

Introduction to Cloud Databases

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Why do you need
a database system?

To store data,
why not just use a file system?

Advantages of a Database System

- It answers *queries* fast
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 - Q2: among a set of employers, increase the salary by 20% for those who have worked longer than 4 years
- Queries (from multiple users) can execute *concurrently* without affecting each other
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Data Model and Queries (1/3)

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Step1: structure your data by following the *relational data model*

- Identify *records* (e.g., web pages, authors, etc.) with the same *fields* in your data and place them into respective *tables*

blog_pages

| blog_id | url | created | author_id |
|---------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| 33981 | ms.com/... | 2012/10/31 | 729 |
| 33982 | apache.org/... | 2012/11/15 | 4412 |

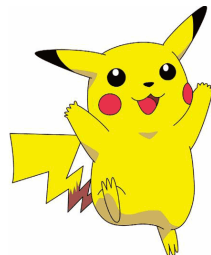
← record

field



users

| user_id | name | balance |
|---------|-----------------|---------|
| 729 | Steven Sinofsky | 10,235 |
| 730 | Picachu | NULL |



Data Model and Queries (2/3)

Q1: among a set of blog pages, find those pages written by Steven Sinofsky after 2011

```
CREATE TABLE blog_pages (  
    blog_id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    url VARCHAR(60),  
    created DATETIME,  
    author_id INT);
```

```
INSERT INTO blog_pages (url, created, author_id)  
VALUES ('ms.com/...', 2012/09/18, 729);
```

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Data Model and Queries (3/3)

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Step2: issue queries

```
SELECT b.blog_id
FROM blog_pages b, users u
WHERE b.author_id=u.user_id
      AND u.name='Steven Sinofsky'
      AND b.created >= 2011/1/1;
```

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Transactions (1/3)

- Each query, by default, is placed in a ***transaction*** (***tx*** for short) automatically

```
BEGIN TRANSACTION;  
    SELECT b.blog_id  
        FROM blog_pages b, users u  
        WHERE b.author_id=u.user_id  
              AND u.name='Steven Sinofsky'  
              AND b.created >= 2011/1/1;  
COMMIT TRANSACTION;
```

Transactions (2/3)

- You can group multiple queries in a transaction optionally
- For example, Steven wants to donate \$100 to Pikachu:

```
BEGIN TRANSACTION;  
    UPDATE users  
        SET balance=balance-100  
        WHERE name='Steven Sinofsky';  
    UPDATE users  
        SET balance=balance+100  
        WHERE name='Pikachu';  
COMMIT TRANSACTION;
```

Transactions (3/3)

- A database ensures the **ACID** properties of transactions
- **Atomicity**
 - All operations in a transaction either succeed (transaction commits) or fail (transaction rollback) together
- **Consistency**
 - After/before each transaction (which commits or rollback), your data do not violate any rule you have set
 - E.g., `blog_pages.author_id` must be a valid `users.user_id`
- **Isolation**
 - Multiple transactions can run concurrently, but cannot interfere with each other
- **Durability**
 - Once a transaction commits, any change it made lives in DB permanently (unless overridden by other transactions)

So, why do you need
a cloud database system?

Definition



- A **cloud database** is a database designed to run in the cloud
 - Manages data of tremendous applications (called **tenants**)
- Is MySQL a cloud database?
 - I can run MySQL in a Amazon EC2 VM instance
- No

What's the Difference

- Ideally, in addition to all features provided by a traditional database, a cloud database should ensure **SAE**:
 - **high Scalability**
 - High max. throughput (measured by Tx/Query per second/minute)
 - **high Availability**
 - Stay on all the time, despite of server/network failure
 - **Elasticity**
 - Add/shutdown physical/virtual servers dynamically based on the current workload and/or capability

The evolving database landscape

451 Research

Relational

Analytic

Hadoop Piccolo Teradata Aster Netezza ParAccel SAP Sybase IQ
 Hadapt Infobright EMC Greenplum IBM InfoSphere
 HPCC RainStor Teradata Calpont Action VectorWise HP Vertica

Non-relational

NoSQL

MarkLogic

Versant

McObject

Progress

Objectivity

DataStax Enterprise
 Castle Acunu

Citrusleaf
 BerkeleyDB Cassandra HBase

Oracle NoSQL
 RethinkDB

HandlerSocket*
 Riak Redis-to-go

SimpleDB
 DynamoDB

LevelDB
 Redis Membrain

Voldemort
 Couchbase

Iris Mongo Mongo
 Couch Lab HQ

MongoDB CouchDB

Lotus Notes

Starcounter

InterSystems

Document

Key value

Big tables

App Engine

Graph

Graph

Neo4J
 InfiniteGraph
 OrientDB
 DEX
 NuvolaBase

-as-a-Service

-as-a-Service

FathomDB
 Amazon RDS Database.com
 Postgres Plus Cloud ClearDB
 Rackspace MySQL Cloud
 Google Cloud SQL SQL Azure

-as-a-Service

StormDB
 Xeround
 GenieDB
 ScaleDB Zimory Scale
 MySQL Cluster Galera
 ScaleBase

Storage engines

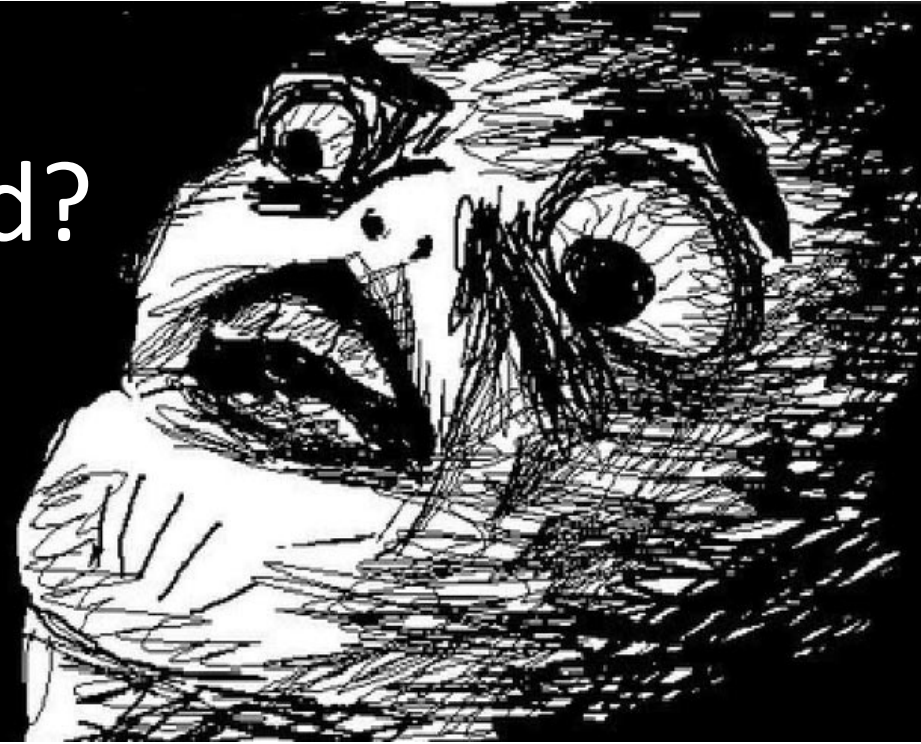
NewSQL

New databases

NuoDB VoltDB
 MemSQL JustOneDB SQLFire
 Drizzle Akiban Translatice
 SchoonerSQL Clustrix
 ScaleArc ParElastic
 Continuent
 CodeFutures

Clustering/sharding

Why So Complicated?



Full DB functions + SAE = a goal no one can achieve (currently)

- Even with Oracle 11g + SPARC SuperCluster
 - 30,249,688 TPC-C transactions per minute
 - \$30+ million USDyou loss elasticity

Primer Goal of This Class

- To guide you through the design trade-offs of existing database systems in the cloud
- **NOT** a comprehensive survey
- **NOT** on how to use the cloud databases

Our Steps

- We spend the first half of the semester on the *internals* of a DB system
 - By walking through the VanillaDB
- And the second half on the *implementation trade-offs* in cloud DBs
 - With some case studies

Prerequisites

- Data structure
- Good programming skill
 - OOP (in Java)
 - Multi-threaded programming
 - Project management tools like Git
- Knowing how to use a standalone DB
 - ER and Relational models
 - SQL

Syllabus

- [Here](#)
 - Subject to change
- Tue 10am-12pm: *video* lecture
- Thu 9am-*11pm*: TA time
 - Explain your new assignment
 - Review your pass assignment
- Homework every 2 weeks
 - Not only code
 - But reports

Grading

- Homework: 40%
- Midterm project: 30%
- Final project: 30%

FAQ (1/2)

- Do I need to write programs in this course?
 - A lot!
 - *We will give extensive coding assignments*
- Do I need to write code with others?
 - Yes, 1~2 students a team

FAQ (2/2)

- Do we need to come to the class?
 - No, as long as you can pass
- Is this a light-loading class or heavy-loading class?
 - Should be **heavy** to most students
 - Assigned reading takes 2 ~ 4 hours per week
 - Assigned experiments take 2~ 10 hours per week
 - ***Reserve time, otherwise you will have high chance to fall***

Resources

- Text Book
 - Lecture notes
 - Reference links
- Course page
 - <http://www.cs.nthu.edu.tw/~shwu>
- TODO
 - Register your team