

Aerospike for Developers

Key-value Operations

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Goals

This module describes how to use Key-value operations. At the end of this module you will be able to code in C#, Java or Go to:

- Connect and Disconnect from an Aerospike cluster
- Perform Write operations
- Perform Read operations
- Apply advanced key-value techniques
- Correctly handle errors



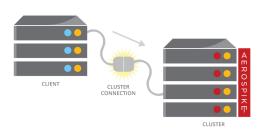
Connecting to a Cluster

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Connecting to a Cluster is similar to connecting to other database technologies, the **difference** is you are connecting to a Cluster, not a server

At the start of your process (program) create a client instance once, Supplying one or more node addresses.

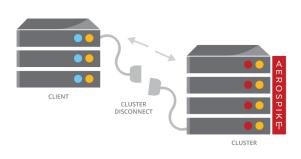
The node addresses are used by the Client to discover ALL the nodes in the Cluster.



Disconnecting

At the **end of the process**, disconnect the Client instance from the cluster by calling close method. The close method will:

- Close sockets
- Free object references
- Terminates the client monitor thread
- Remove the client thread pool



```
// C# Close
client.Close();

// Java Close
client.close();

// Go Close
defer client.Close()
```

Client Policy

An optional ClientPolicy modifies Aerospike's default behavior when connecting to a cluster.

ClientPolicy Attributes:

- Connection timeout
- Fail if not connected
- Max Socket Idle
- Max Threads

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Recommendation: Use the defaults



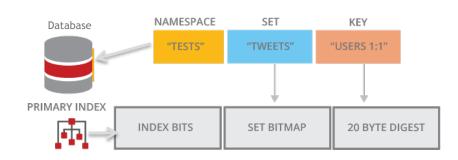
Write Operations

Key

Each key-value operation uses one or more keys. A **Key** is a **structure** containing:

- Namespace (database) String representing the Namespace name
- Set (table) String representing the Set name, if omitted records will be in the "null" Set
- Key The value of the primary keyOR
- Digest 20 byte hash of the key value

```
// C#
new Key("test", "users", username);
// Java
new Key("test", "users", username);
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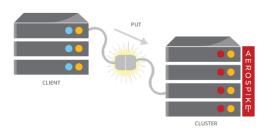


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// Go
key, _ := NewKey("test", "users", username)
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Write a Record

With the **put** operation, you can write:

- Multiple bins (columns)
- A Single Bin
- Delete a Bin
- A Time-to-Live (TTL)
- Timeout

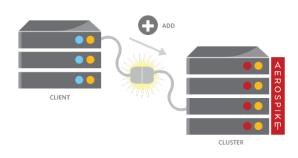


```
// Java write
WritePolicy wPolicy = new WritePolicy();
wPolicy.recordExistsAction = RecordExistsAction.UPDATE;
wPolicy.expiration = 5; // Time To live of 5 seconds
Key key = new Key("test", "users", username);
Bin bin1 = new Bin("username", username);
Bin bin2 = new Bin("password", null);
client.put(wPolicy, key, bin1, bin2);
// Go Write record
wPolicy := NewWritePolicy(0, 0) // generation, expiration
wPolicy.RecordExistsAction = UPDATE
key, _ := NewKey("test", "users", username)
bin1 := NewBin("username", username)
bin2 := NewBin("password", password)
err := client.PutBins(wPolicy, key, bin1, bin2)
panicOnError(err)
```

Add

The **add** operation increments an integer Bin by a specific value. You can supply a negative value to decrement. An integer Bin is 8 bytes unsigned.

Use case: Counters



```
// C# Add
Key userKey = new Key("test", "users", "user1234");
Bin counter = new Bin("tweetcount", 1);
client.Add(null, userKey, counter);

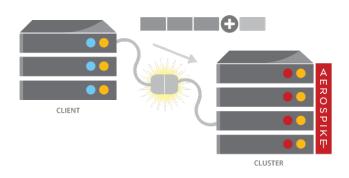
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Key key = new Key("test", "users", username);
Bin counter = new Bin("tweetcount", 1);
client.add(wPolicy, key, counter);
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Append - Prepend

The **append/prepend** operations work on String or byte arrays (BLOB) bins. The **append** operation adds a string/byte array to the end of the bin value. The **prepend** operation adds a string/byte array to the start of the

bin value.

If the bin does not exist, it will be created.

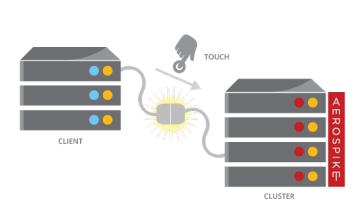


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// C# Append
Key userKey = new Key("test", "users", "user1234");
Bin bin2 = new Bin("greet", " world");
client.Append(null, userKey, bin2);
// Java append
WritePolicy wPolicy = new WritePolicy();
Key key = new Key("test", "users", "user1234",);
Bin bin2 = new Bin("greet", " world");
client.append(wPolicy, key, bin2);
// C# Prepend
Key userKey = new Key("test", "users", "user1234");
Bin bin2 = new Bin("greet", "hello ");
client.Prepend(null, userKey, bin2);
// Java prepend
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Key key = new Key("test", "users", "user1234",);
Bin bin2 = new Bin("greet", "hello ");
client.prepend(wPolicy, key, bin2);
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Touch

The **touch** operation resets one, *or more*, records' time to expiration default configured in the namespace. The defaults can be changed using a WritePolicy.

A multi–record operation is **not** atomic.

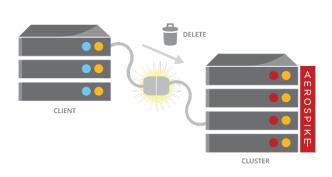


```
// C# Touch
Key userKey = new Key("test", "users", "user1234");
Key userKey2 = new Key("test", "users", "user1235");
client.Touch(null, userKey, userKey2);

// Java touch
WritePolicy wPolicy = new WritePolicy();
Key key = new Key("test", "users", username);
client.touch(wPolicy, key);
```

Delete

The **delete** operation deletes the entire record from the database.



```
// C# Delete record.
WritePolicy wPolicy = new WritePolicy();
Key key = new Key("test", "users", username);
client.Delete(wPolicy, key);

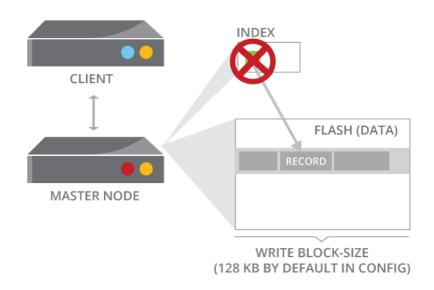
// Java Delete record.
WritePolicy wPolicy = new WritePolicy();
Key key = new Key("test", "users", username);
client.delete(wPolicy, key);
```

Delete ...

Deleting a record **removes** the entries from the indexes only. Very fast

The background defragmentation will physically delete the record at a future time.

Note: Aerospike does not "tombstone" deleted records.



WritePolicy

A WritePolicy modifies the behavior of a write operation. If omitted, default values will be used.

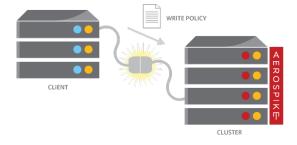
WritePolicy attributes:

- Timeout
- Expiration
- Generation
- Generation policy
- Record exists action

```
// C# write policy
WritePolicy wPolicy = new WritePolicy();
wPolicy.recordExistsAction = RecordExistsAction.UPDATE;
wPolicy.timeout = 50; // 50 milliseconds

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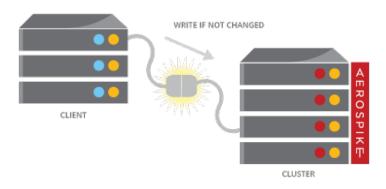
The WritePolicy is quite powerful. We will cover how to use these attributes in detail.



Generation Policy – WritePolicy

A **record generation** indicates how many times the record has been written and is **incremented** on each write.

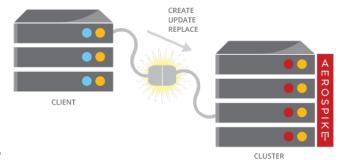
- NONE
 - Do not use a record generation to restrict writes. (Default)
- EXPECT_GEN_EQUAL
 - Update/delete record if expected generation is equal to server generation.
 Otherwise, fail.



Record Exists – WritePolicy

The RecordsExistsAction specifies the action to take when writing to a Record that **already exists**.

- UPDATE
 - Create or update a record
- UPDATE_ONLY
 - Update record only. Fail if record does not exist.
- REPLACE
 - Create or replace record. Delete previous Bins.
- REPLACE_ONLY
 - Replace record only. Fail if record does not exist.
- CREATE_ONLY
 - Create only. Fail if record exists.



Deleting a Bin

In a **put** operation, you can delete one or more Bins by setting the Bin value as null:

```
// C# delete a bin
WritePolicy wPolicy = new WritePolicy();
Bin bin1 = Bin.asNull("shoe-size"); // Set bin value to null to drop bin.
client.Put(wPolicy, key, bin1);

// Java delete a bin
WritePolicy wPolicy = new WritePolicy();
Key key = new Key("test", "users", username);
Bin bin1 = Bin.asNull("shoe-size"); // Set bin value to null to drop bin.
client.put(wPolicy, key, bin1);
RECORD

BIN 1 BIN 2 BIN 4
```



Read Operation

Read a Record

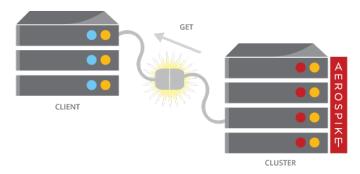
The **get** operation returns a Record (row).

You can read:

- All bins (columns)
- Specific bins

A **Record** consists of:

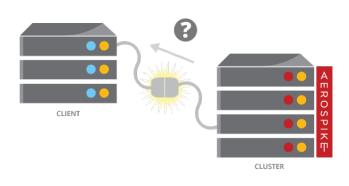
- Generation
- Expiration
- Bins



Exists

The **exists** operation is a light weight alternative to reading a Record to check if it exists.

Note: The Record could "not exist" shortly after the operation.



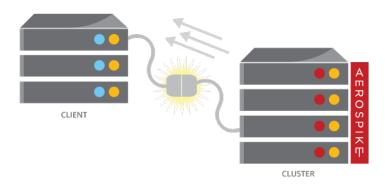
```
// C# Exists
Key userKey = new Key("test", "users", "user1234");
bool recordKeyExists = client.Exists(null, userKey);

// Java exists
Key key = new Key("test", "users", username);
boolean itsHere = client.exists(policy, key);
```

Batch reads

The **batch** operation allows you to read many Records in one operation

- Array of Keys
- Records returned in the same order as the Keys



```
// C# batch
// Create an array of keys
Key[] keys = new Key[tweetCount];
for (int i = 0; i < keys.Length; i++)
     keys[i] = new Key("test", "tweets",
           (username + ":" + (i + 1));
// Initiate batch read operation
Record[] records = client.Get(null, keys);
// Java batch
// Create an array of keys
Key[] keys = new Key[27];
for (int i = 0; i < keys.length; i++) {
     keys[i] = new Key("test", "tweets",
     (username + ":" + (i + 1));
// Initiate batch read operation
Record[] records = client.get(null, keys);
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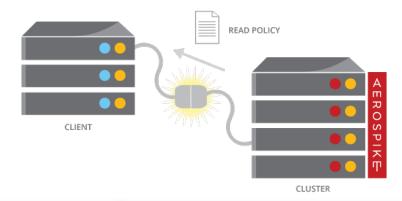
Read Policy

When executing a Read operation, you can *optionally* supply a **Policy** object to the method. If omitted, default values will be used.

- Policy
 - Timeout
 - Maximum retries
 - Sleep between retries
 - Priority

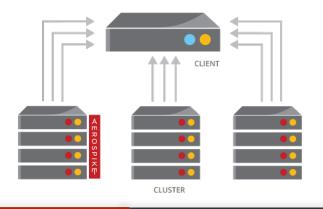
```
// C# write policy
Policy policy = new Policy();
policy.timeout = 50; // 50 milliseconds

// Java policy
Policy policy = new Policy();
policy.timeout = 50; // 50 milliseconds
```



Scan

The **Scan** operation, similar to a table scan, returns all Records in a specified namespace and, optionally, a Set.



Scan Policy

A **ScanPolicy** can optionally be supplied to modify the Scan operation.

Along with all the attributes of Policy, it contains additional attributes that define the properties of the Scan. These are:

- Concurrent nodes Default: true
- Fail on cluster change Default: false
- Include bin data Default: true
- Maximum concurrent nodes Default: All nodes in the cluster.

```
// C# Scan policy
ScanPolicy policy = new ScanPolicy();
policy.concurrentNodes = true;
policy.includeBinData = true;
client.ScanAll(policy, . . .);
// Java Scan policy
ScanPolicy policy = new ScanPolicy();
policy.concurrentNodes = true;
policy.includeBinData = true;
client.scanAll(policy, . . .);
```



Key-value Techniques

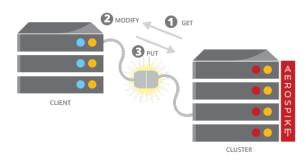
Read Modify Write (CAS)

A common usage pattern is to do Read-Modify-Write of a record (or **Check-and-Set**).

Example: modify a JSON document in the client

This involves:

- Reading the Record.
- Modifying the Record at the application.
- Set the WritePolicy to be EXPECT_GEN_EQUAL.
- Write the modified data with the generation previous Read.



```
// Java read-modify-write
WritePolicy wPolicy = new WritePolicy();
wPolicy.generationPolicy = GenerationPolicy.EXPECT_GEN_EQUAL;
Key key = new Key("test", "users", username);
Bin bin1 = new Bin("username", username);
Bin bin2 = new Bin("password", password);
client.put(wPolicy, key, bin1, bin2);
```

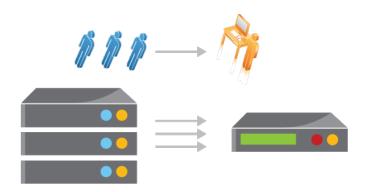
Hot Keys

Hot keys are records that are frequently accessed

- How hot is hot?
- Queue for a Record
- Result code 14 KEY_BUSY
- Configuration sets queue size
 - transaction-pending-limit
 - Default: 20

How to mitigate Hot Keys

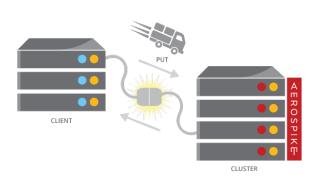
- Use RAM namespace
- Use multiple Records
 - Batch read
 - Aggregate in client



Operate

Multiple operations on the same Record

- Update and Select in one operation
- Read and Write operations
- Read operations are done last
- Example: add to a counter and read the value



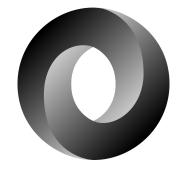
List, Maps and JSON

Lists and Maps (Dictionaries) are supported in most modern languages. The Client API translates the language types to the database type of List or Map respectively.

JSON is either a List containing Lists and Maps, or a Map containing Lists and Maps. JSON is easily stored in a Bin Type of:

- List
- Map

```
// Java JSON example
Bin bin7 = Bin.asMap("interests", new JSONObject(...));
```



Single Bin

A namespace can be configured, and optimized, for a single Bin record.

- No Bin management overhead
- Integer stored in Index for free (data-in-index)

Operations

- Add
- Append

Cannot be used with a secondary index





Errors and Result Codes

Error Handling

When an error condition occurs the client will throw an **AerospikeException** which contains:

- A ResultCode
- A Message

General result codes

These are the most common result/error codes you will see as a developer:

- KEY_NOT_FOUND_ERROR
- GENERATION_ERROR
- KEY_EXISTS_ERROR
- BIN_EXISTS
- TIMEOUT
- BIN_TYPE_ERROR
- KEY_BUSY
- BIN_NOT_FOUND
- KEY_MISMATCH

A full list is included in the notes



Lab: Key-value Operations

Objective

After successful completion of this Lab module you will have:

- Connected to a cluster
- Written and read records using simple and complex values
- Used advanced key-value techniques

Lab Overview

The lab exercises add functionality to a simple Twitter- like console application (tweetaspike) using Aerospike as the database.

In this Lab, we will focus on key-value operations and techniques. You will add code to:

- Create users and Tweets
- Read all the Tweets for a user
- Use an advance Key-value feature

The exercises shell is located on your USB stick or in your "unzipped" directory ~/exercise/Key-valueOperations/<language>

Make sure you have your server up and you know its IP address

Tweetaspike Data Model

Users

- Namespace: test, Set: users, Key: <username>
- Bins:
 - username String
 - password String (For simplicity password is stored in plain-text)
 - gender String (Valid values are 'm' or 'f')
 - region String (Valid values are: 'n' (North), 's' (South), 'e' (East), 'w' (West) -- to keep data entry to minimal we just store the first letter)
 - lasttweeted int (Stores epoch timestamp of the last/most recent tweet) -- Default to 0
 - tweetcount int (Stores total number of tweets for the user) -- Default to 0
 - interests Array of interests

Tweets

- Namespace: test, Set: tweets, Key: <username:<counter>>
- Bins:
 - tweet string
 - ts int (Stores epoch timestamp of the tweet)
 - username string



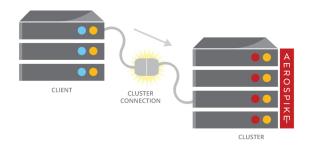
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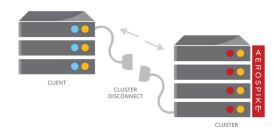
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Exercise 2 ... Cont. – Java: Read Records

Create a User Record, Tweet Record and then a Read User Record

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- 1. Read User record In UserService.getUser()
 - Read User Record
 - 2. Output User Record to the console

Exercise 3 – Java: Batch Read

Batch Read Tweets for a given user

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Update Tweet count and timestamp and examine the new Tweet count

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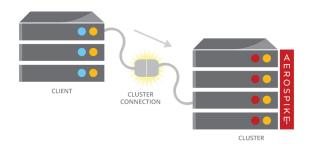
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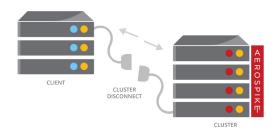
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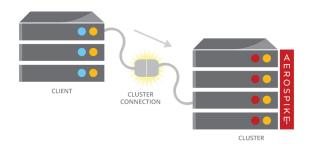
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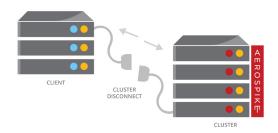
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 - 2. Set WritePolicy.generation to the value read from the User record.
 - 3. Set WritePolicy.generationPolicy to EXPECT_GEN_EQUAL
 - 4. Update the User record with the new password using the GenerationPolicy

Exercise 6 – Go: Operate

Update Tweet count and timestamp and examine the new Tweet count

- In updateUser()
 - 1. Comment out code added in Exercise 2 for updating tweet count and timestamp
 - 2. Uncomment line updateUserUsingOperate(client, userKey, policy, ts, tweetCount);
 - 3. In updateUserUsingOperate(client, userKey, policy, ts, tweetCount)
 - 1. Initiate operate passing in policy, user record key, .add operation incrementing tweet count, .put operation updating timestamp and .get operation to read the user record
 - 2. Output updated tweet count to console

Summary

You have learned how to:

- Connect to Cluster
- Write and Read Records
- Batch Read Records
- Read-Modify-Write
- Operate
- Handle errors correctly

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