

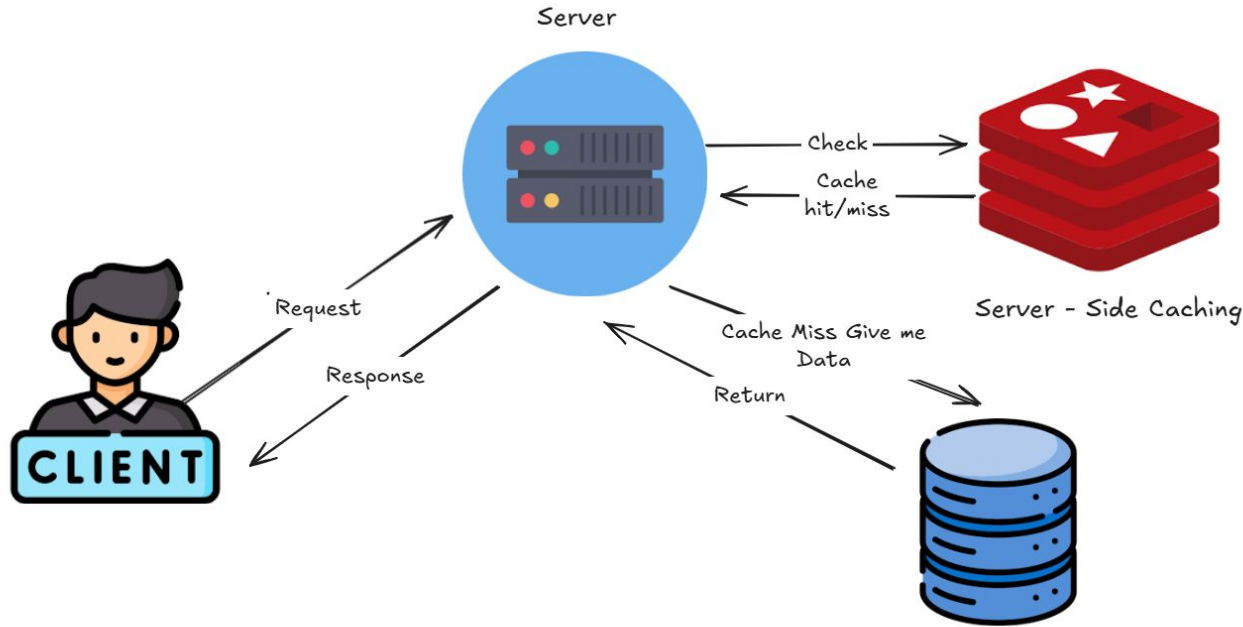
A Quick Overview of

Server Side Caching Strategy

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What is Server Side Caching?



Server-side caching generally refers to the cache layer positioned between the server's application logic and the database.

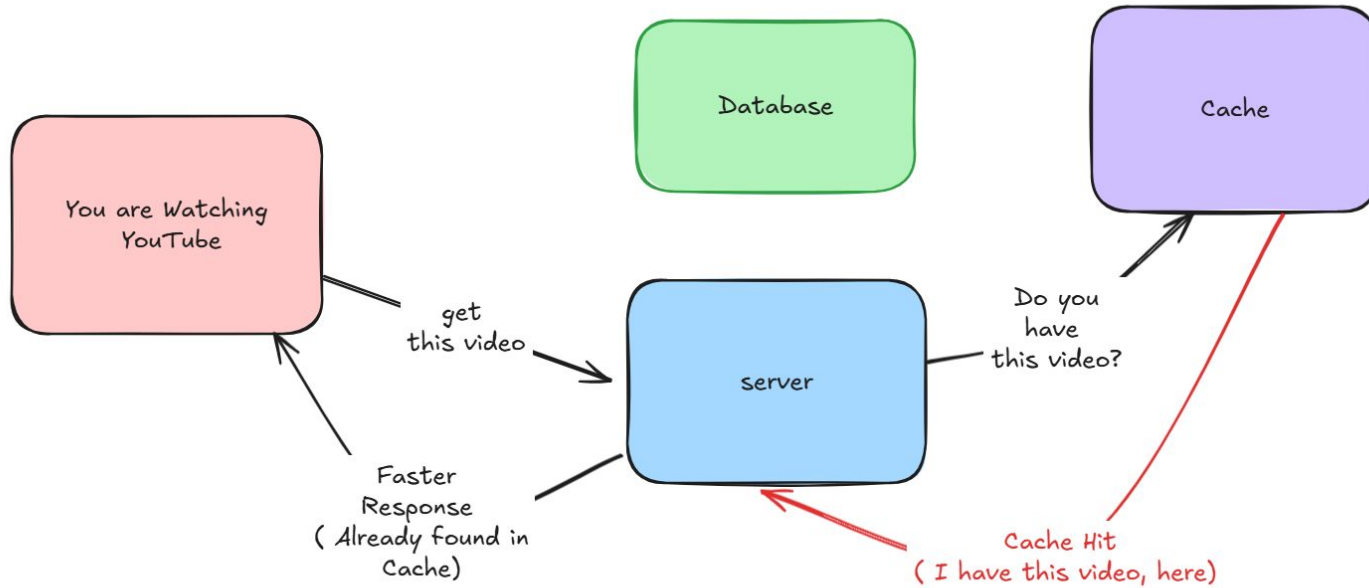
What is Cache Hit & Cache Miss?



What is Cache Hit?

- ❑ Requested data is already stored in the cache
- ❑ The cache quickly returns the data without needing to fetch it from the original source, saving time and resources.

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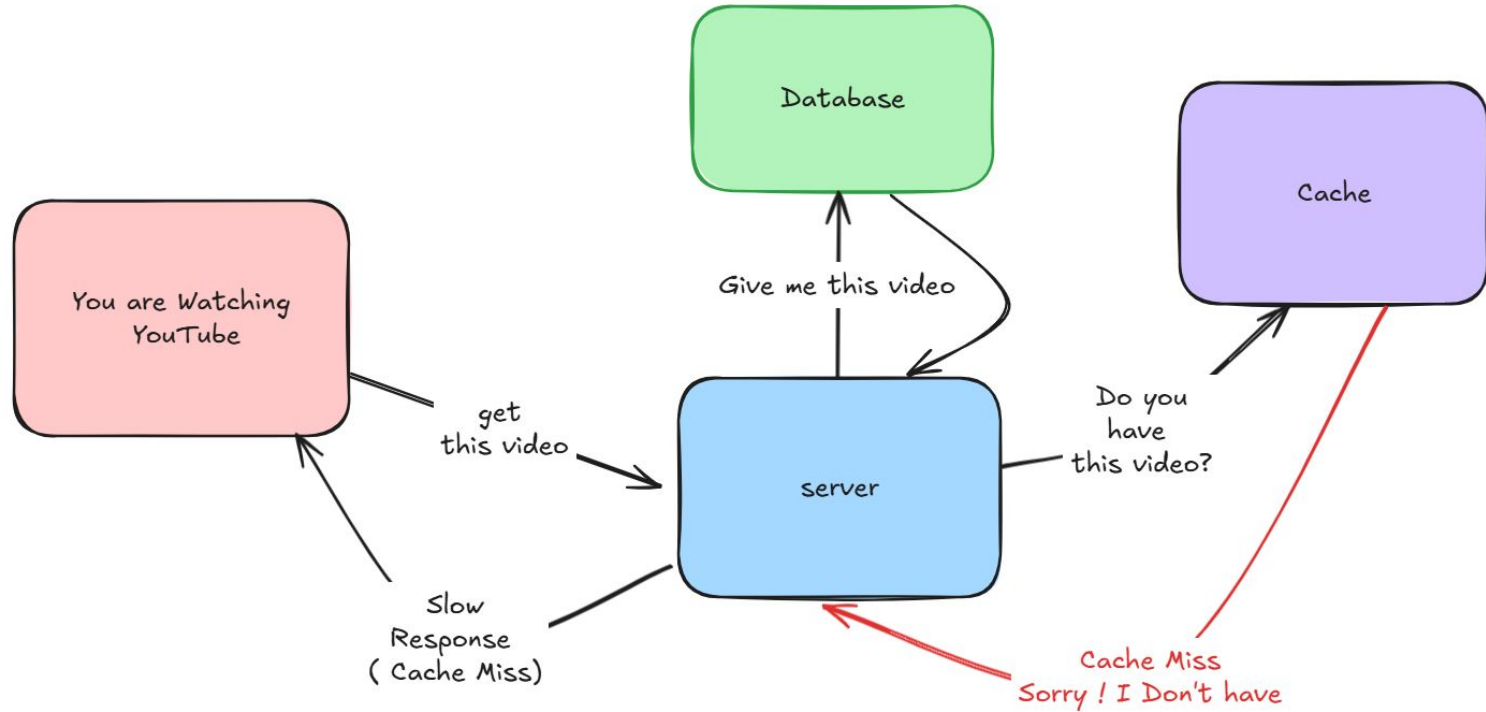




What is Cache Miss?

- ❑ Requested data **is not stored** in the cache
- ❑ The system fetches the data from the original source (like a database or server), which takes more time.

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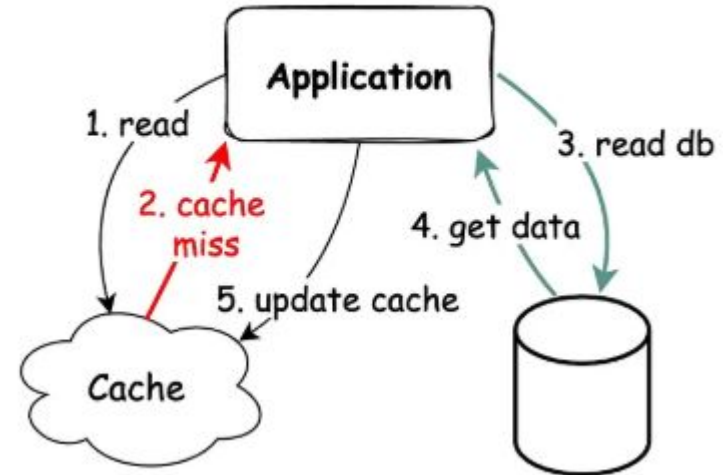


Cache Aside Caching Strategy

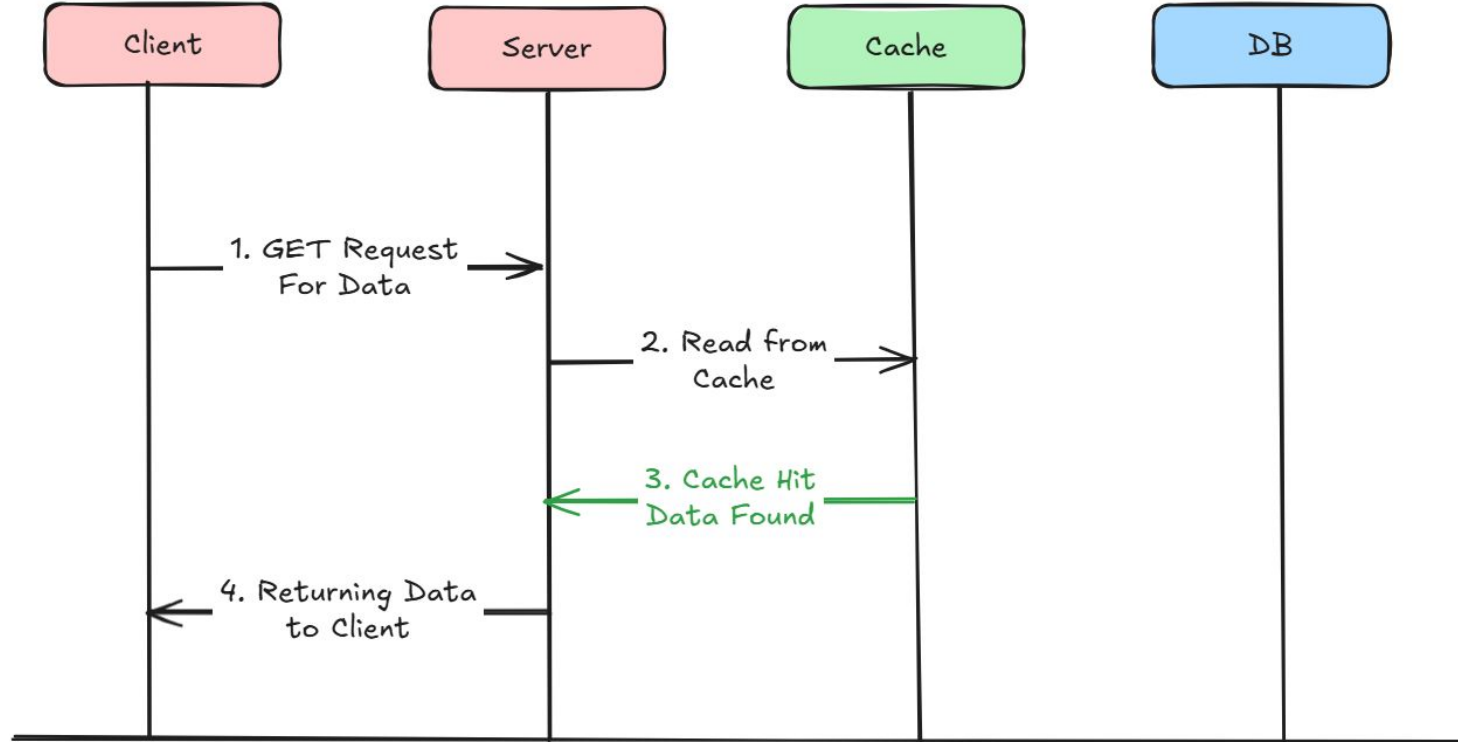
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- ❖ First check cache for data
- ❖ Cache Hit ! Return data to Client
- ❖ Cache Miss !
 - Server Fetch data from DB
 - Store data in Cache
 - Return data to client

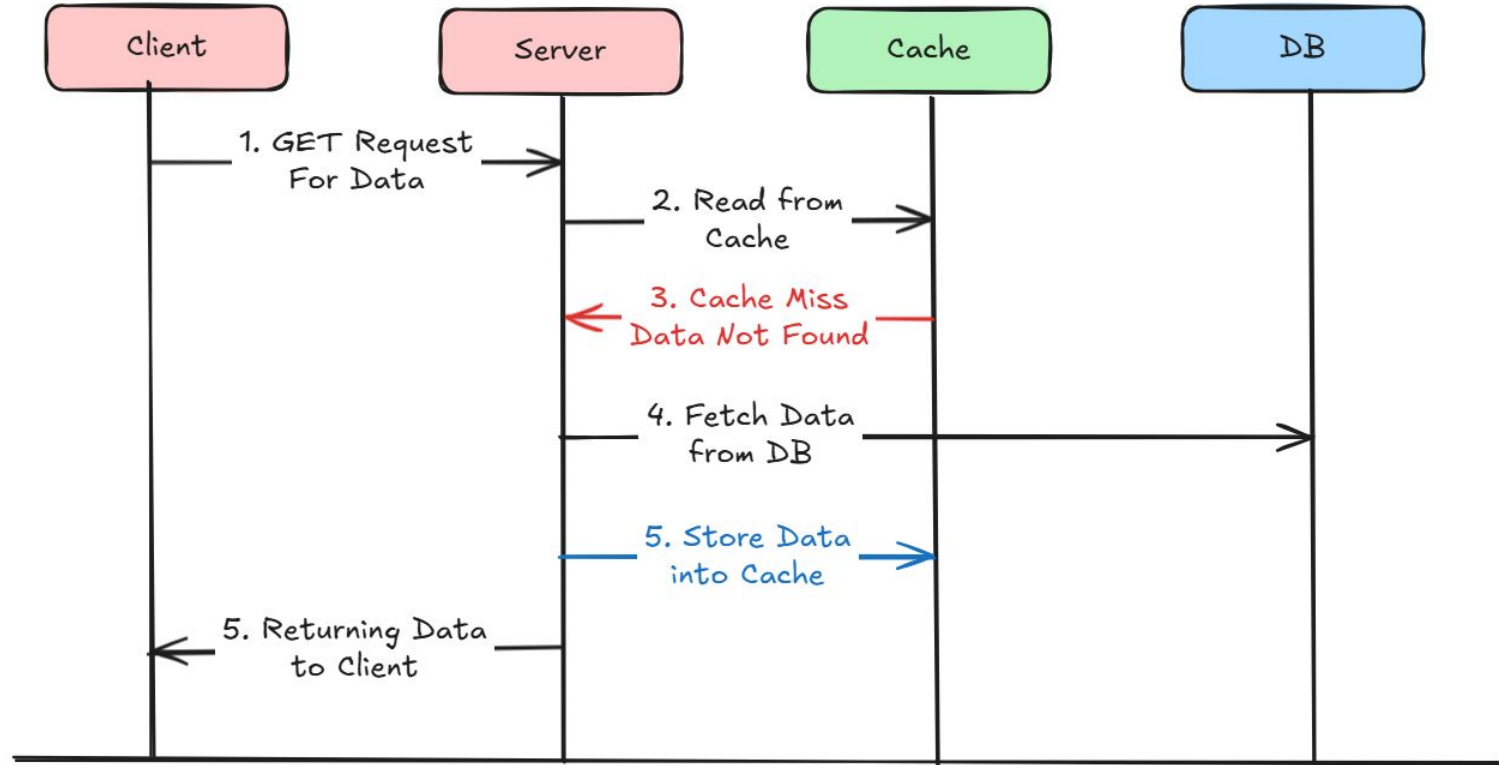
Read Strategy - Cache Aside



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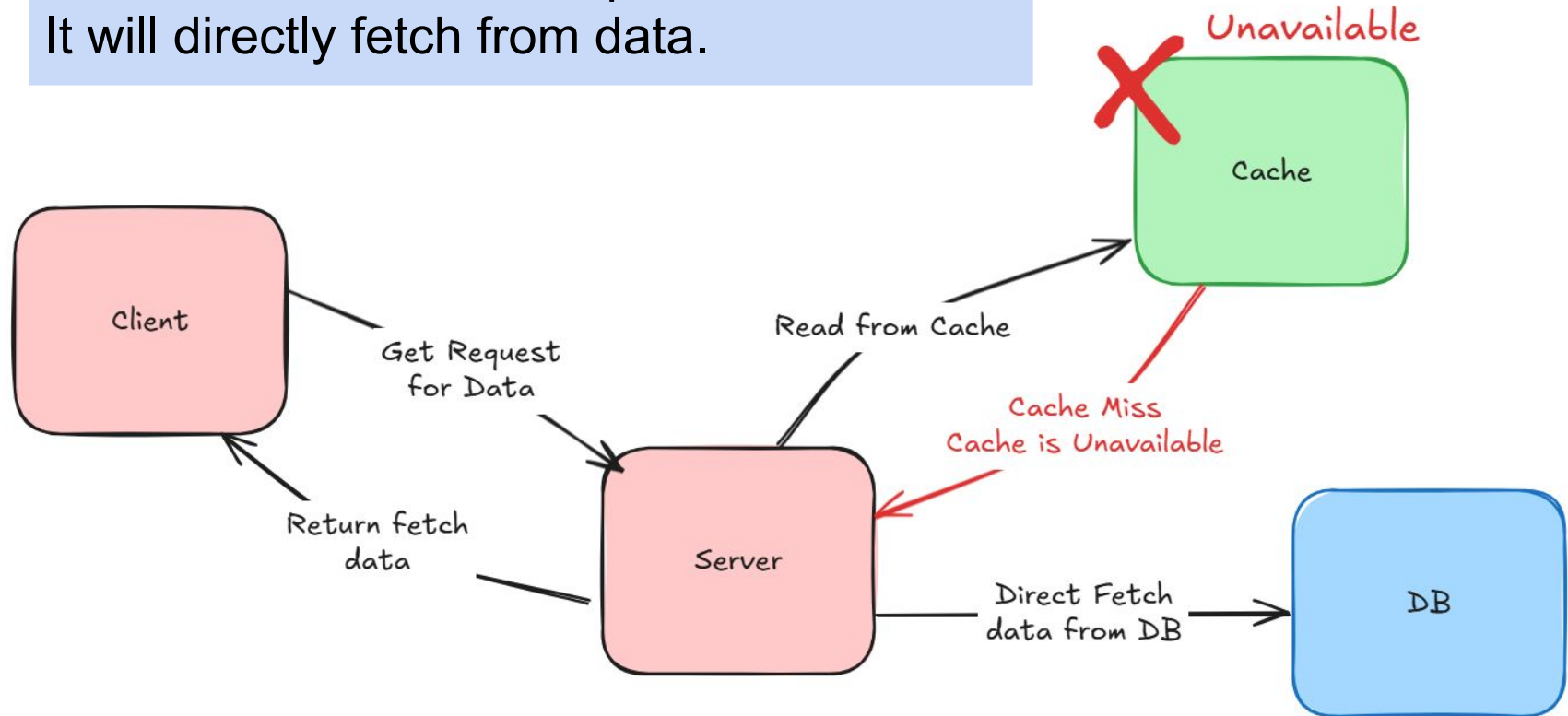
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Cache Aside : Advantages

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  Content TEXT,
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Database (Structured for Storage)

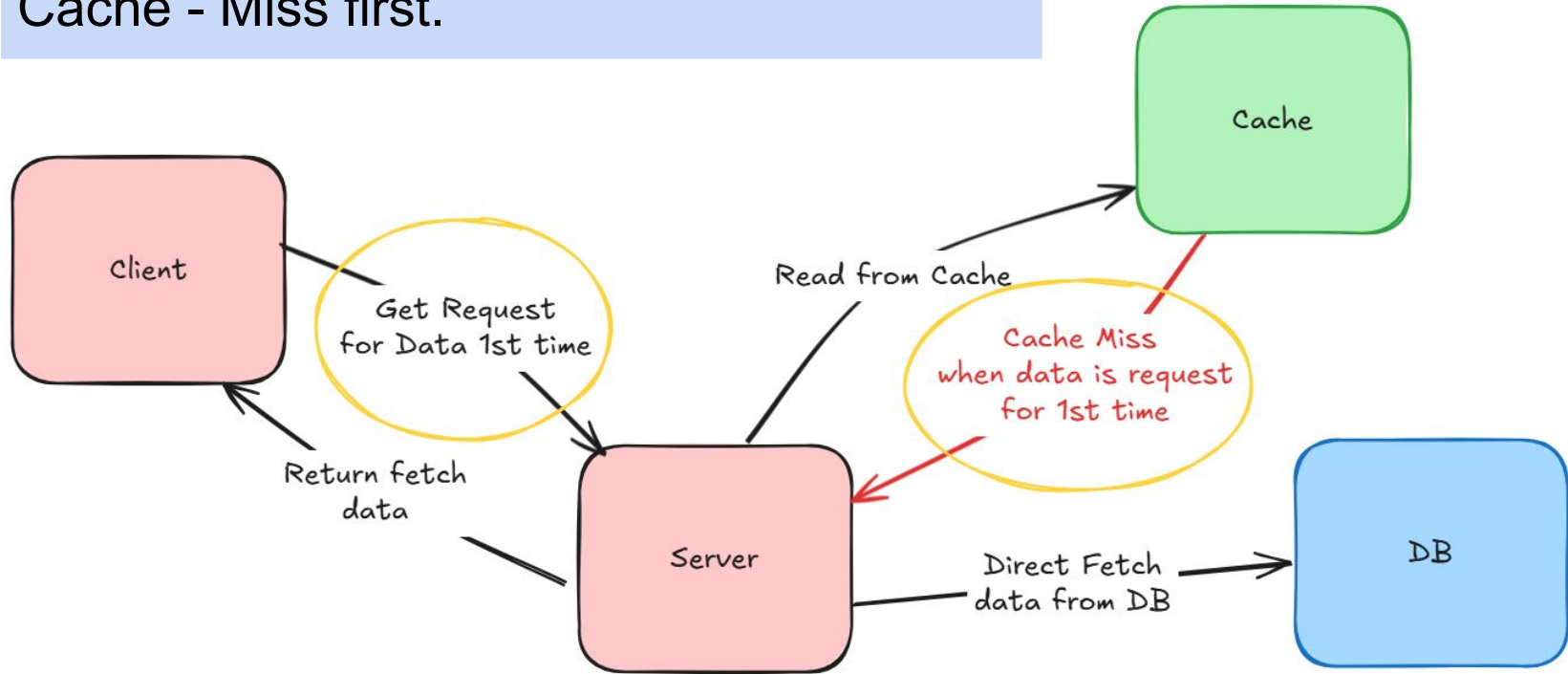
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{
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Cache (Optimized for Access)

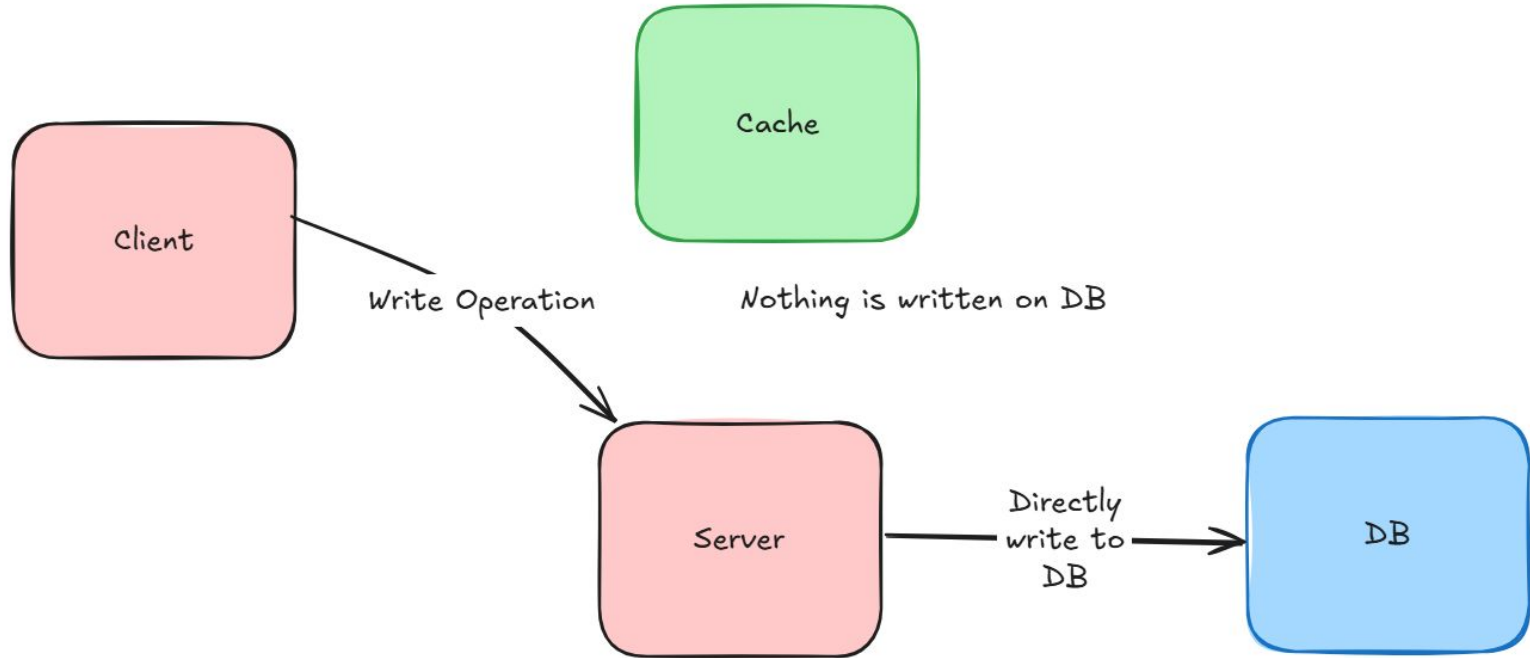
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- ❖ If appropriate caching is not used during write operation, there is a chance of inconsistency between Cache and DB

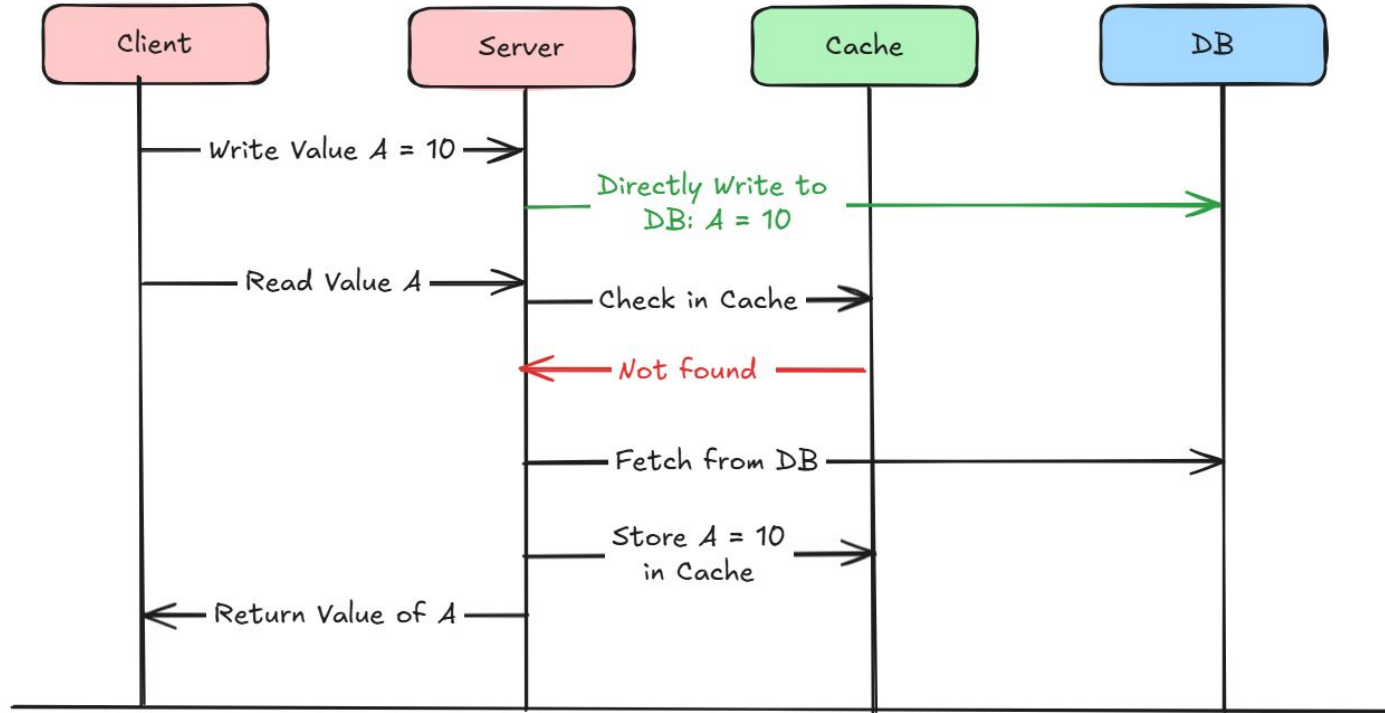
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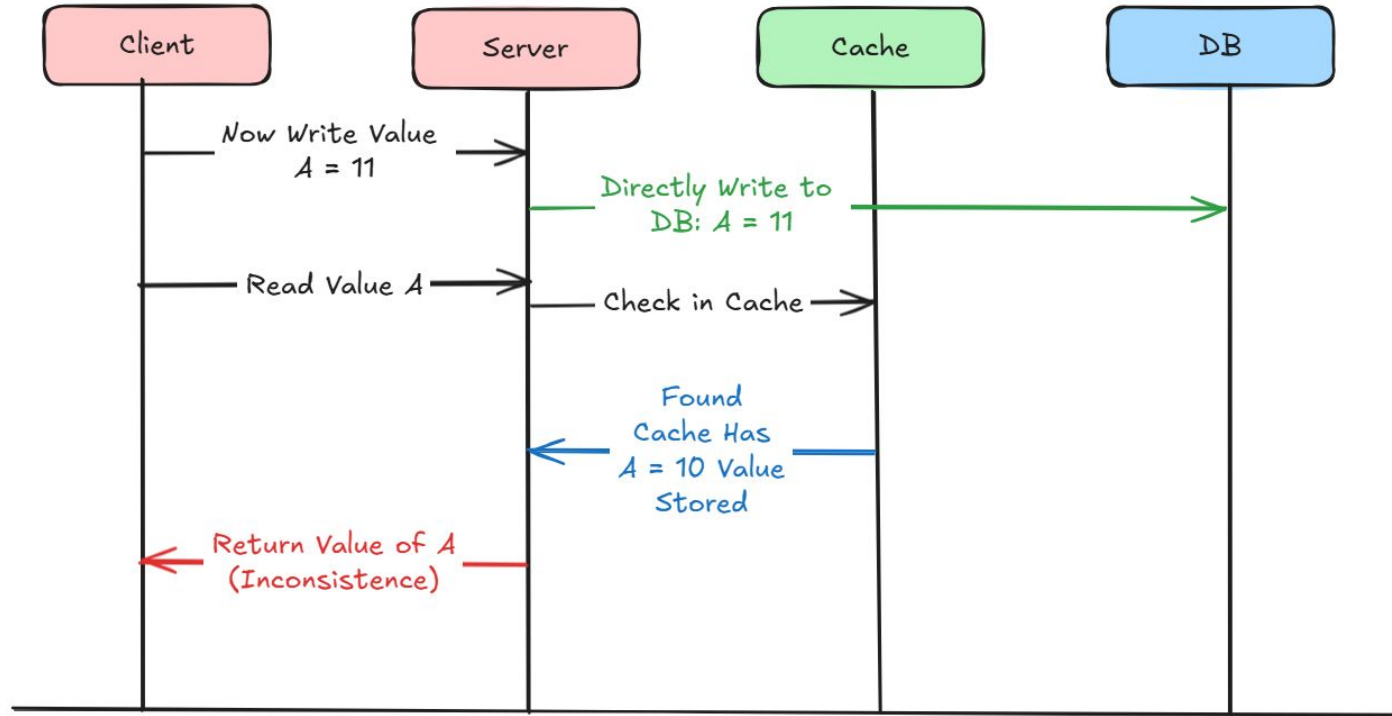


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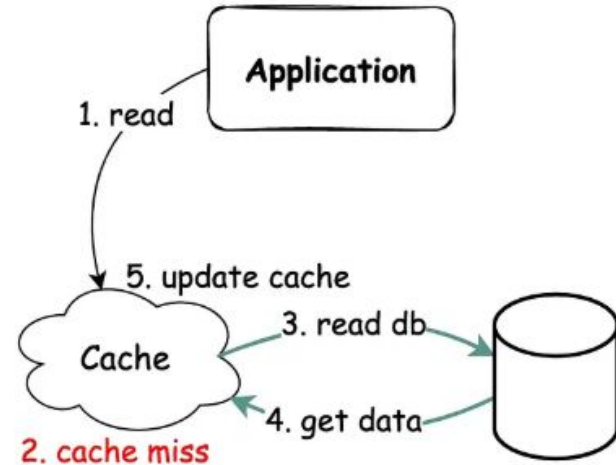
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Read Strategy - Read Through



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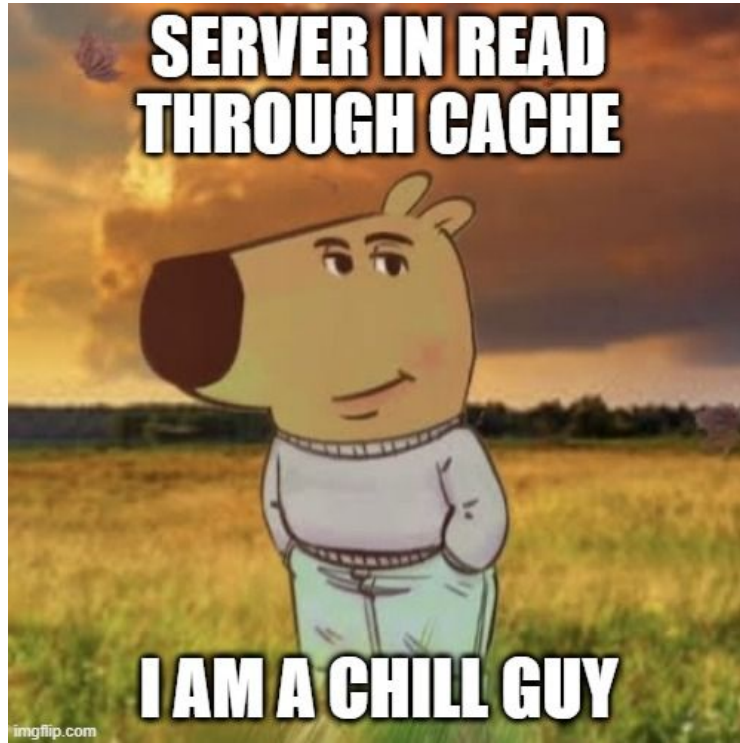
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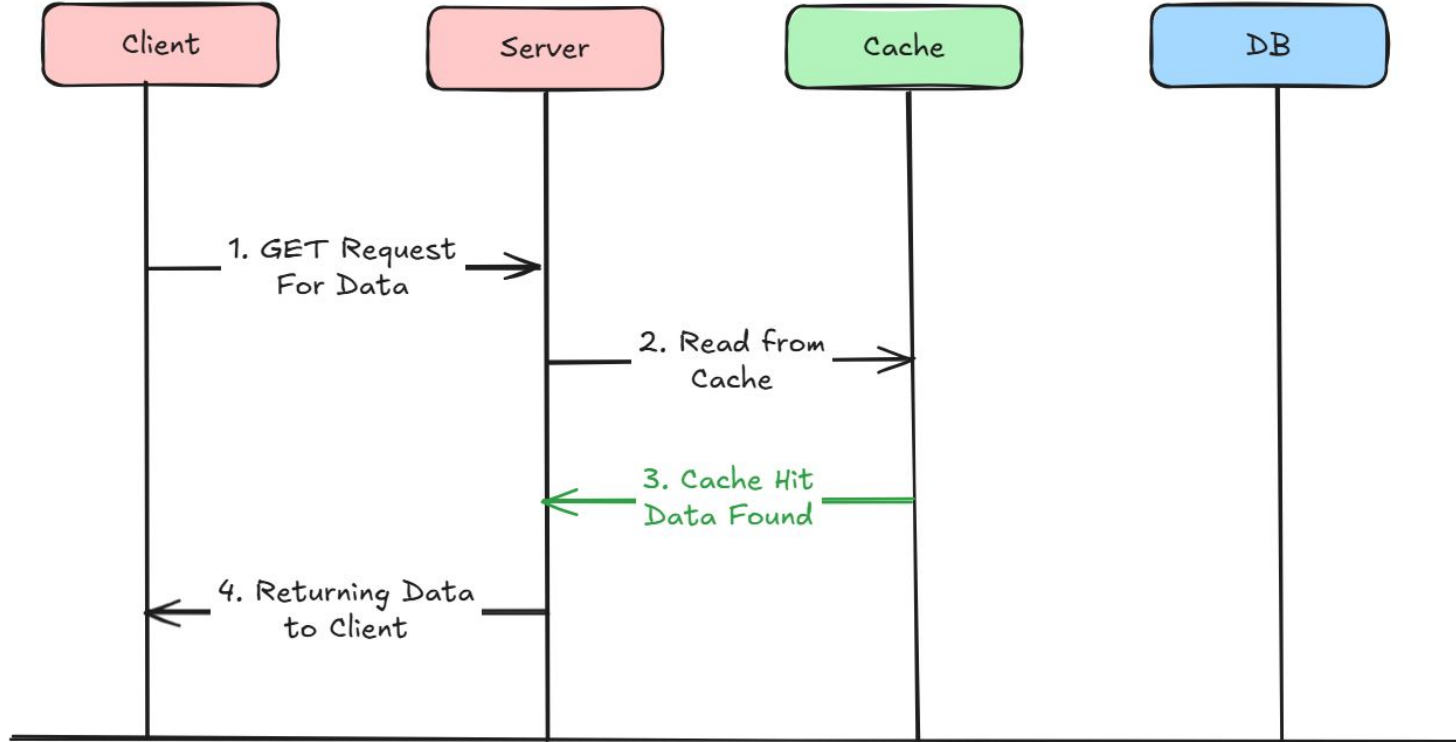
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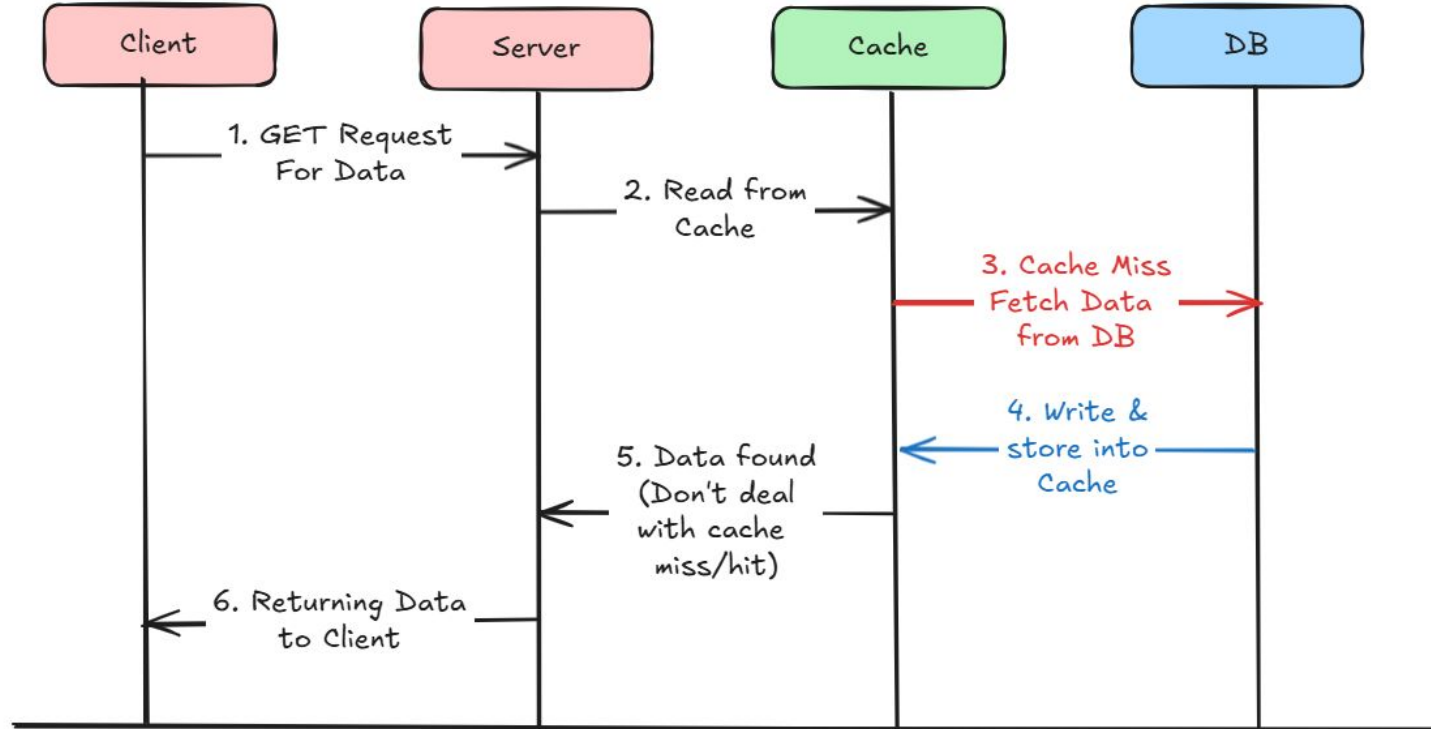
Read Through



What happens in Cache Hit? (Same)



What happens in Cache Miss?



Read Through : Advantages

- ❖ Good Approach for Heavy Read applications
- ❖ Server don't need to worry about whether it is a cache hit or miss
- ❖ Offloads the responsibility from the application, resulting in simpler application code.

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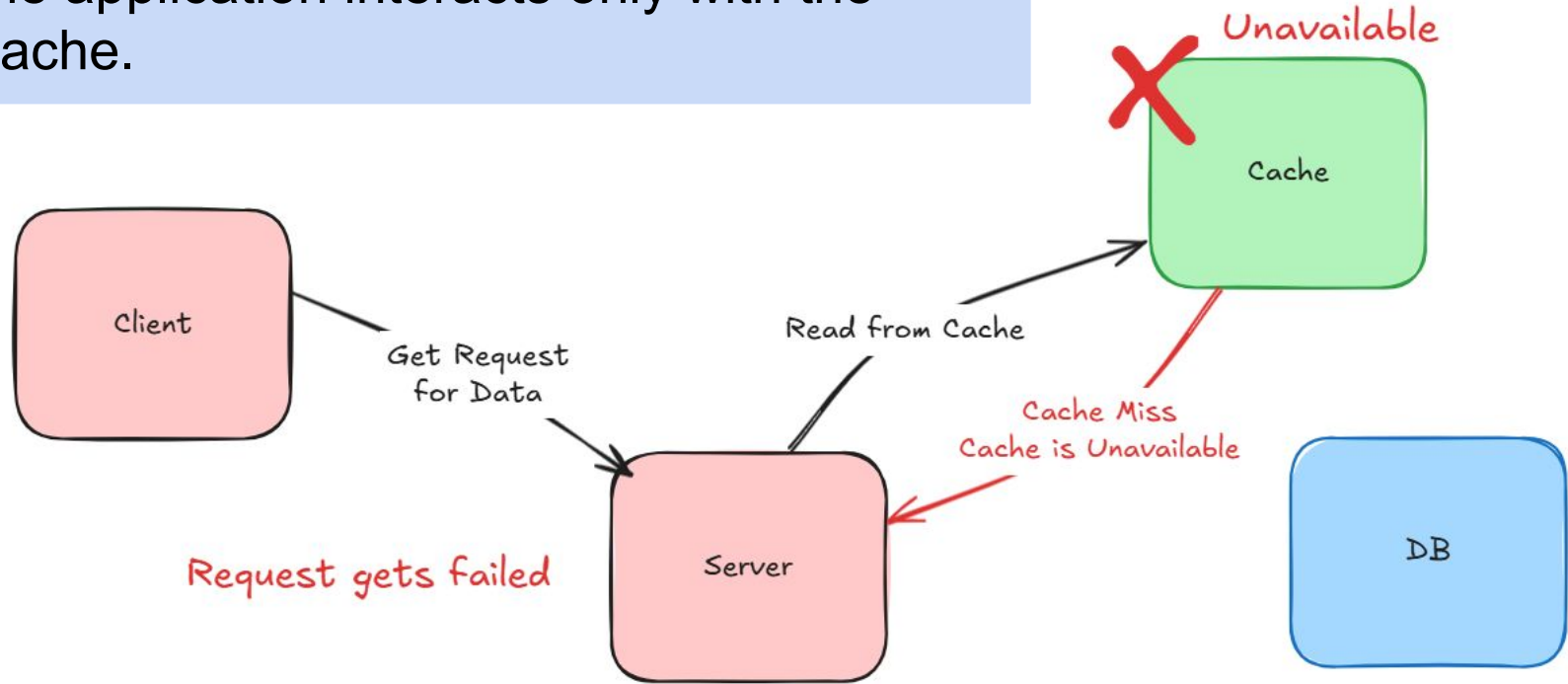
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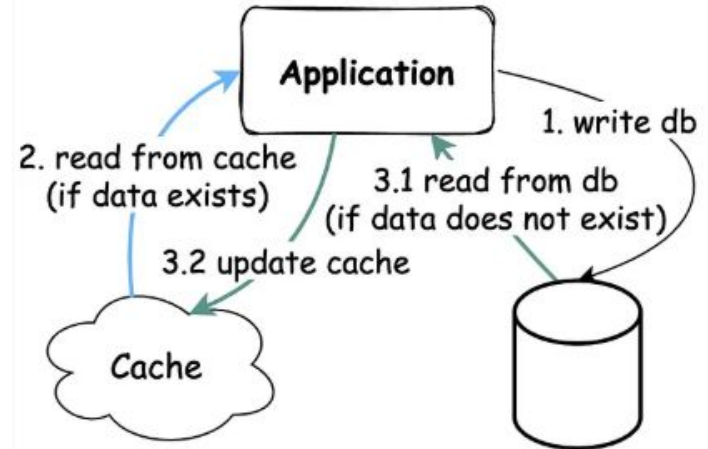
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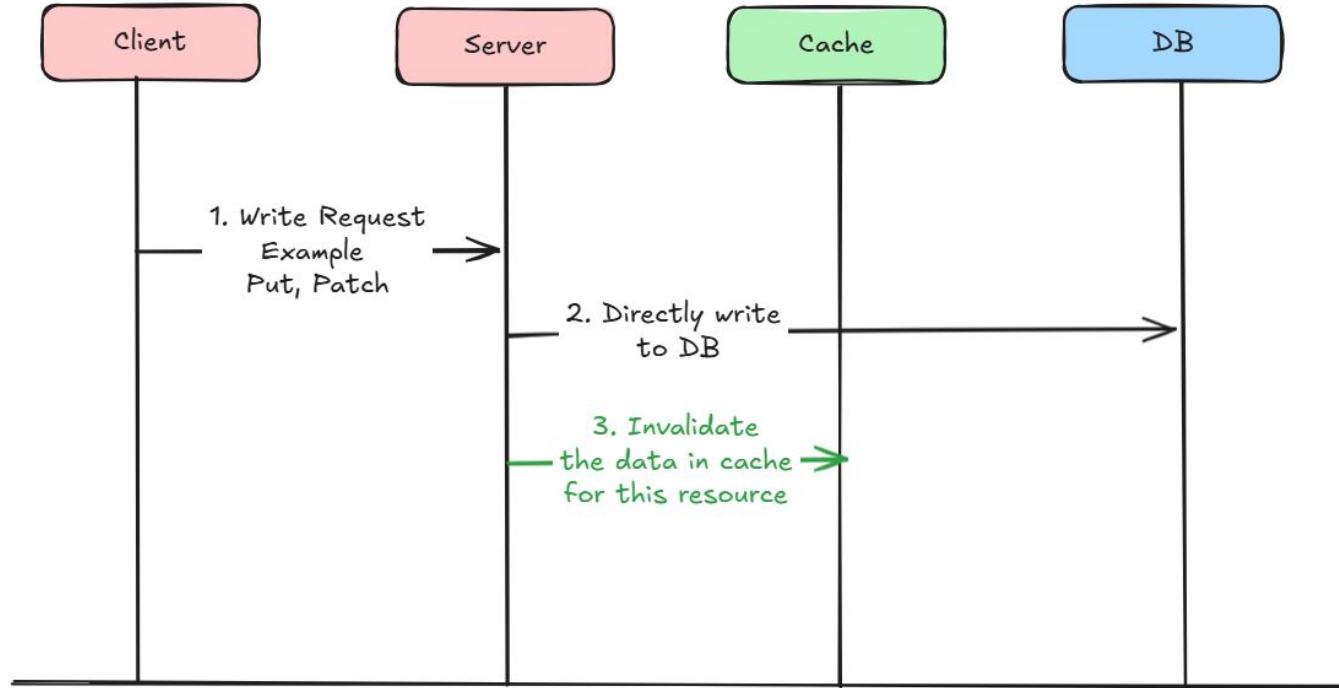
Write Around Strategy

- ❖ Directly writes data into the database
- ❖ For Read : Choose between
 - Cache Aside
 - Read Through

Write Strategy - Write Around



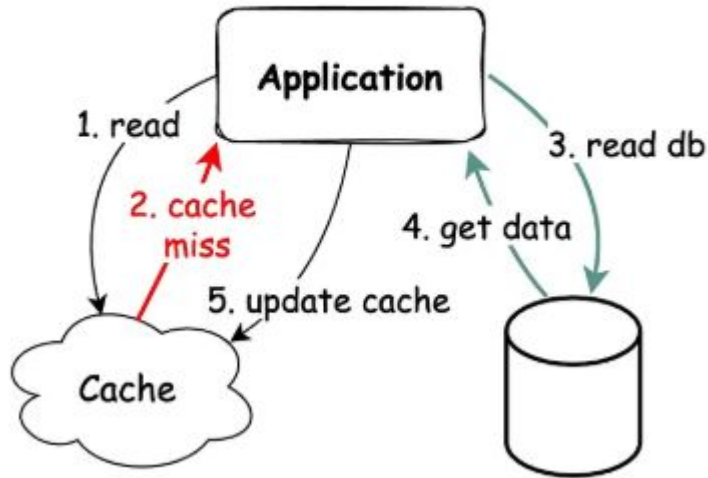
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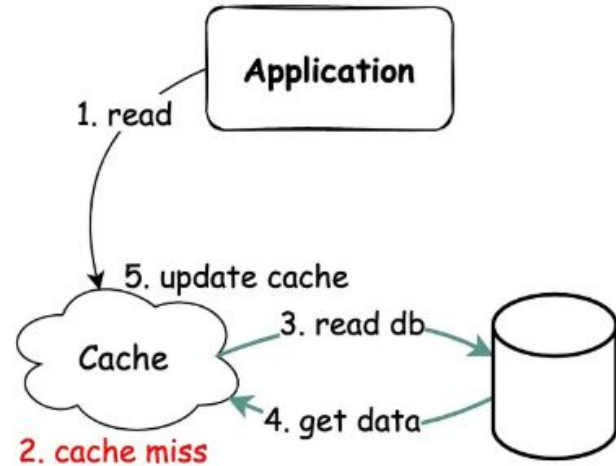
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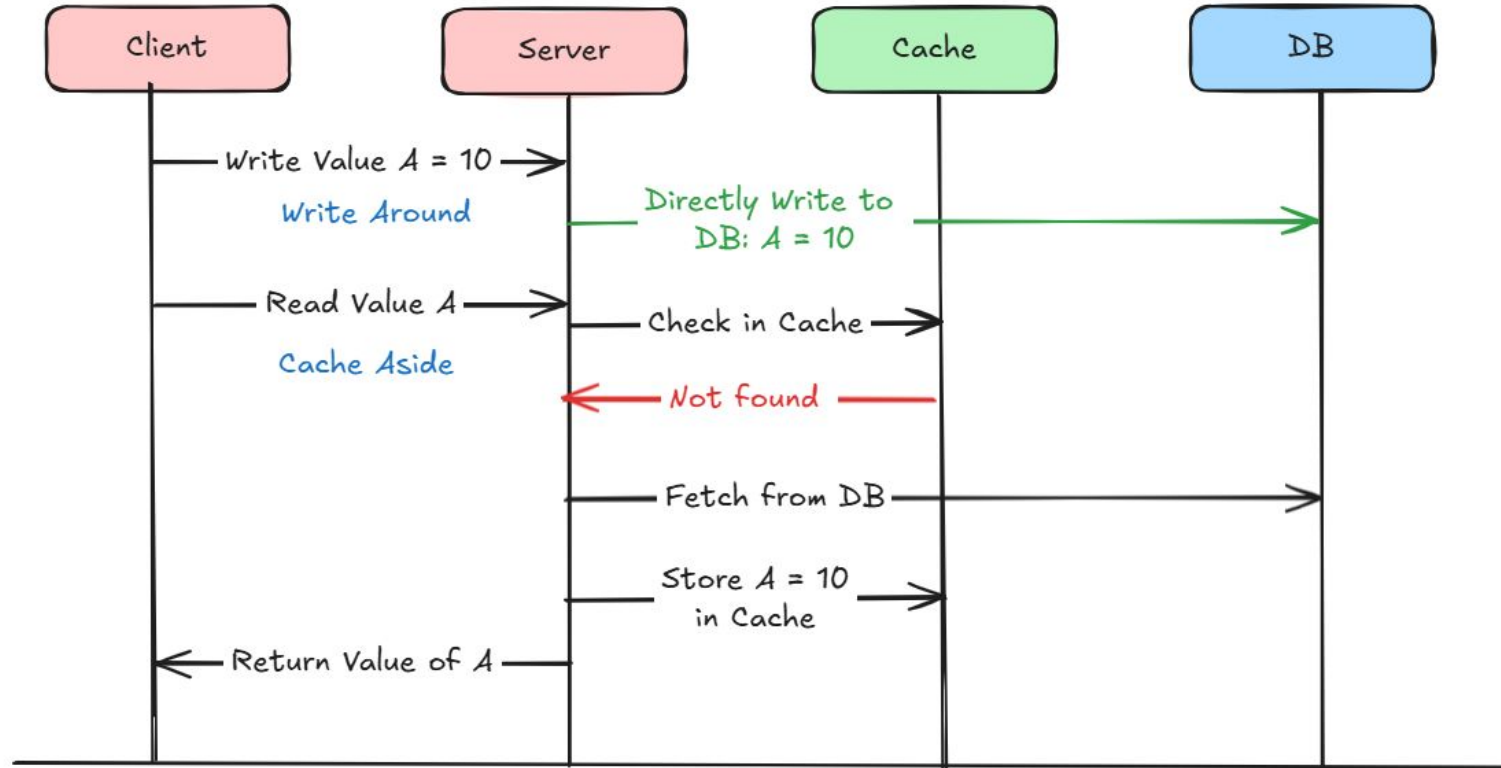
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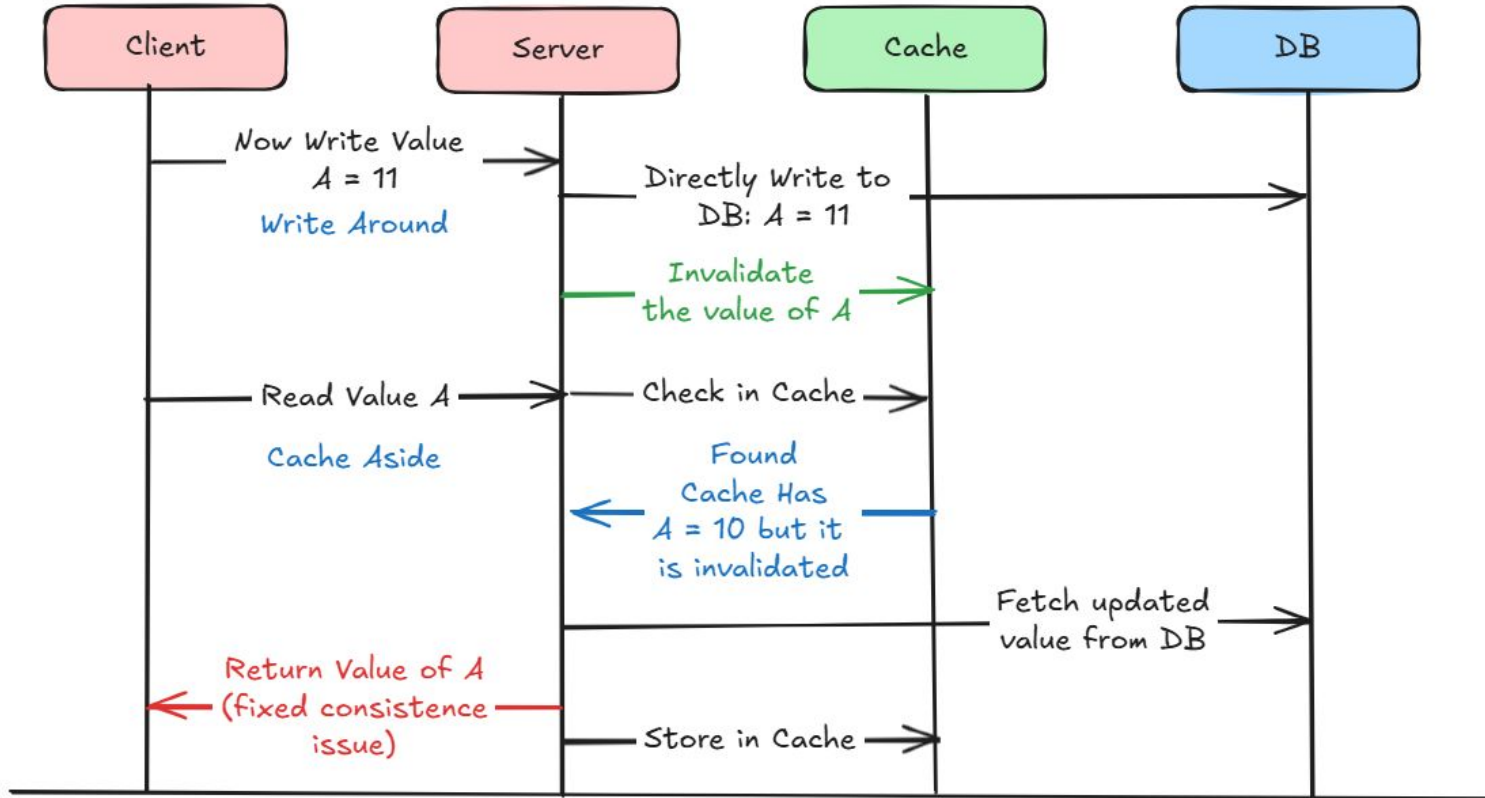
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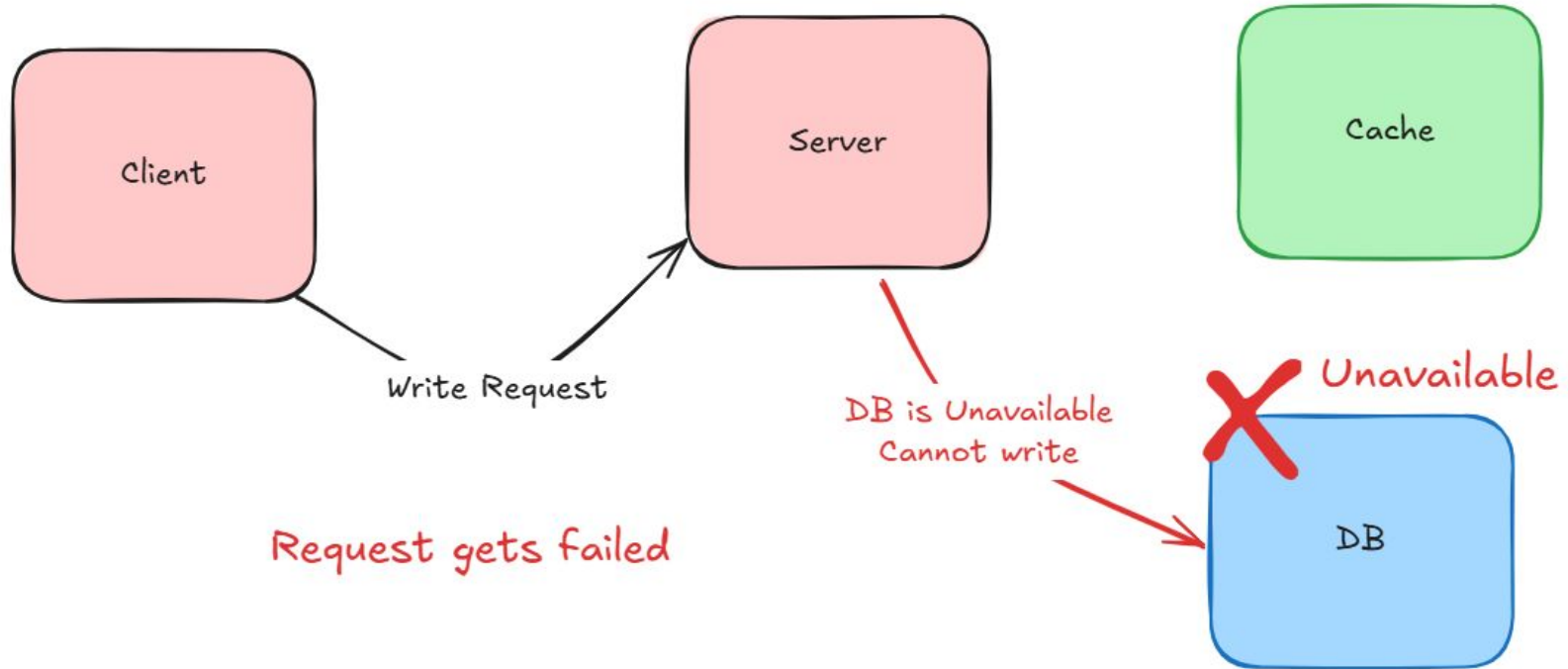
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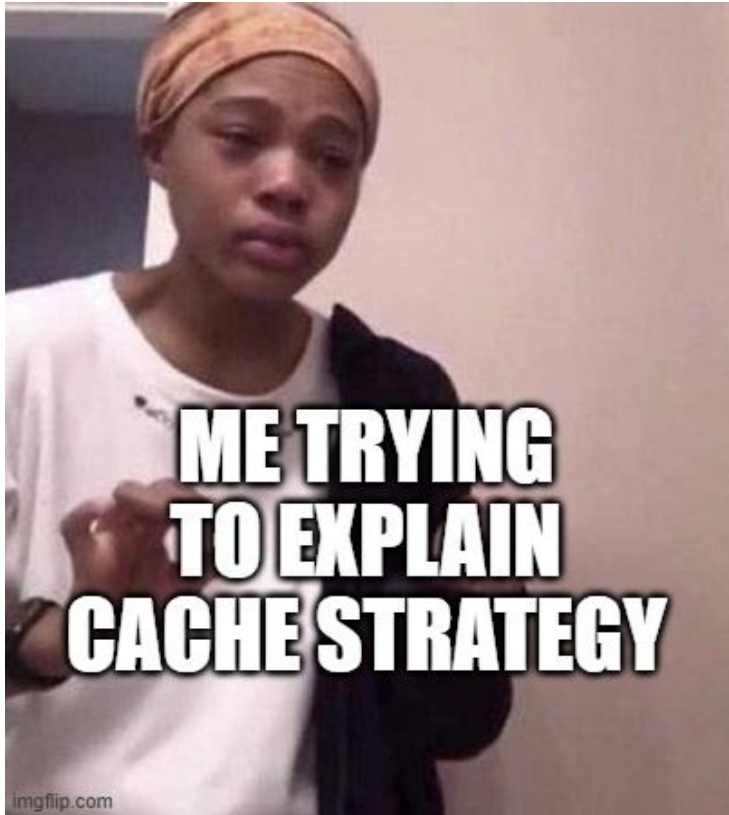
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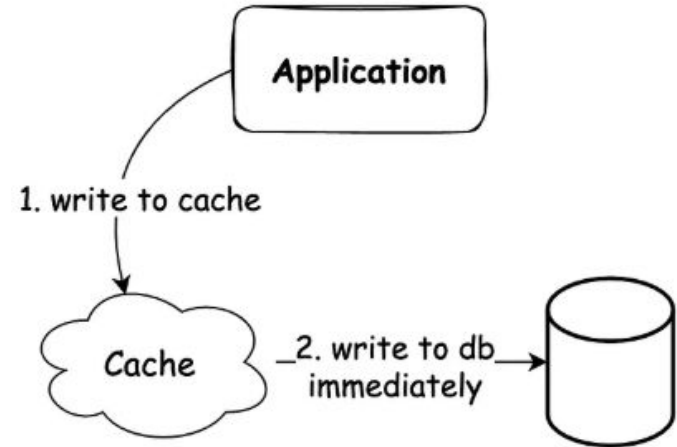
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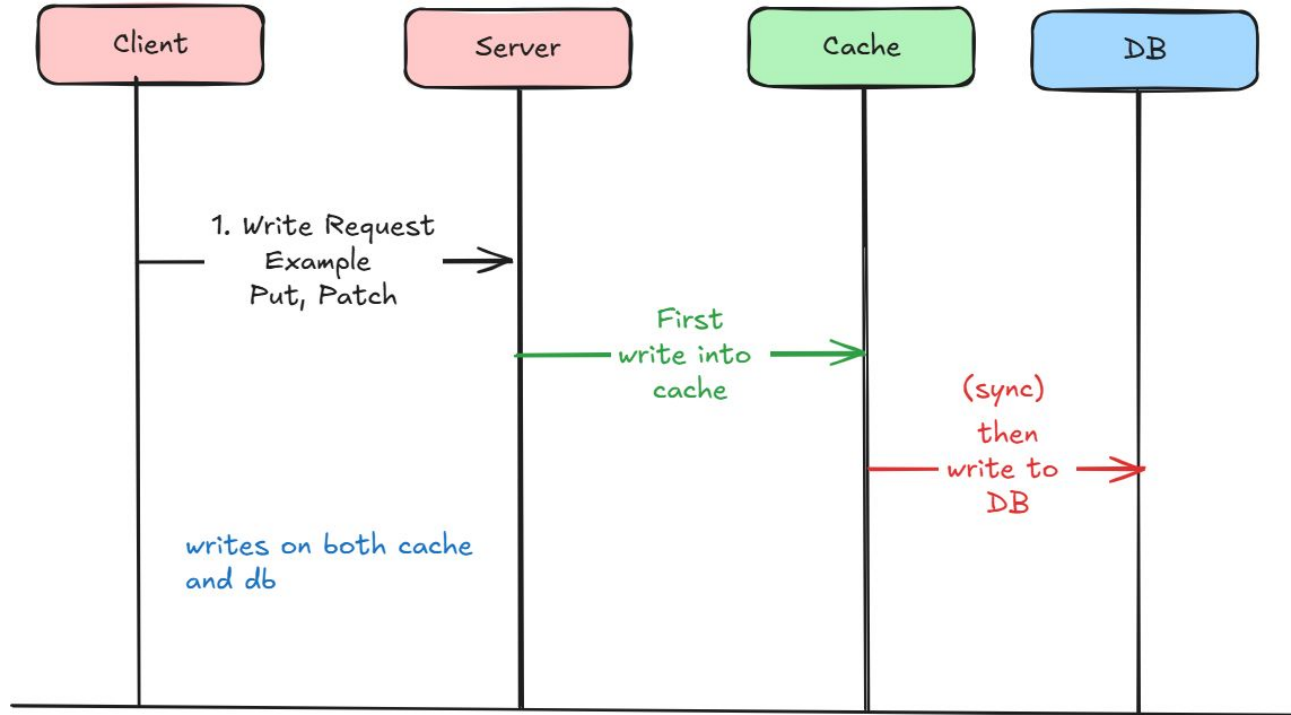
Write Through Strategy

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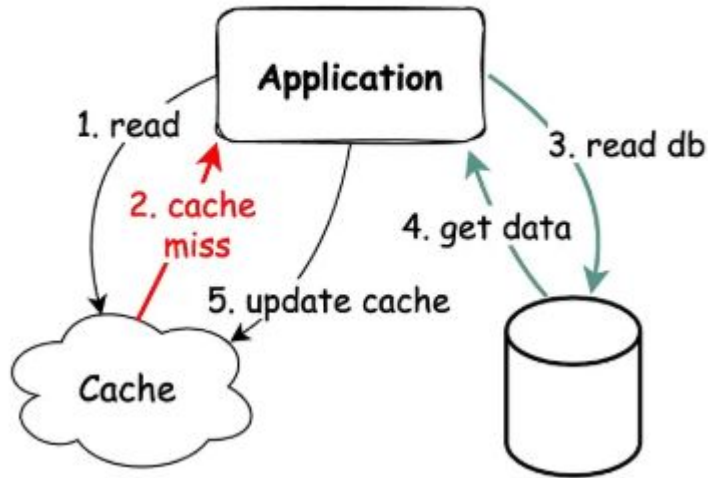
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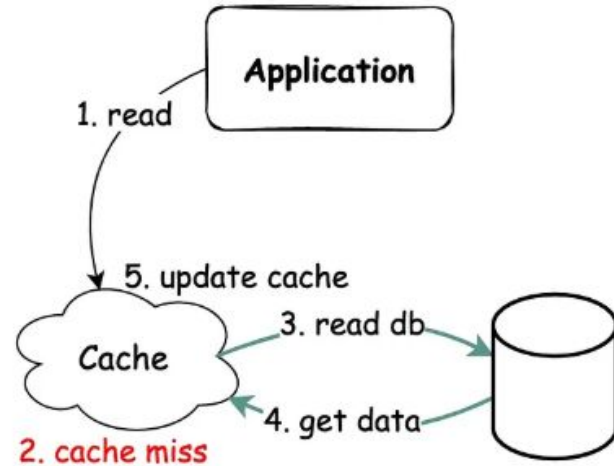
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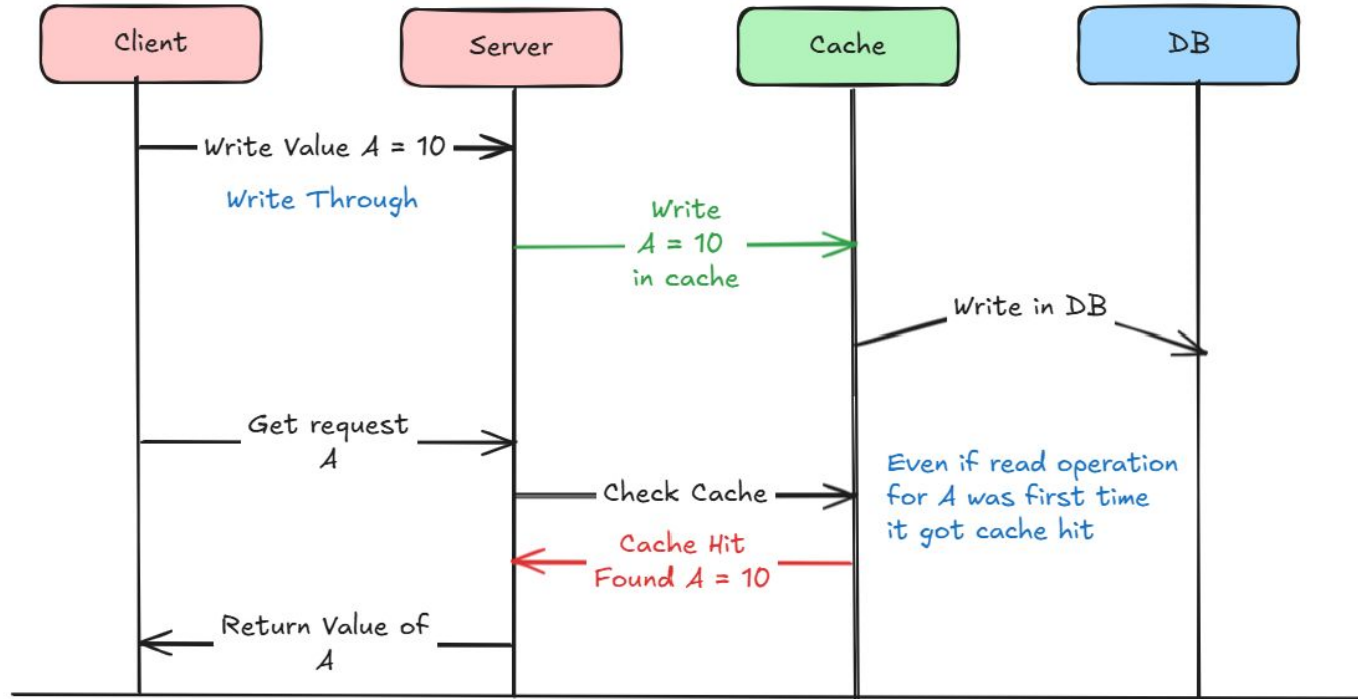


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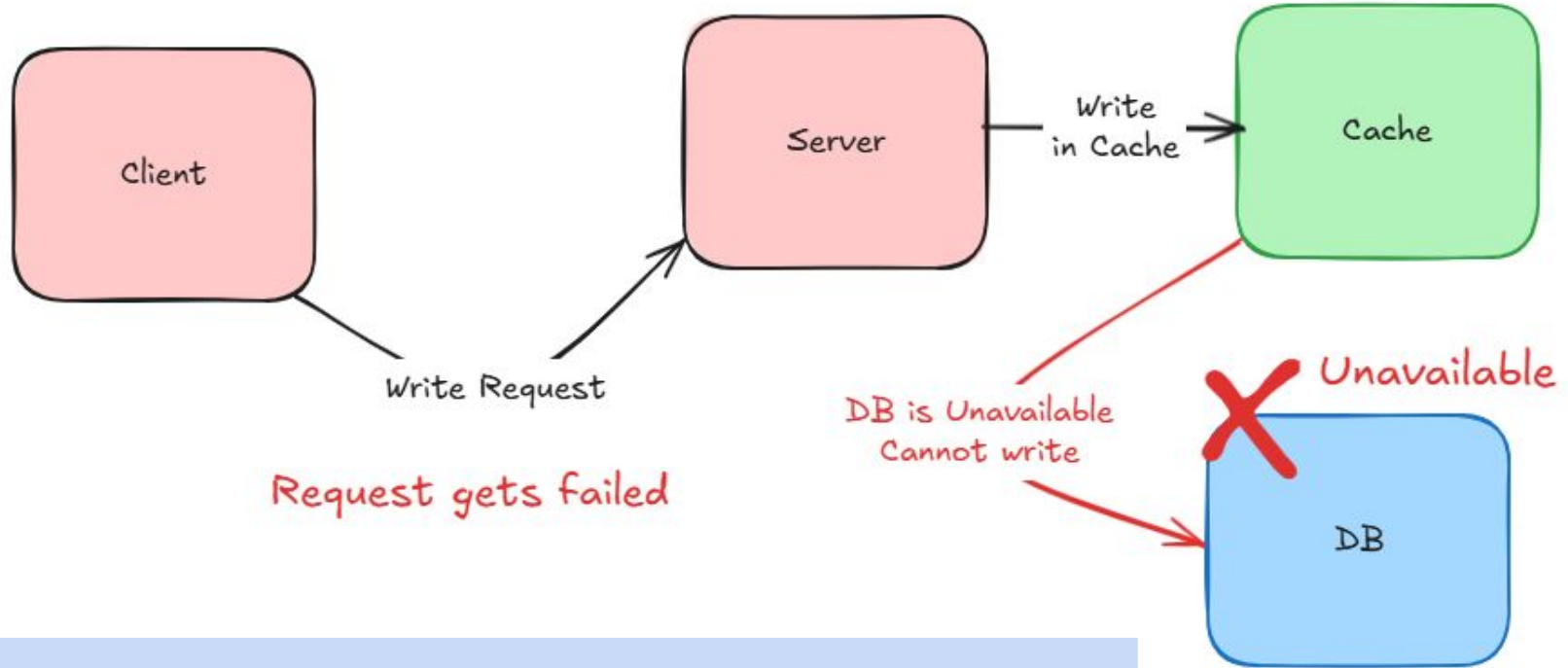
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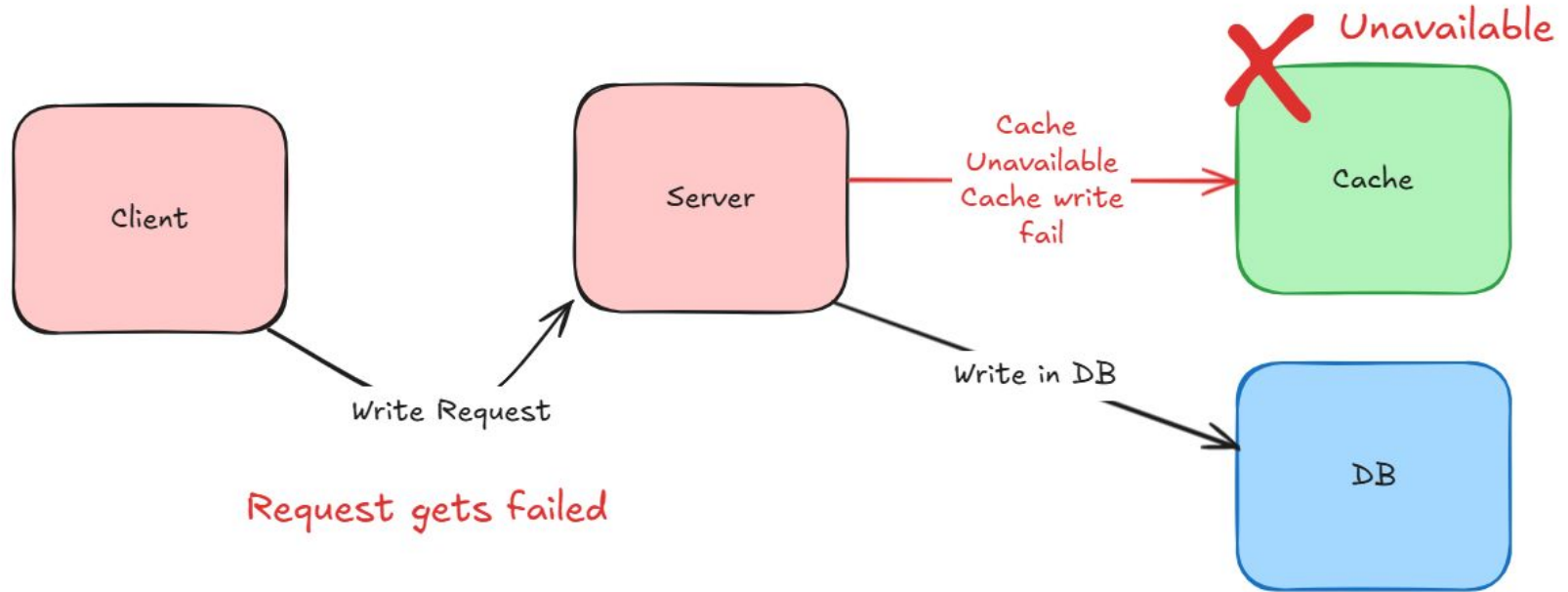


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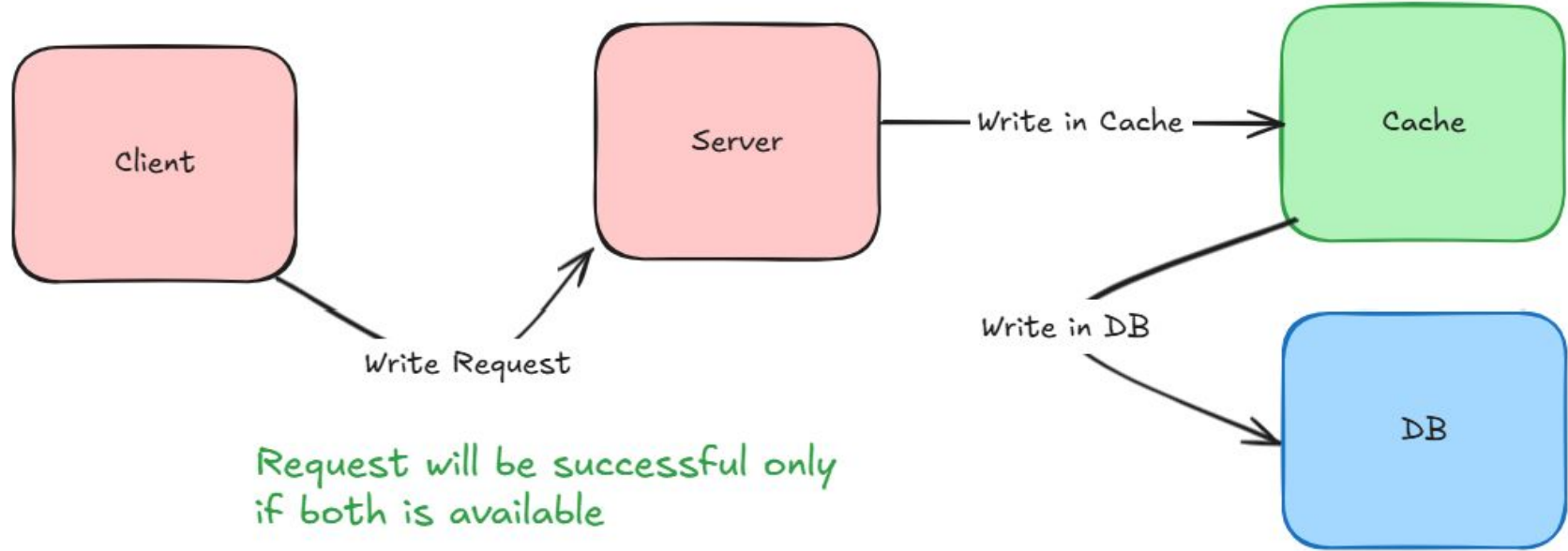
- ❖ If any of DB or Cache is Unavailable, request will fail.
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If DB is down, request for write operation will fail Even if cache is available



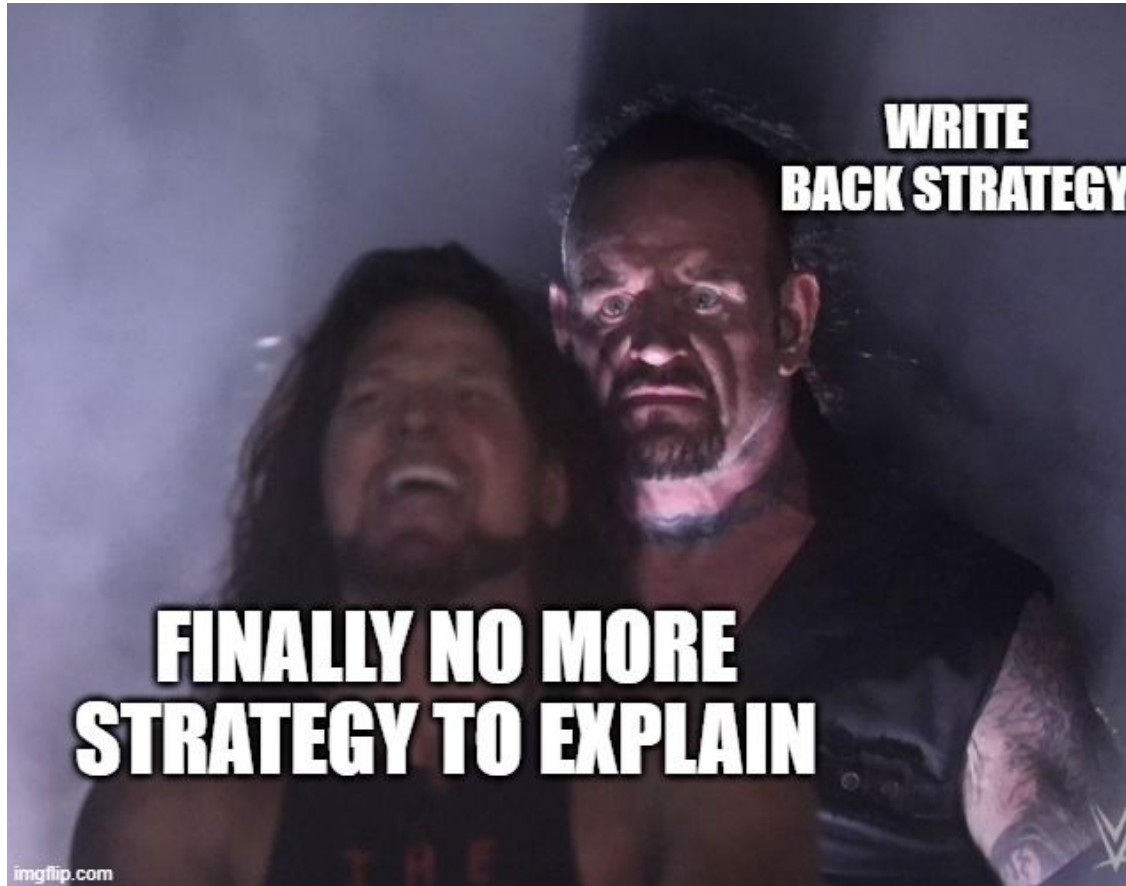
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Both Cache and DB must be available for successful operation

Write in Cache	Write in DB	Action Output
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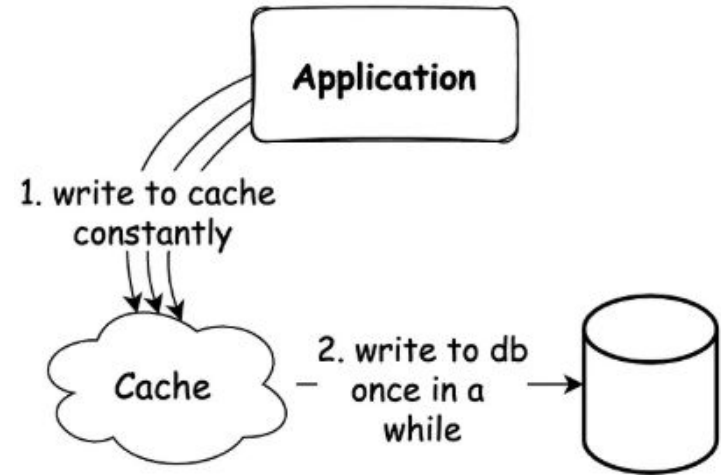
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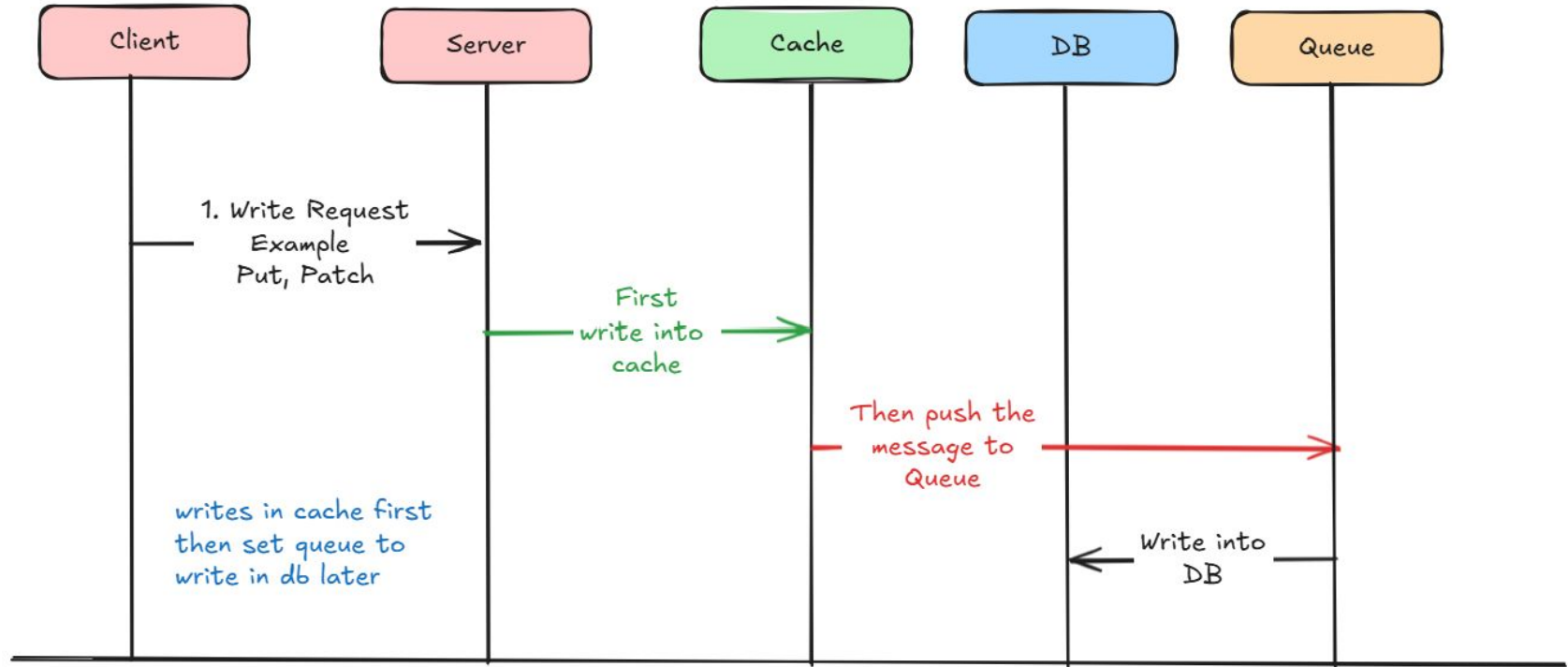
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Write Strategy - Write Back



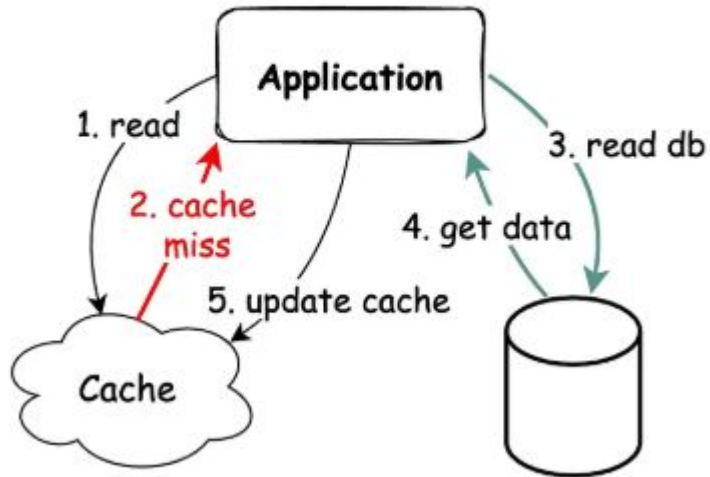
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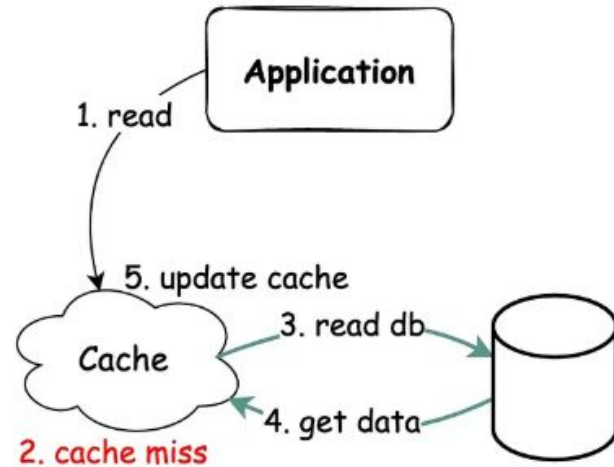
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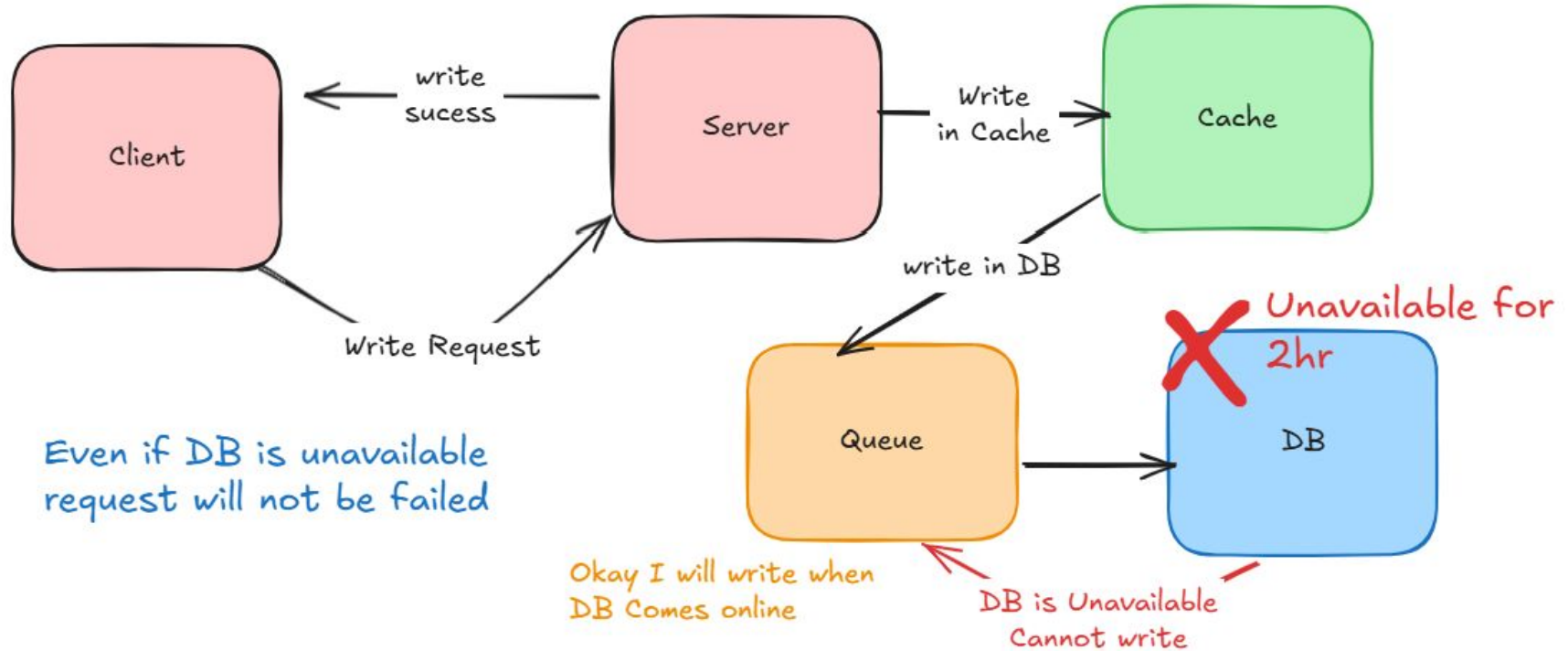
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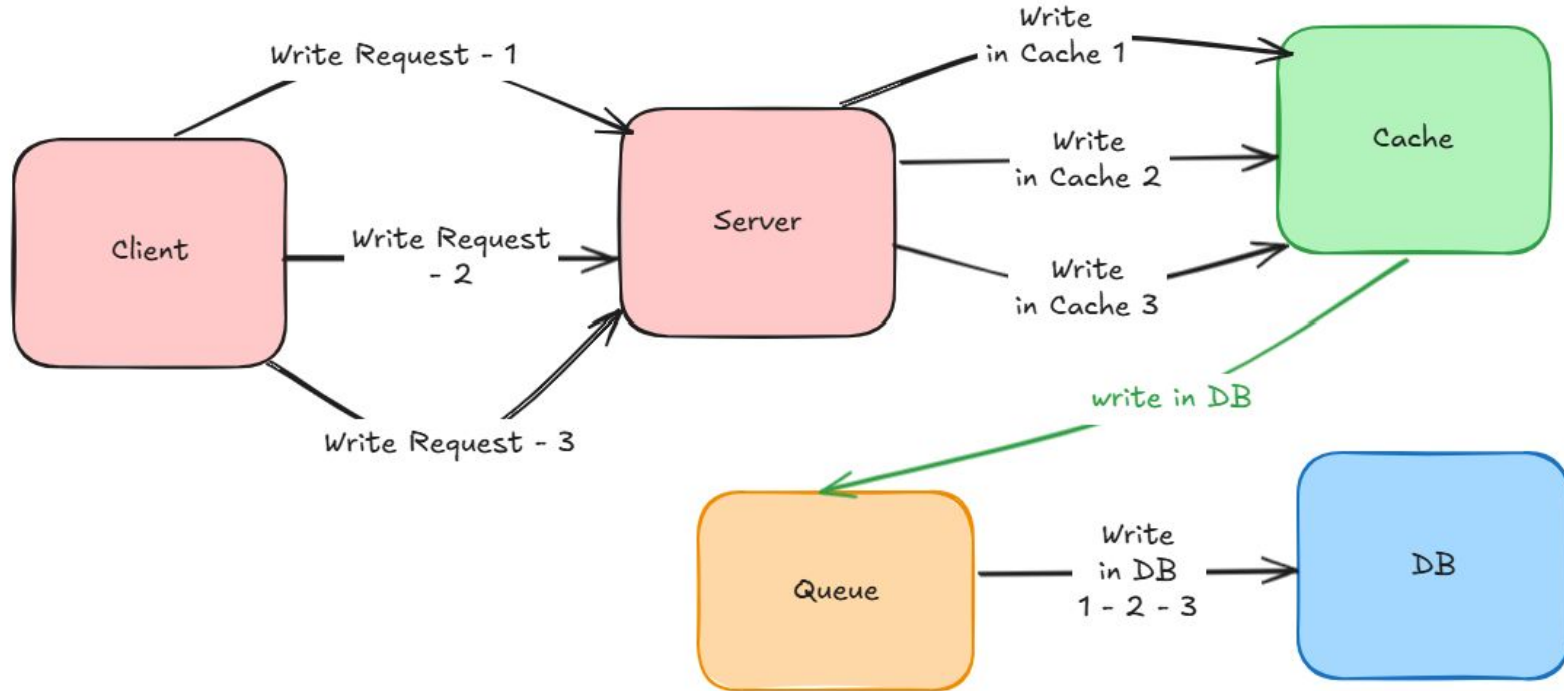
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- ❖ Good for Write Heavy Applications
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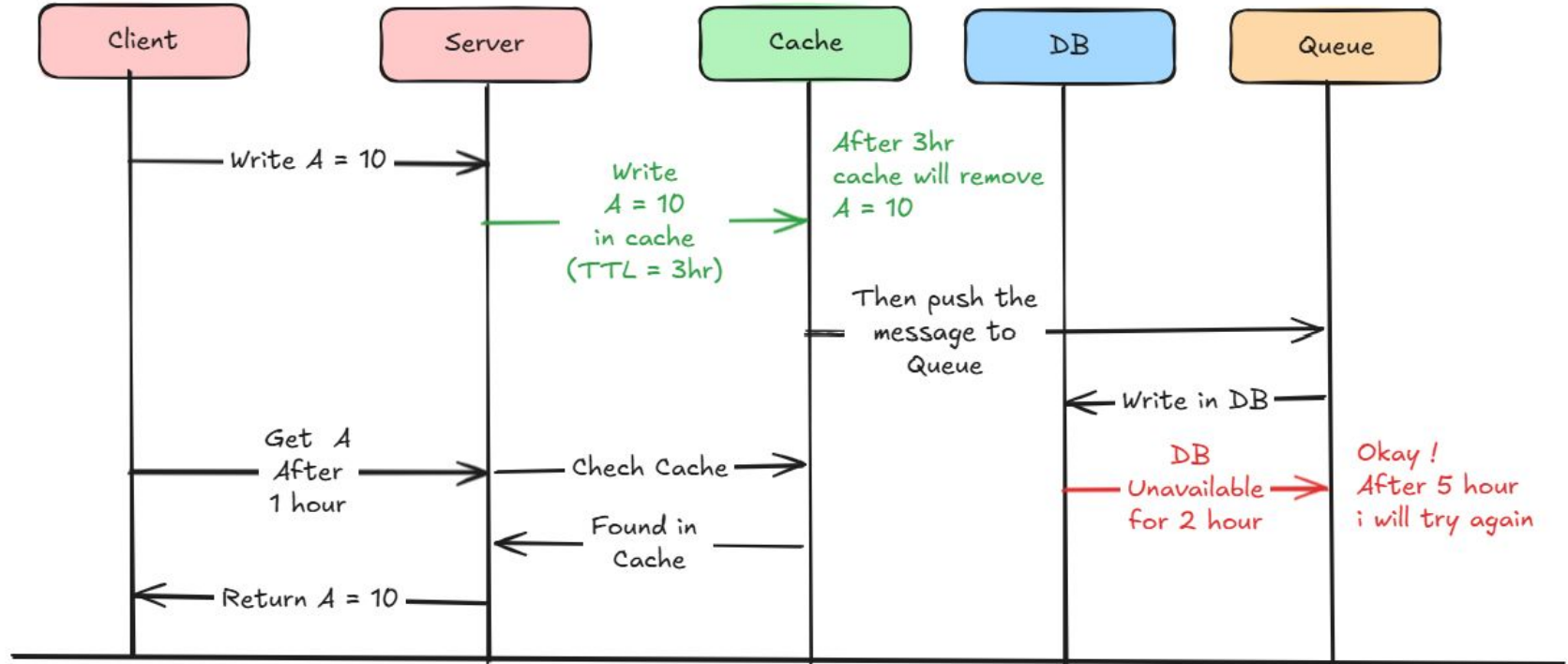


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Write Back : Cons

- ❖ Chance of issues when data is removed from cache and DB write still not happen yet
- ❖ Write-back caching improves performance but risks data loss, complexity, and consistency issues



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