

# An Introduction to **Apache Spark**

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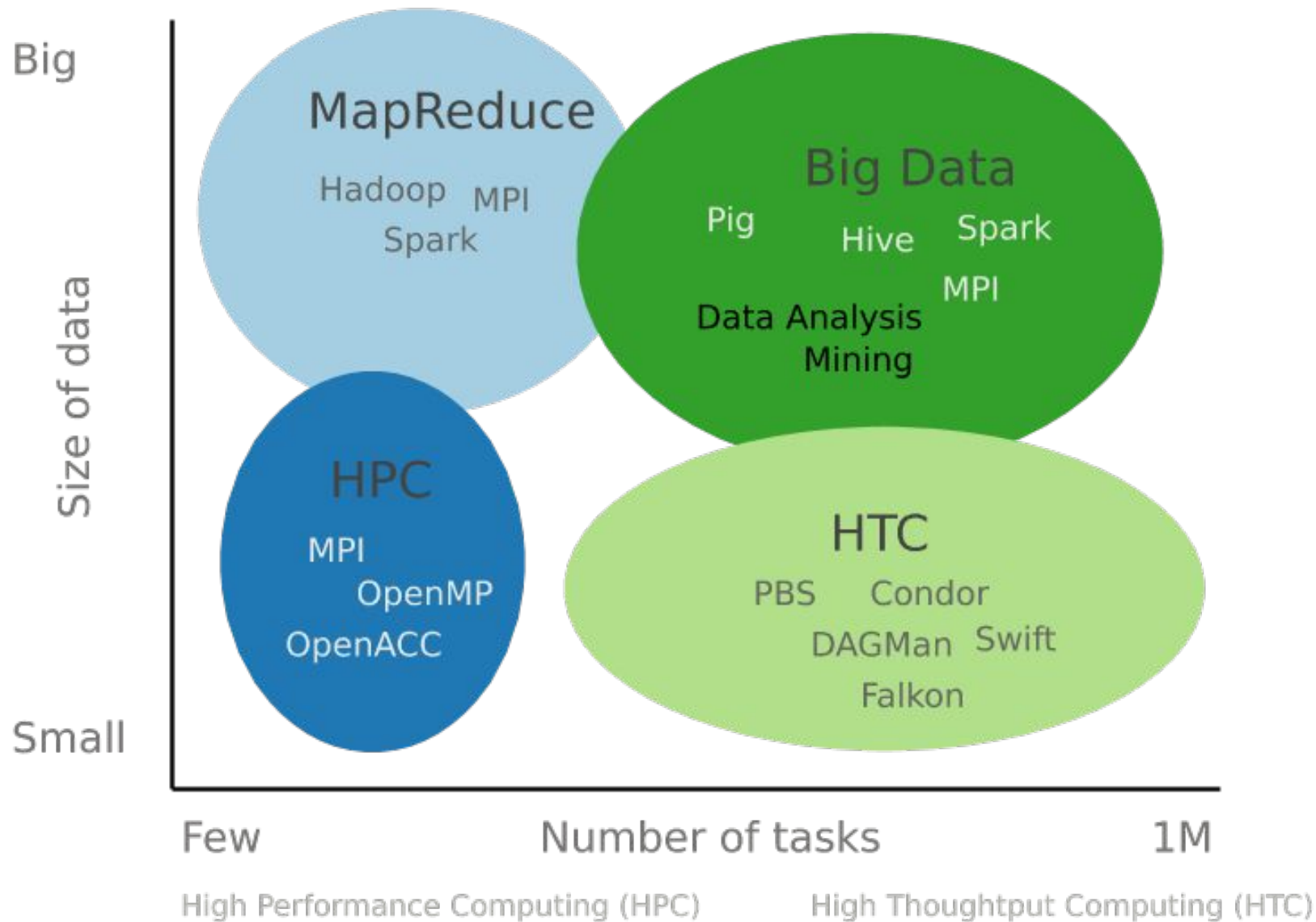
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Slides, examples, and data available at:  
<https://github.com/milroy/Spark-Meetup>

**Basics → RDDs → Architecture**



Many-Task Computing: Bridging the Gap between High Throughput Computing and High Performance Computing

# What is Spark?

- A general-purpose engine for processing huge data.
- Exposes APIs in Java, Scala, Python, and R.
- Base project for a number of special-focus libraries
  - MLlib - [spark.apache.org/mllib/](http://spark.apache.org/mllib/)
  - SparkSQL - [spark.apache.org/sql/](http://spark.apache.org/sql/)
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**Spark accomplishes these goals with a data structure called Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDDs) that allow data to be persisted in-memory.**

Basics → **RDDs** → Architecture

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## Configurable

- Users can persist intermediate results in memory.
- Users can, to a limited degree, control data placement.
- Data can be placed in-memory, on disk, or a combination of both.

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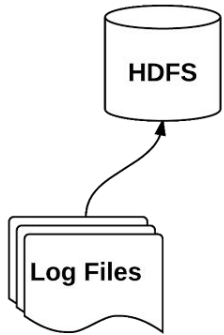
- RDDs are divided into partitions
- User can explicitly control partition count

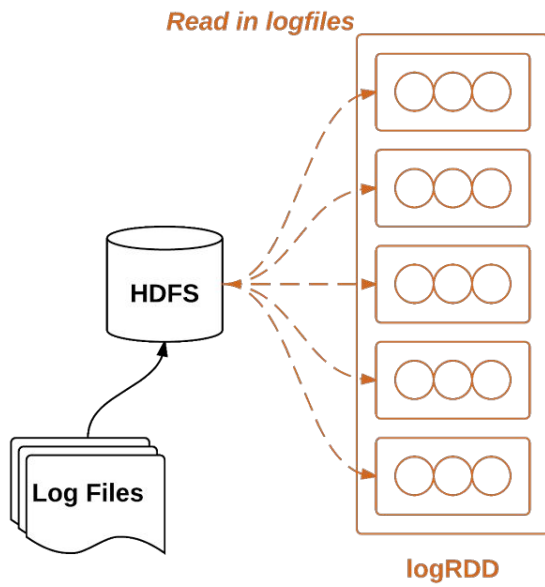
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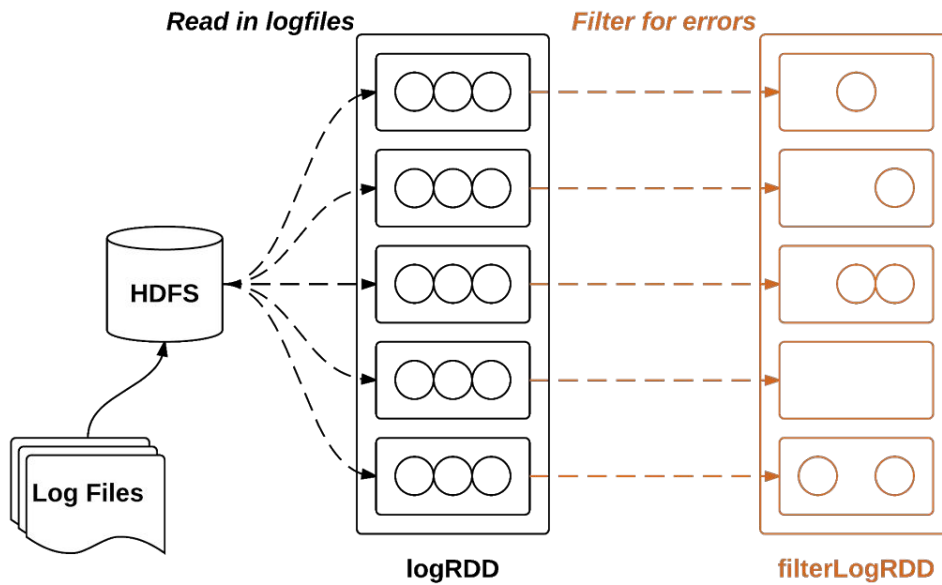
- Solving fault tolerance with replication scales poorly.
- RDDs don't replicate, they trace partition lineage with a DAG.
- Evacuated or lost partitions can be recomputed efficiently
- Lazily-evaluated

## Building the DAG





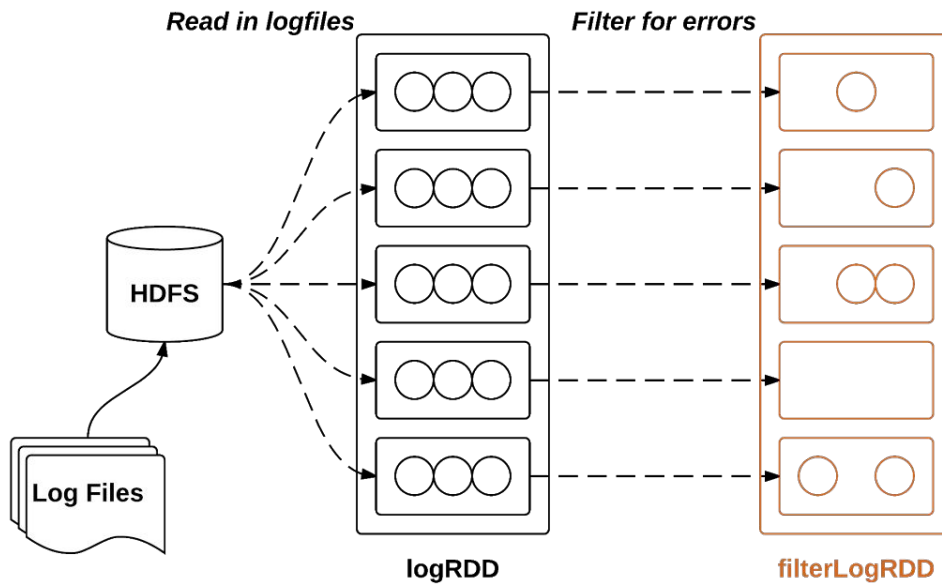
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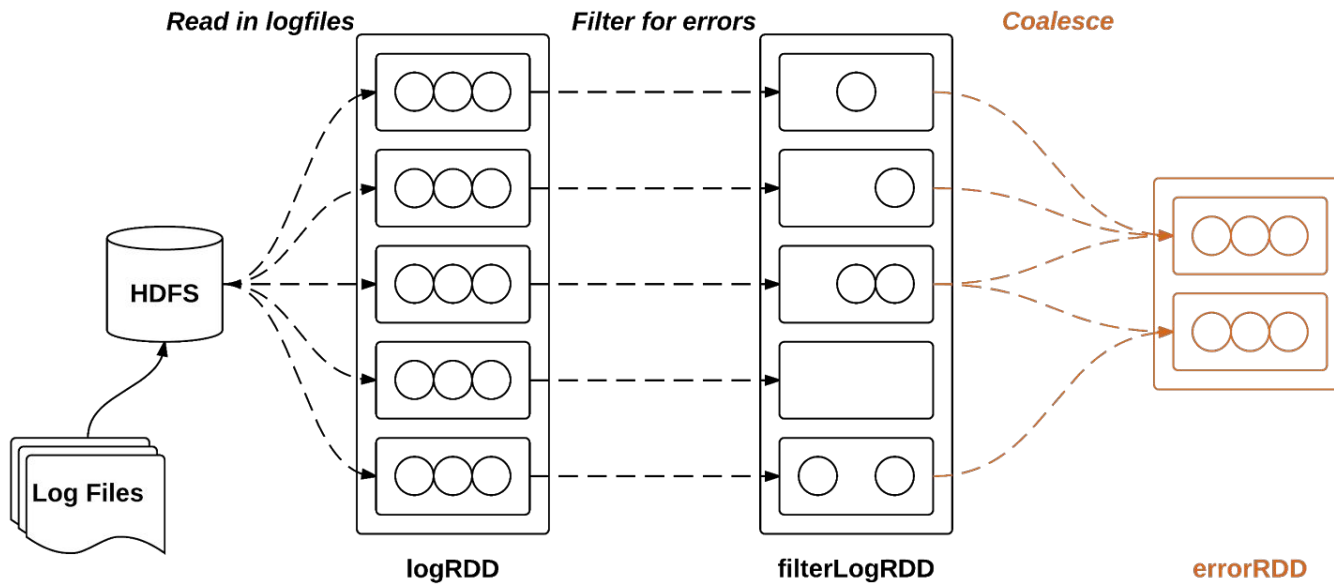




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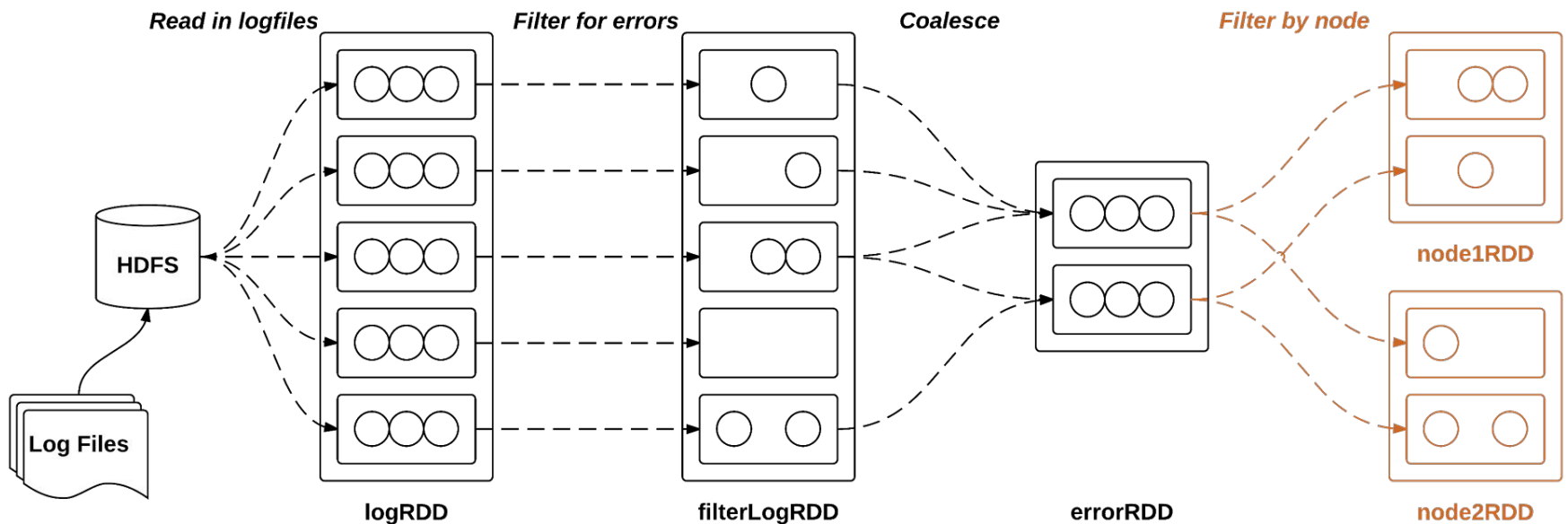


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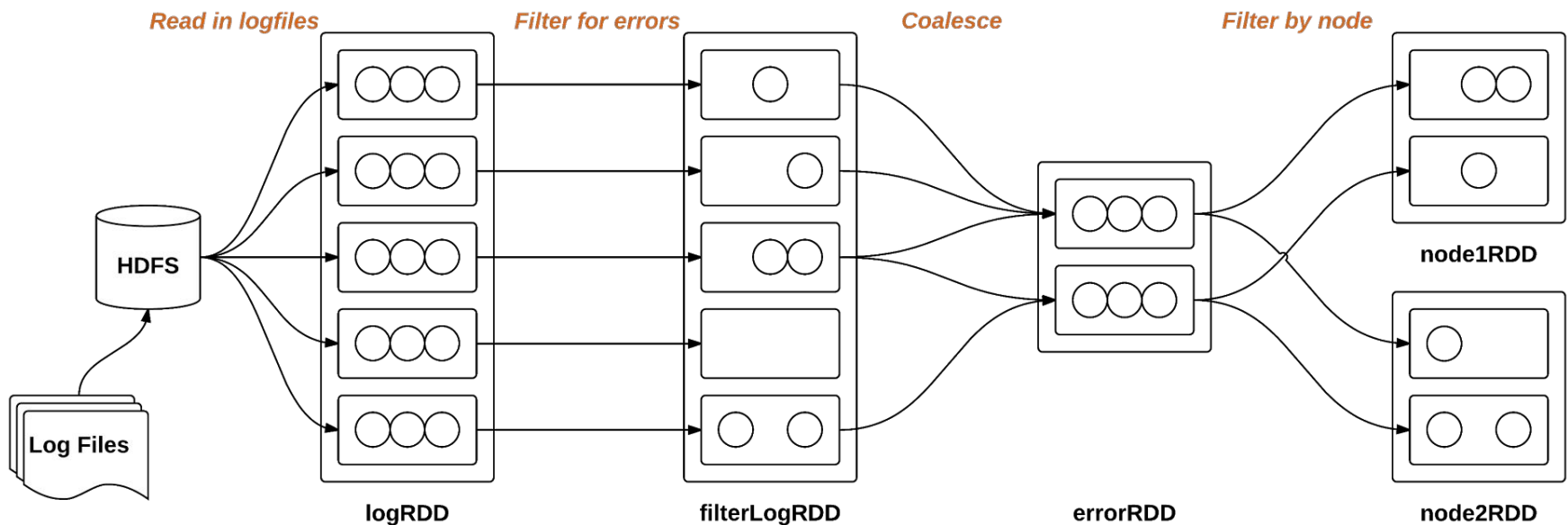
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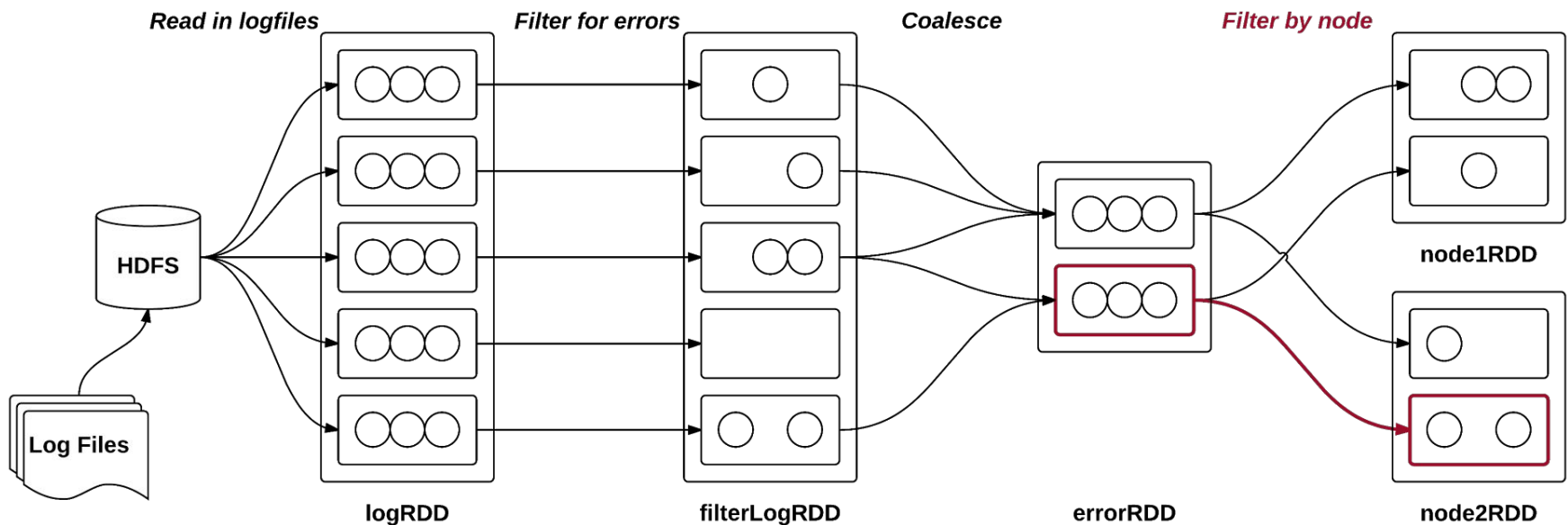
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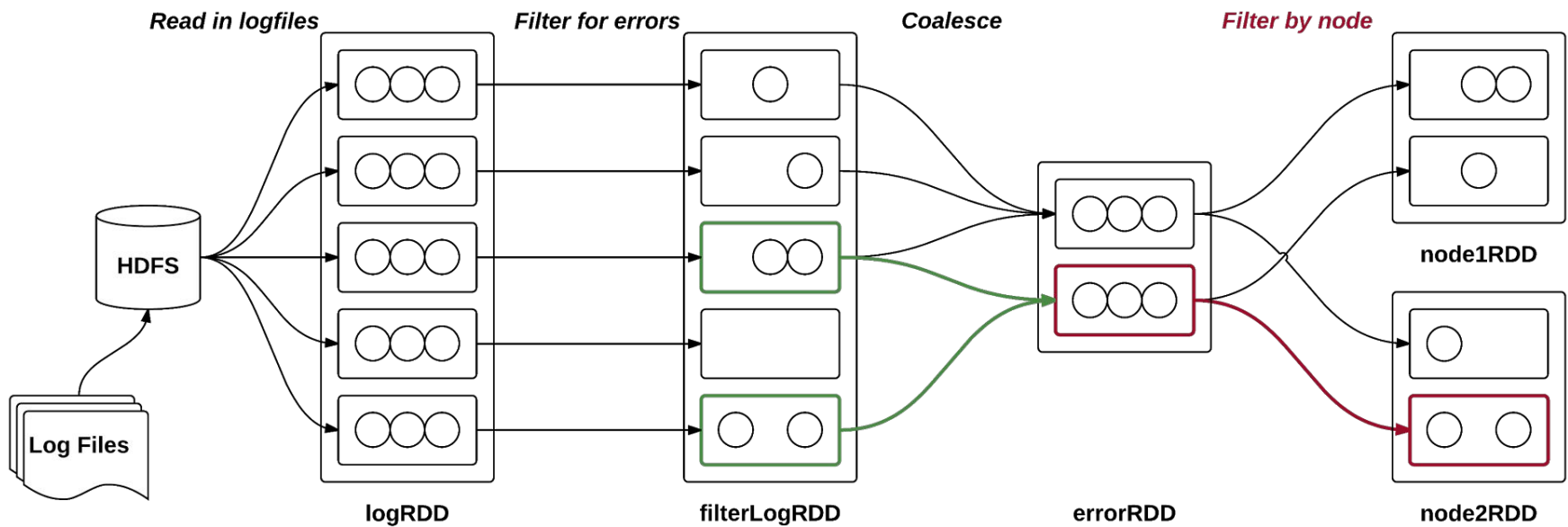
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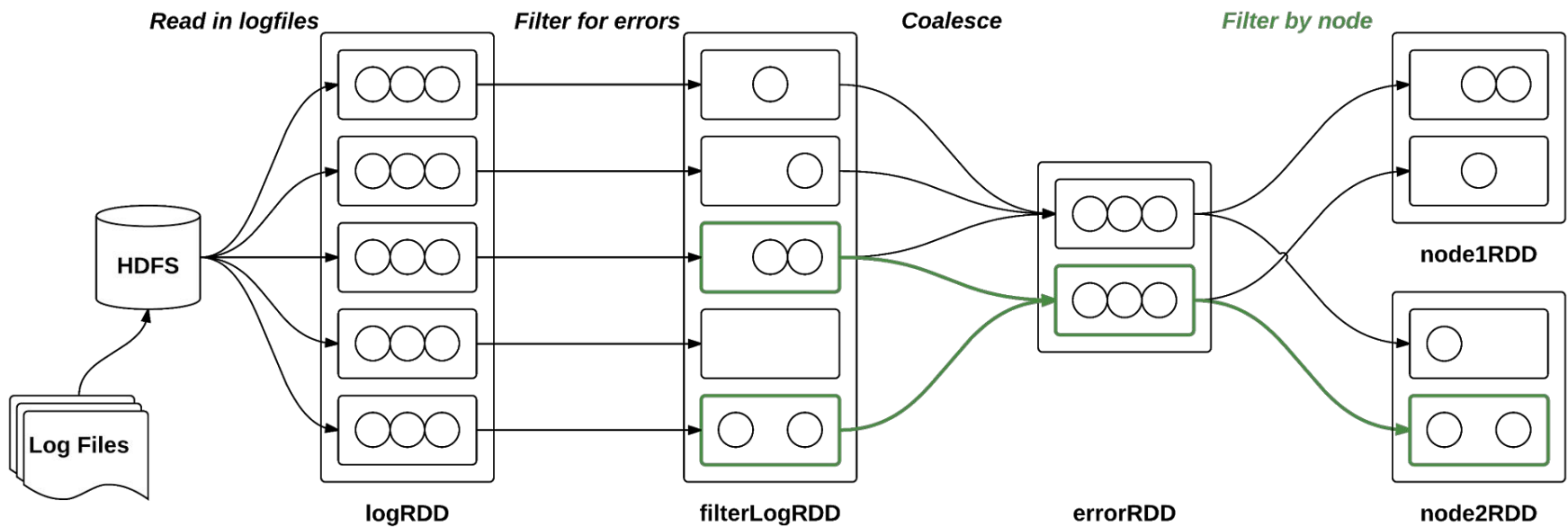
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Great resource for an in-depth explanation of RDDs:  
<https://www.usenix.org/conference/nsdi12/technical-sessions/presentation/zaharia>



Basics → RDDs → **Architecture**

## Architecture - Deploy Modes

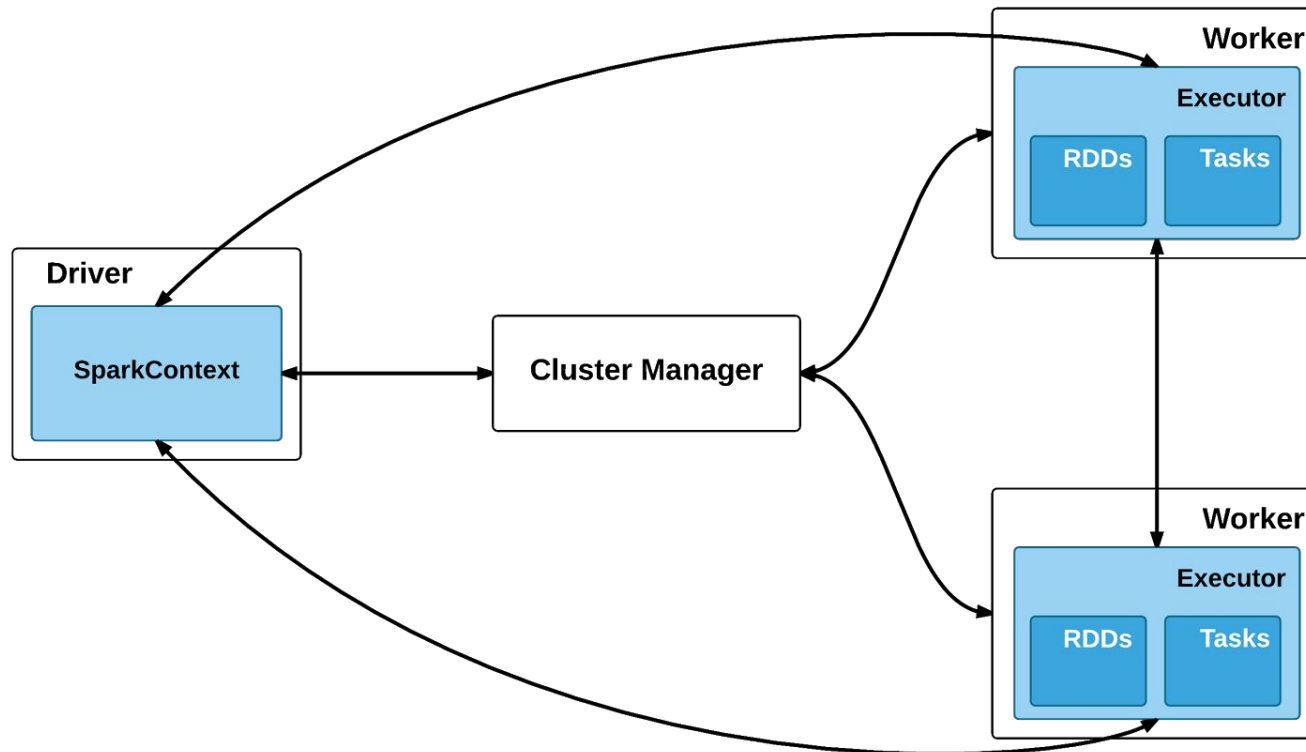
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## some important options

- executor-memory** - Max memory to allocate per Executor JVM
- driver-memory** - Memory to allocate to the Driver JVM
- spark.cores.max** - In standalone, max cores to request from cluster
- spark.local.dir** - Location to use for application scratch space
- spark.driver.maxResultSize** - Maximum allowable result size sent to Driver

A good example of running a self-contained applications can be found here:

[Official documentation on self-contained applications](#)