

Above is a high level overview of how the system would work.

- 1. A user submits a request
- 2. The load balancer handles the request and sends it to a free server to work on

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- a. If it is a read query from the visit_table, the server will read the query from the slave db
- b. If it is a read guery from the user table, the server will read from the cached data
- c. If it is a write operation, the server will write to the master database, which will then update the slave db
- 4. The server will get the result back from the query and send back the result to the user

For these tools, I would use a relational database such as postgreSQL, since the data is relational and the read/writes are not that heavy. Also, postgres scales really well, so it should be more than enough for this type of problem. I would also use redis as a cache to allow for quicker lookups for user info since that data shouldn't change much. I replicate the master database to create a read-only database as this will free up the master database to handle the write operations. Lastly, I would use a load balancer to route the requests to the freest servers to increase traffic productivity.