Strong Consistency with High Performance in a Primary Key database

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Legal statement

This discussion of new product features is *not* intended to describe a system which Aerospike will make available.

It represents current research.

Practical Multi-Million TPS temporal database

With Strong Consistency

Based on existing real, deployed technology

Give up Availability, not Performance (P in CAP is not performance)

I'm Brian Bulkowski, and I'm addicted to building infrastructure

I founded Aerospike in 2008 to bring modern systems approachs to databases

We have a scheme for high performance transactions

Which requires a little background....



History of Aerospike

Solve "internet scale" data

- Multi-core, multi-server, clustering & HA
- Allows competition with Google, Amazon, etc
- Use Flash, software only, "cloud-enabled"

2008 ~ 2009 - Prototype

- Proved 100K TPS+ per server, distribution mechanism
- DRAM only, no persistence (cache)

2010 ~ 2012 - Flash, Adtech, and Lies

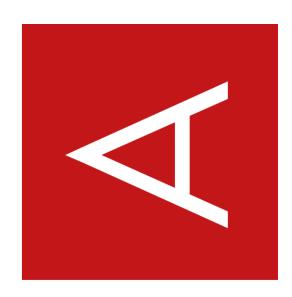
- Claimed ACID prematurely
- Funded by boutique VC firms (Alsop/Louie, Tim Draper)
- Key-value stores working at 100k+++ read / writes over Flash
- Avg 0.3 ms, 95% < 1ms, 99% < 5ms</p>
- 80-ish paying customers



History of Aerospike

2013 ~ 2015 – Open source, queries, data structures

- Funding by major VC firms (NEA)
- Added query, in-database compute, lists / maps
- telco (data-oriented routing)
- fraud detection in real time
 (behavioral analytics involving money)
- One retail brokerage
- 2016 ~ 2017 The road to strong constancy
 - Promised to stop lying (HPTS 2016, thanks Kyle)
 - Tired of hearing "what about split brain"

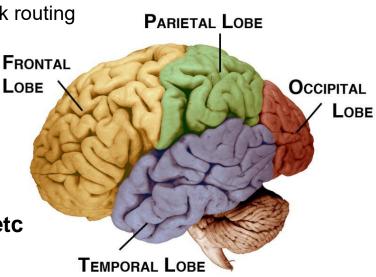


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Why do people use Aerospike?

- Temporal "Edge" uses
 - Internally immutable, "update" to an application
 - "Analytics" like ad pricing, fraud detection, network routing
 - Behavioral suggest Availability over Consistent
- Extreme Insert & Ingest
 - 50% write rate common

- Lower latency than DynamoDB, BigTable, etc
- Works great with Flash / NAND
 - Beyond "In Memory Databases"



From AdTech Outward





















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Extreme Data Integrity Required

- "Enterprises" demand strong consistency
 - "System of Record" needs higher performance
- "System of Record" with cache is broken
 - "System of Engagement" is a fast SoR
- "Data services" in enterprise need speed
 - Architects understand they are fighting Amazon
 - "Stateless" apps need more database
- Aerospike provides speed



Thus, Strong Consistency

Performance

1M++ TPS per server over Flash; 10M++ DRAM / Batch

Mixed read / write workload

Extreme insert rates

"Fairly" high availability

Allow "n-1" replica failure with "no" availability hit

"Local"

< 10ms network latency</p>

Durability

Disk-buffered currently, adding based on customer demand (Flash)



Scheme – combine known techniques

- Single Master
 - Requires high quality cluster management (*)
- Writes: synchronous
 - Aerospike already does it
- Reads: Single-master ("session") vs All ("linearize")
 - Linearize only needs to check other servers
 - Per-read transaction choice
 - Stale reads in case of client accessing server about to leave cluster
- Lamport Clock

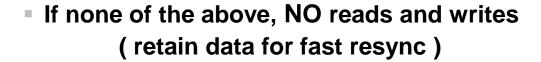
Only One Master

Rule 1

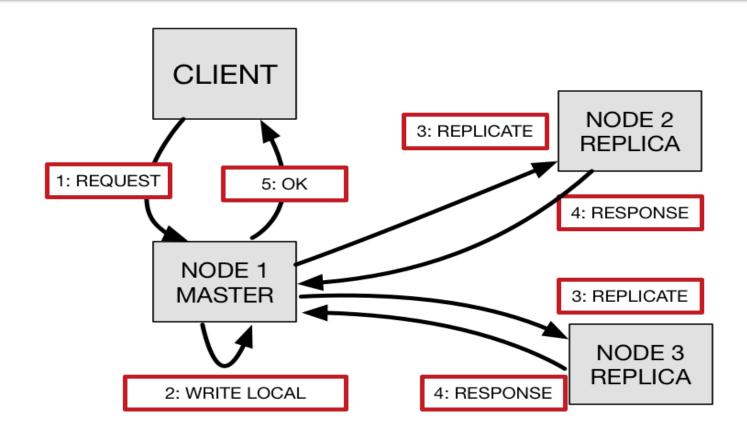
If a sub-cluster has all of the known masters and replicas, CONTINUE PROCESSING

Rule 2

- If a majority sub-cluster has data (master or replica),
 CONTINUE PROCESSING (promote, replicate)
- Rule 3 (tie-breaker)
 - If an equal sub-cluster, and had a master of the data,
 CONTINUE PROCESSING (replicate)







Thank You Questions?

Talk to me about Storage Class Memory, The Future of Infrastructure