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Data Integration Services with HDP

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1. Using Data Integration Services Powered by Talend

1.1. Using Data Integration Services Powered by Talend

Talend Open Studio for Big Data is a powerful and versatile open source data integration solution. It enables an enterprise to work with existing data and existing systems, and use Hadoop to power large scale data analysis across the enterprise.

Talend Open Studio (TOS) is distributed as an add-on for Hortonworks Data Platform (HDP). TOS uses the following HDP components:

- Enable users to read/write from/to Hadoop as a data source/sink.
- HCatalog Metadata services enable users to import raw data into Hadoop (HBase and HDFS), create, and manage schemas.
- Pig and Hive for analyzing these data sets.
- Enable users to schedule these ETL jobs on a recurring basis on a Hadoop Cluster using Oozie.

In this section:

[Prerequisites](#)

[Instructions](#)

- [Deploying Talend Open Studio](#)
- [Writing the first Talend job for data import](#)
- [Modifying the job to perform data analysis](#)

1.2. Prerequisites

- Ensure that you have deployed HDP for all the nodes in your cluster. For instructions on deploying HDP, see "Getting Ready to Install" in *Installing HDP Using Apache Ambari* [here](#).
- Ensure that you create a home directory for the user launching the TOS in the HDFS cluster.

EXAMPLE: If `hdptestuser` is responsible for launching TOS, then execute the following command on the gateway machine as the administrator user (HDFS user) to create home directory:

```
% hadoop dfs -mkdir /user/hdptestuser
```

- Ensure the user launching the TOS has appropriate permissions on the HDP cluster.

EXAMPLE: If `hdptestuser` is responsible for launching TOS, then execute the following command on the gateway machine as the administrator user (HDFS user) to provide the required permissions:

```
% hadoop dfs -chown hdptestuser:hdptestuser /user/hdptestuser
```

1.3. Instructions

This section provides you instructions on the following:

- [Deploying Talend Open Studio](#)
- [Writing the first Talend job for data import](#)
- [Modifying the job to perform data analysis](#)

1.3.1. Deploying Talend Open Studio

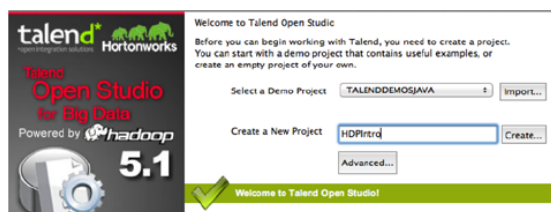
This section provides a high-level description of setting up and using Talend Open Studio.

1.3.1.1. Step 1: Download and launch the application

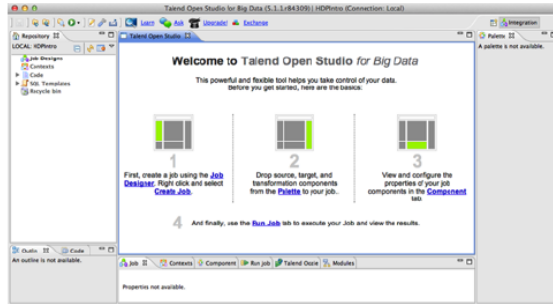
- Download the Talend Open Studio add-on for HDP from [here](#).
- After the download is complete, unzip the contents in an install location.
- Invoke the executable file corresponding to your operating system.
- Read and accept the end user license agreement.

1.3.1.2. Step 2: Create a new project

- Provide a project name (for example, HDPIntro) and click the “Create” button.



- Click “Finish” on the “New Project” dialog
- Select the newly created project and click “Open”.
- The “Connect To TalendForge” dialog appears, you can choose to register or click “Skip” to continue.
- You should now see the progress information bar and a welcome window. Wait for the application to initialize and then click “Start now!” to continue. Talend Open Studio (TOS) main window appears and is now ready for use.

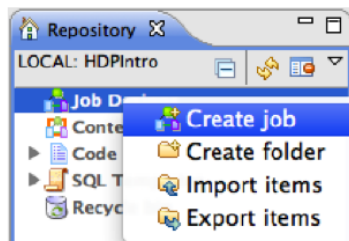


1.3.2. Writing first Talend job for data import

This section provides instructions on designing a simple job of importing a file into the Hadoop cluster.

1.3.2.1. Step 1: Create a new job

- In the Repository tree view, right-click the “Job Designs” node.
- From the contextual menu, select “Create job”.



- In the “New Job” wizard provide a name (for example HDPJob) and click “Finish”.
- An empty design workspace corresponding to the Job name opens up.

1.3.2.2. Step 2: Create a sample input file

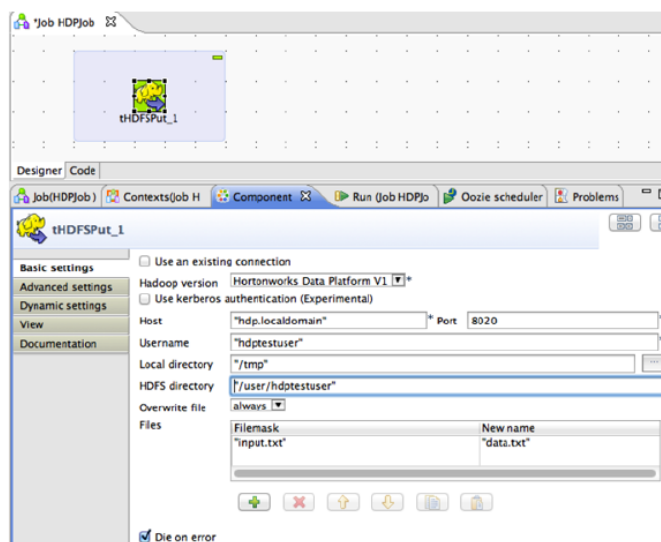
- Under the `/tmp` directory of your TOS master deployment machine, create a text file (for example: `input.txt`) with the following contents:

```
101;Adam;Wiley;Sales
102;Brian;Chester;Service
103;Julian;Cross;Sales
104;Dylan;Moore;Marketing
105;Chris;Murphy;Service
106;Brian;Collingwood;Service
107;Michael;Muster;Marketing
108;Miley;Rhodes;Sales
109;Chris;Coughlan;Sales
110;Aaron;King;Marketing
```

1.3.2.3. Step 3: Build the job

Jobs are composed of components that are available in the Palette.

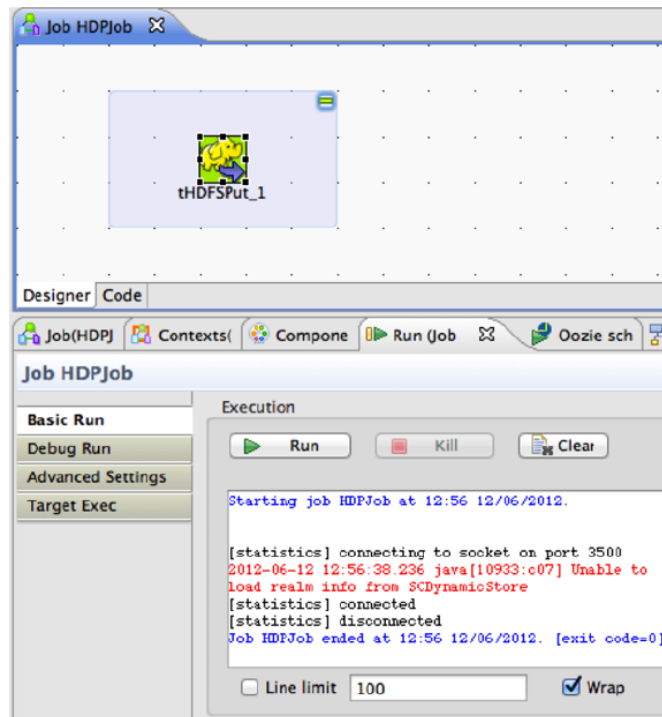
- Expand the “Big Data” tab in the Palette.
- Click on the component `tHDFSput` and click on the design workspace to drop this component.
- Double-click `tHDFSput` to define component in its Basic Settings view.
- Set the values in the Basic Settings corresponding to your HDP cluster (see the screenshot given below):



1.3.2.4. Step 4: Run the job

You now have a working job. You can run it by clicking the green play icon.

You should see the following:



1.3.2.5. Step 5: Verify the import operation

- From the gateway machine or the HDFS client, open a console window and execute the following command:

```
[hdptestuser@hdp ~]$ hadoop dfs -ls /user/hdptestuser/data.txt
```

- You should see the following result on your terminal window:

```
Found 1 items
-rw-r--r-- 3 hdptestuser hdptestuser
252 2012-06-12 12:52 /user/
hdptestuser/data.txt
```

- This message indicates that the local file was successfully created in your Hadoop cluster.

1.3.3. Modifying the job to perform data analysis

This section provides instructions on using Apache Pig to aggregate the data.

1.3.3.1. Step 1: Add Pig component from the Big Data Palette

- Expand the "Pig" tab in the Big Data Palette.
- Click on the component `tPigLoad` and place it in the design workspace.

1.3.3.2. Step 2: Define basic settings for Pig component

- Double-click `tPigLoad` component to define its Basic Settings.

- Click the "Edit Schema" button ("..." button). Define the schema of the input data as shown below and click OK:

Column	Key	Type	Nullab
id	<input type="checkbox"/>	String	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
fname	<input type="checkbox"/>	String	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
lname	<input type="checkbox"/>	String	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
dept	<input type="checkbox"/>	String	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- Provide the values for the mode, configuration, NameNode URI, JobTracker host, load function, and input file URI fields as shown.



Important

Ensure that the NameNode URI and the JobTracker host corresponds to accurate values available in your HDP cluster. The Input File URI corresponds to the path where we imported the `input.txt` file in previous section.

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tPigLoad_1

Basic settings Schema Built-In Edit schema

Advanced settings

Dynamic settings

View

Documentation

Mode

Local

Map/Reduce

Configuration

Version Hortonworks Data Platform V1

Use kerberos authentication (Experimental)

NameNode URI "hdfs://hdp.localdomain:8020"

JobTracker host "hdp.localdomain:50300"

Load function PigStorage

Input file URI "/user/hdptestuser/data.txt"

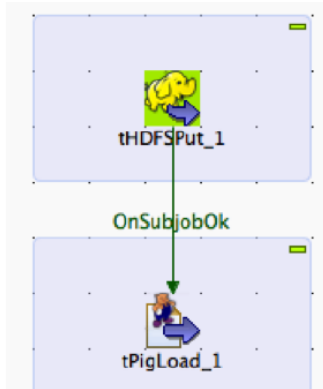
Field separator ",."

Die on subjob error

1.3.3.3. Step 3: Connect the Pig and HDFS components

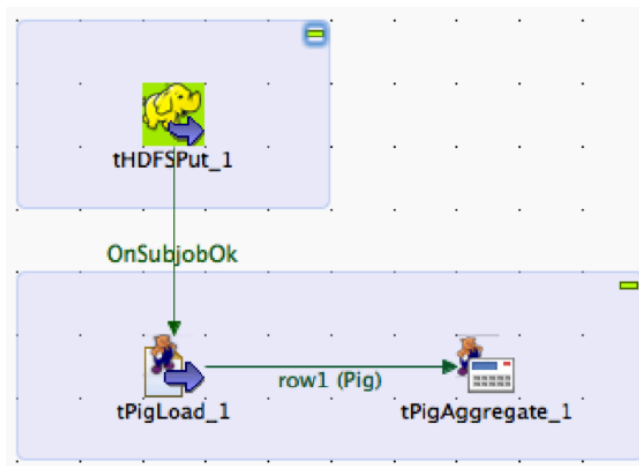
Connect the Pig and HDFS components to define the workflow. To connect the two components:

- Right-click the source component (`tHDFSput`) on your design workspace.
- From the contextual menu, select Trigger -> On Subjob Ok.
- Click the target component (`tPigLoad`).



1.3.3.4. Step 4: Add and connect Pig aggregate component

- Add the component tPigAggregate next to tPigLoad.
- From the contextual menu, right-click on tPigLoad and select Row -> Pig Combine.
- Click on tPigAggregate.



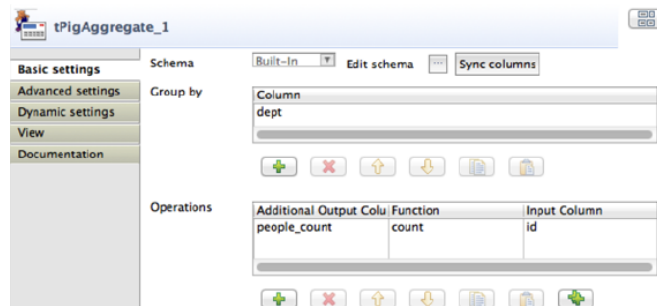
1.3.3.5. Step 5: Define basic settings for Pig Aggregate component

- Double-click tPigAggregate to define the component in its Basic Settings.
- Click on the "Edit schema" button and define the output schema as shown below:

tPigLoad_1 (Input - Pig)				Schema of tPigAggregate_1			
Column	Key	Type	Nullab	Column	Key	Type	Nullab
id	<input type="checkbox"/>	String	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	dept	<input type="checkbox"/>	String	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
fname	<input type="checkbox"/>	String	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	people_count	<input type="checkbox"/>	Integer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
lname	<input type="checkbox"/>	String	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
dept	<input type="checkbox"/>	String	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

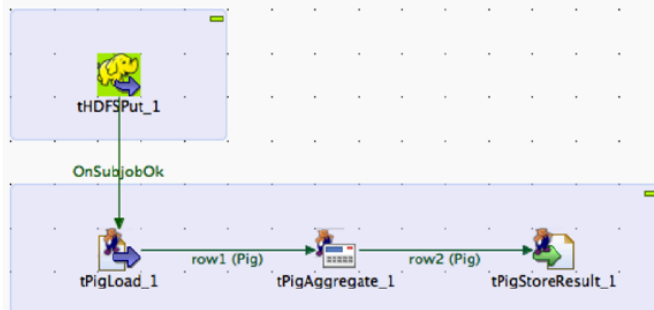
1.3.3.6. Step 6: Define aggregation function for the data

- Add a column to "Group by", choose "dept".
- In the Operations table, choose the "people_count" in the Additional Output column, function as "count" and input column "id" as shown:



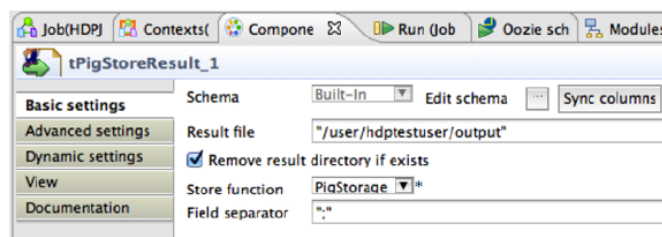
1.3.3.7. Step 7: Add and connect Pig data storage component

- Add the component tPigStoreResult next to tPigAggregate.
- From the contextual menu, right-click on tPigLoad, select Row -> Pig Combine and click on tPigStoreResult.



1.3.3.8. Step 8: Define basic settings for data storage component

- Double-click tPigStoreResult to define the component in its Basic Settings view.
- Specify the result directory on HDFS as shown:



1.3.3.9. Step 9: Run the modified Talend job

- The modified Talend job is ready for execution. Save the job and click the play icon to run as instructed in Step 4 of previous section.

1.3.3.10. Step 10: Verify the results

- From the gateway machine or the HDFS client, open a console window and execute the following command:

```
[hdptestuser@hdp ~]$ hadoop dfs -cat /user/hdptestuser/output/part-r-00000
```

- You should see the following output:

```
Sales;4  
Service;3  
Marketing;3
```

2. Using HDP for Metadata Services (HCatalog)

Hortonworks Data Platform deploys Apache HCatalog to manage the metadata services for your Hadoop cluster.

Apache HCatalog is a table and storage management service for data created using Apache Hadoop. This includes:

- Providing a shared schema and data type mechanism.
- Providing a table abstraction so that users need not be concerned with where or how their data is stored.
- Providing interoperability across data processing tools such as Pig, MapReduce, and Hive.

For more details, see the following resources:

- [HCatalog Overview](#)
- [Installation From Tarball](#)
- [Load and Store Interfaces](#)
- [Input and Output Interfaces](#)
- [Reader and Writer Interfaces](#)
- [Command Line Interface](#)
- [Storage Formats](#)
- [Dynamic Partitioning](#)
- [Notification](#)
- [Authorization](#)
- [API Documentation](#)

For more details on the Apache HCatalog project, use the following resources:

- [HCatalog Wiki](#)
- [HCatalog Mailing Lists](#)

2.1. Using WebHCat

WebHCat provides a REST-like web API for HCatalog and related Hadoop components.

For more details, see the following resources:

- [Overview](#)
- [Installation](#)
- [Configuration](#)
- **Reference**
 - [Resource List](#)
 - [:version](#)
 - [status](#)
 - [version](#)
 - [ddl](#)
 - [mapreduce/streaming](#)
 - [mapreduce/jar](#)
 - [pig](#)
 - [hive](#)
 - [queue](#)
 - [:jobid \(GET\)](#)
 - [:jobid \(DELETE\)](#)
- [API Docs](#)

3. Using Apache Hive

Hortonworks Data Platform deploys Apache Hive for your Hadoop cluster.

Hive is a data warehouse infrastructure built on top of Hadoop. It provides tools to enable easy data ETL, a mechanism to put structures on the data, and the capability for querying and analysis of large data sets stored in Hadoop files.

Hive defines a simple SQL-like query language, called QL, that enables users familiar with SQL to query the data. At the same time, this language also allows programmers who are familiar with the MapReduce framework to be able to plug in their custom mappers and reducers to perform more sophisticated analysis that may not be supported by the built-in capabilities of the language.

Hive Documentation

Documentation for Hive release 0.10.0 can be found in multiple places.

1. The [Hive wiki](#) contains documentation organized in these sections:
 - General Information about Hive
 - User Documentation
 - Administrator Documentation
 - Resources for Contributors
2. [Supplementary documentation](#) describes new features and bug fixes, including:
 - HiveServer2 JDBC
 - Decimal data type
 - Metastore server security
 - Secure cluster configuration (JDBC client setup)
3. [Javadocs](#) describe the Hive API. The [supplementary documentation](#) includes a complete set of Javadocs for this release.
4. Hive indexing was added in version 0.7.0; documentation and examples can be found here:
 - [Indexes](#) – design document (lists the indexing Jiras with current status, starting with [HIVE-417](#))
 - [Create/Drop Index](#) – HiveQL language manual
 - [Bitmap indexes](#) – added in Hive version 0.8.0 (Jira [HIVE-1803](#))
 - [Indexed Hive](#) – overview and examples by Prafulla Tekawade and Nikhil Deshpande, October 2010

- [Tutorial: SQL-like join and index with MapReduce using Hadoop and Hive](#) – blog by Ashish Garg, April 2012

Hive JIRAs

Issue tracking for Hive bugs and improvements can be found here: [Hive JIRAs](#).

Hive ODBC Driver

Hortonworks provides a Hive ODBC driver that allows you to connect popular Business Intelligence (BI) tools to query, analyze and visualize data stored within the Hortonworks Data Platform.

- Download the Hortonworks Hive ODBC driver from [here](#).
- The instructions on installing and using this driver are available [here](#).

4. Using HDP for Workflow and Scheduling (Oozie)

Hortonworks Data Platform deploys Apache Oozie for your Hadoop cluster.

Oozie is a server-based workflow engine specialized in running workflow jobs with actions that execute Hadoop jobs, such as MapReduce, Pig, Hive, Sqoop, HDFS operations, and sub-workflows. Oozie supports coordinator jobs, which are sequences of workflow jobs that are created at a given frequency and start when all of the required input data is available. A command-line client and a browser interface allow you to manage and administer Oozie jobs locally or remotely.

For additional [Oozie documentation](#), use the following resources:

- [Quick Start Guide](#)
- [Developer Documentation](#)
 - [Oozie Workflow Overview](#)
 - [Running the Examples](#)
 - [Workflow Functional Specification](#)
 - [Coordinator Functional Specification](#)
 - [Bundle Functional Specification](#)
 - [EL Expression Language Quick Reference](#)
 - [Command Line Tool](#)
 - [Workflow Rerun](#)
 - [Email Action](#)
 - [Writing a Custom Action Executor](#)
 - [Oozie Client Javadocs](#)
 - [Oozie Core Javadocs](#)
 - [Oozie Web Services API](#)
- [Administrator Documentation](#)
 - [Oozie Installation and Configuration](#)
 - [Oozie Monitoring](#)
 - [Command Line Tool](#)

5. Using Apache Sqoop

5.1. Apache Sqoop

Hortonworks Data Platform deploys Apache Sqoop for your Hadoop cluster.

Sqoop is a tool designed to transfer data between Hadoop and relational databases. You can use Sqoop to import data from a relational database management system (RDBMS) such as MySQL or Oracle into the Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS), transform the data in Hadoop MapReduce, and then export the data back into an RDBMS. Sqoop automates most of this process, relying on the database to describe the schema for the data to be imported. Sqoop uses MapReduce to import and export the data, which provides parallel operation as well as fault tolerance.

For additional information see the [Sqoop documentation](#), including these sections in the [User Guide](#):

- [Basic Usage](#)
- [Sqoop Tools](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

5.1.1. Sqoop Connectors

Sqoop uses a connector based architecture which supports plugins that provide connectivity to new external systems. Using specialized connectors, Sqoop can connect with external systems that have optimized import and export facilities, or do not support native JDBC. Connectors are plugin components based on Sqoop's extension framework and can be added to any existing Sqoop installation.

HDP provides the following connectors for Sqoop:

- **Sqoop connector for Teradata:** This connector, based on the Teradata Connector for Hadoop, can be downloaded from [here](#).
- **MySQL connector:** This connector is provided with the Hortonworks repository and the instructions on configuring this connector are available [here](#).
- **Oracle JDBC connector:** The instructions on configuring this connector are available [here](#).
- **Netezza connector:** This connector is included in the HDP distribution and installs with Sqoop; see [below](#) for more information.

A Sqoop connector for SQL Server is available from Microsoft:

- **SQL Server R2 connector:** This connector and its documentation can be downloaded from [here](#).

5.1.2. Sqoop Import Table Commands

When connecting to an Oracle database, the Sqoop `import` command requires case-sensitive table names and usernames (typically uppercase). Otherwise the import fails with error message "Attempted to generate class with no columns!"

Prior to the resolution of [SQOOP-741](#), `import-all-tables` would fail for an Oracle database. See the JIRA for more information.

The `import-all-tables` command has additional restrictions. See [Chapter 8](#) in the [Sqoop User Guide](#).

5.1.3. Netezza Connector

Netezza connector for Sqoop is an implementation of the Sqoop connector interfaces for accessing a Netezza data warehouse appliance, so that data can be exported and imported to a Hadoop environment from Netezza data warehousing environments.

The HDP Sqoop distribution includes Netezza connector software. To deploy it, the only requirement is that you acquire the JDBC jar file (named `nzjdbc.jar`) from IBM and copy it to the `/usr/local/nz/lib` directory.

5.1.3.1. Extra Arguments

This table describes extra arguments supported by the Netezza connector:

Table 5.1. Supported Netezza Extra Arguments

Argument	Description
<code>--partitioned-access</code>	Whether each mapper acts on a subset of data slices of a table or all. Default is "false" for standard mode and "true" for direct mode.
<code>--max-errors</code>	Applicable only in direct mode. This option specifies the error threshold per mapper while transferring data. If the number of errors encountered exceeds this threshold, the job fails. Default value is 1.
<code>--log-dir</code>	Applicable only in direct mode. Specifies the directory where Netezza external table operation logs are stored. Default value is <code>/tmp</code> .

5.1.3.2. Direct Mode

Netezza connector supports an optimized data transfer facility using the Netezza external tables feature. Each map task of Netezza connector's import job works on a subset of the Netezza partitions and transparently creates and uses an external table to transport data. Similarly, export jobs use the external table to push data fast onto the NZ system. Direct mode does not support staging tables, upsert options, etc.

Direct mode is specified by the `--direct` Sqoop option.

Here is an example of a complete command line for import using the Netezza external table feature.

```
$ sqoop import \
  --direct \
  --connect jdbc:netezza://nzhost:5480/sqoop \
  --table nztable \
  --username nzuser \
  --password nzpass \
  --target-dir hdfsdir
```

Here is an example of a complete command line for export with tab (\t) as the field terminator character.

```
$ sqoop export \
  --direct \
  --connect jdbc:netezza://nzhost:5480/sqoop \
  --table nztable \
  --username nzuser \
  --password nzpass \
  --export-dir hdfsdir \
  --input-fields-terminated-by "\t"
```

5.1.3.3. Null String Handling

In direct mode the Netezza connector supports the null-string features of Sqoop. Null string values are converted to appropriate external table options during export and import operations.

Table 5.2. Supported Export Control Arguments

Argument	Description
--input-null-string <null-string>	The string to be interpreted as null for string columns.
--input-null-non-string <null-string>	The string to be interpreted as null for non-string columns.

In direct mode, both the arguments must either be left to the default values or explicitly set to the same value. Furthermore, the null string value is restricted to 0-4 UTF-8 characters.

On export, for non-string columns, if the chosen null value is a valid representation in the column domain, then the column might not be loaded as null. For example, if the null string value is specified as "1", then on export, any occurrence of "1" in the input file will be loaded as value 1 instead of NULL for int columns.

For performance and consistency, specify the null value as an empty string.

Table 5.3. Supported Import Control Arguments

Argument	Description
--null-string <null-string>	The string to be interpreted as null for string columns.
--null-non-string <null-string>	The string to be interpreted as null for non-string columns.

In direct mode, both the arguments must either be left to the default values or explicitly set to the same value. Furthermore, the null string value is restricted to 0-4 UTF-8 characters.

On import, for non-string columns in the current implementation, the chosen null value representation is ignored for non-character columns. For example, if the null string value is specified as "\N", then on import, any occurrence of NULL for non-char columns in the table will be imported as an empty string instead of \N, the chosen null string representation.

For performance and consistency, specify the null value as an empty string.

6. Installing and Configuring Flume in HDP

This document describes the process of manually installing and configuring Apache Flume for use with the Hortonworks Data Platform (HDP). Flume is the 1.x release line of the Flume project.

6.1. Installing and Configuring Flume in HDP

Use the following links to install and configure Flume for HDP

- [Understand Flume](#)
- [Install Flume](#)
- [Configure Flume](#)
- [HDP and Flume](#)
- [A Simple Example](#)

What follows is a very high level description of the mechanism. For much greater detail, see the Flume html doc-set that is installed with Flume. Once you have installed Flume, the doc-set can be accessed at `file:///usr/lib/flume/docs/index.html`. The “*Flume User Guide*” is available at `file:///usr/lib/flume/docs/FlumeUserGuide.html`. The same docs are also available at the Flume website, flume.apache.org.

6.2. Understand Flume

Flume is a top level project at the Apache Software Foundation. While it can function as a general-purpose event queue manager, in the context of Hadoop it is most often used as a log aggregator, collecting log data from many diverse sources and moving them to a centralized data store.



Note

What follows is a very high level description of the mechanism. For much greater detail, see the Flume html doc-set that is installed with Flume. Once you have installed Flume, the doc-set can be accessed at `file:///usr/lib/flume/docs/index.html`. The “*Flume User Guide*” is available at `file:///usr/lib/flume/docs/FlumeUserGuide.html`.

6.2.1. Flume Components

A Flume data flow is made up of five main components: Events, Sources, Channels, Sinks, and Agents.

6.2.1.1. Events

An event is the basic unit of data that is moved using Flume. It is similar to a message in JMS and is generally small. It is made up of headers and a byte-array body.

6.2.1.2. Sources

The source receives the event from some external entity and stores it in a channel. The source must understand the type of event that is sent to it: an Avro event requires an Avro source.

6.2.1.3. Channels

A channel is an internal passive store with certain specific characteristics. An in-memory channel, for example, can move events very quickly, but does not provide persistence. A file based channel provides persistence. A source stores an event in the channel where it stays until it is consumed by a sink. This temporary storage allows source and sink to run asynchronously.

6.2.1.4. Sinks

The sink removes the event from the channel and forwards it on either to a destination, like HDFS, or to another agent/dataflow. The sink must output an event that is appropriate to the destination.

6.2.1.5. Agents

An agent is the container for a Flume data flow. It is any physical JVM running Flume. The same agent can run multiple sources, sinks, and channels. A particular data flow path is set up through the configuration process.

6.3. Install Flume

Flume is included in the HDP-1.1.0.15 repository, but it is not installed automatically as part of the standard HDP installation process.

6.3.1. Prerequisites

1. You must have installed at least core Hadoop on your system using one of the available methods. See [HDP Deployment Options](#) for more information on your options.
2. You must have set up your `JAVA_HOME` environment variable per your operating system. See the various installation guides above for more information.

6.3.2. Installation

To install Flume, from a terminal window type:

[For RHEL or CentOS]

```
yum install flume
```


or

[For SLES]

```
zypper install flume
```

6.3.3. Users

The installation process automatically sets up the appropriate `flume` user and `flume` group in the operating system.

6.3.4. Directories

The main Flume files are located in `/usr/lib/flume` and the main configuration files are located in `/etc/flume/conf`.

6.4. Configure Flume

You configure Flume by using a properties file, which is specified on Flume start-up. There is a template for this file in the configuration directory: `/etc/flume/conf/flume-conf.properties.template`.



Note

There is also a file `flume-env.sh.template` in the `conf` directory. This file can be used to set environment variables automatically at start-up.

6.5. HDP and Flume

Flume ships with many source, channel, and sink types. For use with HDP the following types have been thoroughly tested:

6.5.1. Sources

- Exec (basic, restart)
- Syslogtcp
- Syslogudp

6.5.2. Channels

- Memory
- File

6.5.3. Sinks

- HDFS: secure, nonsecure

- HBase

6.6. A Simple Example

The following snippet shows some of the kinds of properties that can be set using the properties file. For more detailed information, see the *“Flume User Guide”*.

```
agent.sources = pstream
agent.channels = memoryChannel
agent.channels.memoryChannel.type = memory
agent.sources.pstream.channels = memoryChannel
agent.sources.pstream.type = exec
agent.sources.pstream.command = python print_stream.py 200 10
agent.sinks = hdfsSink
agent.sinks.hdfsSink.type = hdfs
agent.sinks.hdfsSink.channel = memoryChannel
agent.sinks.hdfsSink.hdfs.path = hdfs://hdp/user/root/flumetest
agent.sinks.hdfsSink.hdfs.fileType = SequenceFile
agent.sinks.hdfsSink.hdfs.writeFormat = Text
```

The source here is defined as an `exec` source, which simply means that the agent runs a given command on start-up which streams data to `stdout`, where the source gets it. In this case, the command is a Python script written for test purposes. The channel is defined as an in-memory channel and the sink is an HDFS sink.