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
 b1

Structured

Serialization Structured

Avro, Thrift, Protobuf

schema:XX, value:0101010101

Columnar Structured

Orc, Parquet

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

Scalar Value

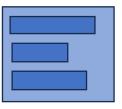
(= terminal element in grammar)

= primitive data-type

String boolean int double Date

Composite Value

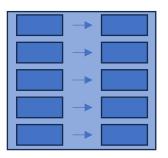
struct<a:Type1, b:Type2, ...>



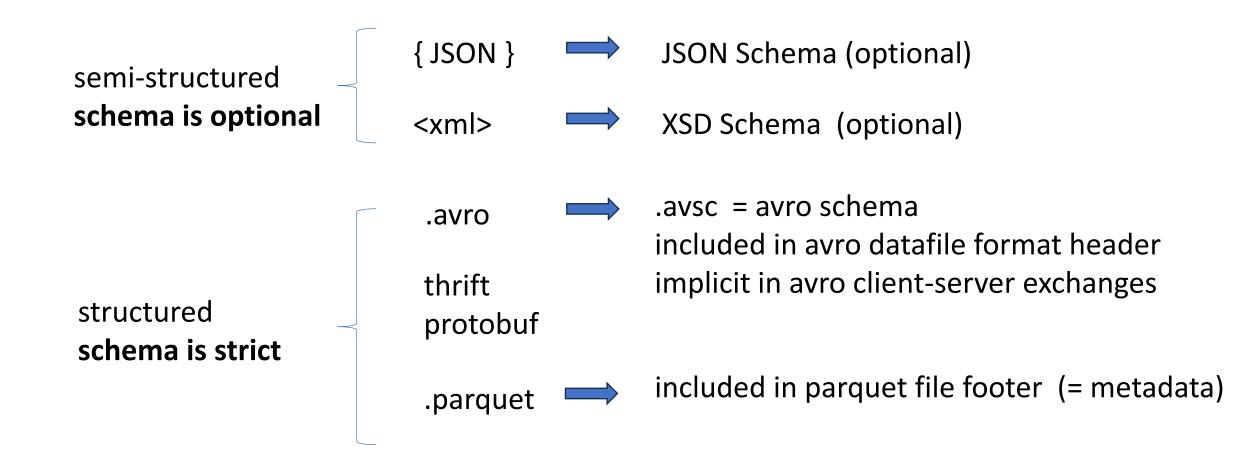
array<ElementType>



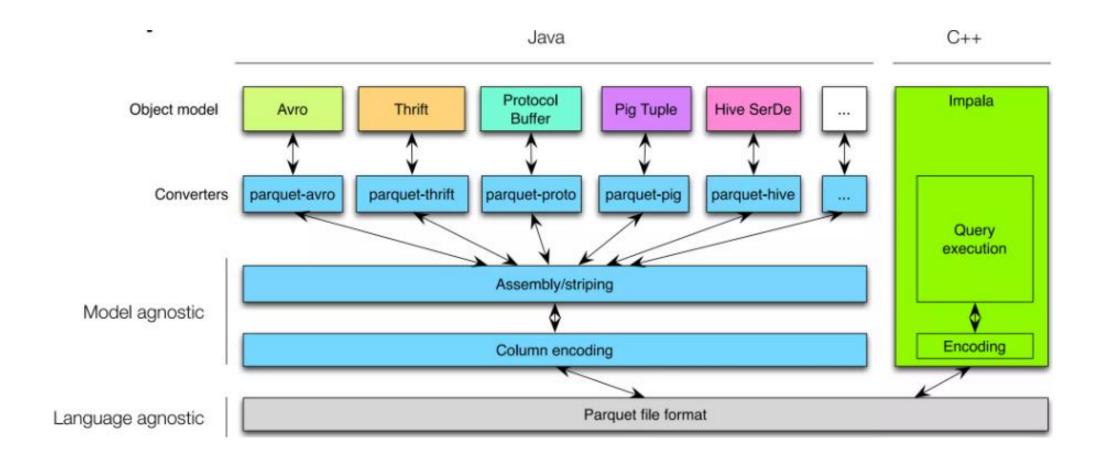
map<KeyType,ValueType>



Type constraint = Schema

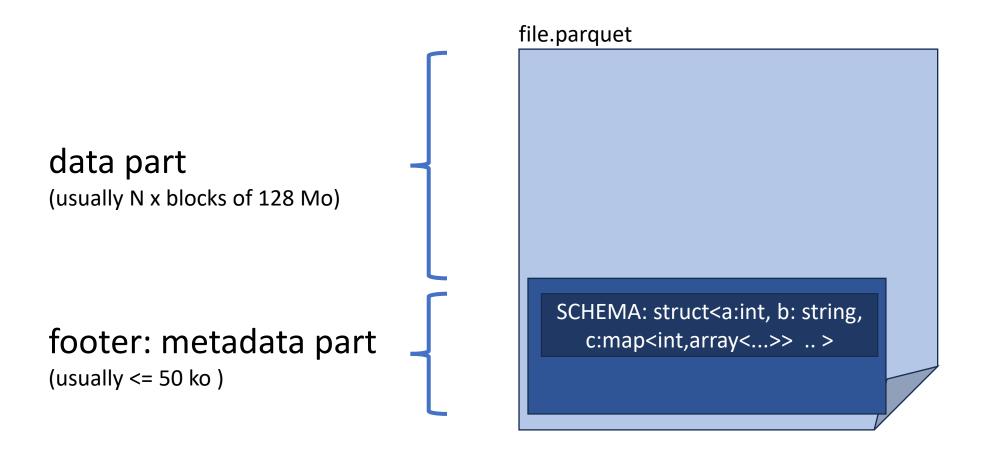


Parquet SDK / Converter / ObjectModel

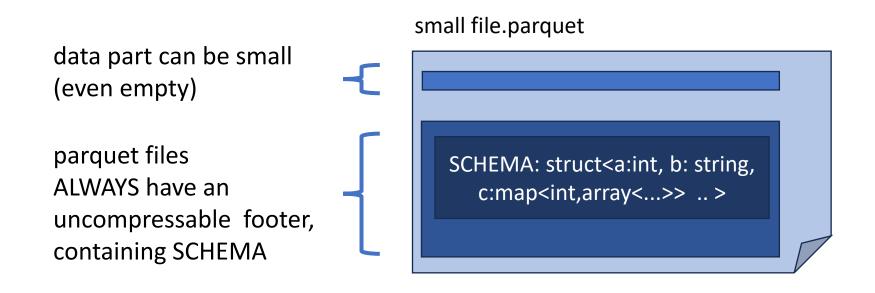


Parquet separates Data and MetaData

Parquet Schema: in metadata footer

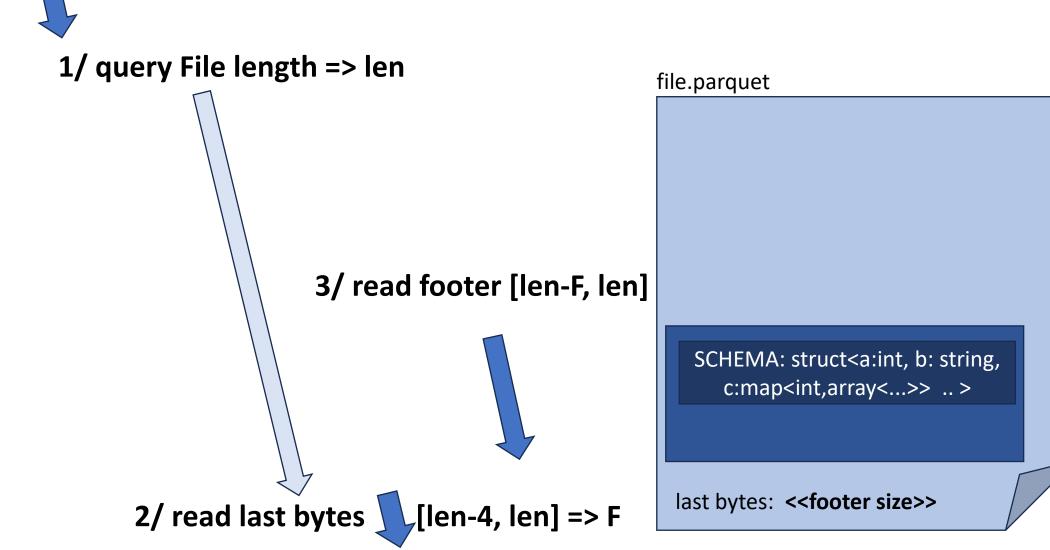


Parquet for Small Files?



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

Read Parquet footer only



Why Footer instead of Header?

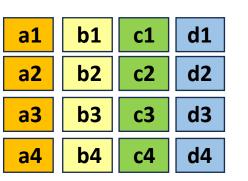
For reader: not a big overhead, ONLY 3 calls to read

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]
```

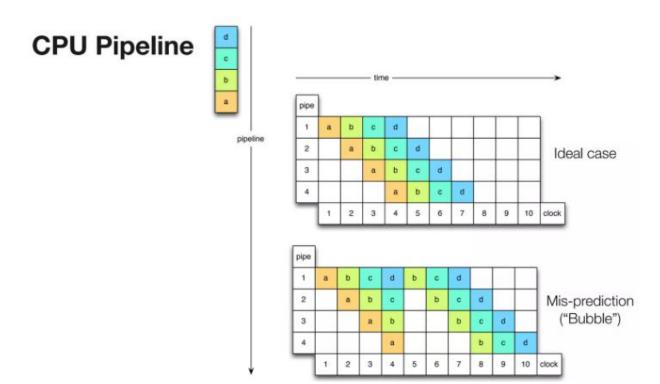
Vectorized Reader ~9x Faster



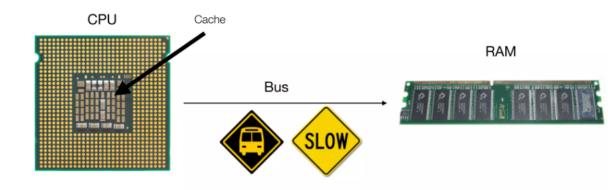
Vectorized code ... fewer "If", "Loop", "calls"

Better CPU Pipeline

Better Memory Cache



Minimize CPU cache misses



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

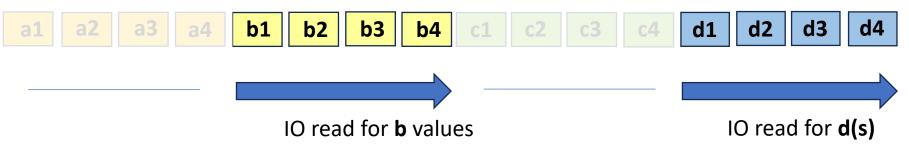
Column Pruning Optimization

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

Logical view: rows - columns

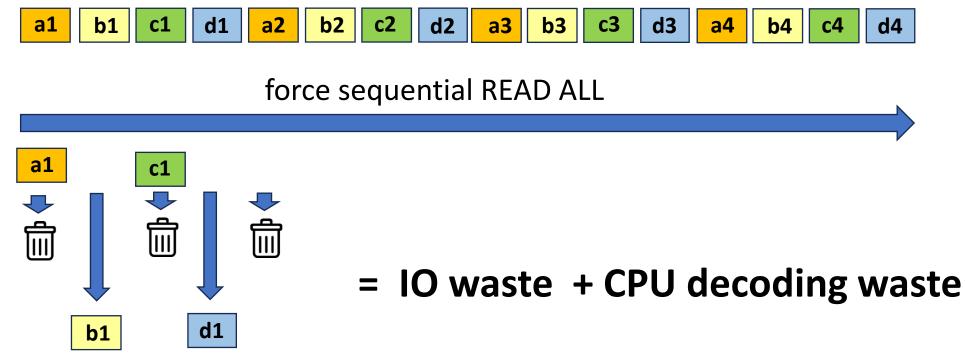


On Disk READ: columnar



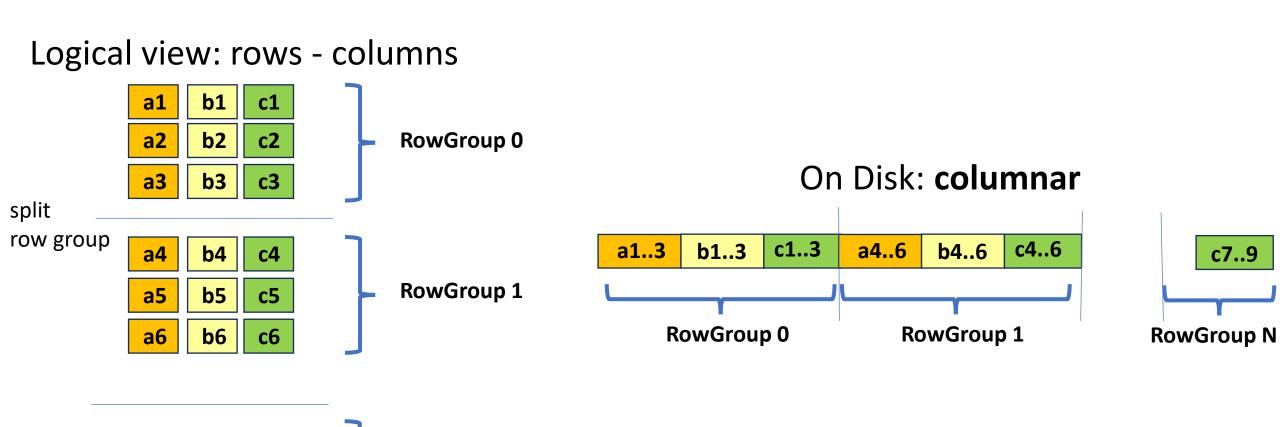
Compare IO Reads with JSON, CSV, Avro, ...

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



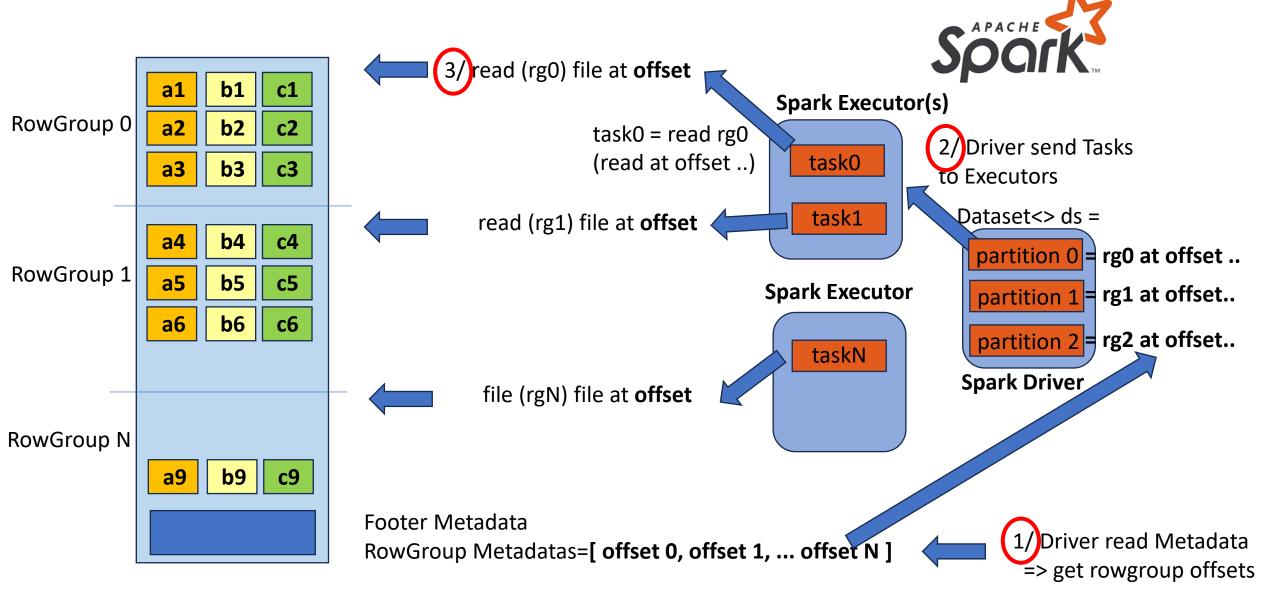
Parquet is Splitteable

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

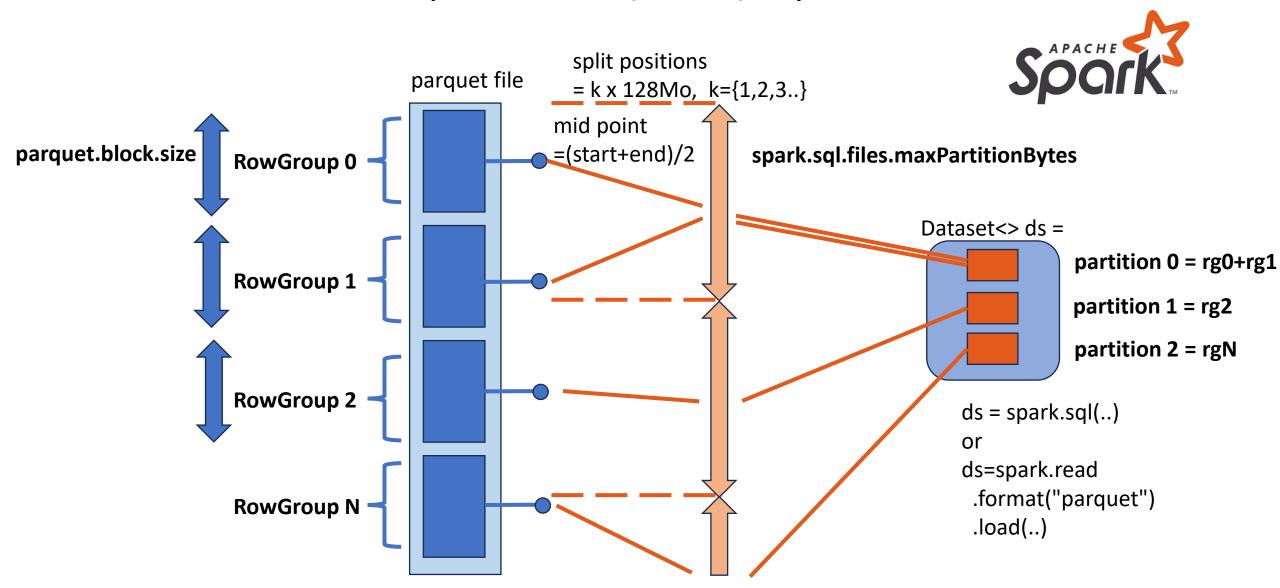
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spark.files.maxPartitionBytes = 128 Mo

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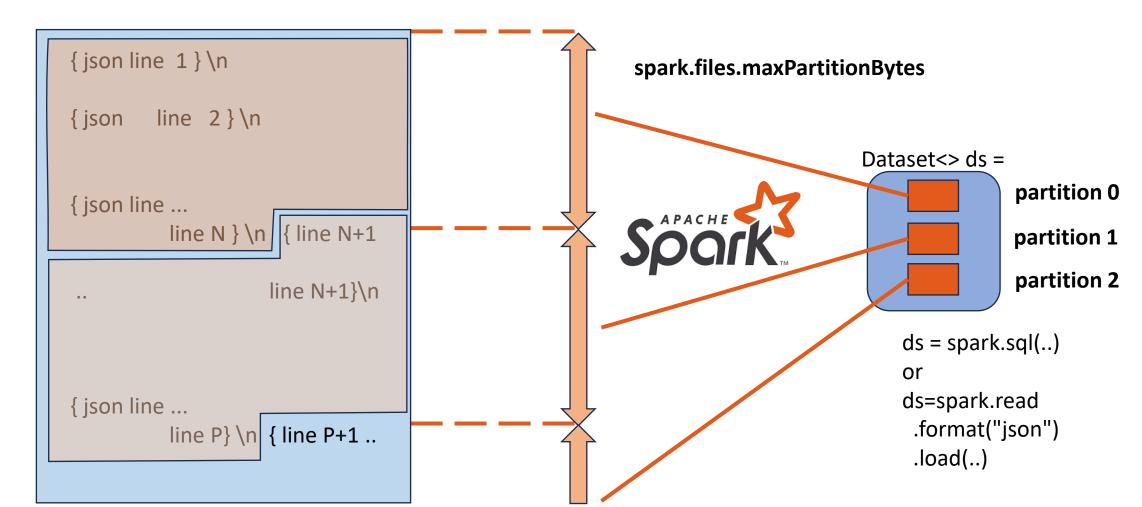
spark.sql.files.maxPartitionBytes = 128 Mo

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 $=> 26 \text{ splits} = 25 (\sim 128 \text{ Mo}) + 1 \text{ very small}$

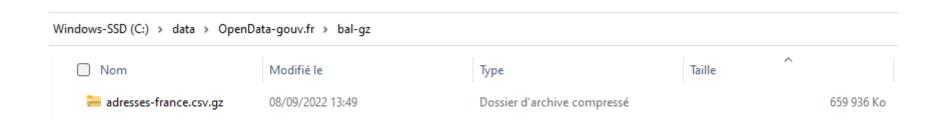
Windows-SSD (C:) > data > OpenData-gouv.fr > bal					
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adresses-france.csv	08/09/2022 13:49	Fichier CSV Microsoft Excel			3 280 937 Ko

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)

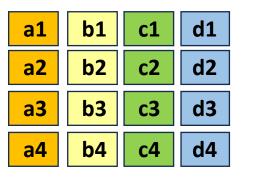
.lz4

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compromise between fast / compression ratio

PARQUET.{snappy | gz}

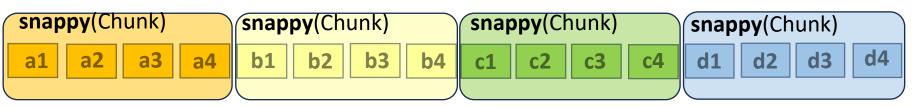
Logical view: rows - columns



On Disk: Columnar NO compression



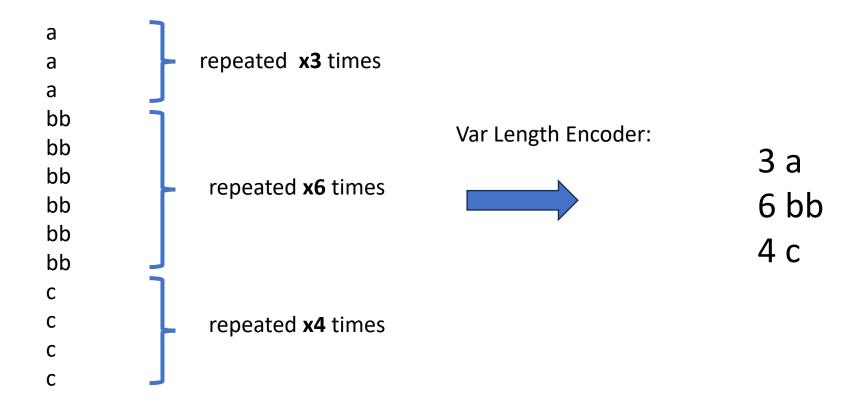
On Disk: Columnar parquet.{snappy | gz }



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
```

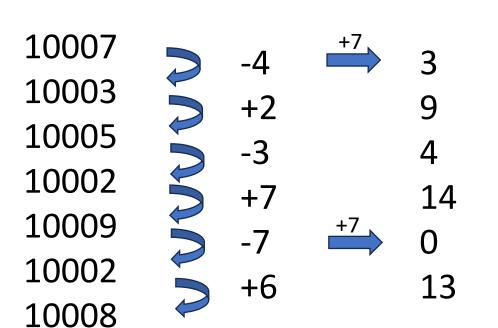
Small RowGroup (32M, 64Mo) => more Dictionaries

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

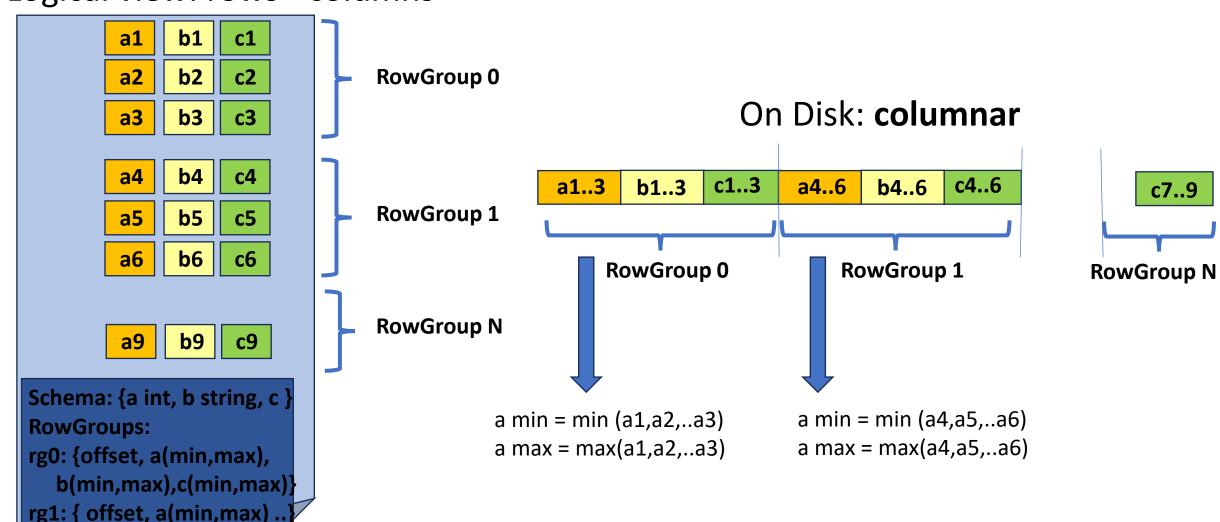
when fitting 2 bytes $4 + 6 \times 2 = 28$ bytes

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

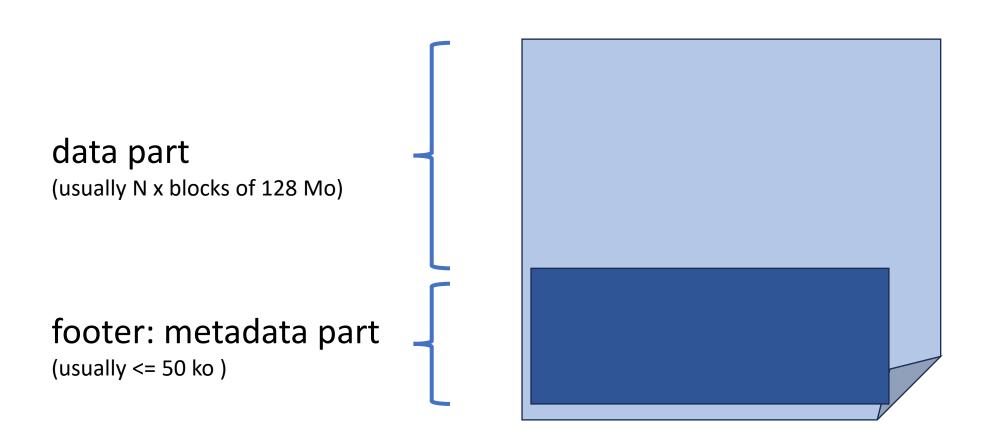
Parquet use Statistics

Column Statistics: min/max Value per RowGroup

Logical view: rows - columns



Reading Metadata => read schema + offset + statistics

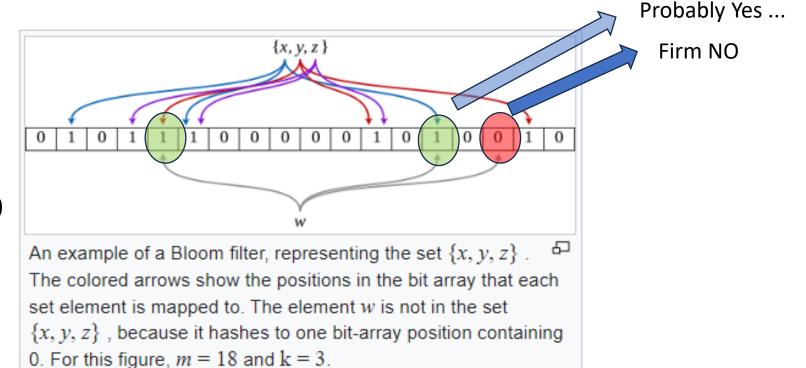


Parquet use Bloom Filter

Bloom Filter

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

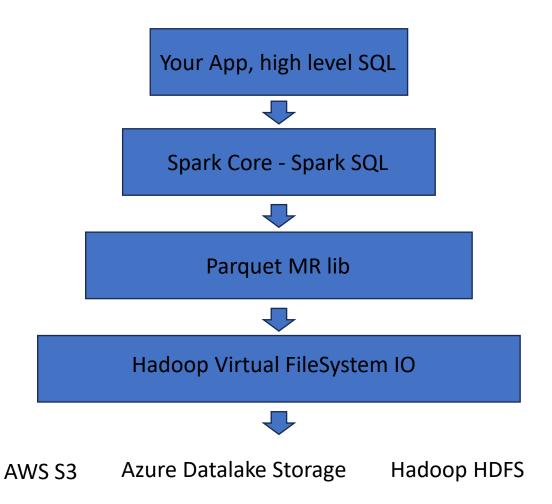
hash(W) = 0000100...10100



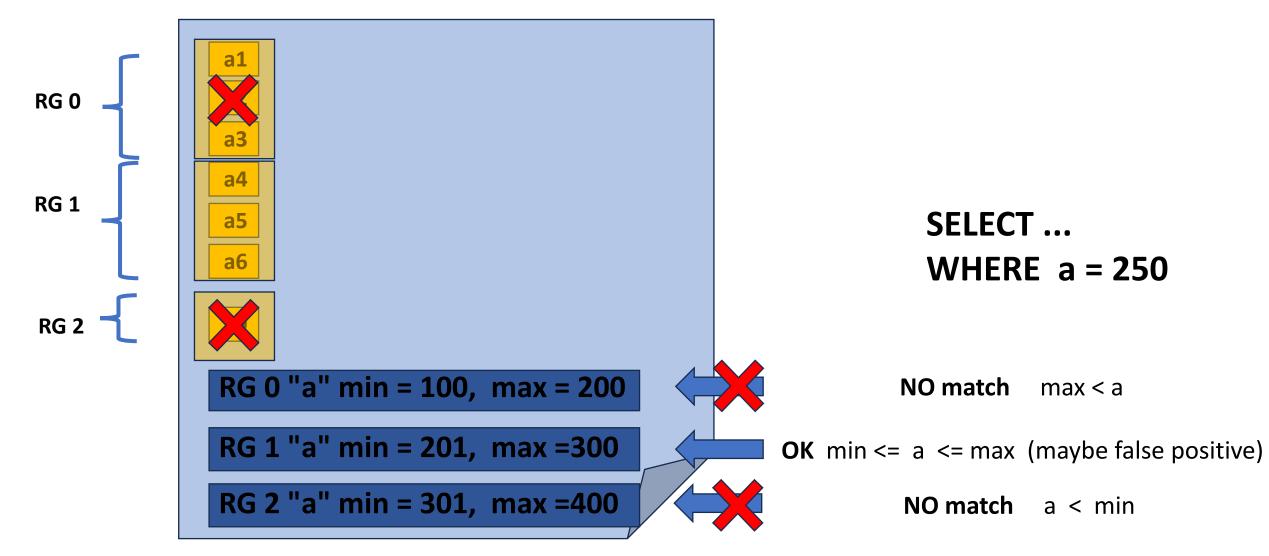
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bloom_filter

Parquet Predicate-Push-Down

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

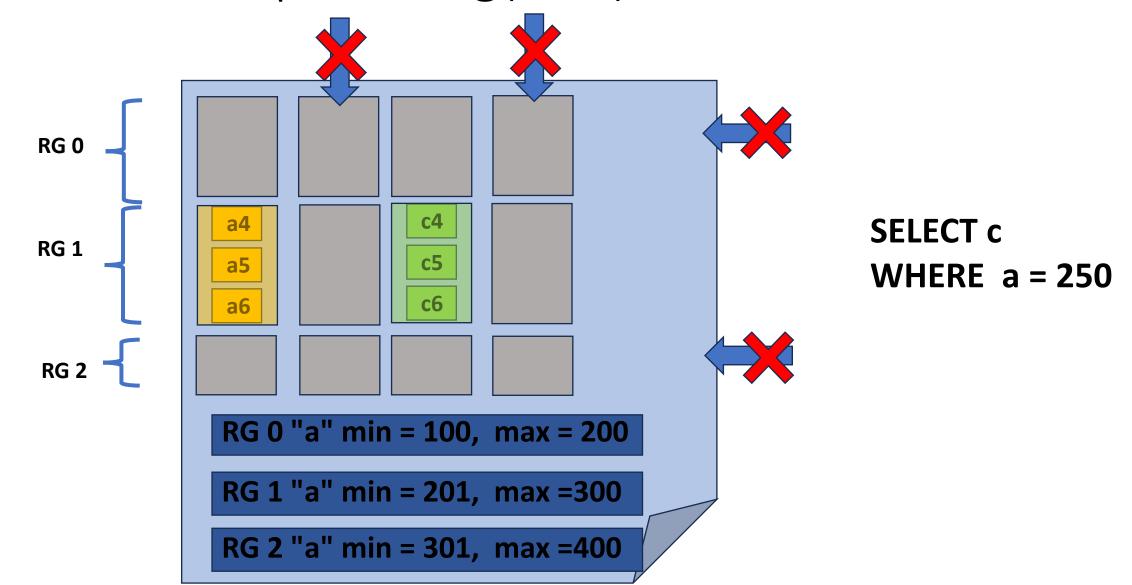


Statistics for skip read RowGroup SELECT .. WHERE column=value

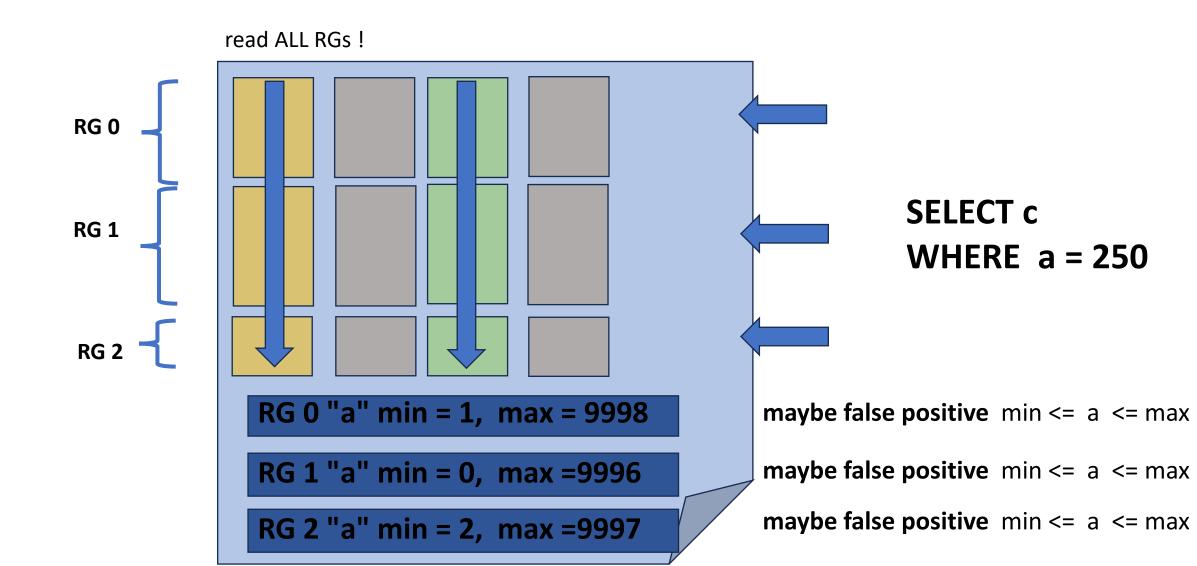


Column Pruning

+ RowGroup Pruning(PPD) = minimal Reads



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



Optim Write Once / Read Many

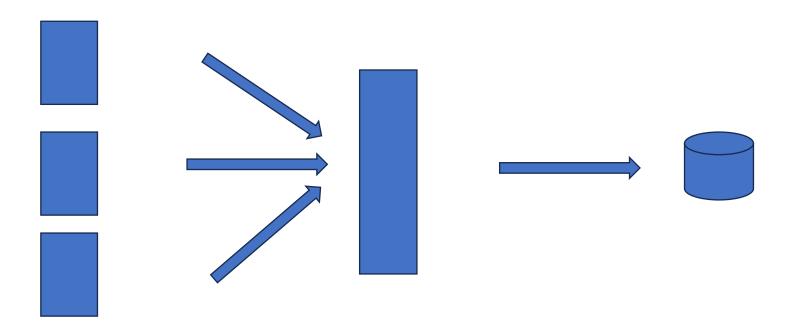
when writing Parquet files ... think how file might be read later! spend CPU when writing to save CPU / IO later reading

```
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)

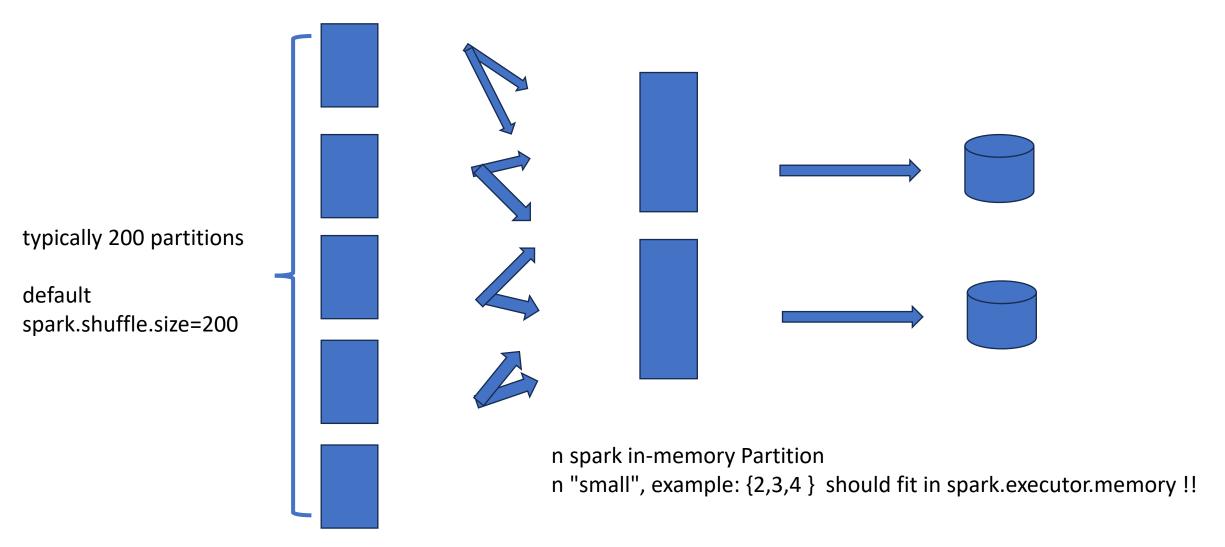


N spark in-memory Partitions distributed over N executors

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

write 1 parquet file

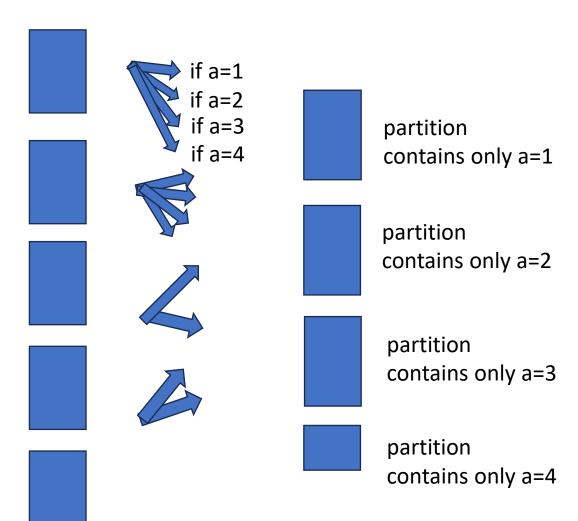
Does not fit in memory.. compromise to .repartition(smallN)



.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

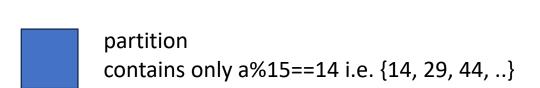
col "a" values in [1, 2, 3, 500000]

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

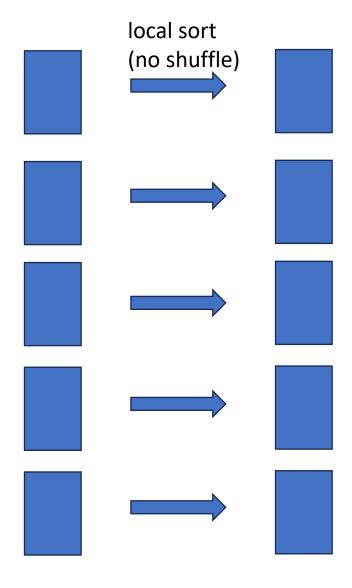
partition contains only a%15==0 i.e. {0, 15, 30, 45, ..}

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

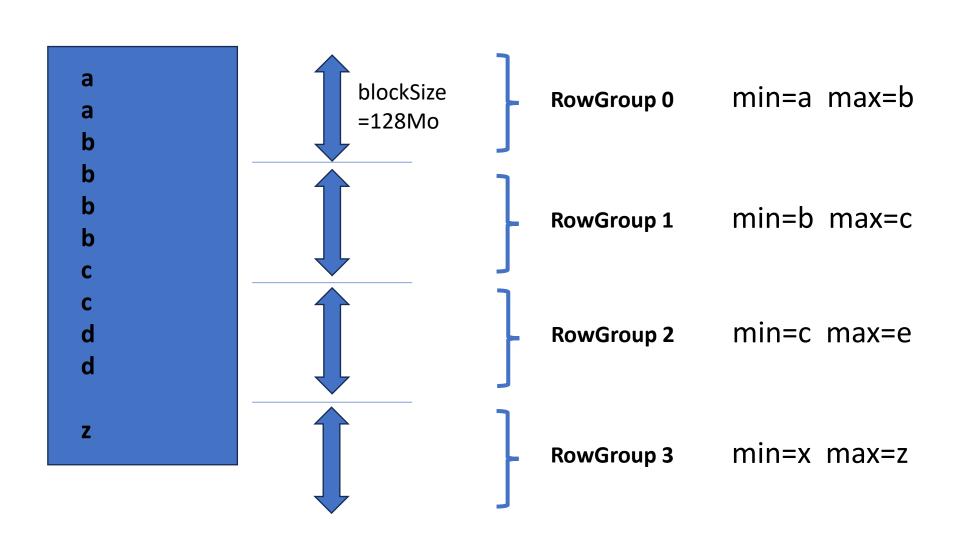
partition contains only a%15==2 i.e. {2, 12, 32, 47, ..}



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



.sortWithinPartitions => RowGroups stats more "compact"



see also Dataset.write .bucketBy(..)

explain spark Dataset write bucketBy



In Apache Spark, the bucketBy method is used to organize data into buckets (or partitions) based on the values of specific columns. This improves performance for certain operations like joins, aggregations, and lookups, particularly when the same bucketing is used across datasets.

What is Bucketing?

Bucketing is a technique to partition data into a fixed number of buckets based on the hash value of one or more columns. Unlike partitioning by directory structure, bucketing determines which bucket a record belongs to by applying a hash function to the column values.

Dataset's write.bucketBy

The bucketBy method in Spark is part of the DataFrameWriter API and is used to specify bucketing when writing data. It allows you to save a dataset in a bucketed format.

Syntax

```
pataset<Row> dataset = ...;

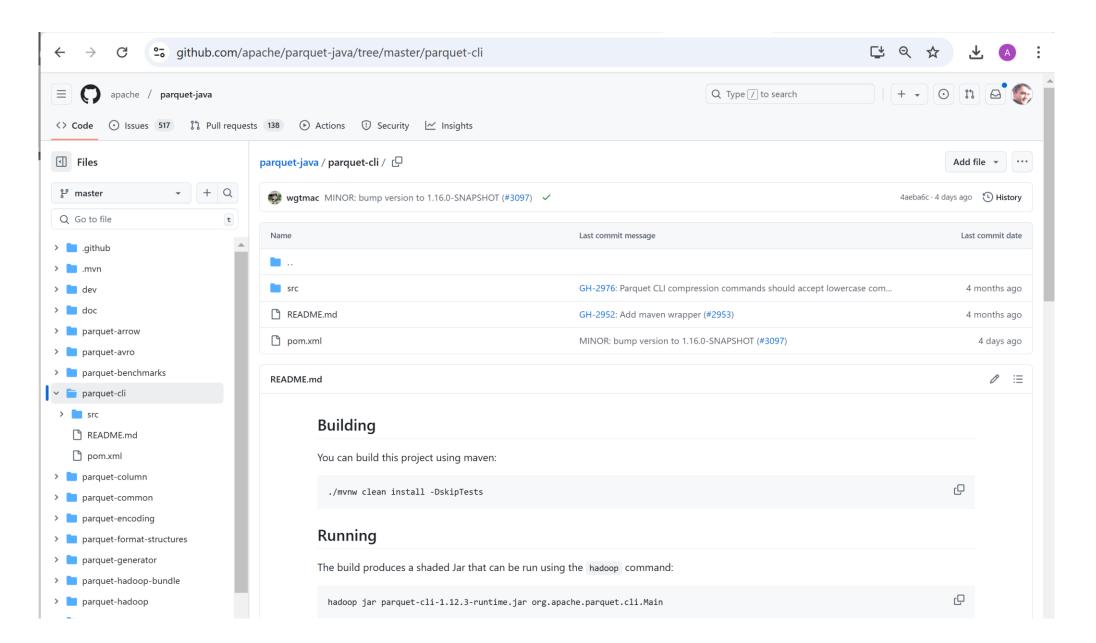
// Write data with bucketing
dataset.write()
    .bucketBy(numBuckets, "column1", "column2") // Define the number of buckets and buckets and buckets of sortBy("column1") // (Optional) Specify sort order within a format("parquet") // Specify file format (e.g., parquet, Outsave("/path/to/output");
```

Parameters

- numBuckets:
 - The number of buckets to divide the data into.
 - This is a fixed number and cannot be changed later.
- 2. column1, column2, ...:
 - The columns based on which the data will be hashed and distributed into buckets.

Analyzing Parquet Files, using "parquet-cli"

Analysing Parquet File, using "parquet-cli"



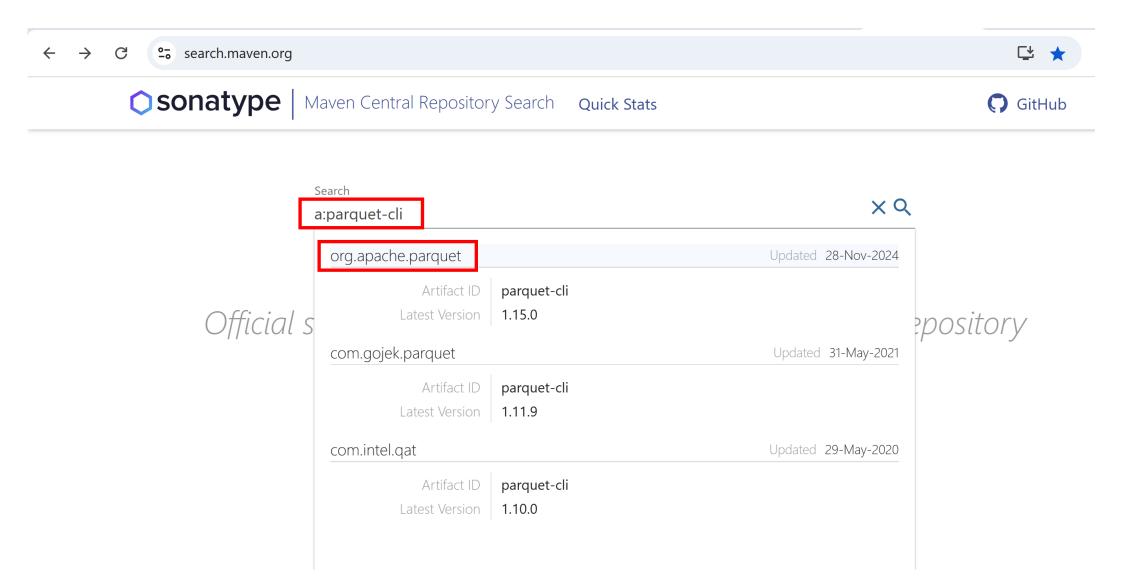
Search jar in maven repo: https://search.maven.org



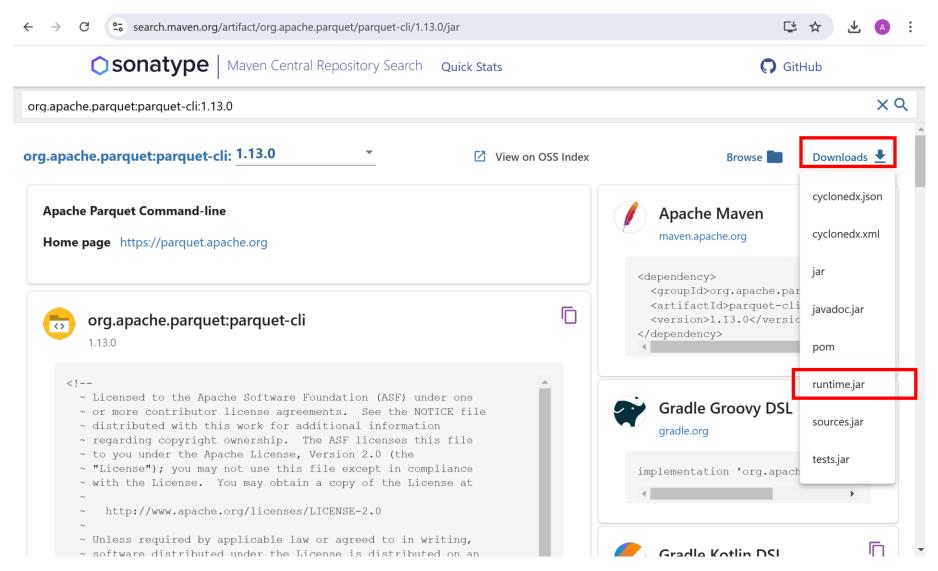
Official search by the maintainers of Maven Central Repository



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);
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parquet-cli meta [2/2]

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Row group 0: count: 219962 71,92 B records start: 4 total(compressed): 15,086 MB total(uncompressed):33,177 MB
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position
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X
                                                     5,37 B
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long
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lat
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cad_parcelles
                       BINARY
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                       BINARY
                                           219962
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source
                                 S _ R
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certification_commune INT32
                                           219962
date_der_maj
                       INT32
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                                           219962
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Row group 1: count: 215938 72,72 B records start: 15819187 total(compressed): 14,976 MB total(uncompressed):33,489 MB
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                                                     avg size
                                                                nulls
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uid_adresse
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cle_interop
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                                           215938
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                                                                        "01350" / "02546"
commune_insee
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parquet-cli meta | grep "Row group"

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

grep "Row group" meta.txt | head

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Row group 1: count: 219962 71,92 B records start: 4 total(compressed): 15,086 MB total(uncompressed):33,177 MB
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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

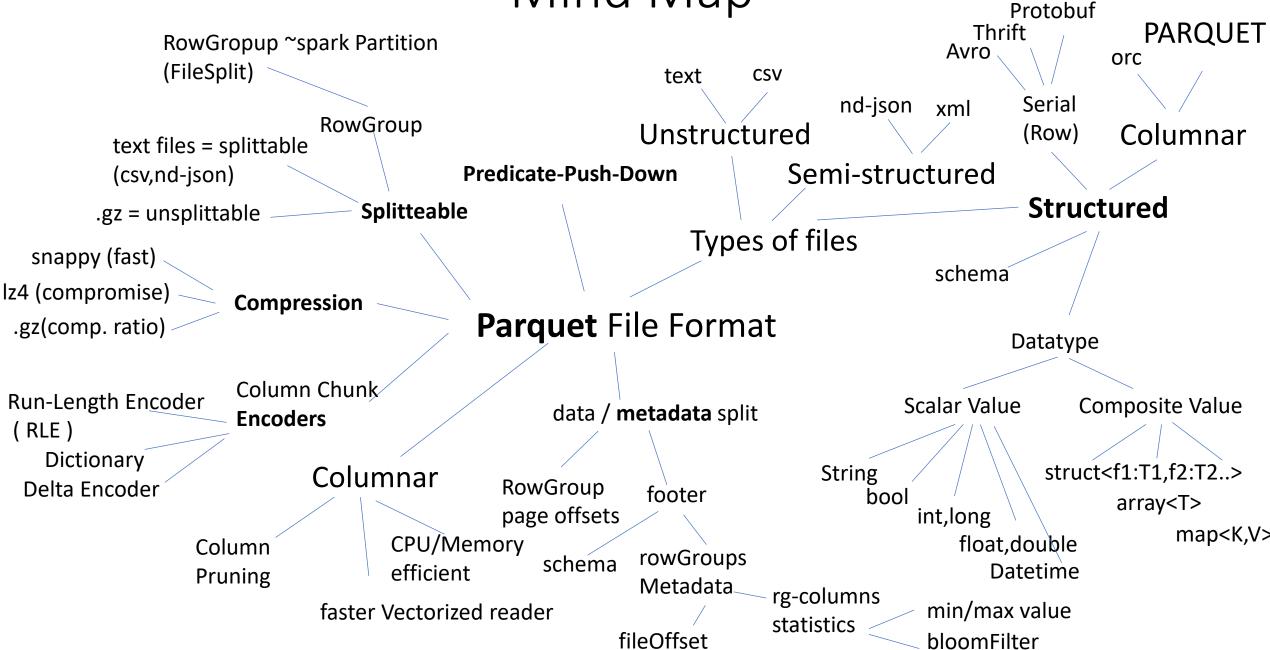
```
Doing BigData processing = doing Spark + Parquet

with good .repartition( ... )

.bucketBy( ... )

.sortWithinPartitions( ... )
```

Mind Map



Questions?

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