

Introduction to Sharding

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Agenda

- Scaling Data
- MongoDB's Approach
- Architecture
- Configuration
- Mechanics



Scaling Data





Examining Growth

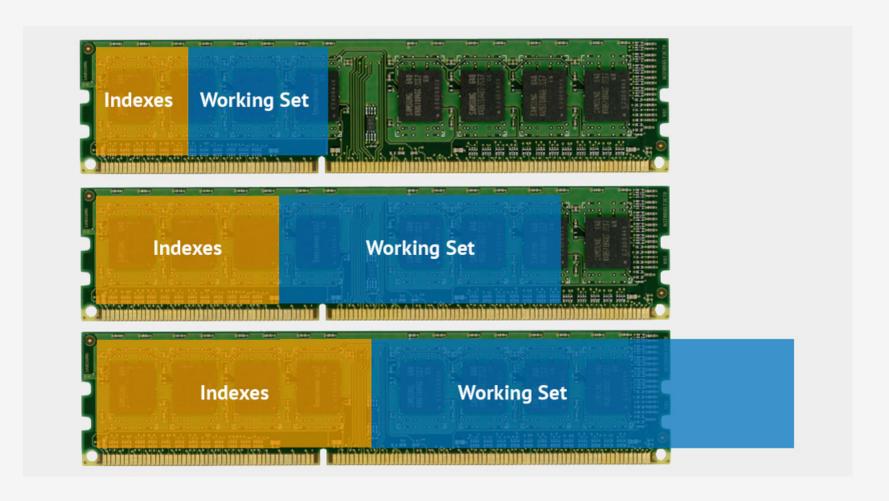
- User Growth
 - 1995: 0.4% of the world's population
 - Today: 30% of the world is online (~2.2B)
 - Emerging Markets & Mobile
- Data Set Growth
 - Facebook's data set is around 100 petabytes
 - 4 billion photos taken in the last year (4x a decade ago)



Read/Write Throughput Exceeds I/O

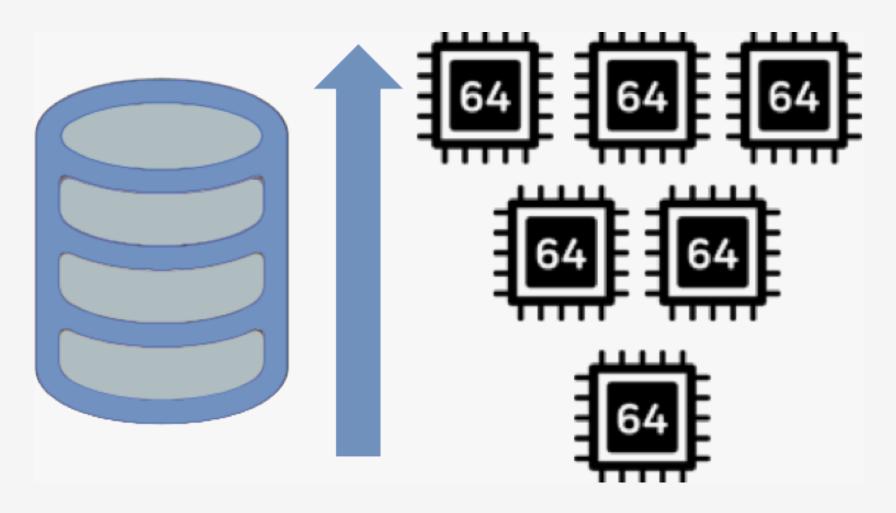


Working Set Exceeds Physical Memory





Vertical Scalability (Scale Up)



Horizontal Scalability (Scale Out)



Data Store Scalability

- Custom Hardware
 - Oracle
- Custom Software
 - Facebook + MySQL
 - Google

Data Store Scalability Today

- MongoDB Auto-Sharding
- A data store that is
 - Free
 - Publicly available
 - Open Source (https://github.com/mongodb/mongo)
 - Horizontally scalable
 - Application independent

MongoDB's Approach to Sharding



Partitioning

- User defines shard key
- Shard key defines range of data
- Key space is like points on a line
- Range is a segment of that line

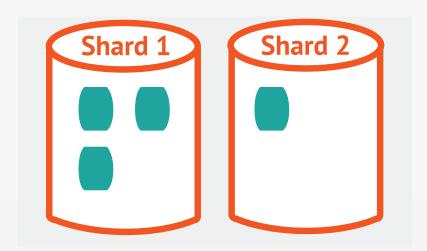


Data Distribution

Initially 1 chunk

Default max chunk size: 64mb

MongoDB automatically splits & migrates chunks when max reached

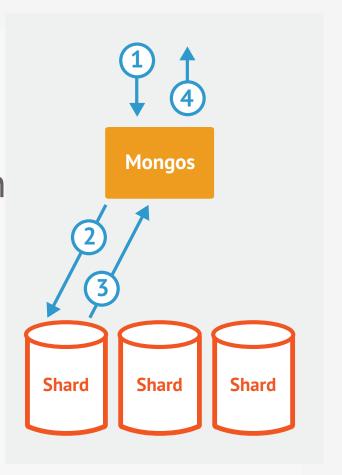


Routing and Balancing

Queries routed to specific shards

MongoDB balances cluster

MongoDB migrates data to new n





MongoDB Auto-Sharding

- Minimal effort required
 - Same interface as single mongod
- Two steps
 - Enable Sharding for a database
 - Shard collection within database

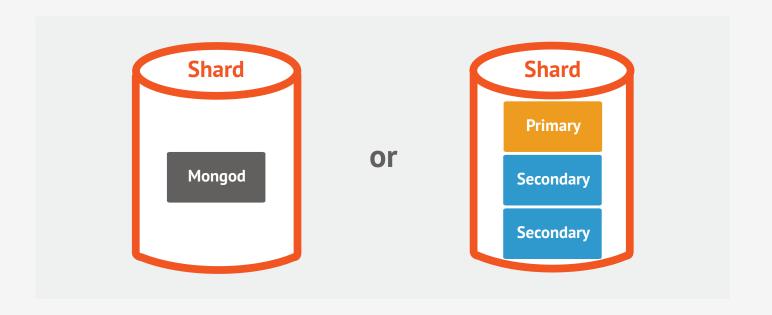


Architecture



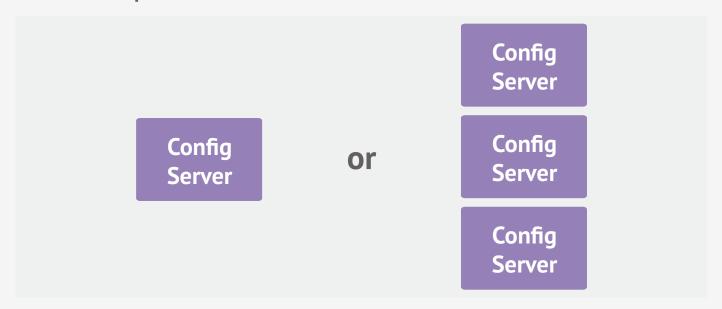
What is a Shard?

- Shard is a node of the cluster
- Shard can be a single mongod or a replica set



Meta Data Storage

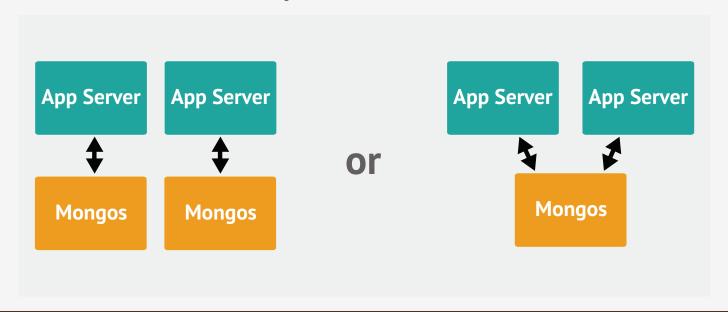
- Config Server
 - Stores cluster chunk ranges and locations
 - Can have only 1 or 3 (production must have 3)
 - Not a replica set



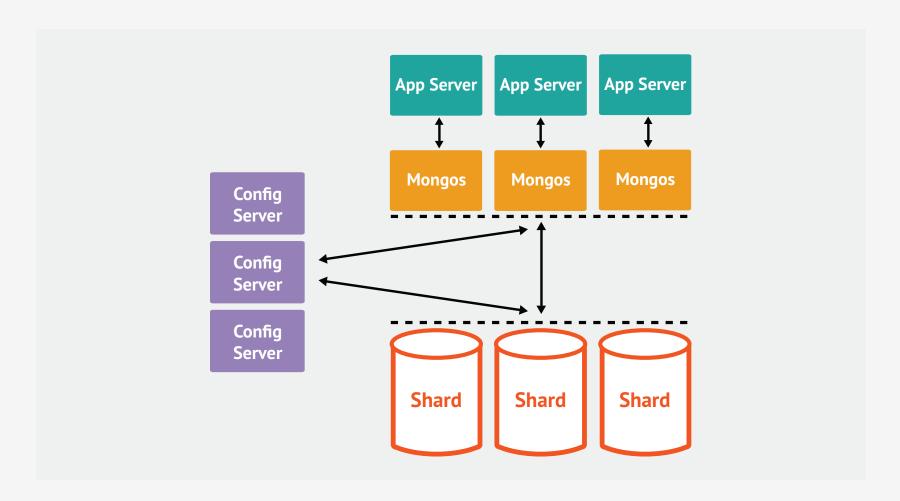


Routing and Managing Data

- Mongos
 - Acts as a router / balancer
 - No local data (persists to config database)
 - Can have 1 or many



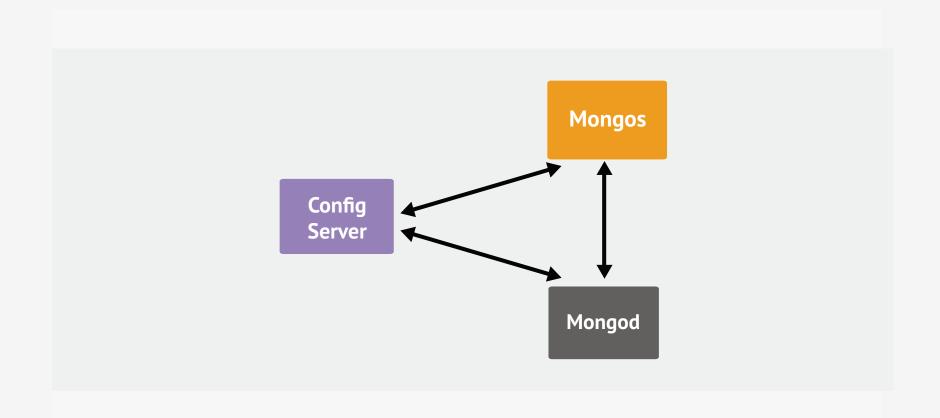
Sharding infrastructure



Configuration



Example Cluster



Starting the Configuration Server

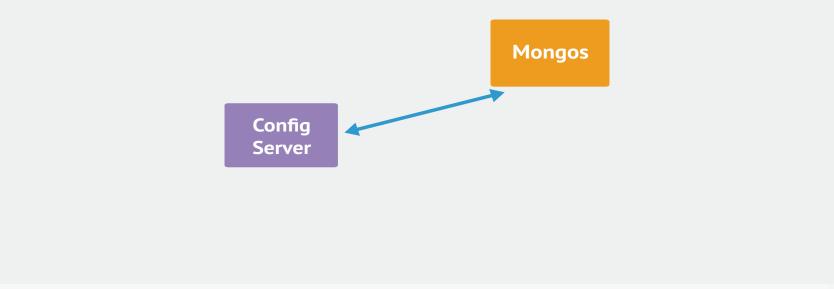
Config Server

mongod --configsvr

Starts a configuration server on the default port (27019)



Start the mongos Router



mongos --configdb <hostname>:27019

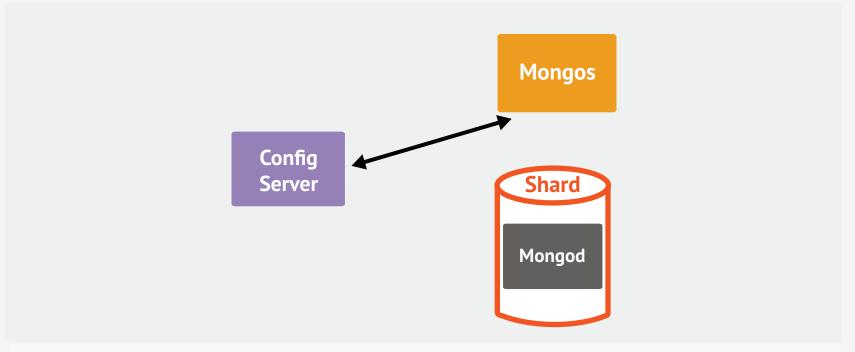
For 3 configuration servers:

mongos --configdb <host1>:<port1>,<host2>:<port2>,<host3>:<port3>

This is always how to start a new mongos, even if the cluster is already running



Start the shard database



mongod --shardsvr

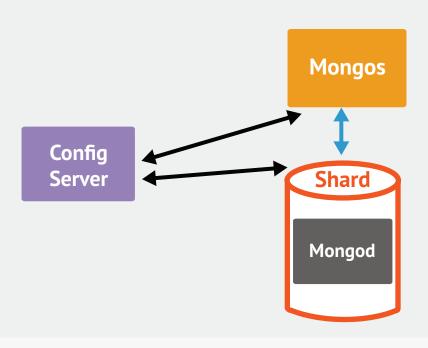
Starts a mongod with the default shard port (27018)

Shard is not yet connected to the rest of the cluster

Shard may have already been running in production



Add the Shard



On mongos:

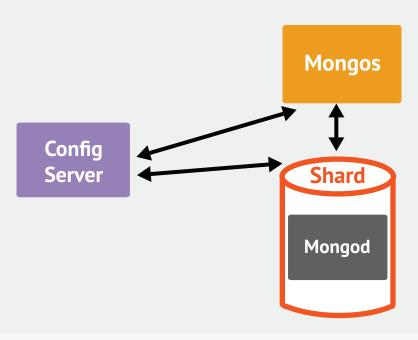
- sh.addShard('<host>:27018')

Adding a replica set:

- sh.addShard('<rsname>/<seedlist>')



Verify that the shard was added





Enabling Sharding

Enable sharding on a database

```
sh.enableSharding("<dbname>")
```

Shard a collection with the given key

```
sh.shardCollection("<dbname>.people", {"country":1})
```

Use a compound shard key to prevent duplicates

```
sh.shardCollection("<dbname>.cars",{"year":1, "uniqueid":
1})
```



Tag Aware Sharding

- Tag aware sharding allows you to control the distribution of your data
- Tag a range of shard keys
 - sh.addTagRange(<collection>,<min>,<max>,<tag>)
- Tag a shard
 - sh.addShardTag(<shard>,<tag>)

Mechanics



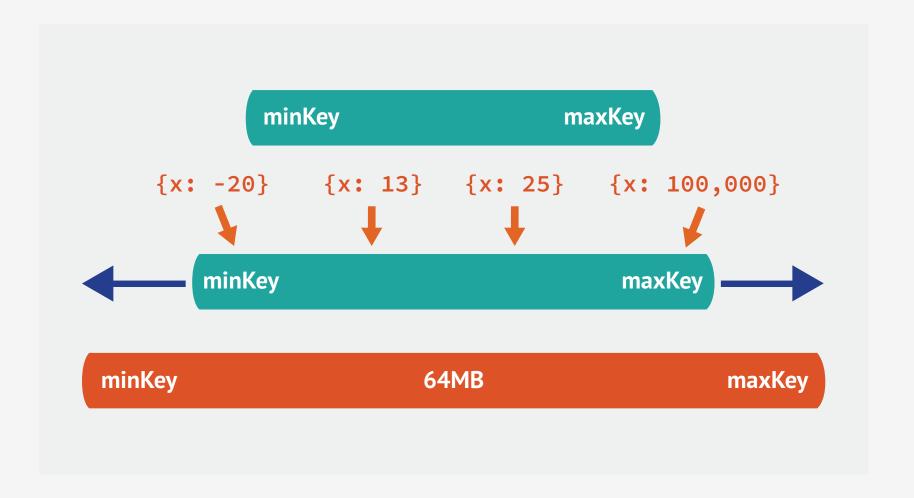
Partitioning

Remember it's based on ranges



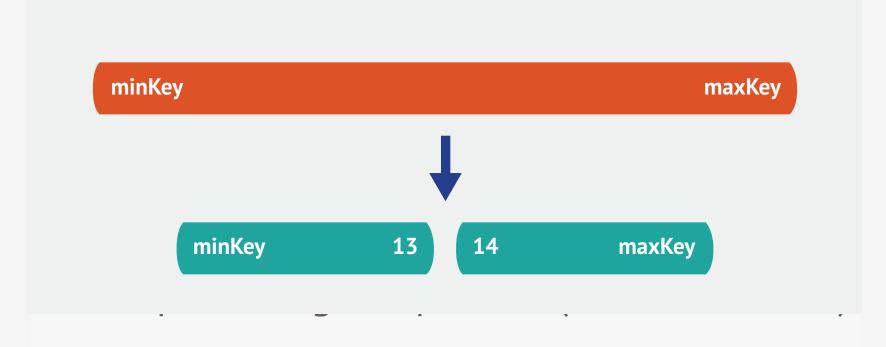


Chunk is a section of the entire range



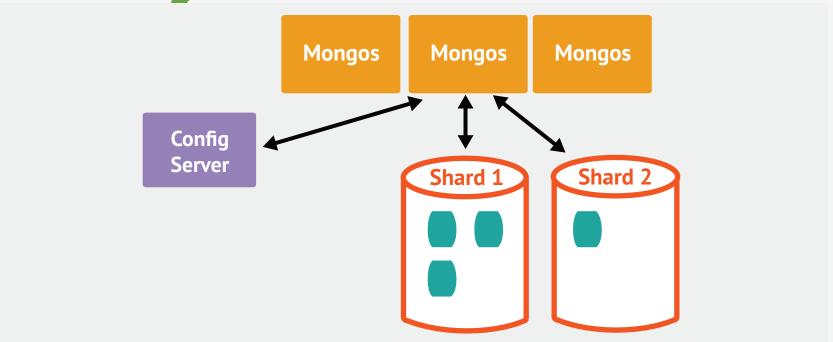


Chunk splitting





Balancing

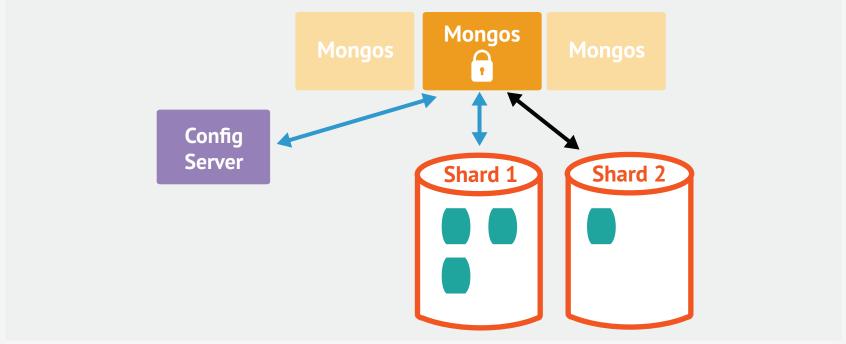


Balancer is running on mongos

Once the difference in chunks between the most dense shard and the least dense shard is above the migration threshold, a balancing round starts



Acquiring the Balancer Lock



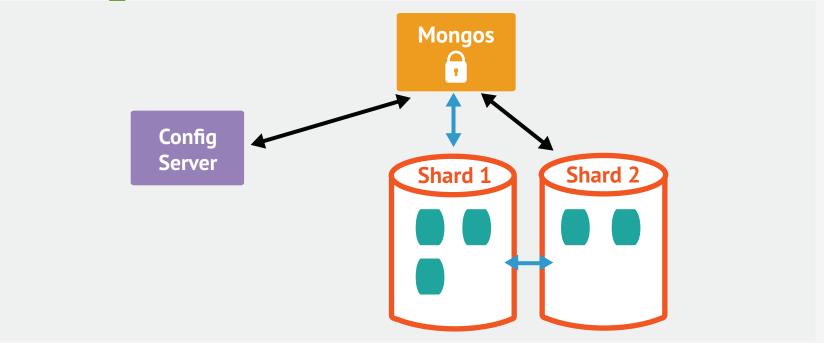
The balancer on mongos takes out a "balancer lock"

To see the status of these locks:

```
use config
db.locks.find({ id: "balancer" })
```



Moving the chunk



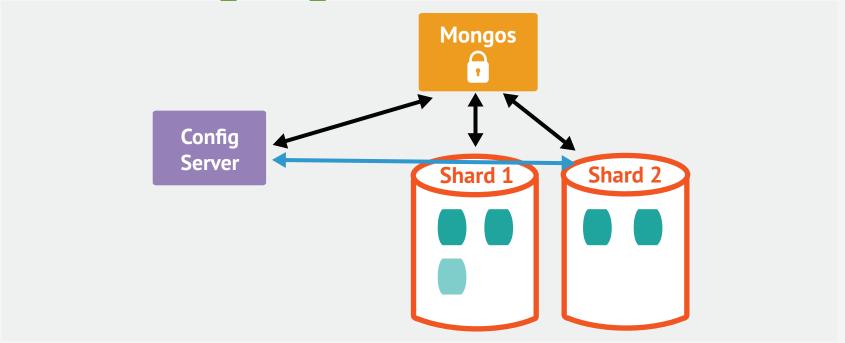
The mongos sends a moveChunk command to source shard

The source shard then notifies destination shard

Destination shard starts pulling documents from source shard



Committing Migration

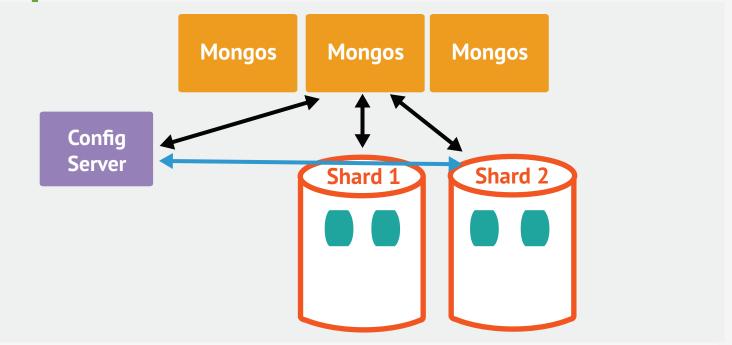


When complete, destination shard updates config server

Provides new locations of the chunks



Cleanup



Source shard deletes moved data

- Must wait for open cursors to either close or time out
- NoTimeout cursors may prevent the release of the lock

The mongos releases the balancer lock after old chunks are deleted



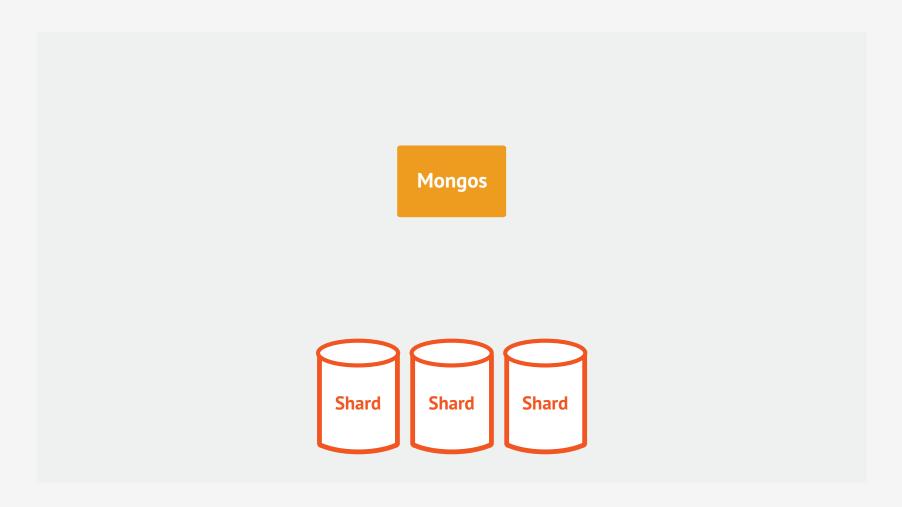
Routing Requests



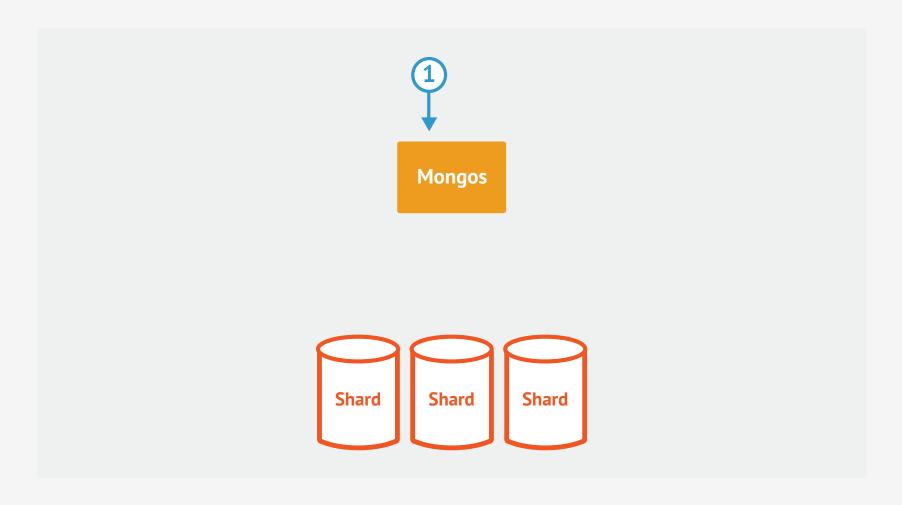
Cluster Request Routing

- Targeted Queries
- Scatter Gather Queries
- Scatter Gather Queries with Sort

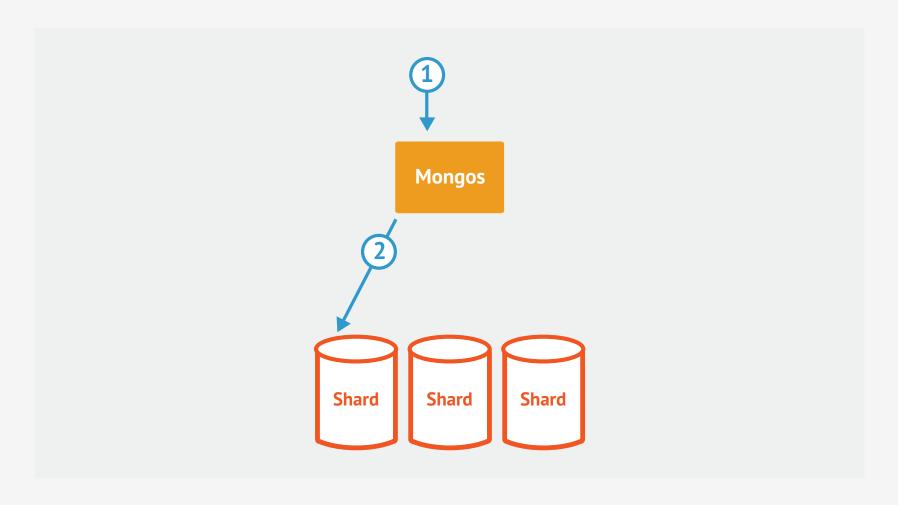
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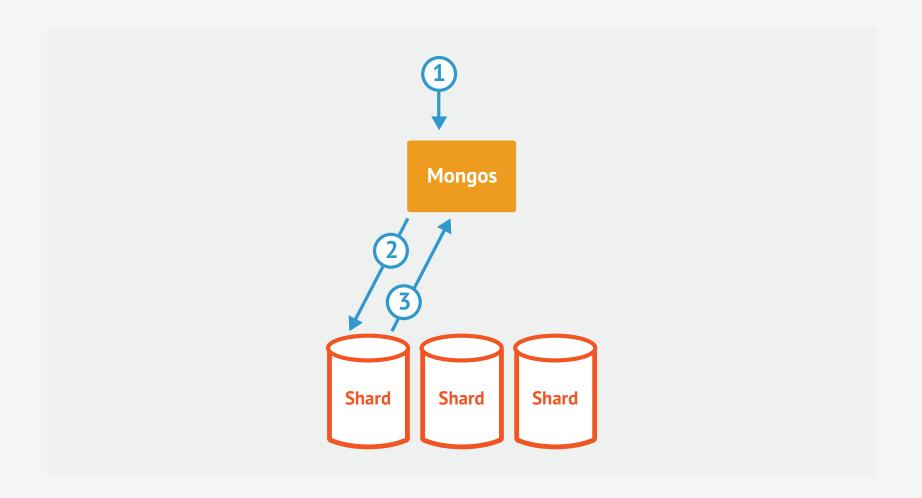
Routable request received



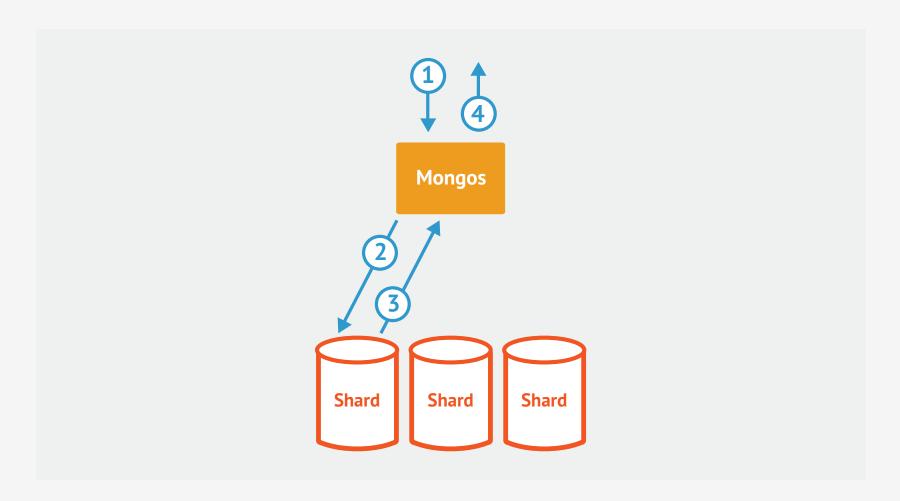
Request routed to appropriate shard



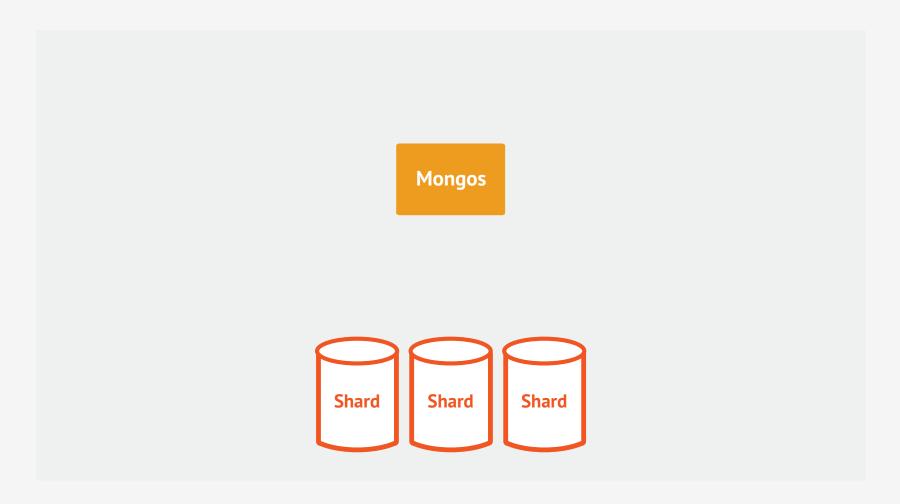
Shard returns results



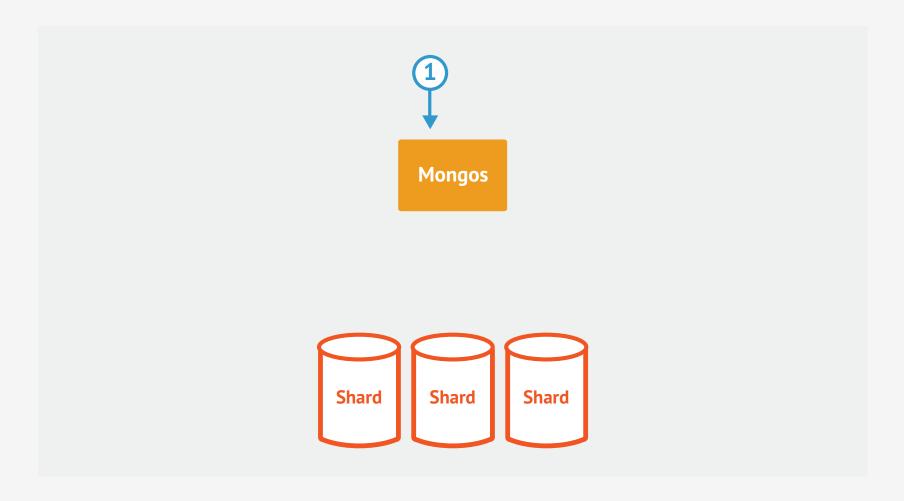
Mongos returns results to client



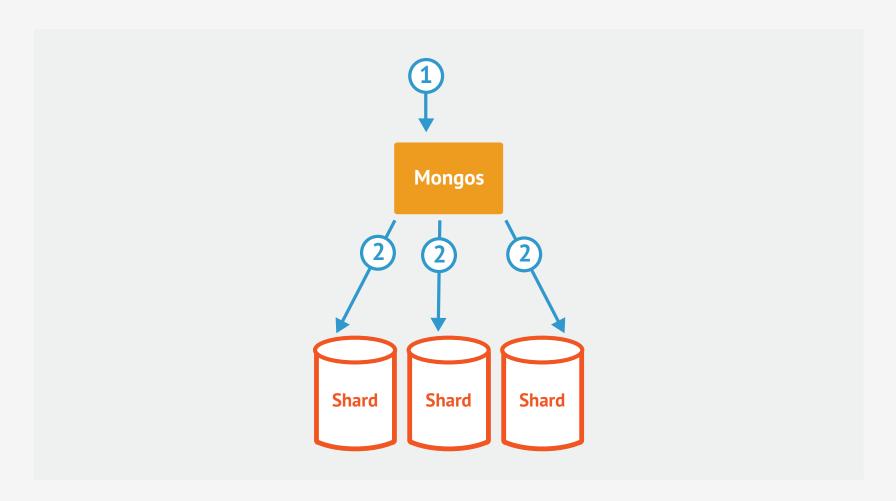
Cluster Request Routing: Non-Targeted Query



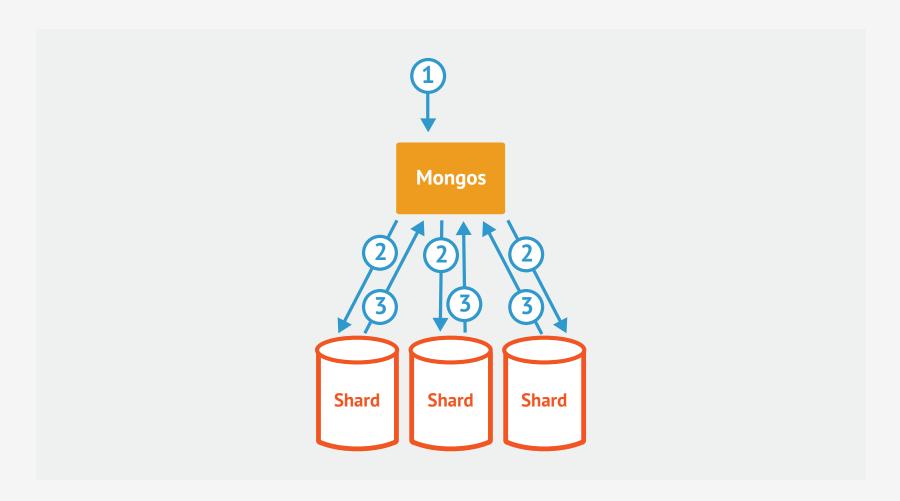
Non-Targeted Request Received



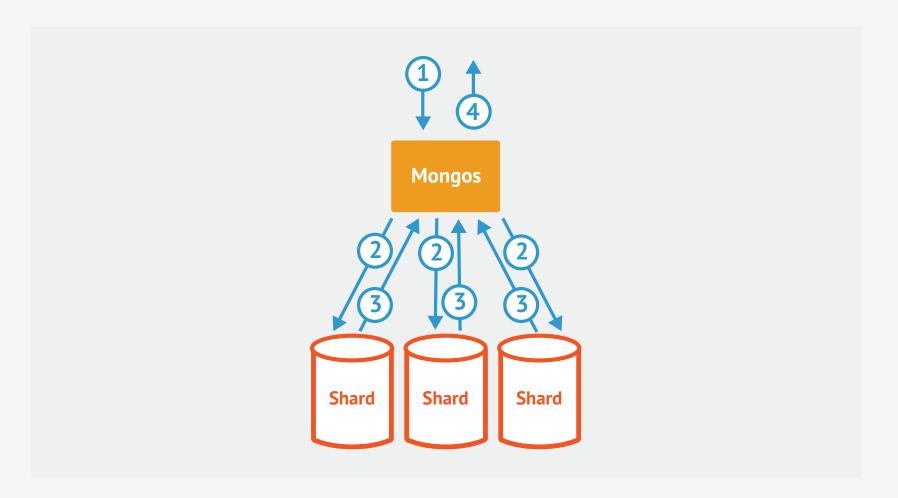
Request sent to all shards



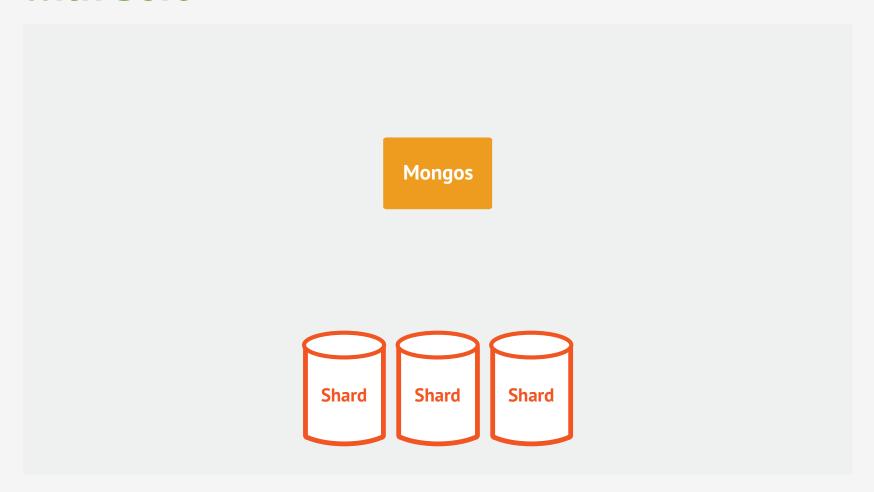
Shards return results to mongos



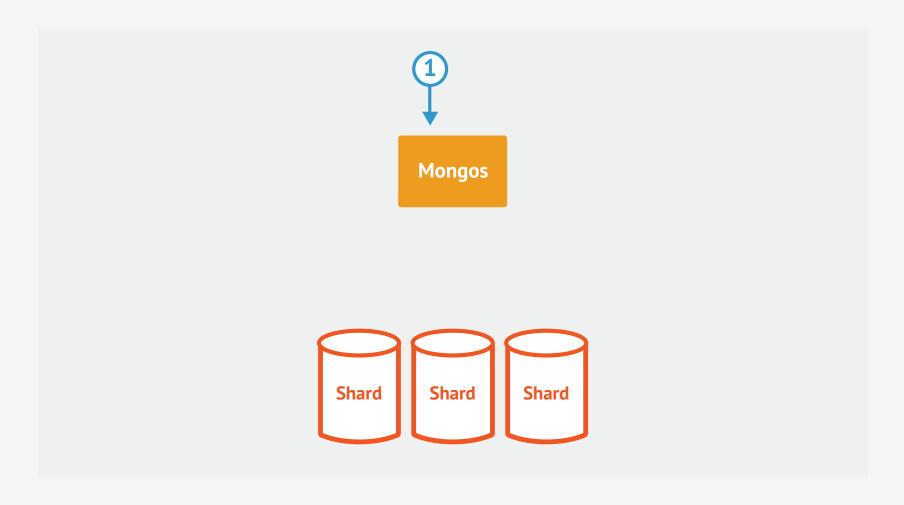
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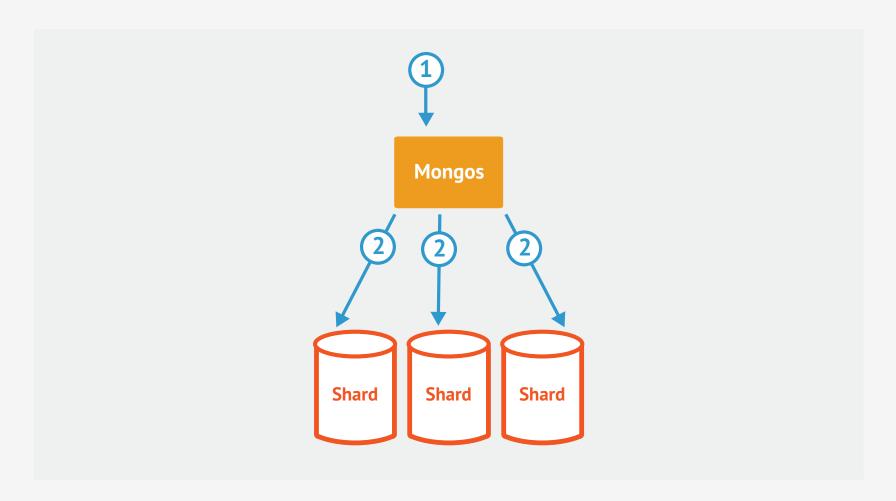
Cluster Request Routing: Non-Targeted Query with Sort



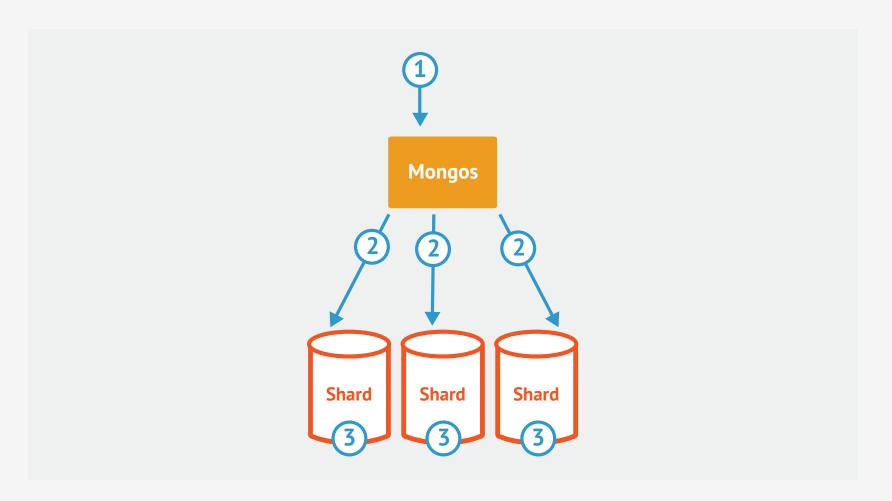
Non-Targeted request with sort received



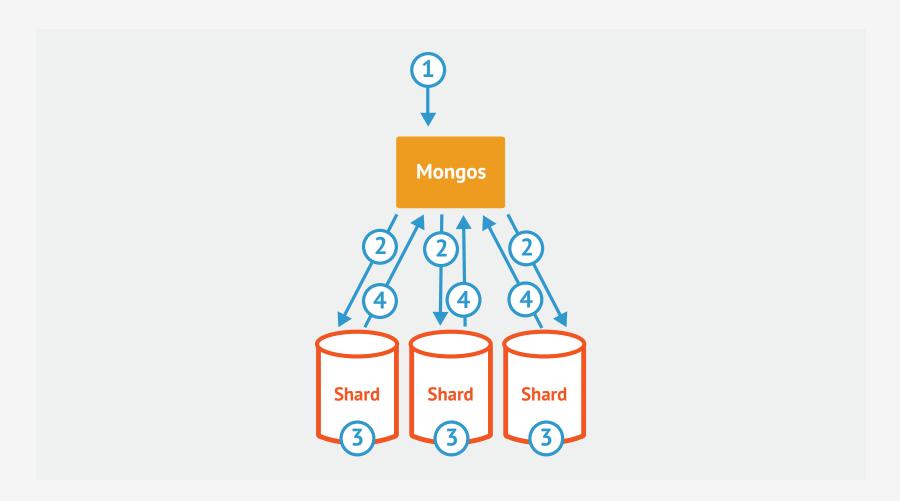
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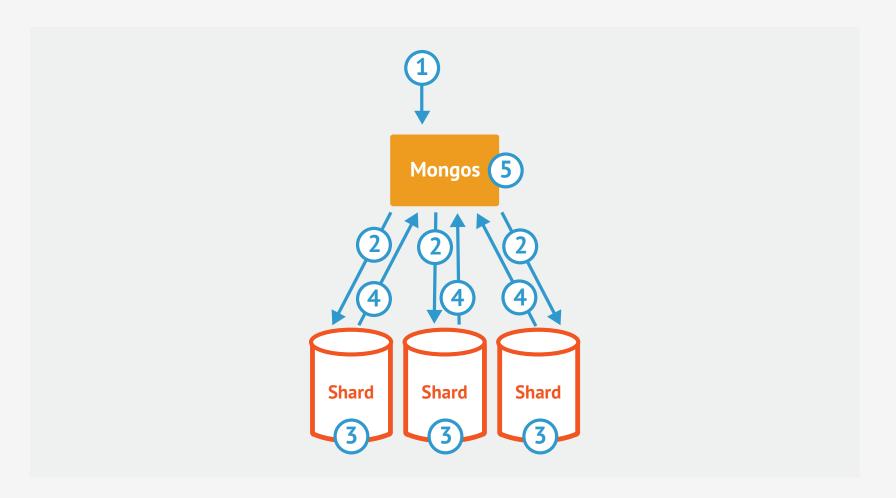
Query and sort performed locally



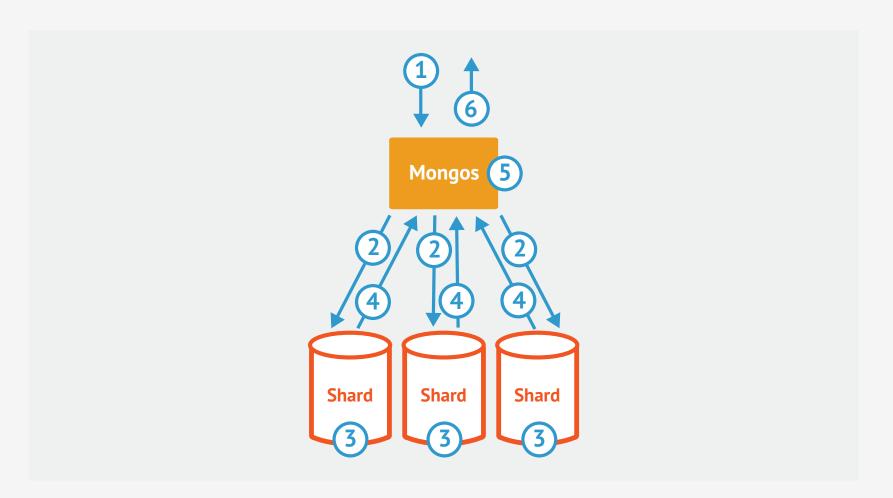
Shards return results to mongos



Mongos merges sorted results



Mongos returns results to client



Shard Key





Shard Key

- Shard key is immutable
- Shard key values are immutable
- Shard key must be indexed
- Shard key limited to 512 bytes in size
- Shard key used to route queries
 - Choose a field commonly used in queries
- Only shard key can be unique across shards
 - _ id` field is only unique within individual shard



Shard Key Considerations

- Cardinality
- Write Distribution
- Query Isolation
- Reliability
- Index Locality

Conclusion

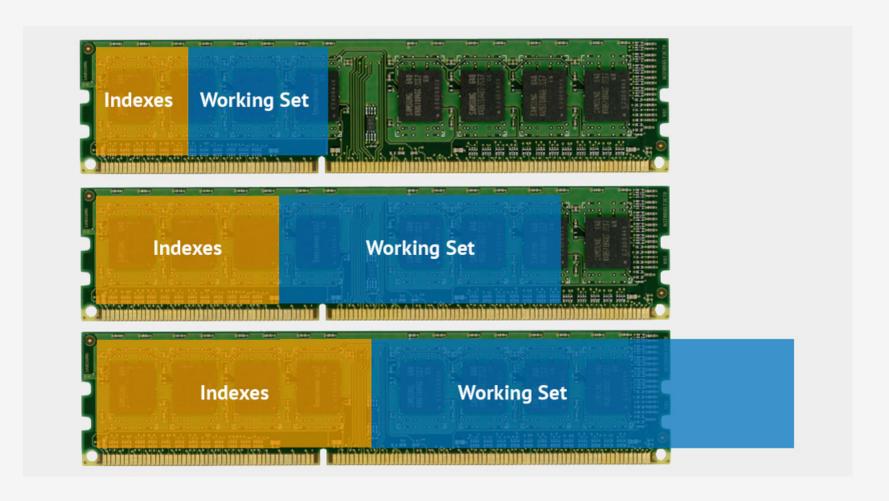




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Sharding Enables Scale

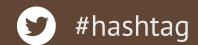
- MongoDB's Auto-Sharding
 - Easy to Configure
 - Consistent Interface
 - Free and Open Source

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 - MongoDB User Group
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