Scaling a Rails Application from the Bottom Up

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The questions

- Can I write a [Rails] application where I can start in a datacenter in San Francisco, then drop copies in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Virginia, London, Amsterdam, and Frankfurt while maintaining a unified backend, differentially directing people based on their geography and having my costs only go from 1x to 7x?
- Can I write a [Rails] application where my user base grows from 10,000 to 10,000,000 and have my per user costs stay the same or less?
- Can I write a [Rails] application and have it run on an device like an iPhone?



Hi, I'm Jason



Rails Trac

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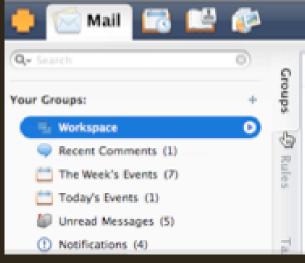
> 3 years root: Initial test

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Some of Joyent's













Ruby DTrace

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Welcome to Joyent's DTrace site

What is DTrace?

From sun.com's BigAdmin:

"DTrace is a comprehensive dynamic tracing framework for the Solaris Operating Environment. DTrace provides a powerful infrastructure to permit administrators, developers, and service personnel to concisely answer arbitrary questions about the behavior of the operating system and user programs."

What is the point of this site?

- To aggregate Joyent's efforts around getting DTrace enabled probes throughout our entire system (in interpreted languages and databases).
- · To provide access to a repository of different DTrace scripts for looking at application stacks.
- To provide a ticketing system, documentation and subversion commit rights to people interested in creating and maintaining different functional DTrace scripts.

How to contribute?

Simply test out what's here and submit tickets and patches.

To have your own project created or to help out with the documentation, write jason at joyent dot com with a little blurb about how you'd like to help. Help can include testing, documentation and script writing. For example, if you have a great idea about how to look at a particular thing in a Rails application or put together a great script for looking and correlating lots of system and application stuff, then you should have a place to share it and document it.

Starting Points

- Ruby DTrace probes and arguments
- DTrace enabled Ruby 1 dot 8 dot 5
- DTrace enabled Ruby 1 dot 8 dot 6
- Ruby Tracer Module
- · Rails Tracing Plugin



Ruby DTrace probes and arguments

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Probes and Arguments for all versions of Ruby DTrace

Probes

The probes that are currently in Ruby-DTrace

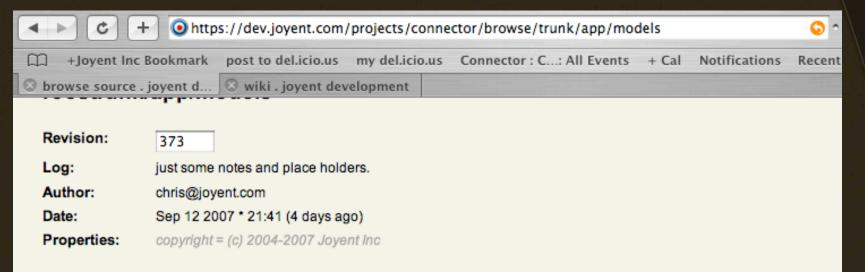
Probe name	Description
function-entry	Probe that fires when a Ruby method is entered
function-return	Probe that fires when a Ruby method returns
raise	Probe that fires when a Ruby exception is raised
rescue	Probe that fires when a Ruby exception is rescued
line	Probe that fires for every line of Ruby executed
gc-begin	Probe that fires right before a GC cycle begins
gc-end	Probe that fires right after a GC cycle finishes
object-create-start	Probe that fires directly before a Ruby object is allocated
object-create-done	Probe that fires when Ruby is finished allocating an object
object-free	Probe that fires every time a Ruby object is freed
ruby-probe	Probe that can be fired from Ruby code (see below)

Arguments

Probe	args0	args1	args2	args3
function-entry	Ruby class	Method name	Source file	Line number
function-return	Ruby class	Method name	Source file	Line numbe
raise	Ruby class	Source file	Line number	_
rescue	Source file	Line number	-	_
line	Source file	Line number	-	_
gc-begin	-	-	-	_
gc-end	-	-	-	_
object-create-start	Ruby type	Source file	Line number	_
object-create-done	Ruby type	Source file	Line number	_
object-free	Ruby type	-	-	_
ruby-probe	Arbitrary string	Arbitrary string	-	_



The connector



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Slingshot



Slingshot

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Welcome to Slingshot

Joyent Slingshot allows developers to deploy Rails applications that work both online and offline (with synchronization), and with drag/drop into and out of the application as in a standard desktop application. For a high level overview of the design goals and the basic idea behind Slingshot, head over to Joyeur to read in more detail about what we're trying to do.

This wiki is a work in progress; feel free to edit.

Getting Started

Slingshot is intended to be a lightweight framework for deploying hybrid online/offline applications with Rails. Pouring your application into Slingshot is pretty straightforward; there won't be much for you to learn or do.

Our basic application walkthrough shows you how to create a Rails application within the Slingshot framework from the ground up. You'll have an application up and running within Slingshot about two minutes after you're done checking out the code.

Radiant CMS is a more complicated "real world" application that we ported to Slingshot. Our Radiant example port is a good place to go poke around when you're confused by something or want to get a more concrete idea of what is going on. This example app is Mac OS X Intel-only.

You can also sign up for the Slingshot mailing list.

Basic Architecture

Slingshot is divided into two major components:

- Virtual machine: The Slingshot VM is a silo in which we provide a consistent binary environment both on Windows and Mac OS X so that you can deploy
 Rails code simultaneously to both operating systems. We want you to be able to focus on your Rails code; Slingshot will take care of the details of
 making a cross-platform client-side deployment.
- Slingshot Plugin: slingshot_plugin is a Rails plugin that facilitates data server<->client data synchronization within Slingshot. You will need to add in code
 here that is specific to your application, in order to determine what data gets synced down to which client. It is also where you may modify or otherwise
 sanitize any data that an offline client is synchronizing upward.



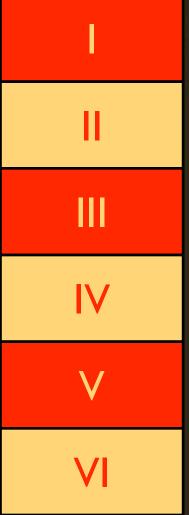


Typically putting about 10 servers (16GB) and 2x
 4TBs of SAS in place every 2-4 days



Today's schedule

130_{pm} 50 230_{pm} 240_{pm} 50 340_{pm} 350_{pm} 50 QA 500_{pm}





6 Acts

- I. Introduction and foundational items
- II. Where do I put stuff?
- III. What stuff?
- IV. What do I run on this stuff?
- V. What are the patterns of deployment?
- VI. Lessons learned



What I'll tell you about

- What we've done
- Why we've done it
- How we're doing it
- Our way of thinking



Thinking

- Scalability, Throughput and Performance
- Limits (practical and theoretical)
- Rules of Ten
- Web applications are stateless



Scalability

- Scalability
- Throughput
- Performance



Rules of Ten

- Tiers
 - Tiers are different functionally
 - Tiers should be 10x different in throughput
- Costs
 - Infrastructure costs ≤10% of "revenue"



Web applications are stateless

- HTTP is a stateless protocol
- http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2616
 - The Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) is an application-level protocol for distributed, collaborative, hypermedia information systems. It is a generic, stateless, protocol which can be used for many tasks beyond its use for hypertext, such as name servers and distributed object management systems, through extension of its request methods, error codes and headers [47]. A feature of HTTP is the typing and negotiation of data representation, allowing systems to be built independently of the data being transferred.



Because they're stateless

- Inherently "scalable"
- Front
 - How to scale when you have to connect it to an IP address?
- Application
- Back (Data store)
 - How to scale files, databases etc?



Simple Standard Open



Fundamental Limits

- Money
- Time
- People
- Experience
- Power (which limits memory and CPU)
- Bandwidth



Introduction and Foundational Items



I get asked lots of questions



I have yet to find any examples of websites that have heavy traffic and stream media that run from a Ruby on Rails platform, can you suggest any sites that will demonstrate that the ruby platform is stable and reliable enough to use on a commercial level?"



"We are concerned about the long-term viability of Ruby on Rails as a development language and environment."



"How easily can a ruby site be converted to another language? (If for any reason we were forced to abandon ruby at some point in the future or I can't find someone to work with our code?)."



"My company has some concerns on whether or not Ruby on Rails is the right platform to deploy on if we have a very large scale app."



- What is a "scalable" application?
- What are some hardware layouts?
- Where do you get the hardware?
- How do you pay for it?
- Where do you put it?
- Who runs it?
- How do you watch it?
- What do you need relative to an application?
- What are the commonalities of scalable web architectures?
- What are the unique bottlenecks for Ruby on Rails applications?
- What's the best way to start so you can make sure everything scales?
- What are the common mistakes?



But are these really Ruby or Rails specific P



They have to do with designing and then running scalable "internet" applications



But the road to a top site on the internet is not from one interation



Let's break that down

- Designing
- Running
- Scalable
- "Internet" applications



Scalable means?



Types of scalability

- Load
- Geographic
- Administrative



A Sysadmin's view

- Ruby on Rails is simply one part
- Developers have to understand Rails horizontally (of course, otherwise they couldn't write the application)
- Developers ideally understand the vertical stack
- It can get complicated fast and it's easy to overengineer



What do you do with 1000s of physical machines? 100s of TB of storage? In 4 facilities on 2 continents?



Is this a "Rails" issue?



No, I'm afraid not.



This has been done before.

The same big questions.



Let's take the "connector"



"Logical" servers for the connector

- 1) Jumpstart/PXE Boot
- 2) Monitoring
- 3) Auditing
- 4) Logging
- 5) Provisioning and configuration management
- 6) DHCP/LDAP for server identification/authentication and control (at dual for failover)
- 7) DNS: DNS cache and resolver, and a (private) DNS system (4x + 2; 2 + sites)
- 8) DNS MySQL (4x + 2, dual masters with slaves per DNS node, innodb tables)
- 9) SPAM filtering servers (files to NFS store and tracking to postgresql)
- 10) SPAM database setup (postgresql)
- 11) SPAM NFS store
- 12) SMTP proxies and gateways out
- 13) SMTP proxies and gateways in (delivery to clusters to Maildir over NFS)
- 14) Mail stores
- 15) IMAP proxy servers
- 16) IMAP servers
- 17) User LDAP servers
- 18) User long running processes
- 19) User postgresql DB servers
- 20) User web servers
- 21) User application servers
- 22) User File Storage (NFS)
- 23) Joyent Organization Provisioning/Customer panel servers (web, app, database)
- 24) iSCSI storage systems
- 25) Chat servers
- 26) Load balancer/proxies/static caches



Guess which is "Rails"?



- 1) Jumpstart/PXE Boot &
- 2) Monitoring
- 3) Auditing
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- 6) DHCP/LDAP for server identification/authentication and control (dual for failover)
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- SPAM filtering servers (files to NFS store and tracking to postgresql)
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- 11) SPAM NFS store (dual heads clustered)
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Ease of management is on a log scale

- 10
- 100
- 1,000
- 10,000
- 100,000
- 1,000,000



↑computational power ↓space ↓power



Power A common limiting factor



Amps, Volts and Watts

- 110V, 208V, 240V
- 10, 15, 20, 30, 60 amp
- Standard baselines: 10 amp, 240V; 15 amp, 110V
- \$25 per amp for 208V power
- 20 amps X 208V = 4160 watts
- ▶ 80% safely usable = 3328 watts



OUTLET TYPES (NEMA)









5-15R

5-20R

L5-20R

L5-30R











6-15R

6-20R

L6-20R

L6-30R

L14-30R

OUTLET TYPES (IEC)



320-C13

PLUG TYPES (NEMA)















5-15P

5-20P

L5-20P

L5-30P

L6-20P

L6-30P

L14-30P

A \$5000 Dell 1850 costs \$1850 to power over a 3 year lifespan

- 440watts x 24 hours/day x 1 kw/1000 watts = 10.56 kwh/day
- 10.56 kwh/day x \$0.16/kwh = \$1.69/day
- \$1.69/day x 365 days/year = 616.85/year



How many servers fit in a 100kw?

- 100 kilowatts to power and 100 kilowatts to cool
- At 250-400 watts each
- 250 400 servers



Other common limiting factors



Your Network

- The fast ethernet or gigabit network port (assuming there's more than one drive)
- Transactions of something/second
- 1 Gbps = 125 MB/sec (100 Mbps = 12.5 MB/sec)
- And let's say you can, just how much is a Gbps in some kind of other thing?



What's a 100 Mbps in normal web traffic?

- Say a 122 KB page and has 20 objects (~125KB for an uncached page view).
- 125KB page => 100-1000 unique visitors per second
- 20 objects per page, that is 2000 requests per second that could pump out of that system.
- Maximum.



 What is the ability to do 2000 requests/second then?

((2000 requests/sec)*(20 requests per page)) *
 0.125MB per page = 12.5 MB/sec (100Mbps constant).

 86400 seconds/day on 100Mbps => 8,640,000 uniques in a day with 172,800,00 hits.



How much does a 100 Mbps commit cost?

- Depends => One provider? Eight? Your own stuff?
- \$5000-\$8000/month for something "good"



Can you do 2000 requests/second?

- Sure an Apache, Lighttpd or Litespeed can do 1000-15,000 static or proxy requests/second
- A hardware load balancer like a Big-IP can do 20,000-100,000 fine.



Where do I put stuff? What stuff?



Physical considerations

- Space
- Power
- Network connection
- Cables cables cables
- Routers and switches
- Servers
- Storage



The 10% rule

- Google's earning release:
- "Other cost of revenues, which is comprised primarily of data center operational expenses, as well as credit card processing charges, increased to \$307 million, or 10% of revenues, in the fourth quarter of 2006, compared to \$223 million, or 8% of revenues, in the third quarter."



The 10% rule

A common rule of thumb I tell people is to target their performance goals in application design and coding so that their infrastructure (not including people) is ≤10% of an application's revenue.



The 10% rule

- Meaning if you're making \$1.2 million dollars a year off of an online application, then you should be in area of spending \$120,000/year or \$10,000/month on servers, storage and bandwidth.
- And from the other way around, if you're spending \$10,000 a month on these same things, then you know where to push your revenue to.



Or maybe this is just a cost. It used to be for me.



A joyent.net node (-ish)





Whatever you do

- Keep it simple
- Standardize, Standardize, Standardize
- Try and use open technologies



Some of my rules

- Virtualization, virtualization, virtualization
- Separating hardware components
- Keep the hardware setup simple
- Things should add up
- Configuration management and distributed control
- Pool and split
- Understand what each component can do as a maximum and a minimum



Pairing physical resources with logical needs while keeping the smallest footprint



You either build or you buy it



Or you buy all of it from someone else



Then You Build



"Buying" (by the way) means "using Rails" too



What's the cost breakpoints?

- Including people costs
- It's generally cheaper at the \$20,000-\$30,000/month spending to do it in-house. *Assuming you or at least one of your guys knows what they're doing.



But what if I buy all my stuff from someone else?

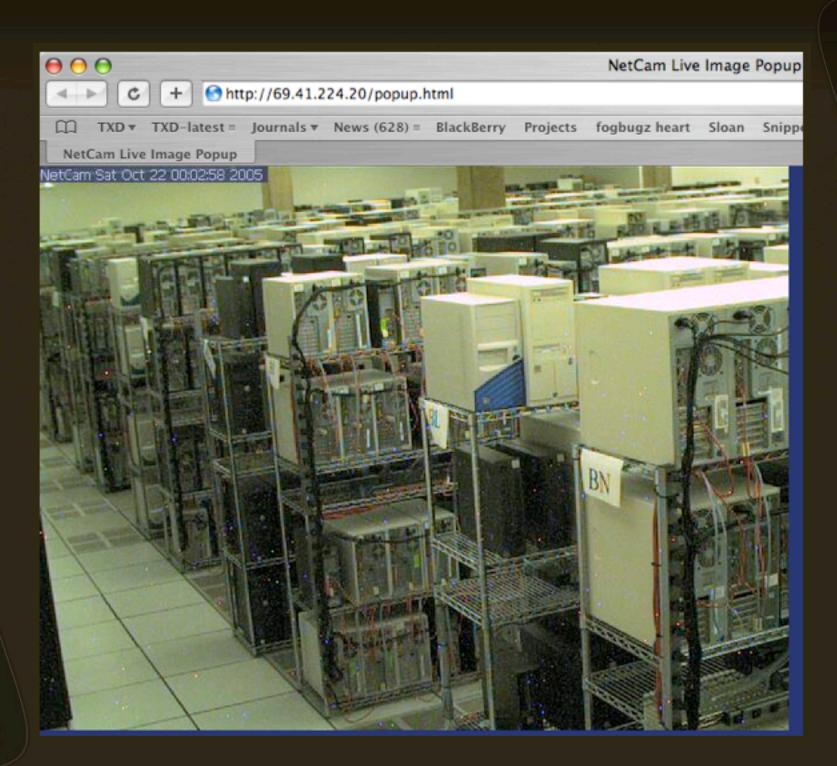


Our story



The Planet







Cee-Kay



KISS





One kind of

Console server

Switch

Server

CPU

RAM

Storage

Disc

Operating system

Interconnect

Power plug

Power strip

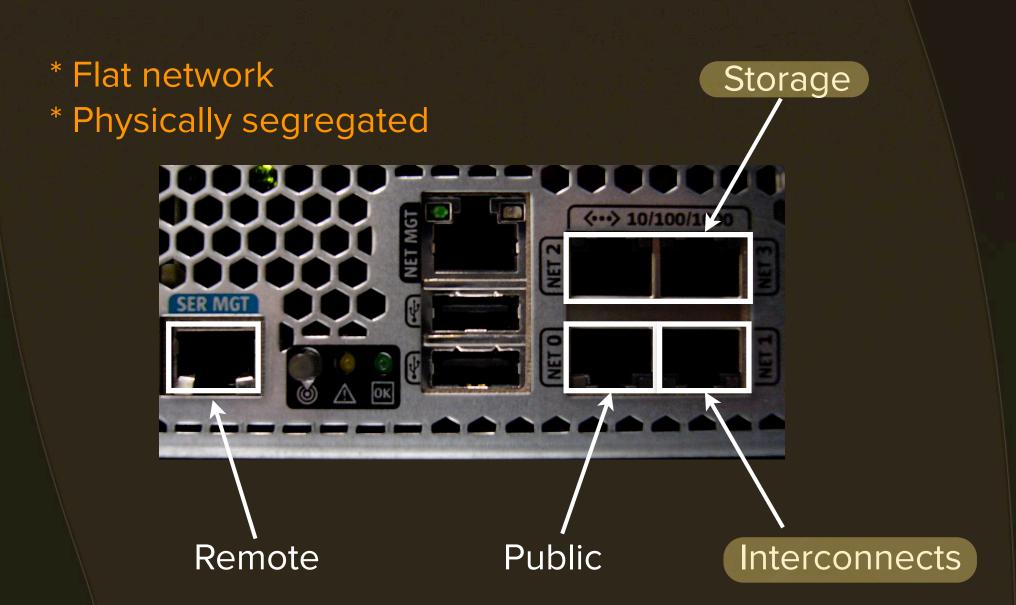


Our Choices

- Console server => Lantronix
- Switch => 48 port all gigabit (Force I 0 E300s)
- Server => Sun Fire AMDs (X4100,X4600),T1000s
- CPU => Opteron 285 and T1 SPARC
- RAM => 2GB DIMMS
- Storage => Sun Fire X4500 and NetApp FAS filters
- Disc => 500GB SATA and 73GB/146GB SAS
- Operating system => Solaris Nevada ("I I")
- •Interconnect => gigabit with cat6 cables
- Power plug => 208V, L6-20R (the "wall"), IEC320-C14 to IEC320-
- C13 (server to PDU)
- Power strip => APC 208V, 20x



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Cabling standard



3' cat6

Public network

Private interconnects

Storage

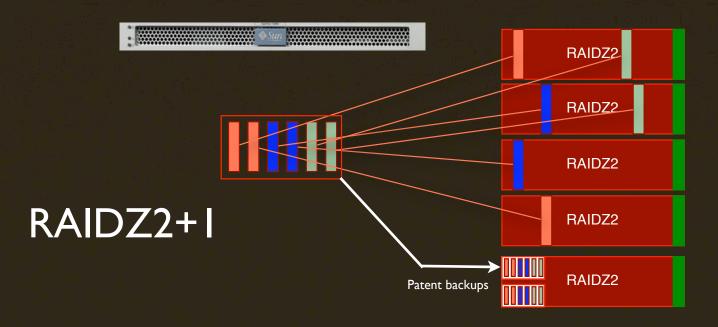
Storage

ALOM => console servers

Switch interconnects and mesh



Our "SAN"



- Think of it as a distributed RAID6+1
- Dual switched
- Able to turn off half of your storage units
- You end up having data stripped across 44, 88, 132, 196 drives



Our storage buckets

- 48 drive X4500
- Some do operations and storage on box
- Some export storage out to servers
- Spreading across this many drives is fast



How fast?

```
[private:/] root# /opt/filebench/filebench
filebench> load webserver
26073: 43.569: Webserver Version 1.13 2005/06/21 21:18:53 personality successfully loaded
26073: 43.569: Usage: set $dir=<dir>
                      set $filesize=<size>
26073: 43.569:
                                             defaults to 16384
26073: 43.569:
                     set $nfiles=<value>
                                             defaults to 1000
26073: 43.569:
                     set $dirwidth=<value> defaults to 20
26073: 43.569:
                      set $nthreads=<value> defaults to 100
26073: 43.569:
                     run runtime (e.g. run 60)
26073: 43.569: syntax error, token expected on line 63
filebench> set $dir=/joyous/jason/
filebench> run 60
IO Summary:
                 5544761 ops 91746.2 ops/s, (29594/2961 r/w) 499.3mb/s,
                                                                            60us cpu/op,
                                                                                           0.0ms latency
26073: 142.218: Shutting down processes
```

- A simple "web server" benchmark
- Nearly 100,000 operations/sec
- 500 MB/sec is 4 Gbps (gigabits per second)



Vendors

- Networking: Dell, HP, Force10, Cisco, Foundry
- Servers: Dell, HP, Sun
- Storage: Dell, HP, Sun, NetApp, Nexsan



Servers

Dell: 1850 and 2850 models

• HP: DL320s

Sun: X2100 and X4100



Storage?

- Lots of local drives
- DAS trays (trays that do their own RAID)
- iSCSI (it's now possible to stay away from fiber)
- RAID6 and RAID10



Leverage

Pick a vendor and get as much as you can from that single vendor



Some comments

- Dell => direct, aggressive, helpful and they resell a lot of stuff
- HP => might be direct, likely reseller
- Sun => you go through a reseller



Why we started with Dells

- Responsive
- They put us in touch with different leasing companies and arrangements
- They shipped
- We were a Dell/EMC shop (even with Solaris running on them)



Why we ended up using Sun

- The rails (literally the rack rails)
- RAS
- Hot-swappable components
- Energy efficient
- True ALOM/iLOM that works with console
- Often cheapest per CPU, per GB RAM
- Often cheapest in TCO
- We're on Solaris (there's some assurances there)



```
Jason-17% ssh sysadmin@emeryville-consolel.textdrive.com
sysadmin>direct t100018-anna
Entering Direct mode...Server = t100018-anna
[anna:/] root# #.
sc> help
Available commands
poweron [-c] [FRU]
poweroff [-y] [-f]
powercycle [-y] [-f]
removefru [-y] <FRU>
reset [-y] [-c]
break [-y] [-c]
console [-f]
consolehistory [-b lines|-e lines|-v] [-g lines] [boot|run]
bootmode [normal|reset_nvram|bootscript="string"]
showlogs [-b lines|-e lines|-v] [-g lines] [-p logtype[r|p]]
setkeyswitch [-y] <normal|stby|diag|locked>
showkeyswitch
setlocator [on off]
showlocator
showenvironment
showfaults [-v]
clearfault <UUID>
showfru [-g lines] [-s|-d] [FRU]
setfru -c [data]
showplatform [-v]
showsc [-v] [param]
shownetwork [-v]
setsc [param] [value]
showhost [version]
setupsc
showdate
setdate <[mmdd]HHMM | mmddHHMM[cc]yy][.SS]>
resetsc [-y]
flashupdate <-s IPaddr -f pathname> [-v]
setdefaults [-y] [-a]
useradd <username>
userdel [-y] <username>
usershow [username]
userpassword <username>
userperm <username> [c][u][a][r]
password
showusers [-g lines]
enablecomponent [asr-key]
disablecomponent [asr-key]
showcomponent [asr-key]
clearasrdb
logout
help [command]
sc> console -f
Enter #. to return to ALOM.
[anna:/] root#
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sc> showcomponent Keys: MB/CMP0/P0 MB/CMP0/P1 MB/CMP0/P2 MB/CMP0/P3 MB/CMP0/P4 MB/CMP0/P5 MB/CMP0/P6 MB/CMP0/P7 MB/CMP0/P8 MB/CMP0/P9 MB/CMP0/P10 MB/CMP0/P11 MB/CMP0/P12 MB/CMP0/P13 MB/CMP0/P14 MB/CMP0/P15 MB/CMP0/P16 MB/CMP0/P17 MB/CMP0/P18 MB/CMP0/P19 MB/CMP0/P20 MB/CMP0/P21 MB/CMP0/P22 MB/CMP0/P23 MB/CMP0/P24 MB/CMP0/P25 MB/CMP0/P26 MB/CMP0/P27 MB/CMP0/P28 MB/CMP0/P29 MB/CMP0/P30 MB/CMP0/P31 MB/CMP0/CH0/R0/D0 MB/CMP0/CH0/R0/D1 MB/CMP0/CH0/R1/D0 MB/CMP0/CH0/R1/D1 MB/CMP0/CH3/R0/D0 MB/CMP0/CH3/R0/D1 MB/CMP0/CH3/R1/D0 MB/CMP0/CH3/R1/D1 MB/PCIEa MB/PCIEb PCIE0 MB/GBE0 MB/GBE1 мв/нва



Lease if you can

- Generally it's about 10-50% down
- And can be "ok" interest rate wise: 8-18%
- Do FMV where you turn over the systems at year 2
- How do you do it? Demonstrate that you have the cash overwise and push your vendor.



So what's a typical lease payment?

- \$10,000 system
- \$1000 down, \$400/month (10% down, 4%/mo)



Designing around power





1152 logical 1Ghz CPUs 576 GB RAM 6,480 watts

31 amps @ 208V

2 x 20amp @ 208V L6-20R 2 x 24 plug 20amp/208V

12 Enclosures
36 controllers
180 drives
90 TBs raw storage
77 TBs clustered storage

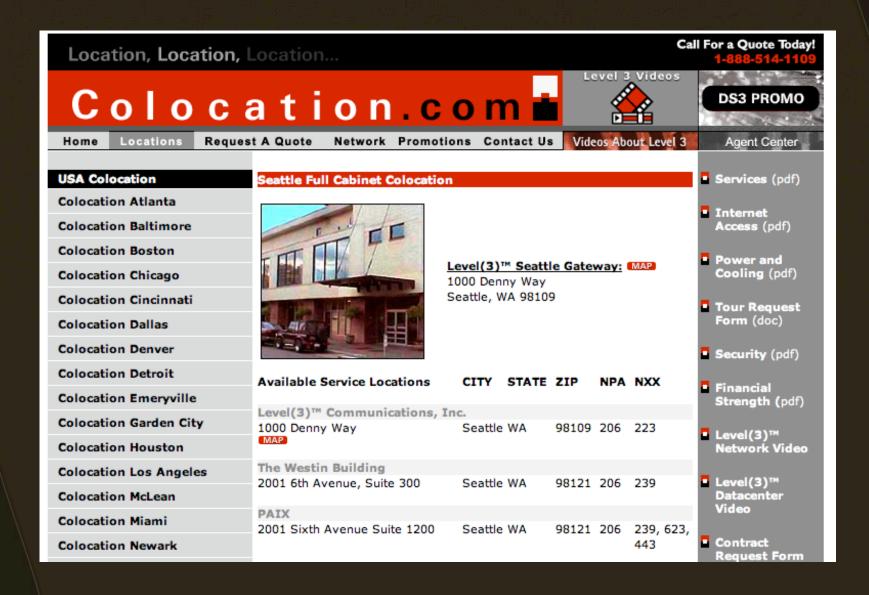
29.4 amps @ 208V

2 x 20amp @ 208V L6-20R 2 x 24 plug 20amp/208V





So you want to colo?





You're going to be small potatoes



Try and go local to start



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- 50 to 99 mbps \$75 per mbps
- 5 mbps minimum charge per month
- Invoiced based on the 95th percentile
- SLA (Service Level Agreement): 99.999%
- Level(3)™ cross connect at no additional charge
- Unlimited IP addresses with justification

Level(3)™ Fast Ethernet Non Recurring Setup Fee

\$750 for 1 Fast Ethernet Port

Additional Info

- Installation takes 15 business days to complete.
- Expedite option completes install in less than 10 business days.



Our providers

- Level 3
- Equinix (IXEurope)

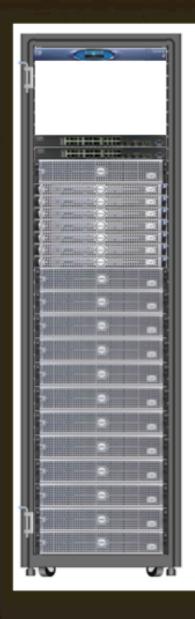
Why?



Typical power they'll allow

- Dual 15 amp, 110V
- Dual 20 amp, 110V
- Dual 20 amp, 208V (rare in non-cage setups)
- \$250/month for each 15/20 amp, 110V plug
- \$500/month for 20amp, 208V plug













Typical Costs

- ▶ \$500-750 for the rack
- \$500-\$1000 for power per rack
- \$1000 bandwidth commit (10 Mbps x \$100, applies to all racks)
- \$4000 for systems (20x \$200/mo)/rack



Comparison

- Total \$6500 for 20 systems in a rack on a lease.
- "2850s" at The Planet or Rackspace:\$900-1200 each (\$18,000 \$24,000/month)
- DIY: does require a more involved human or two of them (that could use up the difference; a great sysadmin/racker is \$100K+)



What do you run on it?



You have to use Virtualization

- Xen
- VMware
- Solaris zones

Seriously. You have to pick and use a virtualization method.



The common issue with some virtualization methods

- Do you get linear performance?
- Are four "virtual servers" on a 4 CPU, 16GB of RAM server = four separate 1CPU, 4GB of RAM servers?
- Are the differences significant enough when balanced with differences in power and space?



Why Solaris?

- Great PXE and remote boot support
- It doesn't crash when stressed
- When it does crash it reboots itself, restarts everything and leaves a complete crash dump
- Proven on large systems => 512 GB of RAM with 1.0 TB of swap
- Observability tools are unmatched => process level and DTrace
- Fault management
- SMF
- ZFS filesystem => snapshots, zfs send -r | zfs receive -r, large filesystem support, compression
- Network aggregation and virtualization
- Lightweight virtualization
- FREE



ZFS gives storage back

- Very easy CLI
- Same OS on both sides (servers and storage)
- NFS and iSCSI exports
- Compression
- Remote replication (real time; "slave" anything)
- Fully transactional
- Thin provisioning
- Dynamic striping
- Pool expansion
- Double parity RAID
- Hot spares



It's easy to create a pool

And to have a trunked network

```
[private:/] root# ifconfig -a
aggr1: flags=1000843⊲JP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 1500 index 6
        inet 10.12.222.6 netmask ff000000 broadcast 10.255.255.255
       ether 0:14:4f:20:dc:0
[private:/] root# dladm show-aggr
key: 1 (0x0001) policy: L4
                                address: 0:14:4f:20:dc:0 (auto)
          device
                        address
                                                speed
                                                                duplex link
                                                                                state
          e1000a0
                        0:14:4f:20:dc:0
                                         1000
                                               Mbps
                                                        full
                                                                        attached
                                                                up
          e1000a1
                        0:14:4f:20:dc:1
                                          1000
                                                Mbps
                                                        full
                                                                        attached
          e1000q2
                        0:14:4f:20:dc:2
                                          1000
                                                Mbps
                                                        full
                                                                up
                                                                        attached
          e1000q3
                        0:14:4f:20:dc:3
                                         1000
                                               Mbps
                                                        full
                                                                up
                                                                        attached
[private:/] root# zpool list
NAME
                        SIZE
                                USED
                                       AVAIL
                                                CAP
                                                     HEALTH
                                                                ALTROOT
                              1.39G
                                       20.0T
                                                 0% ONLINE
joyous
```



DTrace

 Subsystem that cuts throughput everything (via "probes")

```
[anna:/] root# dtrace -1 | wc -1
45241
[anna:/] root# dtrace -1 | grep zfs | wc -1
2402
```

- Can reproduce anything like "vmstat" in D
- Probes in apache, ruby (we're releasing soon), postgresql ... for a full drilldown



Zones/Containers

- Lightweight
- CLI/programmable interface
- Attach/detach
- Zone + Resource Controls = Container

```
zone1>create -b
global-zone # zonecfg -z 1container
zonecfg:1container>set pool=ZONE_NAME
zonecfg:1container>set zonepath=ZONE_PATH
zonecfg:1container>set autoboot=true
zonecfg:1container>add inherit-pkg-dir
zonecfg:1container:add>set dir=/lib
zonecfg:1container:add>end
zonecfg:1container>add net
zonecfg:1container:add>set address=ZONE IPADDRESS
zonecfg:1container:add>set physical=bge0
zonecfg:1container:add>end
zonecfg:1container:rctl> set name=zone.cpu-shares
zonecfg:lcontainer:rctl> add value (priv=privileged,limit=512,action=none)
zonecfg:1container:rctl> end
zonecfg:1container>commit
```



The Key



What are the patterns of deployment? Lessons learned



Ruby

- I like that Ruby is process-based
- I actually don't think it should ever be threaded
- I think it should focus on being as asynchronous and event-based on a per process basis
- I think it should be loosely coupled
- What does a "VM" do then: it manages LWPs
- This is erlang versus java



So how do you run a rails process?

- FCGI
- Mongrel (event-driven)
- JRuby in Glassfish



How we do Mongrel

- ▶ 16GB RAM, 4 AMD CPU machines
- 4 virtual "containers" on them
- Each container: 10 mongrels (so 10 per CPU)

```
port: 8000-

pid_file: /tmp/`hostname`-mongrel.pid-

servers: 10-

address: `myprivateip`-

environment: production-
```

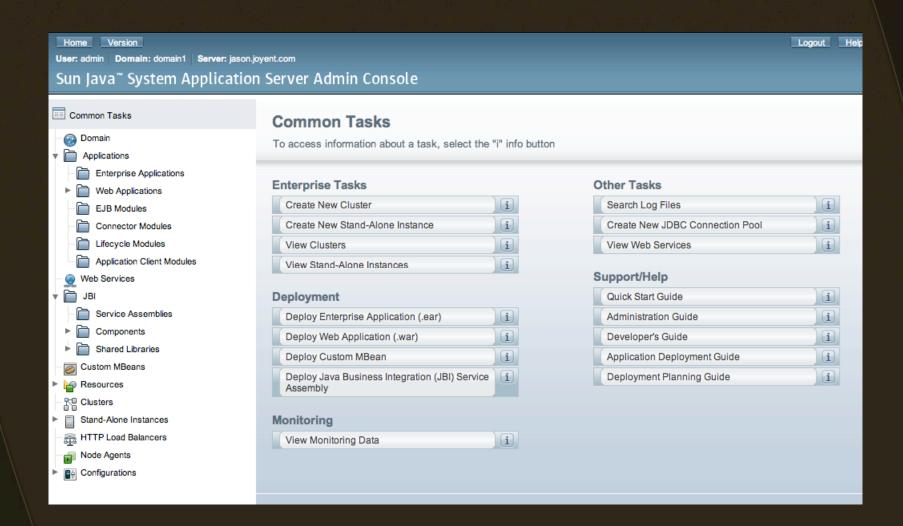


Glassfish

```
http://jason.joye
                  fittp://jason.joyent.com:8080/jason/
     +Joyent Inc Bookmark post to del.icio.us my del.icio.us Connector: C...: All
http://jason.joyent.com:80...
Hello world
 $ rake war:standalone:create
 (in /home/jason)
 Assembling web application
          Adding web application
          Adding Ruby gem ActiveRecord-JDBC version 0.4
      Creating web archive
 $ cp railstest.war /a/1/app/glassfish/domains/domain1/autodeploy/
 railstest.war
```

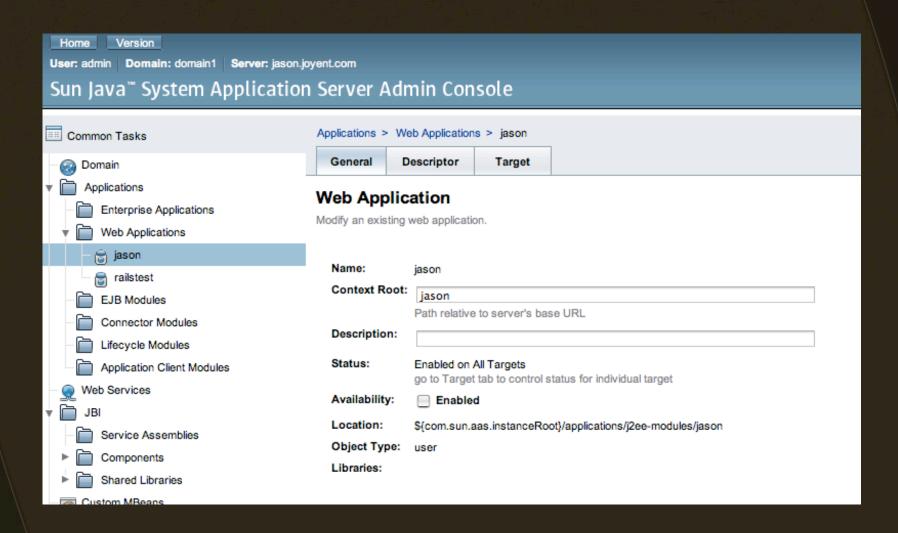


Glassfish admin





A controller or an application?





Quick note on relative performance

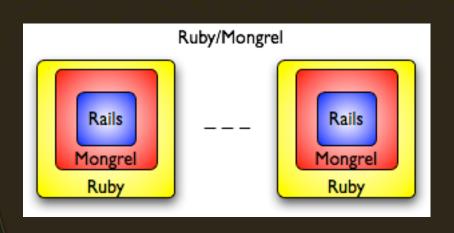
A "hello world" application

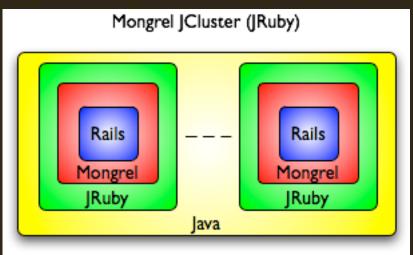
- Mongrel: 150 req/sec
- Event mongrel: 400 req/sec
- Glassfish: 1000 req/sec



Base difference

http://weblogs.java.net/blog/arungupta/archive/ 2007/08/rubyjruby_proce.html





Affects "administrative" scalability
Affects concept of process scalability



How do you scale processes?

- Run more and more of them
- They should add up



Add up how and where?

- Add up in the front
- Add up in the back
- Add up linearly



Horizontally scaling across processes

- In the front: load balancers capable of it
- In the back: database middleware and message buses



The front

- DNS
- Load-balancing
- The "front" cannot be built into the application

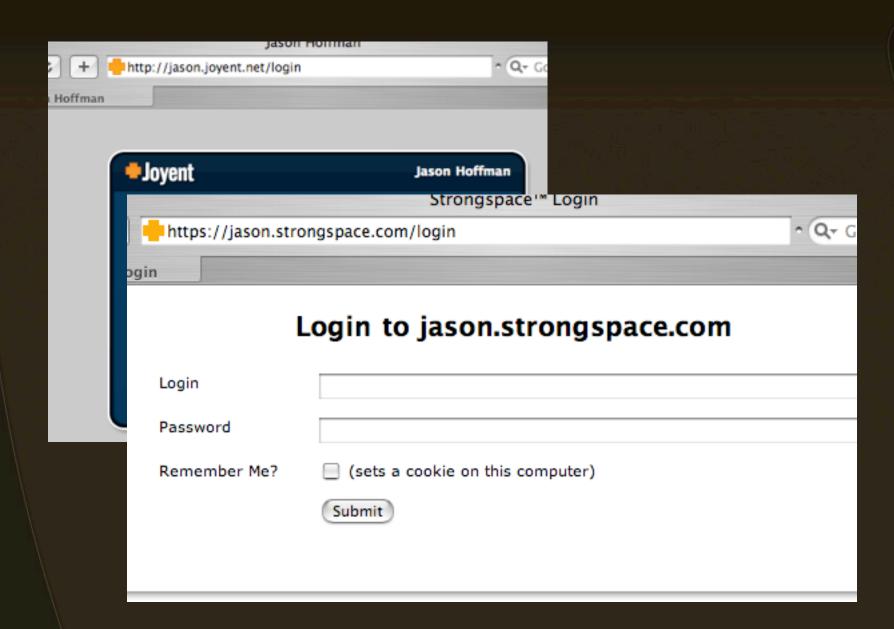


DNS



- Don't forget about it.
- Always surprising how little people know about DNS servers
- Federation by DNS is an easy way to split your customers into pods.







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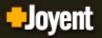
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- √ 100 gigabytes of storage for \$199 a year
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A podcast from the folks at Joye systems, new technology, runni just plain fun.



PDNS 2.9.20 Main Page

Uptime: 1.02 days Queries/second, 1, 5, 10 minute averages: 67.4, 65.6, 65.3. Max queries/second: 81

Cache hitrate, 1, 5, 10 minute averages: 67%, 65%, 65%

Backend query cache hitrate, 1, 5, 10 minute averages: 41%, 38%, 38%

Backend query load, 1, 5, 10 minute averages: 41, 42.4, 42.9. Max queries/second: 51.8

Total queries: 5069952. Question/answer latency: 0.317ms

Top-10 of 3137: Log Messages

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Daries, 10, 100, 500, 1000, /10000), 500000



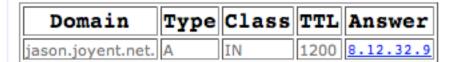
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- jason.joyent.net

Searching for jason.joyent.net A record at l.root-servers.net Got referral to c.gt Searching for jason.joyent.net A record at c.gtld-servers.net. Got referral to dns Searching for jason.joyent.net A record at dns3.textdrive.com. Reports an answer.

Record is:



Looking up at dns1.textdrive.com.... Reports 1 A record(s). 37ms. Looking up at dns2.textdrive.com.... Reports 1 A record(s). 39ms. Looking up at dns3.textdrive.com.... Reports 1 A record(s). 36ms.

Average of all 3 nameservers: 37ms (plus 88ms overhead).

Score: A+



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Searching for jason.strongspace.com A record at c.root-servers.net Got referral to G.GTLD-Searching for jason.strongspace.com A record at G.GTLD-SERVERS.NET. Got referral to dns3.t Searching for jason.strongspace.com A record at dns3.textdrive.com. Reports an answer.

Record is:

Domain	Туре	Class	TTL	Answer
jason.strongspace.com.	A	IN	120	4.71.165.121

```
Looking up at dns1.textdrive.com.... Reports 1 A record(s). 38ms. Looking up at dns2.textdrive.com.... Reports 1 A record(s). 37ms. Looking up at dns3.textdrive.com.... Reports 1 A record(s). 34ms. Looking up at dns4.textdrive.com.... Reports 1 A record(s). 65ms.
```

Average of all 4 nameservers: 43ms (plus 91ms overhead).

Score: A+



dns1# uname -a

FreeBSD dns1.textdrive.com 5.3-RELEASE FreeBSD 5.3-RELEASE #0: Fri Nov 5 04:19:18 UTC 2004

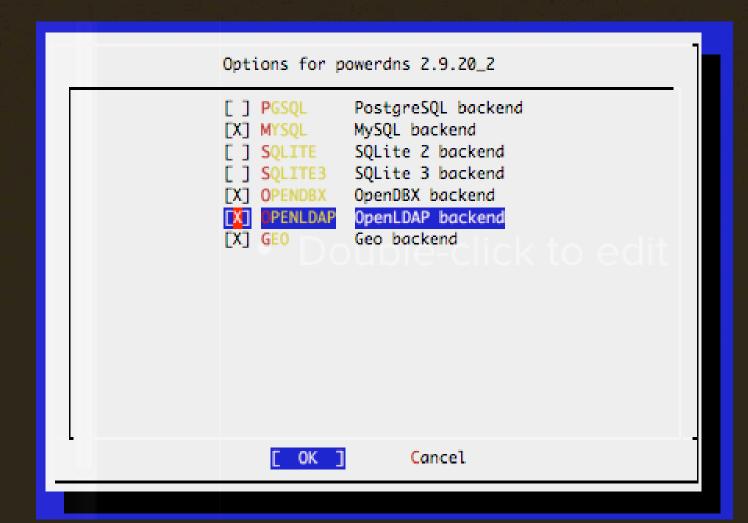
root@harlow.cse.buffalo.edu:/usr/obj/usr/src/sys/
GENERIC i386

dns1# cd /usr/ports/dns/powerdns

dns1# make config

dns1# make install







```
dns1# head /usr/local/etc/pdns.conf
# MySQL
launch=gmysql
gmysql-host=127.0.0.1
gmysql-dbname=dns
gmysql-user=dns
gmysql-password=blahblahboo
```



```
CREATE TABLE domains (
   id int(11) NOT NULL auto_increment,
   name varchar(255) NOT NULL default '',
   master varchar(20) default NULL,
   last_check int(11) default NULL,
   type varchar(6) NOT NULL default '',
   notified_serial int(11) default NULL,
   account varchar(40) default NULL,
   PRIMARY KEY (id),
   UNIQUE KEY name_index (name)
) TYPE=InnoDB;
```

```
CREATE TABLE records (
   id int(11) NOT NULL auto_increment,
   domain_id int(11) default NULL,
   name varchar(255) default NULL,
   type varchar(6) default NULL,
   content varchar(255) default NULL,
   ttl int(11) default NULL,
   prio int(11) default NULL,
   change_date int(11) default NULL,
   change_date int(11) default NULL,
   PRIMARY KEY (id),
   KEY rec_name_index (name),
   KEY nametype_index (name,type),
   KEY domain_id (domain_id)
) TYPE=InnoDB;
```

```
CREATE TABLE zones (
  id int(11) NOT NULL auto_increment,
  domain_id int(11) NOT NULL default '0',
  owner int(11) NOT NULL default '0',
  comment text,
  PRIMARY KEY (id)
) TYPE=MyISAM;
```





```
insert into domains (name,type) values ('joyent.com','NATIVE');

insert into records (domain_id, name,type,content,ttl,prio) select id ,'joyent.com', 'SOA',
   'dns1.textdrive.com dns.textdrive.com 1086328940 10800 1800 10800 1800', 1800, 0 from domains where
   name='joyent.com';

insert into records (domain_id, name,type,content,ttl,prio) select id ,'joyent.com', 'NS',
   'dns1.textdrive.com', 120, 0 from domains where name='joyent.com';

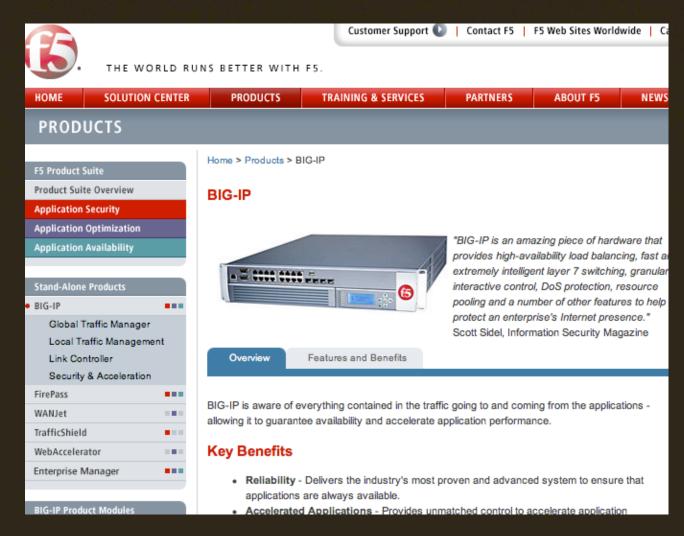
insert into records (domain_id, name,type,content,ttl,prio) select id ,'*.joyent.com', 'A', '207.7.108.165
120, 0 from domains where name='joyent.com';
```



```
mysql> SELECT * FROM domains WHERE name = 'joyent.com';
                                         notified serial
 id
                        last check | type
       name
                 master |
                                                        account
 15811 | joyent.com |
                                  NATIVE
                 NULL
                             NULL |
                                                   NULL
                                                        NULL
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
mysql> SELECT * FROM records WHERE domain id = 15811 \G
id: 532305
 domain id: 15811
     name: joyent.com
     type: A
   content: 4.71.165.93
      ttl: 180
     prio: 0
change date: 1172471659
id: 532306
 domain id: 15811
     name: xmpp-server. tcp.joyent.com
     type: SRV
   content: 5 5269 jabber.joyent.com
      ttl: 180
     prio: 0
change date: NULL
id: 532307
 domain id: 15811
     name: xmpp-client.tcp.joyent.com
     type: SRV
   content: 5 5222 jabber.joyent.com
      ttl: 180
     prio: 0
change date: NULL
```

BIG-IPs

http://f5.com/

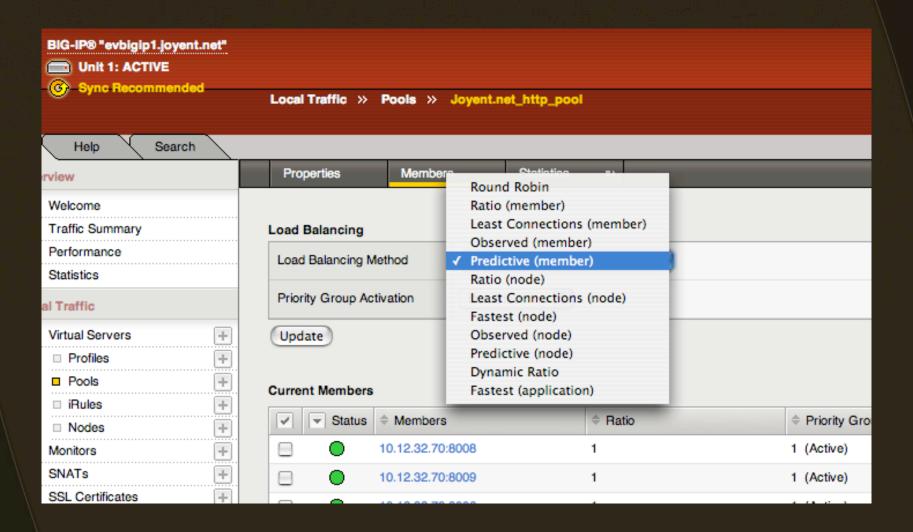




The real wins with BIG-IPs

- The only thing I've seen horizontally scale across a couple thousand mongrels
- Layer 7 and iRules (separate controllers)
- Full packet inspection







	Bits		Packets		Connections			Requests
/Member	In	Out	In	Out	Current	Maximum	Total	Total
_mong	6.1T	32.8T	5.2G	6.2G	1.1K	49.3K	749.6M	
0.7.217.74:8008	17.5G	94.1G	14.9M	17.8M	6	206	2.2M	2.2M
0.7.217.215:8002	18.4G	96.5G	15.4M	18.5M	5	70	2.3M	2.3M
0.7.217.53:8007	24.0G	124.6G	20.2M	24.1M	5	135	3.0M	3.0M
0.7.217.72:8004	18.2G	97.8G	15.6M	18.7M	6	154	2.3M	2.3M
0.7.217.53:8009	24.5G	125.8G	20.4M	24.3M	6	156	3.0M	3.0M
0.7.217.53:8002	23.9G	122.2G	19.8M	23.6M	6	205	2.9M	2.9M
0.7.217.214:8004	18.9G	99.8G	15.9M	19.1M	6	121	2.3M	2.3M
0.7.217.214:8007	18.6G	99.5G	15.9M	19.0M	6	74	2.3M	2.3M
0.7.217.52:8008	23.9G	124.3G	20.1M	24.0M	6	206	3.0M	3.0M
0.7.217.51:8001	23.2G	119.6G	19.4M	23.1M	5	206	2.9M	2.9M
0.7.217.52:8001	22.9G	118.3G	19.2M	22.9M	6	183	2.8M	2.8M
0.7.217.108:8001	49.4G	269.7G	40.7M	49.2M	6	593	5.8M	5.8M
0.7.217.108:8008	38.5G	192.5G	31.4M	37.4M	6	420	4.7M	4.7M
0.7.217.215:8001	17.6G	92.9G	14.9M	17.8M	5	144	2.2M	2.2M
0.7.217.51:8007	24.6G	127.5G	20.7M	24.7M	6	133	3.1M	3.1M
0.7.217.72:8007	18.4G	97.1G	15.5M	18.6M	6	120	2.3M	2.3M
0.7.217.72:8003	18.2G	97.4G	15.5M	18.6M	6	102	2.3M	2.3M
0.7.217.215:8007	18.4G	97.1G	15.5M	18.6M	6	95	2.3M	2.3M
0.7.217.147:8009	32.6G	161.7G	26.8M	31.8M	6	460	4.0M	4.0M
0.7.217.89:8000	29.4G	146.2G	23.8M	28.4M	6	155	3.5M	3.5M
0.7.217.74:8003	17.5G	94.5G	15.0M	17.9M	5	87	2.2M	2.2M
0.7.217.89:8009	35.0G	175.9G	28.7M	34.2M	6	155	4.3M	4.3M
).7.217.215:8004	18.3G	96.5G	15.4M	18.5M	5	77	2.3M	2.3M



Local Traffic >> Monitors >> mongrel Properties Instances **General Properties** Name mongrel HTTP Type Configuration: Basic Interval seconds Timeout 16 seconds GET / HTTP/1.1 \r\n Send String \r\n Status: 500 Internal Server Receive String User Name Password ● Yes ○ No Reverse O Yes No Transparent Delete Update

Joyent

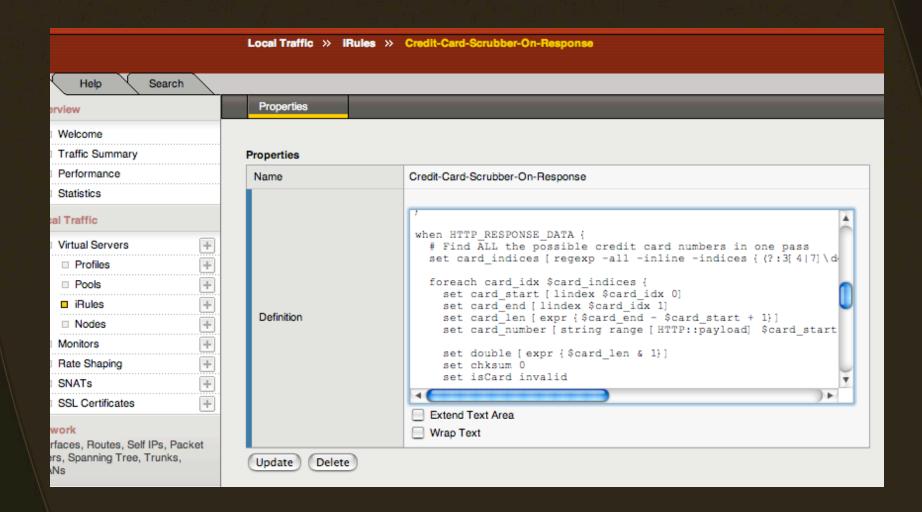
```
when HTTP_REQUEST {
   if { [HTTP::uri] contains "svn" } {
      pool devror_svn
   } else {
      pool devror_trac
   }
}
```



```
when HTTP_REQUEST {
   if { [HTTP::host] contains "www"} {

      if { [HTTP::uri] contains "?" } {
          HTTP::redirect "http://twitter.com[HTTP::path]?[HTTP::query]"
      } else {
          HTTP::redirect "http://twitter.com[HTTP::path]"
      }
}
```







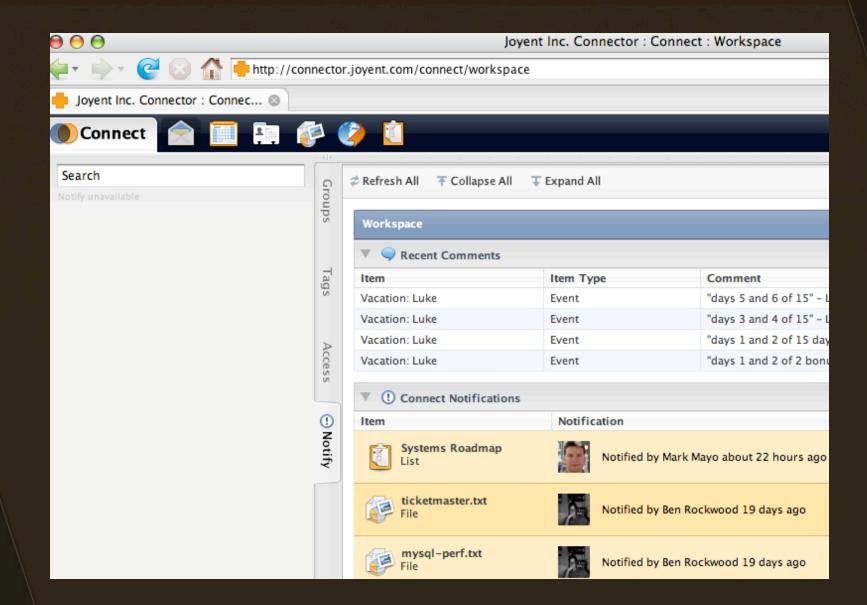
```
when HTTP REQUEST {
  # Don't allow data to be chunked
  if { [HTTP::version] eq "1.1" } {
      if { [HTTP::header is keepalive] } {
         HTTP::header replace "Connection" "Keep-Alive"
      HTTP::version "1.0"
when HTTP RESPONSE {
  # Only check responses that are a text content type
  # (text/html, text/xml, text/plain, etc).
  if { [HTTP::header "Content-Type"] starts with "text/" } {
    # Get the content length so we can request the data to be
   # processed in the HTTP RESPONSE DATA event.
    if { [HTTP::header exists "Content-Length"] } {
      set content length [HTTP::header "Content-Length"]
    } else {
      set content length 4294967295
    if { $content length > 0 } {
       HTTP::collect $content length
when HTTP RESPONSE DATA {
  # Find ALL the possible credit card numbers in one pass
  set card indices [regexp -all -inline -indices {(?:3[4|7]\d{13})|(?:4\d{15})|(?:
5[1-5]\d{14}) (?:6011\d{12})} [HTTP::payload]]
```

```
# Calculate MOD10
for { set i 0 } { $i < $card len } { incr i } {
   set c [string index $card number $i]
   if {($i & 1) == $double} {
      if \{[incr c \$c] >= 10\} \{incr c -9\}
   incr chksum $c
# Determine Card Type
switch [string index $card number 0] {
   3 { set type AmericanExpress }
   4 { set type Visa }
   5 { set type MasterCard }
   6 { set type Discover }
   default { set type Unknown }
# If valid card number, then mask out numbers with X's
if { ($chksum % 10) == 0 } {
   set isCard valid
   HTTP::payload replace $card start $card len [string repeat "X" $card len]
}
# Log Results
log local0. "Found $isCard $type CC# $card number"
```

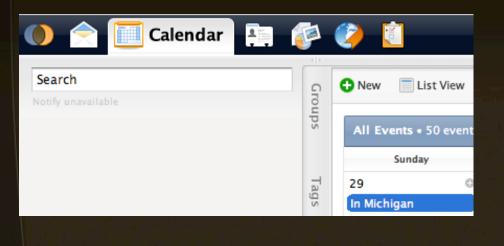


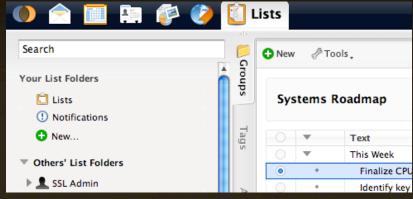
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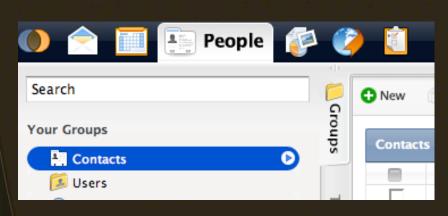


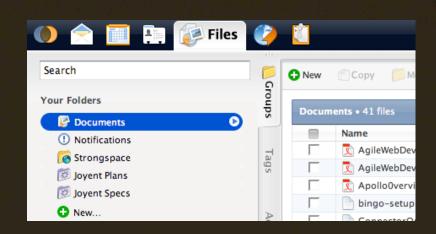


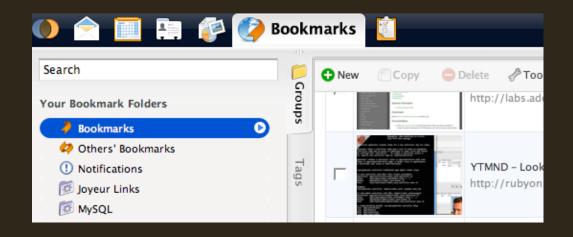














Each controller has their own app servers

- http://jason.joyent.net/mail
- http://jason.joyent.net/lists
- http://jason.joyent.net/calendar
- http://jason.joyent.net/login



The partitioning and federation then possible ...



Free software LB alternatives

- That I also like and think will get you far
- Varnish
- HA-Proxy



The appearance of a rule of 10

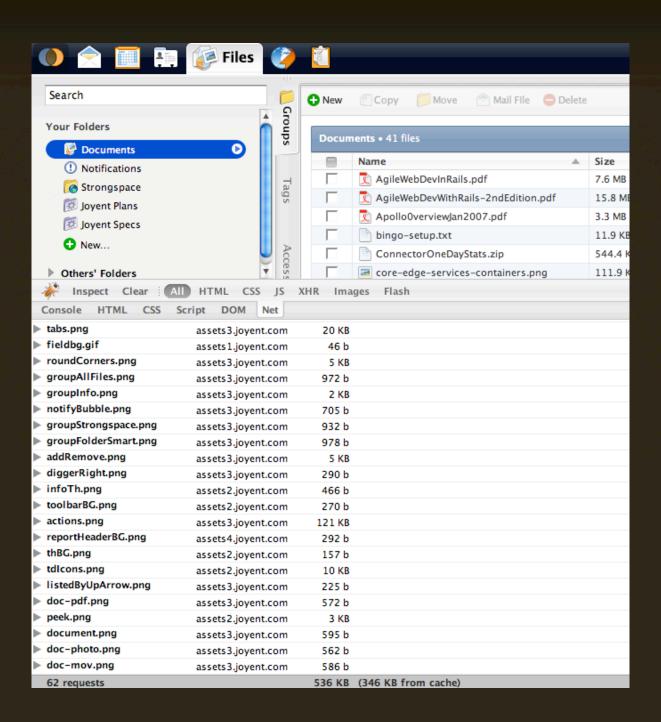
- Apache, Nginx, Lighttpd, Litespeed: ≤1000 req/ sec
- Varnish: 10,000 req/sec
- ▶ BIG-IP: 100,000 req/sec



My preferred web server + LB proxy

- Nginx
- Static assets with solaris event ports as the engine







The back

- Your datastore
- What is your data?
- Where does it live?
- How does it relate to hardware size?
- How do you interact with it?
- This can be built into the application



What do I mean by built-in?

- MySQL handling the replication?
- Sequoia (middleware) handling the replication?
- Application handling the replication?



Another advantage with JRuby

Is the interaction with the backends



JDBC

```
$ /a/1/app/glassfish/bin/asadmin create-jdbc-connection-pool \
    --restype javax.sql.DataSource \
    --datasourceclassname
com.mysql.jdbc.jdbc2.optional.MysqlConnectionPoolDataSource \
    --property User=root:Password=root:URL=jdbc\\:mysql\\://localhost/
railstest_production \
    jdbc/railstestpool
/a/1/app/glassfish/bin/asadmin ping-connection-pool jdbc/railstestpool

$ /a/1/app/glassfish/bin/asadmin create-jdbc-resource \
    --connectionpoolid jdbc/railstestpool jdbc/railstest
```



You get database connection pooling and caching then



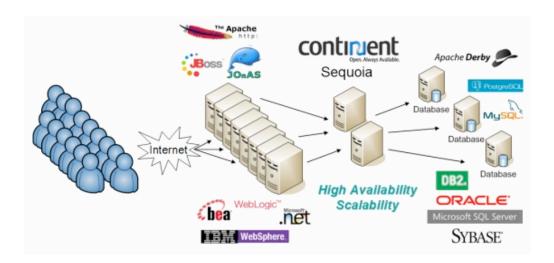
You get "traditional" middleware

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What is Sequoia?

Sequoia is a transparent middleware solution offering clustering, load balancing and failover services for any database. Sequoia is the continuation of the C-JDBC project. The database is distributed and replicated among several nodes and Sequoia balances the queries among these nodes. Sequoia handles node and network failures with transparent failover. It also provides support for hot recovery, online maintenance operations and online upgrades.

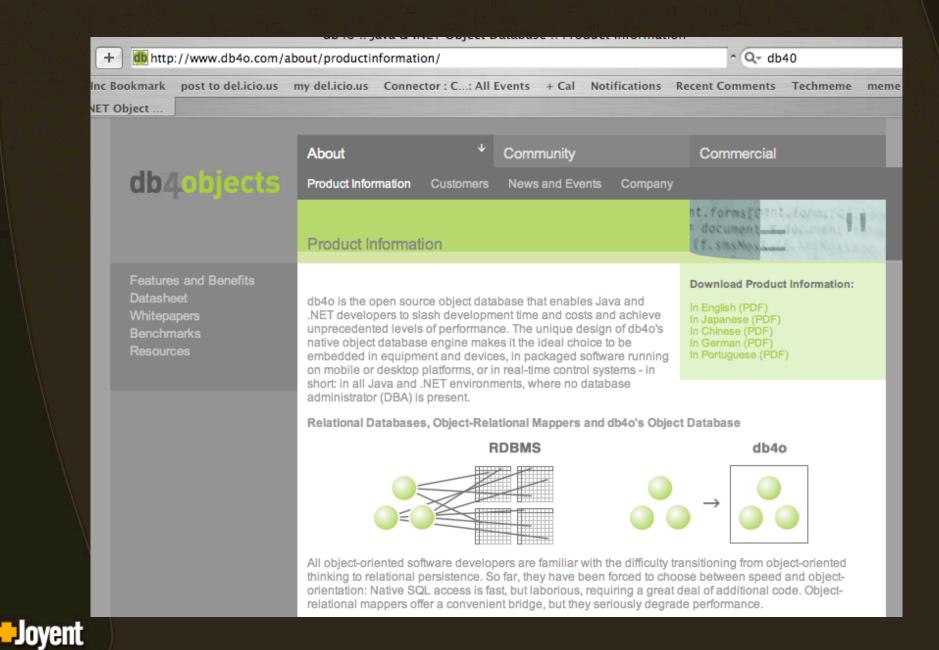


Features in a nutshell

- · No modification of existing applications or databases.
- · Operational with any database providing a JDBC driver.
- · High availability provided by advanced RAIDb technology.
- · Transparent failover and recovery capabilities.
- Performance scalability with unique load balancing and query result caching features.



You get increasing access to ODMBS



Maybe a RDMS isn't the only thing

- Memcache (in memory and easy)
- LDAP
- Message buses with an in-memory db (JEAI, ActiveMQ)
- Object databases
- File system



memcached

http://www.danga.com/memcached/

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What is memcached?

memcached is a high-performance, distributed memory object caching system, generic in nature, but intended for use in speeding up dynamic web applications by alleviating database load.

<u>Danga Interactive</u> developed memcached to enhance the speed of <u>LiveJournal.com</u>, a site which was already doing 20 million+ dynamic page views per day for 1 million users with a bunch of webservers and a bunch of database servers. memcached dropped the database load to almost nothing, yielding faster page load times for users, better resource utilization, and faster access to the databases on a memcache miss.

How it Works

First, you start up the memcached daemon on as many spare machines as you have. The daemon has no configuration file, just a few command line options, only 3 or 4 of which you'll likely use:



J-EAI

- XMPP-Jabber message bus for XML (atom)
- Erlang-based
- Cluster-ready and very scalable
- Lots of connectors: SMTP, JDBC
- App <-> Bus <-> Database



Asynchronous messaging

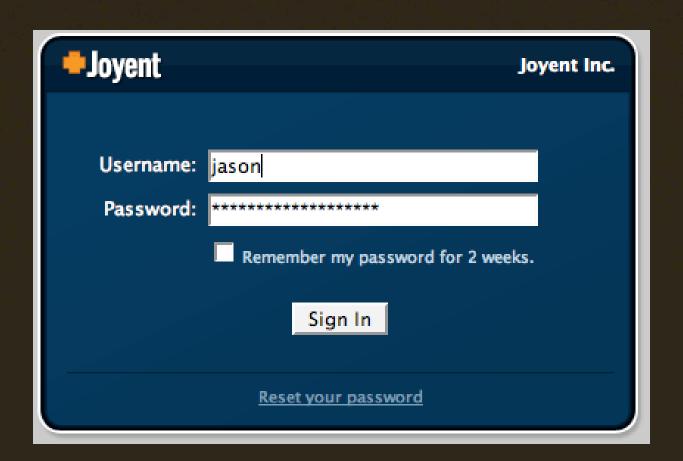
- http://code.google.com/p/activemessaging/
- ActiveMQ
- Stomp (http://stomp.codehaus.org/)



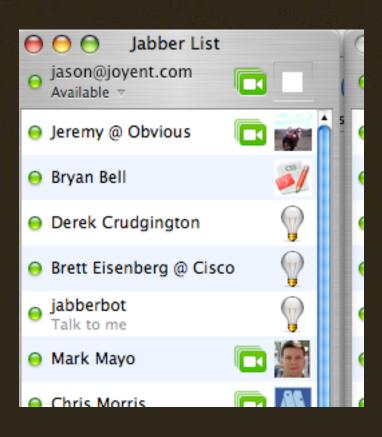
LDAP

- Hierarchical database
- Great for parent-child modeled data
- We use for all authentication, user databases, DNS ...
- Basically as much as we can















The multi-master replication is amazing when you've been living in MySQL and PostgreSQL lands



System Requirements Industry Standards

- LDAP v2 and v3 operations
- LDAP search filters
- LDAP v3 intelligent referral
- Relevant LDAP v2 and v3 RFCs, including RFC 1274, 1558, 1777, 1778, 1959, 2195, 2222, 2247, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2279, 2307, 2377, 2829, 2830, and 3377
- DSML v2
- X.509 digital certificates

Operating Systems and Platforms

- Solaris 9 or 8 Operating Systems (SPARC Platform Edition)
- Solaris 9 Operating System (x86 Platform Edition)
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS 2.1
- Microsoft Windows 2000/2003 Server and Advanced Server
- HP-UX 11.11
- IBM AIX 5.1

Systems Requirements:

- 10,000 -- 250,000 Entries Managed by Directory Server: 2GB Minimum Disk Space; 256MB Minimum Memory
- 250,000 1,000,000 Entries Managed by Directory Server: 4GB Minimum Disk Space; 512MB Minimum Memory
- Over 1,000,000 Entries Managed by Directory Server: 8GB Minimum Disk Space; 1GB Minimum Memory



Sina

- "With over 230 million registered users, over 42 million long-term paid users for special services, and over 450 million peak daily hits, Sina is one of the largest Web portals and a leading online media and value-added information service provider in China."
- 12 Sun Fire T1000 servers running Solaris 10 and the Sun Java System Directory Server.



Capabilities at a glance

Directory Server Enterprise Edition provides all the capabilities and services needed to successfully deploy identity-enabled applications.

Capability	Function	Benefit
Centralized Repository for Identity, Application, and Network Resource Information	 Provides a highly scalable, secure, and flexible means of storing and managing identity data — from entry-level to large- scale deployments 	Enhances security, reduces IT complexity, increases efficiency, and lowers costs
Directory Proxy Services	 Prevents denial-of-service (DoS) attacks, controls access based on specific criteria, and intercepts unauthorized operations Enables failover operations, allowing the directory service to continue when a server is offline Load balancing protects the directory environment from load-related failures and delivers horizontal scalability on reads/searches 	 Strengthens security and ensures availability Increases productivity and lowers costs by maximizing availability while providing flexibility for periodic maintenance Increases efficiency by ensuring reliability and availability of up-to-date consistent data
Unlimited Number of Masters	Provides a highly flexible and scalable replication environment	Ensures availability in distributed environments that adapt to customer deployment scenarios



Pay attention to how you store your files



A story



Hashed directory structures

- Never more than 10K files / subdirs in a single directory (I aim for a max of 4K or so..)
- Keep it simple to implement / remember
- Don't get carried away and nest too deeply, that can hurt performance too



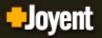
A couple of approaches



The 16x256



- Pre-create 16 top level dirs, 256 subdirs each which gives you 4096 "buckets".
- Keeping to the 10K per bucket rule, that's 4M "things" you can put into this structure. Go to 256 x 256 if you're big and/or want to keep the number of things in the buckets lower.



- How do you decide where to put stuff?
- Pick randomly from 1 to 16 and from 1 to 256.
 Store path in the profile. What's it look like:

```
userid=76340
```

fspath=/data/12/245/76340/file1,file2,etc..

You get nice even distribution, but the downside is that you can't "compute" the directory path from the thing's ID.



The Hasher



- Idea is to compute the FS path from something you already know.
- Big plus is that anything you write that needs to access the FS doesn't need to look up the path in a database.
- Dubious value since you probably had to look the object/thing you're doing this for in the database anyways.. but you get the idea...



PExample: Use the userid to form the multi-level "hash" into the filesystem. Take for example the first two digits as your top level directory, the second two as the subdirectories. So sticking with our userid above we'd get a path like:

/data/76/34/76340



Downside is you can end up building stupid logic around the thing to handle low ids (where does user "46" go?) or end up padding stuff, all of which is ugly.



A fancier alternative to this is using something like a MD5 hash (which you probably also already have for sessions) and that works well, is easy to implements, tends to give you better distribution "for free", and looks sexy to boot:

```
# echo "76340" | md5
e7ceb3e68b9095be49948d849b44181f
gives us:
/data/e7/ceb/76340
```



Downsides of the MD5-style

- Distribution is still unpredictable
- Watch your crypt()-style implementation cause it might output characters you need to escape!
- You can't compute it in your head



But

- The attractiveness of using some sort of computed hash will mostly depend on what sort of ID structure you already have, or or planning to use.
- Some are very friendly to simple hashing, some are not.
- So think "friendly"



Jamis does something like this

http://www.37signals.com/svn/archives2/ id_partitioning.php

ID Partitioning Jamis 13 Mar 2006



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There's a problem we face in nearly all of our applications: mapping database objects to files in the filesystem. In Basecamp, we map people to their avatar images, companies to their logos, and file records to physical files. In Backpack and Campfire, we map file records to physical files.

The simple way to solve it is to just have a directory that you throw all the files in. This works fine for smaller data sets, and is what we did in Basecamp for some things for quite awhile. The problem is that some file systems choke when you try to put too many files in a single directory—the FS we're using has a limit of 32k files per directory. As soon as you try to add another file beyond that limit, things get ugly.



The way we've been working around this at work uses a technique I call "id partitioning" (for lack of a better term—I'm sure it's been done before, but I've not seen it discussed anywhere). Basically, we ensure that no single directory contains more than 32k items by taking the integer id for the corresponding database record and formatting it as a zero-padded eight-character string (e.g., "00012345" for the integer id 12345). Then, we split it in two four-character segements and treat them as directory names—"0001" for the first directory, and "2345" as the subdirectory.

In Ruby, for instance:

```
# build the path by partitioning the id...
path = File.join(base_path, *("%08d" % object_id).scan(/.../))
# ensure the directory exists...
FileUtils.mkdir_p(path)
# and write the file to that location
File.open("#{path}/the_file", "w") { |f| f.write(contents) }
```

By putting items associated with record 12345 in 0001/2345, we ensure that no directory gets overfull, and it lets us manage over 3 trillion files (32k files in each of 100 million directories). If that isn't sufficient for you, there are plenty of variations on this theme you can use, like breaking the number into three or more segments (instead of two), or employing a non-decimal number base.



Recap



- Use DNS
- Great load balancers
- Event-driven mongrels
- A relational database isn't the only datastore: we use LDAP, J-EAI, file system too
- A Rails process should only be doing Rails
- Static assets should be coming from static servers and then a CDN
- Go layer7 where you can: a rails process should only be doing one controller
- Federate and separate as much as you can



Required separations

- All DNS based
- Dynamic (domain.com)
- Static (assets1-4, assets5-8)
- Uploads (authenticated; uploadsX.domain.com)
 - You build a separate application
- Downloads (authenticated vs unauthenticated)
 - downloadsX.domain.com
 - 60 second URLS
- Administrative (admin.domain.com

