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# **Secure Software Development for the Cloud**

**Developing Secure Distributed Algorithms  
& Architectures**

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# Cybersecurity/Software Engineering

- **C**onfidentiality - develop algorithms and SOA architectures protecting privacy
- **I**ntegrity – develop algorithms and SOA architectures guaranteeing strong properties
- **A**vailability - develop algorithms and SOA architectures providing high availability
- **B**udget – maintaining the CIA needs to be done within a budget

# Secure Software Development

- Not just about protecting software from malicious users
  - Developing software to meeting non-functional requirements
  - Developing software to guarantee correctness

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# Applied Cybersecurity Research

- Many Cybersecurity programs low level blooms (memorization/understanding)
  - Security+
  - CISSP
- Bachelor's/Master's programs should be higher level blooms (creating/evaluating/analyzing)



# Mentoring Students Through SE

- Design & develop secure enterprise software for industrial clients
  - Gettysburg Foundation
  - New York Philharmonic
  - Seattle Art Museum
  - RPM Healthcare
  - Footlight Theatre
  - Pure Theatre

# Funding

- Reverse junior level course in software architecture
- Direct grants to pay students to develop software
- Direct grants for security audits
- National grants for components of humanities solution (NEH – IHCADS)
- National grants for cybersecurity education



# IHCADS

Individualized Humanities Collection and Dissemination System (IHCADS) is an open source cloud-based software solution designed to enhance public access to historical, archeological and artistic data and the experts who can help interpret the data.



# Enterprise Software Application Audits

Security audits of industrial software solutions

- Reverse Classroom
- Sponsored Research Assistant

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# Secure Software Development (SSD)

- Once data is created it needs to be protected
- Once an algorithm is created it needs to be protected

# Secure Software Development (SSD)

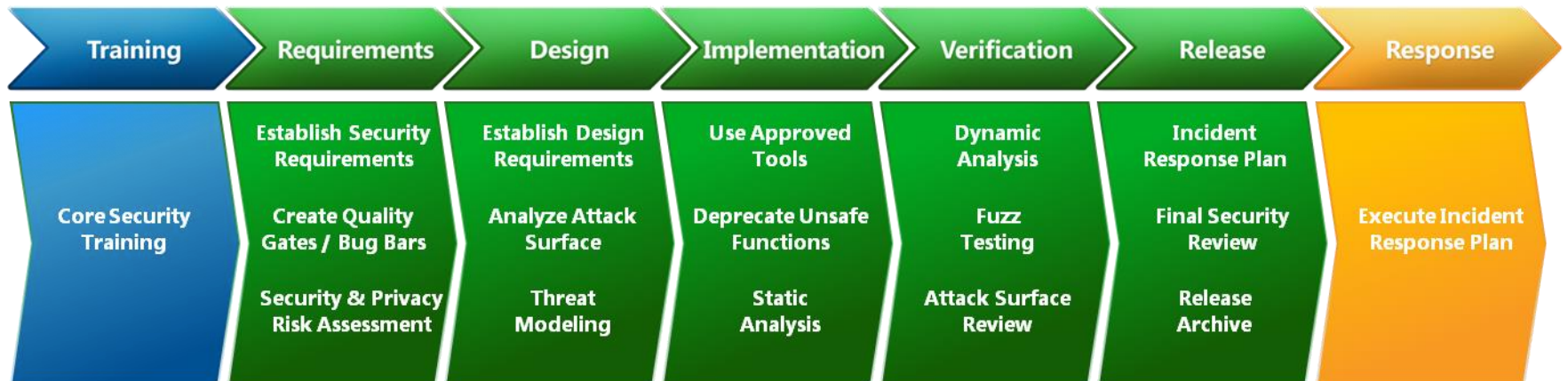
## Results of vulnerabilities in SDLC

- Incorrect Data
- Missing Data
- Unavailability to Systems
- Wasted Resources
- Wasted Money
- Wasted Time

# Secure Software Development (SSD)

- Vulnerabilities in Software Applications stem from the lack of
  - Proper Secure Software Development Lifecycle (SSDLC)
  - Proper programming language support for SSD
  - Proper operating system support for SSD
  - Proper training for developers in SSD

# Microsoft Security Development Lifecycle



# Language/OS Support Weaknesses

- Certificates (C,I)
- Authentication (C,I)
  - Process Authentication (C,I)
    - Keystore Security (C,I)
    - Datastore Security (C,I)
    - Codestore Security (I)
- ACID/CAP
  - Durability (I)
  - Constraints (I)
  - Load Balancing (A)
  - Redundancy (A,I)
- System Integration (A,I)
- Design Models for Security (C,I,A)



# Certificates (C,I)

## Private Key Infrastructure (PKI)

### Accomplished

- Machine to machine synchronous key exchange
- Validate the integrity of messages from machines

### Outstanding Challenge

- Process identification

# Authentication (C,I)

## Accomplished

- Something you know for humans
- Something you have for humans
- Something about you for humans
- Someplace you are for machines

## Missing

- Process Authentication
  - We do have Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) for some use cases

# Keystore Security (C,I)

- Accomplished
  - Keys/certificates can be secured in OS with Android/IOS/Java
  - Keys/certificates can be secured by user in Windows
- Issues
  - Keys/certificates cannot be secured to specific processes
  - Stores are often held in insecure areas of the OS (file system or registry)

# Datastore Security (C,I)

Databases have successfully protected data based on the agent accessing the data but have failed for autonomous processes

- Accomplished
  - Data can be protected by user/password/location
- Missing
  - Processes often need data from datastore
    - Anonymous web sites

# Codestore Security (I)

Many hacks have involved code manipulation through an applications machine code mutation, library signature matching and unauthorized library invocation

- Accomplished
  - Code can be signed from app stores
  - Device driver signing
  - NIST forensic diskprints
  - Microsoft file checksum integrity verifier

# Codestore Security (I)

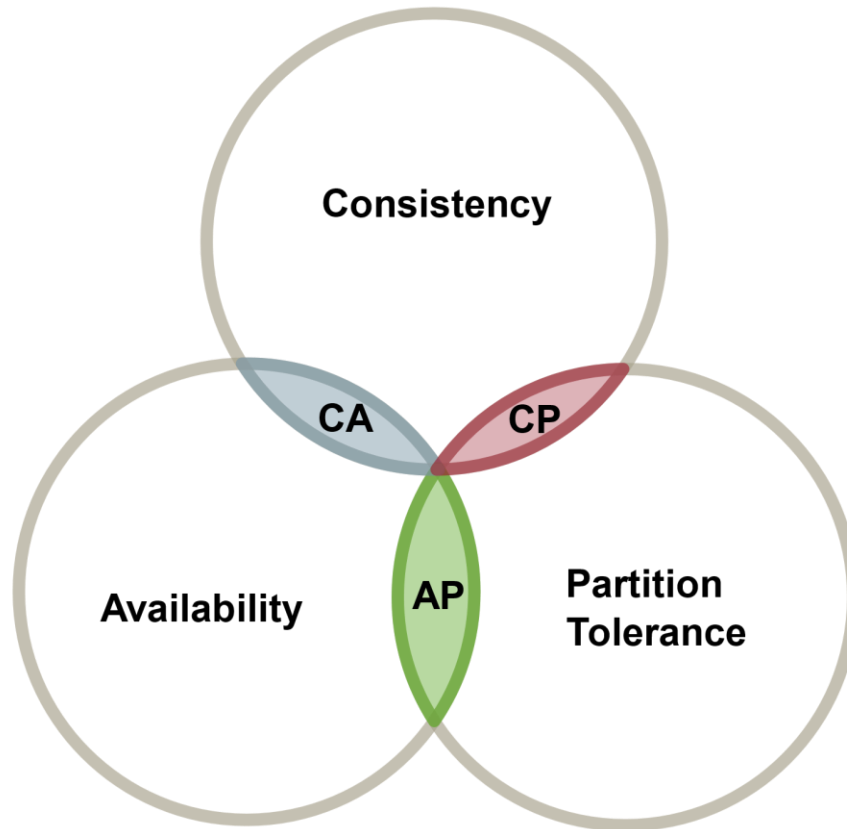
- Missing
  - Runtime checksum validation of executables
  - Library checksum validation
  - Protection of hashcode/checksum datastore

# ACID vs CAP

- ACID Strong Properties
  - Atomic
  - Consistent
  - Isolated
  - Durable



# ACID vs CAP (Page 2)



# Durability (I)

- Durability guarantees that we do not lose data after a transaction.
  - Server partitioning requires we update many machines synchronously to avoid lose.
  - Offline stores need to resolve conflicts based on many related factors

# Constraints (I)

- Constraints guarantee consistency.
- All constraints should hold before a transaction starts
- All constraints should hold after a transaction completes

# Load Balancing (A)

- Applications need to be agnostic to the server they are running on

## Accomplished

- Session Management

## Work Needed

- Limited Resource Consumption (i.e. Locks)

# System Integration (A,I)

## Accomplished

- Integrating Homogenous Systems

## Needs Work

- Integrating Heterogeneous Systems
  - Same logical data in different physical models
  - Related data
  - Offline

# Modeling for Security (C,I,A)

- We have many UML diagrams for modeling a software application but none model the potential vulnerabilities.
- Vulnerabilities may include C, I or A

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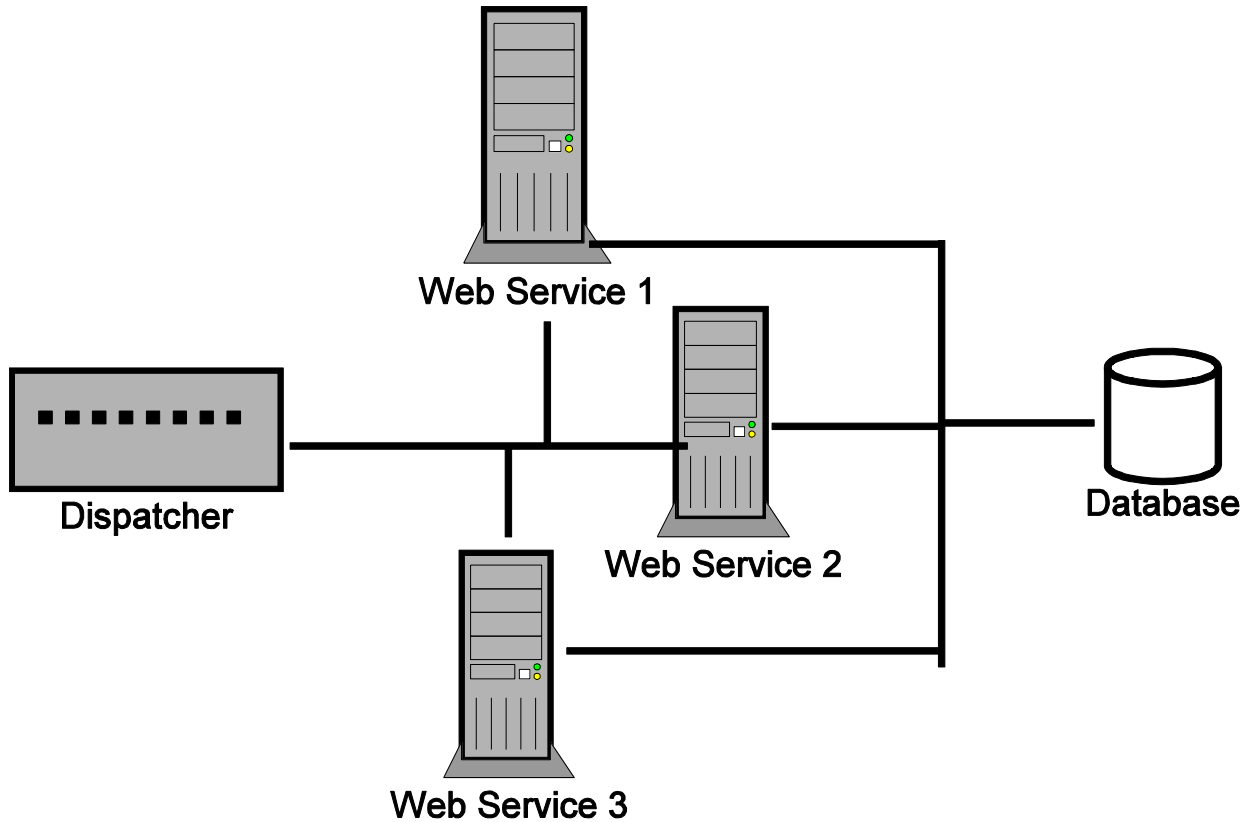
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# Cloud/SOA – Service Oriented Architecture

- Composition of interoperable services
- Often called from outside the domain (less control of concurrency demands)
- Web Service Farm provides redundancy in service offerings
- 2-Tier gave us ACID Guarantees but the guarantees are often lost in architecture transition

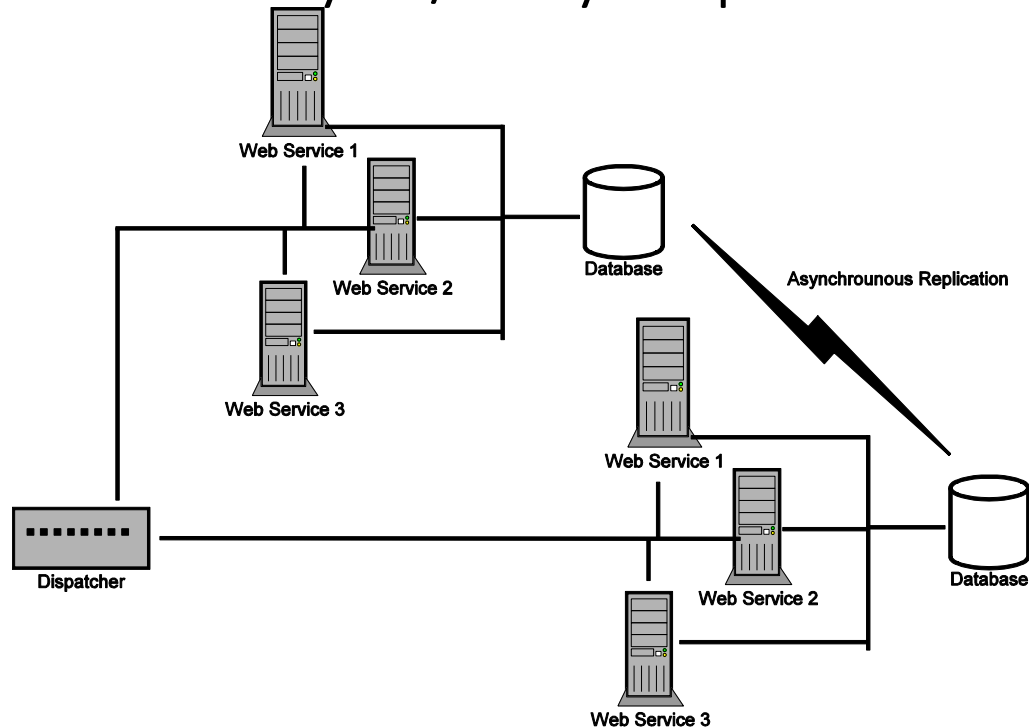
# Simple Web Service Farm



# Increasing Availability Through Replication

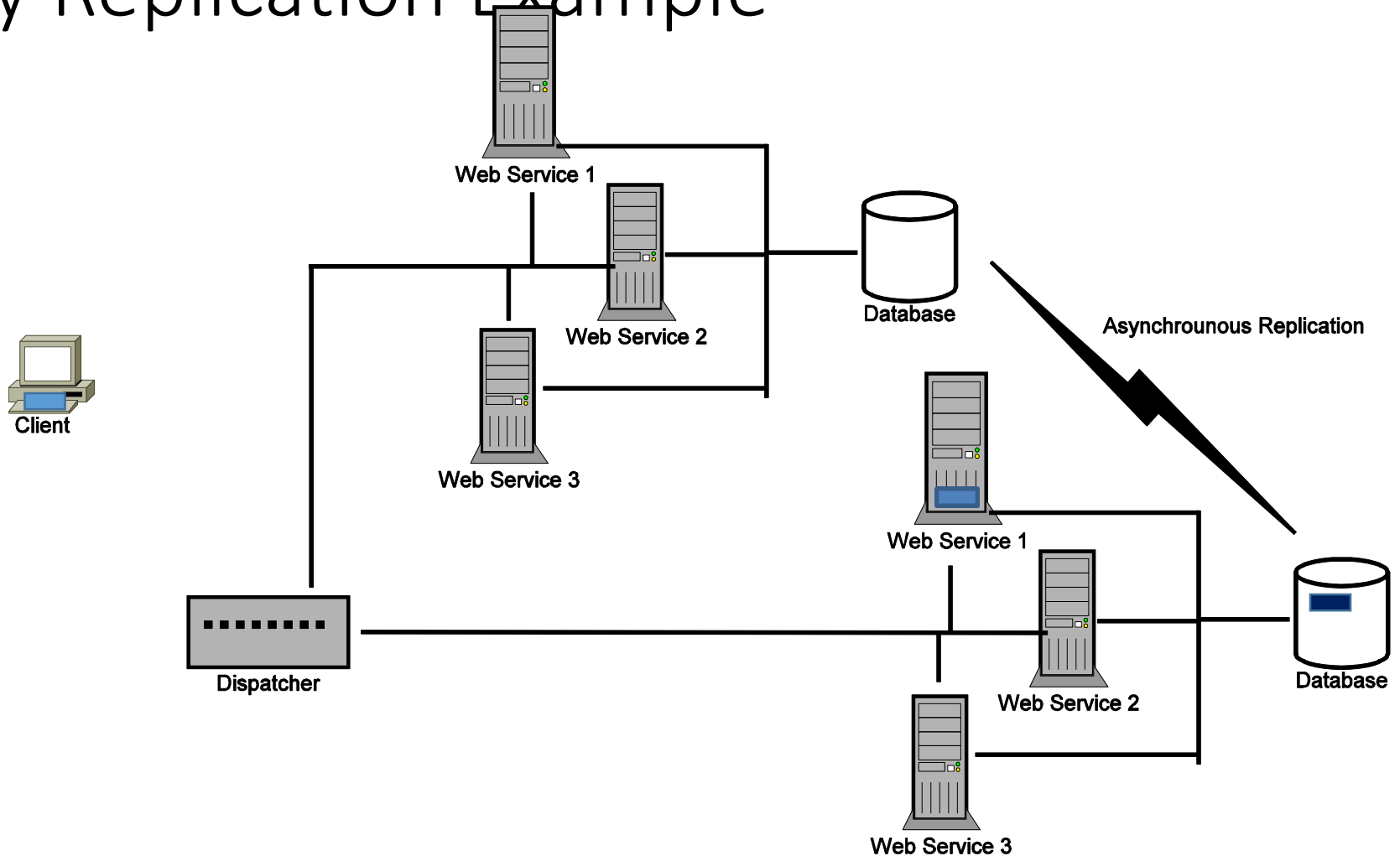
- Replication Types
  - Strict – A transaction updates at all cluster or none
  - Lazy – One cluster is the master for a data item and it will asynchronously update other clusters after a transaction

# Increasing Availability w/Lazy Replication



- Pros: Higher Availability
- Cons: Lower Consistency, Lower Durability, Lower Atomic

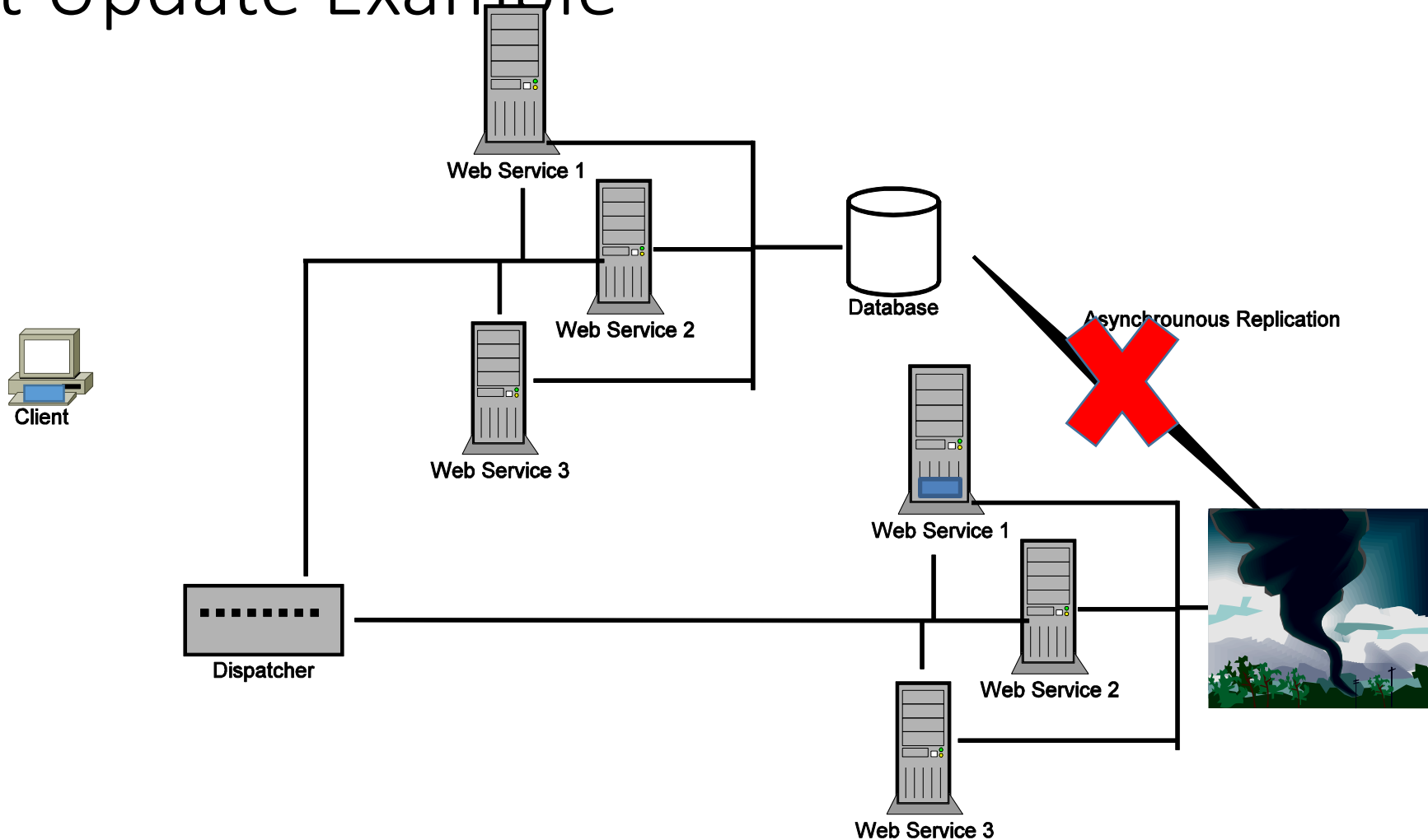
# Lazy Replication Example



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# Lost Update Example





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# Related Work

- Improving Availability of Strict Replication
  - Snap Isolation Replication (Fekete, et al.)
- Improving Consistency of Lazy Replication
  - Frameworks with Lazy Consistency Guarantees (Breitbart & Korth)
- Hybrid Systems
  - Hybrid Majority Systems (Jajodia & Mutchler)
  - NoSQL Systems; Casandra, BigTable, etc.

# Goals

- Develop Algorithms and Architecture that will
  - Guarantee Transaction Consistency for Distributed Transactions
  - Provide Availability of Lazy Replication
  - Provide Durability of Strict Replication

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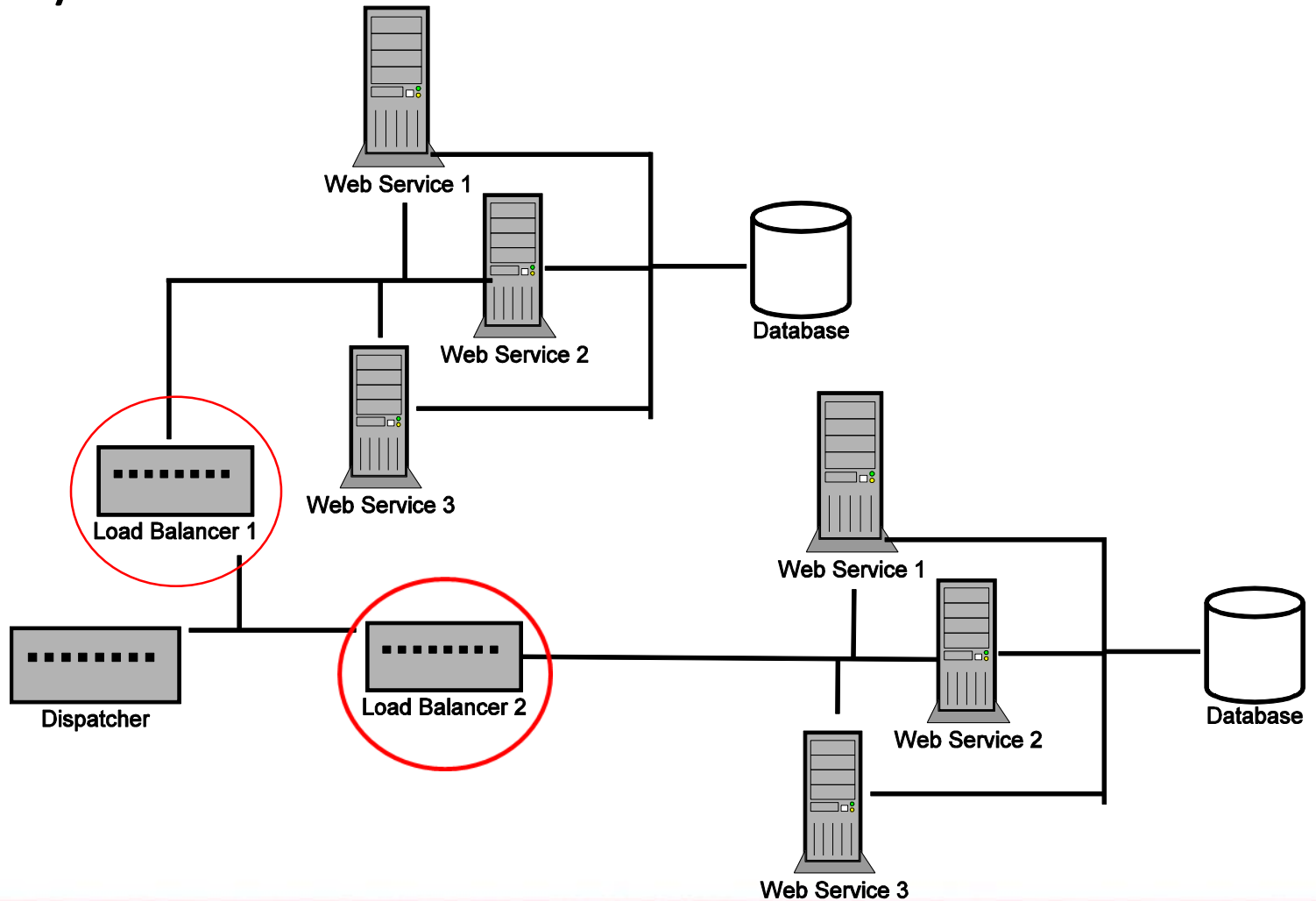
# Our Solution: Buddy System

- Ensure at least two replicas are updated synchronously
- Maintain data element version so master can be any updated cluster
- Guarantees one-copy serializability

The Cost of Increased Transactional Correctness and Durability in Distributed Databases, Information Reuse and Integration (IRI), 2012 IEEE International Conference on, Publication Year: 2012 , Page(s): 441 – 448

Buddy System: Available, Consistent, Durable Web Service Transactions, Journal of Internet Technology and Secured Transactions (JITST), 3 (1/2/3/4). ISSN 2046-3723

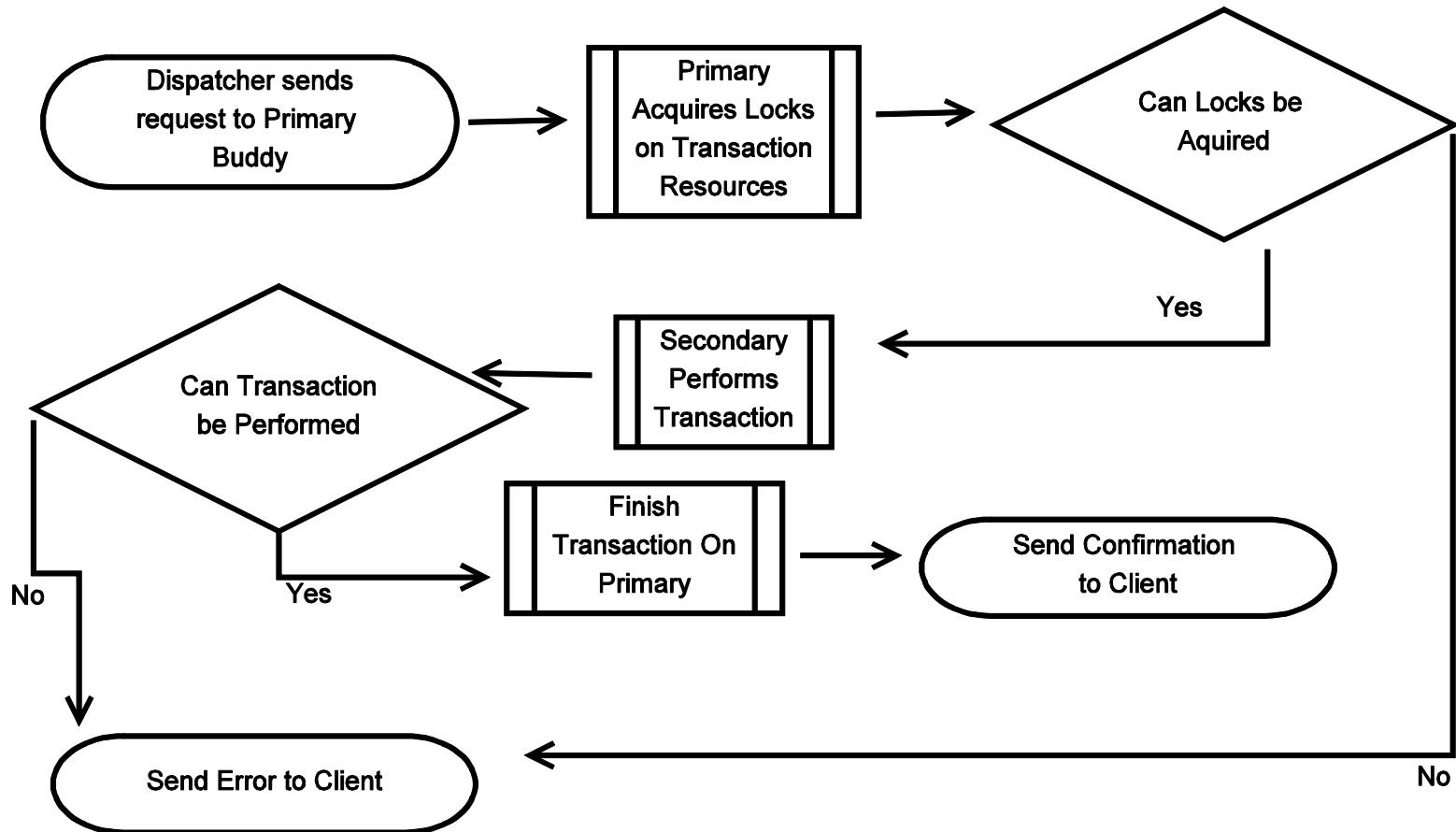
# Buddy system architecture



# Dispatcher Intelligence

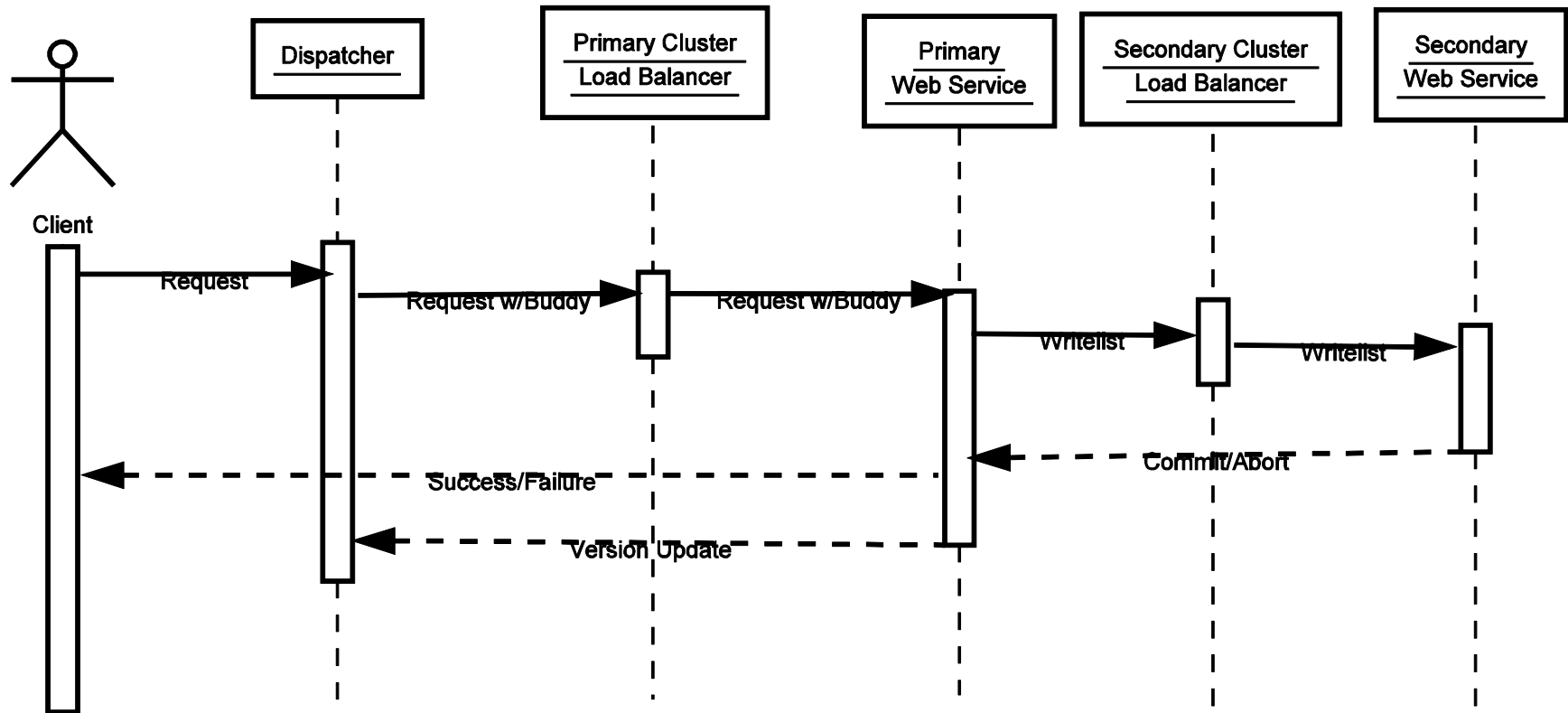
- Peek into Packet
- Maintains data structures to pick pairs of buddies who can service a request
- Supplied algorithms randomly choose buddies
- Could decorate cluster data to choose buddies based on other system and network attributes

# Flow under Buddy System

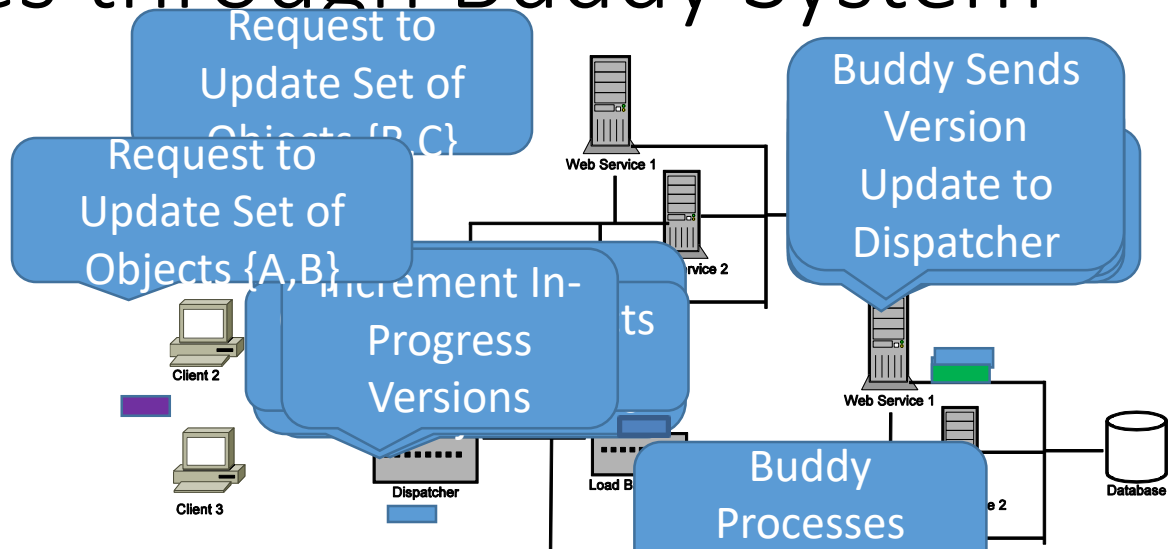




# Buddy Sequence



# Updates through Buddy System



Cluster	Object	Version	
1	A	1014	
2	A	1014	
3	<b>Object</b>	<b>Complete</b>	<b>In-Progress</b>
1	A	1012	1014
2	B	955	955
3	C	2055	2055

# Table 2 – Windows of Vulnerability

	InActive	During Transaction	After Transaction Committed
Web Server housing Web Service of primary buddy	No issue because of redundancy	2PC will roll back trans, Client will get error from primary	No issue because of redundancy
Web Server housing Web Service of secondary buddy	No issue because of redundancy	2PC will roll back trans, Client will get error from primary	No issue because of redundancy
Database Server	No issue. Dispatcher needs to be notified by web service that it is unavailable	2PC will roll back trans, Client will get error from primary	No issue because of redundancy
Dispatcher	New dispatcher, Each clusters will update dispatcher versions	After dispatch to primary no issue because primary responds directly to client	New dispatcher, Each clusters will update dispatcher versions

# Results - Lost Updates

- Buddy System - Guaranteed Durability
- Strict Replication – Guaranteed Durability
- Lazy Replication – Time for replication

## Concurrency Improvement by Item Type

- Anonymous Item Consumption - No improvement
- Attribute Item Consumption – Improvement linear to  $\min(\# \text{ of attributes}, \# \text{ of clusters})$
- Serialized Item Consumption – Improvement linear to  $\min(\# \text{ of items}, \# \text{ of clusters})$

# Implementation

- Java
- Synchronous Requests (Http)
- Clusters (Java EE, Tomcat, MySQL)
- Dataset sizes (100, 1000, 10000)
- Concurrent transactions (100-1000)

# Load Tester

## Test System

### Load Tester

Concurrent Users

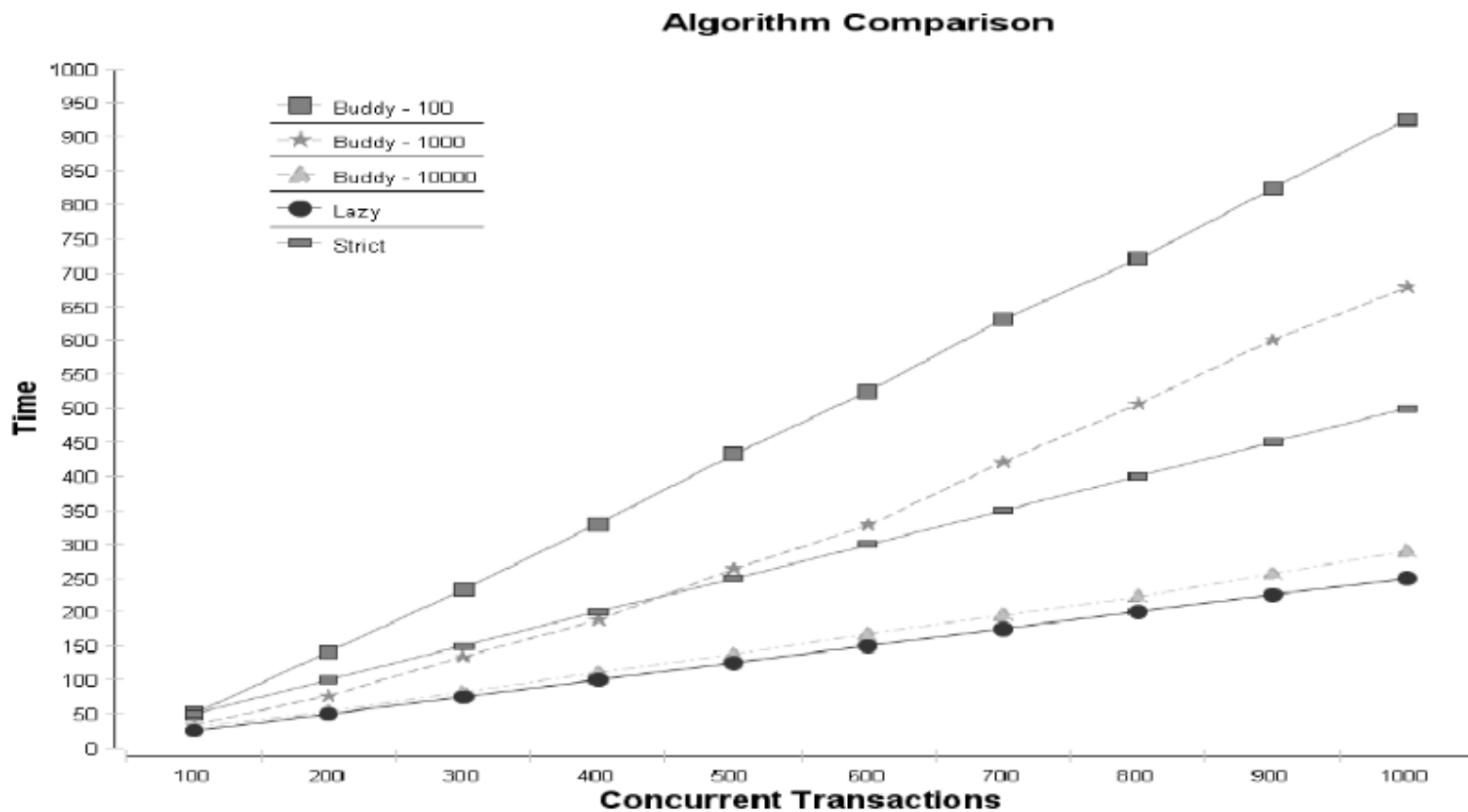
Catalog Size  Serialized  
 Attribute Based  
 Anonymous

Algorithm  Buddy  
 Strict  
 Lazy

Process

reset

# Performance Results





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# Capacity Constraints

- Original Buddy algorithm produced availability equivalent to lazy replication with higher durability and higher consistency for serialized resource consumption
- Add Capacity Constraint to Dispatcher to allow writes of anonymous resources to be distributed
- A Capacity Constraint acts as a counting semaphore to ensure no more than available number get consumed

High Volume Web Service Resource Consumption, Internet Technology and Secured Transactions, 2012. ICITST 2012. International Conference for, Publication Year: 2012

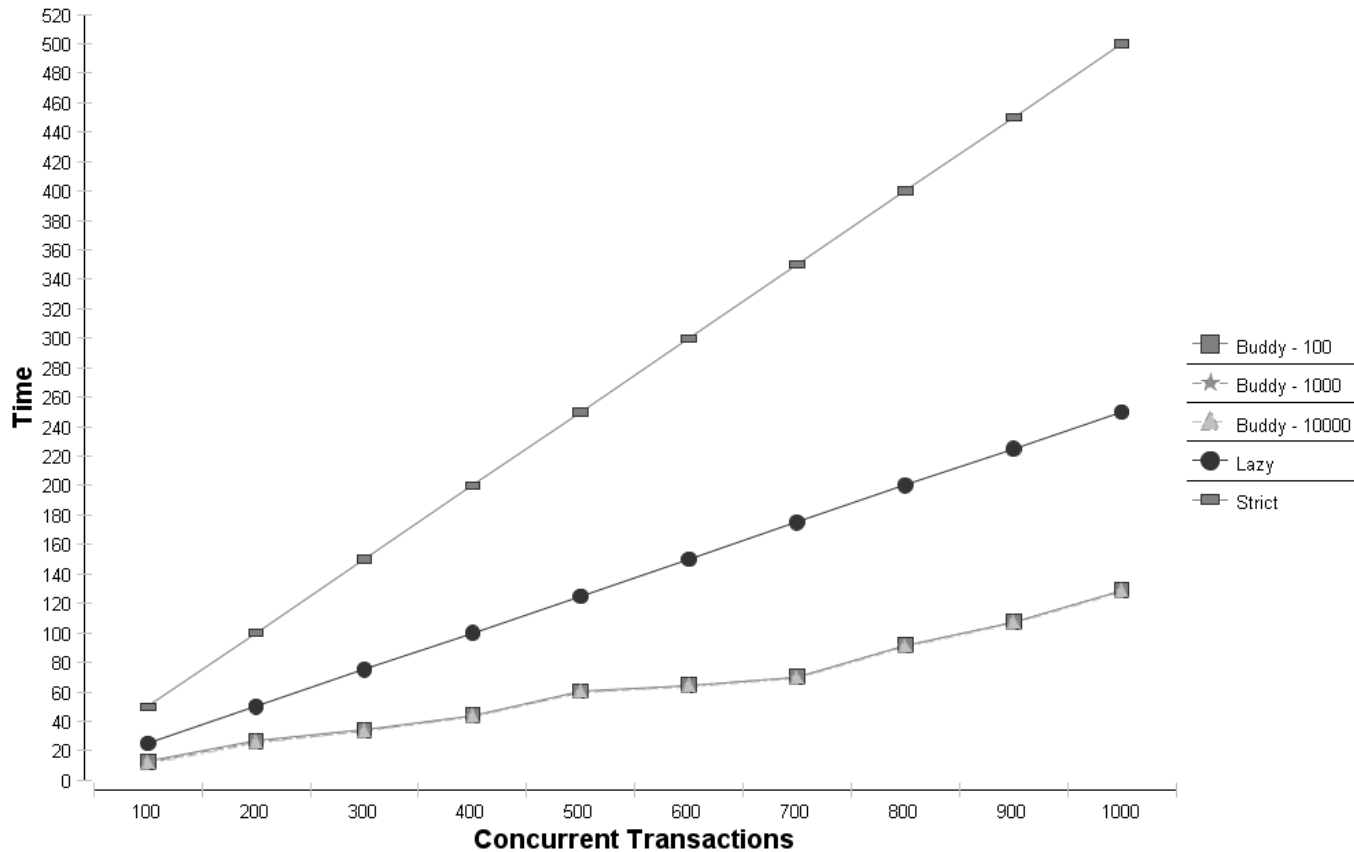
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# New Improvement By Item Type

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Algorithm Comparison



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# Coarse Grained Web Services

- Previous web services have been fine grained CRUD services
- Coarse Grained Services are a black box
- Input and Output data from SOAP WSDL

Coarse-Grained Web Service Availability, Consistency, & Durability, Web Services (ICWS), 2013 IEEE International Conference on, Publication Year: 2013

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# Semantics from Model

- To schedule the coarse grained services we need semantics
  - Which services can be concurrent
  - Which services change data
  - What data is read by a service
  - What data is changed by a service

# UML

- UML (Unified Markup Language) – standardized general purpose modeling language
- XMI (XML Metadata Interchange) – XML format for storing UML models



# UML Extensibility

- Semantics can be added to UML through stereotypes
  - Classes can be stereotypes
  - Attributes can be stereotyped
- Profiles contain sets of stereotypes

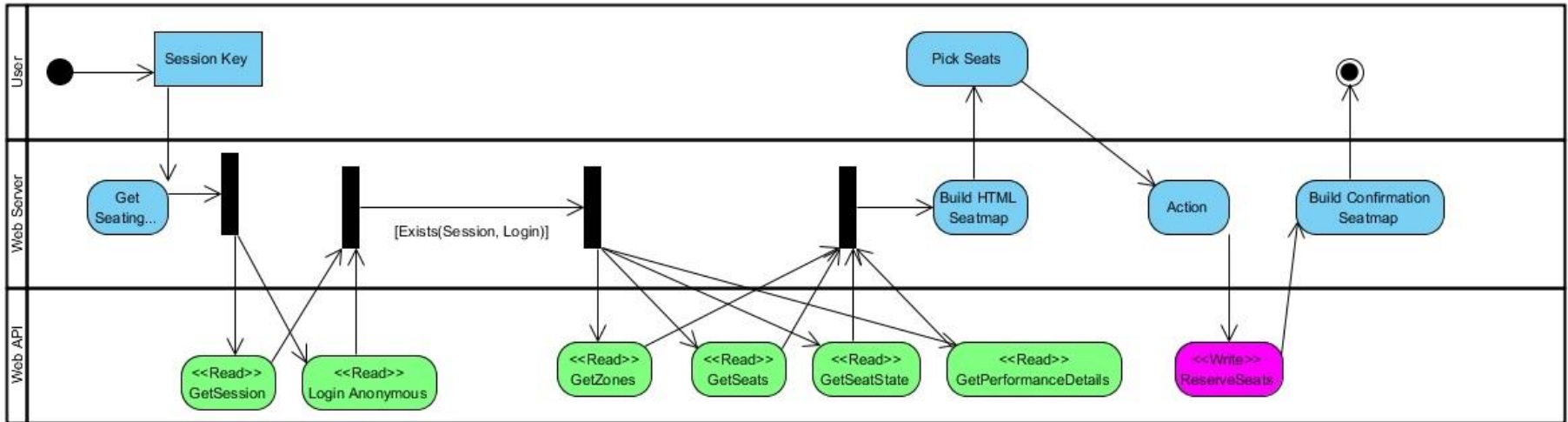
# Example Transaction

- Consider a Ticket Reservation System (TRS).
- TRS uses web services to provide a variety of functionalities to the clients.
- For example, clients may want to select a specific seat for a popular concert in the ticket reservation

# Example Web-Service

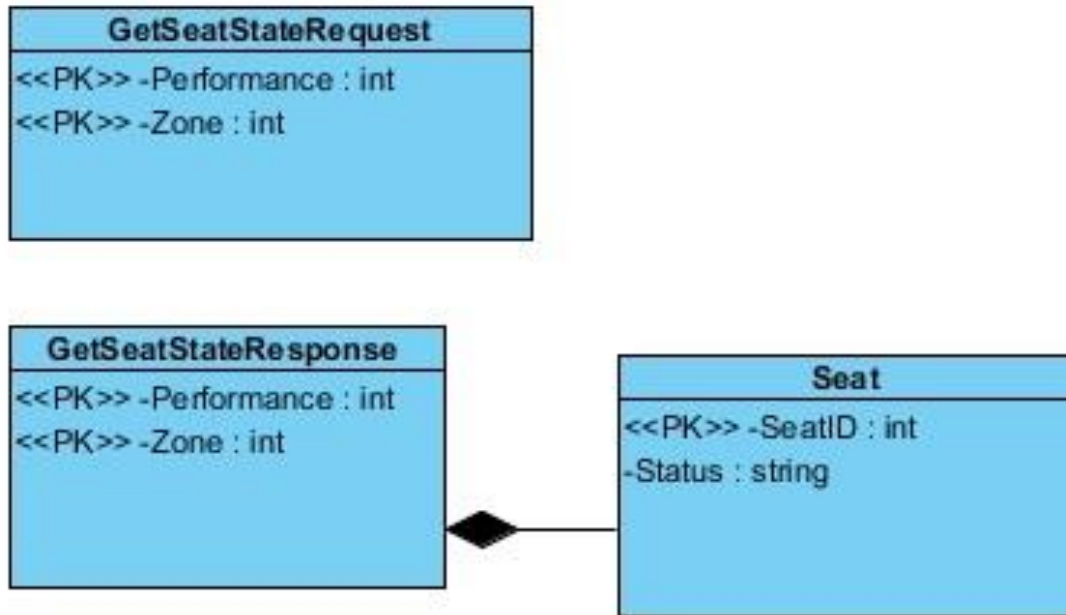
- Reserve Seats
  - Input : event identifier and a collection of seats
  - Output: collection of seats with current statuses
  - Data changed: seat records
  - Data read: seat records

# Stereotypes in Activity Diagram



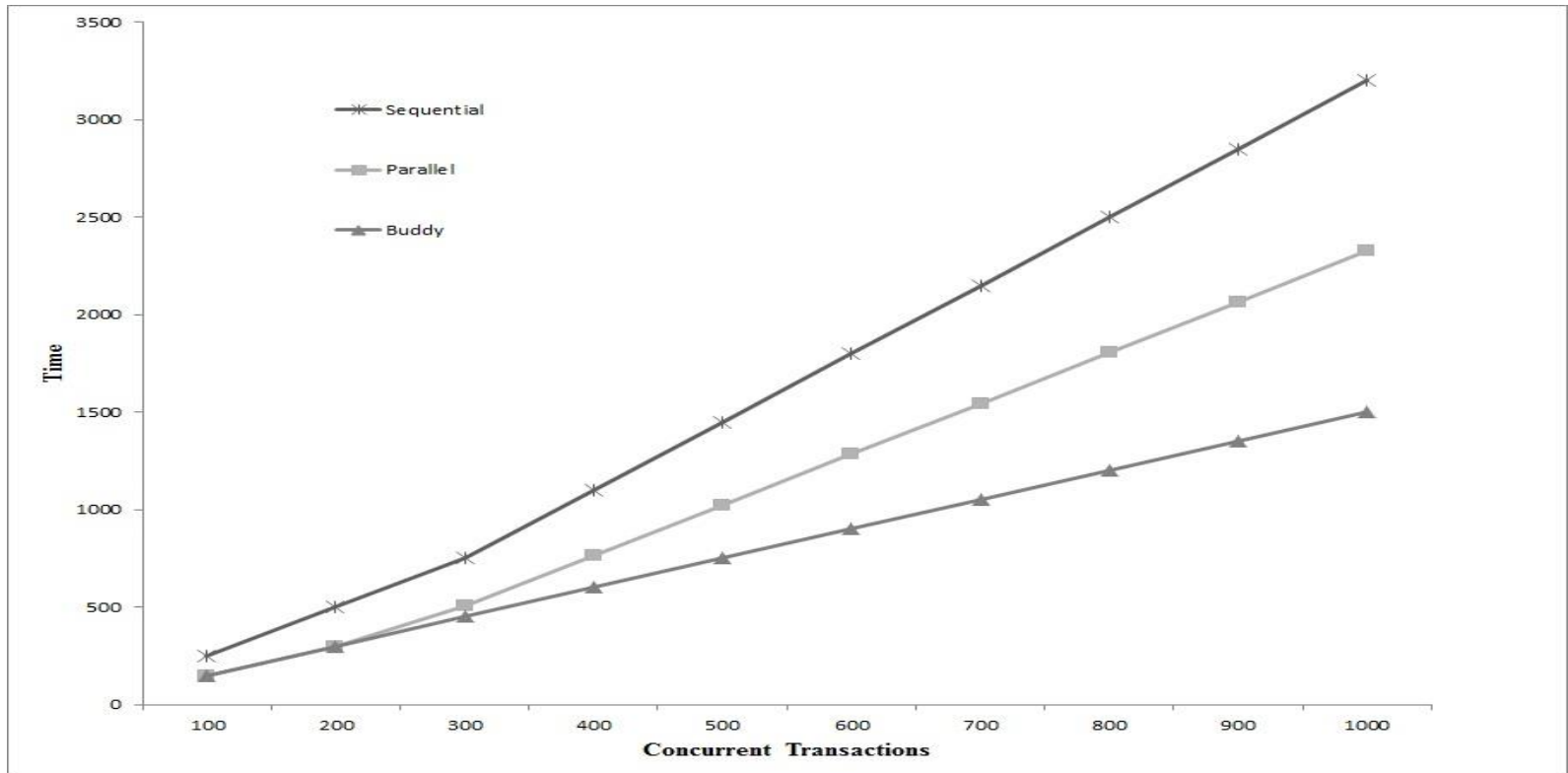
- Web Services are marked as getters or setters
- Stereotypes are packaged into profile for development tooling

# Sample Class Diagrams



- Each web services in activity diagram has matching class diagram
- Attribute stereotype identifies unique identifier set

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# Service Constraints

- Integrity Constraints Guarantee Consistency
- Unfortunately they lower availability by limiting distribution
- We model Constraints in OCL and categorize to find those that can run in parallel (distributed)

*Web Service Constraint Optimization, Internet Technology and Secured Transactions, 2013. ICITST 2013. International Conference for, Publication Year: 2013*

*Service Constraint Guarantees, International Journal of Intelligent Computing Research, Volume 5, Issues 1/2, Mar/Jun 2014, ISSN: 2042-4655*



# Integrity Constraint Types

- Entity
  - Codd's Entity (Seq)
- Attribute Domain
  - Codd's Domain (Par), Column(Par), Referential Integrity (Seq)
- Hierarchical
  - Codd's User Defined (Seq)

# Hierarchical Constraints

- Involve more than one tuple
- Two types
  - Aggregate – Expensive calculation (min, max, sum, avg)
  - Iterative – (universal or existential)

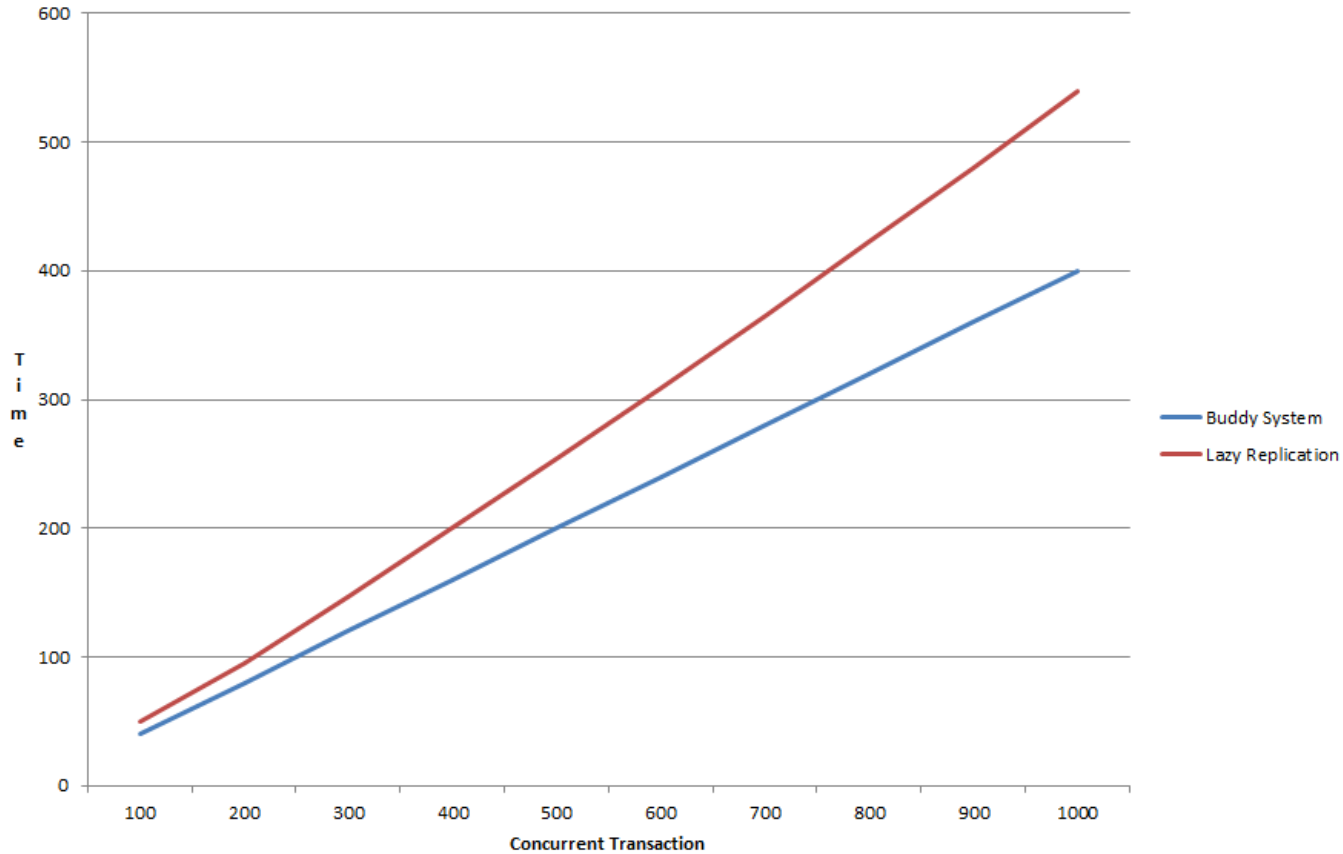
# Hierarchical Constraint Materialization

- Maintain data to update aggregation on insert, update or delete

```
1 context SmarTrip::addActivity(inSequence: Integer) pre:  
2   self.activities->forAll( a|a.sequence < inSequence )
```

<i>Object</i>	<i>Constraint</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
smarTrip	sequenceOrd	1000120	408	408

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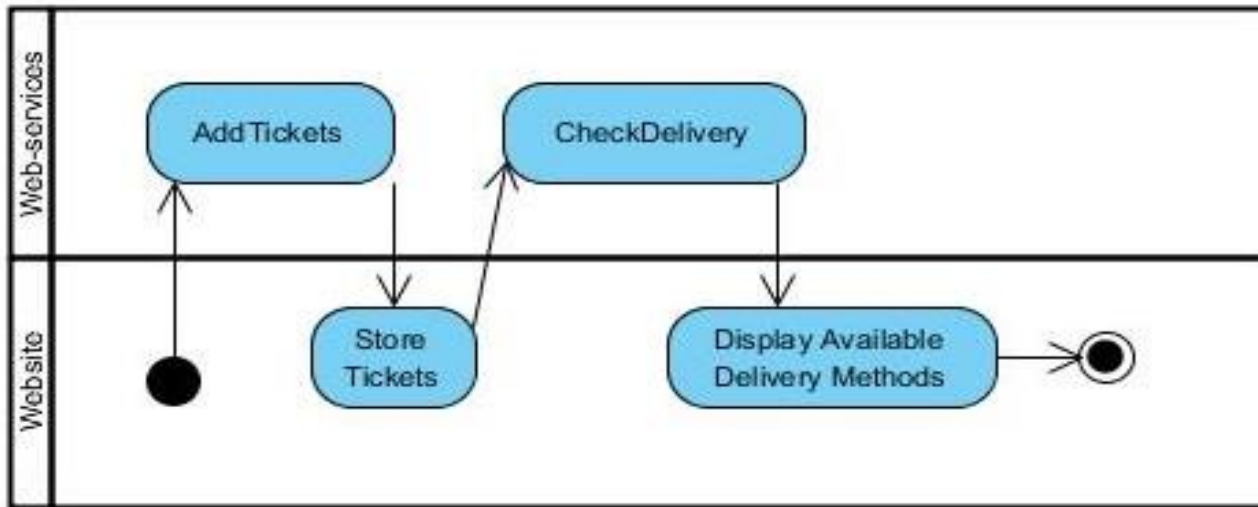
# Business Filters

- 90% of enterprise users change business rules annually
- SOA applications use Web services input/output to process business rule
- Unfortunately the business rule will often lower availability by increasing the load and the latency
- Unfortunately the business rule will often lower consistency by running the rule in a separate transaction

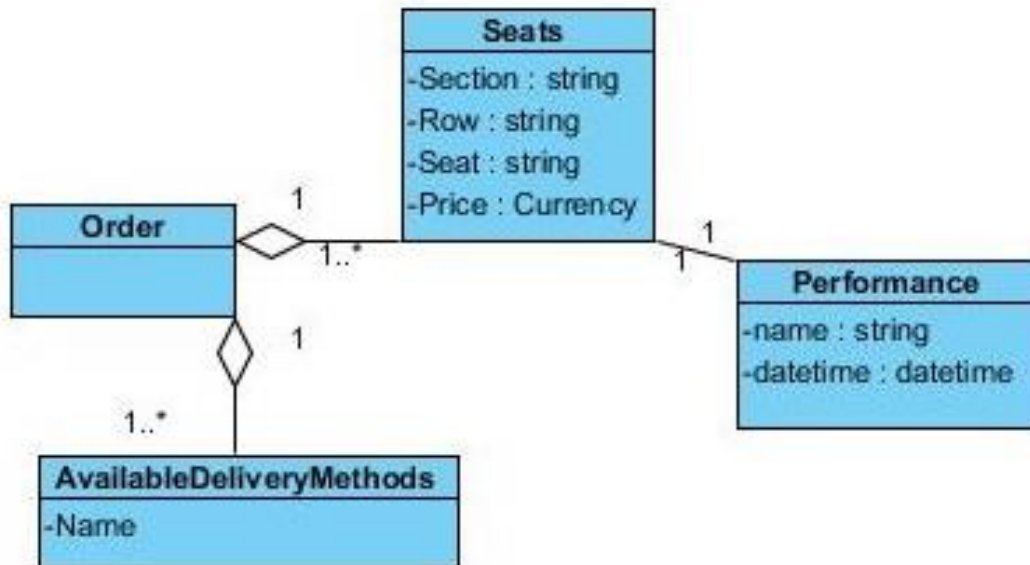
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# Example Transaction



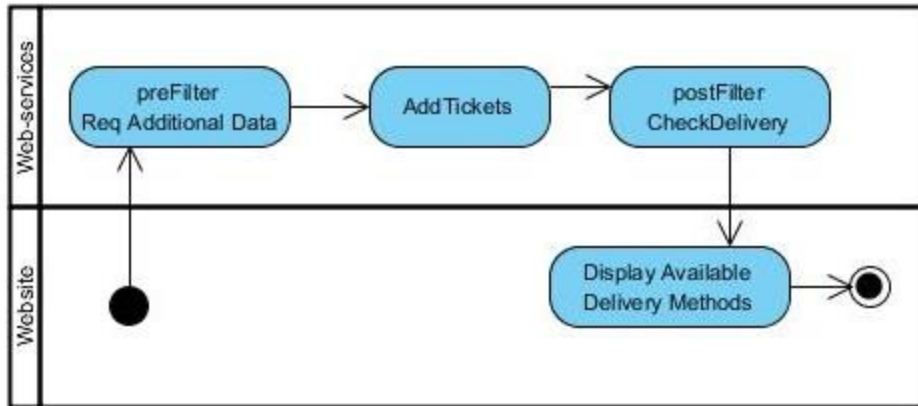
# Original Response





# Server-Side Pipe and Filter Architecture

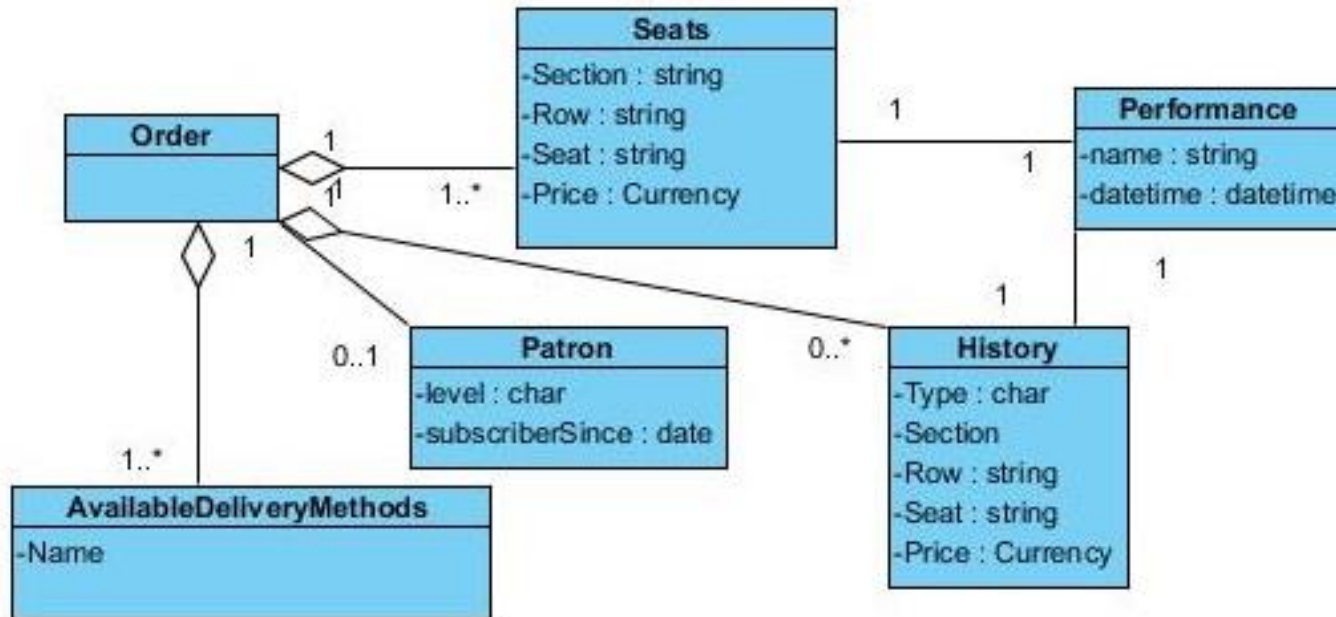
- A Server-Side Pipe and Filter Architecture supports integration hooks
- Java EE supports this architecture with Servlet Filters
  - Unfortunately filters request data in separate transactions from the main service



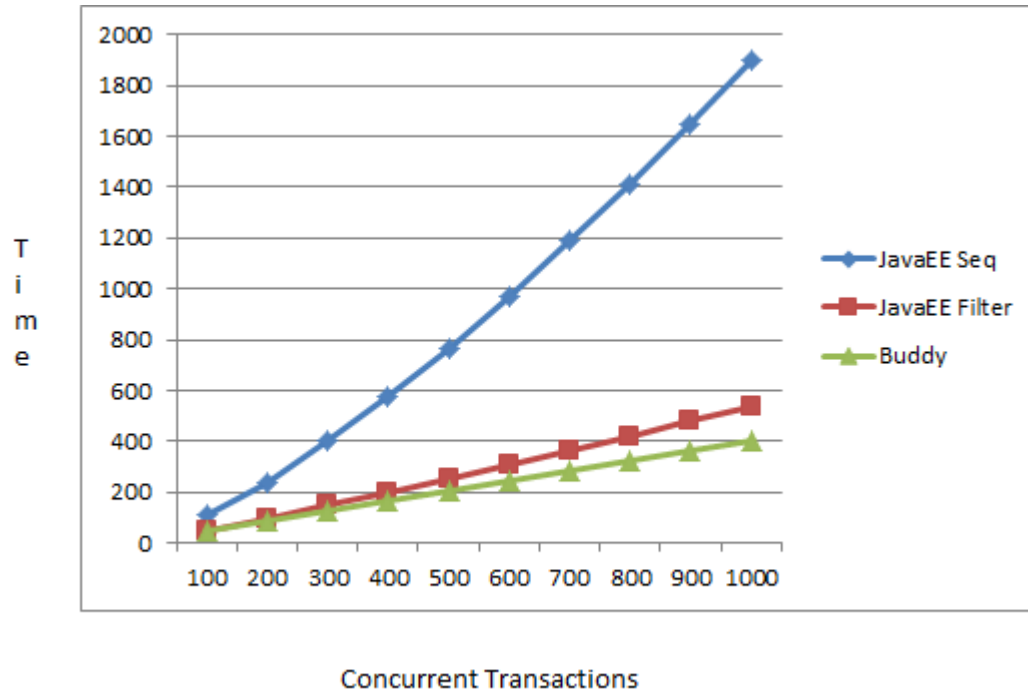
# Buddy System Pipe & Filter

Our implementation allows UML additions from each filter. This results in a single UML to CRUD mapping

- Provides a single transaction for all filters and original service



# Empirical Results



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# Long Running, Consistent, Web Service Transactions

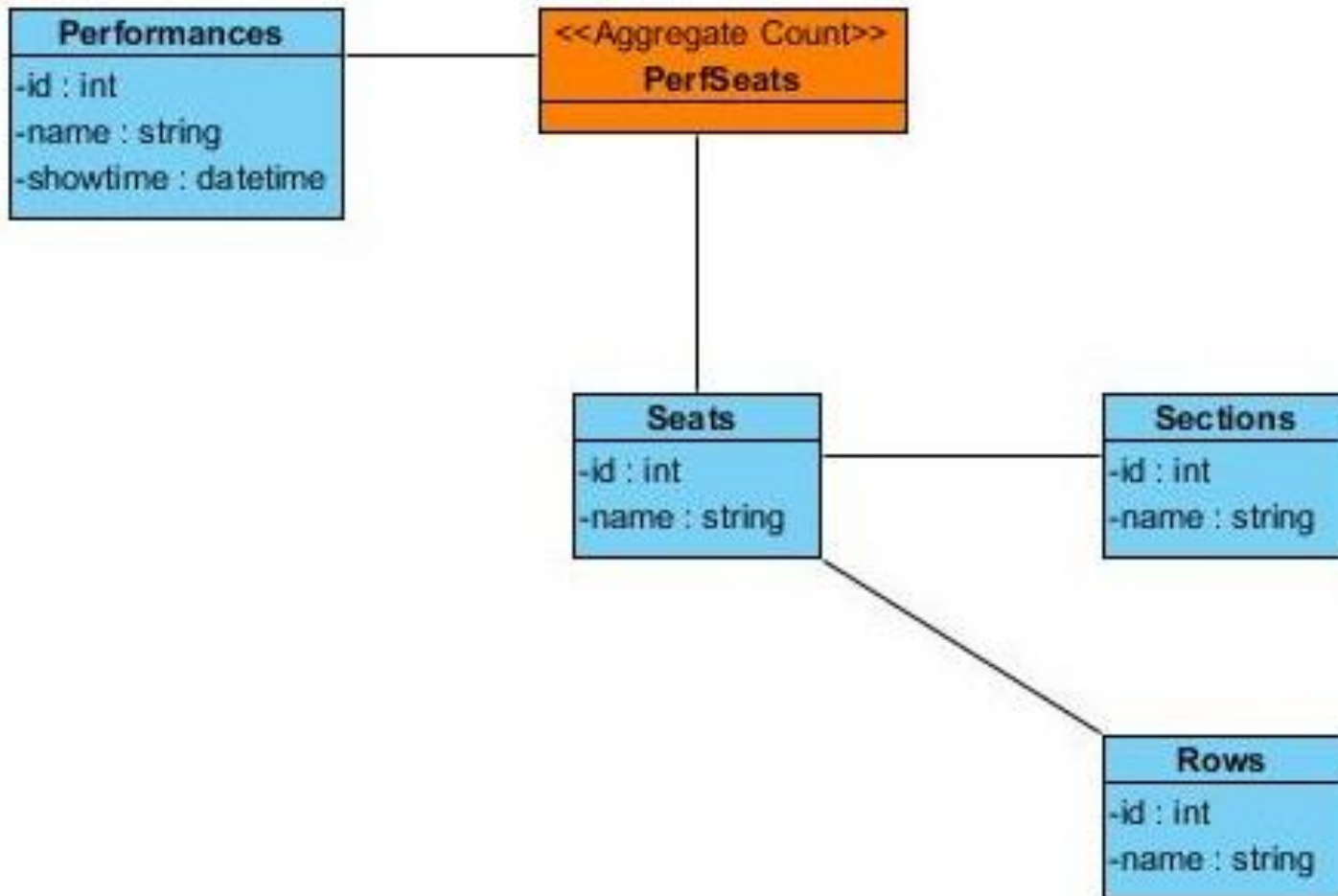
- Workflow transactions require several round trips
- Unfortunately they lower availability by holding locks longer
- Garcia-Molina defined sagas as a solution to maintain some of the atomic properties of ACID transactions when performing long running transactions.

Olmsted, Aspen. "Long Running, Consistent, Web Service Transactions." [Proceedings of the 10th International Conference for Internet Technology and Secured Transactions \(ICITST-2015\)](#). London: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), 2015. 139 - 144.

# Compensators for CRUD

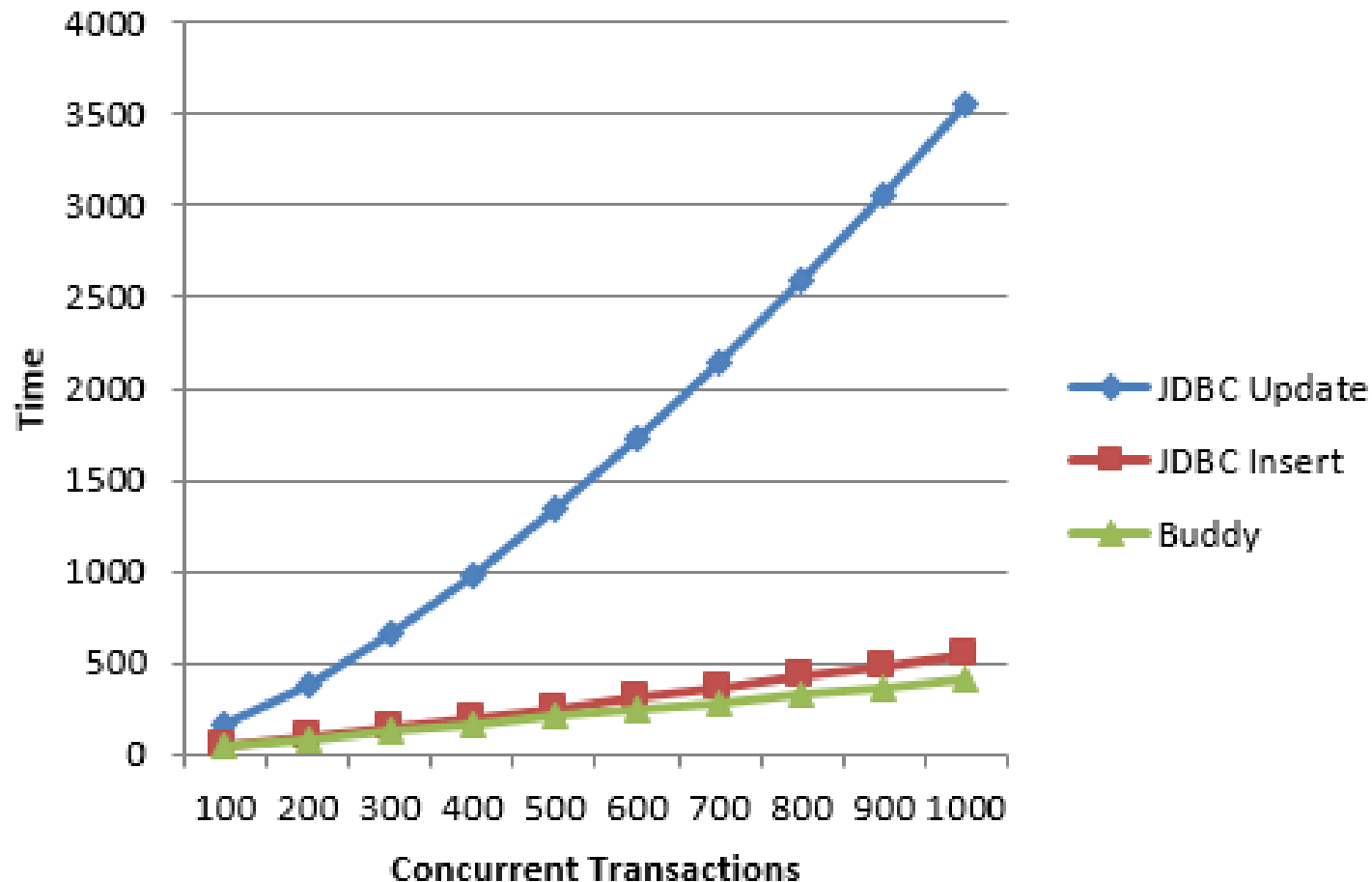
- Insert = Delete
- Delete = Insert
- Update ?

# Model for Inserts





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# Integrating Heterogeneous Systems

- Enterprise Functional Partitioning
- Transitioning Between Enterprise Systems

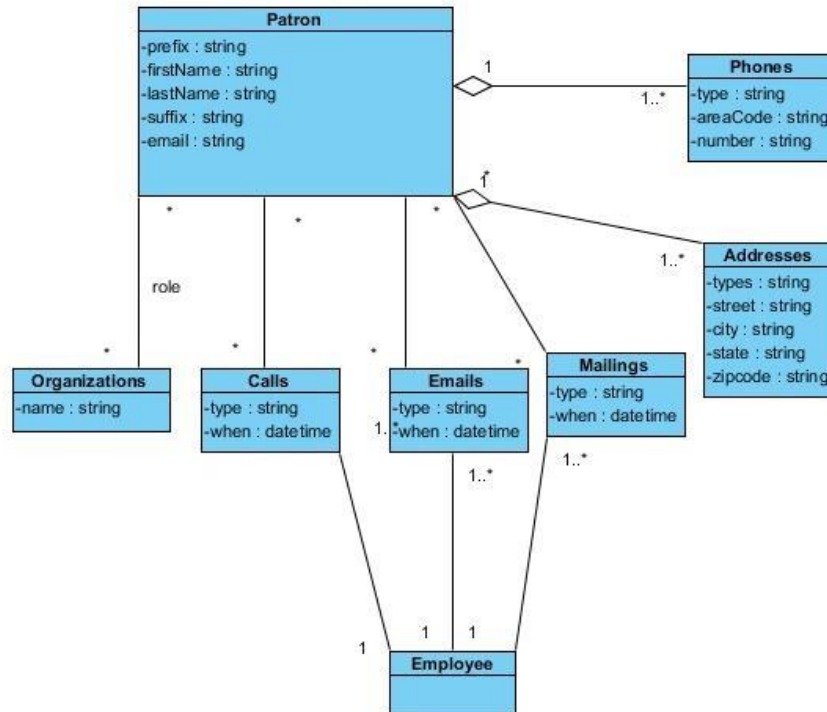
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# Functional/Departmental Partitioning

- Enterprises value functional requirements over cost of departmental partitioning
- Survey of CIO Arts
  - Fund Raising Systems
    - CRM & ERP for Donations
  - Ticketing Systems
    - CRM & ERP for Tickets
  - Event Management Systems
    - CRM & ERP for rentals

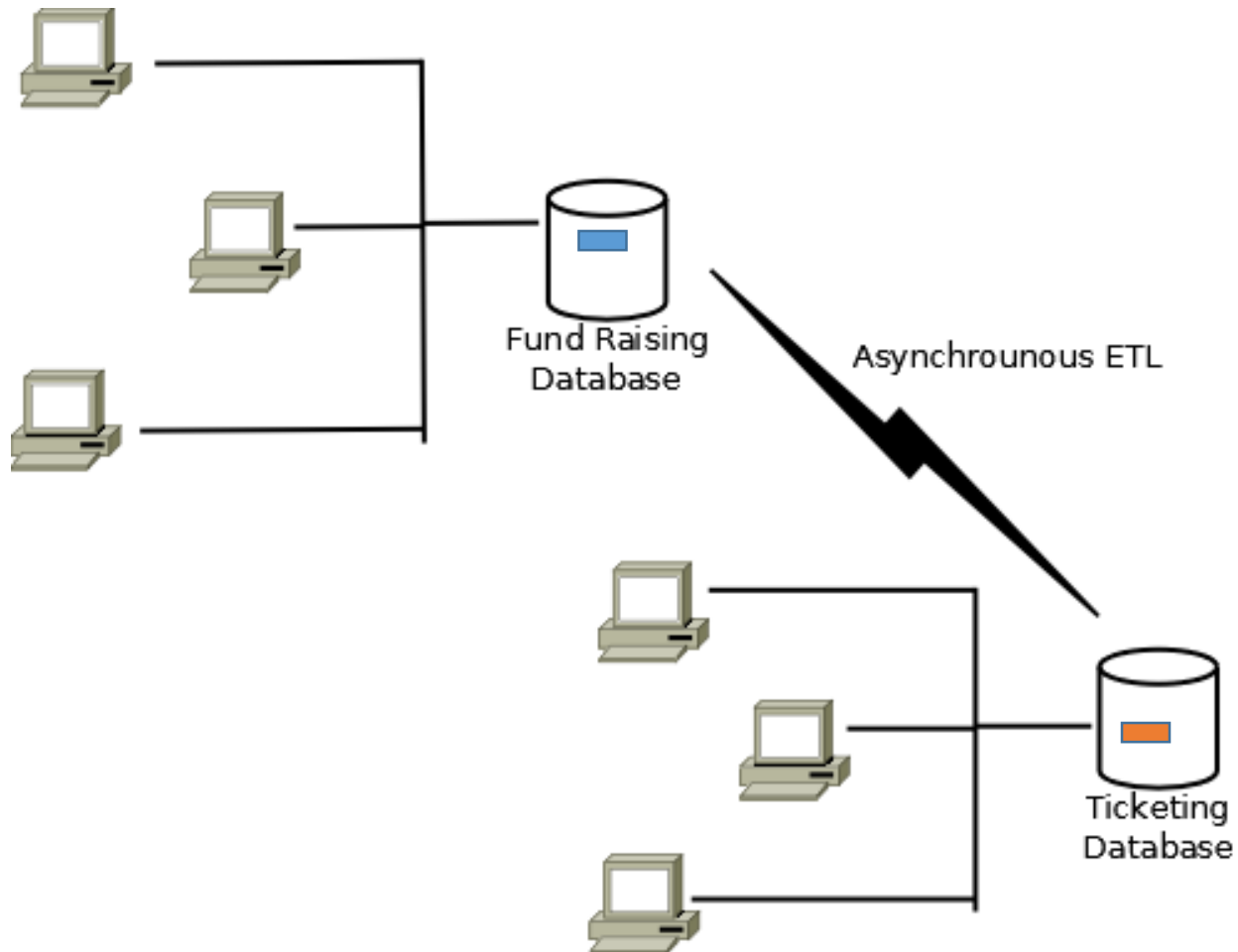
# Example Class Diagram for Each Departmental CRM



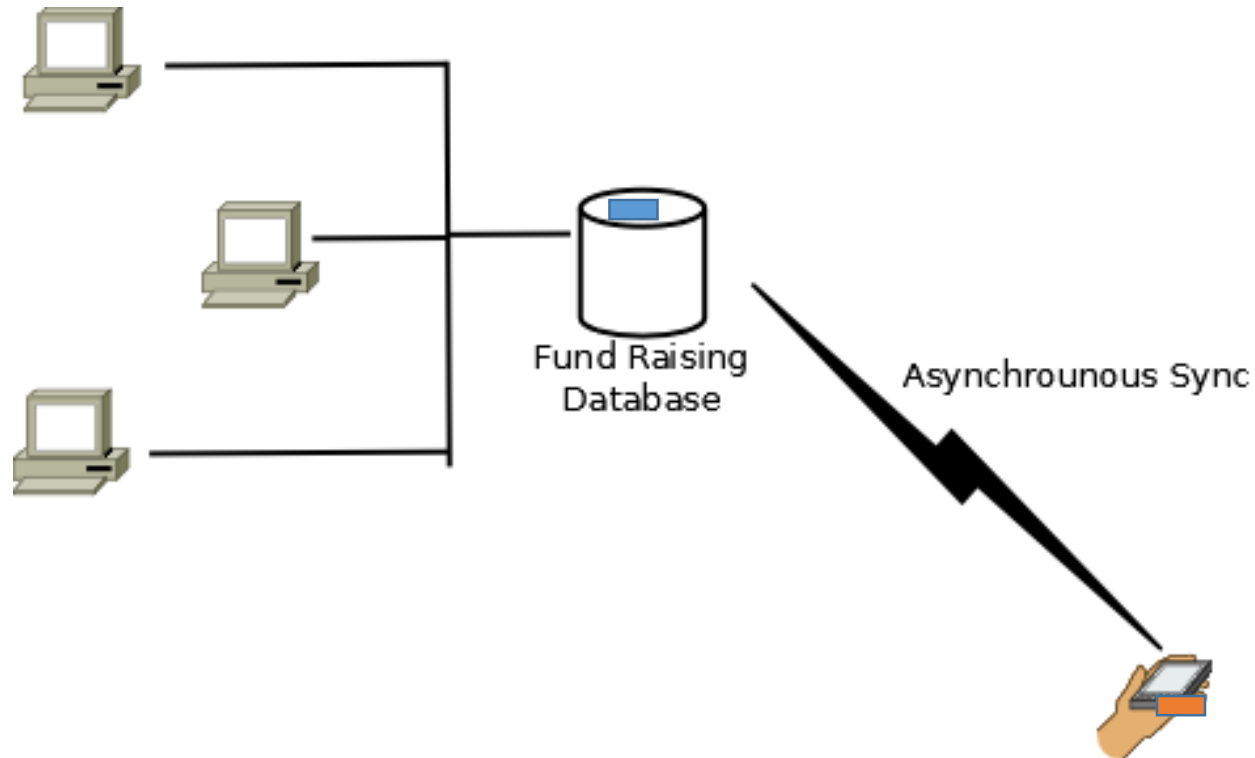
# Duplicate Data

- System Partitioning by Functional Areas (Departments) can lead to duplicate data.
  - Biographical data
    - Sample organization data
      - CASS Standardized
      - Move Update Database
      - Name Search Web Services
    - Found 17% duplication caused by departmental partitioning

# Continuous ETL



# Mobile Sync Adaptors



# Android Sync Adapter

```
/**
 * Handle the transfer of data between a server and an
 * app, using the Android sync adapter framework.
 */
public class SyncAdapter extends AbstractThreadedSyncAdapter {
    ...
    // Global variables
    // Define a variable to contain a content resolver instance
    ContentResolver mContentResolver;
    /**
     * Set up the sync adapter
     */
    public SyncAdapter(Context context, boolean autoInitialize) {
        super(context, autoInitialize);
        /**
         * If your app uses a content resolver, get an instance of it
         * from the incoming Context
         */
        mContentResolver = context.getContentResolver();
    }
    ...
    /**
     * Set up the sync adapter. This form of the
     * constructor maintains compatibility with Android 3.0
     * and later platform versions
     */
    public SyncAdapter(
        Context context,
        boolean autoInitialize,
        boolean allowParallelSyncs) {
        super(context, autoInitialize, allowParallelSyncs);
        /**
         * If your app uses a content resolver, get an instance of it
         * from the incoming Context
         */
        mContentResolver = context.getContentResolver();
        ...
    }
}
```



# Sync Adapter Issues

- Developer overrides a method to handle conflict resolution
- Conflict only defined on the individual object level

# Lost Update

- If the same object is updated between sync executions which version is kept.
- What about related records
  - Address updated in one system
  - Phone number updated in other

# Homogenous Replication Related Work

- Improving Availability of Strict Replication
  - Snap Isolation Replication (Fekete, et al.)
- Improving Consistency of Lazy Replication
  - Frameworks with Lazy Consistency Guarantees (Breitbart & Korth)
- Hybrid Systems
  - Hybrid Majority Systems (Jajodia & Mutchler)
  - NoSQL Systems; Casandra, BigTable, etc.

# Goals

- Develop Algorithms and Architecture that will
  - Guarantee Transaction Correctness for Disconnected Distributed Transactions Across Heterogeneous Systems

# Problem Specification

- Leverage continuous ETL/Sync architecture (when connected sync changes, when disconnected allow changes)
- Add ACID transaction guarantees at snapshot isolation level
- Ensure data is fresh

# Proposed Solution - CCETL

Continuous, Consistent, Extract, Translate and Load

- Form transactions for hierarchical data
- Pull hierarchy from design model
- Handle conflicts on the transaction level (not tuple)
- Guarantees one-copy serializability (At snapshot isolation level)

# FACD

- F – Fresh – Data is kept up to date
- A – Atomic – All of a transaction is successful or none of the transaction is successful
- C – Consistent – The data in the database is correct before and after the transaction
- D – Durable – The effects of the transaction do not go away after the transaction is successful

# Transaction Formation – Option 1

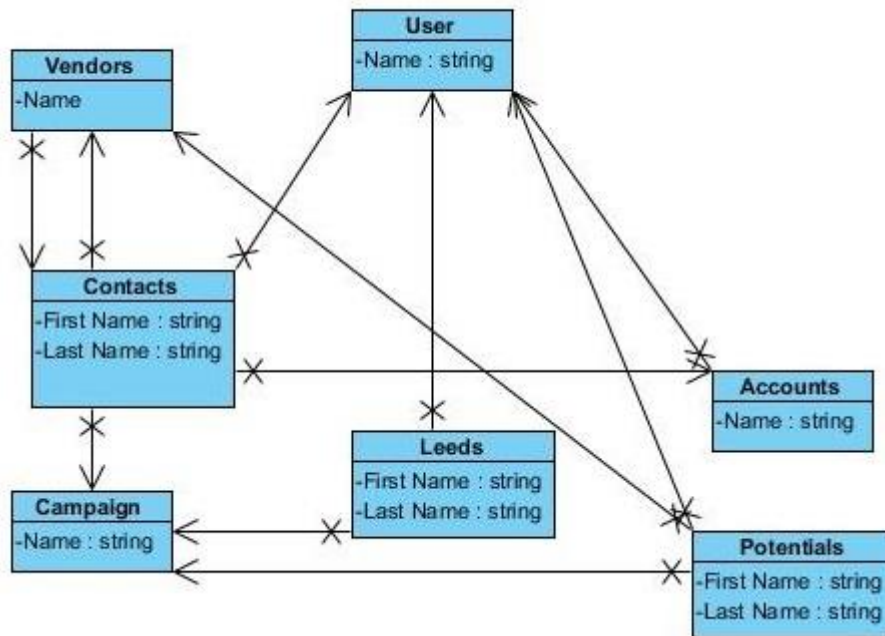
- Intercept original transaction synchronously and send original transaction contents asynchronously
  - Requires Application Hook (Application Trigger)
    - Oracle Forms
    - JavaEE (Filters)



# Transaction Formation – Option 2

- To reform a transaction asynchronously from the original transaction, we need a way to identify what data changed in the original transaction.
  - Homogenous Systems – database log
  - Heterogeneous Systems – Identify changes and reform transaction

# Example System ZohoCRM



# Changed Objects Web Service Call

**Algorithm 1 REST Web-Service call to search for changed entity objects**

**INPUT:** date and time of last execution

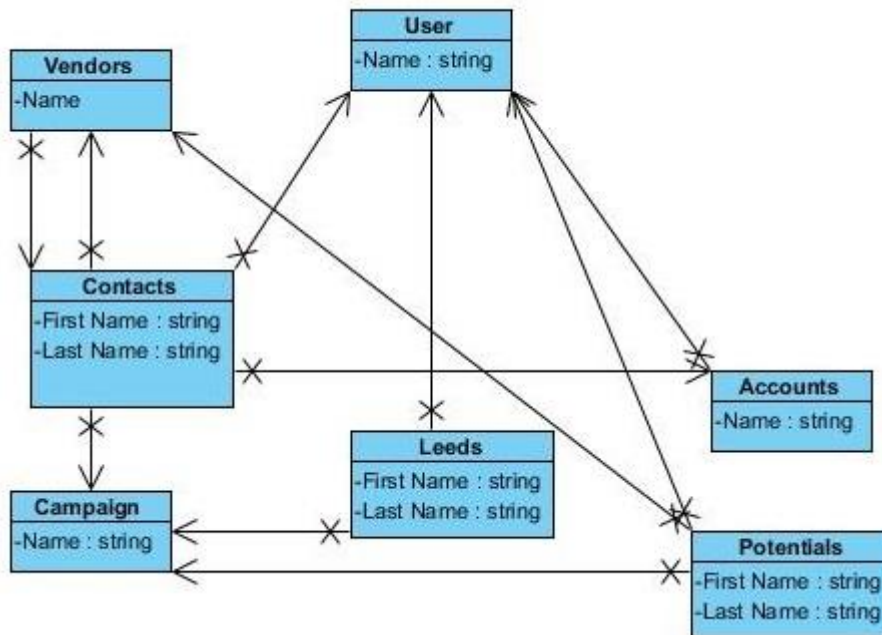
**OUTPUT:** XML file

`https://crm.zoho.com/crm/private/xml/Contacts/getSearchRecords?authtoken=Auth Token&scope=crmapi  
&selectColumns=Contacts(First Name,Last Name,Email)&searchCondition=(lastModifiedTime|>|2010-04-21 11:09:23)`

# Transaction Identification

- To identify which records make-up a transaction, CCETL includes all associated records that were modified along with the parent record.
- This identification requires an ordering of the original UML diagram

# UML Model (DCG)



# Topological Sort

- Step 1
  - The first step uses Tarjan's algorithm to find cycles from individual nodes.
  - Once a cycle is found, an incoming edge is removed and the process continues until all cycles are removed.

# Topological Sort

- Step 2
  - The second step uses a process of generalization by inserting mock objects into the inheritance tree.
  - The mock objects are inserted when there are identical inbound edges into a node.
  - The addition of the mock objects reduces the branches in the path of the UML graph.



# Topological Sort Algorithm

## Algorithm 2 Sort and Remove Cycles in UML Graph

**INPUT:** XMI of UML graph

**OUTPUT:** XMI of new UML graph

```
/* remove Cycles in UML */
```

```
Loop through all objects
```

```
    Check for cycles using Tarjan's algorithm [4]
```

```
    While cycles exist that include node
```

```
        Remove edge that is part of cycle
```

```
        Repeat cycle check
```

```
/* Sort */
```

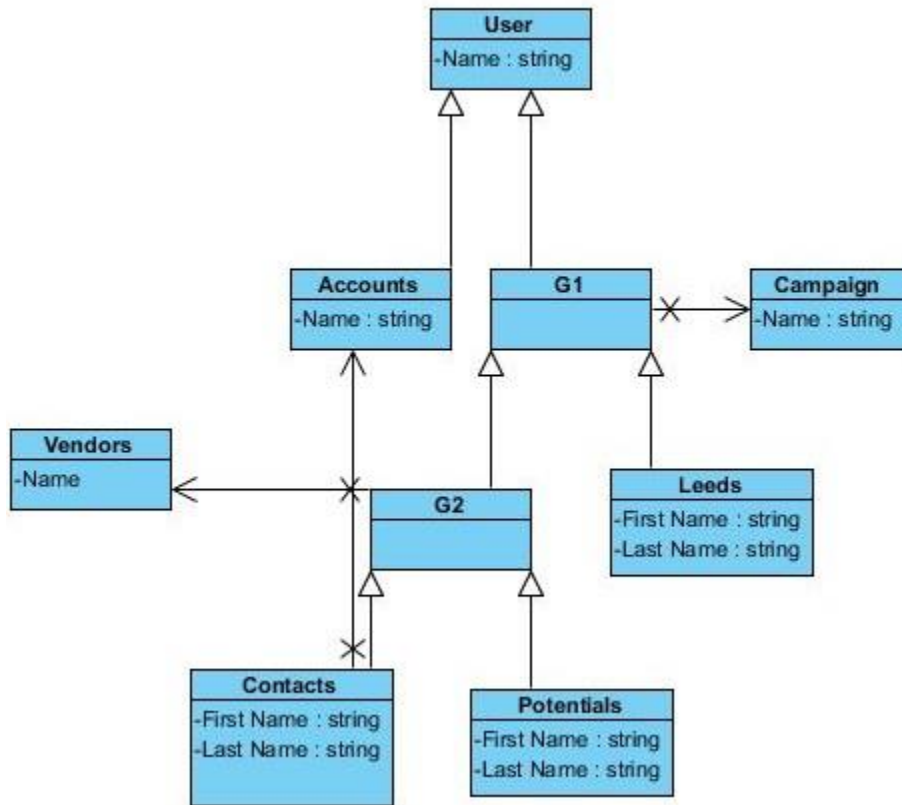
```
Loop through all objects
```

```
    If number of incoming edges > 1
```

```
        Insert mock inheritance object
```



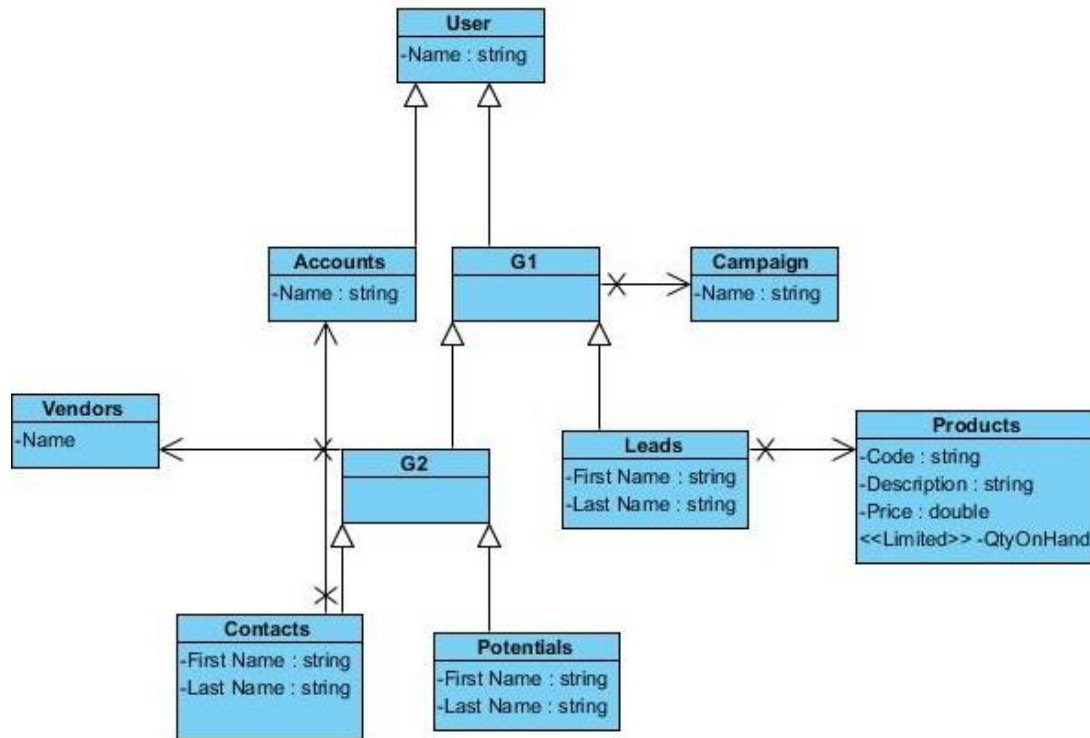
# UML Model (DAG)



# 3 Types of Data

- Leaf Nodes – Lookup data
- Inner Nodes – Transactional data
- Limited Attributes – Stereotypes for synchronous data

# UML Model (DAG) w/stereotype



# Continuous Data Integration

- Algorithm picks up changed data
- Algorithm scheduled periodically
- Data is written to the transaction table to ensure that the integration does not pickup data that was previous written by the integration.
- Leaf Nodes Scheduled First

# CDI – Data Table

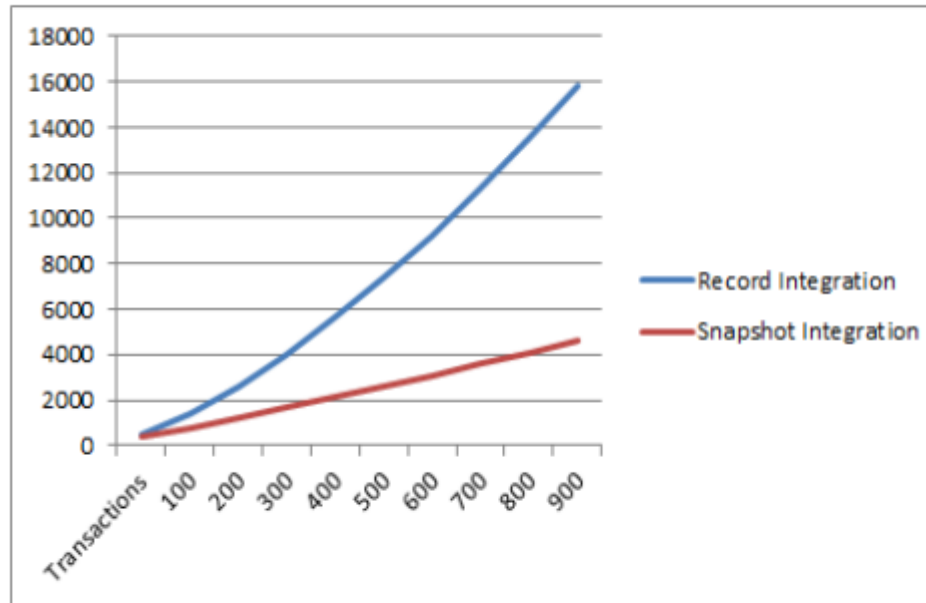
**Table 1 Example Transaction Table**

Object	Key	Timestamp
Contacts	2500	2014-04-01 14:15:29
Contacts	4500	2014-04-01 14:15:29

# Implementation

- Java
- ZohoCRM (Web Services)
- Tessitura ERP (SQL)
- Concurrent transactions (100-1000)
- Single Object vs Transaction

# Empirical Results



**Figure 3 Throughput Record vs Snapshot Integration**

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# Native Autonomous Process Authentication

Olmsted, Aspen. "Native Autonomous Process Authentication." [Proceedings of World Congress on Internet Security 2016 \(World-CIS 2016\)](#). London, UK: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), 2016

## Authentication

- Something you know
- Something you have
- Something about you
- Someplace you are

## Autonomous Process - HTTP

- Apache – Runs under a Linux user (Something you know)
  - All websites share a single user
  - Credentials can not expire like normal users
- IIS – Integrated Security
  - Depends on security of client

## OAuth 2.0 Workflows

- Web-Server (user authorizes web app)
- User-Agent (user authorizes fat client)
- JWT Bearer Token – Replay signed JSON token
- SAML Bearer – Replay sign SAML
- SAML Assertion – Federated single sign-on
- User and password

## Enterprise System Security Audits

- Counterpoint – point of sale used by 1,000s of organizations
- Tessitura – ERP for Performing Arts and Museums (over 500 large organizations)

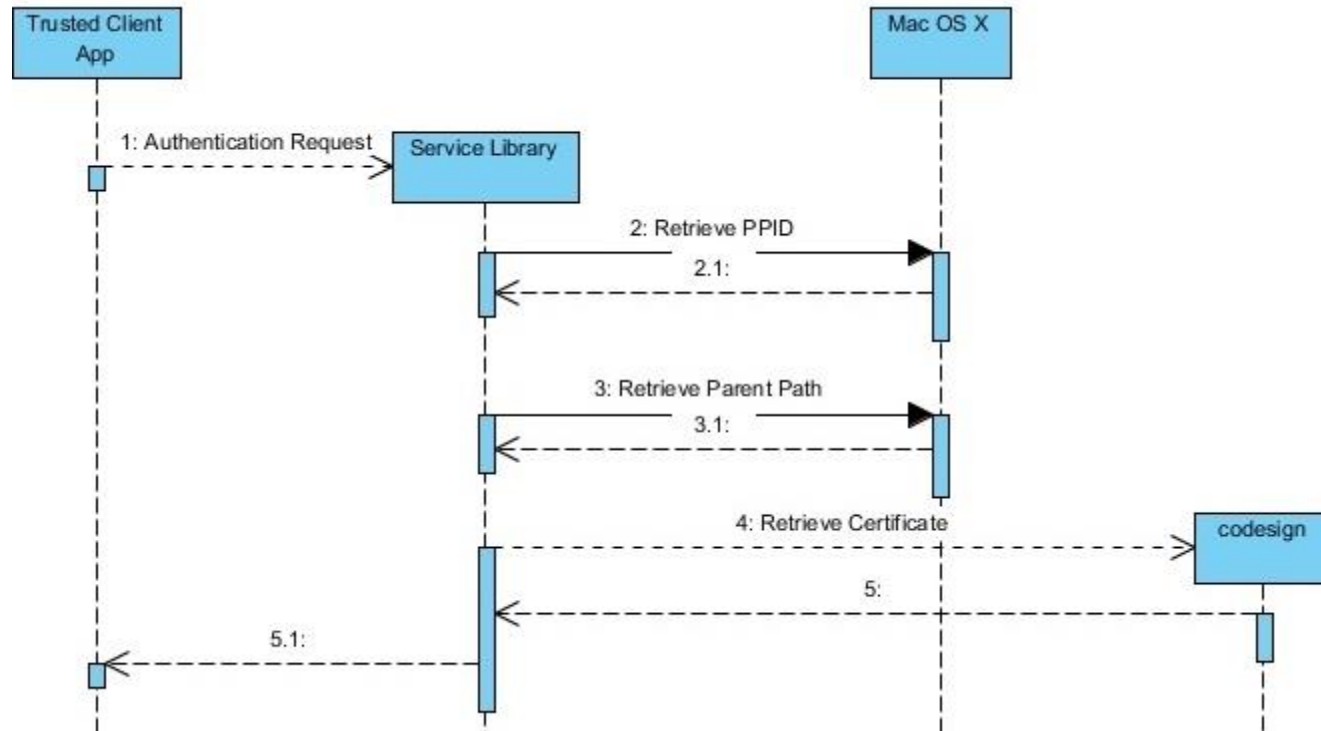
## Goals

- Add “something about you” authentication for autonomous process
- Verify connecting process is not a malicious process

## Solution

- Use OS X app certificate (not what they are designed for)
- Use codesign utility to validate the certificate from PPID

# Tools/Process





## Services Provided

- AddUser credentials
- AddApp credentials
- Create object
- Read object
- Update object
- Delete object
- Exec process

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# Modeling Cloud Apps For Partition Contingency

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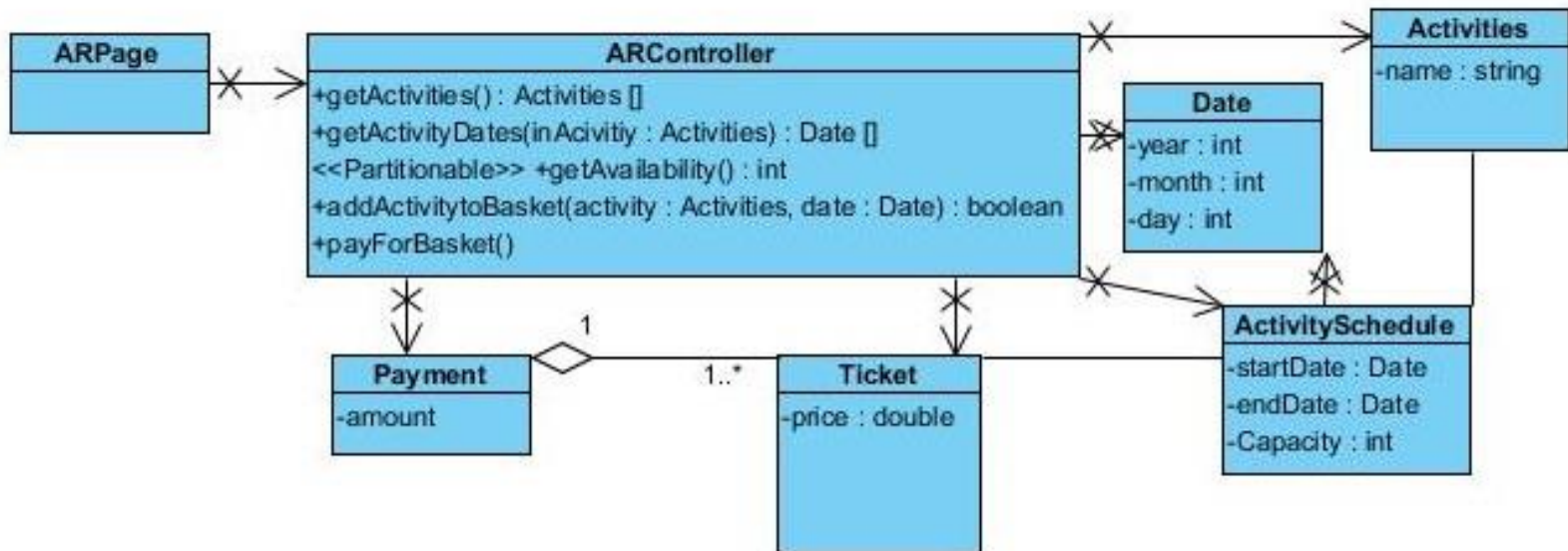
## Cloud Computing

- IAAS – Infrastructure as a service
- SAAS – Software as a service
- PAAS – Platform as a service

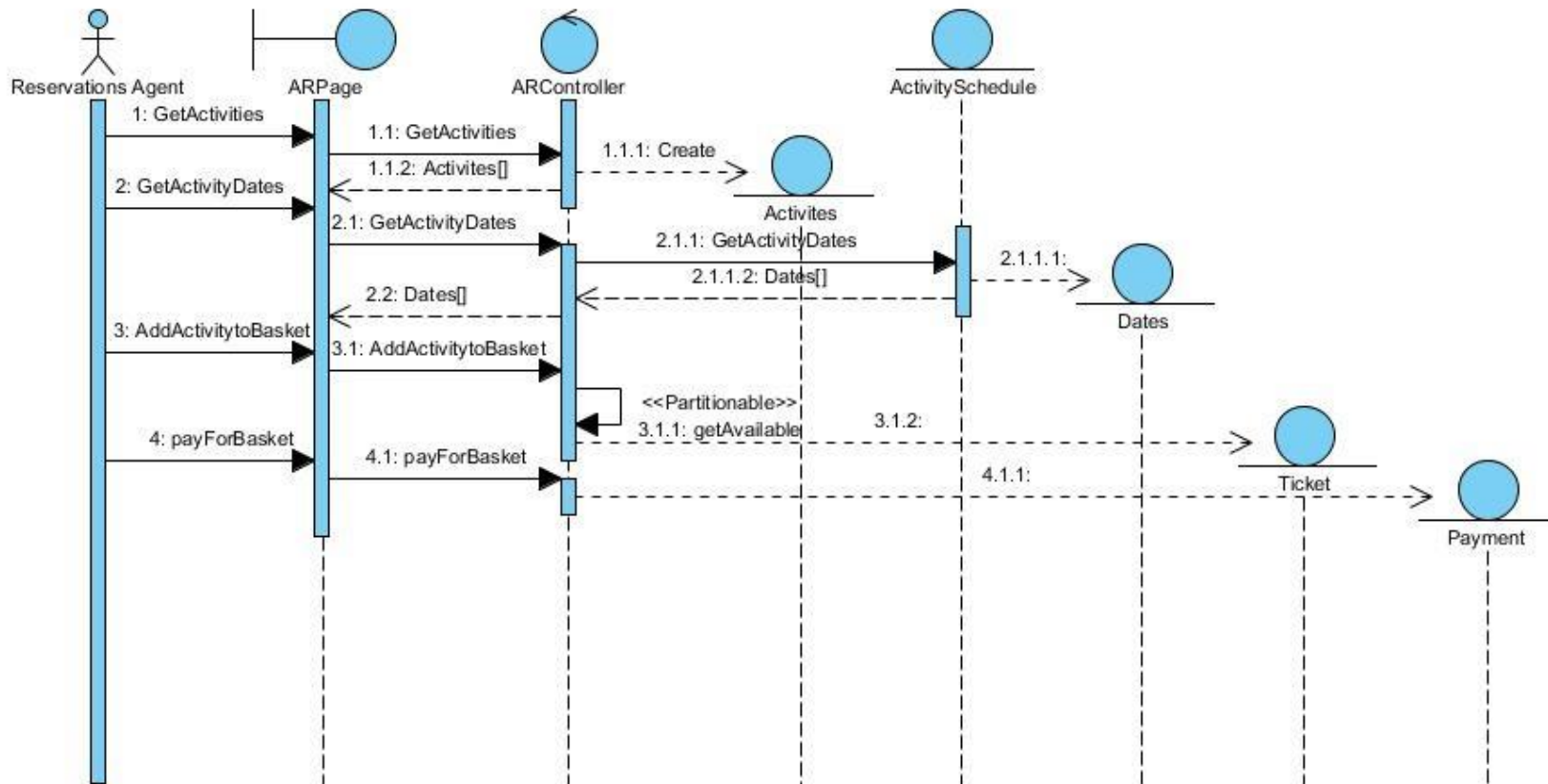
## Motivating Example

- Gettysburg National Battlefield
  - Students building reservation systems in cloud
  - Using Salesforce PAAS

## Subset of UML Class Diagram



# Sequence Diagram



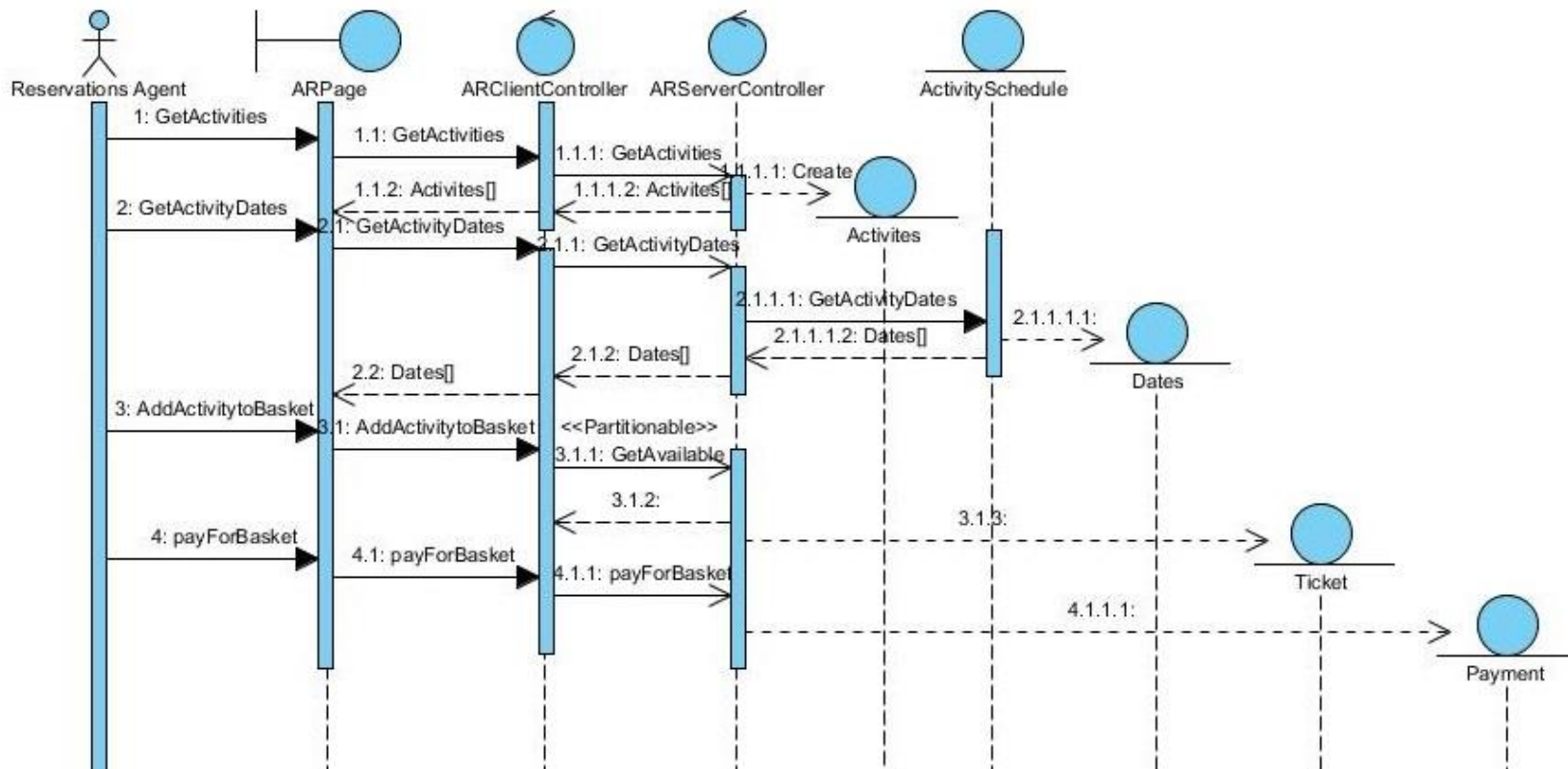


## Partition Tolerant Modeling

- Route all logic through a client-side controller
- All messages from the ARPage now flow through the ARClientController object.
- Messages are passed asynchronously to the controller in the cloud.
- If a response is not received then, a previous result will be used from the client cache.



# New Sequence Diagram



## Partitionable Methods

- Stereotype methods that need an allotment
- The stereotype “partitionable” tells the server to do this allotment in the UML design model.
- This stereotype allows the client to continue selling but not oversell available resources in the case of a network partition.

## Scarce Recourses

- The Guides at Gettysburg were a limited resource so allocation did not work.
- Implemented a pier-to-pier solution where server told client who held “allocations” of scarce recourses.

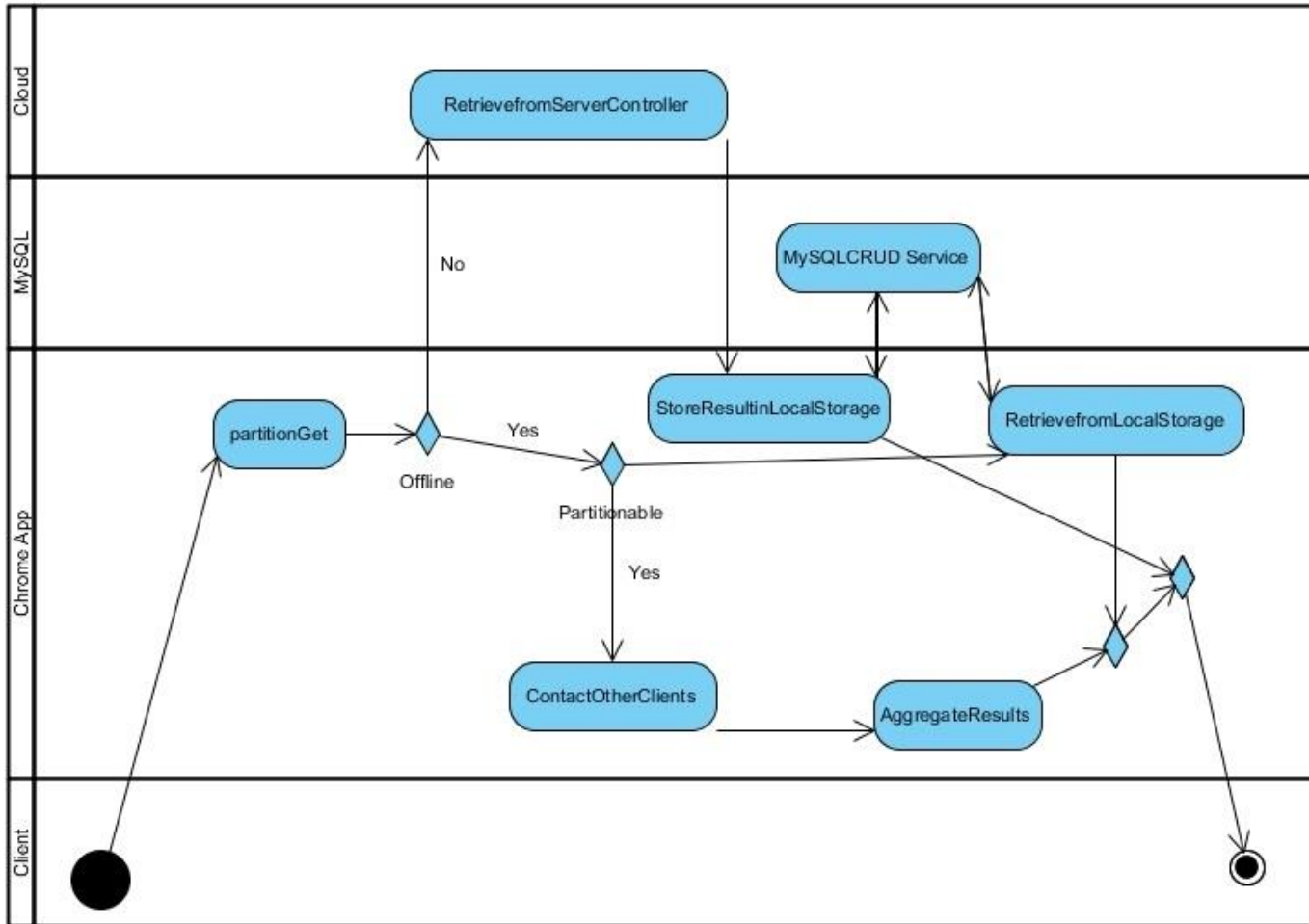
## Generalizing Solution

- Aura Framework
  - model-view-controller-controller pattern.
  - both a client side controller and a server side controller.
  - Salesforce uses the Aura framework for their Lightning Component architecture.
- We developed Chrome Extension, App and Javascript library

## Chrome App/Extension and Javascript Library

- Google Chrome apps have greater permissions than traditional browser applications.
- These higher permissions allow the chrome app to provide the local network services our algorithm needs.
- The JavaScript code in the library sends local messages from the sandbox provided by the Chrome browser to our Chrome app.

# Activity Diagram



## Chrome App/Extension and Javascript Library

- partitionGet
- partitionSave
- dataGet
- dataSave



## Conclusions/Future Work

- Successfully modeled/implemented componentized partition tolerant architecture
- Google chrome app runs an asynchronous job to see if it can go back online
  - Inserts and deletes are sent to server
- Future work needs to either handle updates or stress the insert only modeling
- Future work needs to generate the code based on the XMI



# Modeling Non-Functional Requirements

Devata, Santoshi, and Aspen Olmsted. "Modeling Non-Functional Requirements in Distributed Application Software Engineering." [Proceedings of The Seventh International Conference on Cloud Computing, GRIDs, and Virtualization \(Cloud Computing 2016\)](#). Rome: International Academy, Research, and Industry Association (IARIA), 2016. 47-50.

Olmsted, Aspen. "Secure Software Development through Non-Functional Requirements Modeling." [Proceedings of the International Conference on Information Society \(I-Society 2016\)](#). Dublin, 2016. 22-27.

## Introduction/Background

- Functional Requirements – Things a system must do
- Non-Functional Requirements – Things that must be true in the system

## Introduction/Background

- Software architects model functional requirements using UML diagrams
  - Functional Model – Use Case
  - Structural Model – Class Diagrams, OCL
  - Dynamic Model – Activity & Sequence Diagrams
- No standard modeling notation to represent Non-functional requirements

## Non-functional Requirements Represent Challenge with Cloud/Distributed Software Engineering

- Concurrency – HealthCare signup database
- Security – App partitions cross domain boundaries
- Latency – Network outside of domain boundaries
- Shared Resources – Locking resources consumed by use outside domain boundaries

## Motivating Example – Ticketing Application

- Sell limited supply of tickets for specific events
- Inventory locks on seat or section level

## Goal

- Use standard design tools to model non-functional requirements
  - UML
  - OCL
- Export XMI
- Read XMI and generate code to enforce non-functional requirement

## Tools

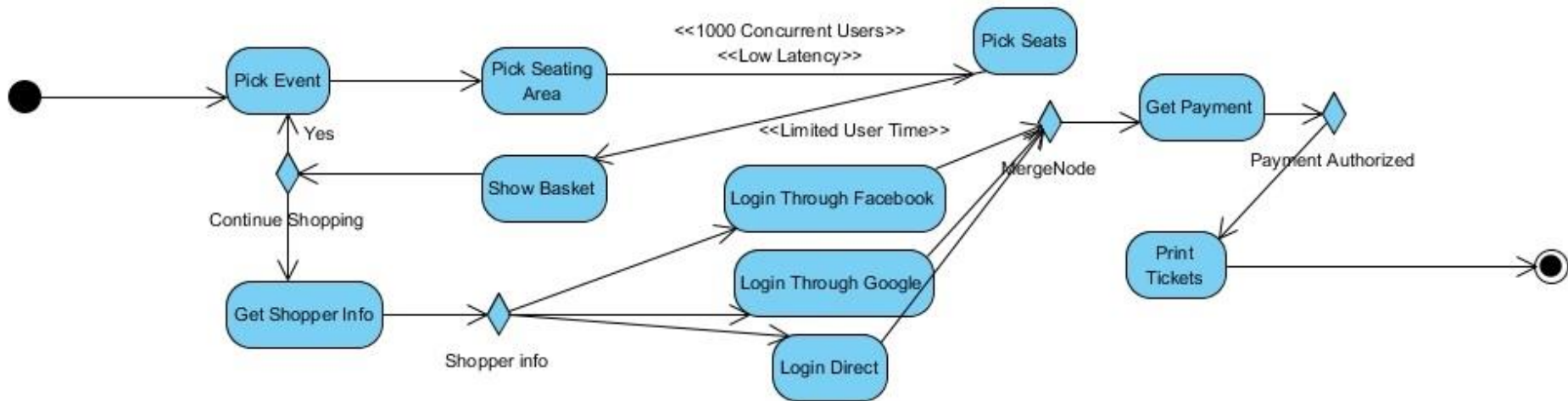
- Model data in UML with stereotypes for non-functional requirements
- Export to XMI format
- Run Algorithms on XML to produce application code

## 3 Stereotypes

- Concurrent Users (Handle a number of users, rest to queue)
- Low Latency (Server must respond in certain amount of time)
- User Response Time (User must respond in certain amount of time)



# Activity Diagram for Ticketing Workflow w/Stereotypes



## • Concurrency Algorithm

**INPUT:** XML of request, timeout

**OUTPUT:** XML of data entered or XML with error

Check if any threads in pool

If no threads in pool

    Set timer to fire every second

    Set timeExpired = 0

    Do

        Check if thread available in the pool

        While timeExpired < timeout or thread received

        If not thread received

            Set response to timeout error

        ELSE

            Execute request in thread

        End if

    Return response

- System can only handle x number of users picking seats at the same time.

## • Low Latency Algorithm

**INPUT:** XML of Send to Server, timeout

**OUTPUT:** XML of response with server

Send request to server

Set timer to fire every second

Set timeExpired = 0

Do

    Check if response is received

While timeExpired < timeout or response received

If not response received

    Set response to time expiration error

    Set response to timeout error

    Notify server of timeout

End if

Return response

- System must respond to user in a maximum amount of time.

## • User Response Time Algorithm

**INPUT:** XML of form to display, timeout

**OUTPUT:** XML of data entered or XML with error

**Show form to user**

**Set timer to fire every second**

**Set timeExpired = 0**

**Do**

**Check if response is received**

**While timeExpired < timeout or response received**

**If not response received**

**Notify user of time expiration**

**Set response to timeout error**

**End if**

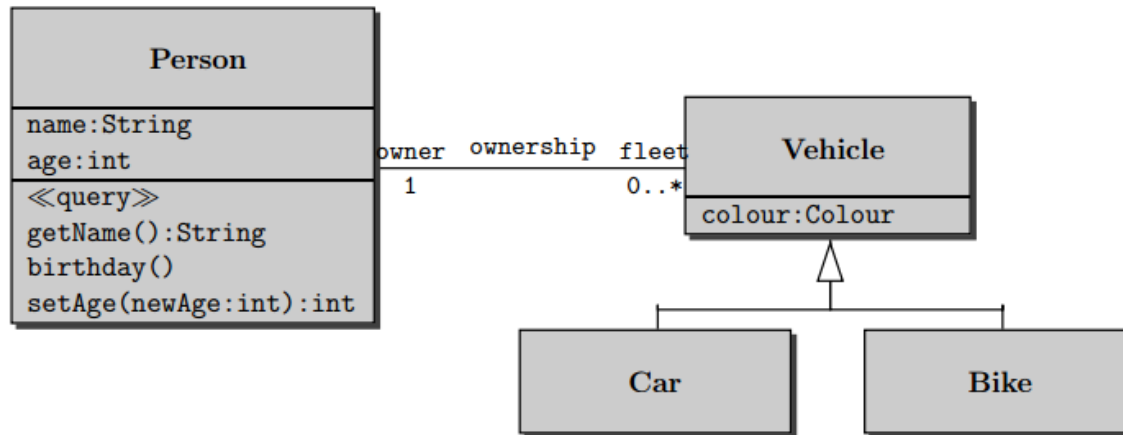
**Return response**

- User must complete request in a maximum amount of time.

# Challenges with Stereotype Solution

- No Stereotype Categorization
- Enterprise Size Project Would Have Thousands of Stereotypes

# Object Constraint Language (OCL)



**“A vehicle owner must be at least 18 years old”:**

**context**    **Vehicle**

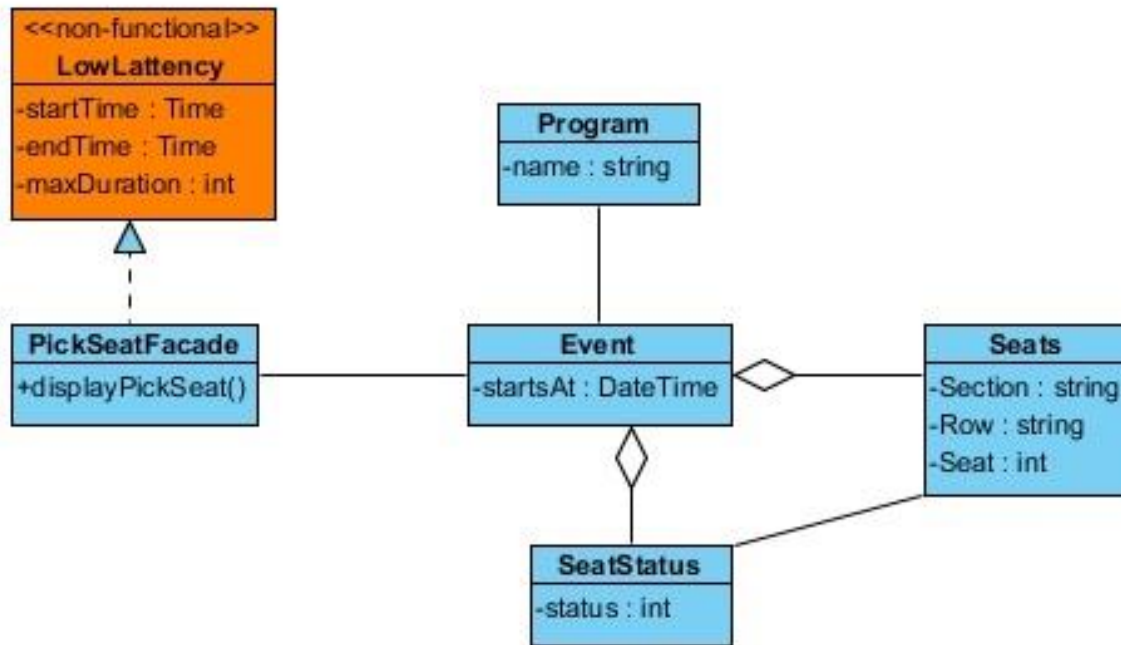
**inv:**        **self. owner. age >= 18**

# Mock Objects

- Insert Mock Objects to Represent NFR
- Use Inheritance to Specify OCL  
Constraint on Inherited Attributes



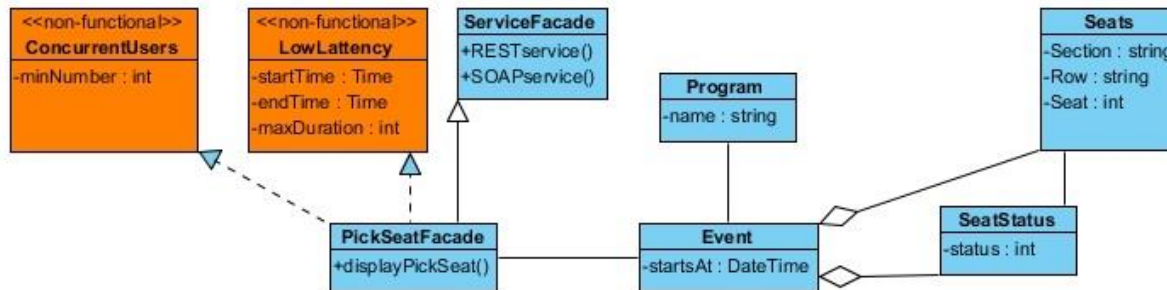
# Object Constraint Language (OCL)



**Context** PickSeatFacade::displayPickSeat **Post:**  
 self.startTime – self.endTime <= 60



# Specification Multiple Inheritance



Inheritance is only required during code generation, allowing support in languages that do not support multiple inheritance syntactically

# Code Generation From UML & OCL

- 1.) Import Profile
- 2.) Apply Stereotypes
- 3.) Insert Mock Objects
- 4.) Generate Java Class Stub from UML
- 5.) Export Model to XMI
- 6.) Parse XML to find OCL constraints and insert Java stub to guarantee constraint
- 7.) Remove generated mock objects

# Modeling for Anonymous Cloud Data

- Tuple based Modeling to increase availability

Olmsted, Aspen, and Gayathri Santhanakrishnan. "Cloud Data Denormalization of Anonymous Transactions." [Proceedings of The Seventh International Conference on Cloud Computing, GRIDs, and Virtualization \(Cloud Computing 2016\)](#). Rome: International Academy, Research, and Industry Association (IARIA), 2016. 42-46.

## Motivating Example – Gettysburg Foundation

- Grant for 5 undergraduate students to build cloud solution for ticketing system
- Reservations for Cyclorama, Film & Museum, Historical Buildings and 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Guides for Tours
- Self-Service sales for same activities
- Front-desk walkup sales

## Old System – 2 Tier Windows Client/SQL Server

- Over 300 tables in the database
- Over 50 GB data for 10 years worth of history
- Requires expensive annual maintenance (\$30,000/year), internal IT support and very complicated for end user reporting.

## Solution – Custom Application on force.com

- As a charity they receive over 80% off on subscription cost
- 10 free enterprise users
- PaaS (Platform as a Service)
- Loads of training resources available

## Challenges

- Only 1GB of data included in subscription
- Can subscribe to more data (\$1,000/year/GB)

## Measuring Tuples

- Force.com says “you get 1gb of data”, but really every tuple is 2kb. So you get 500,000 tuples before you need to pay more.
- Several other cloud platforms use tuples as the measure of data. Another example is Zoho.com



## Goal

- Reduce tuples required in data model
- Maintain same reporting and auditing capability
- Make model as simple as possible for end user querying

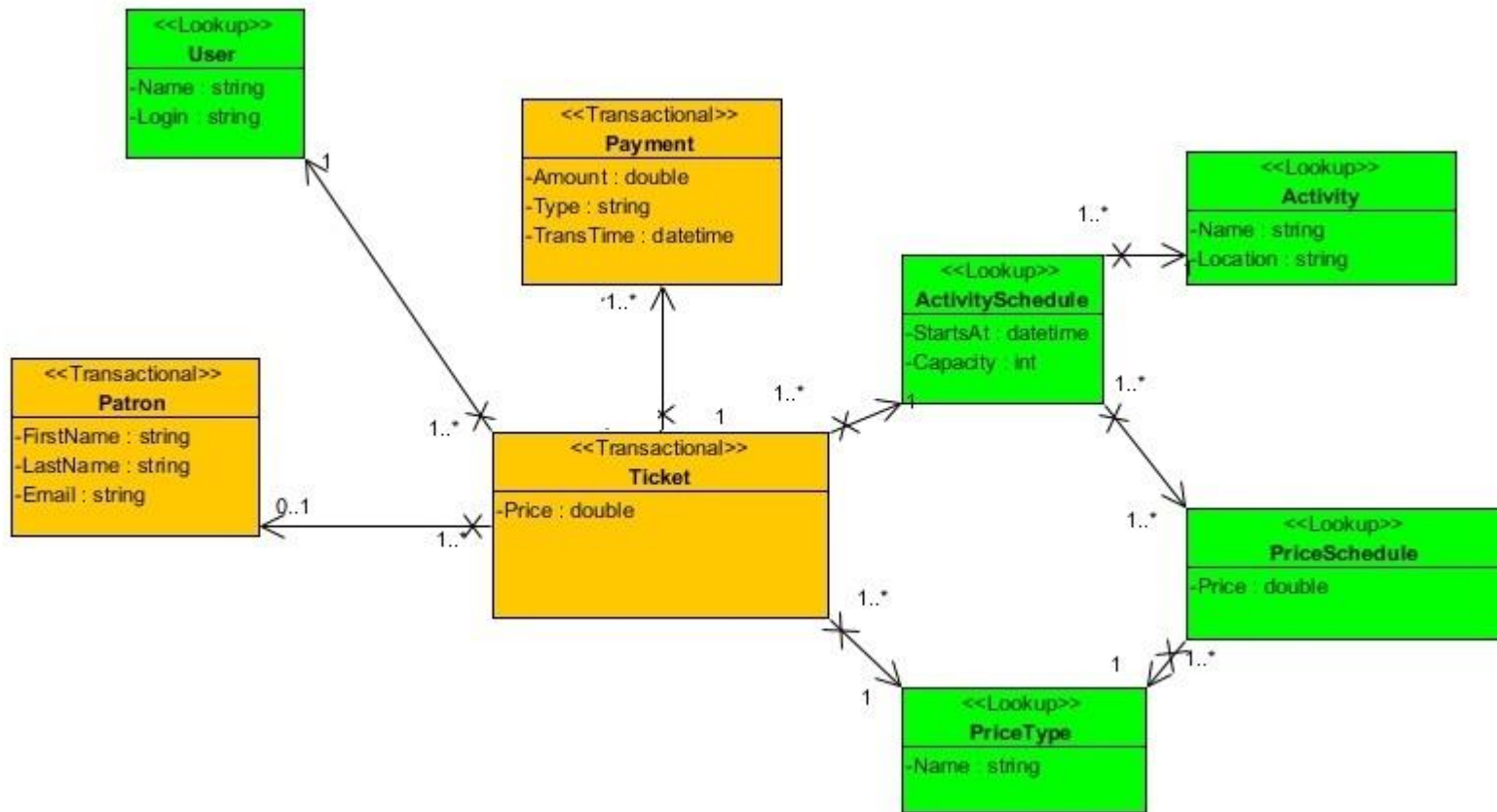
## Tools/Process

- Model normalized data in UML with stereotypes for transactional and lookup data
- Export to XMI format
- Run Algorithms on XML to produce de-normalized ER

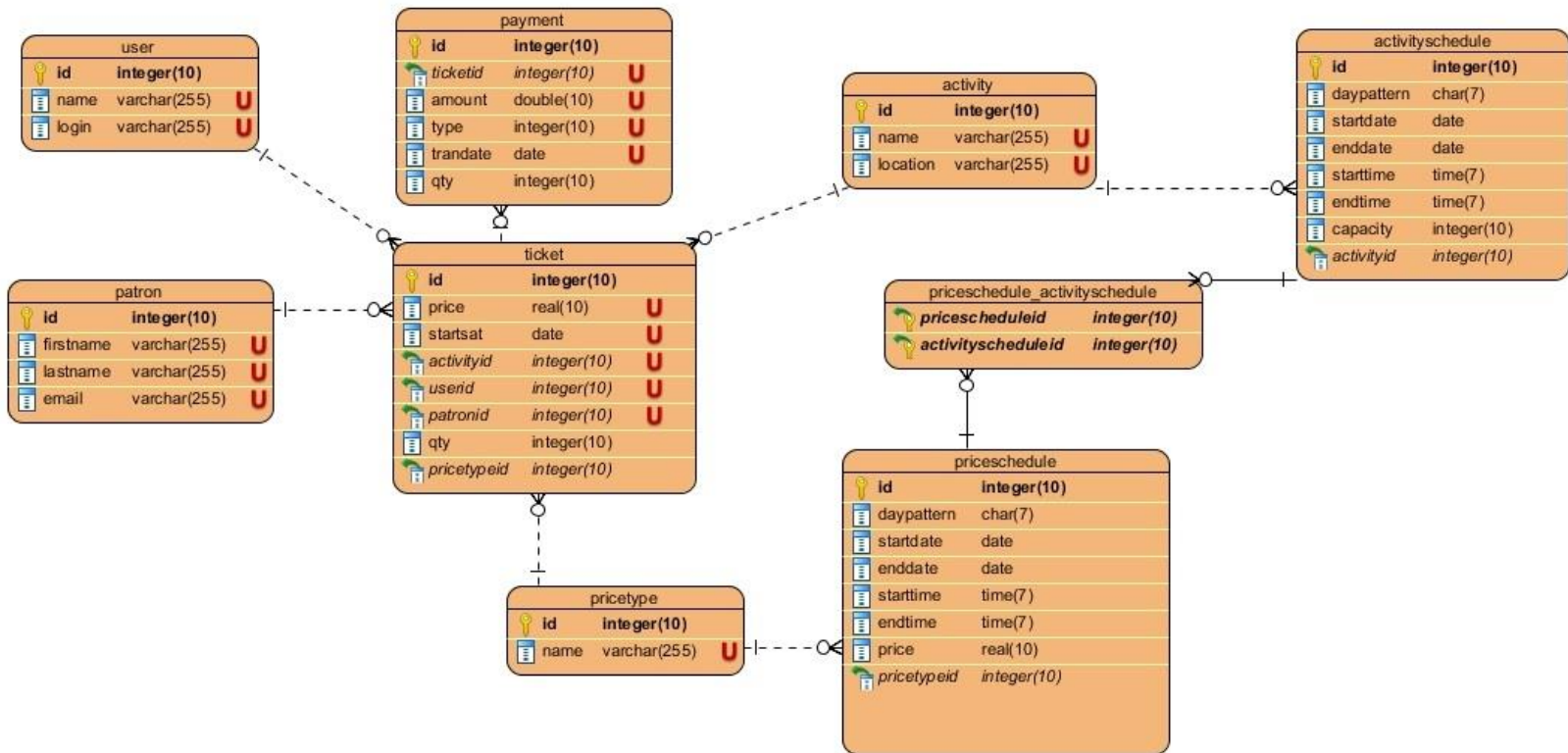
# Database Normalization

- Set of steps taken to modify a database to
  - Free database from modification anomalies
  - Minimize redesign required to support functional changes
- Technically outputted schema is in 6<sup>th</sup> normal form
- Algorithm replaces natural keys with surrogate keys (often requiring redesign to support changes).
- Redesign should be done on normalized model

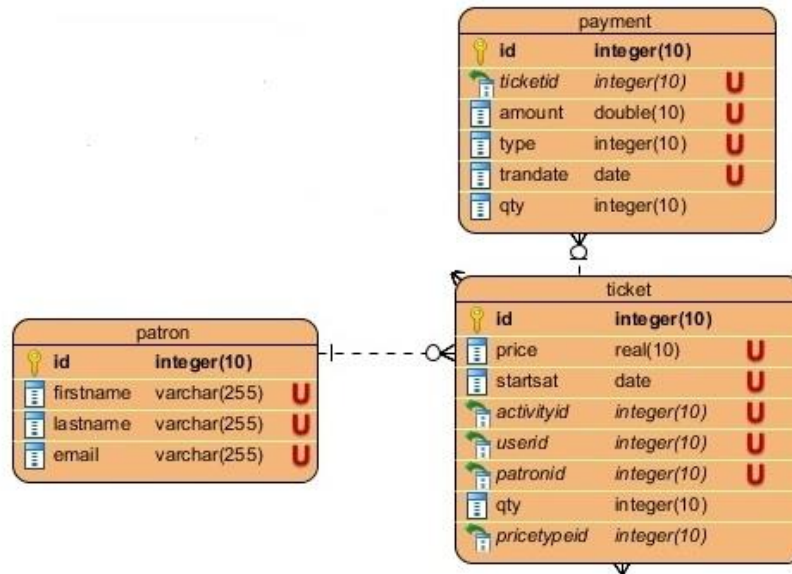
# Normalized Data Model



# De-Normalized Data Model



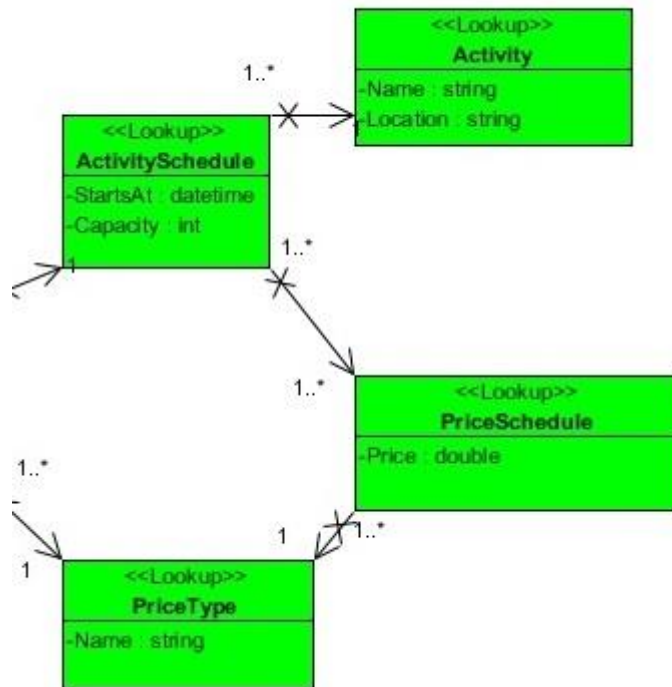
## • Anonymous Patron Aggregation



- Large Percentage of transactions walkup
- Force.com provides a journal for audit type reports
- Transactional stereotype objects can be aggregated on *Unique* fields
- See paper for complete algorithm



# • Swap Leaf Lookup Tables and Convert to Business Rules



- Large number of tuples used to store temporal intersections of lookup values
- Swap the leafs and turn into business rule pattern tables
- See paper for complete algorithm

## Journal to instance data

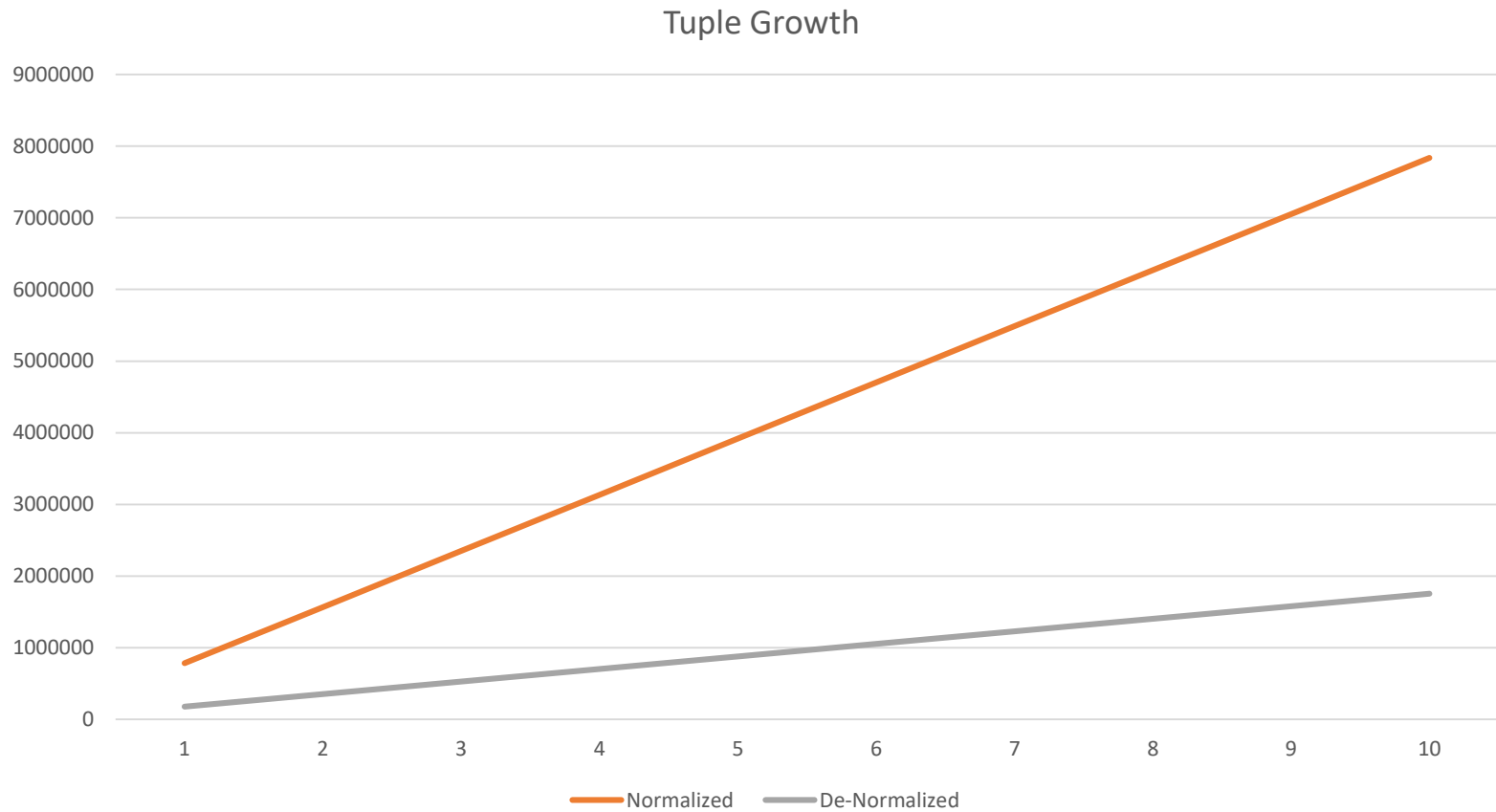
- Provided a cloud side function for reporting that takes object and date/time range and creates instance data for end user reporting



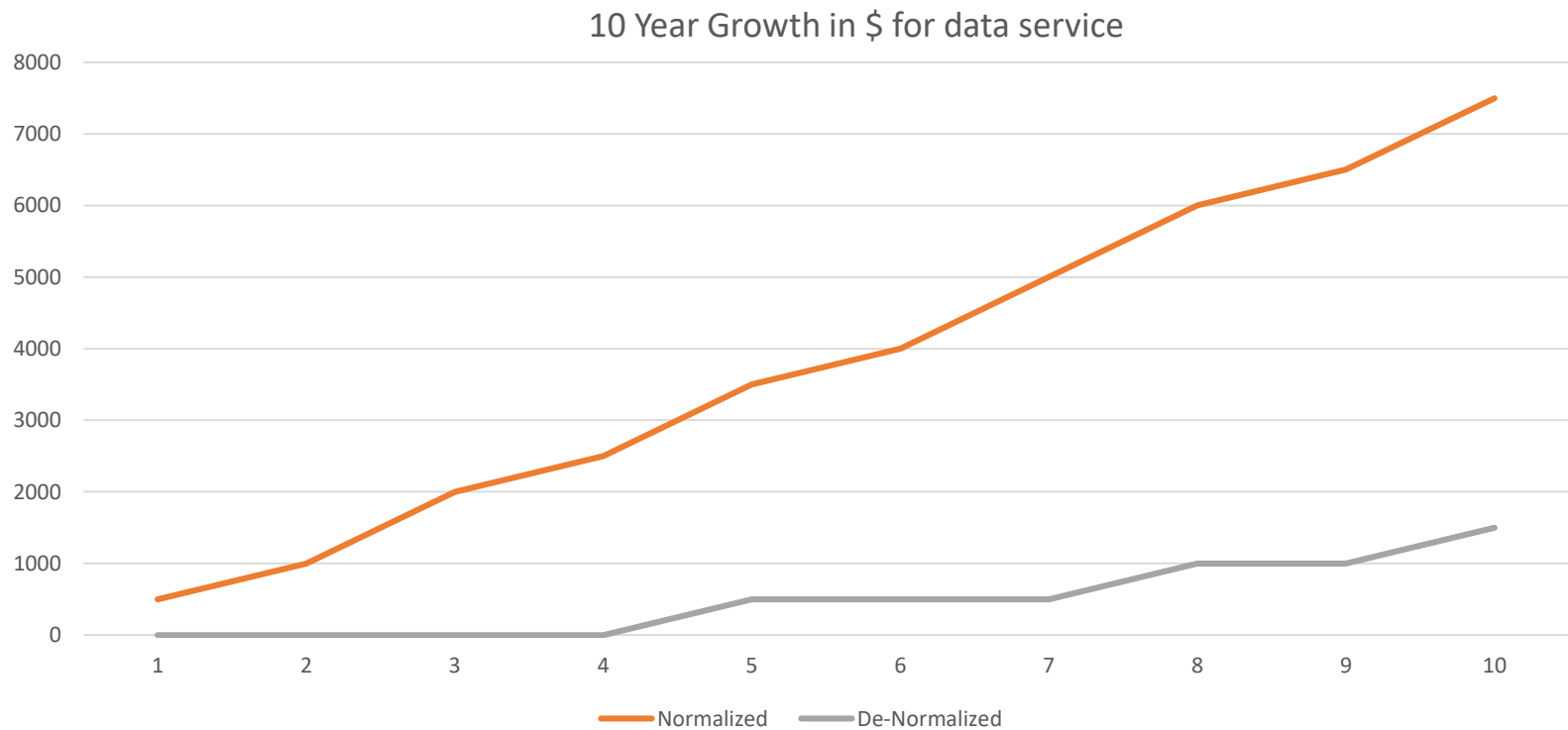
## Results for 1 Year of Transaction Data

<i>Table</i>	<i>Normalized Tuples</i>	<i>Denormalized Tuples</i>
<i>user</i>	31	31
<i>patron</i>	17,610	17,610
<i>ticket</i>	738,981	157,780
<i>activity schedule</i>	26,697	30
<i>price schedule</i>	220	24
<i>activity</i>	17	17
<i>Total</i>	783,556	175,492

# Tuple Growth



# Cost Growth



# Questions?