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Redis

Beyond DBMS

Redis

- Redis is a *NoSQL* data store
- *Re*mote *Dic*tionary *S*ervice
- Core concept is that of key-value pairs
  - Not unlike a giant hash table
- *Widely* used in industry
  - Almost every major website you use has Redis somewhere

Redis

- Typically used as a *caching layer* for applications
- Here is a common cloud architecture layout
  - Application servers serve requests from users
    - First consult redis cache
    - Next, consult DBMS

Redis History

- Redis was created by Salvatore Sanfilippo, an italian software developer
  - AKA *antirez*
- Salvatore was having trouble scaling his startup with traditional DBMS systems
- Initially written in TCL, later ported to C

Redis History

- Open sourced & Announced on HackerNews in 2009
- Quickly adopted by startups
  - Github
  - Instagram
- Now the 4th most popular data store in the world
  - !!!

Redis

- Popularized the idea of keeping all data in memory
  - Data can be written to disk, but only for reconstructing in-memory state
  - Initially, no ACID guarantees
    - OK, but for instagram posts, who cares about ACID?

Redis

- Features
  - Speed - MUCH faster than traditional DBMS
  - Persistence - Sure, but not as expensive as normal DBMS
  - Data Structures - API support for common data structures
    - Vs. general SQL processing

Redis

- Features
  - Atomic Operations - operations on data structures are atomic, but no transaction complexity
  - Replication - Redis allows replication between multiple servers for failover, etc
  - Sharding - Supports sharding data amongst Redis instances
    - More on sharding later

Redis vs. DBMS

- Redis is awesome when
  - Data can fit in memory
  - Data doesn’t need to fit into the traditional DBMS model
- Redis is less awesome when
  - You are dealing with large amounts of data
  - You need extensive ACID guarantees around complex domain data

Using Redis - Data Types

- Redis data types
  - Strings
  - Hashes
  - Lists
  - Sets
  - Sorted Sets
- Internally, Redis uses strings as the core data type
  - E.g. a List is a List of Strings

Using Redis - Data Types

- Despite all primitive values being a strings Redis supports things like
  - Atomic Increment
  - Atomic Decrement
  - Atomic Arithmetic

Installing Redis

- Windows (Microsoft port) https://github.com/microsoftarchive/redis/releases/tag/win-3.0.504
- OSX
  - brew install redis
- Linux
  - You know what to do...

Playing with Redis

- Redis has a very nice online site for experimenting with it

  https://try.redis.io/

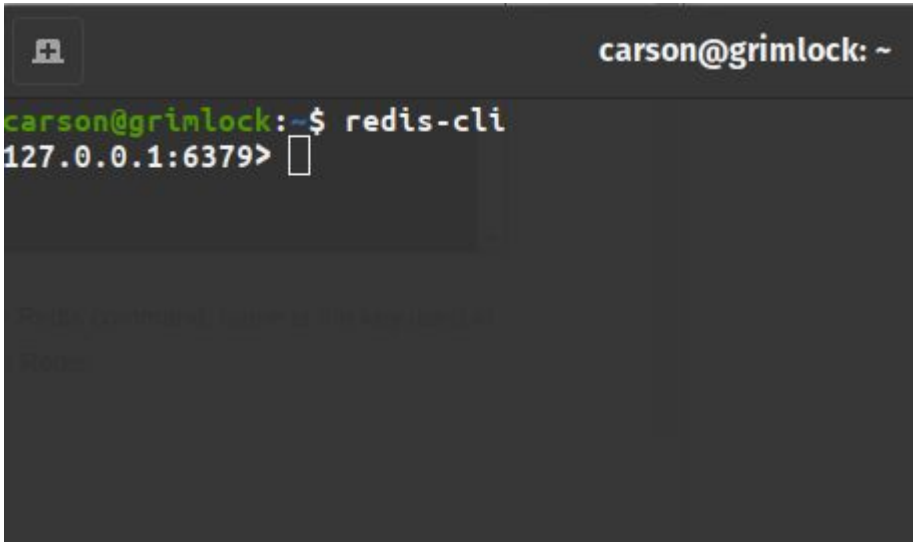
- You can use that if you want to follow along

Using Redis - CLI

- Using Redis is quite easy
- Fire up a terminal and type

  $ redis-cli

- Should bring up the redis command line, attached to redis server running on localhost



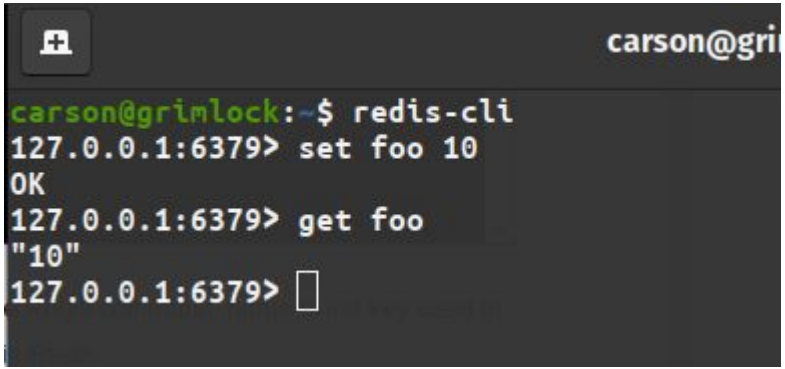
Basic Strings

- Setting a key value

  set <key> <value>

- Getting a value

  get <key>



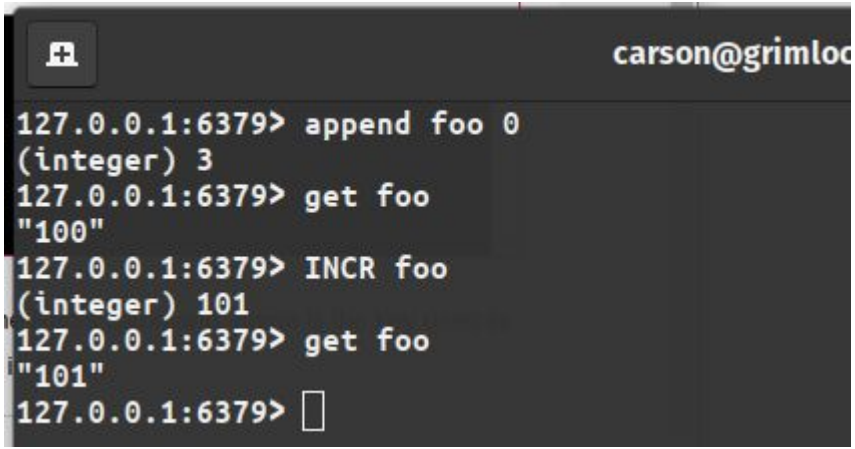
Basic Strings

- Appending to a key value

  append <key> <value>

- Incrementing a value

  incr <key>

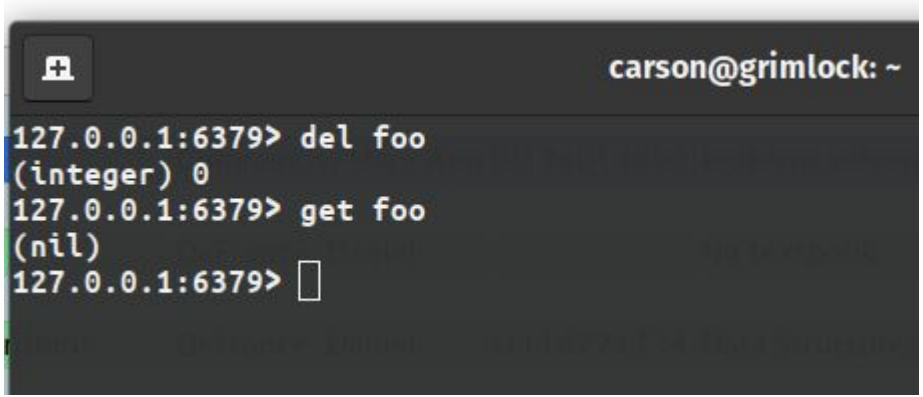


Deleting A Value

- Use the delete command:

  del <key>

- Value is no longer available in the redis server



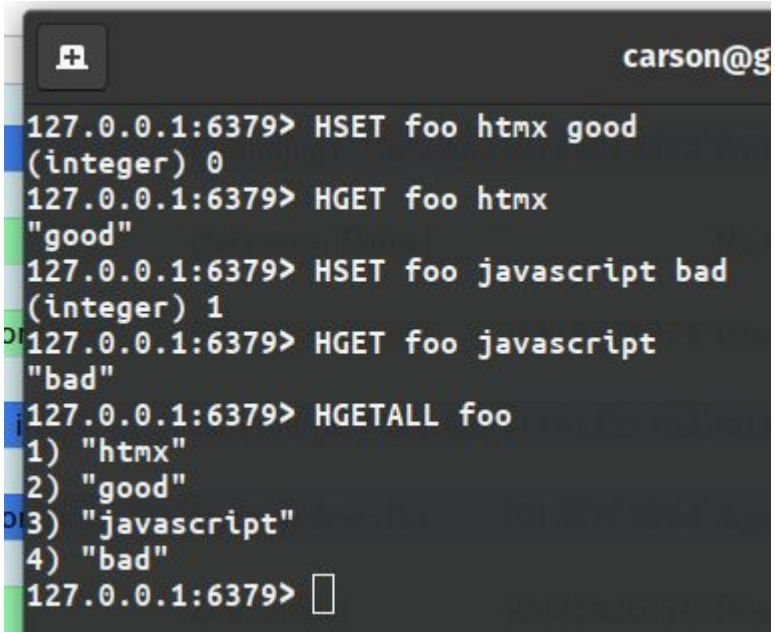
Hashes

- Create a hash with the HSET command

  hset <key> <key> <value>

- Retrieve with HGET

  hget <key> <key>



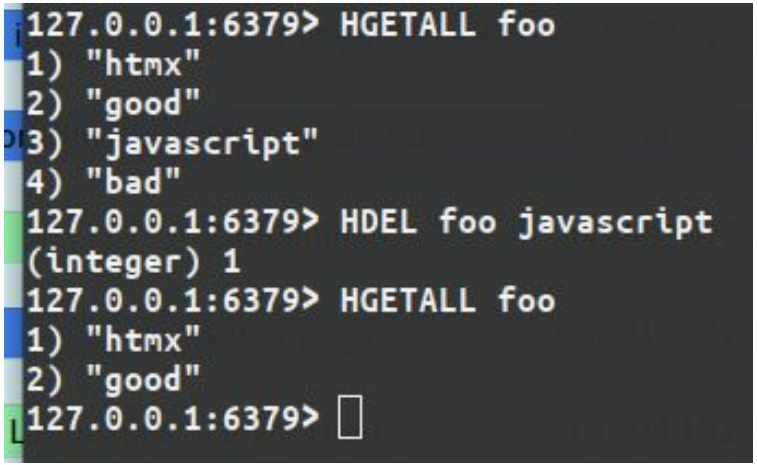
Hashes

- Show all values with the HGETALL command

  hgetall <key>

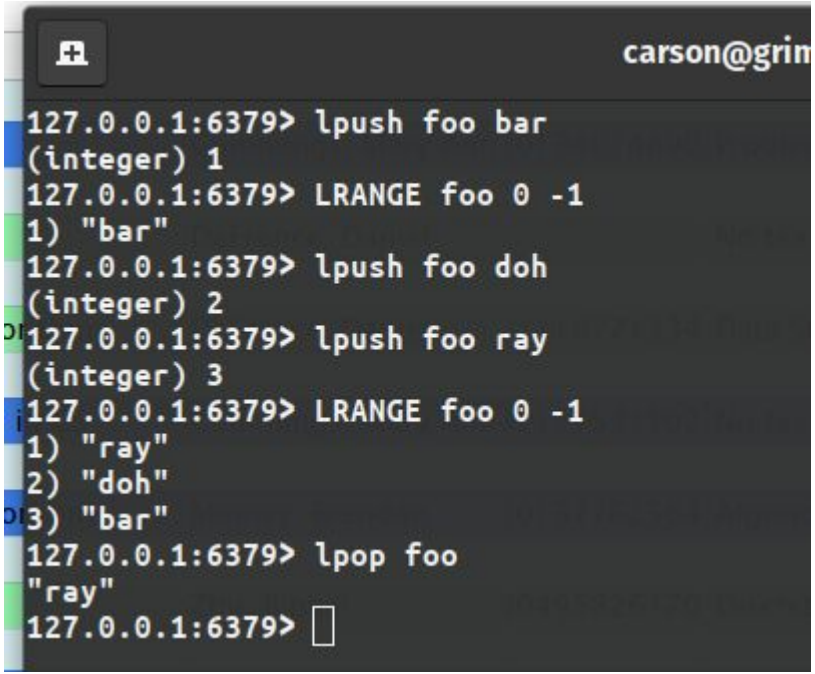
- Remove with HDEL

  hdel <key> <key>



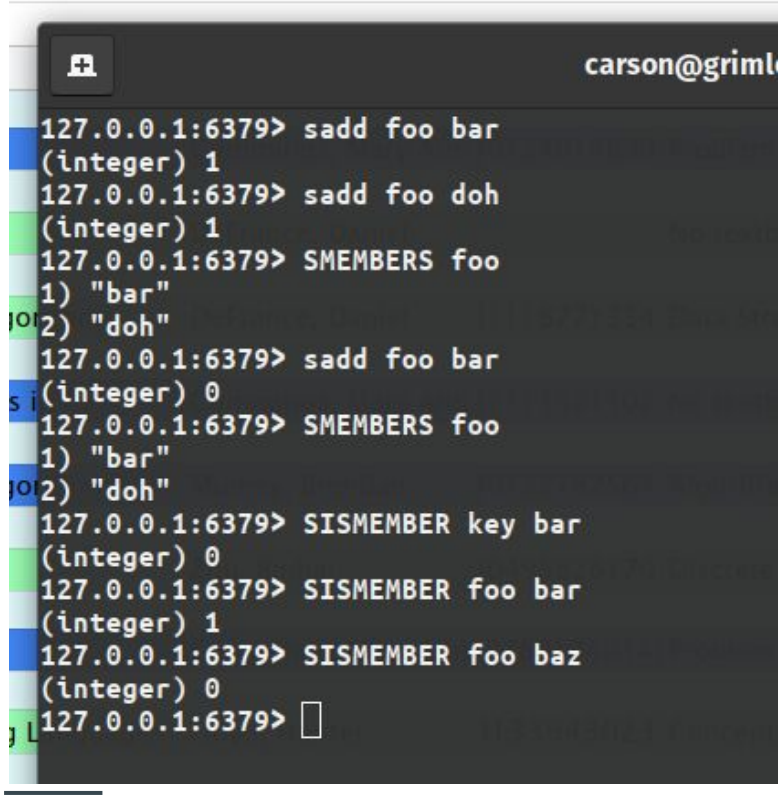
Lists

- List Commands
  - lpush - push a value on to front of a list
  - lpop - pop the first value off a list
  - lrange - show the values for a given range
  - rpush - append a value to a list



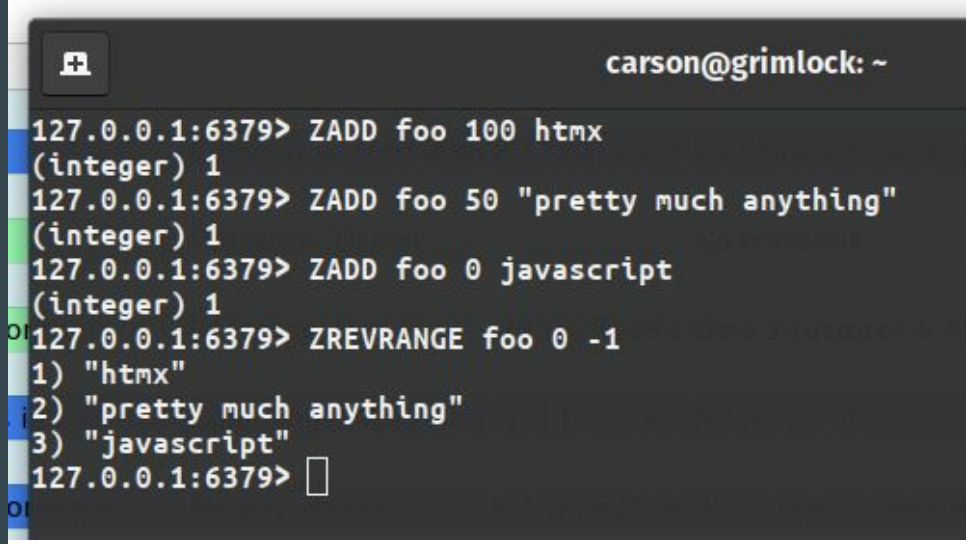
Sets

- Set Commands
  - sadd - add a value to a set
  - smembers - show all members of a set
  - sismember - 1 if element is a member of the set, 0 otherwise
  - Also supports many set operations
    - sunion
    - sdiff
    - etc.



Sorted Sets

- Sorted Set Commands
  - zadd - add a value to a sorted set
  - zrange - show all members of a sorted set, ordered low to high
  - zrevrange - show all members of a sorted set, ordered high to low



Java ⟷ Redis

- To access the locally running Redis server, we will be using the Jedis client
- Should already be imported for your application
- Jedis has methods for Redis commands
  - Note that you are typically using Strings!

```
    }
    // TODO - implement cache of count w/ Redis
    Jedis jedis = new Jedis();
    String stringValue = jedis.get("csci-440-track-count-cache");
    if (stringValue != null) {
        //... do some stuff
    }
    long totalTracks = Track.count();
    return Web.renderTemplate( index: "templates/tracks/index.vm",
            ...args: "tracks", tracks, "totalTracks", totalTracks);
});
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Java ⟷ Redis

- NB: You will need to read from and also write to this cache

  "*There are only two hard things in Computer Science: cache invalidation and naming things.*"

  -- Phil Karlton

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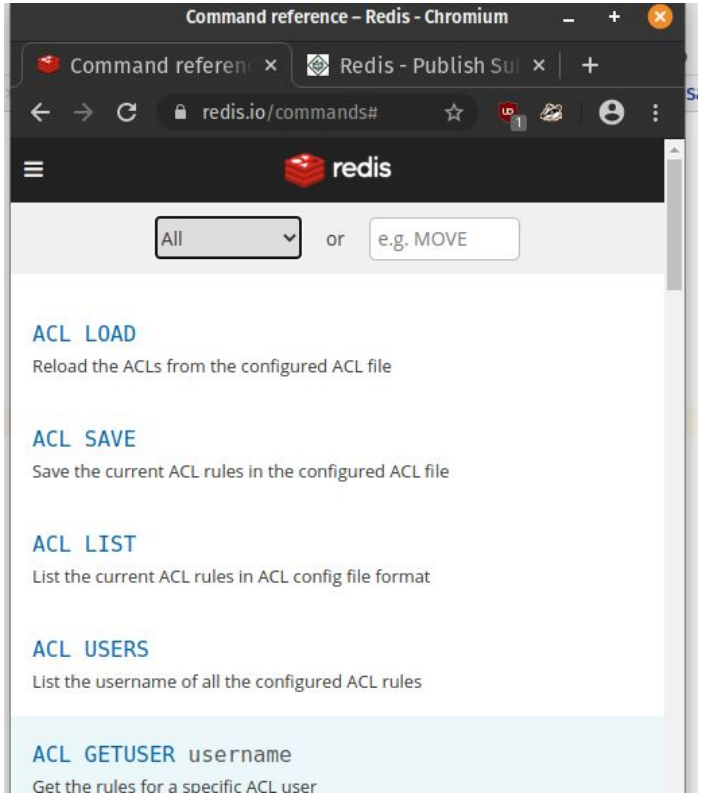
Redis - Other

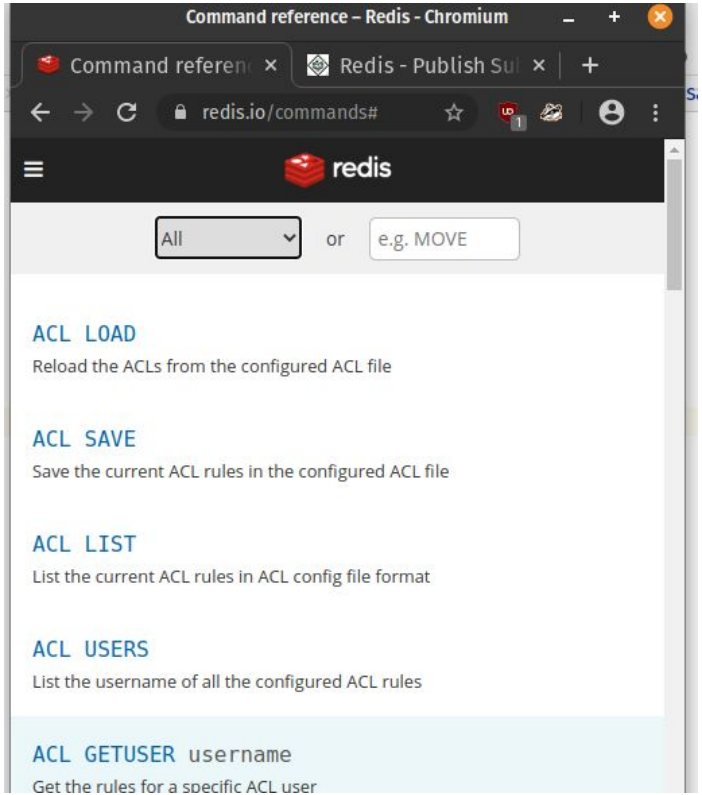
- Redis has a *TON* of functionality
  - Can be used for synchronizing processes & threads with *wait commands*
  - HyperLogLog - cheap set count
  - Pub/Sub commands for more client synchronization
- Really is an awesome piece of technology



Redis - Other

- One way I like to think of Redis:

  Online, in memory data structures



AntiRez

- Excellent youtube series on writing system software

  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBrnmciV9fM

- *“To eeehh show ow tings work…”*

Redis

- A widely used NoSQL datastore
- Uses the key value paradigm
    - Everything is stored in memory
- Supports various types of data
    - Strings
    - Lists
    - Sets
    - Ordered Sets
- Very, very fast
- antirez is an absolute king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