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
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
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what is shard is elasticsearch?



In Elasticsearch, a shard is a self-contained index that is a part of a larger index. The data in an Elasticsearch index can be divided into shards, which can then be distributed across multiple nodes in a cluster. This allows for horizontal scaling, as more shards can be added to a cluster as the amount of data increases. Each shard is a standalone index, and can be searched and managed independently. However, when a search request is made, it is broadcast to all shards in the index, and the results are then combined and returned to the user.



give example of shard?




For example, let's say you have a large index of customer data in Elasticsearch, and it contains billions of documents. To handle the scale and allow for faster search and indexing performance, you could decide to divide this index into smaller indexes called shards.



Each shard could contain a subset of the data, for example, all customers with a last name starting with A-M could be in one shard, and all customers with a last name starting with N-Z could be in another shard. Each shard would be treated as a separate index, with its own set of documents, and it could be managed and searched independently.

You could also decide to split the index into more number of shards each containing lesser data, this way all data distributed more evenly and more shards can be added as the data grows, this increases the data availability, but also increases the complexity of performing certain operations.

Another example could be : Splitting a large index of product data into different number of shards based on their category. So each shard could contain product information of different category like electronics, cloths, books and so on.

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