

Big Data in Chapel: Working with HDFS

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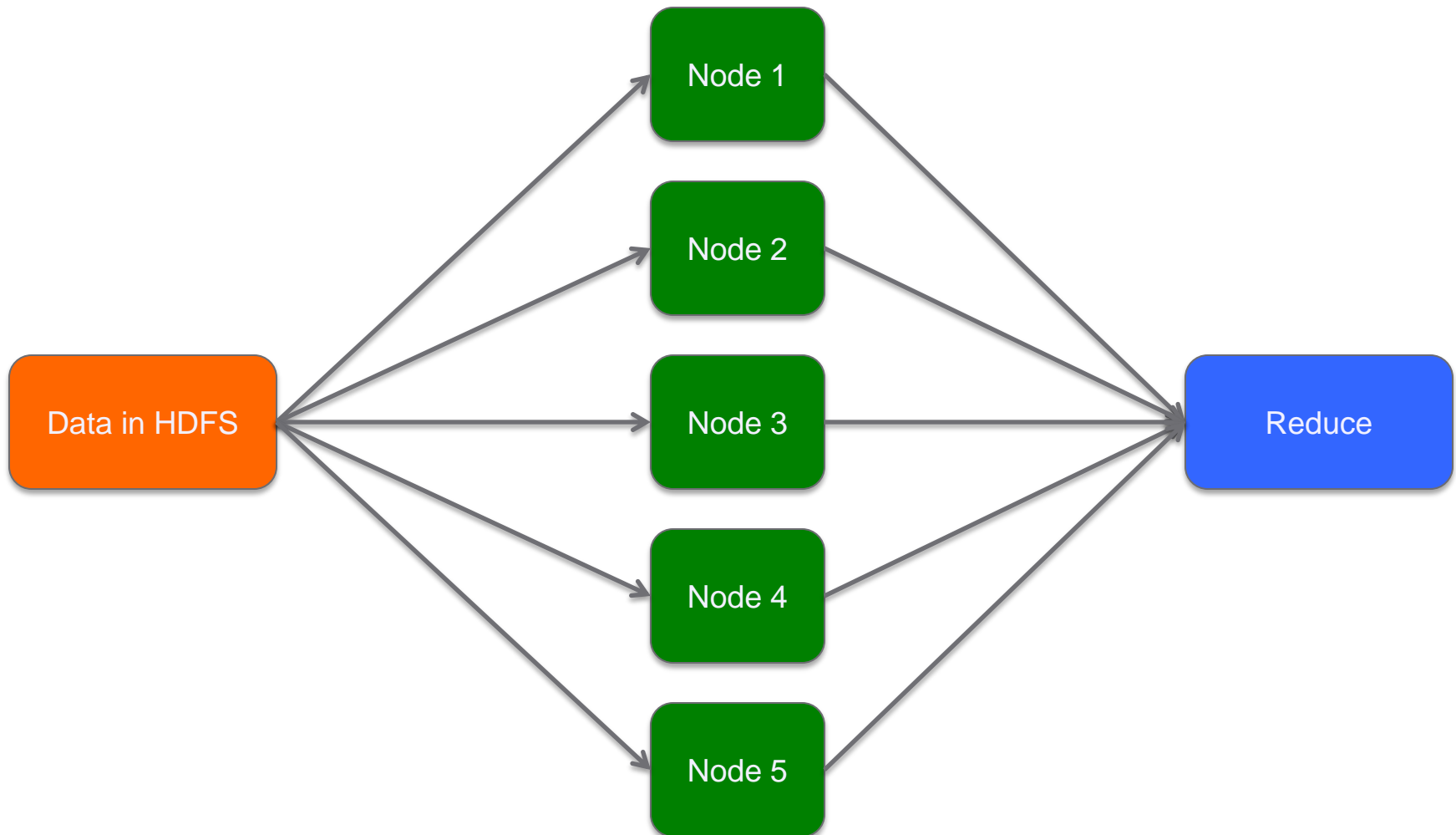
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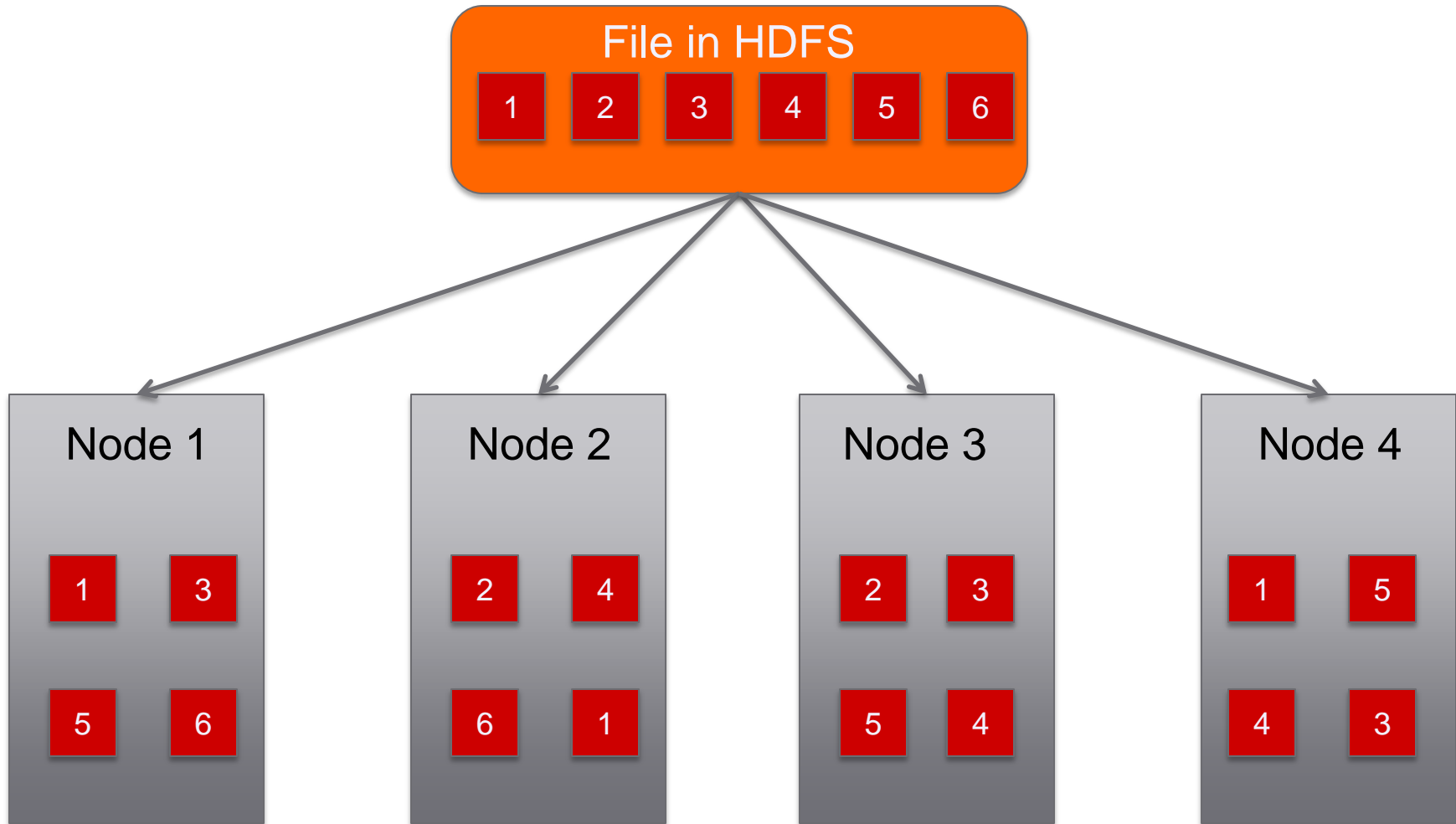
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var fl = open("hello.txt", iomode.cw), // Open a file
    ch = fl.writer();                 // Create a writer channel
ch.writeln("Hello World");           // Write some data
ch.close();                           // Close the writer
fl.close();                             // Close the file
```

What does **HDFS** I/O look like in Chapel?

```
var hdfs = hdfs_chapel_connect("default", 0);    // Connect to HDFS

var fl = hdfs.hdfs_chapel_open("hello.txt", iomode.cw),    // Open a file

    ch = fl.writer();                                     // Create a writer channel

ch.writeln("Hello World");                               // Write some data

ch.close();                                             // Close the writer

fl.close();                                             // Close the file

hdfs.hdfs_chapel_disconnect();                          // Disconnect from HDFS
```

Representing Data Records

formatted data file

```
beer/name: Sausa Weizen
beer/beerId: 47986
beer/brewerId: 10325
beer/ABV: 5.00
beer/style: Hefeweizen
review/appearance: 2.5
review/aroma: 2
review/palate: 1.5
review/taste: 1.5
review/overall: 1.5
review/time: 1234817823
review/profileName: stcules
review/text: ...
```

Chapel record type

```
record Beer {
    var name: string;
    var beerId: int;
    var brewerId: int;
    var ABV: real;
    var style: string;
    var appearance: real;
    var aroma: real;
    var palate: real;
    var taste: real;
    var overall: real;
    var time: int;
    var profileName: string;
    var text: string;
}
```

Applying a Reduction

```
const regex = "beer/name: (.*)\\s*beer/beerID: (.*) ...";

const num_buckets = 5,
      max = 6,
      min = 0;

//
// Use a user-defined reduction in order to histogram
// the records into bins:
//
var c = myHisto reduce HDFSiter("beers.txt", Beer, regex);
```

What about other file systems?

- Created an API so other distributed file systems can plug into Chapel easily.
- Could then do mapreduce with any file system you wanted.

Next Steps

- Evaluate Performance
- Gain User Experience
- Generalize HDFSite()
- Support Lustre and Ceph

For more information, see:

`$CHPL_HOME/doc/technotes/README.hdfs`