



## Using Jenkins to Build Apache VHosts for GitHub Pull Requests on PHP Apps

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## About Me



- Founder of AccountBouncer
- Varied roles in life
  - LinkedIn as Site Reliability Engineer
  - Sears as Systems Engineer
  - eBay as Software Engineer
  - USQ as Library Systems Co-ordinator
  - USQ as Analyst Programmer
  - TRC as Web Developer

## Background



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## Background



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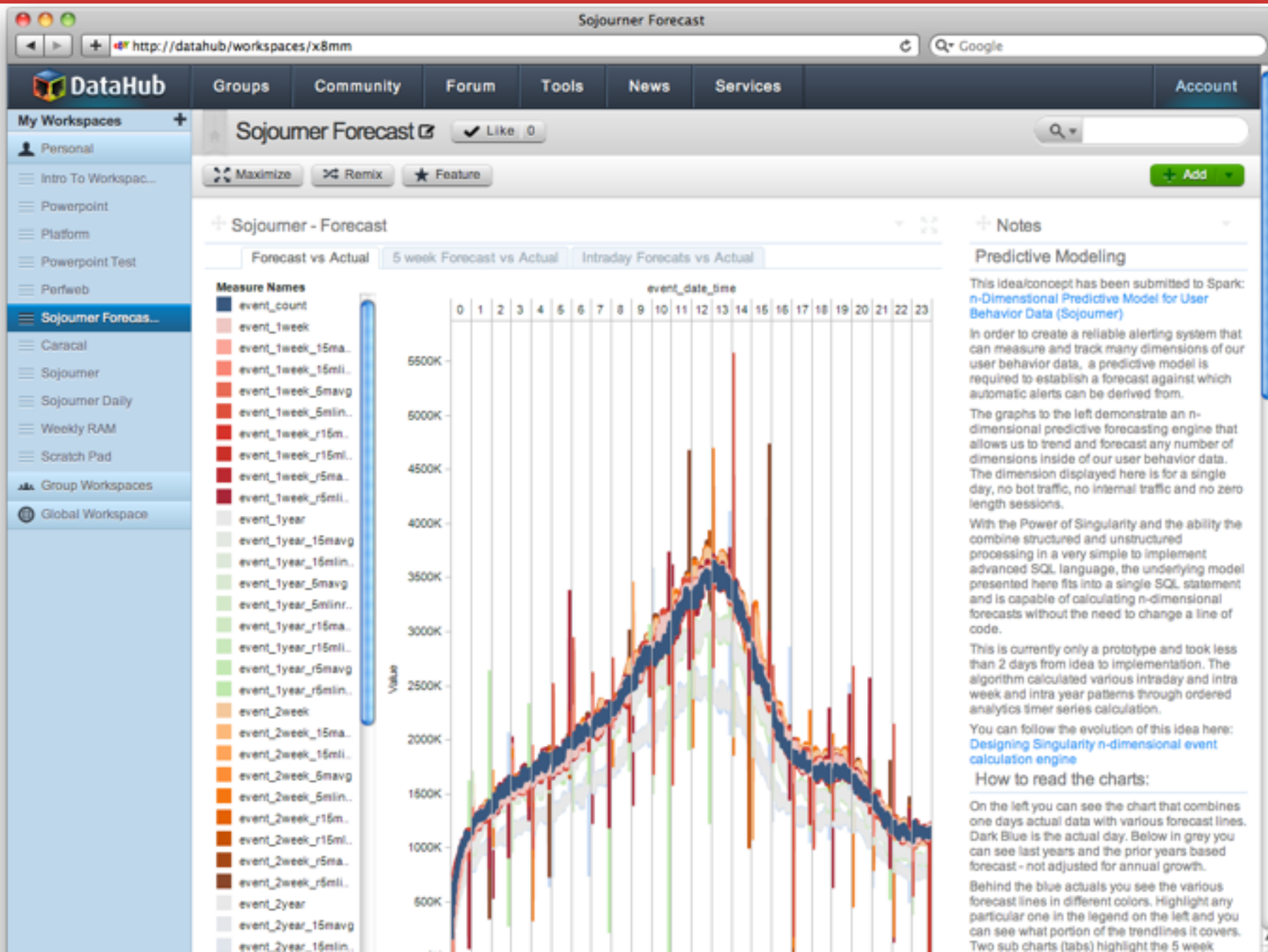
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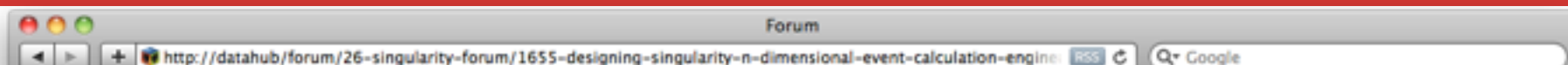
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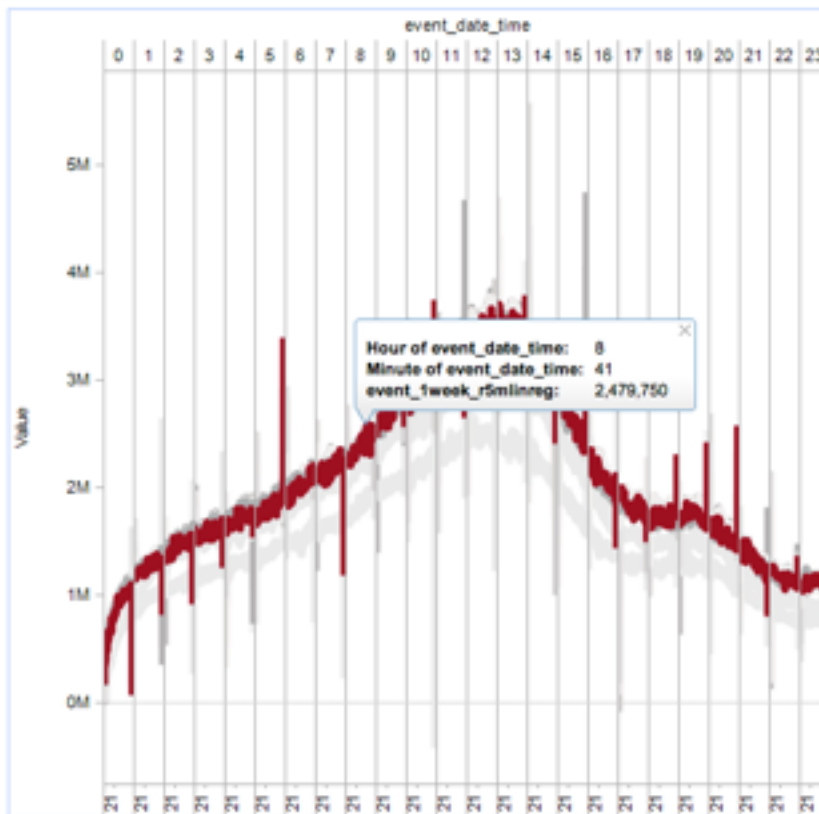
Forecast vs Actual

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## Measure Names

- event\_count
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- event\_1week\_5mlin
- event\_1week\_r15m
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- event\_1year
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- event\_1year\_5mlin
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- event\_1year\_r15mli
- event\_1year\_r5mavg
- event\_1year\_r5mlin
- event\_2week
- event\_2week\_15ma
- event\_2week\_15mli
- event\_2week\_5mavg
- event\_2week\_5mlin
- event\_2week\_r15m
- event\_2week\_r15mli



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You can see some of the linear regression artifacts at the top of the hour, caused by peaks in traffic. For the final model these artifacts need to be removed from the forecasts.



## There were challenges...



- Significant UI changes caused surprises.
- Building out new user interaction flows was hard to do well.
- Team spread out between Austin, San Jose and Shanghai.
- Contention for QA review meant sometimes premature code check-ins.
- Hard to evolve ideas and get feedback.

## ...but also solutions!

- GitHub pull requests provided
  - a place for automated testing
  - communication about code changes
  - a better way for review



## Solution



- GitHub Pull Request triggers:
  - automated tests (unit test, code quality)
  - builds dedicated environment
- Two extra features:
  - QA can run UI tests against pull requests
  - Product can review UX changes
- Also compatible with feature toggles!



## SETUP

## Setup



- Debian 7.6 “Wheezy”
  - bind9 (DNS Server)
  - Apache 2.2 + PHP 5.4 (module)
  - mod\_vhost\_alias OR
  - mod\_vhost\_hash\_alias
- Jenkins 1.583
- GitHub

## Setup: Bind 9



- Append to `/etc/bind/named.local.conf`:

```
zone "test" {  
    type master;  
    file "/etc/bind/test.zone";  
};
```

## Setup: Bind 9



- Create /etc/bind/test.zone:

```
test. IN      SOA      dns.test. admin.test. (  
                1130659718  
                10800  
                3600  
                604800  
                38400 )  
test.      IN  NS test.  
           A   10.0.1.11  
*.test.    IN  A   10.0.1.11
```



## Setup: Apache



- Beginner way: `mod_vhost_alias`
  - Pros: standard module, easy to configure
  - Cons: doesn't play well with others vhost
- Intermediate way: `mod_vhost_hash_alias`
  - Pros: works with other vhost settings on same IP (needs to be last!)
  - Cons: 3rd party, requires directory structure including a hash

## Setup: Apache



- Alternatives: `mod_vhost_ldap/`  
`mod_vhost_dbd`
  - Pros: more options/flexibility
  - Cons: requires external server, DBD does query on every request, more dependencies

## Setup: Apache mod\_vhost\_alias



```
UseCanonicalName Off
```

```
NameVirtualHost 10.0.1.11:80
```

```
LogFormat "%V %h %l %u %t \"%r\" %s %b" vcommon
```

```
<Directory /var/www/prtester>
```

```
Options FollowSymLinks
```

```
AllowOverride All
```

```
</Directory>
```

```
<VirtualHost 10.0.1.11:80>
```

```
VirtualDocumentRoot /var/www/prtester/%1/web
```

```
ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/prtest.error.log
```

```
CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/prtest.access.log vcommon
```

```
</VirtualHost>
```

# Setup: Apache mod\_vhost\_hash\_alias (Part 1)



HashType md5

HashEncoding hexa

HashSplit 2 2

HashLimit 4

HashDocumentRootPrefix /var/www/hash

HashDocumentRootSuffix htdocs

HashAddAliasPrefix www

# Setup: Apache mod\_vhost\_hash\_alias (Part 2)



```
<Directory /var/www/hash>
```

```
Options FollowSymLinks
```

```
AllowOverride All
```

```
</Directory>
```

```
<VirtualHost 10.0.1.10:80>
```

```
DocumentRoot /var/www/hash
```

```
HashEnable On
```

```
ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/prtest-hash.error.log
```

```
LogFormat "%V %h %l %u %t \"%r\" %>s %b \"%{Referer}i\" \"%  
{User-agent}i\"" hashlog
```

```
CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/prtest-hash.access.log hashlog
```

```
</VirtualHost>
```

# Setup: Apache mod\_vhost\_hash\_alias (All Together)



HashType md5

HashEncoding hexa

HashSplit 2 2

HashLimit 4

HashDocumentRootPrefix /var/www/hash

HashDocumentRootSuffix htdocs

HashAddAliasPrefix www

```
<Directory /var/www/hash>
```

```
Options FollowSymLinks
```

```
AllowOverride All
```

```
</Directory>
```

```
<VirtualHost 10.0.1.10:80>
```

```
DocumentRoot /var/www/hash
```

```
HashEnable On
```

```
ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/prtest-hash.error.log
```

```
LogFormat "%V %h %l %u %t \"%r\" %>s %b \"%{Referer}i\" \"%{User-agent}i\" \"\" hashlog
```

```
CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/prtest-hash.access.log hashlog
```

```
</VirtualHost>
```

# Setup: Jenkins System

## GitHub Pull Request Builder



- Install “GitHub pull request builder plugin” via “Manage Jenkins” → “Manage Plugins”
- Navigate to “Manage Jenkins” → “Configure System” → “Github Pull Request Builder”



# Setup: Jenkins System

## GitHub Pull Request Builder



- If you have GitHub Enterprise, change “GitHub server api URL” to your internal server.
- If you have an access token for GitHub you can put it in here, or click “Advanced” and fill in your username and password to have Jenkins create a token for you.
- Add your GitHub username to the “admin” list.

# Setup: Jenkins Job

## GitHub Pull Request Builder



- Create a new “freestyle project”
- Under “SCM” select “Git” and then “Advanced...”, set:
  - Repository URL: Your GitHub repo
  - Refspec: “+refs/pull/\*:refs/remotes/origin/pr/\*”
  - Branches to build: “\${sha1}”

# Setup: Jenkins Job

## GitHub Pull Request Builder



- Under “Build Triggers”, select “GitHub Pull Request Builder” and click “Advanced”:
  - **White list:** List of users who will trigger builds without admin approval.
  - **List of organisations:** List of organisations whose members will trigger builds without admin approval.
  - **Allow members of whitelisted organisations as admins:** All members can trigger builds for other users.

# Setup: Jenkins Job

## GitHub Pull Request Builder



- Under “Build Triggers”, select “GitHub Pull Request Builder” and click “Advanced”:
  - **Build every pull request automatically without asking (Dangerous!).**

## Setup: Jenkins Job `mod_vhost_alias`



- We configured the path to be:  
`/var/www/prtester/%1`
- **%1** is the first part of the domain, so **pr1.test** will use `/var/www/prtester/pr1`
- So we need to create this directory structure.

## Setup: Jenkins Job mod\_vhost\_alias



- Simple Shell Script:

```
TARGET=/var/www/prtester/pr${ghprbPullId} &&  
rm -rf $TARGET &&  
mkdir -p $TARGET/web &&  
cp * $TARGET/web &&  
chmod -R u+rX,g+rX,o+rX $TARGET
```

## Setup: Jenkins Job mod\_vhost\_hash\_alias



- We configured the path to be: **/var/www/hash**
- We set there to be hash limit of **4** and the split as **2 2**
- We set it to use **MD5** and **hexadecimal** encoding
- We have a suffix of **htdocs**



# Jenkins: Job Setup

## mod\_vhost\_hash\_alias



- For **pr1.hashtest** we need the MD5:  
cb6c1a353e84ea0d3eddd326e957aaafa
- Then we get the first four characters and split into two: **/cb/6c**
- We now need the following path structure:  
`/var/www/hash/cb/6c/pr1.hashtest/htdocs`
- Note: [www.pr1.hashtest](http://www.pr1.hashtest) will work too!

# Jenkins: Job Setup

## mod\_vhost\_hash\_alias



```
DOMAIN=pr${ghprbPullId}.hashtest  
HASH=$(echo -n $DOMAIN | md5sum |  
    sed -e's#^\(..\)\(..\).*#/\1/\2/#')  
ROOT=/var/www/hash  
TARGET=$ROOT/$HASH/$DOMAIN  
rm -rf $TARGET &&  
mkdir -p $TARGET/htdocs &&  
cp * $TARGET/htdocs &&  
chmod -R u+rX,g+rX,o+rX $ROOT
```



## DEMO

# Pitfalls



- With GitHub Enterprise:
  - if you have custom SSL certificates, make sure that Jenkins trusts them
  - make sure that the API is set up properly!
- If you have more than one pull request builder job for the same repo then GitHub will likely report the wrong status!

## Further Reading

- GitHub Pull Request Builder plugin page:  
<https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/GitHub+pull+request+builder+plugin>



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