ResinDB

A search-centric document database

Definition of a document database

- The core mechanism of any database is that of a key/value store.
- In a document store terms (i.e. key/value pairs) are grouped into documents.
- A document (a serialized business entity or graph) can be viewed upon as a dictionary of key/value, or a nested dictionary of dictionaries of string/object, much like a JSON document.
- A document database may be defined as a key/value store where the value is a document, a key/document store.
- A key/value store can respond to lookups by key. I.e. what value did I store with this key? The query is thus composed of a key.
- Stores and databases alike may **index values** within a certain scope (where the scope might be a key, column, range or no scope i.e. there is a global scope) to be able to respond to lookups by value.
- Document databases instead keep an inverted index where values are mapped not to keys but to documents to be able to respond to document lookups. I.e. what documents did I store that has this value in this column or field? The query is composed of a document.

An inverted index

To fit inside an inverted index, this document...

```
{
  "label": "universe",
  "description": "totality of planets, stars, galaxies, intergalactic space, or all matter or all energy"
}
```

...will be transformed into two terms (their count):

label/universe (1)

description/totality of planets, stars, galaxies, intergalactic space, or all matter or all energy (1)

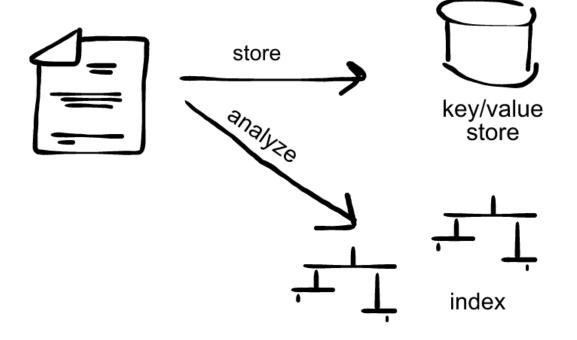
A full-text search index

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label/universe (1)
description/totality(1)
description/of (1)
description/planets (1)
description/stars (1
description/galaxies (1)
description/intergalactic (1)
description/space (1)
description/or (2)
description/all(2)
description/matter(1)
description/energy (1)
```

Conceptual model

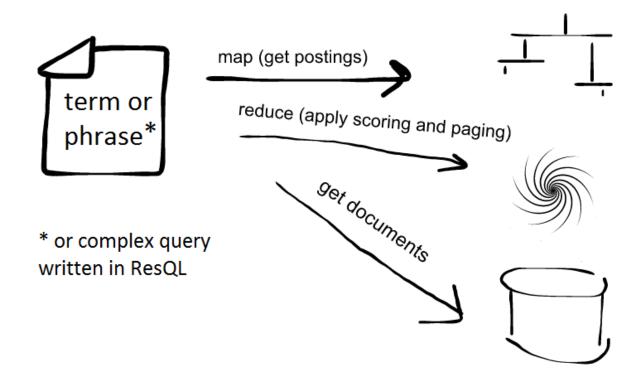
Write

Column-based indexing, row-based compression



Read

Document-based querying, snapshot and disk-based reading



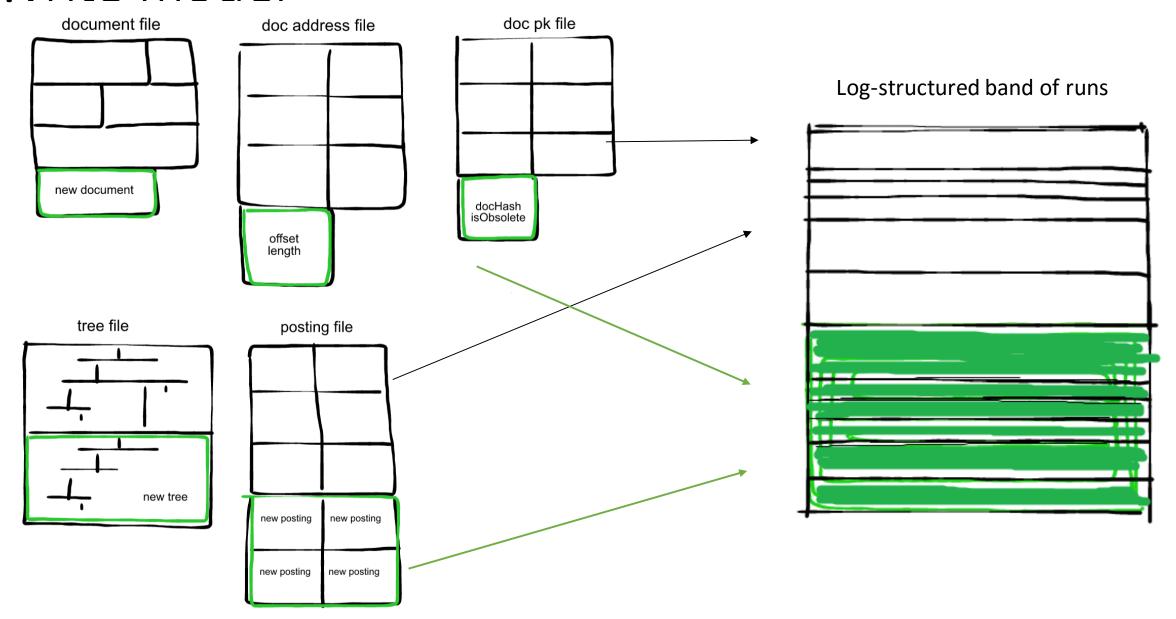
Writing/reading with LcrsTrie and LcrsNode

Resin's default index data structure is a binary character trie. It is **represented in memory** and during indexing by the LcrsTrie **and on disk** and at the time of query by the LcrsNode.

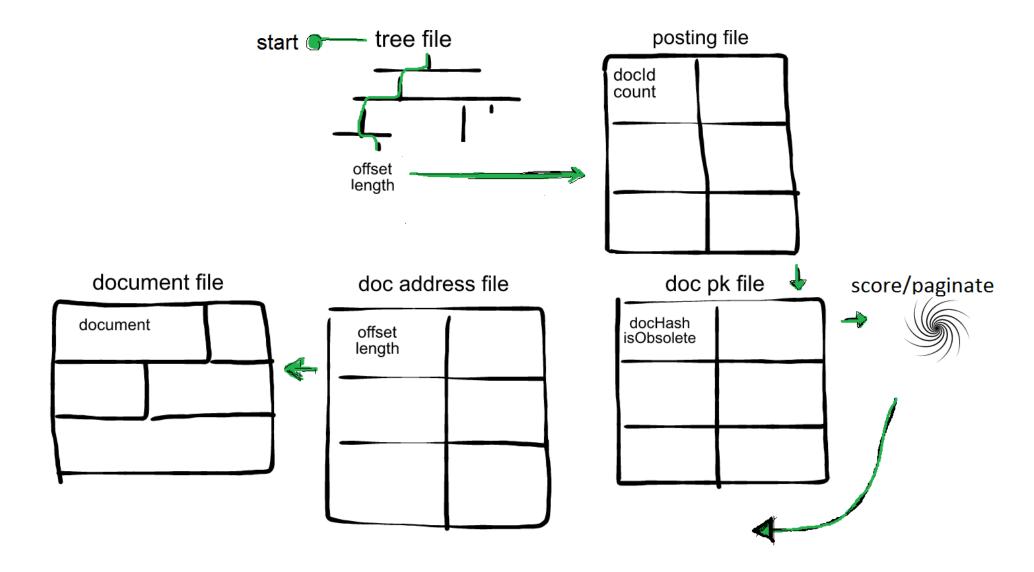
The LcrsNode offer the same binary search capabilities as a in-memory binary search tree but without having to load anything into memory except for the current tree node.

A index lookup is a sequential forward-only read of a bitmap.

Write model



Read model



Vector space model and map/reduce

Question: "What is a cat?"

Parse into document: [what,is,a,cat]

Scan index: what

Scan index: is

Scan index: a

Scan index: cat

Found documents:

[(i), (have), a, cat], [what, (if), (i), (am), a, cat]

Normalize to fit into 4-dimensional space:

[what,is,a,cat] [null, null, a, cat], [what, null, a, cat]

Give each word a weight (tf-idf):

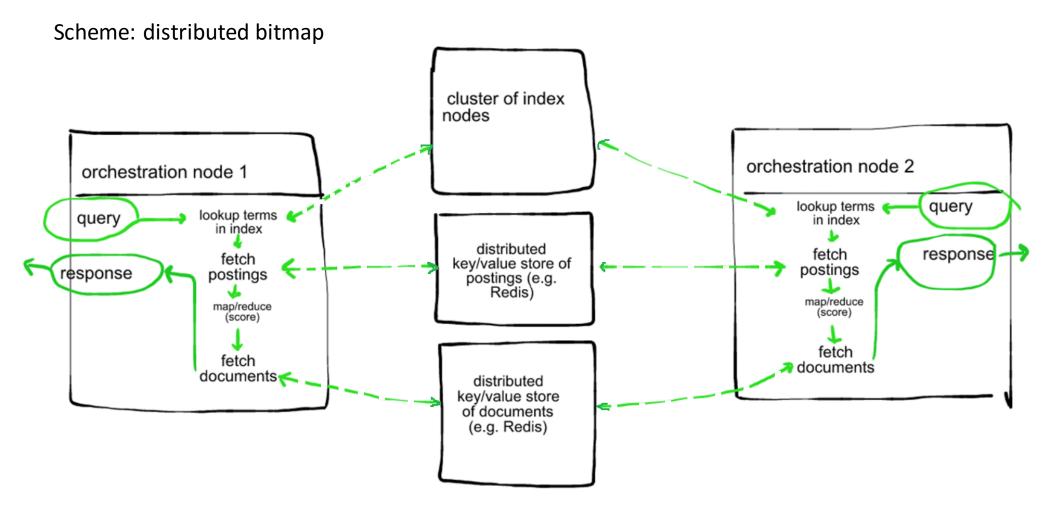
[0.2, 0.1, 0.1, 3], [null, null, 0.1, 3], [0.2, null, 0.1, 3]

Map the query and the documents in vector space, sort by the documents' (Euclidean) distance from the query document, paginate and as a final step, **fetch documents from the filesystem.**

Answer: Something you can have or possibly be.

Distributed model

Serialization protocol: protobuf/custom



.Net Core/C#

How a indie developer keeps pace, feature- and performance-wise, with DocumentDb, RocksDB and Bigtable.

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