



Study on Network Behavior Assessment Using Amazon Web and Cloud Computing Services

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ABSTRACT

The revolution of Cloud Computing increases the opportunities to provide realistic and most sophisticated evaluation modules that reduce the management time and cost of network performance evaluation and failure prediction. In our research, This paper presents a cloud-based software system that utilizing the Amazon Elastic MapReducer (EMR) ensemble clustered instances for evaluating the collected network measurements to quantifies network performance and predicate its degradation in the long run. The extracted outcomes illustrate the efficiency of the proposed system.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The network monitoring is the most critical aspect in the network management the tech companies in order to provide a better reliable system for their customers. However, the network reliability is the most significant challenge to maintain the network consistently performs according to its specifications.

Network failure can be referred to any network device or component may halt or work inefficiently under wide range of possible conditions. In order to analyze the network behavior, huge amount of data need to be collected, tested, and studied to come up with clear view of how the network failure can be predicted. In this research, two different Python programs have been developed to collect and examine sequence of network patterns and calculate some statistics of abnormal patterns using AWS.

In our previous work, Joint Clustering and Association Analysis approach (JCAA) has been developed to predict the network degradation by classifying the collected data into groups of k-means clusters and discover the relationships between groups using association analysis. The proposed approach demonstrated the ability to improve the quality of predication by discovering the root cause of network failure and proactively correct the network drawbacks in a timely manner. [1].

We need to emphasize here; the proposed work is an extension of the JCAA in term of overcoming the machines low performance while processing massive network measurement and reduce processing time.

The following paragraphs are arranged according to the research policy being undertaken. The first section represents a brief review of the studies that have been accomplished in network performance degradation and failure predication. The second section gives an illustration of the principle core of AWS and the most related solution provided to support network traffic management. The third section presents the proposed approach for network failure evaluation using AWS. Testing and evaluating the constructed results from the proposed approach will be described in the section four. Through section five, the conclusion and suggestions for the future works will be described.

2. AMAZON ELASTIC MAPREDUCER (EMR)

Amazon offers efficient and proactive tools to process and analysis data across distributed cluster of virtual servers on Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) and Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3). Amazon Elastic MapReducer (EMR) is one of sophisticated tools built on top of Apache Hadoop, a Java-based framework that supports large data storage in distributed environment,

provided for big data processing. EMR is built on top of Apache Hadoop, a software platform that supports massive data sets storage in disseminated computing environment [2-3].

2.1. THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system is devoted to provide a vital analytical tool to measure the network substrate performance and proactively react to network degradation. We tend to focus on analyzing massive network measurements by utilizing distributed environment. AWS is the best match as a highly customized network environment in support of concurrent instance.

We move our system from adapting local machines to distributed environment that allows utilizing concurrent instances to run the developed programs in real-time without The Proposed system reshapes from two parts:

3. PYTHON LOCAL MACHINE PROGRAM

This part of the developed system runs on single machine to collect the network patterns from virtual network. The following algorithm represents the main steps of this part.

1. Grouping the similar patterns
2. Averaging the grouped patterns to reduce the computation
3. Encoding the averaged patterns in a sequence of binary streams
4. Extracting the failure paths and find the failure average pattern.

4. PYTHON PROGRAMS

The Mappers and reducers program has been developed to collect network patterns and compute important network statistics, such averaging, average failure pattern, etc. The Amazon Elastic MapReduce service (EMR) has been utilized to deploy the programs which provides flexible distributed environment that support the MapReduce approach. The program runs through the following steps:

4.1. Access to the AWS (Amazon Web Service) using registered account

4.2. On Amazon S3, create a bucket and name it patterns to store the collected network measurements

4.3. Download project files from the following URL:

4.3.1 Network input patterns: http://pattern.s3.amazonaws.com/heatmap_files/heatmaplabel1000.txt, and upload the file to bucket pattern/input

4.3.2 Averaging mapper : <http://pattern.s3.amazonaws.com/map/pattmapper.py> , and upload it to the bucket pattern/map

4.3.3 Averaging reducer : <http://pattern.s3.amazonaws.com/reduce/pattreducer.py> and upload it to the bucket pattern/reduce

4. 4. Go to Amazon Elastic MapReduce and do the following:

4.4.1 create New Job Flow

4.4.2 Specify the Job name and choose Run your Own application from Create a Job Flow option, and choose Streaming option. Then hit continue

4.4.3 Put all necessary information in fields like bellow:

Input location: pattern/input

Output location: pattern/output

Mapper : pattern/map/pattmapper.py

Reducer: pattern/reduce/pattreducer.py

And hit continue

4.5 Specify the number of Instance, by default you can choose 2 instances, and hit continue and continue.

4.6 Check the information and hit Create Job Flow.

After the running job is finished, go to the *pattern* bucket and then to the output sub-folder, and download the output files. These files normally start with prefix part-xxxxx.

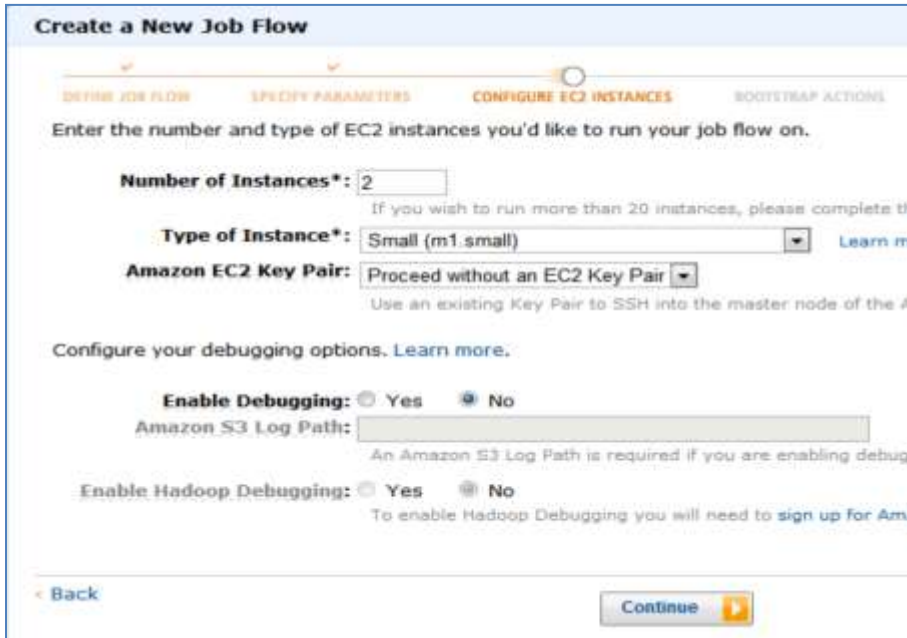
4.6- Download the merger.py file from the following URL and save it on the same directory of part-xxxxx files:

<http://pattern.s3.amazonaws.com/localmachine/Merger.py>

4.7- Go to the merger.py folder and run from the command line:

`/> Python merger.py.`

The following figures show the steps of how to create AWS MapReduce job:



Create a New Job Flow

DEFINE JOB FLOW SPECIFY PARAMETERS CONFIGURE EC2 INSTANCES BOOTSTRAP ACTIONS REVIEW

Please review the details of your job flow and click "Create Job Flow" when you are ready to launch your job flow.

Job Flow Name: My Job Flow
Type: Streaming

Input Location: s3n://pattern/input
Output Location: s3n://pattern/output
Mapper: s3n://pattern/map/patmapper.py
Reducer: s3n://pattern/reduce/patreducer.py
Extra Args:

Number of Instances: 2
Type of Instance: m1.small
Amazon EC2 Key Pair:
Amazon S3 Log Path:
Enable Hadoop Debugging: No [Edit EC2 Config](#)

Bootstrap Actions: No Bootstrap Actions created for this Job Flow

[Back](#) [Create Job Flow](#) **Note:** On instances

Create a New Job Flow

DEFINE JOB FLOW SPECIFY PARAMETERS CONFIGURE EC2 INSTANCES BOOTSTRAP ACTIONS

Creating a job flow to process your data using Amazon Elastic MapReduce is simple and straightforward. Just give your job flow a name and select its type. If you don't already have an application you'd like to run on Amazon S3, we have sample applications available to help you get started.

Job Flow Name*:
Job Flow Name doesn't need to be unique. We suggest you give it a meaningful name.

Create a Job Flow*: Run your own application
 Run a sample application

A **Streaming** job flow processes data from Amazon S3. The framework supports languages like Java, Python, Bash, C++.

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Create a New Job Flow

DEFINITE JOB FLOW **SPECIFY PARAMETERS** CONFIGURE EC2 INSTANCES BOOTSTRAP A

Specify Mapper and Reducer functions to run within the Job Flow. The mapper and reducer can be (i) a mapper or reducer class in Hadoop or (ii) locations in Amazon S3. (Click Here for more information on how to specify a location in Amazon S3.) The format for specifying a location in Amazon S3 is s3://bucket/path/to/program. The path to an executable program, for example a python program. Extra arguments can be specified and can specify things such as additional files to be loaded into the distributed cache.

Input Location*:
The URL of the Amazon S3 Bucket that contains the input files.

Output Location*:
The URL of the Amazon S3 Bucket to store output files. Should be unique.

Mapper*:
The mapper Amazon S3 location or streaming command to execute.

Reducer*:
The reducer Amazon S3 location or streaming command to execute.

Extra Args:

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5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

As we mentioned above, the primary goal of the present study is to discover risky network patterns from a network systems perspective. Towards this end, we will work at improving the techniques currently being used by both researchers and practitioners using Amazon Web Services. More precisely, the following are the key takeaway from the conducted study:

- 1- Designing and building a state-of-the-art Elastic MapReduce framework for optimizing computational resources utilization on network Systems,
- 2- The analysis and improvement of reinforcement prediction algorithm using a dedicated Amazon networks probe, and
- 3- Improve the computational performance of the proposed cloud-based system by populating the reinforcement algorithm through AWS techniques.

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