Project Gismo Global I/O-free Shared Memory Objects

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The I/O Wall in Distributed Applications





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CXL Makes Cross-node Shared Memory Possible!

- Multiple nodes have direct memory access to the same CXL memory region
- Cache Coherence is part of CXL 3.0 hardware specification
- Software cache coherence can be implemented on top of CXL 2.0 hardware





Introducing Project Gismo Global I/O-free Shared Memory Objects









Baseline Ray



Ray+Gismo





Demo





Shuffle Benchmark Results

	Baseline Ray	Ray + Gismo
Local Get 1GB object	0.4 sec	0.4 sec CXL shared memory as fast as local memory
Remote Get 1GB object	2.7 sec	0.4 sec 675% faster
Shuffle 50GB 4 nodes, each 4 cores, 128 GB object store	515 sec	185 sec 280% faster

* Running in emulation environment



Benefits of Ray+Gismo

- IO-free: No more object serialization and transfer over network for remote object access
- Zero Copy: No more duplicate object copies on different nodes
- No Spilling: Reduce object spilling and data skewing because each node has access to the whole memory pool





Use Case 2: Memory Cache for HTAP Database

- MatrixOrigin HTAP database features a scale-out architecture
- Local cache can have high cache miss rate
- Cache coherence is complicated.





Gismo Enables Shared Memory Cache

- Higher cache hit rate
- Less cache copies
- No cache coherency handling





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Use Case 3: Database Fail-over

- Timeplus distributed streaming analytics used for real-time trade monitoring
- Synchronization of data for fail-over recovery is time consuming





Faster Database Failover with Gismo

- Using Gismo-based checkpoint and restore
- Synchronization of data and fail-over recovery will be significantly faster





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Gismo API

- Gismo_connect(): Connect to Gismo Manager
- Gismo_disconnect(): Disconnect from Gismo Manager
- Gismo_create(): Create an object
- Gismo_seal(): Seal an object. Object becomes immutable after this call
- Gismo_get(): get/read an object
- Gismo_release(): Tell the Gismo manager that this host is done reading the object
- Gismo_delete(): Delete an object

Gismo_subscribe(): Subscribe to notifications when objects are sealed in Gismo



CXL+MemVerge Memory is the Network Memory is the Storage Welcome to Memory-Centric Computing





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