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Riak KV

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# Riak KV

## Introduction

Riak is a distributed NoSQL database. It is designed to allow for maximum data availability. It does this by distributing data across multiple servers. Riak KV stores data as a combination of keys and values, so the data model is extremely simple but powerful. Keys are simply binary values used to uniquely identify a value. Riak uses the JSON format to store key-value pairs in the database. Riak is tightly integrated with Apache Spark, Solr, and Redis. It has an singular api with many open sourced, well maintained, official client libraries, including Java, Ruby, Python, C# and NodeJS.

## Use Cases

Session Data

Contents and Documents

Sensor Data

Messaging and Chat

Log Storage

Mobile Platforms

# The Data Model

Riak stores data in buckets, and each bucket can store multiple key-value pairs. An example of this follows below.

usernames = {

'mohan': {

{'name': 'Sriram Mohan'},

{'password': 'password'},

{'salt': 'mohanSalt'}

},

'mellor': {

{'name': 'JP Mellor'},

{'password': 'password'},

{'salt': 'mellorSalt'}

}

}

In the above example, 'usernames' is the name of the bucket while 'mohan' and 'mellor' are keys within the bucket that map to the data about the particular user.

# Installation Instructions

## For Ubuntu

First run the following command to install the prerequisite packages:

sudo apt-get install libc6 libc6-dev libc6-dbg

Next, we need to get the signing key and add it to apt-get:

curl https://packagecloud.io/gpg.key | sudo apt-key add -

Then, install apt-transport-https to enable the ability to fetch packages of https:

sudo apt-get install -y apt-transport-https

Finally, download and install Riak KV:

curl -s https://packagecloud.io/install/repositories/basho/riak/script.deb.sh | sudo bash

sudo apt-get install riak=2.1.4-1

## For Mac

Use brew to install Riak

brew install Riak

# Configuration Instructions

## Initial Configuration

To make sure that Riak has been installed correctly, type in the terminal:

riak ping

If the console return ‘pong’, riak is correctly configured. If there are issues, please follow the guide on this website: <http://docs.basho.com/riak/kv/2.0.5/configuring/>

## Configuring Python Library

First, we need to install the necessary ubuntu packages:

sudo apt-get install python-dev libffi-dev libssl-dev

Next, we need to install the riak python libraries (Use either pip or easy\_install):

easy\_install riak

sudo pip install riak

Riak is now ready to use with python.

# Riak Basic Commands

If you want to test Riak out using the console, feel free to follow the tutorial on this website. We will be using the python client to perform basic commands.

To start the console, use the command:

riak console

To start Riak as a service, use the command:

riak start

Then, start the python client:

python

Start by importing the riak library:

import riak

Then establish connection with the database

myClient = riak.RiakClient(pb\_port=8087, protocol='pbc', host='hostname')

Riak uses buckets to store sets of key value pairs. This command will retrieve a reference to the bucket called ‘bucketName’ from the database.

myBucket = myClient.bucket('bucketName')

Create your first key in the bucket and store a value of ‘1’

key = myBucket.new('one', data='1')

Store the key in the database

key.store()

Retrieve the value of ‘one’ from the bucket in the database

fetchedData = myBucket.get('one')

Delete the key-value pair {‘one’, ‘1’} from the bucket

fetchedData.delete()

We are now going to create two more key value pairs and store them in the database. You can store JSON data as values too. Riak uses the json format to store all key-value pairs in the database

valTwo = ‘2’

jsonData = {newValue: 4}

key2 = myBucket.new(‘two’, data = valTwo}

jsonKey = myBucket.new{‘json’, data = jsonData}

key2.store()

jsonKey.store()

Now we shall get the json data and update it

getJson = myBucket.get(‘json’)

getJson[‘newValue’] = 42

getJson.store();

Lets make sure the value has been updated

assert myBucket.get(‘json’)[‘newValue’] == 42

Delete the rest of the key-value pairs

getJson.delete()

getKey2 = myBucket.get(‘two’)

getKey2.delete()

There is no automatic way to delete all key-value pairs from a bucket. It must be done manually.

## Querying using secondary indexes

# Mini Project: (Not sure)

Outline a mini project

# Golf Course Reviews + Tee Times

For this project, we are going to create a database that stores golf courses reviews and those users who make them.

Requirements:

1. Add a golf course, including the name, location, par for the course
   1. Par for the course means how many strokes it should take a golfer with a certain handicap to complete the course.

See: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golf#Par>

* 1. Feel free to add a golf course id if you want to make sure that all golf courses are unique. This can help with searching.

1. Delete a golf course
2. Edit golf course information
3. Add a golfer, including their username, name and home golf course
   1. The home golf course must be in the system before the golfer is added
4. Remove a golfer from the database
5. Update a golfer’s information
6. Add a golf course review
7. Remove a golf course review
8. Be able to search for golf courses and users, not specific reviews
9. Sort golf courses by their name and par for the course

**Note**: If a golfer is deleted from the database, all of their reviews become anonymous.

# Scalability

Scalability/sharding/replication instructions

# Keep an eye out for

FAQs, any issues, unique stuff

# References

References to sources, documentation

-Riak Documentation

http://docs.basho.com/riak/kv/2.1.4/