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Using Redis beyond caching

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Agenda

History of Redis

Redis for Caching at Alliance Data

Redis for Inventory Management at Gap

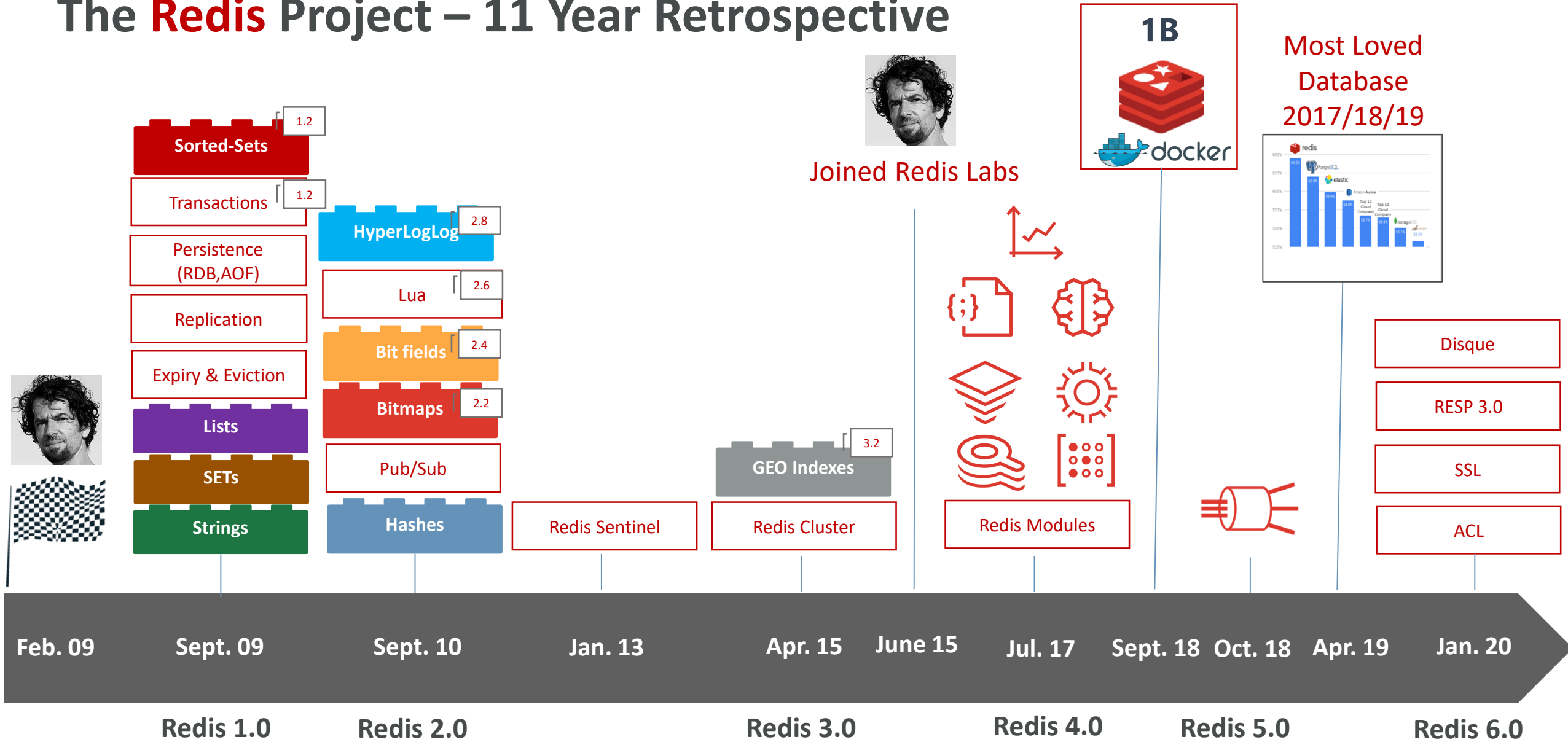
Redis for Modern Data Models



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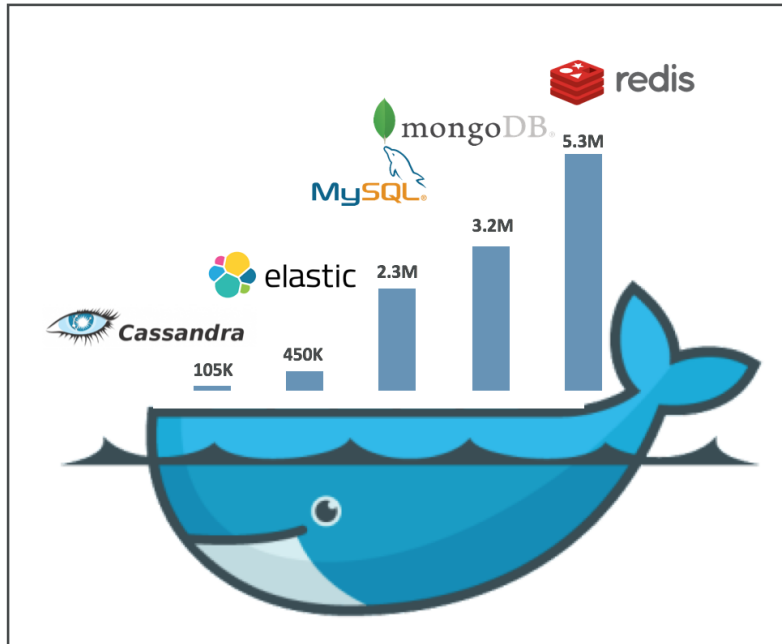
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The Redis Project – 11 Year Retrospective



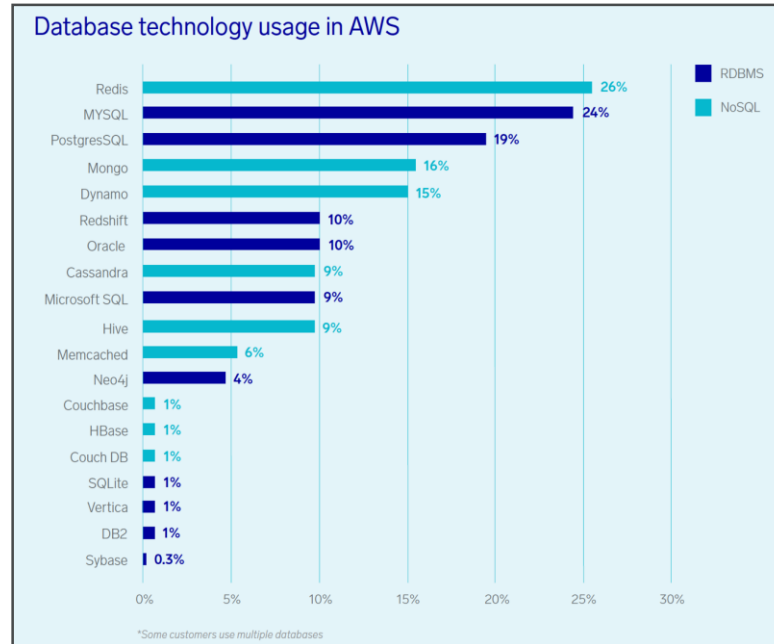
How Popular Is Redis?

MOST LAUNCHED



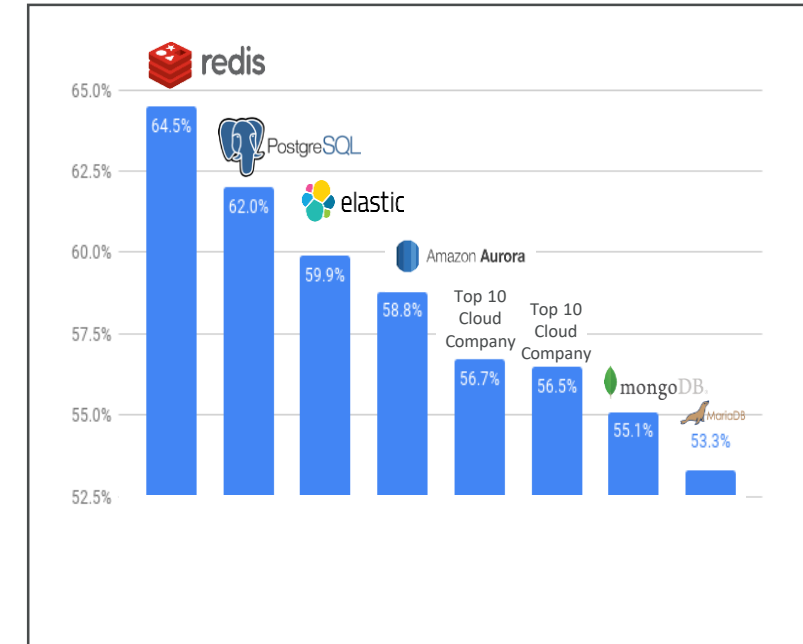
Launches/day: Docker Hub, Nov. 2019

MOST USED



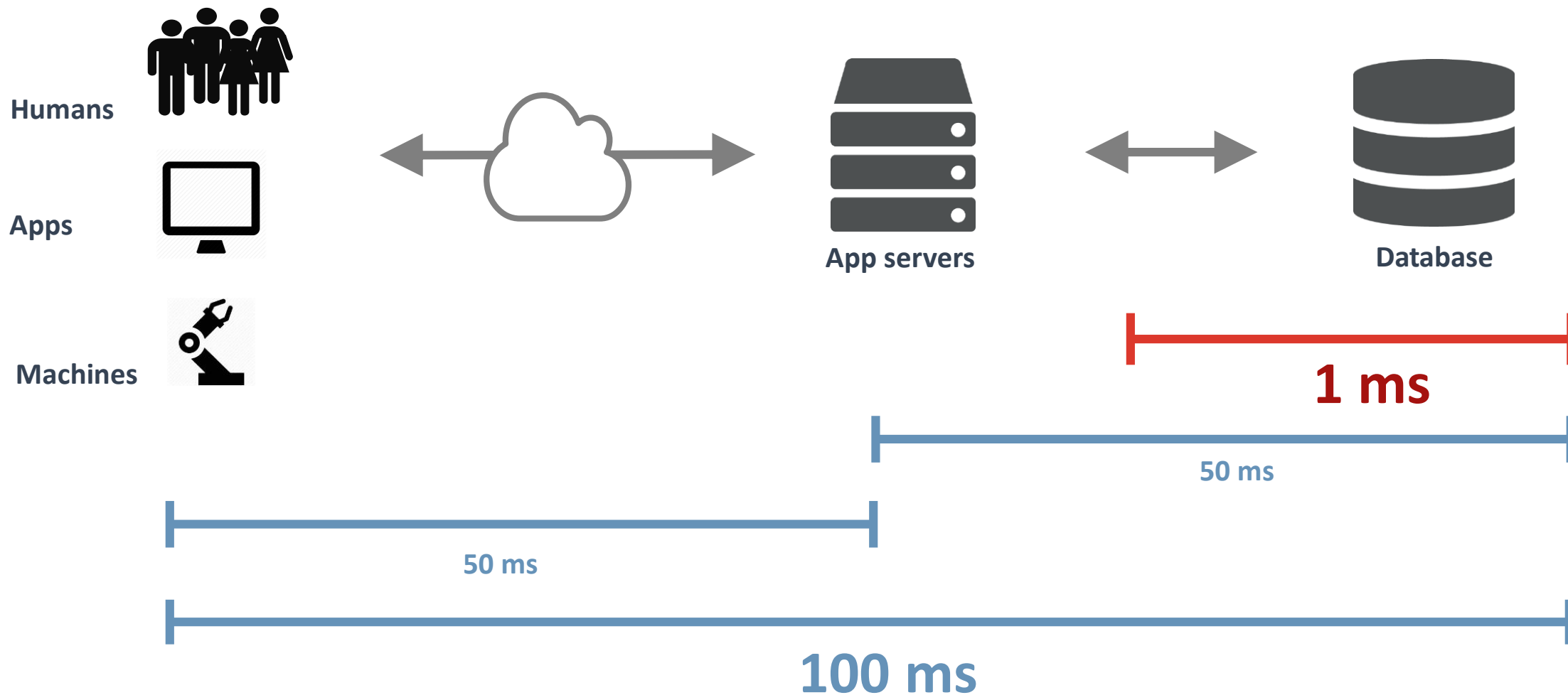
Sumo Logic, Sept. 2019

MOST LOVED

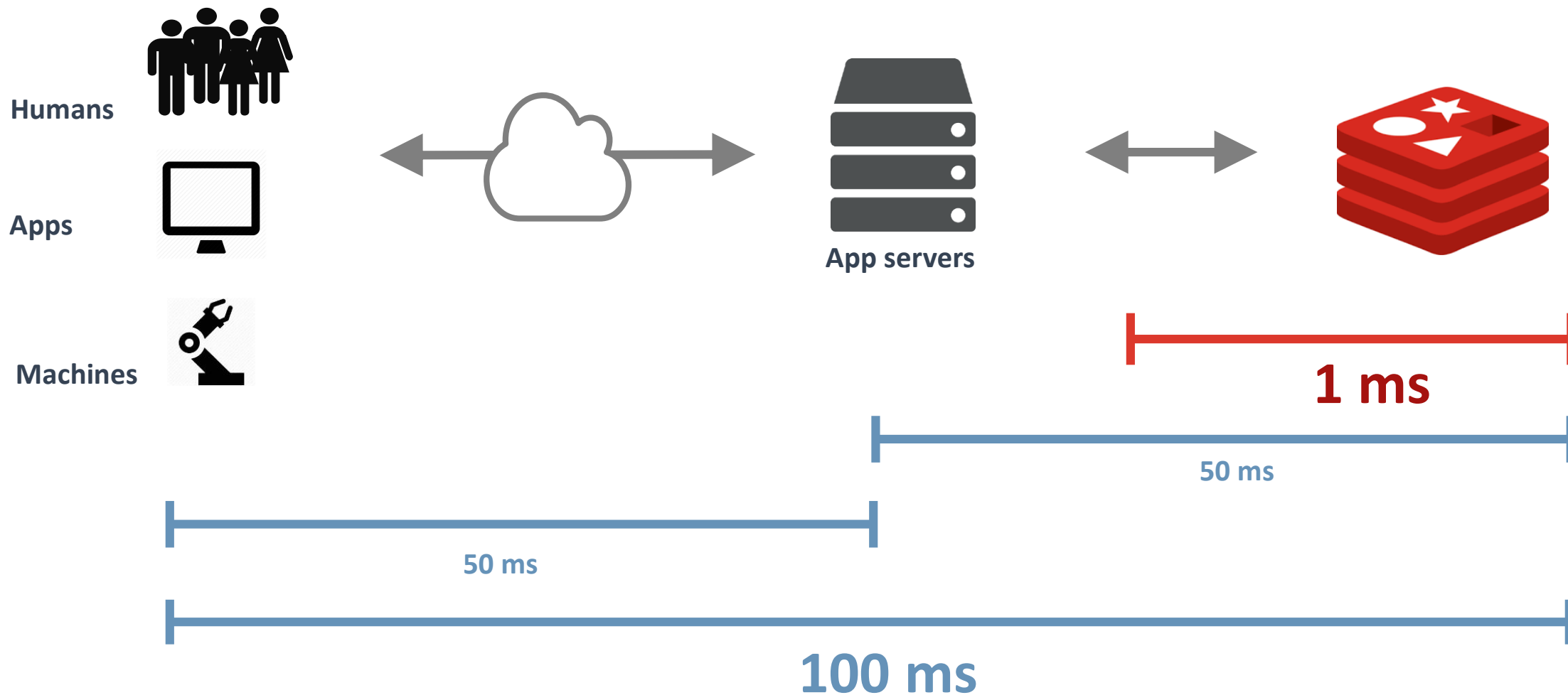


Stack Overflow, 2017, 2018, 2019

Why Redis?



Why Redis?





AllianceData.

Achieving More through Microservices with Redis Enterprise

Agenda

- Introduction
- Problem
- Solution
- Results



ALLIANCE
DATA SYSTEMS



- Leading tailored loyalty and marketing solutions
- Manage more than **365 branded credit programs**
- Customer-tailored marketing communication solutions
- Handle end-to-end acquisition to create a **seamless experience** for consumers



Our Family of 365 Brand Partners



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Current State of Business

- Content management system **SDL Tridion**
- Repository for millions of individual content pieces for each client

Challenges

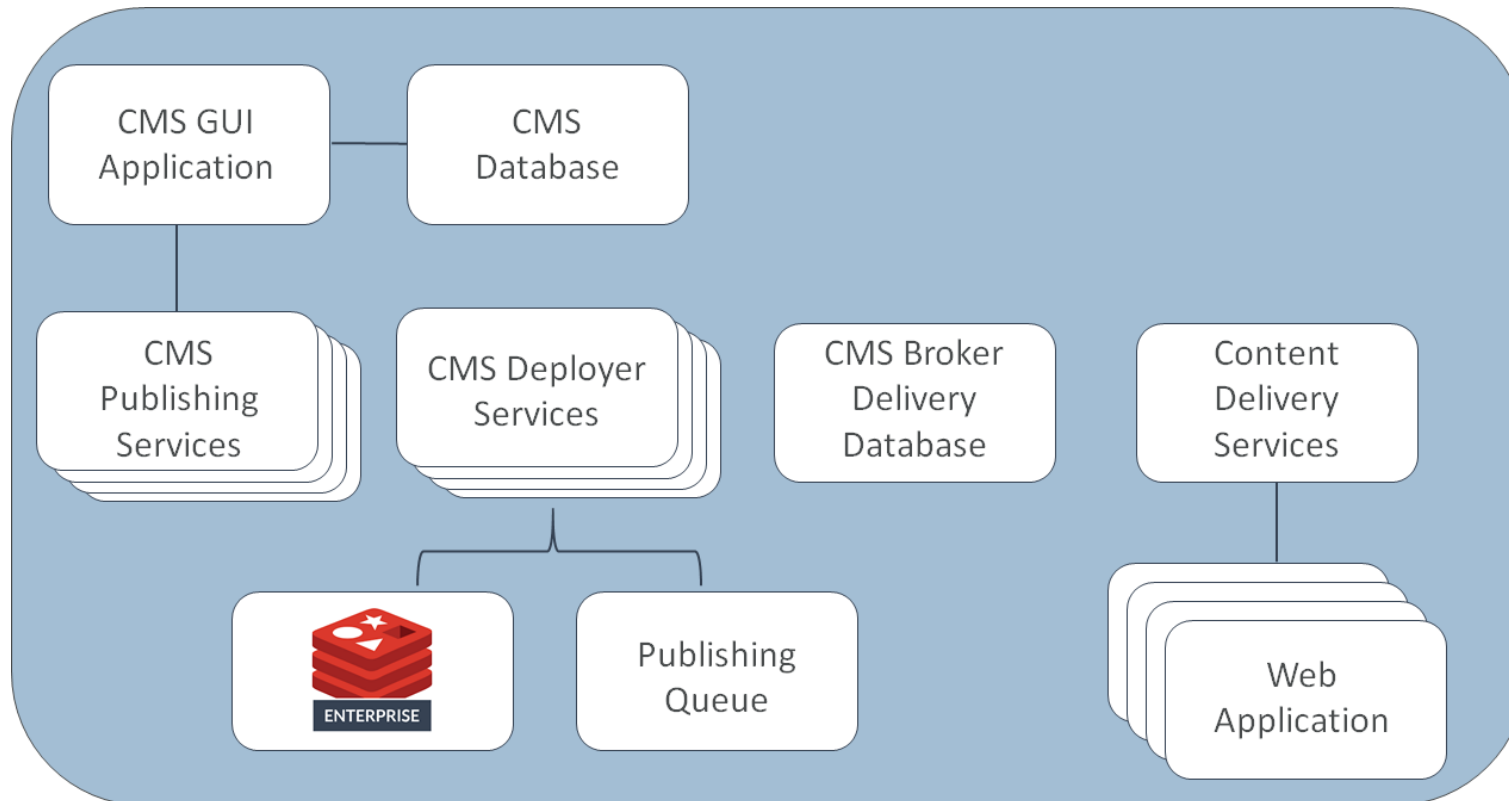
- **Staying competitive in the market**
 - Many fintech companies are challenging the industry with innovation
 - Staying nimble and leading the industry

Need

- A **high-performance, scalable, and stable** data platform/engine that would **streamline** our publishing system

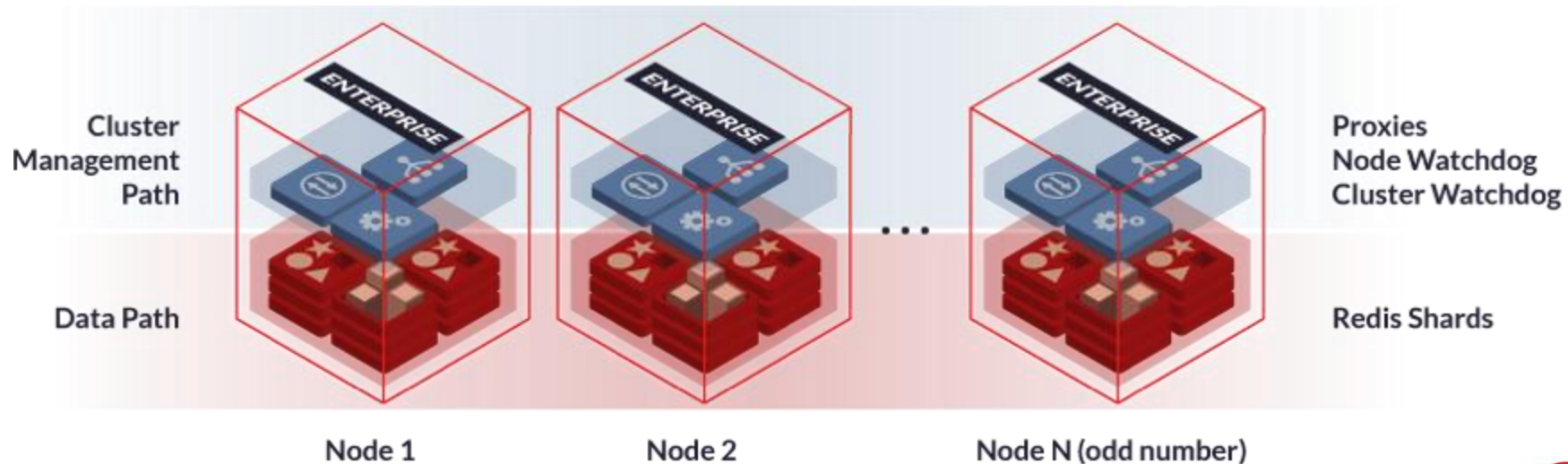
Redis Enterprise within Microservices

- Content Management system is 10 years old, original architecture was **monolithic**
- Recently transitioned to a **microservice** architecture



New Architecture with Redis

- We're pushing **200K** publishing transactions per hour; Redis is using **~1,000 Ops/S** with incoming traffic **~41 KB/S** and outgoing traffic **~1.2 MB/S**
- Currently running in two data centers
 - 6 publishing servers communicating to 6 deploying servers
 - Publishing server intercommunication is synced off six 3-node cluster of Redis Enterprise
 - 198 web application servers serving up the self-service application



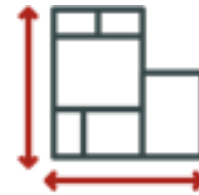
Why Redis Enterprise?



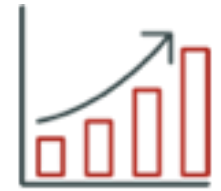
Top notch
24x7 expert
support



Fewer resources,
lower overhead



Simple, Seamless
Scaling and
Clustering



Stable and
Predictable High
Performance

Benefits Observed with Redis Enterprise

Numeric Results

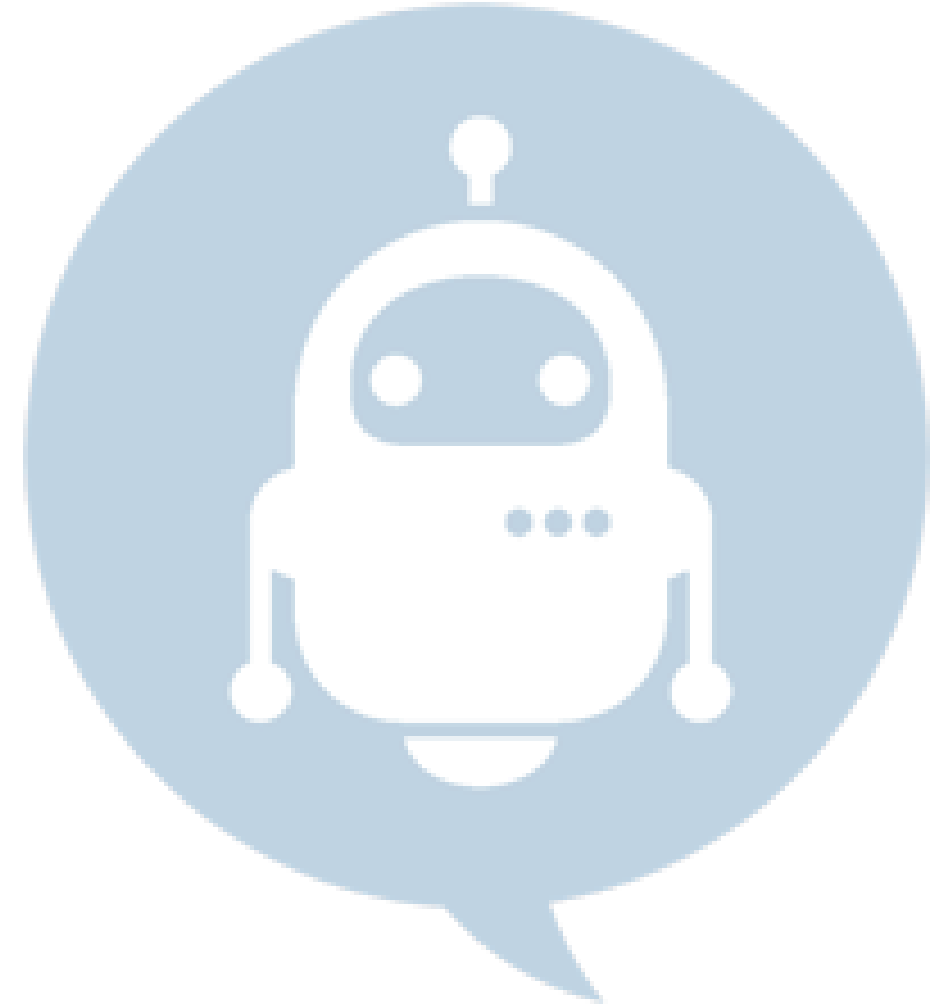
- **4x** throughput compared to what we had before
- Went from an average of 70% uptime to **97%–99% uptime**

Qualitative Benefits

- **Speed to market**—two-day set-up means business operations can be put to the back of the mind and we don't have to worry
- **Streamline client onboarding and easier ability to scale**—we can consider clients we would have passed over otherwise
- **Ease of training**—a developer can easily transition from never having heard of Redis to being fully hands-on

Next Steps

- Standardizing Redis Enterprise as the primary over coherence
- Building new application with Redis Enterprise Initial designs for chatbot solution include Redis Enterprise use case



Scaling >100x with Redis Labs

Gap Inc.



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OLD NAVY

ATHLETA

INTERMIX



- **Introductions**
- **Gap Inc. International footprint**
- **Our Journey**
 - What we set out to achieve / business requirements?
 - What were the challenges?
 - How did we approach the solution?
 - And the results...
 - Why Redis Labs?
 - What did we learn along the way?
 - It's not over yet...



Who are we?

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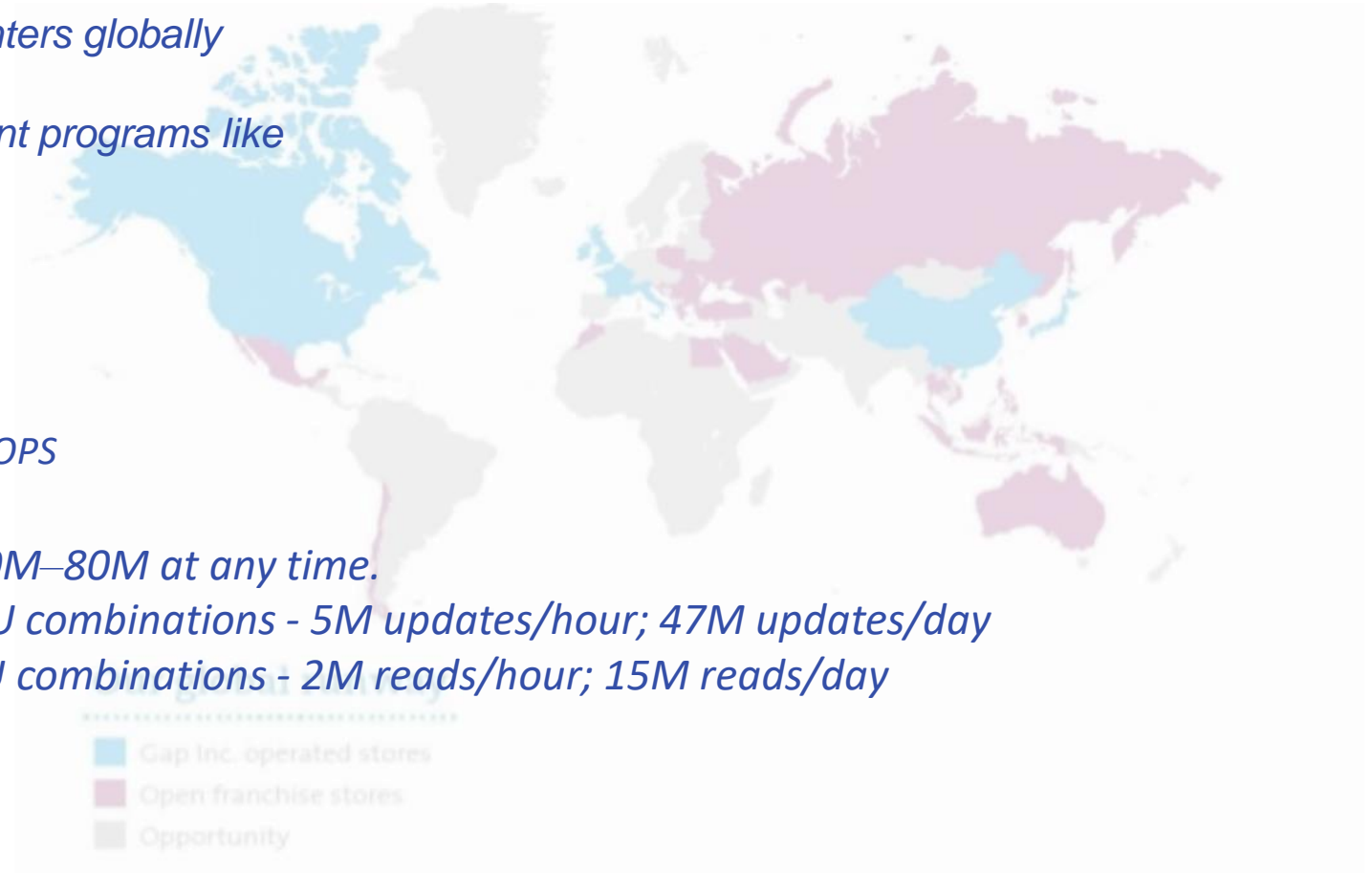
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Gap Inc. International footprint

- Over **3,100** stores and **9** distribution centers globally
- Online e-commerce features various fulfillment programs like
 - Ship from Store
 - Buy Online, Pick Up in Store
 - Order in Store
- Current data volume representing reads/writes, IOPS
 - Total # of Node/SKU combinations ~ 50M–80M at any time.
 - Number of Write Requests to Node/SKU combinations - 5M updates/hour; 47M updates/day
 - Number of Read Requests to Node/SKU combinations - 2M reads/hour; 15M reads/day
 - Latency for reads ~ 40 ms



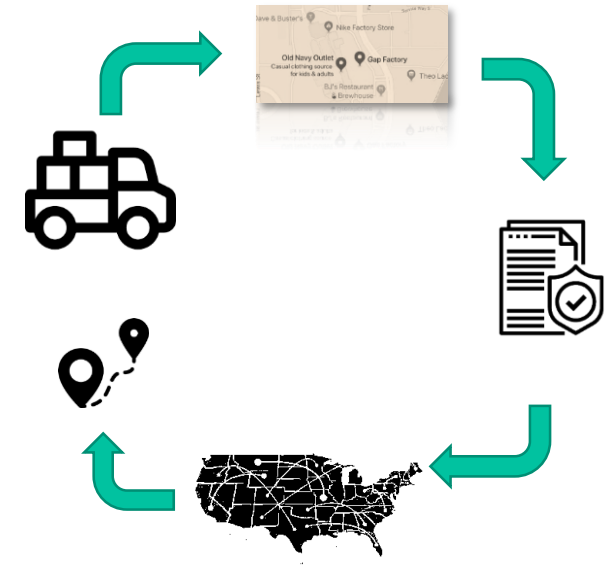
What did we set out to achieve as a business requirement?

“To optimize shipping operations and cost while providing customers with fulfillment transparency and choice in real time.”

What does it mean for the stakeholders?

Knowing how to connect the consumer with the product as early as the search page, given all the factors involved including, but not limited to:

1. Inventory availability visibility in total and at each location
2. Inventory protection and capacity based on historical and current operating run-rates
3. Location to customer fulfillment capabilities & options at a global scale
4. Distance to the customer from all possible ship-from locations
5. Pickup and delivery dates that are accurate, reliable and based on historical and current performance



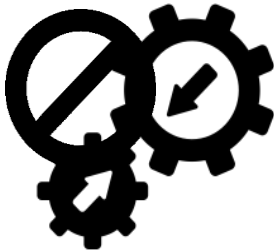
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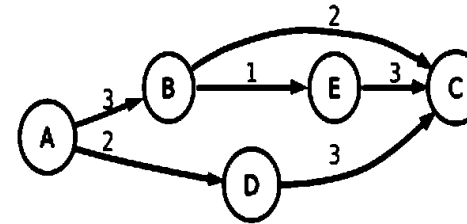
Performance



Large codebase



Non-standard integrations

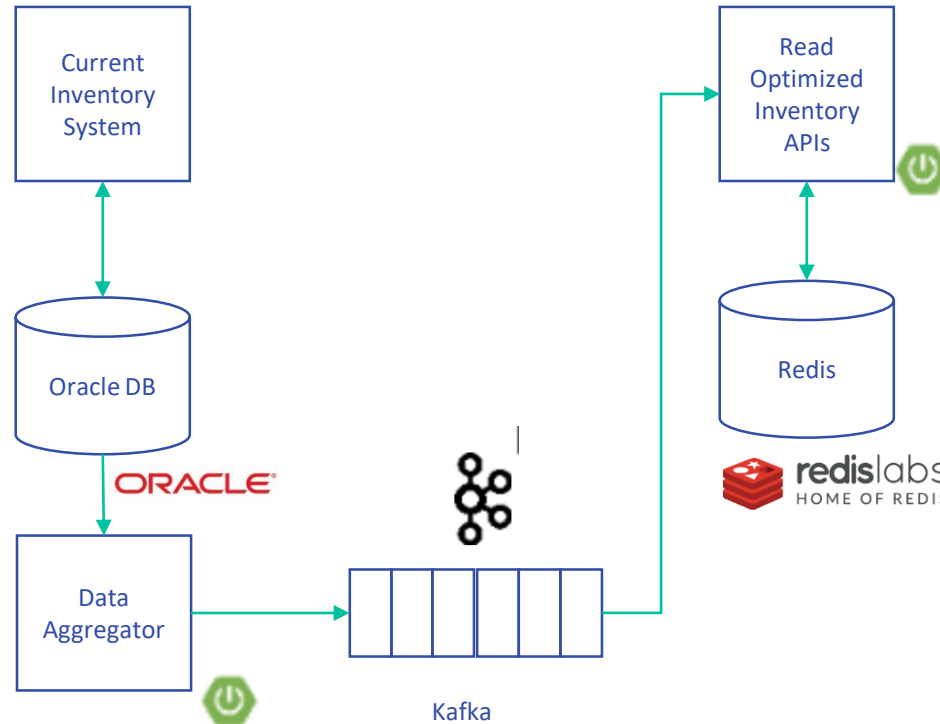


Critical path system

How did we approach the solution?

Our solution consisted of 2 major elements using

1. **Event sourcing pattern** - to move the data into a fast layer providing APIs for real time inventory access.
2. **Read optimized data layer** - for fast searching and aggregations over millions of inventory events.



And the results...

~3 ms response time for all relevant queries

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>100x improvement

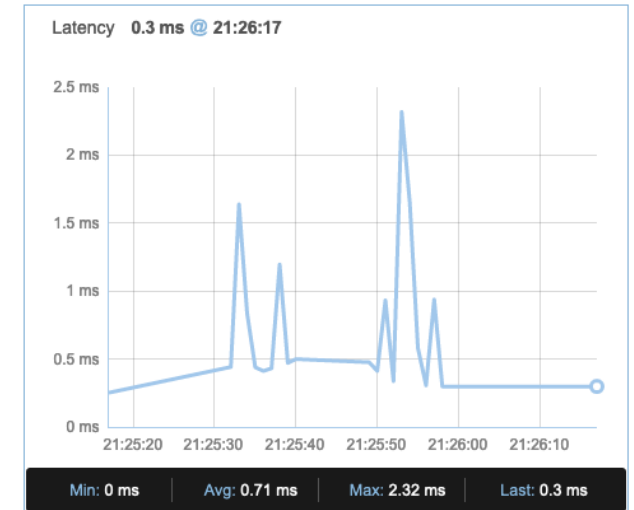


Figure 1 – Redis Labs monitoring representing ~3ms read latency under sustained load

10K+ writes/second (~0.5 ms latency)

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40x improvement

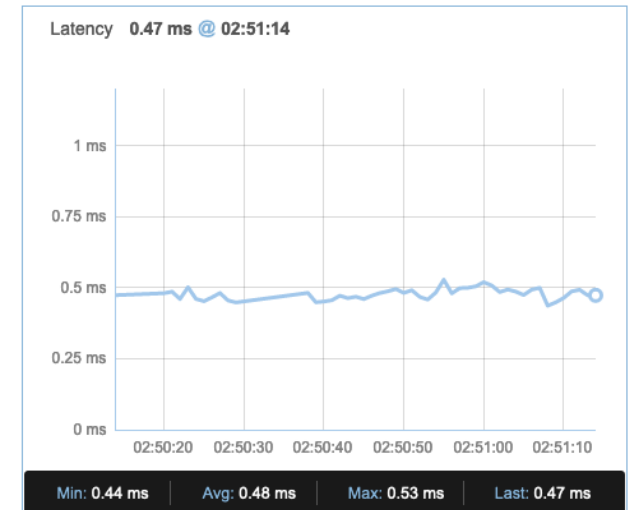


Figure 2 – Redis Labs monitoring representing 15K writes/per second under sustained load

Why Redis Labs?

After looking at various data stores that provide a competitive solve, we landed on using Redis Labs as enterprise offering for Redis per our requirements for its 8 major characteristics over OSS Redis

	Redis	RedisLabs
HA Architecture	✓	✓
Pluggable eco-system	✓	✓
RediSearch	✓	✓
Performance	✓	✓
Business Support		✓
Manage Multiple Databases easily		✓
Automatic Failover		✓
Monitoring & alerting		✓

What did we learn along the way?



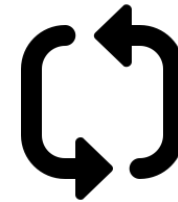
Communication is key!



Making a change that is durable



Training, training, and more training



Share feedback with your vendor

It's not over yet...

We are a 24/7 operation with the business requirement of the most up to date inventory picture for our end consumers who keep our ship afloat.

What's next

1. Disaster recovery failover configuration and testing

What's desirable

1. Active-Active configuration of Redis supported with RediSearch capability



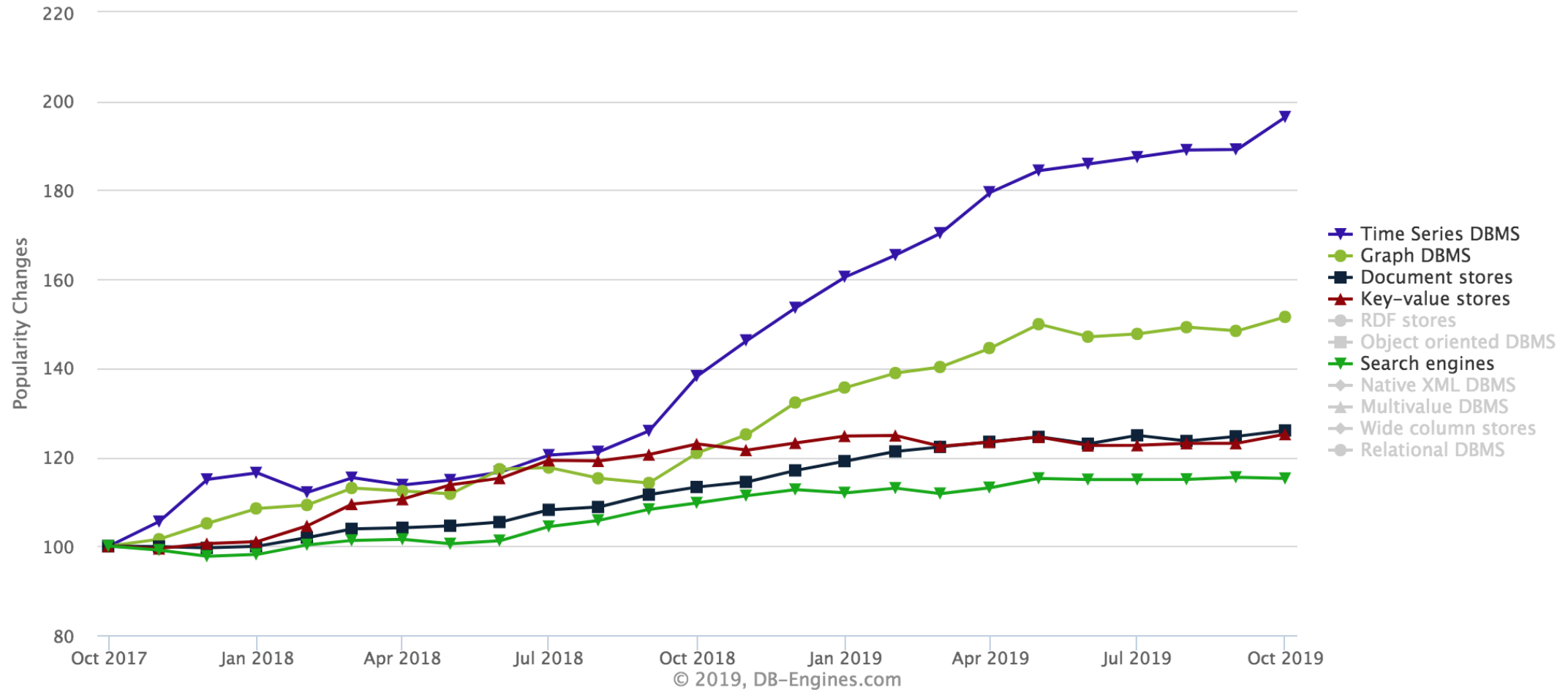


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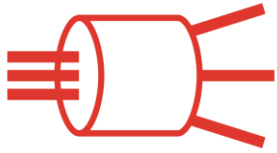
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Popular Data Models

Trend of the last 24 months



Modern Data Models in **Redis**



Streams



RediSearch



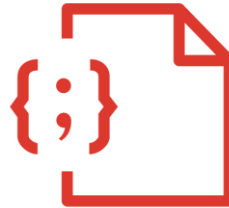
RedisGraph



RedisTimeSeries



RedisBloom

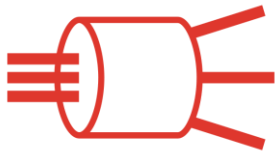


RedisJSON



RedisAI

Modern Data Models in **Redis**



Streams
(core)

Main capabilities

- Consumers groups
- Capped streams
- Removing item

Use cases

- Message broker
- Event sourcing, CDC

Modern Data Models in **Redis**



RedisSearch
(module)

Main capabilities

- Full-text search
- Indexing, auto complete
- Aggregation, ranking, stemming
- Extendable and modular

Use cases

- Fast search
- Multi-tenant indexing

Modern Data Models in **Redis**



RedisBloom
(module)

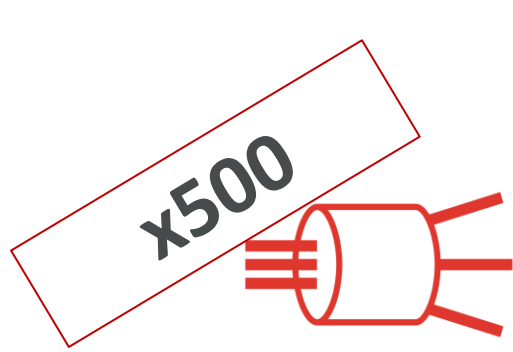
Main capabilities

- Bloom Filter
- Cuckoo Filter
- Count-min sketch
- Top-K

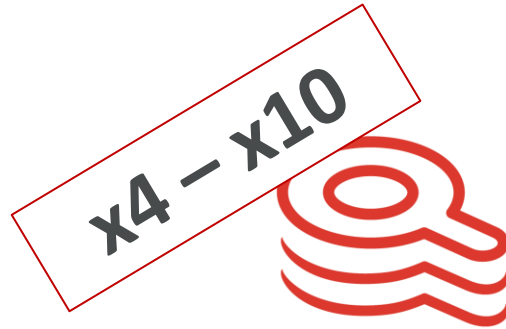
Use cases

- Authentication
- Ad serving, leaderboards

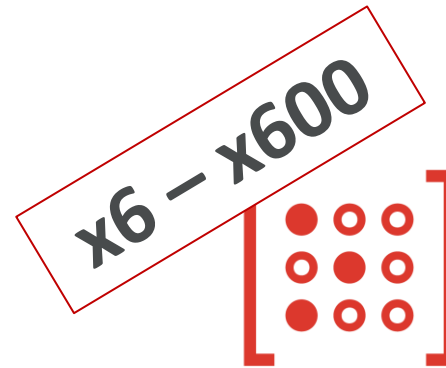
Modern Data Models Are **Faster** in **Redis**



Streams



RedisSearch



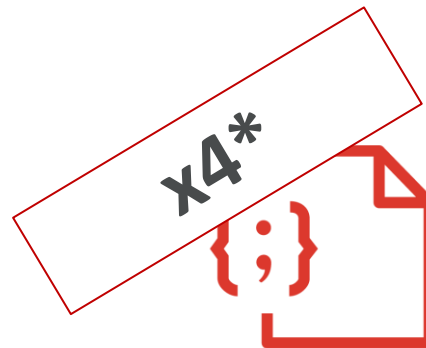
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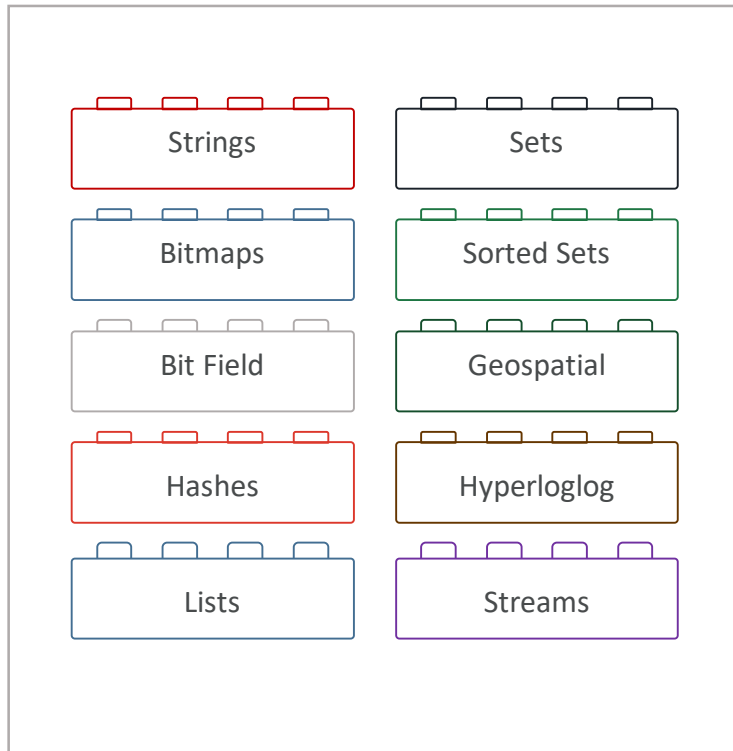
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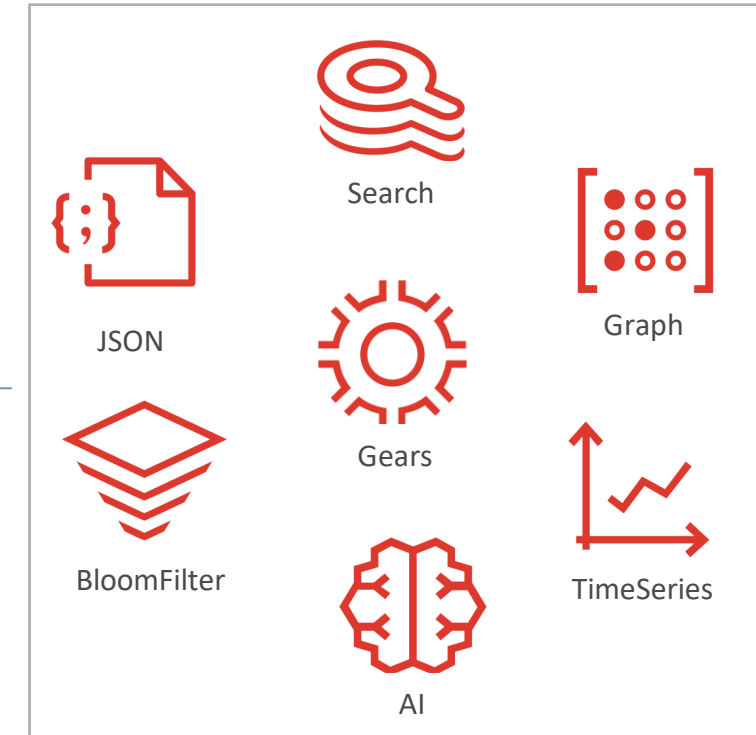
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Redis Enterprise

Redis core



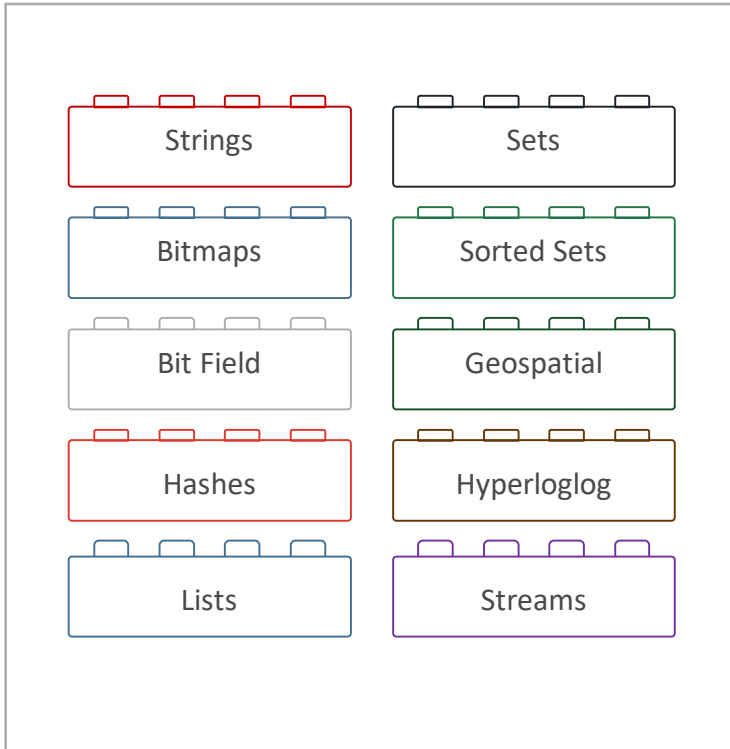
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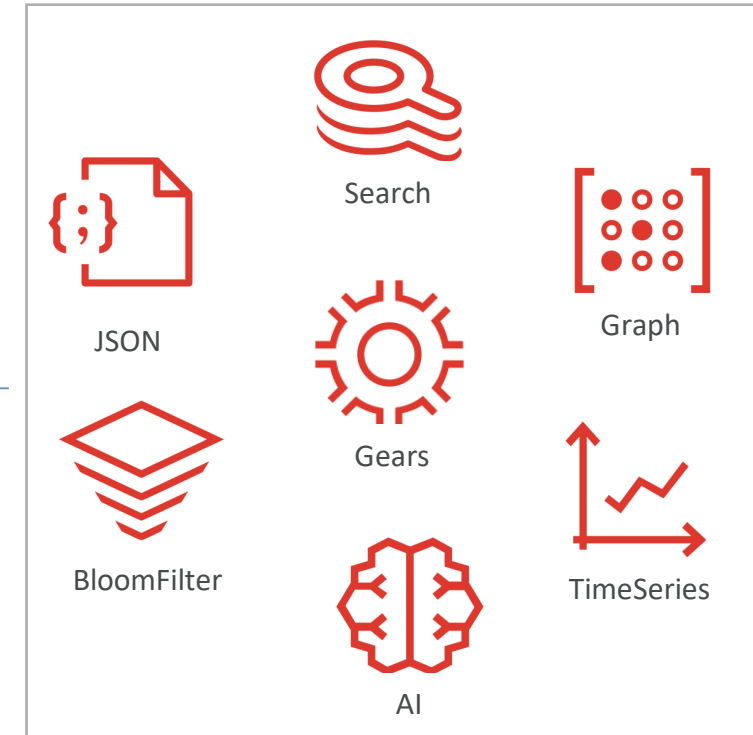
Redis Enterprise core

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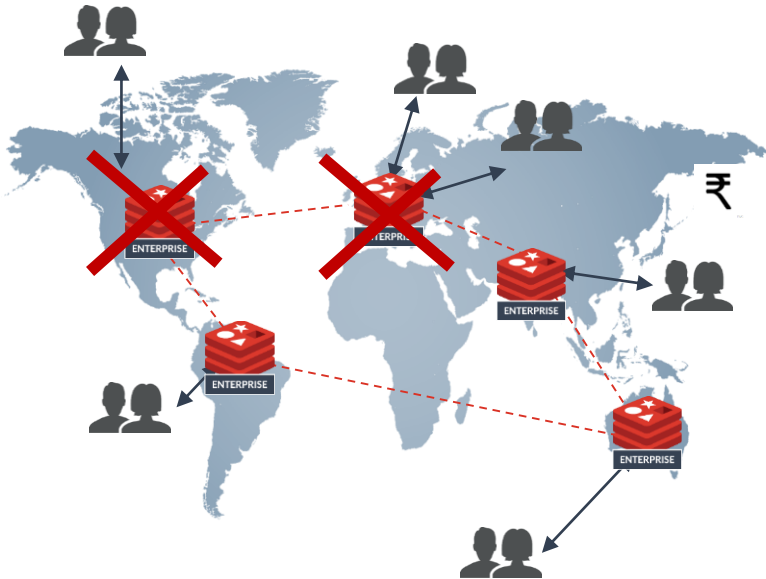
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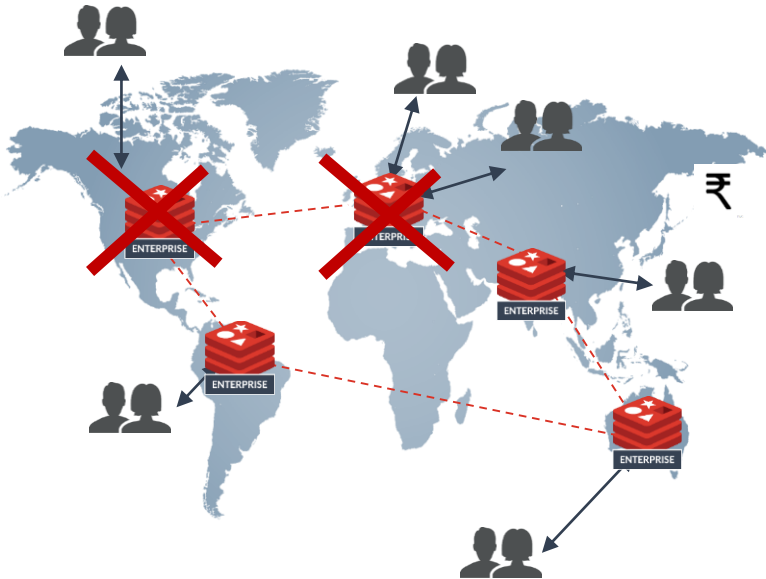
Why Do You Need Active-Active **Redis** ?

Disaster recovery



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Session management



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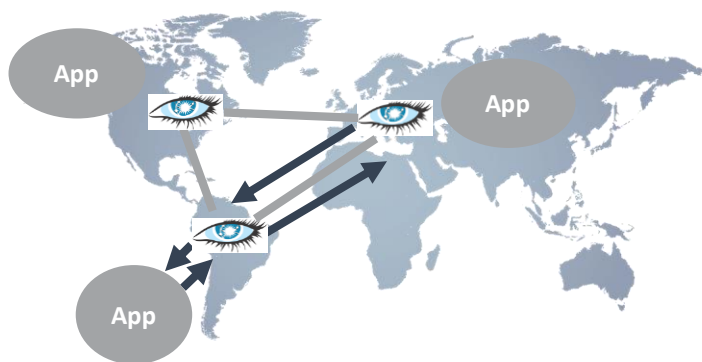


Globally distributed applications



Active-Active Comparison

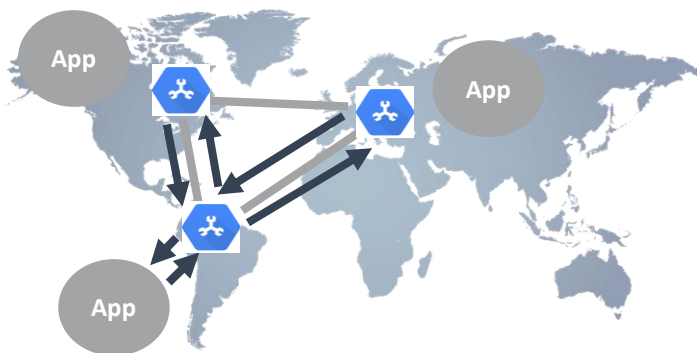
Cassandra/Amazon DynamoDB



Eventual Consistency

100 ms

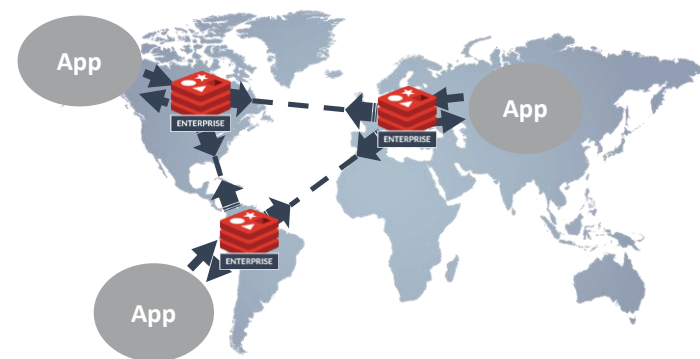
Spanner



Strong Consistency

200 ms

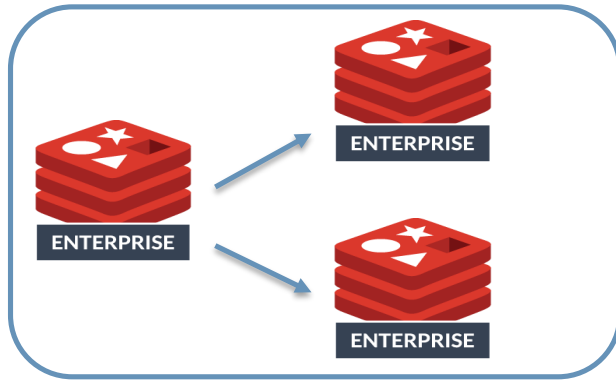
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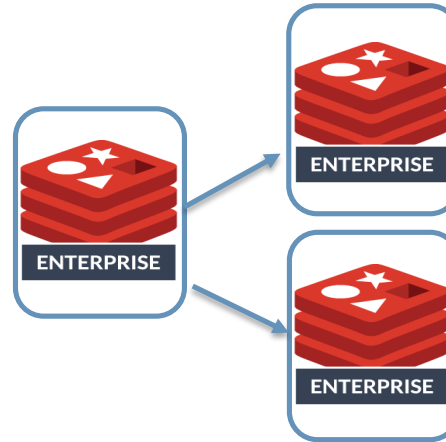
Strong Eventual Consistency
+
Causal Consistency

<1 ms

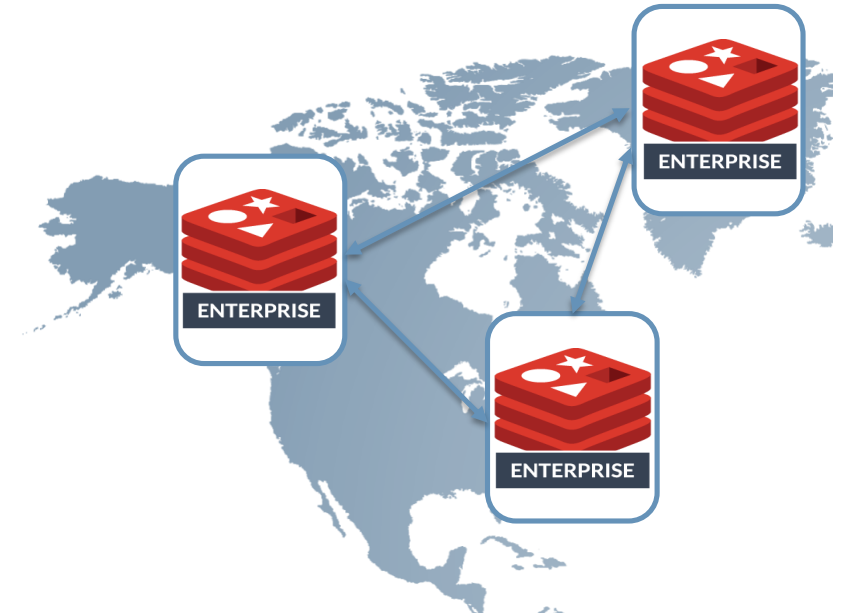
Redis Enterprise Cloud SLA



99.9% (<10m4.8s)
Active-passive replication
Single-AZ



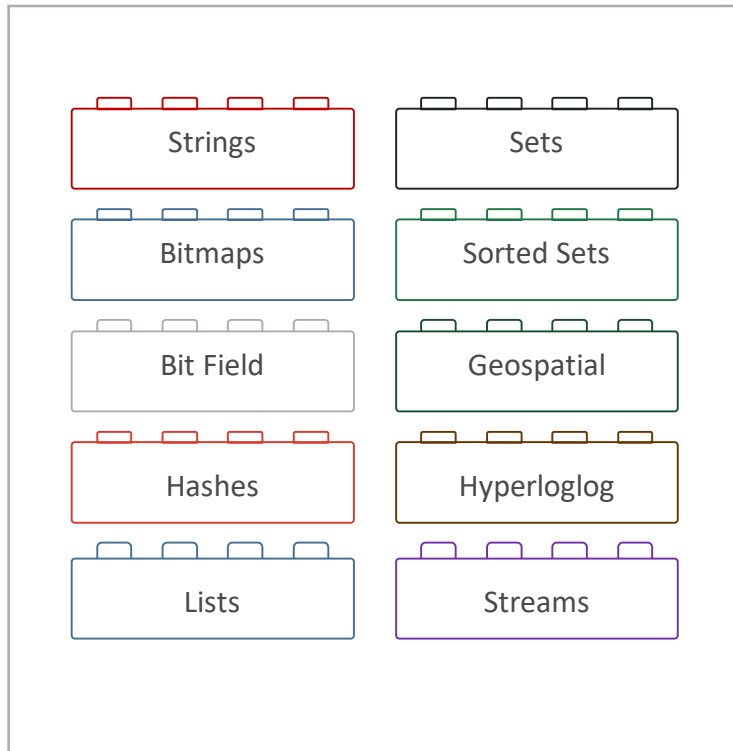
99.99% (<4m23s)
Active-passive replication
Multi-AZ



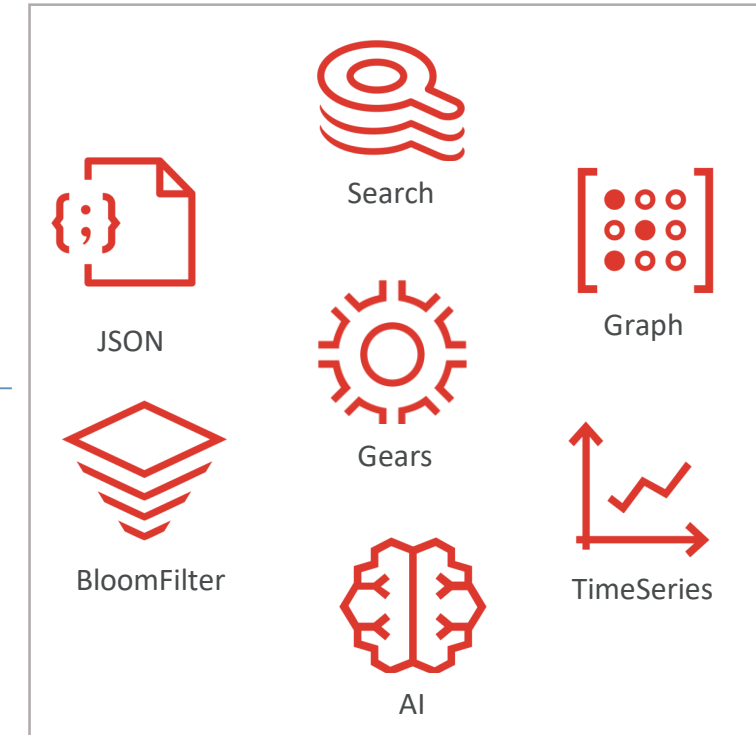
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Active-active replication
Multi-region

Redis Enterprise

Redis core



Redis modules



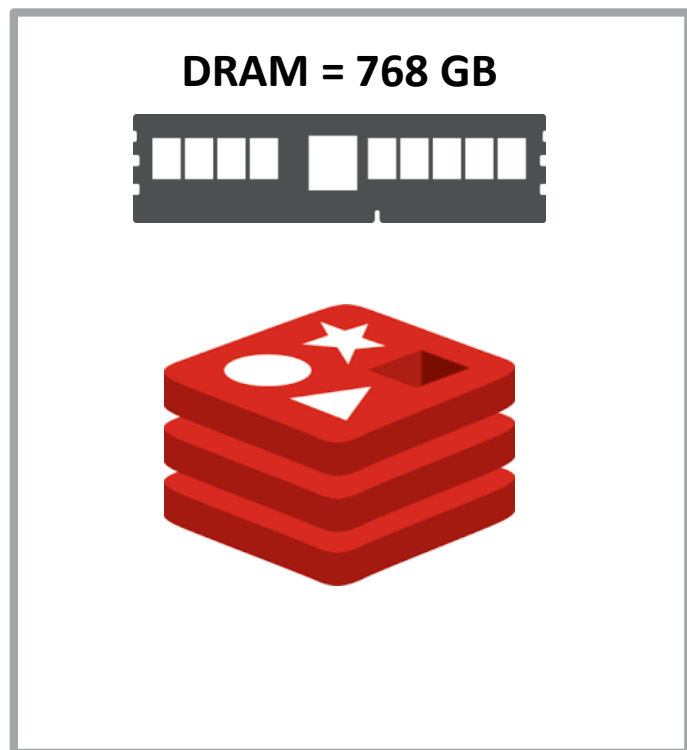
Redis Enterprise core

GBs → TBs → PB

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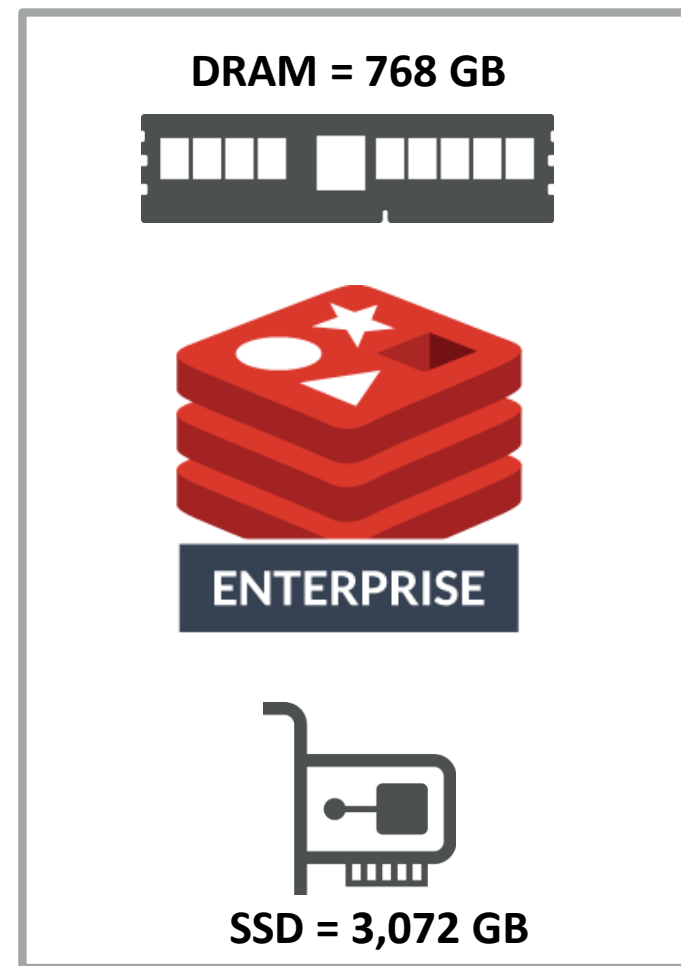


Running **Redis** on Multiple Memory Technologies



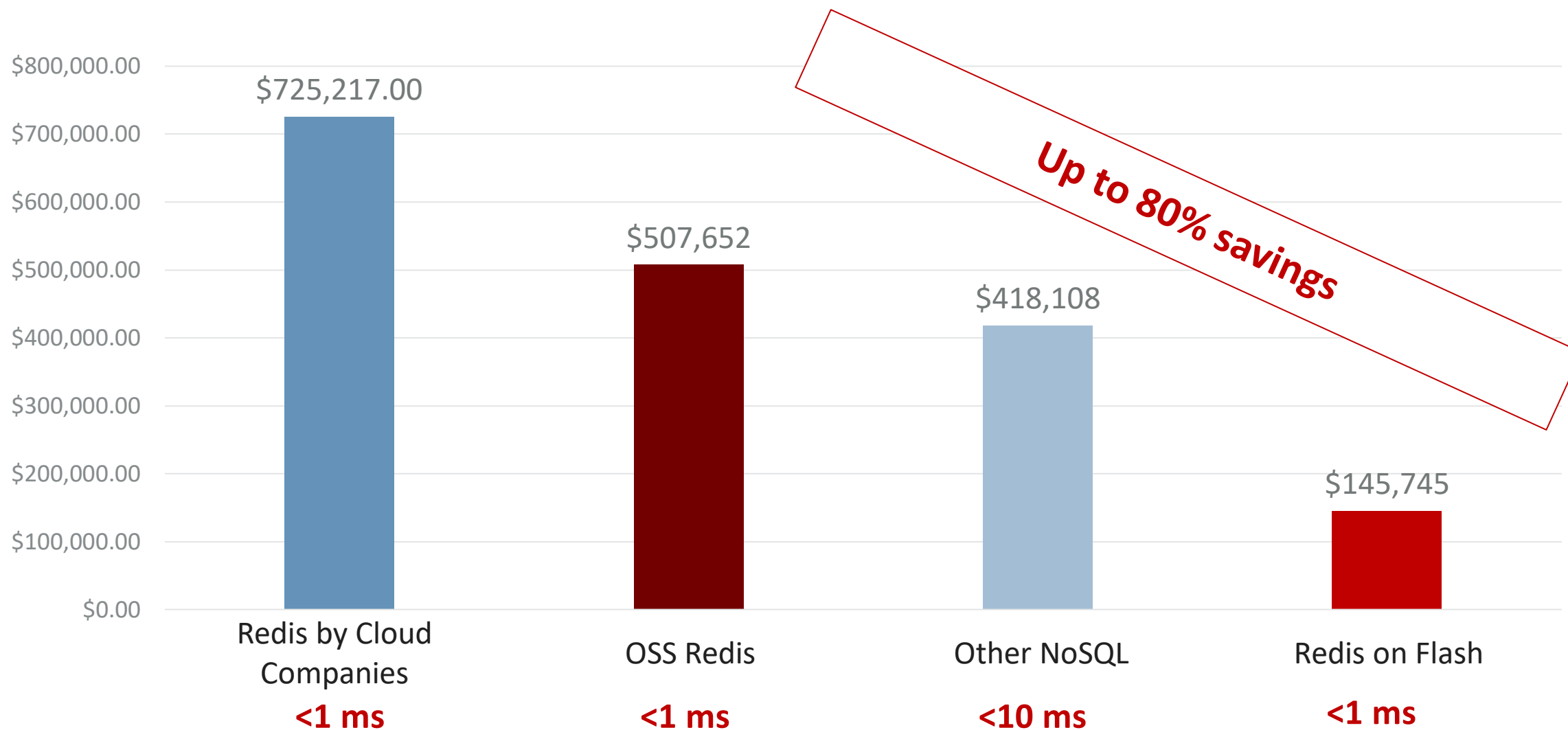
On DRAM
1M+ ops/sec, \$\$\$

→
Paying just **+15%**
for
x5 memory capacity

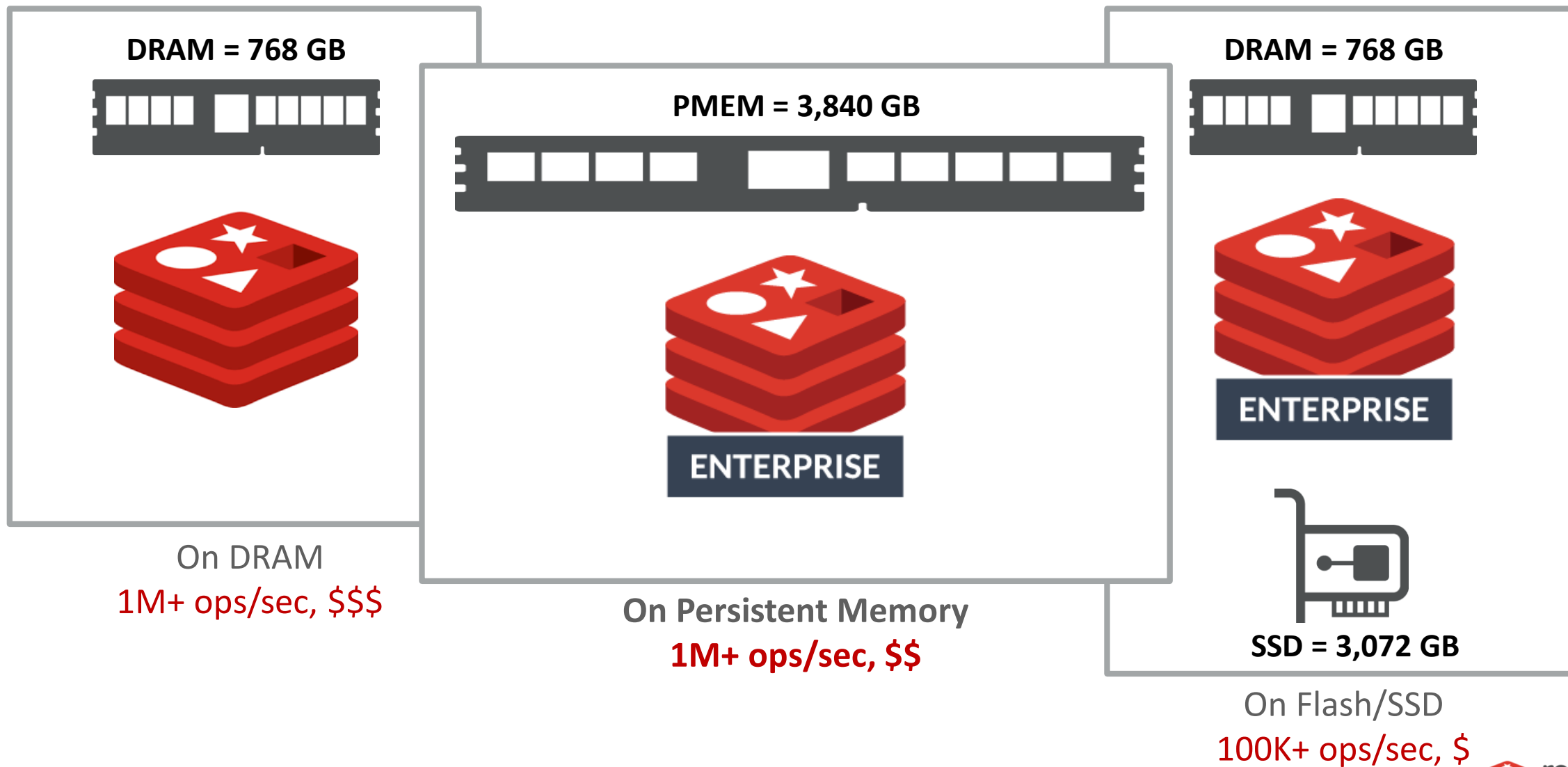


On Flash/SSD
100K+ ops/sec, \$

1 TB Replicated Dataset (2 TB in total) @ 100K ops/sec



Redis Enterprise on Multiple Memory Technologies



Why Redis for all your applications?





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Q&A



Please complete the session
survey in the mobile app.