

# Practical Performance Analysis and Tuning for Cloudera Impala







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# Just how fast is Impala?

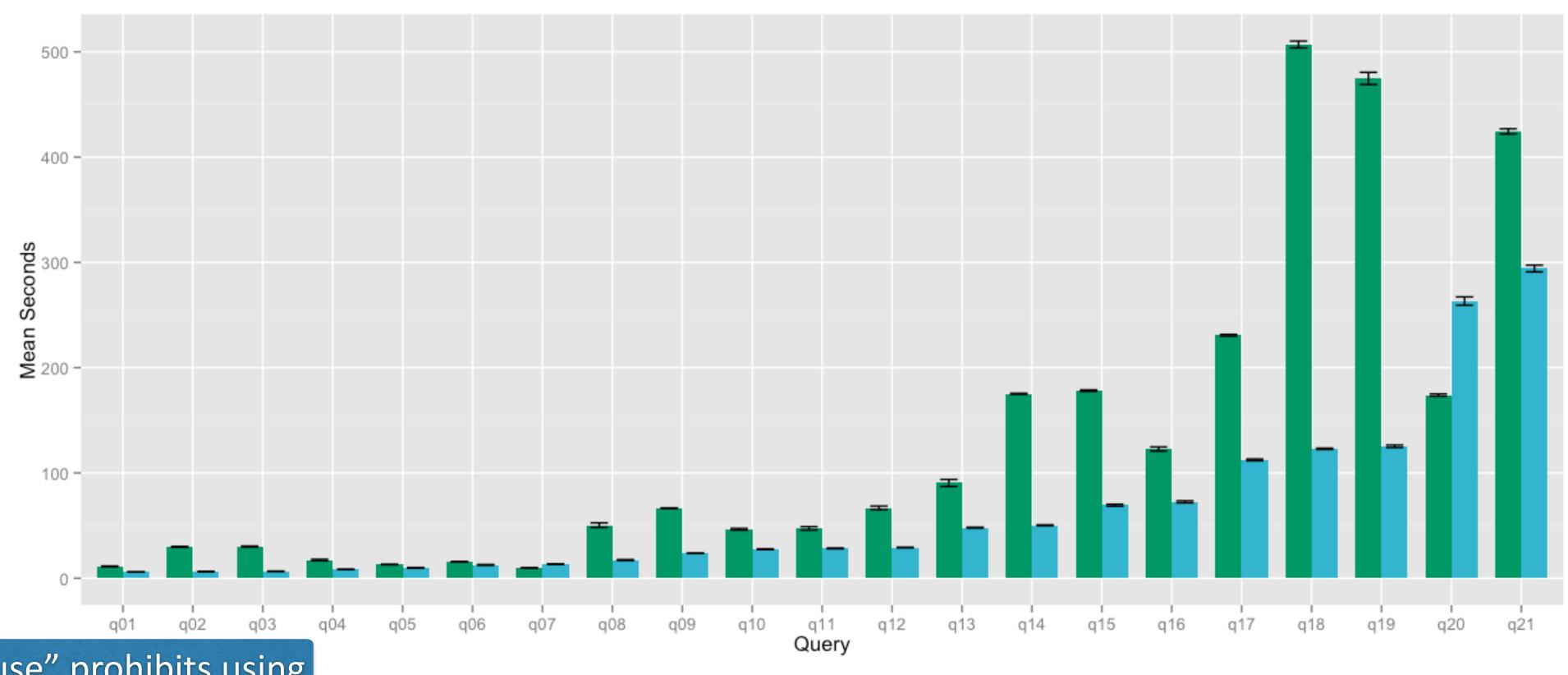
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### How fast is Impala?

#### Impala faster on 19 of 21 queries

Lower is better



"<u>DeWitt Clause</u>" prohibits using DBMS vendor name





### Practical Performance

Running with Impala



#### Pre-execution Checklist

- Data types
- Partitioning
- File Format



### Data Type Choices

- Define integer columns as INT/BIGINT
  - Operations on INT/BIGINT more efficient than STRING
- · Convert "external" data to good "internal" types on load
  - •e.g. CAST date strings to TIMESTAMPS
  - This avoids expensive CASTs in queries later



### Partitioning

- "The fastest I/O is the one that never takes place."
- Understand your query filter predicates
  - For time-series data, this is usually the date/timestamp column
  - Use this/these column(s) for a partition key(s)
- Validate queries leverage partition pruning using EXPLAIN
- You <u>can</u> have too much of a good thing
  - A few thousand partitions per table is probably OK
  - Tens of thousands partitions is probably too much
  - Partitions/Files should be no less than a few hundred MBs



### Partition Pruning in EXPLAIN

```
explain
select count(*)
                                                          Note the partition count
                                                          and missing "predicates"
from sales_fact
                                                           filter due to parse time
where sold_date in('2000-01-01','2000-01-02');
                                                             partition pruning

    Partition Pruning (partitioned table)

0:SCAN HDFS
   table=grahn.sales_fact #partitions=2 size=803.15MB
   tuple ids: 0

    Filter Predicate (non-partitioned table)

0:SCAN HDFS
   table=grahn.sales_fact #partitions=1 size=799.42MB
   predicates: sold_date IN ('2000-01-01', '2000-01-02'
   tuple ids: 0
```

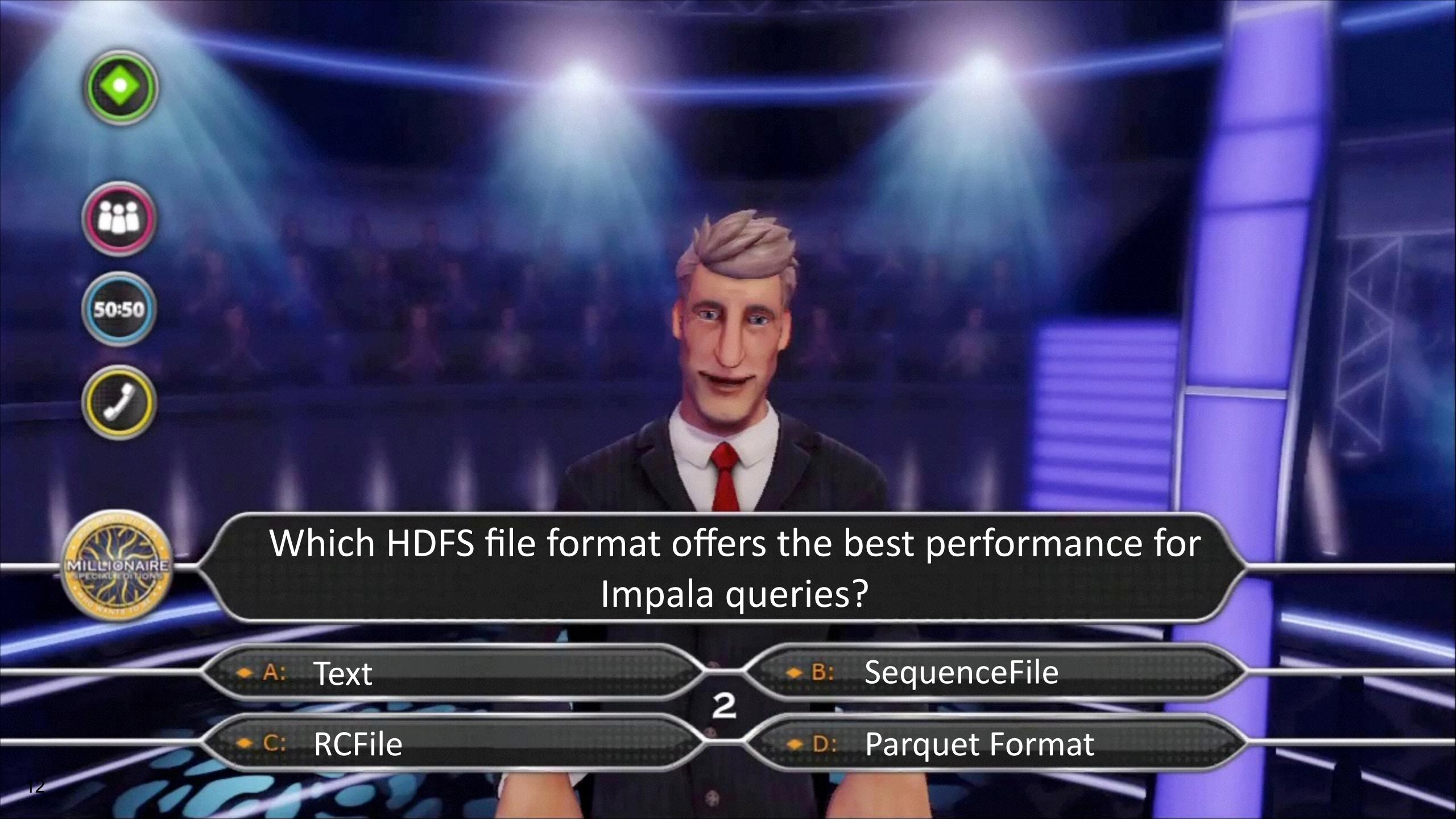


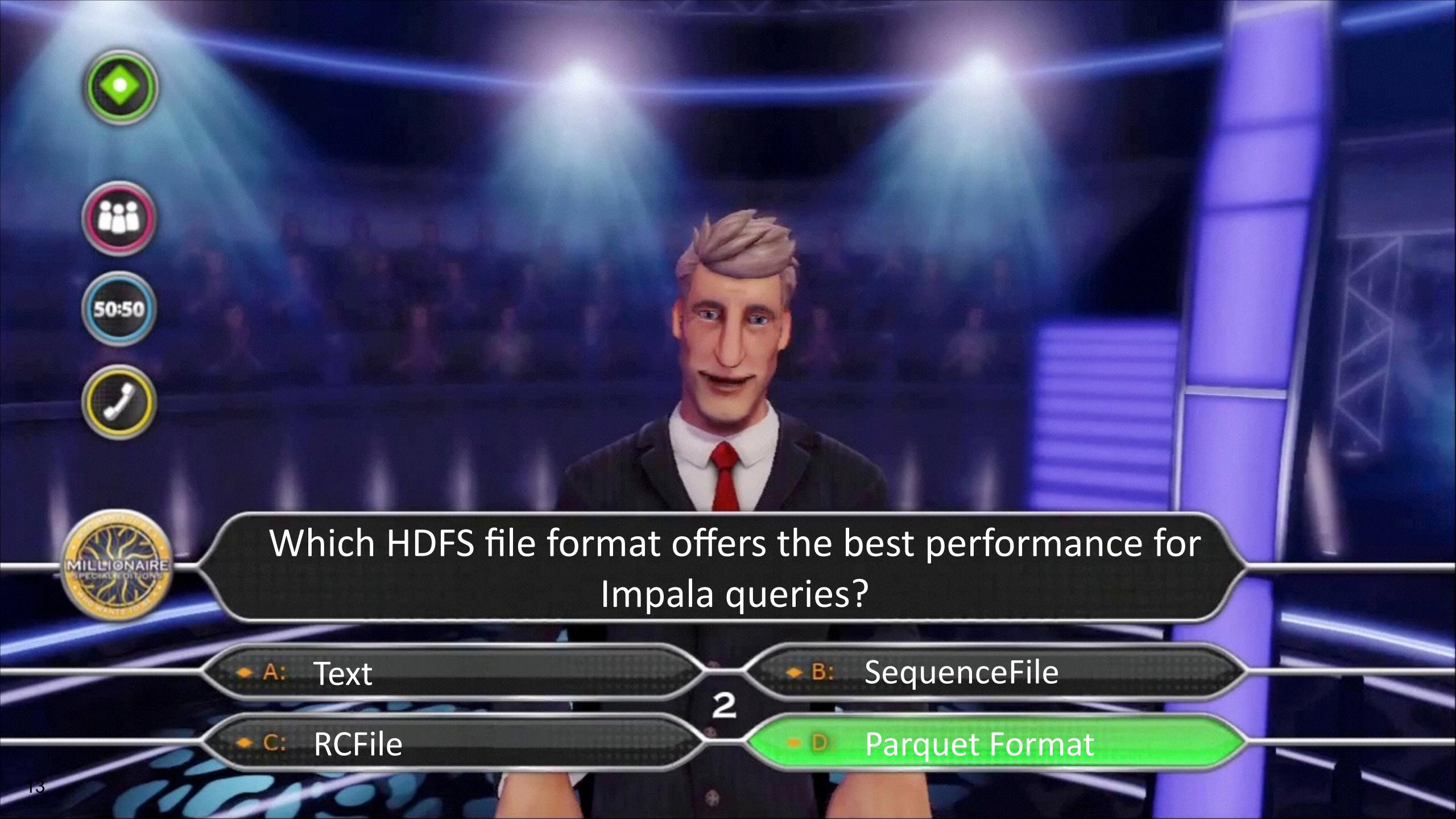
### File Format Choices

What format is optimal for Impala?



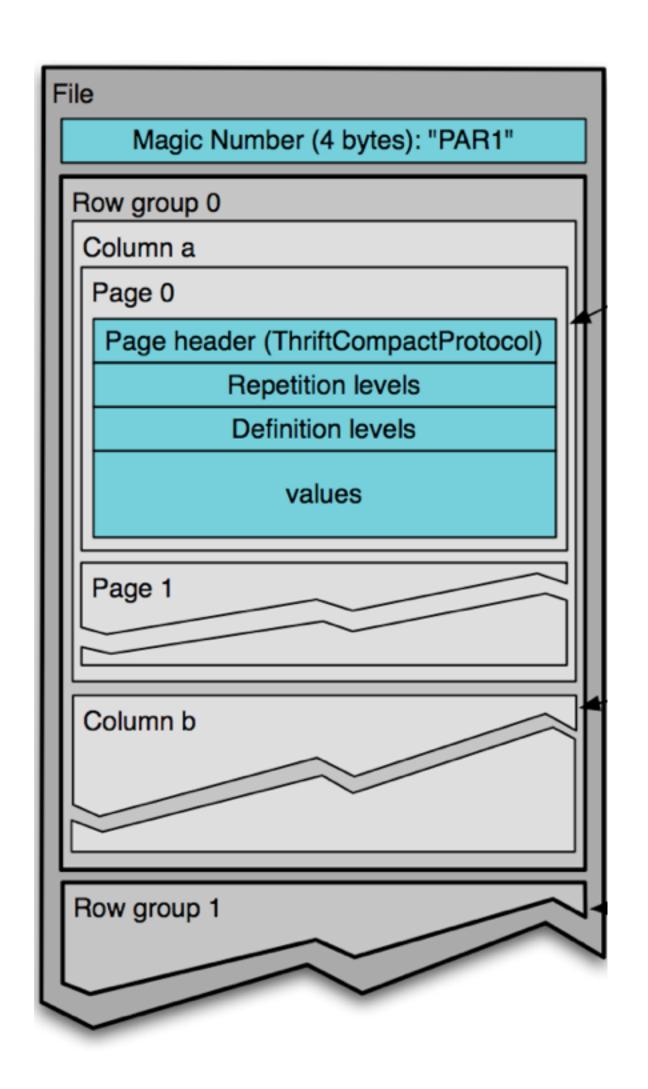






### Why use Parquet Columnar Format for HDFS?

- Well defined open format <a href="http://parquet.io/">http://parquet.io/</a>
  - Works in Impala, Pig, Hive & Map/Reduce
- I/O reduction by only reading necessary columns
- Columnar layout compresses/encodes better
- Supports nested data by shredding columns
  - Uses techniques used by Google's ColumnIO
- Impala loads use Snappy compression by default
  - Gzip available: set PARQUET\_COMPRESSION\_CODEC=gzip;
- Quick word on Snappy vs. Gzip



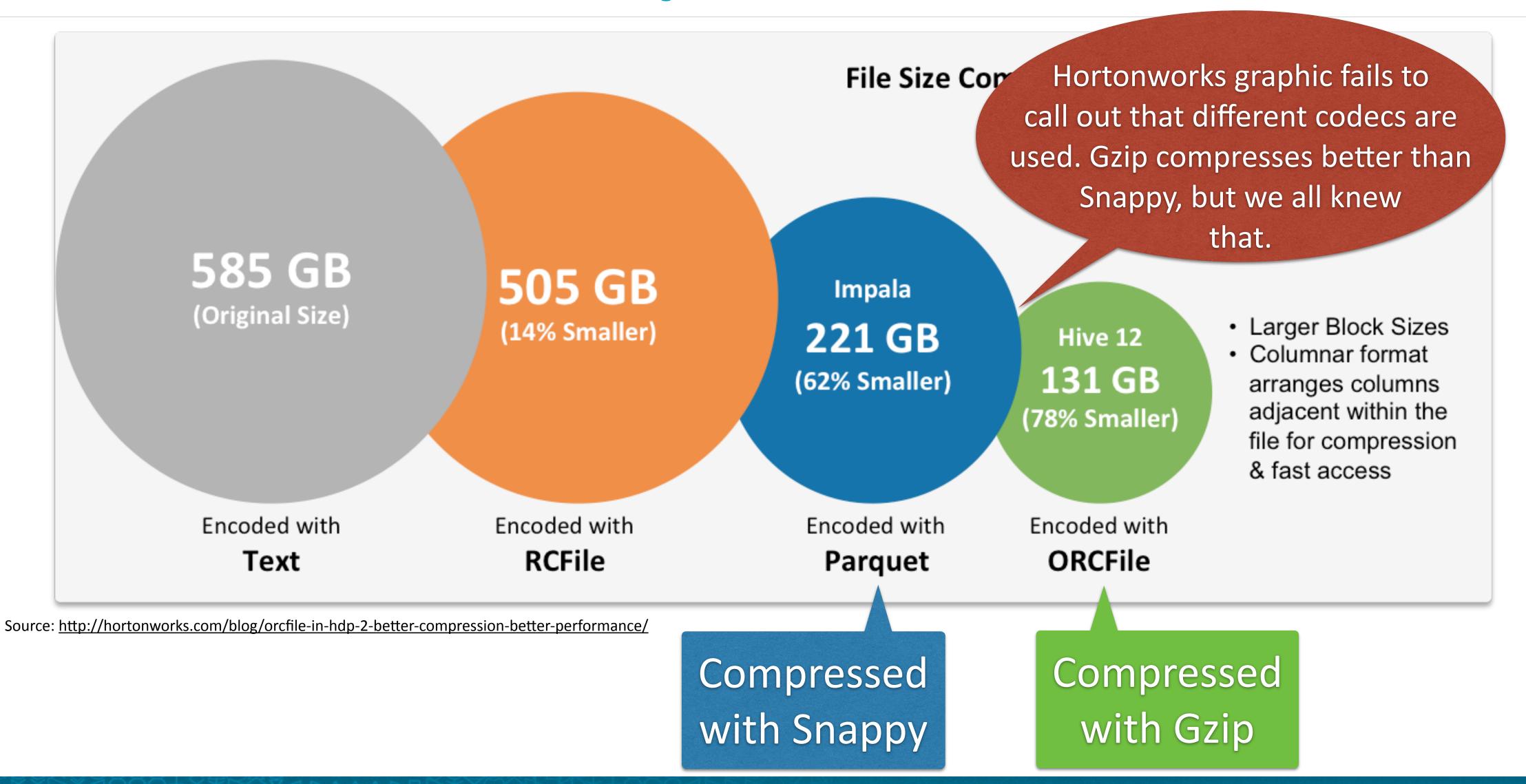


### Quick Note on Compression

- Snappy
  - Faster compression/decompression speeds
  - Less CPU cycles
  - Lower compression ratio
- Gzip/Zlib
  - Slower compression/decompression speeds
  - More CPU cycles
  - Higher compression ratio
- It's all about trade-offs

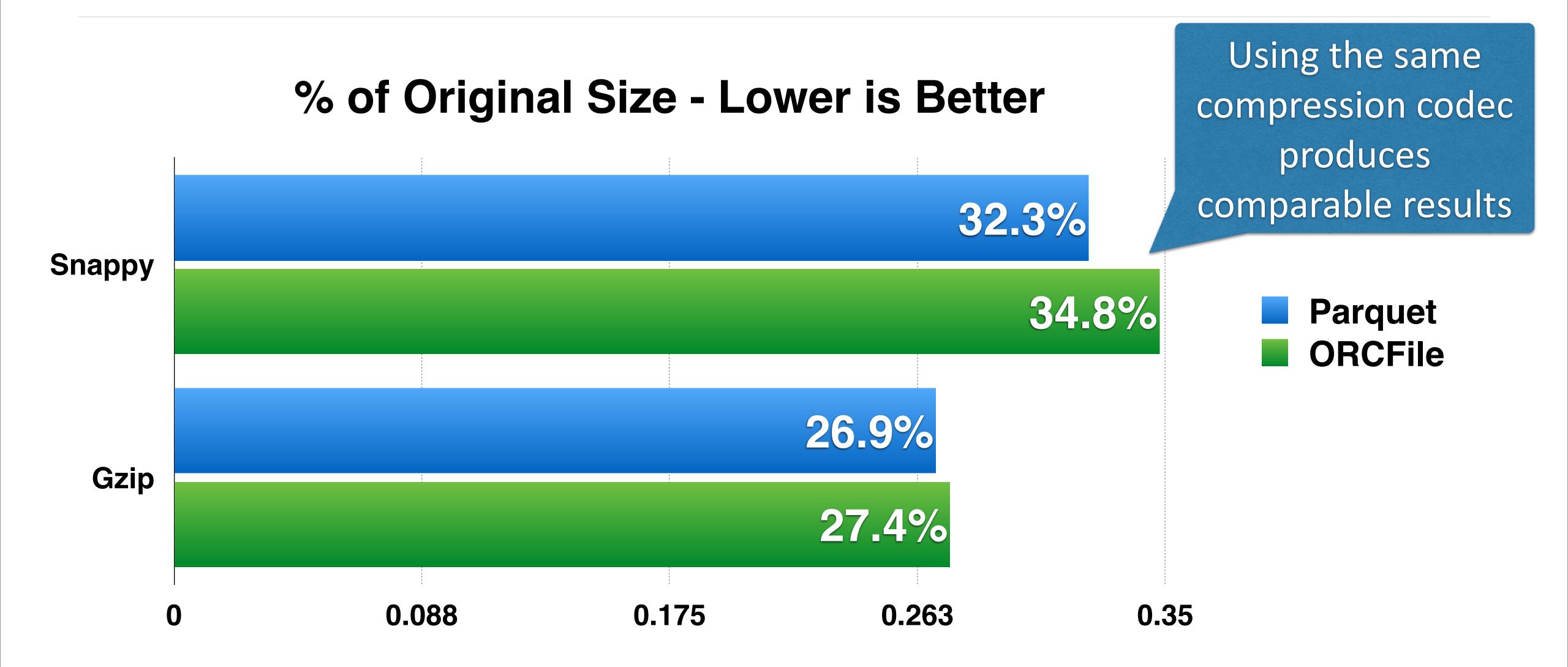


### It's all about the compression codec





#### **TPC-DS 500GB Scale Factor**





#### Dremel made simple with Parquet

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 | By Julien Le Dem (@J\_) [16:04 UTC]



Columnar storage is a popular technique to optimize analytical workloads in parallel RDBMs. The performance and compression benefits for storing and processing large amounts of data are well documented in academic literature as well as several commercial analytical databases.

The goal is to keep I/O to a minimum by reading from a disk only the data required for the query. Using Parquet at Twitter, we experienced a reduction in size by one third on our large datasets. Scan times were also reduced to a fraction of the original in the common case of needing only a subset of the columns. The principle is quite simple: instead of a traditional row layout, the data is written one column at a time. While turning rows into columns is straightforward given a flat schema, it is more challenging when dealing with nested data structures.

We recently introduced Parquet, an open source file format for Hadoop that provides columnar storage. Initially a joint effort between Twitter and Cloudera, it now has many other contributors including companies like Criteo. Parquet stores nested data structures in a flat columnar format using a technique outlined in the Dremel paper from Google. Having implemented this model based on the paper, we decided to provide a more accessible explanation. We will first describe the general model used to

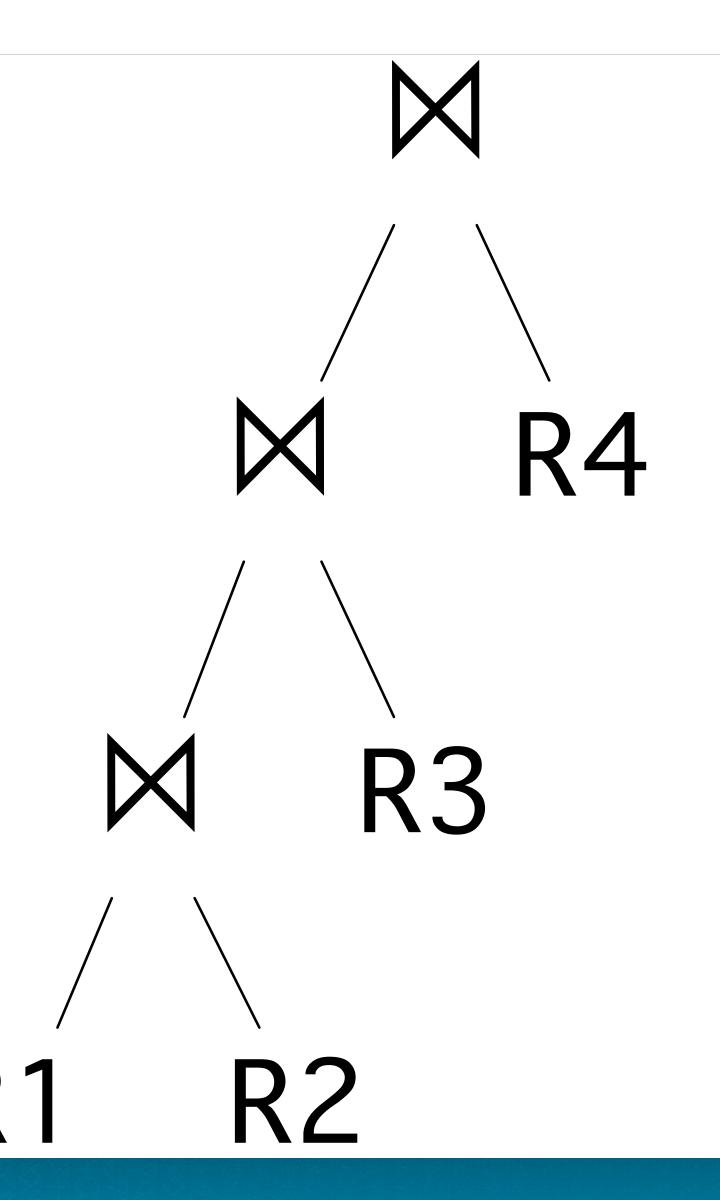
# Query Execution

What happens behind the scenes



### Left-Deep Join Tree

- The largest\* table should be listed first in the FROM clause
- Joins are done in the order tables are listed in FROM clause
- Filter early most selective joins/tables first
- v1.2.1 will do JOIN ordering





### Two Types of Hash Joins

- Default hash join type is BROADCAST (aka replicated)
  - Each node ends up with a copy of the right table(s)\*
  - Left side, read locally and streamed through local hash join(s)
  - · Best choice for "star join", single large fact table, multiple small dims
- · Alternate hash join type is SHUFFLE (aka partitioned)
  - Right side hashed and shuffled; each node gets ~1/Nth the data
  - · Left side hashed and shuffled, then streamed through join
  - Best choice for "large\_table JOIN large\_table"
  - Only available if ANALYZE was used to gather table/column stats\*



### Hinting Joins

```
select ...
from large_fact
join [broadcast] small_dim
```

```
select ...
from large_fact
join [shuffle] large_dim
```

\*square brackets required



#### Determining Join Type From EXPLAIN

```
explain
select
  s_state,
  count(*)
from store_sales
join store on (ss_store_sk = s_store_sk)
group by
  s_state;
2:HASH JOIN
   join op: INNER JOIN (BROADCAST)
   hash predicates:
     ss_store_sk = s_store_sk
   tuple ids: 0 1
 ---4: EXCHANGE
        tuple ids: 1
0:SCAN HDFS
  table=tpcds.store_sales
  tuple ids: 0
```

```
explain
select
 c_preferred_cust_flag,
 count(*)
from store_sales
join customer on (ss_customer_sk = c_customer_sk)
group by
 c_preferred_cust_flag;
2:HASH JOIN
   join op: INNER JOIN (PARTITIONED)
   hash predicates:
     ss_customer_sk = c_customer_sk
  tuple ids: 0 1
 ---5: EXCHANGE
        tuple ids: 1
4: EXCHANGE
tuple ids: 0
```

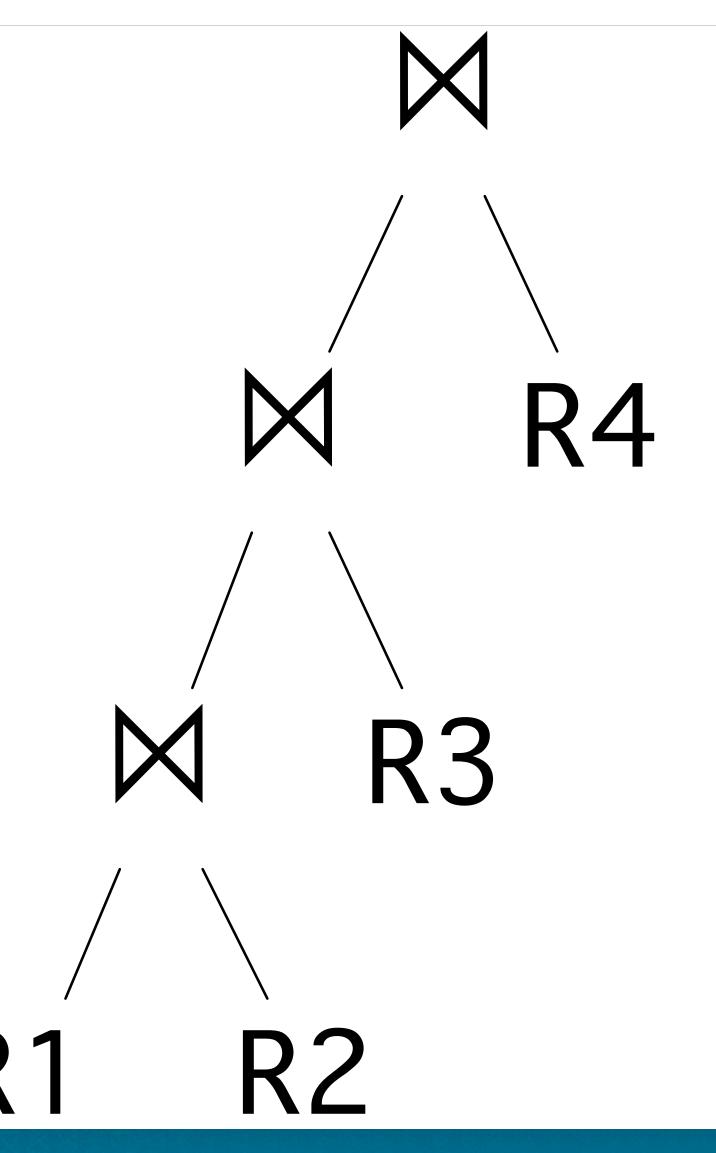
### Memory Requirements for Joins & Aggregates

- Impala does not "spill" to disk -- pipelines are in-memory
- ·Operators' mem usage need to fit within the memory limit
- This is not the same as "all data needs to fit in memory"
  - Buffered data generally significantly smaller than total accessed data
  - · Aggregations' mem usage proportional to number of groups
- Applies for each in-flight query (sum of total)
- Minimum of 128GB of RAM is recommended for impala nodes



### **Understanding Operators & Data Flow**

- Data is streamed directly between operators
- A producer can only send data as fast as the consumer can ingest it
- A "slow" operator may slow down the entire pipeline





#### How to use ANALYZE in the Hive shell

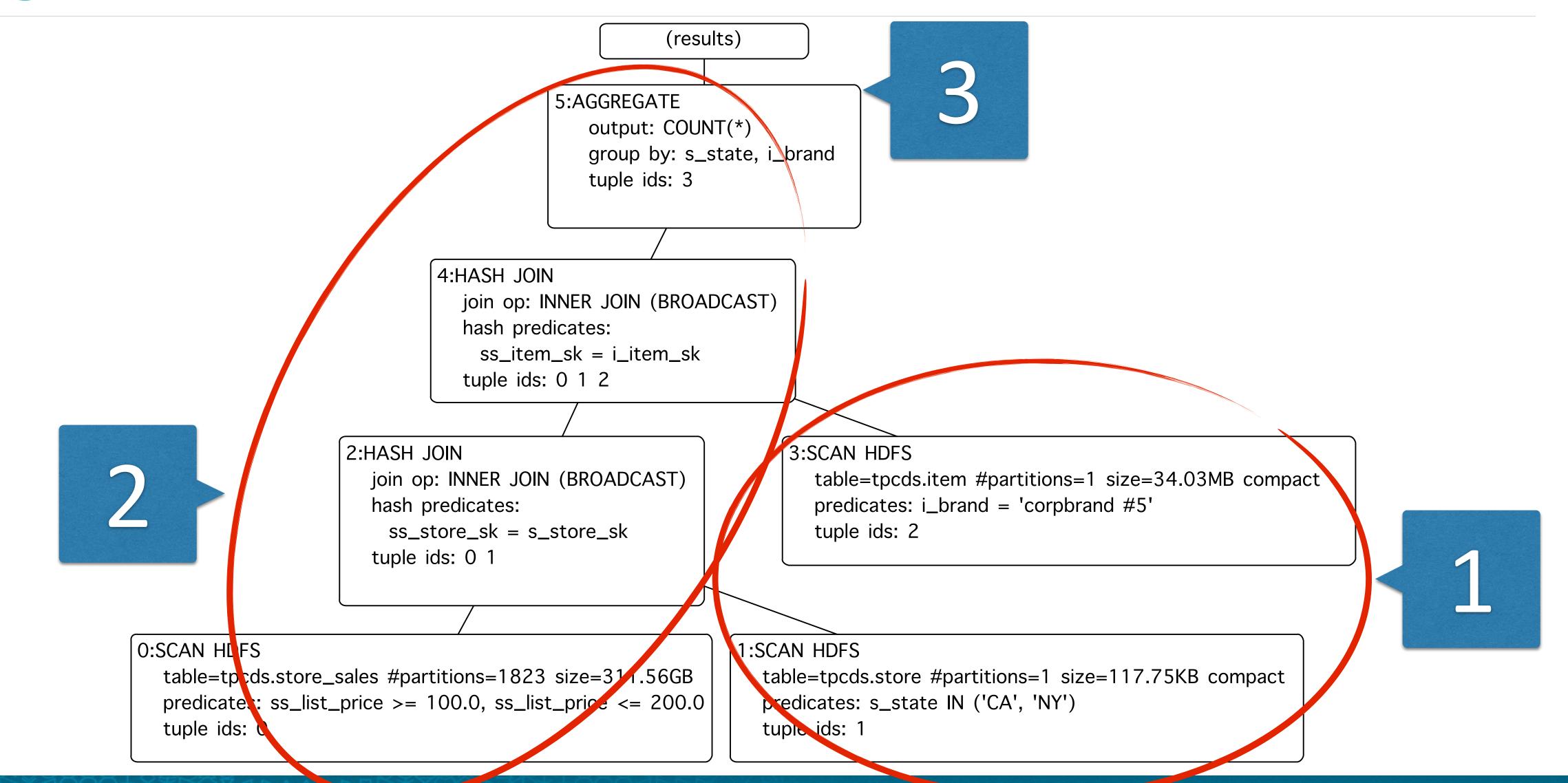
- Table Stats
  - analyze table unpartitioned\_tab compute statistics;
  - analyze table partitioned\_tab partition(partition\_key) compute statistics;
- Column Stats
  - analyze table unpartitioned\_tab compute statistics for columns c1,c2,...
  - analyze table partitioned\_tab partition(partition\_key) compute statistics for columns c1,c2,...



#### Query Execution Walkthrough

```
select
  s state,
 i_brand,
  count(*)
from store sales
join store on (ss_store_sk = s_store_sk)
join item on (ss_item_sk = i_item_sk)
where ss_list_price between 100.0 and 200.0
  and s_state in ('CA', 'NY')
  and i_brand = 'corpbrand #5'
```

### Logical Execution Plan





### Query Execution Plan

```
5:AGGREGATE
   output: COUNT(*)
  group by: s_state, i_brand
4: HASH JOIN
   join op: INNER JOIN (BROADCAST)
   hash predicates:
     ss_item_sk = i_item_sk
 ---7: EXCHANGE
        tuple ids: 2
2:HASH JOIN
   join op: INNER JOIN (BROADCAST)
   hash predicates:
     ss_store_sk = s_store_sk
 ---6: EXCHANGE
        tuple ids: 1
0:SCAN HDFS
   table=tpcds.store_sales #partitions=1823 size=311.56GB
   predicates: ss_list_price >= 100.0, ss_list_price <= 200.0</pre>
```



# Impala Debug Web Pages

A great resource for debug information



Impala / /backends /catalog /logs /memz /metrics /queries /sessions /varz

#### Version

```
impalad version 1.1.1 RELEASE (build 83d5868f005966883a918a819a449f636a5b3d5f)
Built on Fri, 23 Aug 2013 17:52:25 PST
```

#### **Hardware Info**

```
Cpu Info:
 Model: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU
                               L5630 @ 2.13GHz
 Cores: 16
 L1 Cache: 32.00 KB
 L2 Cache: 256.00 KB
 L3 Cache: 12.00 MB
 Hardware Supports:
    ssse3
   sse4_1
   sse4_2
   popcnt
Mem Info: 94.47 GB
Disk Info:
 Num disks 15:
    sda (rotational=true)
   sdb (rotational=true)
   sdc (rotational=true)
    sde (rotational=true)
    sdf (rotational=true)
    sda (rotational=true)
```

Impala



#### Queries

This page lists all registered queries, i.e., those that are not closed nor cancelled. 1 queries in flight

/catalog

/backends

/memz

/logs

User	Default Db	Statement	Query Type	Start Time	Backend Progress	State	# rows fetched	Profile	Action
grahn	tpcds	select i_item_id, s_state, avg(ss_quantity) agg1, avg(ss_list_price) agg2, avg(ss_coupon_amt) agg3, avg(ss_sales_price) agg4 from store_sales join store on (store_sales.ss_store_sk = store.s_store_sk) join customer_demographics on (store_sales.ss_cdemo_sk = customer_demographics.cd_demo_sk) join item on (store_sales.ss_item_sk = item.i_item_sk) where 1=1 and s_state in ('WI', 'CA', 'TX', 'FL', 'WA', 'TN') and cd_gender = 'F' and cd_marital_status = 'W' and cd_education_status = 'Primary'	QUERY	2013-10-21 18:00:08.022875000	174 / 2131 (8.16518%)	RUNNING		Profile	Cancel

/metrics

/queries

/varz

/sessions

#### **Query Locations**

Location	Number of Fragments
m0523.mtv.cloudera.com:22000	1
m0521.mtv.cloudera.com:22000	1
m0519.mtv.cloudera.com:22000	1
m0525.mtv.cloudera.com:22000	1
m0517.mtv.cloudera.com:22000	1

#### **Finished Queries**

User	Default Db	Statement	Query Type	Start Time	End Time	Backend Progress	State	# rows fetched	Profile
grahn	default	use tpcds	DDL	2013-10-21 16:42:44.956126000	2013-10-21 16:42:44.961133000	N/A	FINISHED	0	Profile
grahn	tpcds	select i_item_id, s_state, avg(ss_quantity) agg1, avg(ss_list_price) agg2, avg(ss_coupon_amt) agg3, avg(ss_sales_price) agg4 from	QUERY	2013-10-21 16:39:07.710767000	2013-10-21 16:40:41.146307000	2131 / 2131 ( 100%)	FINISHED	100	Profile

# What is the hardware doing?

Monitoring system resources



sourceforgi



Latest Version: 3.6.9 October 18 2013

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warning: I'm declaring sexpr and nvidia deprecated and will remove them from the kit in 2014

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There are a number of times in which you find yourself needing performance data. These can include benchmarking, monitoring a system's general heath or trying to determine what your system was doing at some time in the past. Sometimes you just want to know what the system is doing right now. Depending on what you're doing, you often end up using different tools, each designed to for that specific situation.

Unlike most monitoring tools that either focus on a small set of statistics, format their output in only one way, run either interatively or as a daemon but not both, collect tries to do it all. You can choose to monitor any of a broad set of subsystems which currently include buddyinfo, cpu, disk, inodes, infiniband, lustre, memory, network, nfs, processes, quadrics, slabs, sockets and tcp.

The following is an example taken while writing a large file and running the collectl command with no arguments. By default it shows cpu, network and disk stats in brief format. The key point of this format is all output appears on a single line making it much easier to spot spikes or other anomalies in the output:

[mjs@	[mjs@poker] collect1										
											>
#cpu	sys	inter	ctxsw	KBRead	Reads	KBWrit	Writes	netKBı	pkt-in	netKBo	pkt-out
37	37	382	188	0	0	27144	254	45	68	3	21
25	25	366	180	20	4	31280	296	0	1	0	0
25	25	368	183	0	0	31720	275	2	20	0	1

In this example, taken while writing to an NFS mounted filesystem, collectl displays interrupts, memory usage and nfs activity with timestamps. Keep in mind that you can mix and match any data and in the case of brief format you simply need to have a window wide enough to accommodate your output.

You can also display the same information in verbose format, in which case you get a single line for each type of data at the expense of more screen real estate, as can be seen in this example of network data during NFS writes. Note how you can actually see the network traffic stall while waiting for the server to physically write the data.

```
[mjs@poker] collectl -sn --verbose -oT
# NETWORK SUMMARY (/sec)
          KBIn PktIn SizeIn MultI
                                    CmpI ErrIn KBOut PktOut SizeO
                                                                      CmpO ErrOut
          3255 41000
                                              0 112015 78837 1454
08:46:35
                         81
08:46:36
                         70
                                                    29
                                                          25
                                                             1174
                   2
                         70
                                                    0
                                                           2
                                                              134
08:46:37
             0
```

#### **Collectl Utilities**

Latest Version: 4.7.1, March 20, 2013

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NEW! colqui will be removed from kit in 2014 - you should use colmux!

The version numbering has now changed so collectl-utils, colplot and colmux are all the same

The focus of collect has always been efficient performance data collection and its display on a single machine. This set of utilities have been developed to enhace the use of collect in 2 dimensions:

- graphics
- multi-system support

#### **Graphics**

Colplot is a web-based plotting utility that uses gnuplot to generate plots against collectl-generated files that have been generated in plot format. The sample plot on the collectl home page was generated with colplot.

There are over 70 standard plots and a definition language that allows you to define your own if none of the existing ones meet your needs. If there are files for more than one system, colplot will generate separate plots for each system. Colplot also has an option that allows it to periodically redisplay the plots, which means if the files you point it to are being updated in real-time, colplot can show a dynamic plot. It can also save plots as invidual png files, as pdf files if ghostscript is installed or even email them to you. There is also a command line interface that will run on an X-enabled terminal.

Colgui is a utility whose focus is to display reasonably dense real-time graphics for one or more systems by starting collectl and directing it to send its output back to itself. Colgui requires perl-tk to build the graphics, which unfortunately is not the most efficient way to do this and so I'm officially declaring it end-of-life and will be removing it from the kit some time after 2014. While it seems to work reasonably well for less than 10 or 20 systems and could actually be a good starting point for someone who might like to build their own implementation, I personally haven't used it in years, especially after writing colmux. In fact, if you want to try building your own implementation colmux is a much better starting point and if you ask, I'll be happy to help get you started.

I've tried real hard to keep the quality of collectl and the utilities up to the highest quality by <u>eating my own dog food</u> and use collectl, colmux and colplot literally every day to see what's happening with all the servers in HP's Public Cloud. I just don't find colgui all that useful anymore and fear my lack of use will lead to longer term problems and really don't want to spend any time trying to support it. Since the main bulk of its code is actually shared with *colplot*, there's a good chance it will continue to work just fine, but as I said try colmux and I think you'll find it much more useful.

#### **Multi-system Support**

As already described above, both colplot and colgui support multiple systems and for looking at many types of data, particularly of a historical nature, colplot is really the only way to go. However, there are times when you want to look at what's going on (or went on in the past) on your cluster and want to see real numbers.

How many times is top the very first utility you run to see what's happening on your system? Colmux can do just that for an entire cluster of systems, supporing the ability to run virtually any collectl command in a top-like fashion, complete with sorting by any column. Sometimes you may be only interested in looking at one or two types of data as a single row of numbers, watching for changes in behaviors between lines. Colmux supports this form of output as well.

Like colgui, this utility starts collectl running on a number of systems and directs them to send their output back but rather than display graphics it can either sort the results by a column of your choice, displaying only as many lines as will fit in your terminal window OR display columns of text for that small number of user-specified data elements. By displaying this data in these two compact forms it makes it very easy to see a high-level view of what all systems in your cluster are doing and if any misbehave they're very easy to identify.

updated Feb 22, 2011





#### Introduction

Have you ever seen an nfs server getting beaten up but didn't know which of the many hundreds of clients were doing the beating? Or have you wondered if an application was leaking memory when it ran but there was no easy way to observe all the memory on all the nodes at the same time? Or how about whether or not a few disks in a large farm had slow access times and so were slowing down all the disks? It has always been easy to observe all of these types of behaviors with collectl one node at a time, or even plot the data after the fact with colplot. But observing cluster-wide activity in real-time has never been that easy, until now.

As its name implies, colmux is a collectl multiplexor, which allows one to collect data from multiple systems and treat it as a single data stream, essentially extending collectl's functionality to a set of hosts rather than a single one. Colmux has been tested on clusters of over 1000 nodes but one should also take note that this will put a heavier load on the system on which colmux is running.

Colmux runs in 2 distinct modes: Real-Time and Playback. In real-time mode, colmux actually communicates with instances of collectl running on remote systems which in turn are collecting real-time performance metrics. In playback mode colmux also communicates with a remote copy of collectl but in this case collectl is playing back a data file collected some time in the past.

Colmux can also provide its output in 2 distinct formats: single-line and multi-line. In single-line format colmux reports the multiplexed data from all systems on a single line by allowing the user to choose a small number of variables to display, based on both the display width and the number of systems. While it is possibly to handle more than a couple of dozen systems, (see the example at the bottom of this page), one rarely does so because of the screen width or their ability to read 1-point font. However it is also possible to redirect the output to a file for *off-line* viewing, via a text editor or a spreadsheet.

Colmux has been extensively tested on versions of collectl from V3.3.6 forward and there have been some additional enhancements made to V3.5.0, which is the recommended minimal version. You should first make sure all the systems of interest have the latest versions of collectl installed or at least those at V3.3.6 or newer.

Colmux also provides the ability for dynamic interaction with the keyboard arrow keys if the optional perl module Term::ReadKey has been installed. To see if this is the case and that colmux can find it run with -v and you should see the following:

colmux -v colmux: 3.0 (Term::ReadKey: V2.30)

#### Restriction

Colmux requires passwordless ssh between it and all hosts it is monitoring

#### Using colmux

Although colmux does not have any required switches, -command is one of the two most important as you use it to tell collectl what switches to use when running. Colmux will then take care of multiplexing the command out to multiple instances of collectl either running them in real-time or playback mode. The other key switch, also not required but typically used, is address because it identifies the remote system(s) on which to run colmux. The default addess is that of the host colmux is running on.

The inclusion of a playback filename in the collectl command instructs colmux to run in playback mode and the use of colmux's -cols switch tells it to produce output in single-line format. By using various combinations of these switches you can get colmux to run in any 4 distinct modes as shown in the following table:

	Real-Time	Playback
Single-line	-cols	-command "-p filename" -cols
Multi-line	default	-command "-p filename"

Let's discuss these 4 options separately to give a better feel for what they actually mean and when you might use them. Note that the 2 operational modes have nothing to do with the way the data is displayed and the 2 formats have nothing to do with the way the data is collected - in other words a complete separation between form and function.

### Using collectl + colmux (text files)

```
$ colmux -address m05[10-14] -command "-scdn --dskopts i -i 2" -column host -reverse
# Mon Oct 21 19:49:09 2013 Connected: 5 of 5
     #Host cpu sys inter ctxsw/KBRead Reads Size KBWrit Writes Size
                                                          KBIn PktIn
                                                                     KB0ut
                                                                           Pkt0ut
m0510
      40
          8 21850
                  28717
                        1083K
                               8701
                                    128
                                           22
                                                     15
                                                          2511
                                                                1842
                                                                       146
                                                                              563
m0511
          5 16607
                  23605
                        1081K
                               8596
                                    134
      30
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                                                                      2003
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m0512
     42
          8 21950
                  28289
                        1066K
                               8546
                                    128
                                                     19
                                                          2392
                                                                1763
                                                                              566
                                                                      198
                  28365
                               8693
m0513
      40
          8 22608
                        1085K
                                    128
                                                                1718
                                                                              580
                                                          2331
                                                                      210
                  29633\ 1084K/
          9 33925
                               8609 129
                                           18
                                                     18
m0514
                                                          996
                                                                1644
                                                                      5571
                                                                             4188
```

Returned 100 row(s) in 283.22s

I/O maxed out at 1GB/s per node



### Using collectl + colmux (parquet format)

```
$ colmux -address m05[10-14] -command "-scdn --dskopts i -i 2" -column host -reverse
# Mon Oct 21 19:59:43 2013 Connected: 5 of 5
     #Host cpu sys inter ctxsw/KBRead Reads Size KBWrit Writes Size
                                                        KBIn PktIn
                                                                   KB0ut
                                                                         Pkt0ut
                 50547 155648
m0510
          2 13362
                                          28
                              1219
                                   128
                                                    11
                                                          32
                                                                38
                                                                      10
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m0511
          3 15997
                 5188B 323776
                              2524
                                   128
                                                                             85
     60
m0512
          3 14019
                 51875 217086
                              1701
                                   128
                                                          44
                                                                             64
          2 13917
                 51271 204420
                              1610
                                   127
                                                                             55
m0513
     59
                                                                      13
          2 14555
                 52411 252984
                              1981 128
m0514
                                                          78
                                                                      21
                                                                             89
```

Returned 100 row(s) in 96.62s

3x query speedup

Less than 1/3 the I/O thanks to Parquet format



## Quick Review

Impala performance checklist



### Impala Performance Checklist

- Choose appropriate data types
- Leverage partition pruning
- Adopt Parquet format
- Gather table & column stats
- Order JOINS optimally
- Validate JOIN type
- Monitor hardware resources

Automatic in v1.2.1



### Test drive Impala

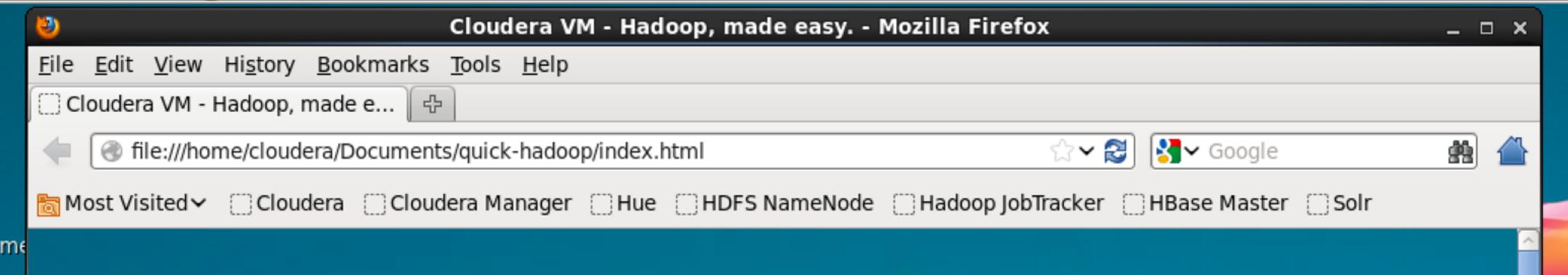
- Impala Community:
  - Download: http://cloudera.com/impala
  - Github: https://github.com/cloudera/impala
  - User group: impala-user on groups.cloudera.org







CentOS



#### cloudera

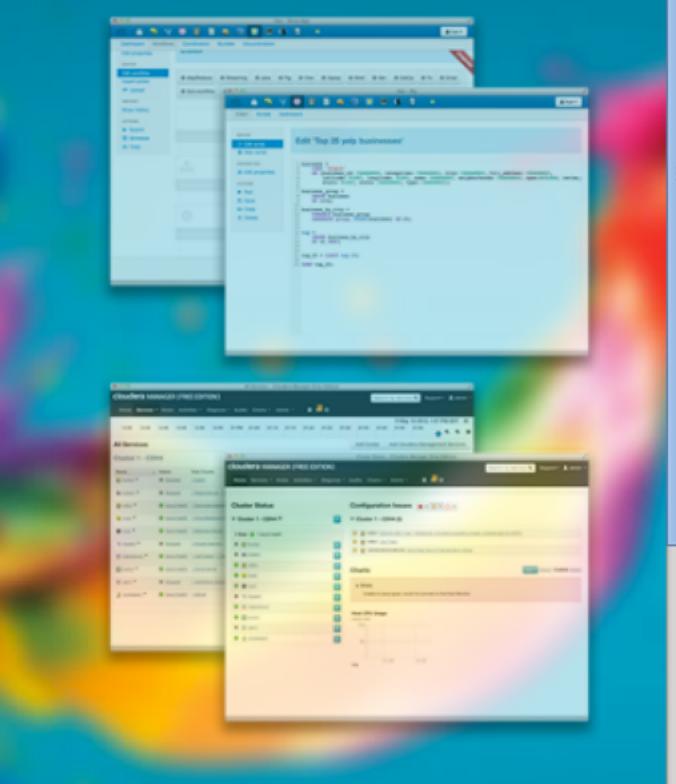
Hadoop, made easy.

#### Use Hadoop

Query Apache Hive and Cloudera Impala, search and customize Apache Solr, browse and manipulate files and directories in the Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS), create and run Apache Pig scripts, visually manage Apache Oozie workflow/coordinator/bundle applications, create, submit and browse MapReduce jobs...

#### **Administer Hadoop**

Setup and monitor the health of the cluster, start and stop services like HDFS, Job Tracker, update and deploy configurations, search logs, perform audits, analyse performance graphs and metrics...



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Thank you.



