

CS 696 Intro to Big Data: Tools and Methods  
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Doc 1 Introduction  
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# Course Issues

<http://www.eli.sdsu.edu/courses/index.html>

Waitlist

Course Web Site

Wiki

Course Recordings

Prerequisites

This room

Grading

Books

Spark & Related Tools

Data Science

# Waitlist - How to get into a Class

Add yourself to the course waitlist

Instructors can not

- Add individuals to the class

- See who is on the waitlist

- Change your priority on the waitlist

# Waitlist - How it works

Waitlist is a priority queue

When a seat in a class becomes available the top priority student is added

You can not be enrolled in two classes that meet at the same time

If wait list system adds you to a class, it will drop you from classes that meet at the same time

First week of classes as students drop others are added

Second week of classes students are only added if instructor releases the seats

# Can you add me to the Course?

Instructors can't select individual students to add to the course

# Waitlist FAQ

Why not get a bigger room and admit everyone?

No first hard assignment to scare people

No Grader

Do you really want a 600 level class of 100 people?

This is the largest room of its type on campus

# Waitlist FAQ

Will you be increasing the size of the class?

No

Why not?

No grader

New courses are a lot of work

Technology courses are a lot of work

# Waitlist FAQ

Feb 1

Last day for regular students to add/drop classes

Open University students have lower priority than SDSU students



# Waitlist FAQ

So what are my chances of adding this class?

Look up your position on the waitlist

What are the odds of that many people dropping the class

I can not see the waitlist

I have no idea how many people will drop

# Grading

1 exam

4-6 assignments

Project

# Course Website Demo

# What are the Tools & Methods?

Programming language - Python

Programming Notebook

Visualization

scatter, box, violin, qq, line, density plots

errorbar, histogram, beeswarms

Statistics

mean, variance, quantiles, distributions

confidence intervals, correlation, covariance

regression, goodness-of-fit, chi-squared test

Bayes theorem

Machine Learning

k-means, DBSCAN, Decision & Regression trees

Streaming - Kafka

Database - Cassandra

Hadoop, Spark, Pig, Mahout, etc.

# What will be be doing

Installing programs

Python, Jupyter, Spark, Kafka, Cassandra

Writing Python, Java, Scala-Spark programs

Reports using Jupyter Notebooks

Analyzing data

Distributing data

Visualizing Data

Using Spark

Using Amazon Cloud

# What will be be doing

~2 Weeks

Intro, Python

~5 weeks

Statistics, ML, NumPy, SciPy

Visualization

~3 weeks

Spark

~2 weeks

Kafka & Cassandra

## Notebooks - Documentation, development

Python, Julia, R,

Other supported by community - Java, Fortran, Haskell, Ruby, Go, Scala, many more

Other notebook systems

## Visualization

Python, Julia, R, Matlab

## ML

~~Python~~ (C), Julia, Matlab, R?

## Spark - Large Data Sets

Scala

Java

Python

R

Julia

## Kafka - Streaming Data

Java

JVM languages

Python

Julia (Except for offsets)

Others - No R Client

## Cassandra - Data Storage

Java

Python

R - sort of

# Prerequisites

You will be installing software

Python

Jupyter

Spark

Kafka

Cassandra

Plotly

Some of these are more complex  
on Windows than Unix/Mac OS

We will be doing some

Statistics

Math

Machine learning



# Tasks - Install the Following

Jupyter via Anaconda & Conda with Python 3

<http://jupyter.readthedocs.io/en/latest/install.html>

Spark 2.4.0, Prebuild for Apache Hadoop 2.7

Unix/Linux/Mac OS

<http://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/>

Windows <http://wiki.apache.org/hadoop/Hadoop2OnWindows>

# Books

Python Data Science Handbook: Essential Tools for Working with Data

Jake VanderPlas

O'Reilly Media

December 10, 2016

ISBN 9781491912058

Spark: The Definitive Guide

Matei Zaharia, Bill Chambers

February 2018

ISBN 9781491912218

# Books

Course books are available for free on-line via SDSU library

Need SDSU Library account to access books off campus

Some people do not like reading books on-line

But if you need to save money it is available

May add chapters of other books as semester progresses

But on-line from books available on-line

# Spark, Amazon

You will run Spark on Amazon's cloud

You need to create an Amazon AWS account

Sign up for Amazon Educate account - \$100 compute time for free

But you may incur some cost on Amazon

# Data Science & Big Data

Very trendy

When topics become trendy in CS the terms become very vague

Big Data Analytics with Excel

Is Data Scientist A Useless Job Title?

# Data Science

Data science is an interdisciplinary field about processes and systems to extract knowledge or insights from data in various forms, either structured or unstructured,[1][2] which is a continuation of some of the data analysis fields such as statistics, data mining, and predictive analytics,[3] similar to Knowledge Discovery in Databases (KDD)

Wikipedia

# Data Science

Data Scientist (n.):

Person who is better at statistics than any software engineer and better at software engineering than any statistician.

— Josh Wills (@josh\_wills) May 3, 2012



### Data Engineer

A software engineer that deals with data plumbing  
Traditional database setup, Hadoop, Spark, etc.

### Data analyst

A person who digs into data to surface insights,  
but lacks the skills to do so at scale

They know how to use

Excel, Tableau and SQL

but can't build a web app from scratch



# Data Science

Science of transforming data into useful information by means of  
Statistical and  
Machine learning techniques

# Data Science & Big Data

Big Data

Data Science with large datasets

No hard boundary between Big Data and medium data

Requires more data plumbing

# Inconvenient Truth About Data Science

Data is never clean.

You will spend most of your time cleaning and preparing data.

95% of tasks do not require deep learning.

In 90% of cases generalized linear regression will do the trick.

Big Data is just a tool.

You should embrace the Bayesian approach.

No one cares how you did it.

Academia and business are two different worlds.

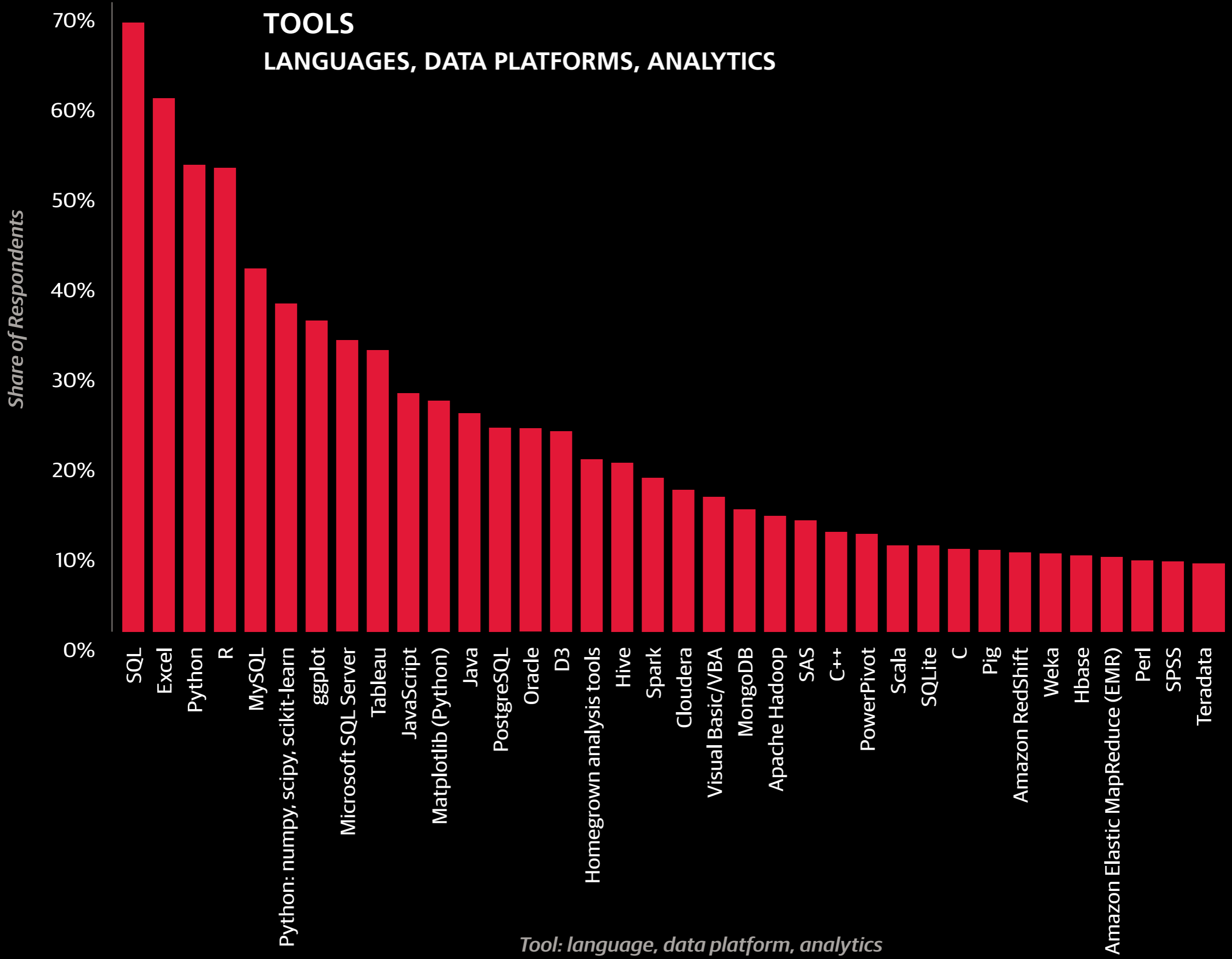
Presentation is key - be a master of Power Point.

All models are false, but some are useful.

There is no fully automated Data Science. You need to get your hands dirty.

# TOOLS

## LANGUAGES, DATA PLATFORMS, ANALYTICS



*Tool: language, data platform, analytics*

# TOOLS: LANGUAGES, DATA PLATFORMS, ANALYTICS

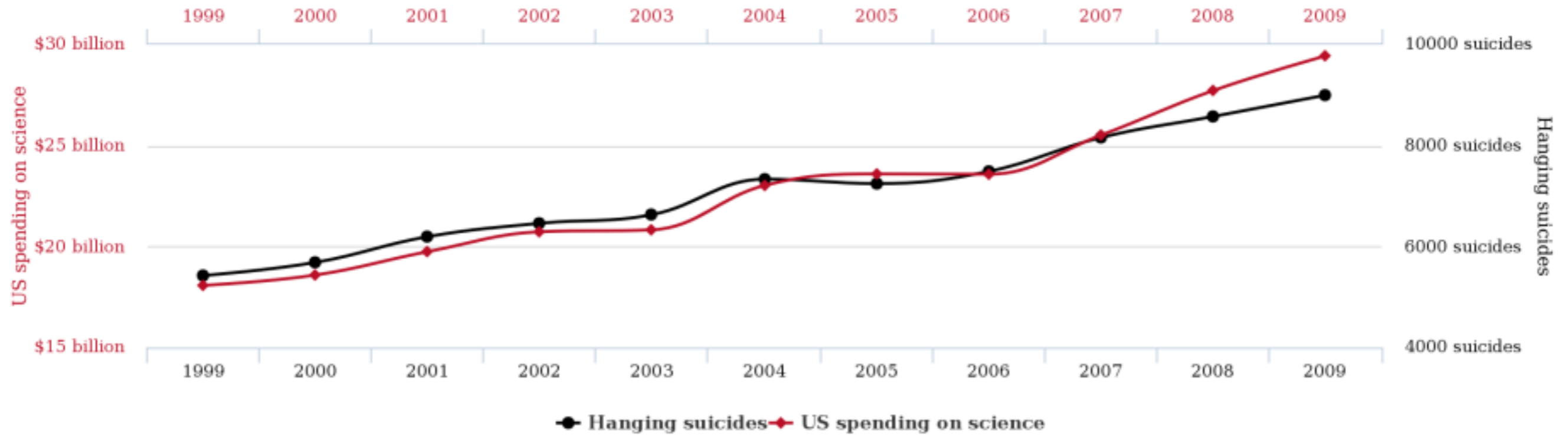
## SALARY MEDIAN AND IQR (US DOLLARS)



# US spending on science, space, and technology

correlates with

## Suicides by hanging, strangulation and suffocation



# Rule of Three

If you can not think of three things that might go wrong with your analysis there is something wrong with your thinking

# Data Science Verses Programming Jobs

Intuit Job Listing Worldwide Aug 22 2016

Data - 23

Software Engineer - 168



# Data Science Programming Languages

Python

R

Javascript

SAS

Perl

Matlab

Ruby

Scala

Julia

Java

C++

C

C#

# Features of Languages for Data Science

Interactive

Statistical, Machine Learning, Math libraries

Plays well with others

Supports computation

Simple syntax

Fast

# Python

Wildly used

Interactive

Lots of libraries

Plays well with other

Slow

Python 2.x verses Python 3.x  
3/2

Threads do not scale  
Global Interpreter Lock (GIL)

# Julia

New language from MIT

Interactive & Fast

Untyped & Typed

Designed for computation

$$f(x) = 2x + 4$$

Int32, Int64, Int128, BigInt

Statistical and Math libraries

Plays well with others

LLVM

Lisp style macros

Multiple dispatch

Designed for parallelism &  
Distributed computation

# Java, Scala, Hadoop, Spark

Hadoop written in Java

Spark written in Scala

JVM languages (Java, Scala, Clojure, Groovy, JRuby, Jython)

Much more efficient on Hadoop & Spark

First access to new features

Scala

OO & Functional

Type inference

Far less verbose than Java