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GoshawkDB: Programming with Persistent Distributed Objects

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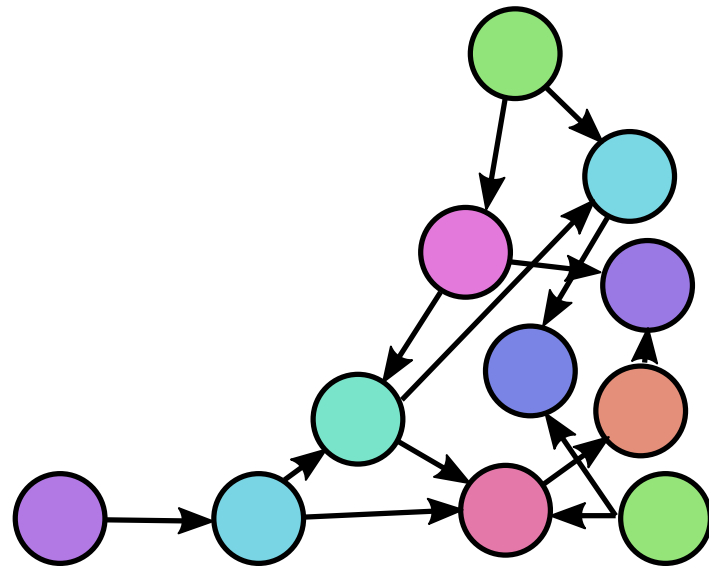

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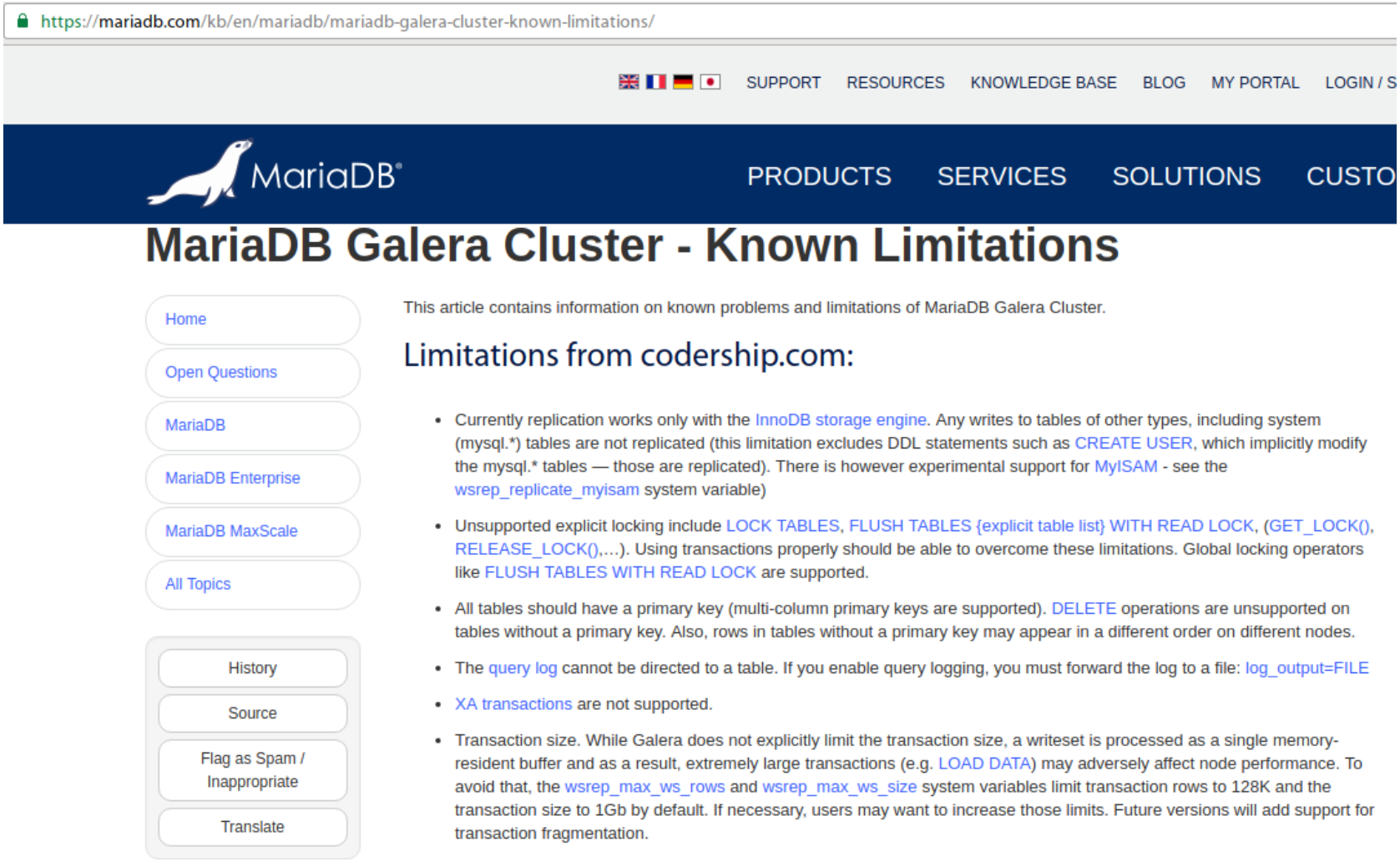

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This article contains information on known problems and limitations of MariaDB Galera Cluster.

Limitations from codership.com:

- Currently replication works only with the InnoDB storage engine. Any writes to tables of other types, including system (mysql.*) tables are not replicated (this limitation excludes DDL statements such as CREATE USER, which implicitly modify the mysql.* tables — those are replicated). There is however experimental support for MyISAM - see the wsrep_replicate_myisam system variable)
- Unsupported explicit locking include LOCK TABLES, FLUSH TABLES {explicit table list} WITH READ LOCK, (GET_LOCK(), RELEASE_LOCK(),...). Using transactions properly should be able to overcome these limitations. Global locking operators like FLUSH TABLES WITH READ LOCK are supported.
- All tables should have a primary key (multi-column primary keys are supported). DELETE operations are unsupported on tables without a primary key. Also, rows in tables without a primary key may appear in a different order on different nodes.
- The query log cannot be directed to a table. If you enable query logging, you must forward the log to a file: log_output=FILE
- XA transactions are not supported.
- Transaction size. While Galera does not explicitly limit the transaction size, a writeset is processed as a single memory-resident buffer and as a result, extremely large transactions (e.g. LOAD DATA) may adversely affect node performance. To avoid that, the wsrep_max_ws_rows and wsrep_max_ws_size system variables limit transaction rows to 128K and the transaction size to 1Gb by default. If necessary, users may want to increase those limits. Future versions will add support for transaction fragmentation.

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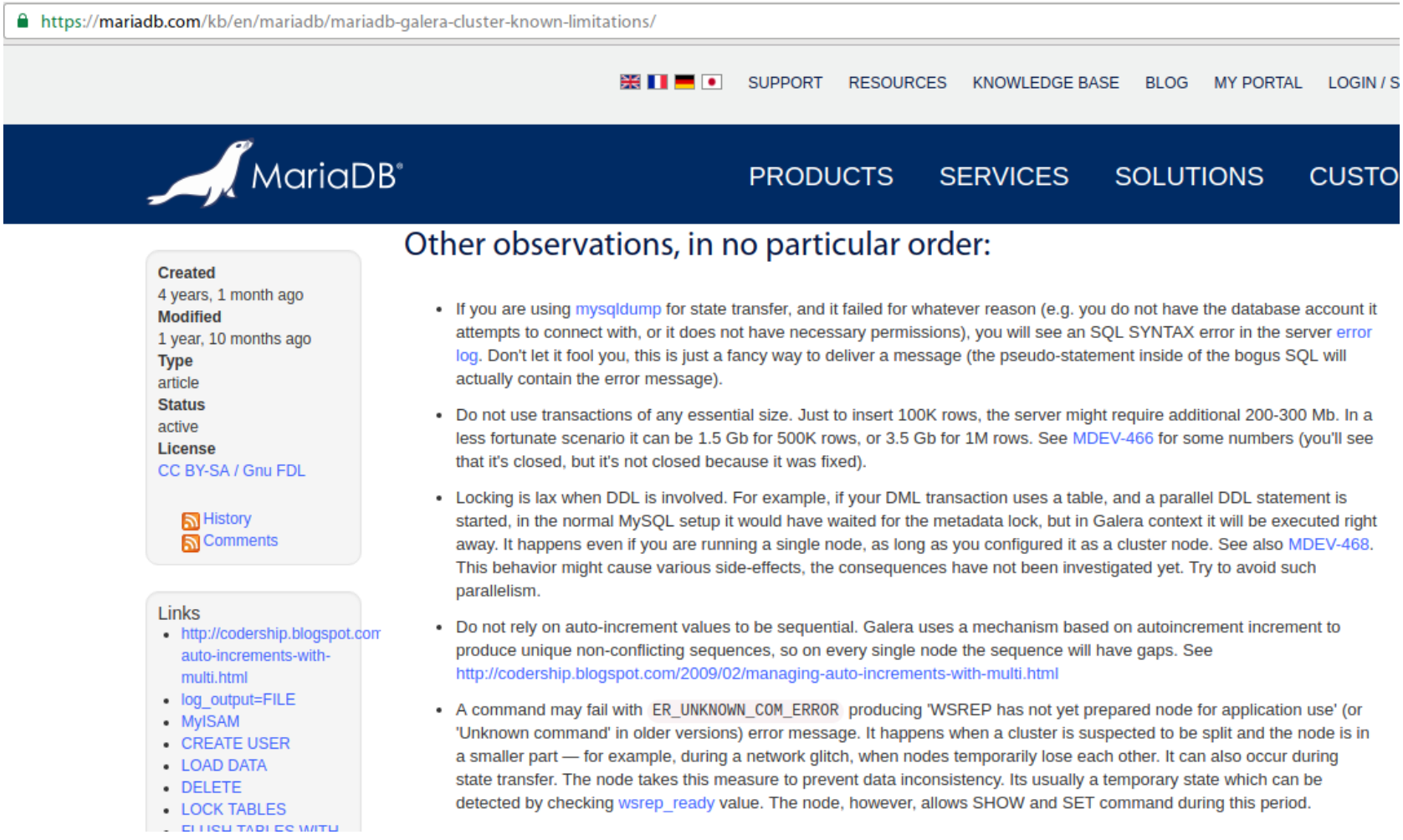

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- mysqldump
- InnoDB storage engine
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- Binary Log Formats
- binlog_format
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- After a temporary split, if the 'good' part of the cluster was still reachable and its state was modified, resynchronization occurs. As a part of it, nodes of the 'bad' part of the cluster drop all client connections. It might be quite unexpected, especially if the client was idle and did not even know anything wrong was happening. Please also note that after the connection to the isolated node is restored, if there is a flow on the node, it takes a long time for it to synchronize, during which the "good" node says that the cluster is already of the normal size and synced, while the rejoining node says it's only joined (but not synced). The connections keep getting 'unknown command'. It should pass eventually.
- While binlog_format is checked on startup and can only be ROW (see Binary Log Formats), it can be changed at runtime. Do NOT change binlog_format at runtime, it is likely not only cause replication failure, but make all other nodes crash.
- If you are using rsync for state transfer, and a node crashes before the state transfer is over, rsync process might hang forever, occupying the port and not allowing to restart the node. The problem will show up as 'port in use' in the server error log. Find the orphan rsync process and kill it manually.
- Performance: by design performance of the cluster cannot be higher than performance of the slowest node; however, even if you have only one node, its performance can be considerably lower comparing to running the same server in a standalone mode (without wsrep provider). It is particularly true for big enough transactions (even those which are well within current limitations on transaction size quoted above).
- Windows is not supported.
- Replication filters: Within Galera cluster, replication filters should be used with caution. As a general rule except for InnoDB DML updates, the following replication filters are not honored in a Galera cluster : `binlog-do-db` , `binlog-ignore-db` , `replicate-wild-do-db` , `replicate-wild-ignore-db` . However, `replicate-do-db` , `replicate-ignore-db` filters are honored for DDL and DML for both InnoDB & MyISAM engines. Having said that, caution must be taken while using replication filters as they might create discrepancies and replication may abort (see MDEV-421, MDEV-6229).
- `FLUSH PRIVILEGES` is not replicated.
- Prior to MariaDB Galera Cluster versions 5.5.40-galera and 10.0.14-galera, the query cache needed to be disabled.
- In an asynchronous replication setup where a master replicates to a galera node acting as slave, parallel replication (slave-parallel-threads > 1) on slave is currently not supported (see MDEV-6860).

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A 'safe' statement is one that can be replicated correctly in the statement-based binary log format.

A safe statement is generally deterministic; in other words the statement will always produce the same result. For example, an INSERT statement producing a random number will most likely produce a different result on the master than on the slave, and so cannot be replicated safely.

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When an unsafe statement is run, the current binary logging format determines how the server responds.

- If the binary logging format is statement-based (the default), unsafe statements generate a warning and are logged normally.
- If the binary logging format is row-based, all statements are logged normally, and the distinction between safe and unsafe is not made.
- If the binary logging format is mixed, unsafe statements are logged using the row-based format, while safe statements use the statement-based format.

MariaDB tries to detect unsafe statements. When an unsafe statement is issued, a warning similar to the following is produced:

```
Note (Code 1592): Unsafe statement written to the binary log using statement format since
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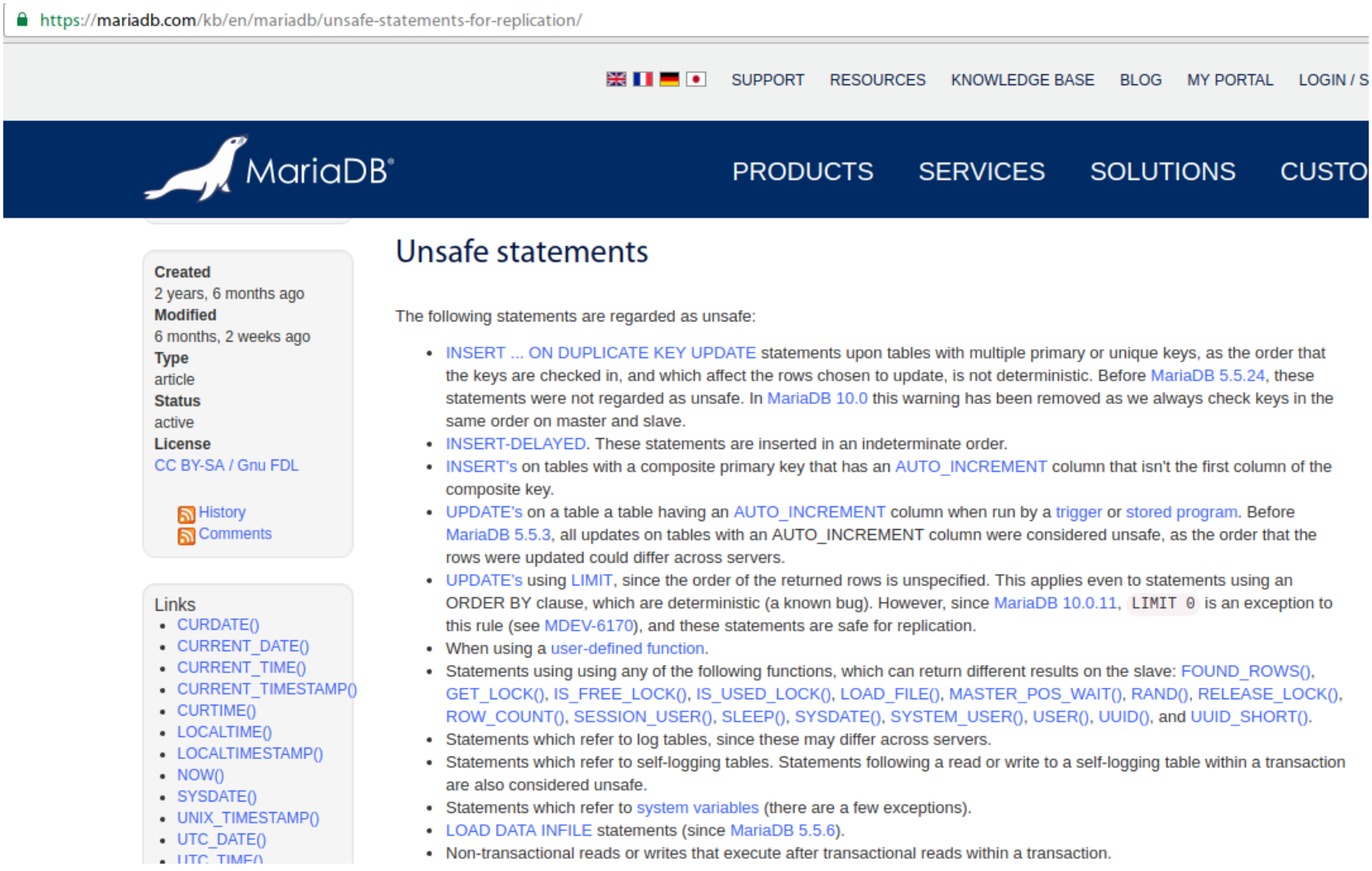

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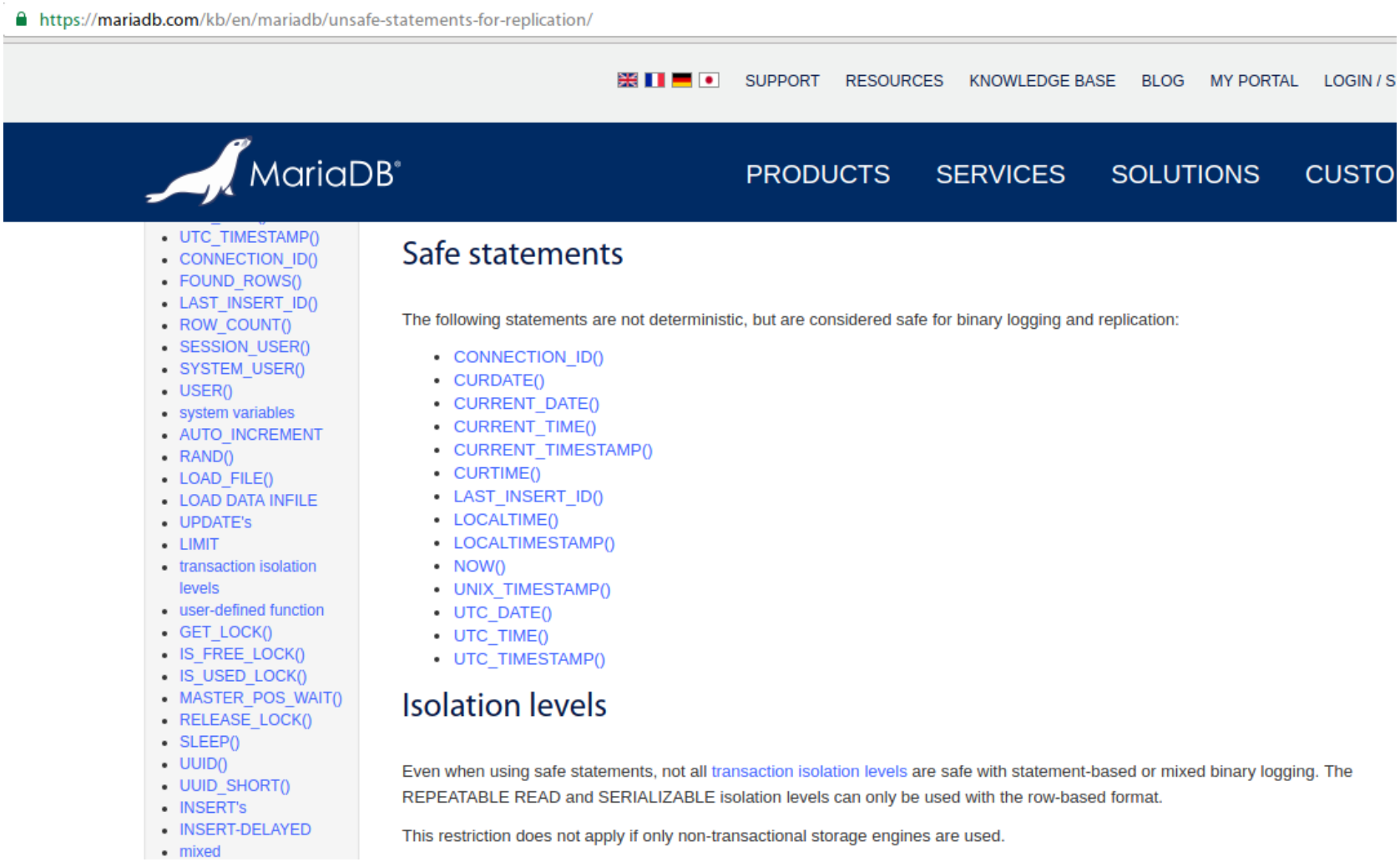

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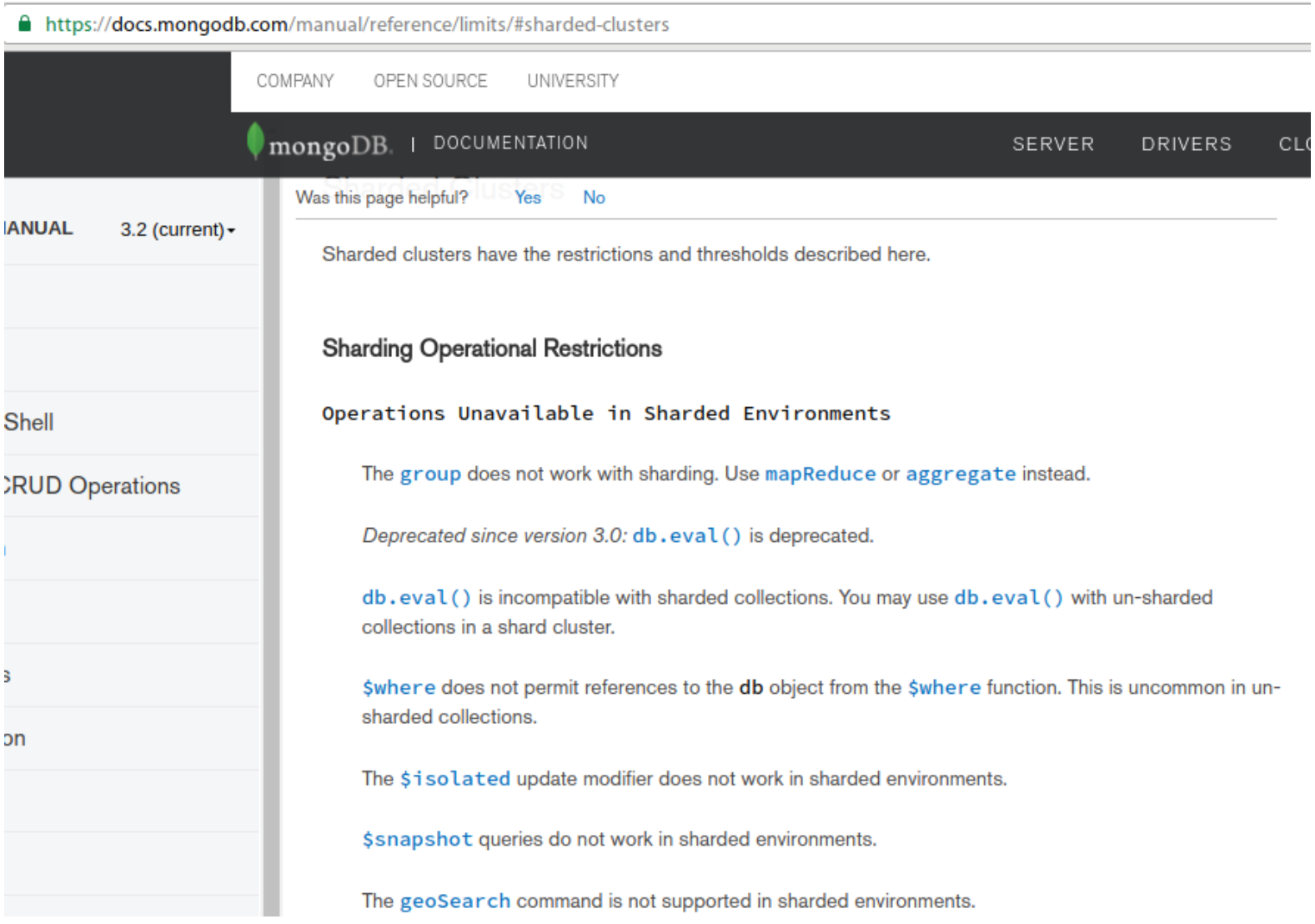

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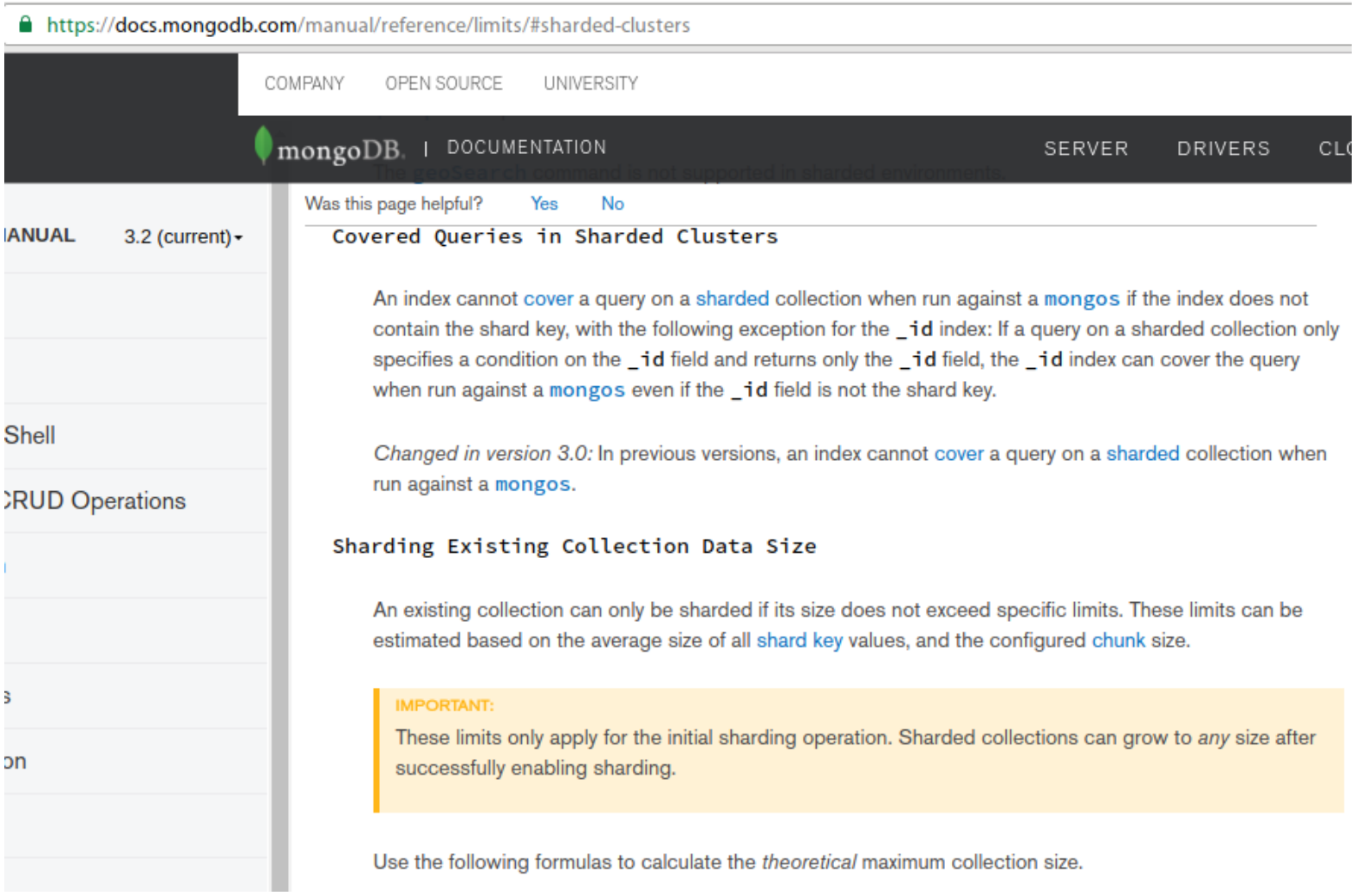

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The geoSearch command is not supported in sharded environments.

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Covered Queries in Sharded Clusters

An index cannot cover a query on a sharded collection when run against a `mongos` if the index does not contain the shard key, with the following exception for the `_id` index: If a query on a sharded collection only specifies a condition on the `_id` field and returns only the `_id` field, the `_id` index can cover the query when run against a `mongos` even if the `_id` field is not the shard key.

Changed in version 3.0: In previous versions, an index cannot cover a query on a sharded collection when run against a `mongos`.

Sharding Existing Collection Data Size

An existing collection can only be sharded if its size does not exceed specific limits. These limits can be estimated based on the average size of all shard key values, and the configured chunk size.

IMPORTANT:

These limits only apply for the initial sharding operation. Sharded collections can grow to *any* size after successfully enabling sharding.

Use the following formulas to calculate the *theoretical* maximum collection size.

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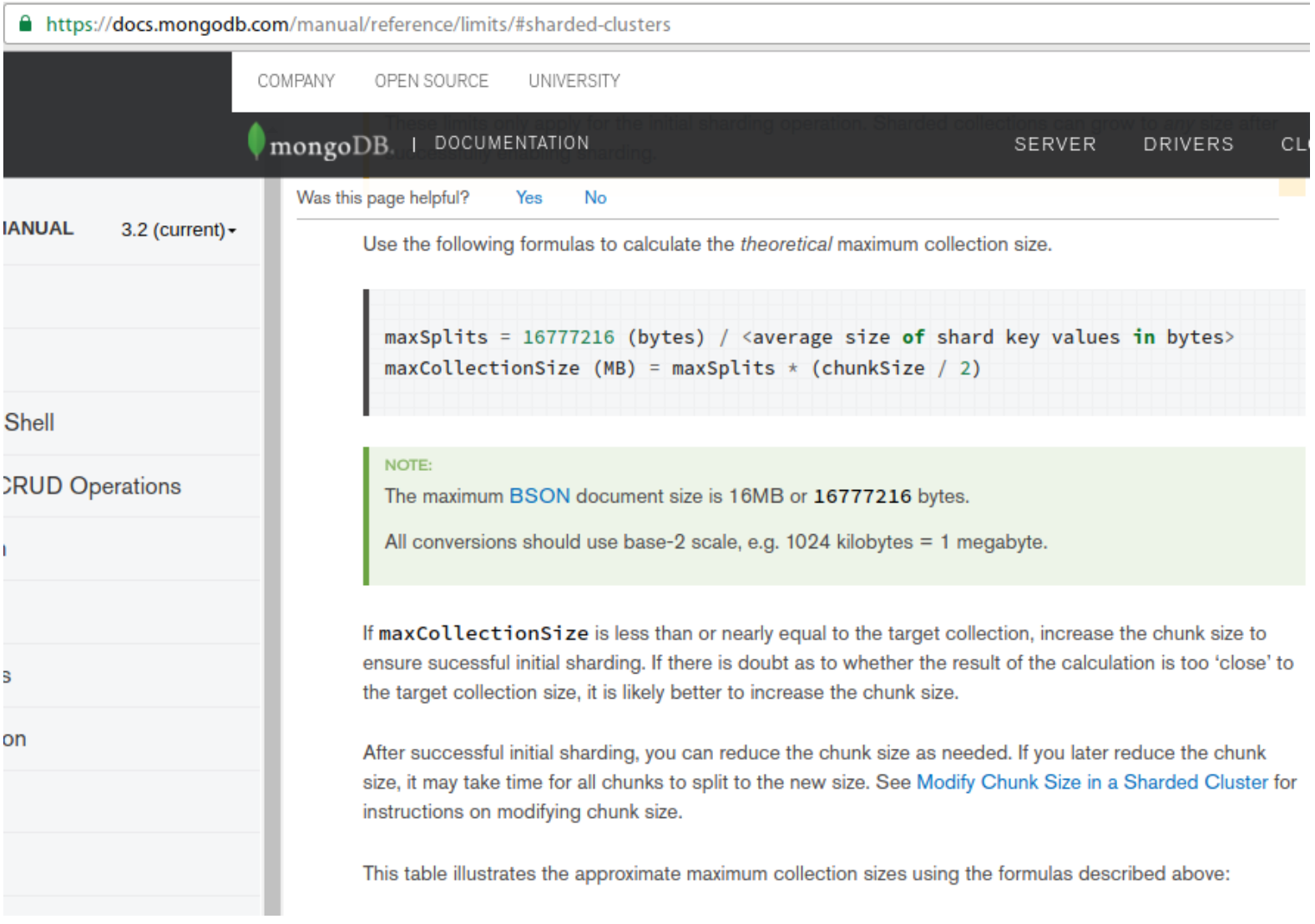

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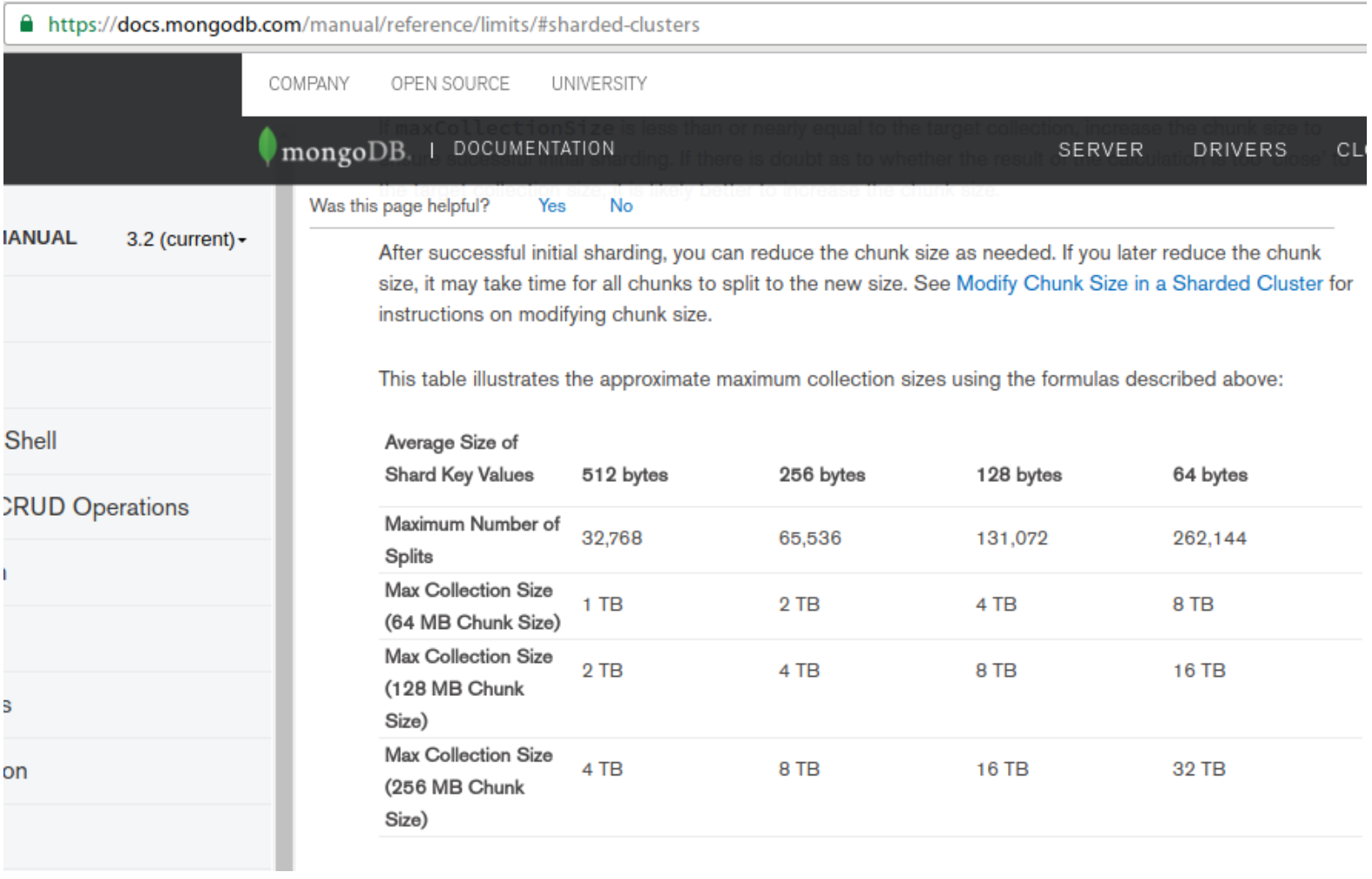

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This table illustrates the approximate maximum collection sizes using the formulas described above:

Average Size of Shard Key Values	512 bytes	256 bytes	128 bytes	64 bytes
Maximum Number of Splits	32,768	65,536	131,072	262,144
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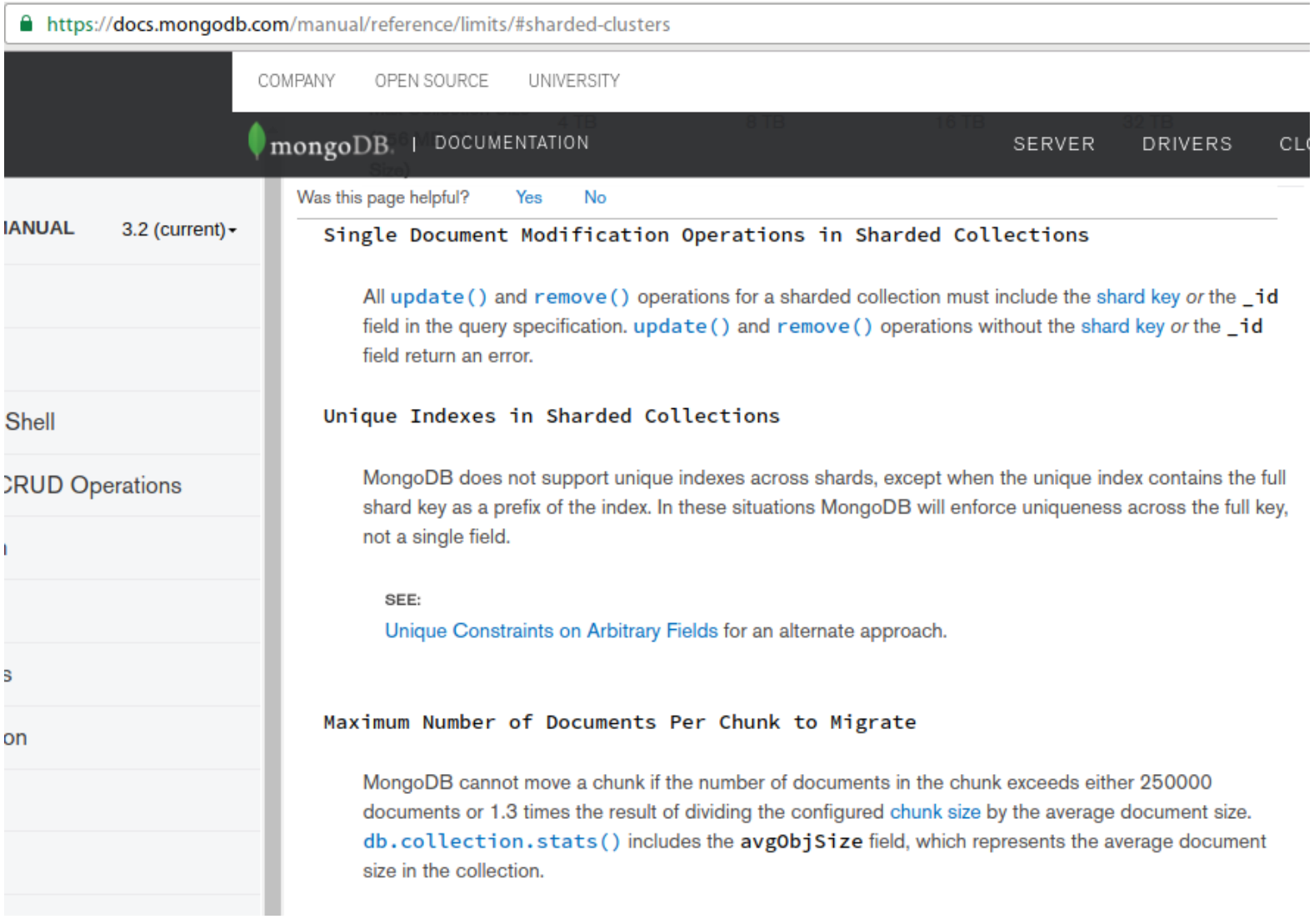

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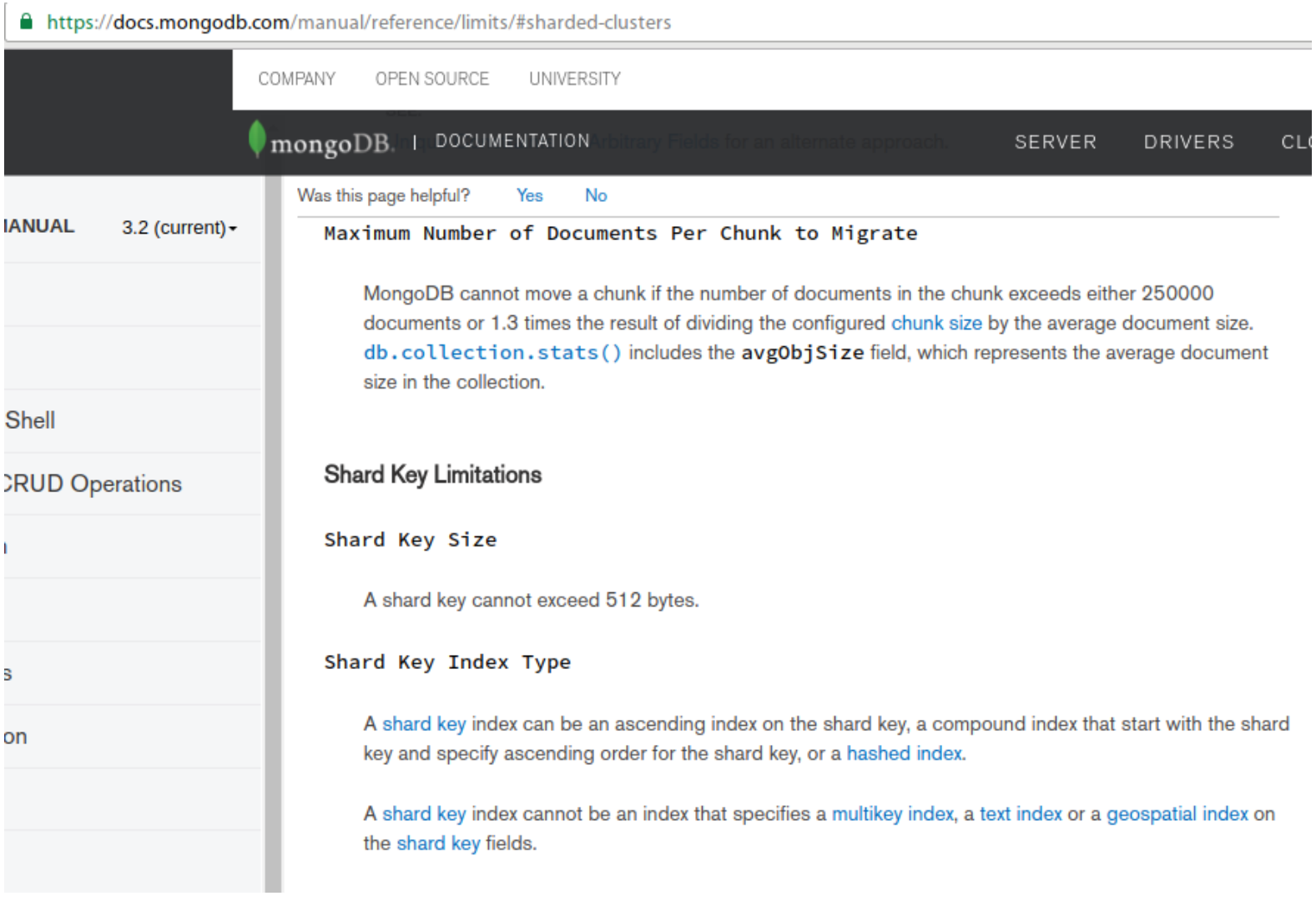

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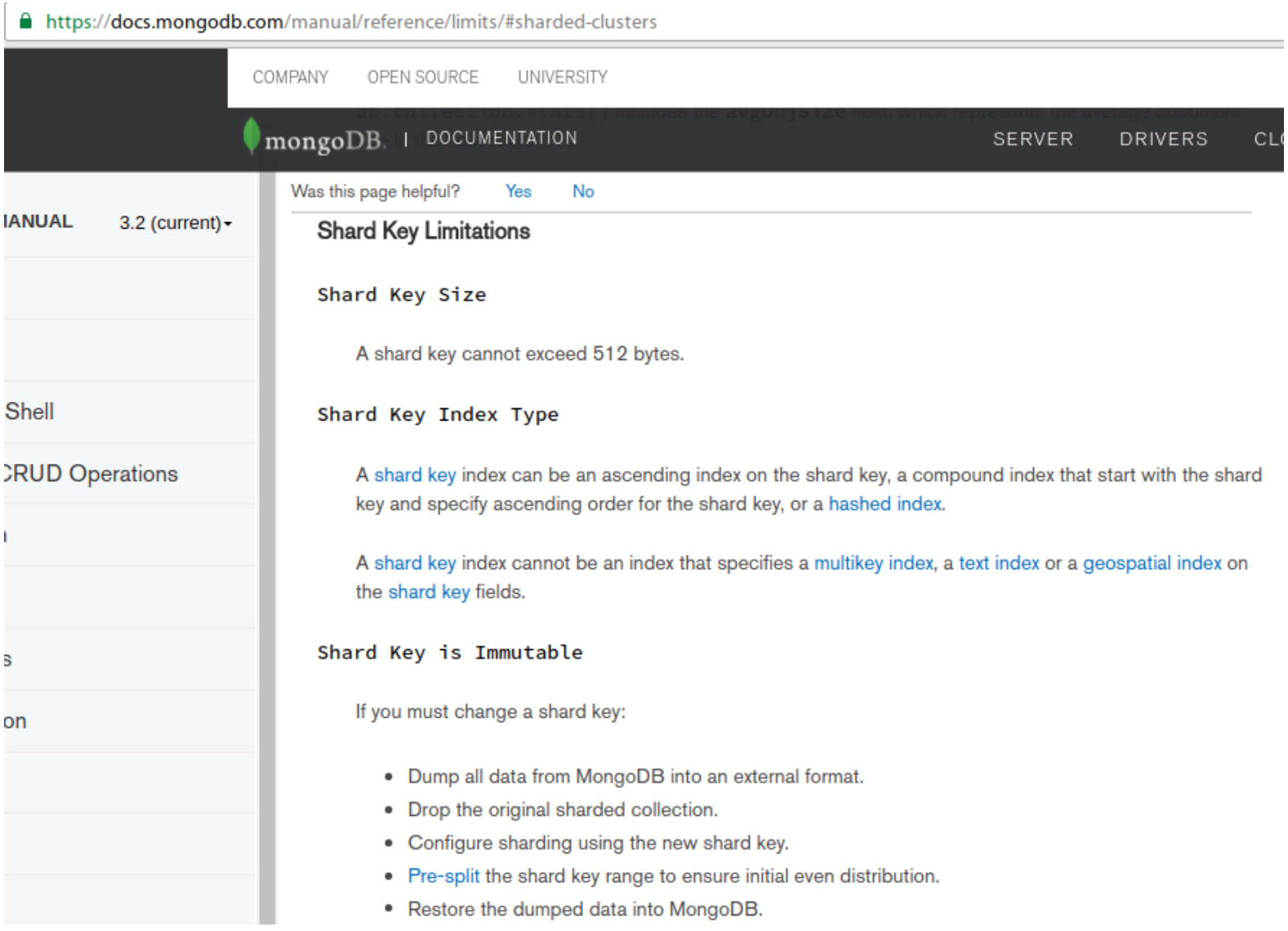

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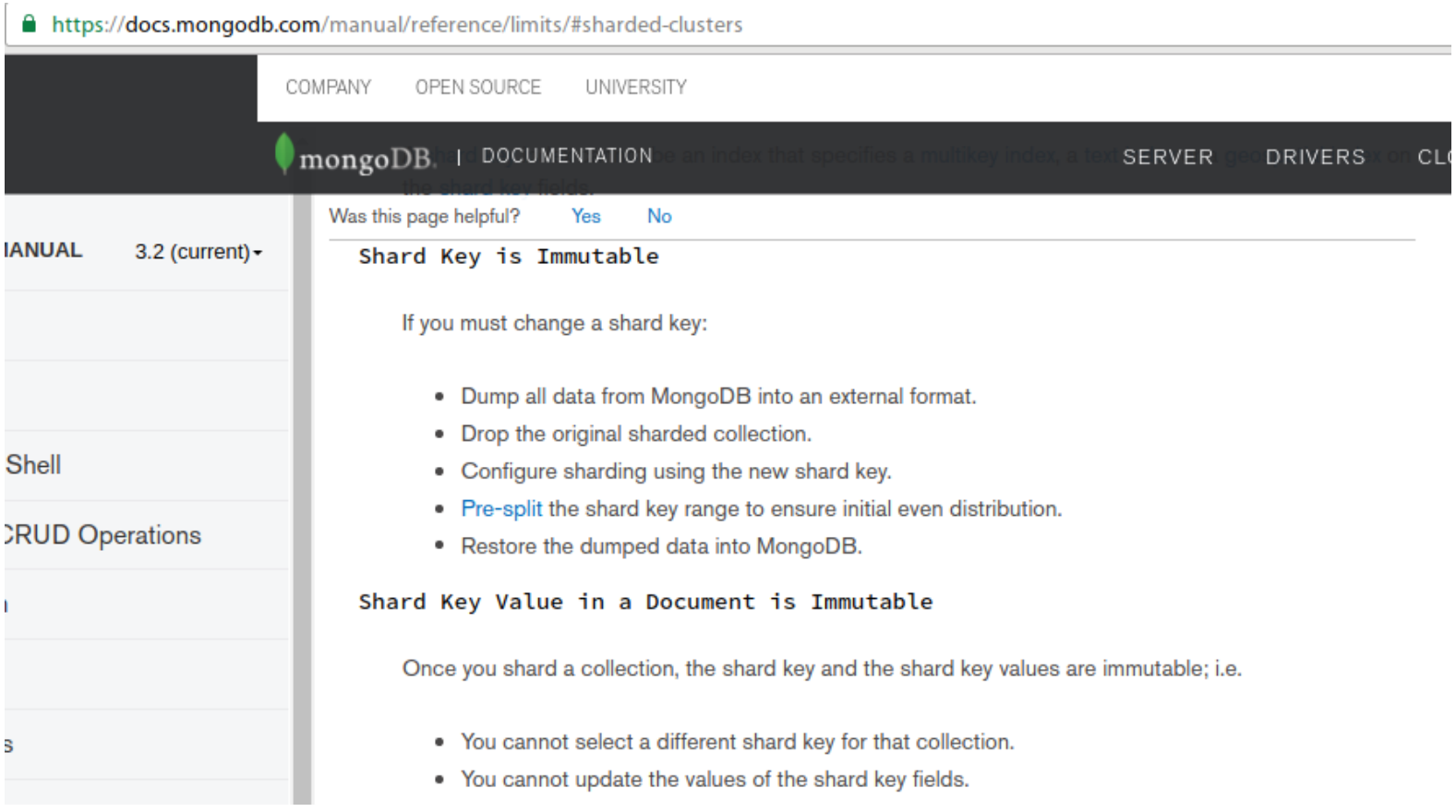

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Shard Key is Immutable

If you must change a shard key:

- Dump all data from MongoDB into an external format.
- Drop the original sharded collection.
- Configure sharding using the new shard key.
- Pre-split the shard key range to ensure initial even distribution.
- Restore the dumped data into MongoDB.

Shard Key Value in a Document is Immutable

Once you shard a collection, the shard key and the shard key values are immutable; i.e.

- You cannot select a different shard key for that collection.
- You cannot update the values of the shard key fields.

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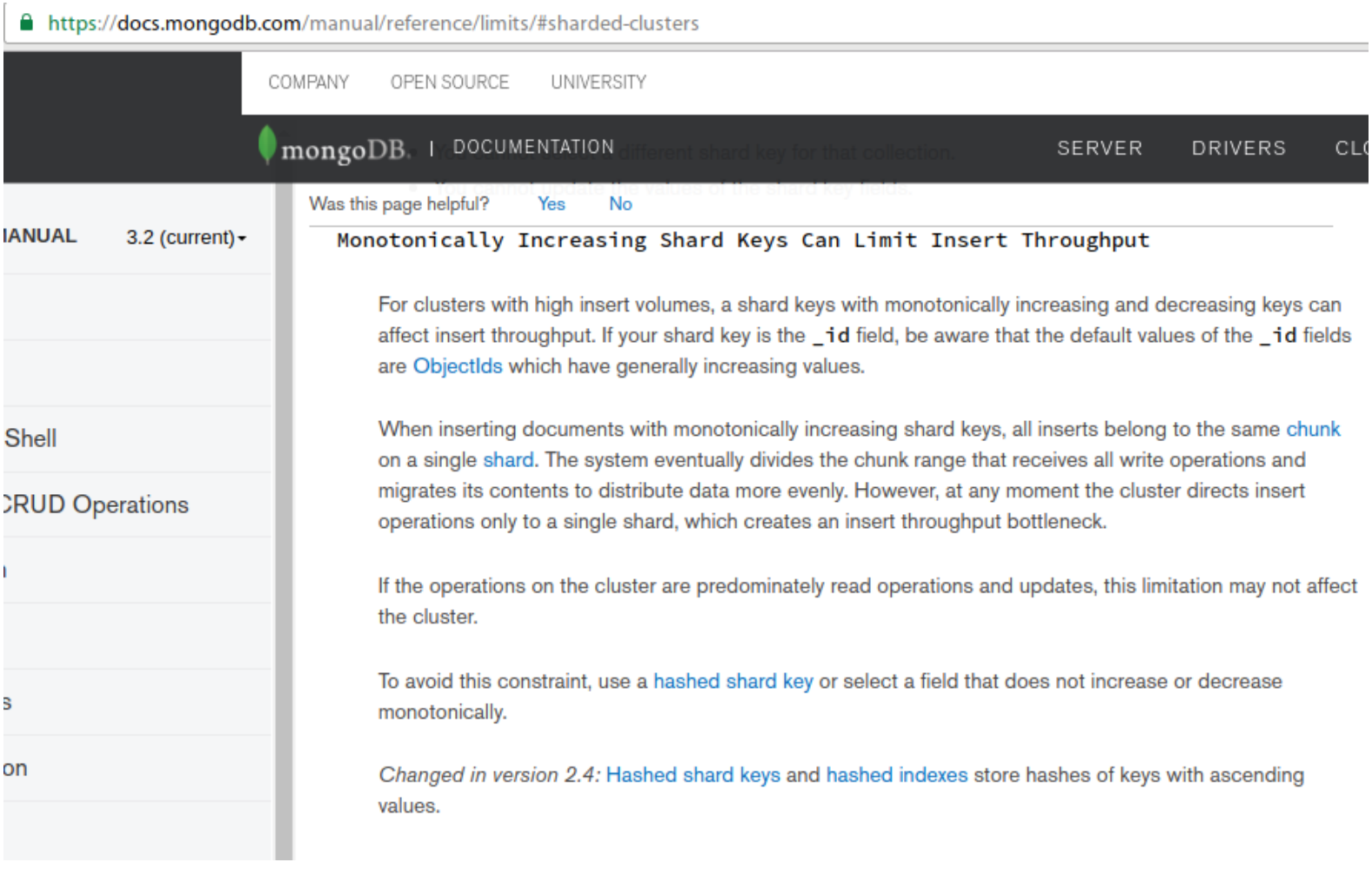

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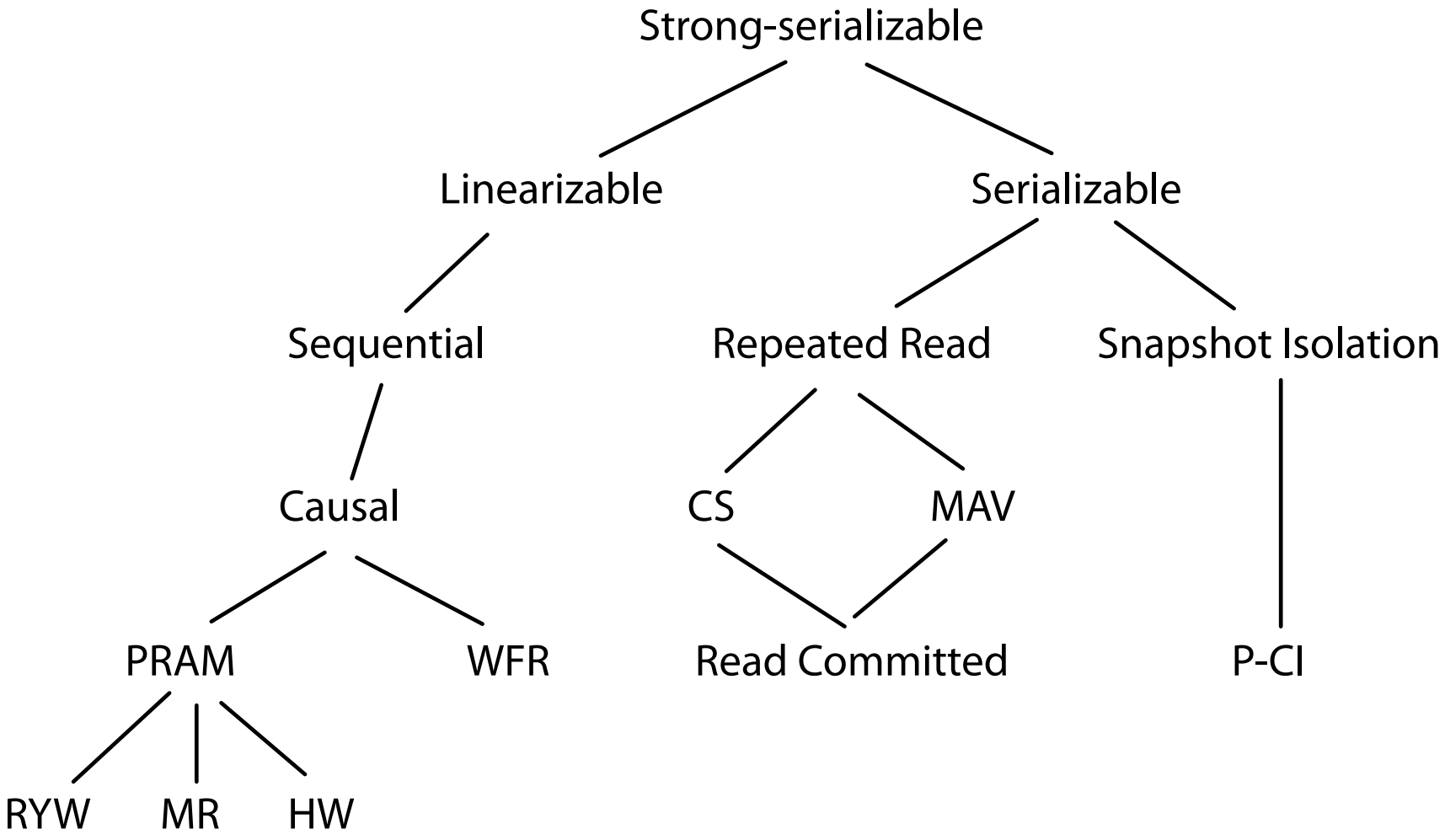

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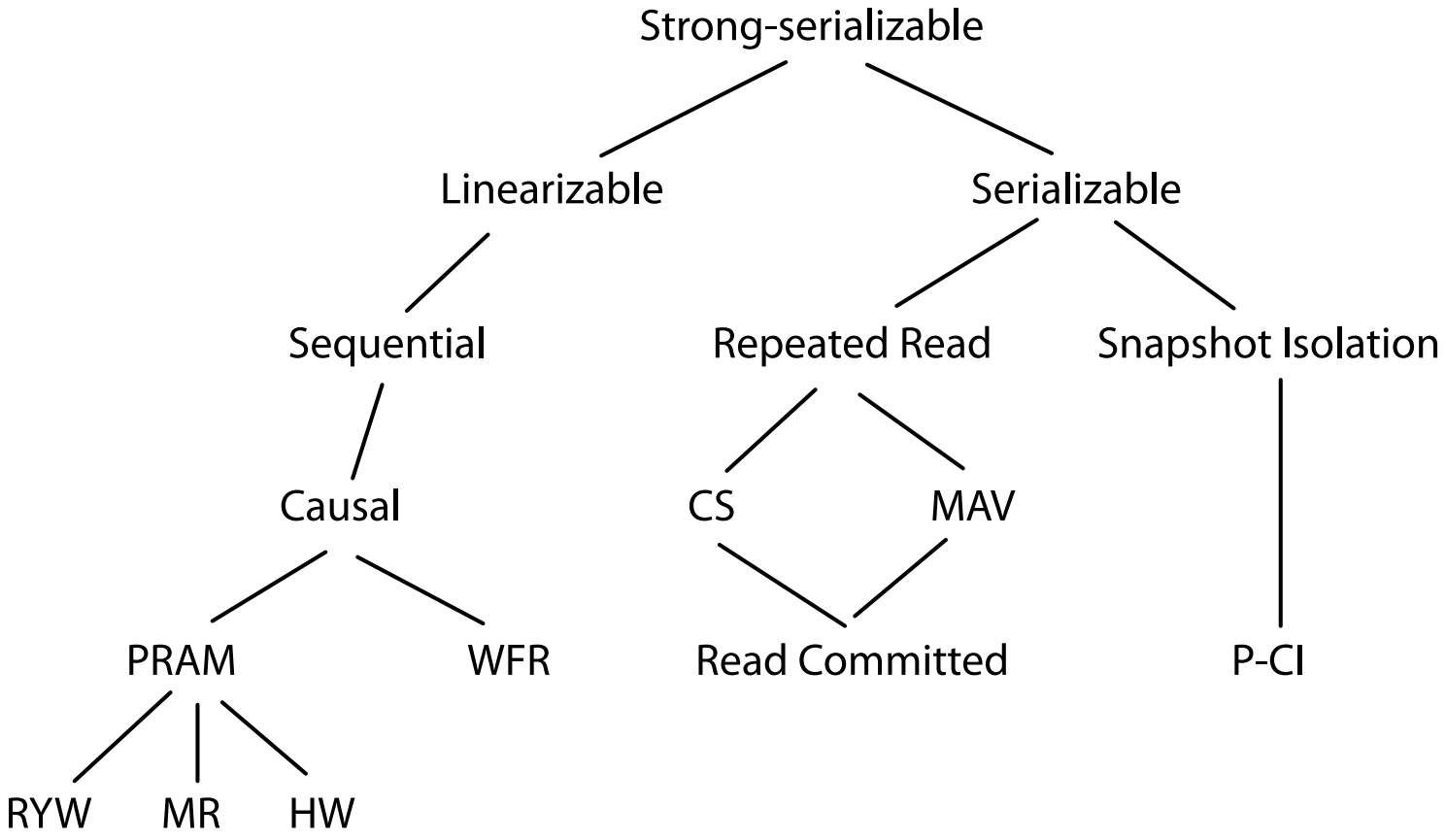

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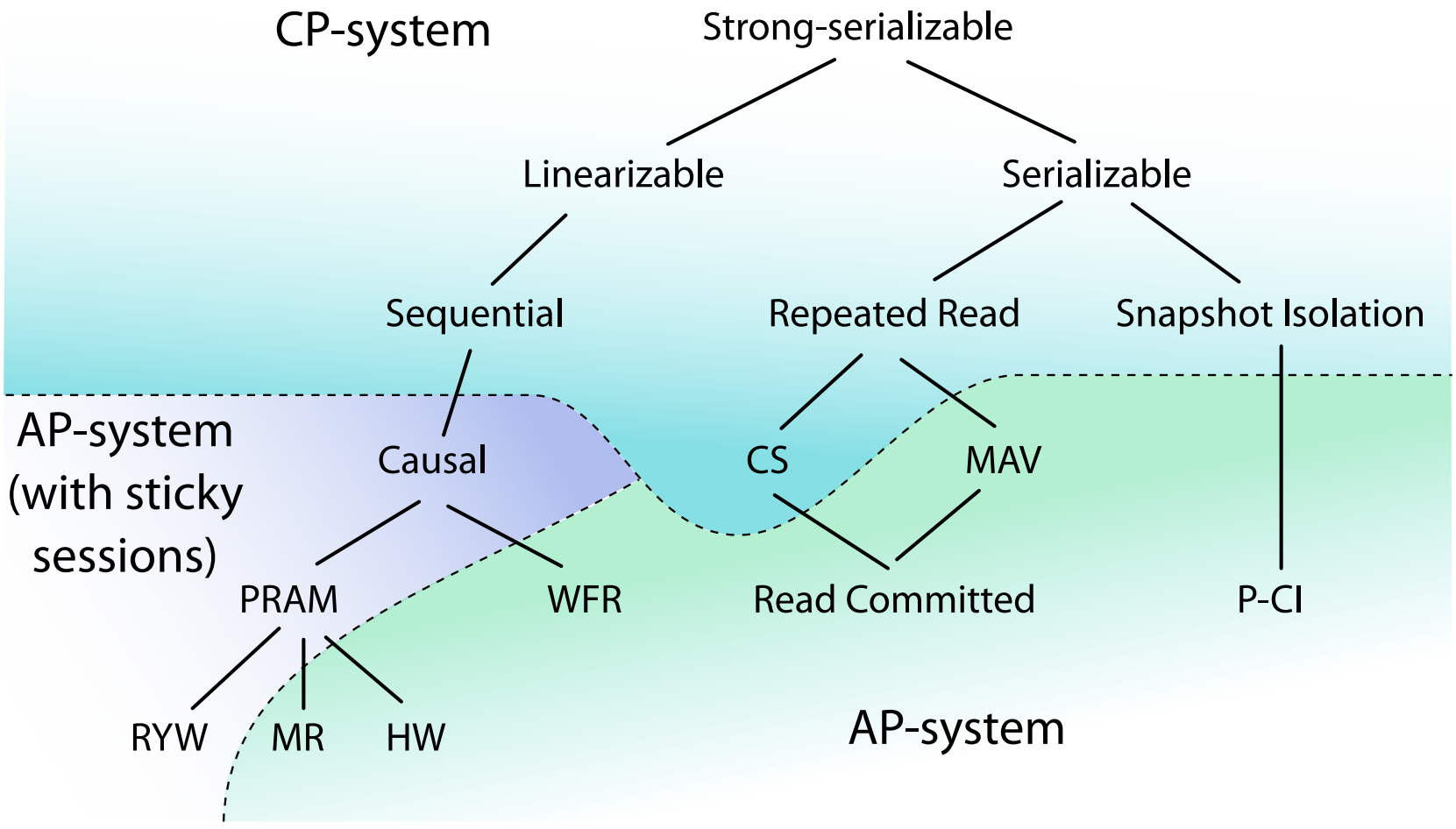

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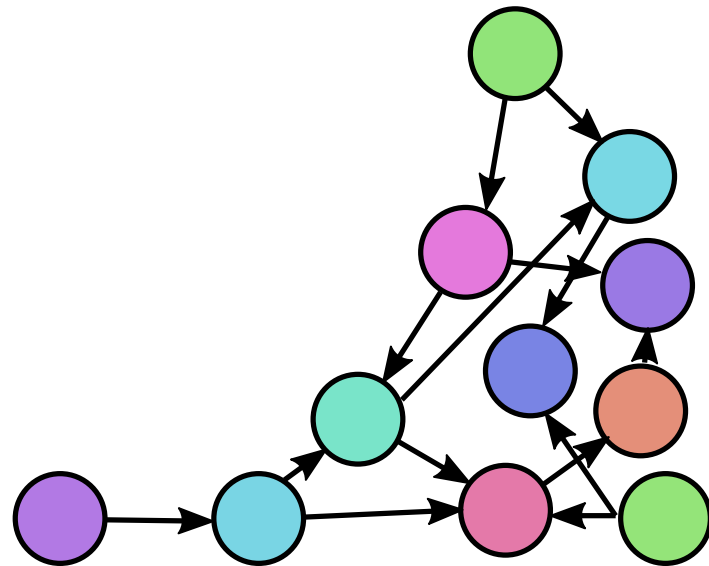

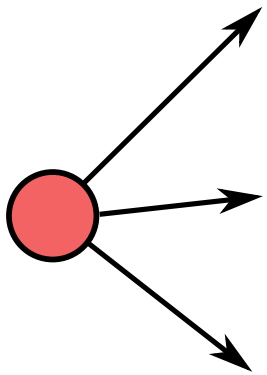

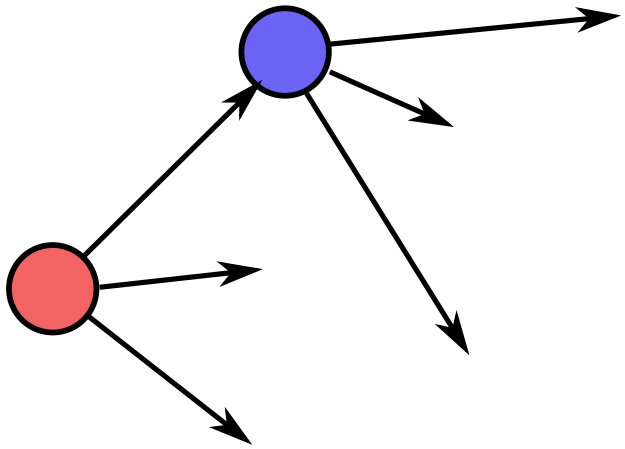

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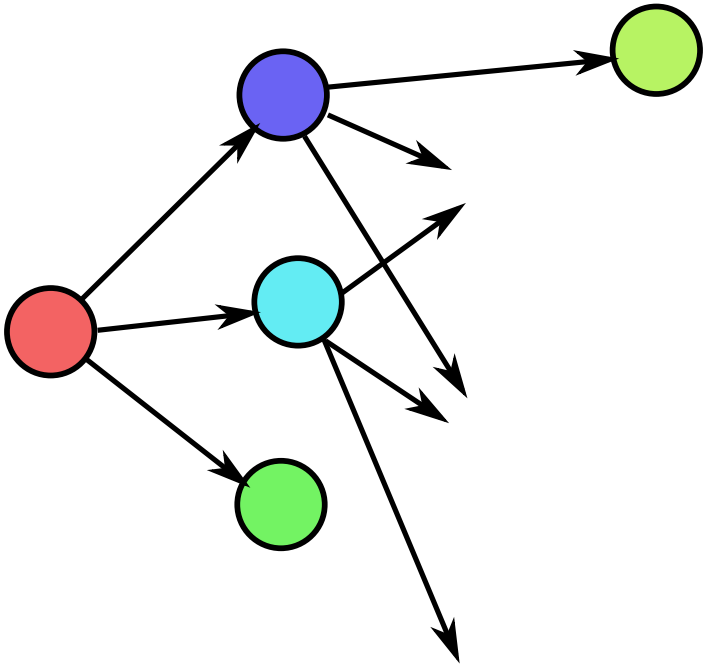

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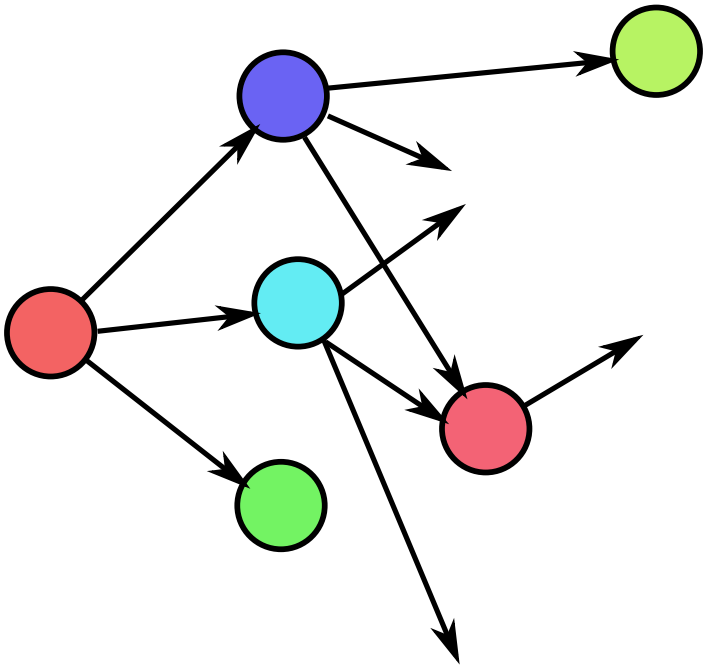

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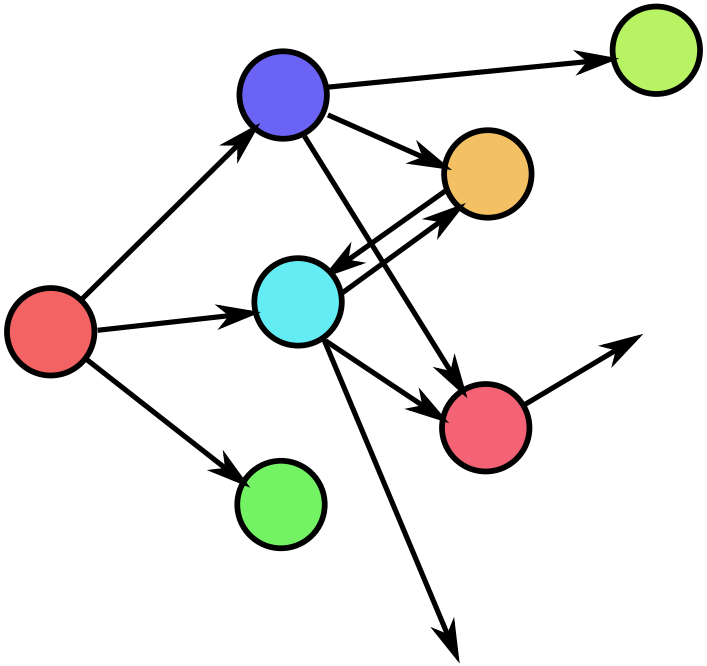

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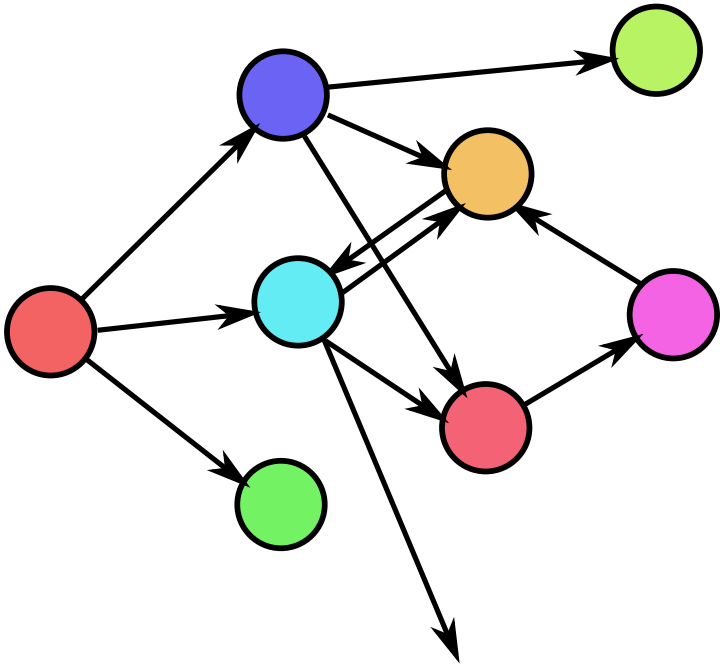

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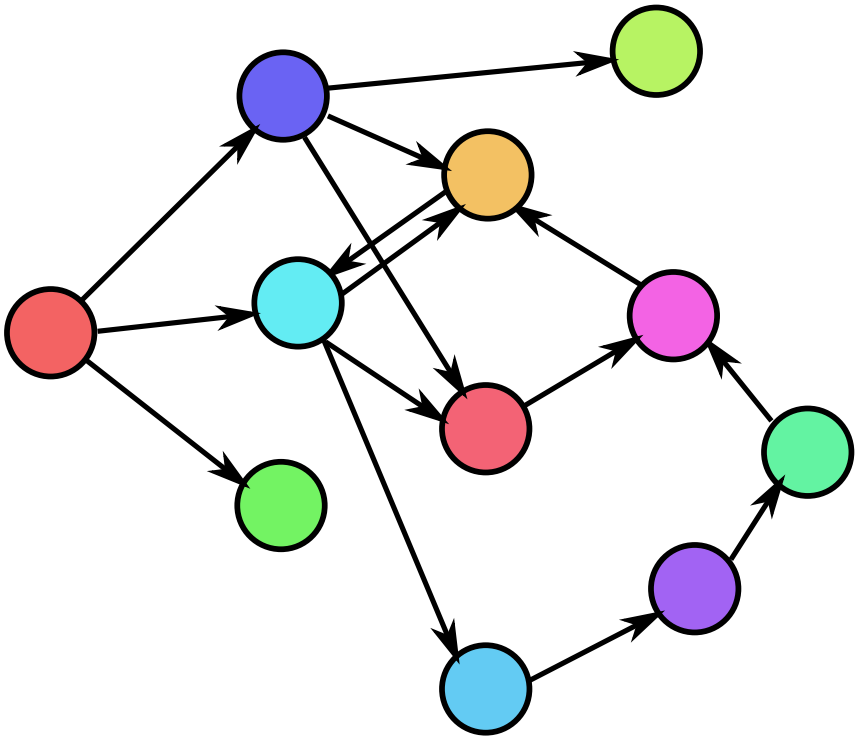

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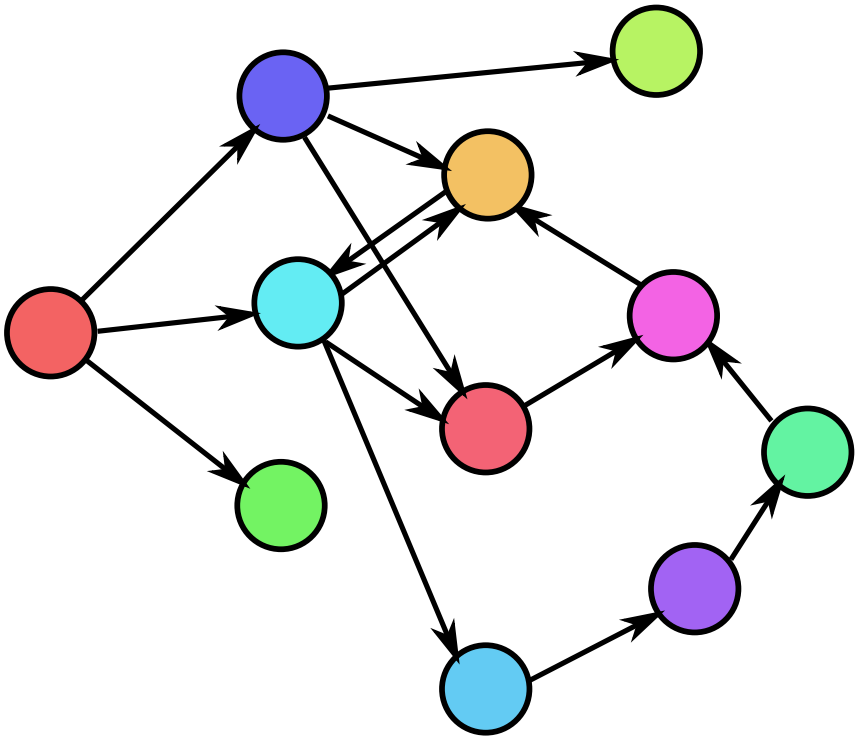

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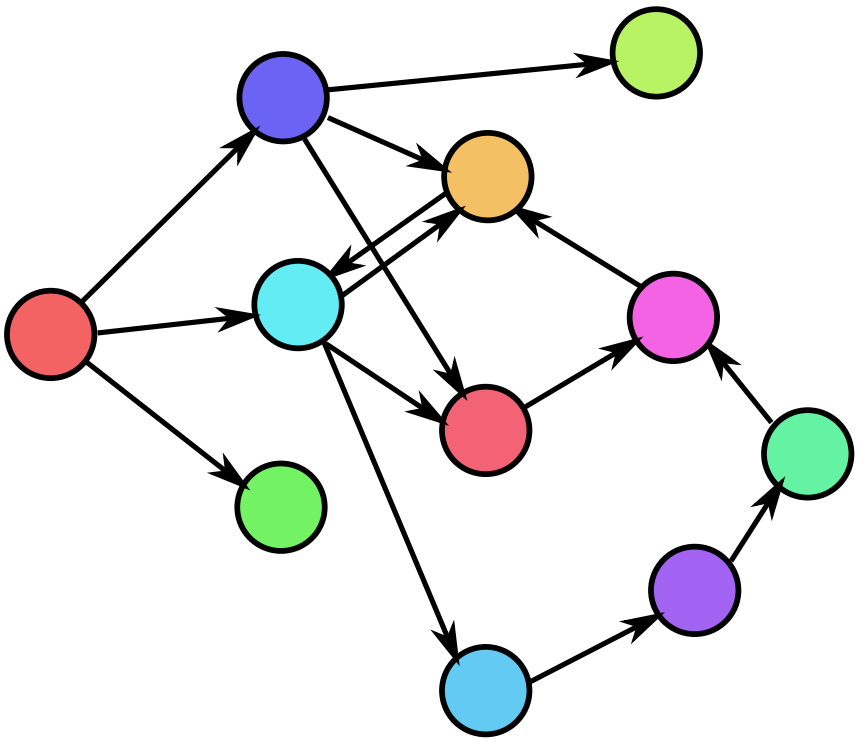

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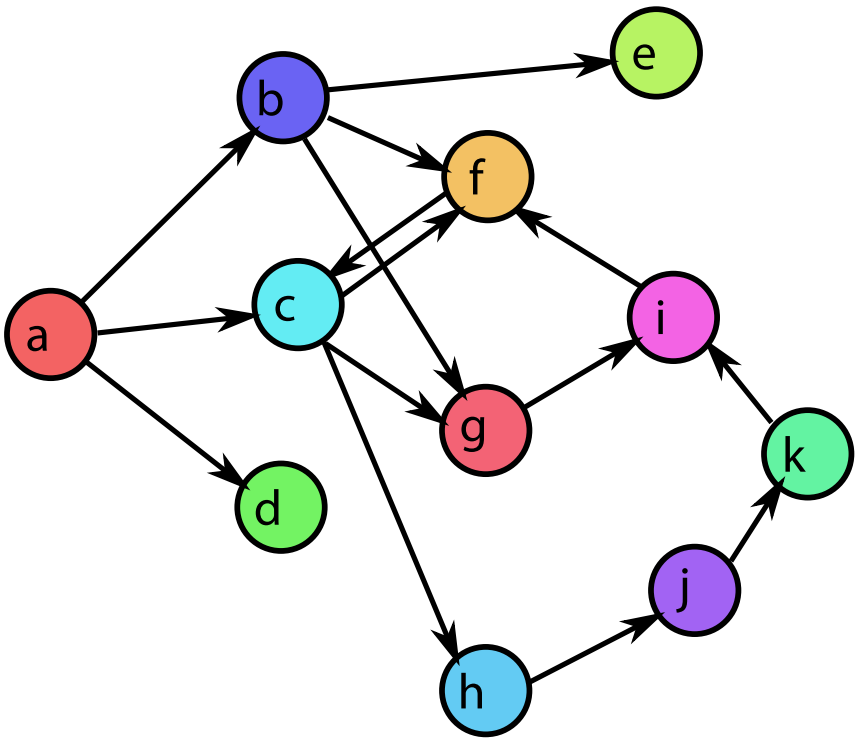

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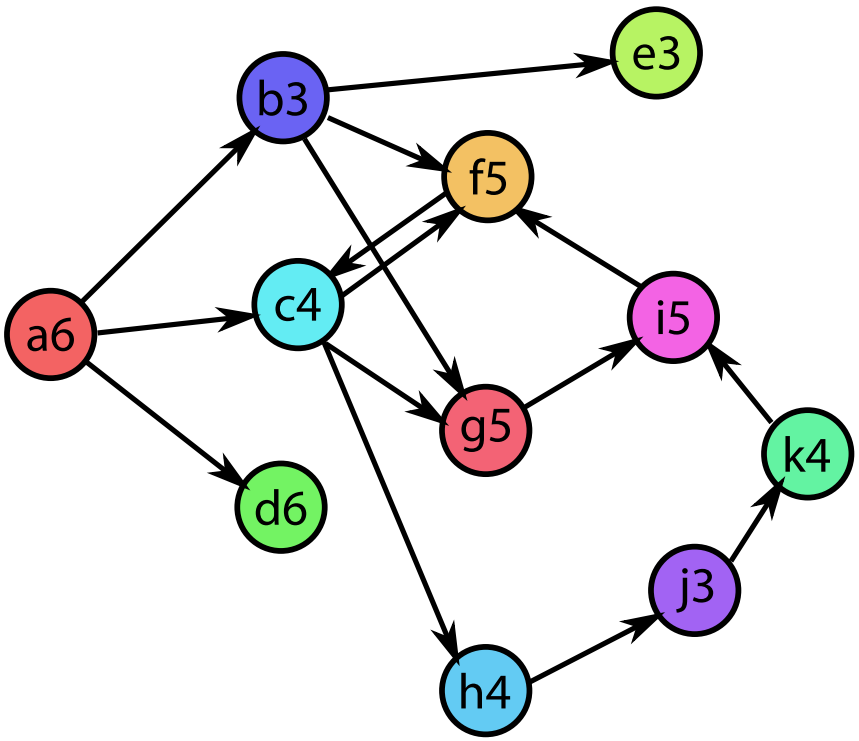

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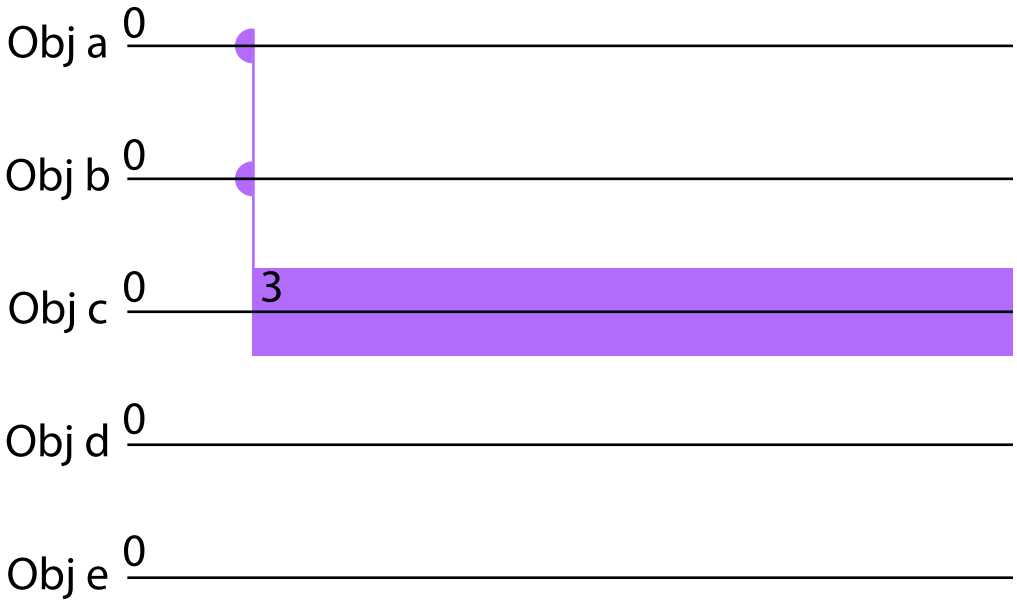

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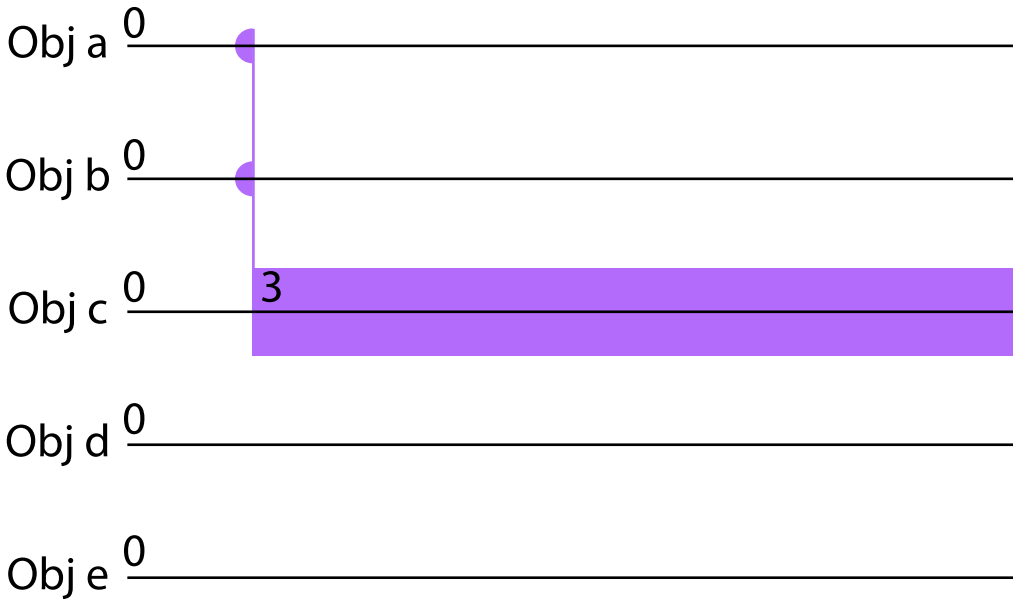

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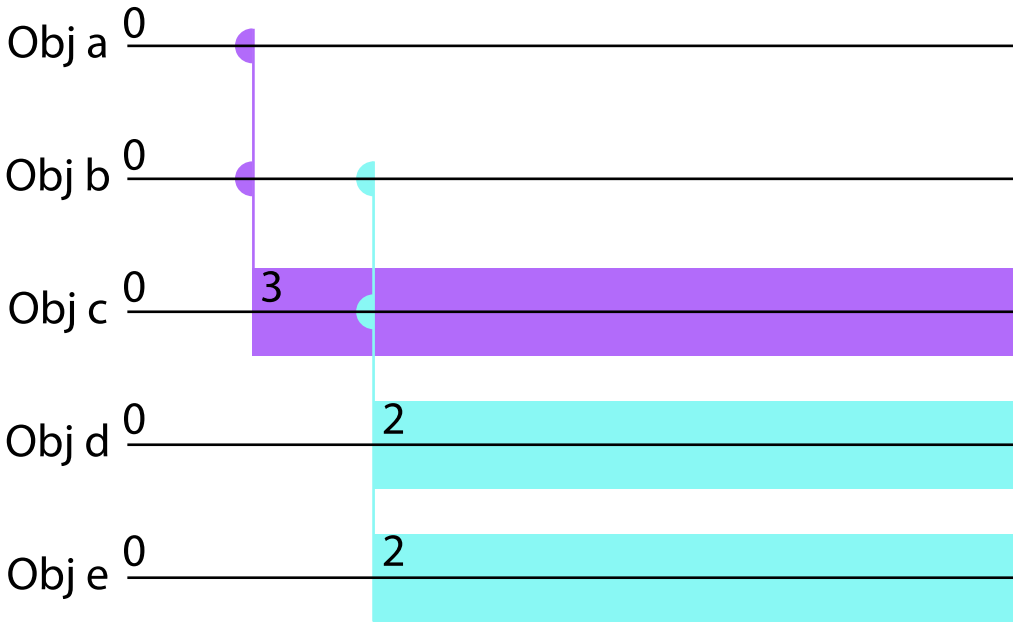

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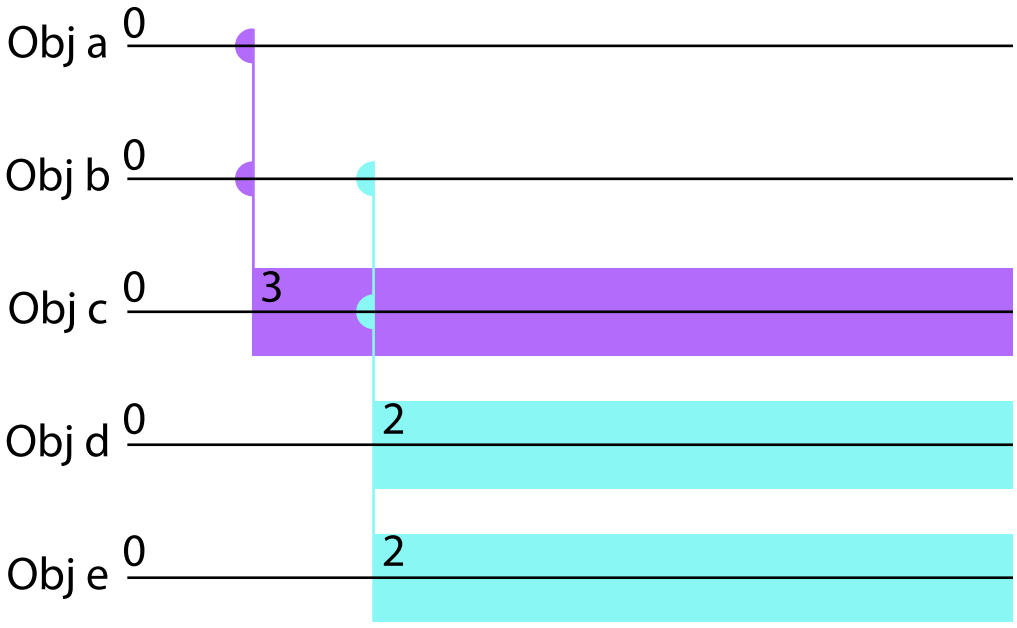

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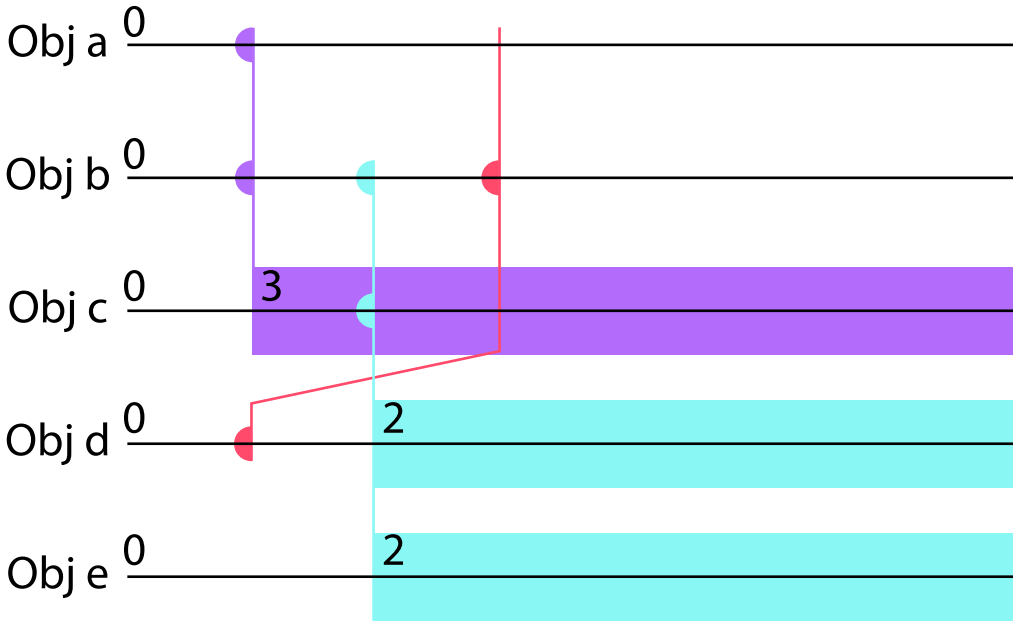

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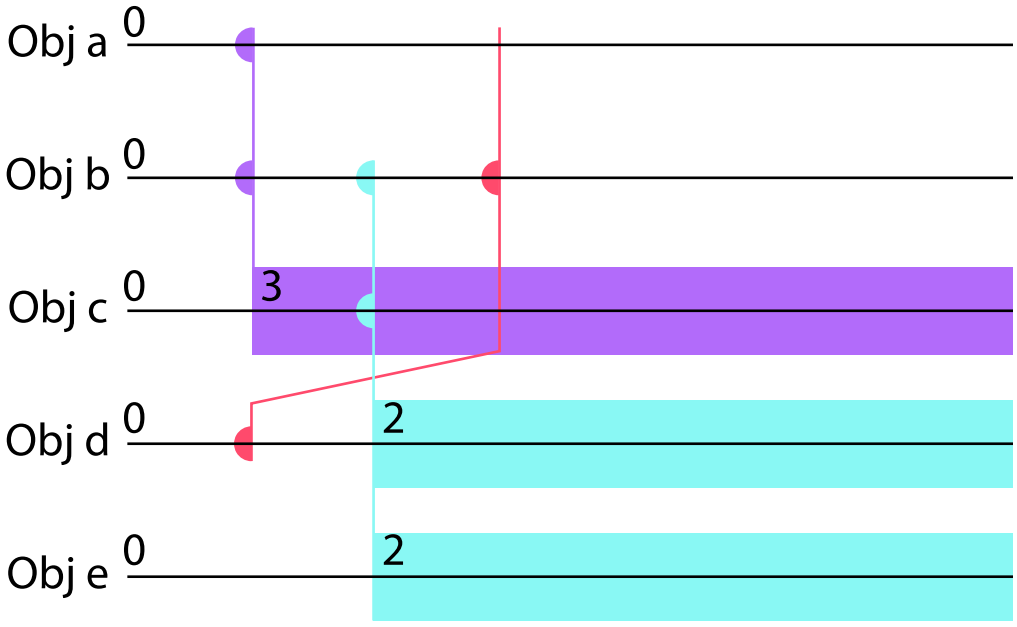

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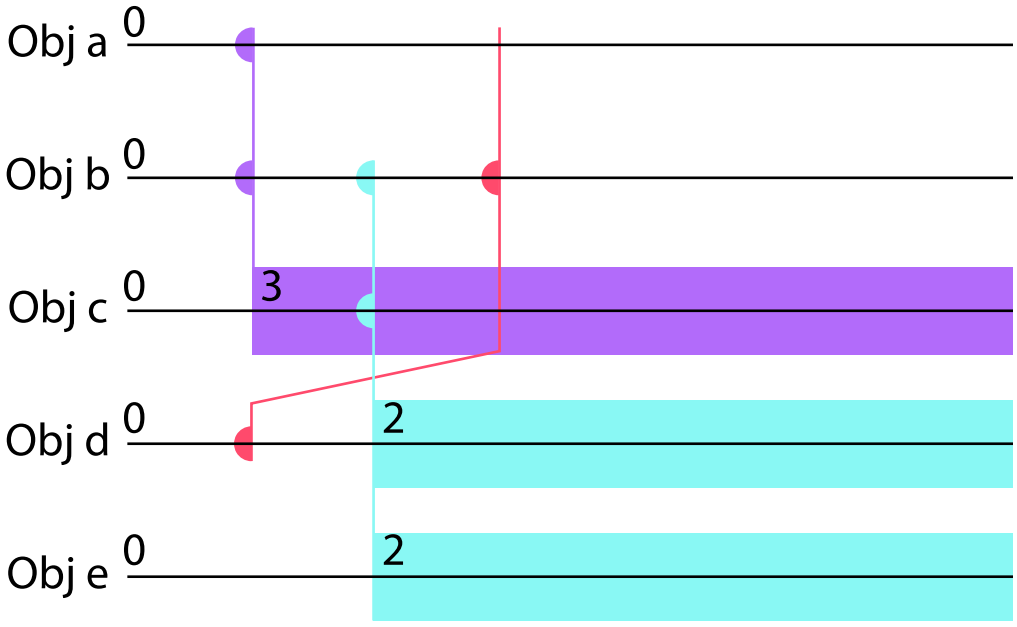

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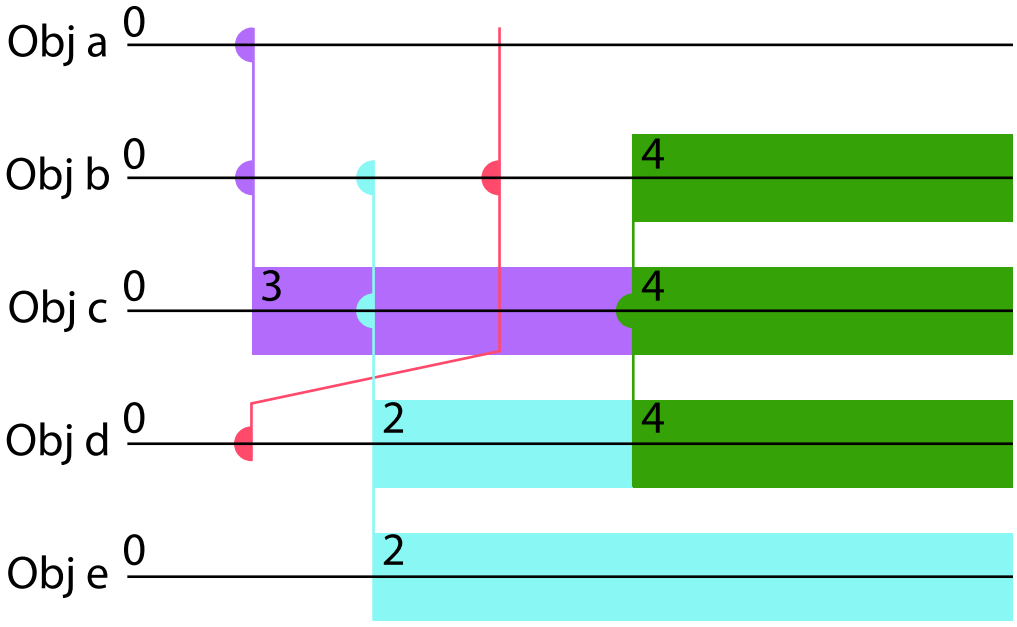

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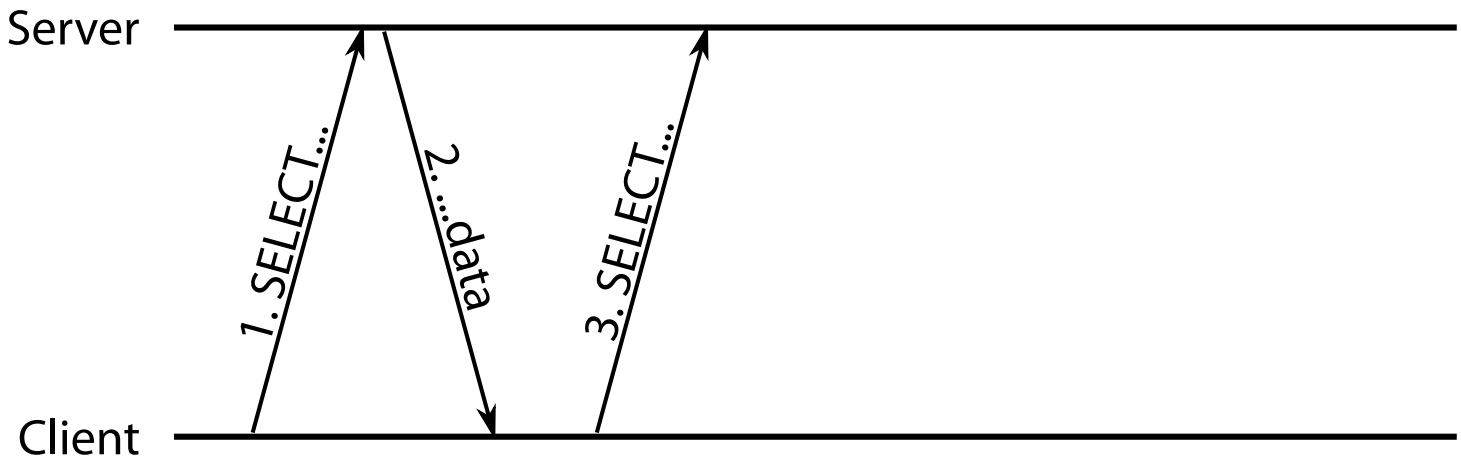

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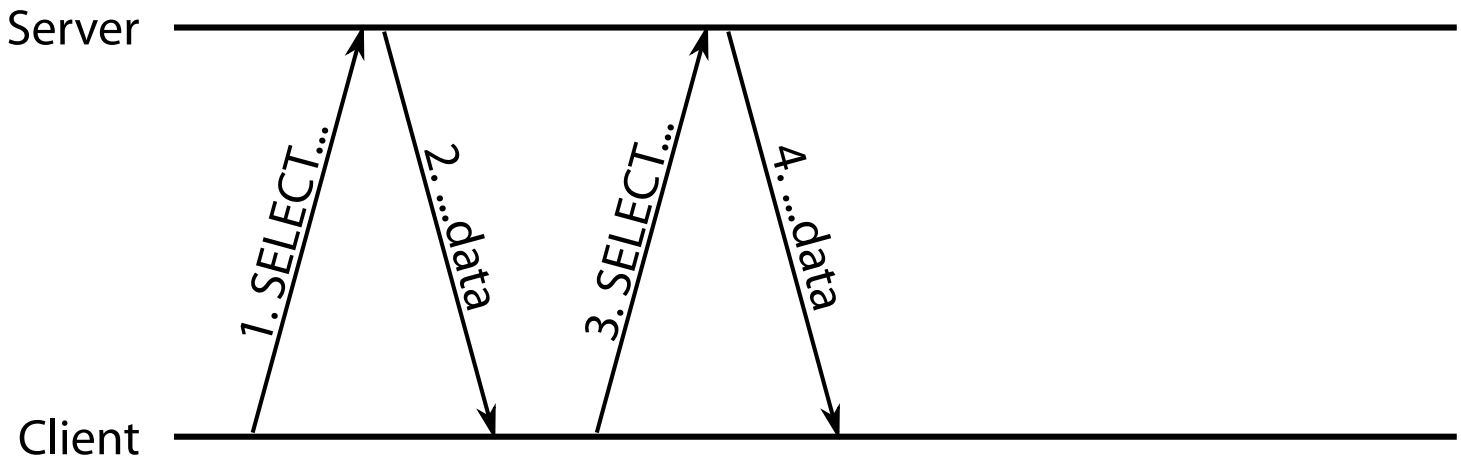

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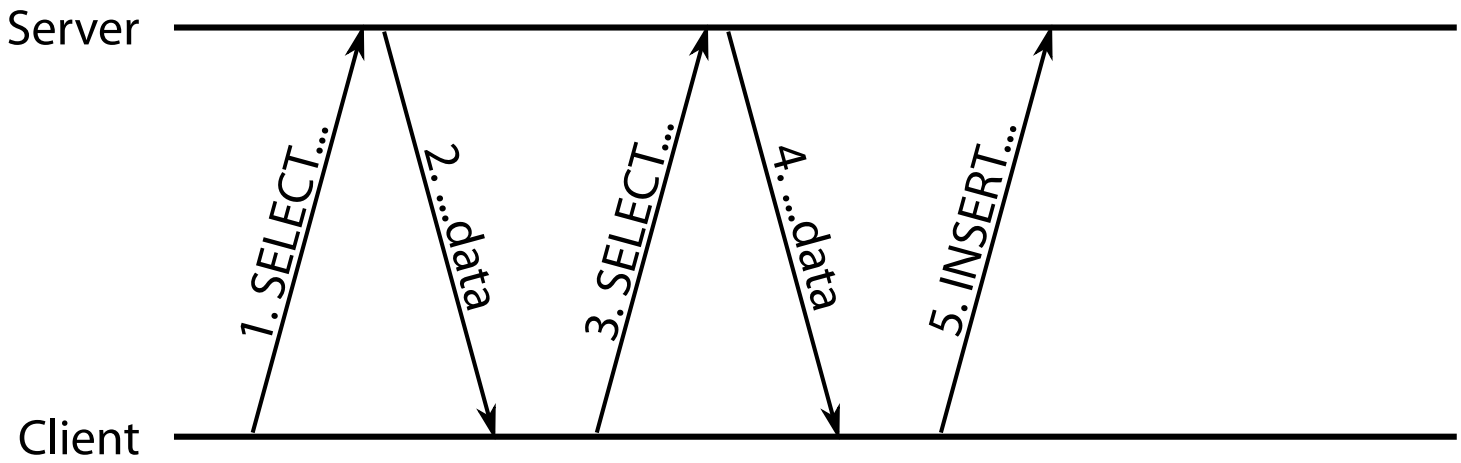

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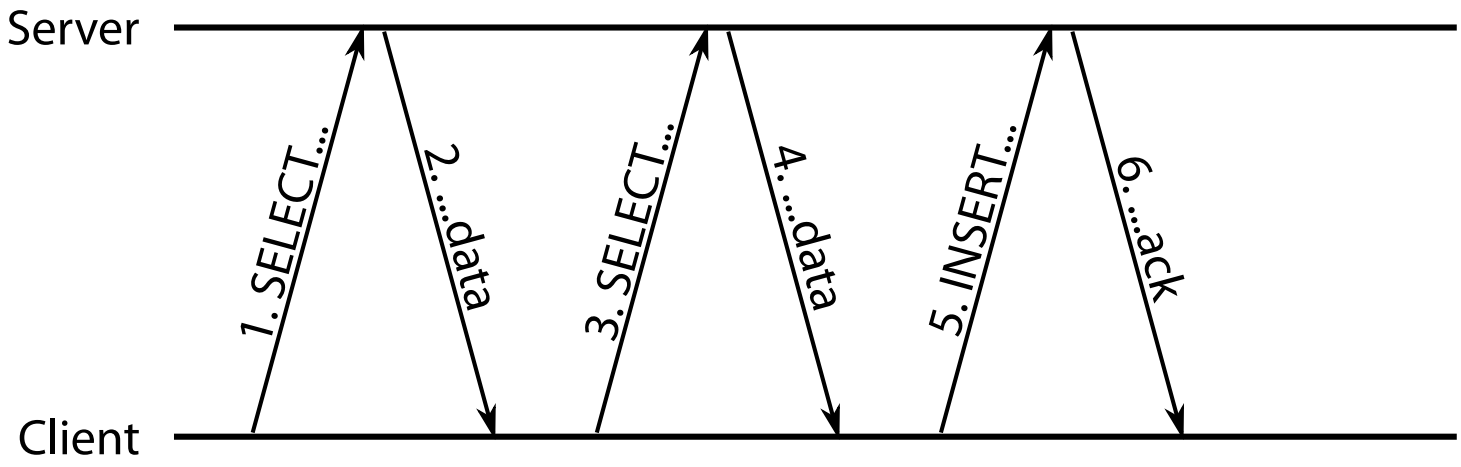

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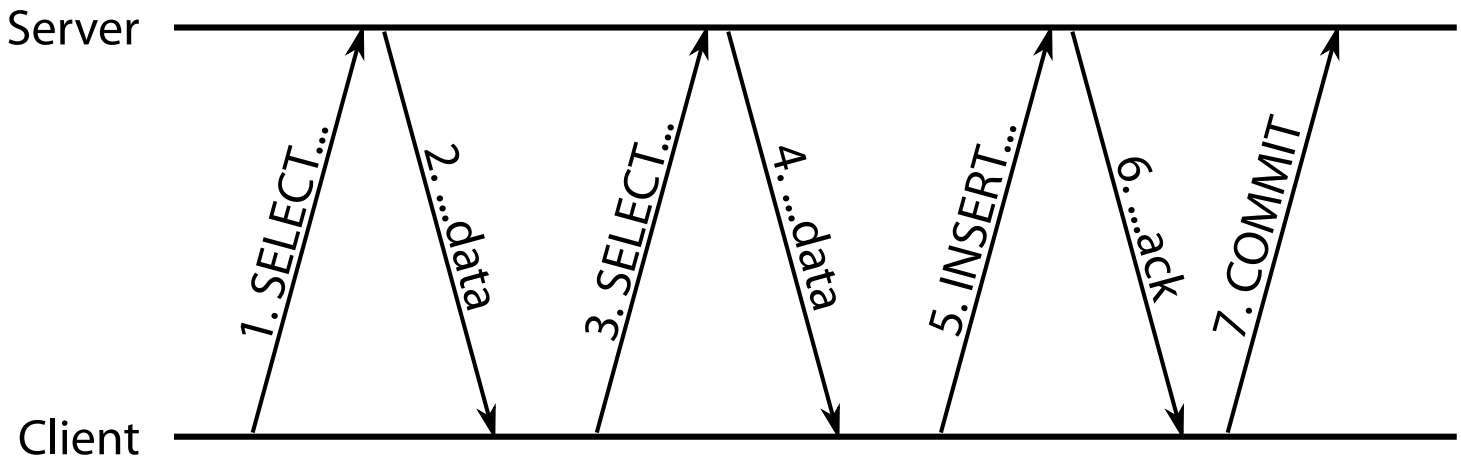

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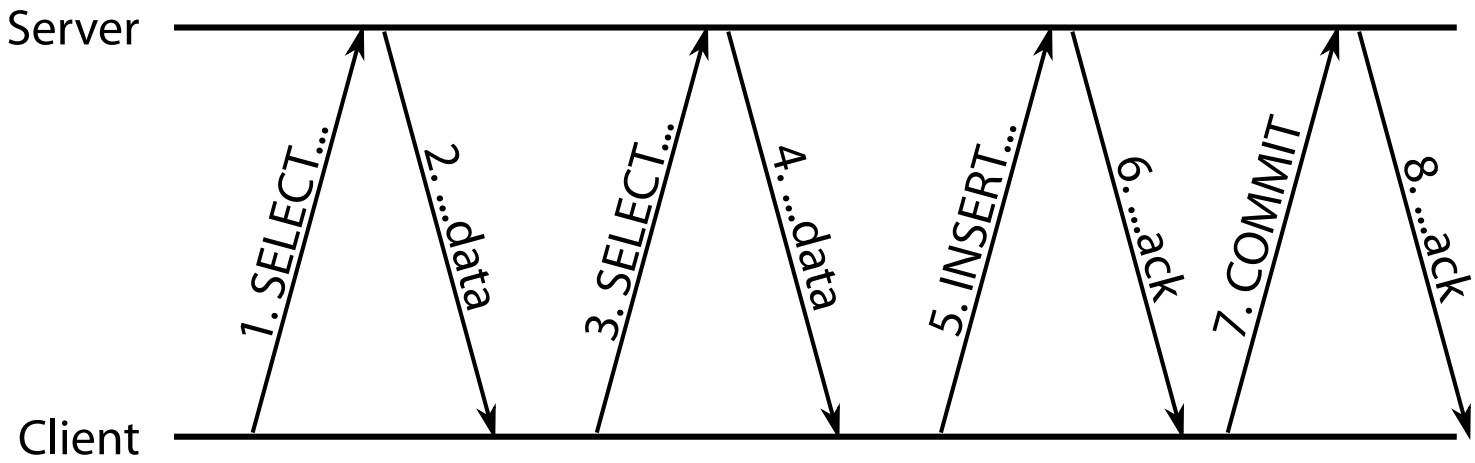

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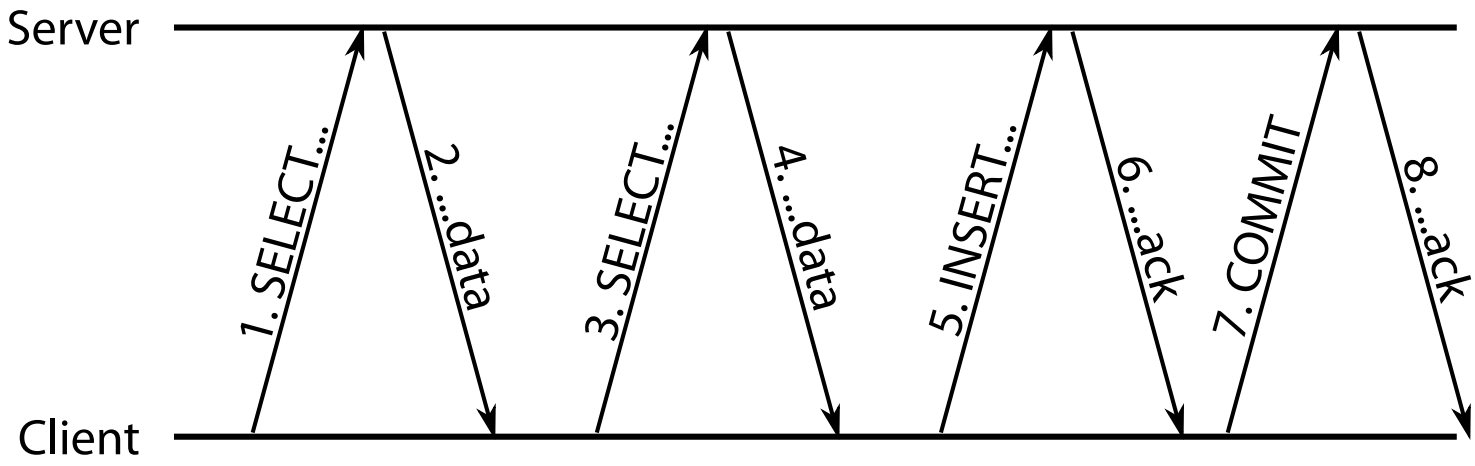

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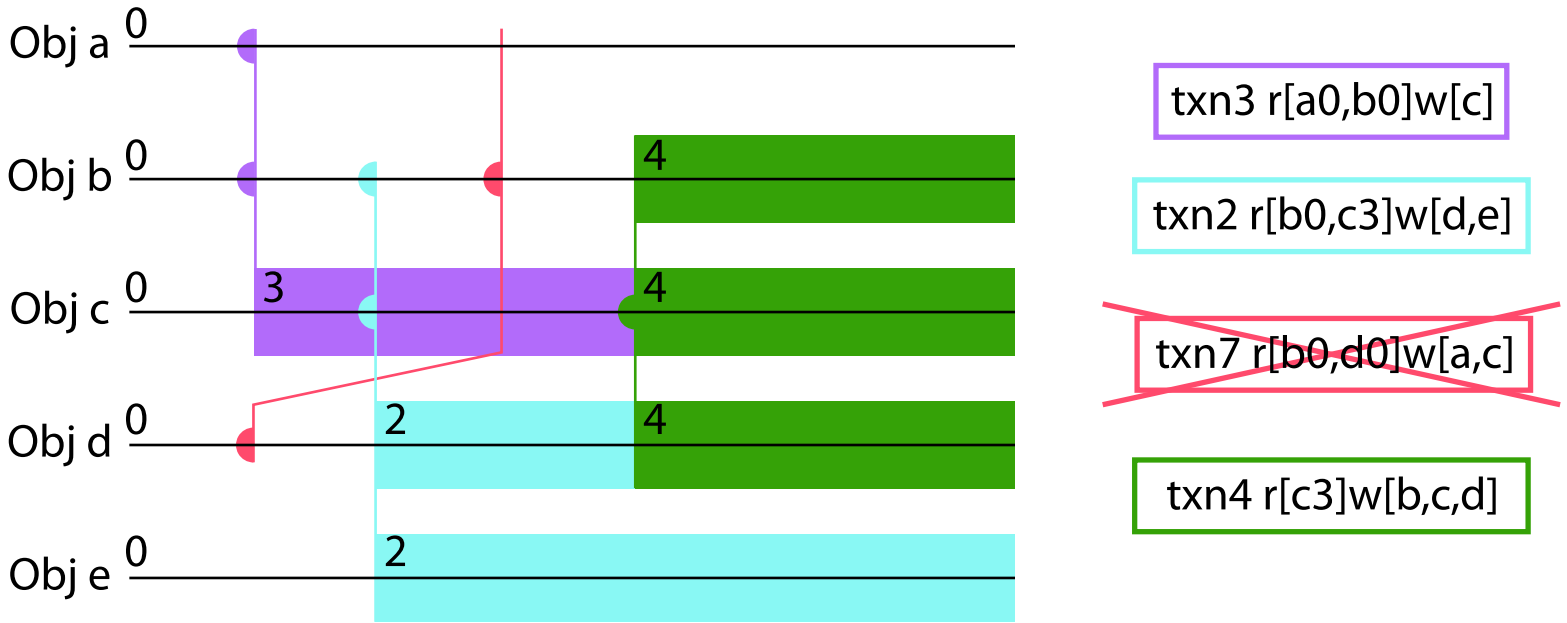

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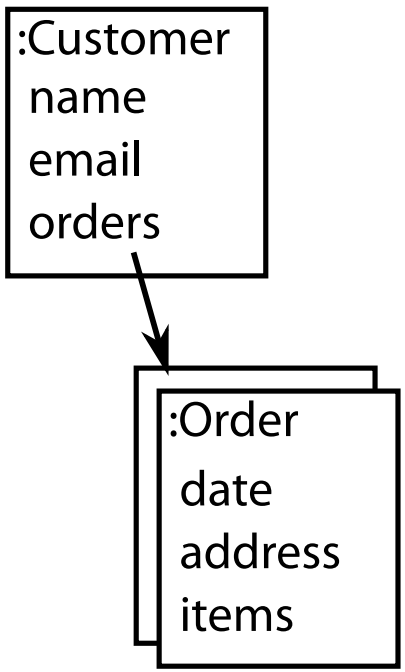
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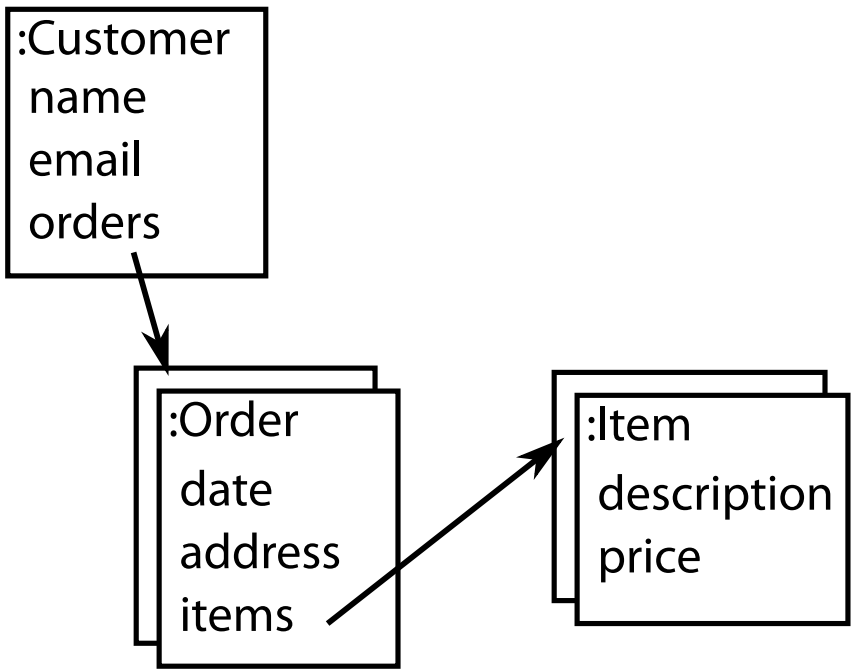
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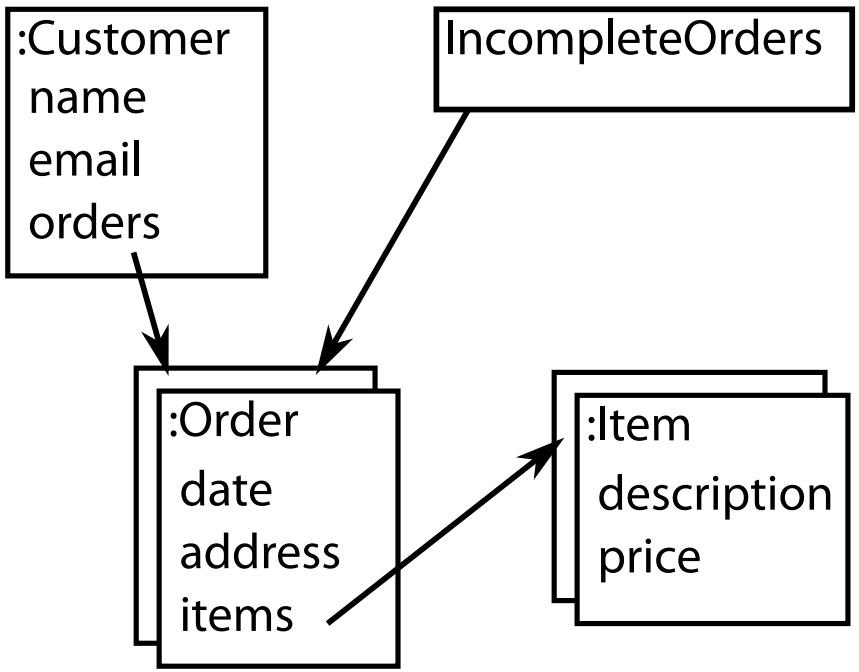
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- GoshawkDB: distributed, fault tolerant, transactional, object store

https://goshawkdb.io/