

Introduction to NoSQL

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Schedule & Organization



- Introduction to **NoSQL** databases
 - 3V, ACID vs BASE, families, CAP theorem, JSON
- Presentation of **MongoDB**
 - Language, distribution, replication, application
- **Practice Works** on MongoDB
 - Queries : find + aggregate

DBMS vs NoSQL

Fault-tolerance



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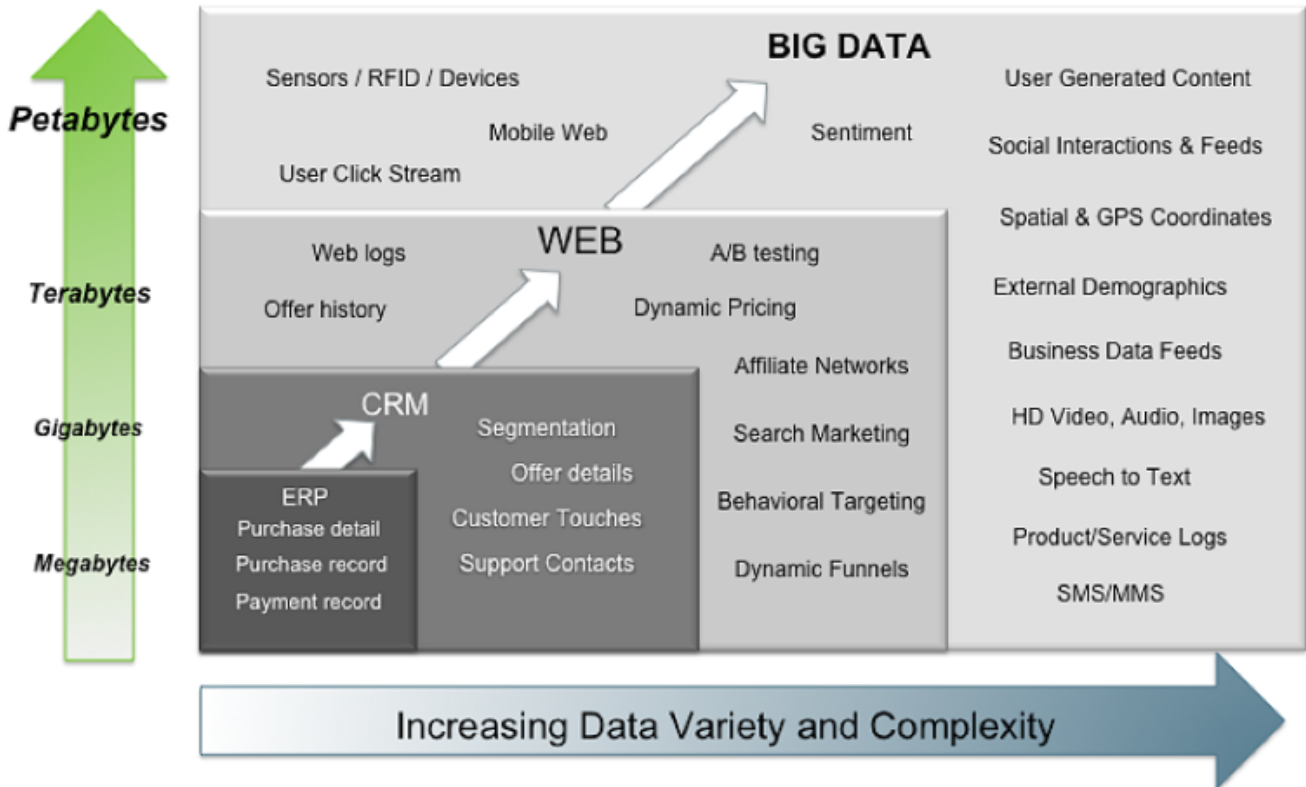
Context

- Applications and Web platforms
 - Exponential growth of the amount of Data (x2 / 2 years)
 - Unprecedented management of this volume
 - Need to distribute both computation and data
 - Huge number of servers
 - Heterogeneous data, maybe complex and often linked
- Ex :
 - Google, Amazon, Facebook
 - Google DataCenter :
 - 5000 servers/data center, ~1M de servers
 - Facebook :
 - 1 PetaBytes of data

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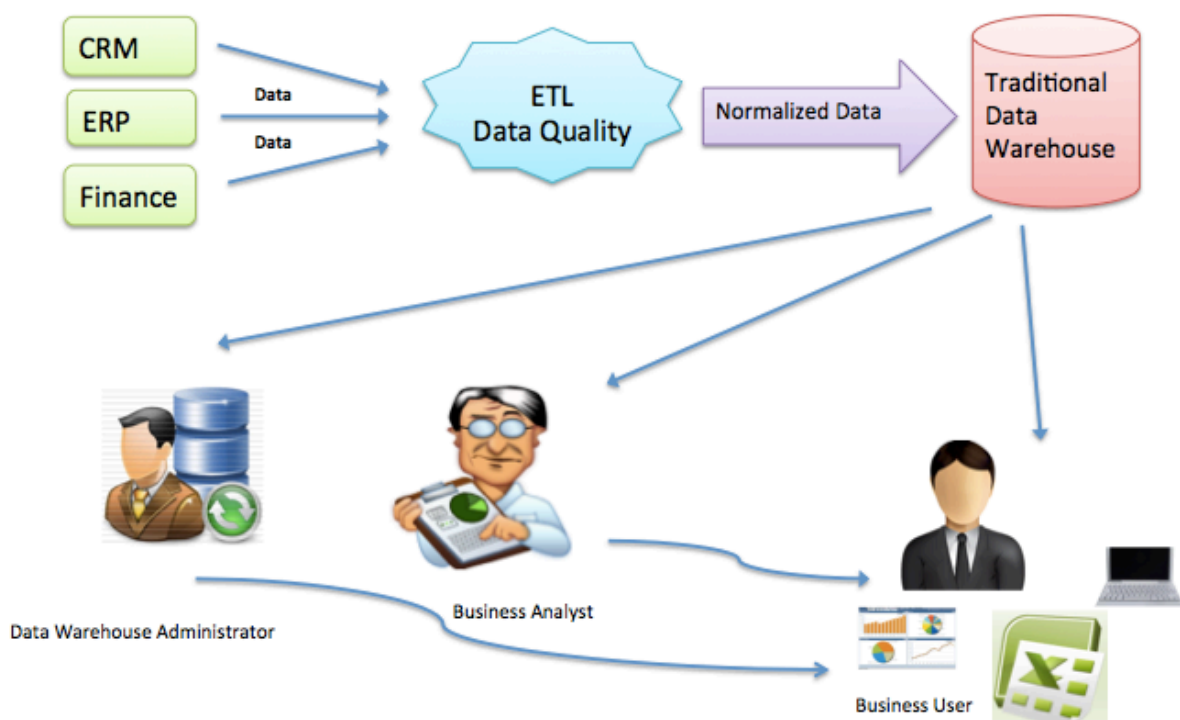
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Big Data = Transactions + Interactions + Observations



Source: Contents of above graphic created in partnership with Teradata, Inc.

BI : Traditional methods



Decisional vs 3V

Incompatible classical approach with the **3V** of *BigData* :

- **Volume**: Designed to store GB/TB of data, but needs PB (maybe EB).
- **Variety**: Heterogeneous and variable types of data, text, semi-structured
- **Velocity**: Data are produced more and more quickly

DBMS: Limitations

- Standard databases
 - Functionalities
 - Joins between tables
 - Complex queries
 - Strong coherency of data
- Requirements in a distributed context
 - Links between entities => same server
 - ++ links => difficulties for data organization

DBMS: Limitations (2)

- **ACID** properties for transactions
 - Set of operations
 - **Atomicity** (integral completion or none)
 - **Consistency** (consistent at start and end)
 - **Isolation** (no communication between them)
 - **Durability** (an operation cannot be reversed)
 - Pessimistic view on consistency
- Requirements in a distributed context
 - Difficulties in insuring those properties
 - Conflict with efficiency / performances

ACID vs BASE

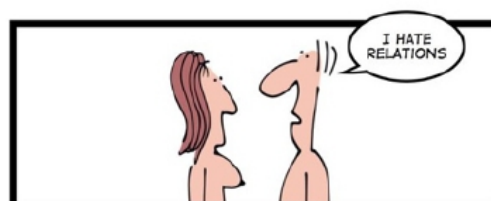
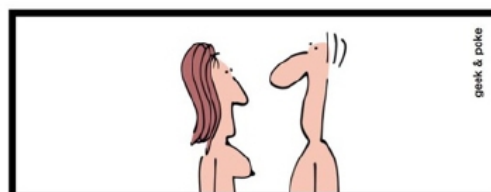
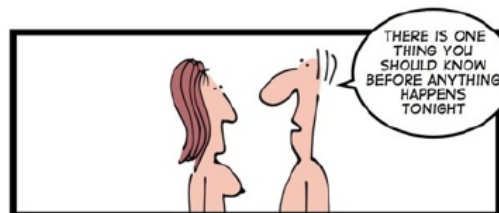
- Modern systems use the **BASE** model
 - Optimistic view on consistency
 - **Basically Available:**
 - Any request => An answer
 - Even in a changing state
 - **Soft State:**
 - Opposite to Durability.
 - System's state (servers or data) could change over time (without any update)
 - **Eventually consistent:**
 - With time, data can be consistent
 - Updates have to be propagated

Solution: NoSQL

- NoSQL : **Not Only SQL**
 - New data storage/management approach
 - Scales up the system (through distribution)
 - Complex metadata management
 - No schema
- **Do not substitute DBMS, dedicated to:**
 - **Very huge volume of data (PetaBytes)**
 - **Very short response time**
 - **Consistency is not mandatory**

Databases and NoSQL

The Hard Life of a NoSQL Coder



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NoSQL DB: Characteristics

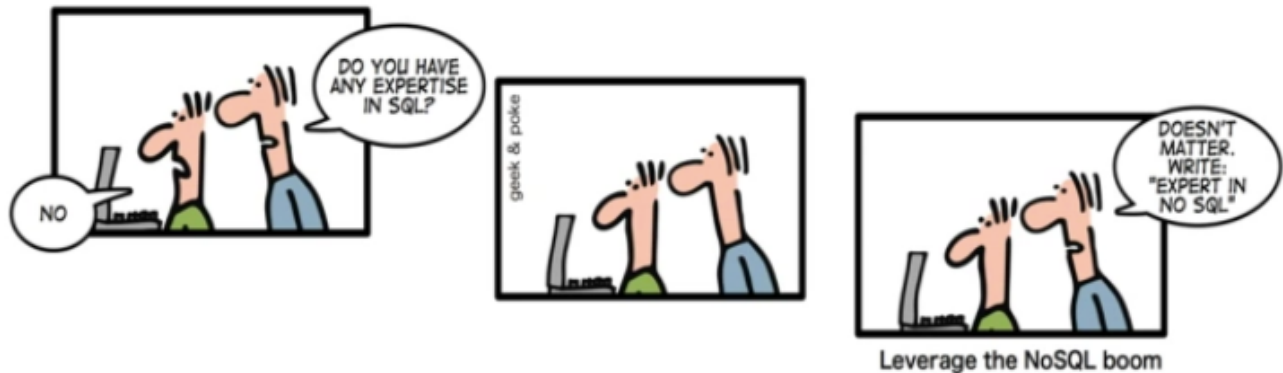
- **No relations** => *Collections*
 - No fix structures (nay none)
- **Complex data** (e.g. *documents*)
 - Objects, nesting, arrays
- **Data distribution**
 - High parallelization (Map/Reduce)
- **Data replication**
 - Disponibility vs Consistency (no transactions)
 - Few writes, many reads

Sharding : Scalability

- Datablocks are distributed in a cluster of servers
- Horizontal partitioning
- 3 types of technics:
 1. Resource allocation based: *HDFS*
 2. Tree-based structure: *Clustered index* (sort)
 3. Hash-based structure: *Consistent Hashing*

NoSQL Systems

HOW TO WRITE A CV



Several NoSQL systems

- **Key-Value Store**
 - Data are identified by a unique key (used for querying)
 - *DynamoDB, Voldemort, Redis, Riak, MemcacheDB*
- **Column data**
 - Relation 1-n “one-to-many” (messages, posts)
 - *HBase, Hypertable, Spark, Elasticsearch*
- **Documents**
 - Complexes data, attributes/values
 - *MongoDB, Cassandra, CouchDB, Terrastore*
- **Graphs**
 - Highly connected entities, Social Networking
 - *Neo4j, OrientDB, FlockDB*

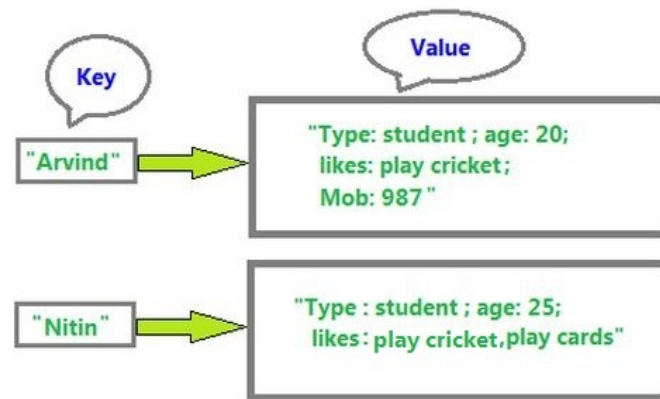
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- Similar to a distributed “*HashMap*”
- Key + Value
 - No fixed schema on values (strings, object, integer, binaries...)
- Drawbacks:
 - No structures nor typing
 - No structured-based queries
- DynamoDB (Amazon), Redis (VMWare), Voldemort (LinkedIn)

I - NoSQL & Key-Value store (2)

- CRUD Operations (HTTP)
 - Create(key,value)
 - Read(key)
 - Update(key,value)
 - Delete(key)
- Horizontal scaling
(partitionning/distribution)
- No vertical distribution
(data segmentation)

I - NoSQL & Key-Value store (3)



II – NoSQL & Columns

- Column-based storage
 - DBMS: tuples (lines)
 - Easy to insert a new column
 - Dynamic schema
- BigTable/Hbase (Google), Cassandra (Facebook&Apache), SimpleDB (Amazon)

II – NoSQL & Columns (2)

- **Advantages:**
 - XML/JSON support
 - Column indexing
 - Horizontal scaling
- **Drawbacks:**
 - Hard to query complex data
 - Difficult for linked data (distances, paths, time)
 - Pre-defined queries (not on the fly)

II – NoSQL & Columns (3)

Row Oriented
(RDBMS Model)

id	Name	Age	Interests
1	Ricky		Soccer, Movies, Baseball
2	Ankur	20	
3	Sam	25	Music

Multi-valued

null

Column Oriented
(Multi-value sorted map)

id	Name
1	Ricky
2	Ankur
3	Sam

id	Age
2	20
3	25

id	Interests
1	Soccer
1	Movies
1	Baseball
3	Music

III – NoSQL & Documents

- Based on the key-value store
 - Add semi-structured data (JSON/XML)
 - HTTP API
 - More complex than CRUD
- MongoDB, CouchDB (Apache), RavenDB, Terrastore

III – NoSQL & Documents (2)

- Document management
 - Simple types (Int, String, Date)
 - No fix schema (docs may vary)
 - Nested data
- **Advantages:**
 - Richness for queries
 - Indexing several attributes
 - Easy to scale up
- **Drawbacks:**
 - Difficulties for data interconnexions
 - Dedicated to key-value (id)

III – NoSQL & Documents (3)



Relational data model

Highly-structured table organization with rigidly-defined data formats and record structure.



Document data model

Collection of complex documents with arbitrary, nested data formats and varying "record" format.

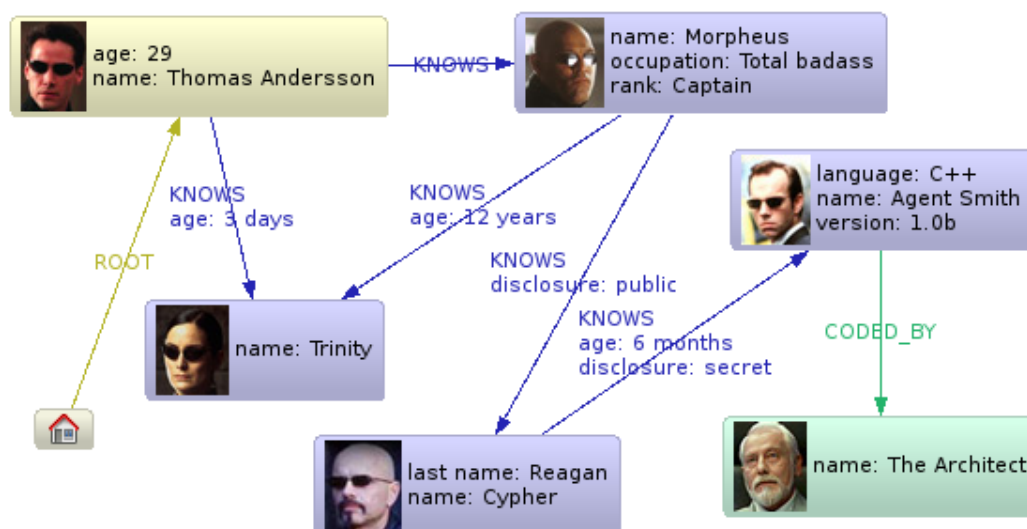
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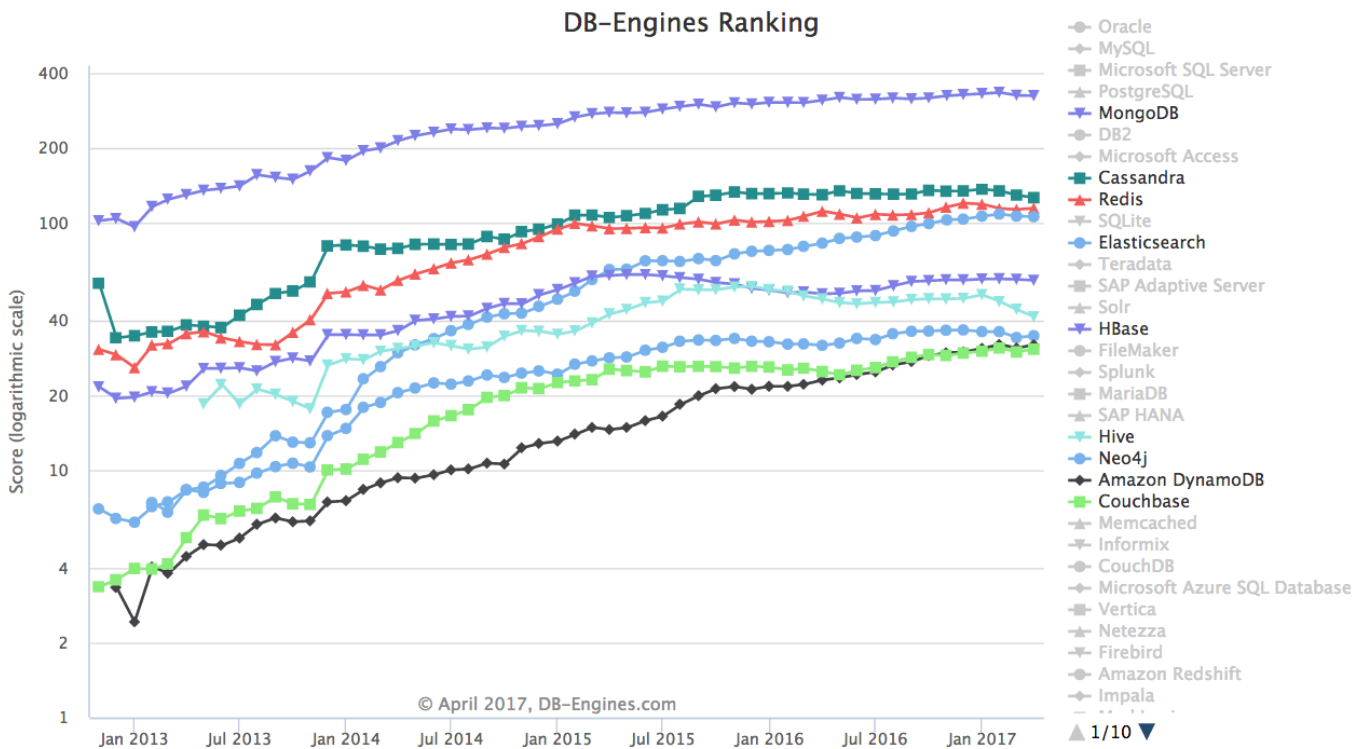
- Storage: nodes, relations and properties
 - Graph Theory
 - Path querying on the graph
 - Data are loaded on demand
 - Difficulties for modeling
- Neo4j, OrientDB (Apache), FlockDB (Twitter)

IV – NoSQL & Graph (2)

- Available storage
 - Object (cf. documents)
 - Edges (with properties)
- Difficult for Sharding

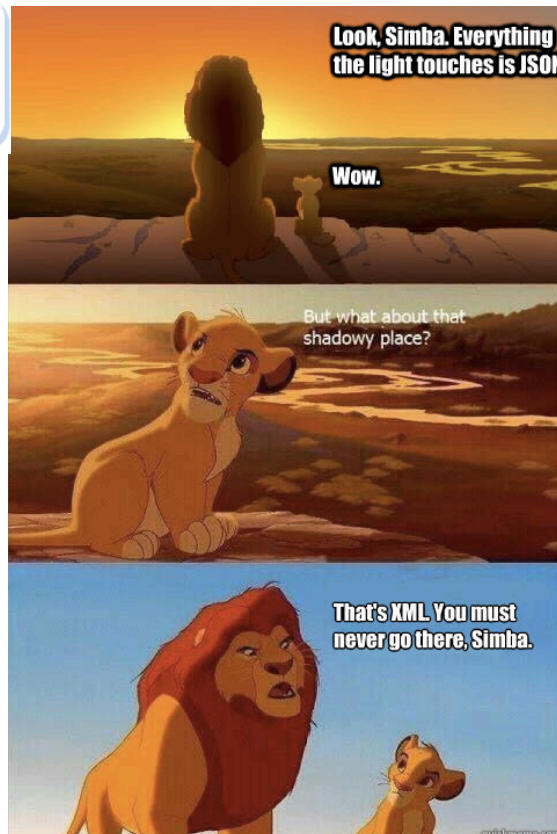
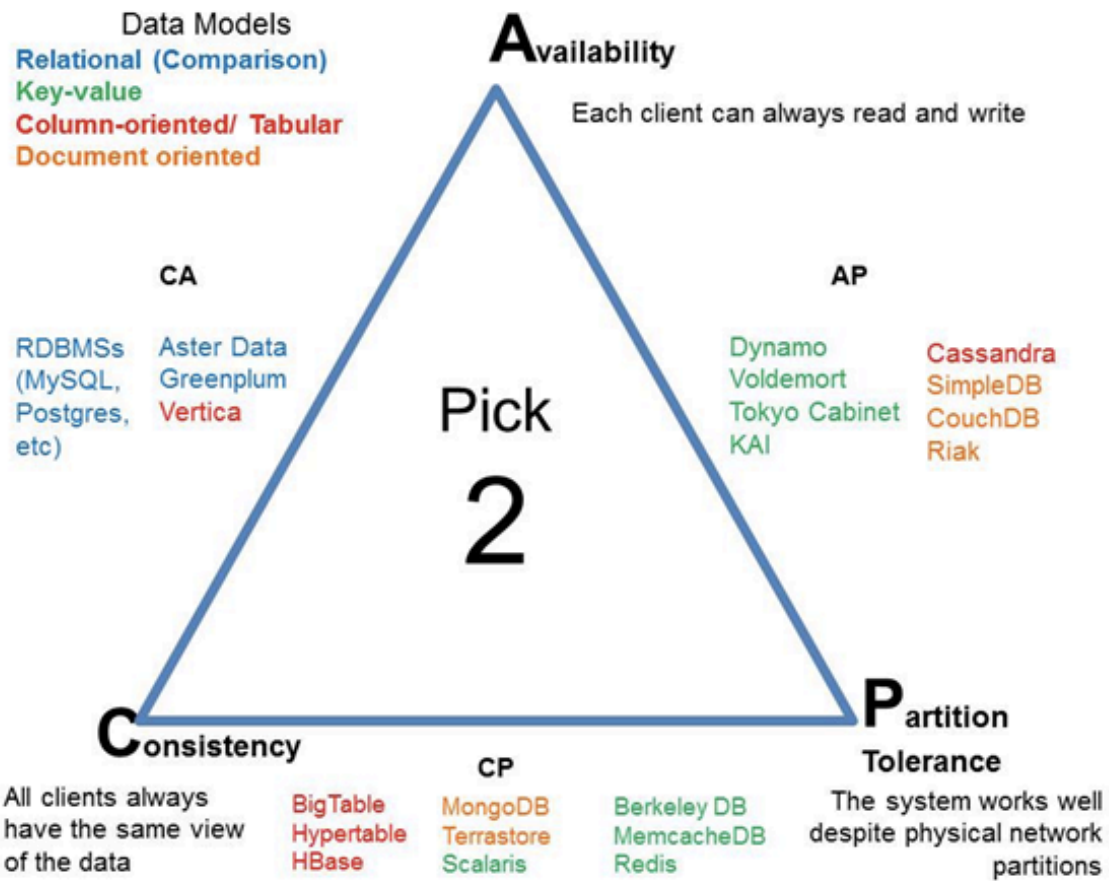
IV – NoSQL & Graph (3)





Brewer's CAP Theorem (2000)

- 3 main properties for distributed management
 - 1. Consistency:**
 - A data have the same value at the same time (coherency)
 - 2. Availability:**
 - Even if a server is down, data is available
 - 3. Partition Tolerance:**
 - Even if the system is partitioned, a query must have an answer (unless for global failures)
- *Theorem: A distributed, networked system can have only two of these three properties.*





- Initially XML used for complex internet communications (Web Services)
 - Too verbose
- **JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)**
 - Lightweight, text-oriented, language independent
 - Used for several Web services (Google API, Twitter API)

JSon : Structures

- **Key + Value**
 - "lastname" : "Travers"
 - Keys with quotations
- **Objects/documents**
 - Collection of key/values
 - { "lastname" : "Travers",
"firstname" : "Nicolas",
"kind" : 1 }

Data types

- **Scalar** : String, Integer, float, boolean, null...
- **List** : arrays [...]
- **Documents** : objetscs {...}

Arrays

- No typing inside arrays
 - "lessons" : ["SQL", 1, 4.2, null, "NoSQL"]
- Can nest documents
 - "doc" : [{"test" : 1},
 {"test" : {"nesting" : 1.0}},
 {"key" : "text", "value" : null}]

JSON : Identifiers

- Key « `_id` » commonly used to identify documents
 - Overwrite already stored ids
 - Can be automatically generated
 - Ex MongoDB : "`_id`" : ObjectId(1234567890)

JSON : complete example

```
{
  "_id" : 1234,
  "lastname" : "Travers", "firstname" : "Nicolas",
  "work" : {
    "company" : "Cnam",
    "location" : {
      "street" : "2 rue conté",
      "city" : "Paris",
      "zip" : 75141
    },
  },
  "fields" : [ "DB", "DB tuning", "XML", "NoSQL", "IR" ]
}
```