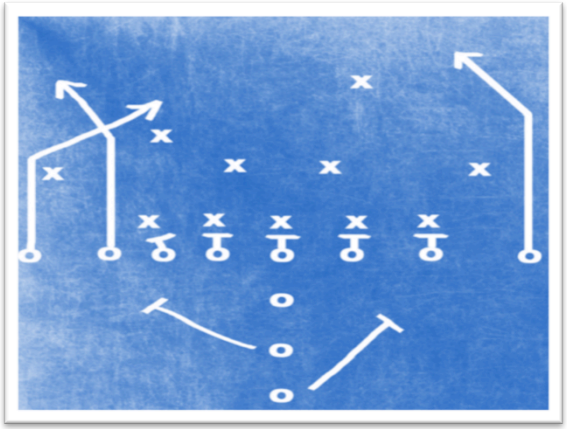
User view of Impala

- There is no ‘Impala format’!
- Supported file formats:
  - uncompressed/lzo-compressed text files
  - sequence files with snappy/gzip compression
  - RCFile with snappy/gzip compression
  - Avro data files
  - Parquet (columnar format)
  - HBase
  - And, more…

Impala Use Cases

Cost-effective, ad hoc query environment that offloads/ replaces the data warehouse for:

- Interactive BI/analytics on more data
- Asking new questions – exploration, ML
- Data processing with tight SLAs
- Query-able archive w/full fidelity



Global Financial Services Company

Saved 90% on incremental EDW spend & improved performance by 5x

- Offload data warehouse for query-able archive
- Store decades of data cost-effectively
- Process & analyze on the same system
- Improved capabilities through interactive query on more data

Digital Media Company

20x performance improvement for exploration & data discovery

- Easily identify new data sets for modeling
- Interact with raw data directly to test hypotheses
- Avoid expensive DW schema changes
- Accelerate ‘time to answer’

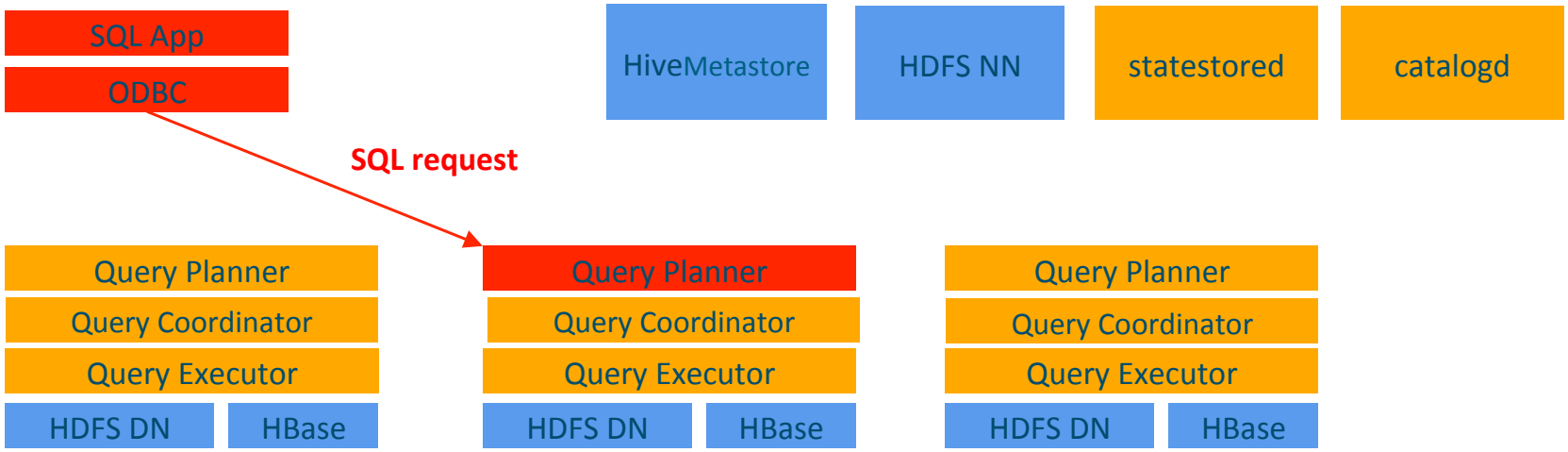
Architecture of Impala

Impala Architecture

- Three binaries: impalad, statestored, catalogd
- **Impala daemon (impalad)** – N instances
  - handles client requests and all internal requests related to query execution
- **State store daemon (statestored)** – 1 instance
  - Provides name service and metadata distribution
- **Catalog daemon (catalogd)** – 1 instance
  - Relays metadata changes to all impalad's

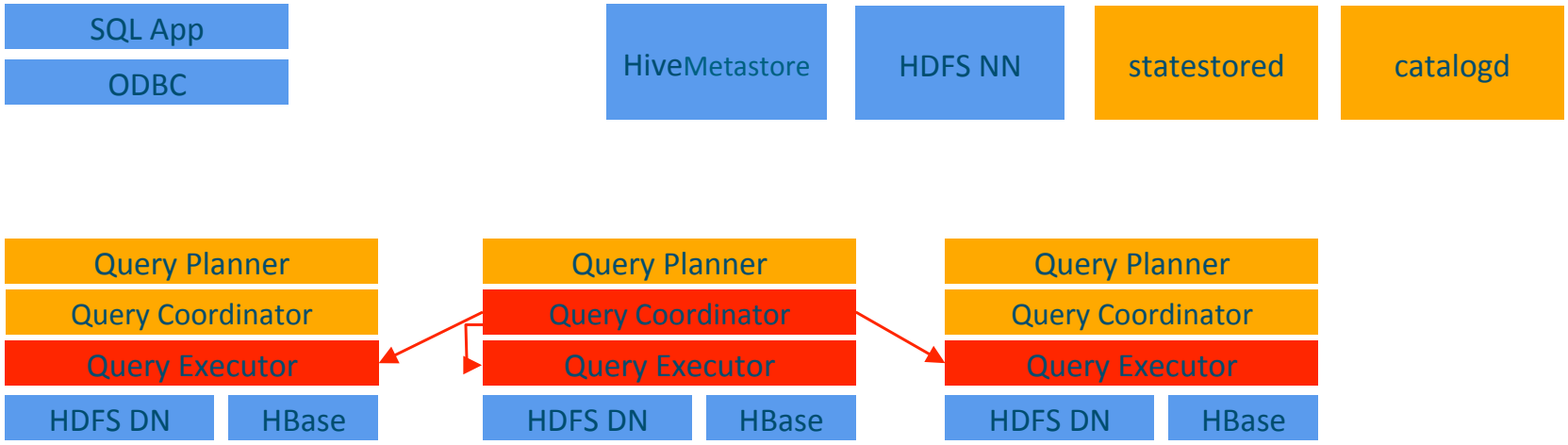
Impala Architecture: Query Execution

- Request arrives via odbc/jdbc



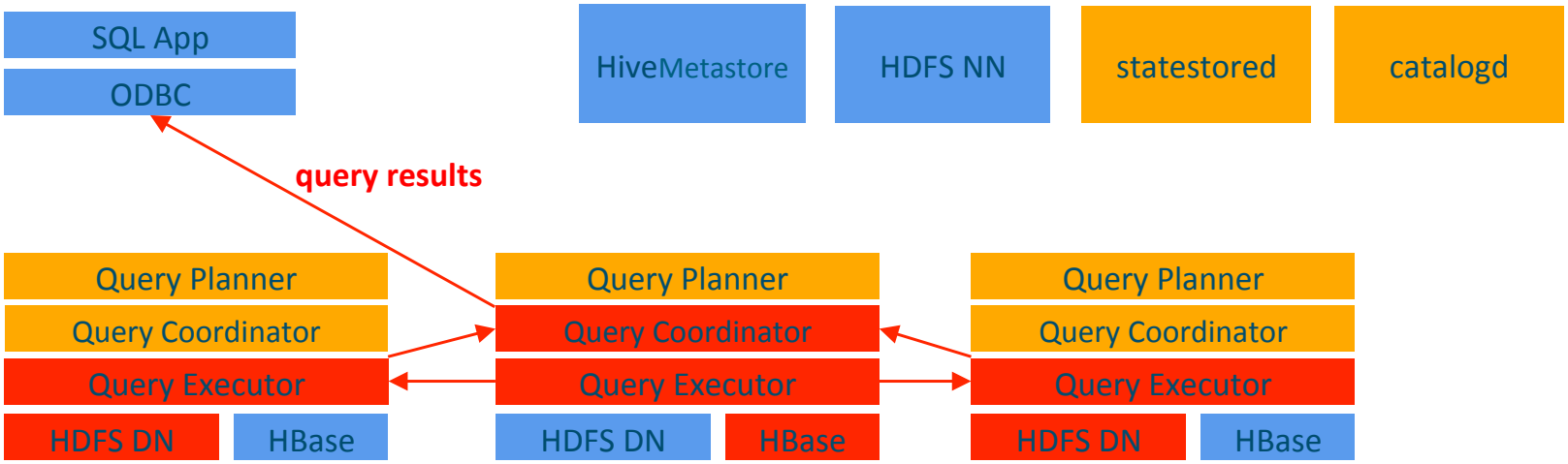
Impala Architecture: Query Execution

- Planner turns request into collections of plan fragments
- Coordinator initiates execution on remote impalad's



Impala Architecture: Query Execution

- Intermediate results are streamed between impalad's Query results are streamed back to client



Query Planning: Overview

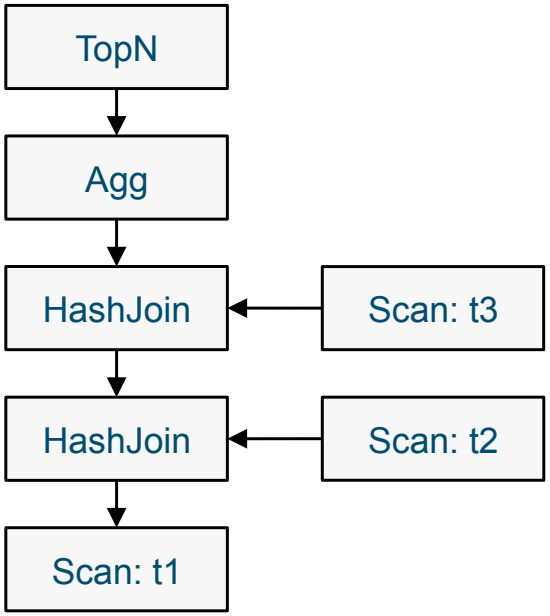
- 2-phase planning process:
  - single-node plan
  - plan partitioning: partition single-node plan to maximize scan locality, minimize data movement
- Parallelization of operators:
  - All query operators are fully distributed

Single-Node Plan: Example Query

```
SELECT t1.custid,
    SUM(t2.revenue) AS revenue
FROM LargeHdfsTable t1
JOIN LargeHdfsTable t2 ON (t1.id1 = t2.id)
JOIN SmallHbaseTable t3 ON (t1.id2 = t3.id)
WHERE t3.category = 'Online'
GROUP BY t1.custid
ORDER BY revenue DESC LIMIT 10;
```

Query Planning: Single-Node Plan

- Single-node plan for example:



Single-node plan

- SQL query as a left-deep tree of plan operators
- Scan, HashJoin, HashAggregation, Union, TopN, Exchange

Plan Partitioning

- Partition single-node plan
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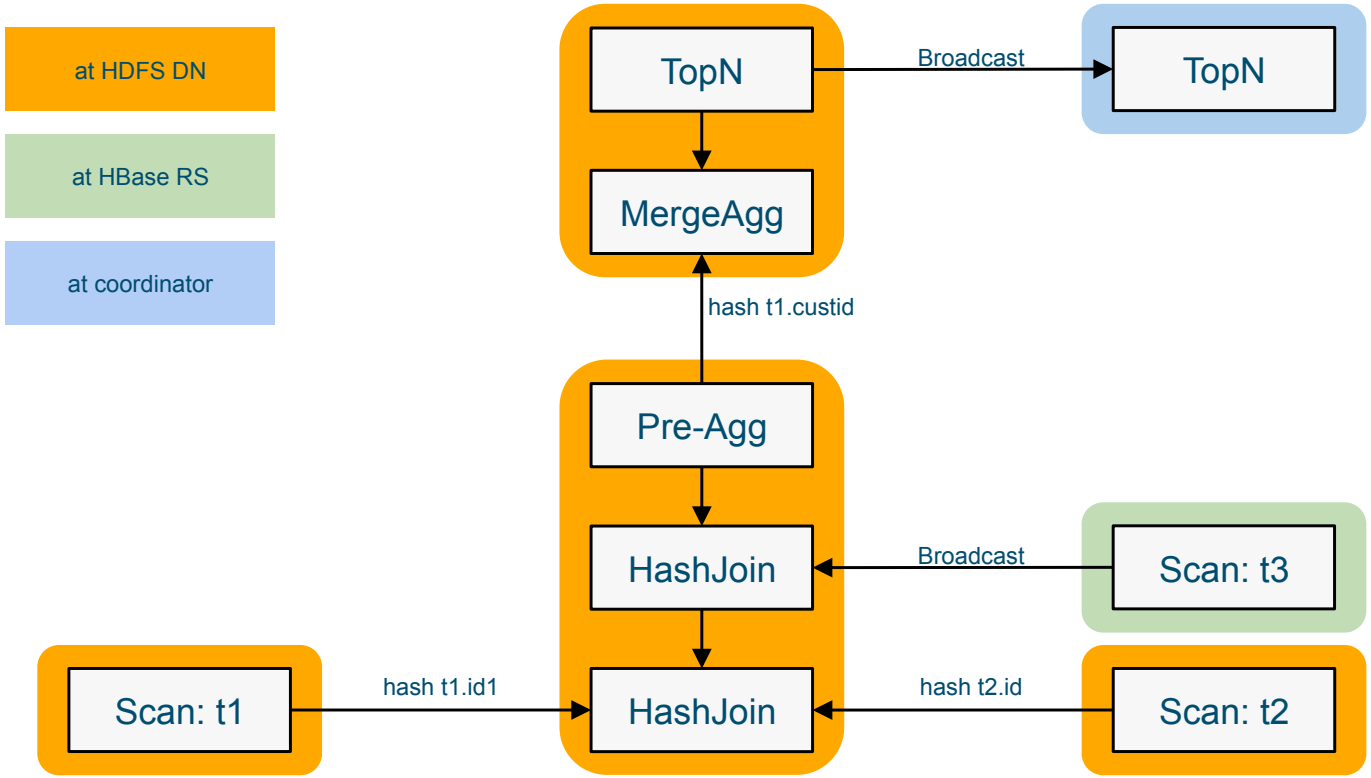
Query Planning: Distributed Plans



Impala Execution Engine

- Written in C++ for minimal execution overhead
- Internal in-memory tuple format puts fixed-width data at fixed offsets
- Uses intrinsics/special cpu instructions for text parsing, crc32 computation, etc.
- Runtime code generation for “big loops”

Runtime code generation

- example of "big loop": insert batch of rows into hash table
- known at query compile time: # of tuples in a batch, tuple layout, column types, etc.
- generate at compile time: unrolled loop that inlines all function calls, contains no dead code, minimizes branches
- code generated using LLVM

Comparing Impala to Dremel

- What is Dremel?
  - columnar storage for data with nested structures
  - distributed scalable aggregation on top of that
- Columnar storage in Hadoop: Parquet
  - stores data in appropriate native/binary types
  - can also store nested structures similar to Dremel's ColumnIO
  - Parquet is open source: github.com/parquet
- Distributed aggregation: Impala
- Impala plus Parquet: a superset of the published version of Dremel (which didn't support joins)

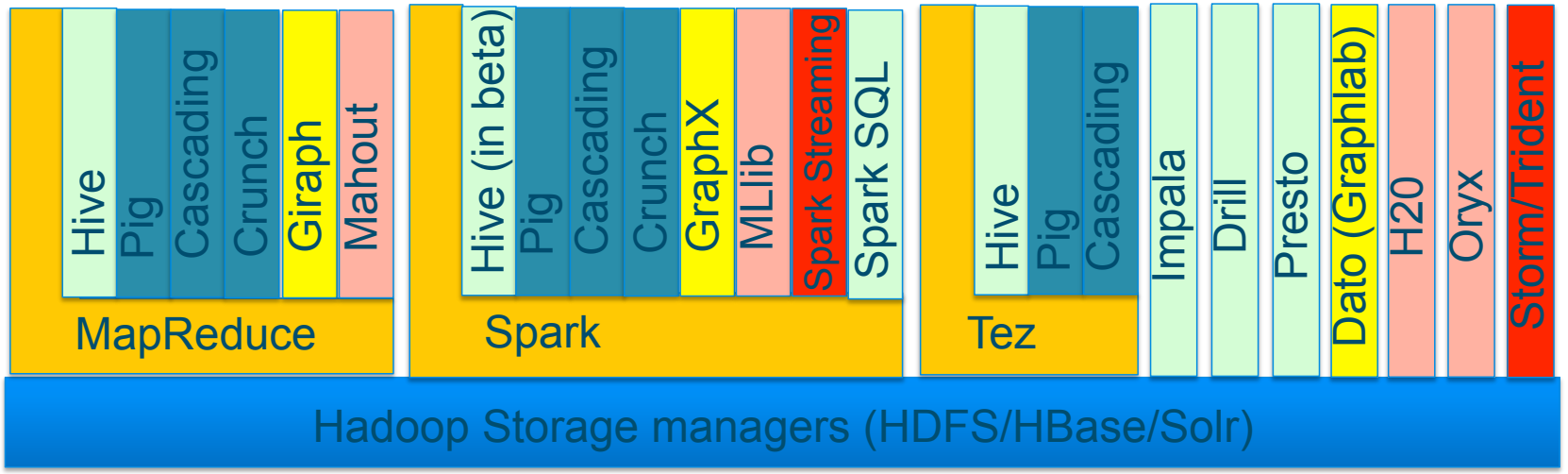
But, what makes Impala fast?

- No MapReduce
- Use of memory
- LLVM
- C++
- Vectorization
- Tight integration with Parquet

Confusion #2 – What do I use?

- Hive on Mapreduce?
- Hive on Tez?
- Hive on Spark?
- Impala?
- Spark SQL?
- Drill?

Processing Frameworks in Hadoop



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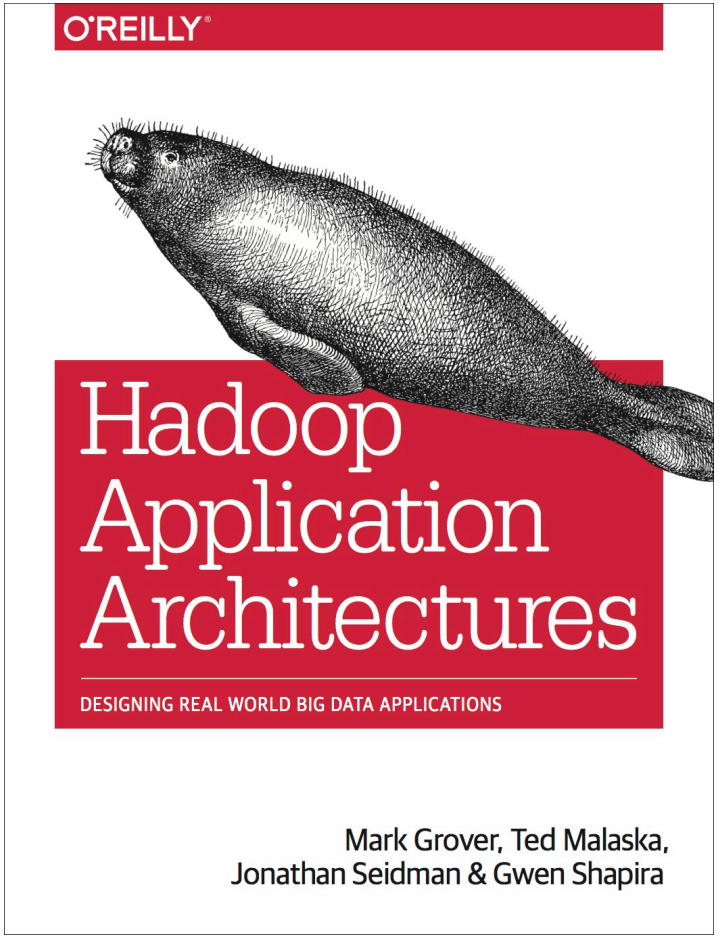

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Impala

- SQL-on-Hadoop engine
- Near real time SQL
- Reads YOUR file formats
- Allows to write custom UDFs
- Open source
- Commonly used for Data Warehouse offloading

I’d love to talk more!

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