Streaming analytics better than batch - when and why ?

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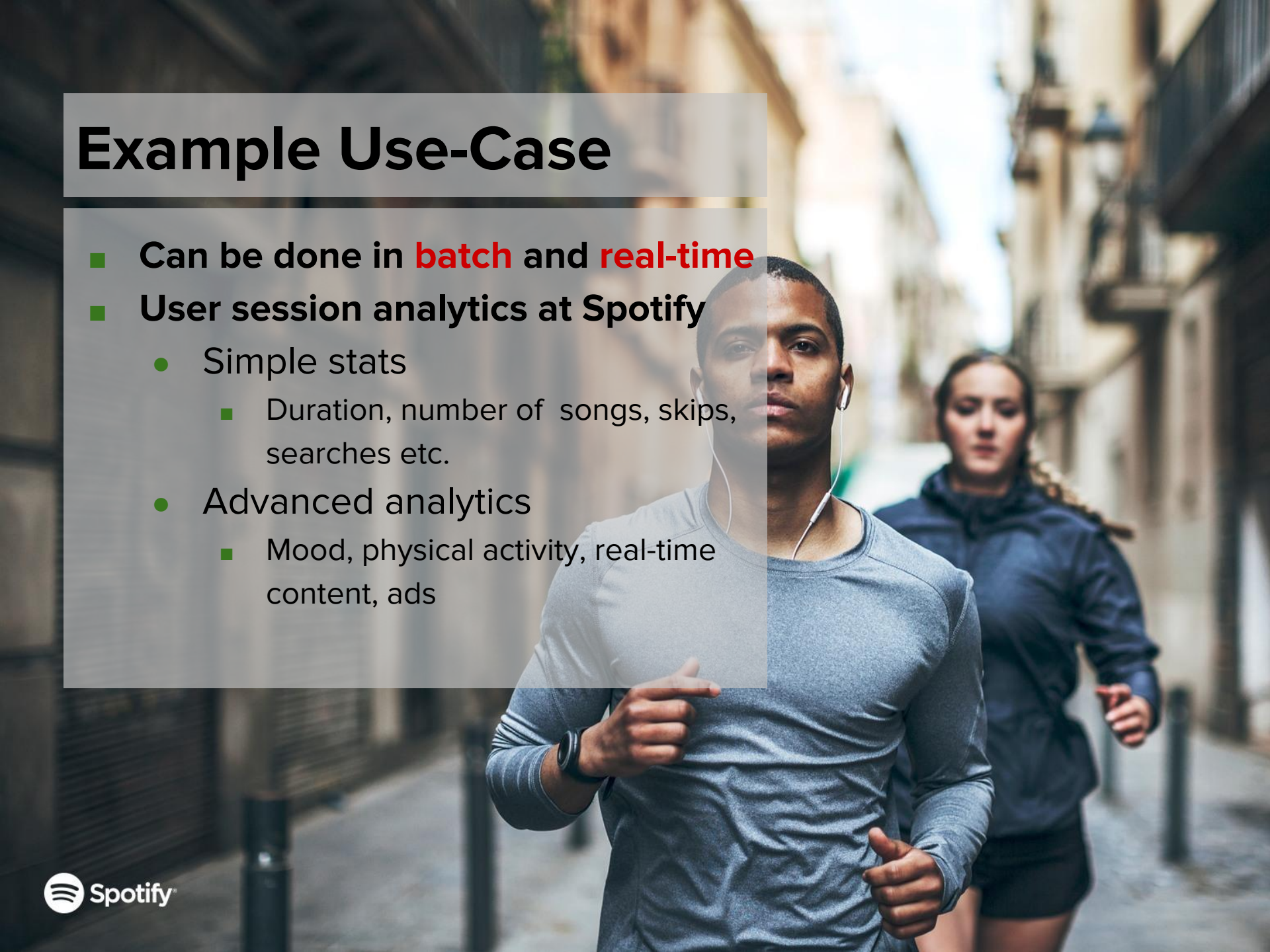
Example Use-Case

- **Can be done in batch and real-time**
- **User session analytics at Spotify**
  - Simple stats
    - Duration, number of songs, skips, searches etc.
  - Advanced analytics
    - Mood, physical activity, real-time content, ads



Spotify

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3. Content

Recommend songs and ads based on **current** activity.

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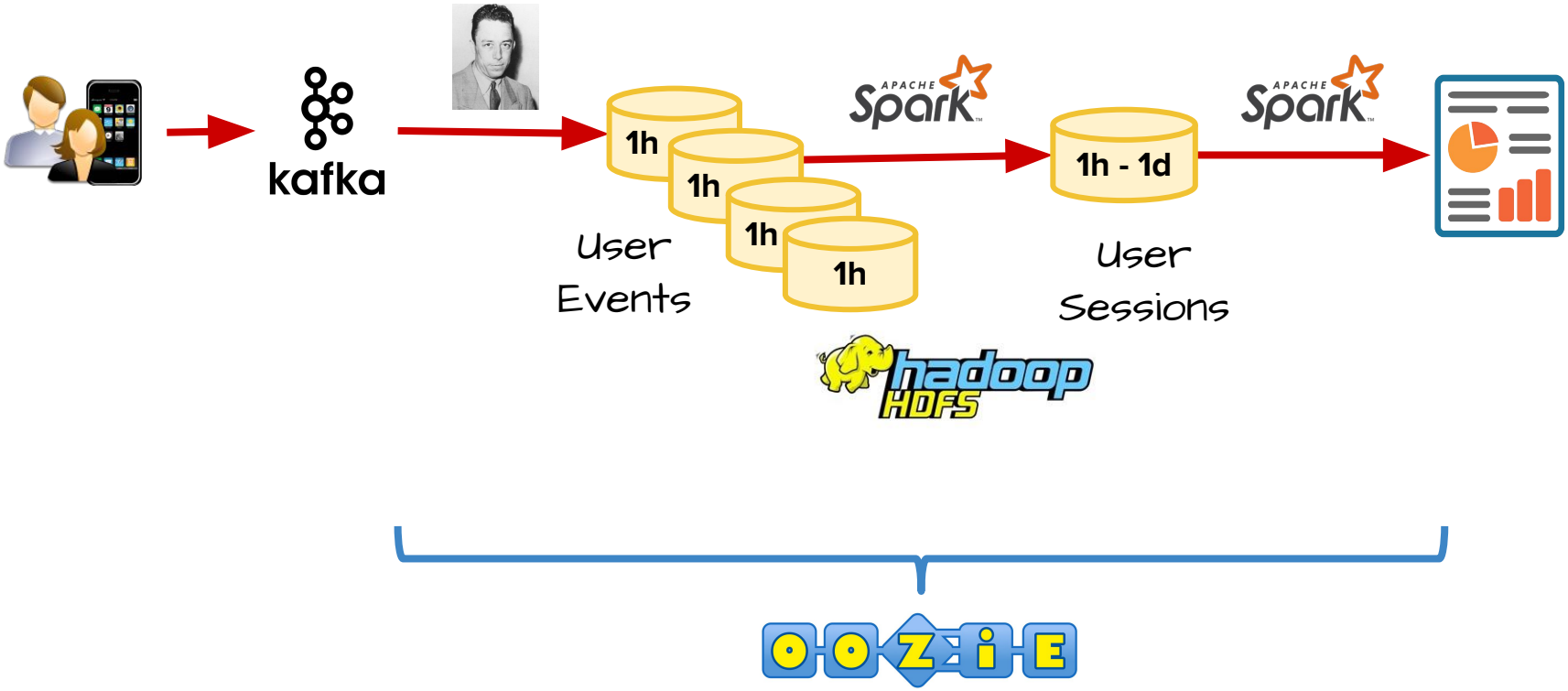

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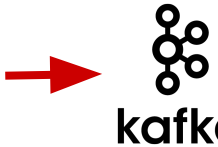

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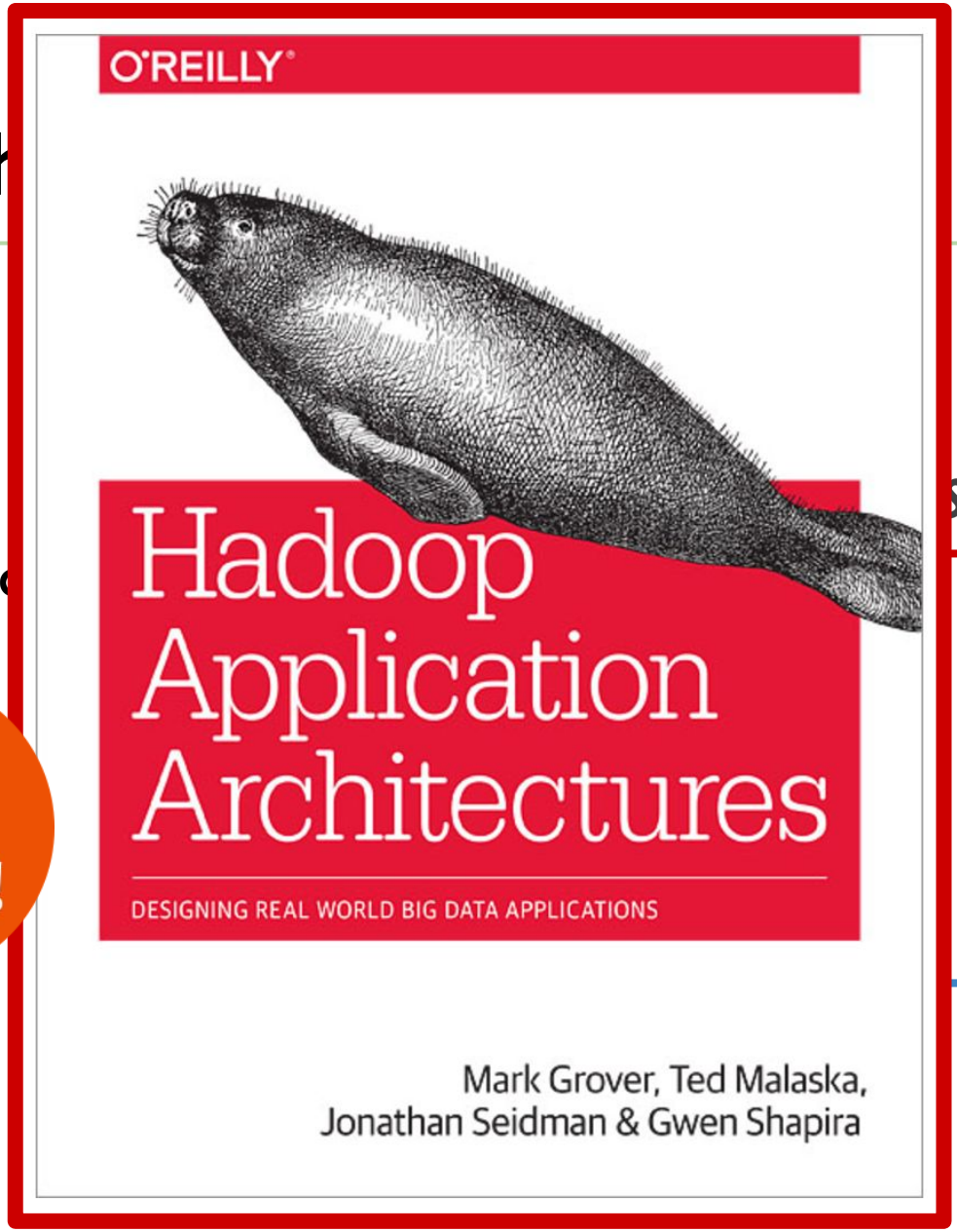
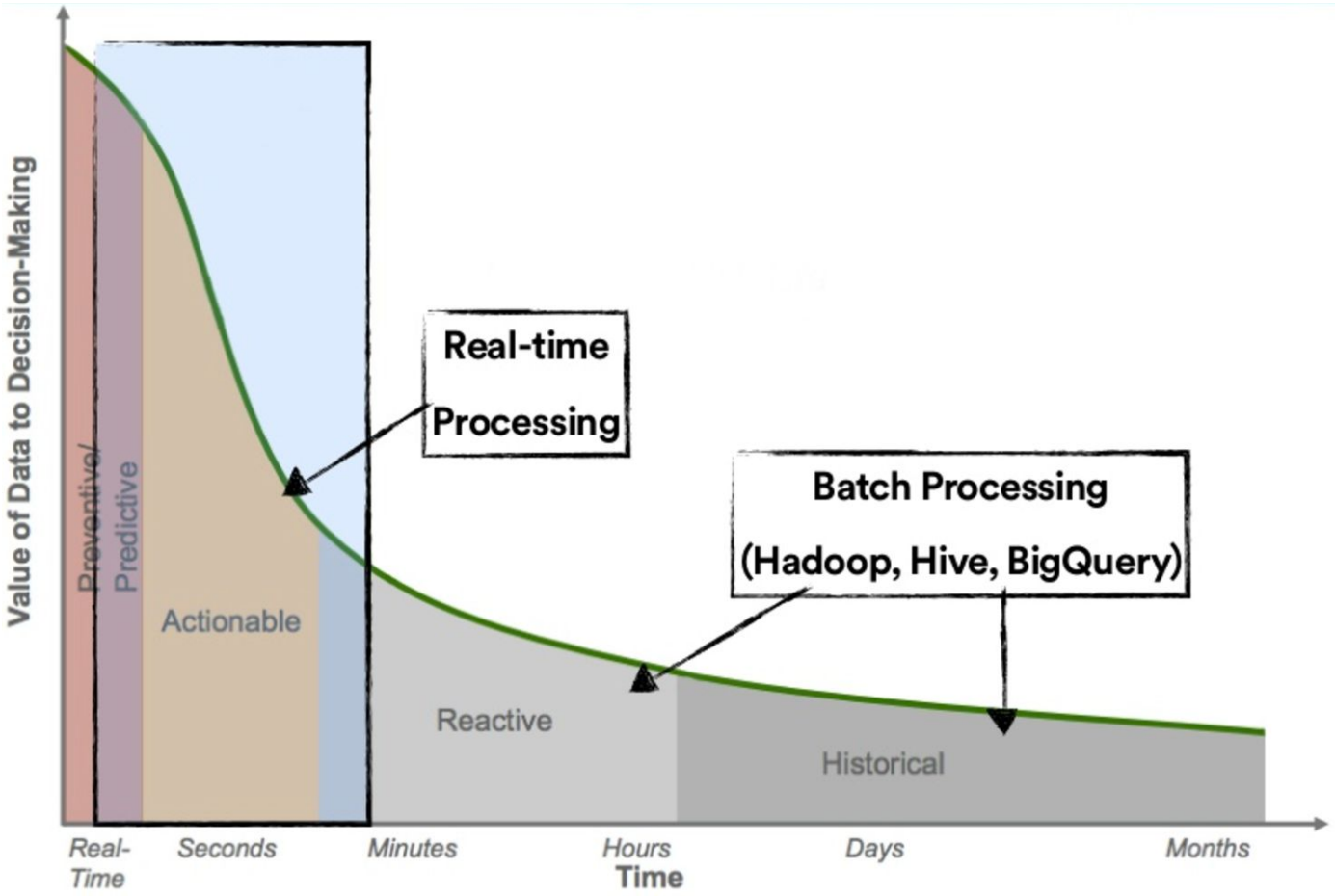


Many Moving Parts

- The higher learning curve
- The more gluing code
- The larger administrative effort
- The more error-prone solution

Long Waiting Time



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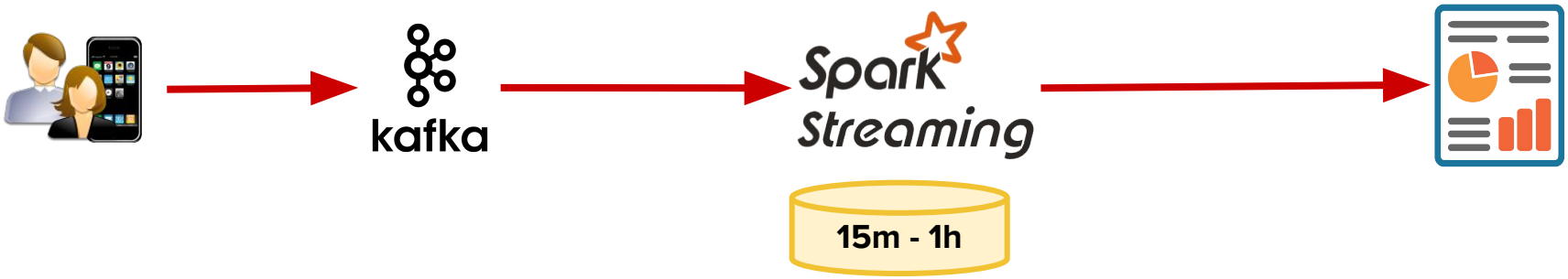
2nd - Micro-Batch Architecture



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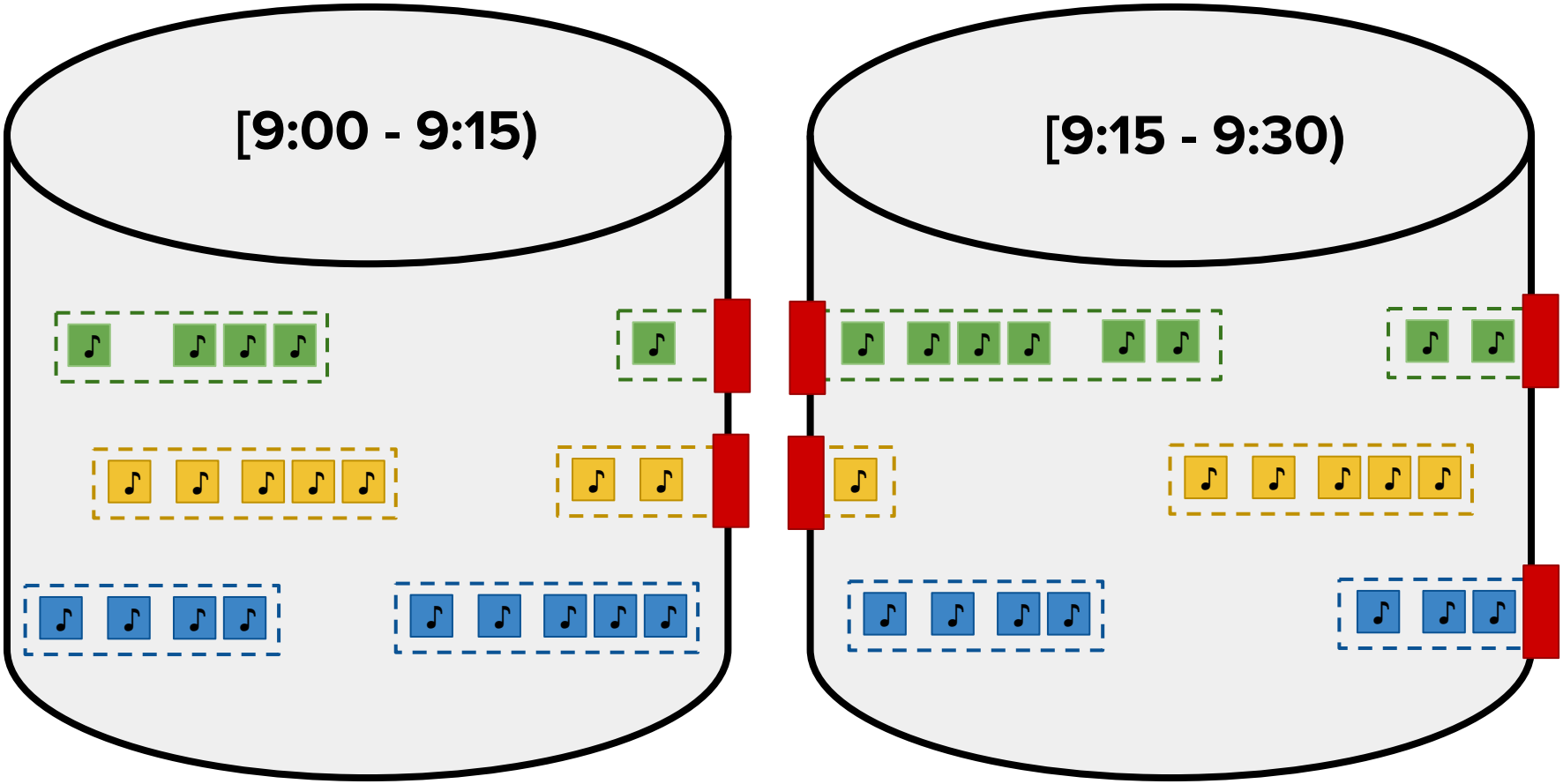

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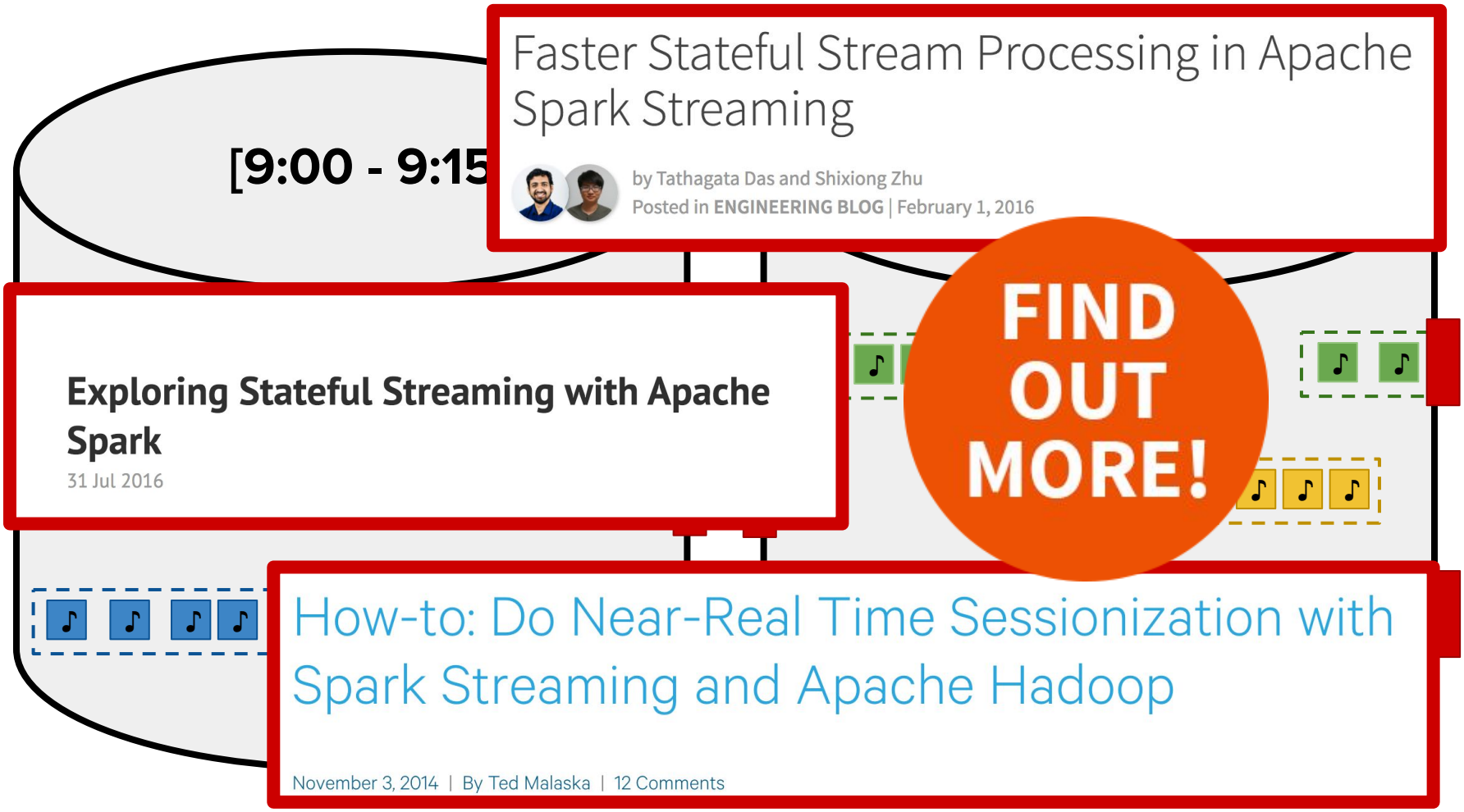

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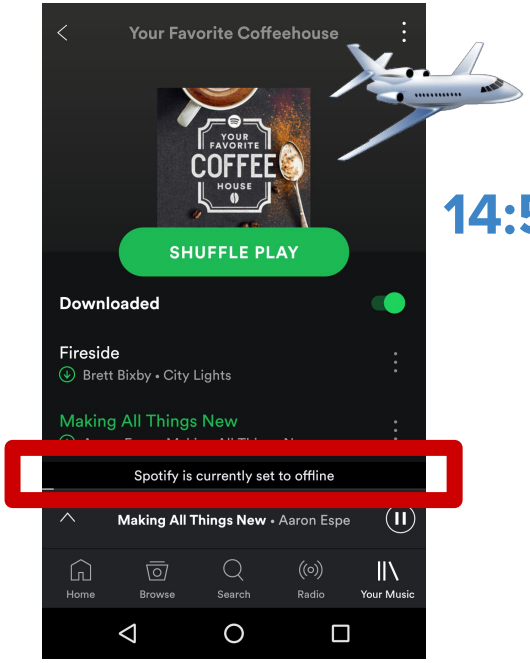

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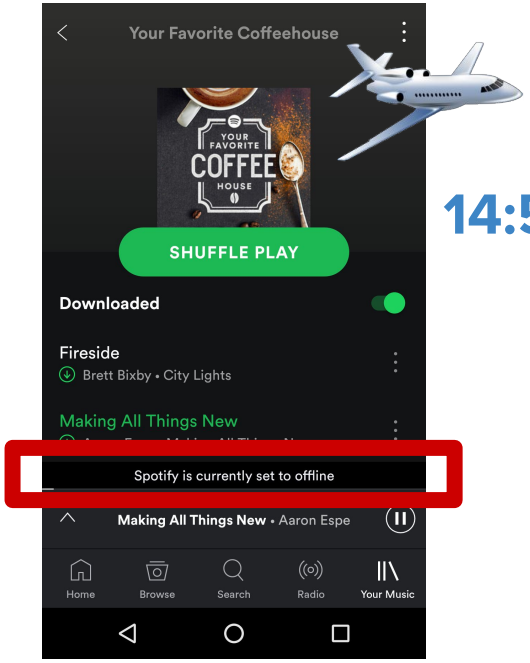

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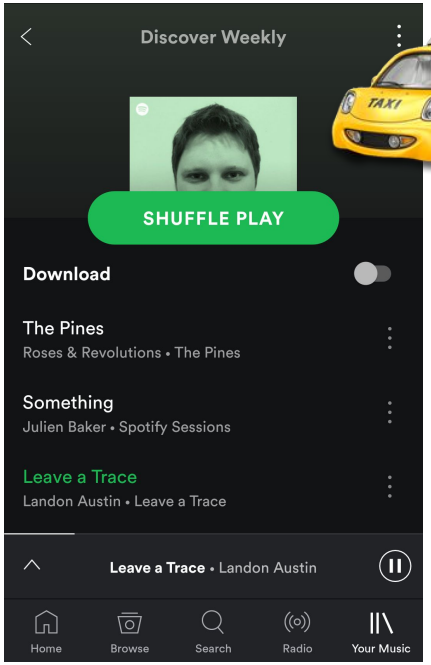

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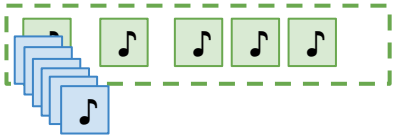

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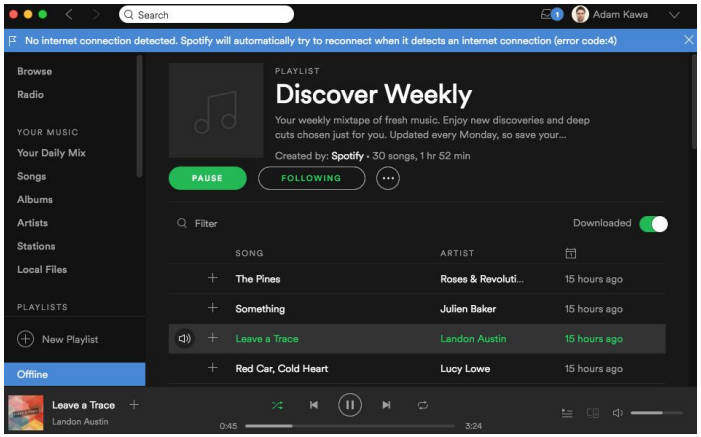

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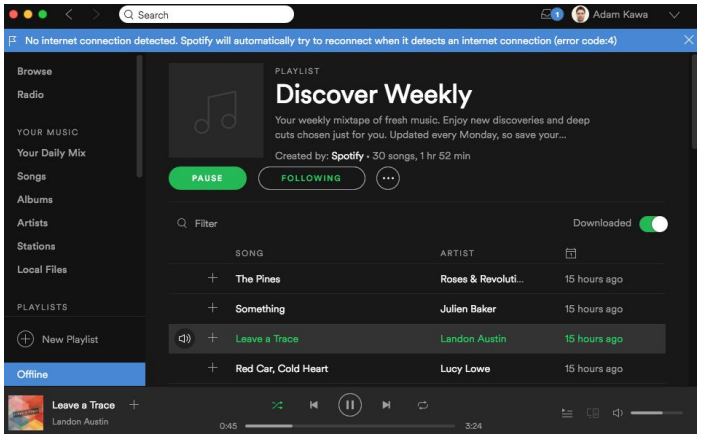

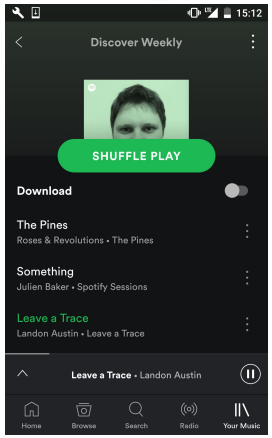

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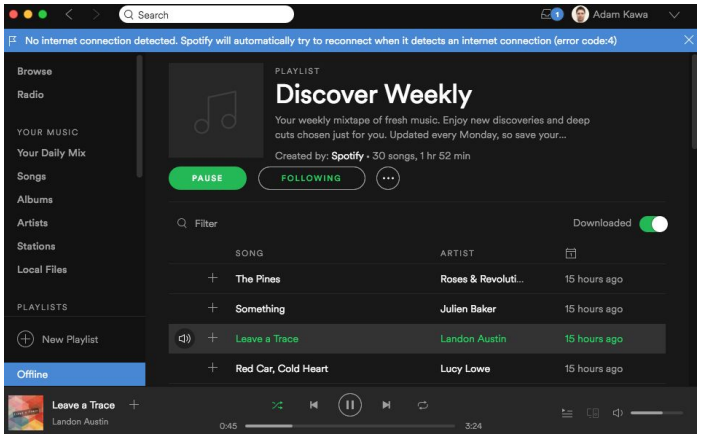

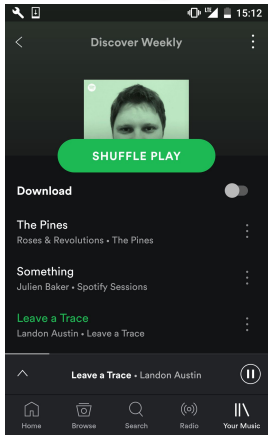

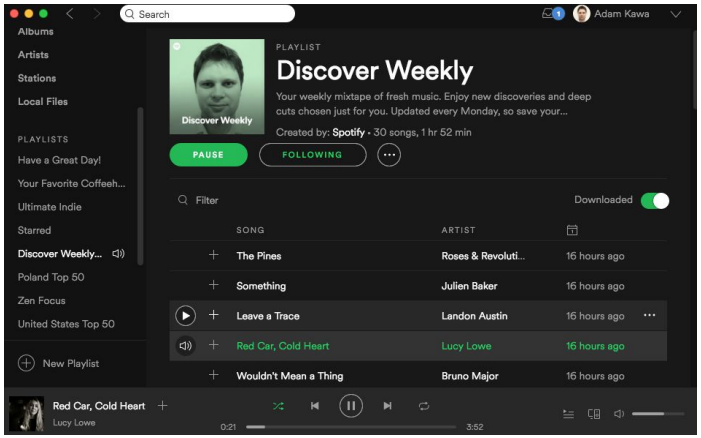

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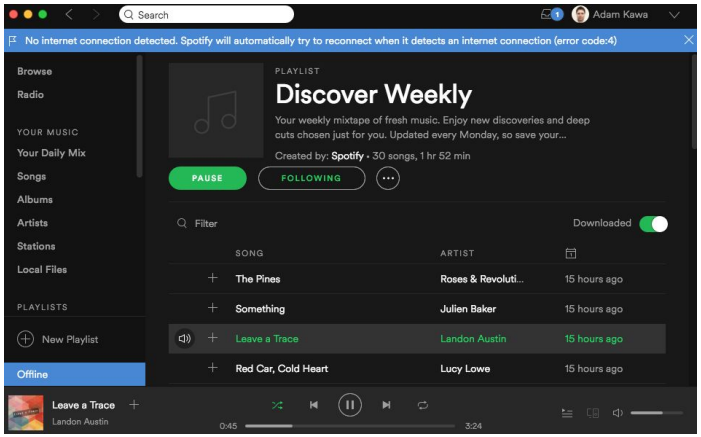

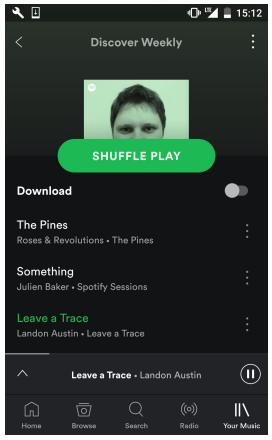

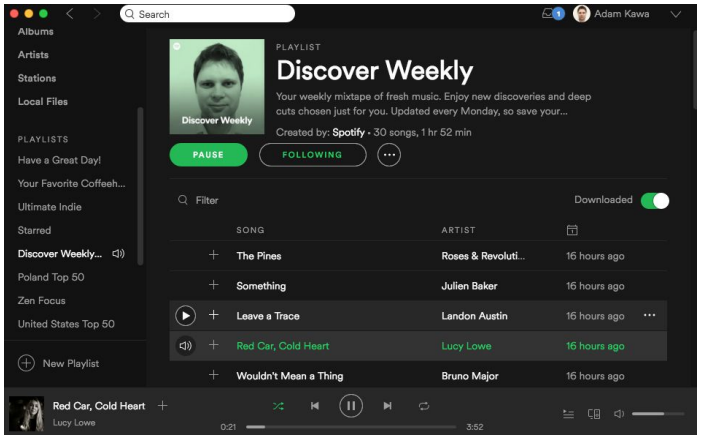

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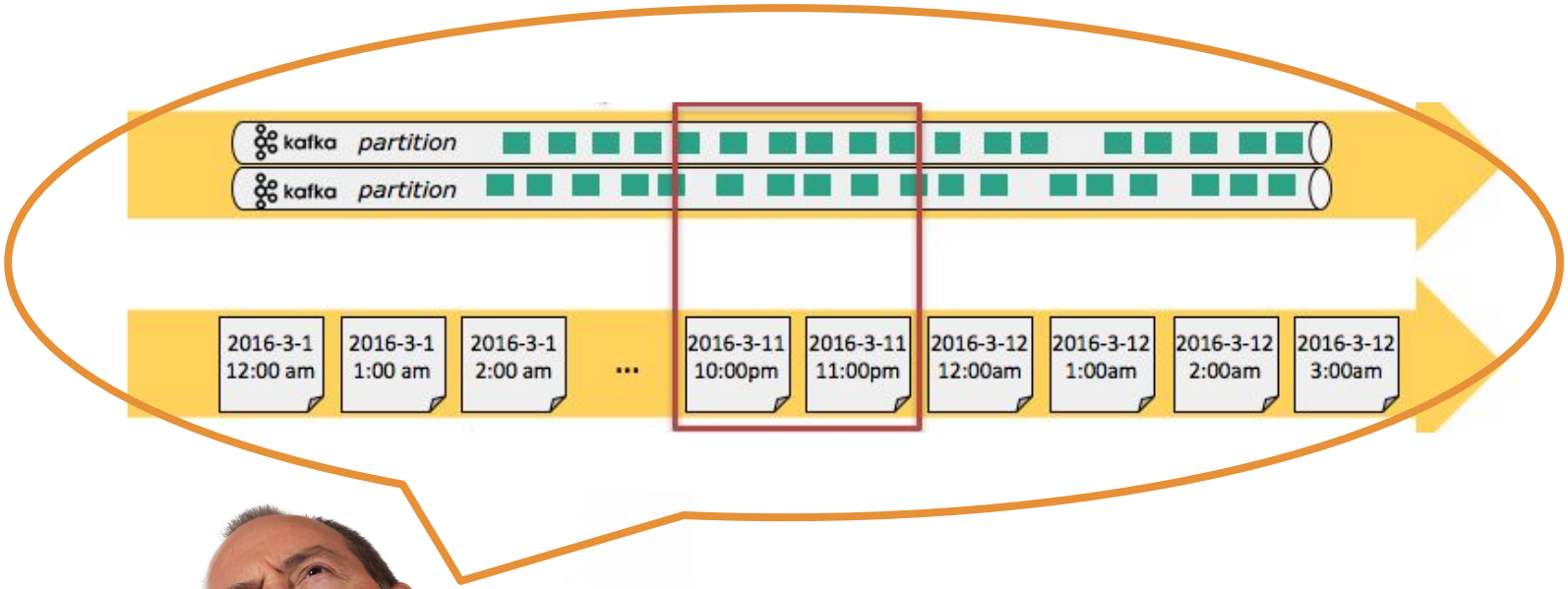
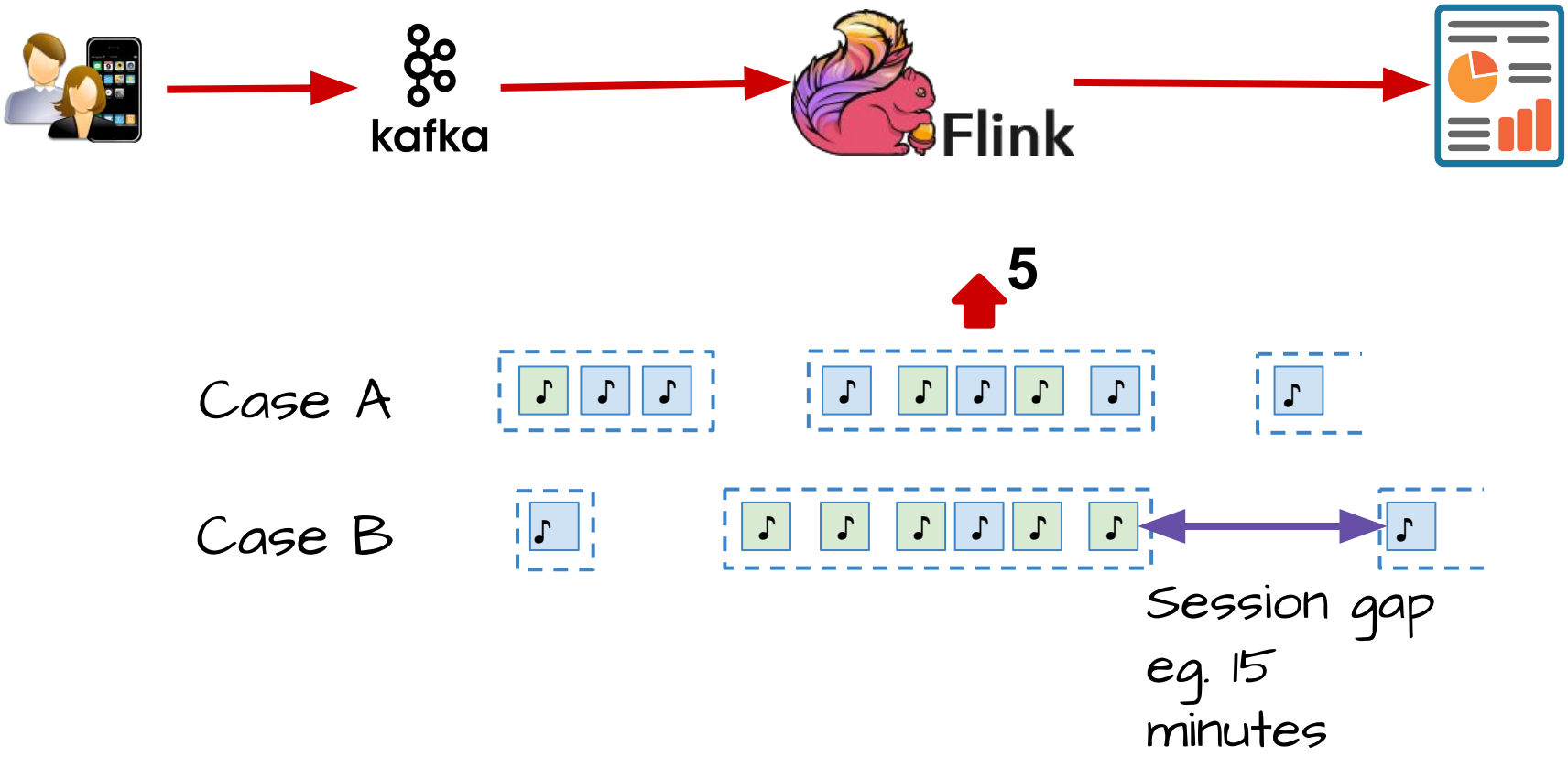
Problems

Solving Streaming Problem With Batch?



3rd - Streaming-First Architecture

User Session Windows



Reading From Kafka

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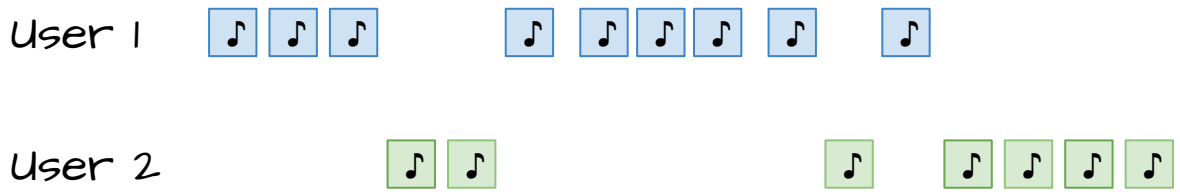

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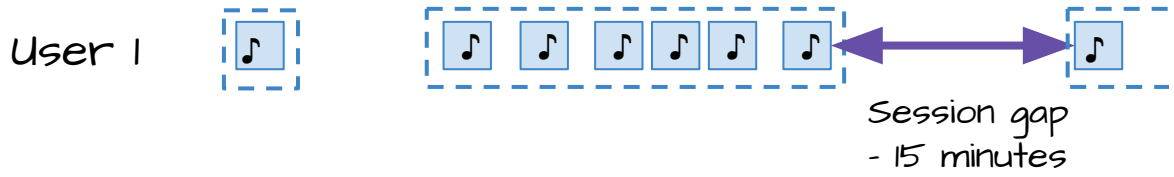

Analyzing User Session

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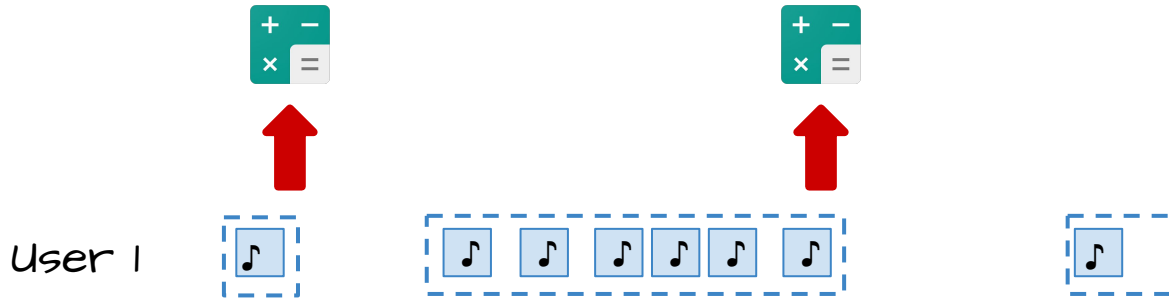

Handling Late Events

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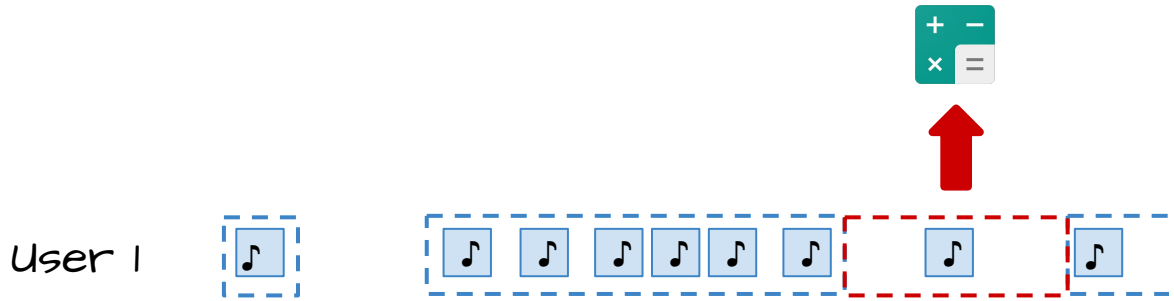

Triggering Early Results

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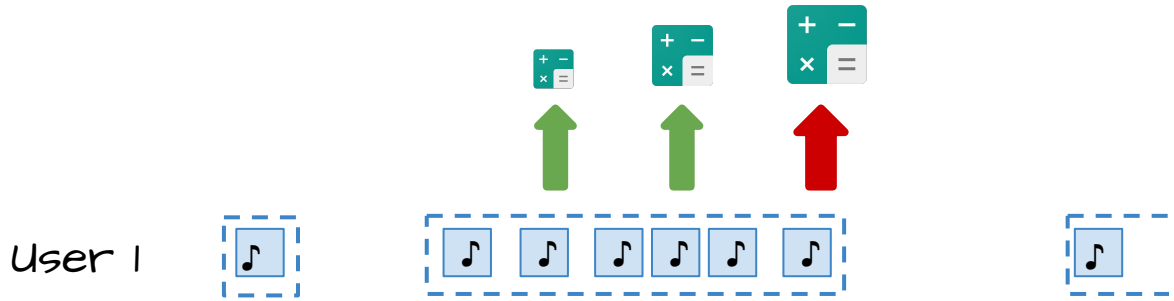

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Working example:
https://github.com/getindata/flink-use-case

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User survey:

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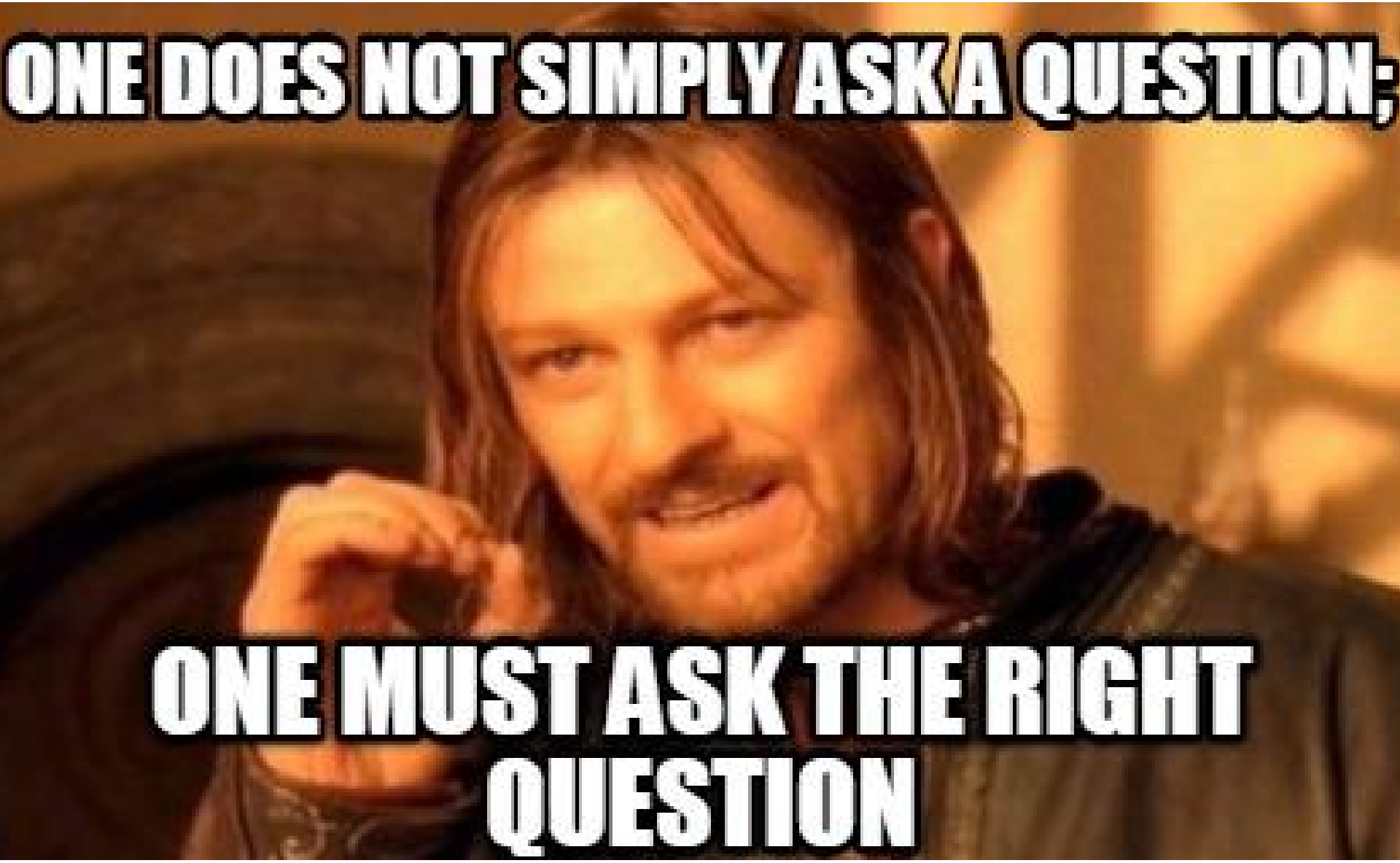
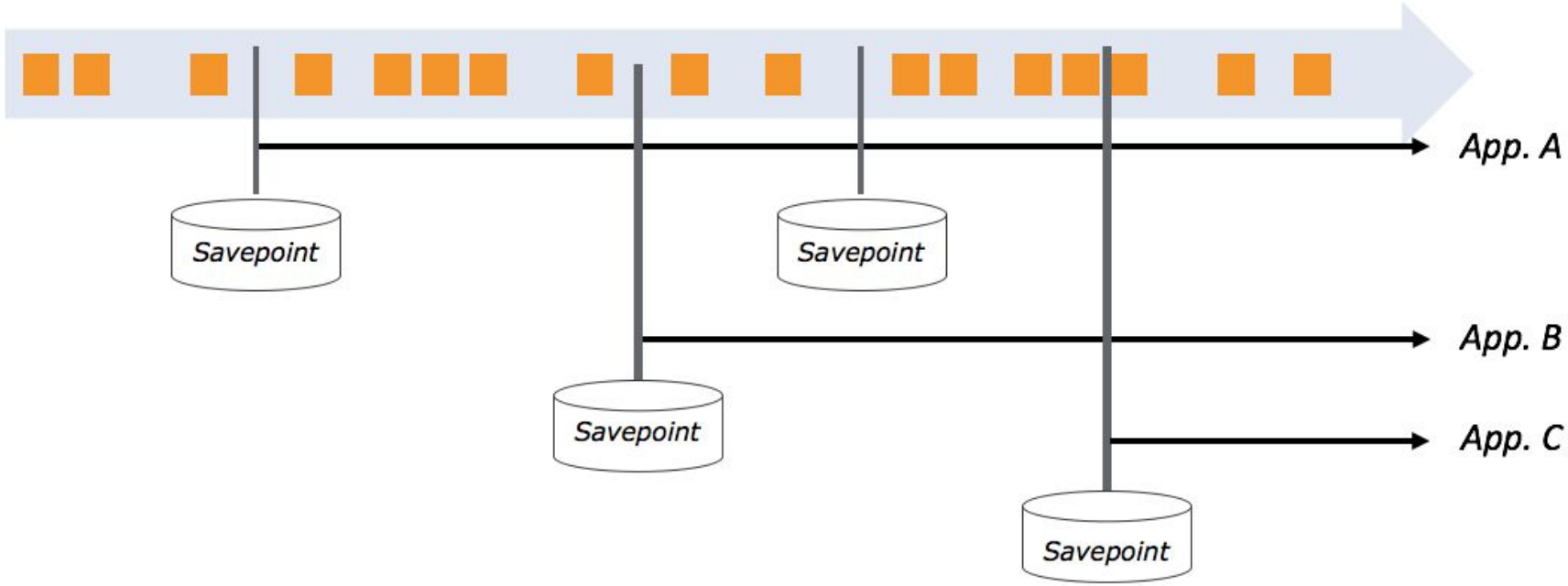


How can I reprocess data?

Reprocessing Events In Flink

1. **Take periodic snapshots of a job**
   - It stores Kafka offsets, on-flight sessions, application state
2. **Restart a job from a savepoint rather than from a beginning**



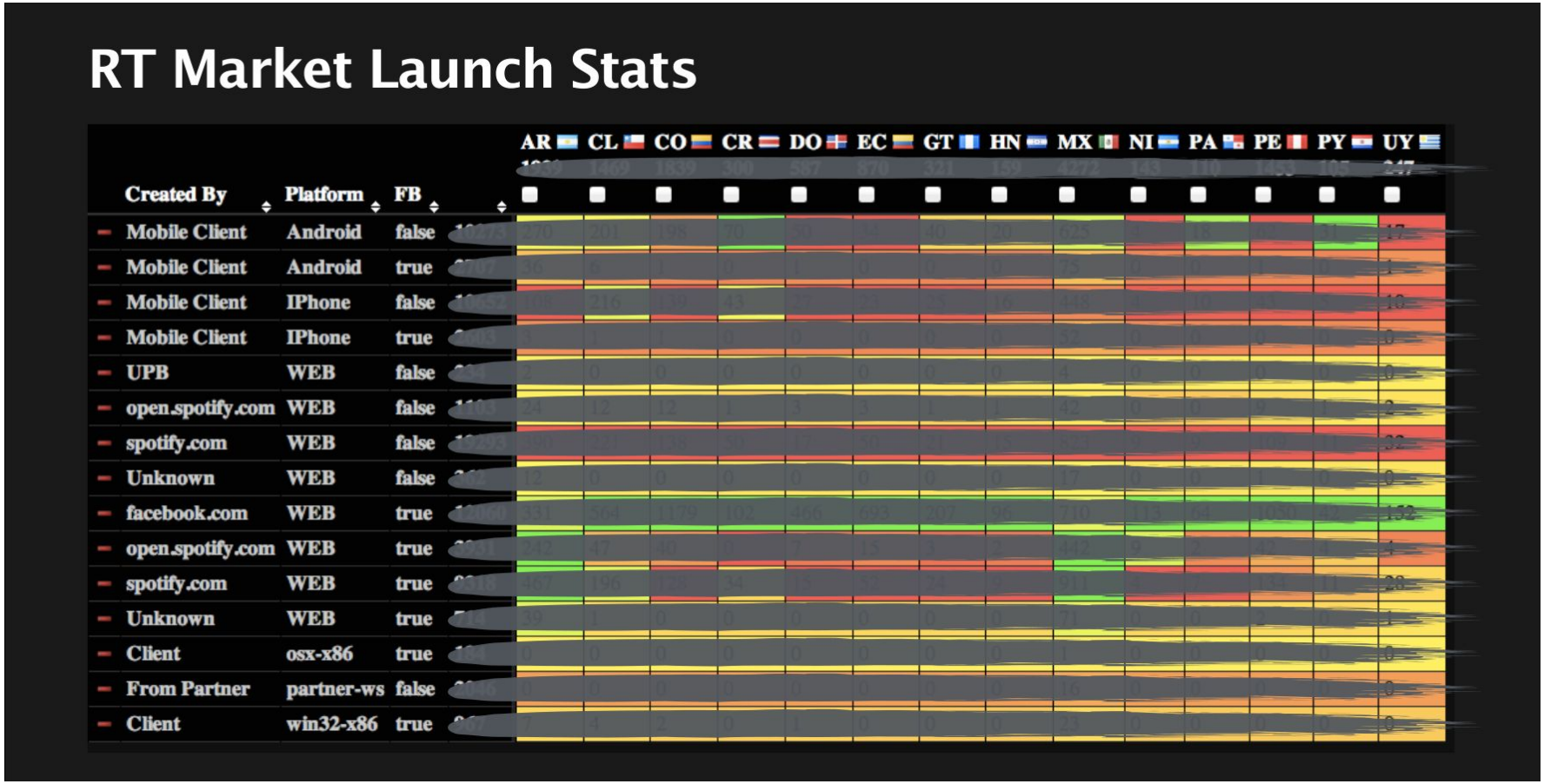
What if data is no longer in Kafka?

Consuming Data From HDFS

- **Run your streaming code on HDFS (bounded data)**
  - You need to read data in event-time based order
  - Implement mechanism of proper watermark generation

What are usual stream processing applications?

Stream Analytics



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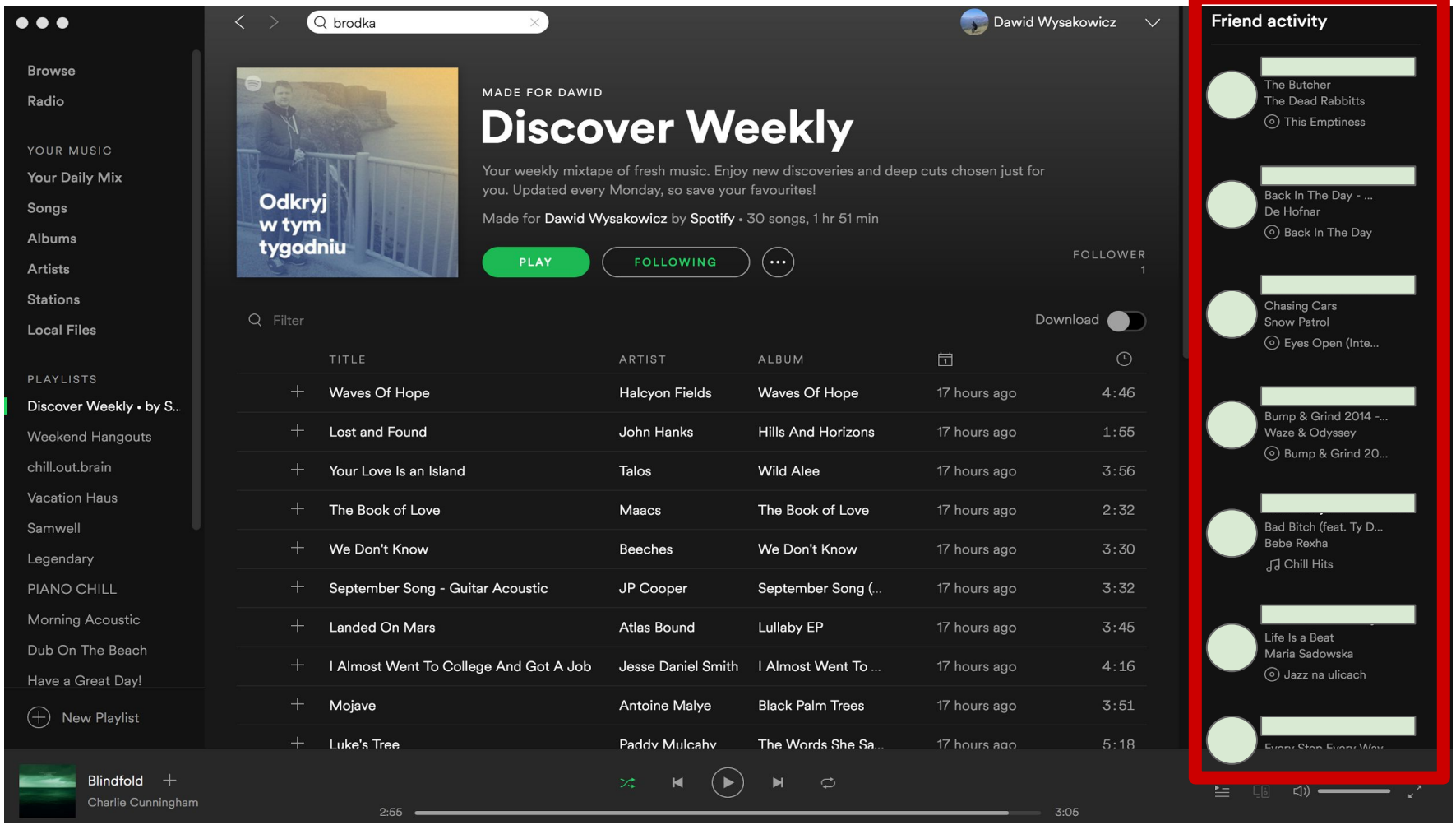
Stream 24/7 Applications



What can happen
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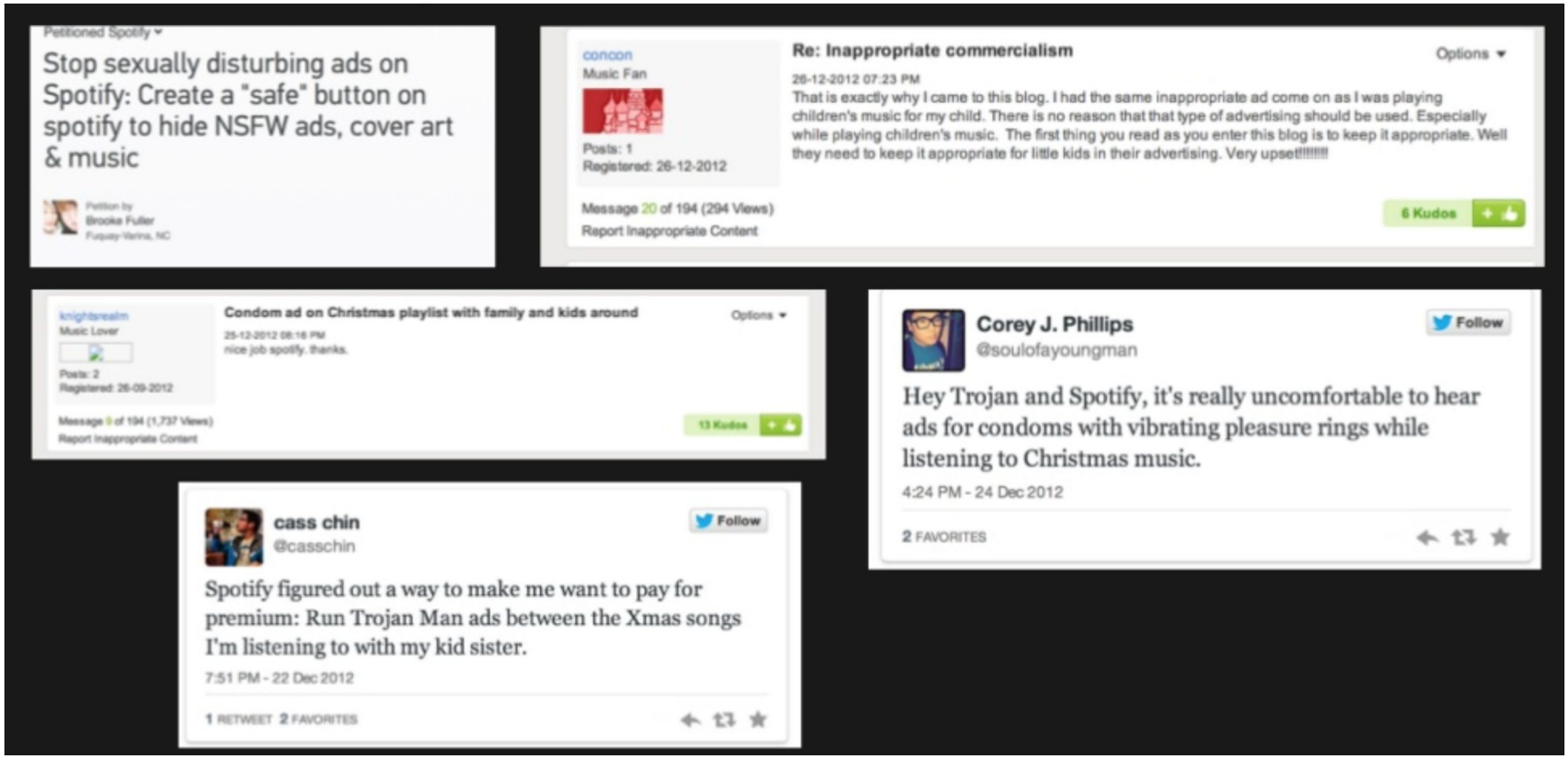
Real-Time Personalization



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When is batch processing good?

Batch Processing Use-Cases

- **Ad-hoc analytics and data exploration**
  - Notebooks, Spark/**Flink**/Hive, Parquet
  - Complete data sets
- **Technical advantages**
  - A large swaths of historical data in HDFS
  - High-level libraries in mature batch technologies

Batch or Stream?

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- **Stream processing is not only about low latency**
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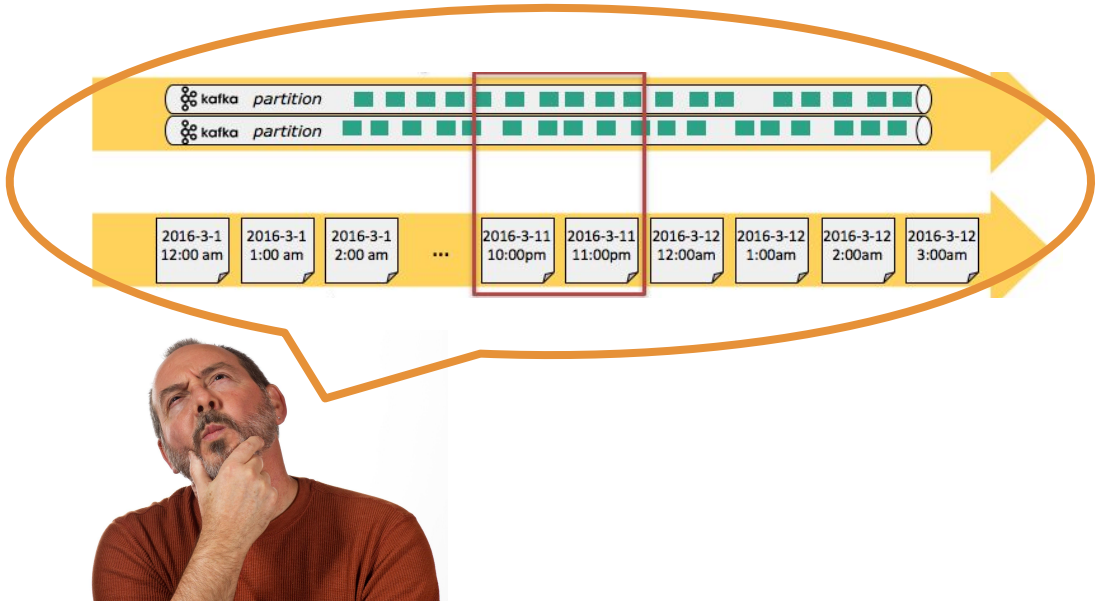
- **Stream processing is a great fit for ETL, KPIs, reports**



Take-Away Message

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(when data arrives continuously)

don't solve streaming problem with batch jobs

Thanks Vilnius !

Q&A