**Exercise 6a**

*More Apache Spark and Python*

**Prior Knowledge**

Unix Command Line Shell

Simple Python

**Learning Objectives**

Using Spark on EC2

Accessing S3 files on Spark

Reading CSV files in Spark

Seeing the differences between Spark and Hadoop by performing the Wind Analysis in Spark

Spark SQL

**Software Requirements**

(see separate document for installation of these)

* EC2 credentials
* Git

**Part A. Starting Spark in EC2**

1. Do you remember the Access Key and Secret Key from Exercise 1? You need those now.
2. In a terminal window type:  
   export AWS\_ACCESS\_KEY\_ID=<your access key here>  
   export AWS\_SECRET\_ACCESS\_KEY=<your secret key here>
3. In Spark before 2.0.0, the EC2 scripts came bundled with Spark itself. These are now separate, so we will install them.

cd ~

git clone https://github.com/amplab/spark-ec2.git

1. Now change into the Spark EC2 directory:  
   cd ~/spark-ec2
2. Now let’s launch a Spark cluster in EC2. Replace XX with your user details so these match the locations of your key files and so you can identify your own spark cluster. All one line:  
     
   ./spark-ec2 -k oxclo20 -i /home/oxclo/oxclo20.pem   
   --region eu-west-1 --hadoop-major-version 2   
   -s 1 launch oxclo20-spark-cluster

The –s 1 indicates that there is just one slave (you could launch more but that might be expensive).   
 *The default instance type is m3.large, which costs US$0.133/hour and each cluster is at least two servers. So it comes down to how long you are running. If you can run a massive job on twenty servers and complete in one hour, then $3 is going to be cheap. If you leave just 3 servers running for a week, doing not much, that is going to waste $67. However, in my opinion this is all cheaper than using Amazon’s own EMR facility, which shuts down the servers as soon as the job is over and then you pay for an hour even if the job failed instantly!*

***Hint:***

*If you have a key problem at this stage it might be to do with the time on your Ubuntu VM*

YoYou should see output like:

Setting up security groups...

Searching for existing cluster my-spark-cluster in region eu-west-1...

Spark AMI: ami-1ae0166d

Launching instances...

Launched 1 slave in eu-west-1a, regid = r-52c4f5ff

Launched master in eu-west-1a, regid = r-c2c7f66f

Waiting for AWS to propagate instance metadata...

Waiting for cluster to enter 'ssh-ready' state..........

Warning: SSH connection error. (This could be temporary.)

Host: ec2-52-16-96-164.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com

SSH return code: 255

SSH output: ssh: connect to host ec2-52-16-96-164.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com port 22: Connection refused

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You may also see:  
Don’t worry about this either.

1. Maybe go grab a coffee ☺ This takes a while

Warning: SSH connection error. (This could be temporary.)

Host: ec2-54-171-175-114.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com

SSH return code: 255

SSH output: ssh: connect to host ec2-54-171-175-114.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com port 22: Connection refused

1. After a while the system will start logging a lot more as the setup on EC2 starts happening.  
   Eventually you will see:

Setting up ganglia

RSYNC'ing /etc/ganglia to slaves...

ec2-52-31-197-16.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com

Shutting down GANGLIA gmond: [FAILED]

Starting GANGLIA gmond: [ OK ]

Shutting down GANGLIA gmond: [FAILED]

Starting GANGLIA gmond: [ OK ]

Connection to ec2-52-31-197-16.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com closed.

Shutting down GANGLIA gmetad: [FAILED]

Starting GANGLIA gmetad: [ OK ]

Stopping httpd: [FAILED]

Starting httpd: httpd: Syntax error on line 154 of /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf: Cannot load /etc/httpd/modules/mod\_authz\_core.so into server: /etc/httpd/modules/mod\_authz\_core.so: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory

[FAILED]

[timing] ganglia setup: 00h 00m 02s

Connection to ec2-52-16-96-164.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com closed.

Spark standalone cluster started at http://ec2-52-16-96-164.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com:8080

Ganglia started at http://ec2-52-16-96-164.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com:5080/ganglia

Done!

1. Ignore the Ganglia errors.
2. Find the Spark URL in the log above and go to that page in your browser. You might want to leave this open as we’ll need it later.
3. Let’s login to the master:  
     
   ./spark-ec2 -k oxcloXX -i /home/oxclo/oxcloXX.pem \  
   --region eu-west-1 \   
   login oxcloXX-spark-cluster   
     
   You see something like:

Last login: Wed Nov 18 09:27:01 2015 from ip-172-31-9-125.eu-west-1.compute.internal

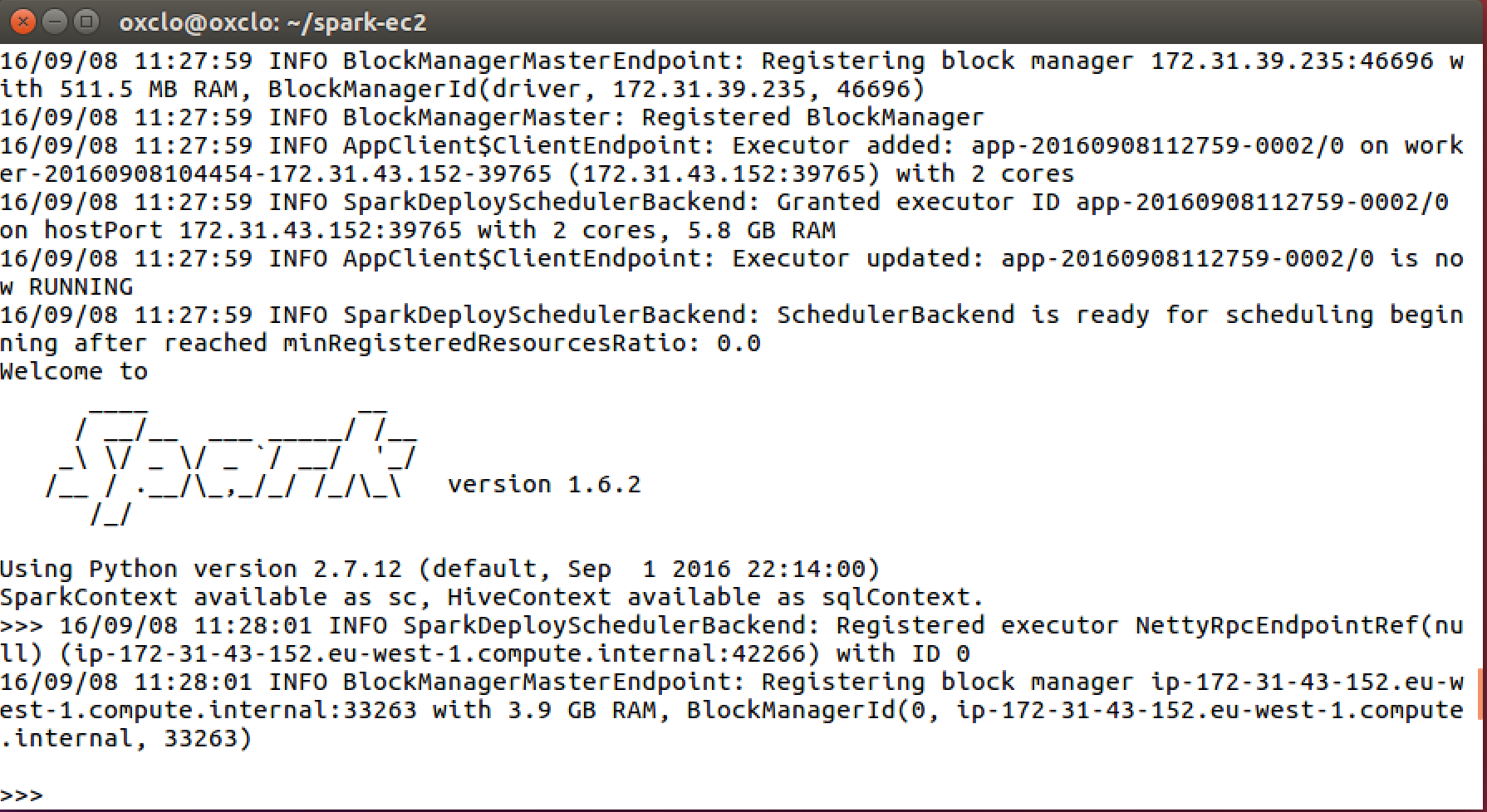
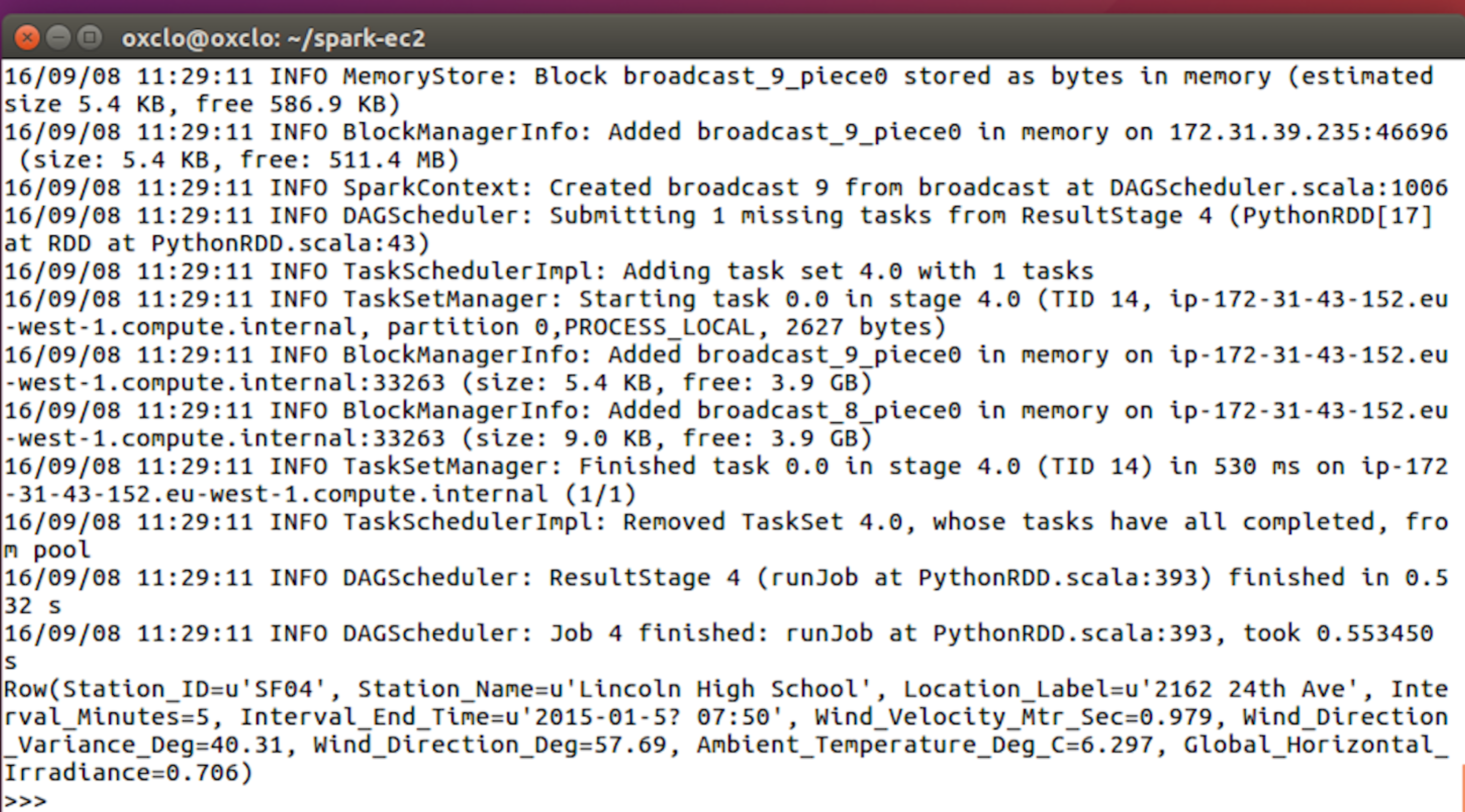
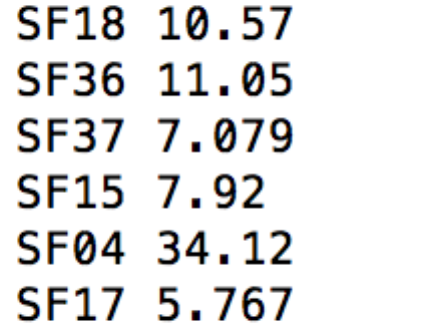
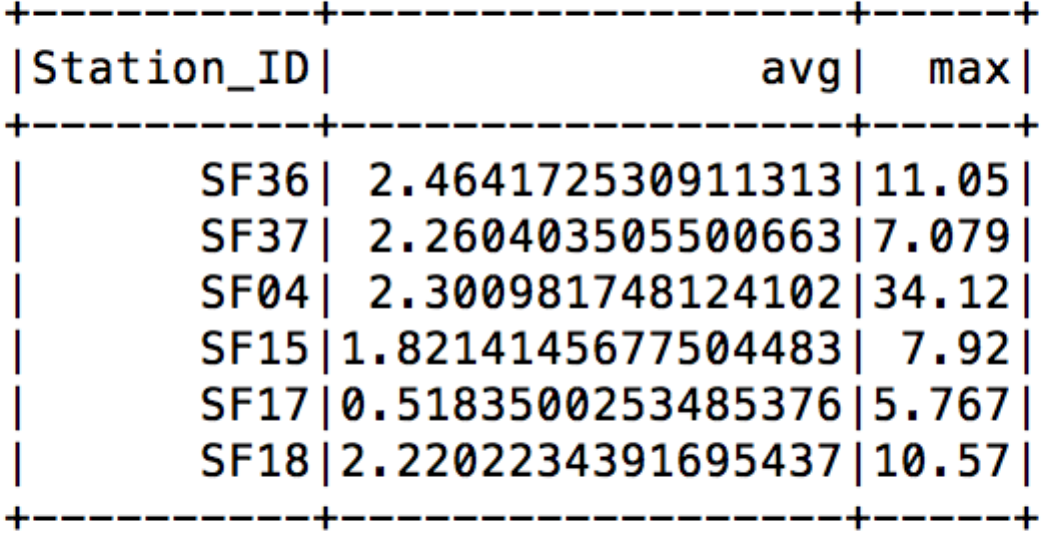
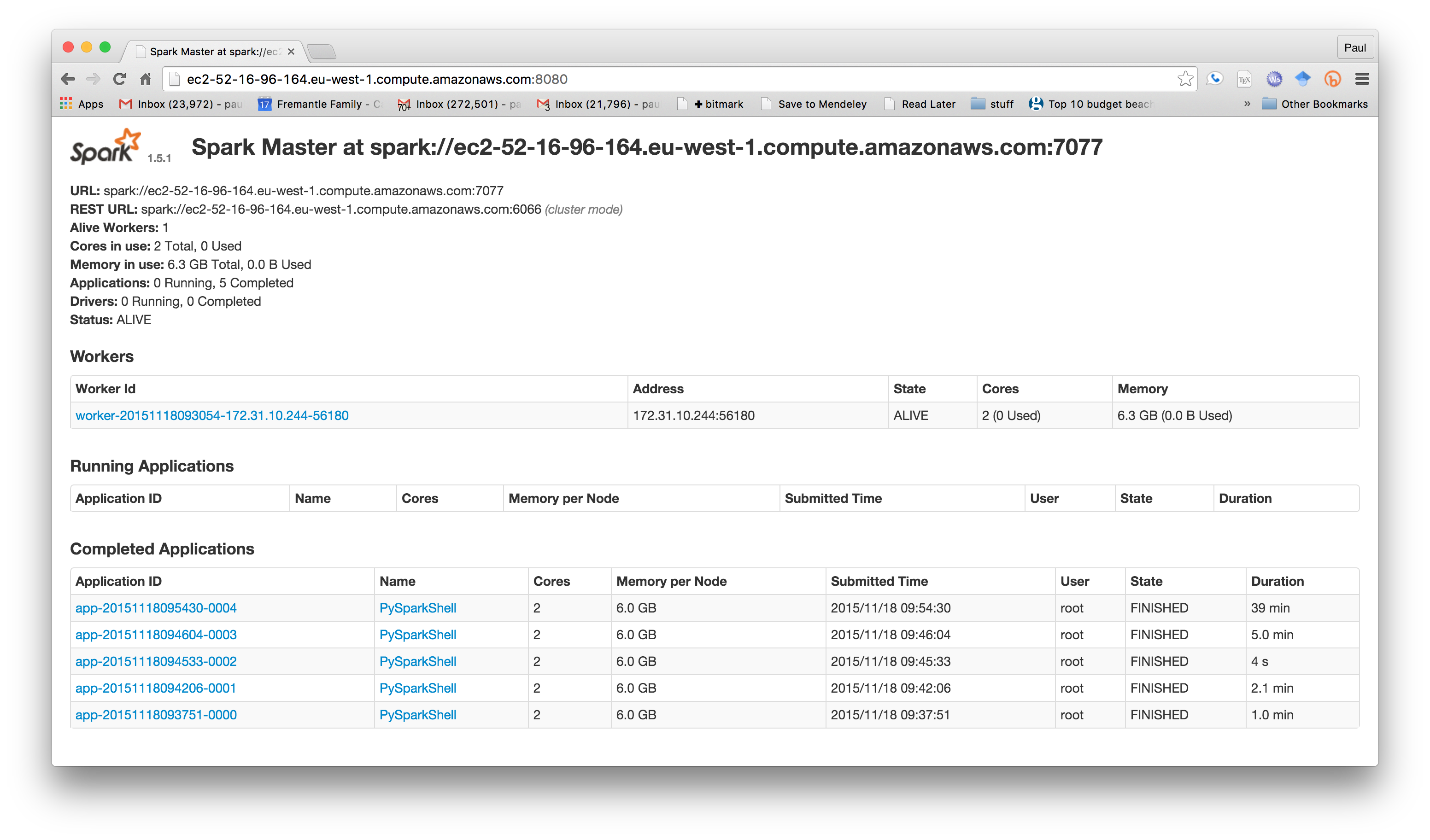
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Amazon Linux version 2015.09 is available.

1. This basically just SSH’s you into the master. You could do the same from the EC2 console as before.
2. We are going to need your AWS credentials in this session as well so that spark can access S3 resources. In this session type   
   export AWS\_ACCESS\_KEY\_ID=<your access key here>  
   export AWS\_SECRET\_ACCESS\_KEY=<your secret key here>
3. Type  
   cd spark
4. Now start pyspark once again. This time we are going to add in a Spark Package that supports easy reading of CSV files (one line):  
     
   bin/pyspark   
    --packages com.databricks:spark-csv\_2.11:1.5.0  
     
   You should see:  
     
   Note that this is running an older version of Spark to the one deployed on the VM, but everything is very similar.
5. We are going to use Spark’s SQL support which in turn uses Apache Hive. This combined with the CSV package we saw earlier makes it very easy to work with data.   
   First let’s tell spark we are using SQL:  
     
   from pyspark.sql import SQLContext  
     
   sqlContext = SQLContext(sc)
6. Now let’s load the data into a DataFrame. (one line)  
     
   df = sqlContext.  
   read.format('com.databricks.spark.csv').  
   options(header='true', inferschema='true').  
   load('s3n://oxclo-wind/2015/\*')
7. You should see a lot of log go by.
8. The df object we have is not an RDD. It is basically a SQL construct. But we can easily convert it into an RDD.  
     
   winds = df.rdd
9. You can see the structure of each row by:  
     
   winds.first()
10. You will see something like:  
    
11. Let’s do the normal step of mapping the data into a simple <K,V> pair. Each column in the row can be accessed by the syntax e.g. row.Station\_ID  
      
    We can therefore map our RDD with the following: (one line)  
      
    mapped = winds.map(lambda s: (s.Station\_ID, s.Wind\_Velocity\_Mtr\_Sec))
12. We can simply calculate the maximum values with this reducer:  
      
    maxes = mapped.reduceByKey(lambda a, b: a if (a>b) else b)
13. And once again collect / print:  
      
    for (k,v) in maxes.collect(): print k,v
14. You can also turn the response of a collect into a Python Map, which is handy. Try this:  
      
    maxes.collectAsMap()['SF04']
15. You will see a bunch of log before the following appears:  
      
    **PART B – Using SQL**
16. There is an easier way to do all this if you are willing to write some SQL.
17. First we need to give our DataFrame a table name:  
    df.registerTempTable('wind')
18. Now we can use a simple SQL statement against our data.   
    ALL ON ONE Line type:  
      
    sqlContext.sql("SELECT Station\_ID, avg(Wind\_Velocity\_Mtr\_Sec) as avg,max(Wind\_Velocity\_Mtr\_Sec) as max from wind group by Station\_ID").show()
19. Bingo you should see a lot of log followed by:  
    
20. Recap. We have:
    1. Started Spark in EC2
    2. Loaded data from S3
    3. Used SQL to read in CSV files
    4. Explored Map/Reduce on those CSV files
    5. Used SQL to query the data.
21. Go back to the browser view of the Spark console and you can take a look at the jobs that have been run:  
    
22. Quit the pyspark shell:   
    quit()
23. Exit the SSH session:  
    exit
24. We must remember to stop our cluster as well (its costing money!)  
    From Ubuntu terminal where you started the Spark cluster  
      
    ./spark-ec2 --region eu-west-1 destroy oxcloXX-spark-cluster  
      
    Type y when prompted.
25. Congratulations!