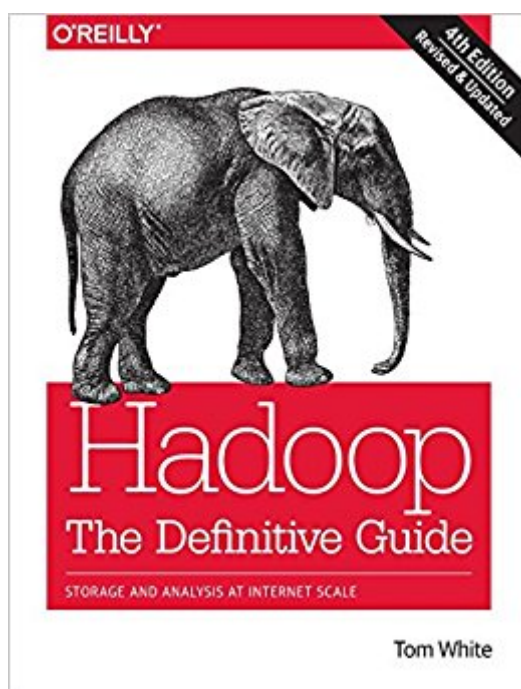


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Hadoop: The Definitive Guide: Storage And Analysis At Internet Scale



Synopsis

Get ready to unlock the power of your data. With the fourth edition of this comprehensive guide, you'll learn how to build and maintain reliable, scalable, distributed systems with Apache Hadoop. This book is ideal for programmers looking to analyze datasets of any size, and for administrators who want to set up and run Hadoop clusters. Using Hadoop 2 exclusively, author Tom White presents new chapters on YARN and several Hadoop-related projects such as Parquet, Flume, Crunch, and Spark. You'll learn about recent changes to Hadoop, and explore new case studies on Hadoop's role in healthcare systems and genomics data processing. Learn fundamental components such as MapReduce, HDFS, and YARN. Explore MapReduce in depth, including steps for developing applications with it. Set up and maintain a Hadoop cluster running HDFS and MapReduce on YARN. Learn two data formats: Avro for data serialization and Parquet for nested data. Use data ingestion tools such as Flume (for streaming data) and Sqoop (for bulk data transfer). Understand how high-level data processing tools like Pig, Hive, Crunch, and Spark work with Hadoop. Learn the HBase distributed database and the ZooKeeper distributed configuration service.

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Customer Reviews

Tom White has been an Apache Hadoop committer since February 2007, and is a member of the Apache Software Foundation. He works for Cloudera, a company set up to offer Hadoop support and training. Previously he was as an independent Hadoop consultant, working with companies to

set up, use, and extend Hadoop. He has written numerous articles for O'Reilly, java.net and IBM's developerWorks, and has spoken at several conferences, including at ApacheCon 2008 on Hadoop. Tom has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of Cambridge and a Master's in Philosophy of Science from the University of Leeds, UK.

Nice update for an already great book. As other reviews have already mentioned, if you're new to Hadoop, you'll probably need to read a few chapters in order to really get a good picture of what Hadoop is, and how it works. This is not necessarily a problem with the book, but just the nature of the beast when learning as complex as Hadoop. If you're new to Hadoop, take the time to work through the first few chapters, and maybe expect to come back and re-read parts later. If you're an experienced engineer who is looking to get up-to-speed with what has changed in recent versions, you'll definitely find what you're looking for here. I appreciate that this book covers high-level concepts as well as dives deep into the technical details that you will need to know for the design, implementation and day-to-day running of Hadoop and its various associated technologies.

Good overview of the Hadoop ecosystem. Of course, if you need to dive deeper, you will have to pick the component of interest for you and get additional material. This updated version covers the latest and greatest tools in the ecosystem, so, at least for me it was a good investment.

I bought this book for a project at work, to prototype a log analysis system using Hadoop. I haven't bought very many technical books in the last few years, but the quality of most online documentation for Hadoop is poor and books seemed like a better option. This book is considered the "bible" for Hadoop. It was useful, and I kept it open on my desk for quite a while as I worked to get the infrastructure set up. Consider it a high-level intro to lots of different Hadoop topics, and you'll be happy with it. Just don't expect it to answer all of your questions. You'll probably still end up doing a lot of digging through other online sources, because the Hadoop ecosystem is large and complicated, and no book can really cover all of it. Besides this book, I also bought Hadoop In Action (not quite as big as this book, but a useful counter-point) and Data Intensive Text Processing With MapReduce (which gave me a good intro to the Map Reduce algorithm, but wasn't that useful once I had a general idea what was going on).

This book is so good that it forced it me to write my first book review on [Stack Overflow](#) :). Everything is so clearly described and thoroughly explained both for Hadoop and related Apache projects. Read (and

re-read) at least the whole section I thoroughly, it is very important for the understanding of the rest of the book.

It's lacking on a lot of details. Maybe it tries to cover too much; Hadoop is a large, and growing daily, ecosystem. It's not simple and extremely fluid. Calling any printed material a "definitive guide" is asking for trouble. One example of failed detail is around configuration for the "Fair scheduler." It basically says (in a few paragraphs) turn it on and let the defaults fly. The Hadoop Operations book has 3 pages on the subject and mentions at least 1, "You must configure this for it to work" variable. Buy it if you want a good overview of everything at the time of publishing. Don't if you expect it to be your handbook for building a Hadoop Cluster.

I feel like this book is very hard to follow and not organized well. This book is better as a reference book than a book to teach you about Hadoop. I had taken a Hadoop training course before reading this and I still had a difficult time following along. With that said, the combination of the training course and this book, I was able to pass the Cloudera Certified Developer for Apache Hadoop (CCDH) certification exam. I gave this book 2 stars because I believe there was some key pieces of knowledge in this book that was asked on the exam.

Howdy Hoop, look at all of that data!

Wasn't as complete as I would have like with multiple syntax examples. I had to google some of the error messages I would receive using syntax in the book.

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