

Lesson 1.1: Why Distributed Computing?

DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING WITH SPARK SQL

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Slide 2: Learning Objectives

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Motivate the business need for processing big data

Identify key concepts related to distributed computing

Slide 3: Qualities of Big Data

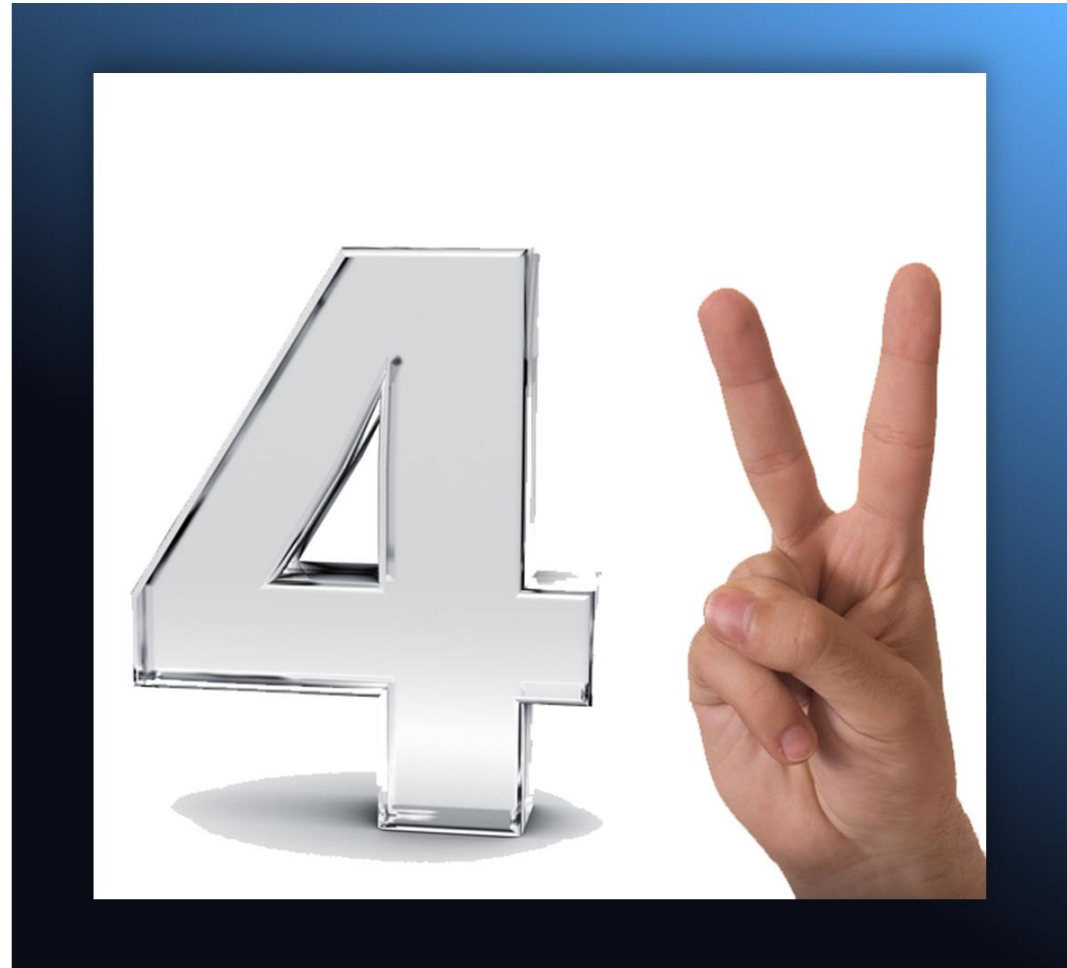
Qualities of Big Data

Volume

Velocity

Variety

Veracity



Slide 4: Big Data Defined

Big Data Defined

More data that can
fit on any one
machine

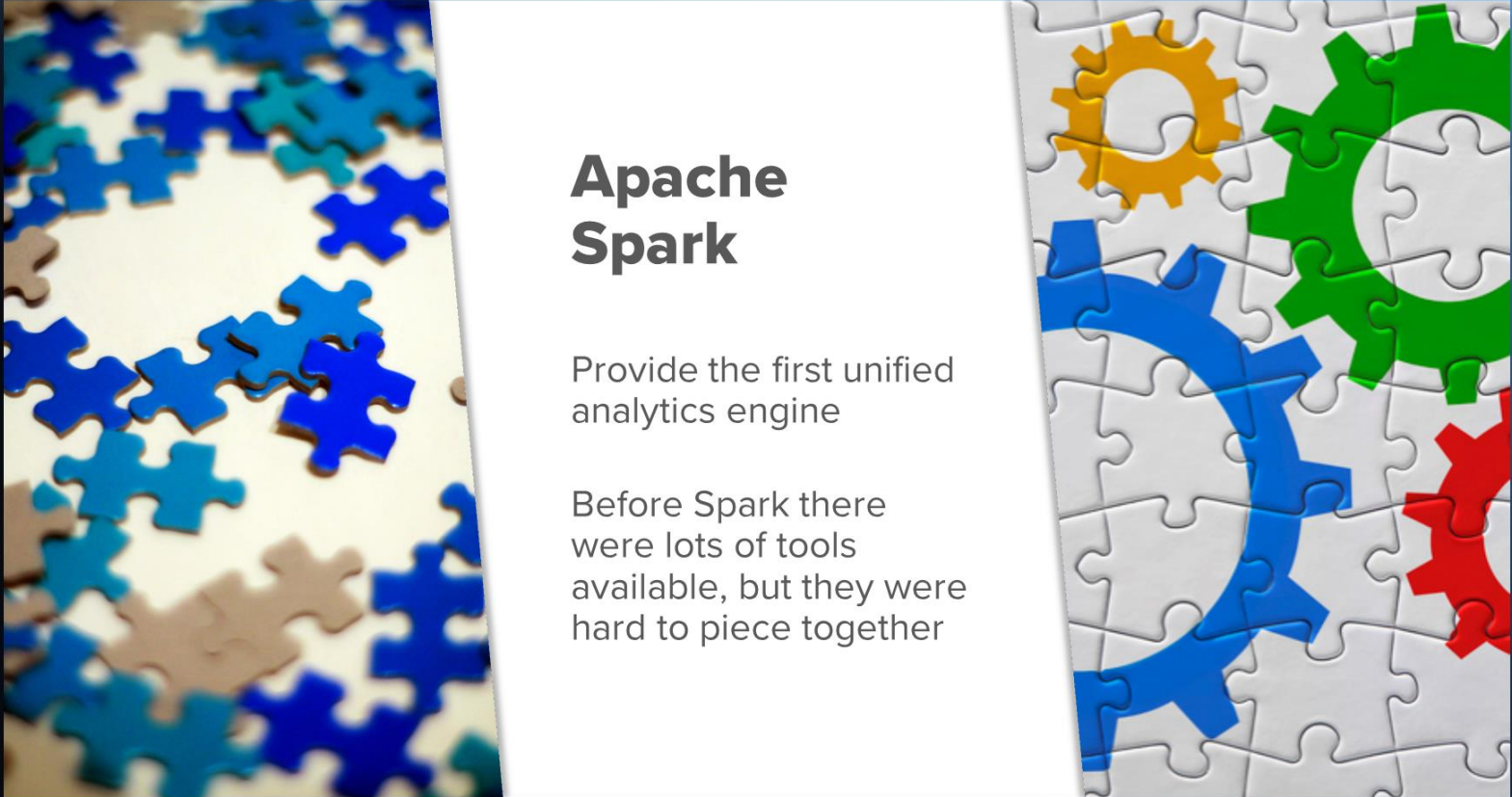
Gigabytes

Terabytes

Petabytes



Slide 5: Apache Spark



Apache Spark

Provide the first unified analytics engine

Before Spark there were lots of tools available, but they were hard to piece together

Slide 6: Spark is Multilingual and Supports Many Languages

Spark Supports Many Languages

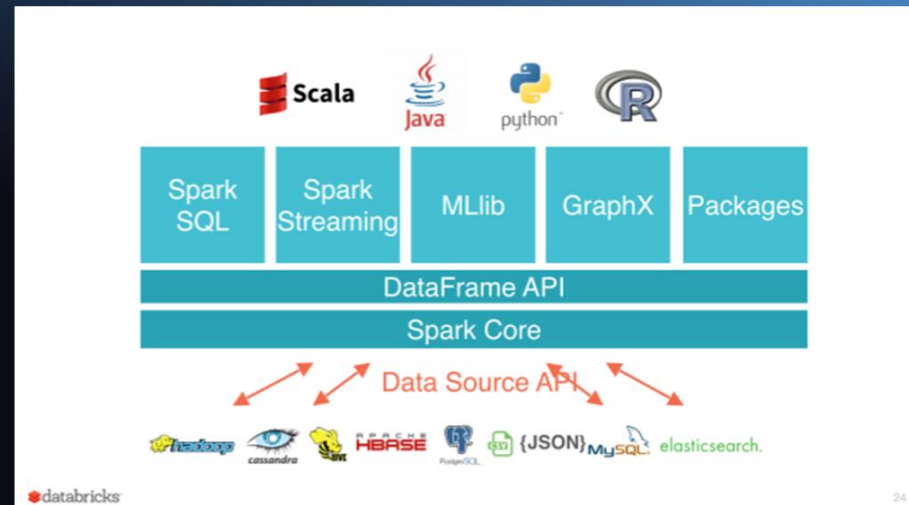
SQL

Python

Scala

Java

R



Slide 7: Why Spark is Popular

Why Spark is Popular

Reads & processes data
from many sources

Works with many file types

Solves many data problems
faced by analysts



Slide 8: Apache Spark: Origin Story

Apache Spark: Origin Story

UC Berkeley, 2009

Matei Zaharia, co-
founder of Databricks

Collaboration between
professors and
graduate students



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Fast, general-
purpose system

Distributes
computation across a
cluster of machines



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Open source project

Supported by over
1,000 developers in
200 companies

Considered infinitely
scalable



Slide 11: Let's Count Some M&Ms



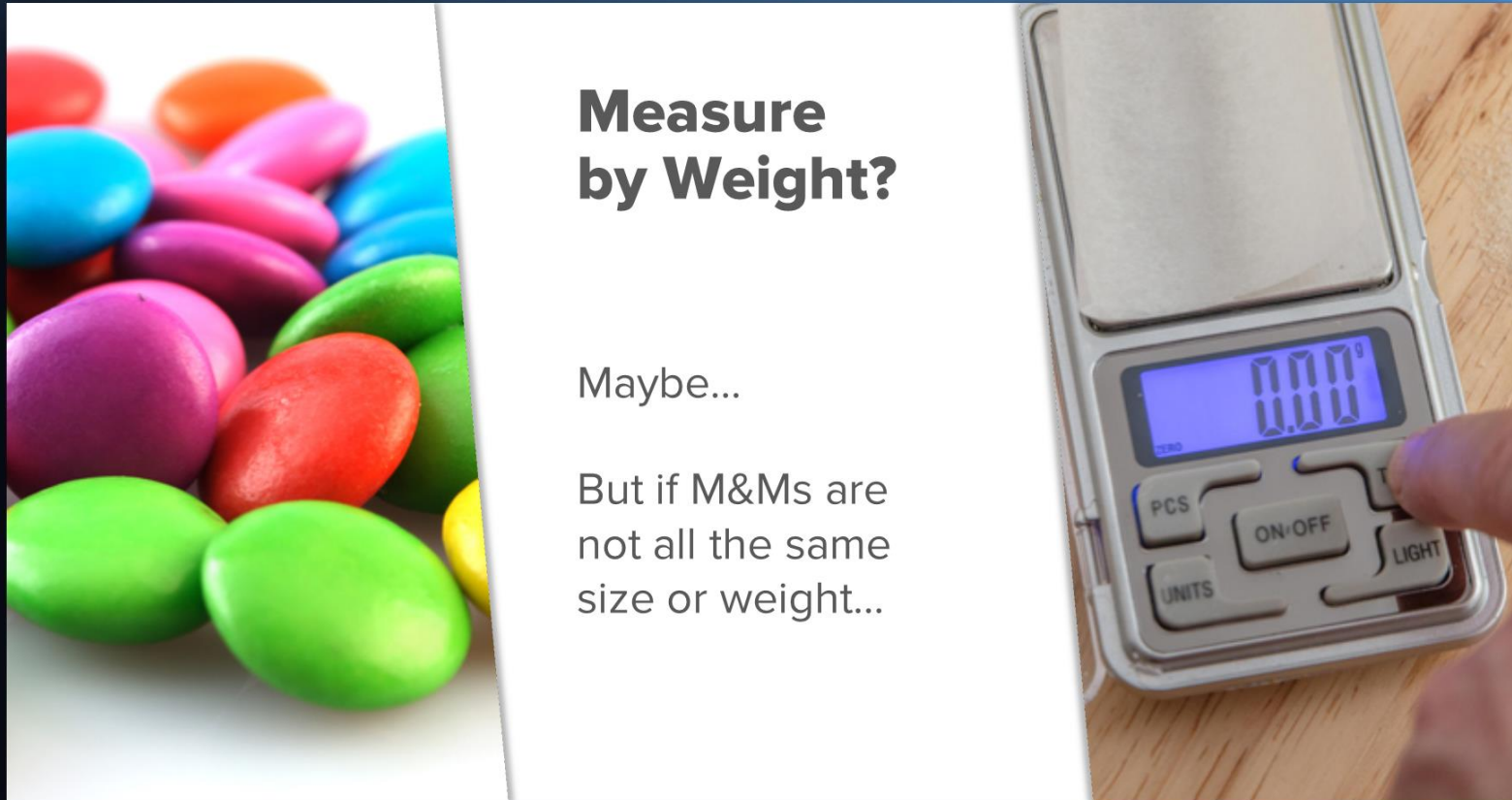
Let's Count Some M&Ms

Small portion, no
problem to count

What is an
efficient way of
counting a large
quantity?



Slide 12: Measure by Weight?



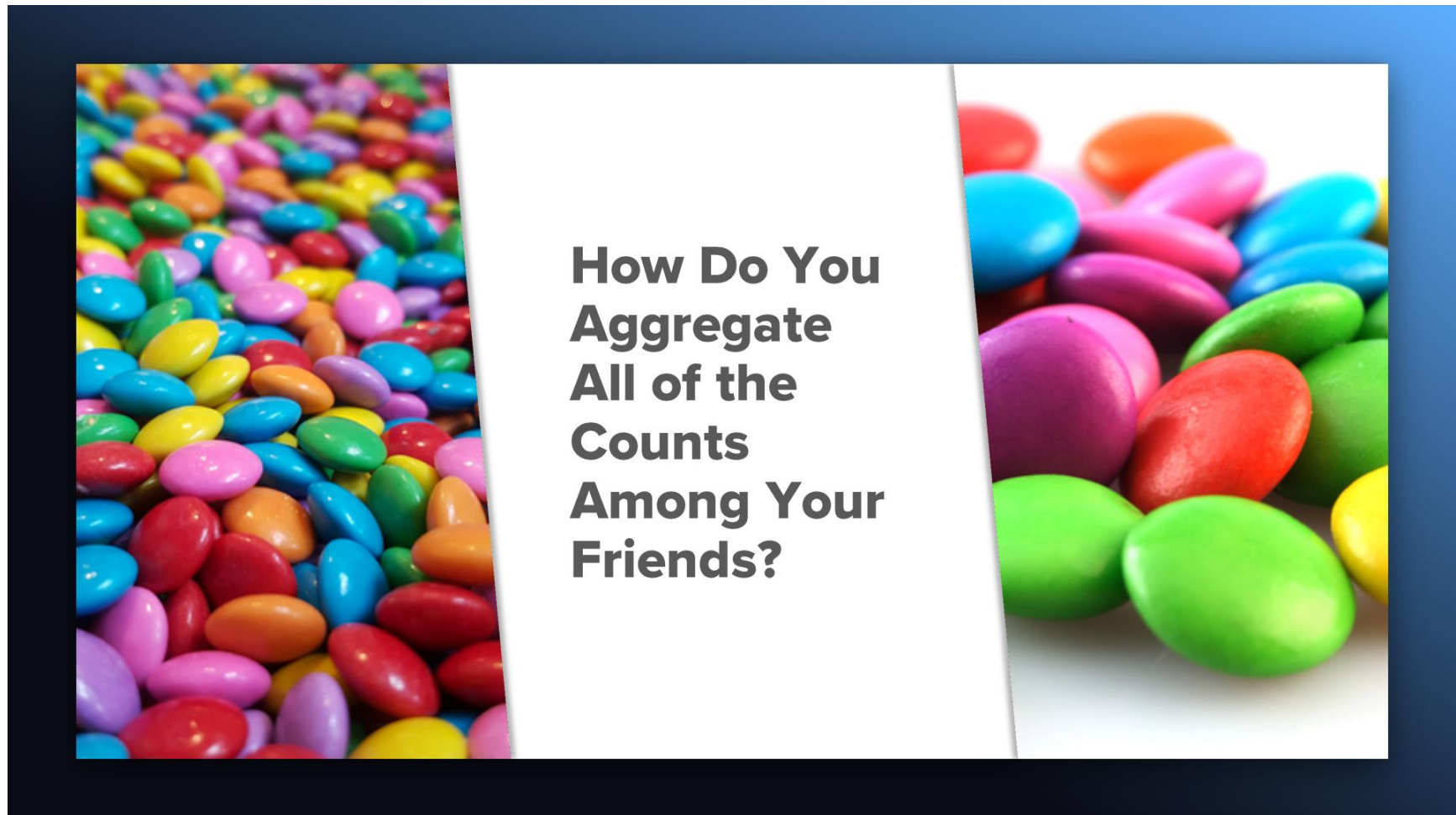
Slide 13: Involving Others

Involving Others

Give everyone a handful to count



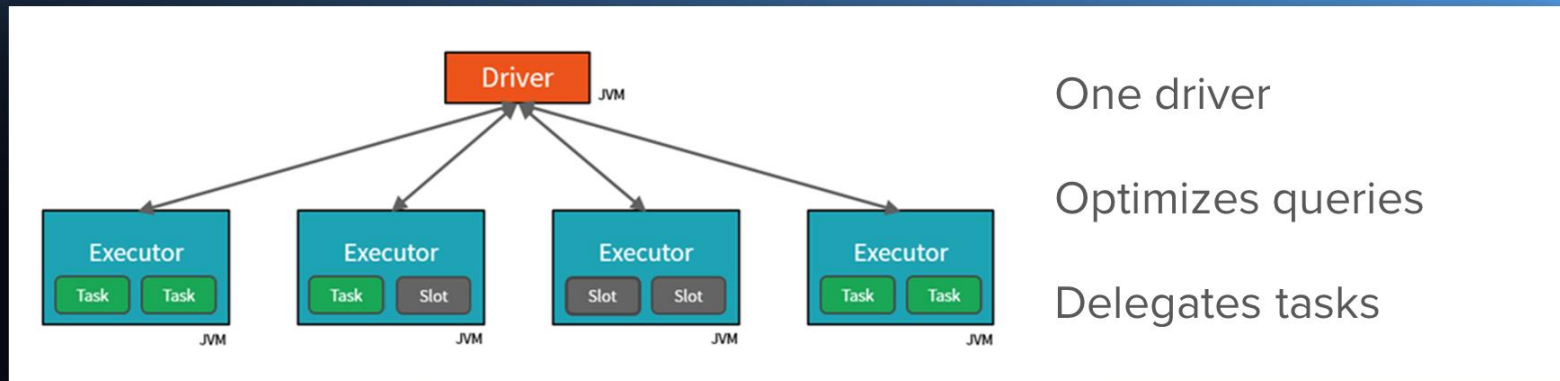
Slide 14: How Do You Aggregate All of the Counts Among Your Friends?



Slide 15: Drivers and Executors



Slide 16: Drivers and Executors



- One or many executors
- Perform actual queries
- More is not always faster

Slide 17: Why More Computing Power Isn't Always Faster

Why More Computing Power Isn't Always Faster

Telling each person takes more time than
doing the task

You won't always need a distributed method

Slide 18: Distributing Computation is Parallelism



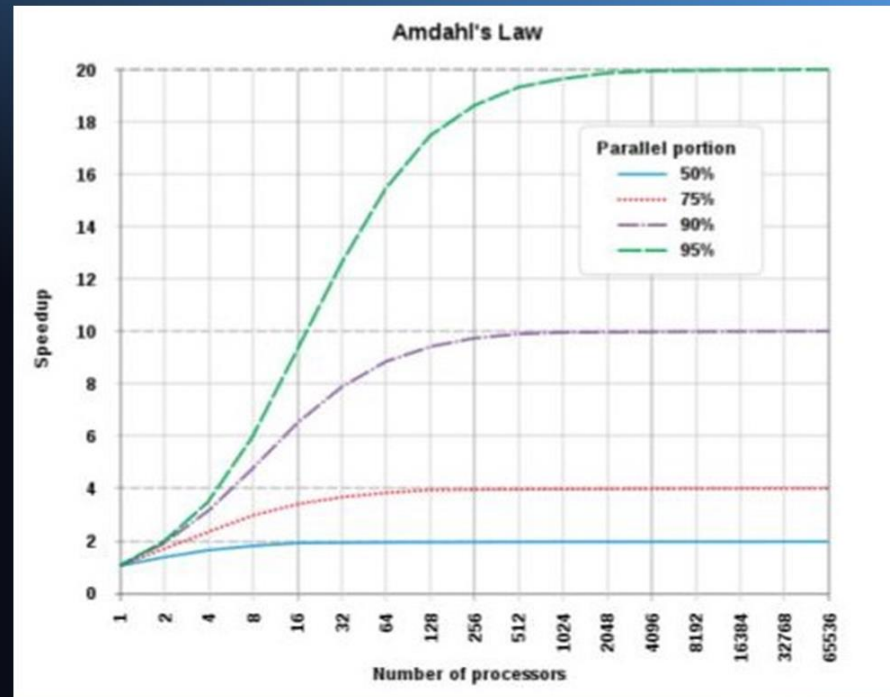
Distributing Computation is Parallelism

Scaling workloads
to increasingly
larger datasets

Slide 19: Amdahl's Law

Amdahl's Law

The amount of acceleration we would see from parallelizing a task is a function of what portion of the task can be completed in parallel



Slide 20: Linear Scalability

Linear Scalability

Dividing tasks across a cluster of machines

We see improvements up to thousands of machines

Spark is on par with best distributed computing solutions on the market



Slide 21: Scalability



Scale out

More data to process than
on one machine



Speed up

More computer resources
may speed up your query

Slide 22: Coming Up



Coming Up

Learn about core Spark concepts