Cloud Database Management System (CDBMS)

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Abstract: Cloud database management system is a distributed database that delivers computing as a service. It is sharing of web infrastructure for resources, software and information over a network. The cloud is used as a storage location and database can be accessed and computed from anywhere. The large number of web application makes the use of distributed storage solution in order to scale up. It enables user to outsource the resource and services to the third party server. This paper include, the recent trend in cloud service based on database management system and offering it as one of the services. The advantages and disadvantages of database as a service will let you to decide either to use database as a service or not. This paper also will highlight the architecture of cloud based on database management system.

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1. INTRODUCTION

A cloud computing term refer to delivery of computing resources over the internet, that is, we are using the services over internet at another location to store information instead of keeping data on your own hard-disk or application for your need. To use software and hardware resources which are managed by third parties at remote location. A cloud services reduces the cost and complexity of owning and operating computer networks and provide scalability, reliability and efficiency. In cloud computing the database outsourcing has become very important component nowadays. To the third parties there is very growing interest in outsourcing database management task, which provide task for lower cost due to economy scale. Outsourcing model reduces cost for running DBMS.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 DBMS Characteristics

A collection of programs which enables you to store, modify, and to extract information from a database called as DBMS. A database management system (DBMS) is some kind of a software package with computer programs which control the creation, maintenance, and use of a database system. So it is a collection of data records, files and other objects. DBMS generally supports query languages, which are high-level programming languages. The characteristics are:

1) Self-describing nature of a Dbms: Database System contains the database itself as well as the descriptions of data structure and constraints (metadata).
2) Support multiple views of data: View is a subset of the database which is defined and dedicated for particular users of the system. The Multiple users in the system might have different views of the system.
3) Data sharing: In data sharing the integration of the whole data in an organization has the ability to produce more information from a given amount of data.
4) Data independence: System data are separated from the application programs and changes to the data structure are handled by the DBMS and not embedded in the program.
5) DBMS provides backup as well as recovery facilities: If the computer system fails in the complex update process, the recovery subsystem is restored to the stage it was in before the process started executing.
6) Restricting unauthorized access: The DBMSs should provide a security subsystem to create and control the user accounts. The examples of database applications are: computerized library systems, automated teller machines, flight reservation systems, computerized parts inventory systems.

2.2 Cloud Characteristics

Cloud computing is a sharing of resources to achieve coherence and economies of scale, similar to a utility
over a network. The cloud service also focuses on maximizing the effectiveness of the shared resources. The cloud resources are usually shared by multiple users as well as dynamically reallocated per demand. The cloud characteristics are:

1) On-demand self-service: A consumer can gain computing capabilities, such as server time and network storage, as needed automatically without requiring human interaction with each service’s provider.

2) Measured service: The cloud systems automatically control and optimize resource use by leveraging a metering capability at some level of abstraction appropriate to the type of service. The resource usage is managed, controlled and reported, providing transparency for both the provider and consumer of the utilized service.

3) Resource pooling capability: The computing resources are pooled to serve multiple consumers using a multi-tenant model, with different physical and virtual resources dynamically assigned and then reassigned according to consumer demand.

4) Broad network access: The capabilities are available over the network and are accessed through standard mechanisms that promote use by heterogeneous thin or thick client platforms (e.g., mobile phones, laptops, and PDAs).

5) Rapid elasticity: The cloud is flexible and scalable to suit your immediate business needs. You can easily remove users, software features, and other resources also.

2.3 CDBMSs

A cloud DBMS (CDBMS) is distributed database that delivers computing as a service instead of product, which allow sharing of resources and information between multiple devices over internet. CDBMS provide managed backup, restore and automated scheduling you may also able to pay little or nothing for unused time. One of the known example of this is SaaS (software as a service), which is an application that delivers through the browser to customers. SaaS also handle all software upgrades and make them promptly. A cloud database management system is a database that typically runs on a cloud computing platform, such as Amazon EC2, GoGrid, Salesforce and Rackspace. There are two methods to run a database on the cloud.

1) Virtual machine: A cloud platforms allow users to purchase virtual machine instances for a limited time and also possible to run a database on these virtual machines. The users uses their own machine image with a database installed on it as well as use ready-made machine images that already include an optimized installation of a database. For example, an Oracle provides ready-made machine image which have an installation of Oracle Database 11g Enterprise Edition on Amazon EC2.

2) Database as a service: Some of the cloud platforms offer options for using a database as a service but without physically launching a virtual machine instance for the database and this configuration. They do not have to install and maintain the database on their own. The provider which provides database service takes responsibility for installing and maintaining the database also the application owners pay according to their use. For example, Amazon Web Services provides three database services as part of its cloud service, an SQL-based database service with a MySQL interface.

3. CLOUD SERVICE IN DBMS

The DBMS is a software that user use to create, delete and maintain a database. Due to introduction of cloud computing DBMS has emerged into a new type of a service having its own benefit. A cloud database is a database that involves variety of designing, developing of hardware and software. It is a system in which variety of computers are connected through network such as internet. Traditional DBMS are not well versed to deal with the growing demands of cloud computing. If DBMS is used as service for a larger package, it would likely be effective in its duties and cheaper in long run. The concept of the DBMS has been around since the beginning of electronic computing. Database management systems are one of the oldest integral components of computing, essentially making it possible and easy to scan, retrieve and organize data on hard drives and networks. All DBMS, whether traditional or cloud-based, act as communicators between the operating system and the database. How is cloud dbms different from traditional dbms? Cloud based dbms works on large volume of data that would exhaust a classical dbms. However inspite of being scalable cloud dbms are still somewhat lacking to process extreme large data. This is expected to be dealt in the coming years. Currently the cloud dbms are used for testing and development of new cloud processes and application. Cloud DBMS combines data structures and the data query language and utilize all of dbms components or may devise new strategies that combine one or more elements. Most of the organizations are exploring their choice of working on cloud dbms instead of existing service. This strategy saves time spent on developing cloud DBMS’s as well as enhances their overall efficiency, since traditional modeling languages are more than adequate for handling data. Despite the benefits of cloud-based DBMS, many people still prefers existing system. This is most likely due to the various security issues that have yet to be dealt with. These security issues involve the fact that cloud DBMS are hard to monitor since they often span across multiple hardware servers and contains variety of data and large amount of information is entered. Security becomes a serious
issue with cloud DBMS because most of the services are outsourced to the third party, which makes it difficult to maintain the data security. There is however proposed method for dealing with these issues. The security issues include identity management, computing resources, application security, privacy, legal issues. A network security agent may be unable to handle extremely large and dense volumes of activity / traffic in case of deployment of an autonomous network agent, which rigorously monitor all activities related to database access and computations. Arguably, the best solution for dealing with security issues is to employ continuous database auditing to deal with security. This will involve setting up a system that will continuously record, analyze and report on all activities regarding database access, specifically suspicious database access. All record information regarding these activities is logged and stored in an extremely remote and secure location with alerts being sent out to cloud agent/management in the critical situations. This will provide the in charge of security with the relevant logs information necessary to determine who is responsible, where the suspicious person is located as well as the specifics of their machine / hardware and diagnose it. While the complete deployment of a dedicated and thorough cloud DBMS hasn’t occurred yet, it is under the continuous development. The emergence of a new proposed solution for database management as a cloud service models will open the door to a new era of cloud computing. Many of the cloud databases are developed to run on a cluster of hundreds to thousands of nodes, and are capable of growing and serving data ranging from hundreds of terabytes to petabytes. Compared with classical relational database server, cloud databases may offer less querying capability and often weaker consistency guarantees, but it provide scalability and elasticity. Unlike traditional database, cloud database data is stored on dynamic server instead of a dedicated server.

4. Why DBMS in cloud?
Database Management Systems as a cloud service are designed to run as a scalable, elastic service available on a cloud platform. Cloud based DBMS are structured only as a cloud offering and are not relational. For example, SQL Azure built by Microsoft is fully relational DBMS, while SQL services by Microsoft, Amazon’s simple-db and Google’s Big Table solution are distributed database cluster and have different persistence models. Cloud based DBMS services are dynamic and have distributed environment with elastic resources allocation, for use in simple as well as complex transactions. Most of the currently available DBMS engines will run on cloud infrastructure, but are not specifically structured to take advantage of the cloud. This difference is the reason for the change in name from “DBMS in the Cloud” to “cloud service based on DBMS”; running on cloud infrastructure does not define a cloud service based on DBMS. All the cloud DBMS that are currently available are relatively new. Microsoft’s SQL azure, the only fully relational DBMS available, began its full production in 2012 and still has some size limitations; Microsoft plans to reduce these restrictions, and eventually lift. All the cloud DBMS that are currently available are relatively new. Microsoft’s SQL azure, the only fully relational DBMS available, began its full production in 2012 and still has some size limitations; Microsoft plans to reduce these restrictions, and eventually lift. Now a day, DBMS as a cloud service are used primarily for development and testing of applications- where database sizes are small and issues of security and collocation with multiple people are not concern. One big advantages of cloud DBMS is its elasticity: the less you use, the less you pay; the more you use, the more you pay. Elasticity is a dynamic property that gives permission for a system scale to be increased on demand. Initially, cloud DBMSs will benefit for vendors desiring a less expensive platform for development. As cloud infrastructure with DBMS gains maturity especially in scalability, elasticity, reliability and security. Cloud infrastructure is used for implementations in short-term projects and rapid development platforms will show marked reductions in cost, compared with implementations within the IT industry. This advantages reinforced by the ability to set up a cloud DBMS environment without the use of expensive IT personnel. The speed of setup will be a primary driver to rapid the deployment of systems without the usual requirements and planning necessary for IT projects within the IT industry. This will also minimize the necessity for IT to respond to short notice and short duration projects, reducing overall costs and saving time in IT department. Data management applications are potential candidates for deployment in the cloud. This is due to on premises enterprise database management system typically comes with a large, sometimes restrictive up-front cost, both in software and hardware. For many small vendors and companies (especially for start-ups and medium-sized businesses), the pay as-you-go cloud computing project, along with having someone else maintaining the hardware. Due to the rapid-increasing need for more analysis over more data in today’s corporate world, along with an architectural match that is currently available deployment options, we conclude that mostly read analytical data management applications are better suited for deployment in the cloud than transactional data management applications. We thus conclude a research agenda for large scale analysis of data in the
cloud infrastructure, showing why currently available systems are not ideally-suited for cloud deployment, and arguing that there is a need to design a new DBMS, architected specifically for cloud computing platforms.

5. DBMS IN CLOUD ARCHITECTURE

![DBMS in Cloud Architecture](image)

Above figure is a DBMS in Cloud Architecture, the first layer contains the storage layer, followed by databases layer and the upper layer is application layer. It provides efficient data access with a better distribution of values for the data. It stores frequently used SQL statements in memory in terms of performance and avoids the need for time-consuming recompilation at run-time. At the storage layer data is encrypted when stored in the database or backed up with no need of programming to encrypt and decrypt the database. The application layer produces a detailed report on each step used for data access and allows to accurately implement the performance enhancements.

6. ADVANTAGES OF CLOUD DATABASE

The cloud computing has given a new dimension to IT industry and the companies are looking to adopt cloud services rather than investing a huge money in getting the infrastructure for own database system. This advent in computing and cloud computing, the cloud database is also picking up its pace in making its permanent place in IT world. There are a number of advantages that make it preferable and adoptable by a huge number of companies for its matchless services in a very cost saving manner. If the companies do not get the services of a cloud database, then they will have to invest huge money for setting up their own data centers and then hiring separate staff to manage and take care of all the data center processes. Here are few advantages of adopting cloud database.

I. The technology has changed the way of business, and now the people use to shop over the internet and they rely on shopping for saving their time. This change in the business has let the companies think about the fastest way they can do business over the internet. There was a time when software needed to be installed to access the database of the company but now a day the employees even don’t have time to install software on their computer rather they prefer to use a ready to available resources. They prefer to use the cloud database so that they can access the information stored in their database without wasting any time.

II. The other advantage of using a cloud database is that it saves a lot of money. The company does not need to invest money in setting up their own data centers and then managing it by hiring extra staff for this purpose. Moreover, after setting up a data center, the company will need to buy the softwares as well and their maintenance is also required.

III. The cloud database service providers of DBaaS providers also make the customer free from the tensions of making any immediate changes in the database. On the other hand, the cloud database providers also offer scalability on the peak times that does not let the performance of the company go down.

IV. Cloud computing has given the freedom to access the information from anywhere without any boundaries of getting to your personal computer at home. This makes it a very powerful technology and the companies prefer it as the customers, employees or the authorities of the companies can get the formation they want from anywhere at any time.

V. There are many other benefits of cloud database as well, that makes it the best option available to the larger organizations and companies who need to hold terabytes of data. The cloud database makes the availability of data possible anytime from anywhere.

7. DISADVANTAGES OF CLOUD DATABASE

As there are advantages of using a cloud database, there are disadvantages as well. The disadvantages can be alarming sometimes for the companies.

I. The companies have to pay for the usage of the cloud database as per decided. Every time the data is transferred from the database, the company will have to pay each time. If the traffic of the company for transferring data with the database is high then the company may be paying than its expectations.

II. The other disadvantage of using a cloud database is that, we do not have a full control over the server where our database is being held. We do not have the control over the softwares installed on those computers. You cannot do anything to make the
security of cloud database strong. The client will have to rely on the provider only. The security issues can be a big problem for the companies.

III. The data you have hosted on the cloud database is totally dependent on the service provider. The data and information about a company are the most important asset for the organization. The organizations cannot afford to lose its information about its customers and company policies. If the information is given in the wrong hands then the company or the organization may face heavy losses.

IV. As there are masses of data hosted on the cloud database so it is very difficult to transfer that data to your computer. For this purpose, internet speed must be high. On the other hand, the traditional database can transfer data at a very high speed.

V. If the client wants to switch database from one service provider to new one, then he may face problems. The reason is that each service provides use their own methods and techniques for storing data. The organization must be very careful about the selection of DBaaS provider.

VI. In case of cloud database, the data is to be fetched via internet, so if the server is down, then it may cause inability to access the data from the server. This causes huge losses when the information is not available when needed.

8. CONCLUSION
As suggested in this paper clouds can be used with distributed database for handling large volume of data. It enhances reliability, elasticity, availability, scalability and all these capabilities are provided at low cost with enhanced performance compared to the dedicated infrastructure. Cloud services based on DBMS are gaining acceptance from vendors desiring low cost of developmental platform. It present the idea of cloud service based on DBMS. It proposed architecture of cloud based on database management system. There are advantages and disadvantages as well; however the adoption the cloud database has proven that the advantages are more than the disadvantages.

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