



Introduction to script interface and understanding default parallelism

Training Overview – This is the R script version

- **Introduction to external script interface**
- Controlling Script Processes – threads and nodes
- Controlling Data Processing – partitions
- Passing parameters through to scripts

Introduction to external scripting interface: using R

```
create external script Kog_R_AvgOverAllRows
environment rscript
receives(part_id int, value decimal(10,6))
input 'column_headers on,
column_header_format 0'
sends(average decimal(10,6))
script
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    header=TRUE)
  if (nrow(read_in)>0){
    avg1 <-sum(read_in$VALUE)/nrow(read_in)
    cat(file="",paste(avg1, sep="," ,
      collapse="\n"), "\n")
  }
)EOF';
```

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Kog_R_AvgOverAllRows from (select prodno,
price/100.00 from demo_ret.v_ret_sale where
storeno = 1)) ext;
```

Create script and declare **environment**

receives – declare the input data types for the script

column headers can be passed as the first row of **input**. Note **format 0** passes headers only. Additional **input** info, such as data type, can be passed using other format options

sends– declare the output data types from the script

script– contained within **EOF** imports data, computes average value and writes result out

Once script is created **any** user can invoke it in any SQL query
(! provided privileges are set up on script AND schema)

Introduction to external scripting interface: some useful R syntax

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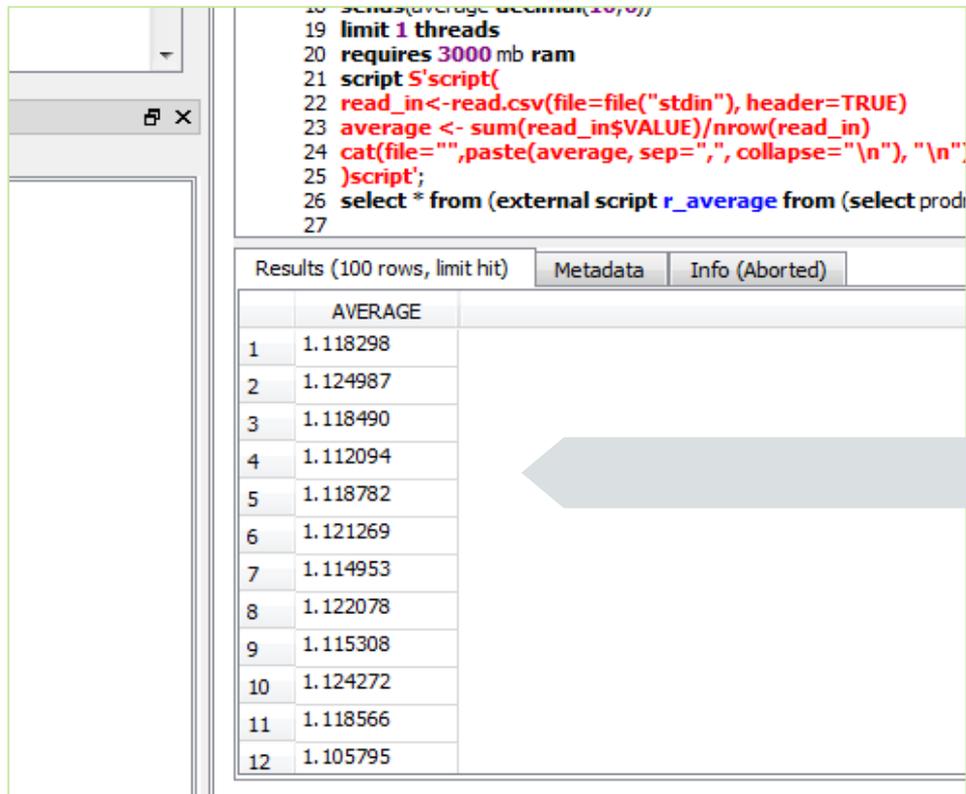
Use `read.csv` to import data via `stdin`. Kognitio uses `stdin` to stream data into external scripts. Set `header = TRUE` to read first input row as the column headers. These were passed by having `column_headers` set on in the `input` command

Within **any** script empty input must always be handled as Kognitio does not always send data to every script invocation

Results are output from R via the `cat` command which can be used to format R objects into row output. Note `file=""` sends output to `stdout` which is used by Kognitio to obtain results from an external script. Set `sep=","` as Kognitio expects columns to be comma separated

What does output look like?

Introduction to external scripting interface: default parallelism



The screenshot shows a script editor with the following code:

```
18 select(average, column(10,0))
19 limit 1 threads
20 requires 3000 mb ram
21 script 'script(
22 read_in<-read.csv(file=file("stdin"), header=TRUE)
23 average <- sum(read_in$VALUE)/nrow(read_in)
24 cat(file="",paste(average, sep=" ", collapse="\n"), "\n")
25 )script';
26 select * from (external script r_average from (select prod
27
```

Below the script, the results are displayed in a table with 12 rows and one column labeled 'AVERAGE'. The results are:

	AVERAGE
1	1.118298
2	1.124987
3	1.118490
4	1.112094
5	1.118782
6	1.121269
7	1.114953
8	1.122078
9	1.115308
10	1.124272
11	1.118566
12	1.105795

There is not one result row. This is due to the **DEFAULT PARALLELISM**

The number of result rows obtained depends on the number of script invocations that process data.

The default (and maximum) number of invocations is equal to the number of RAM stores on the system. This equals the number of results rows obtained by default

! except when input data is very small. In this case not all script invocations may be used.

Kognitio External Scripting is very flexible

There are many ways to control the processing.
See [part 2](#) for more details