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I've expanded sections 7 through 14, adding explanations for request routing in each partitioning

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Here's the complete, updated explanation for all sections, including how requests are routed for each type of sharding:

Basic Building Blocks for Data Partitioning

Overview

This document comprehensively explores data partitioning techniques essential for scaling and managing large datasets in distributed systems. It provides in-depth insights into different partitioning models, trade-offs, and strategies to optimize distributed database performance. Real-world examples and technical diagrams are used to explain each concept clearly.

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1. Why Do We Partition Data?

Partitioning enables systems to:

- Distribute massive datasets across multiple servers to handle large-scale applications.
- Parallelize read and write operations, boosting throughput.
- Scale elastically by adding more nodes as data volume grows.
- Enhance fault tolerance and ensure redundancy.

Key Reasons for Partitioning:

- Scalability: Systems handle larger datasets without degrading performance.
- Performance: Parallel access to data reduces query time.
- Fault Isolation: Failures in one partition do not affect others.

Real-World Example:

 Amazon partitions customer order data across multiple nodes, ensuring that no single node is overwhelmed by requests.

Diagram:



2. Data Partitioning (Sharding)

Sharding divides datasets into smaller, more manageable pieces called shards. Each shard is an independent database.

Key Points:

- Increases scalability and speed.
- Reduces single points of failure.
- Simplifies data management by distributing load.

Real-World Example:

Twitter shards tweets by user ID to ensure even distribution of data.

How Requests are Routed:

• A lookup table or hash function maps each user ID to the corresponding shard. Example: user_id % total_shards determines t Ψ Jhard.

Diagram



3. Trade-offs in Databases

Partitioning introduces trade-offs:

- Consistency vs. Availability: Systems must balance the CAP theorem constraints.
- Operational Complexity: Managing multi-le shards adds complexity.
- Query Performance: Queries across multiple shards are slower.

Real-World Example:

 Google Cloud Spanner ensures strong consistency but requires advanced partitioning strategies.

Diagram



4. Vertical Sharding

Partitions data by splitting tables based on data type.

Example

User information and transaction logs are stored on separate shards.

Real-World Example:

Shopify partitions product catalogs separately from user data.

How Requests are Routed:

Application logic directs queries to the correct shard based on the table requested.

Diagram:



5. Horizontal Sharding

Splits data by rows, distributing records acro Ψ hards.

Example:

Users with IDs 1-5000 are stored in Shard 1, and 5001-10000 in Shard 2.

Real-World Example:

Facebook shards user data horizontally to handle billions of records.

How Requests are Routed:

Lookup tables or ranges guide requests to the appropriate shard.



6. Key-value Store Partitioning

Distributes data by hashing keys to shards.

Real-World Example:

Amazon DynamoDB uses key hashing to evenly distribute data.

How Requests are Routed:

Hashing function hash(key) mod n routes requests.

Diagram:



7. Key-range Based Sharding

Splits data by key range.

Real-World Example:

ElasticSearch shards indices by key range.

How Requests are Routed

A key range lookup table directs requests to the appropriate shard.

8. Hash-based Sharding

Hashes records across shards uniformly.

Real-World Example:

Reddit hashes post IDs to distribute them across clusters.

How Requests are Routed:

Hashing functions route records dynamically.

9. Consistent Hashing

Partitions data using a ring-based hash structure.

Real-World Example:

Akamai uses consistent hashing to manage CDN requests.

How Requests are Routed:

Requests are routed by hashing keys along the ring.

10. Dynamic Partitioning

Scales partitions dynamically.

Real-World Example:

Cassandra rebalances shards automatically.

11. Partitioning and Secondary Indexes

Indexes are partitioned with data.

12. Request Routing

Directs requests to the correct shard via lookup tables or hashing.

13. ZooKeeper Coordination

Manages distributed locks and shard states.



14. Conclusion

Partitioning is essential for scaling and optimizing distributed systems. Different strategies apply based on the system's requirements.

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Here's the expanded version for sections 9 through 13 with detailed explanations and real-world examples:

9. Consistent Hashing

Consistent hashing is a partitioning technique that reduces the disruption caused by adding or removing shards. It uses a circular hash space (often referred to as a "ring") to map data to shards.

How It Works:

- Each shard is assigned a position on the ↓ h ring.
- When data (keys) are added, they are hashed to determine their position on the ring. The data is stored on the first shard that is clockwise from the key's hash.
- If a shard is removed or fails, only the data mapped to that shard needs to be redistributed to the next shard on the ring.

Advantages:

- Minimal data movement during scaling.
- Uniform data distribution.
- Fault tolerance through redundancy.

Disadvantages:

- Requires careful shard placement to avoid uneven distribution.
- Coordination is needed for large-scale dynamic resizing.

Real-World Example:

- Akamai uses consistent hashing in its CDN to map client requests to cache nodes, ensuring
 minimal cache misses even when nodes are added or removed.
- Cassandra employs consistent hashing to distribute data across nodes in a fault-tolerant manner.

How Requests are Routed:



 When a request comes in, the key is hashed and placed on the ring. The request is routed to the nearest shard in the clockwise direction.

Diagram



10. Dynamic Partitioning

Dynamic partitioning allows data partitions to $\widehat{\psi}$ instantomatically based on load, data size, or node availability. This ensures optimal resourchild validization and balanced distribution.

How It Works:

- As data volume grows, existing partitions may split into smaller partitions to maintain performance.
- $\bullet \quad \hbox{Conversely, under utilized partitions can merge, reducing operational overhead}.$
- Nodes are monitored, and when they reach a threshold, data is rebalanced dynamically across available partitions.

Advantages:

- Enables elastic scalability.
- Reduces the need for manual intervention.
- Prevents hotspots and uneven shard sizes.

Disadvantages

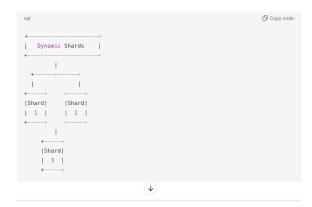
- Complex to implement and maintain.
- Rebalancing can introduce latency if not managed properly.

Real-World Example:

- Apache Cassandra dynamically partitions data based on node availability.
- Elasticsearch can split or merge shards '___ed on cluster state and resource usage.

How Requests are Routed:

 Requests are routed based on the partitioning logic, which dynamically updates as shards split or merge.



11. Partitioning and Secondary Indexes

When partitioning data, secondary indexes (used for queries not involving the primary key) must also be partitioned to align with the data distribution. This ensures efficient lookup and prevents bottlenecks.

Approaches:

- Global Secondary Index: A single index spans all shards, but queries might involve crossshard lookups, leading to latency.
- Local Secondary Index: Each shard maintains its own index, allowing for faster lookups within
 a shard but complicating cross-shard queries.

Real-World Example

- Amazon DynamoDB uses global and local secondary indexes, allowing flexible querying across distributed data.
- Elasticsearch partitions inverted indexes by document and term, ensuring search queries can be parallelized across shards.

How Requests are Routed:

- Queries involving secondary indexes rou the shard holding the relevant partition of the index.
- Distributed search algorithms aggregate results from all shards if necessary.

Diagram:



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12. Request Routing

Request routing is the process of directing incoming queries to the appropriate shard. This is critical for efficient data retrieval and system performance.

Routing Methods:

- 1. Lookup Table: A table maintains mappings of keys to shard locations.
- 2. Hash-Based Routing: A hash function determines the shard for each request (e.g., key % total shards).
- $3. \ \ \textbf{Key Range Routing:} \ \text{Keys within a certain range route to specific shards.}$
- 4. **Directory Service:** Systems like **ZooKeeper** manage routing by maintaining cluster state information.

Real-World Example:

- MongoDB uses a routing service called mongos to direct requests to the correct shard.
- Couchbase uses hash-based partitioning for routing requests directly to nodes.



13. ZooKeeper Coordination

ZooKeeper is a distributed coordination service that manages cluster configuration, leader election, and fault detection in partitioned systems.

How It Works:

- Nodes register with ZooKeeper, and ZooKeeper maintains real-time information about their availability.
- · ZooKeeper facilitates leader election in distributed databases, ensuring consistency.
- It also manages partition rebalancing by tracking node health.

Real-World Example:



- HBase uses ZooKeeper for leader election and fault recovery.
- Kafka relies on ZooKeeper to track broker metadata and partition states.

Diagram



Let me know if you need more detailed diagrams or further elaboration!

All of these hashing techniques can be applied to both vertical and horizontal scaling?

Not exactly. Here's how the hashing techniques align with vertical and horizontal scaling:

1. Horizontal Scaling (Sharding by Rows)

- · Hash-based Sharding:
 - Directly applicable. Hashing distributes records (rows) across multiple shards based on a hashed value of the primary key.
 - Example: Distributing users by hashing user IDs.
- · Consistent Hashing:
 - Highly effective for horizontal scaling. It minimizes data movement when nodes are added or removed.
 - Example: Distributing cache keys across a cluster of Redis nodes.
- Dynamic Partitioning:
 - Applies directly to horizontal scaling. Partitions are split or merged dynamically based on the size of data or the load.
 - Example: Cassandra dynamically adjusting nodes in a cluster.
- Key-range Sharding:
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- A horizontal partitioning technique that assigns ranges of keys to specific shards.
- Example: Users with IDs 1-5000 go to Shard 1, 5001-10000 to Shard 2.

Main Takeaway for Horizontal Scaling:

 Hash-based techniques (including consistent hashing) are a natural fit for distributing rows across shards in horizontal scaling.

2. Vertical Scaling (Sharding by Columns or Tables)

- · Hash-based Sharding:
 - Less common. Vertical scaling typically involves separating tables by type or purpose, rather than hashing data. However, tables within a vertically partitioned system can use hash-based sharding internally.
 - Example: A "Users" table may be hashed across shards even though it's part of a vertically partitioned system.
- · Consistent Hashing:
 - Rarely used directly for vertical scaling. Instead, vertical scaling often relies on manual table separation or business logic Ψ Jit datasets across tables or services.
- · Dynamic Partitioning:
 - Vertical scaling tends to involve fixed partitioning of tables or services. Dynamic
 partitioning might apply if a table grows so large that its columns or attributes are split
 across servers.

Main Takeaway for Vertical Scaling:

 Vertical scaling typically relies on table separation or service partitioning, with less emphasis on hashing.

Key Differences:

- Hash-based Sharding and Consistent Hashing shine in horizontal scaling where data distribution across nodes is essential.
- Vertical scaling focuses more on dividing datasets logically by type (e.g., users vs. orders), often without hashing at the column/table level.

Would you like to dive deeper into how to apply consistent hashing or dynamic partitioning to realworld scenarios?



Sure

Applying Consistent Hashing and Dynamic Partitioning in Real-World Scenarios

1. Consistent Hashing in Distributed Systems

Scenario

Imagine you are building a distributed caching system for a high-traffic e-commerce website. Caches need to scale as traffic spikes, but adding or removing cache nodes must not lead to excessive data redistribution.

Solution:

- Use consistent hashing to distribute cache keys across multiple nodes.
- When a node is added or removed, only a small subset of cache entries needs to be redistributed, minimizing disruption.

Implementation:

- 1. Hash each cache node (server) to a position on a hash ring.
- 2. Hash incoming data (e.g., product IDs of ψ ssion tokens) and place them on the ring.
- 3. Store data on the first node encountered clockwise from the key's hash position.

Example

- Cache Nodes: A, B, C
- Product ID (Key): 105
- Hash(105) places the key near Node B.
- If Node B is removed, the next node (C) will store the key.

Diagram



Real-World Example:

- Redis Cluster: Redis uses consistent hashing to distribute data across nodes, minimizing cache misses during resharding.
- Amazon DynamoDB: Uses consistent hashing for partitioning data across multiple storage nodes.

2. Dynamic Partitioning in Scalable Databases

Scenario:

Your company handles large amounts of time-series data from IoT sensors. Over time, the data volume grows rapidly, and static partitions are unable to balance the load evenly.

Solution:

- Implement dynamic partitioning that automatically splits or merges data partitions based on size and load.
- This ensures that no partition becomes a bottleneck as data scales.

Implementation:

- 1. Monitor partition sizes and request rates intinuously.
- 2. When a partition exceeds a threshold (e.g., 10 million records), split it into two smaller partitions.
- 3. If two partitions are underutilized, merge them to optimize storage and reduce overhead.

Example

- Time-Series Data: Sensor readings partitioned by time range.
- Partition Split: When a 1-hour partition exceeds storage limits, split into 30-minute intervals.
- Merge: If nighttime sensor data is sparse, merge partitions for off-peak hours.



Real-World Example:

- Elasticsearch: Dynamically resizes shards by splitting or merging based on node availability.
- Apache Cassandra: Uses dynamic partitioning to balance data across nodes, preventing
 betracts

3. Combining Consistent Hashing and Dynamic Partitioning

Scenario:

A global video streaming service needs to store and distribute video files across data centers worldwide. Some videos go viral, creating hotspots in certain partitions.

Solution

- Use consistent hashing to distribute video IDs across servers.
- Implement dynamic partitioning to split partitions when viral videos create excessive load on specific nodes.

Implementation:

- 1. Hash each video ID to determine its storage node.
- 2. When request rates for a specific video expeed thresholds, split the partition storing that video.
- 3. Redistribute part of the video library to balance load dynamically.

Example:

- Video ID 83921 becomes viral in Europe.
- The partition storing this video splits, with new data distributed across two nodes.

Diagram:



Real-World Example:

- Netflix: Uses consistent hashing to distribute video content and dynamic partitioning to handle regional surges in demand.
- Spotify: Dynamically splits or merges partitions as music tracks gain or lose popularity.

Key Takeaways:

- Consistent Hashing: Ideal for reducing data movement during node scaling. Best for caching systems and key-value stores.
- Dynamic Partitioning: Ensures elastic scalability by responding to data growth. Best for large, evolving datasets like time-series or video libraries.
- Combined Approach: Use both techniques for systems requiring both minimal data redistribution and adaptive scalability.

Would you like to see more implementation details for Redis or Cassandra, or focus on other real-world systems like Kafka or Elasticsearch?

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Generate random UUIDs