In-memory data pipeline and warehouse at scale using Spark, Spark SQL, Tachyon and Parquet

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- Big data analytics / machine learning
- 6+ years with Hadoop ecosystem
- 2 years with Spark
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Agenda

- Intro
- Use Case
- Data pipeline with Spark
- Spark Job Rest Service
- Spark SQL Rest Service (Jaws)
- Parquet
- Tachyon
- Demo





Use Case

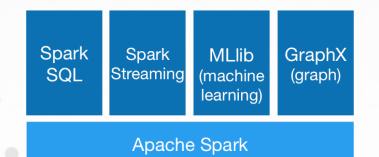
- Build an in memory data pipeline for millions financial transactions used downstream by data scientists for detecting fraud
- Ingestion from S3 to our Tachyon/HDFS cluster
- Data transformation
- Data warehouse





Apache Spark

- "fast and general engine for large-scale data processing"
- Built around the concept of RDD
- API for Java/Scala/Python (80 operators)

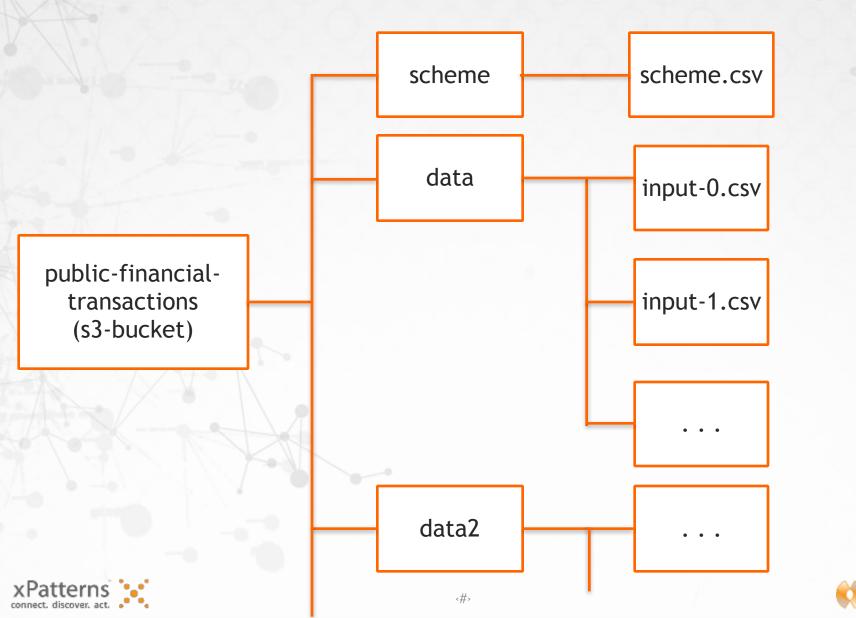


 powers a stack of high level tools including Spark SQL, MLlib, Spark Streaming.





Public S3 Bucket: public-financial-transactions



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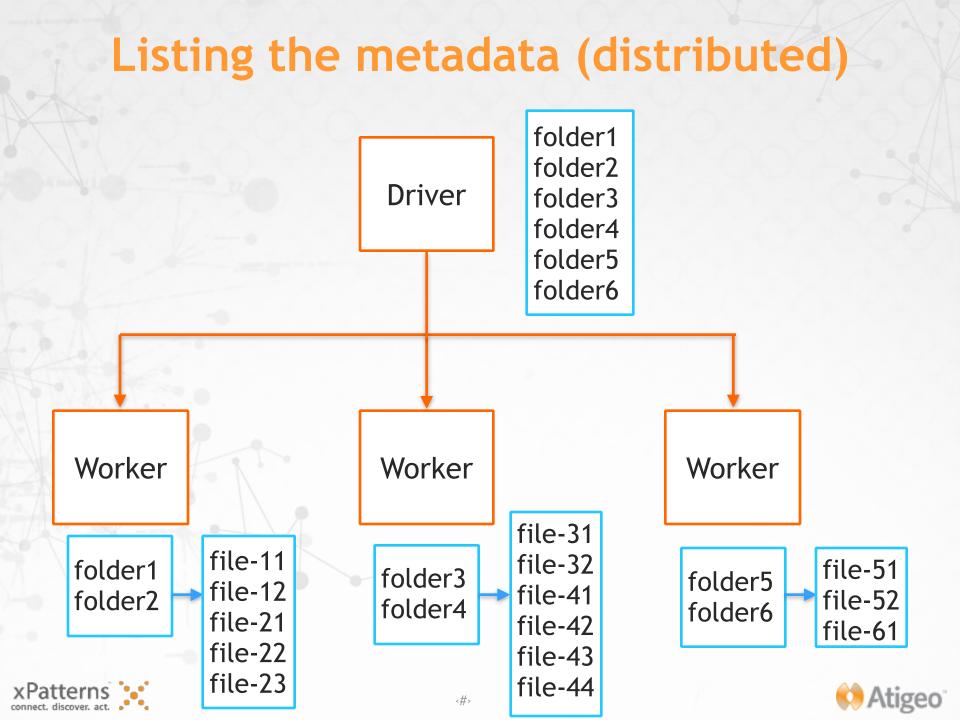
Download from S3

sc.wholeTextFiles("s3a://public-financial-transactions/*/*")

- Resolving the wildcards means listing files metadata
 - Listing the metadata for a large number of files from external sources can take a long time







Listing the metadata (distributed)

//Get folder list
val listObjectsRequest = new ListObjectsRequest()
 .withBucketName(bucketName).withPrefix("").withDelimiter("/")
val folderList = s3Client.listObjects(listObjectsRequest)
 .getCommonPrefixes

//Get files RDD
val folderRdd = sc.parallelize(folderList)
val filesRdd = folderRdd.flatMap{ folder =>
 getFilesFromFolder(bucketName, folder)

For fine tuning, specify the number of partitions

val folderRdd = sc.parallelize(folderList, numPartitions)





Download Files

val results = files.map { file => val s3Client = S3Utils.getS3Client() S3Utils.downloadFile(bucketName, file, outputFolder, s3Client)

Unbalanced partitions





Unbalanced partitions

Partition 0

transactions.csv

Partition 1

input.csv data.csv values.csv buzzwords.csv buzzwords.txt





Balancing partitions

Partition 0

(0, transactions.csv)
 (2, data.csv)
 (4, buzzwords.csv)

Partition 1

(1, input.csv)
(3, values.csv)
(5, buzzwords.txt)





Balancing partitions

Balancing partitions

var filesWithIndexRdd = filesRdd.zipWithIndex().map {
 case (value, index) => (index, value)

filesWithIndexRdd = filesWithIndexRdd.repartition(numPartitions)

Keep in mind that repartitioning your data is a fairly expensive operation.





2. Data Transformation

- Data cleaning is the first step in any data science project
- For this use-case:
- Remove lines that don't match the structure
- Remove "useless" columns
- Transform data to be in a consistent format





Find Country char code

| Numeric Format | Alpha 2 Format | Name |
|----------------|----------------|---------|
| 276 | DE | Germany |

Join

import org.apache.spark.SparkContext._
val finalRdd = normalizedRdd.join(countries).map {
 case (k: String, (columns: ListBuffer[String], charCode: String)) => {
 columns(4) = charCode
 columns
 }

Problem with skew in the key distribution





Metrics for Join

Summary Metrics for 20 Completed Tasks

| Metric | Median | 75th percentile | Max |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| Result serialization time | 0 ms | 0 ms | 8 ms |
| Duration | 1 s | 2 s | 17 s |
| Time spent fetching task results | 0 ms | 0 ms | 0 ms |
| Scheduler delay | 42 ms | 47 ms | 57 ms |
| Shuffle Read (Remote) | 321.7 KB | 1778.5 KB | 79.6 MB |





Find Country char code

Broadcast Country Codes Map

```
val countries: Map[String, String] = countriesRdd.collectAsMap()
val countriesBroadcast = sc.broadcast(countries)
val structuredRdd = normalizedRdd.flatMap { array =>
    countriesBroadcast.value.get(array(4)) match {
        case None => Nil
        case Some(value) => {
            array(4) = value
            List(array)
        }
    }
}
```



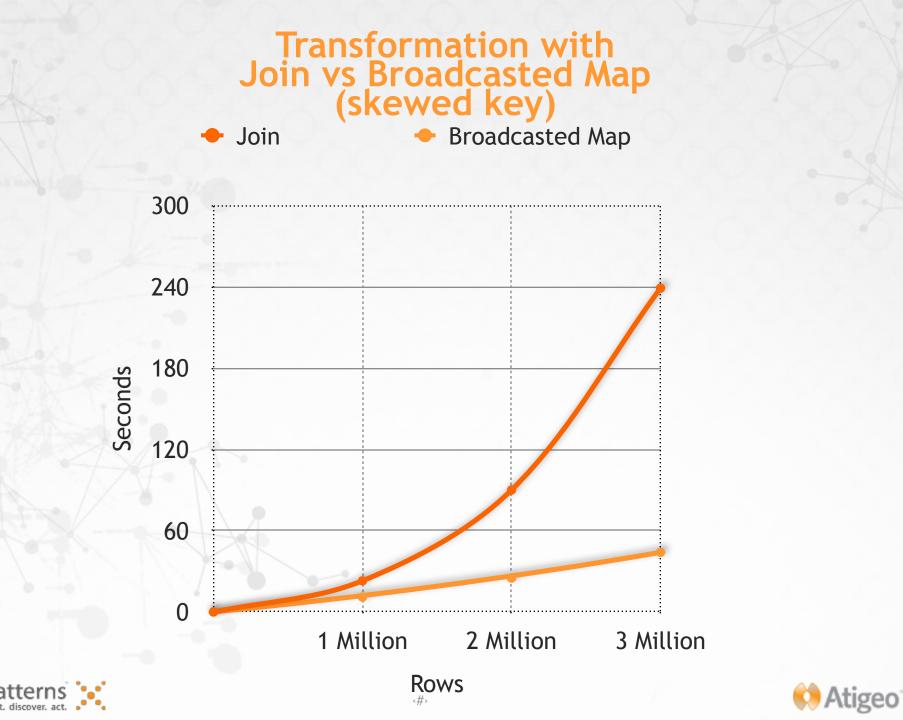


Metrics

| Metric | Median | 75th percentile | Мах |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Result serialization time | 0 ms | 1 ms | 1 ms |
| Duration | 7 s | 7 s | 8 s |
| Time spent fetching task results | 0 ms | 0 ms | 0 ms |
| Scheduler delay | 0.1 s | 0.2 s | 0.2 s |
| Input | 36.6 MB | 36.6 MB | 36.6 MB |







Spark-Job-Rest

https://github.com/Atigeo/spark-job-rest

- Supports multiple contexts
- Launches a new process for each Spark context
- Inter-process communication with Akka actors
- Easy context creation & job runs
- Supports Java and Scala code
- Friendly UI





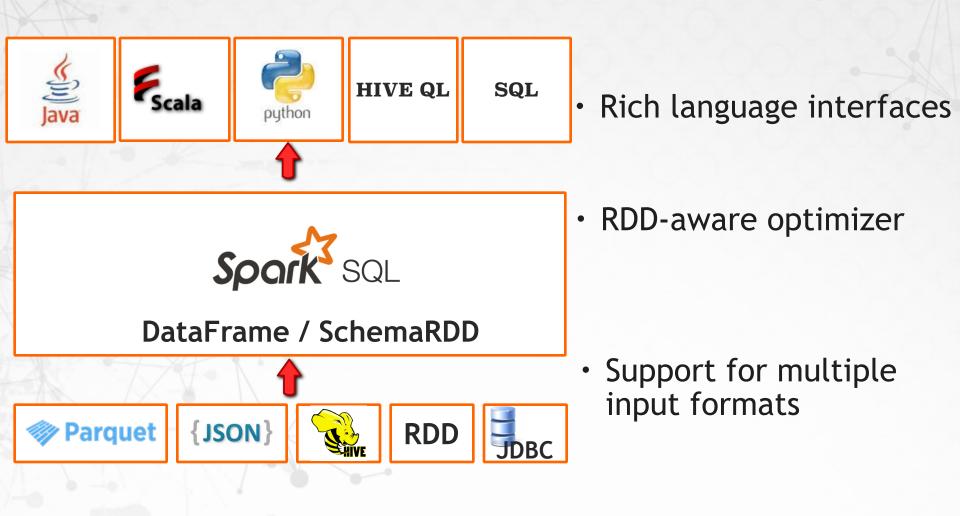
Build a data warehouse

- Hive
- Apache Pig
- Impala
- Presto
- Stinger (Hive on Tez)
- Spark SQL





Spark SQL







Creating a data frame

val sqlContext = new org.apache.spark.sql.SQLContext(sc)

//read the data into an RDD[Array[String]] an then into a RowRDD
val transactionsRDD = sc textFile("/user/ubuntu/normalized/data") map (_.split(","))
val transactionsRowRdd = transactionsRDD map (Row.fromSeq(_))

val transactionsDataFrame = sqlContext.createDataFrame(transactionsRowRdd, scheme)





Explore data

Perform a simple query:

- > Directly on the data frame
- groupBy - count - select - sort
- filter - agg
- join
- join

- where ...etc.

transactionsDataFrame groupBy("CUSTOMER") count() show()

> Registering a temporary table

transactionsDataFrame registerTempTable("transactionsTemp") val cmd = "select CUSTOMER, count (*) from transactionsTemp group by CUSTOMER" sqlContext.sql(cmd) show





Creating a data warehouse

val hiveContext = new org.apache.spark.sql.hive.HiveContext(sc)
hiveContext.sql("CREATE EXTERNAL TABLE transactions (ID String, SITE String,

PRCCARD_IP String, PRCCARD_REG_DATETIME String) ROW FORMAT DELIMITED FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' LOCATION '/user/ubuntu/normalized_even/data'")

val hiveContext = new org.apache.spark.sql.hive.HiveContext(sc)
val hiveTransactionsDF = hiveContext.createDataFrame(transactionsRowRdd, scheme)
hiveTransactionsDF.saveAsTable("myTransactions")

val tachyonOutput = "tachyon://masterip:19998/user/ema/outParquet"
transactionsDataFrame.saveAsParquetFile(tachyonOutput)

https://github.com/Atigeo/xpatterns-spark-parquet





File Formats

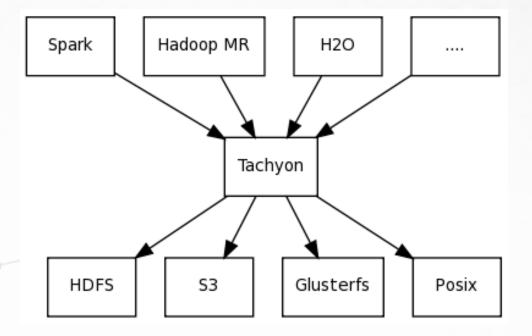
- TextFile
- SequenceFile
- RCFile (RowColumnar)
- ORCFile (OptimizedRowColumnar)
- Avro
- **Parquet** > columnar format
 - > good for aggregation queries
 - > only the required columns are read from disk
 - > nested data structures
 - > schema with the data
 - > spark sql supports schema evolution
 - > efficient compression





Tachyon

- memory-centric distributed file system enabling reliable file sharing at memory-speed across cluster frameworks
- Pluggable underlayer file system: hdfs, S3,...







Caching in Spark SQL

hiveContext.cacheTable("transactions")

transactionsDataFrame.cache()

hiveContext.sql("CACHE TABLE transactions")

- Cache data in columnar format
- Automatically compression tune





Spark cache vs Tachyon

spark context might crash

GC kicks in

share data between different applications





Jaws spark sql rest

- Highly scalable and resilient data warehouse
- Submit queries concurrently and asynchronously
- Restful alternative to Spark SQL JDBC having a interactive UI
- Since Spark 091 with Shark
- Support for Spark SQL and Hive MR (and more to come)

https://github.com/Atigeo/jaws-spark-sql-rest





Jaws main features

- Akka actors to communicate through instances
- Support cancel queries
- Supports large results retrieval
- Parquet in memory warehouse
- returns persisted logs, results, query history
- provides a metadata browser
- configuration file to fine tune spark





Code available at

https://github.com/big-data-research/in-memory-data-pipeline













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