Managing Data in The Cloud: The view from Santa Barbara

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The Big Picture

- Different from earlier attempts:
 - Distributed Computing
 - Distributed Databases
 - Grid Computing
- Cloud Computing is REAL
 - Organic growth: Yahoo!, Microsoft, Amazon, Google
 - Poised to be an integral aspect of the global computing Infrastructures



Scaling in the Cloud



Database becomes the Scalability Bottleneck Cannot leverage elasticity



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Cloud Computing Desiderata

- Scalability
- Elasticity
- Fault tolerance
- Self Manageability
- Sacrifice consistency?
 - Can be done, but is it a foregone conclusion!!!



Design Principles

- Separate System and Application State
- Limit interactions to a single node
- Decouple Ownership from Data Storage
- Limited dist synchronization is practical



Two UCSB Approaches to Scalability

Data Fusion

- Enrich Key Value stores
- GStore: Efficient Transactional Multi-key access [ACM SOCC'2010]

Data Fission

- Cloud enabled relational databases
- ElasTraS: Elastic TranSactional Database [HotClouds2009;Tech. Report'2010]



Data Fusion: GStore

Atomic Multi-key Access

- Many applications need multi-key accesses:
 - Online multi-player games
 - Collaborative applications
- Enrich functionality of the Key value stores



Key Group Abstraction

- Apps select any set of keys to form a group
- A granule of on-demand transactional access
- Data store provides transactional group access
- Non-overlapping groups



Horizontal Partitions of the Keys





Key Grouping Protocol

- Conceptually akin to locking
- Allows collocation of ownership
- Transfer key ownership from followers to leader
- Guarantee safe transfer in the presence of system dynamics:
 - Dynamic migration of data and its control
 - Failures



Implementing GStore



Data Fission: ElasTraS

Elastic Transaction Management

- Designed to make RDBMS cloud-friendly
- Database viewed as a collection of partitions
- Suitable for standard OLTP workloads:
 - Large single tenant database instance
 - Database partitioned at the schema level
 - Multi-tenant with large number of small databases
 - Each partition is a self contained database



Elastic Transaction Management

- Elastic to deal with workload changes
- Dynamic load balancing of partitions
- Automatic recovery from node failures
- Transactional access to database partitions





ElasTraS Prototype

- Performed in Amazon EC2
- Used TPC-C for evaluation
- Cluster size: 10 to 30 nodes
- Number of concurrent clients: 100 to 1800
- Data size: ~1T
- Each node: 8 cores, 7G RAM, 1.7T disk
- Max thruput: 0.2M TPC-C Xact/sec on 30 machines using HDFS & Zookeeper software.



Concluding Remarks

- Cloud Computing poses fundamental challenges to database researchers:
 - Scalability, Reliability and Data Consistency
 - Need to understand the new applications
 - Live Data migration is critical.
 - Challenging multi-node/center atomic operations
 - Clear characterization of properties & guarantees.

