







Polyglot Persistence Powering Microservices

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Agenda

- 5 Use Cases
- Challenges
- Current Approach
- Takeaway



About Netflix

Netflix has been leading the way for digital content since 1997



NETFLIX ORIGINALS



Trending Now





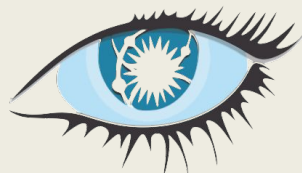
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DYNAMITE

EVCache

AWS S3



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Apache
Zookeeper



CDE



Search, Analyze and visualize in near real time



Distributed in-memory caching solution based on memcached



Distributed NOSQL database to handle large datasets providing high availability.



Distributed dynamo layer for different storage engines and protocols supporting Redis, memcached, RocksDB

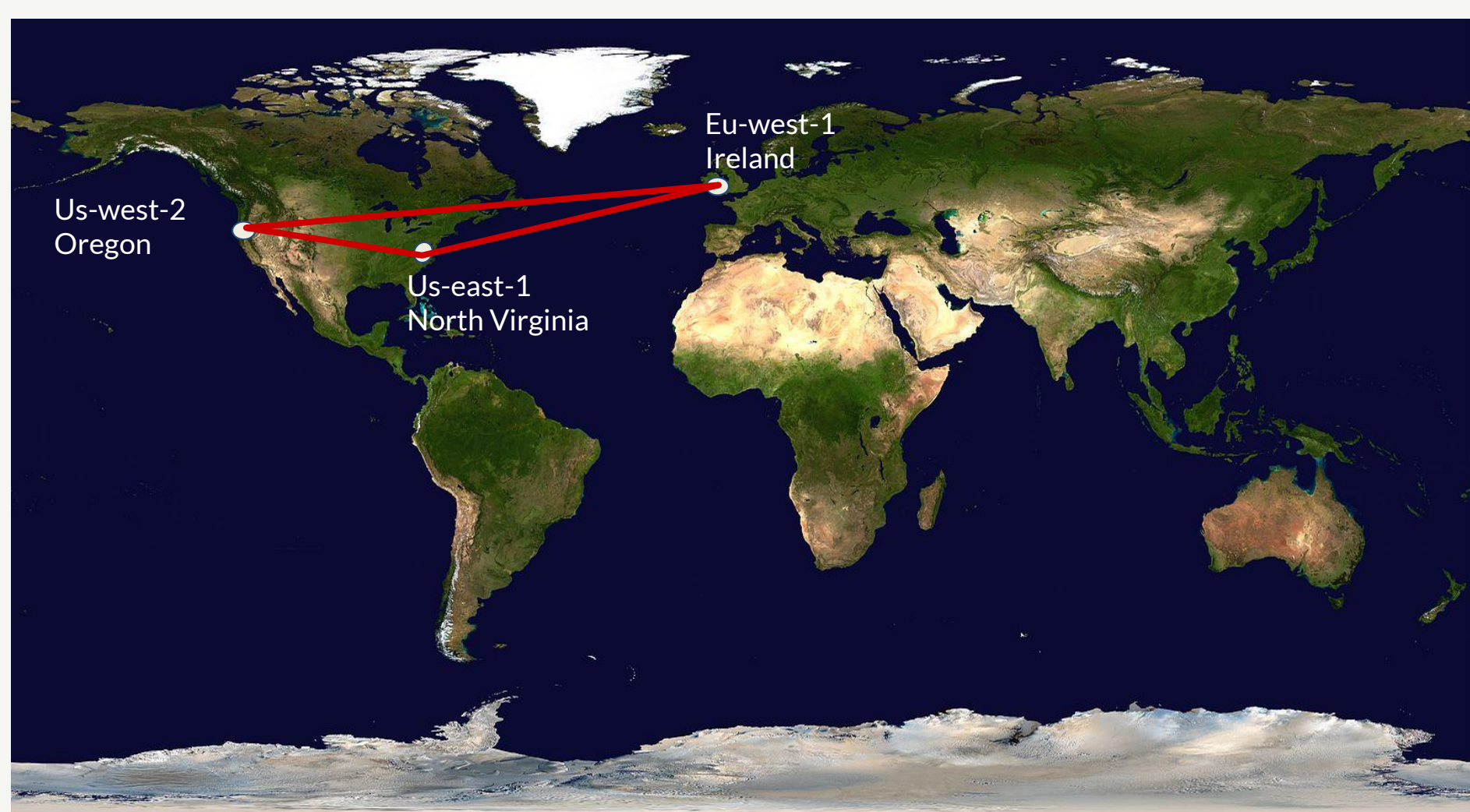


TitanDB is scalable graph database optimized for storing and querying graph datasets.

Us-west-2
Oregon

Us-east-1
North Virginia

Eu-west-1
Ireland



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NETFLIX ORIGINAL STRANGER THINGS

2017 TV-14 2 Seasons

Next Up

S2:E8 "Chapter Eight: The Mind Flayer"

An unlikely hero steps forward when a deadly development puts the Hawkins Lab on lockdown, trapping Will and several others inside.





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Stranger Things S2:E8 Chapter Eight: The Mind Flayer

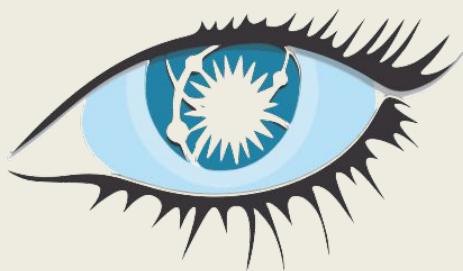


Requirements - CDN URL

- High availability
- Very low latency reads/writes (less than 1ms)
- High Throughput per node



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GUESS?



- ⇒ Distributed In Memory
- ⇒ Very low Latency responses

★ Playback Error



Whoops, something went wrong...

Unexpected Error

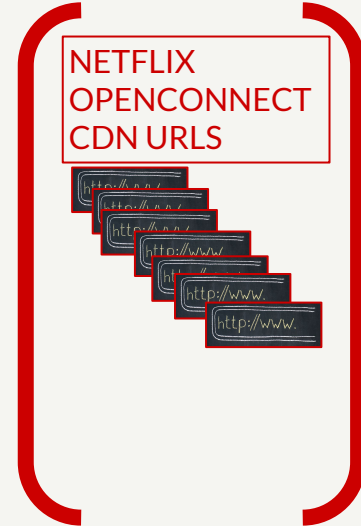
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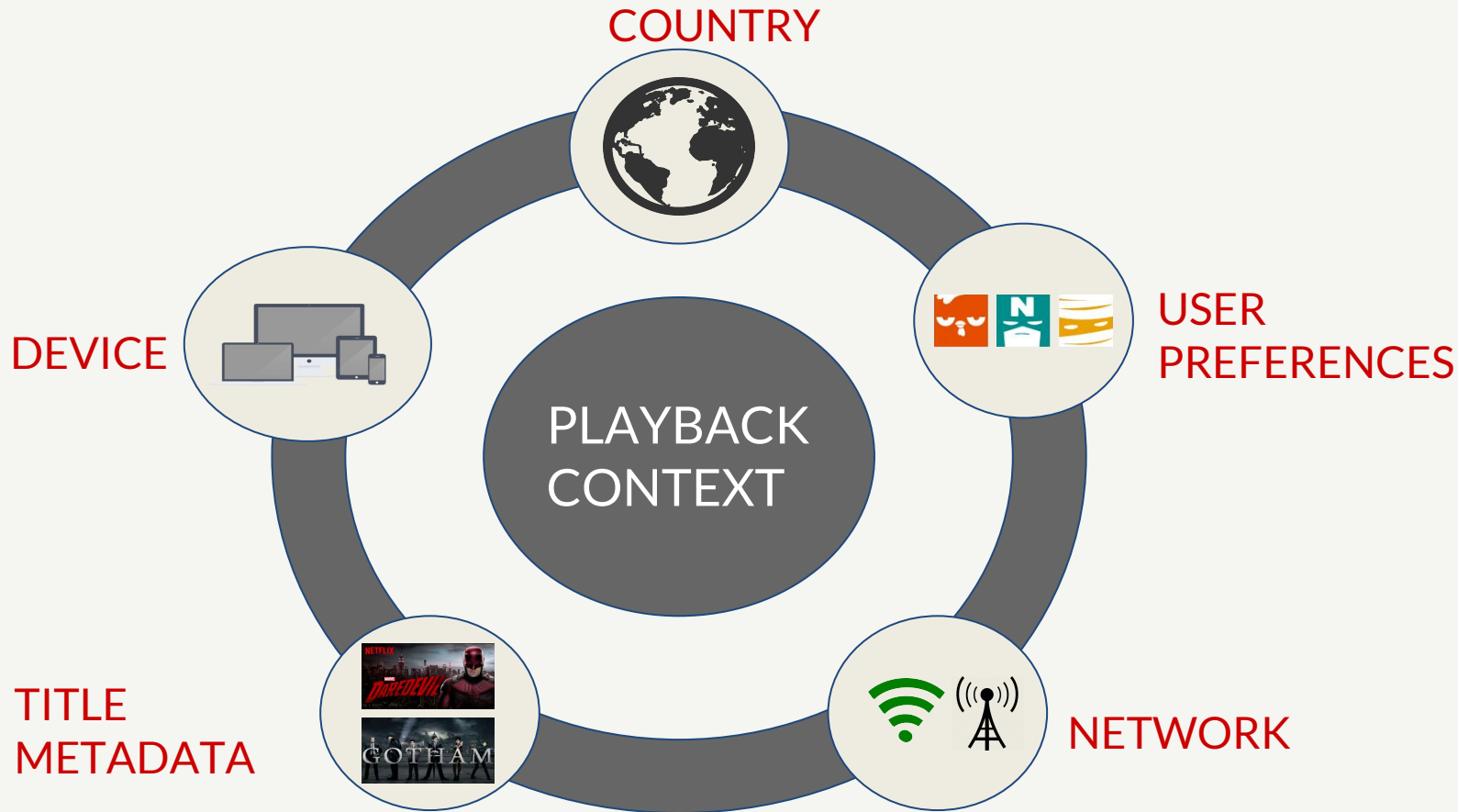
Error Code: **M7111-1331-2206**

PLAYBACK CONTEXT (Tracks + Track Urls)



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Requirements - Playback Error

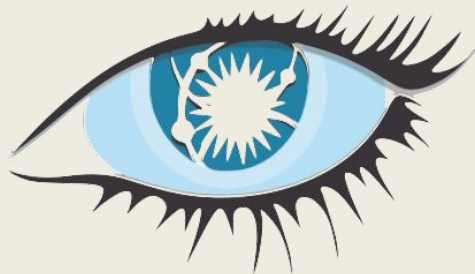
- Quick Incident Resolution
- Interactive Dashboards
- Near realtime Search
- Ad Hoc Queries



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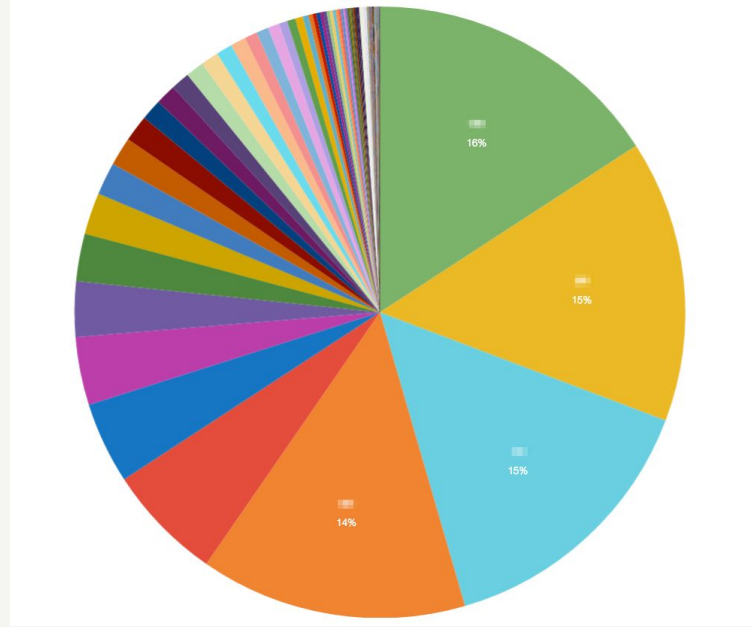


Powerful Search &
Analytics



Interactive
Dashboards

Interactive Exploration



Top N queries



Incident To Resolution Time

2+ Hours



Under 10
Minutes

★ Viewing History

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My Activity



Watching



Rating

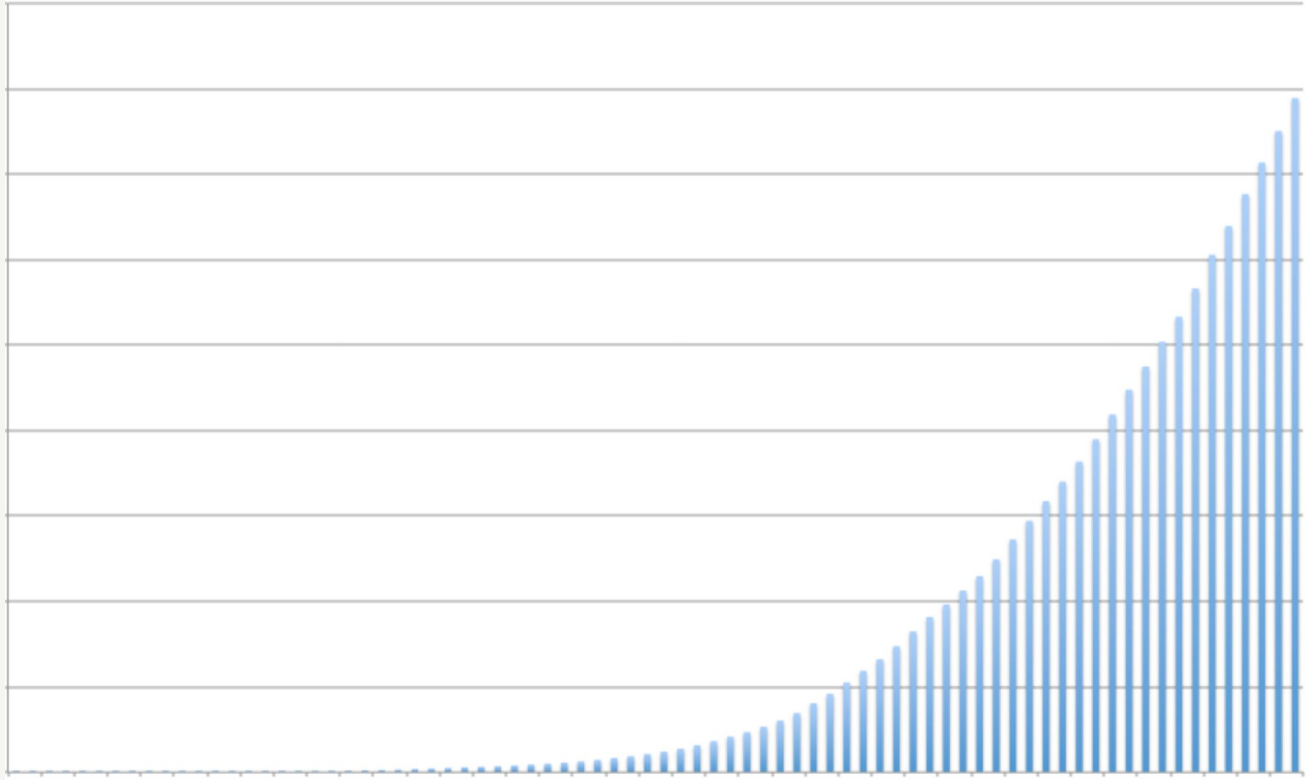
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11/7/17	Stranger Things: Stranger Things 2: "Chapter Eight: The Mind Flayer"	Report a problem	✕
11/3/17	Stranger Things: Stranger Things 2: "Chapter Seven: The Lost Sister"	Report a problem	✕
11/3/17	Stranger Things: Stranger Things 2: "Chapter Nine: The Gate"	Report a problem	✕
11/3/17	Stranger Things: Stranger Things 2: "Chapter Six: The Spy"	Report a problem	✕

Requirements - Viewing History

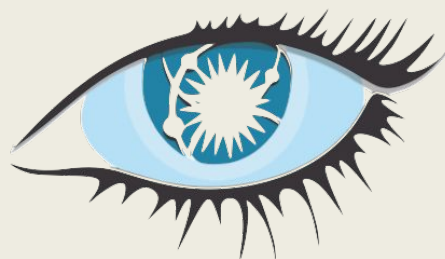
- Time series dataset
- Support high writes
- Cross region replication
- Large dataset

Growth of Viewing History





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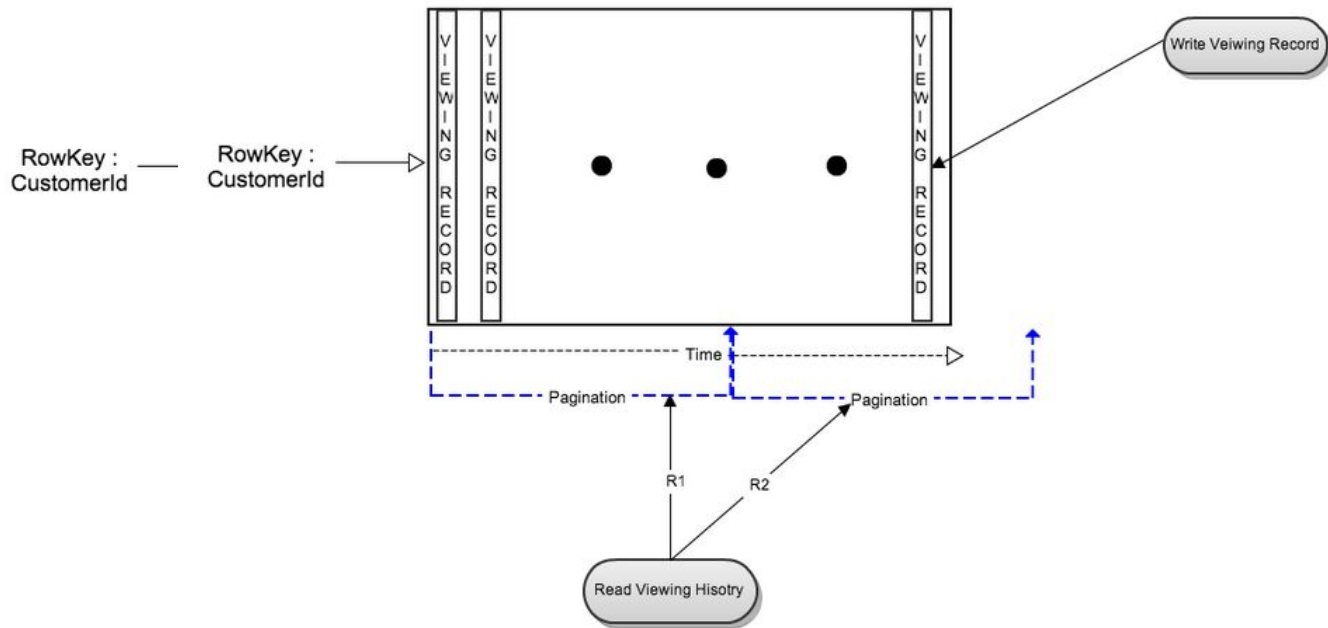


Multi-datacenter,
multi-directional
replication

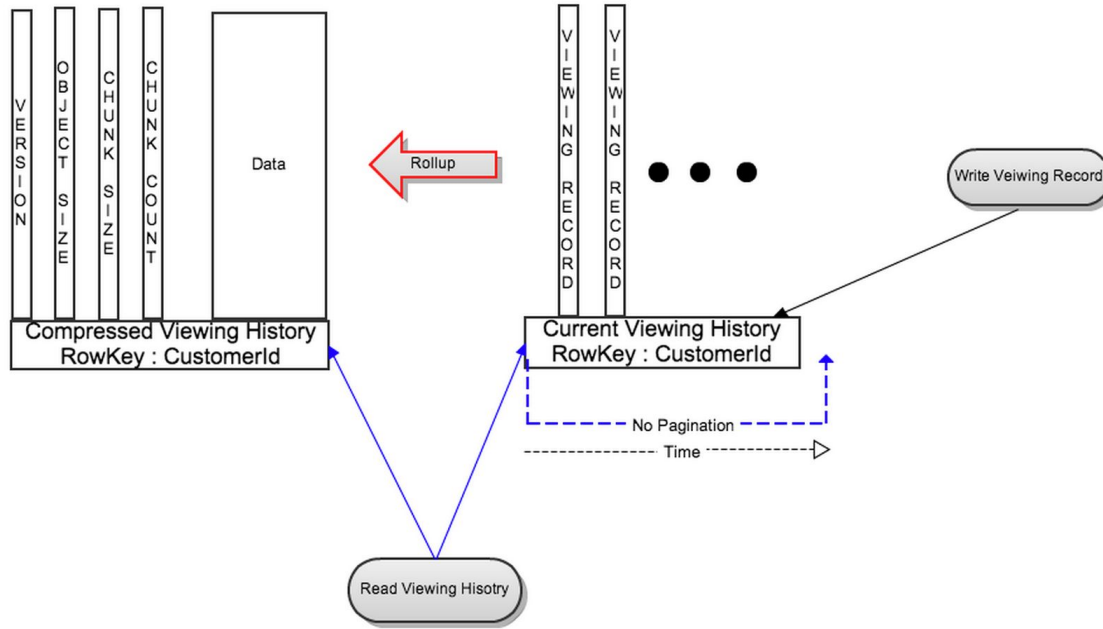


Highly availability
and scalability

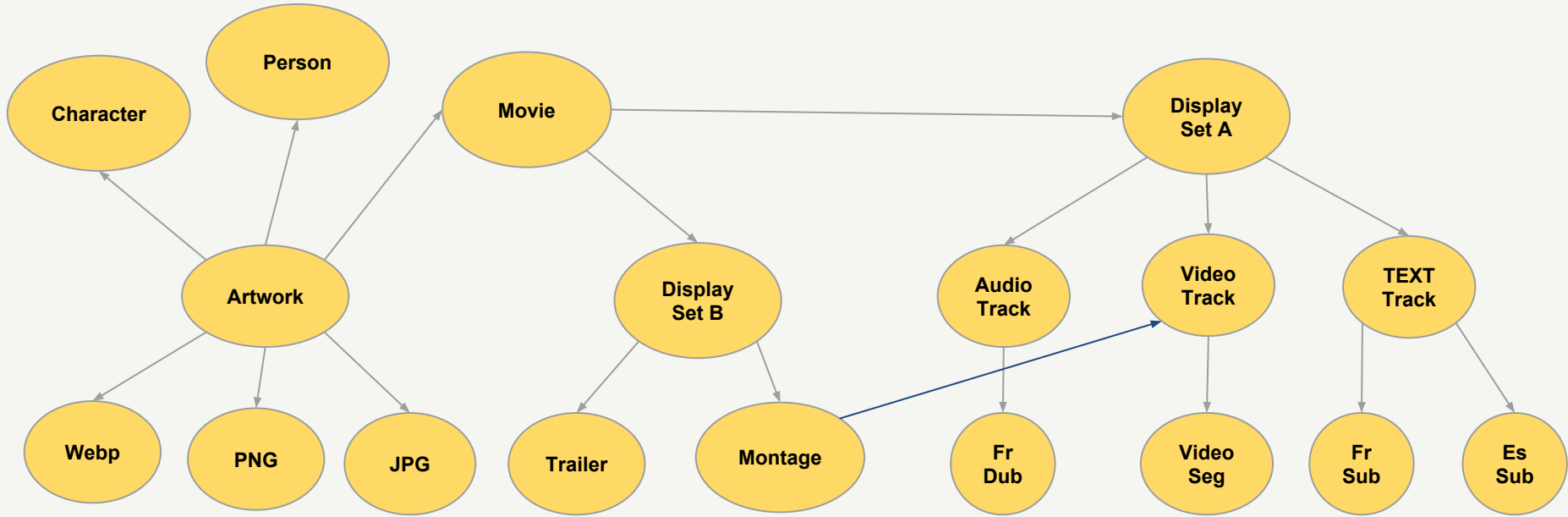
Data Model



New Data Model



★ Digital Asset Management

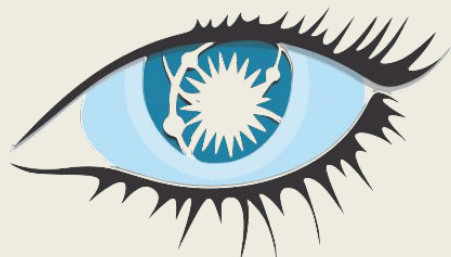


Requirements - DAM

- One backend plane for all asset metadata
- Storage of relationships/connected data
- Searchable



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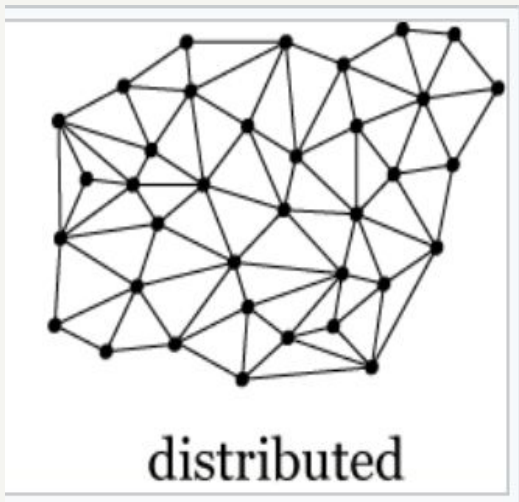


Distributed GraphDB



Support for various
storage backends

★ Distributed Delayed Queues



DELAYED



Requirements - Delayed Queues

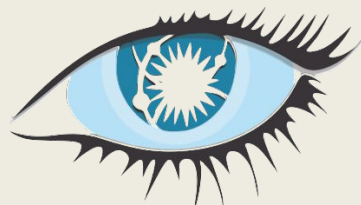
- Distributed
- Highly concurrent
- At-least-once delivery semantics
- Delayed queue
- Priorities within the shard



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GUESS?



Pluggable datastore
supporting Redis



Multi-datacenter
replication

Data Model

For each queue three set of Redis data structures are maintained:

1. A Sorted Set containing queued elements by score.
2. A Hash set that contains message payload, with key as message ID.
3. A Sorted Set containing messages consumed by client but yet to be acknowledged. Un-ack set.



CHALLENGES

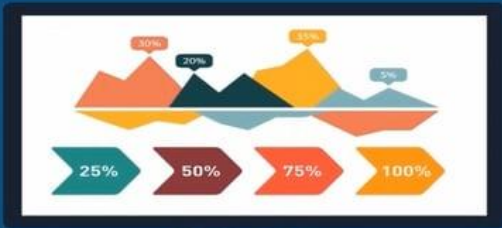
I EXPECTED TIMES LIKE THIS - BUT I NEVER THOUGHT
THEY'D BE SO BAD, SO LONG, AND SO FREQUENT.







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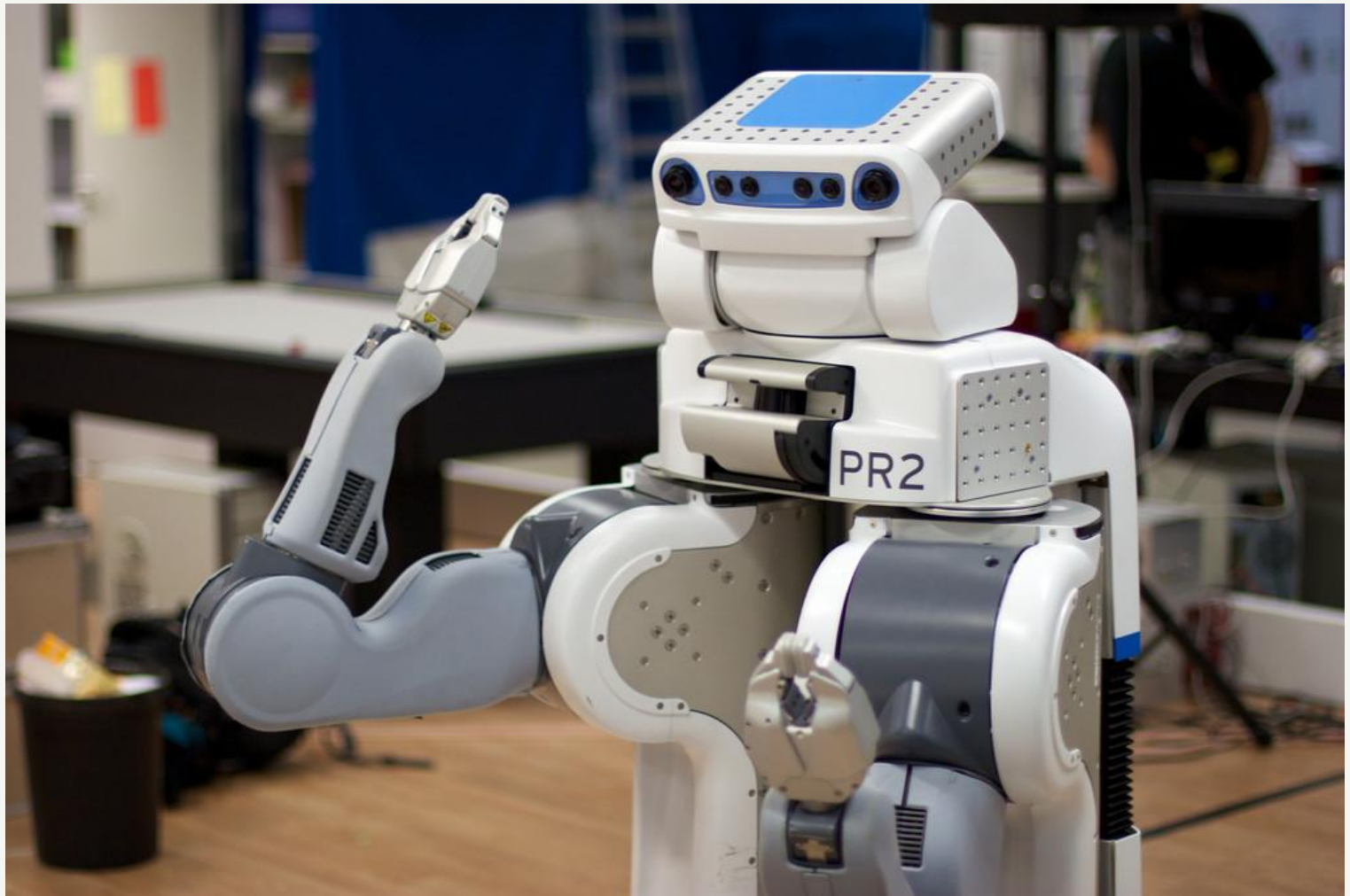
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Current Approach

Subject Matter Expert





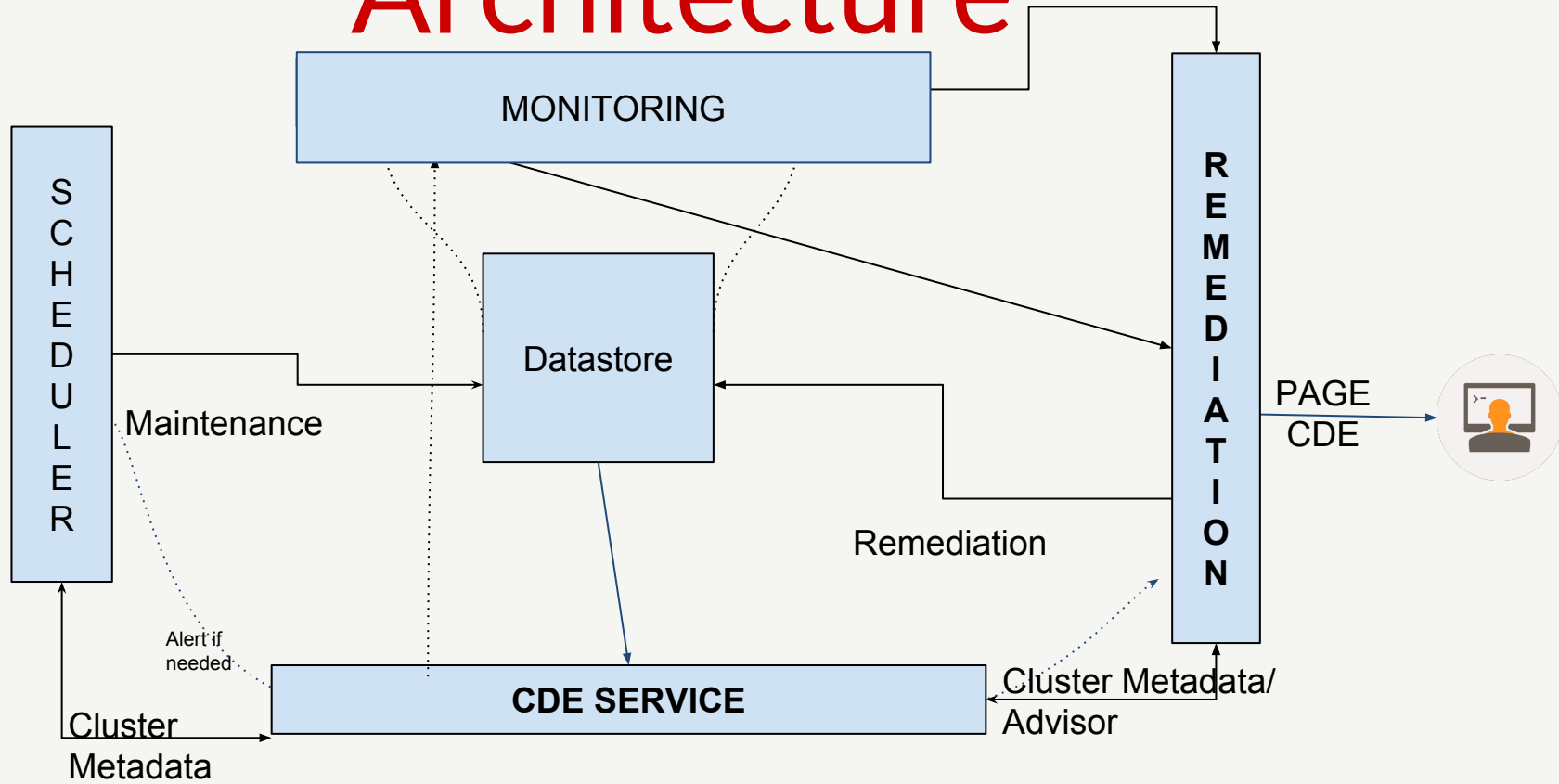
CDE Service

“Empowering CDE to provide datastores as a service”

CDE Service

- Thresholds/SLAs
- Cluster metadata
- Self Service
- Contact information
- Maintenance windows

Architecture



SLA

Cassandra »

 Customer View

Customer Details

Customer Emails

Customer Slack

Customer PagerDuty Service

DBEng Owners

Update Details

PROD

General Settings

Maintenance Windows

SLAs

Read Latency (ms)	<input type="text" value="99th"/> 500	<input type="text" value="95th"/> 200	<input type="text" value="Avg"/> 200
Write Latency (ms)	<input type="text" value="99th"/> 500	<input type="text" value="95th"/> 200	<input type="text" value="Avg"/> 200
Disk Usage (%)	<input type="text" value="Fatal"/> 80	<input type="text" value="Warn"/> 60	
Co-Ordinator	<input type="text" value="# Reads"/> 10000	<input type="text" value="# Writes"/> 10000	
Node	<input type="text" value="# Reads"/> 5000	<input type="text" value="# Writes"/> 5000	
Max Row (bytes)	<input type="text" value="Size"/> 10000		

Update SLAs

Environment Attributes



Cassandra Clusters

10 PROD: 6 TEST: 4

Add new Cluster...

Edit Cluster Defaults

Show 25 entries

Search:

Copy table to clipboard

Export to Excel

Show/Hide columns

Env	Region	Type	# Nodes	Customer Email	C* Version	C* JDK	Priam Version	Instance Type	Avg Node Size	Oldest Instance	EC2 Cost	S3 Primary Cost	S3 Secondary Cost
cas_xyz											EC2: \$ 343	S3: \$ 34	W N R
prod	eu-west-1	MR	96	abc@netflix.com	2.1.17.1428...	JDK 8.0_45...	6.84.0-h11...	i2.4xlarge(96)	454.0 GB	394 days	2	4	34
prod	us-east-1	MR	96		2.1.17.1428...	JDK 8.0_45...	6.84.0-h11...	i2.4xlarge(96)	529.2 GB	382 days	2	3	34
prod	us-west-2	MR	96		2.1.17.1428...	JDK 8.0_45...	6.84.0-h11...	i2.4xlarge(96)	564.3 GB	388 days	5	6	65
cass_abc											EC2: \$	S3: \$	W N R
test	eu-west-1	MR	96	xyz@netflix.com	2.1.17.1428...	NA(96)	6.85.0-h11...	i2.2xlarge(96)	487.0 GB	6 days	5	34	55
test	us-east-1	MR	96		2.1.17.1428...	NA(96)	6.85.0-h11...	i2.2xlarge(96)	487.8 GB	6 days	65	56	56
cass_test											EC2: \$		W N R
test	us-east-1	Island	6		2.1.17.1428...	NA(6)	6.84.0-h11...	i2.xlarge(6)	1.8 GB	450 days			



Create a new Elasticsearch Cluster

[Create Cluster](#)

Before you begin:

- Elasticsearch is not recommended as a primary data store; if you choose to use it as one, please make sure to take steps to prevent data loss.
- If your use case is not large enough for a dedicated cluster, consider creating your index on our shared cluster "es_share5" instead.
- For more information about working with Elasticsearch, please see <http://go/elasticsearch>

Cluster Name

Owners

Cluster Topology ?

 Island Clusters Tribe Configuration**PROD**

Regions to create Island Clusters in

 eu-west-1 us-east-1 us-west-2

Estimated data size per region (GB) ?

[+ Show Advanced Options](#)**TEST**

Regions to create Island Clusters in

 eu-west-1 us-east-1

Dynomite Goals

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Dynomite v0.5.9



ALL **98%** PROD **100%** TEST **92%**

Dynomite v0.6



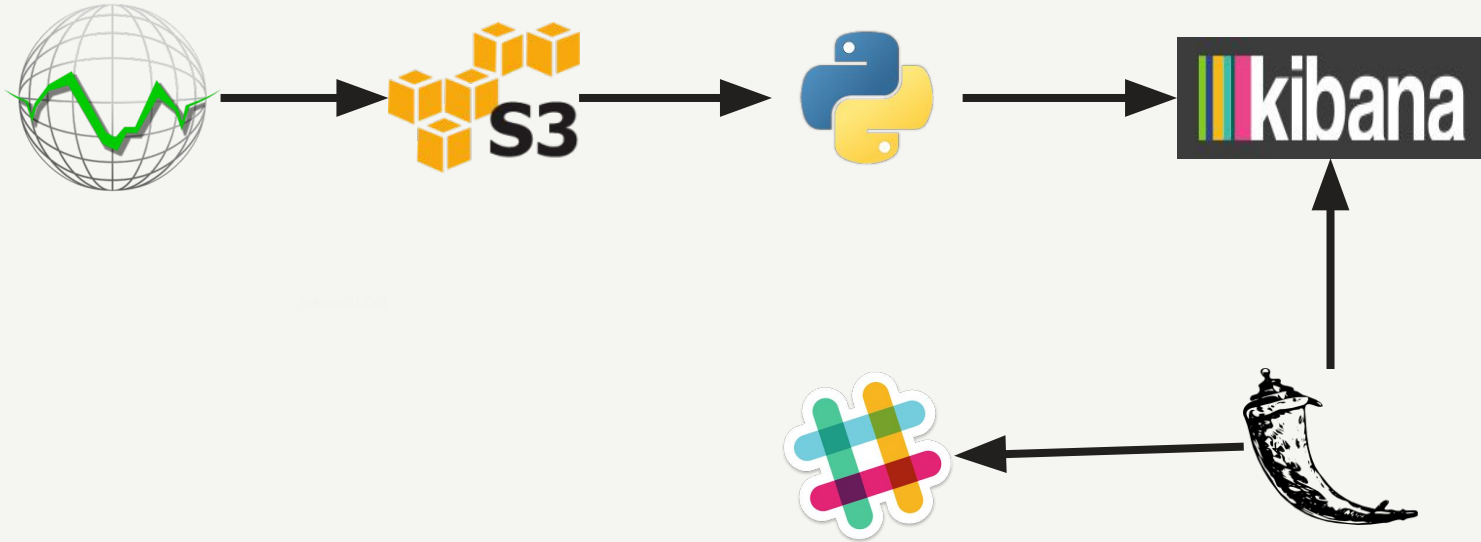
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Xenial Upgrade



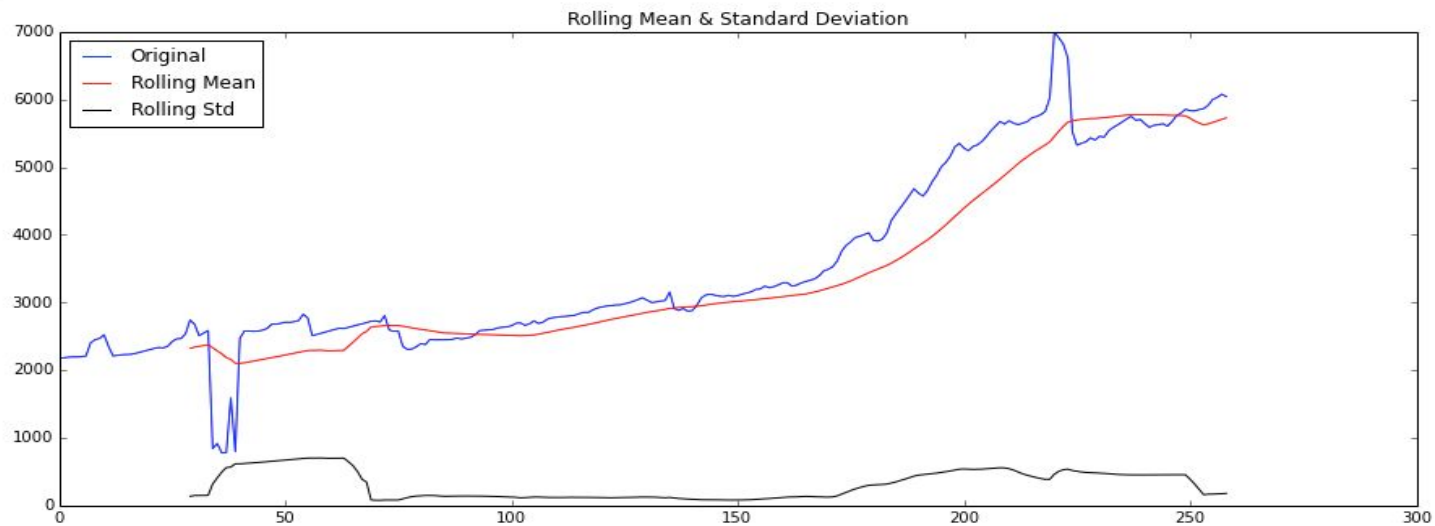
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Machine learning



Pattern in Disk usage





Results of Dickey-Fuller Test:

Test Statistic	0.350320
p-value	0.979539
#Lags Used	10.000000
Number of Observations Used	248.000000
Critical Value (5%)	-2.873266
Critical Value (1%)	-3.456996
Critical Value (10%)	-2.573019

dtype: float64

Cde Channel

2 members | Add a topic

~~36.1303231023~~ in 90 days

Today

cass_xyz is 18 nodes with current read latency of 17203.4597222 and may miss read latency with expected value of 17267.4362002 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 18 nodes with current disk usage of 14.1122366141 and may reach disk usage of 42.0660391165 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 18 nodes with current read latency of 14673.5980873 and may miss read latency with expected value of 14745.335325 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 24 nodes with current disk usage of 16.9526726339 and may reach disk usage of 39.7745393664 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 12 nodes with current disk usage of 5.15693085154 and may reach disk usage of 36.7731174652 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 12 nodes with current disk usage of 5.18868543363 and may reach disk usage of 37.165458283 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 12 nodes with current disk usage of 29.87 and may reach disk usage of 74.99 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 23 nodes with current disk usage of 11.49 and may reach disk usage of 34.17 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 12 nodes with current disk usage of 29.89 and may reach disk usage of 73.60 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 36 nodes with current disk usage of 19.68 and may reach disk usage of 36.13 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 18 nodes with current read latency of 17203.46 and may miss read latency with expected value of 17267.44 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 18 nodes with current disk usage of 14.11 and may reach disk usage of 42.07 in 90 days

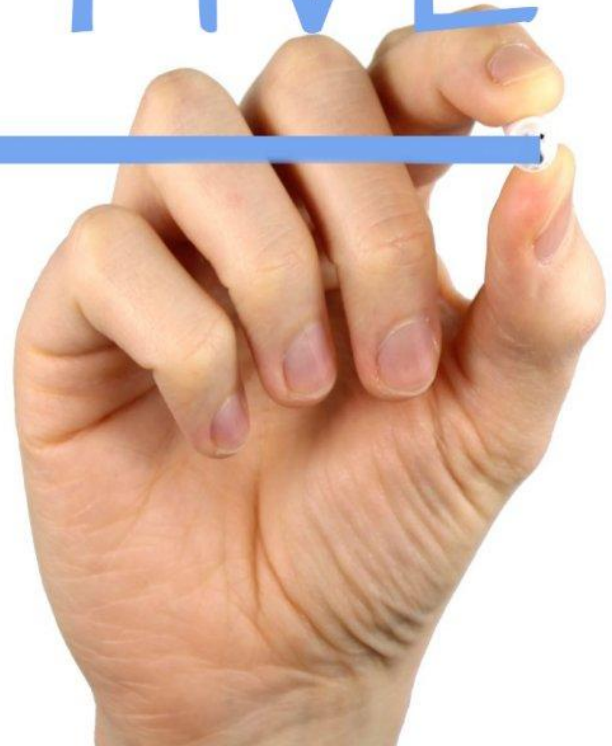
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cass_xyz is 12 nodes with current disk usage of 5.16 and may reach disk usage of 36.77 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 12 nodes with current disk usage of 5.19 and may reach disk usage of 37.17 in 90 days

cass_xyz is 18 nodes with current disk usage of 16.38 and may reach disk usage of 45.66 in 90 days

PROACTIVE





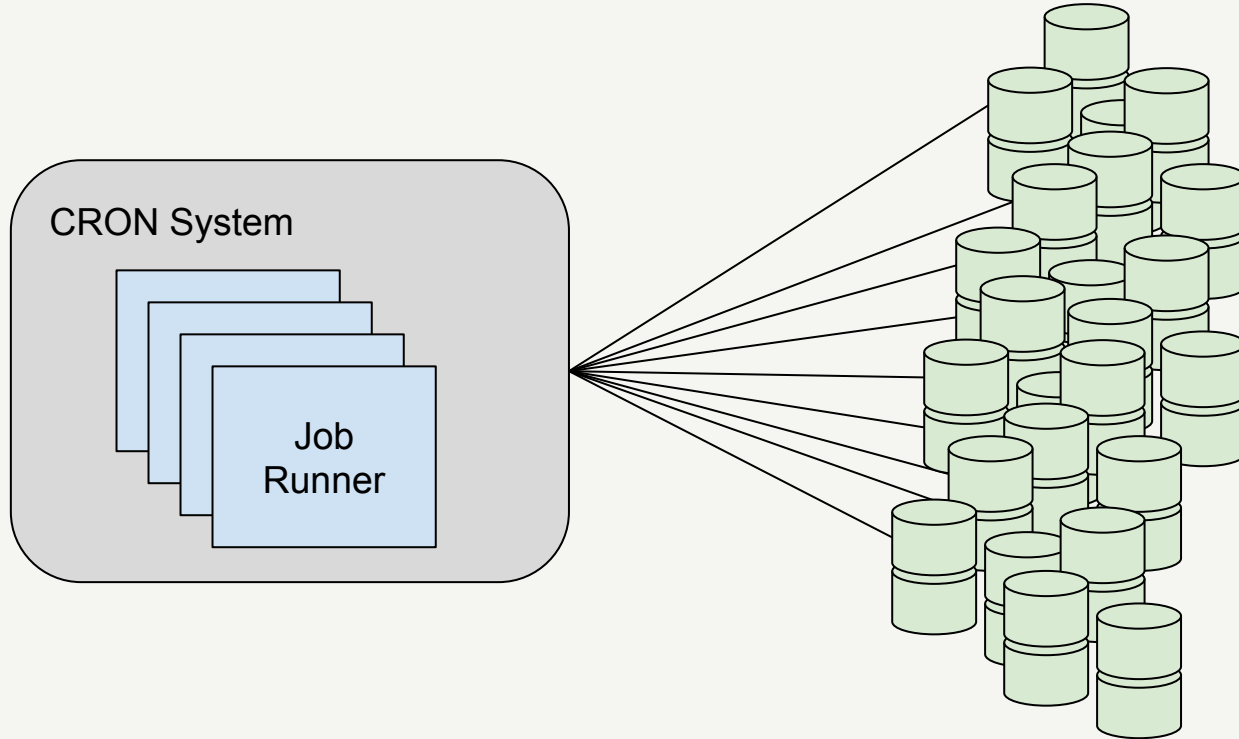
UPGRADE



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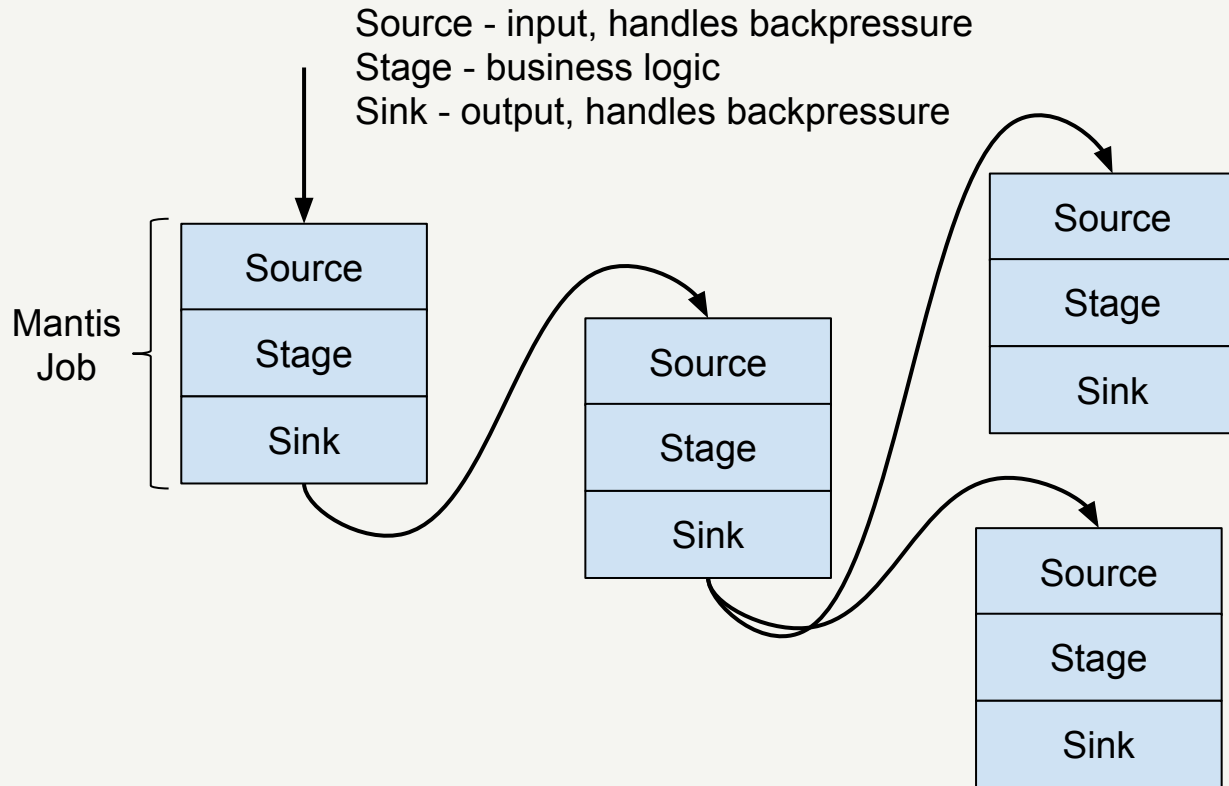


Common Approach





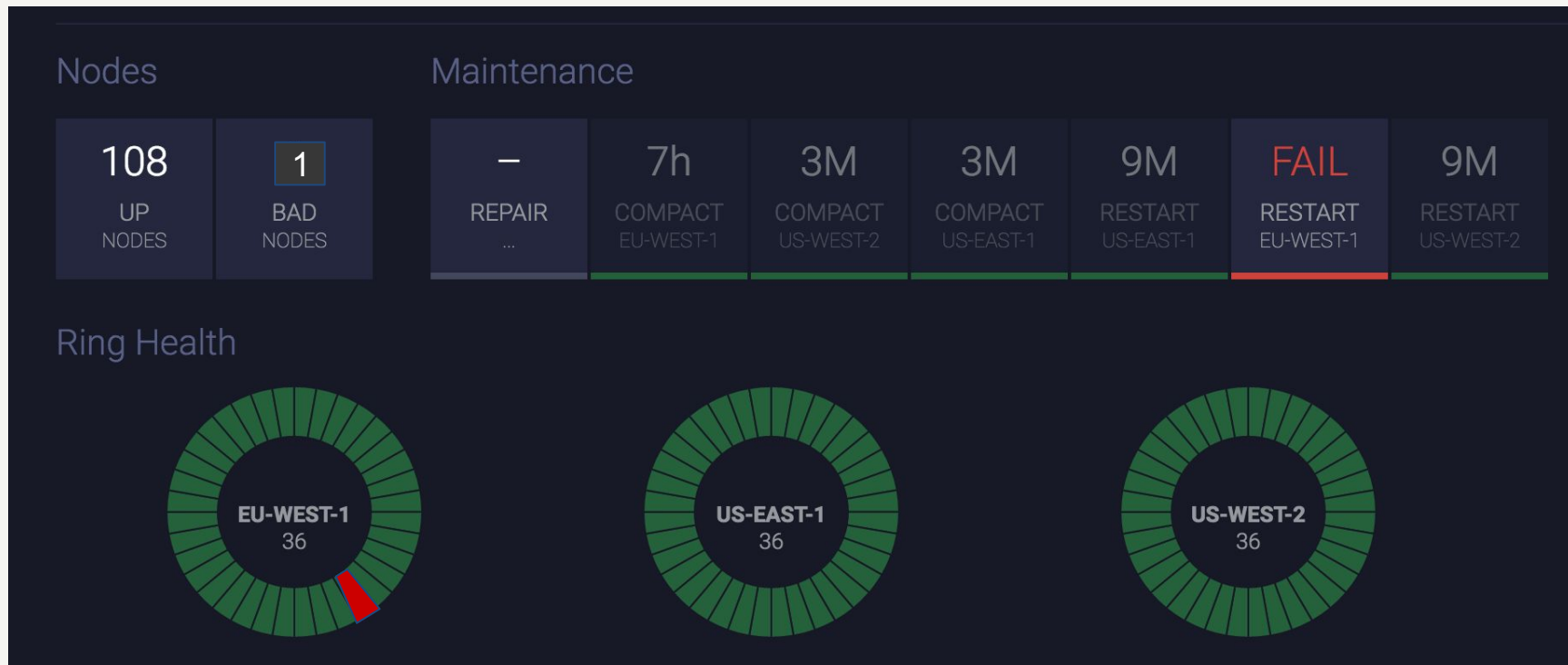
Streaming micro-services



Real Time Dash (Macro View)



Real Time Dash (Cluster View)



Takeaway



Talk: Microservices: Patterns and Practices Panel

A Track: [Microservices: Patterns and Practices](#)

📍 Location: **Ballroom A**

🕒 Day of week: **Tuesday**

🕒 Duration: **4:10pm - 5:00pm**

Microservices almost seem to be the de facto way to build systems today, but are they always the answer? If they are the answer, what are the challenges you'll face at scale (both from a technical and organizational level)? What are the strategies you should use now that you are effectively building a distributed system? ...or what's the one thing you wish you'd known before you got here? These questions and more will be asked in the Microservices: Pattern's & Practices Ask Me Anything or AMA (a significant portion of the time will be available for the audience to get their questions answered as well). This session joins together many of the conference's most popular sessions speakers with the trackhost from the Microservices track to have a frank and honest discussion on Microservices. Join us to have your Microservices questions answered.