Scala and the JVM for Big Data: Lessons from Spark

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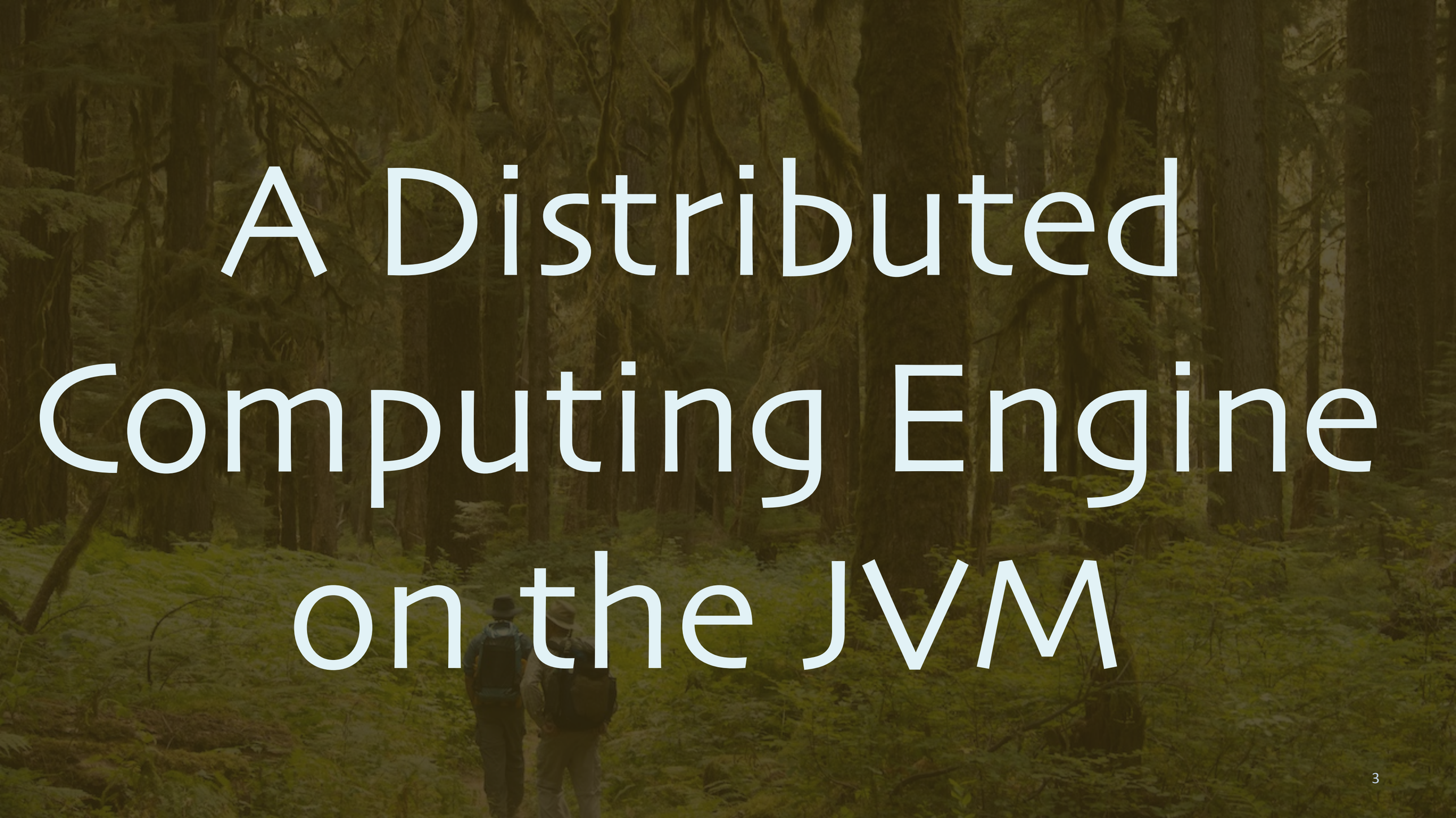
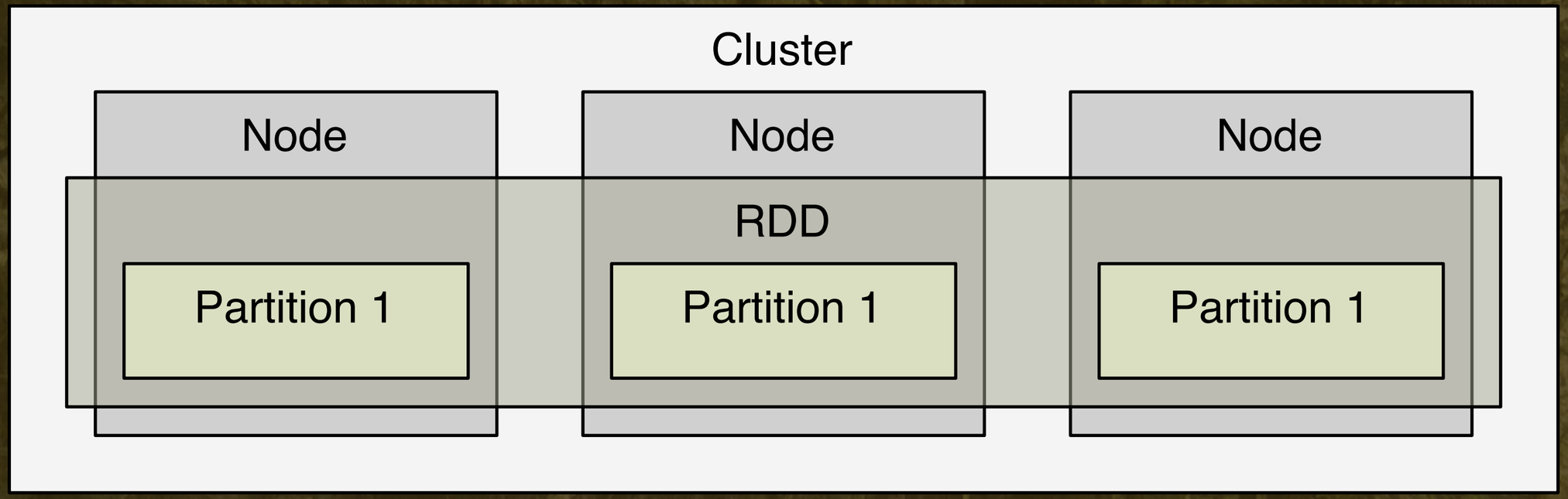
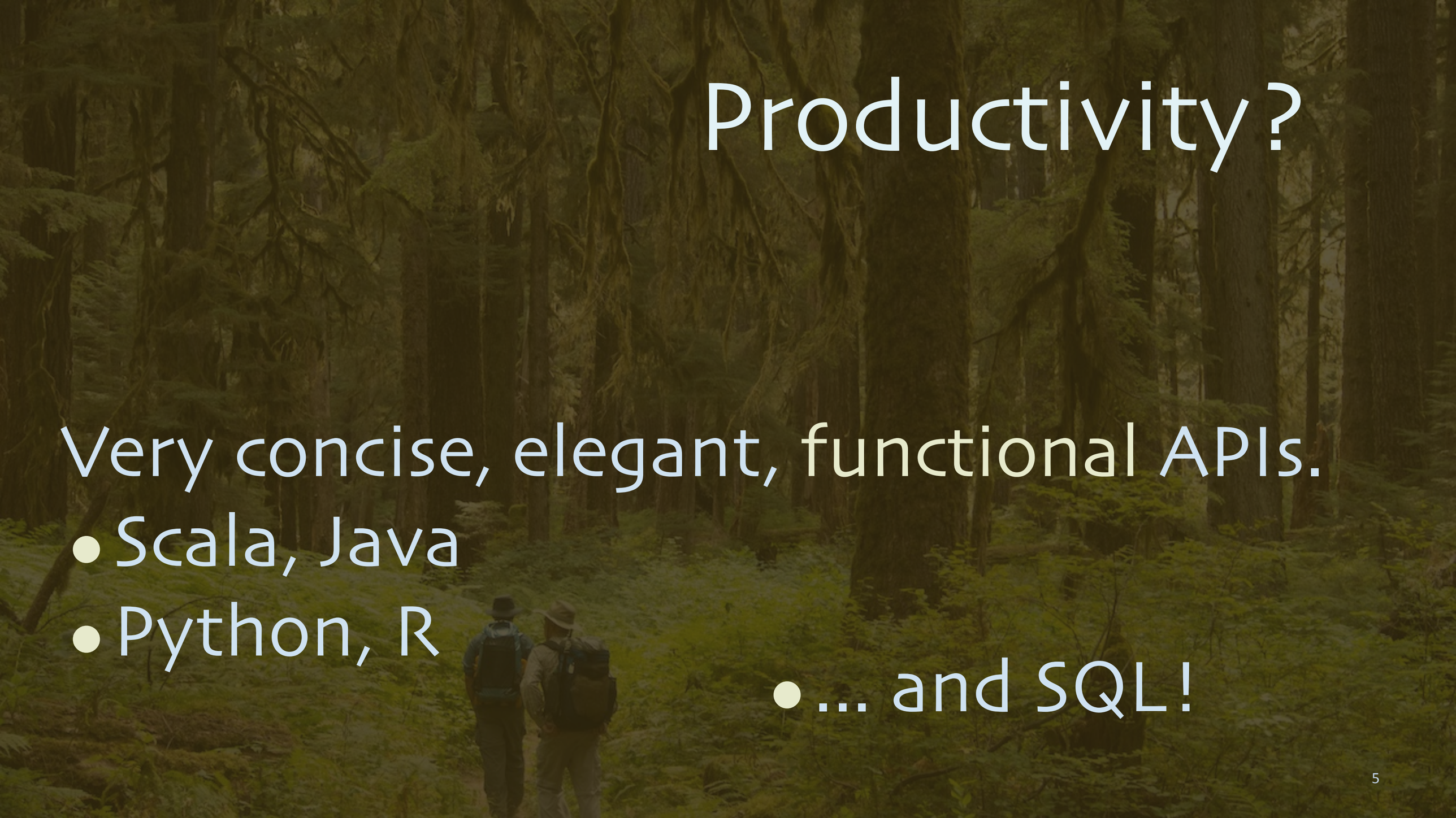
Spark



A Distributed Computing Engine on the JVM



Resilient Distributed Datasets



Productivity?

Very concise, elegant, functional APIs.

- Scala, Java
- Python, R
- … and SQL!

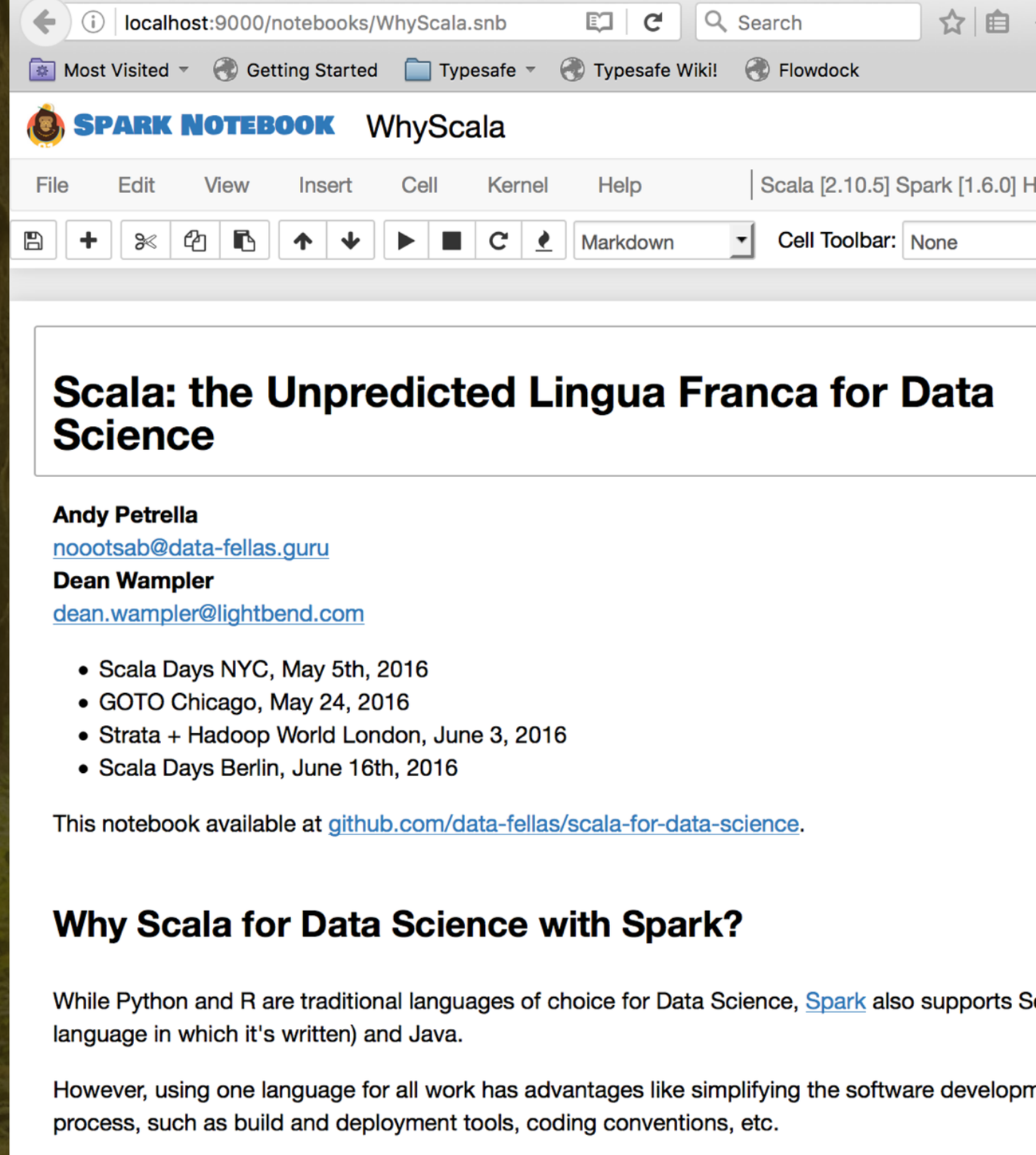
Productivity?

Interactive shell (REPL)

- Scala, Python, R, and SQL

Notebooks

- Jupyter
- Spark Notebook
- Zeppelin
- Beaker
- Databricks



Example: Inverted Index

Web Crawl

wikipedia.org/hadoop

Hadoop provides
MapReduce and HDFS

...

wikipedia.org/hbase

HBase stores data in HDFS

index

block

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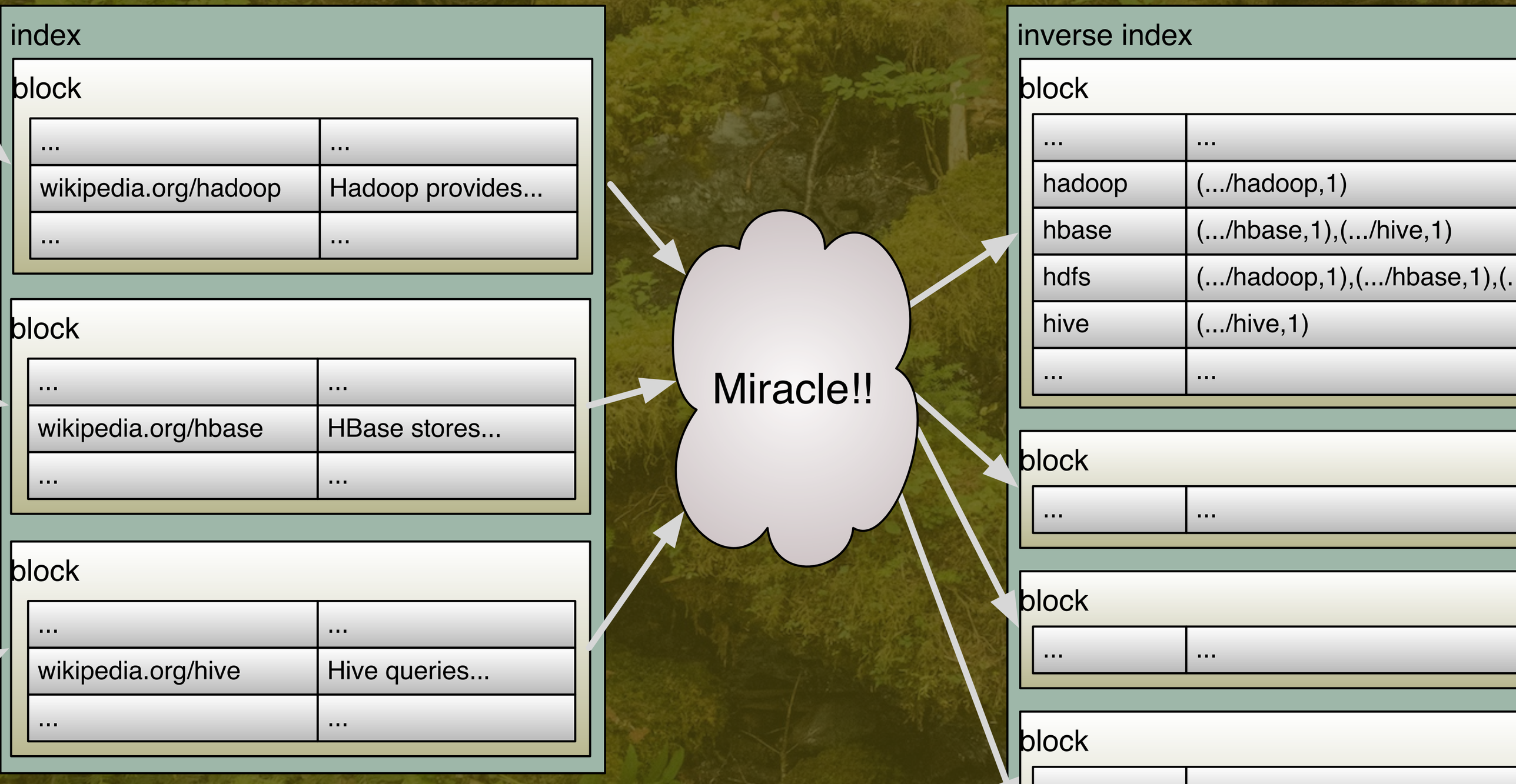
Compute Inverted Index



nverted Index

racle!!

inverse index

block

...	...
hadoop	(.../hadoop,1)
hbase	(.../hbase,1),(.../hive,1)
hdfs	(.../hadoop,1),(.../hbase,1),(.../hive,1)
hive	(.../hive,1)
...	...

```
import org.apache.spark.SparkContext
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val sparkContext = new SparkContext(master, “Inv. Index”)
sparkContext.textFile("/path/to/input").
map { line =>
 val array = line.split(",", 2)
 (array(0), array(1))  // (id, content)
}.flatMap {
 case (id, content) =>
  toWords(content).map(word => ((word,id),1)) // toWords not shown
}.reduceByKey(_ + _).
map {
 case ((word,id),n) => (word,(id,n))
}.groupByKey.
mapValues {
 seq => sortByCount(seq)  // Sort the value seq by count, desc.
}.saveAsTextFile("/path/to/output")
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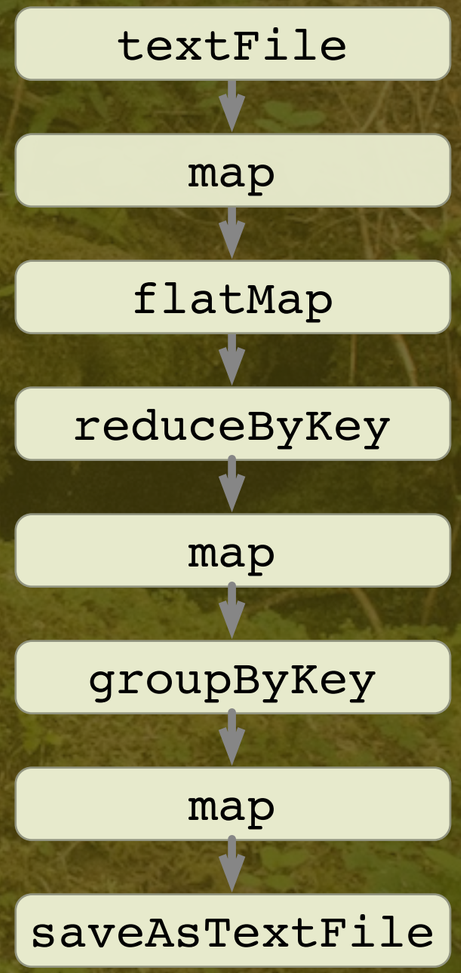
Intuitive API:

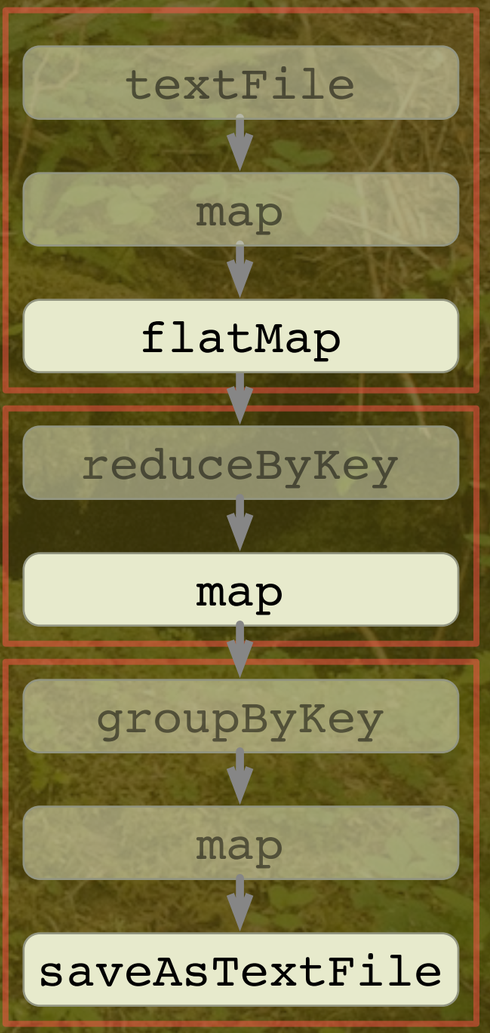
- Dataflow of steps.
- Inspired by Scala collections and functional programming.



Performance?

Lazy API:

- Combines steps into "stages".
- Cache intermediate data in memory.



Higher-Level APIs


SQL:
Datasets/
DataFrames

Example

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  .master("local")
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  .getOrCreate()

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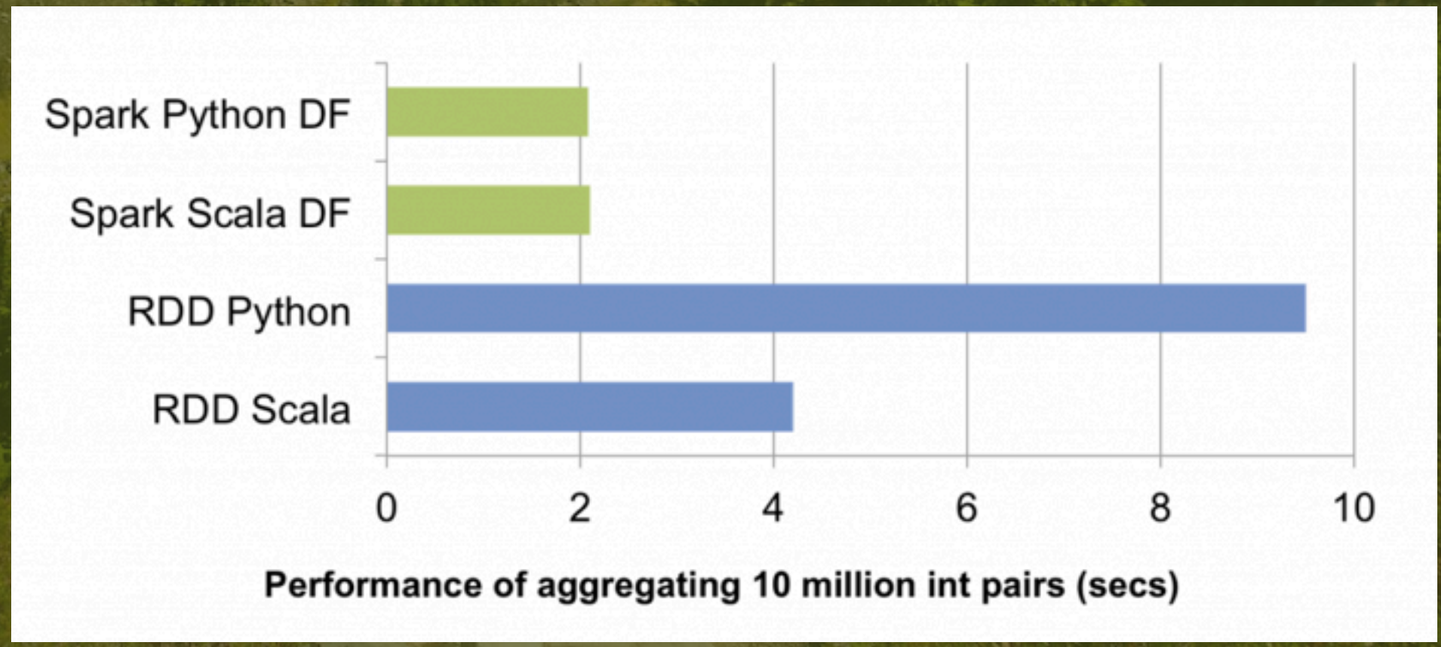
Not an “arbitrary” anonymous function, but a “Column” instance.

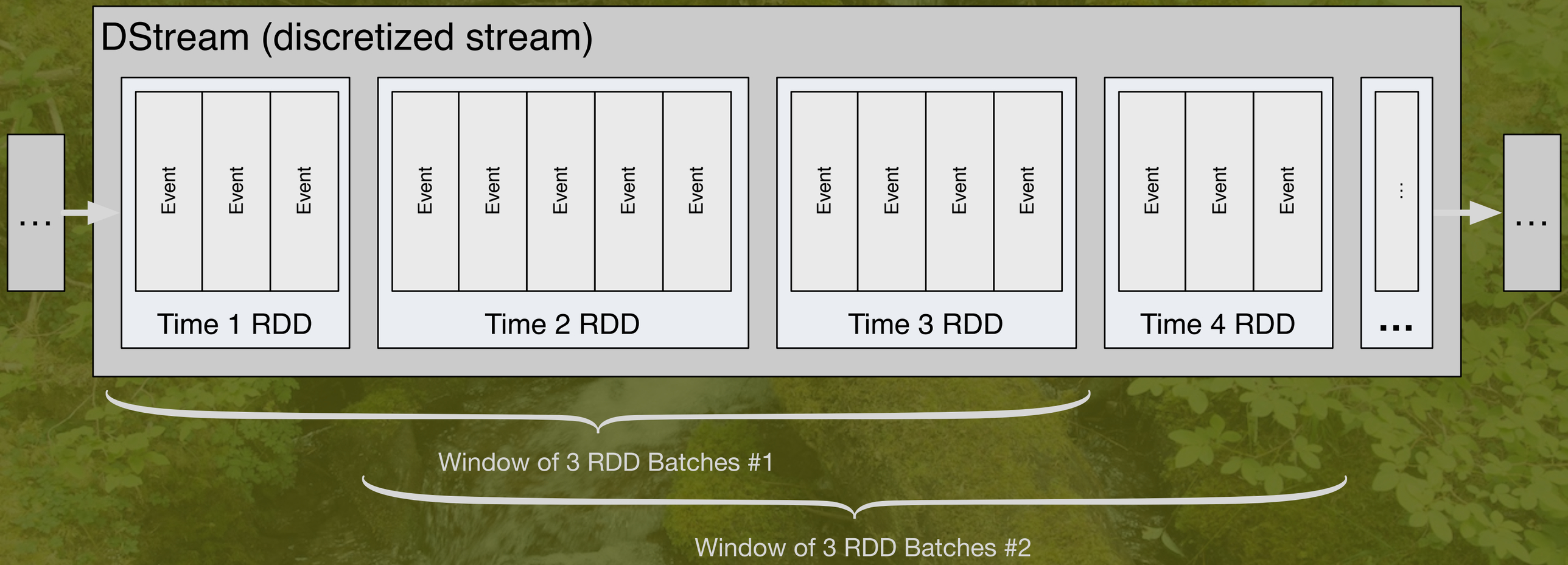
Performance

The Dataset API has the same performance for all languages: Scala, Java, Python, R, and SQL!



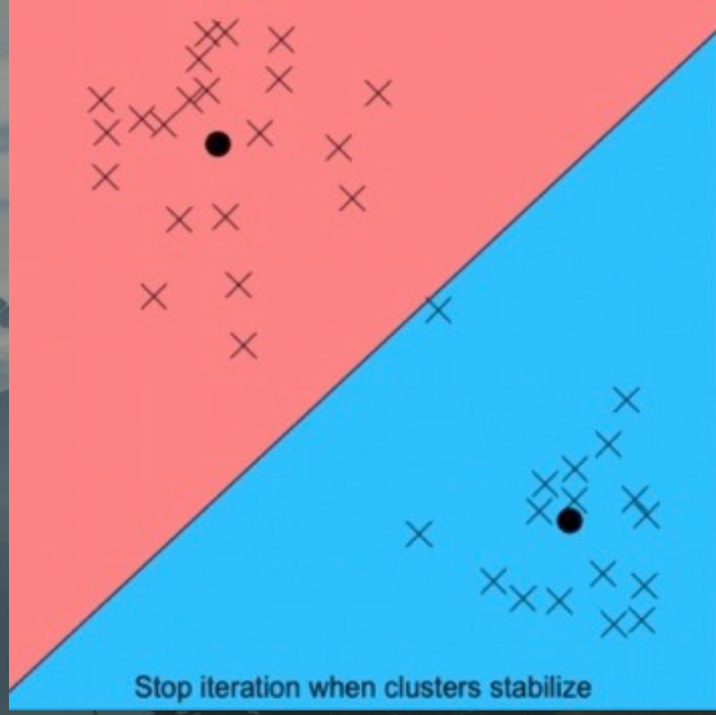
```
def join(right: Dataset[_], joinExprs: Column): DataFrame = {
def groupBy(cols: Column*): RelationalGroupedDataset = {
def orderBy(sortExprs: Column*): Dataset[T] = {
def select(cols: Column*): Dataset[...] = {
def where(condition: Column): Dataset[T] = {
def limit(n: Int): Dataset[T] = {
def intersect(other: Dataset[T]): Dataset[T] = {
def sample(withReplacement: Boolean, fraction, seed) = {
def drop(col: Column): DataFrame = {
def map[U](f: T => U): Dataset[U] = {
def flatMap[U](f: T => Traversable[U]): Dataset[U] ={
def foreach(f: T => Unit): Unit = {
def take(n: Int): Array[Row] = {
def count(): Long = {
def distinct(): Dataset[T] = {
def agg(exprs: Map[String, String]): DataFrame = {
```


Structured
Streaming


DStream (discretized stream)
Event
Time 1 RDD
Time 2 RDD
Time 3 RDD
Time 4 RDD
Window of 3 RDD Batches #1
Window of 3 RDD Batches #2


ML/MLlib

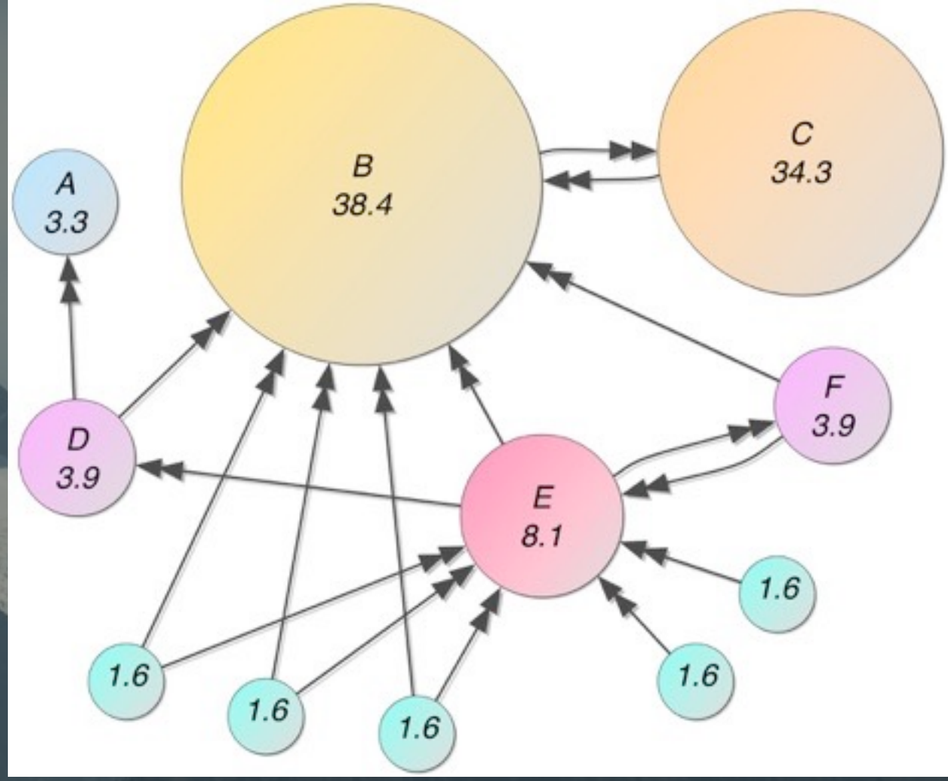
K-Means



- Machine Learning requires:
  - Iterative training of models.
  - Good linear algebra perf.


GraphX

PageRank



- Graph algorithms require:
  - Incremental traversal.
  - Efficient edge and node reps.


Foundation:
The JVM


20 Years of
DevOps
Lots of Java Devs

Tools and Libraries

Akka
Breeze
Algebird
Spire & Cats
Axle
...

Big Data Ecosystem


But it's
not perfect...


Richer data libs.
in Python & R

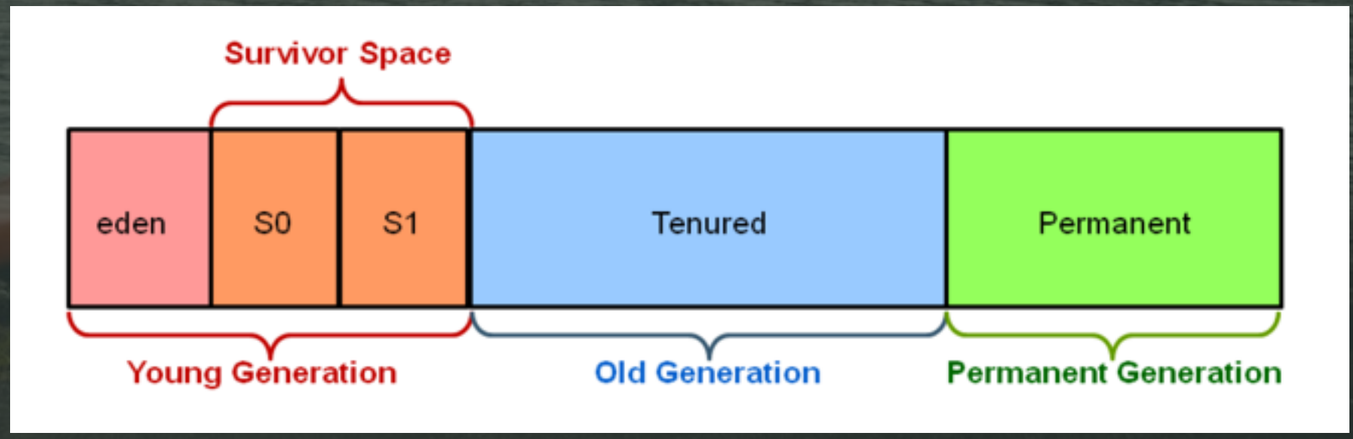
Garbage Collection

GC Challenges

- Typical Spark heaps: 10s-100s GB.
- Uncommon for "generic", non-data services.

GC Challenges

- Too many cached RDDs leads to huge old generation garbage.
- Billions of objects => long GC pauses.



Tuning GC

- Best for Spark:
  - -XX:UseG1GC -XX:-ResizePLAB -Xms... -Xmx... -XX:InitiatingHeapOccupancyPercent=... -XX:ConcGCThread=...

databricks.com/blog/2015/05/28/tuning-java-garbage-collection-for-spark-applications.html

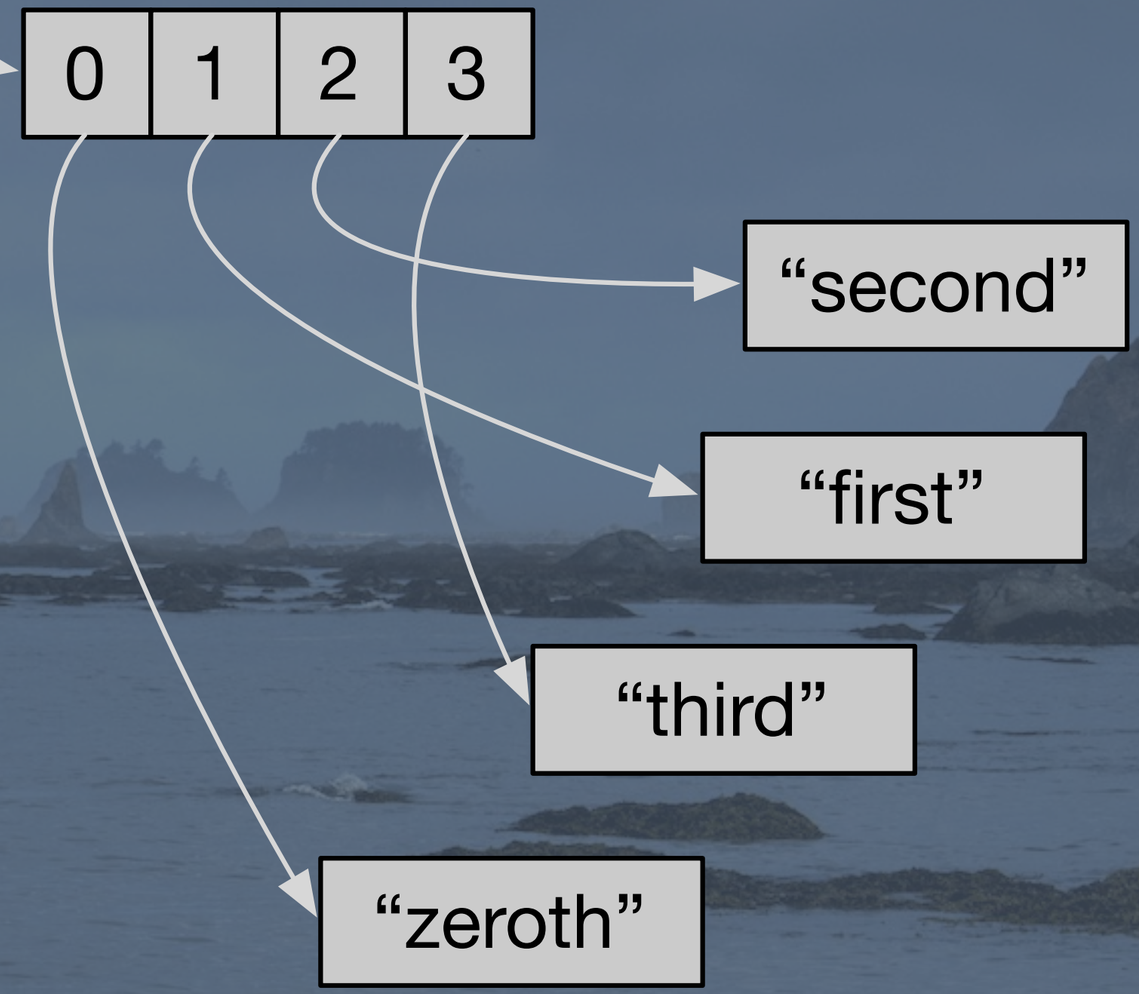
JVM Object Model

Java Objects?

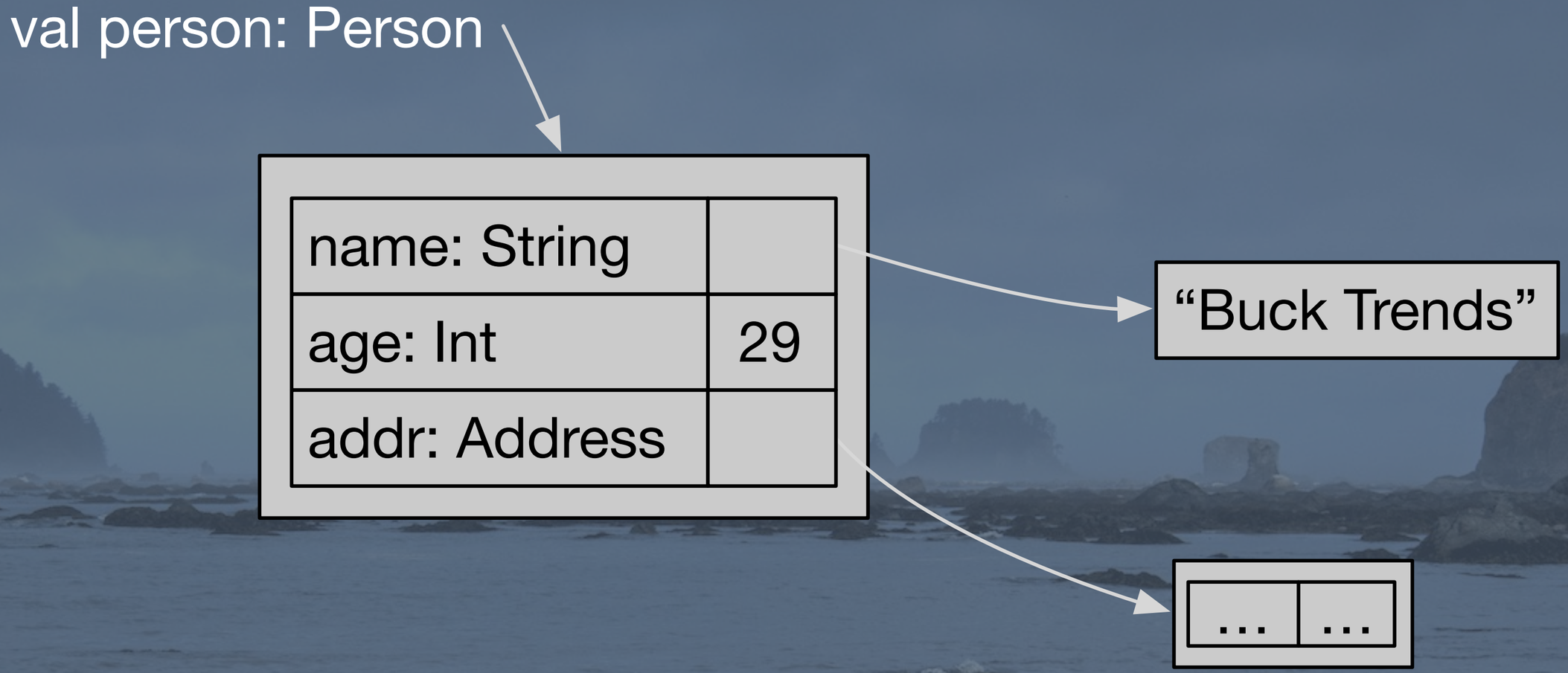
- "abcd": 4 bytes for raw UTF8, right?
- 48 bytes for the Java object:
  - 12 byte header.
  - 8 bytes for hash code.
  - 20 bytes for array overhead.
  - 8 bytes for UTF16 chars.

Arrays

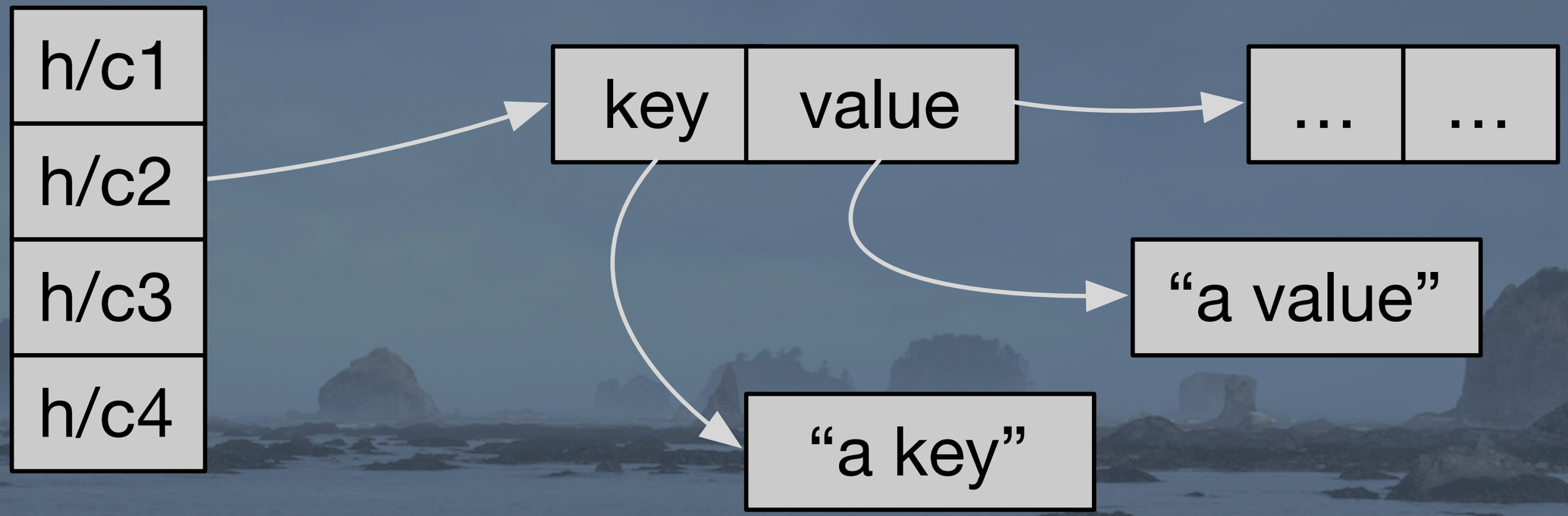
val myArray: Array[String]



Class Instances



Hash Map



Hash Maps

Improving Performance

Why obsess about this?

Spark jobs are CPU bound:

- Improve network I/O? ~2% better.
- Improve disk I/O? ~20% better.

What changed?

- Faster HW (compared to ~2000)
  - 10Gbs networks
  - SSDs.

What changed?

- Smarter use of I/O
  - Pruning unneeded data sooner.
  - Caching more effectively.
  - Efficient formats, like Parquet.

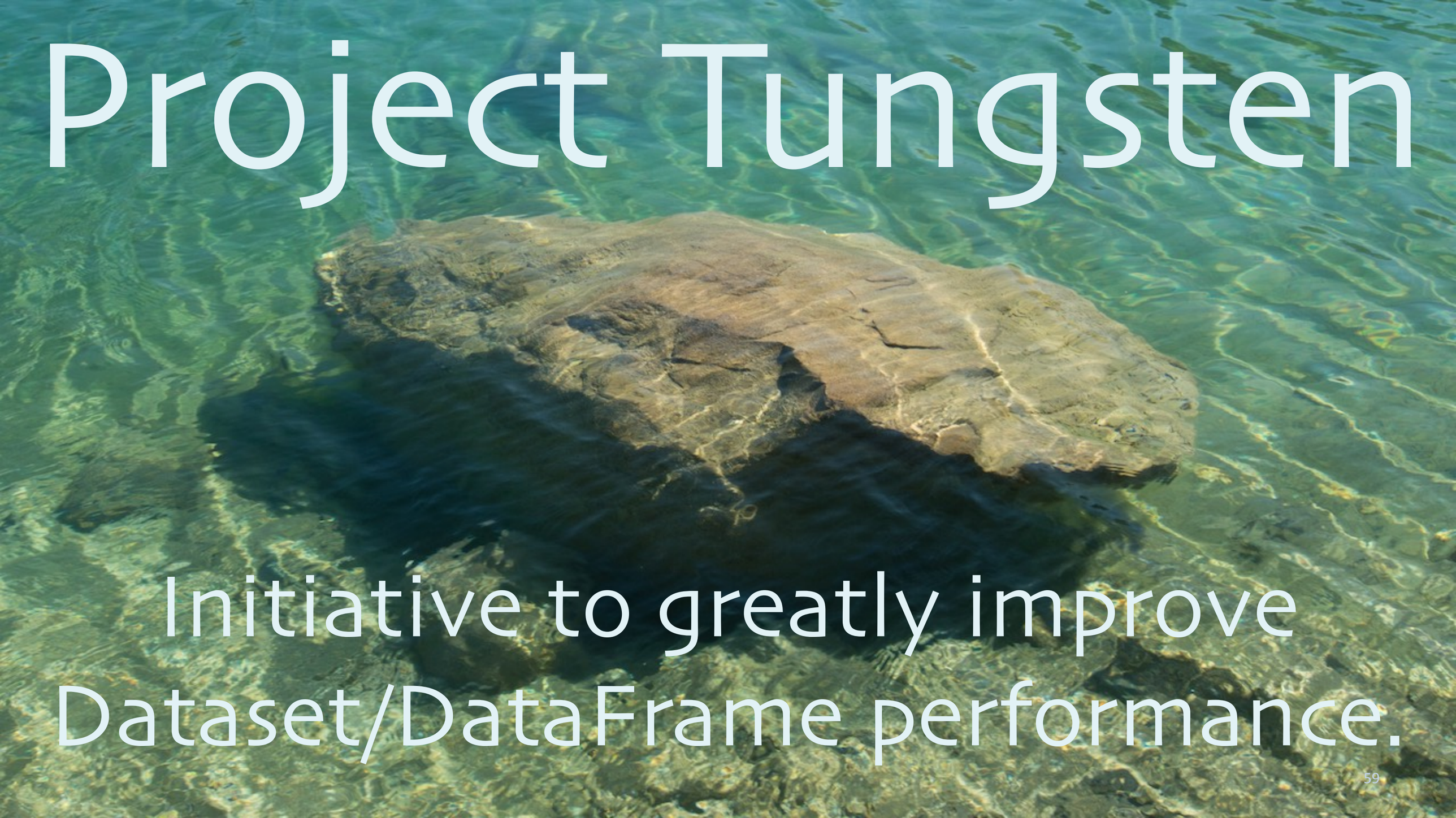
What changed?

- But more CPU use today:
  - More Serialization.
  - More Compression.
  - More Hashing (joins, group-bys).

Improving Performance

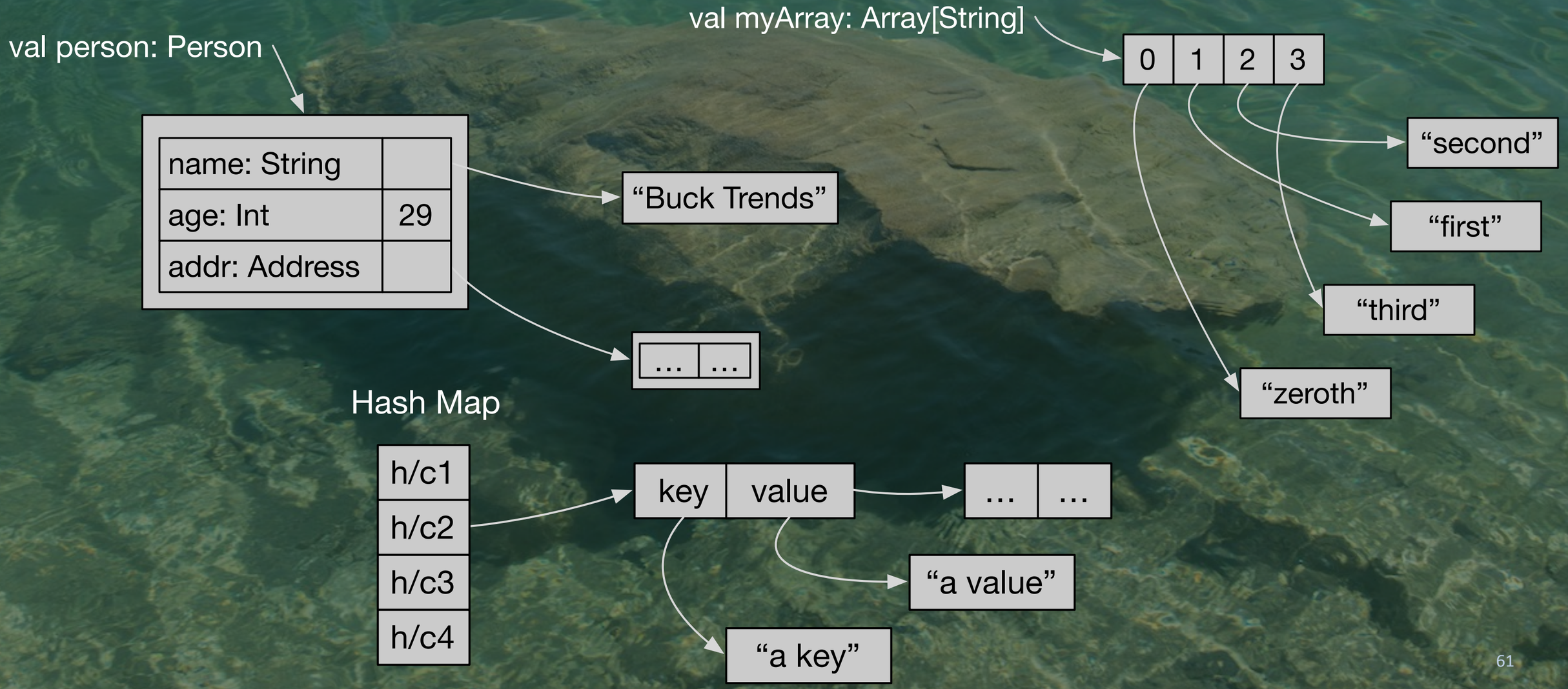
To improve performance, we need to focus on the CPU, the:

- Better algorithms, sure.
- And optimize use of memory.


Project Tungsten
Initiative to greatly improve
Dataset/DataFrame performance.

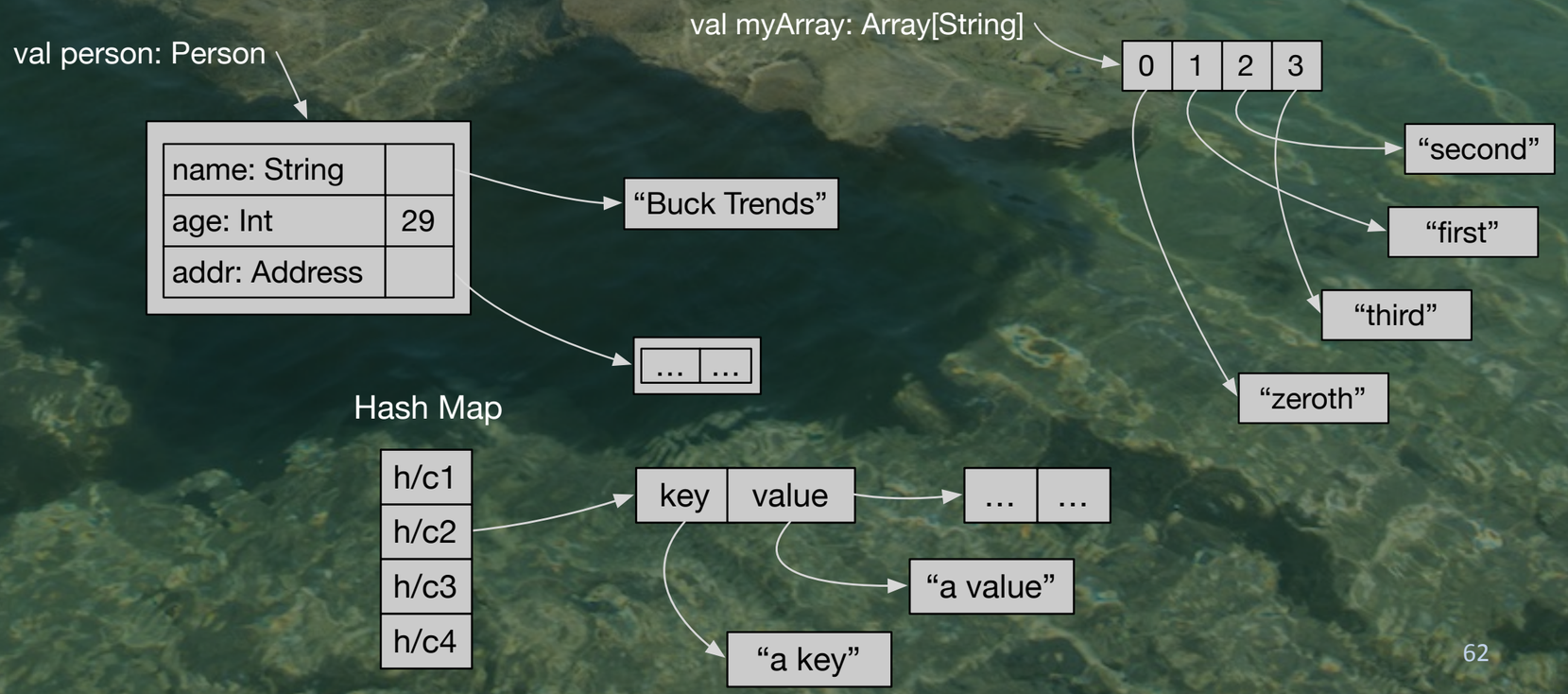
Goals

Reduce References



Reduce References

- Fewer, bigger objects to GC.
- Fewer cache misses



Less Expression Overhead

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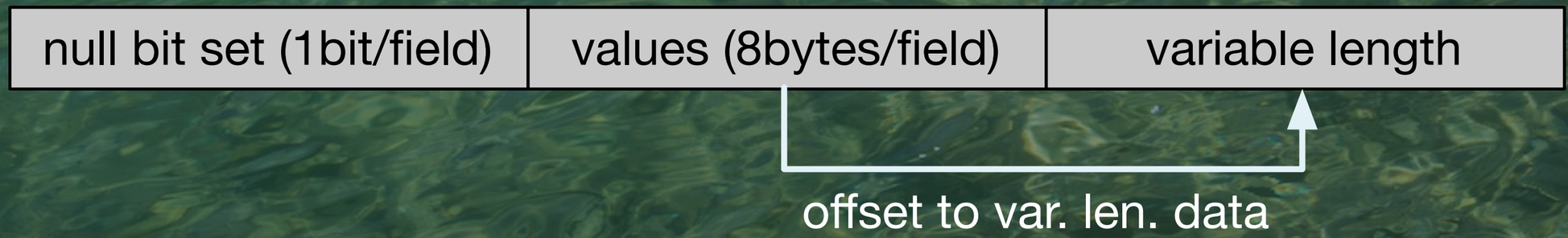
- Evaluating expressions billions of times:
  - Virtual function calls.
  - Boxing/unboxing.
  - Branching (if statements, etc.)

Implementation

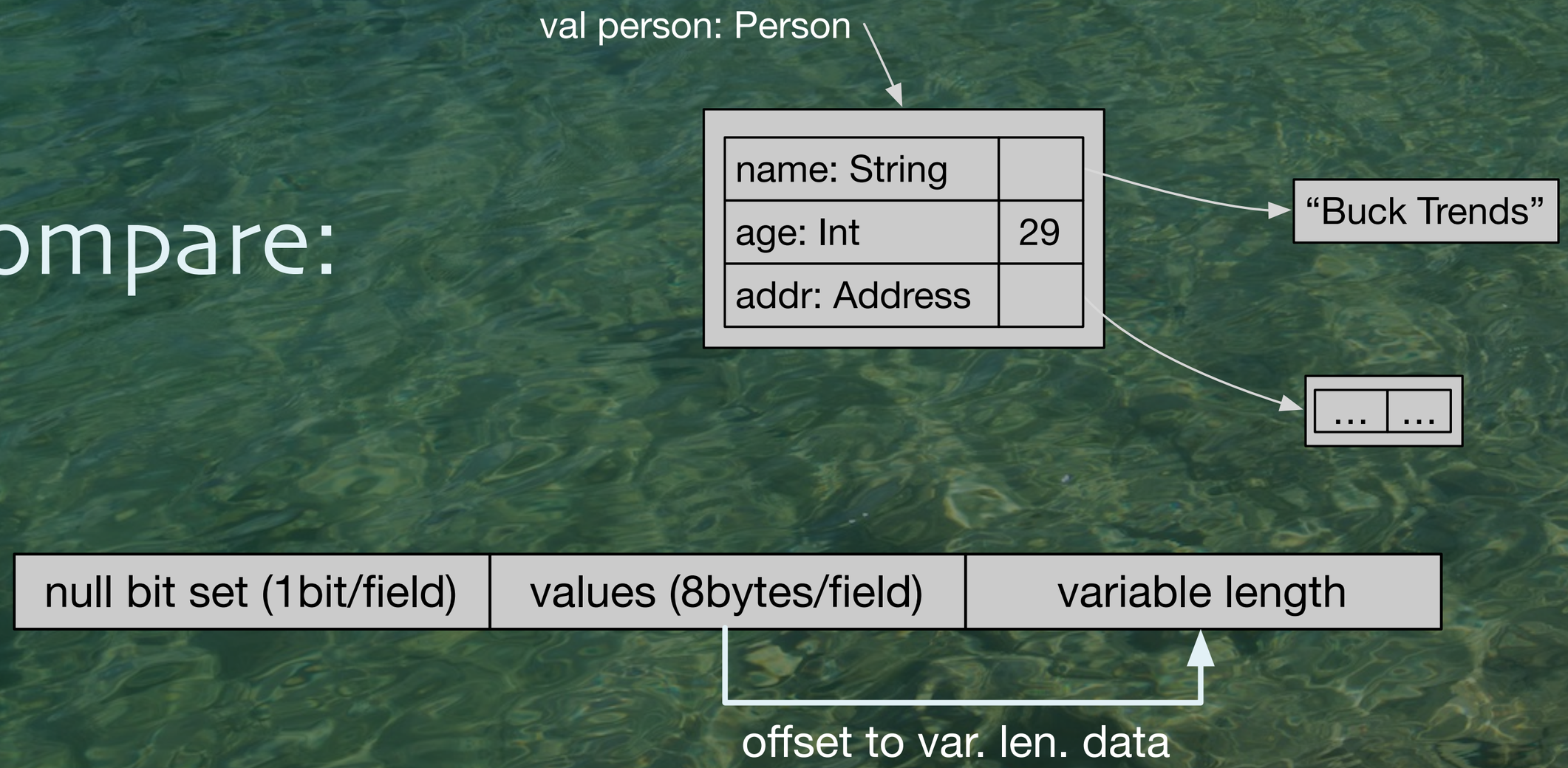
Object Encoding

New CompactRow type:

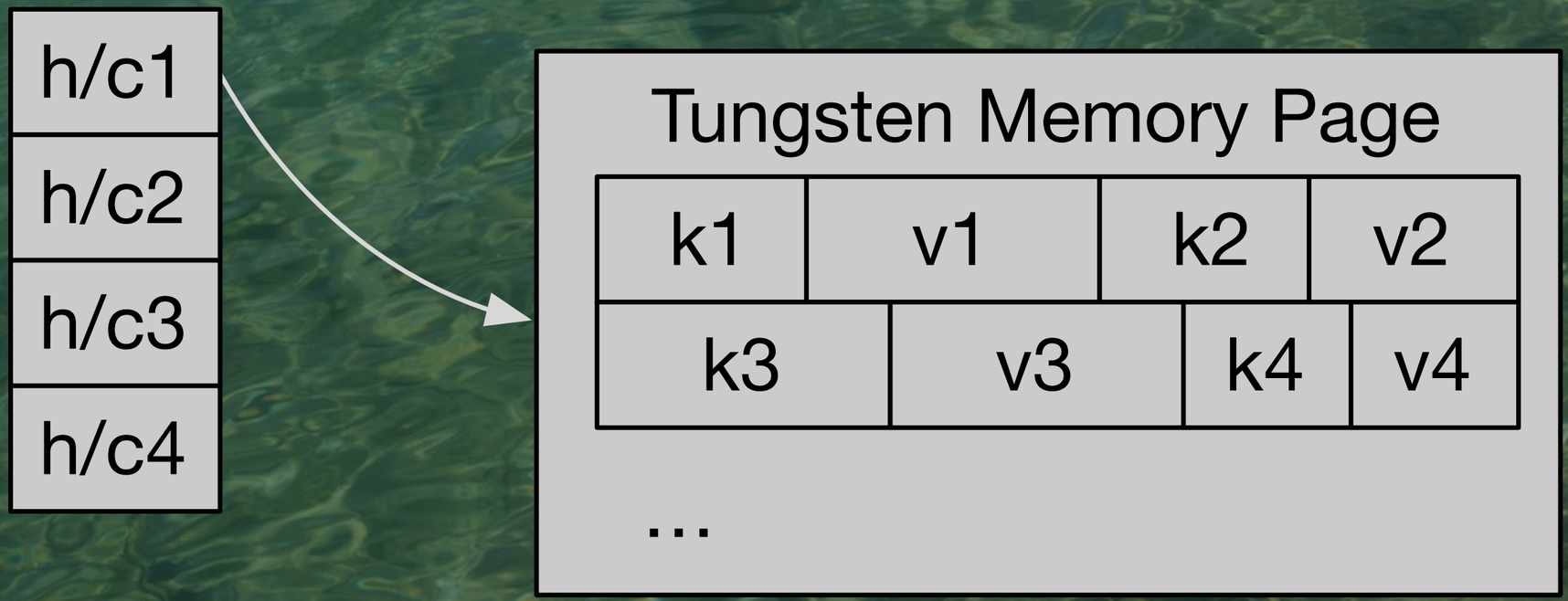


- Compute hashCode and equals on raw bytes.

- Compare:


val person: Person
name: String
age: Int
29
addr: Address
“Buck Trends”
…
…
null bit set (1bit/field)
values (8bytes/field)
variable length
offset to var. len. data

- BytesToBytesMap:



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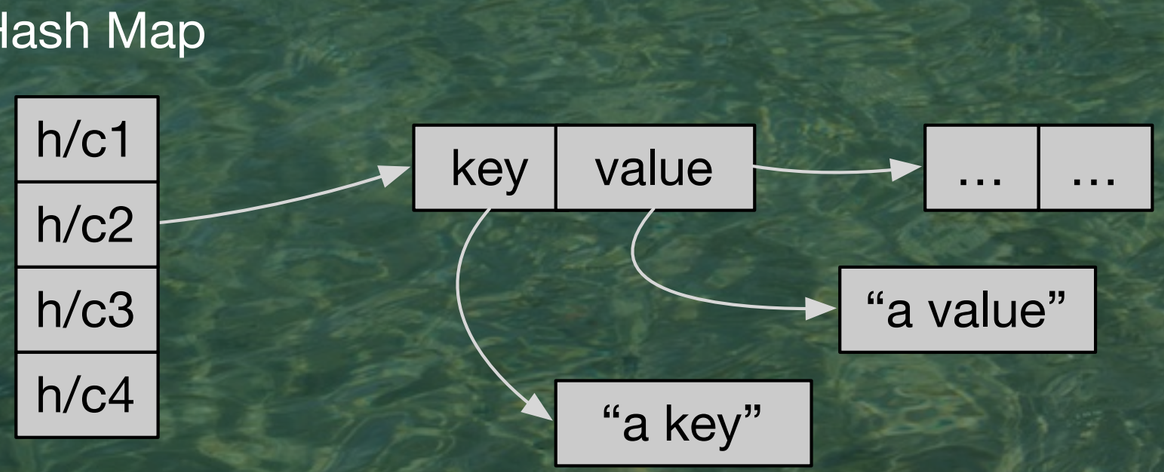
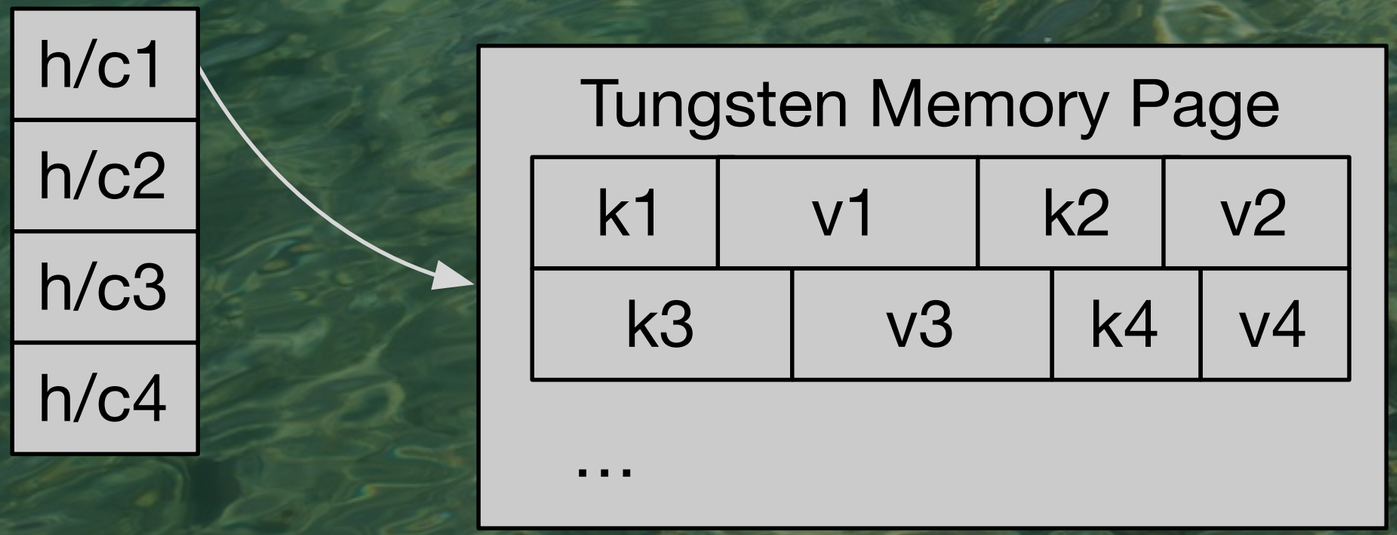

Hash Map
h/c1
h/c2
h/c3
h/c4
key
value
…
…
“a value”
“a key”


h/c1
h/c2
h/c3
h/c4
Tungsten Memory Page
k1
v1
k2
v2
k3
v3
k4
v4
…

Memory Management

- Some allocations off heap.
  - sun.misc.Unsafe.

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    - Spark 2.0 - for whole queries.


No Value Types
(Planned for Java 9 or 10)

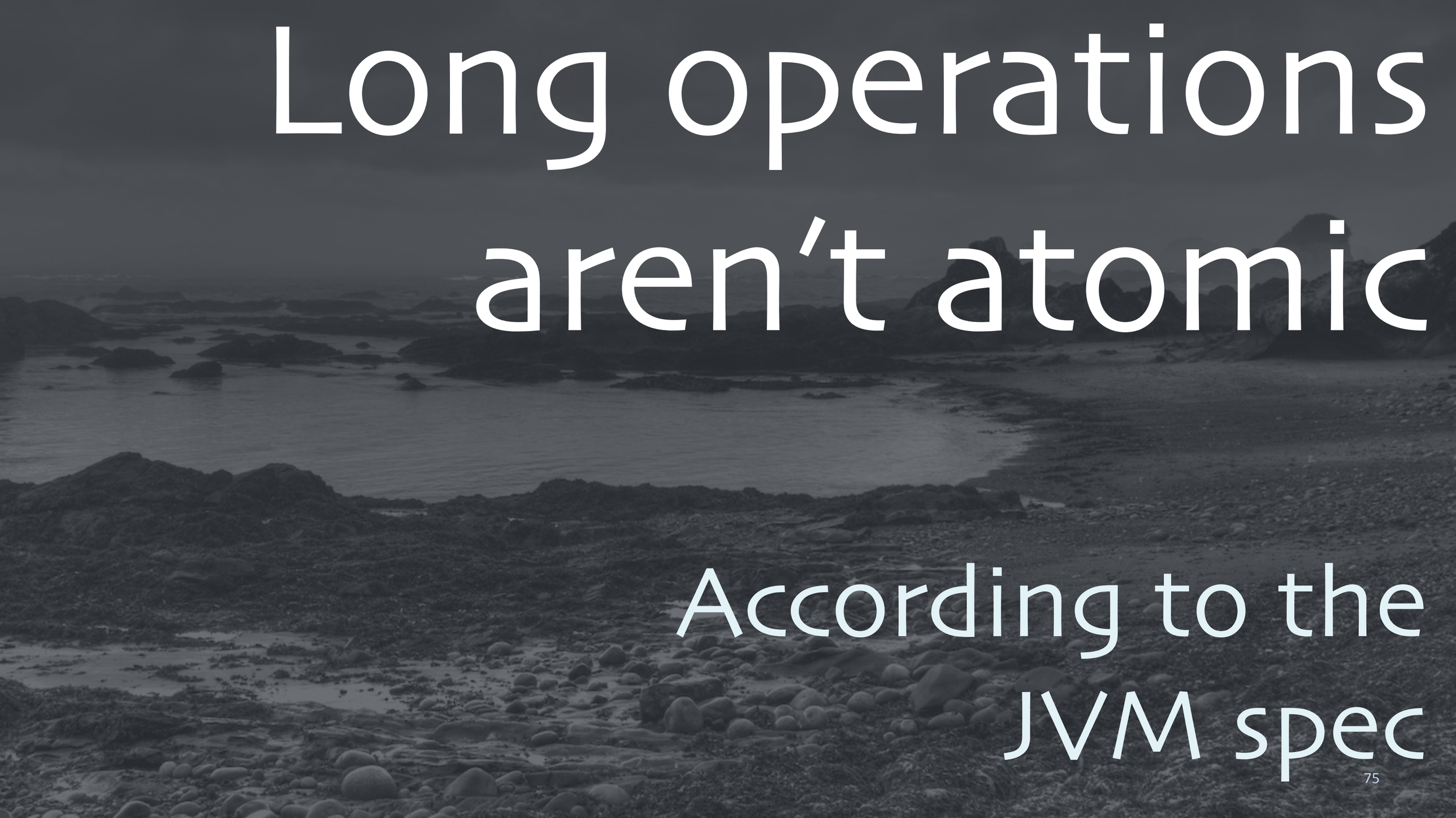
```
case class Timestamp(epochMillis: Long) {

  def toString: String = { ... }

  def add(delta: TimeDelta): Timestamp = {
    /* return new shifted time */
  }

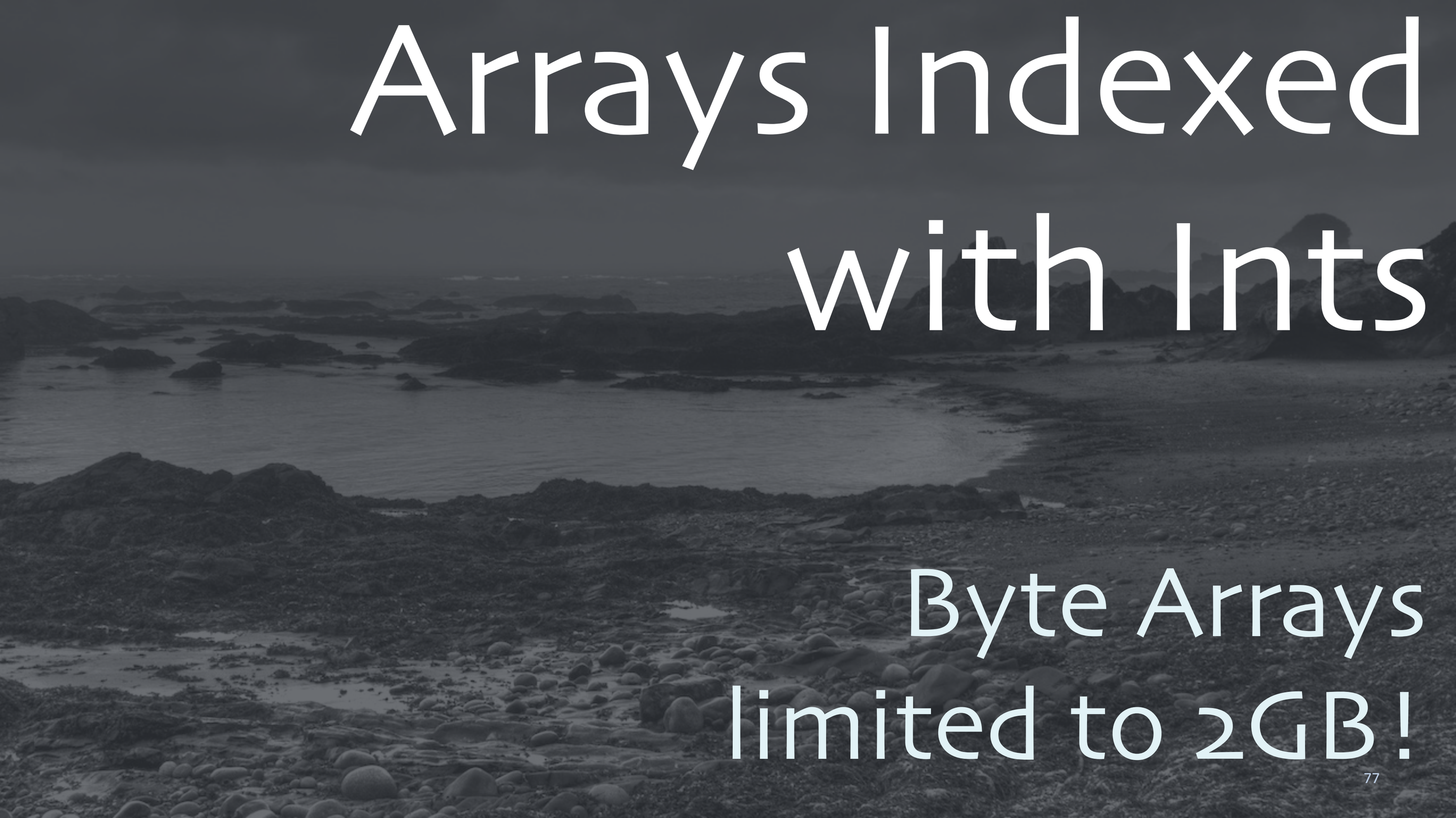
  ...
}
```

Don’t allocate on the heap; just push the primitive long on the stack.
(scalac does this now.)


Long operations
aren't atomic
According to the
JVM spec

No Unsigned Types

What's factorial(-1)?



Arrays Indexed with Ints

Byte Arrays limited to 2GB!

```
scala> val N = 1100*1000*1000
N2: Int = 1100000000 // 1.1 billion

scala> val array = Array.fill[Short](N)(0)
array: Array[Short] = Array(0, 0, ...)

scala> import
org.apache.spark.util.SizeEstimator

scala> SizeEstimator.estimate(array)
res3: Long = 2200000016   // 2.2GB
```

```
scala> val b = sc.broadcast(array)
...broadcast.Broadcast[Array[Short]] = ...

scala> SizeEstimator.estimate(b)
res0: Long = 2368

scala> sc.parallelize(0 until 100000).
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java.lang.OutOfMemoryError:
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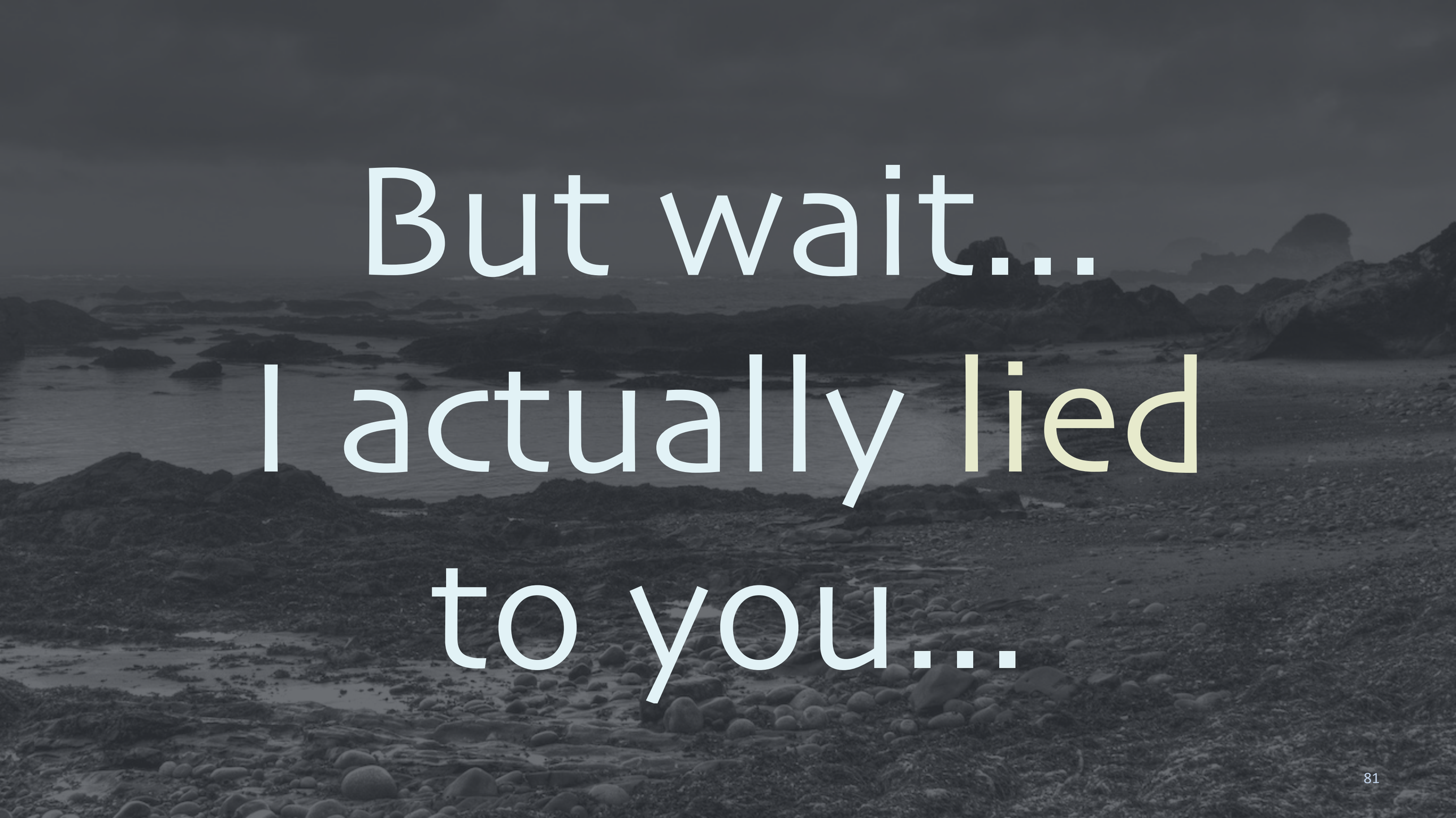
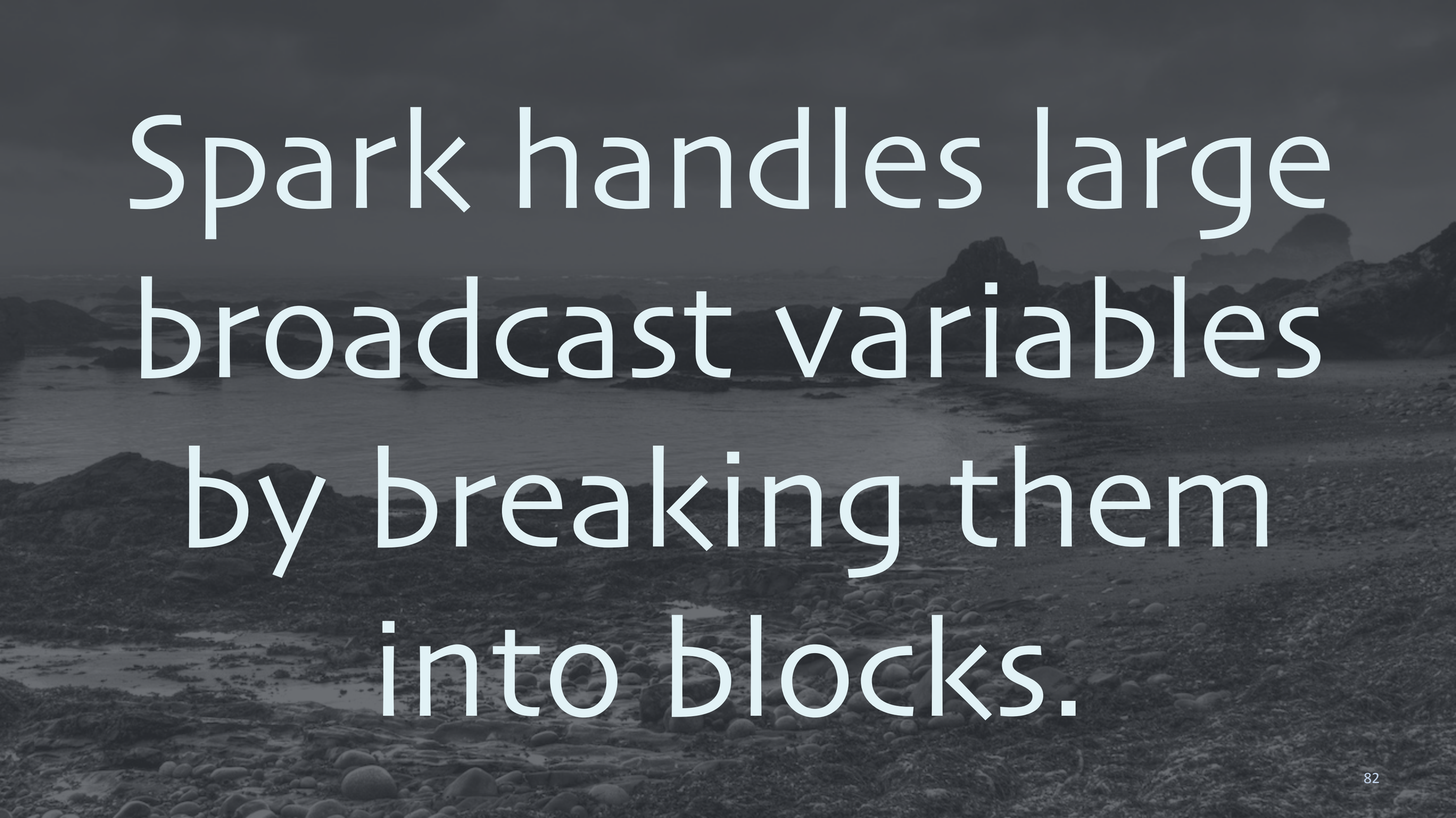
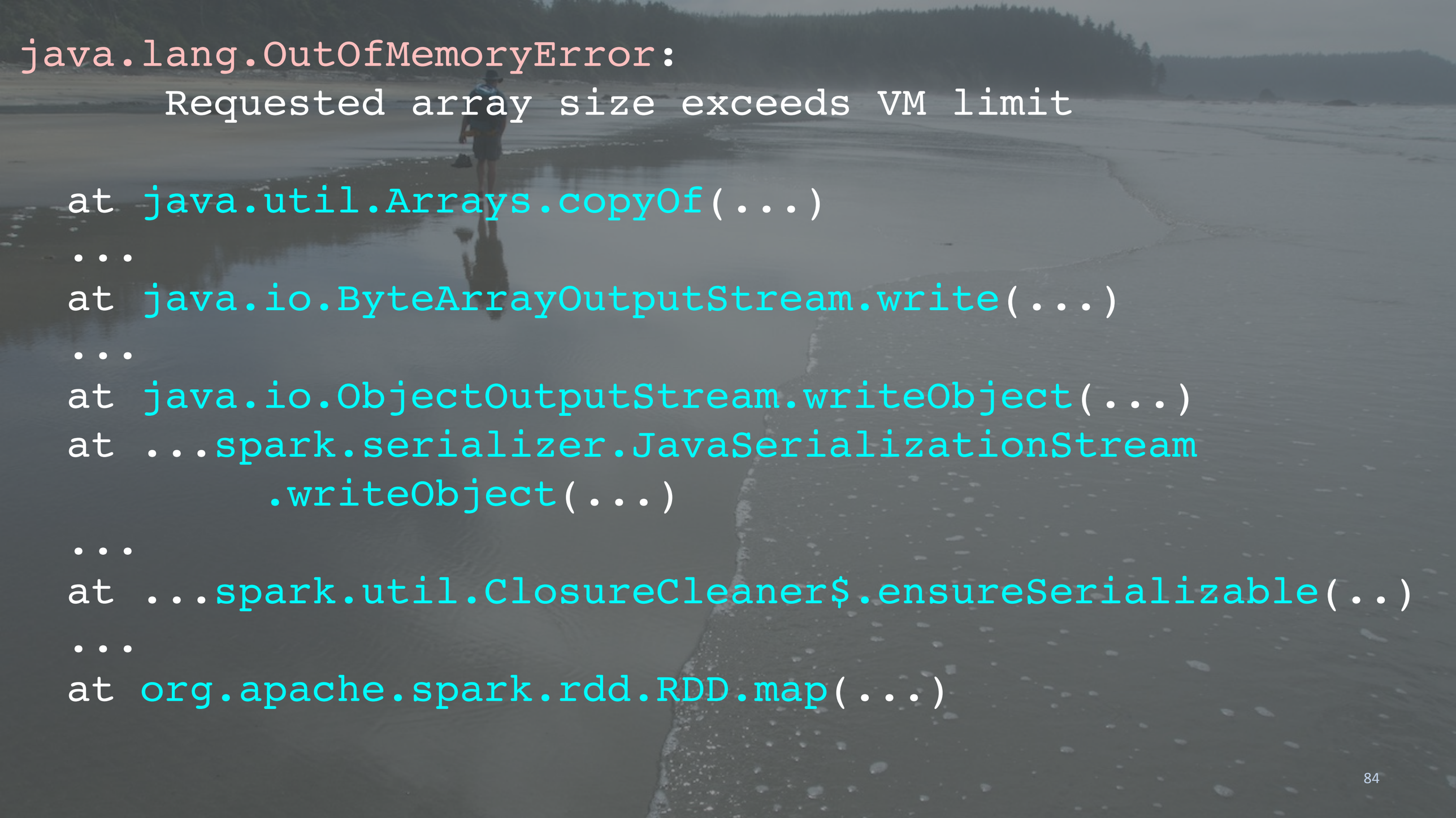
  at java.util.Arrays.copyOf(...)
  ...
```

Boom!


But wait...
I actually lied
to you...


Spark handles large broadcast variables by breaking them into blocks.

Scala REPL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at ...spark.serializer.JavaSerializationStream
.writeObject(...)
...
at ...spark.util.ClosureCleaner$.ensureSerializable(..)
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Pass this closure to RDD.map:

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Verify that it's "clean" (serializable).

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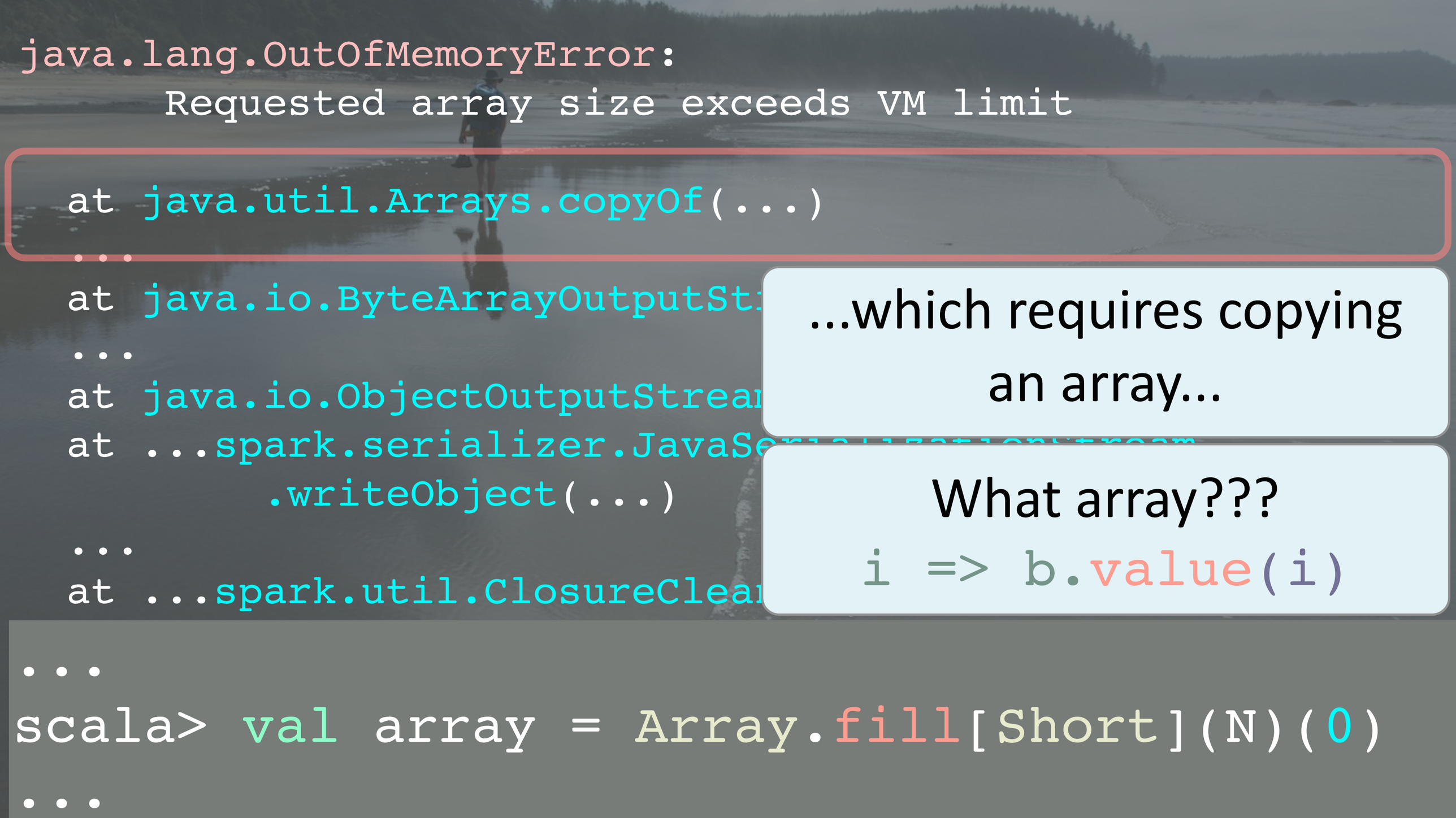
...which it does by serializing to a byte array...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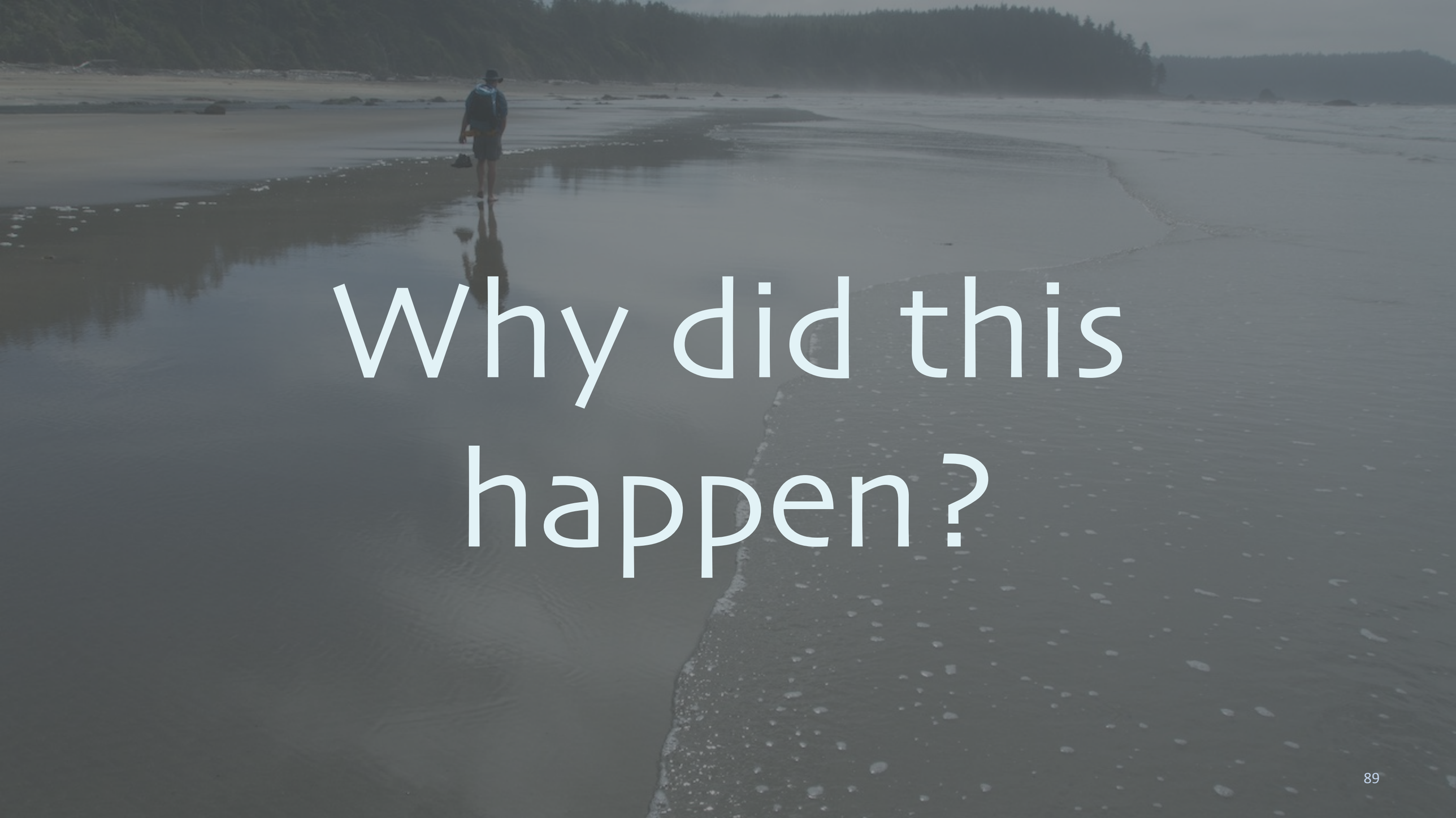
...which requires copying an array...
What array???
i => b.value(i)


Why did this
happen?

- You write:

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scala> val b = sc.broadcast(array)
scala> sc.parallelize(0 until 100000).
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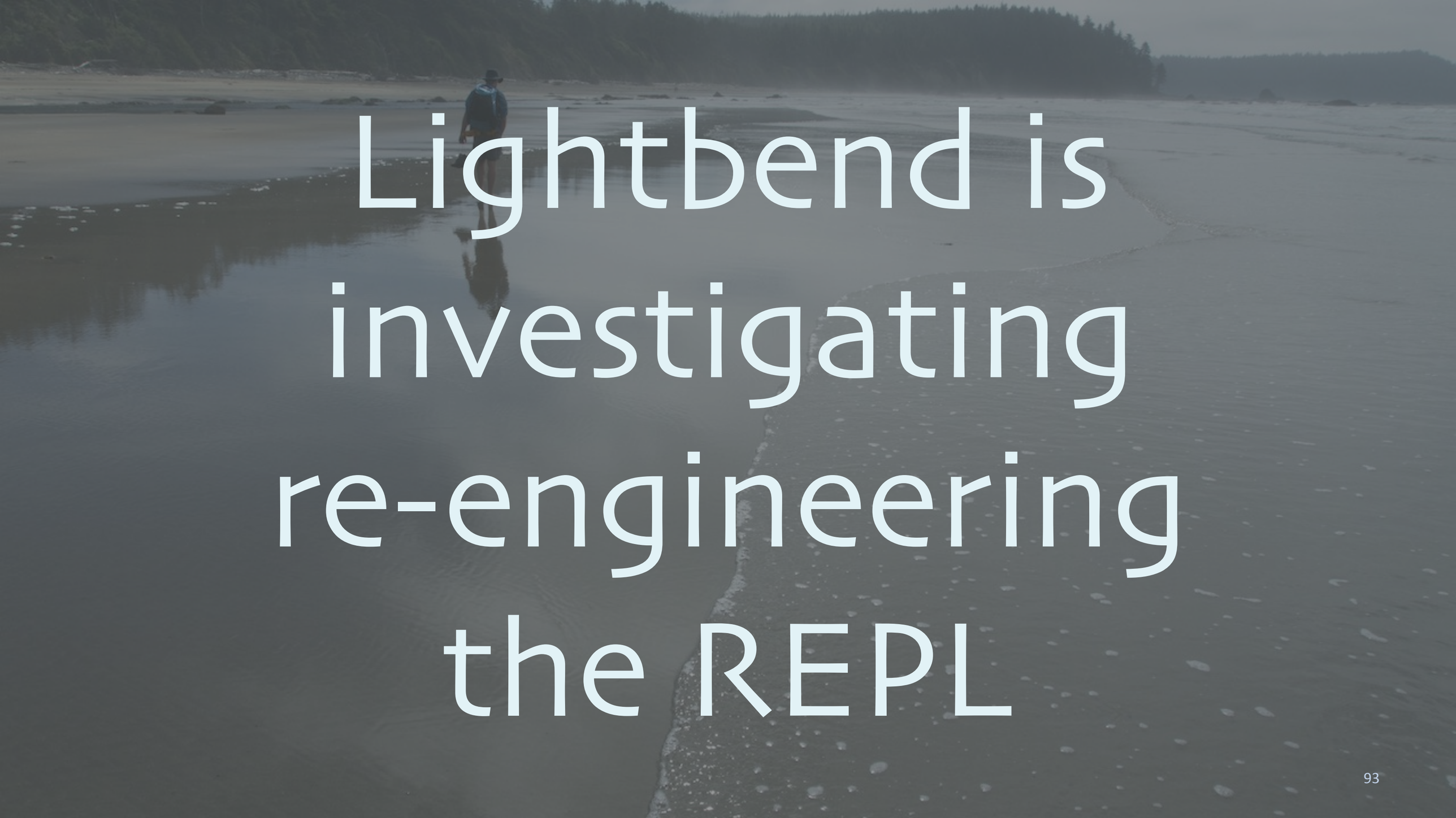
So, this closure over “b”…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Workarounds…

- Transient is often all you need:

```
scala> @transient val array =
     |   Array.fill[Short](N)(0)
scala> ...
```

```
object Data {   // Encapsulate in objects!
  val N = 1100*1000*1000
  val array = Array.fill[Short](N)(0)
  val getB = sc.broadcast(array)
}
object Work {
  def run(): Unit = {
    val b = Data.getB // local ref!
    val rdd = sc.parallelize(...).
      map(i => b.value(i)) // only needs b
    rdd.take(10).foreach(println)
}}
```

Why Scala?

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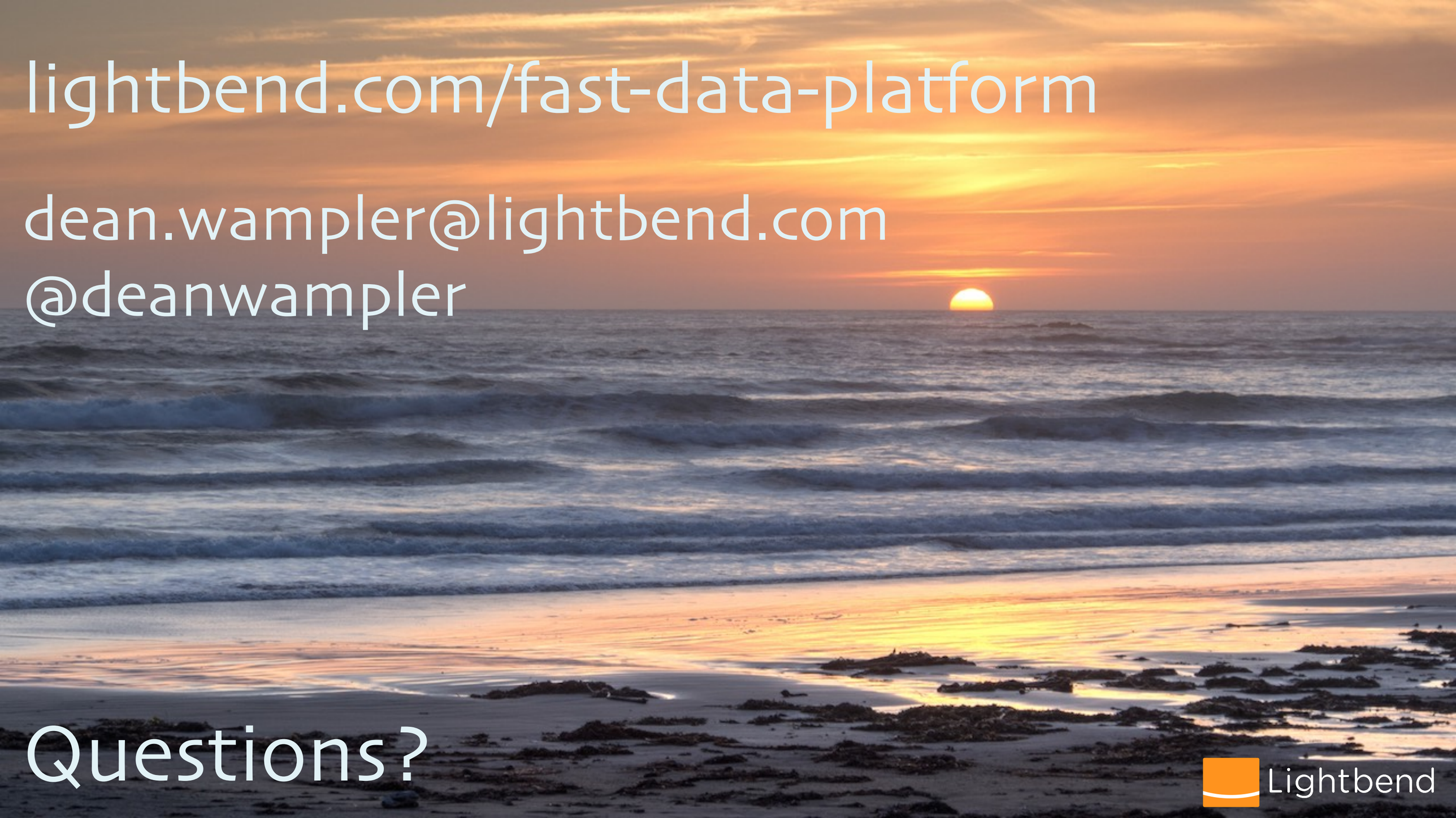
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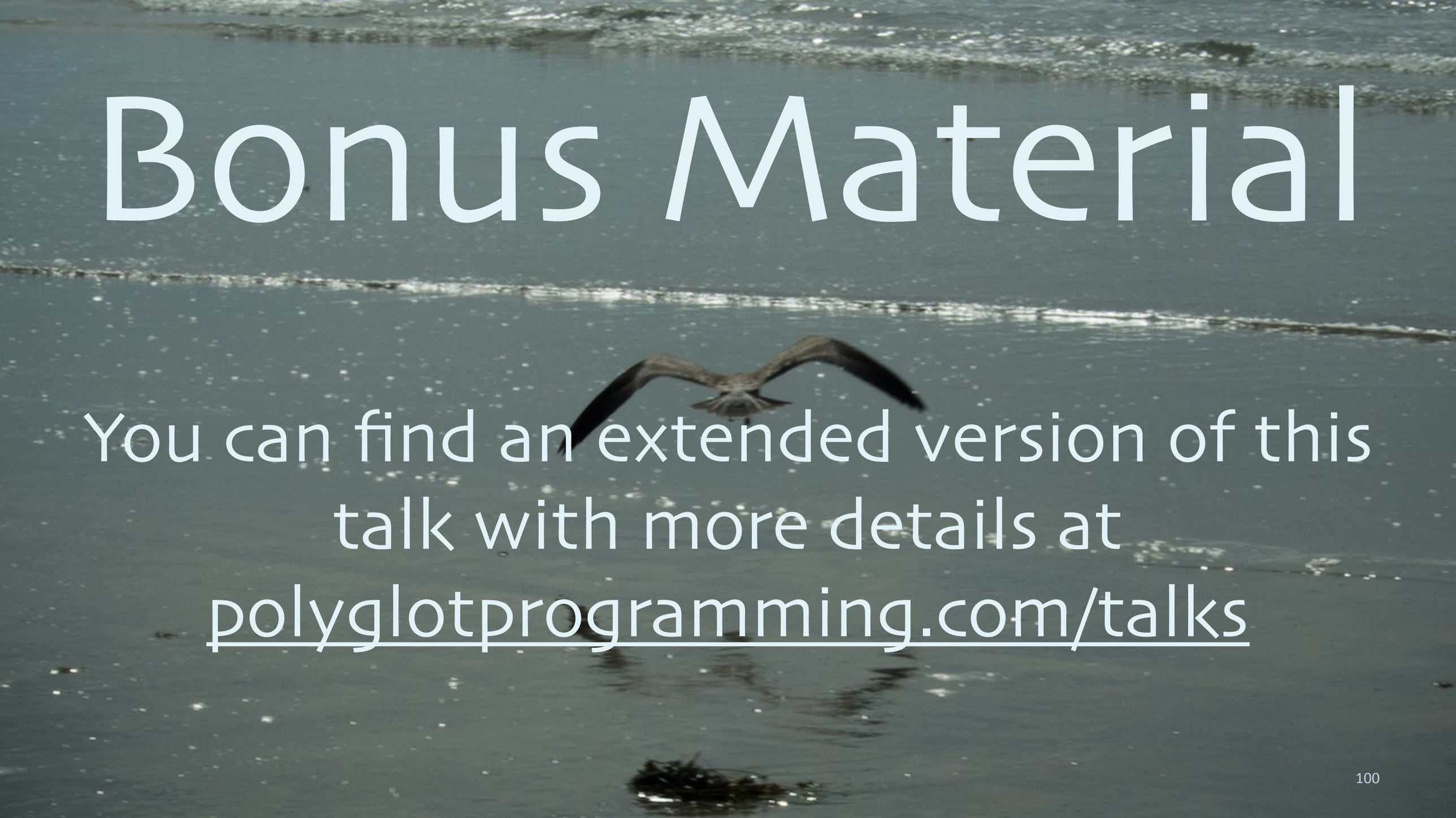

Bonus Material

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