

# BigData Spark – Hands-On

## Optimisations

SQL Execution Plan, DAG, SparkUI

Predicate-Push-Down

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# Objectives of Hands-On



Reminders:

Local Install, spark-shell

Spark File IO

MetaStore tables

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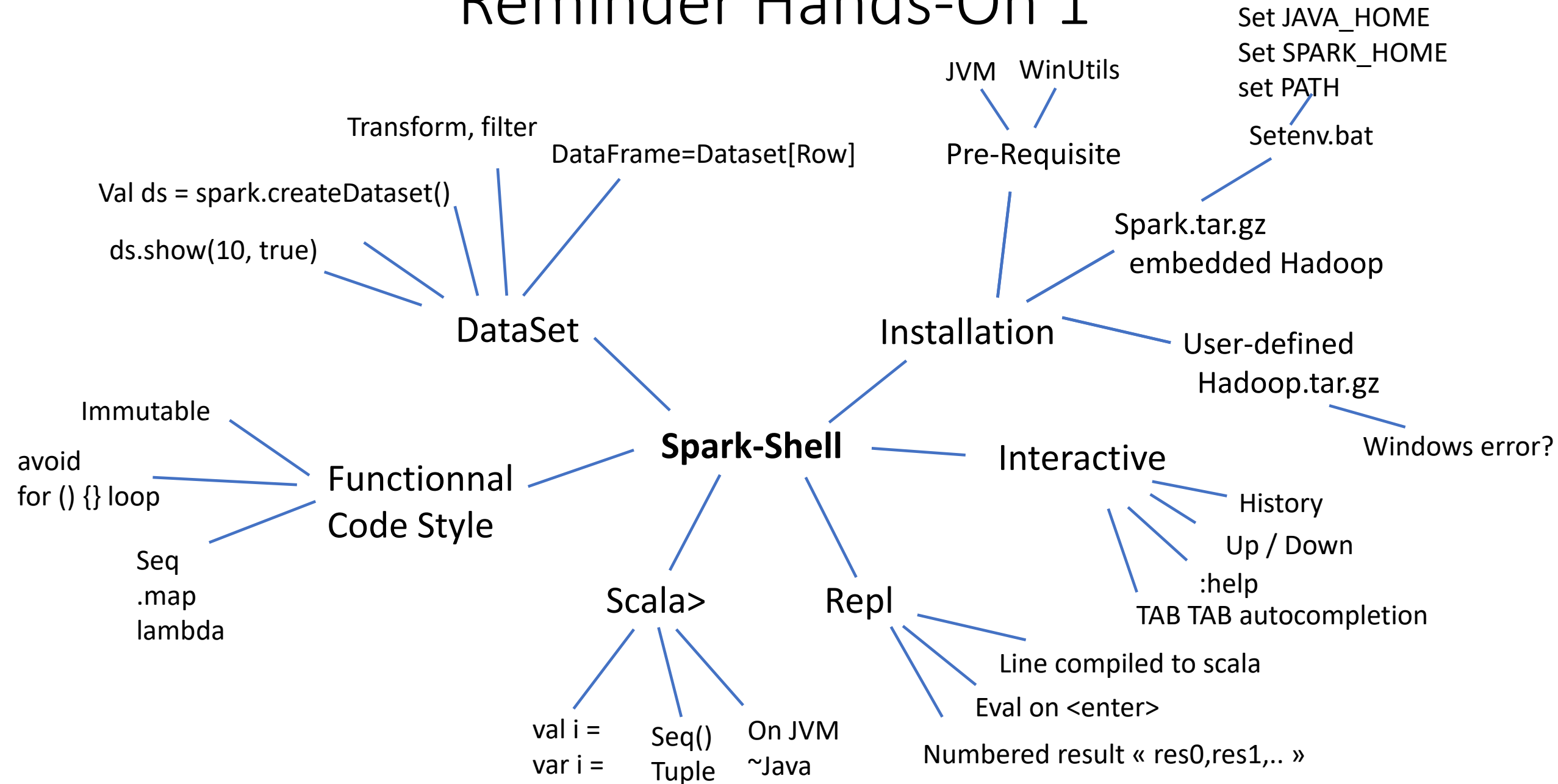
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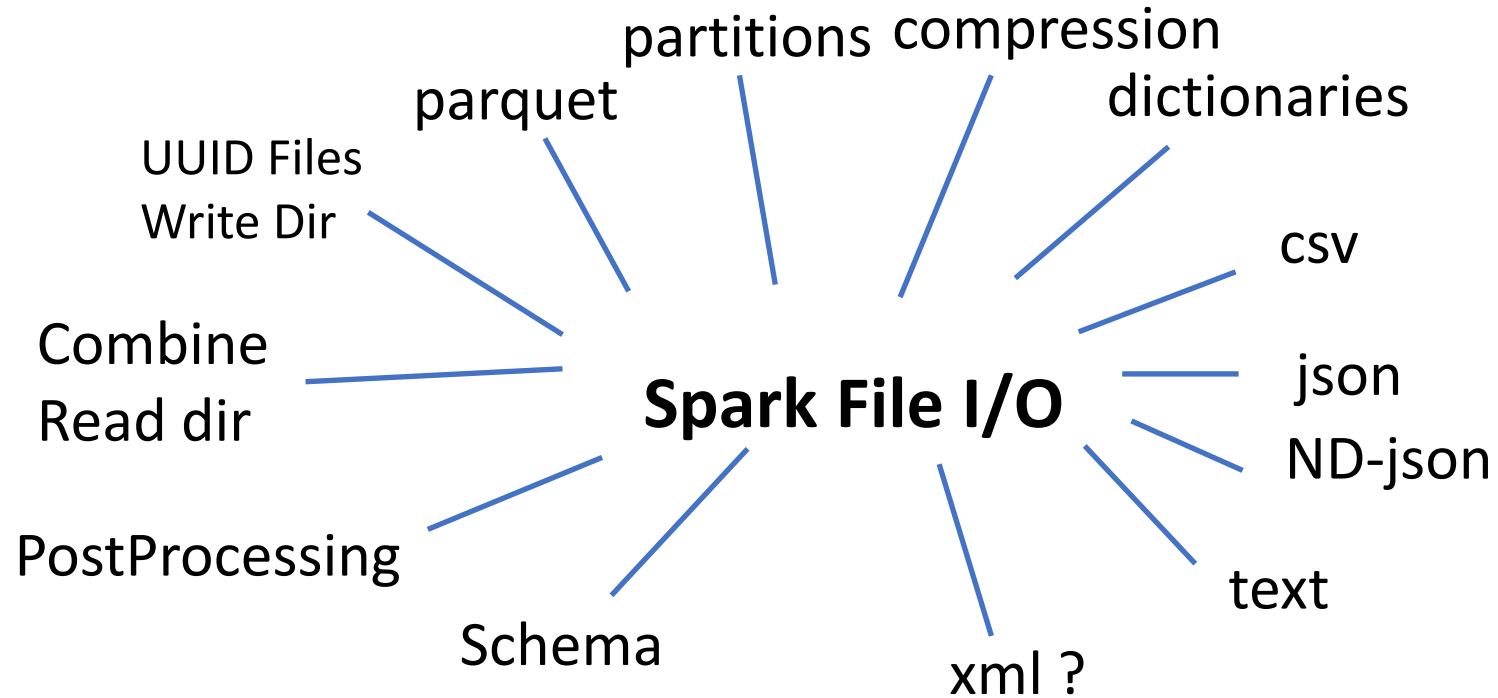
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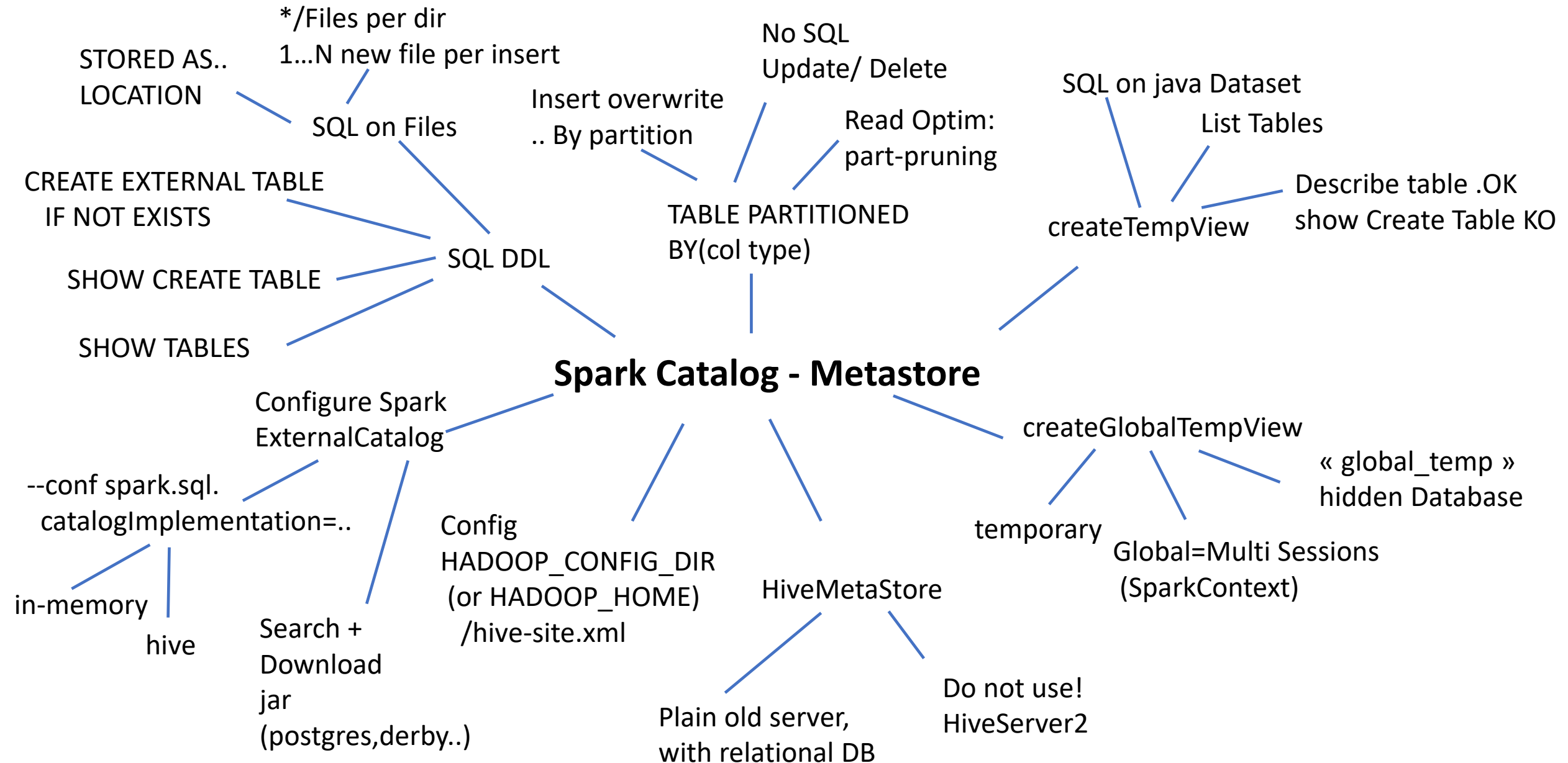
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# Exercise 1: Query Partitioned Table

## WHERE partitionColumn=..

a/ remind on previous Hands-On

SHOW CREATE TABLE db1.address => .. Un-partitioned table, PARQUET

SHOW CREATE TABLE db1.address\_by\_dept => .. Partitioned table, PARQUET

b/ execute queries

SELECT \* FROM address\_by\_dept WHERE dept=92

SELECT \* FROM address\_by\_dept WHERE dept in (75,78,91,92)

SELECT \* FROM address\_by\_dept WHERE commune\_name = 'Nanterre'

c/ Remind which dir / files should be read by spark... which query is faster

## Exercise 2: Execute « EXPLAIN <<SQL>> »

a/ Execute SQL... prefixed by “EXPLAIN” keyword

```
spark.sql("EXPLAIN select count(*) FROM db1.address_by_dept WHERE dept=92")
```

Hint: display nicely, using `.show(false)` OR `.foreach(println(_))`

b/ do you see “PartitionFilters: [ ..]” ?

c/ read Tree from depth-first :

start from bottom (leaf) line,

when understood then read line above (operator)



# Exercise 3 : compare « EXPLAIN » queries

a/ Compare both

```
spark.sql("EXPLAIN select count(*) FROM db1.address_by_dept WHERE dept=92")
```


```
spark.sql("EXPLAIN select count(*) FROM db1.address WHERE dept=92")
```

b/ what changed ?

# Optionnal Exercise 4: EXPLAIN

## [ EXTENDED | CODEGEN | COST | FORMATTED ]

<https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/sql-ref-syntax-qry-explain.html>

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### Spark SQL Guide

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## EXPLAIN

### Description

The EXPLAIN statement is used to provide logical/physical plans for an input statement. By default, this clause provides information about a physical plan only.

### Syntax

```
EXPLAIN [ EXTENDED | CODEGEN | COST | FORMATTED ] statement
```

### Parameters

- **EXTENDED**

Generates parsed logical plan, analyzed logical plan, optimized logical plan and physical plan. Parsed Logical plan is a unresolved plan that extracted from the query. Analyzed logical plans transforms which translates unresolvedAttribute and unresolvedRelation into fully typed objects. The optimized logical plan transforms through a set of optimization rules, resulting in the physical plan.
- **CODEGEN**

Generates code for the statement, if any and a physical plan.
- **COST**

# Exercise 5: dataset.explain() API

```
val ds = spark.sql("select count(*) FROM db1.address_by_dept WHERE dept=92")  
ds.explain
```

```
ds.explain(false)
```

```
ds.explain(true)
```

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# Exercise 6 : Open Spark-UI

browse to SQL -> last Query -> Detailed Plan

a/ Open Spark-UI at **http://localhost:4040/**

b/ go in last Tab « SQL / DataFrame »

c/ click on line for SQL Query

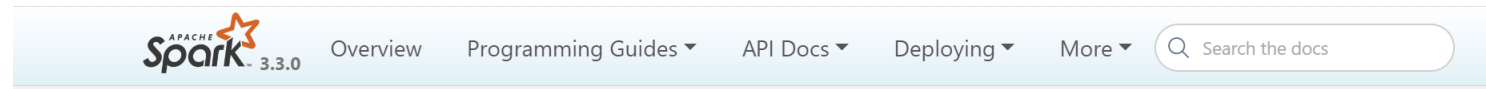
read the Execution Plan as Blue rectangles and Arrows(DAG)

d/ search carefully the PartitionFilters: [..]

it appears twice: as mouse-over tooltip, and in Detailed text

# Exercise 6 : Spark UI Documentation...

<https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/web-ui.html>



## Web UI

Apache Spark provides a suite of web user interfaces (UIs) that you can use to monitor the status and resource consumption of your Spark cluster.

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## Jobs Tab

The Jobs tab displays a summary page of all jobs in the Spark application and a details page for each job. The summary page shows high-level information, such as the status, duration, and progress of all jobs and the overall event timeline. When you click on a job on the summary page, you see the details page for that job. The details page further shows the event timeline, DAG visualization, and all stages of the job.

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# Reminder: Narrow/Wide Transformations

<https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/rdd-programming-guide.html#transformations>

## Transformations

The following table lists some of the common transformations supported by Spark. Refer to the RDD API doc ([Scala](#), [Java](#), [Python](#), [R](#)) and pair RDD functions doc ([Scala](#), [Java](#)) for details.

Transformation	Meaning
<b>map</b> ( <i>func</i> )	Return a new distributed dataset formed by passing each element of the source through a function <i>func</i> .
<b>filter</b> ( <i>func</i> )	Return a new dataset formed by selecting those elements of the source on which <i>func</i> returns true.
<b>flatMap</b> ( <i>func</i> )	Similar to map, but each input item can be mapped to 0 or more output items (so <i>func</i> should return a Seq rather than a single item).
<b>mapPartitions</b> ( <i>func</i> )	Similar to map, but runs separately on each partition (block) of the RDD, so <i>func</i> must be of type <code>Iterator&lt;T&gt; =&gt; Iterator&lt;U&gt;</code> when running on an RDD of type T.
<b>mapPartitionsWithIndex</b> ( <i>func</i> )	Similar to mapPartitions, but also provides <i>func</i> with an integer value representing the index of the partition, so <i>func</i> must be of type <code>(Int, Iterator&lt;T&gt;) =&gt; Iterator&lt;U&gt;</code> when running on an RDD of type T.
<b>sample</b> ( <i>withReplacement</i> , <i>fraction</i> , <i>seed</i> )	Sample a fraction <i>fraction</i> of the data, with or without replacement, using a given random number generator seed.
<b>union</b> ( <i>otherDataset</i> )	Return a new dataset that contains the union of the elements in the source dataset and the argument.
<b>intersection</b> ( <i>otherDataset</i> )	Return a new RDD that contains the intersection of elements in the source dataset and the argument.
<b>distinct</b> ([ <i>numPartitions</i> ])	Return a new dataset that contains the distinct elements of the source dataset.
<b>groupByKey</b> ([ <i>numPartitions</i> ])	When called on a dataset of (K, V) pairs, returns a dataset of (K, Iterable<V>) pairs. <b>Note:</b> If you are grouping in order to perform an aggregation (such as a sum or average) over each key, using <code>reduceByKey</code> or <code>aggregateByKey</code> will yield much better performance. <b>Note:</b> By default, the level of parallelism in the output depends on the number of partitions of the parent RDD. You can pass an optional <code>numPartitions</code> argument to set a different number of tasks.

<b>reduceByKey</b> ( <i>func</i> , [ <i>numPartitions</i> ])	When called on a dataset of (K, V) pairs, returns a dataset of (K, V) pairs where the values for each key are aggregated using the given reduce function <i>func</i> , which must be of type <code>(V,V) =&gt; V</code> . Like in <code>groupByKey</code> , the number of reduce tasks is configurable through an optional second argument.
<b>aggregateByKey</b> ( <i>zeroValue</i> )( <i>seqOp</i> , <i>combOp</i> , [ <i>numPartitions</i> ])	When called on a dataset of (K, V) pairs, returns a dataset of (K, U) pairs where the values for each key are aggregated using the given combine functions and a neutral "zero" value. Allows an aggregated value type that is different than the input value type, while avoiding unnecessary allocations. Like in <code>groupByKey</code> , the number of reduce tasks is configurable through an optional second argument.
<b>sortByKey</b> ([ <i>ascending</i> ], [ <i>numPartitions</i> ])	When called on a dataset of (K, V) pairs where K implements Ordered, returns a dataset of (K, V) pairs sorted by keys in ascending or descending order, as specified in the boolean <i>ascending</i> argument.
<b>join</b> ( <i>otherDataset</i> , [ <i>numPartitions</i> ])	When called on datasets of type (K, V) and (K, W), returns a dataset of (K, (V, W)) pairs with all pairs of elements for each key. Outer joins are supported through <code>leftOuterJoin</code> , <code>rightOuterJoin</code> , and <code>fullOuterJoin</code> .
<b>cogroup</b> ( <i>otherDataset</i> , [ <i>numPartitions</i> ])	When called on datasets of type (K, V) and (K, W), returns a dataset of (K, (Iterable<V>, Iterable<W>)) tuples. This operation is also called <code>groupWith</code> .
<b>cartesian</b> ( <i>otherDataset</i> )	When called on datasets of types T and U, returns a dataset of (T, U) pairs (all pairs of elements).
<b>pipe</b> ( <i>command</i> , [ <i>envVars</i> ])	Pipe each partition of the RDD through a shell command, e.g. a Perl or bash script. RDD elements are written to the process's stdin and lines output to its stdout are returned as an RDD of strings.
<b>coalesce</b> ( <i>numPartitions</i> )	Decrease the number of partitions in the RDD to <code>numPartitions</code> . Useful for running operations more efficiently after filtering down a large dataset.
<b>repartition</b> ( <i>numPartitions</i> )	Reshuffle the data in the RDD randomly to create either more or fewer partitions and balance it across them. This always shuffles all data over the network.
<b>repartitionAndSortWithinPartitions</b> ( <i>partitioner</i> )	Repartition the RDD according to the given partitioner and, within each resulting partition, sort records by their keys. This is more efficient than calling <code>repartition</code> and then sorting within each partition because it can push the sorting down into the shuffle machinery.



# Exercise 7: combine several **Narrow** transformations filter, sample, select, withColumn ...

a/ Execute query like

```
val addressDs = .....
```

```
.filter(a).filter(b) // => check Spark combine as .filter(a && b) !!
```

b/ ..like

```
addressDs
```

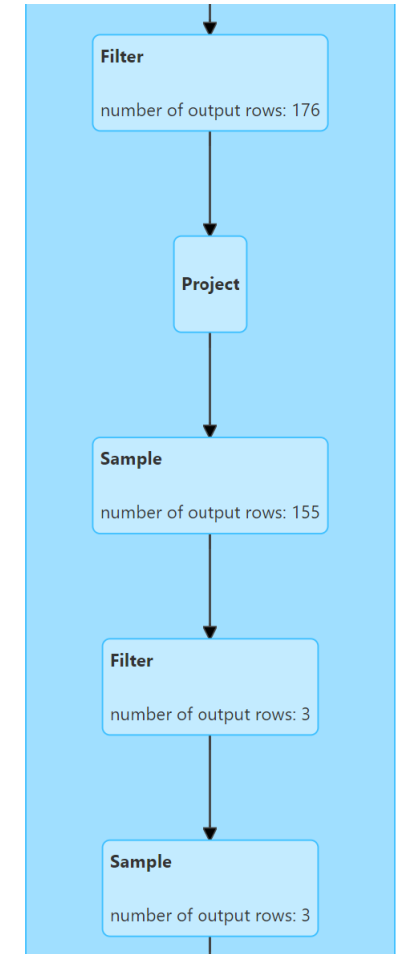
```
.withColumn(..)
```

```
.filter( .. ) .sample(0.9)
```

```
.filter( .. ) .sample (0.9)
```

```
.count
```

b/ Check in Spark UI that there is only 1 « **WholeStageCodegen (1)** »  
containing several instructions



# Exercise 8: WholeStageCodegen java code for(;;) on Dataset<Row>...

a/ Show the corresponding generated Java Code of WholeStageCodegen

use **ds.queryExecution.debug.codegen**

b/ read it ...

find « .. extends org.apache.spark.sql.execution.BufferedRowIterator »

<https://github.com/apache/spark/blob/master/sql/core/src/main/java/org/apache/spark/sql/execution/BufferedRowIterator.java#L97>

c/ find method @Override **protected void processNext()** {

.. It is supposed to map copy all filtered rows x columns to new RDD[Row]

d/ do you find your filter conditions on your columns ?

# Exercise 9: cascade several Wide Transformations: repartition, groupByKey, aggregateByKey, aggregate, join, distinct

a/ Execute query like

addressDs

.repartition(3)

.repartition(2, \$"commune\_insee")

.repartition(4)

.repartition(2, \$"commune\_nom")

.count

b/ Check in Spark UI that there are N shuffles


# Exercise 10: Check on 2 consecutive Stages that previous Shuffle Write = next Shuffle Read

## ▼ Completed Stages (4)

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Stage Id ▼	Description	Submitted	Duration	Tasks: Succeeded/Total	Input	Output	Shuffle Read	Shuffle Write
9	<a href="#">show at &lt;console&gt;:23</a> <a href="#">+ details</a>	2022/10/06 17:17:44	41 ms	<div>1/1</div>				
5	<a href="#">show at &lt;console&gt;:23</a> <a href="#">+ details</a>	2022/10/06 17:17:43	0,6 s	<div>2/2</div>			78.8 MiB	36.2 MiB
2	<a href="#">show at &lt;console&gt;:23</a> <a href="#">+ details</a>	2022/10/06 17:17:41	2 s	<div>1/1</div>			39.6 MiB	78.8 MiB
0	<a href="#">show at &lt;console&gt;:23</a> <a href="#">+ details</a>	2022/10/06 17:17:39	2 s	<div>8/8</div>	27.2 MiB			39.6 MiB



# Exercise 11: Why do you see Greyed boxes... « Skipped Stages » ?

a/ If you don't see... re-execute twice same wide transformation

b/ why all except the last Stage are greyed, and the last is blue?

c/ Spark automatically cache shuffling results ? (Spoil alert: Yes)

c/ But you can not see « green » point like in `.cache()` ? (Spoil alert: Yes)  
(cf next Exercise on `dataset.cache()` and `.checkpoint()` )

# Exercise 12: mix cascade of Narrow and Wide

Example

```
spark.sql("select * from address3")  
  .repartition(1).sample(0.9)  
  .repartition(2).sample(0.8).filter("commune_nom like '%a%'")  
  .repartition(3).sample(0.7).filter("commune_nom like '%t%'").sample(0.6)  
  .count
```

a/ Explain how many Shuffle you expect

b/ How many instructions you expect in each

WholeStageCodegen (1), WholeStageCodegen (2), WholeStageCodegen (3)

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# Exercise 13: Several Actions on same Dataset

a/ Execute several actions on same Dataset

```
ds.show
```

```
ds.show
```

b/ equivalently... several SQL

```
select * from address
```

```
select * from address
```

b/ Check in SparkUI that ds is recomputed each time !

c/ Check Spark File IO Statistics, Shuffle, Time elapsed



# Exercise 14: Avoiding re-computation dataset .cache()

a/ Same as Exercise 12... but use before

**ds.cache() // or equivalent: .persist()**

Execute several actions on cached Dataset

ds.show

ds.show

b/ Check in SparkUI that ds is NOT recomputed each time !

... But Full lineage is still displayed several time in greyed / with **green point**

c/ check in SparkUI > Storage > RDD

d/ and after ... **ds.unpersist()**

# Exercise 15: Execute complex DAG on dataset with lot of duplicates

Example: dataset repeated, with small variations, then union ...

```
val ds1 = spark.sql("select * from address3").repartition(2).filter("commune_nom like '%n%'").repartition(2).sample(0.9);
val ds2 = ds1.union(ds1).limit(1000).repartition(2).sample(0.9);
val ds3 = ds2.union(ds2).limit(1000).repartition(2).sample(0.9).union(ds2);
val ds4 = ds3.union(ds3).limit(1000).repartition(2).sample(0.9).union(ds3);
val ds5 = ds4.union(ds4).limit(1000).repartition(2).sample(0.9).union(ds3);
ds5.count;
```

Open corresponding DAG in Spark UI

# Exercise 16: How to simplify DAG display ? ... .checkpoint() !

a/ ensure

```
sc.setCheckpointDir(« c:/data/checkpoint-dir »)
```

b/ Same as Exercise 15... but use checkpoint:

```
ds3=..
```

```
val ds3 = ds3.checkpoint(); // IMPORTANT TO RE-ASSIGN
```

```
ds4=..
```

c/ Check in SparkUI that ds3 is persisted,  
... AND lineage no more displayed

d/ there is NO « unCheckpoint() » as there is for unpersist()

10 mn pause

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# Exercise 17: Reminder Partition Pruning

There are 3 « Pruning » Optimizations done by Spark

1/ Column Pruning

2/ Partition Pruning

3/ Predicate-Push-Down (Block pruning)

Question:

a/ do you remember what is « Partition Pruning » ?

b/ was it always a good optimization to have many (small) partitions ?

# Exercise 18: Column Pruning

Reminding that Parquet is a « Columnar File Format »

Check by reading only 1 column, that Spark does not read fully Parquet Files  
... only Page block of selected column.

This is « Column Pruning »

Example:

```
spark.sql(« select distinct commune_nom from address »).count
```

Check in SparkUI the File Bytes read statistics.

Compare with total file size

# Exercise 19: Predicate-Push-Down

a/ Execute following Queries

```
select count(*) from db1.address where commune_nom = 'Nanterre'
```

```
select count(*) from db1.address where UPPER(commune_nom) = 'NANTERRE'
```

```
select count(*) from db1.address where commune_nom like '%Nanterre%'
```

b/ Check in SparkUI the execution Plan

Search for « PushedFilters:[ .. ] »

c/ For which query Spark is able to push down « all conditions » to parquet library ?

d/ Is it always « much better » to have predicate being pushed down ?

What is missing to be better ?

Hint: use `sc.setCallSite(« query comment »)` to find easily your query in Spark UI



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# Exercise 20: prepare sorted parquet table for Predicate-Push-Down

We want to have few PARQUET files (1 or several, but not hundred)

Each PARQUET File split in several blocks of 16Mo (default=256Mo)

Each block sorted to have efficient Dictionaries and Min-Max Statistics

```
val allAdressCsvDs = spark.read.options(Map("header" -> "true", "delimiter" -> ";",
"inferSchema" -> "true")).format("csv").load("C:/data/OpenData-gouv.fr/bal/adresses-
france.csv")
.withColumn("dept", regexp_replace(col("commune_insee"), "0*(.*)...", "$1").cast("int"))
.withColumn("code", col("commune_insee").cast("int"))

allAdressCsvDs.repartition(1)
.sort("dept").sortWithinPartitions("dept", "code", "voie_nom")
.write.format("parquet").option("parquet.block.size", 16*1024*1024)
.saveAsTable("db1.address_sorted")

allAdressCsvDs.repartition(10, col("dept"))
.sortWithinPartitions("dept", "code", "voie_nom")
.write.format("parquet").option("parquet.block.size", 16*1024*1024)
.saveAsTable("db1.address_sorted10")
```

# Exercise 20 ...

## write.option() or global --conf ??

Use

```
spark-shell --driver-memory=3g \  
  --conf spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes=16777216 \  
  --conf parquet.block.size=16777216
```

# Exercise 21: check.. getNumPartitions

Check that

- a/ table db1.address\_sorted is saved  
on 1 parquet file,  
and file is split into 55 partitions  
giving a total of numPartition=55
- b/ table db1.address\_sorted10 is saved  
on 10 parquet files  
and files are split (differently..)  
giving a total of numPartition=57
- c/ is there a big difference between a/ and b/ ?  
Which is « better » ?

Hint: use **dataset.toJavaRDD.getNumPartitions**

# Exercise 22: Predicate-Push-Down

Execute several Queries with WHERE clauses « field=value »  
and see efficiency of Skipped/Read bytes compared to total file size

select count(\*) from db1.address\_sorted where ...

a/ where commune\_nom='Nanterre'

b/ where code=92050

c/ where commune\_nom='La Clusaz'

d/ where code=74080

Check that results count a=b and c=d

Compare Bytes read for each query ... Are they same a=b? c=d? a=c? b=d?

Search in Plan « PushedFilters: [ .. ] »

Hint: use « **sc.setCallSite**(« DisplayName »); » to find queries more easily in Spark UI

# Optional Exercise 23: redo select on non-existing value

Execute

```
select count(*) from db1.address_sorted where ...  
a/ where commune_nom='UneVilleQuiNExistePas'  
b/ where code=99999999
```

```
+-----+  
|count(1)|  
+-----+  
|          0|  
+-----+
```

Question:

What is still read by Spark ?

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# Exercise 24: Join

- a/ Extract and save from table address a new table « city »  
Containing « name, code, dept, average\_address\_longitude, average\_address\_latitude »
  
- b/ Join table « address » and « city »,  
and compute for each address the offset longitude/latitude to the city average center
  
- c/ study Execution plan  
can you force « Broadcasting » the small city table ?



# Optional Exercise 25: Default Shuffle = 200 ?!

Study number of partitions after a join

a/ is it 200 ? Why

b/ How do you change default ?

c/ What should you always do before saving to File(s)? (to avoid 200)

# Exercise 26 : MindMap

Draw a MindMap to summarize  
what you did and learn from this Hands-On session

Your MindMap should  
start with word « Spark – Optimizations & RDD DAGs» in the middle  
Then draw star edges to other word chapters and sub-chapters

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Questions ?

Take-Away

What You learned ?

# Next Steps

More Lessons

More Hands-On

Spark concepts:

- Spark Clustering
- Java binding, UDF, map
- Spark Streaming
- ...