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# SHAstor: A Scalable HDFS-based Storage Framework for Small-Write Efficiency in Pervasive Computing

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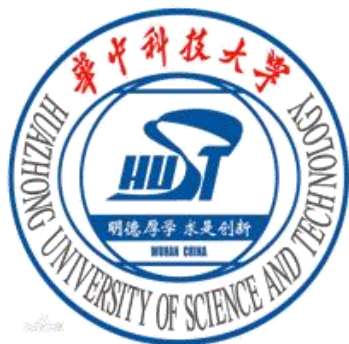
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# Introduction

## Pervasive Computing (Ubiquitous Computing)

a computing paradigm where the information is processed by linking each object as encountered in environment.

### ➤ Physical Integration

a variety of connected electronic devices that communicate information between each other

### ➤ Spontaneous Interoperation

constant availability and are completely connected to achieve everywhere and ambient intelligence.

resources of diverse electronic devices are usually heterogeneous and constrained



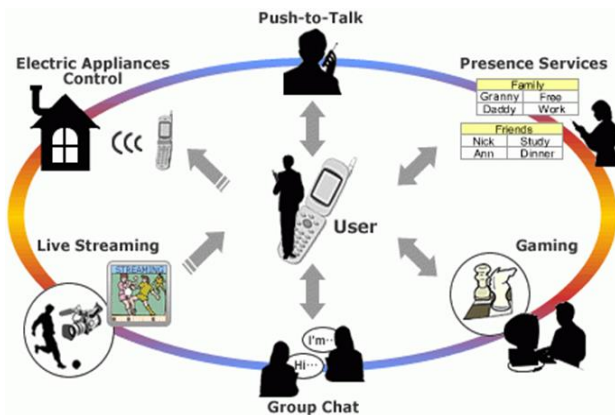
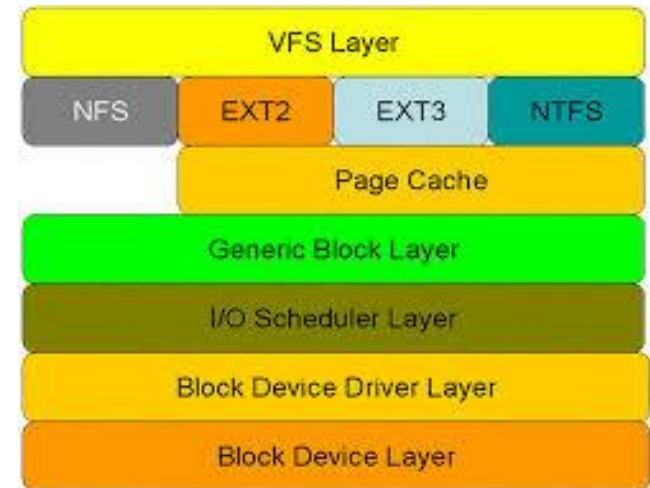


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# Introduction

## Popularity of Small Files

- Logic unit to access file system is block, the larger the block, the more efficient in data transfers.
- Small files refer to the data whose size is much smaller than block.



- Small files from multi-sources are pervasive for connected devices
- Performance critical in modern pervasive environments



# Introduction

## Motivation

Data are multi-sources,  
and small in sizes.

Compute resources are  
heterogeneous and  
fairly limited.

### Application with environmental intelligence

Deploy big-data frameworks to process gathered massive data from devices, then use results to direct devices to react with more intelligence for certain purpose.

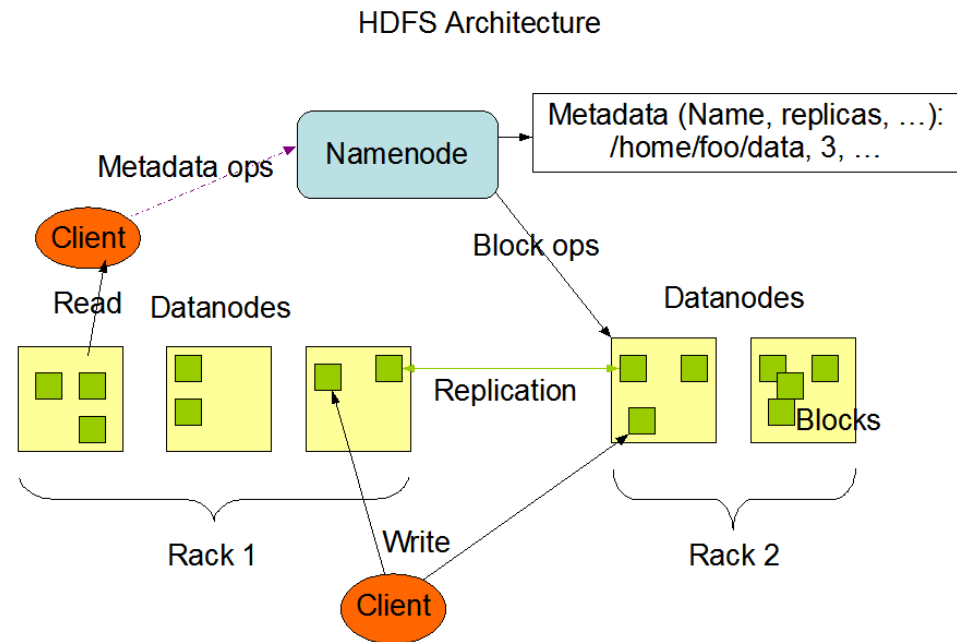
Framework should have capability of efficiently dealing with enormous quantify of small files in different formats, and Hadoop is core enabling technology.

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# Introduction

## Inefficiency for Small files in Hadoop

1. Additional system info. of small files may be larger, and cost more memory for r/w.
2. Basic file information is stored in system memory with more memory in namenode and datanode.
3. Reading through small files normally causes lots of seeks



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# Introduction

## Brief on SHAstor

**SHAstor based on Hadoop framework to improve throughput in process of small files for pervasive computing.**



Basic  
Ideas

- Merge incoming small writes into large chunk of data.
- Store it as big target file in framework.
- Adds three extra modules to HDFS.
- A new ancillary namenode storing index table.
- Optimize small-writes, scale out with the number of datanodes



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## Related Work

### Merge or Combine Small Files into Fewer Large Files

01

Optimizing HDFS in special and Hadoop in general for small file processing and storage.

02

Main idea is to merge or combine small files into fewer large files and develop strategies and mechanisms to accommodate their metadata and index files.

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Efforts are roughly made from either inside Hadoop community or from outside.

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## Related Work

### Inside Hadoop Community

#### Hadoop Archive (HAR)

- Reduce memory consumption by packing small files into data blocks.
- Not support appending operation
- Low access performance due to extra index file access.

#### Sequence File

- Stores data in form of binary key-value pair <file name, file content>, act as container for small files.
- Only supports appending operation, lacks of update and delete particular keys.
- Random read operation due to its unsorted files in key.

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## Related Work

### Outside Hadoop Community

Extends existing Hadoop framework.

Develops new programming paradigms.

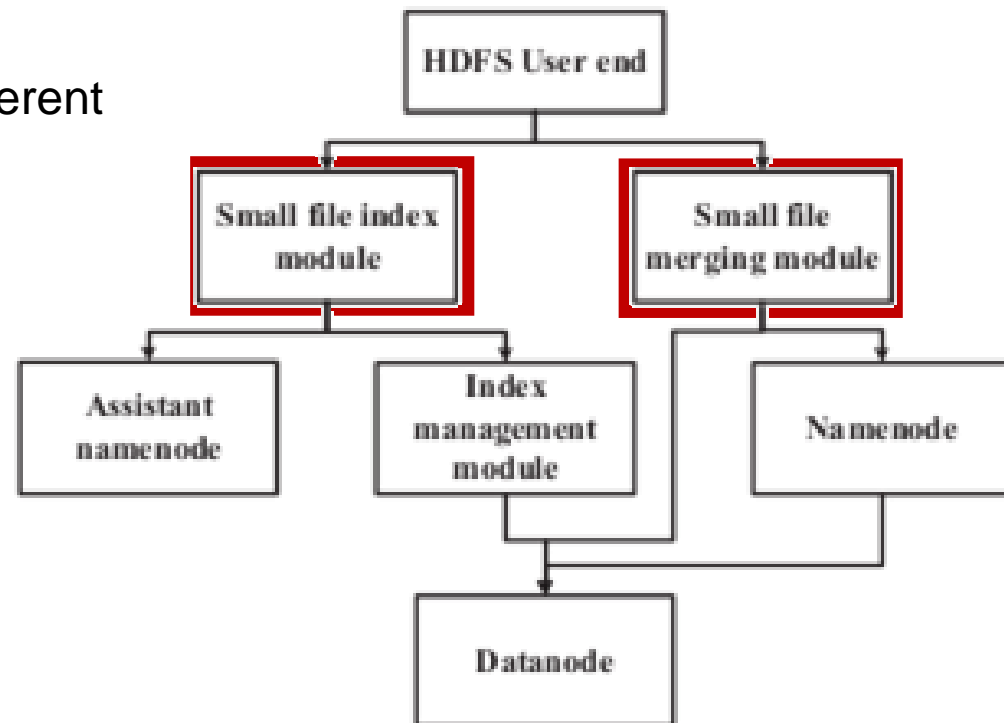
Optimized mapfile-based storage for small files, reducing internal fragmentation in data blocks, and memory consumption.

Generates a map record for each of small files in course of merging into large files, when prefetching and caching mechanisms are applied to enhance access efficiency.

## 3 SHAstor Design

### SHAstor Structure

- Reduce the number of files by merging small size files.
- Heterogeneous data across different devices are unified.
- Index of merged files is stored in datanodes or namenode.

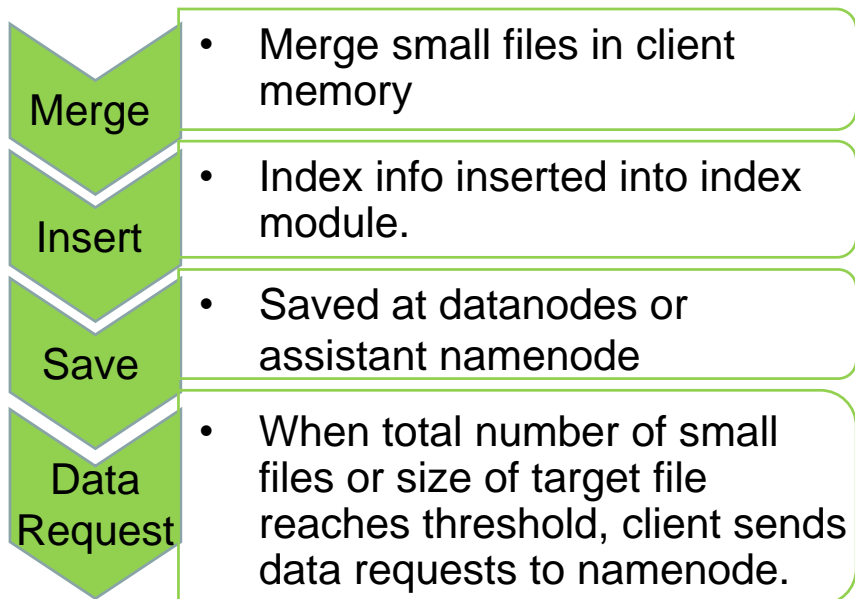


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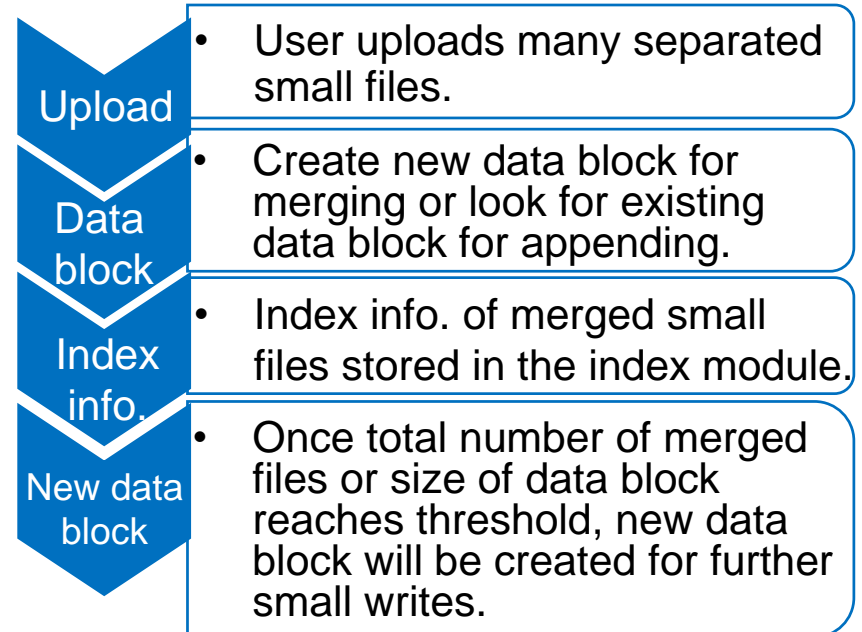
### Small File Merging Module

Small-File Merging Module is further divided into two processes based on whether or not data requests by users are continuous.

#### A) File merging at client side



#### B) File merging at server side





## 3 SHAstor Design

### Small File Index Module

Two key issues in design of index module for efficient small writes.

1. Determine index info for merged small files, and data structures to manage it.

2. Depending on workloads, select vantage location to store index table.

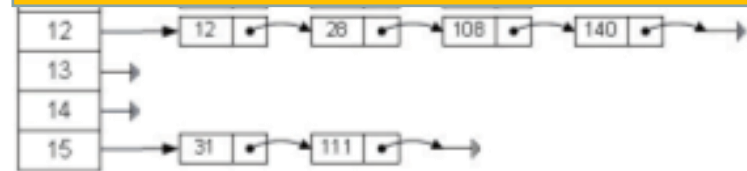
#### Module Container

SHAstor saves data structure of index module as key/value pairs in container, managed by **HashMap**.

```
private static int Hash(int h) {
    h+ = (h << 9);
    h= (h >>> 14);
    h+ = (h << 4);
    h= (h >>> 10);
    return h; }
```



Hascode(123.86.74.2+foo.tar)%#  
datanode = 72  
Select Datanode72 to store index





## SHAstor Design

### Read, Search, Insertion and Deletion

Four major operations on :



#### Insertion process

- use name of small file as key value to calculate string type hashcode.
- use hash function and hashcode to calculate hash value as array index.
- store key/value pair of small file into array indexed by hash value.

- **Implemented via access to index table.**
- **Retrieve original merged small files from target file.**

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# Performance Evaluation

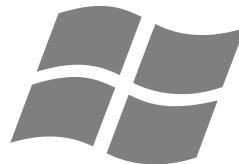
## Experimental Setups



Two physical machines  
(100MB bandwidth)



Two virtual machines  
(VM)(CPU2.66GHz/mem  
1GB/Disk 80GB)

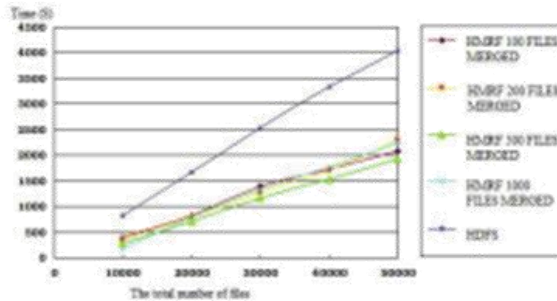


- Ubuntu 9.04
- Hadoop (0.20.2)
- Java Env (Java-6-openjdk)

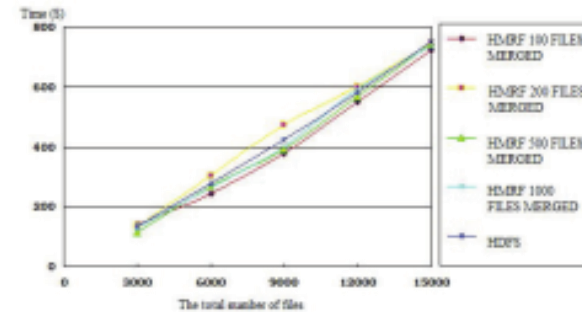
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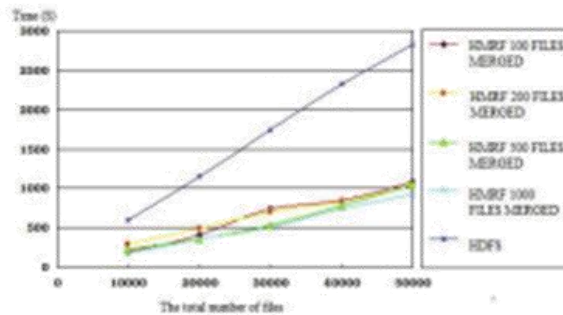
## File Writing & Reading



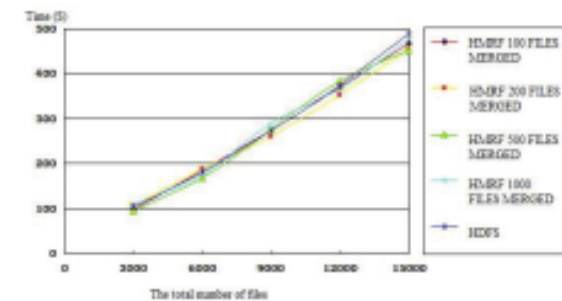
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(b) 63KB files



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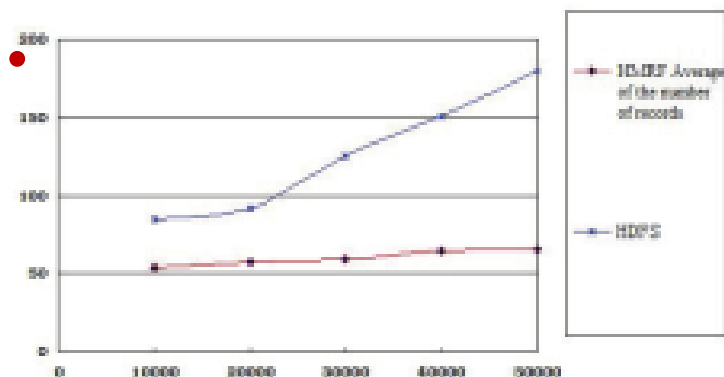
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Group1(GB)	1.2	2.4	3.6	4.8	6.0
Group2(GB)	0.6	1.2	1.8	2.4	3.0

	3000	6000	9000	12000	15000
Group1(GB)	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2.0
Group2(GB)	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0

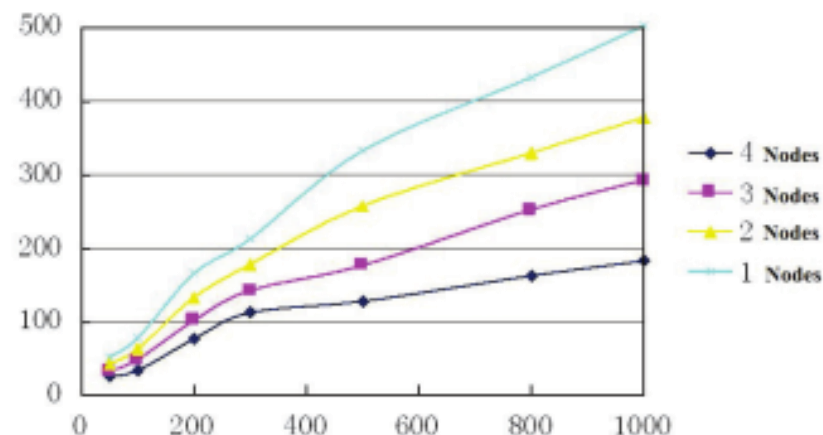
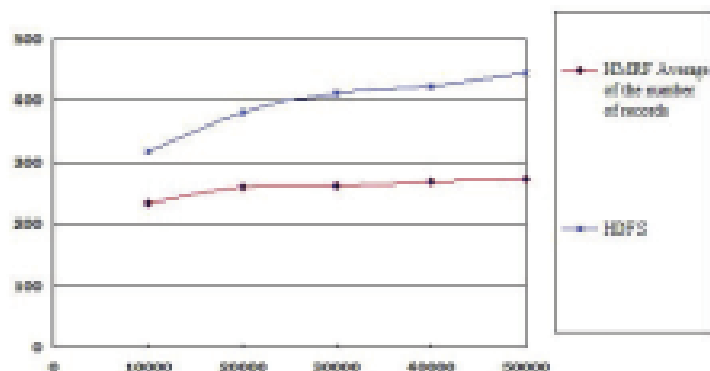
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# Performance Evaluation

## Memory Footprints & Scalability



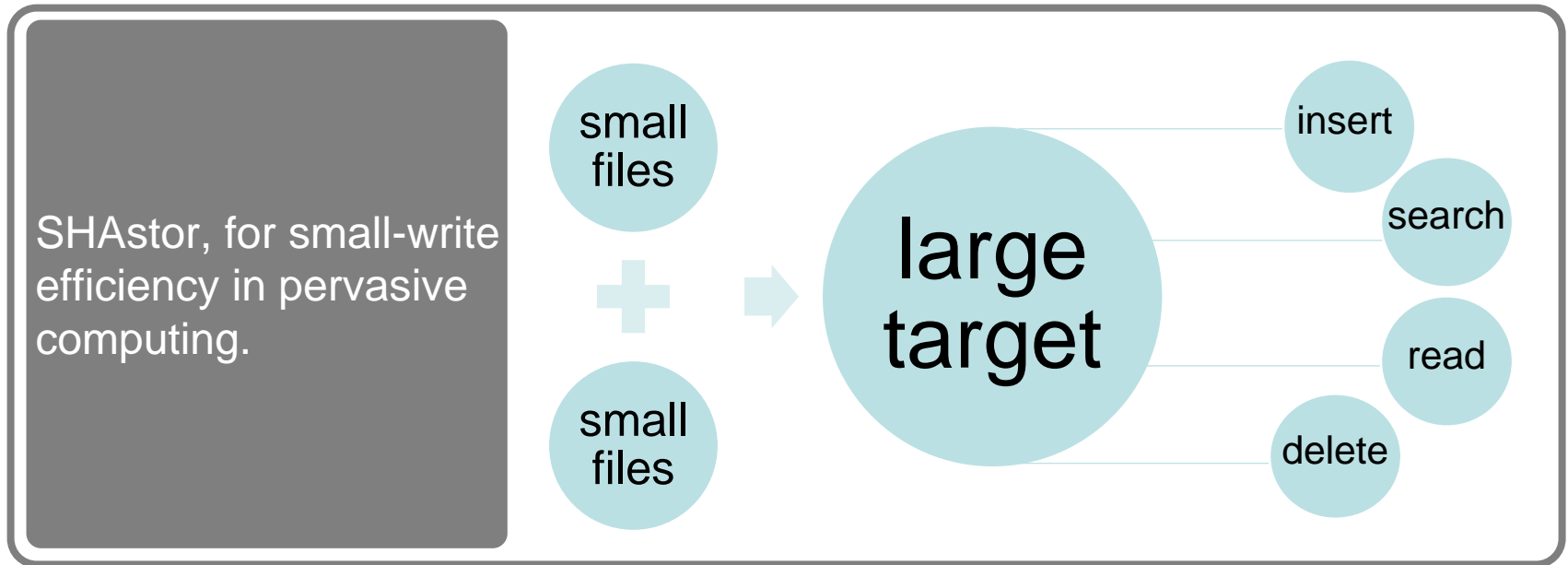
(a) Namenode



#. of rec.(M)	50	100	200	300	500	800	1000
Size(MB)	46	92	184	276	460	736	920



## 5 Remarks and On-going Work



SHAstors is not only efficient but also scalable for small writes, having potentials to realize ambient intelligence.

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## Remarks and On-going Work

Data heterogeneity

Algorithms and mechanisms

Merged Files

Update operation

Writeback for small  
synchronous writes

Combine SHASTor with Hitchhike  
I/O scheduler

Real pervasive  
computing platform

Provide diverse electronic devices  
with efficient remote control for  
ambient intelligence

# Thanks!



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