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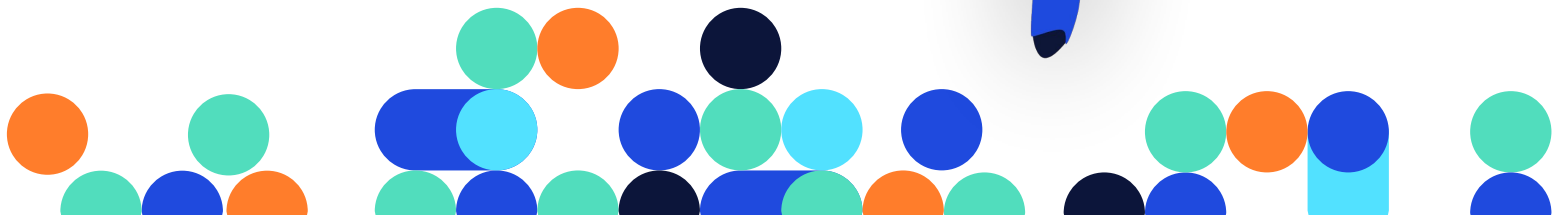
Core Cassandra



Why do I need DSE & Apache Cassandra™?

- CARDS – an easy way to remember
  - Contextual – relevant data in context
  - Available – always on, no downtime
  - Realtime – response time in MS
  - Distributed – many servers in datacenters around the world
  - Scalable – near linear increase for each additional server

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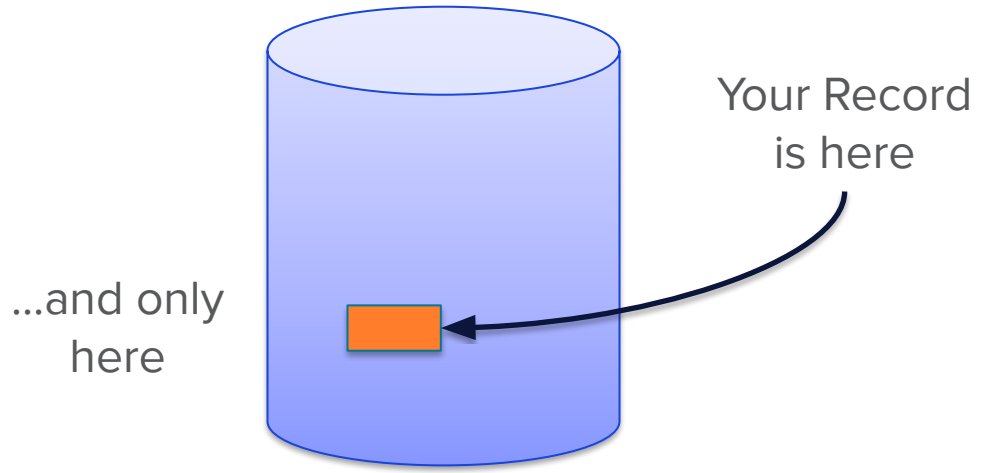
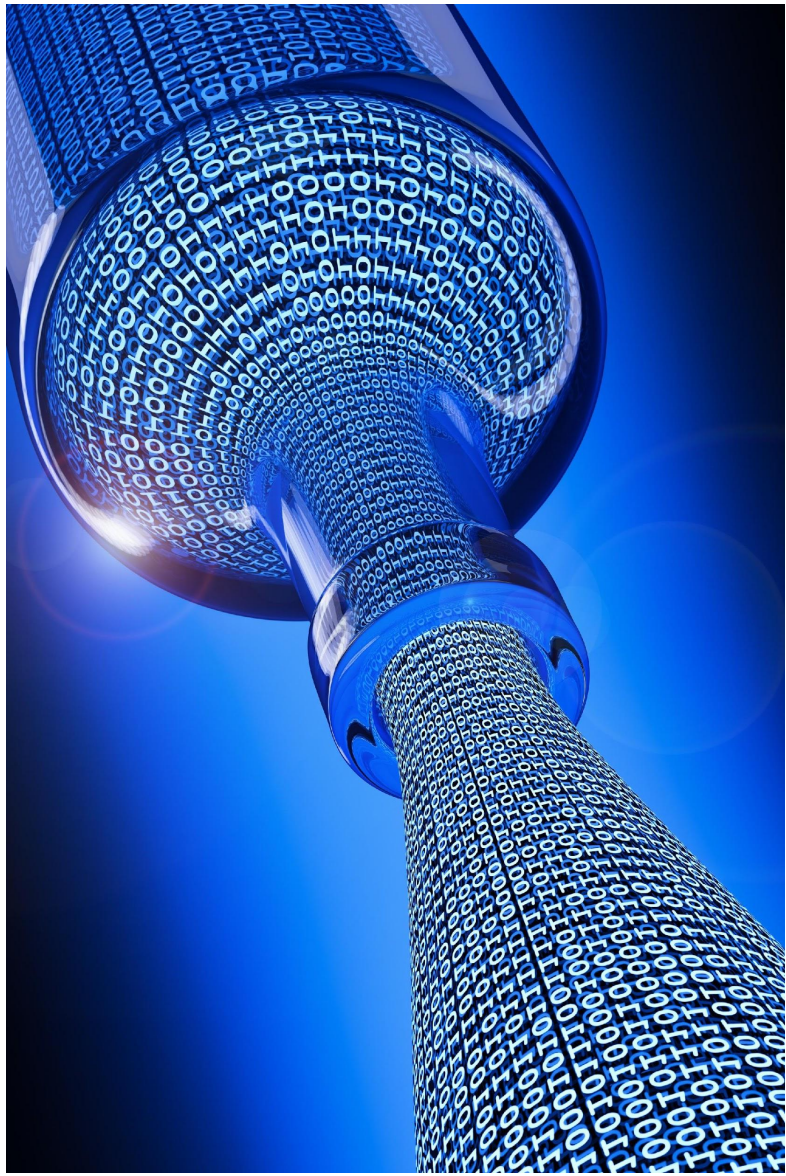
Cassandra Architecture

Problems with Traditional RDBMS

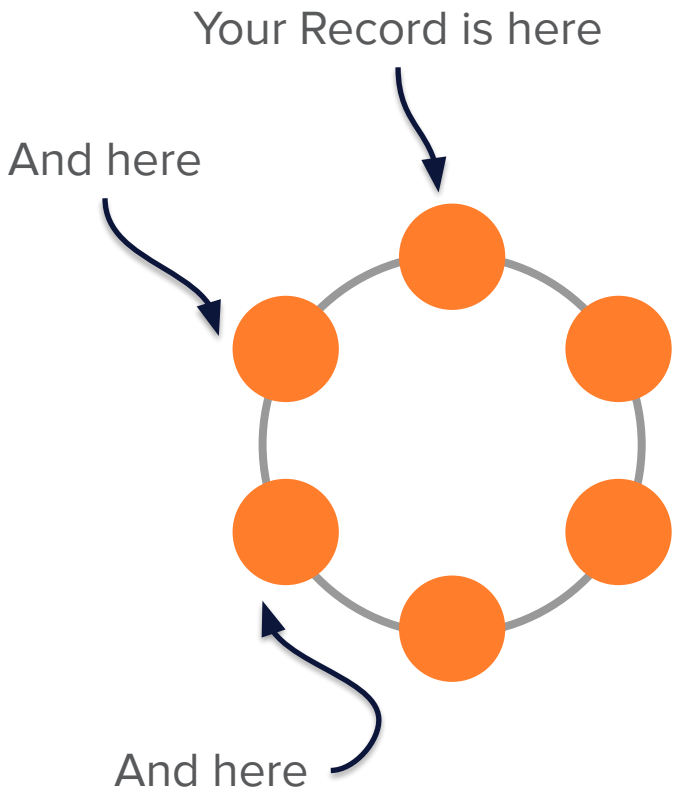
- Each record is in one location
- Update in place – causes bottlenecks
  - Reduced throughput and latency
- Single point of failure
  - Availability risk
- Dogmatic consistency

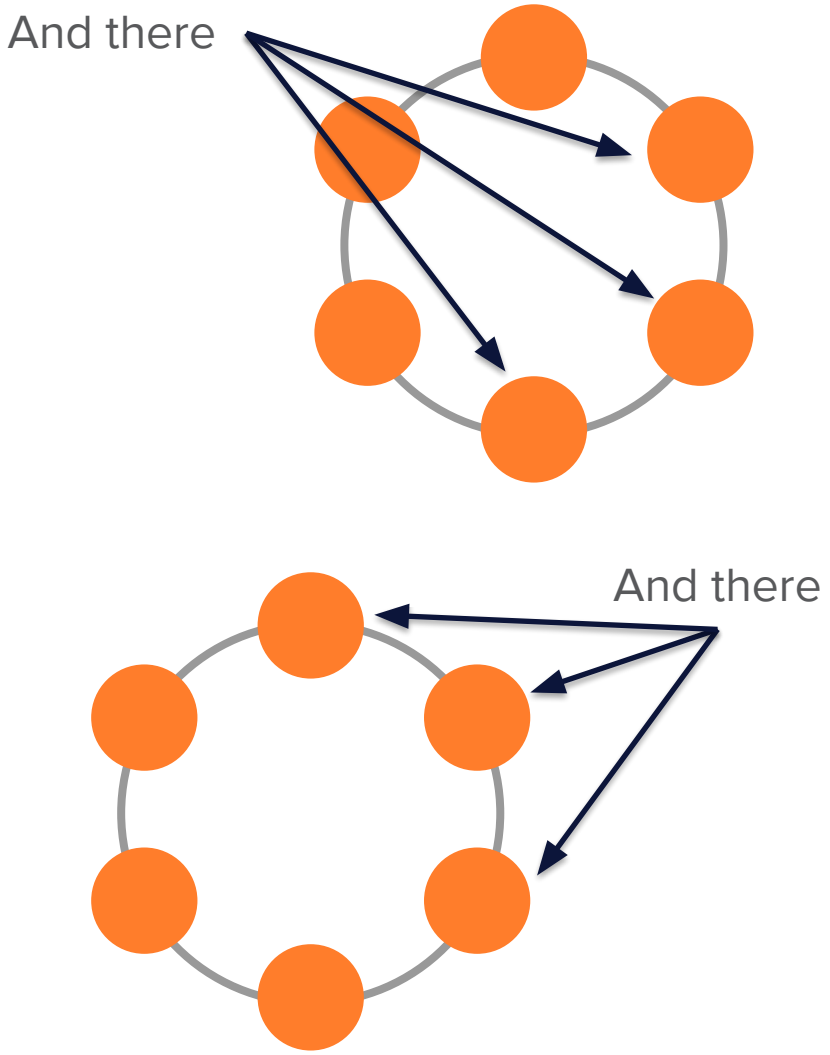




Cassandra Features

- Distributed
  - Available
  - Responsive
  - Scalable
- Log-structured
  - No bottlenecks
- Tunable consistency





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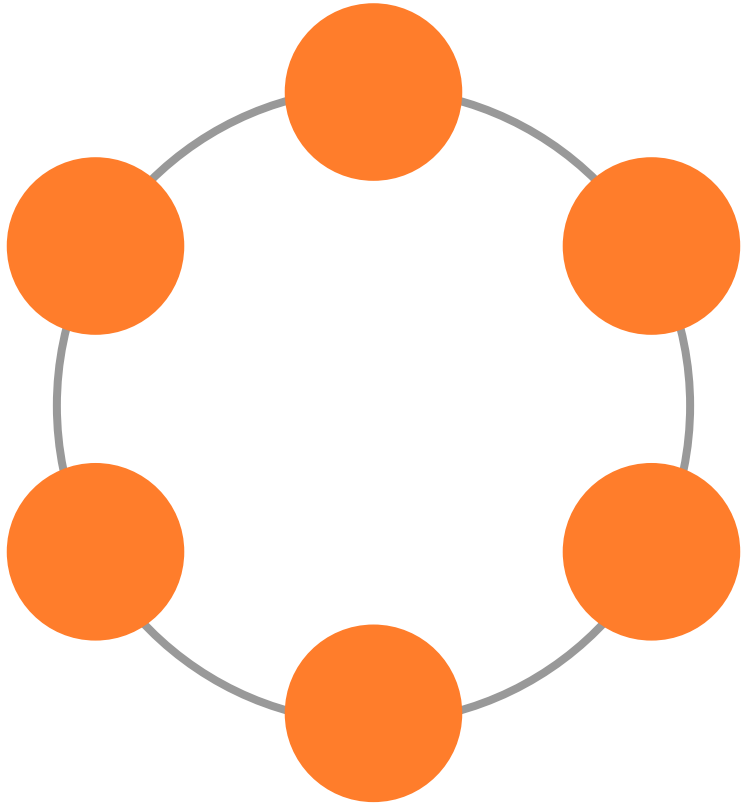

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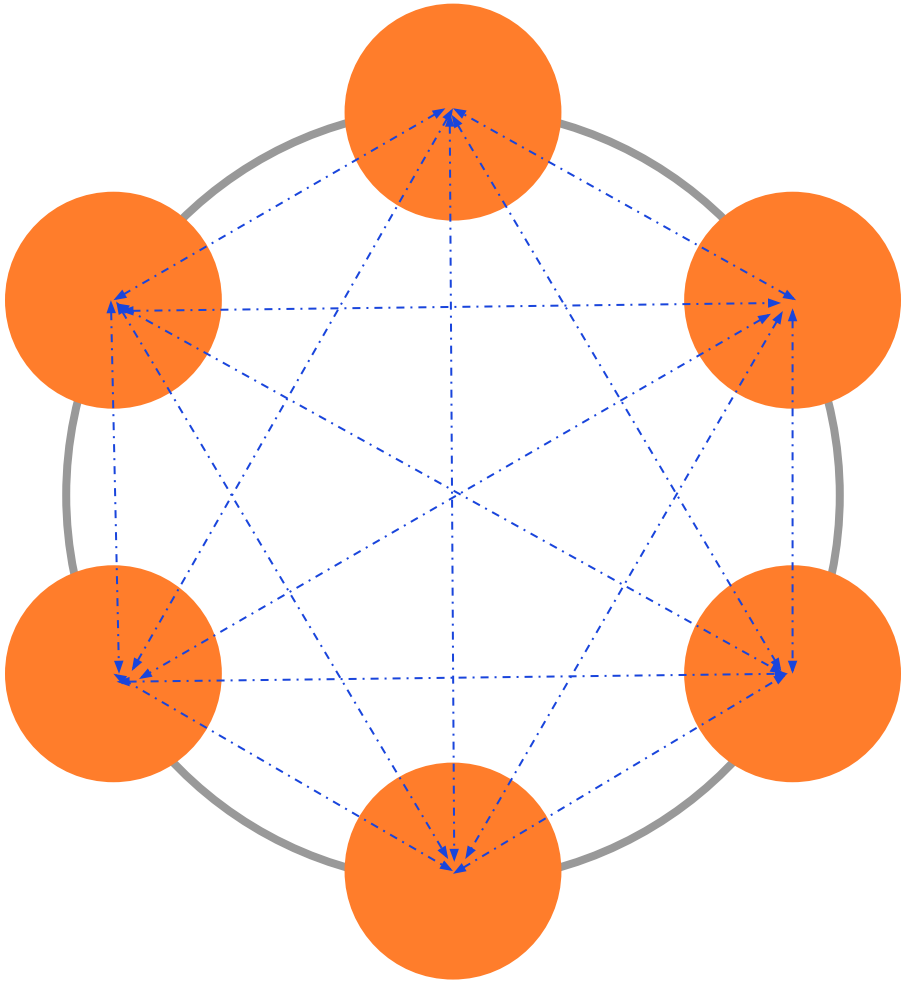
Cassandra is Distributed

- Cassandra clusters have many nodes
- How does Cassandra manage all the nodes?
- There is no “boss” node
- The nodes collaborate

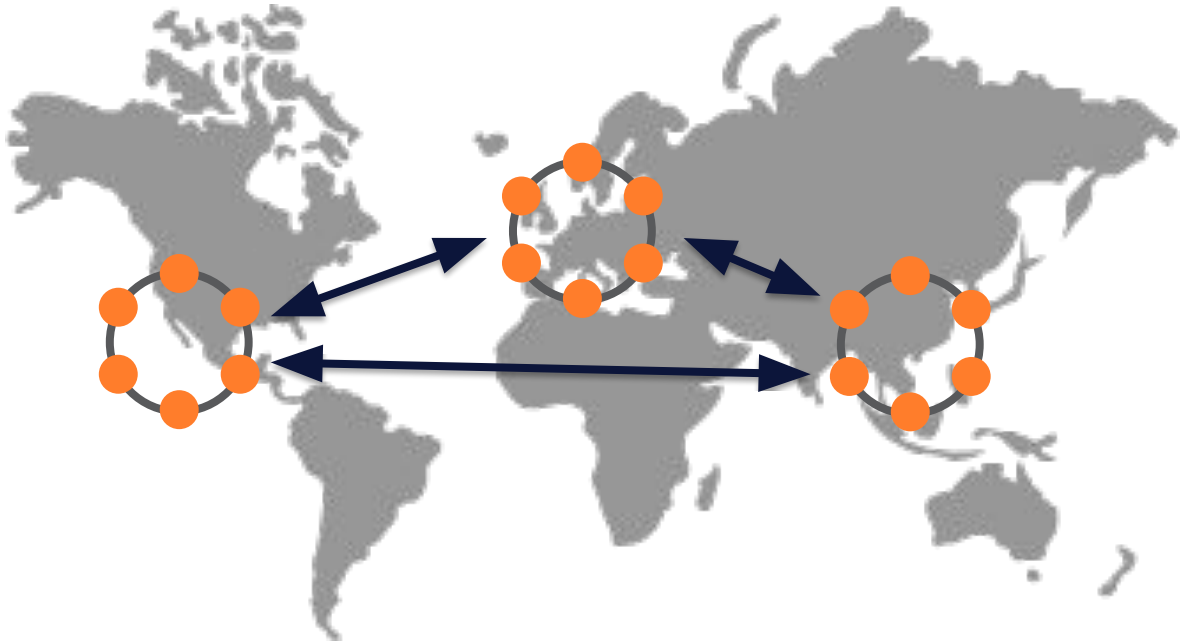
Cassandra is Distributed and Highly Available

- Nodes organized in a ring
- Nodes monitor each other's health status using a gossip protocol
- Cassandra can route requests away from nodes that are down or slow

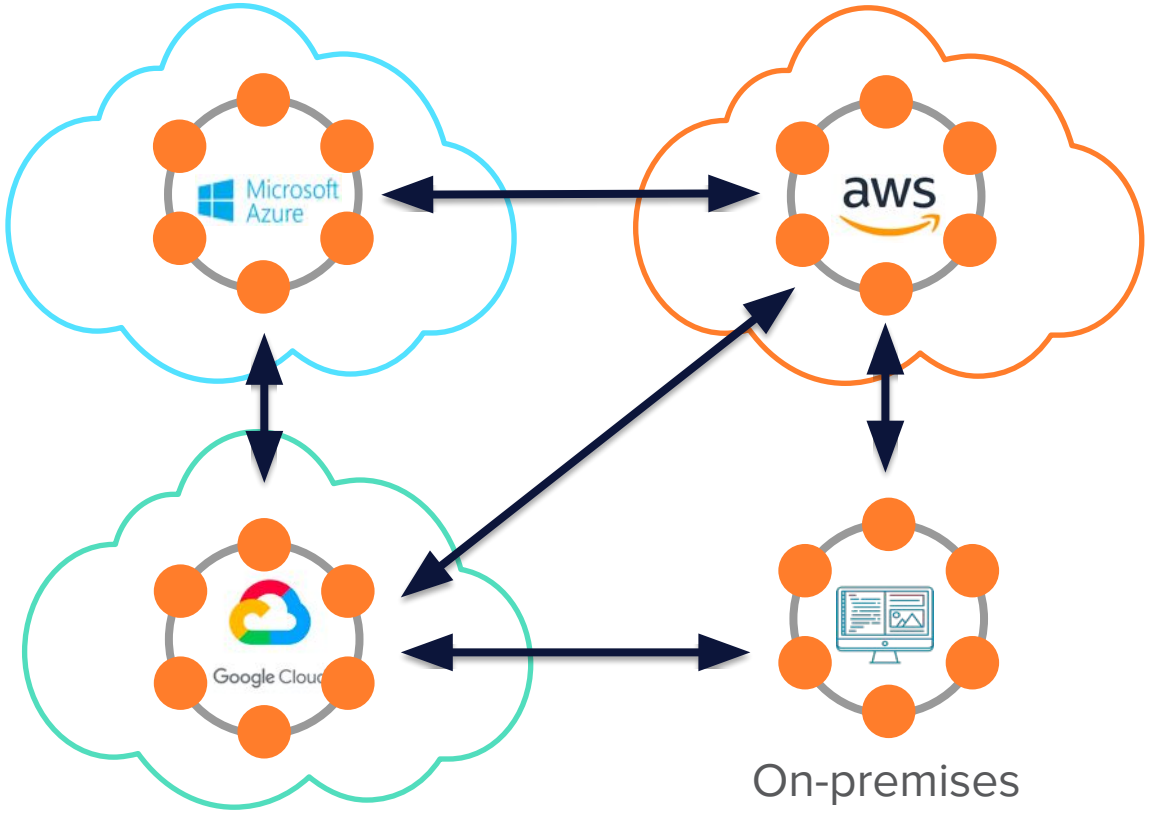


Data Distributed Everywhere

- Geographic Distribution



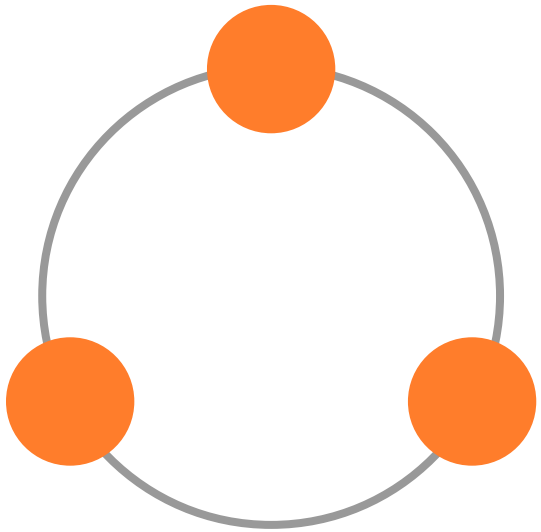
- Hybrid-Cloud and Multi-Cloud



Horizontal vs. Vertical Scaling

1 Installation = 1 NODE
✔ Capacity: ± 1TB
✔ Throughput: 3000 Tx/sec/core

- Vertical scaling requires one large expensive machine
- Horizontal scaling requires multiple less-expensive commodity hardware



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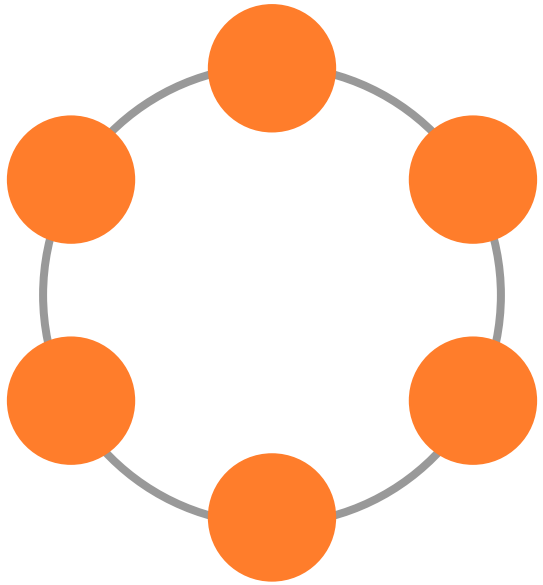

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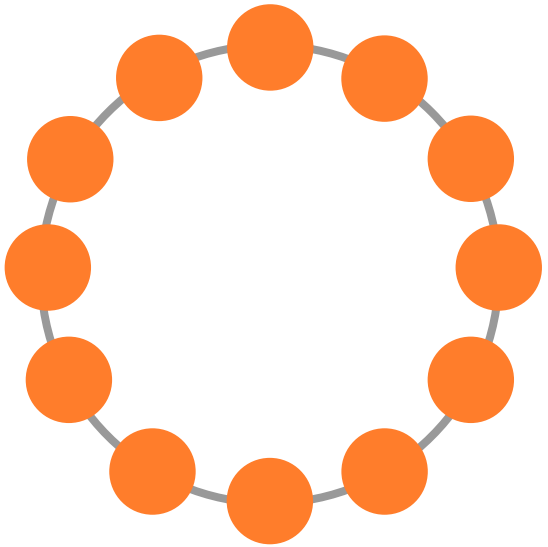

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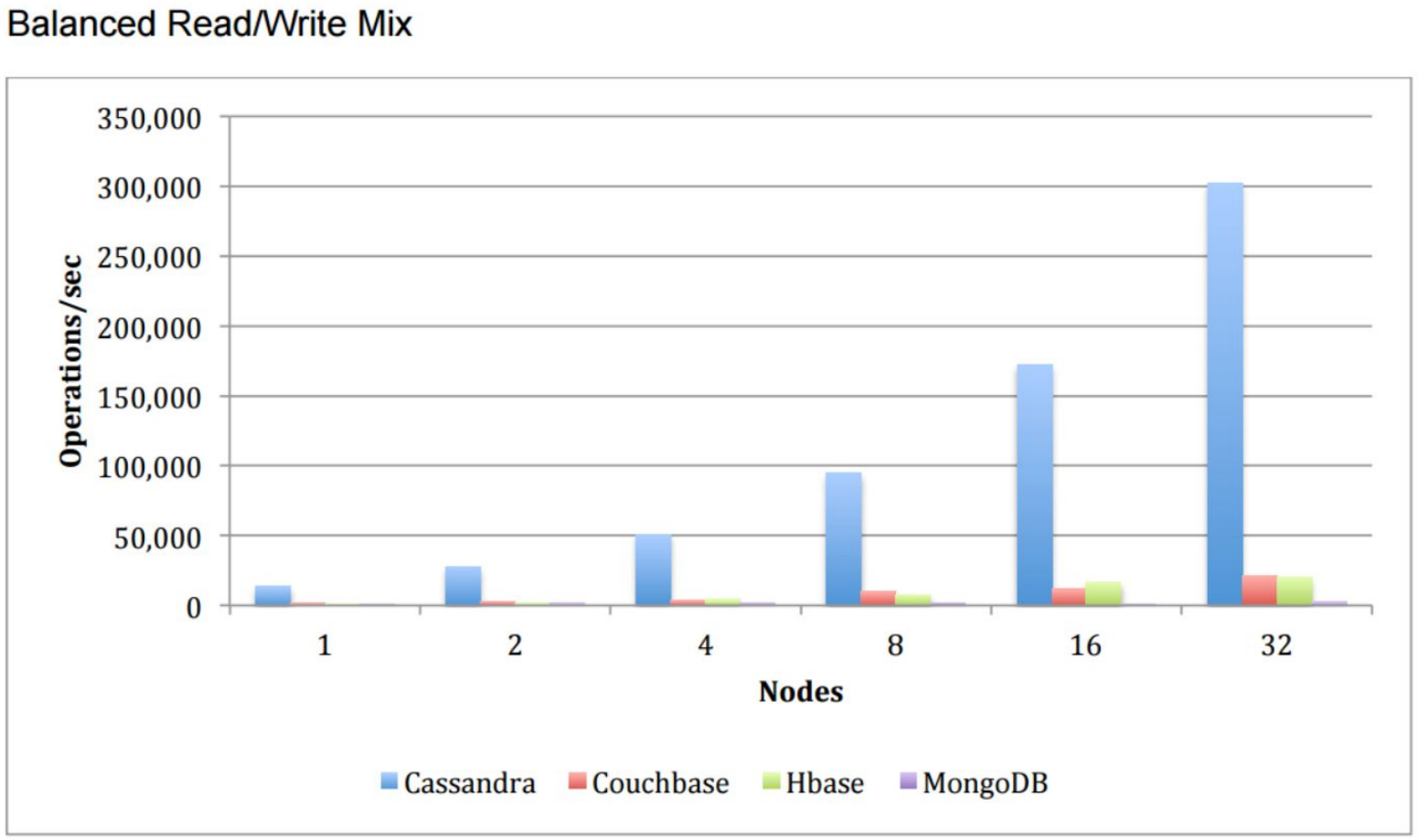
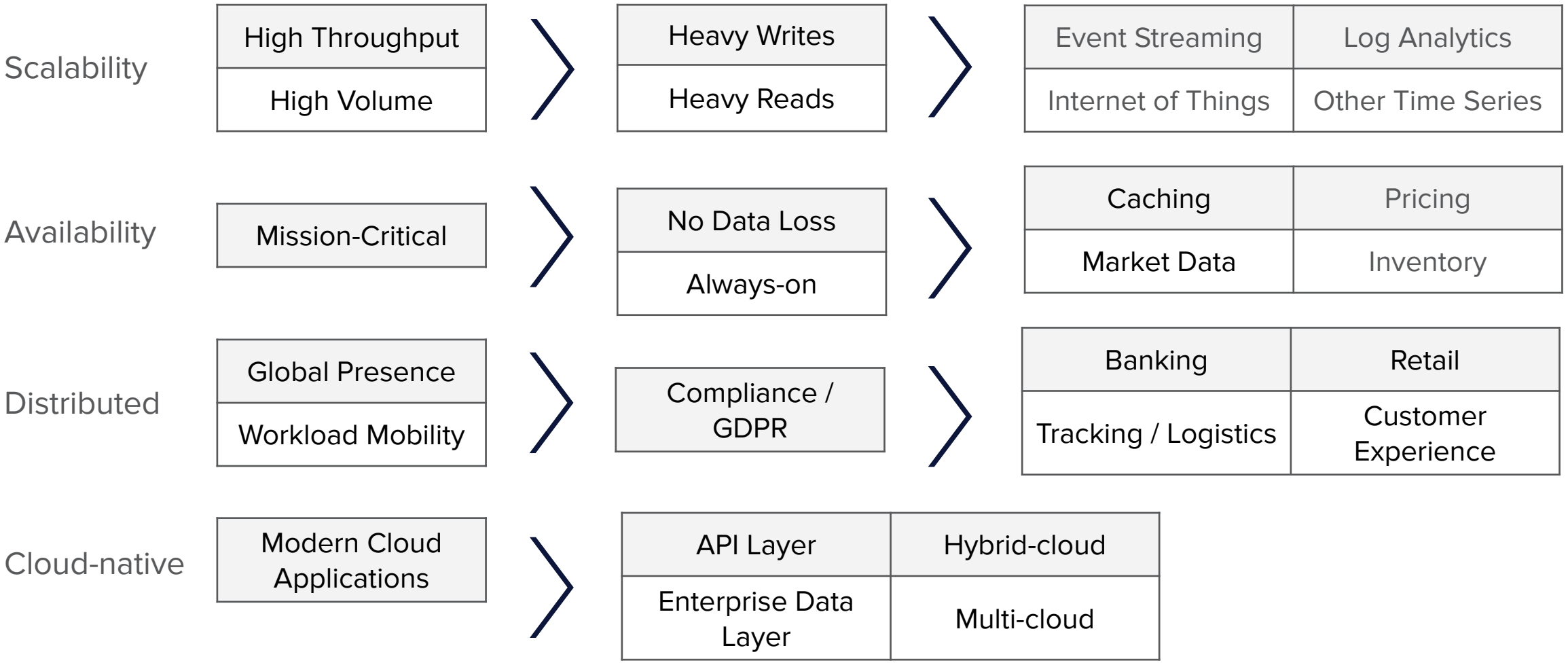
Scales Linearly

- Need more capacity?
- Need more throughput?
- Add nodes!



Understanding Use Cases



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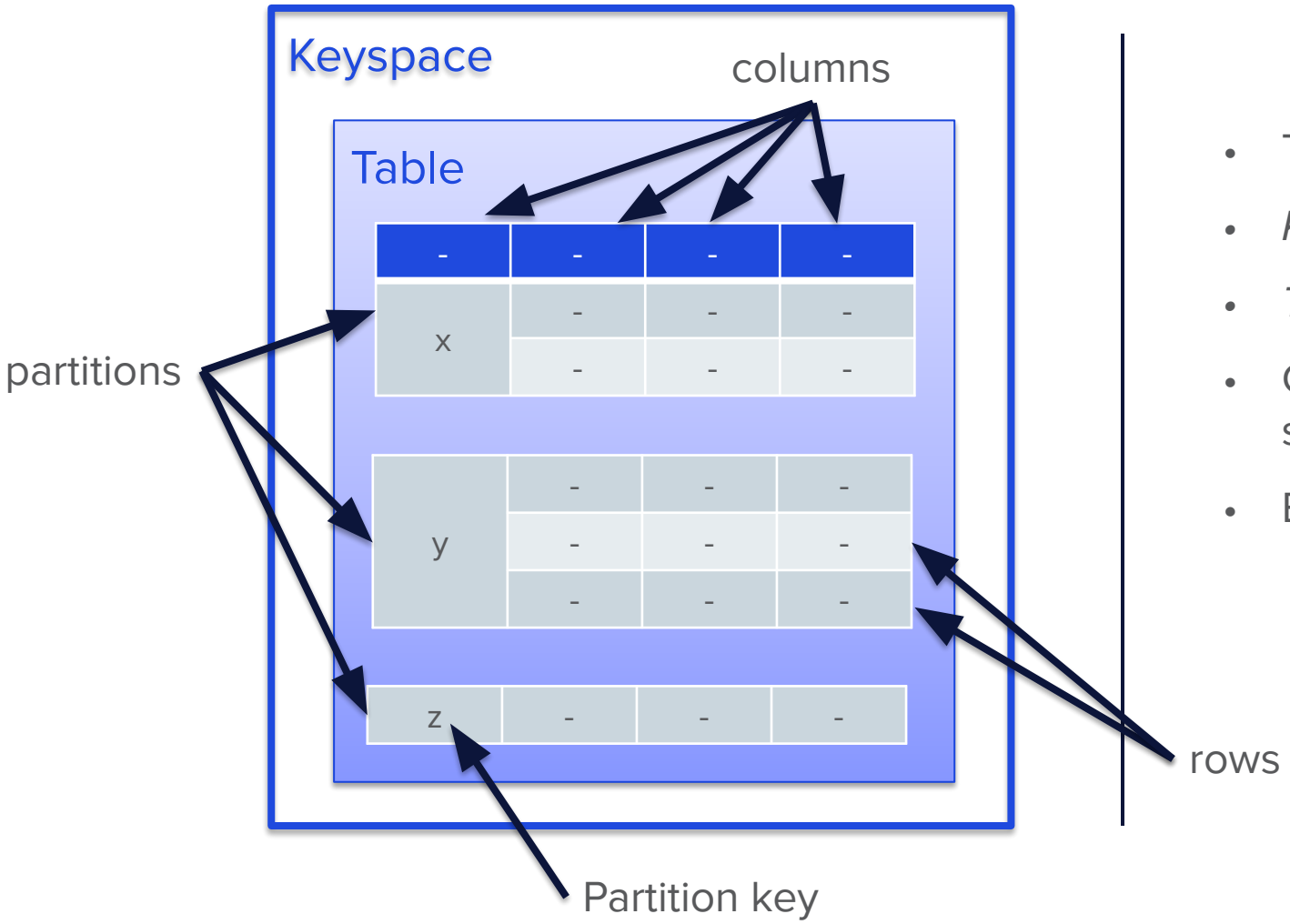
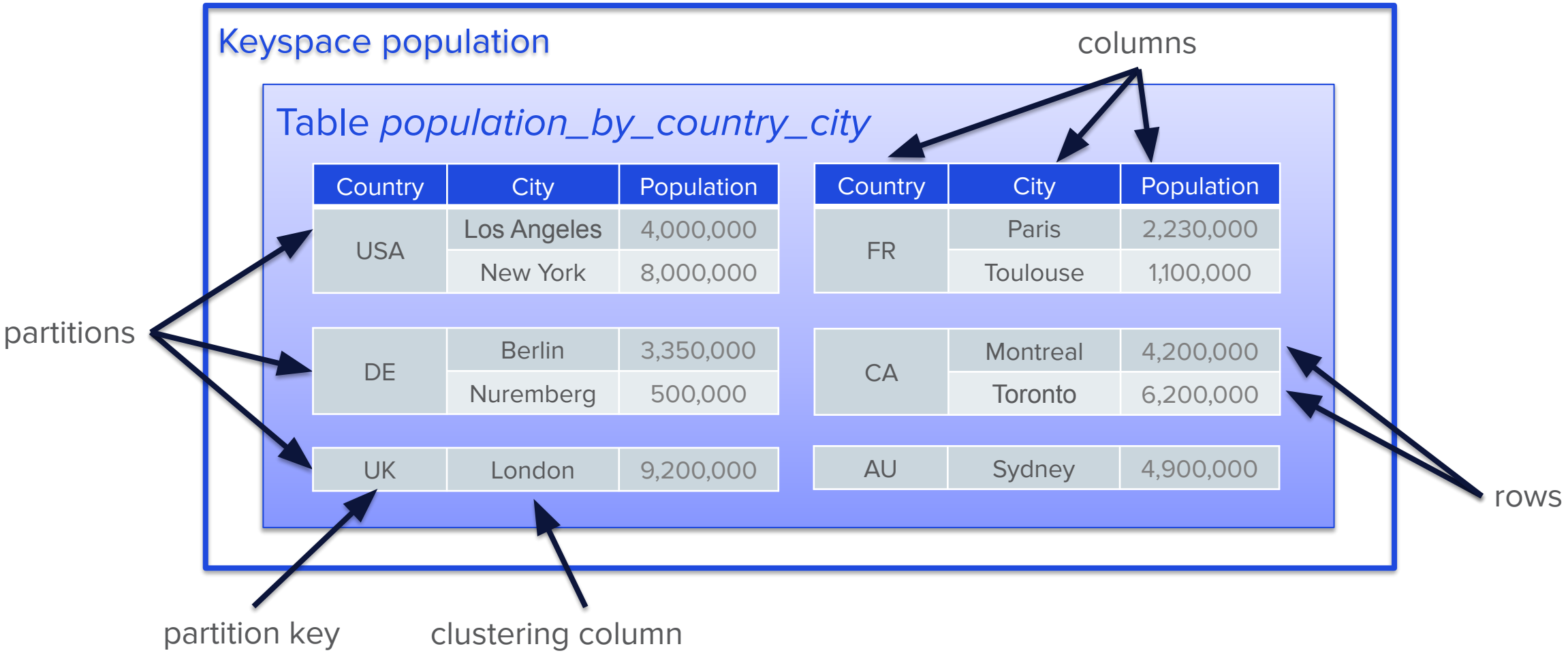
Cassandra's Data Model

How does Cassandra structure data?



- Tabular data model, with one twist
- *Keyspaces* contain *tables*
- *Tables* are organized in *rows* and *columns*
- Groups of related rows, called *partitions*, are stored together on the same node (or nodes)
- Each row contains a *partition key*
  - One or more columns that are hashed to determine which node(s) store that data

Example Data – City populations organized by country



Example Data – City populations organized by country

Keyspace population

Table *population_by_country_city*

Country	City	Population
USA	Los Angeles	4,000,000
	New York	8,000,000
DE	Berlin	3,350,000
	Nuremberg	500,000
UK	London	9,200,000

CQL Equivalent:

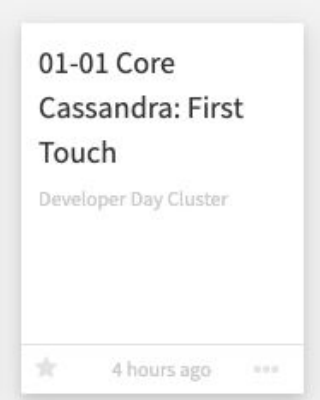
```
CREATE TABLE population_by_country_city (
  country text,
  city text,
  population int,
  PRIMARY KEY((country), city)
);
```

partition key

clustering column

Want to try it?

- Let's look at a cluster!
- Open a browser
  - Open the link for "Studio" from the instance you were provided
- Open notebook
  - "Core Cassandra: First Touch"



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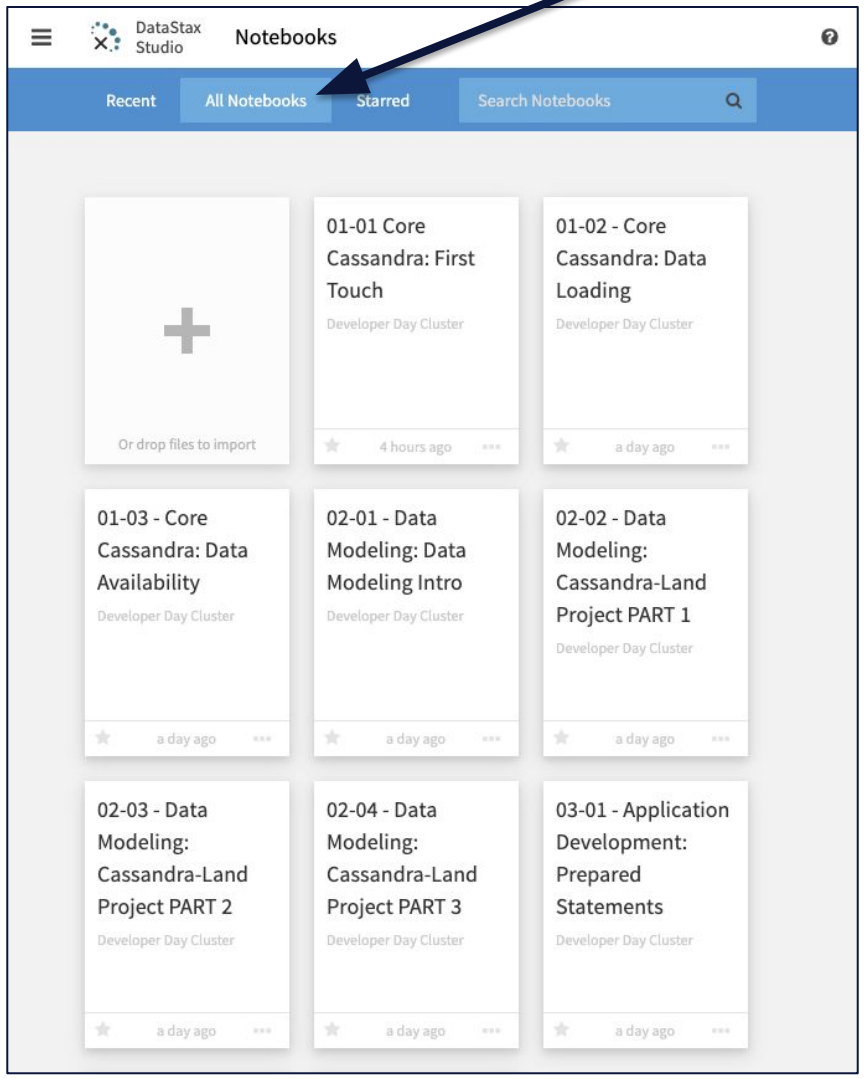

Apache Cassandra™ First Touch – Quick Review

- Key Take-aways:
  - Clusters contain keyspaces
  - Keyspaces contain tables
  - Tables contain partitions
  - Partitions contain rows and columns
  - CQL has syntax similar to SQL

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Token Ring and Data Replication

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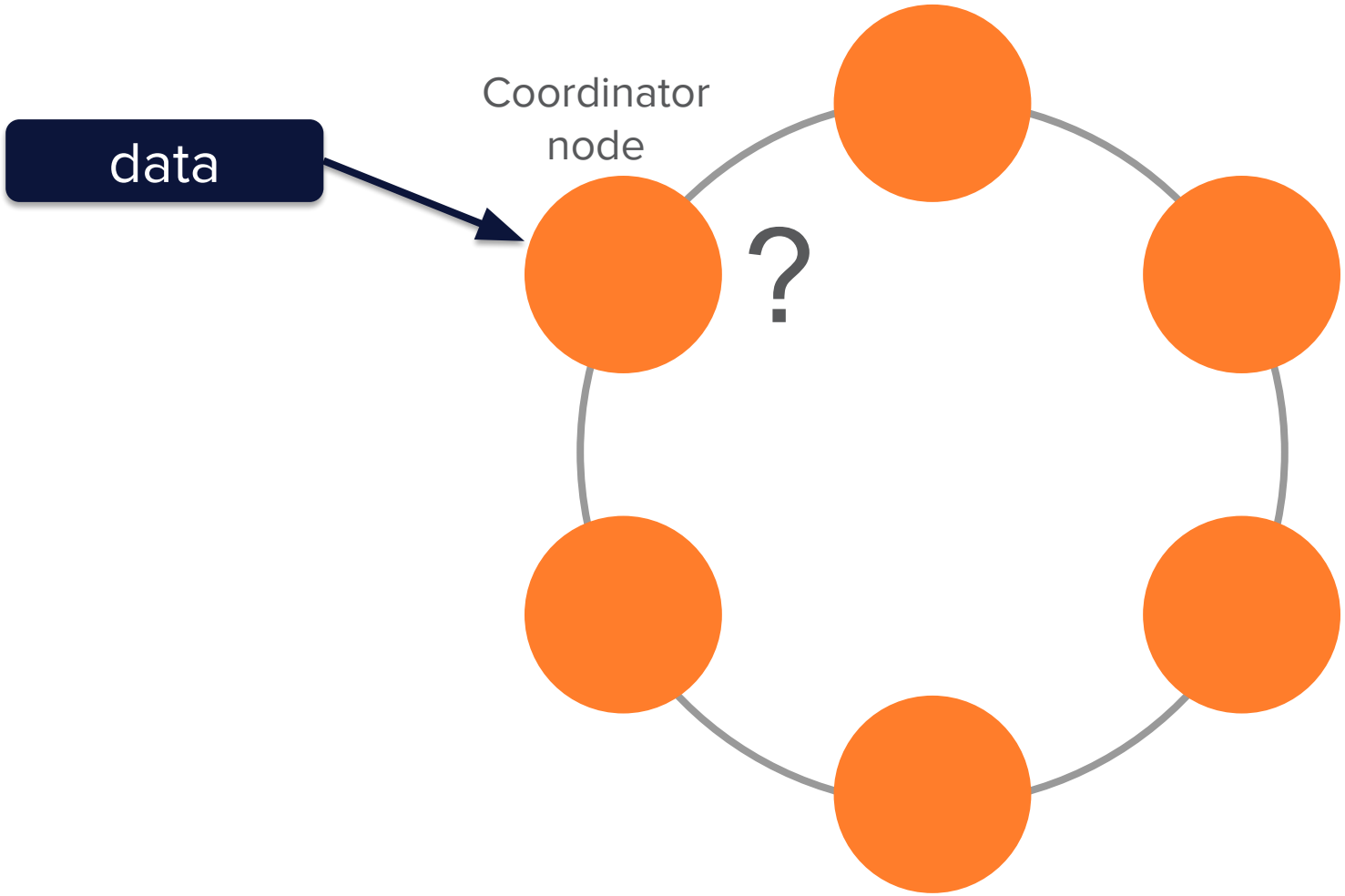

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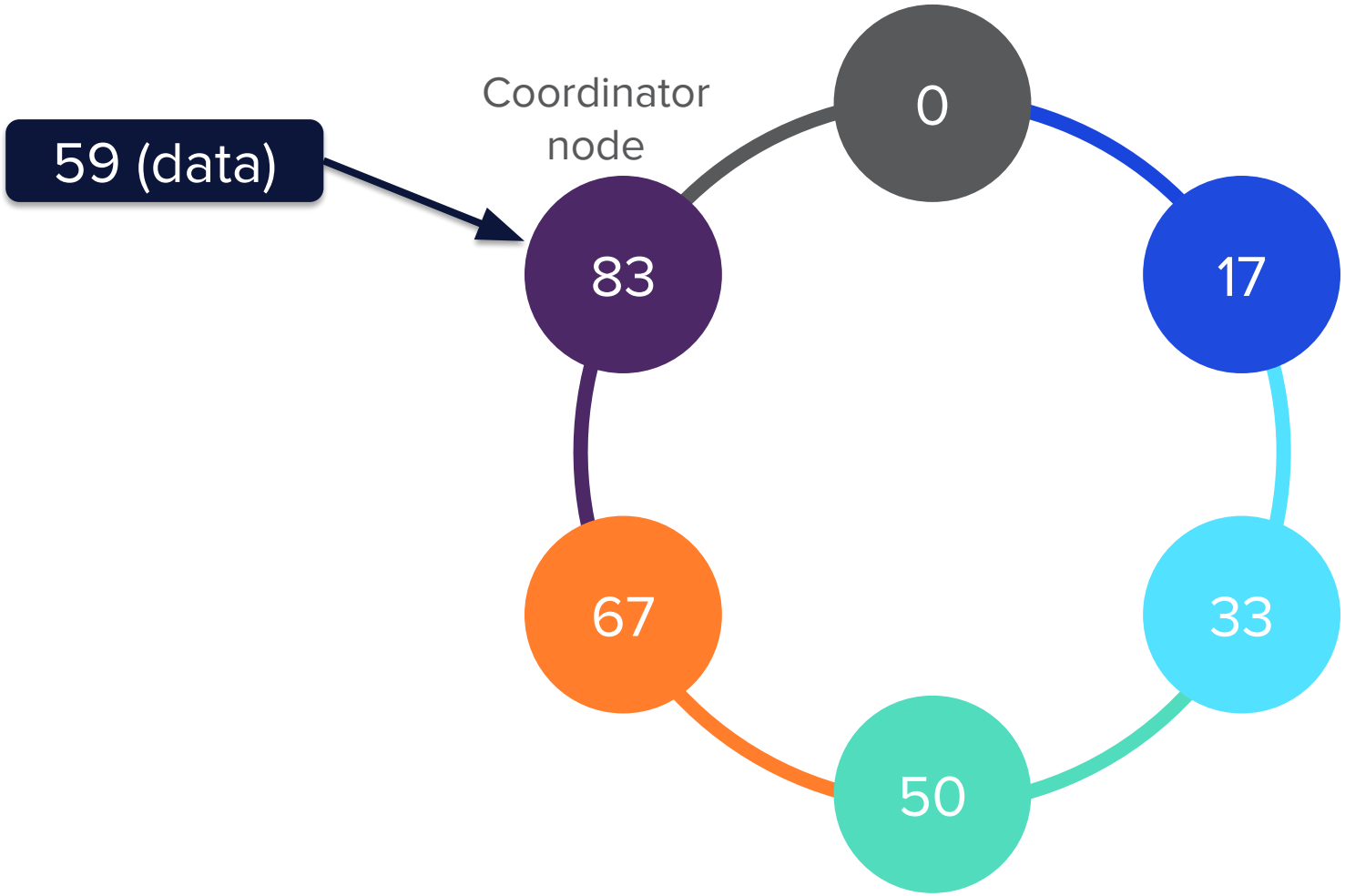

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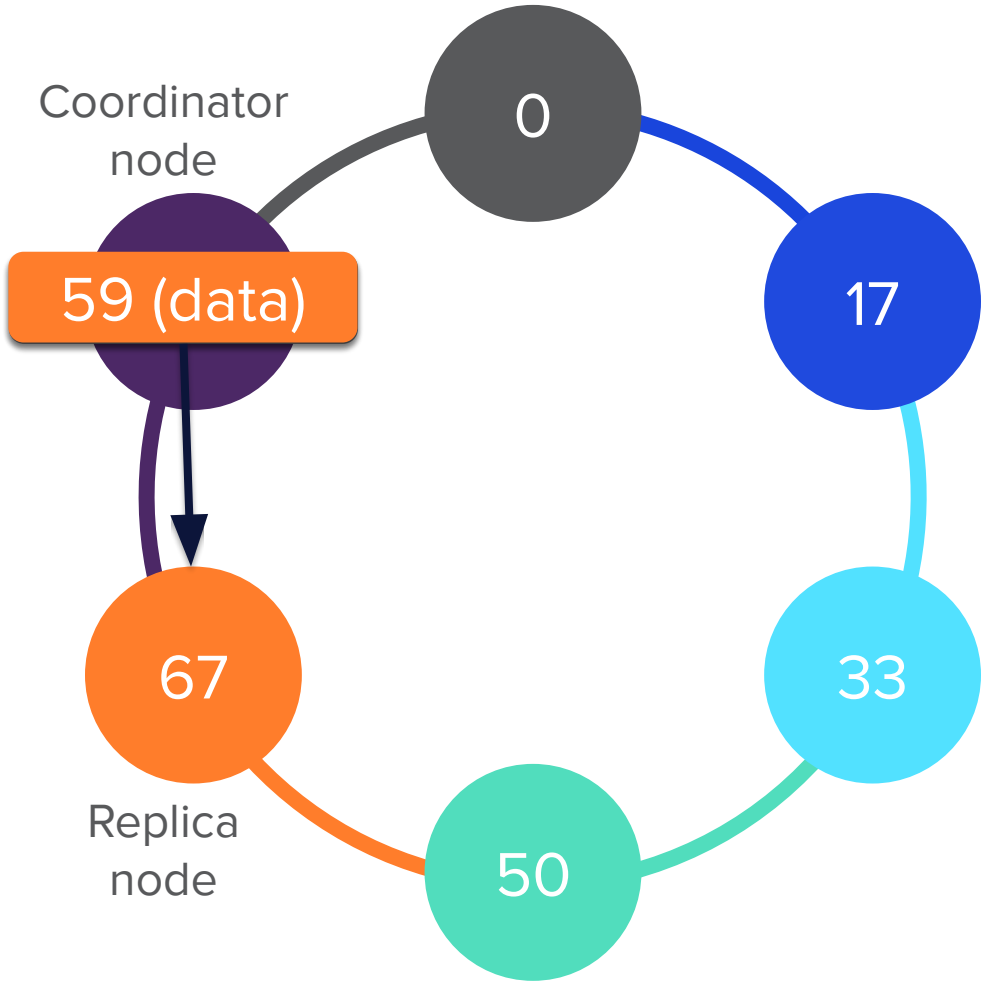

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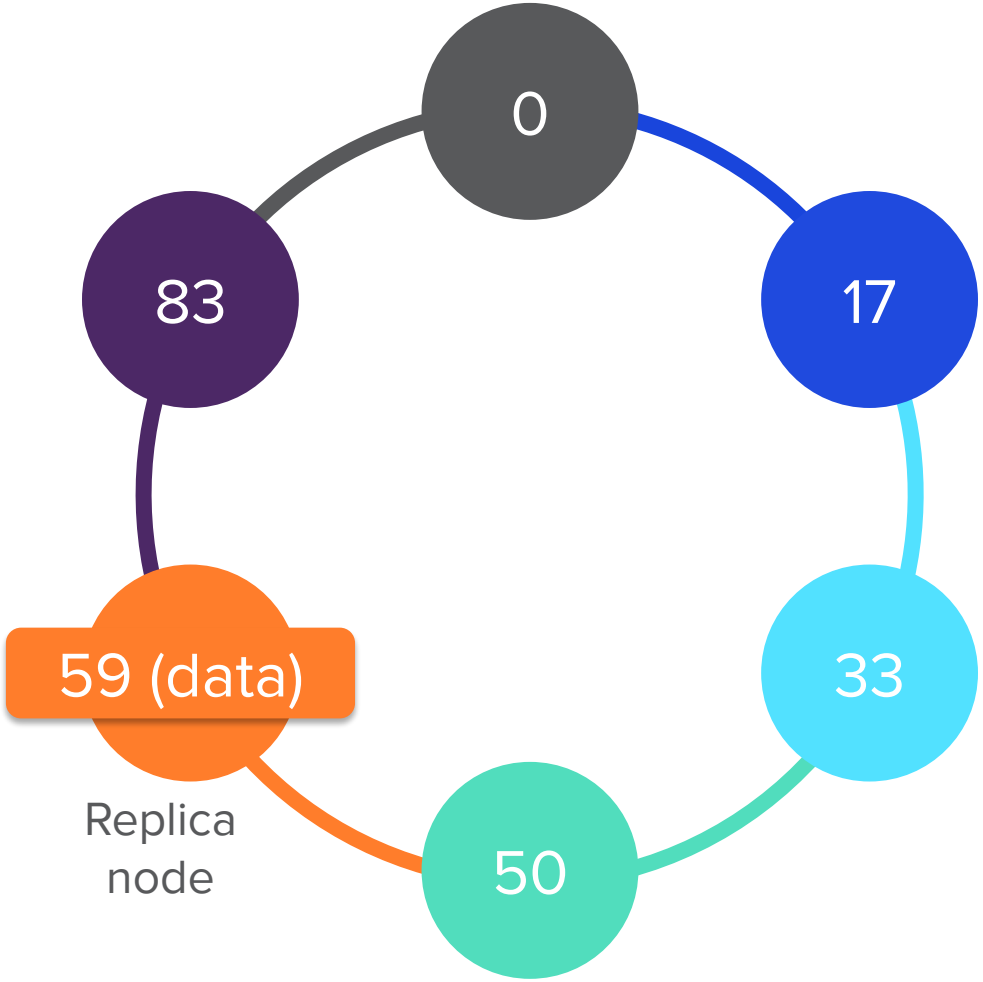

How the Ring Works

- How is the data distributed?

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	Nuremberg	500,000
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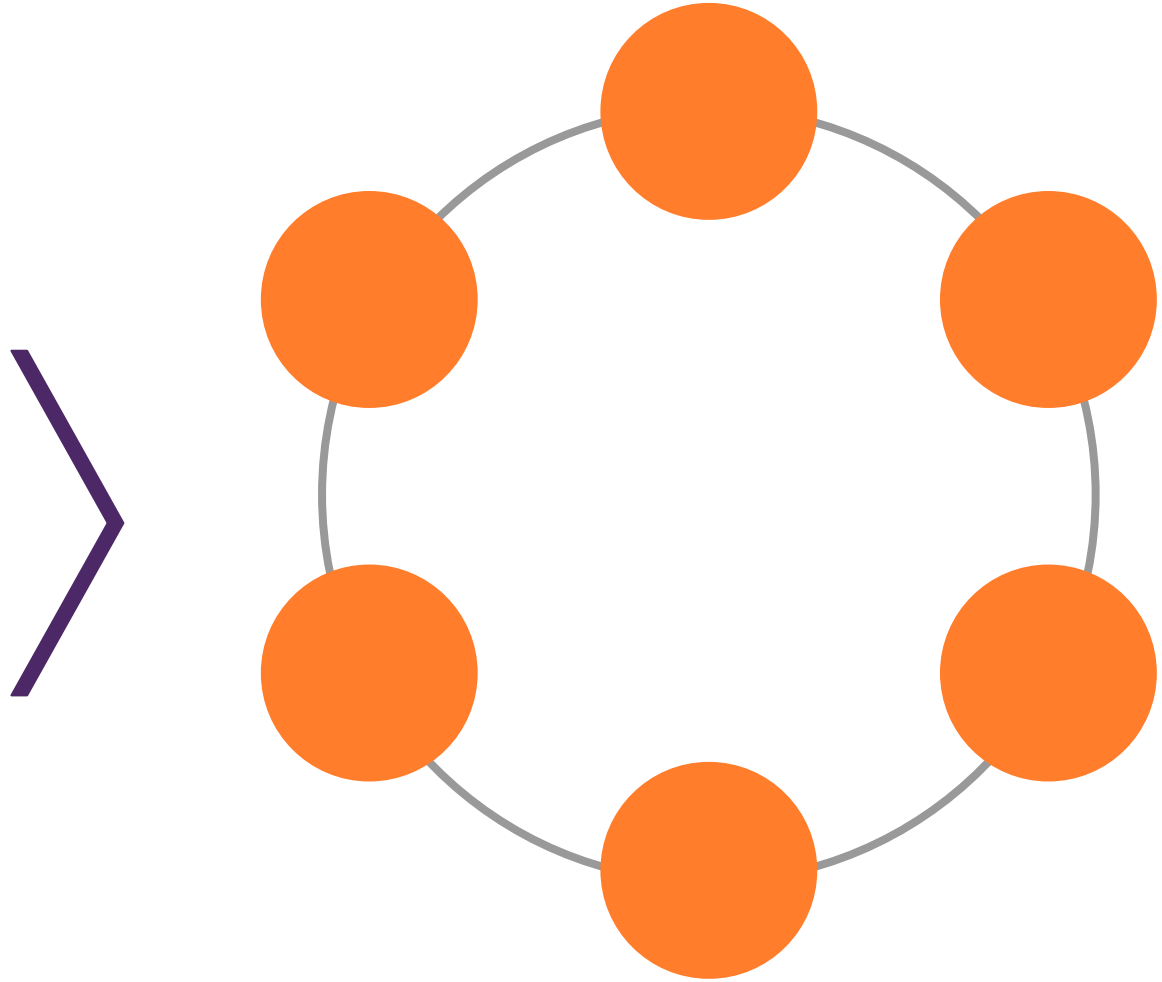

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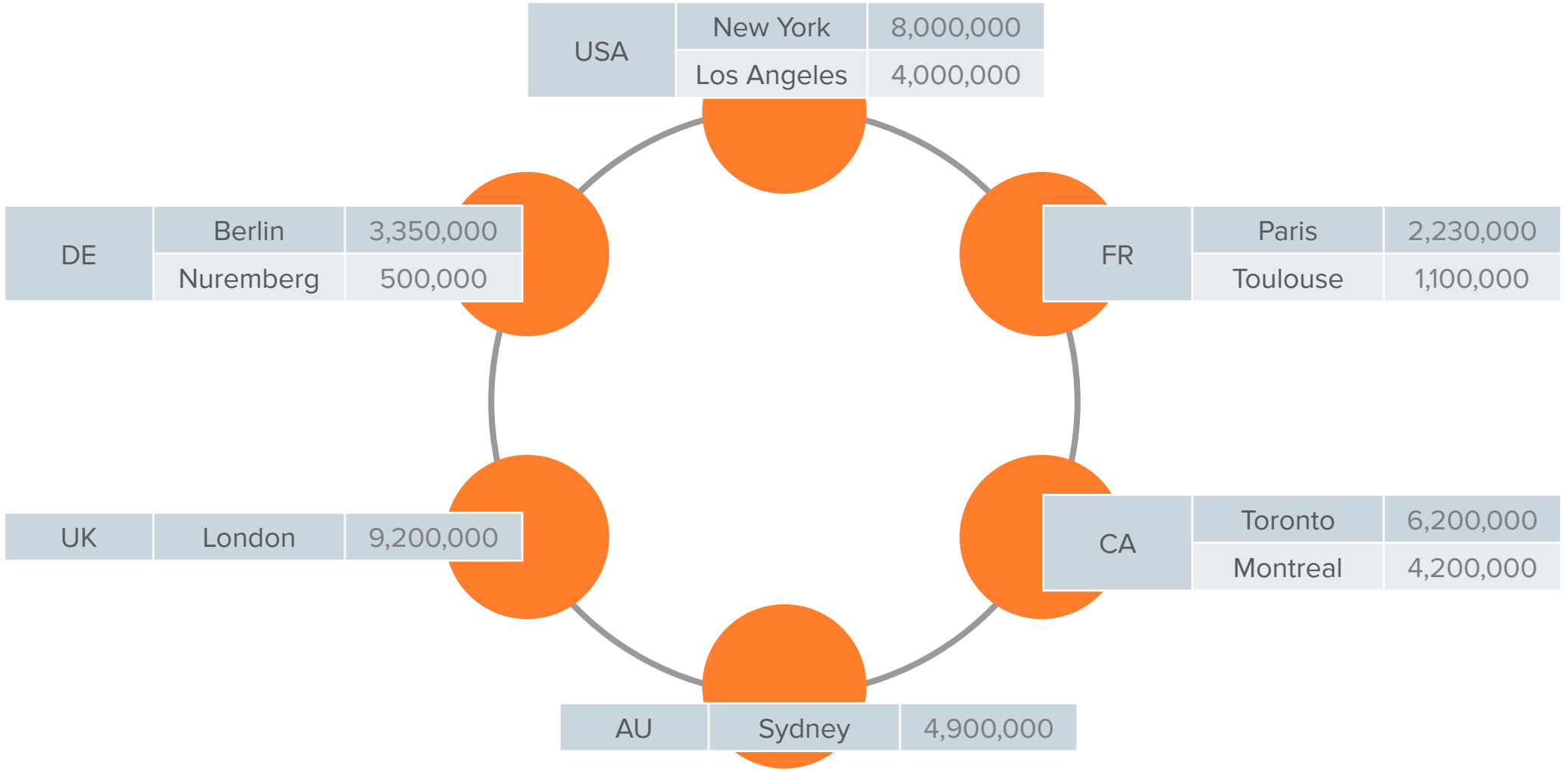

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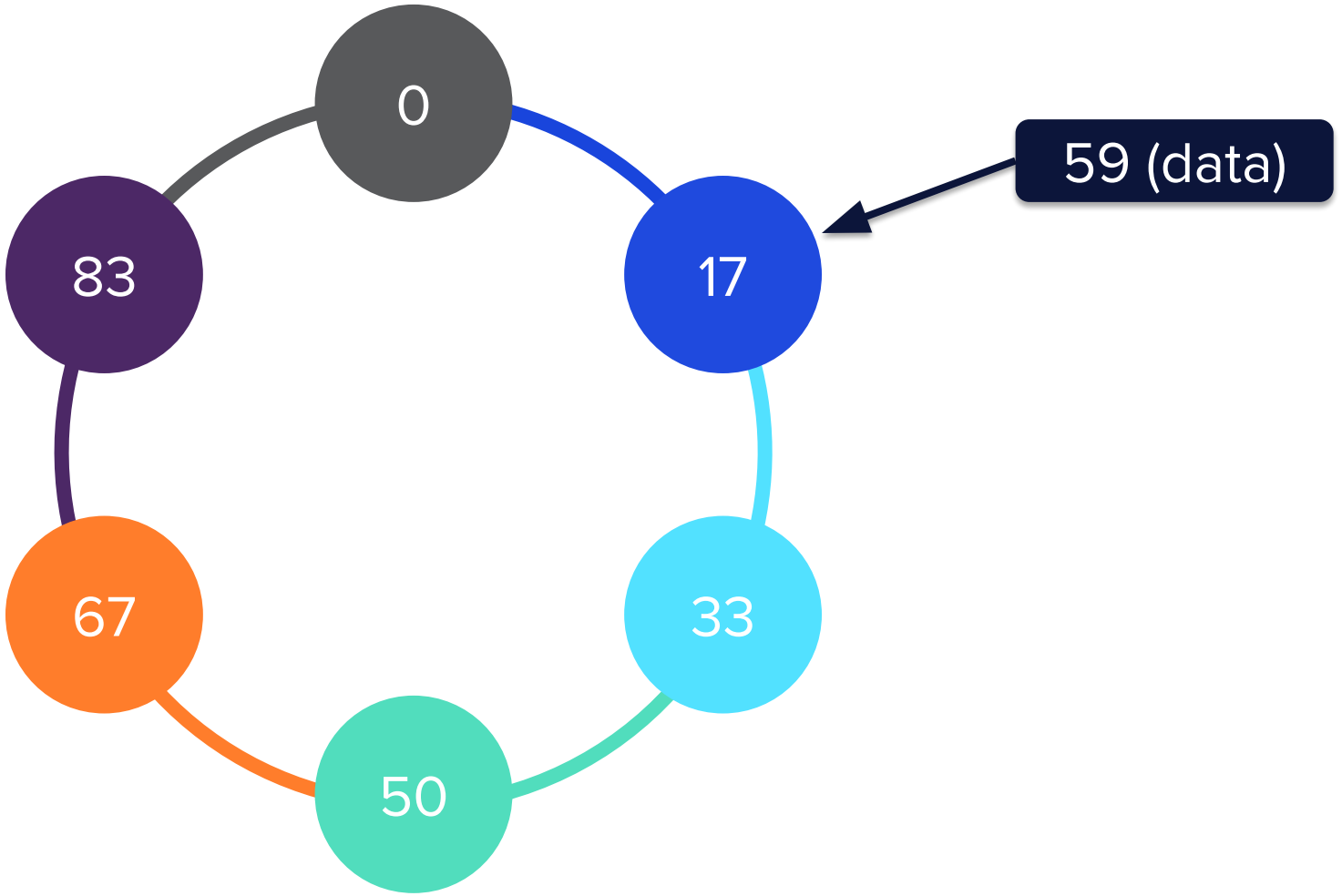

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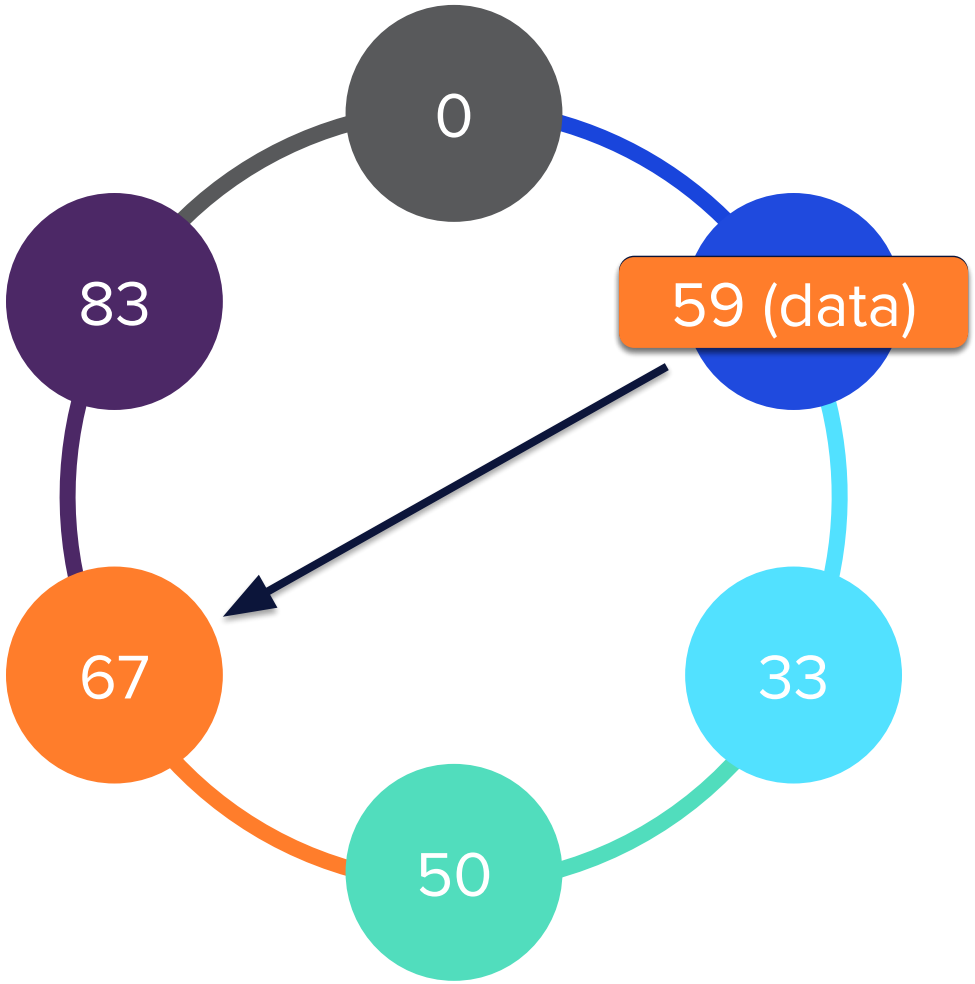

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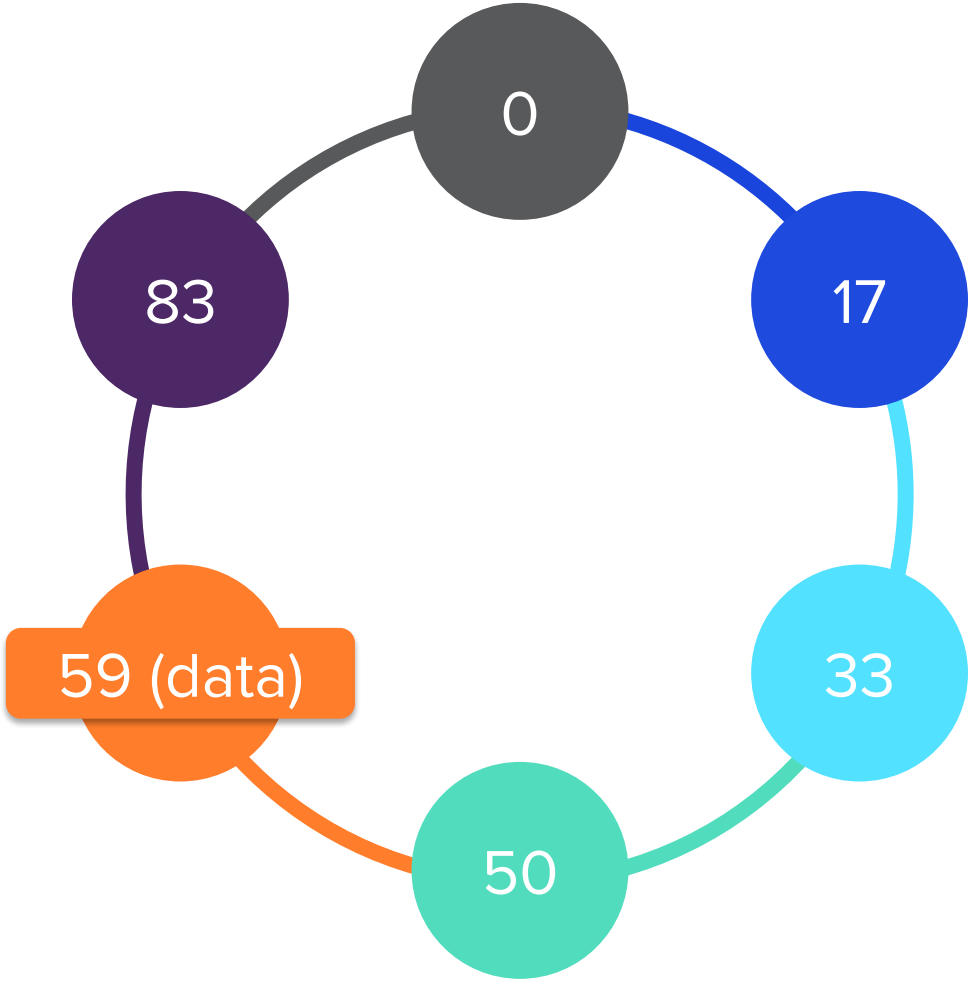

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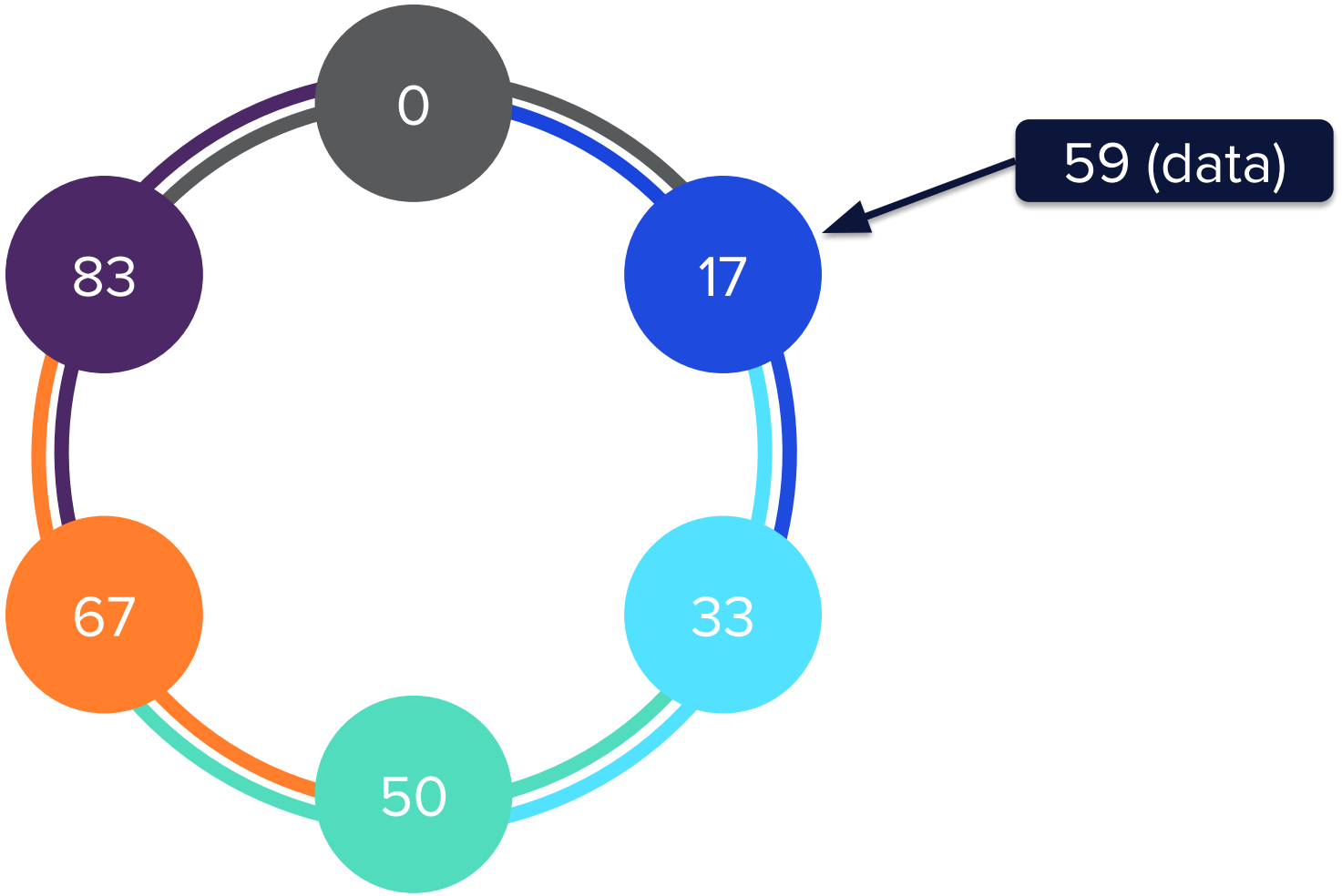

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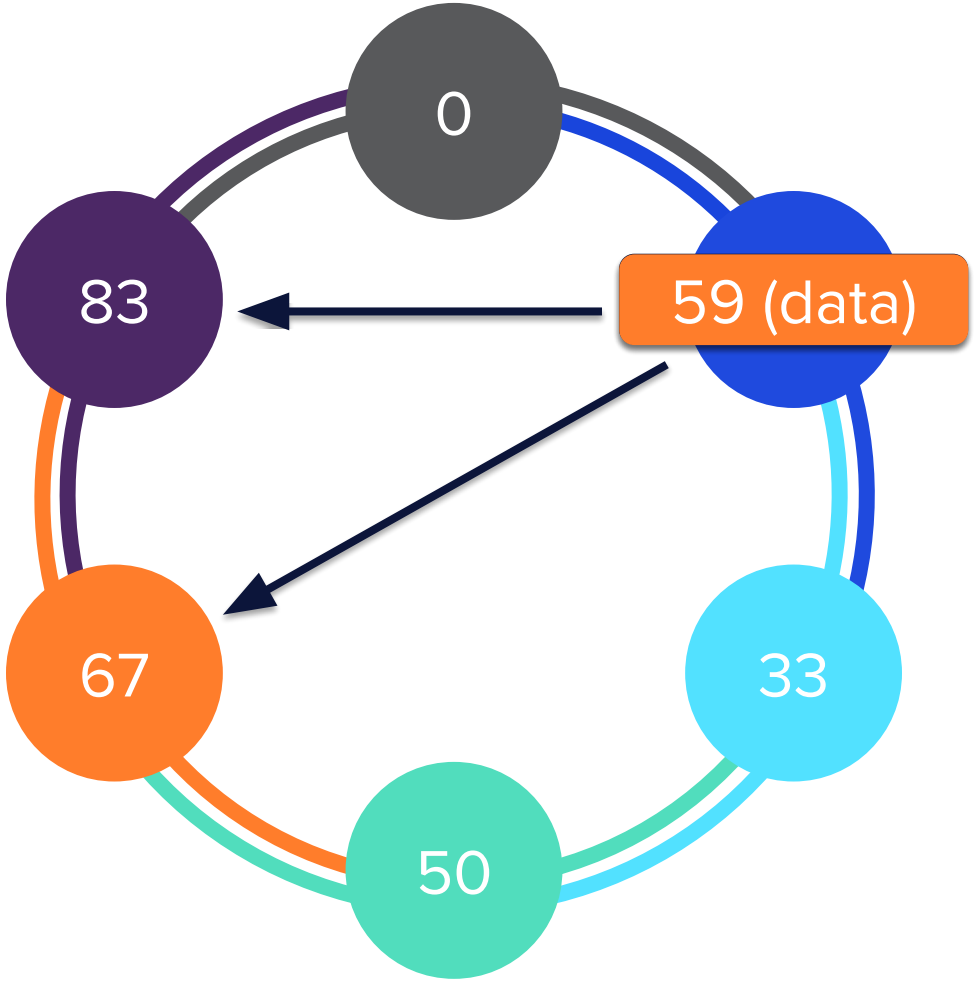

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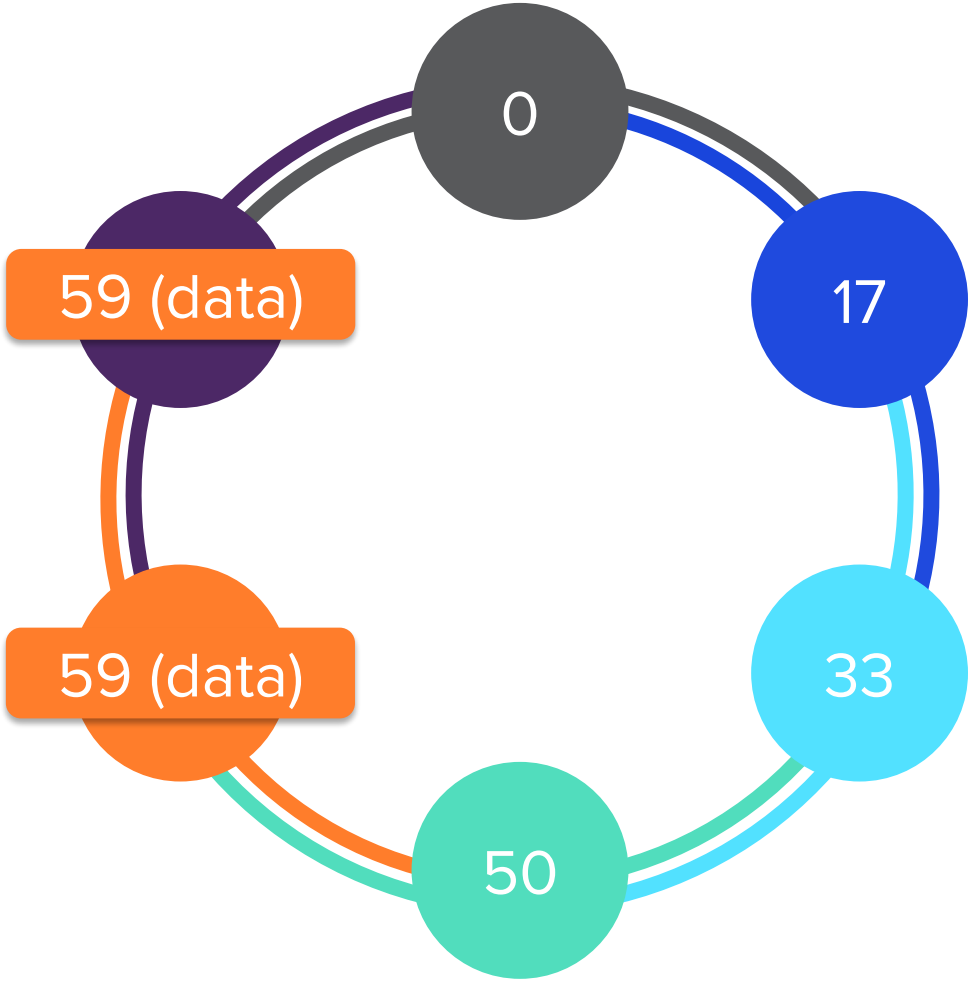

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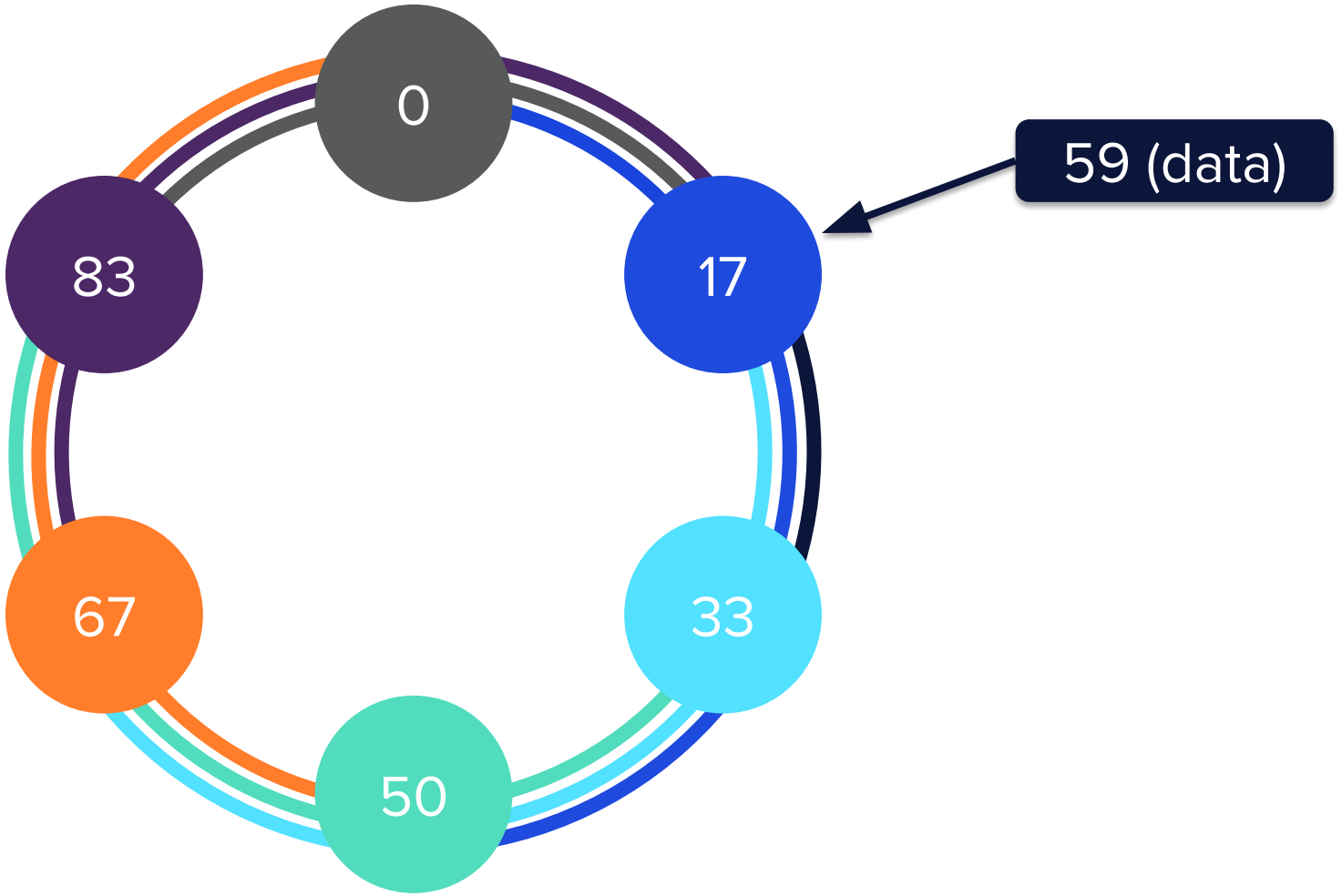

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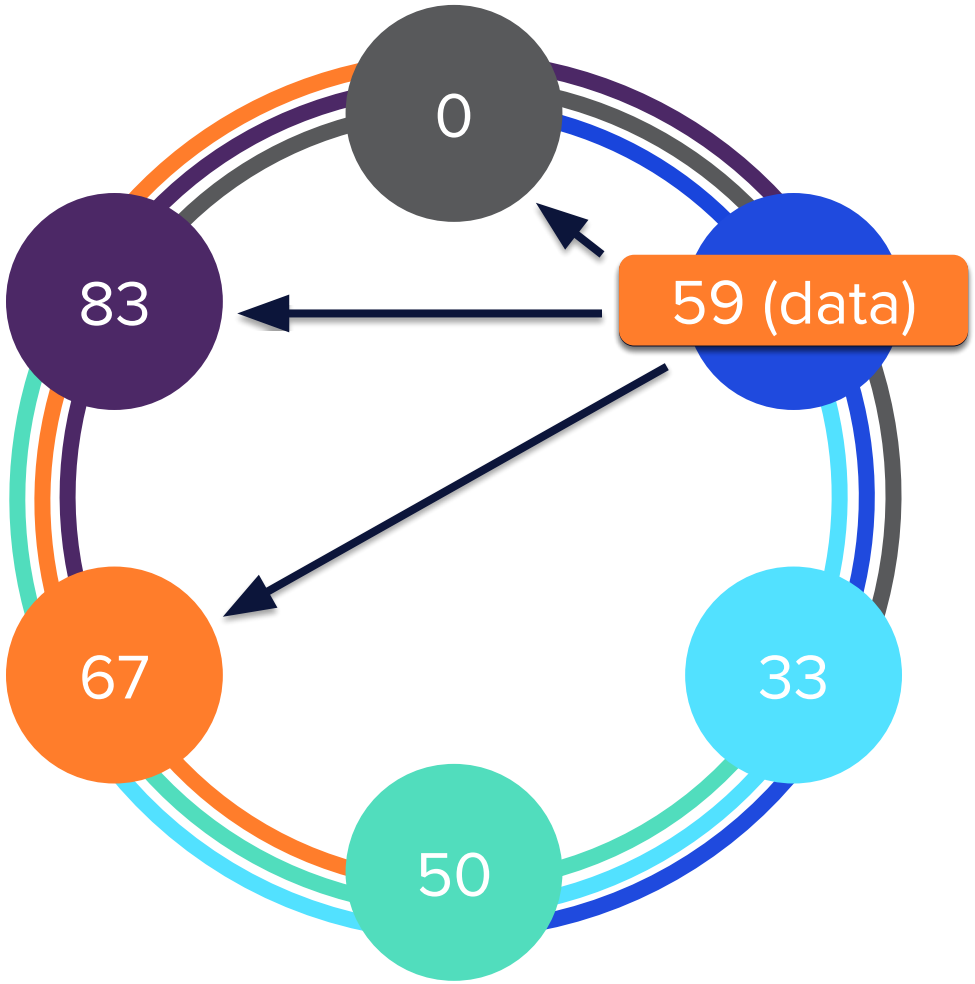

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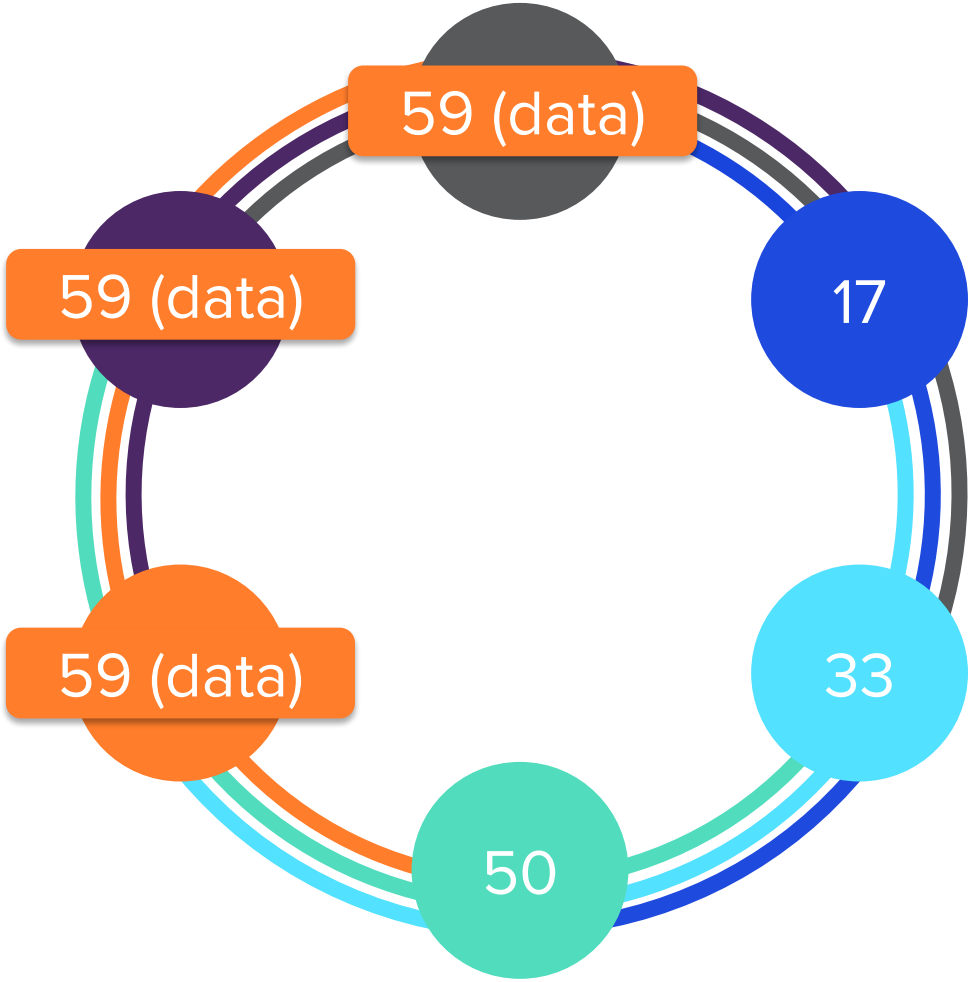

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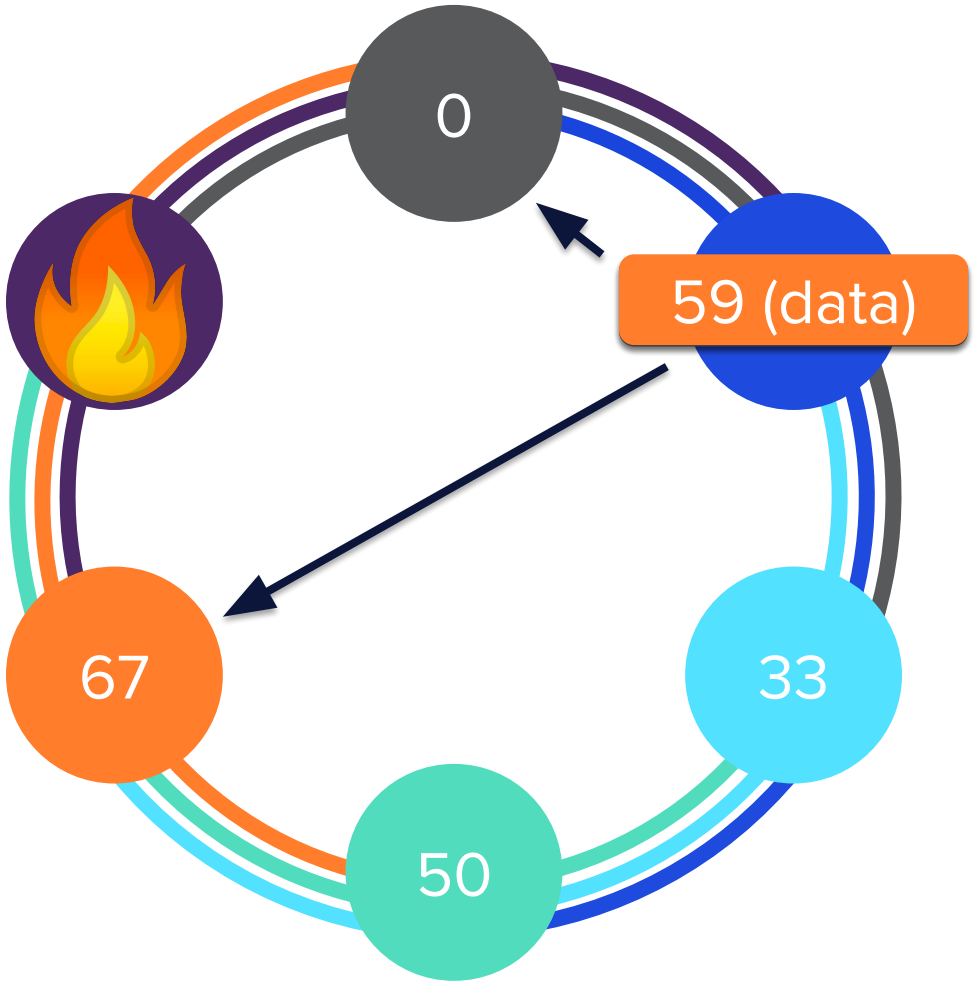

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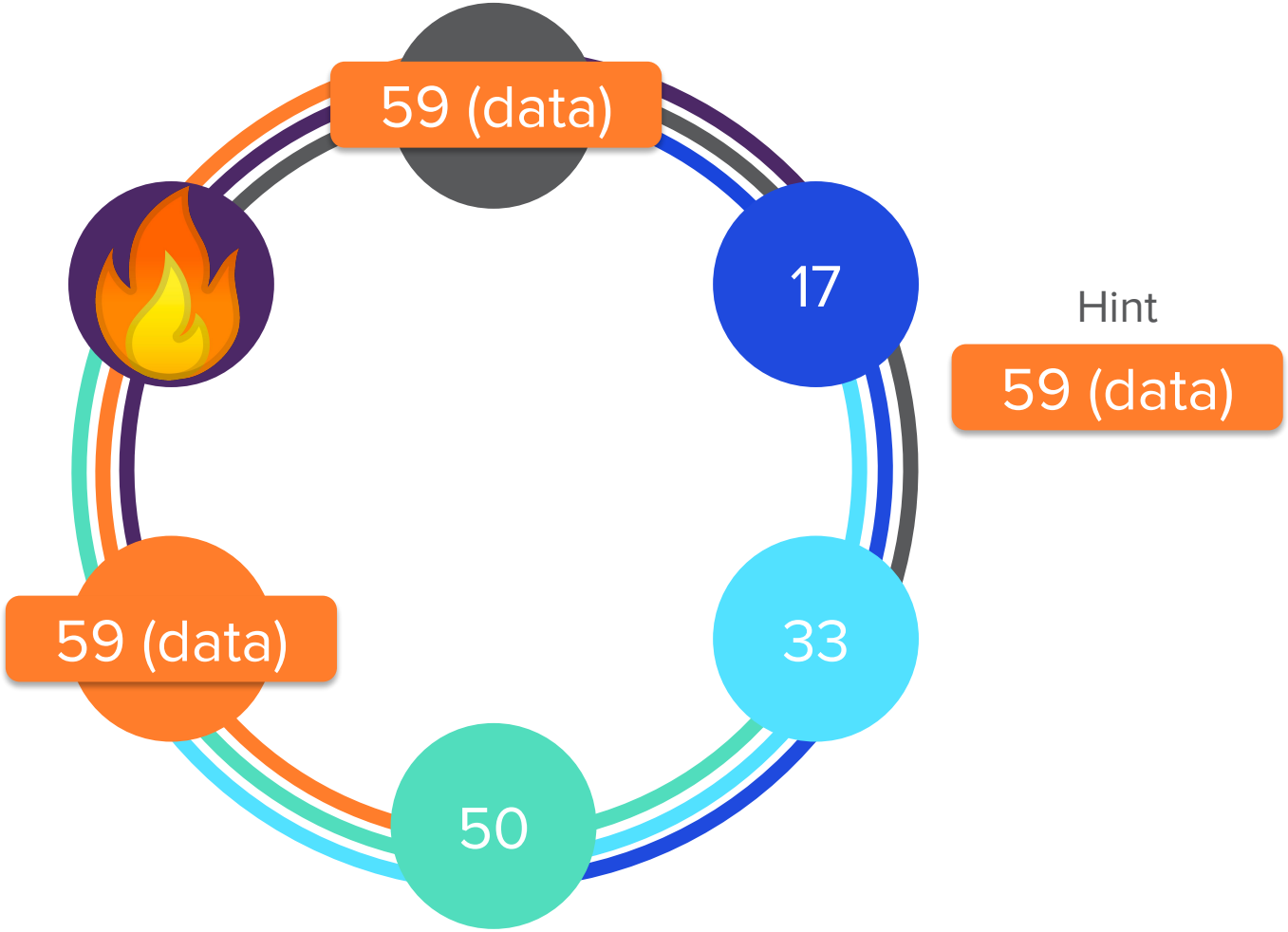

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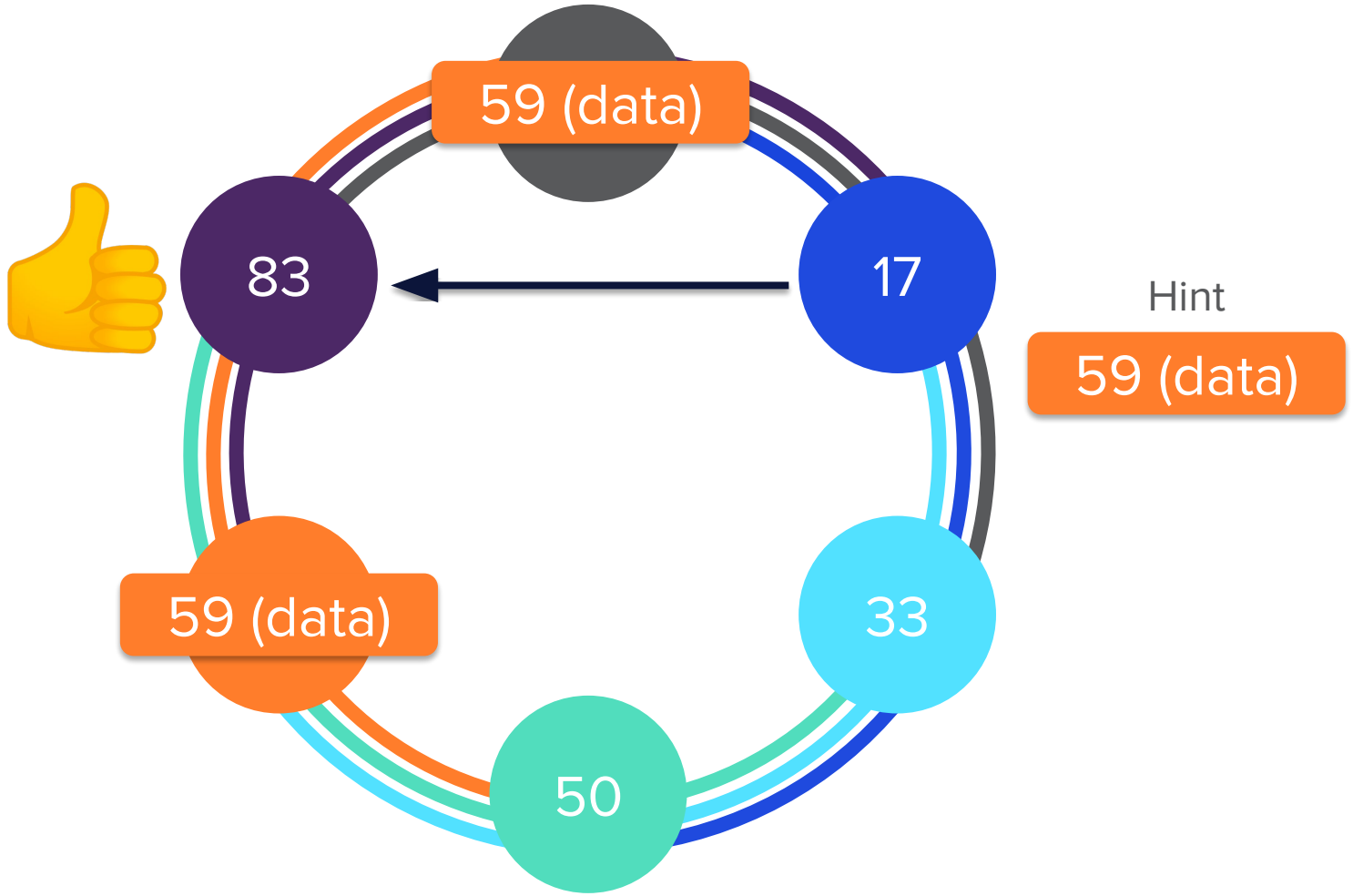

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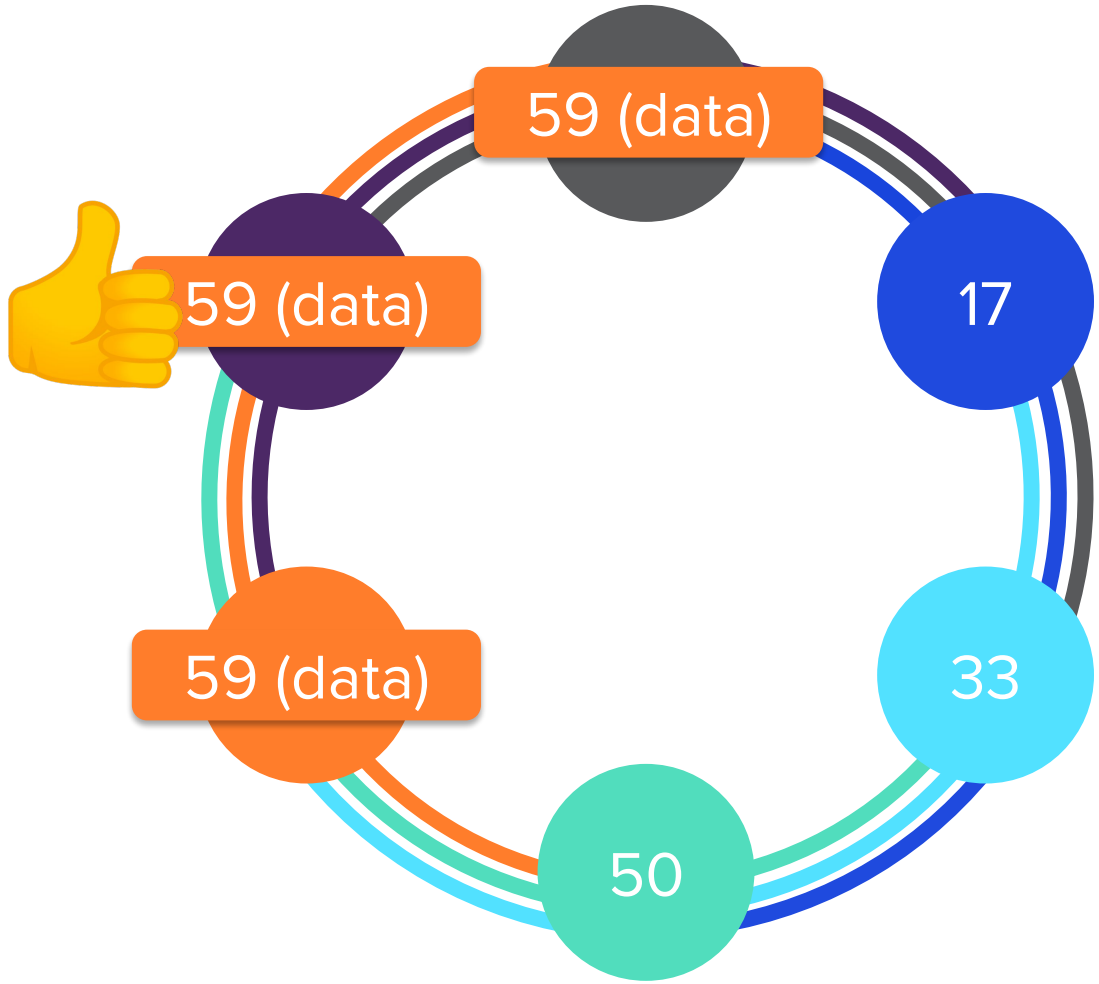

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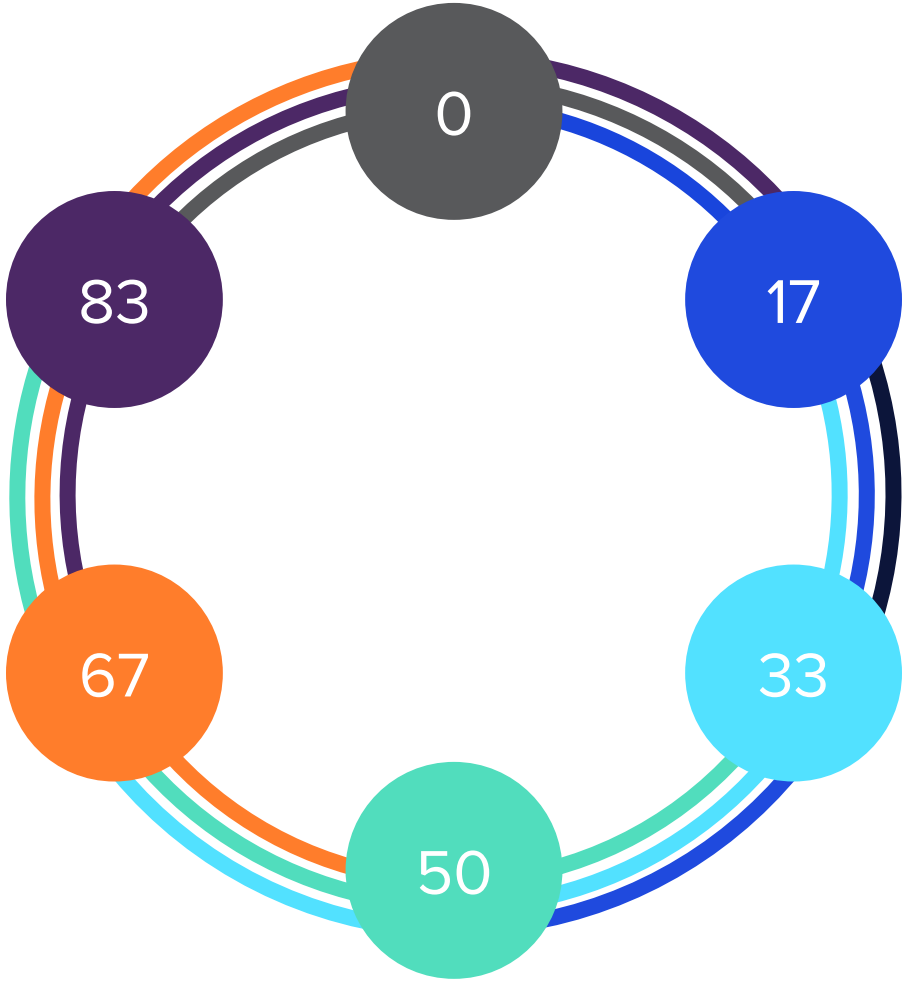

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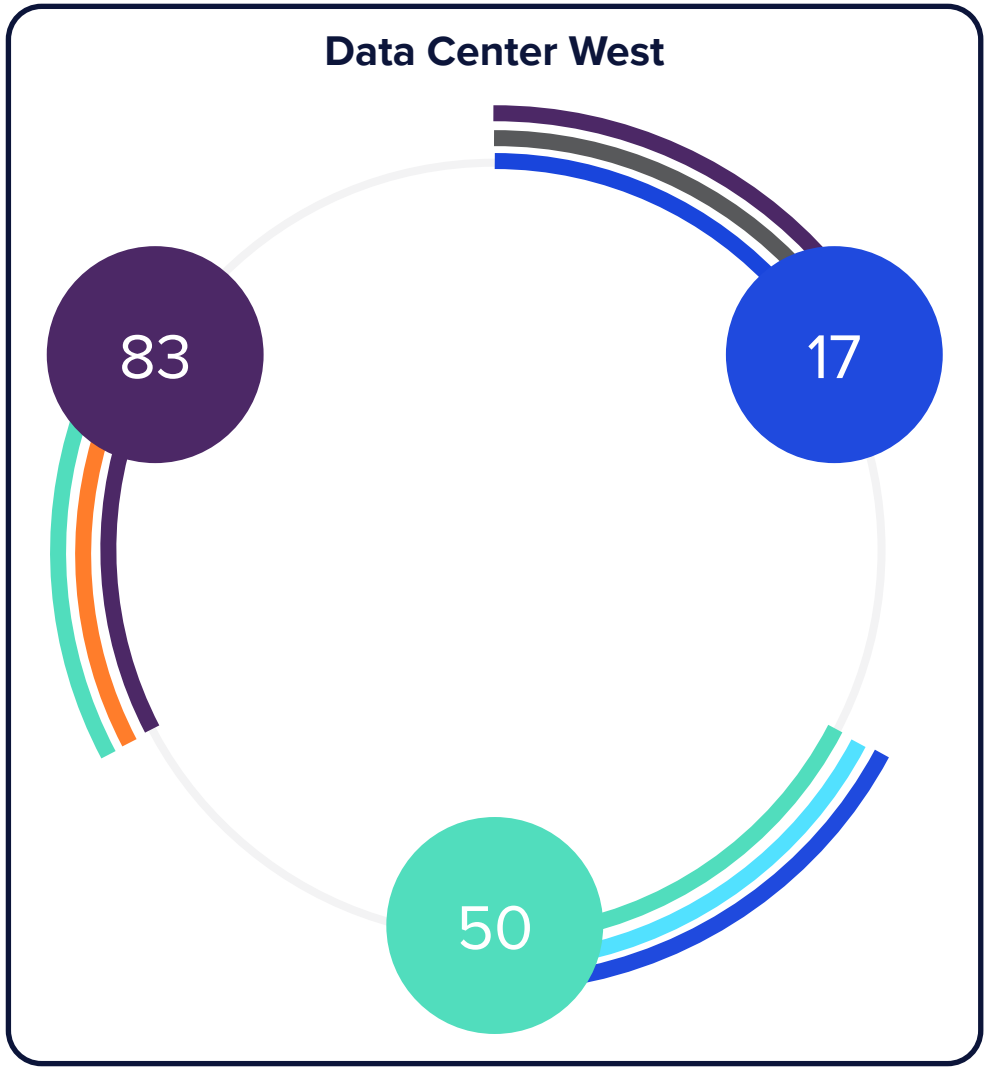

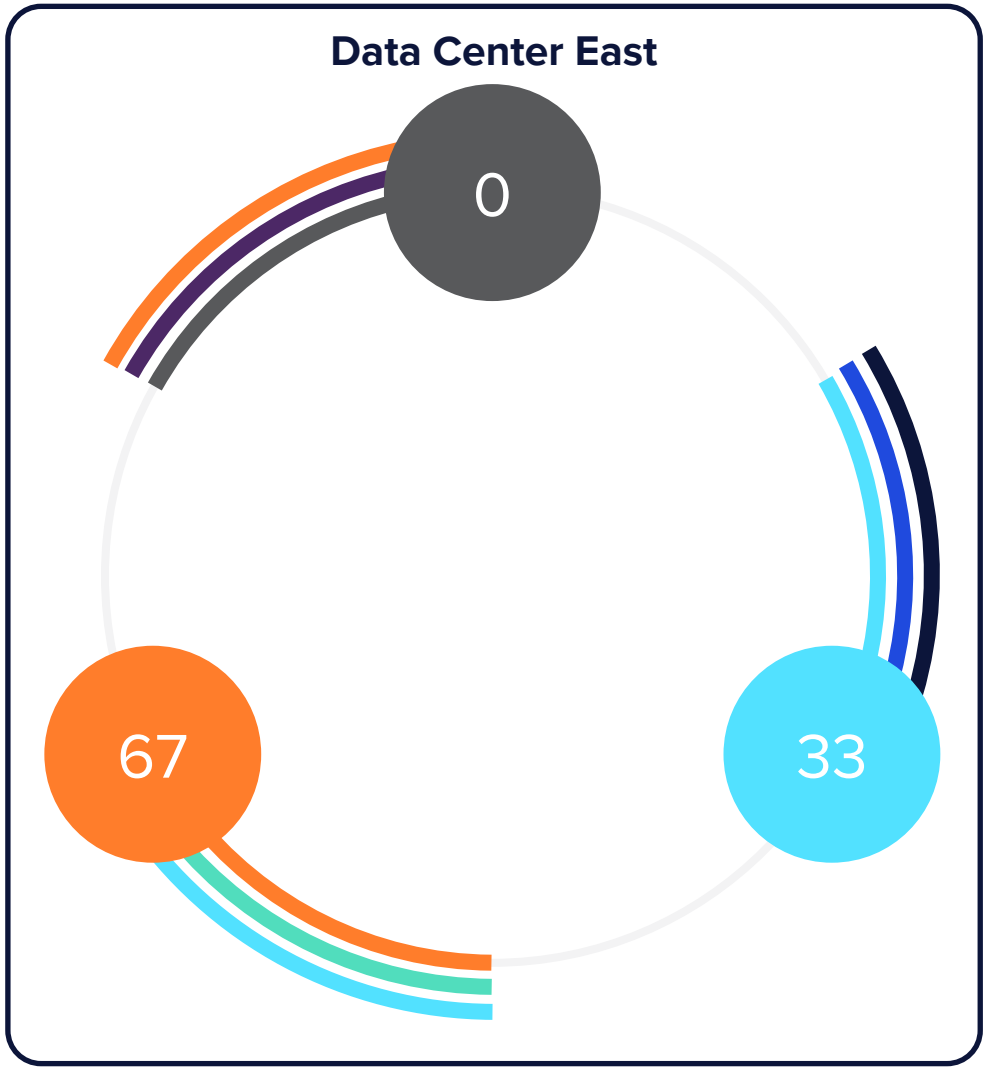

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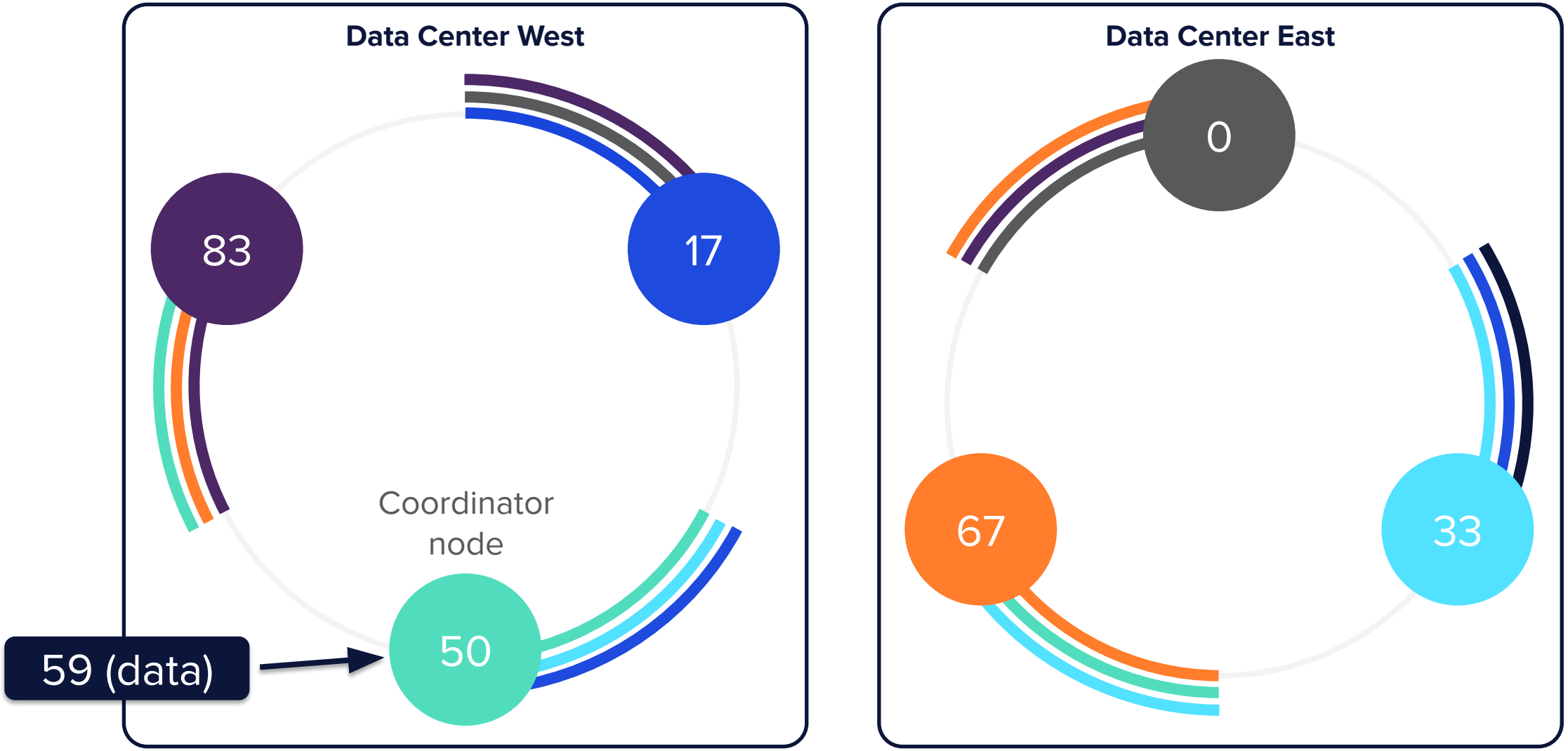

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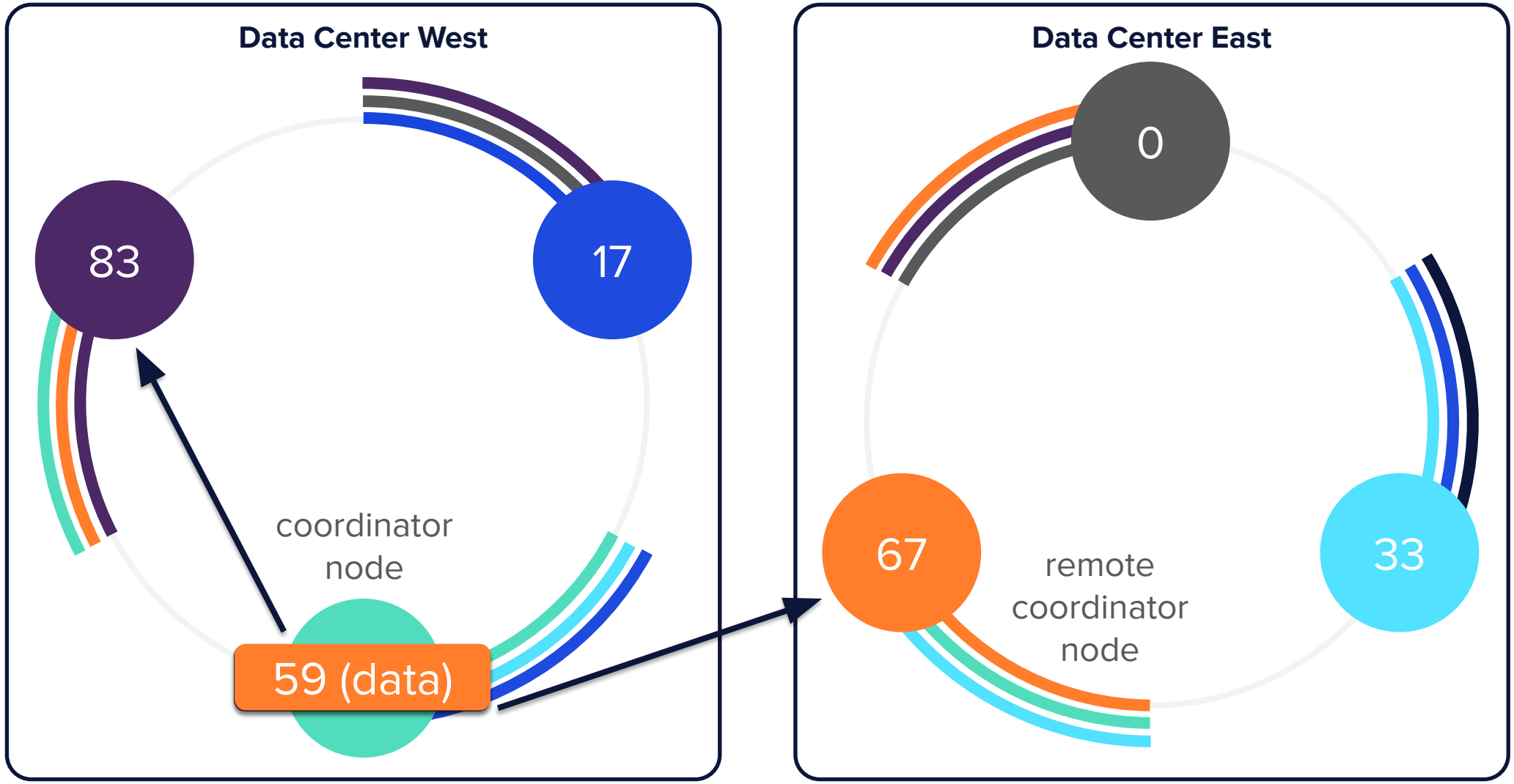

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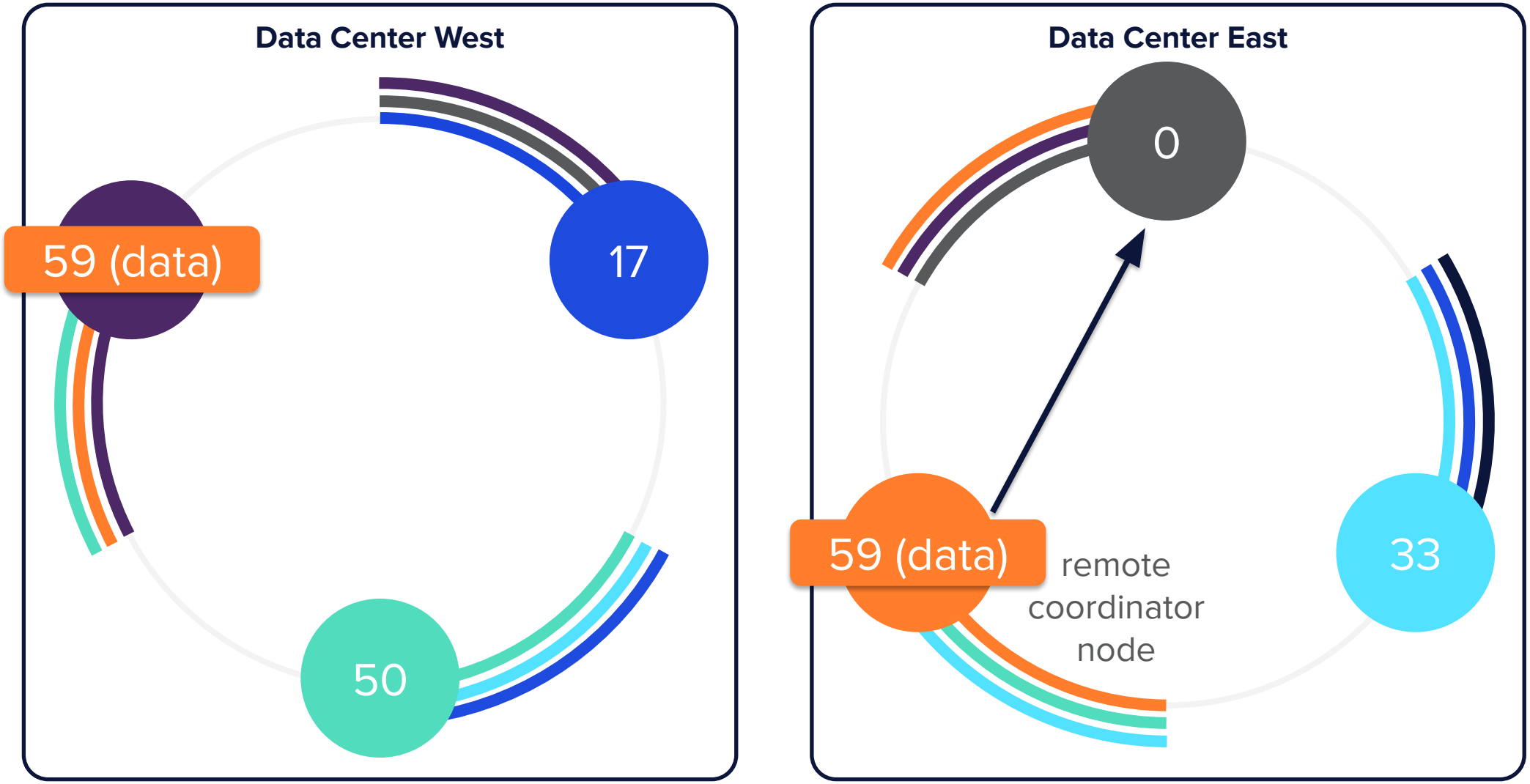

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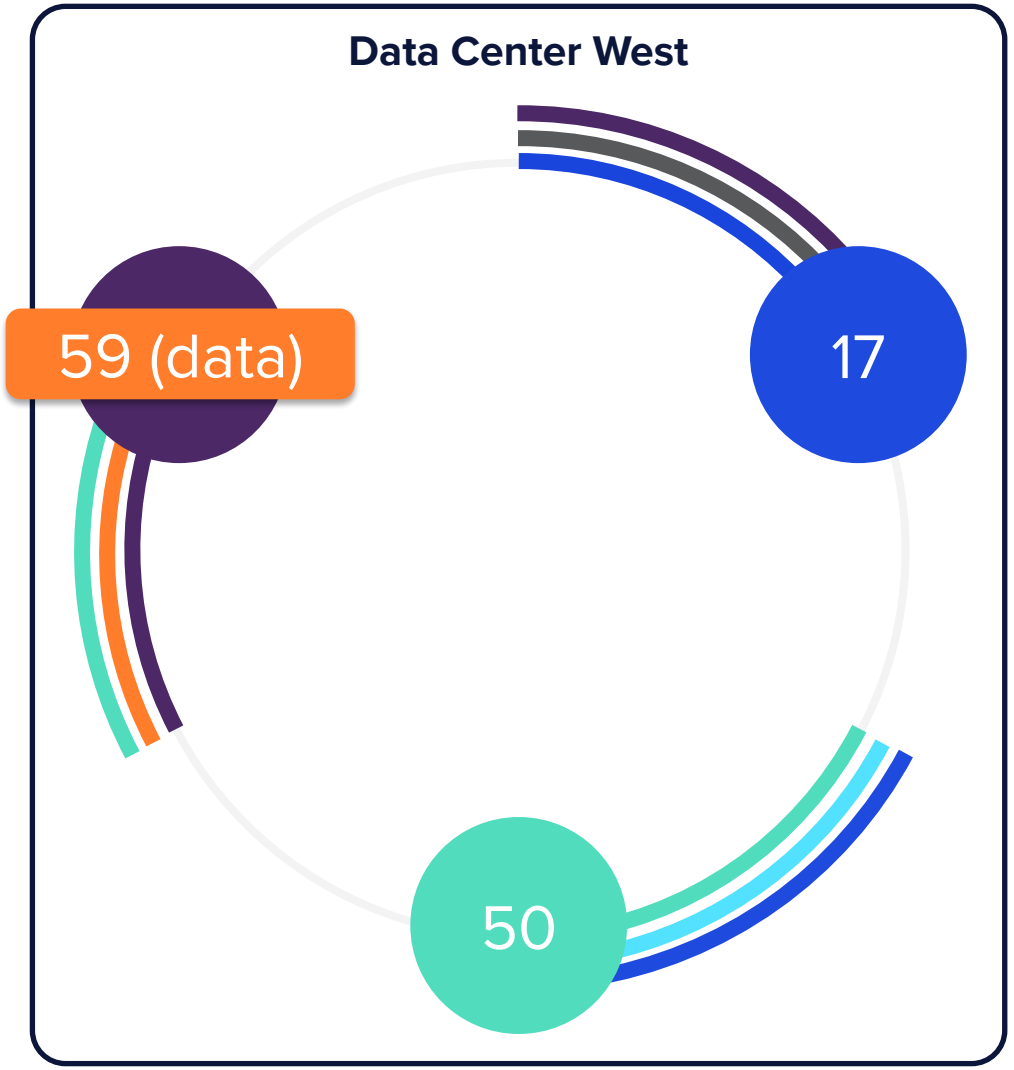

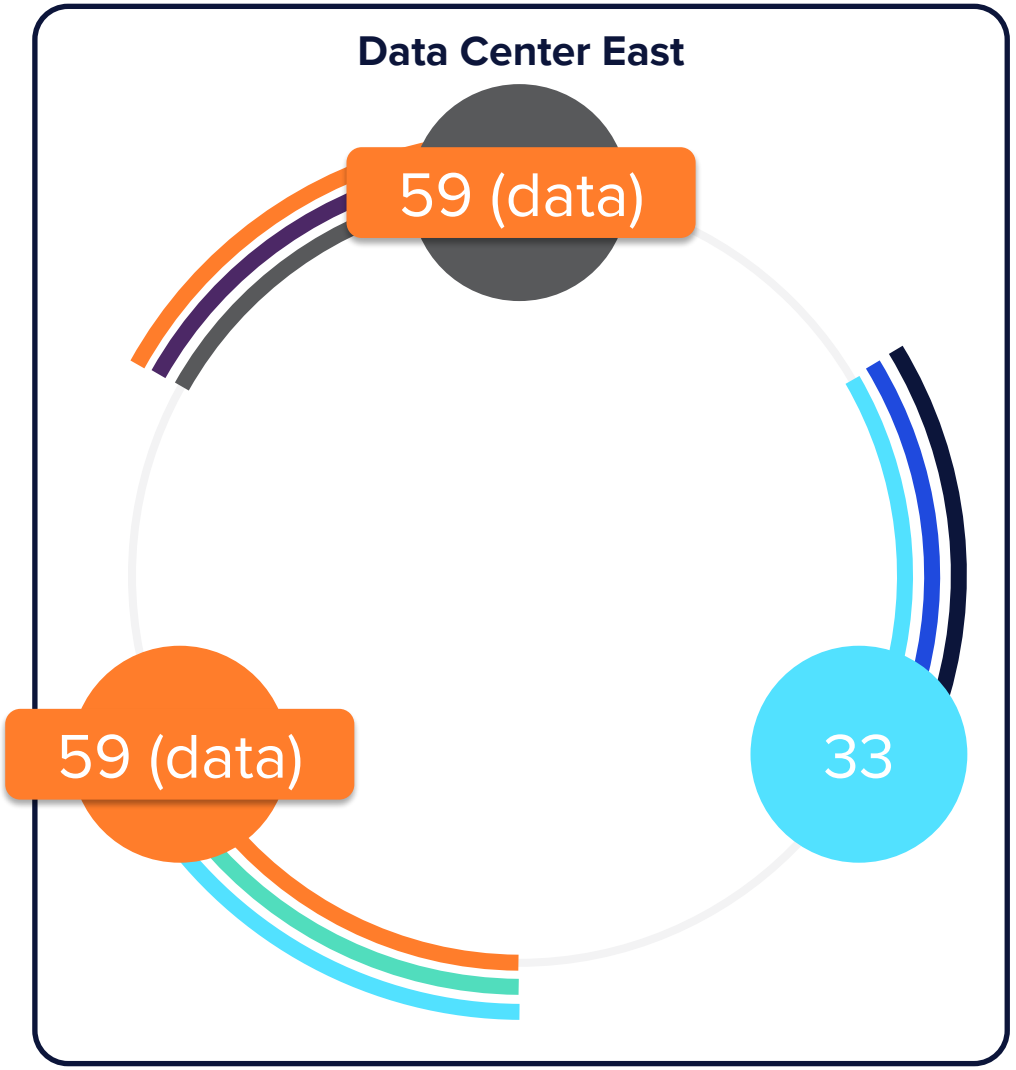

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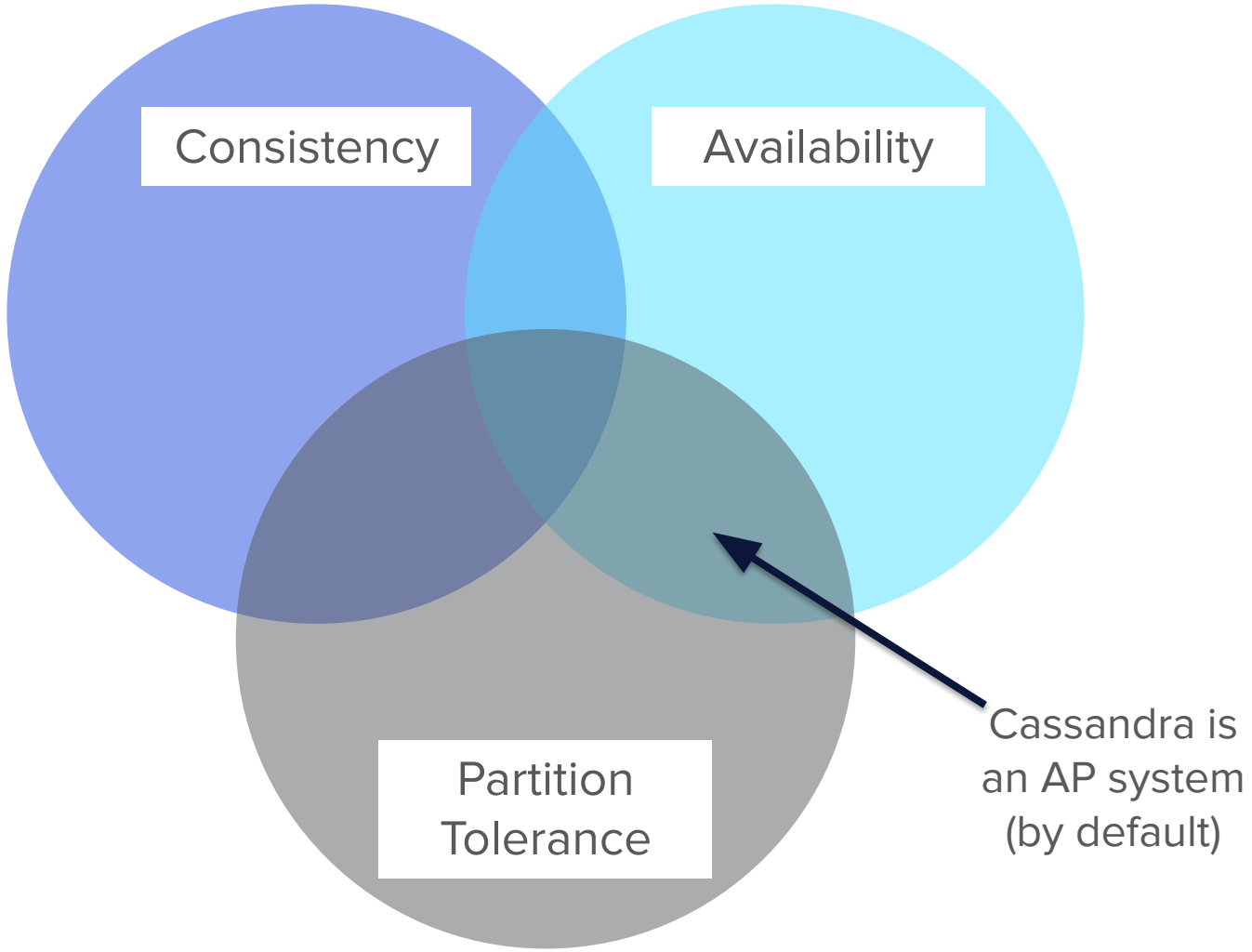
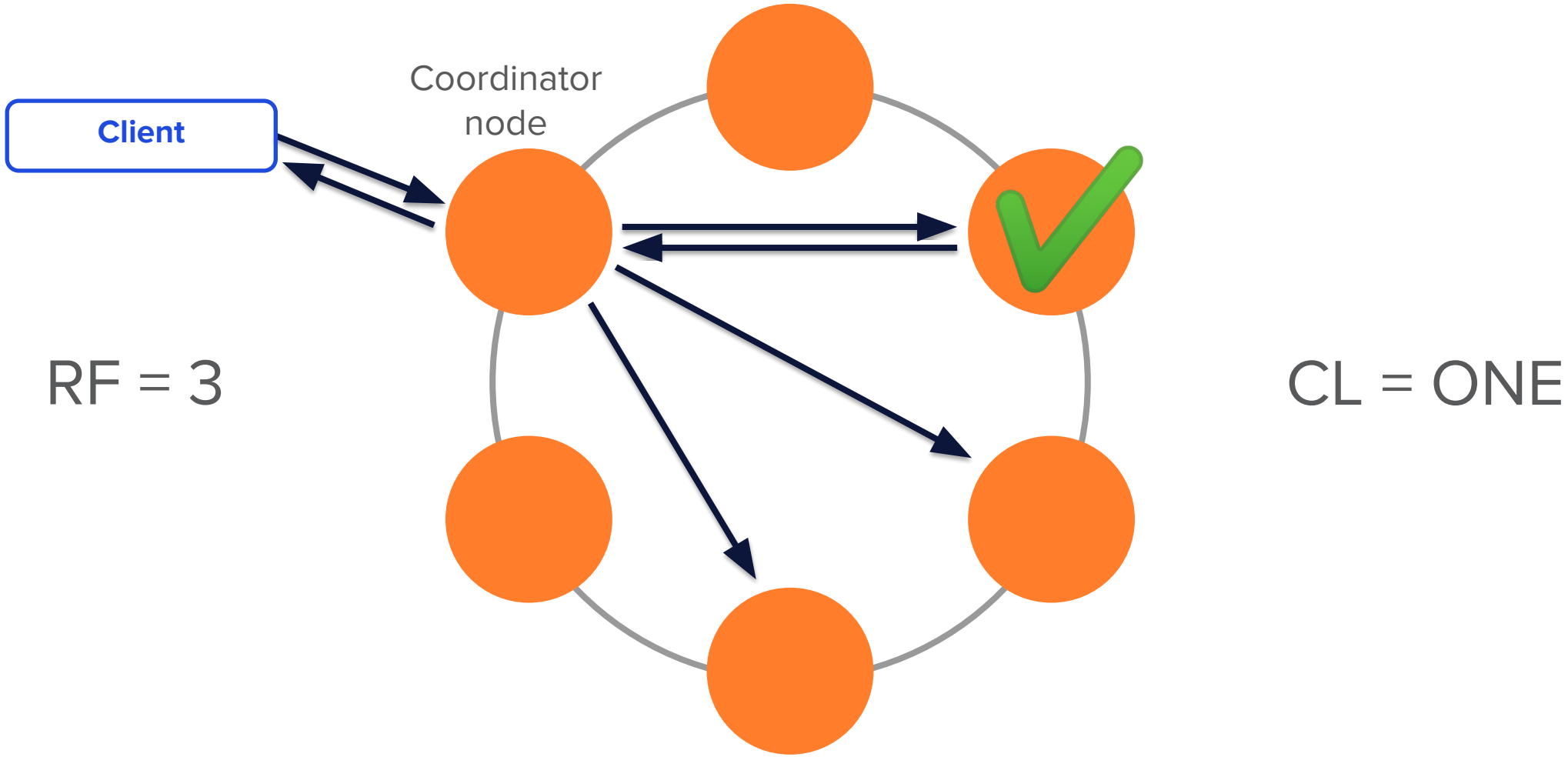
Cassandra's Consistency

CAP Theorem


Consistency
Availability
Partition Tolerance
Cassandra is an AP system (by default)

Consistency Levels



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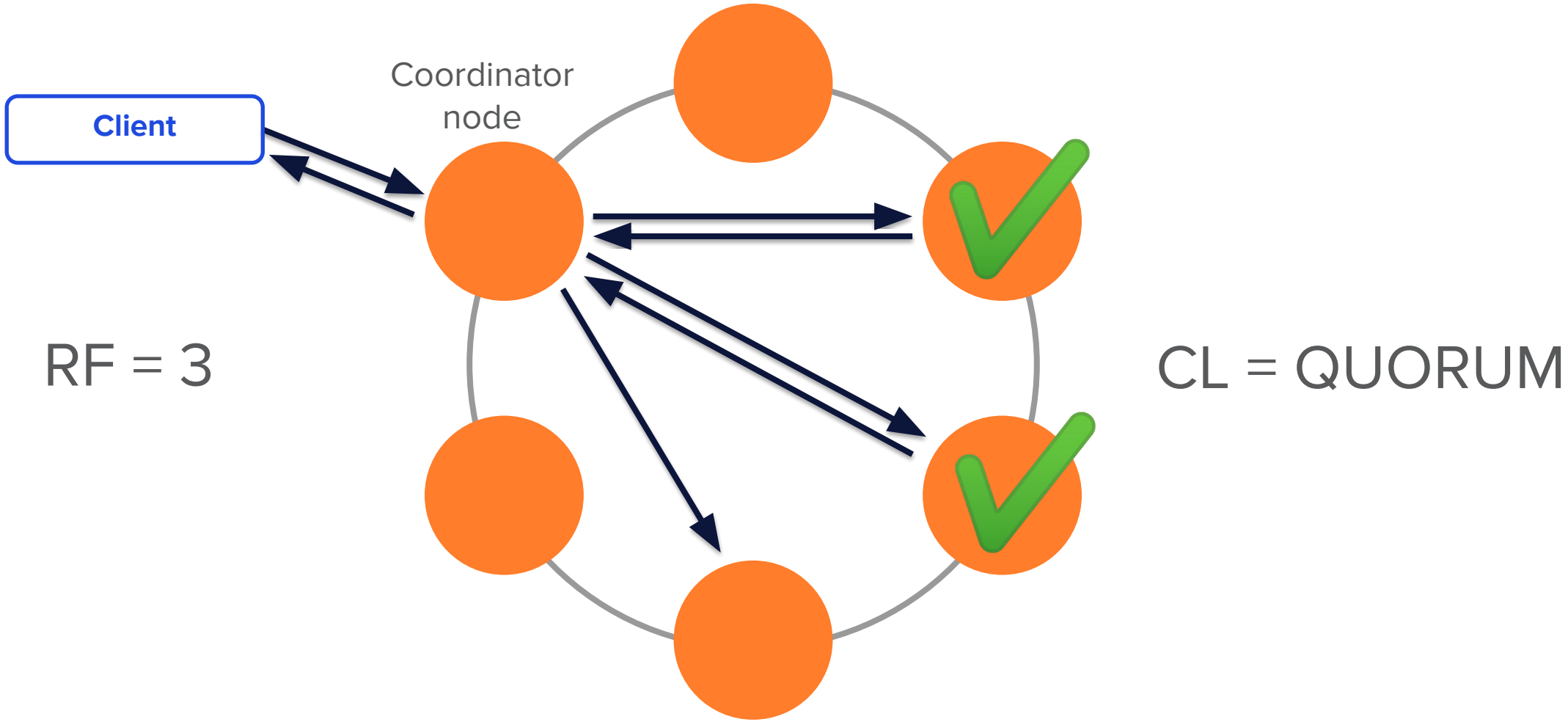

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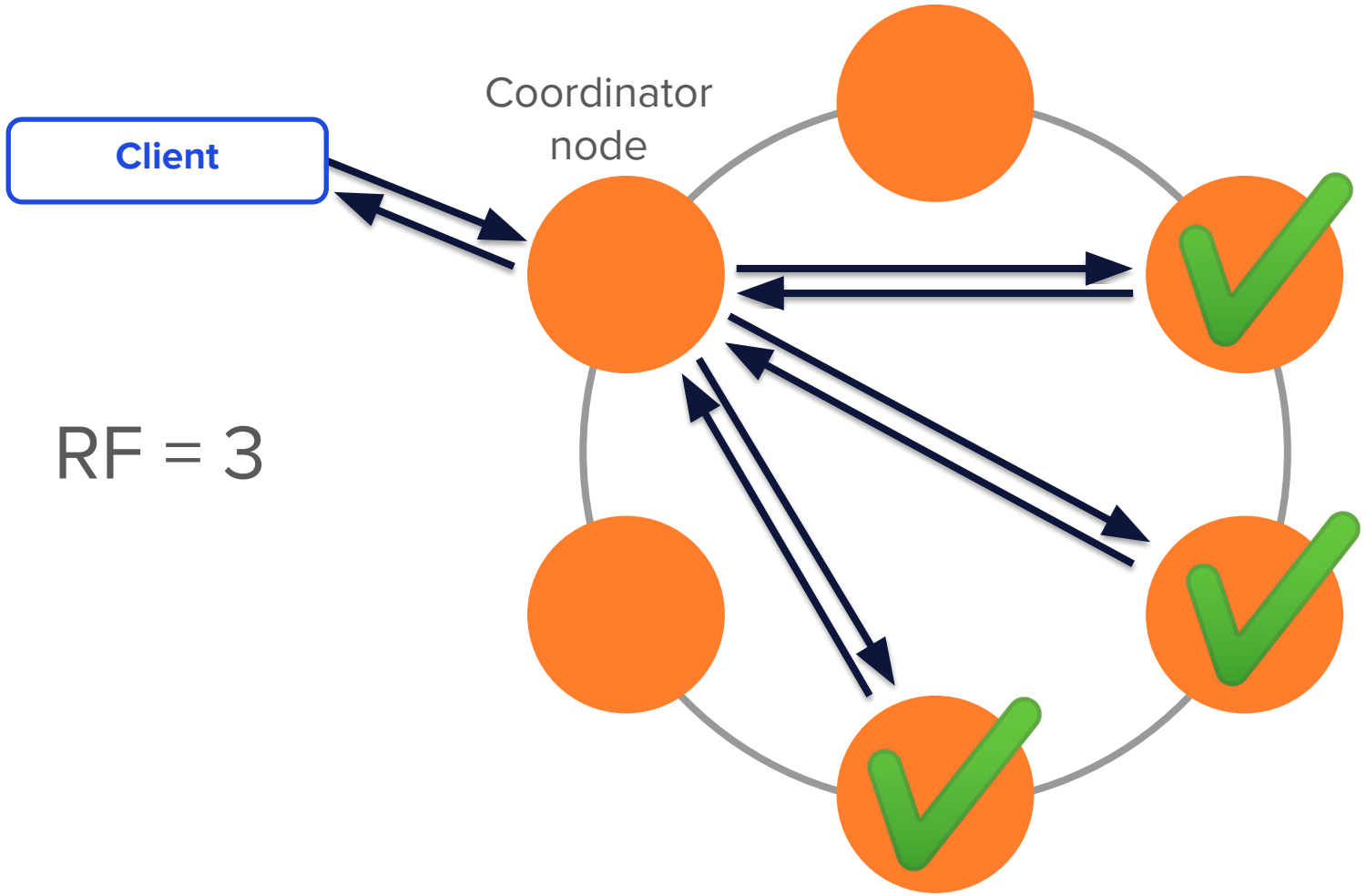
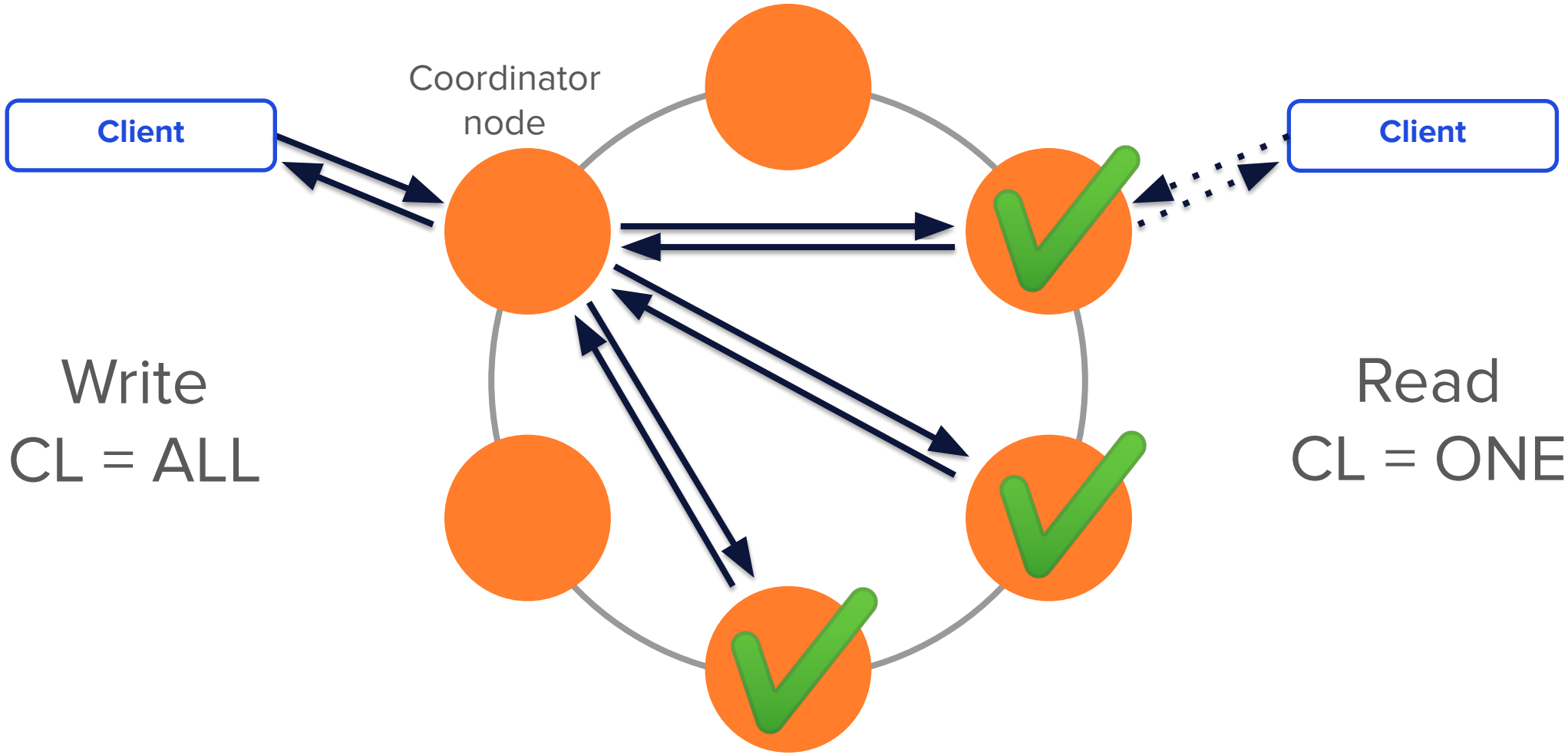
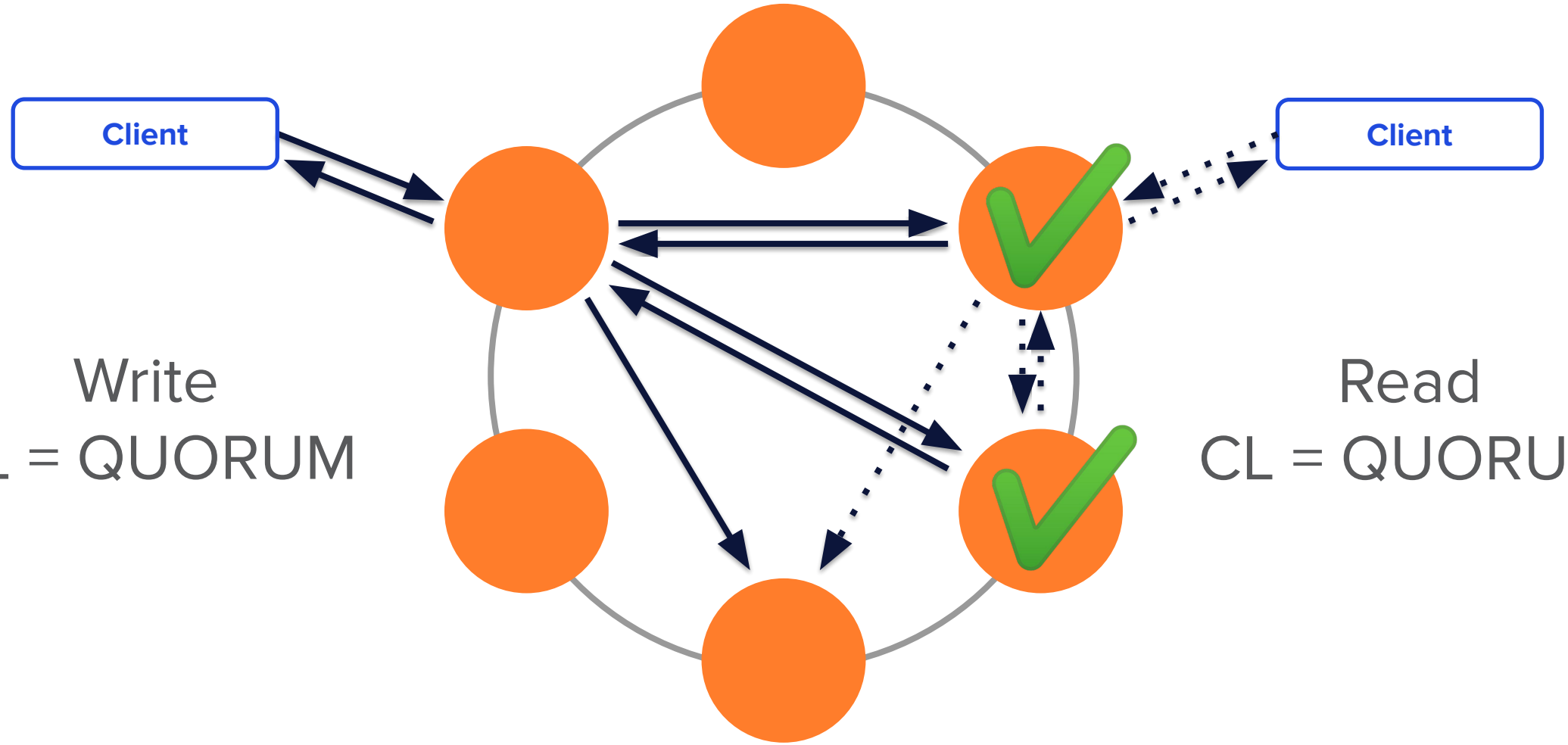


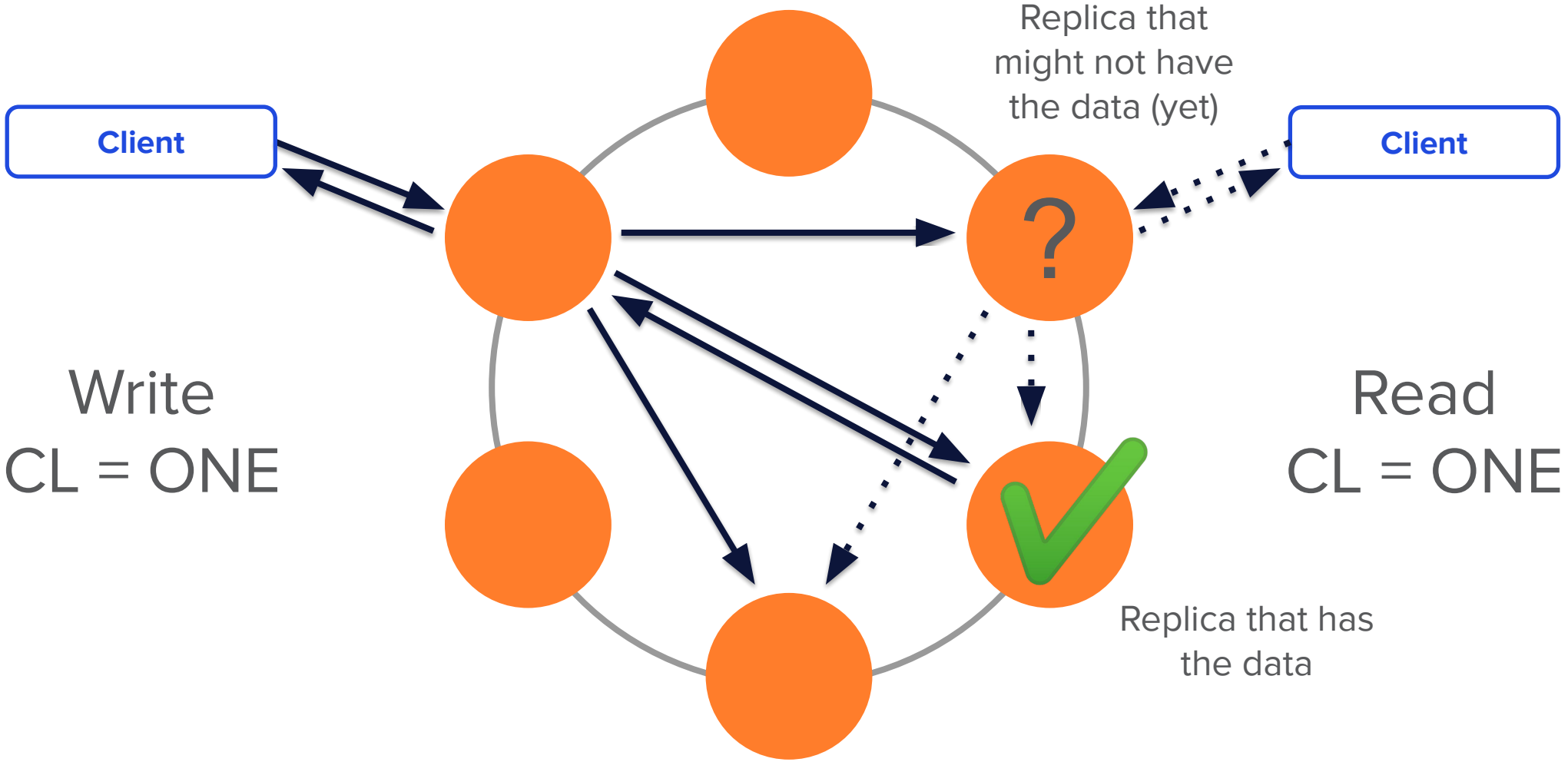
Strong Consistency – One Way



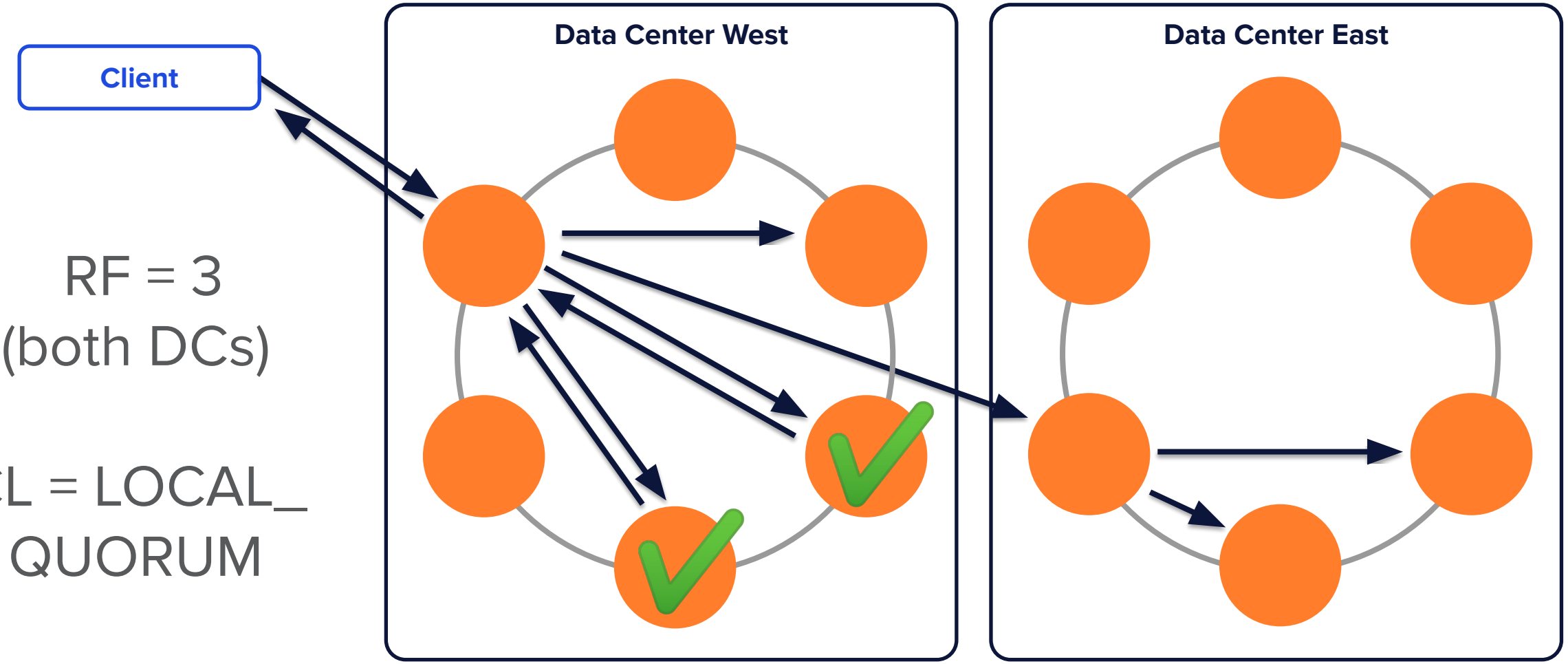
Strong Consistency – A Better Way



Weak(er) Consistency



Consistency Across Data Centers



RF = 3
(both DCs)

CL = LOCAL_
QUORUM

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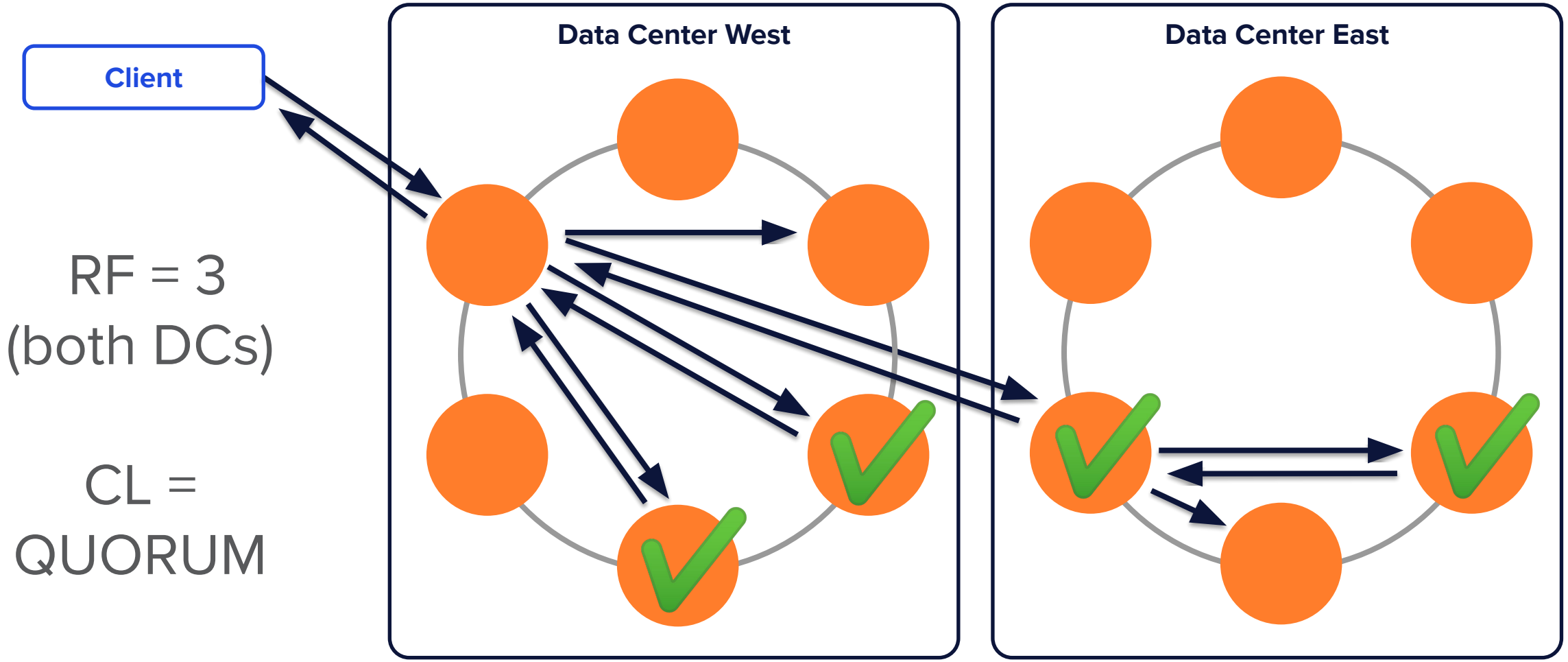

Consistency Settings

- Weakest to strongest

Setting	Description
ANY	Storing a hint at minimum is satisfactory
ONE, TWO, THREE	Checks closest node(s) to coordinator
QUORUM	Majority vote, (sum_of_replication_factors / 2) + 1
LOCAL_ONE	Closest node to coordinator in same data center
LOCAL_QUORUM	Closest quorum of nodes in same data center
EACH_QUORUM	Quorum of nodes in each data center, applies to writes only
ALL	Every node must participate

Consistency Tradeoffs

- The higher the consistency, the less chance you may get stale data
  - Pay for this with latency
  - Depends on your situational needs
- IoT and Sensor systems with write-heavy workloads may benefit from CL=ONE for writes if data isn't required immediately

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Loading Data into Cassandra

Loading Data Into Cassandra with DSBulk

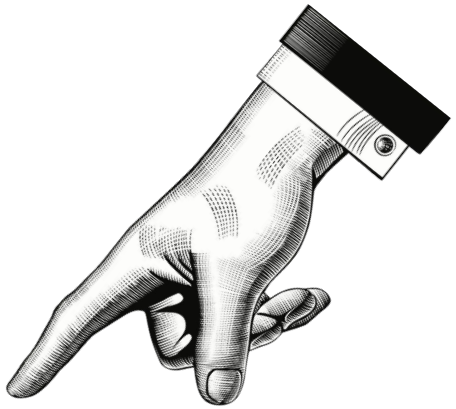
- Moves Cassandra data to/from files in the file system
- Uses both CSV or JSON formats
- Command-line interface
- Available with DataStax supported versions

DSBulk Use Cases

- Loading data from a pile of files
- One-time load or part of production flow
- Initial developer experience (load an existing familiar DB)
- Unload data for backup
- Migration from DSE to DSE (due to data model changes)

DSBulk Example

- Parameters:
  - file1.csv – this is the input file
  - ks1 – this is the keyspace name
  - table1 – this is the table name
- Steps:
  - Create the keyspace and table
  - Map the column using the header or via a config file
  - Run the command



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dsbulk load -url file1.csv -k ks1 -t table1
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Time for an exercise!

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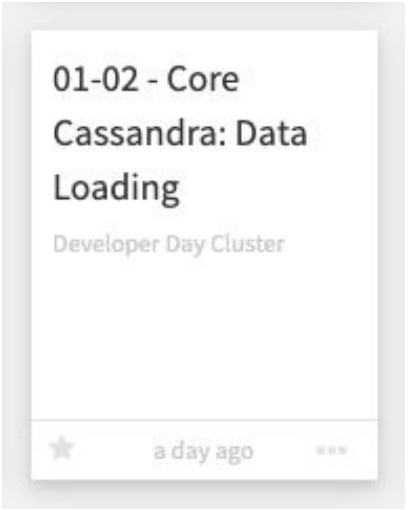
“Core Cassandra: Data Loading” Notebook



Loading Data into Cassandra - Review

- dsbulk is a command line tool for loading/unloading data
  - Use header or config file to map columns
  - Works for CSV and JSON
  - Create your table first
  - Handles various data types (e.g., text, date, float)

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Data Availability

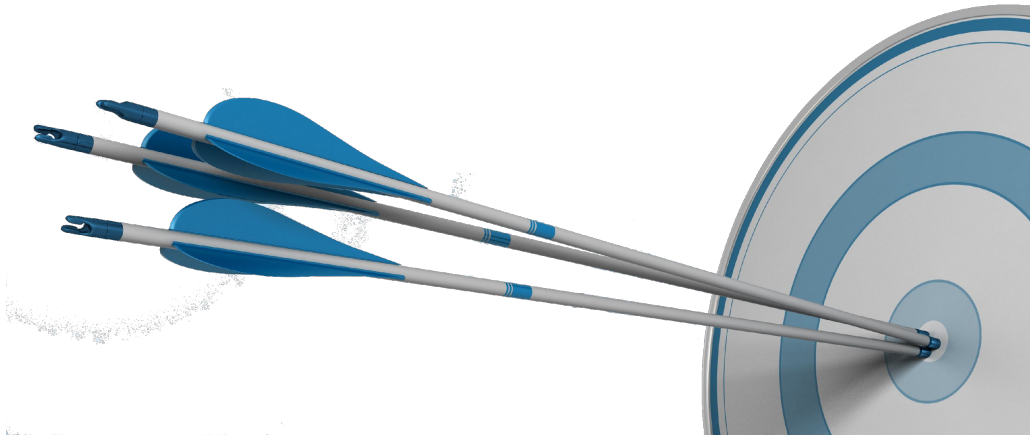
Cassandra Data Availability

- Availability = Replication
- Replication implies consistency concerns

~~Consistency must be absolute!~~ Consistency can be a continuum

Cassandra Data Availability Concepts

- Replication Factor – the number of copies of your data
  - Increasing replication increases chances of availability
  - Increasing replication increases chances of inconsistency
- Consistency Level – the number of acknowledged copies read/written
- Strong Consistency: number of writes + number of reads > replication factor
- EXAMPLE:
  - Replication Factor = 3
  - Read/Write Consistency Level = QUORUM
  - 2 + 2 > 4 👍



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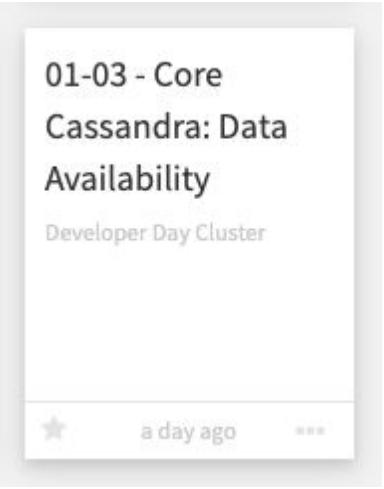
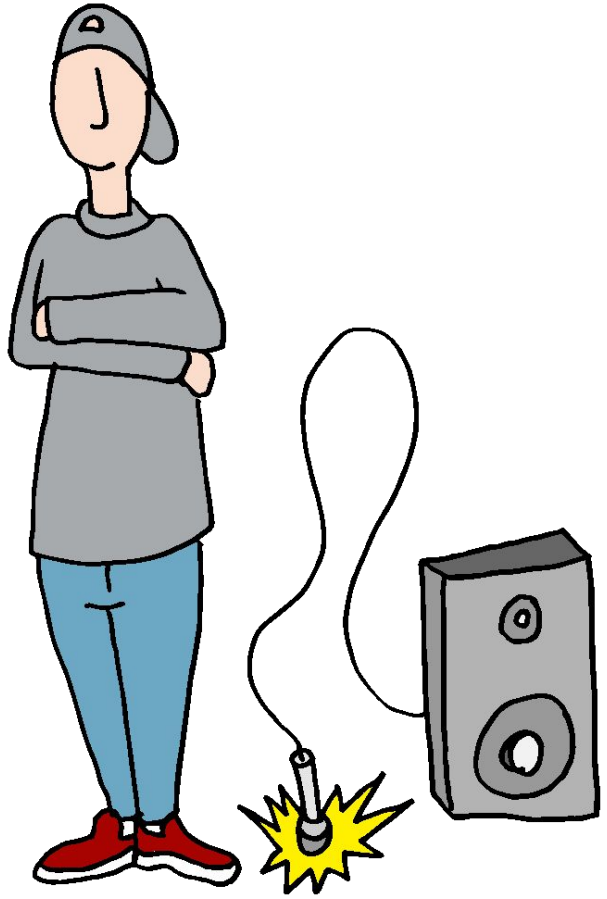


Final Words

- Now, you should:
  - Understand what Apache Cassandra is
  - Know what Cassandra does
  - Yearn to have Cassandra in your shop
- Want More?
  - Visit academy.datastax.com
  - It's free!



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