Lessons Learned from Open-source Activities

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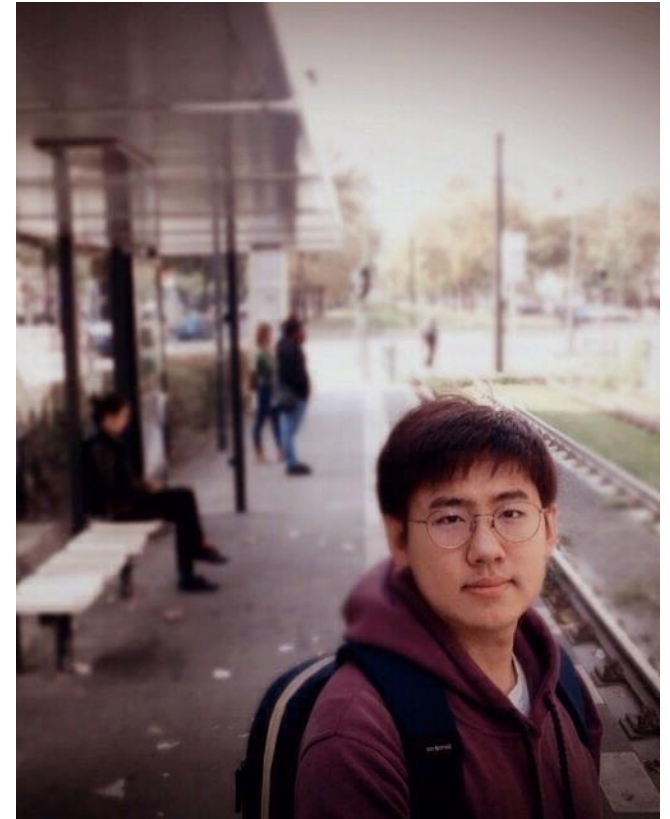
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Speaker

- A undergraduate student majoring Geology and Computer Science
- Contributing to some open-source software projects for 2 years
  - A committer of Apache Flink (since Jun. 2015)
- Interested in large-scale data processing, scalable machine learning, and graph processing
- Supported by Global Open Frontier program (since Dec. 2013)

Global Open Frontier Program (http://devlab.oss.kr)

- Since Dec. 2013

- Biggest supporting program for open-source contributors in Korea

- 36 open-source contributors are supported by this program.

    - Apache Flink - Platform for distributed stream and batch processing

    - PacketNgin - Real-time O/S for networking application on x86 arch

    - Haroopad - Markdown editor supporting multi-platforms

    - AxisJ - Javascript UI library

    - UrQA - Crash reporting library for mobile

    - … others

Global Open Frontier Program (cont.)

- Supports
  - Grant-in-aid
  - Office for contributors
  - Venue for seminars
  - Mentoring
  - Cloud environment
  - Books

Open-source Software as a Studying Method

- Many students want to know where the knowledge from class is used.

- Small projects during the class are insufficient to experience real world.

- Contributing to OSS could be nice method to meet real world.

- The students can learn the followings from OSS.

  - How to use version control software (such as git, hg, and svn)

  - How to discuss with colleague

  - How to write documentation for software

  - ⋯ more

- Only few schools in Korea started contributing to OSS in their classes.

  - NHN Next

  - Kookmin University

  - Jeju University

  - ⋯ more

Flamingo (http://github.com/OpenCloudEngine/flamingo2)
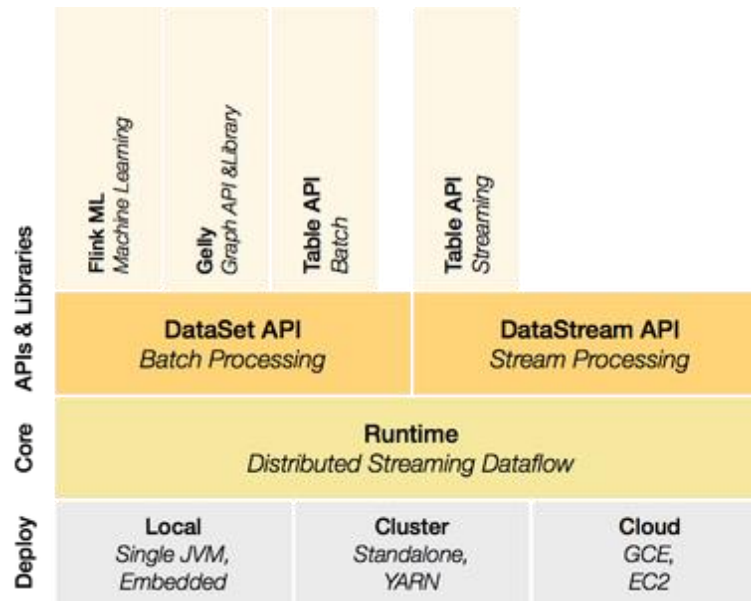
- UI Front-end for Apache Hadoop Eco-system

- Users can use many Apache Hadoop components without CLI.

  - Hadoop MapReduce

  - HDFS

  - Apache Hive, Apache Pig

  - Apache Spark

  - ··· more

Apache Flink (http://flink.apache.org)

- An open-source platform for distributed stream and batch processing

- The core of Flink is a distributed streaming dataflow engine.

- Flink provides programming abstractions to deal data easily.
  - DataSet API (for batch)
  - DataStream API (for streaming)

- Flink provides also libraries for machine learning and graph processing.

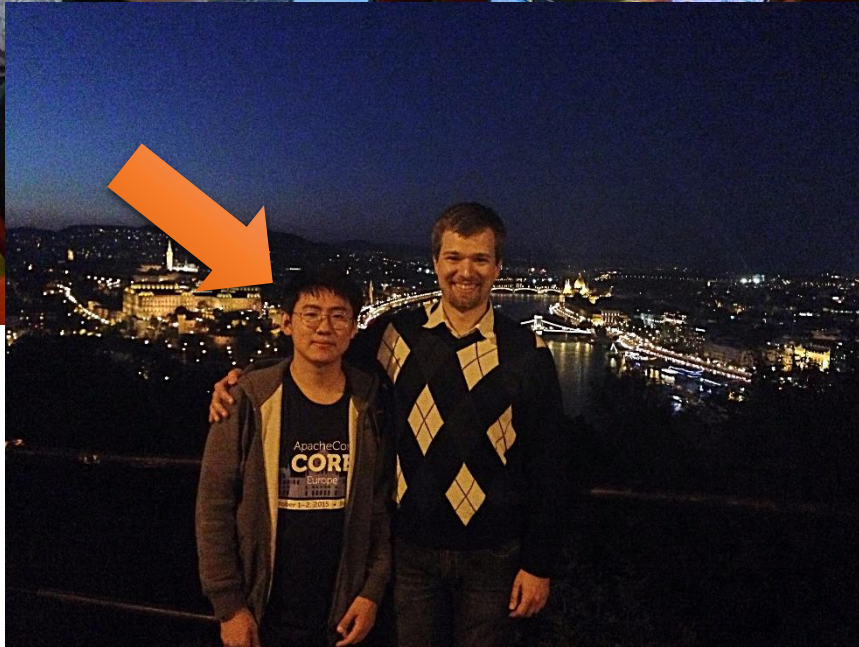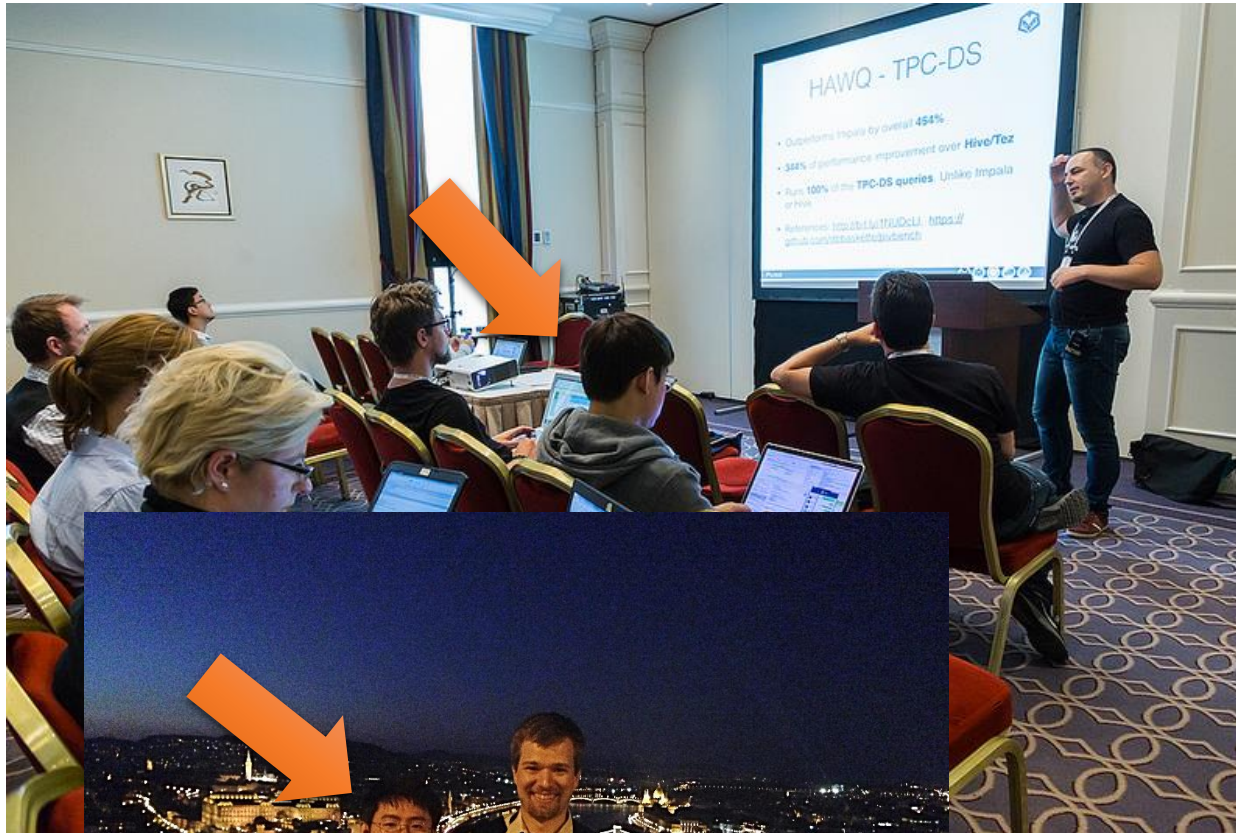# Lessons Learned from Open-source Activities

- Advanced git usage

  - Cherry-pick, Rebase, Squash commits, Edit

- Sending patch to project

  - If the project uses GitHub, use pull request feature.

  - Or make patch file and send it.

- How to discuss based on mailing list

- How to deal with issues using issue tracker

Lessons Learned from Open-source Activities (cont.)

- Attending international conferences
  - Apache: Big Data Europe 2015

    (http://events.linuxfoundation.org/events/apache-big-data-europe/)
  - ApacheCon: Core Europe 2015

    (http://events.linuxfoundation.org/events/apachecon-core-europe/)
  - Flink Forward 2015 (http://flink-forward.org)
- From the conferences, I learned how people work with open-source.
  - How much time they spend to contribute open-source project
  - How they use open-source software in their products
  - What differences between open-source and open-development
  - ⋯ more

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- Hive Query Editor in Flamingo 1.x

  - Large-size data transfer method between client and server

    - Thrift Protocol or JDBC

- Fixing memory bug in Flink runtime (FLINK-2076)

  - How does distributed system manage there memory efficiently?

  - How can I implement hash equi-join in distributed manner?

- Improving CSV file reader for Flink (FLINK-1512, FLINK-2061, FLINK-2569)

  - Automatic type extractor using Java Reflection API

  - Reducing memory usage by avoiding object creation

Lessons Learned from Open-source Activities (cont.)

- Adding Scala 2.11 support to Flink (FLINK-2200, FLINK-2767)

  - Binary incompatibility between Scala 2.10 and Scala 2.11

  - Build configuration by Maven properties

- Contributions to FlinkML (Machine learning library based on Flink)

  - How to implement machine learning algorithm in distributed manner

  - How to make the algorithm scalable

Summary

- Because of good practices and nice community in open-source software, contributing to open-source software is very good method to study for students.
- We need more programs or classes to teach how open-source works to students.
  - Supporting program such as Global Open Frontier Program would be good.
- I hope that many schools include contributing to open-source software into their classes.
  - Newbies will be helpful to grow open-source communities.

Thank you for listening!