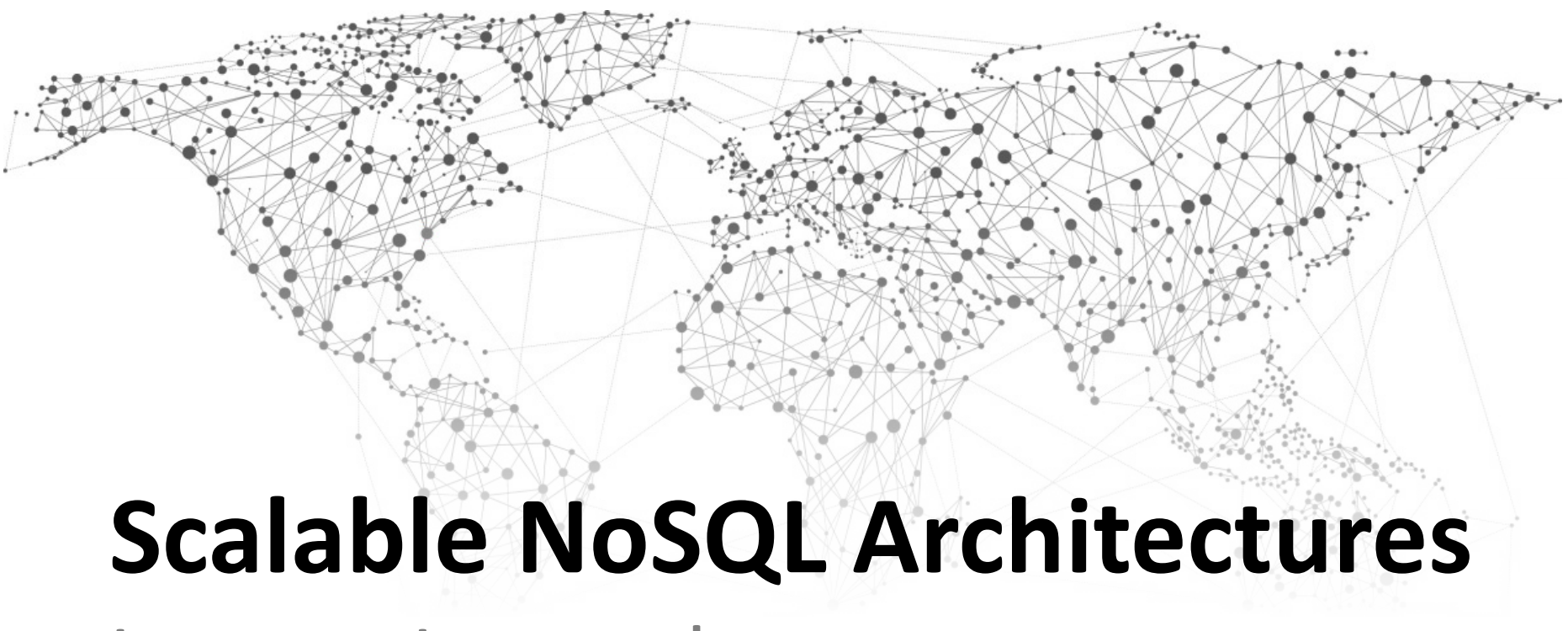




# Scalable NoSQL Architectures

## Lessons Learned

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### **NoSQL Technologies:**

- Polyglot Persistence
- Web Caching
- Cloud Data Management



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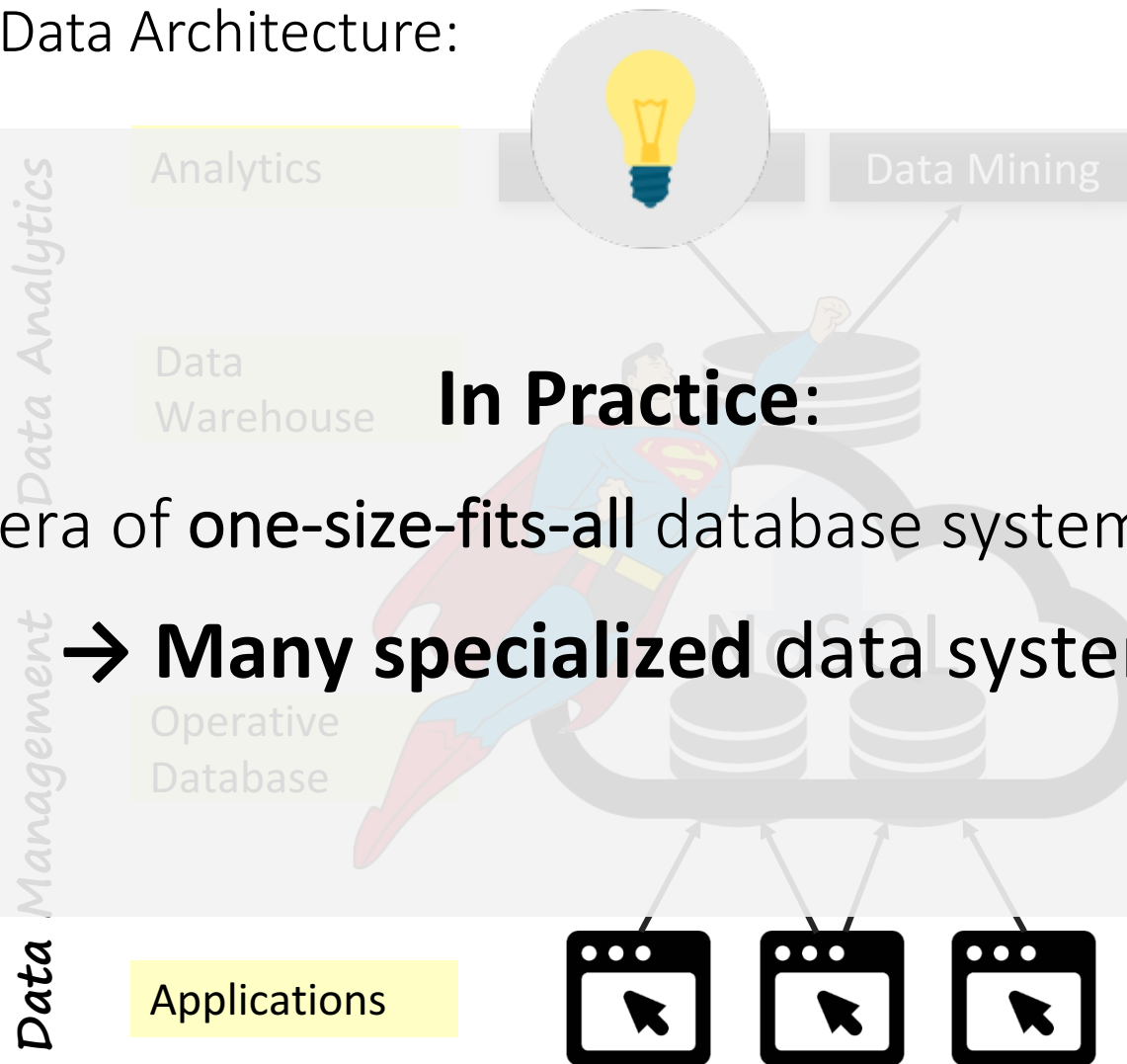


INTRODUCTION

**What are NoSQL  
data stores?**

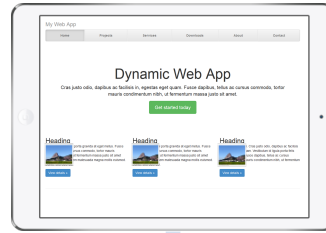
# Architecture

Typical Data Architecture:



# How to choose a database system?

Many Potential Candidates

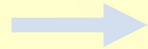


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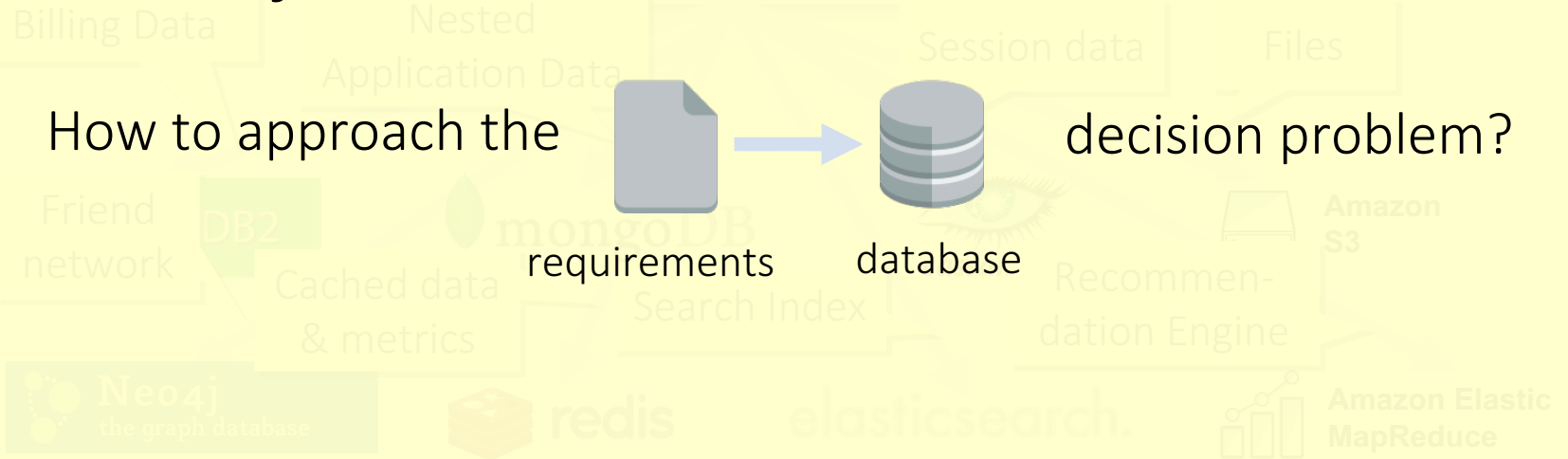


requirements



database

decision problem?



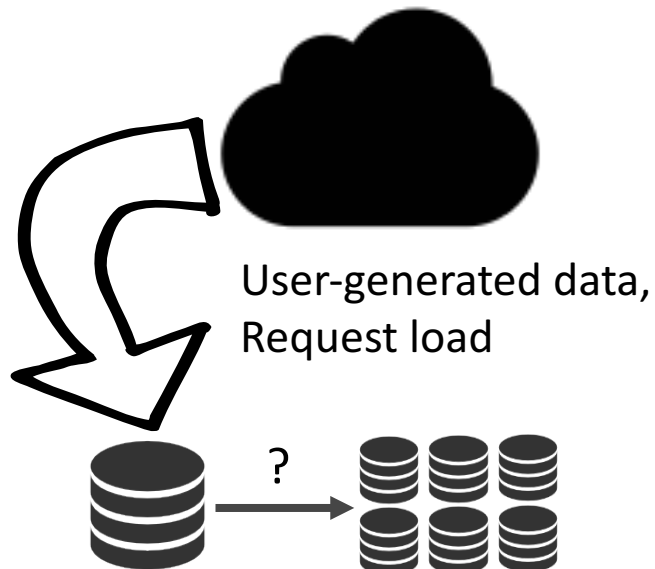


# NoSQL Databases

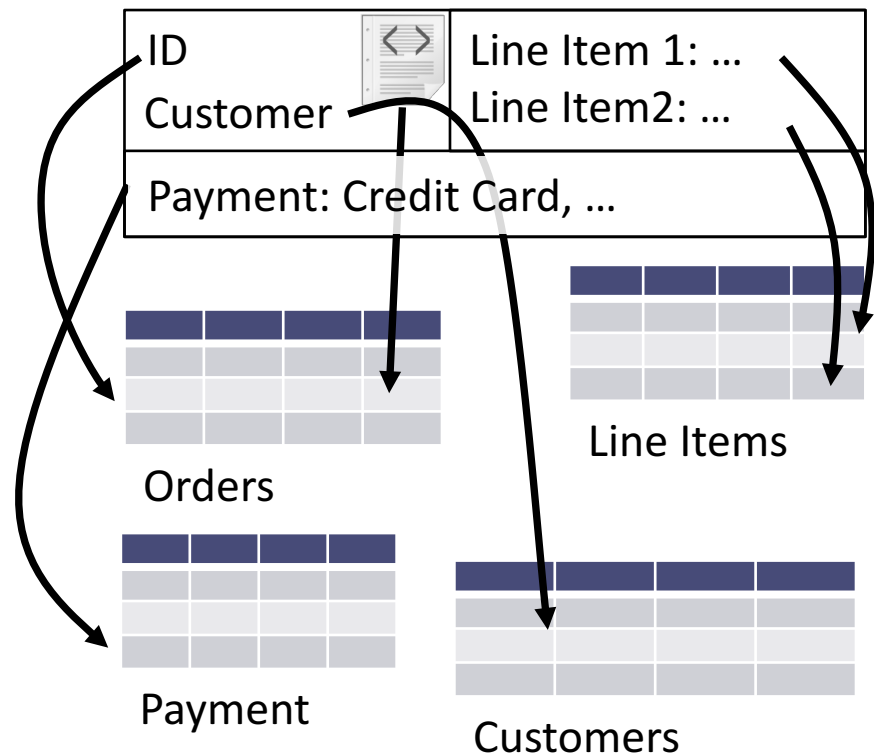
## Motivation

- ▶ Two main drivers:

### Scalability



### Impedance Mismatch



# NoSQL System Classification

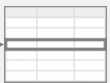
- ▶ Two common criteria:



*Data  
Model*



Key-Value



Wide-Column



Document



Graph



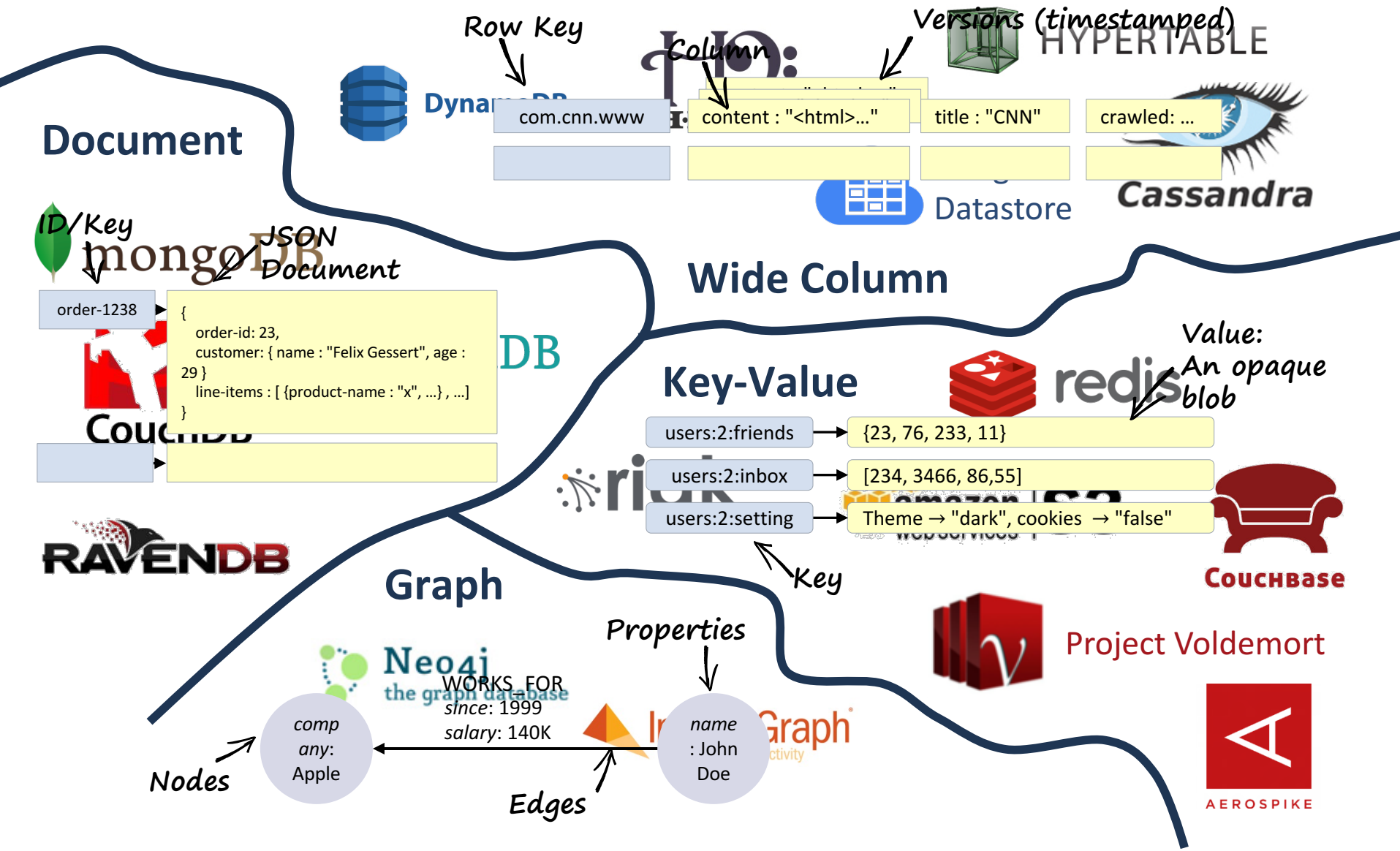
*Consistency/Availability  
Trade-Off*

**AP:** Available & Partition  
Tolerant

**CP:** Consistent &  
Partition Tolerant

**CA:** Not Partition  
Tolerant

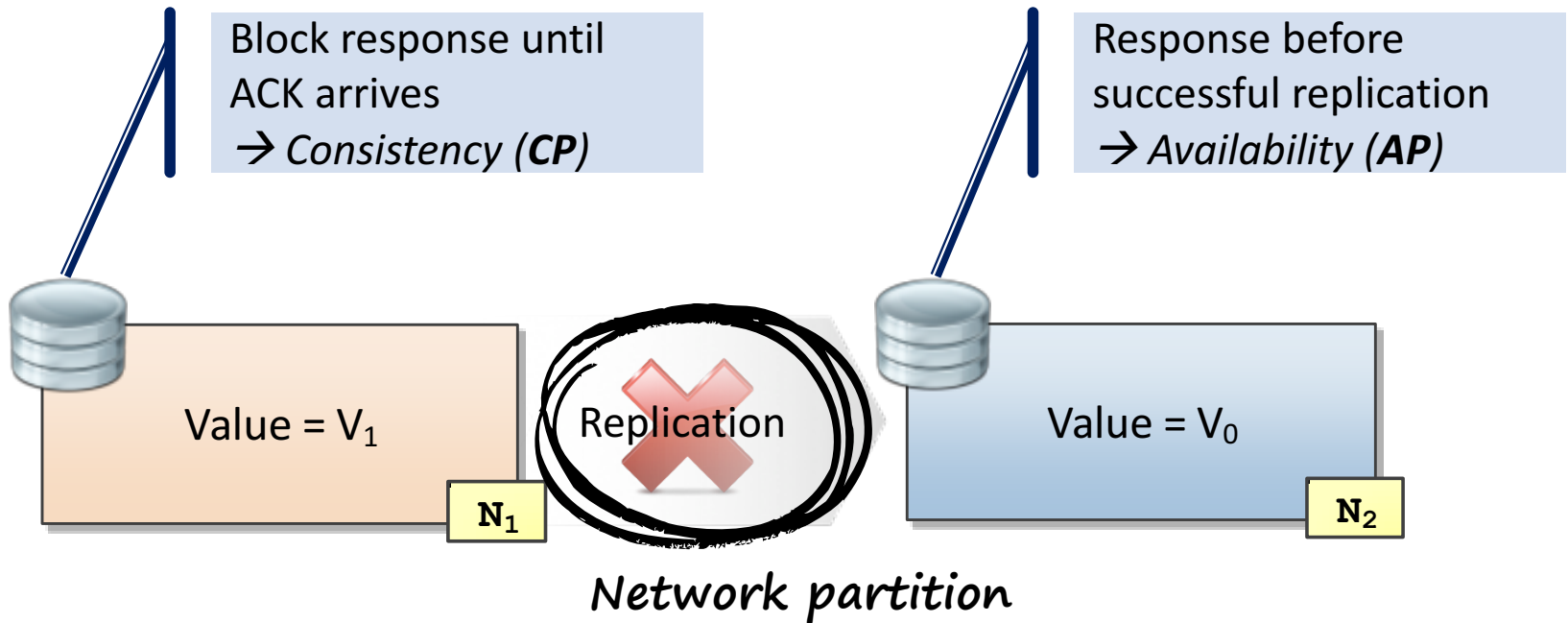
# Data Model Classes





# CAP-Theorem Classes

Consistency, Availability, Partition Tolerance - pick two:



Eric Brewer, ACM-PODC Keynote, July 2000

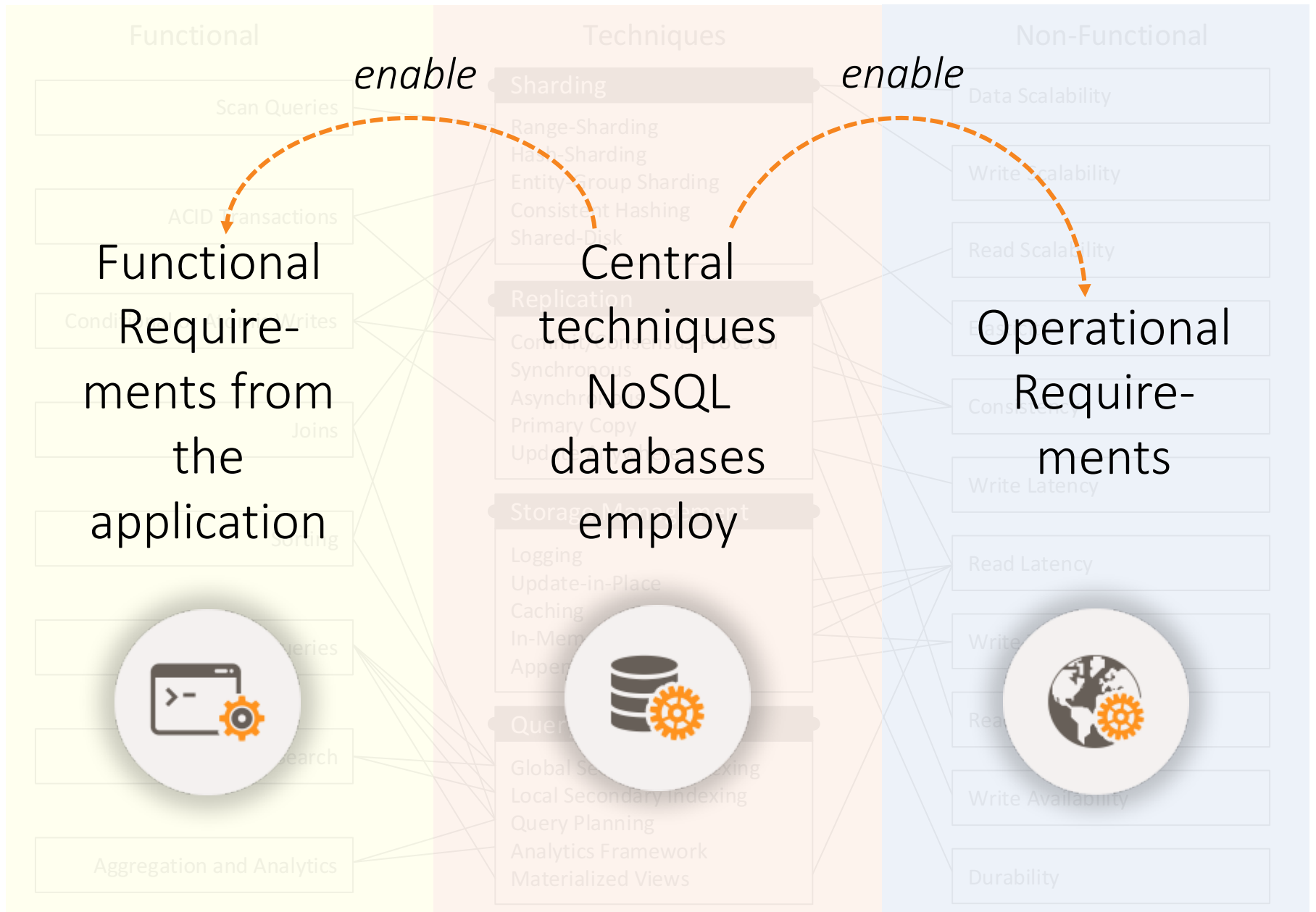


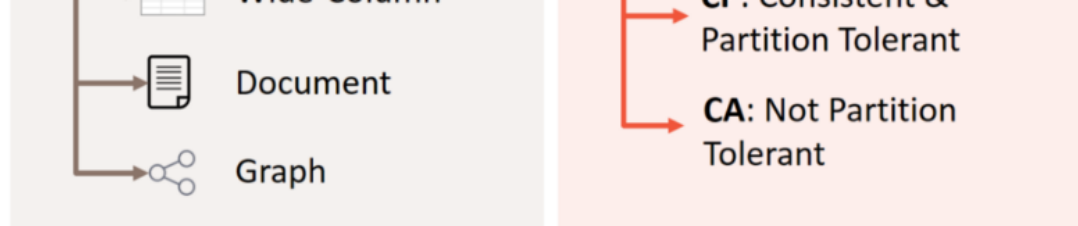
Gilbert, Lynch: Brewer's Conjecture and the Feasibility of Consistent, Available, Partition-Tolerant Web Services, SigAct News 2002

# BEYOND CAP AND DATA MODELS

## What about concrete requirements, e.g. query capabilities?







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## 2.1 Different Data Models

The most commonly employed distinction between NoSQL databases is the way they store and allow access to data. Each system covered in this paper can be categorised as either key-value store, document store or wide-column store.

In-depth article on this:  
[blog.baqend.com](https://blog.baqend.com)

Figure 1: Key-value stores offer efficient storage and retrieval of arbitrary values.

pure key-value stores do not support operations beyond simple CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete). Key-value stores are therefore often referred to as **schemaless**: Any assumptions about the structure of stored data are implicitly encoded in the application logic (*schema-on-read*) and not explicitly defined through a data definition language (*schema-on-write*).

The obvious advantages of this data model lie in its simplicity. The very simple



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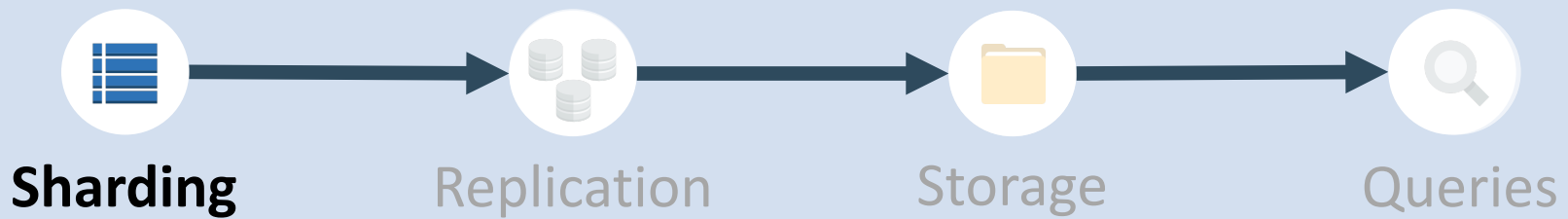
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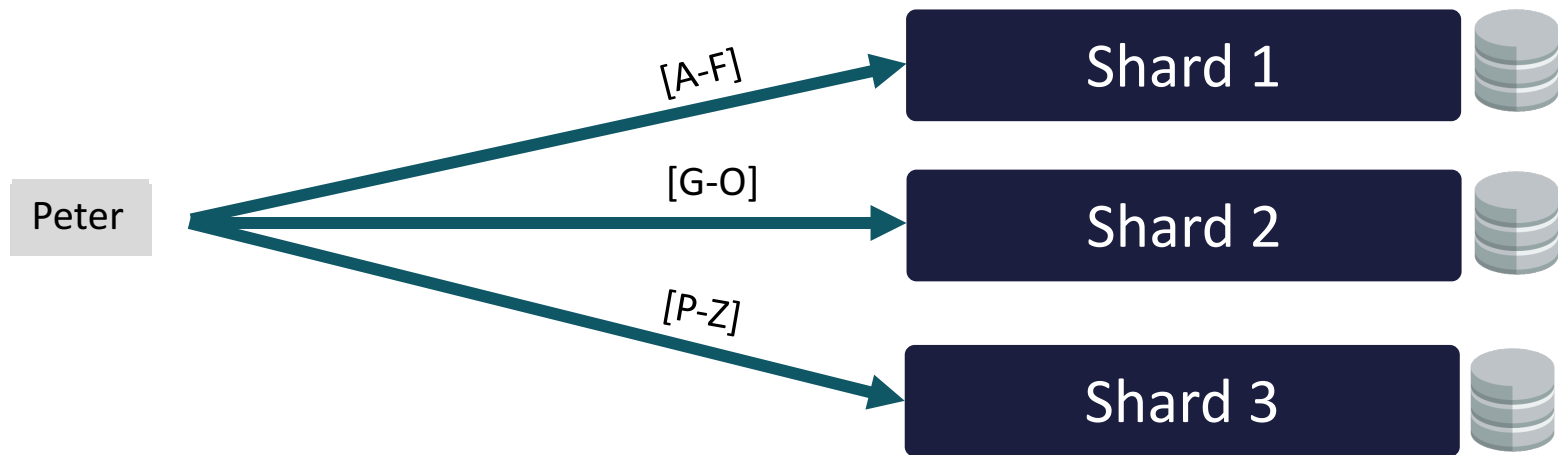
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Estimated counts for faster Django...

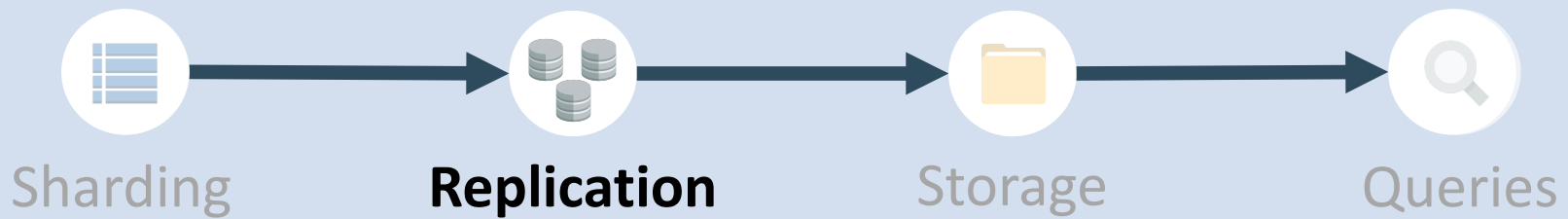




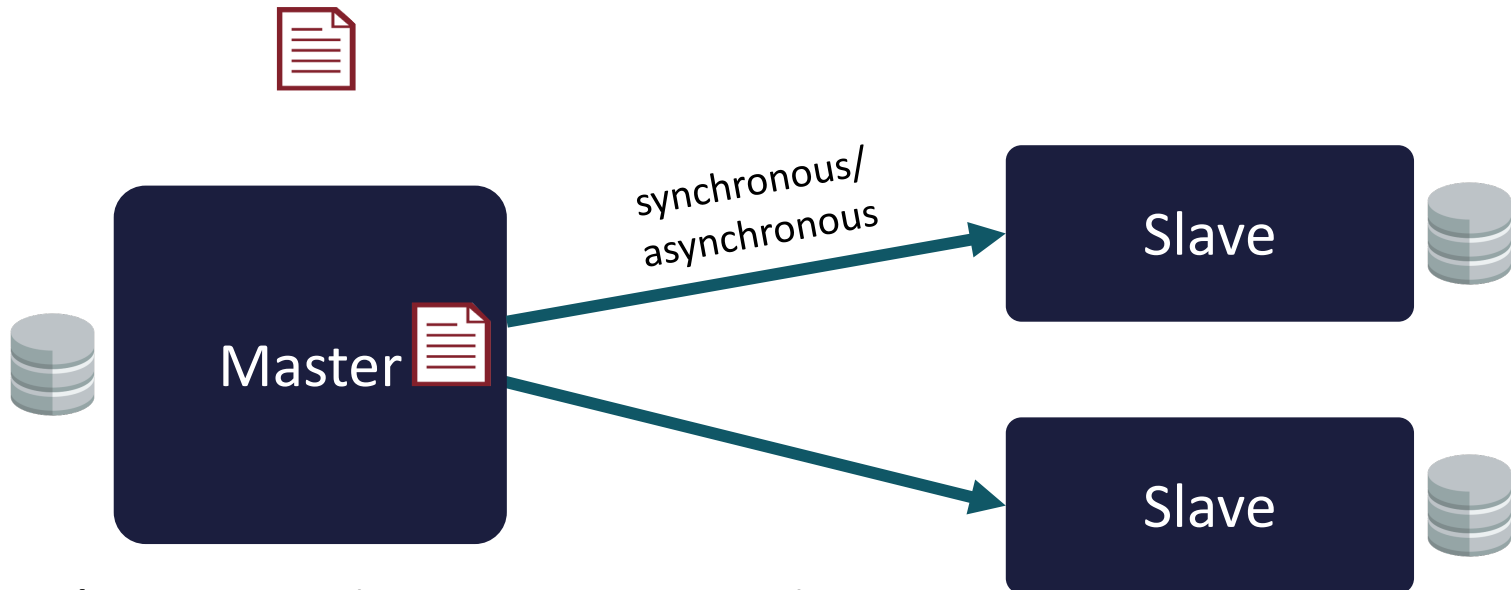
▶ Scaling **Storage** and **Throughput**



- ▶ Partitioning strategies:  
Hash-based, Range-based, Entity Group Sharding

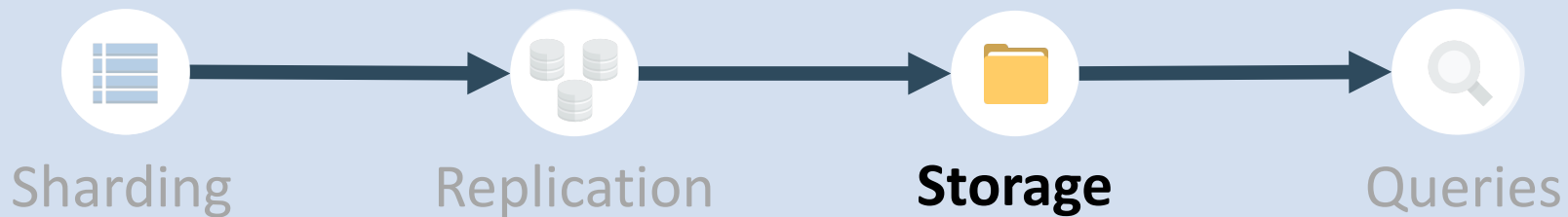


- ▶ Read Scalability and Fault Tolerance

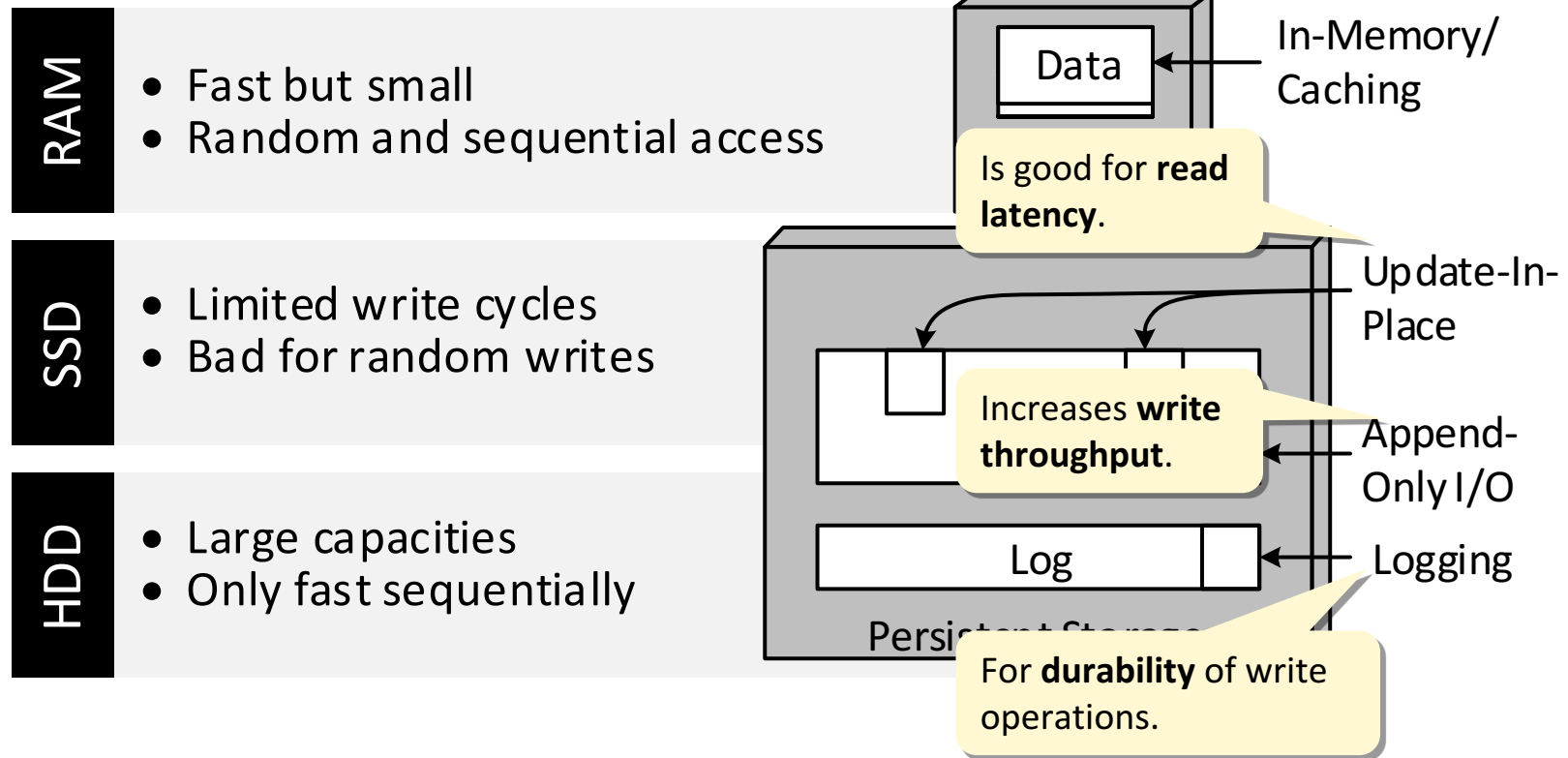


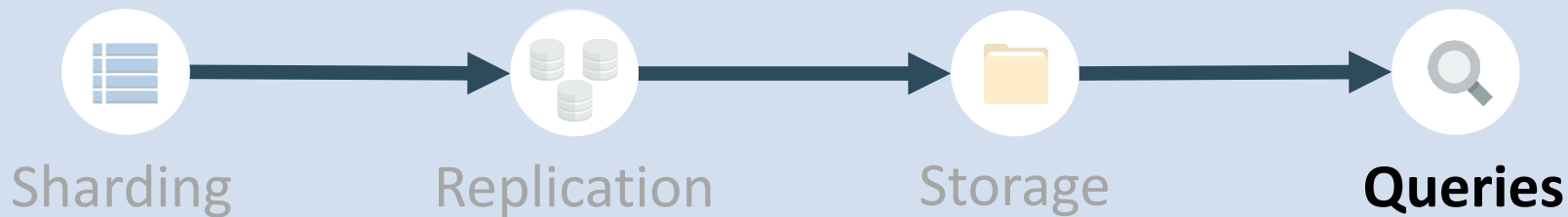
- ▶ **When:** Synchronous, Asynchronous
- ▶ **Where:** Multi-Master, Master-Slave, Quorum-based



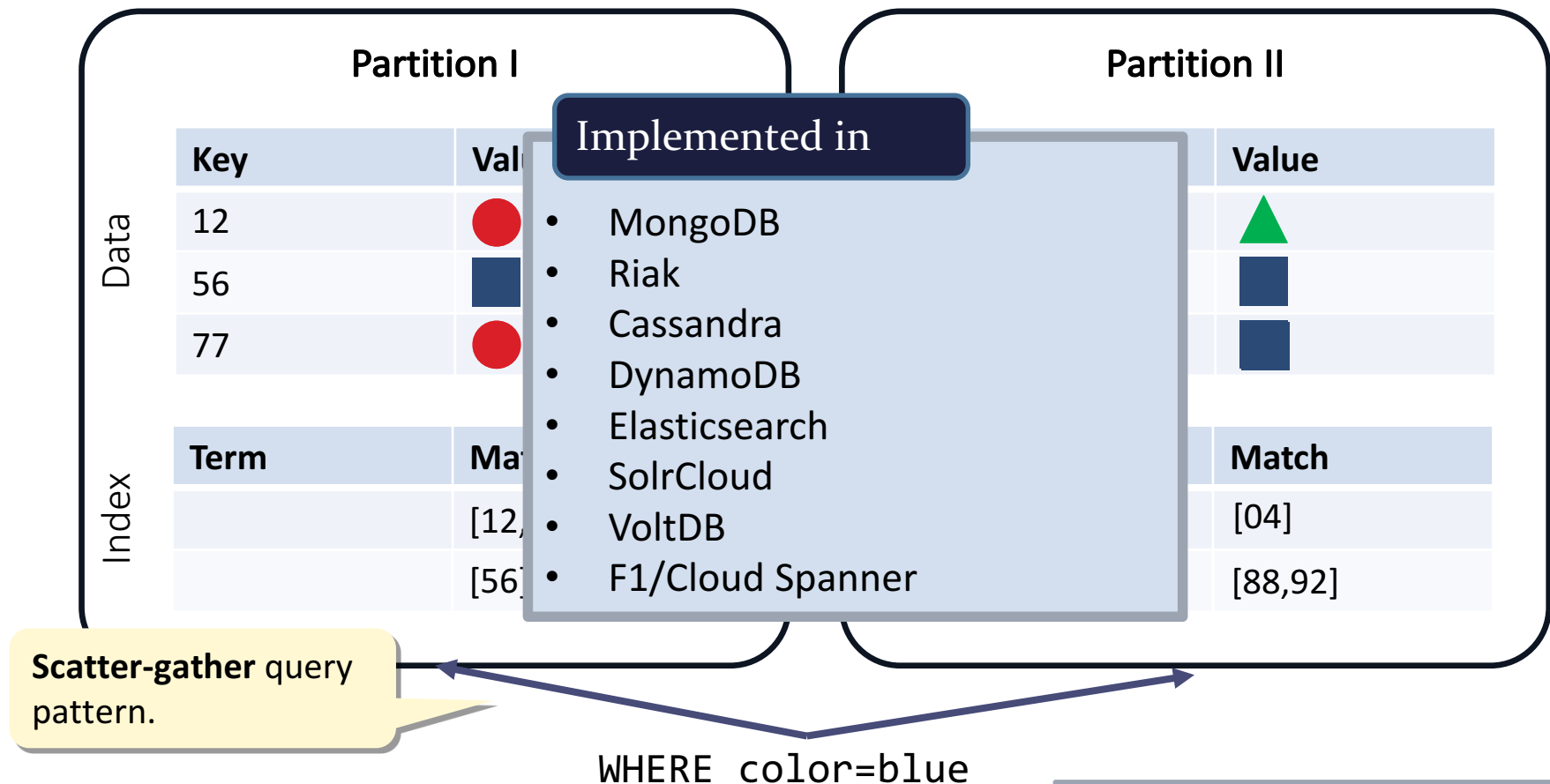


## Storage Management:

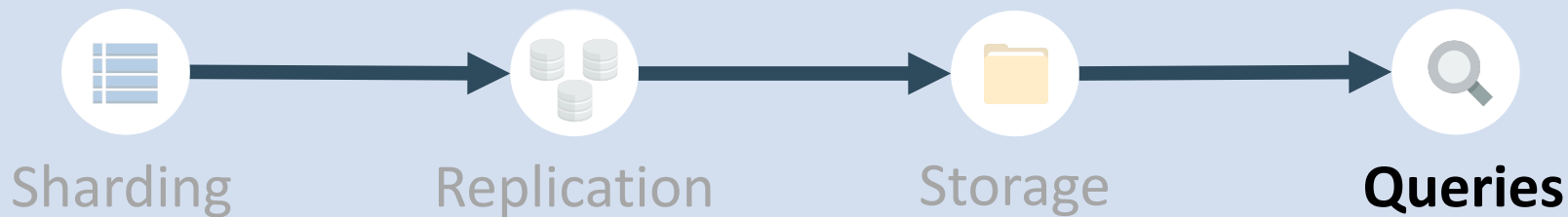




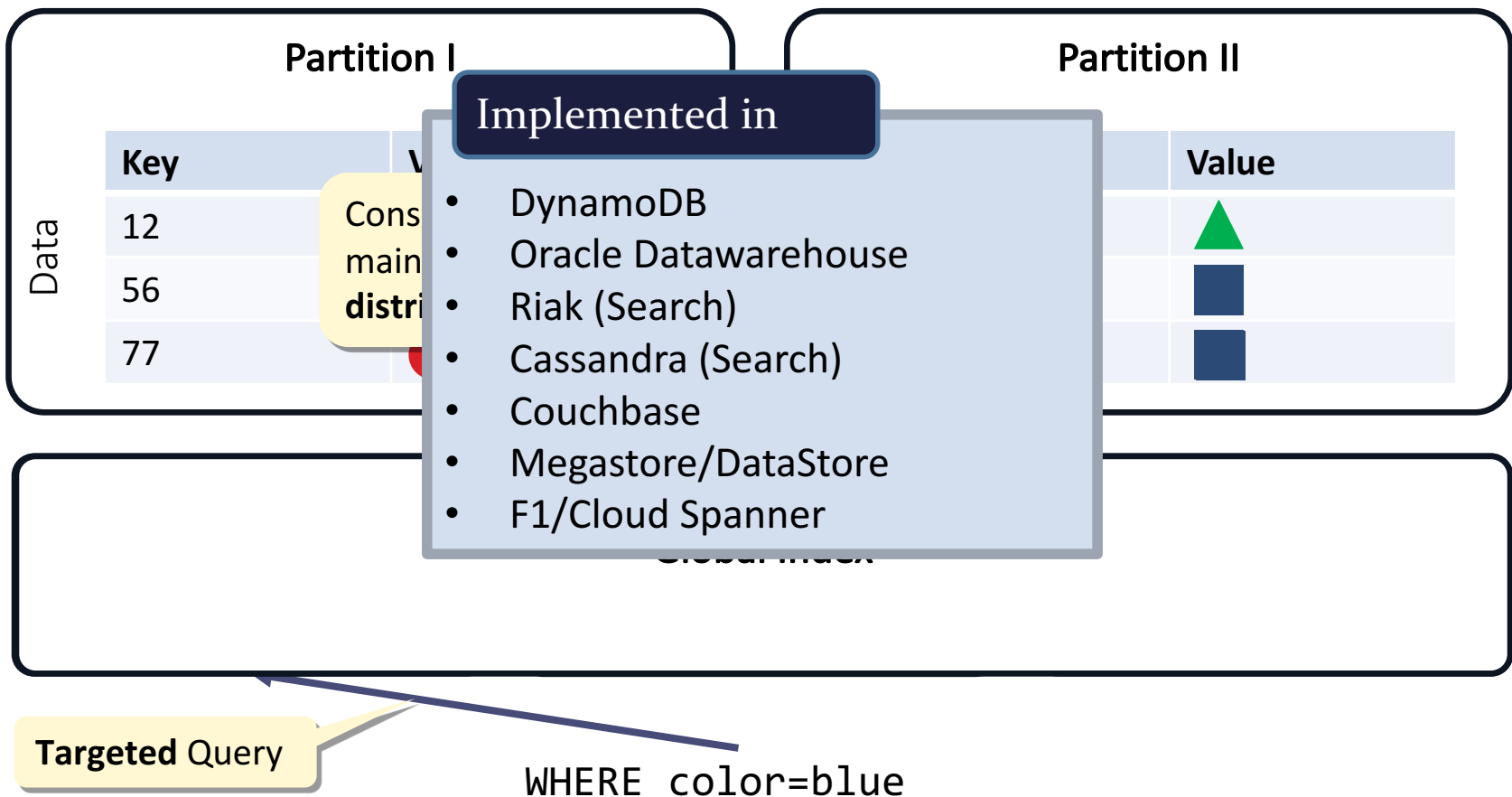
## Local Indexing – Partition by document:







## Global Indexing – Partition by term:





DECISION TREE

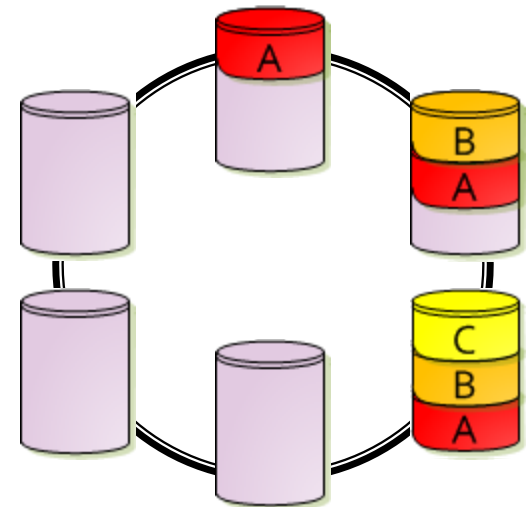
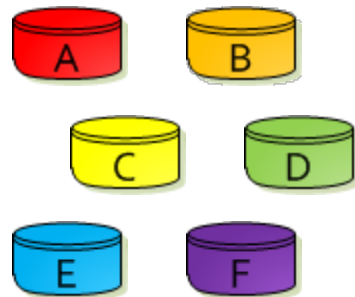
How are the techniques from the  
NoSQL toolbox used in **data stores**?



# Dynamo (AP)

Distributed, Highly Available KV-Store

- ▶ Developed at **Amazon** (2007)
- ▶ **Techniques:** Consistent Hashing & Quorums
- ▶ Inspired **Riak, Cassandra, Voldemort, DynamoDB**



DeCandia, Giuseppe, et al. "Dynamo: Amazon's highly available key-value store."

# Classification: Dynamo-style Systems

## Techniques

|                                                                                                              |                      |                   |                       |                    |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|  <b>Sharding</b>            | Range-Sharding       | Hash-Sharding     | Entity-Group Sharding | Consistent Hashing | Shared Disk         |
|  <b>Replication</b>         | Transaction Protocol | Sync. Replication | Async. Replication    | Primary Copy       | Update Anywhere     |
|  <b>Storage Management</b> | Logging              | Update-in-Place   | Caching               | In-Memory          | Append-Only Storage |
|  <b>Query Processing</b>  | Global Index         | Local Index       | Query Planning        | Analytics          | Materialized Views  |

# Redis (CA)

## In-Memory Key-Value Store

- ▶ **Remote Dictionary Server**
- ▶ **Data model:** rich data structures (list, sets, ...)
- ▶ Hash-Sharding & Asynchronous Replication



### Redis

Model:

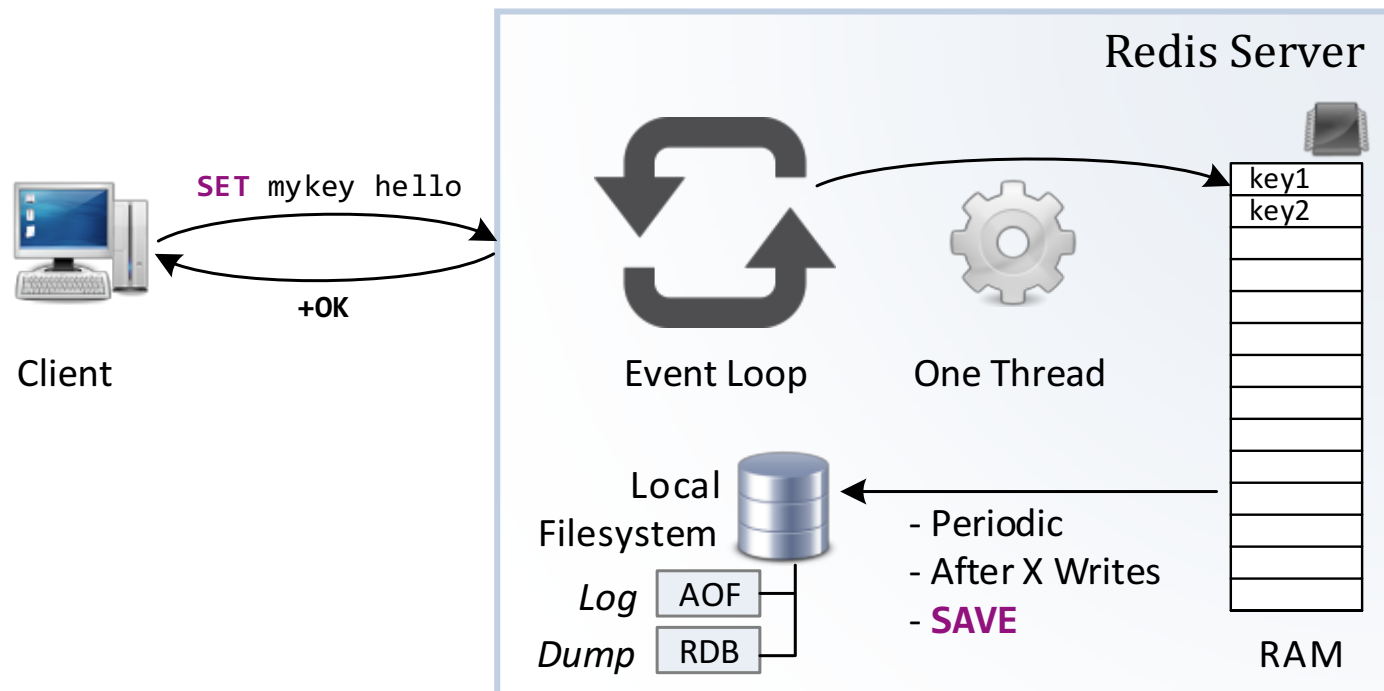
Key-Value

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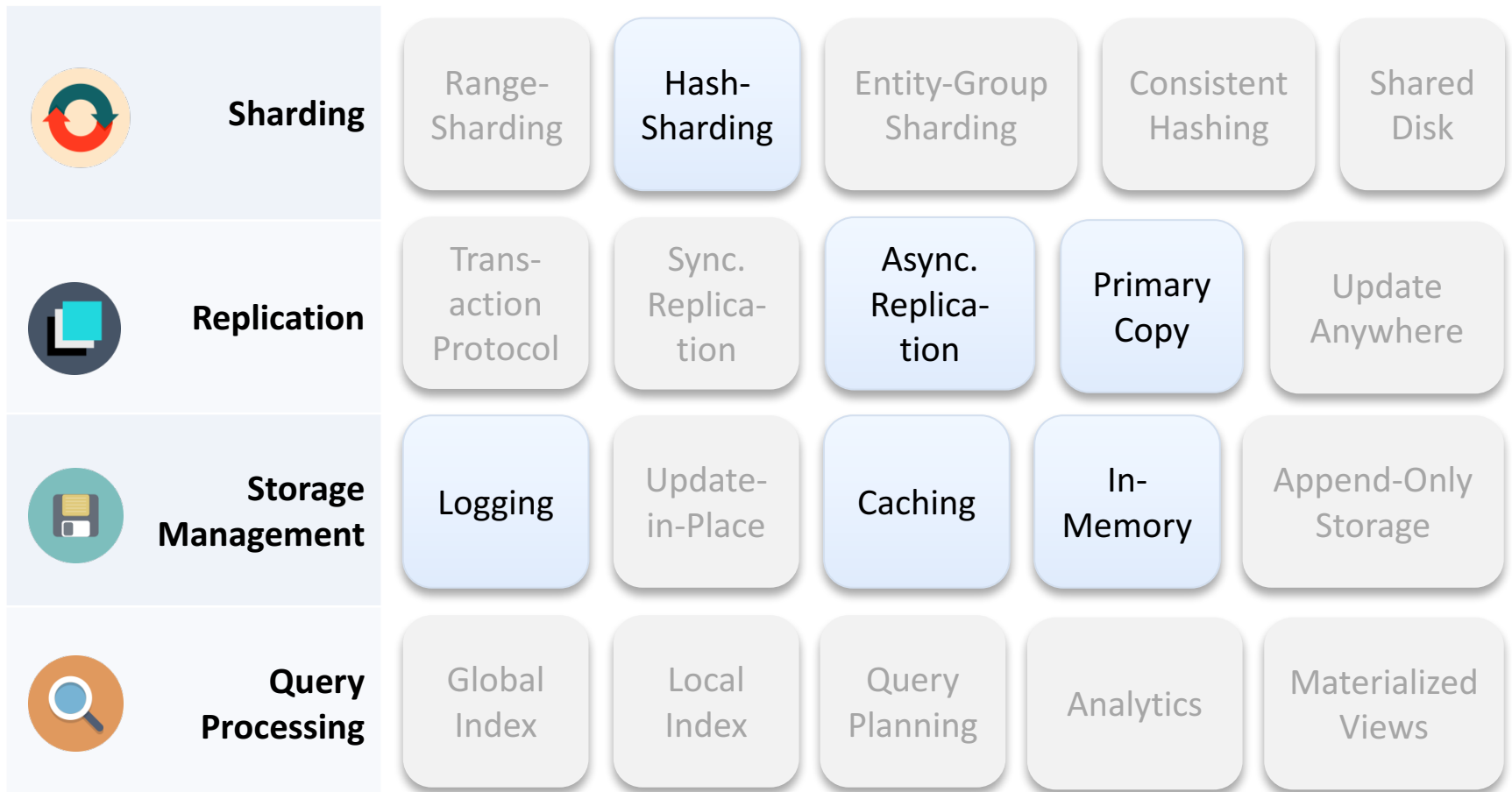
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# Classification: Redis

## Techniques

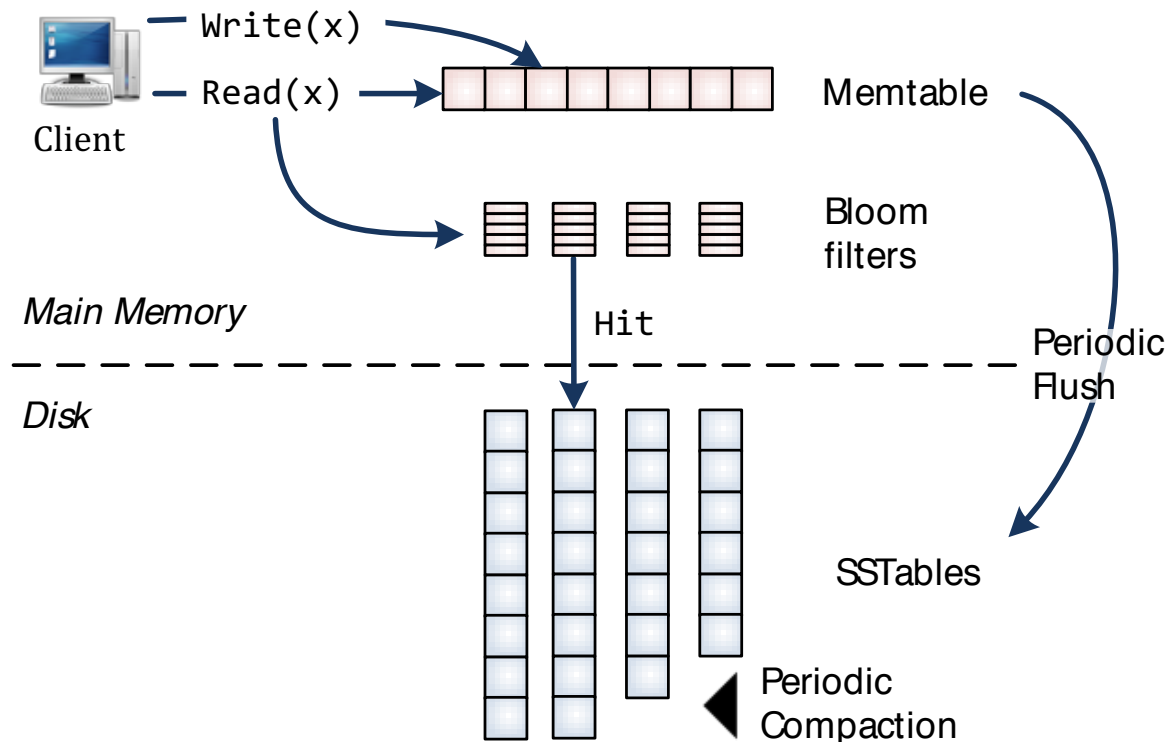


# Apache HBase (CP)

## Consistent Wide-Column Store

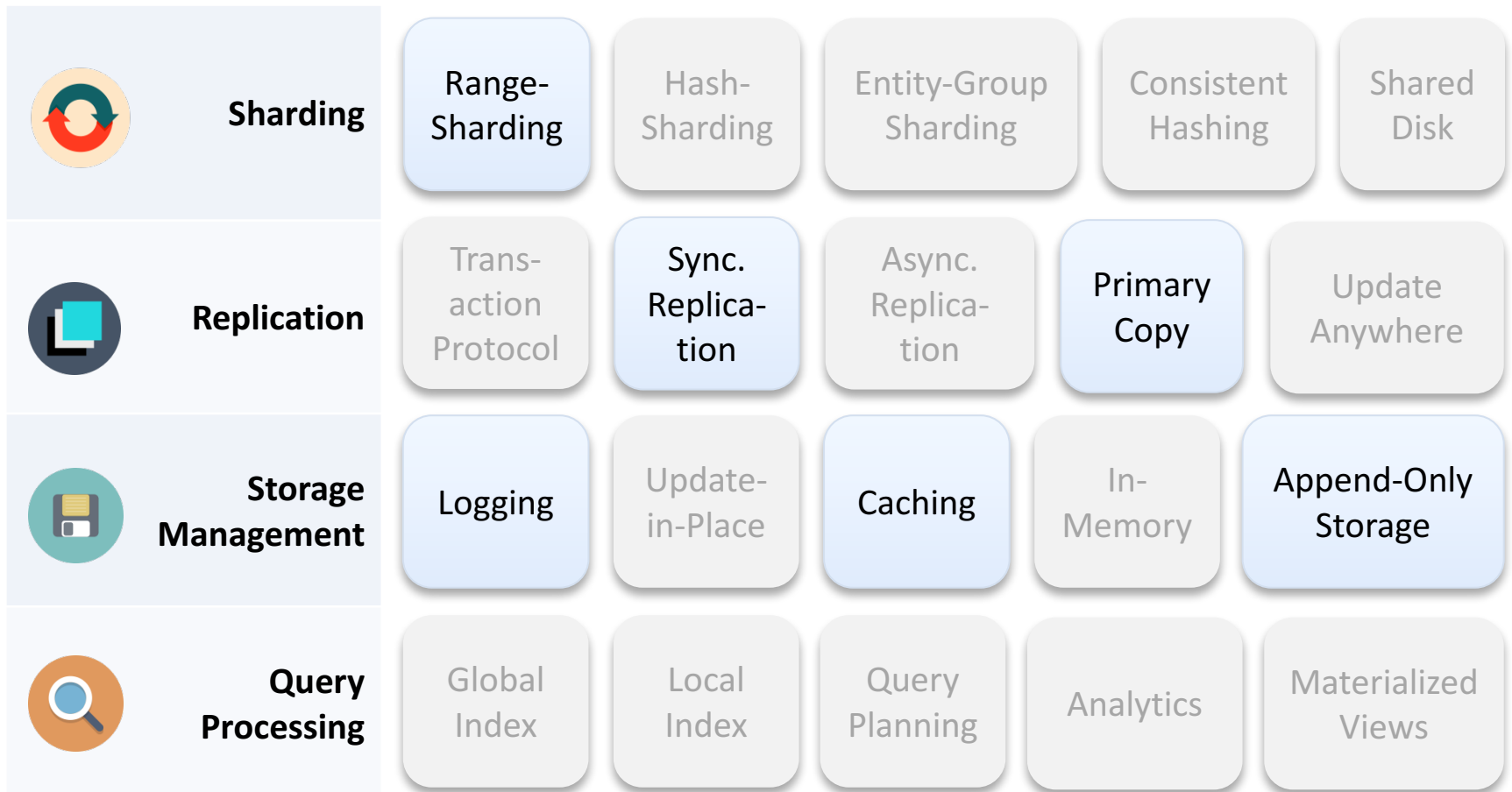
- ▶ Open-Source Implementation of **BigTable**
- ▶ Range-Sharded & Synchronous Replication
- ▶ Optimized for **Write Throughput**

| HBase       |
|-------------|
| Model:      |
| Wide-Column |
| License:    |
| Apache 2    |
| Written in: |
| Java        |



# Classification: HBase

## Techniques





# Apache Cassandra (AP)

## Available Wide-Column Store

- ▶ Published 2007 by Facebook
- ▶ **BigTable data model** with **Dynamo sharding**
- ▶ SQL-like (CQL), but **limited complexity**

### Cassandra

Model:

Wide-Column

License:

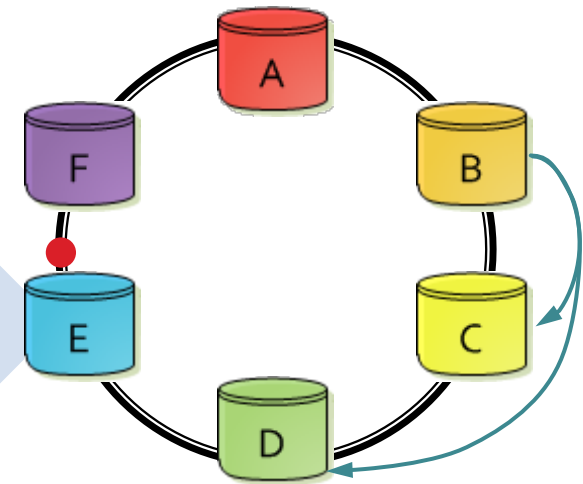
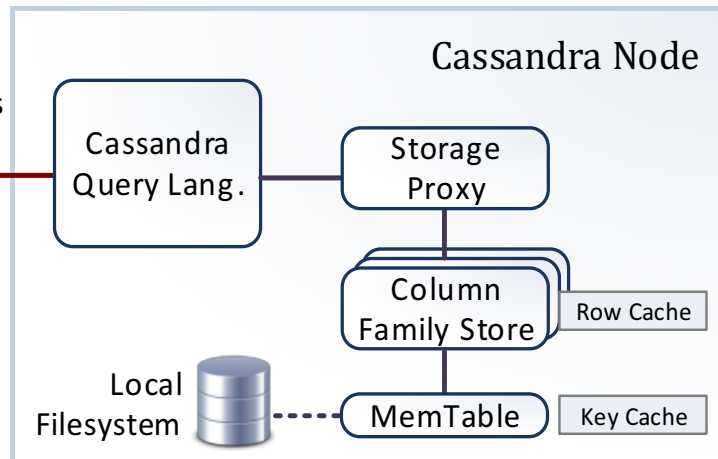
Apache 2

Written in:

Java

```
SELECT * FROM playlists  
WHERE id = 23423
```

| id    | order | id    | artist |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 23423 | 1     | 64563 | Elvis  |
| 23423 | 2     | f9291 | Elvis  |



# Classification: Cassandra

## Techniques

|                                                                                                              |                      |                   |                       |                    |                     |
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# MongoDB (CP)

## Document Store

- ▶ Allows **complex queries** and indexing
- ▶ Sharding (range- or hash-based)
- ▶ Replication (synchronous or asynchronous)
- ▶ **Pluggable** Storage Engine



### MongoDB

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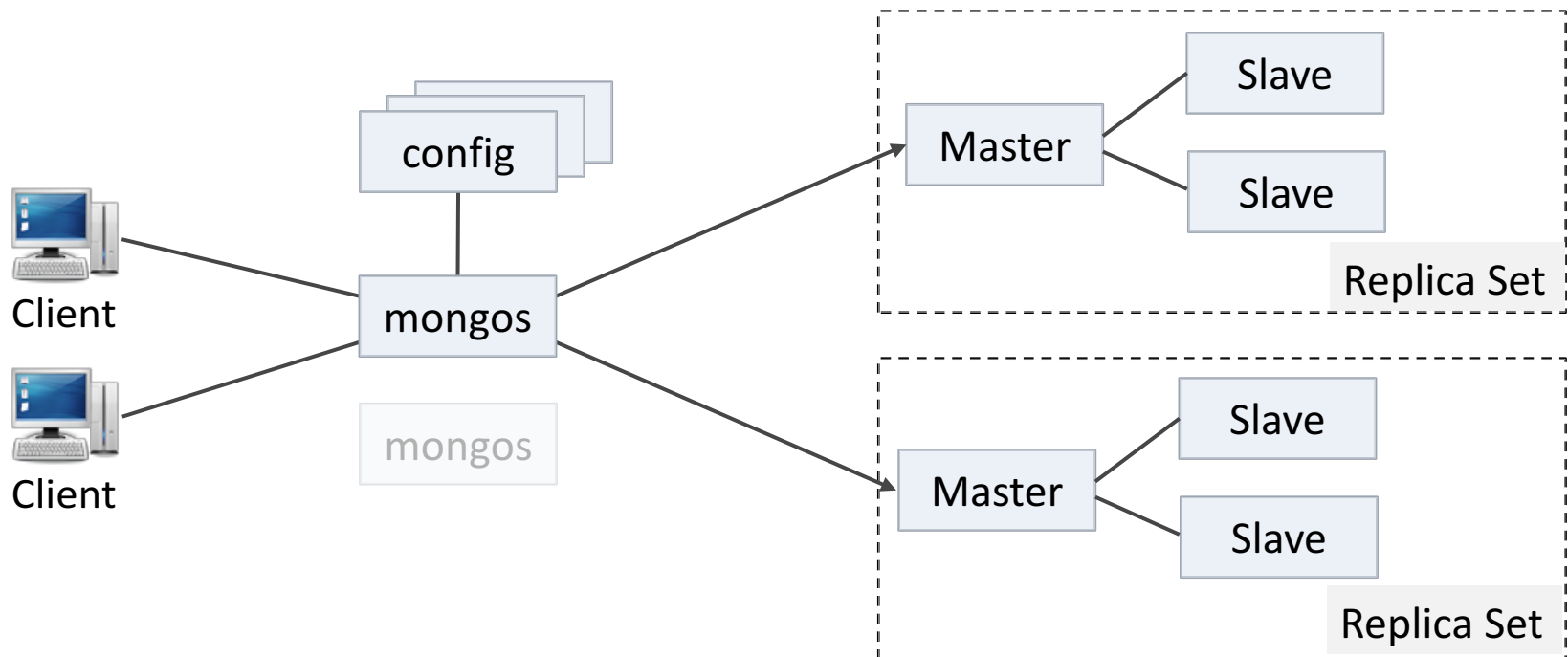
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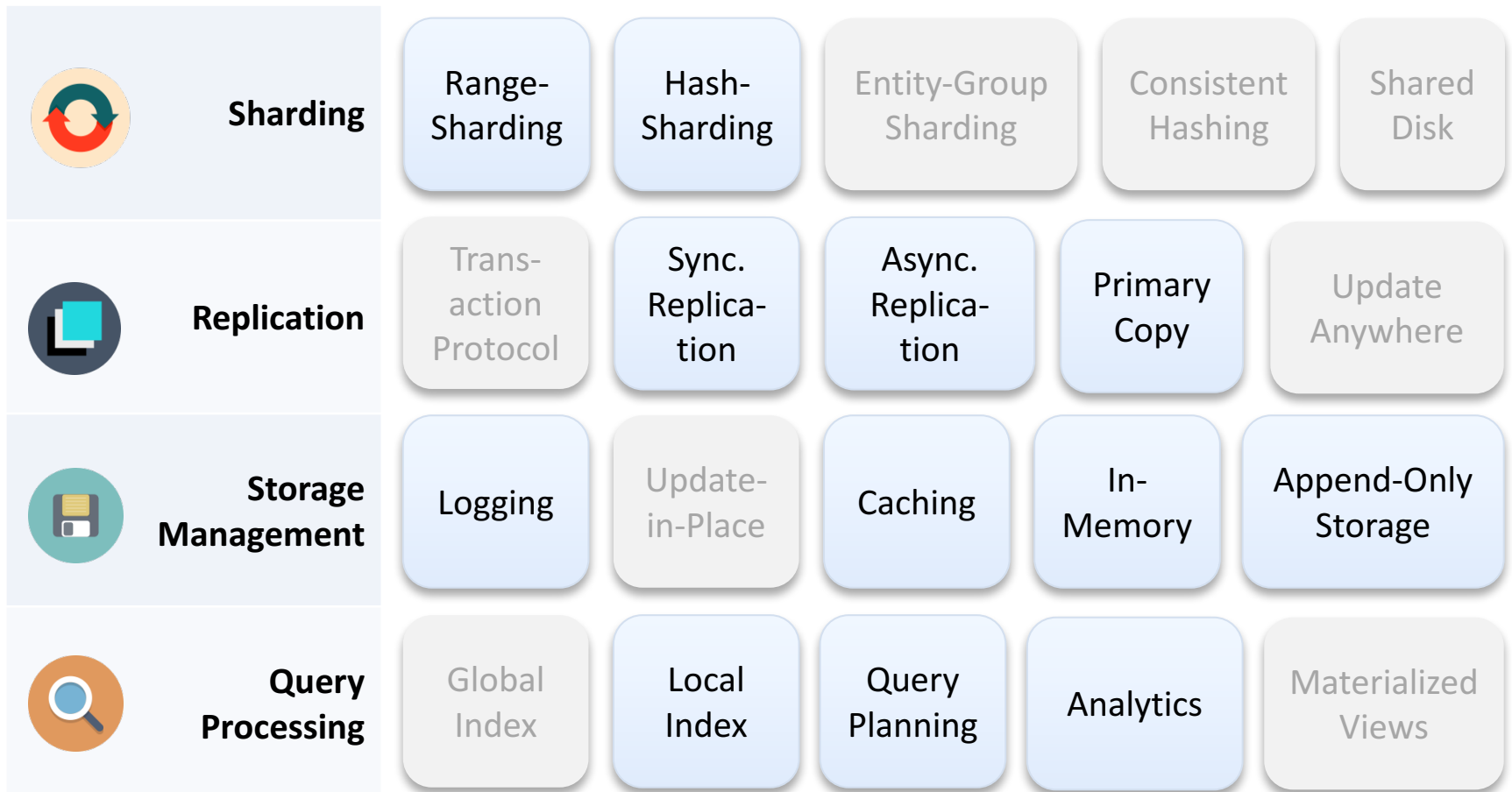
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# Classification: MongoDB

## Techniques

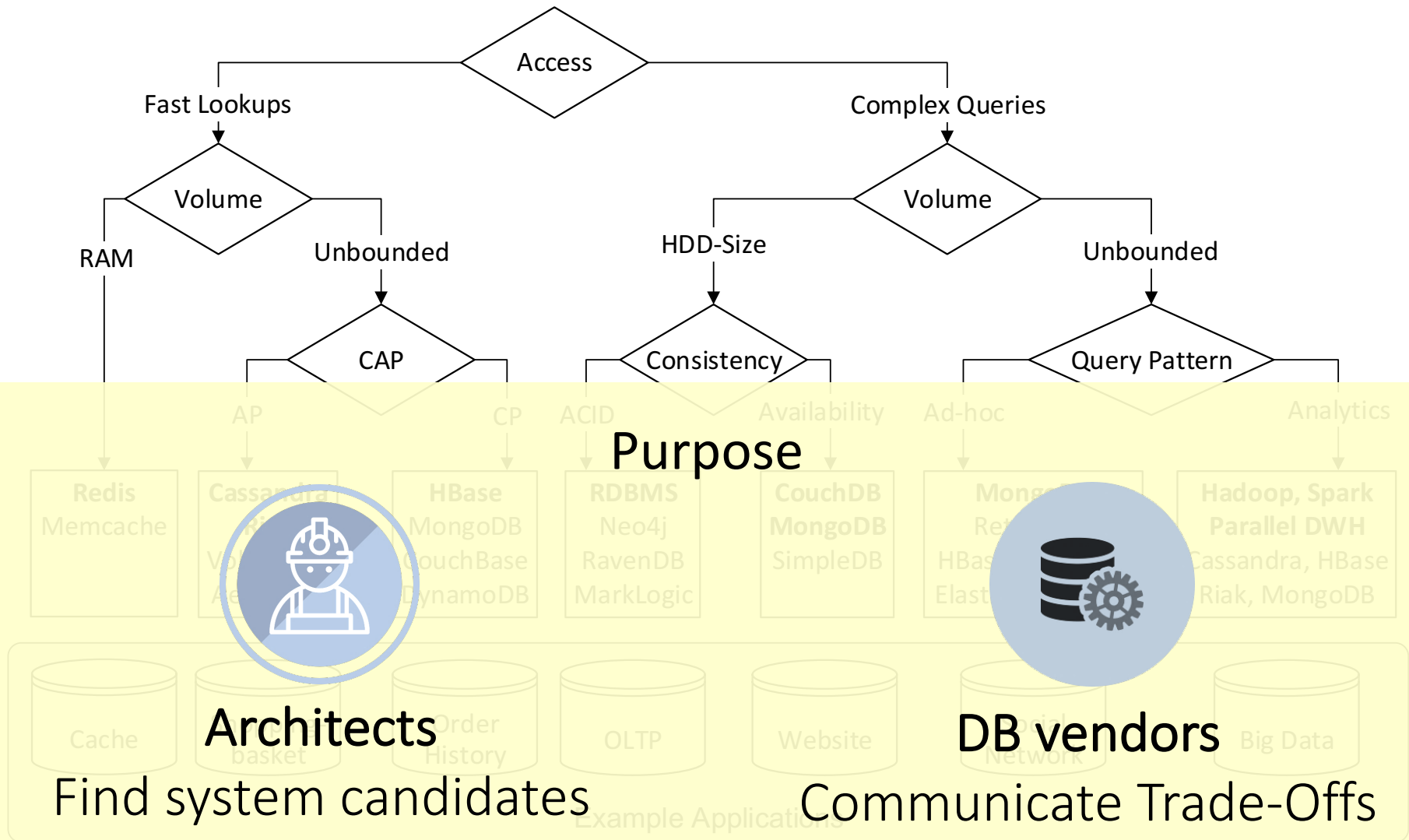




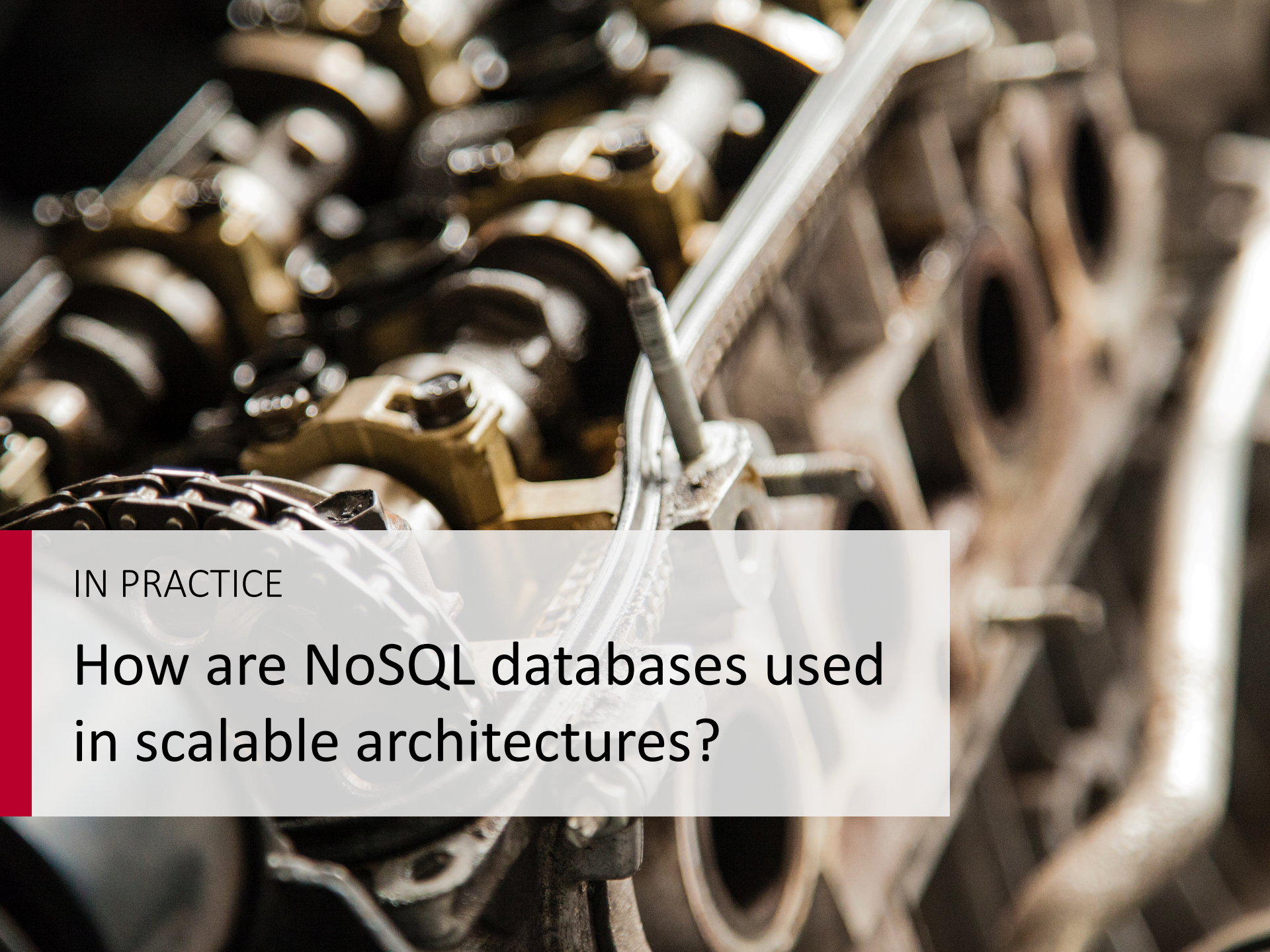
DECISION TREE

How can the choices for an appropriate system be narrowed down?

# NoSQL Decision Tree





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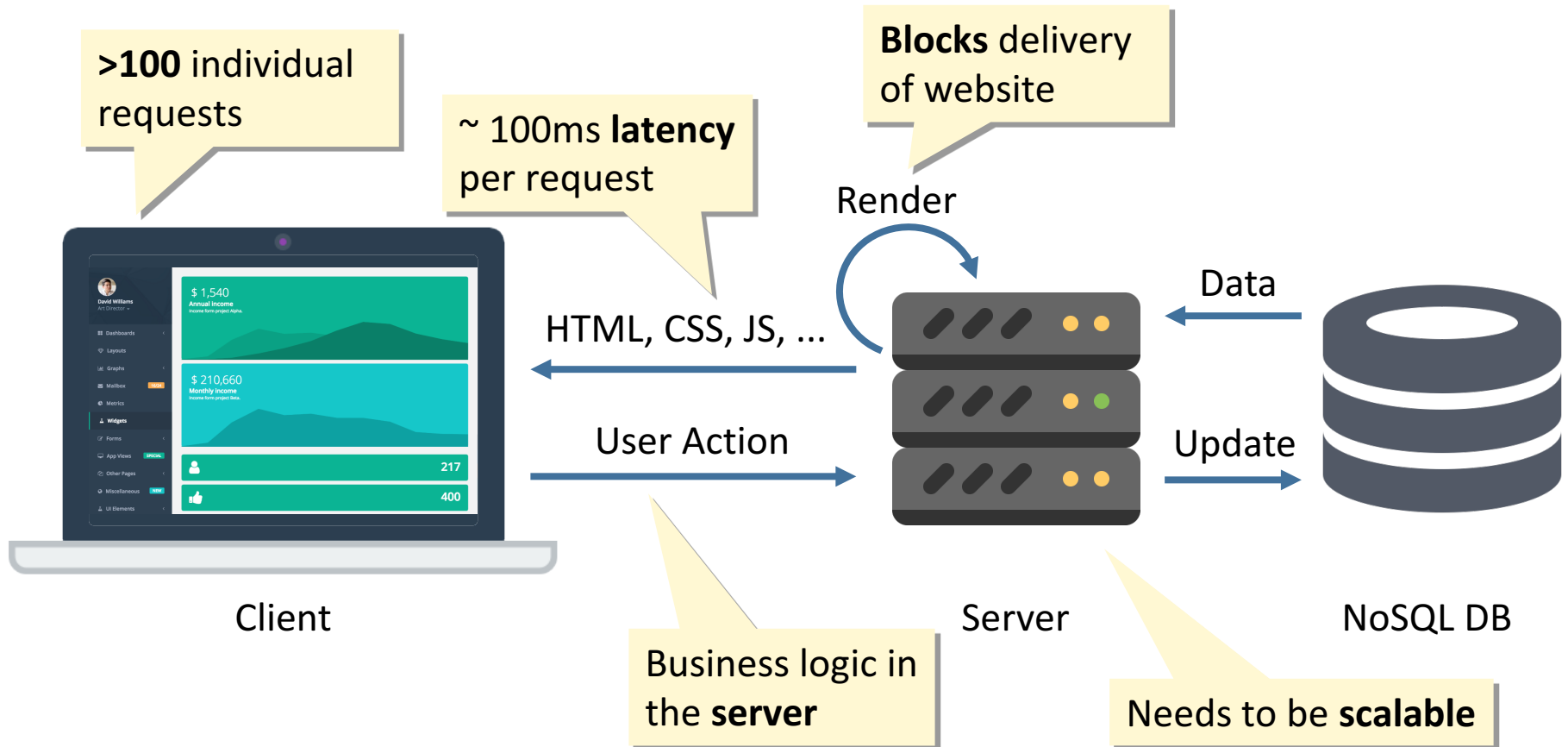
IN PRACTICE

How are NoSQL databases used  
in scalable architectures?



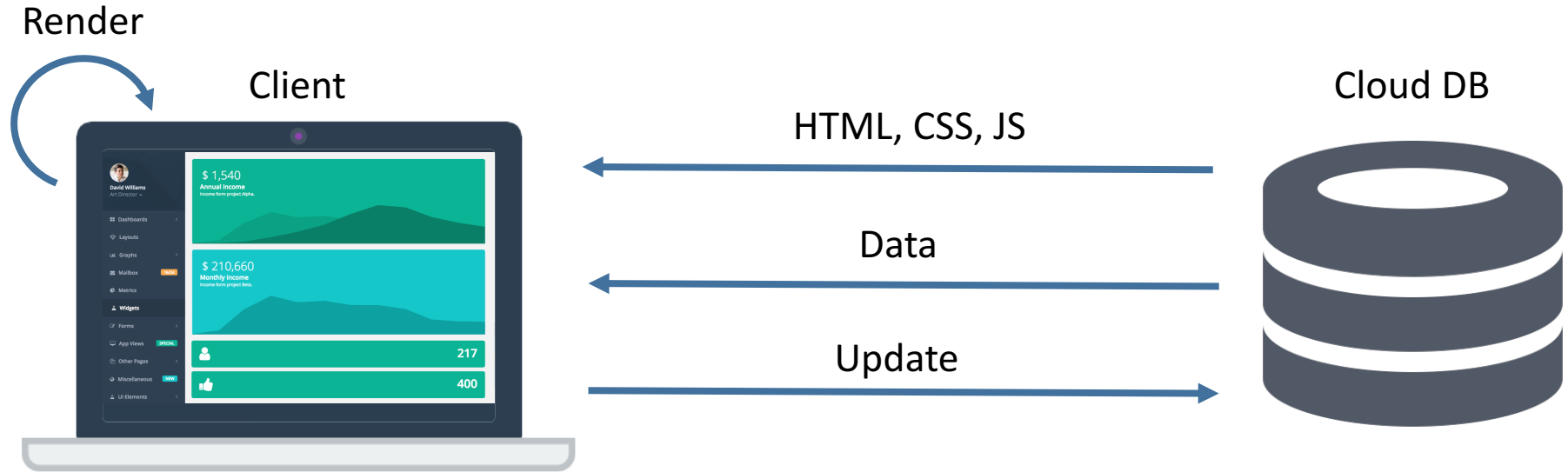
# Scalable NoSQL Architectures

## The 3-Tier Stack



# Scalable NoSQL Architectures

## The 2-Tier Stack



### Single Page Applications

- Client-side rendering
- Content dynamically loaded
- Implement business logic

### Cloud Databases

- Serving data and files
- Storing and updating data
- Scaling with reads and writes

### Challenges

- User Management
- Access Control
- Server-side Business Logic
- **Latency** and **scalability** still an issue



Angular



React



Vue.js



DynamoDB



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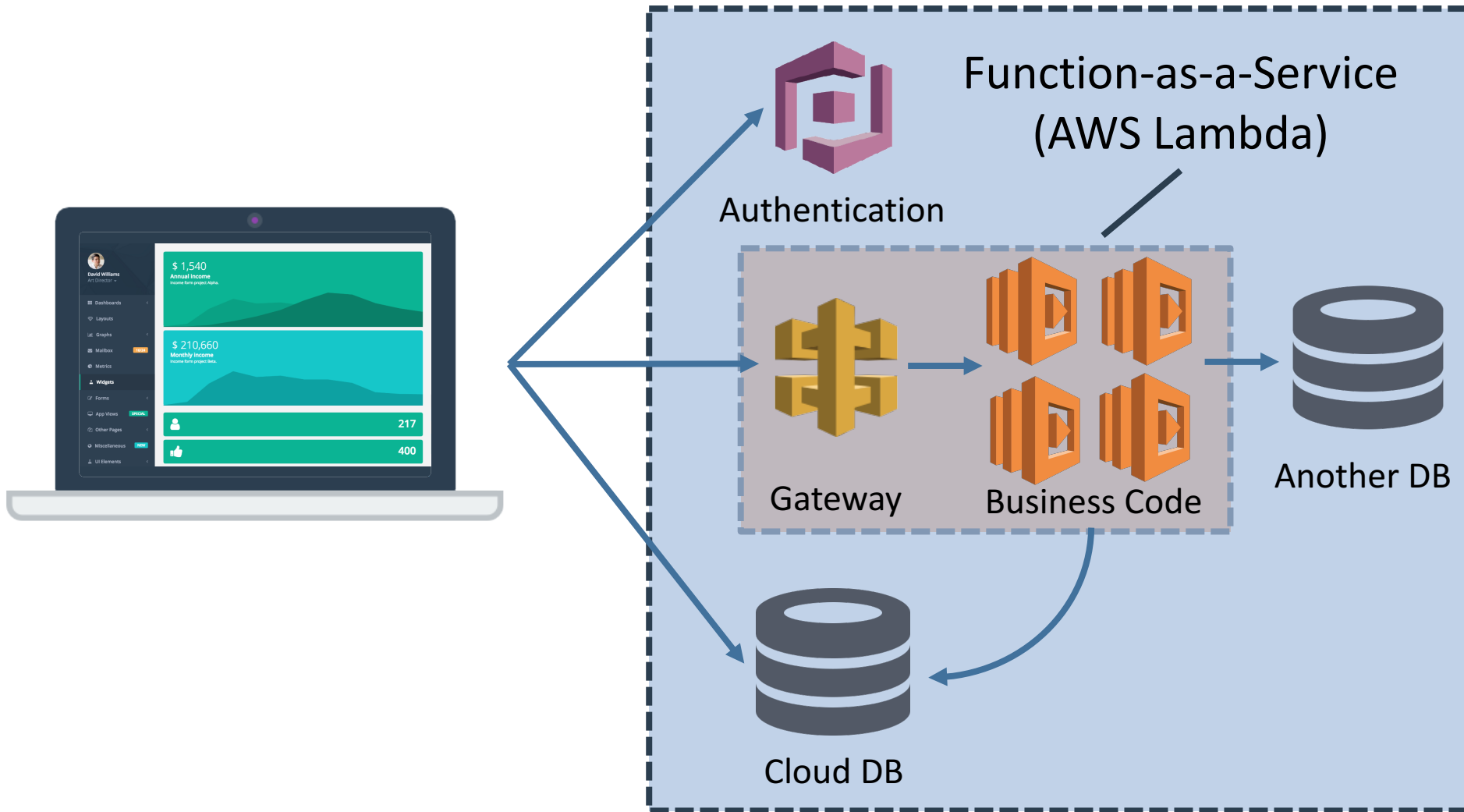


MongoDB

# The Serverless Paradigm

FaaS, BaaS and everything in between

Backend-as-a-Service



# Background Abstracts

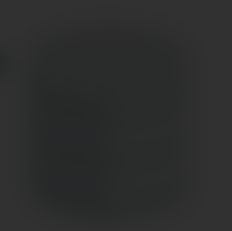
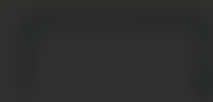
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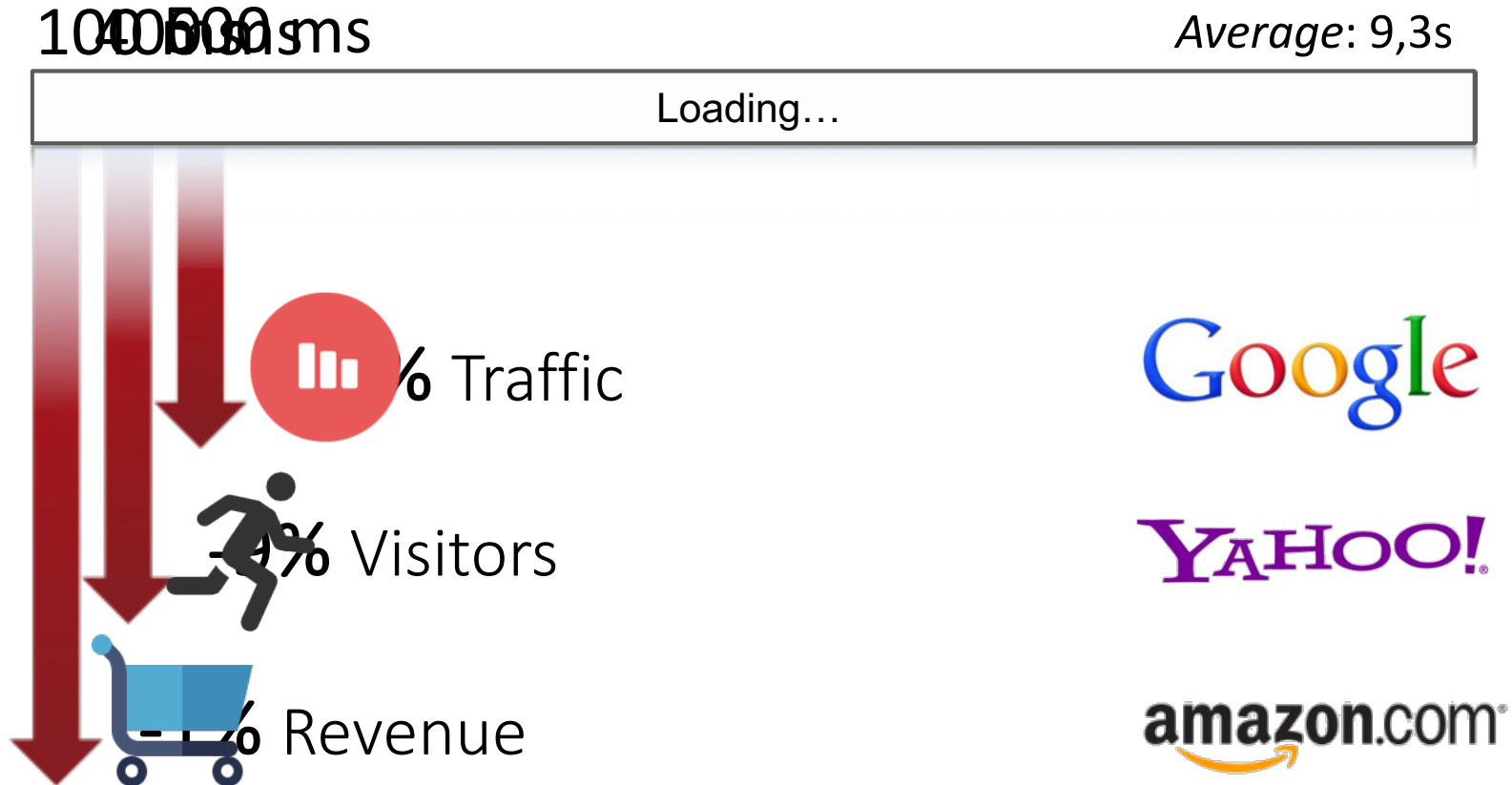
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# Why latency matters





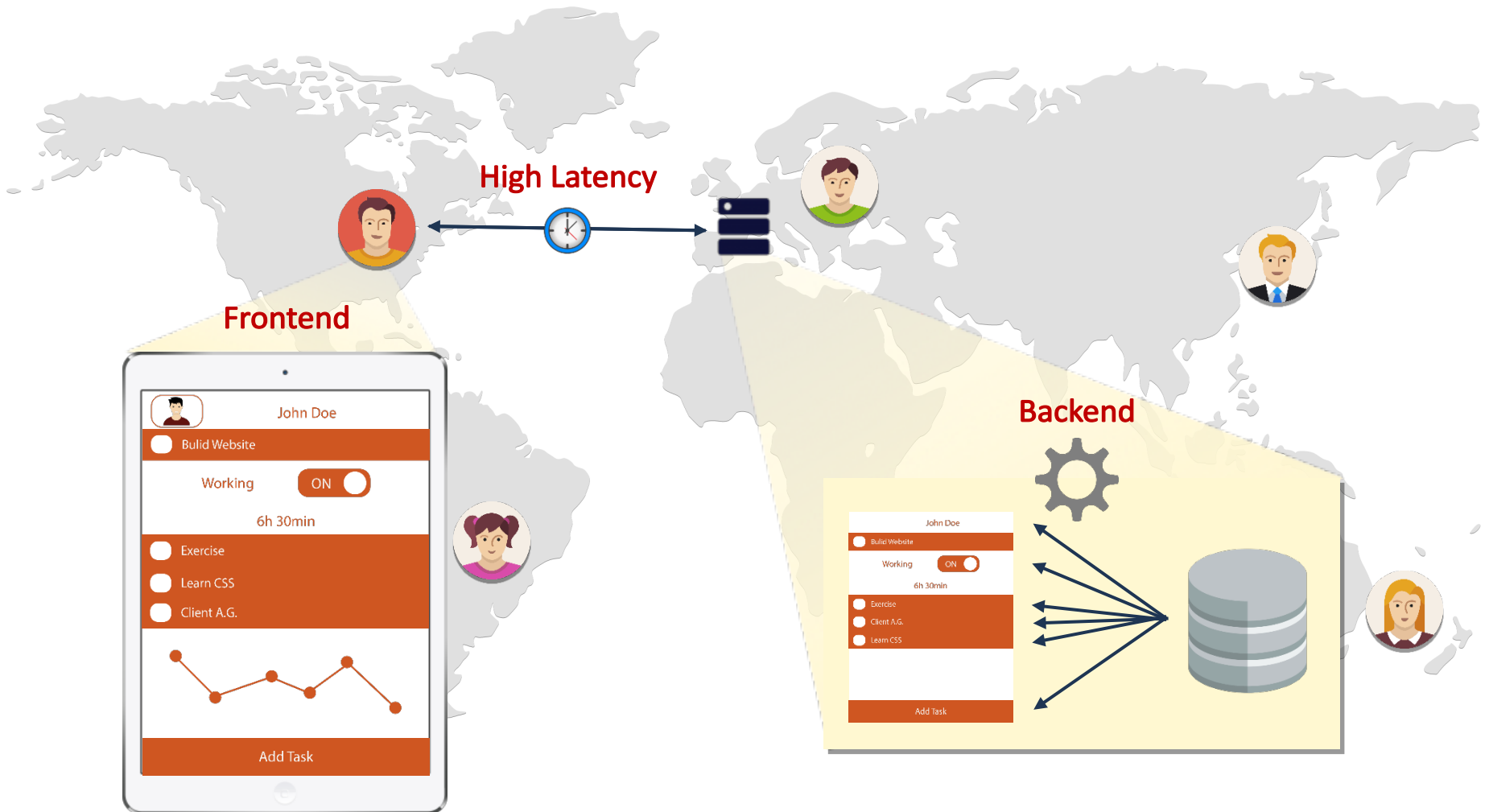


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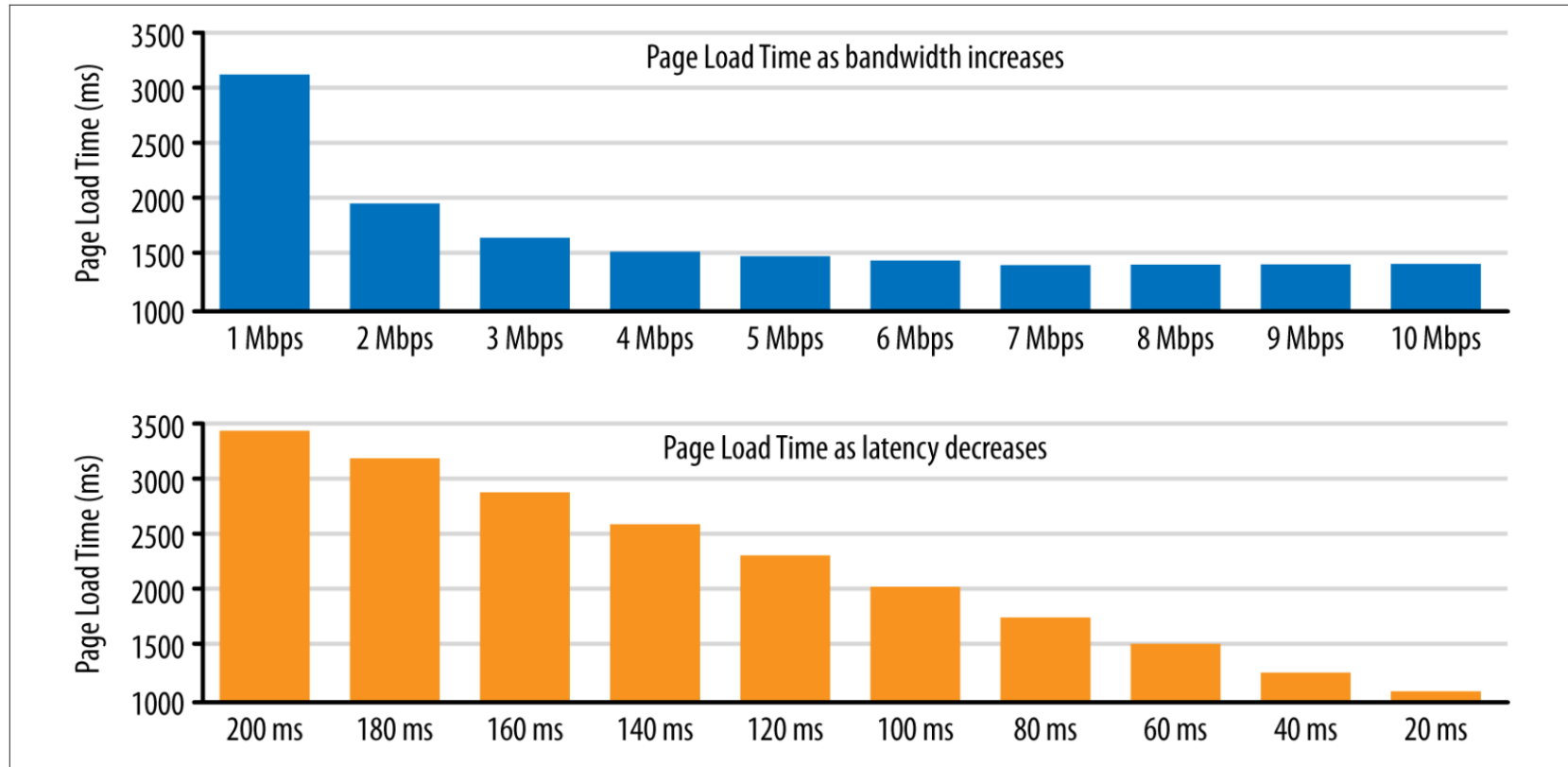
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# The Problem

## Three Bottlenecks: Latency, Backend & Frontend

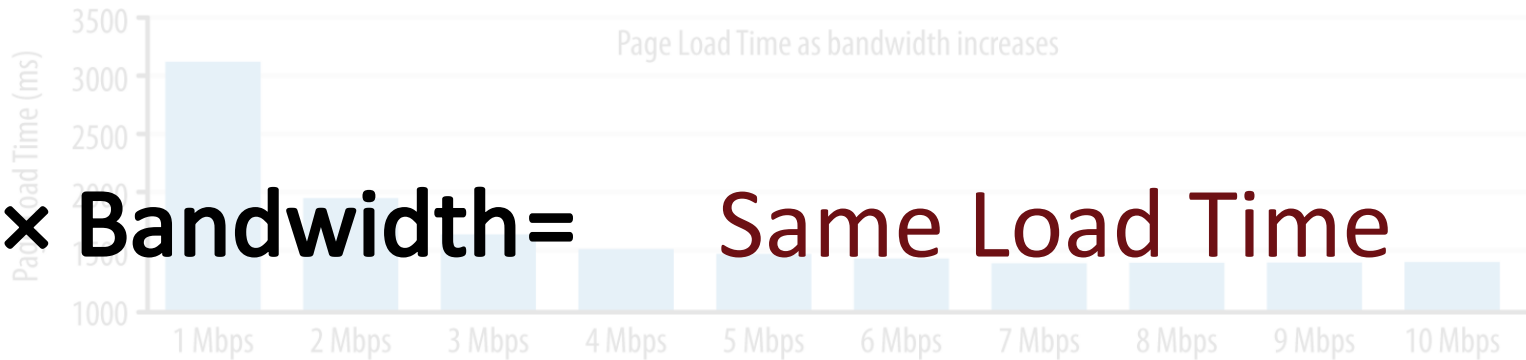


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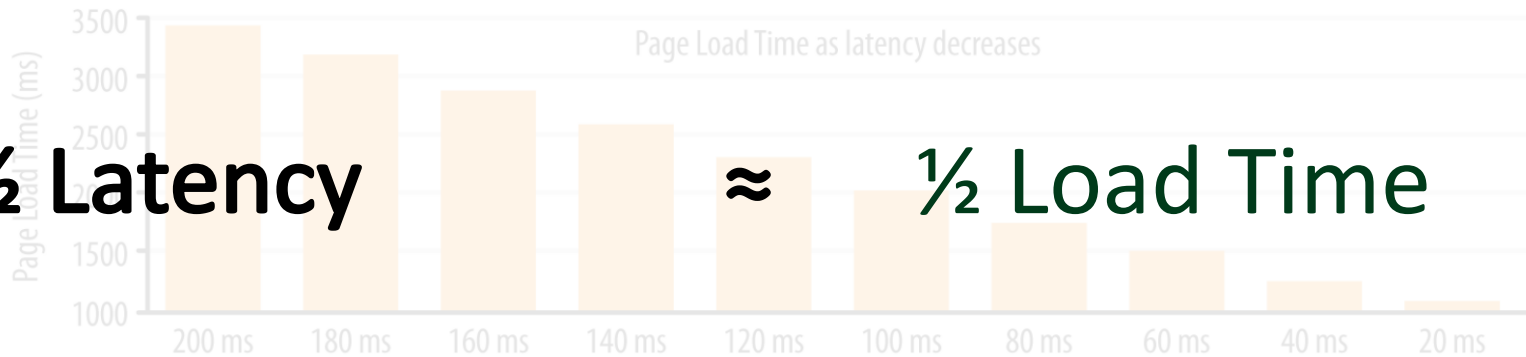


# Network Latency: Impact

**2× Bandwidth = Same Load Time**

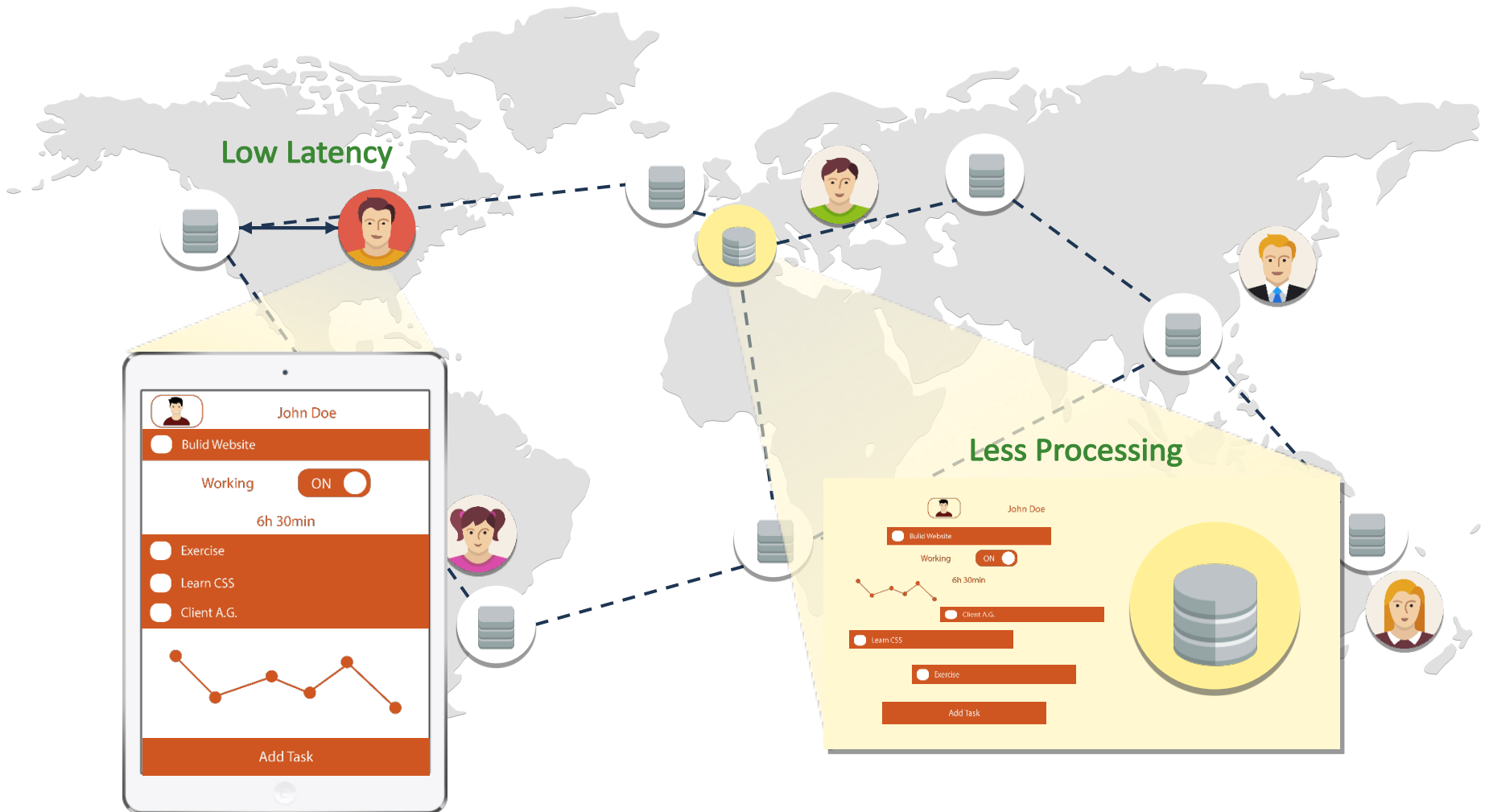


**½ Latency ≈ ½ Load Time**



# Solution: Global Caching

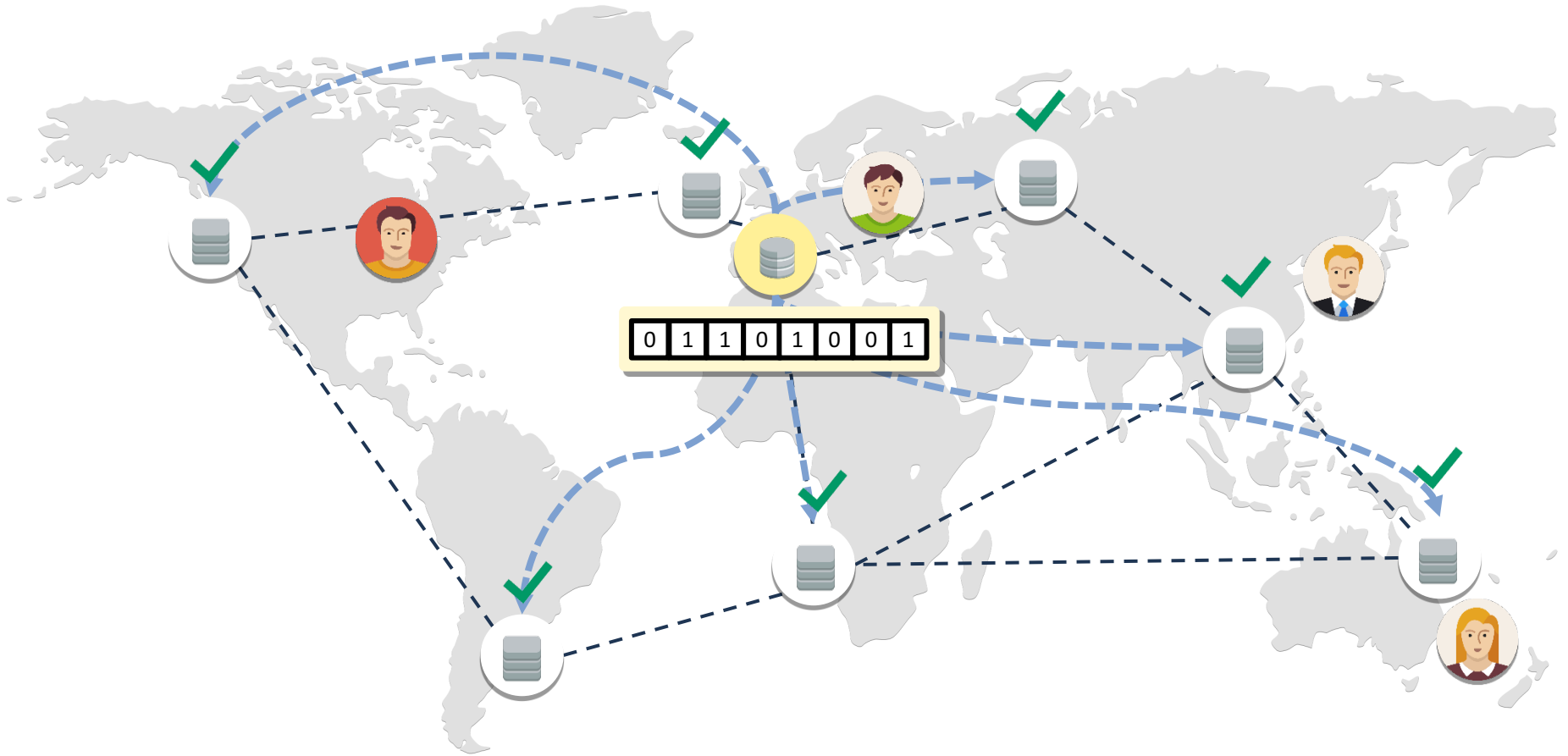
Fresh Data from Ubiquitous Web Caches





# New Caching Algorithms

Solve Consistency Problem



# New Caching Algorithms

## Solve Consistency Problem



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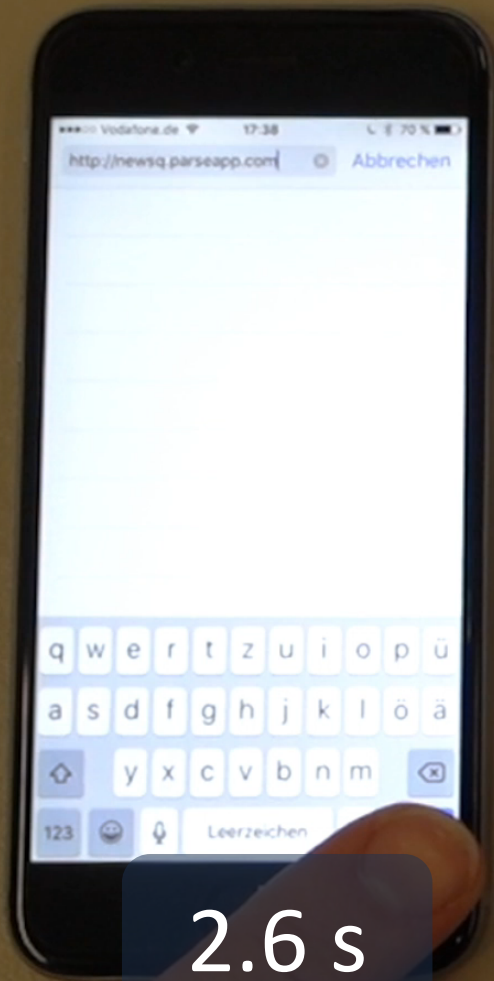
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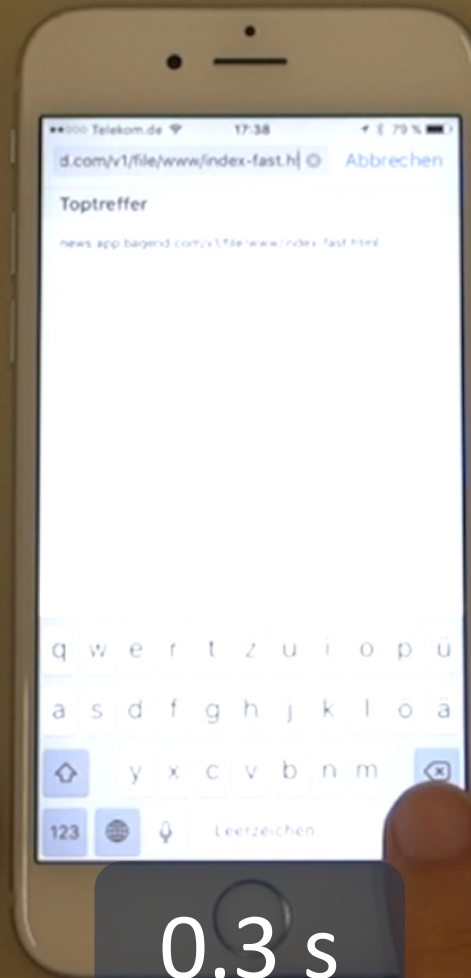
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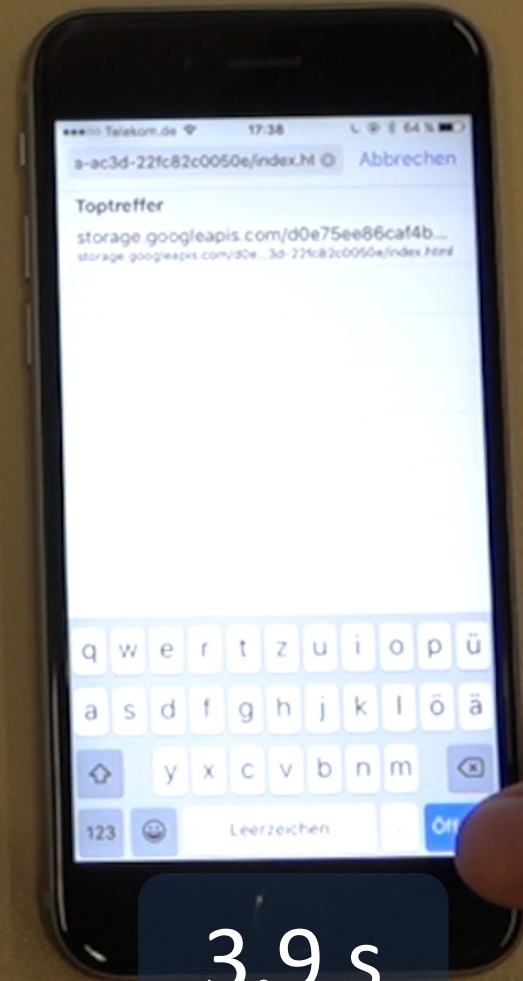
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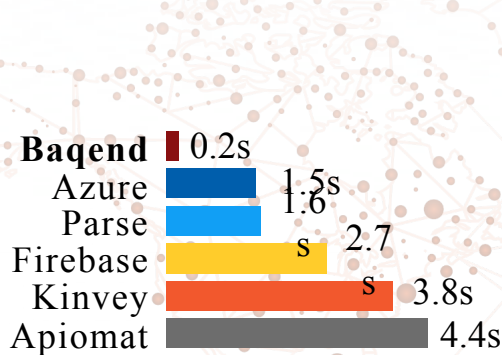
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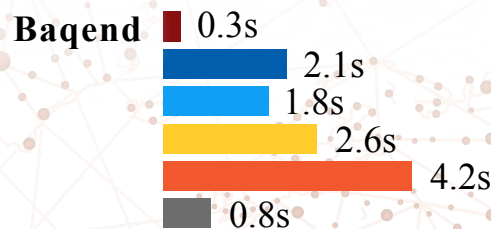
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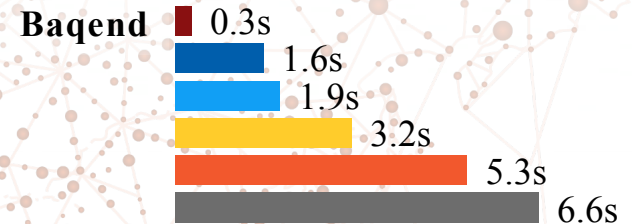
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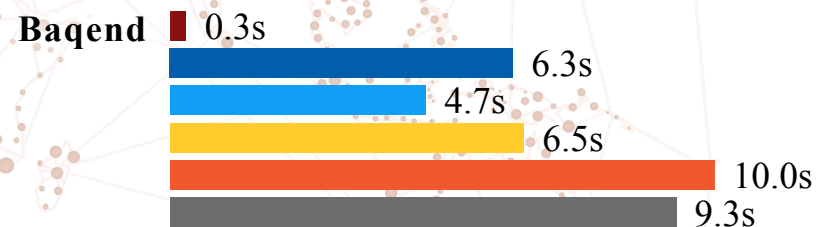
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Angaben  
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Sandmännchen und Stasi-  
Mikrofone  
Das große Mikrophon der DDR-Diktatur steht  
ausgerechnet in der DDR. Die Bilder über  
das Mikrophon zeigen, welche Bilder  
und Aussagen es sich zu erlauben gilt

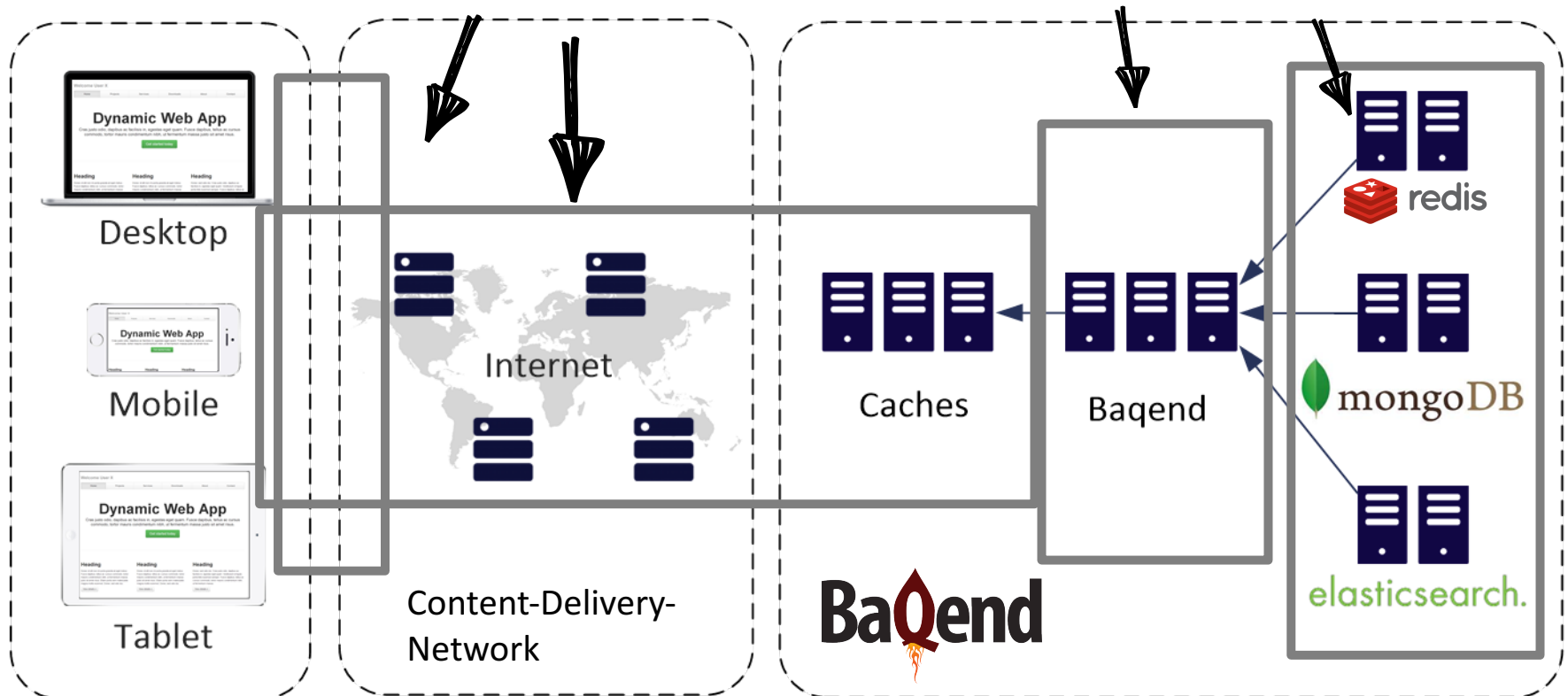


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JAZZ-Album  
Klare Ansage aus Harlem  
Der gut bekannte Name des größten Jazzpianisten  
denn die unerschrocken und unheimlich: In  
seinem neuesten Album zeigt er, wie  
gut das eine ganz andere passt

# Baqend Architecture

AWS Infrastructure

Backend-as-a-Service in  
RESTful HTTP Caching Middleware NoSQL DBs



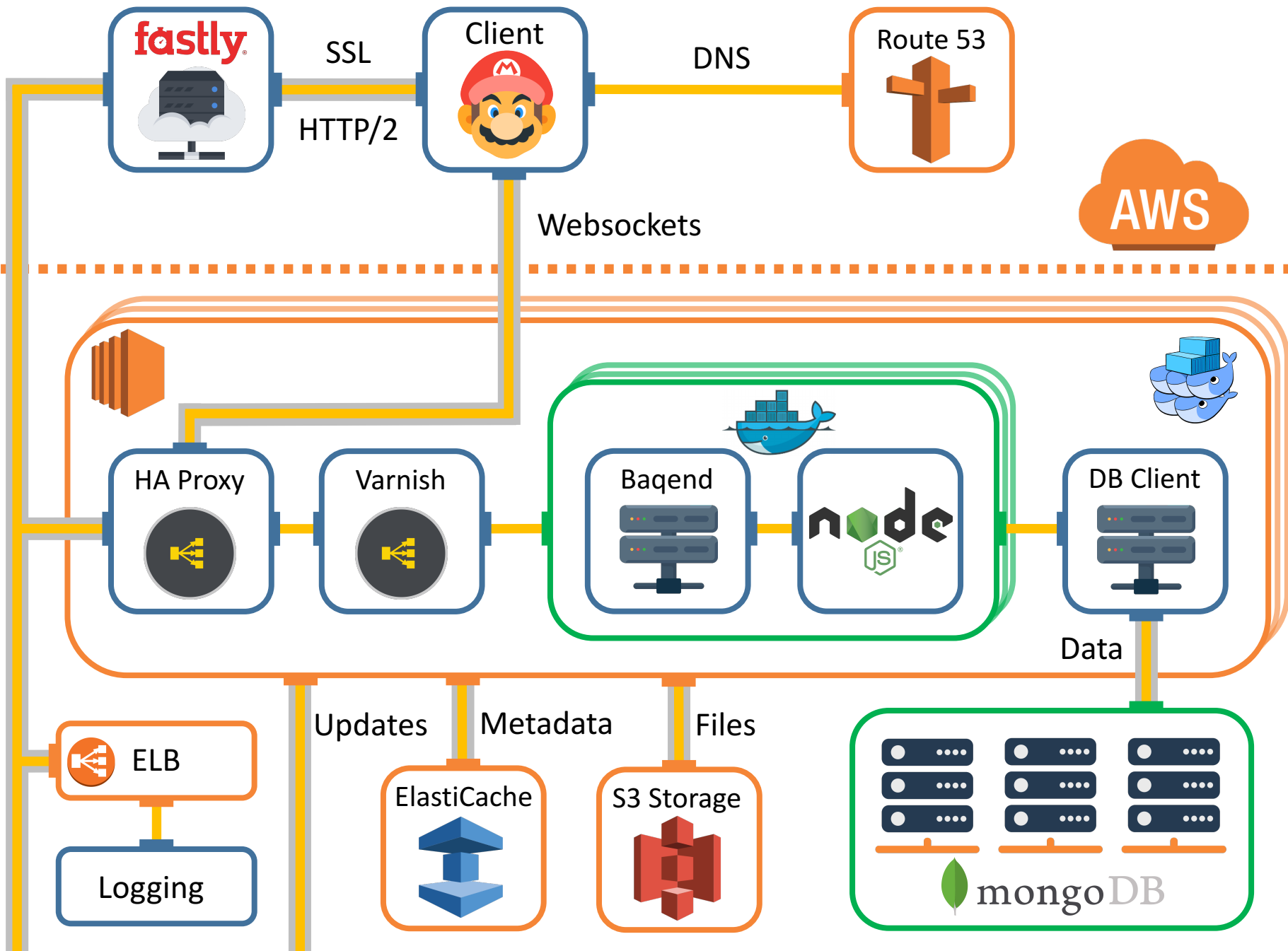


# Baqend Architektur

AWS Infrastructure

## Baqend





Updates

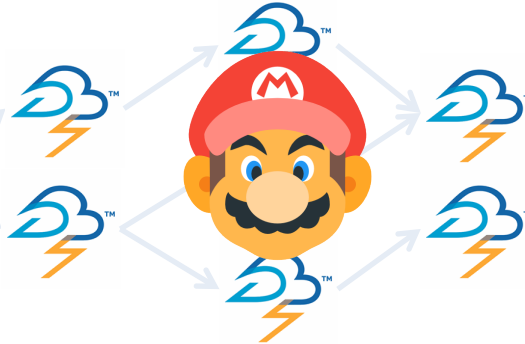


Updated Query

Pub/Sub



Storm Query Matching



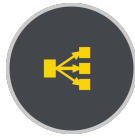
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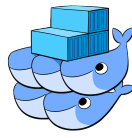
Management and Orchestration Server



Manager



Swarm



Nimbus



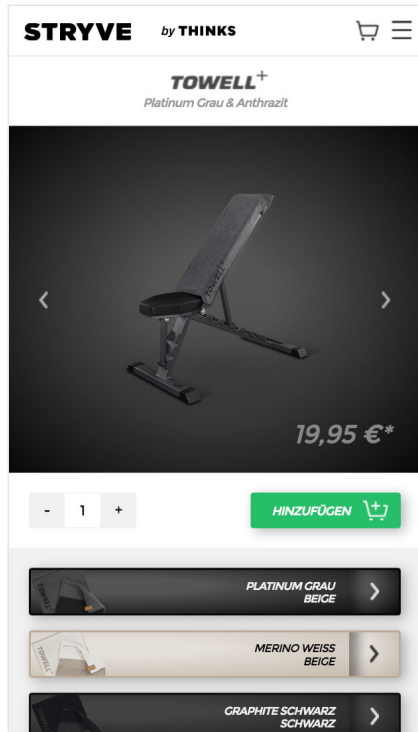
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# Example Use Case

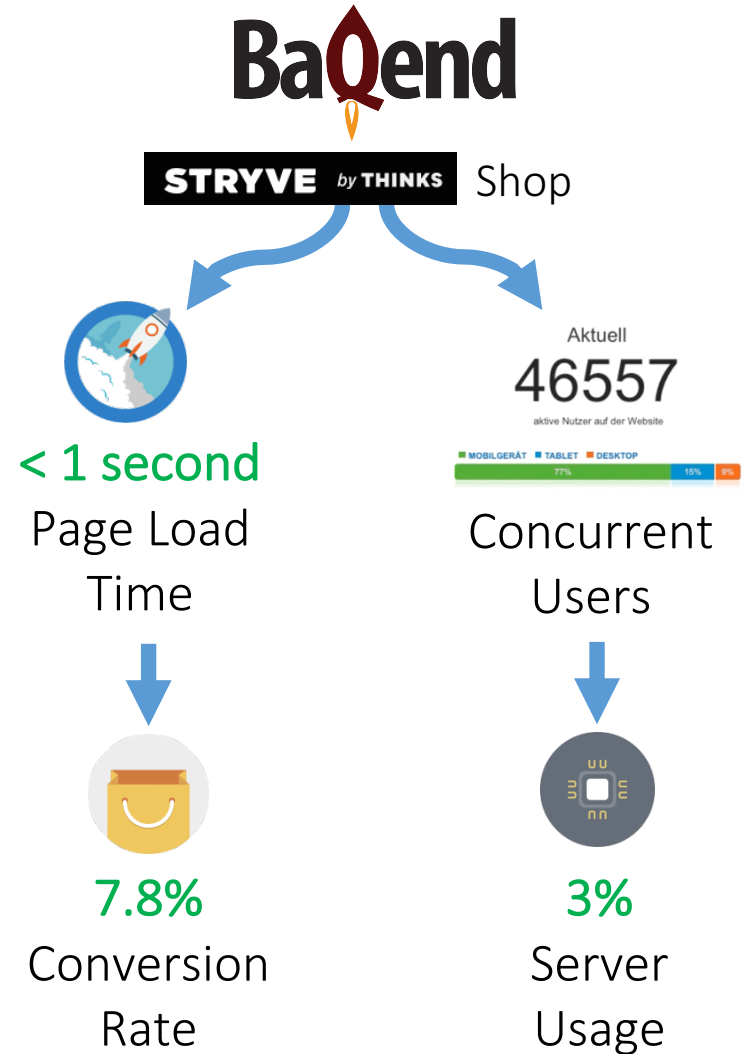
## Heavy Traffic Peaks

### DIE HÖHLE DER LÖWEN



Expected:

- 3.5M viewers
- 300,000 visitors in 30 minutes
- 20,000 requests per second
- 4 weeks for development & tests



HITS  
17,028

HIT TIME  
0.75ms

MISSSES  
3

HIT RATIO  
99.0%

MISS TIME  
89ms

REQUESTS  
17,475

ERRORS  
0

Both queries and  
objects from  
**MongoDB cached**

Peak >20.000 RPS

ERRORS *i*

0 Average ▾

High throughput for  
Bloomfilter → **Redis &  
Microcaching**

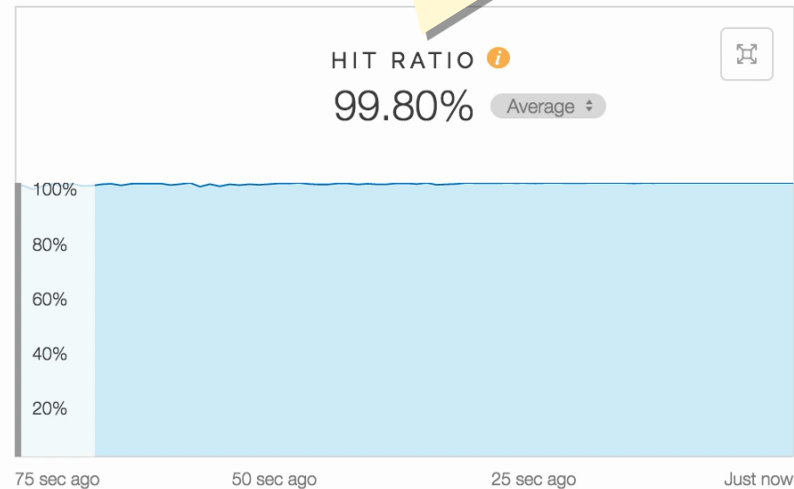
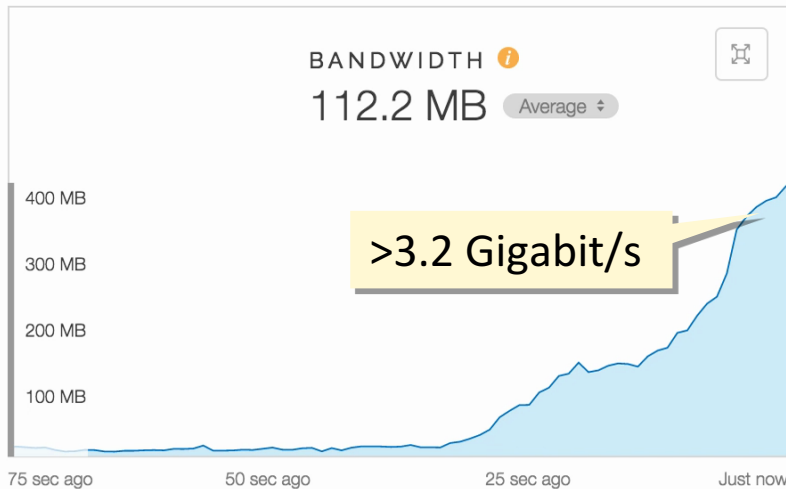
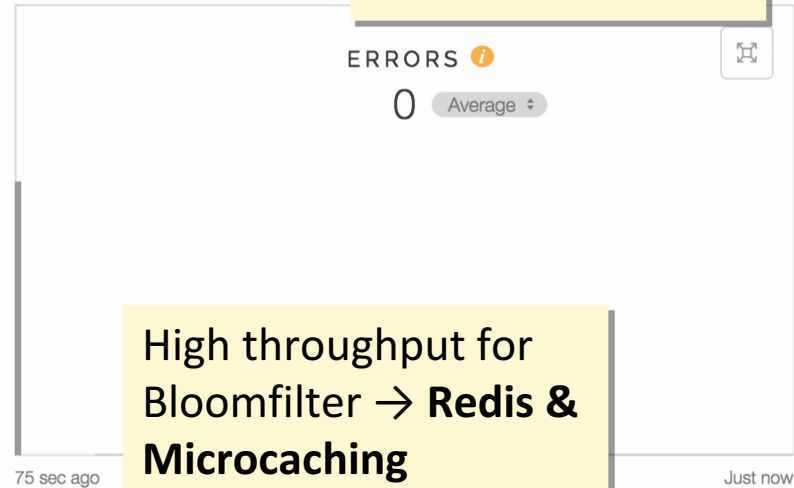
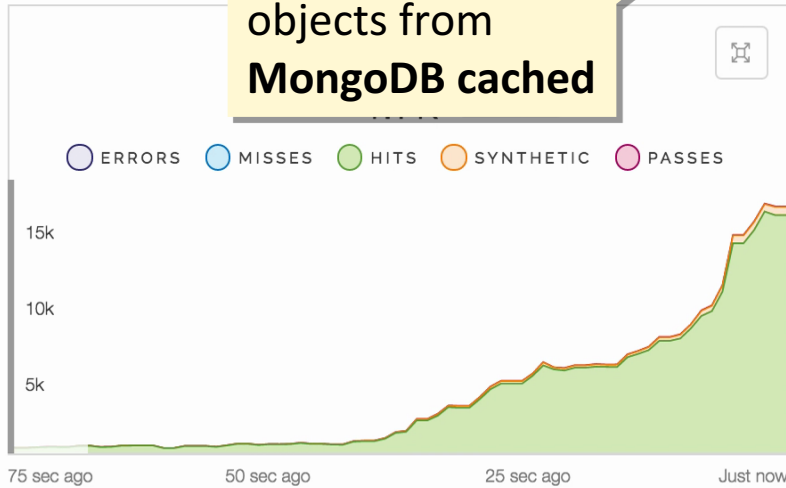
BANDWIDTH *i*

112.2 MB Average ▾

>3.2 Gigabit/s

HIT RATIO *i*

99.80% Average ▾





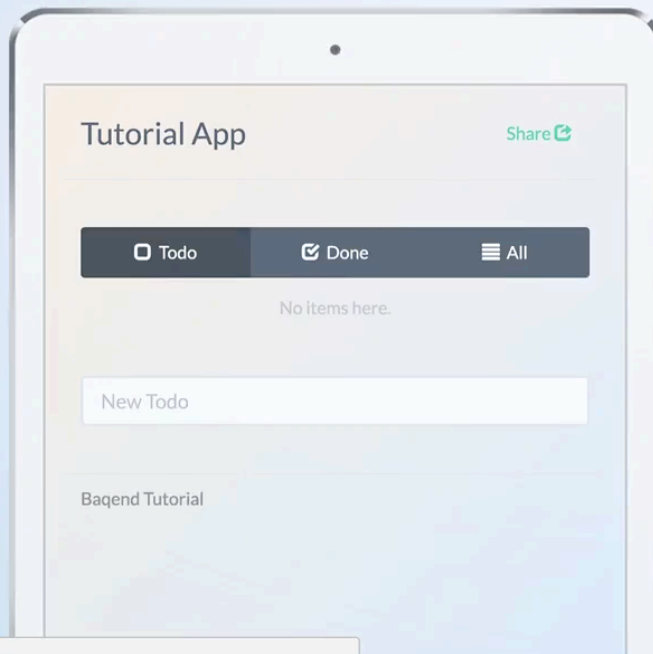


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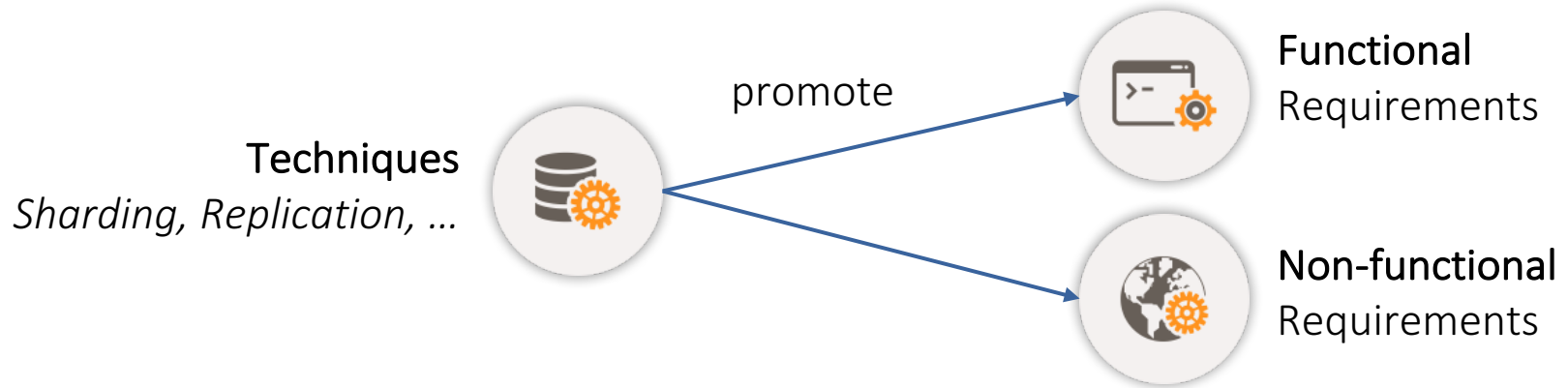
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# Summary



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- ▶ **NoSQL Toolbox:**



- ▶ Cloud-DBs for **single-page apps**:  
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- ▶ In-depth: [blog.baqend.com](http://blog.baqend.com)