Structured Data Processing - Spark SQL

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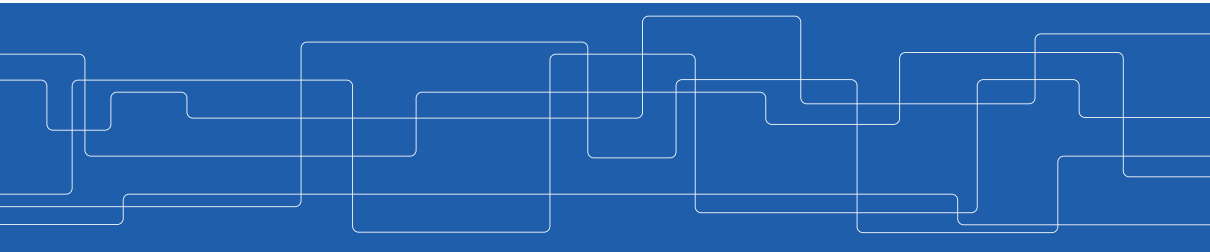

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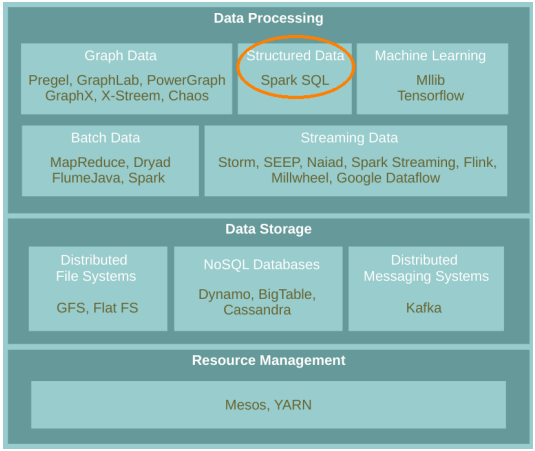
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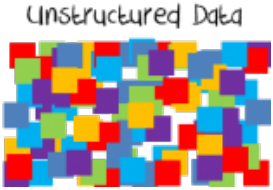

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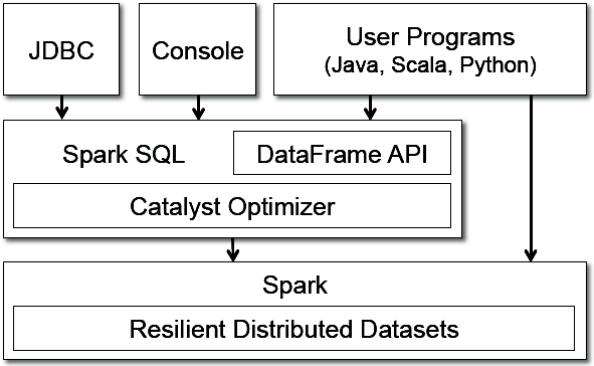

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- A database/Hive sees it as a columns of named and typed values.

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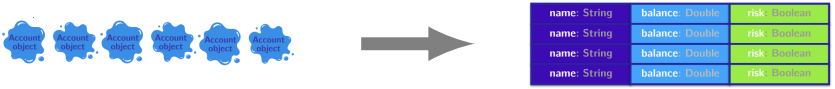
- They represent immutable lazily evaluated plans.
- When an action is performed on them, Spark performs the actual transformations and return the result.

DataFrame

DataFrame

- Consists of a series of rows and a number of columns.
- Equivalent to a table in a relational database.
- Spark + RDD: functional transformations on partitioned collections of objects.
- SQL + DataFrame: declarative transformations on partitioned collections of tuples.



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```

```
val people = spark.read.format("json").load("people.json")
people.schema

// returns:
StructType(StructField(age,LongType,true),
StructField(id,LongType,true),
StructField(name,StringType,true))
```

Column

- They are like columns in a table.
- `col` returns a reference to a column.
- `columns` returns all columns on a DataFrame

```
val people = spark.read.format("json").load("people.json")

col("age")

people.columns
// returns: Array[String] = Array(age, id, name)
```

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```
myRow(0) // type Any
myRow(0).asInstanceOf[String] // String
myRow.getString(0) // String
myRow.getInt(1) // Int
```

Creating a DataFrame

- Two ways to create a DataFrame:
  1. From an RDD
  2. From raw data sources

Creating a DataFrame - From an RDD

- You can use `toDF` to convert an RDD to DataFrame.
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- If RDD contains `case` class instances, Spark infers the attributes from it.

```
case class Person(name: String, age: Int, id: Int)
val peopleRDD = sc.parallelize(Array(Person("seif", 65, 0), Person("amir", 40, 1)))
val peopleDF = peopleRDD.toDF
```

Creating a DataFrame - From Data Source

- Data sources supported by Spark.

```
val peopleJson = spark.read.format("json").load("people.json")

val peopleCsv = spark.read.format("csv")
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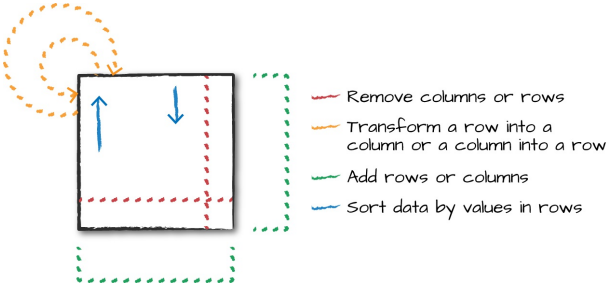
DataFrame Transformations (1/5)

- Add and remove rows or columns
- Transform a row into a column (or vice versa)
- Change the order of rows based on the values in columns



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```
// selectExpr
people.selectExpr("*", "(age < 20) as teenager").show()
```

DataFrame Transformations (3/5)

- `filter` and `where` both filter rows.
- `distinct` can be used to extract unique rows.

```
people.filter("age < 20").show()

people.where("age < 20").show()

people.select("name").distinct().show()
```

What is the output?

```
people.selectExpr("avg(age)", "count(distinct(name)) as distinct").show()

+---+---+-------+
|age| id|   name|
+---+---+-------+
| 15| 12|Michael|
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+---+---+-------+
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```

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|avg(age)|distinct|
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|  21.333|       2|
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```

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- `drop` removes a column.

```
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```

```
people.withColumnRenamed("name", "username").columns
```

```
people.drop("name").columns
```

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```
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```

```
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|age| id|   name|
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+---+---+-------+
```

Option 1

```
+---+---+-------+--------+
|age| id|   name|teenager|
+---+---+-------+--------+
| 15| 12|Michael|    true|
| 30| 15|   Andy|   false|
| 19| 20| Justin|    true|
+---+---+-------+--------+
```

Option 2

```
+---+---+-------+--------+
|age| id|   name|teenager|
+---+---+-------+--------+
| 15| 12|Michael|    true|
| 19| 20| Justin|    true|
+---+---+-------+--------+
```

DataFrame Transformations (5/5)

- You can use udf to define new column-based functions.

```
import org.apache.spark.sql.functions.{col, udf}

val df = spark.createDataFrame(Seq((0, "hello"), (1, "world"))).toDF("id", "text")

val upper: String => String = _.toUpperCase
val upperUDF = spark.udf.register("upper", upper)

df.withColumn("upper", upperUDF(col("text"))).show
```

DataFrame Actions

- Like RDDs, DataFrames also have their own set of actions.
- `collect`: returns an array that contains all of rows in this DataFrame.
- `count`: returns the number of rows in this DataFrame.
- `first` and `head`: returns the first row of the DataFrame.
- `show`: displays the top 20 rows of the DataFrame in a tabular form.
- `take`: returns the first n rows of the DataFrame.

Aggregation

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- In an aggregation you specify
  - A key or grouping
  - An aggregation function
- The given function must produce one result for each group.

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```

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- `first`, `last`, `min`, `max`, `sum`, `avg`

```
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```

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people.select(countDistinct("name")).show()
```

```
people.select(first("name"), last("age"), min("age"), max("age"), sum("age"), avg("age")).show()
```

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- We do this grouping in two phases:
  1. Specify the column(s) on which we would like to group.
  2. Specify the aggregation(s) using the agg operation.

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- Grouping with expressions

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- Specifying transformations as a series of Maps

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```

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```
+-------+----------+--------+-------+
|   name|count(age)|avg(age)|max(id)|
+-------+----------+--------+-------+
|Michael|         1|    15.0|     12|
|   Andy|         2|    24.5|     20|
+-------+----------+--------+-------+
```

Option 2

```
+-------+----------+--------+-------+
|   name|count(age)|avg(age)|max(id)|
+-------+----------+--------+-------+
|Michael|         1|   21.33|     20|
|   Andy|         2|   21.33|     20|
+-------+----------+--------+-------+
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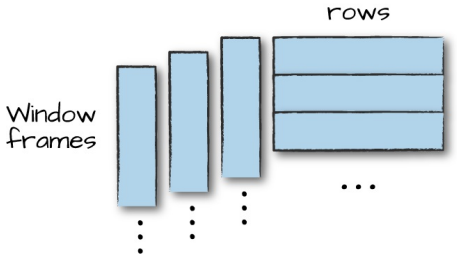
Windowing (1/2)

- Computing some aggregation on a specific window of data.
- The window determines which rows will be passed in to this function.
- You define them by using a reference to the current data.



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Windowing (2/2)

- Unlike grouping, here each row can fall into one or more frames.

```
import org.apache.spark.sql.expressions.Window
import org.apache.spark.sql.functions.col

val people = spark.read.format("json").load("people.json")

val windowSpec = Window.rowsBetween(-1, 1)
val avgAge = avg(col("age")).over(windowSpec)
people.select(col("name"), col("age"), avgAge.alias("avg_age")).show
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```

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```
+-------+---+--------+
|   name|age| avg_age|
+-------+---+--------+
|Michael| 15|    22.5|
|   Andy| 30|   21.33|
|   Andy| 19|    24.5|
+-------+---+--------+
```

Option 2

```
+-------+---+--------+
|   name|age| avg_age|
+-------+---+--------+
|Michael| 15|     7.5|
|   Andy| 30|    22.5|
|   Andy| 19|   21.33|
+-------+---+--------+
```

Joins

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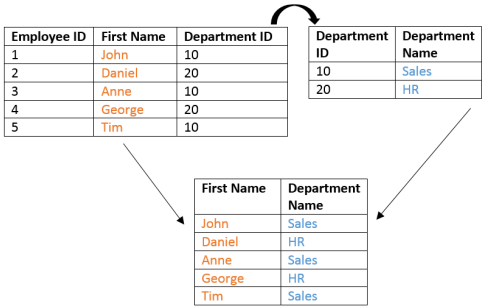
- Joins are relational constructs you use to combine relations together.
- Different join types: inner join, outer join, left outer join, right outer join, left semi join, left anti join, cross join



Employee ID	First Name	Department ID
1	John	10
2	Daniel	20
3	Anne	10
4	George	20
5	Tim	10

Department ID	Department Name
10	Sales
20	HR

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Daniel	HR
Anne	Sales
George	HR
Tim	Sales

Joins Example

```
val person = Seq((0, "Seif", 0), (1, "Amir", 1), (2, "Sarunas", 1))
                .toDF("id", "name", "group_id")

val group = Seq((0, "SICS/KTH"), (1, "KTH"), (2, "SICS"))
               .toDF("id", "department")
```

Joins Example - Inner

```
val joinExpression = person.col("group_id") === group.col("id")

var joinType = "inner"

person.join(group, joinExpression, joinType).show()
```

```
+---+-------+--------+---+----------+
| id|   name|group_id| id|department|
+---+-------+--------+---+----------+
|  0|   Seif|       0|  0|  SICS/KTH|
|  1|   Amir|       1|  1|       KTH|
|  2|Sarunas|       1|  1|       KTH|
+---+-------+--------+---+----------+
```

Joins Example - Outer

```
val joinExpression = person.col("group_id") === group.col("id")

var joinType = "outer"

person.join(group, joinExpression, joinType).show()
```

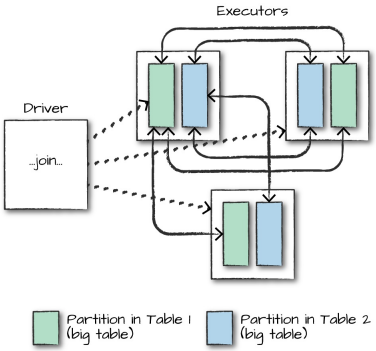
```
+----+-------+--------+---+----------+
|  id|   name|group_id| id|department|
+----+-------+--------+---+----------+
|   1|   Amir|       1|  1|       KTH|
|   2|Sarunas|       1|  1|       KTH|
|null|   null|    null|  2|      SICS|
|   0|   Seif|       0|  0| SICS/KTH|
+----+-------+--------+---+----------+
```

Joins Communication Strategies

- Two different communication ways during joins:
  - Shuffle join: big table to big table
  - Broadcast join: big table to small table

Shuffle Join

- Every node talks to every other node.
- They share data according to which node has a certain key or set of keys.



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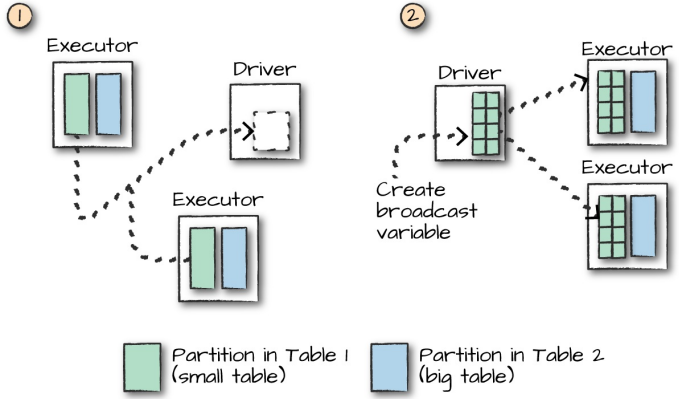
Broadcast Join

- When the table is small enough to fit into the memory of a single worker node.



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SQL

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- You can run SQL queries on views/tables via the method `sql` on the `SparkSession` object.

```
spark.sql("SELECT * from people_view").show()
```

```
+---+---+-------+
|age| id|   name|
+---+---+-------+
| 15| 12|Michael|
| 30| 15|   Andy|
| 19| 20| Justin|
| 12| 15|   Andy|
| 19| 20|    Jim|
| 12| 10|   Andy|
+---+---+-------+
```

Temporary View

- `createOrReplaceTempView` creates (or replaces) a lazily evaluated view.
- You can use it like a table in Spark SQL.

```
people.createOrReplaceTempView("people_view")

val teenagersDF = spark.sql("SELECT name, age FROM people_view WHERE age BETWEEN 13 AND 19")
```

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- Scala compiler cannot type check Spark SQL schemas in DataFrames.
- The following code compiles, but you get a runtime exception.
  - `id_num` is not in the DataFrame columns `[name, age, id]`

```
// people columns: ("name", "age", "id")
val people = spark.read.format("json").load("people.json")

people.filter("id_num < 20") // runtime exception
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Why DataSet?

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- Datasets can be thought of as typed distributed collections of data.
- Dataset API unifies the DataFrame and RDD APIs.
- You can consider a `DataFrame` as an alias for `Dataset[Row]`, where a `Row` is a generic untyped JVM object.

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type DataFrame = Dataset[Row]
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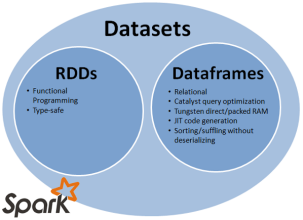

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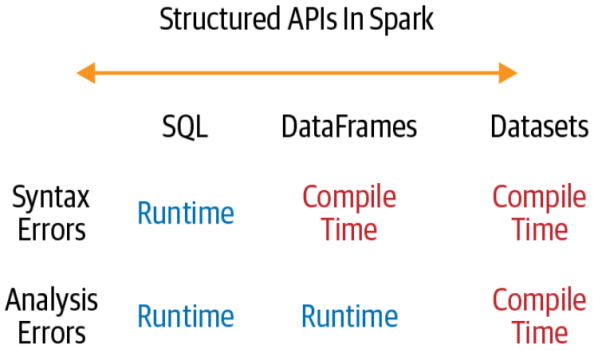

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DataSet Transformations

- Transformations on Datasets are the same as those that we had on DataFrames.
- Datasets allow us to specify more complex and strongly typed transformations.

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case class Person(name: String, age: BigInt, id: BigInt)

val people = spark.read.format("json").load("people.json").as[Person]

people.filter(x => x.age < 40).show()

people.map(x => (x.name, x.age + 5, x.id)).show()
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  - They don't require uniform rows/columns; nodes can have different properties, making it easier to represent irregular or relational data.

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- RDD vs. DataFrame vs. DataSet
- Transormation and Actions
- Aggregation
- Join
- SQL queries

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