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Technology overview and history.

Quick overview

- Open-source database with free and commercial licenses.
- Version 1.0 launched in 2010.
- Document-based database.
- Provides ACID transactions across documents and clusters.
- Available as **DBaaS** RavenDB Cloud.



Technical aspects

- Source-code written in C#.
- Data is stored as JSON documents.
- Supports storing large files through attachments.
- Extensive support for Clustering.
- Queries written in own query language, RQL.



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Installation and data model.

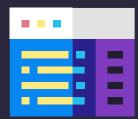
Installation

- Can be installed or used in a docker-container.
- Official docker image: ravendb.
- Configurable through the Studio,
 API, environment variables or files.
- Safe by-default HTTPS enabled.



Data model

- JSON document format.
- Extensions:
 - Counters (distributed)
 - Time-series (streams of data)
 - o Attachments (large data)
- Revisions with version vectors.



Data operations

- CRUD operations performed in the context of a session/transaction.
- Extensions have specific operands
 (increment/decrement counters).
- Advanced features:
 - ETL from external sources
 - Subscriptions
 - Backups

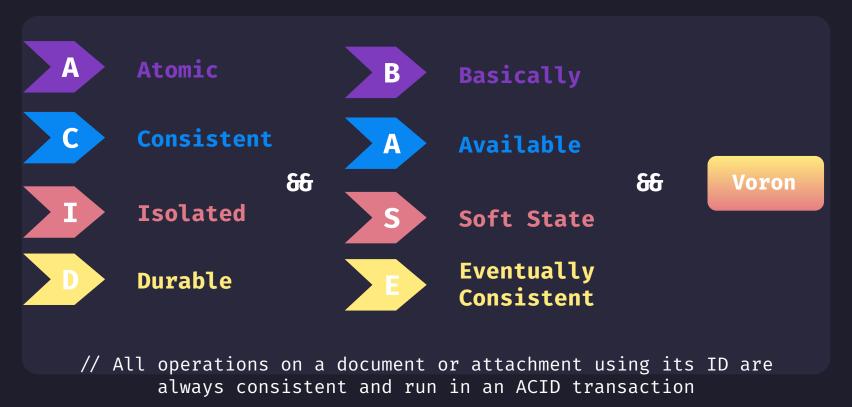


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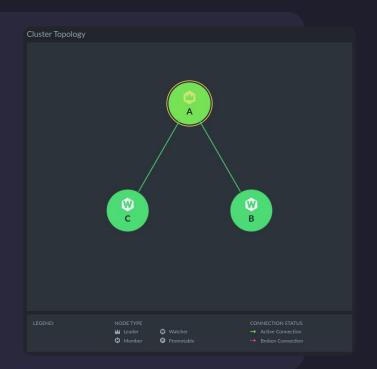
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Replication

- RavenDB supports replication through clustering.
- Clusters are 3+ nodes working together.
- Databases may be replicated on all nodes or a subset.
- ACID properties ensured cluster wide.
- Partition may lead to conflicts.
- Conflict resolution is customizable.



Querying



RQL allows to execute all available types of queries.



/Full-Text

Advanced full-text search operations over one or more fields.



/Spatial

ROL itself and our Client API contain built-in methods to help find the documents with the search areas.



Perform calculations such as counts, and sums, on aggregated data and split it into defined ranges.



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Built-in method to retrieve similar documents.



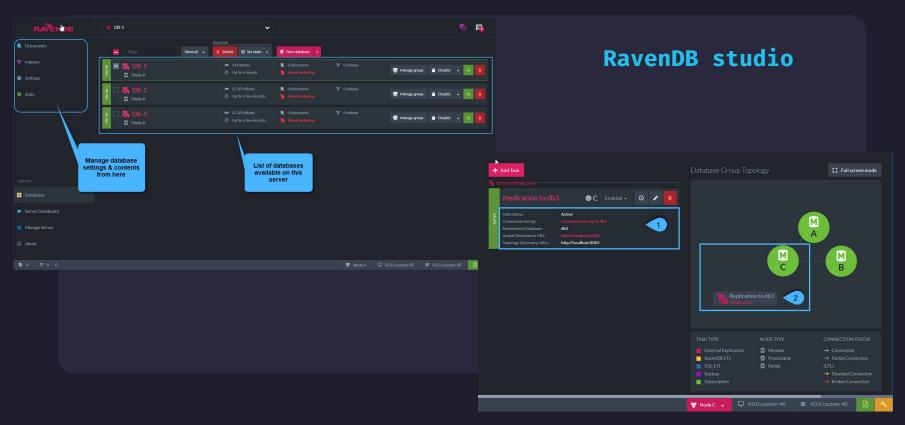
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Update documents directly on the server-side using our integrated JavaScript-based patching API, a part of RQL syntax.

API and client libraries



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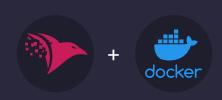


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RavenDB in action.

Prototype overview



Database

RavenDB instance running in docker container.



Backend

Simple node.js backend using Express.



Frontend

React web application.

Data

- **Ecommerce** use scenario
- Data sourced from various product datasets
- Clean-up and additional generation using Python
- 6 conceptual classes
- 3 database collections

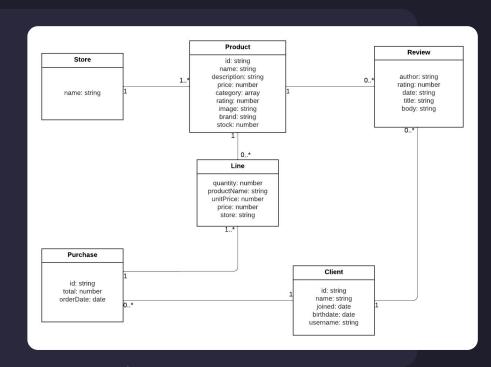


Fig.1 : Conceptual Data Model

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Demonstrate Prototype and Studio. <</pre>

Conclusions

Negative

- Documentation lacking and sometimes confusing;
- Lack of documentation for all languages.

Positive

- Website and Studio intuitive and appealing;
- Versatility of features;
- High performance.

/THANKS!

Any Questions?

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