Key-value Stores: RiakKV

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Lecture Outline

Key-value stores

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RiakKV

- Data model
- HTTP interface
- CRUD operations
- Links and Link walking
- Data types
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Key-Value Stores

Data model

- Most simple NoSQL database type
 - a simple hash table (mapping)
- Key-value pairs
 - Key. (id, identifier, primary key)
 - Value. binary object, black box for the database system

Query patterns

- Create, update or remove value for a given key
- Get value for a given key

Characteristics

- Simple model ⇒ great performance, easily scaled, ...
- Simple model ⇒ not for complex queries nor complex data

Key Management

How the keys should actually be designed?

- Real-world identifiers
 - E.g. e-mail addresses, login names, ...
- 2 Automatically generated values
 - Auto-increment integers
 - Not suitable in peer-to-peer architectures!
 - Complex keys
 - Multiple components/combinations of time stamps, cluster node identifiers, ...
 - Used in practice
- Prefixes describing entity types are often used as well
 - E.g. movie zombieland, movie inception, ...

Query Patterns

Basic CRUD operations

- Only when a key is provided
- Knowledge of the keys is essential
 - It might even be difficult for a particular database system to provide a list of all the available keys!

Accessing the contents of the value part is not possible in general

- But we could instruct the database how to parse the values
- ... so that we can index them based on certain search criteria

Batch/sequential processing

MapReduce

Other Functionality

Expiration of key-value pairs

- Objects are automatically removed from the database after a certain interval of time
- Useful for user sessions, shopping carts etc.

Links between key-value pairs

- Values can be mutually interconnected via links
- These links can be traversed when querying

Collections of values

 Not only ordinary values can be stored, but also their collections (e.g. ordered lists, unordered sets, ...)

Particular functionality always depends on the store we use!

RiakKV Key-value store

Features

- Open source, incremental scalability, high availability, operational simplicity, decentralized design, automatic data distribution, advanced replication, fault tolerance, ...
- http://basho.com/products/riak-kv/
- Developed by Basho Technologies
- Implemented in Erlang
 - General-purpose, concurrent, garbage-collected programming language and runtime system
- Operating system: Linux, Mac OS X, ... (not Windows)
- Initial release in 2009

Data Model

Riak database system structure

Instance (\rightarrow bucket types) \rightarrow buckets \rightarrow objects

- 1 Bucket = collection of objects (logical, not physical collection)
 - Various properties are set at the level of buckets
 - E.g. default replication factor, read/write quora, ...
- 2 Object = key-value pair
 - Key is a Unicode string
 - Unique within a bucket
 - Value can be anything (text, binary object, image, ...)
 - Each object is also associated with metadata
 - E.g. its content type (text/plain, image/jpeg, ...),
 - and other internal metadata as well

Data Model: Design Questions

How buckets and objects should be modeled?

- Buckets with objects of a single entity type
 - E.g. one bucket for actors, one for movies, each actor and movie has its own object
- 2 Buckets with objects of various entity types
 - E.g. one bucket for both actors and movies, each actor and movie has its own object once again
 - Structured keys might then help
 - E.g. actor_trojan, movie_medvidek
- 3 Buckets with complex objects containing various data
 - E.g. one object for all the actors, one for all the movies

Riak Usage: Querying

Basic CRUD operations

- Create, Read, Update, and Delete
- Based on a key look-up

Extended functionality

- Links relationships between objects and their traversal
- Search 2.0 full-text queries accessing values of objects
- MapReduce
- ...

Riak Usage: API

Application interfaces

- 1 HTTP API
 - All the user requests are submitted as HTTP requests with appropriately selected/constructed methods, URLs, headers, and data
- 2 Protocol Buffers API
- 3 Erlang API
 - Client libraries for a variety of programming languages
- 4 Official. Java, Ruby, Python, C#, PHP, ...
- **5 Community.** C, C++, Haskell, Perl, Python, Scala, ...

Riak Usage: HTTP API

cURL tool

 Allows to transfer data from/to a server using HTTP (or other supported protocols)

Options

- 1 -X command, -request command
 - HTTP request method to be used (GET, ...)
- 2 -d data, –data data
 - Data to be sent to the server (implies the POST method)
- 3 -H header, -header header
 - Extra headers to be included when sending the request
- 4 -i, -include
 - Prints both headers and (not just) body of a response

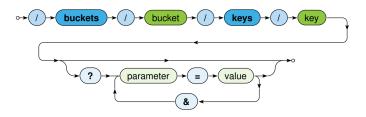
CRUD Operations

Basic operations on objects

- 1 Create: POST or PUT methods
 - Inserts a key-value pair into a given bucket
 - Key is specified manually, or will be generated automatically
- 2 Read: GET method
 - Retrieves a key-value pair from a given bucket
- Update: PUT method
 - Updates a key-value pair in a given bucket
- 4 Delete: DELETE method
 - Removes a key-value pair from a given bucket

CRUD Operations

URL pattern of HTTP requests for all the CRUD operations



Optional parameters (depending on the operation)

• r, w: read/write quorum to be attained

o ...

CRUD Operations: Create and Update

Inserts/updates a key-value pair in a given bucket

- 1 PUT method
 - Should be used when a key is specified explicitly
 - Transparently inserts/updates (replaces) a given object

POST method

- When a key is to be generated automatically
- Always inserts a new object

Buckets are created transparently whenever needed

Example

```
curl -i -X PUT
-H 'Content-Type: text/plain'
-d 'Woody Herrelson, 1964'
thtp://localhost:8098/buckets/actors/keys/herrelson
```

CRUD Operations: Read

Retrieves a key-value pair from a given bucket

Method: GET

Example

Request

```
1 curl -i -X GET
2 http://localhost:8098/buckets/actors/keys/herrelson
```

Response

```
L ...
2 Content-Type: text/plain
3 ...
```

```
Woody Herrelson, 1964
```

CRUD Operations: Delete

Removes a key-value pair from a given bucket

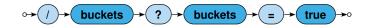
- Method: DELETE
- If a given object does not exist, it does not matter

Example

```
curl -i -X DELETE
http://localhost:8098/buckets/actors/keys/herrelson
```

Bucket Operations

Lists all the buckets (buckets with at least one object)



```
1    curl -i -X GET http://localhost:8098/buckets?buckets=true
1    Content-Type: application/json
1    {
        "buckets" : [ "actors", "movies" ]
3    }
```

Bucket Operations

Lists all the keys within a given bucket

 Not recommended to be used in production environments since it is a expensive operation



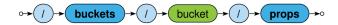
Bucket Operations

Setting and retrieval of bucket properties

- Properties
 - n_val: replication factor
 - r, w, ...: read/write quora and their alternatives
 - o ...

Requests

• **GET/PUT method:** retrieve/set bucket properties



Example

```
1 {
2  "props" : { "n_val" : 3, "w" : "all", "r" : 1 }
3  }
```

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Riak Python client: Prerequisites

Install and use docker

 https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/ how-to-install-and-use-docker-on-ubuntu-18-04

Riak quick start with docker

https://riak.com/posts/technical/riak-quick-start-with-docker/index.html

Riak python client dependencies

- 1 python-dev Header files and a static library for Python
- 2 libffi-dev Foreign function interface library
- 3 libssl-dev libssl and libcrypto development libraries

```
1 sudo apt-get install python-dev libffi-dev libssl-dev
```

Riak Python client: Client Setup

Using easy_install

```
1 easy_install riak
```

2 Using pip

```
1 pip install riak
```

3 From source

```
1 python setup.py install
```

Connecting to Riak

Start with

```
1 import riak
```

Create a new client instance

```
1 myClient = riak.RiakClient(pb_port=8087, protocol='pbc')
```

Creating Objects In Riak

Create a bucket

```
1 myBucket = myClient.bucket('test')
```

Insert a few objects

1 Integer 1 with the lookup key of one

```
1 val1 = 1
2 key1 = myBucket.new('one', data=val1)
3 key1.store()
```

2 String value of two with a matching key

```
1  val2 = "two"
2  key2 = myBucket.new('two', data=val2)
3  key2.store()
```

3 Bit of JSON

```
val3 = {"myValue": 3}
key3 = myBucket.new('three', data=val3)
key3.store()
```

Reading Objects From Riak

Request the objects by key

```
1  fetched1 = myBucket.get('one')
2  fetched2 = myBucket.get('two')
3  fetched3 = myBucket.get('three')
4
5  assert val1 == fetched1.data
6  assert val2 == fetched2.data
7  assert val3 == fetched3.data
```

Updating Objects In Riak

Update the value of myValue in the 3rd example to 42.

```
1  fetched3.data["myValue"] = 42
2  fetched3.store()
```

Deleting Objects From Riak

Delete fetched objects

```
1  fetched1.delete()
2  fetched2.delete()
3  fetched3.delete()
```

Verify that the objects have been removed from Riak.

```
1 assert myBucket.get('three').exists == False
```

Working With Complex Objects

Object that encapsulates some knowledge about a book.

```
book = {
'isbn': "1111979723",
'title': "Moby Dick",
'author': "Herman Melville",
'body': "Call me Ishmael. Some years ago...",
'copies_owned': 3
}
```

Storing this to Riak:

```
booksBucket = myClient.bucket('books')
newBook = booksBucket.new(book['isbn'], data=book)
newBook.store()
```

How does the Python Riak client encode/decode the object?

Working With Complex Objects

Fetch our book back and print the raw encoded data, we shall know:

```
1 fetchedBook = booksBucket.get(book['isbn'])
2 print(fetchedBook.encoded_data)
```

JSON! The Riak Python client library encodes things as JSON when it can.

```
1 {"body": "Call me Ishmael. Some years ago...",
2 "author": "Herman Melville", "isbn": "1111979723",
3 "copies_owned": 3, "title": "Moby Dick"}
```

To get a deserialized object back use:

```
1 print(fetchedBook.data)
```

Finally, clean up:

```
1 fetchedBook.delete()
```

Examples

Store that object in the key rufus in the bucket dogs, which bears the animals bucket type:

```
bucket = client.bucket_type('animals').bucket('dogs')
bj = RiakObject(client, bucket, 'rufus')

obj.content_type = 'text/plain'

obj.data = 'WOOF!'

obj.store()
```

Store an object under the key viper in the bucket dodge, which bears the type cars, with w set to 3:

```
bucket = client.bucket_type('cars').bucket('dodge')
obj = RiakObject(client, bucket, 'viper')
obj.content_type = 'text/plain'
obj.data = 'vroom'
obj.store(w=3, return_body=True)
```

Examples

Store an object in the bucket random_user_keys, which bears the bucket type users:

```
1    bucket = client.bucket_type('users').bucket('random_user_keys')
2    obj = RiakObject(client, bucket)
3    obj.content_type = 'application/json'
4    obj.data = '{"user":"data"}'
5    obj.store()
6    
7    obj.key
```

Attempt a read with r set to 3:

```
1 | bucket = client.bucket_type('animals').bucket('dogs')
2 | obj = bucket.get('rufus', r=3)
3 | print obj.data
```

Examples

Read the object stored there and modify the value:

```
bucket = client.bucket_type('sports').bucket('nba')
bij = bucket.get('champion')
bij.data = 'Harlem Globetrotters'
```

Delete the genius key from the oscar_wilde bucket bearing the type quotes:

```
1 | bucket = client.bucket_type('quotes').bucket('oscar_wilde')
2 | bucket.delete('genius')
```

For all writes to Riak, specify a content type, e.g. text/plain or application/json (default):

```
bucket = client.bucket_type('quotes').bucket('oscar_wilde')
busket = client.bucket, 'genius')

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```

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Links and Link Walking

Links. are metadata that establish **one-way** relationships between pairs of objects

- Act as lightweight pointers between individual key-value pairs
- I.e. represent and extension to the pure key-value data model

Each link...

- is defined within the source object
- is associated with a tag (sort of link type)
- can be traversed in a given direction only
- may connect objects even from different buckets

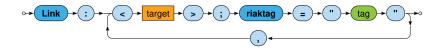
Multiple links can lead from/to a given object

Link walking. New way of querying – navigation between objects using links

Links

How are links defined?

- Special Link header is used for this purpose
- 2 Multiple link headers can be provided, or equivalently multiple links within one header

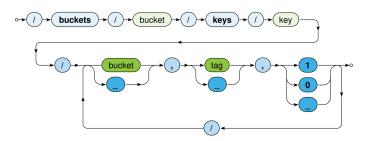


Example

```
1    curl -i -X PUT
2    -H 'Content-Type: text/plain'
3    -H 'Link: </buckets/actors/keys/herrelson>; riaktag="tactor"'
4    -H 'Link: </buckets/actors/keys/eisenberg>; riaktag="tactor"'
5    -d 'Zombieland, 2007'
6    http://localhost:8098/buckets/movies/keys/zombieland
```

How can links be traversed?

- Standard GET requests with link traversal description
 - Exactly one object where the traversal is initiated
 - Single or multiple navigational steps then follow



Parameters of navigation steps

- 1 Bucket
 - Only objects from a certain target bucket are selected
 - when not limited to any particular bucket
- 2 Tag
 - Only links of a given tag are considered
 - when not limited to any particular tag
- 3 Keep
 - 1 when the discovered objects should be included in the result
 - 0 otherwise
 - _ means 1 for the very last step, 0 for all the other preceding

Examples.

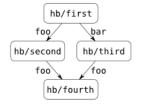
Actors who played in Zombieland movie

```
curl -i -X GET
http://localhost:8098/buckets/movies/keys/zombieland
/actors,tactor,1
```

 Movies in which appeared actors from Zombieland movie (assuming that the corresponding actor ⇒ movie links also exist)

```
1 curl -i -X GET
2 http://localhost:8098/buckets/movies/keys/zombieland
3 /actors,tactor,0/movies,tmovie,1
```

Example. Consider



```
1 curl http://localhost:8098/riak/hb/first/_,_,_
1 curl http://localhost:8098/riak/hb/first/_,foo,_
1 curl http://localhost:8098/riak/hb/first/_,_,_/_,_
```

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Data Types: Motivation

Riak began as a pure key-value store

• I.e. was completely agnostic toward the contents of values

If availability is preferred to consistency,

- mutually conflicting replicas might exist
- such conflicts can be resolved at the application level,
- but this is often (only too) difficult for the developers

Thus, concept of Riak Data Types was introduced

- When used (it is not compulsory),
- Riak is able to resolve conflicts automatically

Data Types

Convergent Replicated Data Types (CRDT)

- Generic concept
- Various types for several common scenarios
- Specific conflict resolution rules

Available data types

- 1 Register, flag
 - Can only be used embedded in maps
- 2 Counter, set, and map
 - Can be used embedded in maps
 - as well as directly at the bucket level

Data Types

Register

- Allows to store any binary value (e.g. string, ...)
- Convergence rule: the most chronologically recent value wins

Flag

- Boolean values: enable (true), and disable (false)
- Convergence rule: enable wins over disable

Counter

- Operations: increment/decrement by a given integer value
- Convergence rule: all requested increments and decrements are eventually applied

Data Types

Set

- Collection of unique binary values
- Operations: addition/removal of one/multiple elements
- Convergence rule: addition wins over removal of elements

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- Collection of fields with embedded elements of any data type (including other nested maps)
- Operations: addition/removal of an element
- Convergence rule: addition/update wins over removal

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Search 2.0

Riak Search 2.0 (Yokozuna)

- Full-text search over object values
- Harnesses Apache Solr
 - Distributed, scalable, failure tolerant, real-time search platform

How does it work?

- 1 Indexation
 - Riak object ⇒ (extractor) ⇒ Solr document ⇒ (schema) ⇒ Solr index
- 2 Querying
 - Riak search query ⇒ Solr search query ⇒ Solr response: list of bucket-key pairs ⇒ Riak response: list of objects

Extractor

- Parses the object value and produces fields to be indexed
- Chosen automatically based on a MIME type

Available extractors

- 1 Common predefined extractors
 - Plain text, XML, JSON, noop (unknown content type)
- 2 Built-in extractors for Riak Data Types
 - Counter, map, set
- 3 User-defined custom extractors
 - Implemented in Erlang, registered with Riak

Plain text extractor (text/plain)

Single field with the whole content is extracted

Example

Input Riak object

```
1 Woody Herrelson, 1964
```

Output Solr document

```
1  [
2  { text, <<"Woody Herrelson, 1964">> }
3  ]
```

XML extractor (text/xml, application/xml)

- One field is created for each element and attribute
- Dot notation is used to compose names of nested items

Example

Input Riak object

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
2 <actor year="1964">
3 <name>Woody Herrelson</name>
4 <actor>
```

Output Solr document

```
1  [
2  { <<"actor.name">>, <<"Woody Herrelson">> },
3  { <<"actor.@year">>, <<"1964">> }
4  ]
```

JSON extractor (application/json)

Similar principles as for XML documents are applied

Example

Input Riak object

```
1 {
2  name : "Woody Herrelson",
3  year : 1964
4 }
```

Output Solr document

```
1  [
2  { <<"name">>, <<"Woody Herrelson">> },
3  { <<"year">>, <<"1964">> }
4  ]
```

Search 2.0: Indexation

Solr document

- Automatically extracted fields + a few auxiliary fields such as:
 - _yz_rb (bucket name), _yz_rk (key), ...

Solr schema

- Describes how fields are indexed within Solr
 - Values of fields are analyzed and split into terms
 - Terms are **normalized**, stop words **removed**
 - o ...
 - Triples (token, field, document) are produced and indexed
- Default schema available (_yz_default)
 - Suitable for debugging,
 - but custom schemas should be used in production

Search 2.0: Index Creation

How is index created?

Index must be created first, then associated with a single bucket

Example

```
1   curl -i -X PUT
2   -H 'Content-Type: application/json'
3   -d '{ "schema" : "_yz_default" }'
4   http://localhost:8098/search/index/iactors
```

```
1 curl -i -X PUT
http://localhost:8098/search/index/iactors
```

```
curl -i -X PUT
-H 'Content-Type: application/json'
-d '{ "props" : { "search_index" : "iactors" } }'
http://localhost:8098/buckets/actors/props
```

Search 2.0: Index Usage

Search queries. Parameters

- 1 **q** search query (correctly encoded)
 - Individual search criteria
- 2 wt response write
 - Query result format
- 3 start / rows pagination of matching objects
- 4 ...



Search 2.0: Index Usage

Available search functionality

- 1 Wildcards
 - E.g. name:Woo*, name:Wood?
- 2 Range queries
 - E.g. year:[2010 TO *]
- 3 Logical connectives and parentheses
 - AND, OR, NOT
- 4 Proximity searches

· ...

Example

Create an index called famous using the default schema:

```
1 client.create_search_index('famous')
```

Explicitly defines the default schema:

```
1 client.create_search_index('famous', '_yz_default')
```

Populate the cat bucket with values:

```
bucket = client.bucket('cats')
 23456789
     bucket.set properties({'search index': 'famous'})
     bucket = client.bucket type('animals').bucket('cats')
     cat = bucket.new('liono', {'name_s': 'Lion-o', 'age_i': 30, 'leader_b': True})
     cat.store()
     cat = bucket.new('cheetara', {'name_s':'Cheetara', 'age_i':28, 'leader_b': True})
10
     cat.store()
11
12
     cat = bucket.new('snarf', {'name_s':'Snarf', 'age_i':43})
13
     cat.store()
14
15
     cat = bucket.new('panthro', {'name s': 'Panthro', 'age i':36})
16
     cat.store()
```

Example

Search for all documents where name_s value begins with Lion by means of a glob (wildcard) match:

```
1    results = client.fulltext_search('famous', 'name_s:Lion*')
2    print results
3    print results['docs']
```

Find the ages of all famous cats who are 30 or older:

```
1 client.fulltext_search('famous', 'age_i:[30 TO *]')
```

Supports logical conjunctive (AND), disjunctive (OR), and negative (NOT) operations on query elements:

```
1 client.fulltext_search('famous', 'leader_b:true AND age_i:[30 TO *]')
```

Indexes may be deleted if they have no buckets associated with them:

```
1 client.delete_search_index('famous')
```

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Architecture

Sharding + peer-to-peer replication architecture

- Any node can serve any read or write user request
- Physical nodes run (several) virtual nodes (vnodes)
 - Nodes can be added and removed from the cluster dynamically
- Gossip protocol
 - Each node **periodically** sends its **current view** of the cluster, its **state** and **changes**, **bucket properties**, ...

CAP properties

AP system: availability + partition tolerance

Consistency

BASE principles

- Availability is preferred to consistency
- Default properties of buckets
 - n_val: replication factor
 - r: read quorum
 - w: write quorum (node participation is sufficient)
 - dw: write quorum (write to durable storage is required)
- Specific options of requests override the bucket properties

Strong consistency can be achieved when quora set carefully, i.e.

- w > n_val/2 for write quorum
- r > n_val w for read quorum

Causal Context

Conflicting replicas are unavoidable (with eventual consistency) ⇒ how are they resolved?

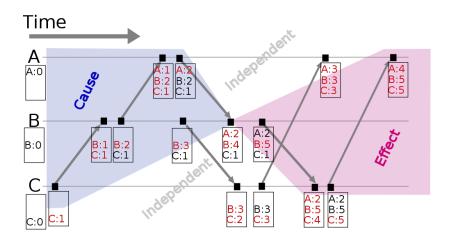
- Causal context = auxiliary data and mechanisms that are necessary in order to resolve the conflicts
- Low-level techniques
 - Timestamps, vectors clocks, dotted version vectors
 - They can be used to resolve conflicts automatically
 - Might fail, then we must make the choice by ourselves
 - Or we can resolve the conflicts manually
 - Siblings then need to be enabled (allow_mult) = multiple versions of object values
- User-friendly CRDT data types with built-in resolution
 - Register, flag, counter, set, map

Causal Context

Vector clocks

- Mechanism for tracking object update causality in terms of logical time (not chronological time)
- Each node has its own logical clock (integer counter)
 - Initially equal to 0
 - Incremented by 1 whenever any event takes place
- Vector clock = vector of logical clocks of all the nodes
 - Each node maintains its local copy of this vector
 - Whenever a message is sent, the local vector is sent as well
 - Whenever a message is received, the local vector is updated
 - Maximal value for each individual node clock is taken

Causal Context



Replica placement strategy

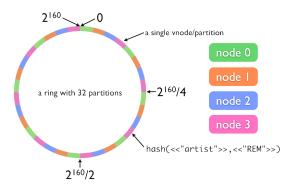
- Consistent hashing function
 - **Consistent** = does not change when cluster changes
 - Domain. pairs of a bucket name and object key
 - Range. 160-bit integer space = Riak Ring

Riak Ring

- The whole ring is split into equally-sized disjoint partitions
 - Physical nodes are mutually interleaved ⇒ reshuffling when cluster changes is less demanding
- Each virtual node is responsible for exactly one partition

Example

- Cluster with 4 physical nodes, each running 8 virtual nodes
- i.e. 32 partitions altogether



Source: http://docs.basho.com/

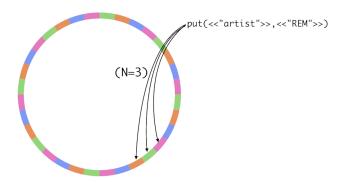
Replica placement strategy

- 1 The first replica...
 - Its location is directly determined by the hash function
- 2 All the remaining replicas...
 - Placed to the consecutive partitions in a clockwise direction

What if a virtual node is failing?

- Hinted handoff
 - Failing nodes are simply skipped, neighboring nodes temporarily take responsibility
 - When resolved, replicas are handed off to the proper locations
- Motivation: high availability

Intelligent Replication



Source: http://docs.basho.com/

Request Handling

Read and write requests can be submitted to any node

- This nodes is called a coordinating node
- Hash function is calculated, i.e. replica locations determined
- Internal requests are sent to all the corresponding nodes
- Then the coordinating node waits until sufficient number of responses is received
- Result/failure is returned to the user

But what if the cluster changes?

- The value of the hash function does not change, only the partitions and their mapping to virtual nodes change
- However, the Ring knowledge a given node has might be obsolete!

Lecture Conclusion

RiakKV

- Highly available distributed key-value store
- Sharding with peer-to-peer replication architecture
- Riak Ring with consistent hashing for replica placement

Query functionality

- Basic CRUD operations
- Link walking
- Search 2.0 full-text based on Apache Solr

More on: https://docs.riak.com/riak/kv/2.2.3/index.html