

# THROUGHPUT CONTROL

CLIENT RU LIMITING

# How rate limiting works today

When we provision database and containers, we set the throughput by using RU to reserve the capacity

For each database related operation, the cost is normalized and expressed by RU

Some operations will be rate limited when consumed more RU than provisioned

In summary, currently, the rate limiting is on the global level of database and containers.



# Advanced Scenarios

## Different operation/task has different priority

- Customer would want to prevent normal transactions being throttled due to data ingestion/copy
  - Bulk upload
  - ADF data copy
- Some operation/task is not sensitive to latency and is more tolerant to be throttled compared to others.

Provide  
fairness/isolation  
to different end  
user/tenant

- An application usually will have many end users, due to intentionally or unintentionally, an end user may send too many requests which consume all the throughput which causing others to get throttled.
- LinkedIn premium/normal end user-based rate limiting

# Throughput load balancing between different cosmos clients

For some cases, it is important to make sure all the clients get fair share of the throughput

- Spark jobs

Throughput control enables capability for more granular level RU rate limiting as needed. For example, scenario-based rate limiting

# Throughput control group

Group name

Throughput limit related  
config

Which container this group  
will belong to

Global control related config



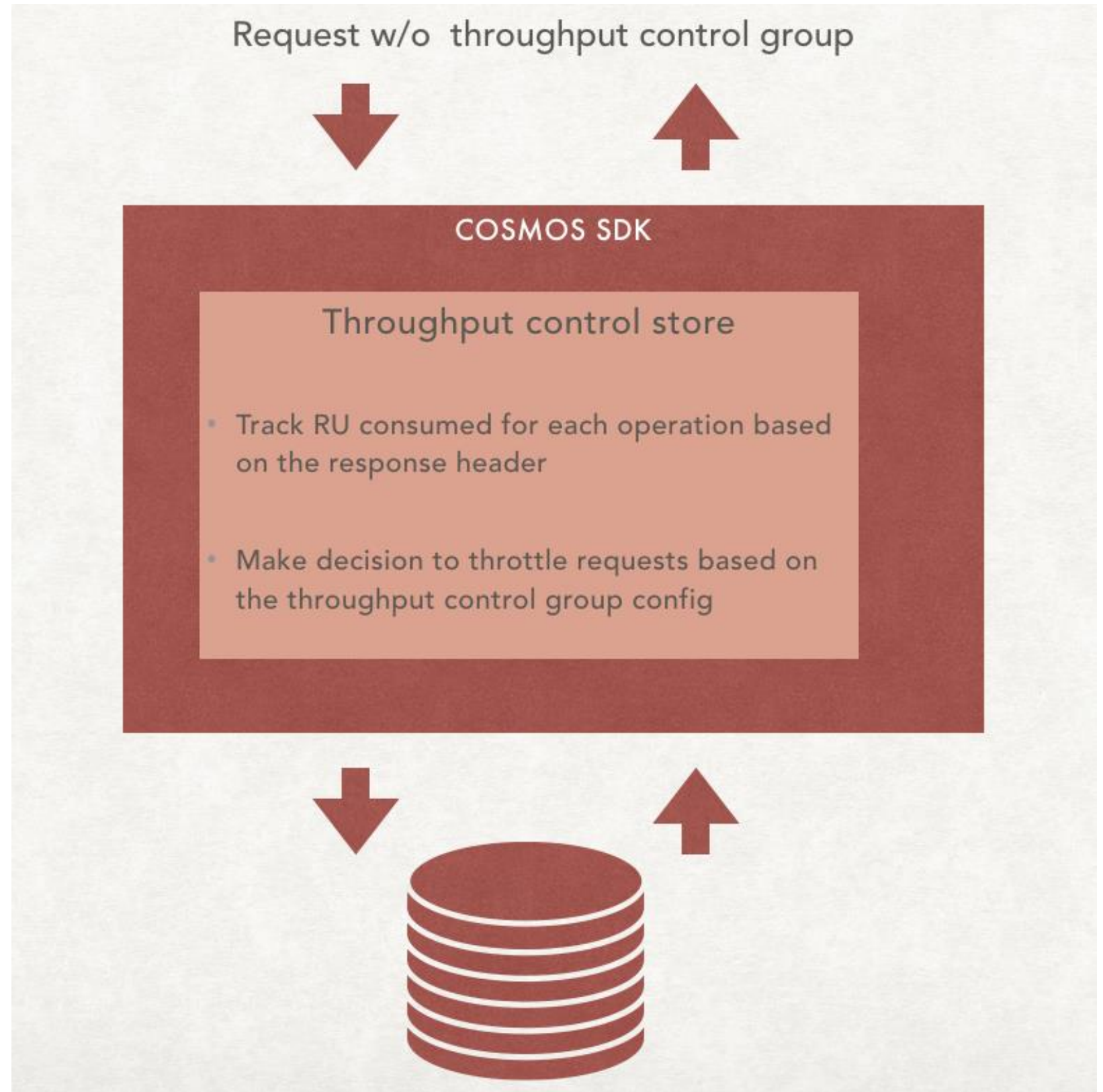
Throughput  
control  
group

There can be 1 to N  
control groups defined  
for a container

At most one control  
group can be applied  
to a request

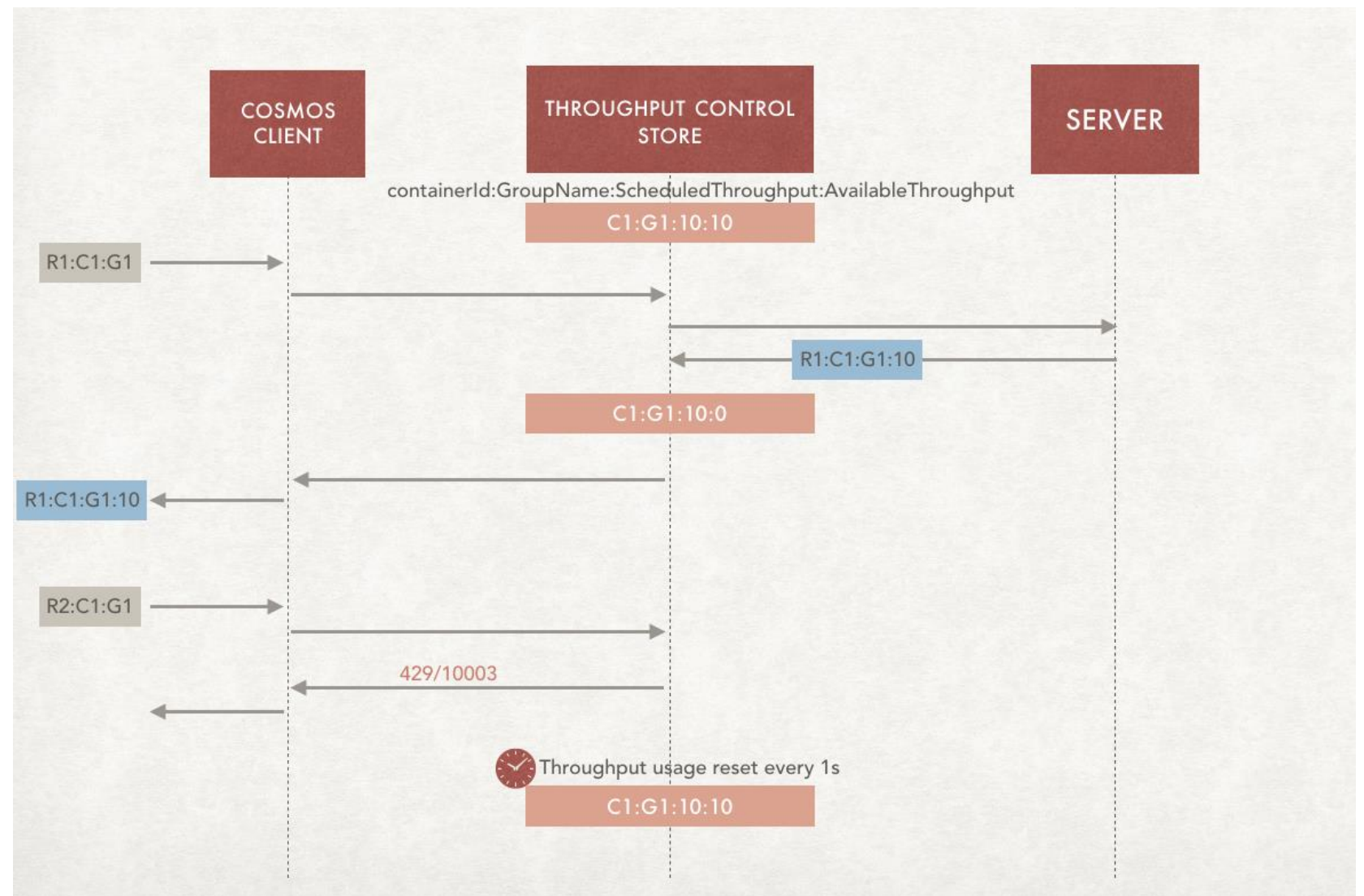
# High level overview

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# Throughput control store

Scenario: Enable throughput control group G1 on Container C1 with target throughput 10 RU



# Throughput Control Mode

## Local Control:

- The throughput control group only applies to the client that creates it.

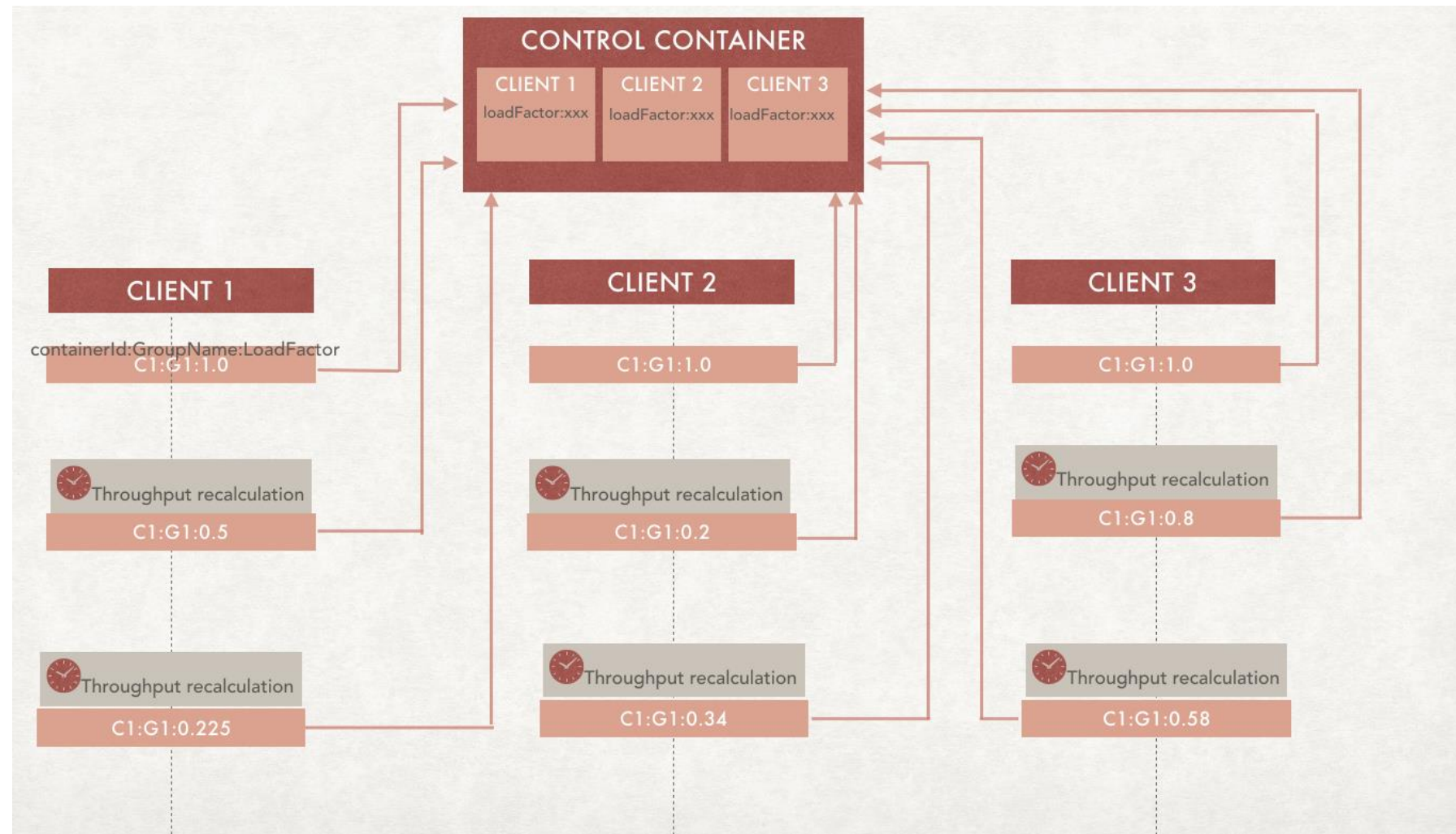
## Global Control:

- Multiple cosmos client instances will coordinate with each other to share the throughput of a throughput control group. For example, cosmos client instances on different machines.
- Throughput is constantly load balancing between cosmos client instances .
- Tracking client's load (calculation based on throughput usage) in a separate container -> customer provided.



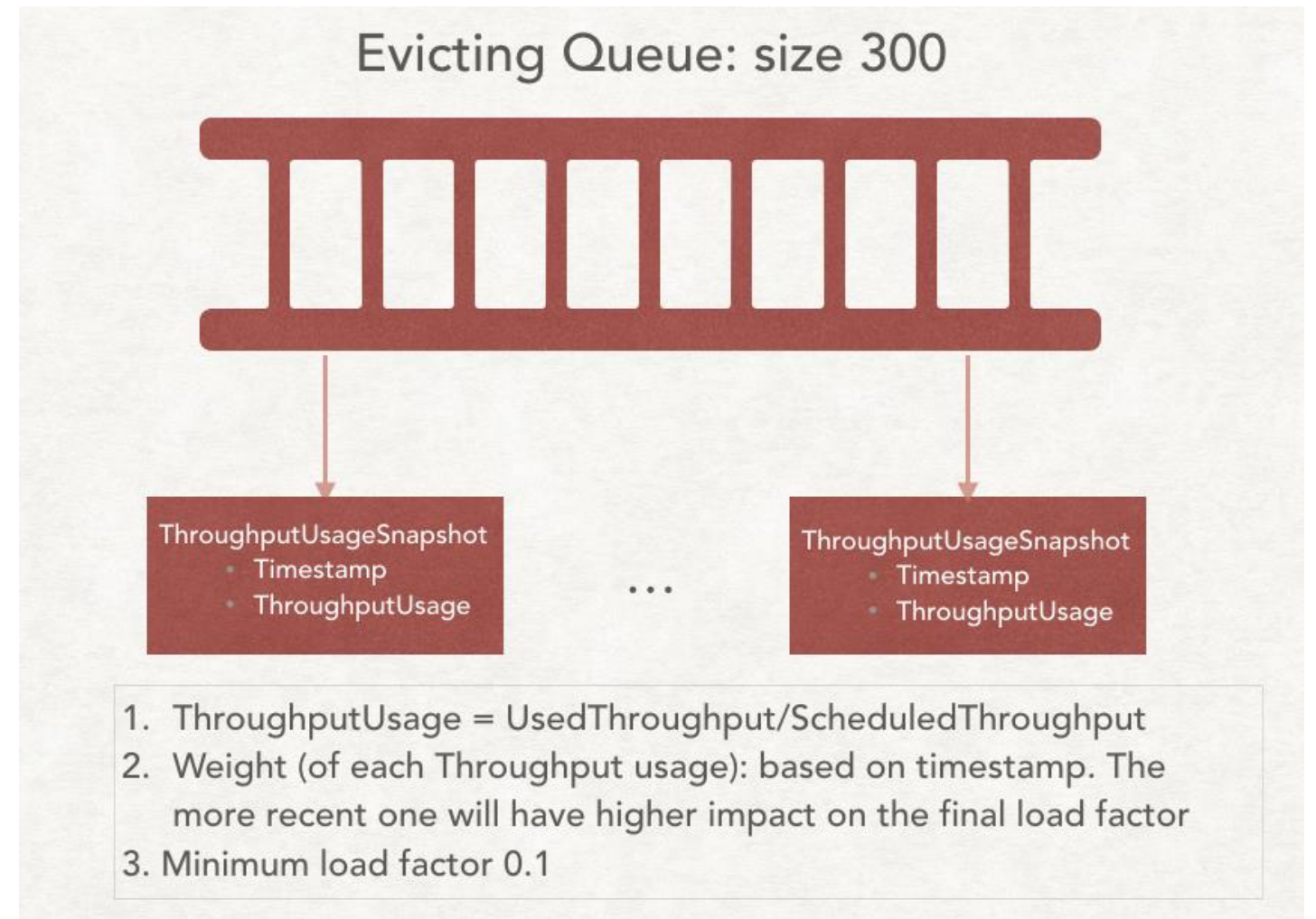
# Throughput global control

Scenario: Enable  
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C1 with target  
throughput 10 RU



# Load Factor

A measure of how throughput is being used during a certain period



# Throughput share

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The throughput percentage the client should take from each throughput control group

$$= \text{selfLoadFactor} / \text{SumLoadFactorsFromAllClients}$$

# Control Container

## Config Item

```
{  
  "id": "U3BhcmtUZxN0REIvU3BhcmtUZxN0Q29udGFpbmVyV2l0aENvbnRyb2xFbmFibGVkL055VGF4aQ.info",  
  "groupId": "SparkTestDB/SparkTestContainerWithControlEnabled/NyTaxi.config",  
  "targetThroughput": "",  
  "targetThroughputThreshold": "0.2",  
  "isDefault": true,  
  "_rid": "IZdsALNrdvkSAAAAAAAAAA==",  
  "_self": "dbs/IZdsAA==/colls/IZdsALNrdvk=/docs/IZdsALNrdvkSAAAAAAAAAA==/",  
  "_etag": "\"16016677-0000-0800-0000-60385a4a0000\"",  
  "_attachments": "attachments/",  
  "_ts": 1614305866  
}
```



# Control Container

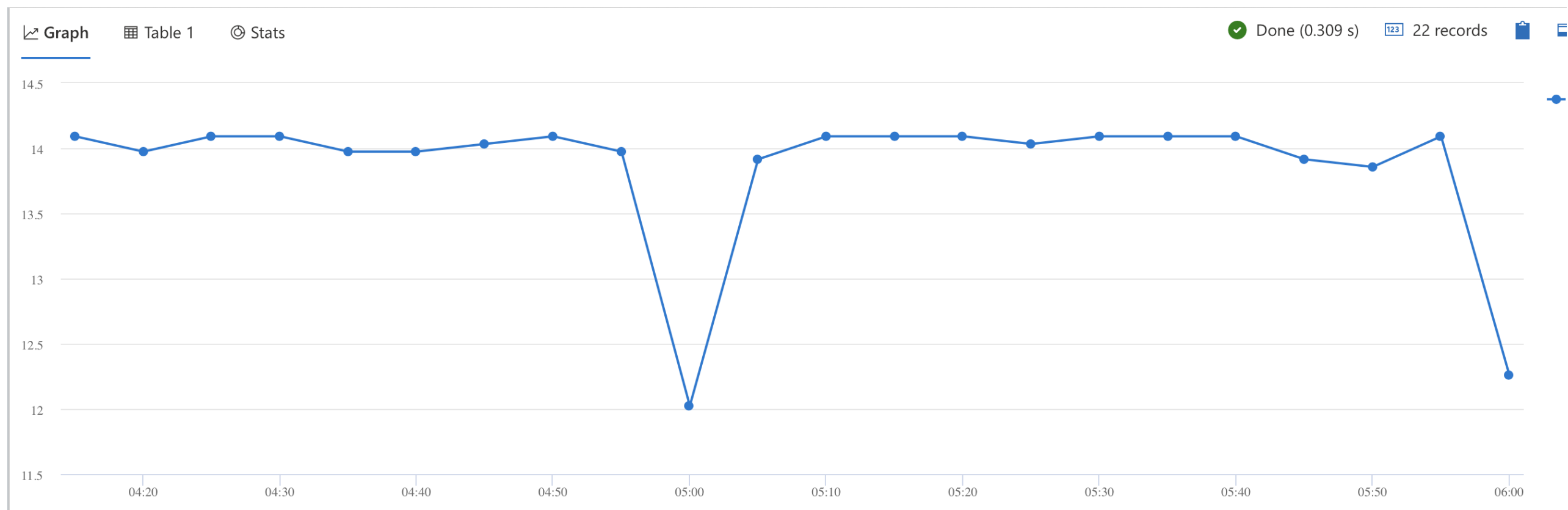
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## Client Item

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{  
  "id": "U3BhcmtUZxN0REIvU3BhcmtUZxN0Q29udGFpbmVyV2l0aENvbnRyb2xFbmFibGVkL055VGf4aQd3cb09c0-2e51-4e",  
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  "ttl": 20,  
  "initializeTime": "2021-02-26T02:24:40.054Z",  
  "loadFactor": 0.9728703785362007,  
  "allocatedThroughput": 484.8942235230929,  
  "_rid": "IZdsALNrdvkVAAAAAAAAAA==",  
  "_self": "dbs/IZdsAA==/colls/IZdsALNrdvk=/docs/IZdsALNrdvkVAAAAAAAAAA==/",  
  "_attachments": "attachments/",  
  "_ts": 1614306431  
}
```

# Control Container – RU requirement

- Depends on cosmos client instances total count
- Customer can configure how often do they want to update the client item. By default, it is 5s.
- Example for 8 clients using default configuration





# Example with Spark Connector

## NYTaxiData Ingestion

NYTaxiData-Yellow-Ingest-copy (Python)

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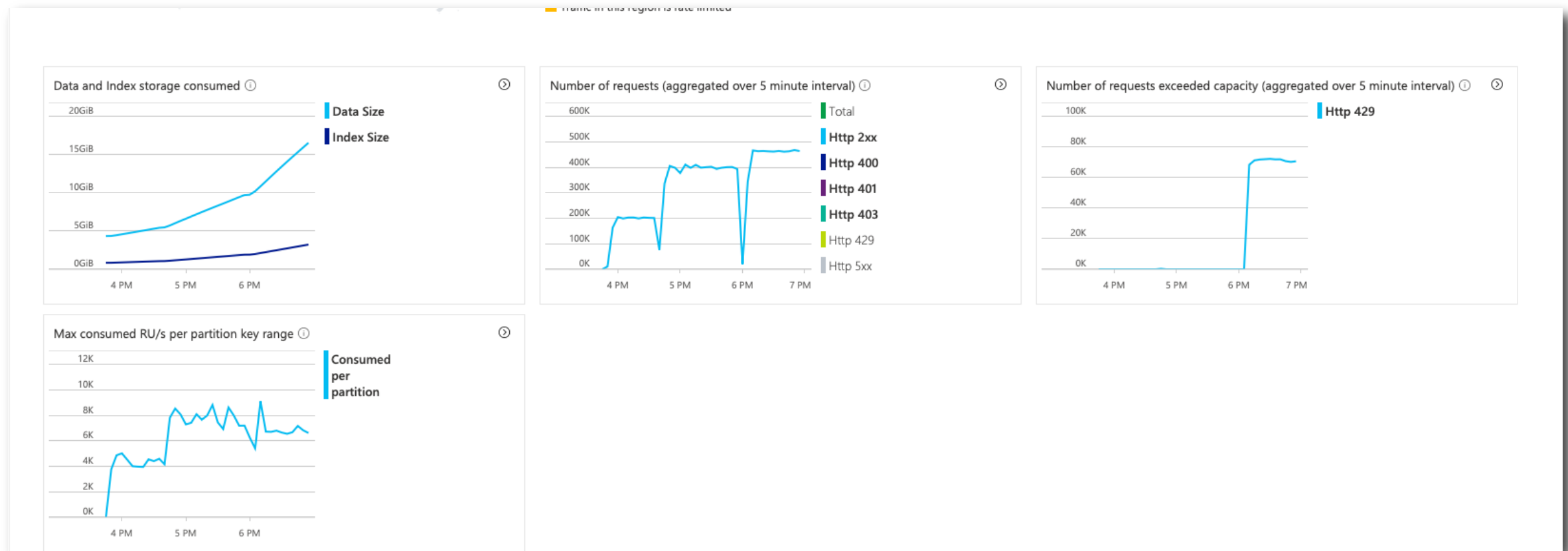
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```
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2 cosmosEndpoint = "Endpoint"
3 cosmosMasterKey = "MasterKey"
4 cosmosDatabaseName = "SparkTestDB"
5 cosmosContainerName = "SparkTestContainerWithControlEnabled"
6 enableThroughputControl = "false"
7 throughputControlGroupName = "NyTaxi"
8 throughputControlGroupTargetThroughputThreshold = "0.5"
9 globalThroughputControlEndpoint = "Endpoint"
10 globalThroughputControlMasterKey = "MasterKey"
11 globalThroughputControlDatabaseName = "SparkTestDB"
12 globalThroughputControlContainerName= "ThroughputControlContainer"
13 writeMaxRetry= "120"
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16 cfg = {
17     "spark.cosmos.accountEndpoint": cosmosEndpoint,
18     "spark.cosmos.accountKey": cosmosMasterKey,
19     "spark.cosmos.database": cosmosDatabaseName,
20     "spark.cosmos.container": cosmosContainerName,
21     "spark.cosmos.enableThroughputControl": enableThroughputControl,
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26     "spark.cosmos.throughputControl.group.globalControl.database": globalThroughputControlDatabaseName,
27     "spark.cosmos.throughputControl.group.globalControl.container": globalThroughputControlContainerName,
28     "spark.cosmos.read.inferSchemaEnabled": "true"
29 }
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31 df_Input.write.format("cosmos.items").options(**cfg).mode("APPEND").save()
```

▶ (1) Spark Jobs

## Test Configuration:

- SparkTestContainerWithControlEnabled, West US2, 20,000 RU/s
- Three runs:
  - Run with throughput control enabled with threshold 0.2
  - Run with throughput control enabled with threshold 0.5
  - Run with throughput control disabled





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Databricks-first-lx

FileEditView: StandardPermissionsStop ExecutionClear

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Running command...

(1) Spark Jobs

Job 3View (1 stages)

Cmd 6

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Shift+Enter to run

JobsStagesStorageEnvironmentExecutorsSQLJDBC/ODBC ServerStructured Streaming

Details for Job 3

Status: RUNNING  
Associated SQL Query: 3  
Job Group: 777572027867388464\_6415981105471884333\_d2070d279d5a485195f6a4a42c189da5  
Active Stages: 1

Event Timeline

Executors

AddedRemoved

Stages

CompletedFailedActive

Executor driver added  
Executor 1 added  
Executor 0 added  
save at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0 (Stage 3.0)

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DAG Visualization

Stage 3

Scan parquet  
WholeStageCodegen (1)

id	/groupId
U3BhcmtUZX...	SparkTestDB/Spar...
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Load more

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▶ Job 3

View (1 stages)

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▼Event Timeline

Enable zooming

Executors

AddedRemoved

Executor driver added

Executor 1 added

Executor 0 added

Executor 7 added

Executor 6 added

Executor 5 added

Executor 4 added

Executor 3 added

Executor 2 added

Stages

CompletedFailedActive

save at NativeMethodAccessorImpl.java:0 (Stage 3.0)

▼DAG Visualization

Stage 3

Scan parquet

SELECT \* FROM c

Edit Filter

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Load more

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"\_attachments": "attachments/",

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"\_ts": 1614306290

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}





# Limitations & Future Work

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Throughput control does not do RU pre-calculation of each operation, it tracks the RU usages after the operation based on the response header.

Throughput control works on its best effort.

Support for serverless account

Add extended metrics support for throughput control group