Big Data software has created quite a stir recently, largely driven by open source environments such as Hadoop and Spark. In this talk, I’ll begin by giving an overview of one such environment, the Berkeley Data Analytics Stack (BDAS), which we have been building over the past 6 years at the UC Berkeley AMPLab. BDAS has served as the launching platform for Spark, Mesos, Tachyon, GraphX, MLlib and other popular systems. I will then survey some recent trends in such software including: integrated systems vs. silos, real-time analytics, machine learning model serving, internet of things, cloud-hosted analytics and the convergence of high-performance computing and big data processing and describe how these trends are impacting the development of BDAS. Throughout the talk I will make the case that the rise of open source software for data analytics and other areas provides computer science researchers in academia with unprecedented opportunities for direct impact and testing of new ideas.

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