SQL versus NoSQL Terminology

Why NoSQL

- Scaling
- Distributed Data Sources
- High cost of joins
- Great variation in data
- Design focuses on the query needs of the application
- RDBMS do not always match the needs of the application
- RDBMS not going away

Some NoSQL Characteristics

- No predefined schema
- Limited or no support for declarative query language
- Focus on scalability, availability and performance

- Transactions
- ACID Properties
 - Atomicity
 - Consistency
 - Isolation
 - Durability

- BASE
 - Basically Available
 - Soft state
 - Eventually consistent

CAP

- Consistent
 - All replicas contain the same view of the data
 - Clients always see the same view of the data
- Available
 - System remains operational in the presence of failures
 - All clients can always read and write
- Partition Tolerance
 - System remains operational in presence of communication failures or network partition
- Cap "Theorem"
 - Systems can only support 2 of 3
 - The idea is widely debated

- Scalability
 - Horizontal
 - Distribute data and load over many servers
 - The servers do not share RAM or Disks
 - Vertical
 - Distribute load over many cores or processors
 - The cores or processors share RAM and Disks

- Partitioning
 - Horizontal (Sharding)
 - Storing records on different servers
 - Vertical
 - Storing parts of a record on different servers
- Replication
 - Storing multiple copies of the same data

- Taxonomy of NoSQL
 - Key-value
 - Column Based
 - Document
 - Graph Database