



Chapter 4:

HBase

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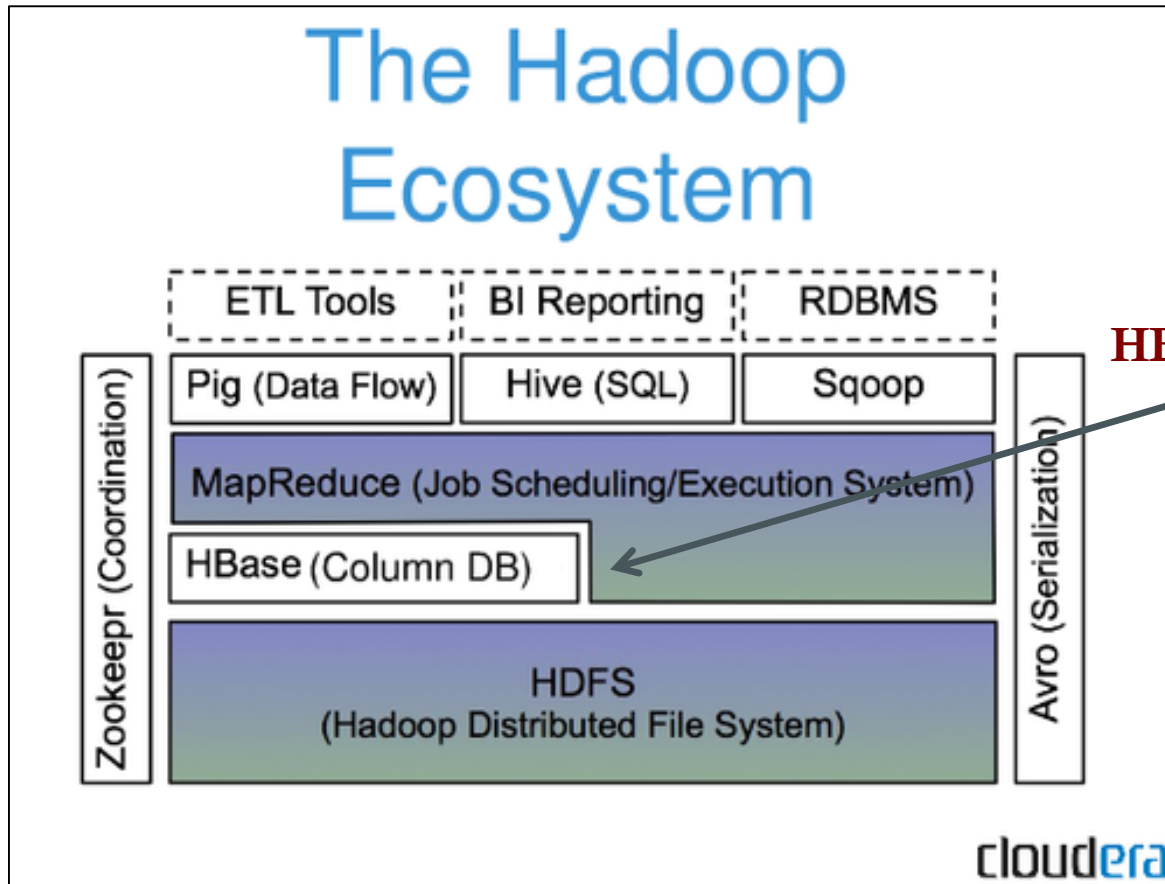




HBase: Overview

- **HBase is a distributed column-oriented data store built on top of HDFS**
- **HBase is an Apache open source project whose goal is to provide storage for the Hadoop Distributed Computing**
- **Data is logically organized into tables, rows and columns**

HBase: Part of Hadoop's Ecosystem



HBase is built on top of HDFS

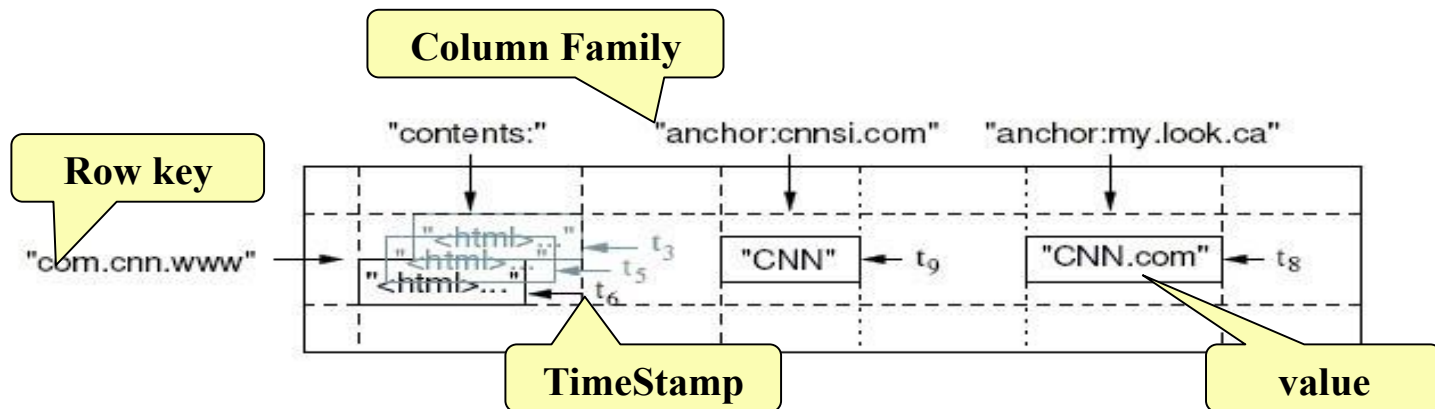


HBase files are internally stored in HDFS

HBase Data Model

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- HBase is based on Google's Bigtable model
 - Key-Value pairs



HBase Logical View

Implicit PRIMARY KEY in RDBMS terms

Data is all `byte[]` in HBase

Different types of data separated into different "column families"

Row key	Data
cutting	info: { 'height': '9ft', 'state': 'CA' } roles: { 'ASF': 'Director', 'Hadoop': 'Founder' }
tlipcon	info: { 'height': '5ft7', 'state': 'CA' } roles: { 'Hadoop': 'Committer'@ts=2010, 'Hadoop': 'PMC'@ts=2011, 'Hive': 'Contributor' }

Different rows may have different sets of columns (table is *sparse*)

A single cell might have different values at different timestamps

Useful for *-To-Many mappings

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HBase: Keys and Column Families

Each record is divided into *Column Families*

Each row has a *Key*

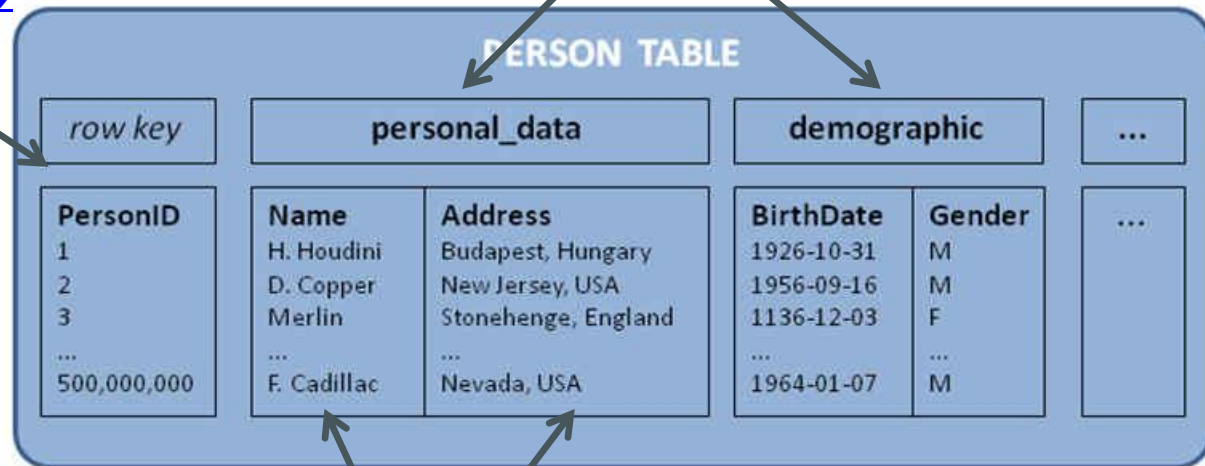


Figure 2. Census Data in Column Families

Each column family consists of one or more *Columns*

- **Key**
 - Byte array
 - Serves as the primary key for the table
 - Indexed for fast lookup
- **Column Family**
 - Has a name (string)
 - Contains one or more related columns
- **Column**
 - Belongs to one column family
 - Included inside the row
 - *familyName:columnName*

Column family named "Contents"

Column family named "anchor"

Row key	Time Stamp	Column "contents:"	Column "anchor:"	
"com.apache.www"	t12	"<html>..."		
	t11	"<html>..."	Column named "apache.com"	
	t10		"anchor:apache.com"	"APACHE"
"com.cnn.www"	t15		"anchor:cnn.com"	"CNN"
	t13		"anchor:my.look.ca"	"CNN.com"
	t6	"<html>..."		
	t5	"<html>..."		
	t3	"<html>..."		

Version number for each row

- **Version Number**
 - Unique within each key
 - By default → System's timestamp
 - Data type is Long
- **Value (Cell)**
 - Byte array

Row key	Time Stamp	Column "content:s:"	Column "anchor:"	
"com.apache.www"	t12	"<html>..."		value
	t11	"<html>..."		↓
	t10		"anchor:apache.com"	"APACHE"
"com.cnn.www"	t15		"anchor:cnn.com"	"CNN"
	t13		"anchor:my.look.ca"	"CNN.com"
	t6	"<html>..."		
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Notes on Data Model

- HBase schema consists of several *Tables*
- Each table consists of a set of *Column Families*
 - Columns are not part of the schema
- HBase has *Dynamic Columns*
 - Because column names are encoded inside the cells
 - Different cells can have different columns

“Roles” column family has different columns in different cells




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Notes on Data Model (Cont'd)

- The *version number* can be user-supplied
 - Even does not have to be inserted in increasing order
 - Version number are unique within each key
- Table can be very sparse
 - Many cells are empty
- *Keys* are indexed as the primary key

Has two columns
[cnnsi.com & my.look.ca]



Row Key	Time Stamp	ColumnFamily contents	ColumnFamily anchor
"com.cnn.www"	t9		anchor:cnnsi.com = "CNN"
"com.cnn.www"	t8		anchor:my.look.ca = "CNN.com"
"com.cnn.www"	t6	contents:html = "<html>..."	
"com.cnn.www"	t5	contents:html = "<html>..."	
"com.cnn.www"	t3	contents:html = "<html>..."	

HBase Physical Model

HBase Physical Model

- Each column family is stored in a separate file (called *HTables*)
- Key & Version numbers are replicated with each column family
- Empty cells are not stored

HBase maintains a multi-level index on values:
<key, column family, column name, timestamp>

Table 5.3. ColumnFamily contents

Row Key	Time Stamp	ColumnFamily "contents:"
"com.cnn.www"	t6	contents:html = "<html>..."
"com.cnn.www"	t5	contents:html = "<html>..."
"com.cnn.www"	t3	contents:html = "<html>..."

Table 5.2. ColumnFamily anchor

Row Key	Time Stamp	Column Family anchor
"com.cnn.www"	t9	anchor:cnnsi.com = "CNN"
"com.cnn.www"	t8	anchor:my.look.ca = "CNN.com"

Example

Row key	Data
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info Column Family

Row key	Column key	Timestamp	Cell value
cutting	info:height	1273516197868	9ft
cutting	info:state	1043871824184	CA
tlipcon	info:height	1273878447049	5ft7
tlipcon	info:state	1273616297446	CA

roles Column Family

Row key	Column key	Timestamp	Cell value
cutting	roles:ASF	1273871823022	Director
cutting	roles:Hadoop	1183746289103	Founder
tlipcon	roles:Hadoop	1300062064923	PMC
tlipcon	roles:Hadoop	1293388212294	Committer
tlipcon	roles:Hive	1273616297446	Contributor

Sorted
on disk by
Row key, Col
key,
descending
timestamp

Milliseconds since unix epoch

HBase Regions

- Each HTable (column family) is partitioned horizontally into *regions*
 - **Regions** are counterpart to **HDFS blocks**

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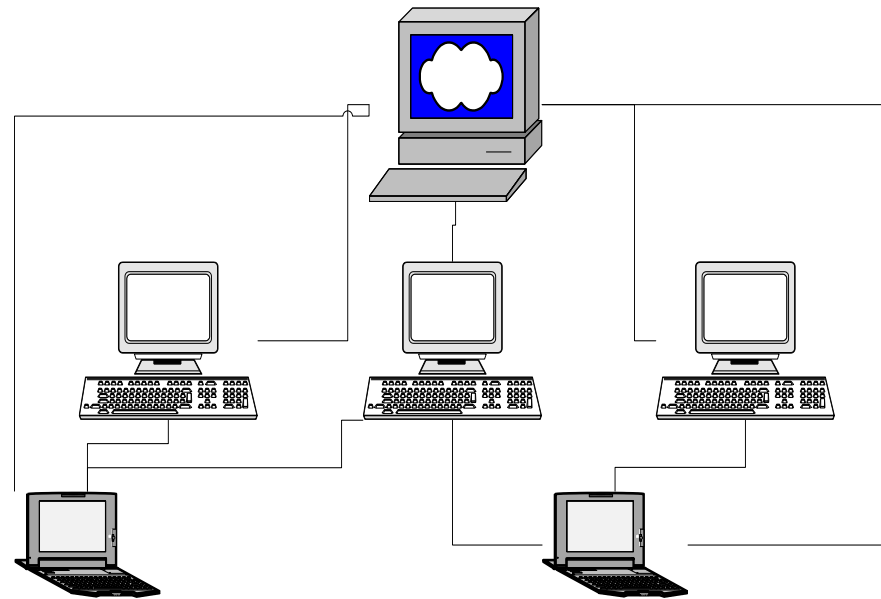


Each will be one region

HBase Architecture

Three Major Components

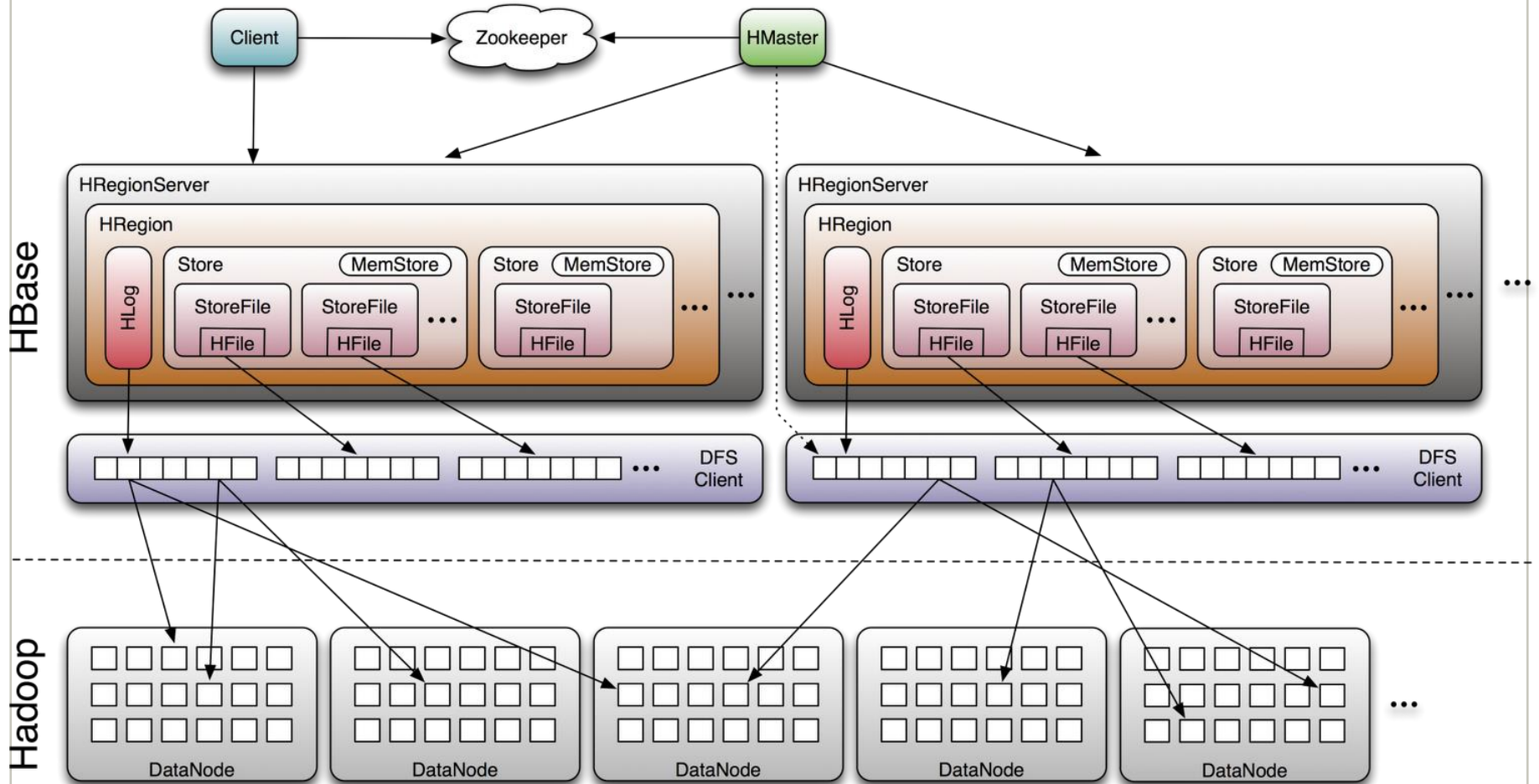
- The HBaseMaster
 - One master
- The HRegionServer
 - Many region servers
- The HBase client



HBase Components

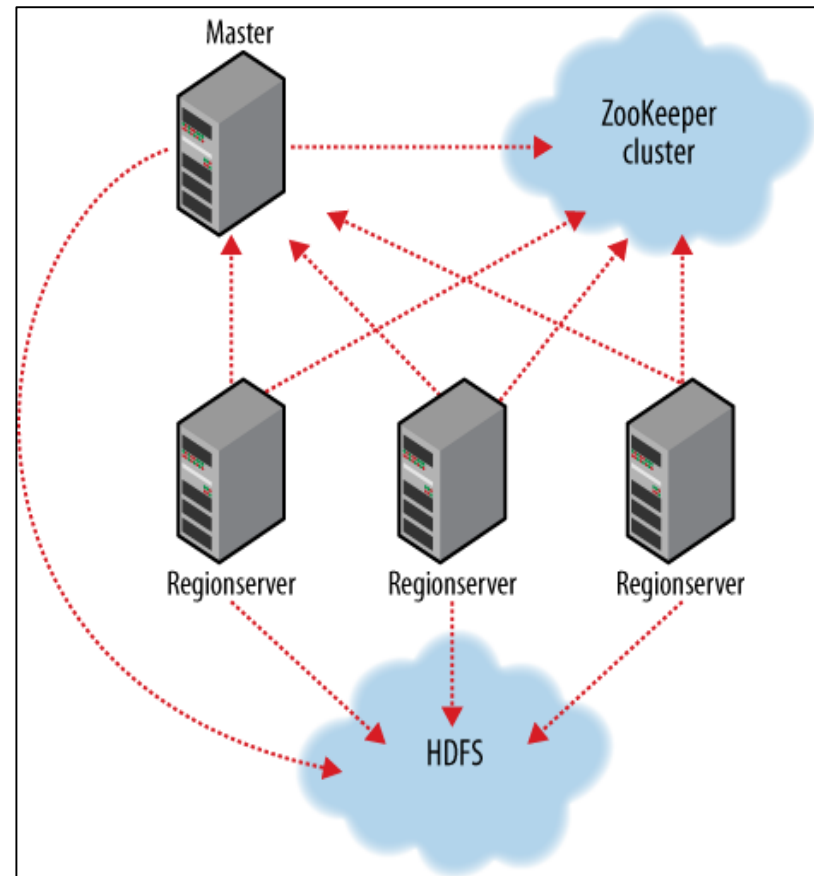
- **Region**
 - A subset of a table's rows, like horizontal range partitioning
 - Automatically done
- **RegionServer (many slaves)**
 - Manages data regions
 - Serves data for reads and writes (*using a log*)
- **Master**
 - Responsible for coordinating the slaves
 - Assigns regions, detects failures
 - Admin functions

Big Picture



ZooKeeper

- HBase depends on ZooKeeper
- By default HBase manages the ZooKeeper instance
 - E.g., starts and stops ZooKeeper
- HMaster and HRegionServers register themselves with ZooKeeper



Creating a Table

```
HBaseAdmin admin= new HBaseAdmin(config);  
HColumnDescriptor []column;  
column= new HColumnDescriptor[2];  
column[0]=new HColumnDescriptor("columnFamily1:");  
column[1]=new HColumnDescriptor("columnFamily2:");  
HTableDescriptor desc= new HTableDescriptor(Bytes.toBytes("MyTable"));  
desc.addFamily(column[0]);  
desc.addFamily(column[1]);  
admin.createTable(desc);
```

Get()

Select value from table where
key='com.apache.www' AND
label='anchor:apache.com'

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Scan()

Select value from table
where anchor='cnnsi.com'

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Operations On Regions: **Delete()**

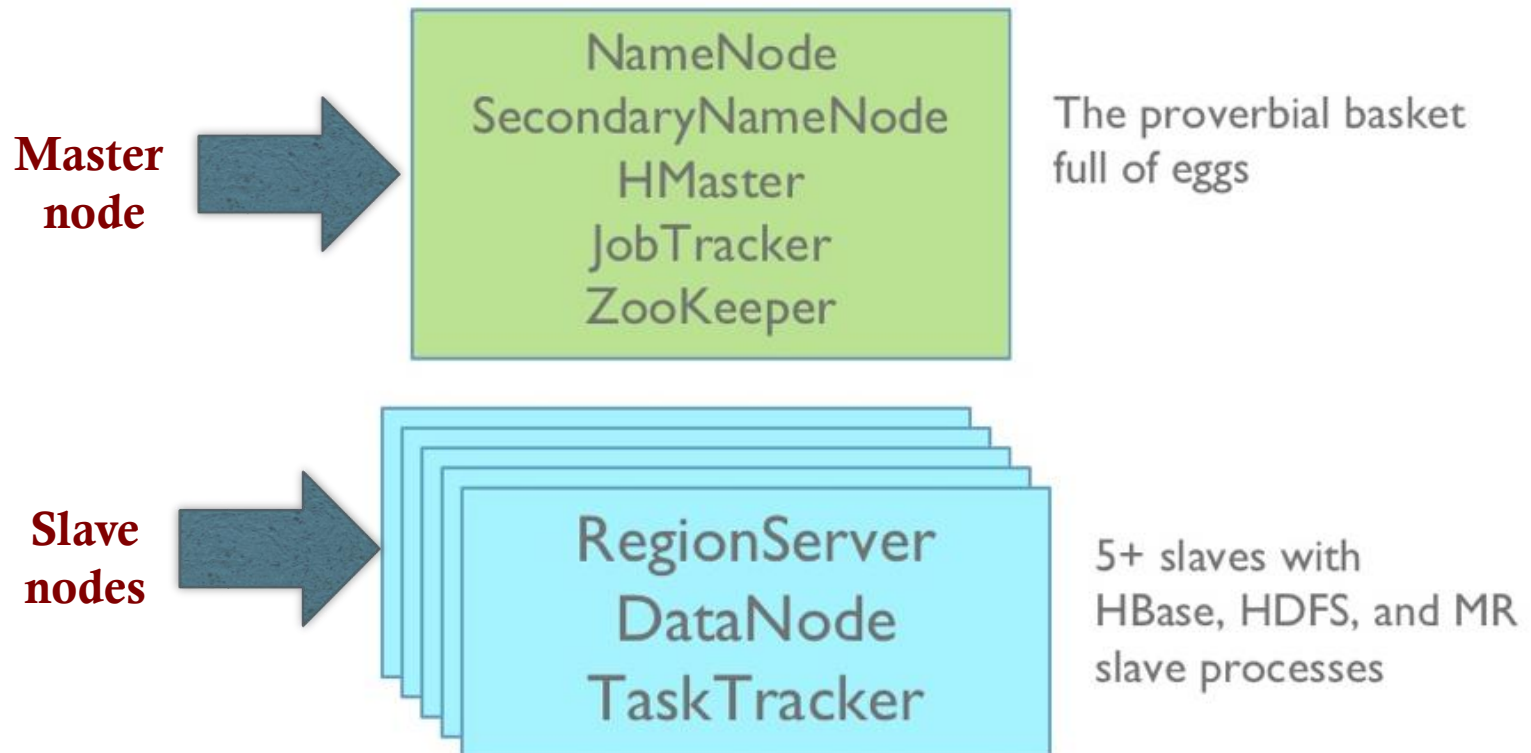
- Marking table cells as deleted
- **Multiple levels**
 - Can mark an entire column family as deleted
 - Can make all column families of a given row as deleted

- All operations are logged by the RegionServers
- The log is flushed periodically

HBase: **Joins**

- HBase does not support joins
- Can be done in the application layer
 - Using scan() and get() operations

HBase Deployment



HBase vs. HDFS

	Plain HDFS/MR	HBase
Write pattern	Append-only	Random write, bulk incremental
Read pattern	Full table scan, partition table scan	Random read, small range scan, or table scan
Hive (SQL) performance	Very good	4-5x slower
Structured storage	Do-it-yourself / TSV / SequenceFile / Avro / ?	Sparse column-family data model
Max data size	30+ PB	~1PB

HBase vs. RDBMS

	RDBMS	HBase
Data layout	Row-oriented	Column-family-oriented
Transactions	Multi-row ACID	Single row only
Query language	SQL	get/put/scan/etc *
Security	Authentication/Authorization	Work in progress
Indexes	On arbitrary columns	Row-key only
Max data size	TBs	~1PB
Read/write throughput limits	1000s queries/second	Millions of queries/second

When to use HBase

- You need random write, random read, or both (*but not neither*)
- You need to do many thousands of operations per second on multiple TB of data
- Your access patterns are well-known and simple