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Our topics for this talk:

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About me

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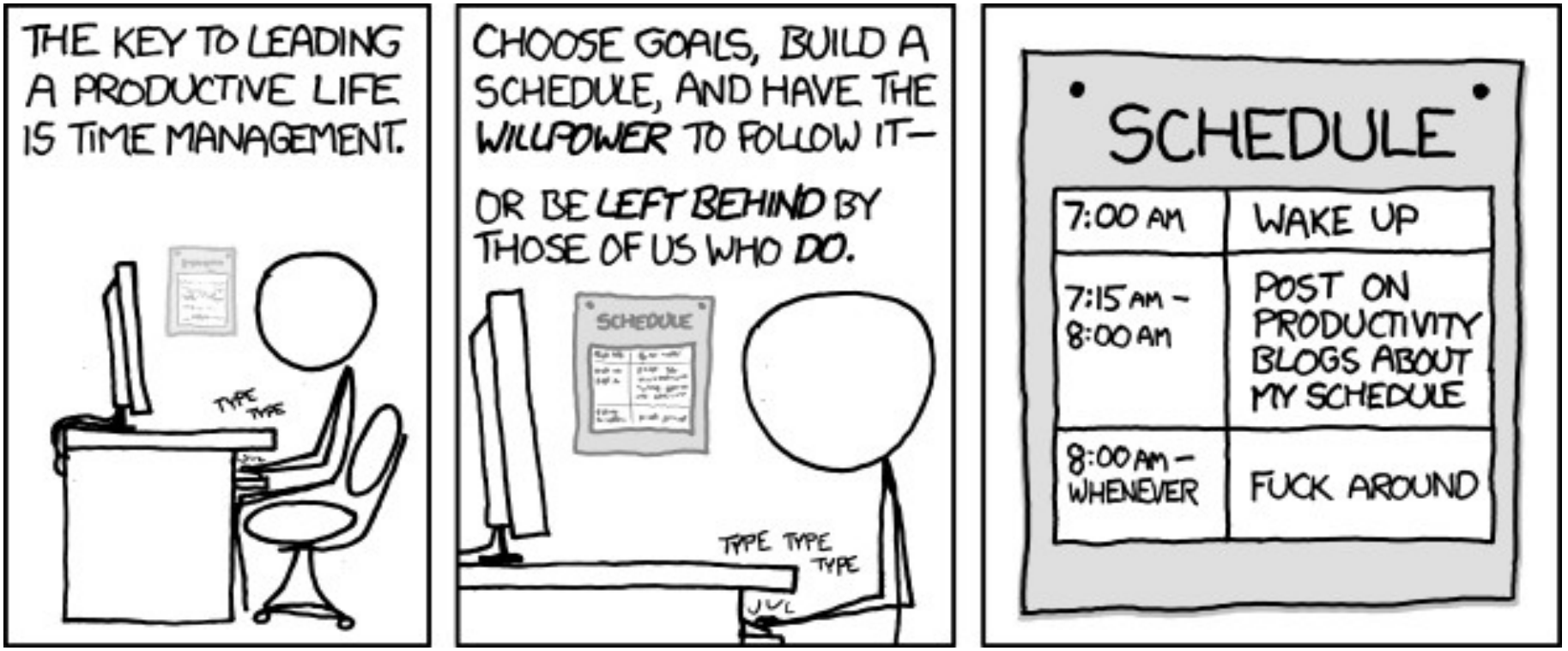
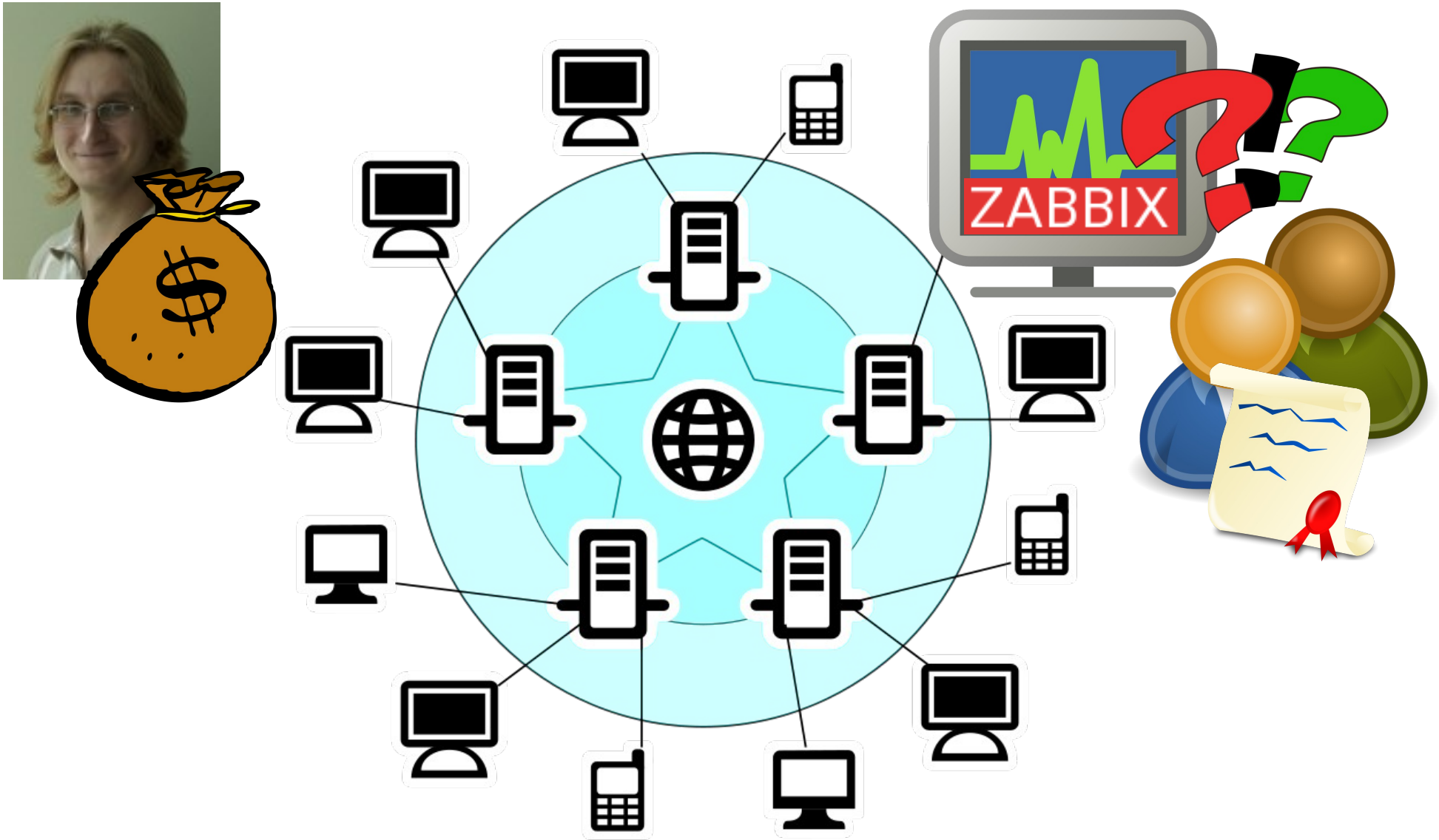
What are we going to discuss?

Does my story sound familiar?



http://xkcd.com/874

A solution: Scenario



A solution: The problems

What are the problems with this approach?

- It is expensive (but may be worth it)
- Your people might become overcertified for what they need to do

  (You don't need to know how to setup and tune Zabbix to operate it)
- They learn the general approach, normally not specific for your environment.

My proposal

I propose to do the following:

- Start up a community effort to fill in this gap (minimize overlap with certification course)
- Use Zabbix.org as a base for course development
- Provide courseware for topics not handled by the Zabbix certification courses
- Start from the materials we already have
- Release everything under a free CC license so people can customize and share

My proposal

Added Bonus:

The community gains a nice interactive introduction for new users to get acquainted with Zabbix

My proposal

What do we have right now:

- A simple tutorial on some basic concepts

  http://repos.competa.com/Download/zabbix_talk.pdf

- Accompanying lab exercises

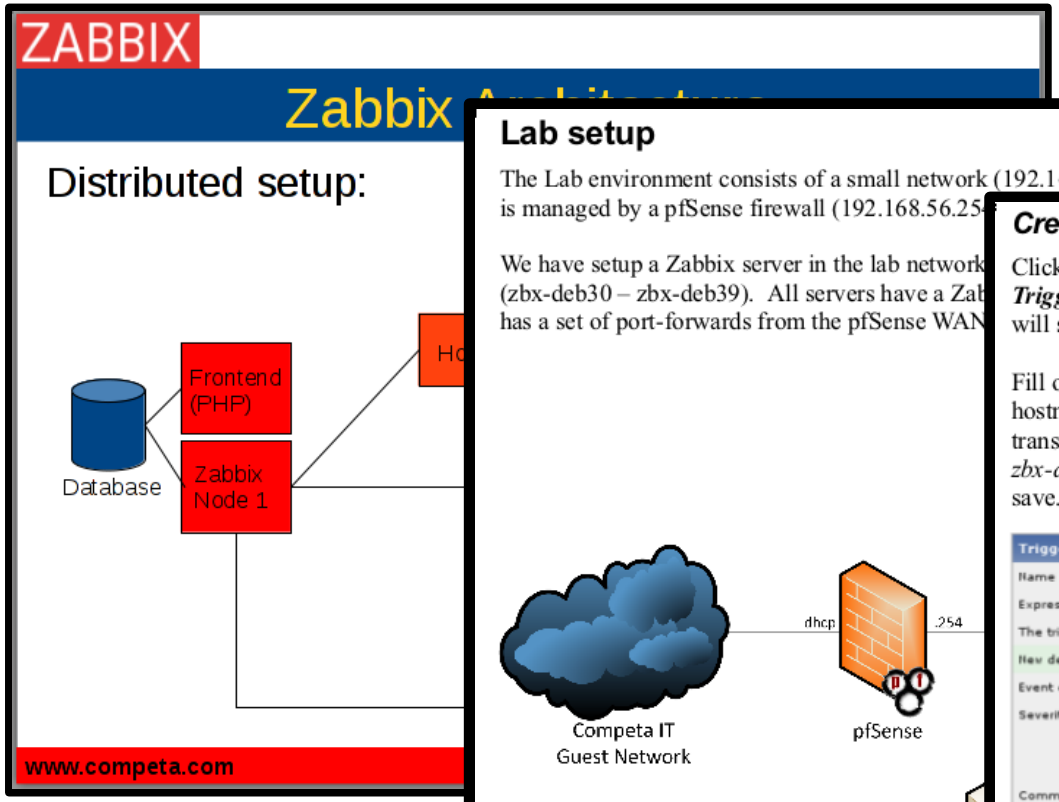
  http://repos.competa.com/Download/zabbix_lab.pdf

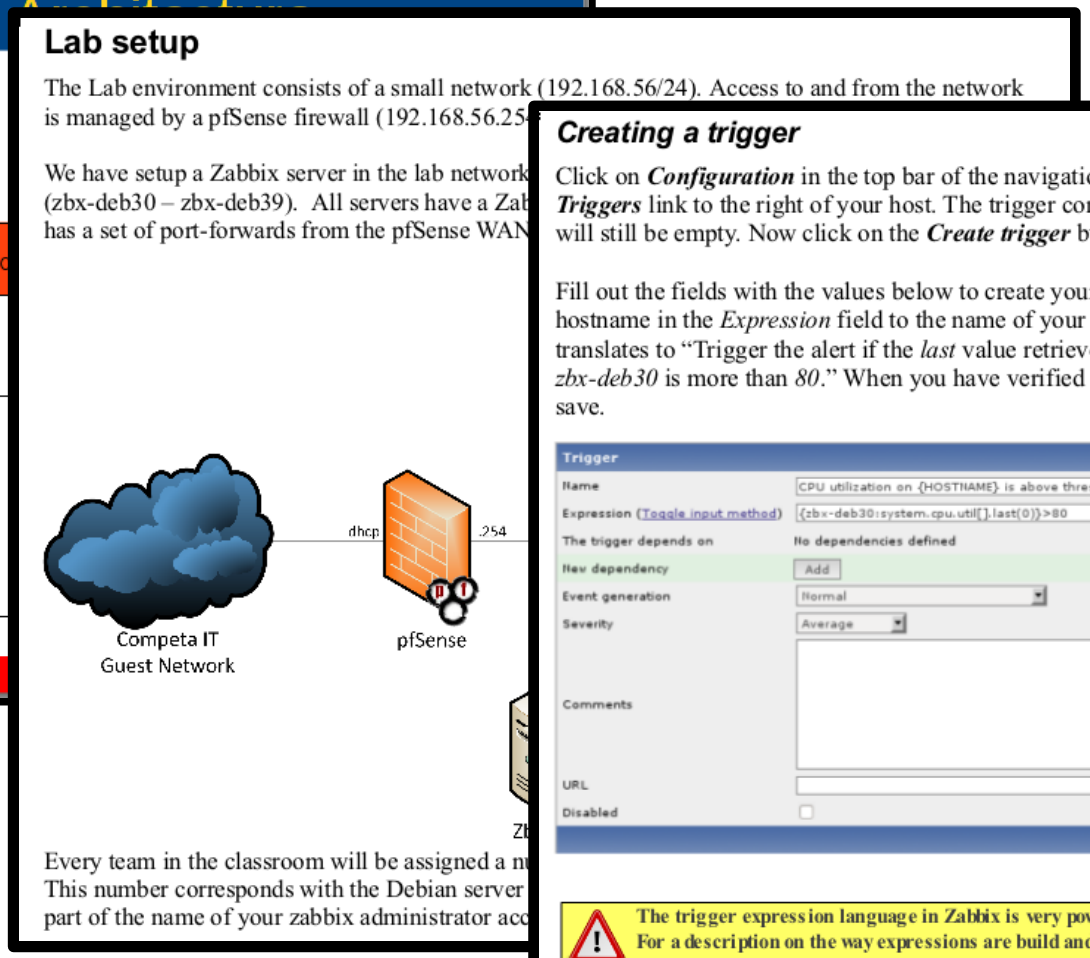
- Virtualmachines to build the lab

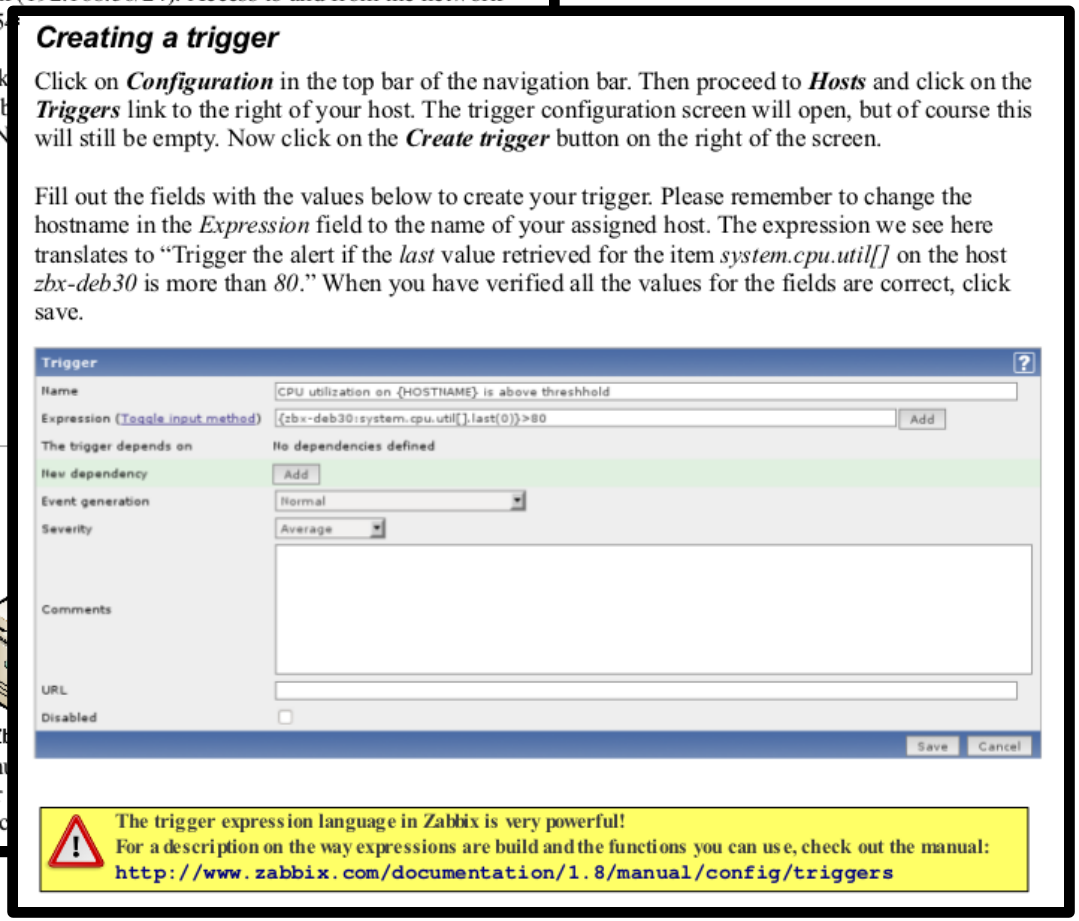
  http://repos.competa.com/Download/zbx-lab1.tar.bz2
  http://repos.competa.com/Download/zbx-lab2.tar.bz2

My proposal

Screenshots:







My proposal

Where do we go from here:

- Decide on topics to address and prioritize them
- Edit the material so it is suitable in the new community concept
- Create new courses and materials according to priority and/or community demand

Take a sample

Grab your laptop and start trying!

Lab Excercises

Thanks for attending!