

CS 591: Data Systems Architectures

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Today

big data

data-driven world

data systems *which are the main drivers?*

why do we need new designs?

CS591 goals & logistics



I want you to speak up!
[and you can always interrupt me]

CS591 philosophy



cutting-edge research

question everything (to understand it better!)

interactive & collaborative

Understanding a design/system/algorithm ...

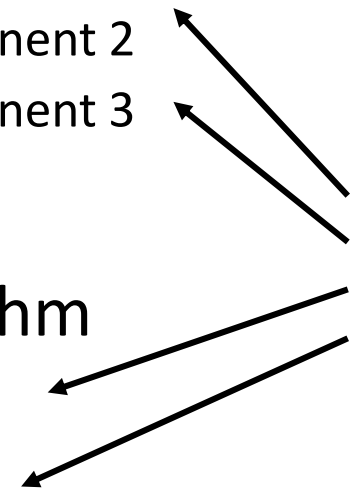
system

- component 1
- component 2
- component 3

algorithm

- step 1
- step 2
- step 3

why?
why not?

A diagram consisting of four arrows pointing from a central point on the right towards the components and steps of the system and algorithm. Two arrows point to 'component 2' and 'component 3' of the system, and two arrows point to 'step 1' and 'step 2' of the algorithm.

understanding all steps and all decisions
helps us see the ***big picture***
and do **good research!**

(otherwise we make ad hoc choices!)



Ask Questions!

... and answer my questions!

our **main goal** is to have **interesting discussions** that will help to gradually understand what the material discusses

(it's ok if not everything is clear, as long as you have questions!)

Read papers



every class **1 paper to discuss** in detail – **presented by a student**
(background papers to provide more details)

read all of them!

write reviews (every class 1 review, you can skip 3 reviews)

Presentations



for every class, **one student will be responsible for presenting** the paper (discussing all main points of a long review – see next slide)

during the presentation **anyone can ask questions** (including me!) and each question is **addressed to all** (including me!)

the presenting student will **prepare slides and questions**

Reviews



5 long reviews and the rest short reviews

short review (up to half page)

Par. 1: what is the problem & why it is important

Par. 2: what is the main idea of the solution

long review (up to one page)

what is the problem & why it is important?

why is it hard & why older approaches are not enough?

what is key idea and why it works?

what is missing and how can we improve this idea?

does the paper supports its claims?

possible next steps of the work presented in the paper?

remember, this will helps us do **good research!**

Project theme: NoSQL key-value stores

... are everywhere



work on a *state-of-the-art* design

Project: open questions

tuning based on workload

quickly delete and free-up resources

exploit *data being sorted*

data *partitioning* for complex workloads

more on the website (soon)



A good project

has a clear plan by mid-way proposal (10% - early March)

evaluation at the end of the semester:

- (i) present the key ideas of the implementation/new approach
- (ii) present a set of experiments supporting your claims

come to OH!

(more details for the projects in Class 4 next week)

The ultimate reward!



ACM SIGMOD Undergrad Research Competition

The **top conference in data management**

ACM Special Interest Group in Data Management (SIGMOD)

receives submissions of *student research*

top 10-15 **are invited to present their work** at the conference

top-3 projects get an award and **invitation to present at the ACM level**
(all of computer science)



Class Goal

understand the internals of
data systems for data science

tune data systems through **adaptation** and **automation**

get acquainted with research in the area

Can I take this class?



background

programming
data structures
algorithms
comp. architecture

pre-req

CS460/660 & CS210 or CS350
contact Manos if not sure

how to be sure?

if familiar with most, then maybe!
if familiar with **none**, then no!

Next classes

Class 1-2

logistics, big data, data systems, trends and outlook

Class 3

more basics on data systems, systems classification, graph, cloud

Class 4

intro to class project

Class 5 and beyond

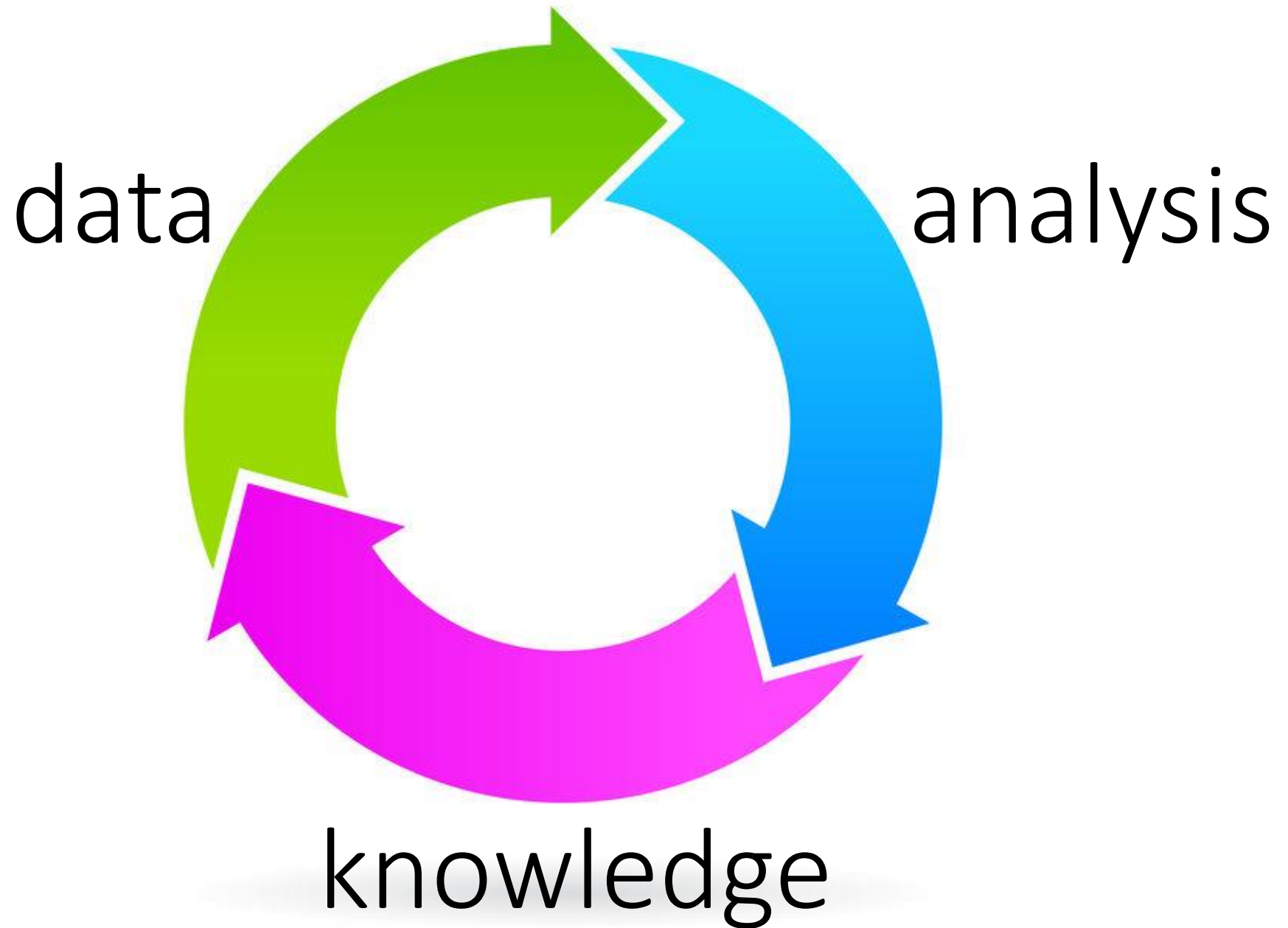
present and **discuss** research papers



big data?

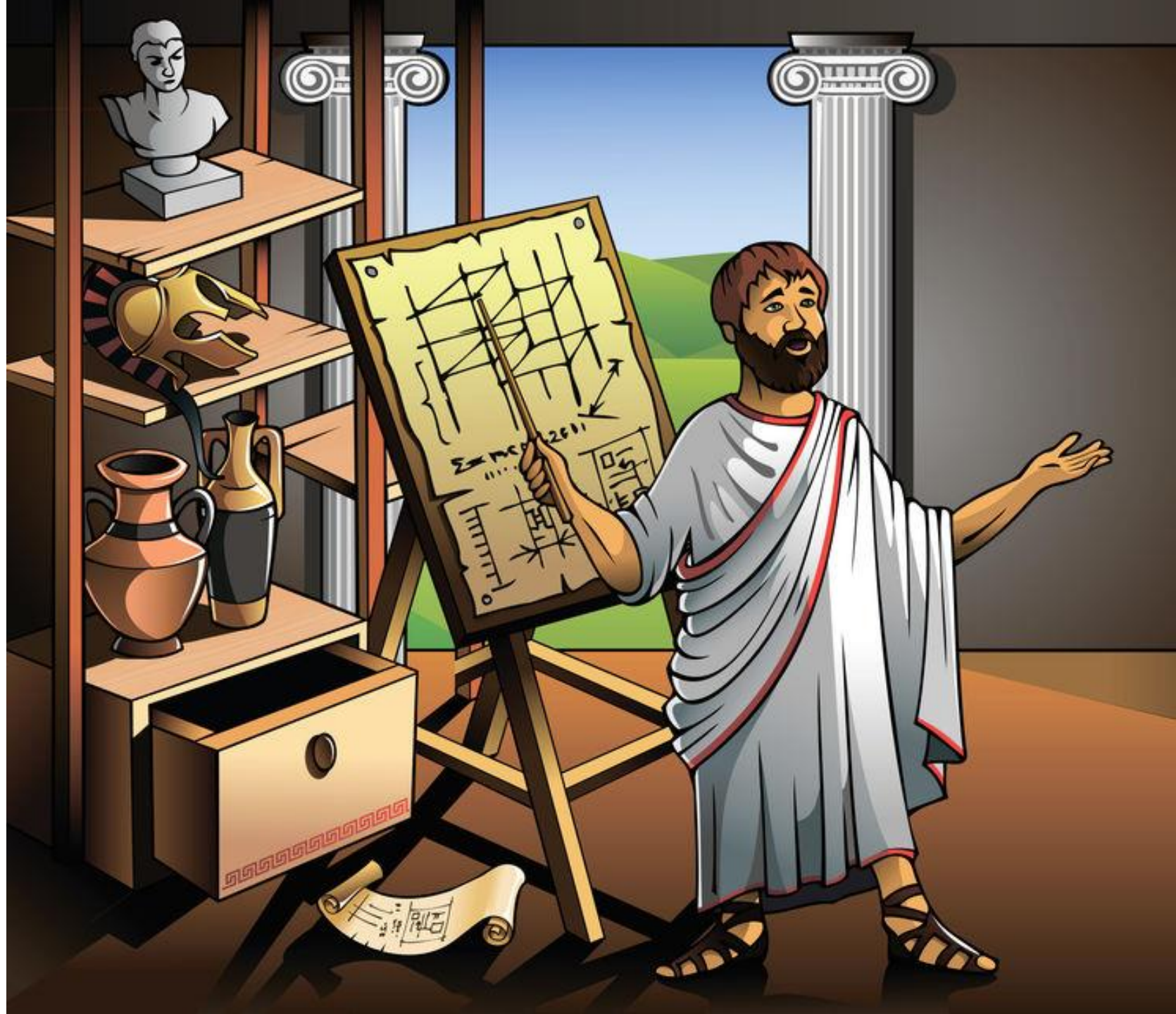
who doesn't have a lot of data?

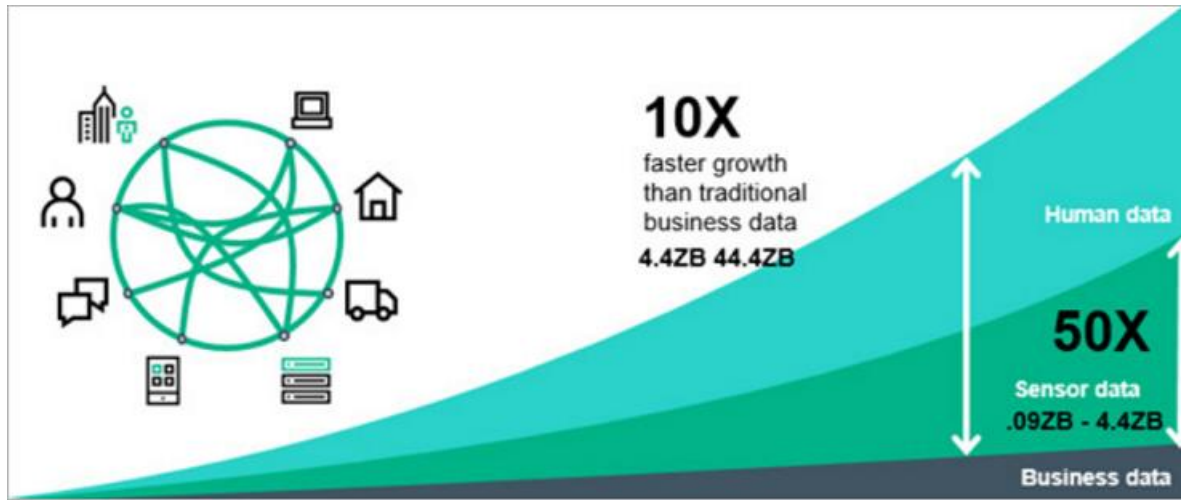
what is new?



is data
analysis new?

what is
really new?

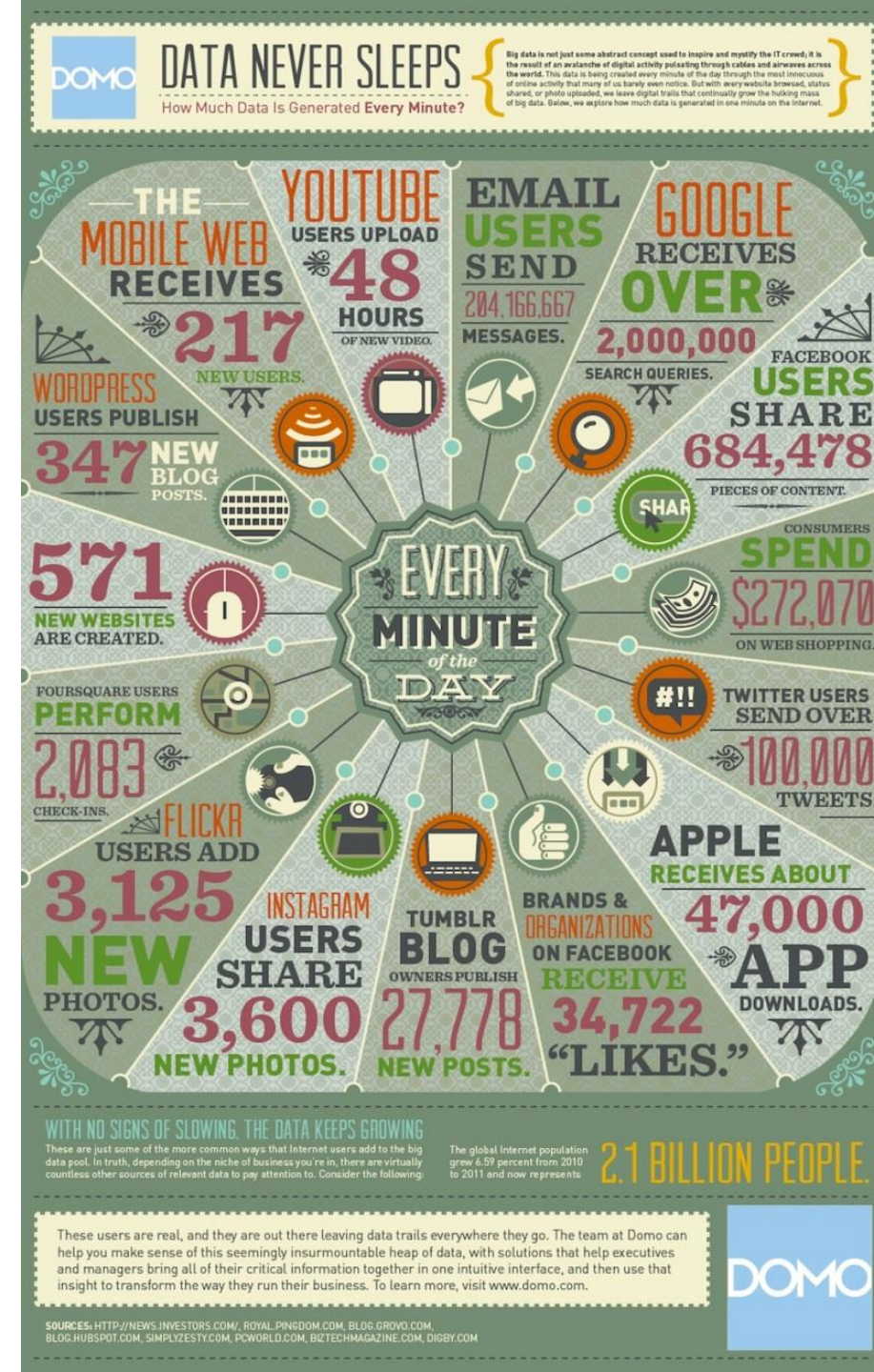




Every day, we create 2.5 exabytes* of data — 90% of the data in the world today has been created in the last two years alone.

[Understanding Big Data, IBM]

*exabyte = 10^9 GB



data management skills needed



100s of entries

pen & paper

10^3 - 10^6 of entries

unix tools and excel

10^9 of entries

custom solutions, programming

10^{12+} of entries

data systems

size (volume)

rate (velocity)

sources (variety)




big data

(it's not only about size)

all of the above plus ...


our ability to collect *machine-generated* data

 scientific experiments

 sensors

social 

monitoring 

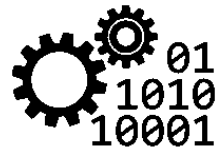
 micro-payments

Internet-of-Things 

cloud 

data analysis

***know what we
are looking for***

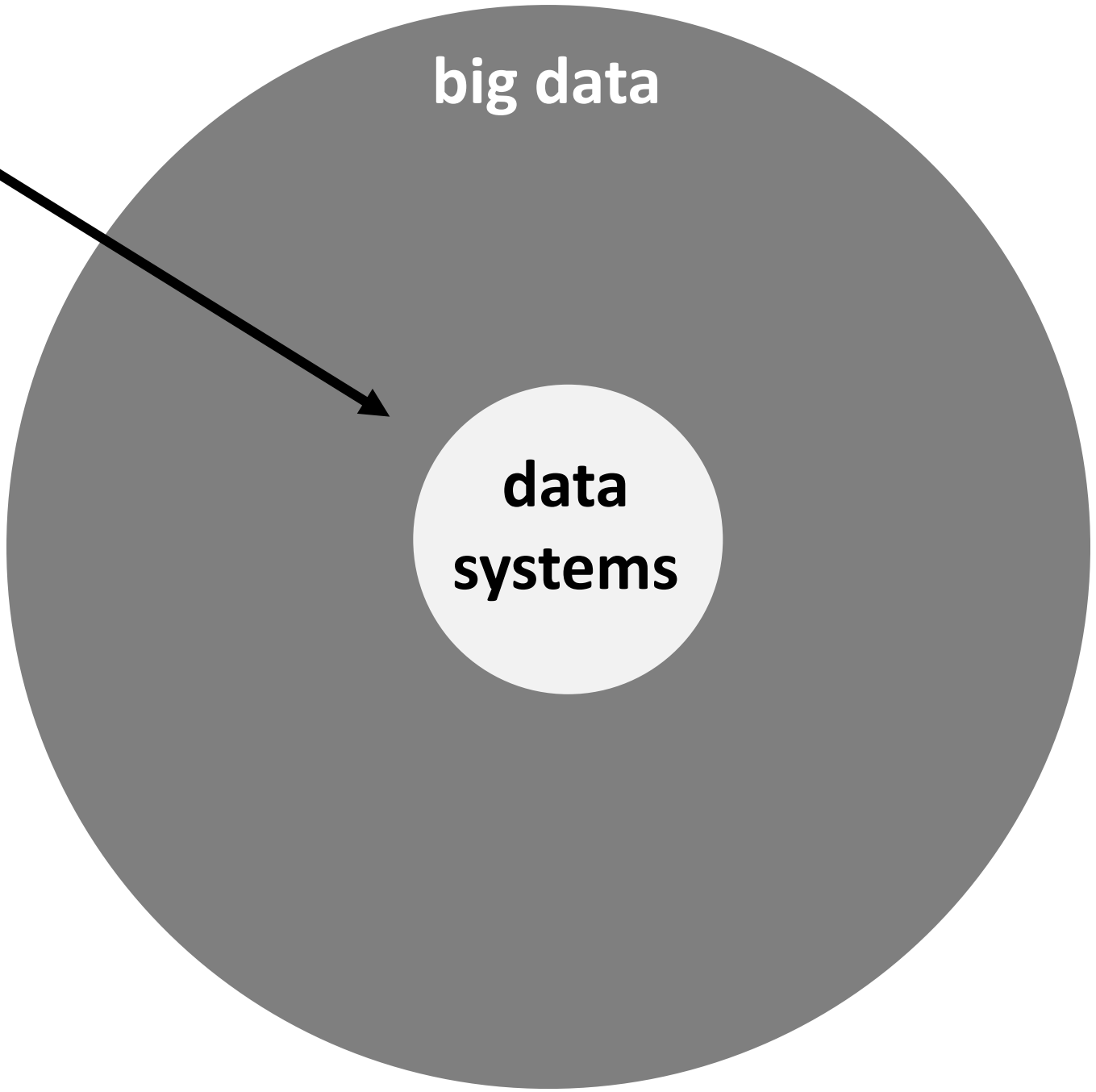
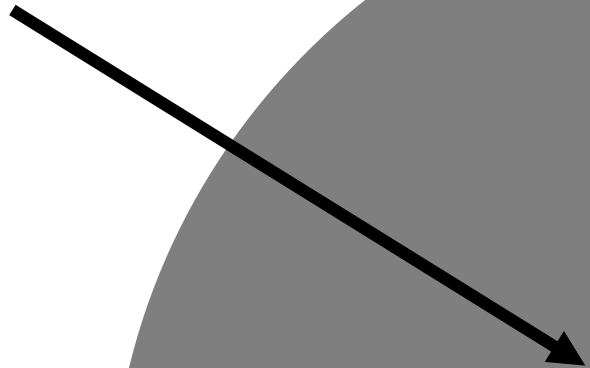


data exploration

***not sure what we
are looking for***



data systems are
in the middle of this!



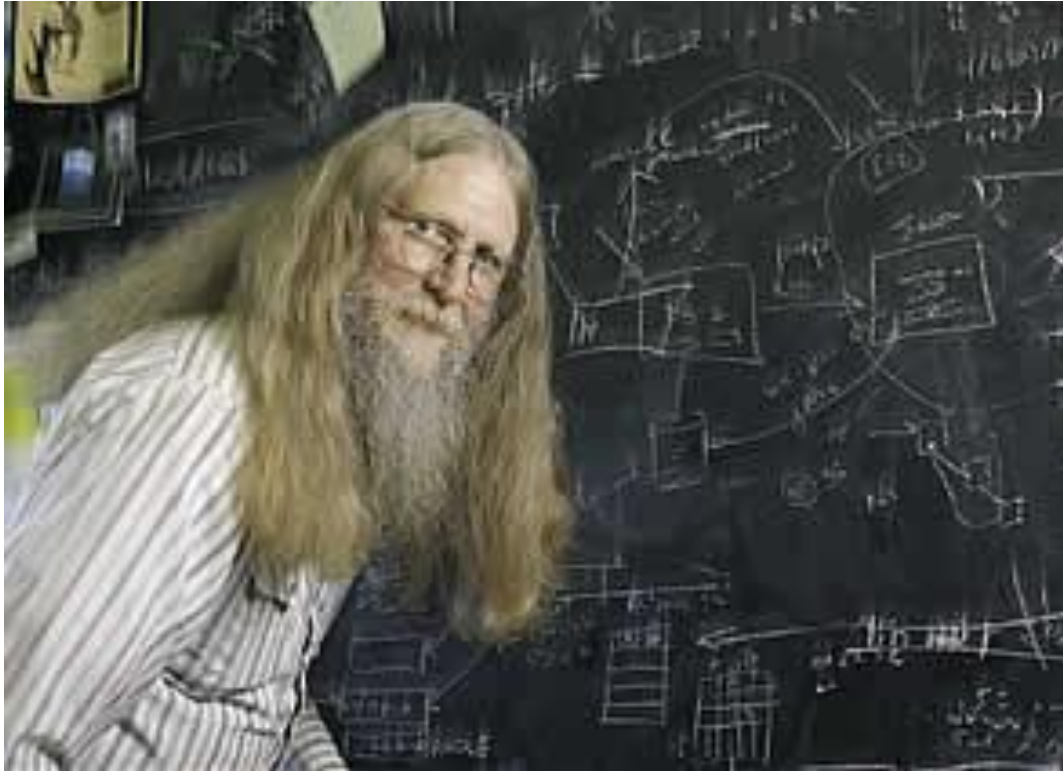
big data

**data
systems**

what is a **data system**?

a **data system** is a large software system
(a collection of algorithms and data structures)
that **stores data**, and provides the **interface** to
update and **access** them **efficiently**

the end goal is to make **data analysis** easy

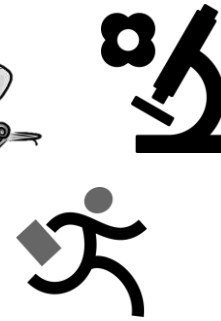


*“relational databases
are the foundation of
western civilization”*

Bruce Lindsay, IBM Research

ACM SIGMOD Edgar F. Codd Innovations award 2012

data systems are everywhere



growing need for tailored systems

future



Why?



new applications



new hardware



more data

ORACLE®

facebook



IBM

Google

The big success of 5 decades of research

a declarative interface!

“ask and thou shall receive”

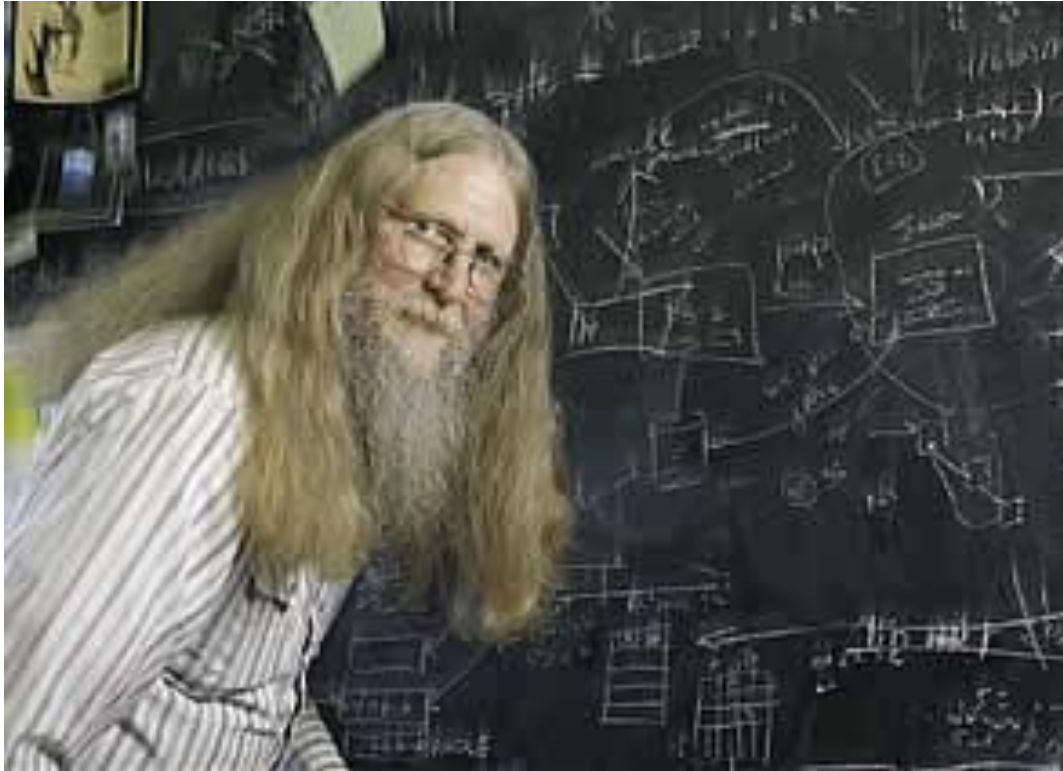
ask *what* you want

data system

system decides *how*
to store & access



is this good? why?

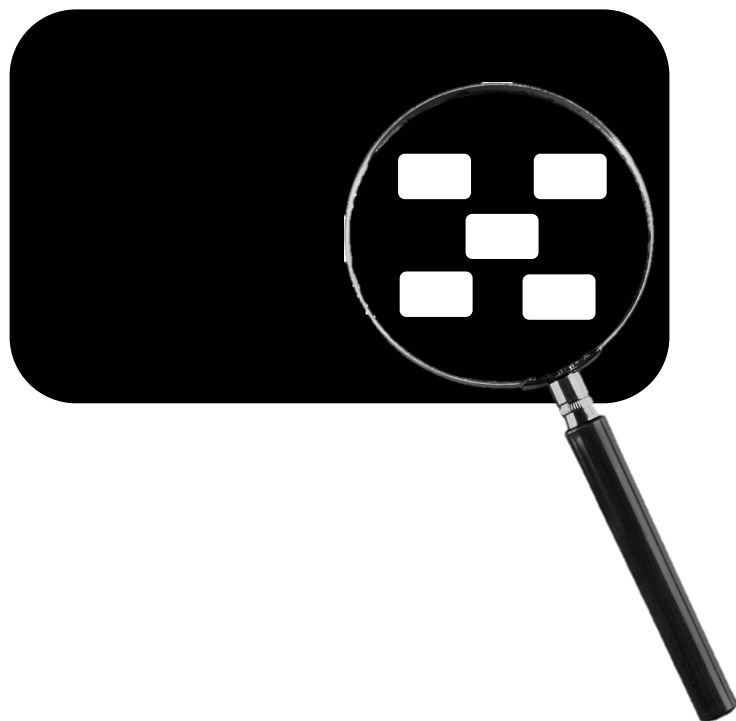


*“three things are important
in the database world:
**performance, performance,
and performance”***

Bruce Lindsay, IBM Research

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CS591: data systems **kernel** under the looking glass



this is where we will spend our time!

system architecture (row/column/hybrid)

indexing

relational/graph/key-value

scale-up/scale-out

goal: learn to design and implement a db kernel

how to design a data system kernel?

what are its basic components?

algorithms/data structures/caching policies

what decisions should we make?

how to combine? how to optimize for hardware?

how many options?

data system design complexity



application



performance



budget

thousands of options
millions of decisions
billions of combinations

let's think together: a simple db kernel

a key-value system, each entry is a {key,value} pair

main operations: *put, get, scan, range scan, count*

workload has both reads (*get, scan, range scan*) *and writes (put)*

data

how to store and how to access data?

how to efficiently delete?



designing a simple key-value system:

what is the key/value?

are they stored together?

can read/write ratio change over time?

what to use? b-tree, hash-table, scans, skip-lists, zonemaps?

how to handle concurrent queries? million concurrent queries?

how to compress data?

how to exploit multi-core, SIMD, GPUs?

what happens if data does not fit in memory?

what happens if data does not fit in a node?

other challenges of a db system

SQL queries

data system

(much) more than 1 user?

ensure complete/correct answers?

protect data breaches and privacy?

robust performance?

what happens when move to the cloud?



hardware at massive scale

performance tradeoffs different

10GB app: 1% less memory in your machine

10GB app: 1% less memory in 1M instances

so what?

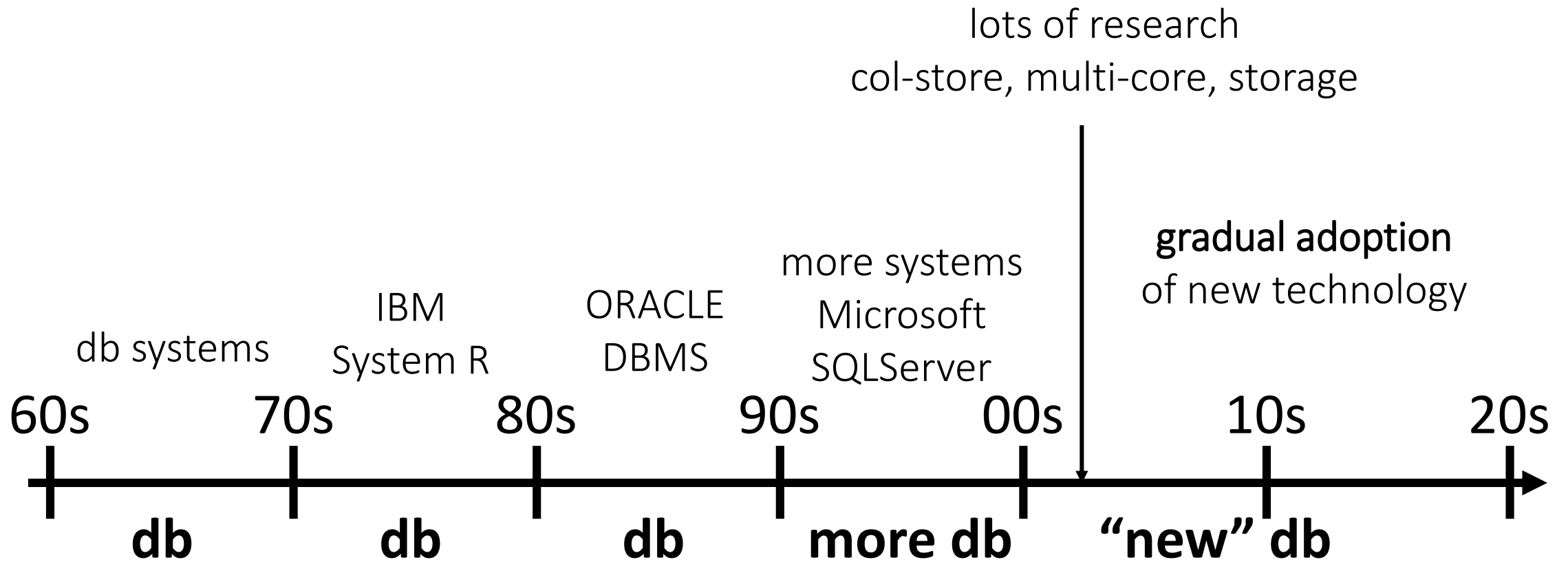
$1M * 10GB * 1\% = 100TB!$

~800k\$ in today's price

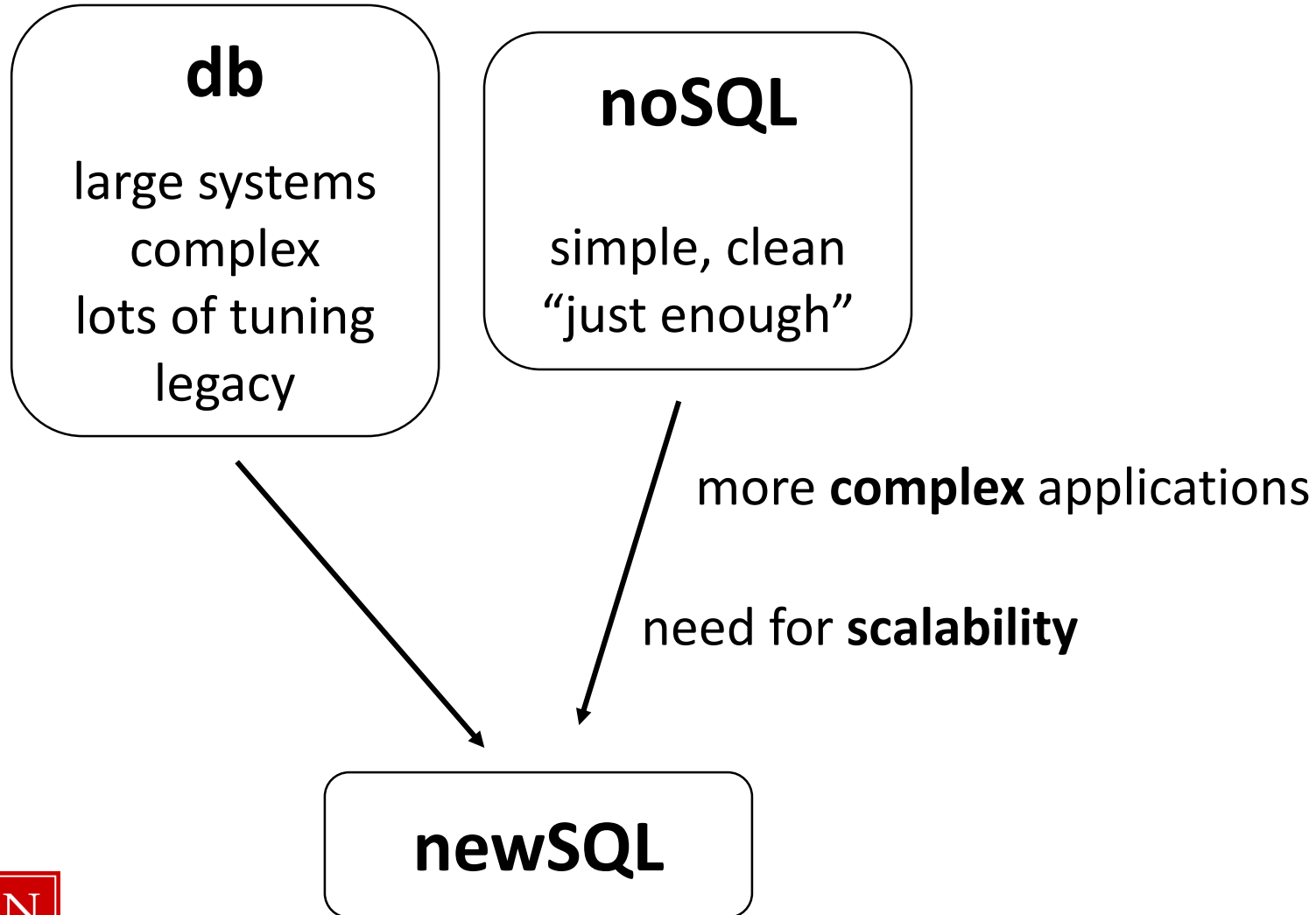
what about security?

elasticity privacy scalability

db systems history line



the game of new technologies



what is *really* new?



CS591 more logistics

topics

storage layouts, solid-state storage, multi-cores, indexing, access path selection, HTAP systems, data skipping, adaptive indexing, time-series, scientific data management, map/reduce, data systems and ML, learned indexes

past but still relevant topics

relational systems, row-stores, query optimization, concurrency control, SQL

how did we end up to today's systems?

no textbook – only research papers

class key goal

understand **system design tradeoffs**

design and **prototype** a system

with other **side-effects**:

sharpening your systems skills

(C/C++, profiling, debugging, linux tools)

data system designer & researcher
any business, any startup, any scientific domain

grading



class participation: 5%

reviews: 25% (long 15%, short 10%)

paper presentation: 25%

mid-semester project report: 10%

project: 35%

Piazza



all discussions & announcements

<http://piazza.com/bu/spring2019/cs591a1/>

also available on class website

no 
smartphones

no 
laptop

Why?

there is enough evidence that laptops and phones slow you down

Your awesome TA!



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grew up in Greece

enjoys playing basketball and the sea

BSc and MSc @ University of Athens, Greece

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Postdoc @ Harvard University

some awards:

Best of SIGMOD/VLDB papers

SNSF Postdoc Mobility Fellowship

IBM PhD Fellowship



photo for VISA / conferences



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how can I prepare?

1) Read background research material

- **Architecture of a Database System.** By J. Hellerstein, M. Stonebraker and J. Hamilton. Foundations and Trends in Databases, 2007
- **The Design and Implementation of Modern Column-store Database Systems.** By D. Abadi, P. Boncz, S. Harizopoulos, S. Idreos, S. Madden. Foundations and Trends in Databases, 2013
- **Massively Parallel Databases and MapReduce Systems.** By Shivnath Babu and Herodotos Herodotou. Foundations and Trends in Databases, 2013

2) Start going over the papers

class summary

2 classes per week / OH 4 days per week

each student

1 presentation/discussion lead + 2 reviews per week
(5 long and the rest short, can skip 3)

systems or research project + mid-semester report

what to do now?

- A) read the syllabus and the website
- B) register to piazza
- C) register to gradescope
- D) register for the presentation (week 2)
- E) start submitting paper reviews (week 3)
- F) go over the project (end of this week will be available)
- G) start working on the mid-semester report (week 3)

survival guide

class website: <http://manos.athanassoulis.net/classes/CS591/>

piazza website: <http://piazza.com/bu/spring2019/cs591a1/>

presentation registration: <https://tinyurl.com/CASCS591A1-presentations>

gradescope entry-code: MR7ZD4

office hours: Manos (Tu/Th, 2-3pm), Subhadeep (M/W 2-3pm)

material: papers available from BU network

Welcome to CS 591: Data Systems Architectures!

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next time: more detailed logistics and start with data systems design