Spark

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Big data

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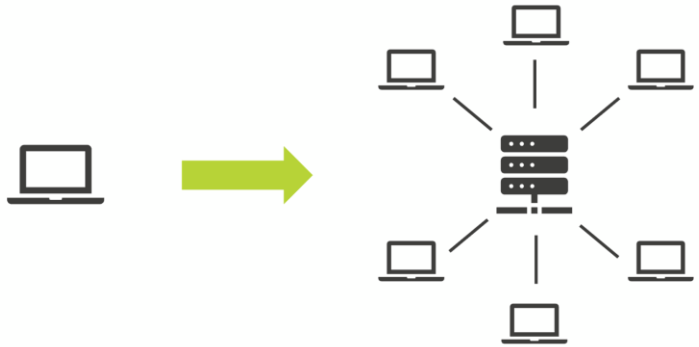

Distributed Computing

Runtime system

What do you do when the amount of data you have is too much for your single machine?

What needs to be handled?

- Parallelization/synchronisation
- Distribution of computation
- Distribution of data
- Communication between nodes
- Node failures

Difficult to implement everything yourself!

Apache Spark

An open-source unified analytics engine for large-scale data processing

What makes it special?

- Builds upon Hadoop MapReduce (another runtime system for distributed data processing) and extends it to allow for more types of computations
- Fast recovery mechanisms in case of node failure
- Allows to express more complex data pipelines
- Much faster than Hadoop

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Spark Components

What do you need for Spark to work?

1. Programming model
2. Runtime model
3. Cluster manager
4. Distributed filesystem

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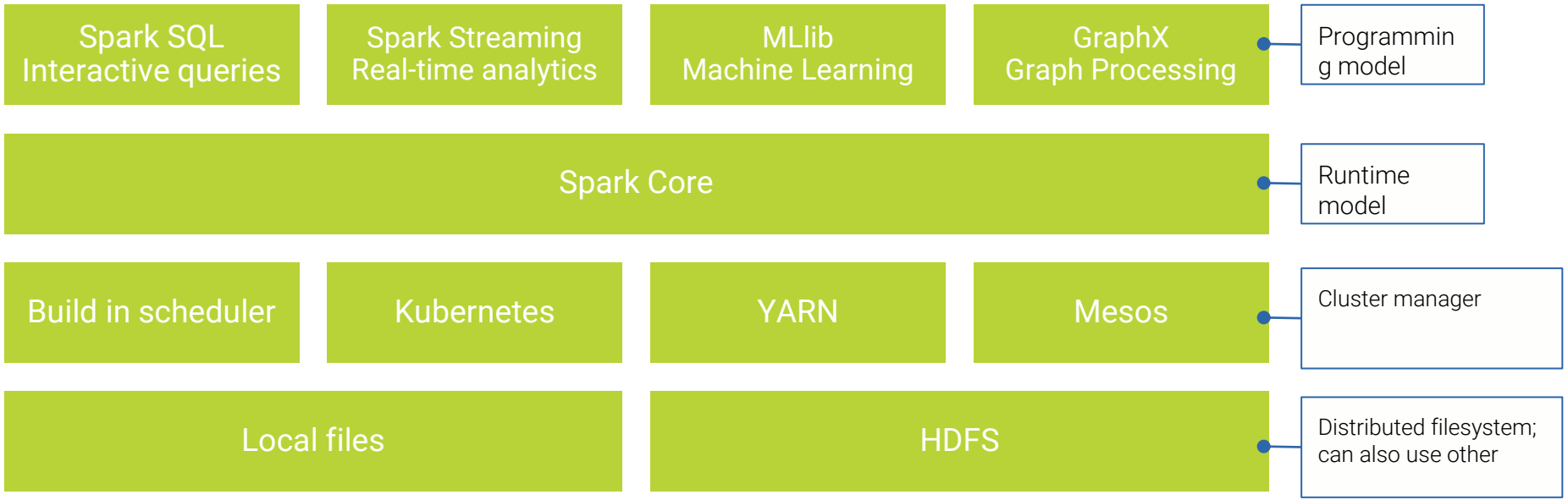

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Spark Libraries and Programming models

Spark SQL Interactive queries	Spark Streaming Real-time analytics	MLlib Machine Learning	GraphX Graph Processing

Programming models

- Provide an interface to data processing with Spark as processing engine underneath
- Spark provides several libraries with different functionality and different types of data processing in mind
- Spark Libraries and APIs are available in several programming languages like Scala, Java, Python and R
- In Python there is also a really nice Pandas API which allows to directly use Pandas on Spark

Core concept: RDDs

RDDs - Resilient Distributed Datasets

RDDs

- Fundamental data structure upon every other data structure like DataFrames and Datasets are build upon
- immutable: can not be changed
- tracks lineage information for data recovery

Allows to perform two types of functions: transformations and actions

- Transformations are operations applied on the input data (examples: map(), filter(), sortBy())
- Actions are processes which trigger the creation of new RDDs
- Spark uses lazy evaluation, meaning: when applying transformations to data a new RDDs is only created once you use an action

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Spark Core

A few Remarks

- Algorithms and data structures in Spark are able to exploit memory hierarchy -> can exploit faster access to cached datasets
- Spark utilizes column-oriented storage which allows for faster computation
- Data is split up into partitions: can be adapted manually; should be kept in mind when calling certain functions (shuffle is expensive)

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Basic principle

1. Create initial dataset.
2. Analyze it by calling the corresponding methods, e.g. limit(...), filter(...). Each method again returns a Dataset object.
3. Evaluation only starts once the result is required, e.g. by using count(), show() or collect()

Working with Spark

Writing your Spark app

Spark Session

- Instantiates Spark + SQL context.
- From a SparkSession, one can access all contexts and configurations.

```
from pyspark.sql import SparkSession

spark = SparkSession.builder \
    .appName("Pyspark Intro Taks")\
    .getOrCreate()
```

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Spark Transformations

- Instructions on how to modify a data structure
- Lazy evaluation
- Input partitions mapped to output partitions:
  - 1:1 -> **narrow**
  - 1:n -> **wide** (shuffle required)

```
df.filter(col("city") == "Munich")

df.groupBy("city").sum("vehicles")
```

Working with Spark

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Spark Transformations

- agg
- except
- flatMap
- intersect
- limit
- orderBy
- select
- union
- distinct
- filter
- groupBy
- joinWith
- map
- sample
- sort

See docs for more information:
https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/sql-ref.html

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Spark Actions

- Triggers the computation immediately
- Different purposes
  - View data
  - Collect data to objects
  - Write to output

```
df.show()

df.count()
```

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Managing Datasets results

- persist
- unpersist
- explain
- printSchema

Collecting

- describe
- first
- count
- show
- collect
- foreach

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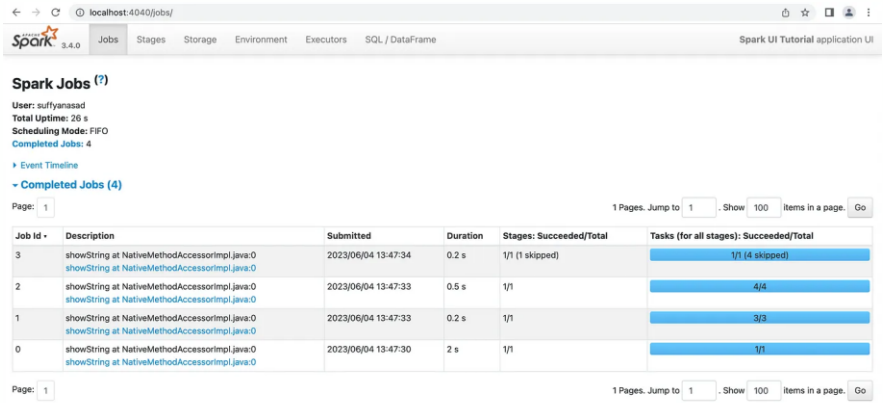
Web UI for development and monitoring

- Monitor the job progress
- Available at http://localhost:4040
- For tuning and debugging



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