USING SPARK WITH HIVE



Here we explain how to use Apache Spark with Hive. That means instead of Hive storing data in Hadoop it stores it in Spark. The reason people use Spark instead of Hadoop is it is an all-memory database. So Hive jobs will run much faster there. Plus it moves programmers toward using a common database if your company runs predominately Spark.

It is also possible to write programs in Spark and use those to connect to Hive data, i.e., go in the opposite direction. But that is not a very likely use case as if you are using Spark you already have bought into the notion of using RDDs (Spark in-memory storage) instead of Hadoop.

Anyway, we discuss the first option here.

Prerequisites and Installation

- You need to install Hive.
- Install Apache Spark from source code (We explain below.) so that you can have a version of Spark without Hive jars already included with it.
- Set HIVE_HOME and SPARK_HOME accordingly.
- Install Hadoop. We do not use it except the Yarn resource scheduler is there and jar files. But Hadoop does not need to be running to use Spark with Hive. However, if you are running a Hive or Spark cluster then you can use Hadoop to distribute jar files to the worker nodes by copying them to the HDFS (Hadoop Distributed File System.)

The instructions here are for Spark 2.2.0 and Hive 2.3.0. Just swap the directory and jar file names below to match the versions you are using. Note that when you go looking for the jar files in Spark there will in several cases be more than one copy. Use the ones in the **dist** folder as shown below.)

First you need to download Spark source code. They you compile it like this:

```
./dev/make-distribution.sh --name "hadoop2-without-hive" --tgz "-
Pyarn,hadoop-provided,hadoop-2.7,parquet-provided"
```

Next update /usr/share/spark/spark-2.2.0/conf/spark-env.sh and add:

export SPARK_DIST_CLASSPATH=\$(hadoop classpath)

Link Jar Files

Now we make soft links to certain Spark jar files so that Hive can find them:

```
ln -s /usr/share/spark/spark-2.2.0/dist/jars/spark-network-
common_2.11-2.2.0.jar /usr/local/hive/apache-hive-2.3.0-bin/lib/spark-
network-common_2.11-2.2.0.jar
ln -s /usr/share/spark/spark-2.2.0/dist/jars/spark-core_2.11-2.2.0.jar
/usr/local/hive/apache-hive-2.3.0-bin/lib/spark-core_2.11-2.2.0.jar
ln -s /usr/share/spark/spark-2.2.0/dist/jars/scala-library-2.11.8.jar
/usr/local/hive/apache-hive-2.3.0-bin/lib/scala-library-2.11.8.jar
```

Start Spark master and worker:

```
<name>hive.execution.engine</name>
<value>spark</value>
cproperty>
<name>spark.master</name>
<value>spark://(your IP address):7077</value>
cproperty>
<name>spark.eventLog.enabled</name>
<value>true</value>
cproperty>
<name>spark.eventLog.dir</name>
<value>/var/log/spark</value>
cproperty>
```

```
<name>spark.executor.memory</name>
<value>2048m</value>
</property>
cproperty>
<name>spark.serializer</name>
<value>org.apache.spark.serializer.KryoSerializer</value>
</property>
```

Run Hive

Now run Hive as shown below. We are running in **local mode** as opposed to using the cluster. Note that we tell Hive to log errors to the console so that we can see if anything goes wrong. Also note that we use hive and not beeline, the newer Hive CLI. Hive wants its users to use Beeline, but it is not necessary. (We wrote about how to use beeline here.)

```
hive --hiveconf hive.root.logger=INFO,console
```

Edit /usr/hadoop/hadoop-2.8.1/etc/hadoop/yarn-site.xml.

```
<configuration>
configuration>
configuration>

<configuration>

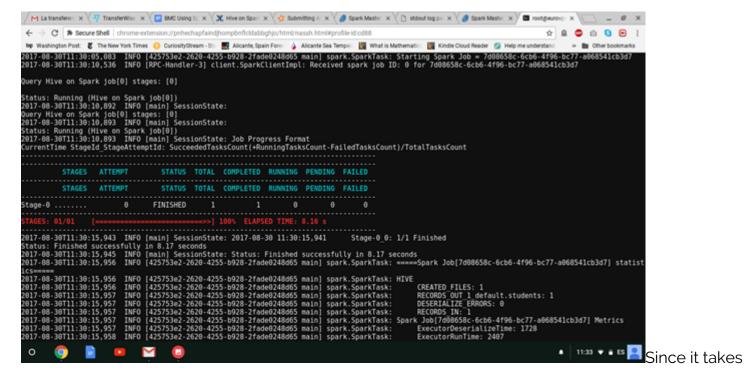
</pre
```

Create some Data

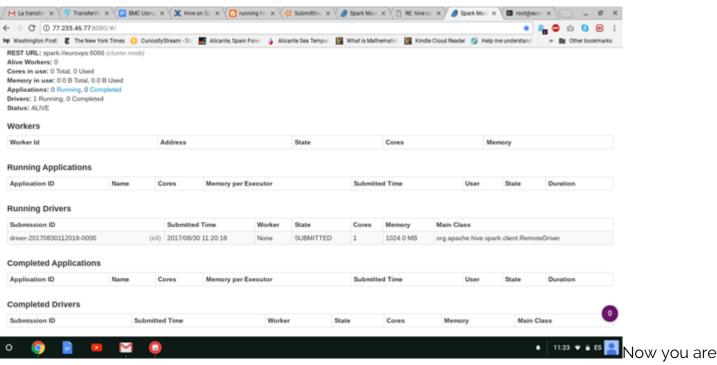
Now create a table and insert some data. You have to wait a couple of seconds after you type a command in order for it to run since it using Spark and Yarn. Remember this is designed to run across a cluster.

```
create table students (student string, age int);
insert into table students values('Walker', 33);
```

The screen will look like this:



some time to get the job started, you have time to open the Spark URL on port 8080 to see running programs. Spark removes those when the job completes unless you run the Spark Job History Server.



done.