

# Wikipedia author count using Apache Flink

## Introduction

The most prominent MapReduce program that corresponds to the classical “Hello World” example in regular programming languages is the so called word count example.

See for example

- <http://hadoop.apache.org/docs/current/hadoop-mapreduce-client/hadoop-mapreduce-client-core/MapReduceTutorial.html#Example: WordCount v1.0>
- <https://github.com/apache/flink/blob/master/flink-examples/flink-java-examples/src/main/java/org/apache/flink/examples/java/wordcount/WordCount.java>
- <https://github.com/apache/flink/blob/master/flink-examples/flink-scala-examples/src/main/scala/org/apache/flink/examples/scala/wordcount/WordCount.scala>
- <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/15487413/scala-beginners-simplest-way-to-count-words-in-file>
- <http://hortonworks.com/hadoop-tutorial/word-counting-with-apache-pig/>

This task is inspired by that and will already be related to the outlined thesis topic.

## Summary

Please write a Flink-JAVA-program that reads a Wikipedia XML Dump file as input and outputs the author name (i.e. mediawiki/page/revision/contributor/username) and edit counts tuples for all pages in namespace 0.

## Details

A description of the Wikipedia XML Dump format is available here

[https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Export#Export\\_format](https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Export#Export_format)

Please test your program with small real data dumps (available from here: <https://dumps.wikimedia.org/backup-index.html>)

and publish it as Github open source project with documentation how to use it.

The output format might be a simple CSV file using like that:

```
User, edits
alfons, 500
howardcohl, 23
physikerwelt, 39
```

The headline is not required. The list must not be sorted

## See also

Some links to past and current projects you might find useful:

[https://ci.apache.org/projects/flink/flink-docs-release-0.9/quickstart/run\\_example\\_quickstart.html](https://ci.apache.org/projects/flink/flink-docs-release-0.9/quickstart/run_example_quickstart.html)

<https://github.com/alexeygrigorev/project-mlp>

<https://github.com/TU-Berlin/mathosphere>