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Top 10 Performance Folklore

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FANBOIS EVERYWHERE

SEE FANBOI PEOPLE

"Feynman at his idiosyncratic, brilliant best." -John Horgan, author of The Undiscovered Mind The Pleasure of Finding Things SHORT WORKS OF Foreword by Freeman Dyson

"... as I'd like to show Galileo our world, I must show him something with a great deal of shame. If we look away from the science and look at the world around us, we find out something rather pitiful: that the environment that we live in is so actively, intensely unscientific."

Richard Feynman

"How would you design an experiment to answer that?"

Melville Arthur Feynman

Folklore

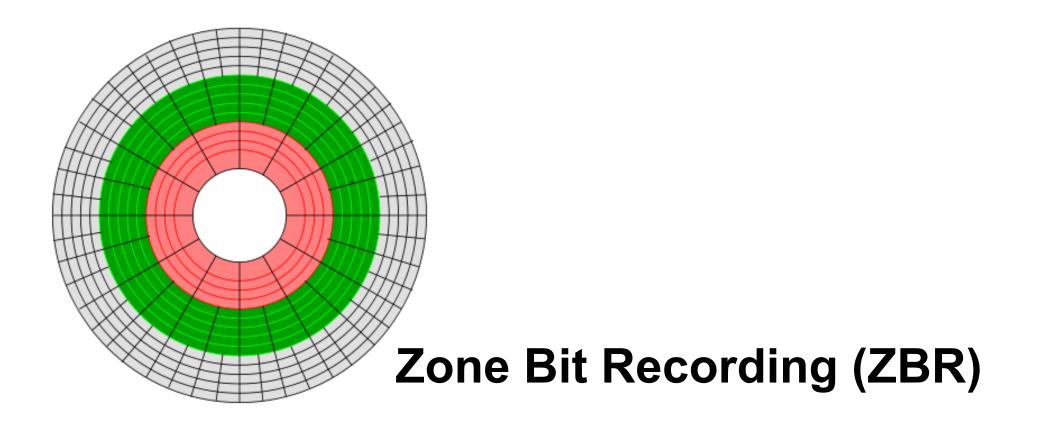
 A body of widely held but false or unsubstantiated beliefs



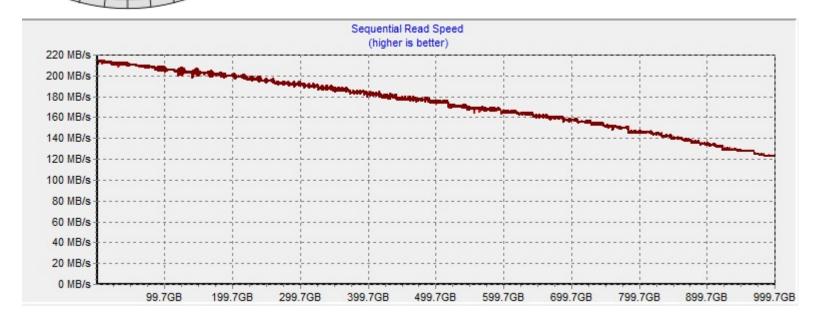
Performance Folklore

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"Disk is random access"



Zone Bit Recording (ZBR)



IO = Cmd + Seek + Rotation + Transfer

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Random 4K Block

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~664KB/s vs. ~200MB/s!!!

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"CPUs are not getting any faster"

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Text tokenization of "Alice in Wonderland"

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Micro Architecture	Model	Ops/sec
Core	P8600 @ 2.40GHz	1434
Nehalem	E5620 @ 2.40GHz	1768
Sandy Bridge	i7-2720QM @ 2.20GHz	2674

Nehalem 2.8GHz

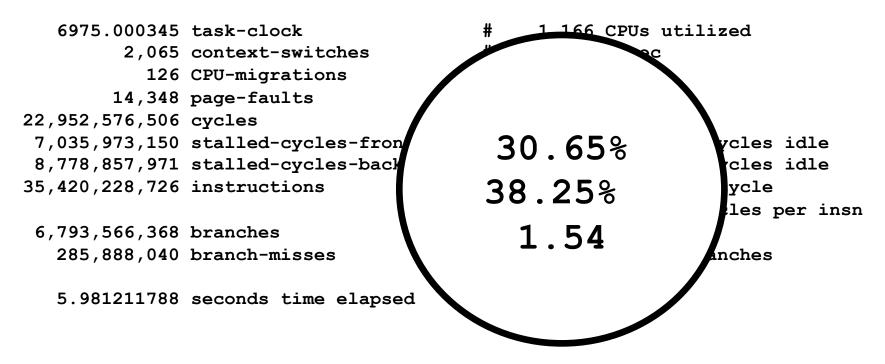

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6975.000345 task-clock
                                               1.166 CPUs utilized
         2,065 context-switches
                                               0.296 K/sec
           126 CPU-migrations
                                               0.018~\mathrm{K/sec}
                                               0.002 M/sec
        14,348 page-faults
                                               3.291 GHz
22,952,576,506 cycles
 7,035,973,150 stalled-cycles-frontend
                                              30.65% frontend cycles idle
 8,778,857,971 stalled-cycles-backend
                                              38.25% backend cycles idle
                                          #
35,420,228,726 instructions
                                               1.54 insns per cycle
                                               0.25 stalled cycles per insn
                                          # 973.988 M/sec
 6,793,566,368 branches
   285,888,040 branch-misses
                                               4.21% of all branches
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5.981211788 seconds time elapsed

Nehalem 2.8GHz

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Sandy Bridge 2.4GHz

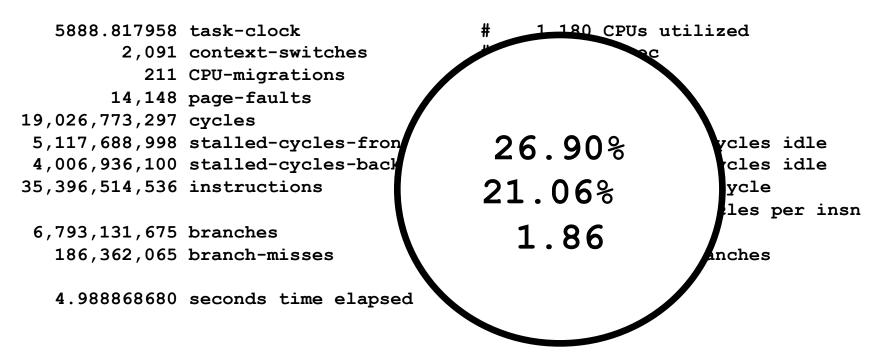

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                                               0.036 K/sec
           211 CPU-migrations
        14,148 page-faults
                                               0.002 \, \text{M/sec}
                                               3.231 GHz
19,026,773,297 cycles
                                          # 26.90% frontend cycles idle
 5,117,688,998 stalled-cycles-frontend
 4,006,936,100 stalled-cycles-backend
                                            21.06% backend cycles idle
                                          #
35,396,514,536 instructions
                                               1.86 insns per cycle
                                               0.14 stalled cycles per insn
                                          # 1153.565 M/sec
 6,793,131,675 branches
   186,362,065 branch-misses
                                               2.74% of all branches
```

4.988868680 seconds time elapsed

Sandy Bridge 2.4GHz

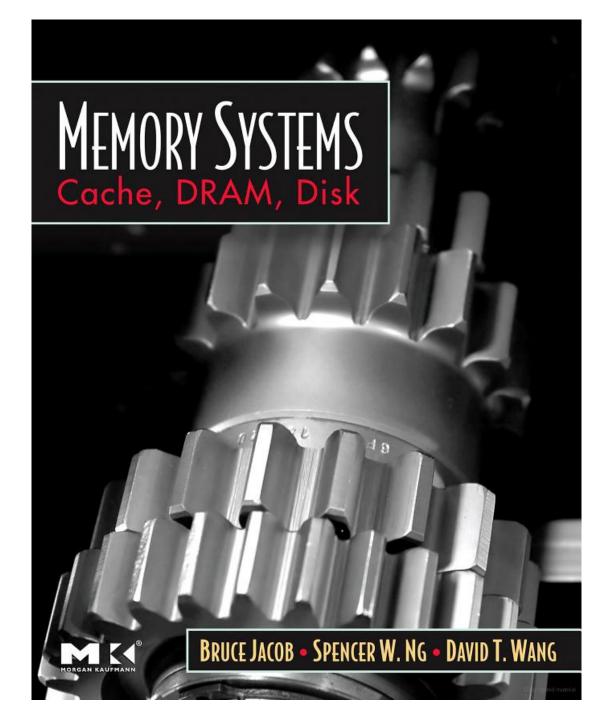
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Sandy Bridge 2.4GHz



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"Memory is random access"





Temporal



Temporal

Spatial



Temporal

Spatial



Pattern

Latencies measured by SiSoftware

Intel i7-3960X (Sandy Bridge E)

	L1D	L2	L3	Memory
Sequential	3 clocks	11 clocks	14 clocks	6.0 ns
In-Page Random	3 clocks	11 clocks	18 clocks	22.0 ns
Full Random	3 clocks	11 clocks	38 clocks	65.8 ns

Memory Access Patterns Really Matter!!!

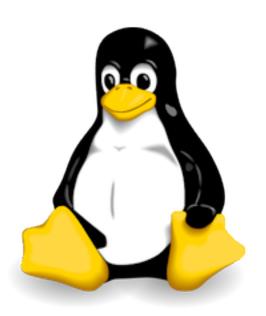


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"Mac's are a good development platform"



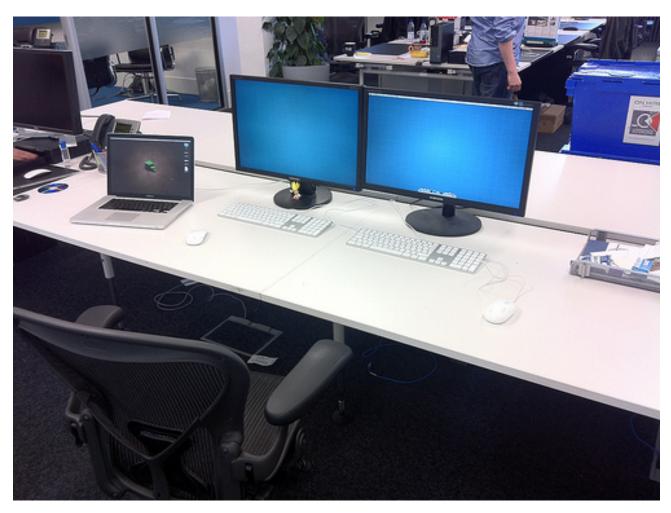












"Garbage Collection takes away the worry of memory management"

```
$ java -XX:+UnlockDiagnosticVMOptions \
-XX:+PrintFlagsFinal -version \
| wc -1
```

At least 272 are GC related!!!







Native Heap – Beyond the city walls...





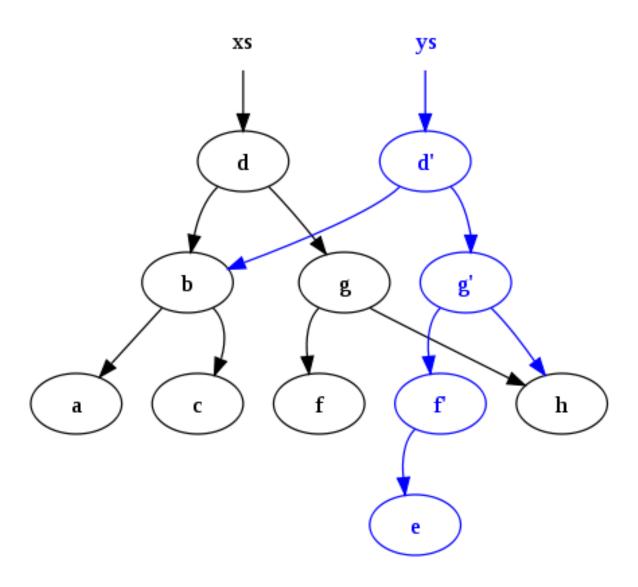
"Functional Programming solves the concurrency problem"

"The runtime can optimize immutable values..."

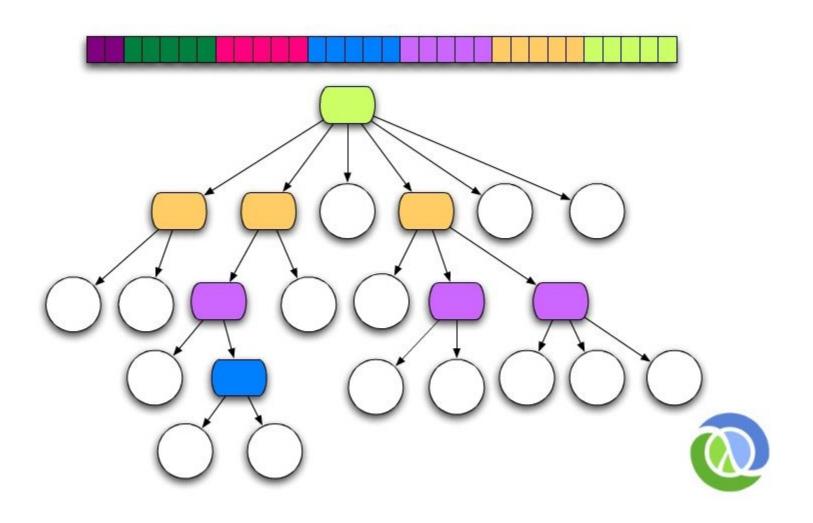
- FP Fanboi

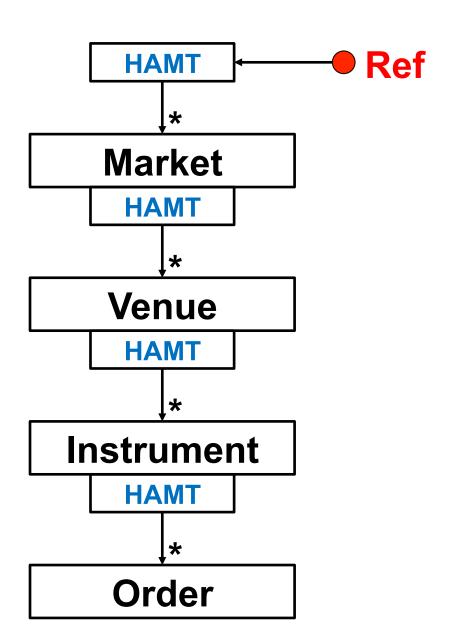


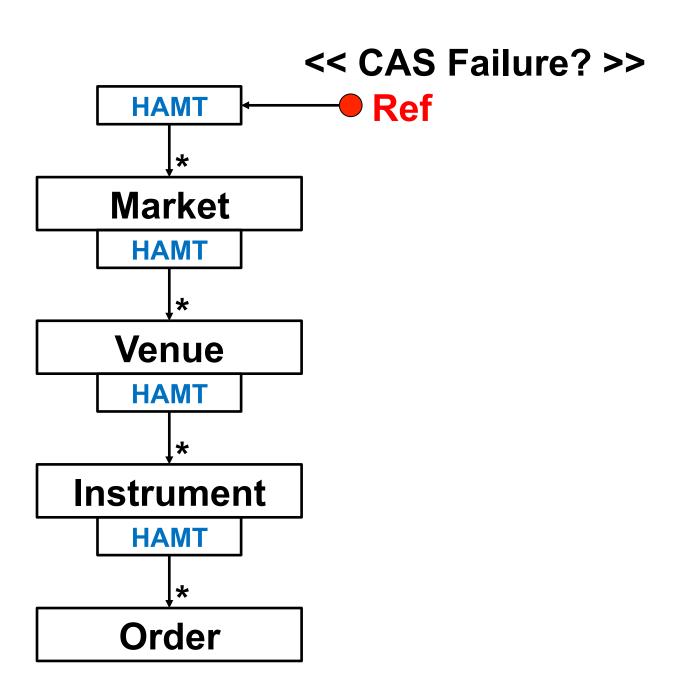
Persistent Data Structures

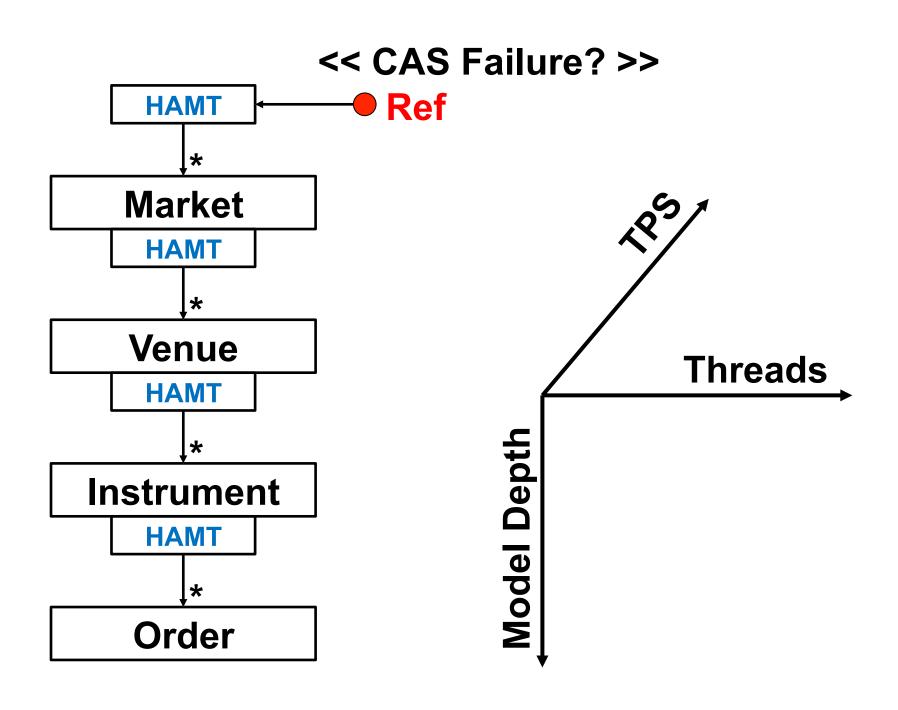


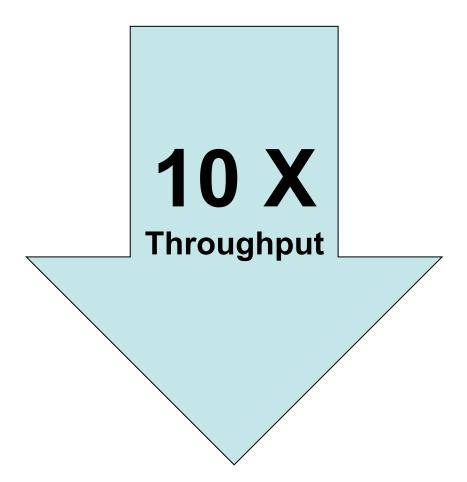
Hash Array Mapped Trie (Bagwell)

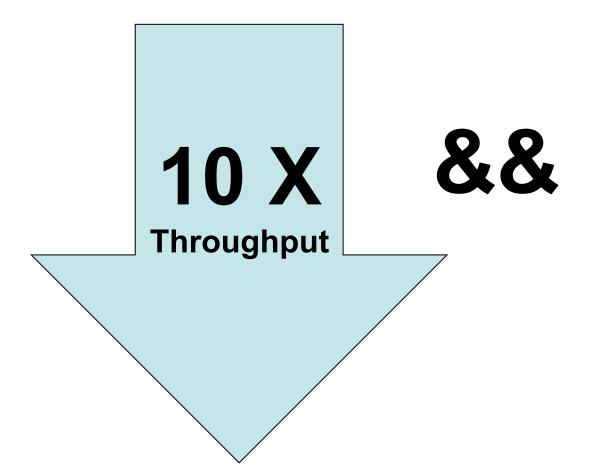


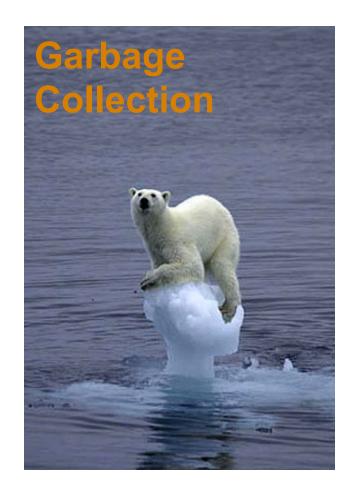












"Domain Models do not perform..."

"Object models do not perform..."

- Translation

"Indirection is bad..."

- Distillation





Cohesion => Cache Friendly

Feature Envy => Cache Misses

Clean Code => Good Performance

Specialised Indices for access paths

Choose your data structures well

"Go parallel to scale..."



GOLDEN HAMMER

When you have a golden hammer, everything looks like a nail.



Locks

Work Pools

Map Reduce

Fork Join

Parallel Collections

Single Threaded Rocks!

... apply messaging passing ...

... then consider pipelining ...



Go parallel only when you really need too!

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"Logging is cheap..."



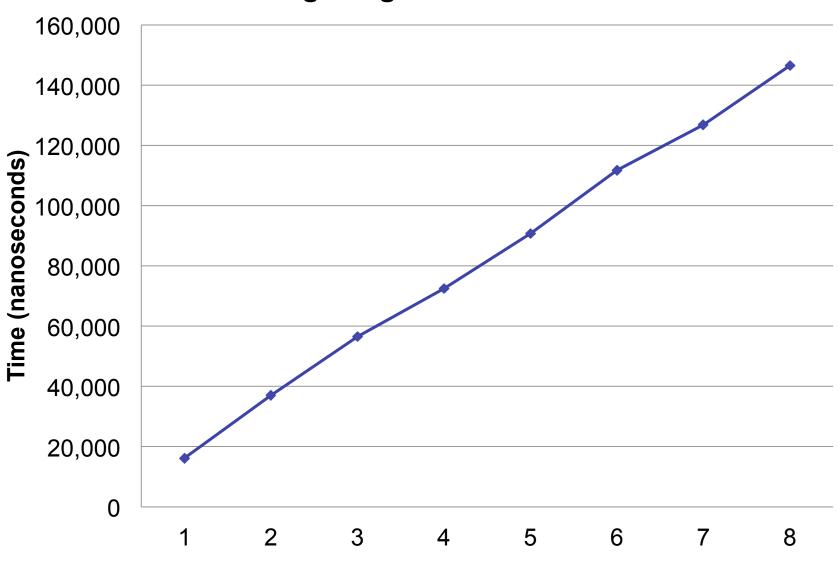




Should a logger be able to generate data faster than a disk can write?

Should more threads be able to generate more data to write?

Average Log Event Duration



Should logging be synchronous?

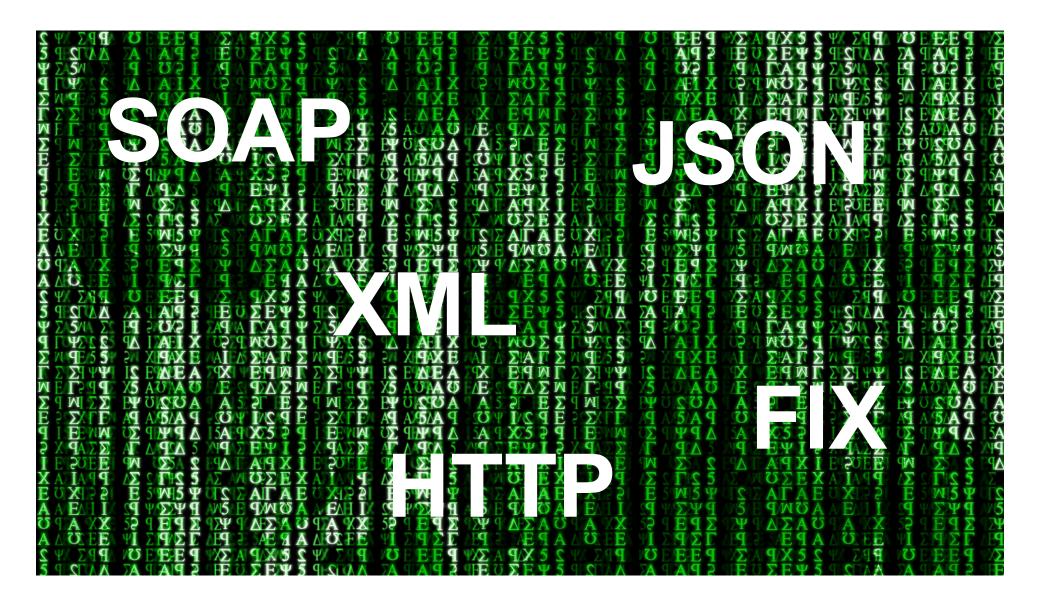
Should we really be logging Strings?

Should logging need guards?

How reliable should logging be?

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"Parsing code is highly optimised..."



How much text is not UTF-8 or ASCII?

We need primitive support for dealing with bytes and chars

What's horrible in the JDK when parsing?

"Where do I start?"



Performance Testing



Questions?

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"Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent.

It takes a touch of genius, and a lot of courage, to move in the opposite direction."

- Albert Einstein