### Datalake File Format: Parquet

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This document:

https://github.com/Arnaud-Nauwynck/presentations/pres-bigdata/ Datalake-File-Format-Parquet

### Outline

- Parquet Caracteristics
  - Structured, with Schema
  - Data Metadata (footer)
  - Columnar ... Column Pruning
  - Splittable ... spark Dataset Partitions
  - Compression
  - Encoding
  - Statistics, Bloom ... spark Predicate-Push-Down
  - Optimize write once, read many
     ... spark dataset.repartition().sortWithinPartition().write

## Parquet is a Structured Format Strongly Typed (Schema)

### File Formats

#### **Unstructured**

#### **Text**

text line 1 \n text line 2 \n

#### Csv

Col1;Col2;Col3\n a1;b1;c1\n a2;b2;c2\n

#### **Semi-Structured**

#### Json

{"a":"a1","b":"b1"} \n {"a":"a2","b":"b2"} \n

#### Xml

<elt>
 <a>a1</a>
 <b>b1</b>

#### **Structured**

**Serialization** Structured

#### Avro, Thrift, Protobuf

schema:XX, value:0101010101

#### **Columnar** Structured

Orc, Parquet

### Structured: struct<>, array<>, map<>

#### **Scalar Value**

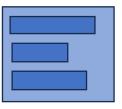
(= terminal element in grammar)

= primitive data-type

String boolean int double Date

#### **Composite Value**

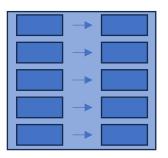
struct<a:Type1, b:Type2, ...>



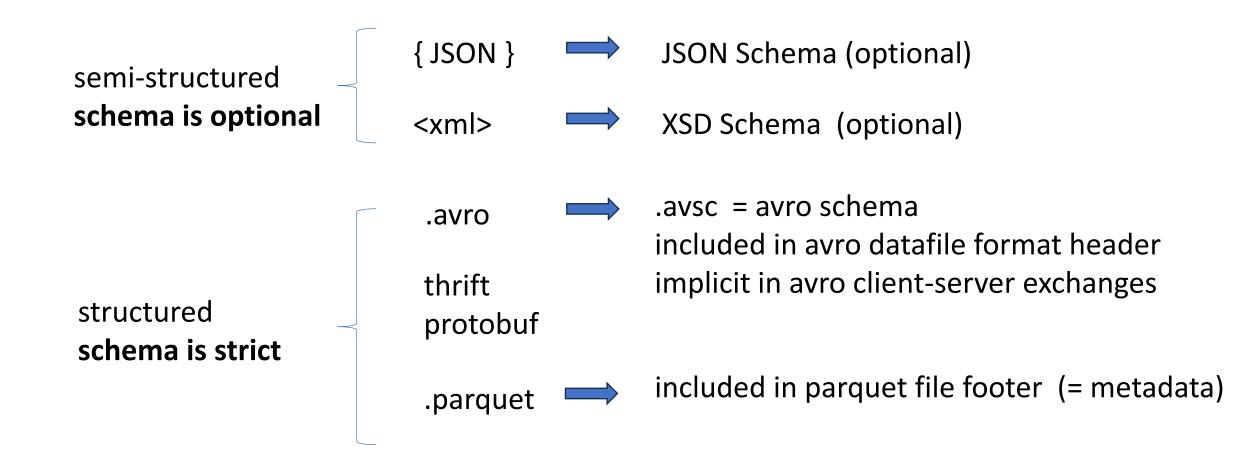
array<ElementType>



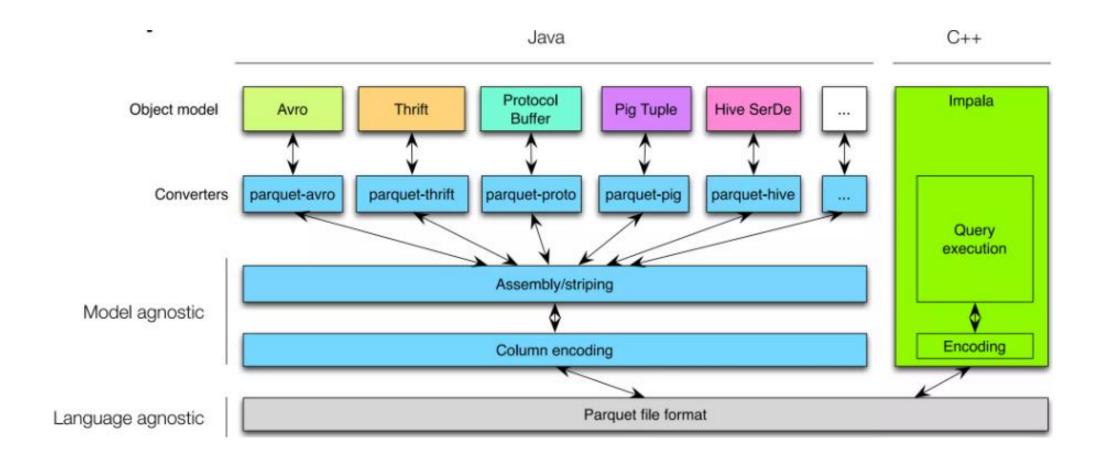
map<KeyType,ValueType>



### Type constraint = Schema

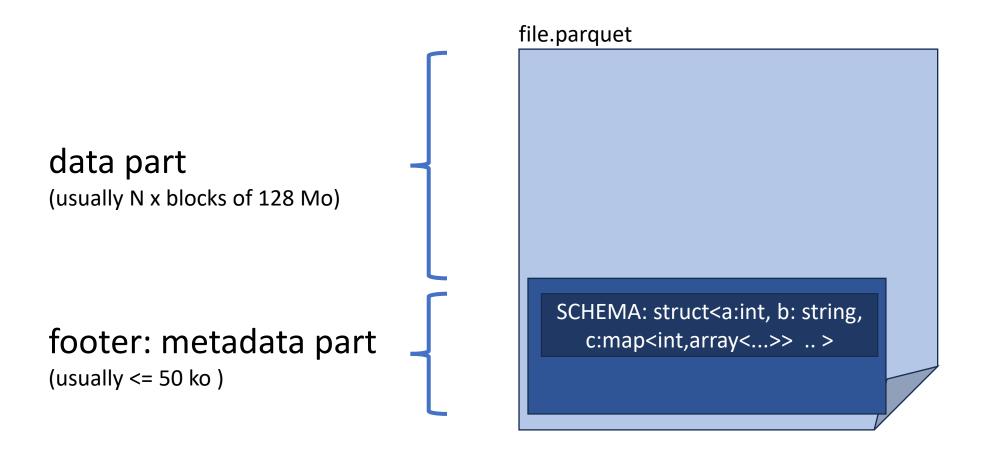


### Parquet SDK / Converter / ObjectModel

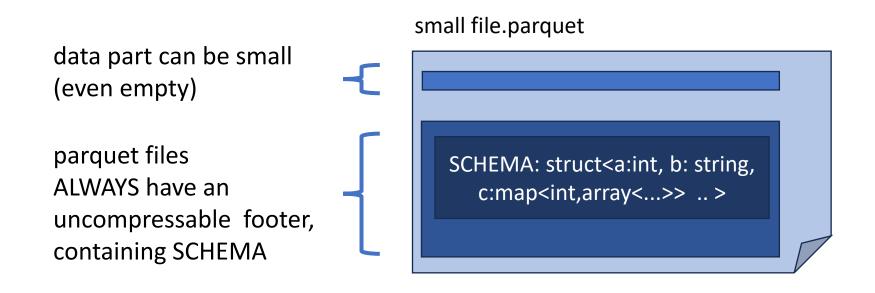


Parquet separates Data and MetaData

### Parquet Schema: in metadata footer

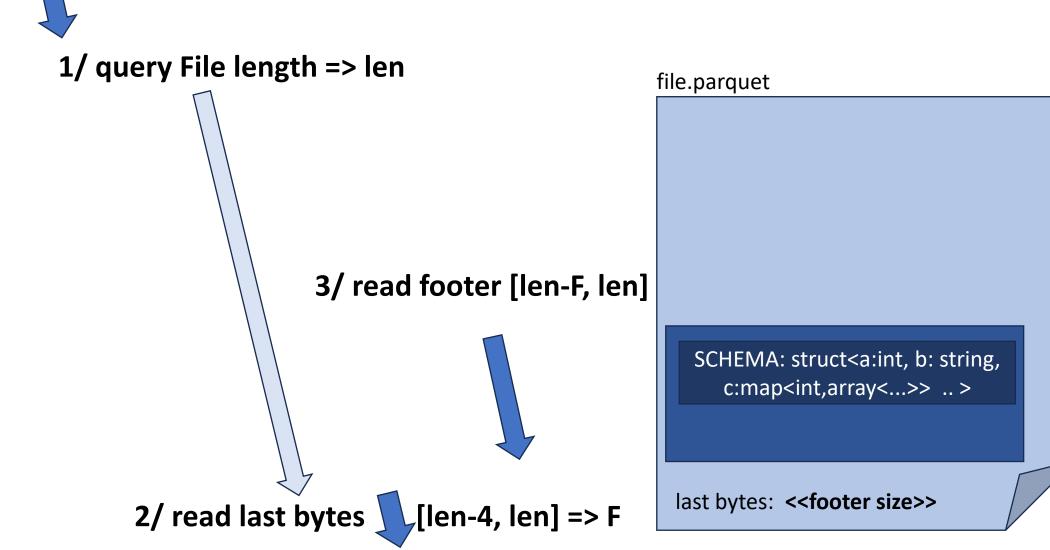


### Parquet for Small Files?



Parquet for small data is NOT efficient bad ratio of "data / metadata" size

### Read Parquet footer only



### Why Footer instead of Header?

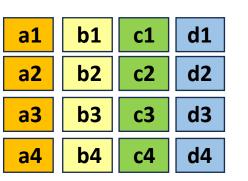
For reader: not a big overhead, ONLY 3 calls to read

For writer: MUCH more practical to "stream" write Nx rows, keep in-memory only few metadata, to flush write at end

### Parquet is Columnar

### Parquet: Columnar File Format

Logical view: rows - columns



On Disk Row Serialization: like CSV, JSON, AVRO,



On Disk: Columnar



# Columnar => better memory aligned, Vectorized CPU pipeline

```
struct A {
 boolean f1; // <= 1 bit (on 1 byte)
            // in-memory padding 3 bytes
        f2; // 4 bytes, aligned on multiple of 4
 int
            // in-memory padding 4 bytes
        f3 // 8 bytes
 long
array[struct<..>] <=> array[boolean]
                          array[int]
                          array[long]
```

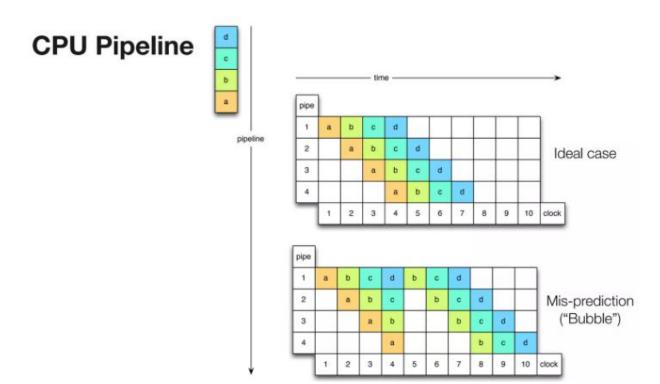
#### Vectorized Reader ~9x Faster



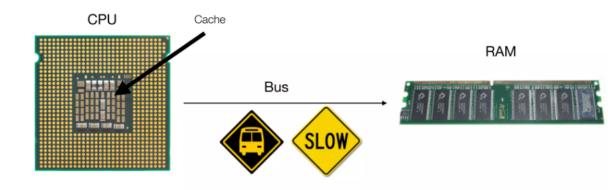
### Vectorized code ... fewer "If", "Loop", "calls"

Better CPU Pipeline

**Better Memory Cache** 



#### Minimize CPU cache misses



a cache miss costs 10 to 100s cycles depending on the level

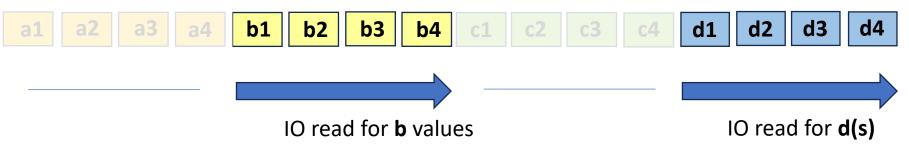
### Column Pruning Optimization

**SELECT** b,d -- ONLY 2 columns **FROM** table WHERE ..

Logical view: rows - columns

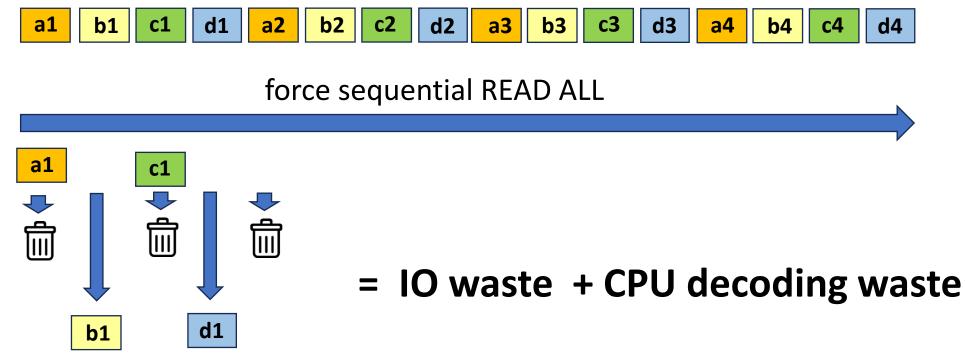


On Disk READ: columnar



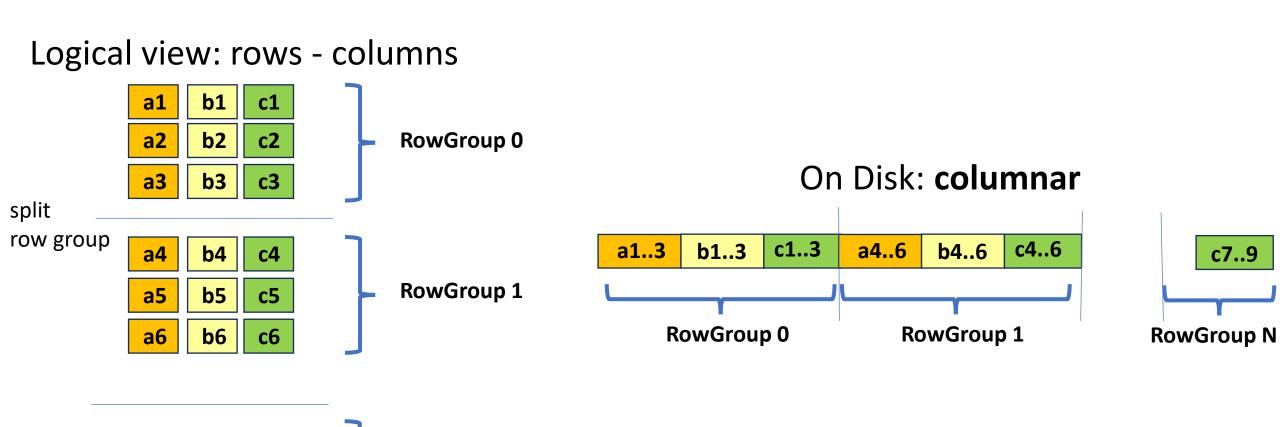
### Compare IO Reads with JSON, CSV, Avro, ...

SELECT b,d -- ONLY 2 columns
FROM table
WHERE ..



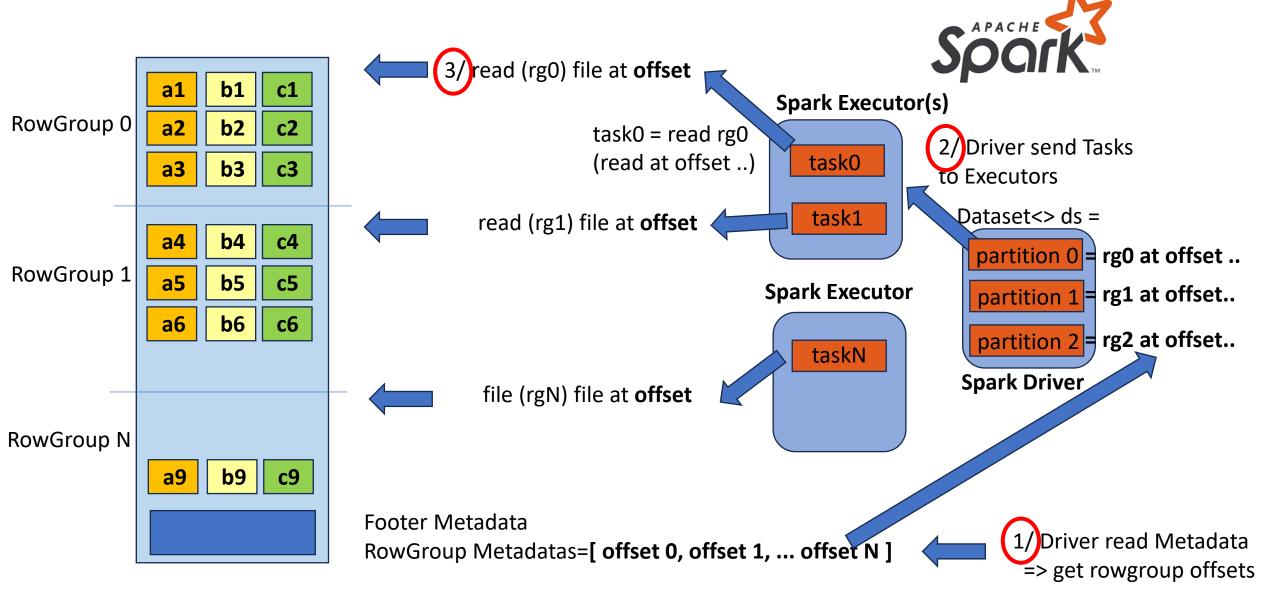
Parquet is Splitteable

### Parquet split rows by RowGroups



**RowGroup N** 

### RowGroup ~ Spark Partition ~ Executor Thread



## 1 Parquet RowGroup(s)-> default to 1 Spark DataSet partition

by default,

parquet.block.size = 128 Mo

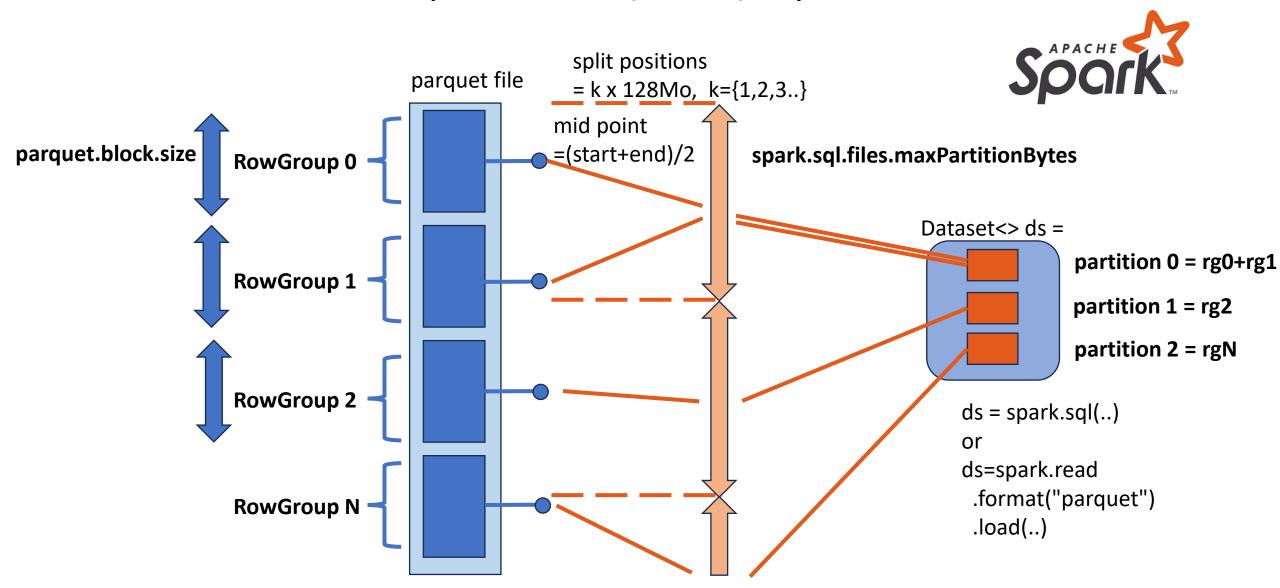
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spark.files.maxPartitionBytes = 128 Mo

=

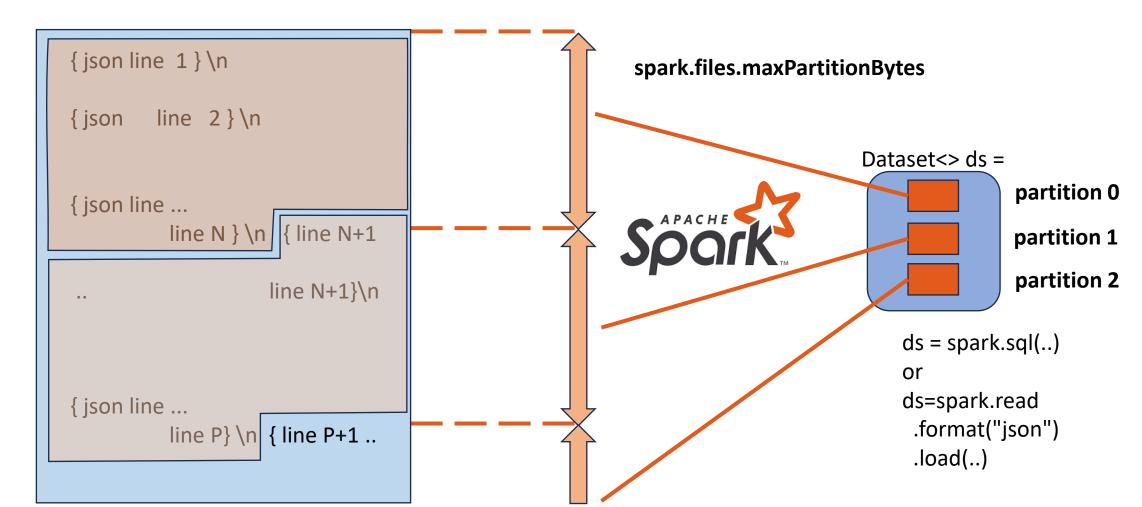
spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes = 128 Mo

## N Parquet RowGroups -> FileSplit to P (<=N) Spark Partitions



### {Texts, CSV, Json} formats FileSplit

each spark executor reader Thread
at split start => ignore first chars until '\n'
at split end => read extra chars until '\n



## Example: Reading 1 CSV of 3.2 Go $=> 26 \text{ splits} = 25 (\sim 128 \text{ Mo}) + 1 \text{ very small}$

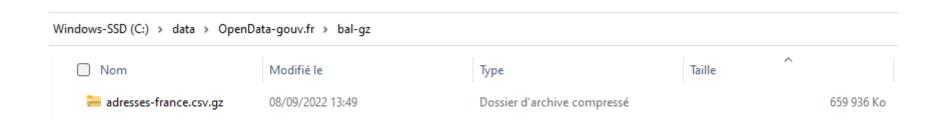
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3 280 937 / (128\*1024) = 25.03

```
scala> val ds = spark.read.format("csv").option("delimiter",";").load("C:/data/OpenData-gouv.fr/bal")
val ds: org.apache.spark.sql.DataFrame = [_c0: string, _c1: string ... 17 more fields]
scala> ds.toJavaRDD.getNumPartitions
val res0: Int = 26
```

Parquet is Compressable { snappy | gz }

### \*.gz is NOT Splitteable!



CSV file was 3.2 Go, now 660 Mo in .gz but NOT Splitteable => 1 spark partition, reading (CPU intensive) by 1 Thread only ! ~8 times slower on a 8 cores PC

### Compressions Algorithm



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#### .snappy

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fast compression/decompression (focus on speed)

### .gz (gzip)

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slower-compression, better compression ratio (focus on size)

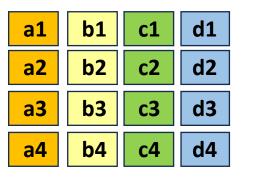
#### .lz4

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compromise between fast / compression ratio

### PARQUET.{snappy | gz}

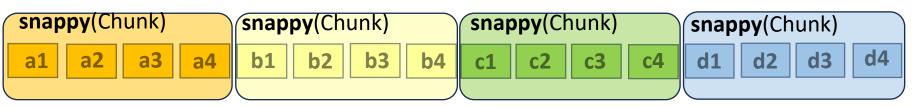
Logical view: rows - columns



On Disk: Columnar NO compression



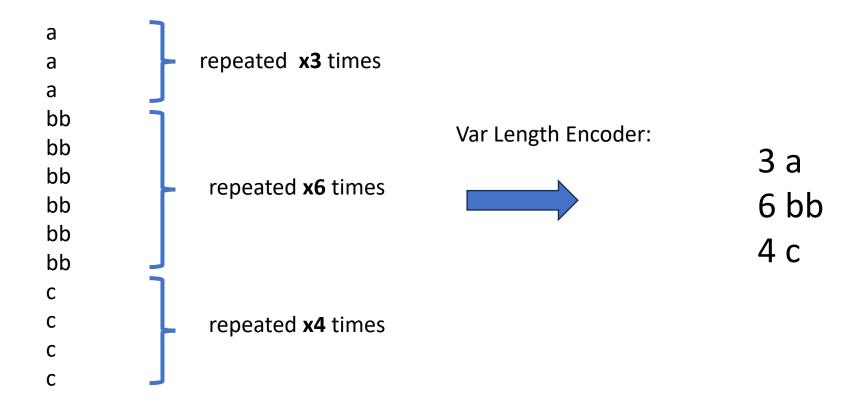
On Disk: Columnar parquet.{snappy | gz }



every "Chunk" of column data are compressed INDEPENDENTLY
=> file is STILL Splitteable

### Parquet use Encodings

### Run-length encoding (RLE)



### Size of Adding "Constant" Column

adding a column with only "0" for Billions of rows

=> take only ~100 bytes per RowGroup

### Dictionary Encoding

Manchester City,
Arsenal,
Manchester City,
FC Barcelone,
Arsenal,
Newcastle,
Manchester United,
Newcastle,
FC Barcelone,
Arsenal,
Manchester United,

...

Dictionary Encoder:



#### **Distinct Dictionary Values:**

1=Manchester City

2=Arsenal

3=FC Barcelone

4=Newcastle

5..

#### Value Indexes:

1, 2, 1, 3, 4, 5 ..

### Dictionary Size Limit

```
By default, Dictionary size = max 1 Mega (per RowGroup - Column Chunk)
```

```
When using
Huge RowGroup (> 128Mo) => less Dictionaries used
```

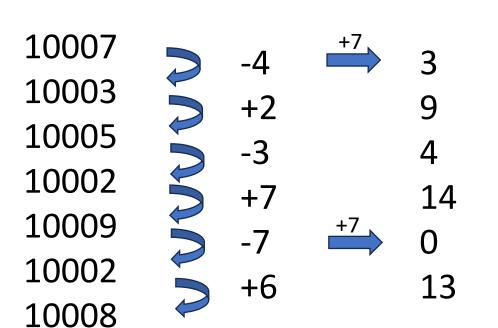
Small RowGroup (32M, 64Mo) => more Dictionaries

#### Parameters:

```
parquet.enable.dictionary=true (default)
parquet.dictionary.page.size=1M
```

### Delta Encoding









10007, -7, 3,9,4,14,0,13

example size when fitting "int"(4 bytes) 7 x 4 = 28 bytes

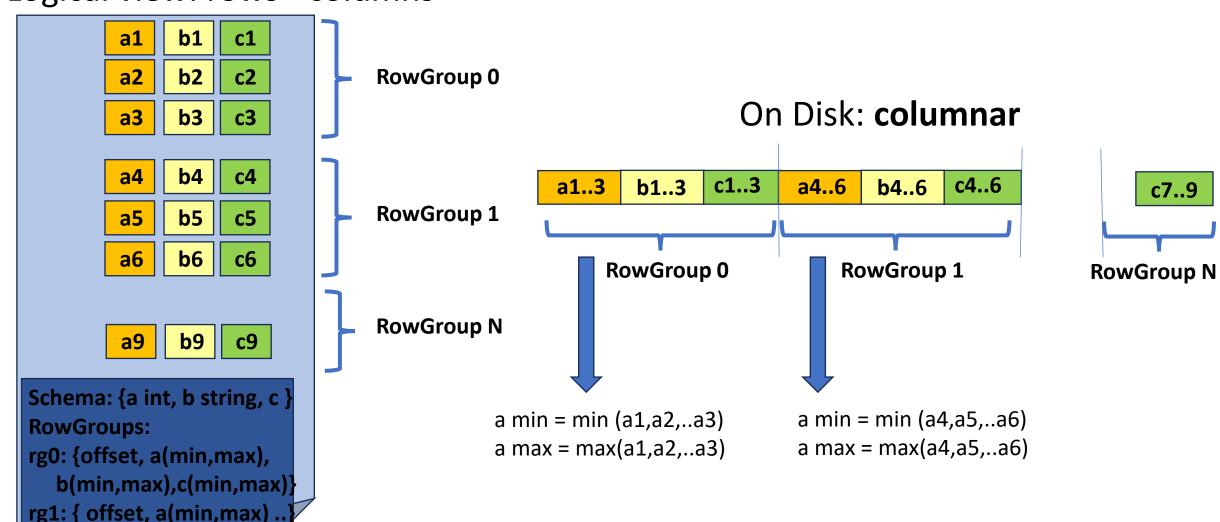
when fitting 2 bytes  $4 + 6 \times 2 = 28$  bytes

when fitting 1 bytes  $4 + 2 + 6 \times 1 = 12$  bytes

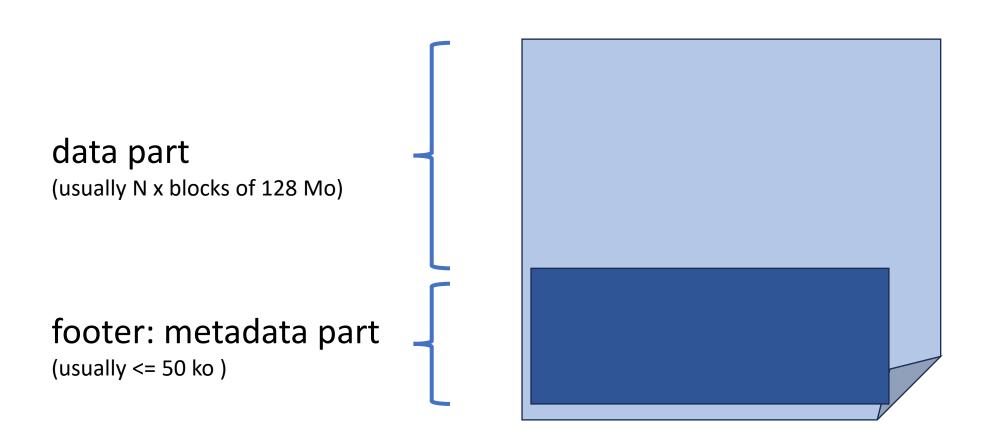
Parquet use Statistics

### Column Statistics: min/max Value per RowGroup

Logical view: rows - columns



### Reading Metadata => read schema + offset + statistics

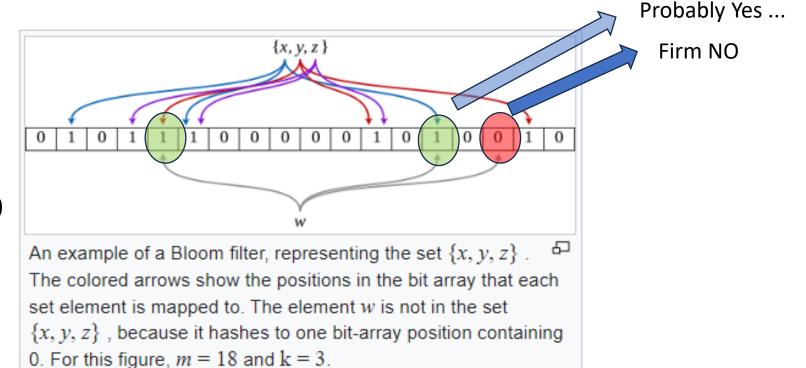


Parquet use Bloom Filter

#### Bloom Filter

is W in the set {x,y,z}?

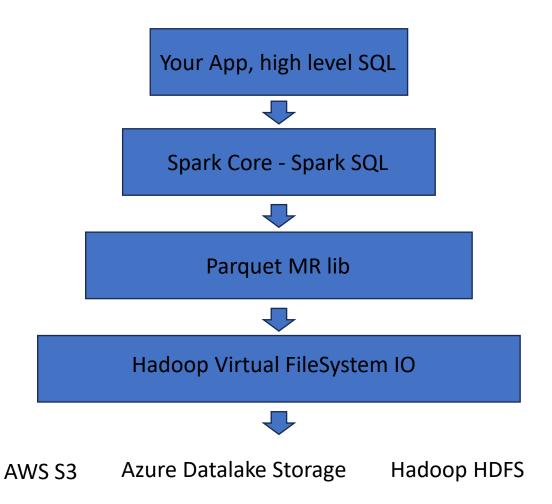
hash(W) = 0000100...10100



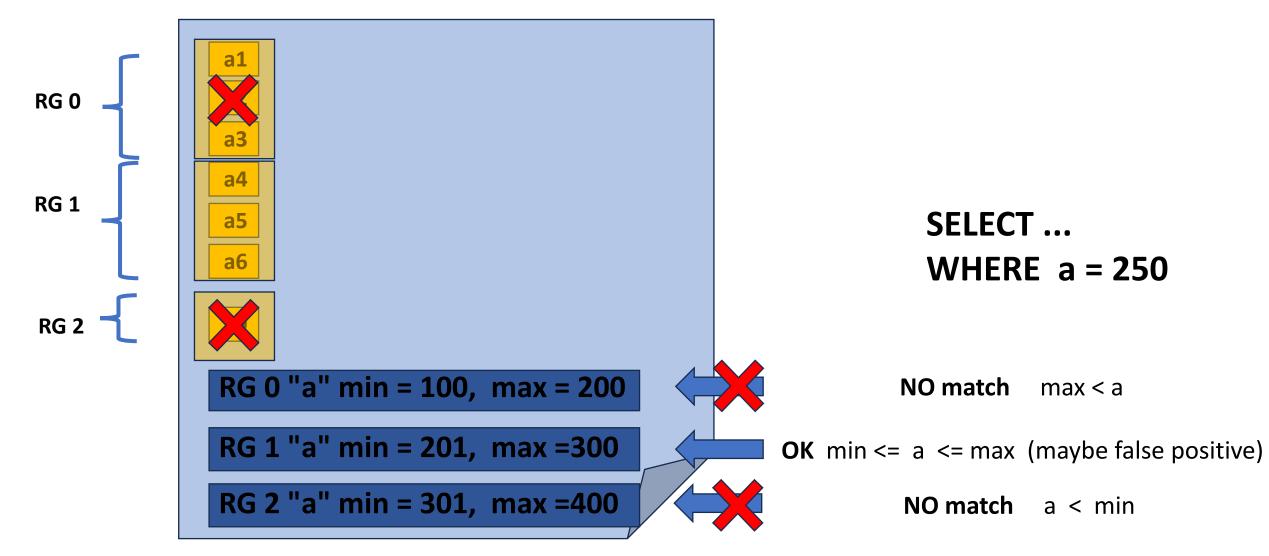
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bloom\_filter

Parquet Predicate-Push-Down

# Push-Down: from Spark -> Parquet Lib -> 10 Storage

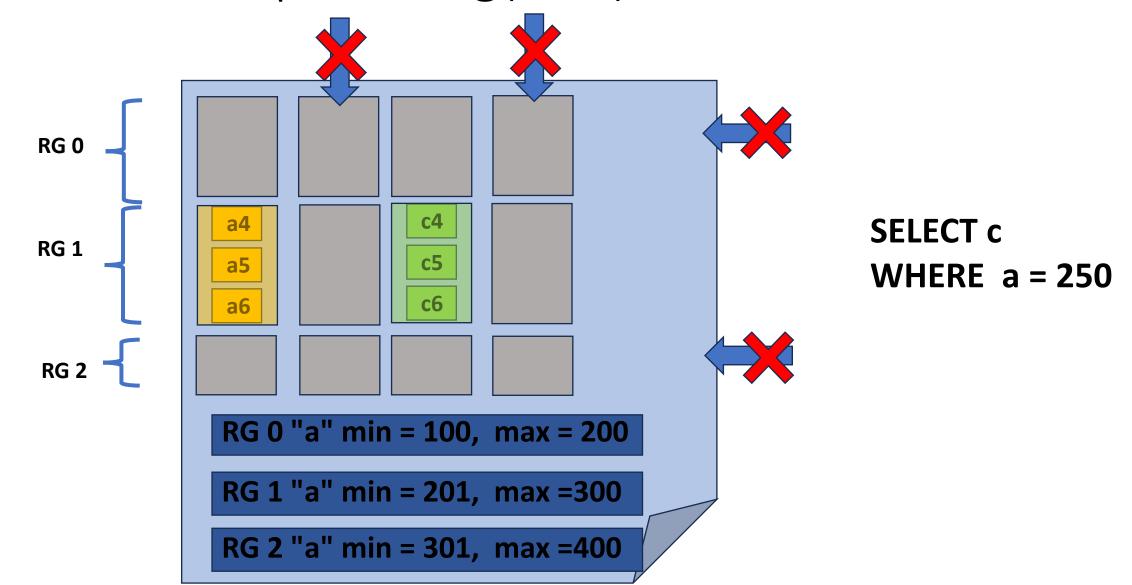


### Statistics for skip read RowGroup SELECT .. WHERE column=value

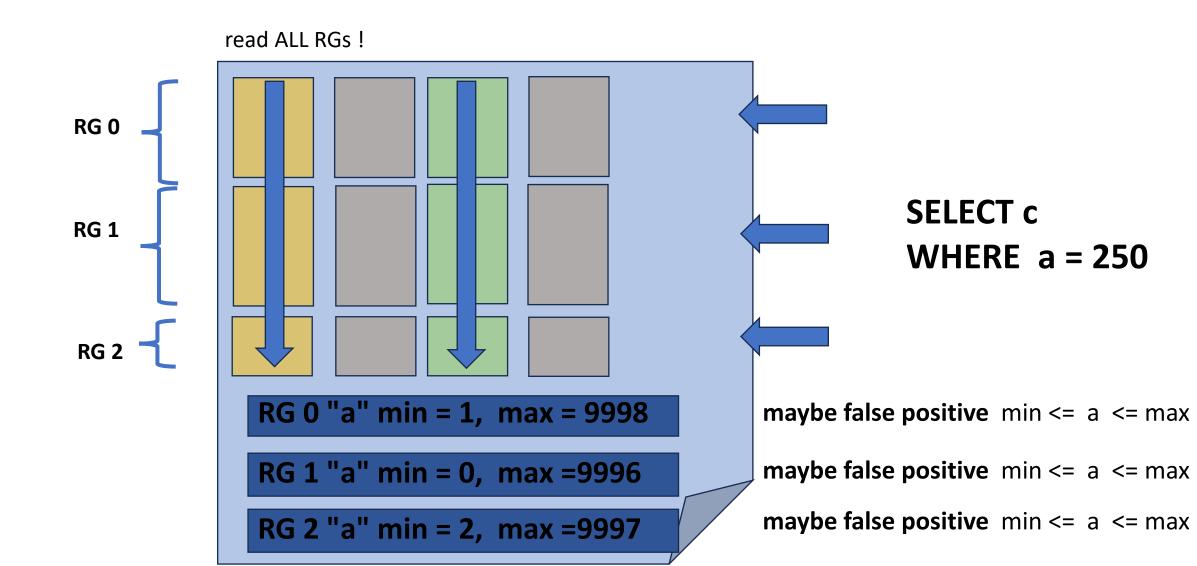


### Column Pruning

+ RowGroup Pruning(PPD) = minimal Reads



### Badly sorted files => Bad min/max statistics => False positives



### Optim Write Once / Read Many

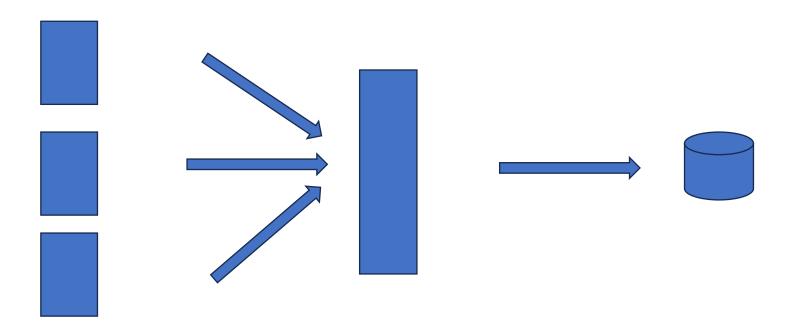
when writing Parquet files ... think how file might be read later! spend CPU when writing to save CPU / IO later reading

```
dataset
   .repartition(nRepartitionCount)
   // or .repartition("col1", nRepartitionHash)
   .sortWithinPartitions("colA", "colB")
    .write
   .option("parquet.block.size", 32*MEGA)
   .format("parquet")
   .save("file://some-dir")
   // or
   // .format("hive").insertInto("hiveDb.hiveTableName")
```

# avoid many small files dataset.repartition(1) or .coalesce(1)

dataset

.repartition(nRepartitionCount) // or .coalesce(nRepartitionCount)

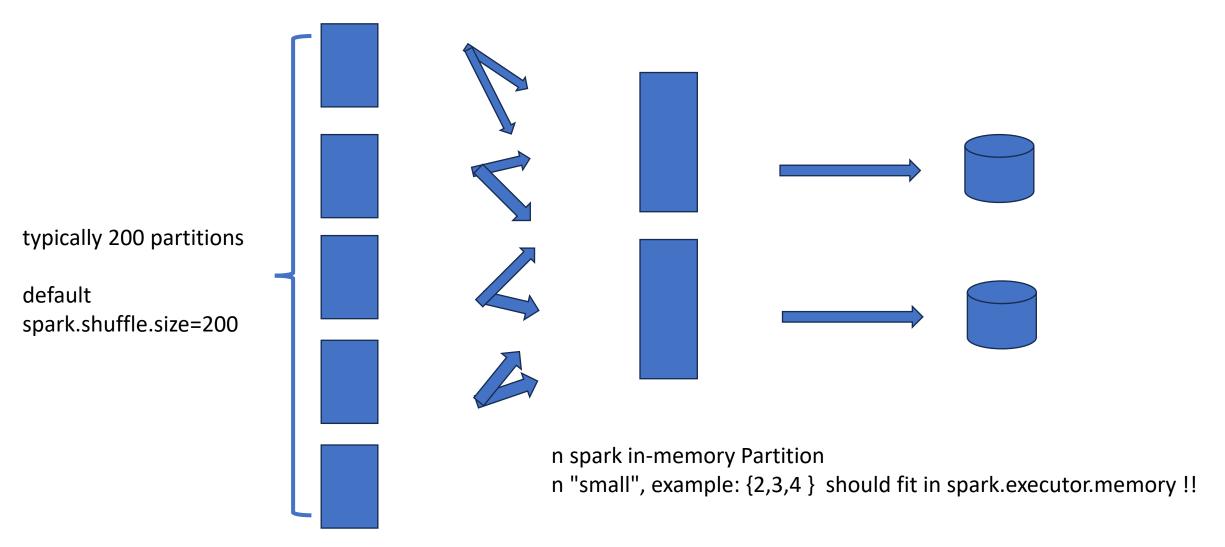


N spark in-memory Partitions distributed over N executors

1 spark in-memory Partition (should fit in spark.executor.memory !!)

write 1 parquet file

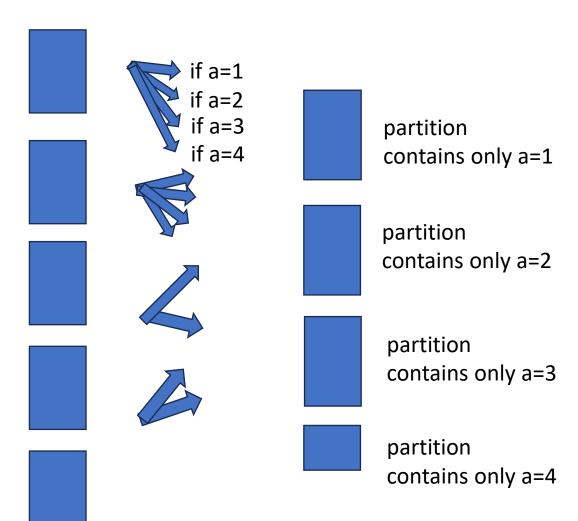
# Does not fit in memory.. compromise to .repartition(smallN)



### .repartition("column")

typical usage: column "a" has FEW distinct values { 1, 2, 3, 4 }

ds = dataset.repartition("a")



### .repartition("column", nHashCount)

example ... having many distinct values

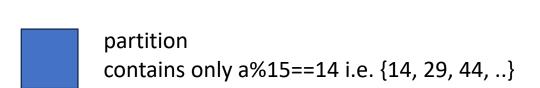
col "a" values in [1, 2, 3, .... 500000]

=> h = hash(a) % 15 in [0, 1, ... 14]

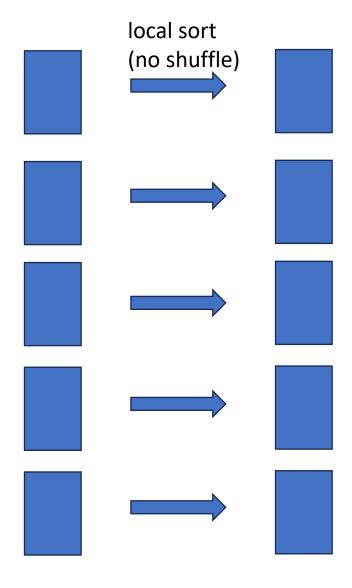
partition contains only a%15==0 i.e. {0, 15, 30, 45, ..}

partition contains only a%15==1 i.e. {1, 16, 31, 46, ..}

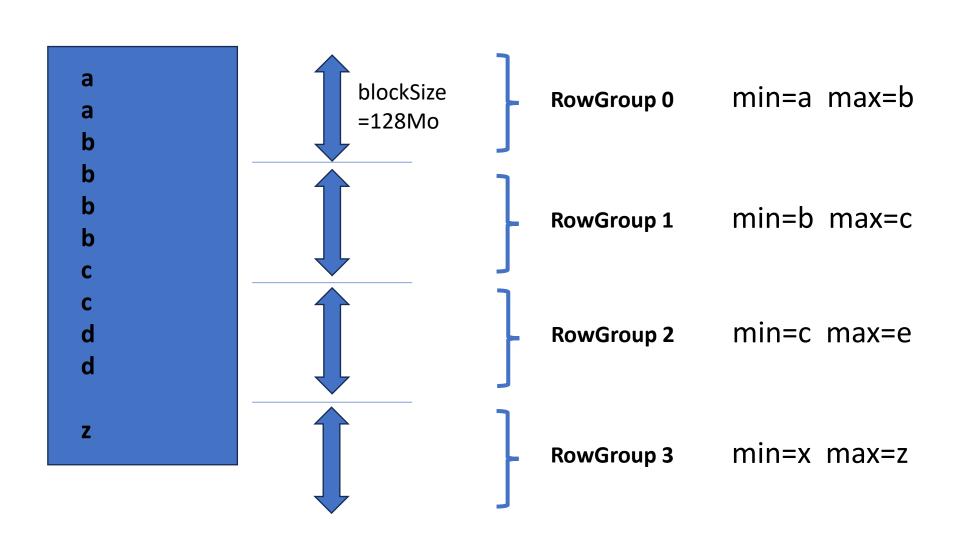
partition contains only a%15==2 i.e. {2, 12, 32, 47, ..}



### .sortWithinPartitions("a", "b", ...)

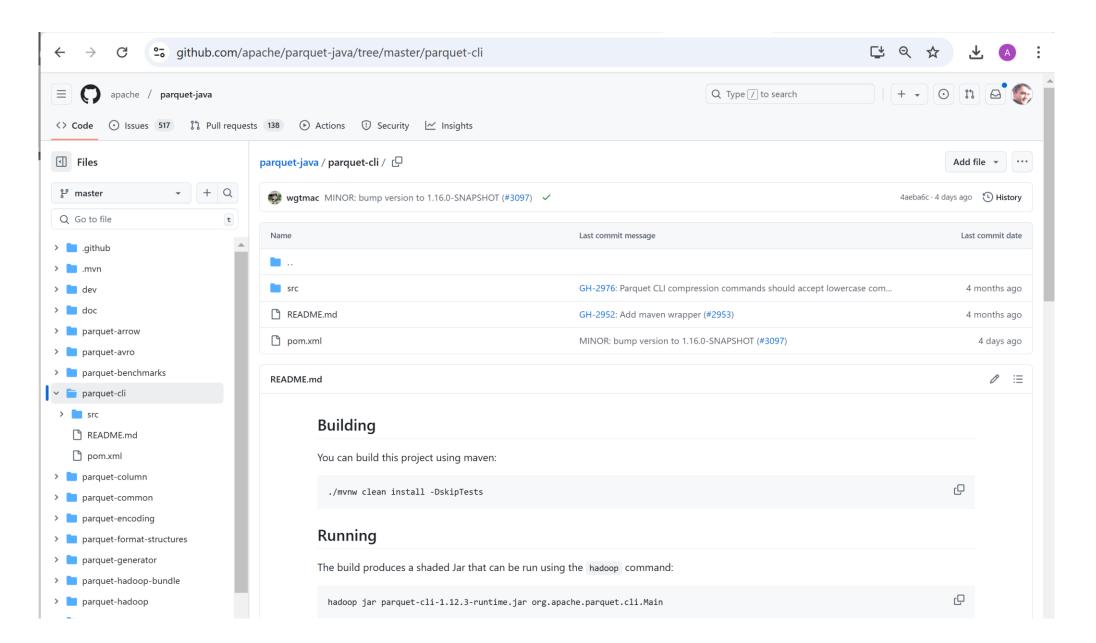


## .sortWithinPartitions => RowGroups stats more "compact"



# Analyzing Parquet Files, using "parquet-cli"

### Analysing Parquet File, using "parquet-cli"



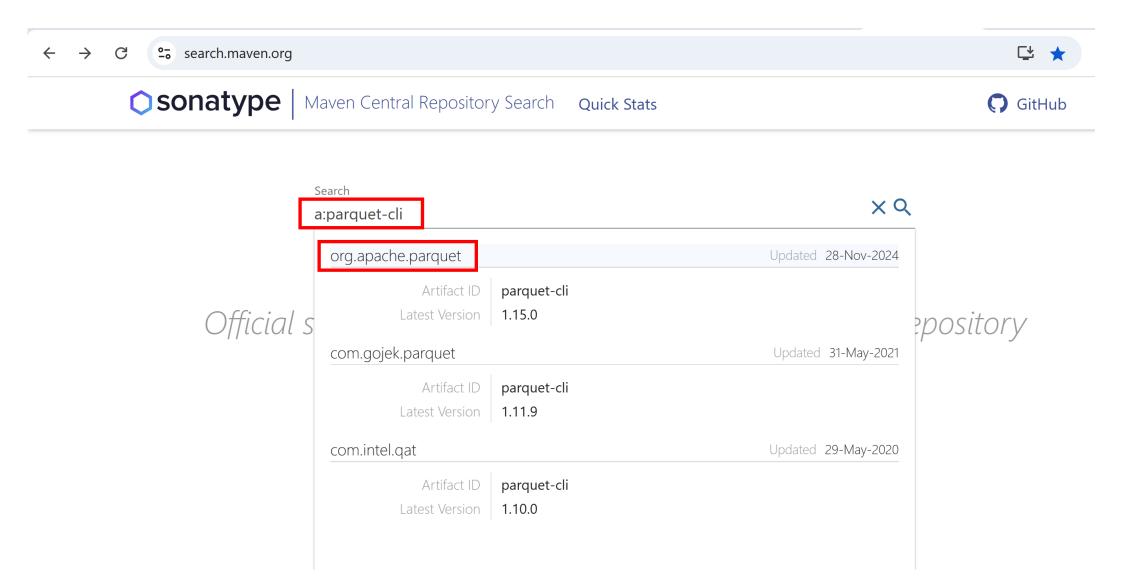
# Search jar in maven repo: https://search.maven.org



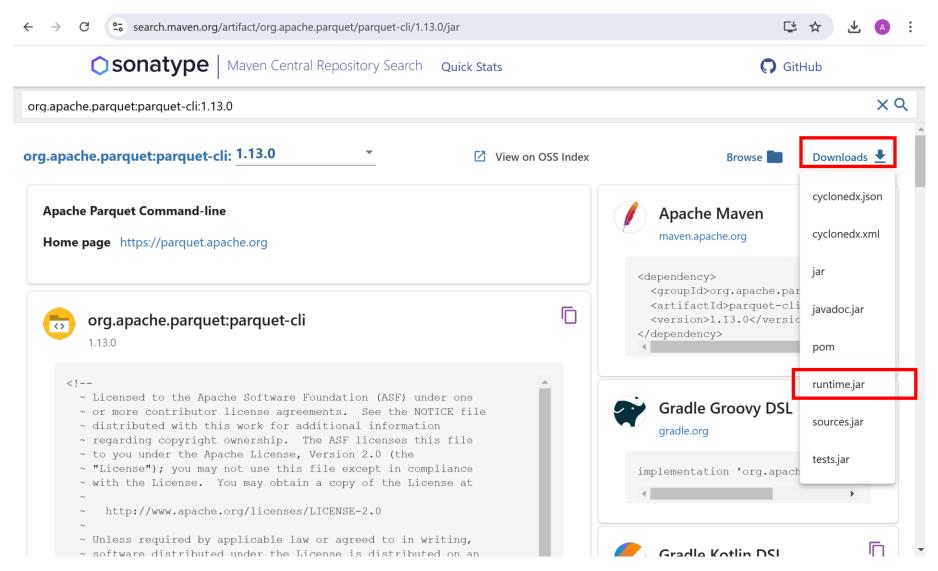
Official search by the maintainers of Maven Central Repository



# type search "a:parquet-cli" g:org.apache.parquet



### Downloading "parquet-cli" runtime.jar for same version 1.13.0 (same as spark/jars/\*.jar)



### Launching parquet-cli

#### java -jar parquet-cli-runtime.jar help

(using shaded jar, otherwise may need to add hadoop classpath)

```
C:\apps\spark>java -jar parquet-cli-1.15.0-SNAPSHOT-runtime.jar help
Usage: parquet [options] [command] [command options]
 Options:
   -v, --verbose, --debug
        Print extra debugging information
 Commands:
   help
        Retrieves details on the functions of other commands
    meta
        Print a Parquet file's metadata
    pages
        Print page summaries for a Parquet file
    dictionary
        Print dictionaries for a Parquet column
    check-stats
        Check Parquet files for corrupt page and column stats (PARQUET-251)
    schema
        Print the Avro schema for a file
    csv-schema
        Build a schema from a CSV data sample
    convert-csv
```

### parquet-cli meta [1/2]

#### java -jar parquet-cli-runtime.jar meta file.parquet

```
C:\apps\spark>java -jar parquet-cli-1.15.0-SNAPSHOT-runtime.jar meta C:\apps\spark\spark
File path: C:\apps\spark\spark-warehouse\db1.db\addr\part-c000.snappy.parquet
Created by: parguet-mr version 1.13.1 (build db4183109d5b734ec5930d870cdae161e408ddba)
Properties:
                   org.apache.spark.version: 3.5.0
  org.apache.spark.sql.parquet.row.metadata: {"type":"struct","fields":[{"name":"uid_adre
e":"cle_interop","type":"string","nullable":true,"metadata":{}},{"name":"commune_insee",'
mmune_nom","type":"string","nullable":true,"metadata":{}},{"name":"commune_deleguee_inse
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e", "nullable":true, "metadata":{}}, {"name":"y", "type":"double", "nullable":true, "metadata":
ata":{}}, {"name":"lat", "type":"double", "nullable":true, "metadata":{}}, {"name":"cad_parcel
e":"source","type":"string","nullable":true,"metadata":{}},{"name":"certification_commune
:"date_der_maj","type":"date","nullable":false,"metadata":{}}]}
Schema:
message spark_schema {
  optional binary uid_adresse (STRING):
  optional binary cle_interop (STRING);
  optional binary commune_insee (STRING);
  optional binary commune_nom (STRING);
  optional int32 commune_deleguee_insee;
  optional binary commune_deleguee_nom (STRING);
  optional binary voie_nom (STRING);
  optional binary lieudit_complement_nom (STRING);
  optional int32 numero;
  optional binary suffixe (STRING):
  optional binary position (STRING);
  ontional double x
```

### parquet-cli meta [2/2]

```
Row group 0: count: 219962 71,92 B records start: 4 total(compressed): 15,086 MB total(uncompressed):33,177 MB
                                 encodings count
                                                     avg size
                                                                nulls
                                                                        min / max
                       type
uid_adresse
                       BINARY
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cle_interop
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                                           219962
commune_insee
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                                                     0,02 B
                                                                        "Ambléon" / "Évosges"
commune_nom
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commune_deleguee_insee
                       INT32
                                           219962
                                                     0,02 B
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                                 S_R
                                           219962
                                                                202277
                                                                        "6518380.18" / "Étrez"
commune_deleguee_nom
                       BINARY
                                                     0,02 B
                                                                        """"le château"""" / "Îlot Grammont"
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voie_nom
                       BINARY
                                           219962
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lieudit_complement_nom BINARY
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                                           219962
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numero
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                                 S_R
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suffixe
                       BINARY
                                           219962
                                                     0,11 B
                                           219962
                                                     0,25 B
                                                                15376
position
                       BINARY
                                                                        "bâtiment" / "service technique"
                                           219962
                                                     5,06 B
                                                                226
                                                                        "-0.0" / "943078.82"
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                                                     5,37 B
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                                                                        "6505390.74" / "6603083.59"
                       DOUBLE
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                                                     7,99 B
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                                                                        "4.730471" / "6.163086"
long
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                                                     7,64 B
                                                                227
                                                                        "45.617249" / "46.506743"
lat
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                                                     1,87 B
cad_parcelles
                       BINARY
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                                                                167172
                                                                        "010010000A1033" / "01380000_E0291"
                                 S _ R
                                                     0,06 B
                       BINARY
                                           219962
                                                                2266
                                                                        "arcep" / "inconnue"
source
                                 S _ R
                                                     0,03 B
                                                                        "0" / "1"
certification_commune INT32
                                          219962
date_der_maj
                       INT32
                                 S _ R
                                           219962
                                                     0,23 B
                                                                        "1901-01-01" / "2024-12-05"
Row group 1: count: 215938 72,72 B records start: 15819187 total(compressed): 14,976 MB total(uncompressed):33,489 MB
                                 encodings count
                                                     avg size
                                                                nulls
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uid_adresse
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cle_interop
                       BINARY
                                          215938
                                                     5,19 B
                                                                        "01350_0005_00707" / "02546_rcnpc4_00054"
                                                                        "01350" / "02546"
commune_insee
                       BINARY
                                        215938
                                                     0,02 B
                                                                        "Abbécourt" / "Évergnicourt"
                                                     0,04 B
                       BINARY
                                          215938
commune_nom
                                                                208894 "1059" / "2811"
commune_deleguee_insee INT32
                                           215938
                                                     0,01 B
commune_deleguee_nom
                       BINARY
                                           215938
                                                     0,03 B
                                                                208894
                                                                        "Anizy-le-Château" / "Virieu-le-Petit"
```

### parquet-cli meta | grep "Row group"

#### java -jar parquet-cli-runtime.jar meta file.parquet > meta.txt

#### grep "Row group" meta.txt | head

```
Row group 1: count: 219962 71,92 B records start: 4 total(compressed): 15,086 MB total(uncompressed):33,177 MB
Row group 1: count: 215938 72,72 B records start: 15819187 total(compressed): 14,976 MB total(uncompressed):33,489 MB
Row group 2: count: 213992 73,68 B records start: 31523114 total(compressed): 15,036 MB total(uncompressed):33,821 MB
Row group 3: count: 233199 70,29 B records start: 47289138 total(compressed): 15,631 MB total(uncompressed):34,232 MB
Row group 4: count: 231558 69,04 B records start: 63679653 total(compressed): 15,246 MB total(uncompressed):33,383 MB
Row group 5: count: 219962 74,89 B records start: 79665824 total(compressed): 15,710 MB total(uncompressed):34,531 MB
Row group 6: count: 218409 73,91 B records start: 96138854 total(compressed): 15,394 MB total(uncompressed):33,957 MB
Row group 7: count: 199907 75,02 B records start: 112281114 total(compressed): 14,301 MB total(uncompressed):31,914 MB
Row group 9: count: 272568 65,80 B records start: 142536439 total(compressed): 17,104 MB total(uncompressed):35,616 MB
```

#### grep "Row group" meta.txt | tail

```
Row group 108: count: 252150 64,55 B records start: 1719335249 total(compressed): 15,522 MB total(uncompressed):34,027 MB Row group 109: count: 215240 71,68 B records start: 1735611436 total(compressed): 14,715 MB total(uncompressed):34,014 MB Row group 110: count: 219962 68,48 B records start: 1751040857 total(compressed): 14,365 MB total(uncompressed):32,978 MB Row group 111: count: 219962 68,18 B records start: 1766103960 total(compressed): 14,302 MB total(uncompressed):32,914 MB Row group 112: count: 234887 64,52 B records start: 1781100645 total(compressed): 14,454 MB total(uncompressed):33,355 MB Row group 113: count: 236624 66,44 B records start: 1796256273 total(compressed): 14,993 MB total(uncompressed):37,495 MB Row group 114: count: 234063 65,95 B records start: 1811977242 total(compressed): 14,722 MB total(uncompressed):33,626 MB Row group 115: count: 230100 69,58 B records start: 1827414634 total(compressed): 14,983 MB total(uncompressed):36,039 MB Row group 117: count: 152925 67,36 B records start: 1859136956 total(compressed): 9,823 MB total(uncompressed):26,622 MB
```

#### parquet-cli column-size

#### java -jar parquet-cli-runtime.jar column-size file.parquet

```
C:\apps\spark>java -jar parquet-cli-1.15.0-SNAPSHOT-runtime.jar column-size C:\apps\spark\spark
commune_deleguee_insee-> Size In Bytes: 431641 Size In Ratio: 2.3089352E-4
commune_insee-> Size In Bytes: 322609 Size In Ratio: 1.725701E-4
numero-> Size In Bytes: 26951190 Size In Ratio: 0.014416738
voie_nom-> Size In Bytes: 35412828 Size In Ratio: 0.01894304
uid_adresse-> Size In Bytes: 882820344 Size In Ratio: 0.4722385
date_der_maj-> Size In Bytes: 7501158 Size In Ratio: 0.0040125214
cle_interop-> Size In Bytes: 139359234 Size In Ratio: 0.07454608
source-> Size In Bytes: 1142012 Size In Ratio: 6.108854E-4
long-> Size In Bytes: 213866608 Size In Ratio: 0.11440159
commune_deleguee_nom-> Size In Bytes: 836453 Size In Ratio: 4.4743568E-4
suffixe-> Size In Bytes: 3721170 Size In Ratio: 0.0019905292
cad_parcelles-> Size In Bytes: 66126109 Size In Ratio: 0.035372198
certification_commune-> Size In Bytes: 673339 Size In Ratio: 3.601827E-4
x-> Size In Bytes: 133896306 Size In Ratio: 0.07162385
lieudit_complement_nom-> Size In Bytes: 2886263 Size In Ratio: 0.0015439206
y-> Size In Bytes: 143779166 Size In Ratio: 0.07691039
commune_nom-> Size In Bytes: 549711 Size In Ratio: 2.9405157E-4
position-> Size In Bytes: 4716951 Size In Ratio: 0.0025231927
lat-> Size In Bytes: 204444396 Size In Ratio: 0.109361455
```

### Column Sizes ... sorting

cat column-size | sed 's/-> Size In Bytes//g' | sed 's/ Size In Ratio//g' | sed 's/: /;/g' > column-size.csv

Column	Size	1	Ratio		Size in Mo
uid_adresse		882820344	47	,22%	841,9
long		213866608	11	,44%	204,0
lat		204444396	10	,94%	195,0
у		143779166	7	,69%	137,1
cle_interop		139359234	7	,45%	132,9
х		133896306	7	,16%	127,7
cad_parcelles		66126109	3	,54%	63,1
voie_nom		35412828	1	,89%	33,8
numero		26951190	1	,44%	25,7
date_der_maj		7501158	0	,40%	7,2
position		4716951	0	,25%	4,5
suffixe		3721170	0	,20%	3,5
lieudit_complement_nom		2886263	0	,15%	2,8
source		1142012	0	,06%	1,1
commune_deleguee_nom		836453	0	,04%	0,8
certification_commune		673339	0	,04%	0,6
commune_nom		549711	0	,03%	0,5
commune_deleguee_insee		431641	0	,02%	0,4
commune_insee		322609	0	,02%	0,3
total		1869437488	100	,00%	1782,8

### Parquet Column Sizes Summary

```
zipcode ("commun insee") : 0.3 Mo
city name ("commun_nom") : 0.5 Mo
street name ("voie_nom") : 33.8 Mo
                         : 25.7 Mo
numero
=> 60 Mega (3% of file)
+ longitude, latitude
                         : 204 Mo + 195 Mo
=> 459 Mo
```

```
most of the column size is

uid_address: 840 Mo (47.2%)
+
x, y ... redundant with longitude,lattitude
+
cle_interop: 132 Mo (7.4%)
```

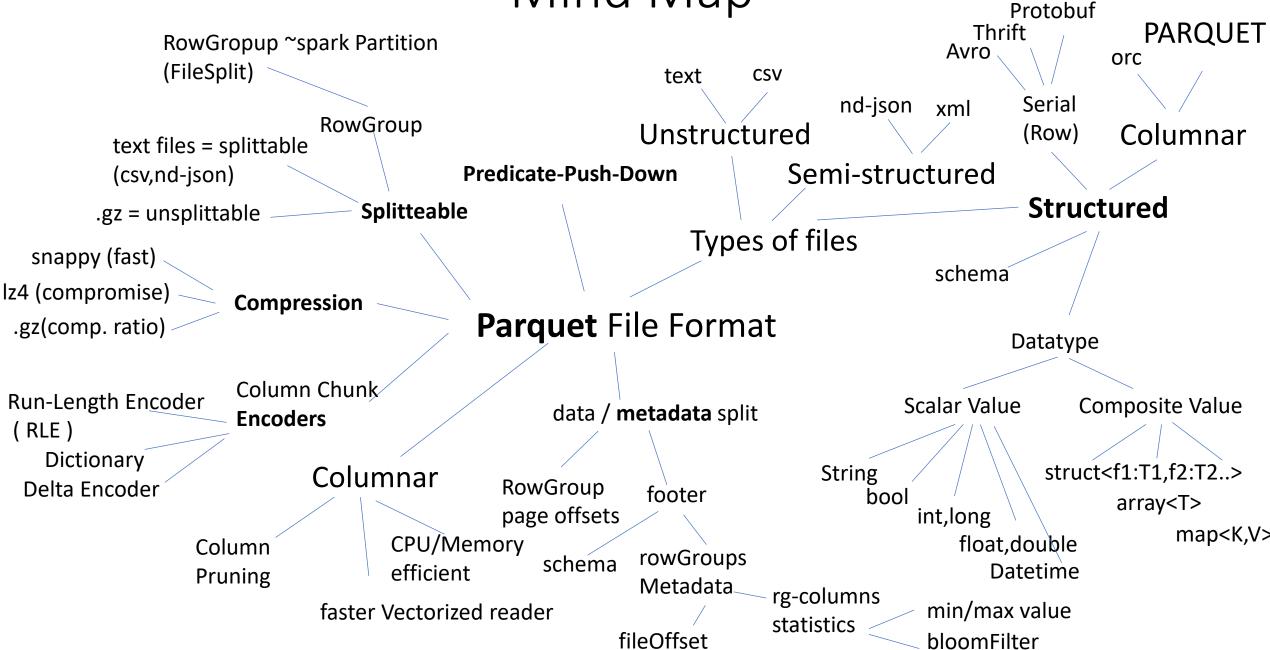
#### Conclusion

Parquet File Format is AMAZING

Spark is great using Parquet

Doing BigData processing = doing Spark + Parquet
with good .repartition().sortWithinPartition() ...

Mind Map



Questions?

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