

Data Science with Spark & R

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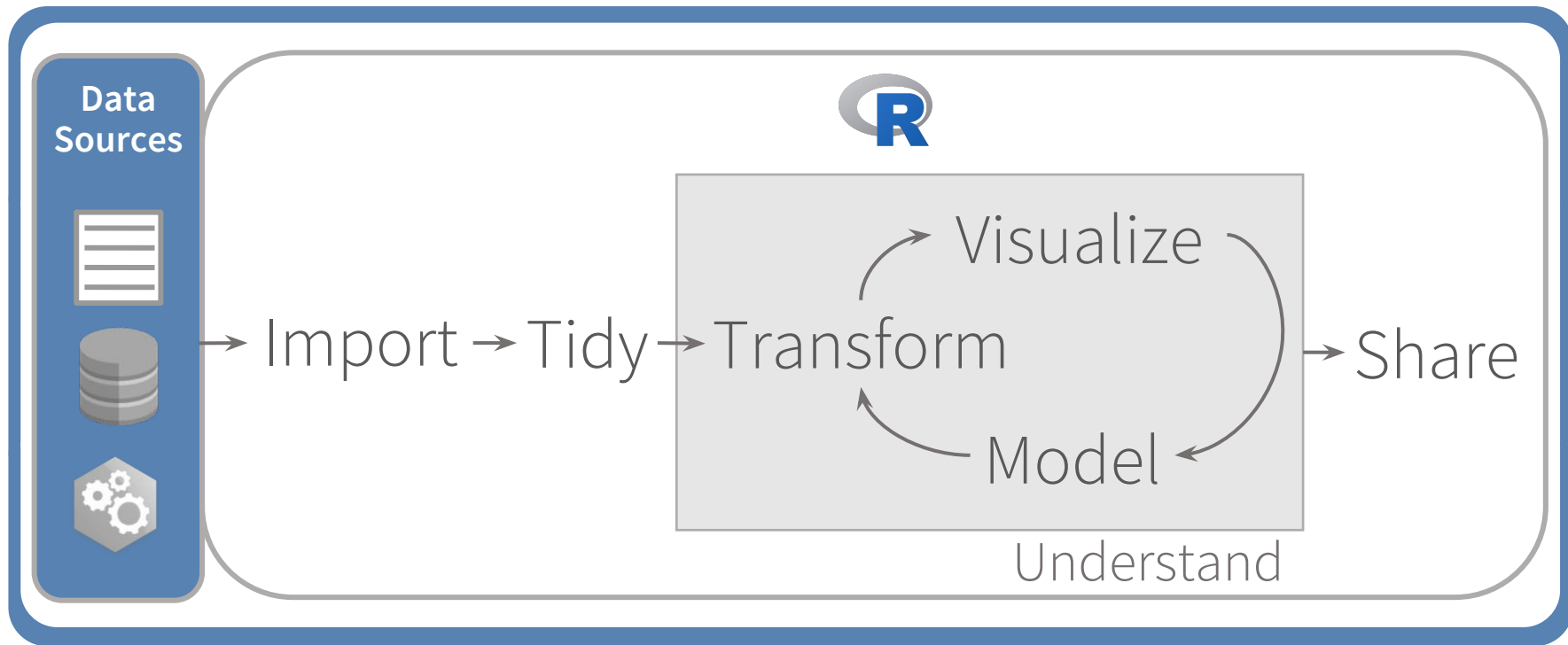
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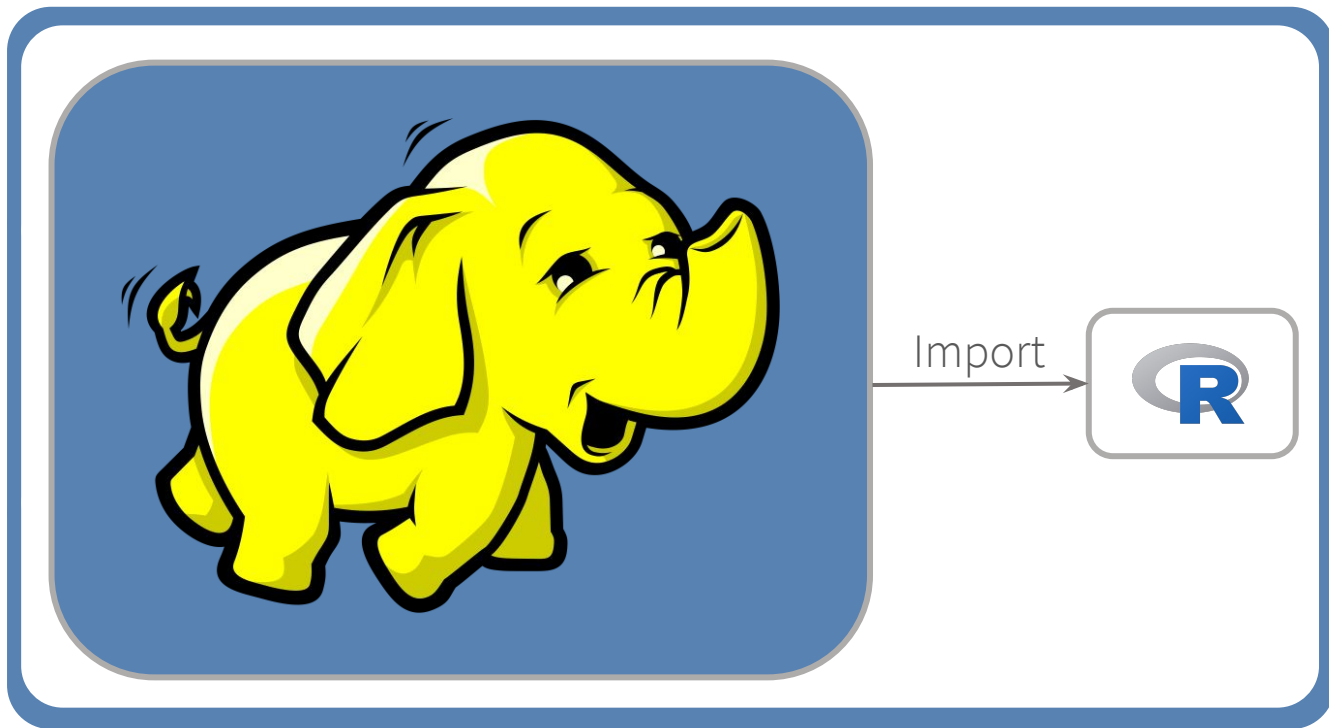
Data Science



[R for Data Science, Wickham & Grolemund](#)

Big Data as a Data Source

Too large to download into memory



R inside Spark

Only appropriate for Embarrassingly Parallel cases



Executor 1



Model on Customer A

Executor 2



Model on Customer B

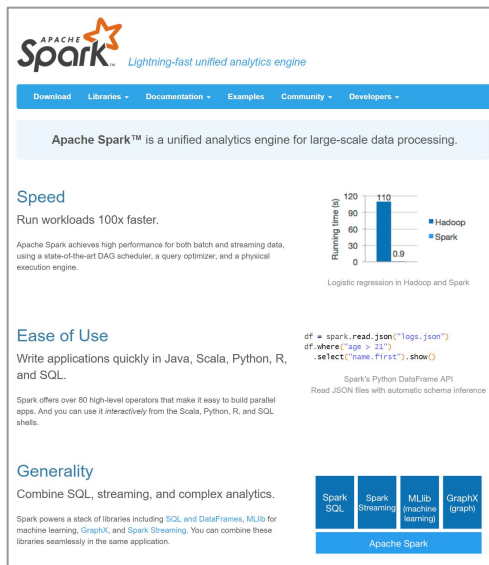
Executor 3



Model on Customer C

We keep forgetting...

“Spark is a unified analytics engine for large-scale data processing”



The screenshot shows the Apache Spark website. At the top is the Apache Spark logo with the tagline "Lightning-fast unified analytics engine". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: Download, Libraries, Documentation, Examples, Community, and Developers. The main heading states: "Apache Spark™ is a unified analytics engine for large-scale data processing."

Speed
Run workloads 100x faster.

Apache Spark achieves high performance for both batch and streaming data, using a state-of-the-art DAG scheduler, a query optimizer, and a physical execution engine.

Logistic regression in Hadoop and Spark

Engine	Running time (s)
Hadoop	110
Spark	0.9

Ease of Use
Write applications quickly in Java, Scala, Python, R, and SQL.


Spark offers over 80 high-level operators that make it easy to build parallel apps. And you can use it interactively from the Scala, Python, R, and SQL shells.

```
df = spark.read.json("logs.json")
df.where("age > 21")
df.select("name", "first").show()
```

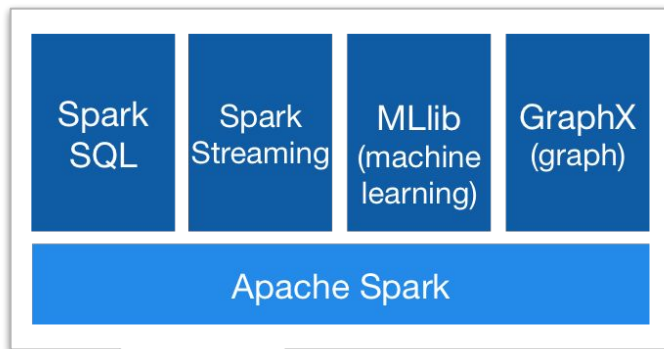
Spark's Python DataFrame API
Read JSON files with automatic schema inference

Generality
Combine SQL, streaming, and complex analytics.

Spark powers a stack of libraries including SQL and DataFrames, MLlib for machine learning, GraphX, and Spark Streaming. You can combine these libraries seamlessly in the same application.



A diagram at the bottom of the screenshot shows four boxes labeled "Spark SQL", "Spark Streaming", "MLlib (machine learning)", and "GraphX (graph)" stacked on top of a larger box labeled "Apache Spark".



A better way... R as an interface for Spark

`ml_linear_regression()`



R function wraps Spark Scala code



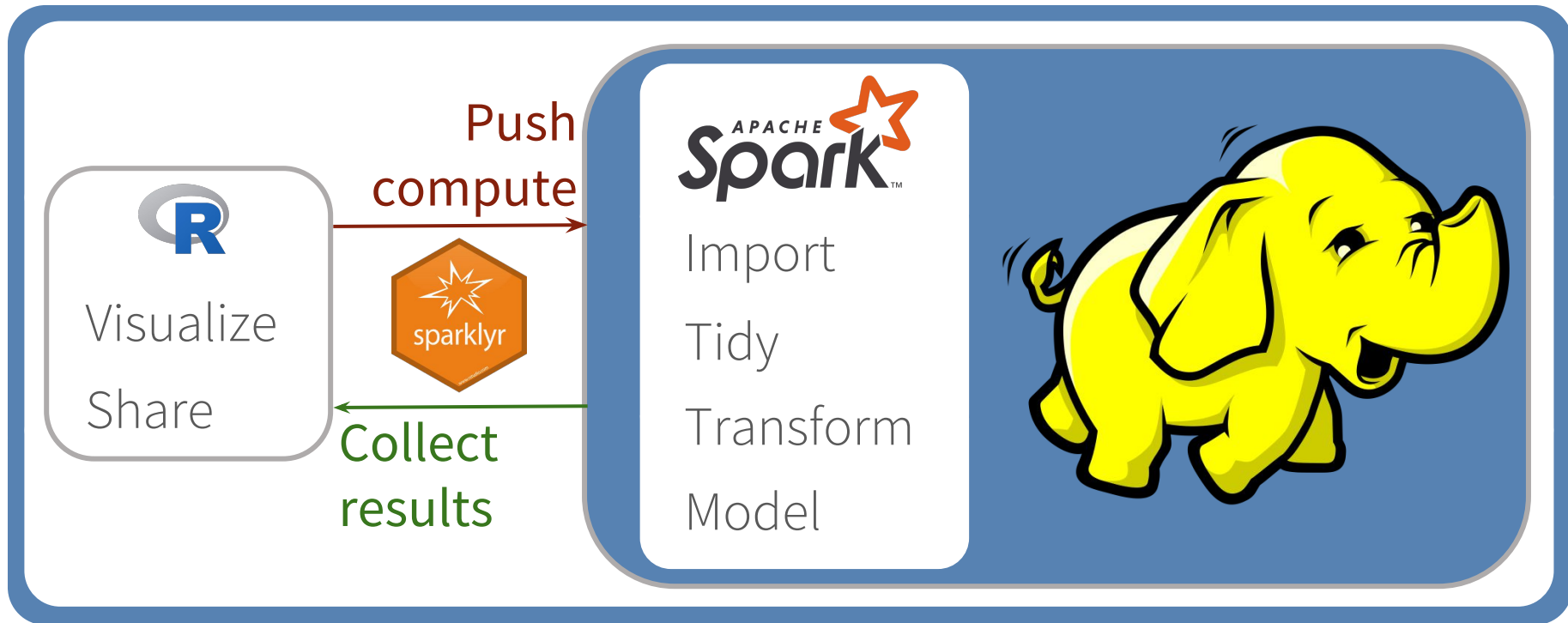
```
val lr = new LinearRegression()  
val lrModel = lr.fit(training)
```



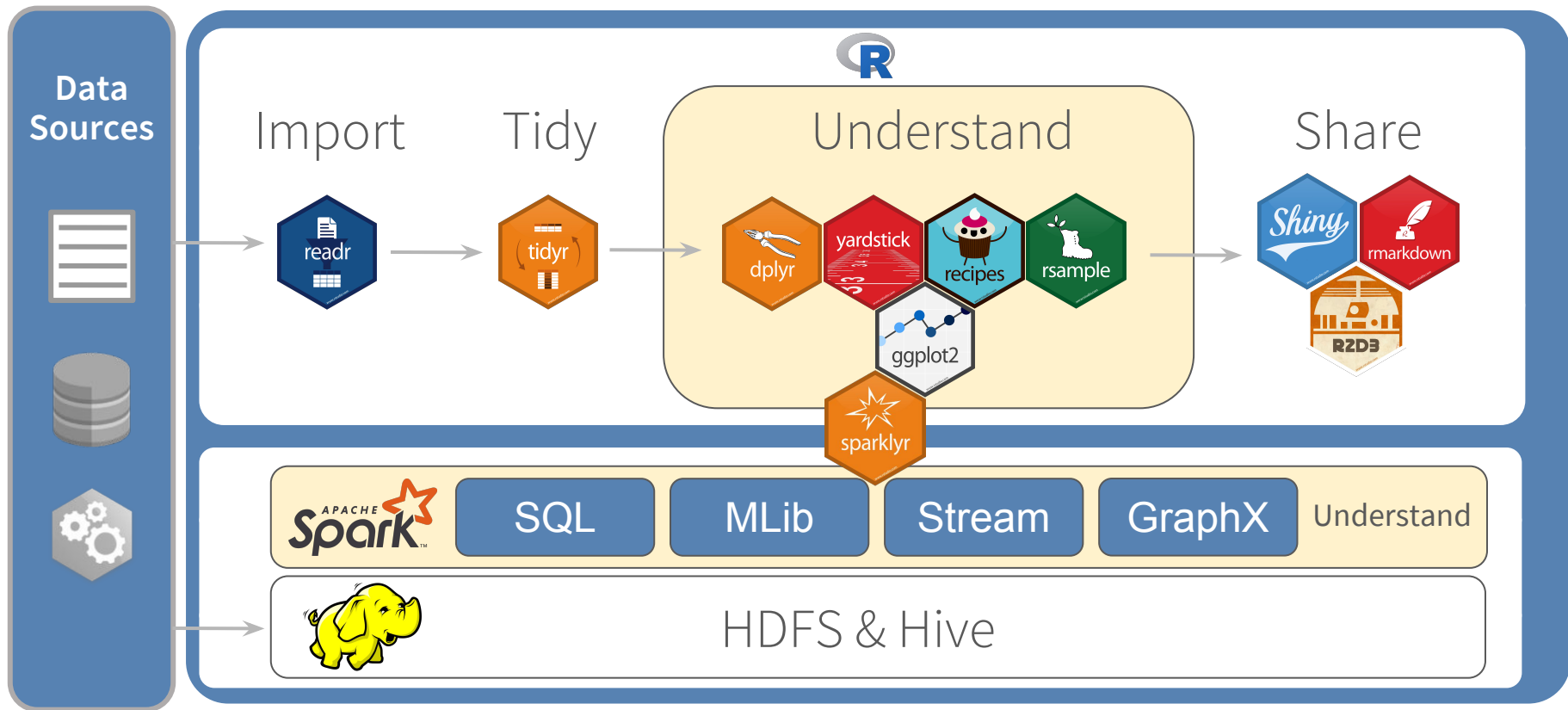
~~Possibilities~~ — Realities of using R as an interface for Spark



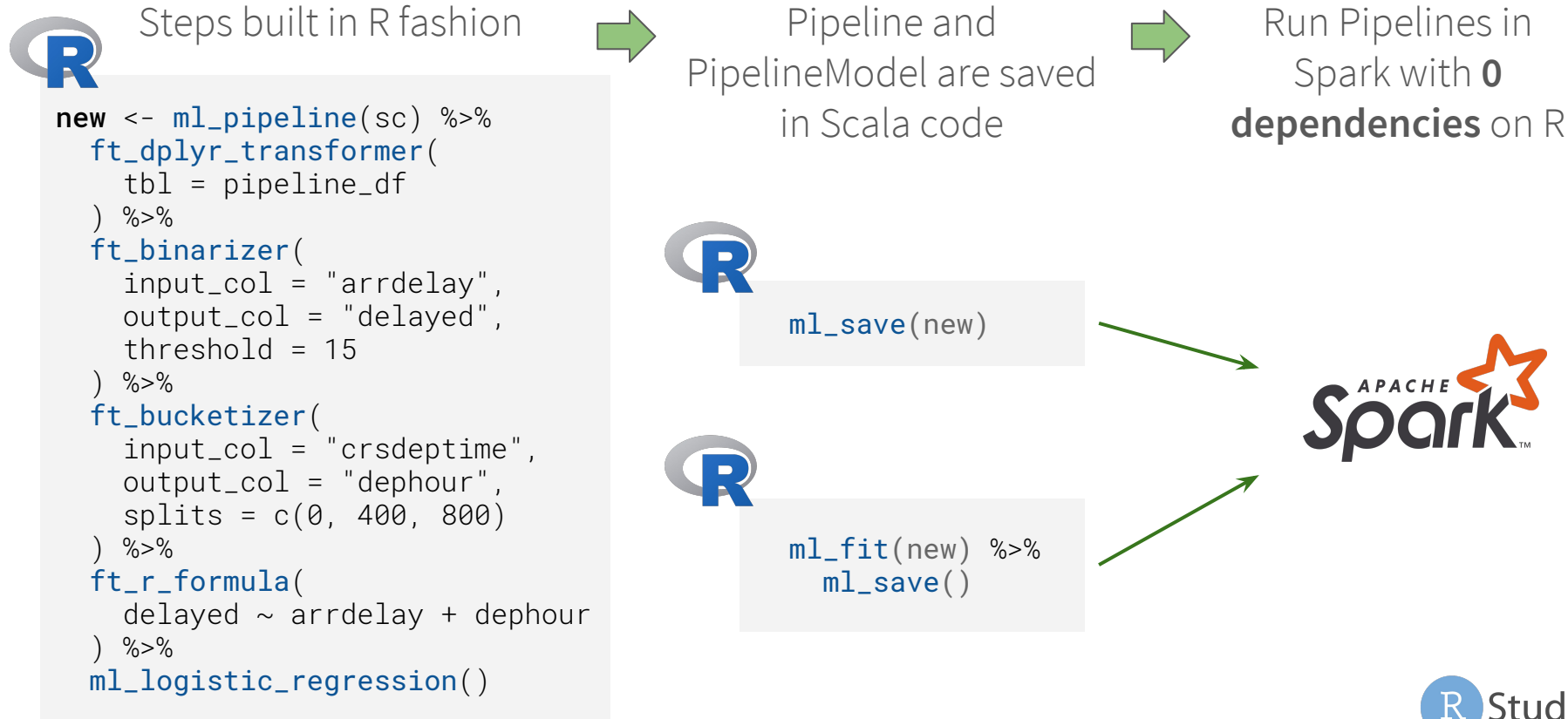
1. Most Data Science steps can run inside Spark



2. Best of both worlds: Spark API + R ecosystem



3. Hand off to Production: ML Pipelines built in R



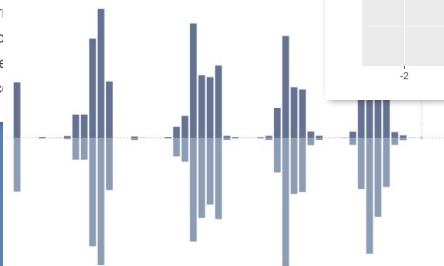
Interface highlights



What is MLeap?

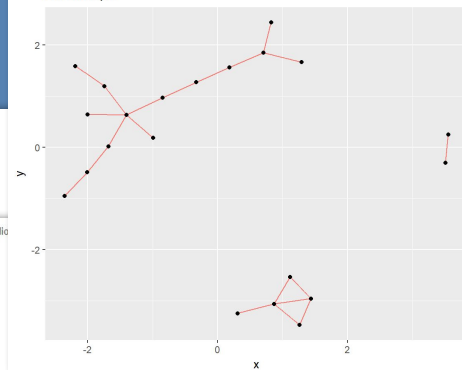
MLeap is a common serialization for Spark, Scikit-learn and TensorFlow for ML. Serialized pipelines (bundles) can be run at runtime to power real-time API services.

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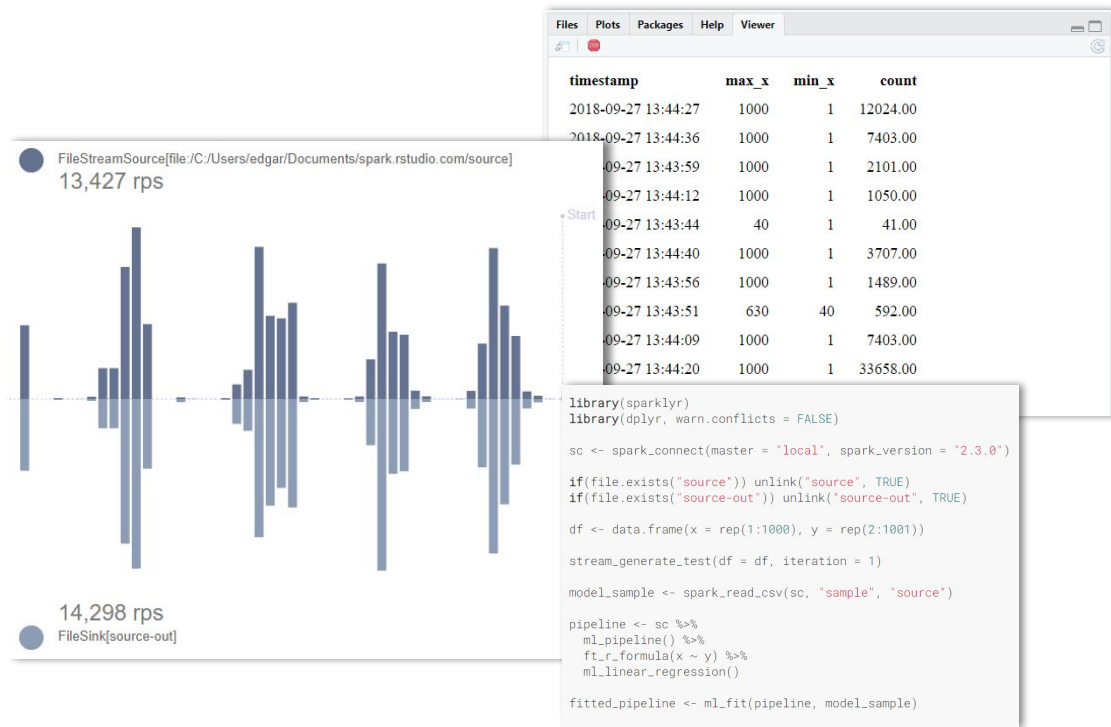
14,298 rps
● FileSink[source-out]

An example



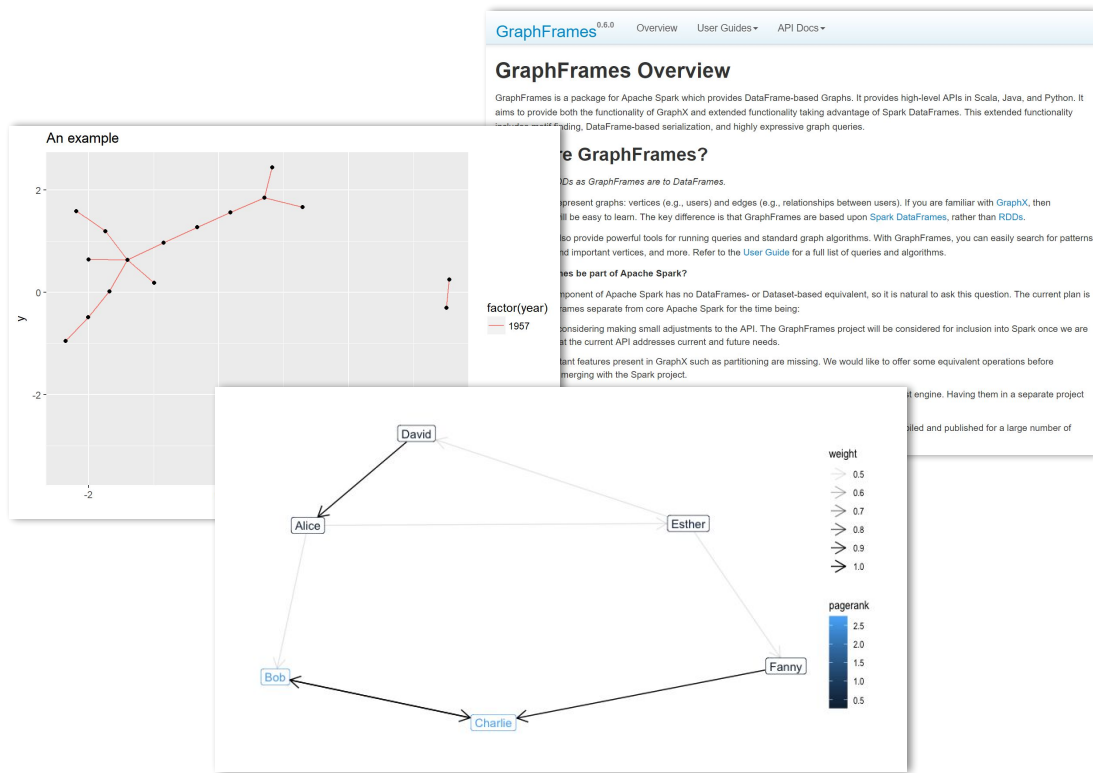
Streaming

- Ability to run `dp1yr`, `SQL`, and `PipelineModels` against a stream
- Read & write stream results to Spark memory and files
- An out-of-the box graph visualization to monitor the stream
- `reactiveSpark()` function allows Shiny apps to poll the contents of the stream




Graph analysis

- Support for GraphFrames which aims to provide the functionality of GraphX.
- Perform graph algorithms such as: PageRank, ShortestPaths and many others
- Designed to work with sparklyr and the sparklyr extensions



Production pipelines with MLeap

mleap is a sparklyr extension that provides an interface to MLeap, which allows us to take Spark pipelines to production.

**mleap**

What is MLeap?

MLeap is a common serialization format and execution engine for Spark, Scikit-Learn, and TensorFlow. It provides a Serialized pipeline runtime to power production ML pipelines.

R interface for MLeap

build passing codecov 89% CRAN 0.1.3

mleap is a `sparklyr` extension that provides an interface to MLeap.

Getting started

mleap can be installed from CRAN via

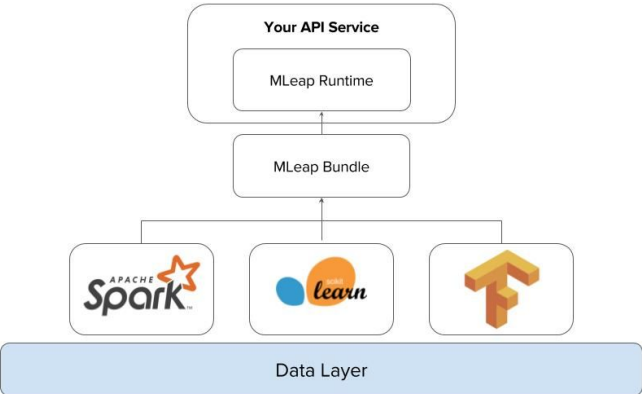
```
install.packages("mleap")
```

or, for the latest development version from GitHub

```
devtools::install_github("rstudio/mleap")
```

Once mleap has been installed, we can install the external dependencies using

```
library(mleap)
install_maven()
# Alternatively, if you already have Maven installed, you can
# set options(maven.home = "path/to/maven")
install_mleap()
```



```
graph BT
    subgraph Data_Layer [Data Layer]
        Spark[Spark]
        learn[learn]
        TF[TensorFlow]
    end
    Spark --> MB[MLeap Bundle]
    learn --> MB
    TF --> MB
    MB --> MR[MLeap Runtime]
    MR --> API[Your API Service]
```