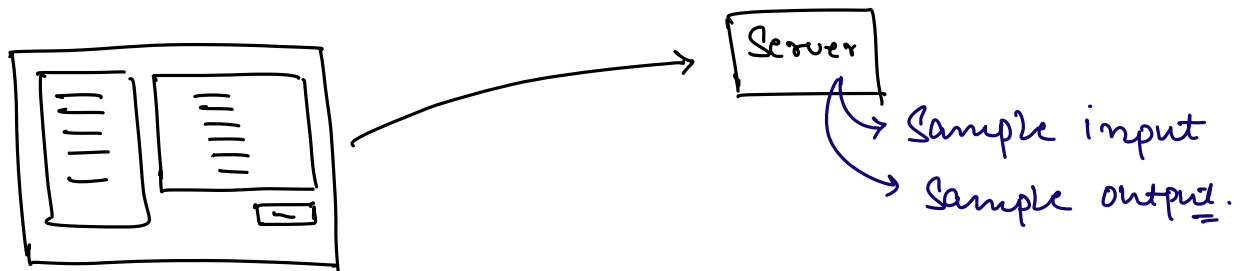


Agenda.

→ Scaler Code Judge.

→ Scaler Contest Leaderboard.

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Sample Input file:

$(100 \text{ TC}) * (10^6 \text{ Array elements}) * 8 \text{ Bytes.}$

800 MB \approx 0.8 GB.

\swarrow
1 GB.

Output file 1 GB.

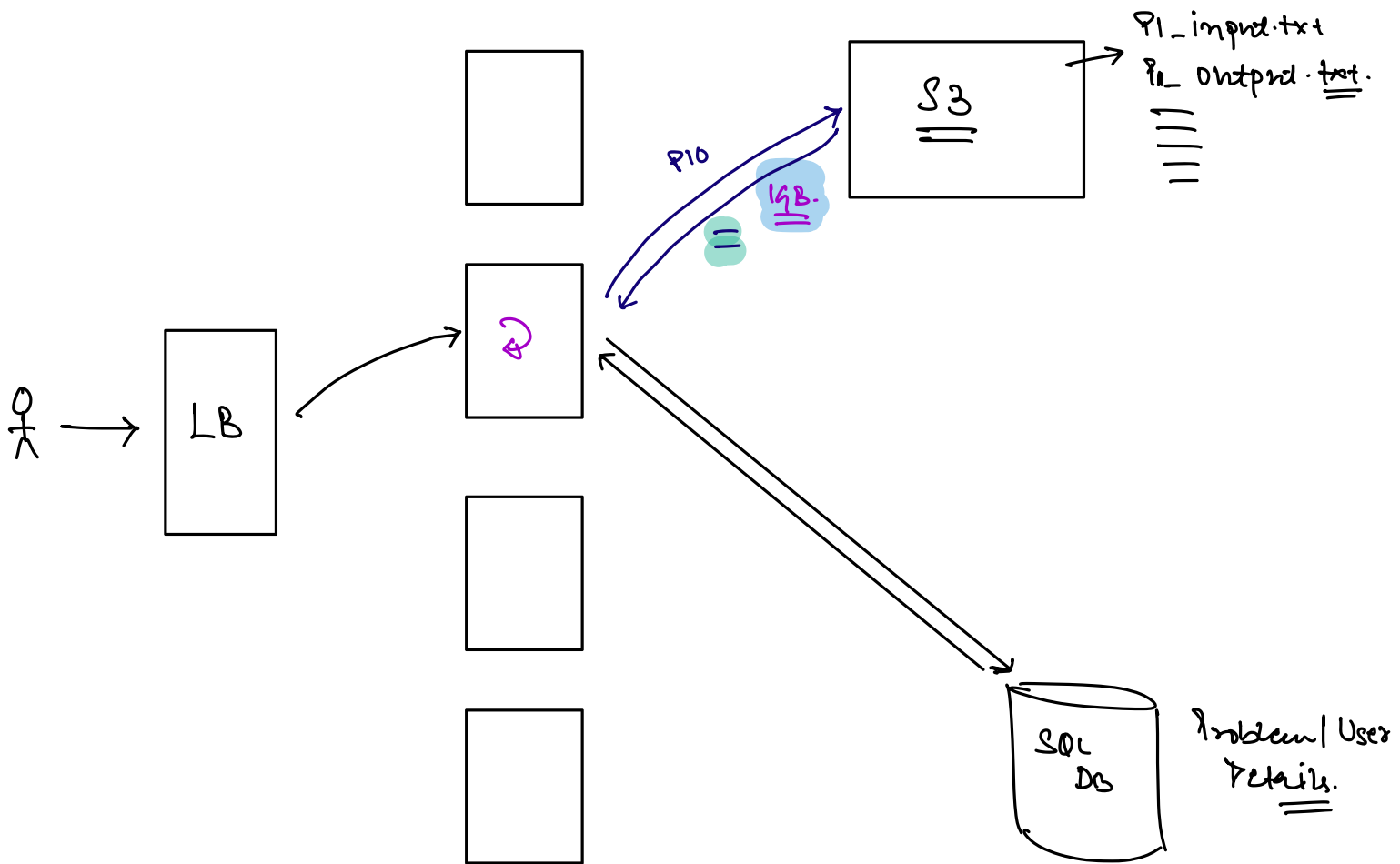
For 1 problem : 2 GB.

Total # of problems : 2000

Total space = $2000 \times 1 \text{ GB}$

= 2 TB.

AWS SS | Azure Blob Storage.



Need of Caching. ✓

↳ lot of data transfer is happening over the net.

latency ↑

N/w Bandwidth ↑

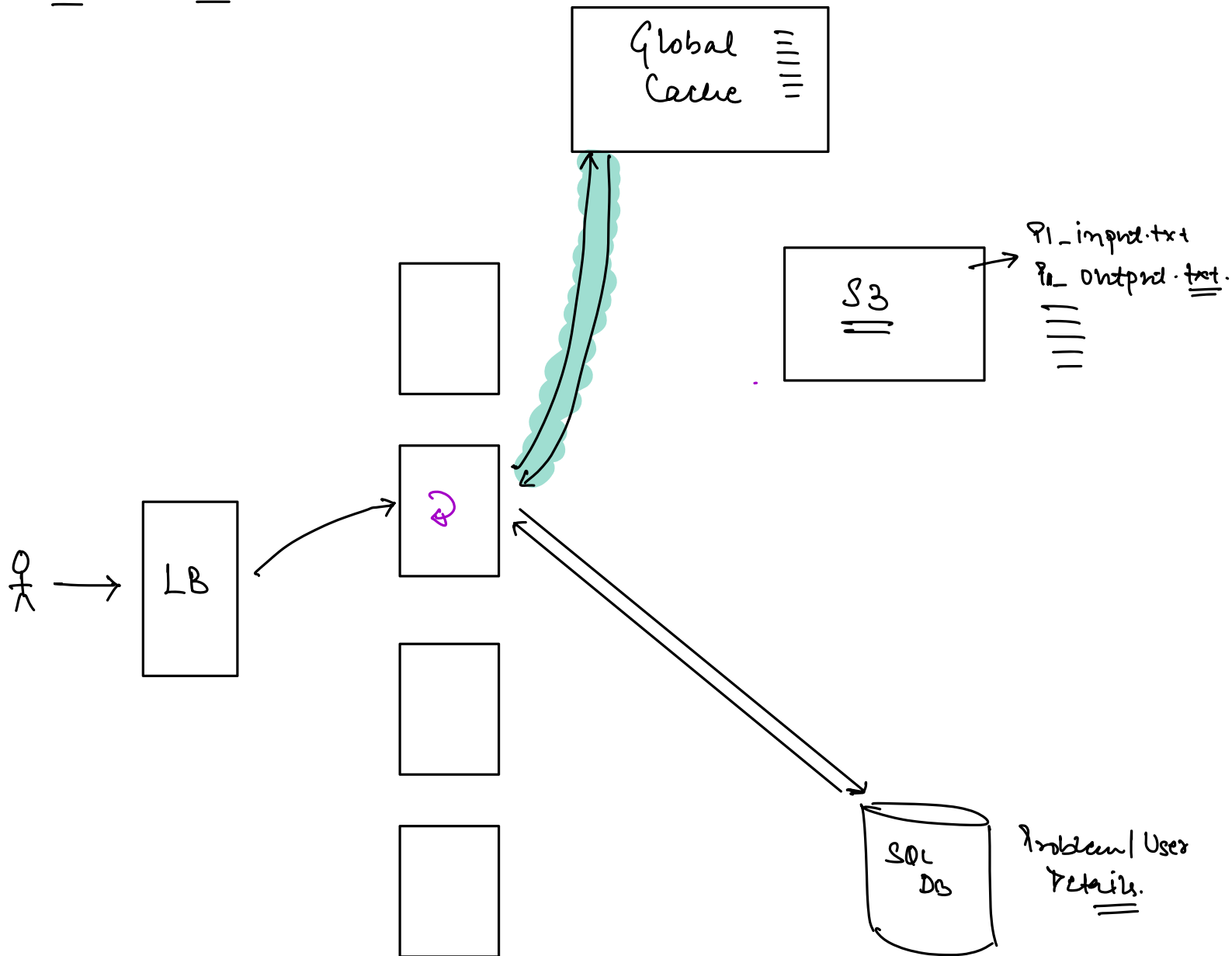
CDN. → x

↳ 3rd party service for client side caching.

Backend Cache.

↓ ↓
Global Local.

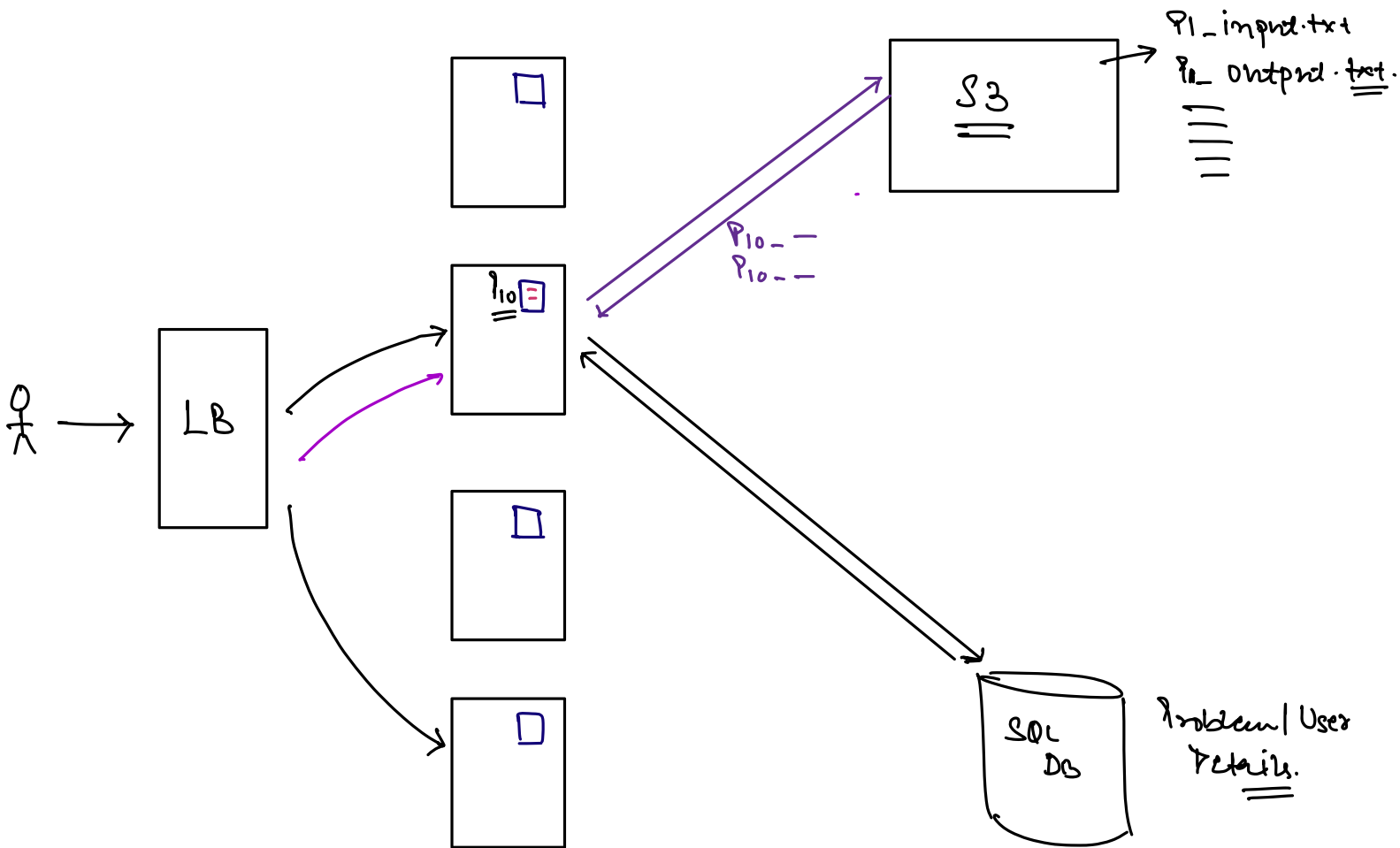
Global Cache



Global Cache isn't solving the problem of huge amount of data transfer over the n/w.

Local Cache.

→ Cache the TC files in the local HDD.



Local Cache

↳ by default distributed.

Cache Invalidation

Immediate (vs) Eventual Consistency.

TTL.

{ ID } x
{ 20 } x

{ 10 mins } x

{ 10 sec } → Too many n/w calls.

{ 1 hr } x

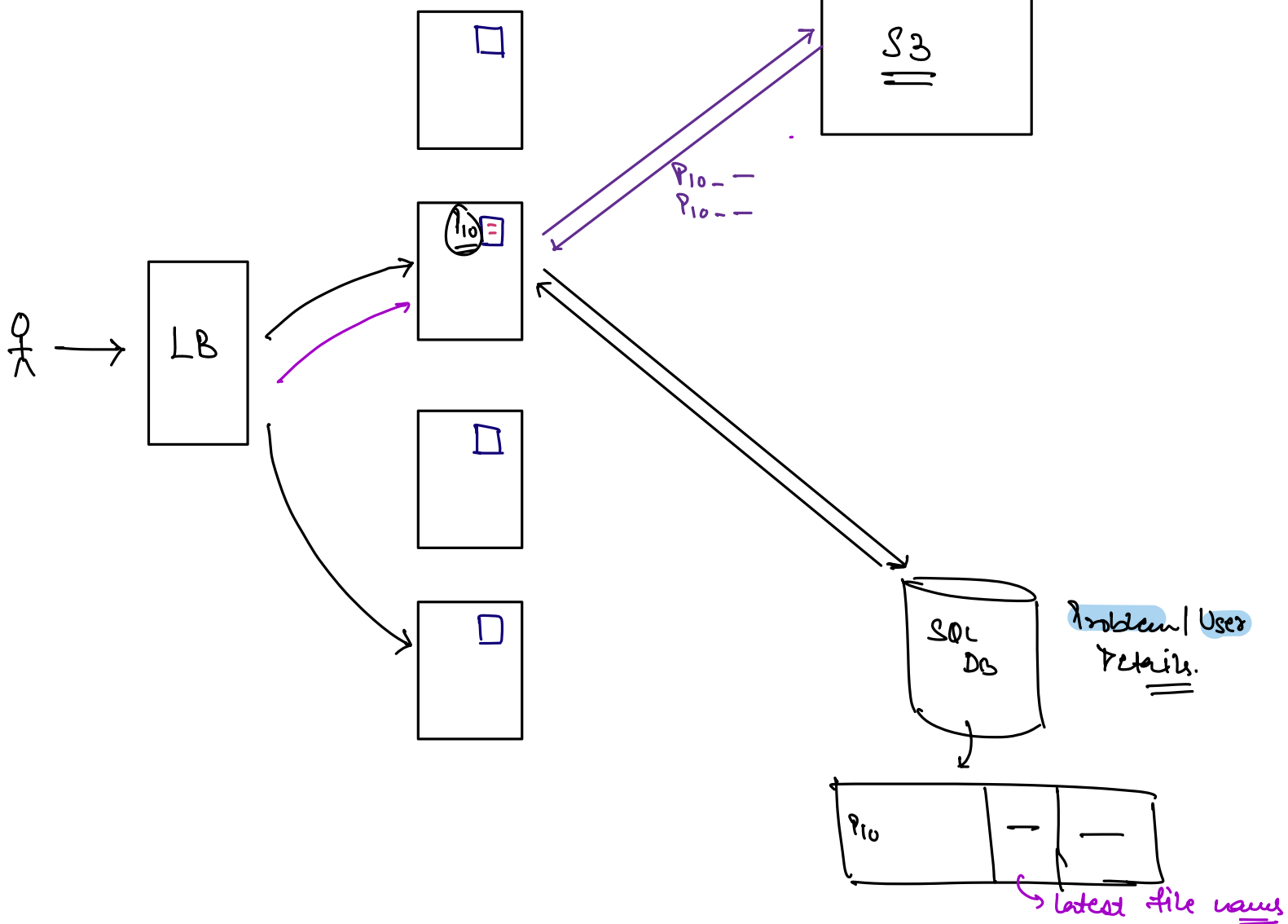
Write Around | Back | Through Cache.

rl_input_2025-11-26-11:03.txt

rl_output_2025-11-26-11:03.txt

rl_input_2025-11-26-12:00.txt

rl_output_2025-11-26-12:00.txt



Eviction Strategy.

↳ LRU.

Load Balancer.

↳ Based on Problem Id

↳ Some of the m/c might get overloaded during the contest.

→ Based on userId. → X

→ Round Robin ✓.

Scaler Contest Leaderboard.

↳ 100k participants.

→ Paginated

→ username | rank | total score | score for each problem | time.

Usecase

→ 3 hours contest

→ 100k users

→ 5 problems.

Avg # of submissions / user / problem = 2

Total # of submissions = $2 \times 5 \times 100k$

$$= \underline{\underline{1M.}}$$

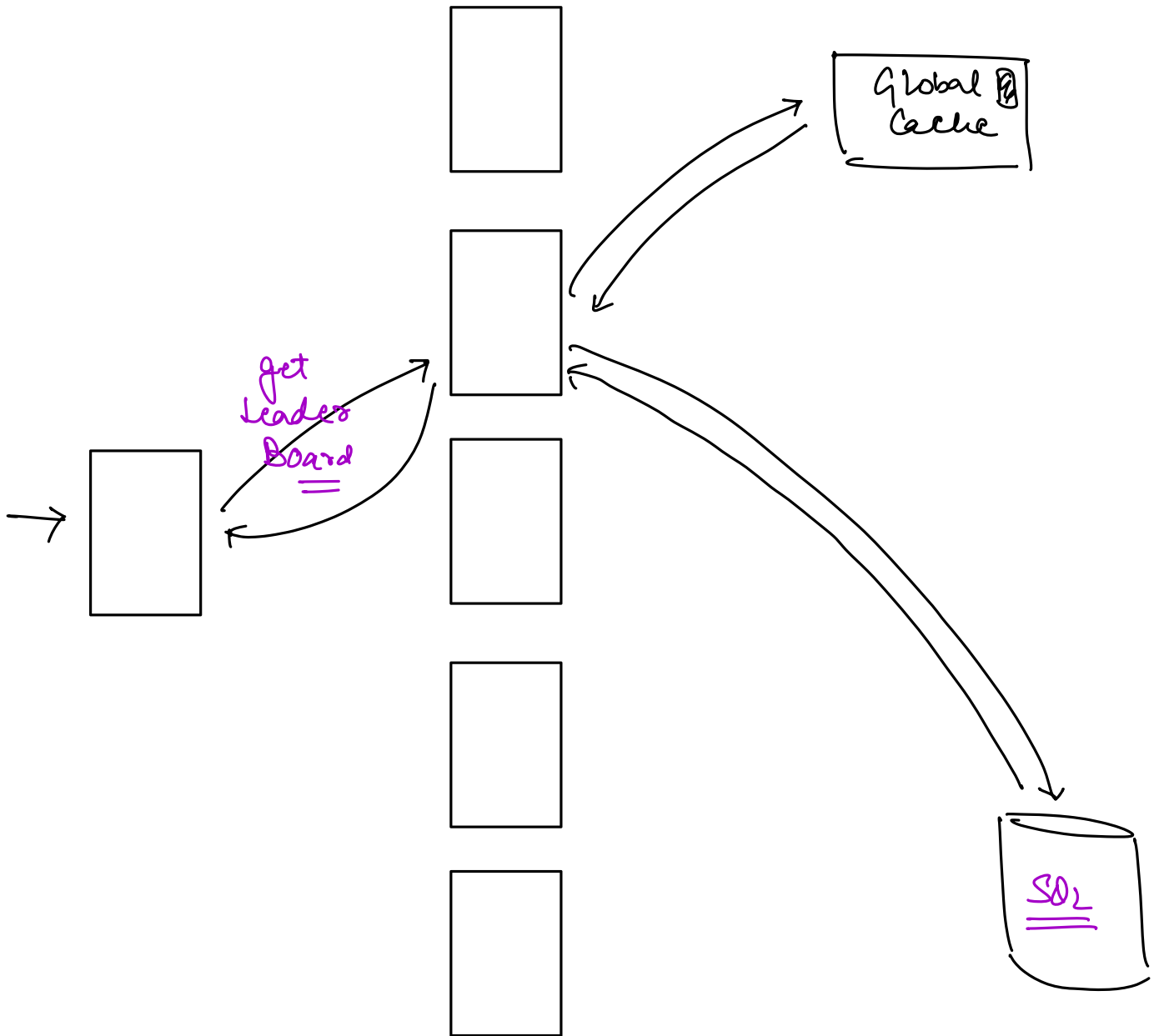
$$\# \text{ of submissions/sec} = \frac{10^6}{3 \times 60 \times 60}$$

$$= \frac{10^6}{10^4} \approx 100$$

100 submissions/sec

Peak traffic = 2x Avg traffic

= 200 submissions/sec



⇒ Generating a leaderboard is time consuming process.

↳ Can take easily ~ 2-3 seconds.

Need for Caching



Local (vs) Global Cache.

$$\text{Size of Data} = (200 \text{ B}) \times 100 \times 10^3$$

↓
Per user

$$= \underline{\underline{20 \text{ MB}}}$$

of read requests = 20 views/user for 3 hours

$$= \frac{20 \times 100 \text{K}}{3 \times 60 \times 60} \text{ Views} | \underline{\underline{\text{sec}}}$$

$$= \frac{20 \times 100 \times 1000}{10000} \text{ Views} | \underline{\underline{\text{sec}}}$$

$$= 200 \text{ Views} | \underline{\underline{\text{sec}}}$$

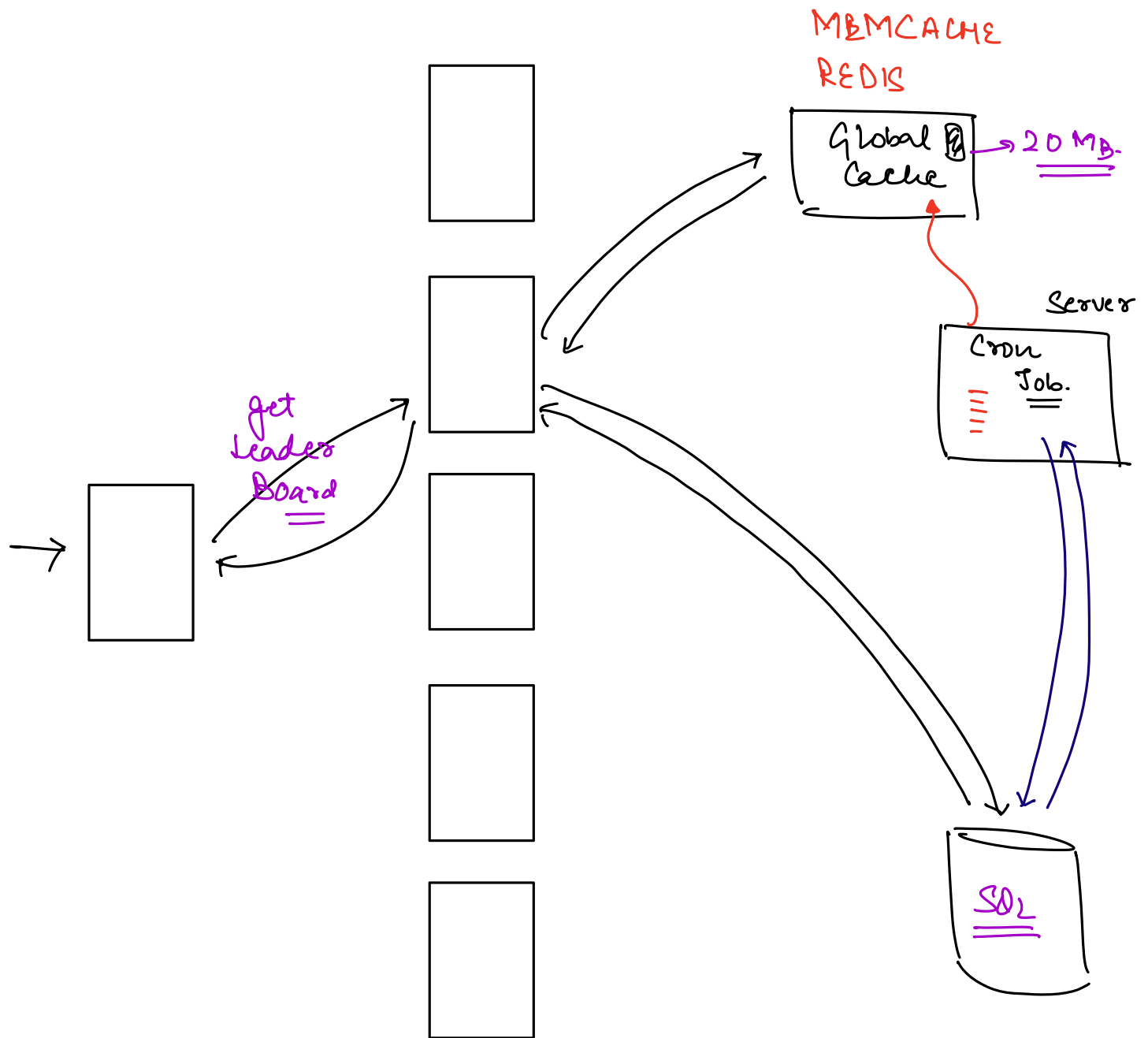
Distribnte.

↳ No.

Cache Invalidation.

↳ (TTL) \Rightarrow 10 mins.

Scaler has TTL of 30 mins.



Eviction Strategy.

↳ We don't really need to evict as data is just few MBs.

LB.

↳ Round Robin for App Servers.

Points to note while designing a Cache

- Need for Caching
- Local (vs) Global
- Distributed
- Invalidation, Writing & Eviction Strategies.
- Load Balancing.