

100% Big Data

0% Hadoop

0% Java

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So here is the short story...

СОЧИНЕНІЯ  
ГРАФА  
**Л. Н. ТОЛСТАГО.**

ЧАСТЬ ПЯТАЯ.

ВОЙНА И МИРЪ.

I

ИЗДАНИЕ ТРЕТЬЕ.

МОСКВА.

Въ Университетской типографіи (Катковъ и Ко.)  
на Страстномъ бульварѣ.

1873.

# sitting there, listening...



presented as Houdini magic...



so you telling me...



it's smoke and mirrors?

Smells like a bunch of queues,  
pipes and filters...



Looks like some NLP...



# Sounds like some math...

$$\frac{1}{2} Z_2(\alpha, \alpha) + \frac{1}{24} Z_4(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha, \alpha) + \dots$$

$$S(V^*) \otimes \wedge^0(V)$$

$$V = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} V_i$$

$$\dim V_i < \infty$$

$$V^* = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} V_i^*$$

$$Z_2 = \{ \dots \}$$

$$Z_4 = \{ \dots \}$$

$$\mathbb{T}_{\text{fin}}^2(V) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{T}_{\text{fin}}(V)$$

$$\text{Hoch}$$

$$\text{Hoch}$$

# Seems like basic ML...



methinks: I can tinker that.  
I have 2 nights in the hotel...



# Fire!



# Know the use cases...



Consume a feed where people  
say what they think before  
they think what they say...



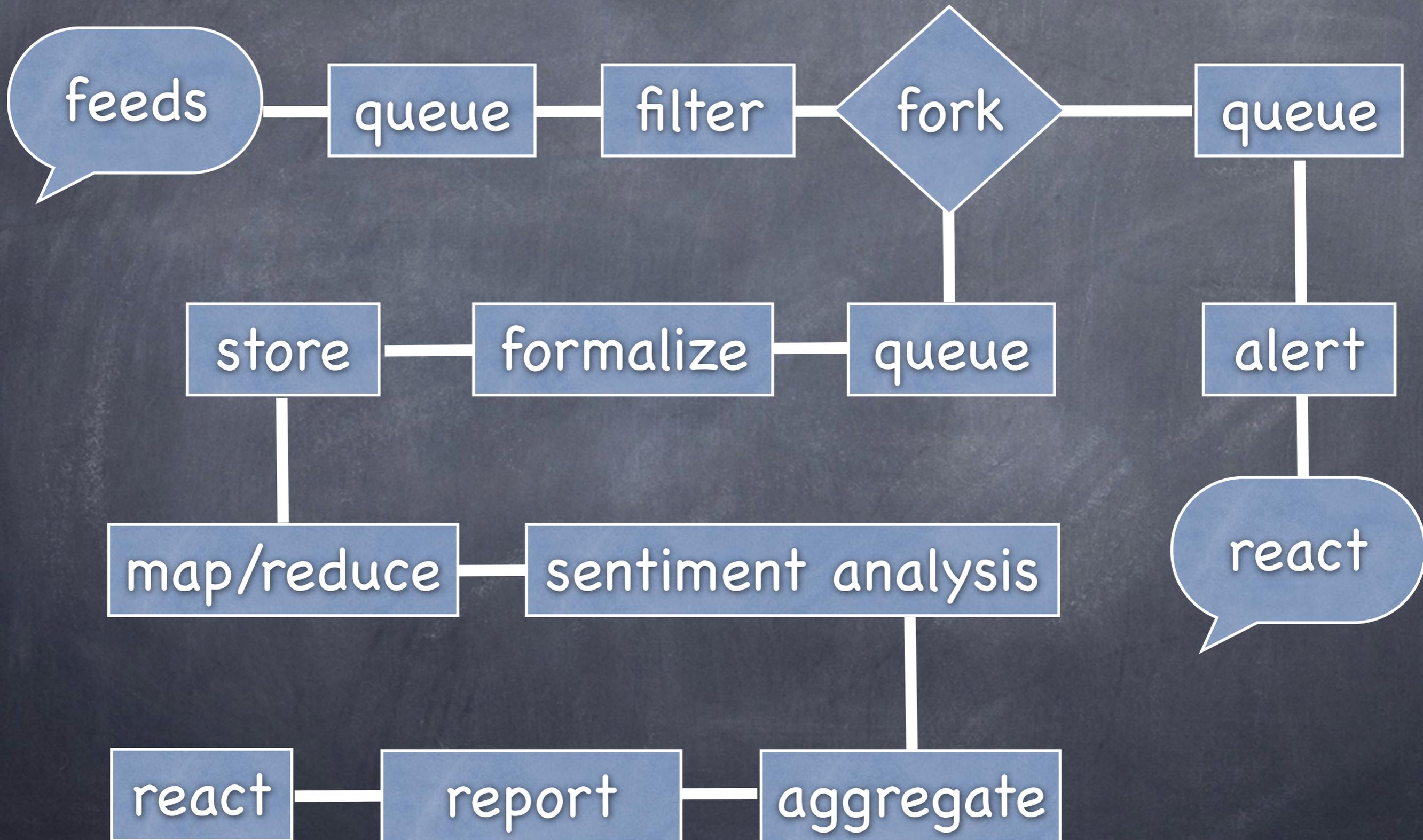
Drink Big Data warm, straight  
from the fire hose...



Then fork for immediate  
notification and batch  
analytics...



# Some bubbles



# Some tech

- Languages: Python, Erlang
- Feeds: Tweepy, crawlers, feed readers
- Queueing: RabbitMQ through Pika
- Store: Riak through protobufs
- Map/reduce: modified Disco to run workers on Riak-nodes data-locally

# Some math

- Analytics: NLP with NLTK
- Algo training: nltk-trainer with pickle=true
- Algos: naive Bayes, decision tree, binary classification based on trigram frequencies
- simple name and antiword filtering based on public and own corpora

# Some numbers (on MBA)

- Feed: ~10000 chaotic msg/min
- Store: ~8000 formalized msg/min, N=3, quorum, 3 nodes
- Analytics: ~2000 msg/min (filtered, pos/neg aggregation, location based aggregation)
- Demo: ~1500000 tweets, map/reduce on a handful of tweets for simplicity, pos/neg aggregation

# Some lessons learned



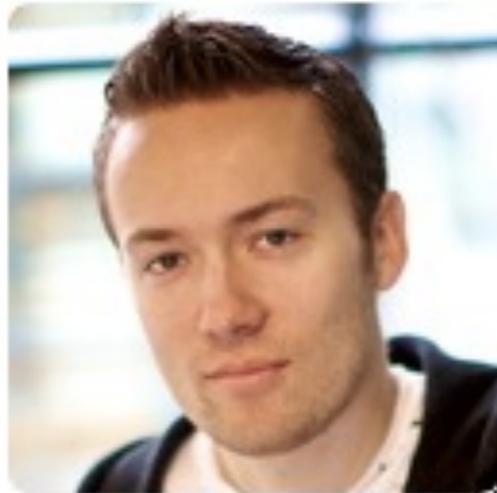
# The Beliebers...

-  **Maria** @iGoWildForBiebs 14m  
Retweet If your Twitter is about **Justin Bieber** ♥  
Expand
-  **BassCannonKaplan** @Avi\_Kaplan 19m  
"@scotthoying: **Justin Bieber's** mom's ringtone is @avi\_kaplan speaking; not kidding" TRUE. #dying  
Expand
-  **Ellen DeGeneres** @EllenDeGenares 23m  
Who wants tickets to see 1D and **Justin Bieber** on my show? If you do, follow @MenHumor and retweet this!  
Expand
-  **Scott Hoying** @scotthoying 25m  
**Justin Bieber's** mom's ringtone is @avi\_kaplan speaking; not kidding  
Expand
-  **Mitch Grassi** @mitchgrassi 26m  
**Justin Bieber's** mom is very sweet and made Avi record a voice memo of him talking like Barry White  
Expand
-  **FUTURES** @futuresband 45m  
Cheers @justinbieber. Get yours [merch.wearefutures.co.uk](http://merch.wearefutures.co.uk)  
[twitpic.com/az4z8d](http://twitpic.com/az4z8d)  
View photo
-  ← **BELIEVE IN HIM** ∞ @JustinFirstKiss 47m  
OMG = OMB. Girl = Shawty. Lets Go = Leggo. Peace = Payce. Style = Swag. Fan = Belieber. Inspiration = **Justin Bieber** :)

More than 60% of the  
Twitter sample stream is  
useless garbage...



# Real names...



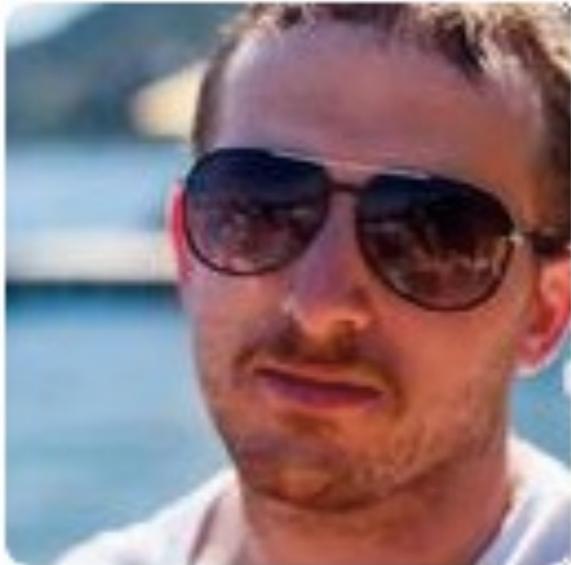
**DHH** 

@dhh

*Creator of Ruby on Rails, Partner at 37signals, Co-author of NYT Best-Seller Rework, and racing driver in ALMS.*

Chicago, USA · <http://david.heinemeierhansson.com>

# Absurd profile bios...



**James Golick**  
@jamesgolick FOLLOWS YOU  
*Sexy as fuck.*  
Vancouver · <http://jamesgolick.com>

# Location...



**Zvi**

@nivertech

FOLLOWS YOU

*Chief Founder Monkey @ ZADATA*

Israel · <http://www.ZADATA.com>



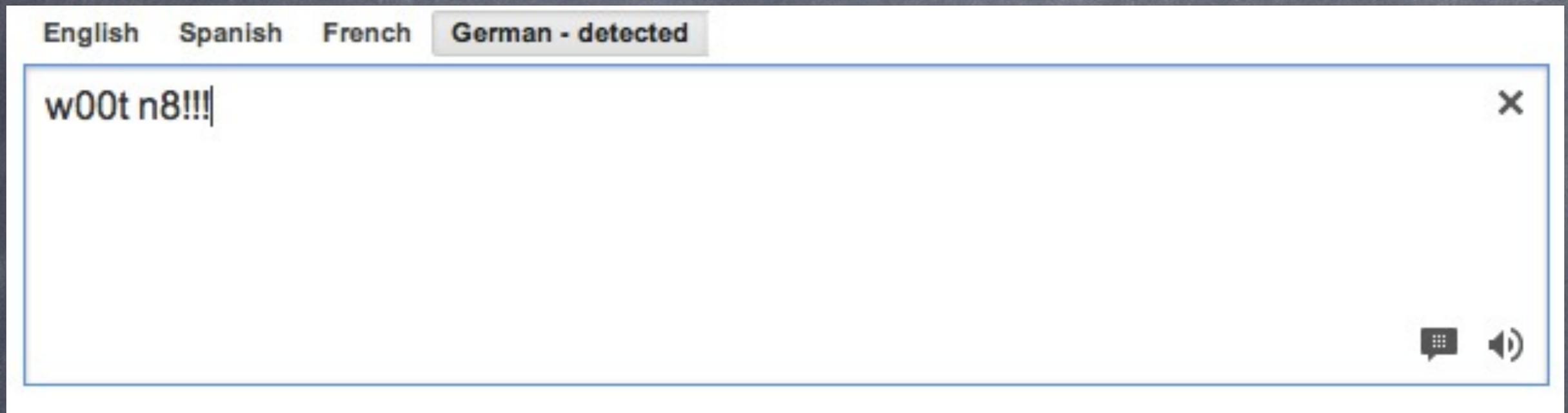
**Pavlo Baron**

@pavlobaron

*Just me. And some sushi.*

Senior Rubber Duck · <http://www.pbit.org>

# Language...



For trigrams in NLTK, use Spanish as "anti-class" to tell English/German from the rest

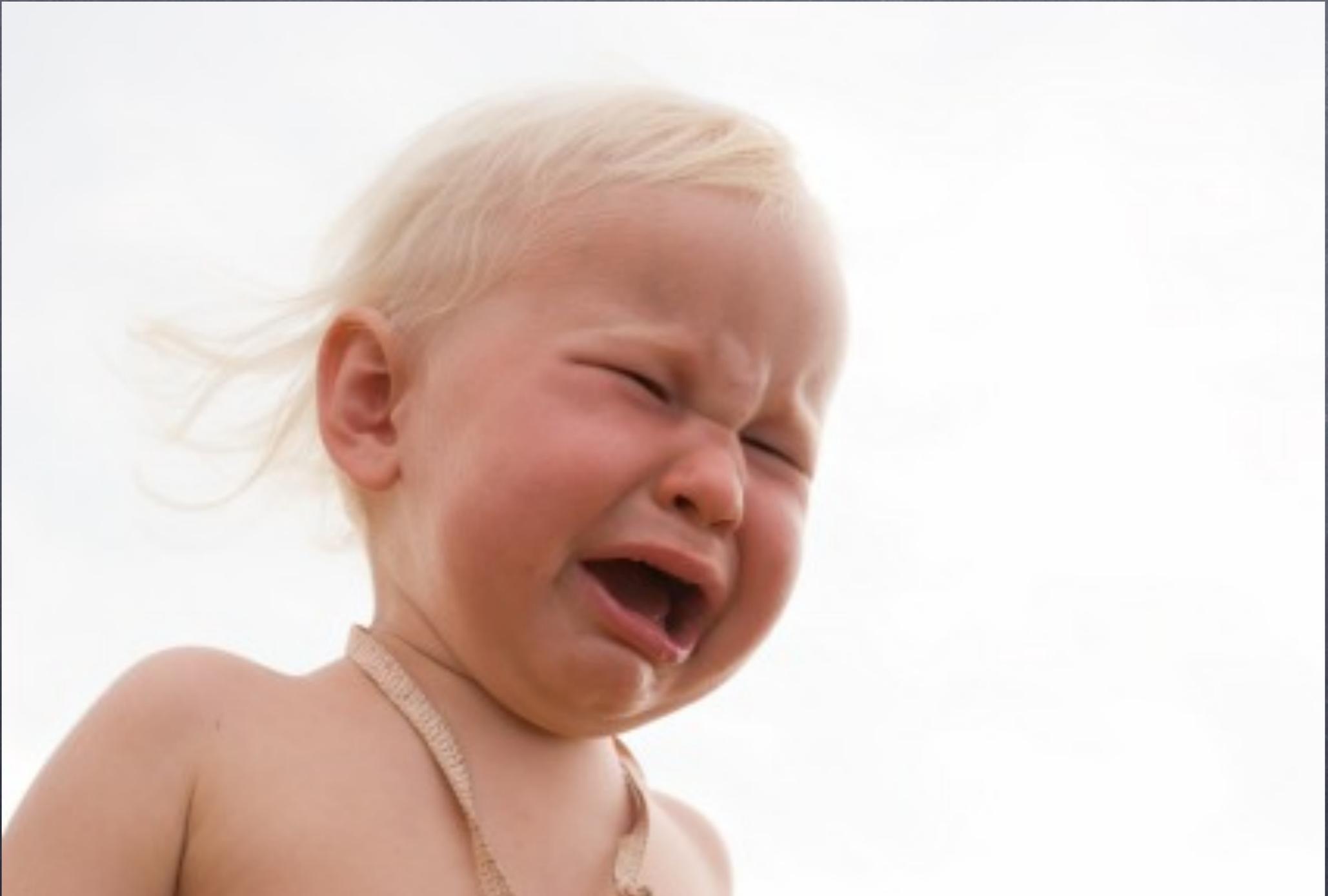
# Disco workers on Riak nodes...

- PITA and a lot of tinkering, but necessary for data locality
- Extending Disco is hard...
- Flooding, asynchronous, separate key/value listing in low-level Riak goes very well with Erlang port based Python/Erlang message exchange in Disco. Not
- Evaluating to redo Disco to use RabbitMQ or even ZeroMQ between the worlds (h/t Dan North)

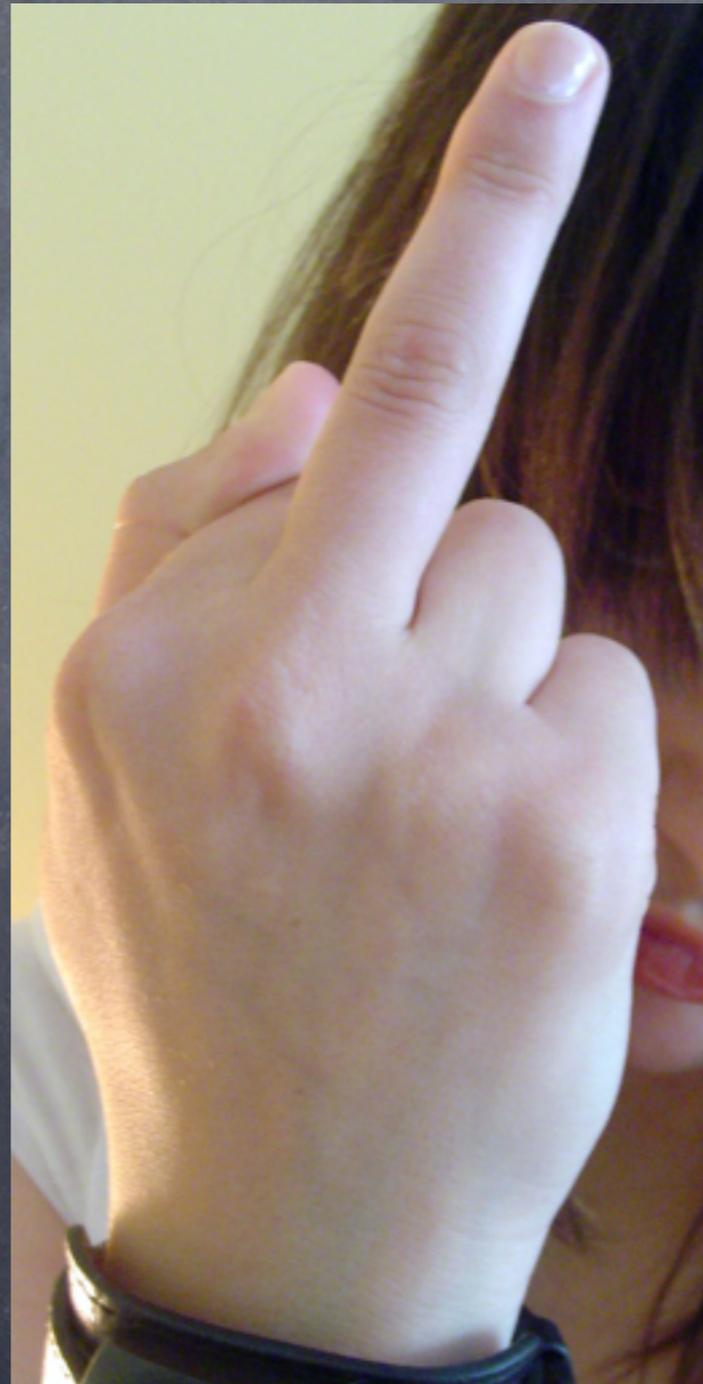
# Mixing Python and Erlang in one project...

- Forgetting punctuation in Erlang code all the time when quickly switching from Python
- Terribly missing pattern matching in Python
- Considering to embed Python in Erlang, but it might become a double PITA then

# Sentiment analysis...



Well, actually, strong  
sentiment analysis...



Very unreliable given the  
human nature...



**nicolette** @nikkyelago

8m

Omg it's cold as fuck. I love it

Expand

In addition to the NLTK's movie reviews corpus, use these for "neg" classification

## Linus Torvalds goes off on Linux and Git

September 25th, 2012 | Programming, Satire

*I was in a coffee shop in Portland, Oregon and happened to spot Linus Torvalds sitting alone at a window table. I asked the creator of the Linux operating system and the Git source code about his feelings on them. Over the next fifteen minutes we talked about programming.*

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**Programmers Need To Learn Statistics Or I Will Kill Them All**

# FAQ



Q: Why the heck are you  
doing this?



# A

- Because I can
- Because I want
- Because I want to learn
- Because I want to go deep on low-level
- Because it's very interesting to combine computer science with math

Q: Why not just use Hadoop?



# A

- Because I didn't want to run this on the JVM
- Because I have 2 use cases, and only one of them is suitable for batch map/reduce

Q: Why didn't you want to run this on the JVM?



A: well, technically seen,  
Big Data area is growing  
on the JVM

- Hadoop
- Pig
- Storm, Kafka, Esper
- Mahout
- OpenNLP

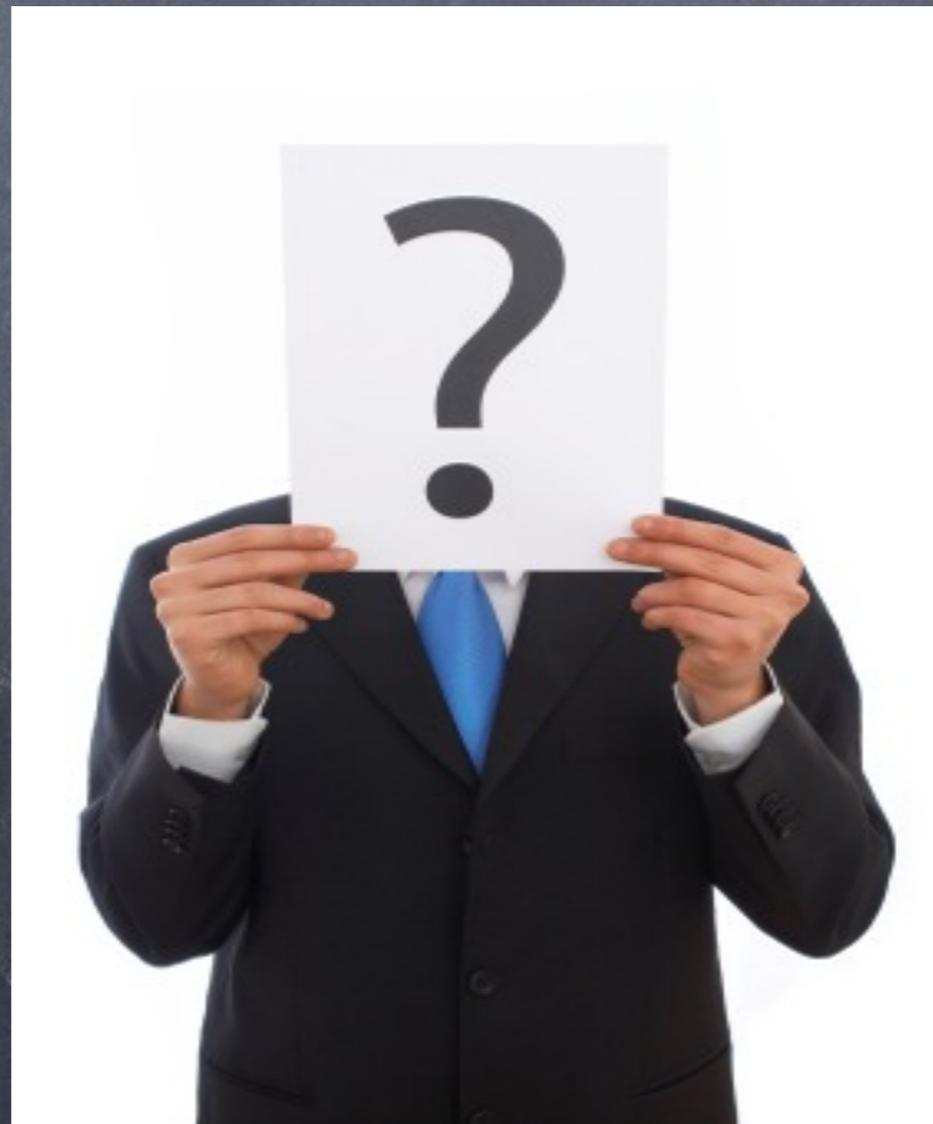
A: but I didn't want this  
Big Data on my drive

~/m2

A: and I am evaluating some alternatives to the ecosystem



Q: Why are you queueing at all? Others do gazillions of msg/sec without queues



# A

- I could, if instead of filters and batch analytics of chaotic text, it would be just about building trivial sums
- with growable numbers like this, you want to protect any sort of reliable data store from getting flooded by writes, RDBMS or NoSQL store
- Because I need to do some pipes and filters
- Because I'm mixing and crossing borders of data sources and technologies
- Because almost all frameworks that you might consider also do some queueing or buffering

Q: Why did you use Erlang  
and Python?



# A

- Because reliability and distribution are built into the Erlang VM and I don't need separate coordinators or to reinvent the wheel
- Because both, Python and Erlang, are "functional" enough for what I need day-by-day
- Because Python has been for many years the platform of choice for scientists, thus there are available clever and mature math libraries
- Because Disco is on Python and Erlang, Riak and RabbitMQ are on Erlang

Q: isn't Python slow like hell?



# A

- it's not operating at the speed of light
- yes, it is slower at some points
- I'm also testing PyPy to improve performance for the case I should need it, 'cause right now it works just fast enough without explicit bottle-necks in the given architecture, even on one single MBA

Q: MBA is boring. Can you make it real web scale?



# A

- well, to be precise, I'm operating on web data
- I can scale queues with RabbitMQ
- I can scale storage with Riak
- I can scale the map/reduce supported analytics with Disco/Riak
- I can scale data sources/feeds, machines, hardware, networks, infrastructure, logins etc. You name it

Q: what's in the future?



# A

- I don't have my crystal ball with me
- I've started to implement Pig Latin engine in Python called "Sau" (German for pig), to offer data scientists a comfortable interface and to allow them to run existing Pig scripts on this stack
- I'm going to add more data sources, improve throughput where necessary and work on some low level Disco modifications to change the way it utilizes Erlang in my case

Q: what do we learn about  
Big Data here?



# A

- Big Data is about the “what”, followed by the “how” and enabled by the “what with”

# A

- It's about gathering data, analyzing it, gaining useful information out of it, finding new ways to gather and use information and deriving steps for business improvements, strategy planning, doing soft intelligence aka enterprise level stalking or, even more important, helping make the world a better place - it's up to you

# A

- It's not about building SkyNet - even if this will be built one day, it will be pretty boring. It's about building recommender and decision support systems, thus letting machines do stupid, repeated jobs fast and human beings make high quality decisions

# A

- It's a huge field for geeks with aspiration to learn new things, dig into math and computer science, play with different platforms and tools and pick the right tool chain

Oh, and did the demo run?



Thank you!



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