# Time Series Database (InfluxDB)

CIS 6930 Advanced Databases

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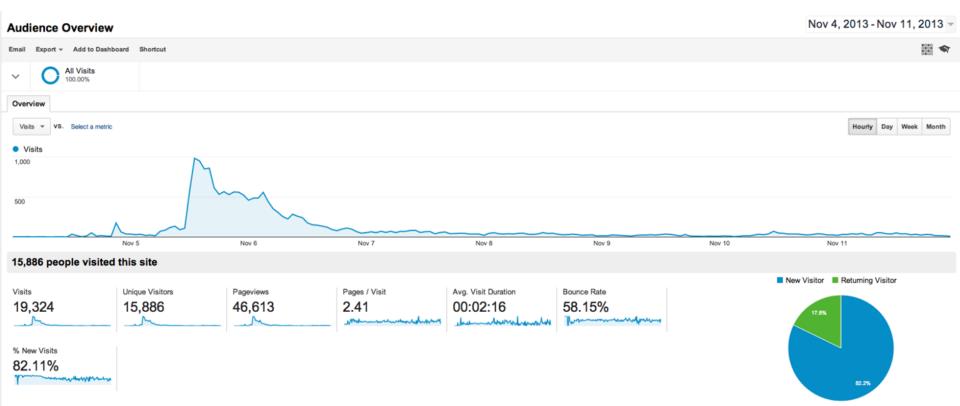
# What is time series data?

#### 33.15 +0.08 (0.24%)

Oct 25 - Close NYSE real-time data - Disclaimer Currency in USD Range 33.01 - 33.49 Div/yield 0.12/1.45 52 week 29.52 - 36.43 **EPS** 2.32 Open 33.21 Shares 4.65B Vol / Avg. 19.82M/22.63M Beta 1.08 154.01B 61% Mkt cap Inst. own P/E 14.29







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What about...

"...order by some\_time\_col"

Why a database for time series?

#### **Events**

Measurements

**Exceptions** 

Page Views

User actions

**Commits** 

Things happening in time...

Billions of data points

Scale horizontally.

## Example from DevOps

2000 servers, VMs, containers, or sensor units

200 measurements per server/unit

Every 10 seconds

= 3,456,000,000 distinct points per day

## **Sharding Data**

(Usually requires application level code)

#### **Existing Tools**

RRDTool (metrics)

Graphite (metrics)

OpenTSDB (metrics + events)

Kairos (metrics + events)

# Something missing...



#### **InfluxDB**

Written in Go

Self Contained binary

No external dependencies

Distributed

#### **Features**

HTTP native API to build on

Automatically clear out old data if we want - Data Retention

Continuous queries (for rollups and aggregation)

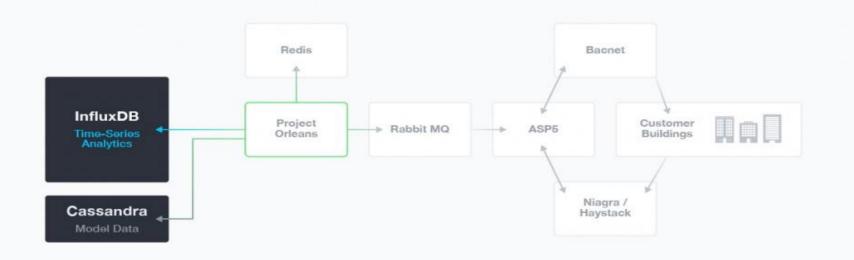
Process or monitor data as it comes in

Built in tools for downsampling and summarizing

Sharding data

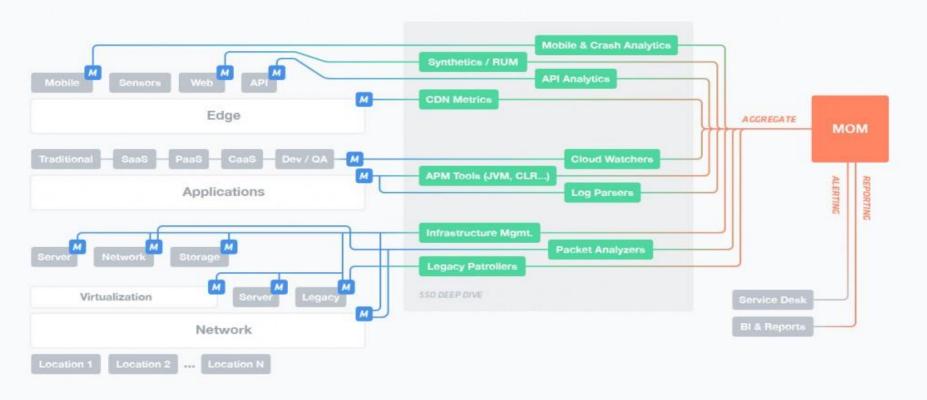
#### Applications - IoT

Example IoT Smart Utilities Application with InfluxDB



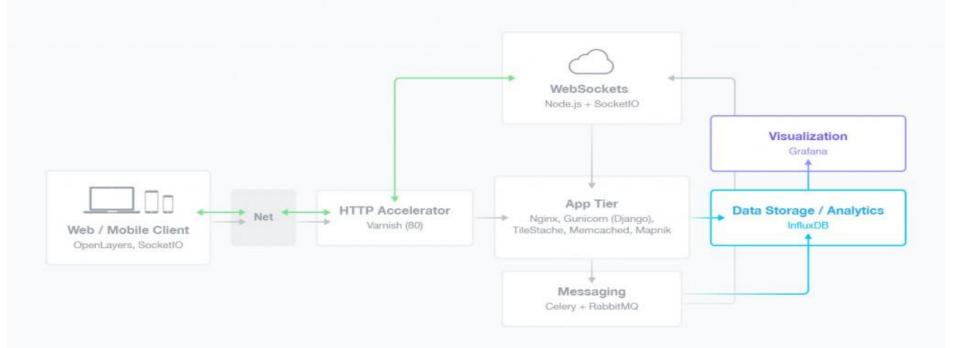
#### Applications - Custom DevOps Monitoring

More Metrics and Monitoring Mean More Problems



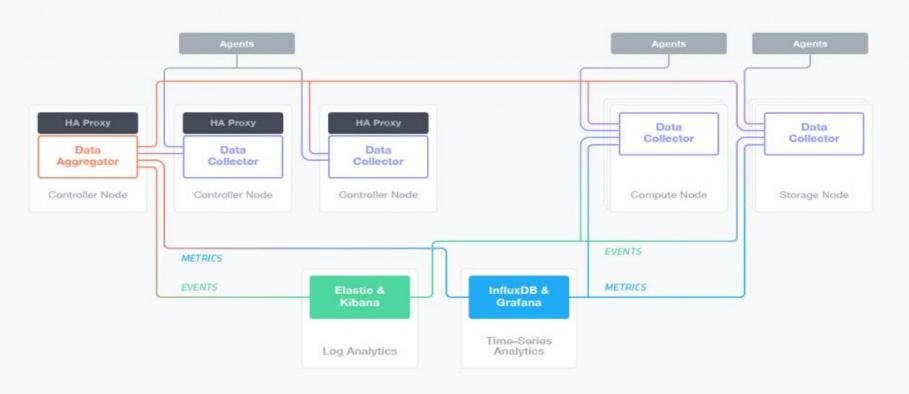
#### Applications - Real time Analytics

Real-Time Analytics Geolocation Application with InfluxDB



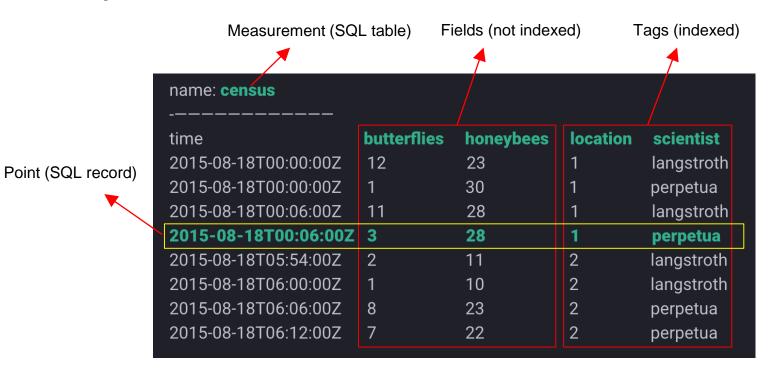
## Applications - Cloud and OpenStack

OpenStack Alerts, Log and Metrics Management with InfluxDB



# SCHEMA & DATA MODEL

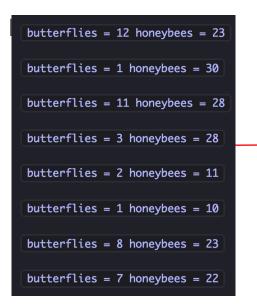
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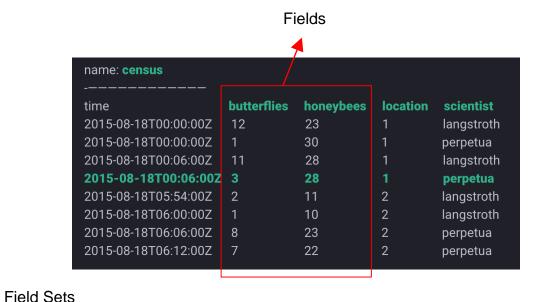


#### **Fields**

Field keys store meta data

Field values are your data



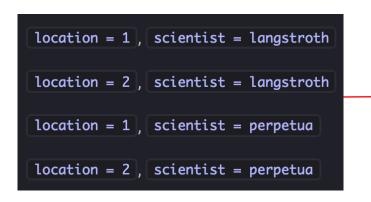


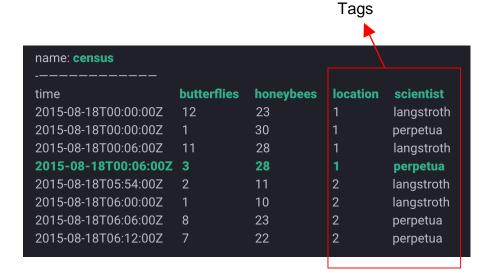
## Tags

Tag keys and values record metadata

Indexed

Tags are optional





Tag Set

#### Measurement

Container for tags, fields & time column

Conceptually similar to SQL table

A "measurement" can belong to multiple "retention policies"

name: <b>census</b>				
time	butterflies	honeybees	location	scientist
2015-08-18T00:00:00Z	12	23	1	langstroth
2015-08-18T00:00:00Z	1	30	1	perpetua
2015-08-18T00:06:00Z	11	28	1	langstroth
2015-08-18T00:06:00Z	3	28	1	perpetua
2015-08-18T05:54:00Z	2	11	2	langstroth
2015-08-18T06:00:00Z	1	10	2	langstroth
2015-08-18T06:06:00Z	8	23	2	perpetua
2015-08-18T06:12:00Z	7	22	2	perpetua

#### Retention Policy (RP)

- Life of the data [DURATION]
- Copies stored in cluster [REPLICATION]
- "shard group" duration [SHARD DURATION]
- RP is unique per DB
- `autogen` is the default RP
  - DURATION = INF
  - REPLICATION = 1
  - SHARD DURATION = 7d

#### Retention Policy

InfluxQL command:

CREATE RETENTION POLICY < retention\_policy\_name> ON < database\_name>
DURATION < duration> REPLICATION < n> [SHARD DURATION < duration>]
[DEFAULT]

# of data nodes that have the copy

Example:

CREATE RETENTION POLICY "one\_day\_only" ON "NOAA\_water\_database" DURATION 1d REPLICATION 1 SHARD DURATION 1h DEFAULT

#### Measurement (Coming back!)

Container for tags, fields & time column

Conceptually similar to SQL table

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Duration + Replication + Shard Duration

#### Series

• Collection of data that share retention policy, measurement & tag set

series 1 au-		
Series i du	togen	location = 1 , scientist = angstroth
series 2 au	togen	location = 2 , scientist = .angstroth
series 3 au	togen	location = 1 , scientist = perpetua
series 4 au	togen	location = 2 , scientist = perpetua

#### **Point**

(Measurement + Tag Set) remember?

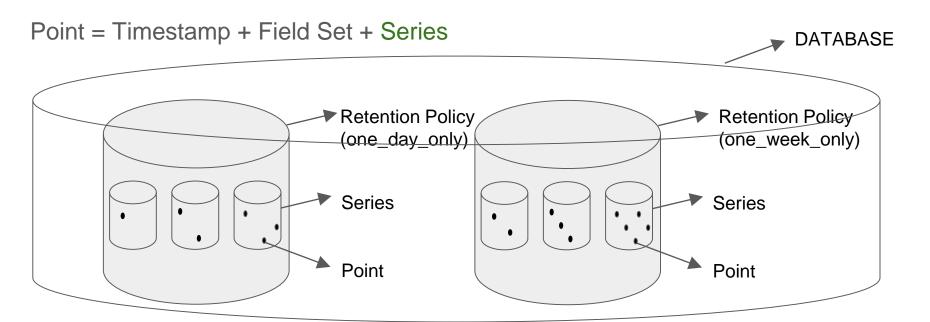
- Field set in the same series for a given timestamp
- Conceptually similar to an SQL record

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time	butterflies	honeybees	location	scientist	
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2015-08-18T06:00:00Z	1	10	2	langstroth	
2015-08-18T06:06:00Z	8	23	2	perpetua	
2015-08-18T06:12:00Z	7	22	2	perpetua	

#### Tricky!

Retention Policy = A bucket of, <u>duration (life)</u> + [replication factor + shard duration]

Series = Retention Policy + Measurement + Tag Set



#### **DISTRIBUTION**

"InfluxDB is distributed by design"

## Why distributed database?

- Provides reliability
  - Data is located in multiple nodes in the cluster

- Offers scalability
  - For both write and query load

## Sharding

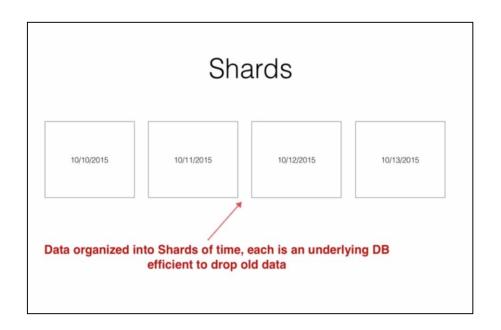
- Lets us scale out
- Improves query and write performance
- Splits data on time field

#### Shard

Contiguous block of time

Represented by file on disk

 Contains a specific set of "series" for a given time duration

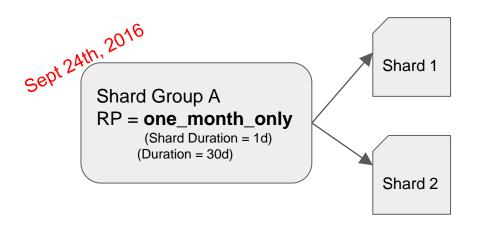


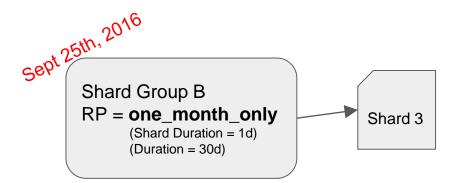
#### Shard Group

• Just logical containers — Duration + Replication Factor + Shard Duration

Organized by "retention policy"

Contains 1 or more shards



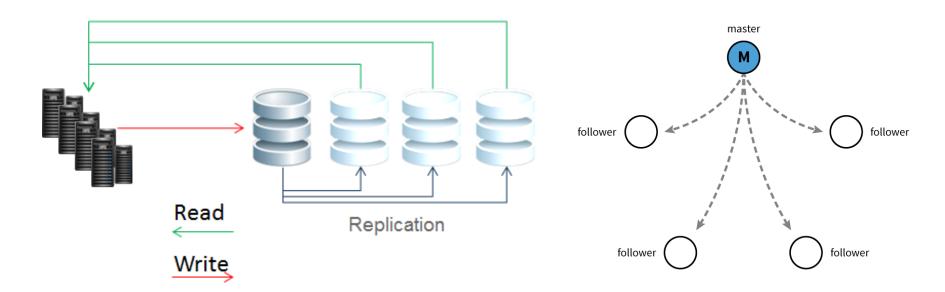


- Each shard stores a specific set of series
- All points in same series are stored in same shard.

### Replication

### Duration + Replication Factor + Shard Duration

- Redundancy to prevent data loss
- Retention Policy determines the replication factor



### Pros

- InfluxDB is a schema-less DB. Tags and Fields can be added on the fly!
- Optimized for high volume of reads and writes
- Writing of data in time ascending order is super fast

### Cons

- No table joins due to schema-less design
- Updates and deletes are significantly restricted
- Writing of data with random times is slow

# Influx QL

# Comparing to SQL

Timing is everything!

Dynamic schema

#### Not CRUD

measurement	SQL Table
point	Rows
fields	Unindexed columns
tags	Indexed columns
Retention policies / Continuous Queries	Stored Procedures / Materialized views

```
name: foodships
tags: park id=1, planet=Earth
                    # foodships
time
2015-04-16T12:00:00Z 0
2015-04-16T12:00:01Z 3
name: foodships
tags: park id=2, planet=Saturn
time
                     # foodships
2015-04-16T12:00:02Z 10
2015-04-16T12:00:03Z 14
```

### InfluxQL

SELECT \* FROM "foodships" WHERE "planet" = 'Saturn' AND time > '2015-04-16 12:00:01'

Tags are strings

Relative or Absolute

### SELECT

#### Regex - For tags.

```
SELECT "level" + 2 FROM "h2o_feet" WHERE location !~ /./
```

#### Tag and Field Value

```
SELECT * FROM "h2o_feet" WHERE "location" = 'gainesville'
AND "level" + 2 > 10
```

```
SELECT "level"::field, "location"::tag FROM "h2o_feet"
```

#### Comparators

= equal to

!= not equal to

> greater than

< less than

=~ matches against

!~ doesn't match against

### **GROUP BY**

#### Tags

```
SELECT MEAN("level") FROM "h2o_feet" GROUP BY "location"
```

#### Time Interval

```
SELECT MEAN("level") FROM "h2o_feet" WHERE time > now() - 2w GROUP
BY "location", time(3d, -1d)
```

- u Microseconds
- ms Milliseconds
- s Seconds
- m Minutes
- h Hours
- d Days
- w Weeks

now() → current time

### **GROUP BY**

#### Fill

```
SELECT MEAN("level") FROM h2o_feet WHERE time >= '2015-08-18' AND time < '2015-09-24' GROUP

BY time(10d) fill(-100)
```

#### Options in **fill** clause:

None

Previous

Null

Any numerical value!

# Regex

### Regex

```
SELECT * FROM /.*/ LIMIT 1

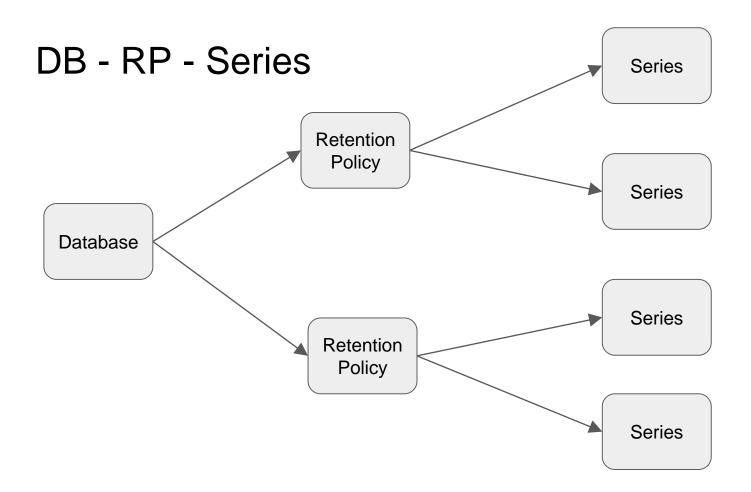
SELECT * FROM /.*temperature.*/ LIMIT 5

SELECT * FROM "h2o_feet" WHERE "location" !~ /.*a.*/ LIMIT 4
```

Tags are Strings!

Cast Fields

```
SELECT "level"::float FROM "h2o_feet" LIMIT 4
```



# Downsampling

#### INTO

Relocate Data to another database, retention policy, measurement.

```
SELECT "level" INTO "h2o_feet_copy" FROM "h2o_feet" WHERE "location" = 'coyote_creek'
```

#### Downsample

```
SELECT MEAN("level") INTO "average" FROM "h2o_feet" WHERE "location" = 'santa_monica' AND
time >= now() - 2w GROUP BY time(12m)
```

### LIMIT and SLIMIT

Return 3 from each series.

```
SELECT "level" FROM "h2o_feet" GROUP BY * LIMIT 3
```

Return 3 oldest from one of the series

```
SELECT "level" FROM "h2o_feet" GROUP BY * LIMIT 3 SLIMIT 1
```

### Continuous Queries

#### Humongous Data!

```
CREATE CONTINUOUS QUERY "mean" on "h2o db" BEGIN
SELECT min("level") INTO "min_level" FROM "h2o_feet" GROUP BY time(1d)END
CREATE CONTINUOUS QUERY "mean_sample" ON "h2o_db"
RESAMPLE EVERY 15m FOR 60m BEGIN
     SELECT min("level") AS "miniscule", max("h2o_feet") AS "monstrous" INTO
     "h2o_feet_min" FROM "h2o_feet" GROUP BY time(30m)
END
```

### Continuous Query

```
CREATE CONTINUOUS QUERY [name of continuous query] ON [name of db] [RESAMPLE
[EVERY interval] [FOR interval]] BEGIN
        SELECT [inner part of select] INTO [new measurement] FROM
[measurement]
        GROUP BY time([frequency]), [tags]
END
```

EVERY Clause specified how frequently the CQ will run. FOR Clause specifies how far back the CQ resample.

# Design Policies

#### Do's

Commonly queried → Tags.

Group By  $\rightarrow$  Tags

InfluxQL function → Fields

Non string data → Field

#### Don'ts

Series cardinality

Kinds of info in a single tag

# Database Management

#### Create db

```
curl -i -XPOST http://localhost:8086/query --data-urlencode "q=CREATE DATABASE pirates"
CREATE DATABASE pirates
```

#### Insert Data

```
INSERT INTO treasures,captain_id=pirate_king value=2

curl -i -XPOST 'http://localhost:8086/write?db=pirates' --data-binary 'treasures
,captain_id=pirate_king value=2 '
```

# Database Management

#### Writing from a file

```
curl -i -XPOST 'http://localhost:8086/write?db=pirates' --data-binary @treasures.txt
```

#### Querying Data using http

Max row limit

```
curl -GET 'http://localhost:8086/query?pretty=true' --data-urlencode "db=pirates" --data-
urlencode "q=SELECT \"value\" FROM \"treasures\" WHERE \"captain_id\"='pirate_king'"
    epoch=[h,m,s,ms,u,ns]
    Chunk size
```

# TSM - InfluxDB Storage Engine

- TSM Time Structured Merge
- Very Similar to LSM Log Structured Merge
  - Cassandra, LevelDB

# Requirements

High Write throughput

Data Compression

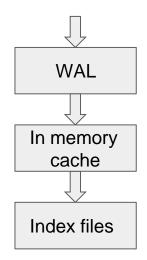
Simultaneous reads and writes without blocking

Columnar format

No limit on number of fields.

# TSM Components & Data Flow

Time Series Data



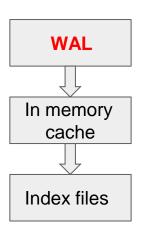
# WAL - Write ahead log

Append only file

Success message sent to the user

First entry point from which data corruption handled

Fsync data with In memory cache



# In memory cache

2 Internal Cache components

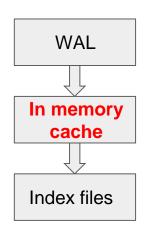
Regular write cache

Flush Cache

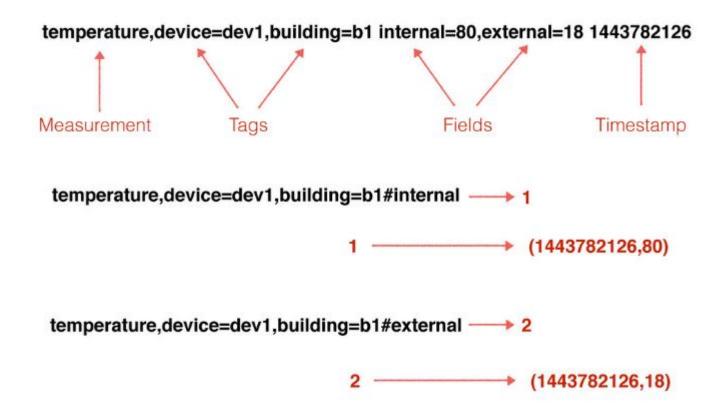
Memory Threshold

Data is split and stored.

Map[String] Values



### In memory cache



### Index/Data files - on Disk

Contiguous Data blocks.

Can overlap on time - but a series within cannot.

**DF** - 1

Min: 10000

Max: 25000

DF - 2

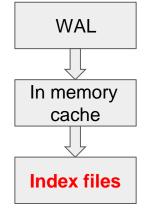
Min: 15000

Max: 30000

DF - 3

Min: 35000

Max: 60000



Series A Min: 10000

Max: 14000

Series A

Min: 15000

Max: 30000

Series A

Min: 35000

Max: 60000

# Properties:

Read only

**Periodic Compaction** 

Compressed data

DF - 1

Min: 10000

Max: 25000

DF - 2

Min: 15000

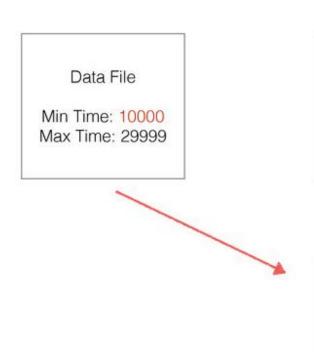
Max: 30000

DF - 3

Min: 35000

Max: 60000

# The Index



Data File

Min Time: 30000 Max Time: 39999

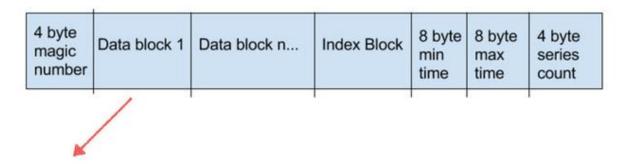
Data File

Min Time: 10000 Max Time: 99999 Data File

Min Time: 70000 Max Time: 99999

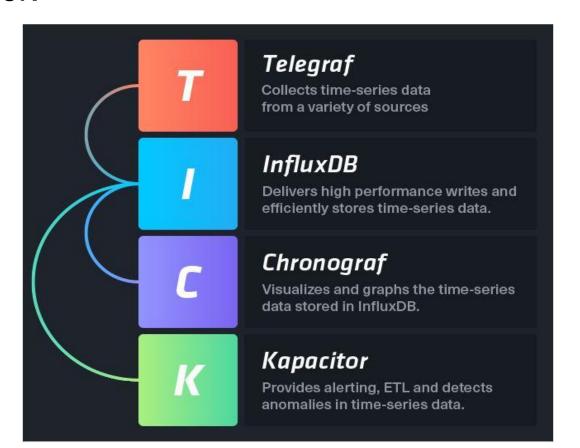
they periodically get compacted (like LSM)

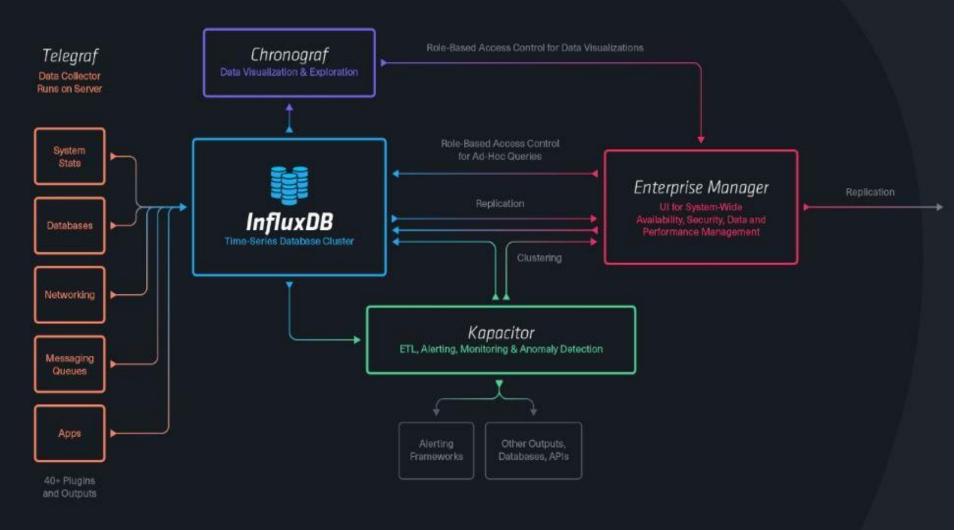
# Data File Layout



8 byte uint64 ID	4 byte uint32 length	8 byte min timestamp	Compressed block	
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