

Non-Relational Databases

Redis

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Important questions

Which database/datastore or which combination of databases/datastores may solve a given problem?

- Q 1: What is the type of the datastore?
- Q 2: What was the motor for the development of a given datastore?
- Q 3: How do we talk to the datastore?
- Q 4: What makes a datastore unique?
- Q 5: What kind of solutions provides a datastore?
- Q 6: How scales a datastore?

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Q 1: What is the type of the datastore?

relational (PostgreSQL)

Key / value (Riak, Redis, Hazelcast)

column-oriented (Hbase)

document-oriented (MongoDB, CouchDB)

graph-based (Neo4J)

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- Q 6: How scales a datastore?
 - Scaling features are in tight connection to performance of the datastore!
 - Scaling features need a context!
 - Horizontal scaling features (MongoDB, Hbase, Riak)
 - Vertical scaling features (PostgreSQL, Neo4J, Redis, HazelCast)
 - Mixed scaling features

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- Types of datastores
 - key/value or KV datastore
 - Relate keys to values
 - comparable to hash tables or maps in programming languages
 - Pro: sometimes we can complex data types directly
 - hashes or lists
 - Pro: in some cases we can iterate over keys
 - Pro: Huge performance when sending simple requests
 - Con: not helpful for complex requests and aggregation tasks
 - Example: filesystem (key=filename, value=content)
 - More examples: Redis, Hazelcast, Riak, memcached, memcachedb, membase, Voldemort, ...

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- Redis --- in short
 - In-Memory-Datastore
 - Data structure Datastore
 - Open-Source (BSD-License)
 - May be used as a database
 - May be used as a cache
 - May be used as a message broker

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- Redis --- Features
 - Redis is not only a simple key-value-datastore that permits only strings.
 - Redis is a data structure datastore that permits complex data structures!
 - Supported Datastructures
 - Strings, hashes, lists, sets, sorted sets with range queries, bitmaps, hyperloglogs and geospatial indexes with radius queries
 - Replication, Lua Scripting, LRU eviction, Transactions
 - Different levels of on-disk persistence
 - High availability via Redis Sentinel
 - Automatic partitioning with Redis Cluster.

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Lab activity

Answer the assigned question within at most 2 PPT slides. Use the given PPT template (see moodle).

- Q 1: What are "Redis --- hyperloglogs"?
- Q 2: What are "Redis --- geospatial indexes with radius queries"?
- Q 3: What means "Redis --- Replication"?
- Q 4: What means "Redis --- Lua Scripting"?
- Q 5: What means "Redis --- LRU eviction"?
- Q 6: What means "Redis --- Transactions"?
- Q 7: What means "Redis --- Different levels of on-disk persistence"?
- Q 8: What means "High availability via Redis Sentinel"?
- Q 9: What means "Automatic partitioning with Redis Cluster"?
- Q 10: What means horizontal / vertical scaling for a datastore?
- Q 11: What was the motor for the development of Redis?
- Q 12: How can we talk to the Redis (APIs)?
- Q 13: What makes a Redis unique?

Literature



- Redis Essentials (M. da Silva, H. Lopez Tavarez) ISBN-13: 978-1784392451
- Mastering Redis (J. Nelson)ISBN-13: 978-1783988181