

YugabyteDB: a distributed PostgreSQL database

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YugaByte DB



Distributed SQL

PostgreSQL Compatible, 100% Open Source (Apache 2.0)



Massive Scale

Millions of IOPS in Throughput, TBs per Node



High Performance

Low Latency Queries



Cloud Native

Fault Tolerant, Multi-Cloud & Kubernetes Ready



Design Goals

PostgreSQL compatible

- Re-uses PostgreSQL query layer
- New changes do not break existing PostgreSQL functionality

Enable migrating to newer PostgreSQL versions

- New features are implemented in a modular fashion
- Integrate with new PostgreSQL features as they are available
- + E.g. Moved from PostgreSQL 10.4 \rightarrow 11.2 in 2 weeks!

Cloud native architecture

- Fully decentralized to enable scaling to 1000s of nodes
- Tolerate rack/zone and datacenter/region failures automatically
- Run natively in containers and Kubernetes
- Zero-downtime rolling software upgrades and machine reconfig



Functional Architecture

YugaByte SQL (YSQL)

PostgreSQL-Compatible Distributed SQL API

DOCDB

Spanner-Inspired Distributed Document Store Cloud Neutral: No Specialized Hardware Needed



PostgreSQL Transformed into Distributed SQL





SQL Feature Depth

Traditional SQL

- Data types
- Relational integrity (Foreign keys)
- Built-in functions
- Expressions
- JSON column type
- Secondary indexes
- JOINs
- Transactions
- Views

Advanced SQL

- Partial indexes
- Stored procedures
- Triggers
- Extensions
 - And more ...



Create Table & Insert Data





YSQL Tables

Tables

- Each table maps to one DocDB table
- Each DocDB table is sharded into multiple tablets

System tables

- PostgreSQL system catalog tables map to special DocDB tables
- All such special DocDB tables use a single tablet

• (Internal) DocDB tables

- Have same key \rightarrow document format
- Schema enforcement using the table schema metadata



Three important numbers

Replication factor (RF) – an odd number: 3, 5, ...

- Each (conceptual) *tablet* is stored as RF identical *tablet peers* each on its of node
- Fixed at cluster creation time

Number of nodes

- At least equal to RF but as big as you need.
- Can increase or decrease on demand

Number of tablets per table

• Currently: fixed by RF and initial number of nodes. Planned: user-specifiable per table.



System Catalog Tables are Special Tables





















Insert Data into Tables

Primary keys

- The primary key column(s) map to a single document key
- Each row maps to one document in DocDB
- Tables without primary key use an internal ID (logically a row-id)

Secondary indexes

- Each index maps to a separate distributed DocDB table
- DML implemented using **DocDB distributed transactions**
- E.g: insert into table with one index will perform the following:

```
BEGIN DOCDB DISTRIBUTED TRANSACTION
insert into index values (...)
insert into table values (...)
COMMIT
```

















Distributed Transactions





Fully Decentralized Architecture

No single point of failure or bottleneck

Any node can act as a Transaction Manager

Transaction status table distributed across multiple nodes

Tracks state of active transactions

Transactions have 3 states

- Pending
- Committed
- Aborted

Reads served only for Committed Transactions

Clients never see inconsistent data





































Isolation Levels

Serializable Isolation

- Read-write conflicts get auto-detected
- Both reads and writes in read-write txns need provisional records
- Maps to SERIALIZABLE in PostgreSQL

Snapshot Isolation

- Write-write conflicts get auto-detected
- Only writes in read-write txns need provisional records
- Maps to REPEATABLE READ, READ COMMITTED & READ UNCOMMITTED in PostgreSQL

Read-only Transactions

Lock free



Summary





Most Advanced Open Source Distributed SQL



World's Most Advanced Open Source SQL Engine



World's Most Advanced Distributed OLTP Architecture





Read more at blog.yugabyte.com

Storage Layer

blog.yugabyte.com/distributed-postgresql-on-a-google-spanner-architecture-storage-layer

Query Layer

blog.yugabyte.com/distributed-postgresql-on-a-google-spanner-architecture-query-layer





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