## Lab 3. Data Ingestion



In this lab, we will look into the data ingestion aspects of the data life cycle.

Data ingestion is a very broad term; however, we will concentrate on some of the most important aspects of it. Data is generally considered to be ingested when it is ready for usage in enterprise systems. In reality, a significant amount of effort is required to perform data ingestion effectively and efficiently.

Data ingestion typically involves the following key tasks, which are also the topics that will be covered in this lab:

- Data extraction
- Data staging
- Data cleaning
- Data normalization
- Data enrichment
- Data organization and storage

### **Compile and Run using SBT**

To run scala file with main function defined from the terminal, simply run the following commands. The program will the then be compiled and executed.

```
cd ~/Desktop/data-analysis-scala/Lab3

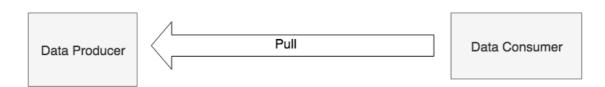
sbt "show discoveredMainClasses"

sbt "runMain fenago.example.<update>"

root@uk-caas-302575881a8a4c0fb36d1f4e71b724ee-cf15e6217502e5e35b1305:~/work/data-analysis-scala/Lab2# sbt "show discoveredMainClasses"
[info] Loading project definition from /home/jovyan/work/data-analysis-scala/Lab2/project
[info] Loading settings for project lab2 from build.sbt ...
[info] Set current project to Lab2 (in build file:/home/jovyan/work/data-analysis-scala/Lab2/)
[info] * fenago.example.csv.CsvParserExample
[info] * fenago.example.ison.JsonParserExample
[info] * fenago.example.viz.vegasVizExample
```

## **Pull-oriented data extraction**

This diagram illustrates how a Data Consumer pulls data from the [ Data Producer ]:



Let's look at a simple and concrete example of pull-based data extraction:

1. Import the BufferedReader class from Java's java.io package. This class provides an efficient mechanism for reading text data by buffering the data.:

```
scala> import java.io.BufferedReader
import java.io.BufferedReader
```

2. Import the InputStreamReader class from Java's java.io package. This class provides a bridge from the byte stream to the character stream.

```
scala> import java.io.InputStreamReader
import java.io.InputStreamReader
```

3. Import URL class from Java's java.net package. The URL class represents a **uniform resource**locator reference to a resource on the internet.:

```
scala> import java.net.URL
import java.net.URL
```

4. Import the Consumer interface from Java's java.util.function package. This interface represents an operation that accepts a single input argument and does not return a result:

```
scala> import java.util.function.Consumer
import java.util.function.Consumer
```

5. Import ListBuffer from Scala's scala.collection.mutable package. ListBuffer is a buffered implementation backed by a list. It is to be noted that Scala's List is an immutable structure that, once created, cannot be changed. The ListBuffer class provides a convenient mechanism to append items to a buffer and turn it into a List object once the appends are completed. The specifications of Scala's ListBuffer can be found at <a href="https://www.scala-">https://www.scala-</a>

```
scala> import scala.collection.mutable.ListBuffer
import scala.collection.mutable.ListBuffer
```

- 6. Define a Scala class called DataConsumer:
  - ${\bf \circ}$  This class extends  ${\tt Consumer}$  , accepting  ${\tt String}$  as input.

lang.org/api/current/scala/collection/mutable/ListBuffer.html:

- The class constructor initializes a ListBuffer of String and overrides the accept method from Consumer.
- The accept method appends the incoming string to the buffer:

```
| }
defined class DataConsumer
```

7. Create a new instance of BufferedReader, that reads from an InputStreamReader pulling data from <a href="https://data.lacity.org/api/views/nxs9-385f/rows.csv?accessType=DOWNLOAD">https://data.lacity.org/api/views/nxs9-385f/rows.csv?accessType=DOWNLOAD</a>. This involves multiple steps in the following order:

The pattern being used here for instantiating the reader is known as a **decorator design pattern**. Each class is adding additional functionality to the class it is wrapping:

- InputStreamReader turns a byte-oriented InputStream to a character-oriented input stream.
- BufferedReader turns a character-oriented input stream to an input stream that handles data buffering and provides an efficient mechanism with which to read text data.

The following is a complete code for instantiating the <code>BufferedReader</code>:

8. Create a new instance of DataConsumer:

```
scala> val dataConsumer = new DataConsumer
dataConsumer: DataConsumer = DataConsumer@4616af54
```

9. For each line in the <code>BufferedReader</code>, pass it through the <code>accept method</code> of <code>DataConsumer</code>. This will cause all of the lines to be collected inside the <code>ListBuffer</code> of <code>dataConsumer</code>:

```
scala> reader.lines().forEach(dataConsumer)
```

It is to be noted that the <code>forEach</code> construct used here is Java-specific. Scala has something similar, called <code>foreach</code>, which works quite differently from Java's <code>forEach</code> construct. In a similar situation, with Scala, <code>foreach</code>, we could have simply used the following:

```
reader.lines().foreach(i => buf += i) // buf is ListBuffer
```

Since we are using Java's InputStream family of classes here, we are forced to use the forEach construct of Java. Scala does not have equivalents of the Java Stream API.

- 10. Print out the first five elements of the DataConsumer class contained in ListBuffer:
  - The DataConsumer class's buf is a ListBuffer object. The toList method of ListBuffer returns a new List object consisting of all the elements in the buffer.
  - Take a convenient method of List to get the first specified number of elements as another List.
  - The foreach construct of List provides a mechanism to perform an action on each element. We are printing the element here:

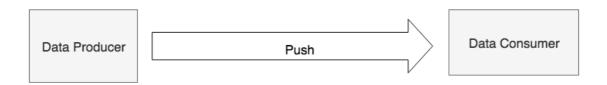
```
scala> dataConsumer.buf.toList.take(5).foreach(println)
Zip Code,Total Population,Median Age,Total Males,Total Females,Total
```

```
Households, Average Household Size
91371,1,73.5,0,1,1,1
90001,57110,26.6,28468,28642,12971,4.4
90002,51223,25.5,24876,26347,11731,4.36
90003,66266,26.3,32631,33635,15642,4.22
```

In this example, the data producer has stored the data that can be extracted using an HTTP request. The data consumer has to explicitly issue the HTTP request in order to extract this data. This is a classic example of pull-based data extraction.

### **Push-oriented data delivery**

This diagram illustrates how a [ Data Producer ] pushes data to [ Data Consumer ]:



Let's look at a simple and concrete example of push-based data delivery. We will follow the REST API example provided by Play Framework (<a href="https://github.com/playframework/play-scala-rest-api-example">https://github.com/playframework/play-scala-rest-api-example</a>). Play Framework is a powerful tool for building Scala and Java web applications. The documentation of this framework can be found at <a href="https://www.playframework.com/">https://www.playframework.com/</a>:

1. Clone the play-scala-rest-api-example repository (<a href="https://github.com/playframework/play-scala-rest-api-example">https://github.com/playframework/play-scala-rest-api-example</a>) from GitHub. This needs to be cloned, because this project needs to be compiled. Run the clone command in a Terminal:

```
# clone from github
$ git clone https://github.com/playframework/play-scala-rest-api-example
Cloning into 'play-scala-rest-api-example'...
...
Resolving deltas: 100% (385/385), done.
```

2. Change to the play example directory in the Terminal:

```
$ cd play-scala-rest-api-example
```

3. Run sbt by typing the following command in the Terminal:

```
$ sbt run
[info] Loading settings for project global-plugins from idea.sbt ...
...
--- (Running the application, auto-reloading is enabled) ---
```

```
[info] p.c.s.AkkaHttpServer - Listening for HTTP on /0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0
(Server started, use Enter to stop and go back to the console...)
```

HTTP REST services are now running at http://localhost:9000/. Let this server keep running in a Terminal while we explore further.

4. The REST end-point is <a href="http://localhost:9000/v1/posts">http://localhost:9000/v1/posts</a> . You can open this link in a web browser or run the following <a href="curl">curl</a> command to check the service:

```
$ curl curl http://localhost:9000/v1/posts
[
 {
    "id": "1",
   "link": "/v1/posts/1",
   "title": "title 1",
    "body": "blog post 1"
  },
    "id": "2",
    "link": "/v1/posts/2",
    "title": "title 2",
   "body": "blog post 2"
 },
    "id": "3",
   "link": "/v1/posts/3",
   "title": "title 3",
    "body": "blog post 3"
 },
  {
    "id": "4",
    "link": "/v1/posts/4",
   "title": "title 4",
    "body": "blog post 4"
 },
    "id": "5",
    "link": "/v1/posts/5",
    "title": "title 5",
   "body": "blog post 5"
```

The REST server created five sample blog post entries. Each blog post entry has the following attributes:

- id
- link
- title
- body
- 5. We can now POST some data to this REST server using the following curl command. We will now add the following new blog post entry:

```
id = 999
link = /v1/posts/999
title = mytitle
body = mybody
```

```
$ curl -d "title=mytitle&body=mybody" -X POST http://localhost:9000/v1/posts
{"id":"999","link":"/v1/posts/999","title":"mytitle","body":"mybody"}
```

6. On the Terminal REST server, you should be seeing messages like these:

In this example, we have pushed the data to the REST server using the <code>curl</code> command. The REST server, in this case, is the data consumer, and the <code>curl</code> command is the data producer.

One of the biggest benefits of push-oriented data delivery is that data is available to the consumer of the data in near real time. This is important, as there are several categories of data whose value rapidly diminishes with time and is generally of little value if not acted upon almost immediately.

# Cleaning and normalizing

To perform data cleaning, it is often necessary to convert received data into an intermediate normal form first. The intermediate normal form is not necessarily the same as the final normal form, and is typically designed for efficient processing.

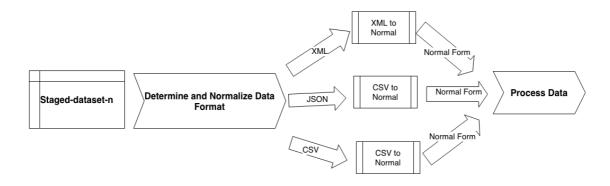
Let's consider a simple example of data related to persons in three different formats, namely XML, JSON, and CSV:

```
// XML
<person>
 <fname>Jon</fname>
 <lname>Doe</lname>
 <phone>123-456-7890</phone>
 <zip>12345</zip>
 <state>NY</state>
</person>
// JSON
 "person": {
 "fname": "Jon",
 "lname": "Doe",
 "phone": "123-456-7890",
 "zip": "12345",
 "state": "NY"
 }
}
// CSV
Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY
```

The following could be the data processing flow:

- The staged dataset is one of three formats: XML, JSON, or CSV
- There is an intermediate step to determine the format of the staged dataset
- An appropriate data normalizer is selected based on the actual data format
- The staged dataset is normalized using the selected data normalizer
- The normalized data is processed by the data processor

The following diagram illustrates how all of this works together:



### **Data Processor**

The core processing remains unchanged because it is dependent upon the normal form only.

Let's explore this concept using a simple hands-on example using the **Scala Build Tool**. Create a build.sbt class with the following info:

```
libraryDependencies ++= Seq(
// Scala XML library
  "org.scala-lang.modules" %% "scala-xml" % "1.1.0",
// Scala Lift JSON Library
  "org.json4s" %% "json4s-native" % "3.6.1"
)
```

We are using two Scala libraries here:

- Scala XML
- Scala Lift JSON

We will explore how we can normalize XML, JSON, and CSV. For simplicity, we will be parsing CSV data using Scala's built-in split method of String:

- 1. Now, run SBT and start a Scala console. In the console explore, convert data in different formats to a normal form. We are using a Scala case class to represent a normal form.
- 2 Import Elem from Scala's scala.xml package:

```
scala> import scala.xml.Elem
import scala.xml.Elem
```

3. Import the following, and set <code>implicit</code> , which is needed for working with the JSON format:

4. Define a Scala case class called Person that will follow five attributes:

fname: First namelname: Last namephone: Phone number

 $\circ$  zip: The ZIP code for where the person lives

• state : The state where the person lives

5. Create a JSON string that consists of the person's information, with all five attributes defined:

```
scala> // JSON
scala> val jsonStr = """
    | {
    | "fname": "Jon",
    | "lname": "Doe",
     | "phone": "123-456-7890",
     | "zip": "12345",
    | "state": "NY"
    | }
    """
jsonStr: String =
   "fname": "Jon",
   "lname": "Doe",
   "phone": "123-456-7890",
    "zip": "12345",
   "state": "NY"
```

6. Parse a JSON string into a JSON object first:

7. Normalize the JSON object into Person:

```
scala> val normJson = json.extract[Person]
normJson: Person = Person(Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY)
```

8. Create a Scala XML object:

### Note

Please note that Scala automatically recognizes XML syntax and creates a scala.xml.Elem object.

9. Normalize the XML object into Person:

```
scala> val normXml = Person(xml \ "fname" text, xml \ "lname" text, xml \ "phone"
text, xml \ "zip" text, xml \ "state" text)

warning: there were 5 feature warnings; re-run with -feature for details

normXml: Person = Person(Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY)
```

10. Create a CSV object:

```
scala> // CSV (for simplicity, we use split method of String to parse CSV)
scala> val csvStr = "Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY"
csvStr: String = Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY
```

11. Split the CSV object using the comma as a delimiter:

```
scala> val csvCols = csvStr.split(",")
csvCols: Array[String] = Array(Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY)
```

12. Normalize CSV to Person:

13. Ensure that all three forms are the same:

```
scala> // Let us make sure that all three normal objects are same

scala> normXml == normJson
res0: Boolean = true

scala> normXml == normCsv
res1: Boolean = true

scala> normJson == normCsv
res2: Boolean = true
```

In the preceding example, we assumed that the incoming data is perfectly clean; however, real-world data often requires some cleaning before it can be used. Let's assume that all of the data elements in Person cannot have leading or trailing spaces, and state must be capitalized. To perform this kind of data cleaning, we could do something like this:

1. Extend the functionality of the consumer case by adding a method called cleanCopy. This method returns a new Person instance with trimmed fname, lname, phone, zip, state, and state converted to upper case:

2. Create a CSV record that is not cleaned:

```
scala> val uncleanCsvStr = " Jon , Doe , 123-456-7890 , 12345 , ny "
uncleanCsvStr: String = " Jon , Doe , 123-456-7890 , 12345 , ny "
```

3. Split the CSV record with a comma as the delimiter:

4. Create an unclean normalized Person object:

```
scala> val uncleanNormCsv = Person(uncleanCsvCols(0), uncleanCsvCols(1),
uncleanCsvCols(2), uncleanCsvCols(3), uncleanCsvCols(4))
uncleanNormCsv: Person = Person( Jon , Doe , 123-456-7890 , 12345 , ny )
```

5. Create a clean, normalized Person object from an unclean one:

```
scala> val cleanNormCsv = uncleanNormCsv.cleanCopy
cleanNormCsv: Person = Person(Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY)
```

Let's revisit the Person case class and the cleanCopy extension that was made earlier. Inside our Person case class, we defined a new method that returns a cleaned copy of the Person object. Scala case classes provide a method called copy, which can be used to create a copy of the same object, but optionally modifies a subset of attributes as needed. In our case, we have modified all of the attributes of the original. We could have constructed a new Person object instead of using copy:

```
Person(fname.trim, lname.trim, phone.trim, zip.trim, state.trim.toUpperCase)
```

The following Person case class implements the same functionality as the earlier one:

```
case class Person(fname: String, lname: String, phone: String, zip: String, state:
String) {
  def cleanCopy(): Person = {
    Person(fname.trim, lname.trim, phone.trim, zip.trim, state.trim.toUpperCase)
  }
}
```

The preceding example is quite simple, but illustrates that simple data cleaning can be performed with ease using built-in Scala features, and Scala case classes really come in handy when working with normal forms of data.

# **Enriching**

Data enrichment is the act of adding more information to raw data. Some examples of the enrichments are as follows:

- Adding missing values
- Adding lookup values
- · Joining with other datasets
- Filtering
- Aggregating

Continuing on the same example of using <code>Person</code>, let's say that the <code>state</code> element is optional. Given the <code>zip</code> information, we should be able to derive the value of <code>state</code>. In this specific case, we are performing the following two enrichments:

- Looking up or deriving the value of state based on the zip value
- Adding missing state value

Let's define a simple Scala function to map a US zip code to state . Please refer to Wikipedia 
(<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of ZIP code prefixes">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of ZIP code prefixes</a>) for more info on US ZIP codes:

 Define a Scala case class called Person with a method called cleanCopy to provide a clean copy of the object:

- 2. Define a function called getState that finds a US state when given a US ZIP code:
  - Input: zipOutput: state

Please note that this only a partial implementation of this function:

```
scala> def getState(zip: String): String = { // Partial implementation for simplicity
  | val zipPerfix = zip.substring(0, 3)
  | zipPerfix match {
  | case "006"|"007"|"009" => "PR" // PR is Puerto Rico
  | case "008" => "VI" // VI is Virgin Islands
  | case n if (n.toInt >= 10 & & & amp; n.toInt <= 27) => "MA" // 010 to 027 is
MA
  | case "028" | "029" => "RI"
  | case n if (n.toInt >= 100 &amp; amp; &amp; amp; n.toInt <= 149) => "NY" // 010 to
027 is MA
  | case _ => "N/A"
  | }
  | getState: (zip: String) String
```

3. Define a function called populateStateIfNecessary that populates the state attribute of Person, if it is not already populated. It makes use of getState function to find state based on the ZIP code:

Input: PersonOutput: Person

Please note that preceding function returns the same Person object of the state attribute if already populated. If it is not populated, it creates a copy of the Person object, sets the state attribute, of copy to the state derived using the ZIP code, and then returns this copy of the Person object.

### Note

Here is an important tip: creating unnecessary objects should be avoided as far as possible. This is because these objects occupy memory space in JVM's heap space. Another side effect of this could be that there are frequent Java **Garbage Collection (GC)** activities happening in JVM, which lead to degradation in the overall performance of the application.

4. Create an unclean CSV record with the missing state information:

```
scala> val uncleanCsvStr = " Jon , Doe , 123-456-7890 , 12345 , " // missing state
uncleanCsvStr: String = " Jon , Doe , 123-456-7890 , 12345 , "
```

5. Split the unclean CSV record by using the comma as the delimiter:

```
scala> val uncleanCsvCols = uncleanCsvStr.split(",")
uncleanCsvCols: Array[String] = Array(" Jon ", " Doe ", " 123-456-7890 ", " 12345 ", "
")
```

6. Create an unclean normal object from the unclean CSV record:

```
scala> val uncleanNormCsv = Person(uncleanCsvCols(0), uncleanCsvCols(1),
uncleanCsvCols(2), uncleanCsvCols(3), uncleanCsvCols(4))
uncleanNormCsv: Person = Person( Jon , Doe , 123-456-7890 , 12345 , )
```

7. Clean the unclean normal record:

```
scala> val cleanNormCsv = uncleanNormCsv.cleanCopy
cleanNormCsv: Person = Person(Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345,)
```

#### 8. Enrich the normal record:

```
scala> val enriched = populateStateIfNecessary(cleanNormCsv)
enriched: Person = Person(Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY)
```

The preceding example illustrates how to enrich data. We can also think of the aforementioned example, similar to value lookup, which can be implemented as a dataset join operation with a lookup dataset. In this case, the lookup data has a mapping from ZIP code to state. Every single ZIP value needs to be mapped to the state for this to work.

There are times when incoming data has more data than the data consumer is interested in.

We can filter out the unnecessary data and only keep that data we are interested in:

1. Create input data that has a mix of useful, as well as some unnecessary, records:

### 2. Define the exclusion states:

```
scala> val exclusionStates = Set("PR", "VI") // we want to exclude these states
exclusionStates: scala.collection.immutable.Set[String] = Set(PR, VI)
```

3. Filter out the records belonging to exclusion states:

```
scala> val filteredPersons = originalPersons.filterNot(p =>
exclusionStates.contains(p.state))
filteredPersons: List[Person] = List(Person(Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY),
Person(Doug, Miller, 444-456-7890, 02800, RI), Person(Van, Peter, 333-456-7890, 02700, MA))
```

Alternatively, we could have used the filter API, which is inverse of the filterNot API. Let's see this in action:

1. Create a list of mixed records:

```
originalPersons: List[Person] = List(Person(Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY),
Person(James, Smith, 555-456-7890, 00600, PR), Person(Don, Duck, 777-456-7890, 00800, VI),
Person(Doug, Miller, 444-456-7890, 02800, RI), Person(Van, Peter, 333-456-7890, 02700, MA))
```

#### 2. Define exclusion states:

```
scala> val exclusionStates = Set("PR", "VI") // we want to exclude these states
exclusionStates: scala.collection.immutable.Set[String] = Set(PR, VI)
```

3. Use the filterNot API first to remove unwanted records:

```
scala> val filteredPersons1 = originalPersons.filterNot(p =>
exclusionStates.contains(p.state))
filteredPersons1: List[Person] = List(Person(Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY),
Person(Doug, Miller, 444-456-7890, 02800, RI), Person(Van, Peter, 333-456-7890, 02700, MA))
```

4. Use the filter API next to remove unwanted records:

```
scala> val filteredPersons2 = originalPersons.filter(p =>
!exclusionStates.contains(p.state))
filteredPersons2: List[Person] = List(Person(Jon, Doe, 123-456-7890, 12345, NY),
Person(Doug, Miller, 444-456-7890, 02800, RI), Person(Van, Peter, 333-456-7890, 02700, MA))
```

### 5. Compare the two results:

```
scala> filteredPersons1 == filteredPersons2
res2: Boolean = true
```

You can see that we can produce identical outcomes using the filter and filterNot APIs by just inverting the test conditions.

## Summary

In this lab, we looked at some of the key tasks associated with aspects with data ingestion. In particular, we looked at data staging and dealing with various data formats. We also got an understanding of data cleaning and enrichment. We also looked at how to organize and store data so that it can be used for data analysis. The end user's or consumer's perspective is very important when it comes to defining an appropriate data model, and all of the important use cases must be taken into consideration. At times, there is a need to create multiple data models to support use cases that have completely different needs.

In the next lab, we will look at exploring and visualizing data.