



# Autoscaling data processing pipelines

## Data Engineering on Google Cloud Platform



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### **Notes:**

30 slides + 3 labs ~ 3 hours

# Agenda

What is Dataflow?

Data pipeline + Lab

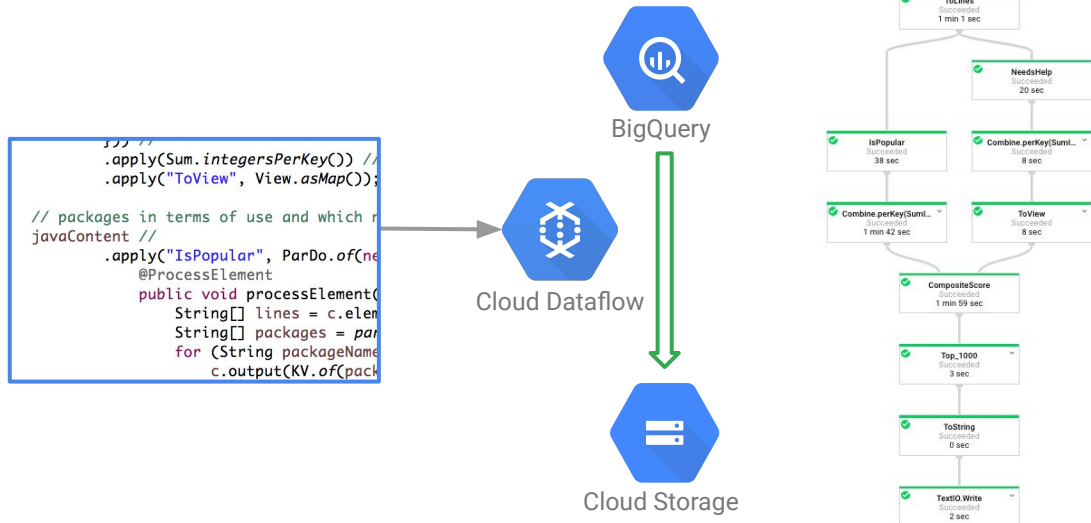
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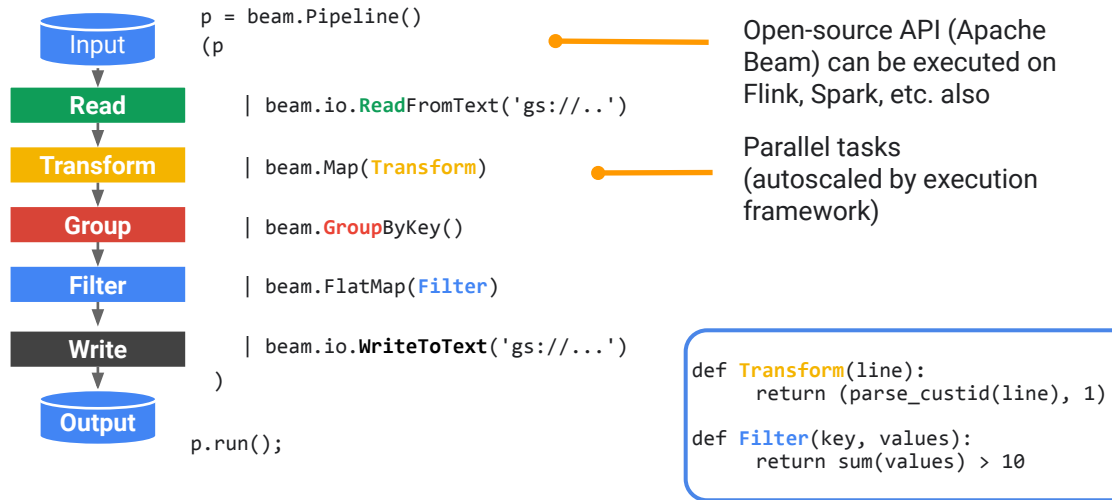
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Elastic: unlike Dataproc, there is no need to launch a cluster. Like BigQuery in that respect.

# Open-source API, Google infrastructure

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## Notes:

Distinguish between the API (Apache Beam) and the implementation/execution framework (Dataflow)

Each step of the pipeline does a filter, group, transform, compare, join, and so on. Transforms can be done in parallel. `c.element()` gets the input. `c.output()` sends the output to the next step of the pipeline.

The example code will write out customers whose IDs appear at least 10 times.

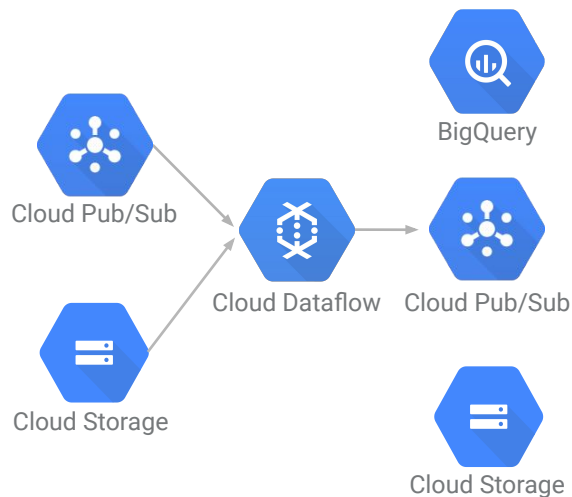
One thing that makes writing Apache Beam easy is that the code written for Beam is similar to how people think of data processing pipelines. Take a look at the pipeline in the center of the slide. This sample Python code analyzes the number of words in lines of text in documents. So, as an input to the pipeline you may want to read text files from Google Cloud Storage.

Then, you transform the data, figure out the number of words in each line of text. This kind of a transformation can be automatically scaled by Dataflow to run in parallel. Next, In your pipeline, you can group lines by the number of

words using grouping and other aggregation operations. You can also filter out values, for example to ignore lines with fewer than 10 words. Once all the transformation, grouping, and filtering operations are done, the pipeline writes the result to Google Cloud Storage.

Notice that this implementation separates the pipeline definition from the pipeline execution. All the steps that you see before call to the `p.run()` method are just defining what the pipeline should do. The pipeline actually gets executed only when you call the `run` method.

## Same code does real-time and batch



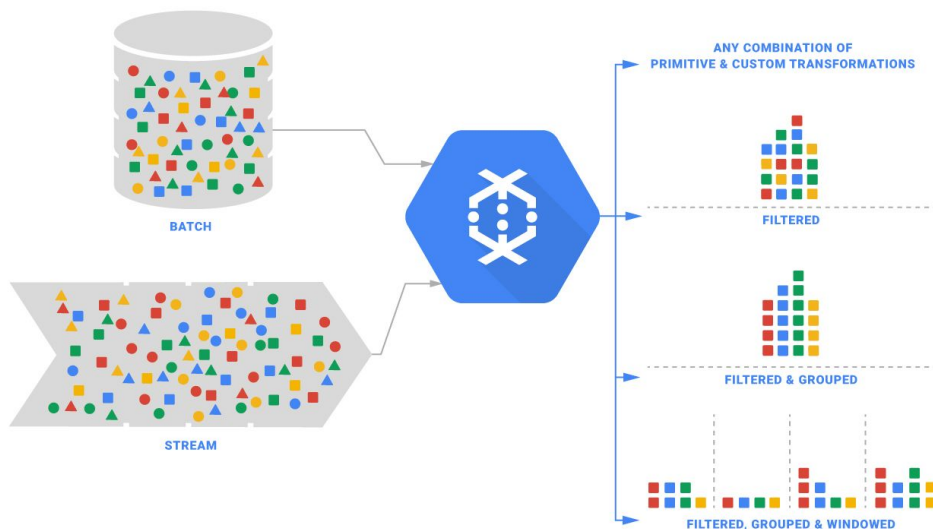
```
Pipeline p = Pipeline.create();
p.begin()
    .apply(PubsubIO.readStrings().fromTopic(topic))
    .apply(Window.into(SlidingWindows
        .of(Duration.standardMinutes(60)))
    .apply(ParDo.of(new Filter1()))
    .apply(new Group1())
    .apply(ParDo.of(new Filter2()))
    .apply(new Transform1())
    .apply(BigQueryIO.writeTableRows().to(tbl));
p.run();
```

### Notes:

You can get input from any of several sources, and you can write output to any of several sinks. The pipeline code remains the same.

You can put this code inside a servlet, deploy it to App Engine, and schedule a cron task queue in App Engine to execute the pipeline periodically.

# Dataflow does ingest, transform, and load



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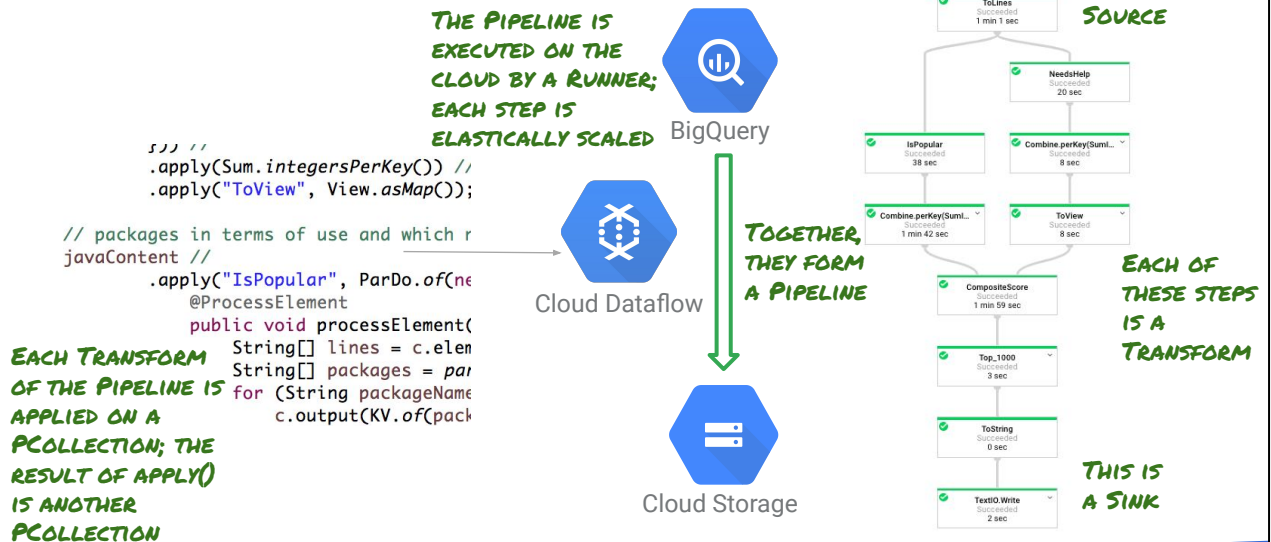
You can replace all the various data handling tools with just Dataflow. Many Hadoop workloads can be done easily and more maintainably with Dataflow. Plus, Dataflow is NoOps.

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Data pipeline + Lab



# Dataflow terms and concepts



## Notes:

The idea is to write Java (or Python code), deploy it to Dataflow which then executes the pipeline.

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Key concepts to be familiar with in Dataflow are highlighted in bold. Start at top-right and work your way clockwise through the callouts.

# A Pipeline is a directed graph of steps

- Read in data, transform it, write out
  - Can branch, merge, use if-then statements, etc.

```
import org.apache.beam.sdk.Pipeline; // etc.

public static void main(String[] args) {
    // Create a pipeline parameterized by commandline flags.
    Pipeline p = Pipeline.create(PipelineOptionsFactory.fromArgs(args));

    p.apply(TextIO.read().from("gs://...")) // Read input.
      .apply(new CountWords())              // Do some processing.
      .apply(TextIO.write().to("gs://...")); // Write output.

    // Run the pipeline.
    p.run();
}
```

## Python API conceptually similar

- Read in data, transform it, write out
  - Pythonic syntax

```
import apache_beam as beam

if __name__ == '__main__':
    # create a pipeline parameterized by commandline flags
    p = beam.Pipeline(argv=sys.argv)

    (p
     | beam.io.ReadFromText('gs://...') # read input
     | beam.FlatMap(lambda line: count_words(line)) # do some processing
     | beam.io.WriteToText('gs://...') # write output
    )

    p.run() # run the pipeline
```

### Notes:

| operator overloaded to mean .apply()

>> overload to mean “assign-this-name” to this PTransform is omitted here and introduced on next slide.

## Apply Transform to PCollection

- Data in a pipeline are represented by PCollection
  - Supports parallel processing
  - Not an in-memory collection; can be unbounded

```
PCollection<String> lines = p.apply(...) //
```

- Apply Transform to PCollection; returns PCollection

```
PCollection<Integer> sizes =  
    lines.apply("Length", ParDo.of(new DoFn<String, Integer>() {  
        @ProcessElement  
        public void processElement(ProcessContext c) throws Exception {  
            String line = c.element();  
            c.output(line.length());  
        }  
    })))
```

### Notes:

The key thing is that PCollection is **not an in-memory collection (it can even be unbounded)**

**In this** case, we take in a String (c.element()) and return a Integer (c.output()) that are then provided to next step in the pipeline one by one

PCollections belong to the pipeline in which they are created (can not be shared)

## Apply Transform to PCollection (Python)

- Data in a pipeline are represented by PCollection
  - Supports parallel processing
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```
lines = p | ...
```

- Apply Transform to PCollection; returns PCollection

```
sizes = lines | 'Length' >> beam.Map(lambda line: len(line) )
```

### Notes:

Java on previous slide; Python on this slide.

In Python, do not use `apply()`. Best practice is to use the pipe operator.

Notice how we supply the name 'Length' to the bottom transform.

# Ingesting data into a pipeline

- Read data from file system, GCS, BigQuery, Pub/Sub
  - Text formats return String

```
PCollection<String> lines = p.apply(TextIO.read().from("gs://.../input-*.csv.gz"));
```

```
PCollection<String> lines = p.apply(PubsubIO.readStrings().fromTopic(topic));
```

- BigQuery returns a TableRow

```
String javaQuery = "SELECT x, y, z FROM [project:dataset.tablename]";  
PCollection<TableRow> javaContent = p.apply(BigQueryIO.read().fromQuery(javaQuery))
```

## Notes:

Notice the wildcards and .gz extension -- both are supported.

There is also I/O to Bigtable, but it's not part of the Dataflow SDK

## Can write data out to same formats

- Write data to file system, GCS, BigQuery, Pub/Sub

```
lines.apply(TextIO.write().to("/data/output").withSuffix(".txt"))
```

- Can prevent sharding of output (do only if it is small)

```
.apply(TextIO.write().to("/data/output").withSuffix(".csv").withoutSharding())
```

- May have to transform `PCollection<Integer>`, etc. to `PCollection<String>` before writing out

### Notes:

Normally, you'll get `/data/output-0000-of-0010.txt`

## Executing pipeline (Java)

- Simply running `main()` runs pipeline locally

```
java -classpath ... com...
```

```
mvn compile -e exec:java -Dexec.mainClass=$MAIN
```

- To run on cloud, submit job to Dataflow

```
mvn compile -e exec:java \  
-Dexec.mainClass=$MAIN \  
-Dexec.args="--project=$PROJECT \  
--stagingLocation=gs://$BUCKET/staging/ \  
--tempLocation=gs://$BUCKET/staging/ \  
--runner=DataflowRunner"
```

### Notes:

Run using java and specifying classpath etc. or use mvn

Specify project for billing and staging, temporary locations to store intermediate output, and runner as Dataflow.



## Executing pipeline (Python)

- Simply running `main()` runs pipeline locally

```
python ./grep.py
```

- To run on cloud, specify cloud parameters

```
python ./grep.py \  
  --project=$PROJECT \  
  --job_name=myjob \  
  --staging_location=gs://$BUCKET/staging/ \  
  --temp_location=gs://$BUCKET/staging/ \  
  --runner=DataflowRunner
```

### Notes:

Conceptually similar to Java.

Syntax is pythonic: `--staging_location` instead of `--stagingLocation` etc.

## Lab 1: A Simple Dataflow Pipeline

In this lab, you will learn how to:

- Set up a Dataflow project
- Write a simple pipeline
- Execute the pipeline on the local machine
- Execute the pipeline on the cloud

```
p //  
    .apply("GetJava", TextIO.  
    .apply("Grep", ParDo.of(n  
        @ProcessElement  
        public void proces  
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            }  
        }  
    )) //  
    .apply(TextIO.write().to(
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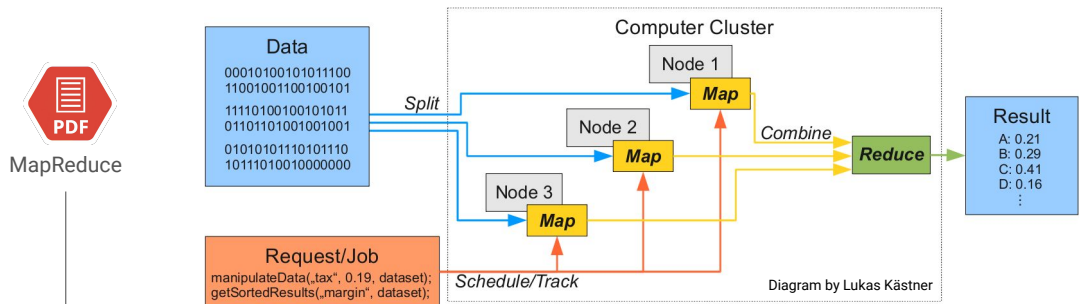
The pipeline they will build does a Grep -- looks for lines in Java files that have the keyword "import" in them.

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MapReduce in Dataflow + Lab

MapReduce approach splits Big Data so that each compute node processes data local to it



### Notes:

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## ParDo allows for parallel processing

- ParDo acts on one item at a time (like a Map in MapReduce)
  - Multiple instances of class on many machines
  - Should not contain any state
- Useful for:
  - Filtering (choosing which inputs to emit)
  - Converting one Java type to another
  - Extracting parts of an input (e.g., fields of TableRow)
  - Calculating values from different parts of inputs

### Notes:

You may want to start off by saying that a MapReduce framework consists of Map, followed by shuffle, followed by Reduce. Here, the ParDo does the map operations. This way, there is no confusion between the use of Map on this slide and the Python class Map on the next slide.

You can do anything with a single input “row”, but no combination (no persistent state!)

ParDo is not quite a Map as in Python, since it can output 0-N elements.

## Python: Map vs. FlatMap

- Use Map for 1:1 relationship between input & output

```
'WordLengths' >> beam.Map( lambda word: (word, len(word)) )
```

- FlatMap for non 1:1 relationships, usually with generator

```
def my_grep(line, term):  
    if term in line:  
        yield line  
  
'Grep' >> beam.FlatMap(lambda line: my_grep(line, searchTerm) )
```

- Java: Use apply(ParDo) for both cases

### Notes:

The Map example returns a key-value pair (in Python this is simply a 2-tuple) for each word.

The FlatMap example yields the line only for lines that contain the searchTerm.

## GroupBy operation is akin to shuffle

- In Dataflow, shuffle explicitly with a GroupByKey
  - Create a Key-Value pair in a ParDo
  - Then group by the key

```
PCollection<KV<String, Integer>> cityAndZipcodes = p.apply(ParDo.of(new
    DoFn<String, KV<String,Integer>>() {
        @ProcessElement
        public void processElement(ProcessContext c) throws Exception {
            String[] fields = c.element().split();
            c.output(KV.of(fields[0], Integer.parseInt(fields[3])));
        }
    }
));

PCollection<KV<String, Iterable<Integer>>> grouped = cityAndZipcodes.apply(
    GroupByKey.<String, Integer>create());
```

### Notes:

The idea is here is that we want to find all the zipcodes associated with a city

E.g., NewYork is the city and it may have 10001 10002 etc.

## Combine lets you aggregate

- Can be applied to a PCollection of values:

```
PCollection<Double> salesAmounts = ...;  
PCollection<Double> totalAmount = salesAmounts.apply(  
    Combine.globally(new Sum.SumDoubleFn()));
```

- And also to a grouped Key-Value pair:

```
PCollection<KV<String, Double>> salesRecords = ...;  
PCollection<KV<String, Double>> totalSalesPerPerson =  
    salesRecords.apply(Combine.<String, Double, Double>perKey(  
        new Sum.SumDoubleFn()));
```

- Many built-in functions: Sum, Mean, etc.

### Notes:

With Java 8, some of these generics are optional.

Can write a custom Combine function by extending CombineFn, so not limited to the built-in ones.



# GroupBy and Combine in Python

```
cityAndZipcodes = p | beam.Map(lambda fields : (fields[0], fields[3]))  
grouped = cityAndZipCodes | beam.GroupByKey()
```

```
totalAmount = salesAmounts | Combine.globally(sum)
```

```
totalSalesPerPerson = salesRecords | Combine.perKey(sum)
```

## Notes:

Conceptually similar, pythonic syntax

Key-value pairs are simply 2-tuples

Group-by-key is simply GroupByKey() – none of the generic overload as in Java

# Prefer Combine over GroupByKey

```
collection.apply(Count.perKey())
```

Is faster than:

```
collection
  .apply(GroupByKey.create())
  .apply(ParDo.of(new DoFn() {
    void processElement(ProcessContext c) {
      c.output(KV.of(c.element().getKey(), c.element().getValue().size()));
    }
  }));
```

## Notes:

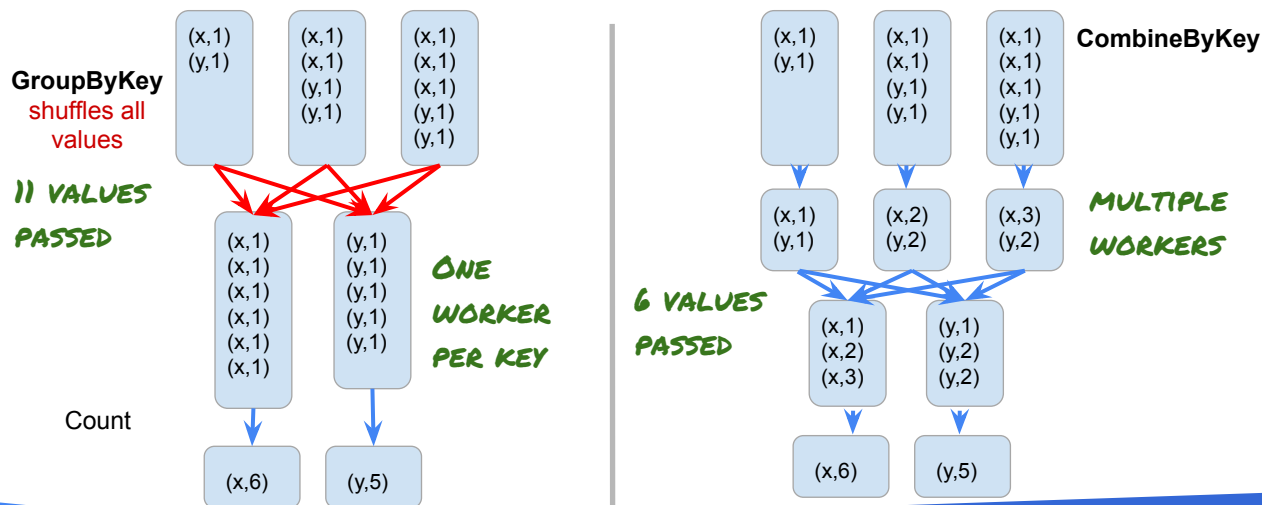
In cases where you can use either a GroupBy or a Combine, use a Combine. The version using Count is orders of magnitude faster, because Dataflow can parallelize the operation on multiple machines, which is impossible in the GroupByKey version.

This is because Dataflow knows that a Combine can be done in stages – it can aggregate locally, then aggregate again overall.

In the GroupByKey version, Dataflow does not know this, so it will wait for the GroupByKey to fully finish before it can do the ParDo.

You can write a custom Combine function by extending CombineFn, so you are not limited to the built-in ones.

## Why Combine is more efficient than GroupByKey

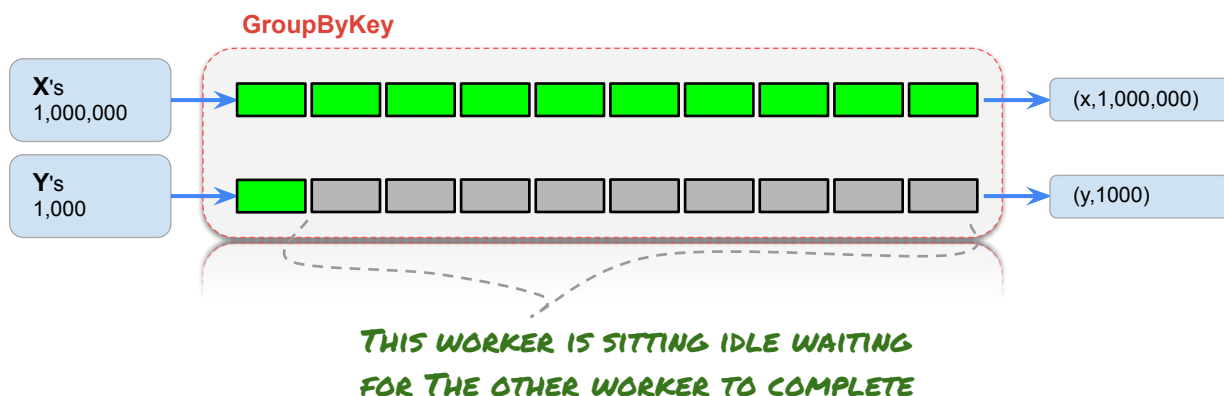


The way that **GroupByKey** works, Dataflow can use no more than one worker per key. In this example, **GroupByKey** causes all the values to be shuffled so they are all transmitted over the network. And then there is one worker for the 'x' key and one worker for the 'y' key.

**Combine** allows Dataflow to distribute a key to multiple workers and process it in parallel. In this example, **CombineByKey** first aggregates values and then processes the aggregates with multiple workers. Also, only 6 aggregate values need to be passed over the network.

**Combine** is a Java interface that tells Dataflow that the combine operation (like Count) is both commutative and associative. This allows Dataflow to shard within a key vs. having to group each key first. As a developer, you can create your own custom **Combine** class for any operation that has commutative and associative properties.

## Data skew makes grouping less efficient at scale



When the same example is scaled up in the presence of skewed data, the situation becomes much worse.

In this example, there are a million x-values and only a thousand y-values.

**GroupByKey** will group all of the x-values on one worker. The worker will take much longer to do its processing on the million values than the other worker which only has a thousand values to process. Of course, you are paying for the worker that sits idle waiting for the other worker to complete.

Dataflow is designed to avoid inefficiencies by keeping the data balanced. You can help by designing your application to divide work into aggregation steps and subsequent steps, and to avoid grouping or to push grouping towards the end of the processing pipeline.

## Can also group by time (Windowing)

- For batch inputs, explicitly emit a timestamp in your pipeline:

- Instead of `c.output()`

```
c.outputWithTimestamp(f, Instant.parse(fields[2]));
```

- Then use windows to aggregate by time

```
PCollection<KV<String, Integer>> scores = input  
    .apply(Window.into(FixedWindows.of(Minutes(2))))  
    .apply(Sum.integersPerKey());
```

**SUBSEQUENT GROUPS,  
AGGREGATIONS, ETC. ARE COMPUTED  
ONLY WITHIN TIME WINDOW**

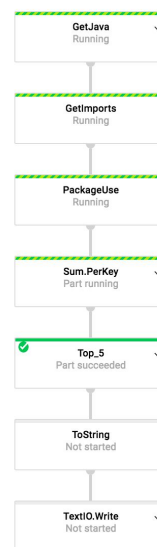
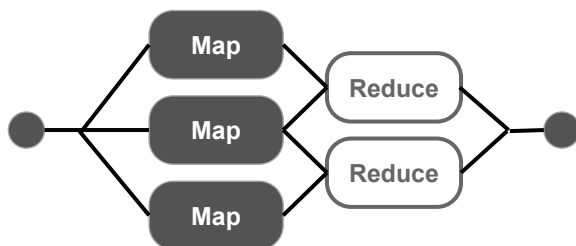
### Notes:

This timestamp will be the time at which the element was published to PubSub. If you want to use a custom timestamp, it must be published as a PubSub attribute, and you tell Dataflow about it using the `timestampLabel` setter.

## Lab 2: MapReduce in Dataflow

In this lab, you will learn how to:

- Specify and use command-line options
- Carry out Map and Reduce operations



### Notes:

The pipeline identifies the 5 most popular imported packages.

All the ParDo() operations are Maps; the Sum and Top5 are reduces.

# Agenda

Side inputs + Lab

## Providing other inputs to a ParDo

- In-memory objects can be provided as usual:

```
public class Match extends DoFn<String, String> {  
    private final String searchTerm;  
    public Match(String searchTerm) {  
        this.searchTerm = searchTerm;  
    }  
    @Override  
    public void processElement(ProcessContext c) throws Exception {  
        String line = c.element();  
        if (line.contains(searchTerm)) {  
            c.output(line);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
p.apply("Grep", ParDo.of(new Match(searchTerm)))
```

### Notes:

Make such objects final to ensure that they are not mistakenly used as mutable state.

But PCollections are not in-memory (the batch runner supports large values as a special case, but it is not a good practice to do it. A Co-Group-By-Key would be a better choice).



## To pass in a PCollection...

- Convert the PCollection to a View (asList, asMap)

```
PCollection<KV<String, Integer>> cz = ...  
PCollectionView<Map<String, Integer>> czmap = cz.apply("ToView", View.asMap());
```

- Call the ParDo with side input(s)

```
.apply("...", ParDo.of(new DoFn<KV<String, Integer>, KV<String, Double>>() {...  
    })).withSideInputs(czmap)
```

- Within ParDo, get the side input from the context

```
public void processElement(ProcessContext c) throws Exception {  
    Integer fromcz = c.sideInput(czmap).get(czkey); // .get() because Map
```

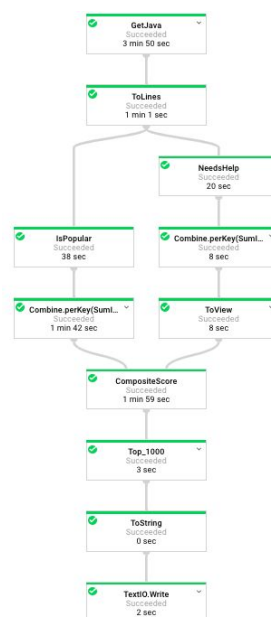
### Notes:

c.sideInput() returns a java.util.Map

## Lab 3: Side Inputs

In this lab, you will learn how to:

- Get data from BigQuery
- Use side inputs in an `apply()`



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### Notes:

The pipeline identifies popular Java packages that need volunteers to do small tasks on the code base.

Depending on time constraints and class interest, your instructor might choose to make this lab a demo and walk through the code.

See

<https://medium.com/google-cloud/popular-java-projects-on-github-that-could-use-some-help-analyzed-using-bigquery-and-dataflow-dbd5753827f4#.v646zq4xp> for a description of what this pipeline does.

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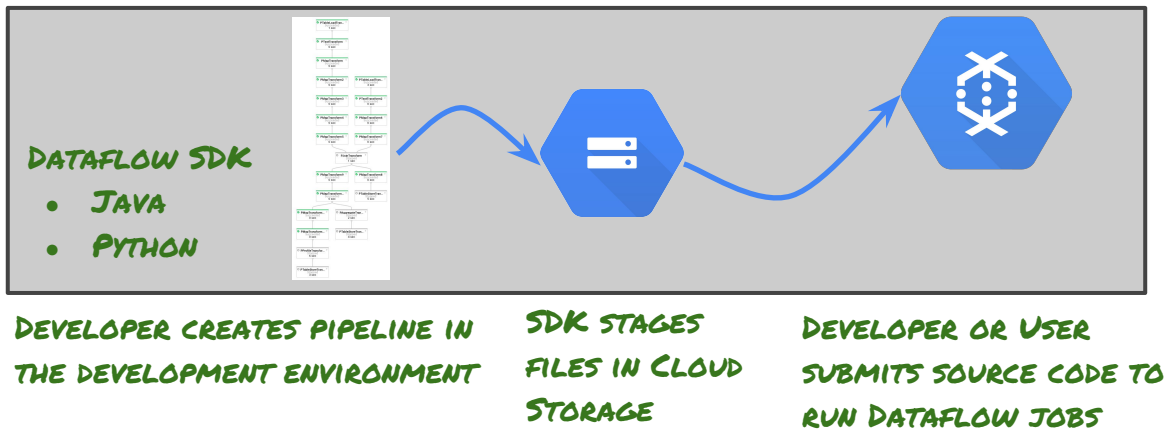
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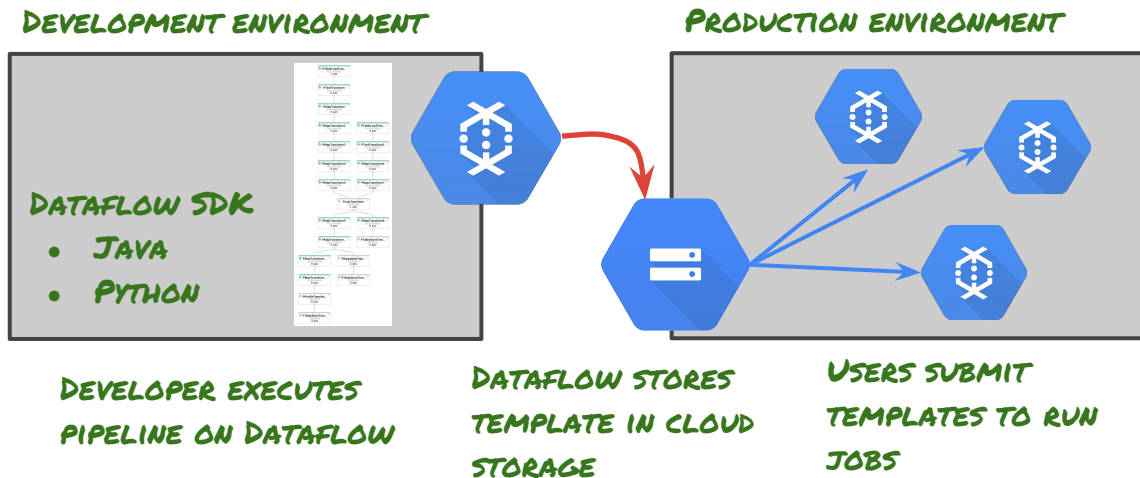
## Traditional workflow all happens in one environment

### DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT



In the traditional workflow the Developer creates the pipeline in the development environment using the Dataflow SDK in Java or Python. And there are dependencies to the original language and SDK files. Whenever a job is submitted it is re-processed entirely or re-compiled. There is no separation of developers from users. So the users basically have to be developers or have the same access and resources as developers.

## Template workflow supports non-developer users



Dataflow Templates enable a new development and execution workflow. The templates help separate the development activities and the developers from the execution activities and the users. The user environment no longer has dependencies back to the development environment. The need for recompilation to run a job is limited. The new approach facilitates the scheduling of batch jobs and opens up more ways for users to submit jobs, and more opportunities for automation.

<https://cloud.google.com/dataflow/docs/templates/overview>

# Templates require modifying parameters for runtime

## PYTHON EXAMPLE

```
class WordcountOptions(PipelineOptions):
    @classmethod
    def _add_argparse_args(cls, parser):
        parser.add_value_provider_argument(
            '--input',
            default='gs://dataflow-samples/shakespeare/kinglear.txt',
            help='Path of the file to read from')
        parser.add_argument(
            '--output',
            required=True,
            help='Output file to write results to.')
        pipeline_options = PipelineOptions(['--output', 'some/output_path'])
        p = beam.Pipeline(options=pipeline_options)

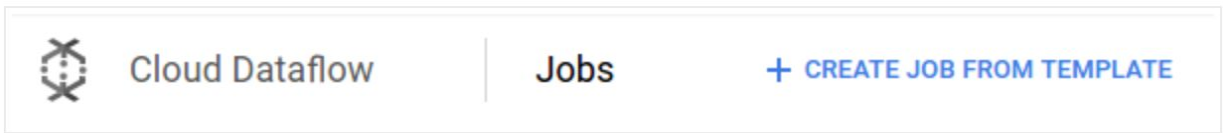
        wordcount_options = pipeline_options.view_as(WordcountOptions)
        lines = p | 'read' >> ReadFromText(wordcount_options.input)
```

**RUNTIME PARAMETERS  
MUST BE MODIFIED**

**NON-RUNTIME  
PARAMETERS CAN  
REMAIN**

You might not have considered this before, but values like "user options" and "input file" that are compiled into your job. They aren't just parameters, they are **compile-time** parameters. To make these values available to non-developer users, they have to be converted to **runtime** parameters. These work through the ValueProvider interface so that your users can set these values when the template is submitted. **ValueProvider** can be used in I/O, transformations, and DoFn (your functions). And there are Static and Nested versions of ValueProvider for more complex cases.

## Create jobs from template via SDK, gcloud, or Console



### **YOU SPECIFY:**

- **THE LOCATION OF THE TEMPLATE IN CLOUD STORAGE**
- **AN OUTPUT LOCATION IN CLOUD STORAGE**
- **NAME : VALUE PARAMETERS (THAT MAP TO THE VALUEPROVIDER INTERFACE)**

## Example templates for basic tasks are provided

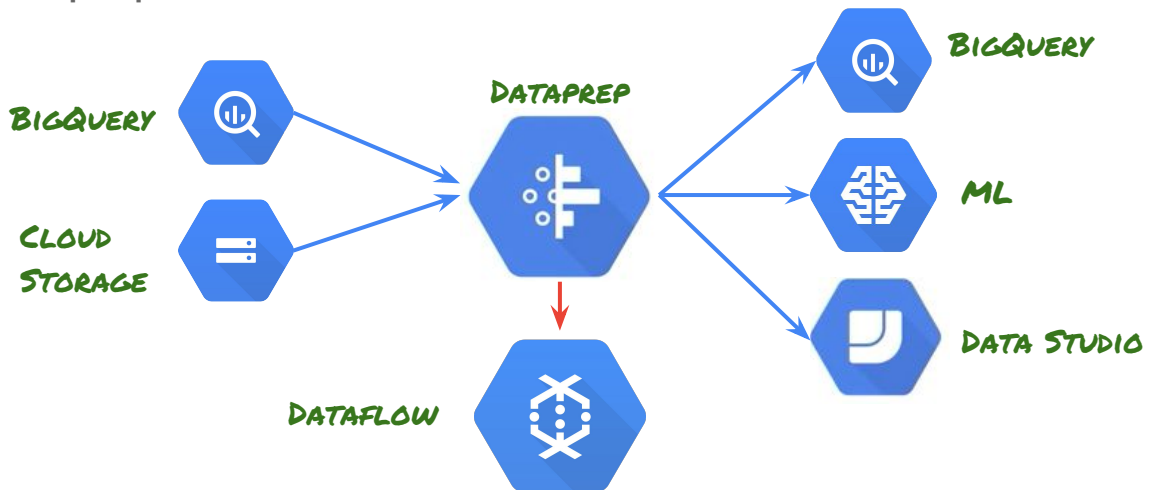
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- Cloud Pub/Sub to BigQuery
- Cloud Storage Text to Cloud Pub/Sub
- Cloud Pub/Sub to Cloud Storage Text
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- Cloud Storage Text to BigQuery
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- Bulk Decompress Cloud Storage Files



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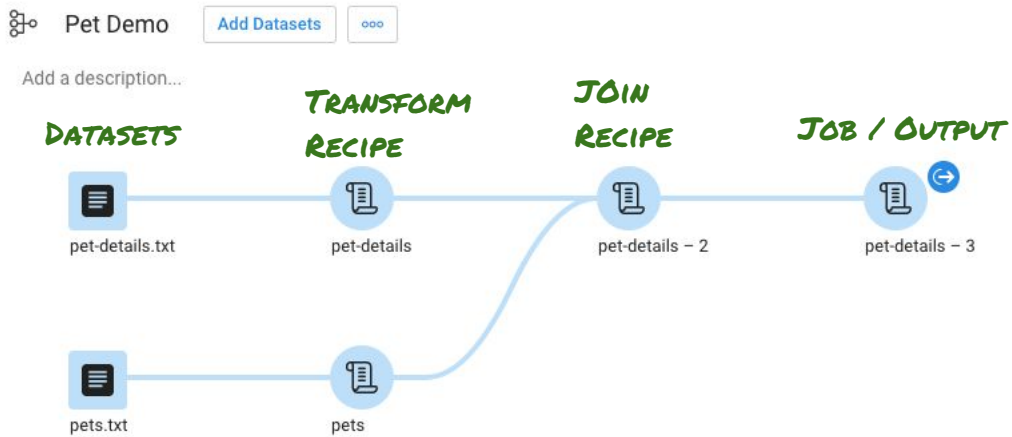
# Dataprep



Dataprep is an interactive graphical system for preparing structured or unstructured data for use in analytics (BigQuery), Visualization (Data Studio), and to train Machine Learning models. Input integration with Cloud Storage, BigQuery, and Files.

Walk through at Next'17. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5GuTlgmt98>

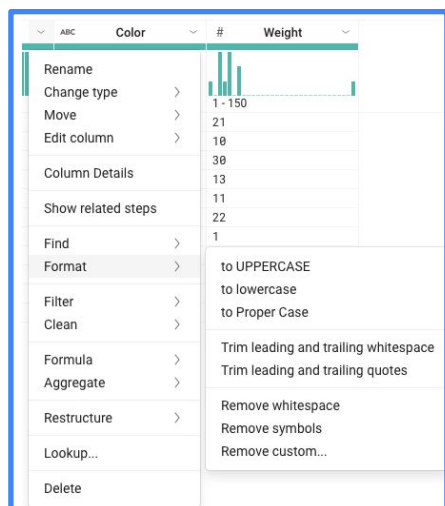
## Create pipelines in Dataprep Flows



Dataprep provides a graphical interface for interactively designing a pipeline. The elements are divided into datasets, recipes, and output. A dataset roughly translates into a Dataflow pipeline read. A recipe usually translates into multiple pipeline transformations. And an output translates into a pipeline action.

# Tools for data cleanup, structuring, and transformation

**CLEAN**  
**STRUCTURE**  
**PREPARE**



pet-details  
Pet Demo • Full Data

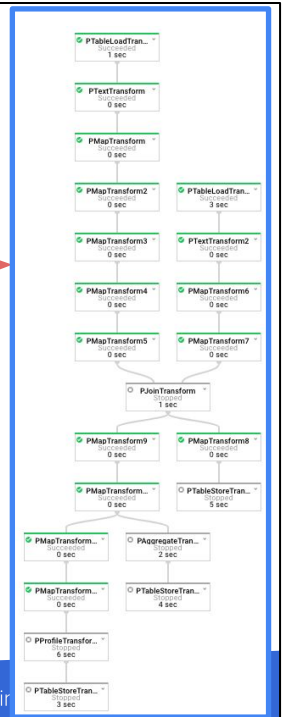
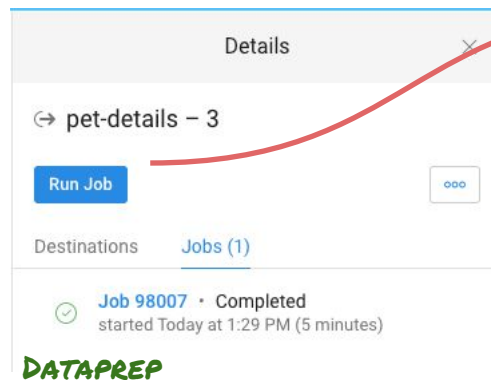
Grid Columns Find column Filters

| ABC          | column2       | ABC              | PetName      | ABC     | Breed | ABC | Color | # | Weight |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|---|--------|
| 4 Categories | 11 Categories | 11 Categories    | 6 Categories | 1 - 150 |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Dog        | Noir          | Schnoodle        | Black        | 21      |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Dog        | Bree          | MaltePoo         | White        | 10      |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Dog        | Pickles       | Golden Retriever | Yellow       | 30      |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Dog        | Sparky        | Mutt             | Gray         | 13      |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Cat        | Tom           | Alley            | Yellow       | 11      |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Cat        | Cleo          | Siamese          | Gray         | 22      |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Frog       | Kermit        | Bull             | Green        | 1       |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Pig        | Bacon         | Pot Belly        | Pink         | 30      |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Pig        | Babe          | Domestic         | White        | 150     |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Dog        | Rusty         | Poodle           | White        | 20      |       |     |       |   |        |
| - Cat        | Joe           | Mix              | Black        | 15      |       |     |       |   |        |

Dataprep provides a rich set of tools for working with data. In this example, the format of a string field can have transformations applied to change to uppercase, to proper case (initial uppercase letters), to trim leading and trailing whitespace, and to remove whitespace altogether. These are the kinds of transformations commonly needed to improving the quality of data produced by a native system in preparation for big data processing.

## DATAFLOW

# Use Dataprep to generate Dataflow Pipelines without programming



Dataprep provides a high-leverage method to quickly create dataflow pipelines without coding. This is especially useful for data quality tasks and for master data tasks (combining data from multiple sources), where programming may not be required.

# Download Dataflow Templates

**OUTPUT TO CLOUD STORAGE (CSV)**

**DOWNLOAD DATAFLOW TEMPLATE**

Export Results - pet-details - 3

On Google Cloud Platform:

Cloud Storage

`dataprep-staging-138edb99-3464-427b-a5b4-fbc827fd7e8/gcpstaging10901_student@qwiklabs.net/jobrun/pet-details__3.csv`

Dataflow Template

`dataprep-staging-138edb99-3464-427b-a5b4-fbc827fd7e8/gcpstaging10901_student@qwiklabs.net/temp/cloud-dataprep-pet-demo-98007-by-gcpstaging10901-studentqwiklabsnet-student_template`

Create Dataset:

Format

csv

Create

OK

The pipeline can be output as a Dataflow Template for continued use in Dataflow.

For example, you could set up a data quality job to clean up source data provided by a native system that is destined for data analysis. Then this template can be used by the administrative staff periodically to submit clean data for the analysis task.

# Resources

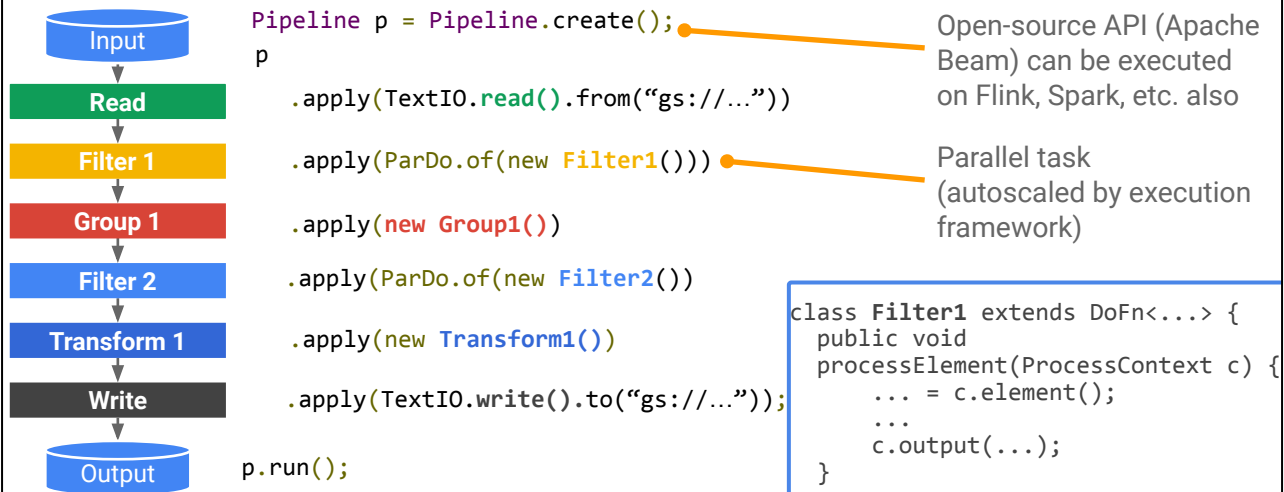
- Dataflow: <https://cloud.google.com/dataflow/>
- Dataprep: <https://cloud.google.com/dataprep/>
- Which Java projects need help?  
<https://medium.com/google-cloud/popular-java-projects-on-github-that-could-use-some-help-analyzed-using-bigquery-and-dataflow-dbd5753827f4#.t82wsxd2c>
- Processing logs at scale using Cloud Dataflow  
<https://cloud.google.com/solutions/processing-logs-at-scale-using-dataflow>
- Beam resources:  
<https://beam.apache.org/contribute/presentation-materials/>  
<https://beam.apache.org/documentation/resources/>



**Notes:**



# Open-source API, Google infrastructure



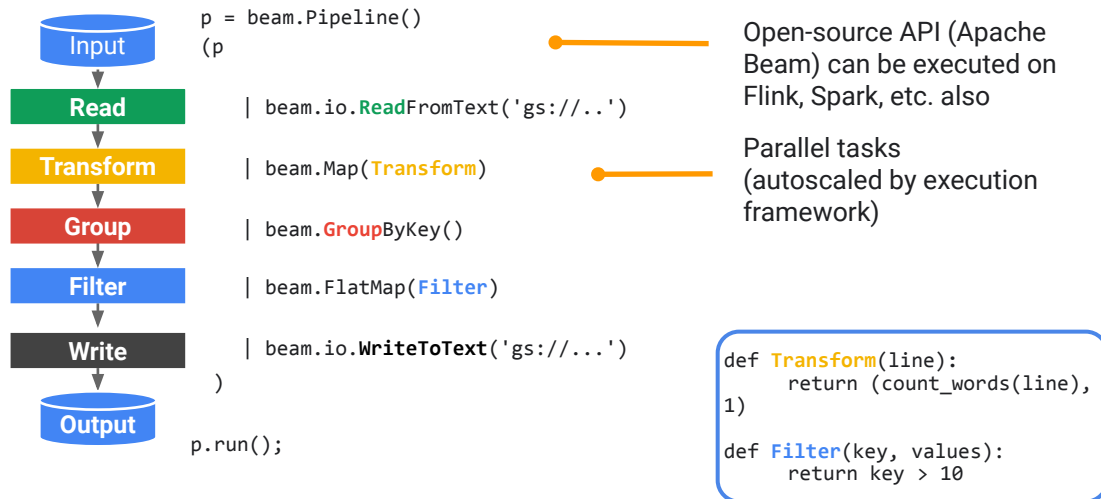
## Notes:

Distinguish between the API (Apache Beam) and the implementation/execution framework (Dataflow)

Each step of the pipeline does a filter, group, transform, compare, join, and so on. Transforms can be done in parallel.

`c.element()` gets the input. `c.output()` sends the output to the next step of the pipeline.

## Open-source API, Google infrastructure



One thing that makes writing Apache Beam easy is that the code written for Beam is similar to how people think of data processing pipelines. Take a look at the pipeline in the center of the slide. This sample Python code analyzes the number of words in lines of text in documents. So, as an input to the pipeline you may want to read text files from Google Cloud Storage.

Then, you transform the data, figure out the number of words in each line of text. This kind of a transformation can be automatically scaled by Dataflow to run in parallel. Next, In your pipeline, you can group lines by the number of words using grouping and other aggregation operations. You can also filter out values, for example to ignore lines with fewer than 10 words. Once all the transformation, grouping, and filtering operations are done, the pipeline writes the result to Google Cloud Storage.

Notice that this implementation separates the pipeline definition from the pipeline execution. All the steps that you see before call to the `p.run()` method are just defining what the pipeline should do. The pipeline actually gets executed only when you call the run method.