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CEPH: overview e installazione

Agenda

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- CEPH Features
- CEPH Architecture
- CEPH Installation

CEPH highlight

- Ceph was initially created by Sage Weil for his doctoral dissertation
- On March 19, 2010, Linus Torvalds merged the Ceph client into Linux kernel version 2.6.34
- In 2012, Weil created Inktank Storage for professional services and support for Ceph
- In April of 2014 Red Hat purchased Inktank bringing the majority of Ceph development in-house

CEPH highlight

- Project started in 2007
- An object based parallel file-system
- Open source project (LGPL licensed)
- Written in C++ and C
- kernel level
- Posix compliant
- No SPOF
- Both data and metadata could be replicated dynamically
- Configuration is config file based
- Flexible striping strategies and object sizes
  - Could be configured "per file"

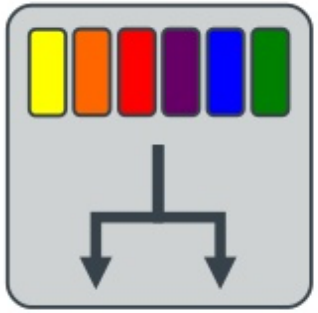
CEPH Features

- In CEPH tutto è un oggetto
- Non esiste il database per indicare la disposizione degli oggetti nel cluster
- http://ceph.com/papers/weil-crush-sc06.pdf
- Esiste una "regola" per scegliere dove memorizzare i vari oggetti:
  - ogni singolo nodo del cluster può calcolare la disposizione
  - NOSPOF

CEPH Features

- Why start with Object
  - more useful than (disk) blocks
    - names in a single flat namespace
    - variable size
    - simple API with rich semantics
  - more scalable than files
    - no hard-to-distribute hierarchy
    - update semantics do not span objects
    - workload is trivially parallel

CEPH Features



CRUSH

- Pseudo-random placement algorithm
- Fast calculation, **no lookup**
- Ensures even distribution
- Repeatable, deterministic
- Rule-based configuration
  - specifiable replication
  - infrastructure topology aware
  - allows weighting
- Stable mapping
  - Limited data migration

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Distributed object storage

- CRUSH tells us where data should go
  - small "osd map" records cluster state at point in time
  - ceph-osd node status (up/down, weight, IP)
  - CRUSH function specifying desired data distribution
- object storage daemons (RADOS)
  - store it there
  - migrate it as the cluster changes
- decentralized, distributed approach allows
  - massive scales (10,000s of servers or more)
  - efficient data access
  - the illusion of a single copy with consistent behavior

Distributed object storage

- dynamic cluster
  - nodes are added, removed; nodes reboot, fail, recover
  - recovery is the norm
- osd maps are versioned
  - shared via gossip
- any map update potentially triggers data migration
  - ceph-osds monitor peers for failure
  - new nodes register with monitor
  - administrator adjusts weights, mark out old hardware, etc.

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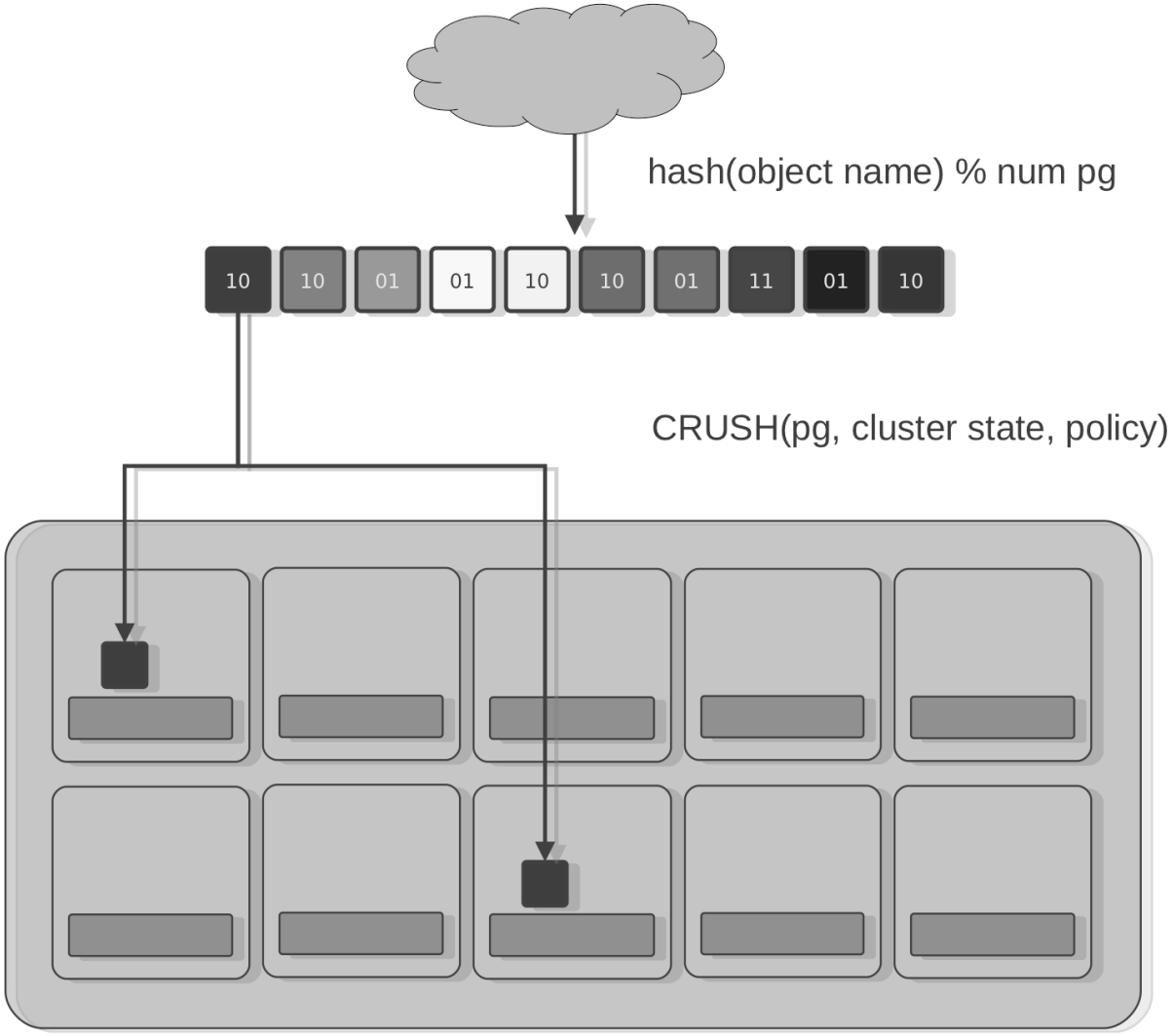

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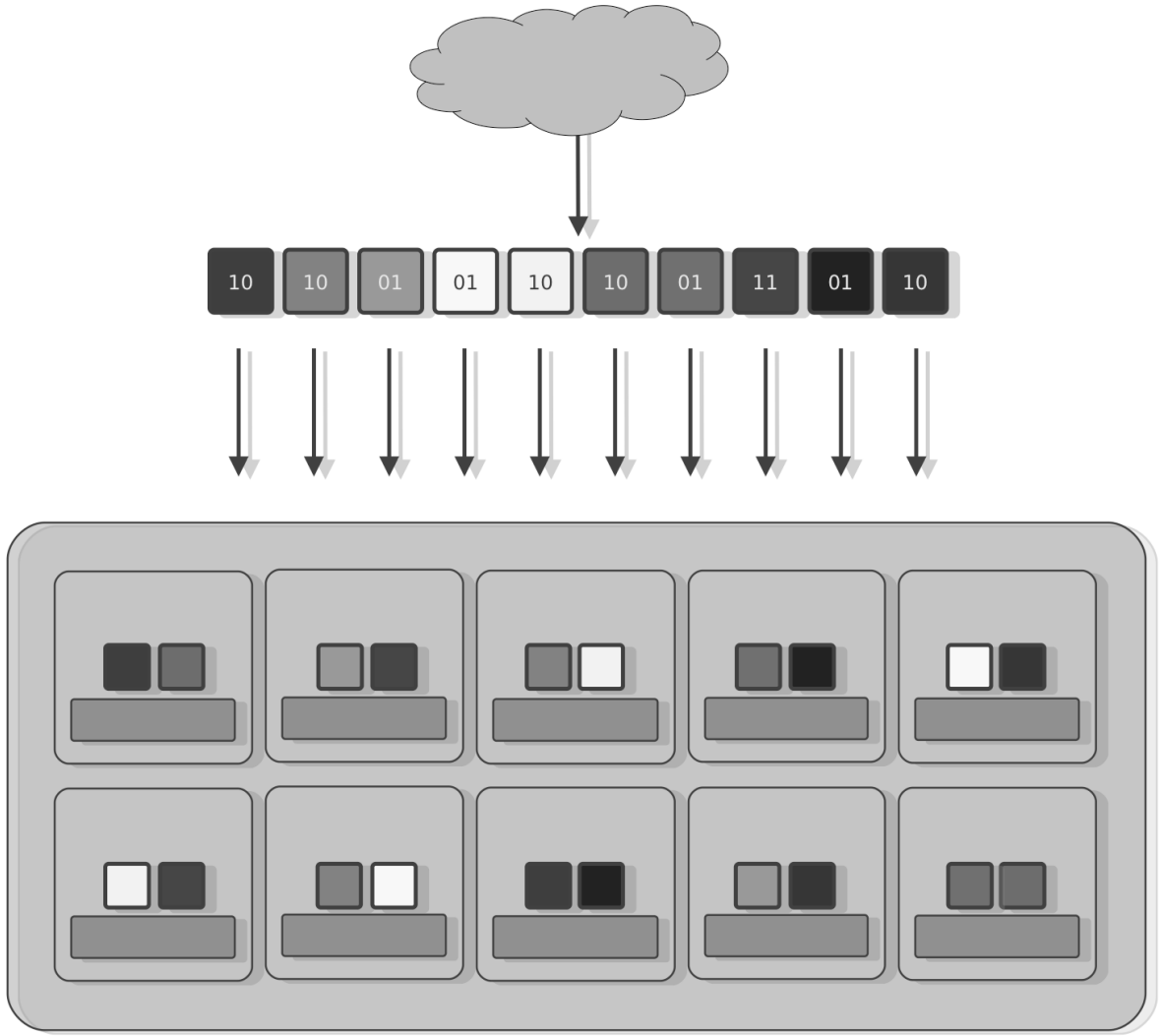

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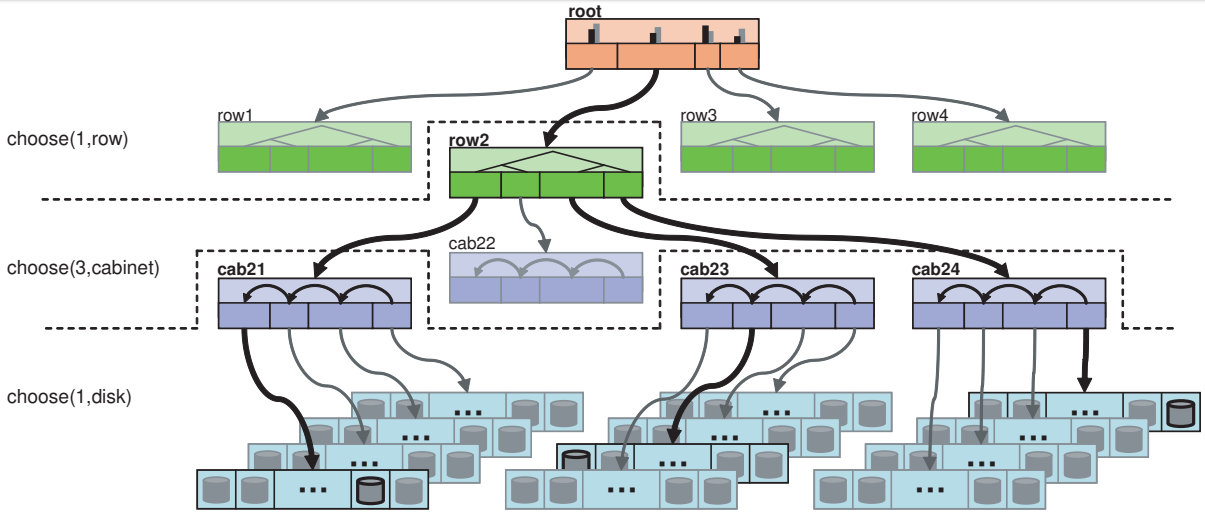
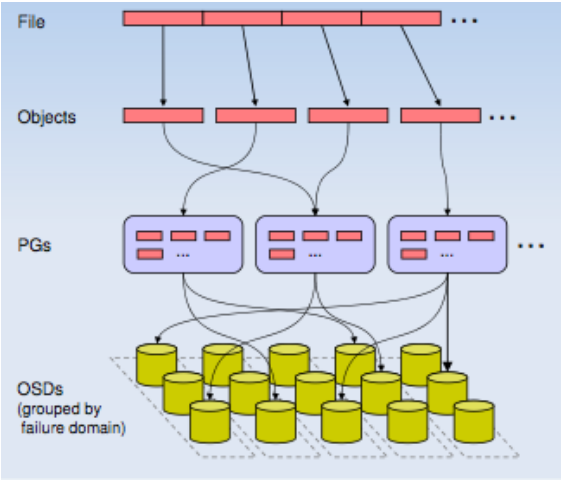


Figure 1: A partial view of a four-level cluster map hierarchy consisting of rows, cabinets, and shelves of disks. Bold lines illustrate items selected by each *select* operation in the placement rule and fictitious mapping described by Table 1.

By default these include `root`, `datacenter`, `room`, `row`, `pod`, `pdu`, `rack`, `chassis` and `host`



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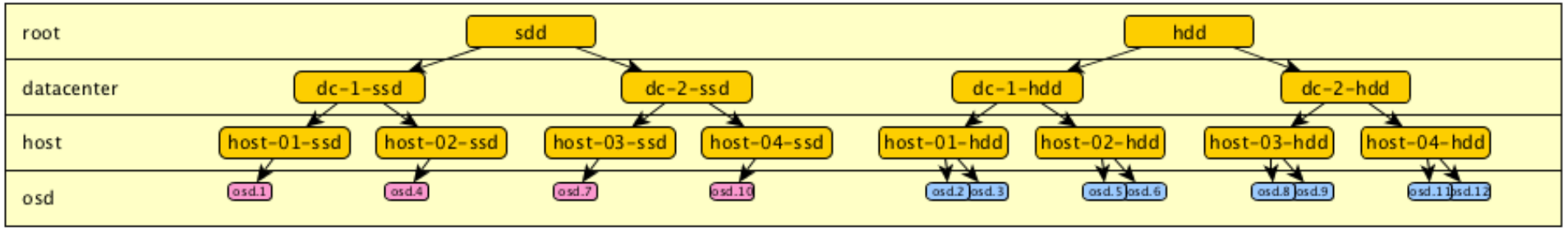

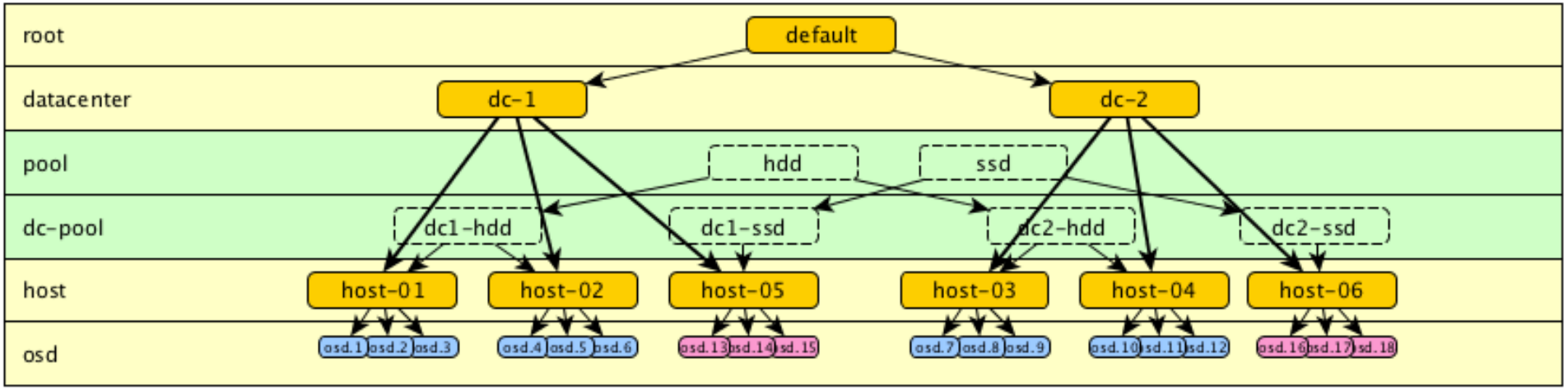

CEPH Features

- È in grado di fornire Block/Object/Posix storage
- File system supportati come back-end
  - Non-Production
    - btrfs
    - ZFS (On Linux)
  - Production
    - ext4 (small scale)
    - xfs (enterprise deployments)

CEPH Features

- Intelligent server: replicate data, migrate object, detect node failures
  - this could happen because everyone know where object belongs
- inodes are stored together with the directory object: you can load complete directory and inodes with a single I/O ("find" or "du" are greatly faster)

CEPH Features

recursive accounting

- ceph-mds tracks recursive directory stats
  - file sizes
  - file and directory counts
  - modification time
- virtual xattrs present full stats
- efficient

```
$ ls -alSh | head
total 0
drwxr-xr-x 1 root            root      9.7T 2011-02-04 15:51 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root            root      9.7T 2010-12-16 15:06 ..
drwxr-xr-x 1 pomceph         pg4194980 9.6T 2011-02-24 08:25 pomceph
drwxr-xr-x 1 mcg_test1       pg2419992  23G 2011-02-02 08:57 mcg_test1
drwx--x--- 1 luko            adm        19G 2011-01-21 12:17 luko
drwx--x--- 1 eest            adm        14G 2011-02-04 16:29 eest
drwxr-xr-x 1 mcg_test2       pg2419992 3.0G 2011-02-02 09:34 mcg_test2
drwx--x--- 1 fuzyceph        adm       1.5G 2011-01-18 10:46 fuzyceph
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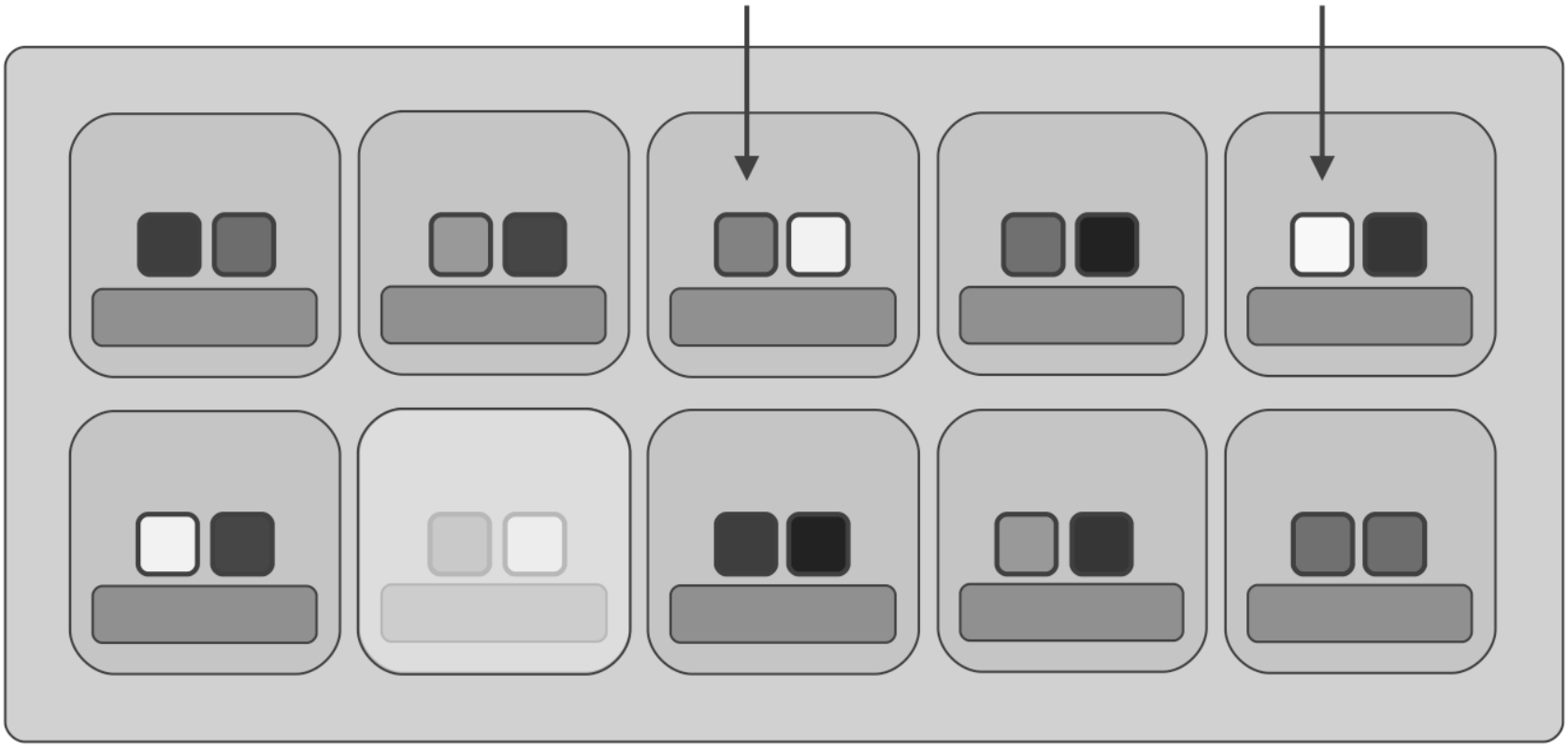

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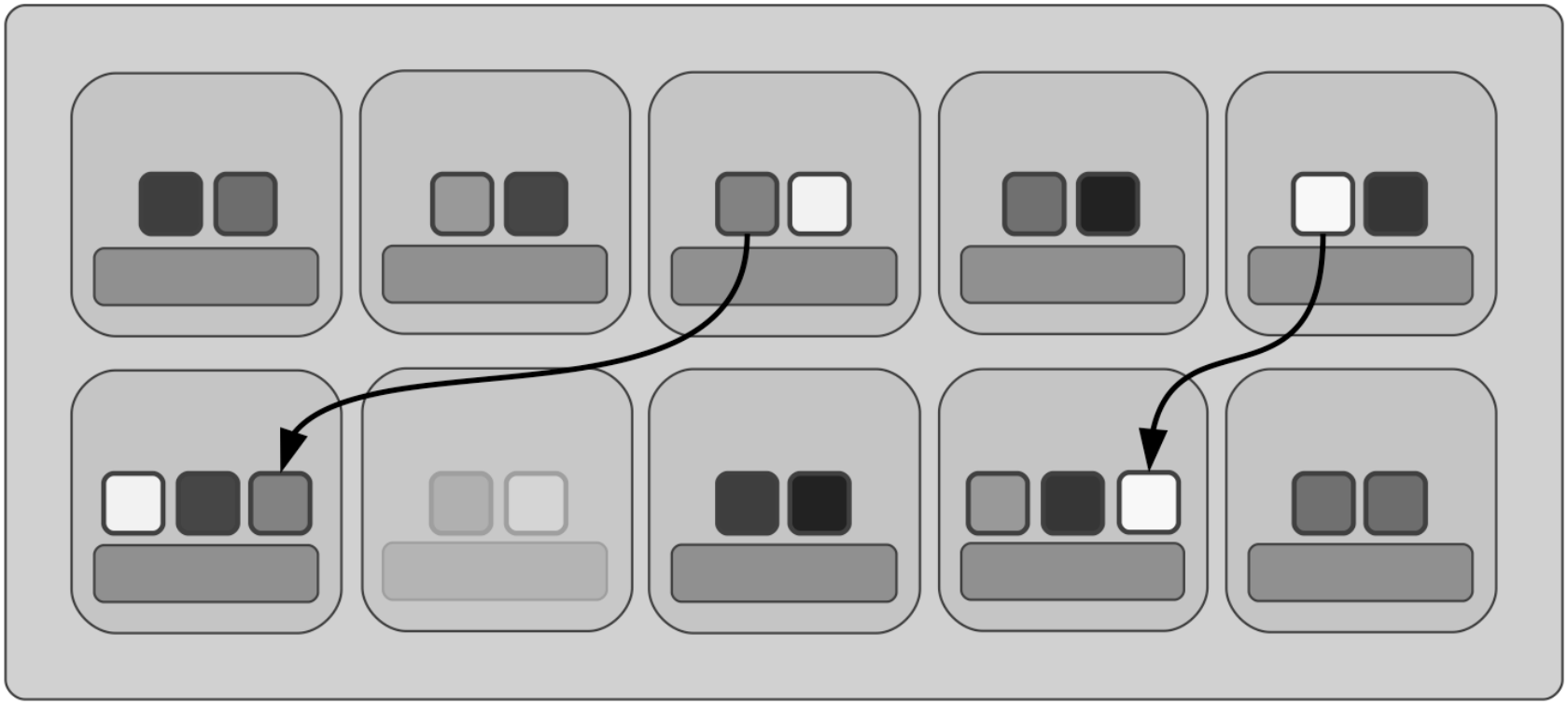

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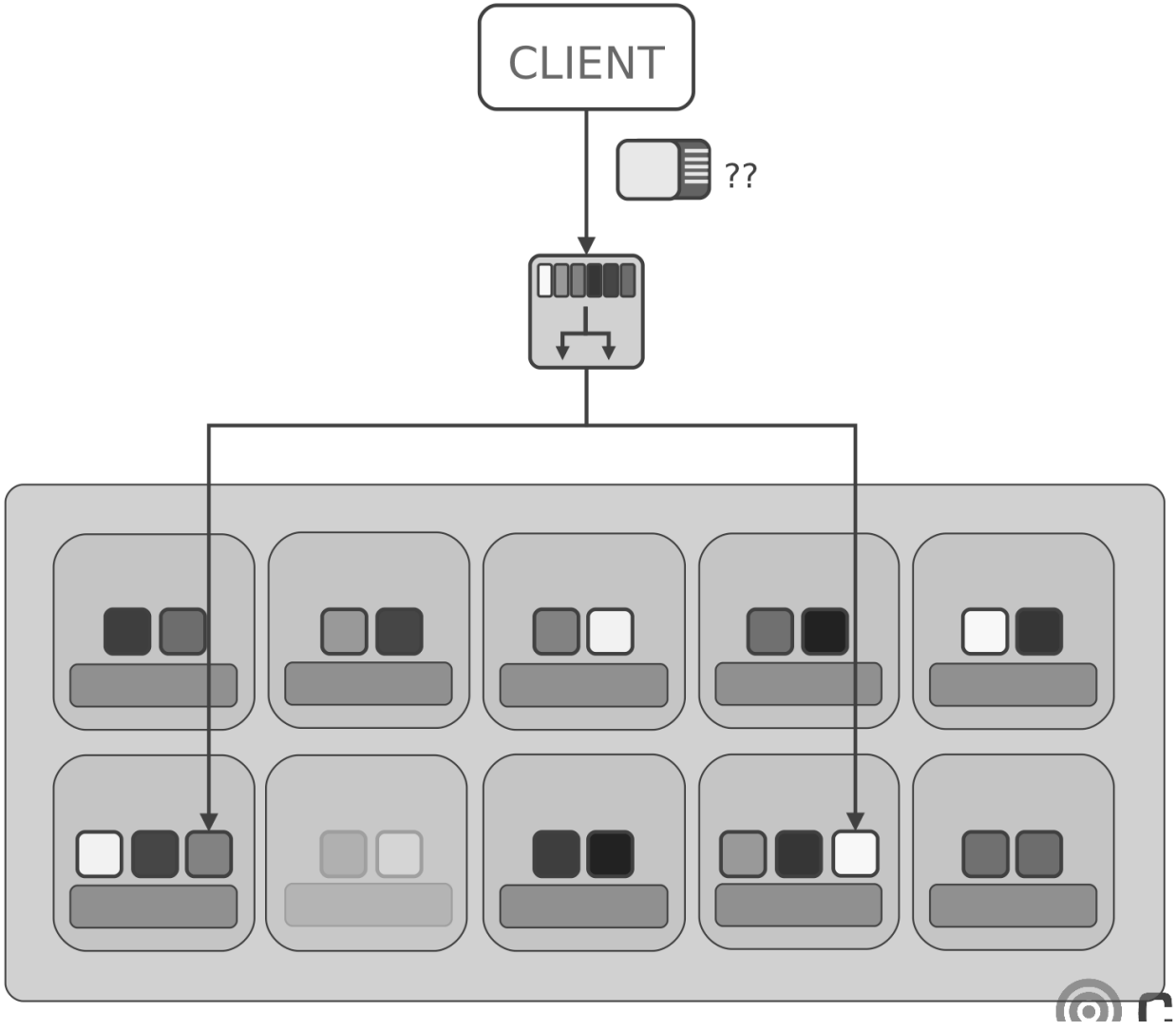

CEPH Features

- SAN (shared) disk is not needed to achieve HA
- Support snapshots
- Support quotas (per directory sub-tree)
- The RADOS Gateway also exposes the object store as aRESTful interface which can present as both native Amazon S3 and OpenStack Swift APIs.
- Ceph RBD interfaces with object storage system that provides the librados interface and the CephFS file system
- stores block device images as objects. Since RBD is built on top of librados, RBD inherits librados's capabilities, including read-only snapshots and revert to snapshot

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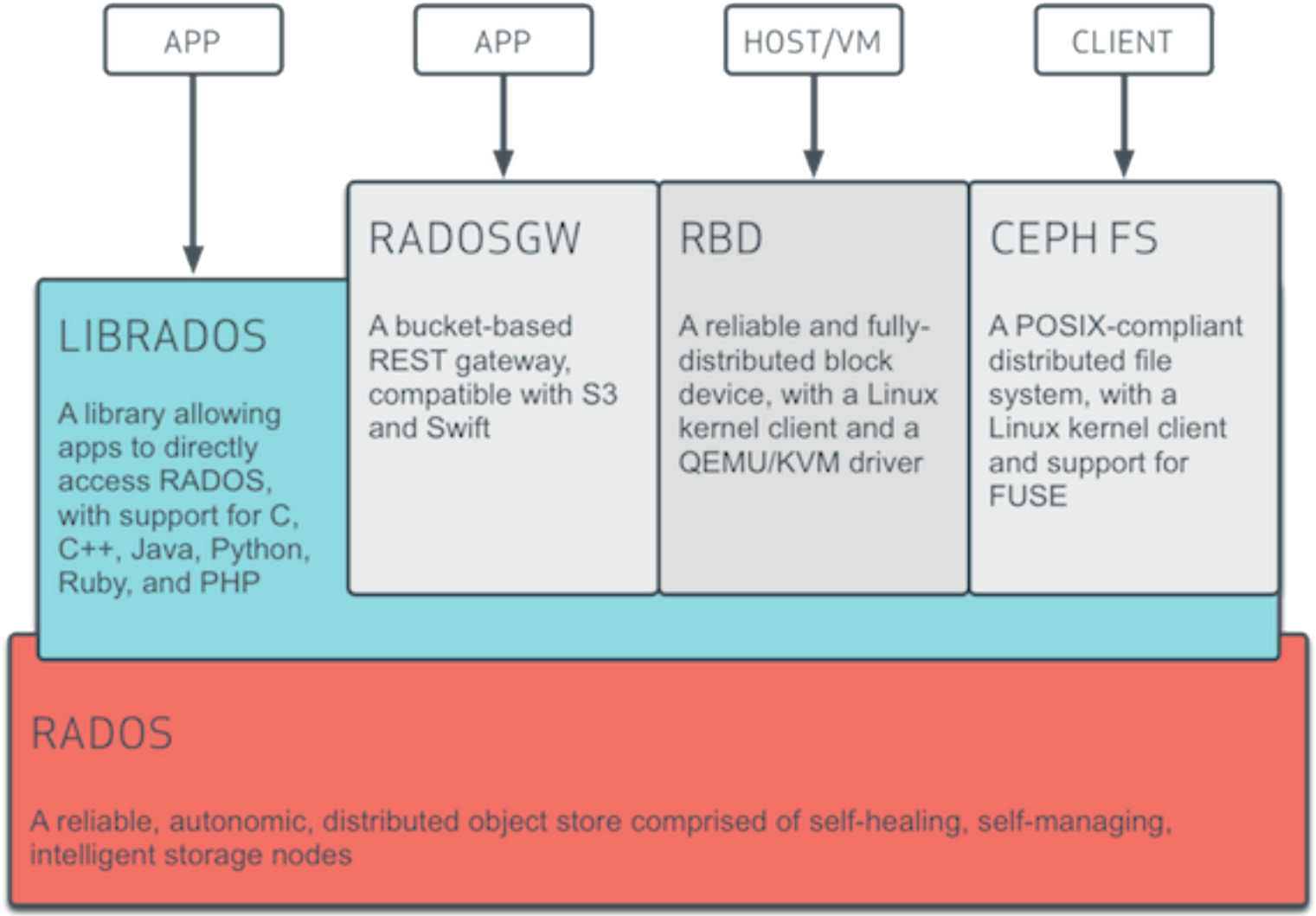

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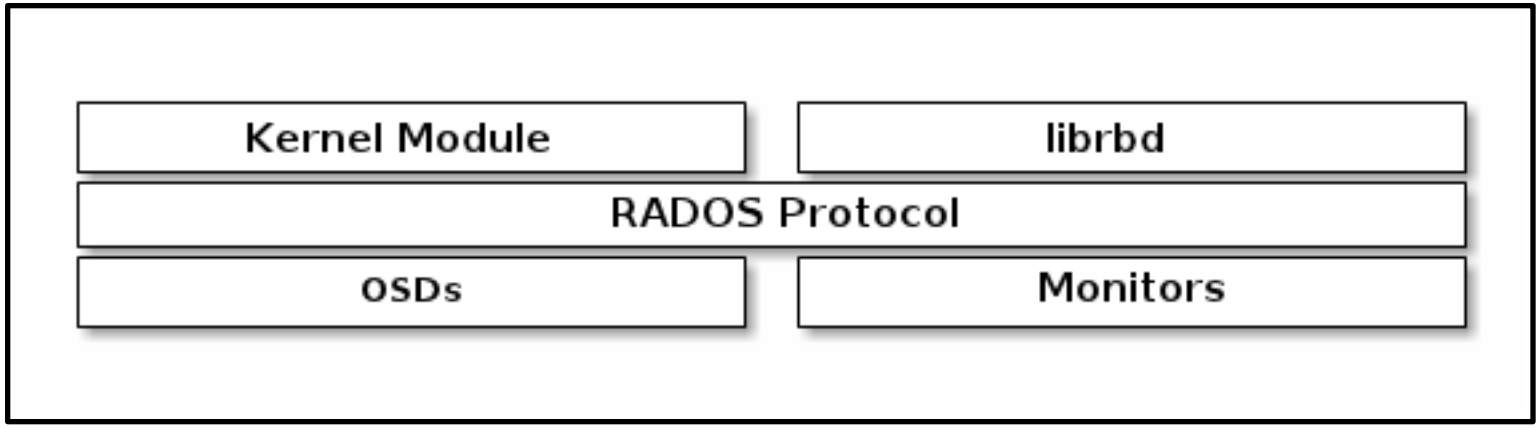
Ceph block devices are thin-provisioned, resizable and store data striped over multiple OSDs in a Ceph cluster



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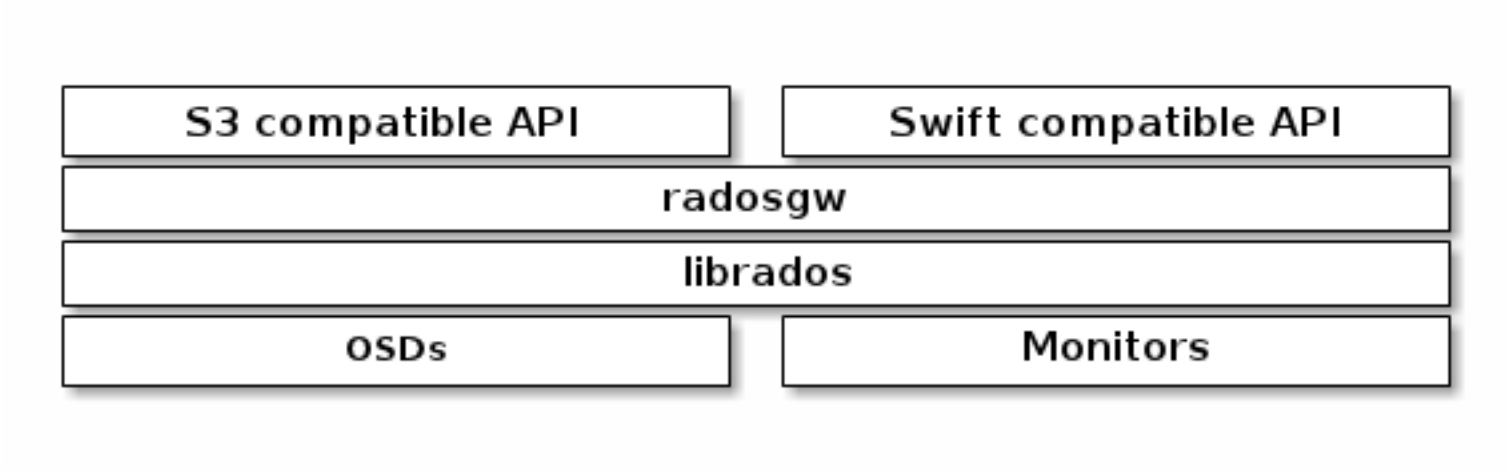

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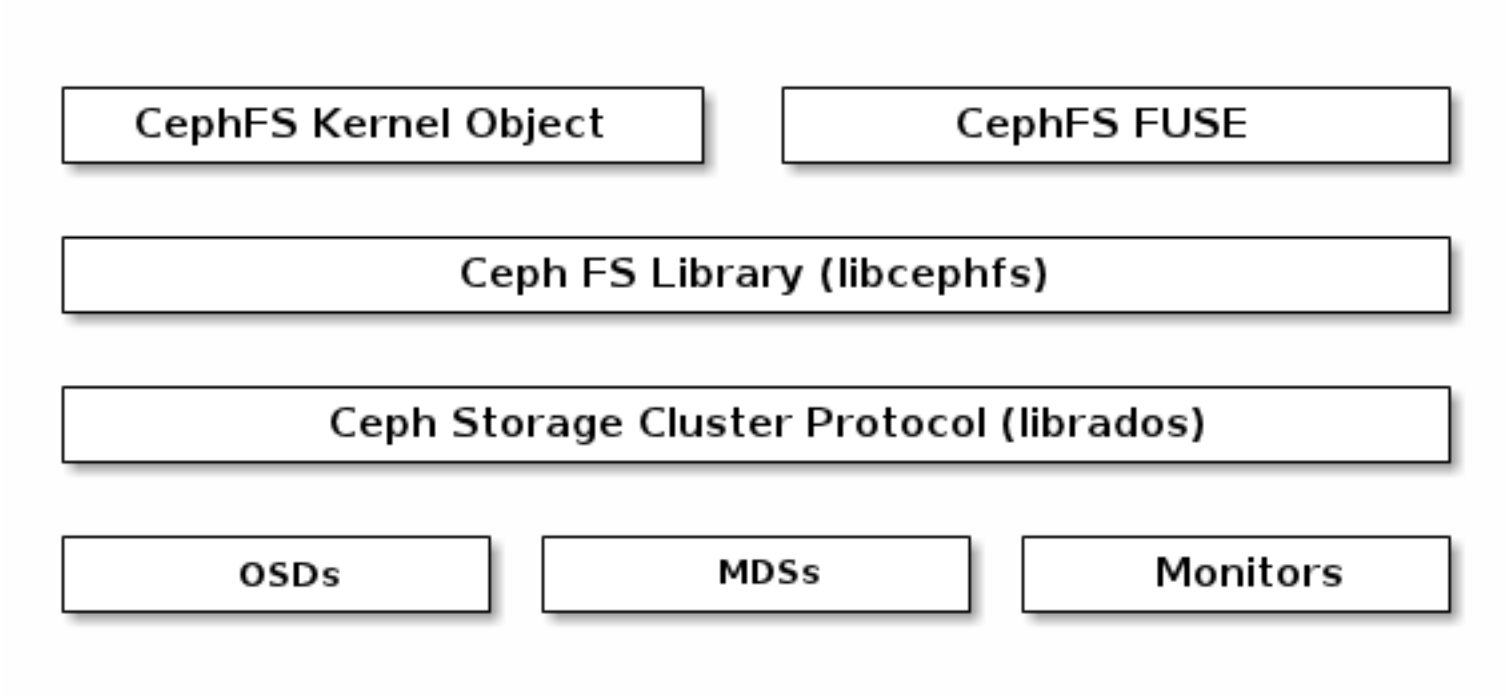

CEPH Features Summary

CEPH OBJECT STORE

- RESTful Interface
- S3- and Swift-compliant APIs
- S3-style subdomains
- Unified S3/Swift namespace
- User management
- Usage tracking
- Striped objects
- Cloud solution integration
- Multi-site deployment
- Disaster recovery

CEPH BLOCK DEVICE

- Thin-provisioned
- Images up to 16 exabytes
- Configurable striping
- In-memory caching
- Snapshots
- Copy-on-write cloning
- Kernel driver support
- KVM/libvirt support
- Back-end for cloud solutions
- Incremental backup

CEPH FILESYSTEM

- POSIX-compliant semantics
- Separates metadata from data
- Dynamic rebalancing
- Subdirectory snapshots
- Configurable striping
- Kernel driver support
- FUSE support
- NFS/CIFS deployable
- Use with Hadoop (replace HDFS)

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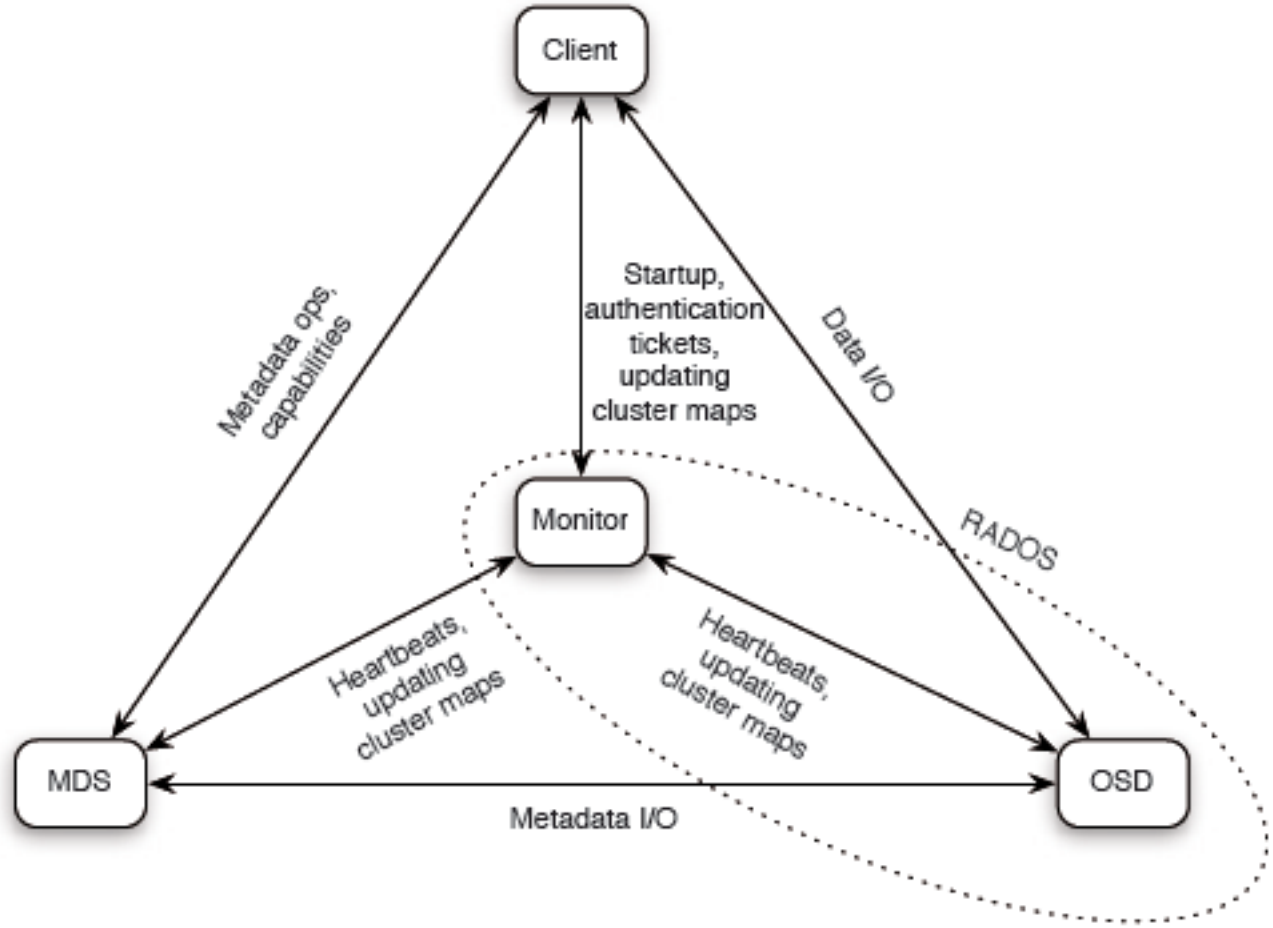
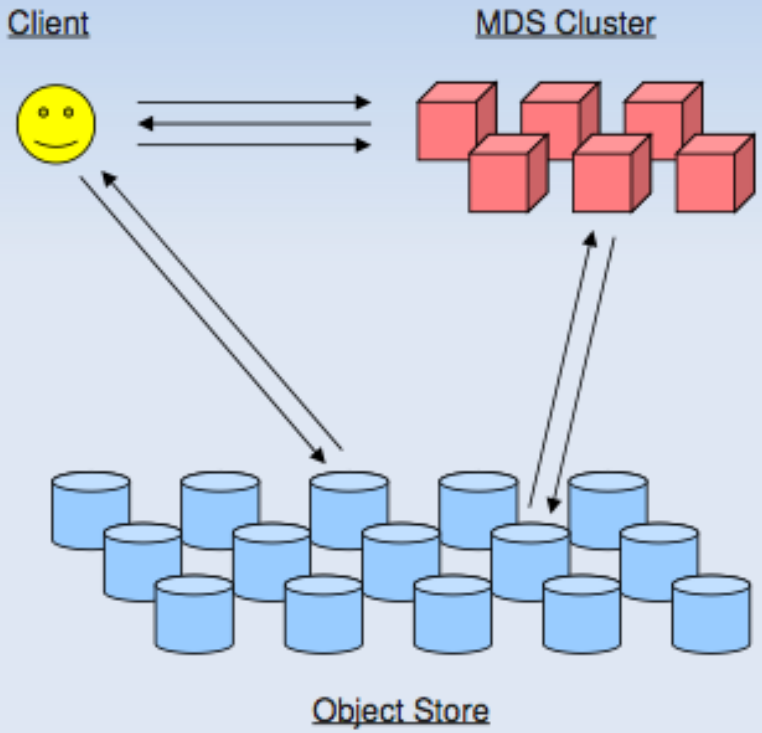


CEPH Architecture

- fd=open("/foo/bar", O_RDONLY)
  - Client: requests open from MDS
  - MDS: reads directory /foo from object store
  - MDS: issues capability for file content
- read(fd, buf, 1024)
  - Client: reads data from object store
- close(fd)
  - Client: relinquishes capability to MDS



  - MDS out of I/O path
  - Object locations are well known–calculated from object name

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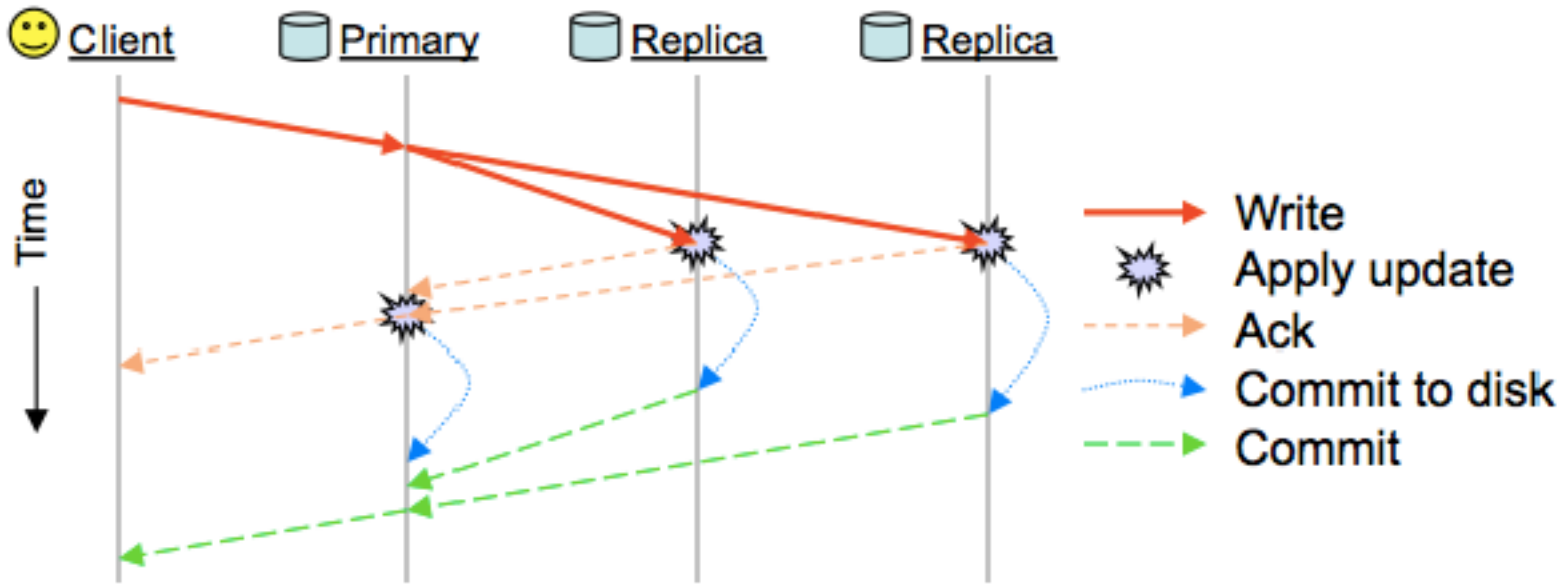

If, OSDs use Btrfs as their local file system, data is written asynchronously using copy-on-write, so that unsuccessful write operations can be fully rolled back.

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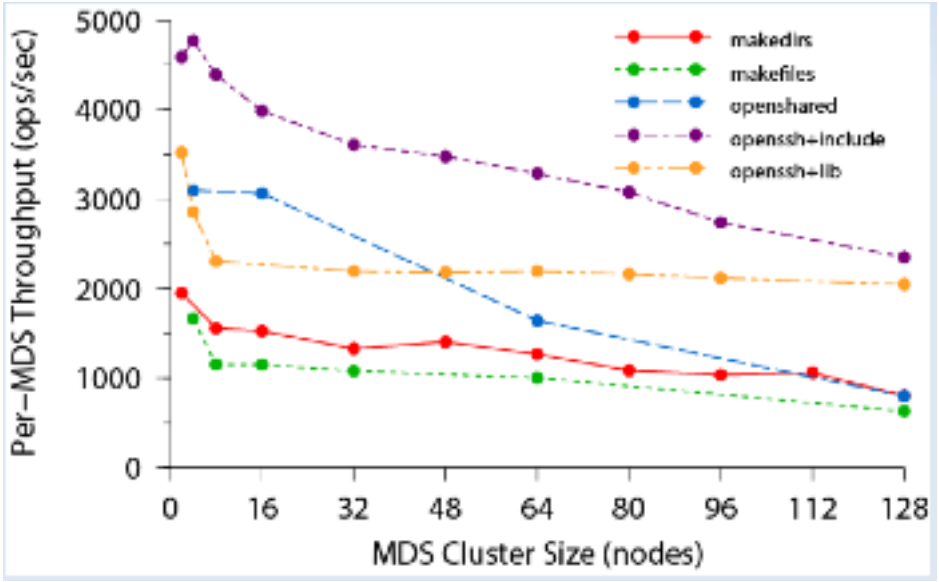

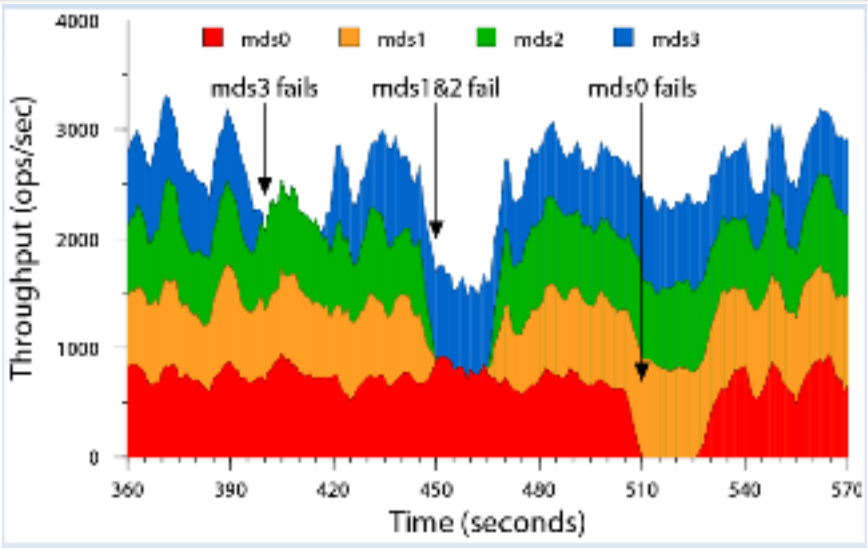

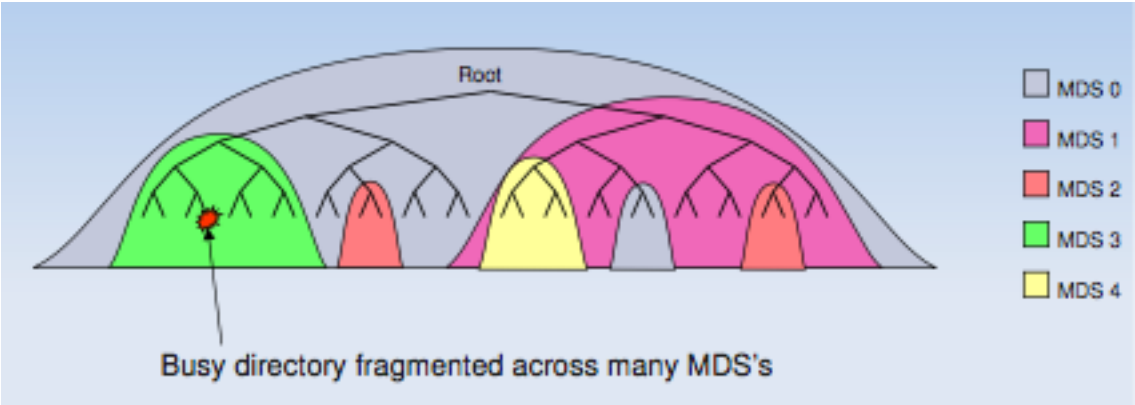

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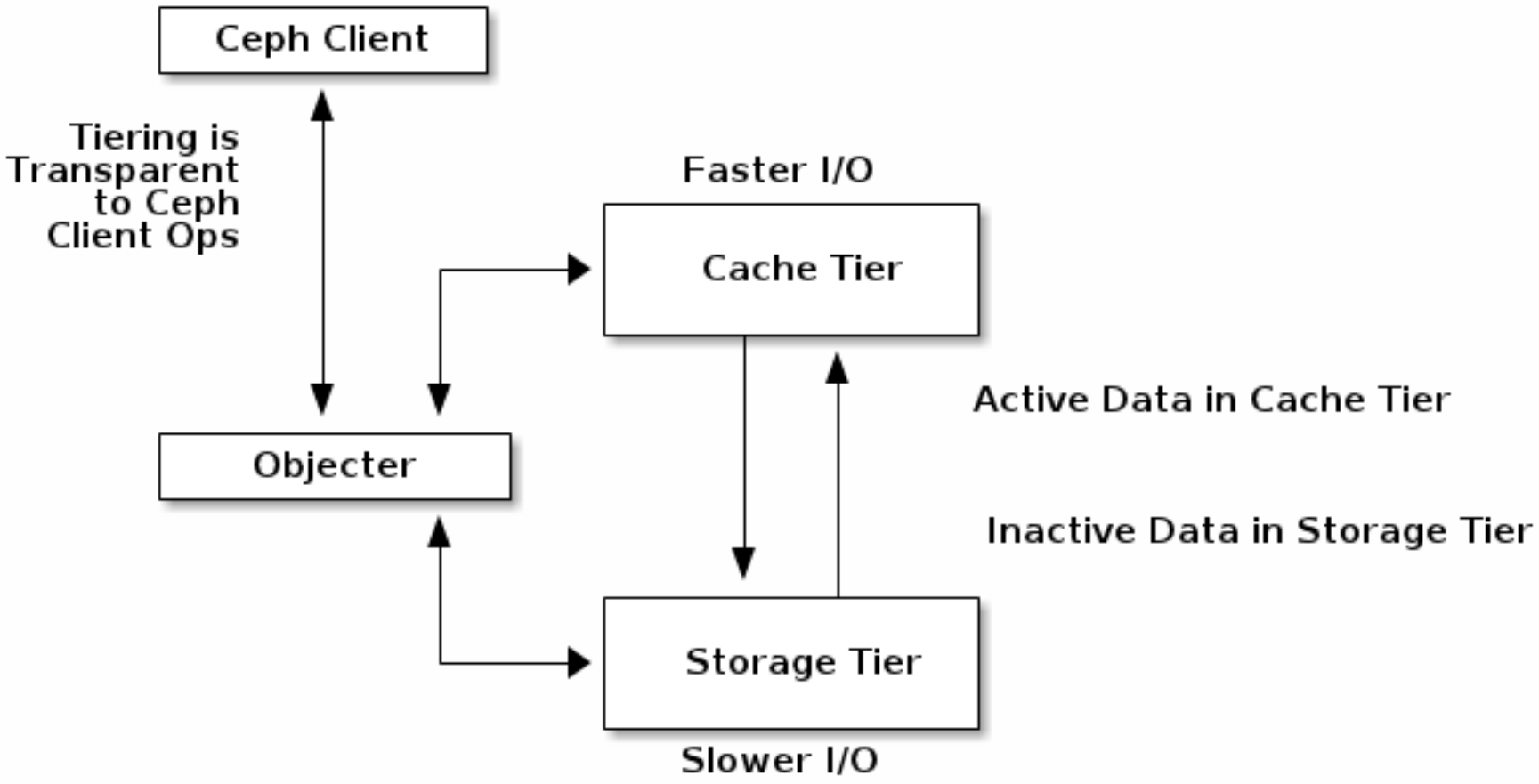

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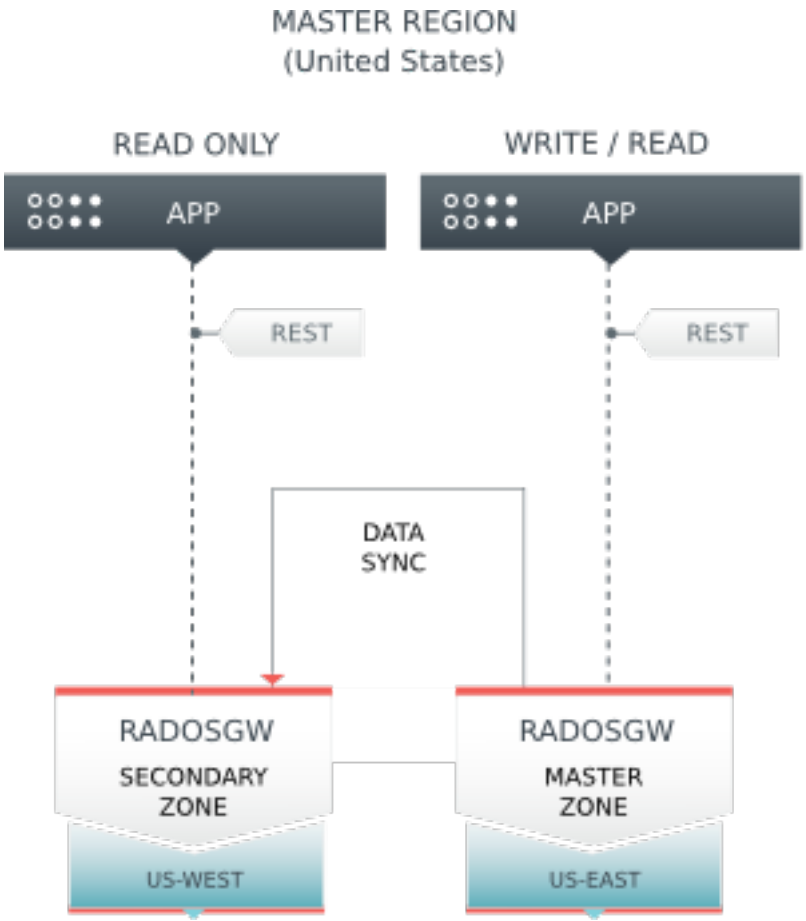
Region: A region represents a *logical* geographic area and contains one or more zones. A cluster with multiple regions must specify a master region.
Zone: A zone is a *logical* grouping of one or more Ceph Object Gateway instance(s). A region has a master zone that processes client requests.

Important Only write objects to the master zone in a region. You may read objects from secondary zones. Currently, the Gateway does not prevent you from writing to a secondary zone, but **DON'T DO IT**.



CEPH last releases

TIMELINE

	Dumpling LTS	Emperor Stable	Firefly LTS	Giant Stable	Hammer LTS	Infernalis Stable
First release	August 2013	November 2013	May 2014	October 2014	April 2015	November 2015
Estimated retirement	March 2015		January 2016		November 2016	June 2016
Actual retirement	May 2015	May 2014		April 2015		

	Development Testing	Dumpling LTS	Emperor Stable	Firefly LTS	Giant Stable	Hammer LTS	Infernalis Stable
November 2015	10.0.0			0.80.11			9.2.0
October 2015	9.1.0					0.94.4	
						0.94.5	
August 2015	9.0.3					0.94.3	
July 2015	9.0.2			0.80.10			
June 2015	9.0.1					0.94.2	
May 2015	9.0.0						
April 2015					0.87.2	0.94.1	
						0.94	
March 2015				0.80.9			
February 2015	0.93				0.87.1		
	0.92						
January 2015	0.91			0.80.8			

CEPH last releases

- Improved automatic rebalancing logic, which prioritizes degraded over misplaced objects
- Rebalancing operations can be temporarily disabled so they don't impact performance
- Time-scheduled scrubbing, to avoid disruption during peak times
- Sharing of object buckets to avoid hot-spots
- Optimizations for Flash storage devices increases Ceph's topline speed
- Read ahead caching accelerates virtual machine booting in OpenStack
- Allocation hinting reduces XFS fragmentation to avoid performance degradation over time
- Caching hinting preserves the cache's advantages and improves performance
- S3 Object Expiration
- Swift Storage Policies

CEPH last releases

- Erasure code:
  - Jerasure erasure code plugin
  - ISA erasure code plugin
  - Locally repairable erasure code plugin
  - SHEC erasure code plugin
- Affidabilità più che adeguata (resistenza alle failure di un numero arbitrario di OSD) ma con una ridotta perdita di spazio disco.

CEPH future

- More intelligent scrubbing policies and improved peering logic to reduce impact of common operations on overall cluster performance.
- More information about objects will be provided to help administrators perform repair operations on corrupted data.
- New backend for OSDs to provide performance bene&ts on existing and modern drives (SSD, K/V).
- Introduction of a highly-available iSCSI interface for the Ceph Block Device, allowing integration with legacy systems
- Capabilities for managing virtual block devices in multiple regions, maintaining consistency through automated mirroring of incremental changes
- Access to objects stored in the Ceph Object Gateway via standard Network File System (NFS) endpoints, providing storage for legacy systems and applications
- Support for deployment of the Ceph Object Gateway across multiple sites in an active/active con&guration (in addition to the currently-available active/passive con&guration)

Architectural considerations – Redundancy and replication considerations

- Tradeoff between Cost vs. Reliability (use-case dependent)
- Use the Crush configs to map out your failures domains and performance pools
- Failure domains
  - Disk (OSD and OS)
  - SSD journals
  - Node
  - Rack
  - Site (replication at the RADOS level, Block replication, consider latencies)
- Storage pools
  - SSD pool for higher performance
  - Capacity pool
- Plan for failure domains of the monitor nodes
- Consider failure replacement scenarios, lowered redundancies, and performance impacts

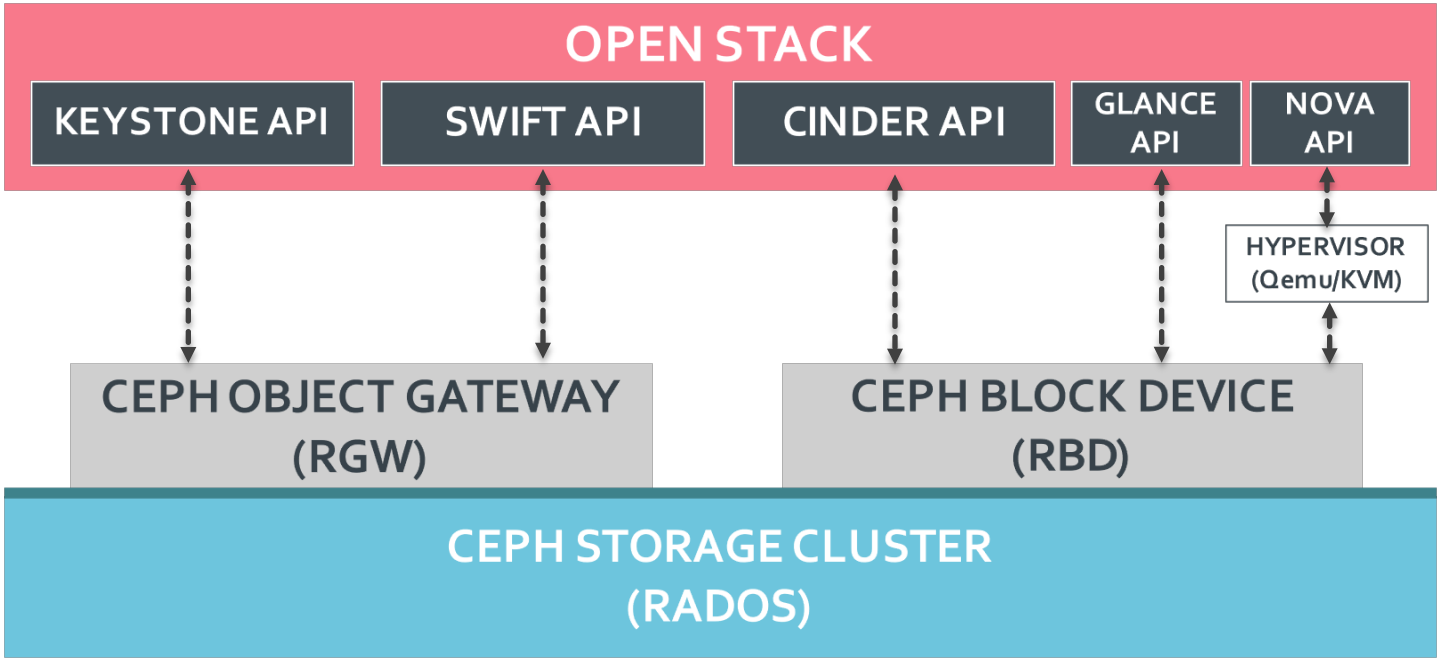
Server Considerations

- **Storage Node:**
  - one OSD per HDD, 1 – 2 GB ram, and 1 Gz/core/OSD,
  - SSD's for journaling and for using the tiering feature in Firefly
  - Erasure coding will increase useable capacity at the expense of additional compute load
  - SAS JBOD expanders for extra capacity (beware of extra latency and oversubscribed SAS lanes)
- **Monitor nodes (MON):** odd number for quorum, services can be hosted on the storage node for smaller deployments, but will need dedicated nodes larger installations
- **Dedicated RADOS Gateway nodes** for large object store deployments and for federated gateways for multi-site

Networking Considerations

- **Dedicated or Shared network**
  - Be sure to involve the networking and security teams early when design your networking options
  - Network redundancy considerations
  - Dedicated client and OSD networks
  - VLAN's vs. Dedicated switches
  - 1 Gbs vs 10 Gbs vs 40 Gbs!
- **Networking design**
  - Spine and Leaf
  - Multi-rack
  - Core fabric connectivity
  - WAN connectivity and latency issues for multi-site deployments

CEPH & OpenStack



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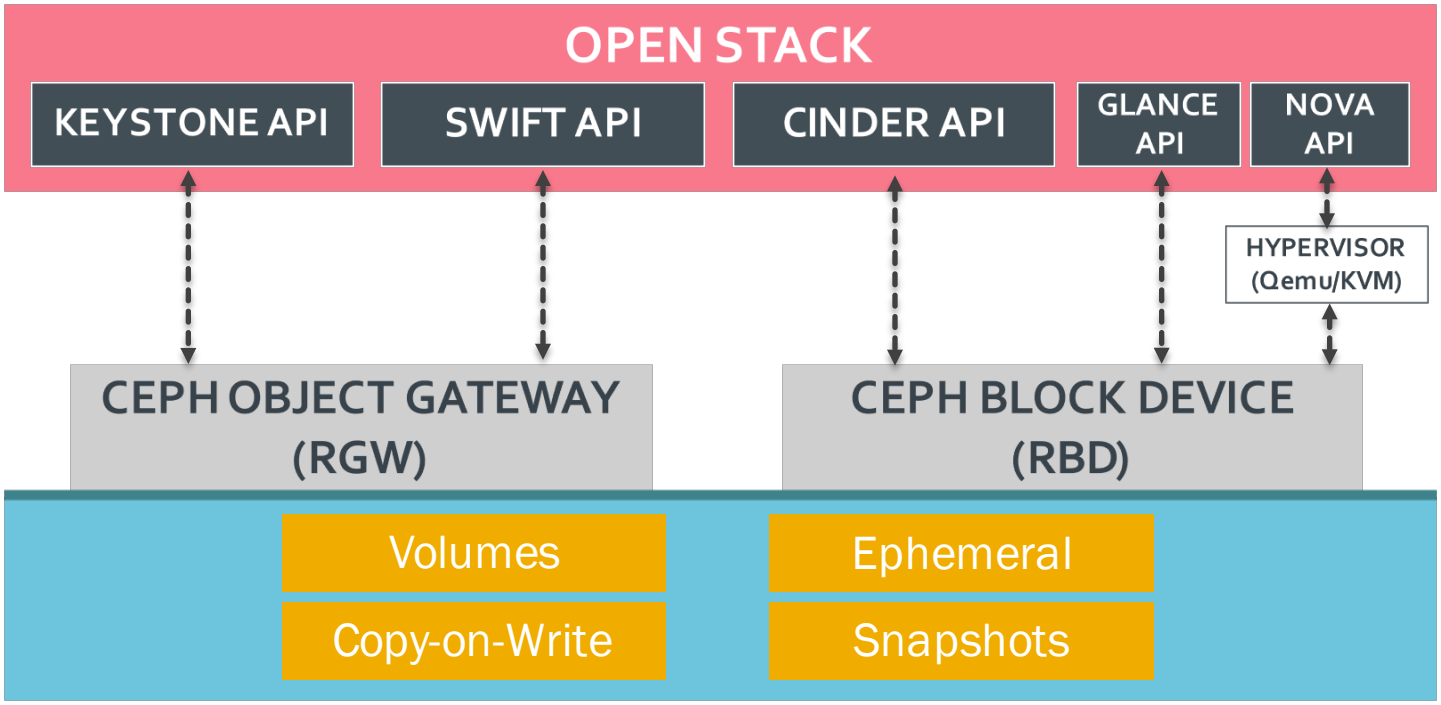

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