Introduction to Database Systems CSE 414

Lecture 12: NoSQL

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Class Overview

- Unit 1: Intro
- Unit 2: Relational Data Models and Query Languages
- Unit 3: Non-relational data
 - NoSQL
 - Json
 - SQL++
- Unit 4: RDMBS internals and query optimization
- Unit 5: Parallel query processing
- Unit 6: DBMS usability, conceptual design
- Unit 7: Transactions
- Unit 8: Advanced topics (time permitting)

Two Classes of Database Applications

- OLTP (Online Transaction Processing)
 - Queries are simple lookups: 0 or 1 join
 E.g., find customer by ID and their orders
 - Many updates. E.g., insert order, update payment
 - Consistency is critical: transactions (more later)
- OLAP (Online Analytical Processing)
 - aka "Decision Support"
 - Queries have many joins, and group-by's
 E.g., sum revenues by store, product, clerk, date
 - No updates

NoSQL Motivation

- Originally motivated by Web 2.0 applications
 - E.g. Facebook, Amazon, Instagram, etc
 - Web startups need to scaleup from 10 to 100000 users very quickly
- Needed: very large scale OLTP workloads
- Give up on consistency
- Give up OLAP





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RDBMS Review: Client-Server



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- Clients "talk" to server using JDBC/ODBC protocol









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Replicating the Database

- Two basic approaches:
 - Scale up through partitioning
 - Scale up through replication
- Consistency is much harder to enforce

Scale Through Partitioning

- Partition the database across many machines in a cluster
 - Database now fits in main memory
 - Queries spread across these machines
- Can increase throughput
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Scale Through Replication

- Create multiple copies of each database partition
- Spread queries across these replicas
- Can increase throughput and lower latency
- Can also improve fault-tolerance
- Easy for reads but writes become expensive!



Relational Model \rightarrow NoSQL

- Relational DB: difficult to replicate/partition
- Given Supplier(sno,...),Part(pno,...),Supply(sno,pno)
 - Partition: we may be forced to join across servers
 - Replication: local copy has inconsistent versions
 - Consistency is hard in both cases (why?)
- NoSQL: simplified data model
 - Given up on functionality
 - Application must now handle joins and consistency

Data Models

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Aside: Hash Functions

• A function that maps any data to a "hash value" (e.g., an integer)



Aside: Hash Functions

- Example: data and hash value are integers
- Simple hash function:
 - h(key) = key % 42;
 - -h(10) = 10

$$-h(2) = 2$$

- -h(50) = 8
- What does this have to do with data distribution?

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- Distribution / Partitioning w/ hash function
 - No replication: key k is stored at server h(k)
 - 3-way replication: key k stored at h1(k),h2(k),h3(k)

How does get(k) work? How does put(k,v) work?

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- Option 3: key=(origin,dest), value=all flights between

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 In Key, Value stores, the Value is often a very complex object

- Key = '2010/7/1', Value = [all flights that date]

- Better: allow DBMS to understand the *value*
 - Represent value as a JSON (or XML...) document
 - [all flights on that date] = a JSON file
 - May search for all flights on a given date

Document Stores Features

- Data model: (key,document) pairs
 - Key = string/integer, unique for the entire data
 - Document = JSon, or XML
- Operations
 - Get/put document by key
 - Query language over JSon
- Distribution / Partitioning
 - Entire documents, as for key/value pairs

We will discuss JSon

Example: storing FB friends



As a graph

As a relation

We will learn the tradeoffs of different data models later this quarter

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JSON

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JSON - Overview

- JavaScript Object Notation = lightweight textbased open standard designed for humanreadable data interchange. Interfaces in C, C++, Java, Python, Perl, etc.
- The filename extension is .json.

We will emphasize JSon as semi-structured data



JSon vs Relational

- Relational data model
 - Rigid flat structure (tables)
 - Schema must be fixed in advanced
 - Binary representation: good for performance, bad for exchange
 - Query language based on Relational Calculus
- Semistructured data model / JSon
 - Flexible, nested structure (trees)
 - Does not require predefined schema ("self describing")
 - Text representation: good for exchange, bad for performance
 - Most common use: Language API; query languages emerging

JSon Terminology

- Data is represented in name/value pairs.
- Curly braces hold objects
 - Each object is a list of name/value pairs separated by , (comma)
 - Each pair is a name is followed by ':'(colon) followed by the value
- Square brackets hold arrays and values are separated by ,(comma).

JSon Data Structures

- Collections of name-value pairs:
 - {"name1": value1, "name2": value2, ...}
 - The "name" is also called a "key"
- Ordered lists of values:
 - [obj1, obj2, obj3, ...]

Avoid Using Duplicate Keys

The standard allows them, but many implementations don't



JSon Datatypes

- Number
- String = double-quoted
- Boolean = true or false
- nullempty

JSon Semantics: a Tree !



JSon Data

- JSon is self-describing
- Schema elements become part of the data
 - Relational schema: person(name,phone)
 - In Json "person", "name", "phone" are part of the data, and are repeated many times
- Consequence: JSon is much more flexible
- JSon = semistructured data

Mapping Relational Data to JSon

Person

name	phone	
John	3634	
Sue	6343	
Dirk	6363	



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May inline foreign keys

Person

name	phone	
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Orders

personName	date	product
John	2002	Gizmo
John	2004	Gadget
Sue	2002	Gadget

