What the heck is an In-Memory Data Grid?

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How are we going to answer this question?

- 1. Tell you about my first introduction to IMDGs
- 2. See some real-world use cases
- 3. Design an IMDG
- 4. Implement Use Cases

Definition

IMDGs provide a lightweight, distributed, scale-out in-memory object store — the data grid. Multiple applications can concurrently perform transactional and/or analytical operations in the low-latency data grid, thus minimizing access to high-latency, hard-disk-drive-based or solid-state-drive-based data storage.¹

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My First Thought



My Second Thought



Two Examples





China Railway Corporation

5,700 train stations 4.5 million tickets per day 20 million daily users **1.4 billion page views per day** 40,000 visits per second Southwest Airlines

70+ cities 4,000 daily flights 706 aircraft Largest airline website by visitors

When Not To Use An IMDG

- Small Amounts of Data
- Low-latency isn't mission critical
- Not a total replacement for RDBMS

Let's Make an IMDG

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- High Throughput
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Deserialization



https://github.com/apache/geode

Memory First

Latency Comparison

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Branch mispredict	5	ns			
L2 cache reference	7	ns			14x L1 cache
Mutex lock/unlock	25	ns			
Main memory reference	100	ns			20x L2 cache, 200x L1 cache
Compress 1K bytes with Zippy	3,000	ns	3 us	5	
Send 1K bytes over 1 Gbps network	10,000	ns	10 us	5	
SSD Seek	100,000	ns	100 us	5	
Read 4K randomly from SSD*	150,000	ns	150 us	5	~1GB/sec SSD
Read 1 MB sequentially from memory	250,000	ns	250 us	5	
Round trip within same datacenter	500,000	ns	500 us	5	
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Read 1 MB sequentially from disk	20,000,000	ns	20,000 us	20 ms	80x memory, 20X SSD
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Latency Comparison Numbers

Why Memory?

Read 1 MB Comparison

Hardware	True Time	Scaled Time
Memory	250,100 ns	2 days
SSD	1,100,000 ns	9 days
Disk	30,000,000	8 months

Horizontal Scalability / Elasticity

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Single Hop



Local Cache



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Serialization



- 1. Only (de)serialize when it is necessary
- 2. Only (de)serialize what is absolutely necessary
- 3. Distribute (de)serialize cost as much as possible

Basic User Operations

What have we created?

- Key/Value Object Store
- Share-nothing architecture
- Memory Oriented
- Strongly Consistent

- Put/Get
- Queries
- Server-side functions
- Registered Interests
- Continuous Queries
- Event Queues

Use Cases

In-line Caching









Look-Aside Caching



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Pub / Sub System

Real-Time Analytics with Functions

Distributed Computation

O'Reilly Book

Mike Stolz

Questions

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