



Technology Overview



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# HPCC Systems: End to End Data Lake Management



## Completely free

open source data lake solution



Out of the box capabilities for consistency and

ease of us



# Less coding

and more using (even though we love to code)





We are your one stop shop for all your data integration, querying and analytical needs



# Why does HPCC Systems exist?

✓ HPCC defined is a distributed data and parallel processing platform.

✓ It was NOT developed with the idea of selling the technology to anybody else!

✓ It was all created only to solve some of the data-handling problems that we encountered as we were developing our products.



# **HPCC Systems Evolution**

2001



Original version of HPCC Systems released

2011



Open source Apache license and code release to GitHub

Exceeded marketleading performance benchmark achieved 2012 - 16



Continuous

QUALITY-FOCUSED

improvements

Better support and training with improved integration — faster and easier to use

2017-2022



Improved processing architecture

IoT enabled

ML Expansion!

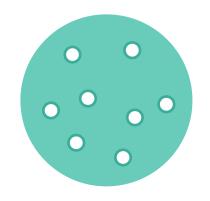
**Cloud Native!** 



# The Data Centric Approach

A single source of data is insufficient to overcome inaccuracies

Our platform is built on the premise of absorbing data from many data sources and transforming them to actionable smart data

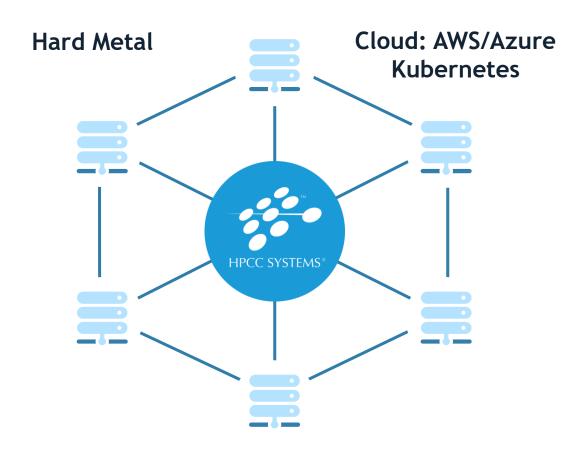




# Scale from Small to Big

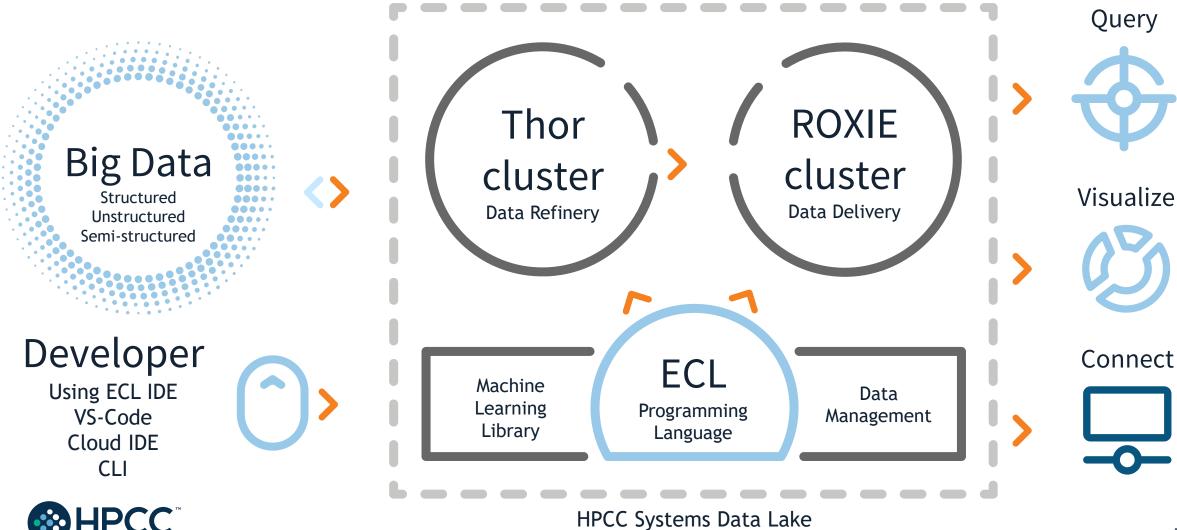
The stack can run on a single laptop or desktop. **Docker Desktop Localized Container** 

In more sophisticated cases, HPCC Systems run clusters, hundreds of servers working as a single processing entity, to transform and deliver big data.





# The HPCC Systems Components



# Technology — The Open Source Stack



#### Thor: Data Refinery Cluster

Extraction, loading, cleansing, transforming, linking and indexing



#### **ROXIE: Data Delivery Engine**

Rapid data delivery cluster with high-performance online query delivery for big data



#### **Data Management Tools**

Data profiling, cleansing, snapshot data updates, consolidation, job scheduling and automation



#### **Machine Learning Library**

Linear regression, logistic regression, decision trees and random forests

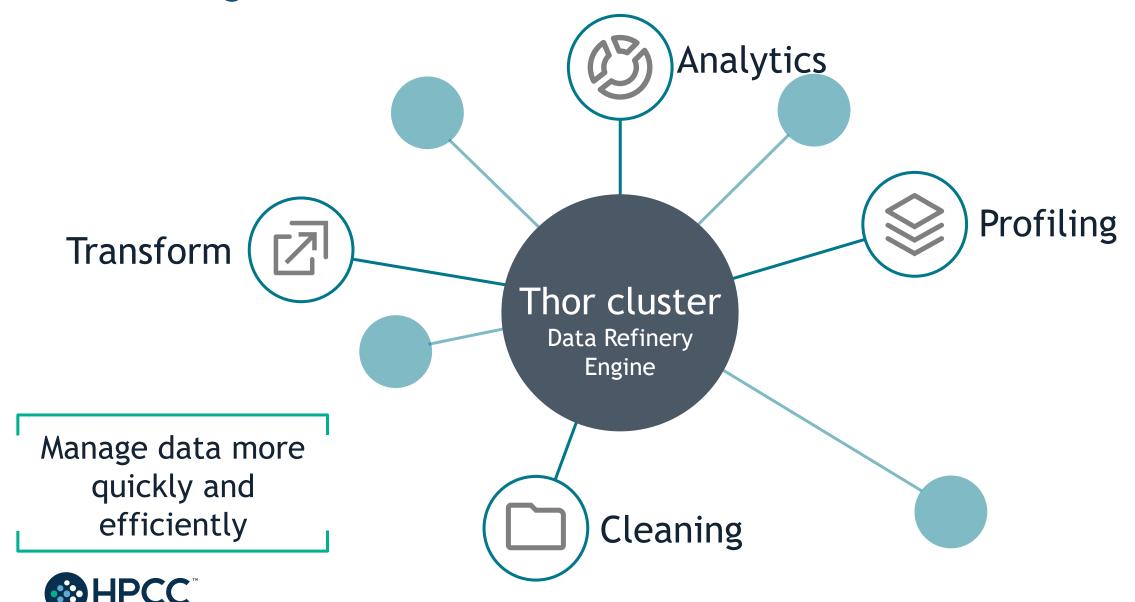


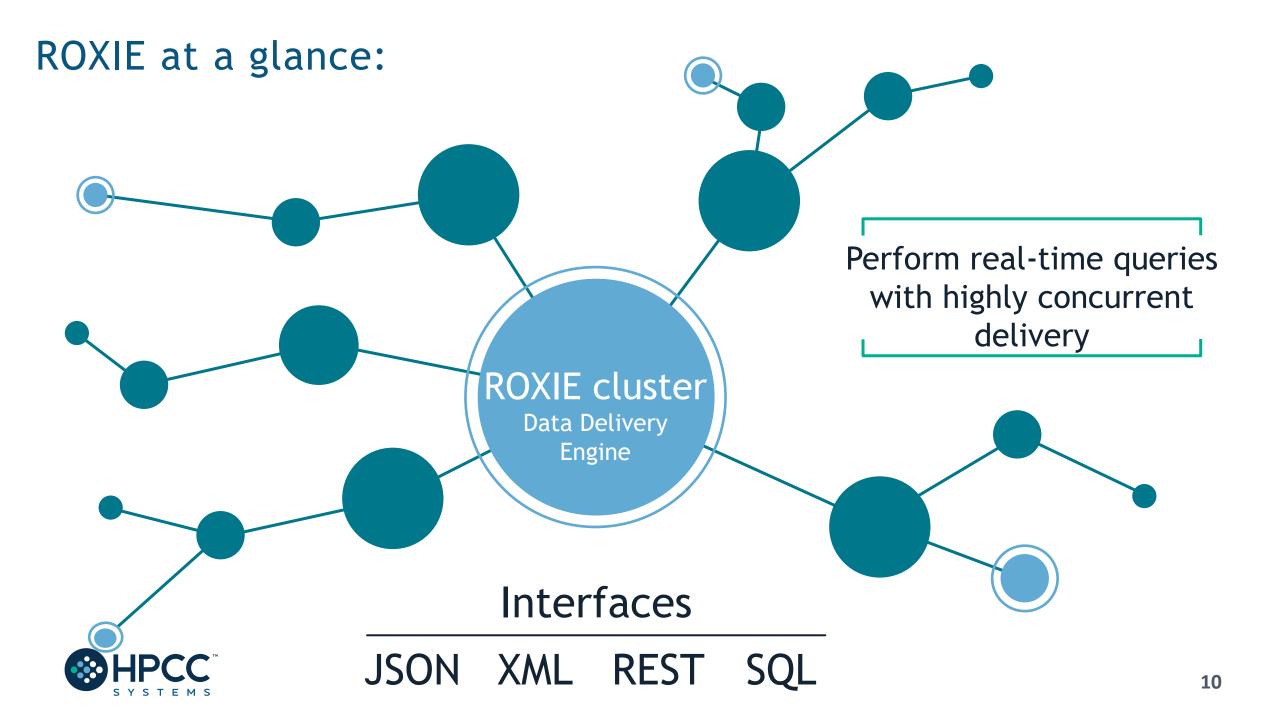


# Connectivity & Third-Party Tools

New plugins to help integrate third party tools with the HPCC Systems platform

# THOR at a glance:





#### An Introduction to ECL



- Transparent and implicitly parallel programming language
- Both powerful and flexible

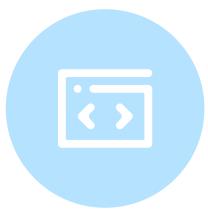


How to do it



VS.





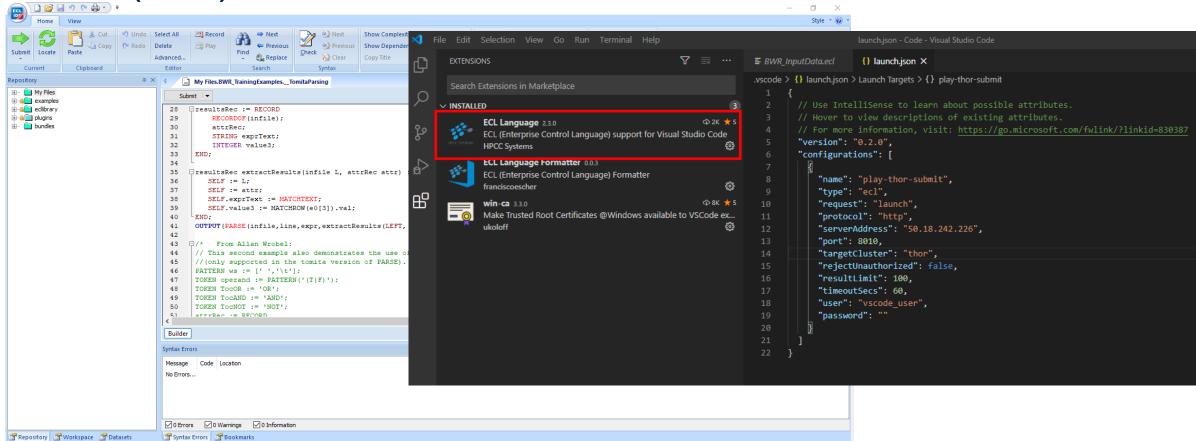
- Optimized for data-intensive operations, declarative, non-procedural and dataflow oriented
- Uses intuitive syntax which is modular, reusable, extensible and highly productive



# Integrated Development Environments

ECL IDE (Win)

Visual Studio Code (Ux/MacOS)





And CLI too! ECL.EXE

#### **ECL IDE Features:**

A full-featured GUI for ECL development providing access to the ECL repository and many of the ECL Watch capabilities.

Uses various ESP services via SOAP.

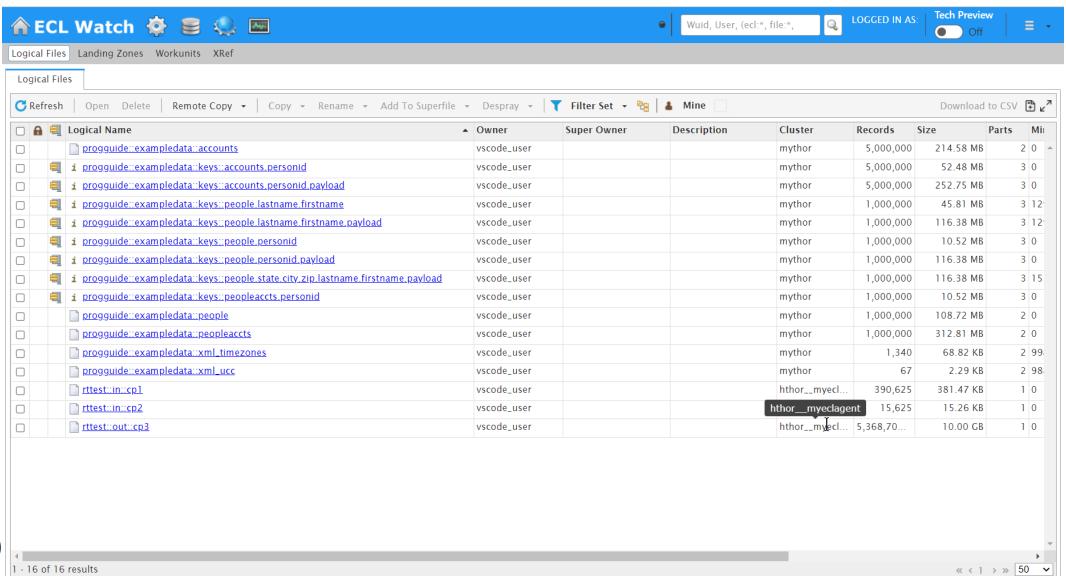
Provides the easiest way to create:

- 1. Queries into your data.
- 2. ECL Definitions to build your queries which:
- > Are created by coding an expression that defines how some calculation or record set derivation is to be done.
- > Once defined, can be used in succeeding ECL definitions.



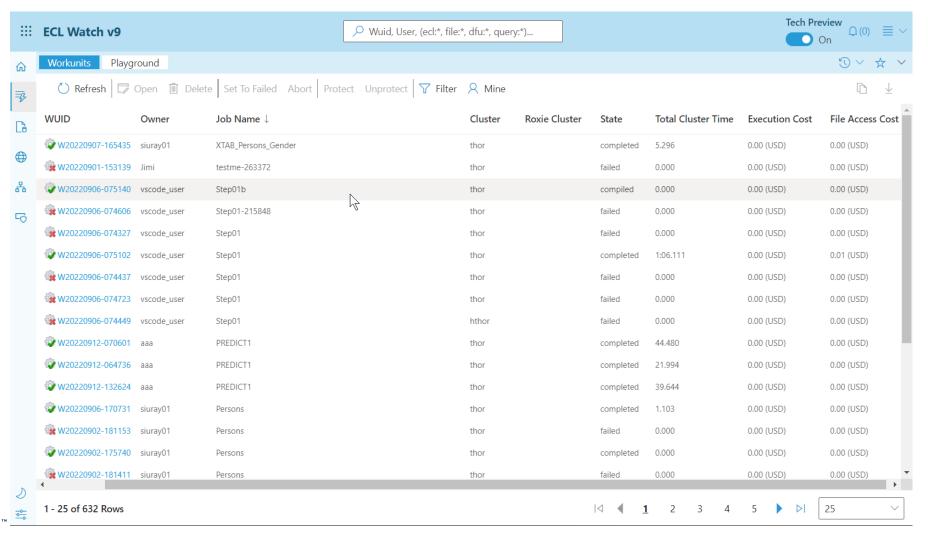


# The ECL Watch (pre-version 9)





# The ECL Watch 9





#### **ECL Watch Features:**

A web-based query execution, monitoring and file management

interface. It can be accessed via ECL IDE or a web browser.

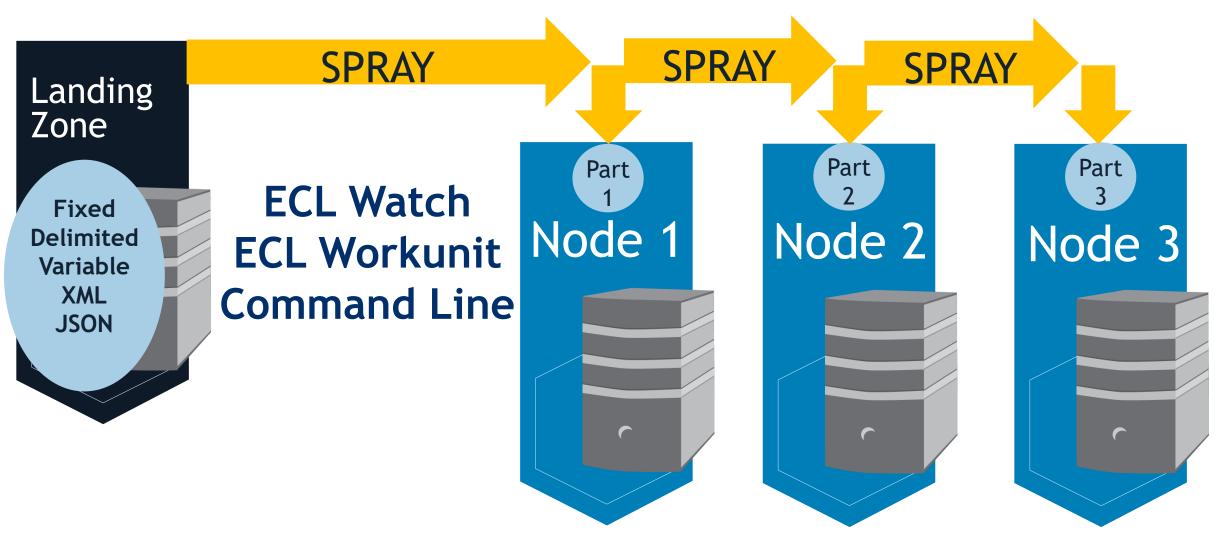
#### ECL Watch allows you to:

- 1. See information about active workunits.
- 2. Monitor cluster activity.
- 3. Browse through previously submitted Workunits.
- 4. See a visual representation of the data flow within the WU, complete with statistics which are updated as the job progresses.
- 5. Search through files and see information including:
- Record counts and layouts.
- Sample records.
- The status of all system servers whether they are in clusters or not.
- 6. View log files.
- 7. Start and stop processes.





# **SPRAY Operation**







# ECL Overview



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# **ECL** (Enterprise Control Language)

ECL is a language design to query/manipulate massive data and is used for ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) and data visualization.

#### **Extract**

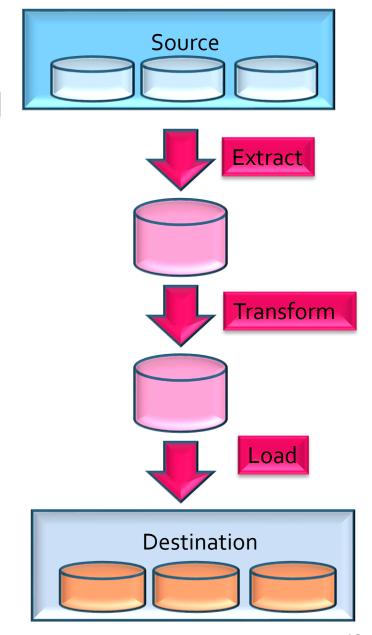
Reading data from different type of datasets

#### **Transform**

Formatting/converting data to needed shape

#### Load

Writing (Delivering) dataset to its target location





#### Fundamentals of ECL

- ✓ Declarative Language Made up of Data Definitions Data intensive!
- ✓ Not case-sensitive
- ✓ White space is ignored (Makes your code more readable)

```
// This is a single line comment
```

- /\* A block comment \*/
- ✓ Object.Property syntax is used to qualify definition scope and disambiguate field references within datasets:
- ✓ ModuleName.Definition //reference a definition from another module/folder
- ✓ Dataset.Field //reference a field in a dataset or record set



# Fundamentals of ECL (Continued)

- ✓ Definition assignment is :=
- ✓ Semicolon terminator: num := 12;
- ✓ Equality test is = valOne = valTwo
- ✓ Not equal: Use <> or !=
- ✓ Definitions can be defined only once.
- ✓ Only those definitions that contribute to a result are compiled and used.
- ✓ There are no loops! TRANSFORM and PROJECT is used instead.



# **Common Data Types**

#### Character

- STRING[n]
- UTF8
- UNICODE[\_locale][n]

#### Numeric

- INTEGER[n]
- UNSIGNED[n]
- REAL[n]
- DECIMAL<n>[\_y]
- UDECIMAL<n>[\_y]

#### Other

- BOOLEAN
- SET OF <type>
- RECORD
- DATASET

#### **Usage:**

Type Name := default value

UNSIGNED1 MyNumber := 0;

*Name* must start with a letter and can contain letters, numbers and the underscore character.



#### **Record Structure**

Defines the layout of fields in the dataset, order of the fields should be the same as the dataset.

#### **Dataset**

A physical data file. It can be defined in code (inline) or can be read from disk.

Job	Catergory	City	State	Avg_Salary
Manager	IT	Atlanta	GA	87000
Director	Art	Atlanta	GA	100000
CIO	IT	Tampa	FL	112000
Sales	General	Chicago	IL	55000



# RECORD Structure Example:

```
EXPORT Layout_Company := RECORD
UNSIGNED sic_code;
STRING1
           source;
STRING120 company_name;
STRING10
           prim_range;
STRING2
           predir;
           prim_name;
STRING28
           addr_suffix;
STRING4
           postdir;
STRING2
STRING5
           unit_desig;
STRING8
           sec_range;
STRING25
           city;
STRING2
           state;
STRING5
           zip;
STRING4
           zip4;
STRING10
           phone;
END;
```



# DATASET

```
name := DATASET( file, recorddef, THOR [options]);
name := DATASET( file, recorddef, CSV [ ( options ) ] );
name := DATASET( file, recorddef, XML( path,[options] ) );
name := DATASET( file, recorddef, JSON( path,[options] ) );
```

- ✓ name The definition name by which the file is subsequently referenced.
- √ file A string constant containing the logical filename.
- ✓ recorddef The RECORD structure of the dataset.
- ✓ options options specific to the dataset type.
- ✓ path A string constant containing the full XPATH to the tag that delimits the records in the *file*
- ✓ command third-party program that creates the dataset.

**DATASET** introduces a new data file into the system with the specified *recorddef* layout.



# RECORDOF

#### **RECORDOF**(recordset)

• recordset – The set of data records whose RECORD structure to use. This may be a DATASET or any derived recordset.

The **RECORDOF** declaration specifies inheriting just the record layout (without default values) of the specified *recordset*.

```
t := TABLE(People,{LastName,FirstName});

r := RECORD
RECORDOF(t);
UNSIGNED1 NewByte;
```



END;

# Three ECL Data Rules

Before you begin to work on any data in the HPCC cluster, you must always do three things:











# RECORD and DATASET example

#### **Layout\_Company** := **RECORD**

```
UNSIGNED
              sic_code;
STRING120
              company name;
STRING10
               prim range;
STRING2
               predir;
STRING28
               prim name;
               addr suffix;
STRING4
               postdir;
STRING2
STRING5
               unit desig;
STRING8
               sec_range;
STRING25
               city;
STRING2
               state;
STRING5
              zip;
STRING4
              zip4;
END;
```

EXPORT File\_Company\_List := **DATASET**('~CLASS::Company\_List', **Layout\_Company**, THOR);



## Inline Dataset

```
SalaryAvg_Layout := RECORD
    STRING Job;
    STRING Category;
    STRING City;
    STRING2 State;
    INTEGER Avg_Salary;
END;
// Inline Dataset
SalaryAvg_DS := DATASET([
                {'Manager', 'IT', 'Atlanta', 'GA', 87000},
                {'Director', 'Art', 'Atlanta', 'GA', 100000},
                {'CIO', 'IT', 'Tampa', 'FL', 112000},
                {'Sales', 'General', 'Chicago', 'IL', 55000}
                ], SalaryAvg_Layout //Layout definition
                );
```



#### **OUTPUT**

Let's display the result.

#### **CHOOSEN**

Returns the first n number of records.

Job	Catergory	City	State	Avg_Salary
Manager	IT	Atlanta	GA	87000
Director	Art	Atlanta	GA	100000
CIO	IT	Tampa	FL	112000
Sales	General	Chicago	IL	55000

<pre>// A simple output OUTPUT(SalaryAvg_DS, NAMED('SalaryAvg_DS'));</pre>
//CHOOSEN OUTPUT(CHOOSEN(SalaryAvg_DS, 2), NAMED('SalaryAvg_Choosen'));

##	job	category	city	state	avg_salary
1	Manager	IT	Atlanta	GA	87000
2	Director	Art	Atlanta	GA	100000
3	CIO	IT	Tampa	FL	112000
4	Sales	General	Chicago	IL	55000

##	job	category	city	state	avg_salary
1	Manager	IT	Atlanta	GA	87000
2	Director	Art	Atlanta	GA	100000



#### **SORT**

Ascending or descending sort

Job	Catergory	City	State	Avg_Salary
Manager	IT	Atlanta	GA	87000
Director	Art	Atlanta	GA	100000
CIO	IT	Tampa	FL	112000
Sales	General	Chicago	IL	55000

#### **Filter**

Choosing a smaller part of dataset. A BOOLEAN expression following any recordset or dataset.

```
//Filter
OUTPUT(SalaryAvg_DS(City = 'Tampa'), NAMED('Tampa_Filter')); //
//Sort
SortJobs := SORT(SalaryAvg_DS, Job);
OUTPUT(SortJobs, NAMED('SortJobs'));
```

	, .	category	city	state	avg_salary
1	CIO	IT	Tampa	FL	112000

##	job	category	city	state	avg_salary
1	CIO	IT	Tampa	FL	112000
2	Director	Art	Atlanta	GA	100000
3	Manager	IT	Atlanta	GA	87000
4	Sales	General	Chicago	IL	55000



#### More on Filtering

All records within dataset will be evaluated

If boolean\_expression evaluates to TRUE for a particular record, it will be included in the result

# Logical Operators AND OR NOT or ~

#### **Comparison Operators**

```
=
<> or !=
<
>
>
=
>=
```

<=>



#### **Math Functions**

```
MathLayout := RECORD
  INTEGER Num1;
  INTEGER Num2;
                                                              Num1
                                                                         Num2
                                                                                     Num3
  INTEGER Num3;
                                                               20
                                                                           45
                                                                                      34
END:
                                                               909
                                                                           56
                                                                                      45
                                                               30
                                                                           -1
                                                                                      90
DS := DATASET([{20,45,34},
               {909,56,45},
               {30,-1,90}],
                  MathLayout);
COUNT(DS);
                       //Counts the number records in a dataset -- Returns 3
MAX(DS, Num1);
                      //Returns the MAX value on a field in a dataset -- Returns 909
MIN(DS, Num2); //Returns the MIN value on a field in a dataset -- Returns -1
AVE(DS, Num1); //Returns the AGERAGE value on a field in a dataset -- Returns 319.66666666666667
SUM(DS, Num1 + Num3); //Returns the result of adding numbers together -- Returns 1128
TRUNCATE(AVE(DS, Num1)); //Returns the integer portion of the real value. -- Returns 319
ROUND(3.45); //Returns the rounded value -- Return 3
ROUND(3.76);
                      //Returns the rounded value -- Return 4
```

#### **CORRELATION**

NumOne	NumTwo
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6



CORRELATION(ds1, NumOne, NumTwo)





NumObe	NumTwo
1938960000.00	2044820000.00
1779710000.00	854858000.00
2961810000.00	1248480000.00
2774400000.00	1263570000.00
1144160000.00	434290000.00
3387280000.00	1302380000.00
3195380000.00	1711770000.00



CORRELATION(ds2, NumOne, NumTwo)



Returns 0.4978702535543908

#### **FUNCTION (ECL Definitions with parameters)**

#### One Line Function

```
INTEGER checkMax (SET OF INTEGER numList) := MAX(numList);
OUTPUT(checkMax([2,5,8,10,45,11]), NAMED('checkMath'));
```

#### Multi Line Function

```
EXPORT myfunc (STRING val) := FUNCTION

| Result := 'Hello ' + val + ' , welcome to this function';

RETURN Result;

END;

//Using myfunc

res := myfunc('Jonny');

OUTPUT(res, NAMED('res'));

OUTPUT(myfunc('Sunny'), NAMED('Sunny'));
```

<u>Sunny</u>	Hello Sunny , welcome to this function
res	Hello Jonny , welcome to this function



#### **MODULE**

Is a container that allows you to group related definitions. The *parameters* passed to the module are shared by all the related *members* definitions.

### Variable Scope

- Local definitions are visible only <u>up to an EXPORT or SHARED</u>
- SHARED definitions are visible within module.
- EXPORT definitions are visible within and outside of a module.



```
MyMod := MODULE
    // Visible only by MyMod
  SHARED x := 88;
  SHARED y := 42;
    // Visible by MyMod and outsiders
  EXPORT See := 'This is how a module works.';
  EXPORT res := Y * 2;
END;
OUTPUT(MyMod.See);
OUTPUT(MyMod.Res, Named('ViewResult'));
```

Result\_5
This is how a module works.

ViewResult 84



# **TRANSFORM**

Specifies exactly how each field in the output record set is to receive its value.

- It should include the result type.
- Should contain name
- Contains parameter list
- SELF: refers to fields in result type.

# **PROJECT**

Processes through all the records in the dataset performing the TRANSFORM.

- LEFT: refers to dataset getting passed to PROJECT.
- COUNTER: Optional counter that counts calls to TRANSFORM



```
Person Layout := RECORD
    STRING FirstName;
    STRING LastName;
END;
                                              FirstName
                                                           LastName
NameDS := DATASET([{'Sun', 'Shine'},
                   {'Blue', 'Sun'},
                                              Sun
                                                           Shine
                   {'Silver', 'Rose'}],
                                               Blue
                                                           Moon
                      Person Layout);
                                               Silver
                                                           Rose
NameOutRec := RECORD
   STRING FirstName;
   STRING LastName;
   STRING CatValues:
     INTEGER RecCount
END;
NameOutRec CatThem(Person Layout L, INTEGER C) := TRANSFORM
    SELF.CatValues := L.FirstName + ' ' + L.LastName; //Defines value for new field
    SELF.RecCount := C; // Adding Counter
    SELF := L;
                // Assign everything with same field name from NameDS
END:
CatRecs := PROJECT(NameDS, // Dataset to loop through
                    CatThem //Transform name
                    (LEFT, //Left dataset which is NameDS
                    COUNTER //Simpler Counter
                    ));
                                                    firstname lastname catvalues
                                                                             reccount
                                                                 Sun Shine
OUTPUT(CatRecs, NAMED('CatRecs'));
                                                    Sun
                                                           Shine
                                                                 Blue Moon
                                                    Blue
                                                           Moon
```

Silver Rose

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# Standalone TRANSFORM

NameOutRec: Result Layout

CatThem: Transform Name

Person\_Layout: Input Dataset Layout

L : Reference to Person\_Layout fields

SELF: Refers to fields in result dataset

C: Will do the Counting

```
Person Layout := RECORD
    INTEGER PersonalID;
    STRING FirstName;
                                                   PersonalID FirstName LastName
    STRING LastName;
                                                             Jo
                                                                      Smith
                                                   100
END;
                                                                      Carpenter
                                                    203
                                                             Dan
                                                    498
                                                             Sally
                                                                      Fryman
                                                   302
                                                             Silver
NameDS := DATASET([{100, 'Jo', 'Smith'},
                                                                      Rose
                     {203, 'Dan', 'Carpenter'},
                     {498, 'Sally', 'Fryman'},
                     {302, 'Silver', 'Rose'}],
                         Person Layout);
NameOutRec := RECORD
  INTEGER RecCount;
    INTEGER PersonalID;
    STRING PersonName;
    STRING FutureAddress;
END:
CatRecs := PROJECT(NameDS,
               TRANSFORM(NameOutRec,
                    SELF.PersonName := LEFT.FirstName + ' ' + LEFT.LastName;
                    SELF.RecCount := COUNTER;
                    SELF
                                     := LEFT;
                    SELE
                                     := [];
                                                      reccount personalid personname
                     ));
                                                            100
                                                                    Jo Smith
OUTPUT(CatRecs, NAMED('Inline CatRecs'));
                                                            203
                                                                    Dan Carpenter
                                                            498
                                                                    Sally Fryman
```

## Inline TRANSFORM

CatRecs: Project Name

futureaddress

302

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NameDS: Input Dataset to loop through

NameOutRec: Result layout

SELF: Refers to fields in result dataset

SELF := LEFT: Assign everything with same field name from NameDS

SELF := []: All unassigned fields will be set to default values

# TABLE (recordsets in memory, cross-tab tool)

```
Pickup_Layout := RECORD
    STRING10
              pickup date;
   DECIMAL8 2 fare;
   DECIMAL8 2 distance;
END;
Pickup DS := DATASET([{'2015-01-01', 25.10, 5},
                        {'2015-01-01', 40.15, 8},
                        {'2015-01-02', 30.10, 6},
                        {'2015-01-02', 25.15, 4}],
                               Pickup Layout);
crossTabLayout := RECORD
   Pickup DS.pickup date;
   avgFare := AVE(GROUP, Pickup DS.fare);
   totalFare := SUM(GROUP, Pickup DS.fare);
END;
crossTabDs := TABLE(Pickup DS, // Input Dataset
                    crossTabLayout,
                    pickup date);
OUTPUT(crossTabDs, NAMED('crossTabDs'));
```

pickup_date	fare	distance
2015-01-01	25.1	5
2015-01-01	40.15	8
2015-01-02	30.1	6
2015-01-02	25.15	4

pickup_date	avgfare	totalfare	
2015-01-01	32.625	65.25	
2015-01-02	27.625	55.25	



# **JOIN**

The JOIN function produces a result set based on the intersection of two or more datasets or indexes.

**INNER**: Only those records that exist in both datasets.

**LEFT OUTER**: At least one record for every record in the left.

**RIGHT OUTER**: At least one record for every record in the right.

LEFT ONLY: One record for each left record with no match in the left.

RIGHT ONLY: One record for each left record with no match in the right.

**FULL ONLY**: One record for each left and right record with no match in the opposite.

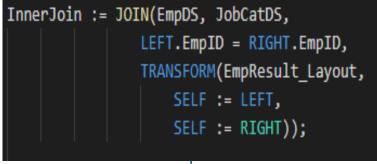


## **EmpDS**

EmpID	Name	HireYear
1000	Jack	2014
2000	Blue	2016
3000	Mary	2016
5000	Mart	2000
8000	Cat	2002

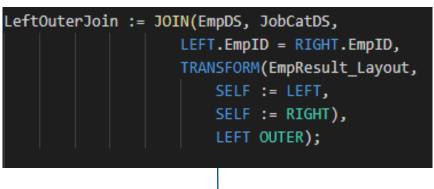
### JobCatDS

EmpID	Department	Title
1000	IT	developer
2000	Biz	Manager
4000	Fin	accountant
8000	IT	analyst



empid	name	title	department
1000	Jack	developer	IT
2000	Blue	Manager	Biz
8000	Cat	analyst	IT





empid	name	title	department	
3000	Mary			
5000	Mart			

FullOuterJoin :=	JOIN(EmpDS, JobCatDS,
	LEFT.EmpID = RIGHT.EmpID,
	TRANSFORM(EmpResult_Layout,
	SELF := LEFT,
	SELF := RIGHT),
	FULL OUTER);

empid	name	title	department
1000	Jack	developer	IT
2000	Blue	Manager	Biz
3000	Mary		
0		accountant	Fin
5000	Mart		
8000	Cat	analyst	IT



# VISUALIZATION (built-ins and an ECL Bundle)

#### Methods include

- Two-Dimensional
- Multi-Dimensional Methods
- Geospatial
- General

A basic visualization typically requires the following steps:

- Creation of a suitable dataset.
- 2. Output the dataset with a suitable name, so that visualization can locate the data.
- 3. Create (and output) the visualization, referencing the named output from step 2



**Bubble** 

Pie

Bar

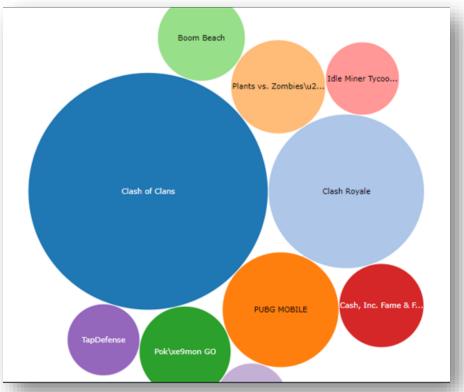
Scatter

Line

WorldCloud

Area





## **Useful links!**

#### **AHS Code Stallions HPCC Systems Wiki Page:**

https://wiki.hpccsystems.com/display/hpcc/American+Heritage+School+-+Code+Stallions

#### **Learn ECL Portal:**

https://hpccsystems-solutions-lab.github.io

#### **ECL** documentation

https://cdn.hpccsystems.com/releases/CE-Candidate-9.2.16/docs/EN\_US/ECLLanguageReference\_EN\_US-9.2.16-1.pdf

#### **Visualization document**

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