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What is Flink



- Large-scale data processing engine
- Easy and powerful APIs for batch and real-time streaming analysis (Java / Scala)
- Backed by a very robust execution backend
 - with true streaming capabilities,
 - custom memory manager,
 - native iteration execution,
 - and a cost-based optimizer.

The case for Apache Flink



- Performance and ease of use
 - Exploits in-memory and pipelining, language-embedded logical APIs
- Unified batch and real streaming
 - Batch and Stream APIs on top of a streaming engine
- A runtime that "just works" without tuning
 - custom memory management inside the JVM
- Predictable and dependable execution
 - Bird's-eye view of what runs and how, and what failed and why

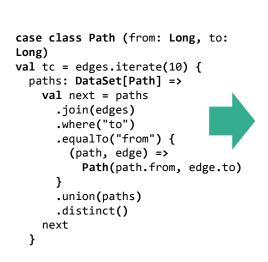
Technology inside Flink

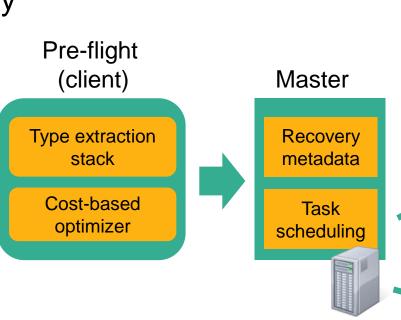


real-time

streaming !

- Technology inspired by compilers +
 MPP databases + distributed systems
- For ease of use, reliable performance, and scalability





Data serialization stack

Out-of-core algos

Memory manager

Streaming network stack



Workers

How do you use Flink?

Example: WordCount



```
case class Word (word: String, frequency: Int)

val env = ExecutionEnvironment.getExecutionEnvironment()

val lines = env.readTextFile(...)

lines
    .flatMap {line => line.split(" ").map(word => Word(word,1))}
    .groupBy("word").sum("frequency")
    .print()

env.execute()
```

Flink has mirrored Java and Scala APIs that offer the same functionality, including by-name addressing.

Flink API in a Nutshell

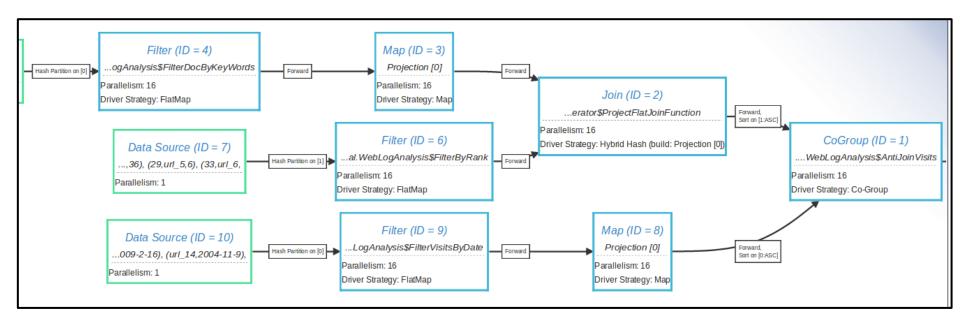


- map, flatMap, filter, groupBy, reduce, reduceGroup, aggregate, join, coGroup, cross, project, distinct, union, iterate, iterateDelta, ...
- All Hadoop input formats are supported

- API similar for data sets and data streams with slightly different operator semantics
- Window functions for data streams
- Counters, accumulators, and broadcast variables

Visualization tools





Visualization tools





Flink Architecture

Flink stack



Apache Graph API Relational API (SAMOA) (Gelly) **MRQL** Java & Scala API Flink Optimizer Flink Stream Builder **Embedded** Flink Runtime Operators **Environment** (Java collections) Local Remote Environment Apache Tez **Environment** (Cluster execution) (for debugging) Standalone or YARN cluster Single node execution Data Rabbit **S**3 **Files HDFS HBase** Kafka **JDBC** Flume MQ storage

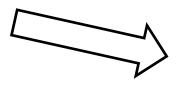
Evolution of Architectures







Operator-centric (MapReduce / DAGs)



Operators and DataSets

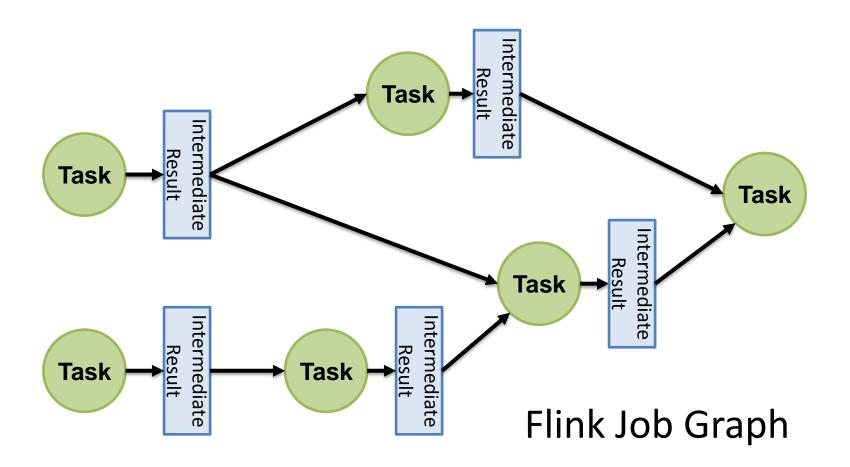
Dataset-centric (RDDs)





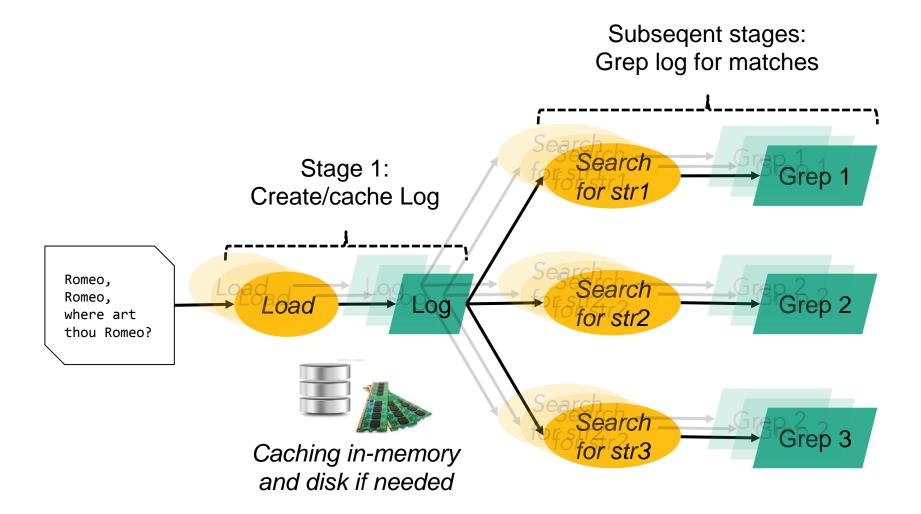
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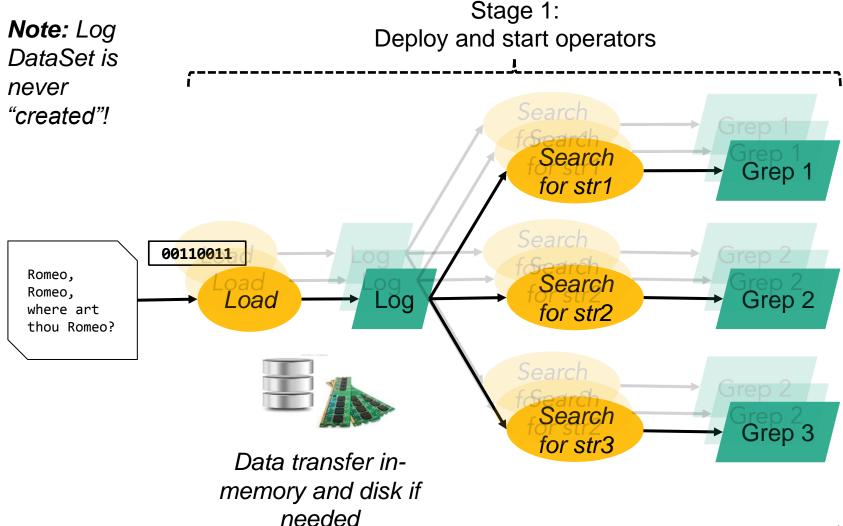
Staged (batch) execution





Pipelined execution





Pipelining in Flink



- Currently the default mode of operation
 - Much better performance in many cases no need to materialize large data sets
 - Supports both batch and real-time streaming
- Currently evolving into a hybrid engine
 - Batch will use combination of blocking and pipelining
 - Streaming will use pipelining
 - Interactive will use blocking

Relational API

First Things First

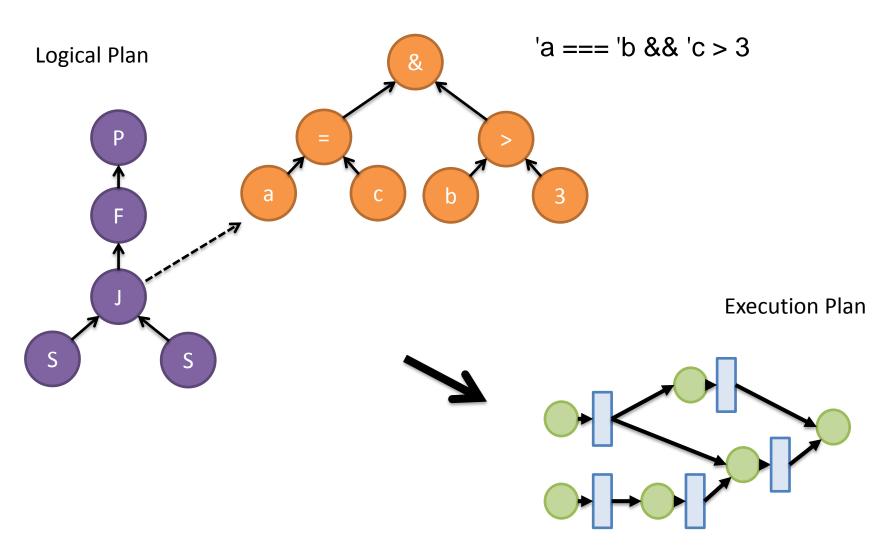


```
val clickCounts= clicks
   .groupBy('user)
   .select('userId, 'url.count as 'count)

val activeUsers = users.join(clickCounts)
   .where('id === 'userId && 'count > 10)
   .select('username, 'count)
```

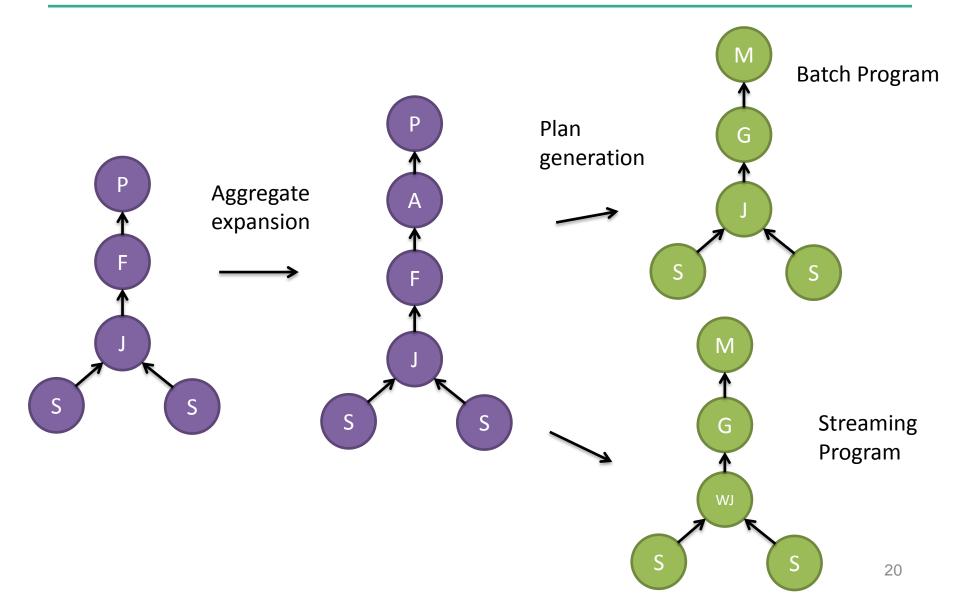
Under the Hood





Plan Translation





More Complex Expressions

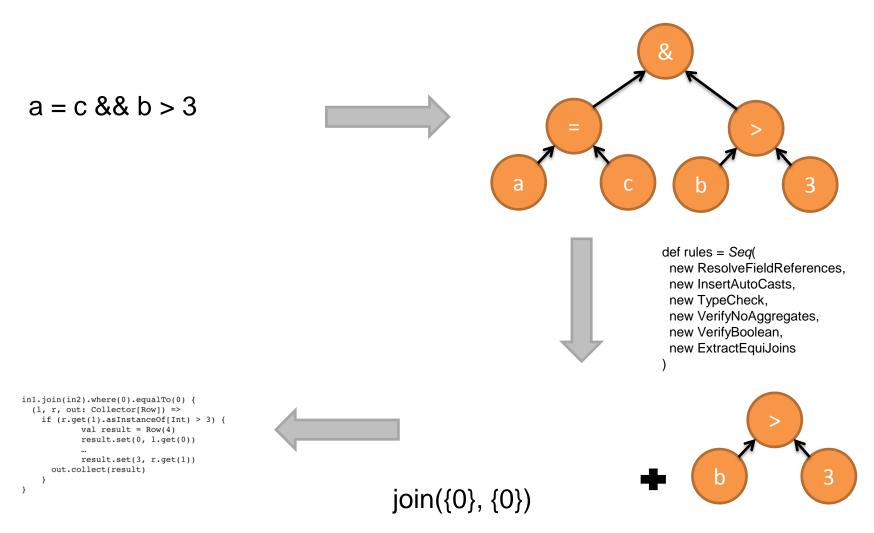


in.select('a.substring(0, 'b.avg + 3))

Table result = in.select("a.count + 'the count'")

Expression Translation





Expression Translation



```
in1.join(in2).where(0).equalTo(0) {
    (I, r, out: Collector[Row]) =>
    if (r.get(1).asInstanceOf[Int) > 3) {
        val result = Row(4)
        result.set(0, l.get(0))
        ...
        result.set(3, r.get(1))
        out.collect(result)
    }
}
```

Back and Forth



```
case class In(a: Int, b: String)
case class Out(c: String, d: Int)
...

val input: DataSet[In] = ...
val in = input.toTable()
val result = in.groupBy("b").select("b, a.avg")

val output = result.as("c, d").toSet[Out]
```

Supports POJOs, Case classes, Tuples

Back and Forth



```
class In { class Out {
 public int a; public String c;
 public String b; public int d;
DataSet<In> input = ...
Table table = TableUtil.toTable(input);
Table result = table.groupBy("b").select("b, a.avg");
DataSet<Out> output =
 TableUtil.toSet(result.as("c, d"), Out.class);
```

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What Works?



- Relational queries from both Java and Scala
- Translation to batch programs
- Preliminary translation to streaming programs

Future Work



- Relational Optimization
 - Filter/Projection push down
 - Join order
- Operator Fusion
- Extend expressions
 - string operations, casting, explode/gather, date/time, ...
- Windowing operations (streaming)
- Columnar execution?

Closing

Flink Roadmap for 2015



- Exactly-once streaming with flexible state
- Support for Google Dataflow
- Batch Machine Learning library
- Streaming Machine Learning with SAMOA
- Graph library additions (more algorithms)
- Interactive programs and Zeppelin
- SQL on top of Relational API
- and more...



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Backup Slides



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