

# redis the swiss army knife of NoSQL



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**introduction**

- what is redis?
- key concepts
- benchmarks
- comparisons

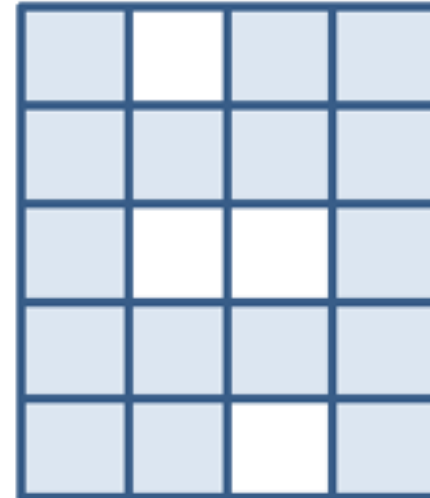
**what is redis?**

NoSQL

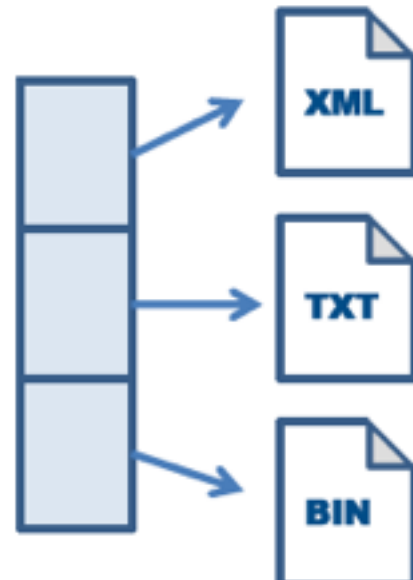
**Key / Value**



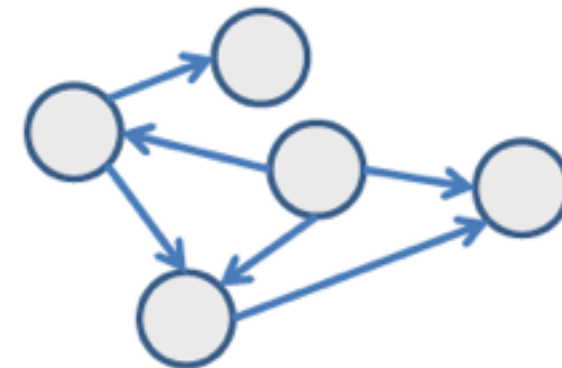
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key/value?





Redis is an open source, BSD licensed, advanced **key-value store**. It is often referred to as a **data structure server** since keys can contain **strings**, **hashes**, **lists**, **sets** and **sorted sets**.

data structure server

“I see Redis definitely more as a flexible tool than as a solution specialized to solve a specific problem.”

- Salvatore Sanfilippo



**key concepts**

in memory

persistence options

master-slave replication

failover/HA/recovery  
is **your** problem



**really high performance**

**data types are key**

optimized for linux

supports transactions and  
pipelining

supports lua scripting

**benchmarks**



Usage: redis-benchmark [-h <host>] [-p <port>] [-s <socket>] [-c <clients>] [-n <requests>] [-d <size>] [-k <boolean>] [-r <keyspacelen>]

-h <hostname>	Server hostname (default 127.0.0.1)
-p <port>	Server port (default 6379)
-s <socket>	Server socket (overrides host and port)
-c <clients>	Number of parallel connections to use
-n <requests>	Total number of requests to perform
-d <size>	Data size of SET/GET value in bytes
-k <boolean>	1=keep alive 0=reconnect (default 1)
-r <keyspacelen>	Use random keys for SET/GET/INCR



```
$ ./redis-benchmark -r 1000000 -n 2000000 -t get,set,  
SET: 552028.75 requests per second  
GET: 707463.75 requests per second  
LPUSH: 767459.75 requests per second  
LPOP: 770119.38 requests per second
```

Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5520 @ 2.27GHz (with pipelining)

```
$ ./redis-benchmark -r 1000000 -n 2000000 -t get,set,  
SET: 122556.53 requests per second  
GET: 123601.76 requests per second  
LPUSH: 136752.14 requests per second  
LPOP: 132424.03 requests per second
```

Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5520 @ 2.27GHz (no pipelining)





# Who's using Redis?

Logos are linked to the relevant story when available.



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<http://redis.io/topics/whos-using-redis>

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**comparisons**

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**installation**

# \* TRY REDIS \*

Welcome to Try Redis, a demonstration of the Redis database!

Please type `TUTORIAL` to begin a brief tutorial, `HELP` to see a list of supported commands, or any valid Redis command to play with the database.

> |

<http://try.redis.io/>

versions

```
$ wget http://download.redis.io/releases/redis-2.8.6.tar.gz  
$ tar xzf redis-2.8.6.tar.gz  
$ cd redis-2.8.6  
$ make
```



Run Redis with:

```
$ src/redis-server
```

```
$ src/redis-cli
```




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Redis key-value store (Win32 / Win64 port) <http://code.google.com/p/redis>

 **2,086** commits

 **10** branches

 **17** releases

 **34** contributors



 branch: **2.4** ▾


**redis** / 

This branch is 0 commits ahead and 0 commits behind 2.4

 Pull Request


 Compare

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**dmajkic** authored a year ago

latest commit **6fe0b6c345** 

<https://github.com/dmajkic/redis/>



MSOpenTech / redis

forked from antirez/redis

Watch ▾

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Redis is an in-memory database that persists on disk. The data model is key-value, but many different kind of values are supported: Strings, Lists, Sets, Sorted Sets, Hashes <http://redis.io>

3,038 commits

5 branches

97 releases

90 contributors



branch: 2.6 ▾

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Compare

Merge pull request #58 from Gusi/2.6 ...



jepickett authored 13 days ago

latest commit 8f0f6f64fc



<https://github.com/MSOpenTech/redis>

**key data types**

string

# string

- set <key> <value>
- get <key>
- del <key>

numerical strings



# numerical strings

- incr <key>
- incrby <key> <value>
- decr <key>
- decrby <key> <value>
- incrbyfloat <key> <fp value>

bitwise with string

list

# list

- [l|r]push <key> <value>
- [l|r]pop <key>
- lindex <key> <index>
- lrange <key> <start> <end>

set

# set

- sadd <key> <value>
- smembers <key>
- sismember <key>
- srem <key>

hash

# hash

- `hset <hash> <key> <value>`
- `hget <hash> <key>`
- `hgetall <hash>`
- `hdel <hash> <key>`



sorted set

# sorted set

- `zadd <set> <score> <value>`
- `zrange <set> <start> <end>`
- `zrangebyscore <set> <start> <end>`
- `zrem <set> <value>`

## key data types

- string (counter, bitwise)
- list
- set
- hash
- sorted set (zset)



**optimizations**

- pub/sub
- transactions
- expiry and caching
- mass insertion tricks

**pub/sub**

the concept

native



- publish <channel> <message>
- subscribe <channel>
- unsubscribe <channel>

- psubscribe <pattern>
- punsubscribe <pattern>

- `psubscribe <pattern>`
- `punsubscribe <pattern>`

Supported glob-style patterns:

- `h?llo` matches `hello`, `hallo` and `hxlllo`
- `h*llo` matches `hlllo` and `heeeello`
- `h[ae]llo` matches `hello` and `hallo`, but not `hillo`

Use `\` to escape special characters if you want to match them verbatim.

limitations

**transactions**

- multi
- exec

- multi
- exec
- watch
- discard

why not lock?



**expiry and caching**

- `expire <key> t(s)`
- `expireat <key> ts`
- `ttl <key>`
- `persist <key>`

- `pexpire <key> t(ms)`
- `pexpireat <key> ts (ms)`
- `pttl <key>`

limitations

**mass insertion tricks**

transactions!

multiple commands



**deployment**



- replication
- persistence
- security

**deployment**

**replication**

master:slave

Example performance:  
2.4 Ghz Core 2 Duo  
7-8ms UNIONSTORE  
2x10k SETs -> 20k set

master:slave

master:  
dir and dbfilename in  
config writable by redis

slave:  
slaveof host port

simple, but number of details



simple, but number of details

for example ...

- asynchronous
- slave of slave
- non blocking

<http://redis.io/topics/replication>

## 2.8 enhancements

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- Require minimum number of slaves to write
- Partial resync

**persistence**

available!

imperfect

two options

# snapshot

```
save 60 100  
stop-writes-on-bgsave-error no  
rdbcompression yes  
dbfilename whatever.rdb
```



# append only file

`appendonly yes`

`appendfsync always | everysec | no`

`bgrewriteaof`

# picking a persistence strategy

<http://redis.io/topics/persistence>

**security**

there isn't much!

## Redis general security model

Redis is designed to be accessed by trusted clients inside trusted environments. This means that usually it is not a good idea to expose the Redis instance directly to the internet or, in general, to an environment where untrusted clients can directly access the Redis TCP port or UNIX socket.

For instance, in the common context of a web application implemented using Redis as a database, cache, or messaging system, the clients inside the front-end (web side) of the application will query Redis to generate pages or to perform operations requested or triggered by the web application user.

In this case, the web application mediates access between Redis and untrusted clients (the user browsers accessing the web application).

This is a specific example, but, in general, untrusted access to Redis should always be mediated by a layer implementing ACLs, validating user input, and deciding what operations to perform against the Redis instance.

In general, Redis is not optimized for maximum security but for maximum performance and simplicity.

<http://redis.io/topics/security>

## Network security

Access to the Redis port should be denied to everybody but trusted clients in the network, so the servers running Redis should be directly accessible only by the computers implementing the application using Redis.

In the common case of a single computer directly exposed to the internet, such as a virtualized Linux instance (Linode, EC2, ...), the Redis port should be firewalled to prevent access from the outside. Clients will still be able to access Redis using the loopback interface.

<http://redis.io/topics/security>

## Authentication feature

While Redis does not try to implement Access Control, it provides a tiny layer of authentication that is optionally turned on editing the **redis.conf** file.

When the authorization layer is enabled, Redis will refuse any query by unauthenticated clients. A client can authenticate itself by sending the **AUTH** command followed by the password.

The password is set by the system administrator in clear text inside the **redis.conf** file. It should be long enough to prevent brute force attacks for two reasons:

- Redis is very fast at serving queries. Many passwords per second can be tested by an external client.
- The Redis password is stored inside the **redis.conf** file and inside the client configuration, so it does not need to be remembered by the system administrator, and thus it can be very long.

<http://redis.io/topics/security>

there isn't much

```
rename-command CONFIG b840fc02d524045429941cc15f59e41cb7be6c52
```



“sql” injection?



**use cases**

pub/sub?

chat server  
activity feed  
message queue?

...

simple keys and speed?

cache web pages

db row caching

authentication

shopping cart

...

lists?

log

...

counters?

analytics

page view counter

counter generator

...

sets?

uniqueness test  
tagging system

...

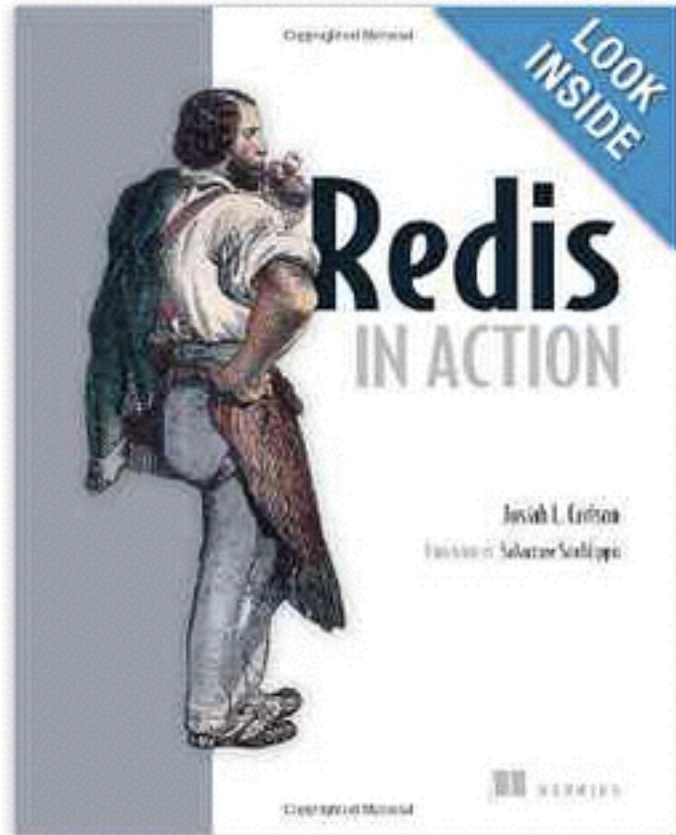
sorted sets?



set intersections?



**resources**



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by Josiah L. Carlson (Author)

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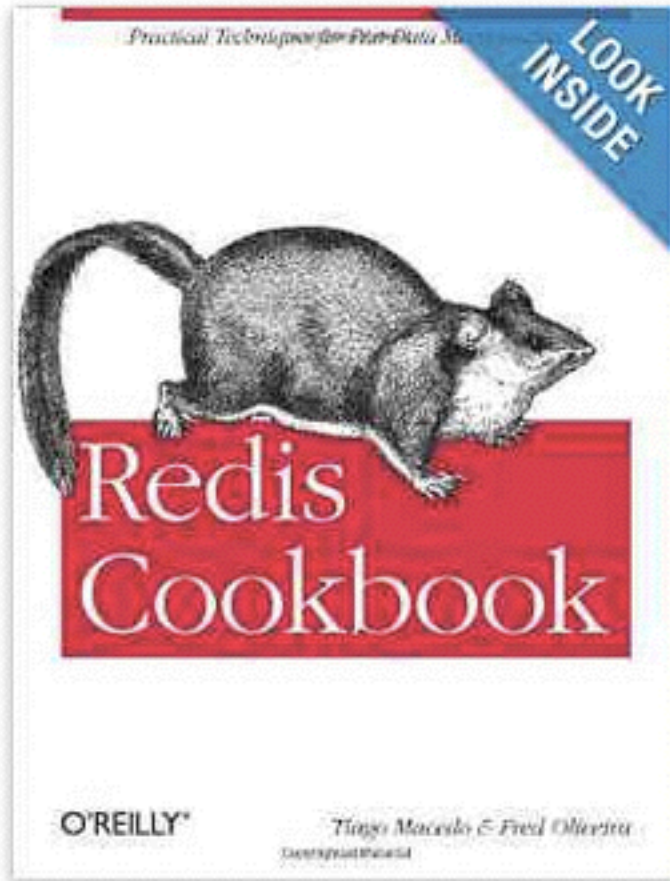
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