



Extending the Enterprise Data Warehouse with  
Hadoop  
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Launched in 2001

Over 160 million bookings



A screenshot of the Orbitz website interface. At the top, the Orbitz logo is on the left, and navigation links for "Hotels", "Vacation Packages", "Flights", "Cars", "Cruises", "Deals", and "Activities" are in the center. On the right, there are links for "My Trips" and "Robert" with a settings icon. Below the navigation, there are two main promotional banners. The left banner is blue and white, titled "Packages save you money", and lists search options: "Flight only", "Hotel only", "Car only", "Activities", "Cruises", "Flight + Hotel", "Flight + Car", "Hotel + Car", and "Flight + Hotel + Car". It also features a "WINTER HOTEL SALE" with "SAVE up to 50% plus free photo book" and a "Learn more" link. The right banner is a scenic winter landscape with a skier, titled "Shredding through a winter wonderland", and features a "Top ski destinations" section with "SAVE up to 50% on hotels when you book early" and a "Learn more" link. Below the banners is a search form with a "Recent hotel searches" dropdown, "Search by city, point of interest, region, or airport" and "Search by address" radio buttons, a "Where" input field, "Check-in" and "Check-out" date pickers, "Nights" counter, "Room 1" selection for "Adult (18+)" and "Child (0-17)", a "Star rating" dropdown, and an "Additional options" section with a "Hotel chain" dropdown. A red "Search" button is on the right. Below the search form is a "1-800-649-9920" contact number and a "Call for expert advice" link. At the bottom, there is a "Earn free hotel nights!" section with an Orbitz Visa logo and text: "Book on Orbitz.com with the Orbitz® Visa® Card powered by Capital One® and earn points for free nights, other travel choices and more!" with a "Learn more and apply" link. On the right side of the page, there are three columns of hotel recommendations: "Go" (California, Florida, Hawaii, Las Vegas, Mexico), "Stay" (Disney®, Intercontinental, Marriott Resorts, MGM Las Vegas, Starwood Hotels), and "Play" (All-inclusive Beach, Eco-Friendly, Last-minute, Gay travel). Below these is a "Hot hotel deals" section with tabs for "Popular", "Las Vegas", "California", "Florida", "Hawaii", "Mexico", and "Chicago". Two deal cards are visible: "Luxor Hotel" in Las Vegas, Nevada, with a 3.5/5 rating, 4852 reviews, and a price of "From \$35" (Limited Time Offer - 50% Tower Deluxe!); and "Millennium Biltmore Hotel" in Los Angeles, California, with a 3.9/5 rating, 248 reviews, and a price of "From \$135".

# Some History...



San Francisco, CA, United States

Check-in 11/20/12

Check-out 11/23/12

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Map

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Our most booked areas:

- Any
- Union Square-Nob Hill (78)
- Financial District - South of Market (16)
- Fisherman's Wharf (18)
- Pacific Heights-Marina (19)
- Civic Center (10)
- San Francisco Airport (61)
- Any
- ★★★★★ (4)
- ★★★★★ (40)
- ★★★★★ (116)
- ★★★★★ (121)
- ★★★★★ (13)

[Reviewer score](#)

1.0 to 5.0

294 matching hotels

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Sort by: [Best Values](#) | [Lowest Price](#) | [Distance](#) | [Star Rating](#) | [Reviewer Score](#)



### Parc 55 Wyndham San Francisco - Union Square

★★★★★ 4.0 / 5 [286 reviews](#)

**Union Square-Nob Hill**

32 stories of luxury and style within steps of Union Square

This luxurious 32-story hotel is situated less than two blocks from shopping in San Francisco's... [More](#)

👤 There are 3 people viewing this hotel.

🕒 Last booked 4 hours ago.

**\$112**

Avg/night

✓ Price Assurance

[Book](#)

Save 20% on your stay



### Omni San Francisco Hotel

★★★★★ 4.6 / 5 [152 reviews](#)

**Union Square-Nob Hill**

Old and new pair with elegance and prime steakhouse up on Nob Hill

The past is new again at this circa-1926 hotel atop Nob Hill. Originally built as a bank, the... [More](#)

🕒 Last booked 4 hours ago.

~~\$199~~

**\$159**

Avg/night

✓ Price Assurance

[Book](#)

[+]

Site Feedback



★★★★★ 4.2 / 5 [171 reviews](#)

**Union Square-Nob Hill**

Urban elegance with Asian flair and an indoor pool near Union...

Hotel Nikko feels more like Hong Kong than San Francisco. The lobby is spacious and stark, and... [More](#)

👤 There are 2 people viewing this hotel.

🕒 Last booked 3 hours ago.

~~\$169~~

**\$143**

Avg/night

✓ Price Assurance

[Book](#)



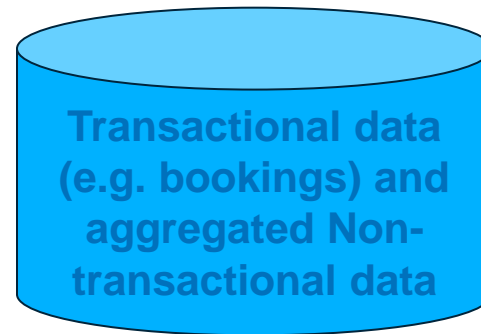


- The Machine Learning team is formed to improve site performance. For example, improving hotel search results.
- This required access to large volumes of behavioral data for analysis.
  - Fortunately, the required data was collected in session data stored in web analytics logs.

# The Problem...



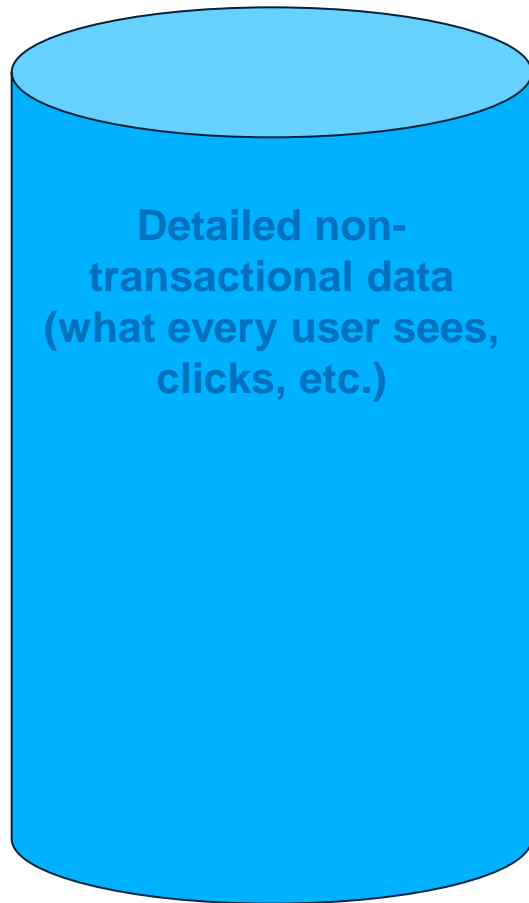
- The only archive of the required data went back about two weeks.



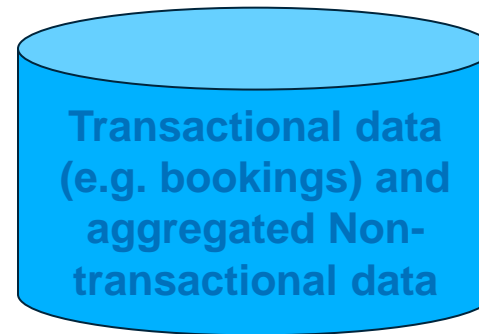
Data Warehouse



# Hadoop Provided a Solution...



Hadoop



Data Warehouse

# What is Hadoop?

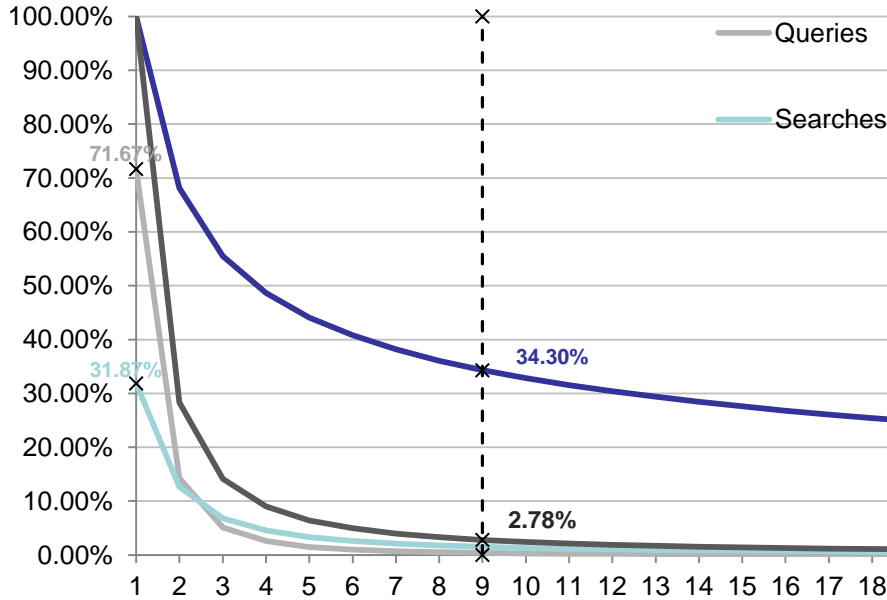


- Distributed file system and parallel processing platform.
- Open source Apache project created by Doug Cutting.
- Modeled on papers published by Google on the Google File System and MapReduce.
- Intended to run on a cluster of relatively inexpensive machines (aka commodity hardware).
- Bring processing to the data.





# Deploying Hadoop Enabled Multiple Applications...



## The Whitehall Hotel Rooms

### Superior King

This room offers one king bed with cable TV, air conditioning, in room safe, hair dryer, iron and ironing board.

### Pinnacle King

One king bed. Restored antique furnishings, crown molding, original artworks. Premium bedding with 390-thread-count sheets. Turndown service. Oversized desk with leather desk chair. Bathrooms with marble-and-tile countertops and floors, bathrobes, designer toiletries. Cable TV with premium channels. Hair dryer, in-room safe, minibar. High-speed Internet access (surcharge) and wireless printing to business center (surcharge). Two dual-line telephones (one in the bathroom). Umbrella, clock radio. Complimentary ice service and 24-hour room service.

[Show all room descriptions](#)

## Recommendations for you

Customers who viewed The Whitehall Hotel also booked these hotels

★★★★★

[The Talbott Hotel](#)



Reviewer score **4.6** out of 5

★★★★★

[Ambassador East Hotel](#)



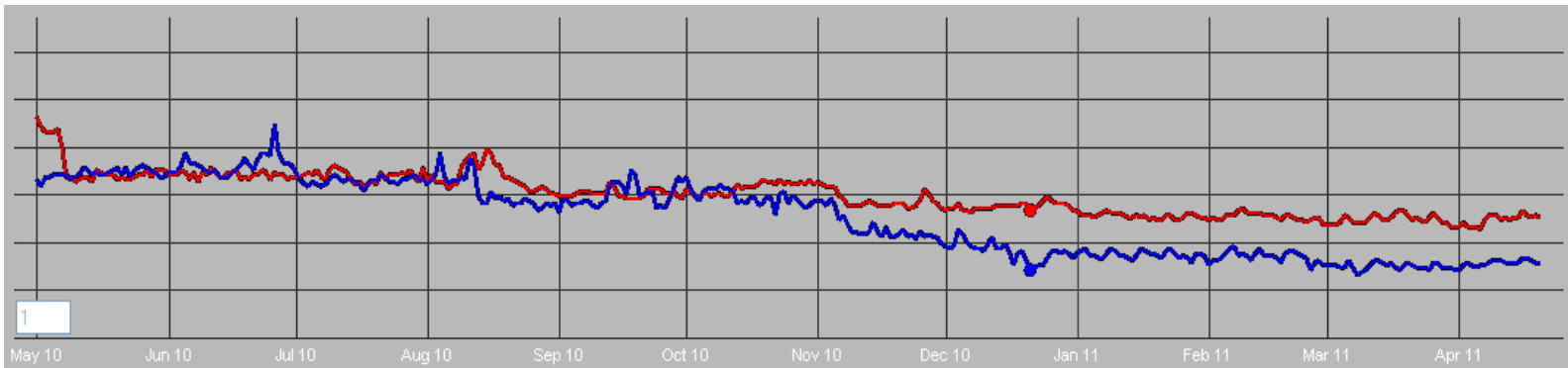
Reviewer score **3.8** out of 5

★★★★★

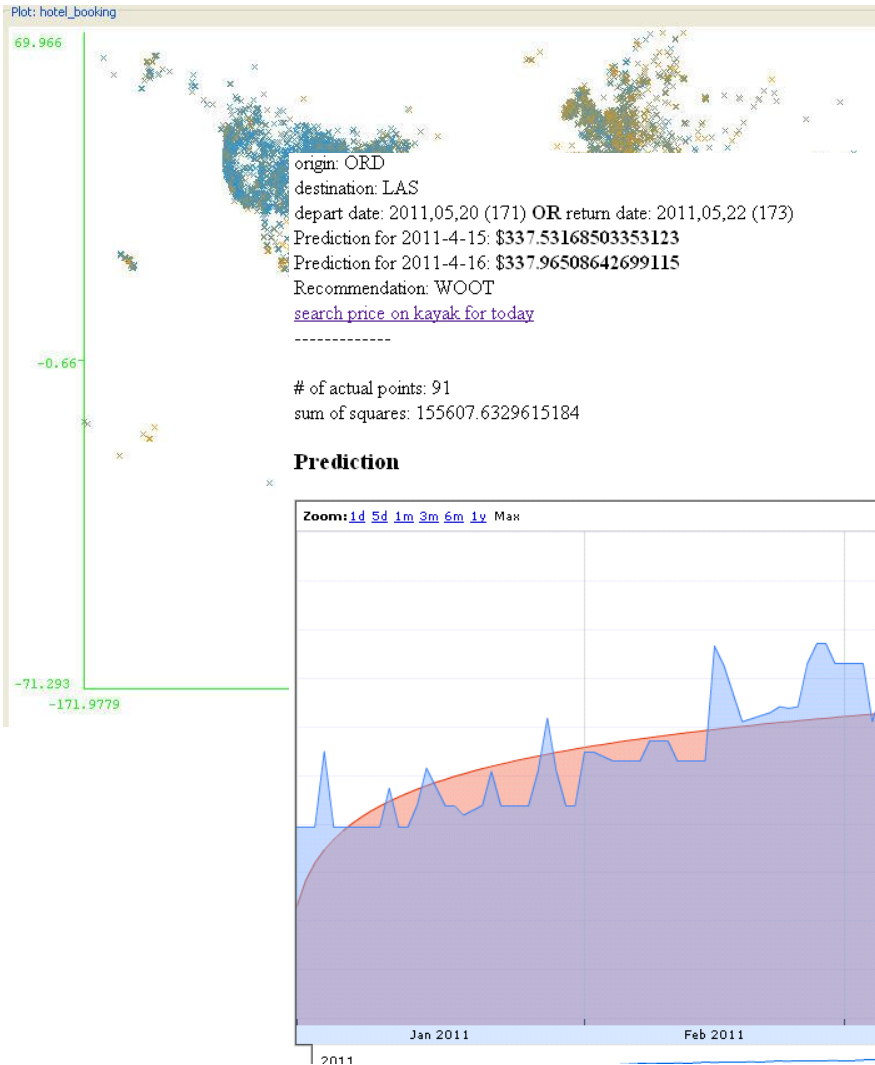
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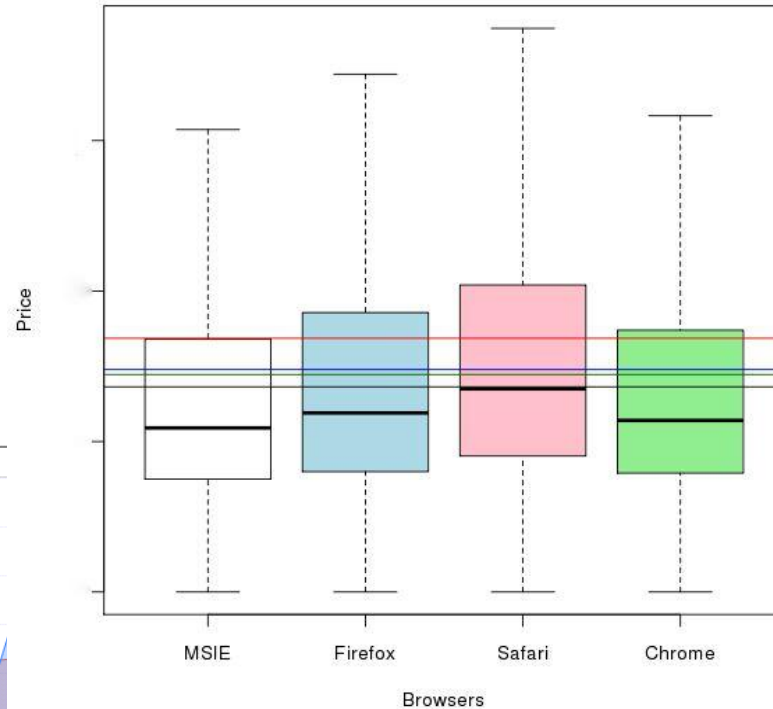
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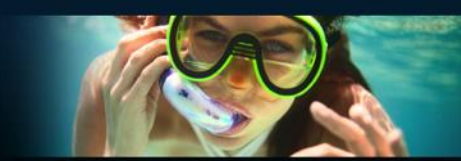
# And Useful Analyses...



Prices by Browser



## But Brought New Challenges...



- Most of these efforts are driven by development teams.
- The challenge now is unlocking the value of this data for non-technical users.
- Support for Hadoop via traditional BI/reporting tools still meager.

# BI Vendors Are Working on Hadoop Integration



Both big (relatively)...



And small...



Karmasphere Analyst

Access Assemble Analyze KARMASPHERE ANALYST

Analyze Data Tables Run Queries

Select Connection: Hadoop Sandbox

Select Data Table: search for tables by name

Name: default, excite, excite-log, tmp\_6740, twitterstream

Select records where: Operator

Data Store Data Details Define Fields Schedule Permissions Save

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Preview records parsed successfully

Raw Records

Empty value placeholders



- Big Data team is formed under Business Intelligence team at Orbitz Worldwide.
- Allows the Big Data team to work more closely with the data warehouse and BI teams.
- Reflects the importance of big data to the future of the company.
- Our production cluster has grown 40-fold since it was launched.





“We strongly believe that Hadoop is the nucleus of the next-generation cloud EDW...”

“...but that promise is still three to five years from fruition.”\*

\*James Kobiellus, Forrester Research,  
“Hadoop, Is It Soup Yet?”

# Two Primary Ways We Use Hadoop to Complement the EDW



- Extraction and transformation of data for loading into the data warehouse – “ETL”.
- Off-loading of analysis from the data warehouse.



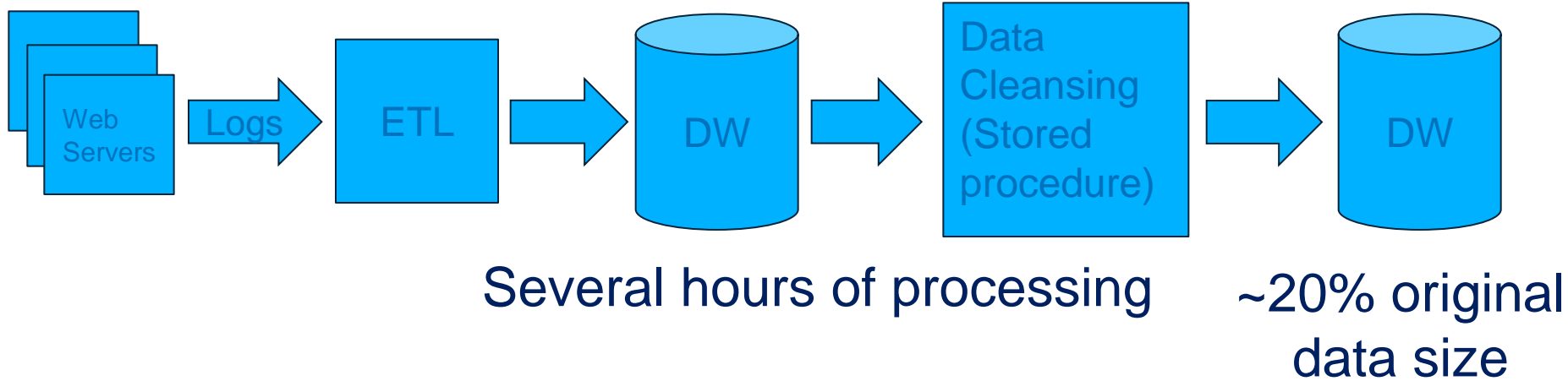
## Proposed Processing



# ETL Example: Click Data Processing



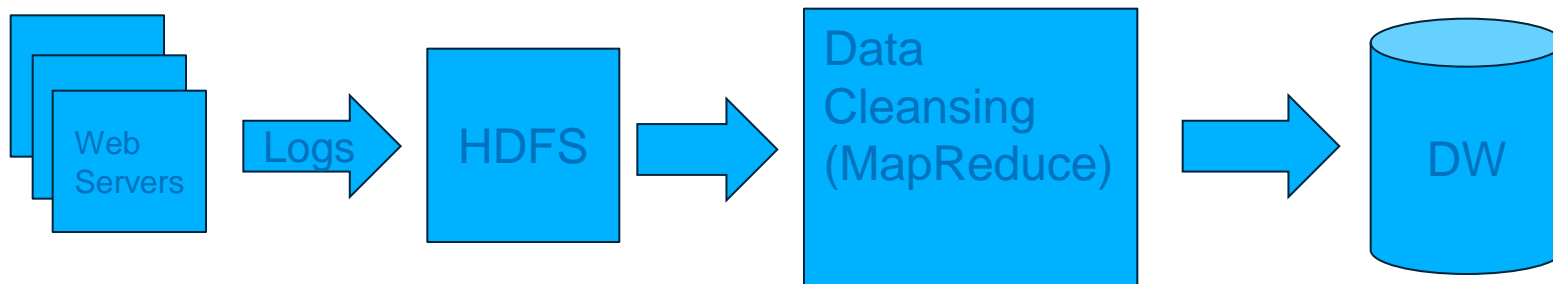
## Previous Processing in Data Warehouse



# ETL Example: Click Data Processing

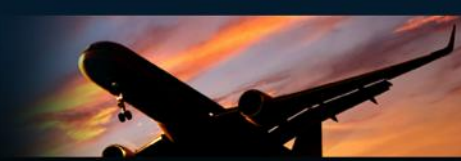


- Moving to Hadoop:
  - Removed load from the data warehouse.
  - Facilitated adding additional attributes for processing.
  - Allowed processing to be run more frequently.



Processing in Hadoop

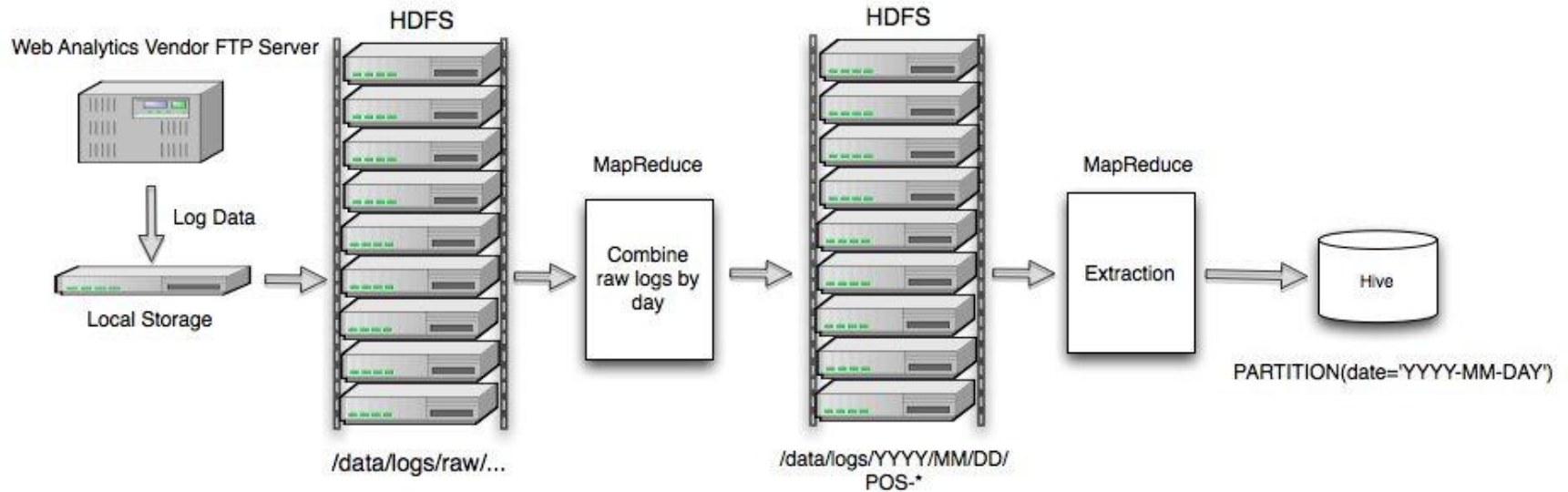
# Analysis Example: Geo-Targeting Ads



- Facilitated analysis that allows for more personalized ad content.
- Allowed marketing team to analyze over a years worth of search data.
- Provided analysis that was difficult to perform in the data warehouse.

An advertisement for cheap airfares, enclosed in a thick red border. The text "Looking for CHEAP AIRFARES?" is written in red, with "CHEAP" in a larger, bold font and a red question mark to its right. Below this text is a red button with the white text "Find Deals". To the right of the text is a large red silhouette of an airplane. At the bottom left, the text "Compare more sites with just one click." is written in a smaller red font. At the bottom right is the "trip.com" logo, which consists of the word "trip" in white lowercase letters on a red background, with ".com" in smaller white letters above it.

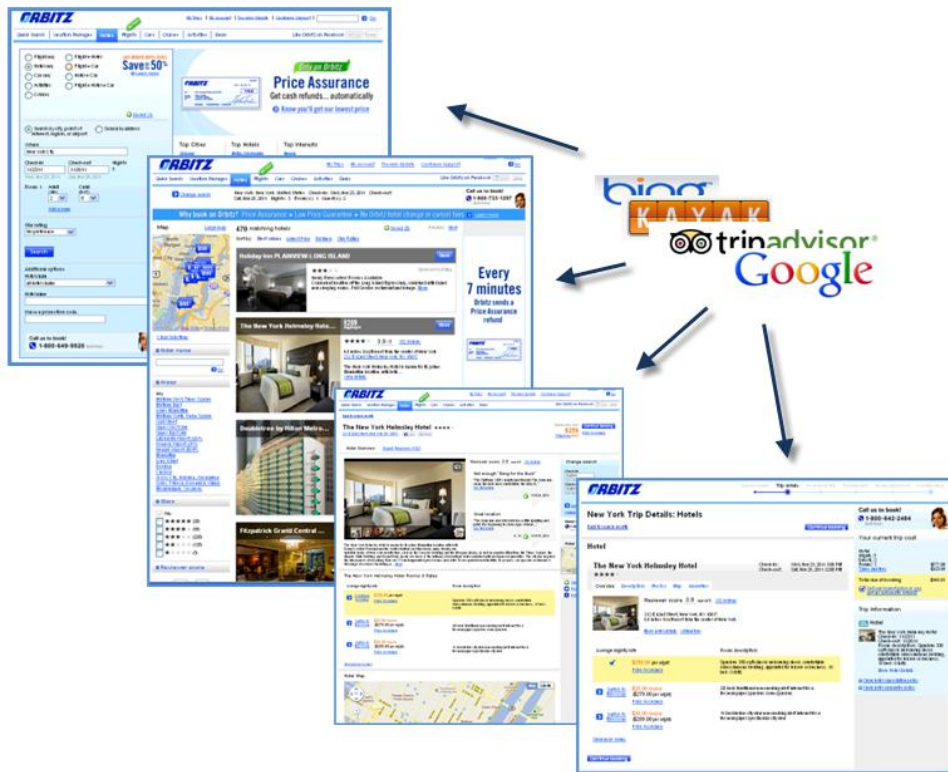
# Example Processing Pipeline for Web Analytics Data





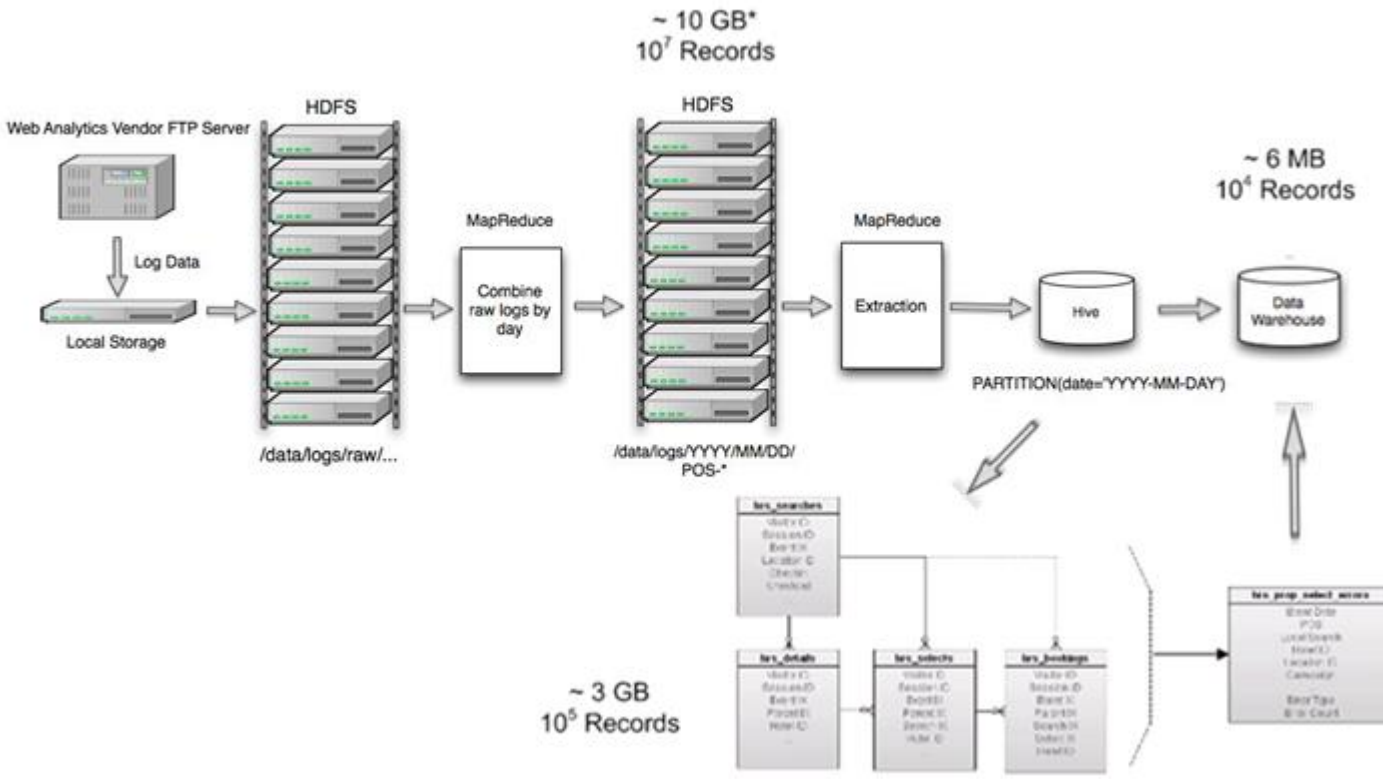
# Example Use Case: Selection Errors

# Use Case – Selection Errors: Introduction



- Multiple points of entry.
- Multiple paths through site.
- Goal: tie events together to form picture of customer behavior.

# Use Case – Selection Errors: Processing



# Use Case – Selection Errors: Visualization



# Example Use Case: Beta Data

# Use Case – Beta Data: Introduction



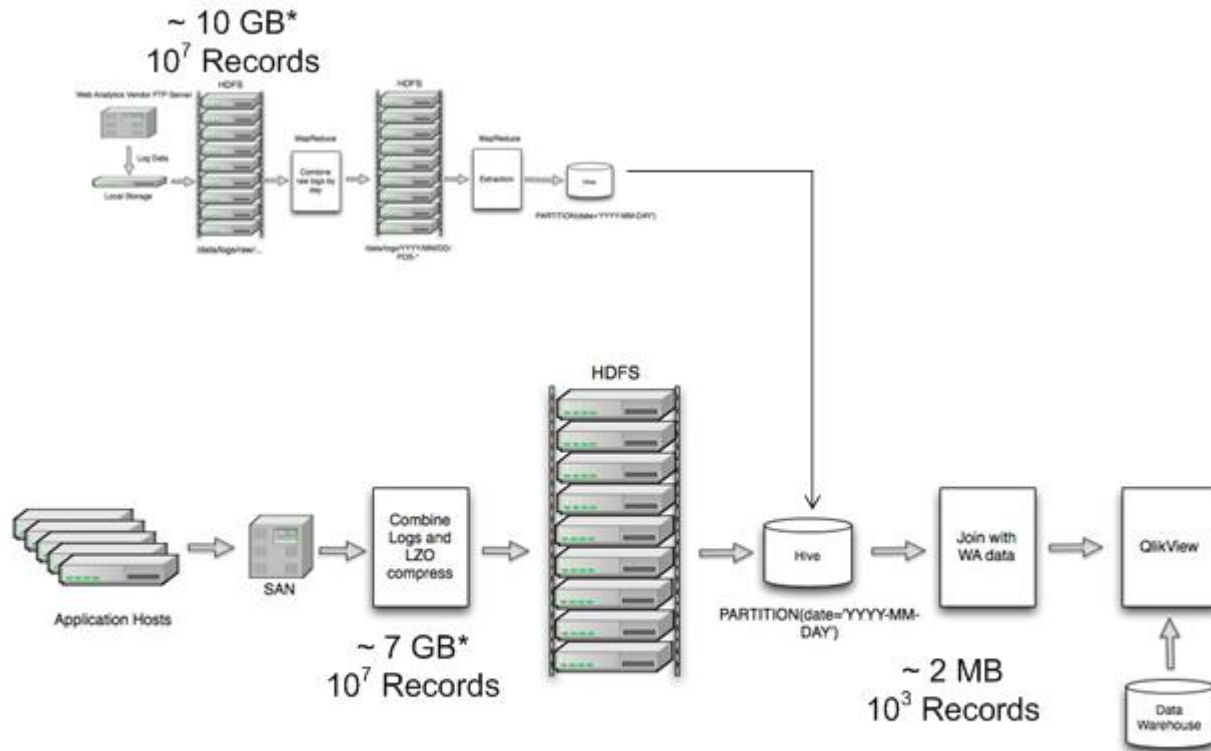
**A**

vs.

**B**

- Hotel Sort Optimization
- Compare A vs. B
- Web Analytics Data
  - What user saw.
  - How user behaved
- Server Log Data
  - Sorting behavior used.

# Use Case – Beta Data Processing





# Use Case – Beta Data: Visualization

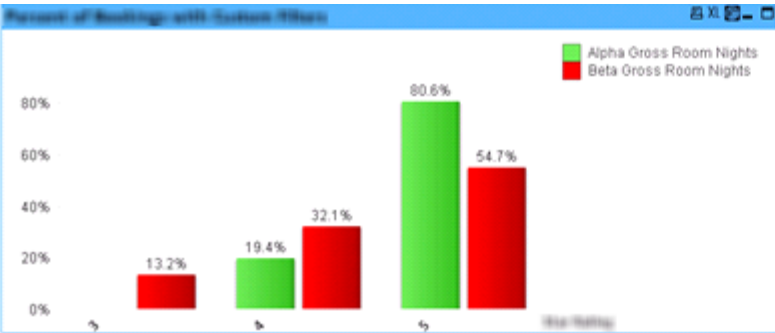


**Search Results**

Search Criteria	Search Results	Search Filter	Search Results
Search Criteria 1	Search Results 1	Search Filter 1	Search Results 1
Search Criteria 2	Search Results 2	Search Filter 2	Search Results 2

**Search Properties**

Hotel Property Name	Hotel Gross Revenue	Hotel Room Nights	Star Rating	Rooms	Alpha Room Nights	Beta Room Nights	Room Night Difference
Hotel Property 1	\$100,000	100,000	3.5	1,000	100	100	0
Hotel Property 2	\$200,000	200,000	4.0	2,000	200	200	0
Hotel Property 3	\$300,000	300,000	4.5	3,000	300	300	0



# Example Use Case: RCDC



- Understand and improve cache behavior.
- Improve “coverage”
  - Traditionally search 1 page of hotels at a time.
  - Get “just enough” information to present to consumers.
  - Increase amount of availability information we have when consumer performs a search.
- Data needed to support needs beyond reporting.

# Use Case – RCDC: Processing







- Hadoop market is still immature, but growing quickly. Better tools are on the way.
  - Look beyond the usual (enterprise) suspects. Many of the most interesting companies in the big data space are small startups.
- Hadoop won't replace your EDW, but any organization with a large EDW should at least be exploring Hadoop as a complement to their BI infrastructure.



- Work closely with your existing data management teams.
  - Your idea of what constitutes “big data” might quickly diverge from theirs.
- The flip-side to this is that Hadoop can be an excellent tool to off-load resource-consuming jobs from your data warehouse.





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