Data Centers: MapReduce

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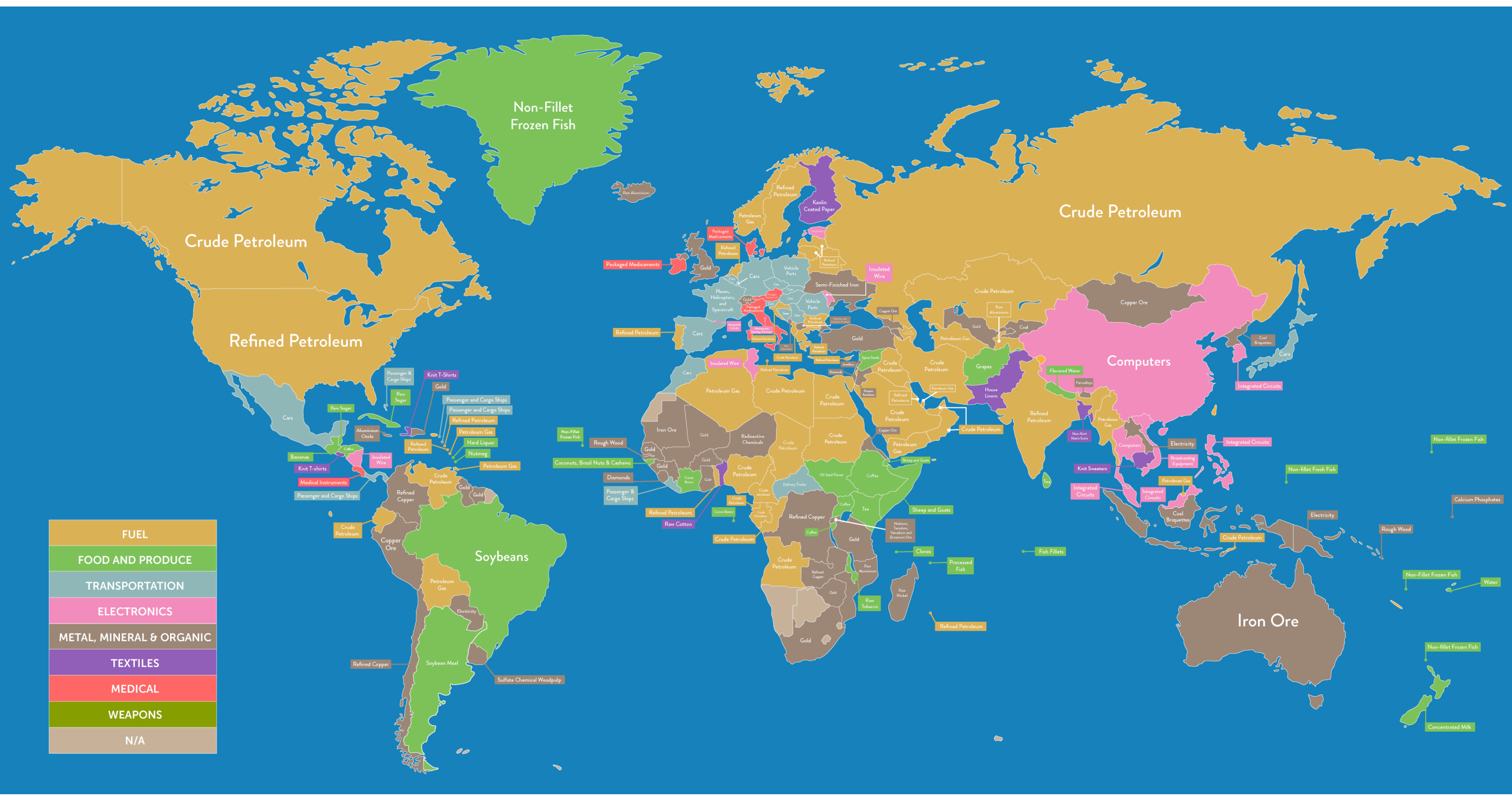
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MapReduce faux quiz (5 min, any 2):

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What is GroupBy?

- Group a collection by key
- Lambda function maps elements → key

```
var res = ints.GroupBy(x => x);
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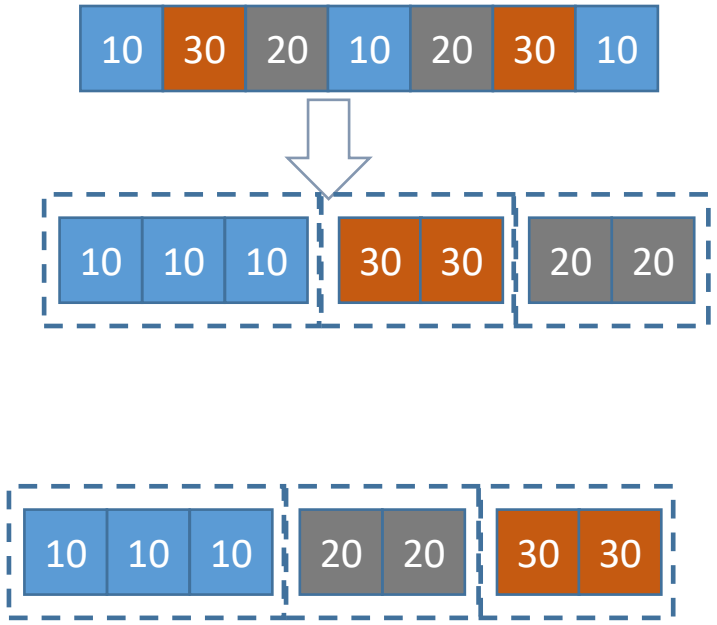


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  group.Add(elem);
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Note: sorting is VERY similar

GroupBy example

```
import pandas as pd
df = pd.DataFrame({'country': ['US', 'Canada', 'Mexico’],
                   'population': [100, 50, 100]})
df_grouped = df.groupby('country')
```

- df_grouped is an object that groups the data in a DataFrame by the country column
- **`df_grouped.mean()`** would compute the mean per-country

What is Join?

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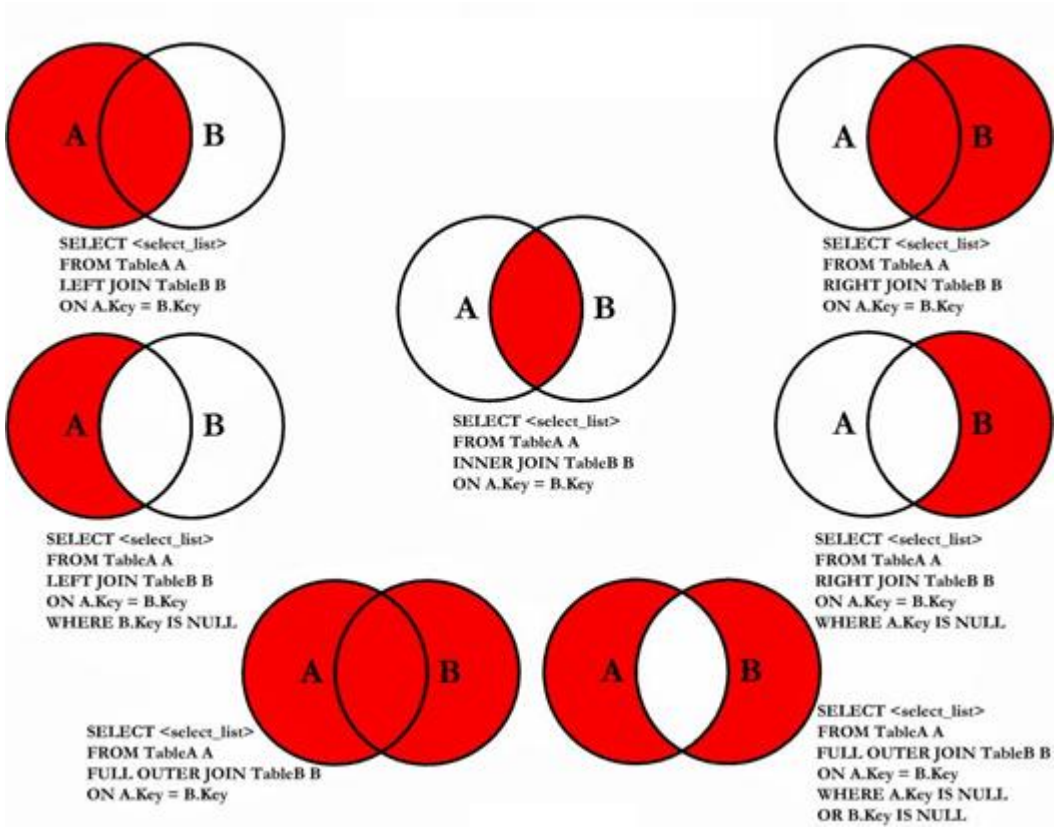
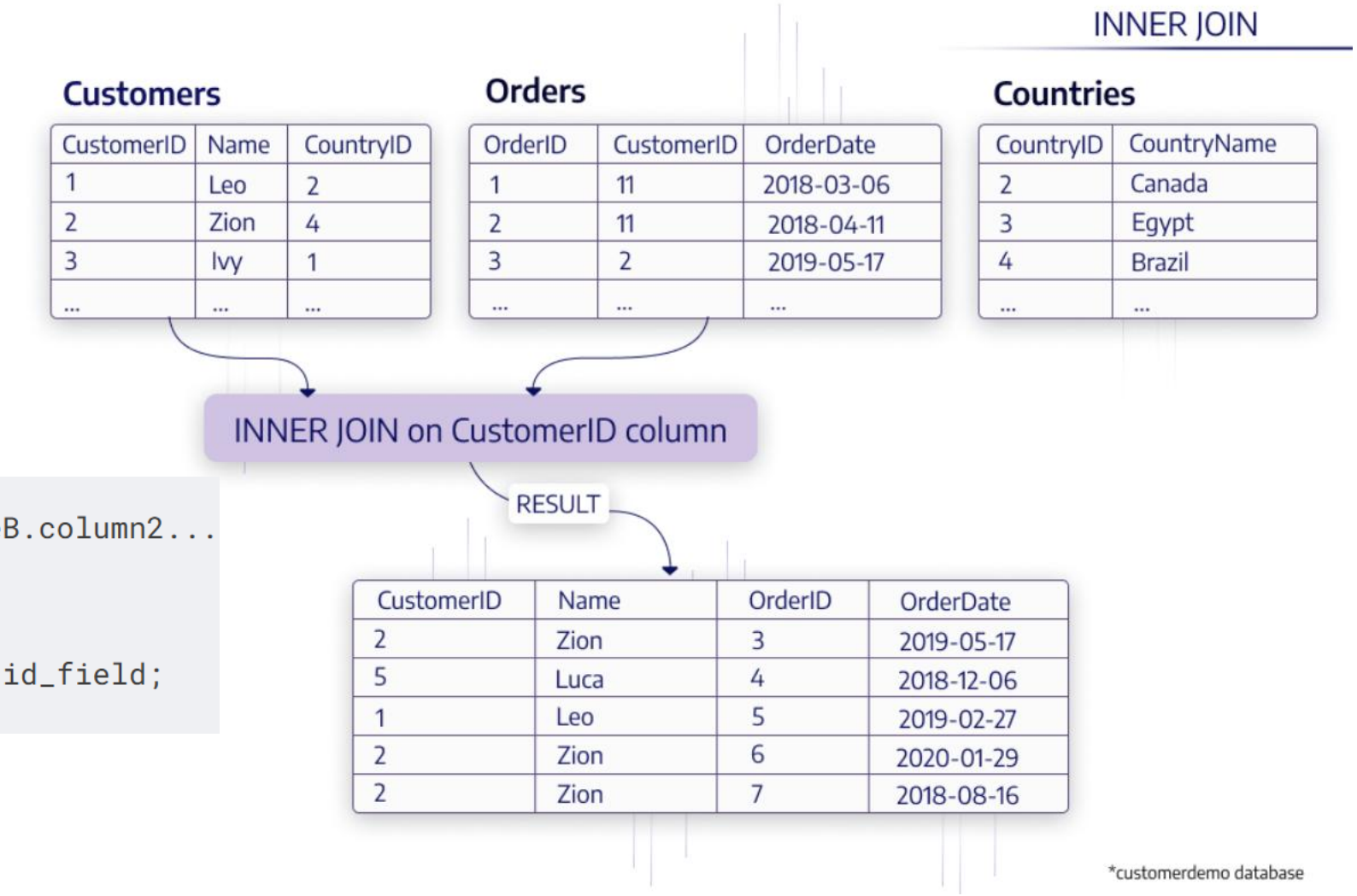


- Equi-join / Inner-join: “workhorse”

```
foreach(T a in A) {
  foreach(T b in B) {
    if(joinkey(a) == joinkey(b)){
      rs.add(joinfields(a,b));
    }
  }
}
```

- Note similarity to GroupBy
- Lots of *implementations*
- *How to do this at scale?*




```
SELECT tableA.column1, tableB.column2...
FROM tableA
INNER JOIN tableB
ON tableA.id_field = tableB.id_field;
```

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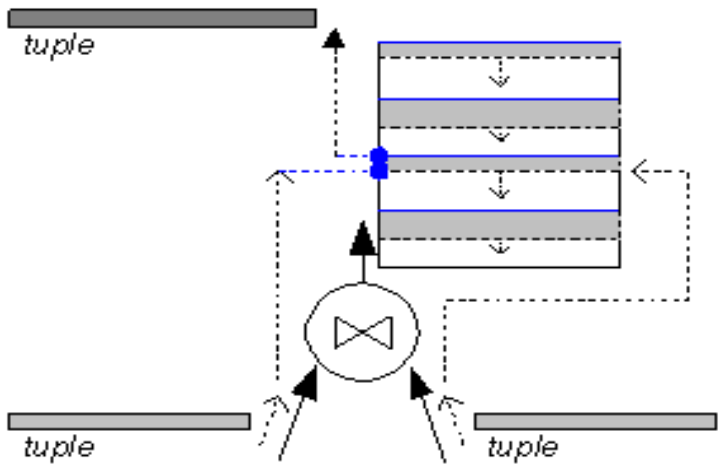

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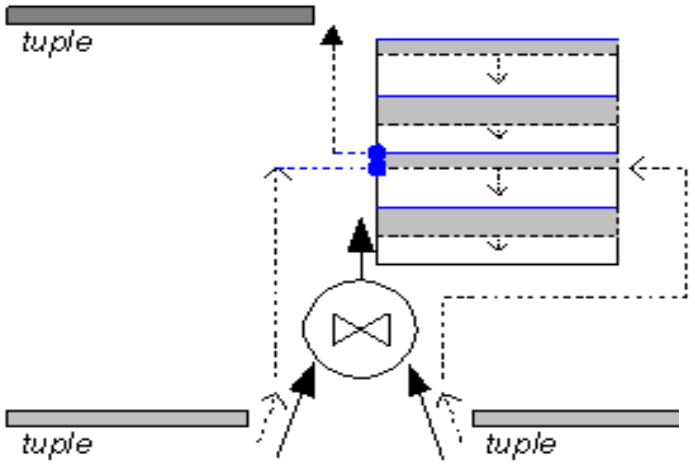

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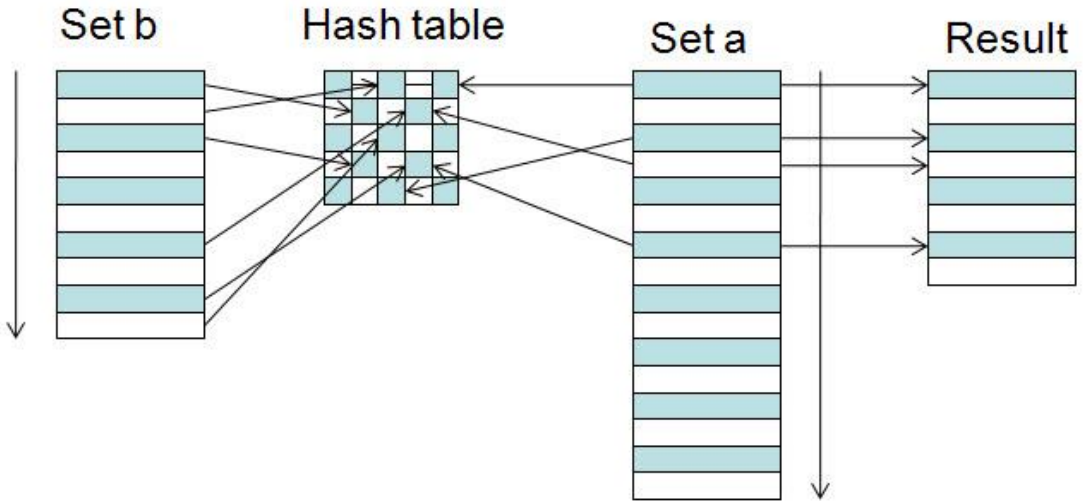

Note:

- same idea hashes data onto cluster nodes
  - removes all:all data exchange
- Alternative for SORTED tables: merge join

You are an engineer at:
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Your boss,  comes to your office and says:

> “We’re going to be hog-nasty rich! We just need a program to search for strings in text files...”

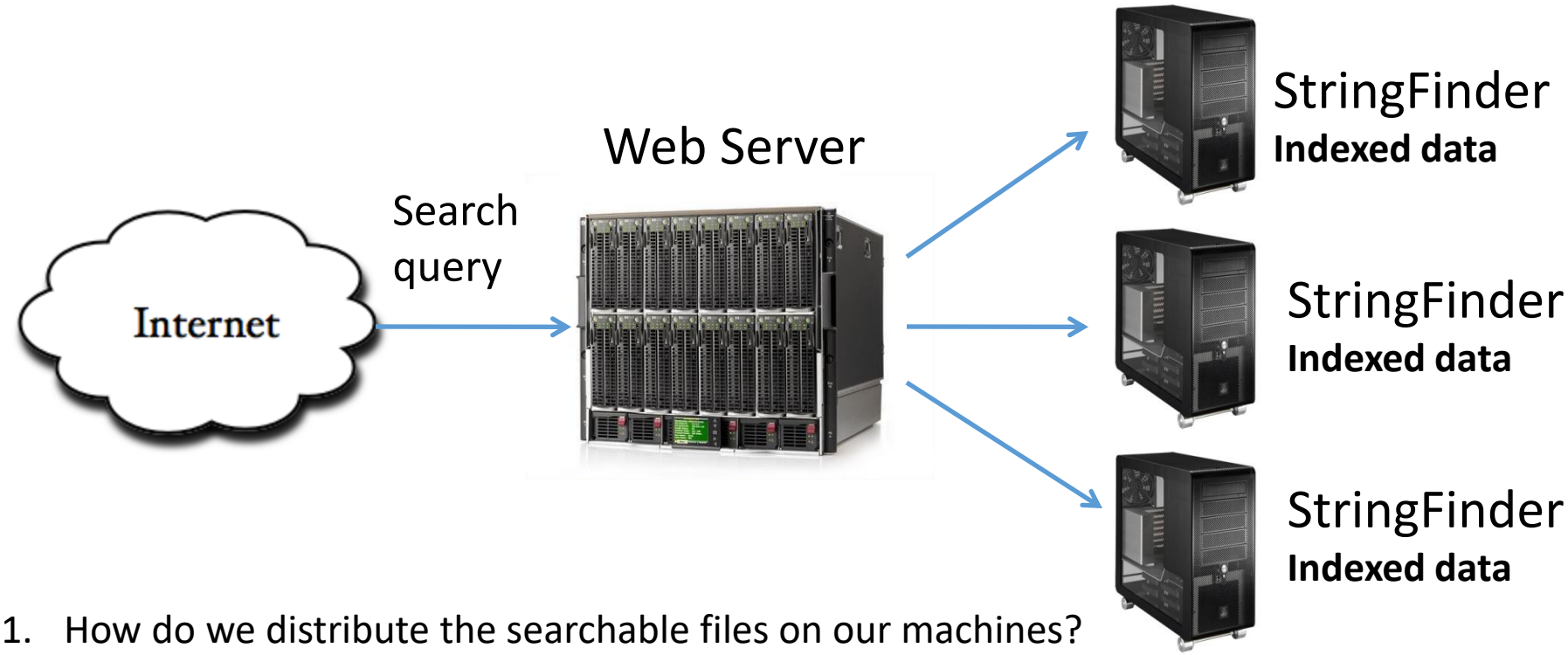
Input: <search_term>, <files>

Output: list of files containing <search_term>

One solution

```
public class StringFinder {
    int main(…) {
        foreach(File f in getInputFiles()) {
            if(f.contains(searchTerm))
               results.add(f.getFileName());
            }
        }
        System.out.println(“Files:” + results.toString());
    }
```

Infrastructure is hard to get right



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StringFinder was the easy part!

You really need general infrastructure.

- Many different tasks
- Want to use hundreds or thousands of PC's
- Continue to function if something breaks
- Must be easy to program…

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MapReduce

- Programming model + infrastructure
- Write programs that run on lots of machines
- Automatic parallelization and distribution
- Fault-tolerance
- I/O and jobs Scheduling
- Status and monitoring

MapReduce Programming Model

- Input & Output: sets of <key, value> pairs
- Programmer writes 2 functions:

```
map (in_key, in_value) -> list(out_key,
  intermediate_value)
```

  - Processes <k1,v1> pairs
  - Produces intermediate pairs: list(k2, v2)

```
reduce (out_key, list(interm_val)) ->
   list(out_value)
```

  - list(k2, v2) -> list(v2)
  - Combines intermediate values for a key
  - Produces a merged set of outputs

Example: Counting Words…

```
map(String input_key, String input_value):
  // input_key: document name
  // input_value: document contents
  for each word w in input_value:
      EmitIntermediate(w, "1");

reduce(String output_key,
       Iterator intermediate_values):
  // output_key: a word
  // output_values: a list of counts
  int result = 0;
  for each v in intermediate_values:
      result += ParseInt(v);
  Emit(AsString(result));
```

"map" each word to its count:
"never say never..." -->
never 1
say 1
never 1

shuffle == groupby

"reduce" each word group:
never: {1, 1}
say: {1} -->
never: 2
say: 1

MapReduce handles all the other details!

Example (2): Indexing

```
public void map() {
  String line = value.toString();
  StringTokenizer itr = new StringTokenizer(line);
    if(itr.countTokens() >= N) {
      while(itr.hasMoreTokens()) {
        word = itr.nextToken()+"|"+key.getFileName();
        output.collect(word, 1);
    }
  }
}
```

Input: a line of text, e.g. "**mistakes were made**" from **myfile.txt**

Output:

mistakes|myfile.txt
were|myfile.txt
made|myfile.txt

Example (3): Indexing

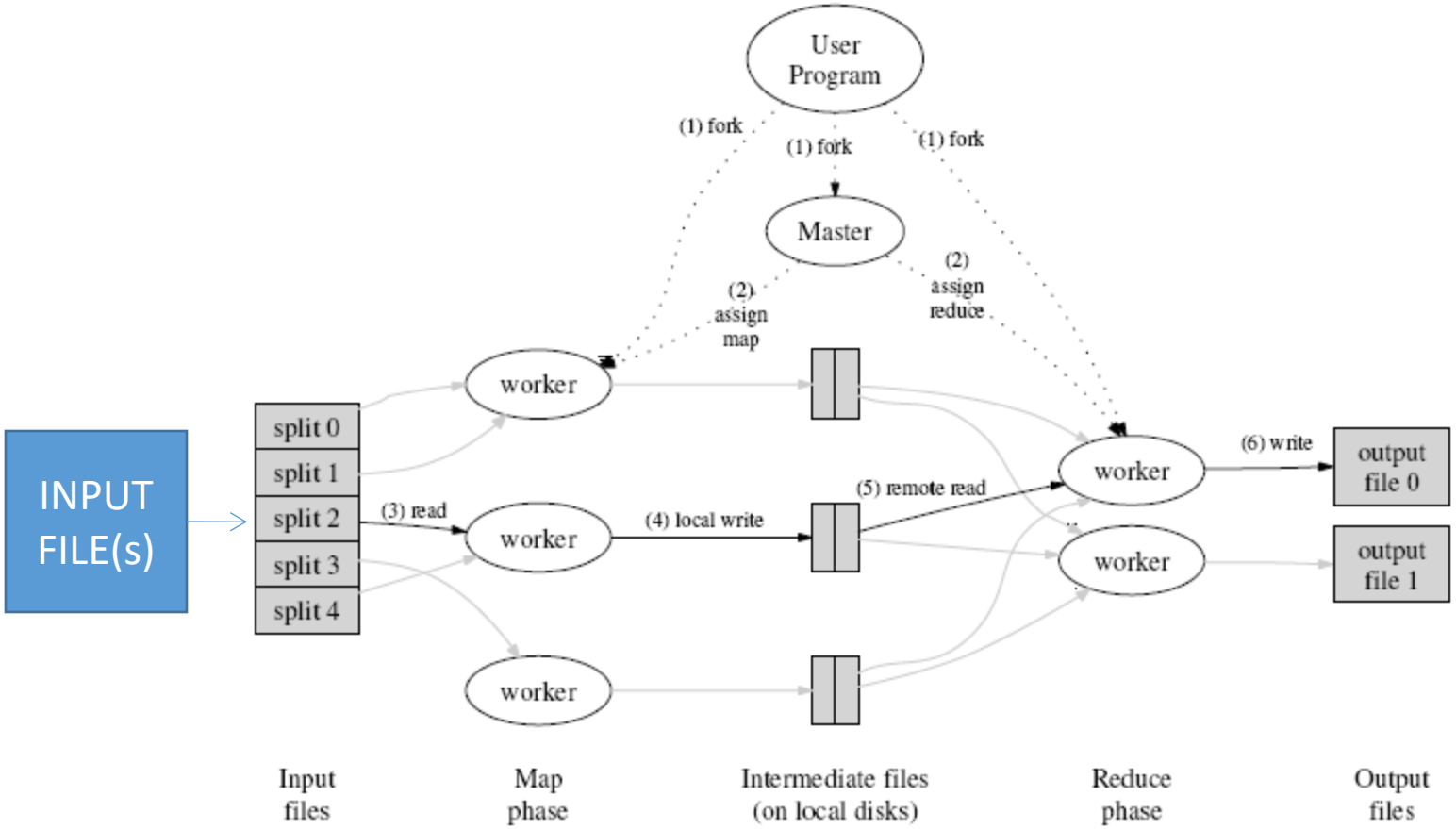
```
public void reduce() {
      int sum = 0;
      while(values.hasNext()) {
            sum += values.next().get();
      }
      output.collect(key, sum);
}
```

Input: a <term,filename> pair, list of occurrences (e.g. {1, 1,..1})

Output:

mistakes|myfile.txt 10
were|myfile.txt 45
made|myfile.txt 2

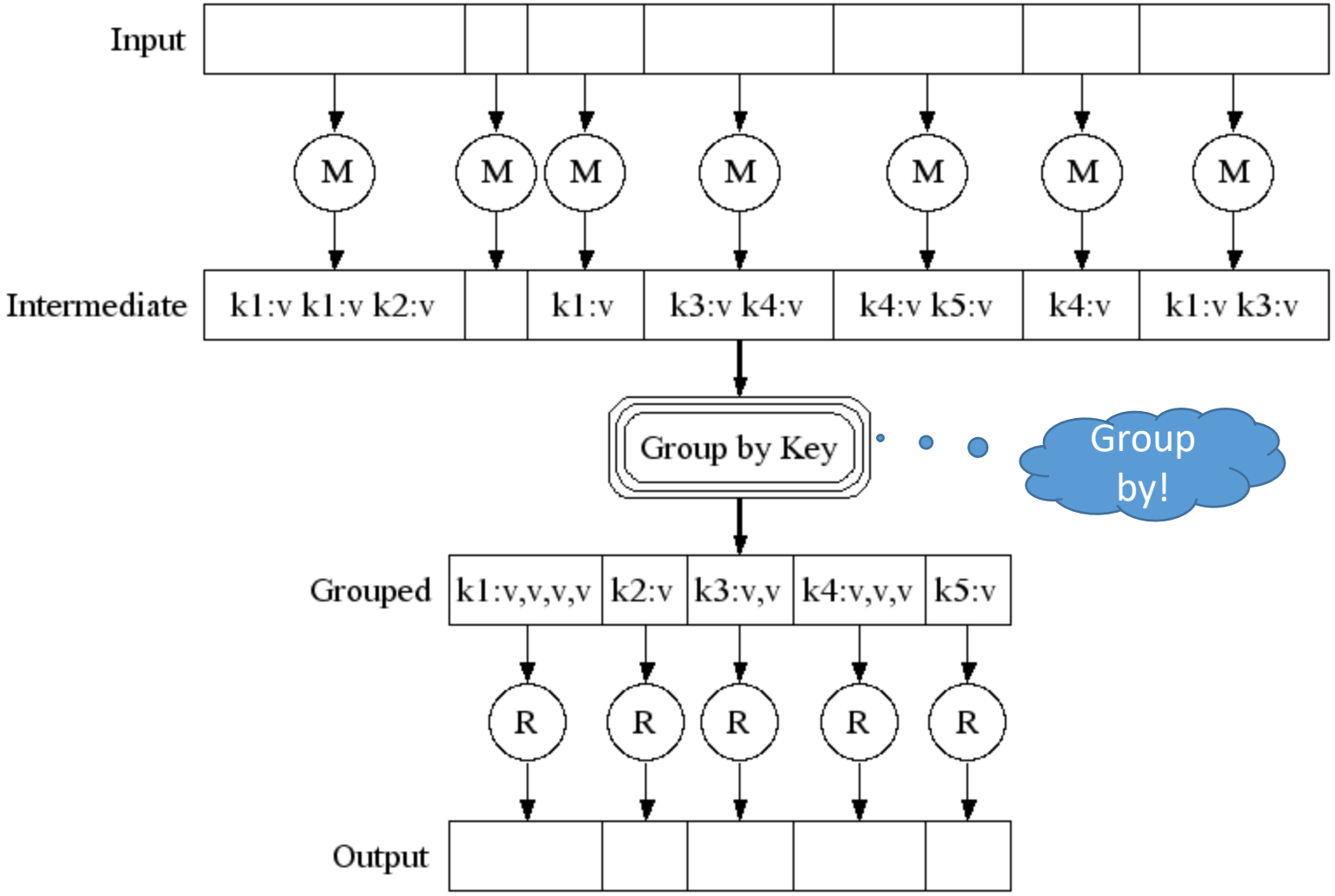
How does parallelization work?



Implementation

- 1000s of 2 core x86, machines 2-4GB RAM
- Limited bisection bandwidth
  - What's bisection bandwidth?
  - Why is it relevant?
- Local IDE disks + GFS
- Scheduling: job = set of task, scheduler assigns to machines

Execution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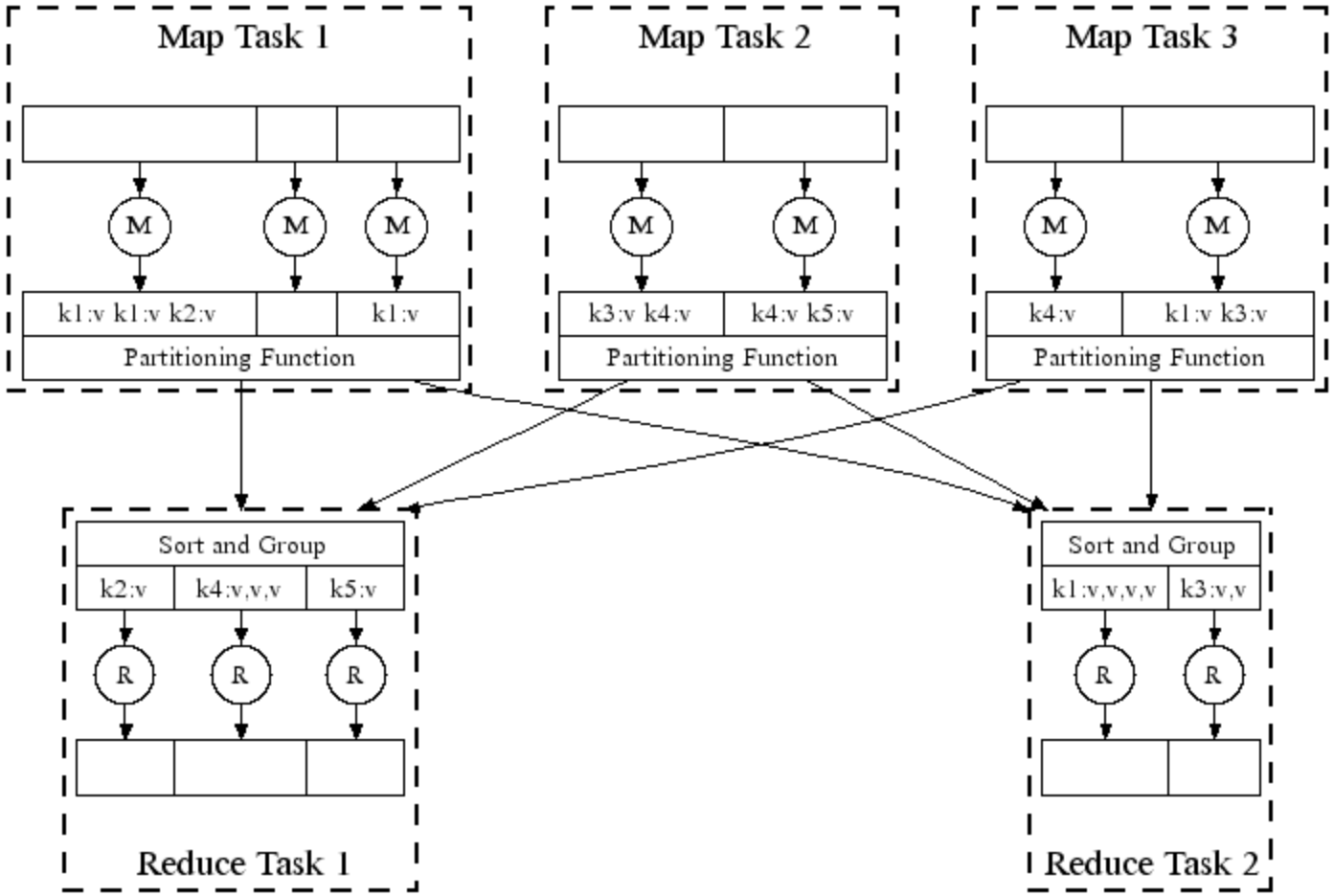
Parallel Execution



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- Minimize fault recovery time
- Pipeline map with other tasks
- Easier to load balance dynamically

- What is straggler mitigation (redundant execution)?
  - How much does it help? Why?
- How does MapReduce handle
  - Mapper failures
  - Reducer failures
  - Master failures
- What is the problem of data skew?
  - How does MapReduce deal with it?

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Redundant Execution (straggler mitigation)

- Slow worker can throttle performance: why?
- What makes a worker slow?

- Solution:

Redundancy performance

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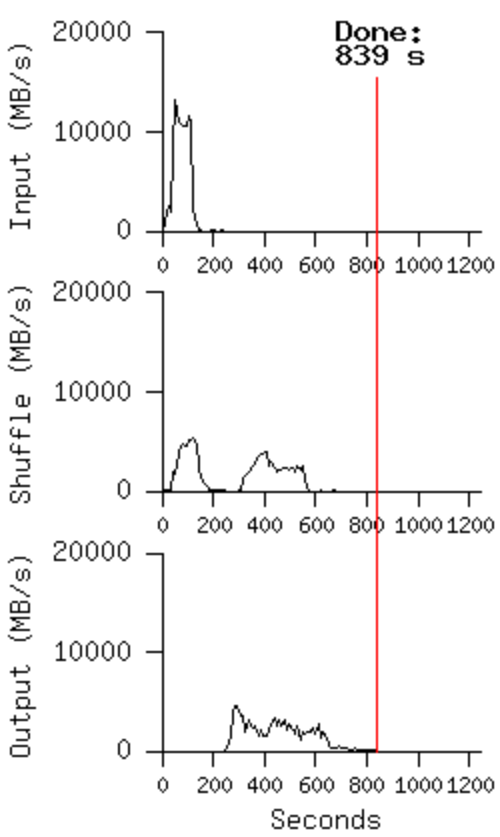
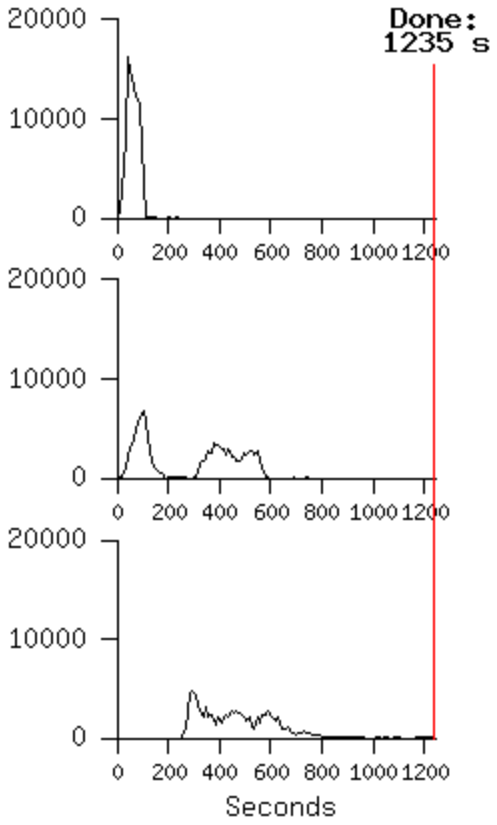
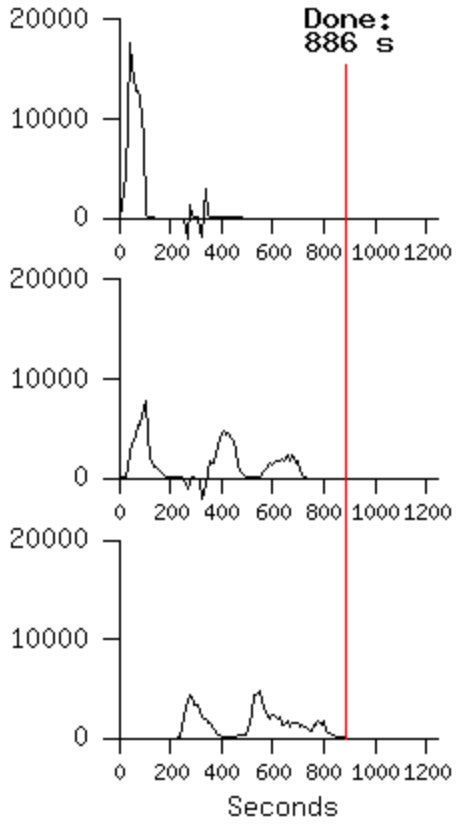


No backups



200 processes killed



Scheduling for Locality

Master policy:

- What does “locality” mean here?
- How to tailor for GFS?

- Ask GFS for locations of replicated input blocks
- Map task splits: 64MB == GFS block size
- Schedule so that input blocks are on local machine or local rack
- Otherwise rack switch becomes read rate bottleneck

Skipping Bad Records

For Failures on specific inputs

- Can’t always fix/debug
- Seg Fault:
  - Inform master with UDP packet
  - Include record identifier
  - If master sees multiple failures for a record, subsequent workers skip it
- Claim this tolerates bugs in 3rd party libraries
- Is correctness guaranteed?

Other cool stuff

- Sorting guaranteed in reduce partitions: why?
- Compression of intermediate data
- Combiners: what do they do?
- Local execution: anyone debugged an MR program?
- User-defined counters: what for?

The end of your career at:
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Your boss,  comes to your office and says:

"I can't believe you used ***MapReduce!!!***

You're fired..."

Why might he say this?

Why is MapReduce backwards?

- Backwards step in programming paradigm
- Sub-optimal: brute force, no indexing
- Not novel: 35 year-old ideas from DBMS lit
- Missing most DBMS features
- Incompatible with most DBMS tools

What's the problem with MR?

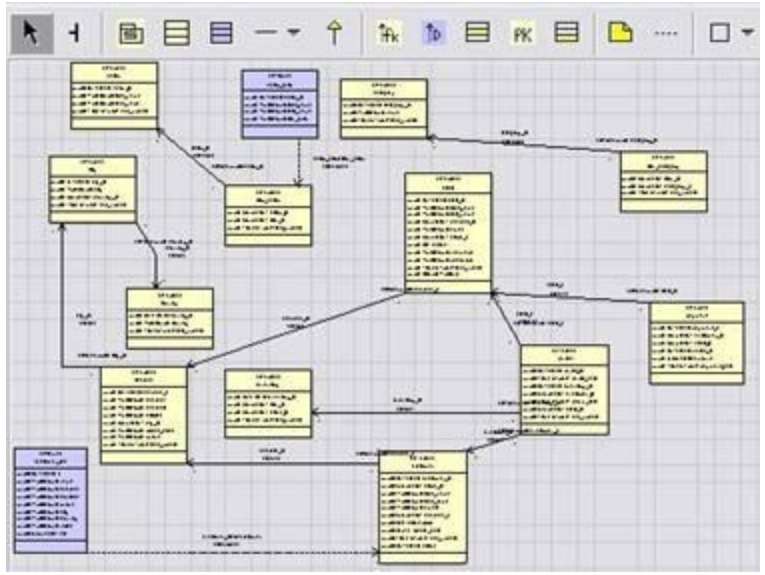
- Map == group-by
- Reduce == aggregate

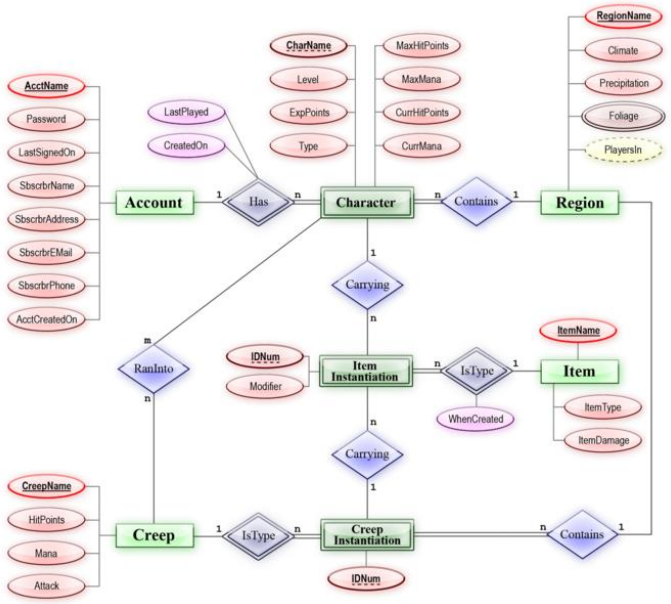
```
SELECT job, COUNT(*) as "numemps"
    FROM employees
    WHERE salary > 1000
    GROUP BY job;
```

- Where is the aggregate in this example?
- DBMS analog make sense? (hello, Lisp?)

Backwards programming model

- Schemas are good (what's a schema?)
- Separation of schema from app is good (why?)
- High-level access languages are good (why?)





MapReduce is sub-optimal

- Modern DBMSs: hash + B-tree indexes to accelerate data access.
  - Indexes are user-defined
  - Could MR do this?
- No query optimizer! (oh my, terrible…but good for researchers! ☺)
- Skew: wide variance in distribution of keys
  - E.g. “the” more common than “zyzzyva”
- Materializing splits
  - N=1000 mappers → M=500 keys = 500,000 local files
  - 500 reducer instances “pull” these files
  - DBMSs push splits to sockets (no local temp files)

MapReduce: !novel

- Partitioning data sets (map) == Hash join
- Parallel aggregation == reduce
- User-supplied functions differentiates from SQL:
  - POSTGRES user functions, user aggregates
  - PL/SQL: Stored procedures
  - Object databases

MapReduce is feature-poor

Absent features:

- Bulk-loading
- Indexing
- Update operator
- Transactions
- Integrity constraints, referential integrity
- Views

Which of these are important?
Why is it OK for MR to elide them?

MapReduce incompatible with tools

- Report writers
- Business intelligence tools
- Data-mining tools
- Replication tools
- Design tools (UML, embarcadero)

How important are these?

Are these accusations fair?

MapReduce and Dataflow

- MR is a ***dataflow*** engine
- Lots of others
  - Dryad
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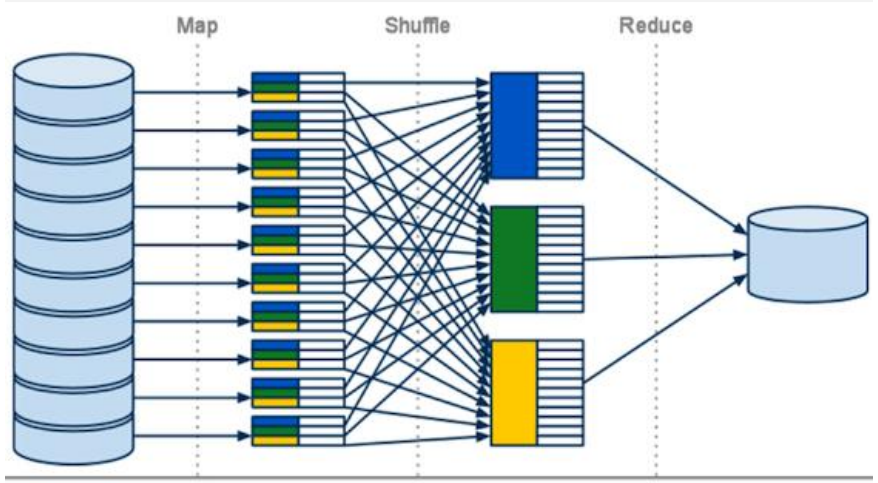
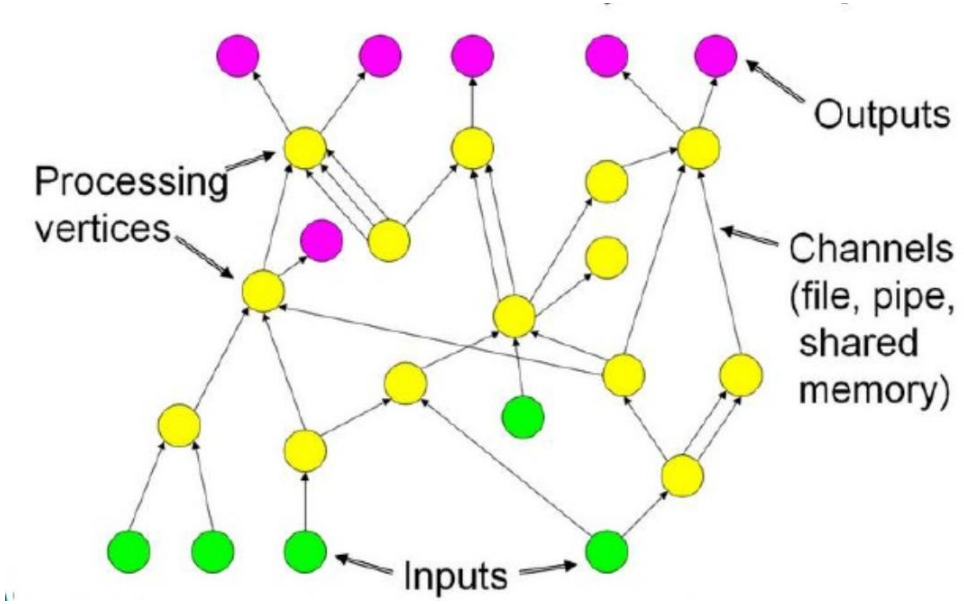
  - Dandelion
  - CIEL
  - GraphChi/PowerGraph/Pregel
  - Spark
- Keep this in mind over next few papers





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