

# Data Management

## 10 NoSQL Systems

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# Announcements/Org

## #1 Video Recording

- Link in [TeachCenter](#) & [TUbe](#) (lectures will be public)



## #2 Exercises

- [Exercise 1 graded](#), feedback in TC, office hours
- [Exercise 2 in progress of being graded](#)
- Exercise 3 published, due Dec 20, 11.59pm
- **No Office Hour Dec 16**

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All draft modes  
accepted

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## #3 Exam Dates

- **Jan 30, 5.30pm, HS i13**
- **Jan 31, 5.30pm, HS i13**
- Email by **Dec 31** if you can't make it  
→ we will find alternatives for good reasons

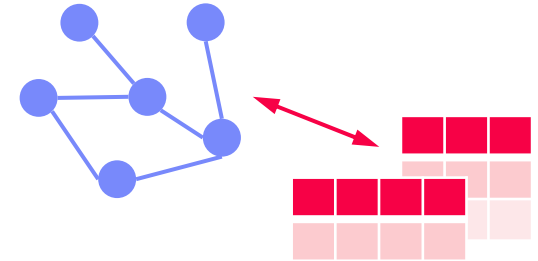


Exam starts +10min,  
working time: 90min  
(no lecture materials)

# SQL vs NoSQL Motivation

## #1 Data Models/Schema

- **Non-relational:** key-value, graph, doc, time series (logs, social media, documents/media, sensors)
- Impedance mismatch / complexity
- **Pay-as-you-go/schema-free** (flexible/implicit)



## #2 Scalability

- Scale-up vs simple scale-out
- Horizontal partitioning (sharding) and scaling
- **Commodity hardware, network, disks** (\$)



## NoSQL Evolution

- Late 2000s: Non-relational, distributed, open source DBMSs
- Early 2010s: NewSQL: modern, distributed, relational DBMSs
- Not Only SQL: combination with relational techniques
- ➔ **RDBMS and specialized systems** (consistency/data models)



[Credit: <http://nosql-database.org/>]

# Agenda

- Consistency and Data Models
- Key-Value Stores
- Document Stores
- Graph Processing
- Time Series Databases

Lack of standards and imprecise classification

## HOW TO WRITE A CV



Leverage the NoSQL boom



[Wolfram Wingerath, Felix Gessert, Norbert Ritter: NoSQL & Real-Time Data Management in Research & Practice. **BTW 2019**]

# Consistency and Data Models

# Recap: ACID Properties

## ■ Atomicity

- A transaction is executed atomically (**completely or not at all**)
- If the transaction fails/aborts no changes are made to the database (**UNDO**)

## ■ Consistency

- A successful transaction ensures that all **consistency constraints are met** (referential integrity, semantic/domain constraints)

## ■ Isolation

- Concurrent transactions are executed in isolation of each other
- **Appearance of serial transaction execution**

## ■ Durability

- **Guaranteed persistence** of all changes made by a successful transaction
- In case of system failures, the database is recoverable (**REDO**)

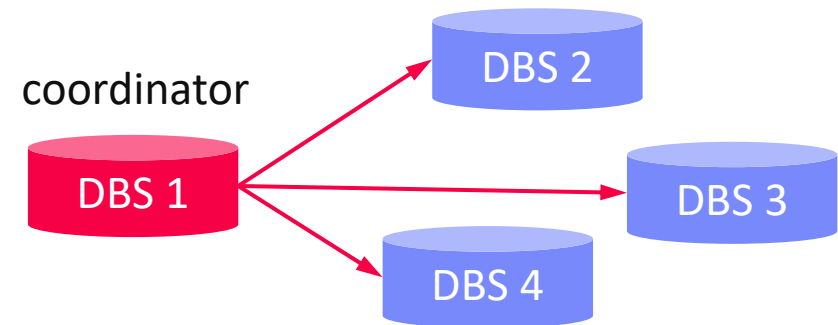
# Two-Phase Commit (2PC) Protocol

## ■ Distributed TX Processing

- N nodes with logically related but physically distributed data (e.g., vertical data partitioning)
- **Distributed TX processing to ensure consistent view** (atomicity/durability)

## ■ Two-Phase Commit (via 2N msgs)

- **Phase 1 PREPARE:** check for successful completion, logging
- **Phase 2 COMMIT:** release locks, and other cleanups
- **Problem: Blocking protocol**



## ■ Excursus: Wedding Analogy

- Coordinator: marriage registrar
- **Phase 1:** Ask for willingness
- **Phase 2:** If all willing, declare marriage



# CAP Theorem

- **Consistency**
  - **Visibility of updates** to distributed data (atomic or linearizable consistency)
  - Different from ACIDs consistency in terms of integrity constraints
- **Availability**
  - **Responsiveness** of a services (clients reach available service, **read/write**)
- **Partition Tolerance**
  - Tolerance of temporarily **unreachable network partitions**
  - System characteristics (e.g., latency) maintained

- **CAP Theorem** *"You can have **AT MOST TWO of these properties for a networked shared-data systems.**"*

[Eric A. Brewer: Towards robust distributed systems (abstract). **PODC 2000**]



- **Proof**

[Seth Gilbert, Nancy A. Lynch: Brewer's conjecture and the feasibility of consistent, available, partition-tolerant web services. **SIGACT News 2002**]





## CAP Theorem, cont.

- **CA: Consistency & Availability (ACID single node)**

- Network partitions cannot be tolerated
- Visibility of updates (**consistency**) in conflict with **availability** → **no distributed systems**

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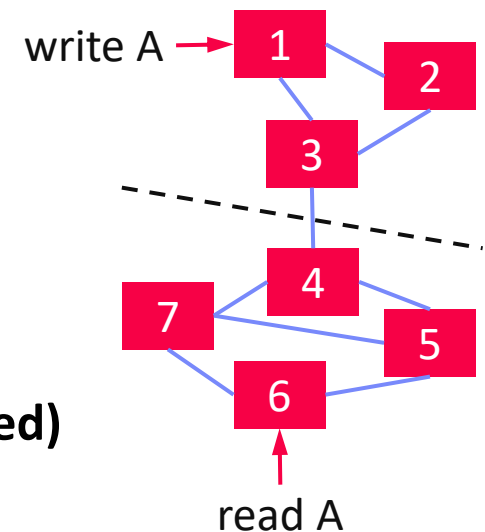
- **CP: Consistency & Partition Tolerance (ACID distributed)**

- Availability cannot be guaranteed
- **On connection failure, unavailable**  
(wait for overall system to become consistent)

- **AP: Availability & Partition Tolerance (BASE)**

- Consistency cannot be guaranteed, use of optimistic strategies
- Simple to implement, main concern: availability to ensure revenue (\$\$\$)

→ **BASE consistency model**



# BASE Properties

- **Basically Available**

- **Major focus on availability**, potentially with outdated data
- No guarantee on global data consistency across entire system

- **Soft State**

- Even without explicit state updates, the **data might change** due to asynchronous propagation of updates and nodes that become available

- **Eventual Consistency**

- Updates eventually propagated, system would reach consistent state if no further updates, and network partitions fixed
- No temporal guarantees on changes are propagated

# Eventual Consistency

[Peter Bailis, Ali Ghodsi: Eventual consistency today: limitations, extensions, and beyond. **Commun. ACM 2013**]



## Basic Concept

- Changes made to a copy eventually migrate to all
- If update activity stops, replicas will **converge to a logically equivalent state**
- Metric:** time to reach consistency (probabilistic bounded staleness)

Amazon SimpleDB	500ms
Cassandra	200ms
Amazon S3	12s

## #1 Monotonic Read Consistency

- After reading data object A, the client never reads an older version

## #2 Monotonic Write Consistency

- After writing data object A, it will never be replaced with an older version

## #3 Read Your Own Writes / Session Consistency

- After writing data object A, a client never reads an older version

## #4 Causal Consistency

- If client 1 communicated to client 2 that data object A has been updated, subsequent reads on client 2 return the new value

# Key-Value Stores

# Motivation and Terminology

## ■ Motivation

- **Basic key-value mapping via simple API** (more complex data models can be mapped to key-value representations)
- **Reliability at massive scale on commodity HW** (cloud computing)

## ■ System Architecture

- **Key**-value maps, where values can be of a variety of data types
- APIs for CRUD operations (create, read, update, delete)
- Scalability via sharding (horizontal partitioning)

users:1:a

“Inffeldgasse 13, Graz”

users:1:b

“[12, 34, 45, 67, 89]”

users:2:a

“Mandellstraße 12, Graz”

users:2:b

“[12, 212, 3212, 43212]”

## ■ Example Systems

- **Dynamo** (2007, AP) → **Amazon DynamoDB** (2012)
- **Redis** (2009, CP/AP)



[Giuseppe DeCandia et al: Dynamo: amazon's highly available **key-value store**. SOSP 2007]



# Example Systems

## Redis Data Types



- Redis is not a plain KV-store, but “data structure server” with persistent log (**appendfsync no/always**)
- Key:** ASCII string (max 512MB, common key schemes: comment:1234:reply.to)
- Values:** strings, lists, sets, sorted sets, hashes (map of string-string), etc

## Redis APIs

- SET/GET/DEL:** insert a key-value pair, lookup value by key, or delete by key
- MSET/MGET:** insert or lookup multiple keys at once
- INCRBY/DECBY:** increment/decrement counters
- Others: EXISTS, LPUSH, LPOP, LRANGE, LTRIM, LLEN, etc

## Other systems

- Classic KV stores (AP): **Riak**, **Aerospike**, **Voldemort**, **LevelDB**, **RocksDB**, **FoundationDB**, **Memcached**
- Wide-column stores: **Google BigTable** (CP), **Apache HBase** (CP), **Apache Cassandra** (AP)



# Log-structured Merge Trees

[Patrick E. O'Neil, Edward Cheng, Dieter Gawlick, Elizabeth J. O'Neil: The Log-Structured Merge-Tree (LSM-Tree). *Acta Inf.* 1996]

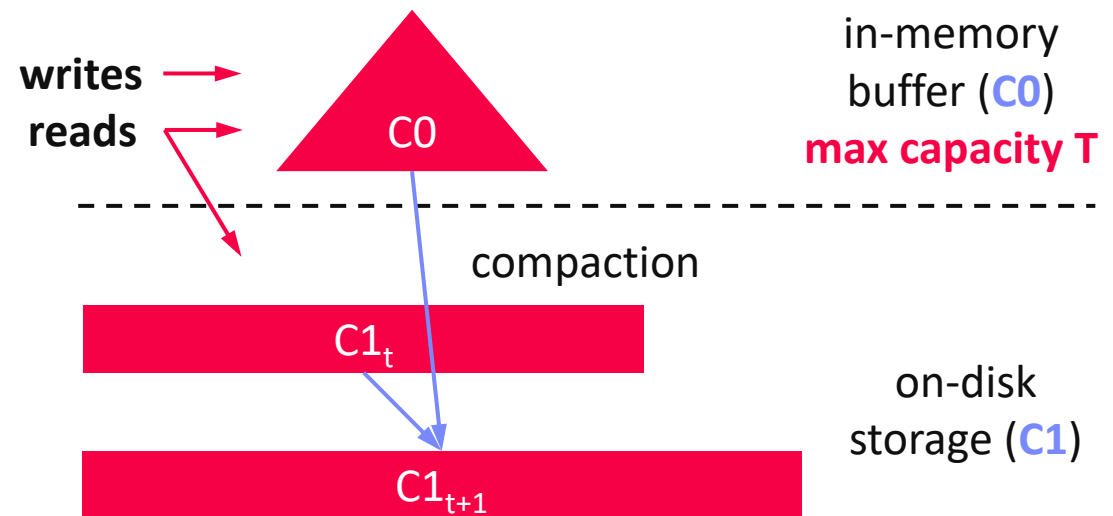


## LSM Overview

- Many KV-stores rely on LSM-trees as their storage engine (e.g., [BigTable](#), [DynamoDB](#), [LevelDB](#), [Riak](#), [RocksDB](#), [Cassandra](#), [HBase](#))
- Approach:** Buffers writes in memory, flushes data as sorted runs to storage, merges runs into larger runs of next level (compaction)

## System Architecture

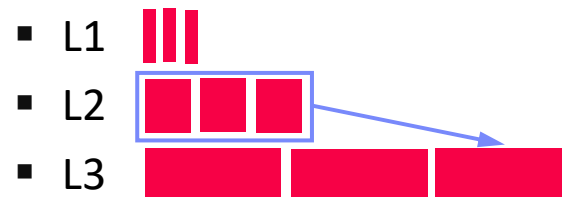
- Writes in C0
- Reads against C0 and C1 (w/ buffer for C1)
- Compaction (rolling merge): sort, merge, including **deduplication**



# Log-structured Merge Trees, cont.

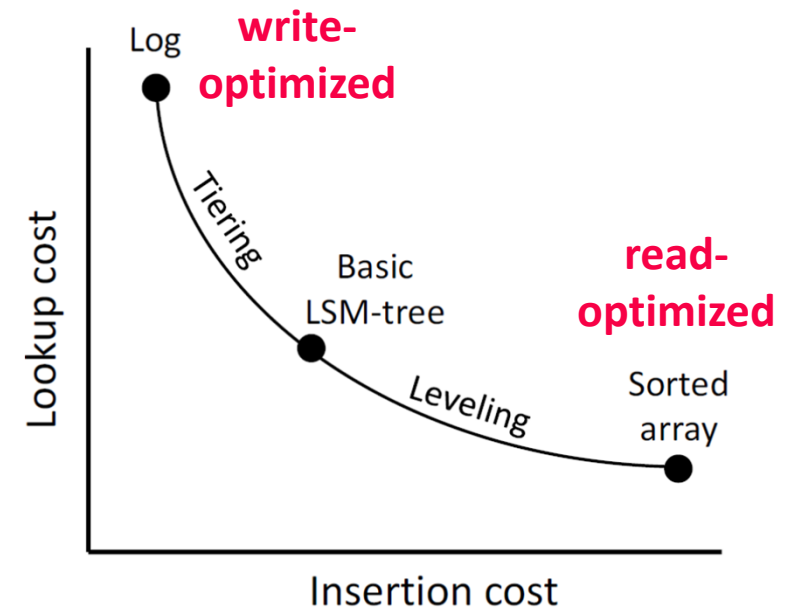
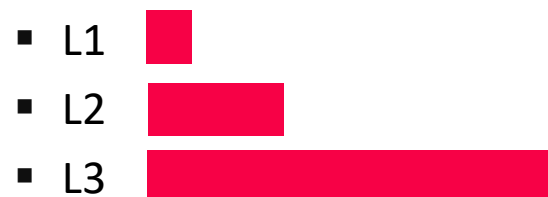
## LSM Tiering

- Keep up to  $T-1$  runs per level  $L$
- Merge all runs of  $L_i$  into 1 run of  $L_{i+1}$

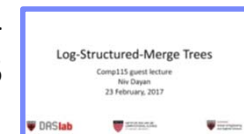


## LSM Leveling

- Keep 1 run per level  $L$
- Merge run of  $L_i$  with  $L_{i+1}$



[Niv Dayan: Log-Structured-Merge Trees, **Comp115** guest lecture, 2017]





# Document Stores

# Recap: JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)

## ■ JSON Data Model

- Data exchange format for **semi-structured data**
- **Not as verbose as XML** (especially for arrays)
- Popular format (e.g., Twitter)



```
{“students:”[
  {“id”: 1, “courses”:[
    {“id”:“INF.01017UF”, “name”:“DM”},
    {“id”:“706.550”, “name”:“AMLS”}]}],
  {“id”: 5, “courses”:[
    {“id”:“706.520”, “name”:“DIA”}]}],
]}
```

## ■ Query Languages

- **Most common: libraries** for tree traversal and data extraction
- **JSONiq**: XQuery-like query language
- **JSONPath**: XPath-like query language

### JSONiq Example:

```
declare option jsoniq-version “...”;
for $x in collection(“students”)
  where $x.id lt 10
  let $c := count($x.courses)
  return {“sid”:$x.id, “count”:$c}
```

[<http://www.jsoniq.org/docs/JSONiq/html-single/index.html>]

# Motivation and Terminology

## ■ Motivation

- Application-oriented management of **structured, semi-structured, and unstructured information** (pay-as-you-go, schema evolution)
- Scalability via parallelization on commodity HW (cloud computing)

## ■ System Architecture

- Collections of (**key**, **document**)
- Scalability via sharding (horizontal partitioning)
- Custom SQL-like or functional query languages

1234

```
{customer:"Jane Smith",
  items:[{name:"P1",price:49},
         {name:"P2",price:19}]}
```

1756

```
{customer:"John Smith", ...}
```

989

```
{customer:"Jane Smith", ...}
```

## ■ Example Systems

- **MongoDB** (C++, 2007, **CP**) → **RethinkDB**, **Espresso**, **Amazon DocumentDB** (Jan 2019)
- **CouchDB** (Erlang, 2005, **AP**) → **CouchBase**



# Example MongoDB

[Credit: <https://api.mongodb.com/python/current>]

- **Creating a Collection**

```
import pymongo as m
conn = m.MongoClient("mongodb://localhost:123/")
db = conn["dbs19"] # database dbs19
cust = db["customers"] # collection customers
```

- **Inserting into a Collection**

```
mdict = {
    "name": "Jane Smith",
    "address": "Inffeldgasse 13, Graz"
}
id = cust.insert_one(mdict).inserted_id
# ids = cust.insert_many(mlist).inserted_ids
```

- **Querying a Collection**

```
print(cust.find_one({"_id": id}))

ret = cust.find({"name": "Jane Smith"})
for x in ret:
    print(x)
```

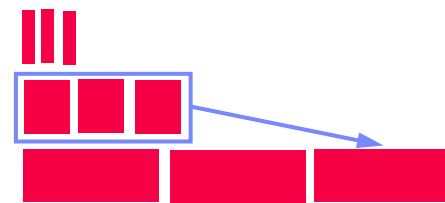
# BREAK (and Test Yourself)

- **NoSQL Systems** (10/100 points)

- Describe the concept and system architecture of a **key-value store**, including techniques for achieving **high write throughput**, and **scale-out** in distributed environments. [...]

- **Solution**

- Key-value store system architecture [4]
  - Write-throughput via **LSM** (log-structured merge tree) [3]
  - **Horizontal partitioning** [3] (Lecture 07 Physical Design)



$$R1 = \sigma_{k \leq 5}(R)$$

$$R2 = \sigma_{k > 5 \wedge k \leq 10}(R)$$

$$R3 = \sigma_{k > 10 \wedge k \leq 15}(R)$$

$$R = (R1 \cup R2) \cup R3$$

R	
<u>k</u>	<u>v</u>
1	Blob1
2	Blob2
4	Blob4
7	Blob7
15	Blob15
9	Blob9
14	Blob14
8	Blob8

# Graph Processing

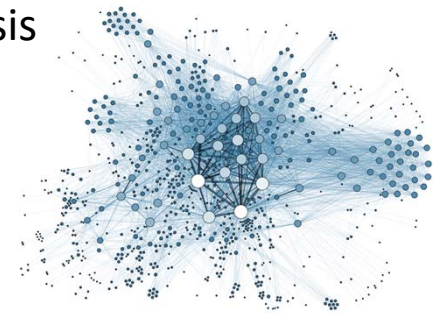
# Motivation and Terminology

## Ubiquitous Graphs

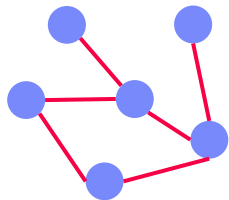
- **Domains:** social networks, open/linked data, knowledge bases, bioinformatics
- **Applications:** influencer analysis, ranking, topology analysis

## Terminology

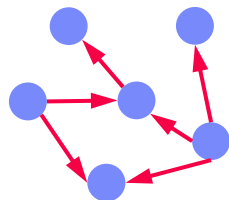
- Graph  $G = (V, E)$  of vertices  $V$  (set of nodes) and edges  $E$  (set of links between nodes)
- **Different types of graphs**



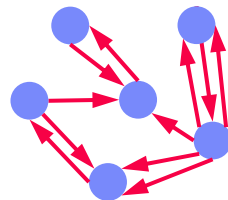
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Graph



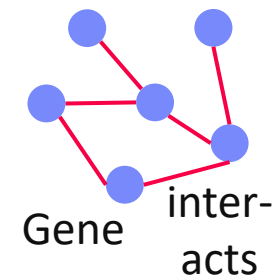
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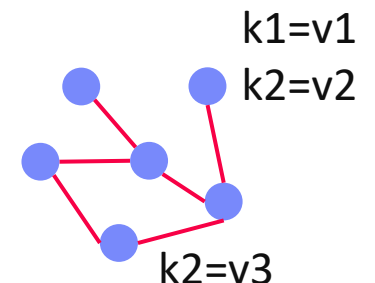
Multi  
Graph



Labeled  
Graph



Data/Property  
Graph



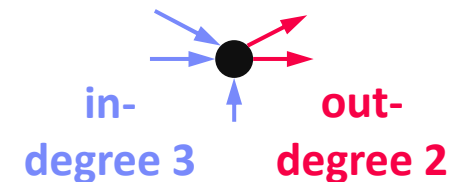
# Terminology and Graph Characteristics

## Terminology, cont.

- **Path:** Sequence of edges and vertices (**walk:** allows repeated edges/vertices)
- **Cycle:** Closed walk, i.e., a walk that starts and ends at the same vertex
- **Clique:** Subgraph of vertices where every two distinct vertices are adjacent

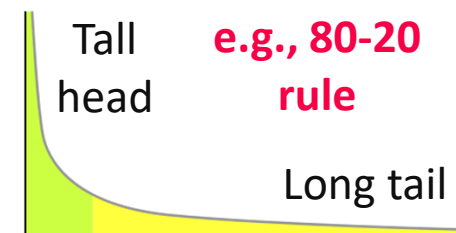
## Metrics

- **Degree** (in/out-degree): number of incoming/outgoing edges of that vertex
- **Diameter:** Maximum distance of pairs of vertices (longest shortest-path)



## Power Law Distribution

- Degree of most real graphs follows a power law distribution





# Vertex-Centric Processing

[Grzegorz Malewicz et al: **Pregel**:  
a system for large-scale graph  
processing. **SIGMOD 2010**]



## ■ Google **Pregel**

- Name: Seven Bridges of Koenigsberg (Euler 1736)
- “**Think-like-a-vertex**” computation model
- Iterative processing in super steps, comm.: message passing

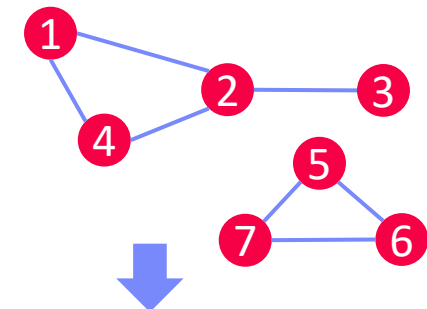


## ■ Programming Model

- Represent graph as collection of vertices w/ edge (adjacency) lists
- Implement algorithms via Vertex API
- Terminate if all vertices halted / no more msgs

```
public abstract class Vertex {
  public String getID();
  public long superstep();
  public VertexValue getValue();

  public compute(Iterator<Message> msgs);
  public sendMsgTo(String v, Message msg);
  public void voteToHalt();
}
```

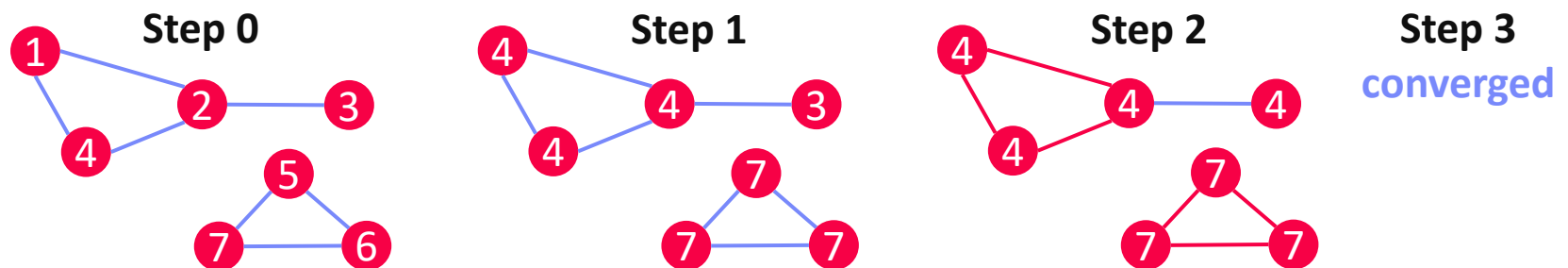


2	[1, 3, 4]	
7	[5, 6]	Worker
4	[1, 2]	1
1	[1, 2, 4]	
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5	[6, 7]	Worker
3	[2]	2
6	[5, 7]	

# Vertex-Centric Processing, cont.

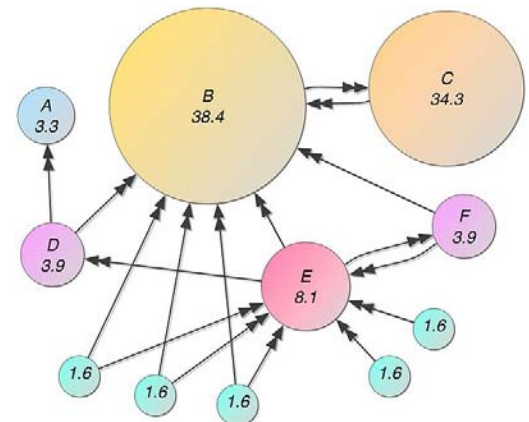
## Example 1: Connected Components

- Determine connected components of a graph (subgraphs of connected nodes)
- Propagate  $\max(\text{current}, \text{msgs})$  if  $\neq$  current to neighbors, terminate if no msgs



## Example 2: Page Rank

- Ranking of webpages by importance / impact
- #1: **Initialize vertices** to  $1/\text{numVertices}()$
- #2: **In each super step**
  - Compute current vertex value:  
 $\text{value} = 0.15/\text{numVertices}() + 0.85 * \text{sum}(\text{msg})$
  - Send to all neighbors:  
 $\text{value}/\text{numOutgoingEdges}()$



[Credit: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PageRank> ]

# Graph-Centric Processing

## ■ Motivation

- Exploit graph structure for algorithm-specific optimizations (number of network messages, scheduling overhead for super steps)
- **Large diameter / average vertex degree**

## ■ Programming Model

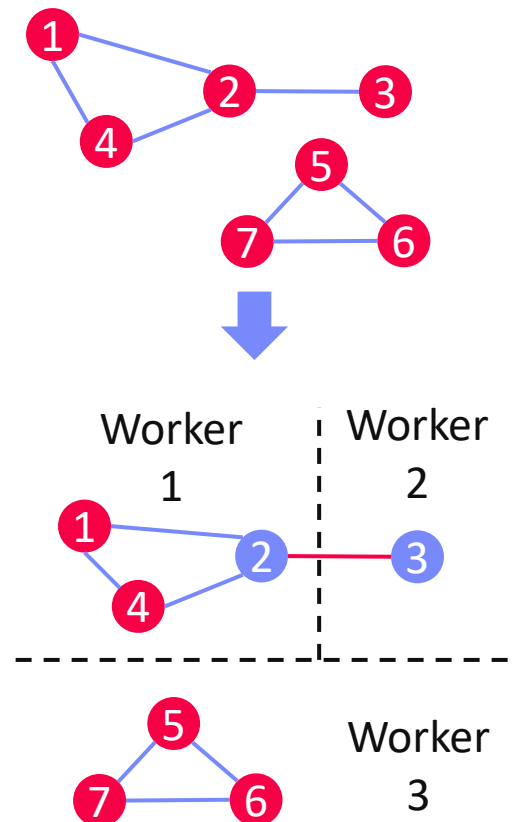
- **Partition graph into subgraphs** (block/graph)
- Implement algorithm directly against subgraphs (internal and boundary nodes)
- Exchange messages in super steps only between boundary nodes → **faster convergence**



[**Yuanyuan Tian**, Andrey Balmin, Severin Andreas Corsten, Shirish Tatikonda, John McPherson: From "Think Like a Vertex" to "Think Like a Graph". **PVLDB 2013**]



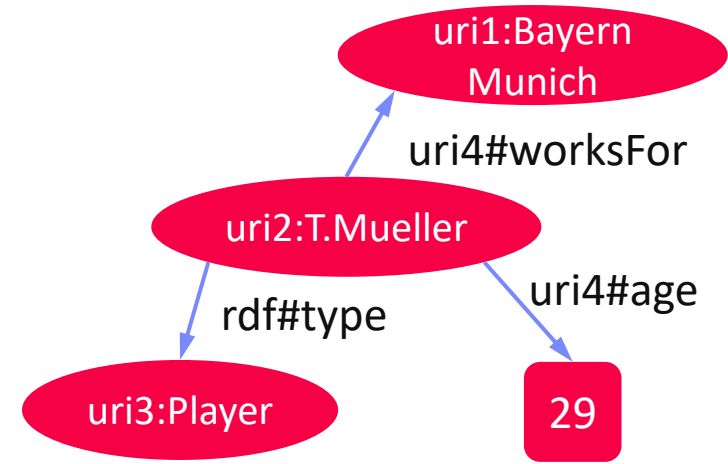
[Da Yan, James Cheng, Yi Lu, Wilfred Ng: Blogel: A Block-Centric Framework for Distributed Computation on Real-World Graphs. **PVLDB 2014**]



# Resource Description Framework (RDF)

## ■ RDF Data

- Data and meta data description via triples
- **Triple: (subject, predicate, object)**
- Triple components can be URIs or literals
- Formats: e.g., RDF/XML, RDF/JSON, Turtle
- RDF graph is a directed, labeled multigraph



## ■ Querying RDF Data

- SPARQL (SPARQL Protocol And RDF Query Language)
- Subgraph matching

```

SELECT ?person
WHERE {
  ?person rdf:type uri3:Player ;
  uri4:worksFor uri1:"Bayern Munich" .
}
  
```

## ■ Selected Example Systems

AWS Amazon Neptune



AllegroGraph \*Sparksee



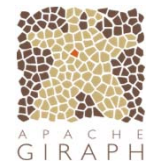
# Example Systems

## Understanding Use in Practice

- Types of graphs user have
- Graph computations run
- Types of graph systems used



[Siddhartha Sahu, Amine Mhedhbi, Semih Salihoglu, Jimmy Lin, M. Tamer Özsu: The Ubiquity of Large Graphs and Surprising Challenges of Graph Processing. **PVLDB 2017**]



Technology	Software	# Users
Graph Database System	ArrangoDB [3]	40
	Caley [8]	14
	DGraph [14]	33
	JanusGraph [35]	32
	Neo4j [48]	69
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	Sparksee [64]	5
	Virtuoso [67]	23
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## Summary of State of the Art Runtime Techniques

[Da Yan, Yingyi Bu, Yuanyuan Tian, Amol Deshpande, James Cheng: Big Graph Analytics Systems. **SIGMOD 2016**]



# Time Series Databases

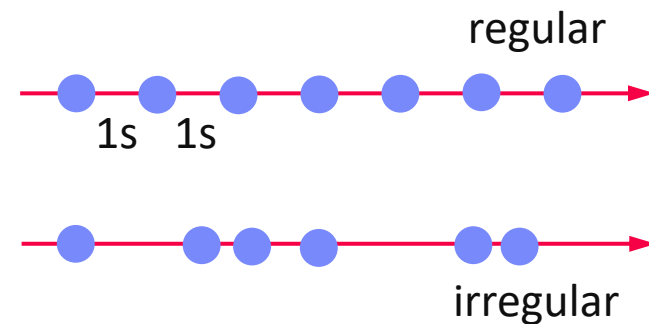
# Motivation and Terminology

## Ubiquitous Time Series

- **Domains:** Internet-of-Things (IoT), sensor networks, smart production/planet, telemetry, stock trading, server/application metrics, event/log streams
- **Applications:** monitoring, anomaly detection, time series forecasting
- Dedicated storage and analysis techniques → Specialized systems

## Terminology

- Time series  $X$  is a sequence of data points  $x_i$  for a specific measurement identity (e.g., sensor) and time granularity
- **Regular** (equidistant) time series ( $x_i$ ) vs **irregular** time series ( $t_i, x_i$ )

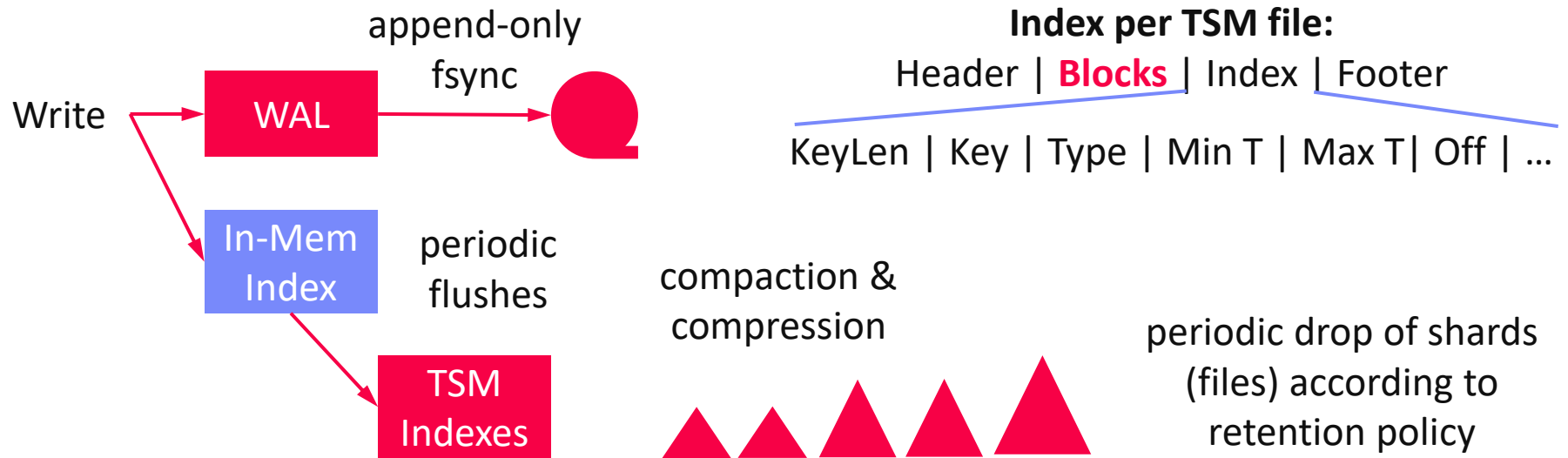


# Example InfluxDB



[Paul Dix: InfluxDB Storage Engine Internals, CMU Seminar, 09/2017]

- Input Data** `cpu, region=west, host=A user=85, sys=2, idle=10 1443782126`
  - Measurement: `cpu`
  - Tags: `region=west, host=A`
  - Fields (values): `user=85, sys=2, idle=10`
  - Time: `1443782126`
- System Architecture**
  - Written in Go, originally **key-value store**, now **dedicated storage engine**
  - Time Structured Merge Tree (TSM)**, similar to LSM
  - Organized in shards, TSM indexes and inverted index for reads





## Example InfluxDB, cont.

### ■ Compression (of blocks)

- **Compress up to 1000 values per block** (Type | Len | Timestamps | Values)
- **Timestamps:** Run-length encoding for regular time series; Simple8B or uncompressed for irregular
- **Values:** double delta for FP64, bits for Bool, double delta + zig zag for INT64, Snappy for strings

### ■ Query Processing

- SQL-like and functional APIs for filtering (e.g., range) and aggregation
- Inverted indexes

```
SELECT percentile(90, user)
FROM cpu WHERE time>now()-12h
AND "region"='west'
GROUP BY time(10m), host
```

#### Measurement to fields:

cpu → [user,sys,idle]

host → [A, B]

Region → [west, east]

#### Posting lists:

cpu → [1,2,3,4,5,6]

host=A → [1,2,3]

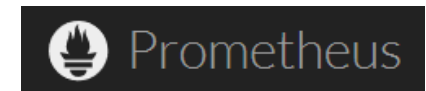
host=B → [4,5,6]

region=west → [1,2,3]

# Other Systems

## ■ Prometheus

- Metrics, high-dim data model, sharding and federation custom storage and query engine, implemented in Go



## ■ OpenTSDB

- TSDB on top of HBase or Google BigTable, Hadoop



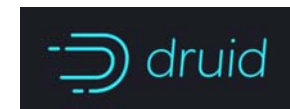
## ■ TimescaleDB

- TSDB on top of PostgreSQL, standard SQL and reliability



## ■ Druid

- Column-oriented storage for time series, OLAP, and search



## ■ IBM Event Store

- HTAP system for high data ingest rates, and data-parallel analytics via Spark
- Shard-local logs → groomed data

[Ronald Barber et al: Evolving Databases for New-Gen Big Data Applications. **CIDR 2017**]



# Conclusions and Q&A

- **Summary 10 NoSQL Systems**

- Consistency and Data Models
- Key-Value and Document Stores
- Graph and Time Series Databases

- **Next Lectures (Part B: Modern Data Management)**

- **11 Distributed file systems and object storage [Jan 13]**
- **12 Data-parallel computation (MapReduce, Spark) [Jan 13]**
- **13 Data stream processing systems [Jan 20]**
- **14 Q&A and exam preparation [Jan 27]**



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