AWS S3

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http://doc.s3.amazonaws.com/2006-03-01/AmazonS3.wsdl

Concepts of S3 – Bucket

- Container for objects stored in S3
- Unlimited size
- Organize the namespace at the highest level
- Internet accessible storage via HTTP/HTTPS
- Global unique name

From: http://techblogsearch.com/a/amazon-announced-new-s3-usability-enhancements.html

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Concepts of S3 – Object

- Similar to files.
- No hierarchy.
- Objects are immutable.
- Size up to 5 TB
- Uniquely identified within a bucket by a key(name) and a version ID

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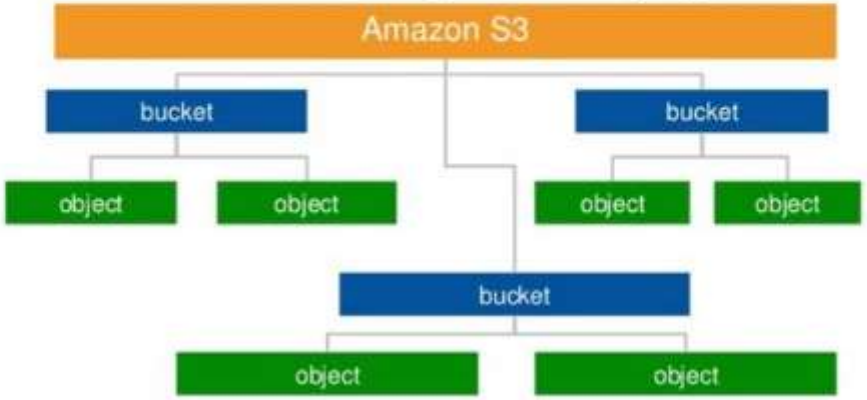
Concepts of S3 – Key

- Name of an object
- Unique identifier for an object within a bucket
- Use the object key to retrieve the object

Concepts of S3 – Namespace

Globally Unique

Bucket Name + Object Name (key)



How to Access S3 – CLI & REST

- **AWS Command**
  - **Put Object**
    aws s3api put-object bucket key
  - **Get Object**
    aws s3api get-object bucket key outfile
- **REST API**
  - **Put Object**
  - **Get Object**

```
GET /ObjectName HTTP/1.1
Host: BucketName.s3.amazonaws.com
Date: date
Authorization: authorization string
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```
PUT /ObjectName HTTP/1.1
Host: BucketName.s3.amazonaws.com
Date: date
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How to Access S3 – AWS SDK

SKD for Java

- **Get Object**

AmazonS3 s3Client = new AmazonS3Client(new ProfileCredentialsProvider());

S3Object object = s3Client.getObject(new GetObjectRequest(bucketName, key));

- **Put Object**

AmazonS3 s3client = new AmazonS3Client(new ProfileCredentialsProvider());

s3client.putObject(new PutObjectRequest(bucketName, keyName, file));

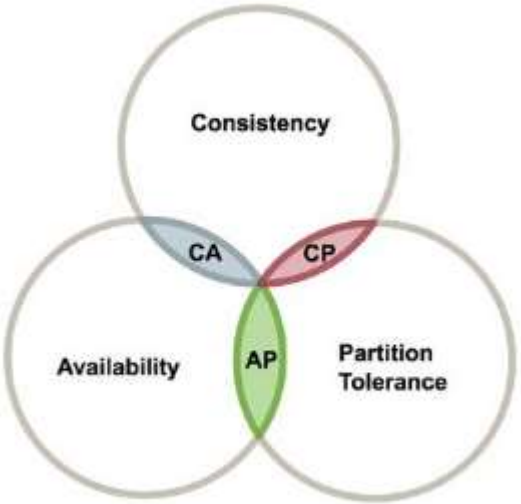
From: http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/RetrievingObjectUsingJava.html

CAP Theorem

In the presence of a network partition, strong consistency and high availability can not be achieved at the same time

Amazon S3 (AP)

- **High availability**
- **Eventual consistency**
- **Read-after-write consistency**

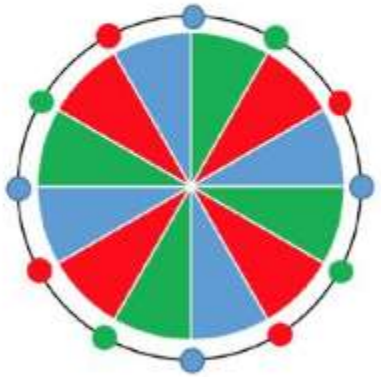


From: http://berb.github.io/diploma-thesis/original/061_challenge.html

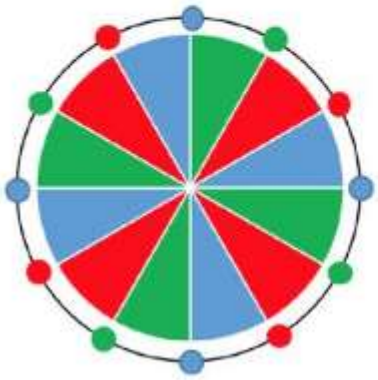
Scalability – Consistent Hashing

Avoid re-hashing everything

- **Object key mapped to a point on the edge of ring**
- **Map machine to many random points on the edge of ring**
- **Machine responsible for arc before its nodes**
- **If a machine joins, it adds new nodes**
- **If a machine leaves, its range moves to after machine**



Availability – Replication



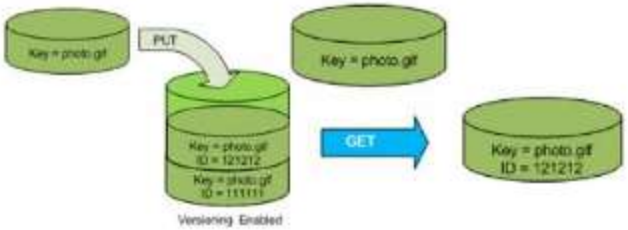
Pick n next nodes (different machines!)
n -- Replication factor

If one node fails, the other nodes still have the key information

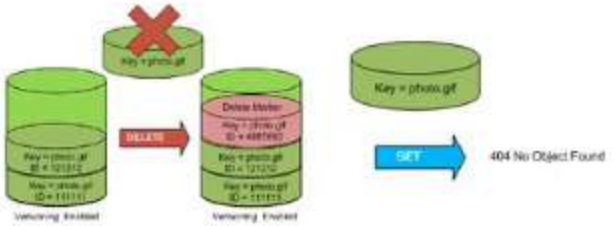
Versioning – Basics

- keep multiple versions of an object in one bucket
- protect objects from unintended overwrites and deletions
- retrieve previous versions of them
- Write faster

- PUT doesn't overwrite: pushes version
- GET returns most recent version



– DELETE doesn't wipe
– GET will return not found

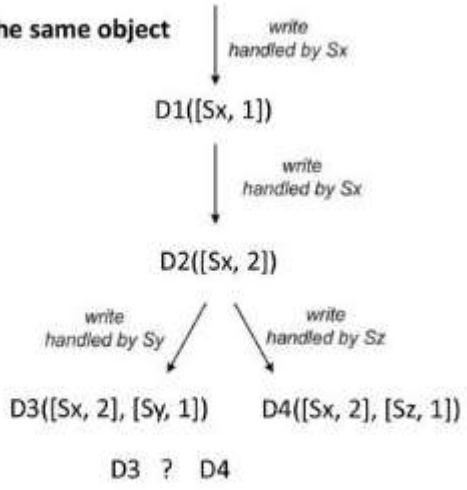


Versioning

Using vector clock to capture causality between different versions of the same object

--D: object
--Sx,Sy,Sz: nodes
--[Sx, 1]: vector clock [node, count]

- **One vector clock is associate with every version of every object**
- **Determine the versions of an object by examining their vector clocks**
- **If the counters on D1's clock is less than or equal to all of the nodes in the second clock, D1 is ancestor of the second, can be forgotten**
- **Otherwise, the two changes require reconciliation**



Version evolution of an object over time

Consistency

Read-after-write consistency

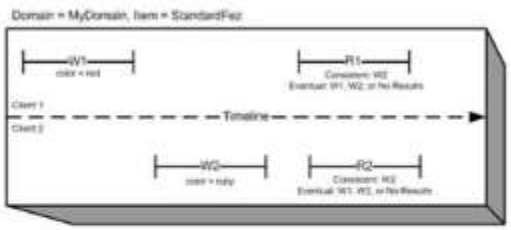
- PUTS of new objects in S3 bucket
- Guarantee visibility of new data to all applications
- Allow you to retrieve objects immediately after creation

Eventual consistency

- Overwrite PUTS and DELETES of objects in S3 bucket
- Weak consistency, to achieve high availability
- If no additional updates are made to a given data item, all reads to that item will eventually return the same value.

Updates to a single key are atomic

Eventual Consistency



From: http://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/Introduction.html

Both W1 (write 1) and W2 (write 2) complete before the start of R1 (read 1) and R2 (read 2)

- **Consistent read**

  R1 and R2 both return color = ruby.

- **Eventually consistent read**

  R1 and R2 might return color = red, color = ruby, or no results, depending on the amount of time that has elapsed.

Consistency Protocol

A consistency protocol similar to those used in quorum system is used to maintain consistency among its replicas.

- **This protocol has two key configurable values: R and W.**
  - **R is the minimum number of nodes that must participate in a successful read operation.**
  - **W is the minimum number of nodes that must participate in a successful write operation.**
- **N is the total number of nodes. Setting R and W.**
- **R+W ? N**

- END