

# Introduction to BigQuery

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# What is BigQuery?

- Uses SQL
- Scalable to analyze massive datasets
- Enterprise data warehouse
- Launched in 2012 using the same tools as Google uses



BigQuery

Google Cloud Official Blog

Built in the cloud. Engineered for your enterprise.

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Google BigQuery brings Big Data analytics to all businesses

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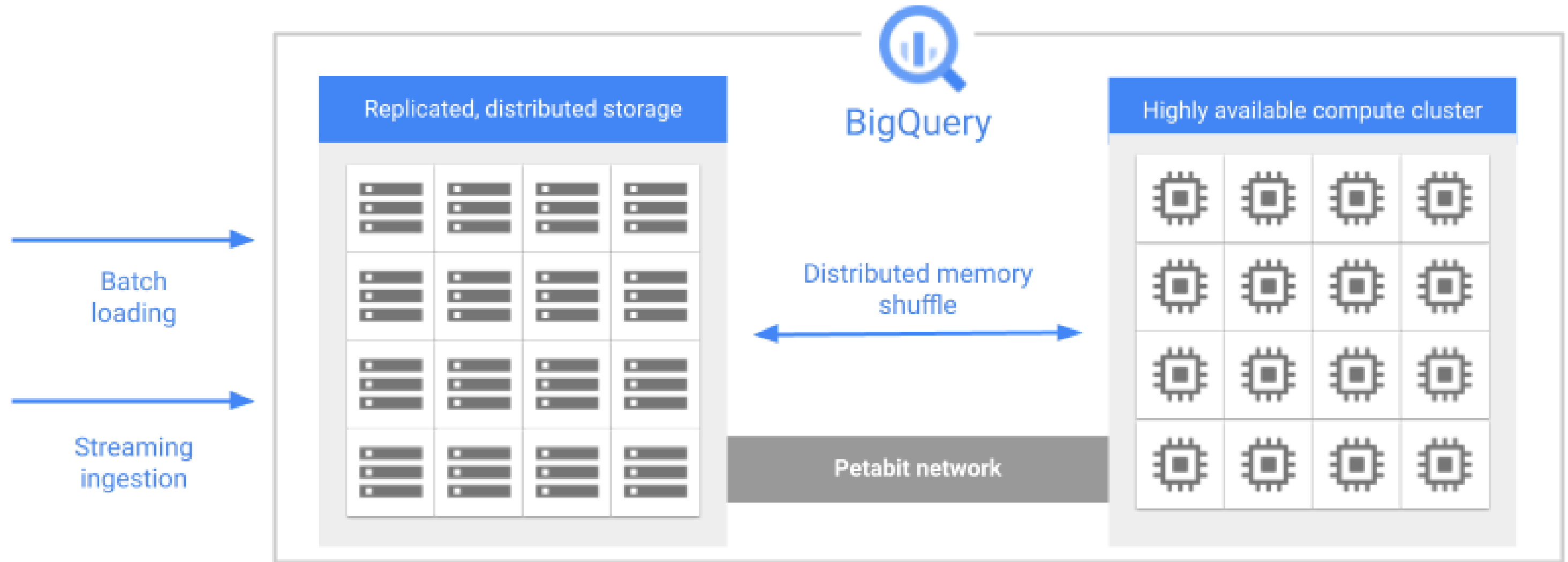
Posted by Ju-Kay Kwek, Product Manager, BigQuery

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# What makes BigQuery unique?

- Online analytical processing (OLAP)
- Separate compute and storage
- Serverless

# Compute and storage



<sup>1</sup> [https://cloud.google.com/bigquery/docs/storage\\_overview](https://cloud.google.com/bigquery/docs/storage_overview)

# Snowflake and BigQuery

## Snowflake

- Popular amongst developers
- Runs on any cloud
- Specific tiers of compute resources (small, medium, etc.)



## BigQuery

- Popular for analytical queries (reports)
- Only run on Google Cloud
- Completely serverless, no tiers



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# Redshift and BigQuery

## Redshift

- Constant computation or serverless
- Suited for live dashboarding



## BigQuery

- Only serverless
- Point in time analysis (once a day or hour)



# Traditional SQL databases and BigQuery

## SQL databases

- Online transactional processing (OTAP)
- Compute and storage are linked
- Non-distributed



## BigQuery

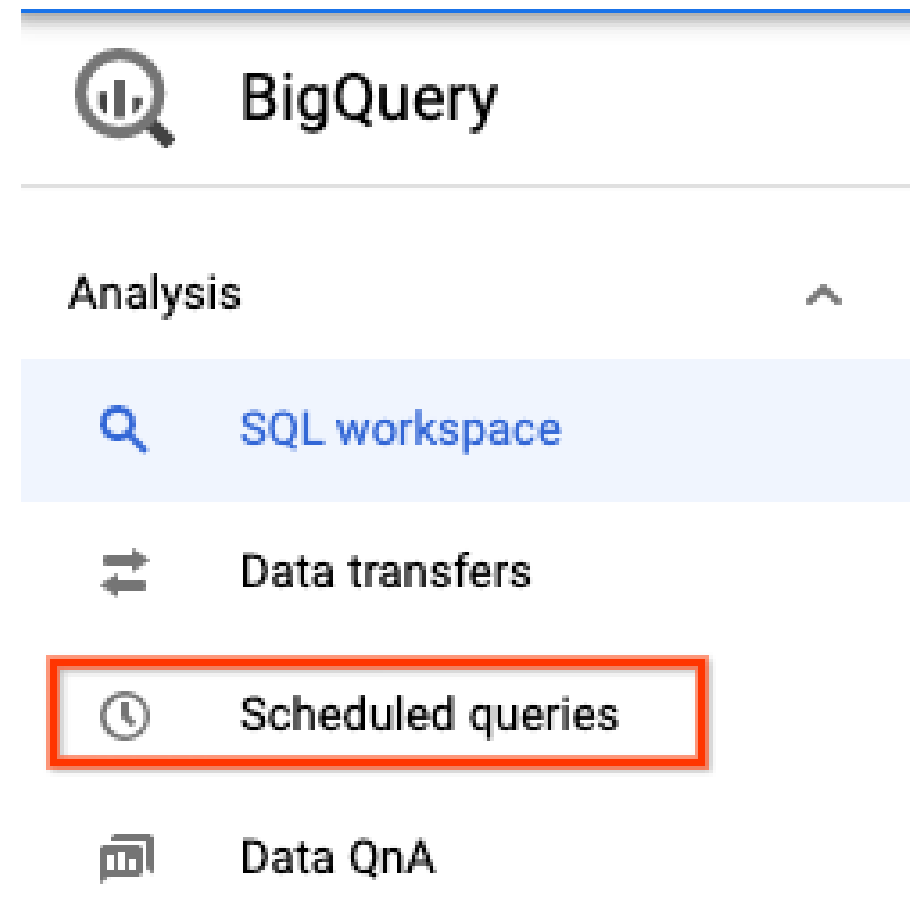
- Online analytical processing (OLAP)
- Compute and storage are separate
- Distributed query engine



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# How is BigQuery used?

1. Reports that run at a specific time period or day (daily ecommerce reports, quarterly reports)
2. Ad-hoc discovery (marketing campaign analysis)





# Let's practice!

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# BigQuery Architecture

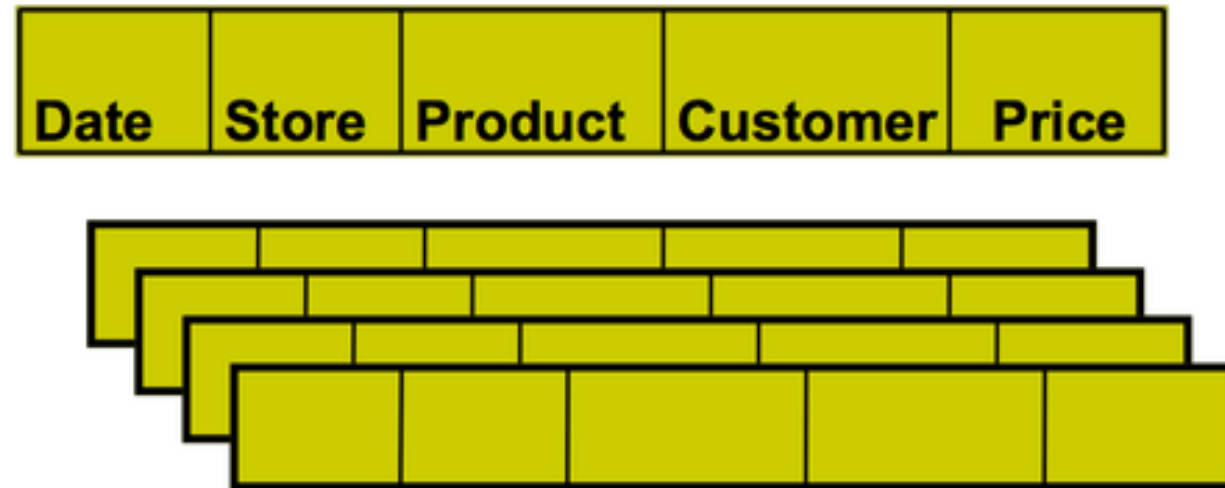
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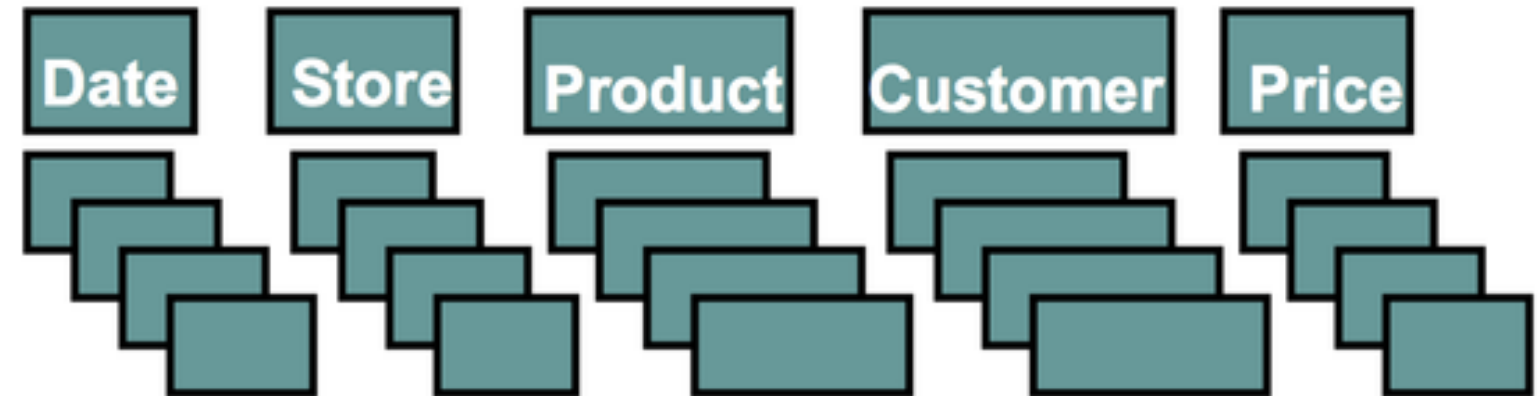
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# Columnar data

**row-store**

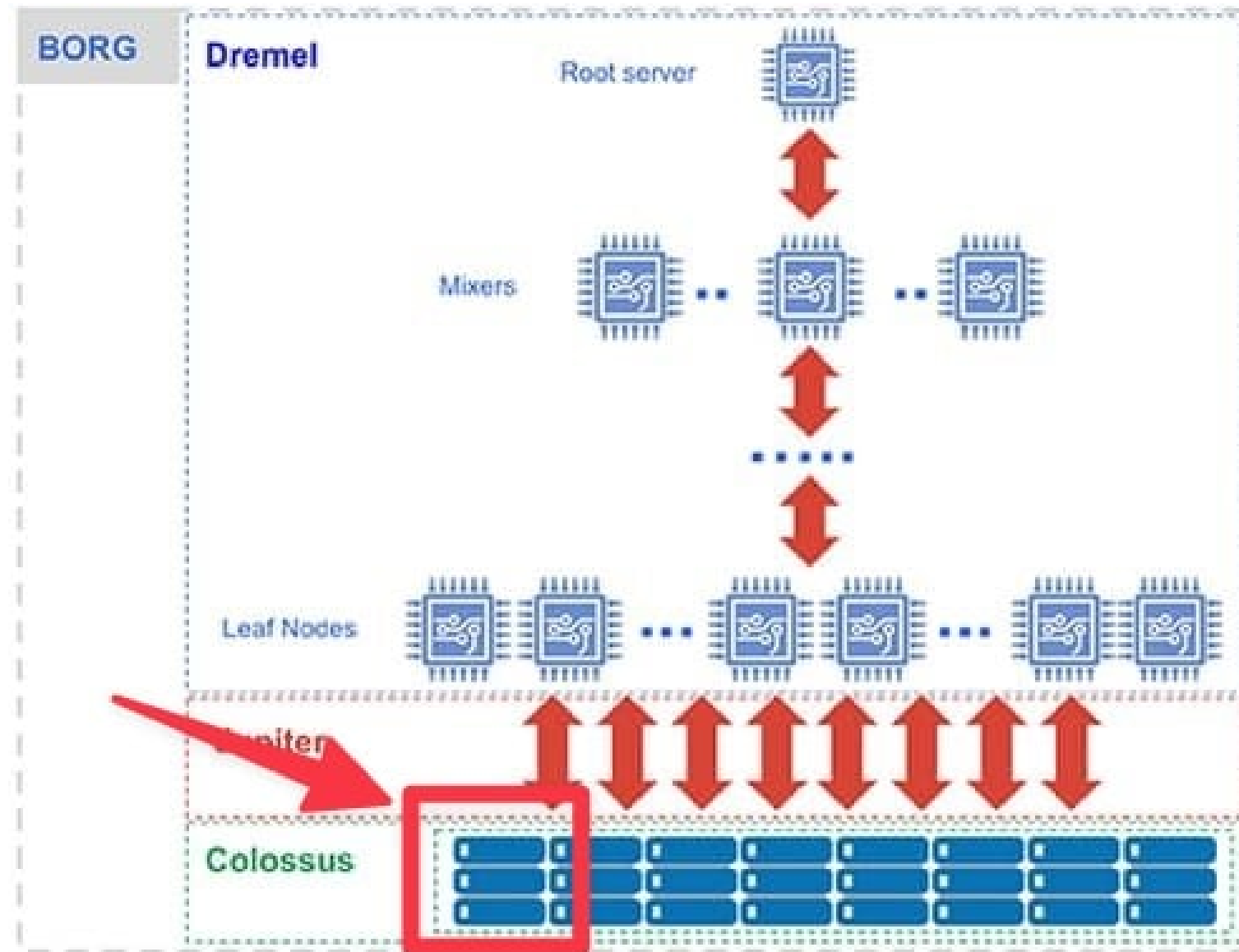


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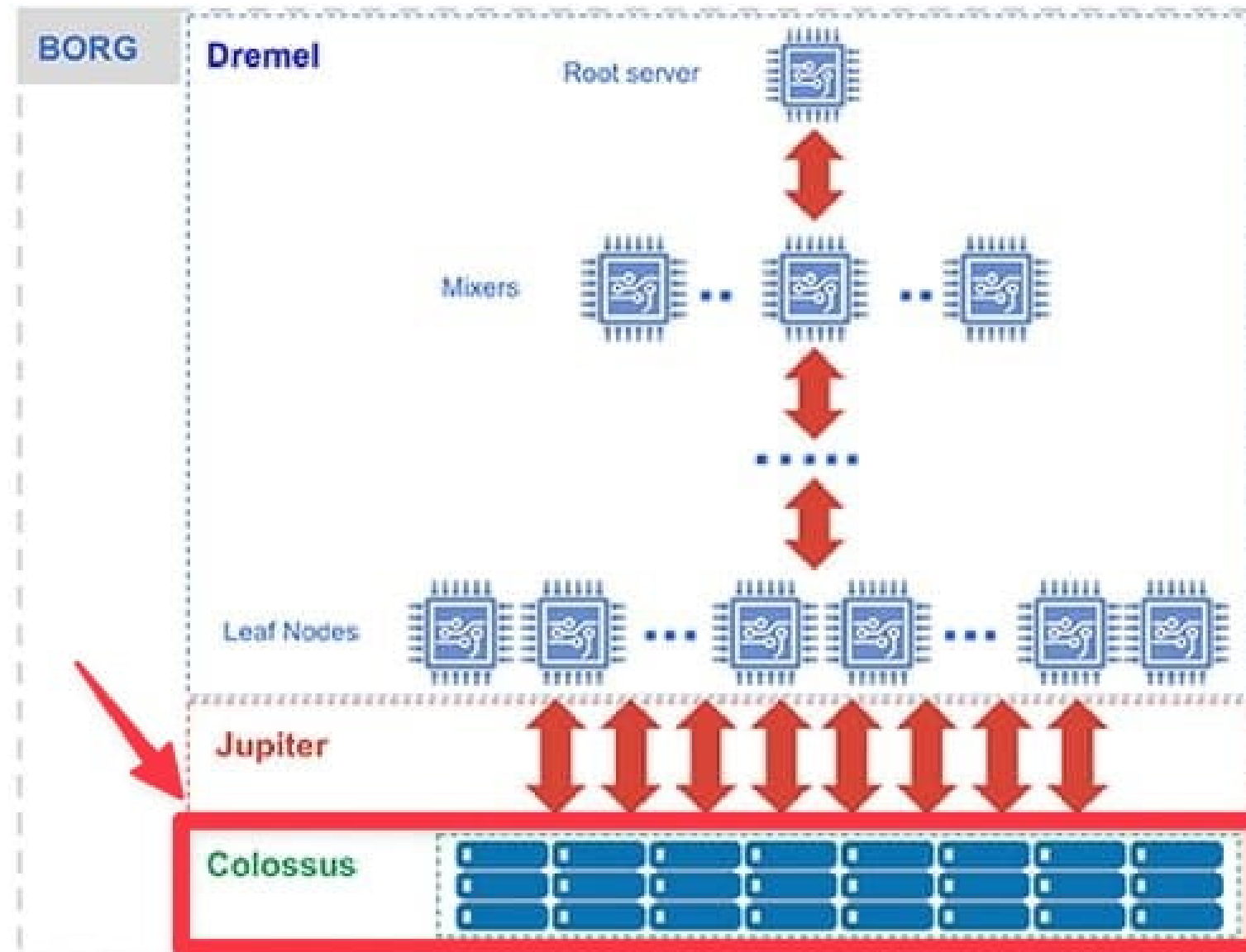


<sup>1</sup> <http://www.primarydigit.com/blog/-a-brief-introduction-to-column-oriented-databases>

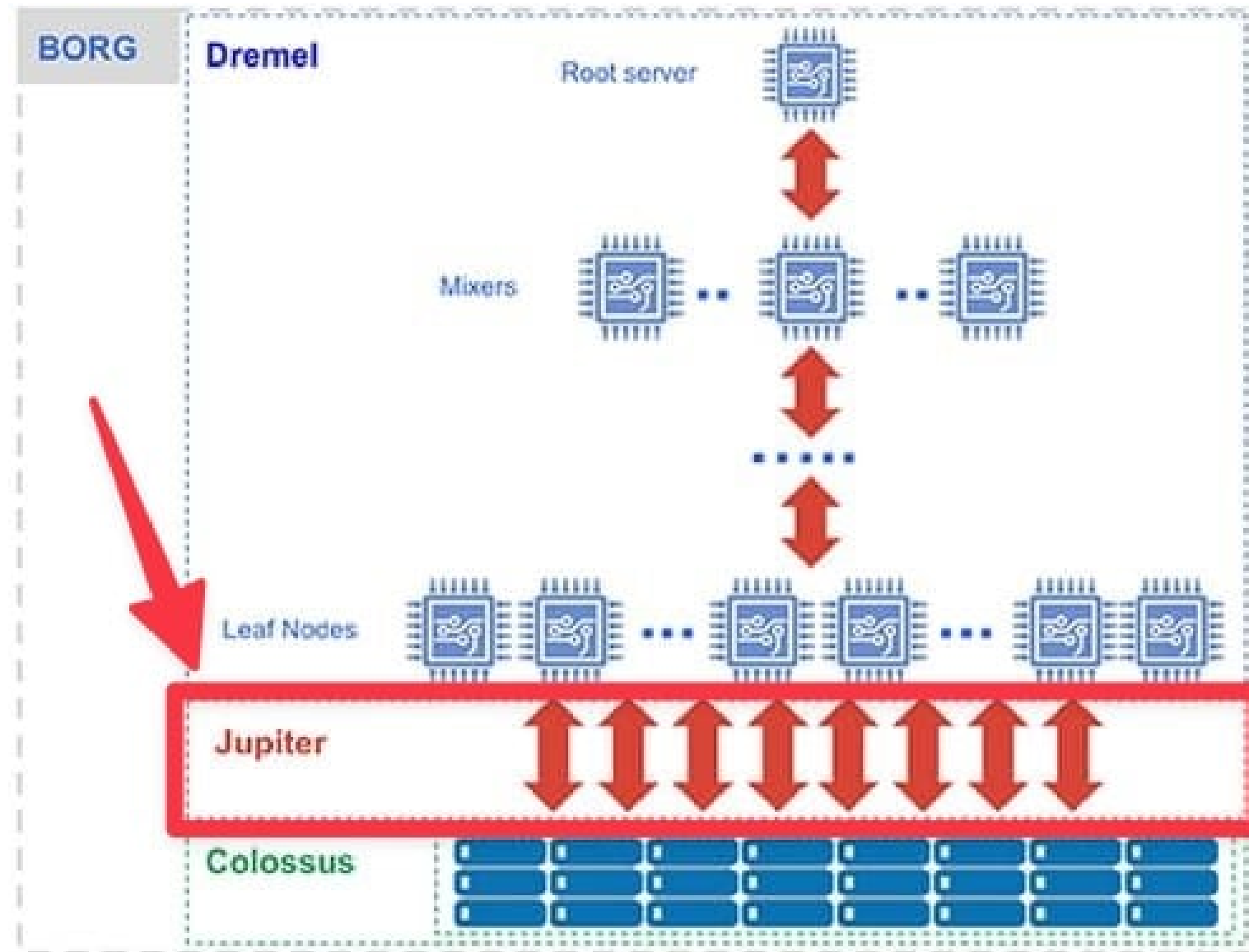
# Capacitor



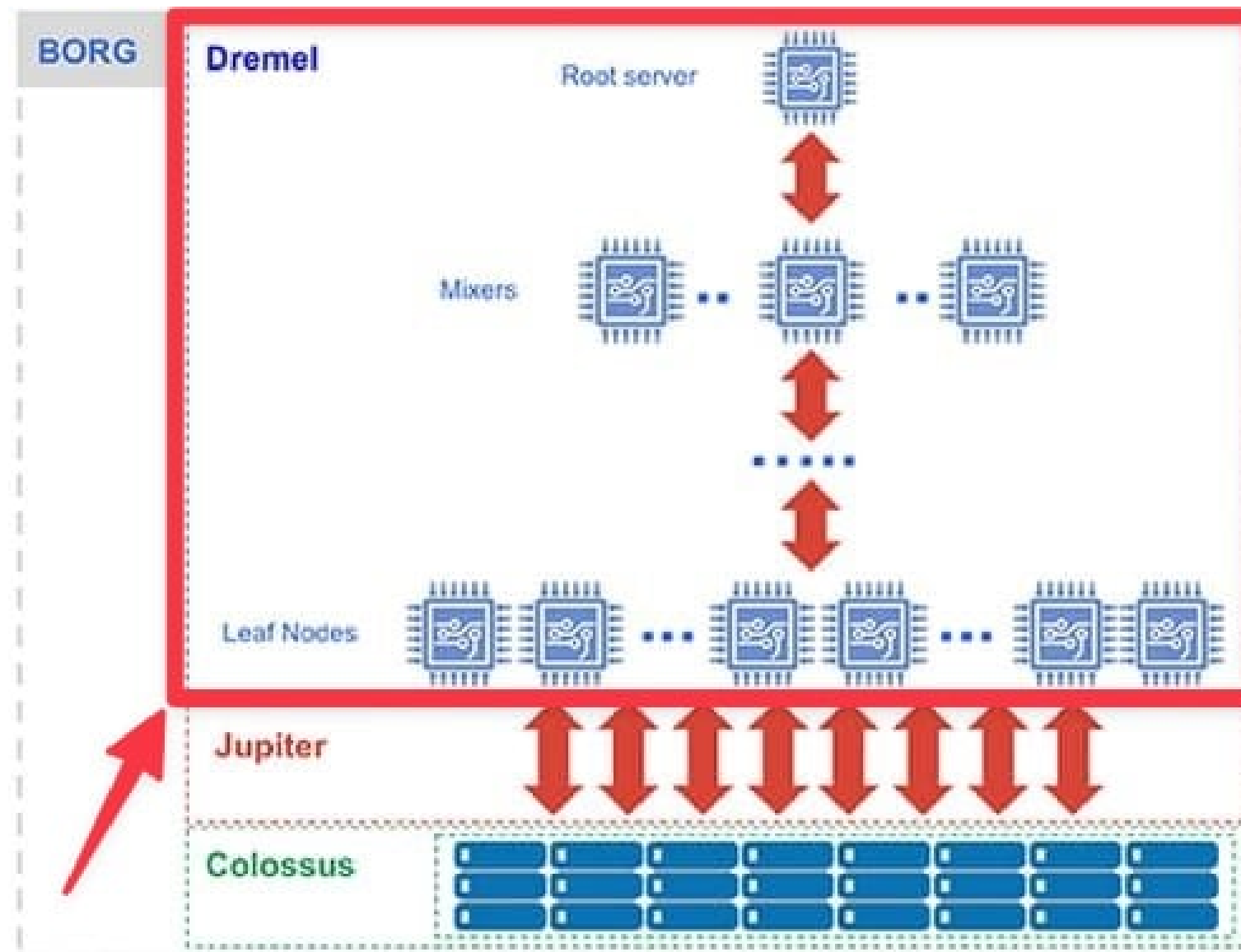
# Colossus



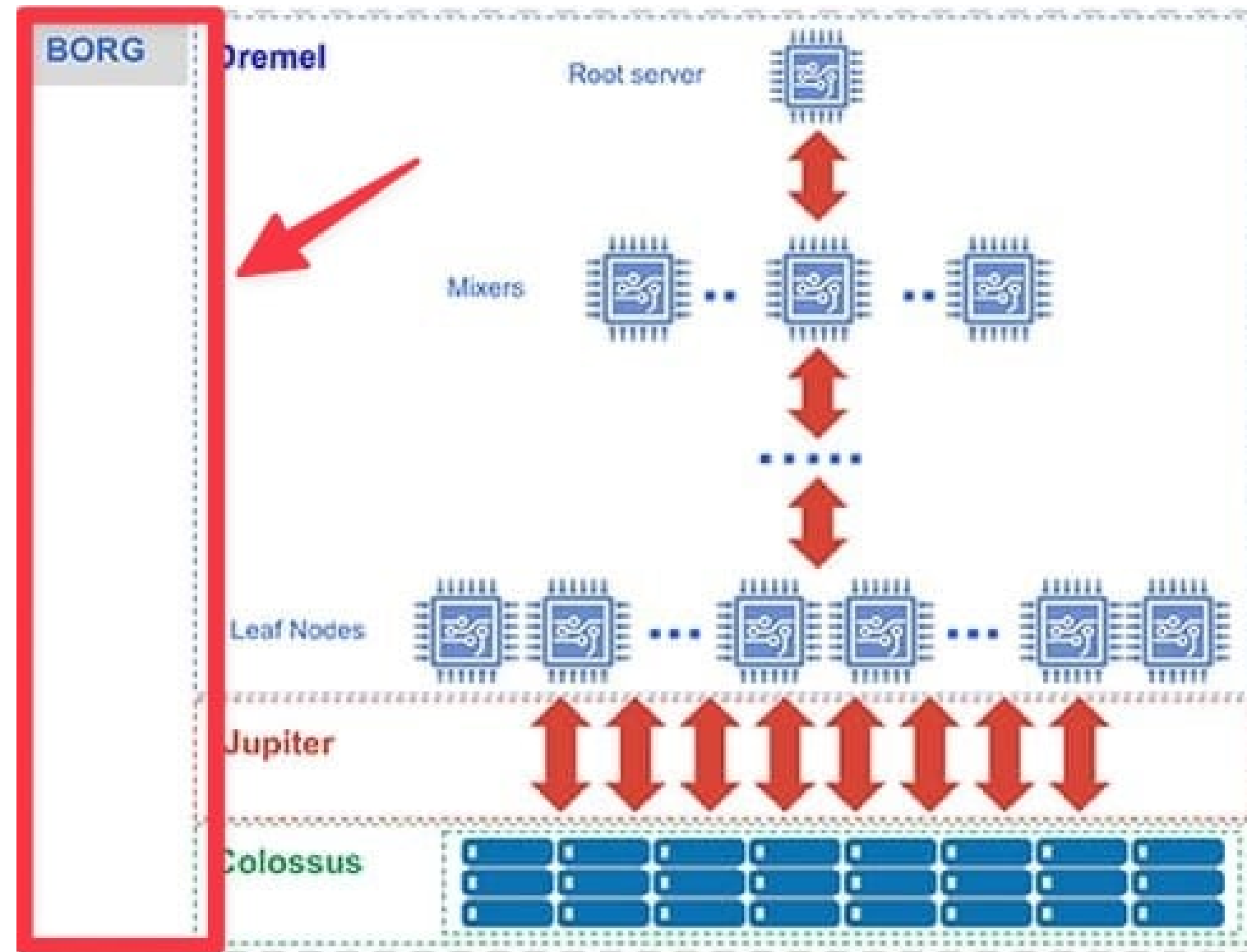
# Jupiter



# Dremel

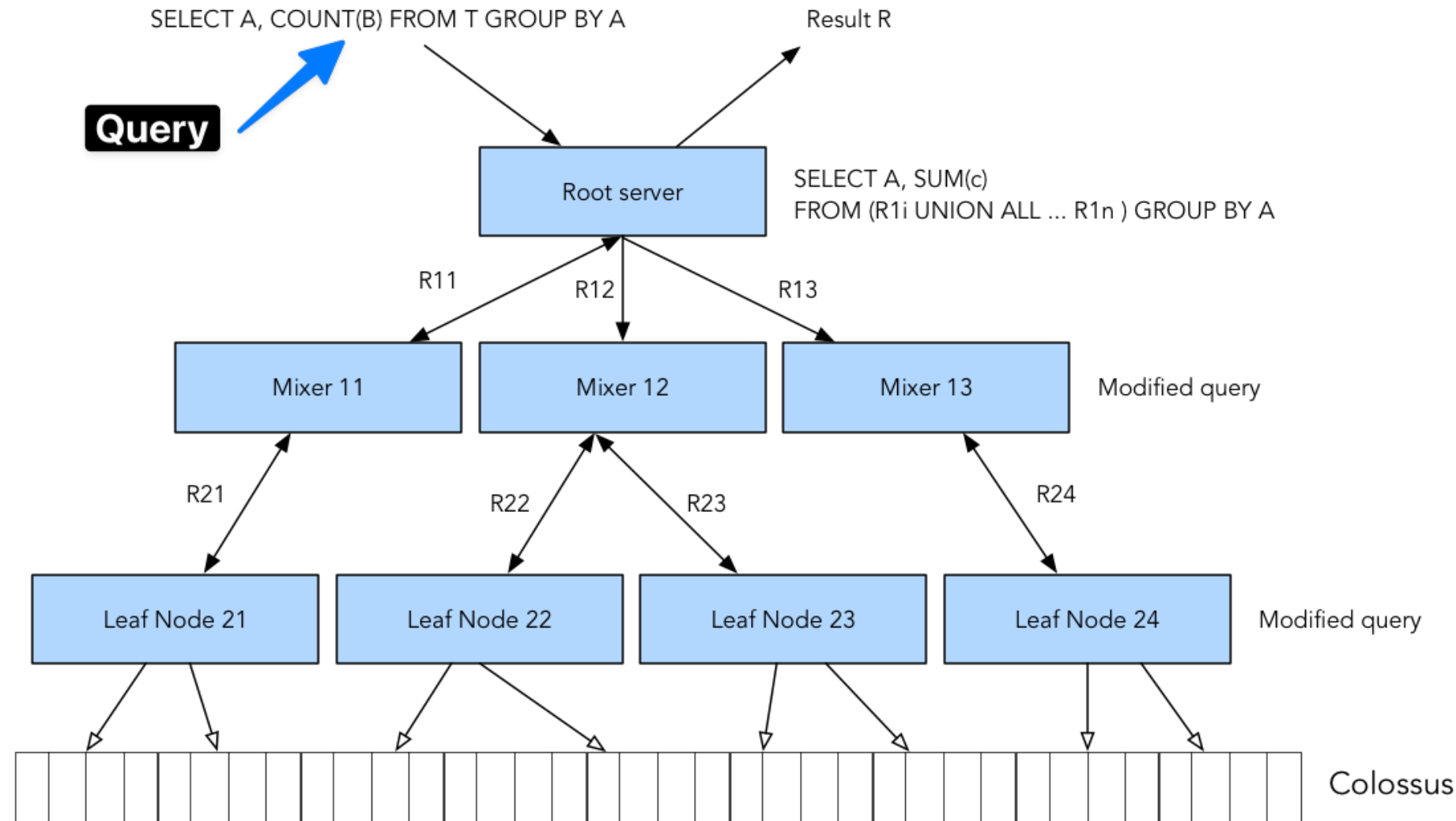


# Borg





# Mixers, leaves, execution trees, and slots



<sup>1</sup> <https://panoply.io/data-warehouse-guide/bigquery-architecture/>

# Categorized architecture

## Storage

- Capacitor
- Colossus

## Compute

- Jupiter
- Borg

## Query Execution (Dremel)

- Mixers
- Leaf nodes
- Execution tree
- Slots

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# BigQuery data organization

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# BigQuery table names

```
SELECT
```

```
    *
```

```
FROM
```

```
    `project.dataset.table`
```

# Projects

- Projects handle permissions, users, and controls
- BigQuery can have multiple projects

```
SELECT
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# Datasets

- Datasets are unique to a project
- Act like folders that contain individual tables
- Datasets have their own permissions

```
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FROM
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```

# Tables

- Tables are where your data resides

```
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# Regions



# Working with data between regions

- Datasets cannot change regions once created
- There are methods to move/replicate data between regions
- You cannot query data in two different regions

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