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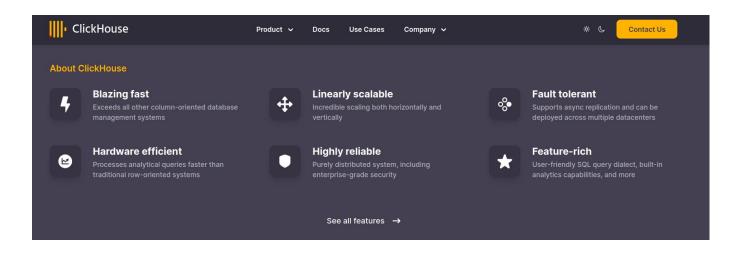
ClickHouse

https://clickhouse.com/

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Column-oriented

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ClickHouse

一個中等大小的例子

- data_table 保存一些 log 紀錄
- timestamp 是 log 的時間(精確到秒)
- 整個 data_table 大約 2.6TB
- timestamp 沒有建 index

好處

- 不用建 index。
- 改變查詢條件,對查詢速度影響相對小。

```
SELECT
  toStartOfMinute(timestamp) AS ts,
  count(*)
FROM data_table
WHERE timestamp BETWEEN ...
GROUP BY ts
```

```
... rows in set. Elapsed: 1.684 sec. Processed 9.59 billion rows, 38.37 GB (5.70 billion rows/s., 22.78 GB/s.)
```

ClickHouse

GitHub - ClickHouse/ClickHouse
https://github.com/ClickHouse/ClickHouse

Overview of ClickHouse Architecture https://clickhouse.com/docs/en/development/architecture/

GitHub - ClickHouse/clickhouse-presentations https://github.com/ClickHouse/clickhouse-presentations

Altinity, Inc. - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/c/AltinityLtd

Storages

```
$ tree -P '*.h' -L 1 src/Storages/
src/Storages/
  - IStorage.h
  – StorageJoin.h
  StorageLog.h
 — StorageMaterializedMySQL.h
  StorageMaterializedView.h
  StorageMemory.h
  - StorageMongoDB.h
 StorageMySQL.h
  StorageNull.h
  StoragePostgreSQL.h
  - StorageS3.h
```

IStorage

Storage engines in ClickHouse has an interface **IStorage** defined in **src/Storages/IStorage.h**.

The most important methods are **read** and **write**.

write returns a SinkToStoragePtr, which points to a SinkToStorage.

Storages extend **SinkToStorage** to implement their own sink to handle writing data.

More on "what's a sink" later.

```
// src/Storages/IStorage.h
   virtual void read(
       QueryPlan & query_plan,
       const Names & /*column_names*/,
       const StorageSnapshotPtr & /*storage_snapshot*/,
       SelectQueryInfo & /*query_info*/,
       ContextPtr /*context*/,
       QueryProcessingStage::Enum /*processed_stage*/,
       size_t /*max_block_size*/,
       unsigned /*num_streams*/);
   virtual SinkToStoragePtr write(
       const ASTPtr & /*query*/,
       const StorageMetadataPtr & /*metadata_snapshot*/,
       ContextPtr /*context*/)
       throw Exception("Method write is not supported by
storage " + getName(), ErrorCodes::NOT_IMPLEMENTED);
```

IStorage

(Public) **read** calls (private) **read** to create a **Pipe**, which is used to create a **ReadFromStorageStep**, which is then added to **query_plan**.

```
// src/Storages/IStorage.cpp
const StorageSnapshotPtr & storage snapshot, SelectQueryInfo &
query info, ContextPtr context, QueryProcessingStage::Enum
processed stage, size t max block size, unsigned num streams)
   auto pipe = read(column names, storage snapshot, query info, context,
processed stage, max block size, num streams);
   readFromPipe (query plan, std::move (pipe), column names,
storage snapshot, query info, context, getName());
void IStorage::readFromPipe(QueryPlan & query plan, Pipe pipe, const
Names & column names, const StorageSnapshotPtr & storage snapshot,
SelectQueryInfo & query info, ContextPtr context, std::string
storage name)
       auto read step =
std::make unique<ReadFromStorageStep>(std::move(pipe), storage name,
query info.storage limits);
       query plan.addStep(std::move(read step));
```

IStorage

One of the interesting things about ClickHouse is that it supports many kinds of storage engine.

Merge tree family is the most common ones, but also **StorageMemory**, **StorageFile**, **StorageMySQL**, **StoragePostgreSQL**, **StorageSQLite**, **StorageDistributed**, etc.

This probably shows that ClickHouse has a lot of optimizations that are applicable regardless of the underlying storage engine implementation.

(Now public) **StorageMemory::read** produces a **Pipe**. This **Pipe** is composed of **num_streams** of **MemorySource**.

IStorage::write returns a point to an **SinkToStorage**. The one returned from **StorageMemory::write** is **MemorySink**.

MemorySource and **MemorySink** are the places where data read and write actually happens.

```
Pipe StorageMemory::read(const Names & column names, const StorageSnapshotPtr &
storage snapshot, SelectQueryInfo & /*query info*/, ContextPtr /*context*/,
unsigned num streams)
  if (num streams > size)
       num streams = size;
  Pipes pipes;
  auto parallel execution index = std::make shared<std::atomic<size t>>(0);
  for (size t stream = 0; stream < num streams; ++stream)</pre>
      pipes.emplace back(std::make shared<MemorySource>(column names,
storage snapshot, current data, parallel execution index));
  return Pipe::unitePipes(std::move(pipes));
StorageMetadataPtr & metadata snapshot, ContextPtr context)
  return std::make shared < Memory Sink > (*this, metadata snapshot, context);
```

Many of the storages of ClickHouse implement their own sources and sinks.

There are MergeTreeSequentialSource and MergeTreeSink, MemorySource and MemorySink, KafkaSource and KafkaSink, etc.

We will soon explain what sources and sinks are for ClickHouse.

The main methods of concern in the case of memory storage are

MemorySource::generate and

MemorySink::consume.

MemorySource::generate creates a Block out of the indexed data, get a Columns out of it, and store that in the Chunk to be returned.

```
Chunk MemorySource::generate() override
  const Block & src = (*data)[current index];
  size t num columns = column names and types.size();
  columns.reserve(num columns);
  auto name and type = column names and types.begin();
   for (size t i = 0; i < num columns; ++i)</pre>
      columns.emplace back(tryGetColumnFromBlock(src,
*name and type));
      ++name and type;
  fillMissingColumns (columns, src.rows(), column names and types,
  assert(std::all of(columns.begin(), columns.end(), [](const
  return Chunk(std::move(columns), src.rows());
```

MemorySink::consume stores the Chunk input in new_blocks.

```
void MemorySink::consume (Chunk chunk) override
  auto block = getHeader().cloneWithColumns(chunk.getColumns());
  storage snapshot ->metadata ->check(block, true);
  if (!storage snapshot->object columns.empty())
GetColumnsOptions (GetColumnsOptions::AllPhysical).withExtendedObjects ());
      convertObjectsToTuples (block, extended storage columns);
      Block compressed block;
          compressed block.insert({ elem.column->compress(), elem.type,
      new blocks.emplace back(compressed block);
      new blocks.emplace back(block);
```

And in **MemorySink::onFinish**, acquires a lock and writes data to **storage**.

```
void MemorySink::onFinish() override
  size t inserted bytes = 0;
      inserted bytes += block.allocatedBytes();
       inserted rows += block.rows();
  std::lock guard lock(storage.mutex);
std::make unique<Blocks>(*(storage.data.get()));
  new data->insert(new data->end(), new blocks.begin(),
new blocks.end());
  storage.data.set(std::move(new data));
  storage.total size bytes.fetch add(inserted bytes,
  storage.total size rows.fetch add(inserted rows,
```

Wrap up

Chunk is the unit of data processing in ClickHouse.

Storage engines implement their sources and sinks, to read and write data in chunks.

Processors

```
$ tree -L 1 -P '*.h' src/Processors
src/Processors
  – Chunk.h
  Executors
 ForkProcessor.h
  — Formats
 IAccumulatingTransform.h
 — IProcessor.h
  — ISimpleTransform.h
  - ISink.h
  – ISource.h
  - Port.h
  - QueryPlan
  - Sinks
  - Sources
  Transforms
```

IProcessor

An **IProcessor** has input and output ports.

Sources and sinks and transforms are all **IProcessors**.

It can read from input ports, write to output ports, and transform the data with **work**.

prepare is not thread-safe. **work** is thread-safe.

Sources, transforms, and sinks is a common pattern in data flow or stream processing systems.

```
InputPorts inputs;
  OutputPorts outputs;
public:
  IProcessor() = default;
  IProcessor(InputPorts inputs , OutputPorts outputs )
       : inputs(std::move(inputs)), outputs(std::move(outputs))
       for (auto & port : inputs)
       for (auto & port : outputs)
  virtual Status prepare();
  virtual void work();
  virtual int schedule();
  virtual Processors expandPipeline();
```

Port

An **InputPort** is `connect` to an **OutputPort**.

A connected pair of ports act like a shared lock over the shared

Port::State between the ports.

```
Chunk InputPort::pull(bool set not needed = false);
      throw Exception (ErrorCodes::LOGICAL ERROR, "Port is already
      throw Exception (ErrorCodes::LOGICAL ERROR, "Port is already
  auto out name = output.getProcessor().getName();
  auto in name = input.getProcessor().getName();
  assertCompatibleHeader(output.getHeader(), input.getHeader(),
fmt::format(" function connect between {} and {}", out name, in name));
  output.input port = &input;
  input.state = std::make shared<Port::State>();
```

Block

Let's take a quick look at **Chunk** and **Block**.

*column is where the data is actually stored.

*type is an IDataType and all data types are defined in src/DataTypes.

So a **Block** is basically a vector of columns all having their data, type, and name.

```
class Block
  using IndexByName = std::unordered map<String,</pre>
  Container data;
struct ColumnWithTypeAndName
   ColumnPtr column;
   DataTypePtr type;
```

Chunk

A **Chunk** is like a **Block** without data type info.

```
private:
```

ISimpleTransform

ISimpleTransform are the simplest transforms.

They have one input port, one output port.

All transforms are in src/Processors/Transforms/.

Examples are **LimitTransform** which implements LIMIT,

ExtremesTransform which implements EXTREMES in SQL.

```
has input = false;
    transform (input data.chunk, output data.chunk);
    output data.exception = std::current exception ();
    has output = true;
    has input = false;
    has output = true;
if (has output && !output data.chunk && getOutputPort().getHeader())
    output data.chunk = Chunk(getOutputPort().getHeader().cloneEmpty().getColumns(),
```

Explain pipeline

You can see how your query is translated to transforms with **EXPLAIN PIPELINE**.

```
:) EXPLAIN PIPELINE SELECT 1 LIMIT 10
Query id: 1f586ac5-ba6d-4cc8-abc4-9dae2bff6998
—explain-
  (Expression)
  ExpressionTransform
    (SettingQuotaAndLimits)
      (Limit)
     Limit
      (ReadFromStorage)
     SourceFromSingleChunk 0 → 1
```

ExtremesTransform

Since we are working with **Chunk** here, with **ISimpleTransform::prepare**, it can actually do a lot more than "map".

For example, in **ExtremesTransform**

- Adds a new port to store the extremes upon creation,
- 2. Calculate extremes (a Chunk) in ExtremesTransform::transform, and
- 3. Use

 ExtremesTransform::prepar
 e to push the extremes to the new
 port.

```
outputs.emplace back (outputs.front().getHeader(), this);
if (!finished transform)
    finished transform = true;
if (!extremes && !extremes columns .empty())
```

ExtremesTransform

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```
Field cur max value;
```

Wrap up

The pipeline consists of processors, connected with ports.

Processor and port methods work with chunks.

QueryPipeline

QueryPlan

All of these needs to be tied together, in a **QueryPipeline** in ClickHouse.

Recall in **IStorage::read** where a **Pipe** to source is added to **query_plan** with **QueryPlan::addStep**.

The step being added is a **ReadFromStorageStep**, which is a **IQueryPlanStep**.

Steps are added to the QueryPlan, and QueryPlan::buildQueryPipeline will build a QueryPipeline using a QueryPipelineBuilder.

```
QueryPipelineBuilderPtr buildQueryPipeline(
optimization settings,
build pipeline settings);
      QueryPlanStepPtr step;
      std::vector<Node *> children = {};
  using Nodes = std::list<Node>;
```

Explain plan

There are many of these steps in src/Processors/QueryPlan.

You can see how your query is translated to transforms with **EXPLAIN PLAN**.

```
:) EXPLAIN PLAN SELECT 1 LIMIT 10
EXPLAIN
SELECT 1
LIMIT 10
Query id: b1f7c731-4d60-49cf-8fb6-2c8ba9e54143
  Expression ((Projection + Before ORDER BY))
    SettingQuotaAndLimits (Set limits and quota after reading from storage)
       Limit (preliminary LIMIT (without OFFSET))
       ReadFromStorage (SystemOne)
```

QueryPipeline

QueryPipeline consists of all the **IProcessor**s connected with **Ports** that we just saw.

Executors

```
$ tree -L 1 -P '*.h' src/Processors/Executor
src/Processors/Executors
   CompletedPipelineExecutor.h
 — ExecutingGraph.h
 — ExecutionThreadContext.h
 ExecutorTasks.h
   IReadProgressCallback.h
  – PipelineExecutor.h
  - PollingQueue.h

    PullingAsyncPipelineExecutor.h

 — PullingPipelineExecutor.h
 — PushingAsyncPipelineExecutor.h
 — PushingPipelineExecutor.h
 — StreamingFormatExecutor.h
 TasksOueue.h
 — ThreadsQueue.h
 — traverse.h
 — UpgradableLock.h
```

Executor

QueryPipeline is used by executors.

As you can see there are many executors.

Synchronous executors like

PushingPipelineExecutor and

PullingPipelineExecutor all use

PipelineExecutor::executeStep.

```
explicit PushingPipelineExecutor (QueryPipeline & pipeline );
void push(Chunk chunk);
void push(Block block);
QueryPipeline & pipeline;
pushing source->setData(std::move(chunk));
if (!executor->executeStep(&input wait flag))
    throw Exception (ErrorCodes::LOGICAL ERROR,
```

Executor

Asynchronous executors like

PushingAsyncPipelineExecutor

and

PullingAsyncPipelineExecutor

work differently.

```
QueryPipeline & pipeline;
      executor = std::make shared < Pipeline Executor > (pipeline .processors,
pipeline.process list element);
      executor ->setReadProgressCallback (pipeline.getReadProgressCallback ());
  if (!executor->executeStep(&has data flag))
  chunk = pulling format ->getChunk();
```

Executor

PipelineExecutor build an **ExecutingGraph** and runs the graph in steps.

The graph nodes are **IProcessors** with execution status and locks, and the edges are the connected **Ports**.

```
update info.update list = update list;
```

ExecutingGraph

PipelineExecutor build an **ExecutingGraph** and runs the graph in steps.

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PipelineExecutor

PipelineExecutor executes the graph in multithreads.

Wrap up

QueryPlan consists of IQueryPlanSteps.

Interpreter build a QueryPipeline from QueryPlan.

PipelineExecutor build an **ExecutingGraph** from **QueryPipeline**, then executes the steps.

