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In this session we'll focus on the `DataFrames` API. We'll dig into:

- ▶ available `DataFrame` data types
- ▶ some basic operations on `DataFrames`
- ▶ aggregations on `DataFrames`

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Basic Spark SQL Data Types:

<i>Scala Type</i>	<i>SQL Type</i>	<i>Details</i>
Byte	ByteType	1 byte signed integers (-128,127)
Short	ShortType	2 byte signed integers (-32768,32767)
Int	IntegerType	4 byte signed integers (-2147483648,2147483647)
Long	LongType	8 byte signed integers
java.math.BigDecimal	DecimalType	Arbitrary precision signed decimals
Float	FloatType	4 byte floating point number
Double	DoubleType	8 byte floating point number
Array[Byte]	BinaryType	Byte sequence values
Boolean	BooleanType	true/false
Boolean	BooleanType	true/false
java.sql.Timestamp	TimestampType	Date containing year, month, day, hour, minute, and second.
java.sql.Date	DateType	Date containing year, month, day.
String	StringType	Character string values (stored as UTF8)

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Arrays

Array of only one type of element (elementType). containsNull is set to true if the elements in ArrayType value can have null values.

Example:

```
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Array[String]    ArrayType(StringType, true)
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Maps

Map of key/value pairs with two types of elements. valuecontainsNull is set to true if the elements in MapType value can have null values.

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```
// Scala type      // SQL type  
Map[Int, String]  MapType(IntegerType, StringType, true)
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Structs

Struct type with list of possible fields of different types. containsNull is set to true if the elements in StructFields can have null values.

Example:

```
// Scala type // SQL type
case class Person(name: String, age: Int) StructType(List(StructField("name", StringType, true),
                                                               StructField("age", IntegerType, true)))
```

Complex Data Types Can Be Combined!

It's possible to arbitrarily nest complex data types! For example:

```
// Scala type
case class Account(
    balance: Double,
    employees:
    Array[Employee])

case class Employee(
    id: Int,
    name: String,
    jobTitle: String)

case class Project(
    title: String,
    team: Array[Employee],
    acct: Account)

// SQL type
StructType(
    StructField(title,StringType,true),
    StructField(
        team,
        ArrayType(
            StructType(StructField(id,IntegerType,true),
            StructField(name,StringType,true),
            StructField(jobTitle,StringType,true)),
            true),
            true),
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        acct,
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                    true)
                ),
                true)
            )
        )
```

Accessing Spark SQL Types

Important.

In order to access *any* of these data types, either basic or complex, you must first import Spark SQL types!

```
import org.apache.spark.sql.types._
```

DataFrames Operations Are More Structured!

When introduced, the `DataFrames API` introduced a number of relational operations.

The main difference between the `RDD API` and the `DataFrames API` was that `DataFrame APIs` accept `Spark SQL expressions`, instead of arbitrary user-defined function literals like we were used to on `RDDs`. This allows the optimizer to understand what the computation represents, and for example with `filter`, it can often be used to skip reading unnecessary records.

DataFrames API: Similar-looking to SQL. Example methods include:

- ▶ `select`
- ▶ `where`
- ▶ `limit`
- ▶ `orderBy`
- ▶ `groupBy`
- ▶ `join`

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```
// root
// |-- id: integer (nullable = true)
// |-- fname: string (nullable = true)
// |-- lname: string (nullable = true)
// |-- age: integer (nullable = true)
// |-- city: string (nullable = true)
```

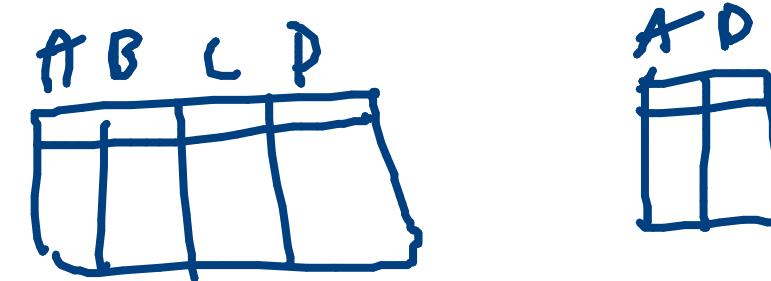
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Other transformations include: filter, limit, orderBy, where, as, sort, union, drop, amongst others.

Specifying Columns

As you might have observed from the previous slide, most methods take a parameter of type Column or String, always referring to some attribute/column in the data set.

Most methods on DataFrames tend to some well-understood, pre-defined operation on a column of the data set

You can select and work with columns in three ways:

1. Using \$-notation

```
// $-notation requires: import spark.implicits._  
df.filter($"age" > 18)
```

2. Referring to the Dataframe

```
df.filter(df("age") > 18))
```

sql("...")

3. Using SQL query string

```
df.filter("age > 18")
```

DataFrame Transformations: Example

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Recall the example SQL query that we did in the previous session on a data set of employees. Rather than using SQL syntax, let's convert our example to use the DataFrame API.

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```
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Filters can be more complex too:

We can compare results between attributes/columns. Though can be more difficult to optimize.

```
employeeDF.filter($"age" > 25) &&($"city" === "Sydney").show()  
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How to group and aggregate?

- ▶ Just call groupBy on specific attribute/column(s) of a DataFrame,
- ▶ followed by a call to a method on RelationalGroupedDataset like count, max, or agg (for agg, also specify which attribute/column(s) subsequent spark.sql.functions like count, sum, max, etc, should be called upon.)

```
df.groupBy("attribute1")  
    .agg(sum("attribute2"))
```

```
df.groupBy("attribute1")  
    .count("attribute2")
```

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Let's assume that we have a dataset of homes currently for sale in an entire US state. Let's calculate the most expensive, and least expensive homes for sale per zip code.

```
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val mostExpensiveDF = listingsDF.groupBy($"zip")
    .max("price")
```

```
val leastExpensiveDF = listingsDF.groupBy($"zip")
    .min("price")
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```
import org.apache.spark.sql.functions._  
  
val rankedDF =  
  postsDF.groupBy($"authorID", $"subforum")  
    .agg(count($"authorID")) // new DF with columns authorID, subforum, count(authorID)  
    .orderBy($"subforum", $"count(authorID)".desc)
```

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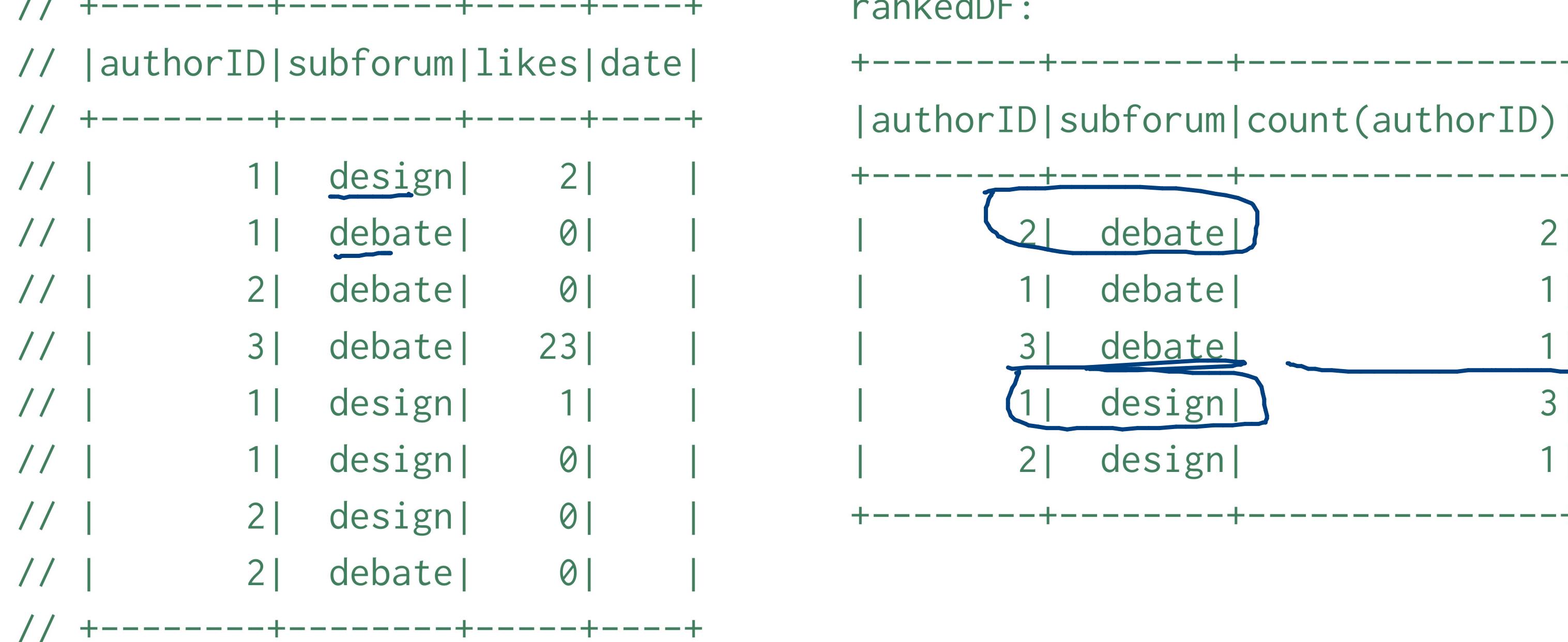
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    .orderBy($"subforum", $"count(authorID)".desc)

// postsDF:
// +-----+-----+-----+-----+
// |authorID|subforum|likes|date|
// +-----+-----+-----+-----+
// |      1| design|    2|    |
// |      1| debate|    0|    |
// |      2| debate|    0|    |
// |      3| debate|   23|    |
// |      1| design|    1|    |
// |      1| design|    0|    |
// |      2| design|    0|    |
// |      2| debate|    0|    |
// +-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

rankedDF:

```
+-----+-----+-----+
|authorID|subforum|count(authorID)|
+-----+-----+-----+
|      2| debate|        2|
|      1| debate|        1|
|      3| debate|        1|
|      1| design|        3|
|      2| design|        1|
+-----+-----+-----+
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↙ API

After calling groupBy, methods on RelationalGroupedDataset:

To see a list of all operations you can call following a groupBy, see the API docs for RelationalGroupedDataset.

<http://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/api/scala/index.html#org.apache.spark.sql.RelationalGroupedDataset>

↙ API

Methods within agg:

Examples include: min, max, sum, mean, stddev, count, avg, first, last. To see a list of all operations you can call within an agg, see the API docs for org.apache.spark.sql.functions.

[http://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/api/scala/index.html#org.apache.spark.sql.functions\\$](http://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/api/scala/index.html#org.apache.spark.sql.functions$)