# How Apache works

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### Who am I

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- Fellow/Software Architect at Talend
- Member of the Apache Software Foundation (started in 2004)
- PMC member on ~ 20 Apache projects from system integration (Karaf, Camel, ActiveMQ, Archiva, Aries, ServiceMix, ...) to big data (Beam, CarbonData, Lens, Falcon, ...)

### Why open source?

#### For Companies & Organisations

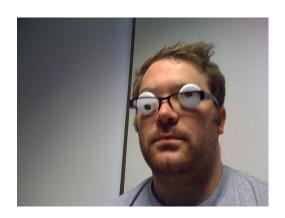
- Impact on development and direction
- Sense of membership in a community
- Save on expensive resources and go to market
- Ability to focus on what differentiates yourself
- Allows to nimbleness and agility
- Increased vision, revenue and market share



## Why open source?

#### For developers

- Not alone, part of a community
- Personal satisfaction
- Sense of accomplishment
- Innovation: you do it!
- Tinker!



## Why open source?

#### For users

- Access to code source
- No vendor lock-in
- Better software, more reliable (security)
- Much more nimble development (frequent releases)
- Direct user input
- Open standards



#### Let's pretend software is a cookie







Use!



**Modify!** 



Share!



### Open source licenses

Give me credit! (Apache, BSD, MIT)



### Open source licenses

Give me fixes (LGPL, EPL, MPL)



### Open source licenses

Give me everything (GPL)



### Open source community

#### Walled Garden (company community)

"All your base are belong to us."



## Open source community

*Meritocracy (open community)*"Out of chaos comes order."



## Open source community

#### **Building community**

- Use mailing list
- Drive and accept consensus
- Avoid poisonous people
- Play nice, share, have fun



### **Apache Software Foundation**



### The Foundation

- Non-profit corporation
- 501(c)3 charity
- Volunteer organization
- Virtual world-wide organization
- Exists to provide the organizational, legal and financial support for various OSS projects
- Biggest open source foundation



### From Apache group to the ASF

- Apache Group
- Informal corporate structure
- 8 members
- Resumed the work on NCSA httpd in Feb 1995 ("a patchy" server)
- Choose permissive licensing

### **ASF**

#### Then

- Incorporated in 1999
- Started with 21 members
- 2 projects
- All servers and services donated



#### Now

- ~650 members
- ~300 projects (TLPs, podlings)
- ~5400 committers
- ~2200 PMCs
- ~8000 signed ICLAs
- Large and growing infrastructure

### **ASF** mission

#### What?

- Provide open source software to public free of charge
- Let the coders code foundation deals with the rest

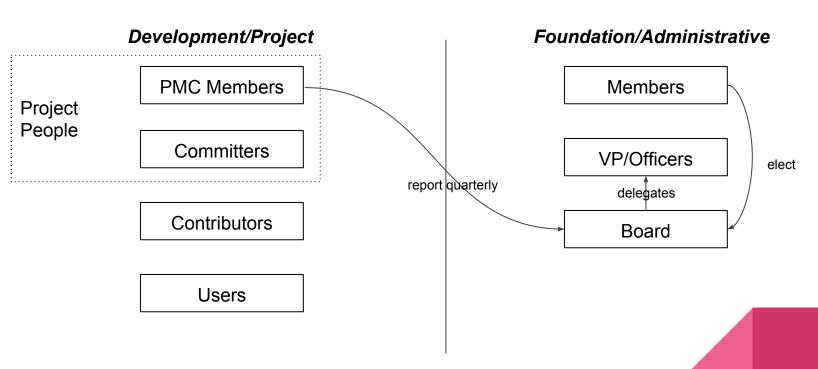




#### How?

- Infrastructure for open source development
- Legal entity for donation purposes
- Shelter from law suits
- Protection of the Apache brand
- Project governance and guidance

## ASF org chart



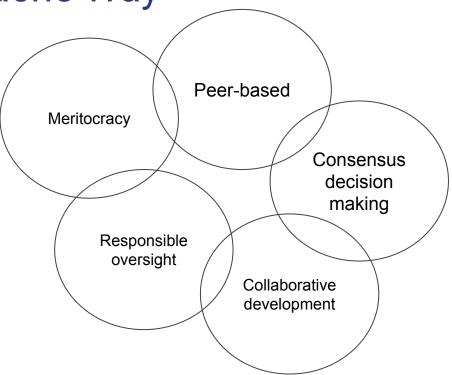
### Structure of the ASF - Project Management Community

- Volunteer driven organization
- Projects are managed by Project Management Committees (PMCs)
  - Vote in new PMC members and committers
  - Vote in new releases
  - Establish rules, report to board
  - Oversee legal aspect, and community health
- Each PMC has a Chair (appointed by the board) eyes and ears of the board (oversight only)

### Structure of the ASF - Foundation Members and Board

- Again only volunteer effort
- Member-based corporation individuals only
- Members nominate and elect new members
- Members elect a board 9 seats
  - Manage and oversee the corporation, its assets and resources
- Annual meeting via IRC
- Board elects 10 officers
  - Oversee the day-by-day affairs

The Apache Way



### Meritocracy

- Govern by merit
- Merit is based on what you do
- Merit never expires
- Those with merit, get more responsibility
- The best ideas win
- Any constructive contribution earns merit
- Not just code (bug reports, documentation, evangelism, ...)



### Peer-based

- Developers represent themselves individuals
- Mutual trust and respect
- All votes hold the same weight
- Community over code
  - Healthy community creates healthy code
  - Poisonous communities don't



### Why community > code

- Since we are all volunteers, people's time and interests change
- A healthy community is "warm & inviting" and encourages a continued influx of developers
- Poisonous people/communities turn people off, and the project will die
- End result better code, long-term code



### Consensus and vote

- Key is the idea of voting: +1, 0, -1
- Main intent: gauge developer acceptance
- -1 must be justifiable



### Commit processes

#### Commit Then Review (CTR)

- Commit on the code and review after
- Good for dev branches
- Depends on people doing the review
- Allows very fast development

#### Review Then Commit (RTC)

- Based on patches/pull requests
- Review on the pull request
- Merge the pull request
- Needs enough "reviewers"
- Lower pace, higher quality and governance
- Probably the recommended and preferred process

#### Lazy Consensus

- Variant of RTC
- Introduce deadline in the review
- Lower quality, higher flexibility

### Collaborative development

- Code is developed by the community
- Voting ensures at least 3 active committers
- Decisions done on mailing list: "If it didn't happen on the mailing list, it didn't happen"
- Shared vision
- Real-time updates
- Real-time help requests
- Self-service archives



### Responsible oversight

- Ensure clean IP in all Apache releases
- Ensure license compliance
- Quality code
- Quality community



### Apache projects

- Responsible for their own code, community and direction, following the Apache rules
- Community over Code!
- Diversity: Java, C, C++, Perl, Scala, ...
- Leading technology (webservers, tools, big data, container, ...)
- Projects can be in the same area if they have their own community (ant/maven, axis/cxf, pig/hive, ...)



### Apache projects



### Apache projects



### Apache incubator

- Entry point for all new projects
- Indoctrinates the Apache Way to the podling
- Ensures and tracks IP

PPMC helped by mentors (foundation members)



### Who pays?

- Apache doesn't pay for development! Voluntary contribution only!
- Many (not all) developers are paid by third-party to work on a project (form of sponsoring)
- Foundation bears indirect support costs
  - Infrastructure
  - Advertising and conference
  - 0 ...

### Who are we?

"We are more than a group of projects sharing a server, we are a community of developers and users."

### How to start?



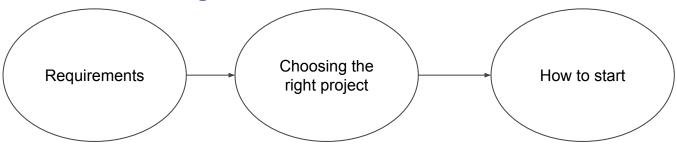
## Why to contribute?

- Better and easier recognition of work
- Publicly verifiable resume
- Work with great guys in great teams
- No manager, no boss
- Work on what you like, when you like, where you want
- Discuss technical designs and by part of the innovation
- Build software used by millions around the world
- Networking opportunities

### How to contribute?

- ASF wants voluntary contributions
- Documentations, tutorials, examples
- Helping others with queries and questions
- Issue / bug tracker triage
- Testing new fixes, helping reproduce problems
- Bug fixes and new features
- Writing add-ons and extensions
- Mentoring, volunteering for the foundation
- Many different ways to get involved, all are important

Start contributing



- English
- Programming language
- Debugging
- Passion
- Perseverance
- Time

- Filter by your interest area
- Filter by language
- Something you use
- Something you want to learn
- Using the project is very important

- Choose your project
- Subscribe to mailing lists
- Checkout code
- Play with binaries
- Find issues and features requests
- Ask
- Sign ICLA

### Become a committer/PMC

#### Invitation of commit access

- Current PMC member nominates individual
- Discussion on the private@ mailing list
  - Key question? Do I trust this individual?
- PMCs are free to define the bar level

### Beyond a committer

- Once you are committer, you can then become:
  - PMC member
  - Foundation member
  - Director/VP
  - Even President!
- You can
  - Nominate other foundation (or PMC) members
  - Can serve as mentor for incubating projects
  - Vote for board

# Example: Apache Beam

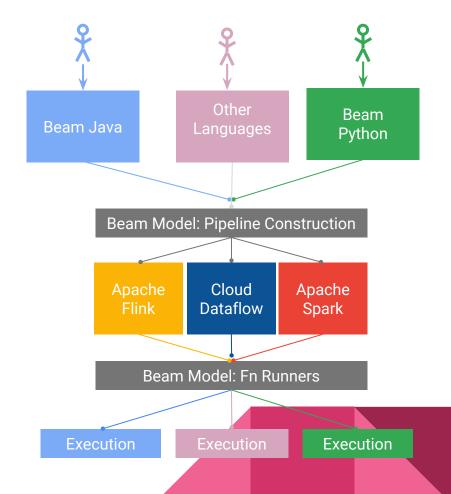


### What's Apache Beam

- Unified programming model for big data (batch and streaming)
- SDKs (Java, Python, ...) & DSLs (Scala, SQL, ...)
- Runners for existing distributed processing engines (Spark, Flink, Apex,
   Dataflow, ...)
- IOs to connect with data sources (Google GS, BigTable, BigQuery, Cassandra, Elasticsearch, ...)

### Apache Beam vision

- 1. **End users:** who want to write pipelines in a language that's familiar.
- 2. **SDK/DSL writers:** who want to make Beam concepts available in new languages.
- 3. **Runner writers:** who have a distributed processing environment and want to support Beam pipelines

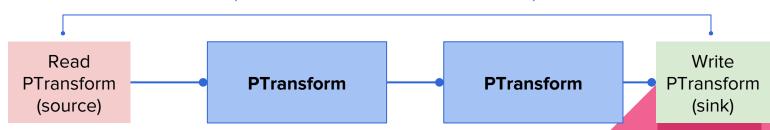


## Apache Beam model concepts

- 1. **Pipeline** data processing job as a directed graph of transformation
- 2. **PCollection** the data inside a pipeline
- 3. **PTransform** a transformation step in the pipeline (**IO** or pure **transform**)

### **Data processing pipeline**

(executed via a Beam runner)



### Apache Beam runners

- "Translate" pipeline to a target runtime
- Same code can run on different engines without re-compilation
- Runners can be on-premise (local Spark cluster, Yarn, Mesos, ...) or in a cloud (using Google Cloud Dataproc, Amazon EMR, ...)









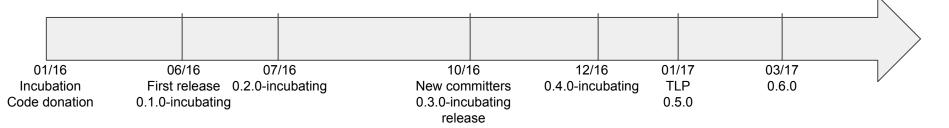


## Why Apache Beam?

- Portable same code with different runners (agnostic) and backends on premise, in the cloud, or local
- Unified same model for batch and streaming processing
- Advanced features event windowing, triggering, watermark, checkpoint, lateness, ...
- Extensible create your own IOs, SDKs, DSLs, runners



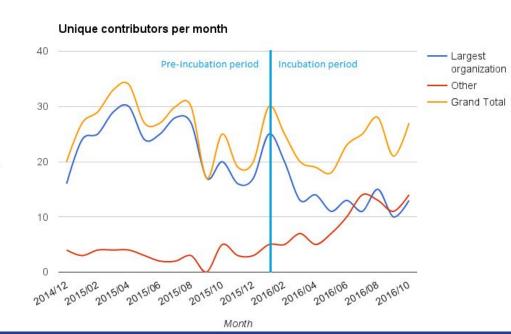
### Beam: from incubation to TLP



- Incubation started in January '16
- TLP in January '17
- 1500 Pull Request during incubation
- 3 incubating releases
- 120+ individual contributors
- 3 new committers from new companies

### Apache Beam, ASF values

- Larger community
- More features provided by more people:
  - New IOs contributed by Talend
  - Spark runner improvements by PayPal & Talend
  - Apex runner
  - 0 ...
- Extended use cases and users
  - o AliBaba, eBay, ...

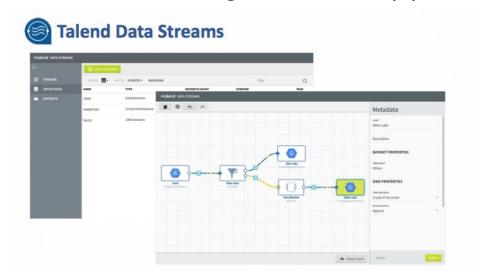


Number of unique contributor

# Talend products on top of Apache Beam

- Apache license allows this!
- DataPrep using Beam pipelines
- DataStream, an UI tool to generate Beam pipelines



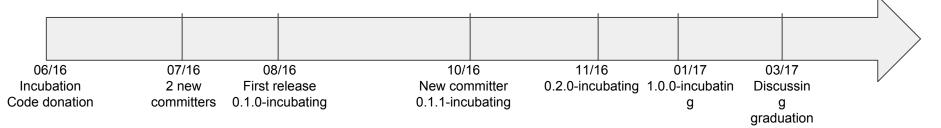


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- Incubation started in June '16
- 650 Pull Requests
- Clearly increase of users & contributors on the mailing lists
- Heading to graduation!

### Apache for Apache CarbonData

- More visible: well known and more popular project
- Growing community, with new ideas and contributions
  - Huawei contributors is now around 50%
  - Contributors from other companies is also 50%
- Attract new users (should be even better after graduation)
- Simplified relationship with other Apache projects

### Thanks!

Special thanks to Liang & the CarbonData team!
You are awesome!



Q&A