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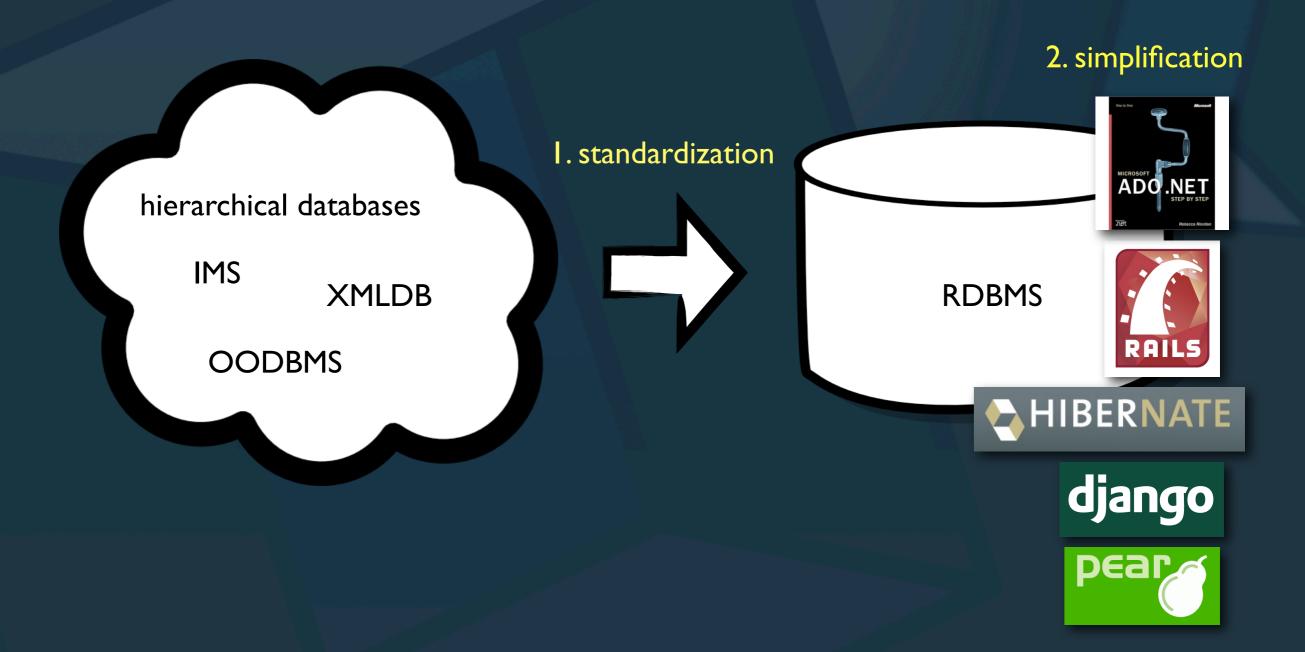
- » Steven Noels stevenn@outerthought.org
- » Outerthought: scalable content applications
- » makers of Daisy, Lily and Kauri: open source internet/Java/REST/content apps



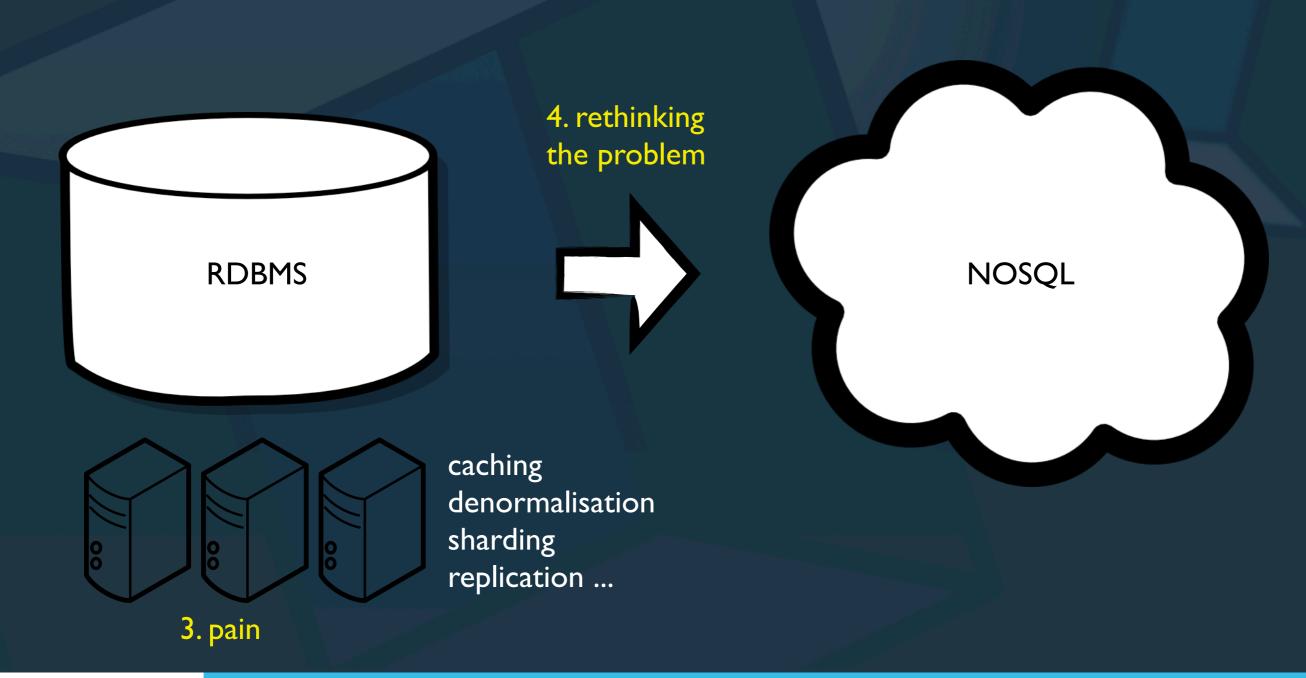
Intro Theory Technology Experiences

An evolution driven by pain.

History



History



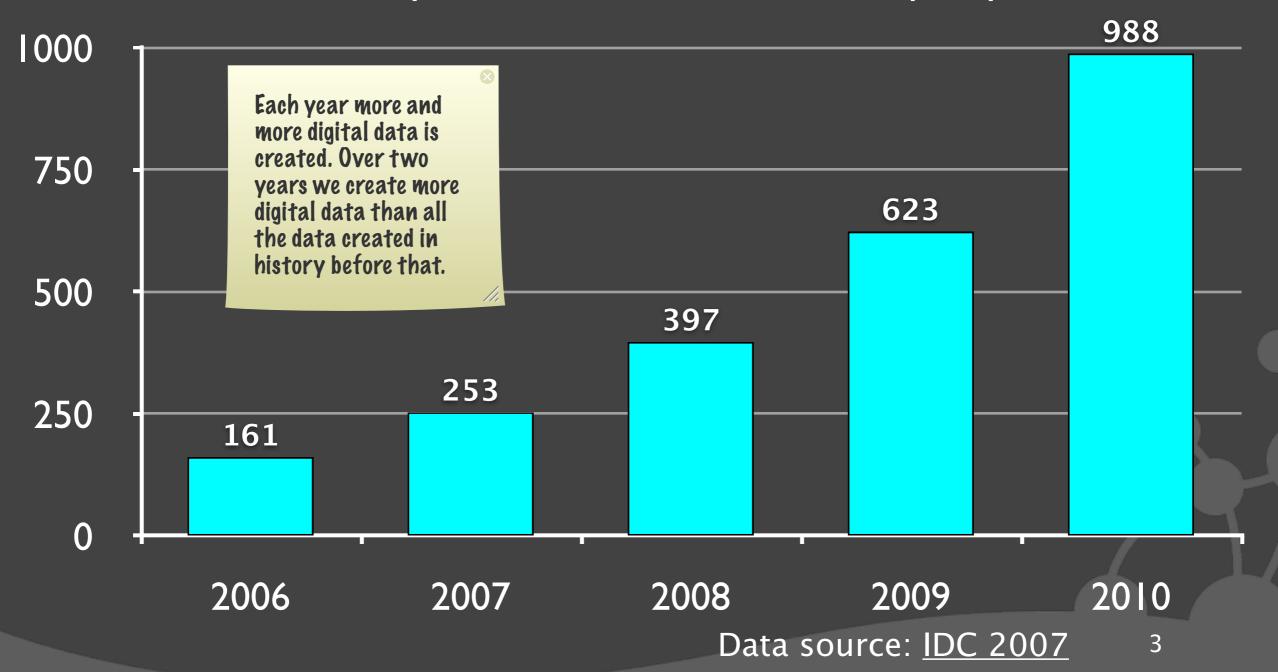
Four Trends

- » Trend I: Data Size
- » Trend 2 : Connectedness
- » Trend 3 : Semi-structure
- » Trend 4: Architecture



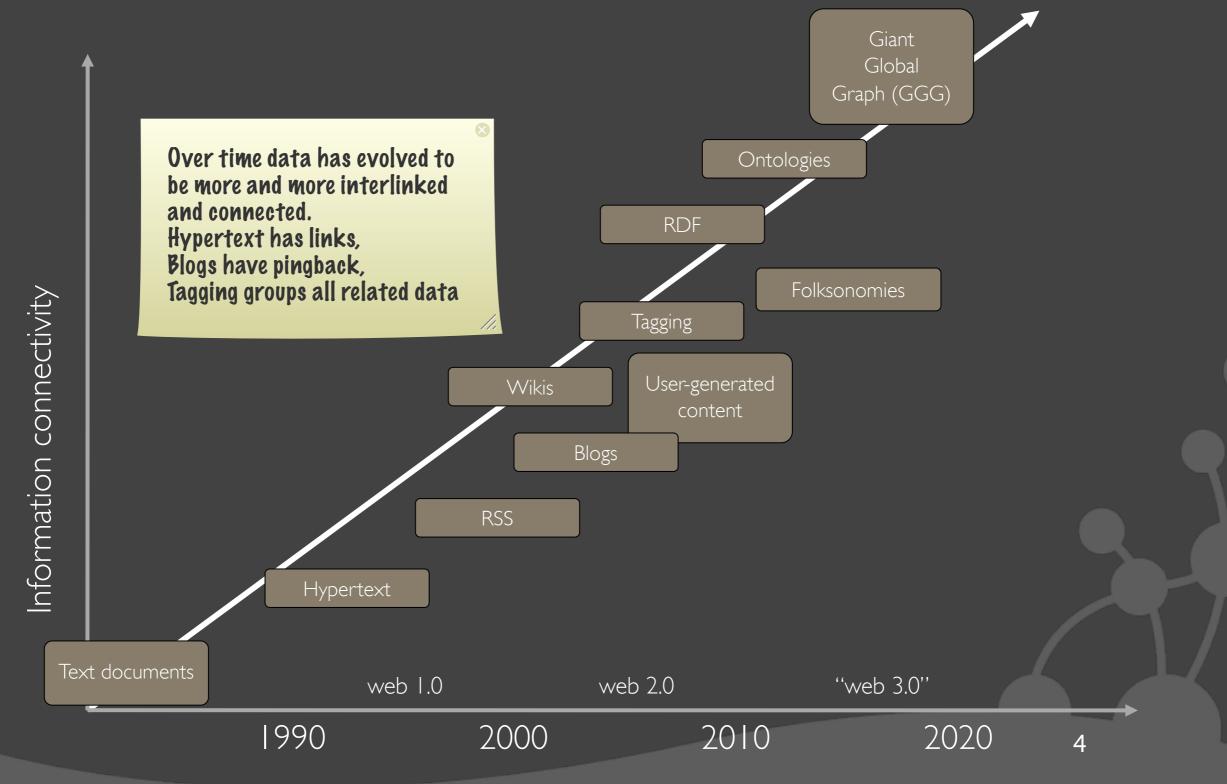
Trend I: Data size

ExaBytes (10¹⁸) of data stored per year





Trend 2: Connectedness





Trend 3: Semi-structure

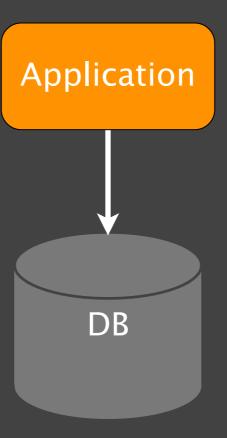
- Individualization of content
 - In the salary lists of the 1970s, all elements had exactly one job
 - In the salary lists of the 2000s, we need 5 job columns! Or 8?
 Or 15?
- All encompassing "entire world views"
 - Store more data about each entity
- Trend accelerated by the decentralization of content generation that is the hallmark of the age of participation ("web 2.0")





Trend 4: Architecture

1980s: Mainframe applications

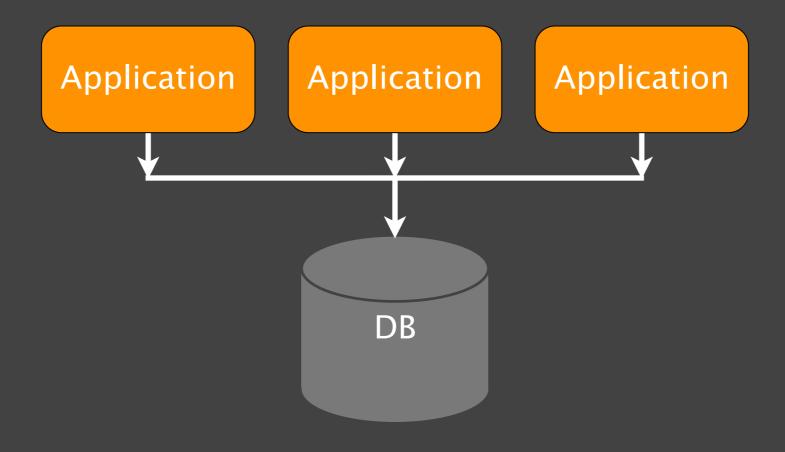






Trend 4: Architecture

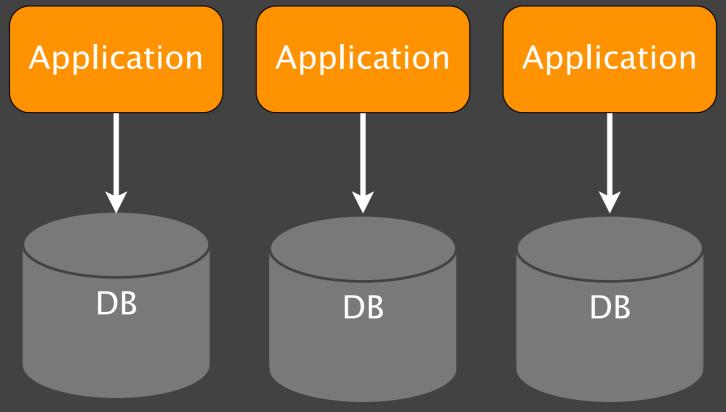
1990s: Database as integration hub





Trend 4: Architecture

2000s: (moving towards) Decoupled services with their own backend





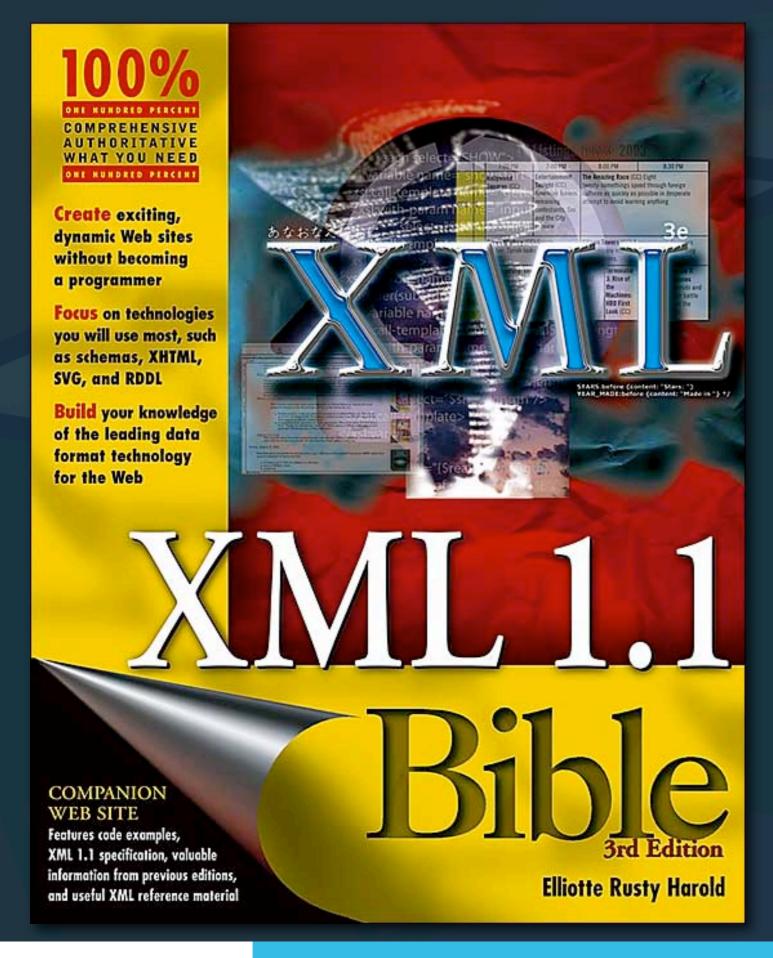
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Enter NoSQL

It's a Cambrian Explosion





Buzz-oriented development

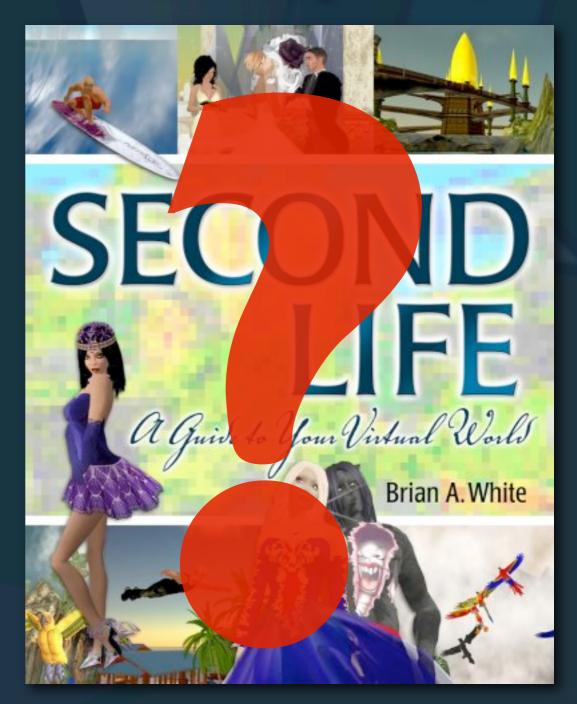




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Common themes

» SCALE SCALE SCALE

» new datamodels

» devops

» N-O-SQL

» The Cloud:
technology is of no interest anymore



New Data

- » sparse structures
- » weak schemas
- » graphs
- » semi-structured
- » document-oriented

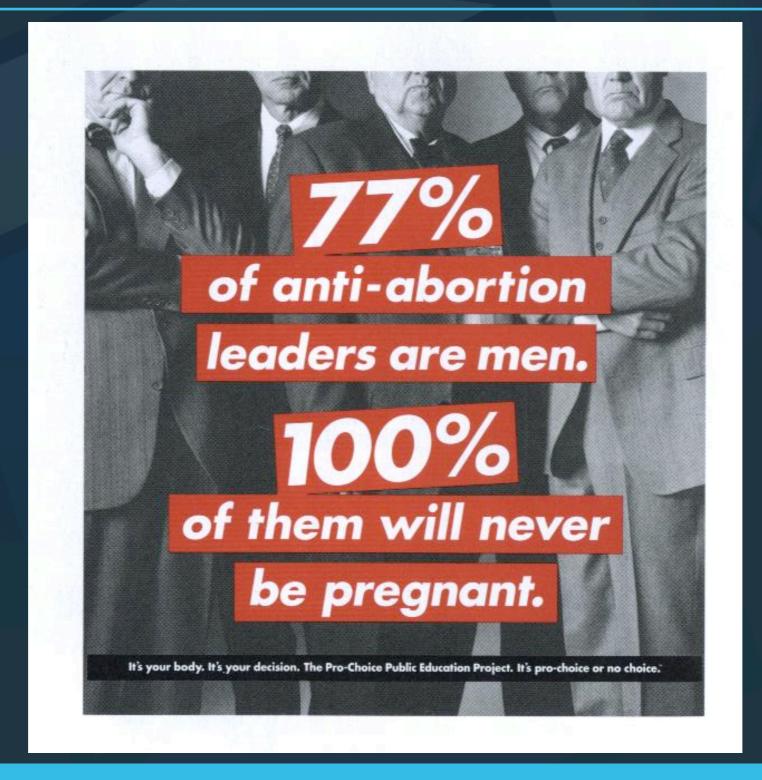


NoSQL

- » Not a movement.
- » Not ANSI NoSQL-2010.
- » Not one-size-fits-all.
- » Not (necessarily) anti-RDBMS.
- » No silver bullet.



NoSQL = pro Choice



NoSQL = toolbox



NOSQL, if you need ...

- » horizontal scaling (out rather than up)
- » unusually common data (aka free-structured)
- » speed (especially for writes)
- » the bleeding edge



SQL/RDBMS, if you need ...

- » SQL
- » ACID
- » normalisation
- » a defined liability



Some RDBMS bashing

» sparse and dynamic tables

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id	content	field1	field2	field3	field4	field5	field6	Ш
561	foo	val561						
565	bar		val565					
584	baz				val584			
589	boo			val589				
654							val654	
678						val678		
698					val698			
710								
725								



Some RDBMS bashing

» solution



```
mysql> desc thefields;
 Field
                      | Type
                                      | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
                      | bigint(20)
| doc id
                                      I NO
                                             | PRI | NULL
| fieldtype_id
                      | bigint(20)
                                      I NO
                                             | PRI | NULL
stringvalue
                      | varchar(255)
                                        YES
                                               MUL | NULL
I datevalue
                       datetime
                                        YES
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I datetimevalue
                       datetime
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| integervalue
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| floatvalue
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                       double
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                                               MUL | NULL
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 booleanvalue
                                               MUL I NULL
                      | char(1)
25 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

More RDBMS bashing

- » replication and failure recovery
 - » (when working on a budget)
- » application-level partitioning logic





Dynamo: Amazon's Highly Av

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the biggest challenges we STP rgest e-commerce operations in e has significant financial trust. The Amazon.com platform, which provides services for many web sites worldwide, is implemented on top of an infrastructure of tens of thousands of servers and network components located in many datacenters around the world. At this scale, small and large components fail continuously and the way persistent state is managed in the face of these failures drives the reliability and scalability of the software systems.

This paper presents the design and implementation of Dynamo, a Amazon's available key-value storage system that some of Amazon's "always-on" experience. To

Academic background

- » Amazon Dynamo
- » Google BigTable
- » Eric Brewer CAP theorem



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Amazon Dynamo

- » coined the term 'eventual consistency'
- » consistent hashing

Table 1: Summary of techniques used in Dynamo and their advantages.

Problem	Technique	Advantage Incremental Scalability			
Partitioning	Consistent Hashing				
High Availability for writes	Vector clocks with reconciliation during reads	Version size is decoupled from update rates.			
Handling temporary failures	Sloppy Quorum and hinted handoff	Provides high availability and durability guarantee when some of the replicas are not available.			
Recovering from permanent failures	Anti-entropy using Merkle trees	Synchronizes divergent replicas in the background.			
Membership and failure detection	Gossip-based membership protocol and failure detection.	Preserves symmetry and avoids having a centralized registry for storing membership and node liveness information.			

Eventual Consistency Gone Wild

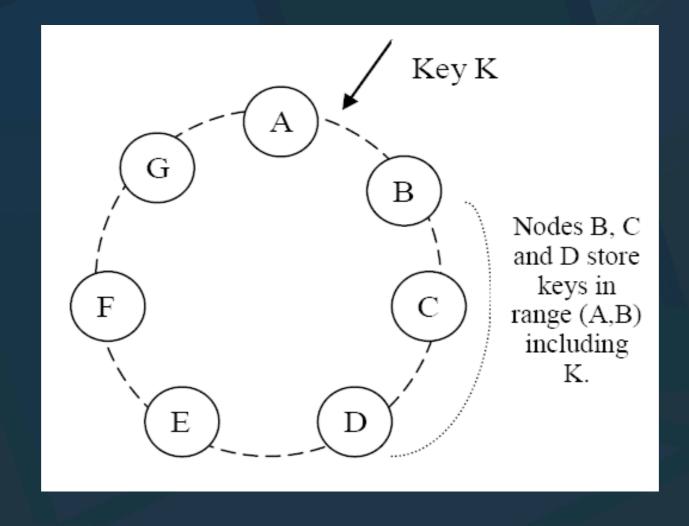






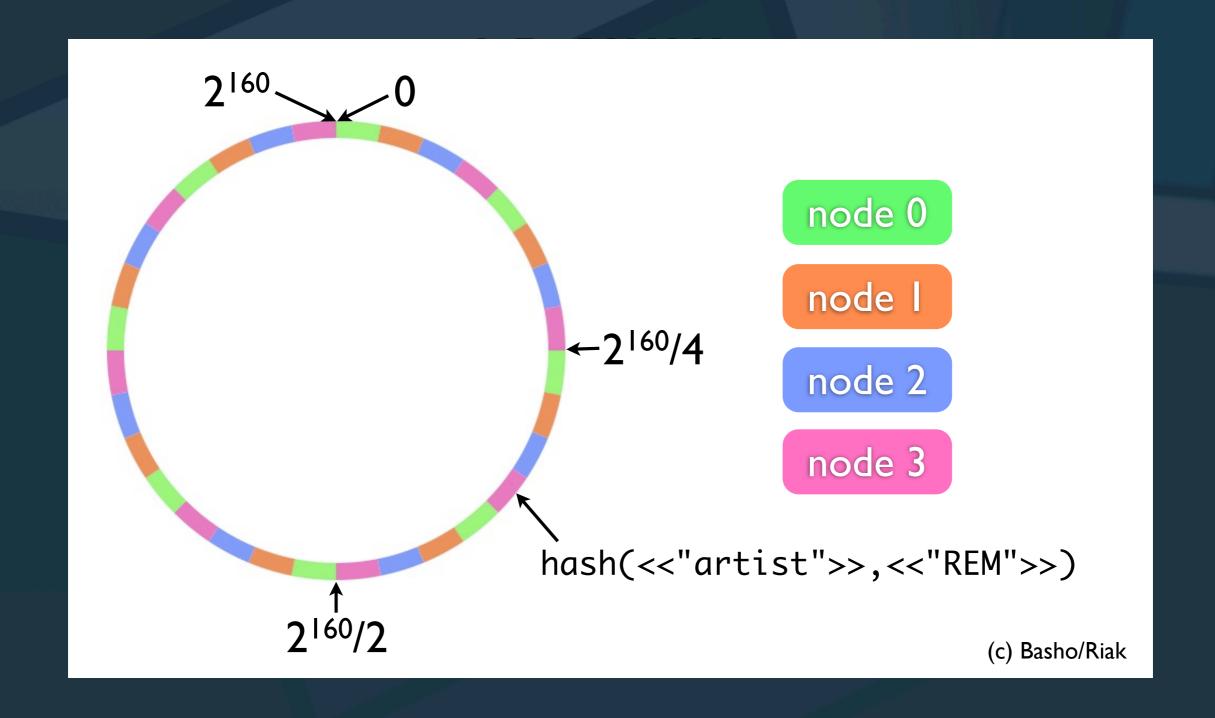
Consistent hashing

- » a solution for naive mod *n* distributions
 - » specifically in the case of adding or deleting nodes





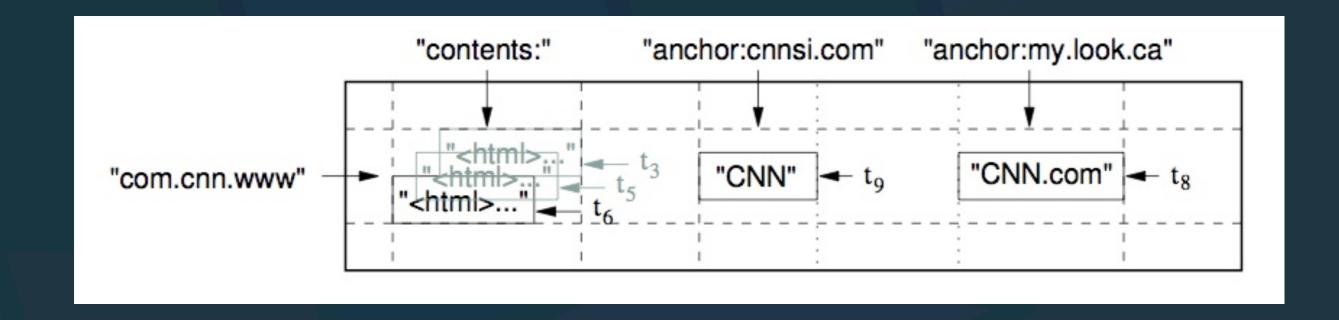
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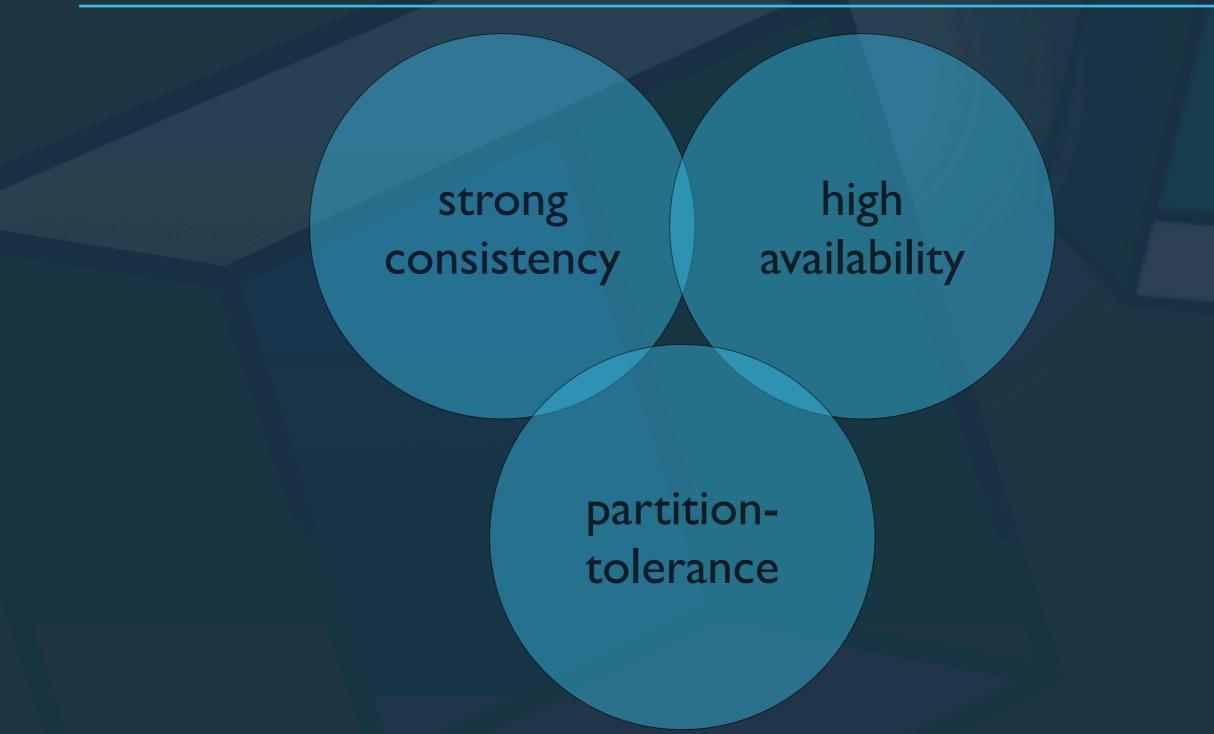


Google BigTable

- » multi-dimensional column-oriented database
- » on top of GoogleFileSystem
- » object versioning



CAP theorem





CAP

- » Strong Consistency: all clients see the same view, even in the presence of updates
- » High Availability: all clients can find some replica of the data, even in the presence of failures
- » Partition-tolerance: the system properties hold even when the system is partitioned



Culture Clash

» ACID

- » highest priority: strong consistency for transactions
- » availability less important
- » pessimistic
- » rigorous analysis
- » complex mechanisms

» BASE

- » availability and scaling highest priorities
- » weak consistency
- » optimistic
- » best effort
- » simple and fast

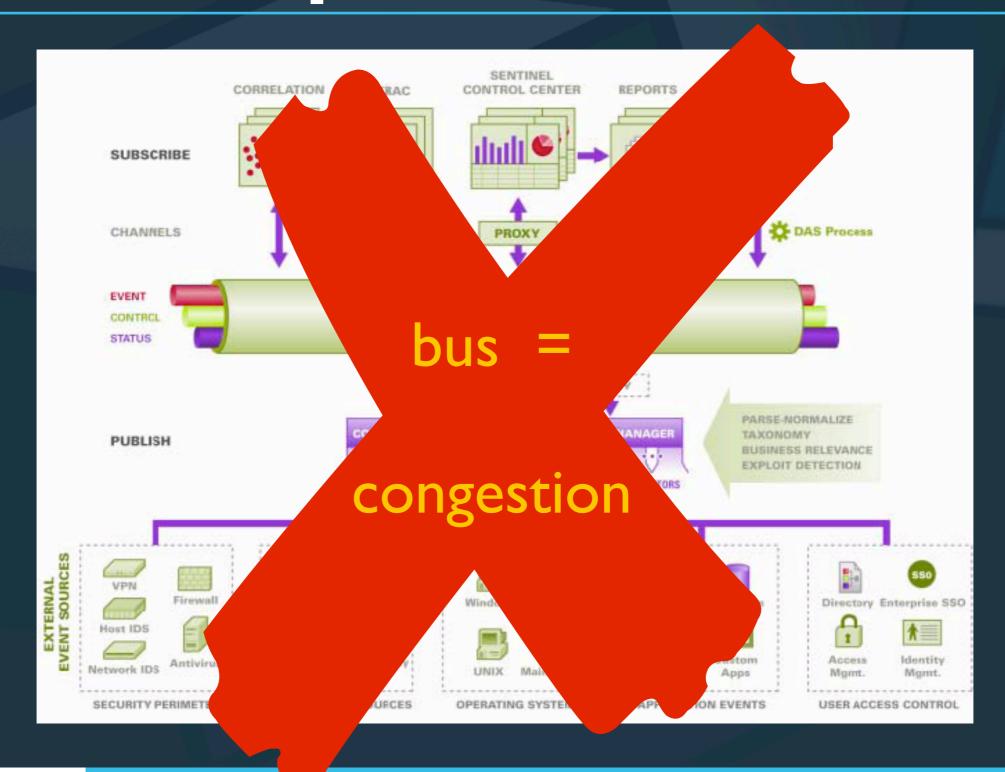


spectrum



Availability # total async!

The Enterprise Service Bus



Bus systems

- » objects don't fit in a pipe
- » object → message
- » serialization / de-serialization cost
- » message size
- » queuing = cost



Use a mixture of both

»async + sync



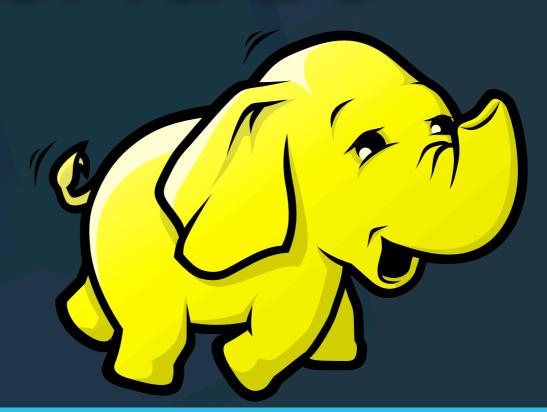




stuff which matters!

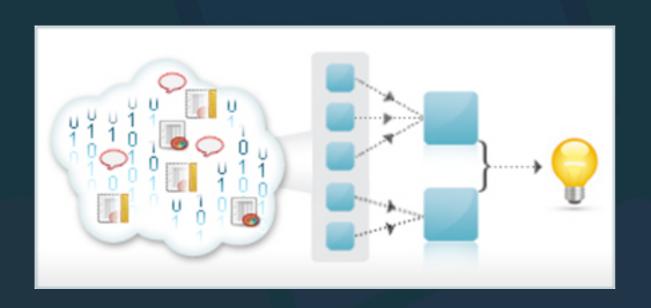
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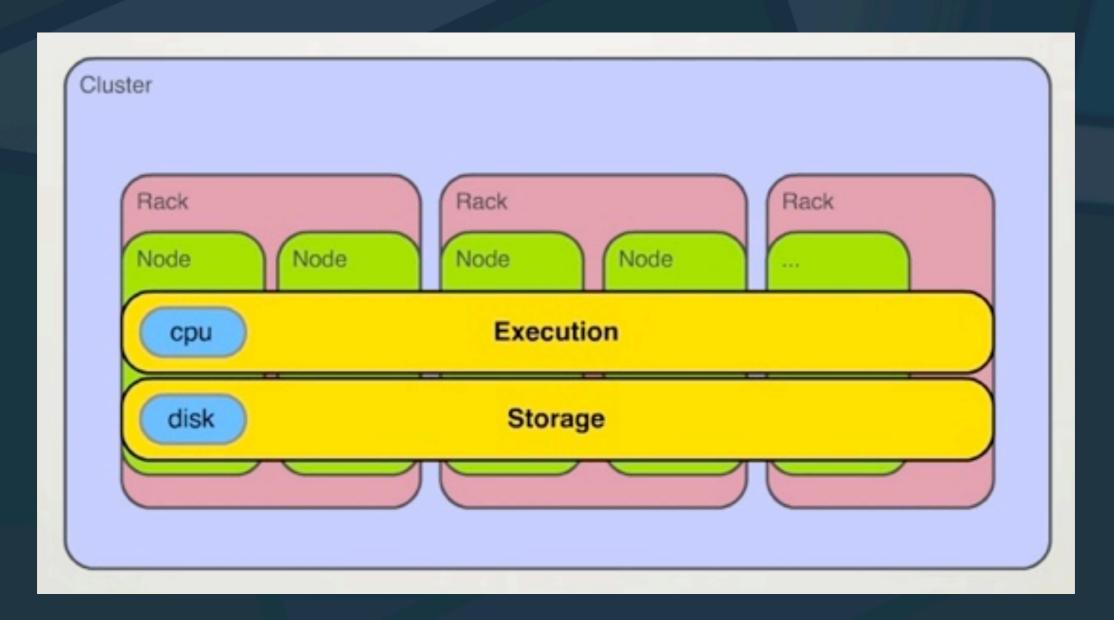
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Processing large datasets: Hadoop + Map/Reduce

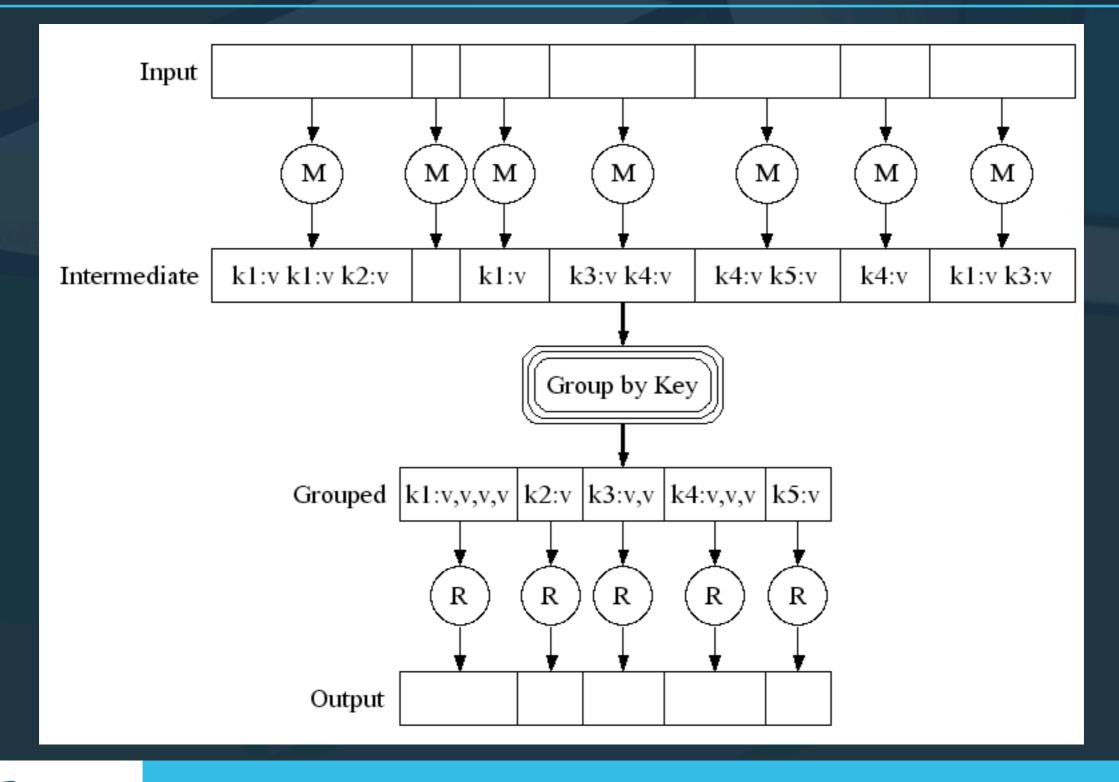


Hadoop: HDFS + MapReduce

» single filesystem + single execution-space



M/R Execution





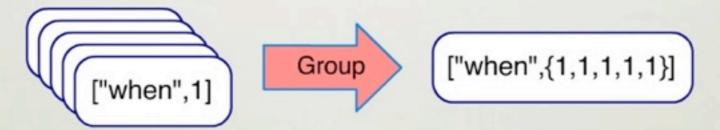


MapReduce example: WordCount

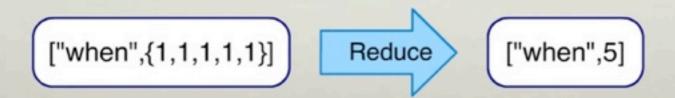
Read a line of text, output every word



Group all the values with each unique word



Add up the values associated with each unique word



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Hadoop ecosystem

- » Hadoop Common
- » Subprojects
 - » Chukwa: A data collection system for managing large distributed systems.
 - » HBase: A scalable, distributed database that supports structured data storage for large tables.
 - » HDFS:A distributed file system that provides high throughput access to application data.
 - » Hive: A data warehouse infrastructure that provides data summarization and ad hoc querying.
 - » MapReduce: A software framework for distributed processing of large data sets on compute clusters.
 - » Pig:A high-level data-flow language and execution framework for parallel computation.
 - » ZooKeeper: A high-performance coordination service for distributed applications.
 - » Mahout: machine learning libraries



Processing large datasets with MR

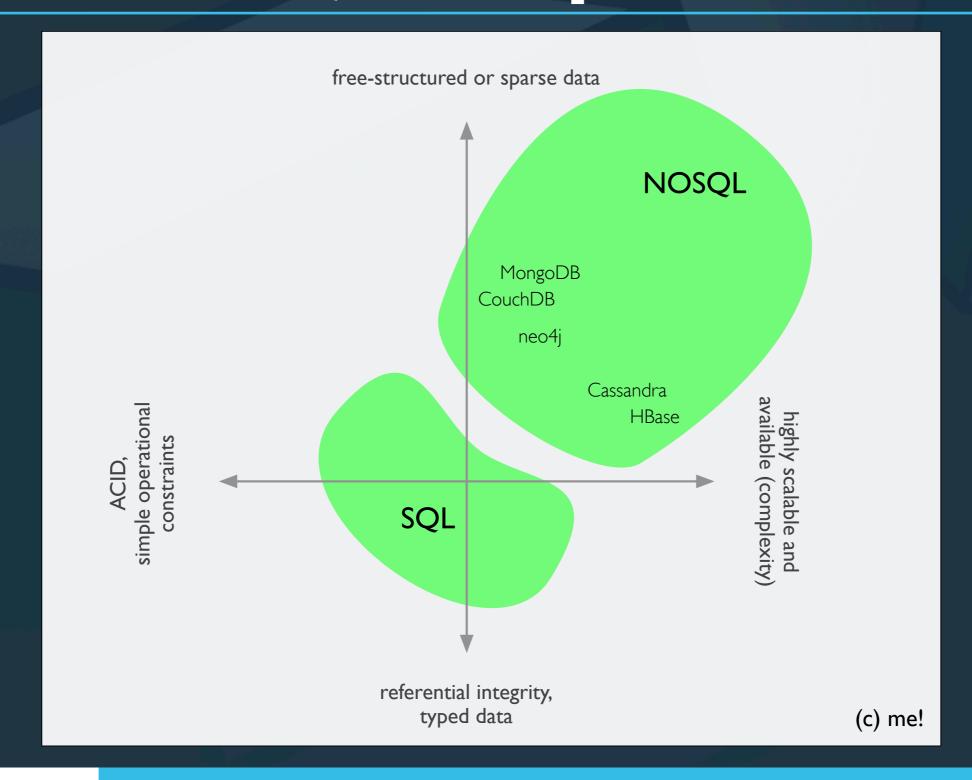
- » Benefit from parallellisation
- » Less modelling upfront (ad-hoc processing)
- » Compartmentalized approach reduces operational risks
- » AsterData et al. have SQL/MR hybrids for huge-scale BI



Intro Theory Technology Experiences

We we come the Polyglot Persistence overlords.

The NOSQL footprint





Categories

- » key-value stores
- » column stores
- » document stores
- » graph databases



Key-value stores

- » Focus on scaling to huge amounts of data
- » Designed to handle big loads
- » Often: cfr. Amazon Dynamo
 - » ring partitioning and replication
- » Data model: key/value pairs



Key-value stores

- » Redis
- » Voldemort
- » Tokyo Cabinet



Redis

- » REmote Dictionary Server
- » http://code.google.com/p/redis/
- » vmware



Redis Features

- » persisted memcache, 'awesome'
- » RAM-based + persistable
- » key → values: string, list, set
- » higher-level ops
 - » i.e. push/pop and sort for lists
- » fast (very)
- » configurable durability
- » client-managed sharding

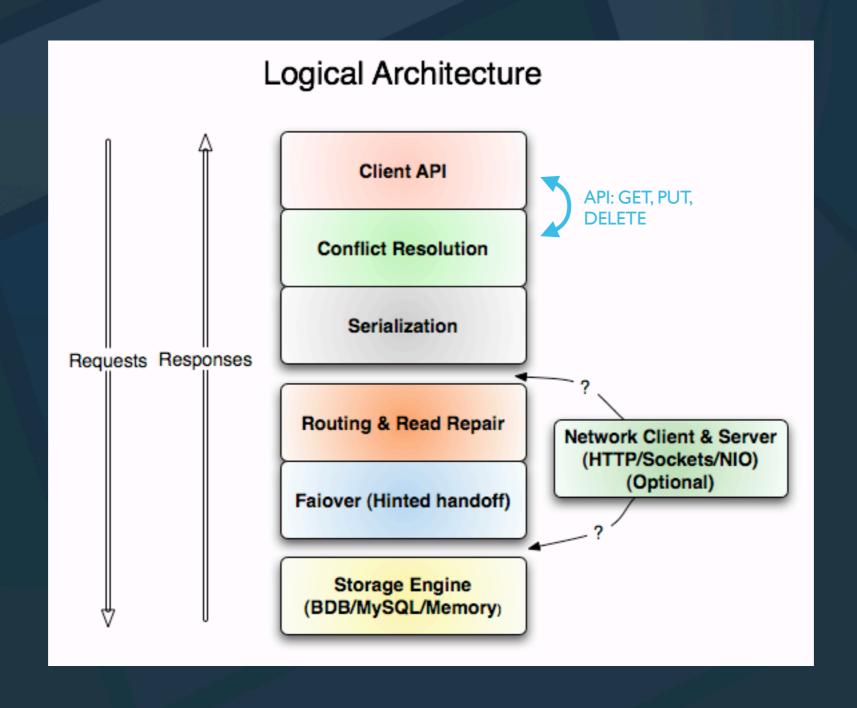


- » http://project-voldemort.com/
- » LinkedIn

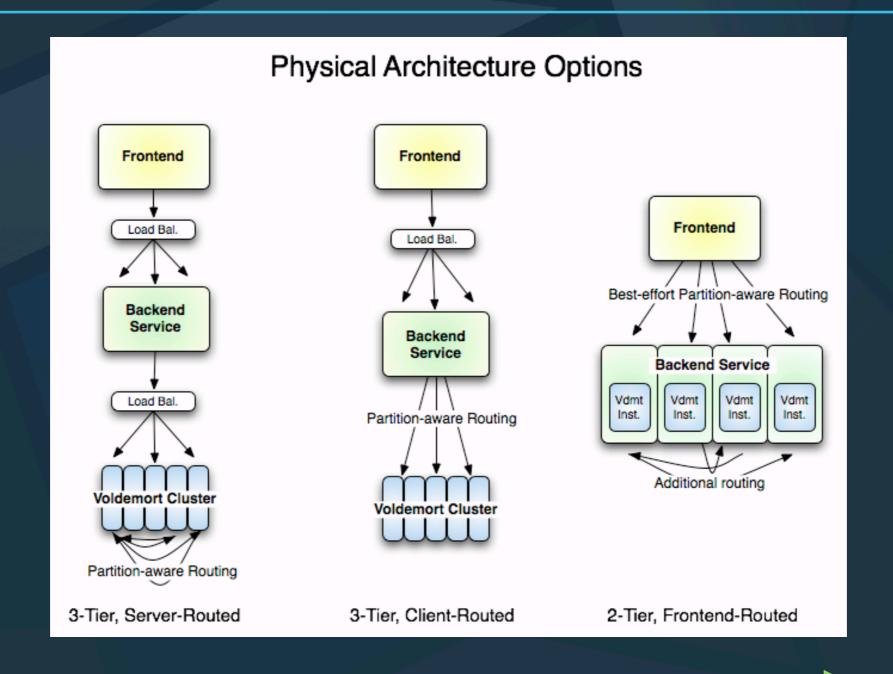


- » persistent
- » distributed
- » fault-tolerant
- » hash table









routing logic moving up the stack, smaller latency



Column stores

- » BigTable clones
- » Sparseness!
- » Data model: columns → column families → cells
 - » Datums keyed by: row, column, time, index
 - » Row-range → tablet → distribution



Column stores

- » BigTable
- » HBase
- » Cassandra



BigTable

- » http://labs.google.com/papers/bigtable.html
- » Google
- » layered on top of GFS



HBase



- » http://hadoop.apache.org/hbase/
- » StumbleUpon / Adobe / Cloudera



HBase



- » sorted
- » distributed
- » column-oriented
- » multi-dimensional
- » highly-available
- » high-performance

- » persisted
- » storage system

» adds random access reads and writes atop HDFS



HBase data model

- » Distributed multi-dimensional sparse map
- » Multi-dimensional keys:

(table, row, family:column, timestamp) → value

Row Key	Time Stamp	Column "contents:"	Column "anchor:"		Column "mime:"
"com.cnn.www"	t9		"anchor:cnnsi.com"	"CNN"	
	t8		"anchor:my.look.ca"	"CNN.com"	
	t6	" <html>"</html>			"text/html"
	t5	" <html>"</html>			
	t3	" <html>"</html>			

- » Keys are arbitrary strings
- » Access to row data is atomic



Sample schema

Card Number 1233.45.33-23

TS	Card	Transaction	Owner	Support	Notes
t5	registerCode=<> model= <model> pinHash=<md5(pin)> ValidFrom=<md5(f)> ValidTo=<></md5(f)></md5(pin)></model>				A new card was issued to the customer
t4		<dealerid>= <amount> Location=<></amount></dealerid>	pinAttempts=<,>		A Transaction was made
t3				Reason=<> <reqid>=</reqid>	Support Request from Customer
t2			City=<> Addressid=<> src=byTel operator=<>	Reason=<> <reqid>= Solved Supporter=<></reqid>	Address-Change by support
t1			Email= <md5(email)> src=web</md5(email)>		Email-Change from WebSite

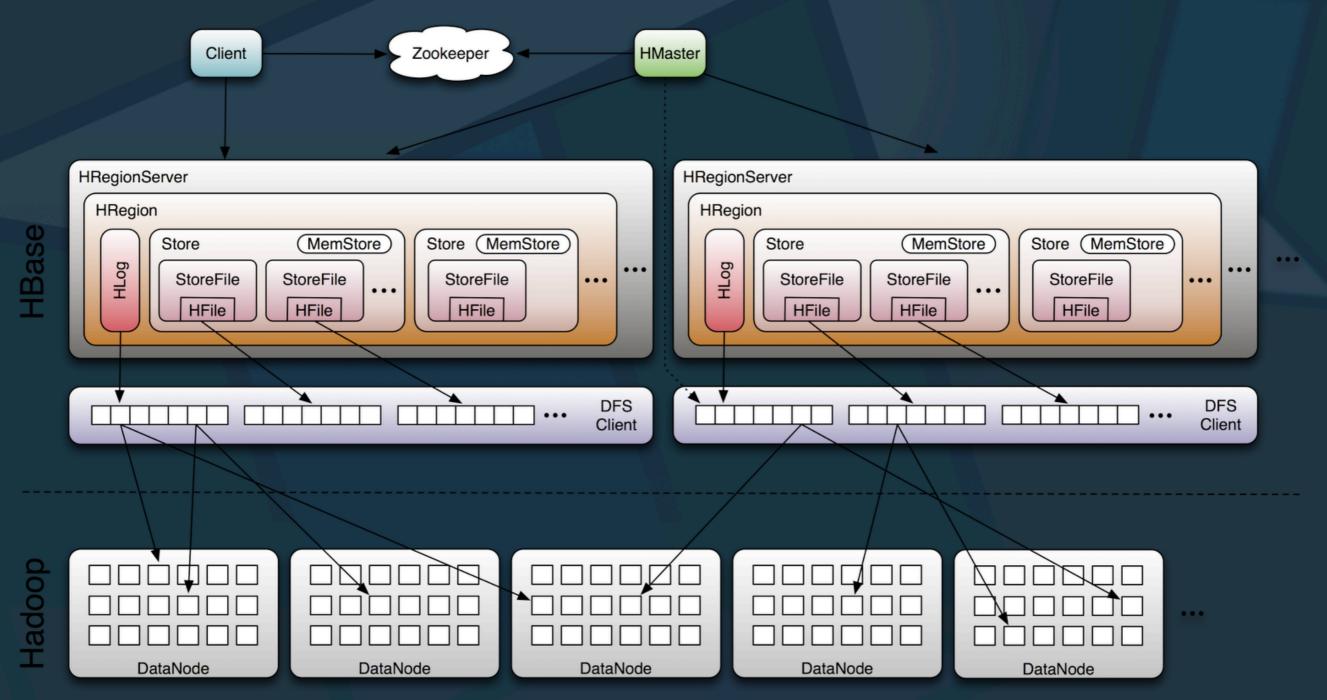
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(c) eCircle



Storage architecture







Cassandra

- » http://cassandra.apache.org/
- » Rackspace / Facebook



Cassandra

- » Key-value store (with added structure)
- » Reliability (identical nodes)
- » Eventual consistent
- » Distributed
- » Tunable
 - » Partitioning
 - » Replication



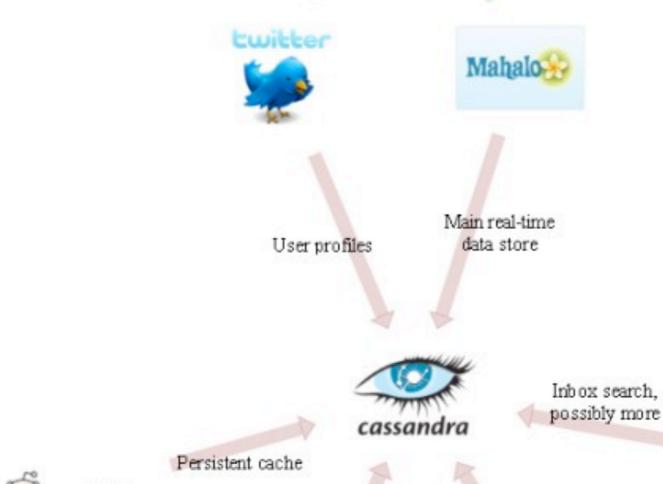
Cassandra applicability

FIT

- » Scalable reliability (through identical nodes)
- » Linear scaling
- » Write throughput
- » Large Data Sets

NO FIT

- » Flexible indexing
- » Only PK-based querying
- » Big Binary Data
- » I Row must fit in RAM entirely



facebook.



Cloud service, monitoring&log storage

Main real-time data store









User profiling system

Real-time data storage and analytics platform





Near-duplicate document detection



Near-real time analytics and reporting

Versioned contente search, analytics storage and retrieval







Document databases

- » ≈ K/V stores, but DB knows what the Value is
- » Lotus Notes heritage
- » Data model: collections of K/V collections
- » Documents often versioned



Document stores

- » CouchDB
- » MongoDB
- » Riak



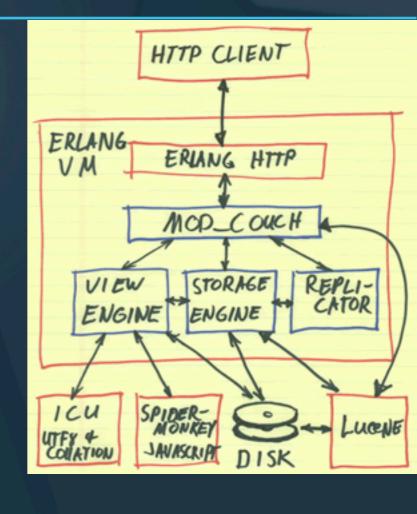
CouchDB

- » http://couchdb.apache.org/
- » couch.io



CouchDB

- » fault-tolerant
- » schema-free
- » document-oriented
- » accessible via a RESTful HTTP/JSON API







CouchDB documents

```
"_id": "BCCD12CBB",
"_rev": "AB764C",
"type": "person",
"name": "Darth Vader",
"age": 63,
"headware": ["Helmet", "Sombrero"],
"dark_side": true
}
```

CouchDB REST API

- » HTTP
 - » PUT /db/docid
 - » GET /db/docid
 - » POST /db/docid
 - » DELETE /db/docid



CouchDB Views

- » MapReduce-based
- » Filter, Collate, Aggregate
- » Javascript

map

```
function (doc) {
  for(var i in doc.tags)
    emit(doc.tags[i], 1);
}
```

reduce

```
function (Key, Values) {
  var sum = 0;
  for(var i in Values)
    sum += Values[i];
  return sum;
}
```

CouchDB

- » be careful on semantics
 - » replication ≠ partioning/sharding!
 - » distributed database = distributable database
- » sharded / distributed deployment requires proxy layer



MongoDB

- » http://www.mongodb.org/
- » 10gen



MongoDB

- » cfr. CouchDB, really
- » except for:
 - » C++
 - » performance focus
 - » runtime queries (mapreduce still available)
 - » native drivers (no REST/HTTP layering)
 - » no MVCC: update-in-place
 - » auto sharding (alpha)



Graph databases

- » Focus on modeling structure of data interconnectivity
- » Scale, but only to the complexity of data
- » Data model: property graphs



Graph databases

- » Neo4j
- » AllegroGraph (RDF)



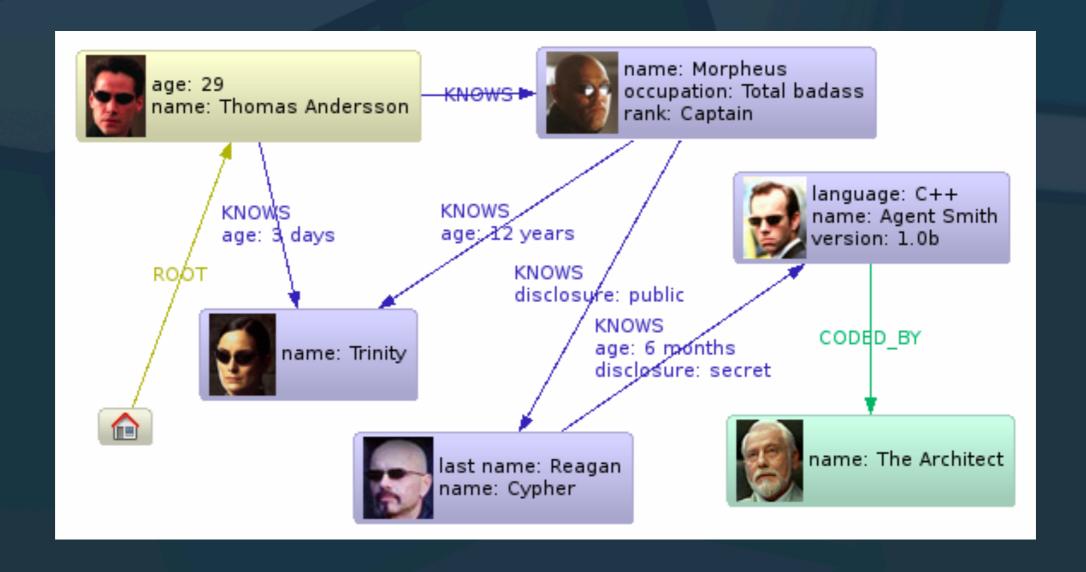
Neo4j

- » http://neo4j.org/
- » Neo Technology



Neo4j

» data = nodes + relationships + key/value properties



Neo4j

- » many language bindings, little remoting
- "whiteboard friendly
- » scaling to complexity (rather than volume?)
- » lots of focus on domain modelling
- » SPARQL/SAIL impl for triple geeks
- » mostly RAM centric (with disk swapping & persistence)



Bandwagonjumpers

- » JCR / Jackrabbit
- » GT/M
- » RDF stores



Market maturization

Rise of integrators

- » Cloudera (H-stack)
- » Riptano (Cassandra)
- » Cloudant (hosted CouchDB)
- » (Outerthought: HBase)



VC capital

- » Cloudera
- » couch.io
- » Neo
- » 10gen
- » many others



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NOSQL applicability

- » Horizontal scaling
- » Multi-Master
- » Data representation
 - » search of simplicity
 - » data that doesn't fit the E-R model (graphs, trees, versions)
- » Speed



Tool selection

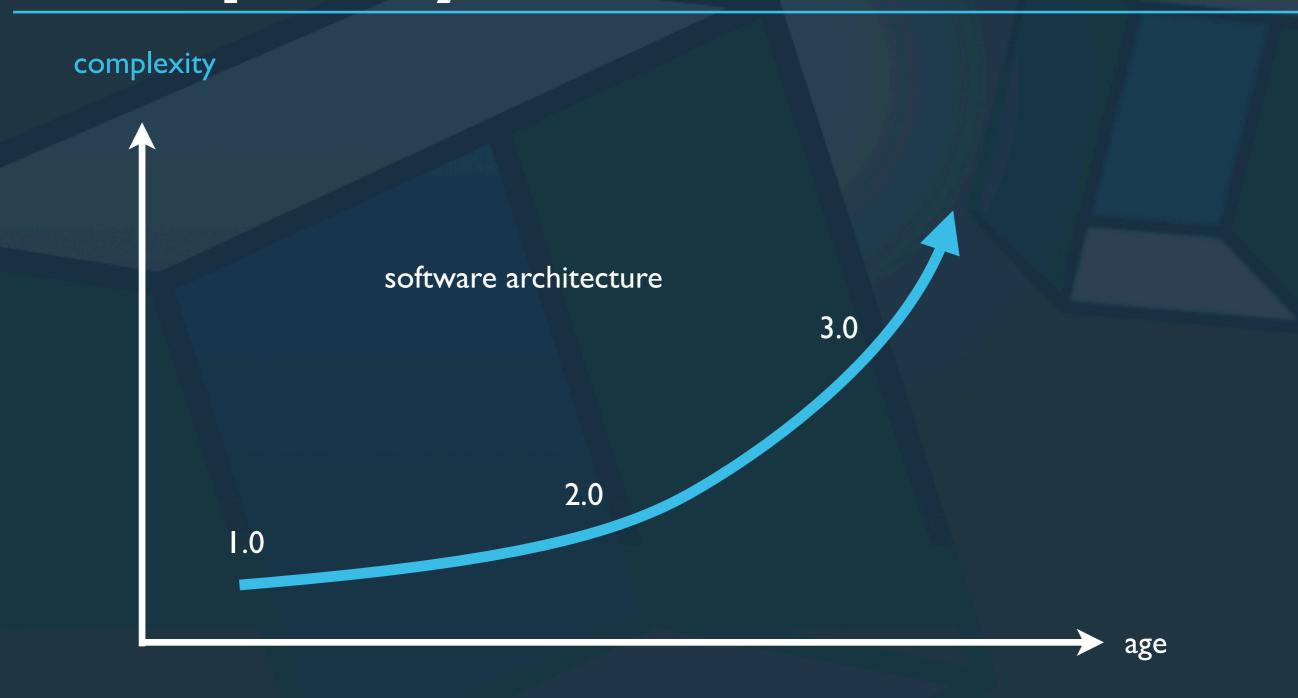
- » be careful with the marketeese: smoke and mirrors beware!
- » monitor dev list, IRC, Twitter, blogs
- » monitor project 'sponsors'
- » mix-and-match: polyglot persistency
- » DON'T NOSQL WITHOUT INTERNAL SYS ARCHS & DEV(OP)S!



Our Context: Lily

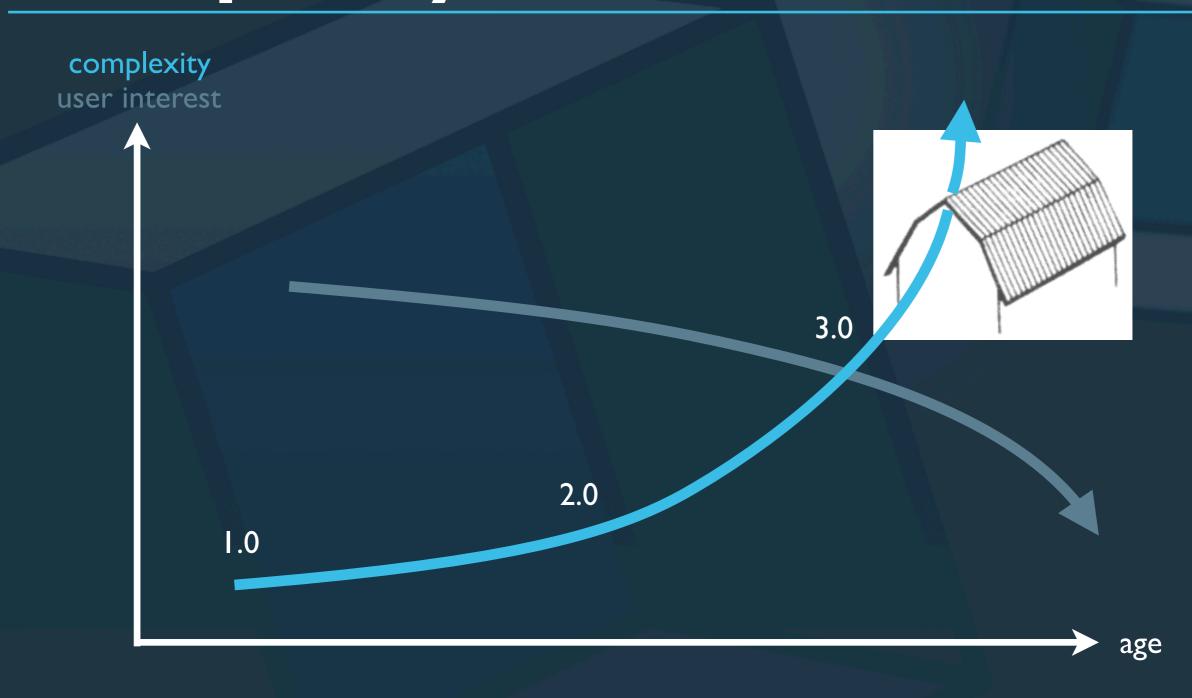
- » cloud-scalable content store and search repository
- » successor (in many ways) of Daisy

Complexity

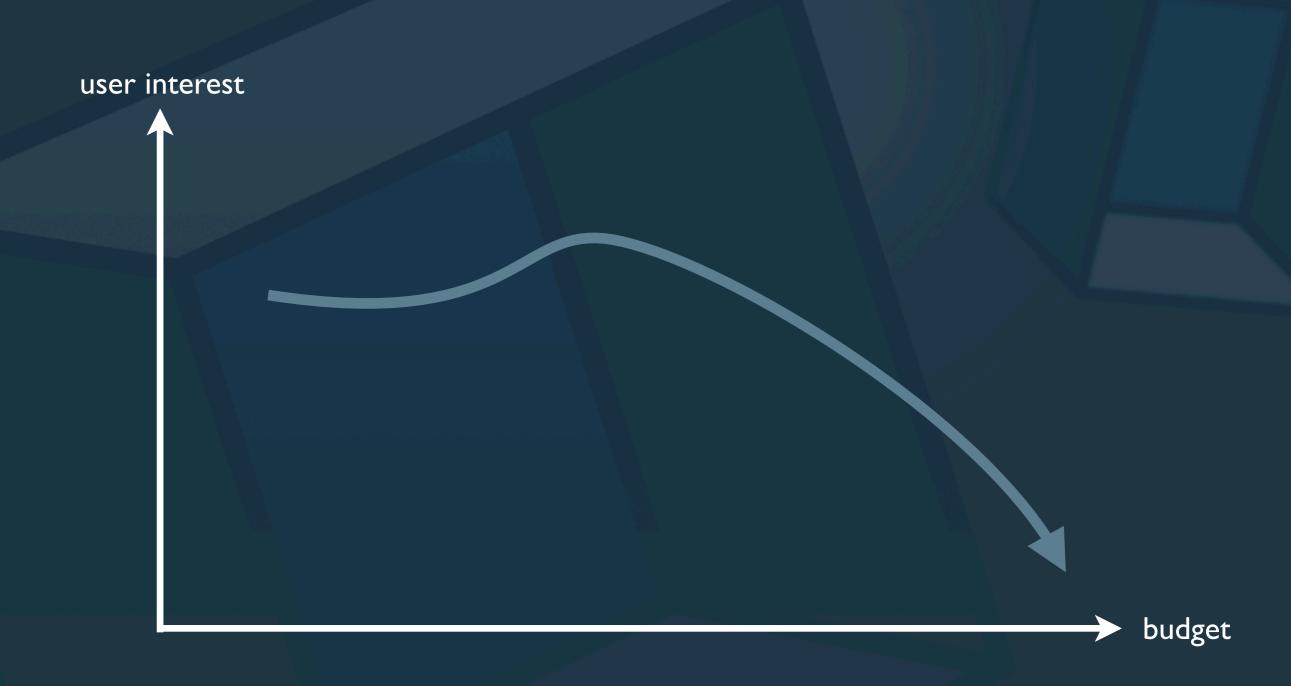




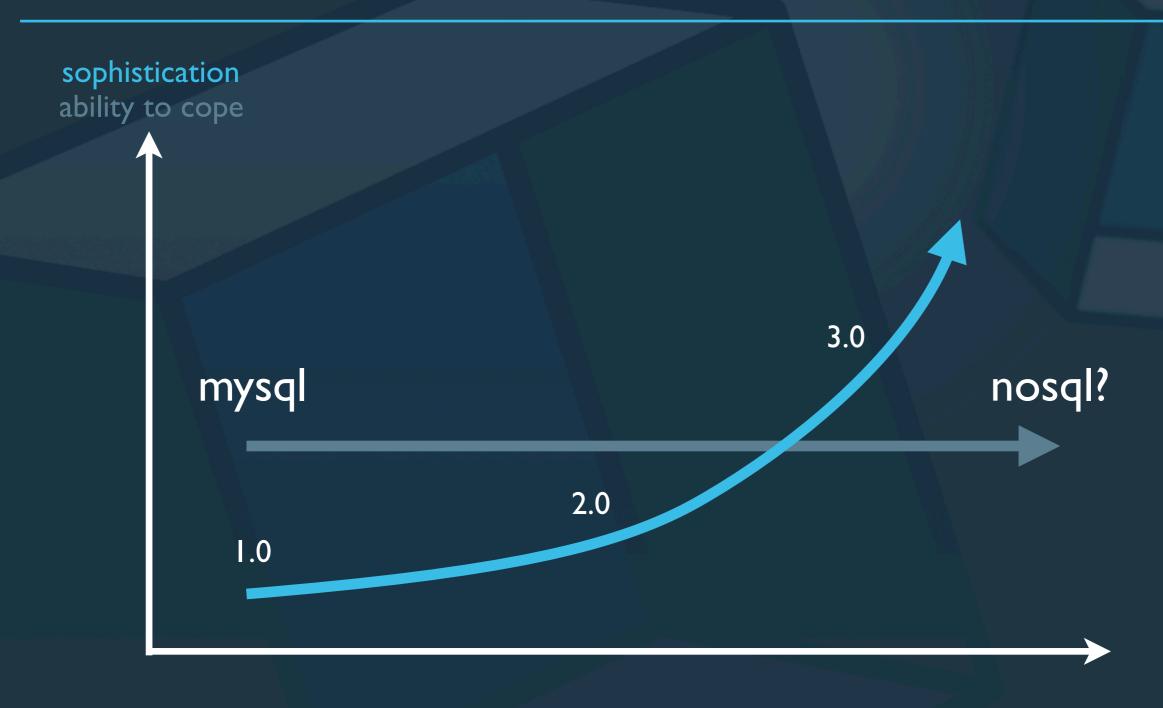
Complexity



Business Development 101



Solution



We Prefer Sophistication

» the challenge for us was to scale ... without dropping features

database (+opt. filesystem) (+ opt. full-text indexes)



application

cache

database (+opt. filesystem) (+ opt. full-text indexes)



more cache

application

cache

database (+opt. filesystem) (+ opt. full-text indexes)



even more cache

more cache

application

cache

database (+opt. filesystem) (+ opt. full-text indexes)



client even more cache more cache cache application database (+opt. filesystem) (+ opt. full-text indexes)



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What we found hard to scale

- » access control
- » facet browsing
- » all the nifty stuff people were using our software for

» ... anything that required random access to in-memory-cache data for computations

Beyond the 'scaling' problem

» three-prong data layer



- » result set merging (between MySQL & Lucene)
 - » happened in appcode/memory
- "transactions', set operations = hard

Requirements, phase I

- » automatic scaling to large data sets
- » fault-tolerance: replication, automatic handling of failing nodes
- » a flexible data model supporting sparse data
- » runs on commodity hardware
- » efficient random access to data
- » open source, ability to participate in the development thus drive the direction of the project
- » some preference for a Java-based solution



Requirements, phase II

- » After careful consideration, we realized the important choices were also:
 - » consistency: no chance of having two conflicting versions of a row
 - » atomic updates of a single row, single-row transactions
 - » bonus points for MapReduce integration
 - » e.g. full-text index rebuilding



That brought us to HBase, which bought us:

- » a datamodel where you can have column families which keep all versions and others which do not, which fits very well on our CMS document model
- » ordered tables with the ability to do range scans on them, which allows to build scalable indexes on top of it



- » HDFS, a convenient place to store large blobs
- » Apache license and community, a familiar environment for us



» OK, so now we had a data store!

» However, content repository = store + search





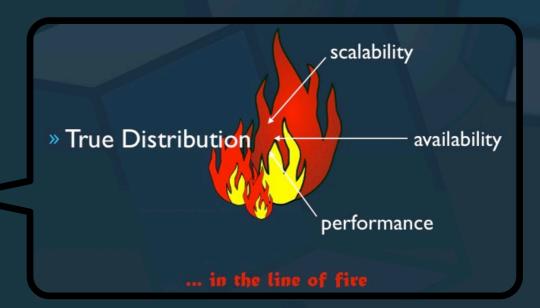
Search ponderings

- » CMS = two types of search
 - » structured search
 - » numbers, strings
 - » based on logic (SQL, anyone?)
 - » information retrieval (or: full-text search)
 - » text
 - » based on statistics



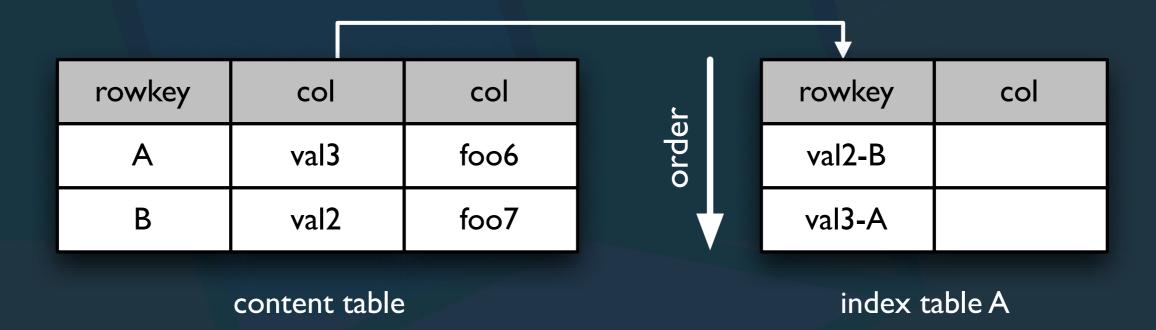
Search ponderings

» All of that, at scale



Structured Search

- » HBase Indexing Library
 - » idea from Google App Engine datastore indexes
 - » http://code.google.com/appengine/articles/ index_building.html





Full-text / IR search

- » Lucene?
 - » no sharding (for scale)
 - » no replication (for availability)
 - » batched index updates (not real-time)

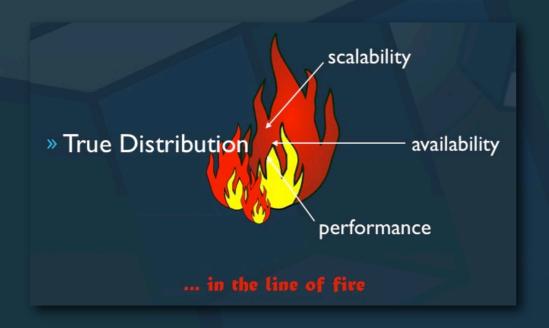
Beyond Lucene

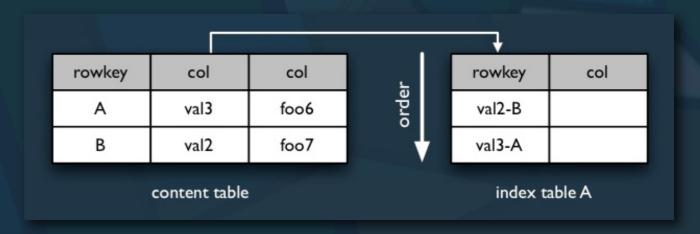
- » Katta
 - » scalable architecture, however only search, no indexing
- » Elastic Search
 - » very young (sorry)
- » hbasene et al.
 - » stores inverted index in HBase, might not scale all features
- » SOLR
 - » widely used, schema, facets, query syntax, cloud branch

More info: http://lilycms.org/lily/prerelease/technology.html



Remember distribution? Remember secondary indexes?





→ Need for reliable queuing

Connecting things

- » we needed a **reliable** bridge between our main storage (HBase) and our index/search server(s) (SOLR)
 - » indexing, reindexing, mass reindexing (M/R)
- » we need a reliable method of updating HBase secondary indexes
- » all of that eventually to run distributed
- » distribution means coping with failure



Solution

- » ACMEMessageQueue ? EZZZZZT.
 We wanted fault-safe HBase persistence for the queues.
 - Also for ease of administration.
- » → WAL & Queue implemented on top of HBase tables



WAL / Queue

» WAL

- » guaranteed execution of synchronous actions
- » call doesn't return before secondary action finishes
- » e.g. update secondary actions
- » if all goes well,
 size = #concurrent ops
- » will be useful/made available outside of Lily context as well!

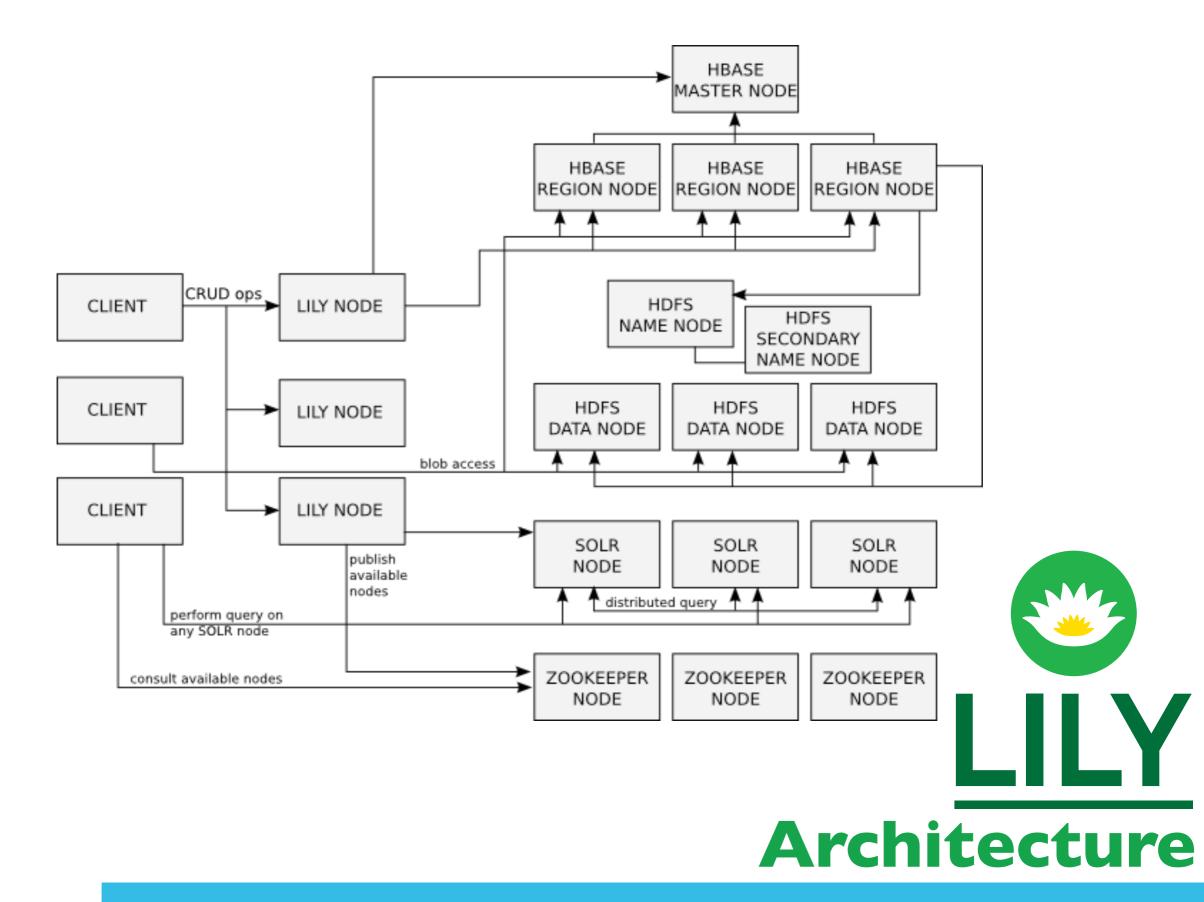
- » Queue
 - * triggering of async actions
 - » e.g. (re)index (updated) record with SOLR back-end
 - » size depends on speed of back-end process

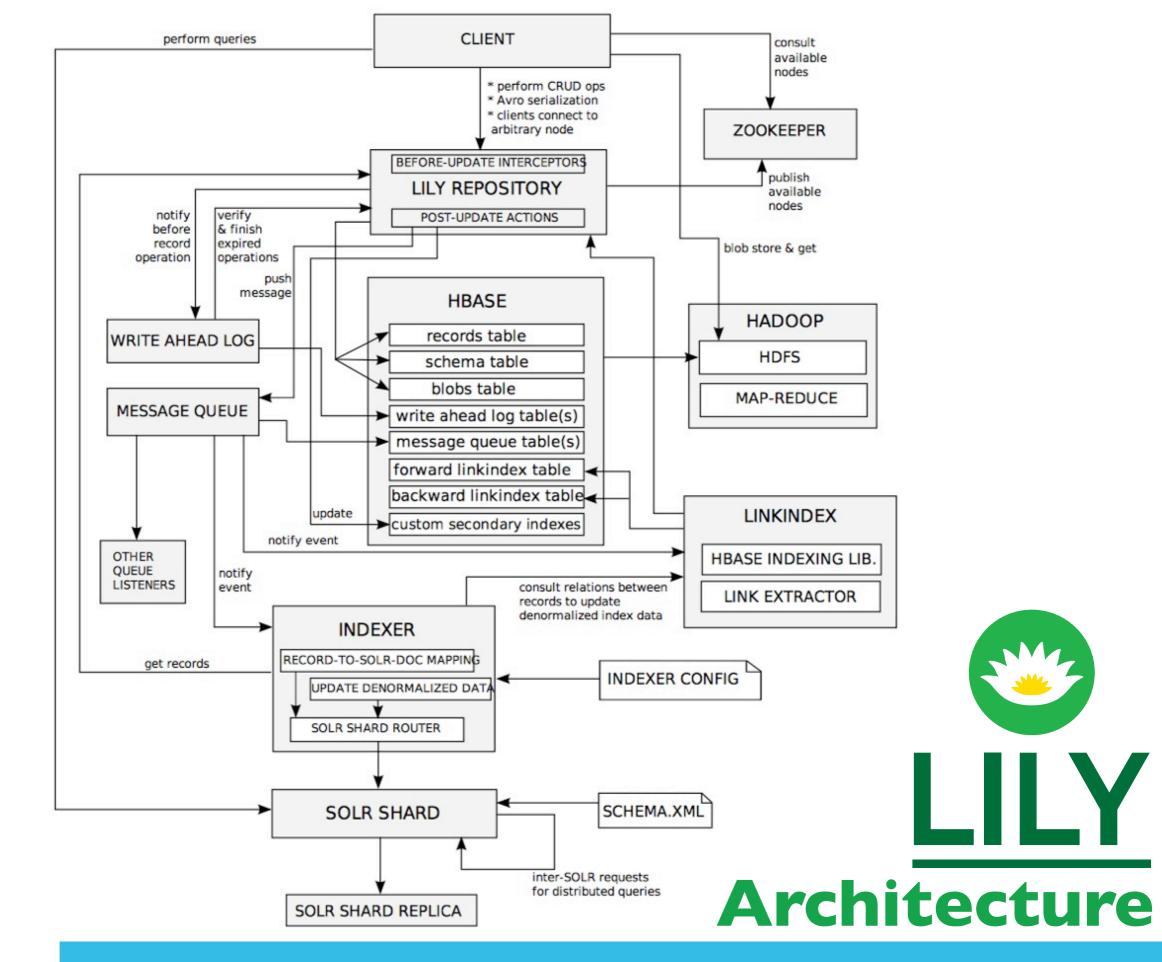


The Sum

- » Lily model (records & fields)
- » mapped onto HBase (=storage)
- » indexed and searchable through SOLR
- » using a WAL/Queue mechanism implemented in HBase
- » runtime based on Kauri
- » with client/server comms via Avro





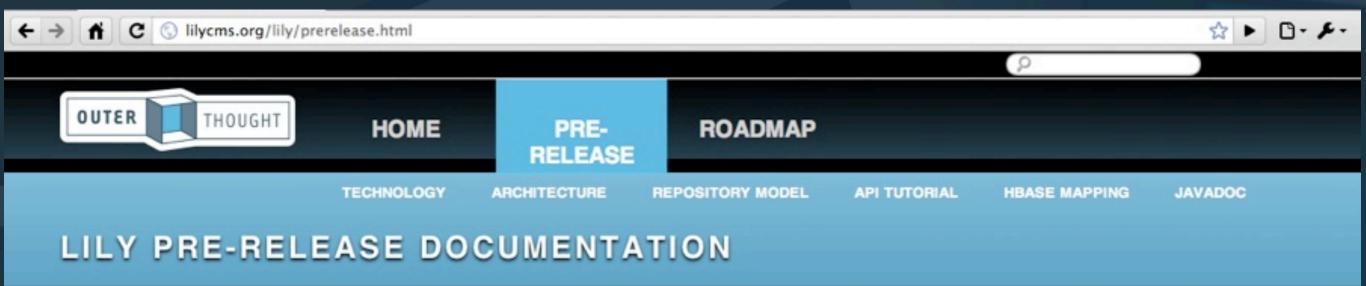


Roadmap Nearly there

- » June 7-8: release of learning material (architecture, model, API, Javadoc)
 - → www.lilycms.org
 - → bit.ly/lilyprerelease
- » Tomorrow: WAL/queue
- » Mid July = 'proof of architecture' release
- » from there on, ca. 3-monthly releases leading up to Lily 1.0



bit.ly/lilyprerelease



We're shooting for a first runnable Lily Content Repository release by mid July. That release will be a 'proof of architecture' and still have many rough edges. However, what will be available by then is:

- a runnable Lily setup
- > the basic client/server infrastructure
- the content repository model implemented in HBase
- > a mapping between HBase-stored Lily records and SOLR indexing/schema configuration
- > a WAL/queue implementation, backed by HBase, that serves as a robust mechanism to pass information between HBase and SOLR

In the mean time, we hope you can still be a bit patient, or start learning about Lily by reading this prerelease documentation:

- The technology choices we made
- The Lily architecture
- The repository model Lily provides
- > API Tutorial
- HBase mapping
- > Javadoc

In case you have any questions, get in touch with us via Twitter or mall.

License

» Apache



Business model

- » Consulting, mentoring, turn-key projects
 - » audience: developers
- Strong focus on partner relations
 - » targeting vertical markets
 - » geographic coverage
 - » SaaS offerings
- » Markets: media, finance, insurance, govt, heritage ...
 LOTS of semi-structured data
- » Not: OLAP



Reading material

- » Amazon Dynamo, Google BigTable, CAP
- » http://nosql.mypopescu.com/
- » http://nosql-database.org/
- » http://twitter.com/nosqlupdate
- » http://highscalability.com/



Questions? St Nic's Church, Nottingham Not all questions You are warmly invited to our can be answered Sunday worship at 9.00 and 10.30 am and **7.00** pm Google There are groups for children and young people as part of our 10.30am worship. www.stnics.org. http://www.flickr.com/photos/leehaywood/4237636853/

Thanks for your attention!

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