

6.3: MongoDB Config

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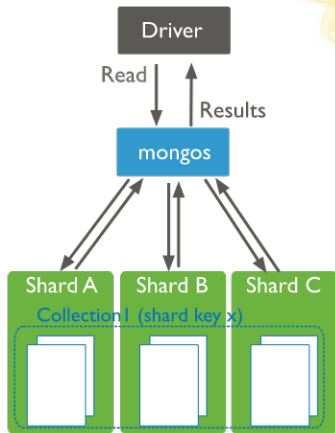
- **References:**

- All concepts in slides
- MongoDB tutorial
- Web
 - <https://www.mongodb.com/>
 - Official docs
 - pymongo
- Seven Databases in Seven Weeks, 2e



MongoDB Processes and Configuration

- mongod: database instance (server process)
- mongosh: interactive shell (client)
 - JavaScript environment for MongoDB
- mongos: database router
 - Process requests
 - Decide which mongod instances receive the query (sharding/partitioning)
 - Collate results
 - Send result to client
- You should have:
 - One mongos (router) for the system regardless of mongod count; or
 - One local mongos per client to minimize network latency



MapReduce Functionality

- Perform map-reduce computation on (key, value) pairs
- Provide map function, reduction function, and result set name

```
db.collection.mapReduce(
```

```
  <map_function>,
```

```
  <reduce_function>,
```

```
{
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```
  out: <collection>,
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  query: <document>,
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  sort: <document>,
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  limit: <number>,
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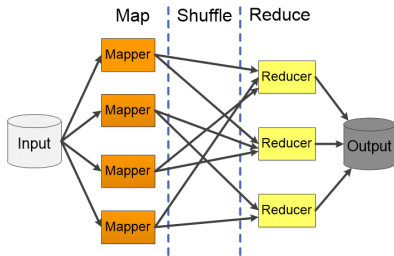
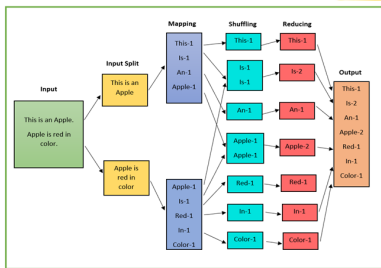
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  finalize: <function>,
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  scope: <document>,
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  jsMode: <boolean>,
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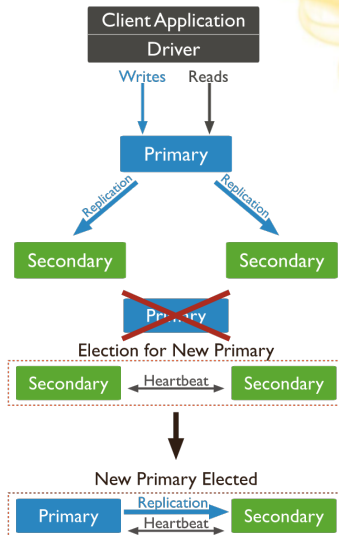
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  verbose: <boolean>
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})
```



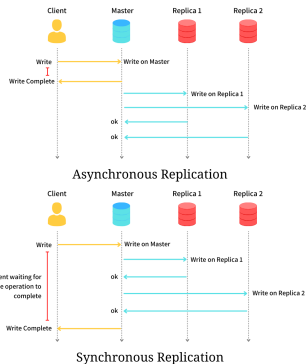
Data Replication

- **Data replication** ensure:
 - Redundancy
 - Backup
 - Automatic failover
- Replication occurs through groups of servers known as **replica sets**
 - **Primary set**: servers for direct updates
 - **Secondary set**: servers for data duplication
 - Properties of secondary set:
 - Secondary-only, hidden, delayed, arbiters, non-voting
- If primary fails, secondary sets “vote” to elect new primary



Sync vs Async Replication

- **Synchronous replication:** updates propagate to replicas in a single transaction
- Implementations
 - 2-Phase Commit (2PC)
 - Paxos
 - Complex and expensive
- **Asynchronous replication**
 - Primary node propagates updates to replicas
 - Transaction completes before replicas update (even if failures occur)
 - Quick commits at consistency cost

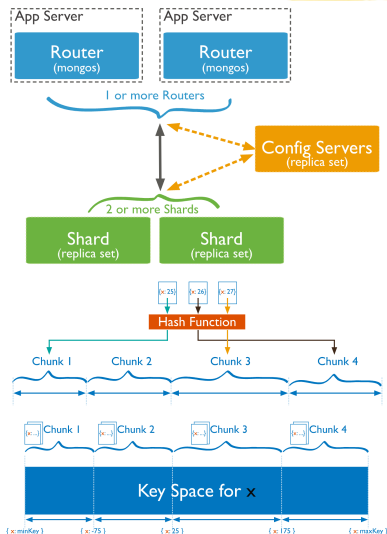


Data Consistency

- **Client decides how to enforce consistency for reads**
- Reads to a primary have **strict consistency**
 - Reflect latest data changes
 - All writes and consistent reads go to primary
- Reads to a secondary have **eventual consistency**
 - Updates propagate gradually
 - May read previous database state
 - Eventually consistent reads distributed among secondaries

MongoDB: Sharding

- **Shard** = subset of data
 - Split collection based on shard key
 - Distribute data based on shard key or intervals [a, b)
- **Sharding** = method for distributing data across machines
- **Horizontal scaling** achieved through sharding
 - Divide data and workload over servers
 - Complexity in infrastructure and maintenance
- mongos acts as query router interfacing clients and sharded cluster
 - Deploy each shard as a replica set
 - Config servers store metadata and configuration settings for cluster

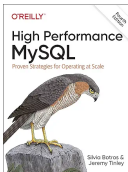
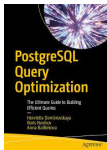
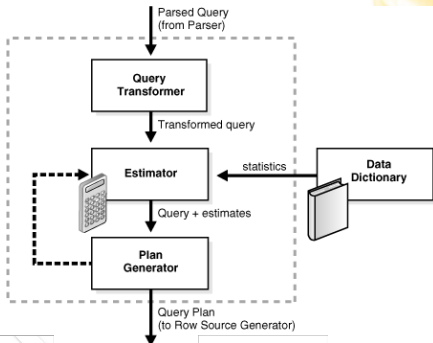


RDBMS Internals

- **Storage hierarchy**
 - Map tables to files
 - Map tuples to disk blocks
- **Buffer Manager**
 - Bring pages from disk to memory
 - Manage limited memory
- **Query Processing Engine**
 - Execute user query
 - Specify sequence of pages for memory
 - Operate on tuples to produce results

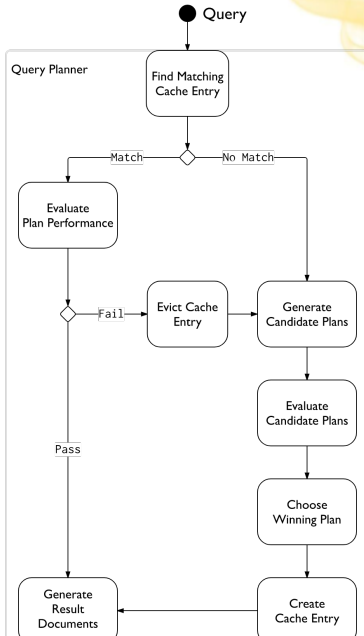
Query Optimizer

- **RDBMS: query optimizer is static**
 - Assign cost to each query plan
 - Estimate cost params (e.g., time to access data)
 - Search for best query
 - At least traditional RDBMS



Query Optimizer

- **MongoDB: query optimizer is dynamic**
 - Try different query plans, learn which perform well
 - Query plan space is small, no joins
 - Testing new plans
 - Execute multiple plans in parallel
 - Terminate others when one finishes
 - Cache result
 - If a plan performs poorly, try different plans
 - E.g., data changed, query parameters differ



MongoDB: Strengths

- Provide flexible, modern query language
- High-performance
 - Implemented in C++
- Rapid development, open source
 - Supports many platforms
 - Multiple language drivers
- Built for distributed database systems
 - Sharding
 - Replica sets
- Tunable consistency
- Ideal for large data not needing relational model
 - Element relationships irrelevant
 - Focus on storing and retrieving large data quantities

MongoDB: Limitations

- No referential integrity
 - Aka foreign key constraint
- Lack of transactions and joins
- High degree of denormalization
 - Update data in many places instead of one
- Lack of predefined schema is a double-edged sword
 - Have a data model in your application
 - Objects within a collection can be inconsistent in their fields
- CAP Theorem: targets consistency and partition tolerance, gives up on availability

