

**Lecture Notes to**  
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**NoSQL Databases**

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# NoSQL Database Systems

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- Concepts
  - ACID
  - BASE
  - CAP
- Data Models
  - Key-Value Stores
  - Document Databases
  - Wide Column Stores
  - Graph Databases

# History

## 60s: IBM developed the Hierarchical Database Model

- Tree-like structure
- Data stored as *records* connected by *links*
- Support only one-to-one and one-to-many relationships

## Mid 80's: Rise of Relational Database Model

- Data stored in a collection of tables (rows and columns)
  - Strict relational scheme
- SQL became standard language (based on relational algebra)

→ Impedance Mismatch!

# History – Impedance Mismatch

Supply:  
Supplier:  
SNR: L1  
Sname: Meier  
status: 20  
location: Wetter  
Project:  
PNR: P2  
Pname: Pleite  
location: Bonn  
Parts:  
ONR: T6  
Oname: screw  
color: rot  
weight: 03  
amount: 700

SNR	Sname	Status	location
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...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...

PNR	Pname	Ort
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...	...	...
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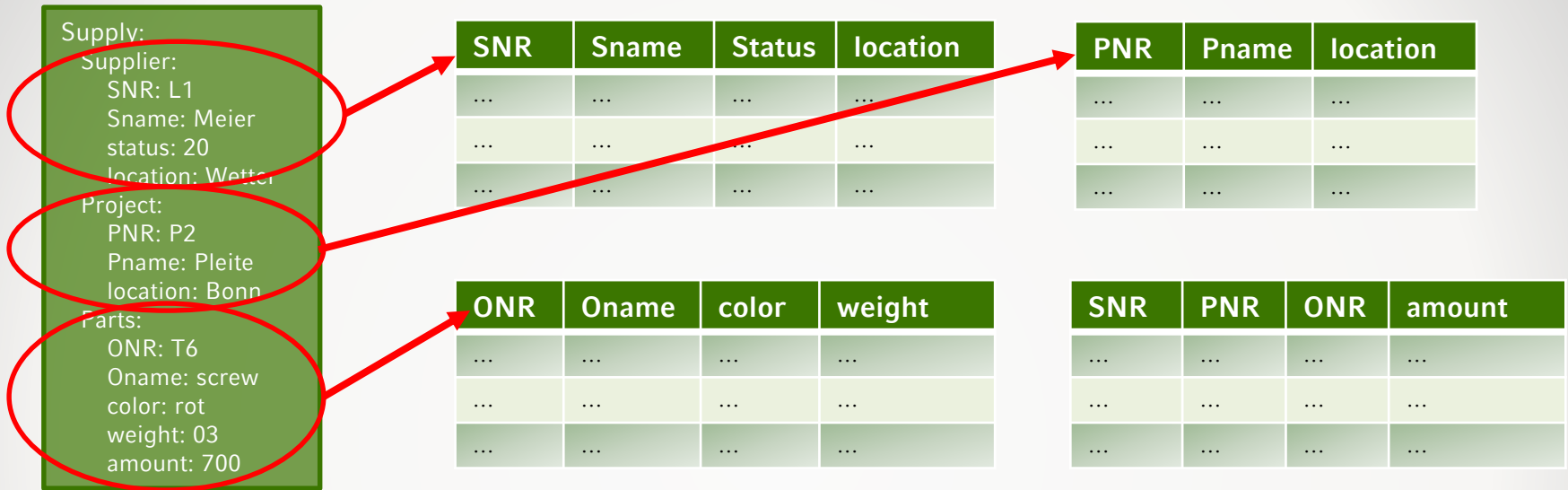
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...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...

SNR	PNR	ONR	amount
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Given the following database scheme and an object of type Supply:

How to incorporate the data bundled in the object Supply into the relational DB?

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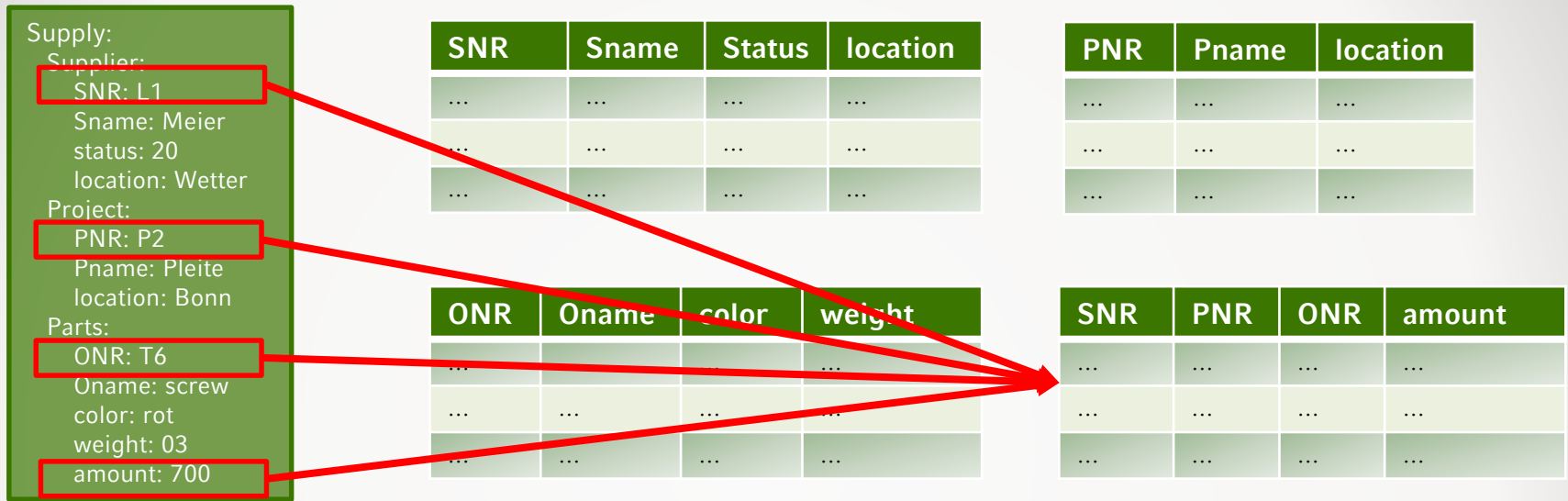


```
INSERT INTO L VALUES (Supply.getSupplier().getLNR(), ...);
```

```
INSERT INTO P VALUES (Supply.getProject().getPNR(), ...);
```

...

# History – Impedance Mismatch



**INSERT INTO LTP VALUES (...);**

- Object-oriented encapsulation vs. storing data distributed among several tables
  - Lots of data type maintenance by the programmer

# History

## Mid 90's: Trend of the Object-Relational Database Model

- data stored as objects (including data and methods)
- avoids of object-relational mapping
  - Programmer-friendly
- but still Relational Databases prevailed in the 90's

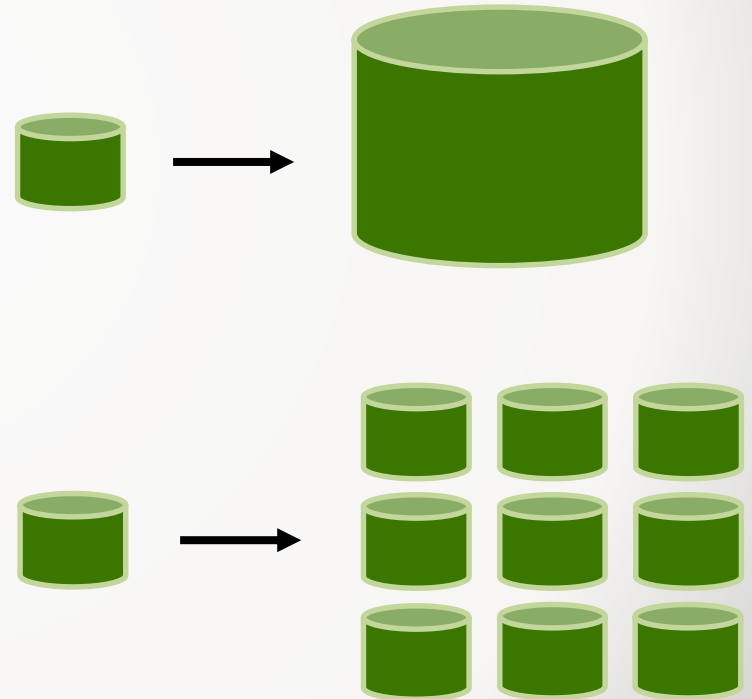
## Mid 2000's: Rise of Web 2.0

- Lots of user generated data through web applications
  - storage systems had to become scaled up

# History

## Approaches to scale up storage systems

- Two opportunities to solve the rising storage system:
  - Vertical scaling
    - Enlarge a single machine
      - Limited in space
      - Expensive
  - Horizontal scaling
    - Use many commodity machines and form *computer clusters* or *grids*
      - Cluster maintenance





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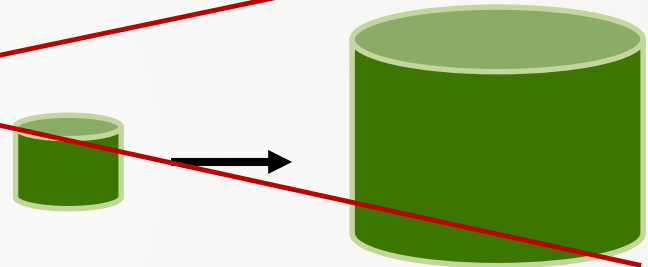
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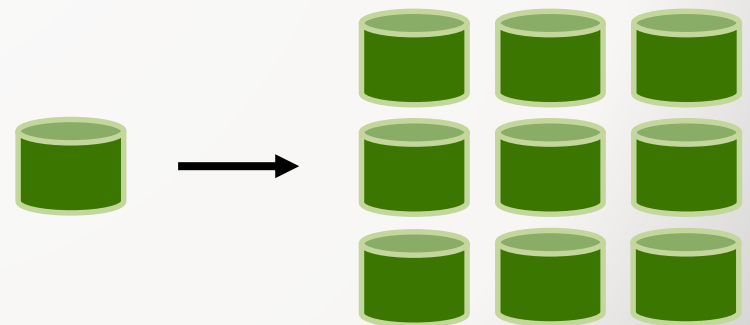
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- Horizontal scaling

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- Cluster maintenance



# History

## Mid 2000's: Birth of the NoSQL Movement

- Problem of computer clusters:
  - Relational databases do not scale well horizontally
- Big Players like Google or Amazon developed their own storage systems: NoSQL („Not-Only SQL“) databases were born

## Today: Age of NoSQL

- Several different NoSQL systems available (>225)



# Characteristics of NoSQL Databases

**There is no unique definition but some characteristics for NoSQL Databases:**

- Horizontal scalability (cluster-friendliness)
- Non-relational
- Distributed
- Schema-less
- Open-source (at least most of the systems)

# About the concepts behind NoSQL Databases

## ACID – The holy grail of RDBMSs:

- Atomicity: Transactions happen entirely or not at all. If a transaction fails (partly), the state of the database is unchanged.
- Consistency: Any transaction brings the database from one valid state to another and does not break one of the pre-defined rules (like constraints).
- Isolation: Concurrent execution of transactions results in a system state that would be obtained if transactions were executed serially.
- Durability: Once a transaction has been committed, it will remain so.

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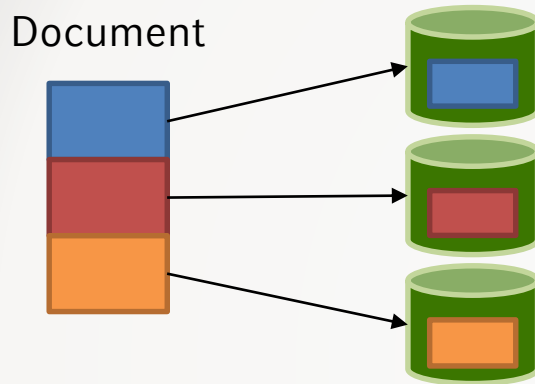
## **BASE – An artificial concept for NoSQL databases:**

- **Basically Available**: The system is generally available, but some data might not at any time (e.g. due to node failures)
- **Soft State**: The system's state changes over time. Stale data may expire if not refreshed.
- **Eventual consistency**: The system is consistent from time to time, but not always. Updates are propagated through the system if there is enough time.

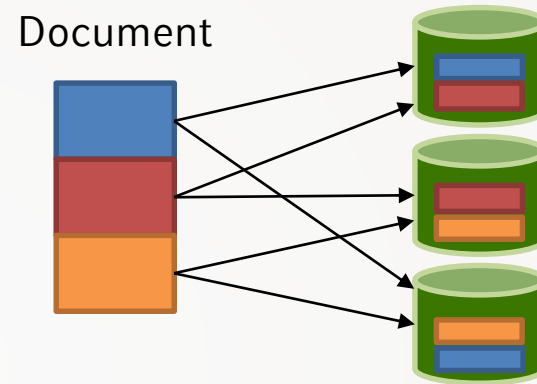
→ **BASE is settled on the opposite site to ACID when considering a „consistency-availability spectrum“**

# About the concepts behind NoSQL Databases

Data sharding



Data replication



## The two types of consistency:

- Logical consistency:  
Data is consistent within itself (Data Integrity)
- Replication consistency:  
Data is consistent across multiple replicas (on multiple machines)

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## Levels of Consistency:

- Eventual Consistency: Write operations are not spread across all servers/partitions immediately
- Monotononic Read Consistency: A client who read an object once will never read an older version of this object
- Read Your Own Writes: A client who wrote an object will never read an older version of this object
- Immediate Consistency: Updates are propagated immediately, but not atomic



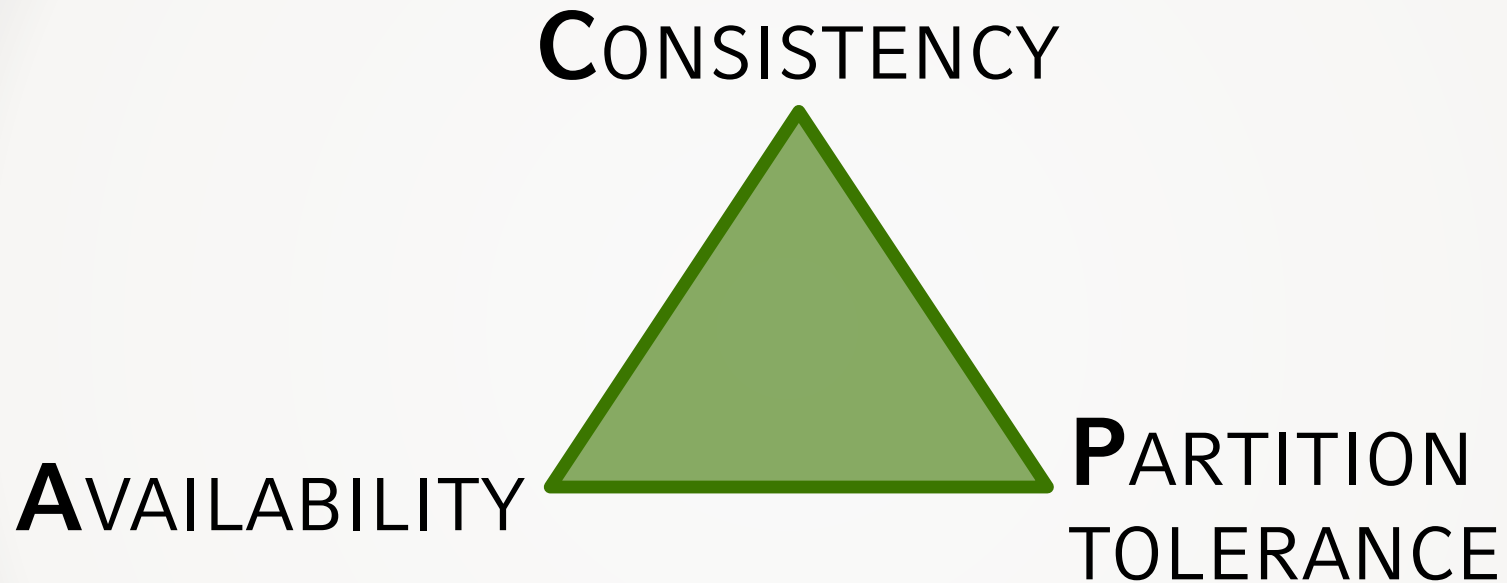
# About the concepts behind NoSQL Databases

## Levels of Consistency:

- Strong consistency: Updates are propagated immediately + support of atomic operations on single data entities (usually on master nodes)
- Transactions: Full support of ACID transaction model

# About the concepts behind NoSQL Databases

Brewer's CAP Theorem:



Any networked shared-data system can have at most two of the three desired properties!

# About the concepts behind NoSQL Databases

## Possible DB-Systems by CAP Theorem:

- CP-Systems: Fully consistent and partitioned systems renounce availability. Only consistent nodes are available.
- AP-Systems: Fully available and partitioned systems renounce consistency. All nodes answer to queries all the time, even if answers are inconsistent.
- AC-Systems: Fully available and consistent systems renounce partitioning. Only possible if the system is not distributed.

# Big Picture

## CAP Theorem:

All clients always  
have the same view  
of the data

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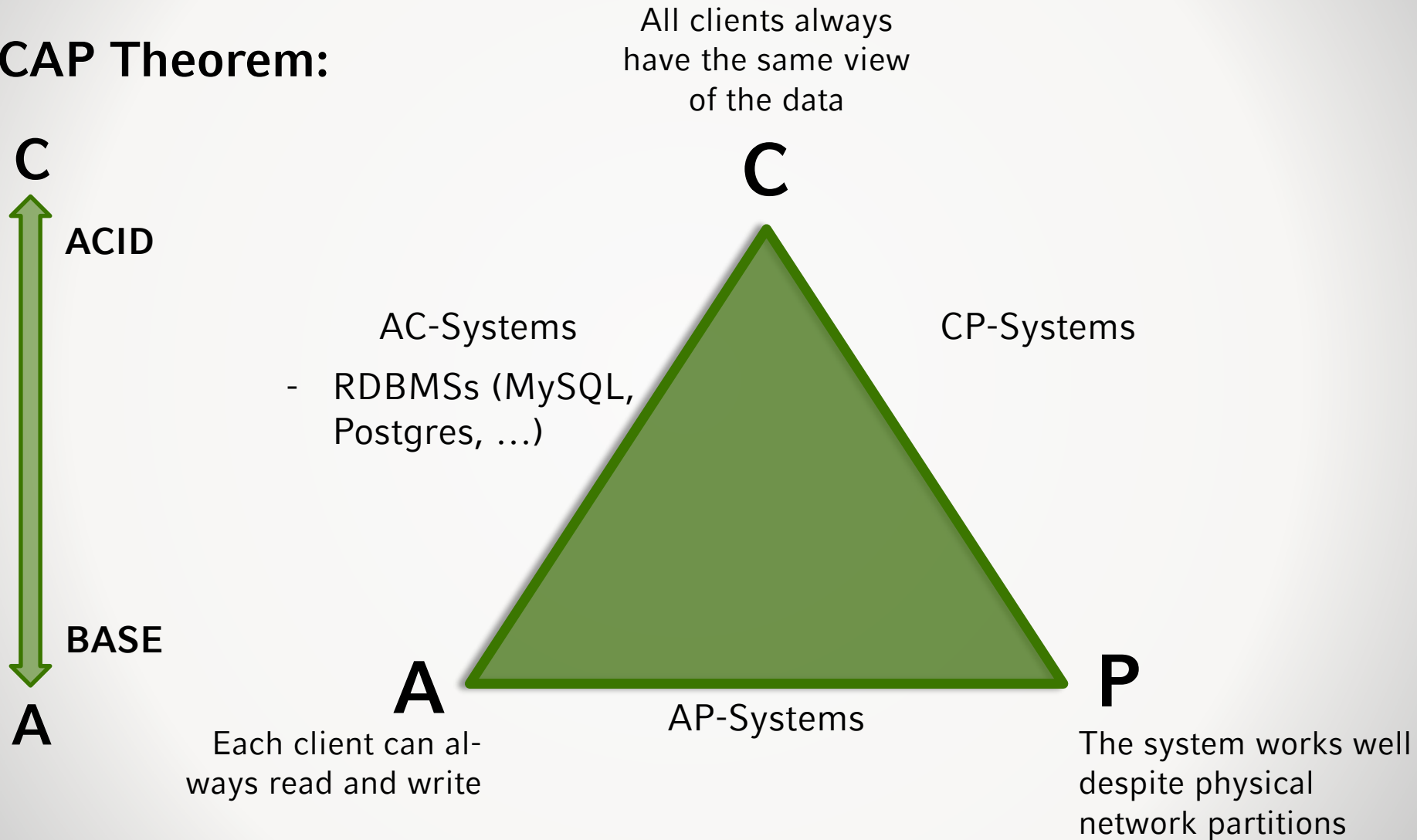
Each client can al-  
ways read and write

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The system works well  
despite physical  
network partitions

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## CAP Theorem:



# NoSQL Data Models

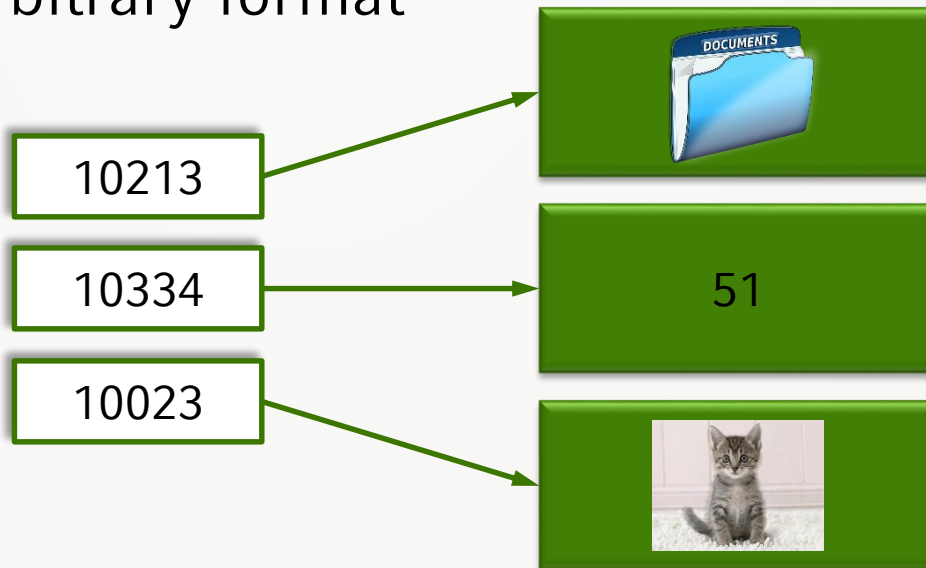
## The 4 Main NoSQL Data Models:

- **Key/Value Stores**
- **Document Stores**
- **Wide Column Stores**
- **Graph Databases**

# NoSQL Data Models

## Key/Value Stores:

- Most simple form of database systems
- Store key/value pairs and retrieve values by keys
- Values can be of arbitrary format



# NoSQL Data Models

## Key/Value Stores:

- consistency models range from *eventual consistent* to *serializable*
  - some systems support ordering keys which enables efficient query processing, e.g., for range queries
  - some systems support in-memory data maintenance and others manage data based on hard drives and SSDs
- Available Systems are very heterogeneous



# NoSQL Data Models

## Key/Value Stores - Redis:



- in-memory data structure store with built-in replication, transactions and different levels of on-disk persistence
- supports complex types like lists, sets, hashes, ...
- supports various *atomic* operations

```
>> SET val 1
>> GET val => 1
>> INCR val => 2
>> LPUSH my_list a (=> 'a')
>> LPUSH my_list b (=> 'b', 'a')
>> RPUSH my_list c (=> 'b', 'a', 'c')
>> LRANGE my_list 0 1 => b,a
```

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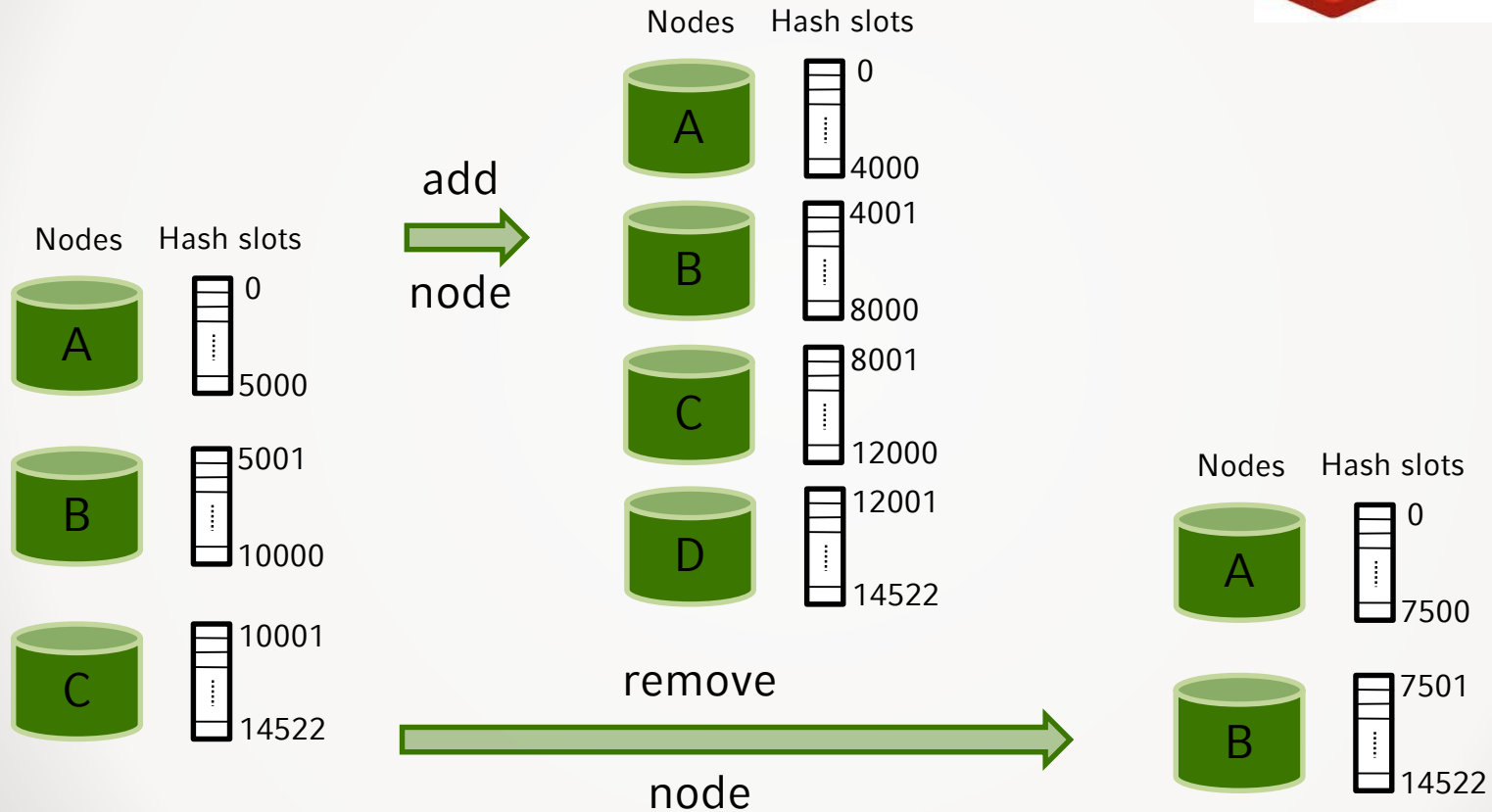
## Key/Value Stores – The Redis cluster model:



- data is automatically sharded across nodes
- some degree of availability, achieved by master-slave architecture (but cluster stops in the event of larger failures)
- easily extendable

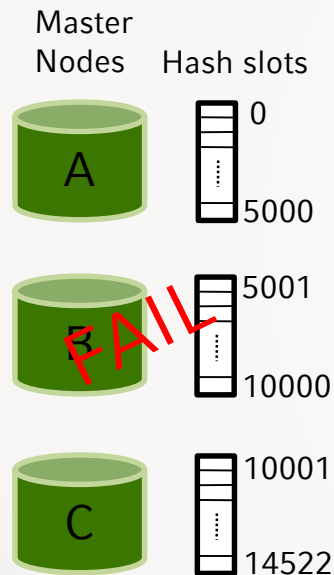
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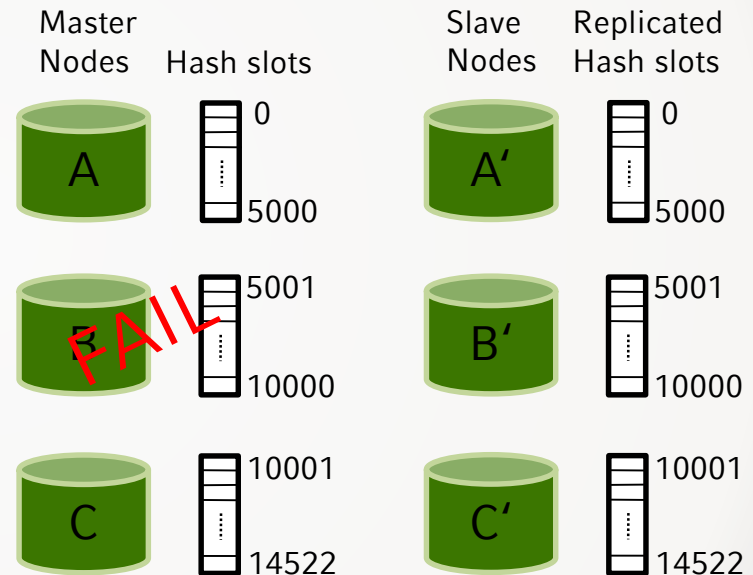


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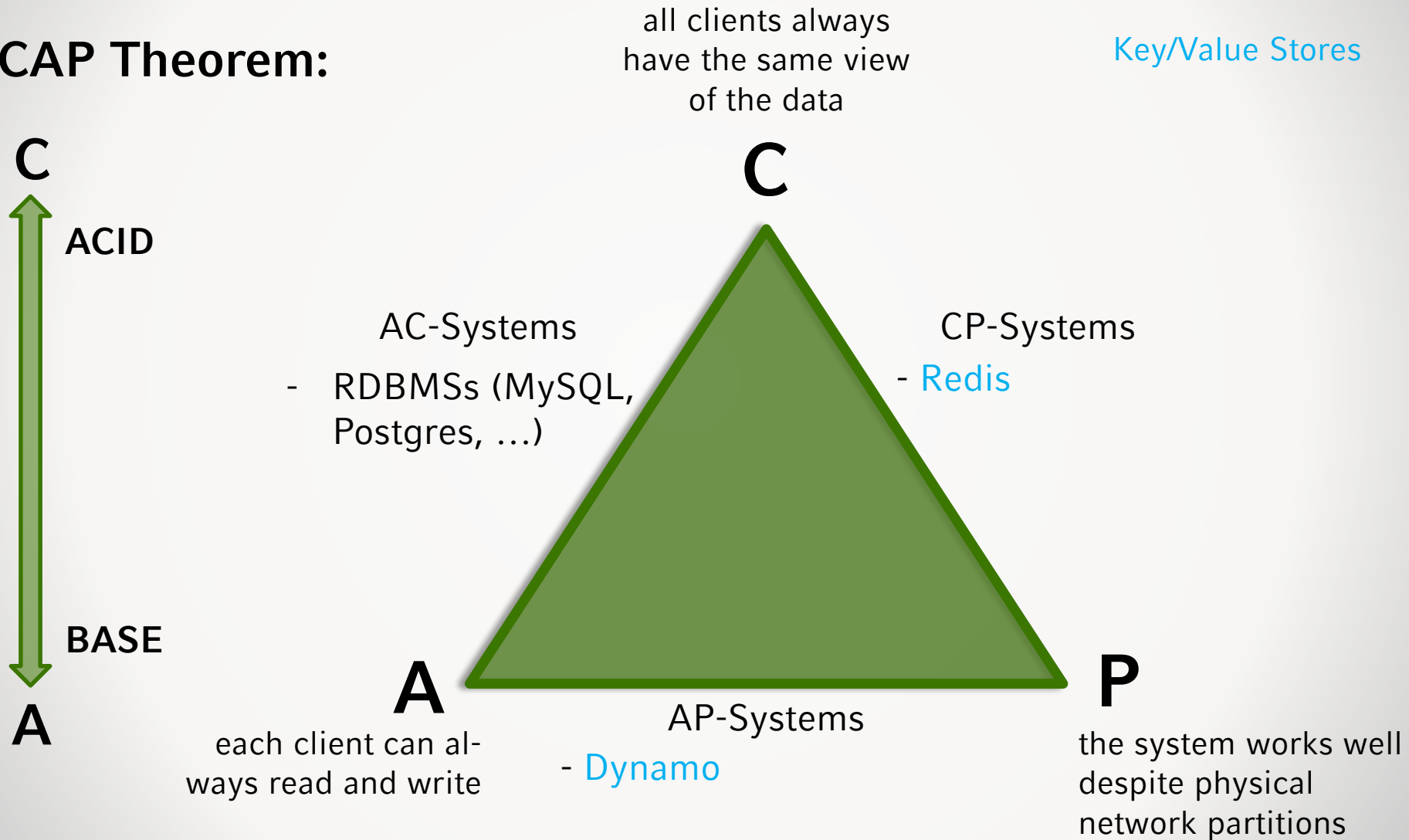
Hash slots 5001 – 10000 cannot be used anymore



slave node B' is promoted as the new master and hash slots 5001 – 10000 are still available

# Big Picture

## CAP Theorem:



# NoSQL Data Models

## Document Stores:

- store documents in form of XML or JSON
- semi-structured data records that do not have a homogeneous structure
- columns can have more than one value (arrays)
- documents include internal structure, or metadata
- data structure enables efficient use of indexes

# NoSQL Data Models

## Document Stores:

given following text:

Max Mustermann  
Musterstraße 12  
D-12345 Musterstadt

```
<contact>  
  <first_name>Max</first_name>  
  <last_name>Mustermann</last_name>  
  <street>Musterstraße 12</street>  
  <city>Musterstadt</city>  
  <zip>12345</zip>  
  <country>D</country>  
</contact>
```

→ find all <contact>s where <zip> is "12345"

# NoSQL Data Models

## Document Stores:



- data stored as documents in binary representation (BSON)
- similarly structured documents are bundled in collections
- provides own ad-hoc query language
- supports ACID transactions on document level



# NoSQL Data Models

## Document Stores:



## MongoDB Data Management:

- automatic data sharding
- automatic re-balancing
- multiple sharding policies:
  - Hash-based sharding: Documents are distributed according to an MD5 hash → uniform distribution
  - Range-based sharding: Documents with shard key values close to one another are likely to be co-located on the same shard → works well for range queries
  - Location-based sharding: Documents are partitioned w.r.t. a user-specified configuration that associates shard key ranges with specific shards and hardware

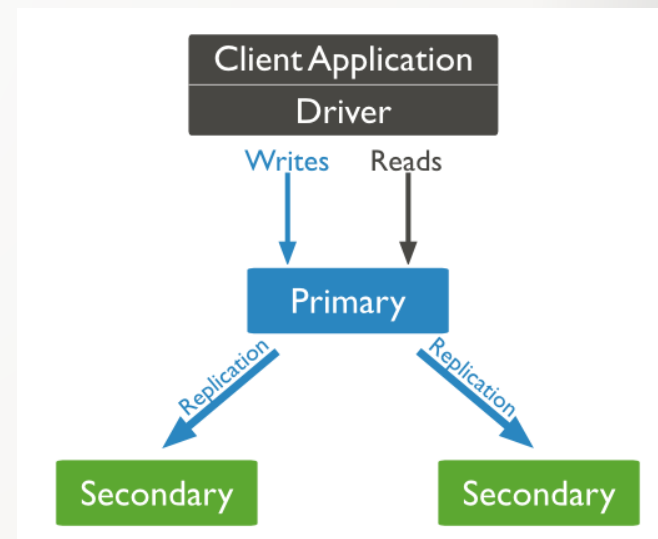
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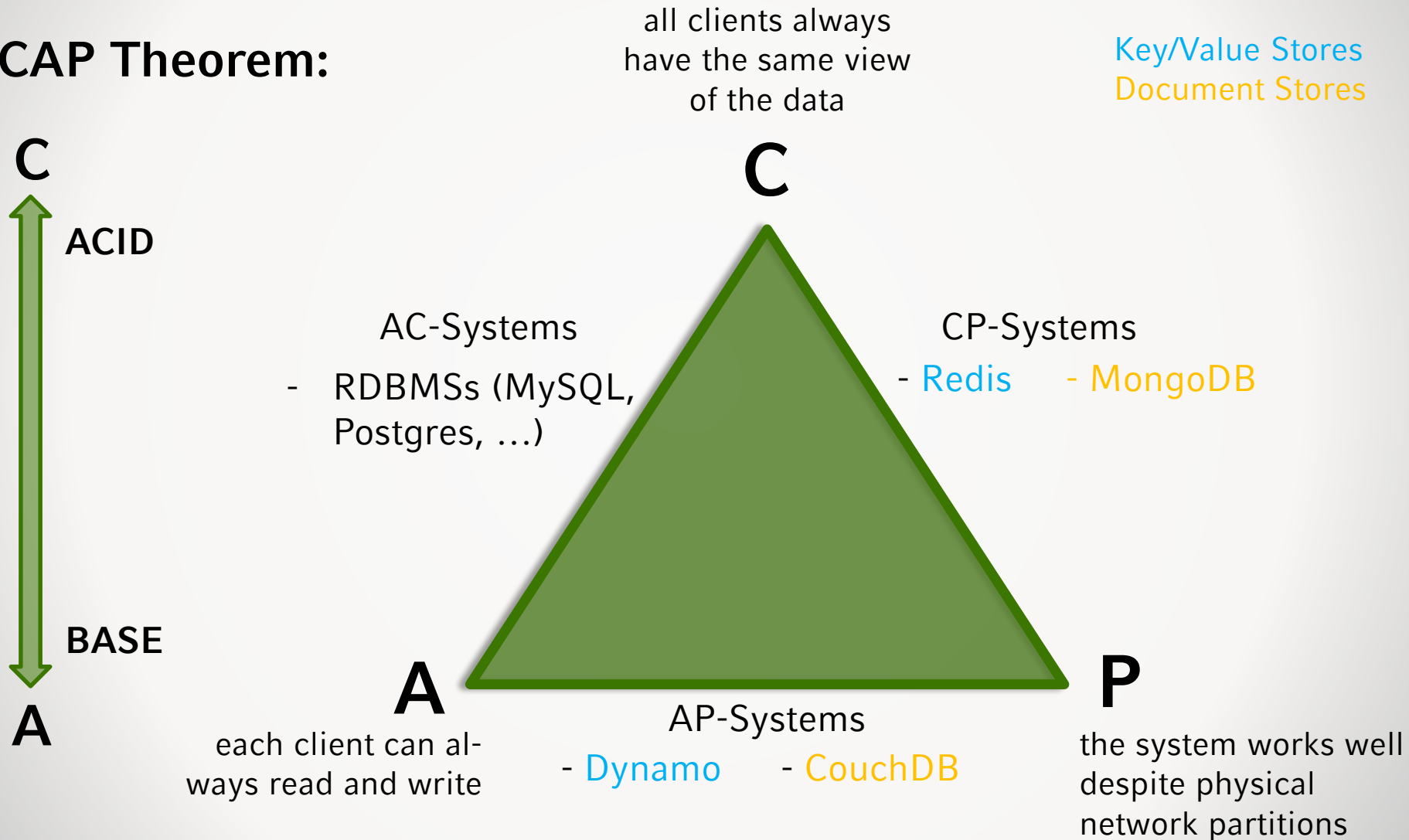
MongoDB Consistency & Availability:

- default: strong consistency (but configurable)
- increased availability through replication
  - *replica sets* consist of one *primary* and multiple *secondary members*
  - MongoDB applies writes on the primary and then records the operations on the primary's *oplog*



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## CAP Theorem:



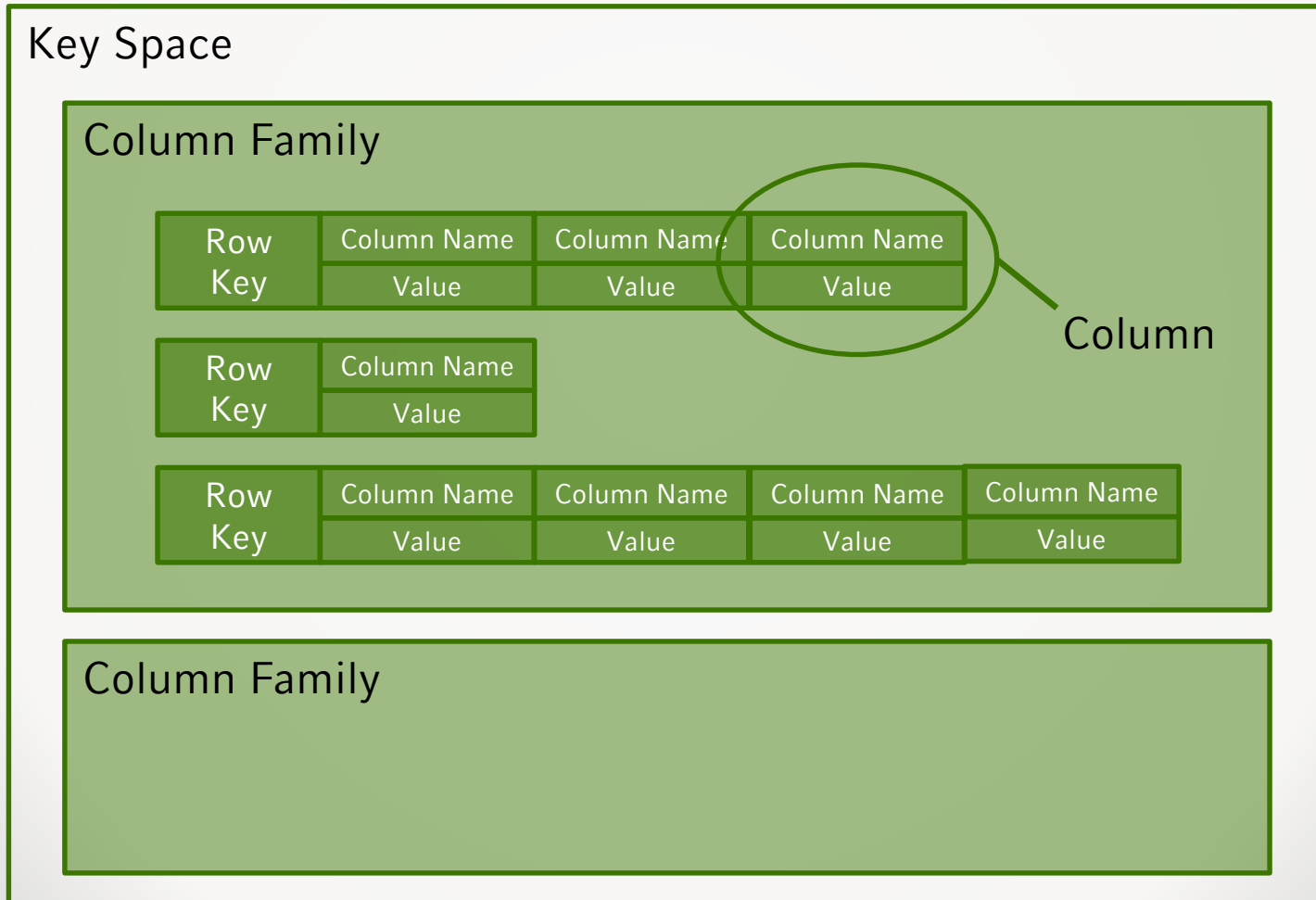
# NoSQL Data Models

## Wide Column Stores:

- rows are identified by keys
- rows can have different numbers of columns (up to millions)
- order of rows depend on key values (locality is important!)
- multiple rows can be summarized to *families* (or *tablets*)
- multiple families can be summarized to a *key space*

# NoSQL Data Models

## Wide Column Stores:



# NoSQL Data Models

## Wide Column Stores:

Key Space „Edibles“

Column Family „Fruit“

Apple	color	weight	variety
	„green“	95	„Granny Smith“

Cherry	color
	„red“

Lemon	color	weight	origin	flavor
	„yellow“	50	„Egypt“	„sour“

Column Family „Vegetable“

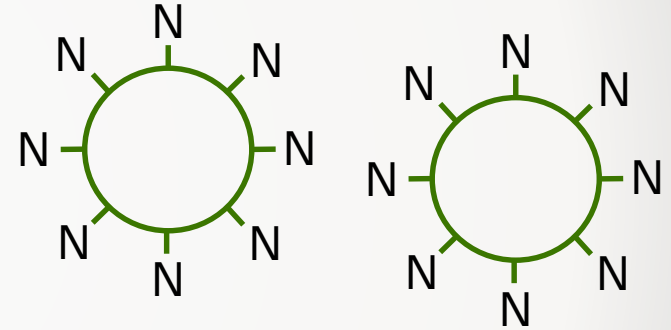
Carrot	2015-08-11	2015-08-12	...	2015-09-21
	65	50	...	87

# NoSQL Data Models

## Wide Column Stores:



- developed by Facebook, Apache project since 2009
- cluster Architecture:
  - P2P system (ordered as rings)
  - Each node plays the same role (decentralized)
  - Each node accepts read/write operations
- user access through nodes via *Cassandra Query Language (CQL)*



# NoSQL Data Models

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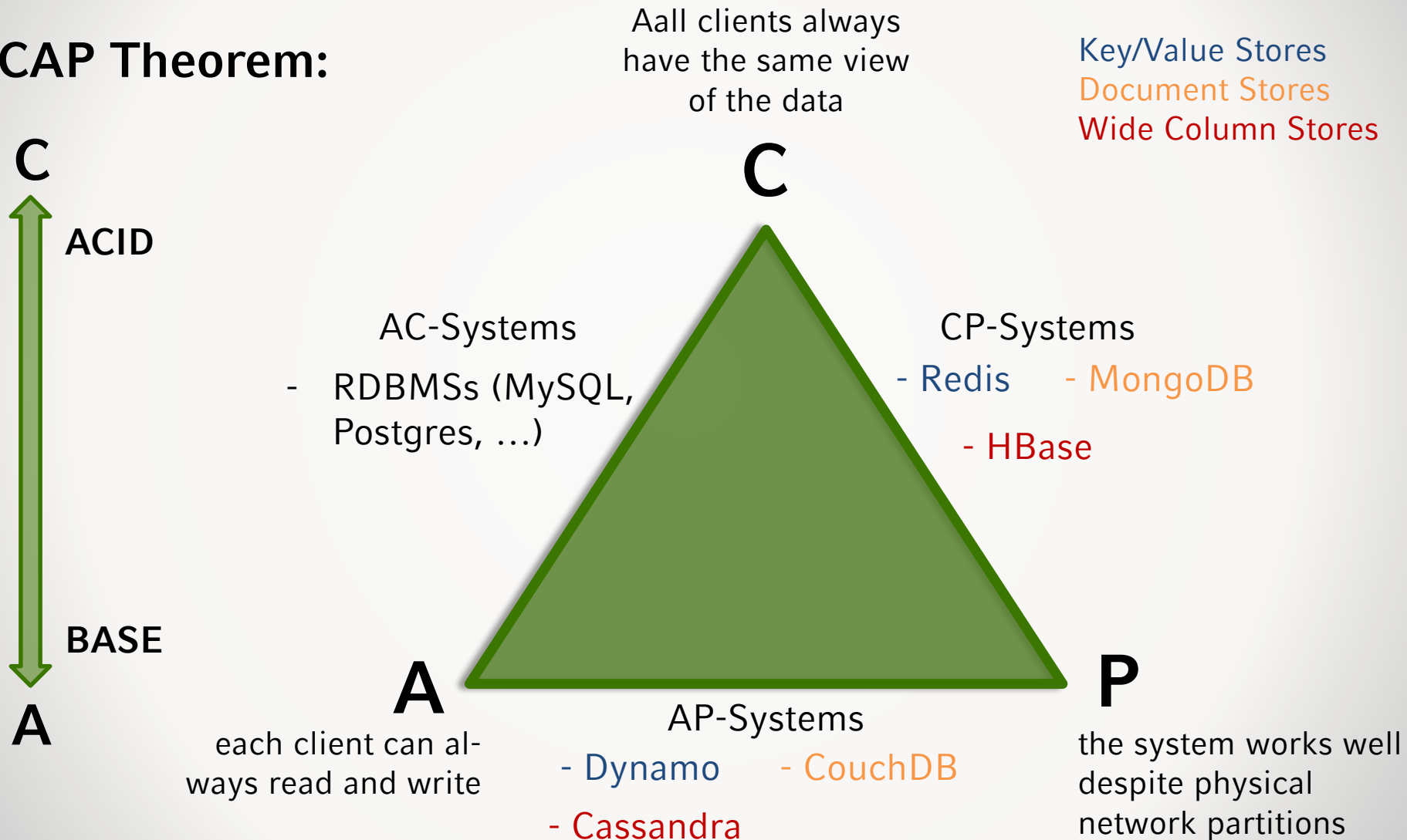
## Consistency

- tunable Data Consistency (choosable per operation)
- read repair: if stale data is read, Cassandra issues a read repair → find most up-to-date data and update stale data
- generally: Eventually consistent
- main focus on availability!



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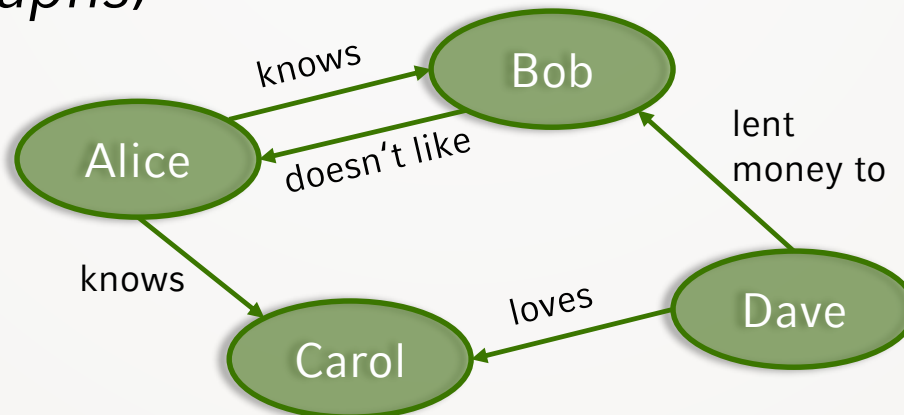
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# NoSQL Data Models

## Graph Databases:

- use graphs to store and represent relationships between entities
- composed of *nodes* and *edges*
- each node and each edge can contain *properties* (*Property-Graphs*)



# NoSQL Data Models

## Graph Databases:



Alice is a friend of Bob and vice versa. They both love the movie „Titanic“.

name = „Alice“

name = „Bob“

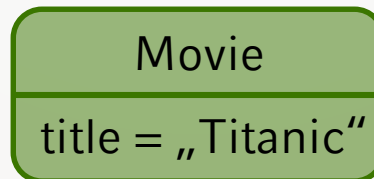
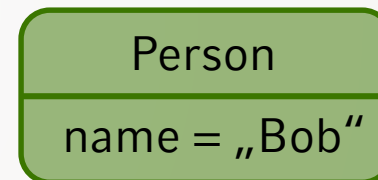
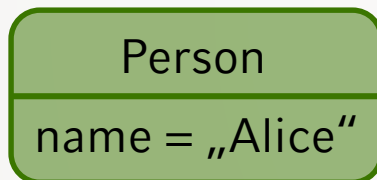
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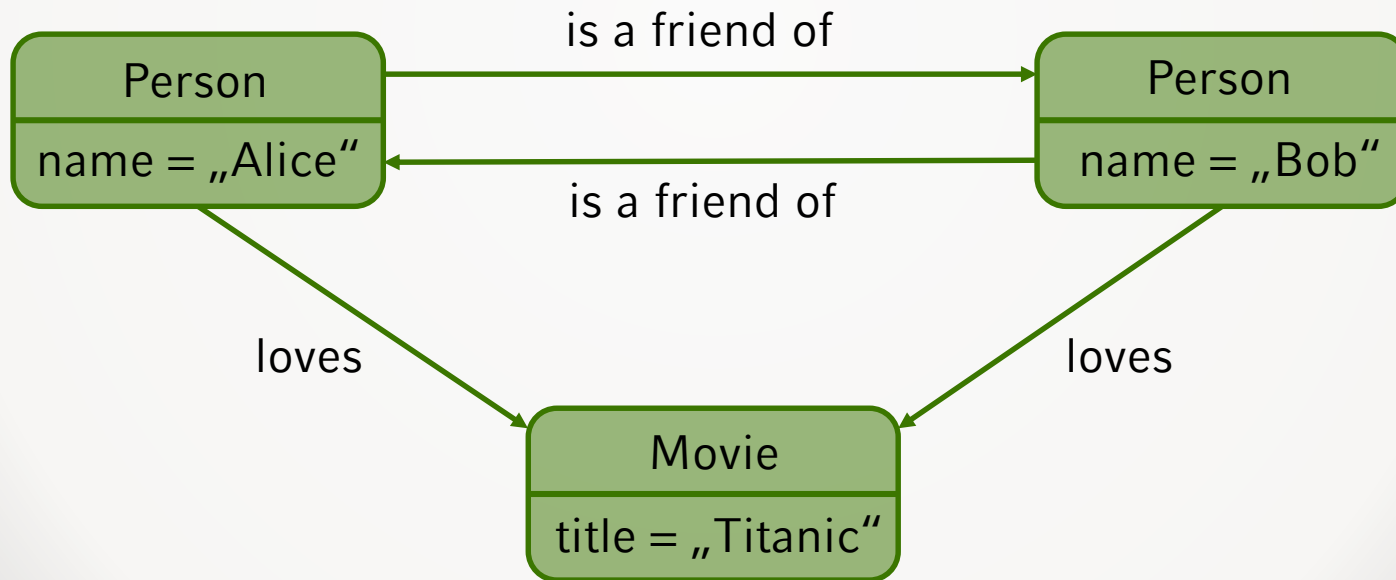


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## Graph Databases:



- master-slave replication (no partitioning!)
- consistency: eventual consistency (tunable to Immediate consistency)
- support of ACID Transactions
- cypher Query Language
- schema-optional

# Big Picture

## CAP Theorem:

