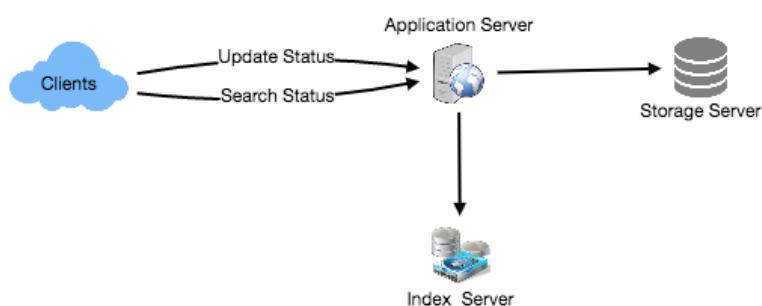


## I. Designing Twitter Search

1. twitter search-tweet search service
2. requirements and goal of the system
  - a. Build an effective tweet storage / navigation system
3. capacity estimations and constraints
  - a. assume
    - i. average incoming tweets : 400M / day
    - ii. average size of tweet : 300 byte / tweet
  - b. estimation
    - i. storage
      - $400M * 300\text{byte} = 120\text{GB} / \text{day}$
      - $120\text{GB} / 86400\text{sec} \approx 1.38\text{MB} / \text{sec}$
4. system apis - soap or rest api
  - a. search (api\_dev\_key, search\_terms, maximum\_result\_to\_return, sort, page\_token)
    - i. sort (number) : optional, sort mode
      - Latest first (0 - default)
      - Best matched (1)
      - Most liked (2)
    - ii. page\_token (string): Specify the page to be returned in resultSet
    - iii. return (json)
      - Returns tweets that match search\_terms
      - UserID, Name, TweetText, TweetID, CreationDate, Likes, etc
5. high level design



- a. We need to create an index to store all the states in the db and track which words are in which tweets.

- b. index Purpose: To improve tweet search speed

## 6. component design

### a. storage

- i. 120GB of new data is stored every day-> Considering massive data, a data partitioning scheme that can be efficiently stored on a distributed server is required

- ii. What are your plans for the next five years?

- $120\text{GB} * 365 * 5 \approx 200\text{TB}$
- Assuming that only 80% of HDD capacity is used, 250 TB HDD capacity is required
- Assume to store a copy of all tweets for fault tolerance-> Hard Require  $250\text{KB} * 2 = 500\text{TB}$
- Assuming a modern server stores 4TB of data, 125 servers are required

- iii. tweet storage workflow

- Stored in rdbms-> Stored in a table with two columns, TweetID and TweetText-> Map to storage server with TweetID based Sharding-> hash function ( $\text{TweetID \% number of server}$ )

- iv. How can I create a unique TweetID?

- If you store 400M new tweets every day, how many tweets can you expect in 5 years?  
✓  $400\text{M} * 365 * 5 \approx 730\text{B}$
- Assuming that there is a server that can generate a unique TweetID when saving a tweet-hash function is  $\text{TweetID \% number of servers}$

### b. index

- i. The tweet query is composed of word units, so an index is created to indicate which word is in which tweet.

- ii. assume

- Create indexes for famous (highly used) nouns such as all English words, people's names, city names, etc.
- About 300K English words and 200K nouns
- Average word length: 5 characters

### iii. estimation

- $500K * 5 = 2.5MB$  when storing all words in memory
- Suppose that index of all tweets in the last 2 years is kept in memory
  - ✓  $292B (730B / 5 * 2)$  tweet / 2years
  - ✓ Assuming TweetID is 5 bytes,  $292B * 5 = 1460GB$
- index Similar to a large distributed hash table
  - ✓ key : word
  - ✓ value : TweetID
  - ✓ Assume the average number of words per tweet is 40 words / tweet  $\rightarrow$  15 words / tweet because prepositions and small words such as 'an' and 'and' are not indexed
  - ✓  $1460GB * 15 + 2.5MB \approx 21TB$
  - ✓ Assuming that the server has 144GB memory,  $152 (21000/144)$  servers are required

## c. database partitioning

### i. word based sharding

- Search all words in tweet  $\rightarrow$  calculate hash for each word and store it in the corresponding index server
- To find all tweets that contain a specific word, just query the server where the word is stored
- Disadvantages

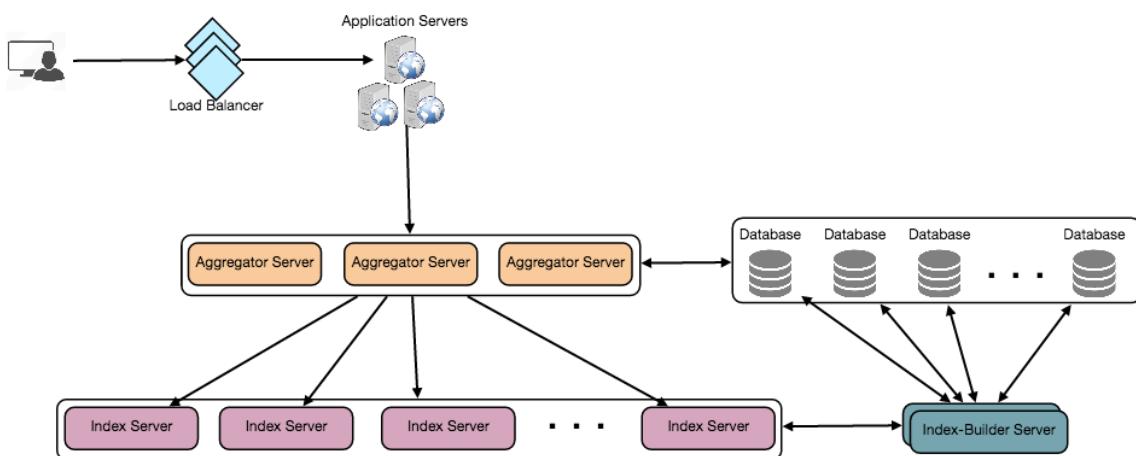
- ✓ Hot word processing problem: The server that holds the word has a lot of load-> This load affects the entire system (slow)
- ✓ Non-uniformity of distribution: Different weight of each word-> Difficult to maintain uniform distribution

- Solution

- ✓ consistent hashing (일관된 해싱)
- ✓ repartition (from scratch again)

- ii. tweet object based sharding

- Find the server by passing the TweetID to the hash function-> indexing all the words in the tweet on that server-> you must query all the servers to query a specific word-> each server returns the TweetID Set-> the user after the central server counts Return to



## 7. fault tolerance

### a. index server What happens when I die?

- If it is composed of master-slave, slave acts as master
- Both master and slave must have the same index copy

- So what happens if both master and slave die at the same time?

- i. Service Suspension
- ii. Restore
  - Assign a new server and rebuild the same index-because I don't know what word / tweet is kept on that server
  - When using tweet object based sharding
    - ✓ brute-force solution : Search all the entire db again, and identify all tweets to be stored on the server through the hash function with TweetID.
  - Disadvantages
    - ✓ Inefficient
    - ✓ Service unavailable when server is rebuilding
  - How can I search the mapping between Tweet and index server efficiently?
    - ✓ Create a reverse index that maps all TweetIDs to the index server-> The information is stored by the index build server
    - ✓ key : index server
    - ✓ value : Maintained in the index server
    - ✓ TweetID hash table to create a hash set that includes all of them.
    - ✓ Operates a replica of the index build server for fault tolerance

## 8. cache

- a. Introduced cache before db for hot tweet processing
- b. If you use Memcached, all tweets can be stored in memory.
- c. Application server quickly checks whether there is a tweet stored in the cache before reaching the backend db (system speed is greatly improved)
- d. The number of required cache servers can be adjusted according to the client's usage pattern
- e. cache eviction policy : LRU (Least Recently Used)

## 9. load balancing

- a. Location
  - i. Between client and web server
  - ii. Between web server and application server
  - iii. Between application server and db server
- b. Initial Policy: round-robin system
  - i. Advantages
    - Simple implementation and no overhead
    - Even distribution of requests between backend servers
    - Stop sending traffic without replacing the dead server
  - ii. Disadvantages
    - server load check failed.
    - Do not stop sending traffic even if a particular server is overloaded
  - iii. Solution
    - Check the load periodically on the backend server and deploy intelligent LB solution to adjust traffic based on this

## 10. ranking

- a. How can I rank search results by social graph distance, popularity, relevance, etc.?
  - i. Assume that you rank tweets based on the popularity and number of comments
  - ii. ranking algorithm
    - Create and index popular number fields based on the number of people you like and store them
    - The aggregator server aggregates all these results, sorts them (popularity) and sends the best results to the user