



Hybrid Architectures

Supporting data science analytics for
multiple missions with streaming,
interactive and batch analytics components

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Challenge: evaluating new analytics methods



- Many organizations have mature, established workflows for their core processes
- These workflows tend to be rigid, having been developed over the years to well-defined requirements
- New analytics methods must be efficiently researched, prototyped and evaluated to be of value to the enterprise
- This exploration is best performed outside of existing workflows
- Hybrid architectures are the best high-level environment for enabling this exploration

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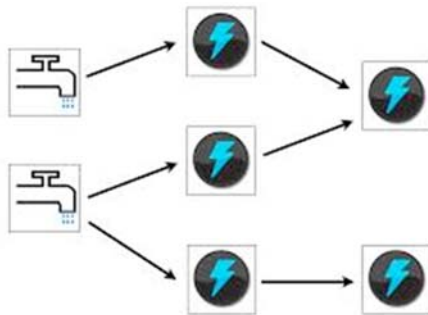
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What is a hybrid architecture?



- Using the right tool for the job
- Having hammers, screw drivers and paint brushes
- Leveraging a set of complementary computing resources



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Analytics classes

Streaming – process each data element as it arrives in near real-time

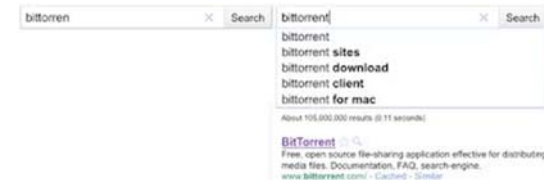
- Apache Storm
- Spark Streaming
- IBM InfoSphere Streams

Batch – process all of the data at once

- Hadoop MapReduce
- MPI

Interactive – provide human-interactive response times to user queries

- Apache Jena
- Apache HBase/Hive



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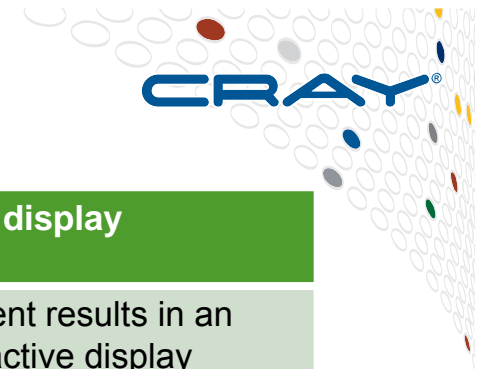
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Key considerations

- **Time to first solution is more important than overall run time. “Fail fast” to validate analytics approaches and value.**
- **Measure performance improvements by order of magnitude.**
- **“Data gravity” – Only move the data once**
- **Machine-to-machine interfaces for data flow**
 - Start general and “inefficient”; get more efficient as needed
 - SPARQL/RDF
 - Spark/RDDs

Example workflows



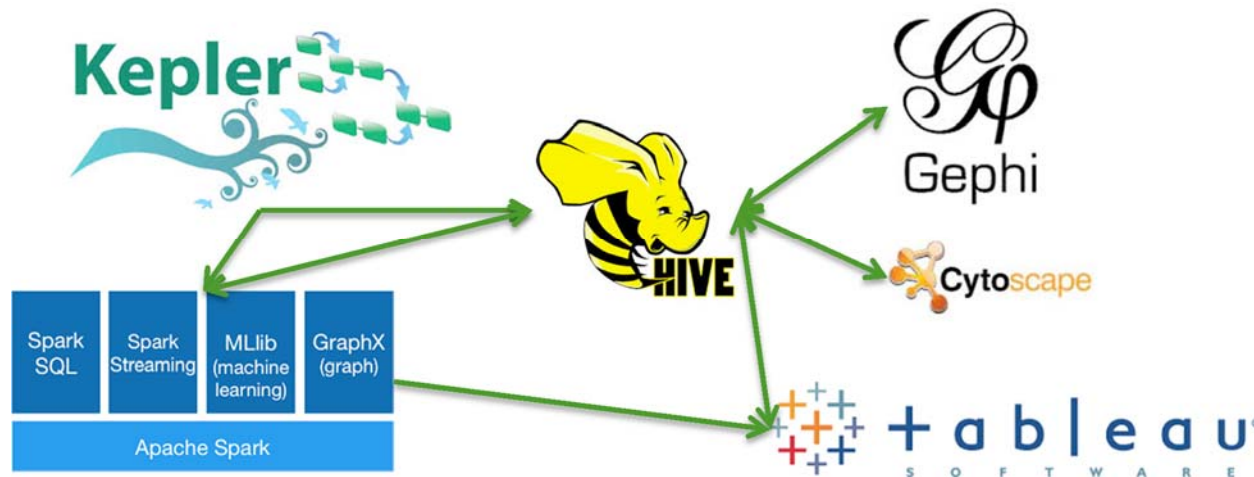
Workflow name	ETL	Analytics and architecture	User display
Social media analysis	Parse social media transactions	Batch – perform graph clustering	Present results in an interactive display
Computer network analysis	Parse transactional and enrichment data sources	Interactive – support multiple exploratory graph operations	Link chart and tabular display
Topic trending and identification	Parse Wikipedia	Batch – perform latent semantic indexing/SVD	Present tabular results and highlight changes
Key cyber-terrain identification	Parse transactional computer network information	Streaming – build histograms and perform change detection	Send email alerts of significant events
Threat fusion and intelligence	Parse open-source and transactional information	Batch and interactive – identify attributes of interest	Prepare visual and tabular summary results as static displays

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Key elements of a hybrid architecture



- Workflow manager
- Batch engine
- Streaming engine
- Interactive engine
- Results store
- Visualization/user display

- Kepler/ArcGIS ModelBuilder
- BDAS/Spark
- Hive/HBase
- Tableau
- Gephi/Cytoscape
- Thin client

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