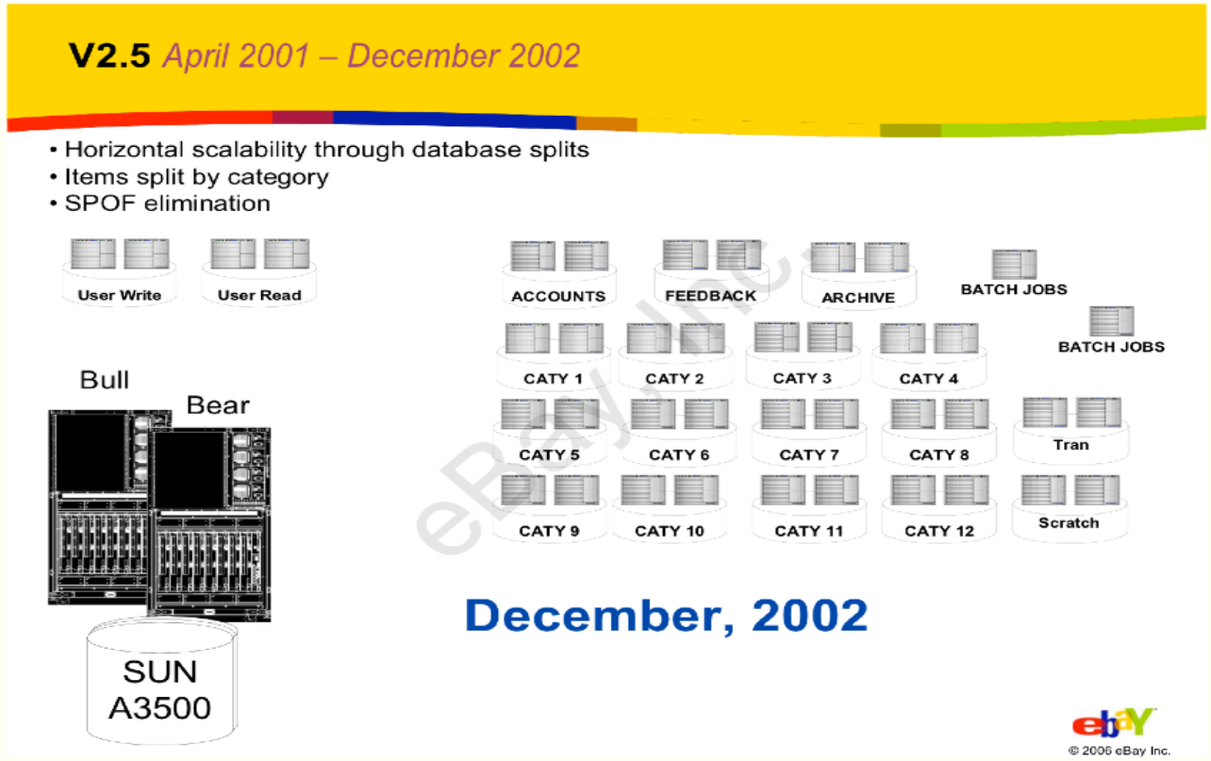
newSQL

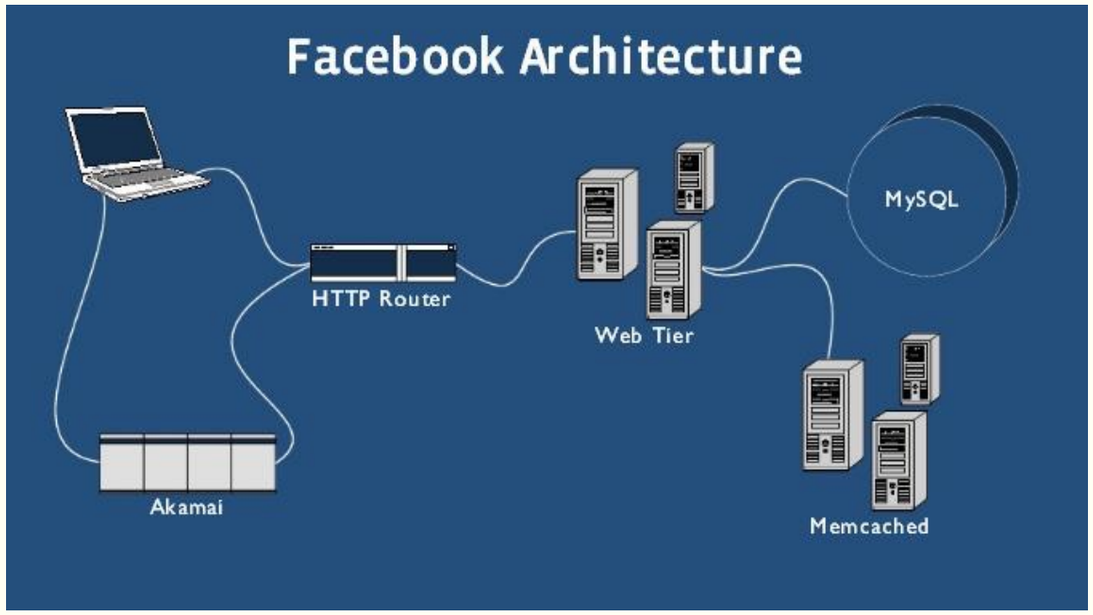
Let's go back to Early-2000s…

- All the big players were heavyweight and expensive.
  - Oracle, DB2, Sybase, SQL Server, etc.
- Open-source databases were missing important features.
  - Postgres, mSQL, and MySQL.



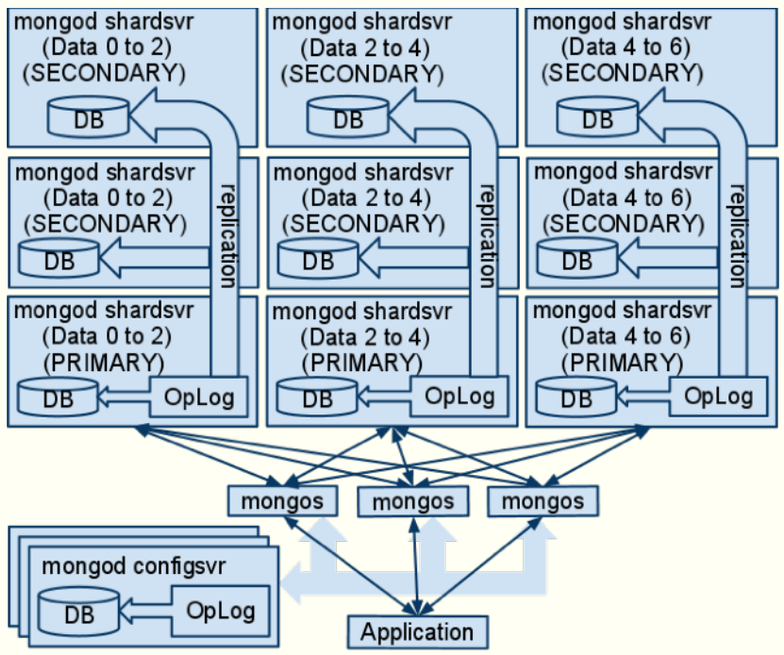
Mid 2000s

- MySQL + InnoDB is widely adopted by new web companies:
  - Supported transactions, replication, recovery.
  - Still must use custom middleware to scale out across multiple machines.
  - Memcache for caching queries.



Late-2000s

- NoSQL systems are able to scale horizontally:
  - Schemaless.
  - Using custom APIs instead of SQL.
  - Not ACID (i.e., eventual consistency)
  - Many are based on Google's BigTable or Amazon's Dynamo systems.



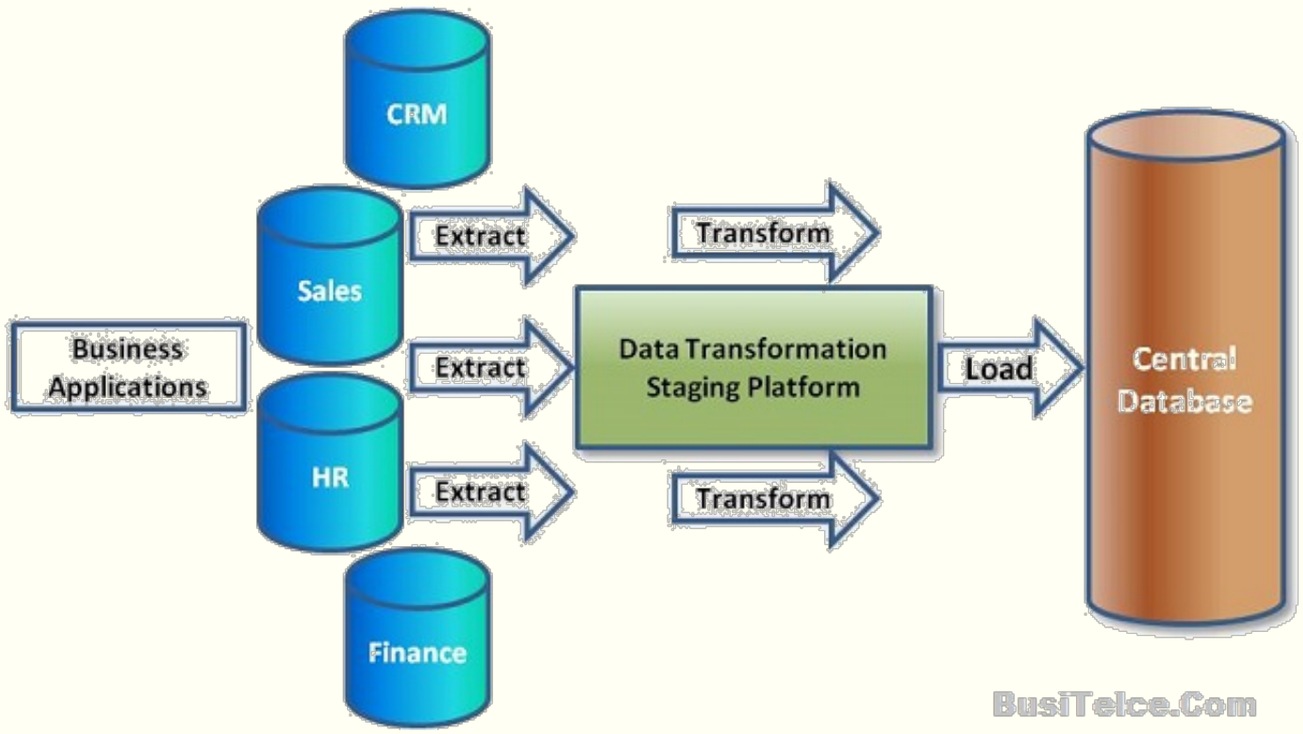
Early-2010s

- New DBMSs that can scale across multiple machines natively and provide ACID guarantees.
  - MySQL Middleware
  - Brand New Architectures
  - “New SQL”

old OLTP and old SQL

- An information system can be transactional (OLTP) or/and analytical (OLAP)
- OLTP (On-line Transaction Processing):
  - a large number of short on-line transactions (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE)
  - very fast query processing
  - data integrity in multi-access environments
  - effectiveness measured by number of transactions per second.
  - schema is used to store transactional databases (usually 3NF).
- Old OLTP:
  - Collection of OLTP systems
  - Connected to ETL (Extract-Transform-and-Load)
  - Connected to one or more data warehouses
- Old SQL: techs, systems and vendors supporting old OLTP

ETL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New requirements (new OLTP)

- Web changes everything
- Large scale systems, with huge and growing data sets
  - 9M messages per hour in Facebook
  - 50M messages per day in Twitter
- Information is frequently generated by devices (cellphones, PDAs, sensors…)
  - “Online”
- High concurrency requirements, high-throughput ACID write
  - “Transaction”
- High Availability + Durability: core database requirements
- Need for high throughput
- Need for real-time analytics

Challenge

- Give up SQL
- Give up ACID
  - Data accuracy
  - Funds transfer
  - Integrity constraints
  - Multi-record state
- noSQL fits
  - Non-transactional systems
  - Single record transactions that are commutative
- noSQL is not a good fit for
  - New OLTP: gaming, purchasing, order management, real-time analytical, etc

NewSQL: informal definition

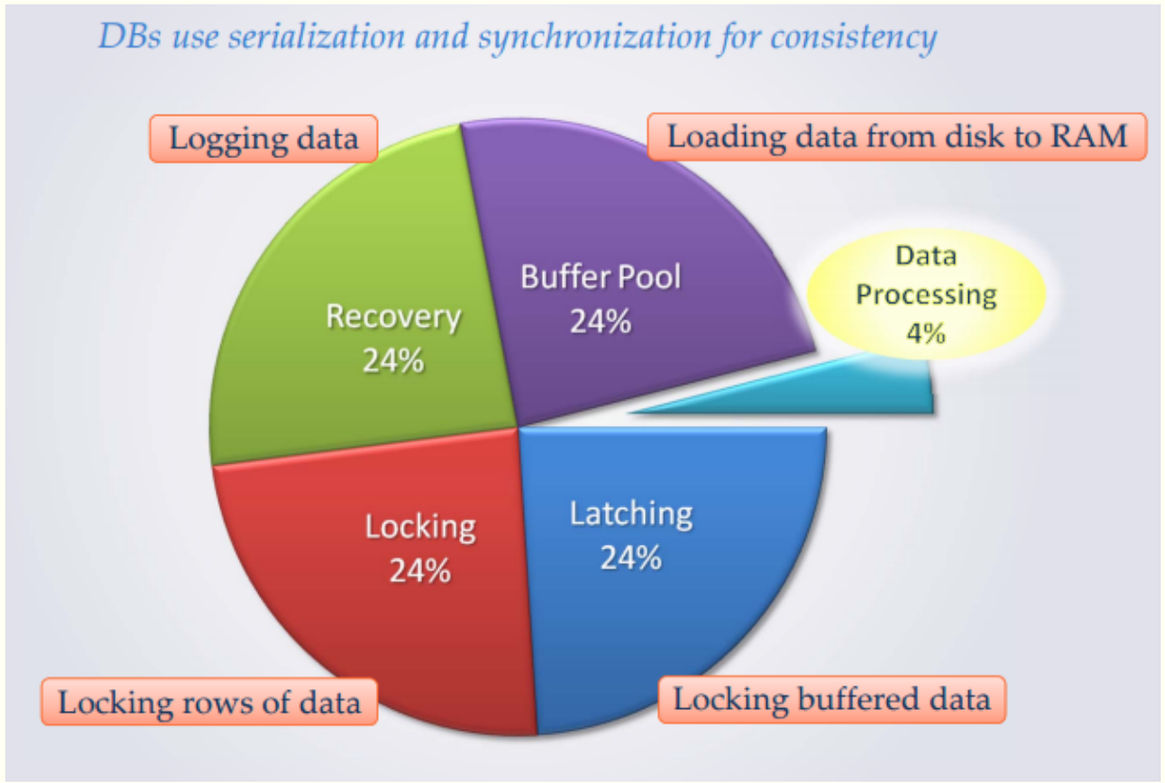
- SQL is good
- ACID is good
- Figure out a way to make oldSQL perform
- Make it scale like noSQL
- Make it available

- “A DBMS that delivers the scalability and flexibility promised by NoSQL while retaining the support for SQL queries and/or ACID, or to improve performance for appropriate workloads.” -- *451 Group*

NewSQL: definition

- SQL as the primary mechanism for application interaction
- ACID support for transactions
- A non-locking concurrency control mechanism so real-time reads will not conflict with writes, and thereby cause them to stall.
- An architecture providing much higher per-node performance than available from the traditional "elephants"
- A scale-out, shared-nothing architecture, capable of running on a large number of nodes without bottlenecking
  - Michael Stonebraker

Traditional DBMS overheads



"Removing those overheads and running the database in main memory would yield orders of magnitude improvements in database performance"

NewSQL Design Principles

- SQL + ACID + performance and scalability through modern innovative software architecture
- Principle 1: minimizing or stay away from locking
- Principle 2: rely on main memory
- Principle 3: try to avoid latching
- Principle 4: cheaper solutions for HA

NewSQL Design Principles

- new solution other than low-level record level locking mechanism
  - Transaction processed in timestamp order with no locking (voltDB)
  - multisession concurrency control (nuoDB)
  - Optimistic concurrency control (Google)

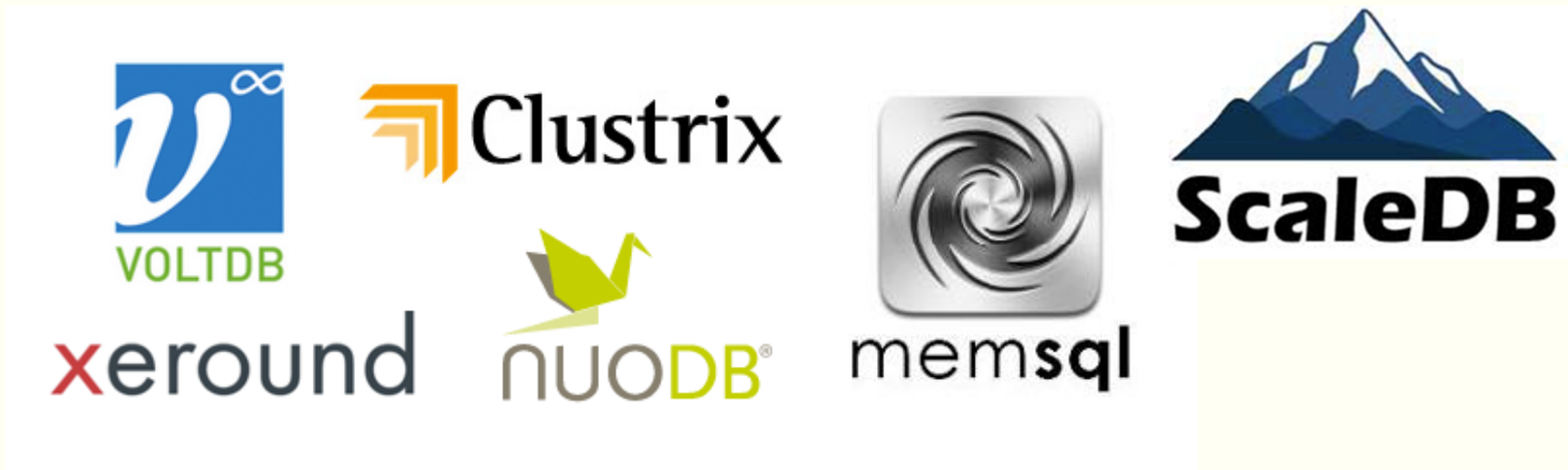
- Principle: minimizing or stay away from locking

NewSQL Design Principles

- new solution for buffer pool overhead
  - Main memory DBMS
  - Moderate case is tilted towards main memory
  - Principle 2: rely on main memory
- new solution to latching for shared data structures
  - new way to manage B-trees
  - Single-threading
  - Principle 3: try to avoid latching
- new solution for write-ahead logging
  - Built-in replication
  - Principle 4: cheaper solutions for HA

NewSQL: Categories

- New approaches: VoltDB, Clustrix, NuoDB
- New Storage engines: TokuDB, ScaleDB
- Transparent Clustering: ScaleBase, dbShards



VoltDB

- VoltDB is an in-memory, horizontally scalable, ACID compliant, fast RDBMS
- Backed and architected by Michael Stonebraker
- An open source project
- Java and C/C++
- Available in community and commercial editions

Technical Overview

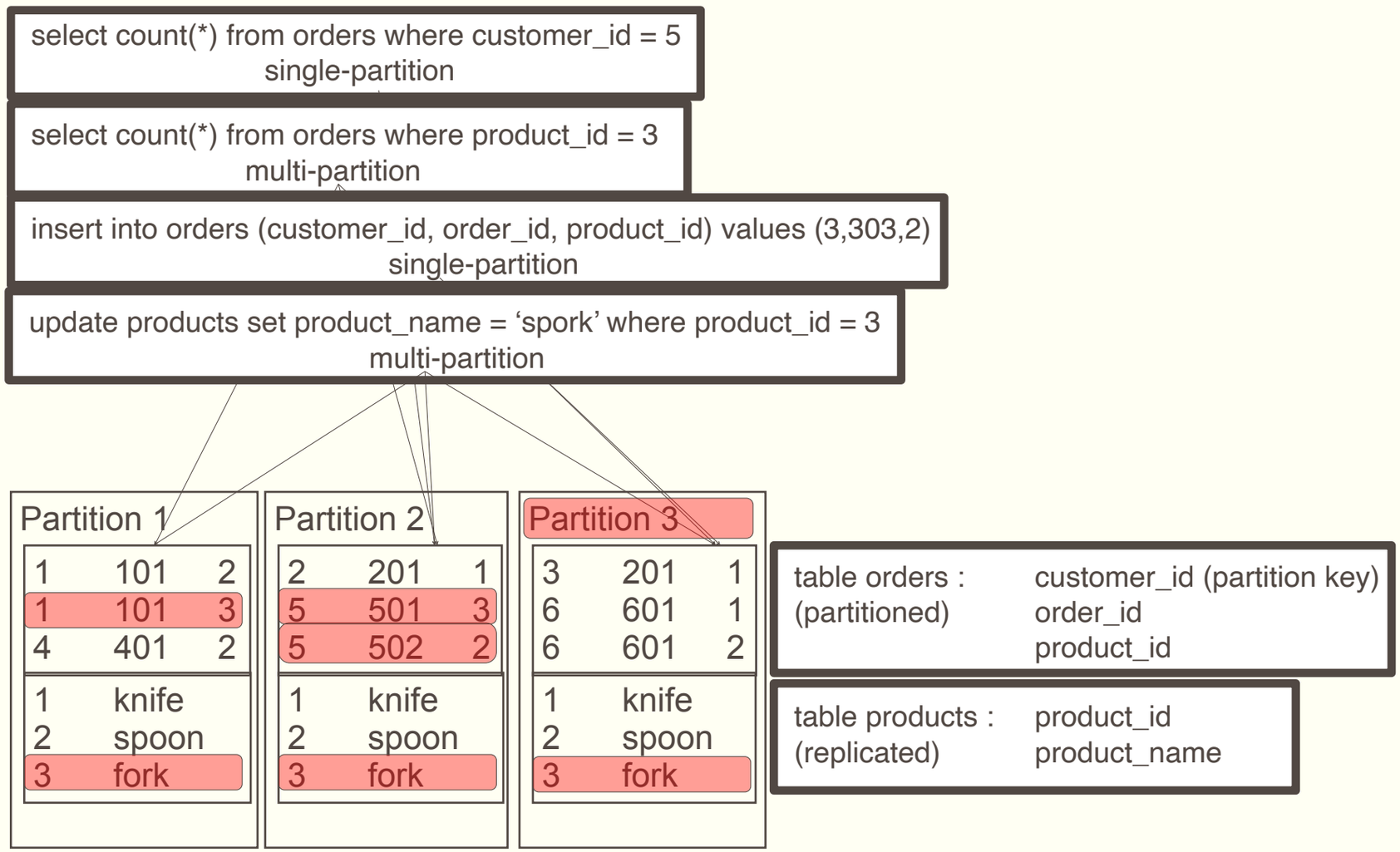
- VoltDB tries to avoid the overhead of traditional databases
- K-safety for fault tolerance
- In memory operation for maximum throughput
  - reduce buffer management
- Partitions operate autonomously and single-threaded
  - no latching or locking
- Built to horizontally scale

Technical Overview – Partitions (1/3)

- One partition per physical CPU core
  - Each physical server has multiple VoltDB partitions
- Data - Two types of tables
  - Partitioned
    - Single column serves as partitioning key
    - Rows are spread across all VoltDB partitions by partition column
    - Transactional data (high frequency of modification)
  - Replicated
    - All rows exist within all VoltDB partitions
    - Relatively static data (low frequency of modification)
- Code - Two types of work – both ACID
  - Single-Partition
    - All insert/update/delete operations within single partition
    - Majority of transactional workload
  - Multi-Partition
    - CRUD against partitioned tables across multiple partitions
    - Insert/update/delete on replicated tables

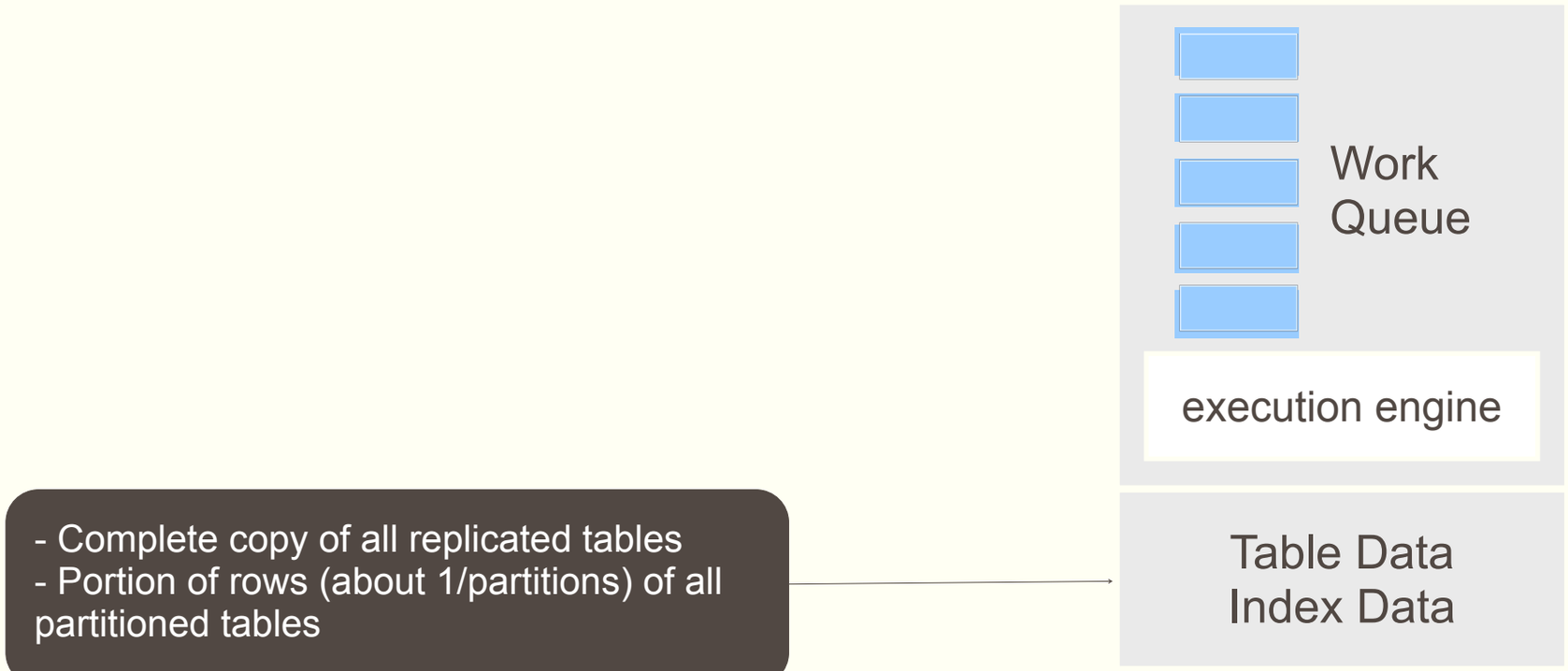
Technical Overview – Partitions (2/3)

- Single-partition vs. Multi-partition



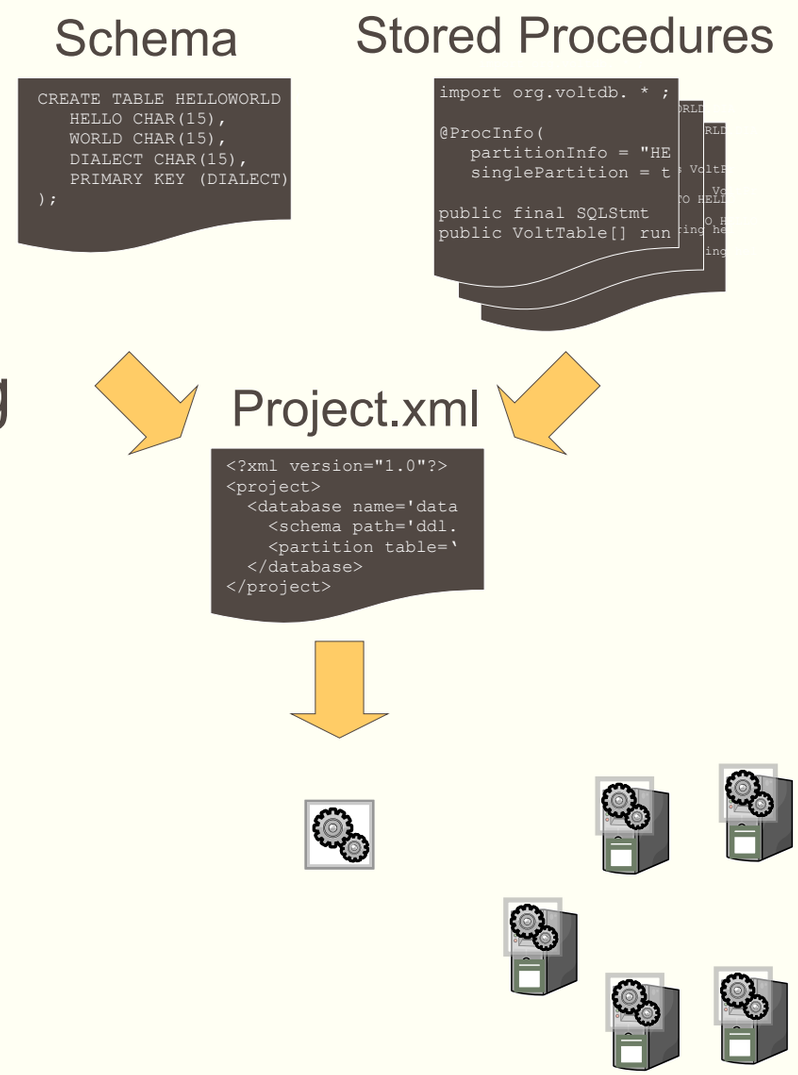
Technical Overview – Partitions (3/3)

- Looking inside a VoltDB partition…
  - Each partition contains data and an execution engine.
  - The execution engine contains a queue for transaction requests.
  - Requests are executed sequentially (single threaded).

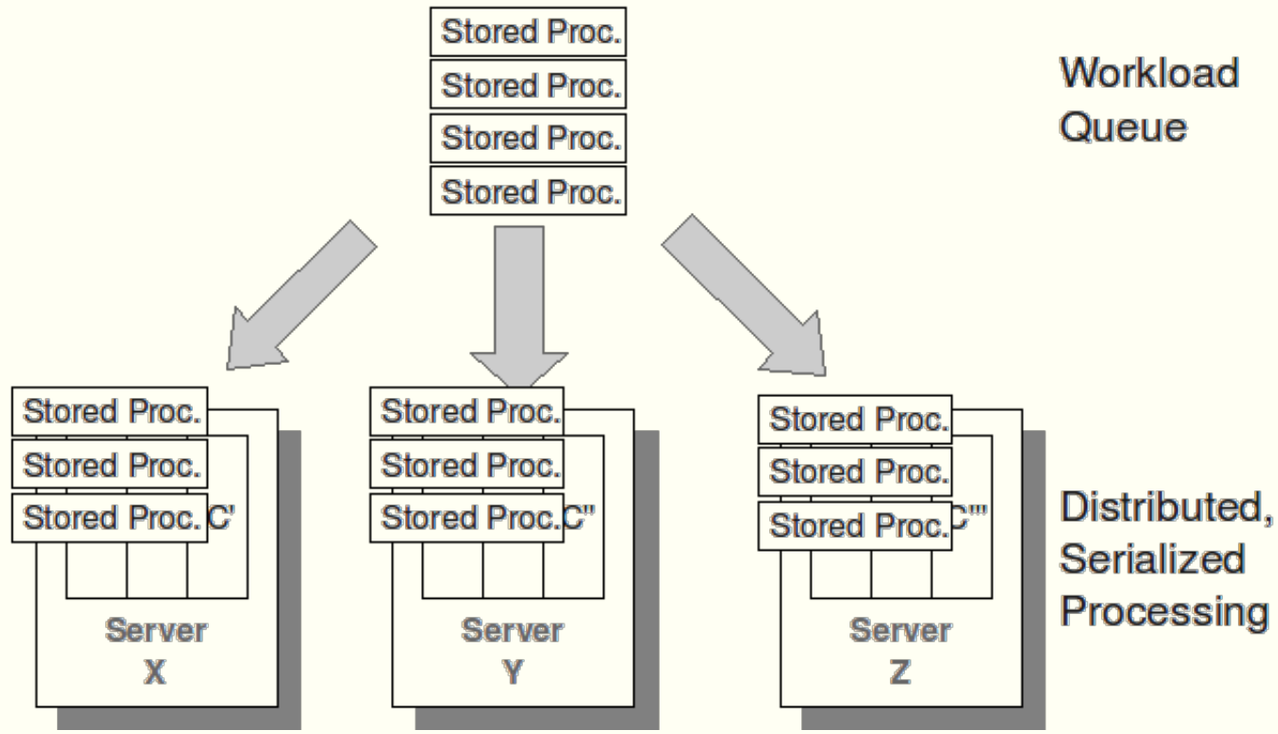


Technical Overview – Compiling

- The database is constructed from
  - The schema (DDL)
  - The work load (Java stored procedures)
  - The Project (users, groups, partitioning)
- VoltCompiler creates application catalog
  - Copy to servers along with 1 .jar and 1 .so
  - Start servers



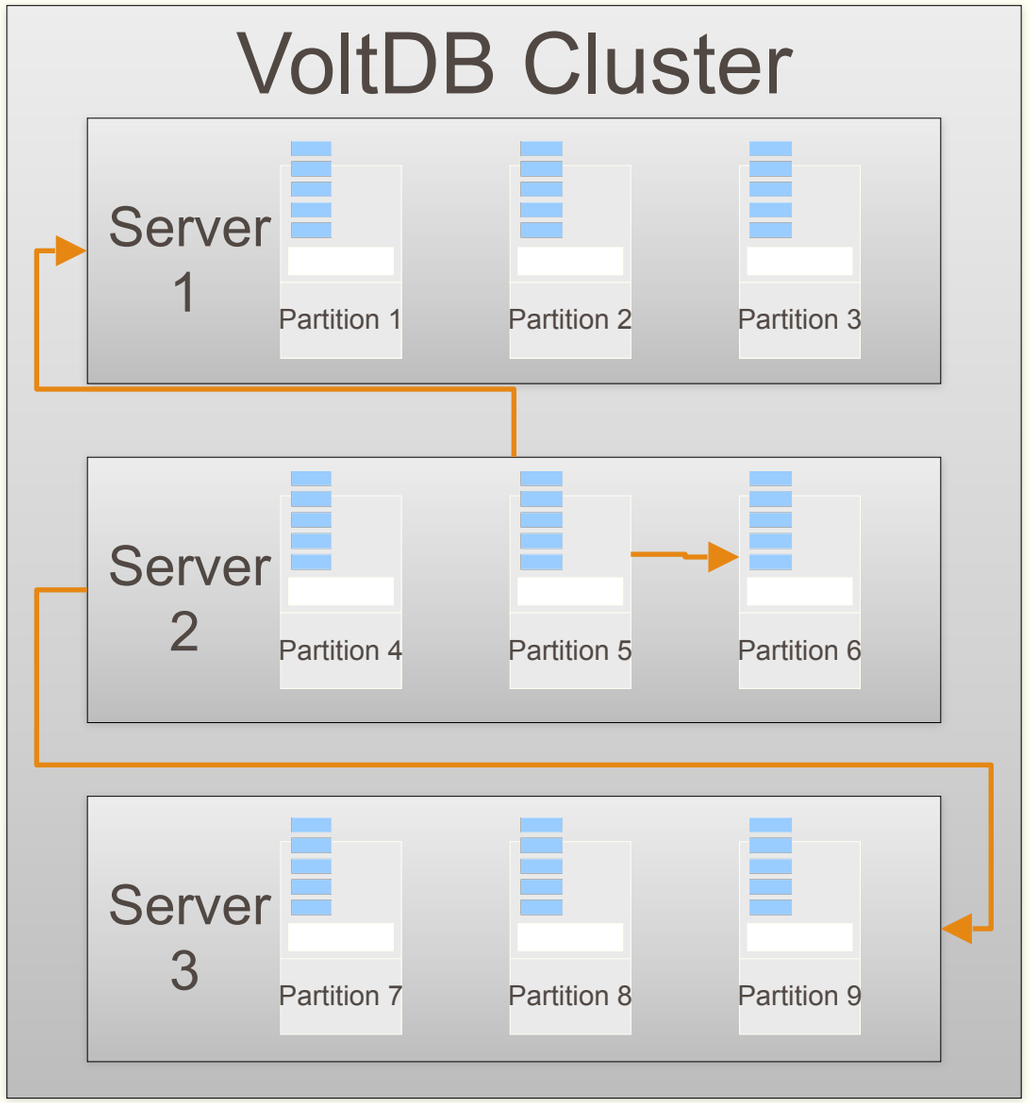
Transaction Model



Procedures **routed** to, **ordered** and **run** at partitions

Transaction Execution

- Single partition transactions
  - All data is in one partition
  - Each partition operates autonomously
- Multi-partition transactions
  - One partition distributes and coordinates work plans

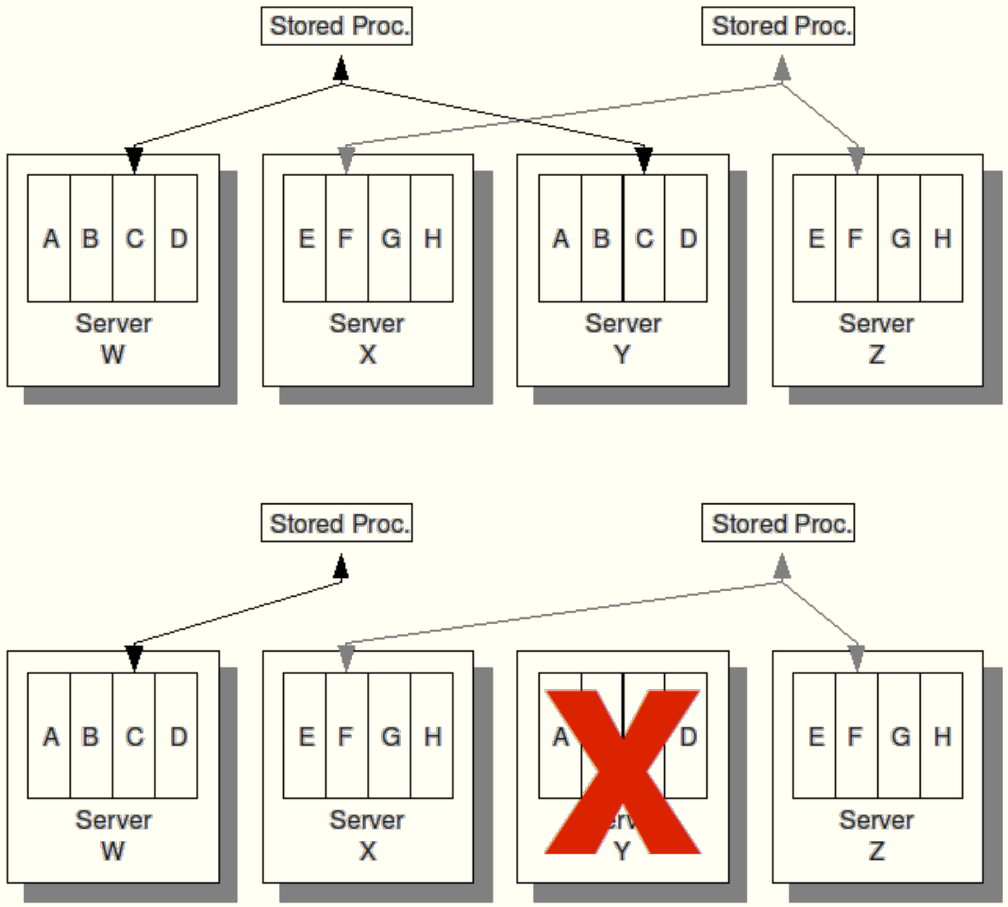


Data Availability and Durability

- High Availability
  - Data stored on server replicas (user configurable)
  - Failover data redundancy
  - No single point of failure
- Database Snapshots
  - Simplifies backup/restore
  - Scheduled, continuous, on demand
  - Cluster-wide consistent copy of all data
- Command Logging
  - Between Snapshots, every transaction is durable to disk

K-safety

- Duplicate database partitions for fault tolerance. K: # of replicas



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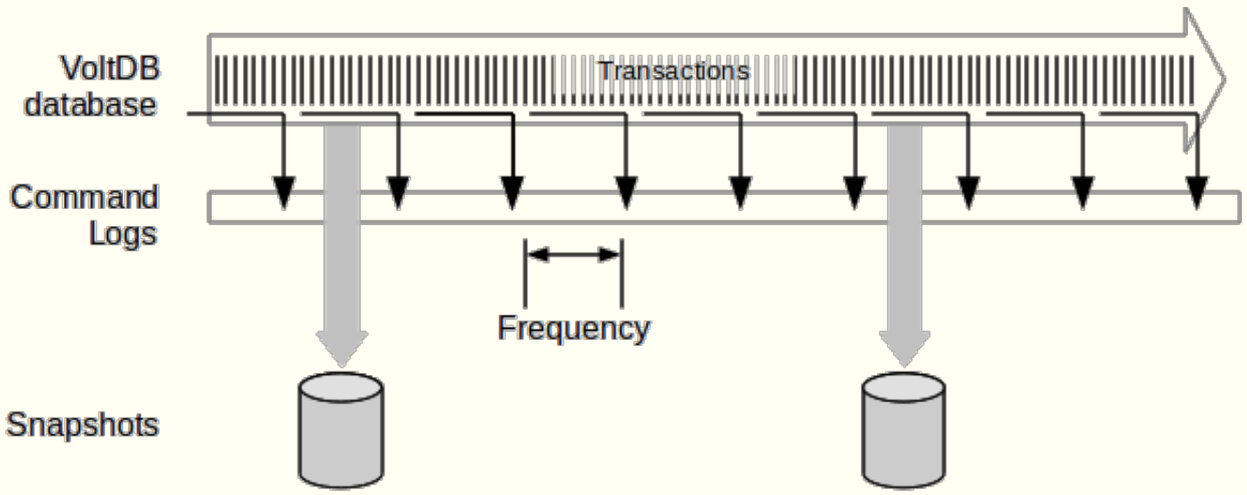
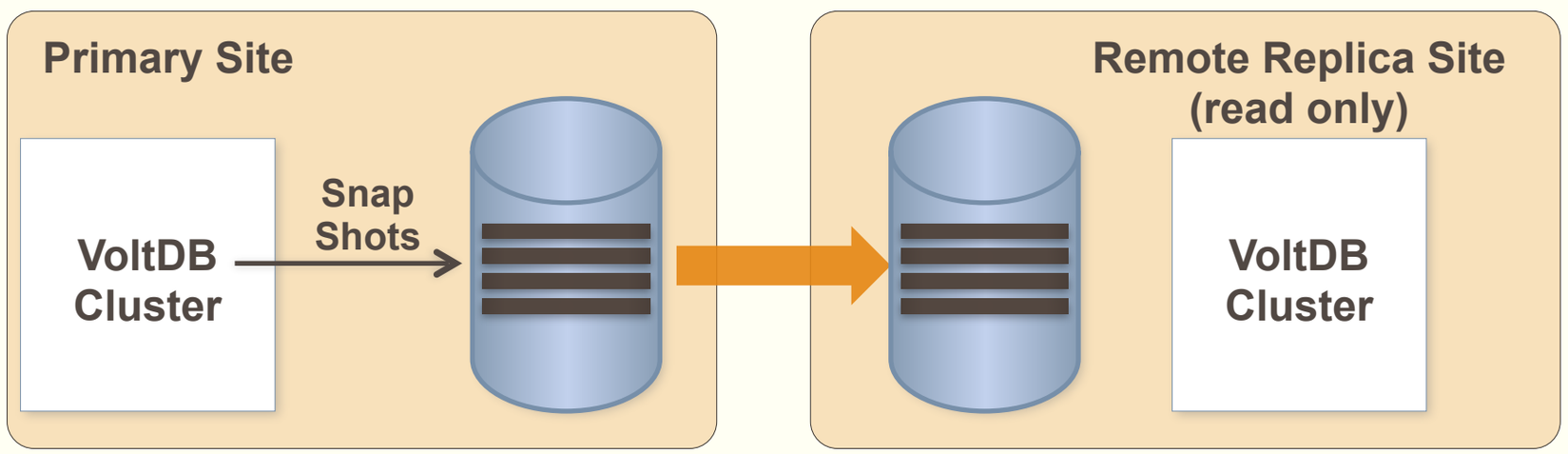


- Synchronous logging provides highest durability at reduced performance
- Asynchronous logging best performance at reduced durability

Disaster Recovery

- Disk snapshots replicated via storage system
- Stream command logs from Primary to Replica
- Run from Replica on DR event, reverse on recovery



Lack of Concurrency

- Single-threaded execution within partitions (single-partition) or across partitions (multi-partition)
- No concern about locking/dead-locks
  - great for “inventory” type applications
    - checking inventory levels
    - creating line items for customers
- Because of this, transactions execute in microseconds.
- However, single-threaded comes at a price
  - Other transactions wait for running transaction to complete
  - Useful for OLTP, not OLAP

nuoDB

- nuoDB is an elastically scalable, ACID compliant, newSQL Database
- Backed and architected by Jim Starkley
- Runs on JVM
- Proprietary source project

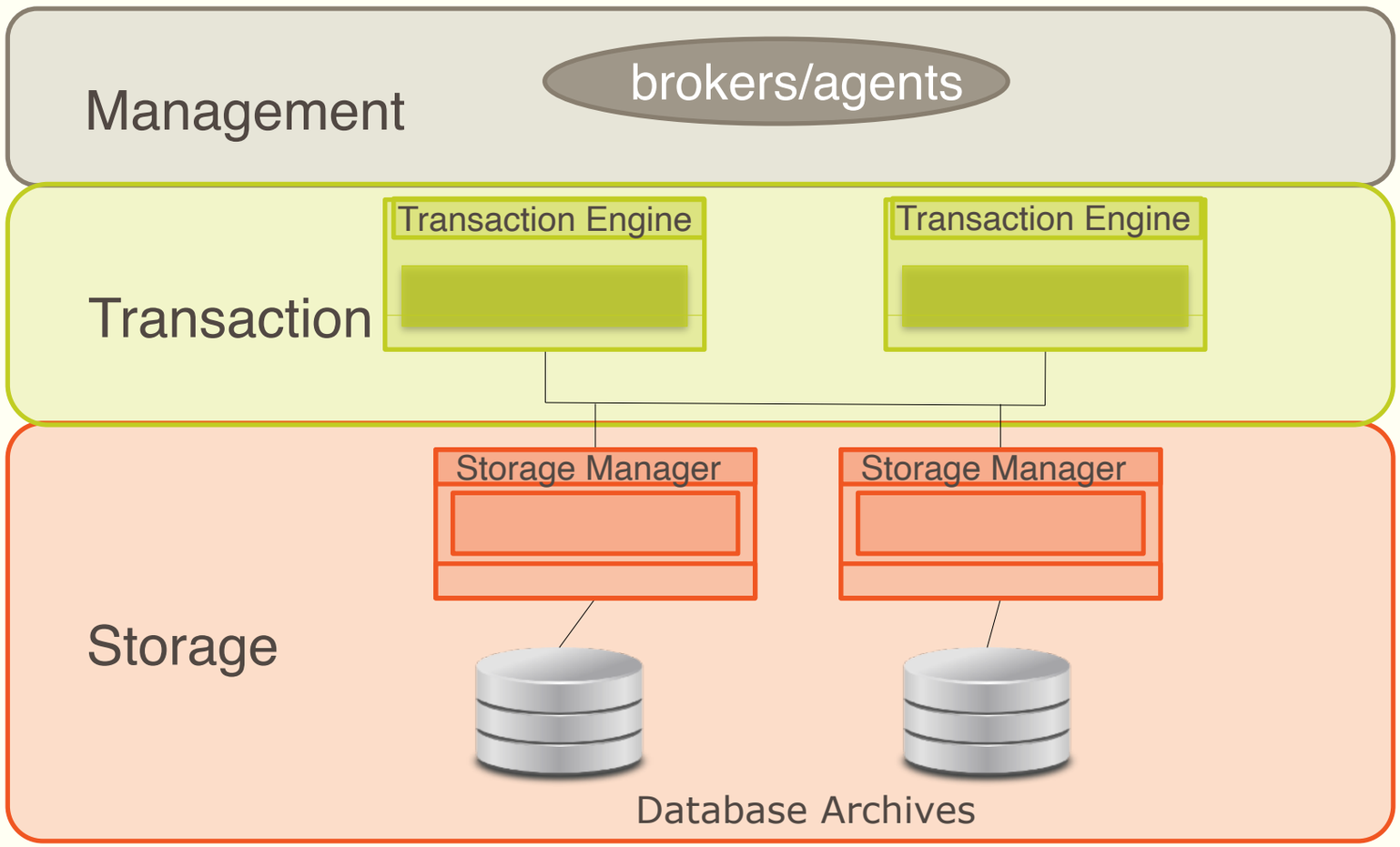
NuoDB: Architecture

- Multi-tier Architecture
  - Transaction tier
  - Storage tier
  - Management tier
- Multi-Tenant
- Heavy use of memory
  - hot data stays in memory
  - Cold data in persistent store
- Object Oriented
  - Objects are atoms
- Asynchronous Messaging
- Partial, On-Demand replication
- MVCC - Concurrency

Technical Overview – Tiered Architecture

- Tiered Architecture
  - Transactions: Transaction Engine
    - Parse, compile, optimize and execute SQL commands
    - Stores some information in memory locally
    - Map to locate the information
    - Any transaction engine can service any piece of information regardless of where it resides
    - Adding transaction engines -> More throughput
  - Storage: Storage manager
    - Can run on HDFS or Amazon S3
    - Adding storage manager -> more resistance to failure
  - Management: Agents and Brokers
    - (Re)starting transaction engines and storage managers
    - Collect statistics from them
    - Clients connect to TE via Brokers

Multi-tier Architecture



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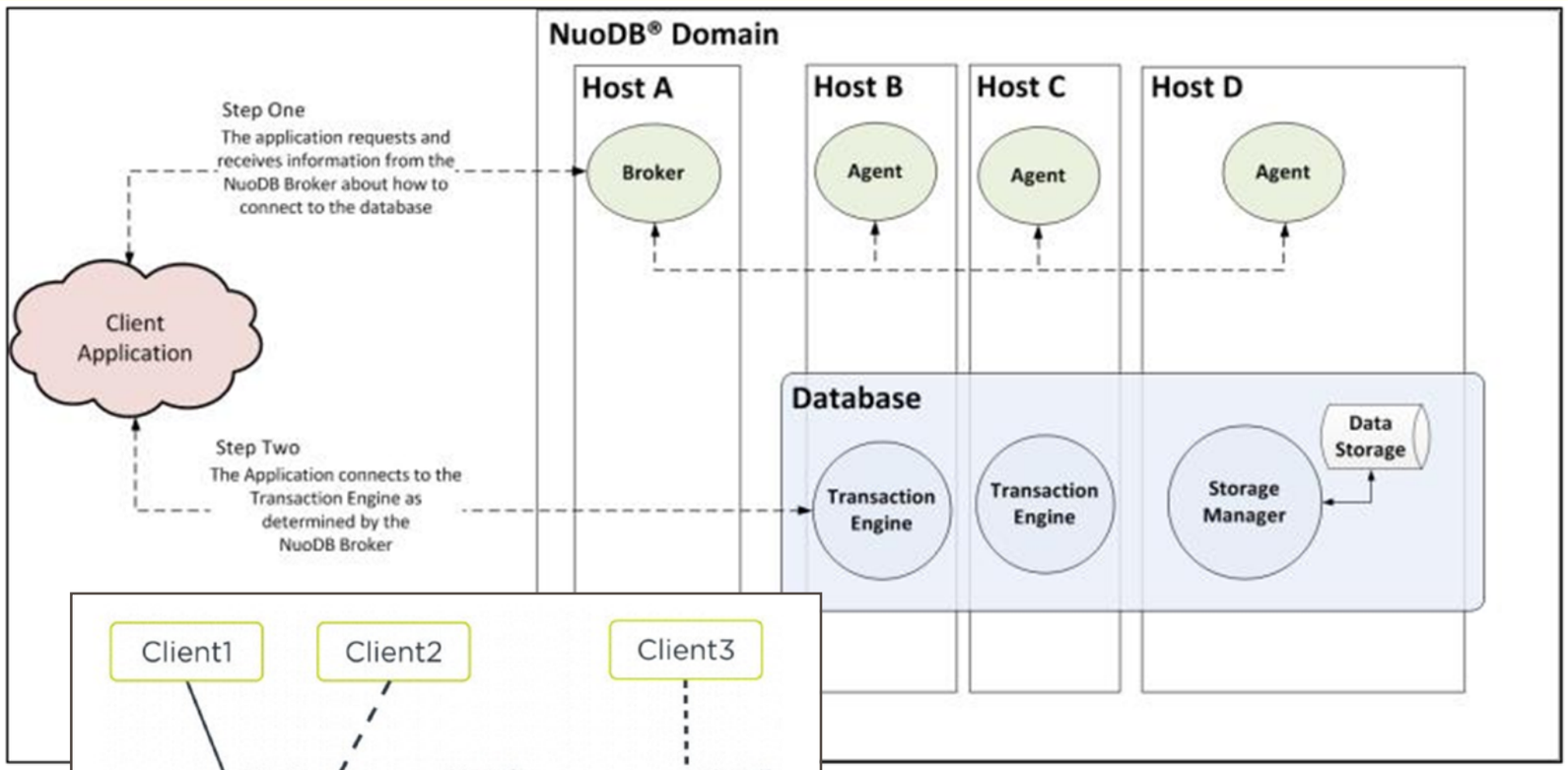
NuoDB® Domain
Host A
Host B
Host C
Host D
Step One
The application requests and receives information from the NuoDB Broker about how to connect to the database
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Database
Step Two
The Application connects to the Transaction Engine as determined by the NuoDB Broker
Transaction Engine
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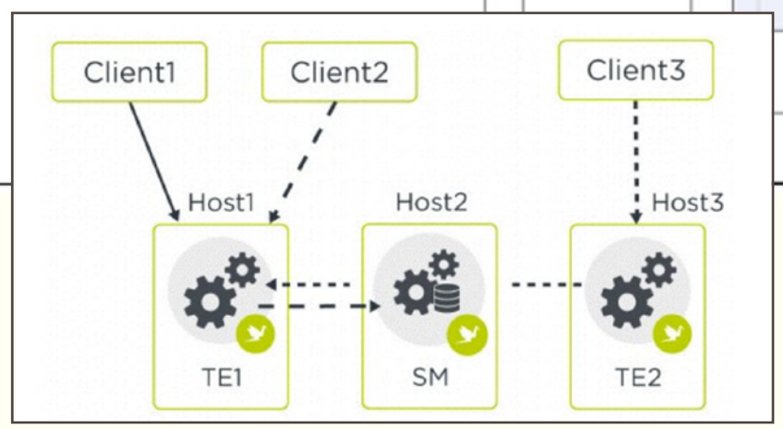
Storage Manager
Data Storage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Conclusions

- NewSQL is an established trend with a number of options
- Hard to pick one because they're not on a common scale No silver bullet
- Growing data volume requires ever more efficient ways to store and process it

oldSQL, NoSQL and NewSQL: pros/cons

- OldSQL
  - +: proven techs and standard SQL, ACID
  - +: rich client-side transaction
  - +: established market
  - -: not a scale-out architecture: single machine bottleneck
  - -: complex management, tuning for performance
- NoSQL
  - +: higher availability and scalability
  - +: support non-relational data, and OLAP
  - -: fundamentally no ACID
  - -: require application code; lack support for declarative queries
- NewSQL
  - +: stronger consistency and often full transaction support
  - +: familiar SQL and standard tooling
  - +: richer analytics using SQL and extensions
  - +: leverages noSQL-style clustering
  - -: no NewSQL is as general-purpose as traditional SQL systems
  - -: in-memory architecture may hinder the application for large dataset
  - -: partial access to the rich tooling of traditional SQL