Airavat: Security and Privacy for MapReduce

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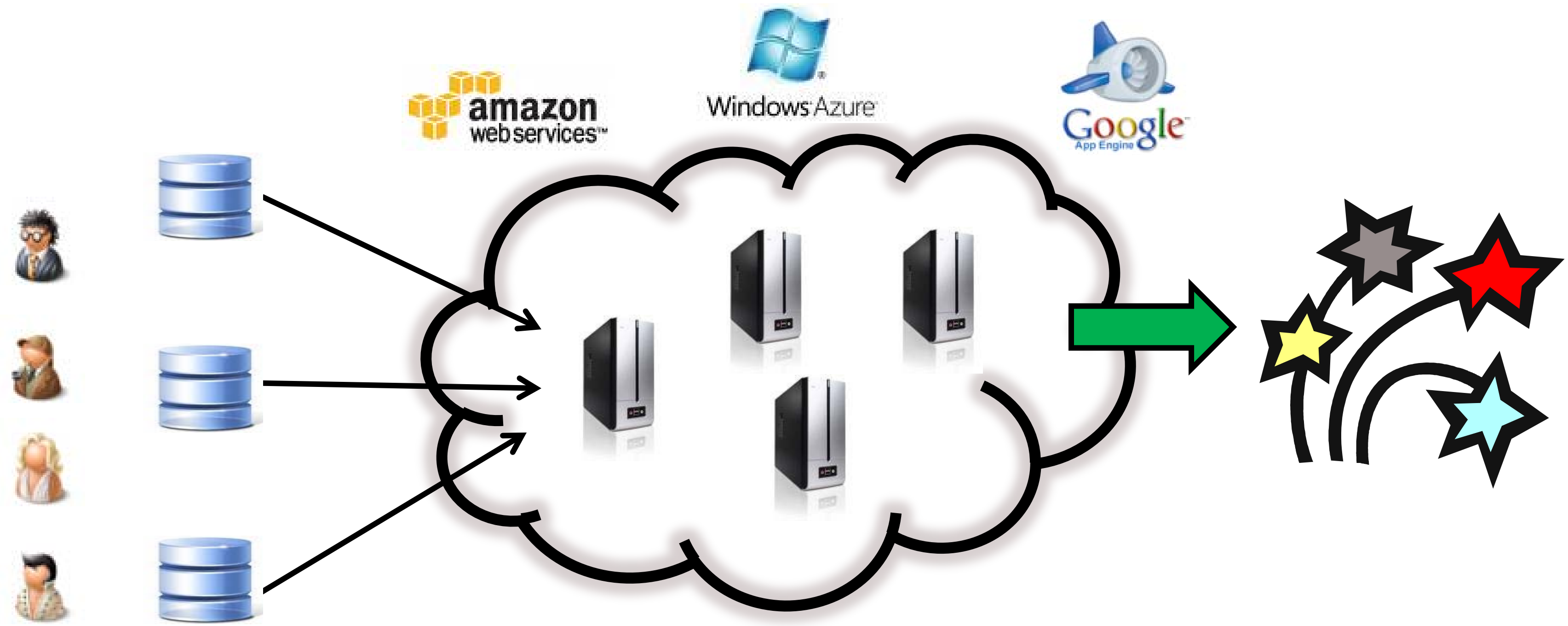
Computing in the year 201X

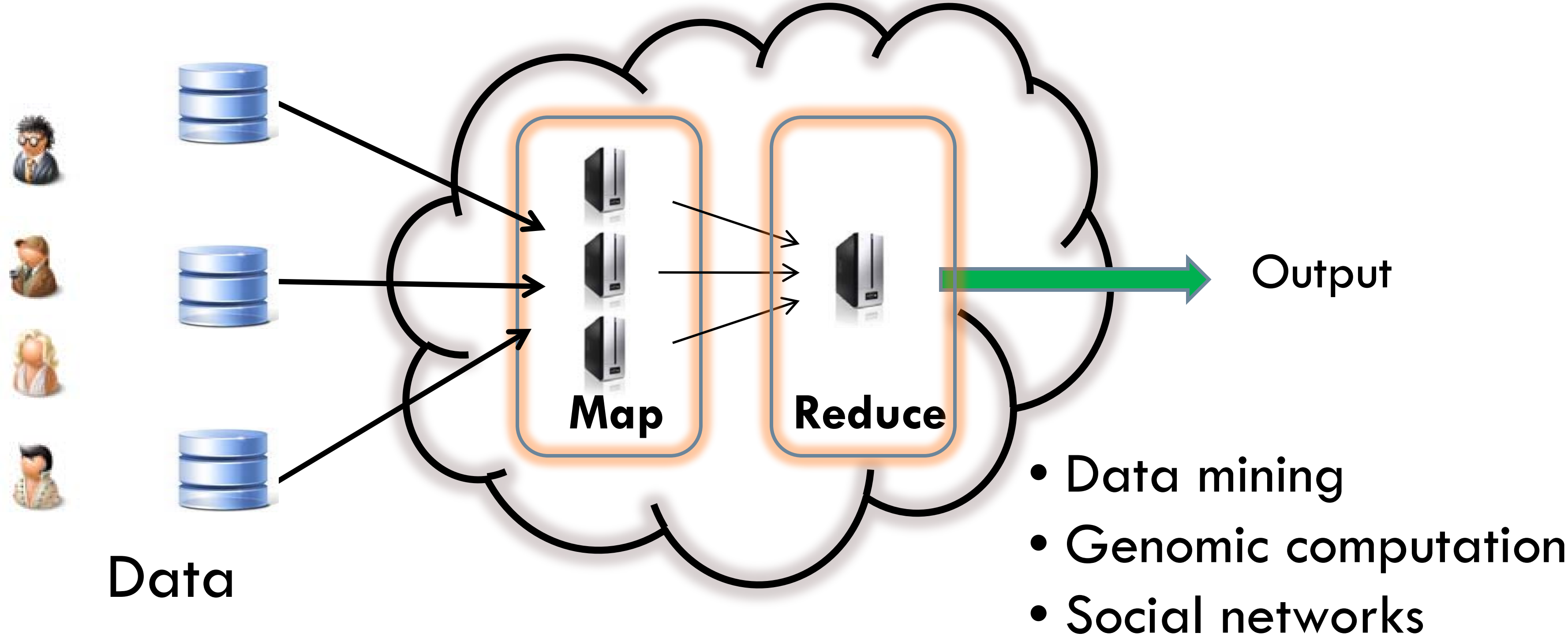


Data

- Illusion of infinite resources
- Pay only for resources used
- Quickly scale up or scale down …

Programming model in year 201X

- Frameworks available to ease cloud programming
- MapReduce: Parallel processing on clusters of machines

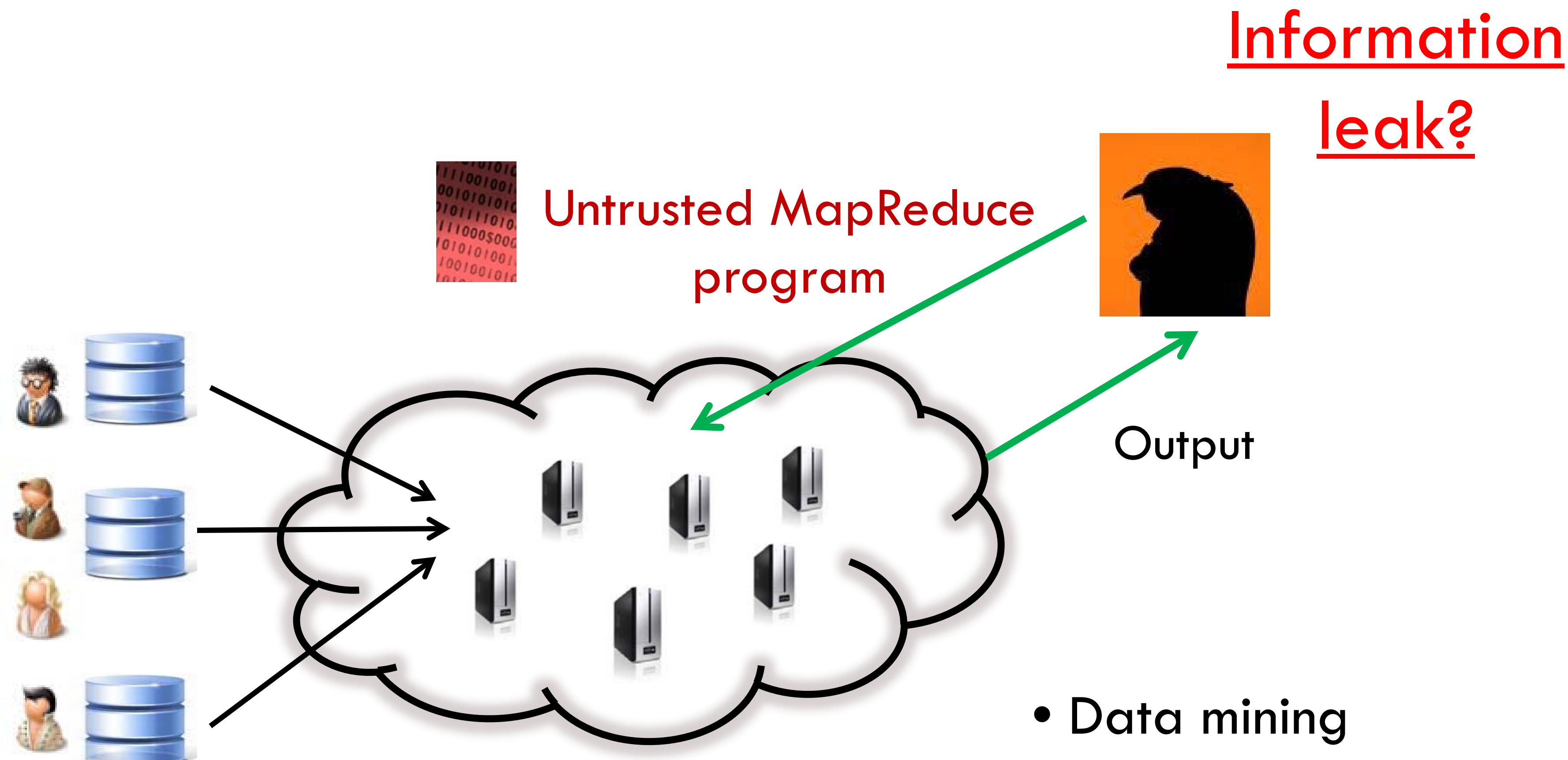


Programming model in year 201X

- Thousands of users upload their data
  - Healthcare, shopping transactions, census, click stream
- Multiple third parties mine the data for better service

- Example: Healthcare data
- Incentive to contribute: Cheaper insurance policies, new drug research, inventory control in drugstores…
- Fear: What if someone targets my personal data?
  - Insurance company can find my illness and increase premium

Privacy in the year 201X ?



Health Data

- Data mining
- Genomic computation
- Social networks

Use de-identification?

- Achieves ‘privacy’ by syntactic transformations
  - Scrubbing , k-anonymity …
- Insecure against attackers with external information
  - Privacy fiascoes: AOL search logs, Netflix dataset

Run untrusted code on the original data?

How do we ensure privacy of the users?

Audit the untrusted code?

- Audit all MapReduce programs for correctness?

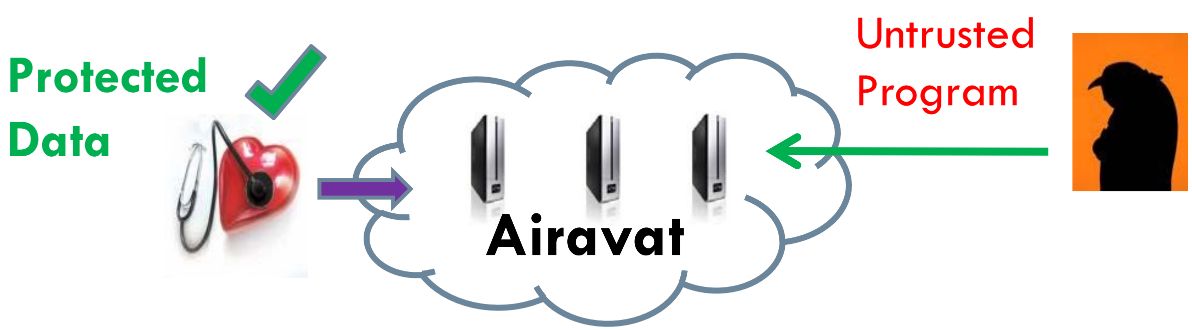
Aim: Confine the code instead of auditing

Hard to do! Enlightenment?

Also, where is the source code?

This talk: Airavat

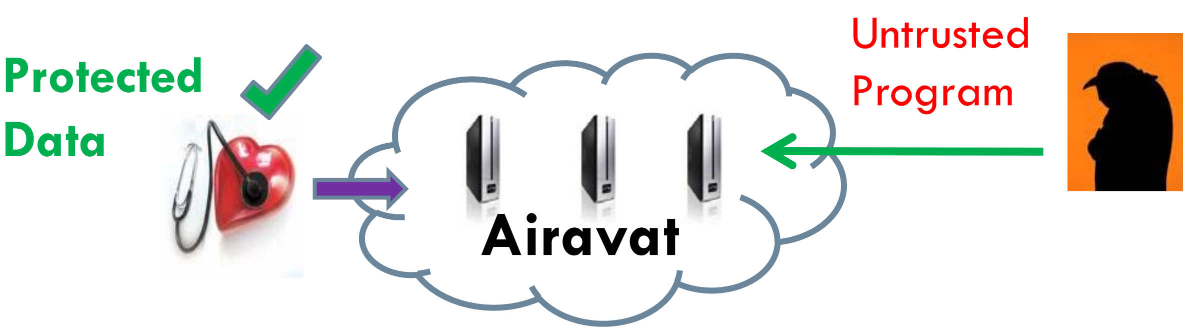
Framework for privacy-preserving MapReduce computations with untrusted code.



Airavat is the elephant of the clouds (Indian mythology).

Airavat guarantee

Bounded information leak* about any individual data after performing a MapReduce computation.



*Differential privacy

Outline

- Motivation
- Overview
- Enforcing privacy
- Evaluation
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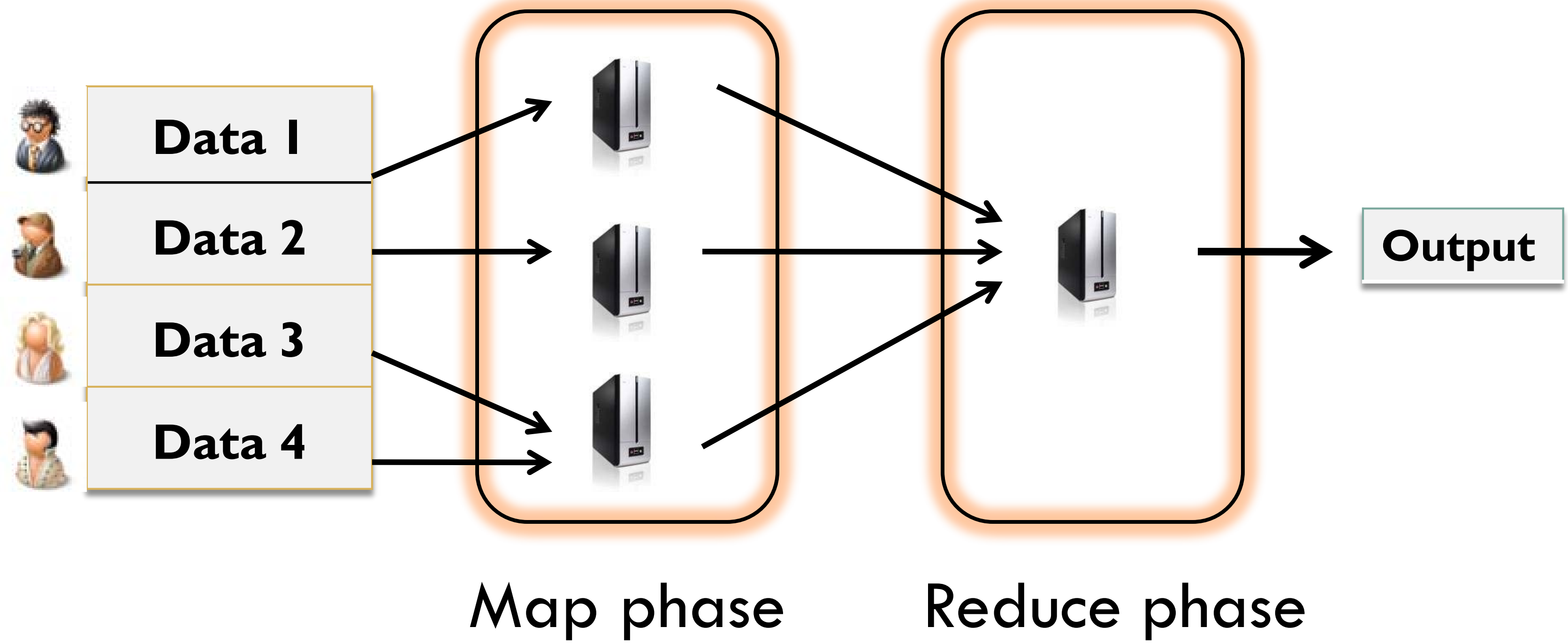
Background: MapReduce

map(k_1,v_1) → list(k_2,v_2)
reduce(k_2, list(v_2)) → list(v_2)

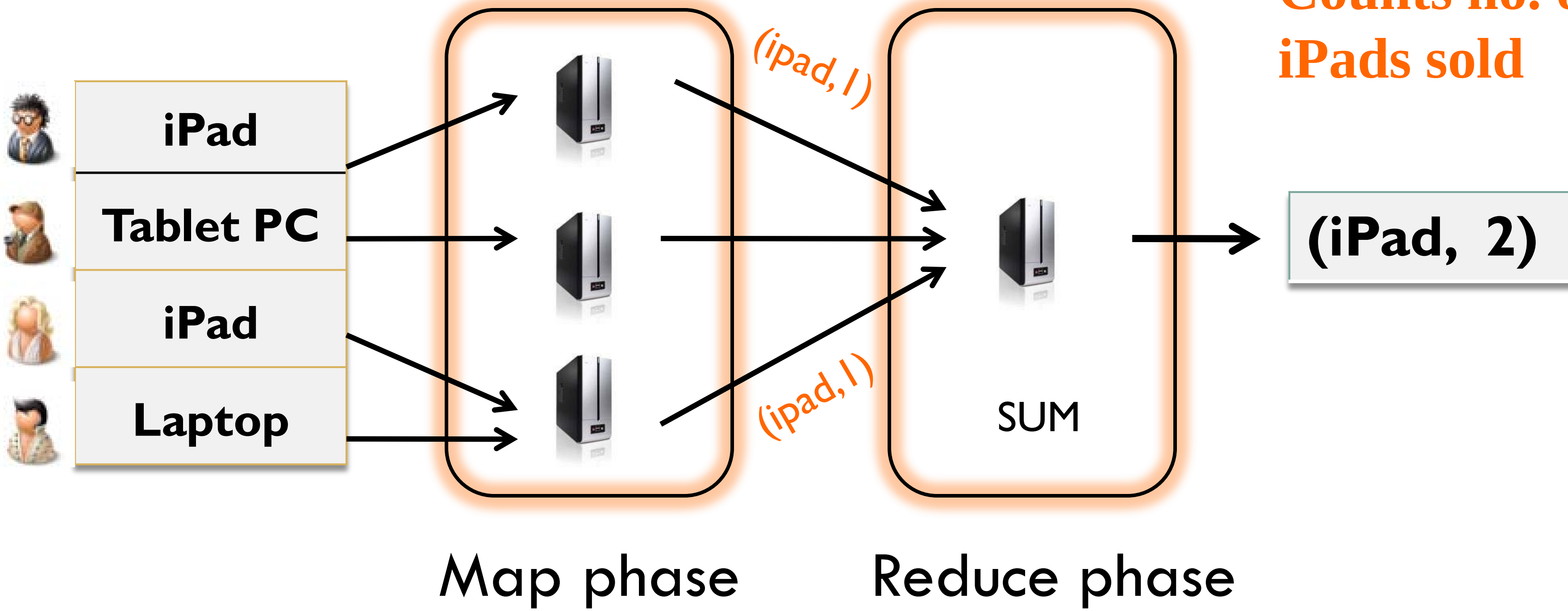


MapReduce example

Map(input)→{ if (input has iPad) print (iPad, 1) }

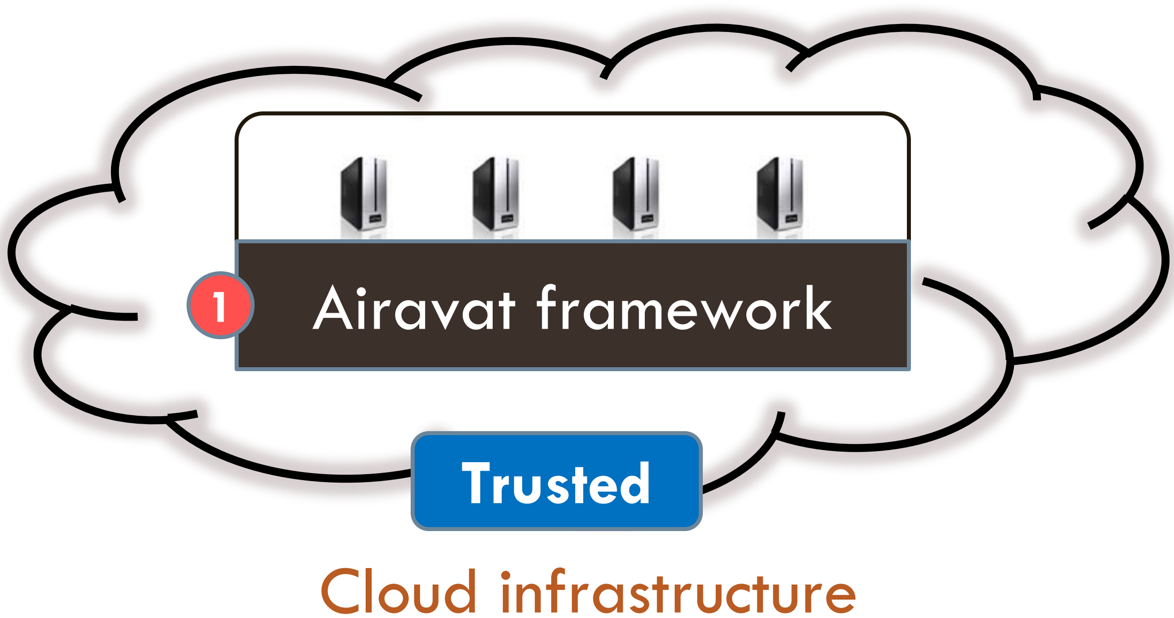
Reduce(key, list(v))→{ print (key + “,”+ SUM(v)) }

Counts no. of iPads sold



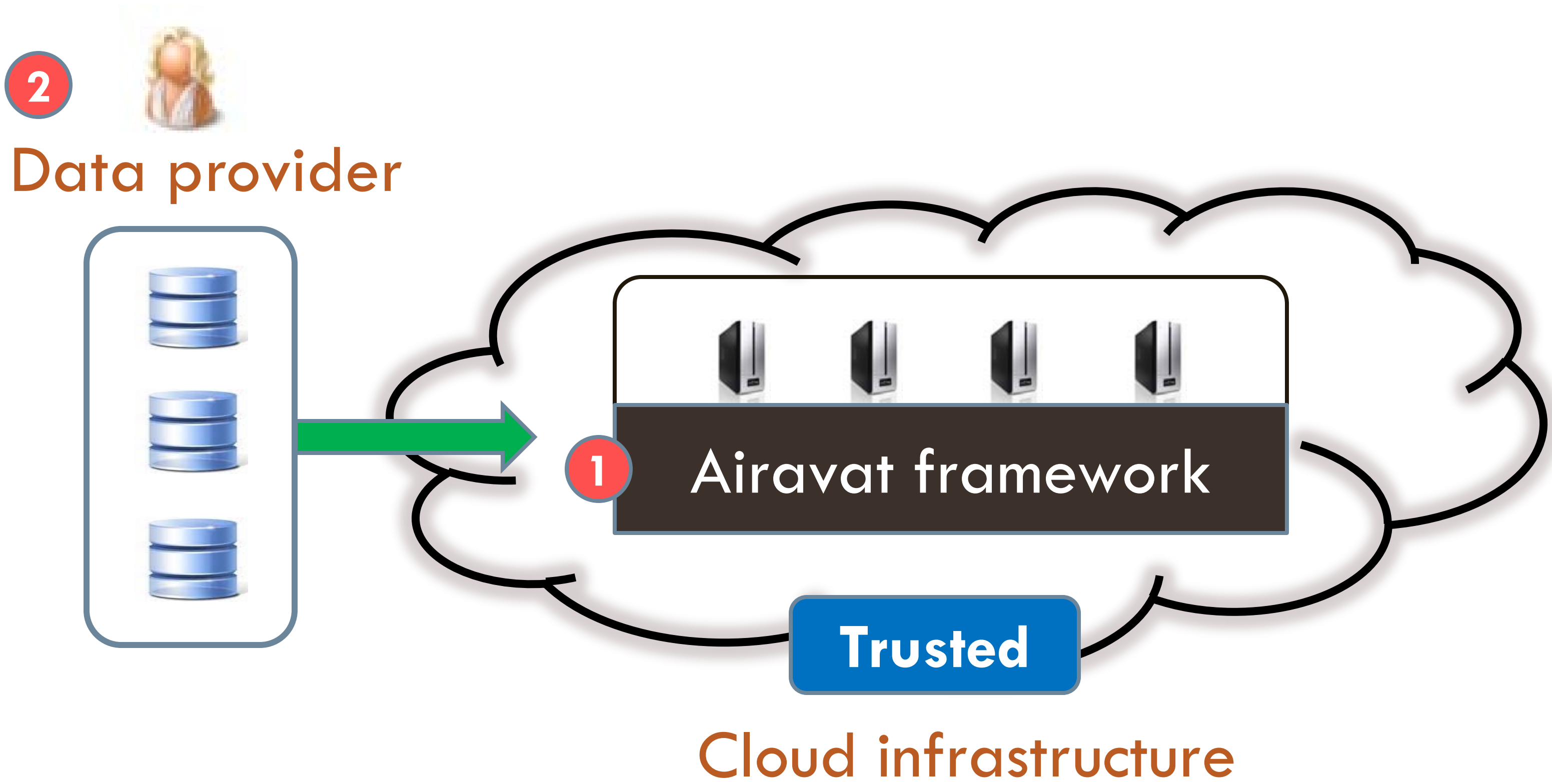
Airavat model

- Airavat framework runs on the cloud infrastructure
  - Cloud infrastructure: Hardware + VM
  - Airavat: Modified MapReduce + DFS + JVM + SELinux



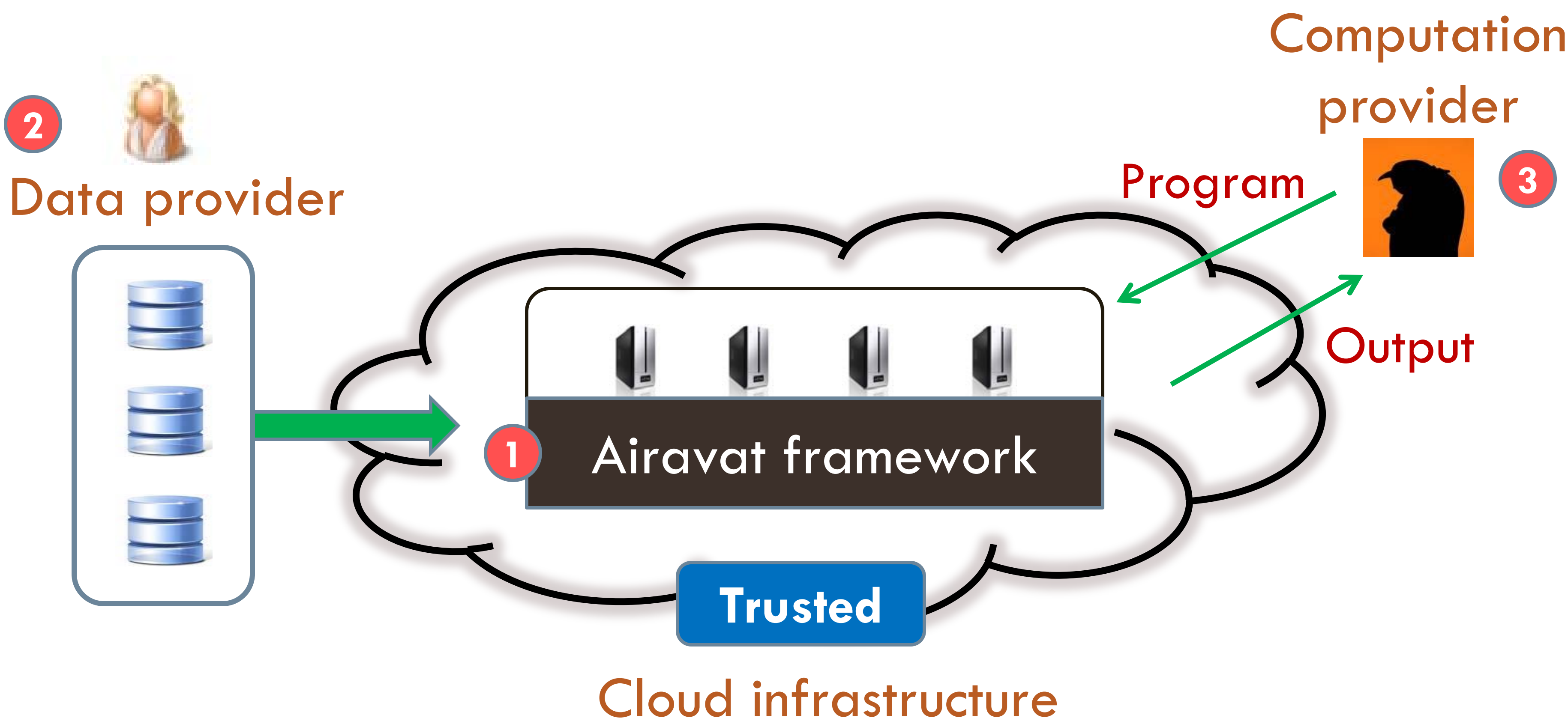
Airavat model

- Data provider uploads her data on Airavat
  - Sets up certain privacy parameters



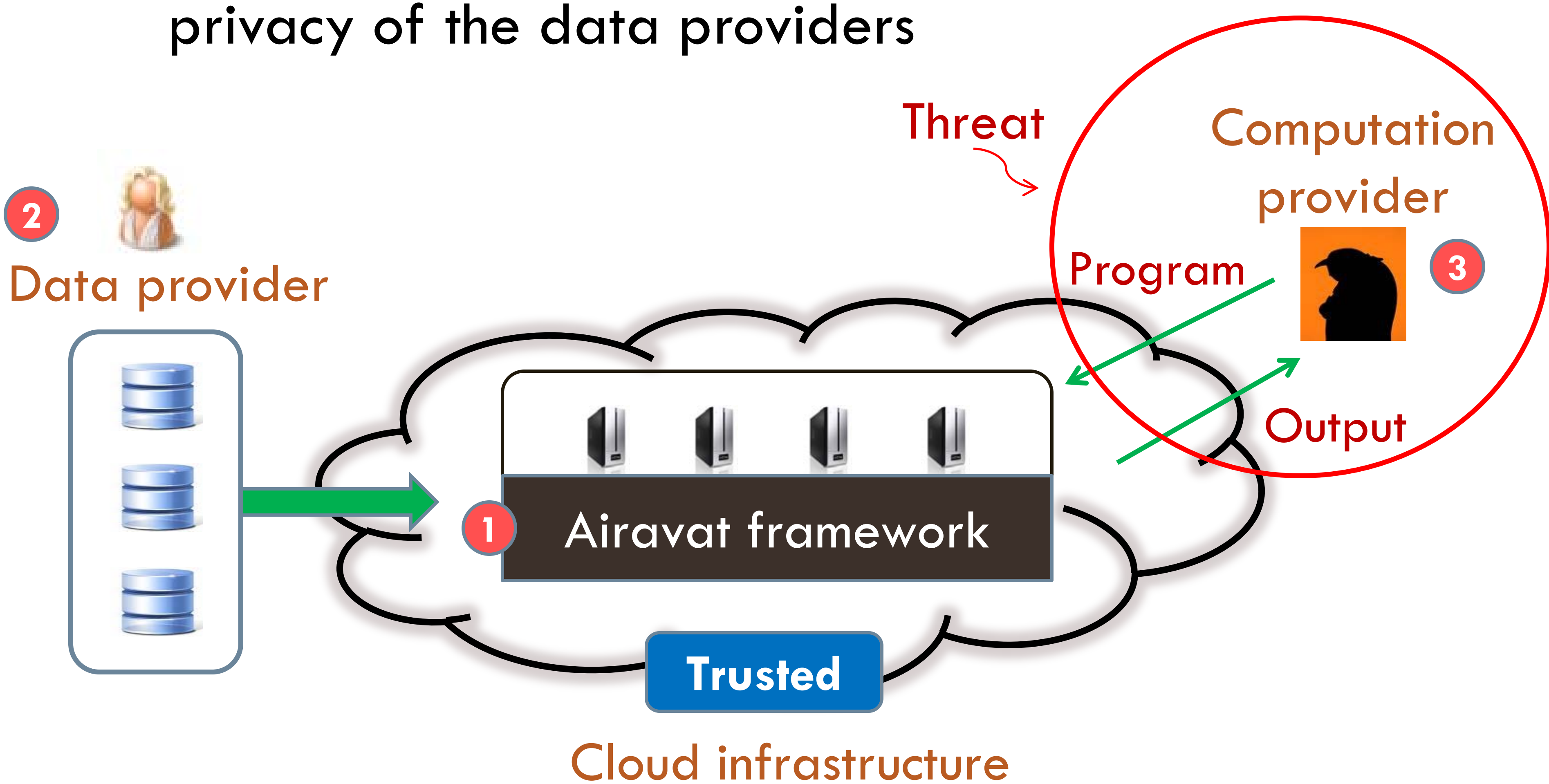
Airavat model

- Computation provider writes data mining algorithm
  - Untrusted, possibly malicious



Threat model

- Airavat runs the computation, and still protects the privacy of the data providers



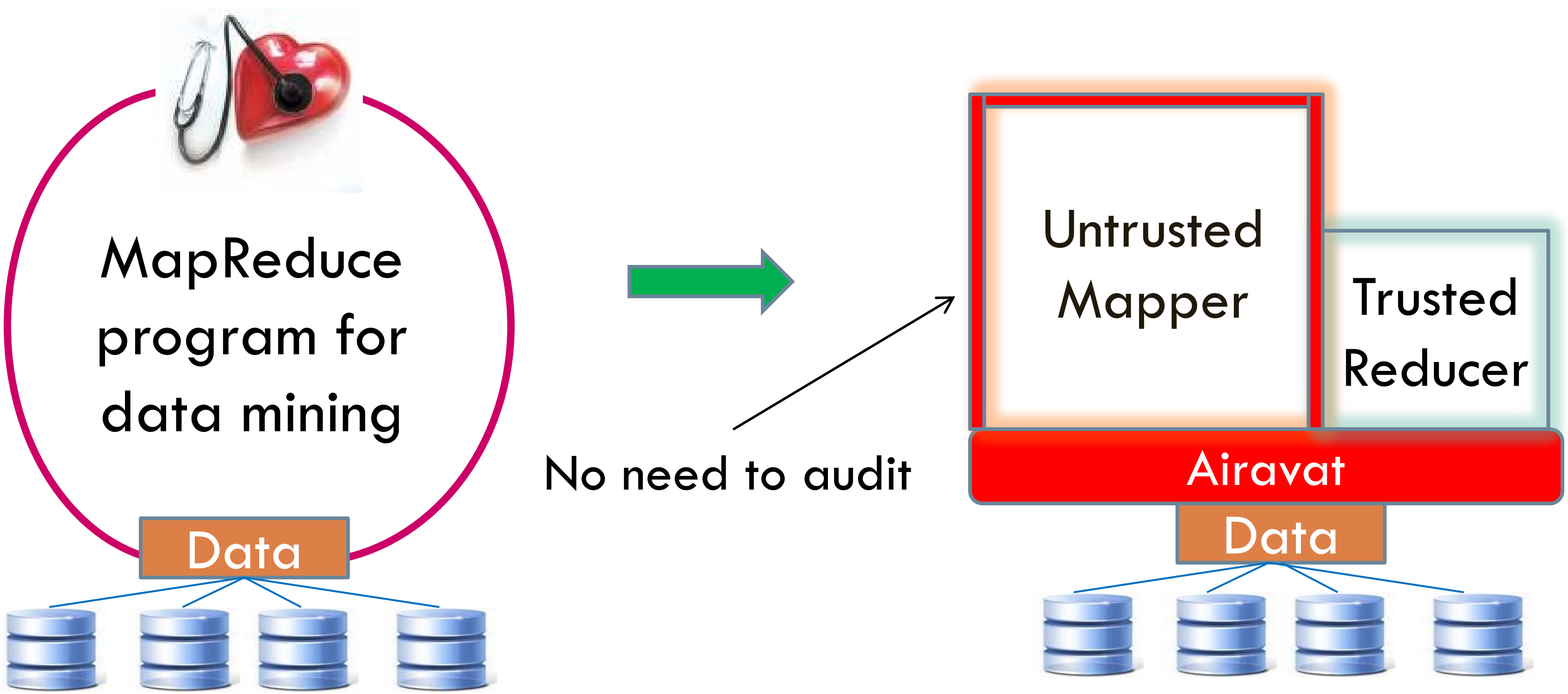
Roadmap

- What is the programming model?
- How do we enforce privacy?
- What computations can be supported in Airavat?

Programming model

Split MapReduce into untrusted mapper + trusted reducer

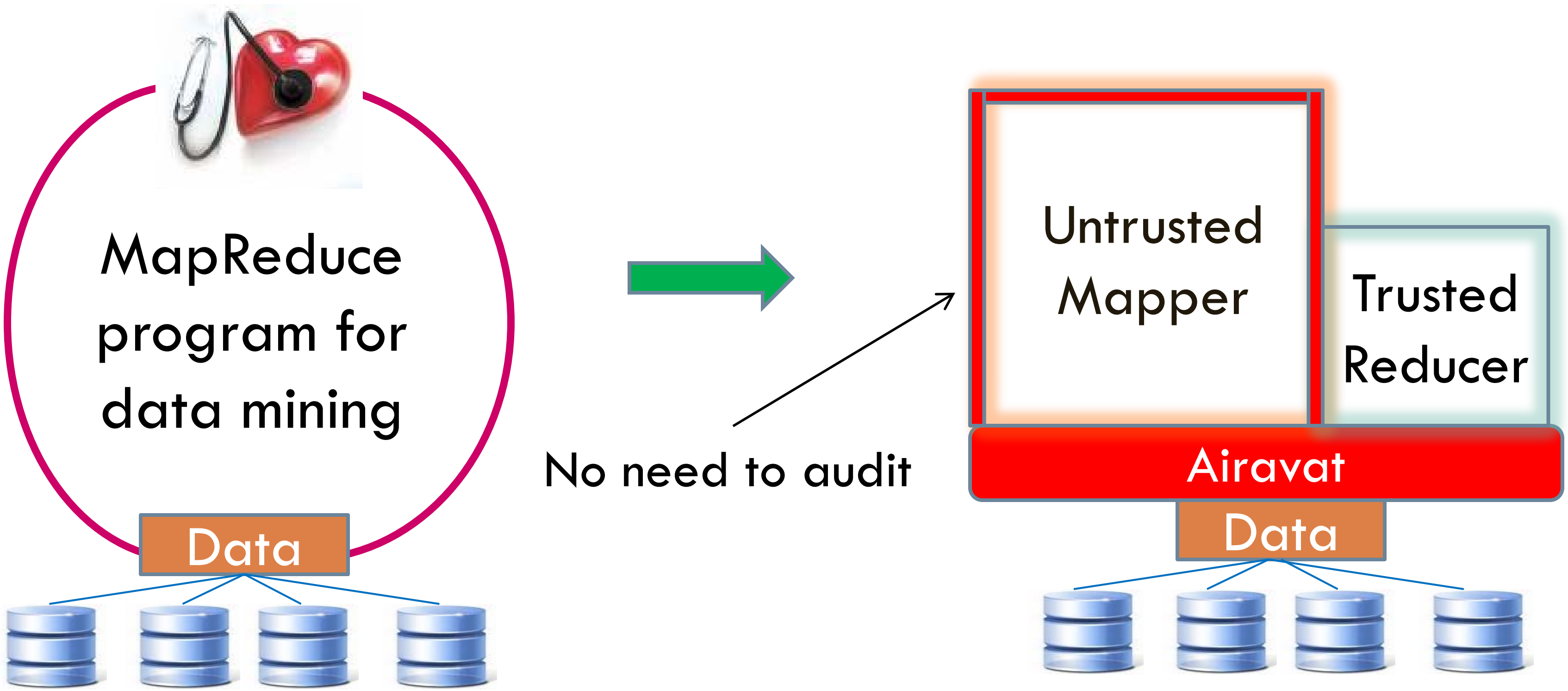
Limited set of stock reducers



Programming model

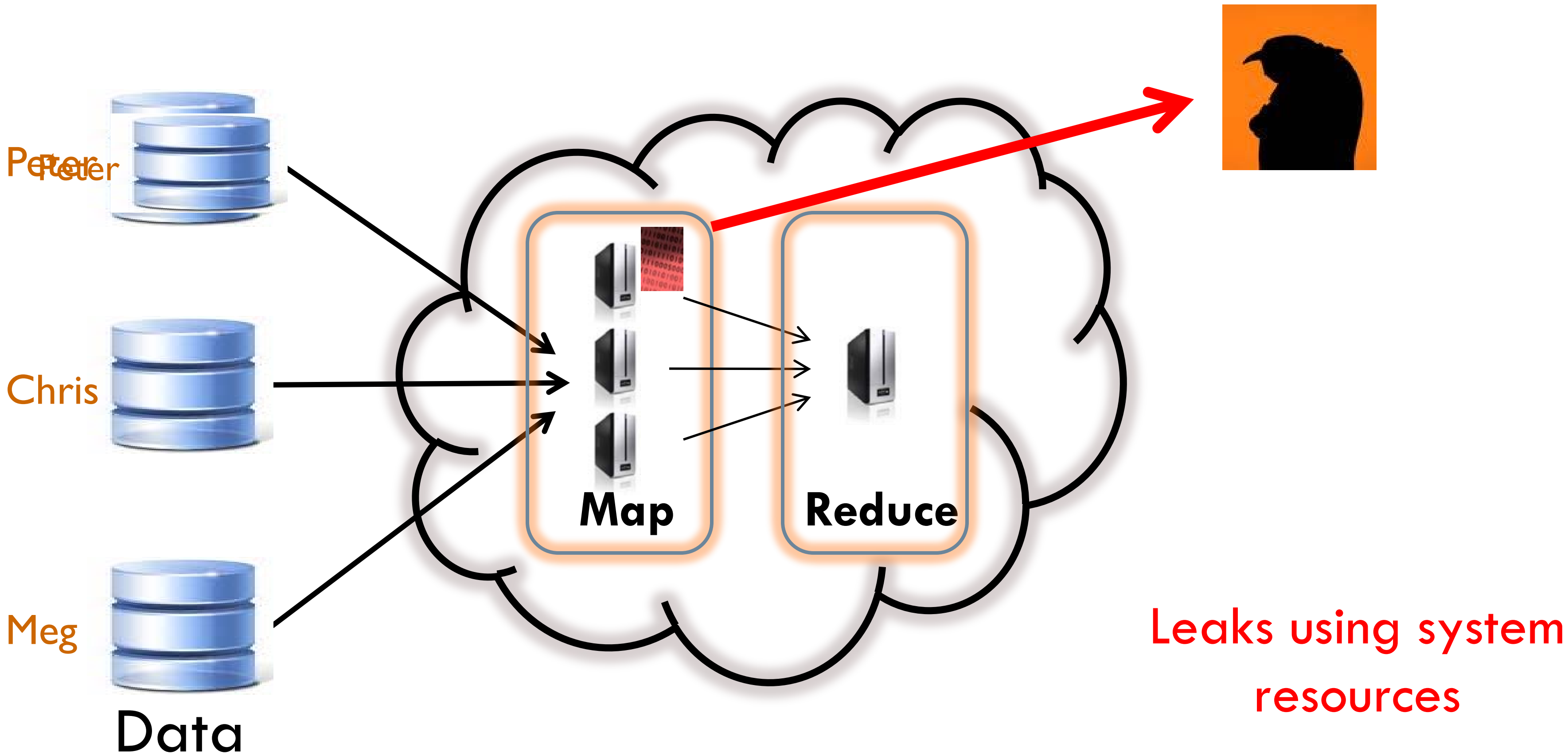
Need to confine the mappers !

Guarantee: Protect the privacy of data providers



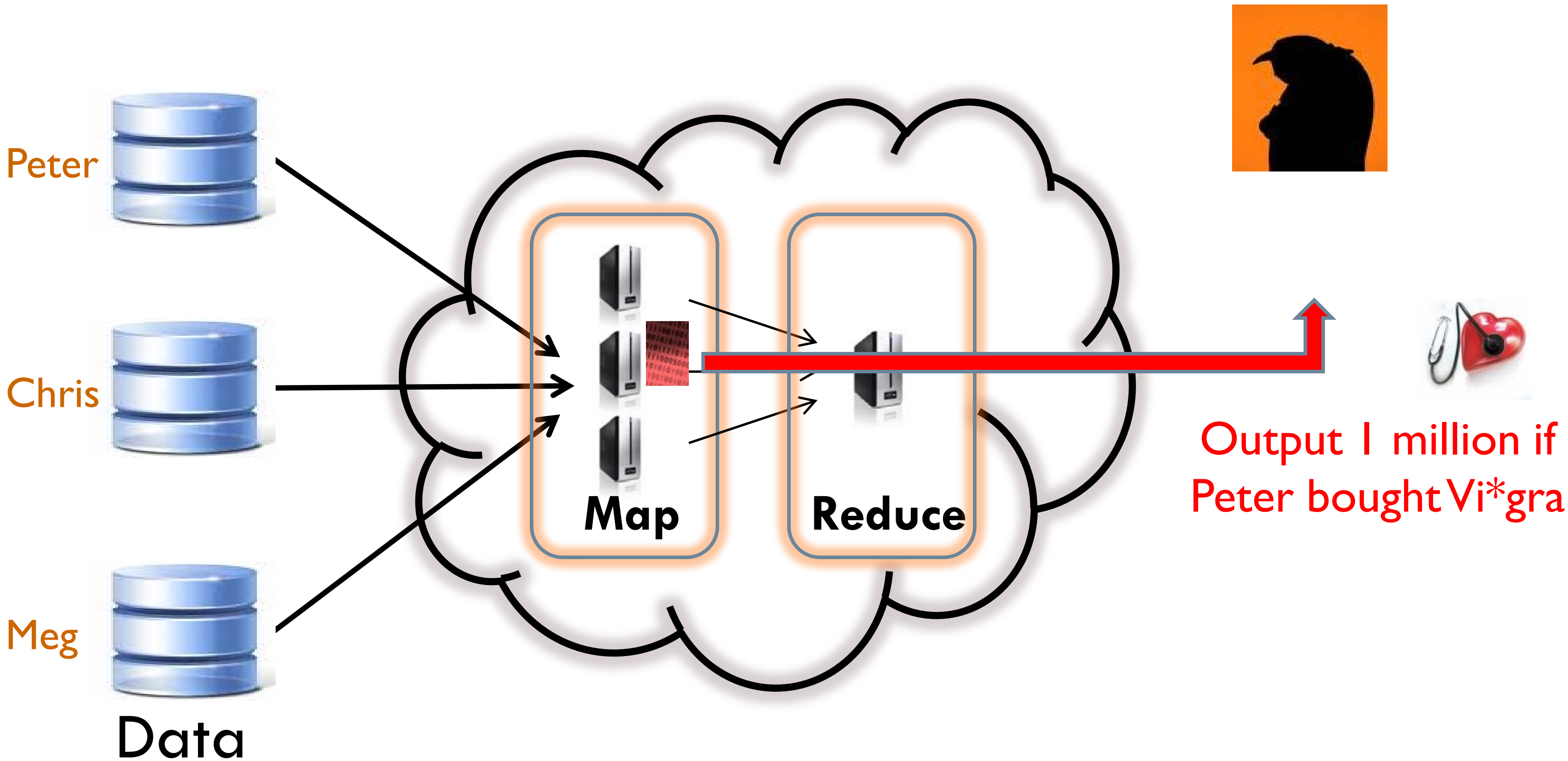
Challenge 1: Untrusted mapper

- Untrusted mapper code copies data, sends it over the network



Challenge 2: Untrusted mapper

- Output of the computation is also an information channel

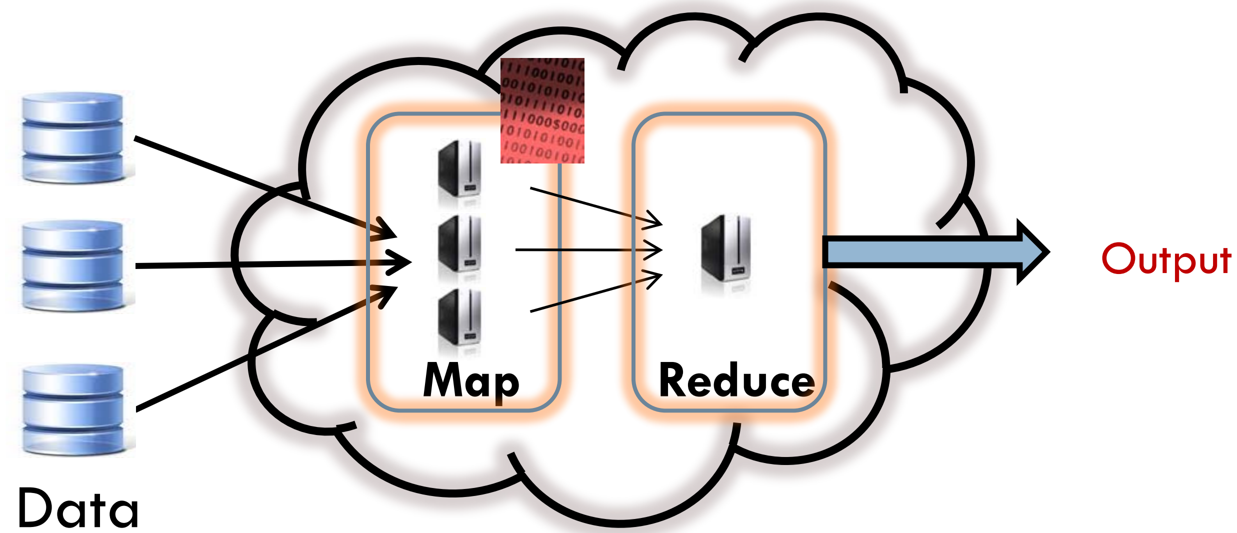


Airavat mechanisms

Mandatory access control ✚ Differential privacy

Prevent leaks through storage channels like network connections, files…

Prevent leaks through the output of the computation



Back to the roadmap

- What is the programming model?

Untrusted mapper + Trusted reducer

- How do we enforce privacy?
  - Leaks through system resources
  - Leaks through the output

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Airavat confines the untrusted code

Untrusted program	→	Given by the computation provider
MapReduce + DFS	→	Add mandatory access control (MAC)
SELinux	→	Add MAC policy

Airavat

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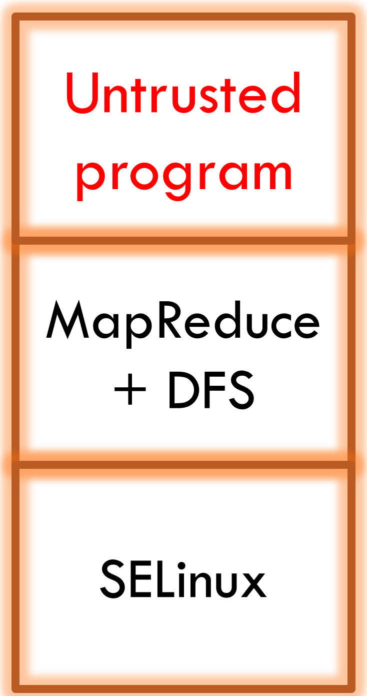
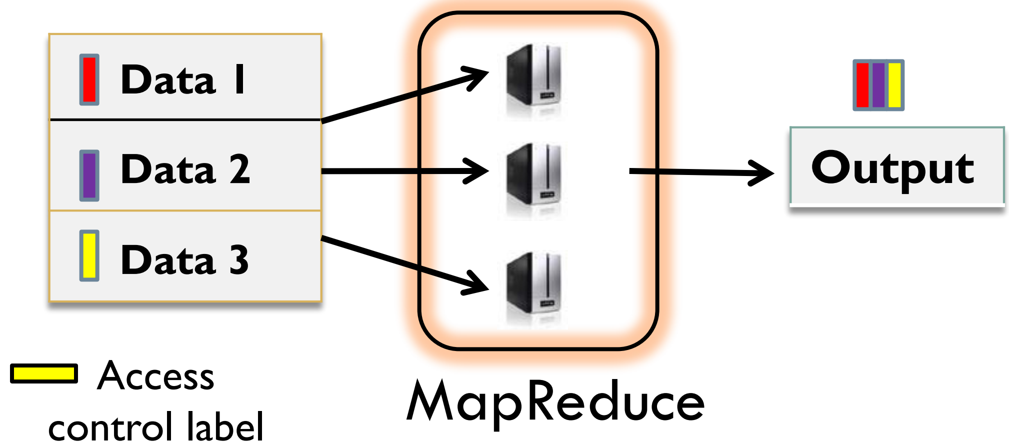


- We add mandatory access control to the MapReduce framework
- Label input, intermediate values, output
- Malicious code cannot leak labeled data



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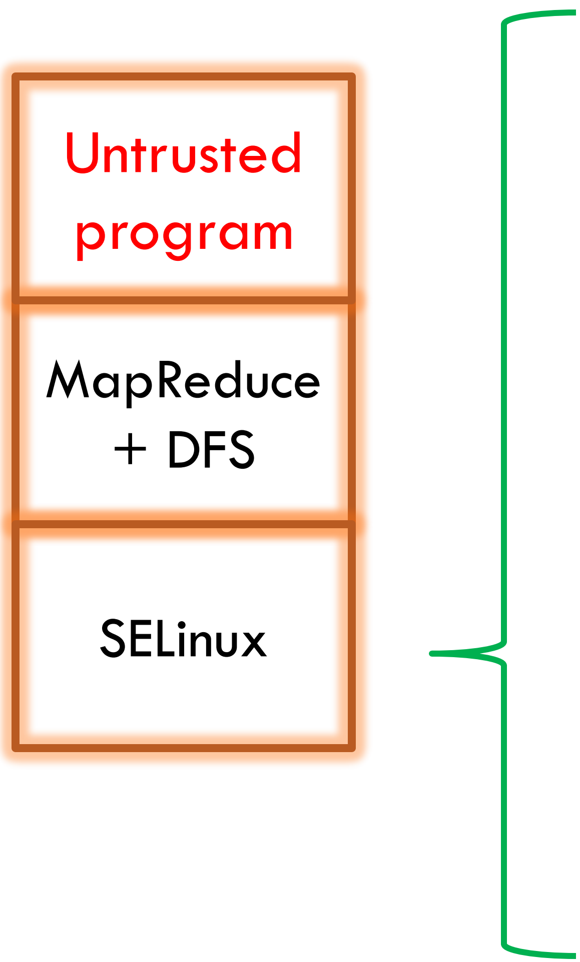
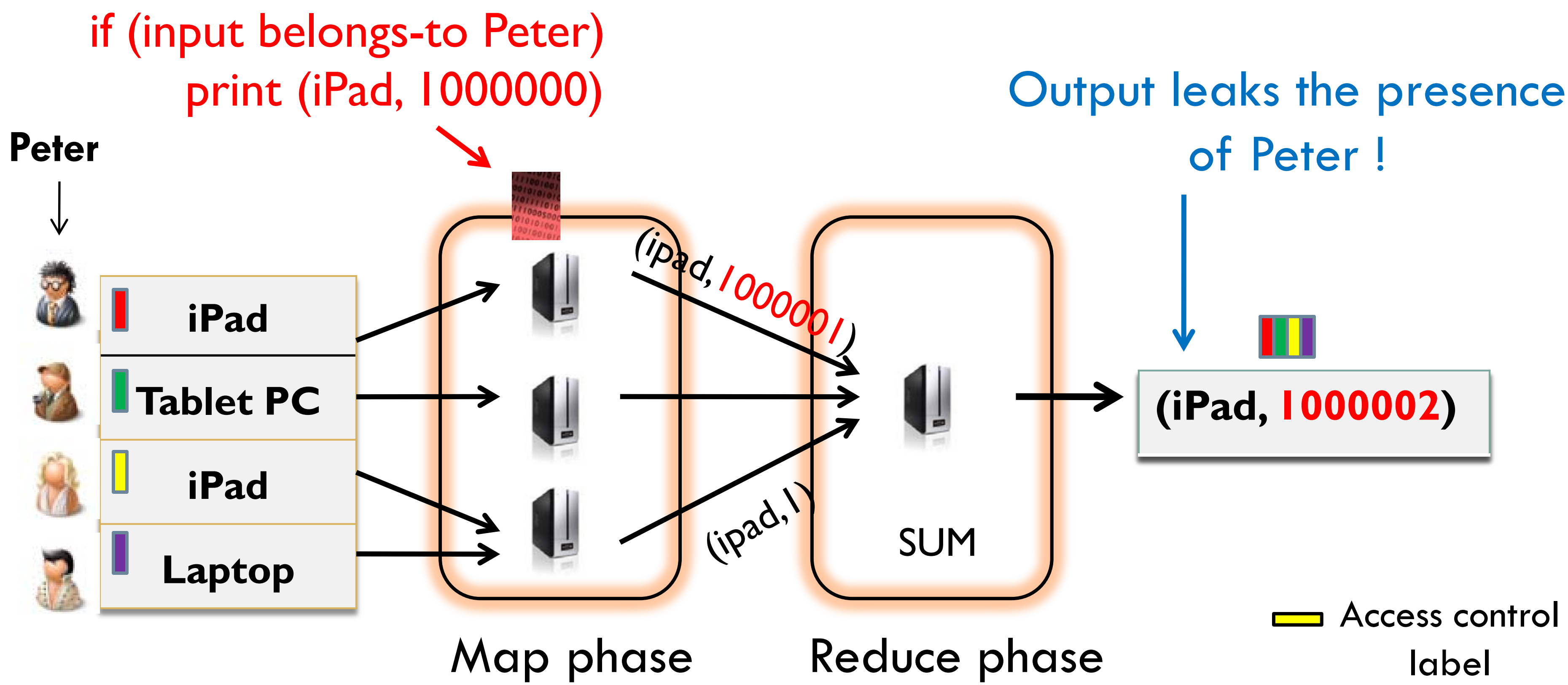


- SELinux policy to enforce MAC
- Creates trusted and untrusted domains
- Processes and files are labeled to restrict interaction
- Mappers reside in untrusted domain
  - Denied network access, limited file system interaction

But access control is not enough

- Labels can prevent the output from been read
- When can we remove the labels?



But access control is not enough

Need mechanisms to enforce that the output does not violate an individual's privacy.

Background: Differential privacy

A mechanism is differentially private if every output is produced with similar probability whether any given input is included or not

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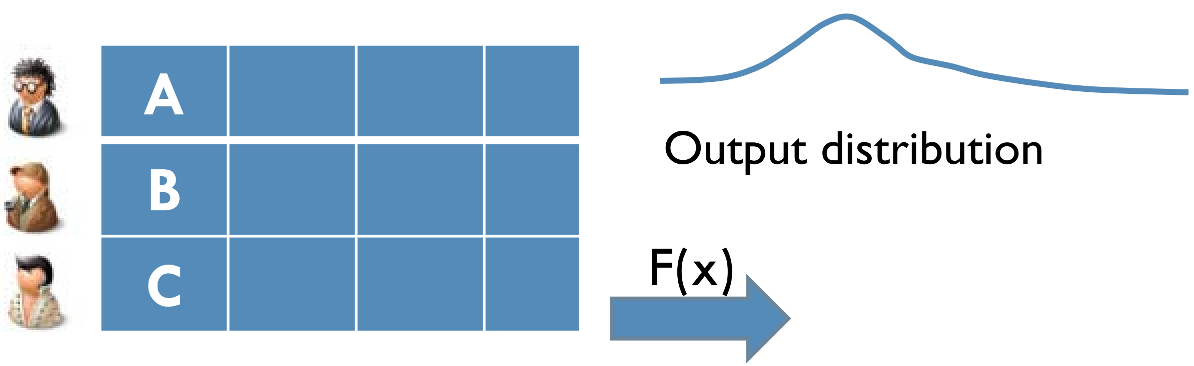

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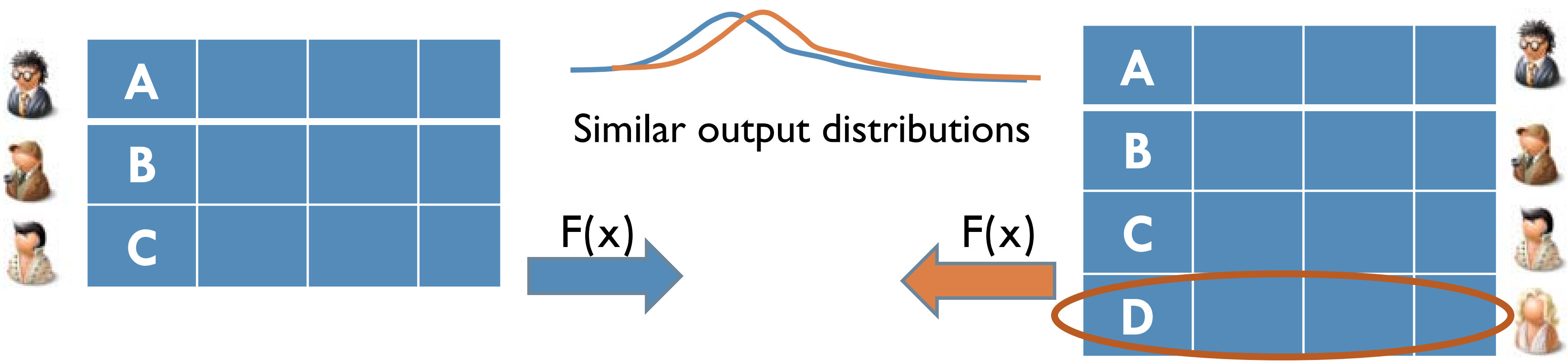

Bounded risk for D if she includes her data!

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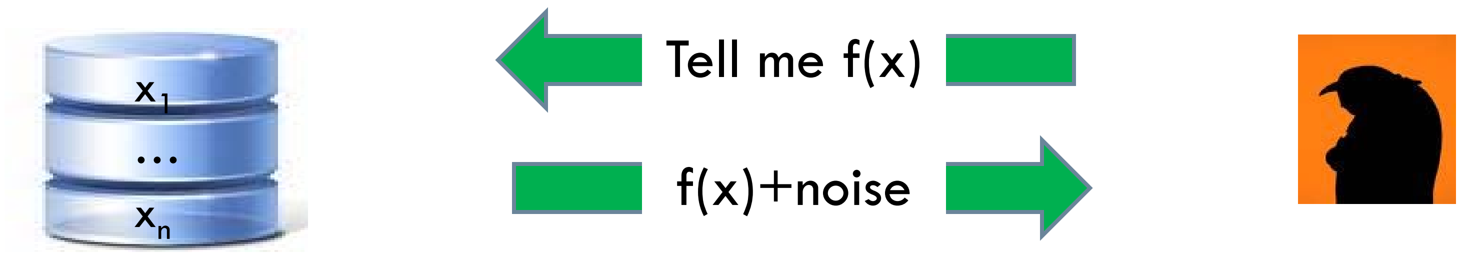
Achieving differential privacy

- A simple differentially private mechanism



- How much noise should one add?

Achieving differential privacy

- Function sensitivity (intuition): Maximum effect of any single input on the output
  - Aim: Need to conceal this effect to preserve privacy

- Example: Computing the average height of the people in this room has low sensitivity
  - Any single person's height does not affect the final average by too much
  - Calculating the maximum height has high sensitivity

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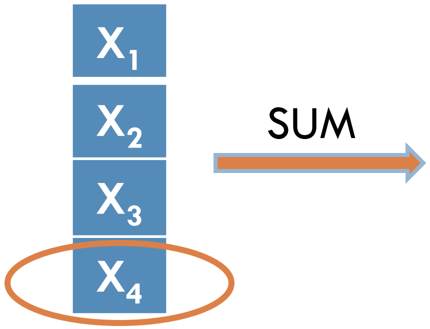
- Example: SUM over input elements drawn from [0, M]



Sensitivity = M

Max. effect of any input element is M

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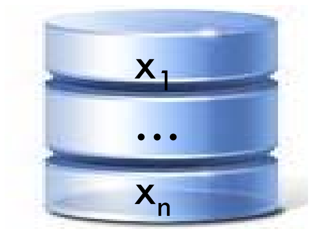

Tell me f(x)

f(x)+Lap(Δ(f))

Intuition: Noise needed to mask the effect of a single input

Δ(f) = sensitivity

Lap = Laplace distribution

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    MAC

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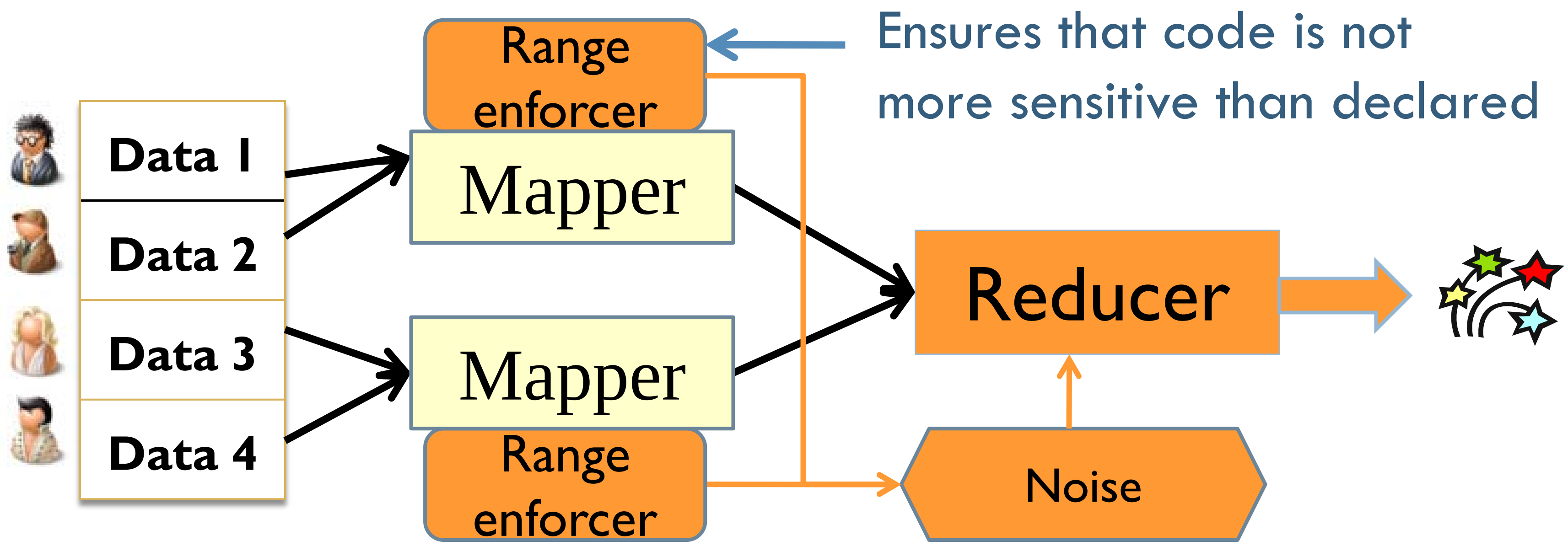
- What computations can be supported in Airavat?

Enforcing differential privacy

- Mapper can be any piece of Java code ("black box") but…
- Range of mapper outputs must be declared in advance
  - Used to estimate "sensitivity" (how much does a single input influence the output?)
  - Determines how much noise is added to outputs to ensure differential privacy
- Example: Consider mapper range [0, M]
  - SUM has the estimated sensitivity of M

Enforcing differential privacy

- Malicious mappers may output values outside the range
- If a mapper produces a value outside the range, it is replaced by a value inside the range
  - User not notified… otherwise possible information leak



Enforcing sensitivity

- All mapper invocations must be independent
- Mapper may not store an input and use it later when processing another input
  - Otherwise, range-based sensitivity estimates may be incorrect
- We modify JVM to enforce mapper independence
  - Each object is assigned an invocation number
  - JVM instrumentation prevents reuse of objects from previous invocation

Roadmap. One last time

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What can we compute?

- Reducers are responsible for enforcing privacy
  - Add an appropriate amount of random noise to the outputs
- Reducers must be trusted
  - Sample reducers: SUM, COUNT, THRESHOLD
  - Sufficient to perform data mining algorithms, search log processing, recommender system etc.
- With trusted mappers, more general computations are possible
  - Use exact sensitivity instead of range based estimates

Sample computations

- Many queries can be done with untrusted mappers
  - How many iPads were sold today? ← **Sum**
  - What is the average score of male students at UT? ← **Mean**
  - Output the frequency of security books that sold more than 25 copies today. ← **Threshold**

- … others require trusted mapper code
  - List all items and their quantity sold

Malicious mapper can encode information in item names

Revisiting Airavat guarantees

- Allows differentially private MapReduce computations
  - Even when the code is untrusted

- Differential privacy => mathematical bound on information leak

- What is a safe bound on information leak ?
  - Depends on the context, dataset
  - Not our problem

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Implementation details

- **SELinux policy**
  - Domains for trusted and untrusted programs
  - Apply restrictions on each domain
  - 450 LoC
- **MapReduce**
  - Modifications to support mandatory access control
  - Set of trusted reducers
  - 5000 LoC
- **JVM**
  - Modifications to enforce mapper independence
  - 500 LoC

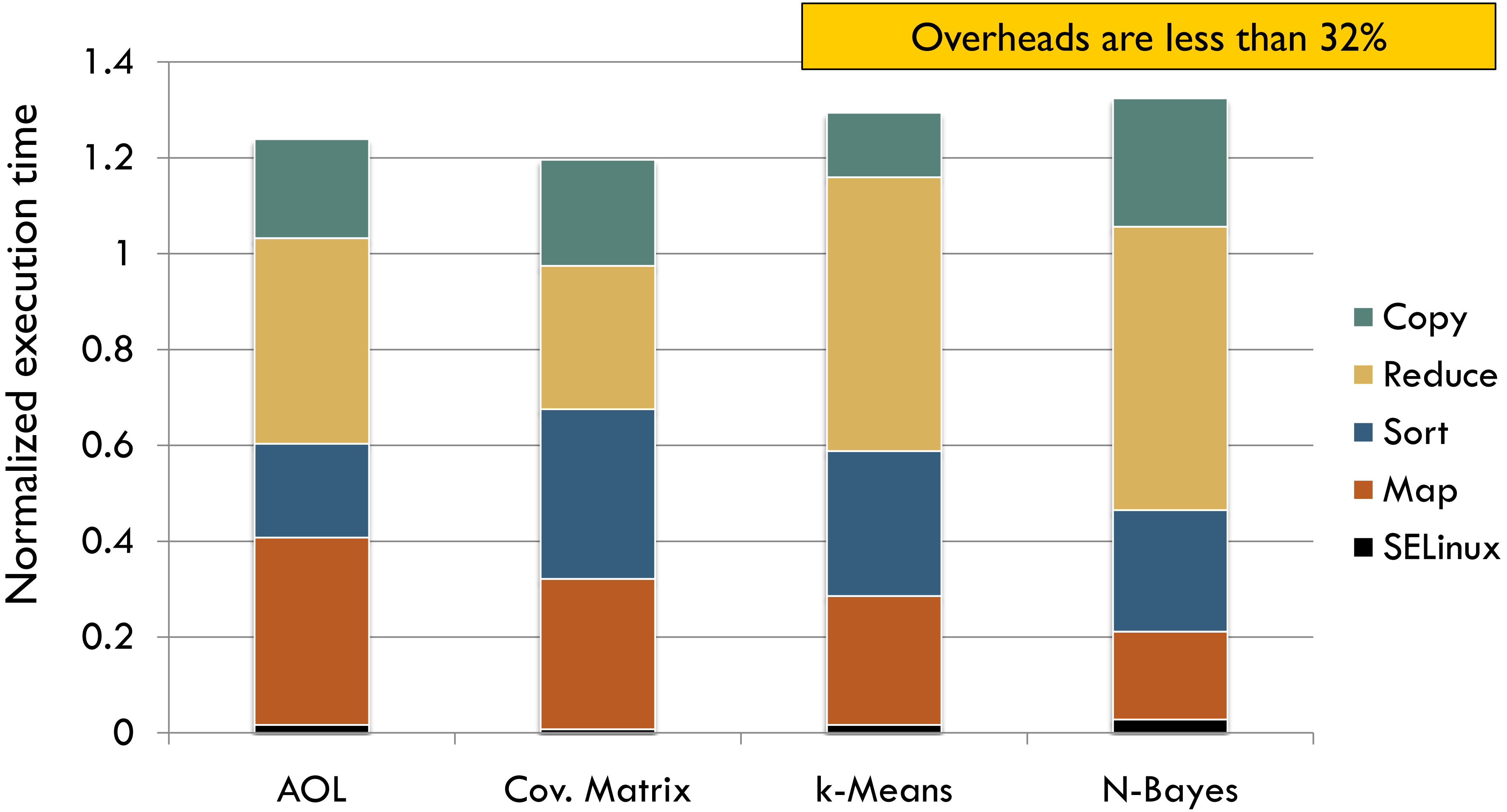
LoC = Lines of Code

Evaluation : Our benchmarks

- Experiments on 100 Amazon EC2 instances
  - 1.2 GHz, 7.5 GB RAM running Fedora 8

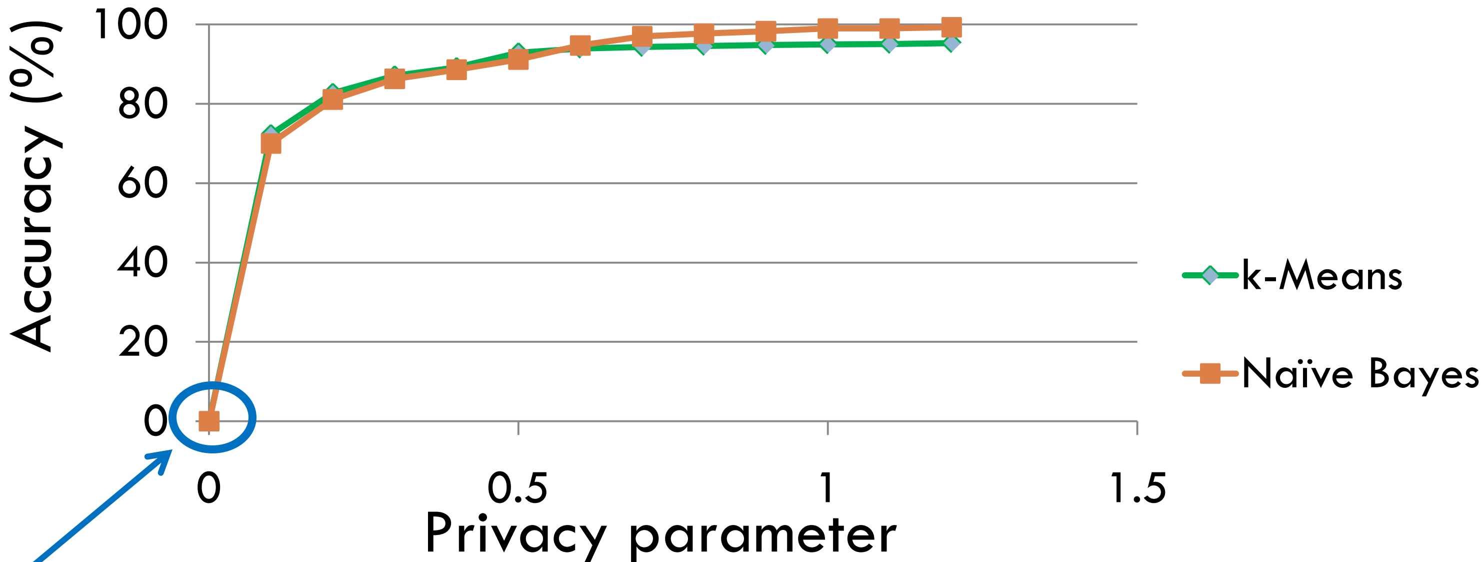
Benchmark	Privacy grouping	Reducer primitive	MapReduce operations	Accuracy metric
AOL queries	Users	THRESHOLD, SUM	Multiple	% queries released
kNN recommender	Individual rating	COUNT, SUM	Multiple	RMSE
K-Means	Individual points	COUNT, SUM	Multiple, till convergence	Intra-cluster variance
Naïve Bayes	Individual articles	SUM	Multiple	Misclassification rate

Performance overhead



Evaluation: accuracy

- Accuracy increases with decrease in privacy guarantee
- Reducer : COUNT, SUM



No information leak

Decrease in privacy guarantee

**Refer to the paper for remaining benchmark results*

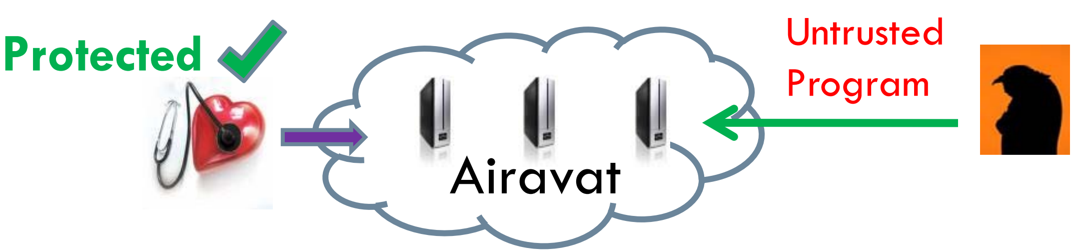
Related work: PINQ

[McSherry SIGMOD 2009]

- Set of trusted LINQ primitives
- Airavat confines untrusted code and ensures that its outputs preserve privacy
  - PINQ requires rewriting code with trusted primitives
- Airavat provides end-to-end guarantee across the software stack
  - PINQ guarantees are language level

Airavat in brief

- Airavat is a framework for privacy preserving MapReduce computations
- Confines untrusted code
- First to integrate mandatory access control with differential privacy for end-to-end enforcement



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