



# Adrian's Greatest Hits, B-Sides and Re-issues

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Adrian in 1982

<https://soundcloud.com/adrian-cockcroft/black-tiger-dont-look-back>

Like a classic rock band on their annual  
“farewell and we aren’t dead yet tour”

I know you just want to hear the hits, but I  
want to sneak in some stuff I like too...

(Headbanging optional)

## Setlist

Black Tiger - Don't Look Back - 1982  
Netflix in the Cloud - QconSF 2010, Cassandra Summit 2011  
Microservices - Various MicroXchg Berlin talks  
Cloud Trends - GigaOM Structure - 2016 reissue  
Communicating Sequential Goroutines - Gophercon - 2016  
Lego spaceships and the kitchen sink - AWS - 2017-2019  
DevSusOps - a track from the new album you don't want to hear

## Encore

Bottleneck Analysis - GOTO Aarhus - 2013

# This talk features "singles" from these "albums"

## Netflix in the Cloud

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## State of the Cloud

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## Microservices: Why, What and How

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## The New De-Normal



Monolithic Databases

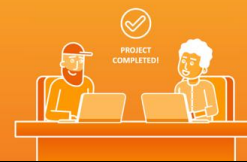


Kitchen Sink Analogy



De-normalized

## Serverless Development



2 months left  
Monday  
Once  
Progress

## Rapid Development



A finished toy

## DevSusOps

Adding sustainability concerns to development and operations

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@adrianco - #DevSusOps - Oct 2022

## Bottleneck Analysis

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# We stopped building our own datacenters

Capacity growth rate is accelerating, unpredictable

Product launch spikes - iPhone, Wii, PS3, XBox

Datacenter is large inflexible capital commitment



*“The cloud lets its users focus on delivering differentiating business value instead of wasting valuable resources on the **undifferentiated heavy lifting** that makes up most of IT infrastructure.”*



Werner Vogels

Amazon CTO



# What, Why and How?

The details...



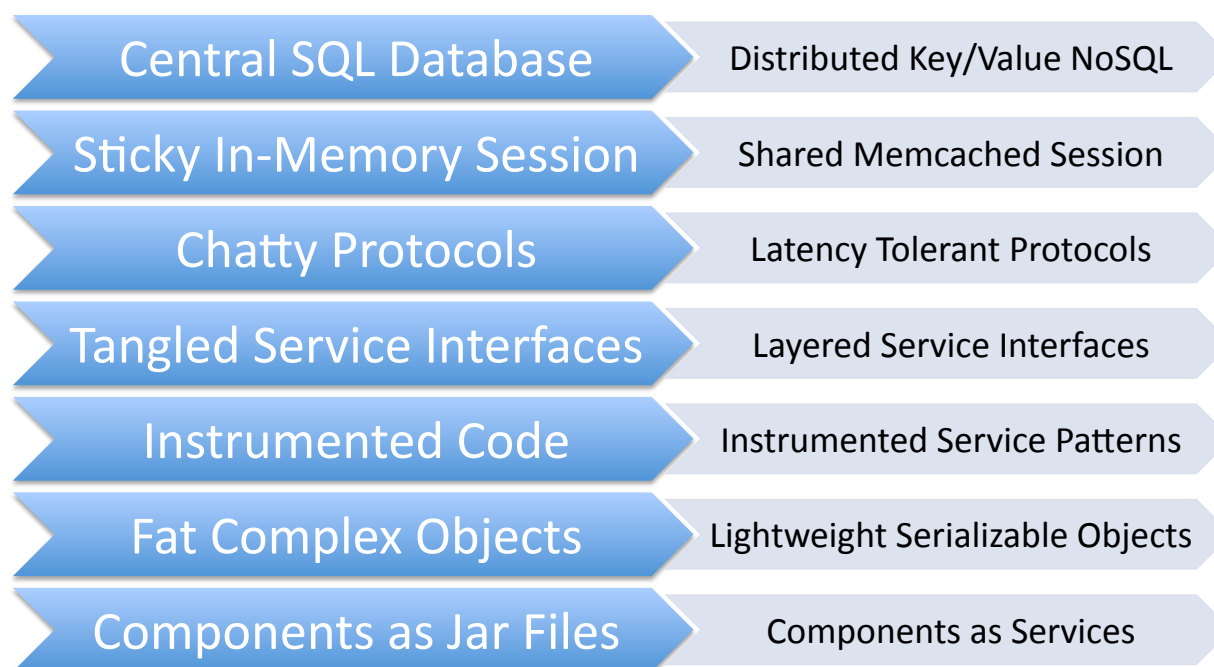


# Goals

- **Faster**
  - **Lower latency** than the equivalent datacenter web pages and API calls
  - Measured as mean and 99<sup>th</sup> percentile
  - For both first hit (e.g. home page) and in-session hits for the same user
- **Scalable**
  - **Avoid needing any more datacenter capacity** as subscriber count increases
  - No central vertically scaled databases
  - Leverage AWS elastic capacity effectively
- **Available**
  - Substantially **higher robustness and availability** than datacenter services
  - Leverage multiple AWS availability zones
  - No scheduled down time, no central database schema to change
- **Productive**
  - Optimize **agility** of a large development team with automation and tools
  - Leave behind complex tangled datacenter code base (~8 year old architecture)
  - Enforce clean layered interfaces and re-usable components



# Old Datacenter vs. New Cloud Arch



## Tangled Service Interfaces

- Datacenter implementation is exposed
  - Oracle SQL queries mixed into business logic
- Tangled code
  - Deep dependencies, false sharing
- Data providers with sideways dependencies
  - Everything depends on everything else

*Anti-pattern affects productivity, availability*



# Untangled Service Interfaces

- New Cloud Code With Strict Layering
  - Compile against interface jar
  - Can use spring runtime binding to enforce
- Service interface **is** the service
  - Implementation is completely hidden
  - Can be implemented locally or remotely
  - Implementation can evolve independently



# Untangled Service Interfaces

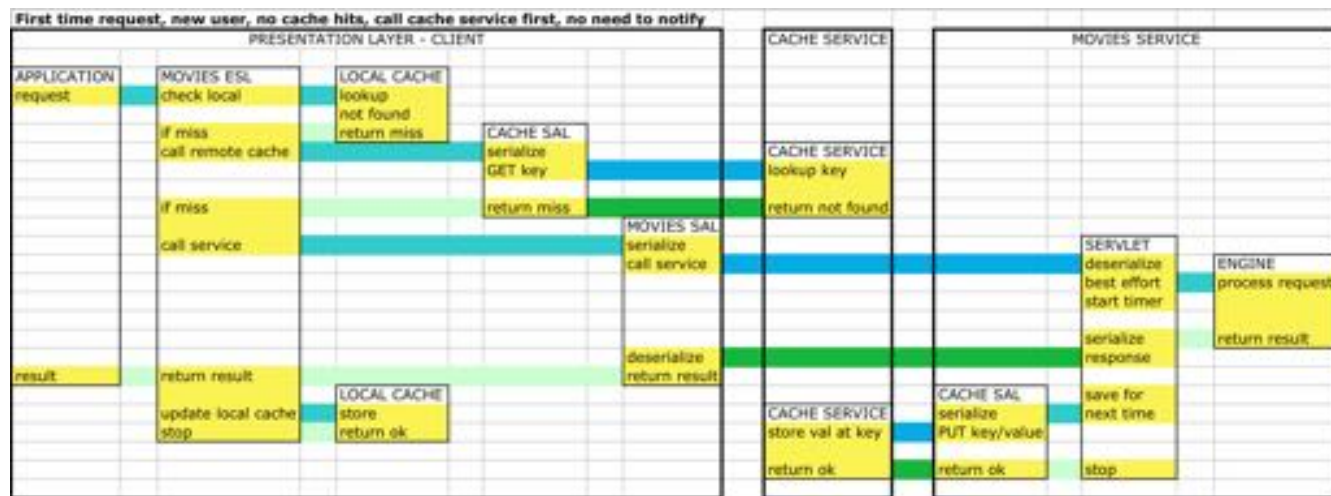
Two layers:

- SAL - Service Access Library
  - Basic serialization and error handling
  - REST or POJO's defined by data provider
- ESL - Extended Service Library
  - Caching, conveniences
  - Can combine several SALs
  - Exposes faceted type system (described later)
  - Interface defined by data consumer in many cases



# Service Interaction Pattern

## Sample Swimlane Diagram



# Boundary Interfaces

- Isolate teams from external dependencies
  - Fake SAL built by cloud team
  - Real SAL provided by data provider team later
  - ESL built by cloud team using faceted objects
- Fake data sources allow development to start
  - e.g. Fake Identity SAL for a test set of customers
  - Development solidifies dependencies early
  - Helps external team provide the right interface



# One Object That Does Everything

- Datacenter uses a few big complex objects
  - Movie and Customer objects are the foundation
  - Good choice for a small team and one instance
  - Problematic for large teams and many instances
- False sharing causes tangled dependencies
  - Unproductive re-integration work

*Anti-pattern impacting productivity and availability*





## An Interface For Each Component

- Cloud uses faceted Video and Visitor
  - Basic types hold only the identifier
  - Facets scope the interface you actually need
  - Each component can define its own facets
- No false-sharing and dependency chains
  - Type manager converts between facets as needed
  - `video.asA(PresentationVideo)` for www
  - `video.asA(MerchableVideo)` for middle tier



Response to 2010 talk was a mixture of incomprehension and confusion. Most people thought we were crazy and would be back in our datacenters when it failed...

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Get stuck with wrong config

Wait Wait File tickets

Ask permission Wait Wait

Wait Things We Don't Do Wait

Run out of space/power

Plan capacity in advance

Have meetings with IT Wait





Netflix could not  
build new  
datacenters fast  
enough

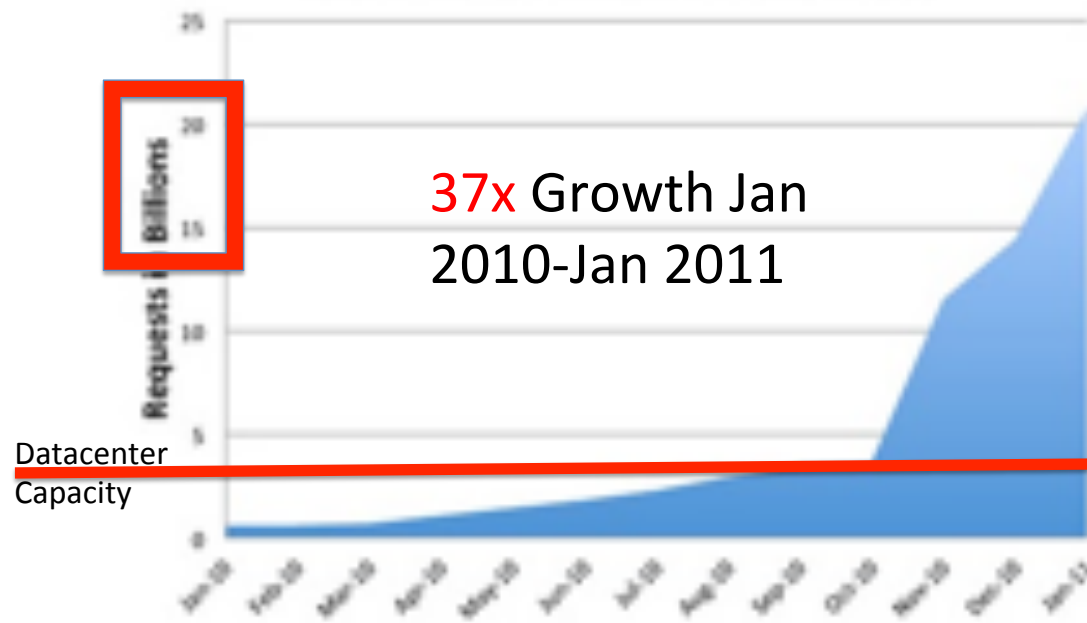
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# Out-Growing Data Center

<http://techblog.netflix.com/2011/02/redesigning-netflix-api.html>

Netflix API : Growth in Requests



NETFLIX

# High Availability

- Cassandra stores 3 local copies, 1 per zone
  - Synchronous access, durable, highly available
  - Read/Write One fastest, least consistent - ~1ms
  - Read/Write Quorum 2 of 3, consistent - ~3ms
- AWS Availability Zones
  - Separate buildings
  - Separate power etc.
  - Close together



NETFLIX

# Remote Copies

- Cassandra duplicates across AWS regions
  - Asynchronous write, replicates at destination
  - Doesn't directly affect local read/write latency
- Global Coverage
  - Business agility
  - Follow AWS...
- Local Access
  - Better latency
  - Fault Isolation



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# Chaos Monkey



- Make sure systems are resilient
  - Allow any instance to fail without customer impact
- Chaos Monkey hours
  - Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm random instance kill
- Application configuration option
  - Apps now have to opt-out from Chaos Monkey
- Computers (Datacenter or AWS) randomly die
  - Fact of life, but too infrequent to test resiliency

Architecture design control  
Be sure you can auto-scale down!



Response to 2011 progress was that Netflix was a Unicorn,  
and while it might work for us, it wasn't relevant to others



# *State of the Cloud*

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See [www.battery.com](http://www.battery.com) for a list of portfolio investments



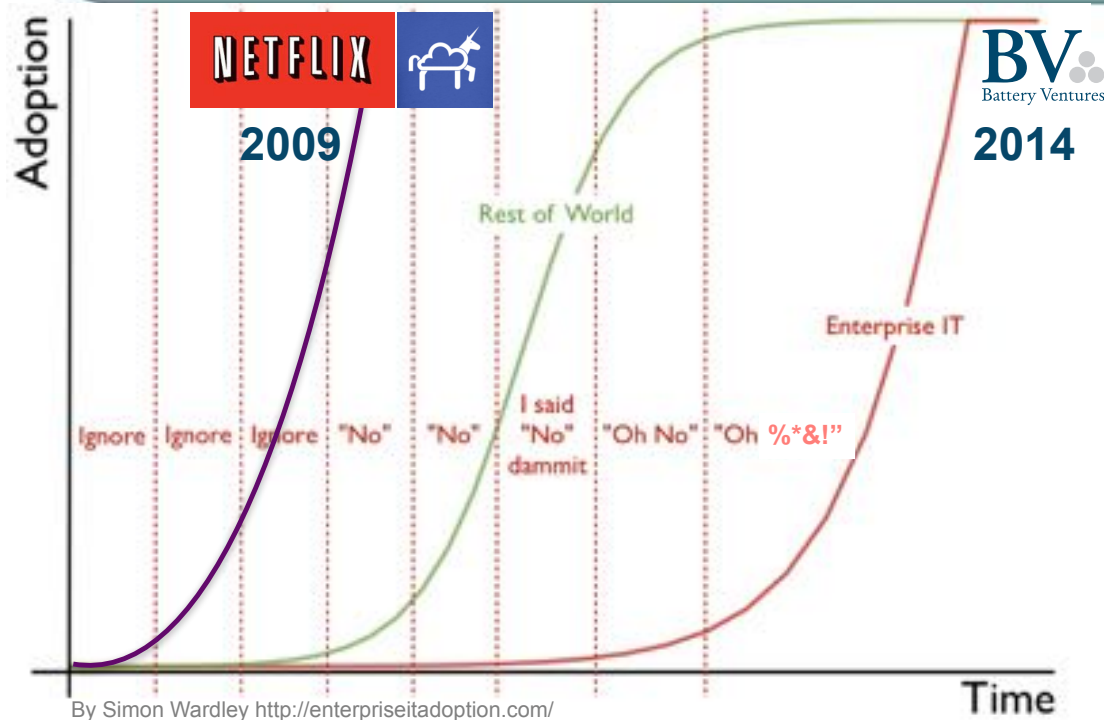
# *Previous Cloud Trend Updates*

*GigaOM Structure May 2014*  
*D&B Cloud Innovation July 2015*  
*GigaOM Structure November 2015*



***Trends from 2014: Noted as appropriate***

# Why am I here?



*@adrianco's job at the intersection of cloud and Enterprise IT, looking for disruption and opportunities.*

*Disruptions in 2016 coming from server-less computing and teraservices.*



*In 2014 Enterprises finally embraced public cloud and in 2015 serious deployments are under way.*



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Oct 2014

What a difference a year makes. My #GartnerSYM 1:1s this year, everyone's already comfortably using IaaS (overwhelmingly AWS, bit of Azure).



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Lydia Leong @cloudpundit · Oct 7

Oct 2015

We're really seeing serious movement of the banks to the cloud at this point. Huge sea change in attitudes.

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"We can operate more securely on AWS than we can in our own data centers" Rob Alexander of CapitalOne #reinvent



*Some enterprise vendor  
responses to cloud and container  
ecosystem growth...*



**DELL** *The ship is sinking, let's re-brand as a submarine!*





**EMC<sup>2</sup>** *The ship is sinking, let's merge with a submarine!*

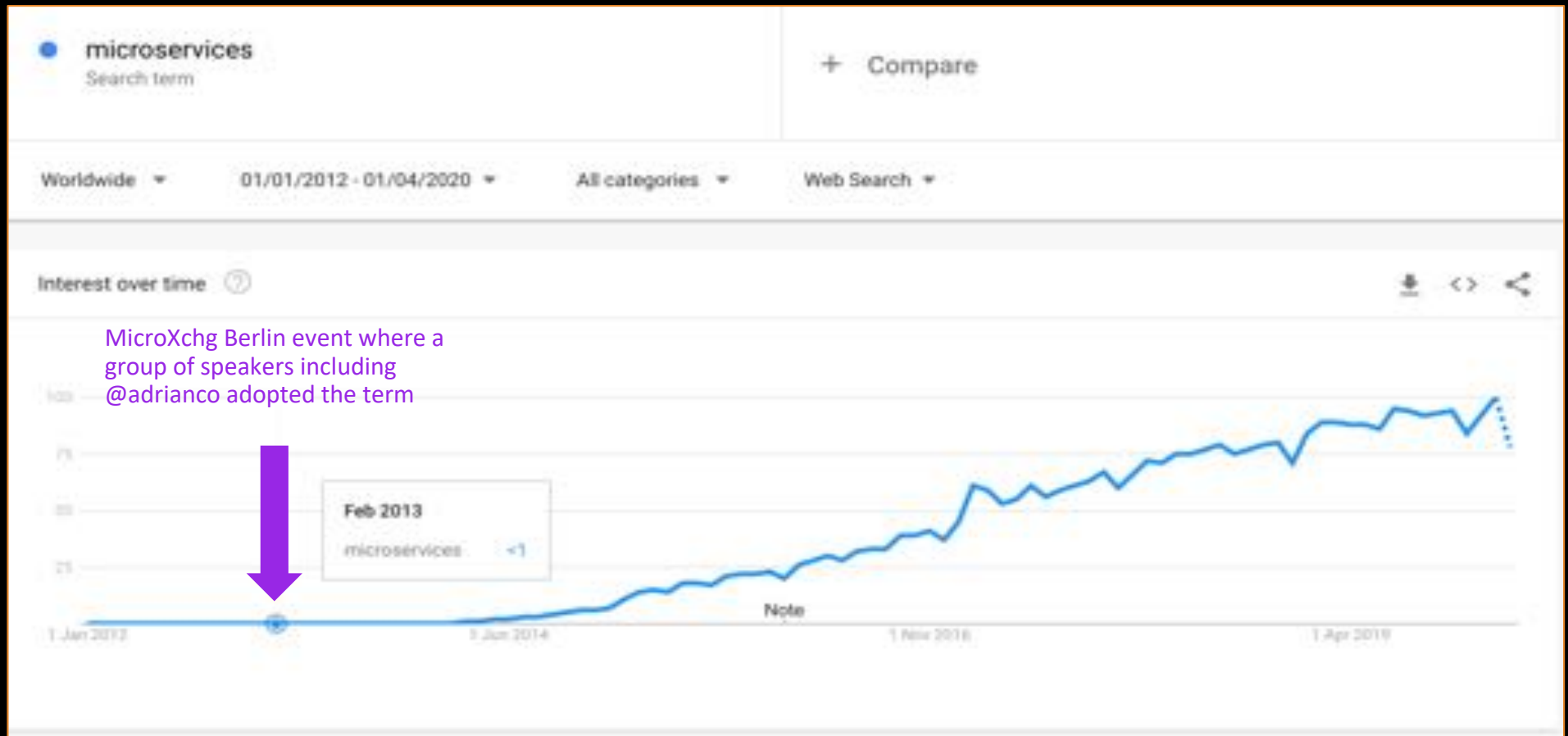


*Look! we cut our ship in two really quickly!*



**Hewlett Packard  
Enterprise**

# Trends: Microservices





# *Microservices: Why, What and How*

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## Typical reactions to my Netflix talks...

"You guys are  
crazy! Can't  
believe it"

– 2009

"What Netflix is doing  
won't work"

– 2010

It only works for  
'Unicorns' like  
Netflix"

– 2011

"We'd like to do  
that but can't"

– 2012

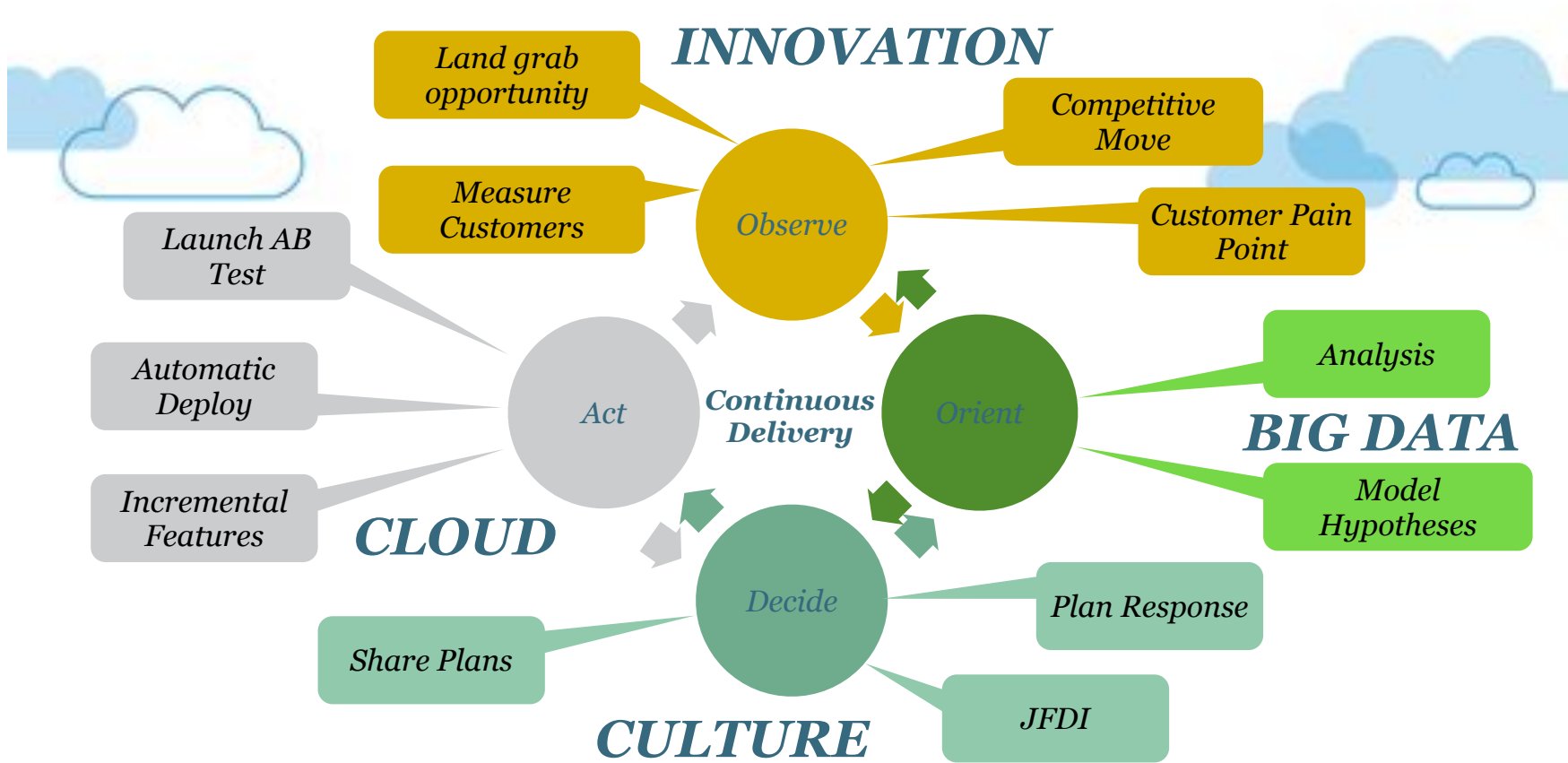
"We're on our way using  
Netflix OSS code"

– 2013



## What I learned from my time at Netflix

- *Speed wins in the marketplace*
- *Remove friction from product development*
- *High trust, low process, no hand-offs between teams*
- *Freedom and responsibility culture*
- *Don't do your own undifferentiated heavy lifting*
- *Use simple patterns automated by tooling*
- *Self service cloud makes impossible things instant*



# Non-Destructive Production Updates

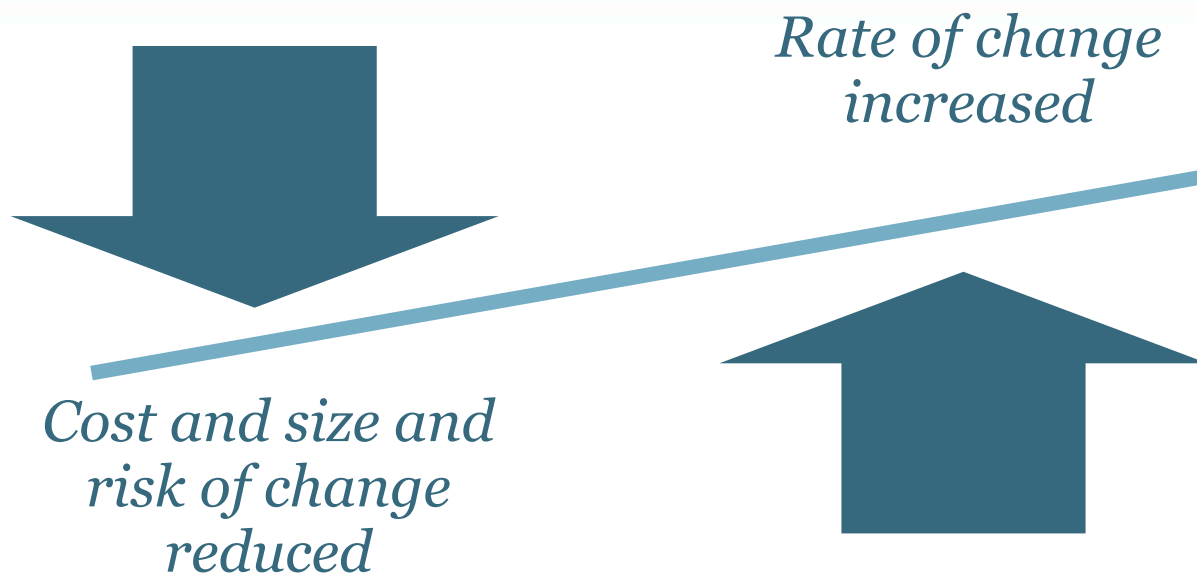


- *“Immutable Code” Service Pattern*
  - *Existing services are unchanged, old code remains in service*
  - *New code deploys as a new service group*
  - *No impact to production until traffic routing changes*
- *A/B Tests, Feature Flags and Version Routing control traffic*
  - *First users in the test cell are the developer and test engineers*
  - *A cohort of users is added looking for measurable improvement*





# What Happened?



## It's what you know that isn't so

- *Make your assumptions explicit*
- *Extrapolate trends to the limit*
- *Listen to non-customers*
- *Follow developer adoption, not IT spend*
- *Map evolution of products to services to utilities*
- *Re-organize your teams for speed of execution*



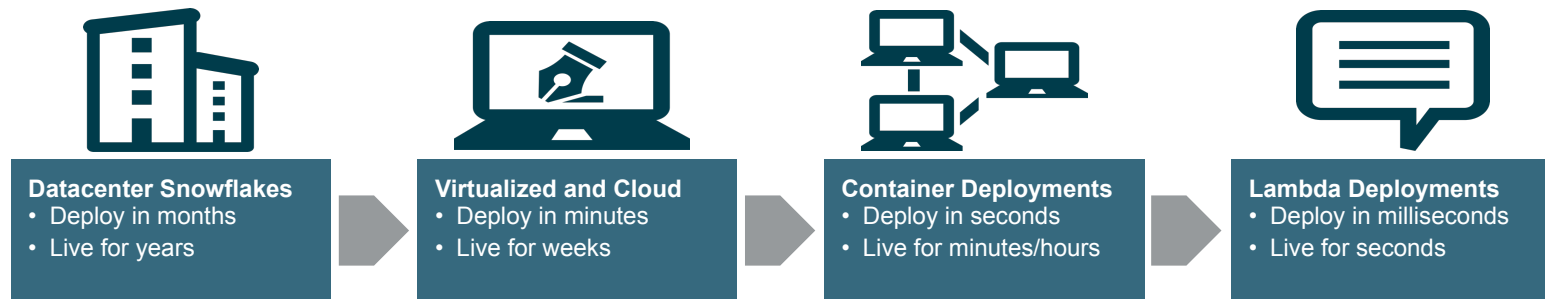
*If every service has to be updated at the same time it's not loosely coupled*

## *A Microservice Definition*

*Loosely coupled service oriented architecture with bounded contexts*

*If you have to know too much about surrounding services you don't have a bounded context. See the Domain Driven Design book by Eric Evans.*

## Speeding Up The Platform



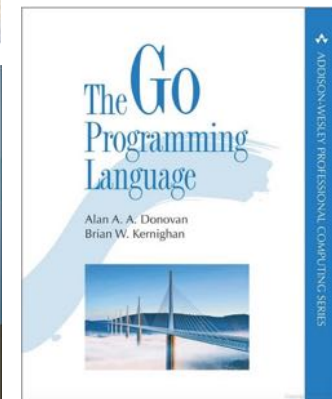
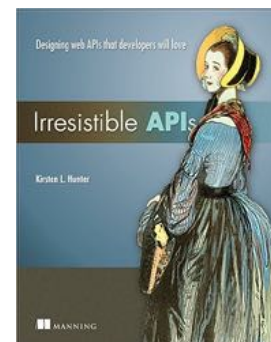
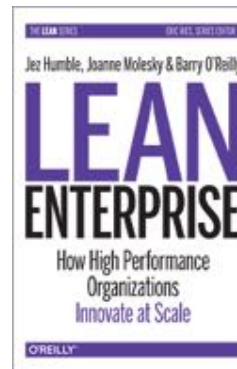
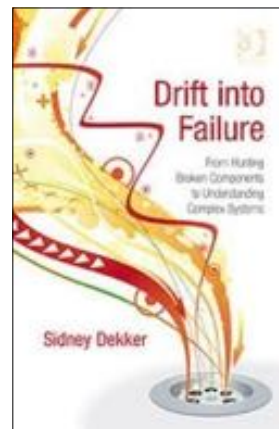
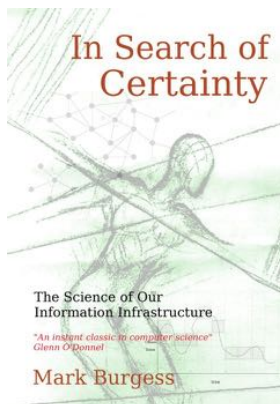
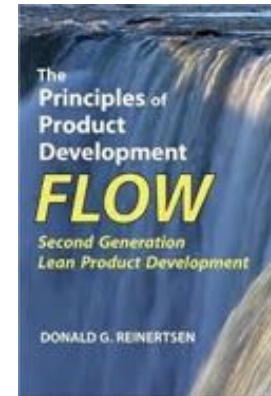
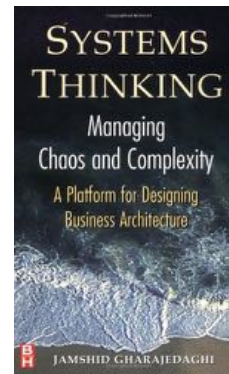
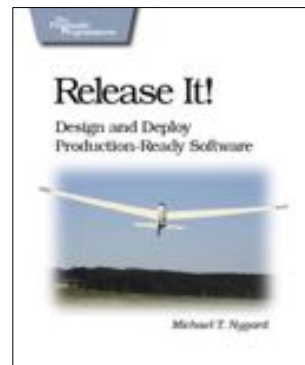
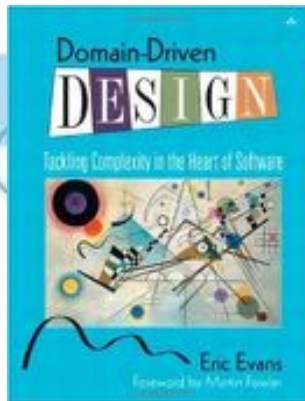
➤ *AWS Lambda is leading exploration of serverless architectures in 2016*

## Separate Concerns with Microservices

- *Invert Conway's Law – teams own service groups and backend stores*
- *One “verb” per single function micro-service, size doesn't matter*
- *One developer independently produces a micro-service*
- *Each micro-service is it's own build, avoids trunk conflicts*
- *Deploy in a container: Tomcat, AMI or Docker, whatever...*
- *Stateless business logic. Cattle, not pets.*
- *Stateful cached data access layer using replicated ephemeral instances*

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conway's\\_law](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conway's_law)

# Inspiration





*What's Missing?*





## *Advanced Microservices Topics*

*Failure injection testing*

*Versioning, routing*

*Binary protocols and interfaces*

*Timeouts and retries*

*Denormalized data models*

*Monitoring, tracing*

*Simplicity through symmetry*

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## *Benefits of version aware routing*

*Immediately and safely introduce a new version*

*Canary test in production*

*Use DIY feature flags, , A|B tests with Wasabi*

*Route clients to a version so they can't get disrupted*

*Change client or dependencies but not both at once*

*Eventually remove old versions*

*Incremental or infrequent “break the build” garbage collection*

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# *Timeouts and Retries*

*Connection timeout vs. request timeout confusion*

*Usually setup incorrectly, global defaults*

*Systems collapse with “retry storms”*

*Timeouts too long, too many retries*

*Services doing work that can never be used*

# Timeouts and Retries

*Bad config: Every service defaults to 2 second timeout, two retries*



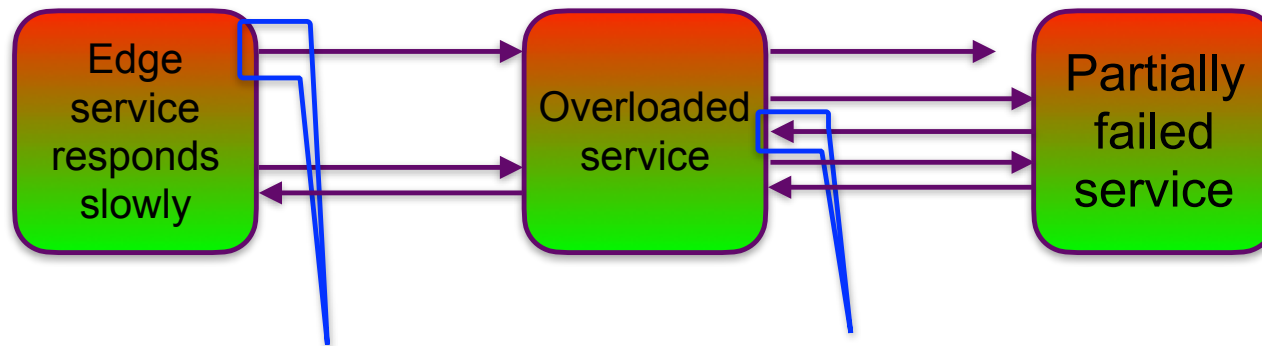
*If anything breaks, everything upstream stops responding*



*Retries add unproductive work*

# Timeouts and Retries

*Bad config: Every service defaults to 2 second timeout, two retries*



*First request from Edge timed out so it ignores the successful response and keeps retrying. Middle service load increases as it's doing work that isn't being consumed*



# *Timeout and Retry Fixes*

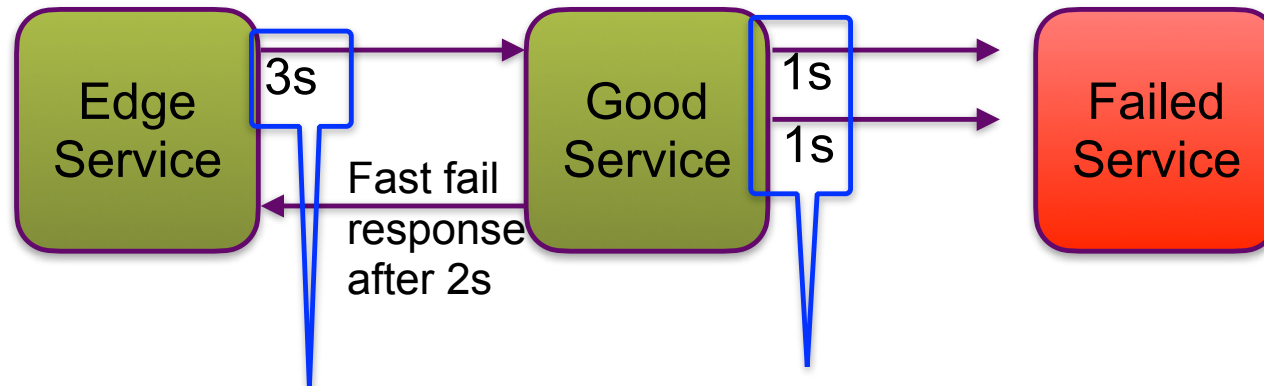


*Cascading timeout budget  
Static settings that decrease from the edge  
or dynamic budget passed with request*

*How often do retries actually succeed?  
Don't ask the same instance the same thing  
Only retry on a different connection*

# Timeouts and Retries

*Budgeted timeout, one retry*

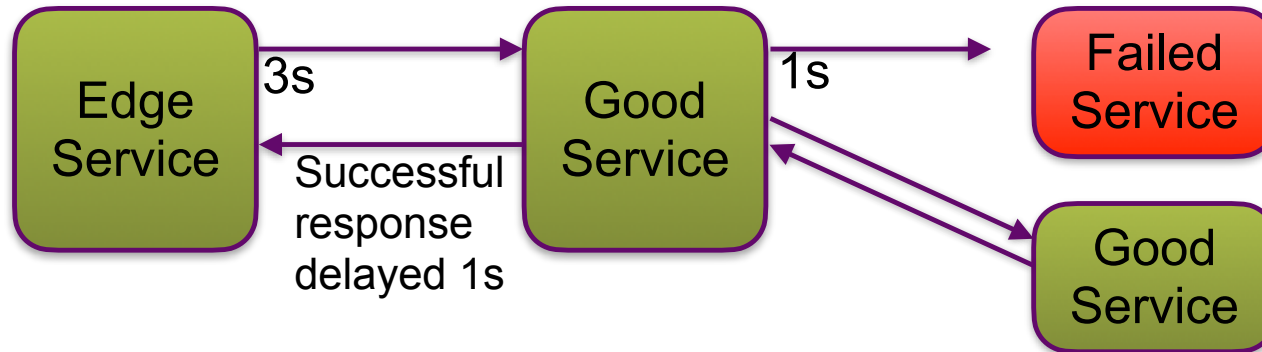


*Upstream timeout must always be longer than total downstream timeout \* retries delay*

*No unproductive work while fast failing*

# Timeouts and Retries

*Budgeted timeout, failover retry*



*For replicated services with multiple instances  
never retry against a failed instance*

*No extra retries or unproductive work*



“We see the world as increasingly more complex and chaotic because we use inadequate concepts to explain it. When we understand something, we no longer see it as chaotic or complex.”

*Jamshid Gharajedaghi - 2011*

*Systems Thinking: Managing Chaos and Complexity: A Platform for Designing Business Architecture*





**I wanted to learn Go, and build something I could talk about at events. I ported an actor-based simulator from Occam to Go and generated large complex simulated microservice graphs with it using Go channels as networks.**

**Then I gave a talk at Gophercon about the history of channels...**

# *Communicating Sequential Goroutines*

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# Agenda

*1978 Communicating Sequential Processes*

*1983 Occam*

*How Channels Work*

*1992 Pi-Calculus*

*2013 The Life of Occam-Pi*

*2006 Occam-Pi based simulation*

*Pi-Calculus ideas in Go*

*Go Applications*

Programming  
Techniques

S. L. Graham, R. L. Rivest  
Editors

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# Communicating Sequential Processes

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This paper suggests that input and output are basic primitives of programming and that parallel composition of communicating sequential processes is a fundamental program structuring method. When combined with a development of Dijkstra's guarded command, these concepts are surprisingly versatile. Their use is illustrated by sample solutions of a variety of familiar programming exercises.

Key Words and Phrases: programming, programming languages, programming primitives, program structures, parallel programming, concurrency, input, output, guarded commands, nondeterminacy, coroutines, procedures, multiple entries, multiple exits, classes, data representations, recursion, conditional critical regions, monitors, iterative arrays

CR Categories: 4.20, 4.22, 4.32

*“...the concepts and notations introduced in this paper (although described in the next section in the form of a programming language fragment) **should not be regarded as suitable for use as a programming language**, either for abstract or for concrete programming. They are at best only a partial solution to the problems tackled.”*

## *CSP Issues:*

*Not a full language*

*Hard to read*

*Process addressing*

# *David May's Occam Language*

*Extremely simple and elegant  
implementation of CSP as a language*

*Adds named channels  
Designed as the assembly language for Transputer hardware*

`Occam is intended to be the smallest language which is adequate  
for its purpose; however, suggestions for further simplification  
would be welcome.`

## Comparing Occam and Go

### Parallel Channel Assignment

```
PROC main(CHAN out)
  VAR x,y:
  SEQ
    x := 1
  CHAN c:
  PAR
    c!x
    c?y
  out!y
:
```

```
func main() {
    var x, y int
    x = 1
    c := make(chan int)
    var wg sync.WaitGroup
    wg.Add(2)
    go func() { defer wg.Done(); c <- x }()
    go func() { defer wg.Done(); y = <-c }()
    wg.Wait()
    fmt.Println(y)
}
```

*Pi-Calculus*  
*Robin Milner 1992*



## A Calculus of Mobile Processes, I

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We present the  $\pi$ -calculus, a calculus of communicating systems in which one can naturally express processes which have changing structure. Not only may the component agents of a system be arbitrarily linked, but a communication between neighbours may carry information which changes that linkage. The calculus is an extension of the process algebra CCS, following work by Engberg and Nielsen, who added mobility to CCS while preserving its algebraic properties. The  $\pi$ -calculus gains simplicity by removing all distinction between variables and constants; communication links are identified by names, and computation is represented purely as the communication of names across links. After an illustrated description of how the  $\pi$ -calculus generalises conventional process algebras in treating mobility, several examples exploiting mobility are given in some detail. The important examples are the encoding into the  $\pi$ -calculus of higher-order functions (the  $\lambda$ -calculus and combinatory algebra), the transmission of processes as values, and the representation of data structures as processes. The paper continues by presenting the algebraic theory of *strong bisimilarity* and *strong equivalence*, including a new notion of equivalence indexed by *distinctions*—i.e., assumptions of inequality among names. These theories are based upon a semantics in terms of a labeled transition system and a notion of *strong bisimulation*, both of which are expounded in detail in a companion paper. We also report briefly on work-in-progress based upon the corresponding notion of *weak bisimulation*, in which internal actions cannot be observed. © 1992 Academic Press, Inc.

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$$(\dots + \bar{y}x.P + \dots) | (\dots + y(z).Q + \dots) \xrightarrow{\tau} P | Q\{x/z\}$$

and simple equations such as

$$(y)(\bar{y}x.P | y(z).Q) = \tau.(y)(P | Q\{x/z\})$$

*It's easy to show that...*

*This paper is  
incomprehensible!*

*A triumph of notation  
over comprehension.*

*Simple equations such as...*

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MILNER, PARROW, AND WALKER

It is illuminating to see how the encoding of a particular example behaves. Consider  $(\lambda xx)N$ ; first, we have

$$[(\lambda xx)v]v \equiv v(x)(w).\bar{x}w.$$

So, assuming  $x$  not free in  $N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [(\lambda xx)N]u &\equiv (v)([(\lambda xx)v]v | (x)\bar{v}xu.x(w).[N]w) \\ &\equiv (v)(v(x)(w).\bar{x}w | (x)\bar{v}xu.x(w).[N]w) \\ &= \tau.(v)(x)(v(w).\bar{x}w | \bar{v}u.x(w).[N]w) \\ &= \tau.\tau.(v)(x)(\bar{x}u | x(w).[N]w) \\ &= \tau.\tau.\tau.(v)(x)(\mathbf{0} | [N]u) = \tau.\tau.\tau.[N]u. \end{aligned}$$

More generally, it is easy to show that

$$[(\lambda xM)N]u \approx [M\{N/x\}]u, \quad (36)$$

## Life of occam-Pi

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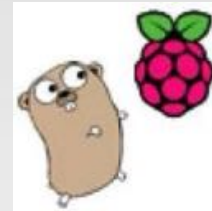
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**Abstract.** This paper considers some questions prompted by a brief review of the history of computing. Why is programming so hard? Why is concurrency considered an “advanced” subject? What’s the matter with *Objects*? Where did all the Maths go? In searching for answers, the paper looks at some concerns over fundamental ideas within *object orientation* (as represented by modern programming languages), before focussing on the concurrency model of communicating processes and its particular expression in the *occam* family of languages. In that focus, it looks at the history of *occam*, its underlying philosophy (*Ockham’s Razor*), its semantic foundation on Hoare’s CSP, its principles of *process oriented design* and its development over almost three decades into *occam- $\pi$*  (which blends in the concurrency dynamics of Milner’s  $\pi$ -calculus). Also presented will be an urgent need for rationalisation – *occam- $\pi$*  is an experiment that has demonstrated significant results, but now needs time to be spent on careful review and implementing the conclusions of that review. Finally, the future is considered. In particular, is there a future?

**Keywords.** process, object, local reasoning, global reasoning, *occam-pi*, concurrency, compositionality, verification, multicore, efficiency, scalability, safety, simplicity

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*Go- $\pi$*



*Dynamic Channel Protocol  
Actor Pattern  
Partitioned Service Registry  
Logging and Tracing*

# Dynamic Channel Protocol

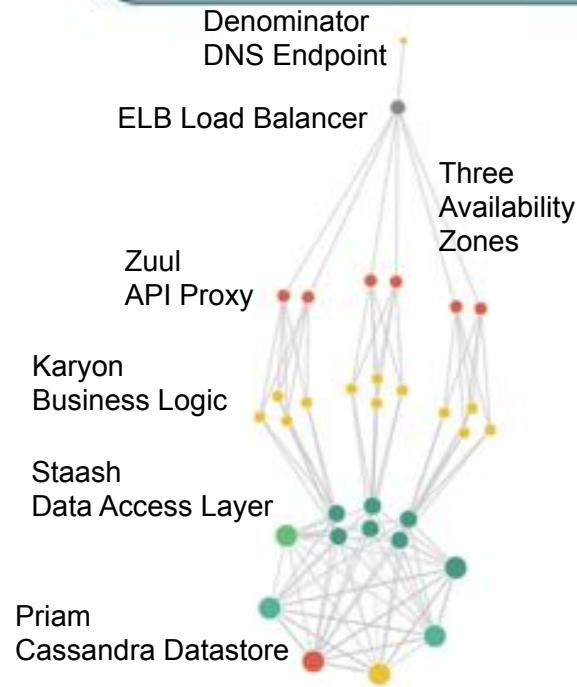
<https://github.com/adrianco/spigo/tree/master/tooling/gotocol>

Imposition/Intention? [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Promise\\_theory](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Promise_theory)

```
ch <-gotocol.Message{gotocol.GetRequest, listener, now, ctx, "why?"}  
  
// Message structure used for all messages, includes a channel of itself  
type Message struct {  
    Imposition    Impositions // request type  
    ResponseChan chan Message // place to send response messages  
    Sent          time.Time   // time at which message was sent  
    Ctx           Context    // message context  
    Intention     string     // payload  
}
```



# Simulated Microservices



*Model and visualize microservices  
Simulate interesting architectures  
Generate large scale configurations  
Eventually stress test real tools*

*Code: [github.com/adrianco/spigo](https://github.com/adrianco/spigo)  
Simulate Protocol Interactions in Go  
Visualize with D3*

*See for yourself: <http://simianviz.surge.sh>  
Follow @simianviz for updates*



## Conclusions

*CSP is too limited*

*$\pi$ -Calculus syntax is incomprehensible*

*Occam-Pi makes CSP and  $\pi$ -Calculus readable*

*Go concurrency syntax is clumsy in places but works*

*Showed some useful channel based Go- $\pi$  idioms*

*Pass channels over channels for dynamic routing*

*Go works well for actor like simulation*

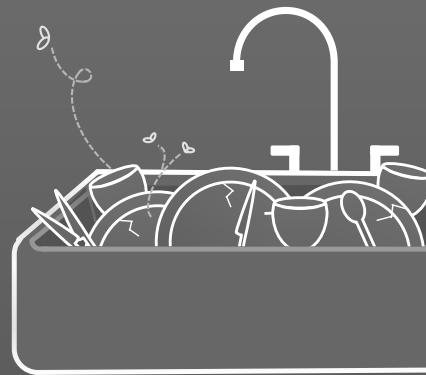
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# The New De-Normal



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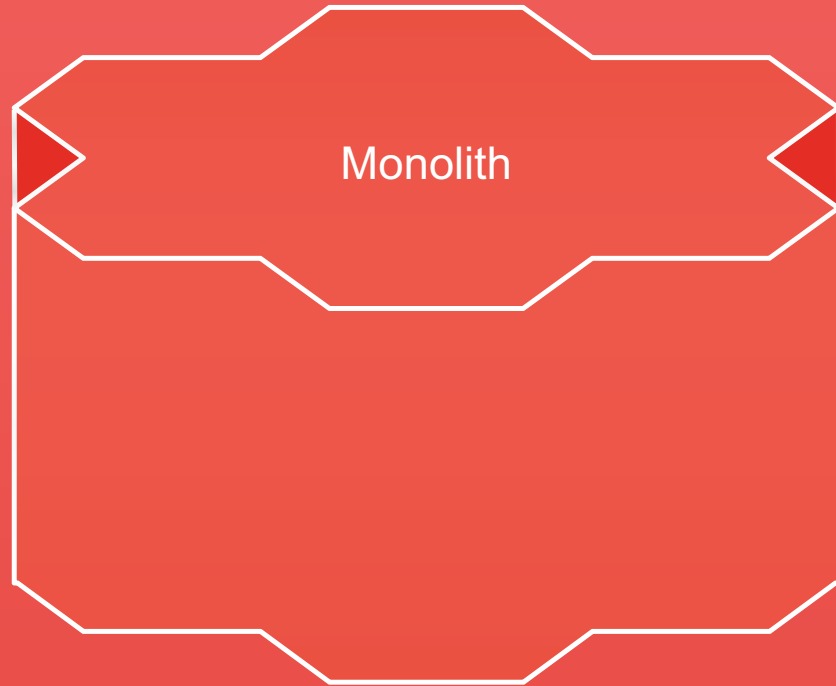


**Kitchen Sink  
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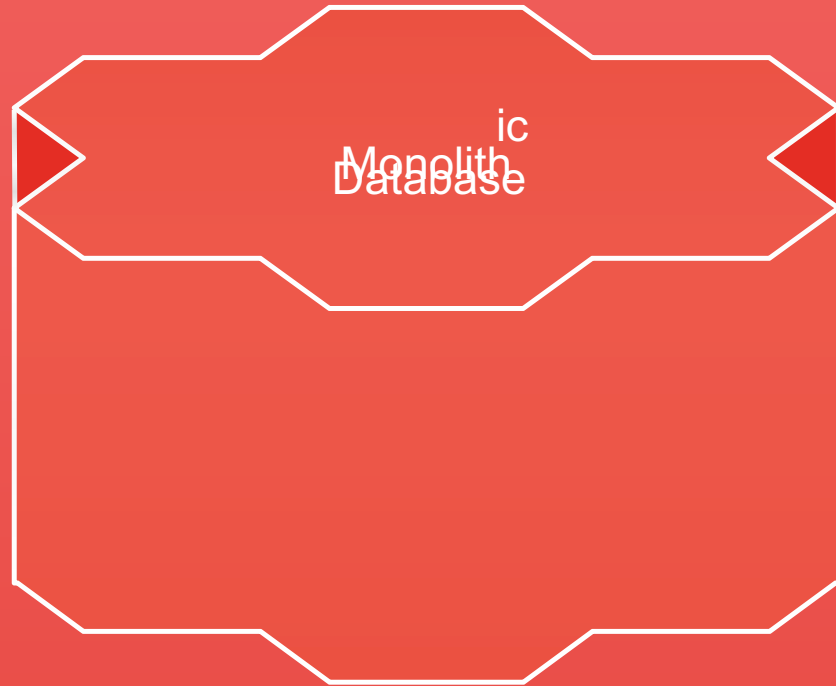


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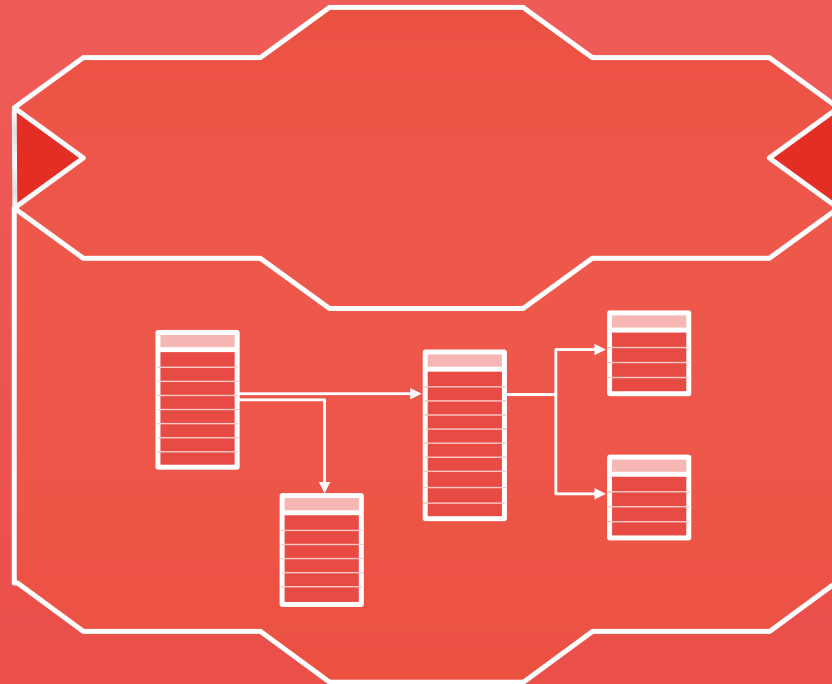
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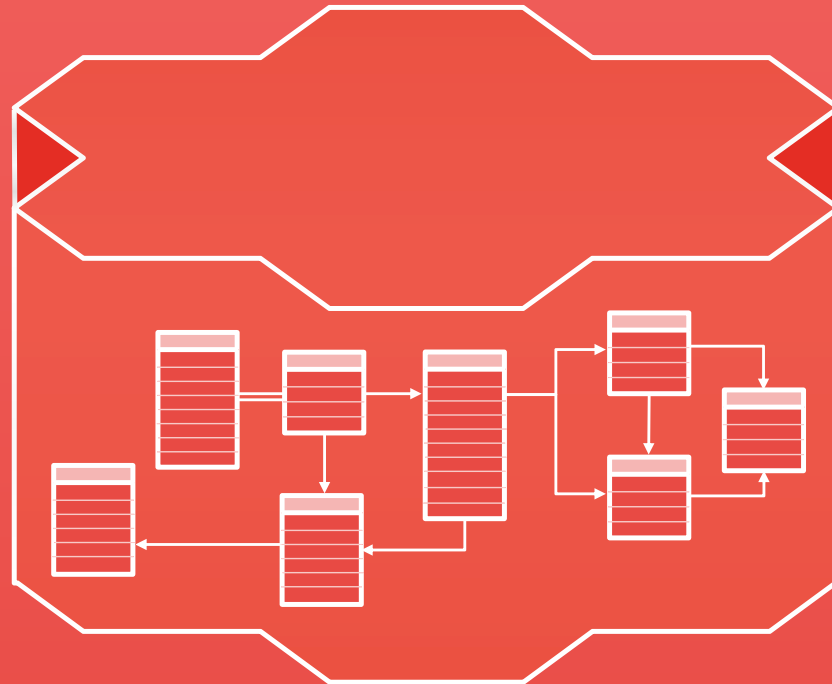
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# Database Schema Entity Relationship



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# Kitchen Sink Analogy



# Kitchen Sink Cleanup





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# Consistency Problem

How Many Complete Sets Are There?



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## Adding a New Use Case





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# Cloud Makes it Easy to Add New Databases



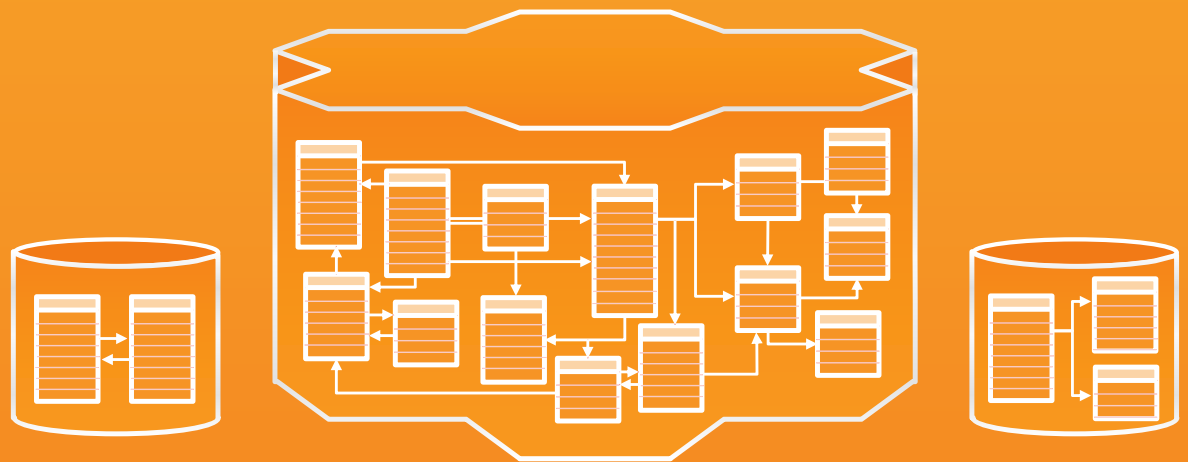
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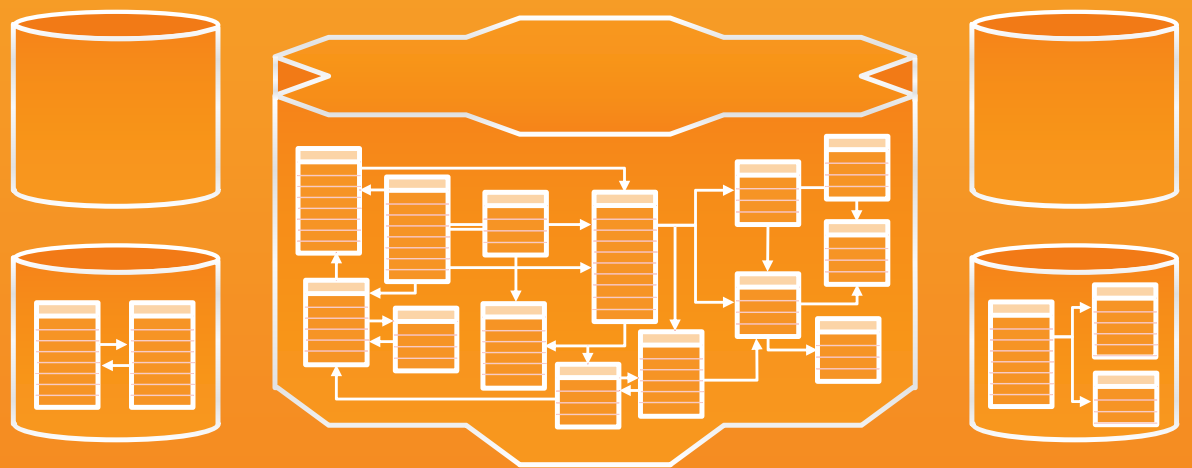
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# Untangle and Migrate Existing “Kitchen Sink” Schemas



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I started to collect stories, scribbled them as rough ideas on my iPad with Apple pencil, sent them to the graphic designer, and got some cool decks back...

# Conventional Development

20 people



9 months



2 months left



Poor

Progress



# Conventional Development



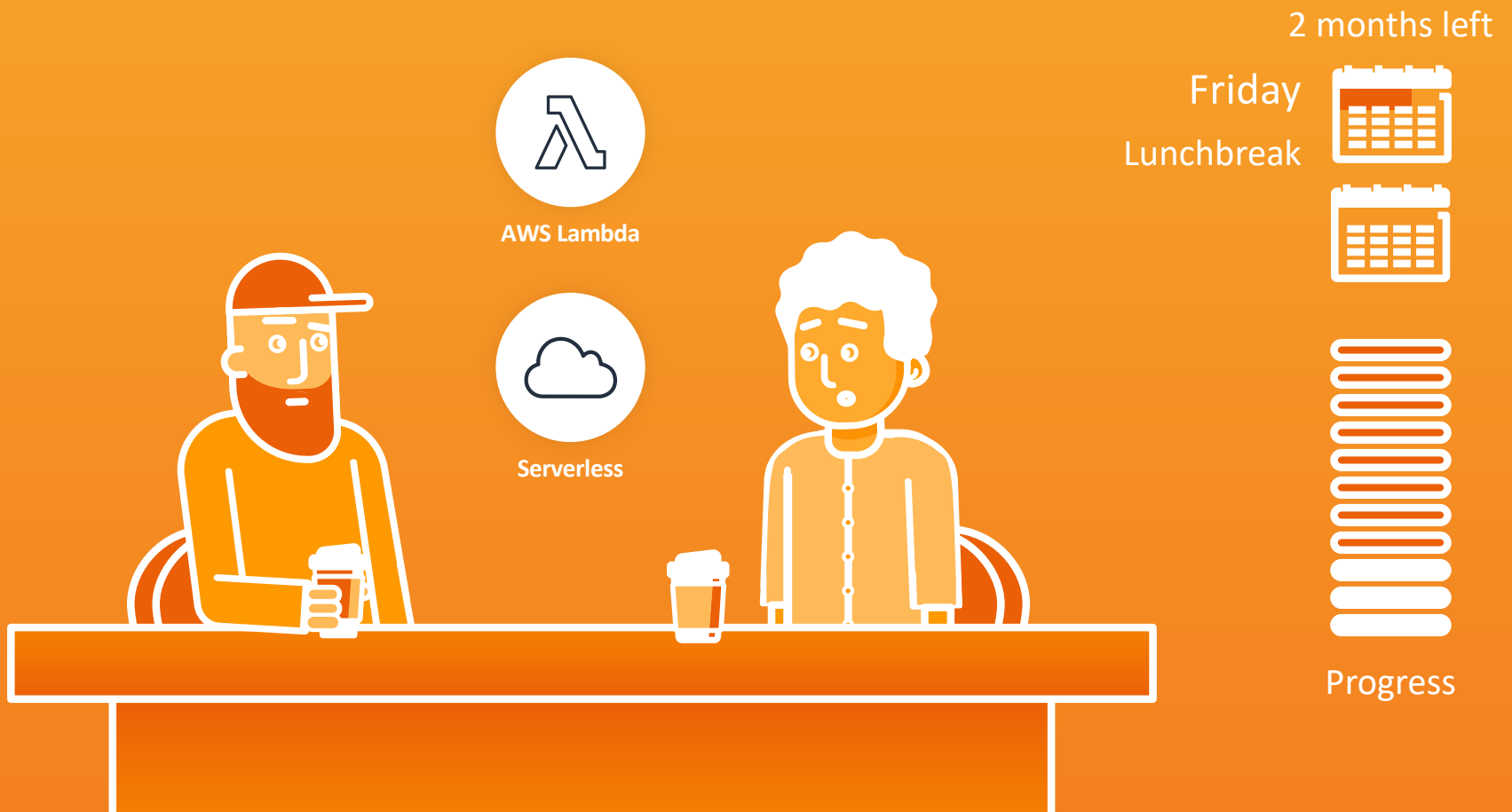
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Progress

# Conventional Development



# Serverless Development



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Saturday

Home



AWS Lambda

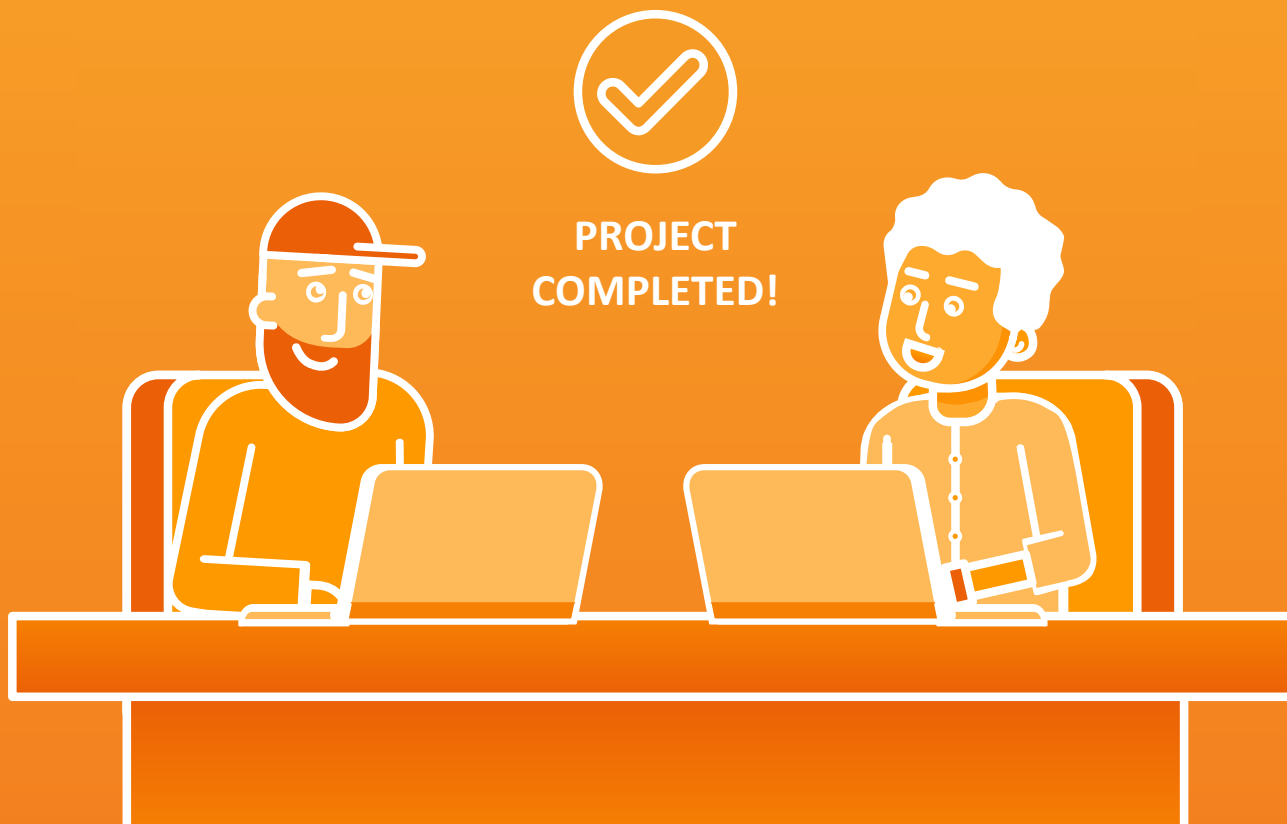


Serverless



Progress

# Serverless Development



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Monday  
Office



AWS Lambda



Serverless



Progress

# Serverless Development

Team finally agrees  
It works and is secure



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A whole  
month later



AWS Lambda



Serverless



Progress

# Serverless Development



**Shipped  
application  
1 month early**

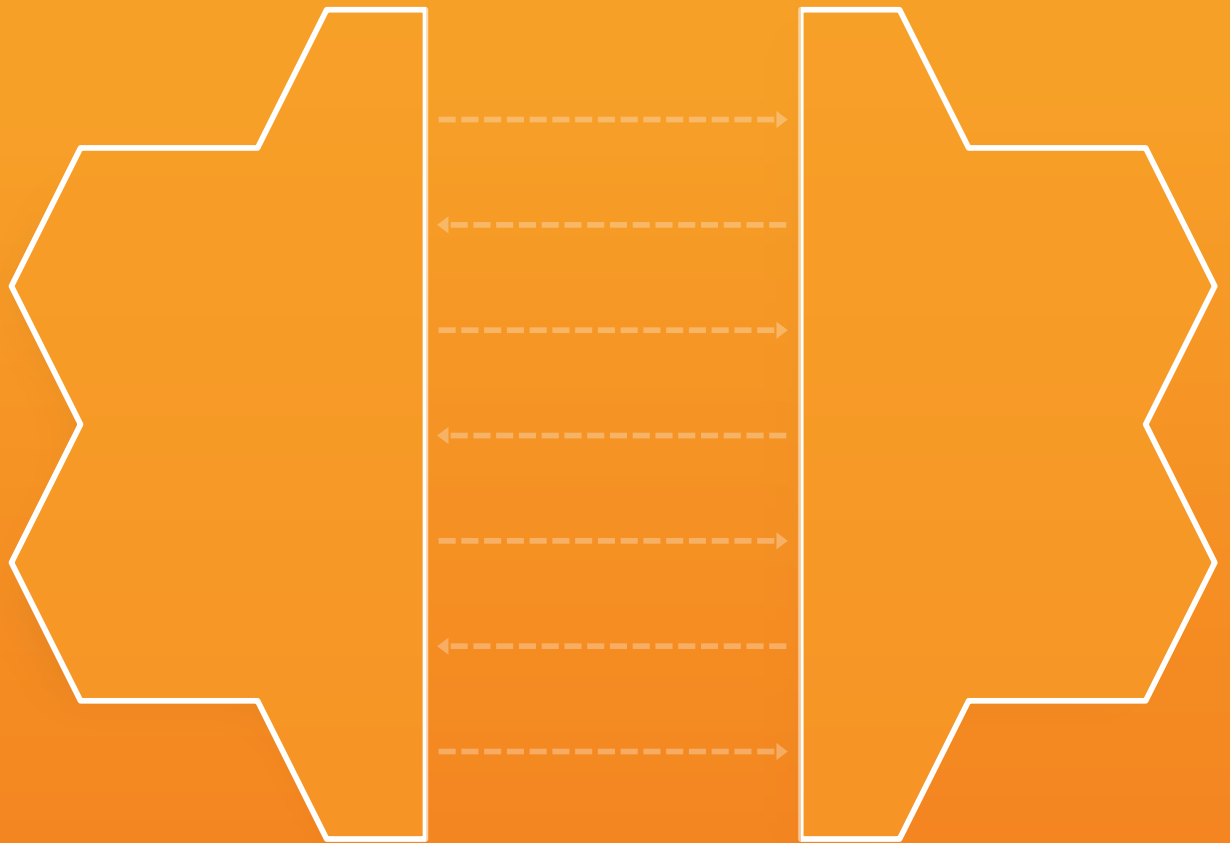
**What is different about serverless?**

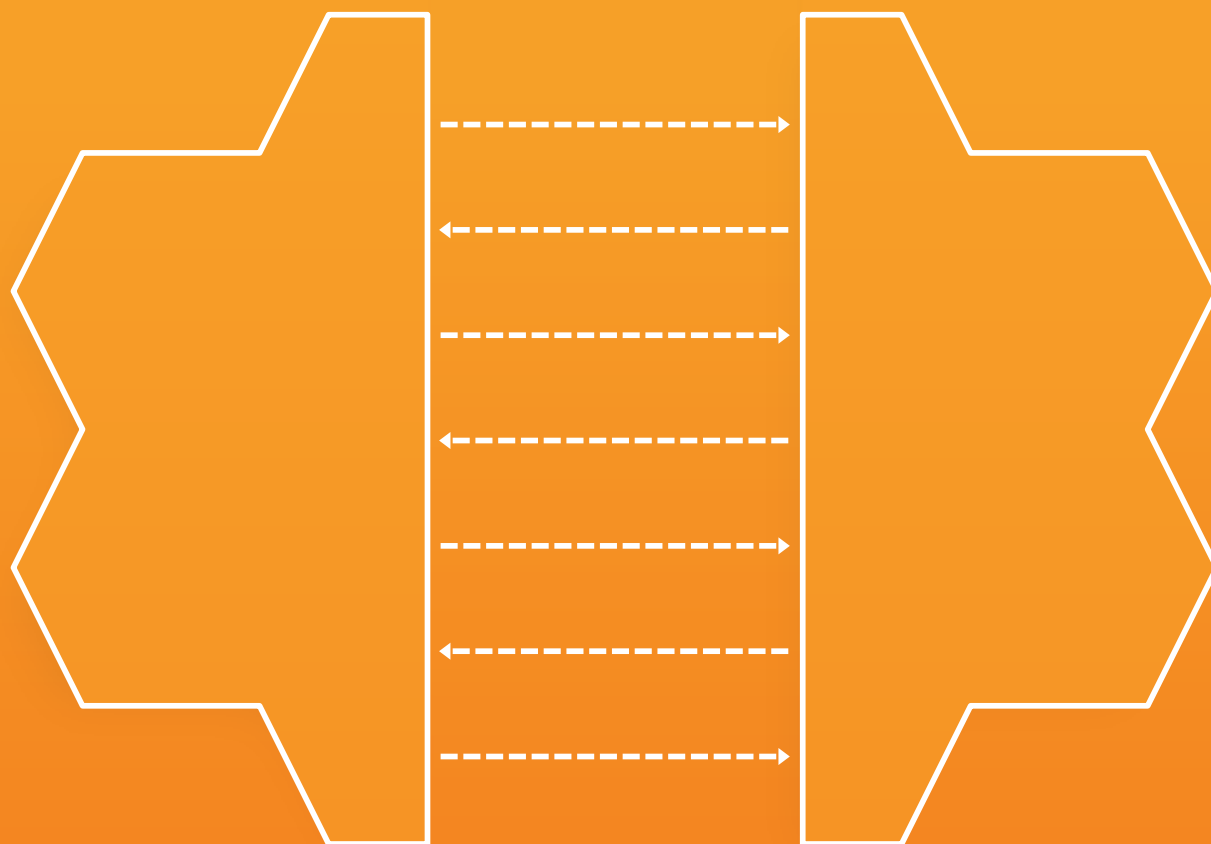
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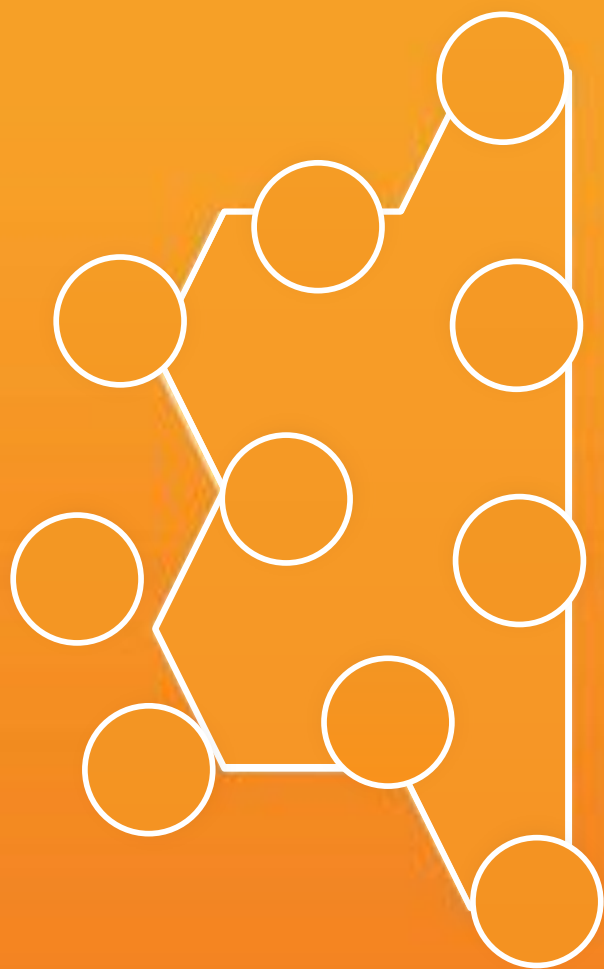


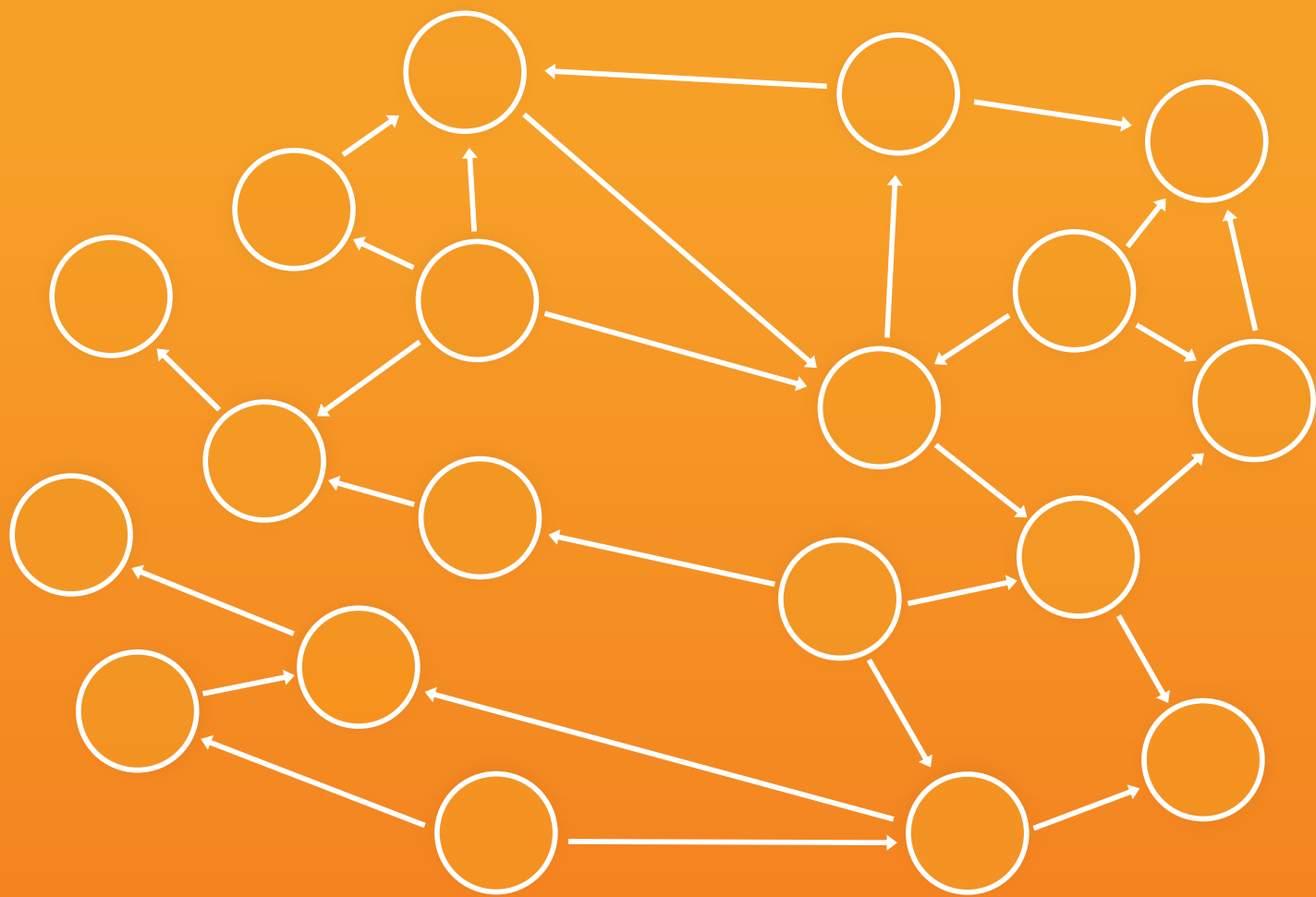


# Splitting Monoliths









# Microservices



# Microservices to Functions

Standard building brick services  
provide standardized platform  
capabilities



Amazon API  
Gateway



Amazon  
SQS



Amazon  
DynamoDB



Amazon S3

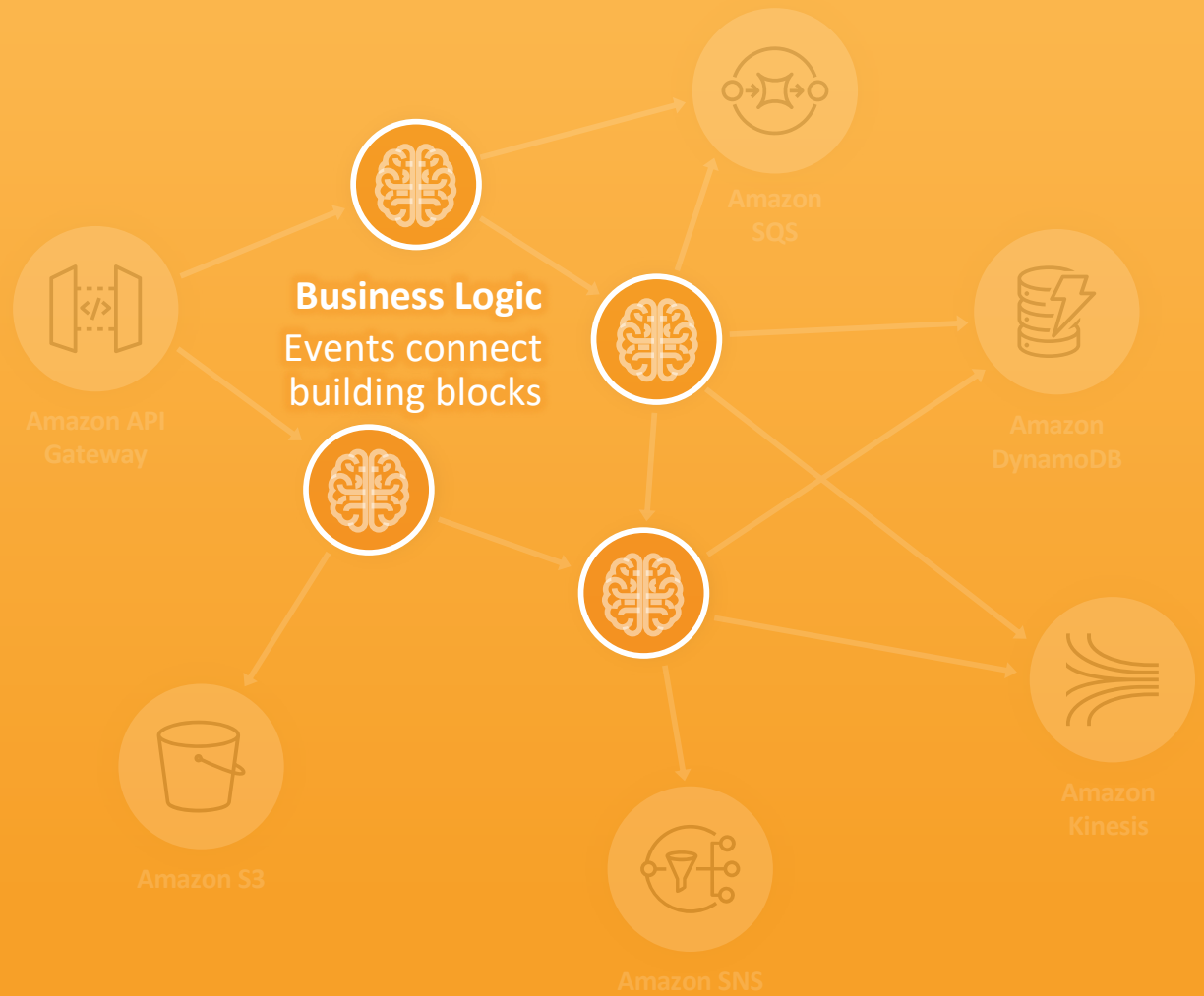


Amazon SNS



Amazon  
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# Microservices to Functions



# Microservices to Functions





# Microservices to Functions



# Microservices to Ephemeral



# Microservices to Ephemeral Functions



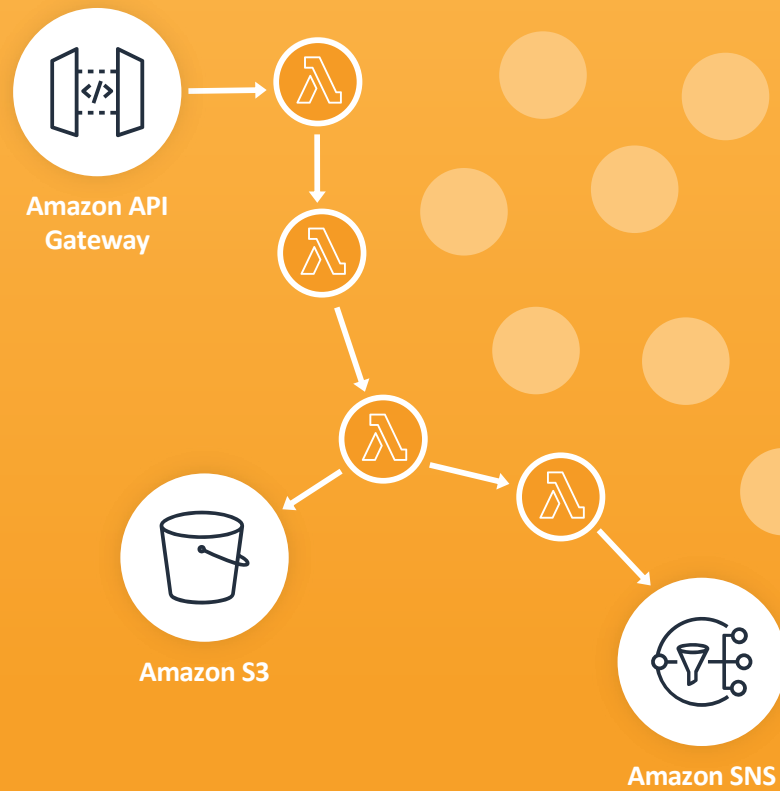
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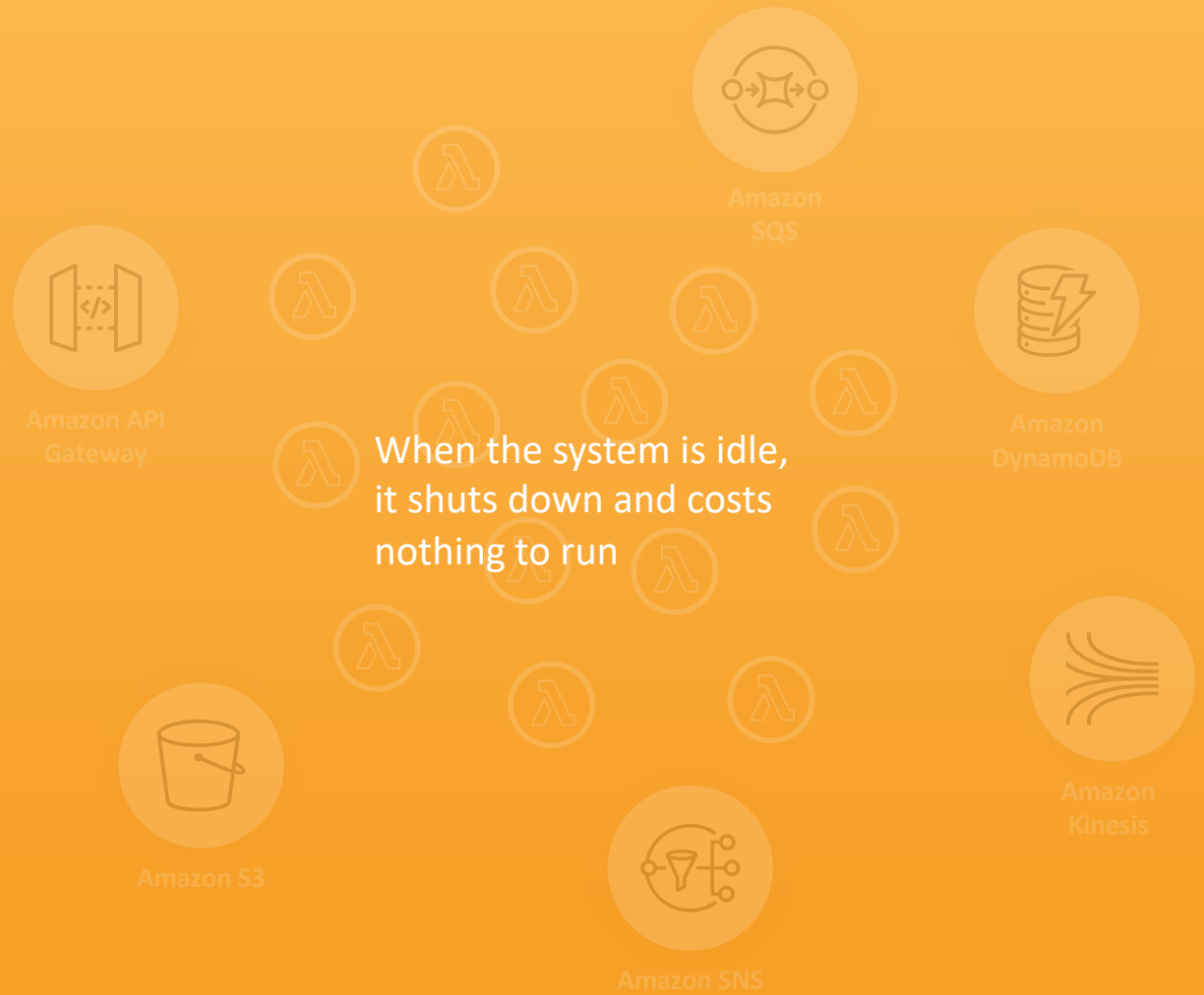
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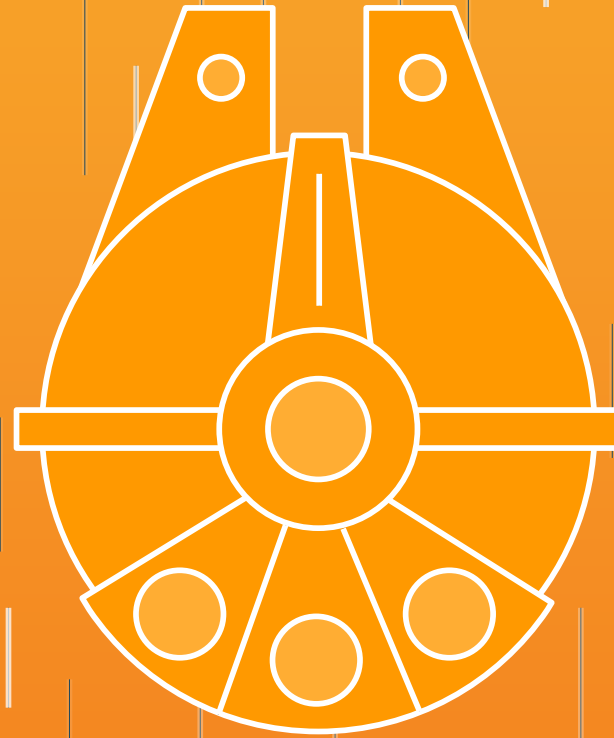
**So WHY is it so fast to  
write a serverless app?**

An analogy...





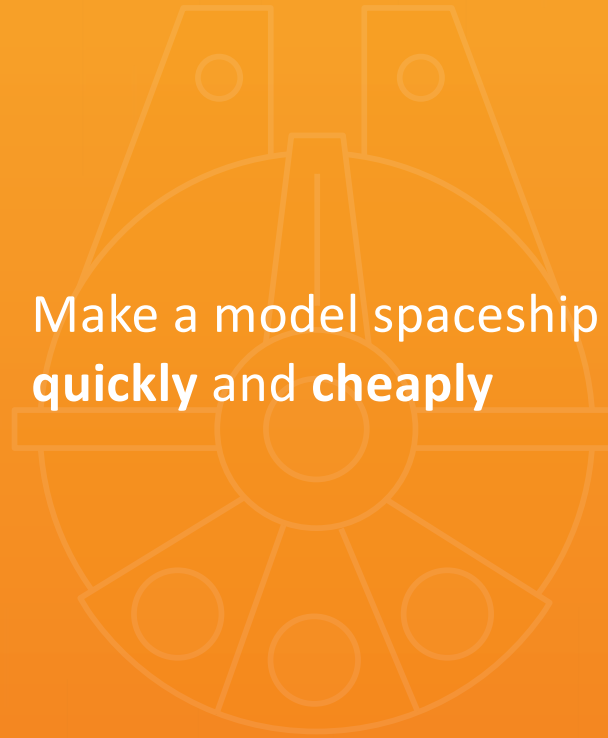
**What is the  
user need?**



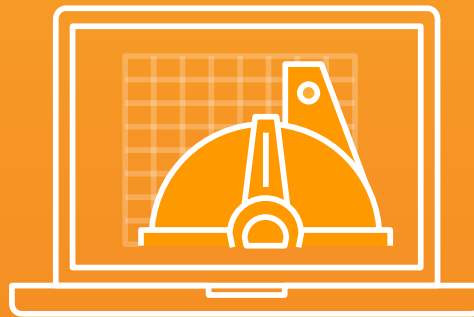
**What is the  
problem you are  
trying to solve?**



**Make a model spaceship  
quickly and cheaply**



# Traditional Development



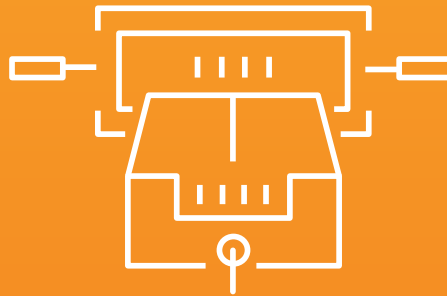
Design a prototype

# Traditional Development



Carve from  
modelling clay

# Traditional Development



Make molds

# Traditional Development



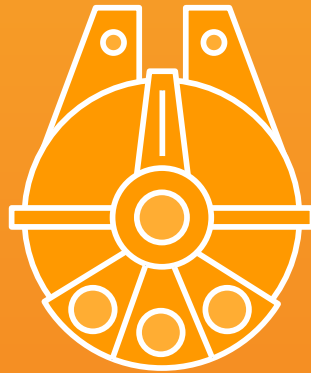
Produce injection molded parts

# Traditional Development



Assemble parts

# Traditional Development



Sell finished toy



# Traditional Development



Design  
a prototype



Carve from  
modelling clay



Make molds



Produce injection  
molded parts



Assemble  
parts



Sell finished  
toy

# Rapid Development



Big bag of blocks

+



Instructions

+



A few hours

# Rapid Development



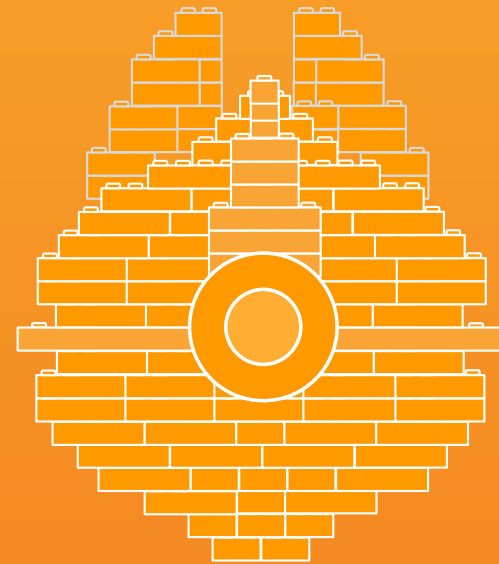
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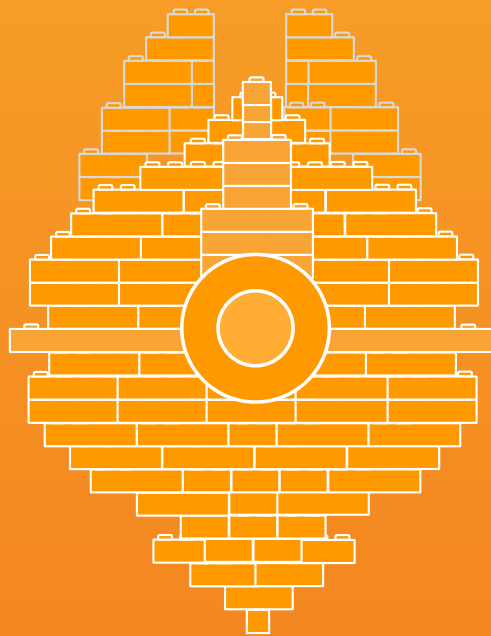


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A finished toy

# Rapid Development

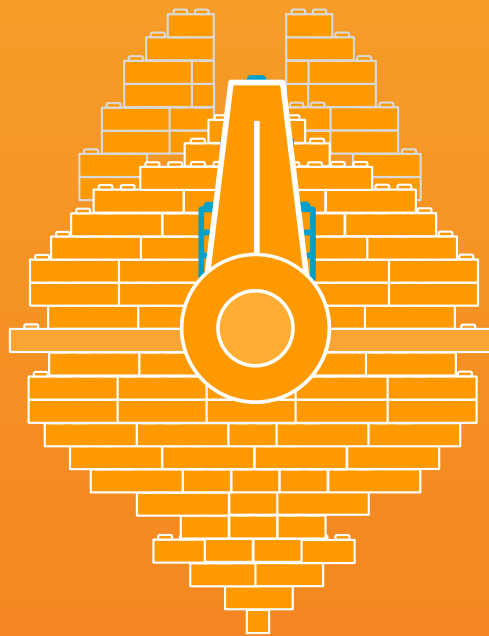


Lacks fine detail

Recognizable, but not exactly what was asked for

Easy to modify and extend

# Optimization



← Take a group of Lego bricks...  
...and form a new custom brick

A more specialized common component

## Traditional

Full custom design

Months of work

Custom components may be fragile and need to be debugged and integrated

Too many detailed choices

Long decision cycles

## Rapid Development

Building blocks assembly

Hours of work

Standard reliable components scale and are well understood and interoperable

Need to adjust requirements to fit the patterns available

Constraints tend to reduce debate and speed up decisions

## Containers

Custom code and services

Lots of choices of frameworks  
and API mechanisms






Where needed, optimize serverless  
applications by also building services using  
containers to solve for anything serverless  
doesn't do well... yet.

## Serverless

Serverless events and functions

Standardized choices

Combine building blocks including:

-  AWS Lambda
-  API Gateway, EventBridge
-  Amazon SNS, SQS
-  Amazon DynamoDB
-  AWS Step Functions

**So... why doesn't everyone use  
serverless first?**

Objections and limitations

Note: See Re:Invent 2019 SVS343





## Objections Summary

**There are answers to all of these...**

Patterns, Portability

Too hard to get started

Language support

Security

Scalability, Resilience

State handling, event processing

Startup and network latency

Limited run duration

Databases/storage interfacing

Complex configs

**Adrian retired from Amazon in the middle of 2022 and is now working as an advisor, analyst and consultant via OrionX.net**

The background of the slide is a soft-focus photograph of green leaves, likely from a plant, with a light green and white bokeh effect.

# DevSusOps

Adding sustainability concerns to development and operations

Adrian Cockcroft - [OrionX.net](http://OrionX.net)  
@adrianco - @DevSusOps - Oct 2022

Leave the world habitable for future generations

Market transition risks

Regulatory compliance

Physical risks to business assets

## Why does sustainability matter?

“Green” market positioning

Employee enthusiasm

Reduced costs now or in the future

Social license to operate

**What can we do about it?**

## Development

- Optimize code
- Choose faster languages and runtimes
- Efficient algorithms
- Faster implementations
- Reduce logging
- Reduce retries and work amplification

## Operations

- Higher utilization
- Automation
- Relax over-specified requirements
- Archive and delete data sooner
- Deduplicate data
- Choose times and locations carefully

# For workload optimization we need directional and proportional guidance:

Cloud Carbon Footprint tool - Open source, uses billing data as input  
Maintains a set of reasonable estimates/guesses for carbon factors  
<https://www.cloudcarbonfootprint.org>

Green Software Foundation Software Carbon Intensity - SCI  
A model for reporting software impact per business operation  
<https://greensoftware.foundation/projects/>

AWS Well Architected Pillar for Sustainability  
Guidance on how to optimize development and operations for carbon  
<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/wellarchitected/latest/sustainability-pillar/sustainability-pillar.html>

# Where is all this going to be in a few years?

Monitoring tools will report carbon

Cloud providers will (all eventually) have detailed metrics

EU and US cloud regions are close to zero carbon now

Asian regions will move to zero carbon by 2025

(All providers have the same problem with regional policies)





That's all folks!

Unless there's time for an encore  
and some drinks?

A photograph of two beer bottles on a light-colored surface. The bottle on the left has a red neck and a white label. The bottle on the right has a blue neck with 'JACOBSEN' written on it and a dark label. A black spoon is on the left. The image has black bars on the sides.

# Bottleneck Analysis

July 2013

Adrian Cockcroft

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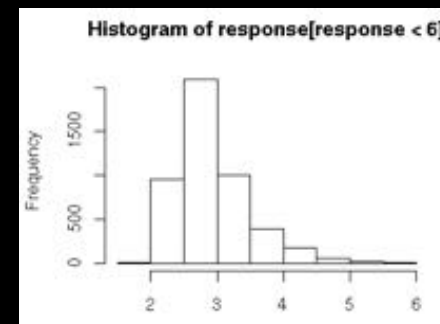
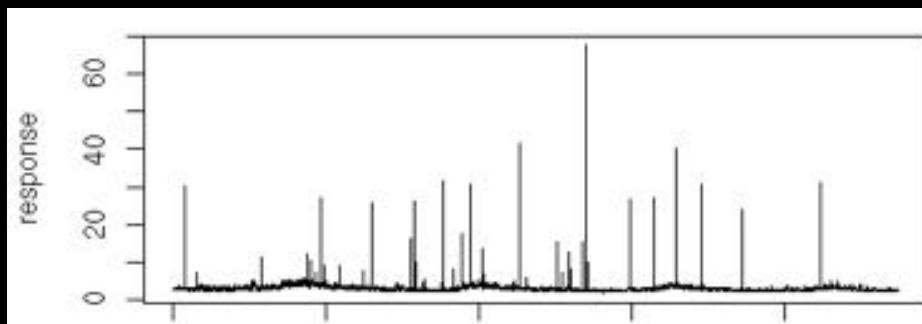


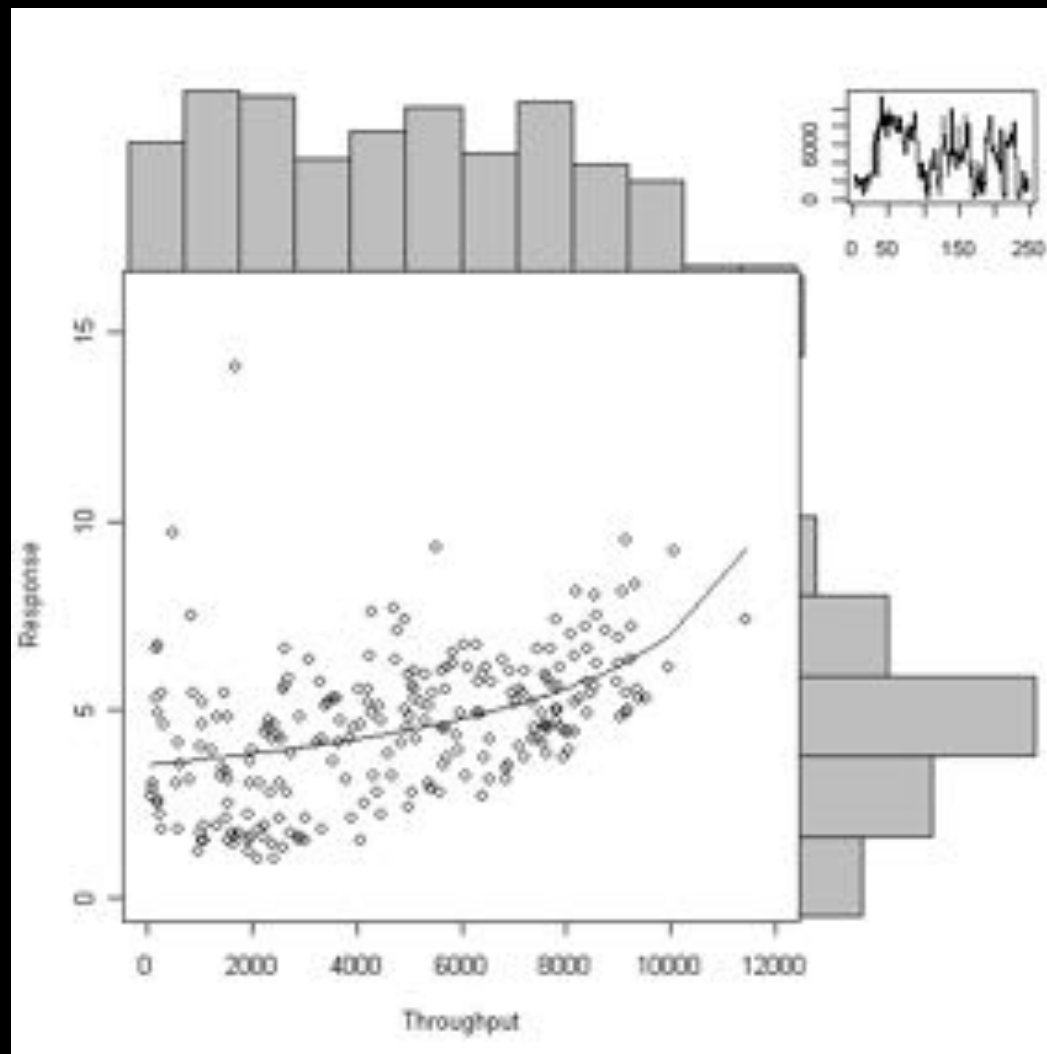




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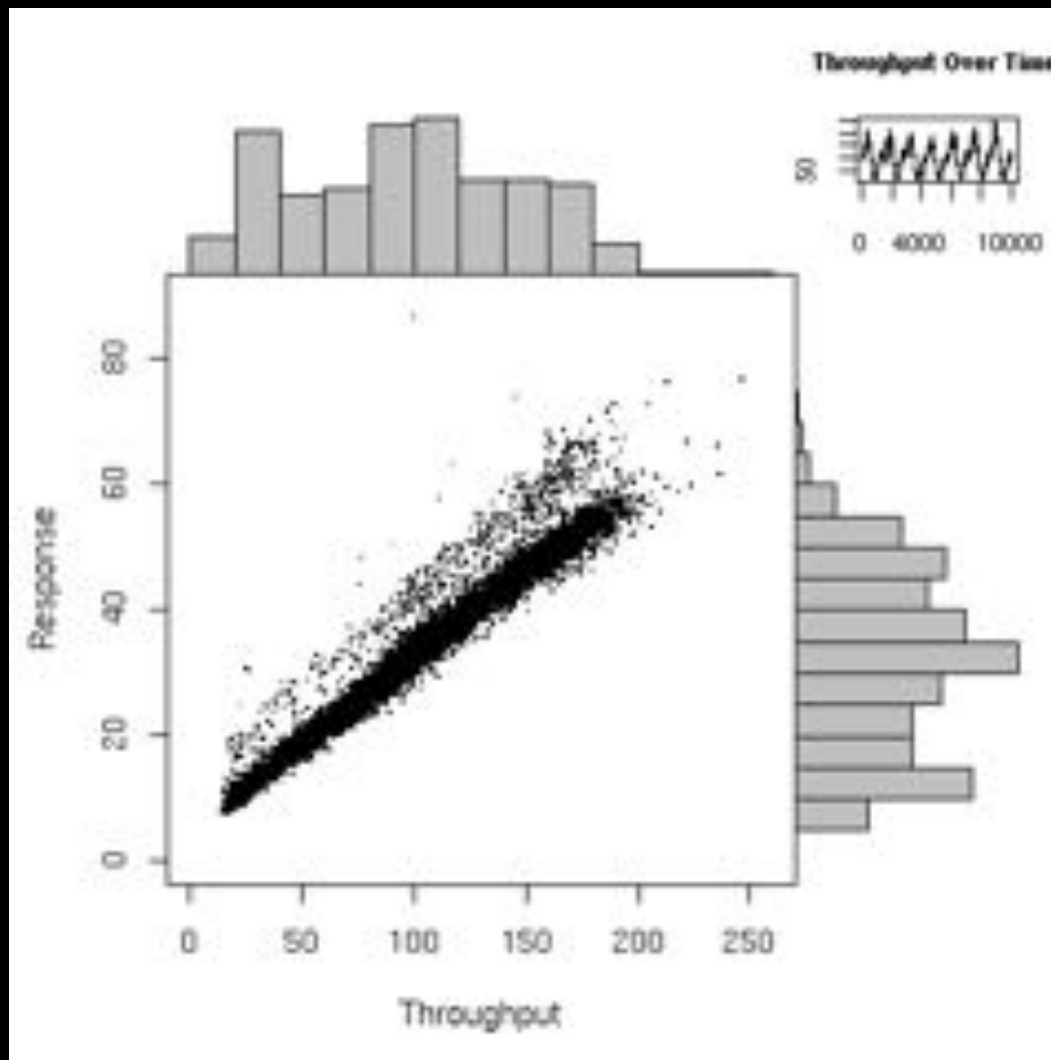
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  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
 1.909  2.550  2.820  3.086  3.214 67.680
> quantile(response,c(0.95,0.99))
   95%    99%
4.149556 6.922115
> sd(response)
 1.941328
> mean(response) + 2 * sd(response)
6.968416
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<https://github.com/adrianco/chp>



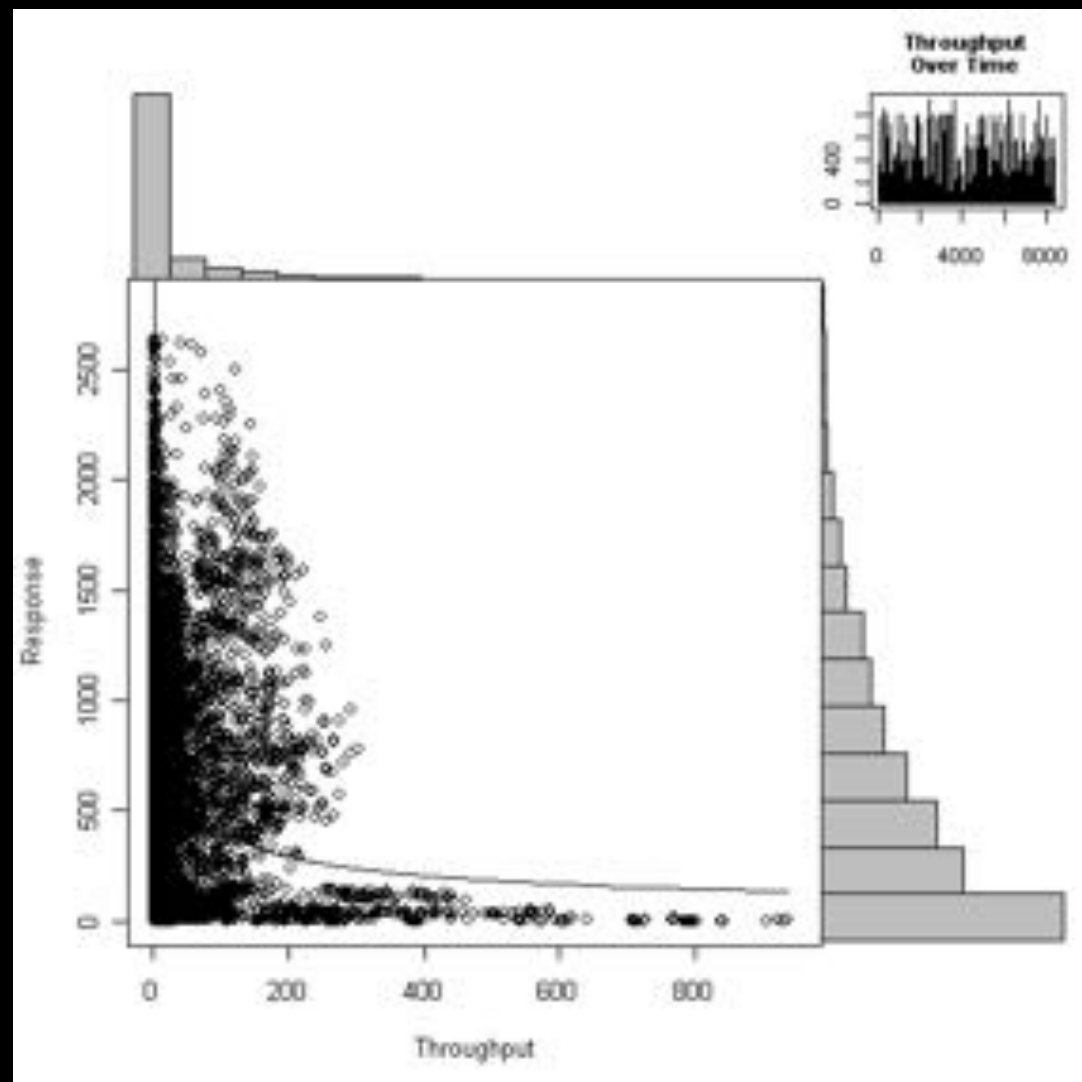


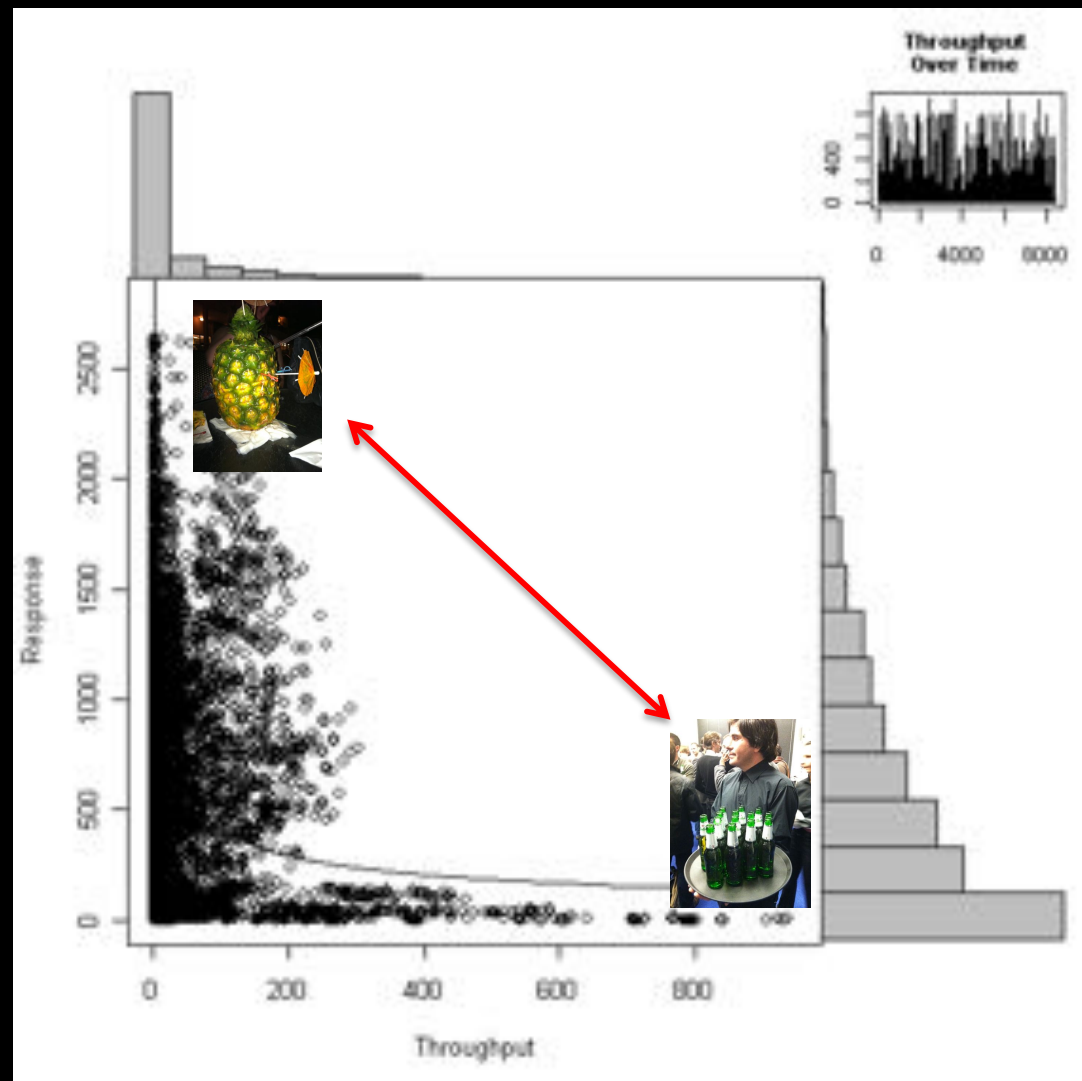




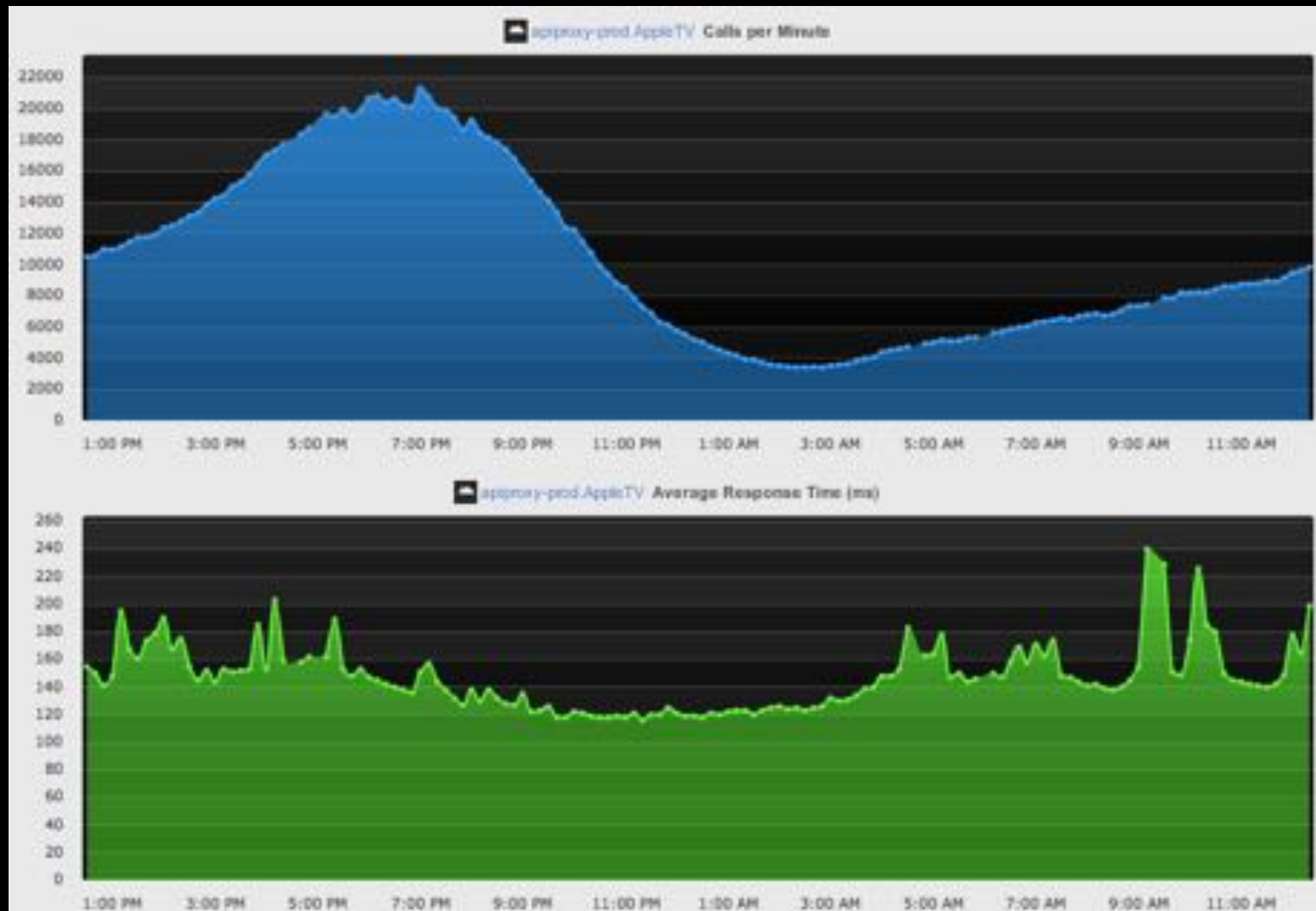


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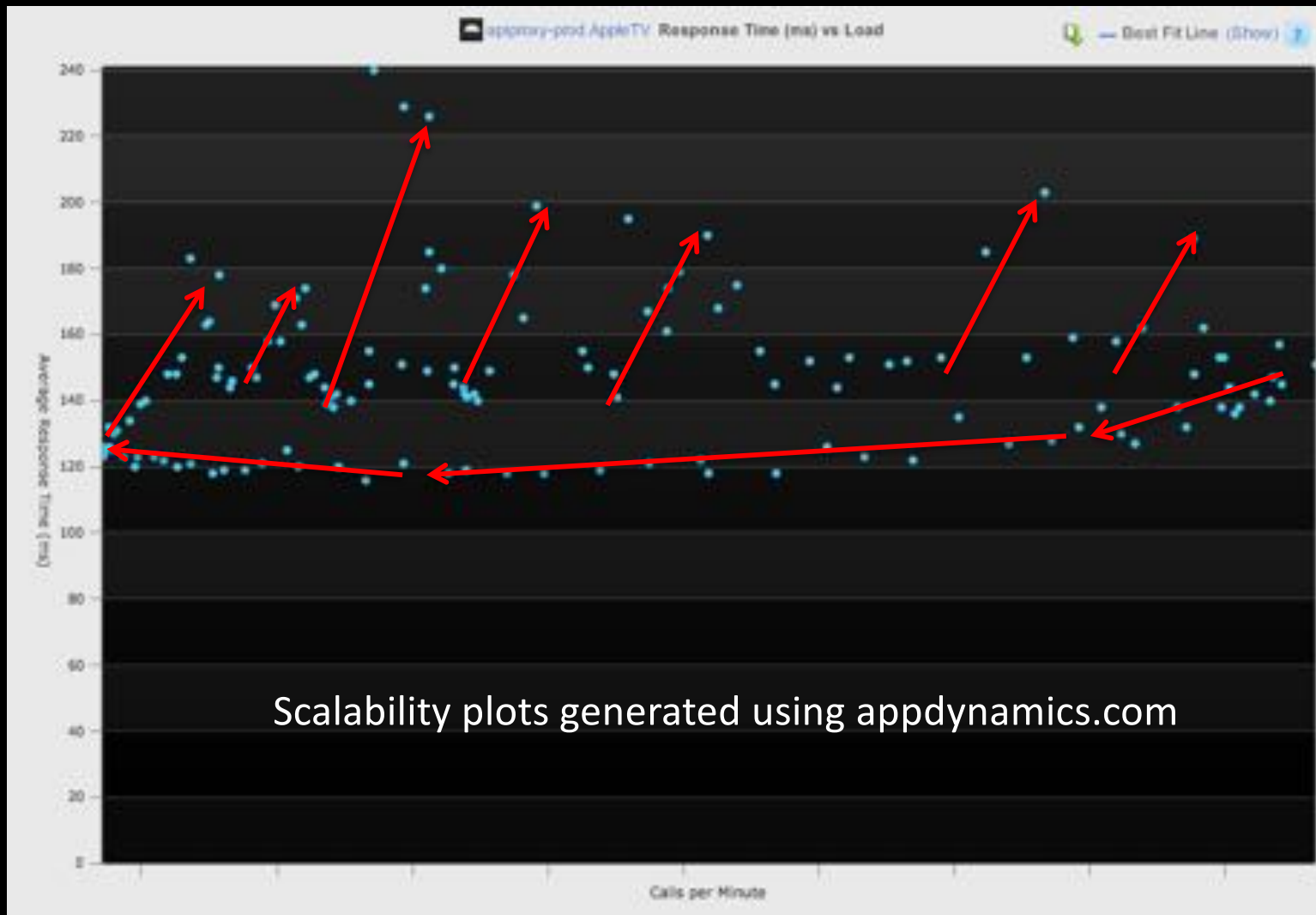




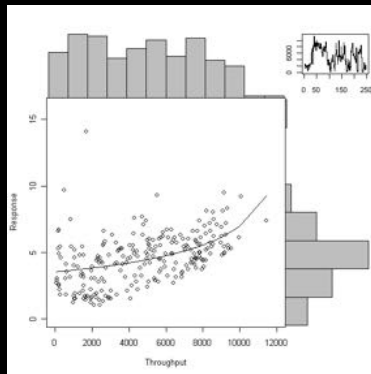




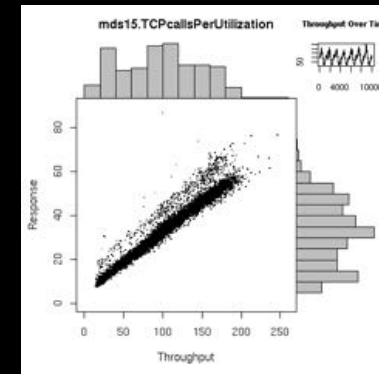




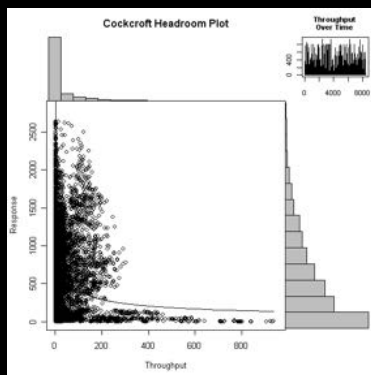
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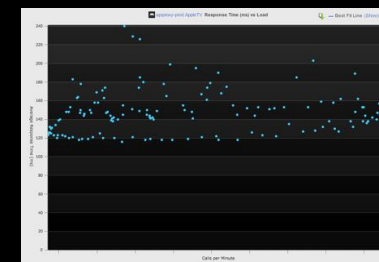
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Lock Contention



Oscillating, thread shortage



Looping autoscaled

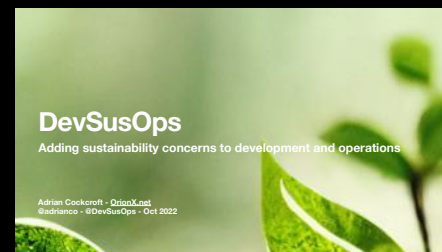
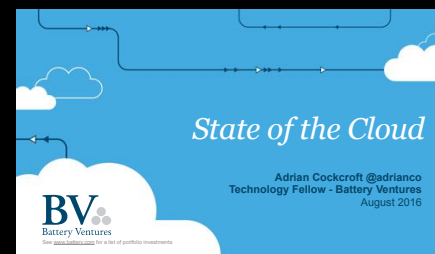
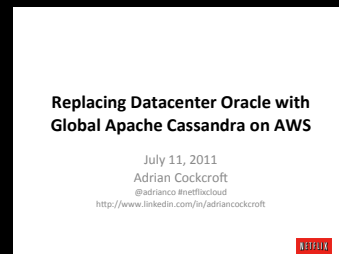
# Bottlenecks




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Cockcroft Headroom Plot



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# Adrian's Greatest Hits, B-Sides and Re-issues

Thanks! Any questions?

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