CMPSC 174A: Section 5 NoSQL, JSON, and SQL++

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Administrivia

- Midterm next Tuesday, Feb-16, 2021
 - Everything before next Tuesday
 - O Will announce more details

Query workload types

"One Size Fits All": An Idea Whose Time Has Come and Gone

OLTP (Online Transactional Processing)

- Atomic operations (one or multi entities). E-commerce, webapps.
- A small number of records per query "Latest state"

OLAP (Online Analytic Processing)

- Analytics and data-warehousing. Reporting, decision support.
- Many records per query "Aggregated stats" on "Bigger data"

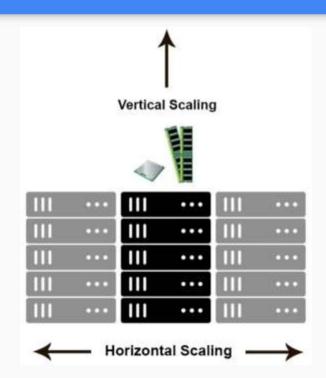
Scaling methods

Scale up (vertically)

- Add more power to a single node
- diminishing returns

Scale out (horizontally)

- Cheap commodity hardware
- Management / coordination complexity



Partitioning & Replication

Partitioning

Or "Sharding", "Distribution, "Fragmentation"

- Motivation:
 - O BIG data need to split up! (e.g. PB-level)
 - O Availability: better write (and single-record read)throughput
- Challenge: fair share of requests
 - Choice of partitioning schemes
 - "Justin Bieber Effect" -> "hot spots"

Partitioning & Replication

Replication

- Motivation:
 - Fault-tolerance / durability: power / disk failures
 - Keep data close to the user (geographically)
 - O Availability: better read (and potentially write) throughput
- Challenge: keeping data in sync
 - O E.g. write to a leader and then propagate
 - Choice of consistency models

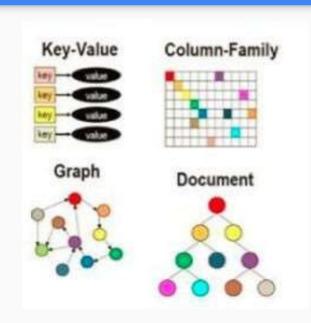
SQL vs. NoSQL Databases: What's the Difference?

- No clear definition :\
 - Non-relational
- + scalability, + availability, + flexibility
 - consistency, OLAP performance
 - Open source implementations
- Motivation
 - O The need to scale
 - Lots of web apps mostly **OLTP** queries
 - Read/write intensive
 - but fewer joins & aggregates



Data Models

- Key-value stores
 - O Opaque value
 - O e.g., Project Voldemort, Memcached
- Document stores
 - O "key-object"
 - O e.g., SimpleDB, CouchDB, MongoDB
- Extensible Record Stores
 - O "column groups"
 - O e.g., BigTable, HBase, Cassandra, PNUTS
- Graph
 - O E.g. Neo4j



JSON and Semi-Structured Data

JSON, XML, Protobuf (also an IDL)

Familiar - as your HTTP request/response

- Good for data exchange
- Maps to OOPparadigm

Also - as a database file

- Flexible tree-structured model
- Query langs: XQuery, XPath, etc.

