



# Taking Jupyter Notebooks and Apache Spark to the next level with PixieDust

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# WHY ARE YOU HERE?

- More companies making **bet-the-business data driven decisions**
  - Good news: they are drowning in Data
  - Bad news: they are drowning in Data
- **Solving the Data problems of tomorrow** cannot be done by data scientists alone.
- **Developers are getting more involved with Data Science**, moving from stovepipe applications to “data pipelines” that integrate data and analytics.

# How do we blur the lines between developers and data scientists?

Let's start with a story... we all know too well.

**Disclaimer:** All characters and events depicted in this story are entirely fictitious. Any similarity to actual use cases, events or persons is actually intentional.

# MEET BEN

## THE DEVELOPER



- Hold a master degree in computer science
- 10 year experience, 6 years with the company
- Languages of choice: Java, Node.js, HTML5/CSS3
- Data: No SQL (Cloudant, Mongo), relational
- No major experience with Big Data

“The best line of code is the one I didn't have to write!”

# MEET NATASHA

## THE DATA SCIENTIST



- Hold a PHD in data science
- 5 year experience, 2 years with the company
- Experienced in Python and R
- Expert in Machine Learning and Data visualization
- Software engineering is not her thing

“In God we trust. All others bring data.”

— W. Edwards Deming



# SURPRISE MEETING

With the VP of Development

**“We have an urgent need for our marketing department to build an application that can provide real-time sentiment analysis on Twitter data.”**

# KEY CONSTRAINTS

- You only have 6 weeks to build the application
- Target consumer is the business-focused user
  - Must be easy to use even for non technical people
- It must scale out of the box
  - I want you to look at Apache Spark

# SOME LEARNING TO DO...

“What exactly is Apache Spark?”

— NATASHA



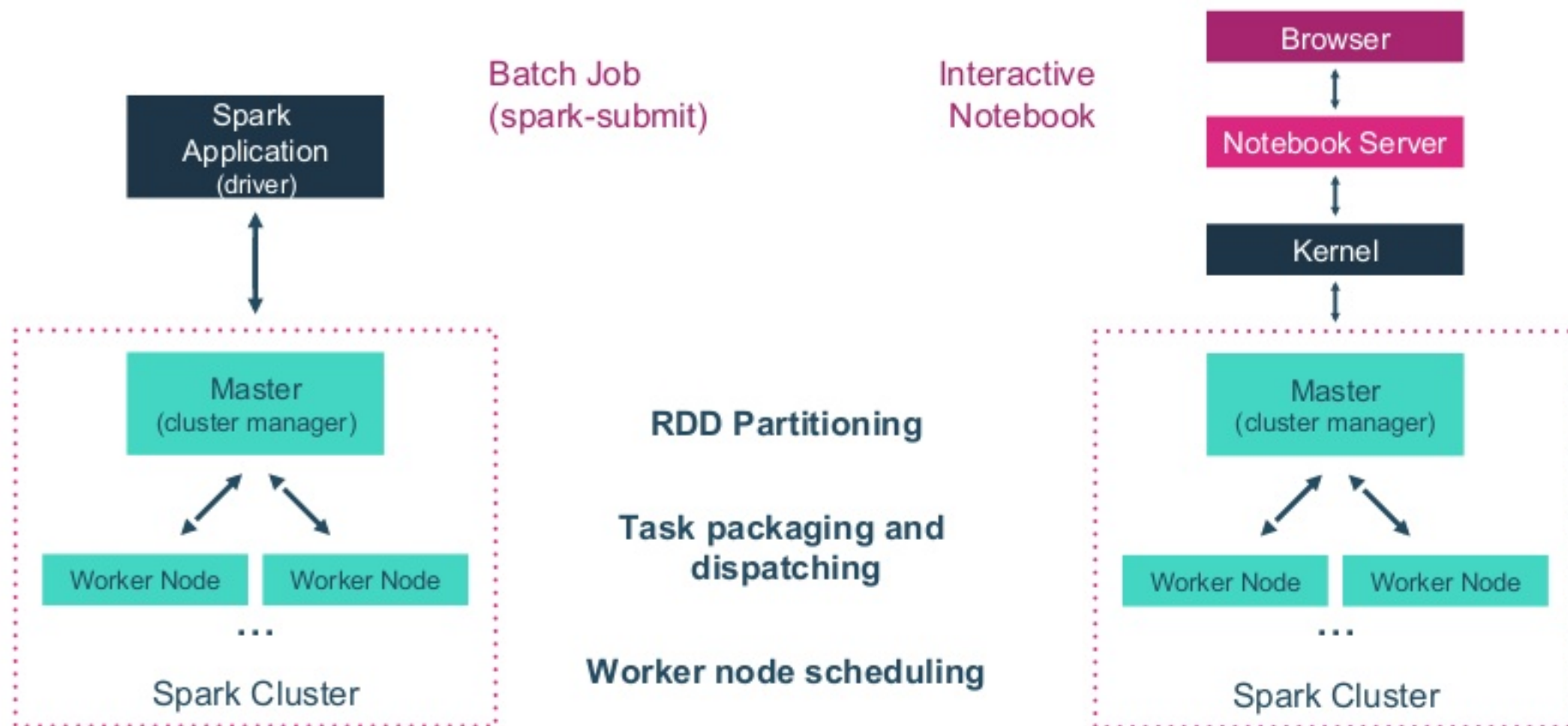


# Great Question Natasha!

Best way to answer it is to arrange a ticket to the Spark Summit for you to find out



# CONSUMING SPARK



# CAN WE COLLABORATE USING NOTEBOOKS?

“What exactly is a Notebook?”

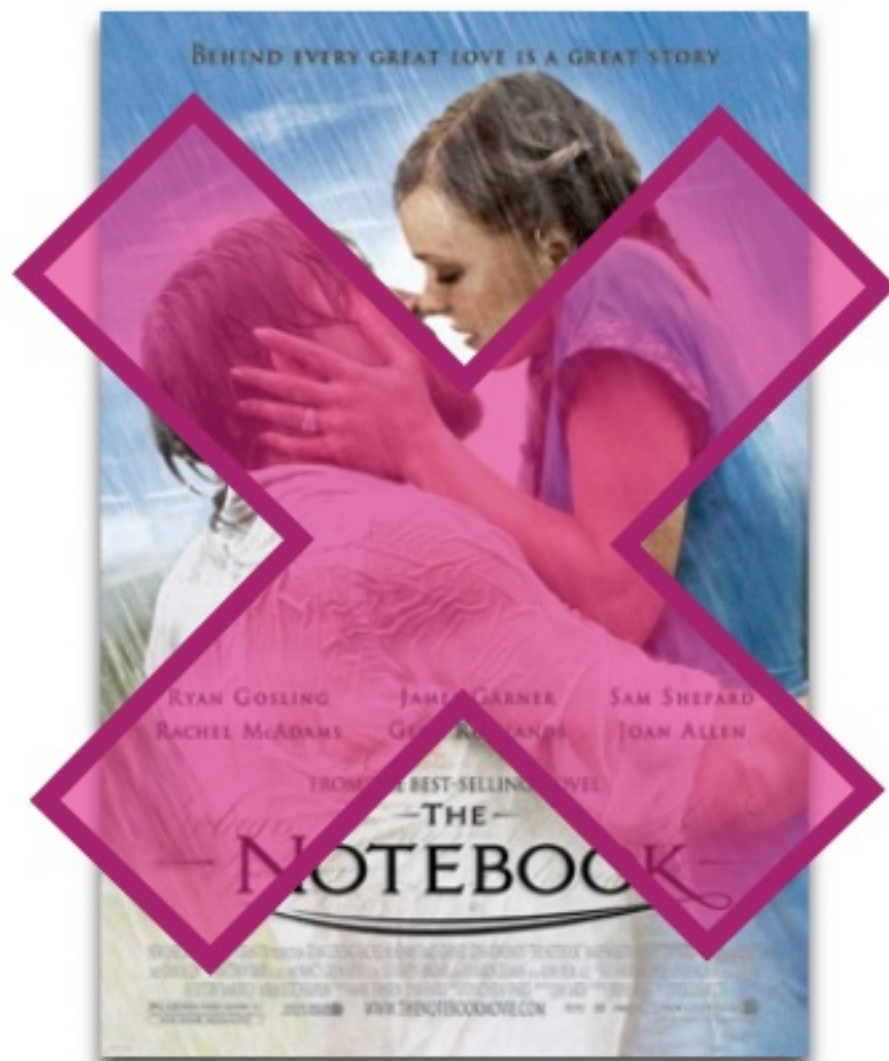
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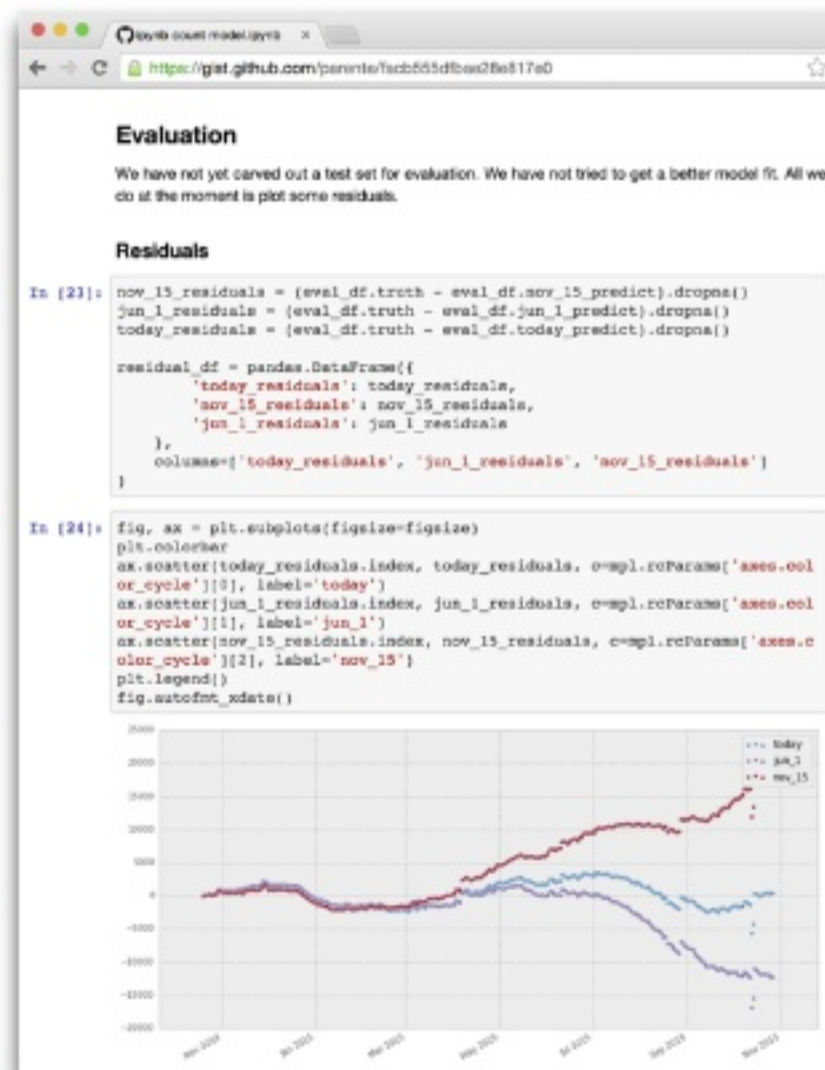


# WHAT IS A NOTEBOOK?

Text  
Annotations

Code  
Data

Visualizations  
Widgets  
Output



- Web based UI for running Apache Spark console commands
- Easy, no install spark accelerator
- Best way to start working with spark
- Multiple flavors
  - Jupyter
  - Zeppelin
- Local or cloud hosted
  - IBM Data Science Experience
  - Databricks

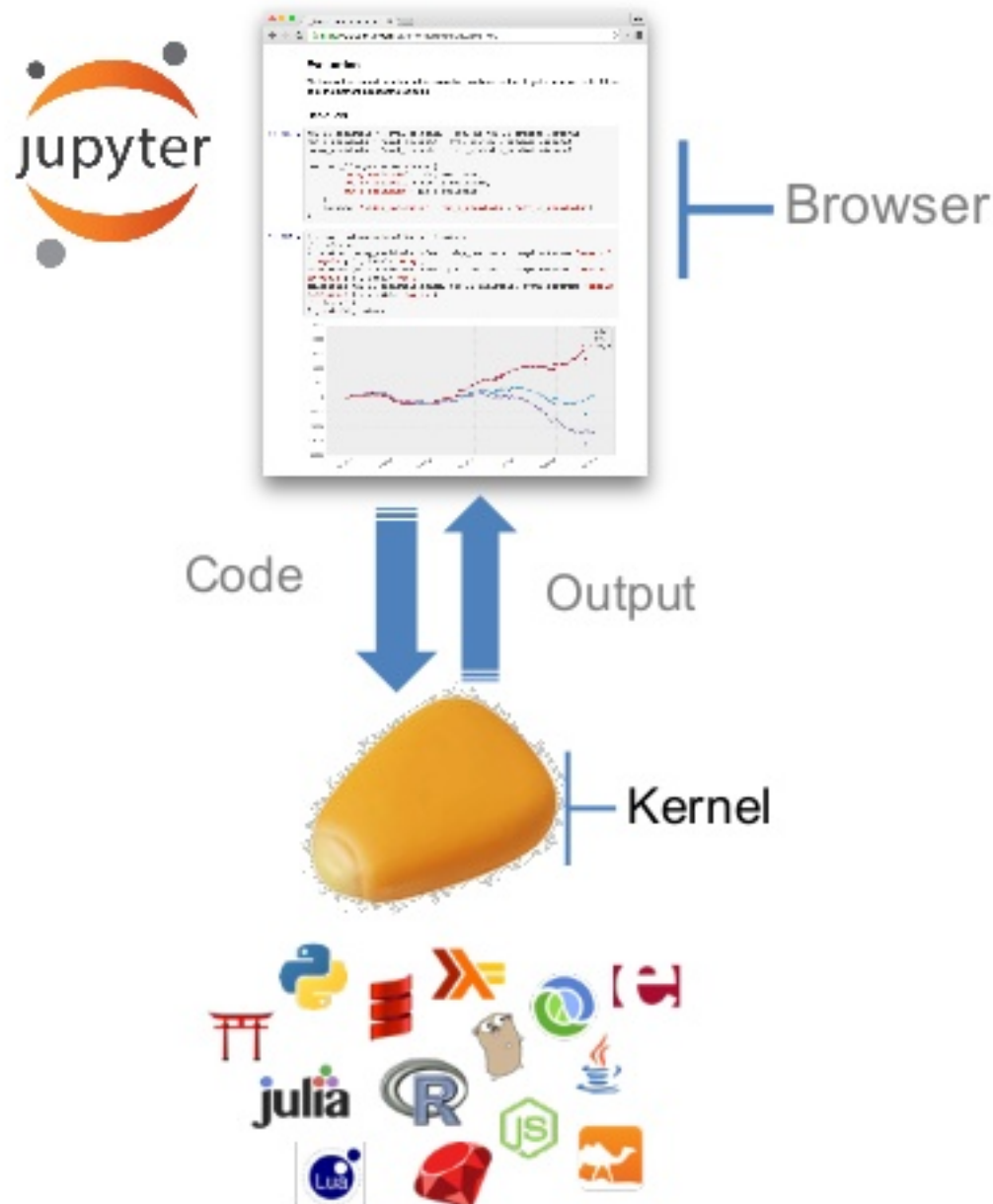
# What is Jupyter?

**"Open source, interactive data science and scientific computing"**

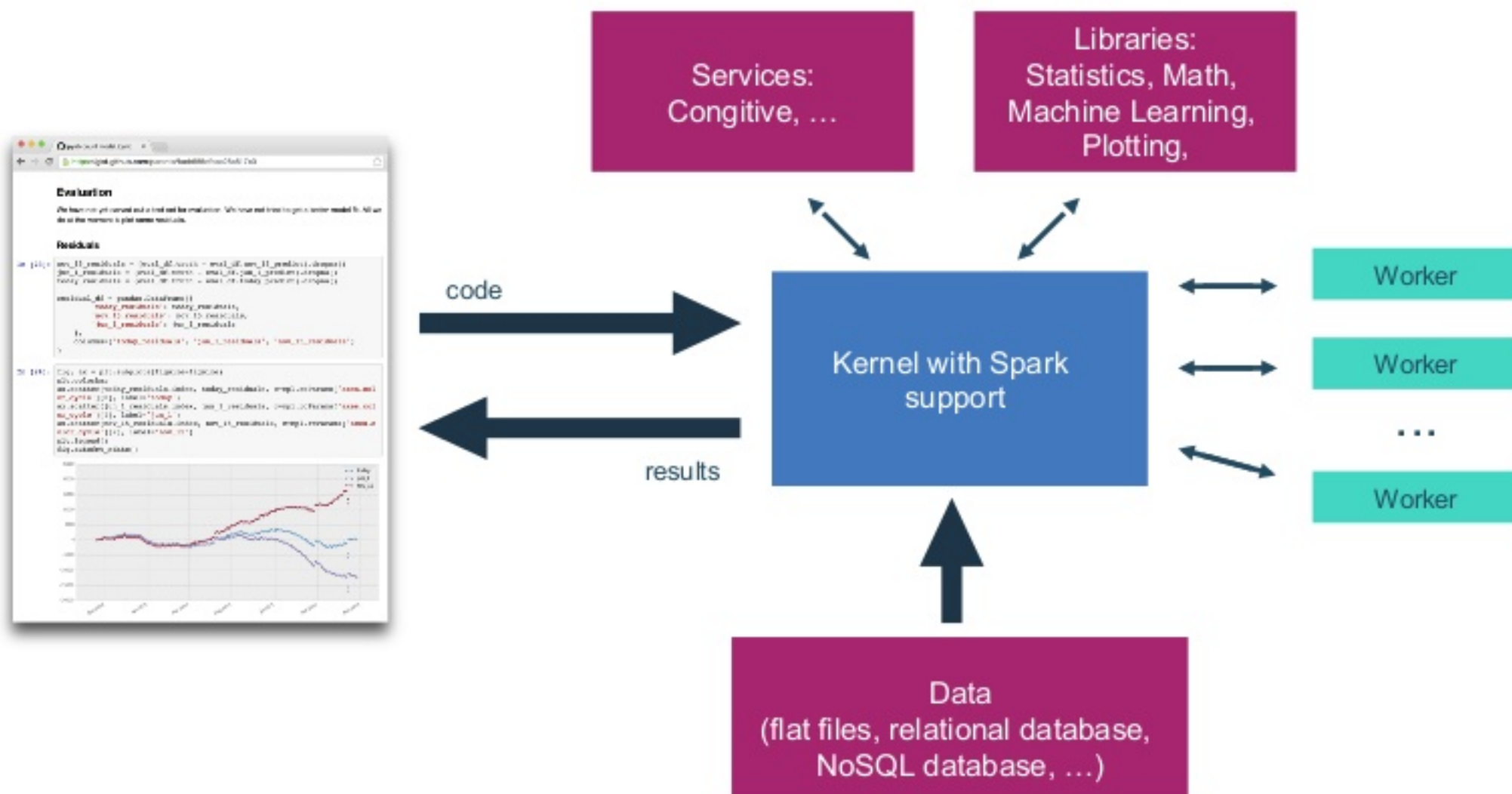
- Formerly IPython
- Large, open, growing community and ecosystem

**Very popular**

- “~2 million users for IPython” <sup>[1]</sup>
- \$6m in funding in 2015 <sup>[3]</sup>
- 200 contributors to notebook subproject alone <sup>[4]</sup>
- 275,000 public notebooks on GitHub <sup>[2]</sup>



# BIG DATA ANALYSIS



# NOTEBOOKS ARE POWERFUL TOOLS FOR DATA SCIENTISTS

“But they seem complicated for  
developers like me”

— BEN





# ENTER PIXIEDUST

Open Source Python helper library for Jupyter Notebooks

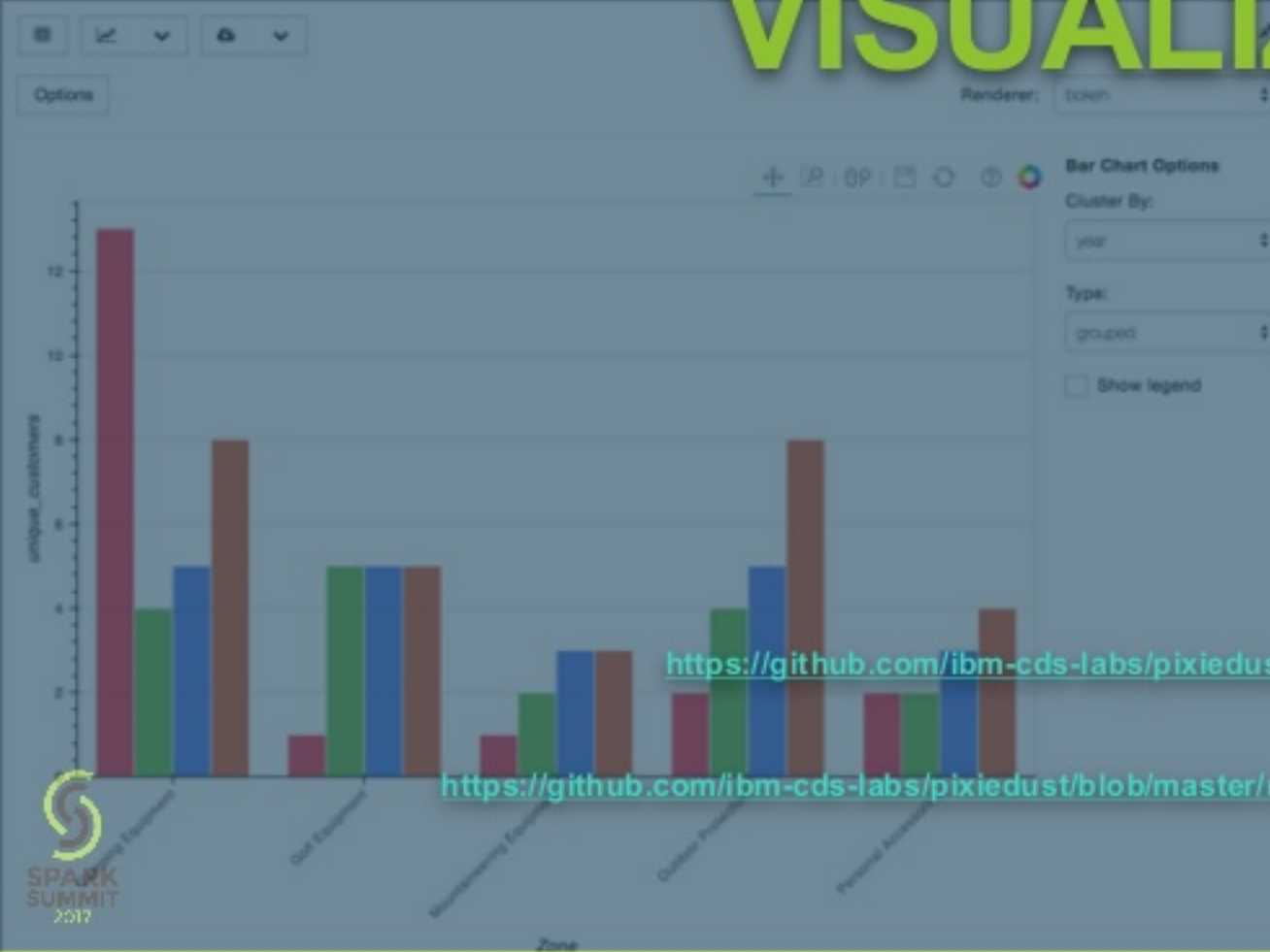
- Visualize data (e.g., Table, Charts, Map, etc)
- Data Management with PixieApps
- Download/export data (e.g., File, Cloudbant, etc.)
- Use Scala directly in a Python notebook
- Install Spark packages into Python notebook
- Spark job progress monitor
- Extensible



<https://github.com/ibm-cds-labs/pixiedust>

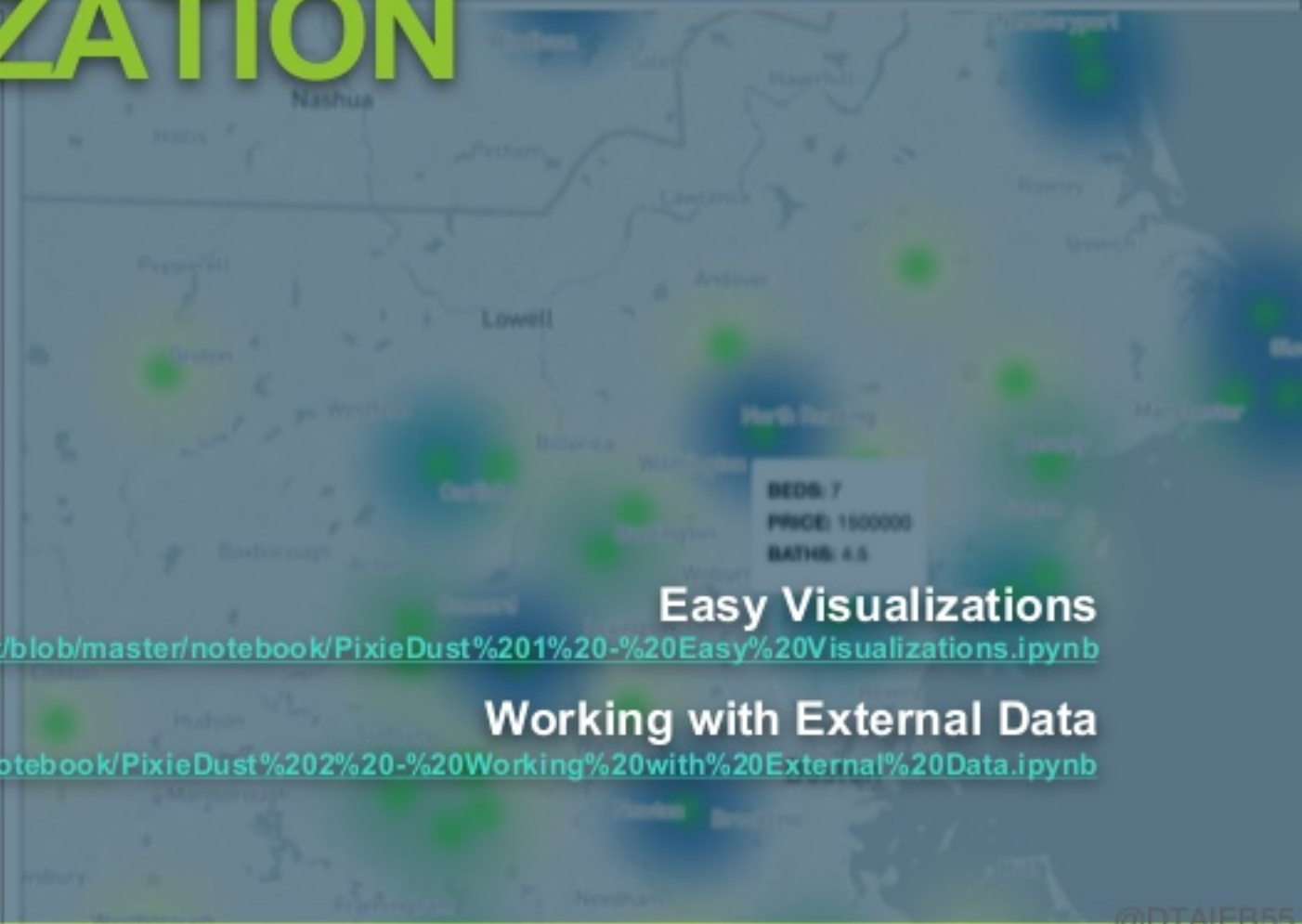
```
import pixiedust
dl = sqlContext.createDataFrame(
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(2010, 'Mountaineering Equipment', 1, 348), (2010, 'Outdoor Protection', 2, 200), (2010, 'Personal Accessories', 2, 200),
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(2012, 'Personal Accessories', 4, 45), (2013, 'Camping Equipment', 3, 27), (2013, 'Golf Equipment', 5, 434),
(2013, 'Mountaineering Equipment', 3, 27), (2013, 'Outdoor Protection', 8, 13), (2013, 'Personal Accessories', 4, 200)],
["year", "zone", "unique_customers", "revenue"])
display(dl)
```

# DEMO: PIXIEDUST DATA VISUALIZATION



<https://github.com/ibm-cds-labs/pixiedust/blob/master/notebook/PixieDust%20-%20Easy%20Visualizations.ipynb>

<https://github.com/ibm-cds-labs/pixiedust/blob/master/notebook/PixieDust%20-%20Working%20with%20External%20Data.ipynb>



Easy Visualizations

Working with External Data

# I AM OK TO USE PYTHON

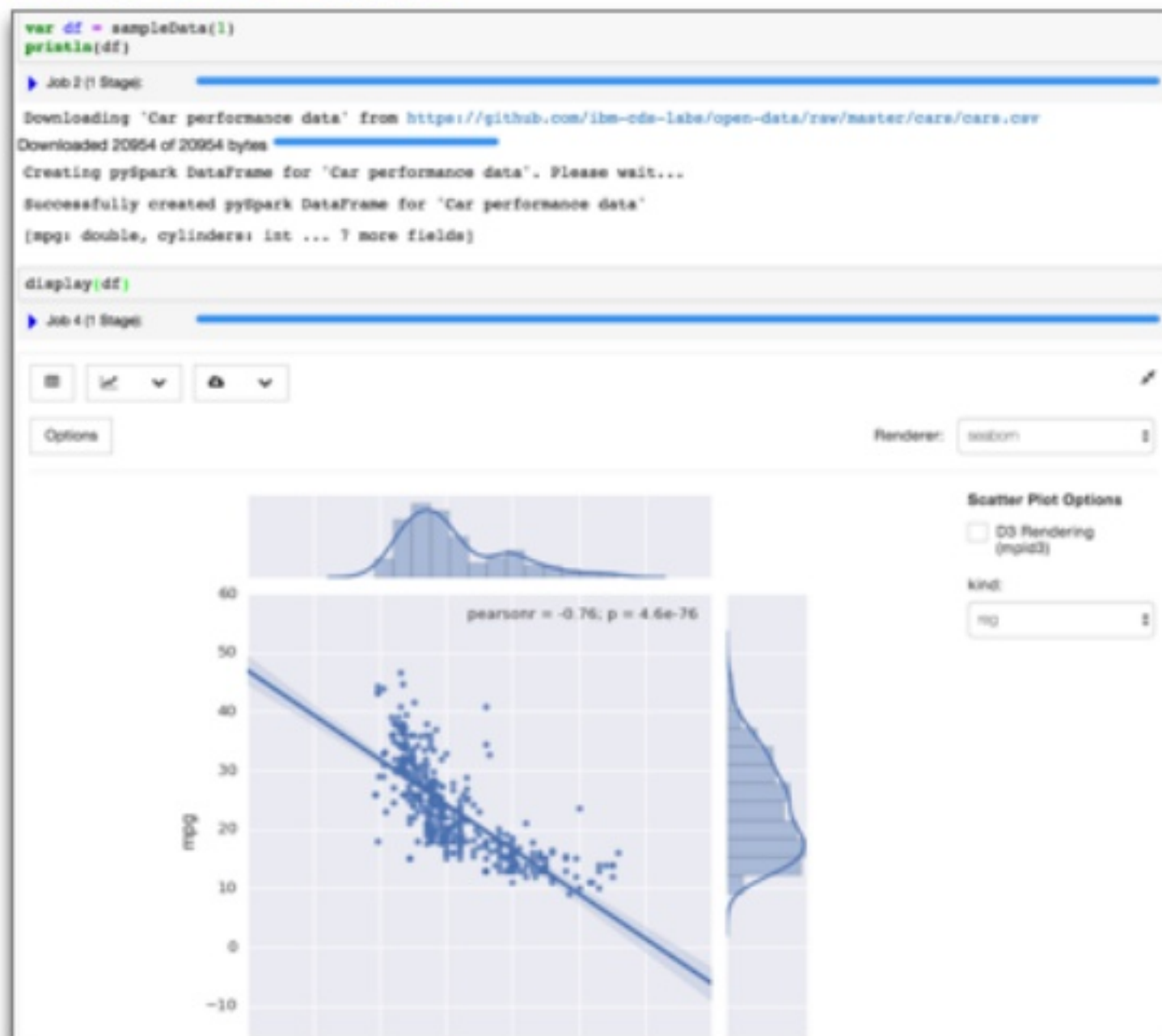
“But I am really more comfortable with Scala”

— BEN



# SCALA NOTEBOOKS

PixieDust also  
works with Scala  
Notebooks



Same PixieDust Scala  
APIs as in Python



# WHAT ABOUT THE LINE OF BUSINESS USER?

“Expressing everything in code is  
nice but LOB users will not be  
able to linearly run large number  
of cells”

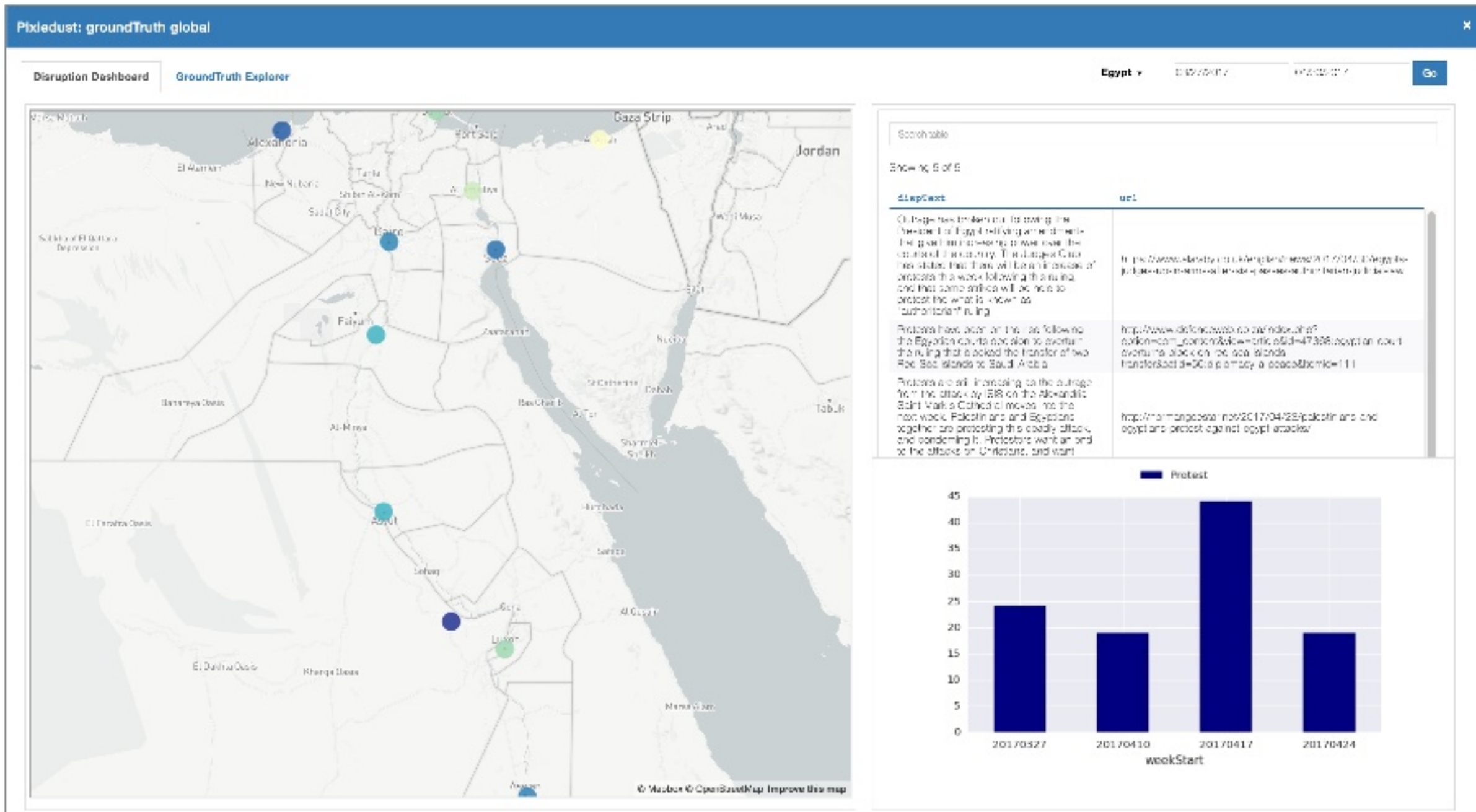
— NATASHA



# Enter PixieApps

- PixieApps are Python classes used to write UI for your analytics that runs directly in a Jupyter Notebook
- Easy to build: mostly HTML and CSS with some custom attributes (micro-format style)
- Leverage PixieDust Display visualization for charting
- With PixieApps you can:
  - Create different html views with routes to invoke them
  - Invoke Python Scripts from user interactions
  - Run in the notebook cell output or in a Dialog
  - and much more...
- Use cases:
  - Dashboards
  - Data Browsers
  - Data Pipeline Management

# Demo: PeaceTech GroundTruth Global Dashboard





# Demo: PeaceTech GroundTruth Global Dashboard

Pixledust: groundTruth global

Disruption Dashboard

GroundTruth Explorer

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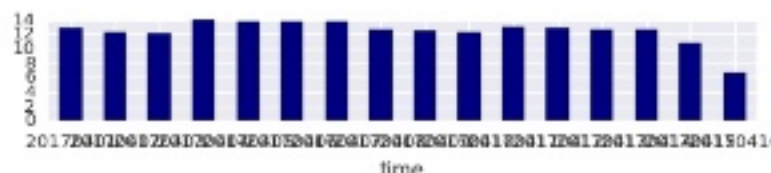
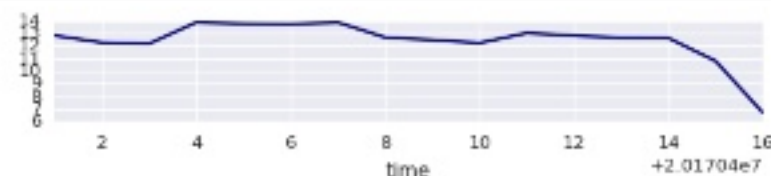
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Outrage has broken out following the President of Egypt halting amendments that give him increasing power over the course of the country. The judge Qadhi has stated that there will be an increase of protests this week following this ruling and that some strikes will be held to protest the what is known as "authoritarian" ruling.

<https://www.alamy.co.uk/eng/len/news/2017/04/02/egypt-judges-up-in-arm-when-sal-issues-authority-in-judicial-law>

Protests have been on the rise following the Egyptian court decision to overturn the ruling that blocked the transfer of two Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia.

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=47366-egyptian-court-overturns-block-on-red-sea-islands-transfer&catid=35-dailymail-com&Itemid=111](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=47366-egyptian-court-overturns-block-on-red-sea-islands-transfer&catid=35-dailymail-com&Itemid=111)

Protests are still increasing as the outrage from the strike by ISG on the Alexandria

Thousands of people have gathered in Ragna and Madinet to protest against corruption and the former administration more broadly. In Begeta, at least 20,000 people joined protests in Solfer Square. The protests have been organized by former president and current Senator Awad Uthman and have received widespread support among conservative groups. More protests are planned for the next few weeks. In addition, farmers in rural areas like Karna have begun protesting against the government's efforts to increase taxes, claiming that the government is not holding up its end of the bargain for these programs. On April 24th, women also took to the streets of Begeta to bring awareness to the increasing assault and murder against women that goes unaddressed in the country.

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# Demo: Data Browser for Cloudant/CouchDB

```
In [3]: from pixiedust.apps.cloudantBrowser import *
```

```
c = CloudantBrowser()
c.run()
```

Select a cloudant connection:

local

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```
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Generate DataFrame

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# WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BUILD A PIXIEAPP?

“Do I need to learn yet another framework?”

— BEN



# PIXIEAPP HELLO WORLD

```
from pixiedust.display.app import *
```

Import app package to start things off

```
@PixieApp
```

Simple annotation to tell PixieDust it's an app

```
class HelloWorldPixieApp:
```

set option clicked to true when button is

```
@route()
```

Define the default route (no args)  
Method will return the view's html fragment

```
def main(self):
```

```
    return """
```

```
        <input pd_options="clicked=true" type="button" value="Click Me">
    """
```

```
@route(clicked="true")
```

Define a new route that triggers when option  
clicked is set to true  
Allows Jinja2 template macros

```
def _clicked(self):
```

```
    return """
```

```
        <input pd_options="clicked=false" type="button" value="You Clicked, Now Go back">
    """
```

```
#run the app
```

```
HelloWorldPixieApp().run(runInDialog='false')
```

Import app package to start things off



# PIXIEAPP HELLO WORLD WITH DATA

```
from pixiedust.display.app import *
```

```
@PixieApp
```

```
class HelloWorldPixieAppWithData:
```

```
    @route()
```

```
    def main(self):
```

```
        return """
```

```
        <div class="row">
```

```
            <div class="col-sm-2">
```

```
                <input pd_options="handlerId=dataframe"
```

```
                pd_entity
```

```
                pd_target="target{{prefix}}"
```

```
                type="button" value="Preview Data">
```

```
            </div>
```

```
            <div class="col-sm-10" id="target{{prefix}}" />
```

```
        </div>
```

```
        """
```

```
#Create dataframe
```

```
df = SQLContext(sc).createDataFrame(
```

```
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  ["year", "zone", "unique_customers", "revenue"])
```

```
#run the app
```

```
HelloWorldPixieAppWithData().run(df, runInDialog='false')
```

Specify Display options for visualization

Allows binding of any entity created by the app

Display the output in the specified target

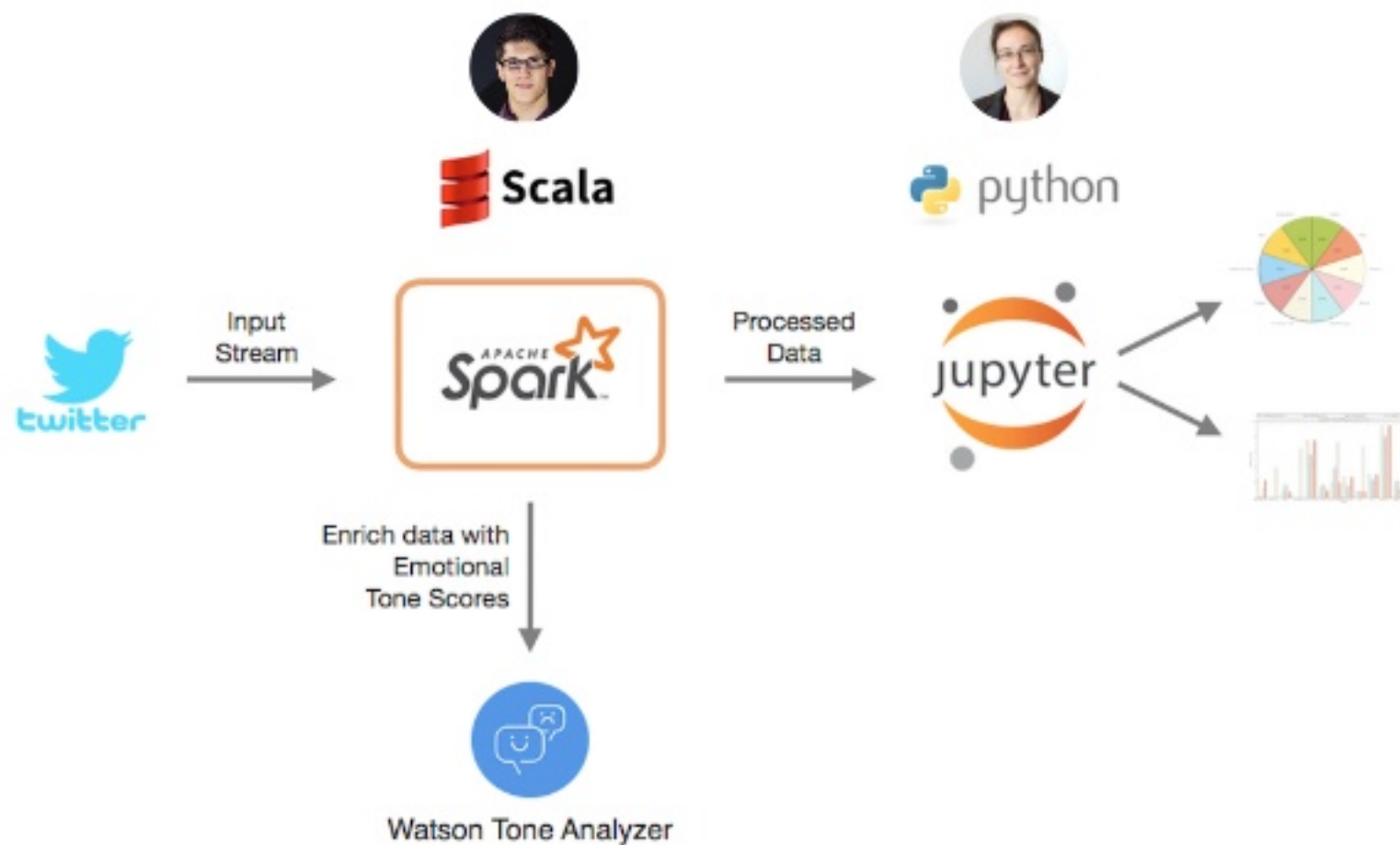
Placeholder div for displaying data

Pass data to the app



# OK, I'M SOLD...

## LET'S AGREE ON THE ARCHITECTURE



# BEN and NATASHA

## START BRAINSTORMING



- I'll work on data acquisition from Twitter and enrichment with sentiment analysis scores using Spark Streaming
- I know Java very well, but I don't have time to learn Python.
- However, I am willing to learn Scala if that helps improve my productivity

I'll need to do some data exploration too.



- I'll perform the data exploration and analysis
- I know Python and R, but I am not familiar enough with Java or Scala
- I like pandas and numpy. I'm ok to learn Spark but expect the same level of apis
- I need to work iteratively with the data

I'll need APIs to access my data.

# BEN and NATASHA

## DIVIDING THE TASKS



- Implement a Spark Streaming connector to Twitter
- Call Watson Tone Analyzer for each tweets
- Return a Spark DataFrame with the tweets enriched with Tone scores
- Code written in Scala, delivered as a Jar



- Works in a Python Notebook
- Using PixieDust PackageManager, install the Scala library delivered by Ben to load the twitter data with Tone scores
- Using PixieDust display() api, perform the data exploration and analysis: trending hashtags and sentiments
- Produce visualizations to LOB Users

# WATSON TONE ANALYZER

<http://www.ibm.com/watson/developercloud/tone-analyzer.html>

- Uses linguistic analysis to detect 3 types of tones
  - Emotion
  - Social Tendencies
  - Language Styles
- Available as a cloud service on IBM Bluemix

## Input

Hi Team,

The times are difficult! Our sales have been disappointing for the past three quarters for our data analytics product suite. We have a competitive data analytics product suite in the industry. But we are not doing a good job at selling it.

We need to acknowledge and fix our sales challenges. We cannot blame the economy for our lack of execution! We are missing critical sales opportunities. Our clients are hungry for analytical tools to improve their business outcomes. In fact, it is in times such

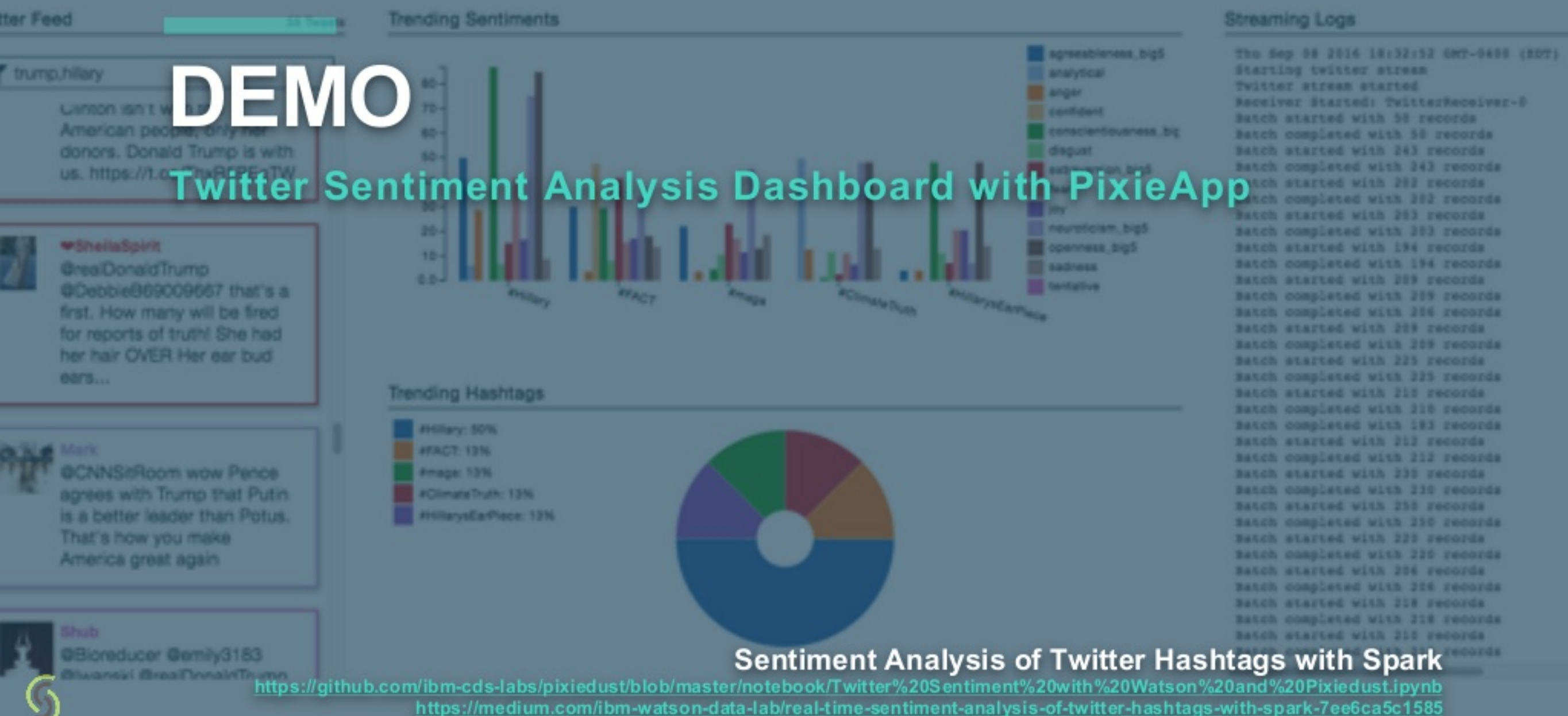
## Results





DEMO

## Twitter Sentiment Analysis Dashboard with PixieApp



# MEETING WITH THE VP

“SUCCESS!!”

# What's next for PixieDust

- Support Visualization for Streaming data
  - Start with Structured Streaming and IBM Streams
- Ability to publish/embed PixieApps into Web Application (Nodejs to begin with)
- PixieDust visualization enhancements
  - Custom colors
  - Custom GeoJSON layers for maps
  - Sorting/filtering
  - More renderers: Brunel, ArcGIS, etc.
  - ...
- Ability to run Node.js code to load and visualize data
- Support for Jupyter Labs and Jupyter Hub



# As always...

We look forward for your feedback  
and pull requests on GitHub

**<https://github.com/ibm-cds-labs/pixiedust>**



# CONCLUSION

- Solving the Data problems of tomorrow cannot be done by data scientists alone.
- Notebooks, considered by most to be the domain of data scientists, can help break down traditional silos and help team of all types who are working on data problems

## Try it for yourself today:

- IBM Data Science Experience  
<http://datascience.ibm.com/>
- Locally using PixieDust automated installer  
<https://ibm-cds-labs.github.io/pixiedust/install.html>



[1] Not just for data scientists

# RESOURCES

- <https://github.com/ibm-cds-labs/pixiedust>
- <https://ibm-cds-labs.github.io/pixiedust>
- <https://medium.com/ibm-watson-data-lab/i-am-not-a-data-scientist-efe7ca6ceba2>
- <https://spark.apache.org>
- <https://www.ibm.com/us-en/marketplace/spark-as-a-service>
- <http://datascience.ibm.com>
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# Questions

