# Alibaba Cloud MaxCompute

**Quick Start** 

# Legal disclaimer

Alibaba Cloud reminds you to carefully read and fully understand the terms and conditions of this legal disclaimer before you read or use this document. If you have read or used this document, it shall be deemed as your total acceptance of this legal disclaimer.

- 1. You shall download and obtain this document from the Alibaba Cloud website or other Alibaba Cloud-authorized channels, and use this document for your own legal business activities only. The content of this document is considered confidential information of Alibaba Cloud. You shall strictly abide by the confidentiality obligations. No part of this document shall be disclosed or provided to any third party for use without the prior written consent of Alibaba Cloud.
- 2. No part of this document shall be excerpted, translated, reproduced, transmitted, or disseminat ed by any organization, company, or individual in any form or by any means without the prior written consent of Alibaba Cloud.
- 3. The content of this document may be changed due to product version upgrades, adjustment s, or other reasons. Alibaba Cloud reserves the right to modify the content of this document without notice and the updated versions of this document will be occasionally released through Alibaba Cloud-authorized channels. You shall pay attention to the version changes of this document as they occur and download and obtain the most up-to-date version of this document from Alibaba Cloud-authorized channels.
- 4. This document serves only as a reference guide for your use of Alibaba Cloud products and services. Alibaba Cloud provides the document in the context that Alibaba Cloud products and services are provided on an "as is", "with all faults" and "as available" basis. Alibaba Cloud makes every effort to provide relevant operational guidance based on existing technologies. However, Alibaba Cloud hereby makes a clear statement that it in no way guarantees the accuracy, integrity, applicability, and reliability of the content of this document, either explicitly or implicitly. Alibaba Cloud shall not bear any liability for any errors or financial losses incurred by any organizations, companies, or individuals arising from their download, use, or trust in this document. Alibaba Cloud shall not, under any circumstances, bear responsibility for any indirect, consequential, exemplary, incidental, special, or punitive damages, including lost profits arising from the use or trust in this document, even if Alibaba Cloud has been notified of the possibility of such a loss.
- **5.** By law, all the content of the Alibaba Cloud website, including but not limited to works, products , images, archives, information, materials, website architecture, website graphic layout, and webpage design, are intellectual property of Alibaba Cloud and/or its affiliates. This intellectual property includes, but is not limited to, trademark rights, patent rights, copyrights, and trade

secrets. No part of the Alibaba Cloud website, product programs, or content shall be used, modified, reproduced, publicly transmitted, changed, disseminated, distributed, or published without the prior written consent of Alibaba Cloud and/or its affiliates. The names owned by Alibaba Cloud shall not be used, published, or reproduced for marketing, advertising, promotion, or other purposes without the prior written consent of Alibaba Cloud. The names owned by Alibaba Cloud include, but are not limited to, "Alibaba Cloud", "Aliyun", "HiChina", and other brands of Alibaba Cloud and/or its affiliates, which appear separately or in combination, as well as the auxiliary signs and patterns of the preceding brands, or anything similar to the company names, trade names, trademarks, product or service names, domain names, patterns, logos, marks, signs, or special descriptions that third parties identify as Alibaba Cloud and/or its affiliates).

6. Please contact Alibaba Cloud directly if you discover any errors in this document.

II Issue: 20181109

# **Generic conventions**

Table -1: Style conventions

Style	Description	Example
	This warning information indicates a situation that will cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results.	Danger: Resetting will result in the loss of user configuration data.
<b>A</b>	This warning information indicates a situation that may cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results.	Warning: Restarting will cause business interruption. About 10 minutes are required to restore business.
	This indicates warning information, supplementary instructions, and other content that the user must understand.	Note: Take the necessary precautions to save exported data containing sensitive information.
	This indicates supplemental instructions, best practices, tips, and other content that is good to know for the user.	Note: You can use Ctrl + A to select all files.
>	Multi-level menu cascade.	Settings > Network > Set network type
Bold	It is used for buttons, menus, page names, and other UI elements.	Click <b>OK</b> .
Courier font	It is used for commands.	Run the cd /d C:/windows command to enter the Windows system folder.
Italics	It is used for parameters and variables.	bae log listinstanceid  Instance_ID
[] or [a b]	It indicates that it is a optional value, and only one item can be selected.	ipconfig [-all -t]
{} or {a b}	It indicates that it is a required value, and only one item can be selected.	swich {stand   slave}

Quick Start / Contents

# **Contents**

Legal disclaimer	
Generic conventions	I
1 Create/View/Delete a table	1
2 Data import	6
3 Run SQL	15
4 Java UDF development	22
5 Graph	

II Issue: 20181109

### 1 Create/View/Delete a table

You can use MaxCompute services once they are added to a project, and granted the corresponding privileges. Because the operation objects of MaxCompute (input and output) are performed on tables, you must create tables and partitions before processing data.

You can create or delete tables using the following methods:

- MaxCompute Studio. For more information, see Visualization of operating the tables. see
   Visualization of operating the tables.
- With dataworks, see creating tables and deleting tables for details.
- · Common client commands.

The following section explains how to create, view, and delete tables using commands through the DTplus console. For more information about console installation, see *Console*.

#### Create a table

The command format is shown as follows.

```
CREATE TABLE [IF NOT EXISTS] table_name
[(col_name data_type [COMMENT col_comment], ...)]
[COMMENT table_comment]
[PARTITIONED BY (col_name data_type [COMMENT col_comment], ...)]
[LIFECYCLE days]
[As select_statement]
CREATE TABLE [IF NOT EXISTS] table_name
LIKE existing_table_name
```

#### Command descriptions:

- The table name and column name are both case insensitive.
- If you do not specify IF NOT EXISTS when creating a table and a table with the same name
  exists, an error is returned. If the option is specified then all returns are successful, regardless
  of whether there are tables with the same name, and regardless of whether the source table
  structure and the target table structure are inconsistent. The Meta information of the existing
  table does not change.
- Only the data types BIGINT, DOUBLE, BOOLEAN, DATETIME, and STRING are supported.
- A table name and column name obey the same naming conventions as follows: The name can be up to 128 bytes in length and can contain letters, numbers, and underscores '\_'.
- Partitioned Partitioned by: Use PARTITIONED BY to specify the partition. Only String is supported. The value can be up to 128 bytes in length and can contain letters, numbers, and the special characters space '', colon (':'), underscore ('\_'), dollar sign ('\$'), hash sign ('#'), dot

- ('.'), exclamation point ('!') and at symbol ('@'). Other characters are considered as undefined characters, such as ('\t'), ('\n'), and ('/'). If you are using partition fields in the partition table, a full table scan is not needed when adding partitions, or when updating data in the partition and then reading the partition.
- · A comment must be a valid string within 1024 bytes.
- Lifecycle indicates the lifecycle of the table. The unit is days. The statement CREATE TABLE Like does not copy the lifecycle attribute from source table.
- Currently, the partition hierarchy cannot exceed 6 levels. In a project, the maximum partition number of a table can be configured. The maximum number of tables is 60,000.



#### Note:

- For more information about creating a table, see *Table Operations*.
- For more information about the partition operation, see Add/Remove Partition.
- For more information about the lifecycle operation, see *Modify Lifecycle for a Table*.

The following example shows how to create a table:

```
create table test1 (key string); -- create a no-partition table. table name is test 1, field name is key, data type is string.

create table test2 (key bigint) partitioned by (pt string, ds string);

--Create a partition table.

create table test3 (key boolean) partitioned by (pt string, ds string)

lifecycle 100; -- Create a table with lifecycle.

create table test4 like test3; -- Except for the lifecycle property,

other properties of test3 (field type, partition type) are completely

consistent with test4.

create table test5 as select * from test2; -- This operation will

create test5, but the partition and lifecycle information will not be

copied to the object table.

-- This operation will copy the data of test2 to the table test5

.If test2 has data, the test2 in this example is an empty table.

Subsequent chapters will introduce data import.
```

In the preceding example, an instance is used to create a table.

Create a table named user that includes the following information:

- user\_id: Bigint type, user identifier, to identify a user.
- gender: Bigint type, sex (0, unknown; 1, male; 2, female).
- · age: Bigint, the age of a user.

It must be partitioned by region and dt and the lifecycle is 365 days.

An example of table creation is as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE user
( user_id BIGINT, gender BIGINT COMMENT '0 unknow,1 male, 2 Female',
age BIGINT)
PARTITIONED BY (region string, dt string) LIFECYCLE 365;
```

#### Add a partition

After creating a partition table, in order to import data into different partitions, a partition must be created. The statement format is as follows:

```
alter table table_name add [if not exists] partition partition_spec
partition_spec:
    (partition_col1 = partition_col_value1, partition_col2 = partition_c
ol_value2, ...)
```

In the preceding example, partitions must be added for the table user (region is 'hangzhou' and dt is '20150923'). The statement is as follows:

```
Alter table user add if not exists partition(region='hangzhou',dt='20150923');
```

#### View a table

View table information by using the following command: desc <table\_name>;

For example, get information from test3: desc test3;

The results are as follows:

Get information from test4: desc test4;

Except for the lifecycle property, other properties of test3 (field type, partition type) are completely consistent with test4. For more information about describing a table, see *Describe Table*.

When you view the information of test5, the 'pt' and 'ds' fields only exist as two common columns, rather than as the table partitions.

#### Drop a partitio

An example of how to drop a partition is as follows:

```
alter table table_name drop [if exists] partition_spec; partition_spec
:
```

```
: (partition_col1 = partition_col_value1, partition_col2 = partition_c
ol_value2, ...)
```

For example, to delete the partitions of region hangzhou and dt 20150923, the statement is as follows:

```
Alter table user drop if exists partition(region='hangzhou',dt=' 20150923');
```

#### Delete a table

An example of how to drop a table is as follows:

```
DROP TABLE [IF EXISTS] table_name;
```

For example, to delete the table test2:

```
drop table test2;
```

For more information, see *Table Operations*Drop Table.

# 2 Data import

You can import and export data through MaxCompute using the following methods:

- Tunnel commands, directly on the console.
- MaxCompute Studio in the visualization method. For more information, see *Import and Export Data*.
- Java tools written with the SDK provided by *Tunnel*.
- Flume and Fluentd plug-ins.
- Data is imported and exported through DataWorks. For more information, see Data Integration
   overview.

For data export, see commands about downloading in *Tunnel commands*.

#### Tunnel commands Follow the steps below to import data using tunnel commands.

1. Prepare the data

In this example, the local file wc\_example.txt is saved into the directory D:\odps\odps\bin. The content is as follows:

```
I LOVE CHINA! MY NAME IS MAGGIE.
I LIVE IN HANGZHOU! I LIKE PLAYING BASKETBALL!
```

2. Create a MaxCompute table

To import the data created in the preceding step, a MaxCompute table must be created.

```
CREATE TABLE wc_in (word string);
```

3. Run tunnel command

Import the data to the MaxCompute console by running the tunnel command as follows:

```
tunnel upload D:\odps\odps\bin\wc_example.txt wc_in;
```

**4.** After the command has run successfully, check the records in the table wc\_in.



#### Note:

- For more information of Tunnel commands, for example, how to import data into a
  partitioned table, see *Tunnel Operation*.
- If multiple columns are in the table, you can specify column separators by using-fd parameter.

#### Max compute studio imports data

Follow the steps below to import data using MaxCompute Studio. Before using MaxCompute Studio, make sure that you have *installed MaxCompute Studio* and *configured Project Space Connection*.

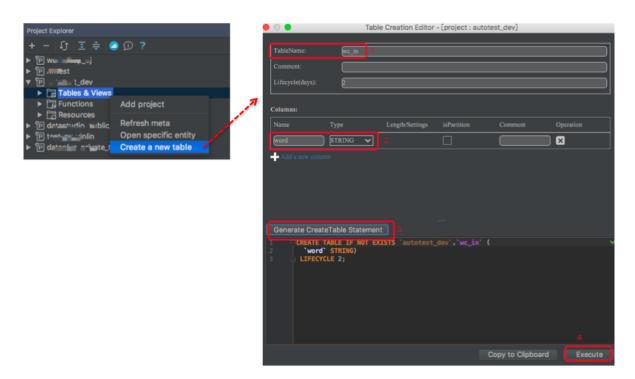
#### 1. Data Preparation

In this example, the local file wc\_example.txt is saved into the directory D:\odps\odps\bin. The content is as follows:

```
I LOVE CHINA! MY NAME IS MAGGIE.
I LIVE IN HANGZHOU! I LIKE PLAYING BASKETBALL!
```

#### 2. Create a MaxCompute table

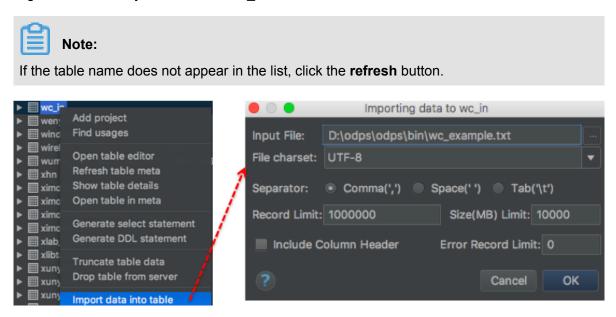
To import the data created in the preceding step, a MaxCompute table must be created first. Right-click **tables&views** in the project and operate as follows:



If the statement is executed successfully, then the table has been created.

#### 3. Upload data files

Right-click the newly created table wc\_in in the tables&views list



#### **Tunnel SDK**

The following is a scenario example to show you how to upload data using the Tunnel SDK.

#### Scenario

Upload data into MaxCompute, where the project is odps\_public\_dev, the table name is tunnel\_sample\_test and the partitions are pt=20150801,dt="hangzhou."

#### **Procedure**

**1.** Create a table and add corresponding partitions:

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS tunnel_sample_test(
id STRING,
name STRING)

PARTITIONED BY (pt STRING, dt STRING); --Create a table.

ALTER TABLE tunnel_sample_test

ADD IF NOT EXISTS PARTITION (pt='20150801',dt='hangzhou'); --Add the partitions.
```

2. Create the program directory structure of UploadSample as follows:

```
|---pom.xml
|---src
|---main
|---java
|---com
|---aliyun
|---odps
|---tunnel
|---example
|---UploadSample.java
```

#### Directory description:

- · pom.xml: maven program file.
- · UploadSample: tunnel source file.
- 3. Write UploadSample program as follows:

```
package com.aliyun.odps.tunnel.example;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.util.Date;
import com.aliyun.odps.Column;
mport com.aliyun.odps.Odps;
import com.aliyun.odps.PartitionSpec;
import com.aliyun.odps.TableSchema;
import com.aliyun.odps.account.Account;
import com.aliyun.odps.account.AliyunAccount;
Import com. aliyun. ODPS. Data. record;
import com.aliyun.odps.data.RecordWriter;
import com.aliyun.odps.tunnel.TableTunnel;
import com.aliyun.odps.tunnel.TunnelException;
import com.aliyun.odps.tunnel.TableTunnel.UploadSession;
public class UploadSample {
private static String accessId = "####";
private static String accessKey = "####";
private static String tunnelUrl = "http://dt.odps.aliyun.com";
private static String odpsUrl = "http://service.odps.aliyun.com/api
private static String project = "odps_public_dev";
```

```
private static String table = "tunnel_sample_test";
private static String partition = "pt=20150801,dt=hangzhou";
public static void main(String args[]) {
Account account = new AliyunAccount(accessId, accessKey);
Odps odps = new Odps(account);
odps.setEndpoint(odpsUrl);
odps.setDefaultProject(project);
try {
Tabletunnel tunnel = new tabletunnel (ODPS );
tunnel.setEndpoint(tunnelUrl);
PartitionSpec partitionSpec = new PartitionSpec(partition);
UploadSession uploadSession = tunnel.createUploadSession(project,
table, partitionSpec);
System.out.println("Session Status is : "
+ uploadSession.getStatus().toString());
TableSchema schema = uploadSession.getSchema();
RecordWriter recordWriter = uploadSession.openRecordWriter(0);
Record record = uploadSession.newRecord();
for (int i = 0; i < schema.getColumns().size(); <math>i++) {
Column column = schema.getColumn(i);
switch (column.getType()) {
case BIGINT:
record.setBigint(i, 1L);
break;
case BOOLEAN:
record.setBoolean(i, true);
Break;
case DATETIME:
record.setDatetime(i, new Date());
case DOUBLE:
record.setDouble(i, 0.0);
break;
case STRING:
record.setString(i, "sample");
break;
default:
throw new RuntimeException("Unknown column type: "
+ column.getType());
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
recordWriter.write(record);
}
recordWriter.close();
UPR session. Commit (New long [] {01 });
System.out.println("upload success!") ;
} catch (TunnelException e) {
e.printStackTrace();
} catch (IOException e) {
e.printStackTrace();
```

}



#### Note:

The configuration of the accesskeyid and the accesskeysecret is omitted here. Please change your information when you are actually running.

**4.** The configuration of pom.xml is as follows:

```
<? xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"? >
project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 http://maven.
apache.org/xsd/maven-4.0.0.xsd">
<modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
<groupId>com.aliyun.odps.tunnel.example</groupId>
<artifactId>UploadSample</artifactId>
<version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
<dependencies>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>com.aliyun.odps</groupId>
    <artifactId>odps-sdk-core</artifactId>
    <version>0.20.7-public
  </dependency>
</dependencies>
<repositories>
  <repository>
  <id>alibaba</id>
  <name>alibaba Repository</name>
  <url>http://mvnrepo.alibaba-inc.com/nexus/content/groups/public//
url>
  </repository>
</repositories>
</project>
```

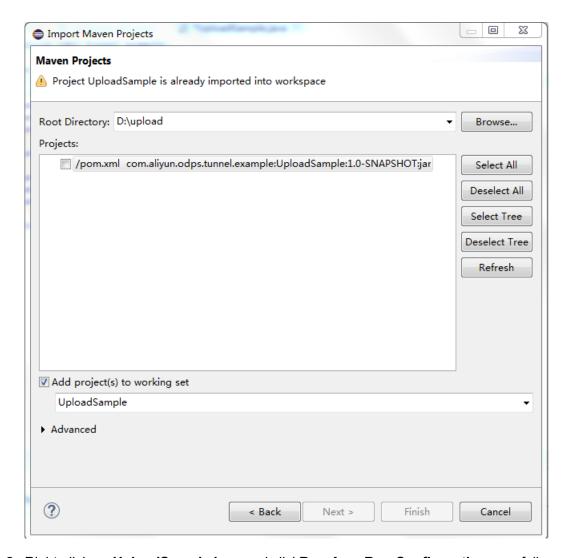
#### 5. Compile and run

Compile the program UploadSample:

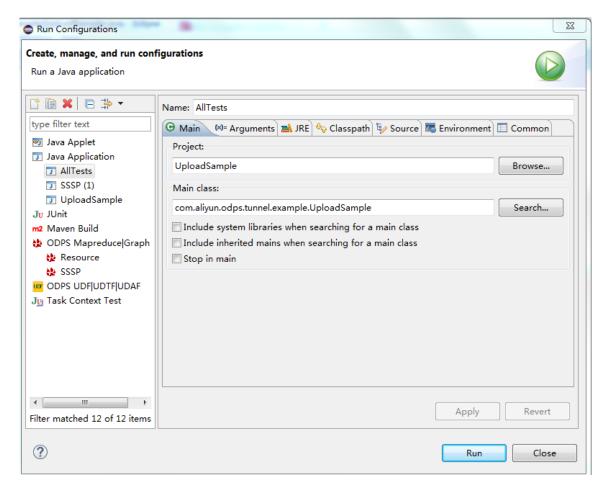
```
mvn package
```

Run the program UploadSample. Here, Eclipse is used to import the Maven project.

Right-click on the Java program and clickImport > > Maven > > Existing Maven
 Projects, The settings are as follows:



2. Right-click on **UploadSample.java** and click**Run As > Run Configurations**, as follows:



**3.** Click **Run** After running successfully, the console shows as follows:

```
Session Status is : NORMAL upload success!
```

Check running result.

Input the following statement on the console:

```
select * from tunnel_sample_test;
```

The result is shown as follows:

```
id
          pt
    name
               dt
        sample
                  20150801
                             hanqzhou
sample
sample
         sample
                  20150801
                             hangzhou
sample | sample | 20150801
                            hangzhou
```

+---+---+



#### Note:

- As an independent service in MaxCompute, Tunnel has an exclusive access port provided for users. When you download data with MaxCompute Tunnel over the Alibaba Cloud intranet, MaxCompute does not bill you for the traffic produced by this operation. The Intranet address is only valid for cloud products in the Shanghai region.
- For more information about MaxCompute Alibaba Intranet and public network access addresses, see Access domains and data centers.

#### Other import methods

In addition to MaxCompute Console and Tunnel Java SDK, data can also be imported through Alibaba Cloud DTplus products, Sqoop, Fluentd, Flume, LogStash, and other tools. And more *Tools*.

## 3 Run SQL

MaxCompute SQL is used to query and analyze massive data in MaxCompute. The main functions of SQL are as follows:

- · Supports a variety of operators.
- Uses DDL statements to manage tables, partitions, and views.
- Uses Select statements to query records in tables and Where statements to filter records in tables.
- Uses Insert statements to insert and update data.
- Uses Join operations to join two tables. Supports Mapjoin operations for multiple small tables.
- · Supports to use the built-in and user-defined functions for computing.
- Supports regular expressions.

This article gives you a brief introduction of the issues that need to be noticed using MaxCompute SQL.



#### Note:

- MaxCompute SQL does not support transactions, indexes, update/delete operations, and so
  on. At the same time, the SQL Syntax of MaxCompute is different from that of Oracle and
  MySQL, so that you cannot seamlessly migrate SQL statements from other databases to
  MaxCompute.
- After you submit a MaxCompute job, it will take several dozen seconds to several minutes
  to schedule the job. Therefore, MaxCompute is suitable for batch jobs, which processes a
  massive volume of data. It is not suitable for frontend business systems that must process
  several thousand or tens of thousands of transactions per second.
- For a detailed example of SQL operations, see SQL.

#### **DDL Statement**

Simple DDL operations include creating tables, adding partitions, viewing tables and partition information, modifying tables, delete tables and partitions.

#### **Select Statements**

 The key of GROUP BY statement can be the column name of input table, and the expression consisted of input table columns, but it cannot be the output column of SELECT statements.

```
select substr(col2, 2) from tbl group by substr(col2, 2); -- Yes, the key of 'group by' can be the expression consisted of input table column; select col2 from tbl group by substr(col2, 2); -- No, the key of 'group by' is not in the column of Select statement; select substr(col2, 2) as c from tbl group by c; -- No, the key of 'group by' cannot be the column alias, i.e., the output column of Select statement;
```

For SQL parsing, GROUP BY operations are conducted before SELECT operations, which means GROUP BY can only use the column or expression of the input table as the key.

- ORDER BY must be used in combination with LIMIT.
- DISTRIBUTE BY must be added in front of SORT BY.
- The key of ORDER BY/SORT BY/DISTRIBUTE BY must be the output column of SELECT statement, that is, the column alias. An example is shown as follows:

```
select col2 as c from tbl order by col1 limit 100 -- No, the key of 'order by' is not the output column (column alias) of Select statement.

select col2 from tbl order by col2 limit 100; -- Yes, use column name as the alases if the output column of Select statement has no alias.
```

For SQL parsing, ORDER BY/SORT BY/DISTRIBUTE BY by operations are conducted after SELECT operations. Therefore, they can only use the output column of SELECT statements as the key.

#### **Insert Statement**

To insert data into a specified partition, the partition column is not allowed in the SELECT list:

```
insert overwrite table sale_detail_insert partition (sale_date='2013
', region='china')
    select shop_name, customer_id, total_price, sale_date, region
from sale_detail;
    -- Return error; sale_date and region are partition columns,
which are not allowed in Select statement in static partition.
```

To insert a dynamic partition, the dynamic partition column must be in the SELECT list:

```
insert overwrite table sale_detail_dypart partition (sale_date='2013
', region)
select shop_name,customer_id,total_price from sale_detail;
```

--Failed, to insert the dynamic partition, the dynamic partition column must be in Select list.

#### Join

- MaxCompute SQL supports the following JOIN operation types: {LEFT OUTER|RIGHT OUTER
   |FULL OUTER|INNER} JOIN.
- MaxCompute SQL supports up to 16 concurrent JOIN operations.
- MaxCompute supports the map JOIN up to 8 small tables.

#### **Union All**

Union All can combine the results returned from multiple Select operations into a data set. It returns all the results without deduplication. MaxCompute does not support union two main query results, but you can do it on two subquery results.



#### Note:

- The two Select queries connected by Union All, must have the same number of columns, column names, and column types.
- If the original names are inconsistent, you can set the same name by the alias.

#### **Additional information**

- · MaxCompute SQL supports up to 128 concurrent union operations;
- MaxCompute supports up to 128 concurrent insert overwrite/into operations.

For more restrictions on MaxCompute SQL, see SQL Restrictions Summary.

#### SQL optimization example

#### Where condition in Join statement

When you join two tables, the Where condition of the primary table can be written at the end of the statement, but the restriction condition of the partition in the secondary table cannot be written in the Where condition. We recommend that you write it in the ON condition or subquery. The partition restrictions of the primary table can be written in the Where condition (it is better to filter by subquery first). Several SQL examples are as follows:

```
select * from A join (select * from B where dt=20150301)B on B.id=A.
id where A.dt=20150301;
select * from A join B on B.id=A.id where B.dt=20150301; --Not
allowed.
```

```
select * from (select * from A where dt=20150301)A join (select *
from B where dt=20150301)B on B.id=A.id;
```

The Join operation in the second statement runs first, data volume becomes larger and the performance can be decreased. Therefore, the second statement must be avoided.

#### Data skew

The root cause of data skew is that the amount of data processed by some Workers is much larger than that of other Workers. This means running hours of some Workers are higher than the average, which leads to job delay.

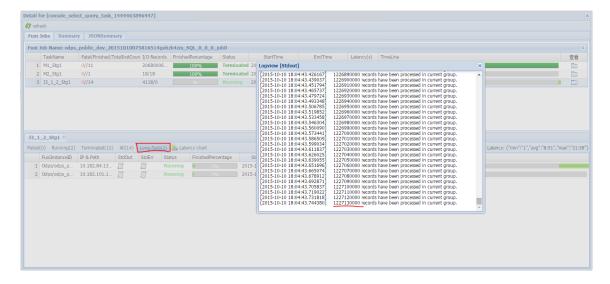
.

#### — Data skew caused by Join

Data can be skewed by a Join operation when the Join key distribution is uneven. For the preceding example, to join a large table A and a small table B, run the following statement: For the preceding example, to join a large table A and a small table B, run the following statement:

```
select * from A join B on A.value= B.value;
```

Copy the logview link to enter the web console page, and double-click the Fuxi job that runs the Join operation. You can see a long tail in the Long-Tails tab, which indicates that the data has been skewed, as shown in the following figure:



You can optimize the statement by the following methods:

Since table B is a small table and does not exceed 512 MB, you can optimize the
preceding statement into mapjoin statement.

```
select /*+ MAPJOIN(B) */ * from A join B on A.value= B.value;
```

Handle the skewed key with a separate logic. For example, a large number of null key
values in both tables will usually cause data skew. It is necessary to filter out the null
data or add a random number before the Join operation, for example:

```
select * from A join B
on case when A.value is null then concat('value',rand() ) else
A.value end = B.value;
```

If you know that the data is skewed, but you cannot work out what is causing it, a general solution can be used to test the data skew. See the following example:

```
select * from a join b on a.key=b.key; --This Leads to data skew.
Now you can run the following statements:
   ``sql
select left.key, left.cnt * right.cnt from
   (select key, count(*) as cnt from a group by key) left
join
   (select key, count(*) as cnt from b group by key) right
   on left.key=right.key;
```

Check the distribution of keys to discover whether data skew happens when A joins B.

#### Group by skew

Group by skewing can be caused when the key distribution of group by is uneven.

Suppose a table A has two fields: key and value. The data volume in the table is large enough, and the value distribution of key is uneven. Run the following statement:

```
select key,count(value) from A group by key;
```

You can see the long tail on the web console page. To solve this problem, you must set the anti-skew parameters before running SQL statement set odps.sql.groupby.skewindata =true must be added into the SQL statement.

#### Data skew caused by incorrect use of dynamic partitions

Dynamic partitions of SQL in MaxCompute add a Reduce function by default, which is used to merge the same partition data. The benefits are as following.

- Reduce small files generated by MaxCompute and improve the efficiency of processing.
- Reduce the memory occupied when a Worker outputs many files.

When partition data is skewed, using the Reduce function lead to the appearance of long tails. The same data can only be processed by a maximum of 10 Workers, so large volume of data results in long tails, for example:

```
insert overwrite table A2 partition(dt)
select
split_part(value,'\t',1) as field1,
split_part(value,'\t',2) as field2,
dt
from A
where dt='20151010';
```

In this case, we recommend that you do not use dynamic partition, and modify the statement in the following way:

```
insert overwrite table A2 partition(dt='20151010')
select
split_part(value,'\t',1) as field1,
split_part(value,'\t',2) as field2
from A
where dt='20151010';
```

#### · Window function optimization

If you use window functions in your SQL statement, each window function typically forms a Reduce job. If window functions are too many, they consume resources. In some specific scenarios, you can optimize window functions.

- The content after the over keyword must be the same, with the similar grouping and sorting conditions.
- · Multiple window functions must run on the same SQL layer.

Window functions that meet these two conditions merge into Reduce implementation. An SQL example is as follows:

```
select
rank()over(partition by A order by B desc) as rank,
row_number()over(partition by A order by B desc) as row_num
from MyTable;
```

#### · Convert the subquery to Join

#### A subquery is shown as follows:

```
SELECT * FROM table_a a WHERE a.coll IN (SELECT coll FROM table_b b WHERE xxx);
```

If the number of col1 returned by the table\_b subquery in this statement exceeds 1,000, the system reports an error: rrecords returned from subquery exceeded limit of 1,000. In this case, you can use the Join statement instead:

```
SELECT a. * FROM table_a a JOIN (SELECT DISTINCT coll FROM table_b b
WHERE xxx) c ON (a.coll = c.coll)
```



#### Note:

- If there is no Distinct keyword in the statement, and the result of the subquery c returns the same col1 value, it may cause the larger number of results of table\_a.
- The Distinct subquery can lead the whole query to fall into one Worker. If the subquery data is large, it may cause the whole query to be slower. If you have already made sure the col1 values are distinct in the subquery from the business, for example, by querying the primary key field, then performance can only be improved by removing the Distinct keyword.
- If you have already made sure the col1 values are distinct in the subquery from the business, for example, querying by the primary key field, to improve performance the Distinct keyword can only be removed.

# 4 Java UDF development

MaxCompute user-defined functions (UDFs) include User Defined Scalar Function (UDF), User Defined Aggregation Function (UDAF), and User Defined Table Valued Function (UDTF). In general, all these functions are called UDF.

Users who use Maven can search odps-sdk-udf in the *Maven Library* to get the required Java SDK (available in different versions).

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>com.aliyun.odps</groupId>
    <artifactId>odps-sdk-udf</artifactId>
    <version>0.20.7</version>
</dependency>
```

Currently, JAVA UDF can be developed in the following ways:

- Using MaxCompute Studio completes Java UDF development throughout the process.
- Use the *develop and debug JAVA UDF with Eclipse plug-ins*, export jar packages, then use the command or DataWorks to *add the resource* and then *register the function*.

The code examples for UDF, UDAF, udtf are given separately in this article, and the complete process example for developing UDF in two methods will be displayed (The steps of UDAF, UDTF are the same as that of UDF).



#### Note:

- For related statements about custom function registration and logout, and viewing function list, see *function*.
- For the data types mapping for Java and MaxCompute, see parameters and return types.

#### **UDF** example

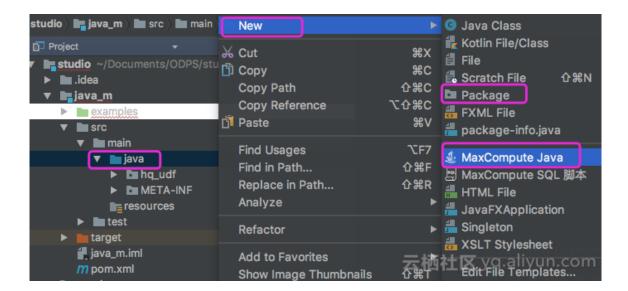
The following example shows how to develop a UDF to realize character lowercase conversion.

- Developing using MaxCompute Studio
  - 1. Prepare tools and environment.

Suppose that the environment has been prepared, which includes *installing Studio*, creating a *MaxCompute project link* on Studio, and creating a *MaxCompute Java module*.

2. Write program.

Create a Java file under the configured Java Module.



Select MaxCompute Java directly and enter the package name in name text box, file name. Select UDF for Kind. Edit the code as following:

```
package <package name>;
import com.aliyun.odps.udf.UDF;
public final class Lower extends UDF {
Public String evaluate (string s ){
  if (s == null) { return null; }
  return s.toLowerCase();
}
}
```

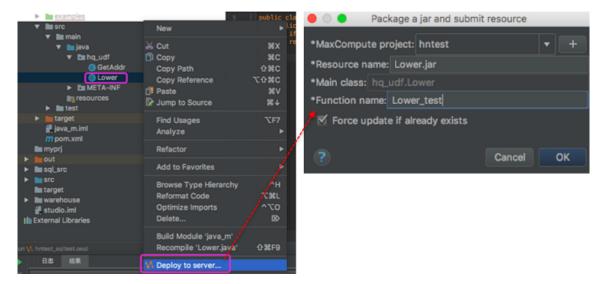


#### Note:

If you want to debug Java locally UDF, see develop and debug UDF

#### 3. Register MaxCompute UDF.

As shown in the following figure, right-click the UDF's Java file and select **Deploy to server**, select the MaxCompute project to be registered in the dialog box. enter a function name. The resource name also can be modified.



When all configurations are finished, click **OK**. There are prompts after the registration is successful.

#### 4. Try the UDF.

Open the SQL script and execute the code such as select Lower\_test('ABC');. The result is shown in the following figure:





#### Note:

To write SQL scripts in Studio, see writing SQL scripts.

#### Developing using the Eclipse plug-in

#### 1. Creating a project

Suppose that a MaxCompute (formerly ODPS) project has been created in the Eclipse plugin, for more information, see *creating a MaxCompute project*.

#### 2. Writing program

To archive function, write a program and compile in terms of MaxCompute UDF frame. For examples:

```
package org.alidata.odps.udf.examples;
import com.aliyun.odps.udf.UDF;
public final class Lower extends UDF {
Public String evaluate (string s ){
if (s == null) { return null; }
return s.toLowerCase();
}
}
```

Name the JAR package my\_lower.jar.



#### Note:

- For more detailed introduction of developing debugging code, see *UDF*.
- For more information about the SDK, see UDF SDK.

#### 3. Add Resource:

Specify the referenced UDF code before running UDF. Your code is added to MaxCompute in the form of resources. Java UDF must be compiled into the Jar package and added in MaxCompute as a Jar resource. The UDF framework loads the JAR package automatically and runs UDF.



#### Note:

MaxCompute MapReduce also describes the use of resources.

Run the command:

```
add jar my_lower.jar;
-- If the resource name already exists, rename the JAR package.
-- Pay attention to modifying related name of JAR package in following command.
-- Alternatively, use -f option directly to overwrite original JAR resource.
```

#### 4. Register UDF:

The format of the command is as follows:

```
CREATE FUNCTION AS <package_to_class> USING <resource_list>;
```

#### Parameter description:

- The name of the function\_name: UDF function is the name used in the function referenced by SQL.
- Package\_to\_class: In the case of Java UDF, the name is from the top-level package
  name to the fully qualified class name that implements the UDF class name. If it is
  Python UDF, the name is Python script name. Class name. And the name must be
  quoted.
- resource\_list:The list of resources used by UDF.
  - This resource list must include the resources in which the UDF code is located.
  - If your code reads resource files through the distributed cache interface, the list also includes a list of resource files read by UDF.
  - Resource lists consist of multiple resource names separated by commas and must be quoted.
  - If you need to specify the project where the resource is located, it is written as < project\_name>/resources/<resource\_name>.

After the JAR package has been uploaded, MaxCompute can obtain a user's code and run it. Note that, for the UDF to be usable, MaxCompute requires the user to register a unique function name in MaxCompute and specify which function is corresponding to this function name in the Jar resource.

Next, run the command:

```
CREATE FUNCTION test_lower AS 'org.alidata.odps.udf.examples.Lower
' USING 'my_lower.jar';
```



#### Note:

- Like resource files, the same name function can only be registered once.
- In general, your self built function cannot overwrite the built in function of the system.
   Only the Owner of the project space has the right to cover the built in function. If you use
  a custom function that overrides the built-in function, warning information is printed in
  Summary after SQL execution.

#### 5. Use this function in SQL:

```
select test_lower('A') from my_test_table;
```

#### **UDAF** example

The registration method for a UDAF is similar to for a UDF. Its use is consistent with the Aggregation Function. The following example shows a UDAF code to calculate the average:

```
package org.alidata.odps.udf.examples;
import com.aliyun.odps.io.LongWritable;
import com.aliyun.odps.io.Text;
import com.aliyun.odps.io.Writable;
import com.aliyun.odps.udf.Aggregator;
import com.aliyun.odps.udf.UDFException;
* project: example_project
* table: wc_in2
* partitions: p2=1,p1=2
* columns: colc,colb,cola
public class UDAFExample extends Aggregator {
@Override
public void iterate(Writable arg0, Writable[] arg1) throws UDFExcepti
LongWritable result = (LongWritable) arg0;
for (Writable item : arg1) {
Text txt = (Text) item;
result.set(result.get() + txt.getLength());
@Override
public void merge(Writable arg0, Writable arg1) throws UDFException {
LongWritable result = (LongWritable) arg0;
LongWritable partial = (LongWritable) arg1;
result.set(result.get() + partial.get());
@Override
public Writable newBuffer() {
return new LongWritable(0L);
@Override
public Writable terminate(Writable arg0) throws UDFException {
return arg0;
```

#### **UDTF** example

The registration method and usage of a UDTF is similar to a UDF. The code example is as follows:

```
package org.alidata.odps.udtf.examples;
import com.aliyun.odps.udf.UDTF;
Import com. aliyun. ODPS. UDF. udtfcollector;
```

```
import com.aliyun.odps.udf.annotation.Resolve;
import com.aliyun.odps.udf.UDFException;
// TODO define input and output types, e.g., "string, string->string, bigint".
@ Resolve ({"string, bigint-> string, bigint "})
public class MyUDTF extends UDTF {
@Override
public void process(Object[] args) throws UDFException {
String A = (string) ARGs [0];
Long B = (long) ARGs [1];
For (string T: A. Split ("\ s + ")){
Forward (T, B );
}
}
```

MaxCompute provides many built-in functions to meet your computing needs, while you can also create custom functions. For more information, see *Create UDFs*.

MaxCompute Quick Start / 5 Graph

# 5 Graph

This article uses the SSSP Algorithm in an example to show how to submit Graph jobs.

Submitting a *Graph* job is similar to submitting a job using *MapReduce*. Maven users can search odps-sdk-graph from *Maven Library* to get the Java

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>com.aliyun.odps</groupId>
    <artifactId>odps-sdk-graph</artifactId>
    <version>0.20.7</version>
</dependency>
```

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Enter the console and run odpscmd.
- 2. Create input and output tables

```
create table sssp_in (v bigint, es string);
create table sssp_out (v bigint, l bigint);
```

See creating more statements for tables *Table Operations*.

3. Upload Data.

The content of local data is as follows:

```
2, 2, 3, 4, 4
2 1:2,3:2,4:1
3 1:1,2:2,5:1
4 1:4,2:1,5:1
5 3:1,4:1
```

The tab button is used to separate two columns.

```
tunnel u -fd " " sssp.txt sssp_in;
```

**4.** Write SSSP example.

According to the introduction in *Graph Eclipse Plug-in*, compile and debug *SSSP Example* on local. In this example, we assume the code is packaged as odps-graph-example-sssp.

jar.



#### Note:

You only need to package the SSSP code. You do not need to package the SDK in odps-graph-example-sssp.jar.

MaxCompute Quick Start / 5 Graph

#### 5. Add Jar package.

```
add jar $LOCAL_JAR_PATH/odps-graph-example-sssp.jar
```



#### Note:

For resource creation, see Resource Operation.

#### 6. Run SSSP.

```
jar -libjars odps-graph-example-sssp.jar -classpath $LOCAL_JAR_PATH
/odps-graph-example-sssp.jar com.aliyun.odps.graph.example.SSSP 1
sssp_in sssp_out;
```

The jar command is used to run MaxCompute Graph jobs in the same way as the command for running *MapReduce* jobs.

When Graph job is running, the corresponding instance ID, execution schedule and result summary are printed on the command line

#### as follows:

```
ID = 20130730160742915q1205u3
2013-07-31 00:18:36 SUCCESS
Summary:
Graph Input/Output
Total input bytes=211
Total input records = 5
Total output bytes=161
Total output records=5
Graph_input _ [BSP. sssp_in] _ bytes = 211
Graph_input _ [BSP. sssp_in] _ records = 5
graph_output_[bsp.sssp_out]_bytes=161
Graph_output _ [BSP. sssp_out] _ records = 5
Graph statistics
Total edges=14
Total halted vertices=5
Total sent messages=28
Total supersteps=4
Total vertices=5
Total workers=1
Graph timers
Average superstep time (milliseconds) = 7
Load time (milliseconds)=8
Max superstep time (milliseconds) =14
Max time superstep=0
Min superstep time (milliseconds) = 5
Min time superstep=2
Setup Time (milliseconds) = 277
Shutdown Time (milliseconds) = 20
Total superb time (milliseconds) = 30
Total time (milliseconds)=344
```

MaxCompute Quick Start / 5 Graph

OK



### Note:

If you need to use the Graph function, simply open the submit Graph calculation job.