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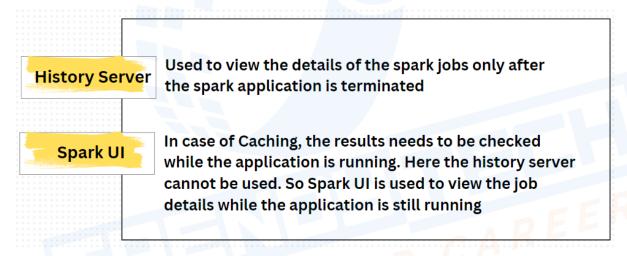
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Cache

How to access Spark UI and Resource Manager (YARN)

- Whenever a spark application terminates, the detailed information regarding all the spark jobs are made available in the History Server.
- The application that is running at any given point in time will not show up on the history server until it is terminated using the spark.stop() command.

What is the need for Spark UI when we have a History Server?



Proxy way of accessing Resource Manager and Spark UI

- 1. On Windows Install Cygwin to connect to the server through SSH
- 2. On MAC Use Terminal to connect to the server through SSH
- 3. Install Foxy Proxy Google extension

Note: A detailed document with the steps to install the required software for accessing the SparkUI is provided under the Downloadable section

What is the need for Cache, When we are working with RDDs and Dataframes that are already in-memory?

- Caching is required to read and save the frequently used data in-memory, without having to hit the disk for subsequent data loading to create the RDD / Dataframe.
- With caching, data needs to be loaded only once initially and can be used for further transformations without having to read from the disk and create RDDs/ Dataframes multiple times.
- The results of transformations which could potentially be used multiple times for further processing can also be cached to save the processing time.

Note:

- Dataframes which are reused multiple times need to be cached for performance benefits.
- Never cache large dataframes that could consume the majority of available memory. Cache medium sized dataframes that will be reused.
- Cache is Lazy

Caching RDDs, Dataframes and Spark Tables

RDDs - By default caches to memory

Dataframes & Highlevel Constructs - By default caches to memory, if there is not enough memory available, then caches to disk.

Dataframes Caching -

Note: If the data is already on Disk, then why cache to disk again?

There are two parts to the Disk space of every Worker Node- HDFS & Local Disk. Initially data is present in HDFS, caching brings this data to the local disk storage with which faster data access can be achieved.

Persist - Is more flexible than cache in terms of the Storage level options. In case of cache, data can be cached only in-memory or on disk. Default Storage levels for persist are memory and disk but this can be changed by setting an optional parameter.

Need for Caching -

- Helps in improving the performance and saving computational cost by avoiding redoing the already performed computations.

Points to note

- Caching can be performed on RDDs, Dataframes and Spark Tables.
- What kind of Dataframes are best suited for Caching? Dataframes that are not too large and are reused frequently.

Spark UI is where we can view the currently executed job details of a spark application. It also displays other details like the no.of executors that are allocated.

In case of cached data, the caching details are available under the Storage tab on the Spark UI

Example Dataset considered to explain the concepts - orders_1gb.csv

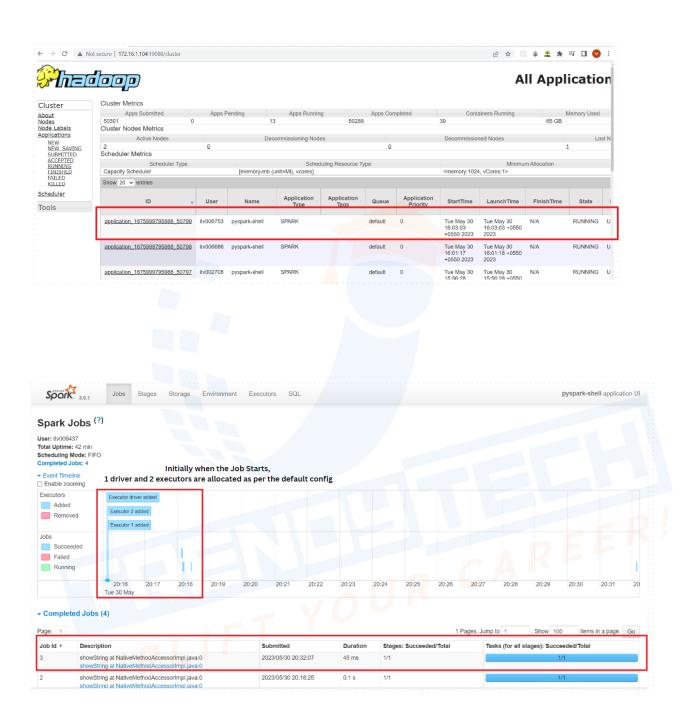
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from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
import getpass
username = getpass.getuser()
spark = SparkSession. \
    builder. \
    config("spark.sql.warehouse.dir", f"/user/{username}/warehouse"). \
    enableHiveSupport(). \
    master('yarn'). \
    getOrCreate()

orders_schema = 'order_id long, order_date date, customer_id long, order_status string'

orders_df = spark.read \
    .format("csv") \
    .schema(orders_schema) \
    .load("/public/trendytech/orders/orders_1gb.csv")

orders_df.show()
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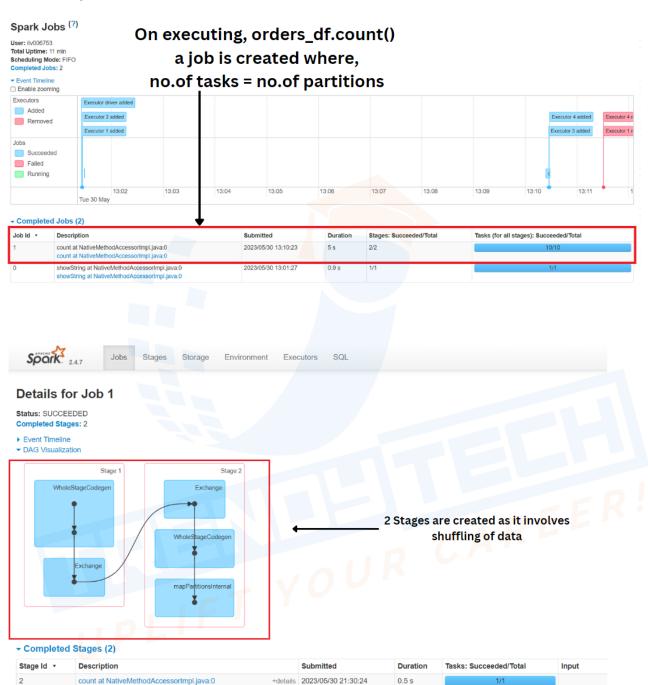
Once the Spark Session is created an entry of this particular spark application will be present in the SparkUI as shown below



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On invoking an action on the Dataframe : Ex - orders_df.count()

- Multiple executors will be dynamically added as required to complete the job execution much faster.



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count at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0

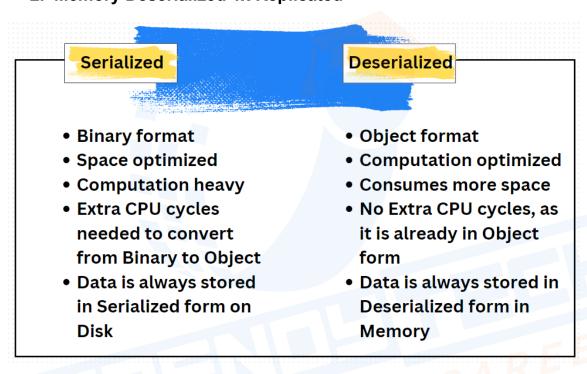
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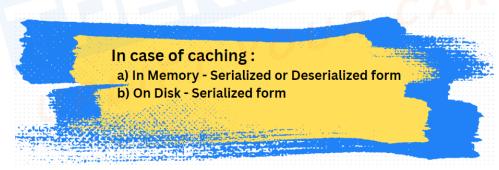
1. Spark being smart, caches only the required data.

Ex: Say you are executing an action - head() on a dataset of 1.1GB (No.of partitions created for 1.1GB data = 9)

Spark knows that it needs only the first partition to give the results and thereby caches only the first partition of the entire data.

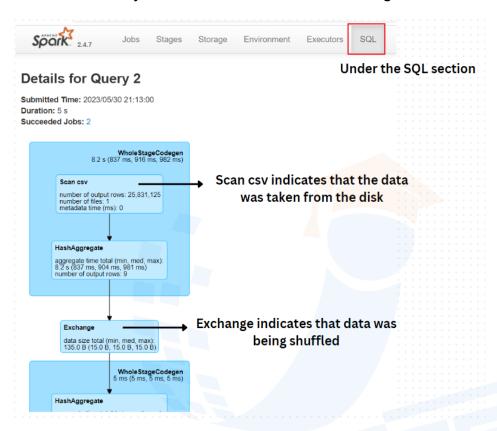
2. Memory Deserialized 1x Replicated





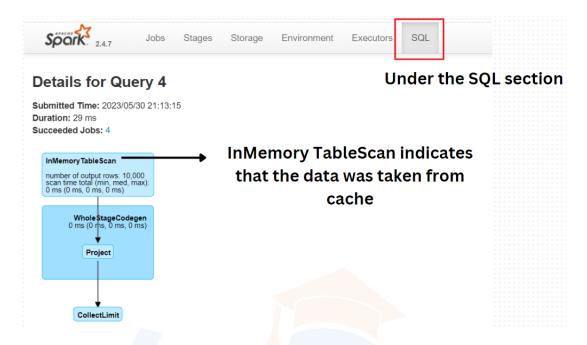
3. Initially for the first execution, Cache is Lazy.

Caching would require additional processing time to cache the data for the first time. However, subsequent executions will be much faster as the data is accessed directly from the cache without reaching to the disk.



 On orders_df.cache() command, the storage tab is populated with the details of cached data, as shown below

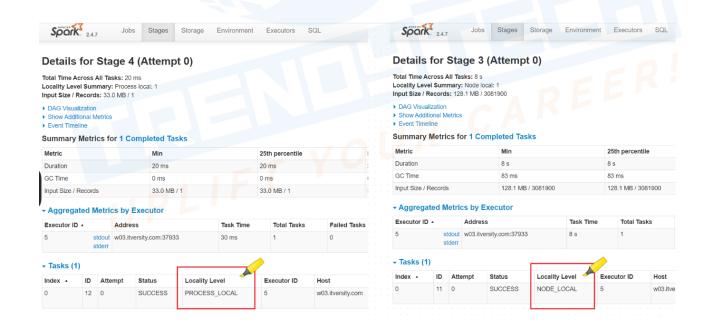




4. Locality Level - NODE_LOCAL Vs PROCESS_LOCAL

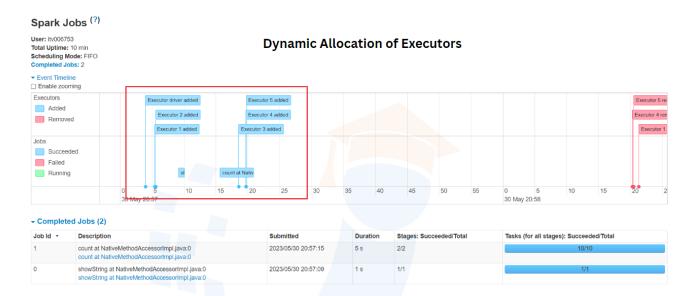
NODE_LOCAL works on the principle of data locality. Every worker node has a part/block of the entire data in HDFS saved locally. This portion of data saved locally, will be processed by the respective worker nodes only

PROCESS_LOCAL means that the data is present in-memory.



5. Dynamic allocation of executors is beneficial in terms of using the resources efficiently.

Initially a spark application starts with default no.of executors as set in the configurations. The executors will then be dynamically added or retrieved based on the requirement.



Jobs are executed faster when multiple executors are running in parallel

The more the number of executors allocated for a job, lesser the task completion time and thereby faster job execution.

6. Unpersist is used to de-cache the data

Unpersist is used to clear the cached data. The cache details under the storage section will be removed on running the unpersist() command.

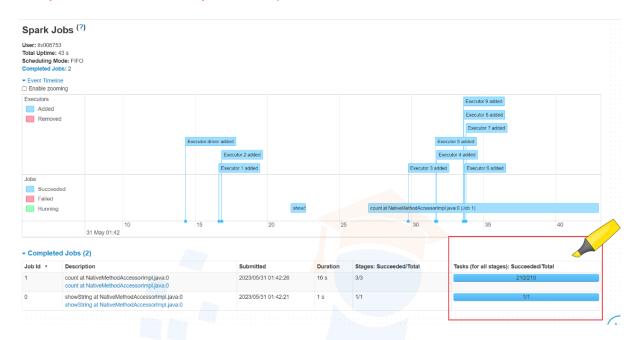
Example Use-Case

Consider an example where we are applying a transformation distinct() followed by an action count() on a dataframe.

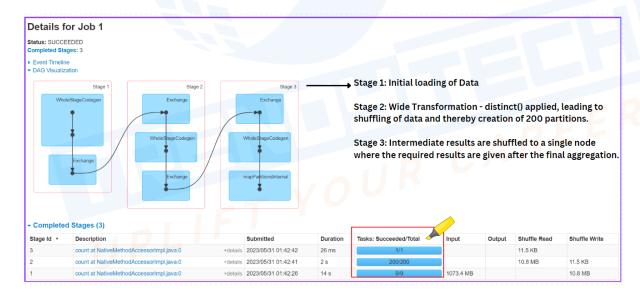
df.distinct().count()

- Each executor will perform local distinct and then these distinct intermediate results from all the executors will be shuffled to another machine.

(When a wide transformation is invoked, 200 partitions are created by default. Therefore, the local distinct results from each of the executors of Stage 1 will be spanned across 200 partitions.)



- Task where the final aggregation takes place to give the distinct values.



Why store the cached data in another Dataframe, when it can be used directly?

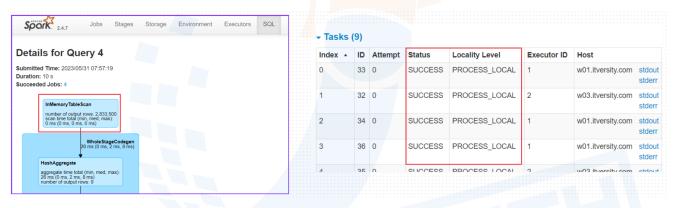
Consider the following:

df.select("<only-required-columns-selected>").filter("<only-required-rows>").co unt()

(Since we are applying filters, only the required data / subset of the entire data is cached)

Ex -

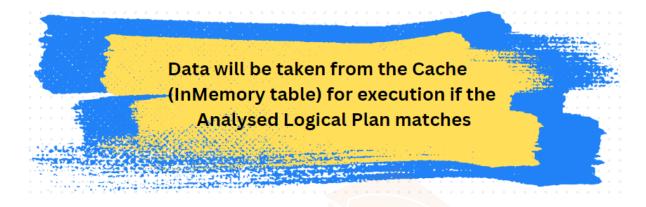
orders_df.select("order_id","order_status").filter("order_status == 'CLOSED'").cache()





Note: As the Analysed logical plan is different for the above 2 queries, spark wont go ahead with the cached table for the second query where filter

Predicate Push Down (Optimization)- Moving filters ahead, so that spark will be processing as few records as possible.



Caching of Spark Tables

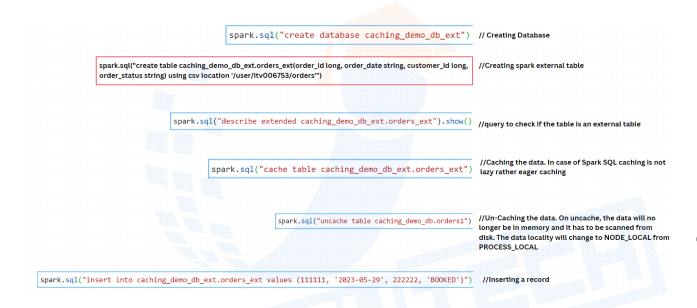
spark.write is used to write the results of dataframe as a table to the disk by loading the Data captured in the dataframe as a table in a Database.



Different ways of uncaching -

- spark.sql("clear cache") //clears all the cached objects of the session.
- 2. spark.sql("uncache table <tableName>") //clears only the specified table.
- 3. spark.catalog.clearCache()

Creating External Spark Table



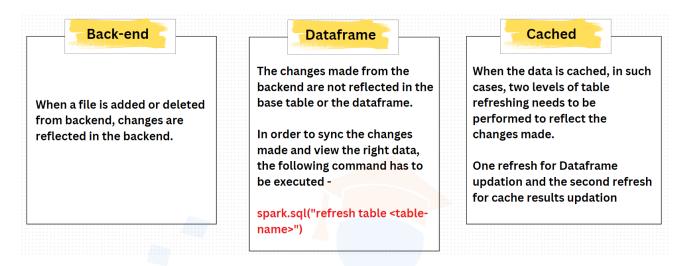
Points to note:

- When data is inserted using the insert command, then spark automatically keeps track of the changes made and it will refresh the invalidated cache for subsequent execution.
- However, when the files are manually added / removed from the backend, then spark cannot track these changes to refresh the cache.
- On inserting incremental data, it is updated at the backend but the cache does not automatically get refreshed. It needs to be manually refreshed to display the correct results using the following command

spark.sql("refresh table <table-name>")

Cache gets invalidated when the data is changed at the back-end.

3 Layers of Data



2 kinds of file formats

Row-based: Data is stored in a row-by-row format. Ex - csv, avro

In case you need to read only a subset of data(only a few columns), with row-based format, the entire data has to be scanned.

Row-based style of storing data

1, 2013-07-25 00:00:00.0, 11599, CLOSED

2, 2013-07-25 00:00:00.0, 256, PENDING_PAYMENT

Column-based: Data is stored in a columnar fashion. Ex - parquet, orc

In this case, a subset of the entire data can be scanned. That is, only the required columns can be read.

Column-based style of storing data

1 2 | 2013-07-25 00:00:00.0 2013-07-25 00:00:00.0 | 11599 256 | CLOSED PENDING_PAYMENT

Parquet is the default format that is most compatible with Spark.

Parquet provides space optimization and that is the reason when any action is invoked on a dataframe of a parquet file, it takes noticeably less time in comparison to other formats like csv.

When can Caching lower the performance?

Parquet without caching



Metadata is used for executing an action, therefore it is much faster

Parquet with caching



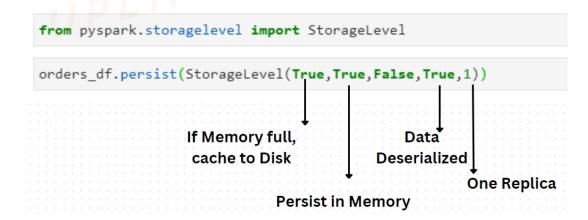
Scans the entire data and thereby takes more processing time.

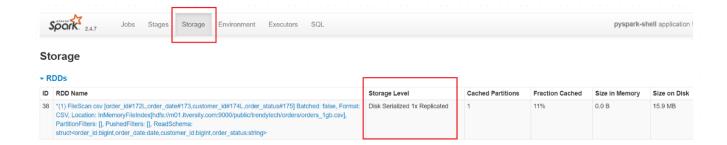
Persist

Persist works exactly the same way as cache but with persist, there is an additional flexibility of changing the default storage levels with an optional parameter.

Persist Storage Level arguments

- 1. Disk Whether the data has to be persisted in Disk? True/False
- 2. **Memory** Whether the data has to be persisted in Memory? True/False
- 3. Off heap Whether the data has to be persisted Off heap? True/False
- 4. **Desertalized** Whether the data is serialized? True/False
- 5. Number of Cache Replicas





Command to unpersist the data

orders_df.unpersist()

Other ways of executing Persist

- => orders_df.persist(StorageLevel(True,False,False,True,1))
 - || Equal to ||

orders_df.persist(StorageLevel.DISK_ONLY)

- => orders_df.persist(StorageLevel(True,True,False,True,1))
 - || Equal to ||

 $orders_df.persist(StorageLevel.MEMORY_AND_DISK)$

- => orders_df.persist(StorageLevel(True,True,False,False,1))
 - || Equal to ||

orders_df.persist(StorageLevel.MEMORY_AND_DISK_SER)