NIE-PDB | Advanced Database Systems | 2025/26 Winter

Assignment A06 – Cassandra

Assignment

- Create a script (ordinary text file) with a sequence of CQL statements working with our Cassandra database
- Define a schema for 2 tables for entities of different types
 - Define at least one column for each of the following data types
 - tuple, list, set, and map
- Insert about 3 to 5 rows into each of your tables
- Express at least 3 update statements (i.e., UPDATE and not DELETE statements)
 - You must perform replace, add and remove primitive operations (all of them) on columns of all collection types (all of them)
 - I.e., you must involve at least altogether 9 different primitive operations on such columns
- Express 3 select statements
 - Use WHERE and ORDER BY clauses at least once (both of them)
 - Use ALLOW FILTERING in a query that cannot be evaluated without this instruction
- Create at least 1 secondary index

Requirements

- Only use your own keyspace when working on the assignment
 - This keyspace already exists and its name is identical to your login name (pdb251_login)
 - Therefore, do not create this keyspace in your script
- Do not switch to your keyspace when you are inside your script
 - I.e., do not execute USE command to change the active keyspace from within the script
 - Specify the intended keyspace outside of your script using command line options (see below)
 - Also, do not use fully qualified names inside your script (e.g., for tables etc.)
- The reason is that a different dedicated keyspace will be used when assessing your homework
 - You can assume that this keyspace will be completely empty at the beginning
- Each select statement must be evaluated to a non-empty result

Comments

- The following error messages can be ignored
 - Error from server: code=1300 [Replica(s) failed to execute read] ...

Submission

• script.cql: text file with CQL statements

Execution

- Execute the following shell command to evaluate the whole CQL script
 - cqlsh -u \$UserName -p \$UserPassword -k \$KeyspaceName -f \$ScriptFile
 - \$UserName is your Cassandra user name (i.e., pdb251_login)
 - \$UserPassword is your Cassandra password (if not specified, you will be prompted)
 - \$KeyspaceName is a name of keyspace that should be used (e.g., pdb251_login)
 - \$ScriptFile is a file with CQL queries to be executed (i.e., script.cql)

Tools

- Apache Cassandra (4.0.6) https://cassandra.apache.org/
 - Already installed on the NoSQL server

References

- The Cassandra Query Language (CQL)
 - $-\ https://cassandra.apache.org/doc/4.0/cassandra/cql/$