NoSQL Databases

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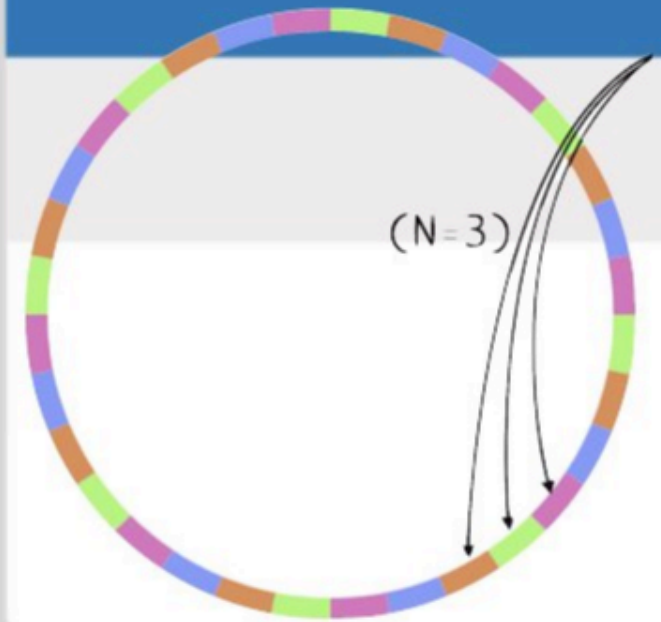
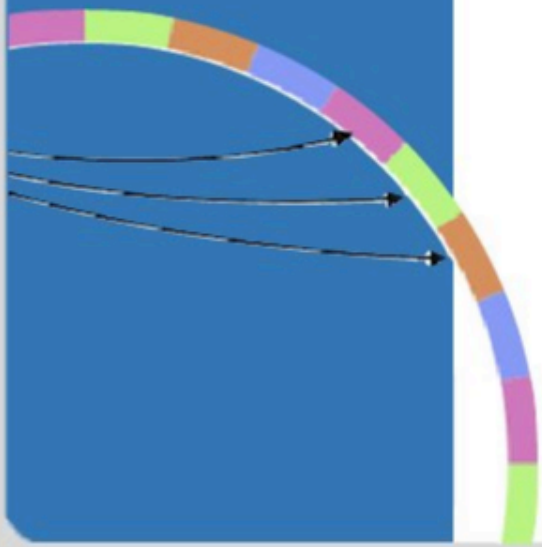


NoSQL Databases Demystified

PHP UK Conference, 25th February 2011

NoSQL: Why

Scalability, Concurrency, New trends



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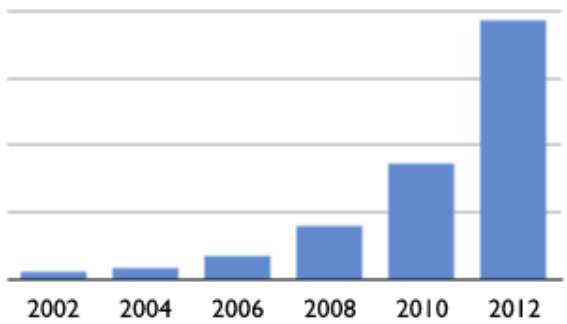

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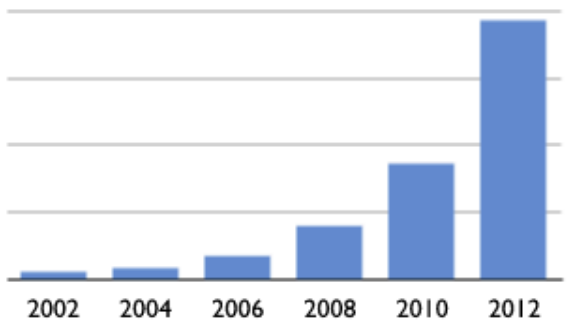

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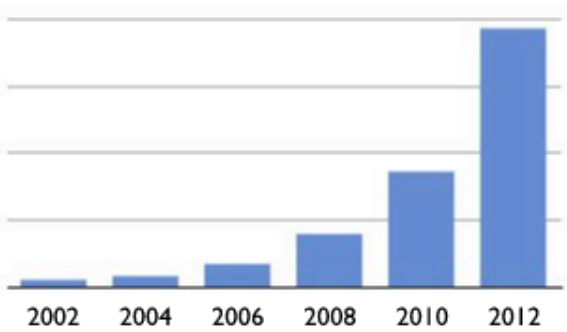

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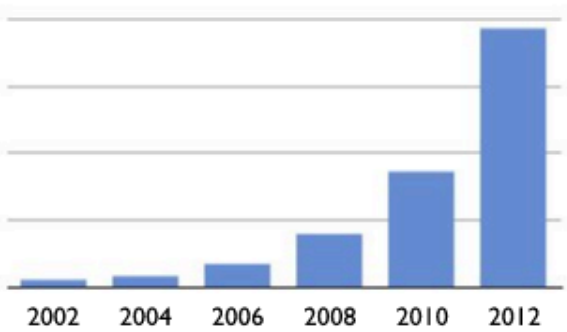

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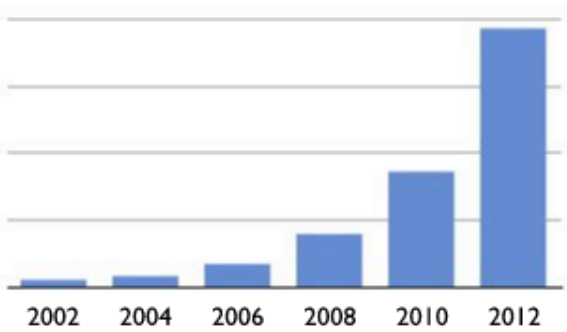

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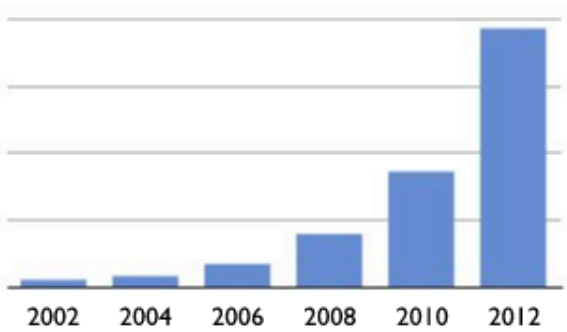

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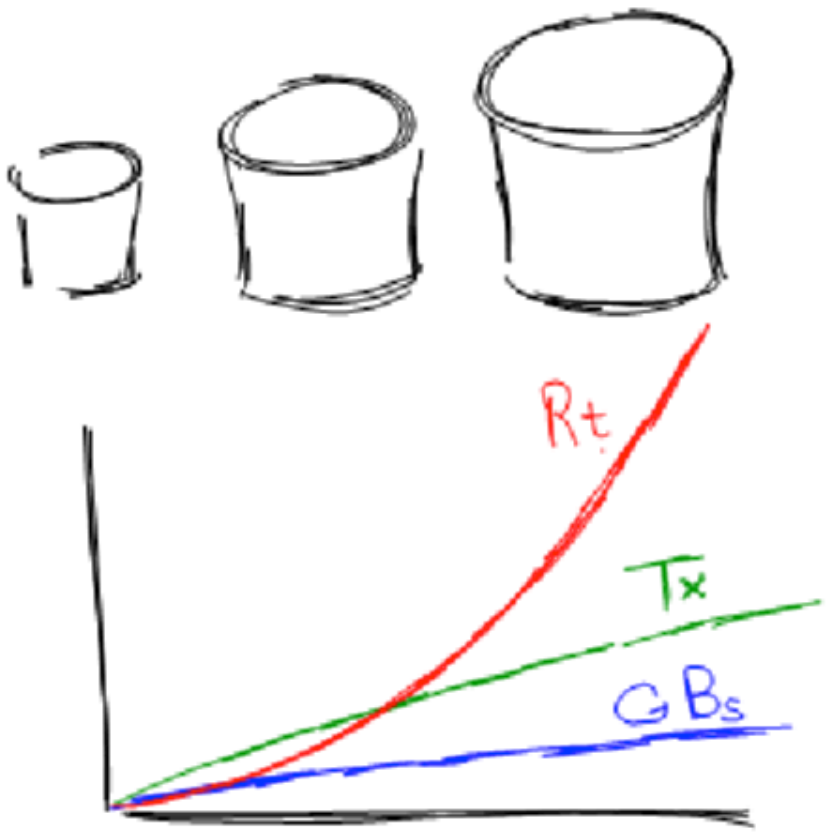

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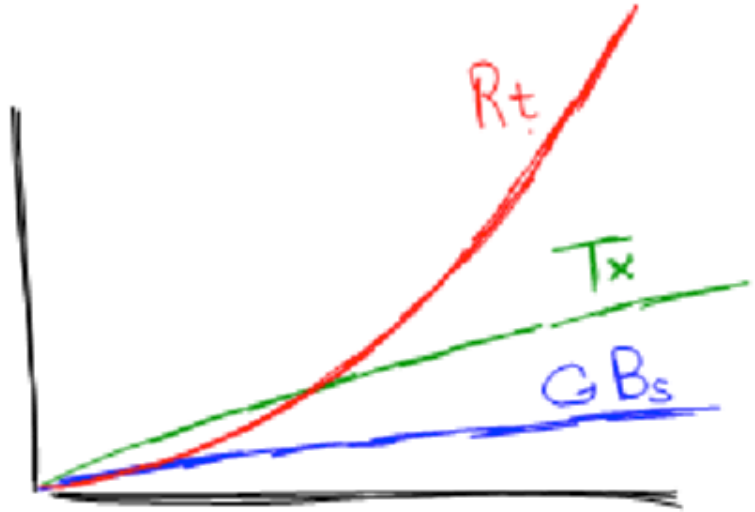

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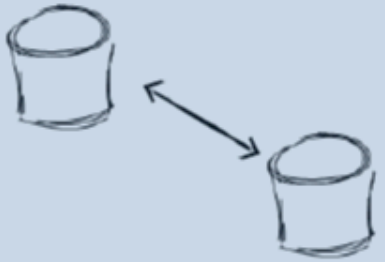

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Distributed DBs

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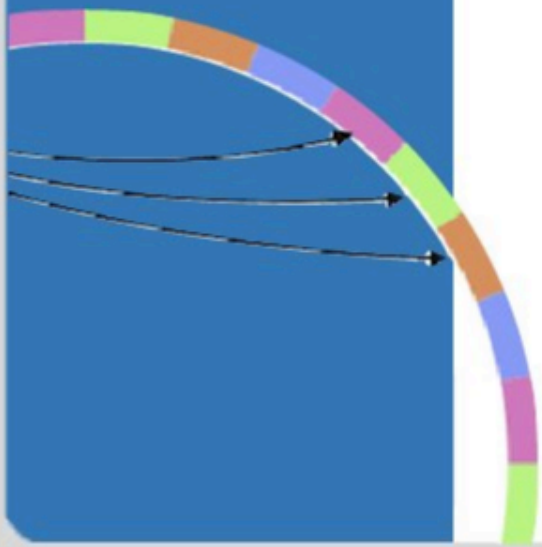
Quick Comparison

Overview from 10,000 feet

(random impressions from the interwebs)



MongoDB is web-scale

Cassandra is teh schnitz

CouchDB: Relax!

No, seriously...*

(*) Not another "Mine is bigger" comparison, please

A little theory

Fundamental Principles
of (Distributed) Databases

http://www.timbarcz.com/blog/PassionInProgrammers.aspx

ACID

ATOMICITY: All or nothing

CONSISTENCY: Any transaction will take the db from one consistent state to another, with no broken constraints (referential integrity)

ISOLATION: Other operations cannot access data that has been modified during a transaction that has not yet completed

DURABILITY: Ability to recover the committed transaction updates against any kind of system failure (transaction log)

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Isolation Level	Dirty Reads	Non-repeatable reads	Phantoms
Serializable	-	-	-
Repeatable Read	-	-	
Read Committed	-		
Read Uncommitted			

http://www.adayinthelifeof.nl/2010/12/20/innodb-isolation-levels/

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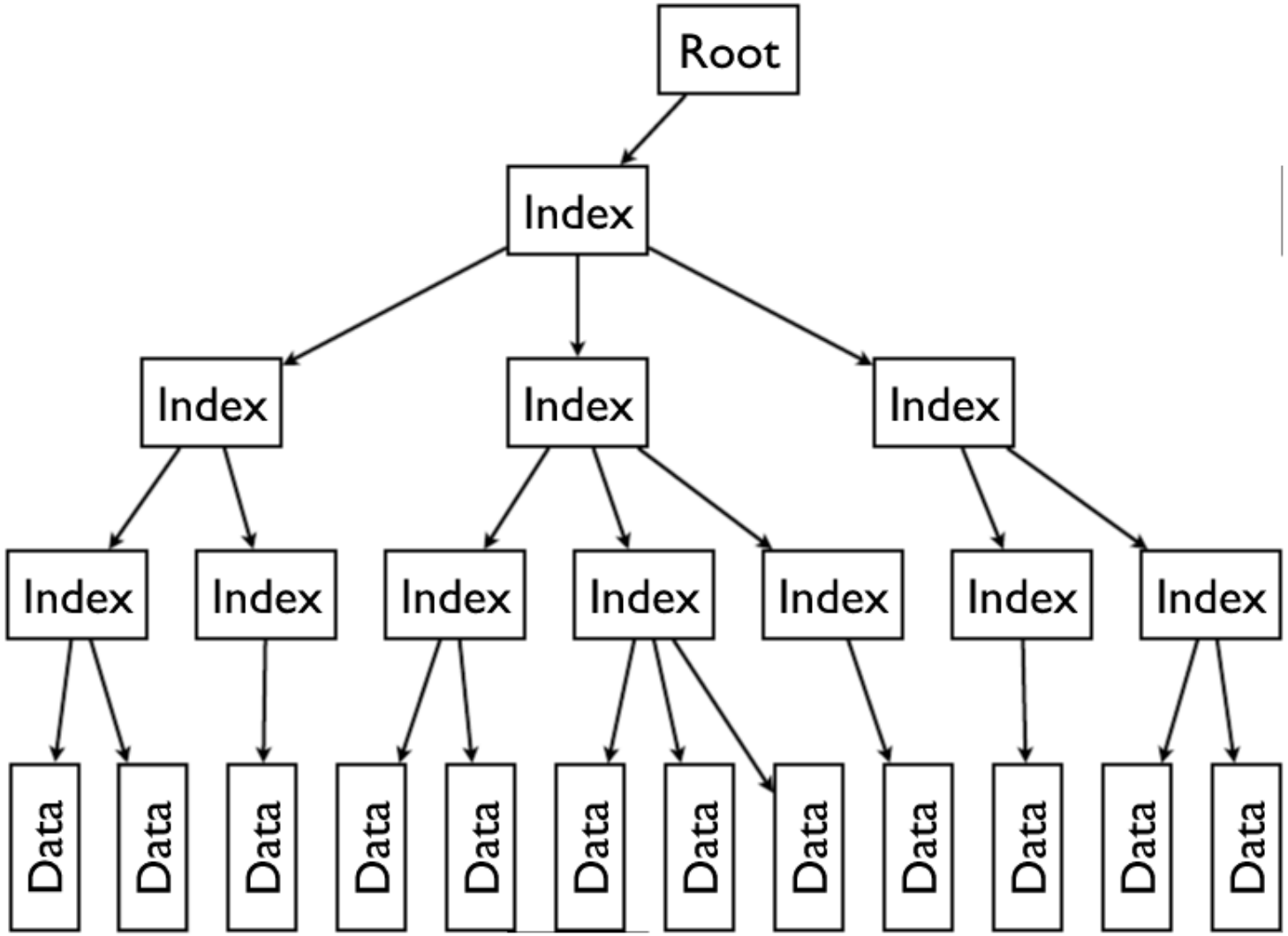

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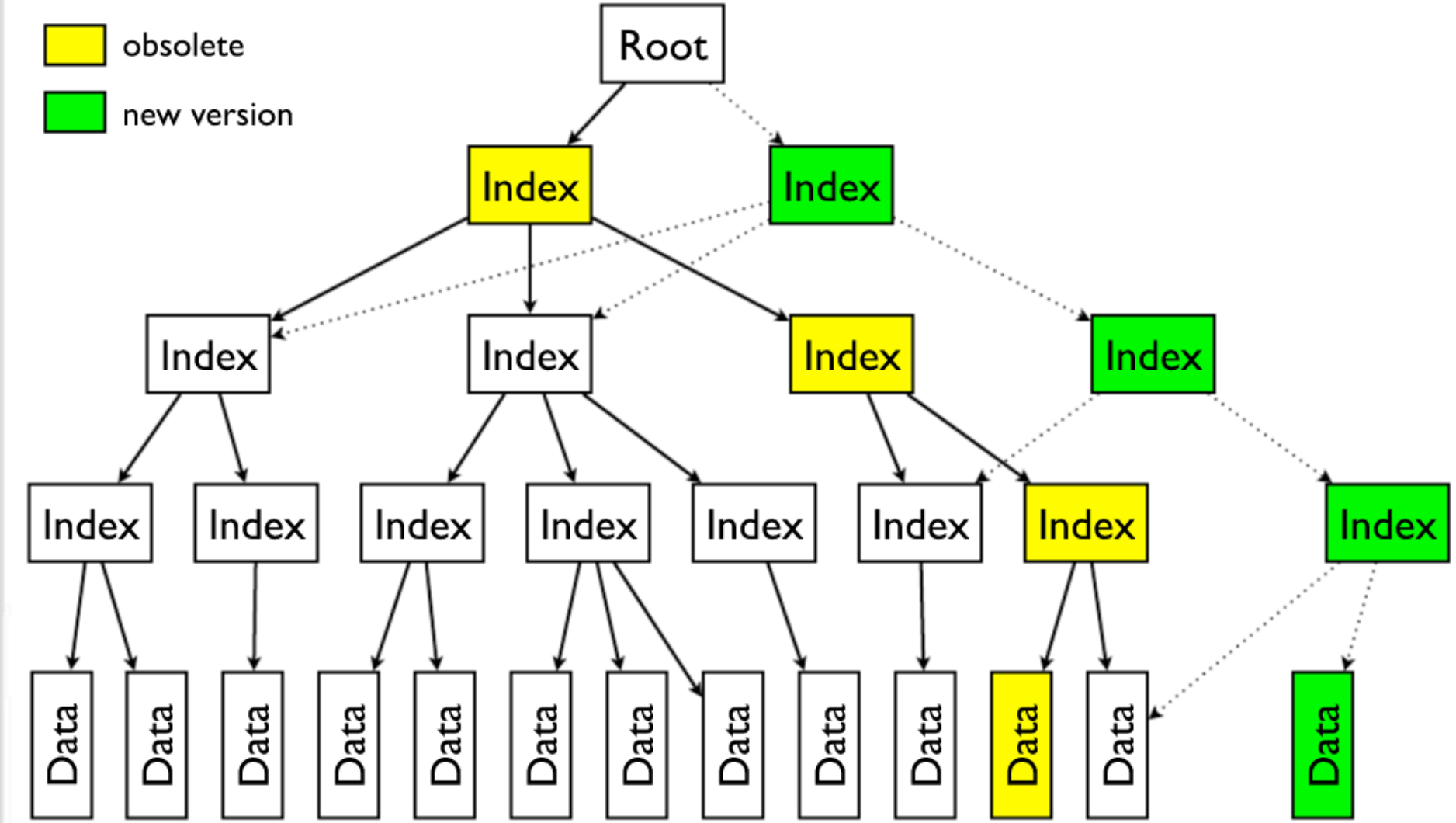

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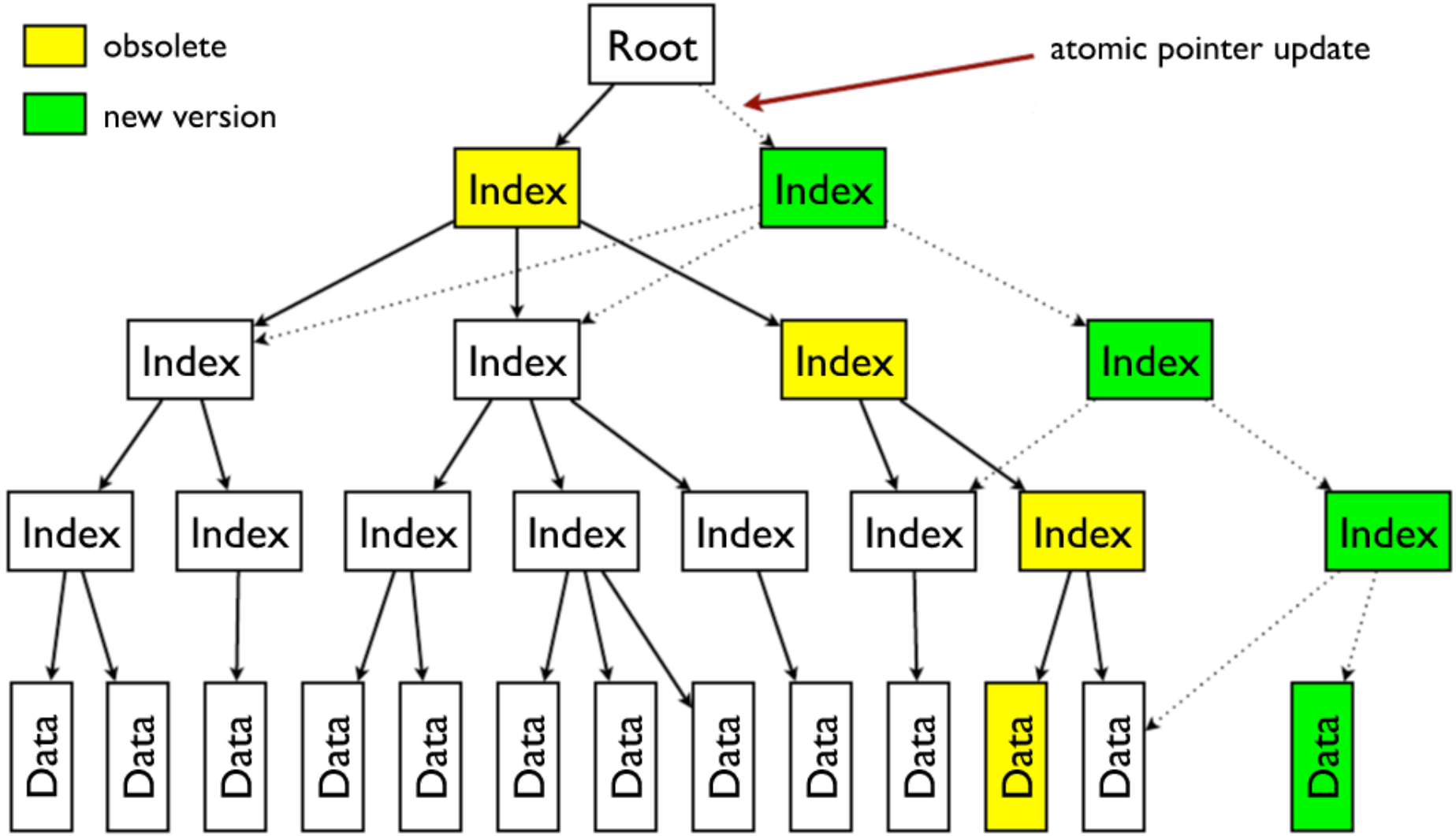

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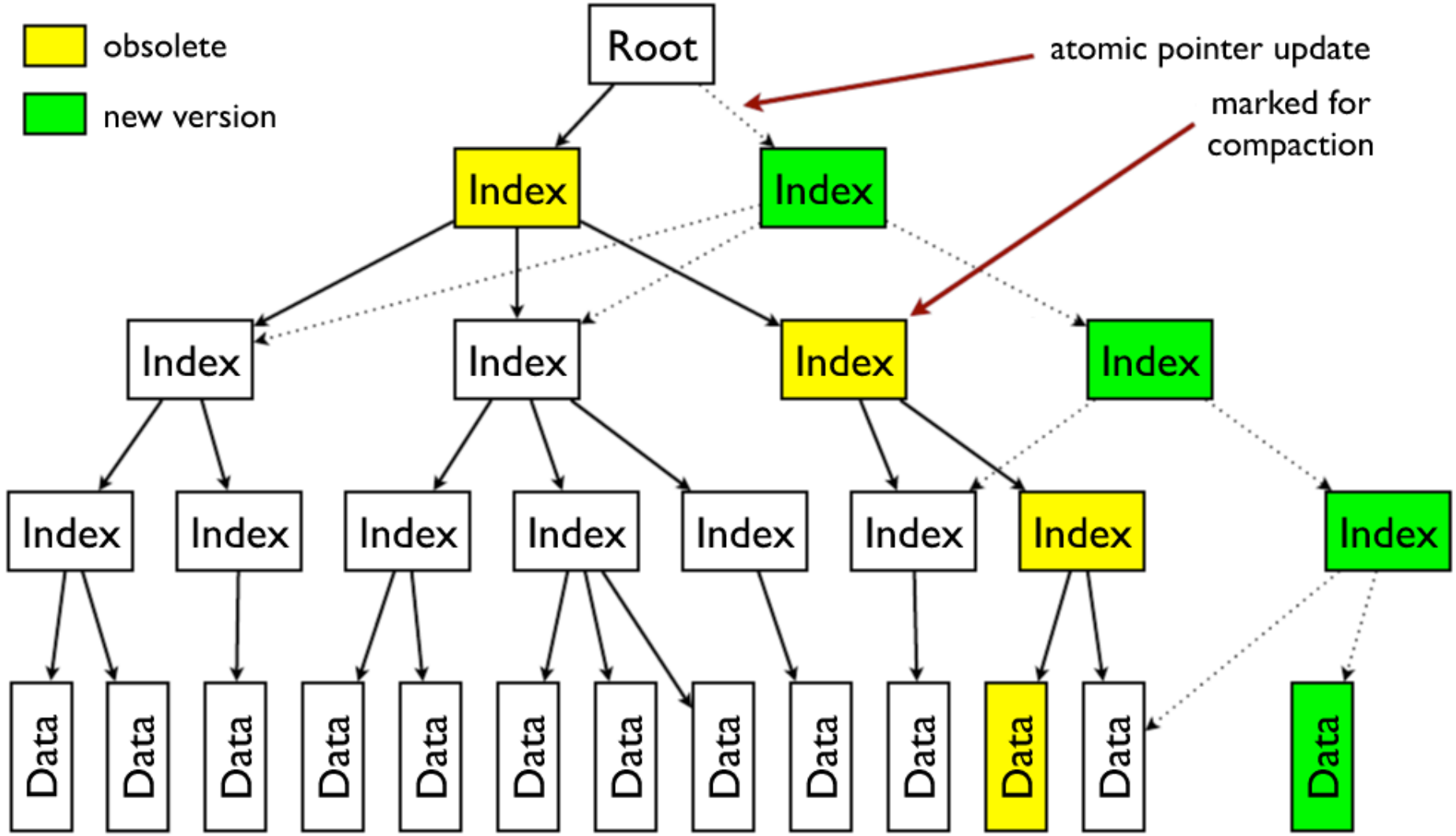

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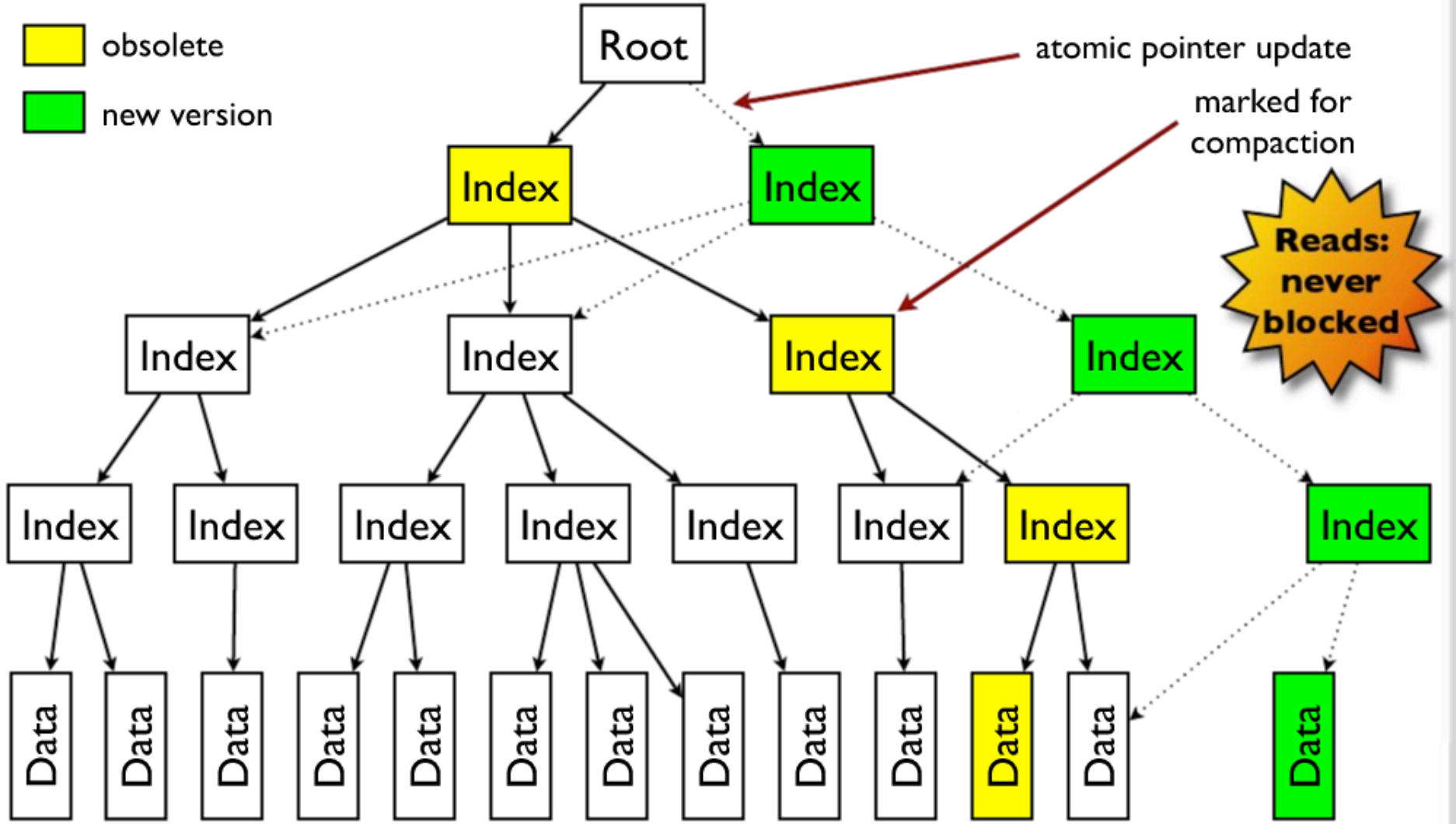

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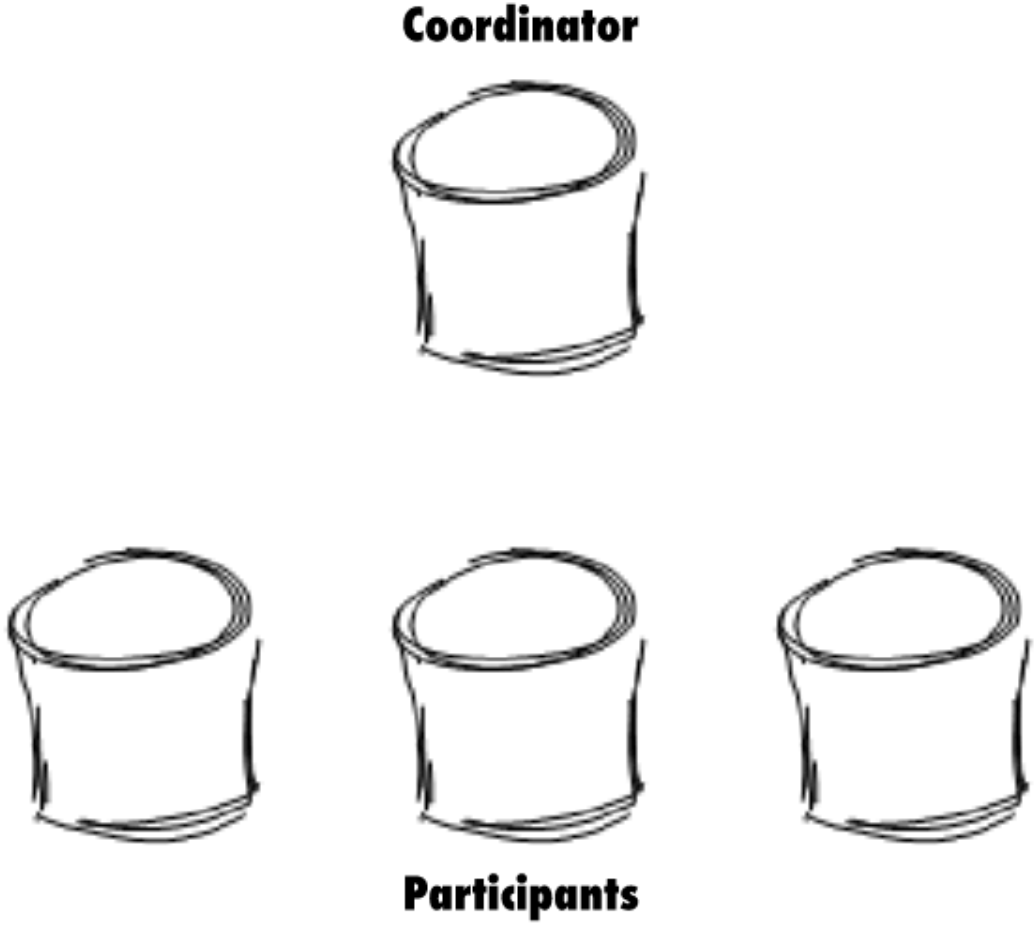

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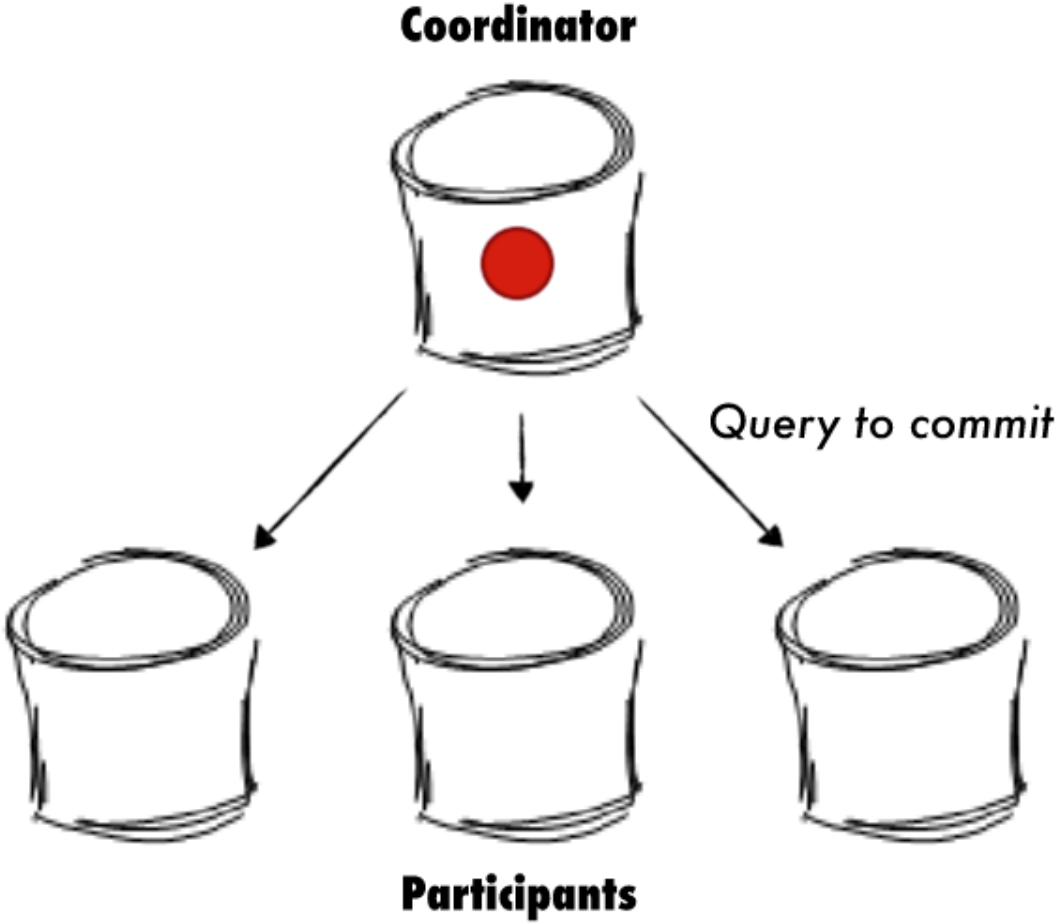

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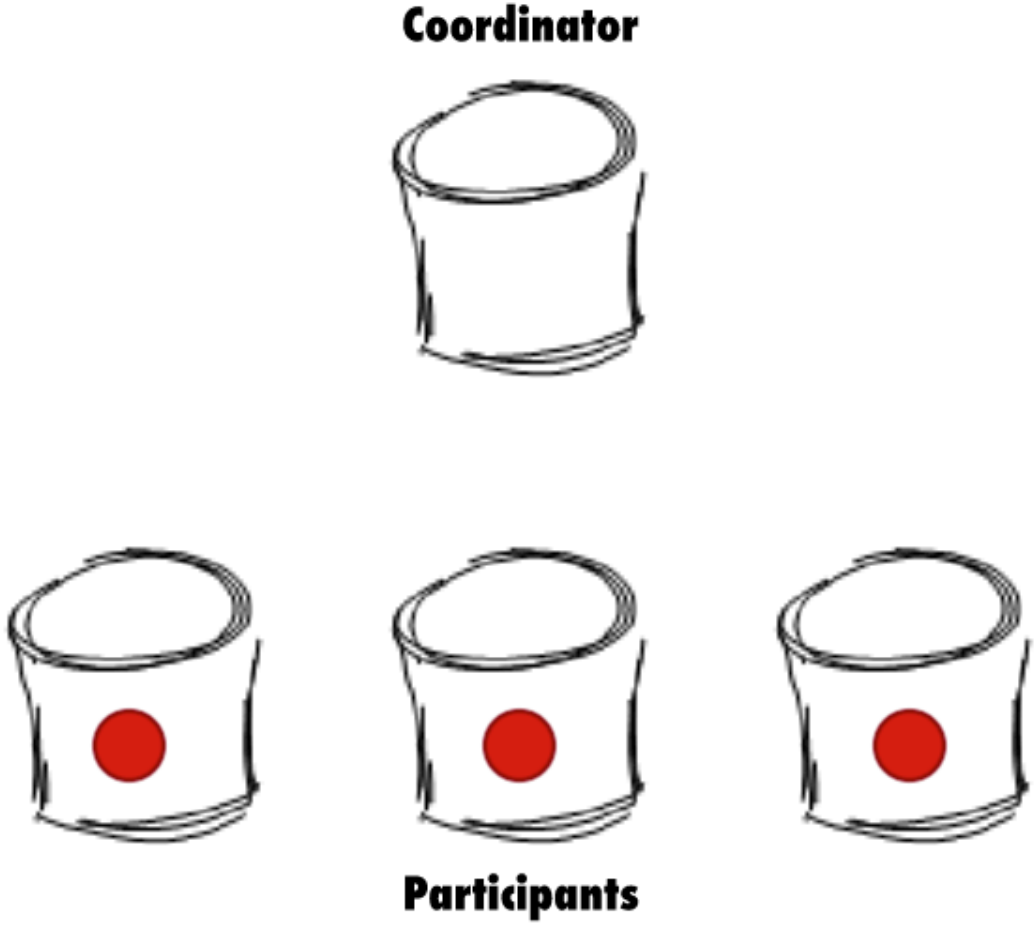

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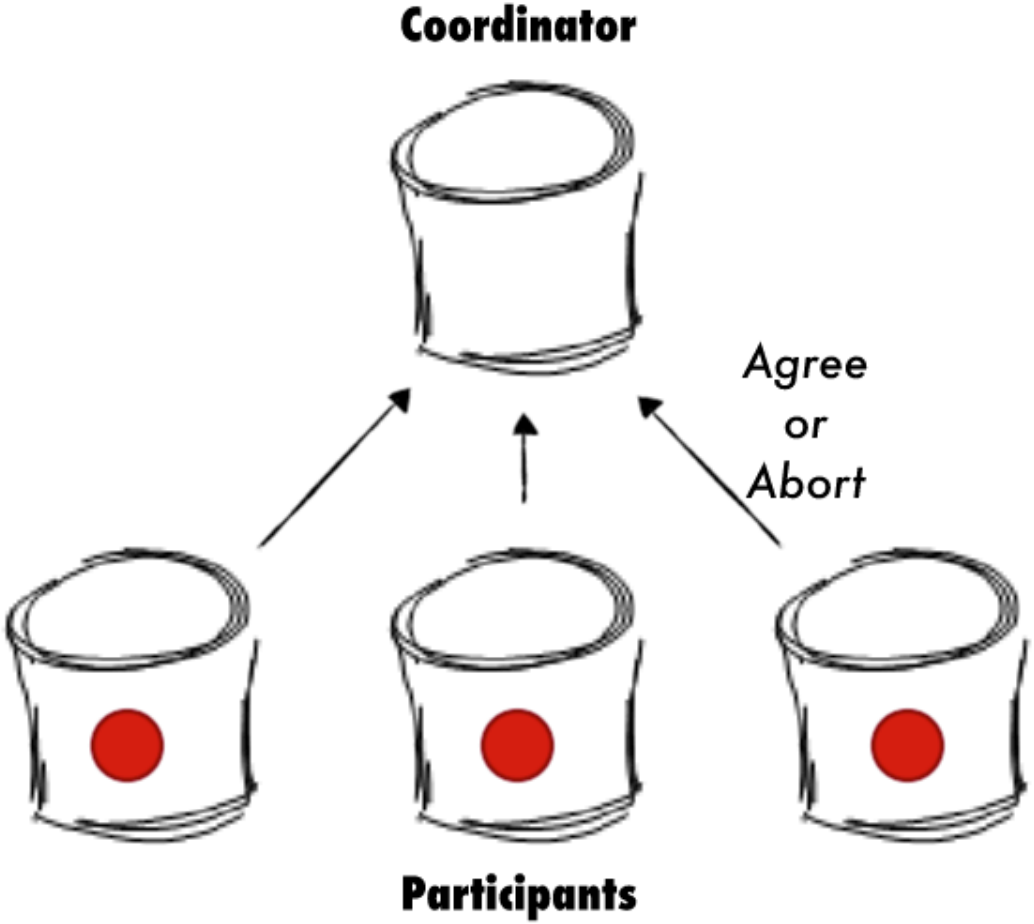

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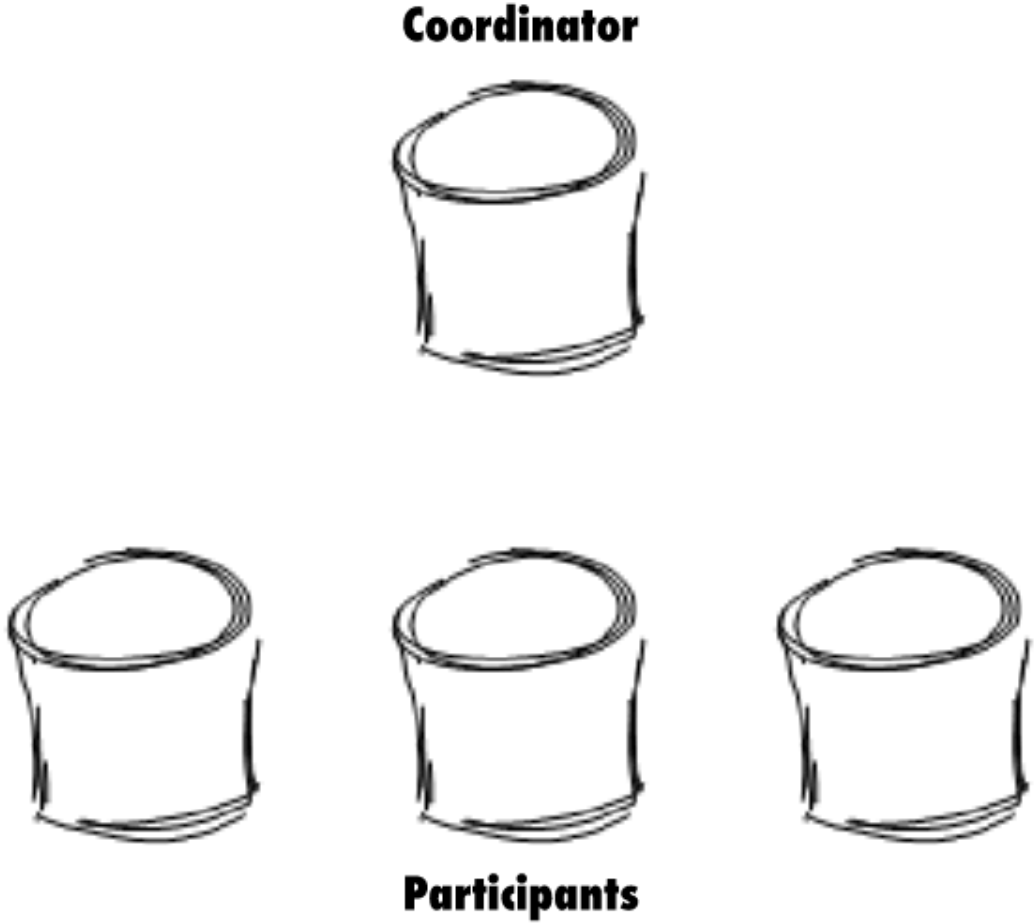

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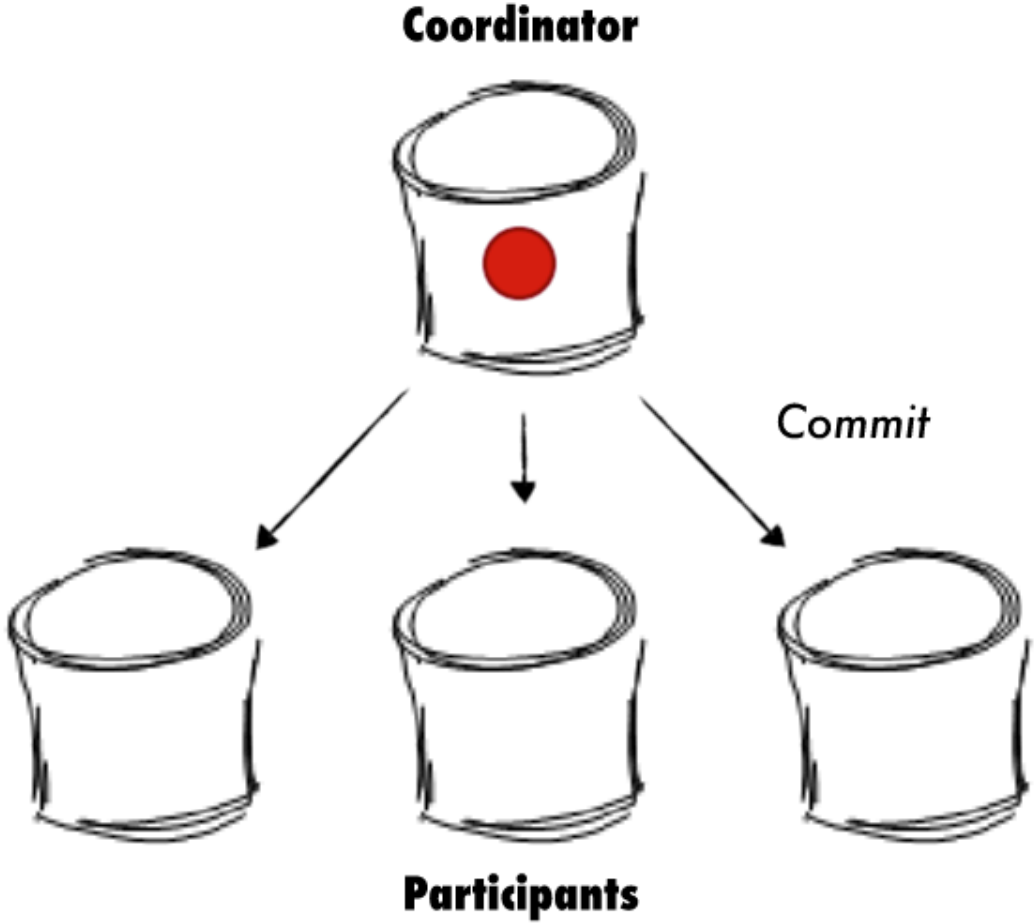

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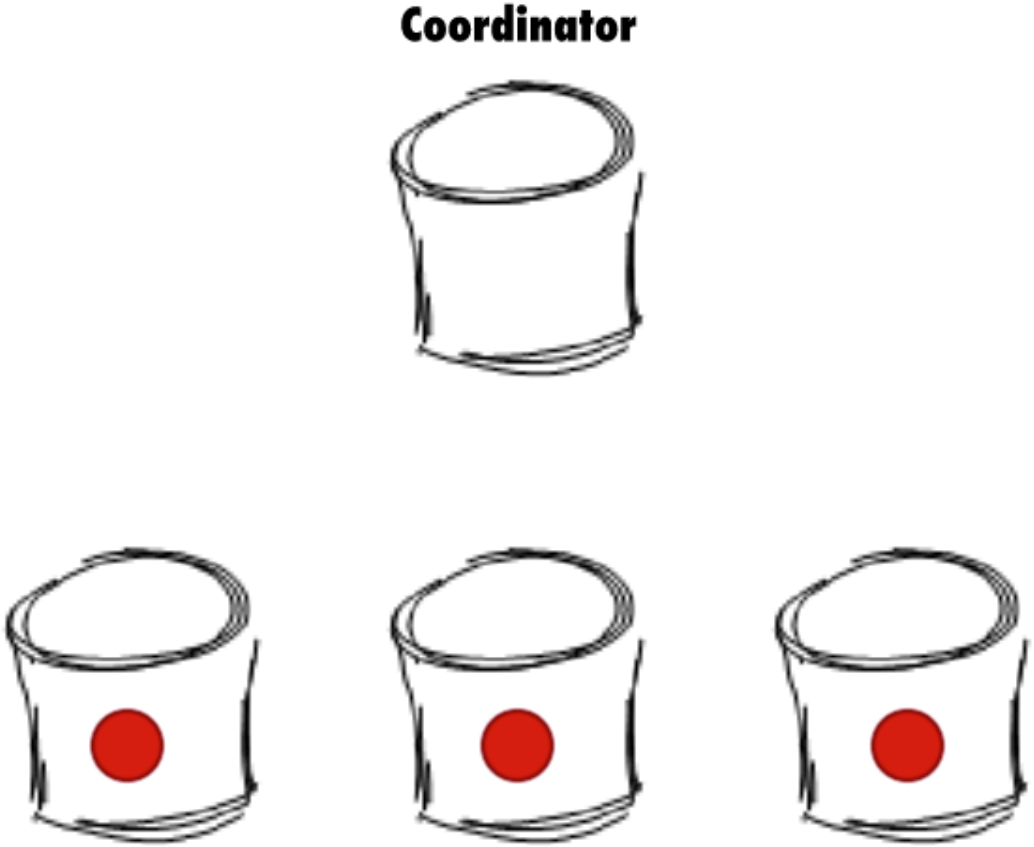

1) Complete operation
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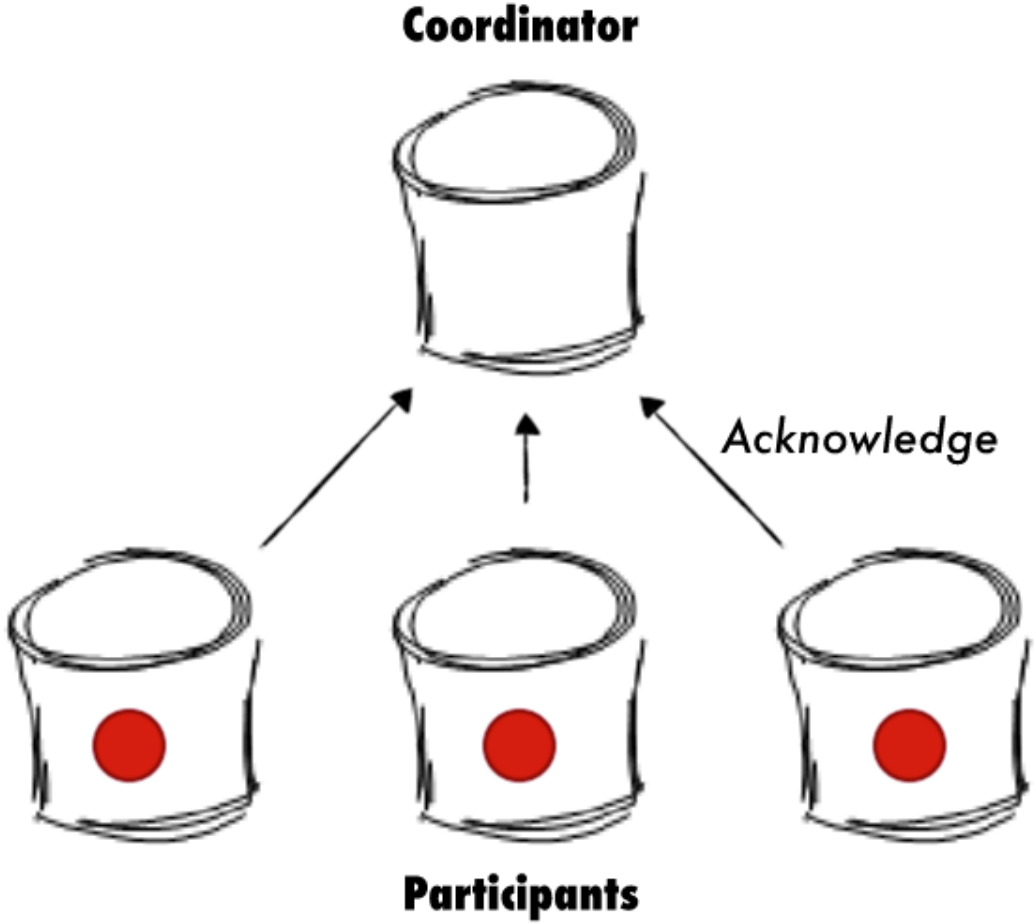

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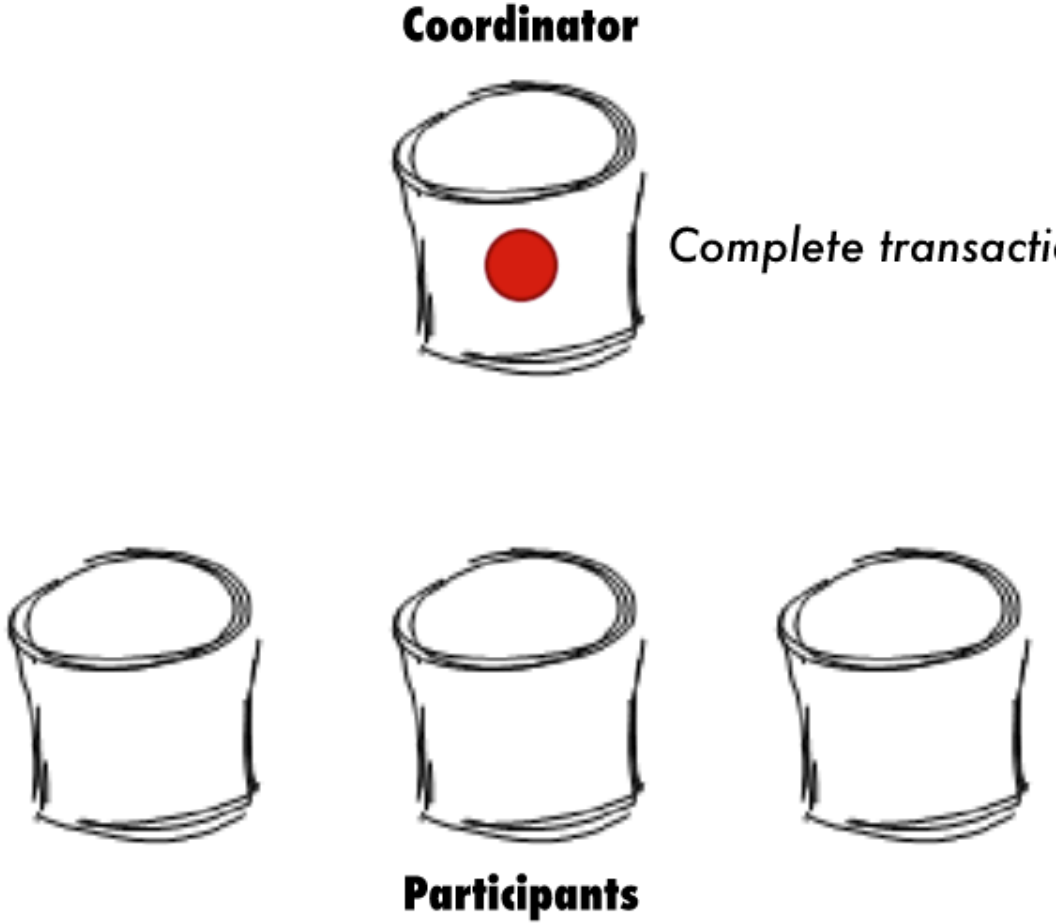

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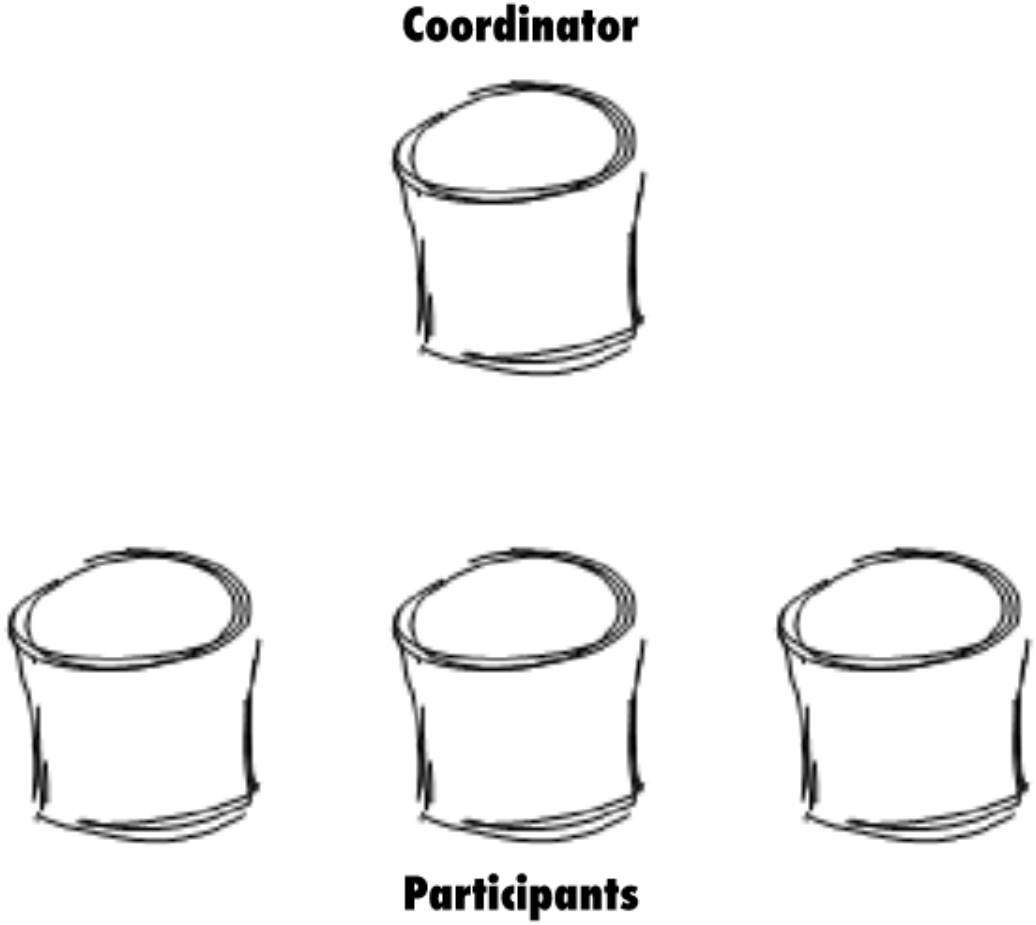

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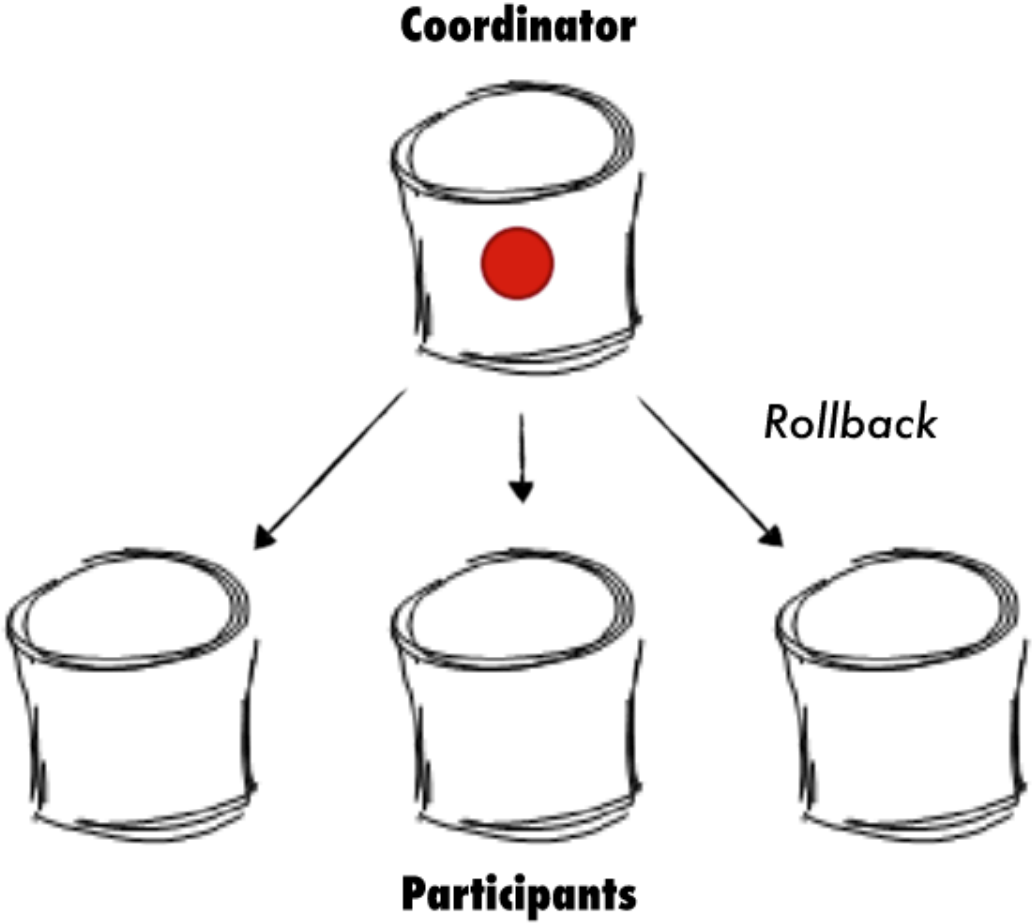

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Coordinator

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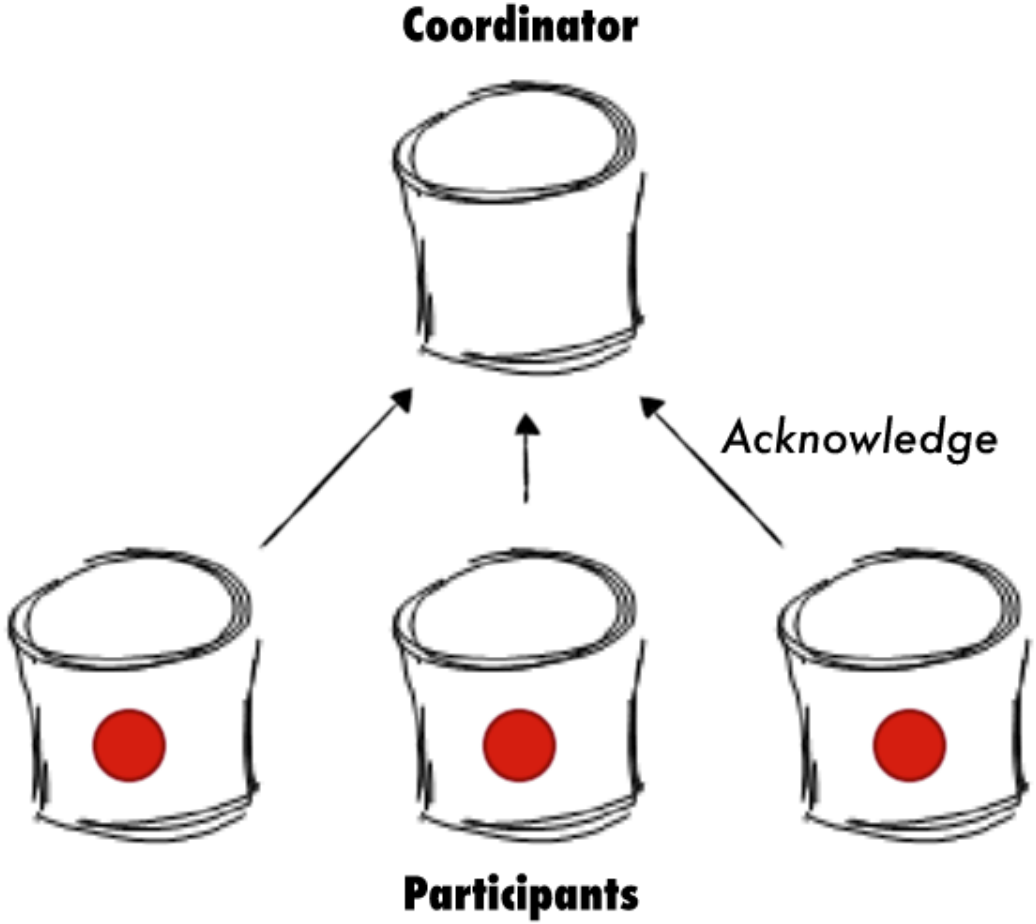

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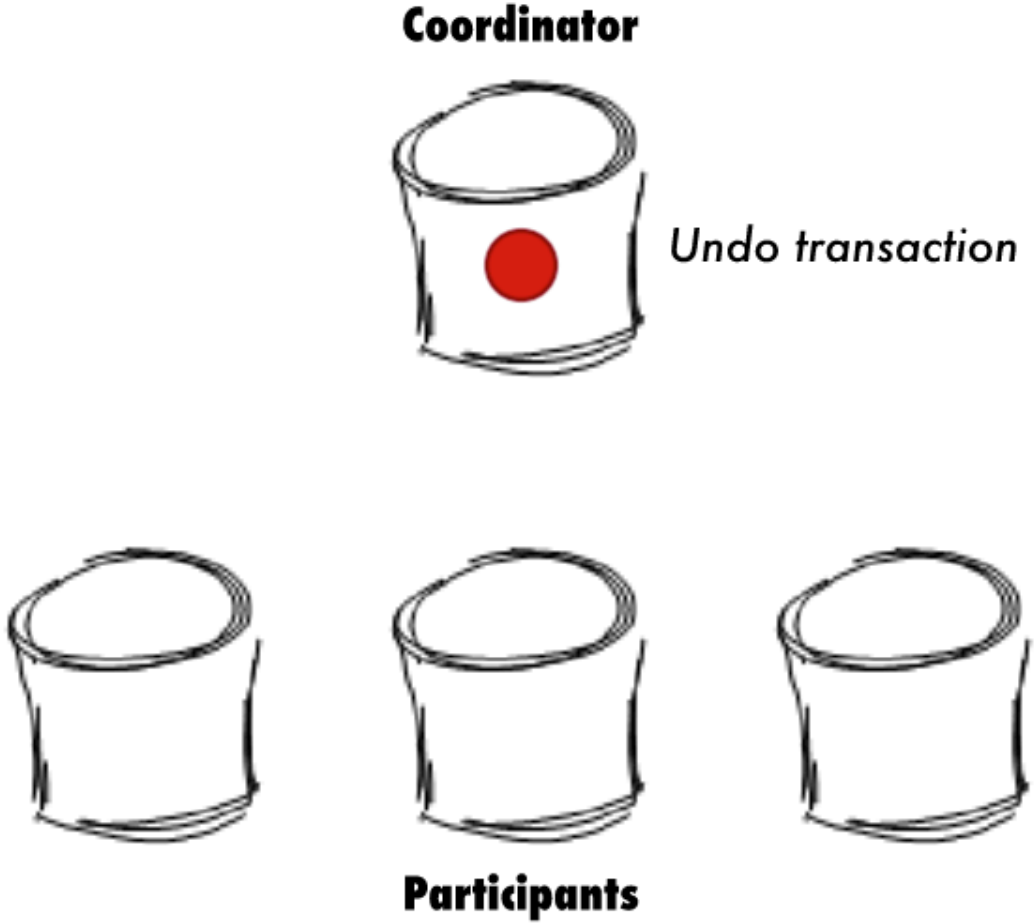

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Problems with 2PC

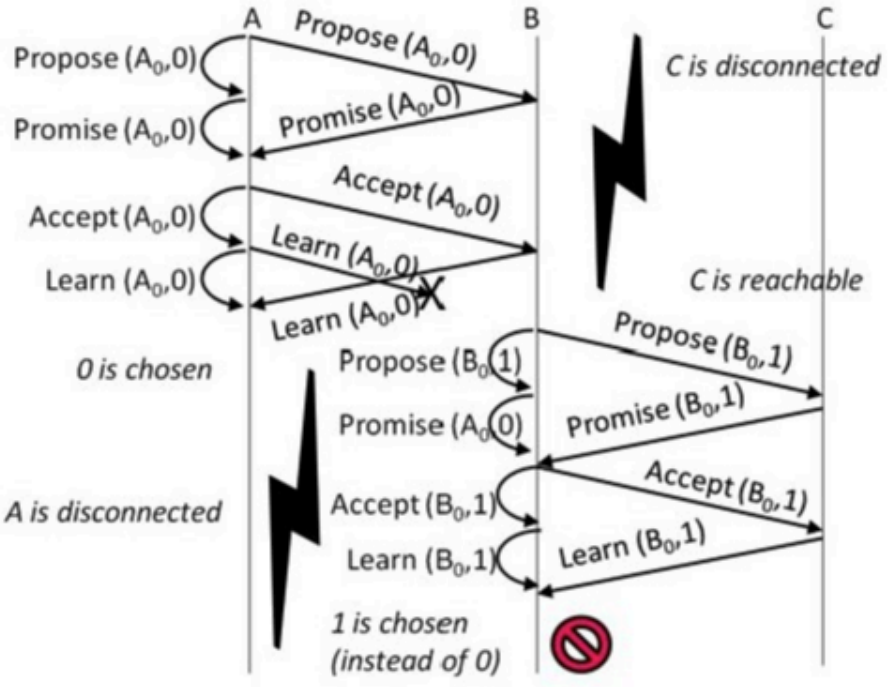
Blocking Protocol

Risk of indefinite cohort blocks if coordinator fails

Conservative behaviour biased to the abort case

Paxos Algorithm (Consensus)

- Family of Fault-tolerant, distributed implementations
- Spectrum of trade-offs:
  - Number of processors
  - Number of message delays
  - Activity level of participants
  - Number of messages sent
  - Types of failures



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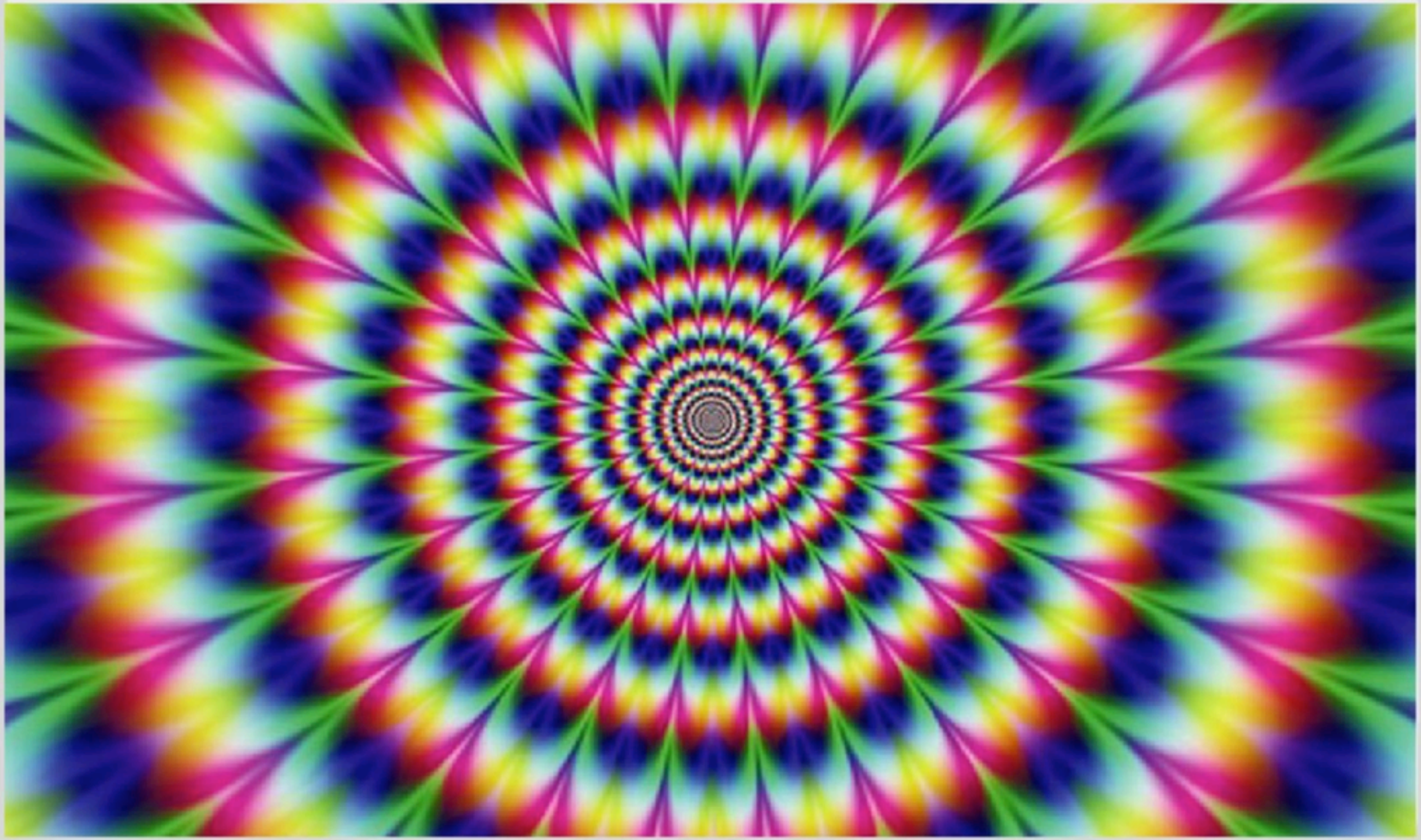

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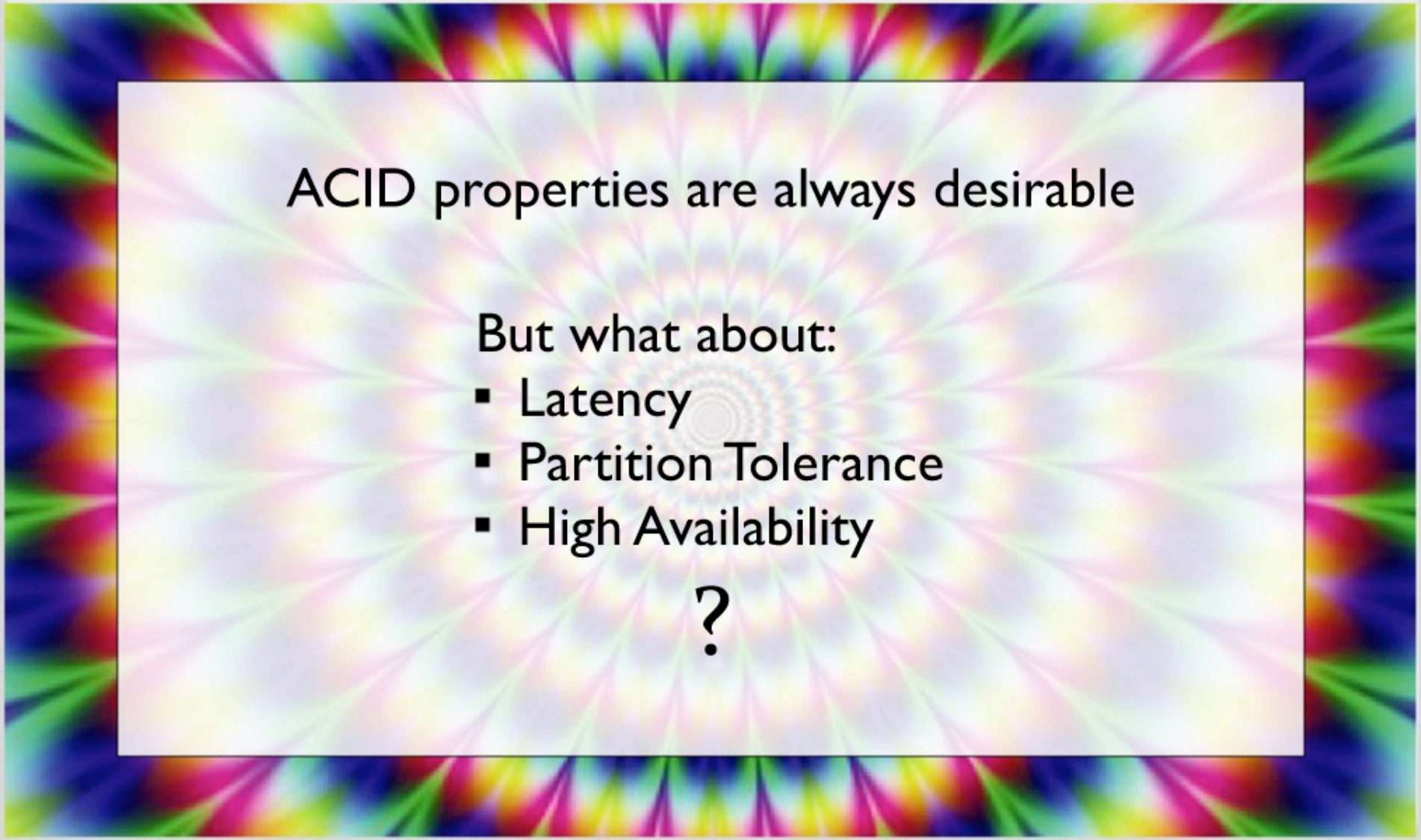

ACID properties are always desirable

But what about:

- Latency
- Partition Tolerance
- High Availability

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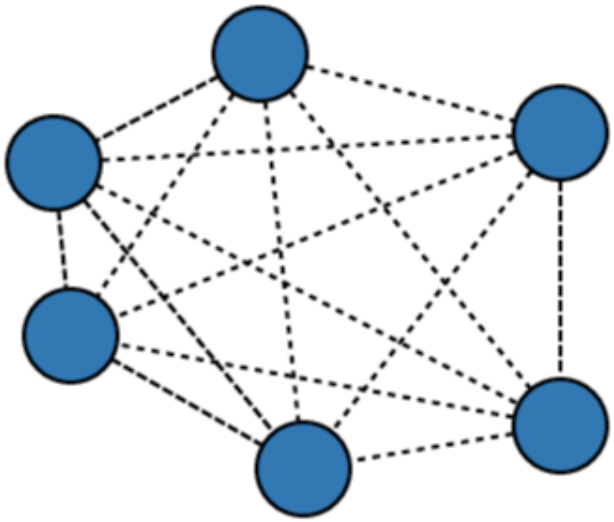

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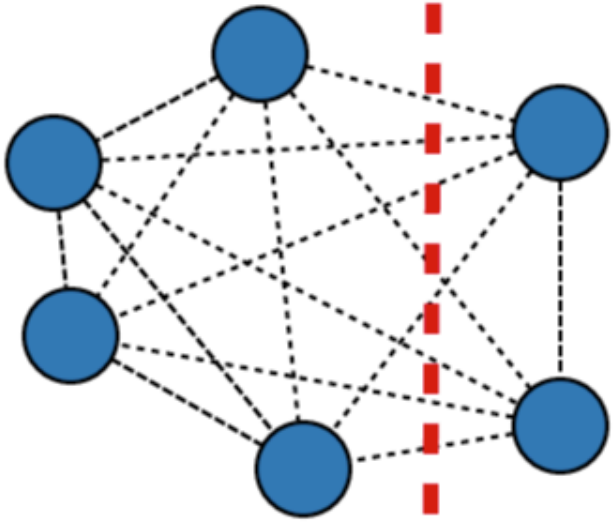

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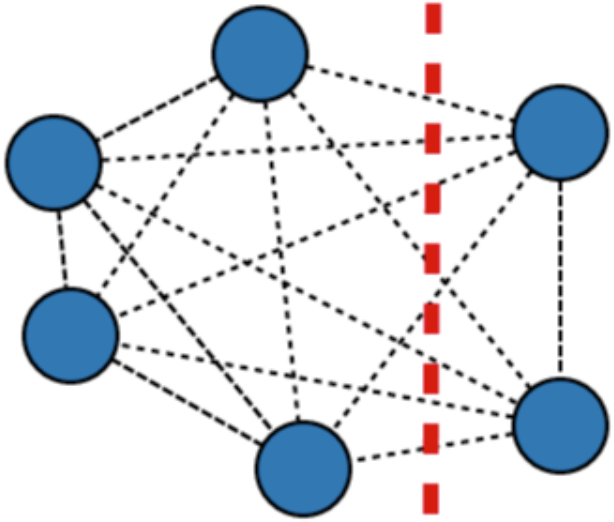

- **CP:** requests can complete at nodes that have quorum
- **AP:** requests can complete at any live node, possibly violating strong consistency

http://codahale.com/you-cant-sacrifice-partition-tolerance http://pl.atyp.us/wordpress/?p=2521

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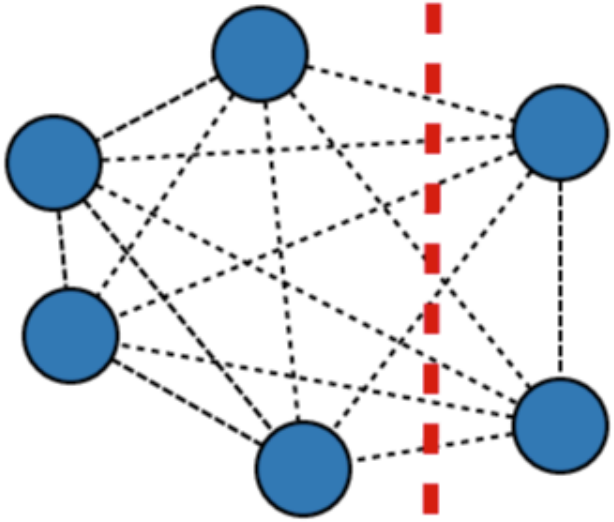

HIGH LATENCY

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NETWORK PARTITION

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Causal consistency

Read-your-writes consistency
(the least surprise)

Session consistency

Monotonic read consistency

Monotonic write consistency

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Consistency: Server-side (Quorum)

N = number of nodes with a replica of the data
W = number of replicas that must acknowledge the update(*)
R = minimum number of replicas that must participate in a successful read operation

(*) but the data will be written to N nodes no matter what

W + R > N ⟶ Strong consistency (usually N=3, W=R=2)

W = N, R = 1 ⟶ Optimised for reads
W = 1, R = N ⟶ Optimised for writes

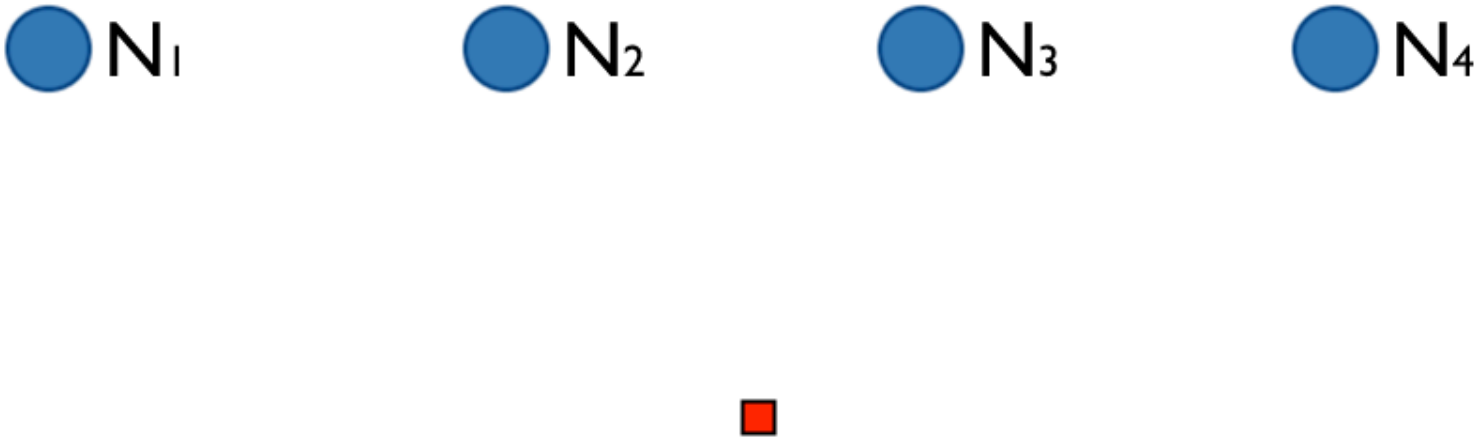
(durability not guaranteed in presence of failures)

W + R <= N ⟶ Weak consistency

Amazon Dynamo Paper

- Consistent Hashing
- Vector Clocks
- Gossip Protocol
- Hinted Handoffs
- Read Repair

Modulo-based Hashing



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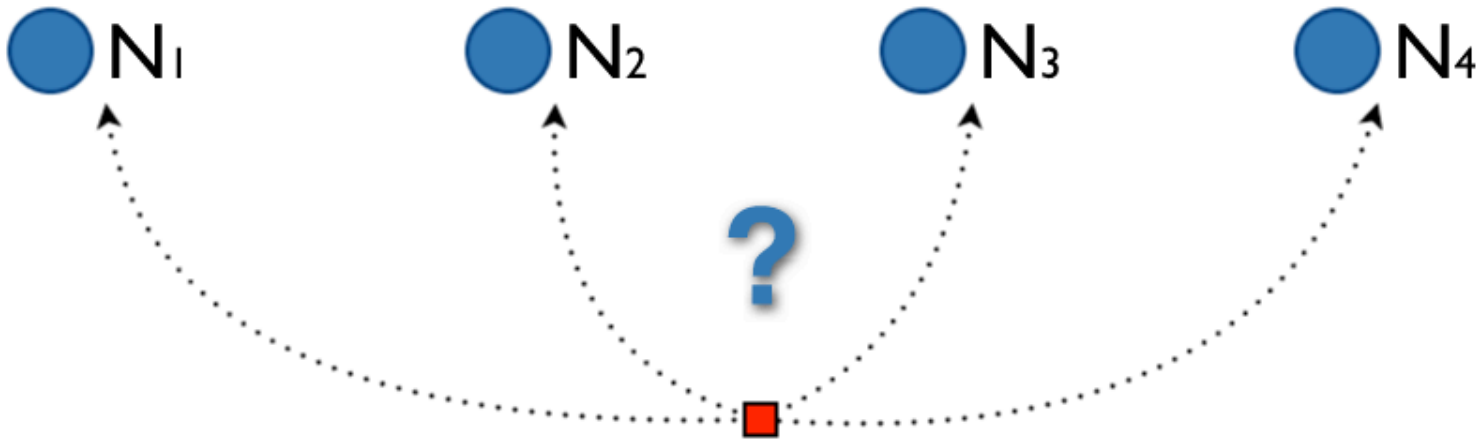

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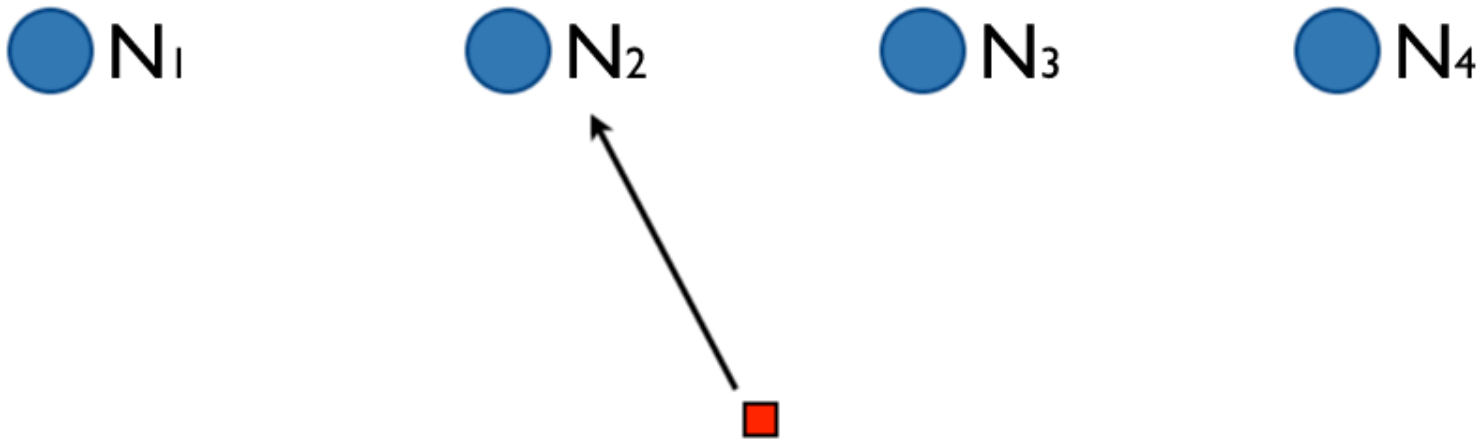


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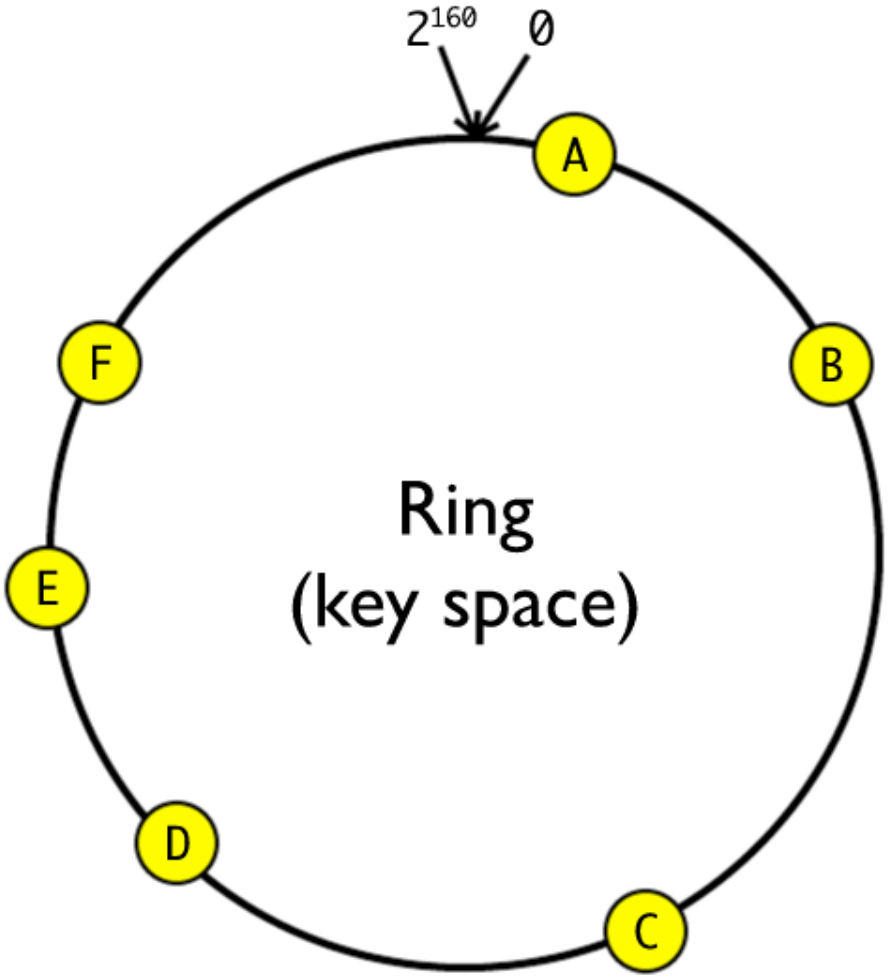

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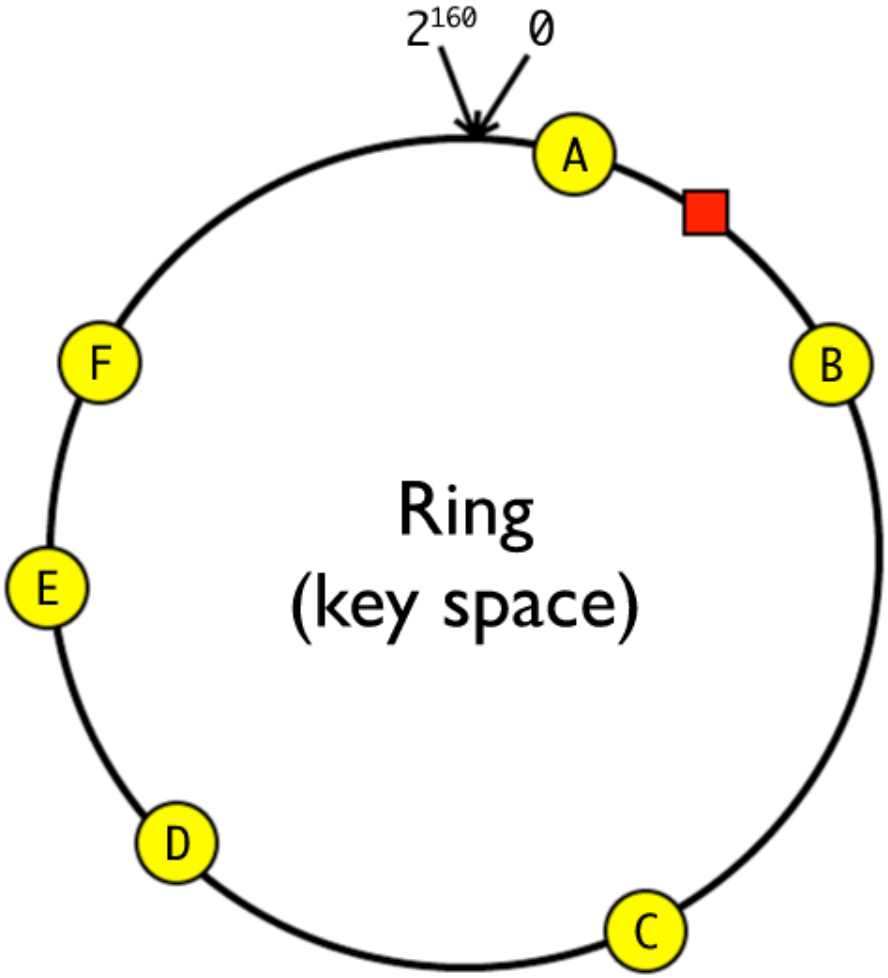

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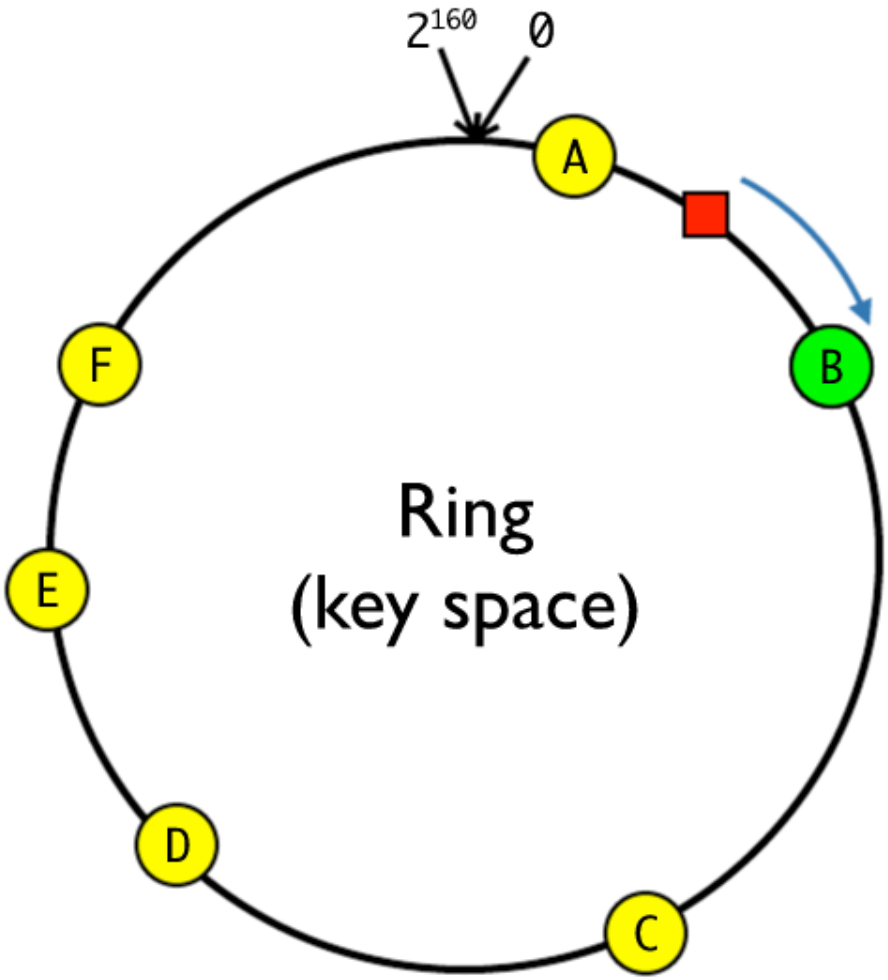

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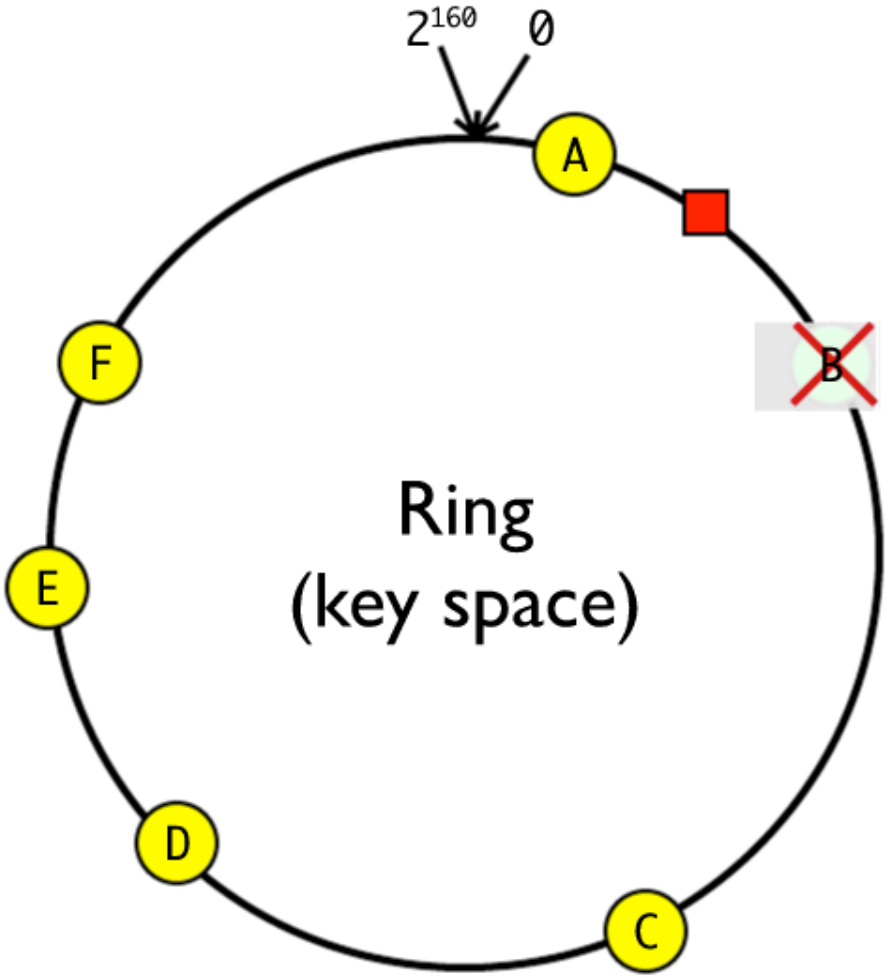

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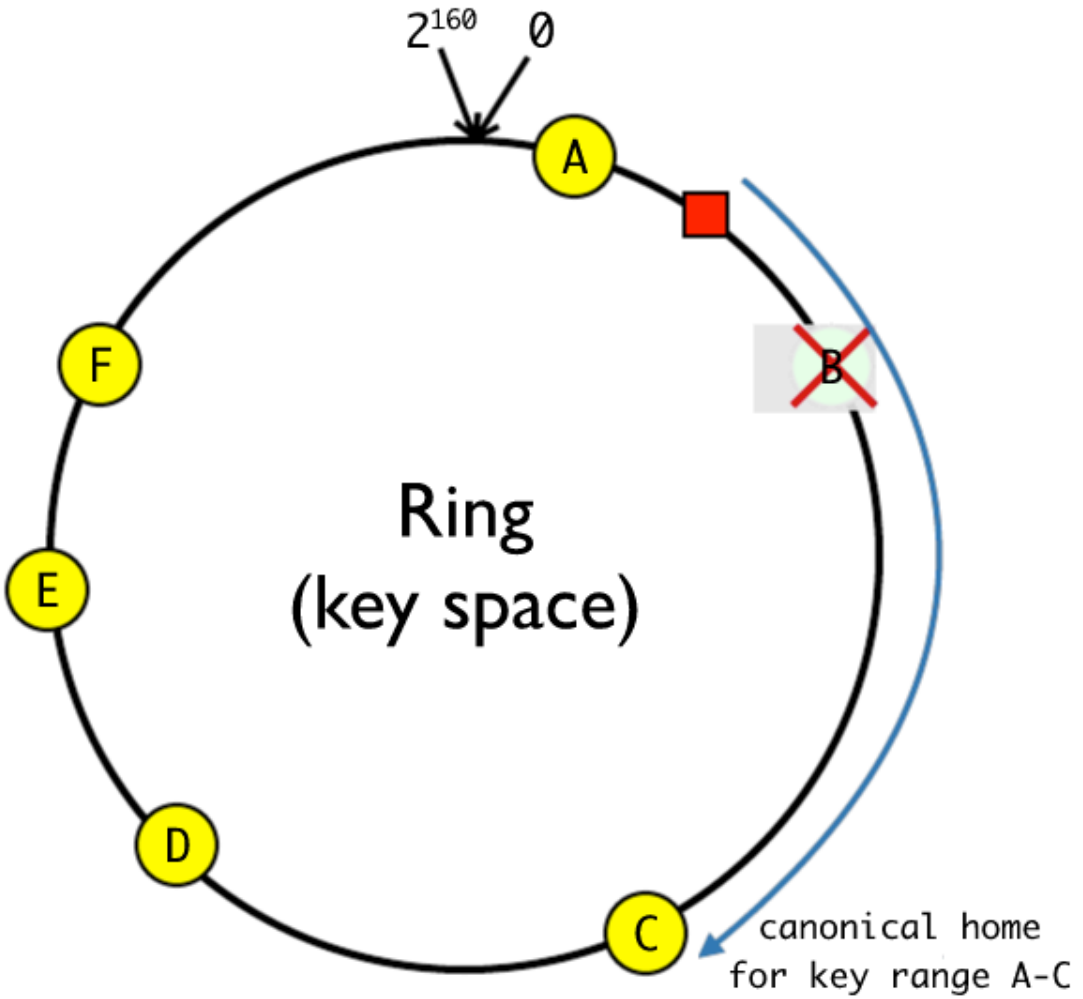

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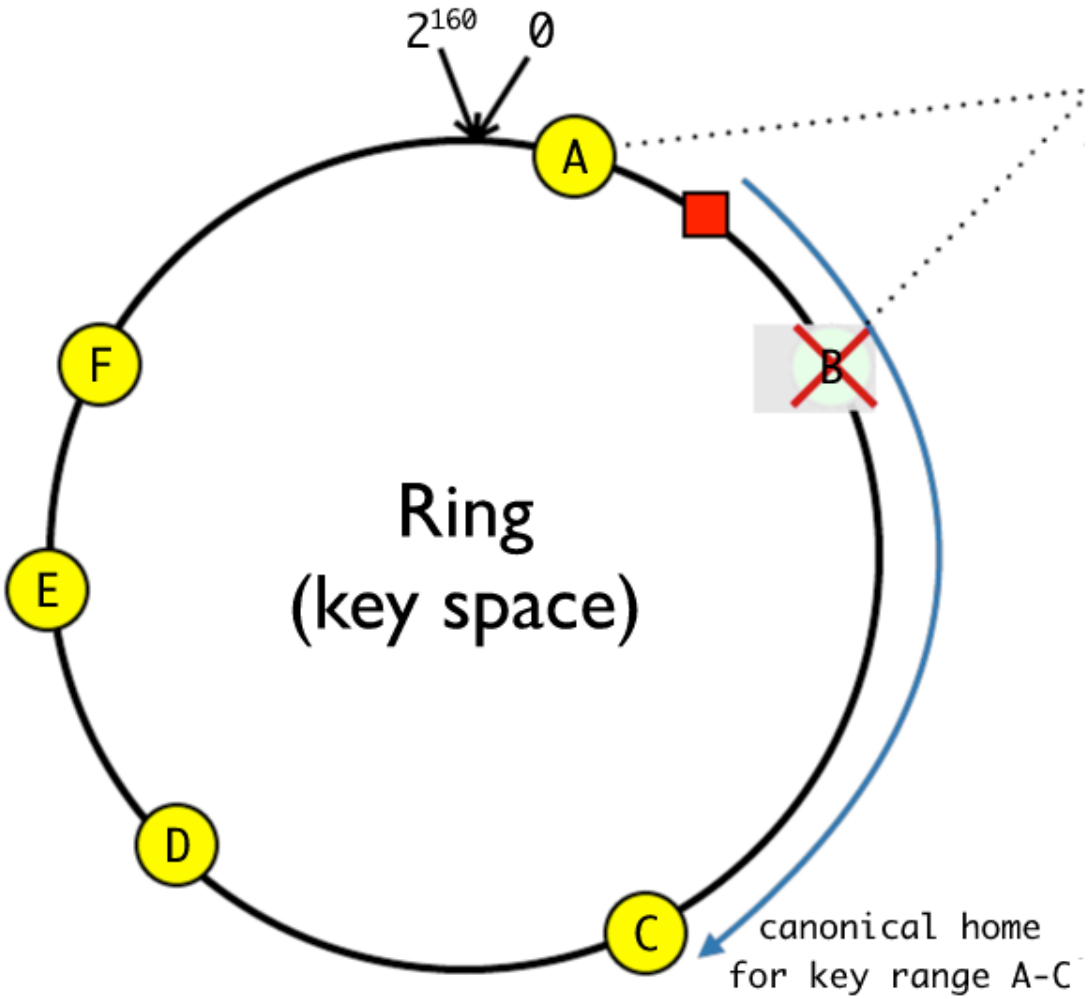

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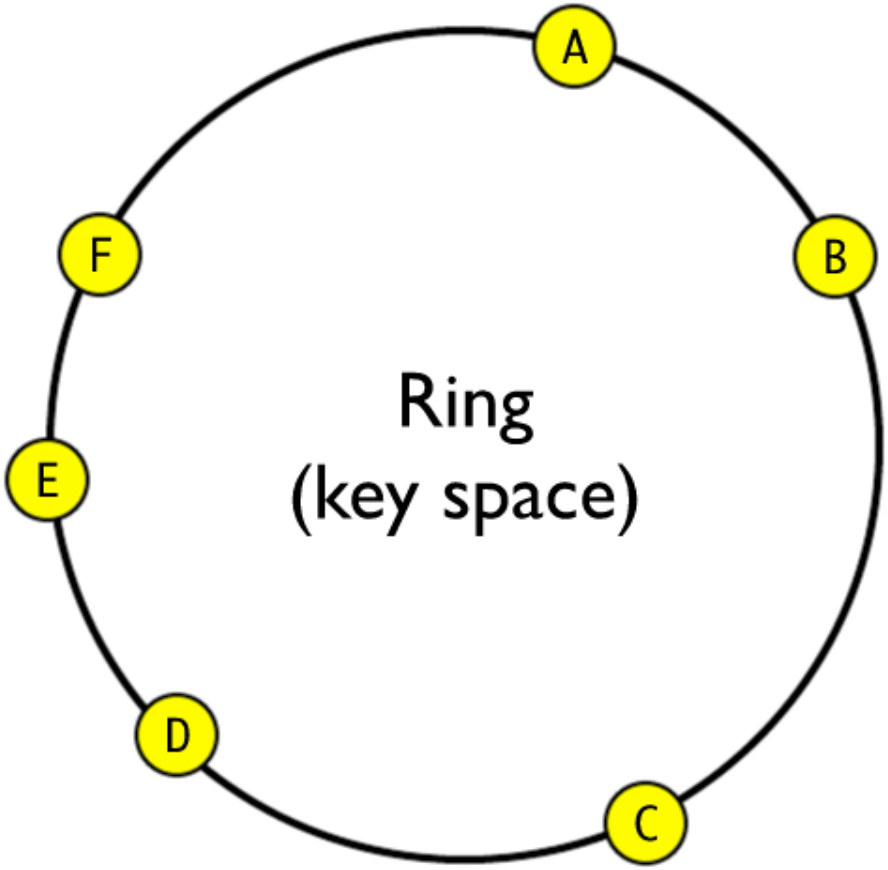

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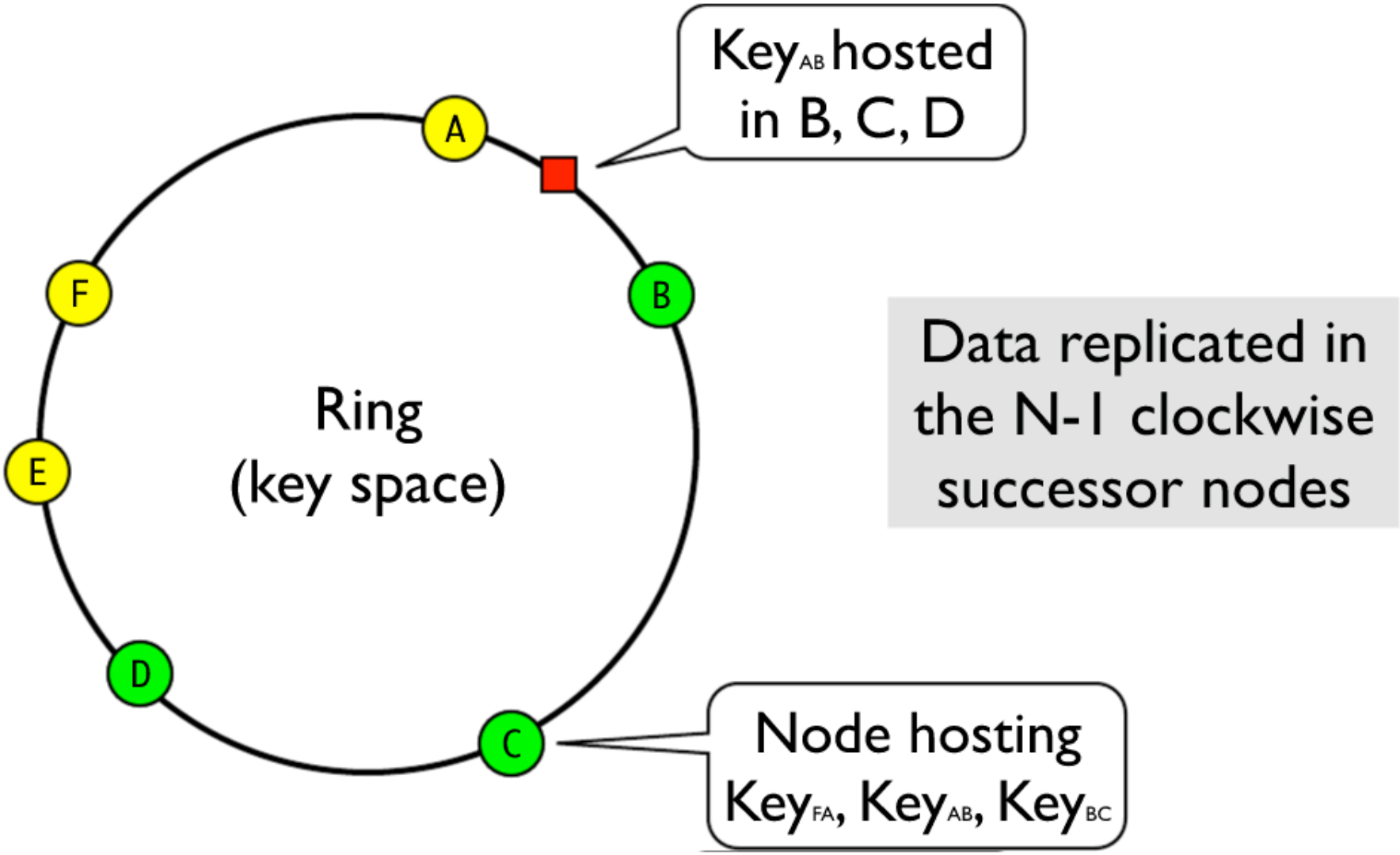

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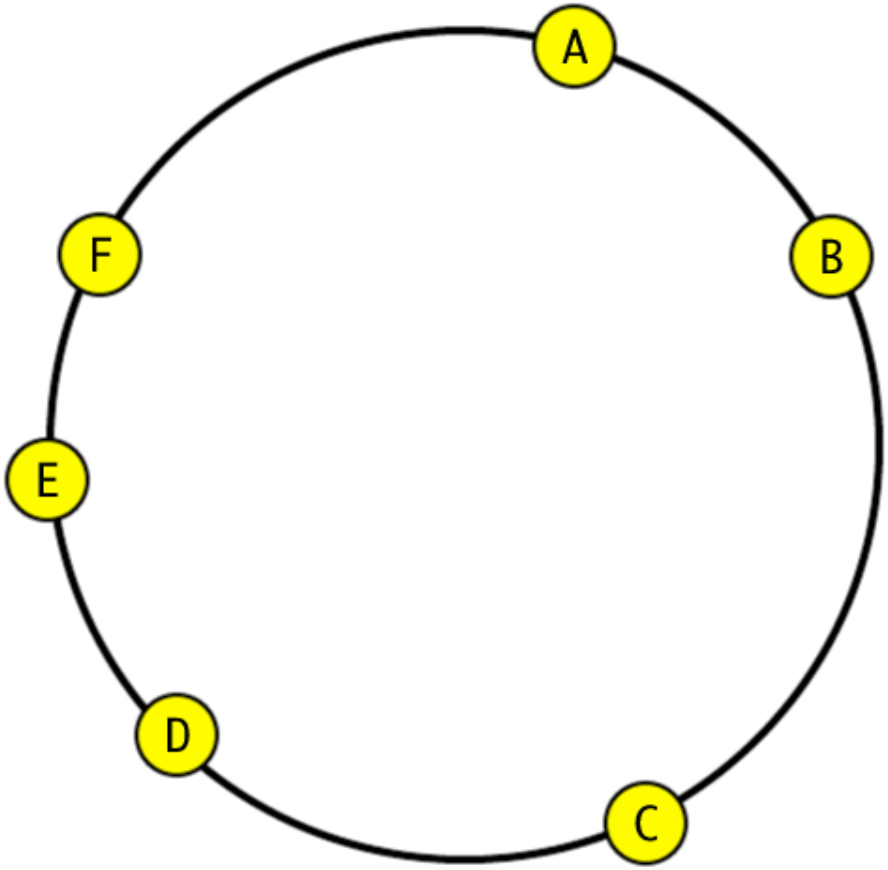

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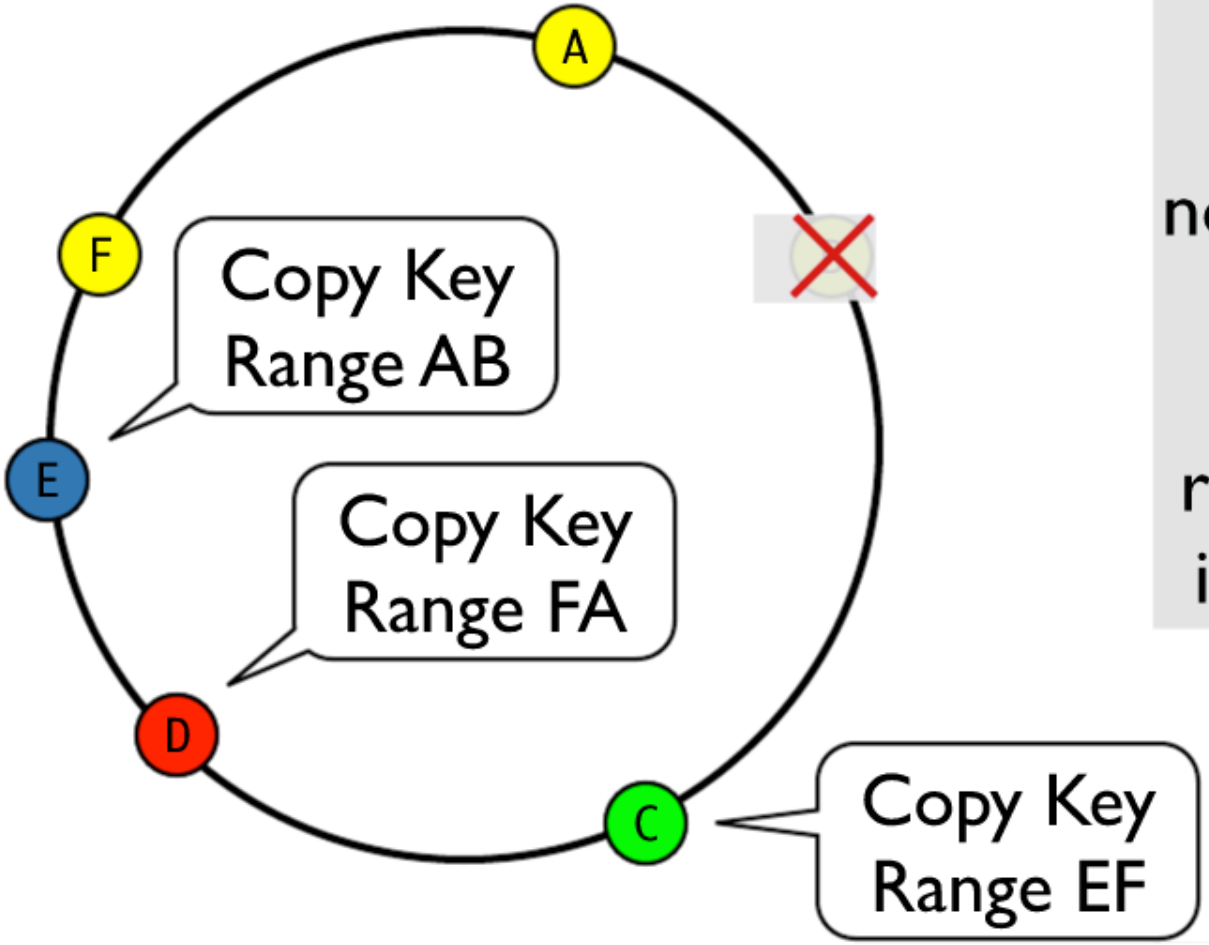

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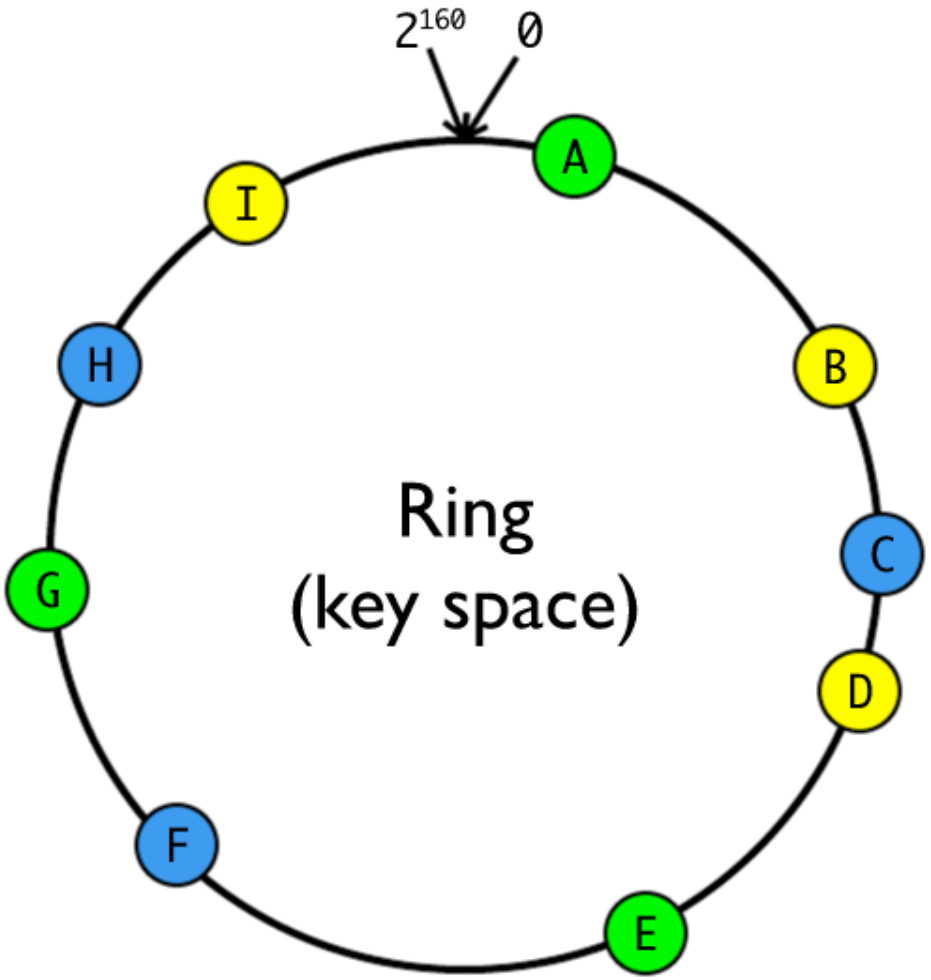

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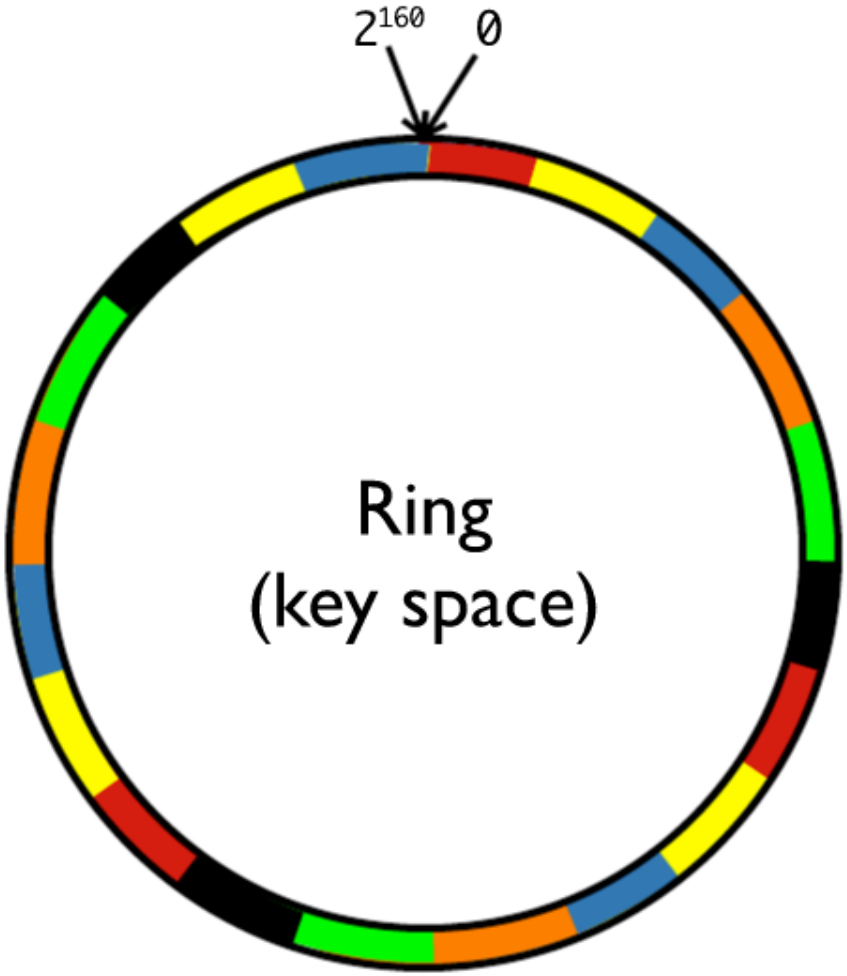

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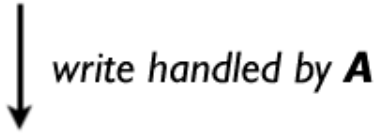

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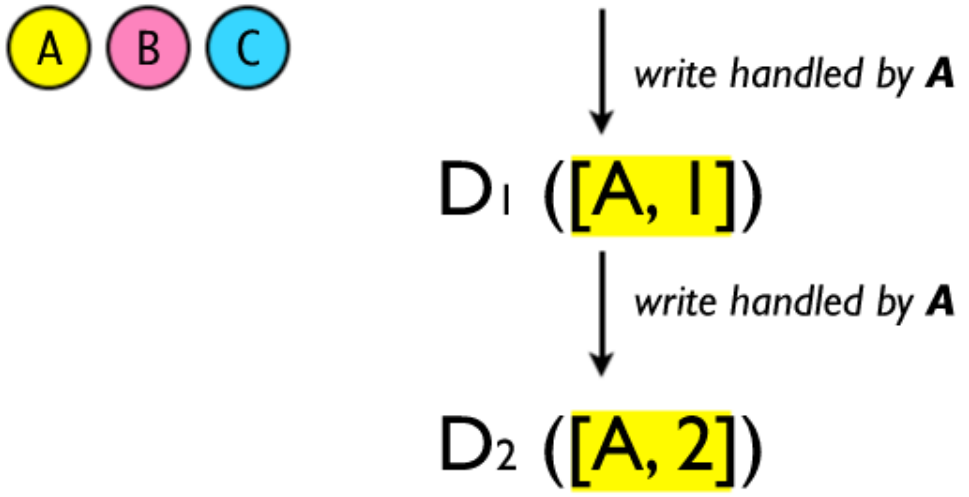

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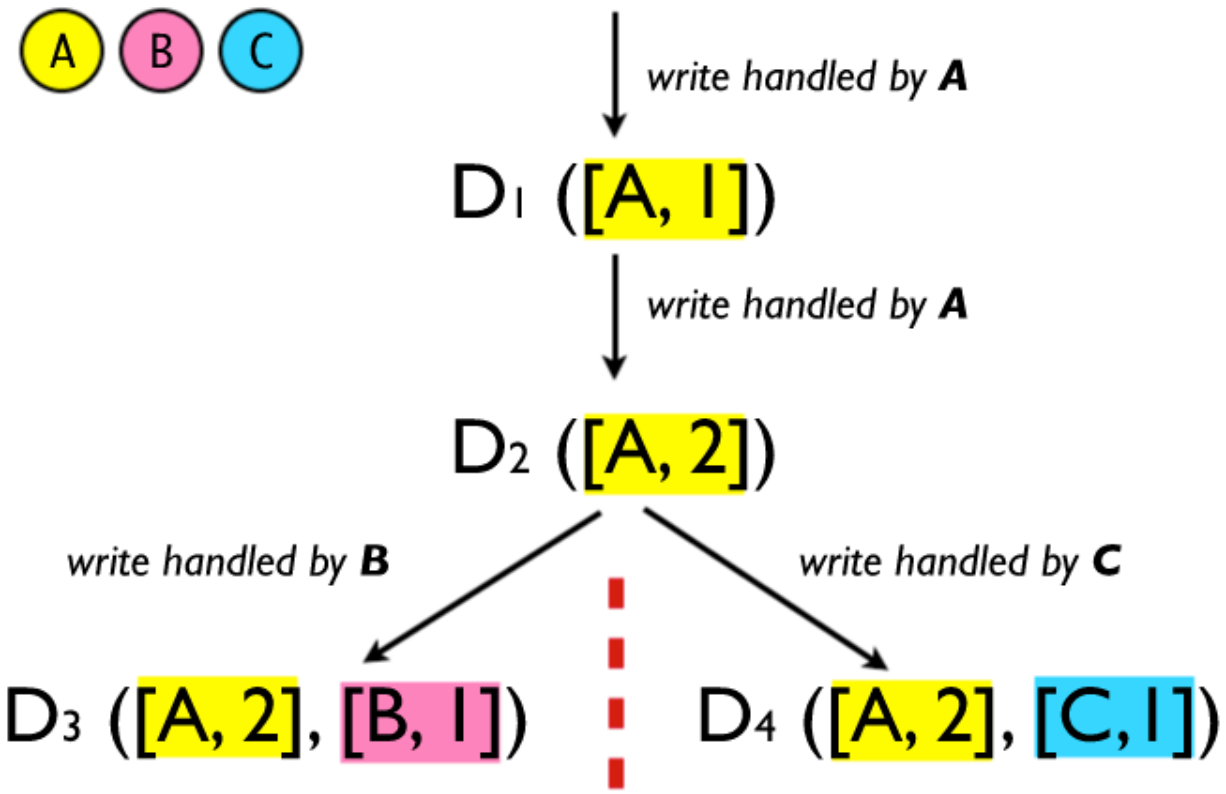

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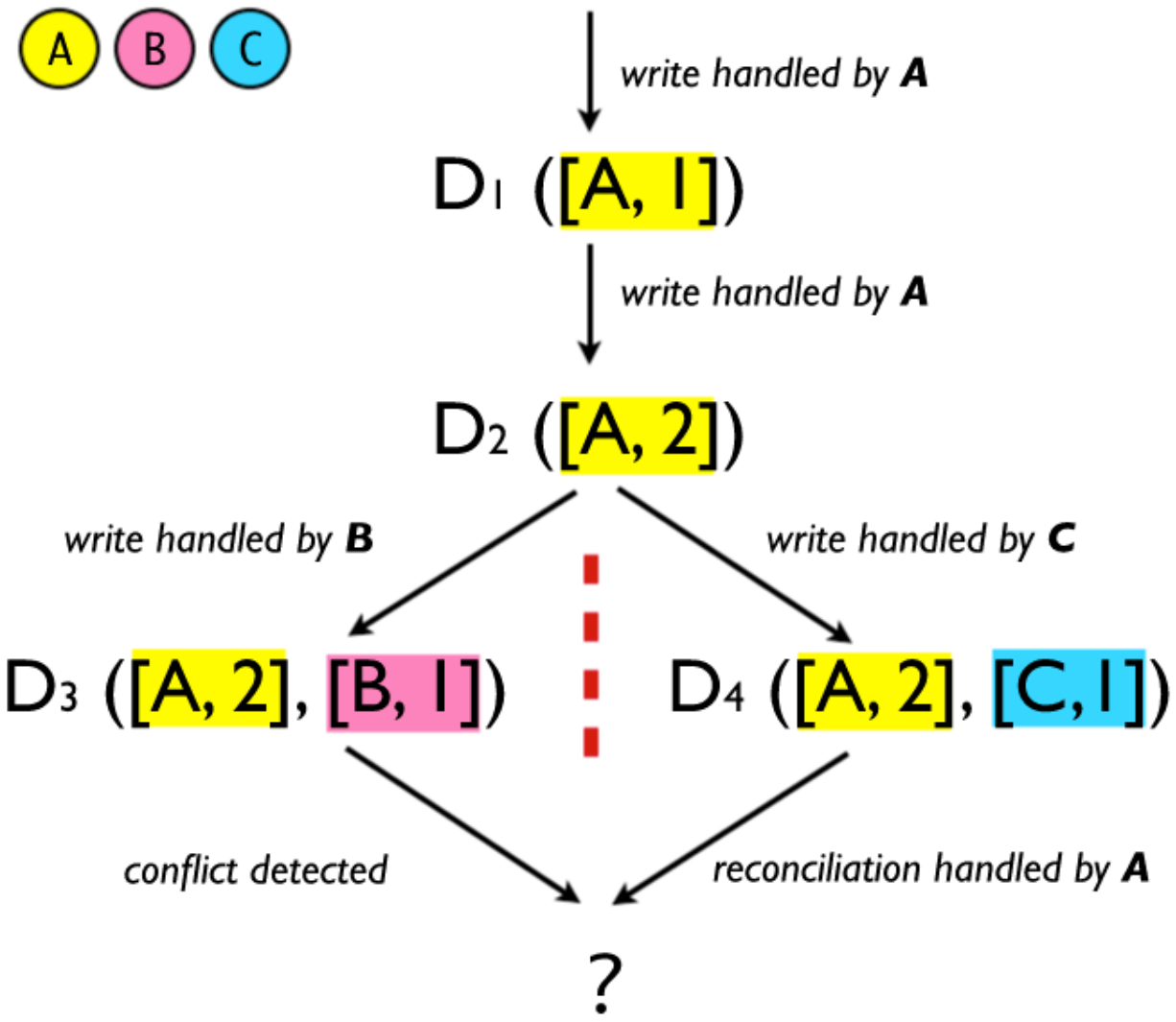

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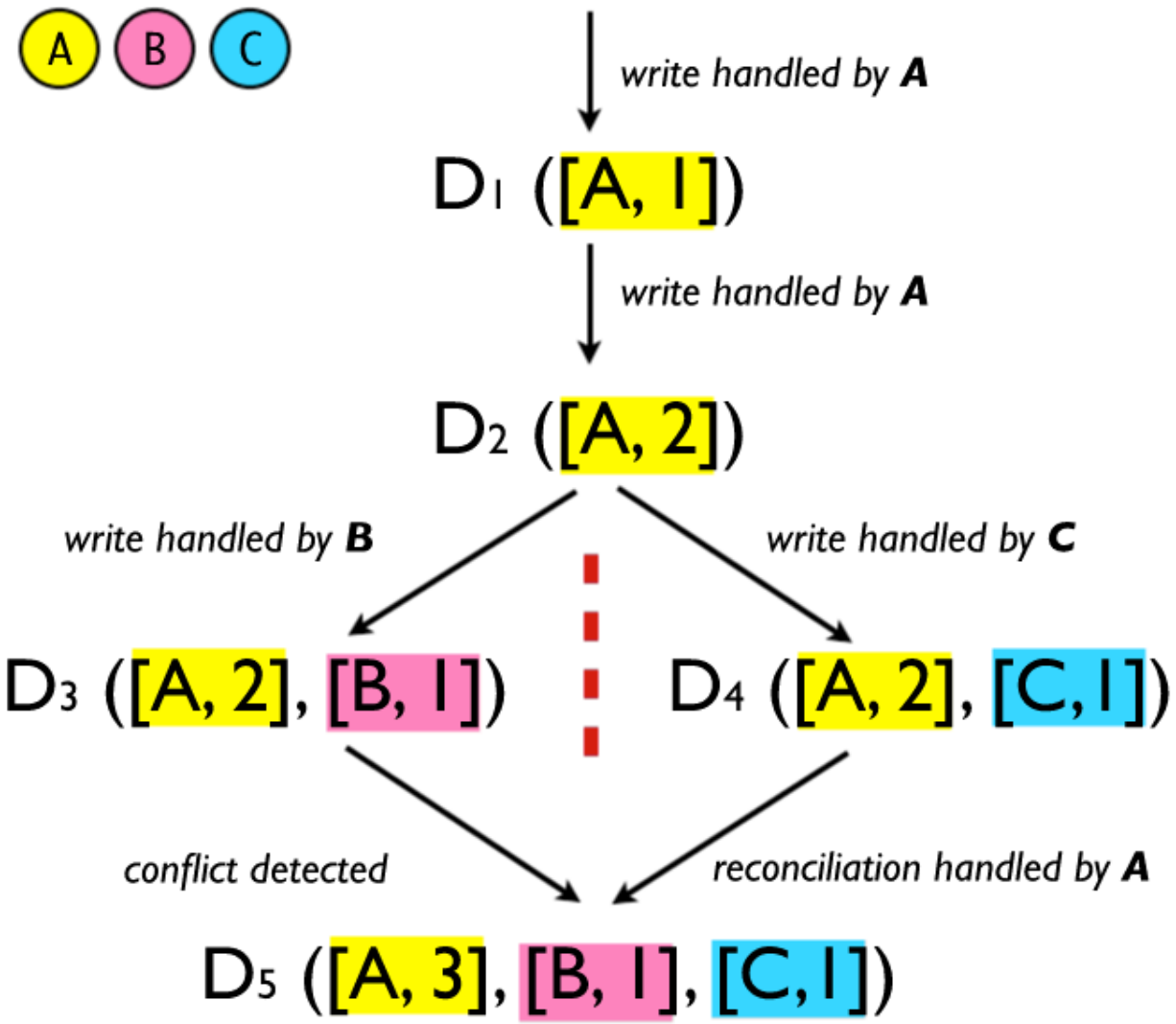

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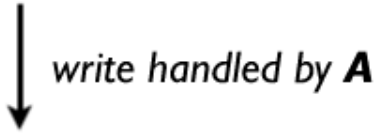

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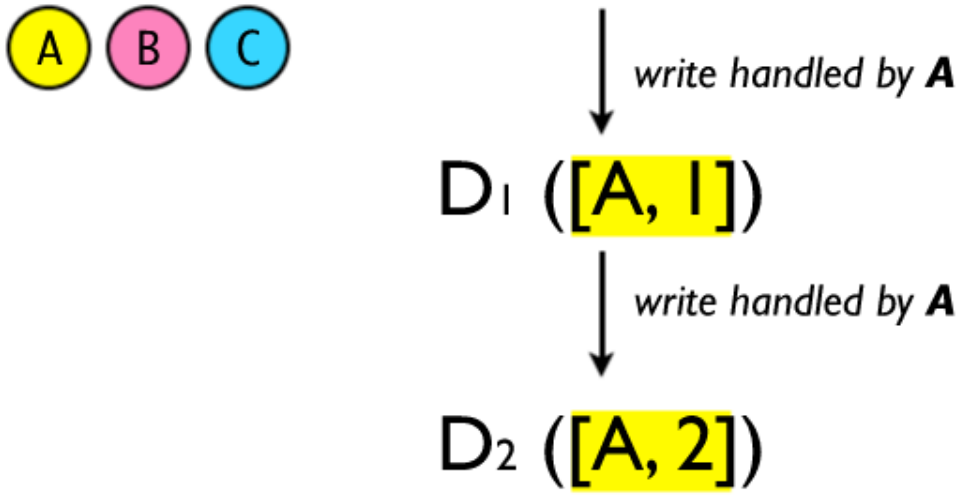

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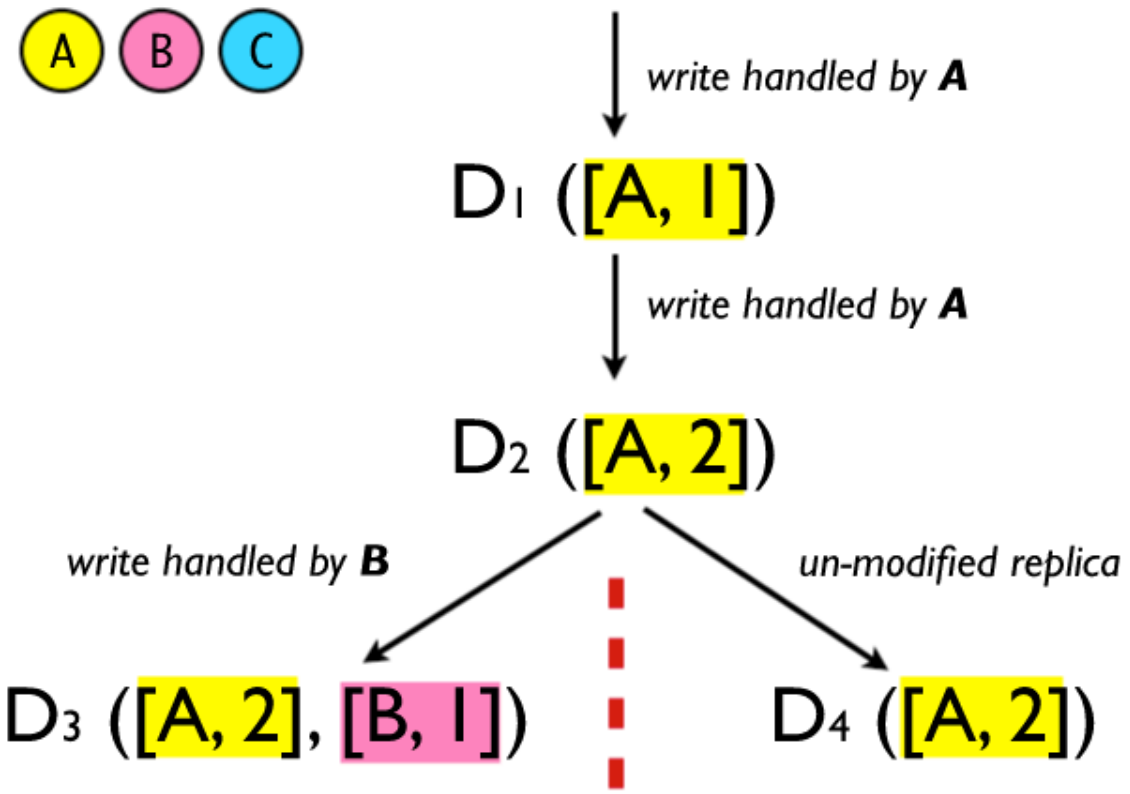

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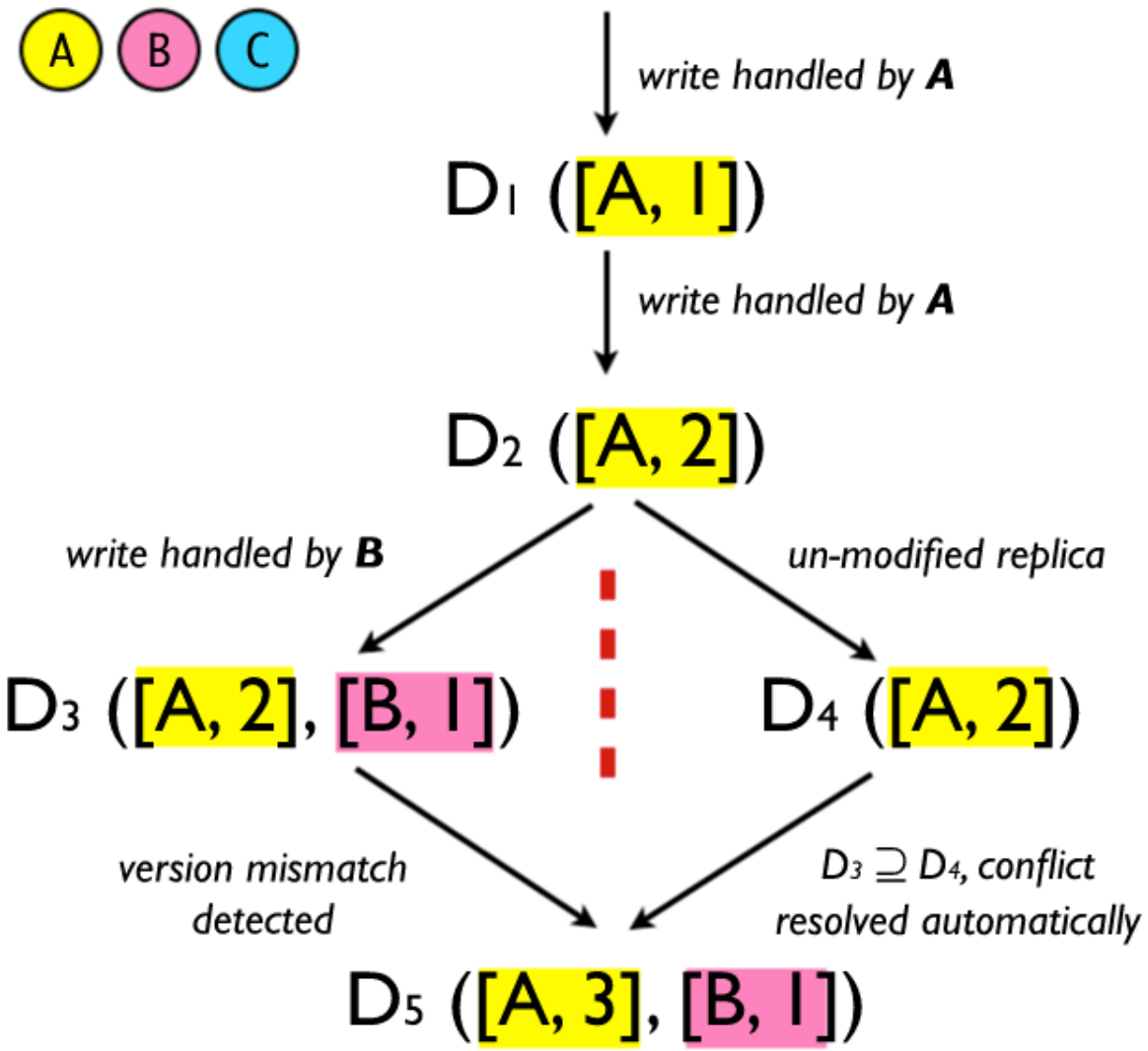

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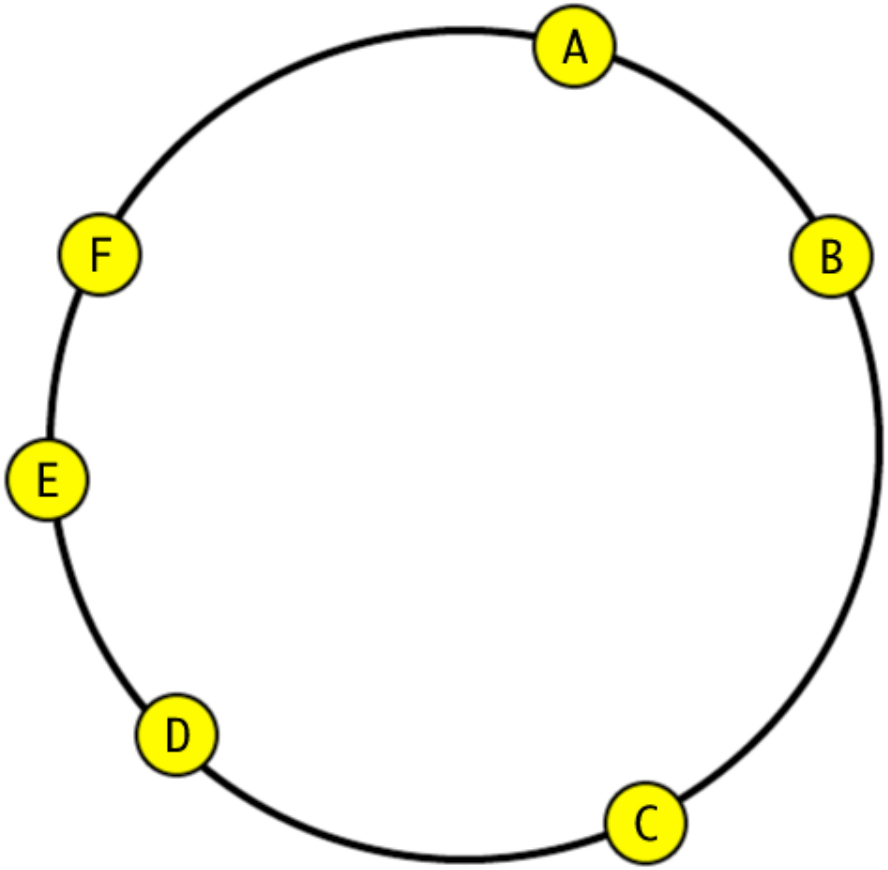

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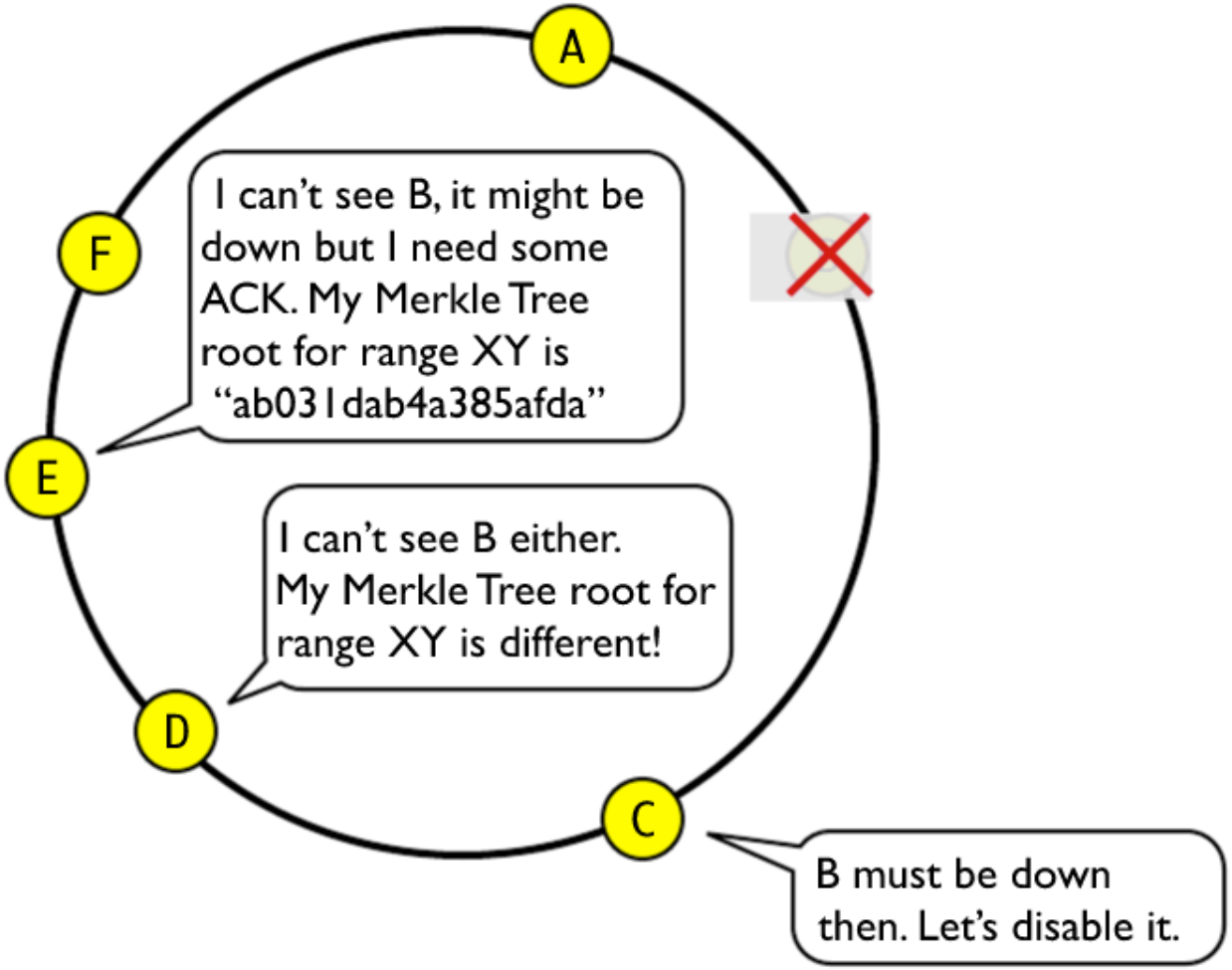

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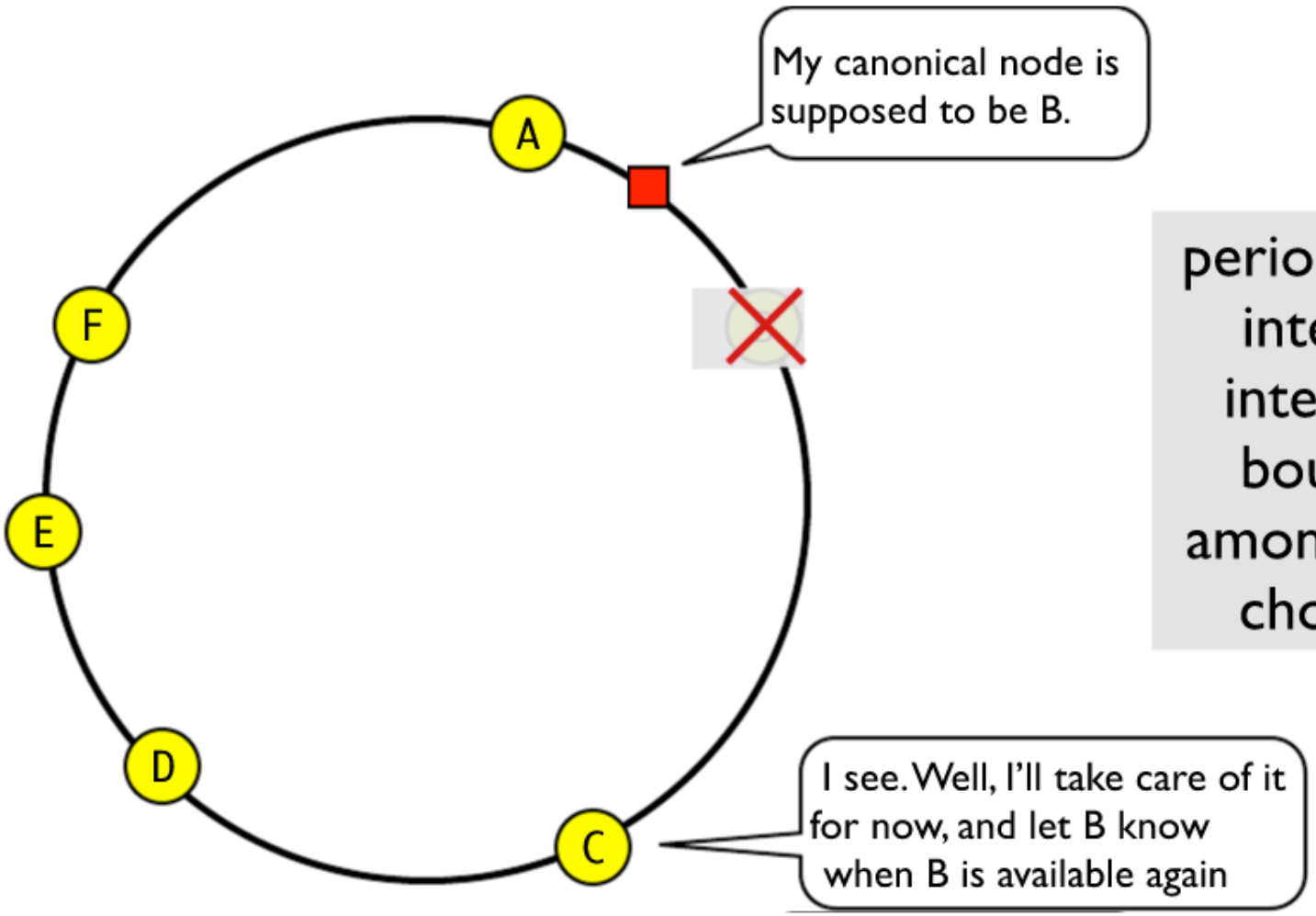

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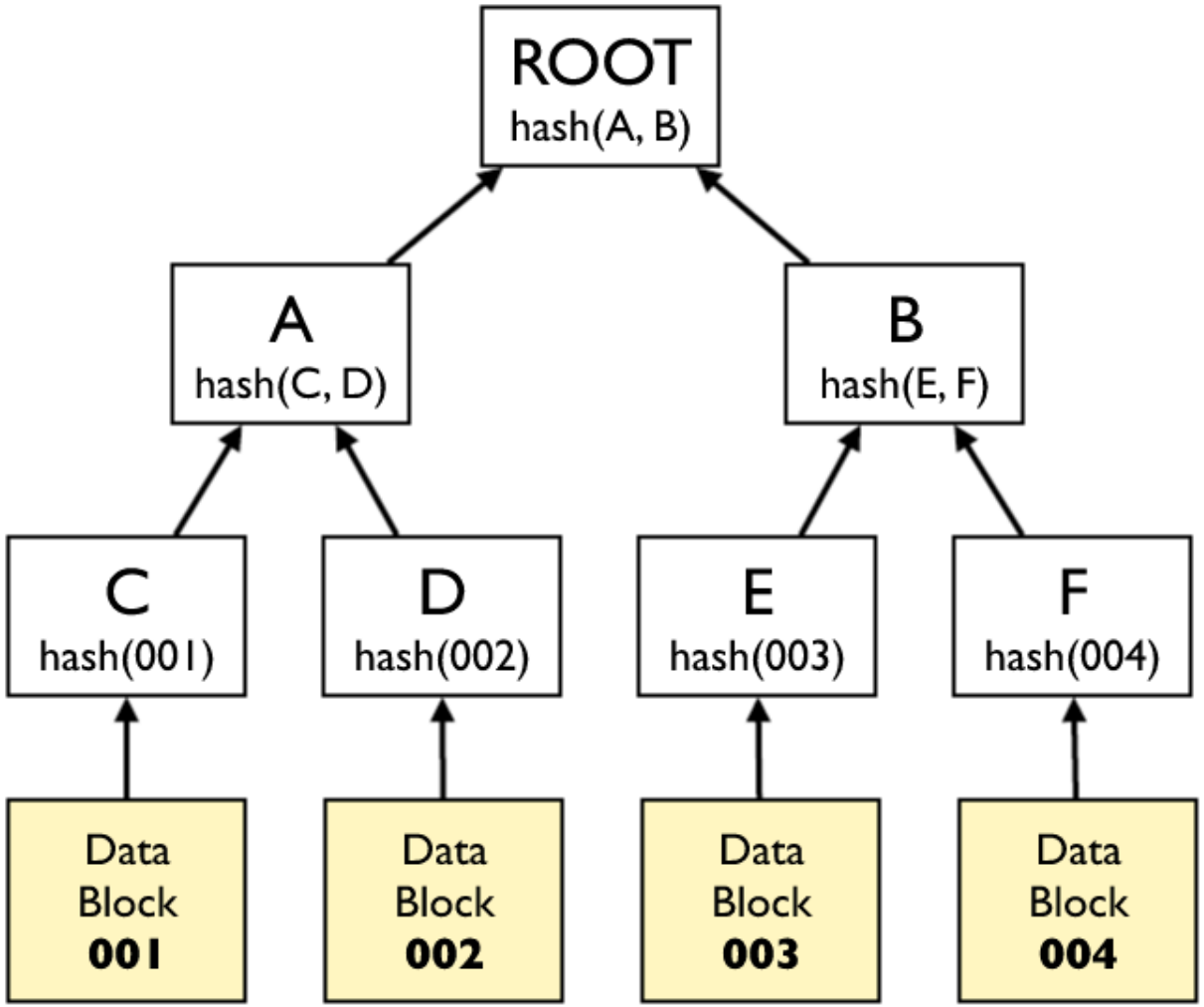
Merkle Trees (Hash Trees)



Leaves: hashes of data blocks.

Nodes: hashes of their children.

Used to detect inconsistencies between replicas (anti-entropy) and to minimise the amount of transferred data

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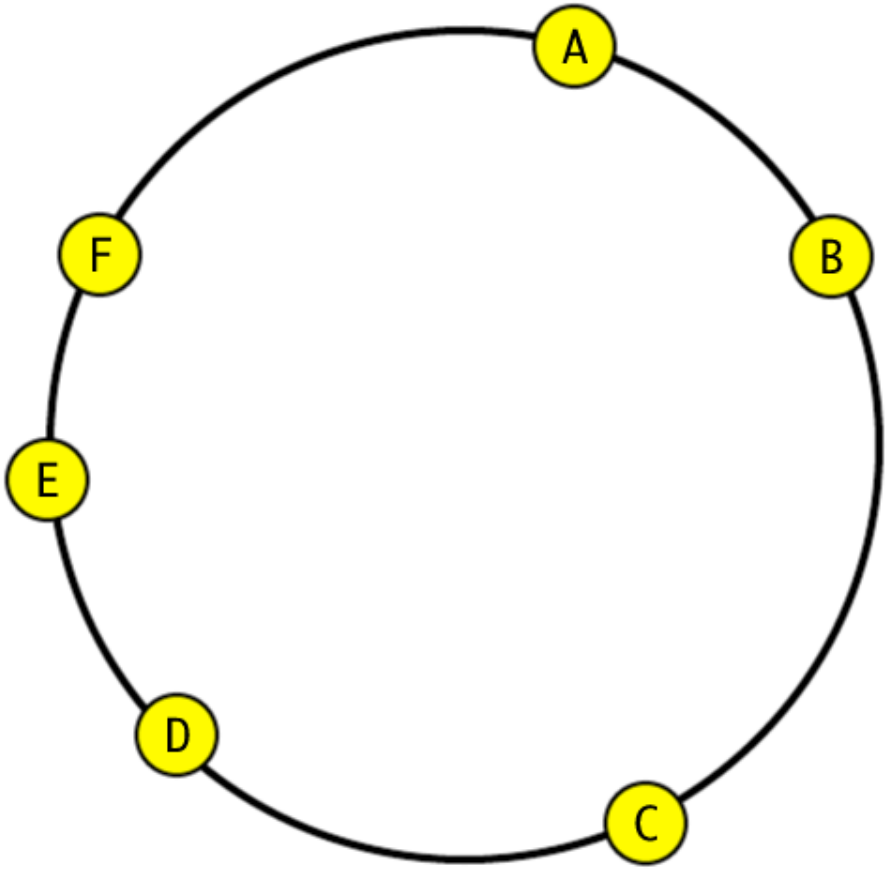

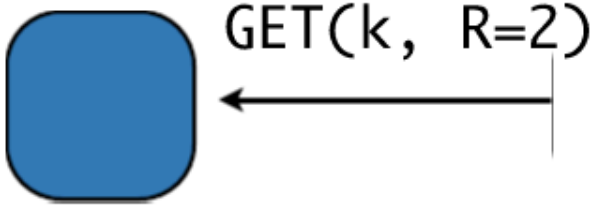

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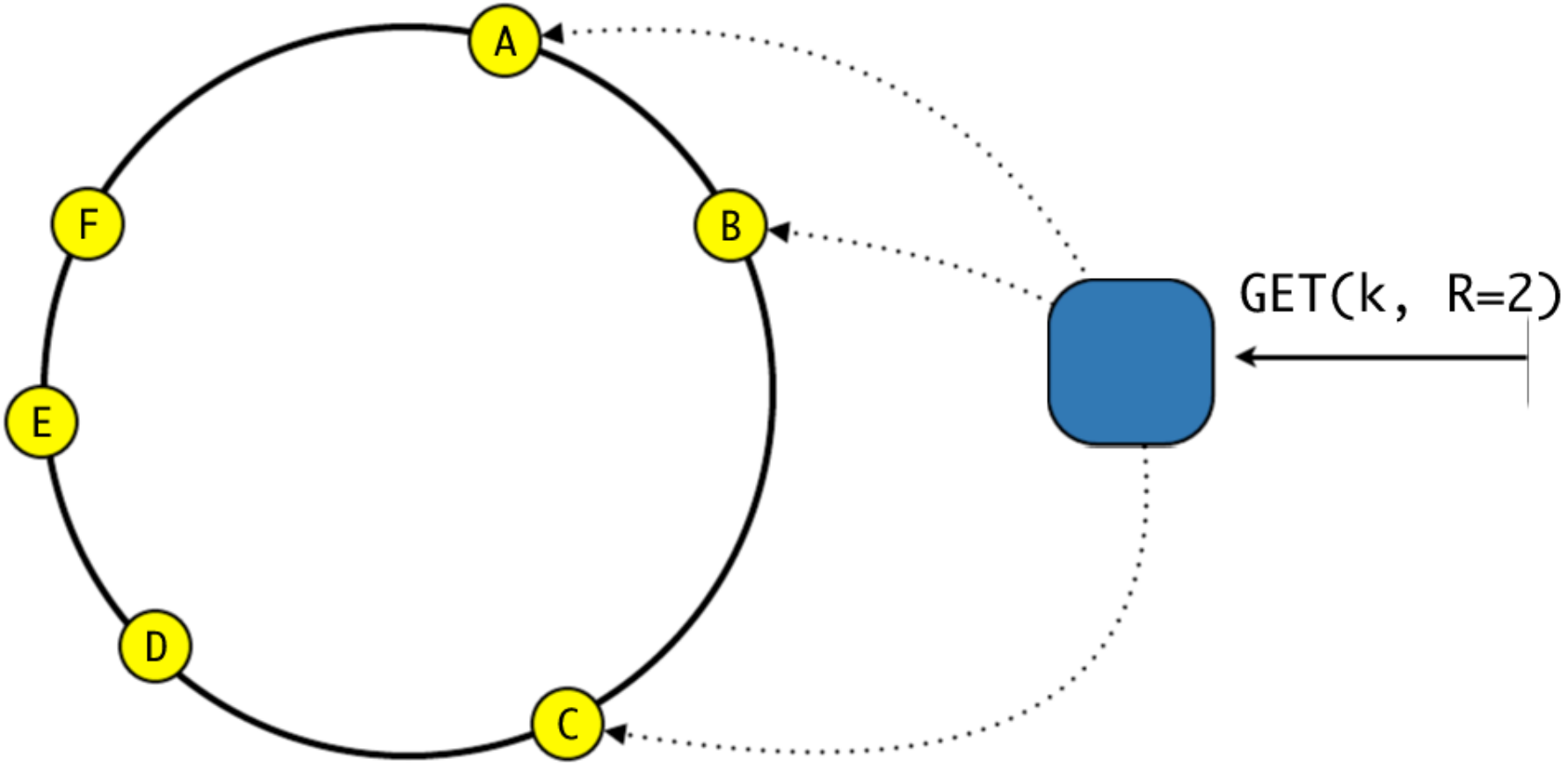

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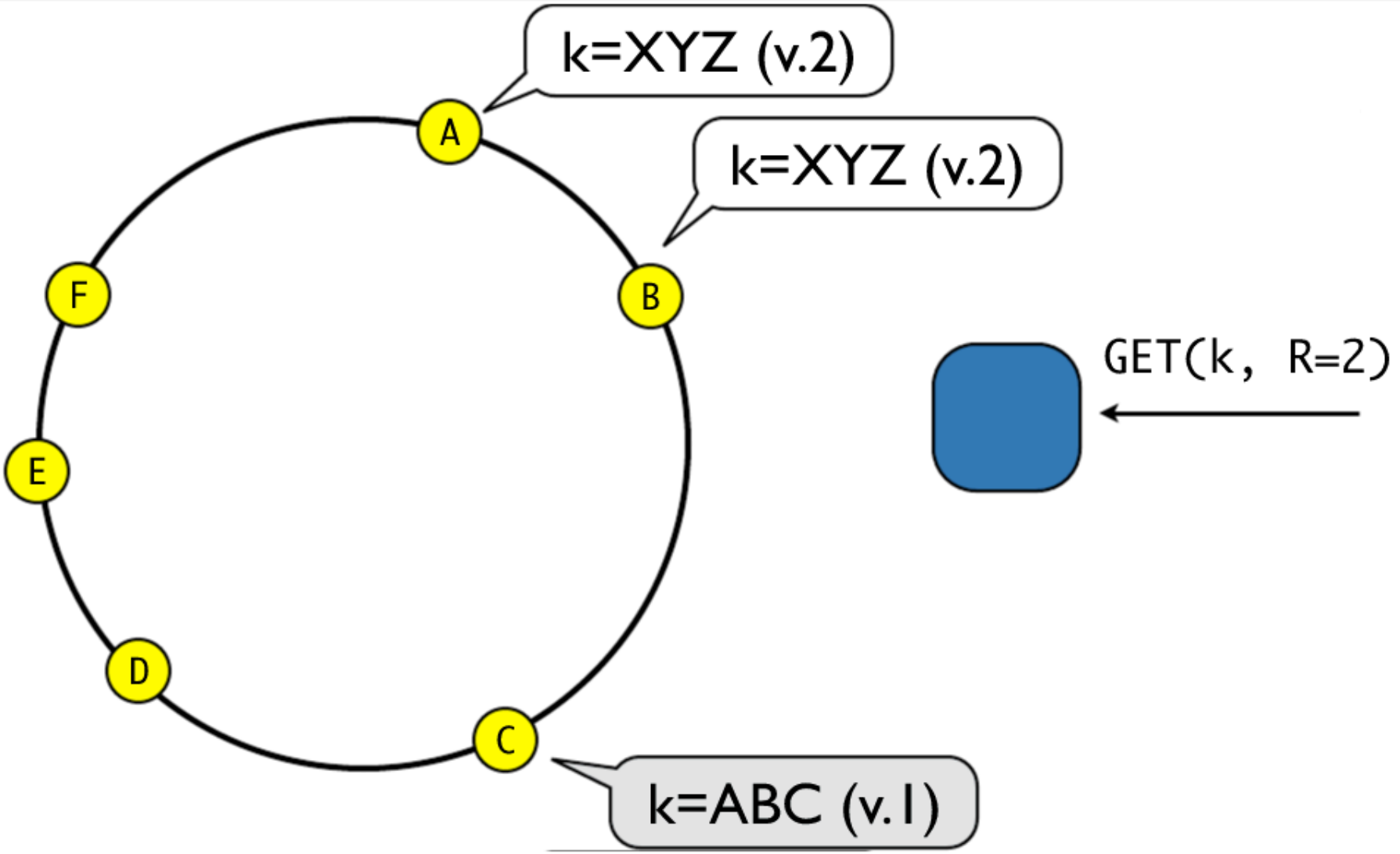

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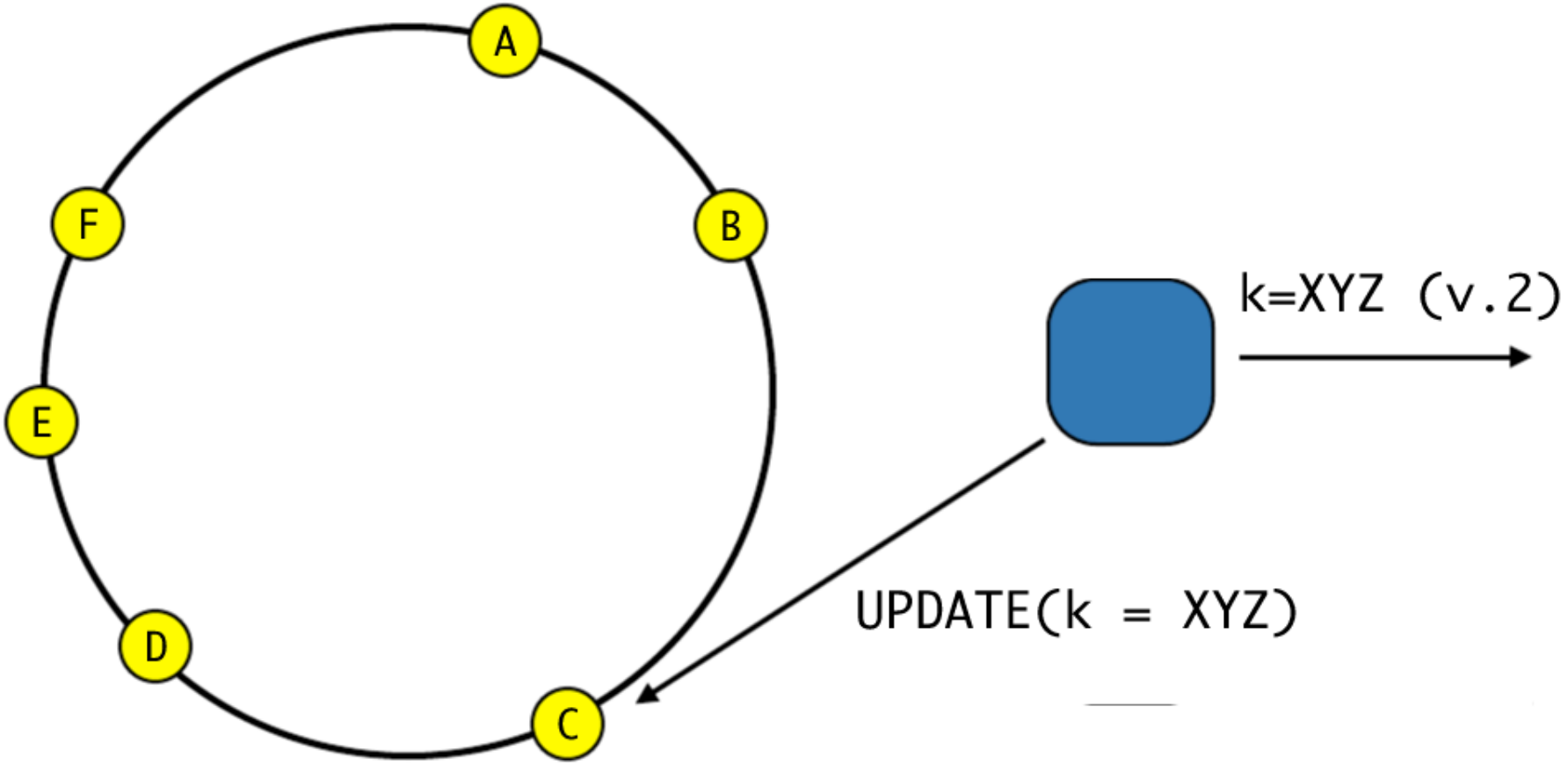

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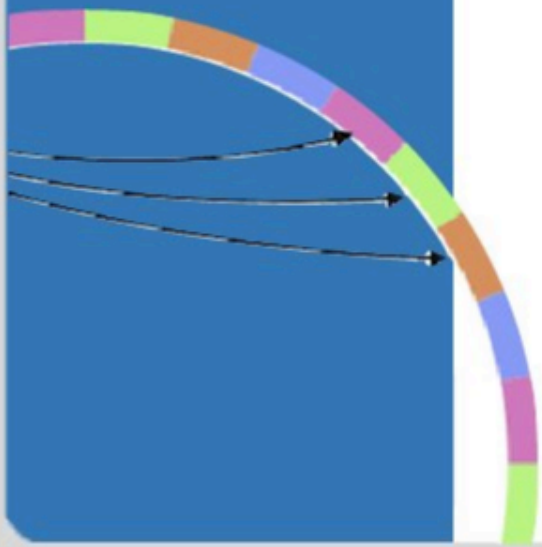

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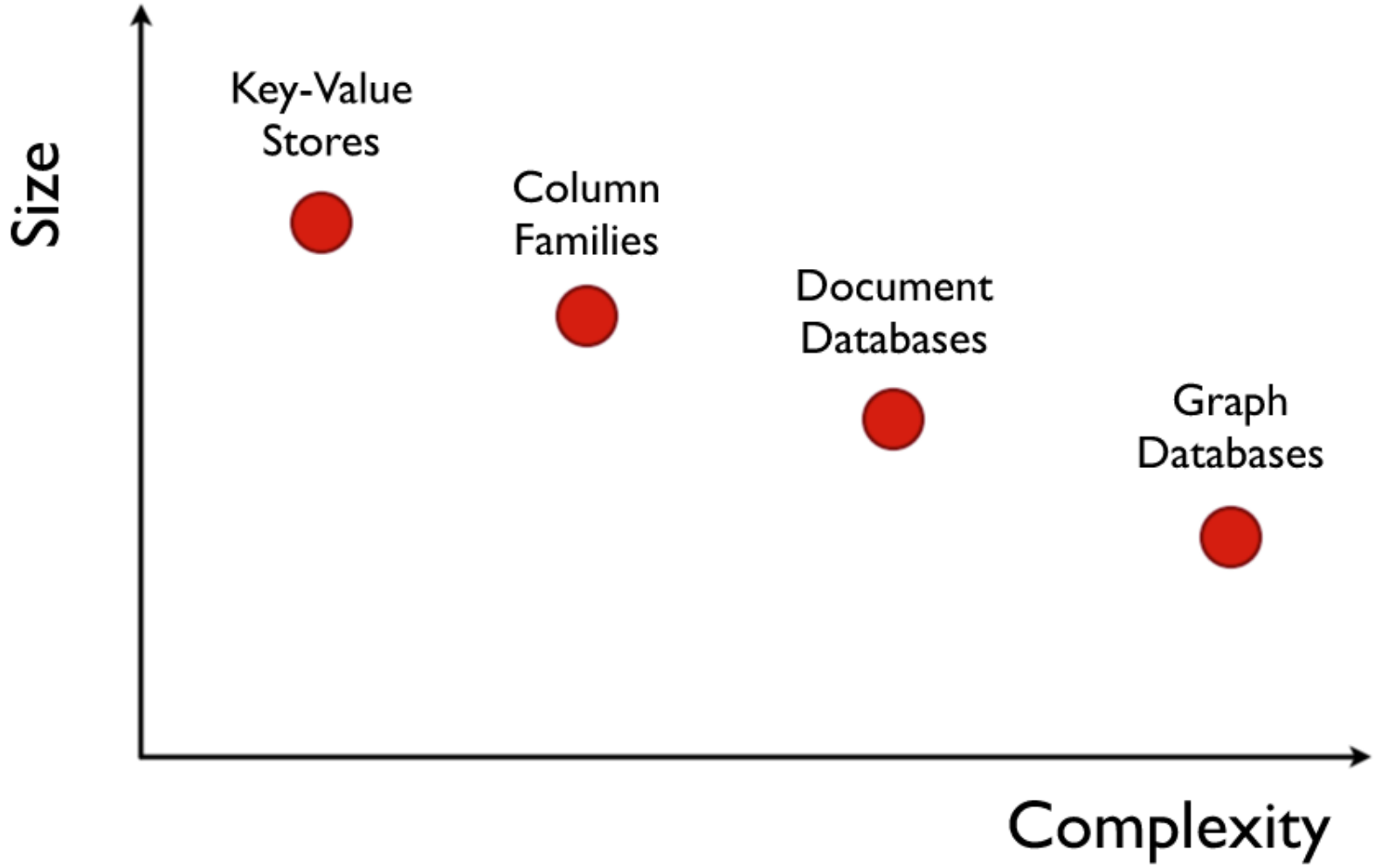

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Amazon Dynamo Paper

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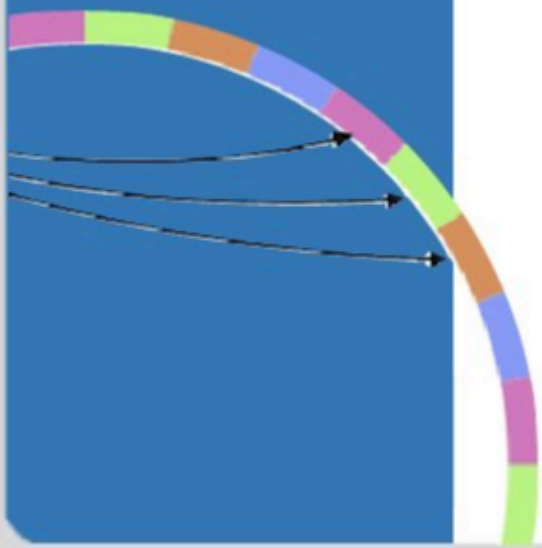

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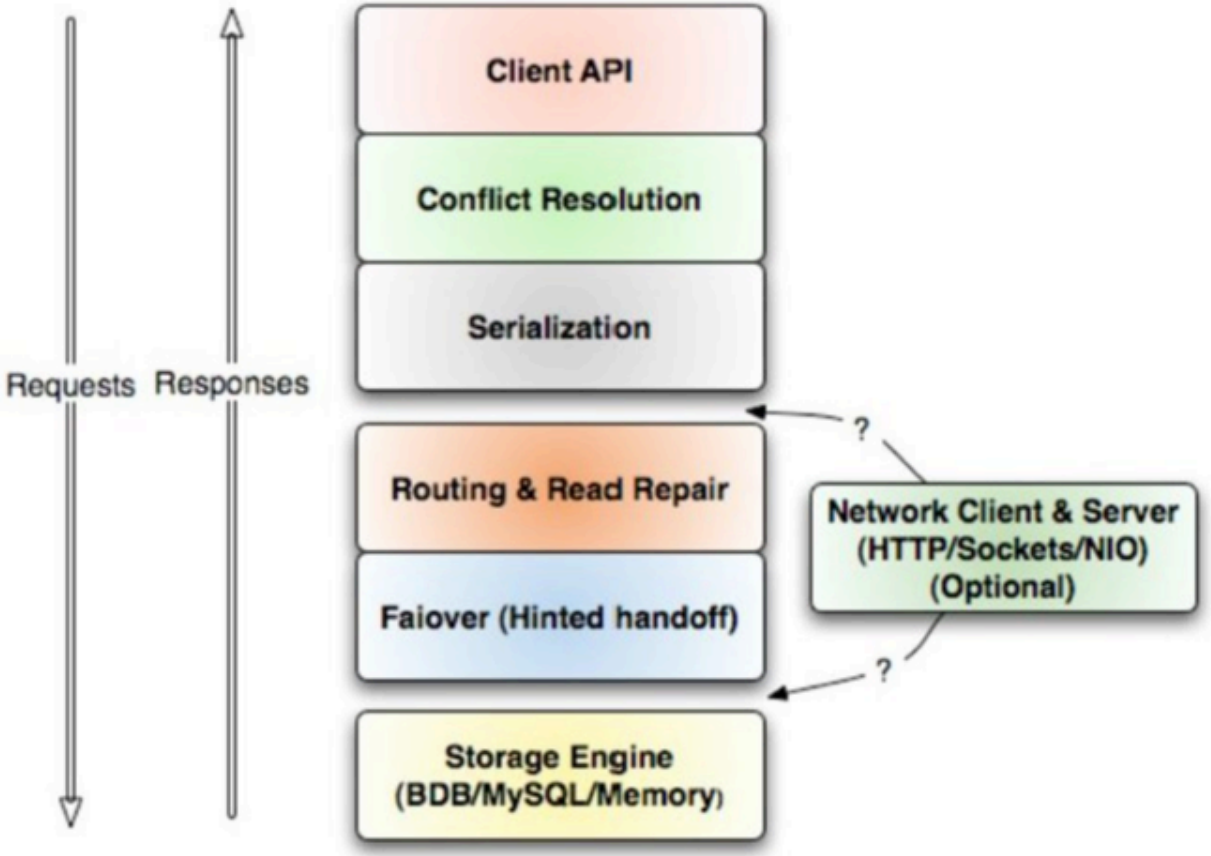

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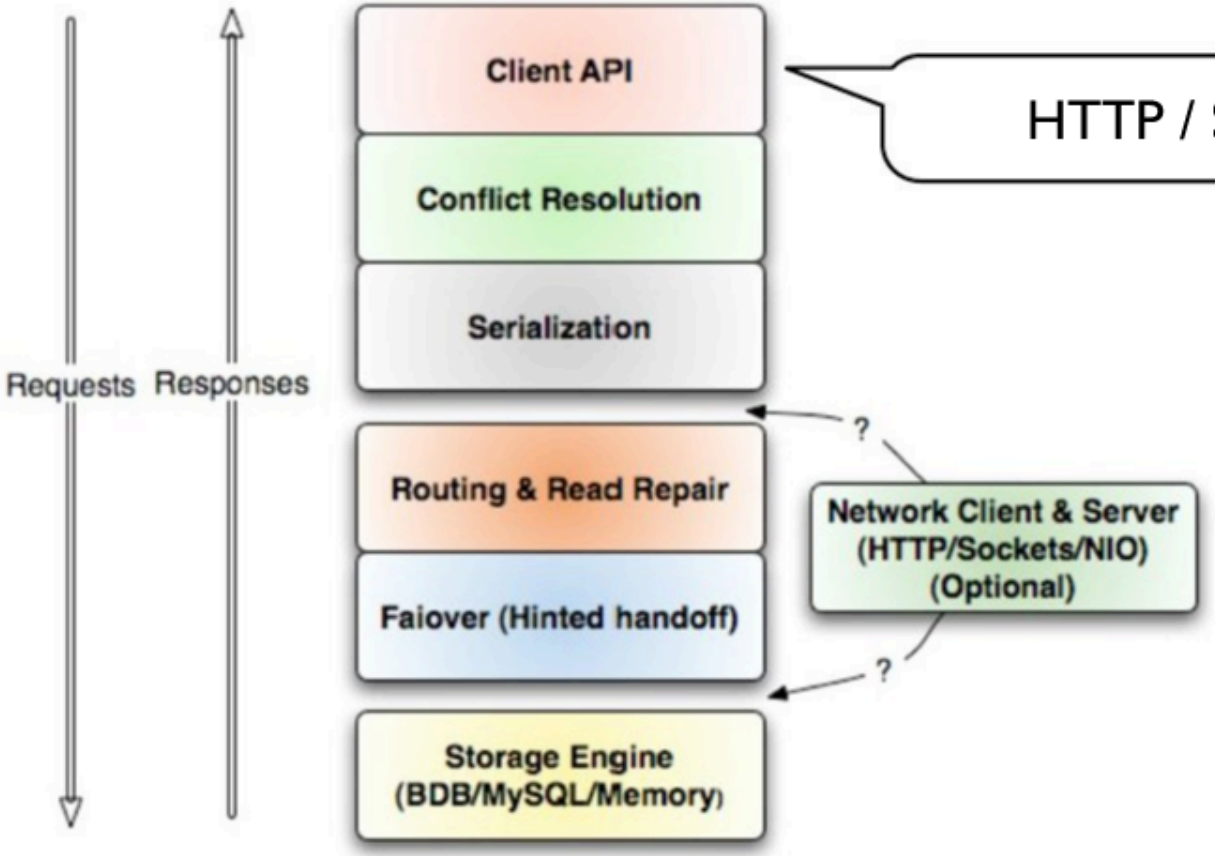

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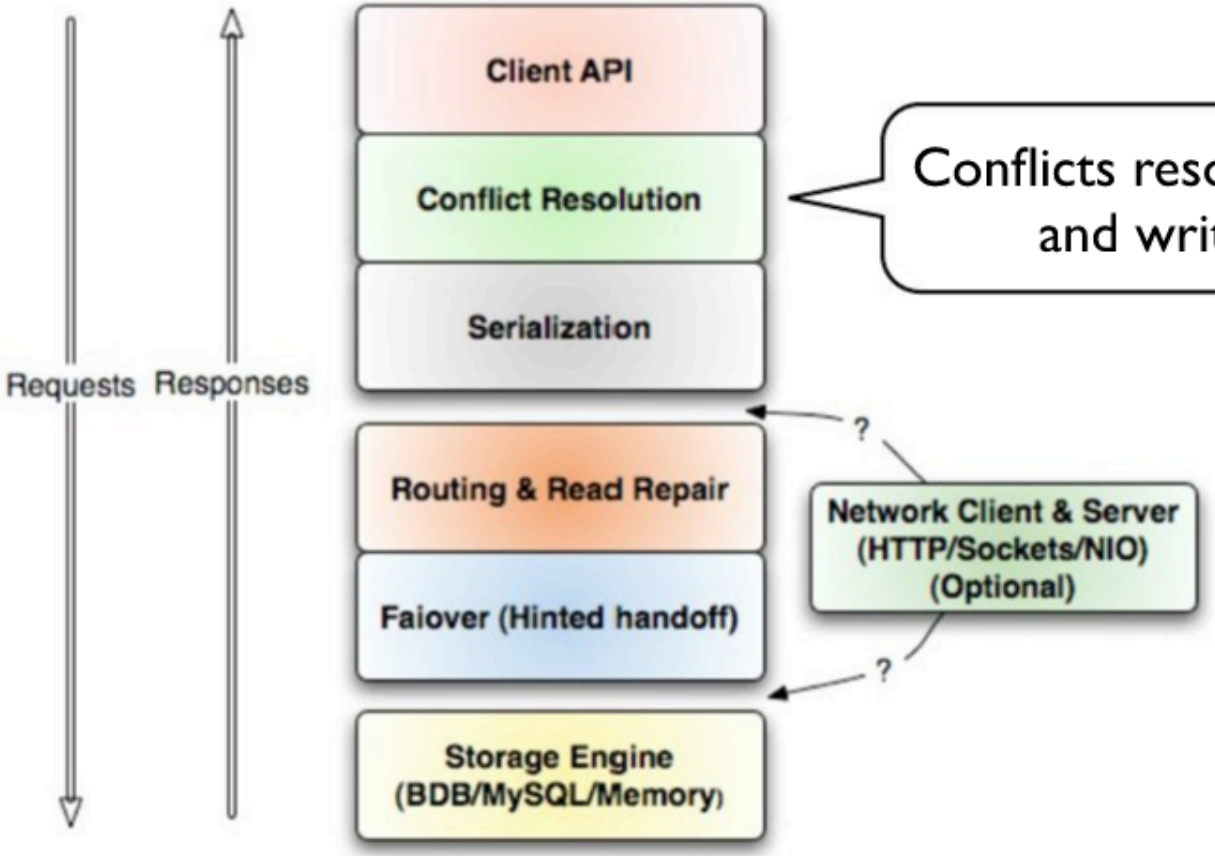

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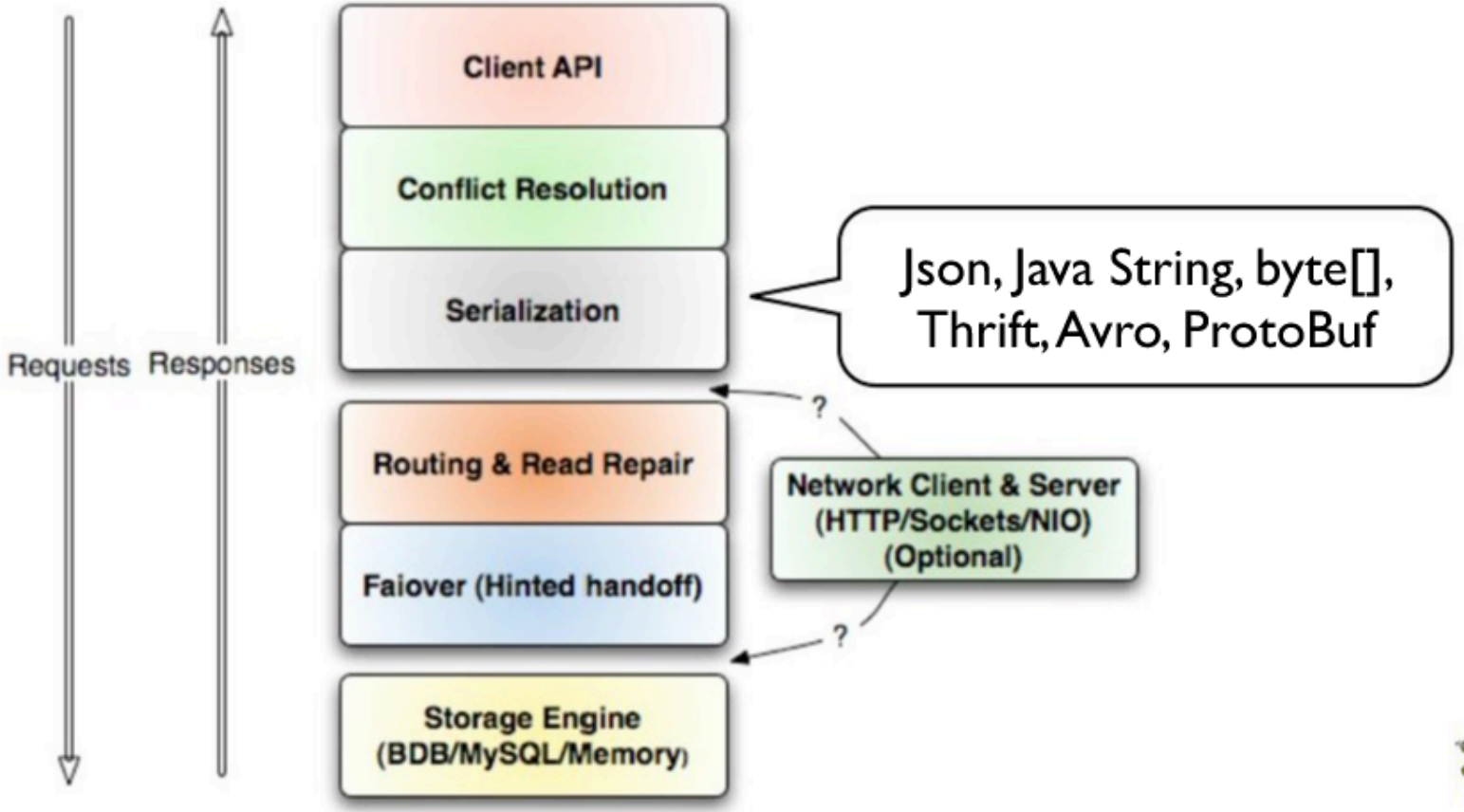

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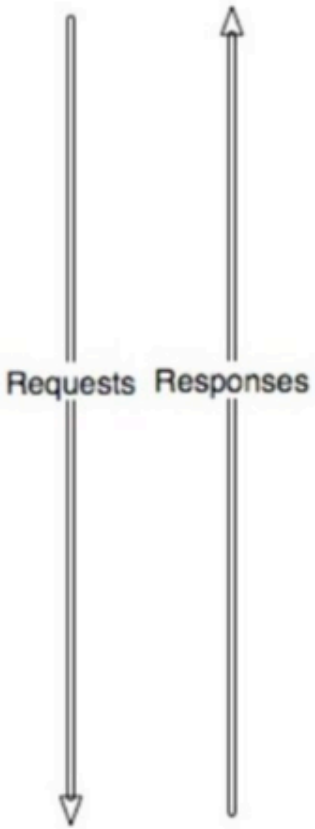

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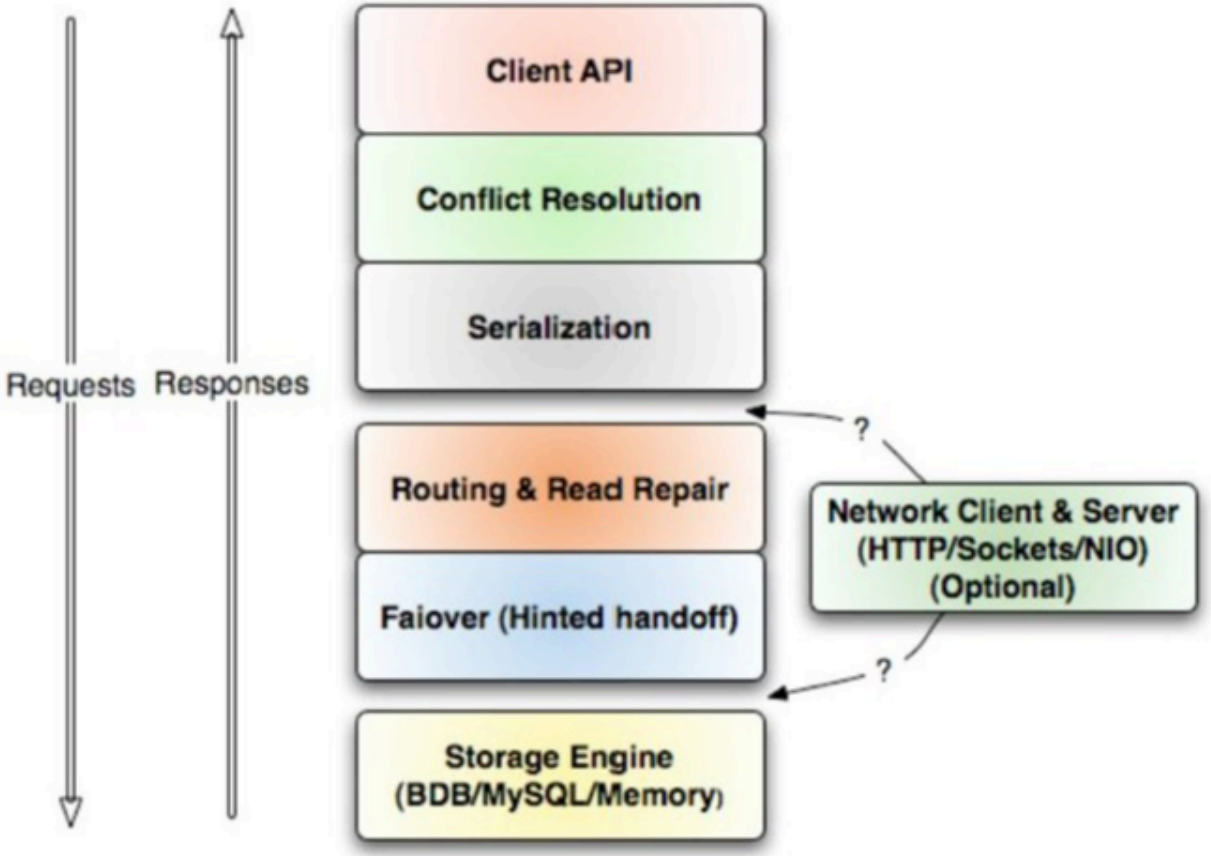

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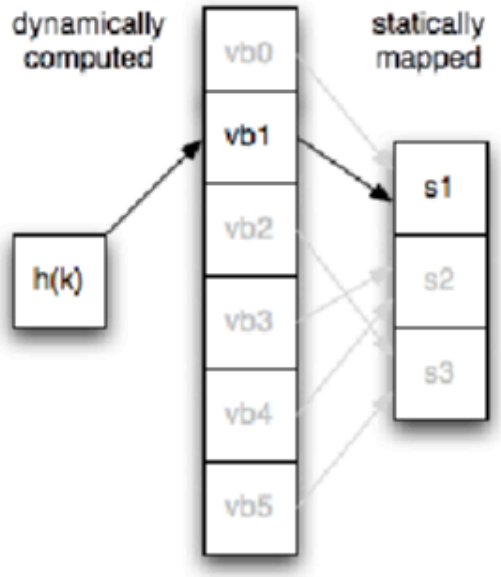

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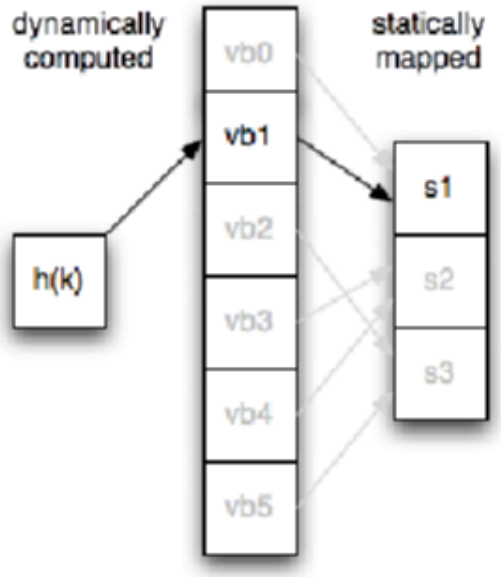

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REST/JSON memcached

All metadata kept in memory (high throughput / low latency).
Manual/Programmatic failover via the Management REST API.

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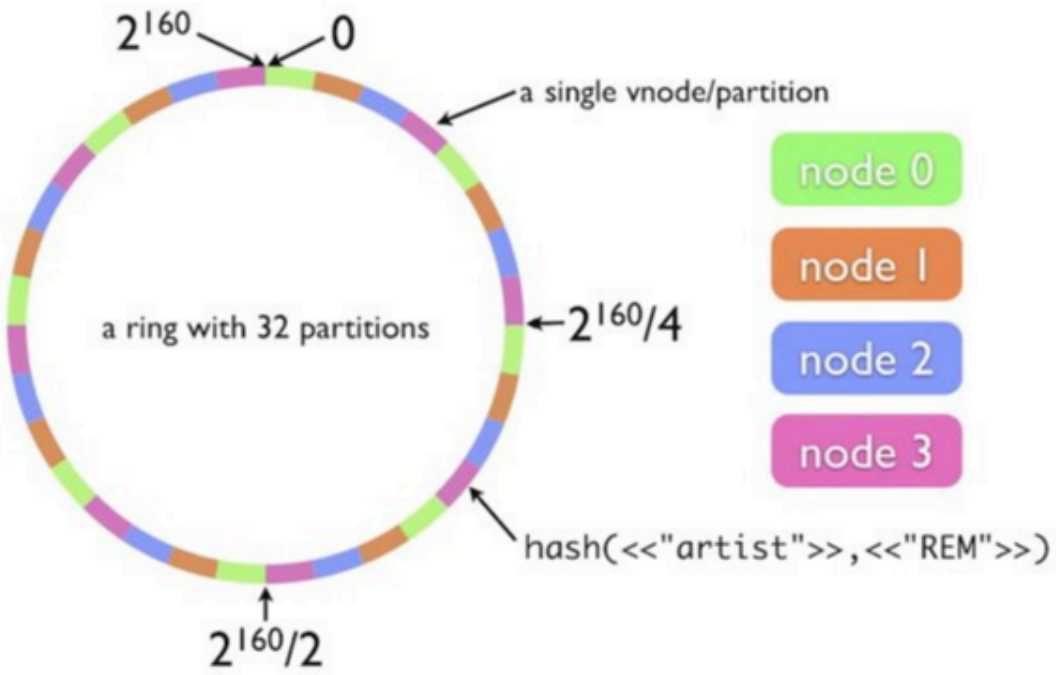

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Buckets → K-V

"Links" (~relations)

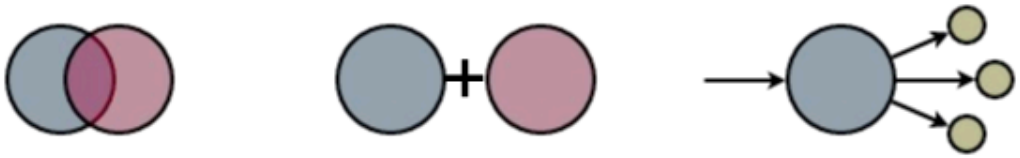
Targeted JS Map/Reduce

Tune-able consistency (one-quorum-all)

Redis

~~K-V store~~ "Data Structures Server"

Map, Set, Sorted Set, Linked List
Set/Queue operations, Counters, Pub-Sub, Volatile keys



10-100K op/s (whole dataset in RAM + VM)

Persistence via snapshotting (tunable fsync freq.)

Distributed if client supports consistent hashing

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2) Column Families

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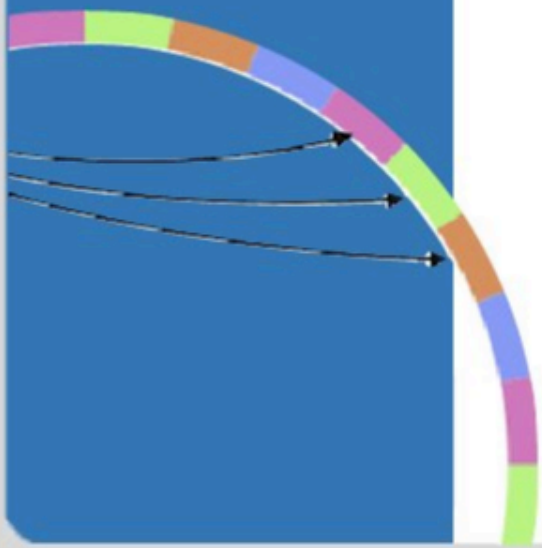
Data model: big table, column families



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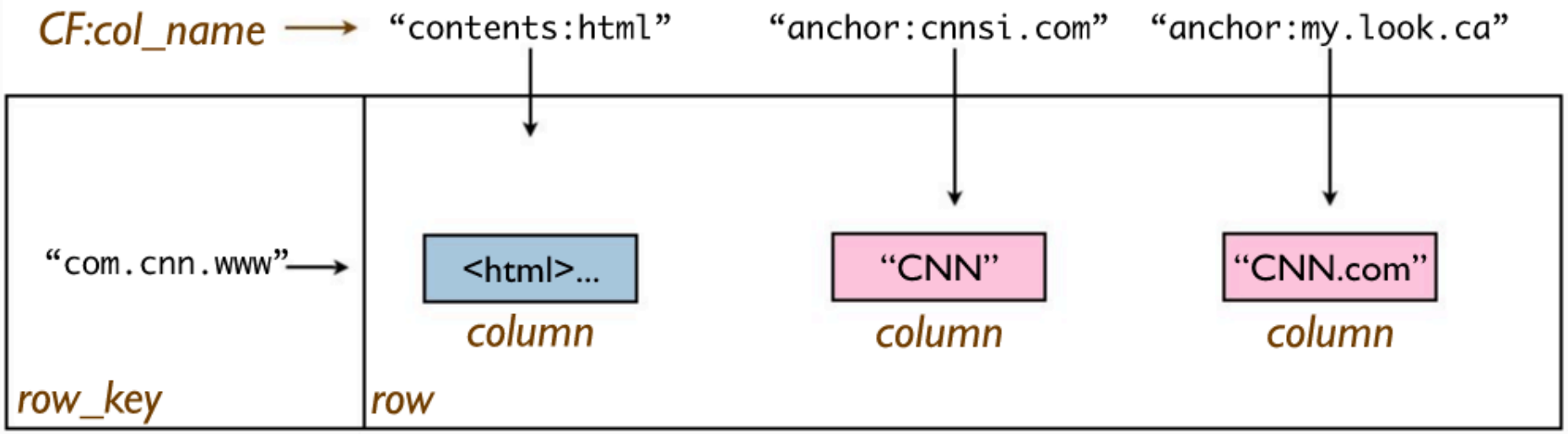

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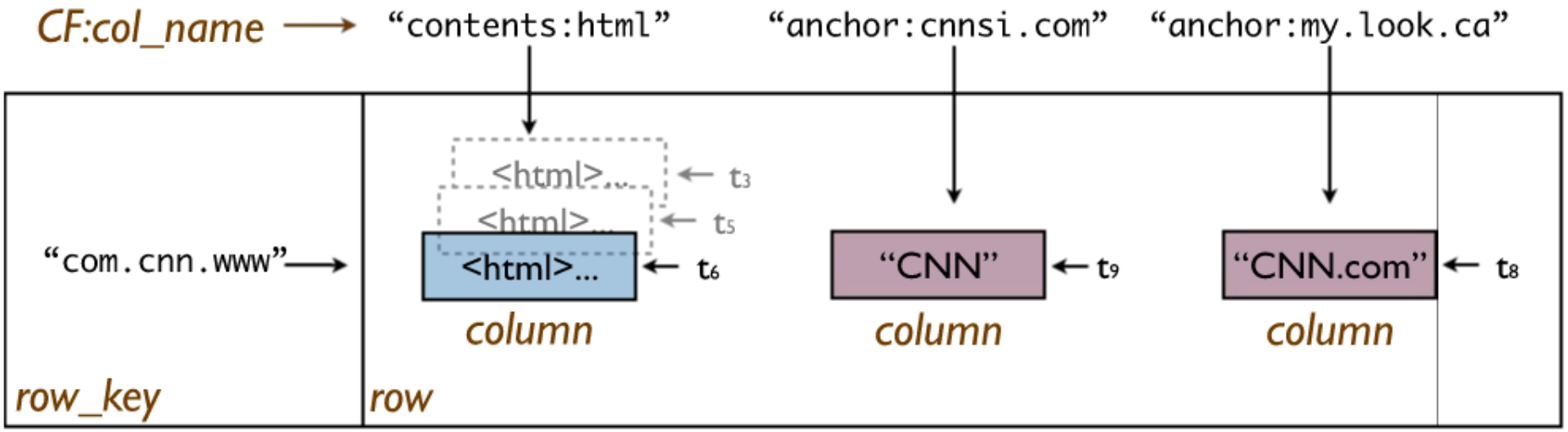

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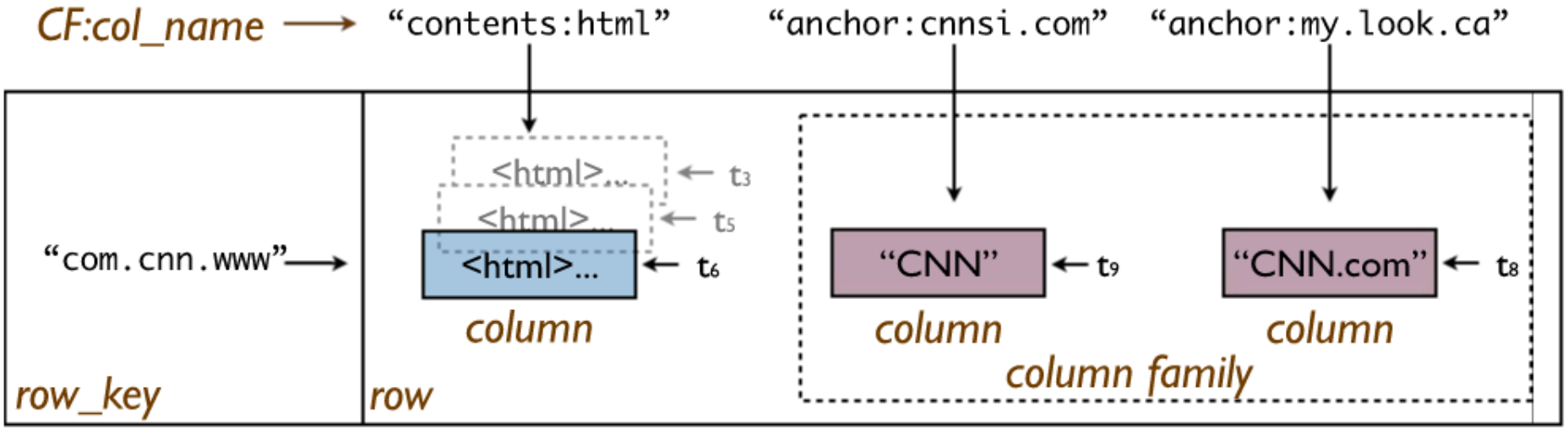

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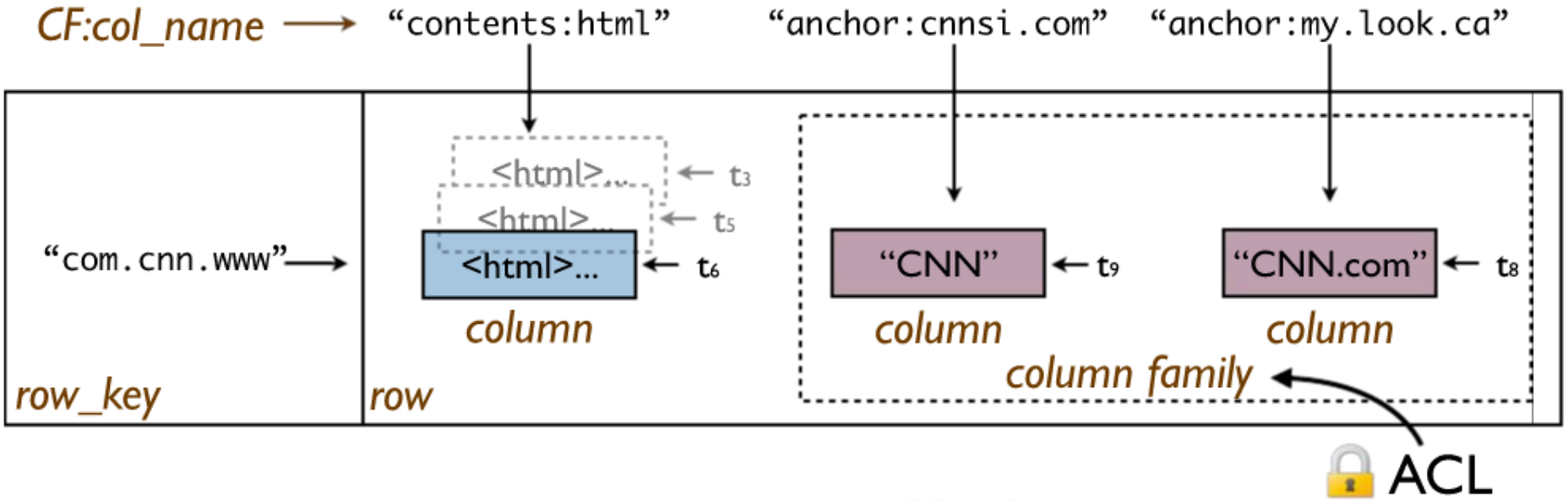

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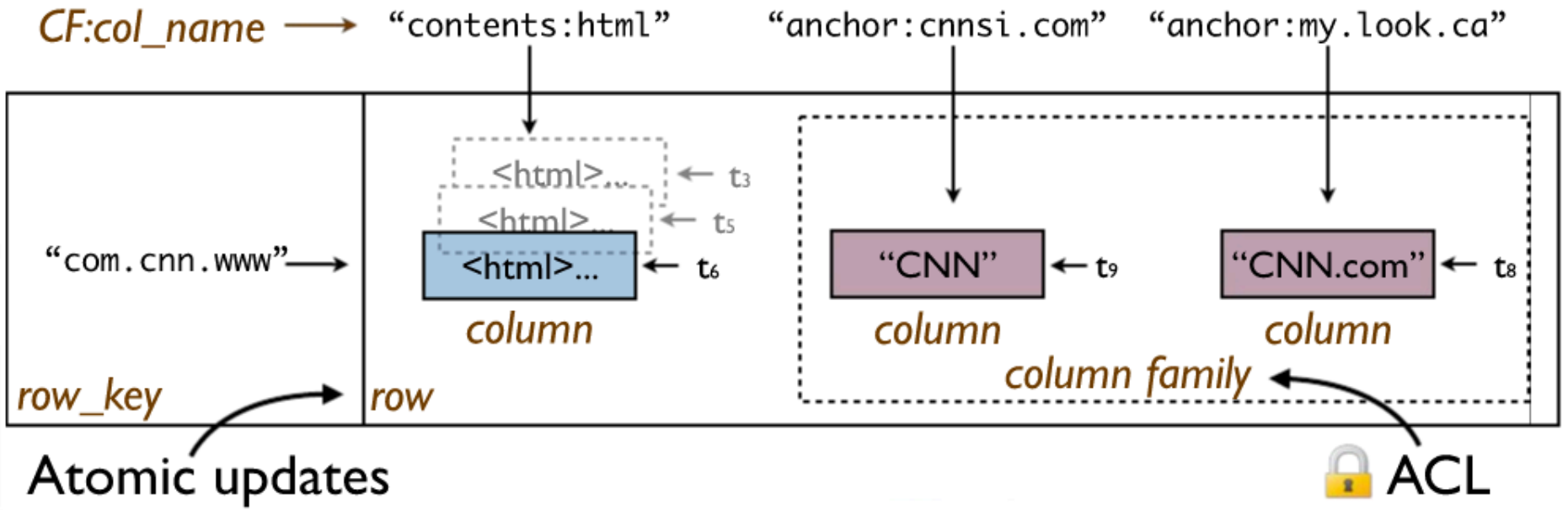

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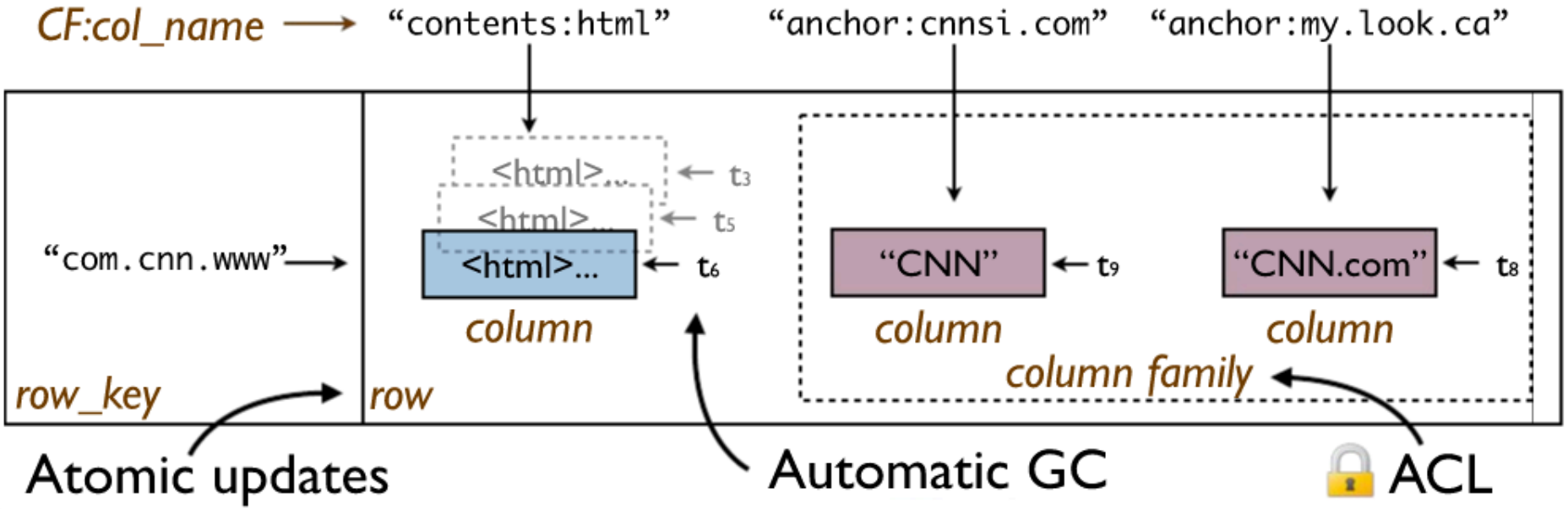


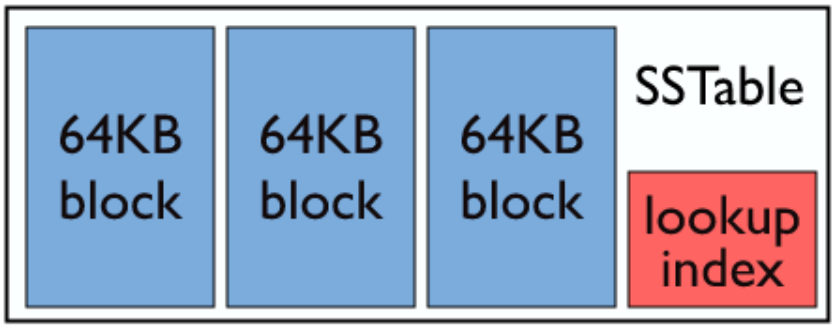
Google BigTable: Data Structure

SSTable

Smallest building block

Persistent immutable Map[k,v]

Operations: lookup by key / key range scan



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Tablet

Dynamically partitioned range of rows
Built from multiple SSTables
Unit of distribution and load balancing

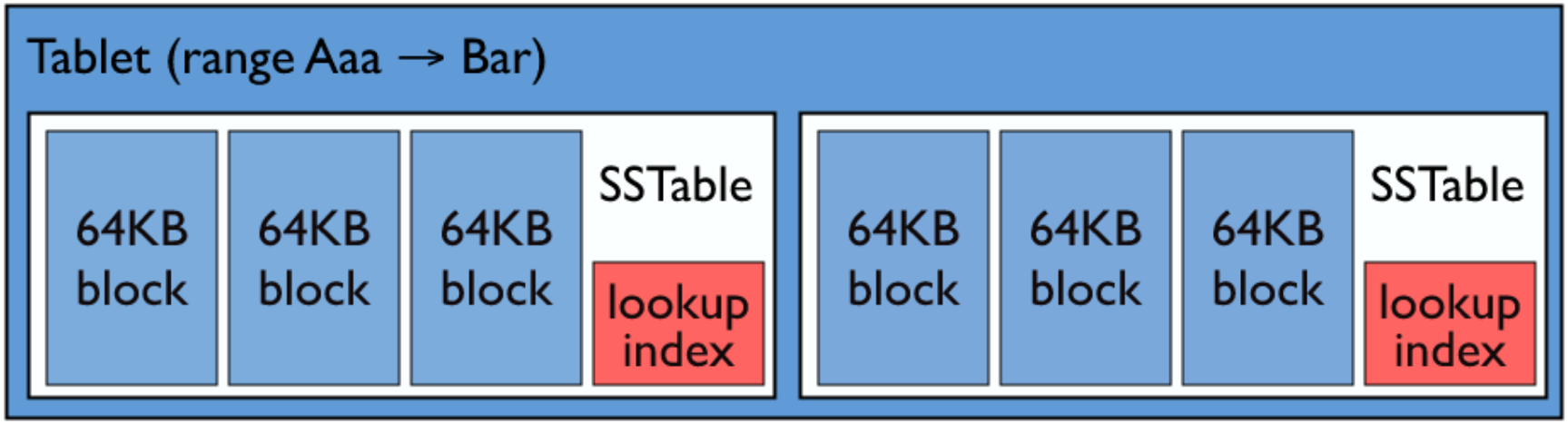

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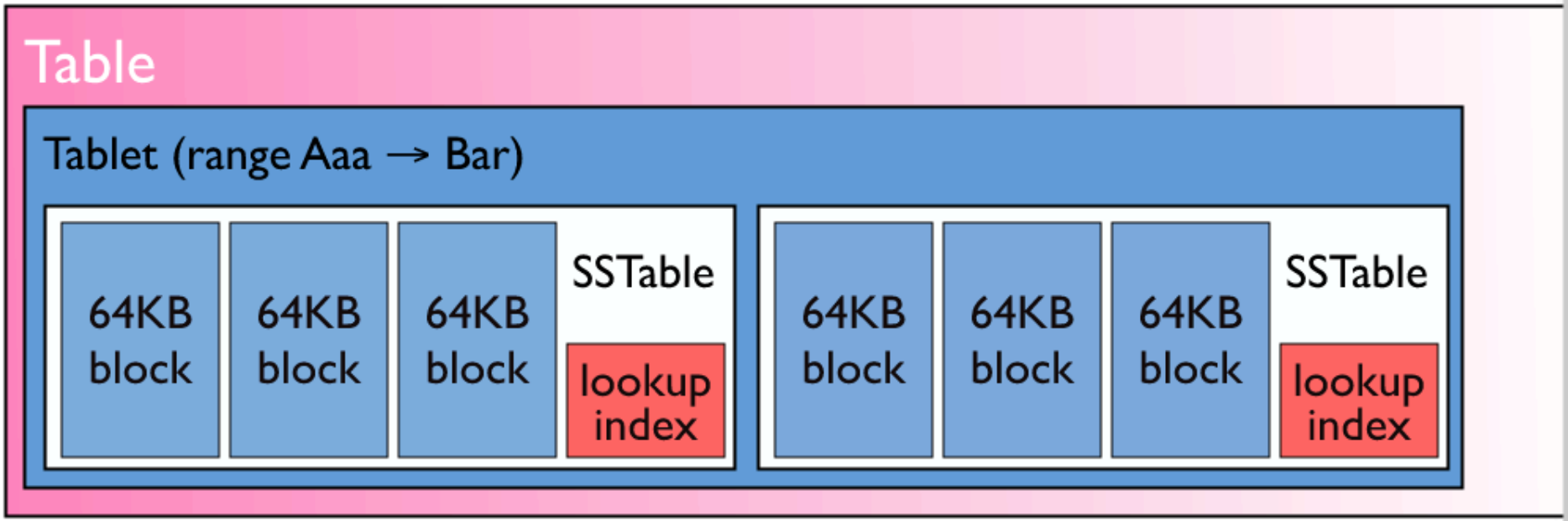
Table

Multiple Tablets (table segments) make up a table



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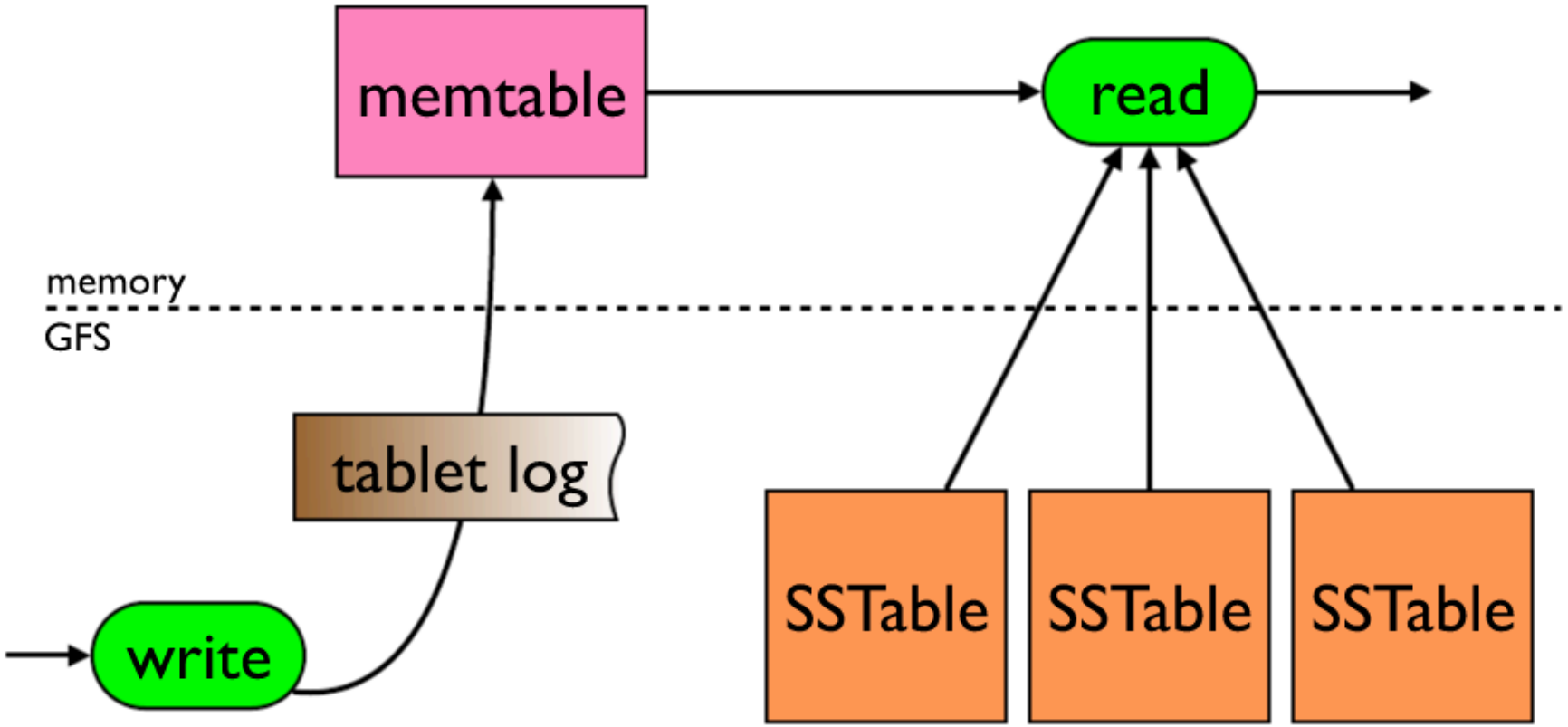

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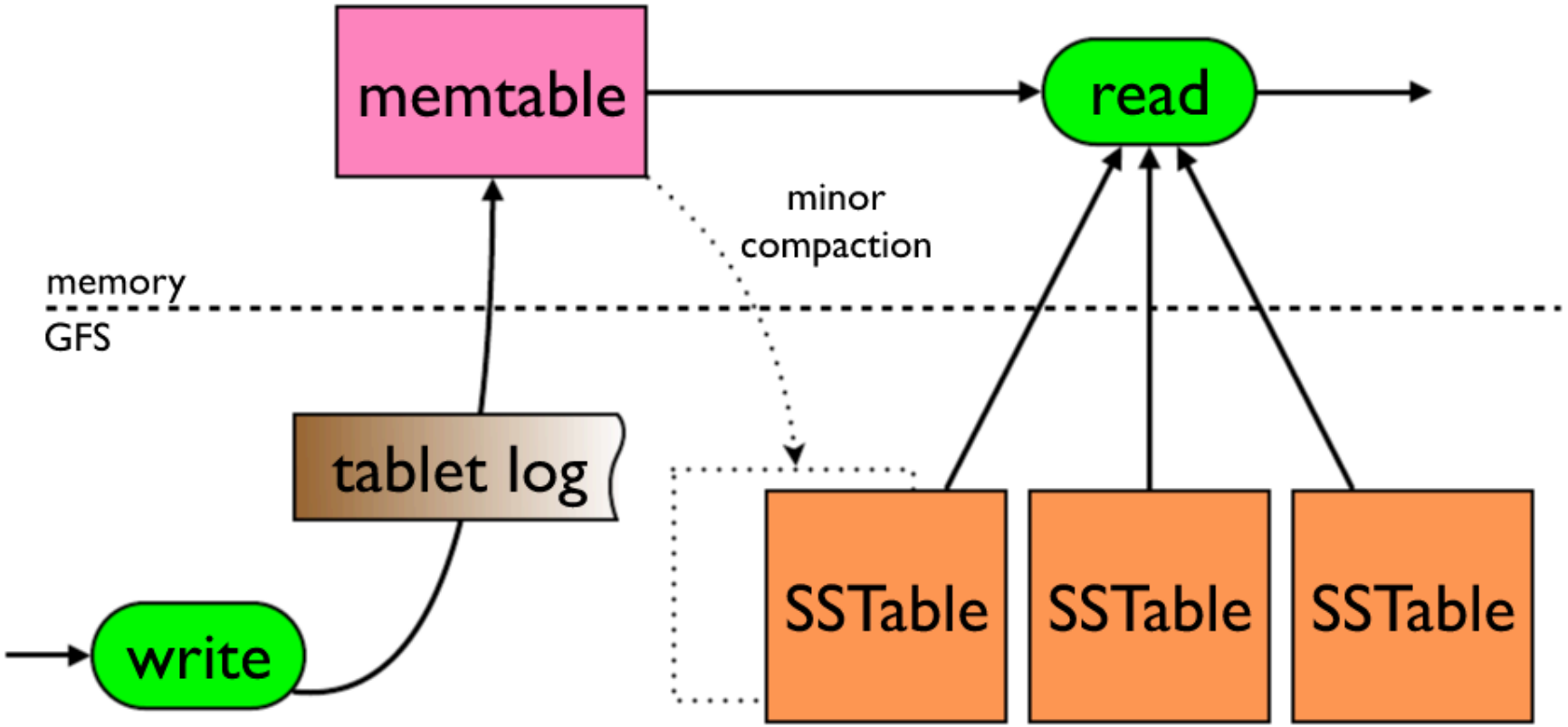

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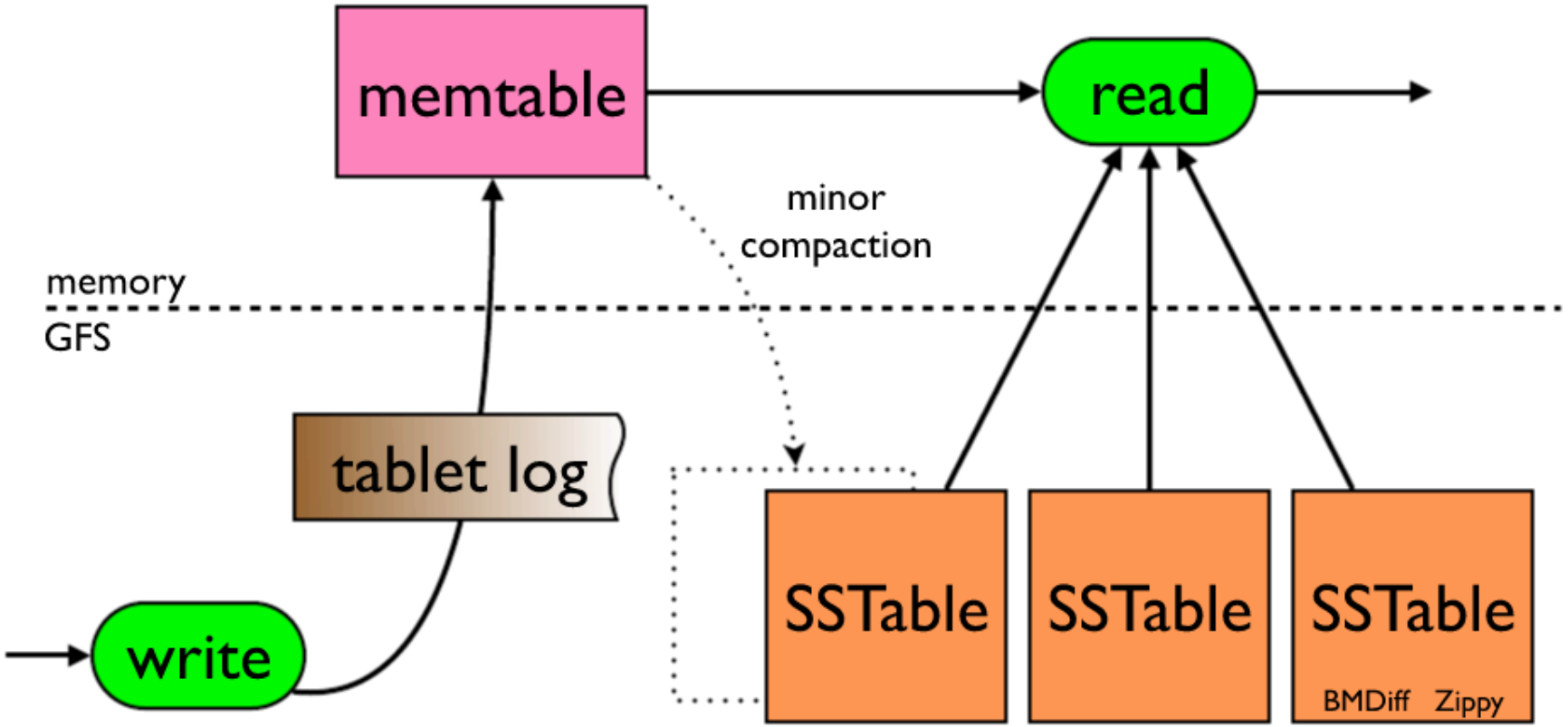

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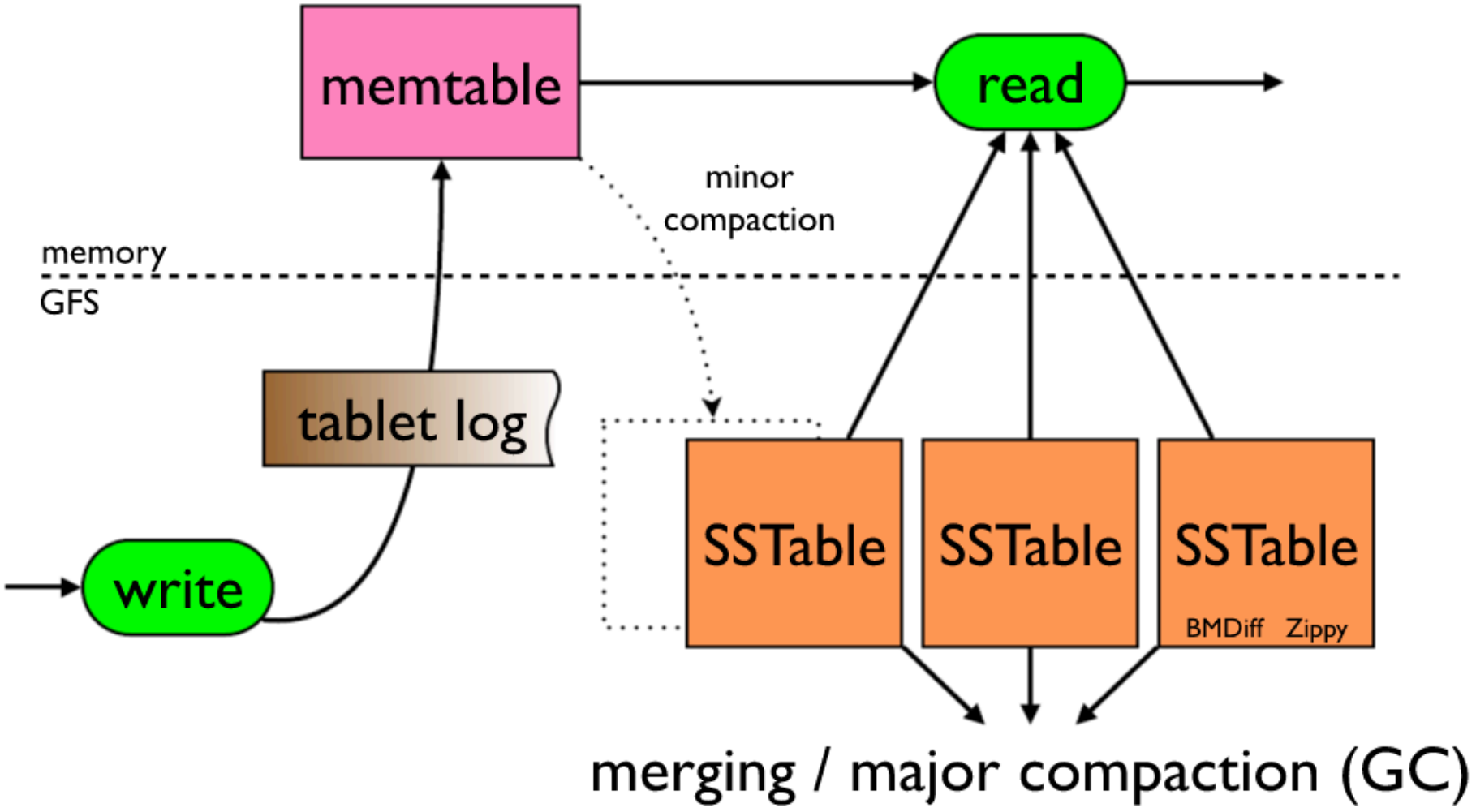

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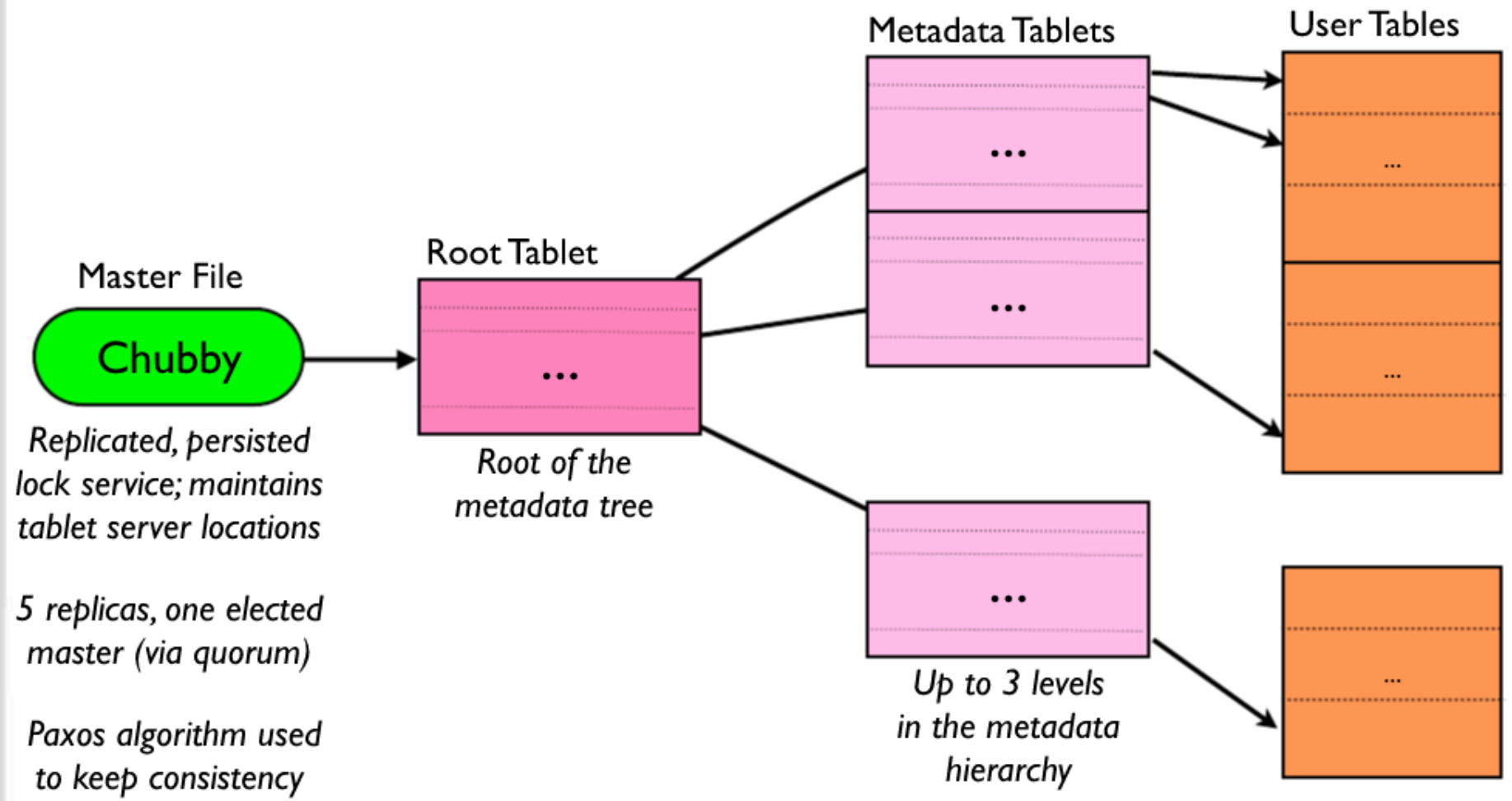

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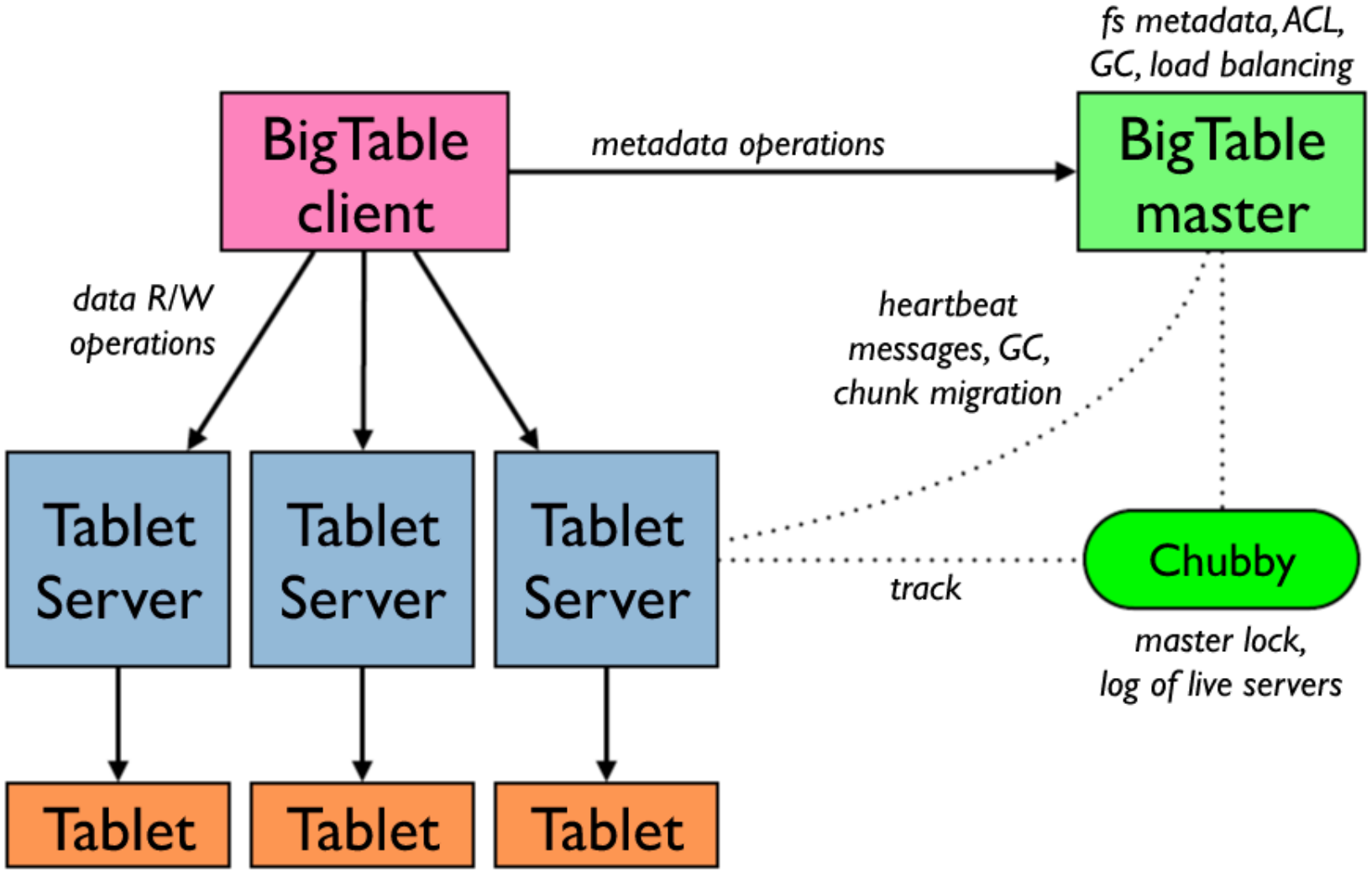

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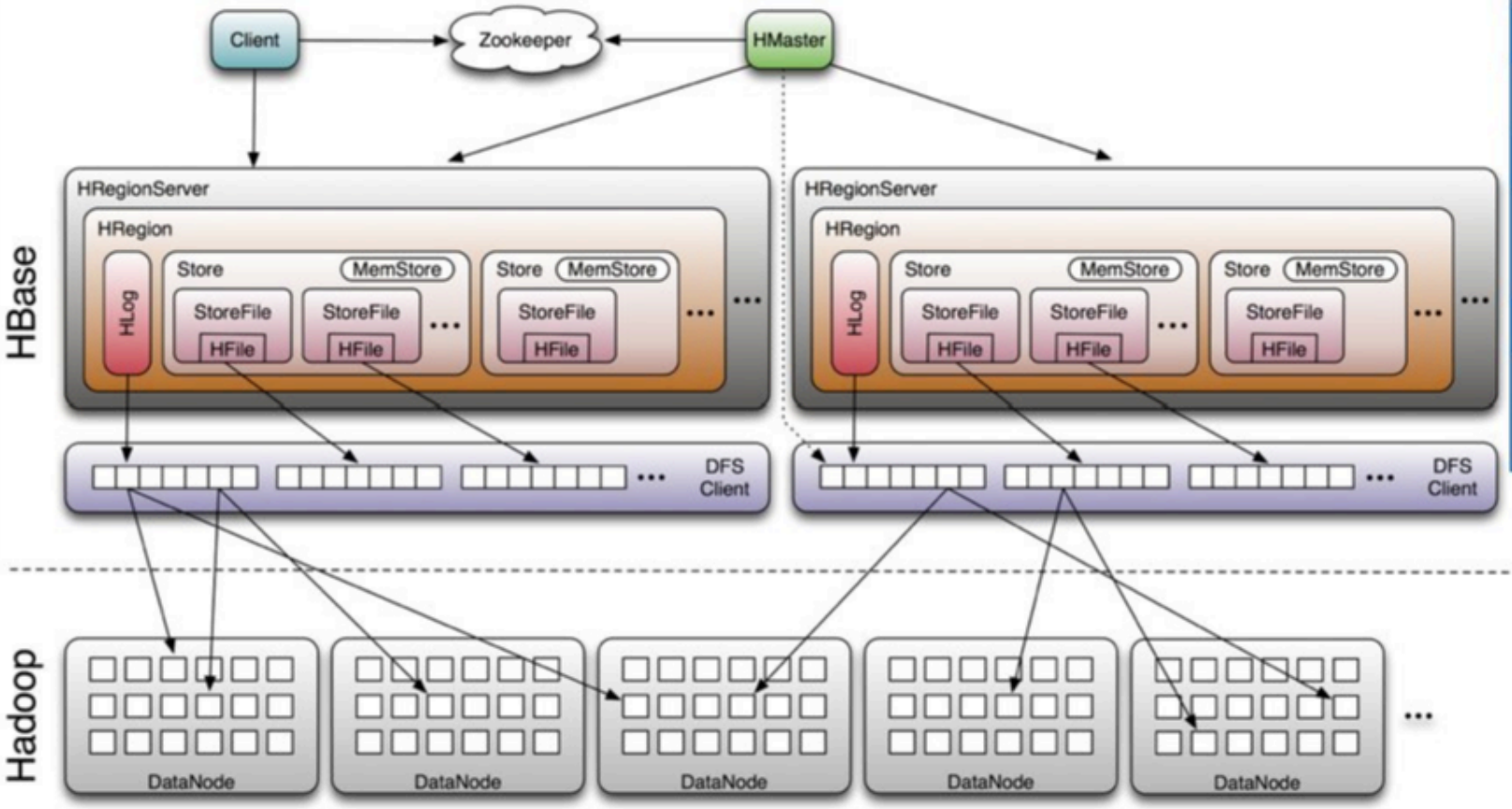

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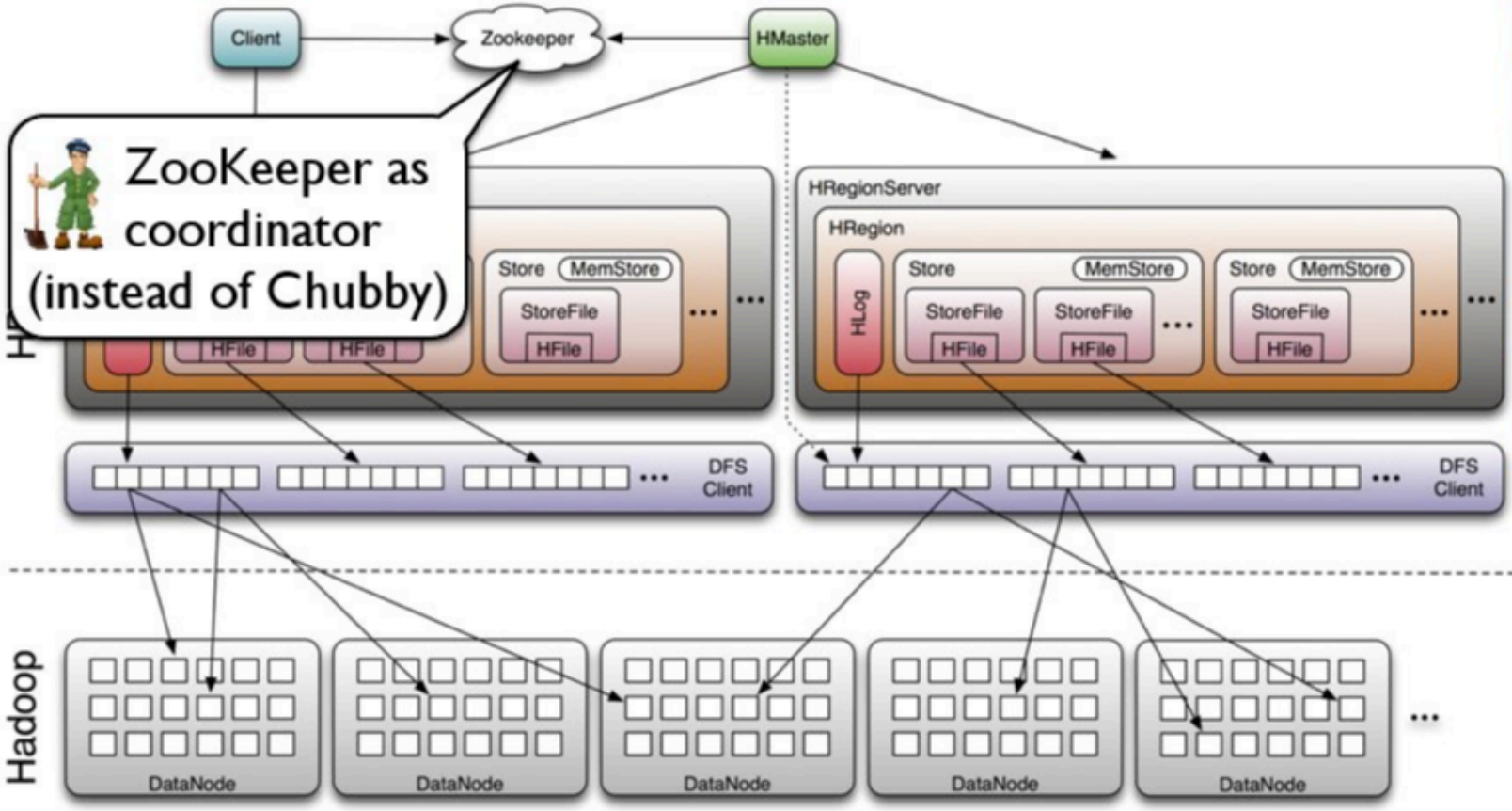

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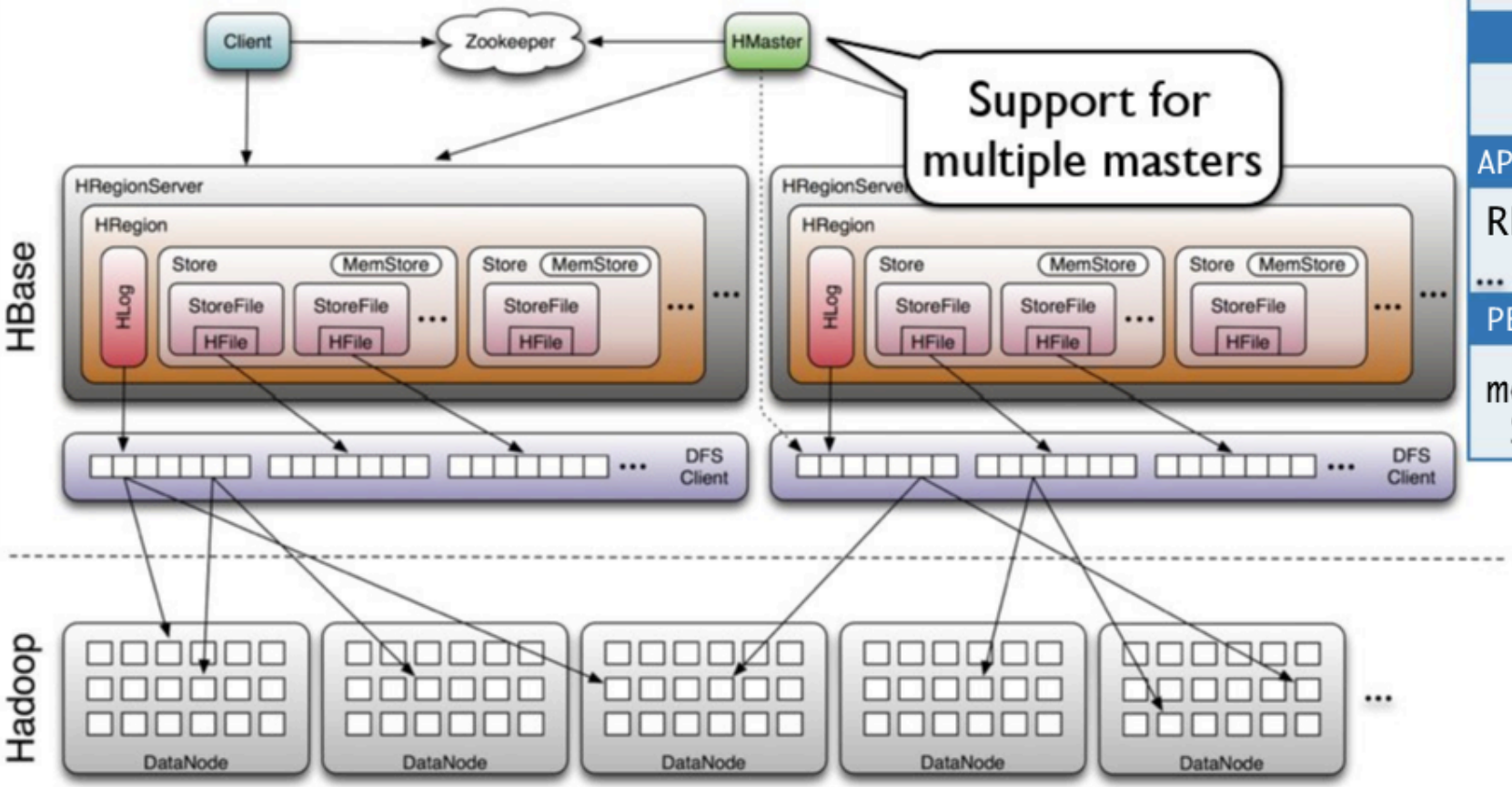

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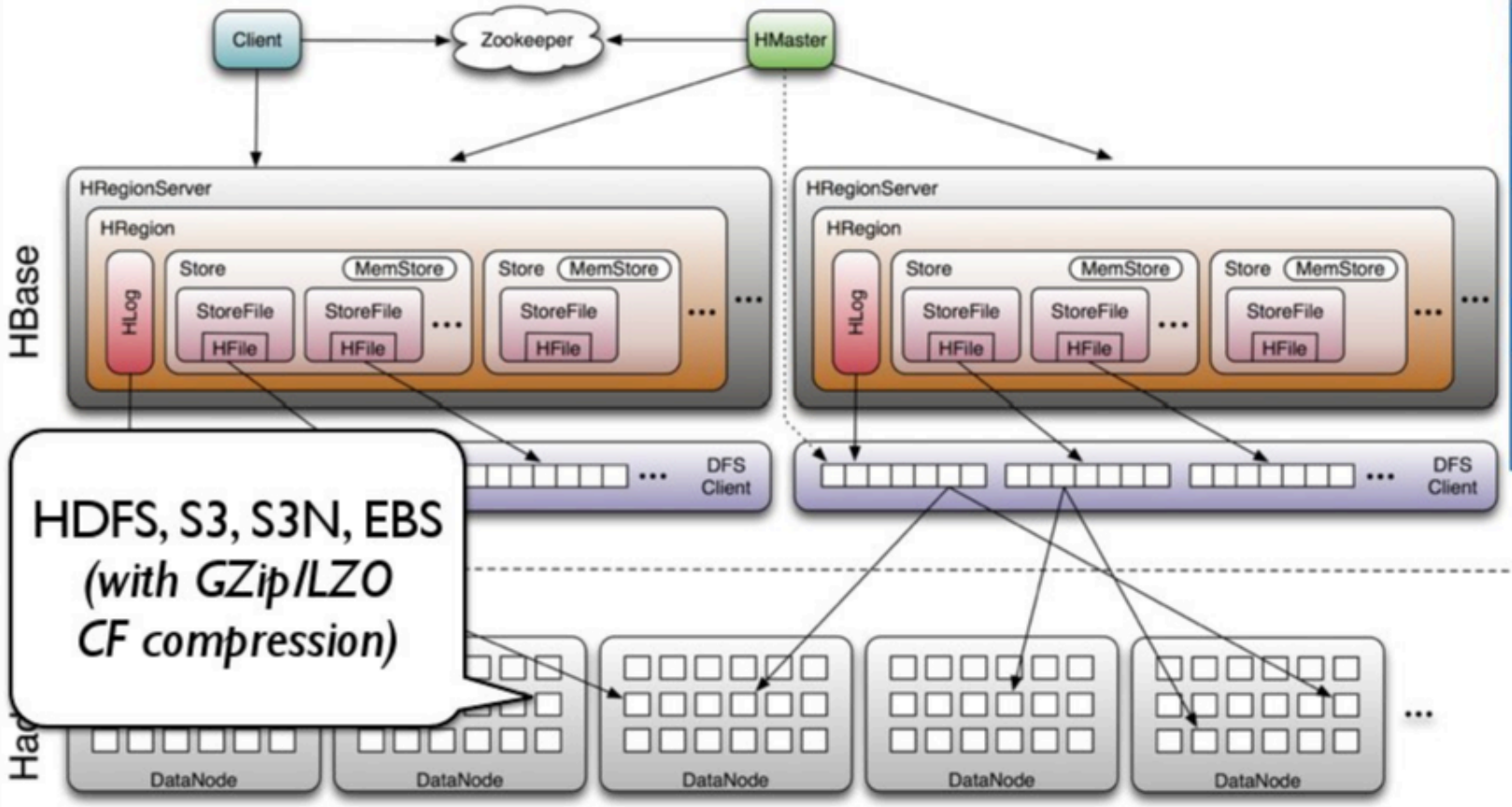

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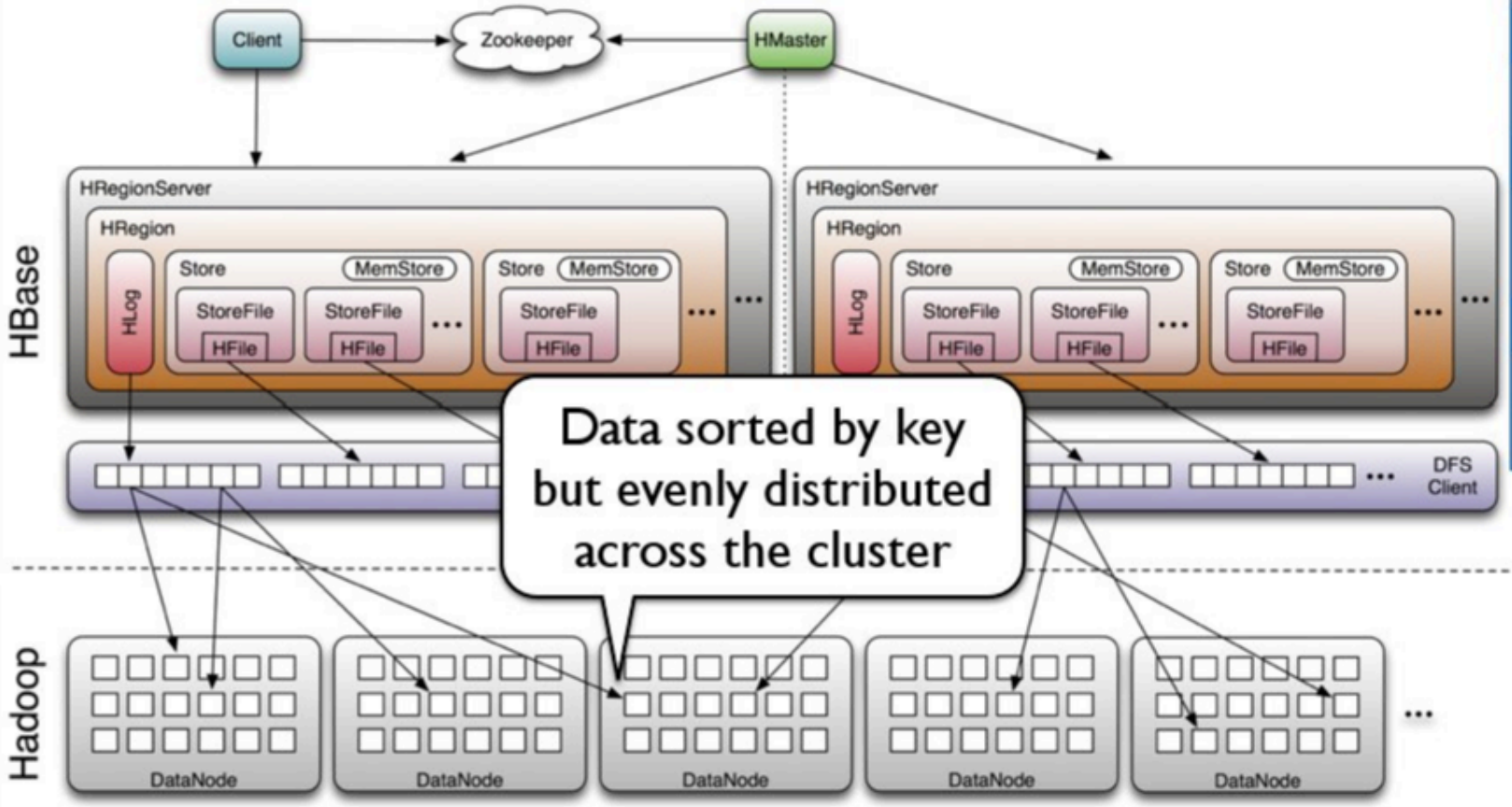

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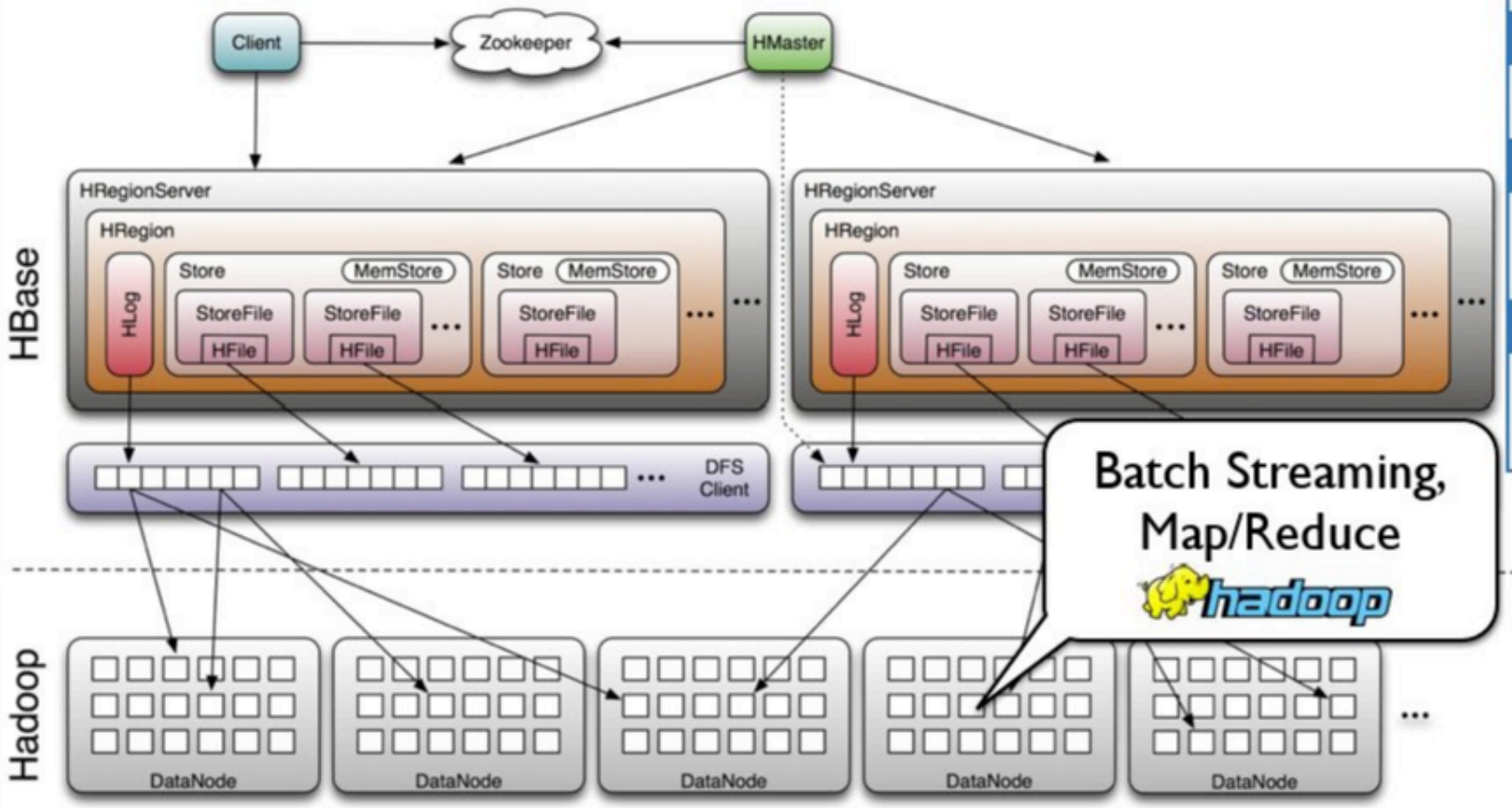

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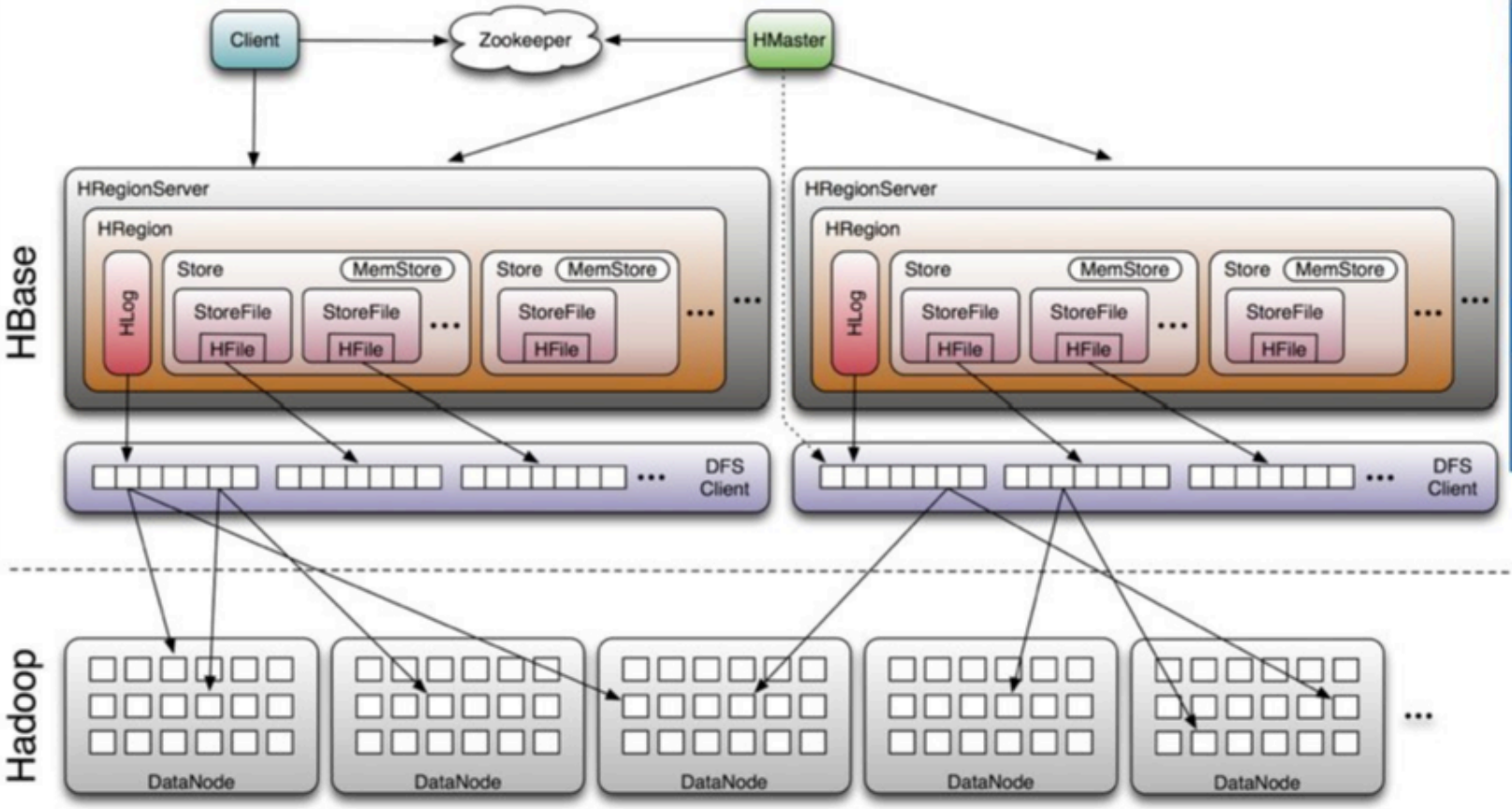

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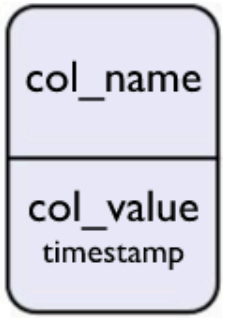

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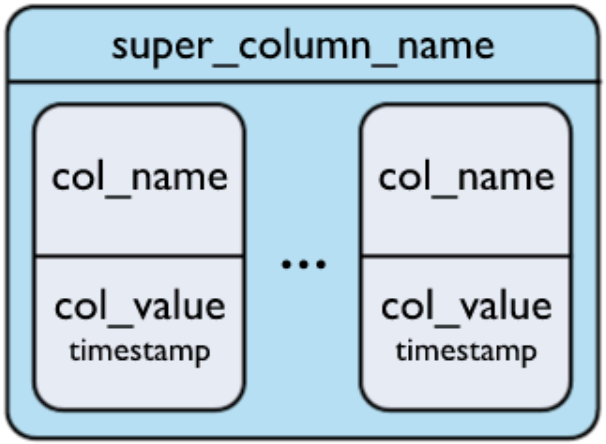

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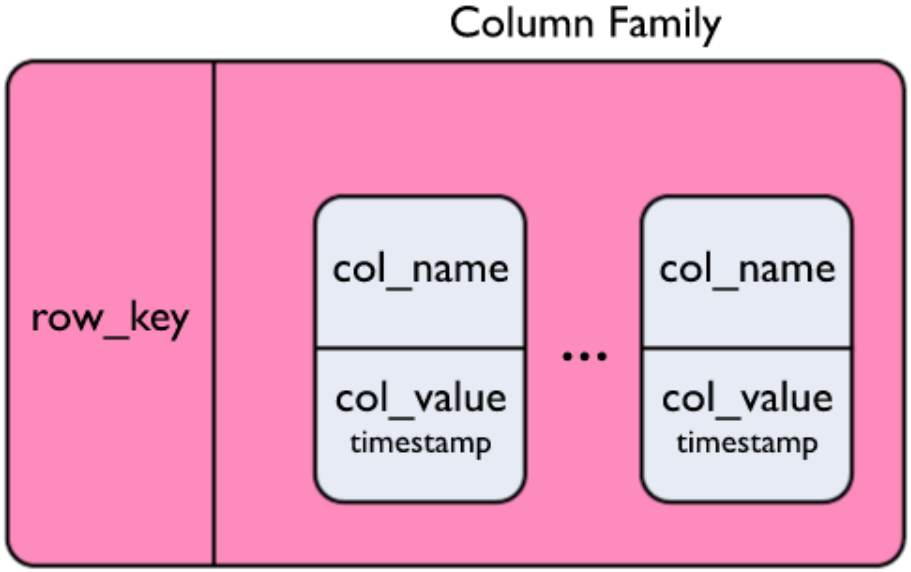

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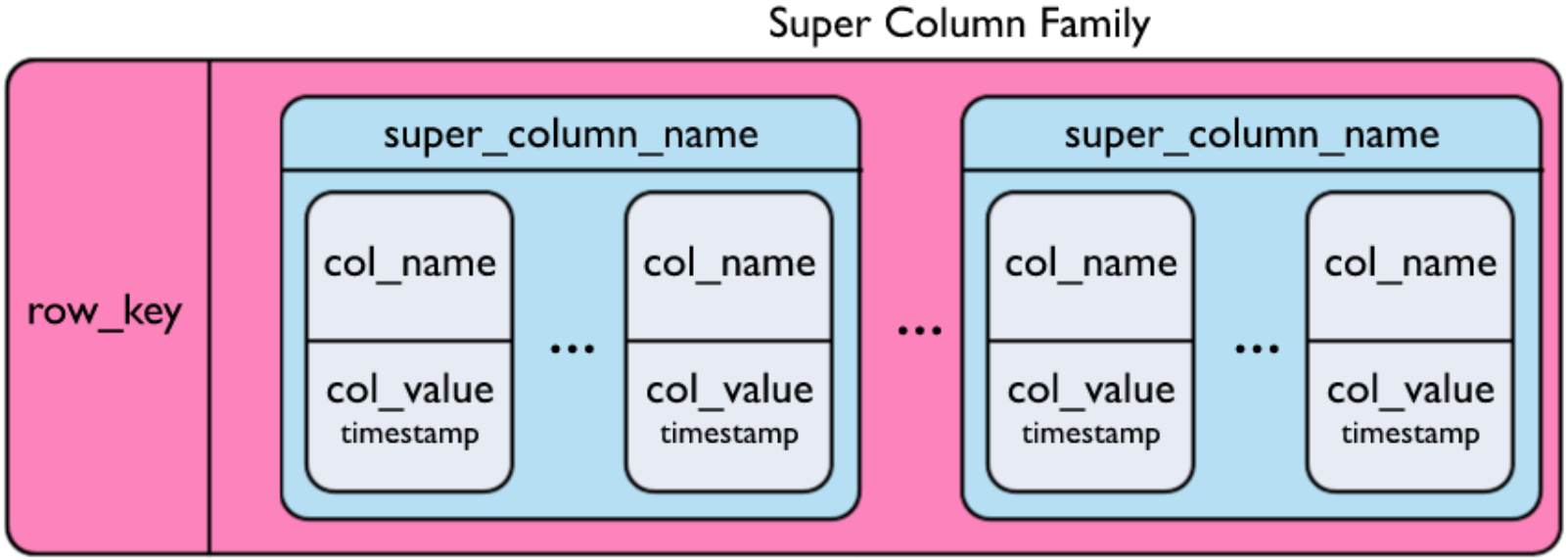


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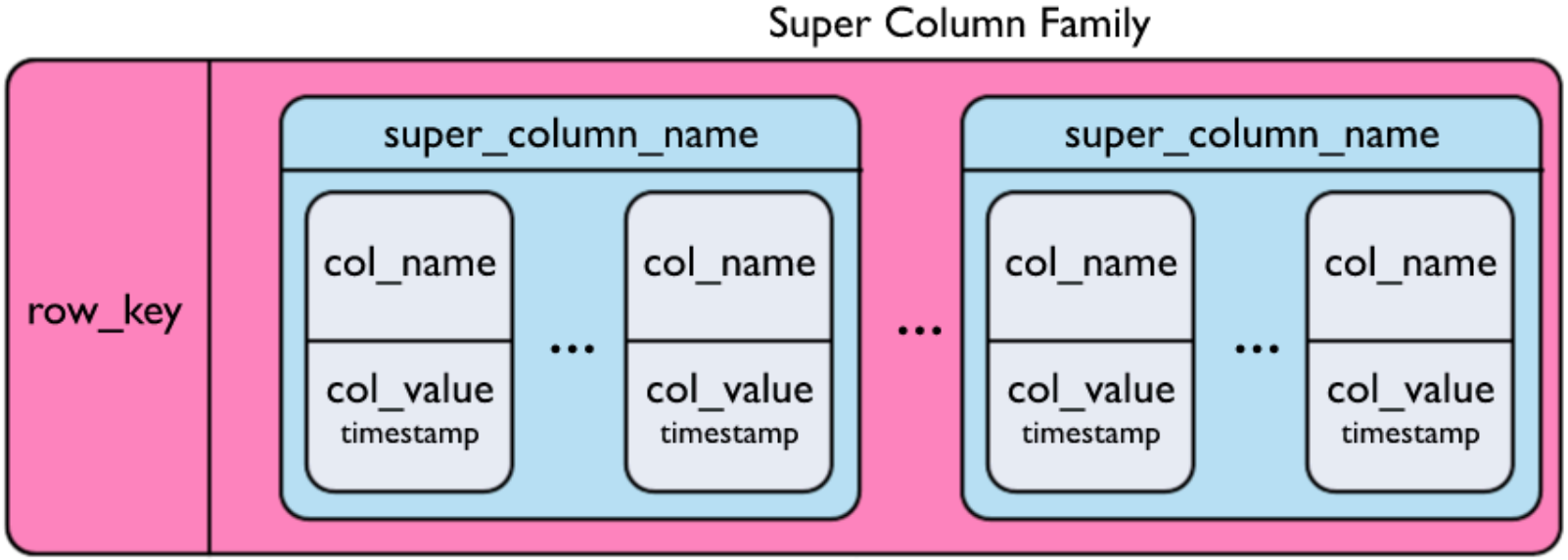


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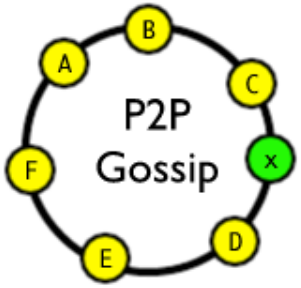

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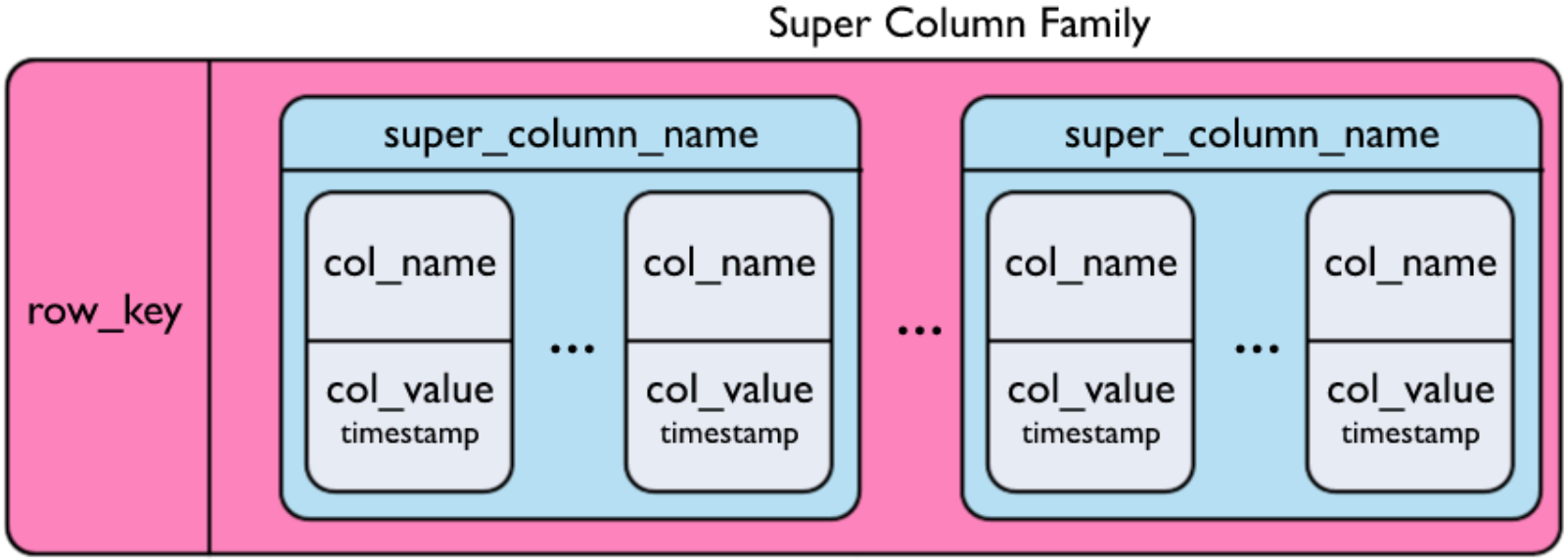


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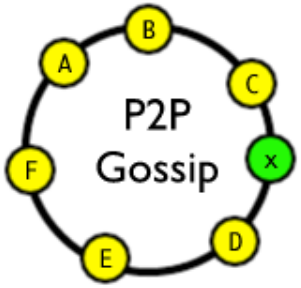

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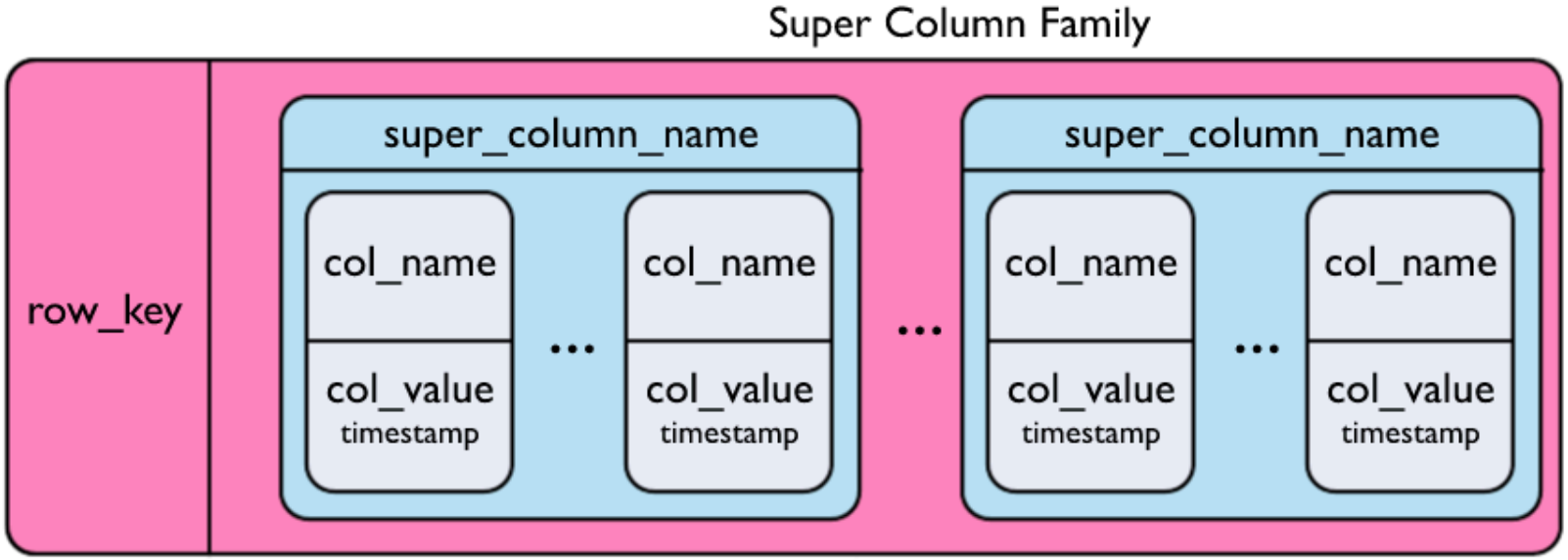


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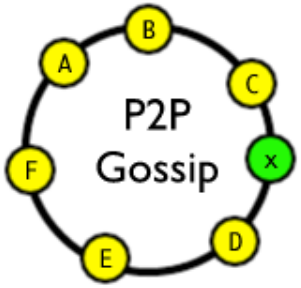

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RandomPartitioner (MD5)
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Data model: collection of K-V collections

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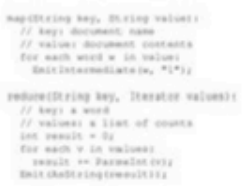

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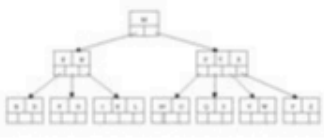

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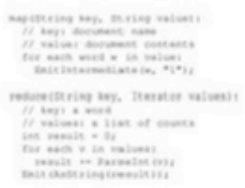

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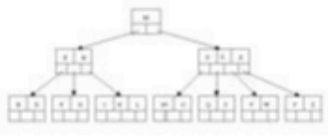

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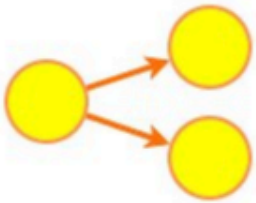

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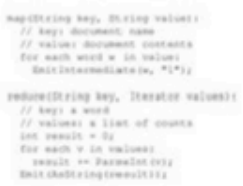

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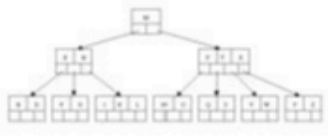

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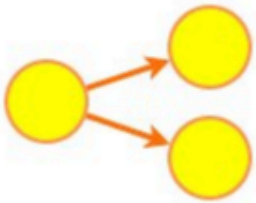

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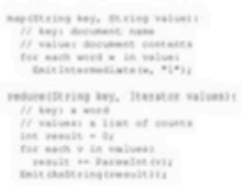

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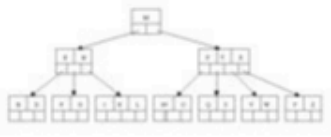

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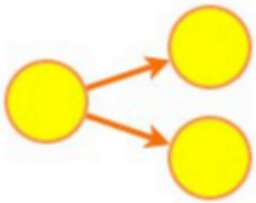

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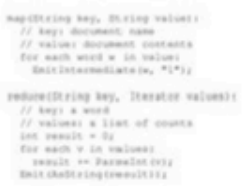

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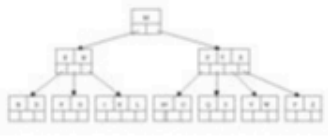

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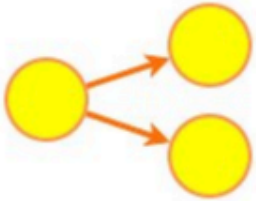

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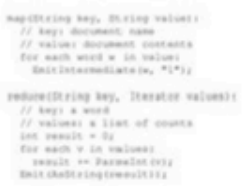

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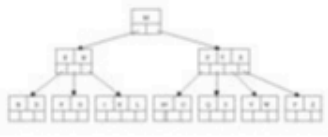

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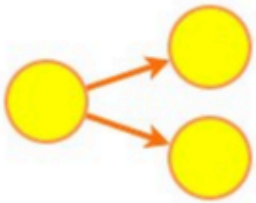

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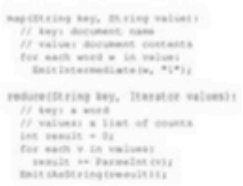

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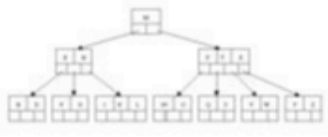

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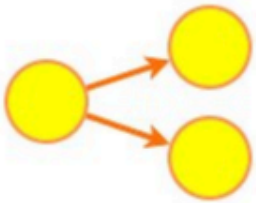

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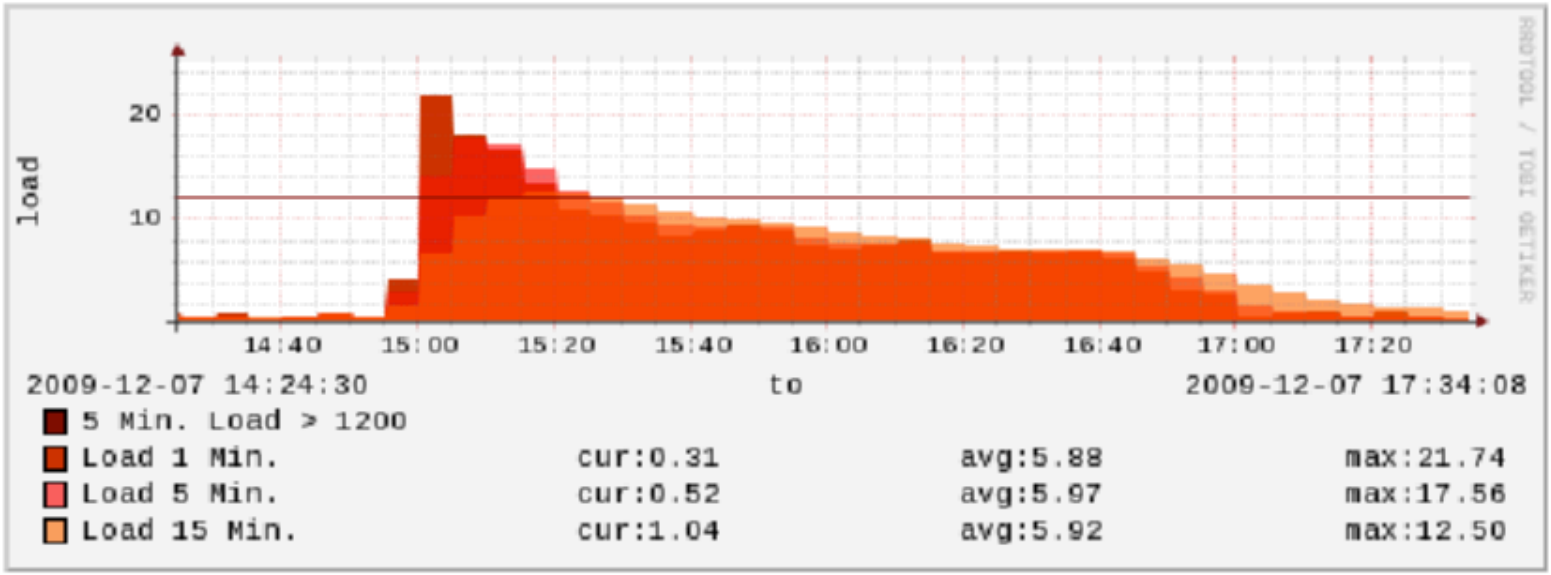

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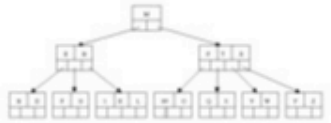

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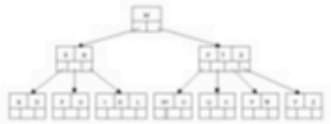

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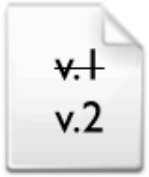

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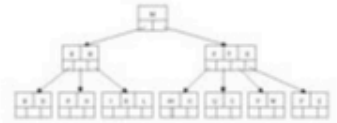

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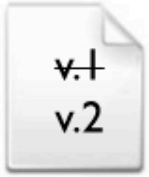

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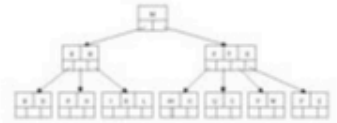

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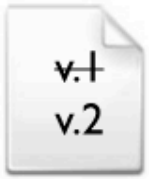

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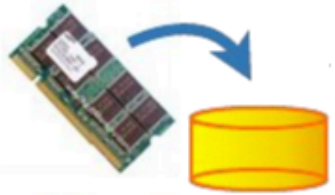

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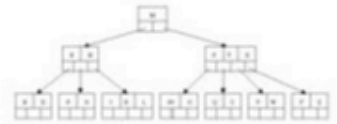

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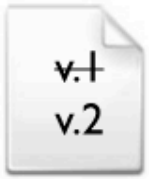

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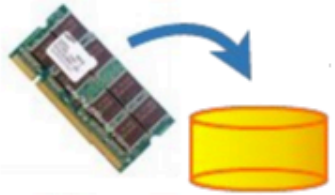

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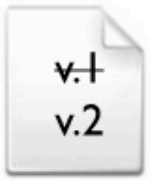

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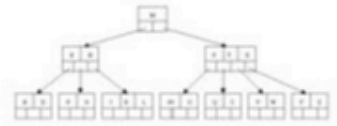

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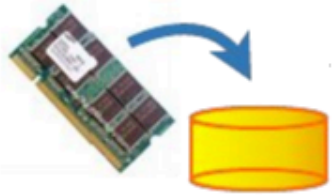

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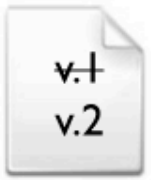

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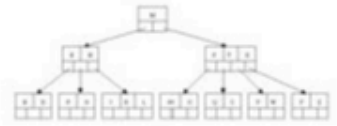

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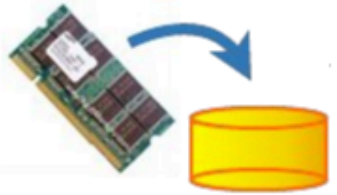

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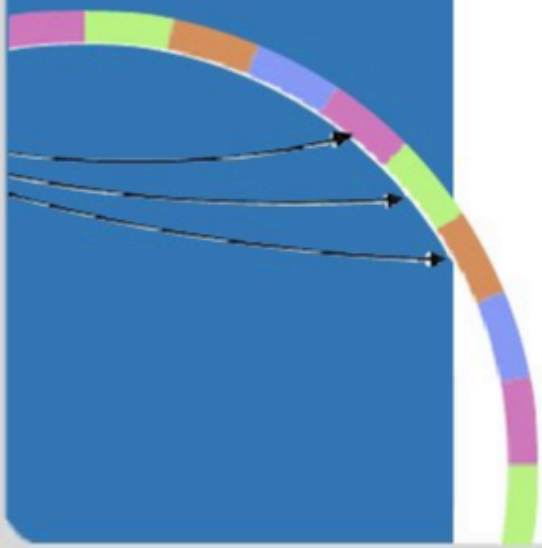

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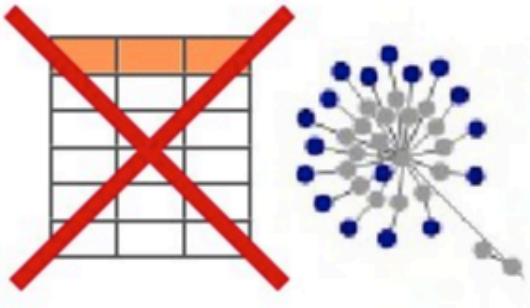

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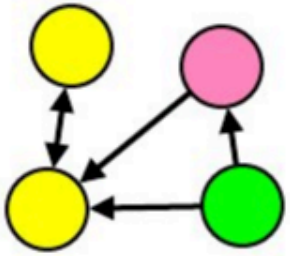

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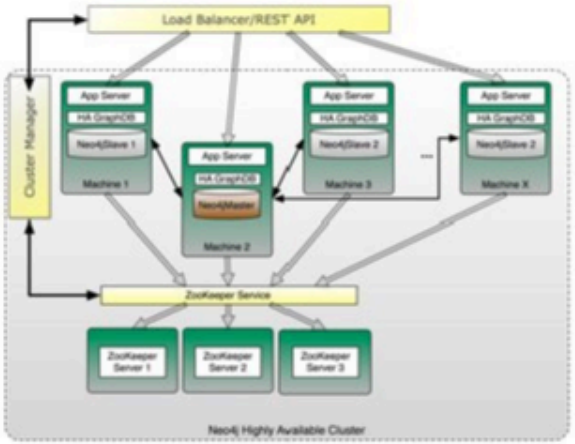

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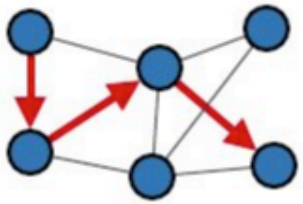

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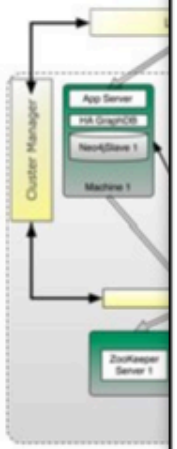

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```
NeoService neo = ... // factory

Transaction tx = neo.beginTx();

Node n1 = neo.createNode();
n1.setProperty("name", "John");
n1.setProperty("age", 35);

Node n2 = neo.createNode();
n2.setProperty("name", "Mary");
n2.setProperty("age", 29);
n2.setProperty("job", "engineer");

n1.createRelationshipTo(n2, RelTypes.KNOWS);

tx.commit();
```

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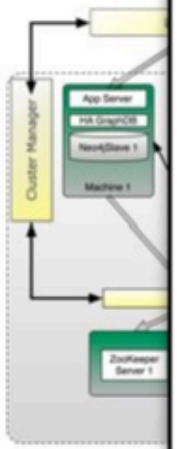

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    StopEvaluator.END_OF_GRAPH,
    ReturnableEvaluator.ALL_BUT_START_NODE,
    RelTypes.KNOWS,
    Direction.OUTGOING
);
// Traverse the node space
System.out.println("John's friends: ");
for (Node friend : friendsTraverser) {
    System.out.printf("At depth %d => %s%n",
      friendTraverser.currentPosition().
        getDepth(),
      friendTraverser.getProperty("name")
    );
}
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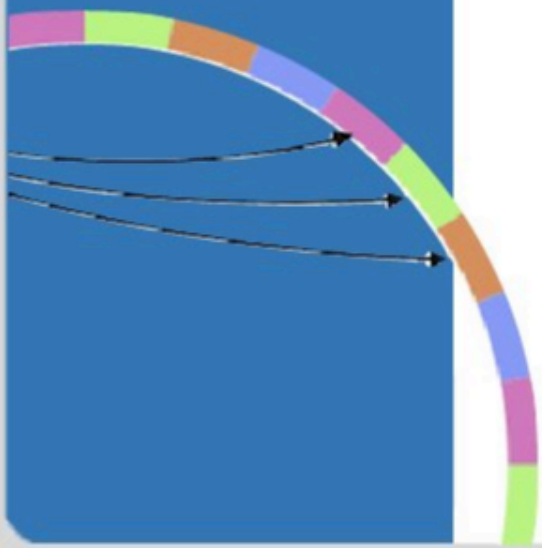

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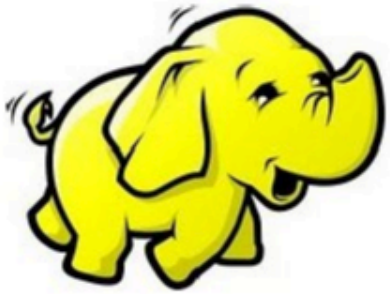
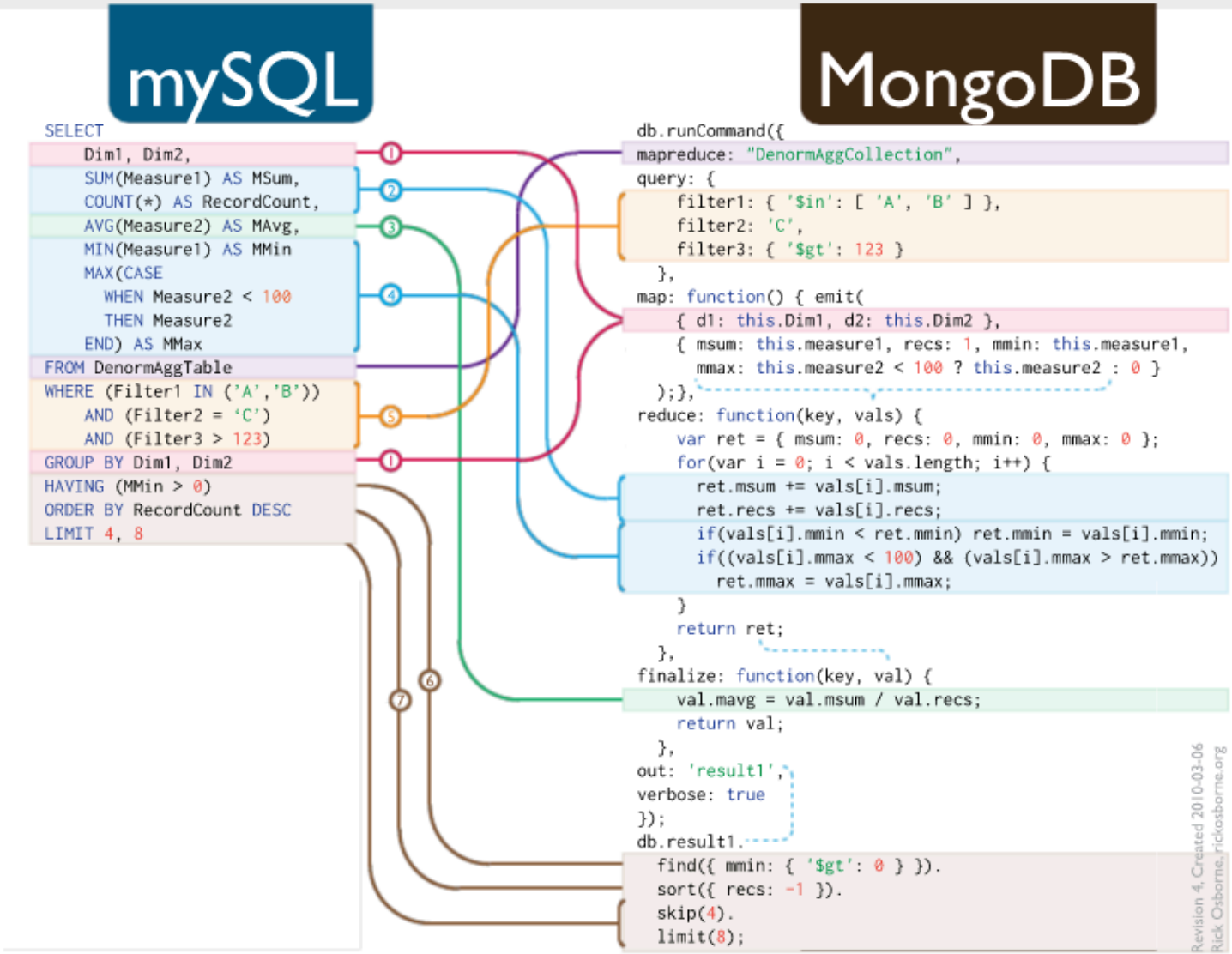


SQL vs. Map/Reduce



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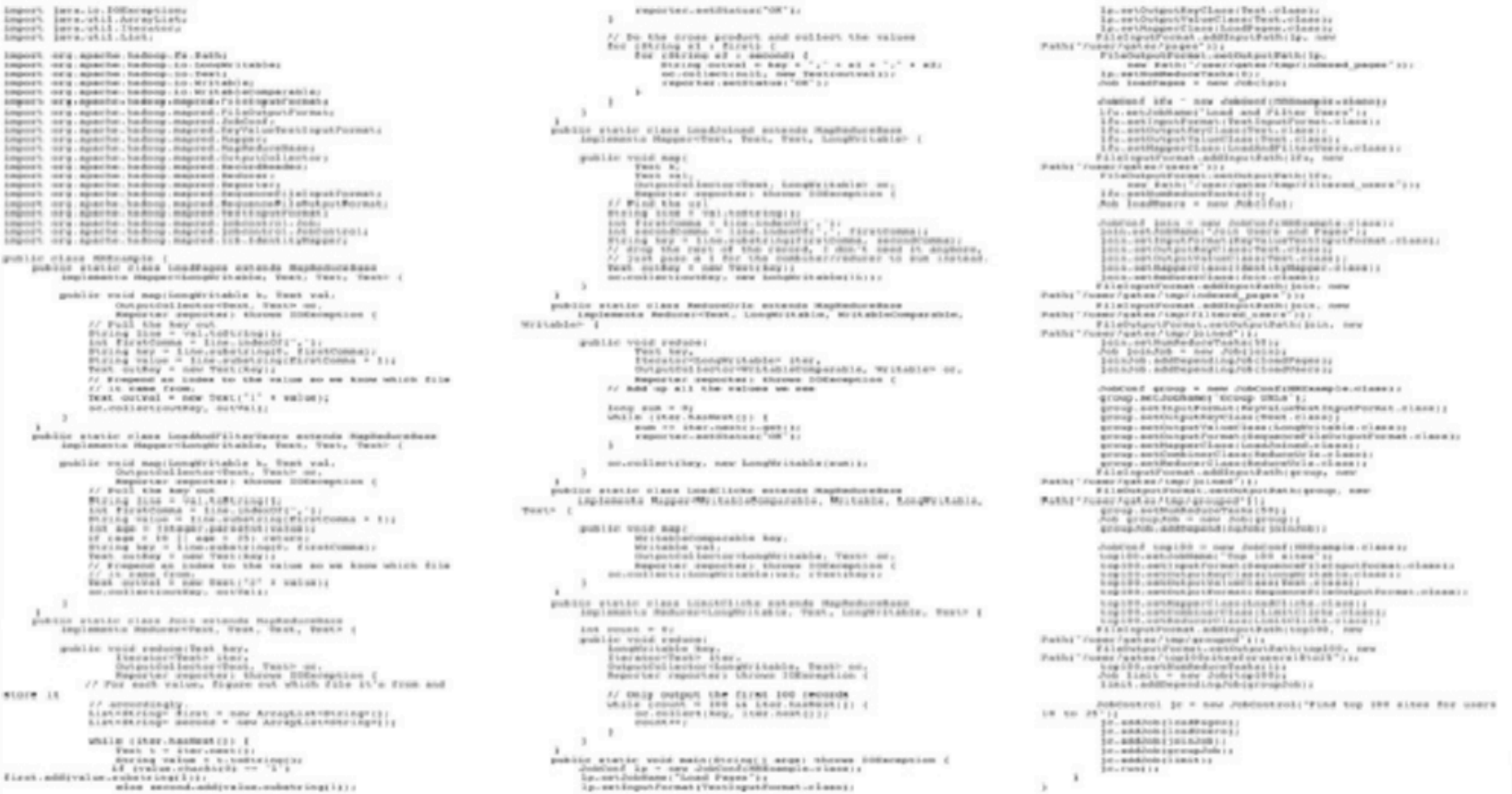

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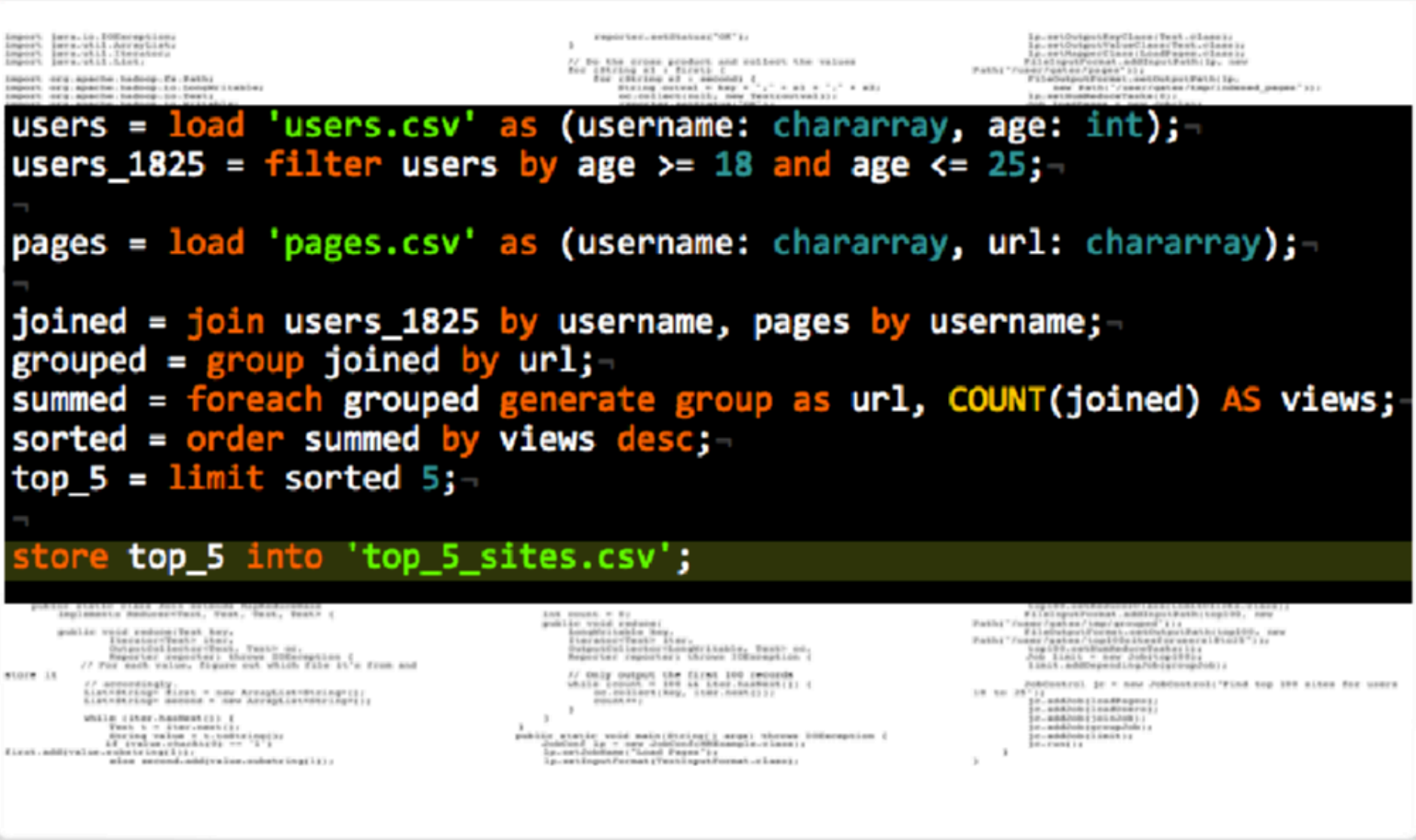

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users = load 'users.csv' as (username: chararray, age: int);
users_1825 = filter users by age >= 18 and age <= 25;

pages = load 'pages.csv' as (username: chararray, url: chararray);

joined = join users_1825 by username, pages by username;
grouped = group joined by url;
summed = foreach grouped generate group as url, COUNT(joined) AS views;
sorted = order summed by views desc;
top_5 = limit sorted 5;

store top_5 into 'top_5_sites.csv';
```

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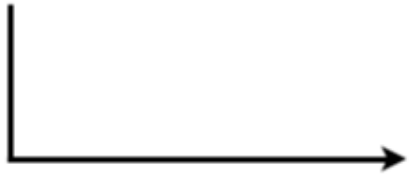

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