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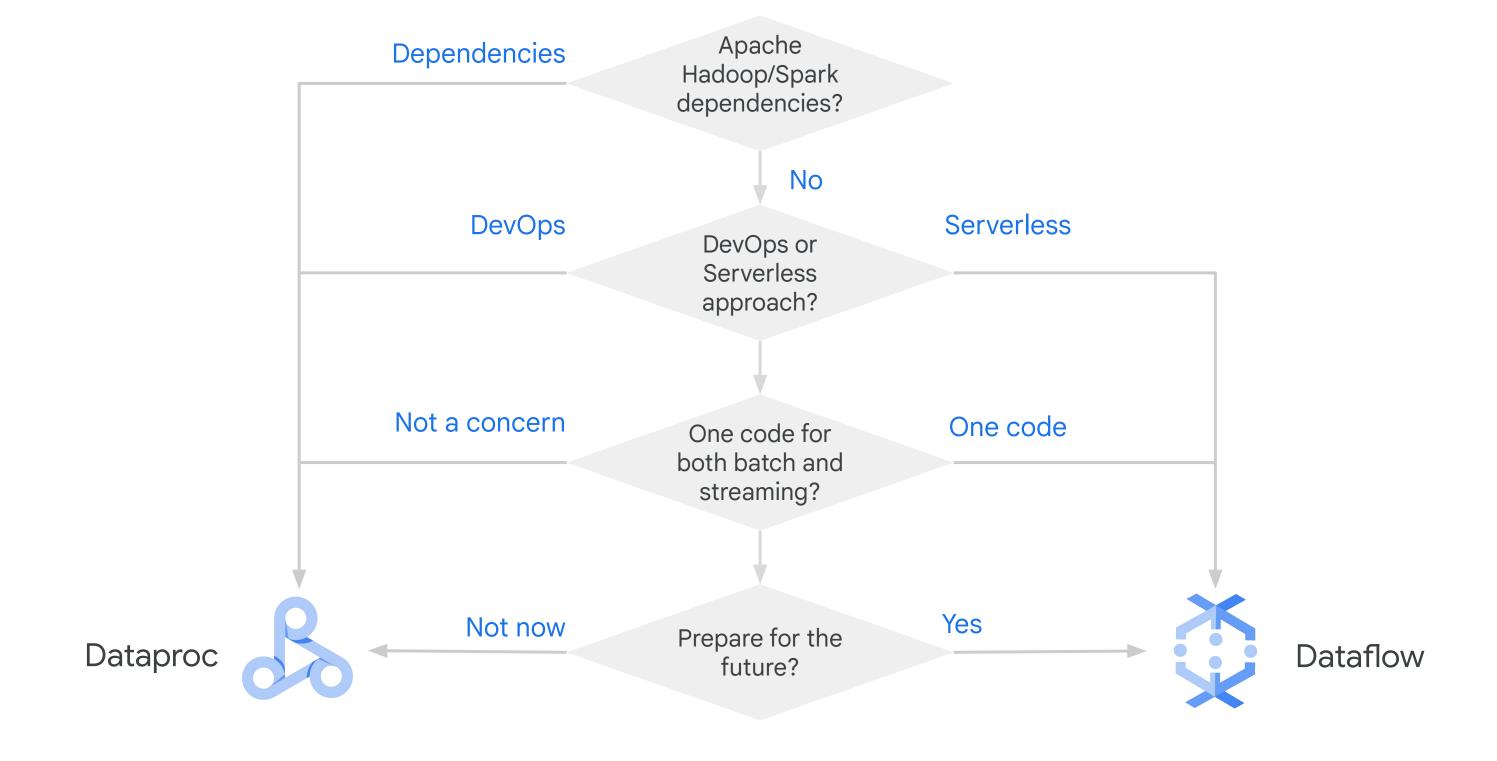
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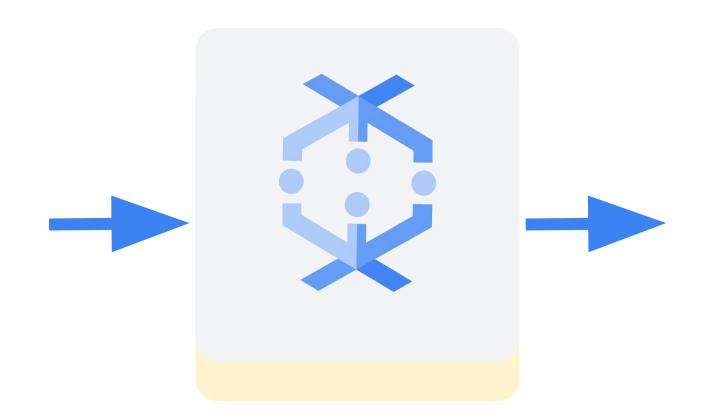
# Dataflow versus Dataproc

	Dataflow	Dataproc
Recommended for:	New data processing pipelines, unified batch and streaming	Existing Hadoop/Spark applications, machine learning/data science ecosystem, large-batch jobs, preemptible VMs
Fully-managed:	Yes	No
Auto-scaling:	Yes, transform-by-transform (adaptive)	Yes, based on cluster utilization (reactive)
Expertise:	Apache Beam	Hadoop, Hive, Pig, Apache Big Data ecosystem, Spark, Flink, Presto, Druid

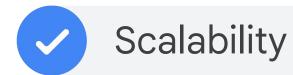
#### Choosing between Dataflow and Dataproc



#### Dataflow

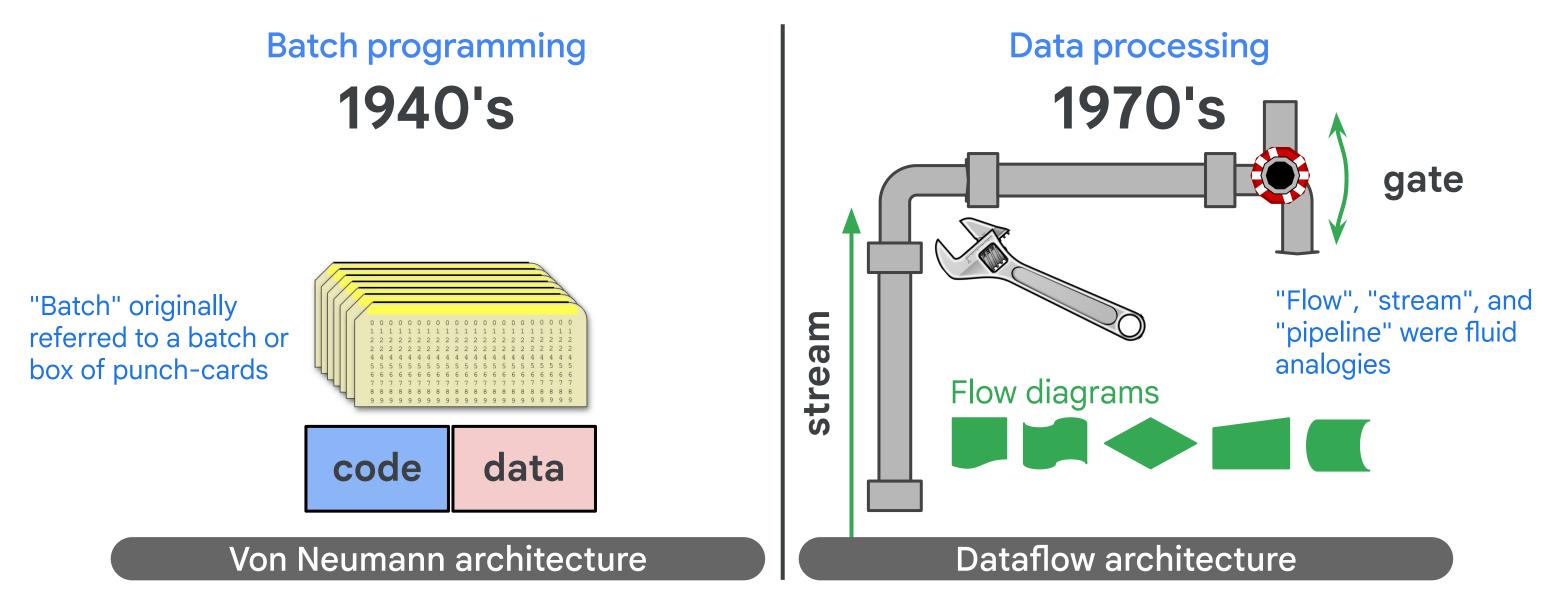


Qualities that Dataflow contributes to data engineering solutions:



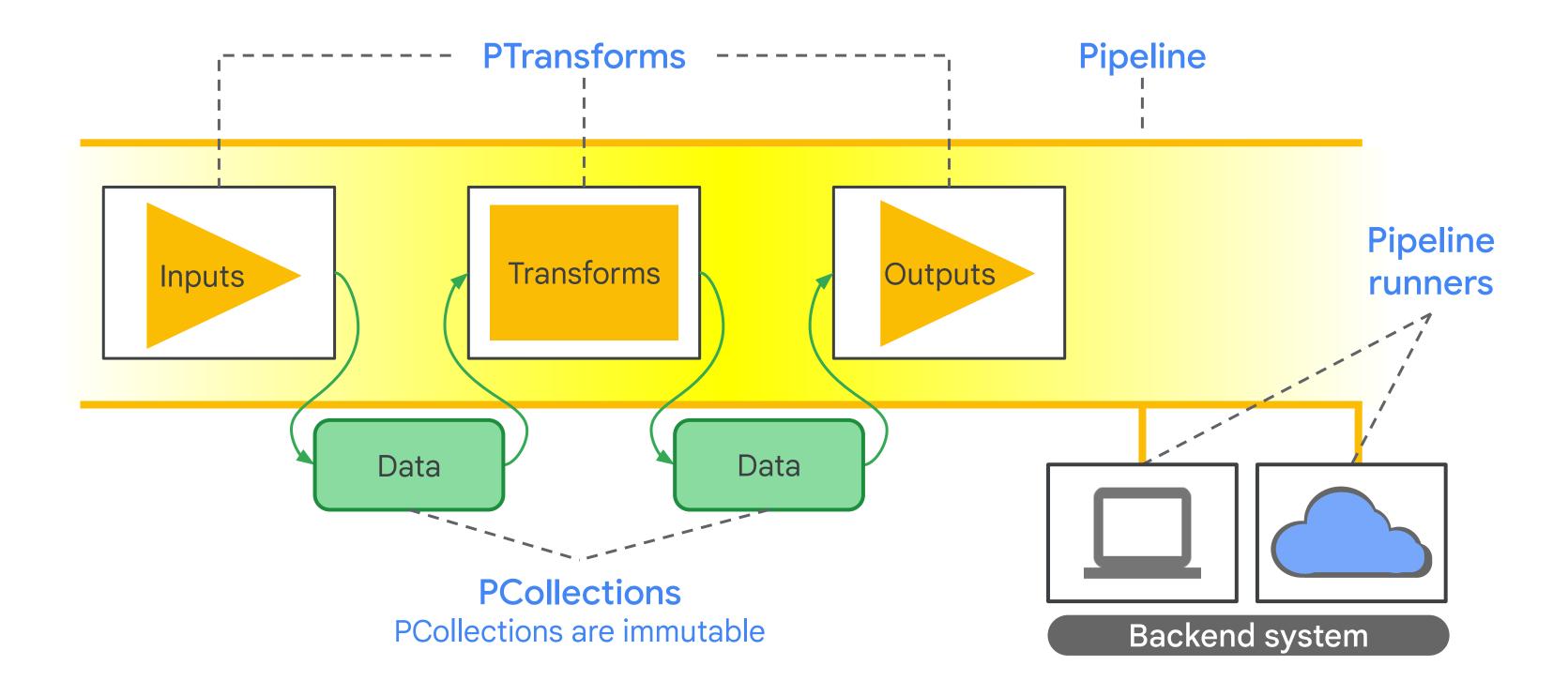


# Batch programming and data processing used to be two very separate and different things

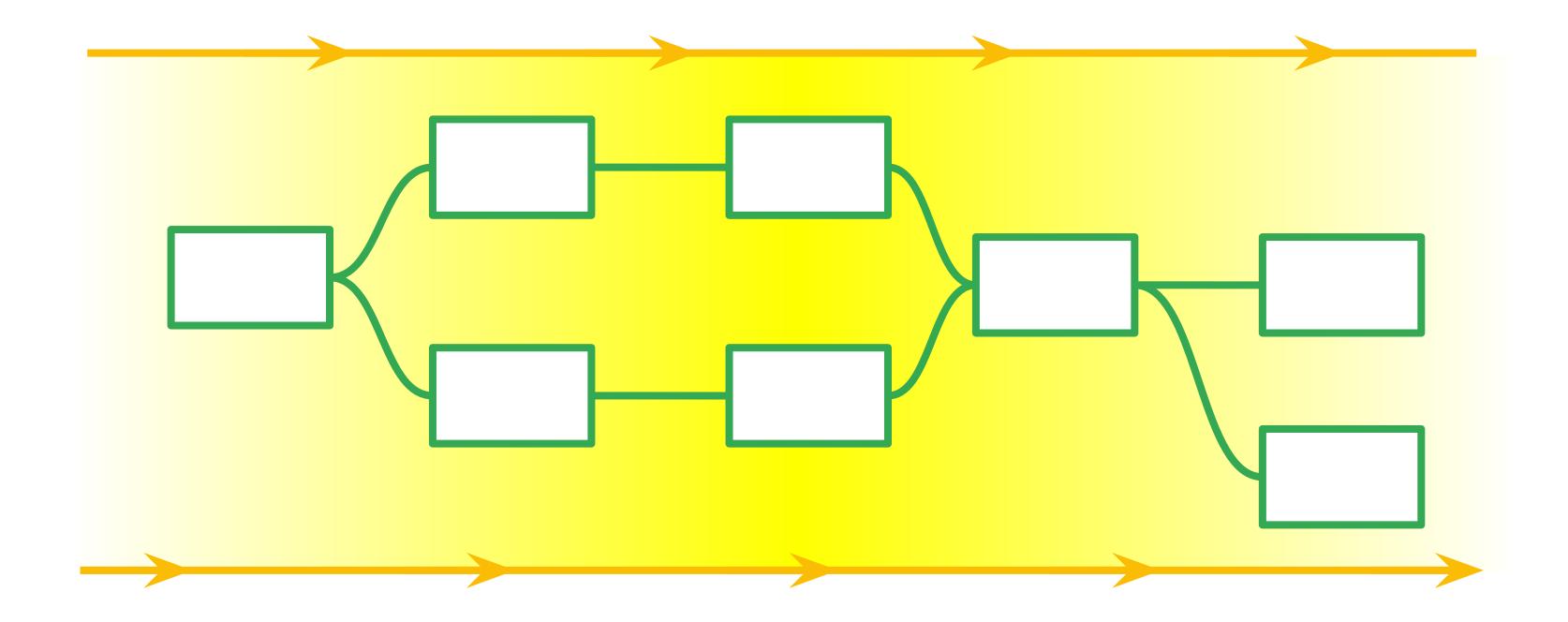


Different tools, different platforms, different concepts, different methods.

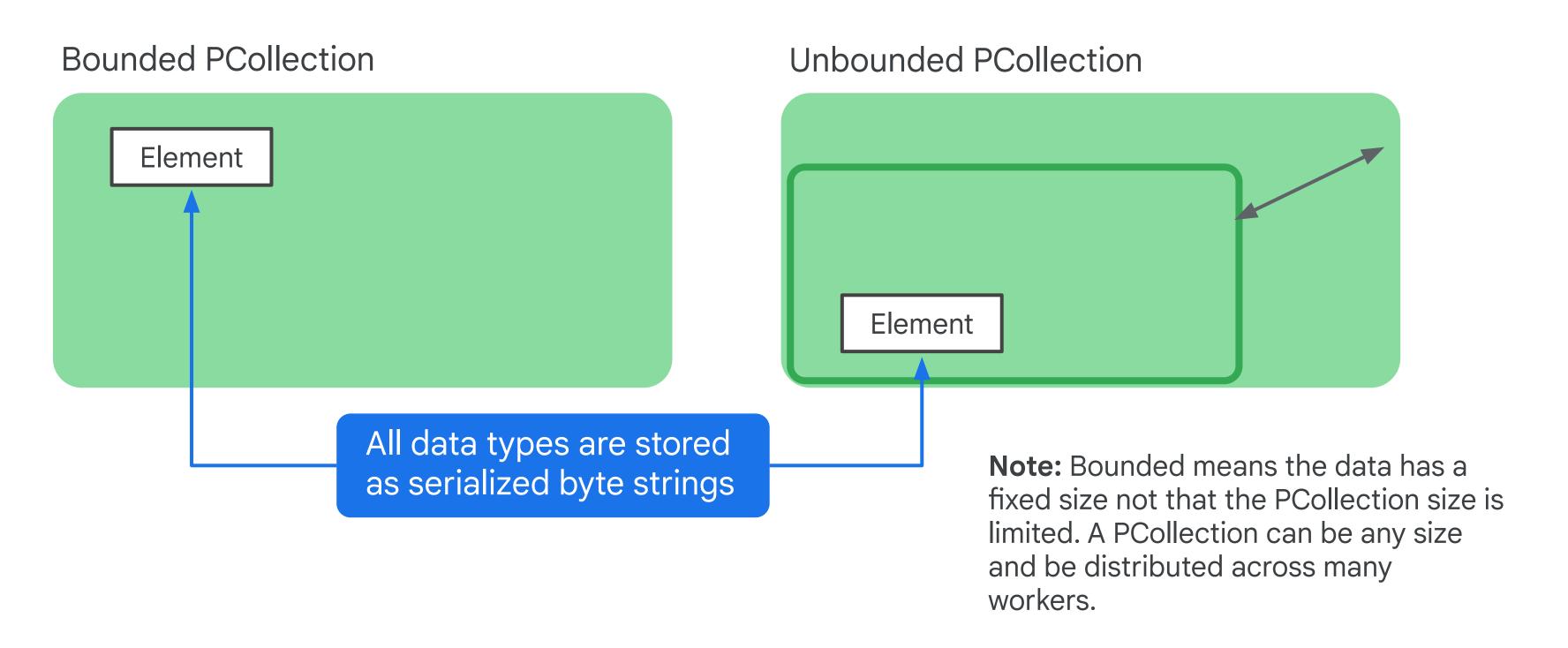
#### Apache BEAM = Batch + strEAM



## A Dataflow pipeline is a directed graph of steps



#### A PCollection represents batch or stream data

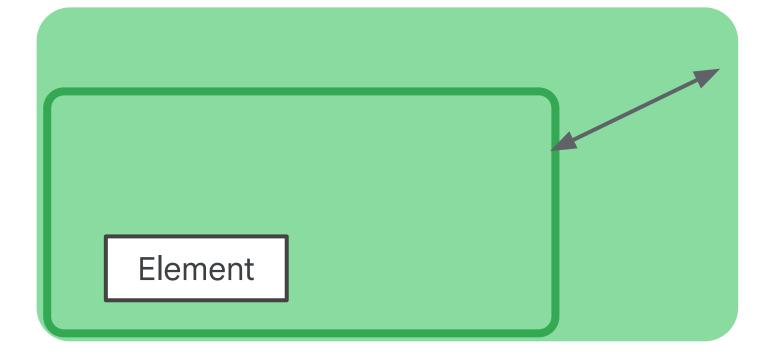


# Each PCollection element can be distributed for parallel processing

#### **Bounded PCollection**



**Unbounded PCollection** 



All data types are stored as serialized byte strings

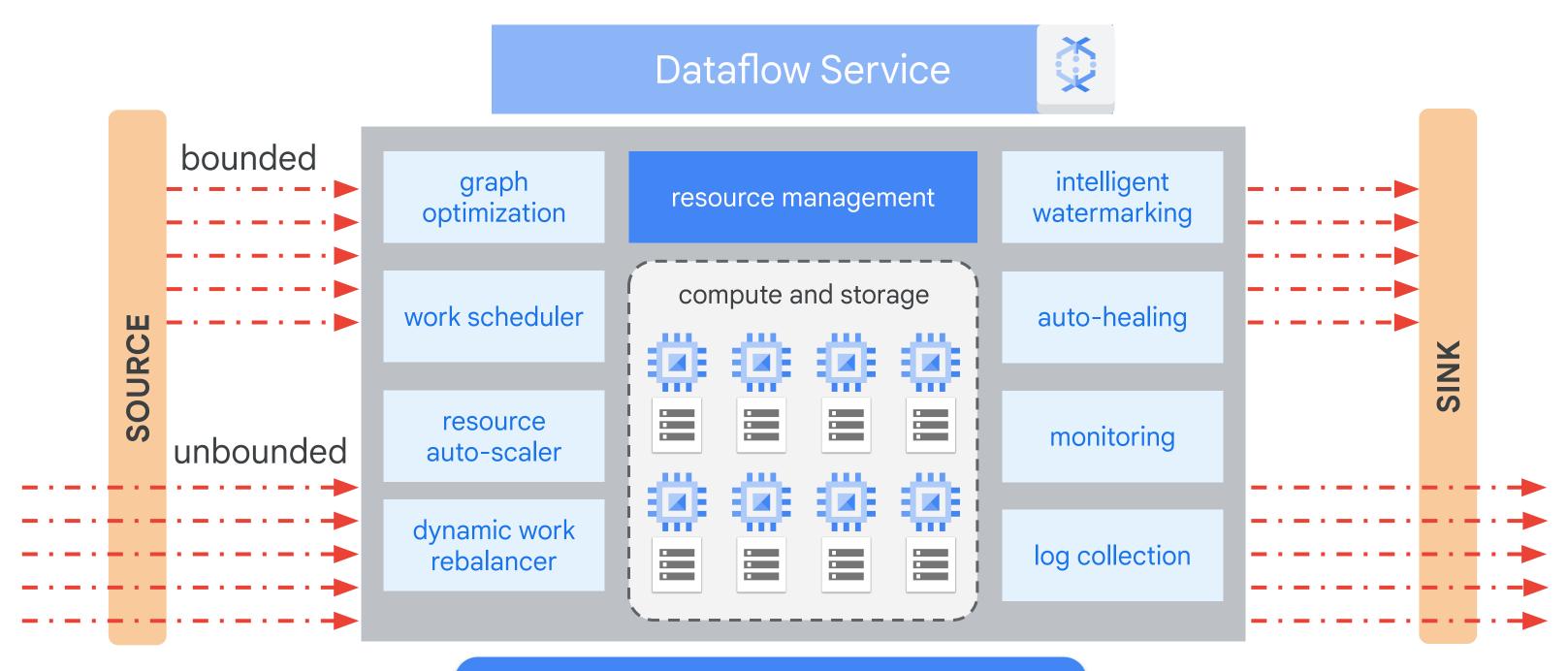
**Note:** Bounded means the data has a fixed size not that the PCollection size is limited. A PCollection can be any size and be distributed across many workers.

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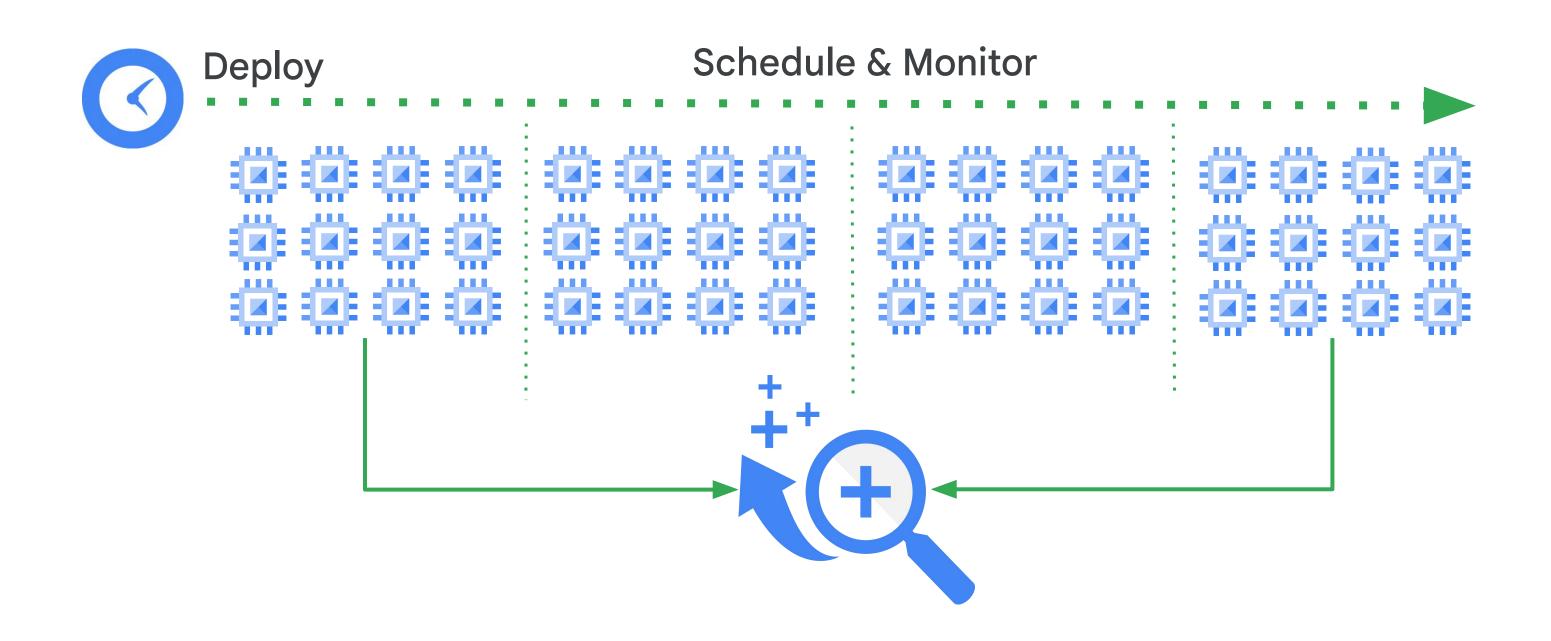


#### How does Dataflow work?

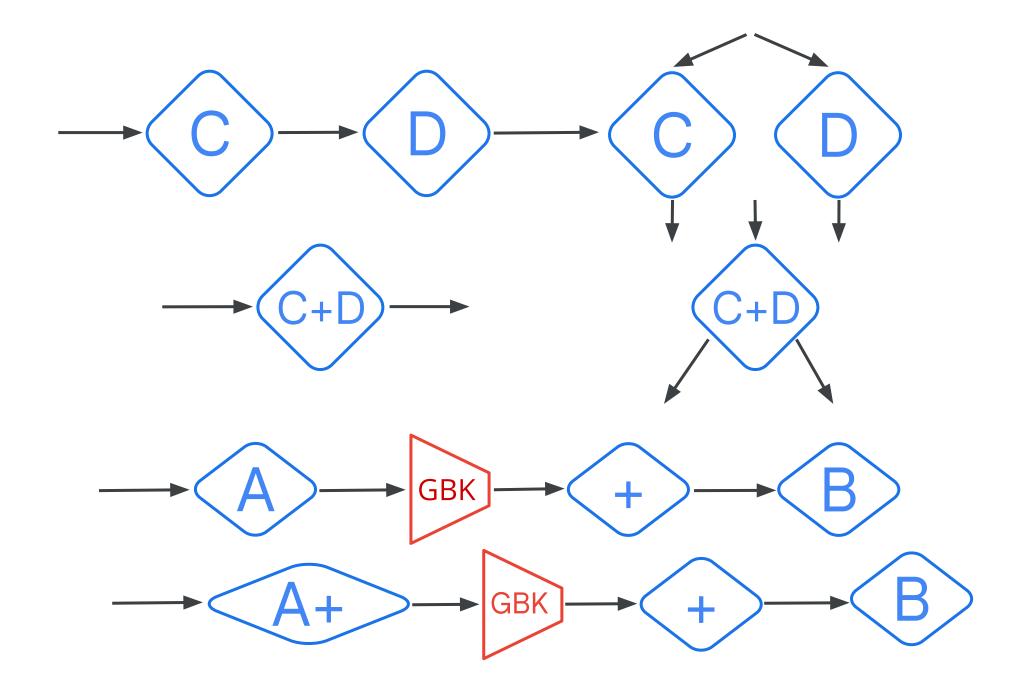


Dataflow constantly rebalances the work.

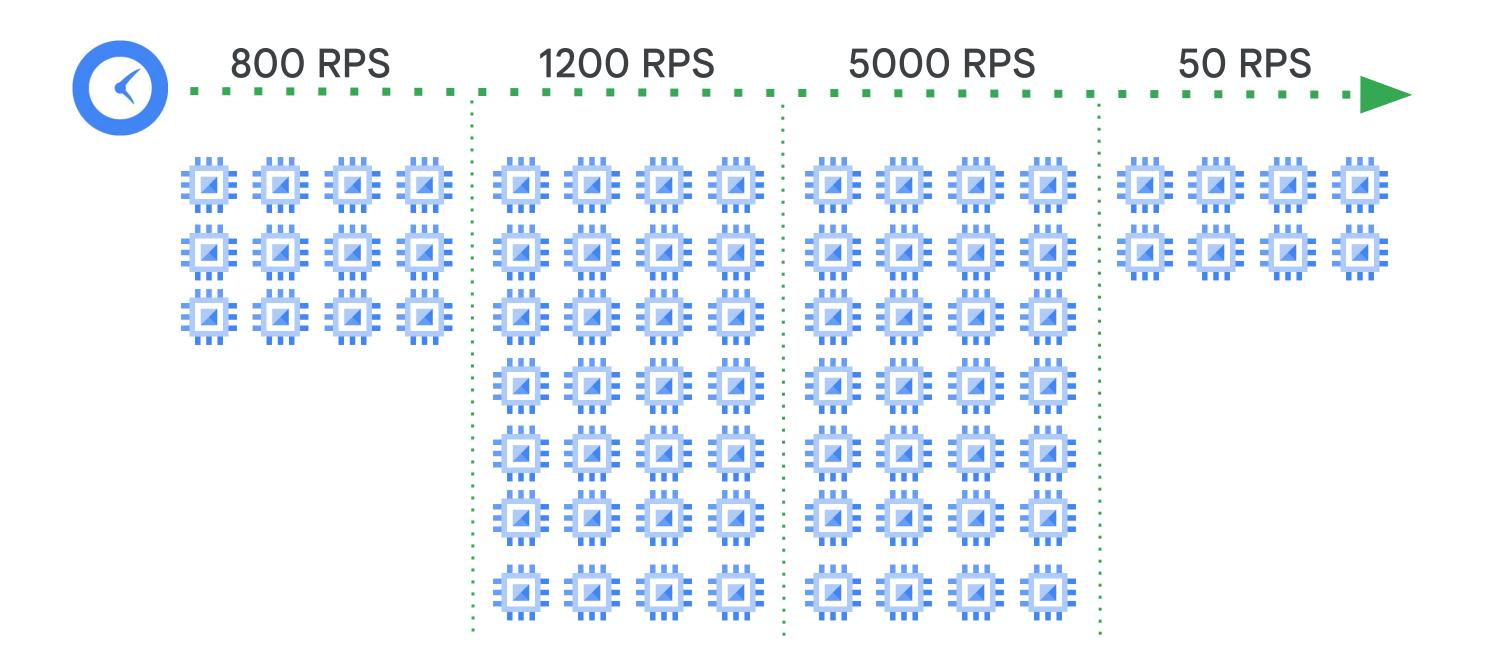
# Why customers value Dataflow: Fully-managed and auto-configured



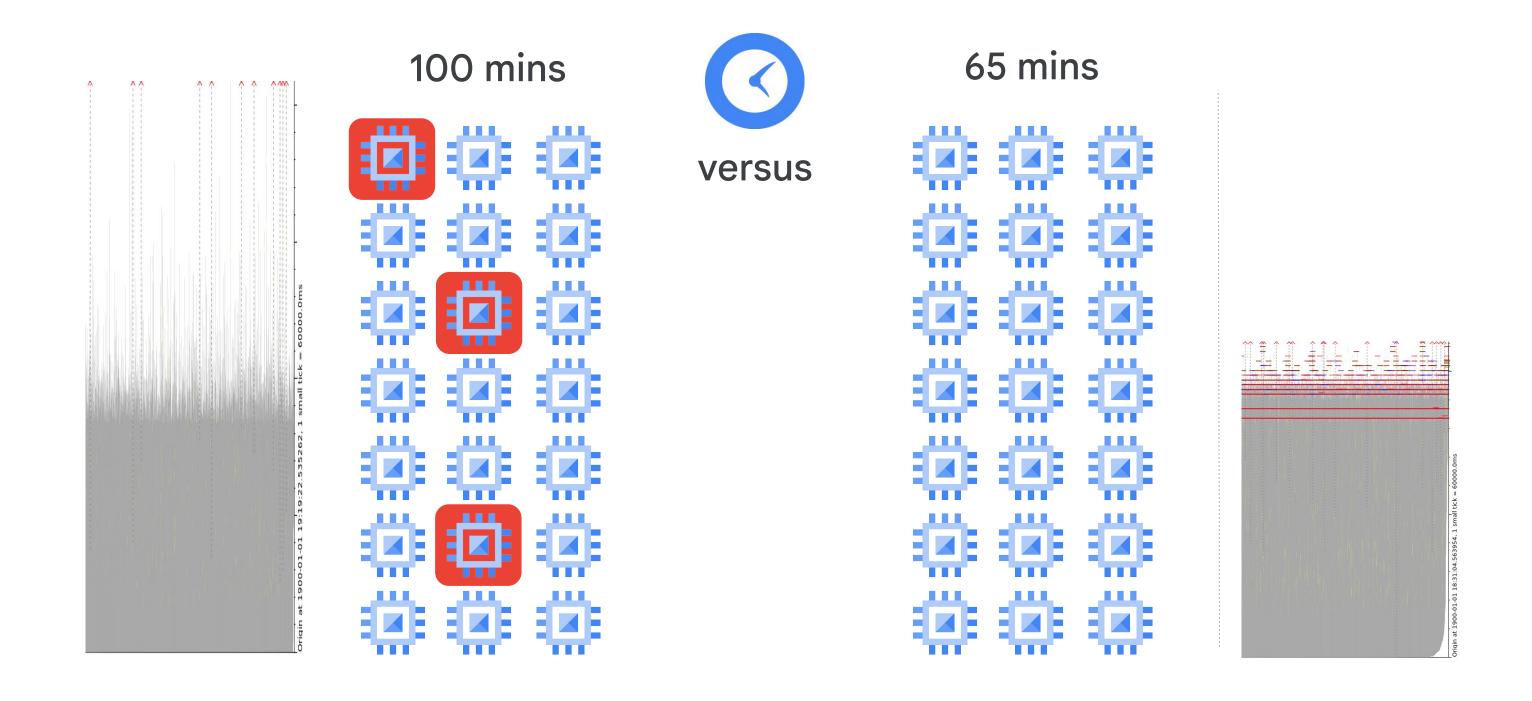
# Why customers value Dataflow: Graph is optimized for best execution path



#### Why customers value Dataflow: Autoscaling mid-job



# Why customers value Dataflow: Dynamic work rebalancing mid-job



# Why customers value Dataflow: Strong streaming semantics

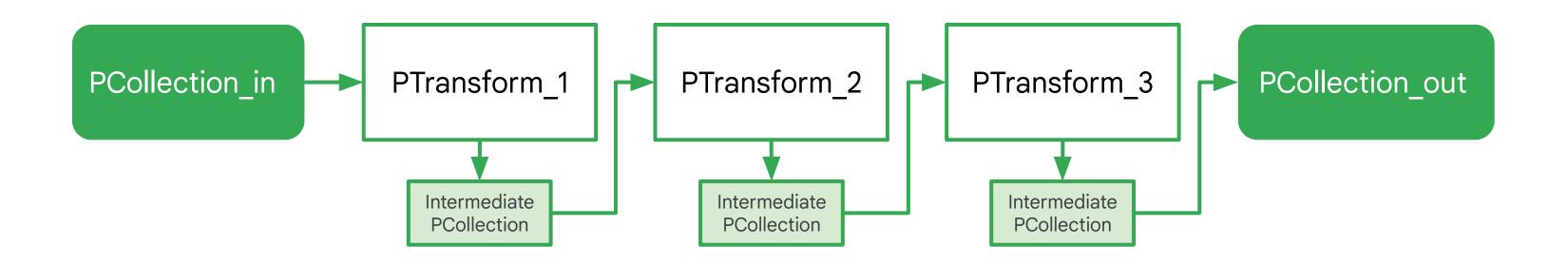
- Exactly once aggregations
- Rich time tracking
- Good integration with other Google Cloud services

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#### How to construct a simple pipeline



#### **Python** Python overloads the pipe operator

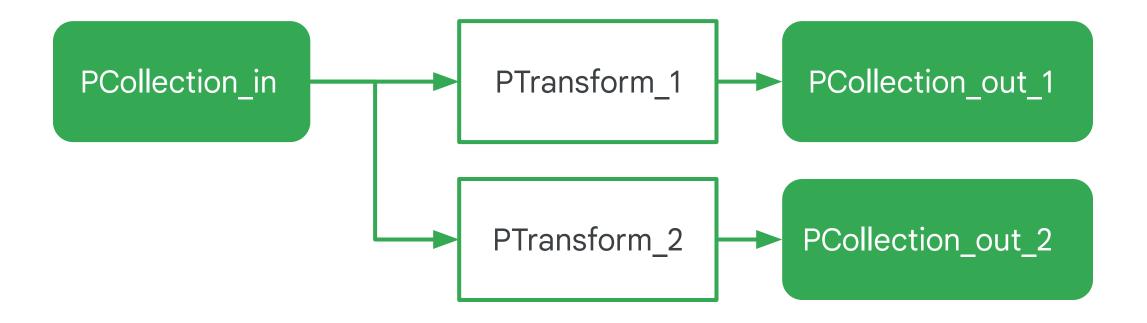
#### PCollection\_out = (PCollection\_in | PTransform\_1 PTransform\_2 PTransform\_3)

#### Java

Java uses the .apply method

```
PCollection_out = PCollection_in.apply(PTransform_1)
.apply(PTransform_2)
.apply(PTransform_3)
```

#### How to construct a branching pipeline



```
Python

PCollection_out_1 = PCollection_in | PTransform_1
PCollection_out_2 = PCollection_in | PTransform_2

PCollection_out_1 = PCollection_in.apply(PTransform_1)
PCollection_out_2 = PCollection_in.apply(PTransform_2)
```

### A pipeline is a directed graph of steps

```
Python
import apache_beam as beam
                         Create a pipeline
                         parameterized by
if __name__ == '__main__':
                         command line flags
 with beam.Pipeline(argv=sys.argv) as p:
       # end of with-clause: runs, stops the pipeline
```

#### Run a pipeline on Dataflow

#### Pipeline Execution using DataflowRunner

#### Run local

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

#### Run on cloud

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

# Read data from local file system, Cloud Storage, Pub/Sub, BigQuery, ...

```
with beam.Pipeline(options=pipeline_options) as p:
    Read from Cloud Storage (returns a string)
lines = p | beam.io.ReadFromText("gs://.../input-*.csv.gz")

Read from Pub/Sub (returns a string)
lines = p | beam.io.ReadStringsFromPubSub(topic=known_args.input_topic)
```

#### Read from BigQuery (returns rows)

#### Write to a BigQuery table

#### Establish reference to BigQuery table

```
from apache_beam.io.gcp.internal.clients import bigquery

table_spec = bigquery.TableReference(
    projectId='clouddataflow-readonly',
    datasetId='samples',
    tableId='weather_stations')
```

#### Write to BigQuery table

```
p | beam.io.WriteToBigQuery(
    table_spec,
    schema=table_schema,
    write_disposition=beam.io.BigQueryDisposition.WRITE_TRUNCATE,
    create_disposition=beam.io.BigQueryDisposition.CREATE_IF_NEEDED)
```

#### Create a PCollection from in-memory data

```
Python
city_zip_list = [
    ('Lexington', '40513'),
     'Nashville', '37027'),
     'Lexington', '40502'),
     'Seattle', '98125'),
     'Mountain View', '94041'),
     'Seattle', '98133'),
                                                 This is the display name
     'Lexington', '40591'),
                                                 of the pipeline step
     ('Mountain View', '94085'),
citycodes = p | 'CreateCityCodes' >> beam.Create(city_zip_list)
             PCollection
```

#### Map and FlatMap

Use Map for 1:1 relationship between input and output

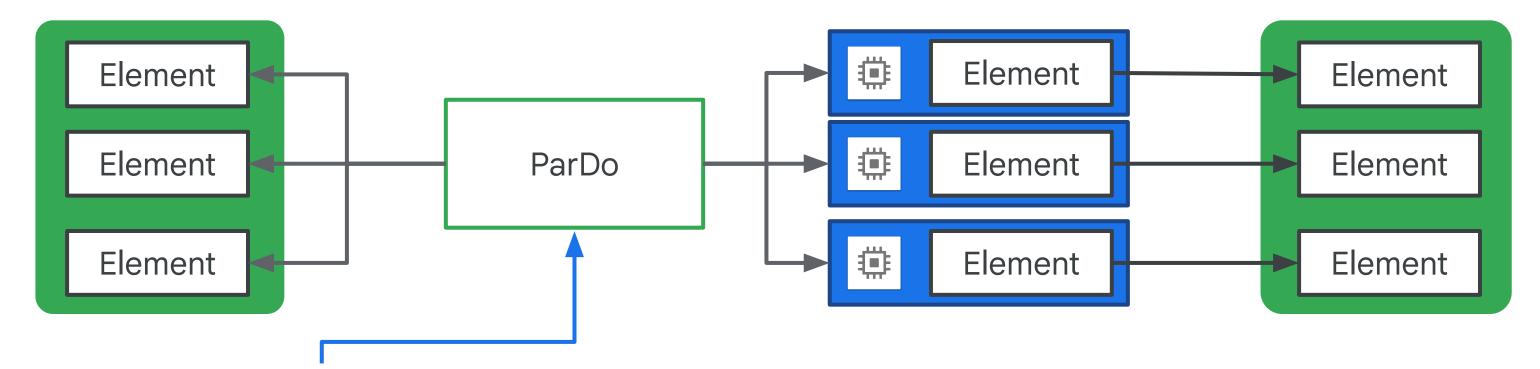
```
'WordLengths' >> beam.Map(word, len(word))
```

Map (fn) uses a callable fn to do a one-to-one transformation.

Use FlatMap for non 1:1 relationships, usually with a generator

FlatMap is similar to Map, but fn returns an iterable of zero or more elements. The iterables are flattened into one PCollection.

#### ParDo implements parallel processing



- ParDo acts on one item at a time in the PCollection
- Multiple instances of class on many machines
- Should not contain any state

#### **Uses:**

- Filtering a data set, choosing which elements to output.
- Formatting or type-converting each element in a dataset.
- Extracting parts of each element in a dataset.
- Performing computations on each element in a dataset.

### ParDo requires code passed as a DoFn object

The **input** is a PCollection of strings.

The DoFn to perform on each element in the input PCollection.

The **output** is a PCollection of integers.

Apply a ParDo to the PCollection "words" to compute lengths for each word.

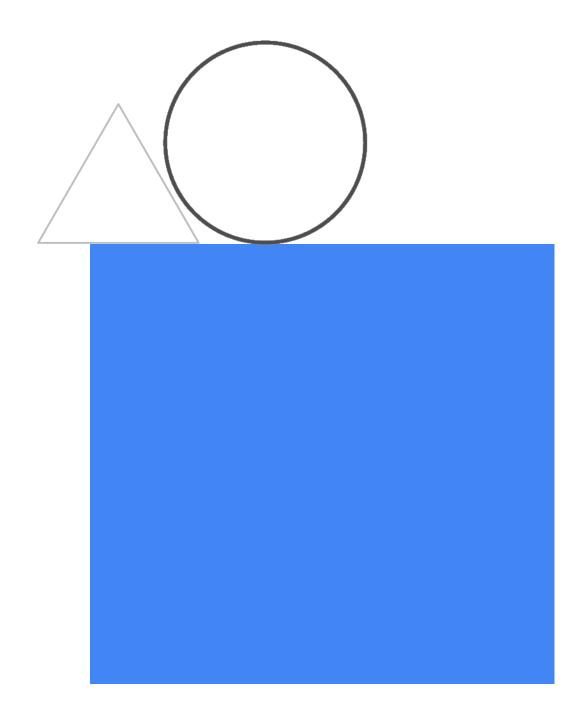
#### ParDo method can emit multiple variables

```
results = (words | beam.ParDo(ProcessWords(),
    cutoff_length=2, marker='x')
    .with_outputs('above_cutoff_lengths', 'marked strings', main='below_cutoff_strings'))

below = results.below_cutoff_strings
above = results.above_cutoff_lengths
marked = results['marked strings']
```

#### Lab Intro

Serverless Data Analysis with Dataflow: A Simple Dataflow Pipeline (Python/Java)



# Lab objectives

- Open Dataflow project
- Pipeline filtering
- Execute the pipeline locally and on the cloud



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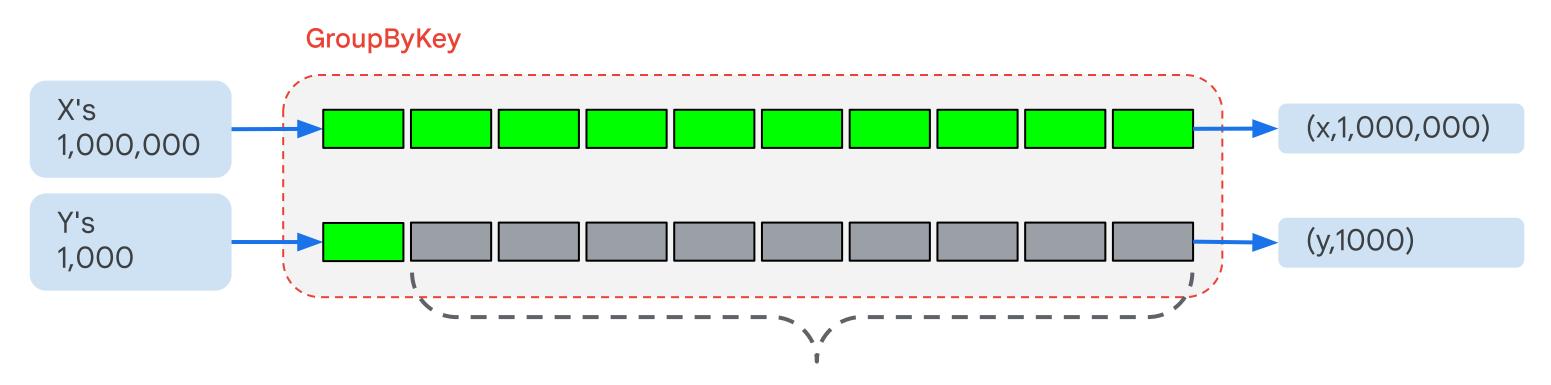
#### GroupByKey explicitly shuffles key-values pairs

```
cityAndZipcodes = p | beam.Map(fields[0], fields[1])
grouped = cityAndZipCodes | beam.GroupByKey()
```

Lexington, 40513
Nashville, 37027
Lexington, 40502
Seattle, 98125
Mountain View, 94041
Seattle, 98133
Lexington, 40591
Mountain View, 94085

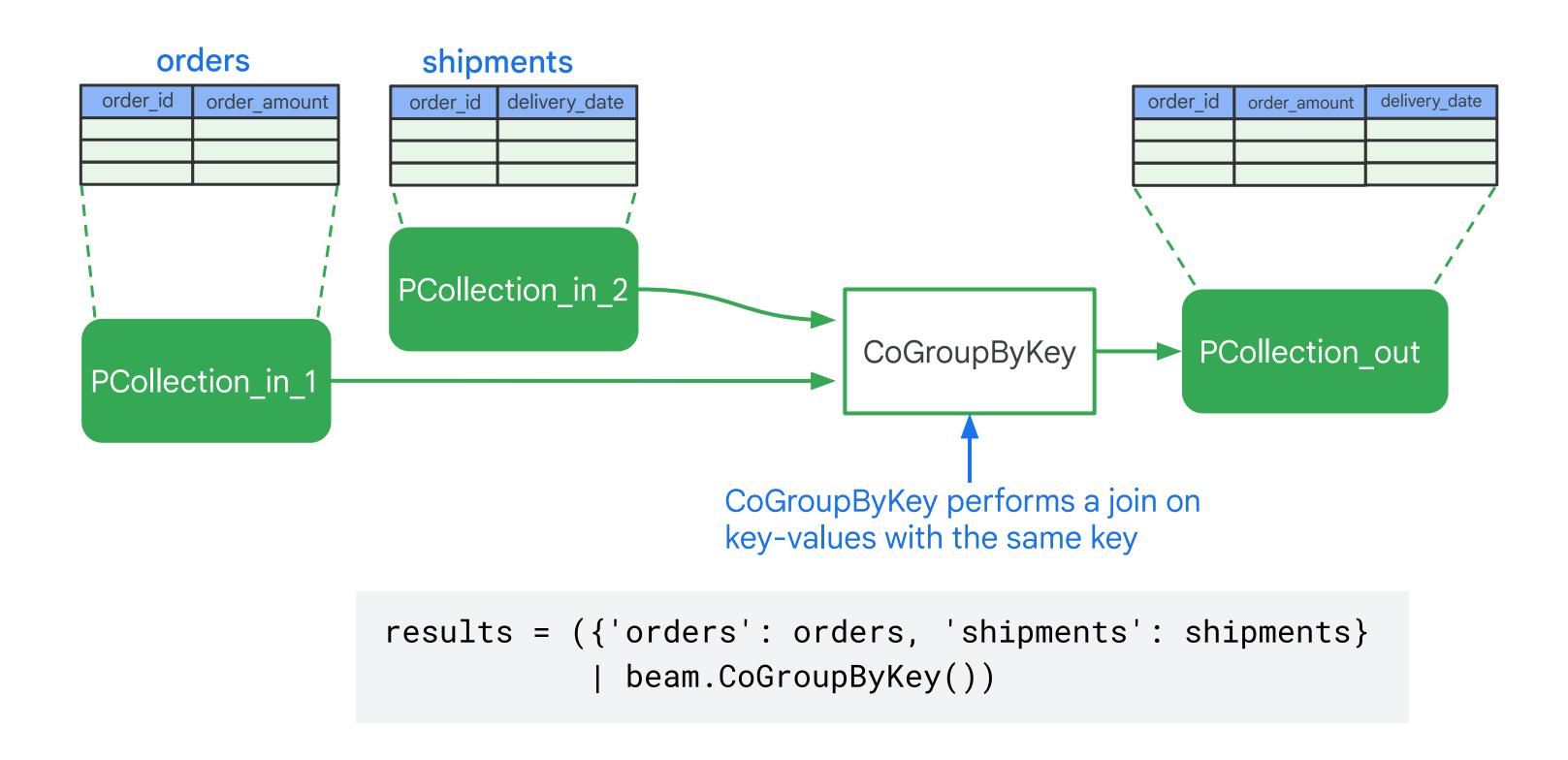
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#### Data skew makes grouping less efficient at scale



This worker is sitting idle waiting for the other worker to complete.

## CoGroupByKey joins two or more key-value pairs



#### Combine (reduce) a PCollection

#### Applied to a PCollection of values

totalAmount = salesAmounts | CombineGlobally(sum)

#### Applied to a grouped Key-Value pair

totalSalesPerPerson = salesRecords | CombinePerKey(sum)

Each element of salesRecords is a tuple: (salesPerson, salesAmount)

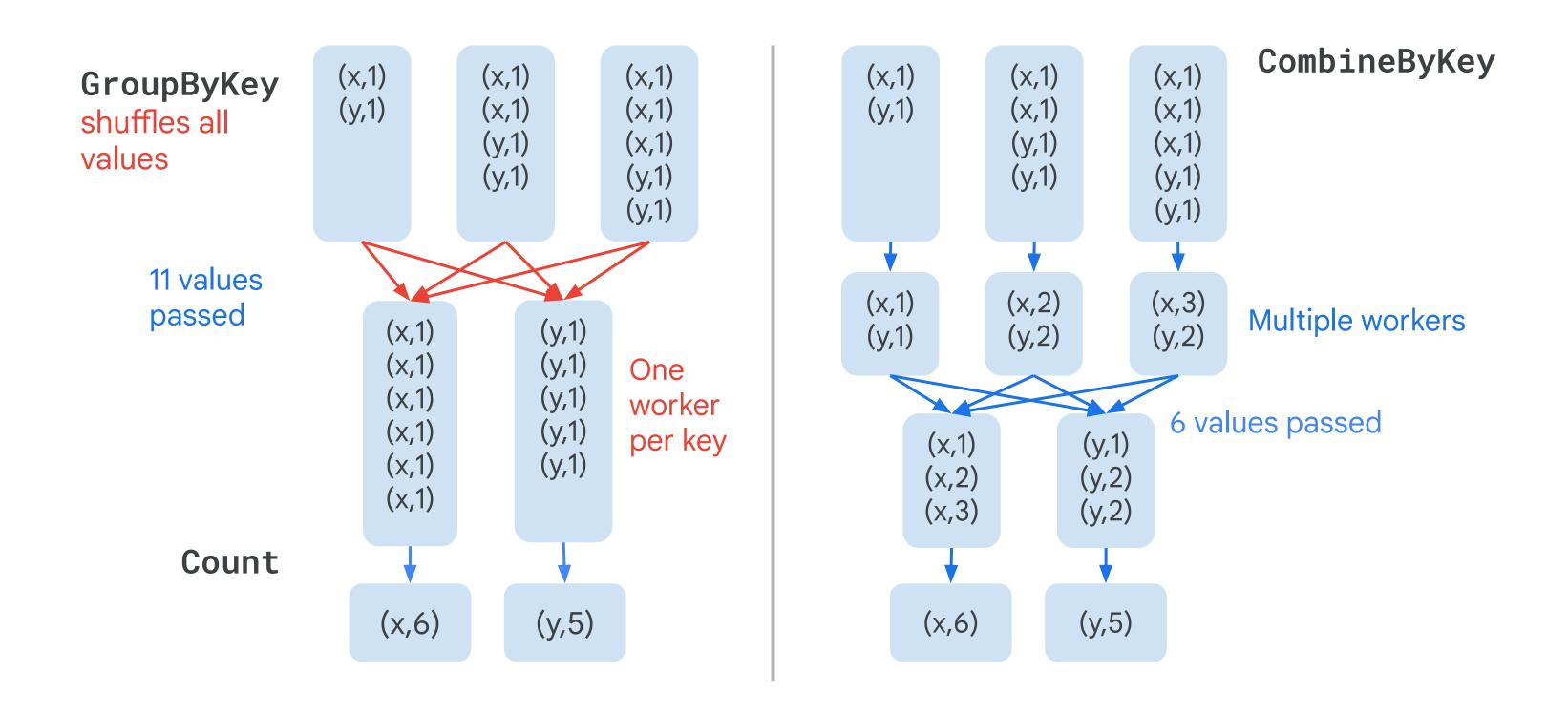
Pre-built combine functions for many common numeric combination operations such as sum, mean, min, and max

## CombineFn works by overriding existing operations

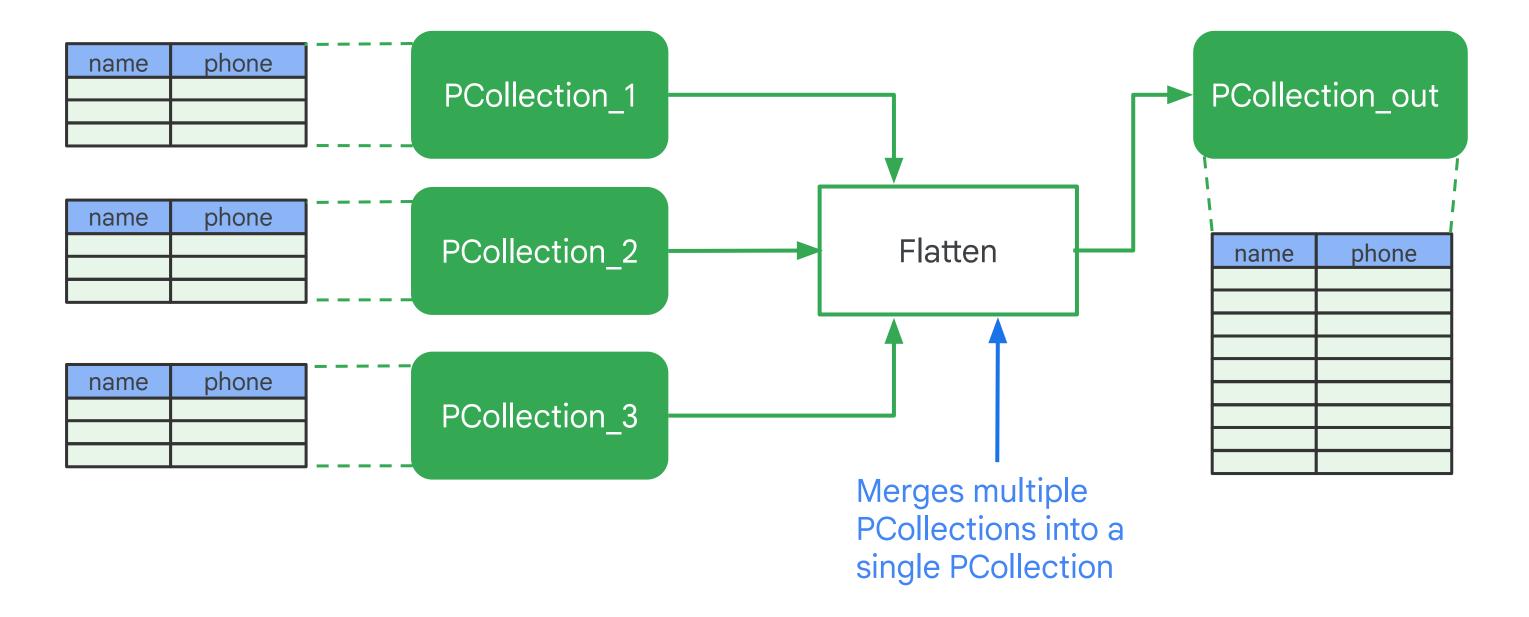
You must provide four operations by overriding the corresponding methods

```
class AverageFn(beam.CombineFn):
  def create_accumulator(self):
    return (0.0, 0)
def add_input(self, sum_count, input):
     (sum, count) = sum_count
    return sum + input, count + 1
  def merge_accumulators(self, accumulators):
    sums, counts = zip(*accumulators)
    return sum(sums), sum(counts)
  def extract_output(self, sum_count):
     (sum, count) = sum_count
    return sum / count if count else float('NaN')
pc = ...
average = pc | beam.CombineGlobally(AverageFn())
```

### Combine is more efficient than GroupByKey

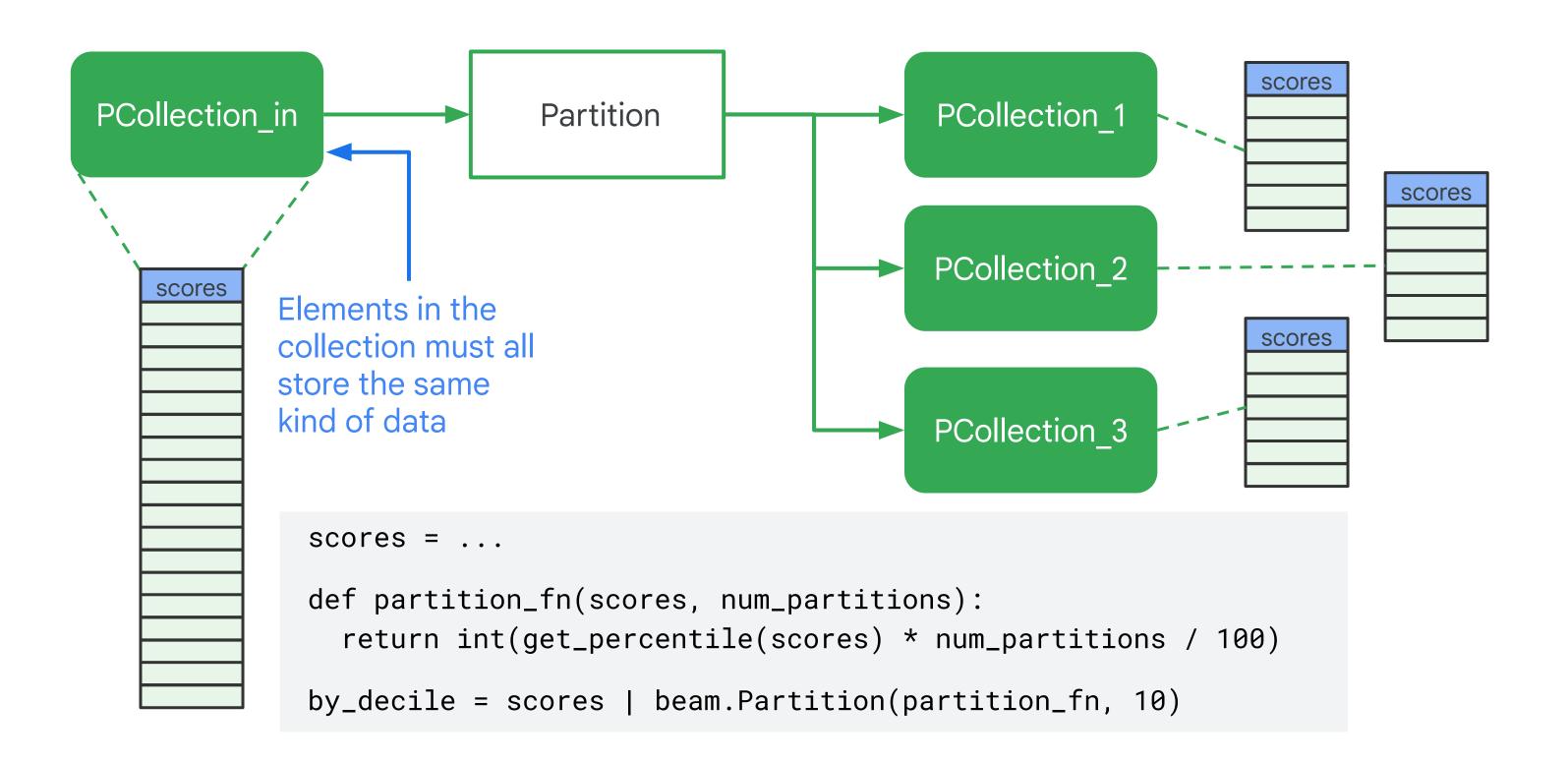


#### Flatten merges identical PCollections



```
merged = ((pcoll1, pcoll2, pcoll3) | beam.Flatten())
```

#### Partition splits PCollections into smaller PCollections



#### Lab Intro

Serverless Data Analysis with

Dataflow: MapReduce in

Dataflow (Python/Java)



## Lab objectives

- Identify Map and Reduce operations
- Execute the pipeline
- Use command line parameters

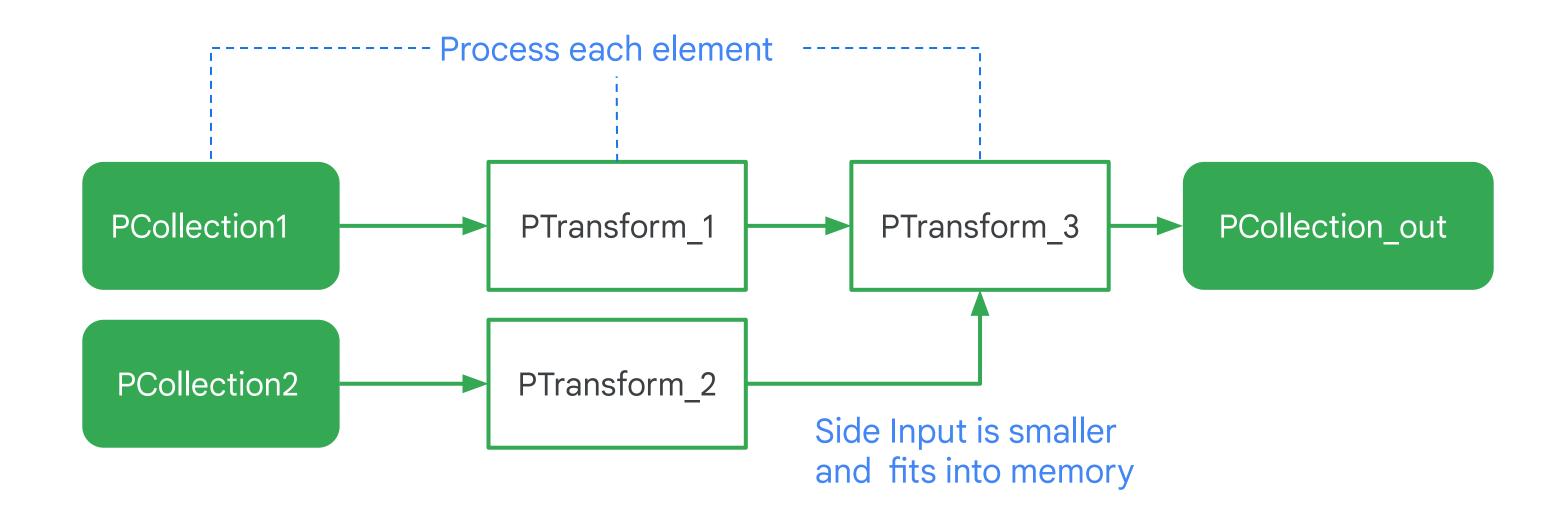


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## Use side inputs to inject additional runtime data

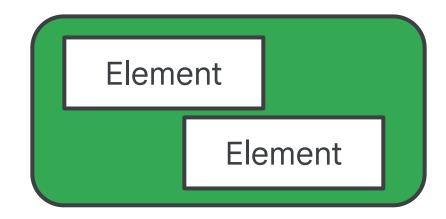


#### How side inputs work

```
words = ...
def filter_using_length(word, lower_bound, upper_bound=float('inf')):
  if lower_bound <= len(word) <= upper_bound:</pre>
    yield word
small_words = words | 'small' >> beam.FlatMap(filter_using_length, 0, 3)
avg_word_len = (words
                  beam.Map(len)
                  beam.CombineGlobally(beam.combiners.MeanCombineFn()))
                                                                             Side input
larger_than_average = (words | 'large' >> beam.FlatMap(
    filter_using_length,
    lower_bound=pvalue.AsSingleton(avg_word_len)))
```

#### Every PCollection is processed within a Window

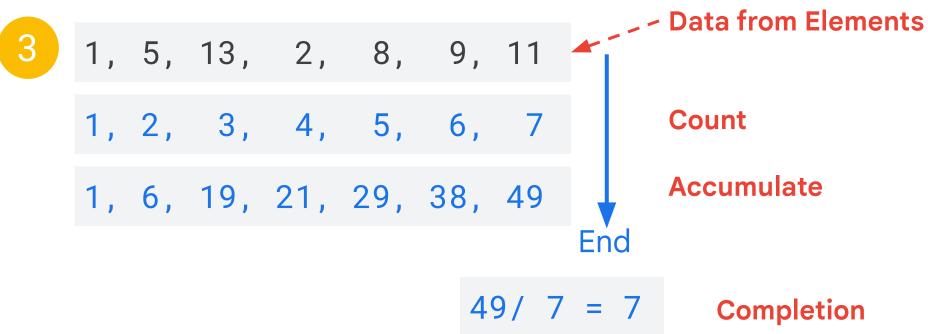
#### **Bounded PCollection**



In Bounded PCollections, commonly the Elements are all marked as occurring at the same time. (Example: TextIO does this.) So the global window basically ignores the timing information.

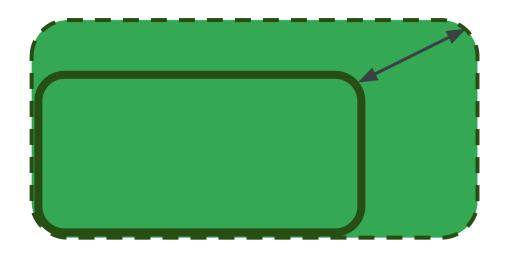


The default window is called the global window, it starts when the data is input and ends when the last element in the collection is processed.

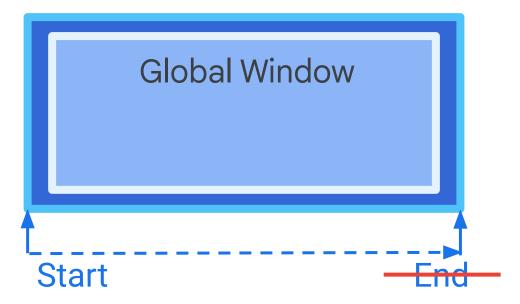


# The global window is not very useful for an unbounded PCollection

#### Unbounded PCollection



- The timing associated with the elements in an Unbounded PCollection is usually important to processing the data.
- The discussion about Unbounded PCollections and Windows will be continued in Building Resilient Streaming Analytics Systems on Google Cloud.



An Unbounded PCollection has no defined end or last element. So it can never perform the completion step.

This is particularly important for **GroupByKey** and **Combine**, which perform the shuffle after 'end'.

#### Setting a single global window for a PCollection

#### Single global window

```
from apache_beam import window
session_windowed_items = (
   items | 'window' >> beam.WindowInto(window.GlobalWindows()))
```

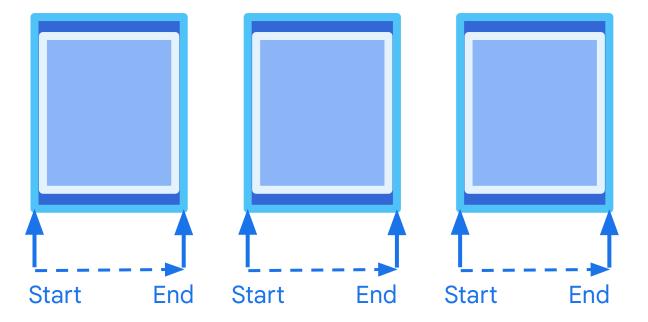
This is the default.

This code illustrates how you could explicitly set it.

## Time-based Windows can be useful for processing time-series data



You may have to prepare the date-timestamp.
In this example, the dts of the data (log writing time) becomes the element time. Now the elements have different times from one another.



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Using time based windowing the data is processed in groups.

In the example, each group gets its own average.



There are different kinds of windowing.

Shown is "Fixed" There is also "Sliding" and "Session".

## Using Windowing with Batch (group by time)

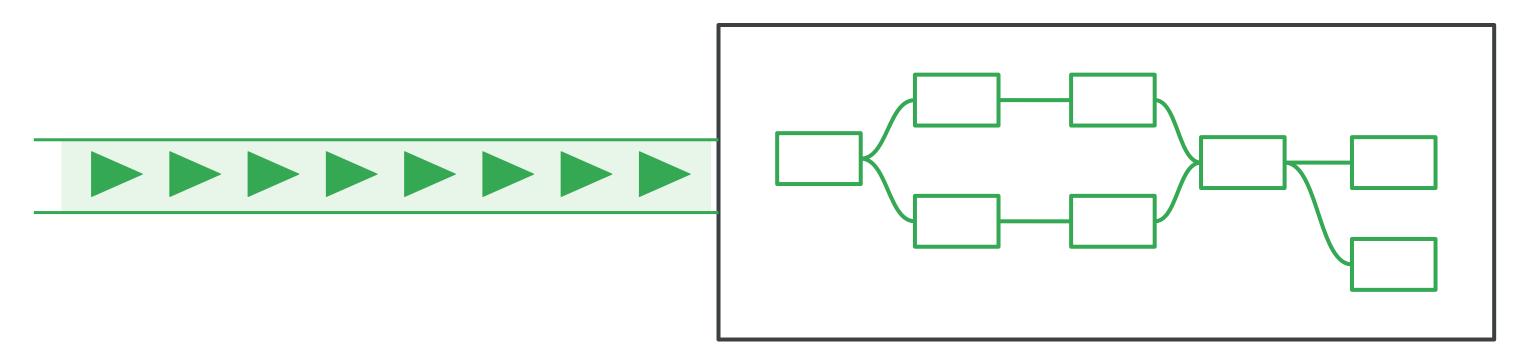
```
lines = p | 'Create' >> beam.io.ReadFromText('access.log')
windowed_counts = (
    lines
    | 'Timestamp' >> beam.Map(beam.window.TimestampedValue(x, extract_timestamp(x)))
    | 'Window' >> beam.WindowInto(beam.window.SlidingWindows(60, 30))
    | 'Count' >>
(beam.CombineGlobally(beam.combiners.CountCombineFn()).without_defaults())
)
windowed_counts = windowed_counts | beam.ParDo(PrintWindowFn())
```

#### access.log (example)

```
131.108.5.17 - - [29/Apr/2019:04:53:15 -0800] "GET /view HTTP/1.1" 200 7352
131.108.5.17 - - [29/Apr/2019:05:21:35 -0800] "GET /view HTTP/1.1" 200 5253
```

**Date Time Stamp** 

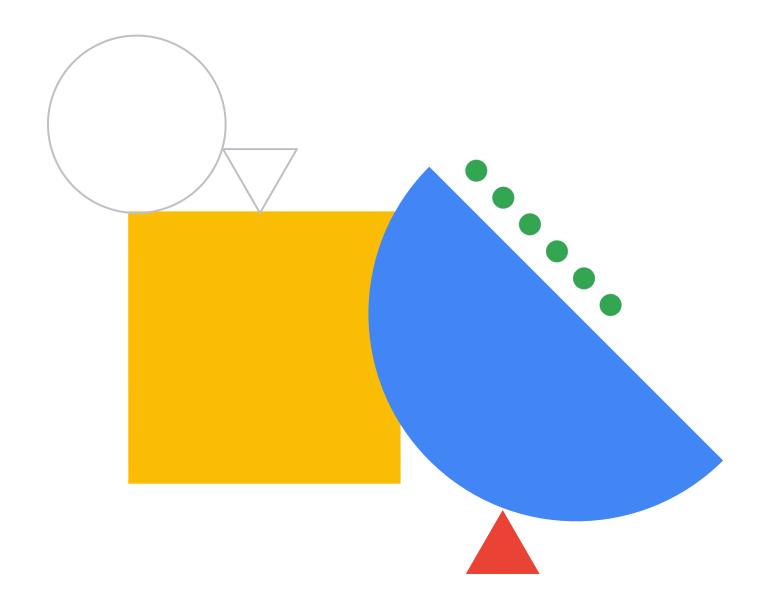
#### Streaming data processing with Dataflow



Discussion of streaming continues in Building Resilient Streaming Analytics Systems on Google Cloud.

#### Lab Intro

Serverless Data Analysis with Dataflow: Side Inputs (Python/Java)



## Lab objectives

- 7 Try out a BigQuery query
- Explore the pipeline code
- Execute the pipeline

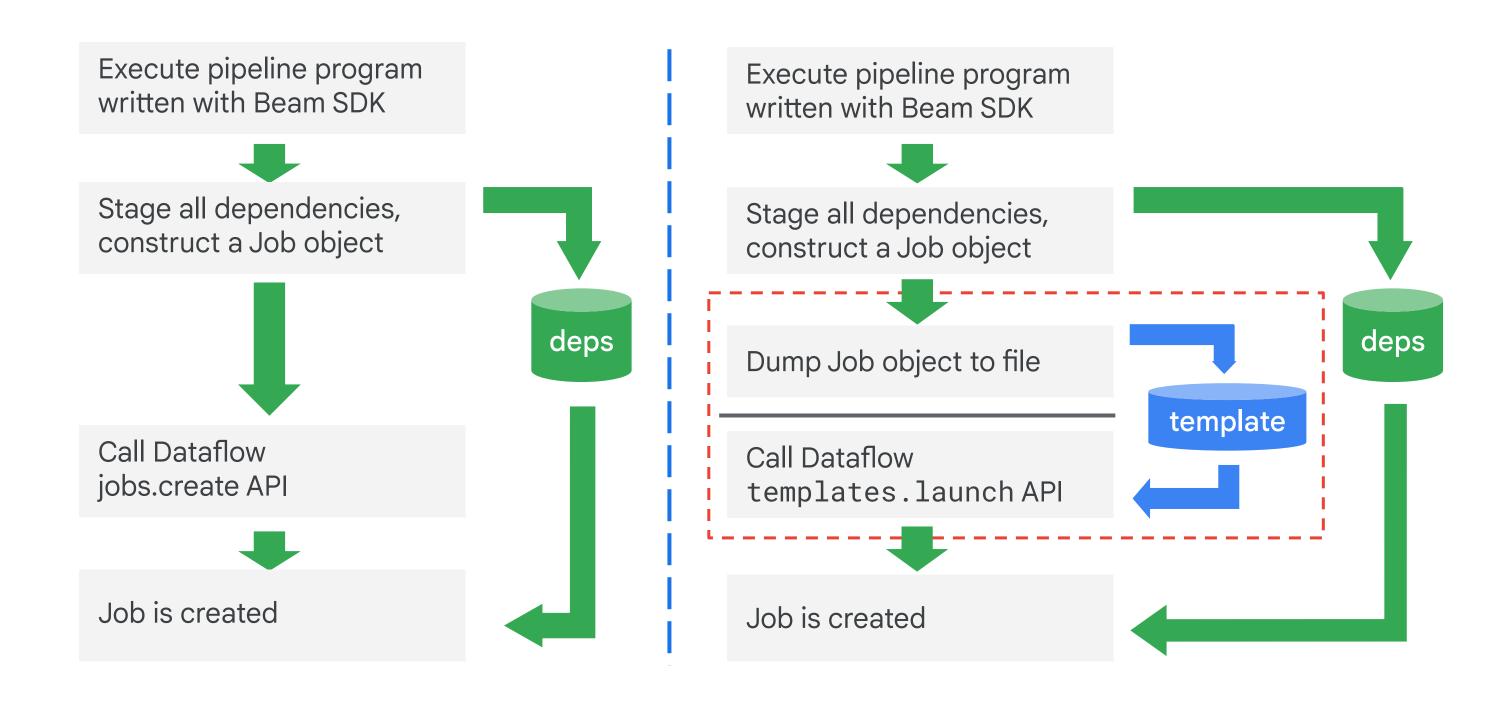


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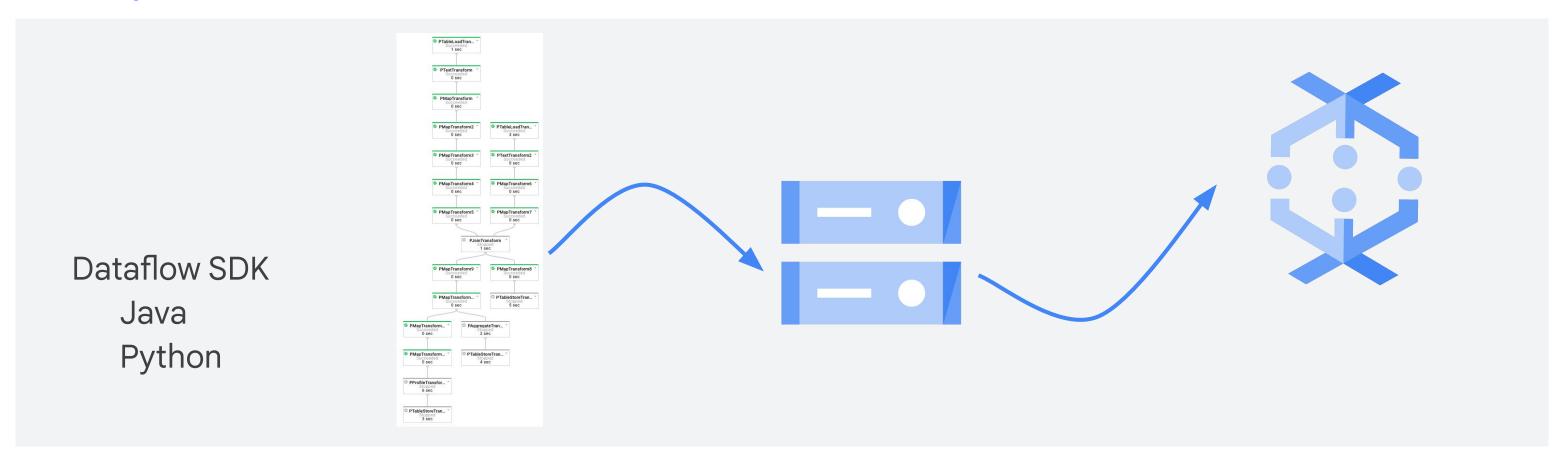


# Dataflow templates enable the rapid deployment of standard job types



### Traditional workflow all happens in one environment

#### Development environment



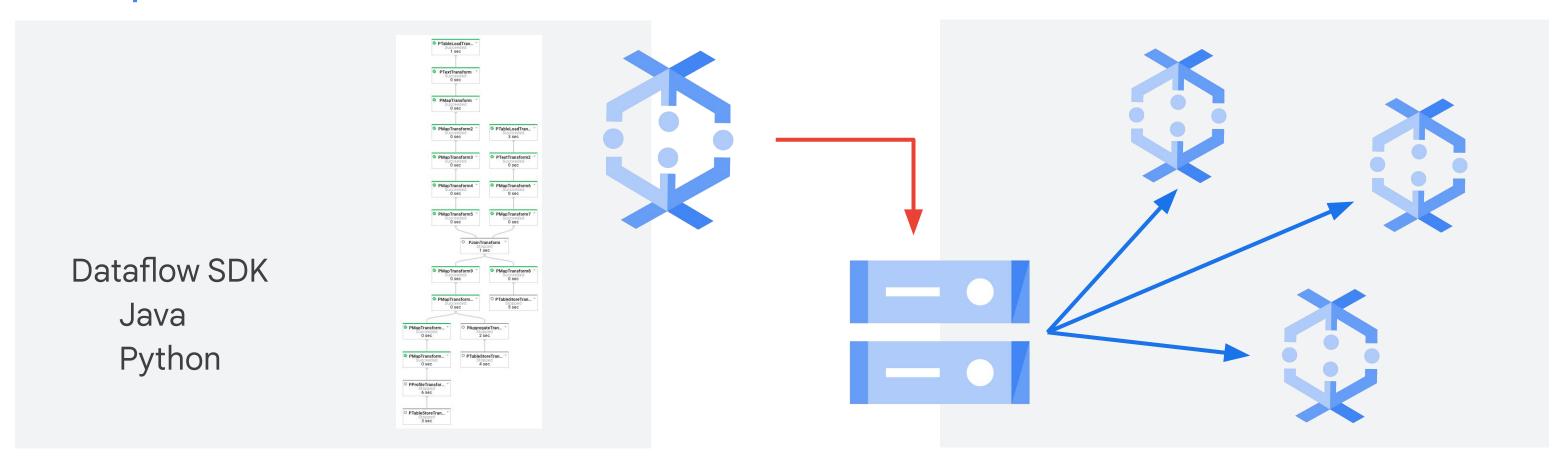
Developer executes pipeline on Dataflow

SDK stages files in Cloud Storage

Developer or user submits source code to run Dataflow jobs

#### Template workflow supports non-developer users

#### Development environment



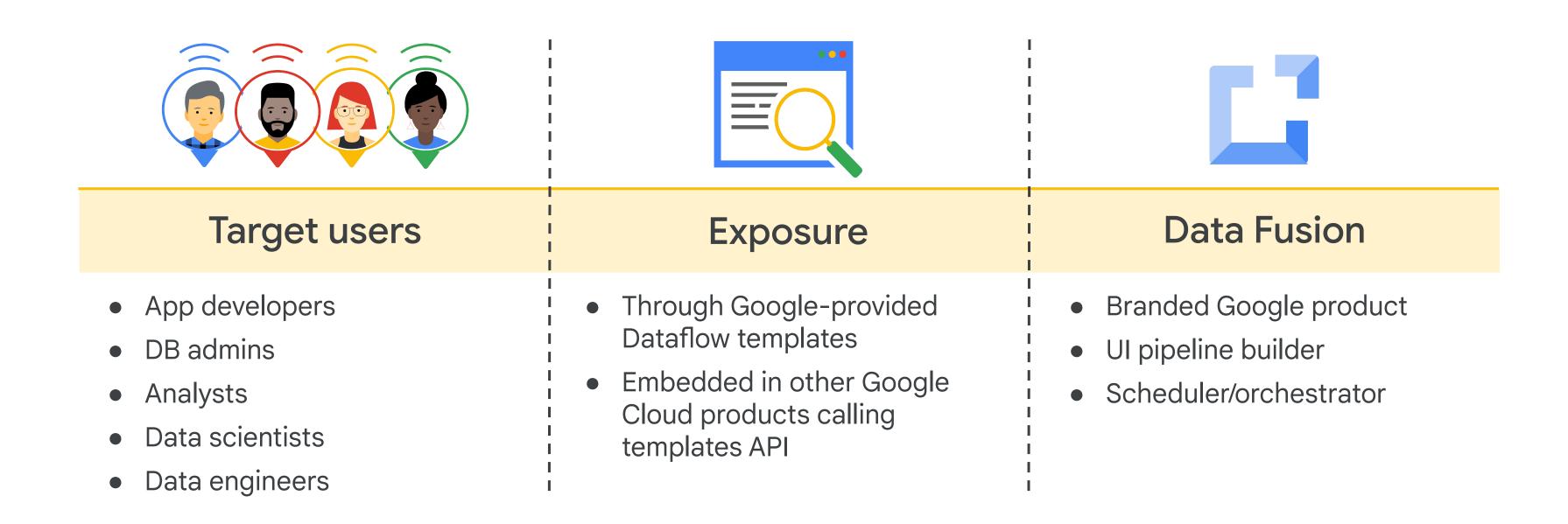
Developer creates pipeline in the development environment Dataflow stores template in Cloud Storage

Users submit templates to run jobs

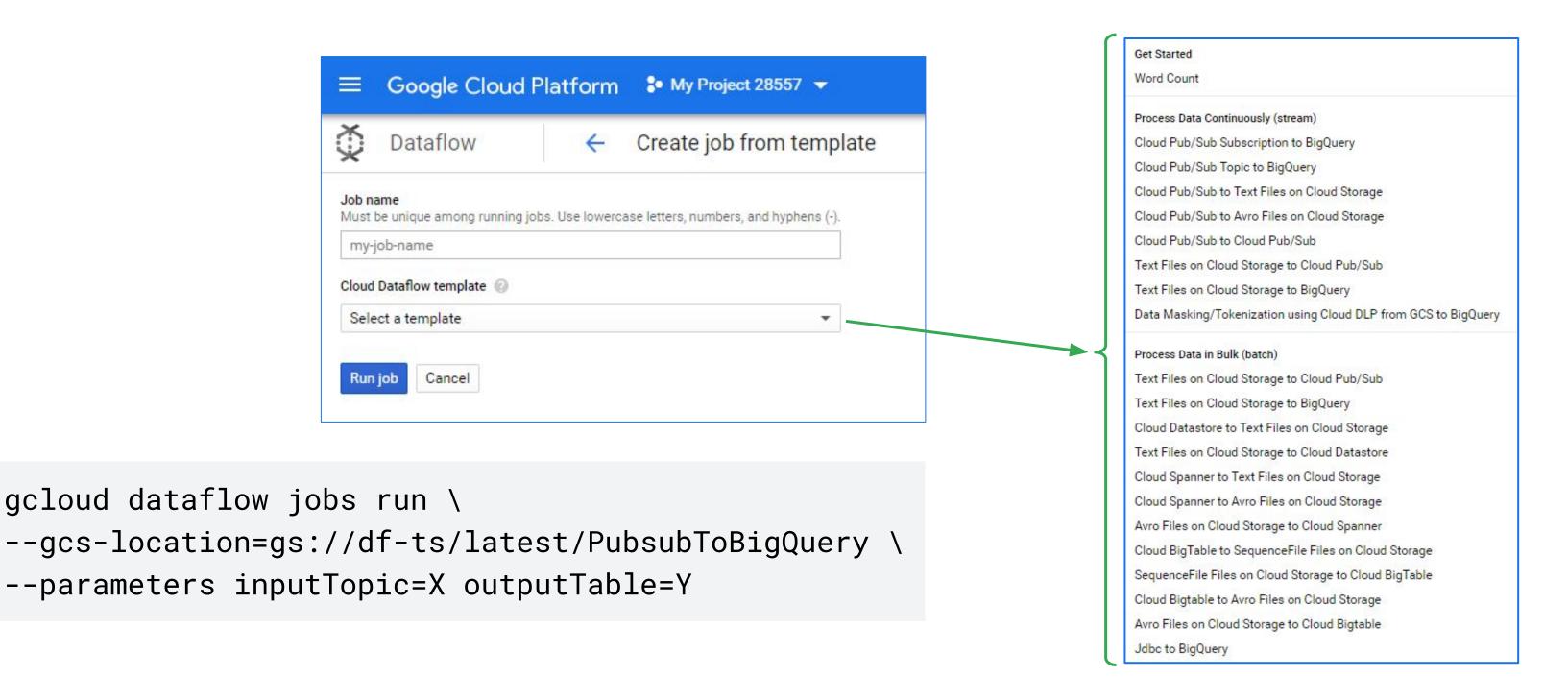
**Production environment** 

## Get started with Google-provided templates

Pre-written Dataflow pipelines for common data tasks that can be triggered with a single command or UI form.



# Execute templates with the Cloud Console, gcloud command-line tool, or the REST API



### Google-provided templates documentation

#### How-to guides

- All how-to guides Installing the SDK
- Creating a pipeline
  Specifying execution parameters
  Deploying a pipeline
  Using the monitoring UI
  Using the command-line interface
  Using Stackdriver Monitoring
  Logging pipeline messages
- Troubleshooting your pipeline
   Updating an existing pipeline
   Stopping a running pipeline
- Creating and executing templates

Overview

Google-provided templates

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#### Get started with Google-provided templates



Contents WordCount

Google provides a set of open-source Cloud Dataflow templates. For general information about templates, see the Overview page. To get started, use the WordCount template documented in the section below. See other Google-provided templates:

Streaming templates - Templates for processing data continuously:

- Cloud Pub/Sub Subscription to BigQuery
- Cloud Pub/Sub Topic to BigQuery
- Cloud Pub/Sub to Cloud Pub/Sub
- Cloud Pub/Sub to Cloud Storage Avro
- Cloud Pub/Sub to Cloud Storage Text
- Cloud Storage Text to BigQuery (Stream)
- Cloud Storage Text to Cloud Pub/Sub (Stream)
- Data Masking/Tokenization using Cloud DLP from Cloud Storage to BigQuery (Stream)

#### Batch templates - Templates for processing data in bulk:

- Cloud Bigtable to Cloud Storage Avro
- Cloud Bigtable to Cloud Storage SequenceFiles
- · Cloud Datastore to Cloud Storage Text
- Cloud Spanner to Cloud Storage Avro
- Cloud Spanner to Cloud Storage Text
- · Cloud Storage Avro to Cloud Bigtable

#### Which means now you can...

- Launch Dataflow jobs programmatically (via API).
- Launch Dataflow jobs instantaneously.
- Re-use Dataflow jobs.
- Letting you customize the execution of your pipeline.

## What if you want to create your own template?

- 1. Modify pipeline options with ValueProviders.
- 2. Generate template file.

3. Call it from an API.

```
POST https://dataflow.googleapis.com/v1b3/projects/[YOUR_PROJECT_ID]/templates:launch?gcsPath=gs://[
{
    "jobName": "[JOB_NAME]",
    "parameters": {
        "inputFile" : "gs://[YOUR_BUCKET_NAME]/input/my_input.txt",
        "outputFile": "gs://[YOUR_BUCKET_NAME]/output/my_output"
    },
    "environment": {
        "tempLocation": "gs://[YOUR_BUCKET_NAME]/temp",
        "zone": "us-central1-f"
    }
}
```

#### Templates require modifying parameters for runtime

```
Python
class WordcountOptions(PipelineOptions):
   @classmethod
   def _add_argparse_args(cls, parser):
     parser.add_value_provider_argument( ____ Run-time
                                                  parameters
          '--input',
         default='gs://dataflow-samples/shakespeare/kinglear.txt',
         help='Path of the file to read from')
     parser.add_argument(
         '--output', ◀----- Non run-time
                                                  parameters can stay
         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.

#### Creating a template

- ValueProviders are passed down throughout the whole pipeline construction phase
- ValueProvider.get() only available in processElement()
  - Because it is fulfilled via API call

```
public interface SumIntOptions extends PipelineOptions {
    // New runtime parameter, specified by the --int
    // option at runtime.
    ValueProvider<Integer> getInt();
    void setInt(ValueProvider<Integer> value);
class MySumFn extends DoFn<Integer, Integer> {
    ValueProvider<Integer> mySumInteger;
    MySumFn(ValueProvider<Integer> sumInt) {
        // Store the value provider
        this.mySumInteger = sumInt;
    @ProcessElement
    public void processElement(ProcessContext c) {
       // Get the value of the value provider and add it to
      // the element's value.
       c.output(c.element() + mySumInteger.get());
public static void main(String[] args) {
  SumIntOptions options =
        PipelineOptionsFactory.fromArgs(args).withValidation()
          .as(SumIntOptions.class);
```

#### **Nested Value Providers**

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
  pipeline
    .apply(Create.of(1, 2, 3).withCoder(BigEndianIntegerCoder.of()));
    // Write to the computed complete file path.
    .apply("OutputNums", TextIO.write().to(NestedValueProvider.of()
      options.getFileName(),
      new SerializableFunction<String, String>() {
        @Override
        public String apply(String file) {
          return "gs://bucket/" + file;
      })));
  pipeline.run();
```

#### Template metadata

Located at the same directory, named <template\_name>\_metadata

```
"name": "WordCount",
"description": "An example pipeline that counts words in the input file.",
"parameters": [{
  "name": "inputFile",
  "label": "Input Cloud Storage File(s)",
  "help_text": "Path of the file pattern glob to read from.",
  "regexes": ["^gs:\/\/[^\n\r]+$"],
  "is_optional": true
  "name": "output",
  "label": "Output Cloud Storage File Prefix",
  "help_text": "Path and filename prefix for writing output files. ex: gs://MyBucket/counts",
  "regexes": ["^gs:\/\/[^\n\r]+$"]
}]
```

#### Summary

Dataflow versus Dataproc

Building Dataflow pipelines in code

Key considerations with designing pipelines

Transforming data with PTransforms

Aggregating with GroupByKey and Combine

Side inputs and windows of data

Creating and reusing Pipeline Templates