



Petabytes of Data - How to Use R at Scale

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AGENDA

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WHAT PROBLEM ARE WE SOLVING?

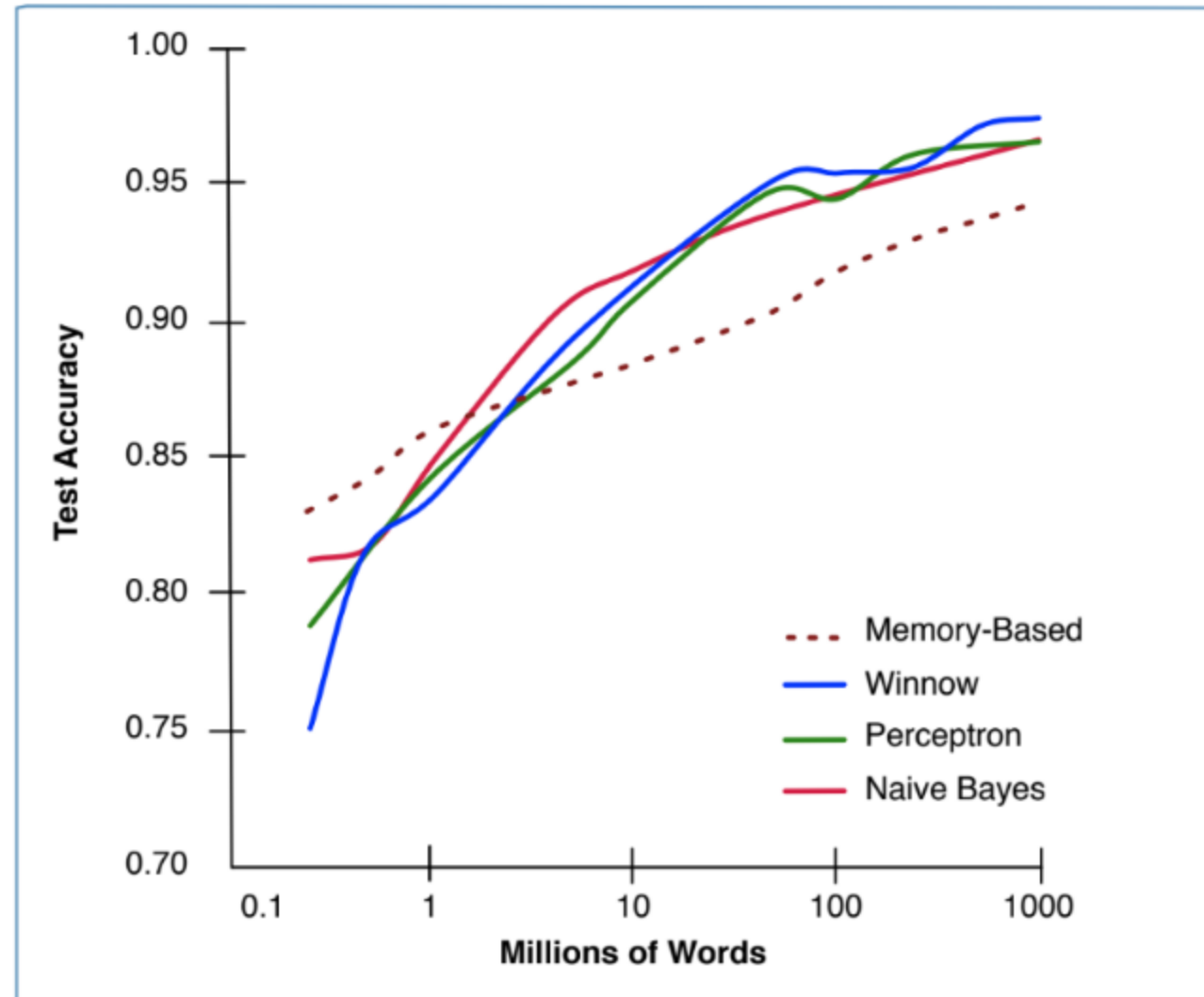
WHAT PROBLEM ARE WE SOLVING?

Your MacBook, while very cool and shiny is too small for the enormous amounts of data used by actual enterprise companies.



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“It’s not who has the best algorithms that wins. It’s who has the most data.”
[Banko and Brill, 2001]

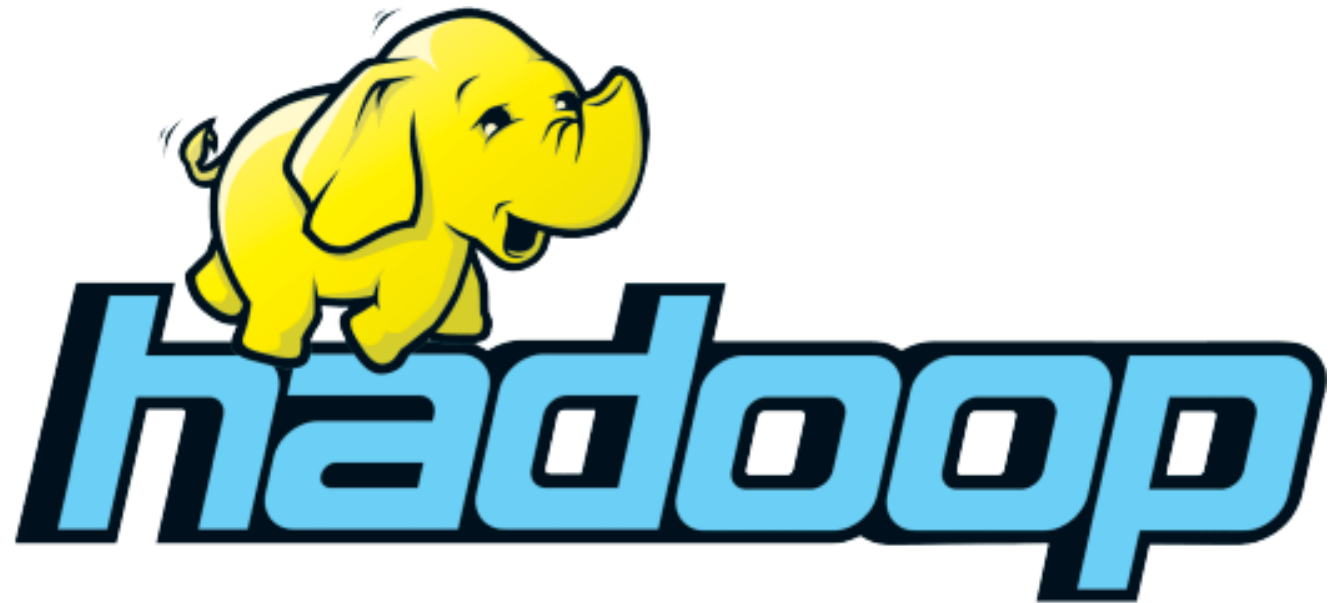


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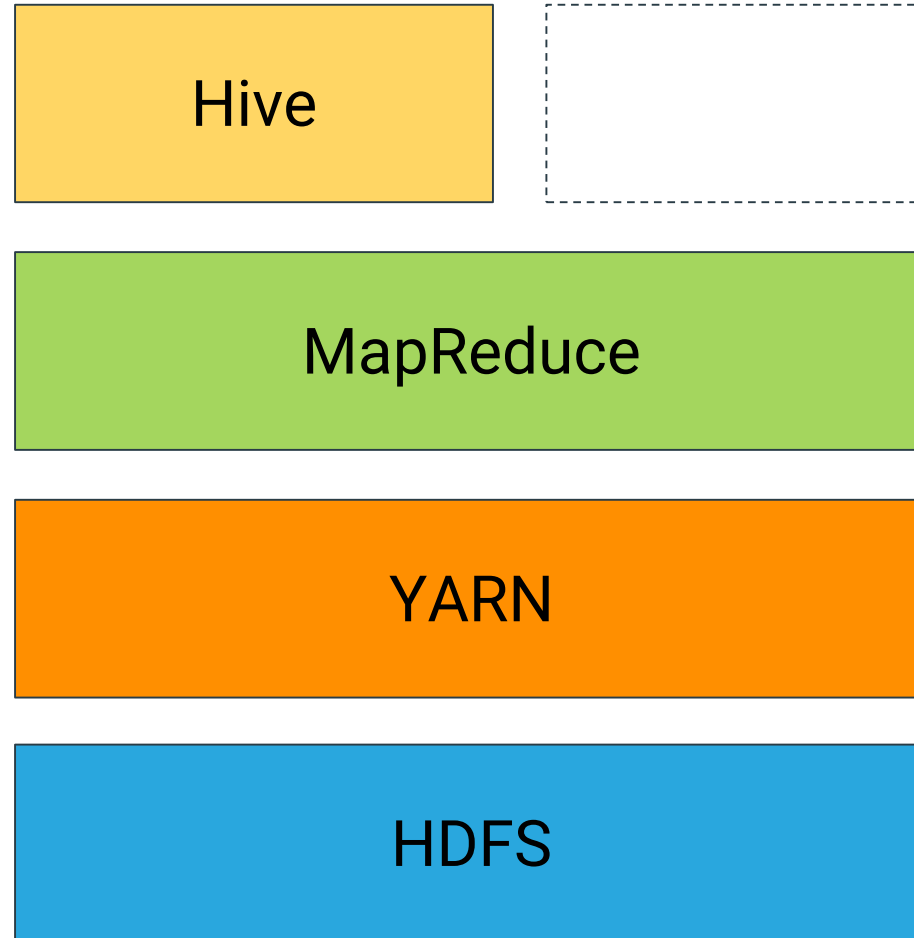
One of the many Jeff Dean facts: Jeff Dean's PIN is the last 4 digits of pi.

The rest are funny-ish, but a good way to kill 20 mins on a many person webex.



HADOOP STACK

Our template says I should
put some related text here.
How about - this layout
was approved by Piet
Mondrian.



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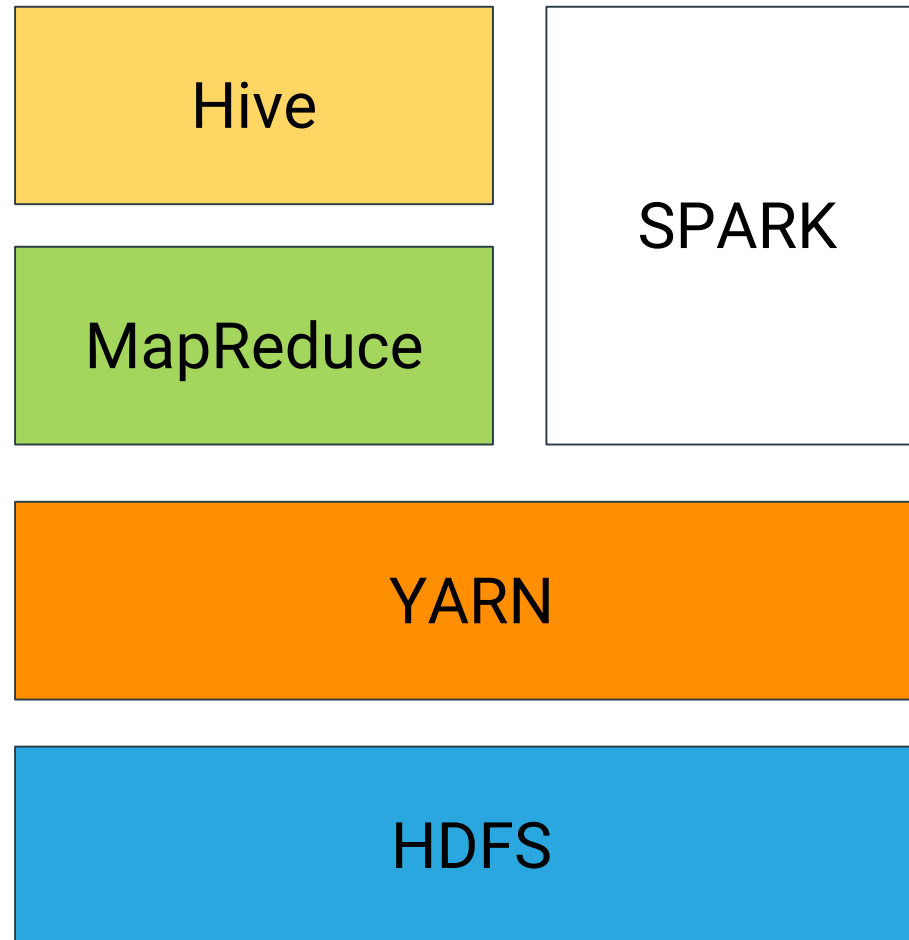
A Dutch painter and theoretician who is regarded as one of the greatest artists of the 20th century. Painty Piet I like to call him.



HADOOP STACK WITH SPARK

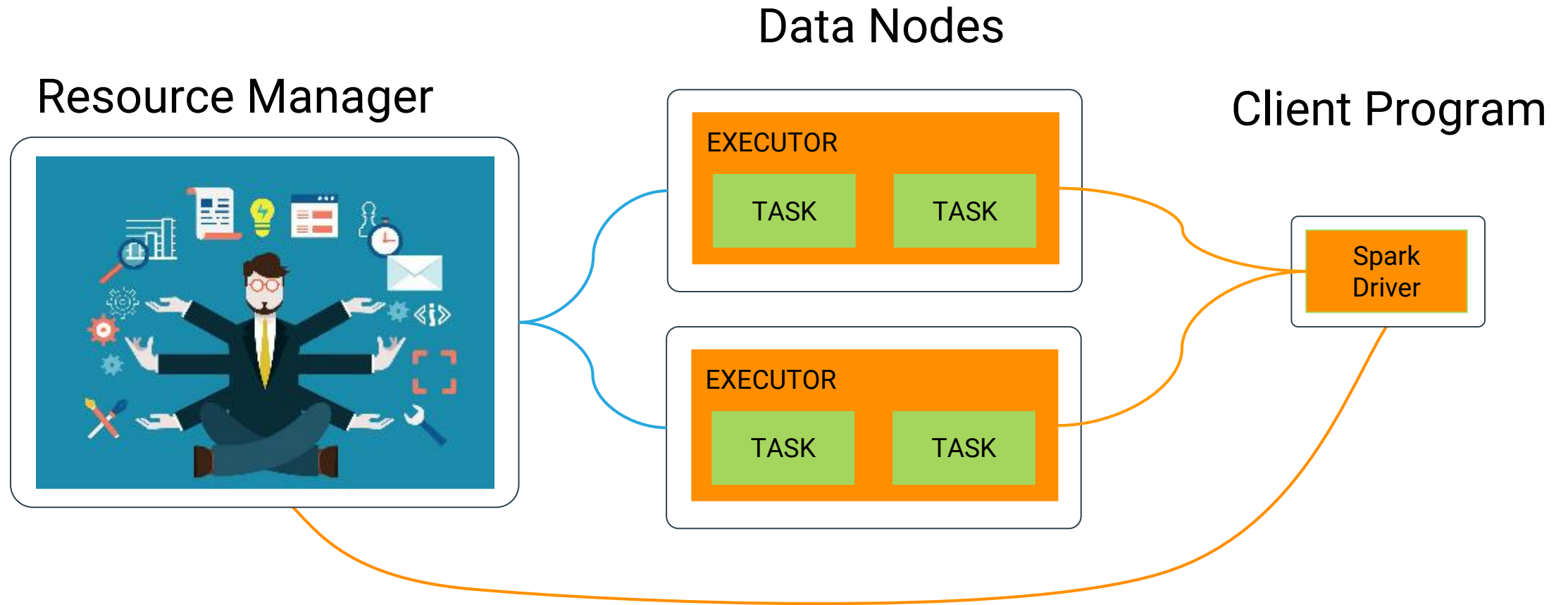
He proclaimed in 1914: Art
is higher than reality and
has no direct relation to
reality...

According to Wikipedia
anyway. I didn't hear him
say it.

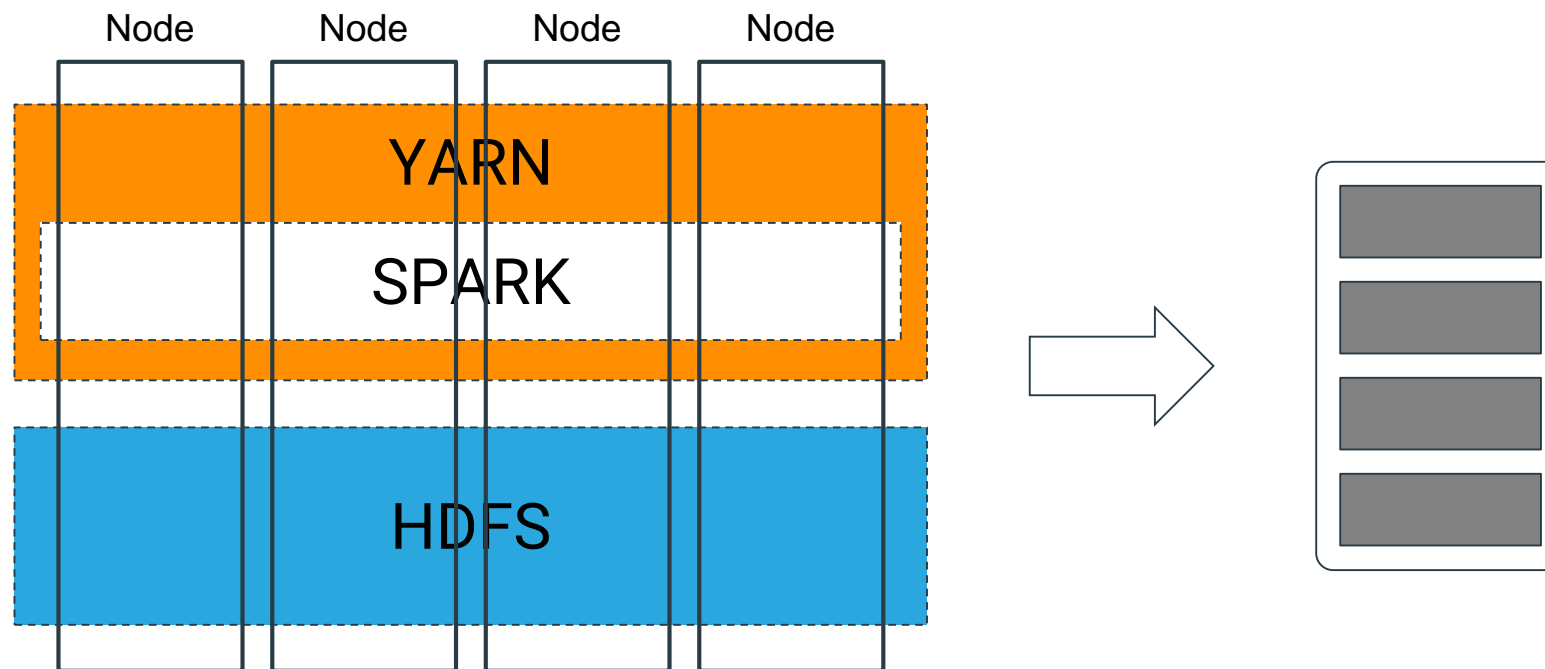


SPARK OVERVIEW

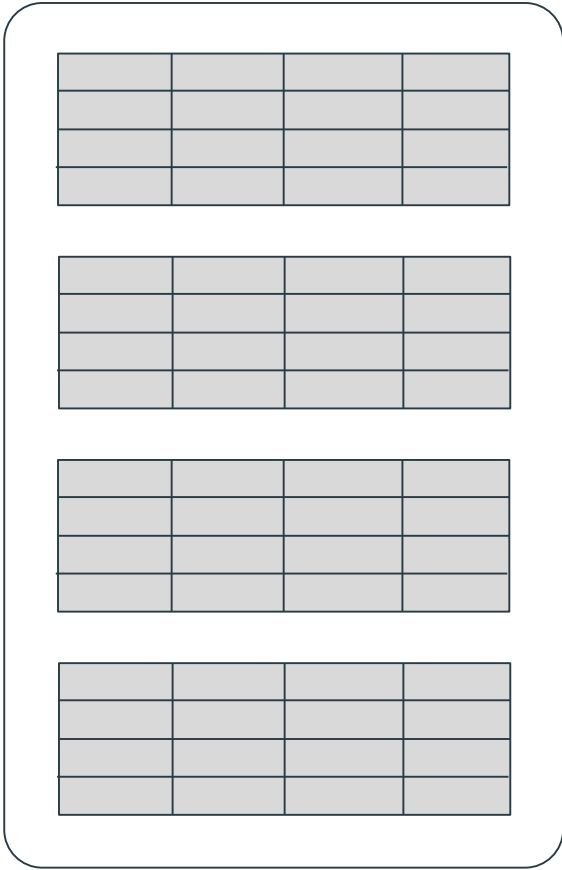
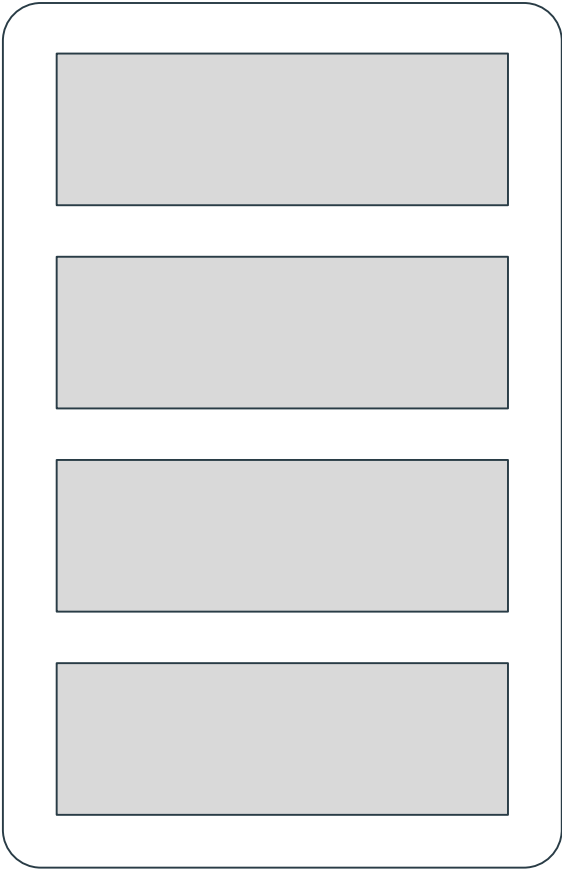
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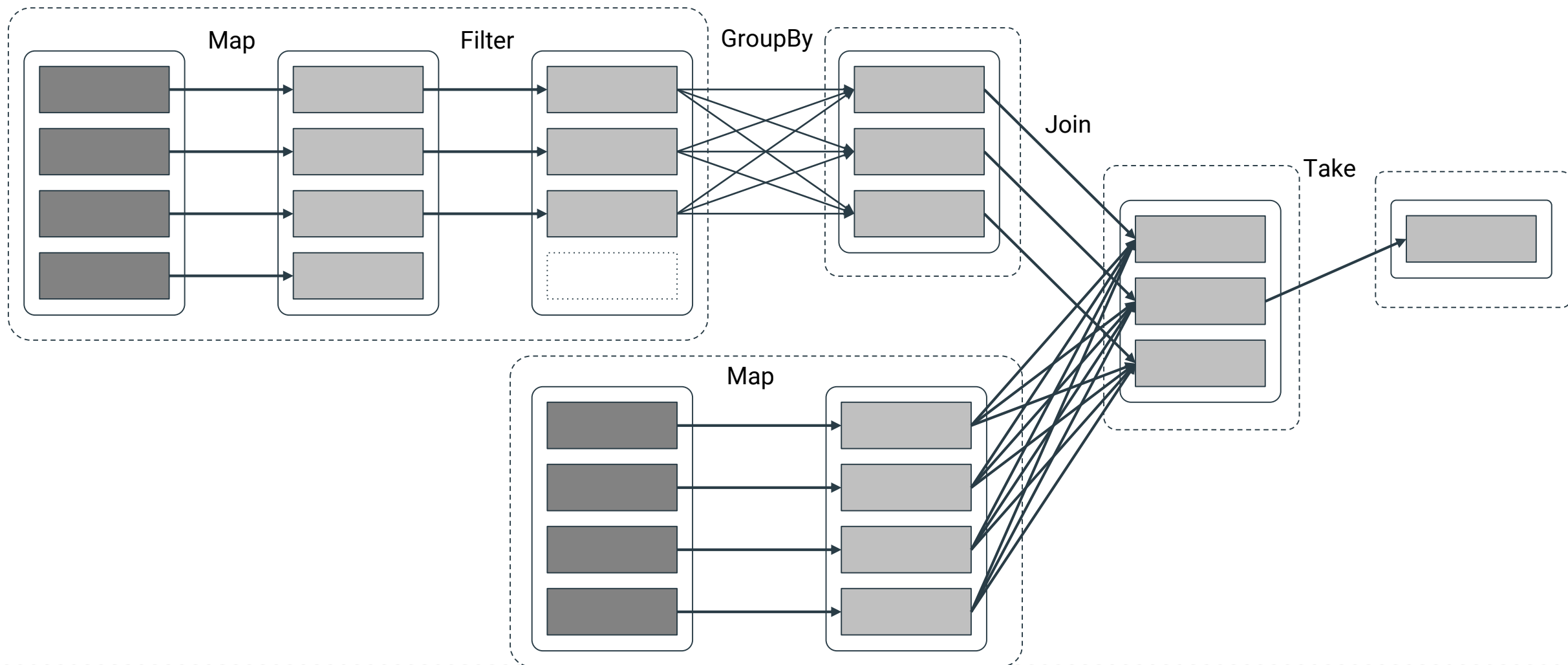
SPARK RDD



SPARK DATAFRAME

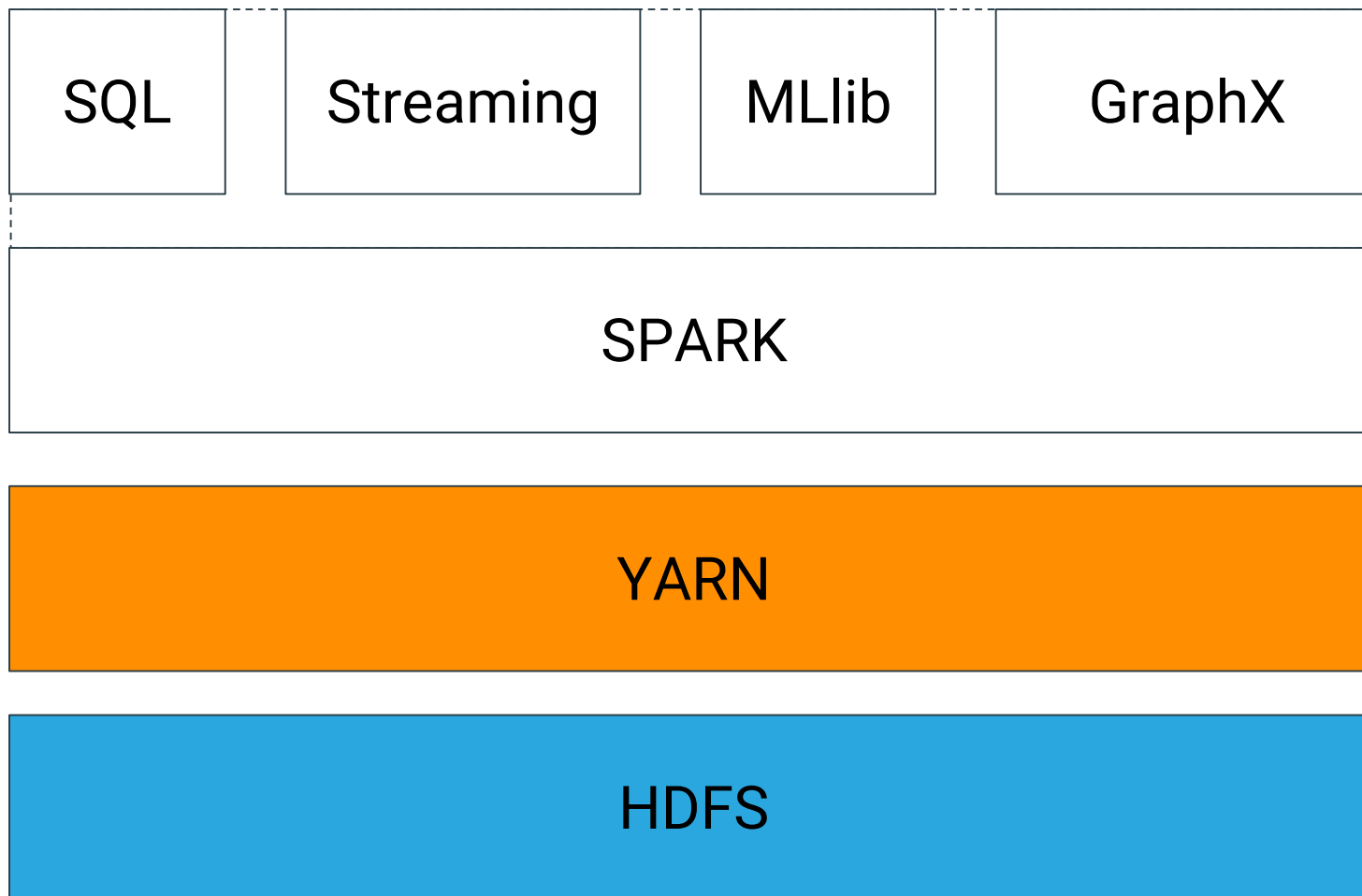


SPARK DATAFRAME OPERATIONS



SPARK LIBRARIES

Apart from libraries, there are many books on Spark. Look for stuff by Holden Karau.



HOW DOES THIS WORK WITH R?

SPARKLYR

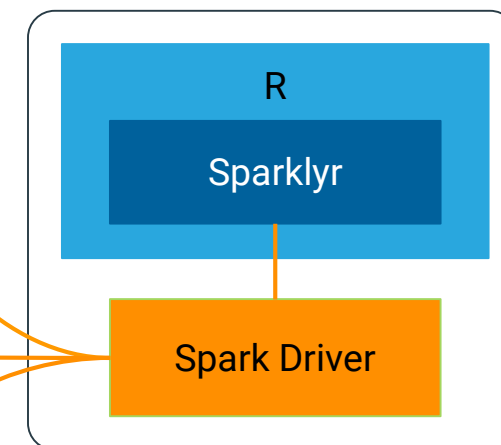
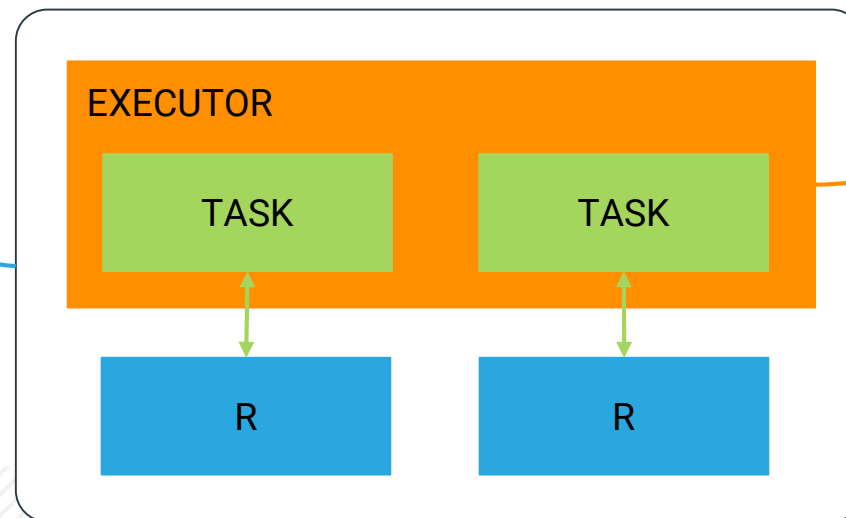
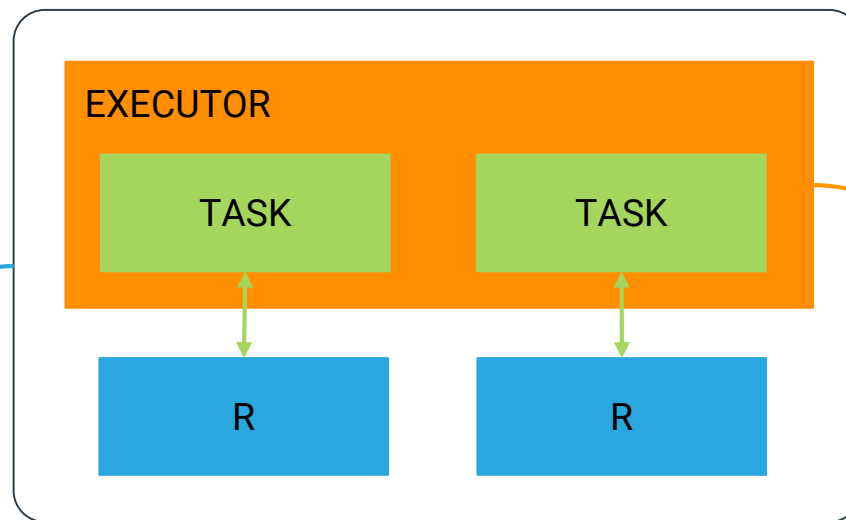
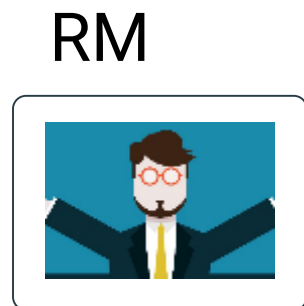
The silver medal goes to SparkR. Sparklyr 1.0.0 has most of the things you need and support for Arrow.



SPARKLYR

Data Nodes

Client Program

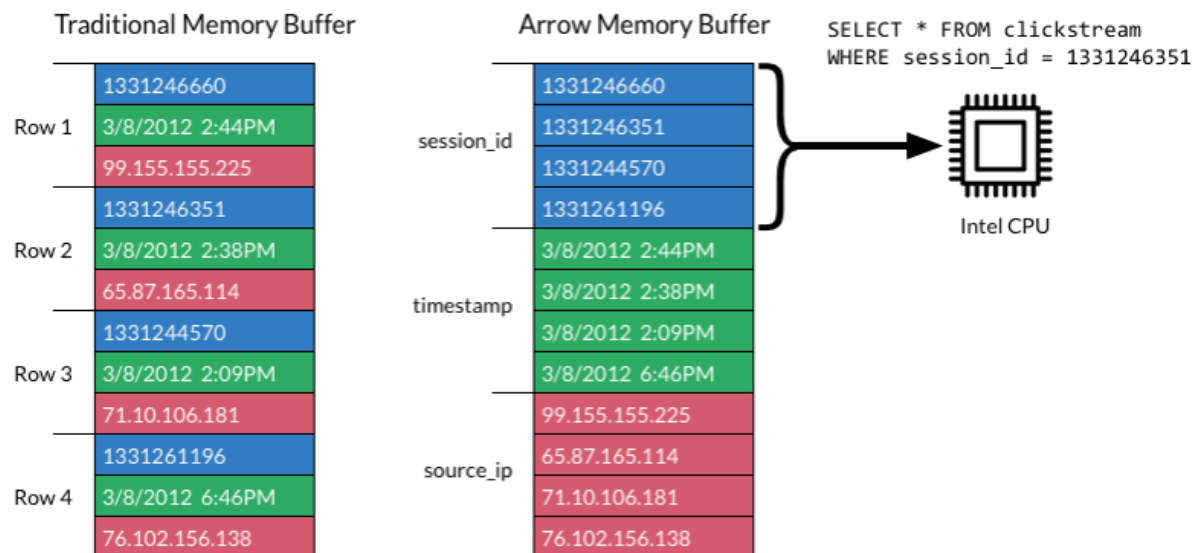


APACHE ARROW



	session_id	timestamp	source_ip
Row 1	1331246660	3/8/2012 2:44PM	99.155.155.225
Row 2	1331246351	3/8/2012 2:38PM	65.87.165.114
Row 3	1331244570	3/8/2012 2:09PM	71.10.106.181
Row 4	1331261196	3/8/2012 6:46PM	76.102.156.138

High speed in memory
data processing for
everybody!



USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

LAZY EVALUATION

This catches people out when working on the command line. Entered does not mean executed.



OVERLOADING THE DRIVER

I see this often when talking with data science teams. It's part of the standard operating procedure for “small data” data science work.



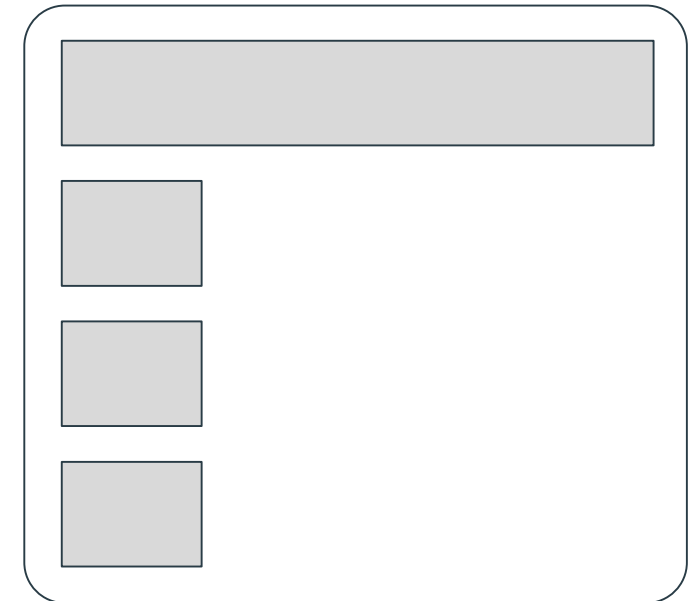
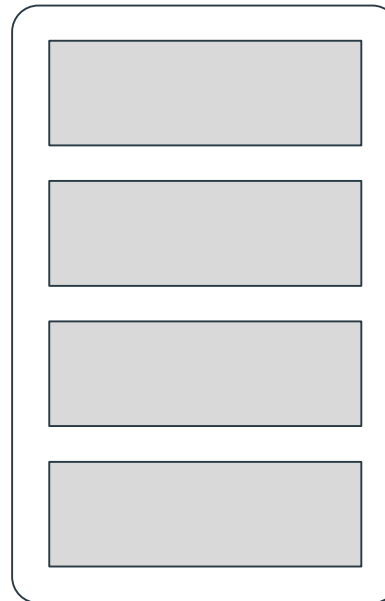
AVOID GROUPBYKEY

Use ReduceByKey. All the cool kids are doing it.

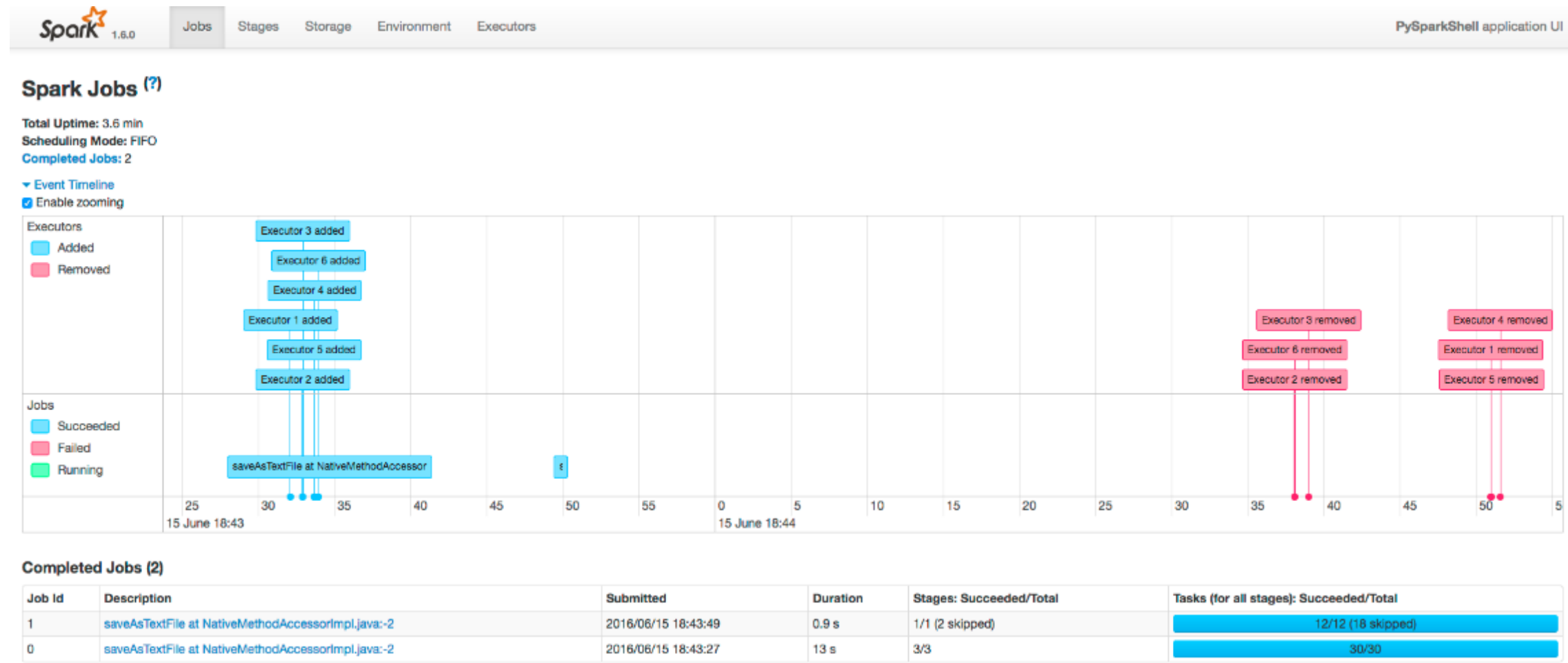


CHECK FOR DATA SKEW

I did not spend a lot of time drawing this. But Edward Tufte would be proud. Very favourable data to ink ratio.



USE THE SPARK UI



DAG

Directed Acyclic Graph -
Use the full title if you want
to sound smarter while
talking data scientists.

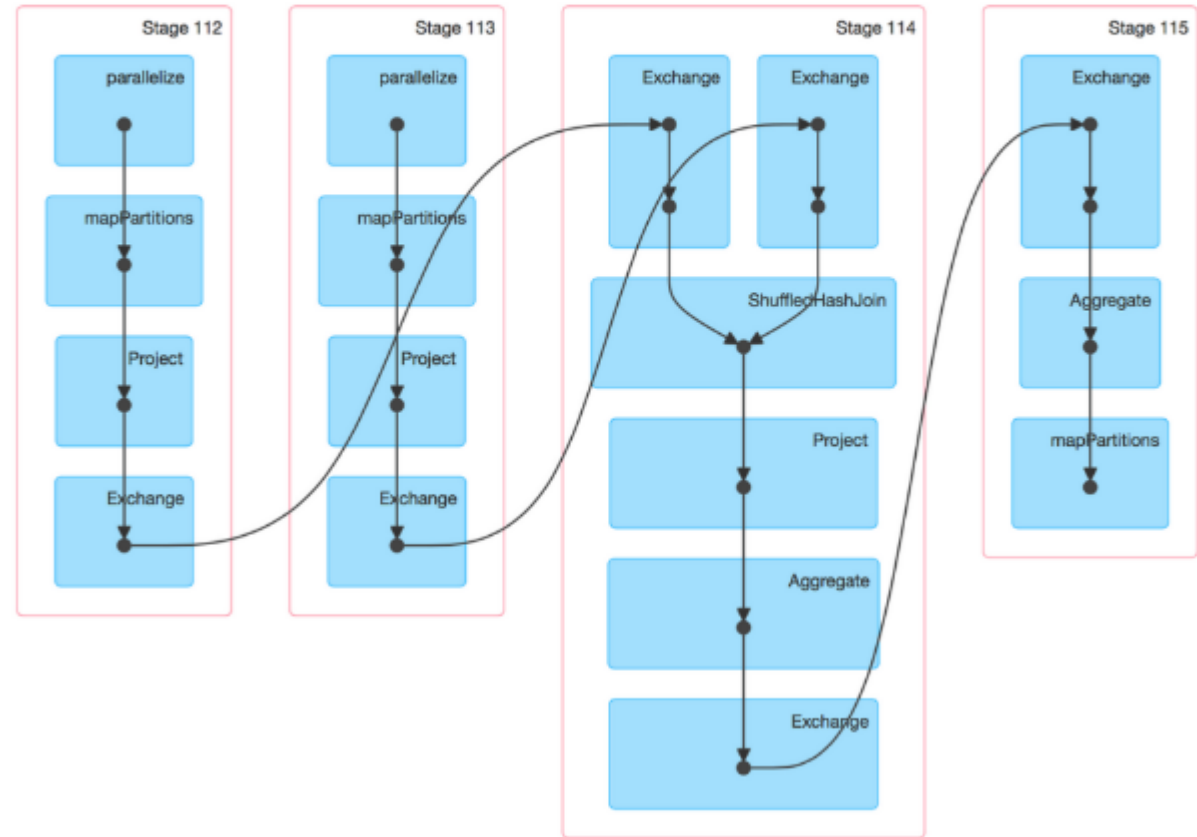
Details for Job 8

Status: SUCCEEDED

Completed Stages: 4

▶ Event Timeline

▼ DAG Visualization



CHECK OUT IMPLYR



```
delay <- flights_tbl %>%  
  select(tailnum, distance, arr_delay) %>%  
  group_by(tailnum) %>%  
  summarise(count = n(), dist = mean(distance), delay = mean(arr_delay)) %>%  
  filter(count > 20L, dist < 2000L, !is.na(delay)) %>%  
  arrange(delay, dist, count) %>%  
  collect()
```

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Implyr

<https://blog.cloudera.com/blog/2017/07/implyr-r-interface-for-apache-impala/>

<https://github.com/ianmcook/implyr>

Sparklyr

<https://blog.cloudera.com/blog/2016/09/introducing-sparklyr-an-r-interface-for-apache-spark/>

<https://spark.rstudio.com/>

Spark

<https://www.cloudera.com/documentation/enterprise/5-16-x/PDF/cloudera-spark.pdf>

<https://www.cloudera.com/products/open-source/apache-hadoop/apache-spark.html>

THANK YOU

IMAGES USED

Most diagrams I either drew or took from Cloudera's documentation directly. The rest come from here:

<https://www.apple.com/shop/buy-mac/macbook-pro/15-inch-space-gray-2.6ghz-6-core-512gb>

<http://web.cs.ucla.edu/classes/winter13/cs111/scribe/10c/>

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