

Simplified data partitioning in a consistent hashing based sharding implementation

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Existing Solution v/s Present Solution

Existing Solution

Operations

Found in the algorithm.

- Creation of virtual shards
- Distributing keys to the virtual shards
- Hash ring implementation
- Allocating the virtual shards to the servers

Procedure

```
function CreateShard (S, V)
     virtual partition size ← key space/V
     cnt \leftarrow 0
     for i = 1 to n do
           for j = 1 to v do
                 LB[i][j] \leftarrow cnt * virtual
            partition size
                 cnt \leftarrow cnt + 1
            end for
      end for
     return LB
end function
```

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\triangleright S[1..n] - Servers in the partitioning topology, V - Number of Virtual Shards
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▷ Calculate size of each virtual partition

 \triangleright LB[1..n][1..v] - Lower Bound for each server

Present Solution

Operations

Found in the algorithm

- Threshold ratio Calculation for every server
- Keyspace division for every server
- Allocation of keyspace to each server

Procedure

```
function CreateShard(S, T, KS)
       T \text{ sum} \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} T_i
       for i = 1 to n do
              key space ratio \leftarrow T_i / T_{sum} \times 100
               shard size ←key space ratio/100× KS
              if i = 1 then
                      LB[i] \leftarrow shard size
               Else
                      LB[i] = LB[i-1] + shard size
               end if
       end for
       return LB
end function
```

- ▷ S-Servers, T-Thresholds, KS-key space size
- ▷ Sum of Thresholds
- ▶ Percentage of key space allocated
- ▶ key space size allocated
- ▷ First shard

Comparison

Data distributed among 8 servers

Servers	Existing Algorithm	New Algorithm
S1	112064	112771
S2	112972	112321
S3	113271	112487
S4	112926	112240
S5	112464	112916
S6	111576	112049
S7	112404	112582
S8	112323	112634

Comparison between the two Algorithms



Conclusion

The paper proposes an alternative to creating and maintaining shards, without the use of virtual shards. The paper also verifies the efficieny of the proposed method, for both creating and maintaining shards, and finds that the proposed method performs satisfactorily and in some cases better than the existing methods that use virtual shards.



Thank You!