



The Future Of In-Memory Computing

In A Rapidly Changing World

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In-Memory Computing: History



- **1985-1995 – Local caching**
No distribution, KB to MB capacity, no TX



- **1995-2005 – Distributed caching**
LAN distribution, K/V access, MB++ capacity, no TX



- **2005-2015 – In-Memory Data Grids & Databases**
LAN/WAN distribution, SQL, K/V access, co-located processing, MB to GB capacity, distributed TX

- **2015+ - In-Memory Computing Platforms**
LAN/WAN distribution, SQL, K/V access, co-located processing, GB to TB capacity, distributed TX, DC replication, persistence, streaming, ML/DL



In-Memory Computing: Future



The **next decade** in In-Memory Computing will coalesce around:

- 1. New memory products**
Non-volatile RAM, cheaper RAM
- 2. HTAP adoption & Multimodel**
Analytics + Transactional processing (HTAP, HOAP, Translytical)
- 3. Cloud native architectures**
~100% move to cloud-native architecture, SaaS and MSO models
- 4. More User Friendly**
Easier adoption, simpler entry point, out-of-the-box integrations

1. New Memory Products

- **Volatile vs non-volatile RAM**

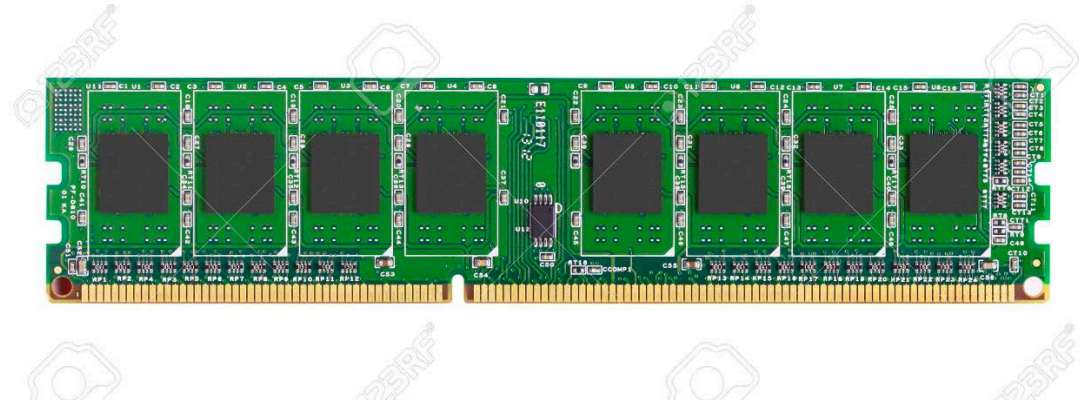
- Intel Optane
- Different types of integration
- Broad OS/BIOS support

- **Different class of RAM**

- Complex matrix of features vs. single DDR/2/3/4/5 product line:
 - Expensive, fast, low capacity (DDR5)
 - Cheaper, slower, higher capacity (Intel Optane)
- Ability to have >100TB of NVRAM in a single system

- **Different RAM systems**

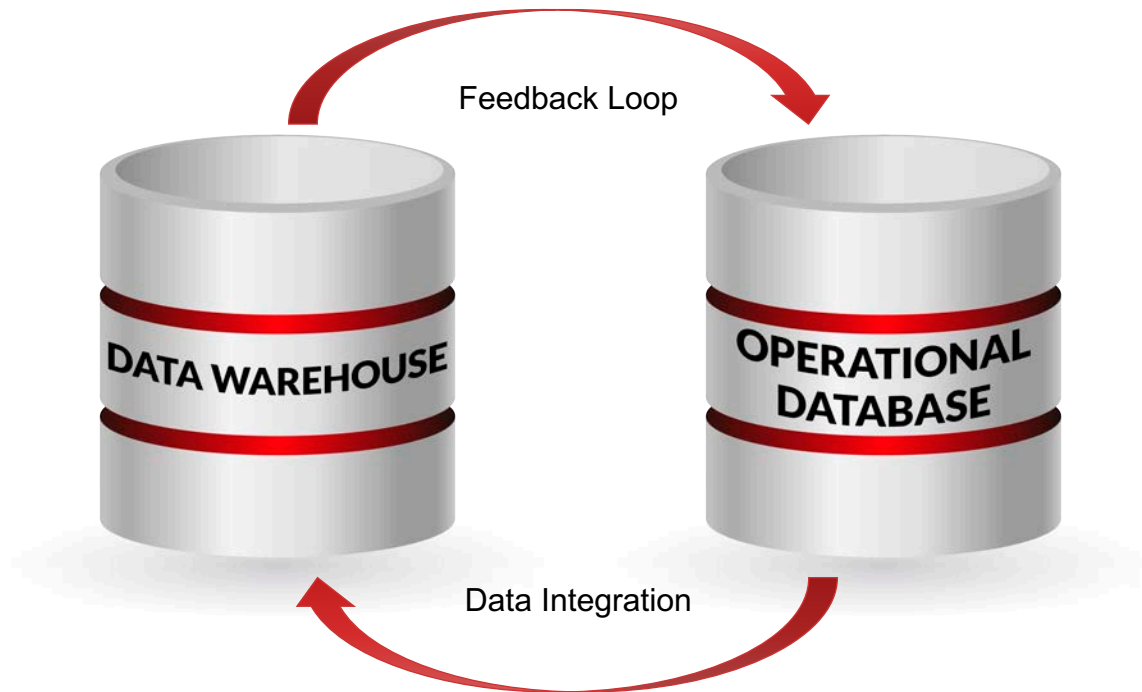
- Local RAM vs. cluster interconnect



1. HTAP Adoption & Multimodel



1970 – today: Legacy Architecture



2020+ HTAP Architecture



IMC-enabled HTAP enables situation awareness on **live transaction data** as opposed to after-the-fact analysis on stale data

3. Cloud Native Architecture



- **Today IMC is almost not present on cloud providers**
 - Except for ElastiCache - nothing on AWS, Azure, Google, CNCF
- **Today IMC is at odds with many cloud technologies:**
 - Shared resources and containers degrade performance
 - Slow adoption of RAM-focused instances
 - IMC SaaS is inadequate or not present
- **2020+ IMC must become cloud native**
 - AWS, Azure, Google must introduce IMC as-a-service
 - IMC vendors must adopt cloud first approach

4. User Friendly



- **IMC is one of the most complex software middleware**
 - Combines distributed programming & in-memory storage paradigm
- **Must simplify IMC usage and concepts**
 - Familiar query semantics, e.g. ANSI SQL vs. proprietary xQL
 - Familiar transaction semantics (MVCC, consensus, 2PC)
 - Native polyglot language support vs. predominately JVM eco-system
 - Focus on the cost of initial adoption
 - Out-of-the-box integrations
 - Standardization beyond failed JCache efforts
 - Maturity of devops and production support systems

In-Memory Computing: 2020 and Beyond



1. Adopt new memory products and technologies
2. Support growing HTAP & multimodel use cases
3. Migrate to cloud-first architecture and SaaS models
4. Democratize and simplify



Thank you!

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