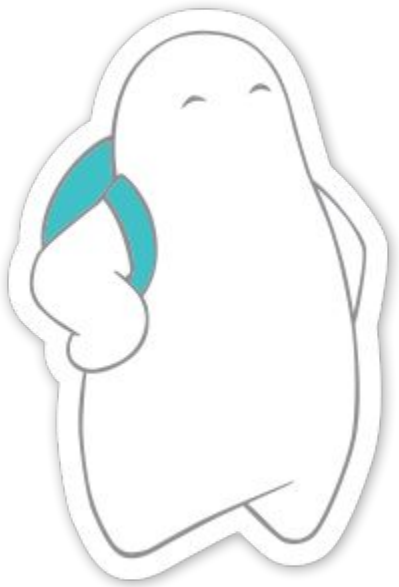


404 SQL DB not found. Meet RethinkDB



Who am I ?

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What we'll talk about ?

1. What is RethinkDB ?



2. How it differs from MongoDB ?



ReQL

We used ReQL for querying — a custom query language that provides a clear syntax that used to manipulate JSON documents.

- `r.table('users').filter({ name: 'Nir' }).orderBy(r.desc('age'))`
- `r.table('users').pluck('city').distinct().count()`
- `r.table('users').filter(r.row('name').eq('nir')).update({"name": "nirgn"})`



Let's start with the basics

What we'll do:

- Activate RethinkDB instance.
- Check the admin panel, at localhost:8080.
- See the default `test` db that created for us.
- Create a new table named `users`.
- Create a documents (rows) with couple of fields.
- Run a simple Query to find the `postcode`.
- Show the table, and show a document.

Connected to
mongo_wdIssues
No issuesServer
1 connectedTables
1/1 ready

Data Explorer

Refresh



```
collection: users
  {
    "name": "John Doe",
    "age": 30,
    "address": {
      "street": "123 Main St",
      "city": "New York",
      "zipcode": "10001"
    },
    "email": "john.doe@example.com",
    "password": "123456"
  }
}
```

Close

1 row returned in 0.00ms

[View raw](#)[Table view](#)[Raw view](#)[Query editor](#)

```
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}
```

Let's go over RethinkDB main features

1. The most ground breaking change is: **Changefeeds**

```
r.table('games').filter({'game': 'chess'}).orderBy('score').limit(3).changes()
```

Real world:

```
r.table('games').filter({'game': 'chess'}).orderBy('score').limit(3)  
    .changes().run(conn, callback);
```

2. Scalability - Clustering

Clustering in RethinkDB means a couple of instance operate as a single DB. It help us achieve data scalability, load balance, and increase tolerance.

What we'll do:

- Create RethinkDB cluster.
- Configure an instance to be a part of the cluster.
- Add new machines to existing cluster.
- Look how the admin interface displays the status of the cluster and signals any problems.

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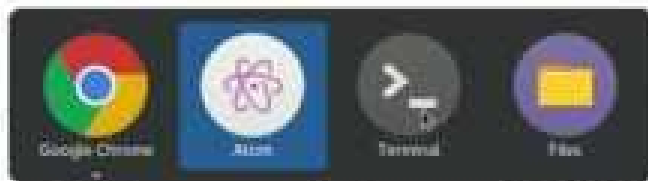
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2. Scalability - Replication

Replication mean to save couple of copies of our data. It helps us increase redundancy and data availability.

What we'll do:

- We'll set up a two member replica set - because we have only 2 servers connected to our cluster.

root@miniside-2 ~

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

~ - ssh root@91.81.8.100

Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-31-generic amd64)

* Documentation: <https://help.ubuntu.com>
* Management: <https://landscape.canonical.com>
* Support: <https://ubuntu.com/advantage>

3 packages can be updated.

0 updates are security updates.

Last login: Fri Aug 3 08:29:48 2018 from 79.186.97.108

root@miniside-2:~#



Terminal



Google Chrome



Atom



Files

2. Scalability - Sharding

Sharding is a distribution of the table to number of machines. This allows us to store more information, and handle more traffic without vertical scalability - buy a more powerful machine.

What we'll do:

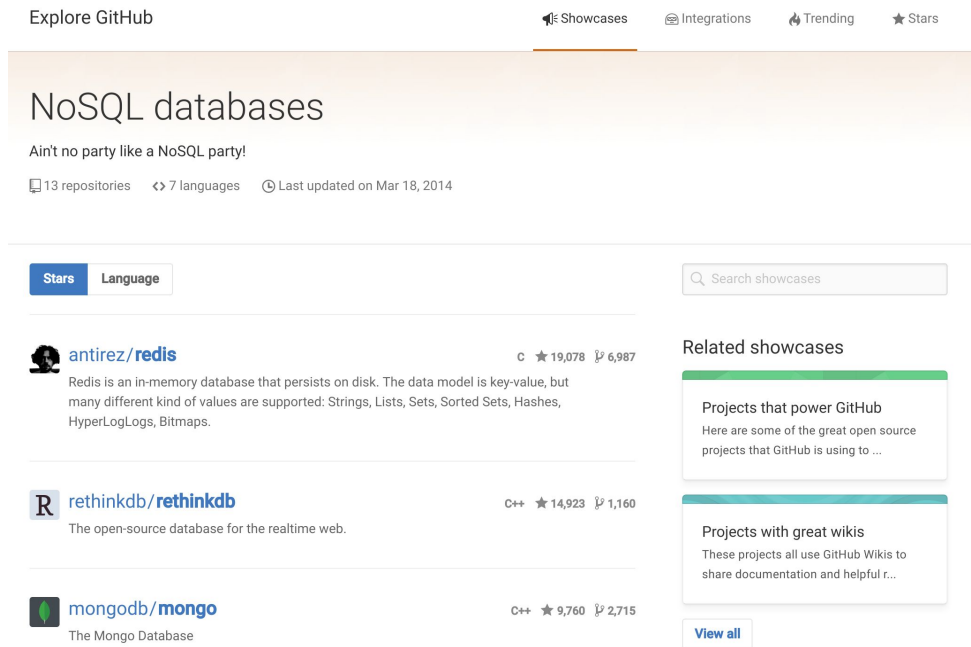
- Create a sharding to our 'clusteringTest1' table.

3. Open, large, and vibrant community

RethinkDB is the second most popular NoSQL database in GitHub [\[link\]](#).

They send us goodies to this meetup.

They active on slack, twitter, IRC, Stack Overflow, Google groups, their GitHub repo [\[link\]](#).



The screenshot shows the GitHub Explore page for 'NoSQL databases'. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Showcases', 'Integrations', 'Trending', and 'Stars'. The main heading is 'NoSQL databases' with a subtitle 'Ain't no party like a NoSQL party!'. Below this, it shows '13 repositories', '7 languages', and 'Last updated on Mar 18, 2014'. There are two filter buttons: 'Stars' (selected) and 'Language'. A search bar for showcases is on the right. The list of repositories includes:

- antirez/redis** (C) 19,078 stars, 6,987 forks. Description: Redis is an in-memory database that persists on disk. The data model is key-value, but many different kind of values are supported: Strings, Lists, Sets, Sorted Sets, Hashes, HyperLogLogs, Bitmaps.
- rethinkdb/rethinkdb** (C++) 14,923 stars, 1,160 forks. Description: The open-source database for the realtime web.
- mongodb/mongo** (C++) 9,760 stars, 2,715 forks. Description: The Mongo Database.

On the right side, there are two 'Related showcases' sections: 'Projects that power GitHub' and 'Projects with great wikis', both with 'View all' links.

4. IoT DB (or Lock-free architecture)

RethinkDB uses MVCC (Multi-Version Concurrency Control). In short it's means reading **never** blocks writing and vice versa.

Whenever a write operation occurs while there is an ongoing read, RethinkDB takes a snapshot of the B-Tree for each relevant shard and temporarily maintains different versions of the blocks in order to execute read and write operations concurrently. From the perspective of the applications written on top of RethinkDB, the system is essentially lock-free— you can run an hour-long analytics query on a live system without blocking any real-time reads or writes.

5. Performance tuning

RethinkDB support various types of indexes:

- Simple indexes - constructed on the value of a single field within a documenty
- Compound indexes - based on multiple fields.

RethinkDB

Dashboard

Tables

Servers

Data Explorer

Logs

Cluster ID

Connected to
rethink1Nodes
No issuesDrivers
2 connectedTables
4/4 ready

Tables in the cluster

+ Add Database

+ Add Admin User



test

+ Add Table

Drop Database



clusteringtest1

1/1 1 shard, 2 replicas

Ready 1/1



clusteringtest2

1/1 1 shard, 1 replica

Ready 1/1



clusteringtest3

1/1 1 shard, 1 replica

Ready 1/1



people

1/1 1 shard, 1 replica

Ready 1/1

Documentation

API

Single Shards

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Tools

Community

Connected to
rethink1Status
No issuesServers
2 connectedTables
4/4 ready

Data Explorer



```
SELECT * FROM people() ORDER BY first_name AND gender;
```

Clear

Run

View returned rows

View raw

View raw

View raw

View raw

1

```
{
  "function": "select", (18 bytes, "04:32:45.72:86:31"...)
  "type": "false"
  "index": "(first_name, last_name, and gender)"
  "table": "people"
  "supported": "false"
  "query":
    "SELECT * FROM people() ORDER BY first_name AND gender"
  "rowsReturned": "(first_name, last_name, and gender)"
  "ready": "true"
}
```

6. Distributed joins

RethinkDB not only supports joins but automatically compiles them to distributed programs and executes them across the cluster without further intervention from the client.

- Inner Join.
- Outer Join.
- Equal Join.

Example: `r.table('people').eqJoin('username', r.table('orders'))`

Where do you go from here ?

Go to <https://rethinkdb.com/>

And just build your next app with RethinkDB !

Breaktime !

