NoSQL Database

Hands-On: R Flow Control Database Design Project

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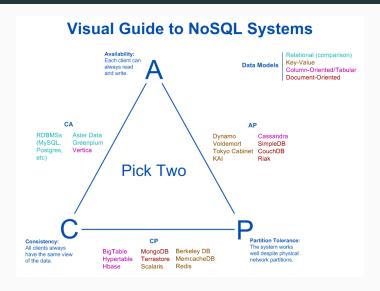
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Database Selection



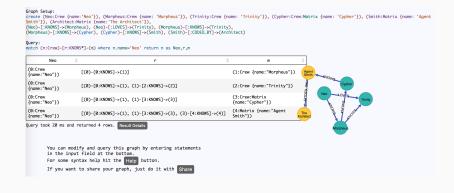
NoSQL

- Key-value Stores
 - Hash table: key: value
 - Redis: data in RAM, not HD (so limited to RAM)
- Column Family Stores
 - Also key-value hash table, but one key may map to different columns (not the single value)
 - Cassandra: super fast write, slow read: e.g. facebook LIKE)
 - HBase: best to run MapReduce with Hadoop/HDFS stack, good for realtime queries (logs)
- Document Databases
 - JSON like document (BSON: binary JSON)
 - Nested: {Key:{Key:Value, Key:Value}}
 - MongoDB: very good for general use
 - CouchDB: can use RESTful HTTP API, use request
- Graph Databases
 - Node / Relation / Property
 - Neo4J

MongoDB

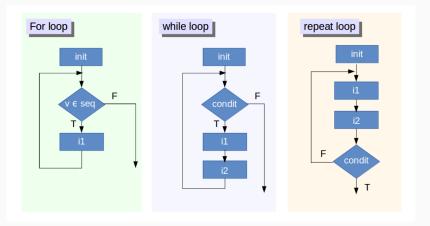
- Download and install MongoDB
- Open your terminal
 - brew update
 - brew install mongodb
 - mkdir -p /mongo/db
 - mongod --dbpath /mongo/db
 - Play with the official sample
- Running MondoDB in R
 - install.packages("rmongodb")
 - library(rmongodb)
 - Then we can follow the cheat sheet

Neo4J



- Download Neo4J
- Neo4J cheat sheet
- Use Neo4J in R

Flow Control



Courtesy by Dr. Mujeeb Basit

- for, while, if/else, next/break, stop
- Sample codes

R: Apply Function

- apply
 - apply a given function to the rows (index 1) or columns (index 2) of a matrix
- lapply
 - apply a given function to every element of a list and obtain a list
- sapply
 - apply a given function to every element of a list and obtain a vector
- tapply
 - function to process vector subsets

R: More Apply

- Map() and mapply()
 - iterate over multiple input data structures in parallel
- mclapply() and mcMap()
 - parallel versions of lapply() and Map()
 - Only for Linux or Mac
- clusterApply() and clusterApplyLB()
 - Linux, Mac, Windows

R: Other Useful Packages/Functions

- foreach, parallel, doParallel
- sqldf
- system()
- Sample codes

Take Home Message

- NoSQL summary
- Flow control / R apply family
- Good luck on your presentation!
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