# Globo.Com a two-year case study



### Who are we?

- One of major media player in Brazil
  - responsible for content delivery
- Numbers
  - 45M unique visitors/day
  - 8 major products
  - 43% Brazil audience (mobile/computer)
  - 3k physical devices (+3k VM's and growing fast)
  - 600k items, 160k triggers, 2k nvps



### About this talk

- Technical challenges
  - and how we overcame them
- New tools
  - what we have developed
- Time for questions



#### About::our team

- 4(12) people
  - 80+% time dedicated to Zabbix
  - 3 Zabbix Certified Specialist's
  - dev + deploy + infra + Zabbix administration
- DBA team
- NGX Labs
  - developing custom tools
- 30 people on 24x7 NOC



## Know your infrastructure

- Know what to monitor
  - how fast and how long you should keep data
- Define reasonable standards
  - ease Zabbix management
  - high/med/low/control update times
  - what trigger priority means



## Know your infrastructure

#### **INFORMATION**

- \* The environment is NOT affected
- \* Alerts are temporary and do not have priority in treatment

#### WARNING

- \* The environment can be affected soon
- \* The warnings should be treated with low priority

#### **MEDIUM**

- \* The environment is affected in some way or shows some instability
- \* The warnings should be treated with medium priority

#### HIGH

- \* The environment is affected largely or services are unavailable
- \* The warnings should be treated with high priority

#### DISASTER

- \* The environment is totally affected or essential business services are unavailable
- \* The warnings should be treated with top priority

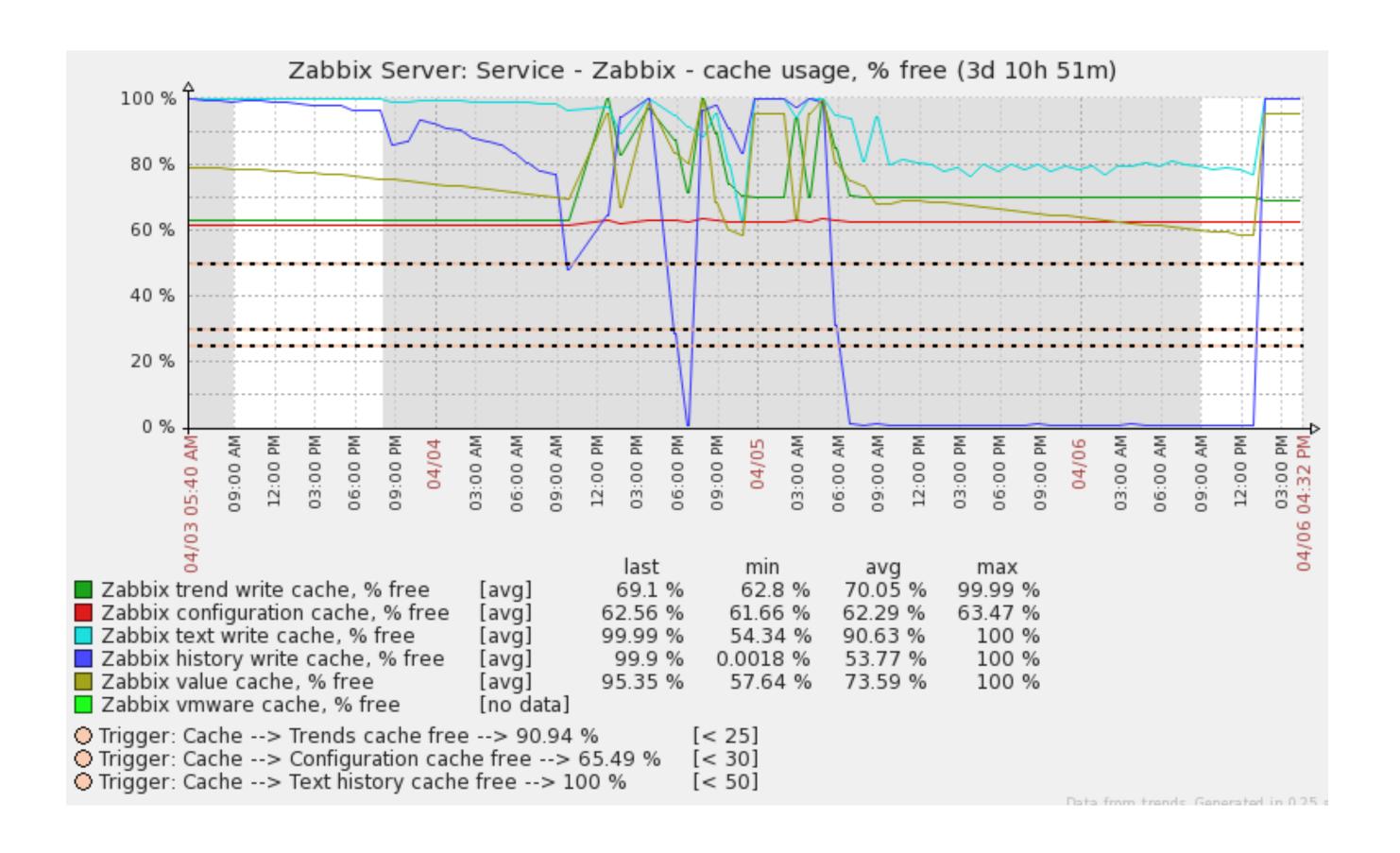
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- Name
- General (5 Items)
- Hardware System (34 Items)
- Hardware Temperature (117 Items)
- **ICMP** (3 Items)
- ■ Services Nagios Server (32 Items)
- **SO Cpu** (7 Items)
- SO Disk partitions (24 Items)
- SO Interfaces (37 Items)
- 50 Load Average (3 Items)
- SO Memory (7 Items)



## Know your infrastructure

- Plan Zabbix capacity ahead
  - and then monitor it





## Migration from legacy

- Can some consultancy help?
  - Unirede did
- What is crucial for your business?
- What do you need to plan your future?
  - "Everything" might not be a good answer!
- Talk to your customers!
  - synergy will help you get through
- We used (still use) Cricket and Nagios



## Migrating from legacy::Cricket

- Cricket (RRD based)
- Import of historical data
- Choose carefully what you need
  - we chose only few services
  - trends data
- Challenges to send/sort data to Zabbix
  - migration took almost one month to complete



## Migrating from legacy::Nagios

- Talk to each customer
  - make presentations, be present
  - (re)design each service template
  - teach them how to use the API and Frontend
    - no more ticket to CRUD for monitoring requests
  - takes time, change is hard

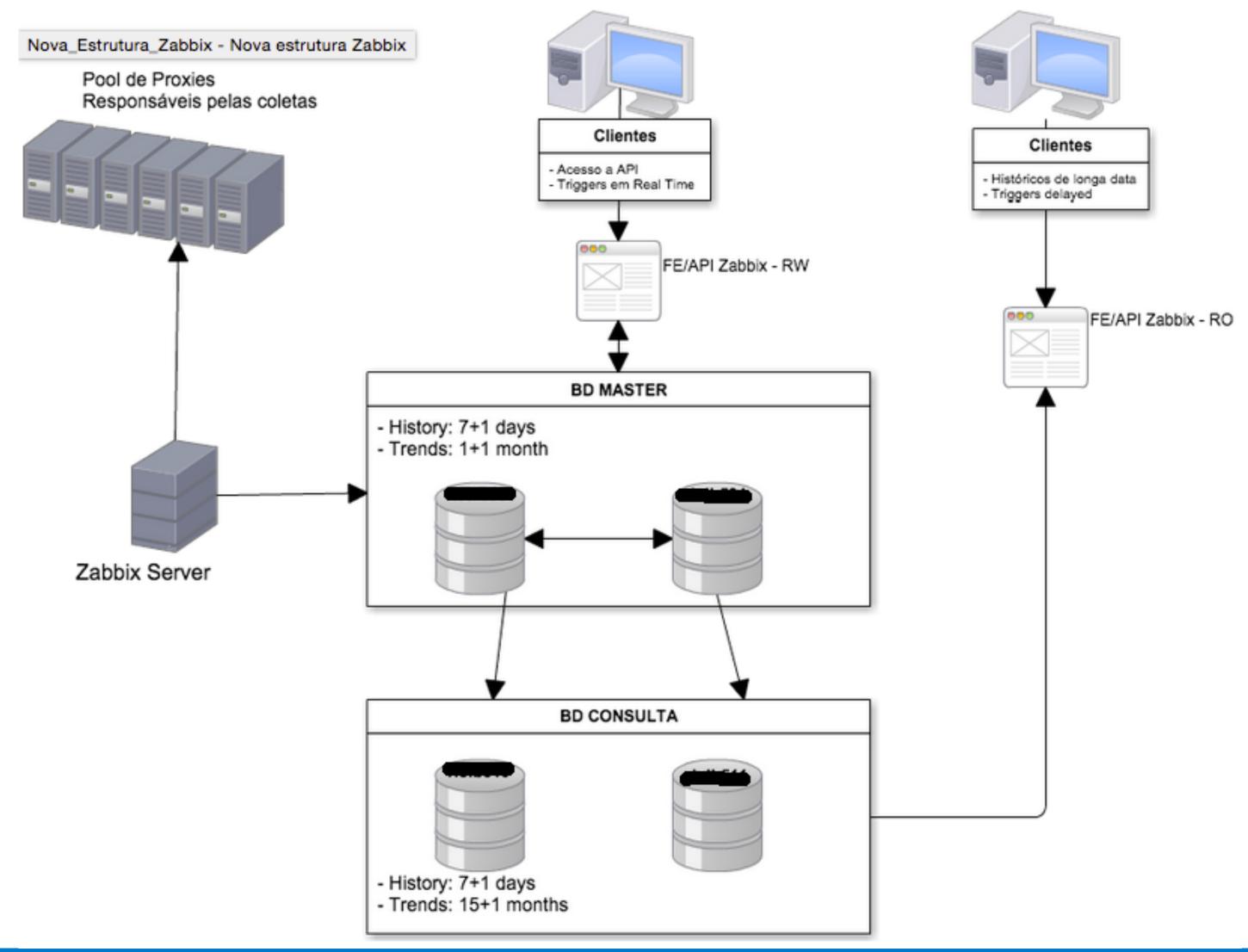


## Optimize::database

- Study alongside with your DBA
  - tune everything, everywhere
  - use read-replicas for large historical data, storage and user visualization needs
  - use partitions and forget about housekeeper



## Optimize::database



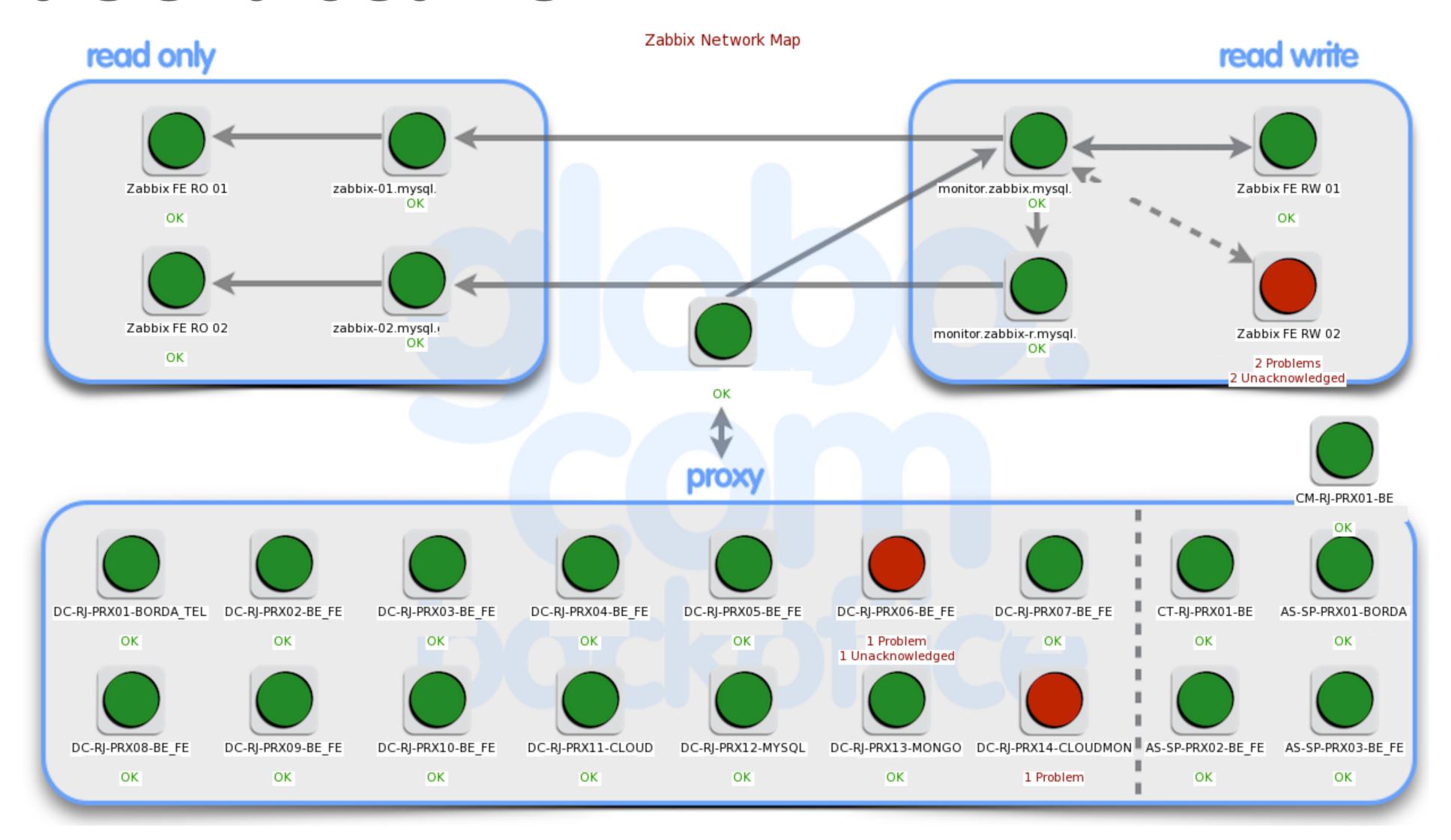
### Infrastructure

values

Status of Zabbix		
Parameter	Value	Details
Zabbix server is running	Yes	server.zabbix
Number of hosts (enabled/disabled/templates)	5893	5166 / 611 / 116
Number of items (enabled/disabled/not supported)	589860	547180 / 27115 / 15565
Number of triggers (enabled/disabled [problem/ok])	160976	158670 / 2306 [1776 / 156894]
Number of users (online)	252	9
Required server performance, new values per second	1807.87	-



### Infrastructure



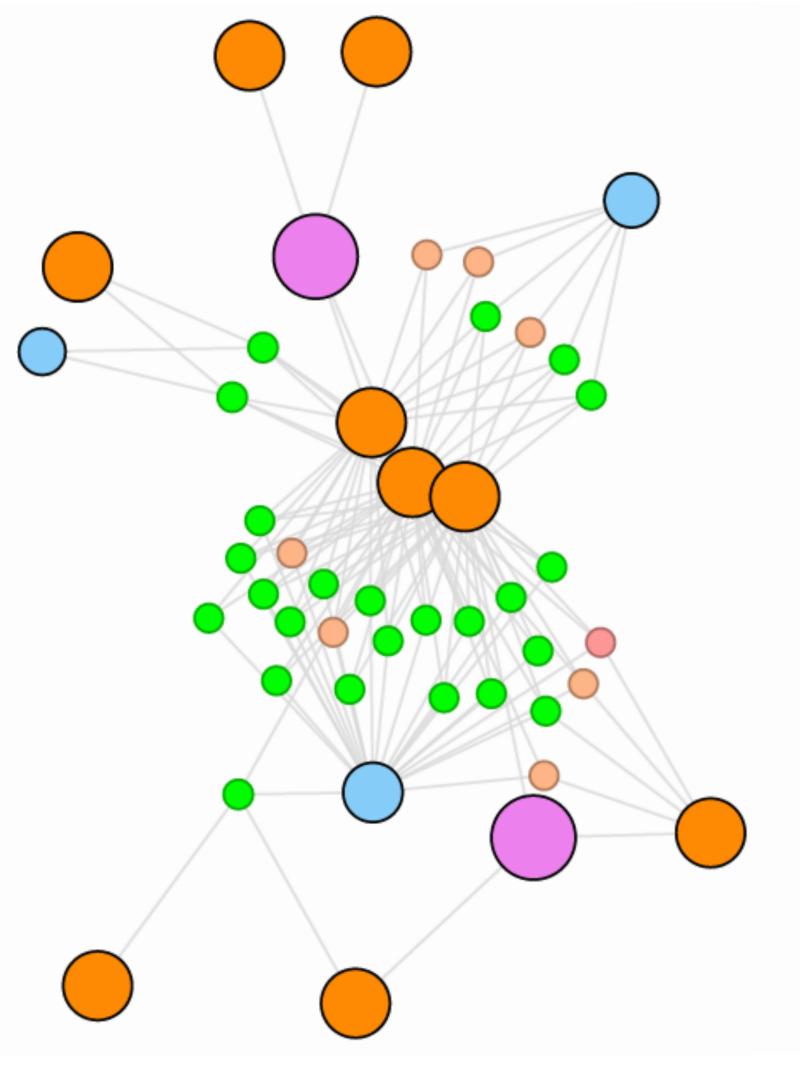
## Integrations

- Why
  - third party tools and data sources
  - completes visualization and data correlation
  - help while debugging problems
  - automate everyday tasks
  - minimize human error
  - doc infrastructure
  - consolidates information



## Integrations::graphix

- Graphix
  - Alternative LIVE views through network graphs
  - Faster and easier understanding of data
  - Triggers, Hosts, Templates, Proxies, etc can be crossed with external sources of data in Realtime and at the same screen.
  - Integrates data from Zabbix with ServiceNow (CMDB), Tsuru(PaaS) and Network Topologies





## Integrations::cloudmon

- Cloudmon
  - manages Cloudstack VM's inside Zabbix
    - replicate VM's status (started=monitoring, halted=not monitoring, ...)
  - System VM's and VRouters are also monitored
  - replicate Cloudstack project as Zabbix host group
    - ease visualization, data consolidation, sums, etc
  - Based on Hyclops extension



## Integrations::gbix

- Gbix
  - API and GUI/WebApp
  - faster api response through caching (eg: triggers)
  - custom methods (fewer steps to interact with api)
    - users who can't code are still able to do custom operations





## Integrations::macrosync

- Macrosync
  - Talks nicely with DBforBix
  - No need to edit DBforBix manually for each DB monitor that's gonna be created
  - Updates DBforBix config and reload automatically when changes are detected to Zabbix designated database hostgroup
  - Integrates with Gbix API



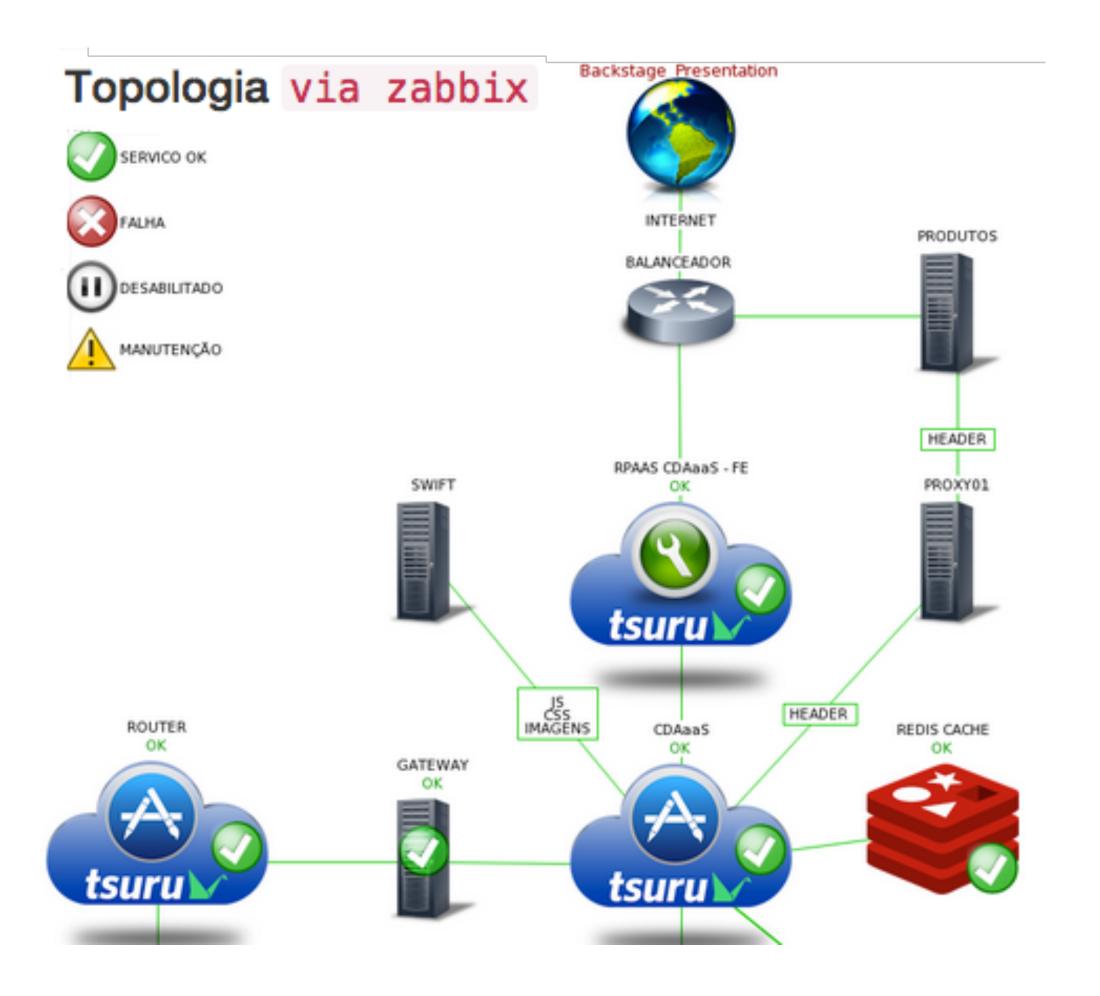
## Integrations::discovery

- Discovery
  - Create "automagically" discovery rules
  - Distribute rules across available proxies
  - Region aware
  - Balance huge networks with many small ones
    - VLANS /24 /27
  - Integrate with Globo Network API
    - github.com/globocom/GloboNetworkAPI



## Integrations::git

- Gitlab/Github
  - Many internal project documentations and topology hosted
  - Wow effect





## Templates

- Cisco
- F5 balancer
- Netapp storage
- http/https
- other vital stuff
  - hardware health
  - datacenter sensors

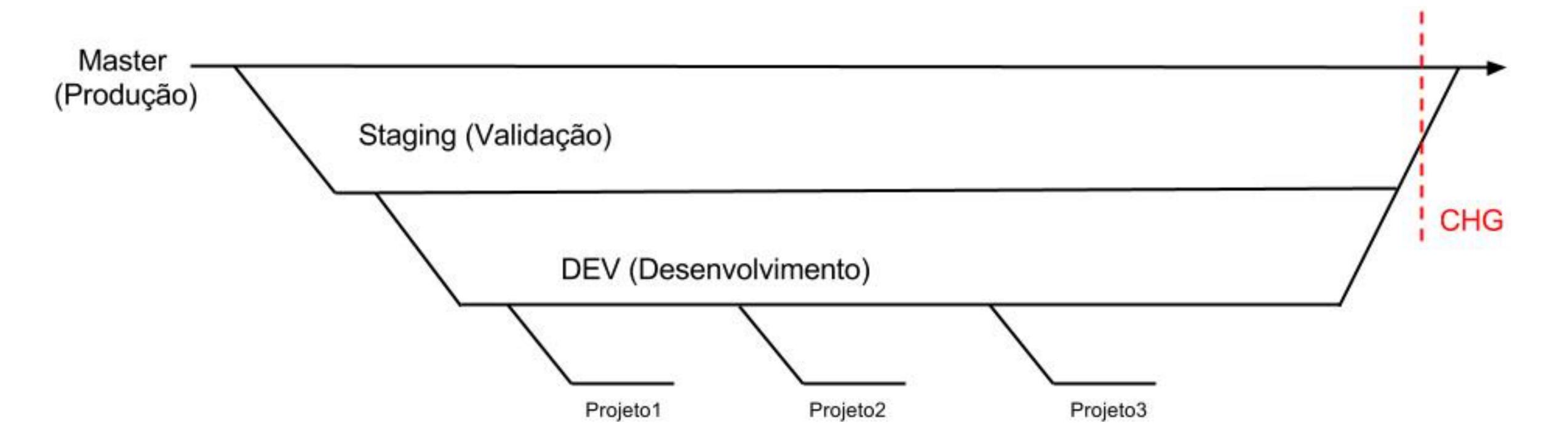


## Deploy

- Git
  - Code your infrastructure
- Puppet
  - Manages configuration, rpm, etc
- Scripts
  - Faster interventions, debug
  - Script everything



## Deploy



### Questions?

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## Thank you!

