etcd BDNR Project - Milestone 1

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History

- Developed by CoreOS
- Affiliated with Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF)
- etcd's first release was in 2013
- Owners:
 - CoreOS → RedHat → IBM

- Name origin
 - /etc folder place to store configuration data
 - 'd' stands for distributed systems
- Main purpose
 - Concurrency control in cluster management systems of CoreOS

Description

- Designed for large scale distributed systems
 - systems that do not tolerate split-brain operations and sacrifice availability to achieve that

- Consistent key-value storage for configuration management, service discovery and coordinating distributed work
 - Consistent and fault-tolerant
 - Stability, reliability, scalability and performance

- Used in common distributed patterns such as leader election, distributed locks and monitoring machine liveness

Why etcd?

- Fully replicated
 - every node has access to the data stored
- Highly available
 - designed to have no single point of failure and tolerant hardware and network failure
- Reliably consistent
 - every "read" returns the latest "write" across all nodes
- Fast
 - has been benchmarked at 10000 writes per second
- Secure
 - supports TLS and SSL
 - role-based access control
- Simple
 - any application can read or write data using HTTP/JSON tools

ectd vs. Redis

Feature	ectd	Redis
Memory	Disk	In-memory
Focus	Distributed system config	Database, cache
Fault tolerance	Strong	Limited
Failover mechanism	Strong	Limited
Supported data types	Limited	Wide range
Read/write performance	Slower	Faster



