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Lecture topics

- CAP Theorem ACID vs BASE
- Document Databases
- MongoDB
- Map-Reduce
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Motivation

- As we mentioned before relational database systems are designed to run on a single server
- RDBMS satisfy the ACID rules to provide consistency and availability of the data for the users
- But how do NoSQL databases deal with the data in their implementation?



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CAP theorem

- States that it is impossible for a distributed computer system to simultaneously provide all three of the following guarantees:
 - Consistency every read receives the most recent write or an error
 - Availability every request receives a response, without guarantee that it contains the most recent version of the information
 - Partition tolerance (the system continues to operate despite arbitrary partitioning due to network failures



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ACID vs BASE

- Basically Available, Soft State and Eventual Consistent
- Because of this characteristic the query language must be able to process data saved locally and in a cluster (to be discussed in another slide)



Figure: CAP Theorem



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ACID vs BASE

- Relational databases are considered to be structural
- Document databases uses semi-structured formats
- text files such as logs are unstructured



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- A document database is a nonrelational database that stores data as structured documents such as in XML or JSON formats
- Document databases are free to implement ACID transactions or other characteristics of a traditional **RDBMS**
- A document database allows some form of data description without enforcing a schema
- The alignment with web-development programming practices has resulted in JSON and document databases/storage



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Introduction

- Let us see what are those formats and how they are used!
- We will start with eXtensible Markup Language
- Then we will look at JavaScript Object Notation and it's Binary version



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eXtensible Markup Language (XML)

- Defined by the WWW Consortium (W3C)
- Extensible, unlike HTML, users can add new tags, and separately specify how the tag should be handled for display
- XML has become the basis for all new generation data interchange formats. For instance bank transfers and secure document exchange
- Documents have tags giving extra information about sections of the document. Those tags can also be nested



HTML as XML

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XML

- Each XML based standard defines what are valid elements, using XML type specification languages to specify the syntax
- DTD (Document Type Descriptors): describes the structure of an XML document
- XML Schema (newer than DTD): a special type of XML document that describes the elements that may be present
- Sample implementation database BaseX (basex.org)



Document Type Descriptors

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```
<! ELEMENT department(dept_name, building, budget)>
<! ELEMENT dept_name (#PCDATA)>
   ELEMENT budget (#PCDATA)>
<! ELEMENT university ( ( department | course
   instructor | teaches )+)>
Notation:
                : alternatives
                   1 or more occurrences
                   0 or more occurrences
        #PCDATA :
                        Parsed charachter data i.e.
             parsed string
```



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XML Processing

- XPath: A syntax for retrieving specific elements from an XML document using wildcards.
- XQuery: A query language provides mechanisms for modifying a document. XQuery is sometimes referred to as "the SQL of XML".
- XSLT (Extensible Stylesheet Language Transformations): A language for transforming XML documents into alternative formats, including non-XML formats such as HTML.
- DOM (Document Object Model): An object-oriented API that programs can use to interact with XML, XHTML, and similarly structured documents.



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Tree Model of XML Data

- Query and transformation languages are based on a tree model of XML data
- An XML document is modeled as a tree, with nodes corresponding to elements and attributes

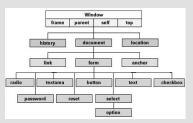


Figure: DOM sample of an HTML document



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XML Processing: XPath

- XPath: is used to address (select) parts of documents using path expressions
 - The initial denotes root of the document (above the top-level tag)
 - Think of file names in a directory hierarchy
 - Selection predicates may follow any step in a path, in []
 - It is possible to apply selection criteria on the values using comparison operators ^a

^aDemonstrate an example



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XML Processing: XQuery and XPath

- XQuery is derived from the Quilt query language, which itself borrows from SQL.
- XQuery uses a: for ... let ... where ... order by ...result ... a b
 - for = from
 - where = where
 - order by = order by
 - result = select

^alet: allows temporary variables, and has no equivalent in SQL

^bDemonstrate an example



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JavaScript Object Notation JSON

- JSON is an open-standard format that uses human-readable text to transmit data objects consisting of attribute-value pairs
- JSON Schema is based on the concepts from XML Schema, but is JSON-based
- Document databases use JSON documents in order to store records, just as tables and rows store records in a relational database



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BSON

- BSON: binary-encoded format used in MongoDB instead of JSON
- BSON extends the JSON model to provide additional data types such as integer and float to be efficient for encoding and decoding within different languages.
- BSON implementation supports embedding objects and arrays within other objects and arrays



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MongoDB

- A MongoDB instance may have zero or more databases
- A database may have zero or more collections.
 - Can be thought of as the relation (table) in DBMS, but with many differences.
- A collection may have zero or more documents.
 - Docs in the same collection don't even need to have the same fields
 - Docs are the records in RDBMS
 - Docs can embed other documents
 - Documents are addressed in the database via a unique key differences.
- A document may have one or more fields.
- Threre is no join provided in MongoDB. You have to implement it manually.



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Relational Model

Suppose you have the following entities and their relationships



• How would we model this in a document structure?



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Embedded

 First mapping possibility is to map to one embedded collection.

 document database are not designed to be normalized and data repetition is accepted, but could have side effects.



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Linking using object _id

 Second mapping possibility is to map to different collections and link the documents

- This approach is less suited for document databases since the binary data of those collections are not stored as a continuous stream.
- Another disadvantage of this approach is the lack of join query



Querying collections and objects

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Select queries in MongoDB

```
\\SQL
SELECT * FROM actors
SELECT * FROM actors WHERE age = 23
SELECT * FROM actors WHERE age = 23 ORDER BY name
\\Mongo
db.actors.find()
db.actors.find({age: 23})
db.actors.find({age: 23}).sort({name:1})
```



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```
• Insert queries in MongoDB
```

 Suppose we have a relationship between actor entity and address entity based on actor_id

```
\\SQL
INSERT INTO actors(actor_id, name, age)
        VALUES (3, "actor name", 45)
INSERT INTO address(addressid, street, city,
   actor id)
        VALUES (5, "Wijnhaven 66", "Rotterdam", 3)
\\Mongo
db.actors.insert({name:"actor name", age: 23,
                 address:{street:"Wijnhaven 66",
                    city: "Rotterdam"}
        })
```



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- MapReduce is a data processing paradigm for condensing large volumes of data into useful aggregated results.
- Map- and Reduce functions are commonly used in functional programming
- In INFDEV02-2 and INDEV02-3 we already introduced HOFs
- MapReduce rely on the concept of higher order functions HOFs are very powerful in the context of NoSQL databases.
- The following functions will be further discussed : FlatMap, Map and Reduce



Map Function

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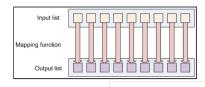
Apply the function f to each element of list x

map(f, x[0...n-1])

• in Python:

```
def square(x):
    return x * x
```

map(square, [1, 2, 3, 4]) #would return [1, 4, 9, 16]





Reduce Function

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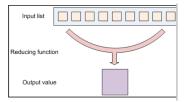
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 Repeatedly apply binary function f to pairs of items in x, replacing the pair of items with the result until only one item remains

reduce(f, x[0...n-1])

• in Python:

```
def add(x,y):
          return x+y
reduce(add, [1,2,3,4]) #would result in a 10
```





FlatMap Function

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 Repeatedly apply function f to items in a sublist, then removing the sublist structure with the result of one dimensional list

- FlatMap(f, x[[0..n-1],[0..m-1]])
- in pseudo Python: suppose the f function returns the element without any change

```
listOfLists = [[1, 2], [3, 4, 5], [6]]
for 1 in listOfLists:
        map(f, 1)
reduce(list.__add__, listOfLists)
#would result in a flatten list [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```



${\sf MapReduce}$

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SQL and MapReduce

- We have seen so far what map en reduce functions are
- But why do we need them in document sturcture?
- What are the similarities between MapReduce and SQL?



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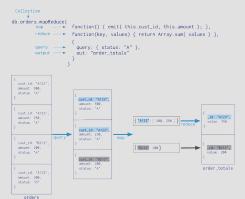
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MapReduce Function in MongoDB

- Data in mongoDB are saved in documents
- The MapReduce function first queries the collection, then maps the result documents to emit key-value pairs which is then reduced based on the keys that have multiple values.





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Map and Filter functions vs SQL

- Relational databases use the map, filter and reduce paradigm (where it is called project, select, aggregate).
- SELECT MAX(pixels) FROM cameras WHERE brand = 'Nikon'
 - cameras is a sequence (a list of rows, where each row has the data for one camera)
 - WHERE brand = 'Nikon' is a **filter**
 - pixels is a map (extracting just the pixels field from the row)
 - MAX is a reduce
- Demo!



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MapReduce Function in a Cluster

- How does CAP theorem effect the implementation of MapReduce?
- It depends on it's execution local or in a cluster
- We have seen how MapReduce is executed locally in document database
- What about clusters?



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MapReduce Function in a Cluster

- The distributed MapReduce idea is similar to (but not the same as!): reduce(f2, map(f1, x))
- Key idea: "data-centric" architecture Send function f1 directly to the data: Execute it concurrently
- Then merge results with reduce: Also concurrently



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