Introduction to clouds



Cloud computing what it is

- New form of IT outsourcing
 - Replacement for server rental, webhosting, managed applications

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- Pay per use, well defined accounting

- Self service
- Horizontal and vertical scalability (vertical through virtualization)

When do we want it?

- Public vs private cloud
- On premise I have it all under my own roof
- Why not to have it on premise?
 - Licenses
 - Capacity designed for the worst scale
 - IT staff designed for 24 / 7 / 365

| Why not cloud | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Where is the advantage?

- Try and leave
- Do not worry to scale
- Scale on demand
- Available anywhere
 - My business is getting worldwide

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Types of cloud

- IaaS = Infrastructure as a Service
 - Rack Space
 - Amazon AWS
- PaaS = Platform as a Service
 - Google app engine
 - Microsoft Azure



Cloud vs on premise



Uptime and SLA

- SLA = Service Level Agreement
 99.9%, 99.99%, 99.999%
- IT Disaster recovery 2-4% of budget
- Secondary recovery center
- RPO = Recovery Point Objective maximum period of time for which data can be lost >>> zero
- RTO = Recovery Time Objective maximum amount of time that my business can sustain without the data



Virtualization

Virtualization is a very effective method for resource utilization.

Google App Engine - GAE

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Google App Engine

- Google well known ©
- Large datacenters
- Sells computing power that it does not need for itself
- The initial design of the datacenter is web analysis, harvesting, indexing, searching

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Core google functions

- Googlebot, crowlers
 - Visit a web page, download it
 - Google download a vast majority of visible web
 - Search for new resources automatically
 - A new resource can be added manually
 - Sophisticated logic to discover cheating

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Core Google functions

Google Indexer

- Builds an index of existing words and urls of pages
- Some words are not indexed (conjunctions, prepositions, ...)

Google Query Processor

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| Uses PageRank of pages | | | |
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| The more URLs pointing to the page, the higher PageRank | | | |
| • The more trusted page points, the higher PageRank + + + + + + + + + | | | + + |
| • PageRank considers about 100 other aspects of a page + + + + + + | + | + + | + + |
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Core Google functions

- Google Doc Servers
 - Stores the data itself
 - HUGE amount of data
 - Caching of history of internet



Google App Engine



Offers the basic infrastructure

- Scalability
 - To scale up/down resources when needed
- Reliablity
 - Capability to survive failure, recovery

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Infrastructure



Best practice

- Non-Relational DB BigTable
- App design
 - Fast request handling
 - Low resource utilization
 - Fyzical HW independence



Google Front End



Using Edge Cache

HTTP headers ...it is in fact a HTTP cache ©



App Server



App Server

- Application running environment
 - Sandbox
 - Dedicated memory
 - Container controls the app live cycle
 - App does not see out of container
- App master

| Monitors how apps run | | | |
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| Scales them up/down | | | |
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App Server – types of instances

- Front End instance
 - Good for fast request serving
 - Max lifetime 60 sec
 - Typical for web application
 - Stateless, easy to scale
- Back End instance
 - Good for larger computing tasks
 - Stateful
 - Batch data processing, not time limitted

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- Costly, difficult to scale
- Communication
 - Queues

Careful with big libraries

App Server – Scaling



App Engine parameters

- Pending Latancy
 - Time a request spends in a queue
 - Over a given threshold a new front end instance is created
 - The longer PL, the worse the response time
 - The shorter PL, the more expensive \otimes

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The main data storages in GAE

- Master/Slave
 - One master node
 - Number of slaves replicating the content o master

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High replication

- No central/control node
- All instances are equal

Datastore Software Stack

- App Engine Datastore
 - Schema-less storate
 - Advanced query engine

Megastore

- Multi-row transactions
 - Across multiple machines
 - Entity Groups
- Simple indexes/queries
- Strict schema
- Bigtable
 - Distributed key/value store
- Next generation distributed file system

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Entitity Group

- Logical grouping of entities
 - Parent/child key relationship
- Unit of Transactionality
 - Transactions can only read/write entities in a single grup
- Unit of consistency
 - Strong serial consistency

What you write you will always get. No partial success of transaction

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Entity groups

- Transaction on one entity group are guaranteed
- Transaction across entity groups are not quaranteed



Entity group example



Entity group example

NON-Ancestor Query





Entity group example

Ancestor Query



Master/Slave write/read model



High Replication engine

- Write
 - Write to at least majority of nodes
 - Minority may not get writes synchronously
 - Asynchronous replication
 - On demand replication
- Read



High replication read model



High replication read model



High replication write model



High replication write model



High replication

 There is no guarantee that a given database has all the written data at a given time.



Datastore performance

| | | Master/Slave | High Replication |
|---|---|--|---|
| Average Latency | Read | 15 ms | 15 ms |
| | Write | 20 ms | 45 ms |
| Average Error Rate | Read | 0.1% | 0.001% |
| | Write | 0,1% | 0.001% |
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Maintenance

Master/Slave

- Switch master
 - One hour of read-only datastore



Master/Slave maintenance



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High replication

- Almost not affected by maintenance time
- Memcache flush (1 minute)

