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Why Spark Is the Next Top (Compute) Model

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Hadoop circa 2013

The state of Hadoop as of last year.
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Schematic view of a Hadoop 2 cluster. For a more precise definition of the services and what they do, see e.g., http://hadoop.apache.org/docs/r2.3.0/hadoop-yarn/hadoop-yarn-site/YARN.html We aren't interested in great details at this point, but we'll call out a few useful things to know.

Resource and Node Managers

Hadoop 2 uses YARN to manage resources via the master Resource Manager, which includes a pluggable job scheduler and an Applications Manager. It coordinates with the Node Manager on each node to schedule jobs and provide resources. Other services involved, including application-specific Containers and Application Masters are not shown.

Name Node and Data Nodes

Hadoop 2 clusters federate the Name node services that manage the file system, HDFS. They provide horizontal scalability of file-system operations and resiliency when service instances fail. The data node services manage individual blocks for files.

MapReduce

The classic compute model for Hadoop

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MapReduce

1 **map** step + 1 **reduce** step

(wash, rinse, repeat)

You get 1 map step (although there is limited support for chaining mappers) and 1 reduce step. If you can't implement an algorithm in these two steps, you can chain jobs together, but you'll pay a tax of flushing the entire data set to disk between these jobs.

MapReduce

Example:
Inverted Index

The inverted index is a classic algorithm needed for building search engines.

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Before running MapReduce, crawl teh interwebs, find all the pages, and build a data set of URLs -> doc contents, written to flat files in HDFS or one of the more “sophisticated” formats.

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Now we're running MapReduce. In the map step, a task (JVM process) per file *block* (64MB or larger) reads the rows, tokenizes the text and outputs key-value pairs ("tuples")...

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... the keys are each word found and the values are themselves tuples, each URL and the count of the word. In our simplified example, there are typically only single occurrences of each work in each document. The real occurrences are interesting because if a word is mentioned a lot in a document, the chances are higher that you would want to find that document in a search for that word.

Map Phase
Reduce Phase
index
block
...
...
wikipedia.org/hadoop
Hadoop provides...
...
...
block
...
...
wikipedia.org/hbase
HBase stores...
...
...
block
...
...
wikipedia.org/hive
Hive queries...
...
...
Map Task
Map Task
Map Task
Sort, Shuffle
Reduce Task
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The output tuples are sorted by key locally in each map task, then “shuffled” over the cluster network to reduce tasks (each a JVM process, too), where we want all occurrences of a given key to land on the same reduce task.

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This seems okay, right? What's wrong with it?

Awkward

Most algorithms are much harder to implement in this restrictive map-then-reduce model.

Writing MapReduce jobs requires arcane, specialized skills that few master. For a good overview, see http://lintool.github.io/MapReduceAlgorithms/.

Awkward

Lack of flexibility inhibits optimizations, too.

The inflexible compute model leads to complex code to improve performance where hacks are used to work around the limitations. Hence, optimizations are hard to implement. The Spark team has commented on this, see http://databricks.com/blog/2014/03/26/Spark-SQL-manipulating-structured-data-using-Spark.html

Performance

Full dump to disk between jobs.

Sequencing jobs wouldn't be so bad if the "system" was smart enough to cache data in memory. Instead, each job dumps everything to disk, then the next job reads it back in again. This makes iterative algorithms particularly painful.

Enter Spark

spark.apache.org

Cluster Computing

Can be run in:

- YARN (Hadoop 2)
- Mesos (Cluster management)
- EC2
- Standalone mode
- Cassandra
- ...

If you have a Hadoop cluster, you can run Spark as a seamless compute engine on YARN. (You can also use pre-YARN Hadoop v1 clusters, but there you have manually allocate resources to the embedded Spark cluster vs Hadoop.) Mesos is a general-purpose cluster resource manager that can also be used to manage Hadoop resources. Scripts for running a Spark cluster in EC2 are available. Standalone just means you run Spark's built-in support for clustering (or run locally on a single box - e.g., for development). EC2 deployments are usually standalone... Finally, database vendors like Datastax are integrating Spark.

Compute Model

Fine-grained *operators* for composing algorithms.

Once you learn the core set of primitives, it's easy to compose non-trivial algorithms with little code.

Compute Model

RDDs: Resilient, Distributed Datasets

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Compute Model

Written in **Scala**,
with Java and Python APIs.

Once you learn the core set of primitives, it's easy to compose non-trivial algorithms with little code. An R API is coming soon.

Inverted Index in **MapReduce (Java).**

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Let's see an an actual implementation of the inverted index. First, a Hadoop MapReduce (Java) version, adapted from https://developer.yahoo.com/hadoop/tutorial/module4.html#solution It's about 90 lines of code, but I reformatted to fit better.

This is also a slightly simpler version that the one I diagrammed. It doesn't record a count of each word in a document; it just writes (word,doc-title) pairs out of the mappers and the final (word,list) output by the reducers just has a list of documentations, hence repeats. A second job would be necessary to count the repeats.

```
import java.io.IOException;
import java.util.*;

import org.apache.hadoop.fs.Path;
import org.apache.hadoop.io.*;
import org.apache.hadoop.mapred.*;

public class LineIndexer {

  public static void main(String[] args) {
   JobClient client = new JobClient();
   JobConf conf =
    new JobConf(LineIndexer.class);

   conf.setJobName("LineIndexer");
   conf.setOutputKeyClass(Text.class);
   conf.setOutputValueClass(Text.class);
```


I’ve shortened the original code a bit, e.g., using * import statements instead of separate imports for each class.
I’m not going to explain every line ... nor most lines.
Everything is in one outer class. We start with a main routine that sets up the job. Lotta boilerplate...
I used yellow for method calls, because methods do the real work!! But notice that the functions in this code don’t really do a whole lot...

```
JobConf conf =
 new JobConf(LineIndexer.class);

conf.setJobName("LineIndexer");
conf.setOutputKeyClass(Text.class);
conf.setOutputValueClass(Text.class);
FileInputFormat.addInputPath(conf,
 new Path("input"));
FileOutputFormat.setOutputPath(conf,
 new Path("output"));
conf.setMapperClass(
  LineIndexMapper.class);
conf.setReducerClass(
  LineIndexReducer.class);

client.setConf(conf);

try {
```


boilerplate...

```
  conf.setReducerClass(
    LineIndexReducer.class);

  client.setConf(conf);

  try {
    JobClient.runJob(conf);
  } catch (Exception e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
  }
}

public static class LineIndexMapper
  extends MapReduceBase
  implements Mapper<LongWritable, Text,
                    Text, Text> {
  private final static Text word =
    new Text();
```

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main ends with a try-catch clause to run the job.

```
extends MapReduceBase
implements Mapper<LongWritable, Text,
                  Text, Text> {
private final static Text word =
 new Text();
private final static Text location =
 new Text();

public void map(
 LongWritable key, Text val,
 OutputCollector<Text, Text> output,
 Reporter reporter) throws IOException {

 FileSplit fileSplit =
  (FileSplit)reporter.getInputSplit();
 String fileName =
  fileSplit.getPath().getName();
 location.set(fileName);
```


This is the LineIndexMapper class for the mapper. The map method does the real work of tokenization and writing the (word, document-name) tuples.

```
 (FileSplit)reporter.getInputSplit();
String fileName =
 fileSplit.getPath().getName();
location.set(fileName);

String line = val.toString();
StringTokenizer itr = new
 StringTokenizer(line.toLowerCase());
while (itr.hasMoreTokens()) {
 word.set(itr.nextToken());
 output.collect(word, location);
  }
 }
}

public static class LineIndexReducer
 extends MapReduceBase
 implements Reducer<Text, Text,
                    Text, Text> {
```

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The rest of the LineIndexMapper class and map method.

```
Text, Text> {
public void reduce(Text key,
 Iterator<Text> values,
 OutputCollector<Text, Text> output,
 Reporter reporter) throws IOException {
 boolean first = true;
 StringBuilder toReturn =
  new StringBuilder();
 while (values.hasNext()) {
  if (!first)
   toReturn.append(", ");
  first=false;
  toReturn.append(
   values.next().toString());
 }
 output.collect(key,
  new Text(toReturn.toString()));
}
}
```


The reducer class, LineIndexReducer, with the reduce method that is called for each key and a list of values for that key. The reducer is stupid; it just reformats the values collection into a long string and writes the final (word,list-string) output.

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}
```


EOF

Altogether

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    toReturn.append(
     values.next().toString());
   }
   output.collect(key,
    new Text(toReturn.toString()));
  }
 }
}
```


The whole shebang (6pt. font)

Inverted Index in **Spark (Scala).**

This code is approximately 45 lines, but it does more than the previous Java example, it implements the original inverted index algorithm I diagrammed where word counts are computed and included in the data.

```
import org.apache.spark.SparkContext
import org.apache.spark.SparkContext._

object InvertedIndex {
 def main(args: Array[String]) = {

  val sc = new SparkContext(
   "local", "Inverted Index")

  sc.textFile("data/crawl")
  .map { line =>
    val array = line.split("\t", 2)
    (array(0), array(1))
  }
  .flatMap {
    case (path, text) =>
     text.split("""\W+""") map {
```


The InvertedIndex implemented in Spark. This time, we'll also count the occurrences in each document (as I originally described the algorithm) and sort the (url,N) pairs descending by N (count), and ascending by URL.

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```


It starts with imports, then declares a singleton object (a first-class concept in Scala), with a main routine (as in Java). The methods are colored yellow again. Note this time how dense with meaning they are this time.

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      word => (word, path)
     }
  }
  .map {
    case (w, p) => ((w, p), 1)
```


You being the workflow by declaring a SparkContext. We're running in "local" mode, in this case, meaning on a single machine (and using a single core). Normally this argument would be a command-line parameter, so you can develop locally, then submit to a cluster, where "local" would be replaced by the appropriate URI.

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     }
  }
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```


The rest of the program is a sequence of function calls, analogous to “pipes” we connect together to construct the data flow. Data will only start “flowing” when we ask for results. We start by reading one or more text files from the directory “data/crawl”. If running in Hadoop, if there are one or more Hadoop-style “part-NNNNN” files, Spark will process all of them (they will be processed synchronously in “local” mode).

```
sc.textFile("data/crawl")
.map { line =>
  val array = line.split("\t", 2)
  (array(0), array(1))
}
.flatMap {
  case (path, text) =>
   text.split("""\W+""") map {
    word => (word, path)
   }
}
.map {
  case (w, p) => ((w, p), 1)
}
.reduceByKey {
  case (n1, n2) => n1 + n2
}
.map {
```


sc.textFile returns an RDD with a string for each line of input text. So, the first thing we do is map over these strings to extract the original document id (i.e., file name), followed by the text in the document, all on one line. We assume tab is the separator. “(array(0), array(1))” returns a two-element “tuple”. Think of the output RDD has having a schema “fileName: String, text: String”.

```
sc.textFile("data/crawl")
.map { line =>
  val array = line.split("\t", 2)
  (array(0), array(1))
}
.flatMap {
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}
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```


flatMap maps over each of these 2-element tuples. We split the text into words on non-alphanumeric characters, then output collections of word (our ultimate, final “key”) and the path. That is, each line (one thing) is converted to a collection of (word,path) pairs (0 to many things), but we don’t want an output collection of nested collections, so flatMap concatenates nested collections into one long “flat” collection of (word,path) pairs.

```
.map {
  case (w, p) => ((w, p), 1)
}
.reduceByKey {
  case (n1, n2) => n1 + n2
}
.map {
  case ((w, p), n) => (w, (p, n))
}
.groupBy {
  case (w, (p, n)) => w
}
.map {
  case (w, seq) =>
    val seq2 = seq map {
      case (_, (p, n)) => (p, n)
    }
    sortBy {
```

((word1, path1), n1)
((word2, path2), n2)
...

Next, we map over these pairs and add a single “seed” count of 1. Note the structure of the returned tuple; it’s a two-tuple where the first element is itself a two-tuple holding (word, path). The following special method, reduceByKey is like a groupBy, where it groups over those (word, path) “keys” and uses the function to sum the integers. The popup shows the what the output data looks like.

```
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  }
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  }
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  }
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      }
      sortBy {
```

(word1, (path1, n1))
(word2, (path2, n2))
...

So, the input to the next map is now ((word, path), n), where n is now >= 1. We transform these tuples into the form we actually want, (word, (path, n)). I love how concise and elegant this code is!

```
  }
  .groupBy {
    case (w, (p, n)) => w
  }
  .map {
    case (w, seq) =>
      val seq2 = seq map {
        case (_, (p, n)) => (p, n)
      }
      .sortBy {
        case (path, n) => (-n, path)
      }
      (w, seq2.mkString(", "))
  }
  .saveAsTextFile("/path/to/out")

  sc.stop()
}
```

(word, seq((word, (path1, n1)), (word, (path2, n2)), ...))

Now we do an explicit group by to bring all the same words together. The output will be (word, seq((word, (path1, n1)), (word, (path2, n2)), ...)).

```
  }
  .groupBy {
    case (w, (p, n)) => w
  }
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    case (w, seq) =>
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      }
      .sortBy {
        case (path, n) => (-n, path)
      }
      (w, seq2.mkString(", "))
  }
  .saveAsTextFile("/path/to/out")

  sc.stop()
}
```

(word, “(path1, n1), (path2, n2), ...”)

Now we do an explicit group by to bring all the same words together. The output will be (word, (word, (path1, n1)), (word, (path2, n2)), ...).
The last map removes the redundant “word” values in the sequences of the previous output and sorts by count descending, path ascending. (Sorting by path is mostly useful for reproducibility, e.g., in tests!) It outputs the sequence as a final string of comma-separated (path,n) pairs.

```
      val seq2 = seq map {
        case (_, (p, n)) => (p, n)
      }
      .sortBy {
        case (path, n) => (-n, path)
      }
      (w, seq2.mkString(", "))
    }
    .saveAsTextFile("/path/to/out")

    sc.stop()
  }
}
```


Finally, write back to the file system and stop the job.

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  }
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  }
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      val seq2 = seq map {
        case (_, (p, n)) => (p, n)
      }
      (w, seq2.mkString(", "))
  }
  .saveAsTextFile("/path/to/out")

  sc.stop()
 }
}
```


The whole shebang (12pt. font, this time)

```
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}
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   }
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  case (n1, n2) => n1 + n2
}
.map {
  case ((w, p), n) => (w, (p, n))
```

Concise

Operators!

Could you make this code more concise, yet expressive. It would be really, really hard, in any language!

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

Another example of a beautiful and profound DSL, in this case from the world of Physics: Maxwell's equations: http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c4/Maxwell'sEquations.svg

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Once you learn the core primitives I used, and a few tricks for manipulating the RDD tuples, you can very quickly build complex algorithms for data processing!
The Spark API allowed us to focus almost exclusively on the “domain” of data transformations, while the Java MapReduce version (which does less), forced tedious attention to infrastructure mechanics.

Use a SQL query
when you can!!

Spark SQL!

Mix SQL queries with the RDD API.

Use the best tool for a particular problem.

Spark SQL!

Create, Read, and Delete
Hive Tables

Interoperate with Hive, the original Hadoop SQL tool.

Spark SQL!

Read JSON and Infer the Schema

Read strings that are JSON records, infer the schema on the fly. Also, write RDD records as JSON.

Spark SQL!

Read and write Parquet files

Parquet is a newer file format developed by Twitter and Cloudera that is becoming very popular. IT stores in column order, which is better than row order when you have lots of columns and your queries only need a few of them. Also, columns of the same data types are easier to compress, which Parquet does for you. Finally, Parquet files carry the data schema.

SparkSQL

~10-100x the performance of Hive.

There are projects to port Hive to Spark and Tez, so this advantage is going away eventually.

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We'll use the Spark "MLlib" in the example, then return to it in a moment.

```
CREATE TABLE Users(
 userId      INT,
 name        STRING,
 email       STRING,
 age         INT,
 latitude    DOUBLE,
 longitude   DOUBLE,
 subscribed BOOLEAN);

CREATE TABLE Events(
 userId INT,
 action INT);
```

Equivalent HiveQL Schemas definitions.

This example adapted from the following blog post announcing Spark SQL:
http://databricks.com/blog/2014/03/26/Spark-SQL-manipulating-structured-data-using-Spark.html

Adapted here to use Spark's own SQL, not the integration with Hive. Imagine we have a stream of events from users and the events that have occurred as they used a system.

```
val trainingDataTable = sql("""
 SELECT e.action, u.age,
        u.latitude, u.longitude
 FROM Users u
 JOIN Events e
 ON u.userId = e.userId""")

val trainingData =
 trainingDataTable map { row =>
  val features =
   Array[Double](row(1), row(2), row(3))
  LabeledPoint(row(0), features)
 }

val model =
 new LogisticRegressionWithSGD()
 .run(trainingData)
```


Here is some Spark (Scala) code with an embedded SQL query that joins the Users and Events tables. The “””...”””string allows embedded line feeds.
The “sql” function returns an RDD. If we used the Hive integration and this was a query against a Hive table, we would use the hql(...) function instead.

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We map over the RDD to create LabeledPoints, an object used in Spark's MLlib (machine learning library) for a recommendation engine. The "label" is the kind of event and the user's age and lat/long coordinates are the "features" used for making recommendations. (E.g., if you're 25 and near a certain location in the city, you might be interested a nightclub near by...)

```
val model =
 new LogisticRegressionWithSGD()
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val allCandidates = sql("""
 SELECT userId, age, latitude, longitude
 FROM Users
 WHERE subscribed = FALSE""")

case class Score(
  userId: Int, score: Double)
val scores = allCandidates map { row =>
 val features =
  Array[Double](row(1), row(2), row(3))
 Score(row(0), model.predict(features))
}

// In-memory table
```


Next we train the recommendation engine, using a “logistic regression” fit to the training data, where “stochastic gradient descent” (SGD) is used to train it. (This is a standard tool set for recommendation engines; see for example: http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~wcohen/10-605/assignments/sgd.pdf)

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```


Now run a query against all users who aren't already subscribed to notifications.

```
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  userId: Int, score: Double)
val scores = allCandidates map { row =>
 val features =
  Array[Double](row(1), row(2), row(3))
 Score(row(0), model.predict(features))
}

// In-memory table
scores.registerTempTable("Scores")

val topCandidates = sql("""
 SELECT u.name, u.email
 FROM Scores s
 JOIN Users u ON s.userId = u.userId
 ORDER BY score DESC
 LIMIT 100""")
```


Declare a class to hold each user's "score" as produced by the recommendation engine and map the "all" query results to Scores.

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```

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```

```
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```


Then “register” the scores RDD as a “Scores” table in in memory. If you use the Hive binding instead, this would be a table in Hive’s metadata storage.

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```


Finally, run a new query to find the people with the highest scores that aren't already subscribing to notifications. You might send them an email next recommending that they subscribe...

Altogether

```
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12 point font again.

Event Stream
Processing

Spark Streaming

Use the same abstractions for near real-time, event streaming.

Once you learn the core set of primitives, it's easy to compose non-trivial algorithms with little code.

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A DSTream (discretized stream) wraps the RDDs for each “batch” of events. You can specify the granularity, such as all events in 1 second batches, then your Spark job is passed each batch of data for processing. You can also work with moving windows of batches.

Very similar code...

```
val sc  = new SparkContext(...)
val ssc = new StreamingContext(
            sc, Seconds(1))

// A DStream that will listen to server:port
val lines =
 ssc.socketTextStream(server, port)

// Word Count...
val words = lines flatMap {
 line => line.split("""\W+""")
}

val pairs = words map (word => (word, 1))
val wordCounts =
 pairs reduceByKey ((n1, n2) => n1 + n2)
```


This example adapted from the following page on the Spark website:
http://spark.apache.org/docs/0.9.0/streaming-programming-guide.html#a-quick-example

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We create a StreamingContext that wraps a SparkContext (there are alternative ways to construct it...). It will “clump” the events into 1-second intervals.

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Next we setup a socket to stream text to us from another server and port (one of several ways to ingest data).

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wordCount.print()  // print a few counts...

ssc.start()
ssc.awaitTermination()
```


Now we “count words”. For each mini-batch (1 second’s worth of data), we split the input text into words (on whitespace, which is too crude).

Once we setup the flow, we start it and wait for it to terminate through some means, such as the server socket closing.

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We count these words just like we counted (word, path) pairs early.

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print is useful diagnostic tool that prints a header and the first 10 records to the console at each iteration.

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```


Now start the data flow and wait for it to terminate (possibly forever).

So where will we be five years from now?

MapReduce

vs. Spark

Spark just replaced MapReduce

YARN?

vs. Mesos

What about YARN. It's somewhat specific to the MapReduce model (batch mode, finite-duration jobs, somewhat static allocation of resources for job life). It's less "universal" and efficient compared to Mesos. As Data environments grow more sophisticated, I believe YARN will reach a point where we need to replace it. Mesos is the most likely contender.

HDFS

vs. ?

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As a distributed file system layered on top of a native filesystem, HDFS is not nearly as efficient as it could be. It's resiliency features are a hack. It fairs poorly with small or incrementally-updated files. A distributed file system with better performance, resiliency, and efficiency for a wider variety of scenarios will become essential. Possible replacements are MapR-FS, Ceph, Gluster, and others(?).

Recap

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Functional Programming: I came for the concurrency, but I stayed for the data science.

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Why is Spark so good (and Java MapReduce so bad)? Because fundamentally, data analytics is Mathematics and programming tools inspired by Mathematics - like Functional Programming - are ideal tools for working with data. This is why Spark code is so concise, yet powerful. This is why it is a great platform for performance optimizations. This is why Spark is a great platform for higher-level tools, like SQL, graphs, etc.

Interest in FP started growing ~10 years ago as a tool to attack concurrency. I believe that data is now driving FP adoption even faster. I know many Java shops that switched to Scala when they adopted tools like Spark and Scalding (https://github.com/twitter/scalding).

Spark

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