

Database Systems:

Module 13, Lecture 2 – MongoDB

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LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Be able to describe the MongoDB architecture
- Understand how the MongoDB software embodies many key components of the NoSQL model

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MongoDB is a NoSQL “Document” database.

- Stores collections of documents in a key:value pair format
- MongoDB is NOT Relational
- MongoDB does NOT store data in tables
- MongoDB does NOT use the SQL query language
- MongoDB uses its own JS-like query language
- Community edition is free, Enterprise edition = \$\$\$
- Enterprise users can purchase support, advanced features, cloud deployment

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MongoDB Concepts

- A MongoDB DATABASE can contain one or more COLLECTIONS
- A MongoDB **COLLECTION** can contain many **DOCUMENTS**
 - Each **document** has a primary key
 - Primary keys (and any other field) can be **indexed** for faster query performance

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MongoDB Concepts

- Documents are structured and stored in JSON-like format
 - MongoDB stores data in BSON
 - Binary JSON
- BSON was invented by the MongoDB folks...

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JSON – Java Script Object Notation

- Invented along with Java Script
- Pushed out and replaced XML
 - XML is more verbose, and older
 - JSON is easier for humans to work with and newer
- A string “key” is mapped to a “value”
 - The value can be a number, string, array
- Very widely used in web-based software development

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BSON – Binary Java Script Object Notation

- JSON is string based
- String parsing is relatively slow
- JSON is human-readable, but less efficient for storage and movement of data across networks
- BSON was invented by MongoDB developers to replace JSON with a data format/structure that provides
- Faster data movement
- More efficient storage
- More flexible – can store more types of data (like integer versus floating point)
- BSON encodes data item TYPE and LENGTH in binary notation

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```
    \x16\x00\x00\x00      // total document size
    \x02                   // 0x02 = type String
{"hello": "world"} → hello\x00 // field name
    \x06\x00\x00\x00world\x00 // field value
    \x00                     // 0x00 = type E00 ('end of object')
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    \x31\x00\x00\x00
    \x04BSON\x00
    \x26\x00\x00\x00
{"BSON": ["awesome", 5.05, 1986]} → \x02\x30\x00\x08\x00\x00\x00awesome\x00
    \x01\x31\x00\x33\x33\x33\x33\x33\x33\x14\x40
    \x10\x32\x00\xc2\x07\x00\x00
    \x00
    \x00
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MongoDB Documents

- Are “polymorphic” (i.e. “multiple shapes”...)
 - Not all documents in a collection must have all the same key:value pairs.
- There is no need to declare the structure of a document
- It is “self-describing”
- The database takes the JSON you provide, converts it to BSON, and stores/retrieves it efficiently , then converts back to JSON on retrieval
- You can add fields to one document in a collection without modifying any other documents in the same collection

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MongoDB relies on REPLICATION

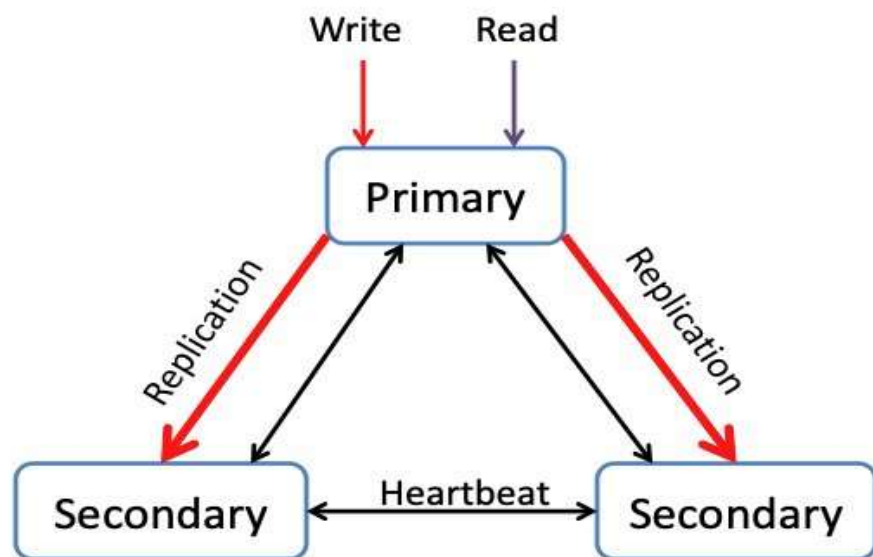
- MongoDB provides horizontal scaling
- You can configure a scalable number of nodes in a cluster
- The cluster can be spread across data centers and geography
- MongoDB can easily scale READ operations across the cluster (parallelization)

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MongoDB relies on Primary-to-Secondary REPLICATION

- You can configure a number of replica sets
- Each set is replicated across the cluster
- Provides High Availability
- If MongoDB detects that it has lost a node, it will shift processing over to another replica

Replication



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MongoDB node role management

- If the Primary node fails for any reason, the other members vote to elect a new primary from among the secondary nodes
- No Downtime required for Upgrades

Distribution via Replication allows administrators to

- take a node offline
- upgrade hardware or software
- bring it back online
- NO DOWNTIME needed

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MongoDB relies on SHARDING

- MongoDB uses horizontal scaling for sharding
- You can spread your data out across multiple nodes
- A Mongo shard is referred to as a “partition”
- Distributes WRITES across multiple nodes/partitions (parallelization)
- Data can be distributed based on user query patterns

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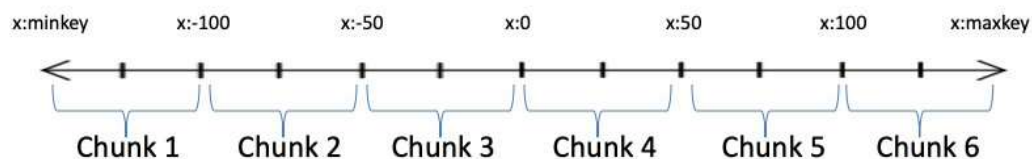
MongoDB relies on SHARDING

- MongoDB offers architects options regarding sharding
- Each document has a primary key
- Partition by key ranges
 - Co-locating documents based on geography
- Partition by hash
 - A more random but uniform spread of data

Partition

- Shard Key: Single or compound field in schema used for data partitioning
- Partitions are called *chunks*. Two strategies:
 - Range based: Shard Key Values are partitioned into ranges

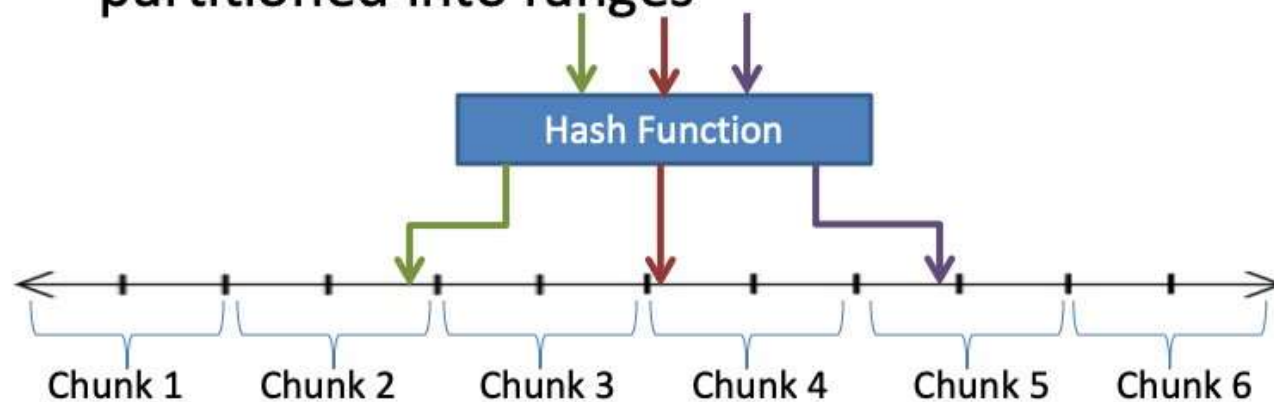
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Partition

Hash Scheme leads to better data balancing across nodes

- Hash based: Hash of shard key values are partitioned into ranges



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Balancing

- Splitting: Background process which splits the partition when a chunk grows beyond a threshold
- Balancing: Migrates chunks among shards if there is an uneven distribution

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More Resources

- <http://mongodb.org>
- <https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/tutorial/getting-started/>

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Next Topic: The MongoDB Query Language