Practical Introduction to Apache Spark

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Today we are going to talk...

- What is Spark
- How it works
- SparkSession
- **Operations**
- Your first Spark Application

Time ago when people were using Map and Reduce...

Spark: Cluster Computing with Working Sets

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Abstract

MapReduce and its variants have been highly successful in implementing large-scale data-intensive applications on commodity clusters. However, most of these systems are built around an acyclic data flow model that is not suitable for other popular applications. This paper focuses on one such class of applications: those that reuse a working set of data across multiple parallel operations. This includes many iterative machine learning algorithms, as well as interactive data analysis tools. We propose a new framework called Spark that supports these applications while retaining the scalability and fault tolerance of MapReduce. To achieve these goals, Spark introduces an abstraction called resilient distributed datasets (RDDs). An RDD is a read-only collection of objects partitioned across a set of machines that can be rebuilt if a partition is lost. Spark can outperform Hadoop by 10x in iterative machine learning jobs, and can be used to interactively query a 39 GB dataset with sub-second response time.

1 Introduction

A new model of cluster computing has become widely

MapReduce/Dryad job, each job must reload the data from disk, incurring a significant performance penalty.

• Interactive analytics: Hadoop is often used to run ad-hoc exploratory queries on large datasets, through SQL interfaces such as Pig [21] and Hive [1]. Ideally, a user would be able to load a dataset of interest into memory across a number of machines and query it repeatedly. However, with Hadoop, each query incurs significant latency (tens of seconds) because it runs as a separate MapReduce job and reads data from disk.

This paper presents a new cluster computing framework called Spark, which supports applications with working sets while providing similar scalability and fault tolerance properties to MapReduce.

The main abstraction in Spark is that of a resilient distributed dataset (RDD), which represents a read-only collection of objects partitioned across a set of machines that can be rebuilt if a partition is lost. Users can explicitly cache an RDD in memory across machines and reuse it in multiple MapReduce-like parallel operations. RDDs achieve fault tolerance through a notion of lineage: if a partition of an RDD is lost, the RDD has enough infor-

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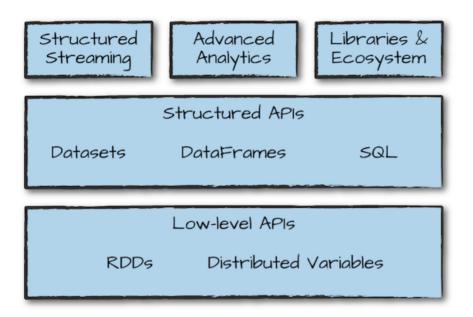
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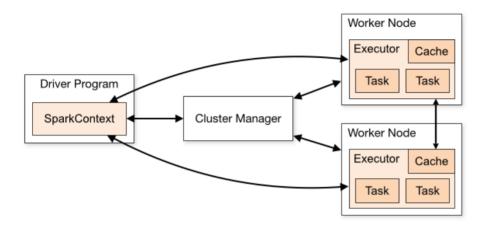
Then...

- Unified engine
- Parallel/cluster computing system
- Multiple platform



<u>Oreilly Spark Definitive Guide Preview</u>

How it Works



SparkSession => Unit

EntryPoint: SparkSession

class pyspark.sql.SparkSession(sparkContext, jsparkSession=None)

[source]

The entry point to programming Spark with the Dataset and DataFrame API.

A SparkSession can be used create **DataFrame**, register **DataFrame** as tables, execute SQL over tables, cache tables, and read parquet files. To create a SparkSession, use the following builder pattern:

```
>>> spark = SparkSession.builder \
... .master("local") \
... .appName("Word Count") \
... .config("spark.some.config.option", "some-value") \
... .getOrCreate()
```

builder

A class attribute having a Builder to construct SparkSession instances

class Builder [source]

Builder for sparkSession.

appName(name) [source]

Sets a name for the application, which will be shown in the Spark web UI.

If no application name is set, a randomly generated name will be used.

Parameters: name – an application name

New in version 2.0.

Python API

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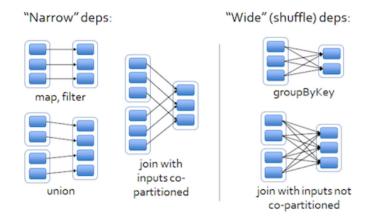
EntryPoint: SparkSession

- This is the door to code your applications
- Access to the Spark world...

Operations

Transformations

- Narrow (isolated operation)
- Wide (network communication between workers)

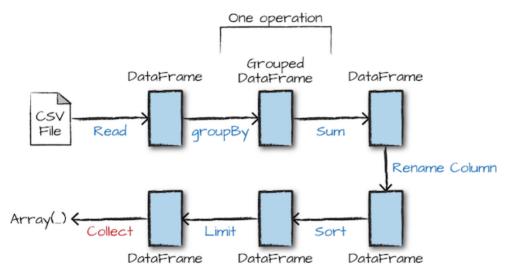


^{*}All transformations in Spark are lazy

Operations

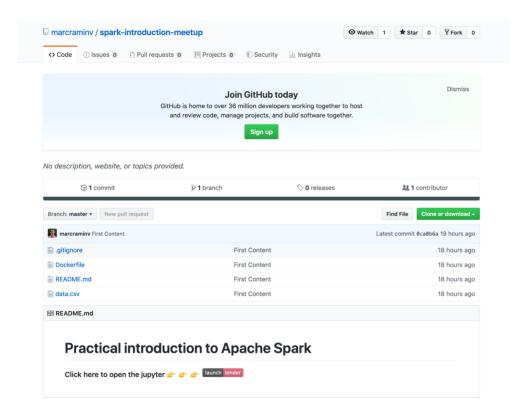
Actions

Return a value to the driver program after running a computation on the dataset



Source: Spark Definitive Guide

Time to code



Start with...

```
from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("SimpleApp").getOrCreate()
```

Questions to answers

- Top 5 of best rated players
- Top 5 of pokemon with best attack
- Top 5 of pokemon group by pokemon_type
- Top 5 of players group by teams