



# Hadoop, Clojure, and the Properties Pattern

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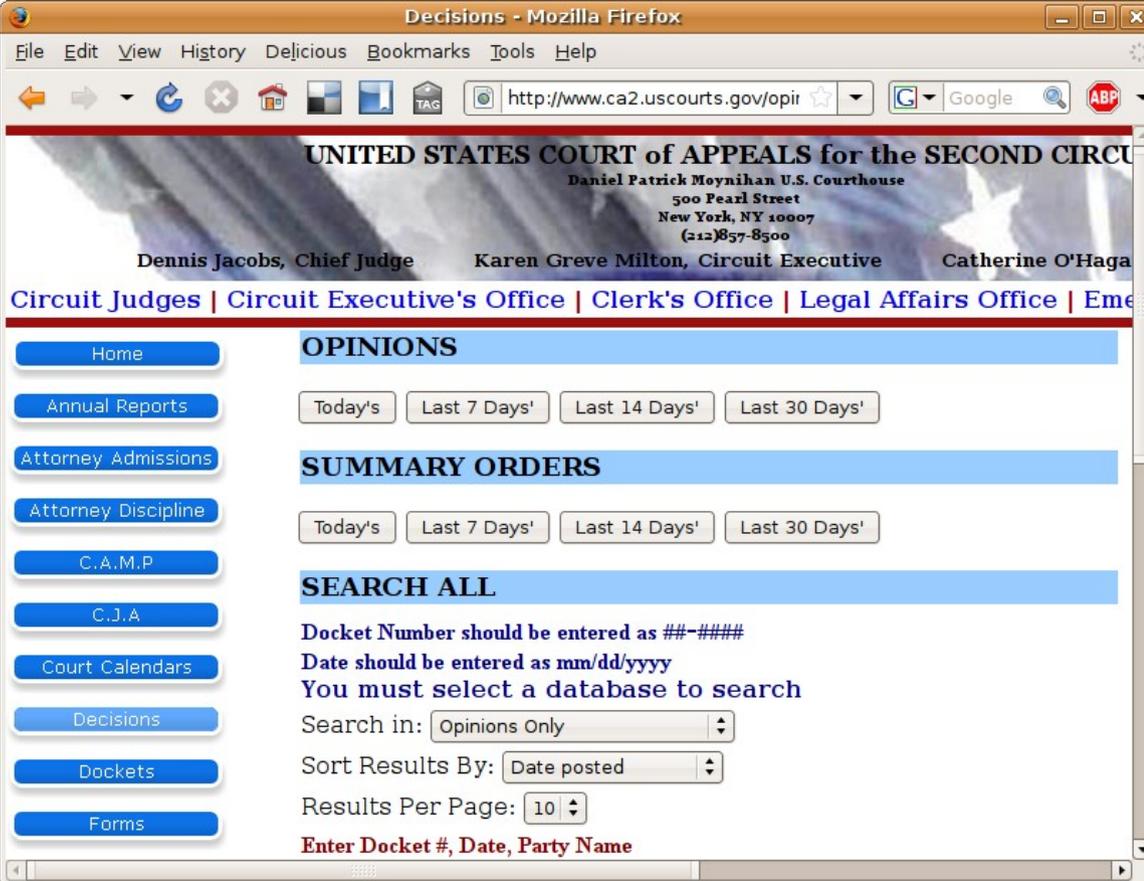
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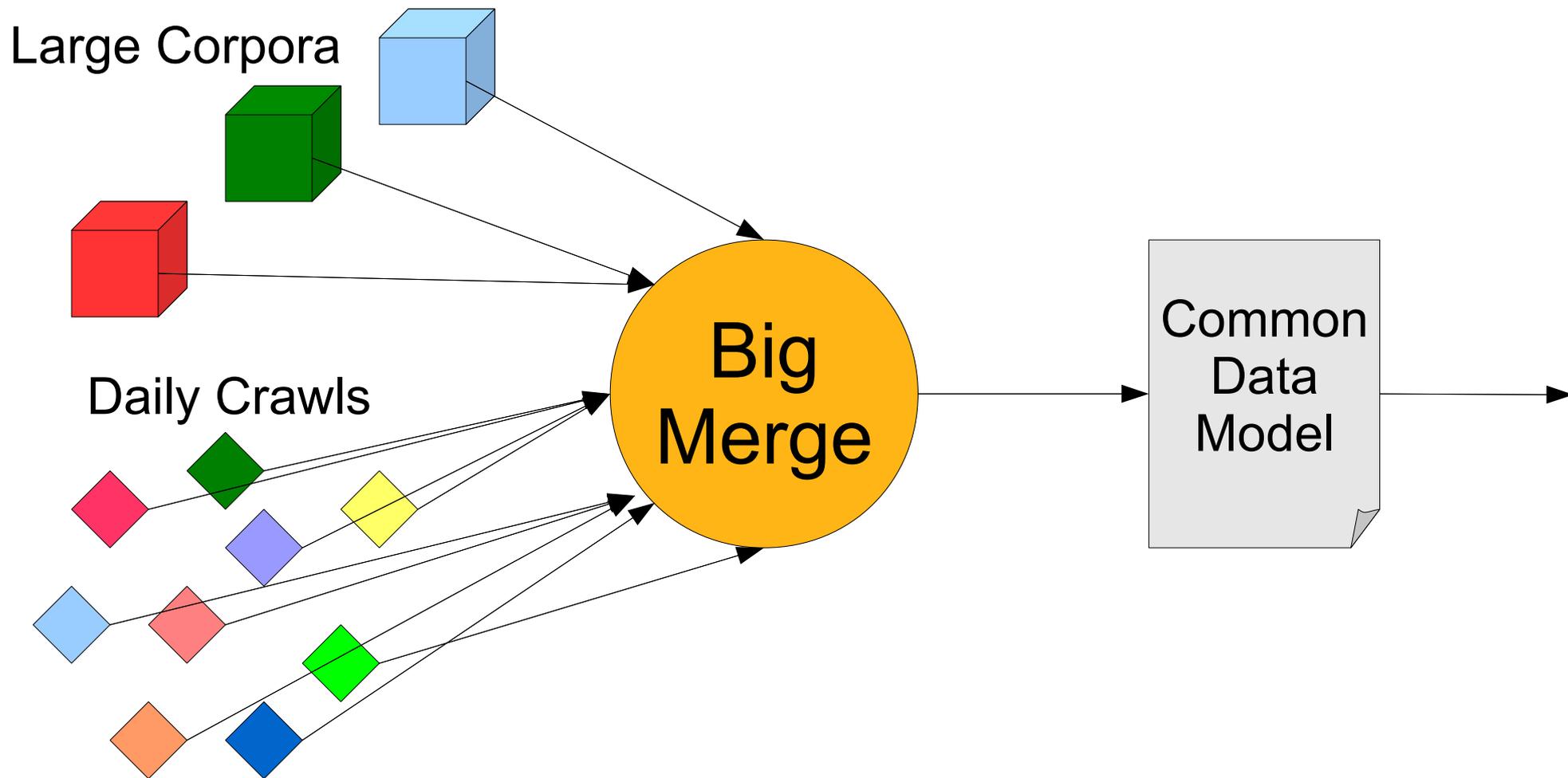
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94 district courts  
?? state courts  
?? local/other courts

- 20-40 new cases daily
- PDF, WordPerfect, HTML, plain text

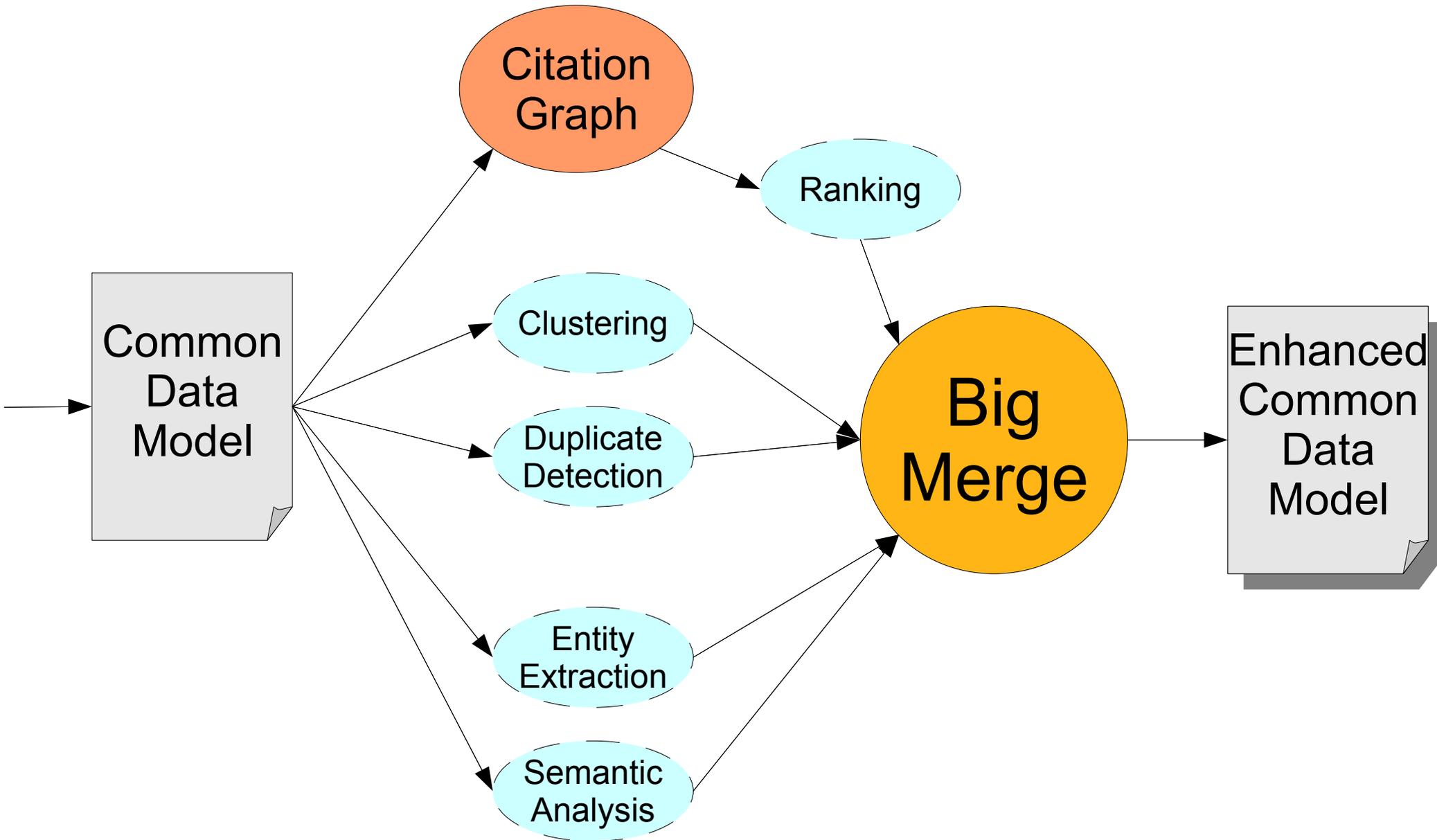


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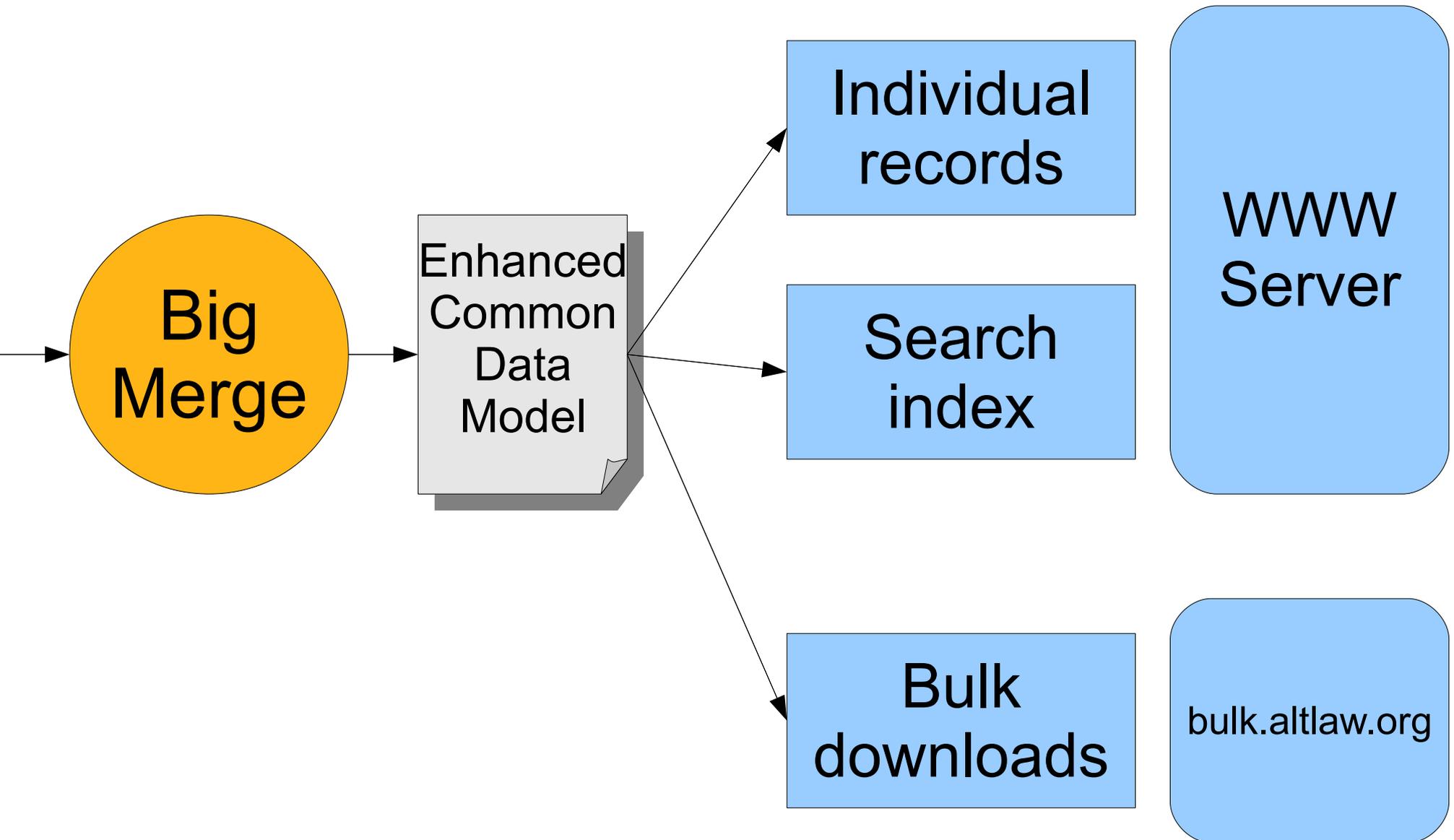
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# The Grand Unified Data Model

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- “Disk is the new tape.”
  - NO random access
  - NO disk seeks
  - Run at full disk transfer rate, not seek rate
- Data must be splittable
- Process each record in isolation

```

public static class MapClass extends MapReduceBase
    implements Mapper<LongWritable, Text, Text, IntWritable> {

    private final static IntWritable one = new IntWritable(1);
    private Text word = new Text();

    public void map(LongWritable key, Text value,
                    OutputCollector<Text, IntWritable> output,
                    Reporter reporter) throws IOException {
        String line = value.toString();
        StringTokenizer itr = new StringTokenizer(line);
        while (itr.hasMoreTokens()) {
            word.set(itr.nextToken());
            output.collect(word, one);
        }
    }
}

public static class Reduce extends MapReduceBase
    implements Reducer<Text, IntWritable, Text, IntWritable> {

    public void reduce(Text key, Iterator<IntWritable> values,
                       OutputCollector<Text, IntWritable> output,
                       Reporter reporter) throws IOException {
        int sum = 0;
        while (values.hasNext()) {
            sum += values.next().get();
        }
        output.collect(key, new IntWritable(sum));
    }
}

```



# Clojure

- a new Lisp,  
neither Common Lisp nor Scheme
- Dynamic, Functional
- Immutability and concurrency
- Hosted on the JVM
- Open Source (Eclipse Public License)



# Clojure Collections

**List** `(print :hello "NYC")`

**Vector** `[:eat "Pie" 3.14159]`

**Map** `{:lisp 1 "The Rest" 0}`

**Set** `#{2 1 3 5 "Eureka"}`

*Homoiconicity*

```
public void greet(String name) {  
    System.out.println("Hi, " + name);  
}
```

```
greet("New York");  
Hi, New York
```

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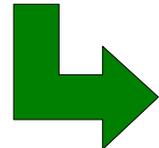
```
(defn greet [name]  
  (println "Hello," name))
```



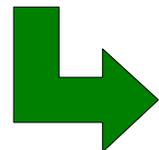
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**(mapper key value)**

 *list of key-value pairs*

**(reducer key values)**

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    }
}

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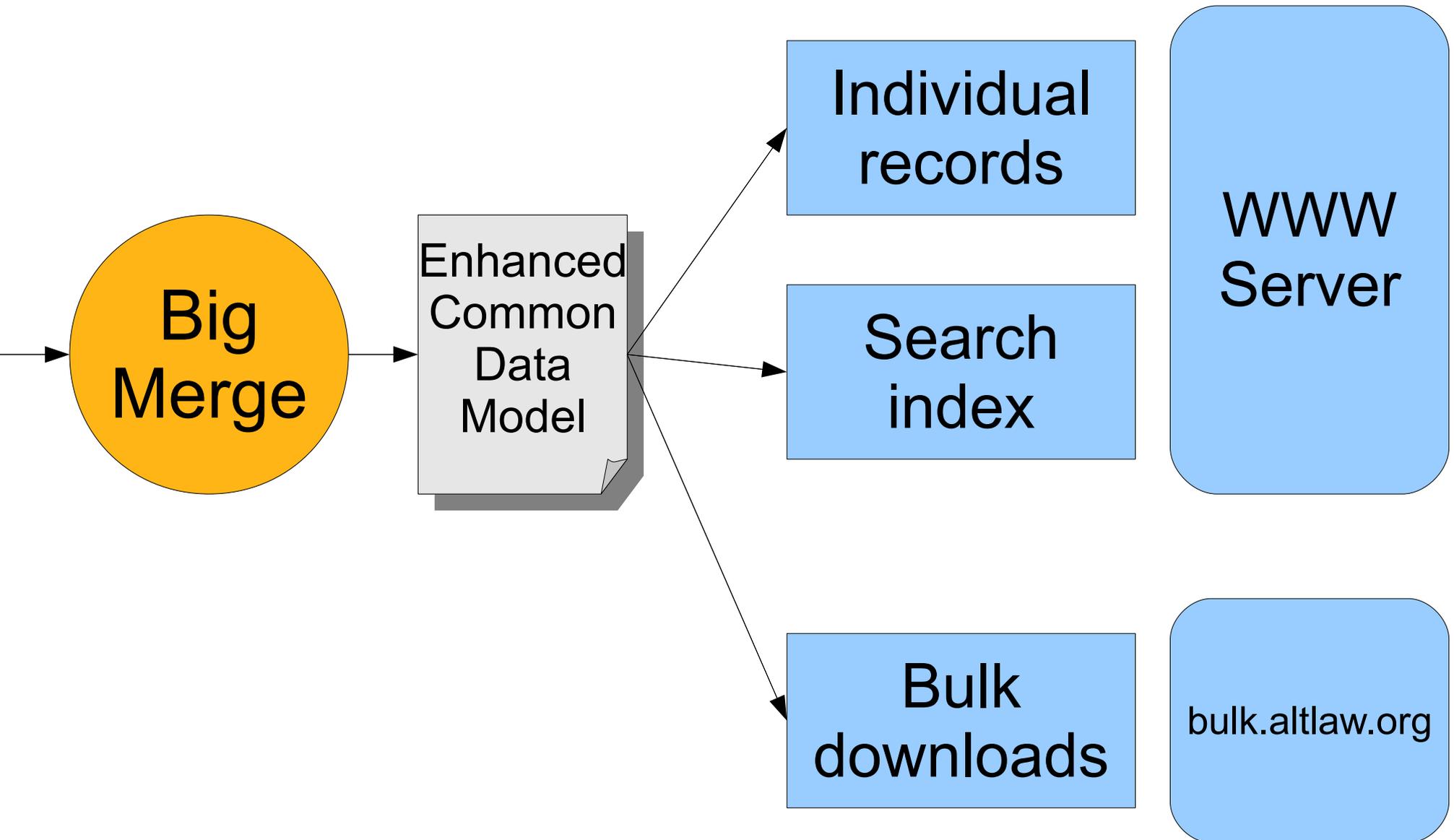
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```
(defn my-map [key val]
  (map (fn [token] [token 1])
       (enumeration-seq (StringTokenizer. val))))
```

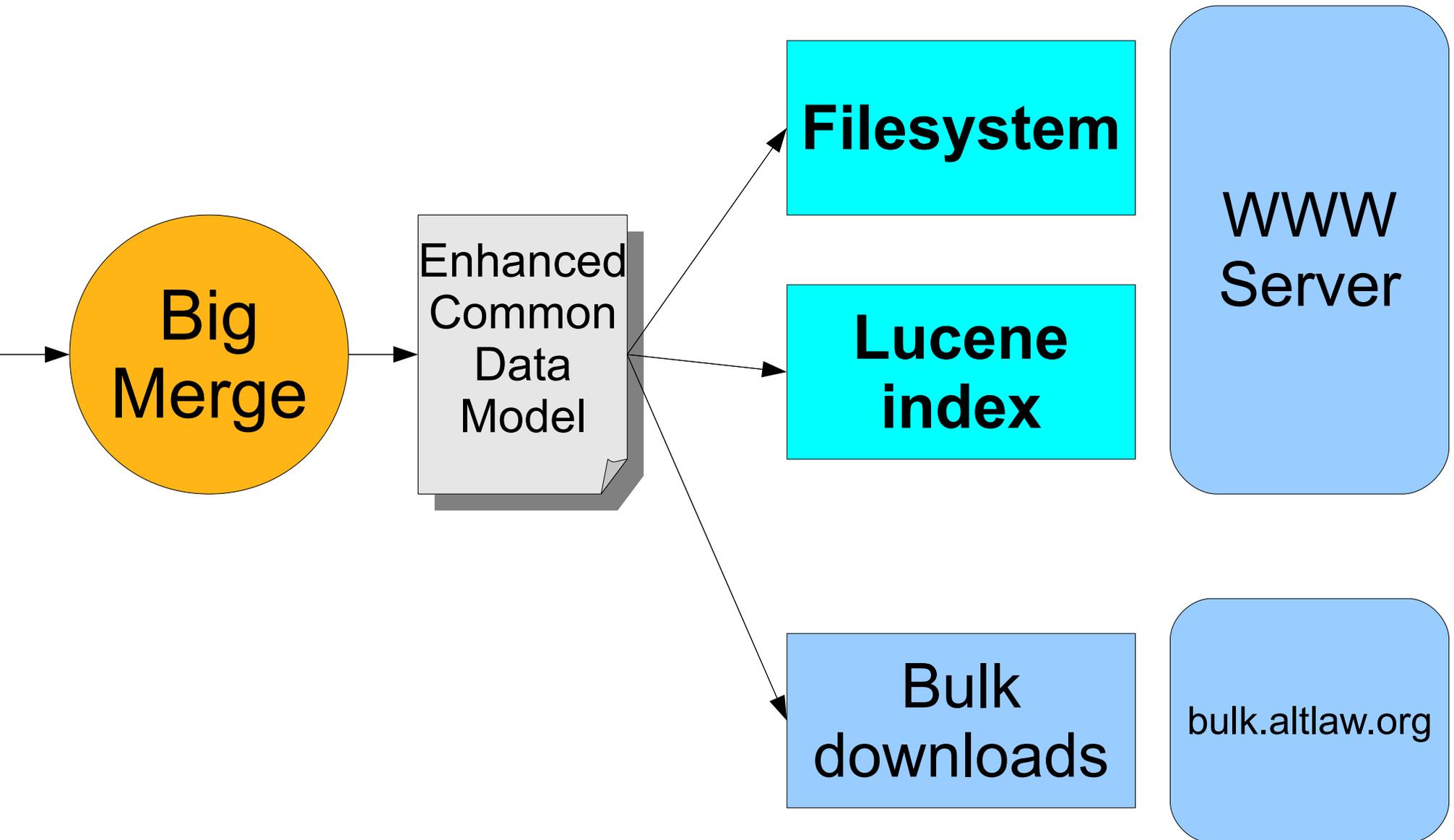
```
(defn my-reduce [key values]
  [[key (reduce + values)]])
```

```
(defjob job
  :map my-map
  :map-reader int-string-map-reader
  :reduce my-reduce
  :inputformat :text)
```

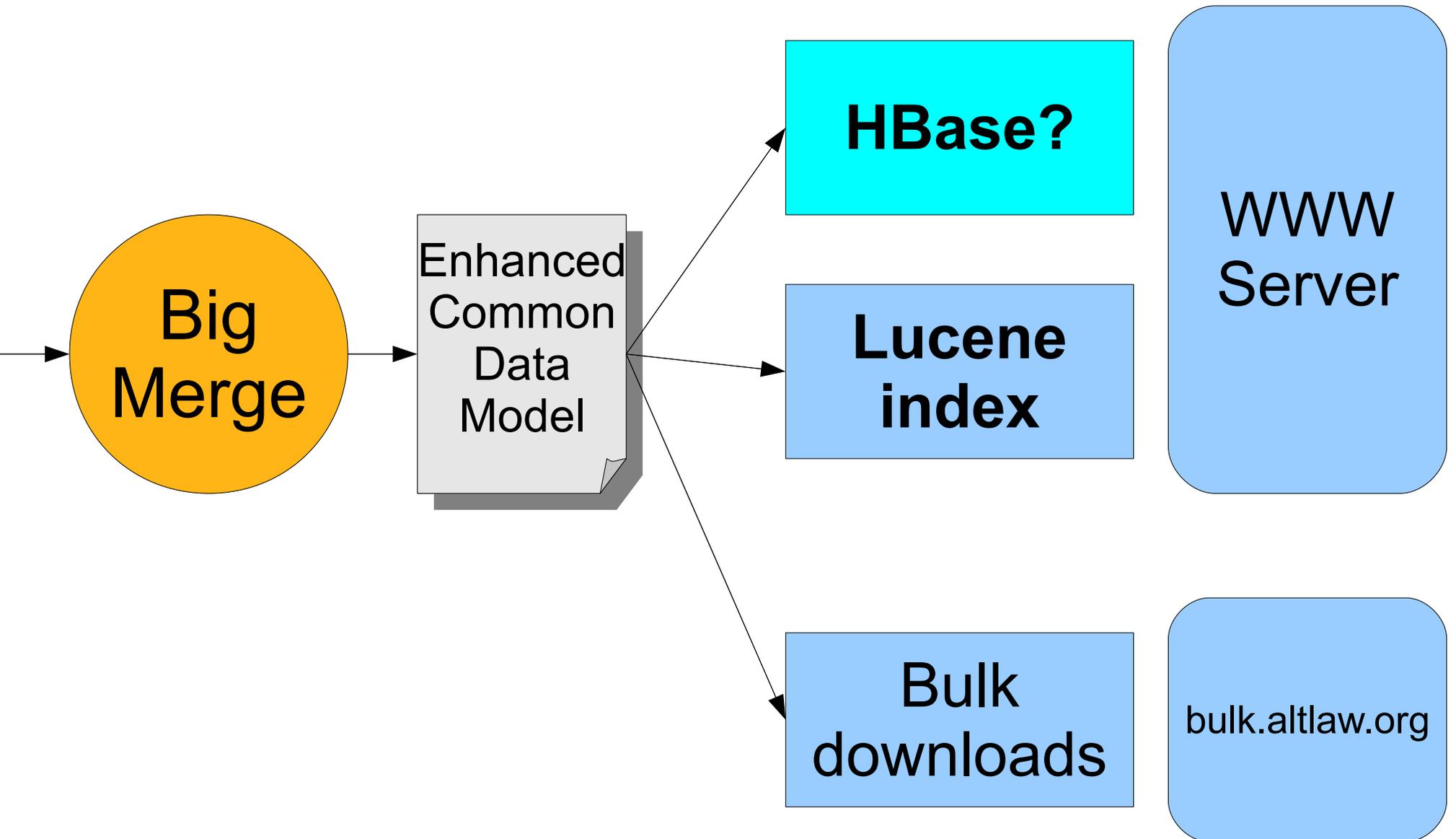
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# Properties & RDF

```
{ :uri      "http://id.altlaw.org/doc/101"  
  :type     :Document  
  :docid    101  
  :title    "National Bank v. U.S."  
  :cite     #{ "101 U.S. 1" "25 L.Ed. 979" } }
```

```
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  <alt:docid>   "101" ^xsd:integer ;  
  <alt:title>   "National Bank v. U.S." ;  
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  <alt:cite>    "25 L.Ed. 979" .
```

The Properties Pattern:

<http://steve-yegge.blogspot.com/2008/10/universal-design-pattern.html>



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