



WRITE ONCE.
SCALE ANYWHERE.

NoSQL, One size fits all: A concept
whose time has come and gone



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a2 About GigaSpaces Technologies

Enabling applications to run a distributed cluster as if it was a single machine...

75+ Cloud Customers



Among Top 50 Cloud Vendors



300+ Direct Customers



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a2 1. Replaced the number of deployments (+2000) with the number of Cloud customers.
 - Details about the specifics of the numbers are in the notes below.

2. added logo's of Cloud Customers and partners (included Spring in there) at the bottom part of the slide

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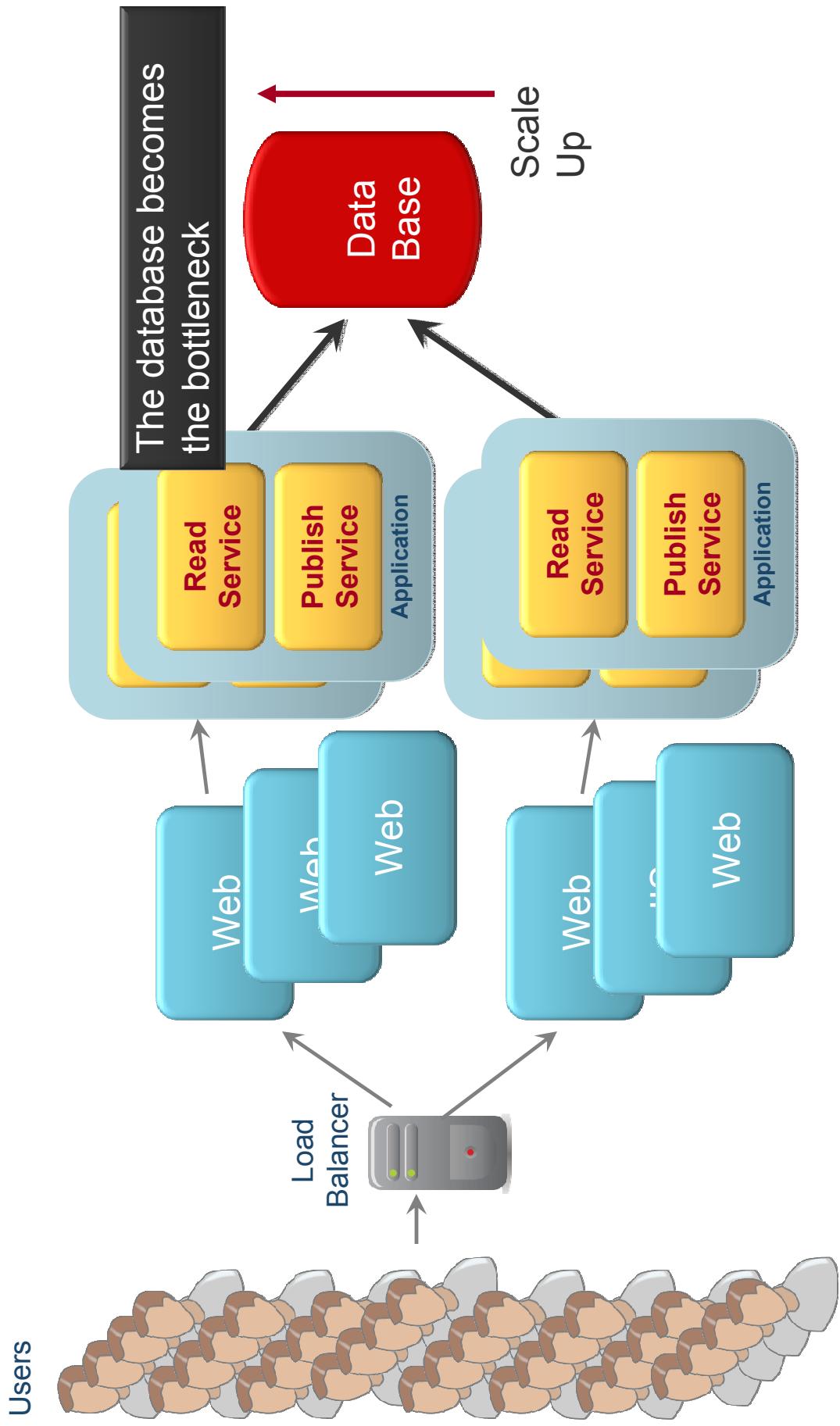
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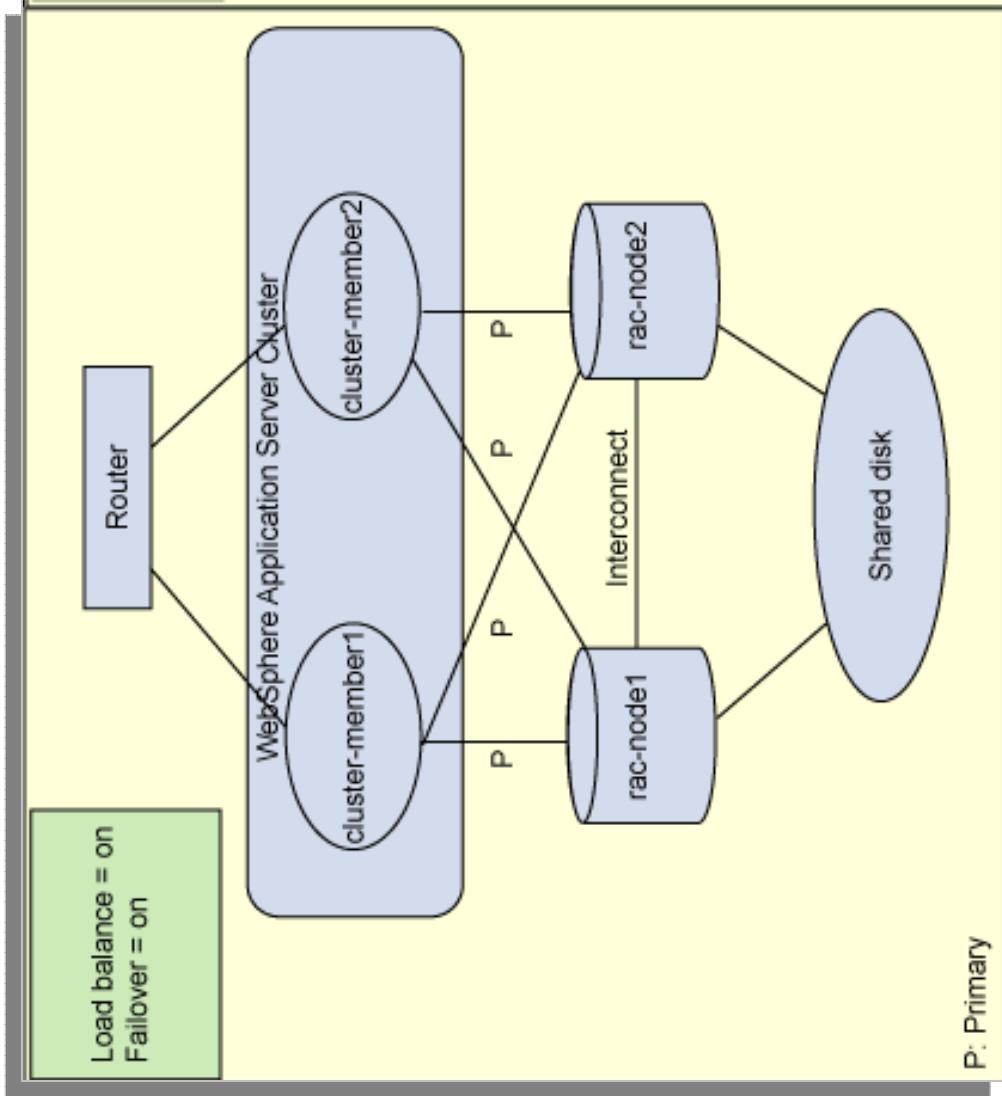
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A typical scaling approach : share nothing



Traditional database scaling 1/2: Shared storage

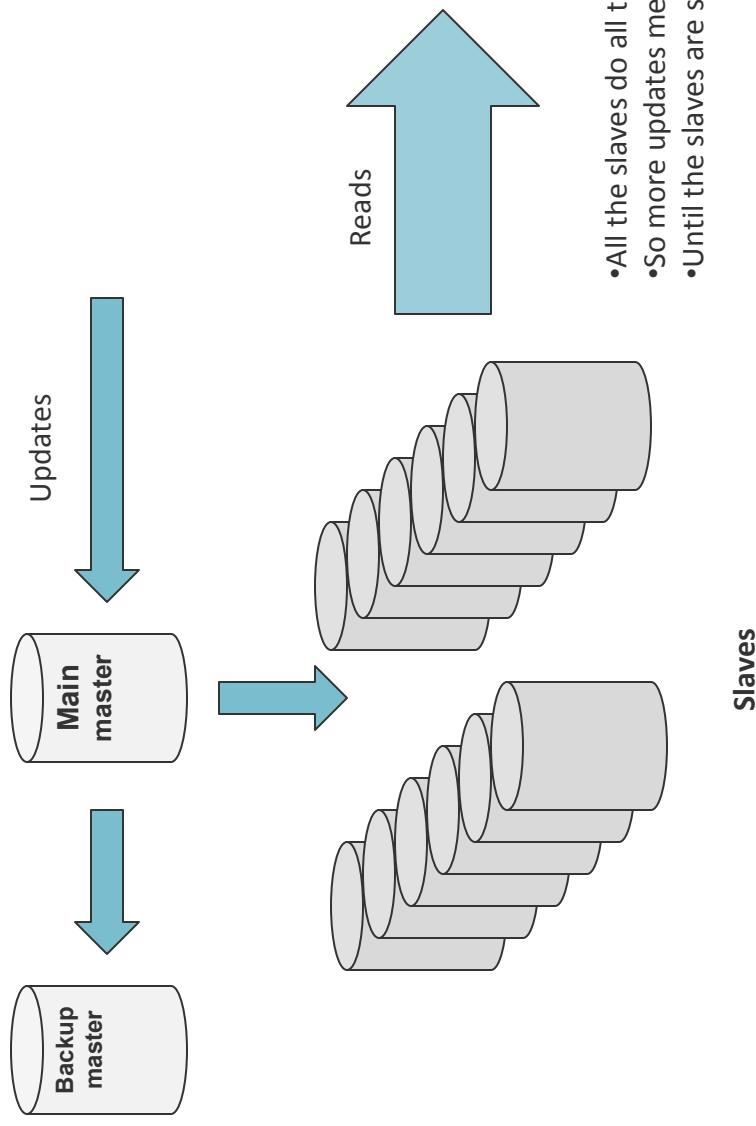
- Reliability at the cost of performance and scalability
 - Fairly Expensive
 - Strong reliance on expensive hardware
 - Doesn't scale well



Source: IBM Websphere

Traditional Database scaling 2/2 – Master/Slave

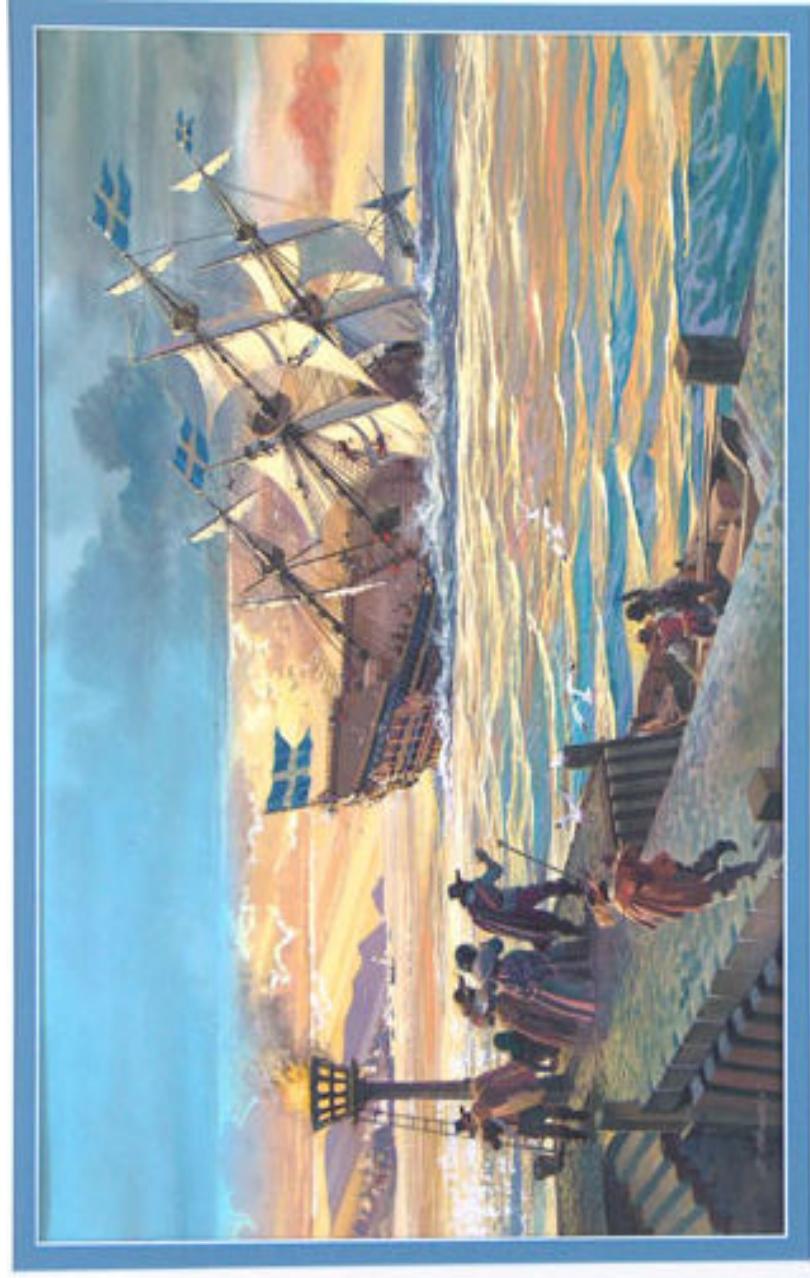
- MySQL replication is quite powerful and flexible
- But the model does not scale well



- All the slaves do all the updates
- So more updates means more slaves, even at the same read traffic
- Until the slaves are saturated with just updating!

Learning from the Vasa ship failure

Why the Vasa Sank ?



The Vasa was designed to be one of the premier warships of the 17th century. Unfortunately, the ship sank two hours after its initial launch in an 8-knot wind.

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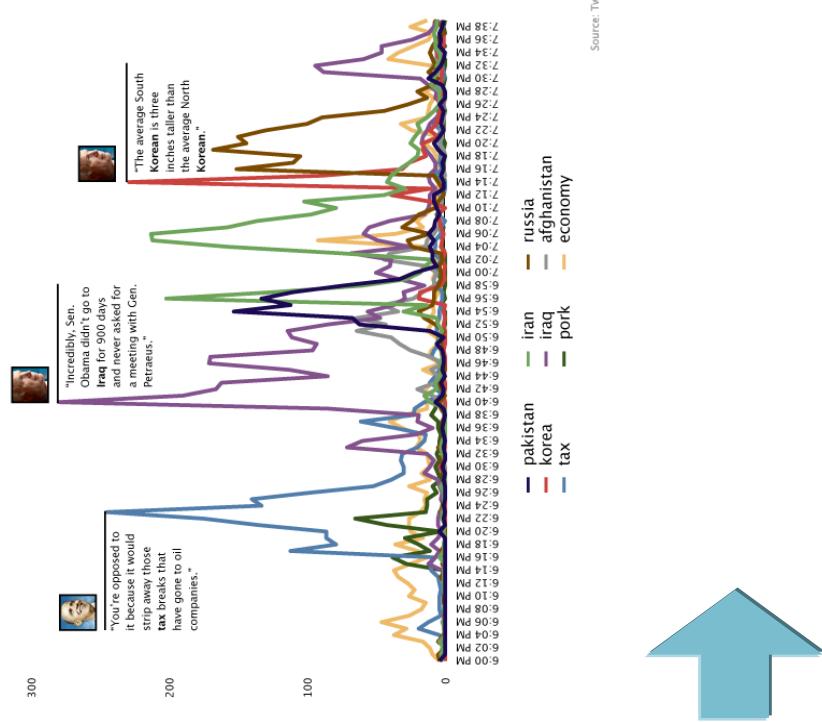
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The need for a change

- Social network changes the web experience:
 - Read mostly => Read/write
 - Predictable traffic => Viral traffic
- SaaS
 - Application PER customer => Application for ALL customers
- Economy meltdown
 - Throwing more expensive hardware at the problem doesn't work anymore
- Core assumptions behind the current database design are proven to be broken (See next slides)



Our data is safe once it is saved on disk?

- Disk failure/year - 3% vs. 0.5 - 0.9% estimated **600% more then estimated**
- No correlation between failure rate and disk type - SCSI, SATA, or fiber channel
- Lower temperatures are associated with **higher** failure rates

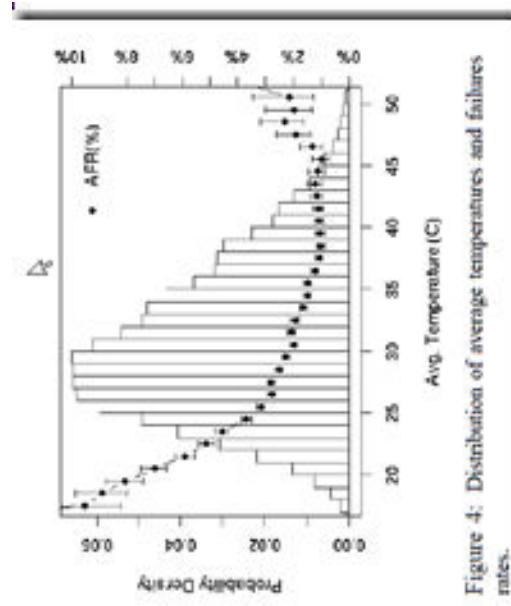


Figure 4: Distribution of average temperatures and failures rates.

Memory is more expensive and not reliable?

- Memory can be **x100, x1000 more efficient than disk**

*“RAMClouds become much more attractive for applications with high throughput requirements. When measured in terms of cost per operation or energy per operation, RAMClouds are **100-1000x more efficient than disk-based systems** and 5-10x more efficient than systems based on flash memory (Source: Stanford University research – The Case For RAM Cloud)”^C*

- New hardware makes it possible to store the entire set of data in memory

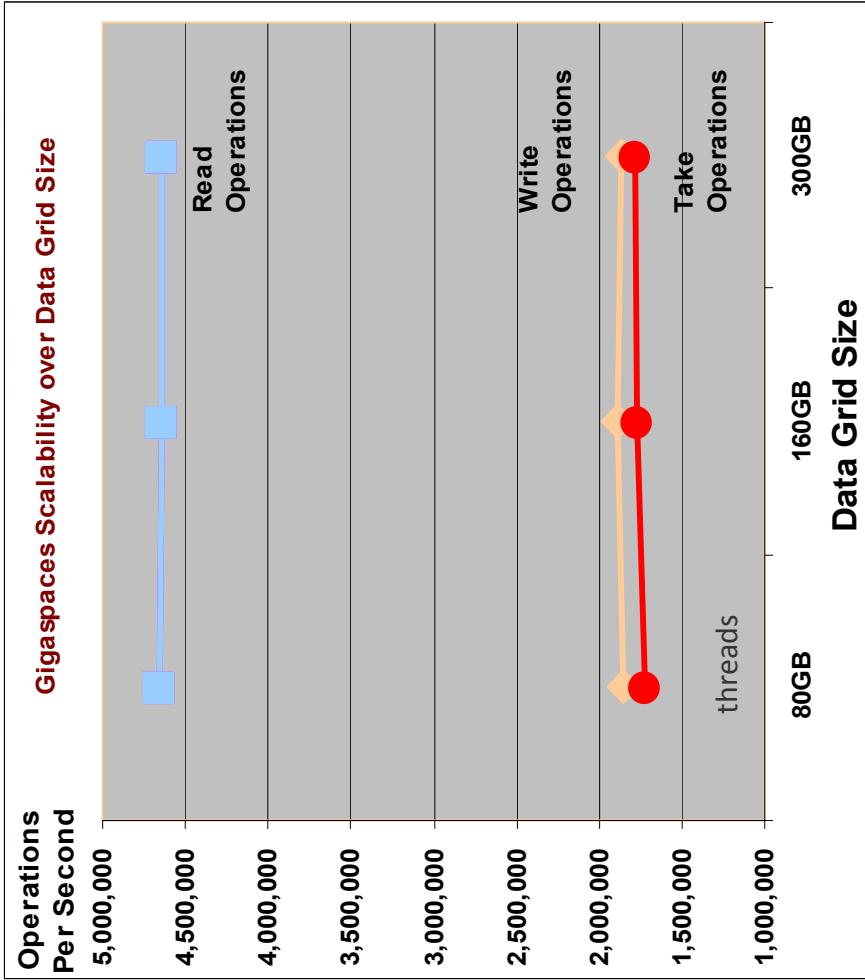
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Revenues/year:	\$16B	Flights/day: 4000
Average order size	\$40	Passenger/flight: 150
Orders/year	400M	Passenger-flights/year: 220M
Data/order	1000 - 10000 bytes	Data/passenger-flight: 1000 - 10000 bytes
Order data/year:	400GB - 4.0TB	Passenger data/year: 220GB - 2.2 TB
RAMCloud cost:	\$24K-240K	RAMCloud cost: \$13K-130K

Table 3. Estimates of the total storage capacity needed for one year's customer data of a hypothetical online retailer and a hypothetical airline. In each case the total requirements are no more than a few terabytes, which would fit in a modest-sized RAMCloud. The last line estimates the purchase cost for RAMCloud servers, using the data from Table 1.



Available memory capacity grows exponentially

- Current (ops/sec) UCS (ops/sec)
 - 1.8M read – 4.5M read
 - 1.1M write – 2M write
- 100% improvements on throughput
- A **Single JVM can hold up to 270GB** data without performance drop. (A typical deployment today is 5G-10G per VM)
- => **Save HW cost by a factor of x20** (compared with typical deployment today) => huge saving in operational and admin cost.



Cisco Extended Memory Technology

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Exercise: Writing your own scalable twitter

- Design a scalable twitter application
 - **Performance requirements:**
 - 150 req/hour per user
 - **Scalability requirements**
 - 1M users



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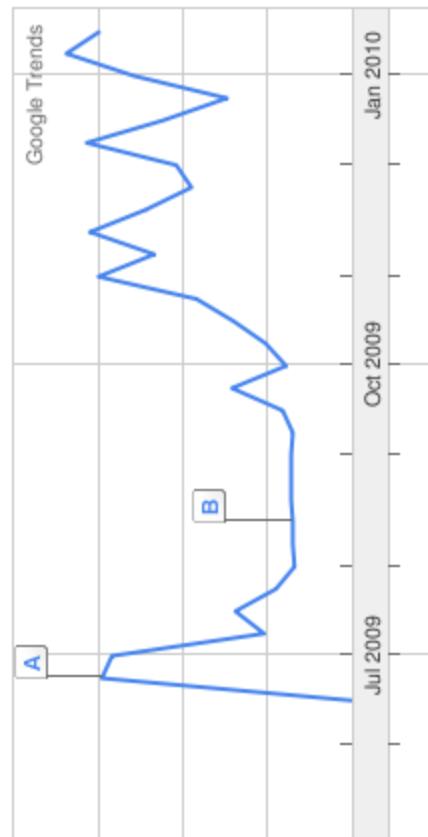
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The NOSQL movement

- Distributed key/value store (#NOSQL)
 - New hot trend, influenced by Google, Amazon, facebook,...
 - Use Distributed commodity HW then expensive HW
 - Designed for massive scale
 - Examples
 - Filesystem based implementation
 - Amazon - Dynamo/SimpleDB
 - Google- Big Table
 - Facebook –Cassandra
 - LinkedIn - Voldemort
 - Memory based implementation
 - GigaSpaces - XAP
 - Gemstone - Gemfire
 - IBM - extremeScale
 - JBoss - infinispan
 - Oracle - Oracle Coherence
 - Terracotta - EHcache

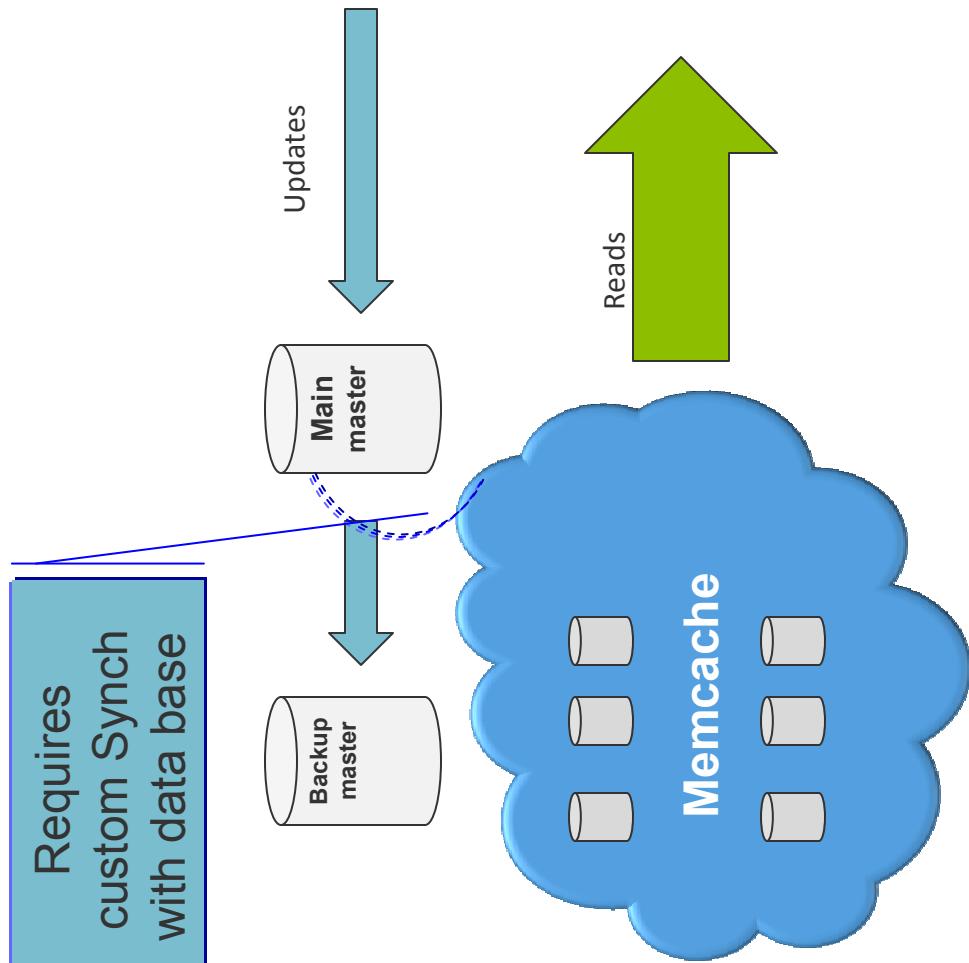


Not Only SQL (NoSQL) movement is a movement for different data storage systems, starting with distributed document stores, all where it is claimed it is not the right fit for relational databases.



What about Memcached?

- Key value store
- Extremely simple
- Extremely scalable
- Language independent
- Missing
 - Reliability solution
 - Consistency model (read/write)
 - Limited query support



**Memcached relies on RDBMS for reliability and consistency:
Doesn't fit with the NoSQL core principles**

Common principle behind NoSQL alternatives

- Design for failure
- Scale through partitioning of the data
- Maintain reliability through replication
- Provide flexibility between Consistency, Availability and Partition failure
- Dynamic scaling
- Other principles not as common
 - Document model support
 - SQL Query support
 - Aggregated Query - Map reduce support
 - Transaction management
 - Security

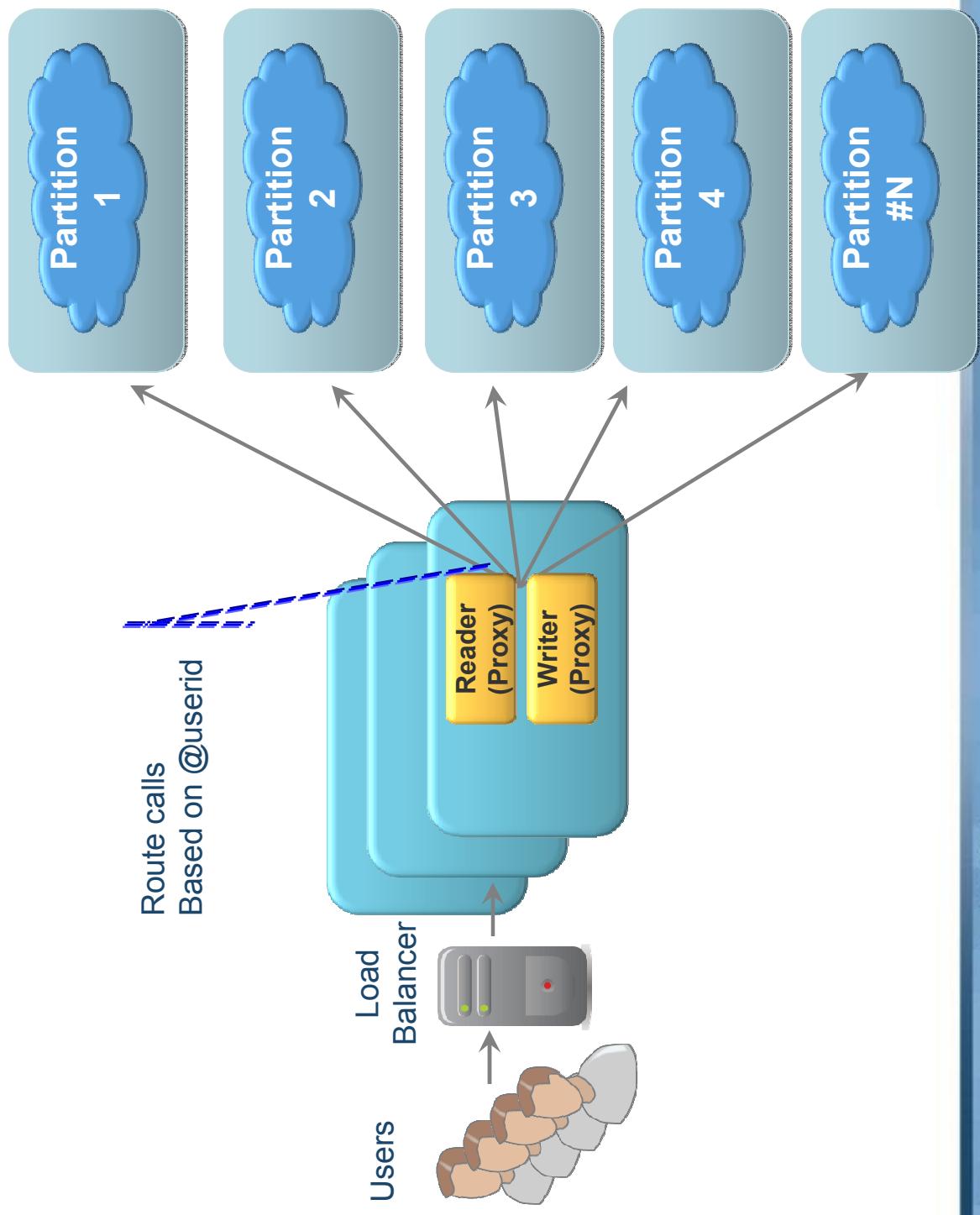
Design for failure

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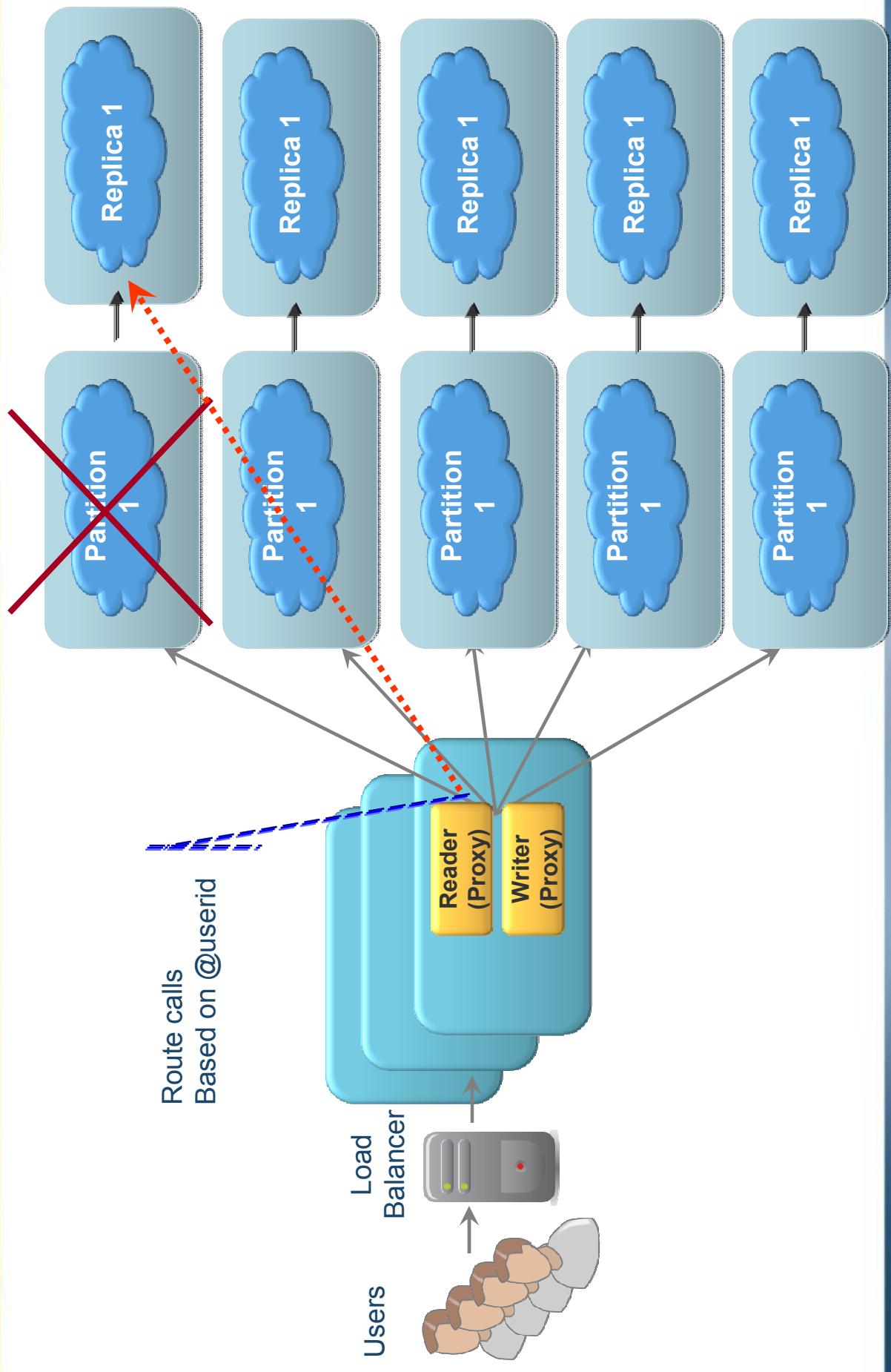
- Expect and tolerate failures
- Code for large scale failures
- Expect and handle data and message corruption
- Code for elasticity
- Monitor, extrapolate and react
- Code for frequent single machine failures
- Game days



Scale through partitioning of the data



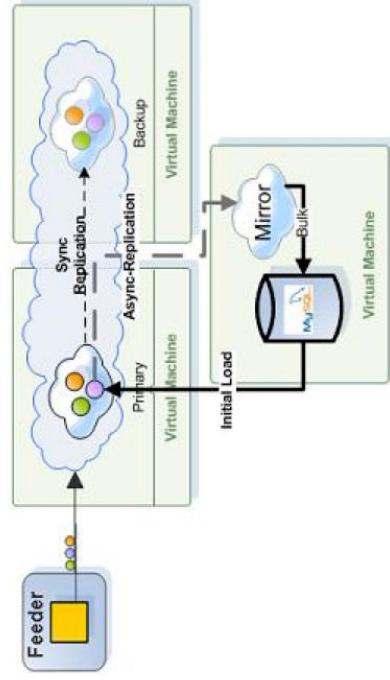
Maintain reliability through replication



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Flexibility between Consistency, Availability and Partition failure

- Maintain configurable number of replicas
- Eventual consistency (Asynchronous replication)
 - Better performance
 - Weaker Consistency: read/write may not be consistent
 - Reliability – may loose data
- Strong consistency - (Synchronous replication)
 - Performance could be lower by 50% (Two network calls)
 - Guaranteed consistency and availability
- Combining the two: Write behind
 - Synchronous to memory
 - Asynchronous to disk



Choosing the right consistency/availability

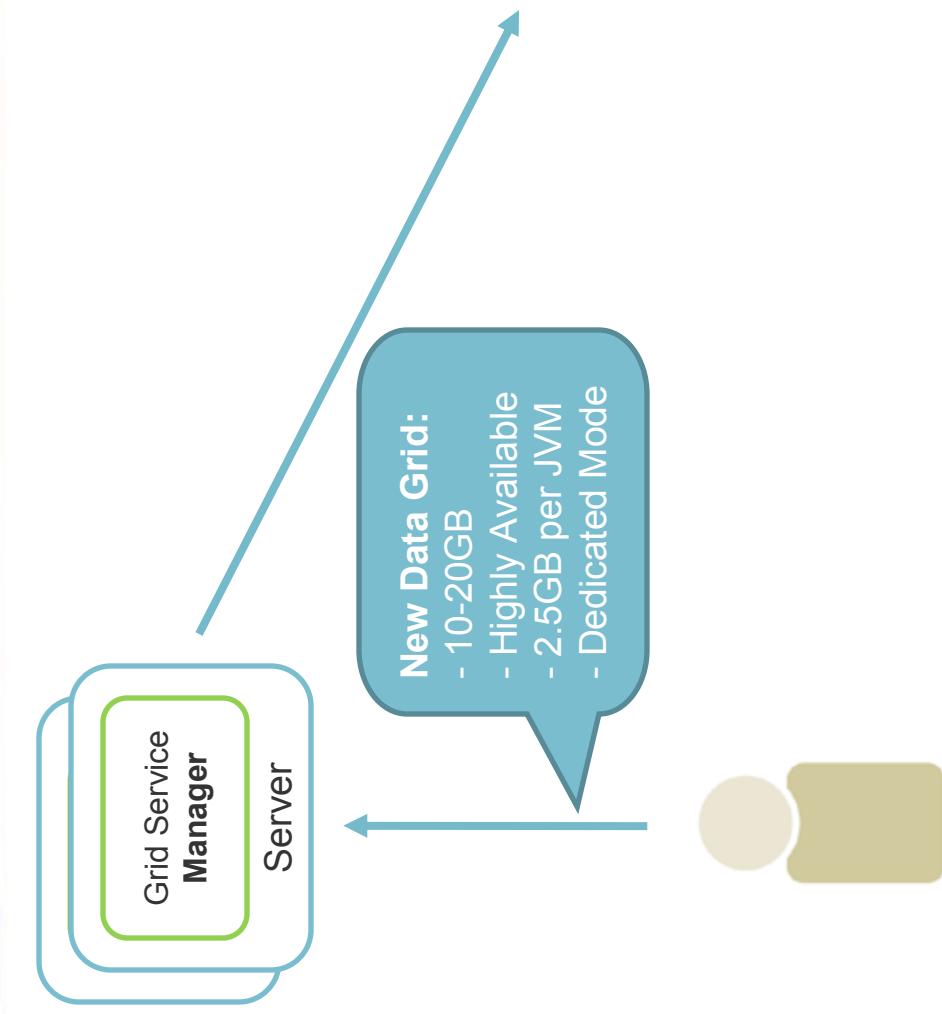
- Design a scalable twitter application
 - Performance requirements:
 - 150 req/hour per user
 - Scalability requirements
 - 1M users
- Analysis
 - For 1M users that means 40,000 req/sec
 - The actual data that needs to be accessed in real-time is only the window of time between interactions (Last 10/30 min should be more than sufficient)
 - The rest of the data can be stored in file-system storage (For users who just logged in)
 - Assuming a ratio of 20% writes and the size per post is 128 bytes:
 - Data produced = $40k * 20\% * 128 = 1Mb/\text{Sec}$
 - We can keep a buffer of an hour in less than 5G
- Solution:
 - Use In Memory Data Grid for the real-time access and file-system storage for long term, search and other analytics requirements



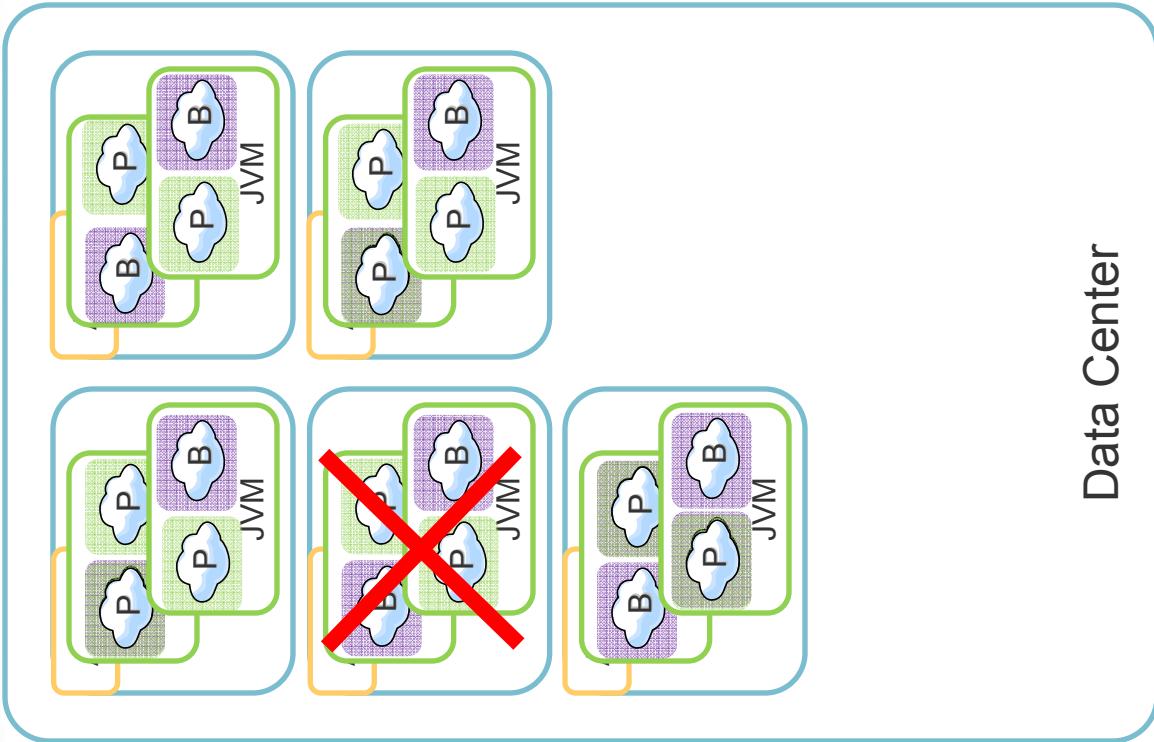
Dynamic Data Scaling

- Two common algorithms
 - **Logical partitions**
 - Mostly used by In Memory Data Grids
 - The Number of partitions is fixed
 - Number of partition per physical node vary based on scale
 - No rehashing
 - Extremely deterministic during failure and scaling event
 - Fairly simple algorithm
 - **Consistent hashing**
 - Used by Cassandra, Voldemort,...
 - Number of partitions can vary
 - Requires re-hashing
 - Failure impact can be minimized but are not deterministic
 - Fairly complex

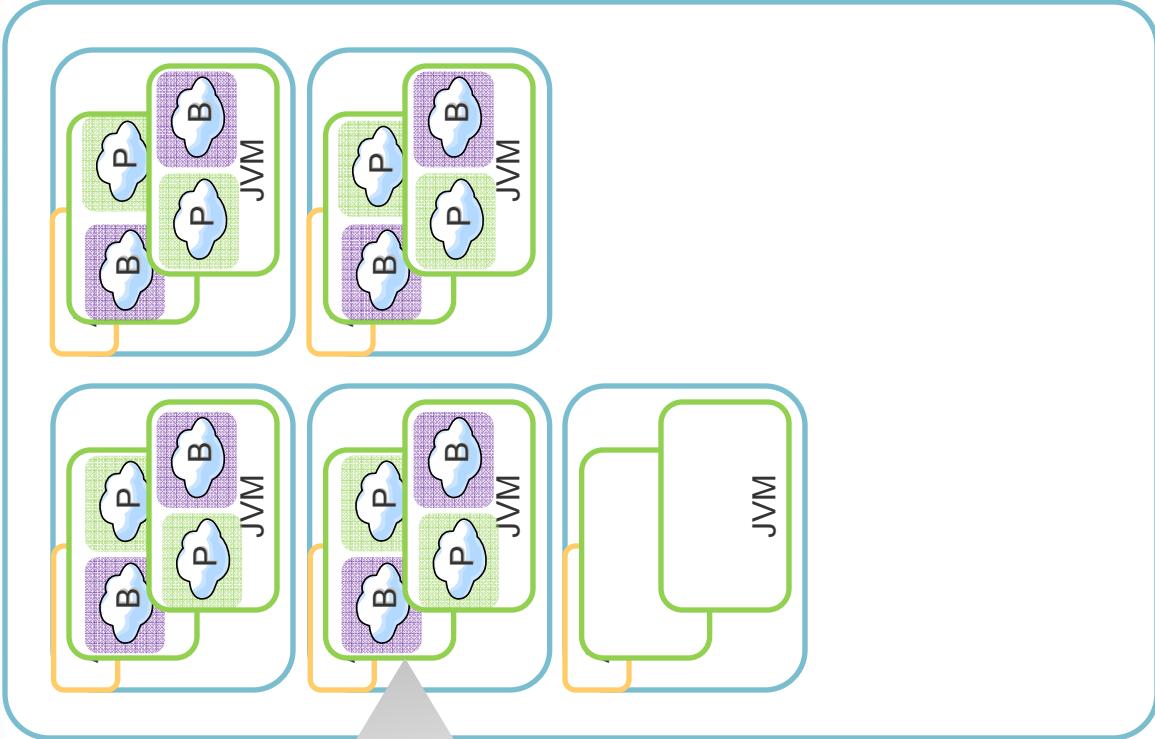
Dynamic Data Scaling (Logical partitions)



Dynamic Data Scaling (Logical partitions) – Failover



Dynamic Data Scaling (Logical partitions) – Automatic Scale Out



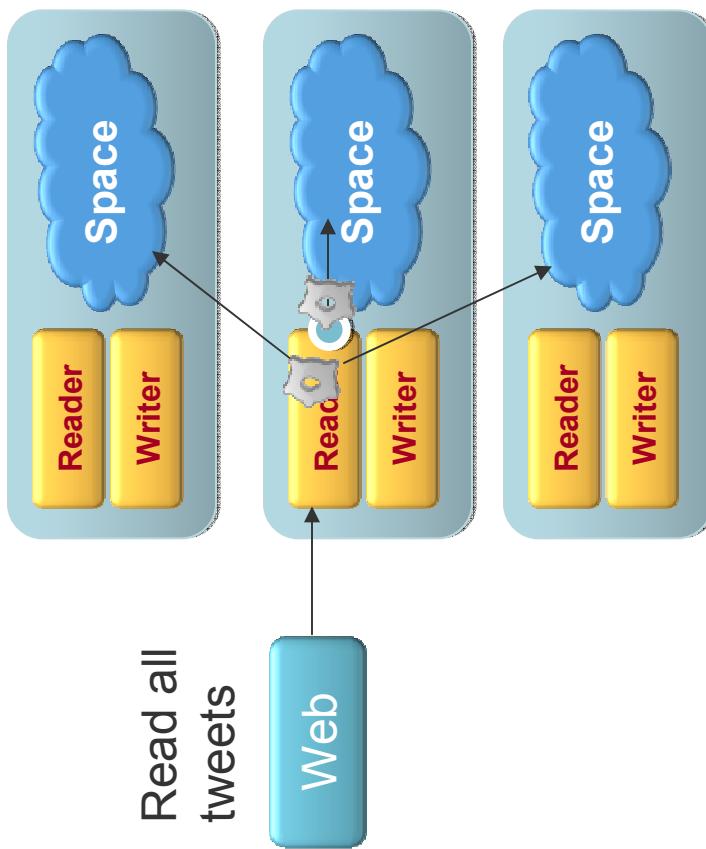
Memory Utilization



Query support

- Key/Value
 - Same as in hashTable
 - Least common denominator
- Document model
 - Search engine style
 - Blob model with varying number of indexes per raw
- SQL Like
 - Use portion of SQL syntax in combination
 - Similar indexing model as database but in-memory and distributed
- Aggregation - Map/Reduce
 - Included in some of the IMDG (GigaSpaces, Coherence)
 - Supported partially through Hadoop (Cassandra,...)

Map/Reduce support (GigaSpaces)



Read- Map/Reduce

Implicit Map/Reduce: Tweet[] t = GigaSpaces.readMultiple(new Tweet(UserId)); Or
Explicit Map/Reduce Tweets t = Gigaspace.execute(new GetTweetsTask(userId));

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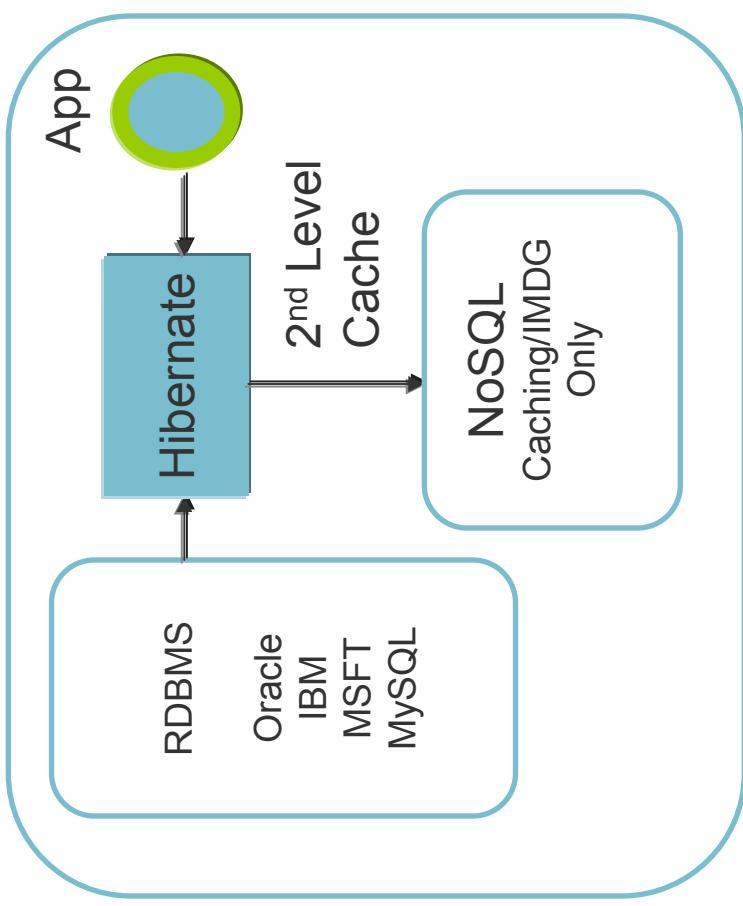


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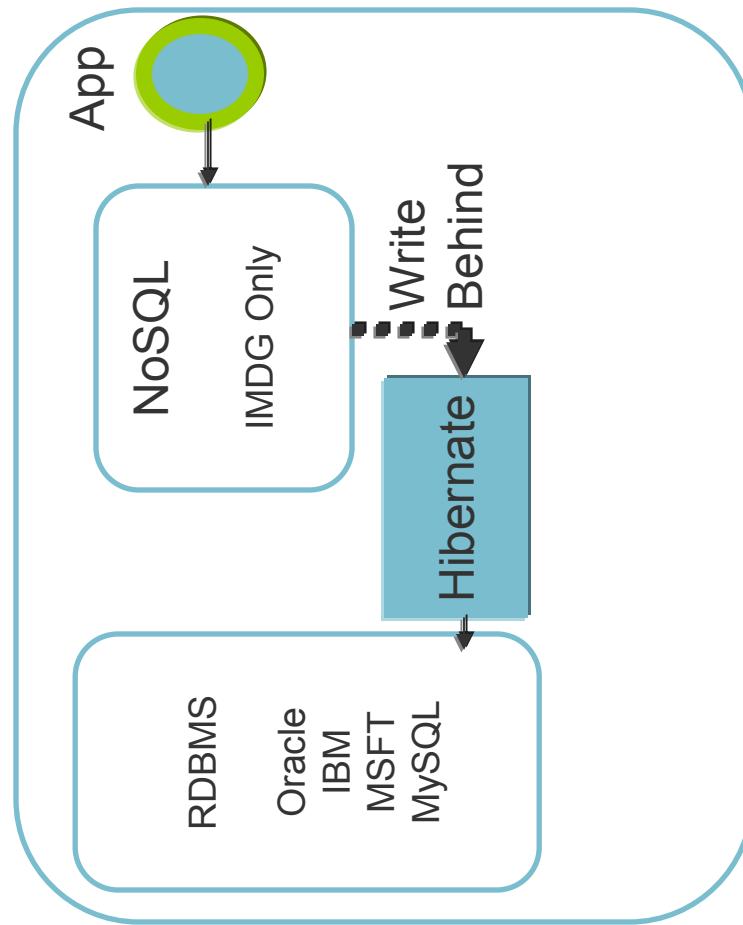
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The best of both worlds: Migration strategies

2nd Level Cache (Read mostly)

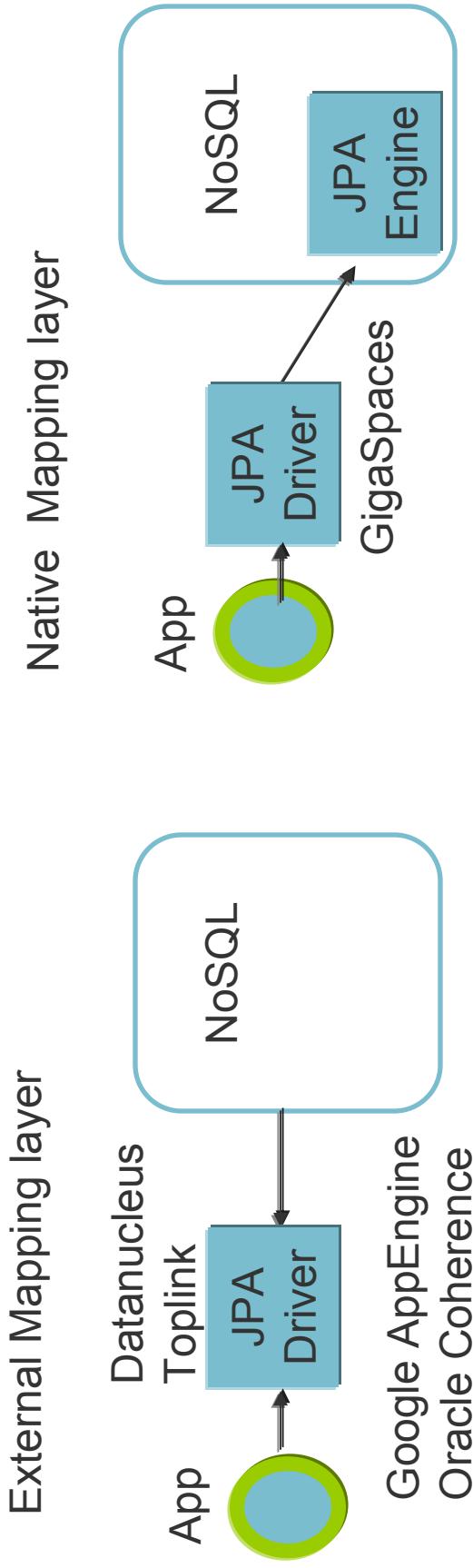


Write Behind (Read/Write)



- Seamless
- Limited value (Read mostly)
- Limited scalability
- Data base remains the same
- Application need to be modified
- Read/Write scalability

The best of both worlds: Mapping Strategies



- Standard API – Avoid lock-in
- Migrating from existing centralized RDBMS would require a change
- Performance overhead
- Lots of limitation especially around queries/transactions
- Standard API – Avoid lock-in
- Migrating from existing centralized RDBMS would require a change
- No or little performance overhead
- Minimal set of limitations

Summary

- RDBMS are not going a way anytime soon
- The concept of one size fit it all was and is wrong
- NoSQL represent a major paradigm shift
 - **Scale after -> Scale First**
- NoSQL alternative are here to stay
 - Can argue with success: Google, Amazon, Facebook, LinkedIn,...
 - Lots of DataGrid deployments running in mission critical apps
- Migration is expected to get simpler over time

Questions?



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<http://www.gigaspaces.com/>

GigaSpaces XAP Product Overview:

<http://www.gigaspaces.com/wiki/display/XAP7/Concepts>

GigaSpaces XAP for the Cloud:

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