

# PySpark Essentials

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## Spark Session

### Code:

```
from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("Week2").getOrCreate()
```

### Use Case:

Sets up the environment to load and analyze the spotify.csv dataset with music track details.

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## Spark Config

### Code:

```
spark.conf.set("spark.sql.shuffle.partitions", "200")
spark.conf.set("spark.driver.memory", "2g")
```

### Use Case:

Optimizes partition size and memory usage when processing large datasets like spotify.csv for ETL pipelines.

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## Read Data (CSV, JSON, Parquet)

### CSV Code:

```
df = spark.read.option("header", "true").option("inferSchema",
"true").csv("spotify.csv")
```

### Use Case:

Imports the spotify.csv file to analyze music features such as popularity and danceability.

### JSON Code:

```
df_json = spark.read.option("header", "true").json("spotify.json")
```

### Use Case:

Loads JSON data from an external API providing artist biographies or additional track metadata.

### Parquet Code:

```
df_parquet = spark.read.parquet("spotify.parquet")
```

### Use Case:

Reads optimized Parquet files for faster querying in an ETL workflow.

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## Rename Columns

### Code:

```
df_renamed = df.withColumnRenamed("track_name", "song_title")
```

### Use Case:

Renames "track\_name" to "song\_title" to align with a standardized naming convention in the dataset.

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## Create or Update Column

### Code:

```
from pyspark.sql.functions import col
df_updated = df.withColumn("duration_min", col("duration_ms") / 60000)
```

### Use Case:

Creates a "duration\_min" column by converting "duration\_ms" to minutes for user-friendly reporting.

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## Apply PySpark Functions

### Split Code:

```
from pyspark.sql.functions import split
df_split = df.withColumn("artist_array", split(col("artists"), ";"))
```

### Use Case:

Splits multi-artist entries (e.g., "Ingrid Michaelson;Rock") into an array for individual artist analysis.

### Filter Code:

```
df_filtered = df.filter(col("popularity") > 70)
```

### Use Case:

Filters the dataset to focus on highly popular tracks (popularity > 70) for a top-hits report.

### Select Columns Code:

```
df_selected = df.select(col("track_name"), col("popularity"))
```

### Use Case:

Selects specific columns to create a subset DataFrame for targeted analysis.

### Cast Column Code:

```
df_casted = df.withColumn("popularity",  
col("popularity").cast("integer"))
```

**Use Case:**

Casts the "popularity" column to integer type for integer-specific operations or storage.

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## Group By and Aggregate Functions

**Count Code:**

```
df_grouped = df.groupBy("artists").count()
```

**Use Case:**

Counts the number of tracks per artist, e.g., to identify how many tracks Jason Mraz has.

**Average Code:**

```
from pyspark.sql.functions import avg  
df_avg =  
df.groupBy("key").agg(avg("popularity").alias("avg_popularity"))
```

**Use Case:**

Computes the average popularity for each musical key to analyze genre trends.

**Collect List Code:**

```
from pyspark.sql.functions import collect_list  
df_list =  
df.groupBy("artists").agg(collect_list("track_name").alias("tracks  
"))
```

**Use Case:**

Collects all track names into a list per artist for a comprehensive artist profile.

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## Join Types

**Inner Join Code:**

```
df_joined = df.join(df_spotify, "track_id", "inner")
```

**Use Case:**

Joins one data frame with another data frame to retain only matching track IDs for enriched analysis.

**Left Join Code:**

```
df_left = df.join(df_spotify, "track_id", "left")
```

**Use Case:**

Keeps all tracks from df, adding Spotify data where matches exist, for a complete dataset view.

**Anti Join Code:**

```
df_anti = df.join(df_spotify, "track_id", "left_anti")
```

**Use Case:**

Identifies tracks in df that are not in df\_spotify for data gap analysis.

**Broadcast Join Code:**

```
from pyspark.sql.functions import broadcast
df_broadcast = df.join(broadcast(df_spotify), "track_id", "inner")
```

**Use Case:**

Optimizes joining a small DataFrame with a larger one by broadcasting the smaller table.