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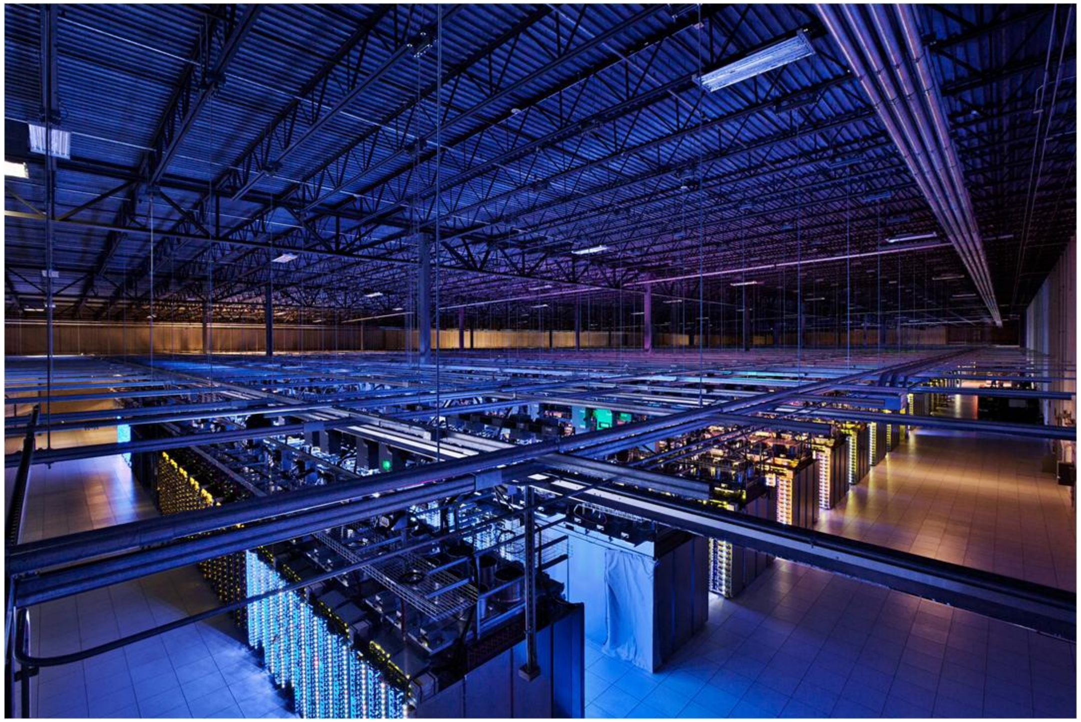
Big Data for Data Science

The MapReduce Framework & Hadoop



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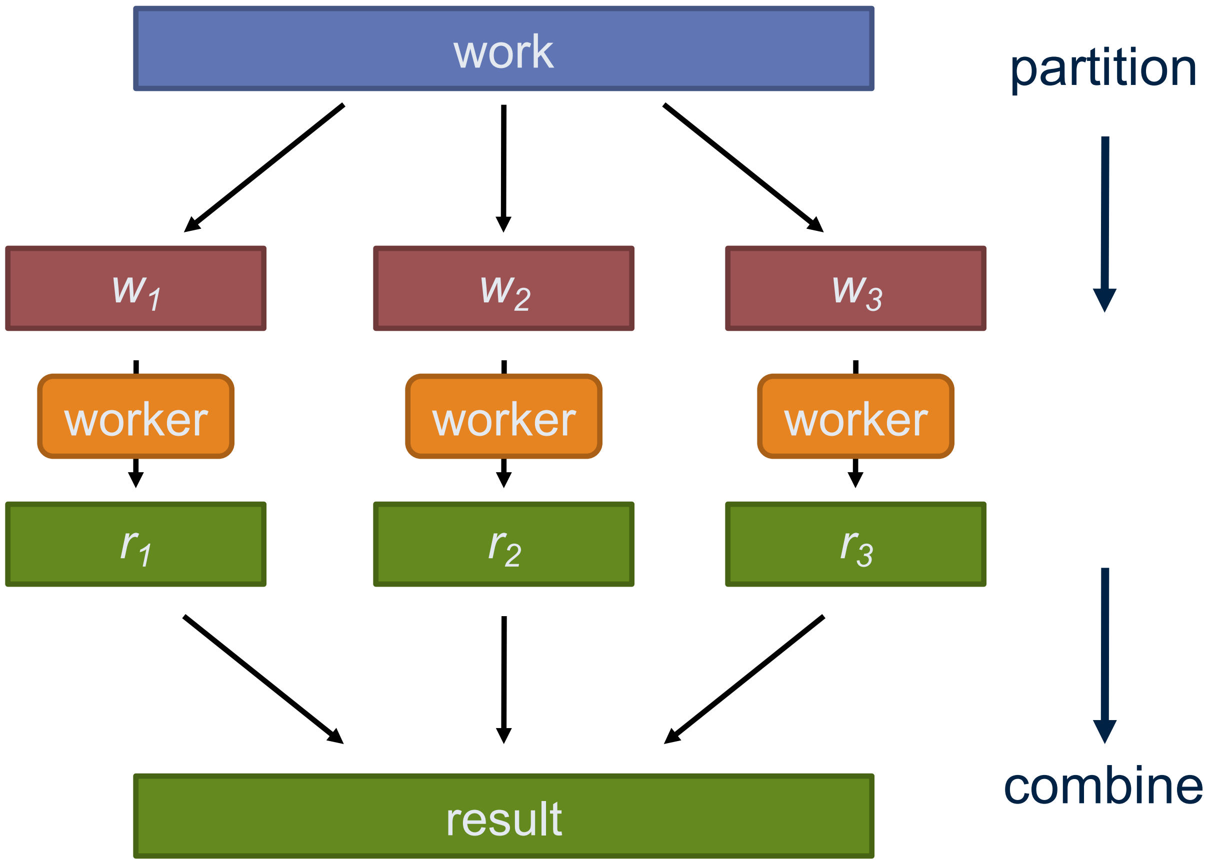
Key premise: divide and conquer



Parallelisation challenges

- How do we assign work units to workers?
- What if we have more work units than workers?
- What if workers need to share partial results?
- How do we know all the workers have finished?
- What if workers die?
- What if data gets lost while transmitted over the network?

What's the common theme of all of these problems?

Common theme?

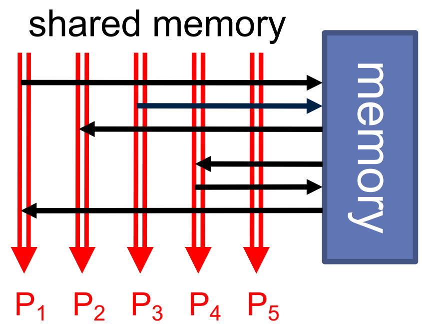
- Parallelization problems arise from:
  - Communication between workers (e.g., to exchange state)
  - Access to shared resources (e.g., data)
- Thus, we need a synchronization mechanism

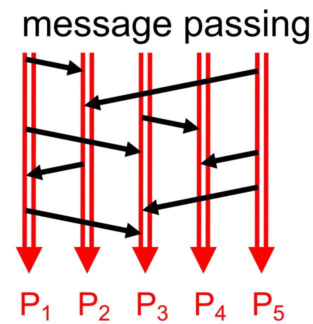
Managing multiple workers

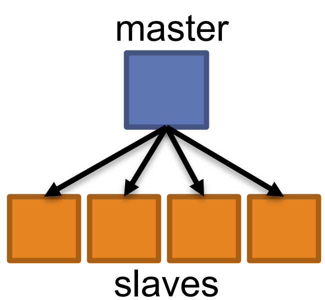
- Difficult because
  - We don't know the order in which workers run
  - We don't know when workers interrupt each other
  - We don't know when workers need to communicate partial results
  - We don't know the order in which workers access shared data
- Thus, we need:
  - Semaphores (lock, unlock)
  - Conditional variables (wait, notify, broadcast)
  - Barriers
- Still, lots of problems:
  - Deadlock, livelock, race conditions...
  - Dining philosophers, sleeping barbers, cigarette smokers...
- Moral of the story: be careful!

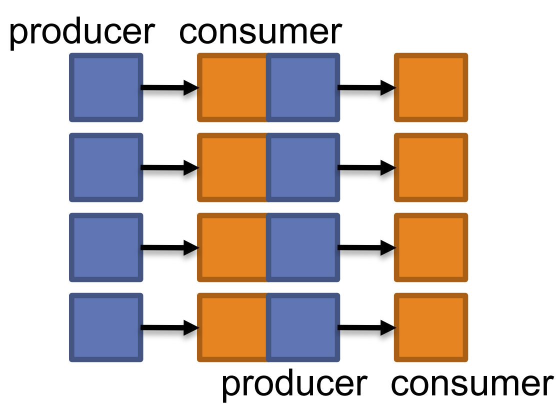
Current tools

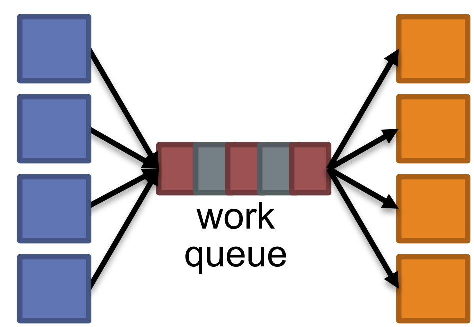
- Programming models
  - Shared memory (pthreads)
  - Message passing (MPI)
- Design patterns
  - Master-slaves
  - Producer-consumer flows
  - Shared work queues











Parallel programming: human bottleneck

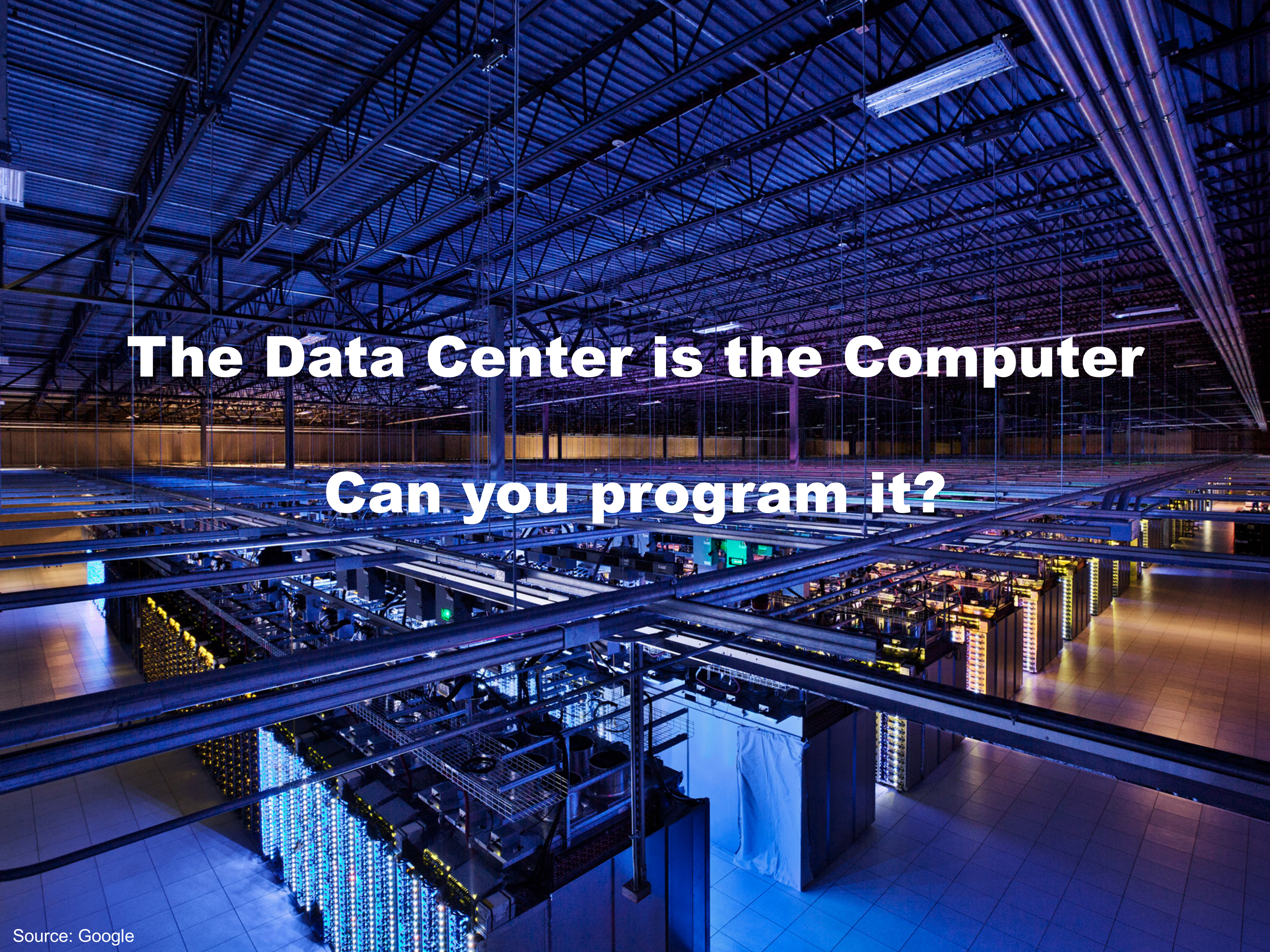
- Concurrency is difficult to reason about
- Concurrency is even more difficult to reason about
  - At the scale of datacenters and across datacenters
  - In the presence of failures
  - In terms of multiple interacting services
- Not to mention debugging…
- The reality:
  - Lots of one-off solutions, custom code
  - Write you own dedicated library, then program with it
  - Burden on the programmer to explicitly manage everything

- The MapReduce Framework alleviates this
  - making this easy is what gave Google the advantage

What's the point?

- It's all about the right level of abstraction
  - Moving beyond the von Neumann architecture
  - We need better programming models
- Hide system-level details from the developers
  - No more race conditions, lock contention, etc.
- Separating the what from how
  - Developer specifies the computation that needs to be performed
  - Execution framework (aka runtime) handles actual execution

The data center *is* the computer!



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MAPREDUCE AND HDFS

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Big data needs big ideas

- Scale “out”, not “up”
  - Limits of SMP and large shared-memory machines
- Move processing to the data
  - Cluster has limited bandwidth, cannot waste it shipping data around
- Process data sequentially, avoid random access
  - Seeks are expensive, disk throughput is reasonable, memory throughput is even better
- Seamless scalability
  - From the mythical man-month to the tradable machine-hour
- Computation is still big
  - But if efficiently scheduled and executed to solve bigger problems we can throw more hardware at the problem and use the same code
  - Remember, the datacenter is the computer

Typical Big Data Problem

- Iterate over a large number of records

Map

- Extract something of interest from each
- Shuffle and sort intermediate results
- Aggregate intermediate results

Reduce

- Generate final output

Key idea: provide a functional abstraction for these two operations

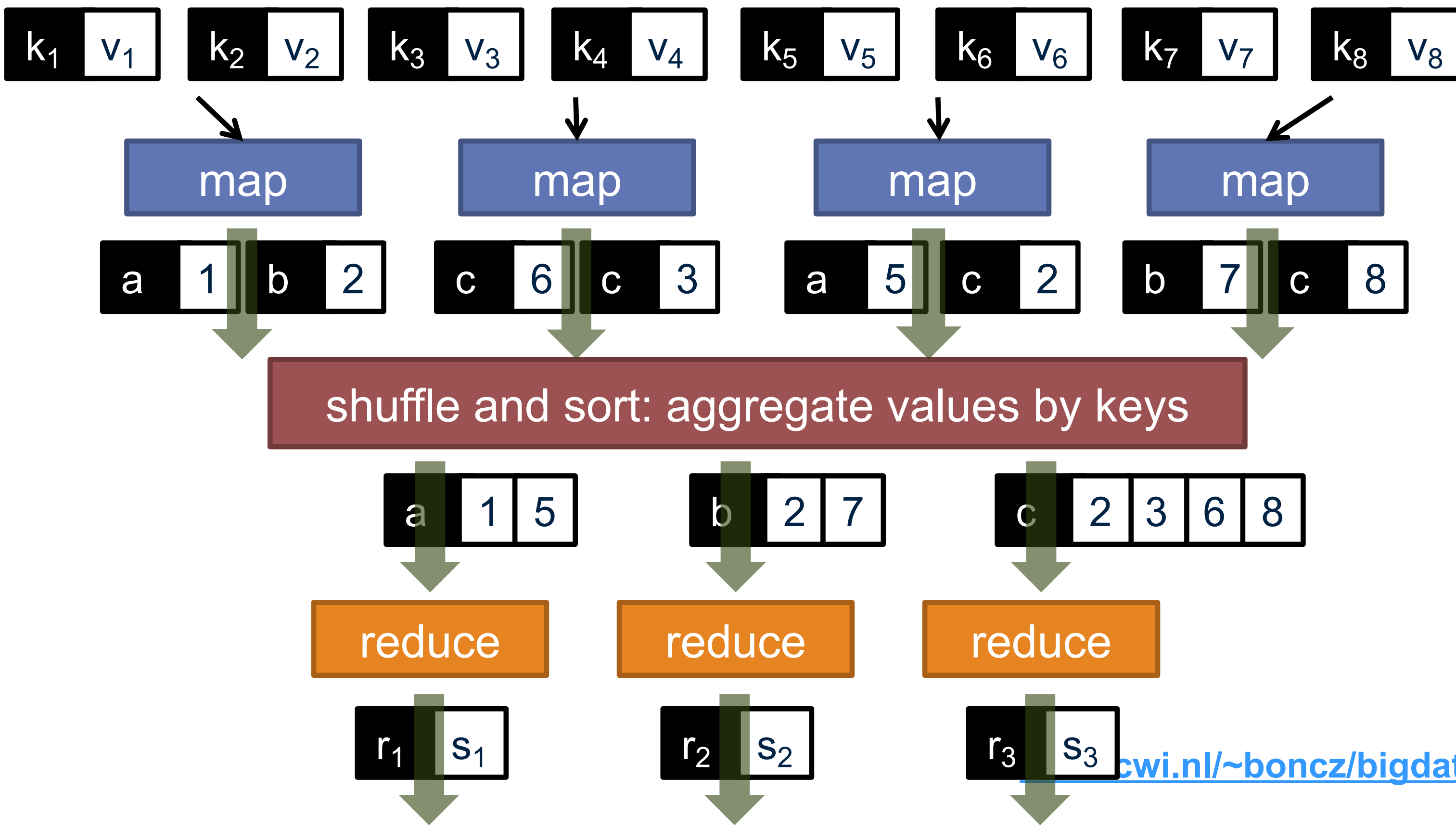
MapReduce

- Programmers specify two functions:

  map $(k_1, v_1) \rightarrow [<k_2, v_2>]$

  reduce $(k_2, [v_2]) \rightarrow [<k_3, v_3>]$

  – All values with the same key are sent to the same reducer



MapReduce runtime

- Orchestration of the distributed computation
- Handles scheduling
  - Assigns workers to map and reduce tasks
- Handles data distribution
  - Moves processes to data
- Handles synchronization
  - Gathers, sorts, and shuffles intermediate data
- Handles errors and faults
  - Detects worker failures and restarts
- Everything happens on top of a distributed file system (more information later)

MapReduce

- Programmers specify two functions:

  map (k, v) → <k', v'>*

  reduce (k', v') → <k', v'>*

  – All values with the same key are reduced together
- The execution framework handles everything else
- This is the minimal set of information to provide
- Usually, programmers also specify:

  partition (k', number of partitions) → partition for k'

  – Often a simple hash of the key, e.g., hash(k') mod n

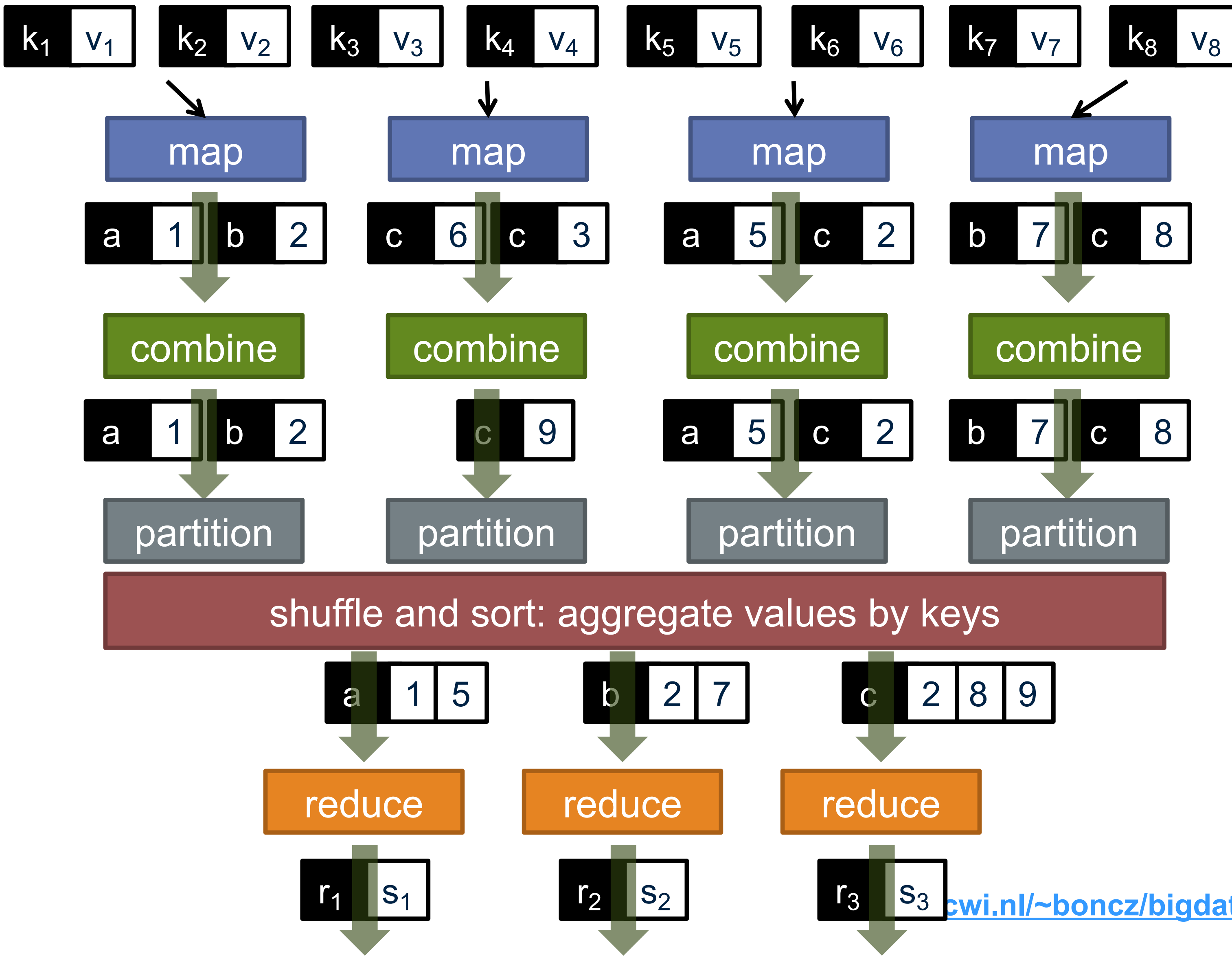
  – Divides up key space for parallel reduce operations

  combine (k', v') → <k', v'>*

  – Mini-reducers that run in memory after the map phase

  – Used as an optimization to reduce network traffic

Putting it all together



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Two more details

- Barrier between map and reduce phases
  – But we can begin copying intermediate data earlier
- Keys arrive at each reducer in sorted order
  – No enforced ordering *across* reducers

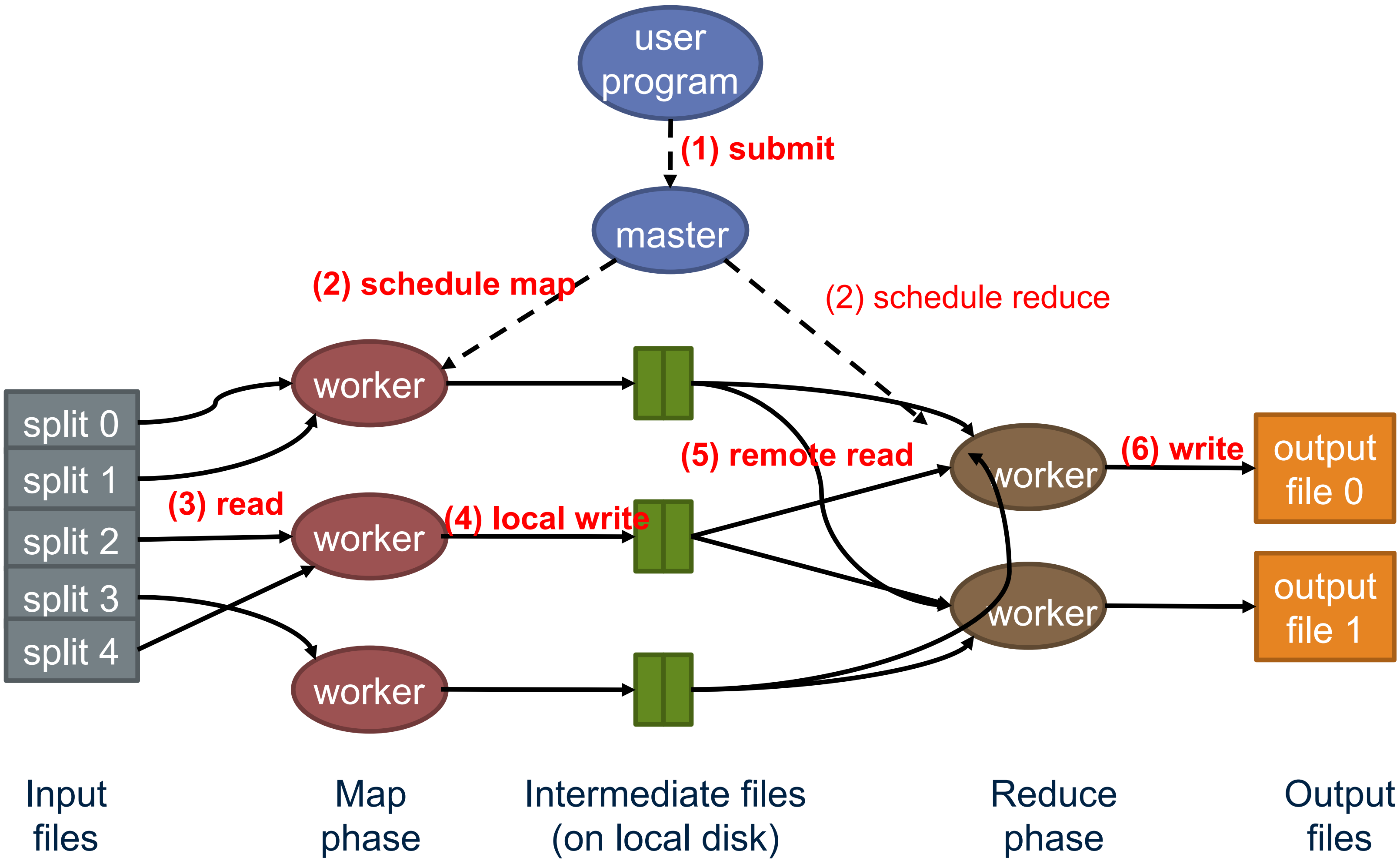
“Hello World”: Word Count

```
Map(String docid, String text):
     for each word w in text:
          Emit(w, 1);

Reduce(String term, Iterator<Int> values):
     int sum = 0;
     for each v in values:
          sum += v;
     Emit(term, sum);
```

MapReduce Implementations

- Google has a proprietary implementation in C++
  – Bindings in Java, Python
- Hadoop is an open-source implementation in Java
  – Development led by Yahoo, now an Apache project
  – Used in production at Yahoo, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Netflix, …
  – The *de facto* big data processing platform
  – Rapidly expanding software ecosystem
- Lots of custom research implementations
  – For GPUs, cell processors, etc.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(1) submit
master
(2) schedule map
(2) schedule reduce
split 0
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split 2
split 3
split 4
(3) read
worker
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worker
(4) local write
(5) remote read
worker
worker
(6) write
output file 0
output file 1
Input files
Map phase
Intermediate files (on local disk)
Reduce phase
Output files

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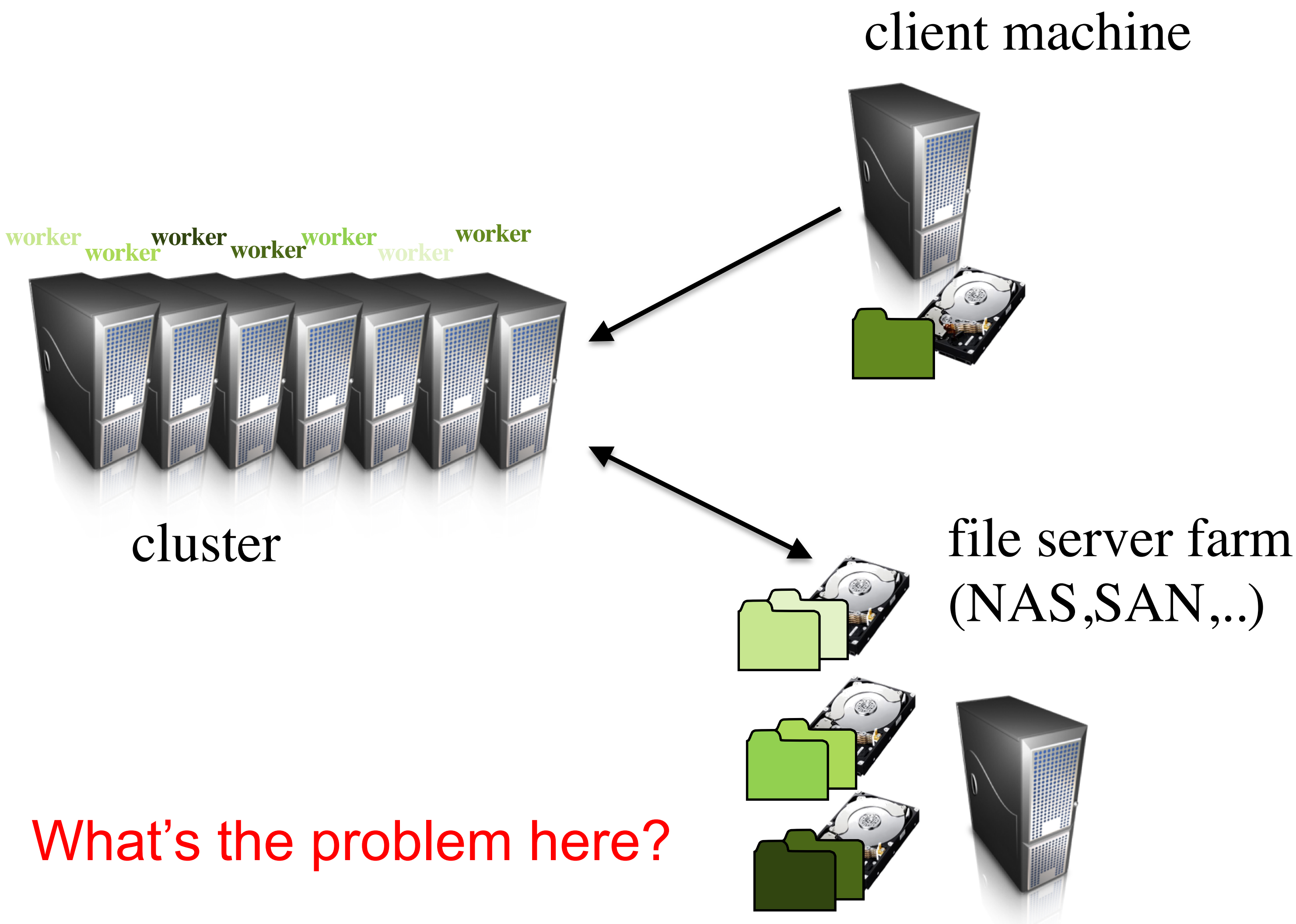
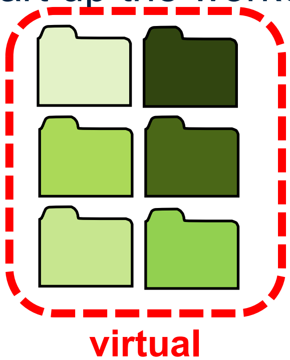
How do we get data to the workers?

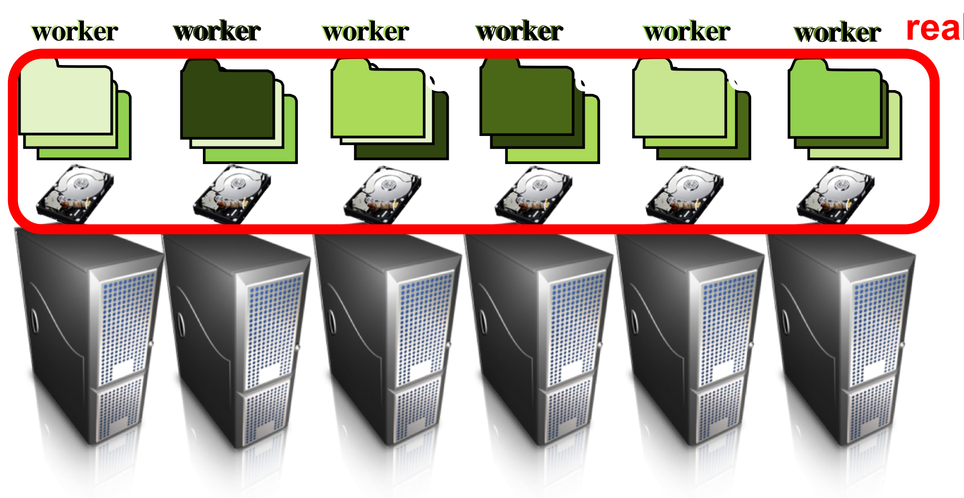


What's the problem here?

Distributed file system

- Do not move data to workers, but move workers to the data!
  - Store data on the local disks of nodes in the cluster
  - Start up the workers on the node that has the data local





- Why?
  - Avoid network traffic if possible
  - Not enough RAM to hold all the data in memory
  - Disk access is slow, but disk throughput is reasonable
- A distributed file system is the answer
  - GFS (Google File System) for Google's MapReduce
  - HDFS (Hadoop Distributed File System) for Hadoop

Note: all data is replicated for fault-tolerance (HDFS default:3x)

GFS: Assumptions

- Commodity hardware over exotic hardware
  – Scale out, not up
- High component failure rates
  – Inexpensive commodity components fail all the time
- “Modest” number of huge files
  – Multi-gigabyte files are common, if not encouraged
- Files are write-once, mostly appended to
  – Perhaps concurrently
- Large streaming reads over random access
  – High sustained throughput over low latency

GFS: Design Decisions

- Files stored as chunks
  - Fixed size (64MB)
- Reliability through replication
  - Each chunk replicated across 3+ chunkservers
- Single master to coordinate access, keep metadata
  - Simple centralized management
- No data caching
  - Little benefit due to large datasets, streaming reads
- Simplify the API
  - Push some of the issues onto the client (e.g., data layout)

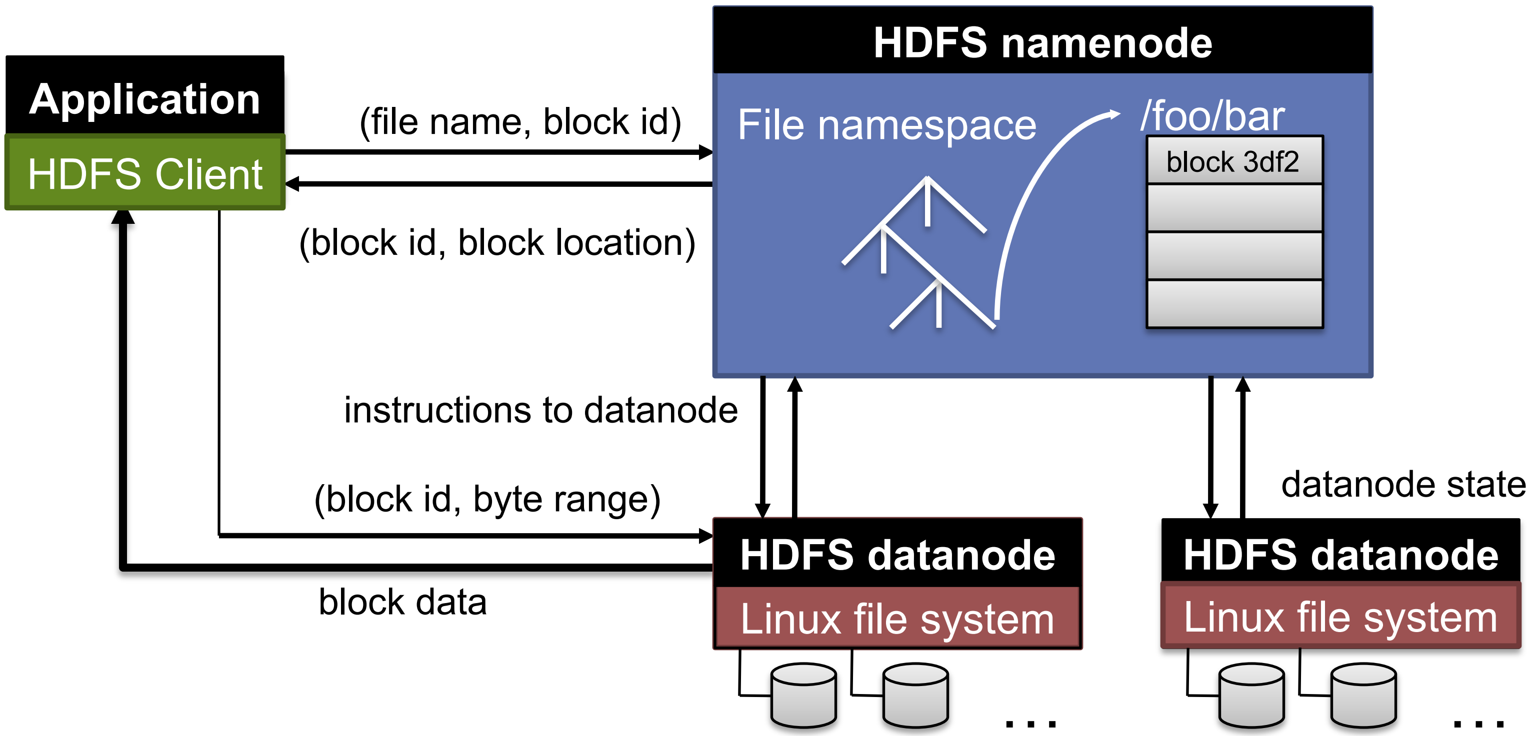
HDFS = GFS clone (same basic ideas)

From GFS to HDFS

- Terminology differences:
  - GFS master = Hadoop namenode
  - GFS chunkservers = Hadoop datanodes
- Differences:
  - Different consistency model for file appends
  - Implementation
  - Performance

For the most part, we'll use Hadoop terminology

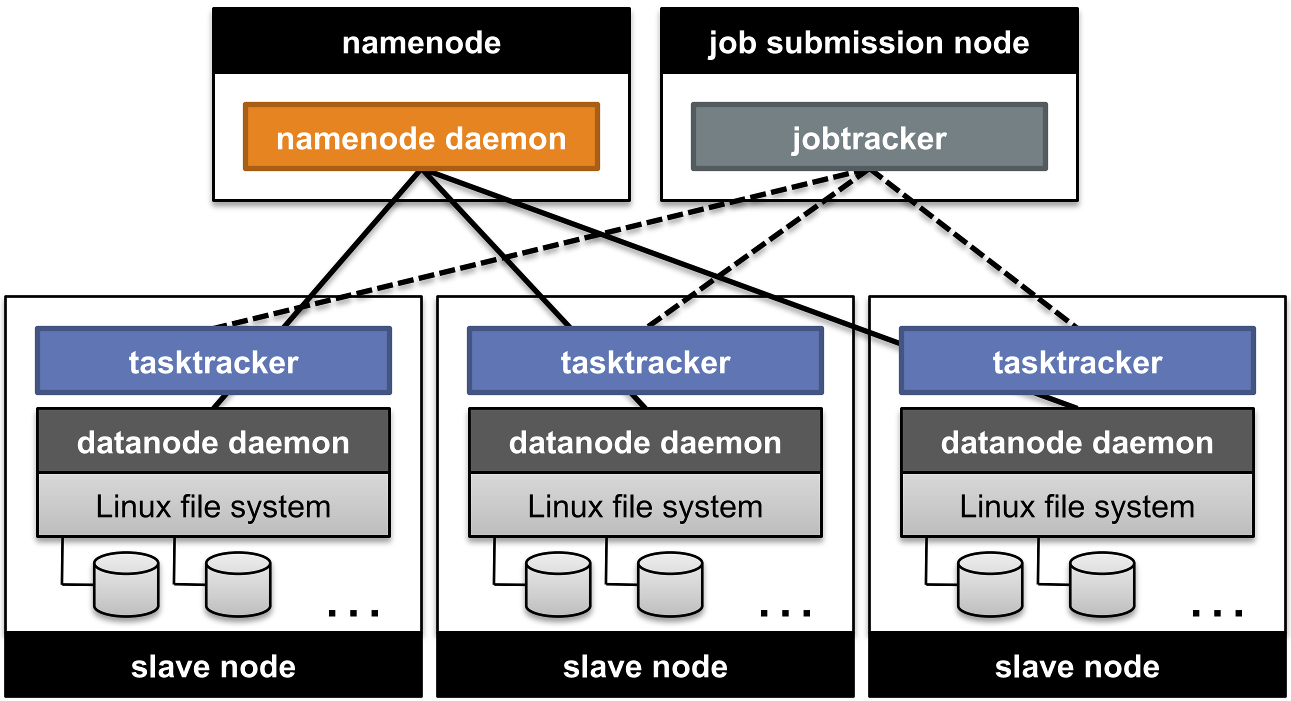
HDFS architecture



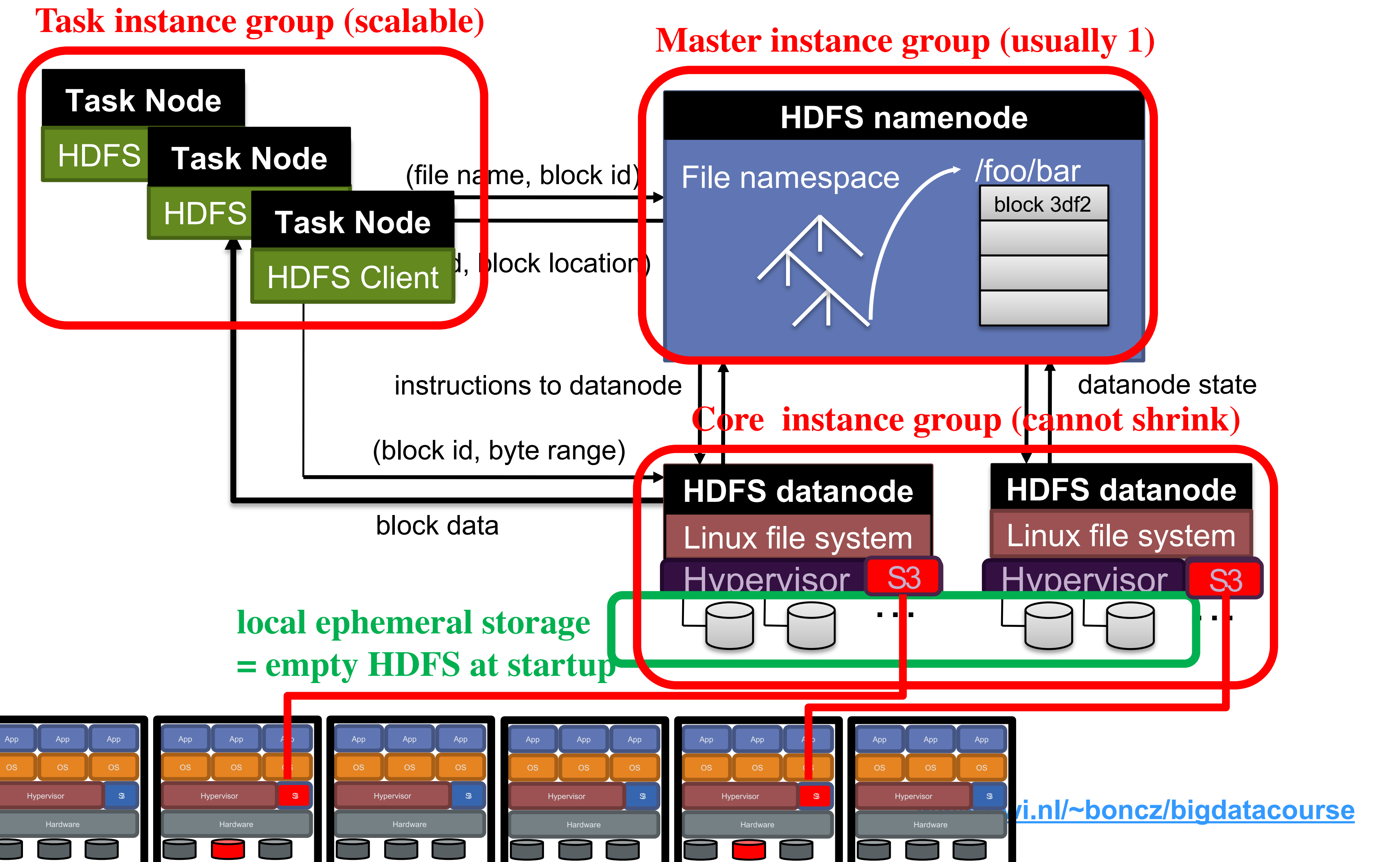
Namenode responsibilities

- Managing the file system namespace:
  - Holds file/directory structure, metadata, file-to-block mapping, access permissions, etc.
- Coordinating file operations:
  - Directs clients to datanodes for reads and writes
  - No data is moved through the namenode
- Maintaining overall health:
  - Periodic communication with the datanodes
  - Block re-replication and rebalancing
  - Garbage collection

Putting everything together



Hadoop on Amazon Elastic MapReduce



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DEVELOPING ALGORITHMS

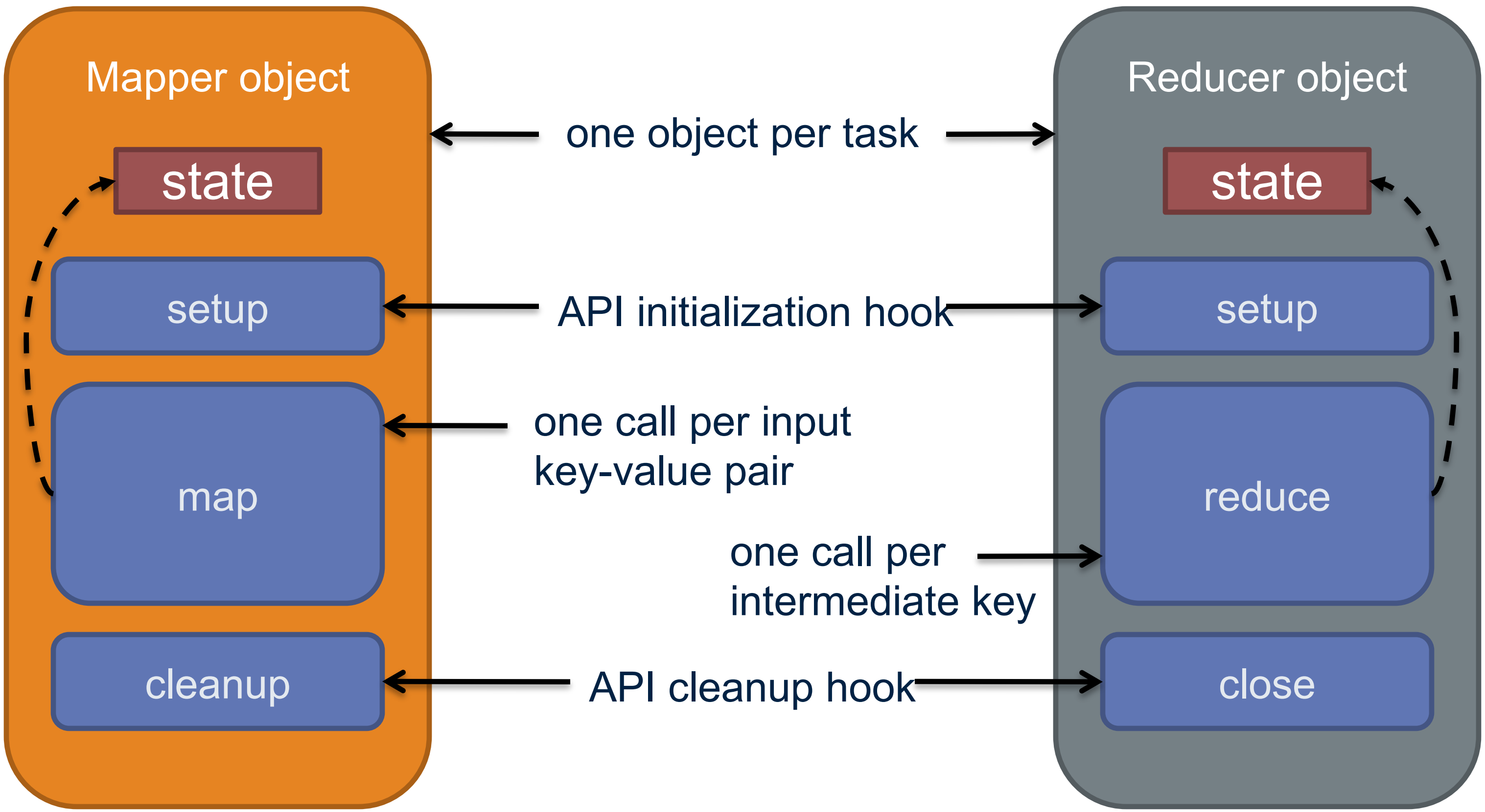
Programming for a data centre

- Understanding the design of warehouse-sized computes
  - Different techniques for a different setting
  - Requires quite a bit of rethinking
- MapReduce algorithm design
  - How do you express everything in terms of `map()`, `reduce()`, `combine()`, and `partition()`?
  - Are there any design patterns we can leverage?

Optimising computation

- The cluster management software orchestrates the computation
- But we can still optimise the computation
  - Just as we can write better code and use better algorithms and data structures
  - At all times confined within the capabilities of the framework
- Cleverly-constructed data structures
  - Bring partial results together
- Sort order of intermediate keys
  - Control order in which reducers process keys
- Partitioner
  - Control which reducer processes which keys
- Preserving state in mappers and reducers
  - Capture dependencies across multiple keys and values

Preserving State



Importance of local aggregation

- Ideal scaling characteristics:
  - Twice the data, twice the running time
  - Twice the resources, half the running time
- Why can't we achieve this?
  - Synchronization requires communication
  - Communication kills performance
- Thus… avoid communication!
  - Reduce intermediate data via local aggregation
  - Combiners can help

Word count: baseline

```
class Mapper
  method map(docid a, doc d)
    for all term t in d do
      emit(t, 1);

class Reducer
  method reduce(term t, counts [c1, c2, …])
    sum = 0;
    for all counts c in [c1, c2, …] do
      sum = sum + c;
    emit(t, sum);
```

Word count: introducing combiners

```
class Mapper
  method map(docid a, doc d)
    H = associative_array(term → count;)
    for all term t in d do
      H[t]++;
    for all term t in H[t] do
      emit(t, H[t]);
```

Local aggregation inside one document reduces Map output
(the many duplicate occurrences of the word “the” now produce 1 output pair)

Word count: introducing combiners

```
class Mapper
  method initialise()
    H = associative_array(term → count);

  method map(docid a, doc d)
    for all term t in d do
      H[t]++;

  method close()
    for all term t in H[t] do
      emit(t, H[t]);
```

Compute sums *across* documents!

(HashMap H is alive for the entire Map Job, which processes many documents)

Design pattern for local aggregation

- In-mapper combining
  - Fold the functionality of the combiner into the mapper by preserving state across multiple map calls
- Advantages
  - Speed
  - Why is this faster than actual combiners?
- Disadvantages
  - Explicit memory management required
  - Potential for order-dependent bugs

Combiner design

- Combiners and reducers share same method signature
  - Effectively they are map-side reducers
  - Sometimes, reducers can serve as combiners
  - Often, not…
- Remember: combiners are optional optimisations
  - Should not affect algorithm correctness
  - May be run 0, 1, or multiple times
- Example: find average of integers associated with the same key

Computing the mean: version 1

```
class Mapper
  method map(string t, integer r)
    emit(t, r);

class Reducer
  method reduce(string, integers [r1, r2, …])
    sum = 0;    count = 0;
    for all integers r in [r1, r2, …] do
      sum = sum + r;    count++
    r_avg = sum / count;
    emit(t, r_avg);
```

Can we use a reducer as the combiner?

Computing the mean: version 2

```
class Mapper
  method map(string t, integer r)
    emit(t, r);
class Combiner
  method combine(string t, integers [r1, r2, …])
    sum = 0;    count = 0;
    for all integers r in [r1, r2, …] do
      sum = sum + r;    count++;
     emit(t, pair(sum, count);
class Reducer
  method reduce(string t, pairs [(s1, c1), (s2, c2), …])
    sum = 0;    count = 0;
    for all pair(s, c) r in [(s1, c1), (s2, c2), …] do
      sum = sum + s;    count = count + c;
    r_avg = sum / count;
    emit(t, r_avg);
```

Wrong!

Computing the mean: version 3

```
class Mapper
  method map(string t, integer r)
    emit(t, pair(1, 1));
class Combiner
  method combine(string t, pairs [(s1, c1), (s2, c2), …])
    sum = 0;    count = 0;
    for all pair(s, c) in [(s1, c1), (s2, c2), …] do
      sum = sum + s;    count = count + c;
     emit(t, pair(sum, count));
class Reducer
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    for all pair(s, c) in [(s1, c1), (s2, c2), …] do
      sum = sum + s;    count = count + c;
    r_avg = sum / count;
    emit(t, r_avg);
```

Fixed!

Combiner must have input and output format = Reducer input format

Basic Hadoop API

Mapper

- **`void setup(Mapper.Context context)`**
  Called once at the beginning of the task
- **`void map(K key, V value, Mapper.Context context)`**
  Called once for each key/value pair in the input split
- **`void cleanup(Mapper.Context context)`**
  Called once at the end of the task

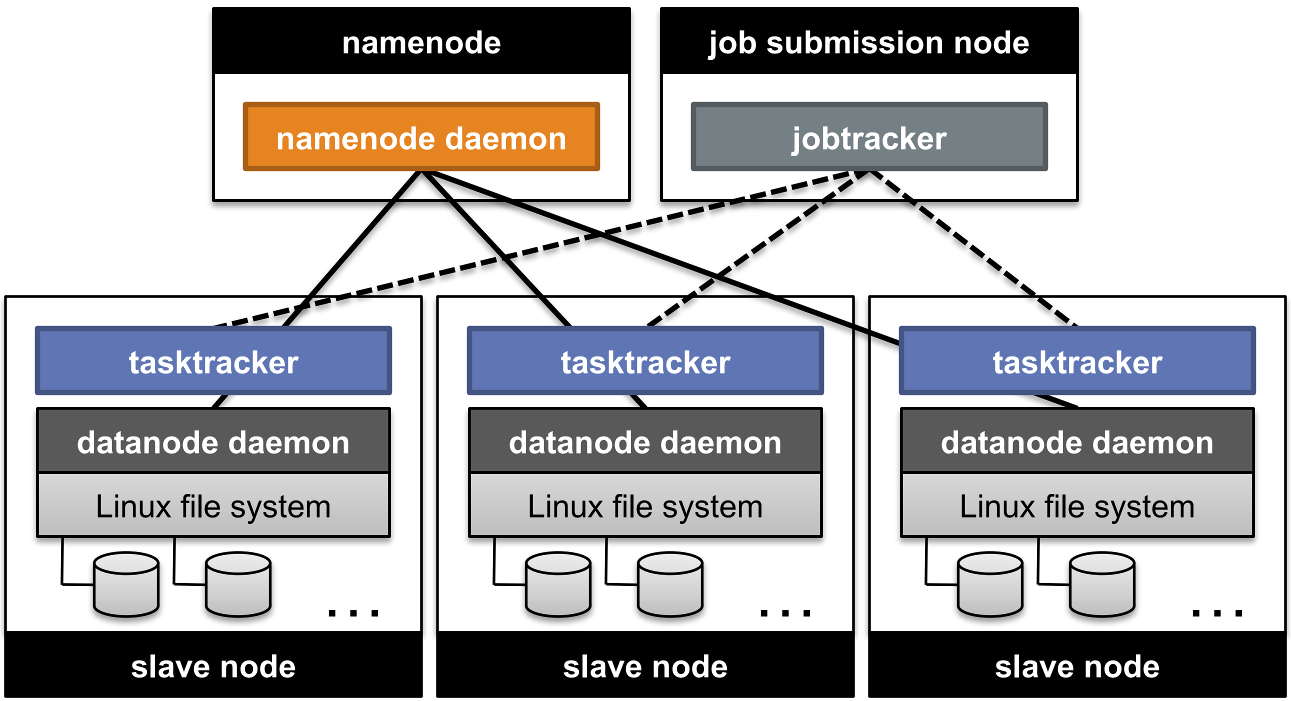
Reducer/Combiner

- **`void setup(Reducer.Context context)`**
  Called once at the start of the task
- **`void reduce(K key, Iterable<V> values, Reducer.Context ctx)`**
  Called once for each key
- **`void cleanup(Reducer.Context context)`**
  Called once at the end of the task

Basic cluster components

- One of each:
  - Namenode (NN): master node for HDFS
  - Jobtracker (JT): master node for job submission
- Set of each per slave machine:
  - Tasktracker (TT): contains multiple task slots
  - Datanode (DN): serves HDFS data blocks

Recap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Anatomy of a job

- MapReduce program in Hadoop = Hadoop job
  - Jobs are divided into map and reduce tasks
  - An instance of running a task is called a task attempt (occupies a slot)
  - Multiple jobs can be composed into a workflow
- Job submission:
  - Client (i.e., driver program) creates a job, configures it, and submits it to jobtracker
  - That’s it! The Hadoop cluster takes over

Anatomy of a job

- Behind the scenes:
  - Input splits are computed (on client end)
  - Job data (jar, configuration XML) are sent to JobTracker
  - JobTracker puts job data in shared location, enqueues tasks
  - TaskTrackers poll for tasks
  - Off to the races

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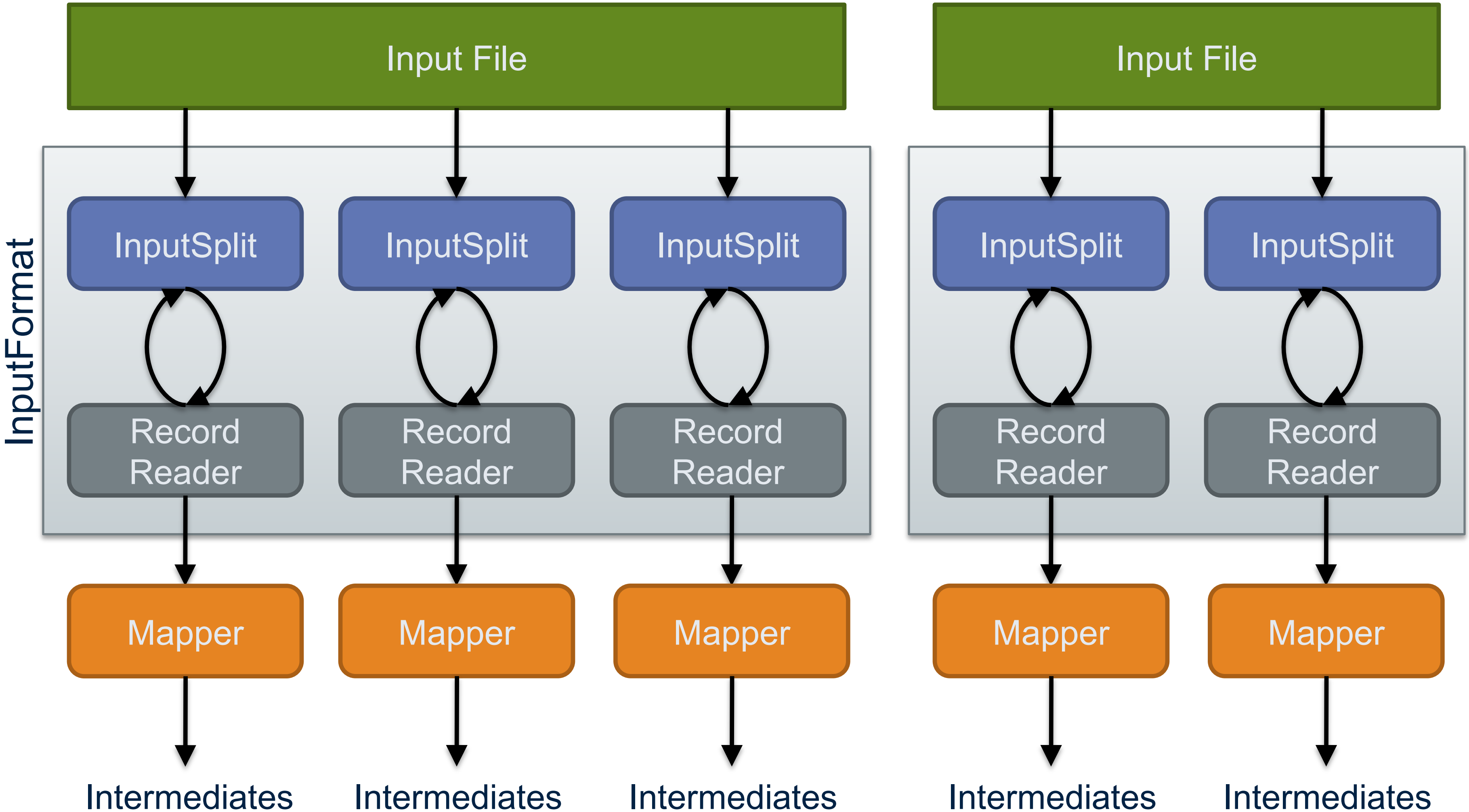

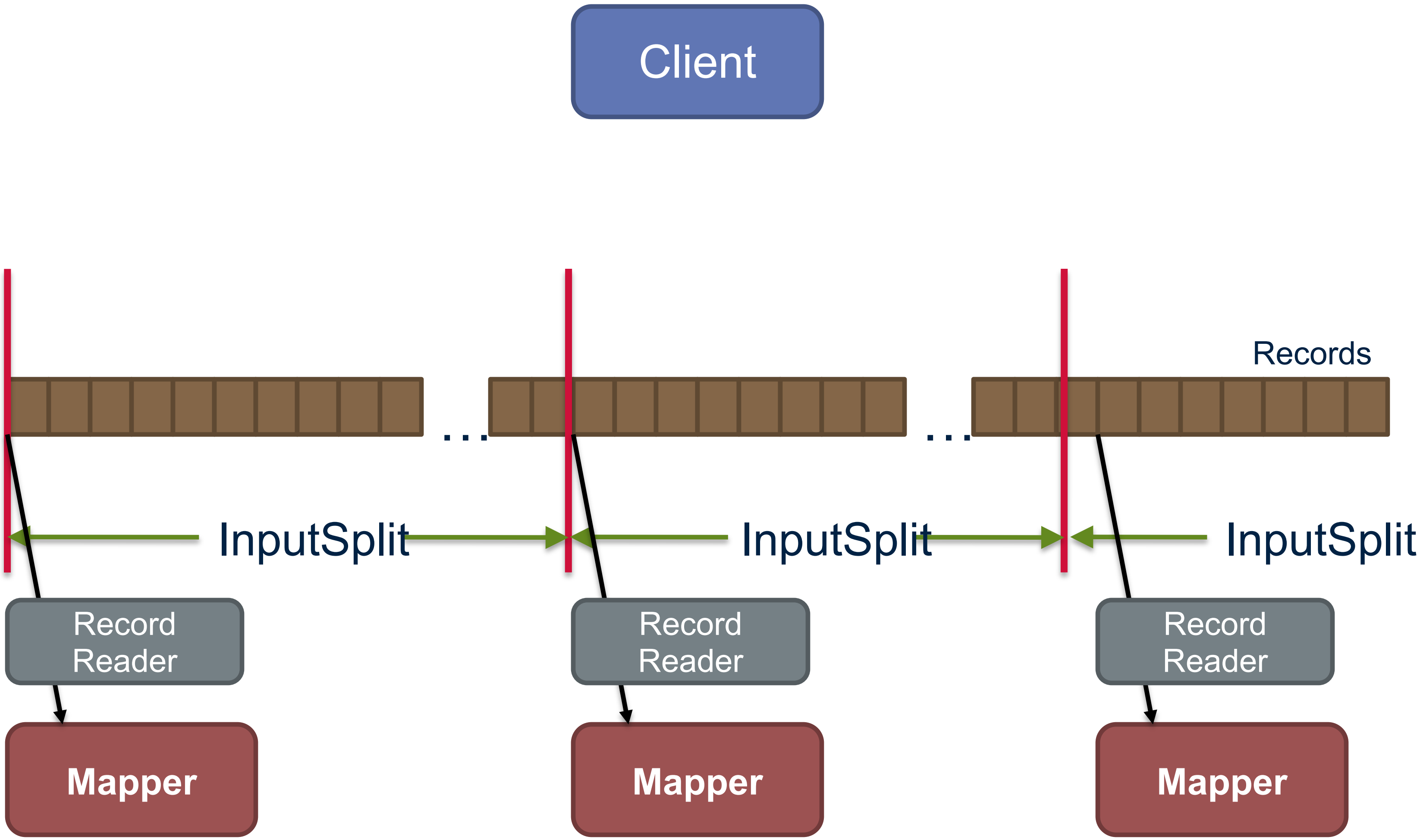
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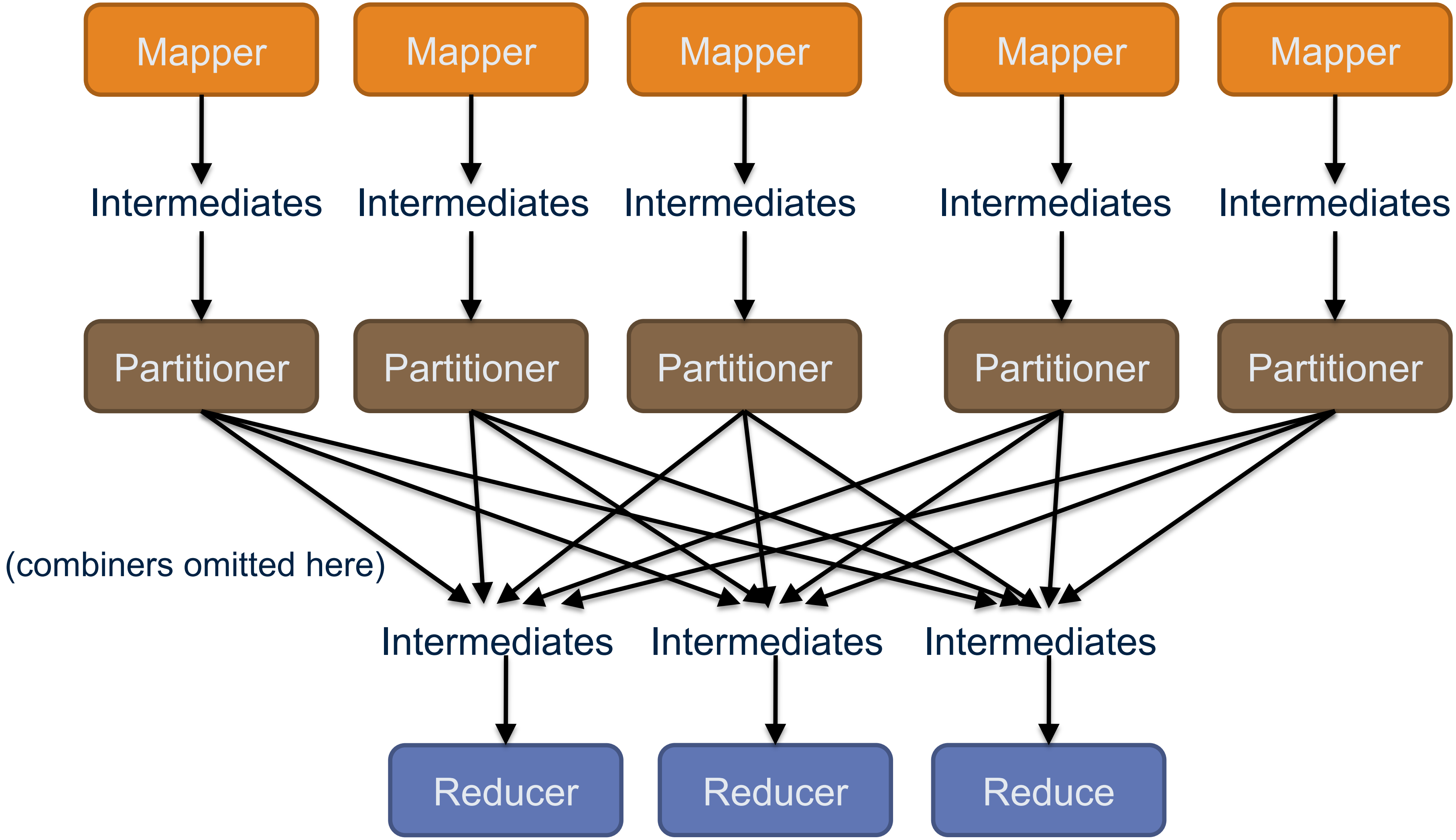
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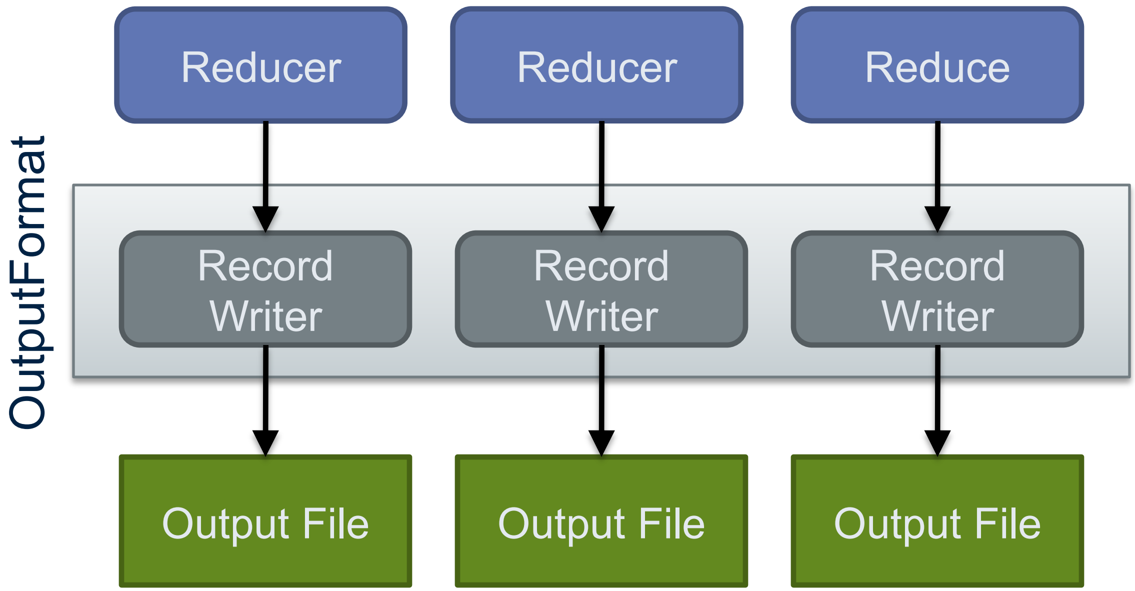

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Input and output

- InputFormat:
  - TextInputFormat
  - KeyValueTextInputFormat
  - SequenceFileInputFormat
  - …
- OutputFormat:
  - TextOutputFormat
  - SequenceFileOutputFormat
  - …

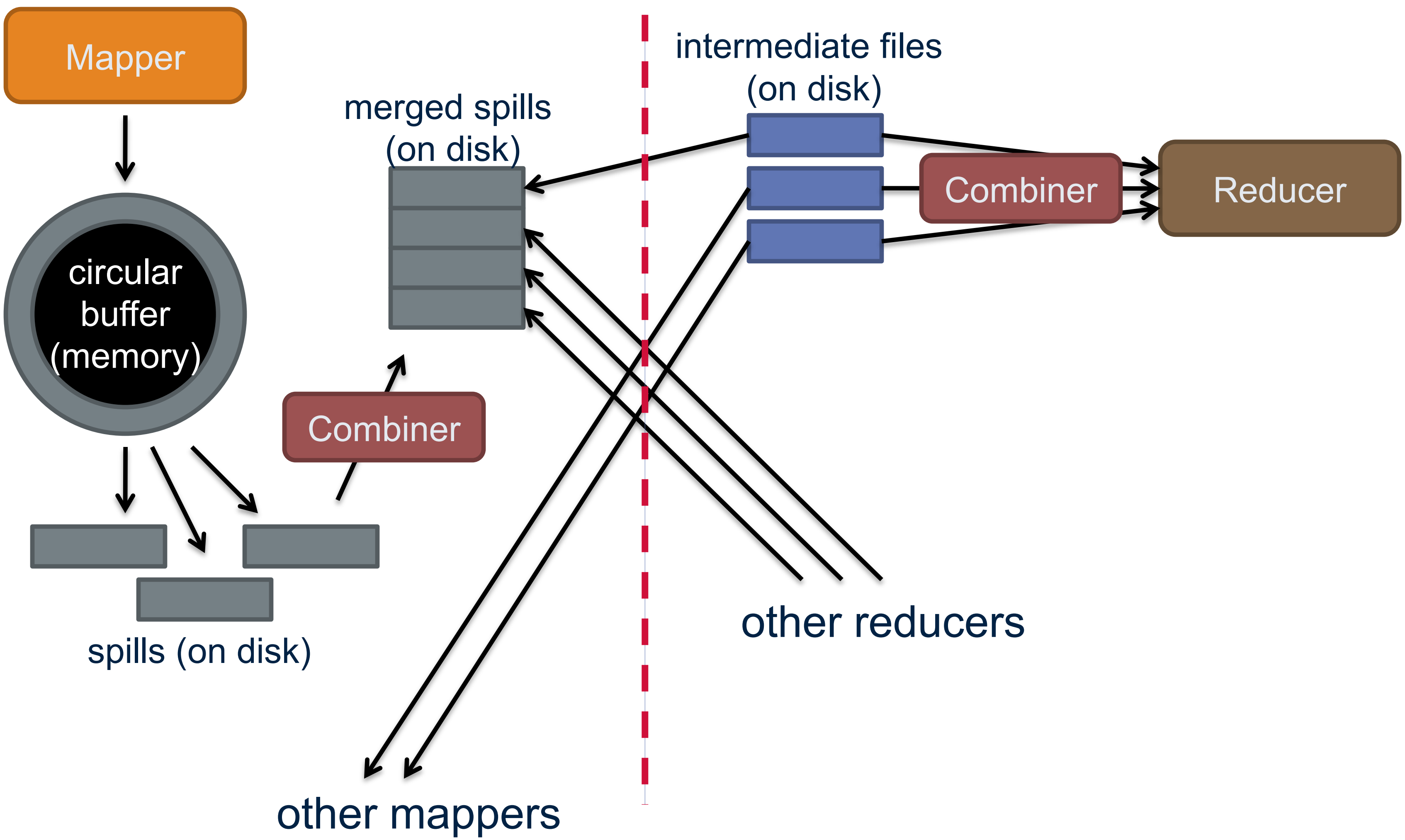
Complex data types in Hadoop

- How do you implement complex data types?
- The easiest way:
  - Encoded it as Text, e.g., (a, b) = “a:b”
  - Use regular expressions to parse and extract data
  - Works, but pretty hack-ish
- The hard way:
  - Define a custom implementation of Writable(Comparable)
  - Must implement: readFields, write, (compareTo)
  - Computationally efficient, but slow for rapid prototyping
  - Implement WritableComparator hook for performance
- Somewhere in the middle:
  - Some frameworks offers JSON support and lots of useful Hadoop types

Shuffle and sort in Hadoop

- Probably the most complex aspect of MapReduce
- Map side
  - Map outputs are buffered in memory in a circular buffer
  - When buffer reaches threshold, contents are spilled to disk
  - Spills merged in a single, partitioned file (sorted within each partition): combiner runs during the merges
- Reduce side
  - First, map outputs are copied over to reducer machine
  - Sort is a multi-pass merge of map outputs (happens in memory and on disk): combiner runs during the merges
  - Final merge pass goes directly into reducer

Shuffle and sort

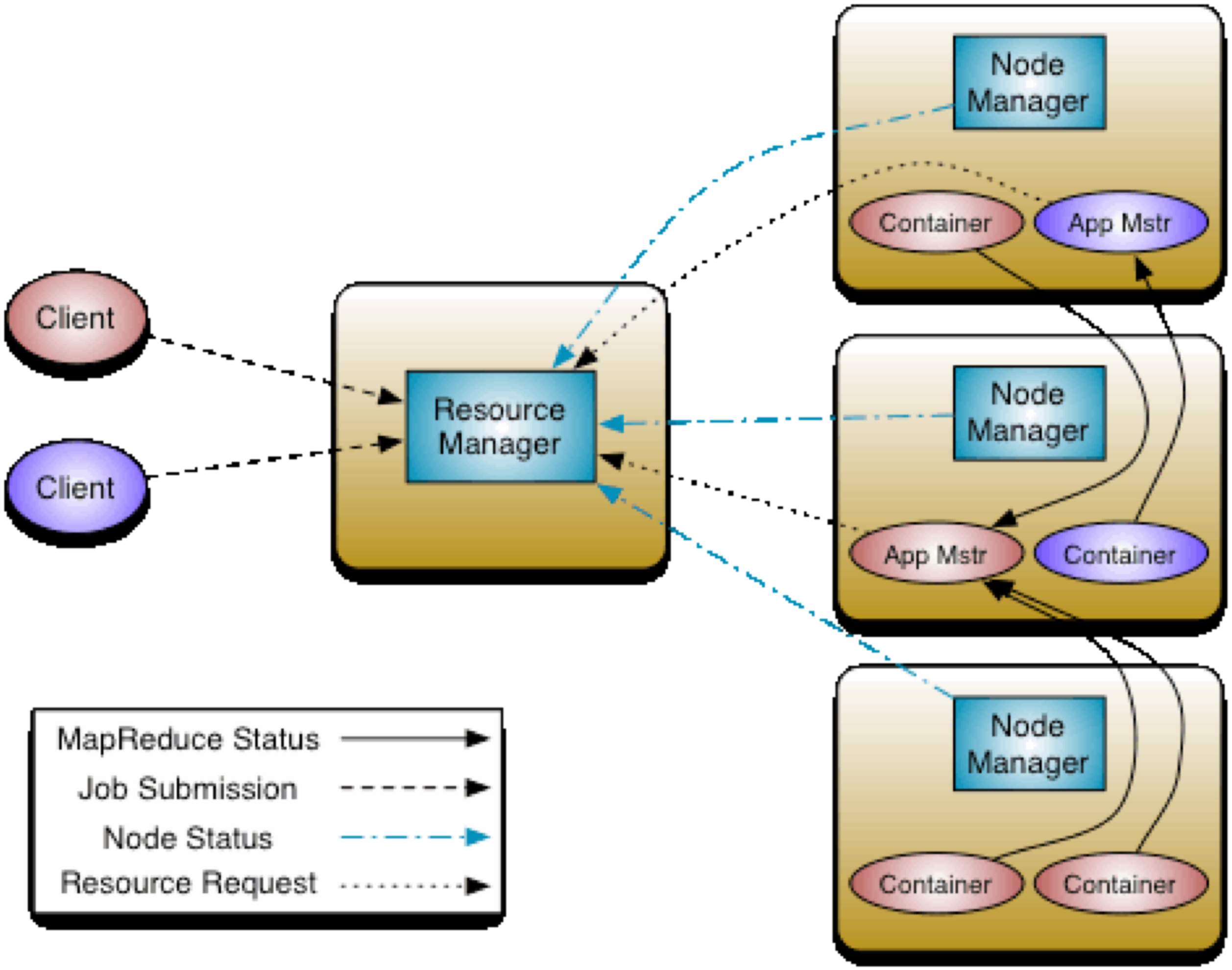


THE HADOOP ECOSYSTEM

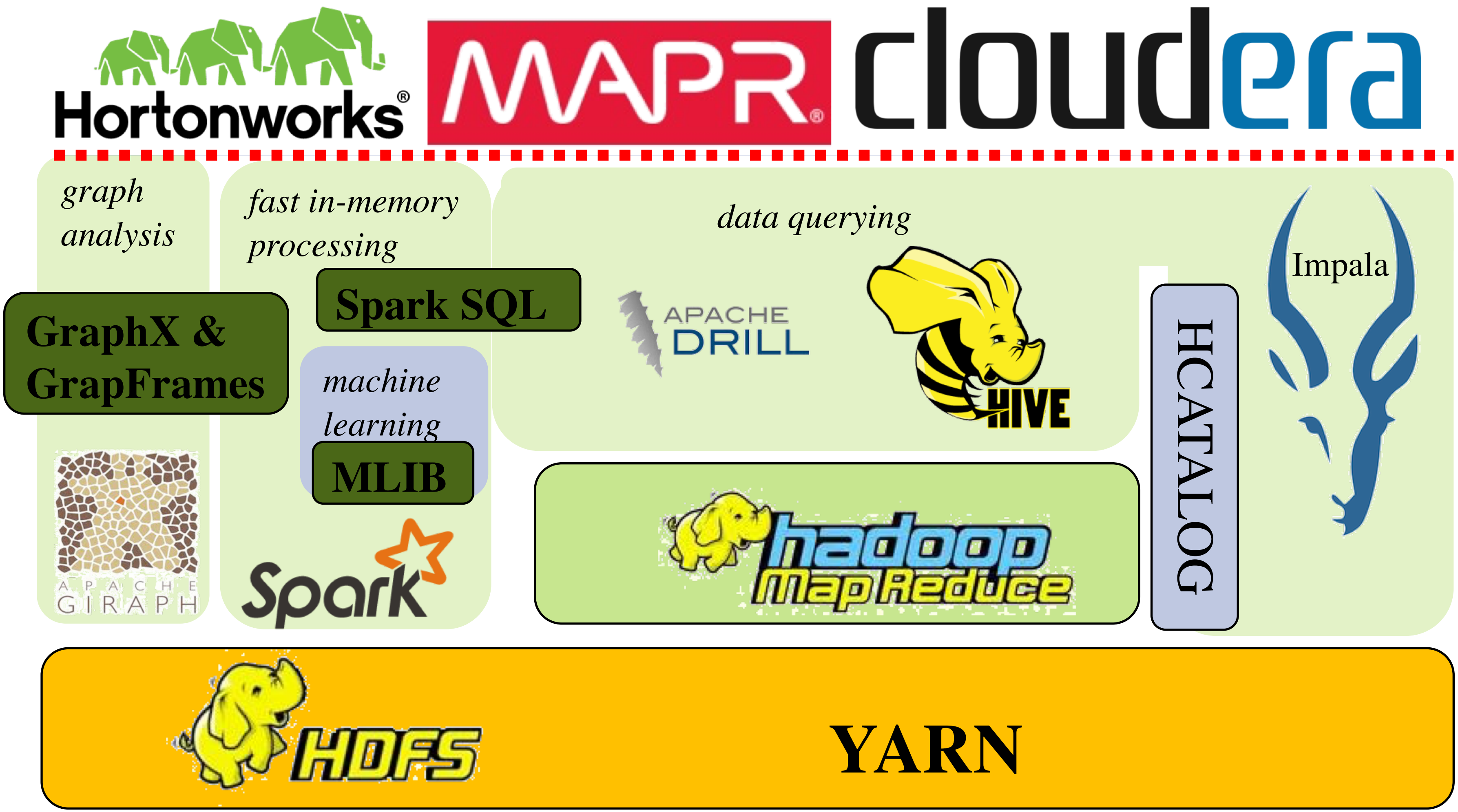
YARN: Hadoop version 2.0

- Hadoop limitations:
  - Can only run MapReduce
  - What if we want to run other distributed frameworks?
- YARN = Yet-Another-Resource-Negotiator
  - Provides API to develop any generic distribution application
  - Handles scheduling and resource request
  - MapReduce (MR2) is one such application in YARN

YARN: architecture



The Hadoop Ecosystem



The Hadoop Ecosystem

- **Basic services**
  - HDFS = Open-source GFS clone originally funded by Yahoo
  - MapReduce = Open-source MapReduce implementation (Java,Python)
  - YARN = Resource manager to share clusters between MapReduce and other tools
  - HCATALOG = Meta-data repository for registering datasets available on HDFS (Hive Catalog)
  - Spark = new in-memory MapReduce++ based on Scala (avoids HDFS writes)
- **Data Querying**
  - Hive = SQL system that compiles to MapReduce (Hortonworks)
  - Impala, or, Drill = efficient SQL systems that do *not* use MapReduce (Cloudera,MapR)
  - SparkSQL = SQL system running on top of Spark
- **Graph Processing**
  - Giraph = Pregel clone on Hadoop (Facebook)
  - GraphX = graph analysis library of Spark
- **Machine Learning**
  - MLib = Spark –based library of machine learning algorithms

Summary

- The difficulties of parallel programming
  - High-level frameworks to the rescue (Google MapReduce)
- MapReduce Architecture
  - MapReduce & HDFS (/GFS)
  - Understanding the impact of communication latency
- MapReduce Programming
  - Word Count Examples
  - Optimization with combiners
  - Optimization with State
- Hadoop now: The Hadoop Ecosystem
  - HDFS and YARN: generic services, now split from MapReduce
  - Many tools available in Hadoop, among others: Spark (next lecture)