

CS 744: SNOWFLAKE

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ADMINISTRIVIA

- Assignment 1 grades out!
- Assignment 2 by mid-week
- Midterm this week!

- Project Proposal Peer review

AEFIS FEEDBACK

How has your experience been reading papers?

Are the lectures useful for learning?

How are the discussion groups? Did you get to know students in the class?
Would it help to have the same group each time?

Anything else we could improve for the second half?

Applications

Machine Learning

SQL

CLOUD COMPUTING STACK

Machine Learning

SQL

Computational Engines

Scalable Storage Systems

SNOWFLAKE: GOALS

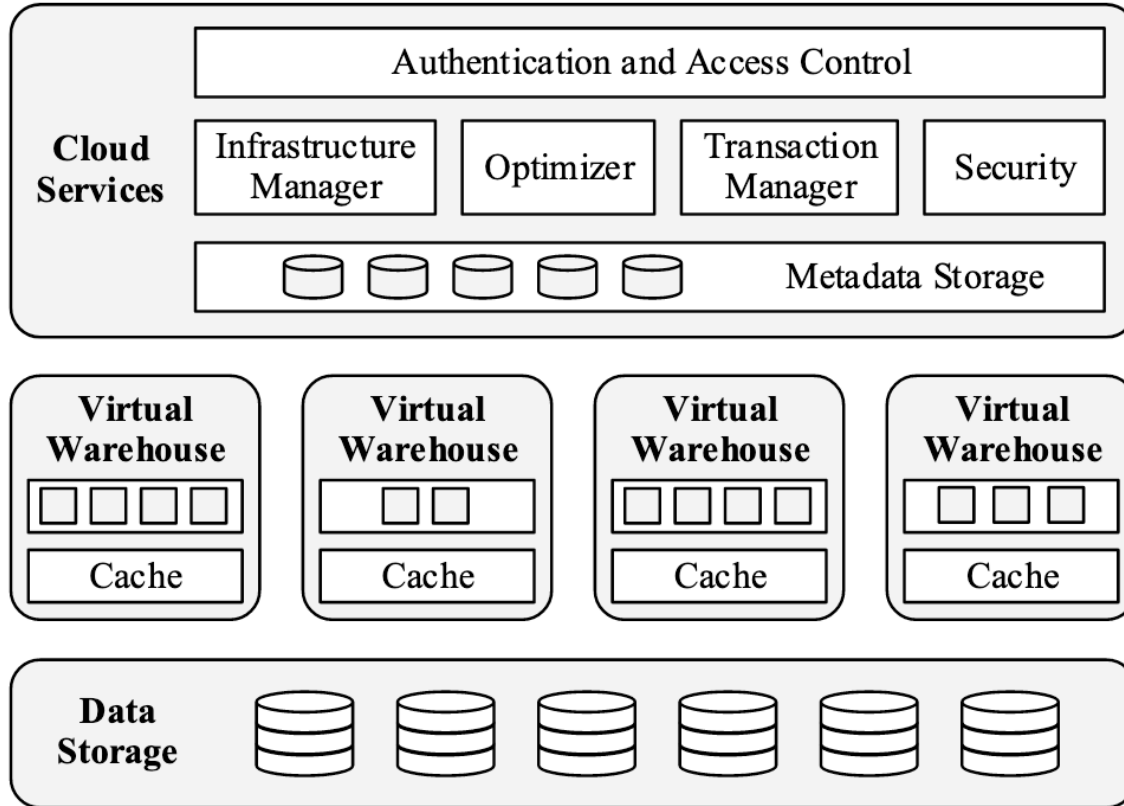
Software-as-a-Service

Elastic

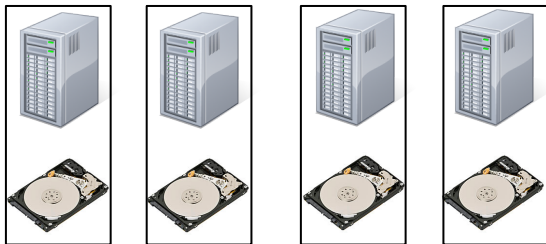
Highly Available

Semi-Structured Data

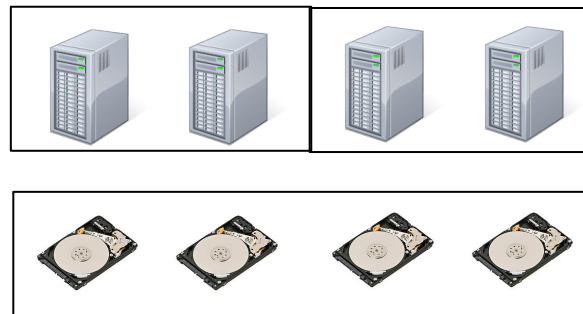
SNOWFLAKE DESIGN



STORAGE VS COMPUTE



Shared Nothing



Multi Cluster, Shared Data

STORAGE: HYBRID COLUMNAR

Alice	32
Bob	22
Eve	24
Victor	27

Alice,32,Bob,22

Alice, Bob, 32,22

Eve,24,Victor,27

Eve,Victor,24,27

Row-oriented

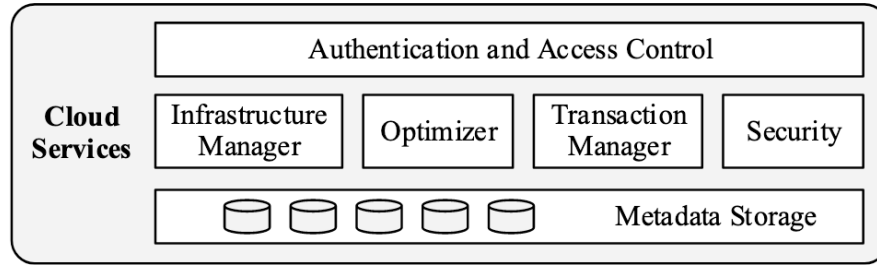
Hybrid Columnar

VIRTUAL WAREHOUSES

Elasticity, Isolation

Local caching, Stragglers

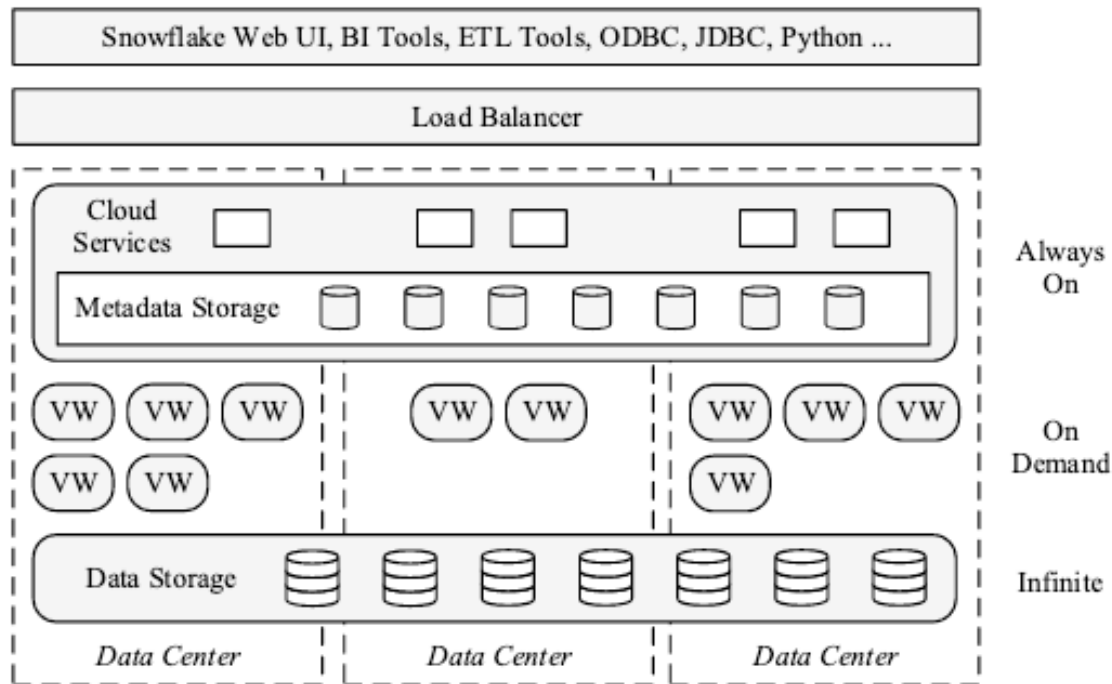
CLOUD SERVICES



Concurrency Control

Pruning

FAULT TOLERANCE



SEMI STRUCTURED DATA

```
{  
  first_name: "john",  
  last_name: "doe",  
  order_id: "1234",  
}  
{  
  first_name: "bucky",  
  last_name: "badger",  
  order_id: "52342",  
  order_date: "3/3/2020",  
}
```

Extraction operation

Flattening

Infer types, Pruning

TIME TRAVEL?

```
SELECT * FROM my_table AT(TIMESTAMP =>
    'Mon, 01 May 2015 16:20:00 -0700'::timestamp);
SELECT * FROM my_table AT(OFFSET => -60*5); -- 5 min ago
SELECT * FROM my_table BEFORE(STATEMENT =>
    '8e5d0ca9-005e-44e6-b858-a8f5b37c5726');
```

Multiple versions of table (MVCC)

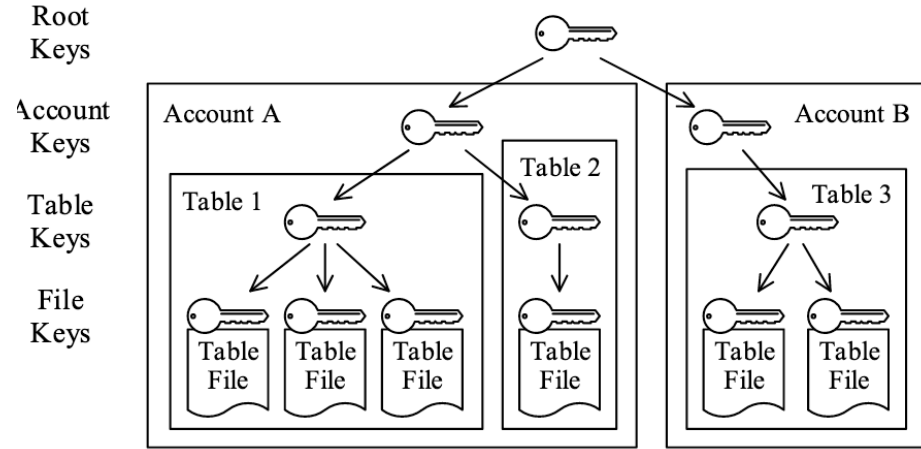
Undo accidental deletes

Cheap to clone / snapshot a table

SECURITY

Hierarchical key management

Key rotation, re-keying



SUMMARY, TAKEAWAYS

Snowflake

- Cloud computing → Elastic data warehouse
- Key idea: Separation of compute and storage!

- Hybrid columnar storage format
- Elastic compute with virtual warehouses
- Pruning, semi-structured optimizations, fault tolerant

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DISCUSSION

<https://forms.gle/ZFosdUnizXYABAE86>

We see how Snowflake leads to the design of an elastic data warehouse. If we were to similarly design an Elastic PyTorch for training how would the design look? What are some design trade-offs compared to existing PyTorch?

NEXT STEPS

Next class: Midterm!

AEFIS feedback

Project proposal peer feedback assignments

