NoSQL

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AKA: non-SQL or not only SQL

Four main types:

1- Document
2- Key Value
3- Wide Column
4- Graph

General NoSQL info:

- Database is distributed rather than centralized on a single server
  - Scales horizontally over many servers (DB "replicas/shards")
- Designed to handle "big data" (large volume/variety/velocity)
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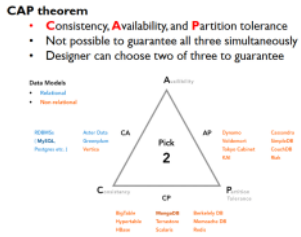

1 - Document

- Stores data similar to JSON
- Suited for semi/unstructured data

EX:

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{
  "_id": "12345",
  "name": "foo bar",
  "email": "foo@bar.com",
  "address": {
    "street": "123 foo street",
    "city": "some city",
    "state": "some state",
    "zip": "12345G"
  },
  "hobbies": ["music", "guitar", "reading"]
}
```

2 - Key Value

- Use key to access value (like python dictionary or java map)
- Provide high performance for reads and writes (due to caching)

EX:

```
Key: user112345
Value: {"name": "foo bar", "email": "foo@bar.com", "designation": "software developer"}
```

3 - Wide Column

- Stores data in tables (rows and "dynamic" columns)
- Dynamic Columns: different rows can have different sets of columns
  - Column compression techniques reduce storage space and increase performance (especially for sparse and wide data)
  - Allows for a flexable DB schema (adaptable to changing data requirements)

Certainly! Let's use an example of tracking user interactions with products on an e -commerce platform to show how the same information is stored in both a relational database and a wide column NoSQL database, highlighting the advantages of the wide column approach.

EX:

We have the following information:
- Users: Alice and Bob
- Products: Widget A and Gadget B
- User interactions with products (e.g., views, purchases)

Visual Comparison

Relational Database (Tables):

1. Users Table:
   - user_id (Primary Key)
   - name
   - email
   - address

2. Products Table:
   - product_id (Primary Key)
   - name
   - price
   - category

3. Interactions Table:
   - interaction_id (Primary Key)
   - user_id (Foreign Key)
   - product_id (Foreign Key)
   - timestamp
   - action

Wide Column NoSQL Database (Column Family):

1. UserInteractions Column Family:
   - Row Key: user_id
   - Columns: Each column is a combination of timestamp, productID, and action

4 - Graph

- Stores data as nodes and edges (connects nodes)
  - Nodes = nouns
  - Edges = relationships between nouns
- Works well for highly connected data

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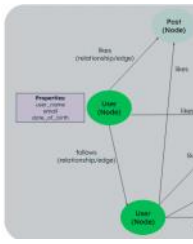

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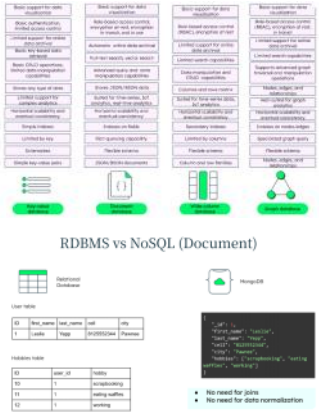

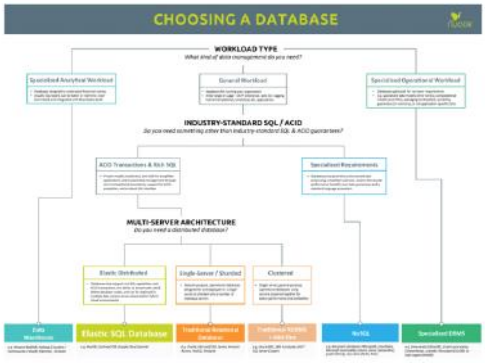

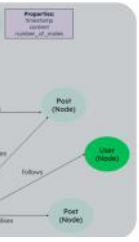
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