# PySpark at a Glance



Write Spark jobs in Python



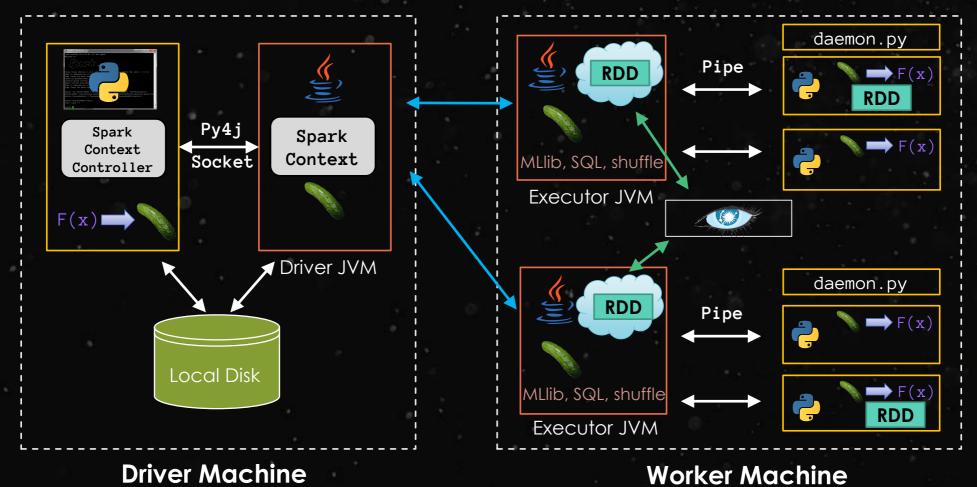
Run interactive jobs in the shell

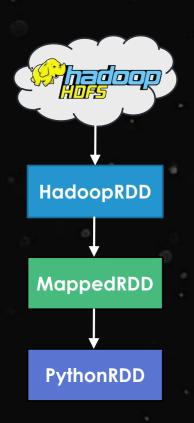


Supports C extensions



## PYSPARK ARCHITECTURE







Data is stored as Pickled objects in an RDD[Array[Byte]]





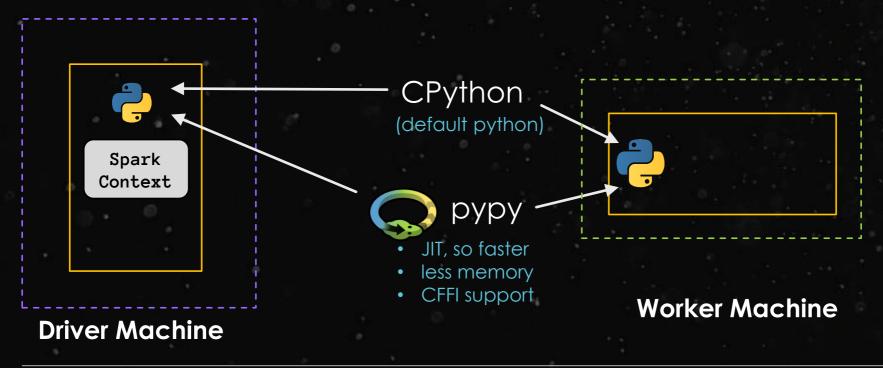




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(100 KB – 1MB each picked object)

## Choose Your Python Implementation





\$ PYSPARK\_DRIVER\_PYTHON=pypy PYSPARK\_PYTHON=pypy ./bin/pyspark
OR

\$ PYSPARK\_DRIVER\_PYTHON=pypy PYSPARK\_PYTHON=pypy ./bin/spark-submit wordcount.py

The performance speed up will depend on work load (from 20% to 3000%).

### Here are some benchmarks:

Job	CPython 2.7	PyPy 2.3.1	Speed up
Word Count	41 s	15 s	2.7 x
Sort	46 s	44 s	1.05 x
Stats	174 s	3.6 s	48 x

#### Here is the code used for benchmark:

```
rdd = sc.textFile("text")
def wordcount():
    rdd.flatMap(lambda x:x.split('/'))\
        .map(lambda x:(x,1)).reduceByKey(lambda x,y:x+y).collectAsMap()
def sort():
    rdd.sortBy(lambda x:x, 1).count()
def stats():
    sc.parallelize(range(1024), 20).flatMap(lambda x: xrange(5024)).stats()
```

https://github.com/apache/spark/pull/2144

spark.python.worker.memory 512m Amount of memory to use per python worker process during aggregation, in the same format as JVM memory strings (e.g. 512m, 2g). If the memory used during aggregation goes above this amount, it will spill the data into disks.