

# Cloud Developer's DHARMA... *redefining 'done' for Cloud applications*

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# What to expect

- Problems when developing for the Cloud
  - “Lift and shift”
  - Smashing the monolith
  - Greenfield
- Some suggestions on where to focus efforts
- Tools and techniques
- Lots of information... (slides will be available)

# Who Am I?

- Principal Consultant at Open Credo
  - Agile transformations
  - DevOps
  - Microservices and Cloud
- LLC Associate
- Adopt OpenJDK and JSR



# Core Changes...

- Service-Oriented Architecture
- Cloud-based deployments
- DevOps Culture



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- Service-Oriented Architecture
  - Twitter's Story ([bit.ly/1j1Wbml](http://bit.ly/1j1Wbml))
- **Cloud-based deployments**
  - **Today!**
- DevOps Culture
  - Devox UK talk ([bit.ly/1BylnZb](http://bit.ly/1BylnZb))
  - Previous LJC Event ([bit.ly/1eIVPJz](http://bit.ly/1eIVPJz))

# Common Cloud Problems

**TL;DR...**

**Not respecting the underlying environment**



# Lack of application/platform monitoring...

**NSA Monitoring.  
It could be worse.**



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**Your Mom could  
work there.**

# Bizarre failure modes...

Windows 95

An error occured whilst trying to load the application, "bluescreen.exe"

A fatal error has occurred. Error Error VXB UMM (82)  
88018E35

An error occured whilst trying to load the previous error.

OK

- \* Press any key to continue
- \* Press CTRL-ALT-DEL to restart
- \* You will lose any unsaved work
- \* Buy a Mac you fucktart.

Press any key to continue \_

Hey, it looks like you're having an error!





Difficult to understand  
the architecture



GOOD LUCK

45  
M.P.H.

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**Not testing in the Cloud...**

**(hint: here be dragons!)**



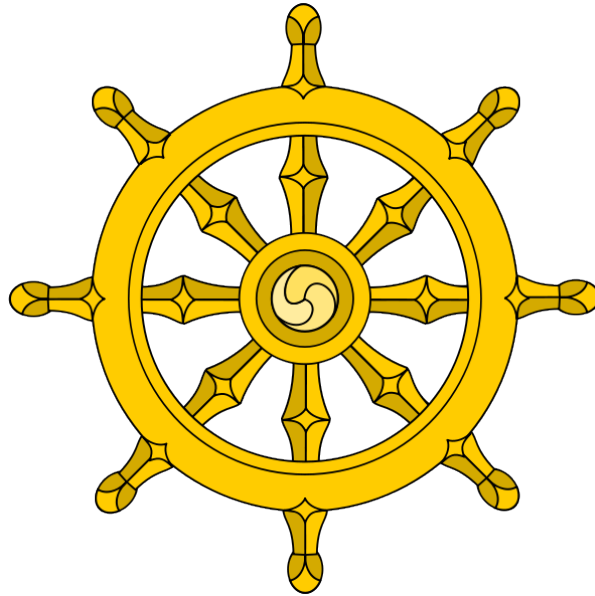
***We've created a "Cloud Developer's DHARMA"  
to act as a checklist when building Cloud apps***



# **dharma**

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*noun*



1. Signifies behaviors that are considered to be in accord with order that makes life and universe possible (Hinduism)
2. "cosmic law and order", but is also applied to the teachings of the Buddha (Buddhism)

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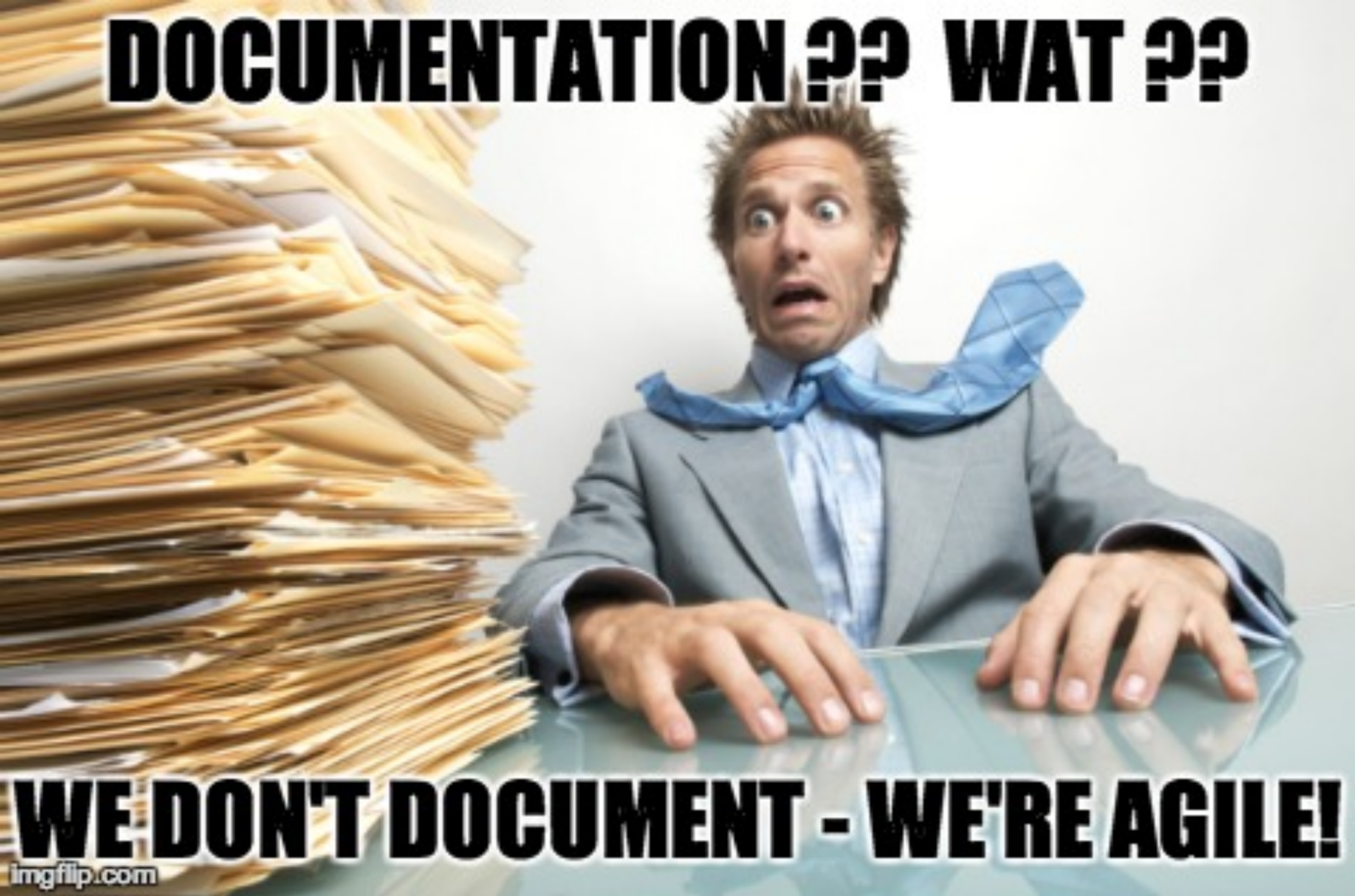
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**DOCUMENTATION?? WAT??**



**WE DON'T DOCUMENT - WE'RE AGILE!**

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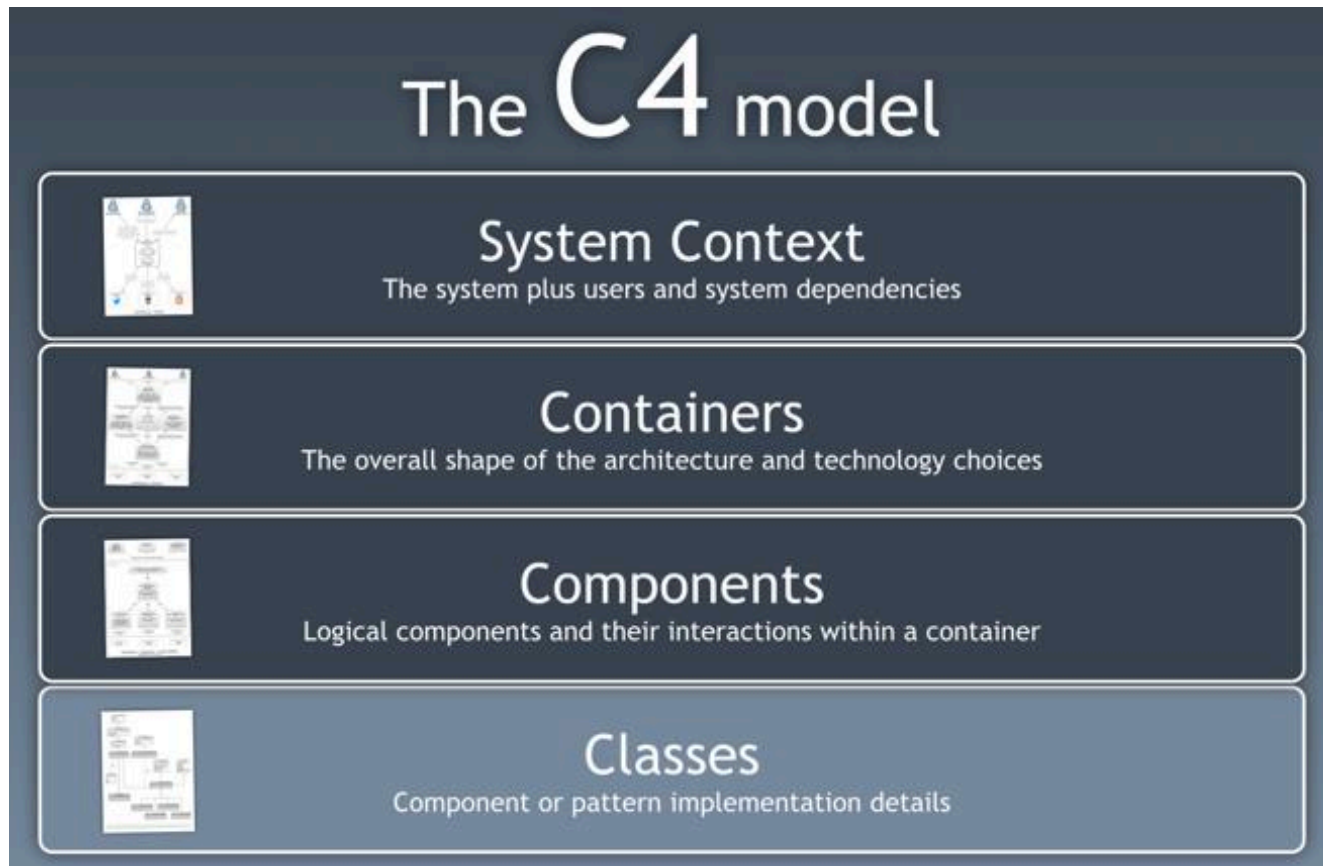
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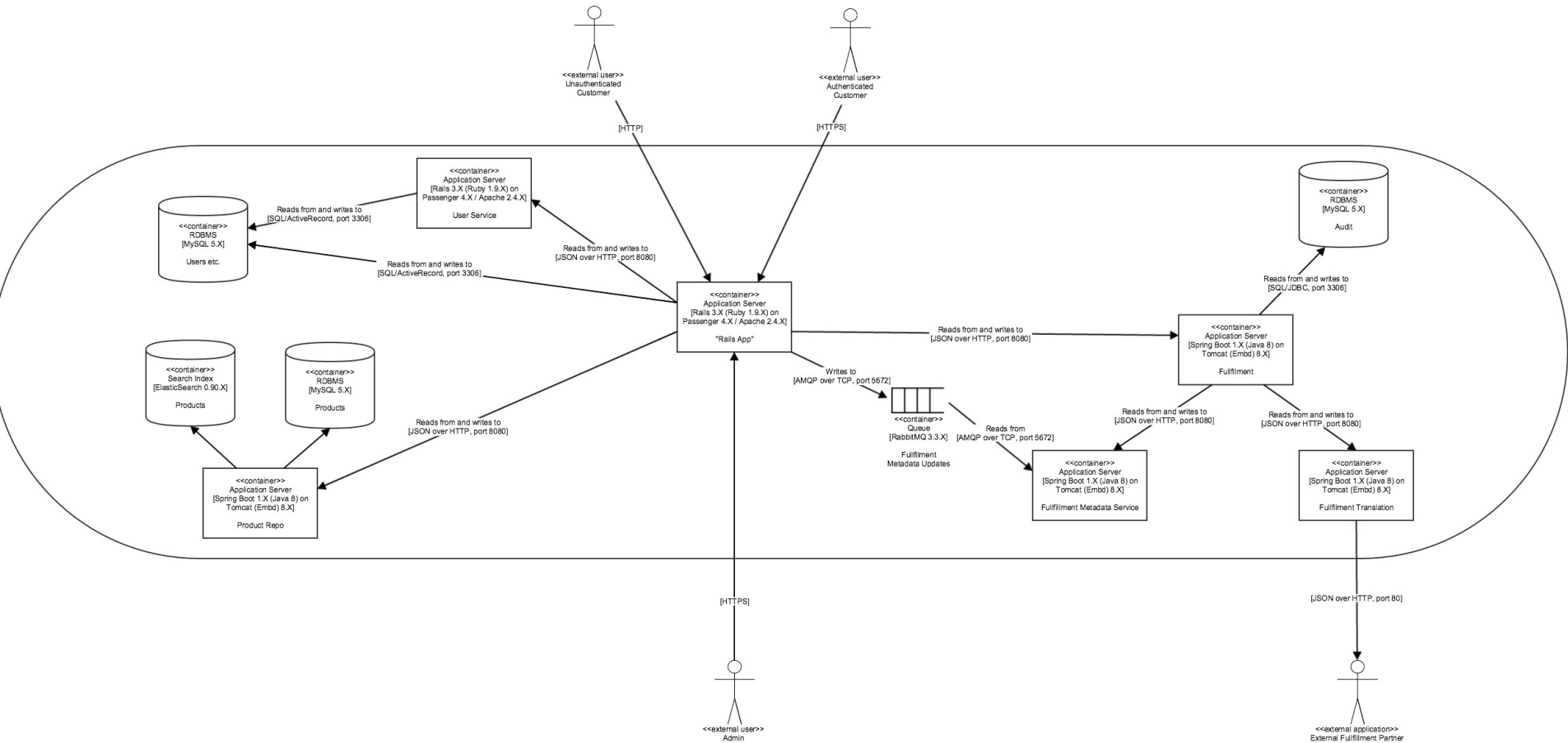
# Documentation (just enough)

- Provide a map for developers
- Component purpose (and contract)
- Initialisation instructions
- Highlights areas of operational risk

# Simon Brown's C4 Model



<http://www.codingthearchitecture.com/>



admin-portal

**Responsibilities:**

Provides admin-portal UI, allowing the creation and management of various entities, such as Feed, Vouchers, Network, Brands and Merchants.

Exposes above data to internal IAT components via REST-like API

**Component initialisation instructions:**

Run via embedded Jetty within Fat JAR:

```
java -jar admin-ui/target/admin-ui-1.15.1-jar-with-dependencies.jar
```

Visit: localhost:8910

OR use Grunt (<http://gruntjs.com/>)

Install all dependencies from package.json on first checkout:

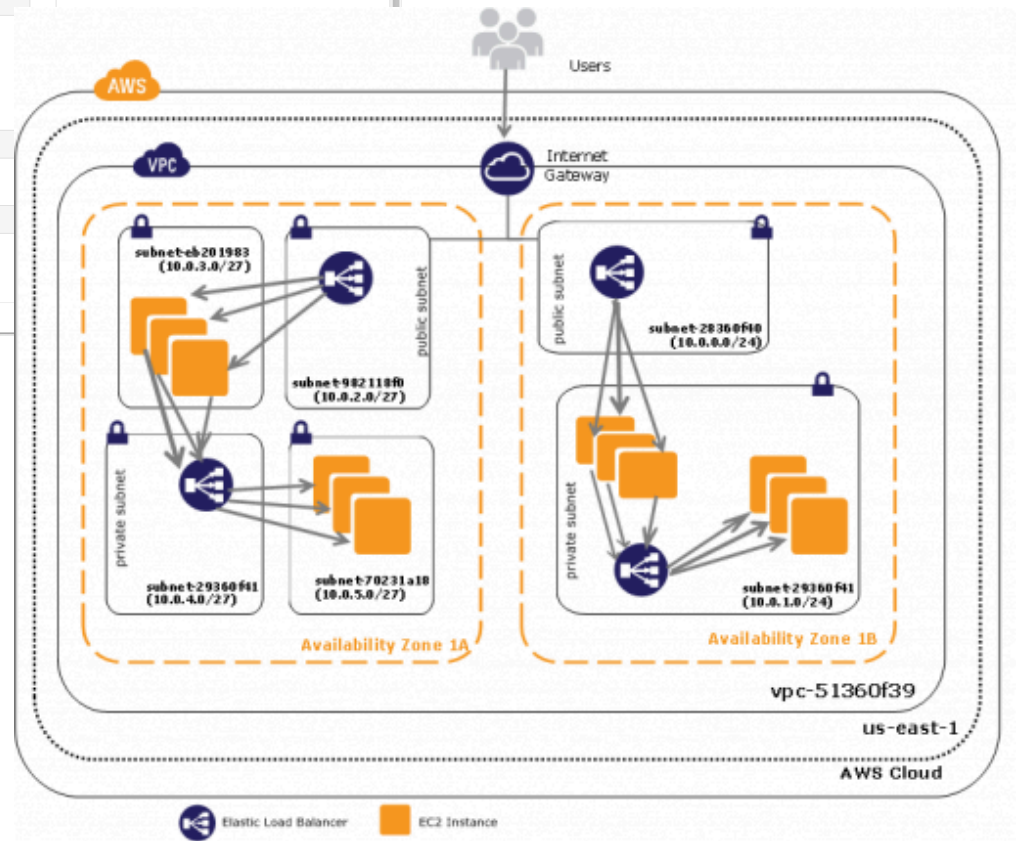
```
grunt install
```

Execute jetty via Grunt:

```
grunt jetty
```

**Profiles available:**

(Search for '@Profile(Profiles.PRODUCTION)' or '@Profile(Profiles.MOCK)')





# API Docs with Swagger

```
@RequestMapping(value = "/news/{id}", method = RequestMethod.GET)
@ApiOperation(value = "Get a news item", notes = "Returns a news item")
NewsEntry entry(@PathVariable Long id) {
    return this.entries.get(id);
}

@RequestMapping(value = "/news/{id}", method = RequestMethod.POST)
@ApiOperation(value = "Update News", notes = "Updates a news item")
NewsEntry update(@RequestBody NewsEntry news) {
    this.entries.put(news.getId(), news);
    return news;
}
```

DELETED /word.json/{word}/wordForms Deletes a relationship from a word

GET /word.json/{word} Given a word as a string, returns the WordObject that represents it

Parameters

Parameter	Value	Description
word	<input type="text" value="(required)"/>	String value of WordObject to return
useCanonical	<input type="checkbox"/>	If true will try to return the correct word root ('cats' -> 'cat'). If false returns exactly what was requested.
includeSuggestions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Return suggestions (for correct spelling, case variants, etc.)
shouldCreate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Create word if not existing

[Try it out!](#)

GET /word.json/{word}/definitions Return definitions for a word

GET /word.json/{word}/stats Returns word statistics

GET /word.json/{word}/topExample Returns a top example for a word

<https://helloreverb.com/developers/swagger>

# Create a PACT

```
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Map;

import static org.junit.Assert.assertEquals;

public class ExampleJavaConsumerPactTest extends ConsumerPactTest {

    @Override
    protected PactFragment createFragment(ConsumerPactBuilder.PactDslWithProvider builder) {
        Map<String, String> headers = new HashMap<String, String>();
        headers.put("testreqheader", "testreqheadervalue");

        return builder
            .given("test state") // NOTE: Using provider states are optional, you can leave it out
            .uponReceiving("java test interaction")
                .path("/")
                .method("GET")
                .headers(headers)
                .body("{\"test\":true}")
            .willRespondWith()
                .status(200)
                .headers(headers)
                .body("{\"responsetest\":true}").toFragment();
    }
}
```

<https://github.com/DiUS/pact-jvm>

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# High Cohesion / Loose Coupling (all the way down...)

- Code
- Architecture
  - Components
  - Services
- Public API
  - PayPal ([bit.ly/1hnZNly](http://bit.ly/1hnZNly))



# Smashing the Monolith...

- Business functionality – “Cart Service”
- Technology chunk - “Email Service”
- Vertical Slice
  - “Registration” (Groupon: [vimeo.com/105880150](https://vimeo.com/105880150))
- Horizontal Slice
  - “User Repo” (Microservices: [oreil.ly/1pp6qmx](https://oreil.ly/1pp6qmx))

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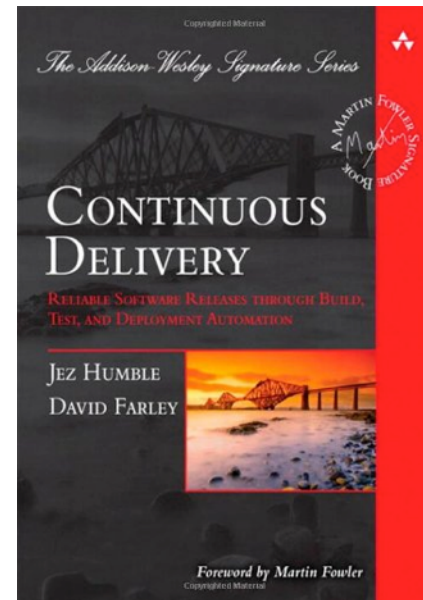
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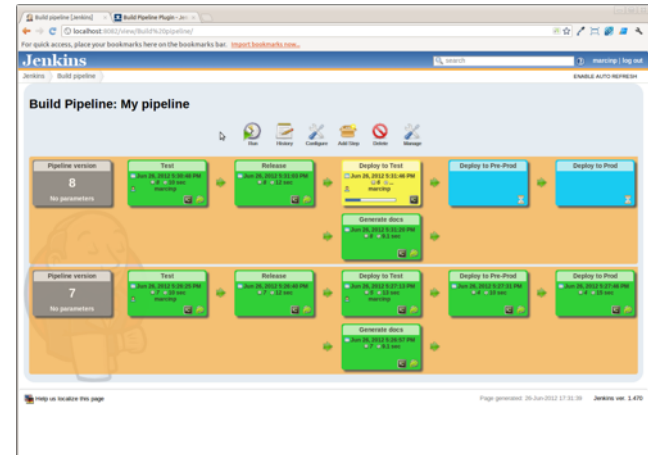
# Automated from Commit to Cloud

- Continuous Integration
- Continuous Deployment
- Continuous Delivery



# Our Build Pipeline

Jenkins, with plugins...



- Build Pipeline
  - [wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Build+Pipeline+Plugin](http://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Build+Pipeline+Plugin)
- Parameterized build
  - [wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Parameterized+Build](http://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Parameterized+Build)
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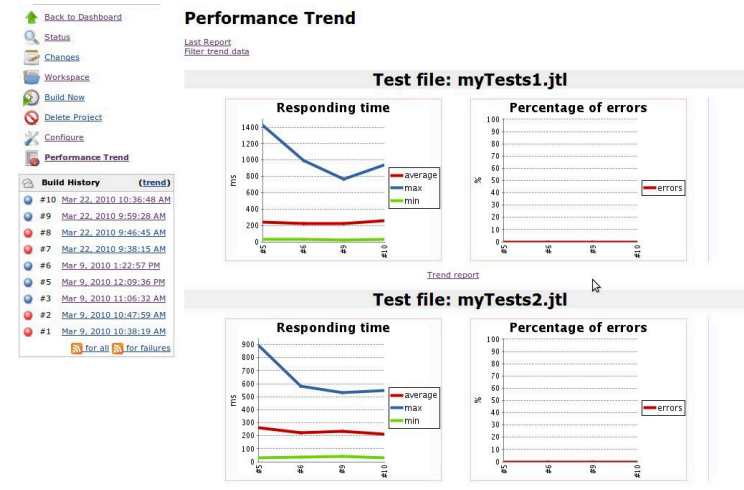


# Our Build Pipeline

- Component Build
  - Compile
  - Unit Tests (surefire)
  - Integration Tests (failsafe)
- Deployment onto QA Cloud
  - Python Scripts + Chef to provision
  - Verify success using Python

# Our Build Pipeline

- Acceptance Tests
  - Cucumber (and Selenium)
- Performance Tests
  - Jmeter + Jenkins performance plugin
  - Make sure environment is realistic!!
- Live Deployment?



# Automating QA

- Intra-component integration testing
  - Utilise embedded datastore/middleware
  - “Scassandra” ([github.com/scassandra](https://github.com/scassandra))
  - Service virtualisation ([www.mbtest.org](http://www.mbtest.org))
- Inter-component integration testing
  - The hardest part of SOA...
  - Consider ‘synthetic txns’

# Infrastructure: Say No To Snowflakes!

- Automate all provisioning (store in SCM)
- Fry...
  - Chef, Puppet, SaltStack, Ansible
  - Bash, Python (Fabric)
  - Vendor APIs
- ...or bake?
  - Packer.io
  - Netflix Aminator

# Infrastructure: Say No To Snowflakes!

- Doing “Proper Development”
  - Gareth Rushgrove at Craft Conf ([bit.ly/1njuc49](http://bit.ly/1njuc49))
  - Chef Conf ([www.youtube.com/user/getchef](http://www.youtube.com/user/getchef))
- Local tooling/testing
  - Vagrant ([www.vagrantup.com](http://www.vagrantup.com))
  - Docker ([www.docker.io](http://www.docker.io))

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# Deployment Platform: What you've got...





# What you think you want...



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# What you get...



**Fact: 9 out of 10 cheetahs prefer the taste of an Ops team over tinned food**

# Thou Shalt Know thy Cloud...

- AWS “Magnetic” EBS 100 IOPS (by default)
  - My Mac SSD does 49K IOPS
- 1000Mbps network max transfer ~125MB/s
  - My Mac does 400+ MB/s Sequential Write to SSD
- “Noisy [virtual] Neighbours”

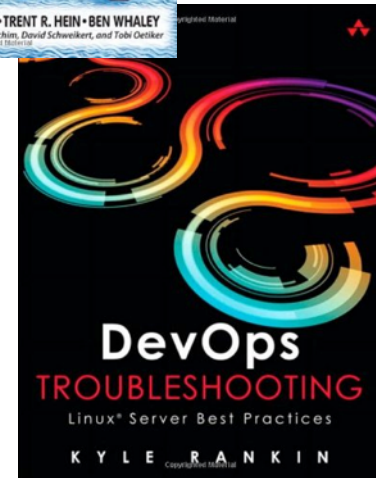
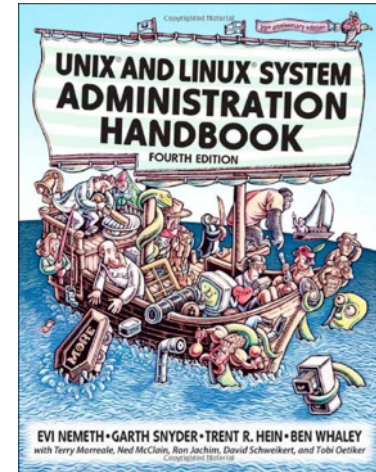
Reference for Mac statistics: [bit.ly/1ftJZH8](http://bit.ly/1ftJZH8)

# Thinking/Acting Operationally

- Cultivate “Mechanical Sympathy”
- Virtualisation
  - Tech Target ([bit.ly/1kDVqyG](http://bit.ly/1kDVqyG))
- Networking
  - ‘Unix and Linux System Administration Handbook’
  - [aws.amazon.com/documentation](http://aws.amazon.com/documentation)

# Thinking/Acting Operationally

- Learn Linux fundamentals
- Diagnostic skills
  - top, netstat, vmstat, tcpdump
  - Java utils: jps, jstat, jmap, jhat
  - “DevOps Troubleshooting” by K. Rankin
- Maybe grow a beard...



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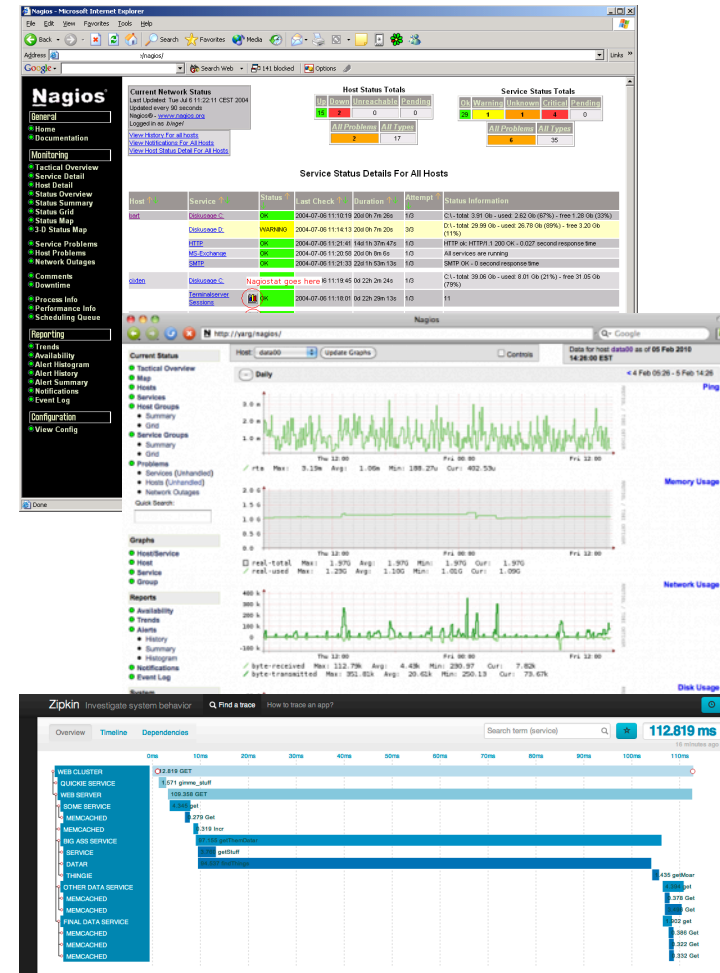
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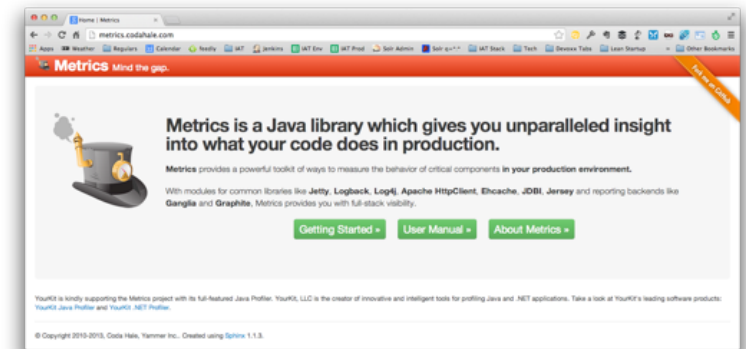
# Monitor All The Things!

- Infrastructure monitoring
  - Nagios / Zabbix
  - AppDynamics
- Centralised Logging
- Distributed Tracing
  - [twitter.github.io/zipkin](https://twitter.github.io/zipkin)



# Component Metrics

- Dropwizard's Metrics
  - [metrics.codahale.com](http://metrics.codahale.com)
- Netflix's Servo
  - [github.com/Netflix/servo](https://github.com/Netflix/servo)
- Etsy's StatsD
  - [github.com/etsy/statsd/wiki](https://github.com/etsy/statsd/wiki)





# Health Checks

## Health Checks

Metrics also has the ability to centralize your service's health checks with the `metrics-healthchecks` module.

First, create a new `HealthCheckRegistry` instance:

```
final HealthCheckRegistry healthChecks = new HealthCheckRegistry();
```

Second, implement a `HealthCheck` subclass:

```
public class DatabaseHealthCheck extends HealthCheck {
    private final Database database;

    public DatabaseHealthCheck(Database database) {
        this.database = database;
    }

    @Override
    public HealthCheck.Result check() throws Exception {
        if (database.isConnected()) {
            return HealthCheck.Result.healthy();
        } else {
            return HealthCheck.Result.unhealthy("Cannot connect to " + database.getUrl());
        }
    }
}
```

Then register an instance of it with Metrics:

# Gauges, Counters, Meters, Timers...

`static` field is fine.

## Gauges

A gauge is an instantaneous measurement of a value. For example, we may want to measure the number of pending jobs in a queue:

```
public class QueueManager {
    private final Queue queue;

    public QueueManager(MetricRegistry metrics, String name) {
        this.queue = new Queue();
        metrics.register(MetricRegistry.name(QueueManager.class, name, "size"),
            new Gauge<Integer>() {
                @Override
                public Integer getValue() {
                    return queue.size();
                }
            });
    }
}
```

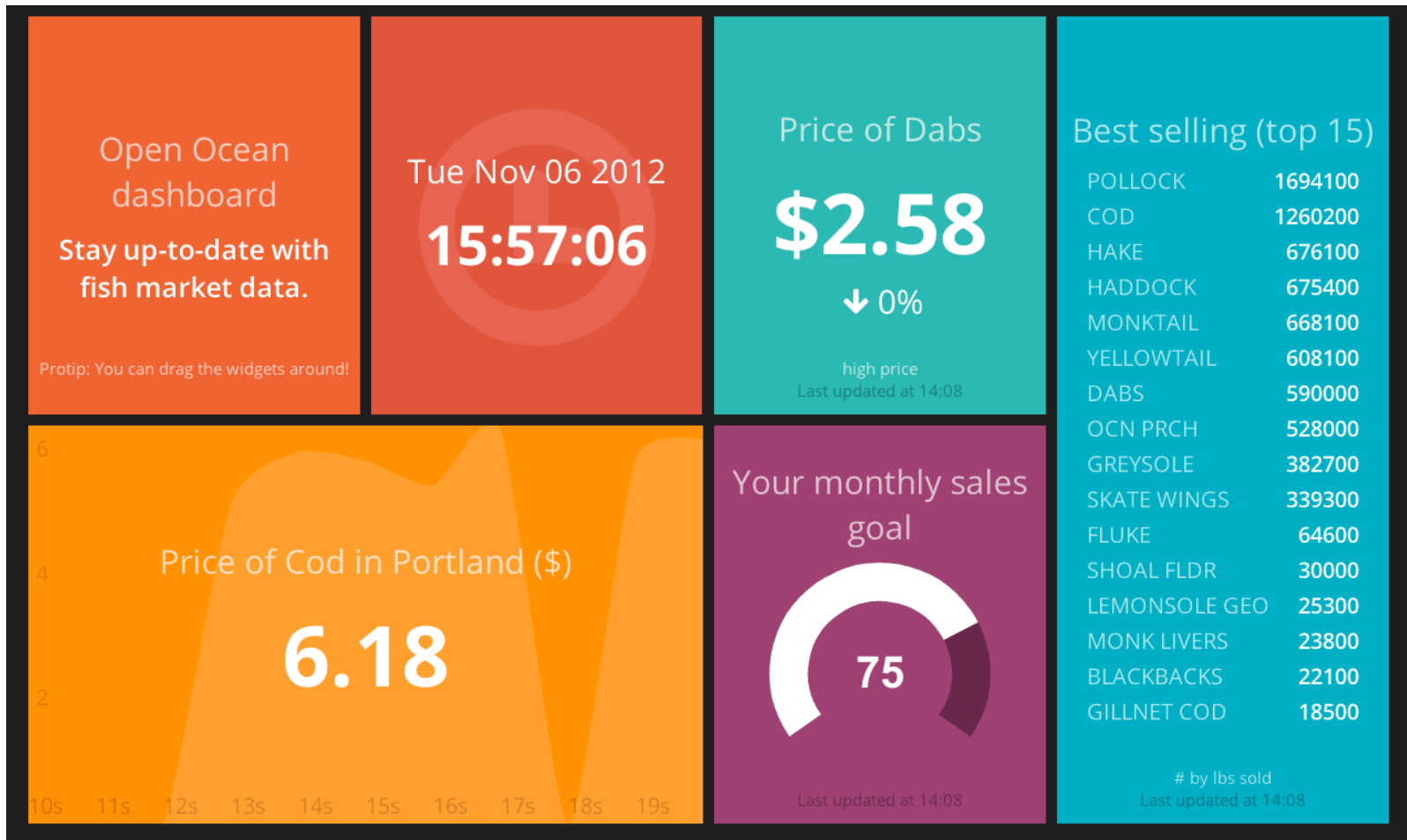
When this gauge is measured, it will return the number of jobs in the queue.

Every metric in a registry has a unique name, which is just a dotted-name string like `"things.count"` or `"com.example.Thing.latency"`. `MetricRegistry` has a static helper method for constructing these names:

```
MetricRegistry.name(QueueManager.class, "jobs", "size")
```

This will return a string with something like `"com.example.QueueManager.jobs.size"`.

# Graph It!



**IF IT MOVES, GRAPH IT...**



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**IF IT DOESN'T MOVE, GRAPH IT ANYWAY**



**IT MIGHT JUST BE TAKING A BREAK**

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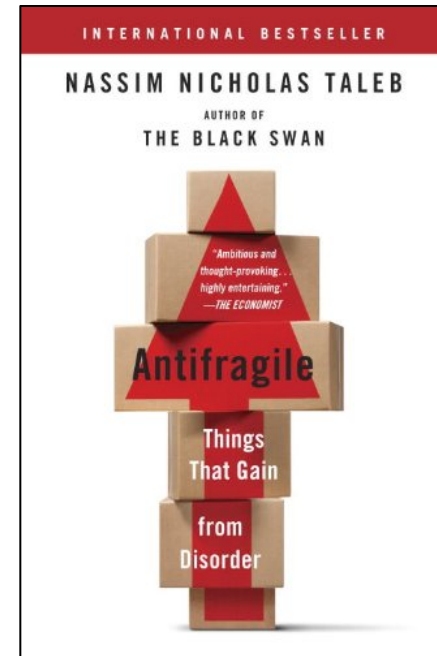
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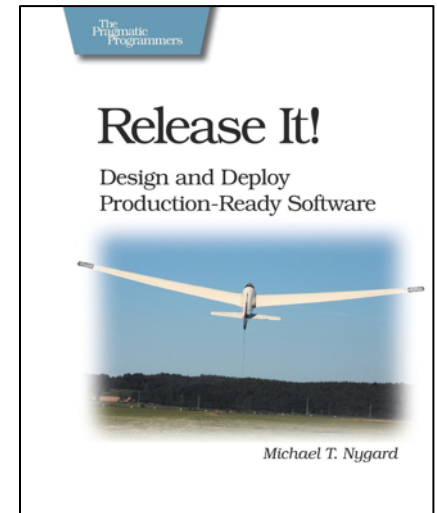
- The opposite of fragile?
  - Robust...
  - Antifragile...
- Netflix are best-in-class
  - [bit.ly/1gs5n3q](http://bit.ly/1gs5n3q)
- System must be robust first!





# Design for Failure

- Design patterns
  - Timeouts / retries
  - Bulkheads / circuit-breakers
- Inspiration
  - Chris Richardson ([slidesha.re/1ft3vsg](http://slidesha.re/1ft3vsg))
  - Netflix ([bit.ly/1h5GMid](http://bit.ly/1h5GMid))



# Retries

```
Callable<Boolean> callable = new Callable<Boolean>() {
    public Boolean call() throws Exception {
        return true; // do something useful here
    }
};

Retryer<Boolean> retryer = RetryerBuilder.<Boolean>newBuilder()
    .retryIfResult(Predicates.<Boolean>isNull())
    .retryIfExceptionOfType(IOException.class)
    .retryIfRuntimeException()
    .withStopStrategy(StopStrategies.stopAfterAttempt(3))
    .build();

try {
    retryer.call(callable);
} catch (RetryException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
} catch (ExecutionException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

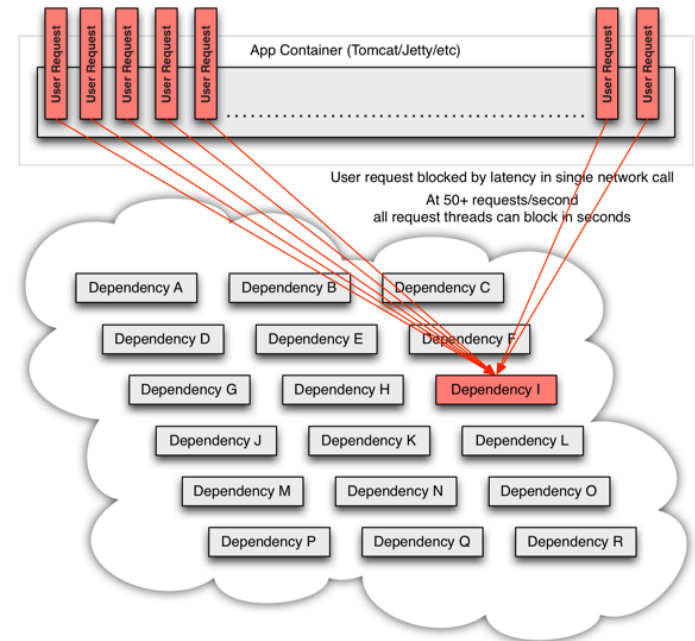
<https://github.com/rholder/guava-retrying>

# Circuit-breaker

```
@HystrixCommand(fallbackMethod = "defaultUser")
public User getUserById(String id) {
    return userResource.getUserById(id);
}

@HystrixCommand(fallbackMethod = "defaultUserSecond")
private User defaultUser(String id) {
    return new User();
}

@HystrixCommand
private User defaultUserSecond(String id) {
    return new User("def", "def");
}
```



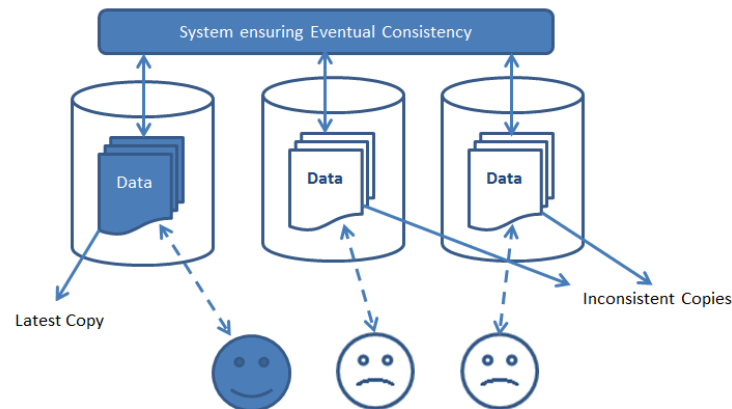
<https://github.com/Netflix/Hystrix>  
<https://github.com/Netflix/Hystrix/tree/master/hystrix-contrib/hystrix-javanica>  
<http://java.dzone.com/articles/hystrix-and-spring-boot>  
<http://projects.spring.io/spring-cloud/>

# Robust in the Cloud

- Distributed Computing Principles
  - ‘For young bloods’ ([bit.ly/1pKVepz](http://bit.ly/1pKVepz))
- Check your business goals
  - Lift and shift?
  - Cloud hybrid?
  - Cloud native? (Elastic scaling etc)

# Antifragile Patterns: Respect the CAP

## Eventual consistency (ACID vs BASE)



*Figure showing a stale state where 2 copies of data are inconsistent with the latest one.*

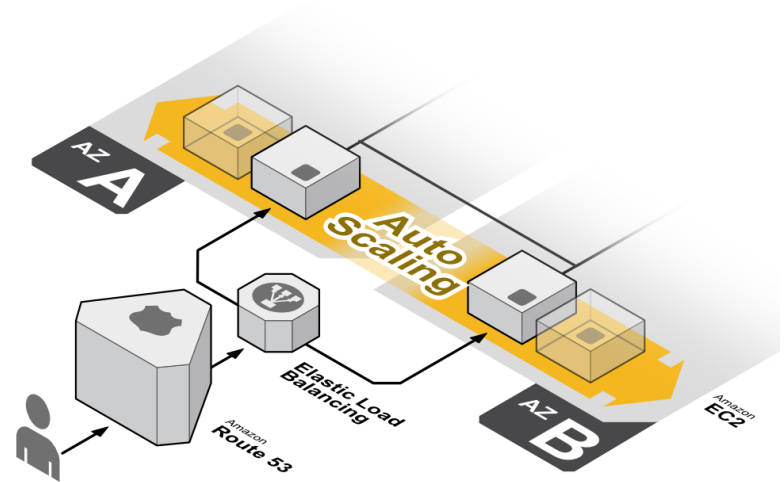
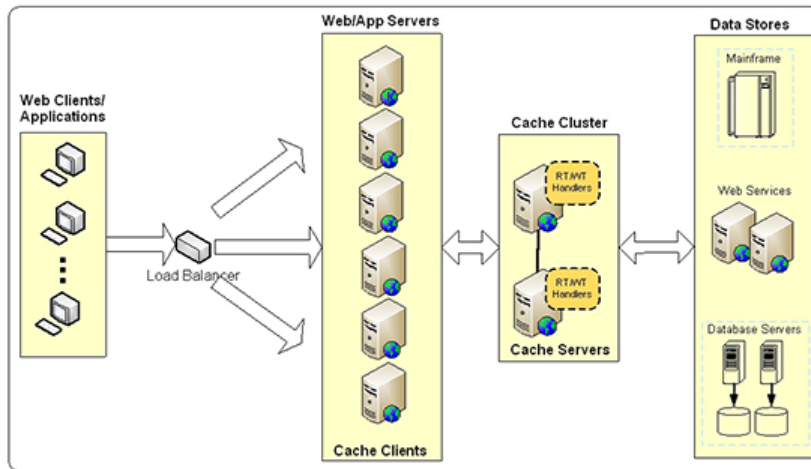
## Clever caching (soft-state)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CAP\\_theorem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CAP_theorem)

<http://cloudshankar.blogspot.co.uk/2013/05/eventual-consistency.html>

# Antifragile Patterns: Elastic Scaling

Stateless components



Distributed data stores / caches  
Asynchronous communication  
Command Query Responsibility Segregation (CQRS)

# So, Cloud Apps are 'done' when...

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