

## CSE 444: Database Internals

Lectures 20-21  
Parallel DBMSs

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## What We Have Already Learned

- Overall architecture of a DBMS
- Internals of query execution:
  - Data storage and indexing
  - Buffer management
  - Query evaluation including operator algorithms
  - Query optimization
- Internals of transaction processing:
  - Concurrency control: pessimistic and optimistic
  - Transaction recovery: undo, redo, and undo/redo

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## Where We Are Headed Next

- Scaling the execution of a query (this week)
  - Parallel DBMS
  - Distributed query processing
  - MapReduce
- Scaling transactions (next week)
  - Distributed transactions
  - Replication
- Scaling with NoSQL and NewSQL (in two weeks)

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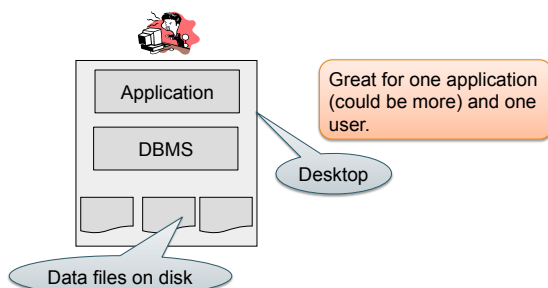
## Reading Assignments

- Main textbook Chapter 20.1
- Database management systems.  
Ramakrishnan&Gehrke.  
Third Ed. Chapter 22.11

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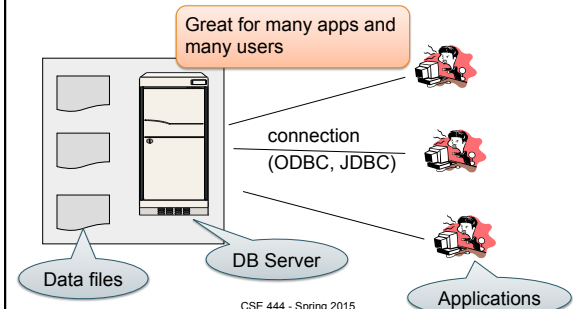
## DBMS Deployment: Local



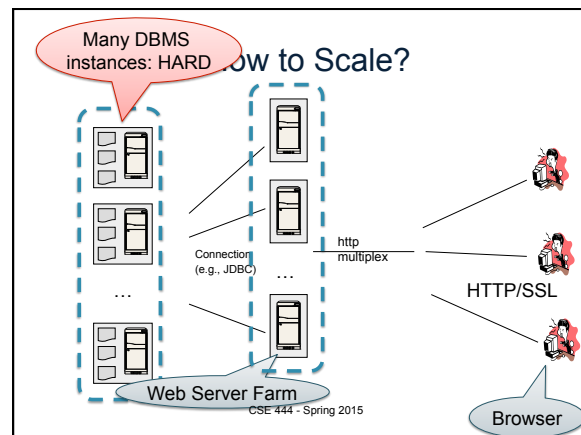
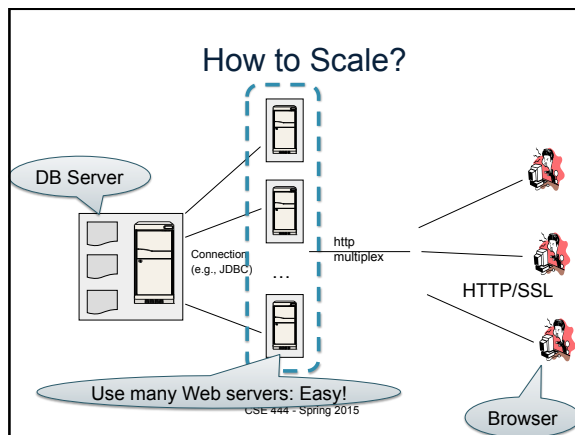
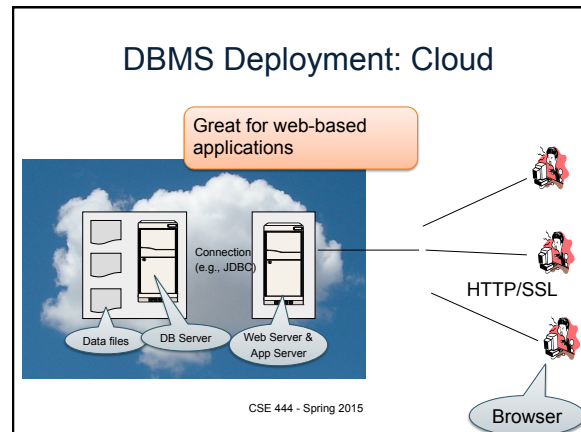
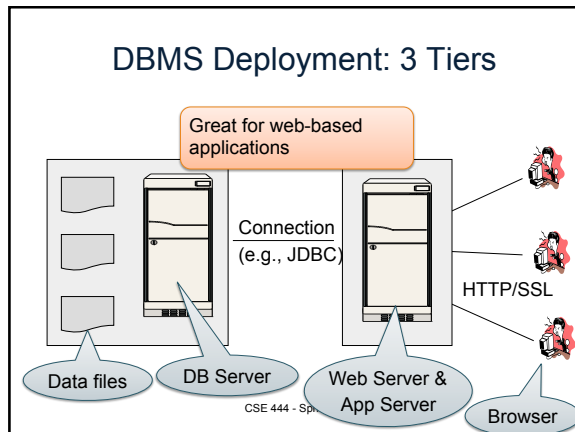
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## DBMS Deployment: Client/Server



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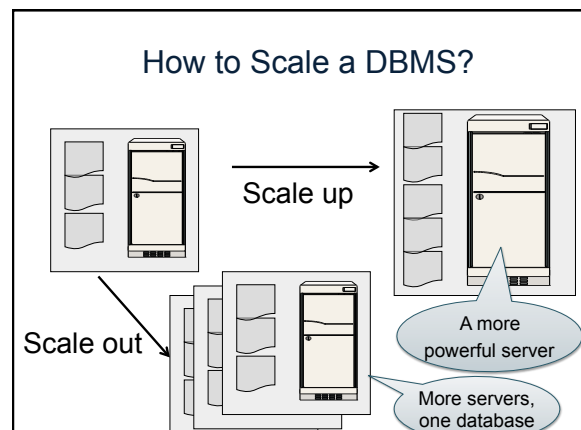


### How to Scale?

- We can easily replicate the web servers and the application servers
- We cannot so easily replicate the database servers, because the database is unique
- We need to design ways to scale up the DBMS

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## What to scale?

- OLTP: Transactions per second
  - OLTP = Online Transaction Processing
- OLAP: Query response time
  - OLAP = Online Analytical Processing

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## Scaling Transactions Per Second

- Amazon
- Facebook
- Twitter
- ... your favorite Internet application...
- Goal is to scale OLTP workloads
- We will get back to this next week

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## Scaling Single Query Response Time

- Goal is to scale OLAP workloads
- That means the analysis of massive datasets

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## This Week: Focus on Scaling a Single Query

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## Big Data

- Buzzword?
- Definition from industry:
  - High Volume <http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/1731916>
  - High Variety
  - High Velocity

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## Big Data

- Volume is not an issue
- Databases *do* parallelize easily; techniques available from the 80's
    - Data partitioning
    - Parallel query processing
  - SQL is *embarrassingly parallel*
  - We will learn how to do this
  - And you will implement it in lab 6

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## Big Data

New workloads are an issue

- Big volumes, small analytics
  - OLAP queries: join + group-by + aggregate
  - Can be handled by today's RDBMSs (e.g., Teradata)
- Big volumes, big analytics
  - More complex Machine Learning, e.g. click prediction, topic modeling, SVM, k-means
  - Requires innovation – Active research area

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## Data Analytics Companies

Explosion of db analytics companies

- **Greenplum** founded in 2003 acquired by EMC in 2010; A parallel shared-nothing DBMS (this lecture)
- **Vertica** founded in 2005 and acquired by HP in 2011; A parallel, column-store shared-nothing DBMS
- **DATAAllegro** founded in 2003 acquired by Microsoft in 2008; A parallel, shared-nothing DBMS
- **Aster Data Systems** founded in 2005 acquired by Teradata in 2011; A parallel, shared-nothing, MapReduce-based data processing system (in two lectures). SQL on top of MapReduce
- **Netezza** founded in 2000 and acquired by IBM in 2010. A parallel, shared-nothing DBMS.

Great time to be in data management, data mining/statistics, or machine learning!

## Two Approaches to Parallel Data Processing

- **Parallel databases**, developed starting with the 80s (this lecture and next)
  - For both **OLTP** (transaction processing)
  - And for **OLAP** (decision support queries)
- **MapReduce**, first developed by Google, published in 2004 (in two lectures)
  - Only for **decision support queries**

Today we see convergence of the two approaches (Greenplum, BigQuery)

## Parallel DBMSs

- **Goal**
  - Improve performance by executing multiple operations in parallel
- **Key benefit**
  - Cheaper to scale than relying on a single increasingly more powerful processor
- **Key challenge**
  - Ensure overhead and contention do not kill performance

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## Performance Metrics for Parallel DBMSs

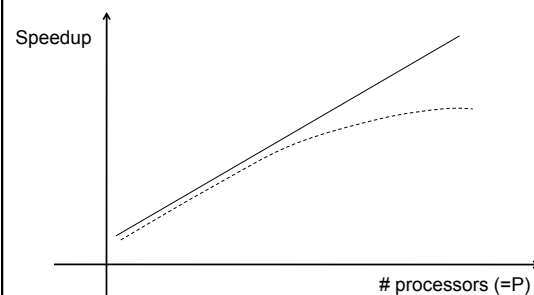
### Speedup

- More processors → higher speed
- Individual queries should run faster
- Should do more transactions per second (TPS)
- Fixed problem size *overall*, vary # of processors ("strong scaling")

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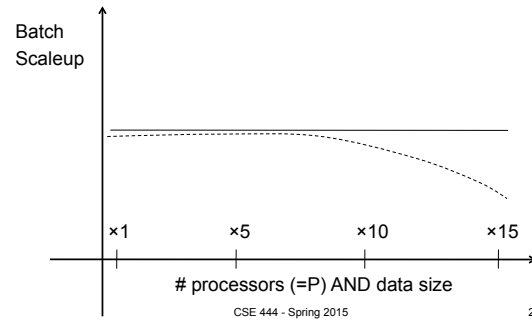
### Scaleup

- More processors → can process more data
- Fixed problem size *per processor*, vary # of processors ("weak scaling")
- **Batch scaleup**
  - Same query on larger input data should take the same time
- **Transaction scaleup**
  - N-times as many TPS on N-times larger database
  - But each transaction typically remains small

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## Linear v.s. Non-linear Scaleup



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## Warning

- Be careful. Commonly used terms today:
  - "scale up" = use an increasingly more powerful server
  - "scale out" = use a larger number of servers

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## Challenges to Linear Speedup and Scaleup

- **Startup cost**
  - Cost of starting an operation on many processors
- **Interference**
  - Contention for resources between processors
- **Skew**
  - Slowest processor becomes the bottleneck

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## Three Architectures for Parallel DB

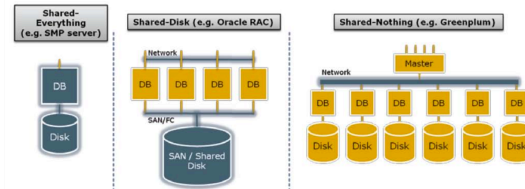
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- Shared disk
- Shared nothing

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## Architectures for Parallel Databases

Figure 1 - Types of database architecture



From: Greenplum Database Whitepaper

SAN = "Storage Area Network"

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## Shared Memory

- Nodes share both RAM and disk
- Dozens to hundreds of processors

Example: SQL Server runs on a single machine and can leverage many threads to get a query to run faster (see query plans)

- Easy to use and program
- But very expensive to scale

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## Shared Disk

- All nodes access the same disks
- Found in the largest "single-box" (non-cluster) multiprocessors

Oracle dominates this class of systems

Characteristics:

- Also hard to scale past a certain point: existing deployments typically have fewer than 10 machines

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## Shared Nothing

- Cluster of machines on high-speed network
- Called "clusters" or "blade servers"
- Each machine has its own memory and disk: lowest contention.

NOTE: Because all machines today have many cores and many disks, then shared-nothing systems typically run many "nodes" on a single physical machine.

Characteristics:

- Today, this is the most scalable architecture.
- Most difficult to administer and tune.

We discuss only Shared Nothing in class

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## In Class

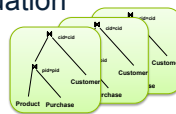
- You have a parallel machine. Now what?
- How do you speed up your DBMS?

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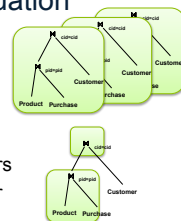


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We study only intra-operator parallelism: most scalable

### Parallel Query Processing

How do we **compute** these operations on a shared-nothing parallel db?

- **Selection:**  $\sigma_{A=123}(R)$
- **Group-by:**  $\gamma_{A, \text{sum}(B)}(R)$
- **Join:**  $R \bowtie S$

Before we answer that: how do we **store** R (and S) on a shared-nothing parallel db?

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### Horizontal Data Partitioning

Data: 

K	A	B
...	...	...

Servers: 

1	2	...	P
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Which tuples go to what server?

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## Horizontal Data Partitioning

- Relation R split into P chunks  $R_0, \dots, R_{P-1}$ , stored at the P nodes
- **Block partitioned**
  - Each group of k tuples goes to a different node
- **Hash based partitioning on attribute A:**
  - Tuple t to chunk  $h(t.A) \bmod P$
- **Range based partitioning on attribute A:**
  - Tuple t to chunk i if  $v_{i-1} < t.A < v_i$

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## Uniform Data v.s. Skewed Data

- Let  $R(K,A,B,C)$ ; which of the following partition methods may result in skewed partitions?
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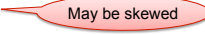
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Difficult to partition the range of A uniformly.

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## Data Partitioning Revisited

What are the pros and cons ?

- **Block based partitioning**
  - Good load balance but always needs to read all the data
- **Hash based partitioning**
  - Good load balance
  - Can avoid reading all the data for equality selections
- **Range based partitioning**
  - Can suffer from skew (i.e., load imbalances)
  - Can help reduce skew by creating uneven partitions

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## Horizontal Data Partitioning

All three choices are just special cases:

- For each tuple, compute  $bin = f(t)$
- Different properties of the function  $f$  determine hash vs. range vs. round robin vs. anything

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## Parallel Selection

Compute  $\sigma_{A=v}(R)$ , or  $\sigma_{v1 < A < v2}(R)$

- On a conventional database: cost =  $B(R)$
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  - Range partitioned -- some servers do the work

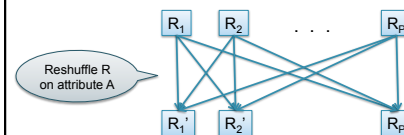
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## Basic Parallel GroupBy

Data:  $R(K, A, B, C)$  -- hash-partitioned on  $K$

Query:  $\gamma_{A, \text{sum}(B)}(R)$



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## Basic Parallel GroupBy

- Step 1: each server  $i$  partitions its chunk  $R_i$  using a hash function  $h(t.A) \bmod P$ :  $R_{i,0}, R_{i,1}, \dots, R_{i,P-1}$
- Step 2: server  $j$  computes  $\gamma_{A, \text{sum}(B)}$  on  $R_{0,j}, R_{1,j}, \dots, R_{P-1,j}$

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- A:**  $B(R) / P$

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## Basic Parallel GroupBy

Can we do better?

- Sum?
- Count?
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Distributive	Algebraic	Holistic
$\text{sum}(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_p) =$ $\text{sum}(\text{sum}(a_1 + a_2 + a_3) +$ $\text{sum}(a_4 + a_5 + a_6) +$ $\text{sum}(a_7 + a_8 + a_9))$	$\text{avg}(B) =$ $\text{sum}(B) / \text{count}(B)$	$\text{median}(B)$

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## Parallel Join: $R \bowtie_{A=B} S$

- Data:**  $R(\underline{K1}, A, C)$ ,  $S(\underline{K2}, B, D)$
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Initially, both R and S are horizontally partitioned on K1 and K2



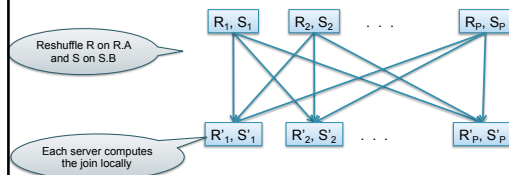
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## Parallel Join: $R \bowtie_{A=B} S$

- Step 1**
  - Every server holding any chunk of R partitions its chunk using a hash function  $h(t.A) \bmod P$
  - Every server holding any chunk of S partitions its chunk using a hash function  $h(t.B) \bmod P$
- Step 2:**
  - Each server computes the join of its local fragment of R with its local fragment of S

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## Parallel Join: $R \bowtie_{A=B} S$

Compute  $R \bowtie_{A=B} S$

- On a conventional database: cost =  $B(R)+B(S)$
- Q: What is the cost on a parallel database with P processors ?

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## Speedup and Scaleup

- Consider:
  - Query:  $\gamma_{A, \text{sum}(C)}(R)$
  - Runtime: dominated by reading chunks from disk
- If we double the number of nodes P, what is the new running time?
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  - Half (each server holds  $\frac{1}{2}$  as many chunks)
- If we double both P and the size of R, what is the new running time?
  - Same (each server holds the same # of chunks)

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## Optimization for Small Relations

When joining R and S

- If  $|R| \gg |S|$ 
  - Leave R where it is
  - Replicate entire S relation across nodes
- Also called a **small join** or a **broadcast join**

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## Other Interesting Parallel Join Implementation

Skew:

- Some partitions get more **input** tuples than others  
Reasons:
  - Range-partition instead of hash
  - Some values are very popular:
    - Heavy hitters values; e.g. 'Justin Bieber'
  - Selection before join with different selectivities
- Some partitions generate more **output** tuples than others

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## Some Skew Handling Techniques

If using range partition:

- Ensure each range gets same number of tuples
- E.g.: {1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} → [1,2] and [3,6]
- Eq-depth v.s. eq-width histograms

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## Some Skew Handling Techniques

Create more partitions than nodes

- And be smart about scheduling the partitions
- Note: MapReduce uses this technique

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## Some Skew Handling Techniques

Use subset-replicate (a.k.a. "skewedJoin")

- Given  $R \bowtie_{A=B} S$
- Given a heavy hitter value  $R.A = 'v'$   
(i.e. 'v' occurs very many times in R)
- Partition R tuples with value 'v' across all nodes  
e.g. block-partition, or hash on other attributes
- Replicate S tuples with value 'v' to all nodes
- R = the build relation
- S = the probe relation

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## Parallel Query Evaluation

- Parallel query plan: tree of parallel operators
  - Data streams from one operator to the next
  - Typically all cluster nodes process all operators
- Can run multiple queries at the same time
  - Queries will share the nodes in the cluster

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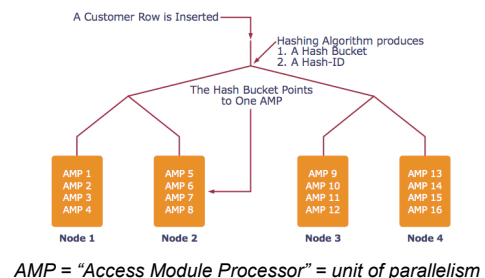
New operator: **Shuffle**

- Handles data routing, buffering, and flow control
- Inserted between consecutive operators in the query plan
- Two components: **ShuffleProducer** and **ShuffleConsumer**
- Producer:
  - Pulls data from operator and sends to n consumers
  - Producer acts as driver for operators below it in query plan
- Consumer:
  - Buffers input data from n producers and makes it available to operator through getNext interface

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## Example: Teradata – Loading



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Order(oid, item, date), Line(item, ...)

### Example: Teradata – Query Execution

*Find all orders from today, along with the items ordered*

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SELECT *
FROM Order o, Line i
WHERE o.item = i.item
AND o.date = today()

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### Query Execution

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### Query Execution

contains all orders and all lines where hash(item) = 3

contains all orders and all lines where hash(item) = 2

contains all orders and all lines where hash(item) = 1

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