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Load testing

Other tests

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What are load tests?

Measure performance under normal or anticipated peak load conditions

- Example: Several concurrent users

Goal: Anticipate possible failures

- verify work load of some system

What can we test

- Web applications (Http/https)
- SOAP/REST Web Services
- FTP
- Databases (JDBC)
- LDAP
- Mail (SMTP, POP3, IMAP)
- Java Objects
- Etc.

Why should we do load tests?

- Anticipate performance problems
- Detect bottlenecks
- Prove quality attributes

Load testing tools

Gatling

Apache Jmeter ()

Locust.io (http://locust.io/)

Artillery.io ()

goReplay

Loader.io

BlazeMeter

Blitz …

Step by step guide:

https://github.com/pglez82/asw2122_0/tree/master/webapp#load-testing-gatling

Gatling

Written in Scala
JVM compatible
Embedded DSL for testing
Easy to use
Light

Download & installation

http://gatling.io

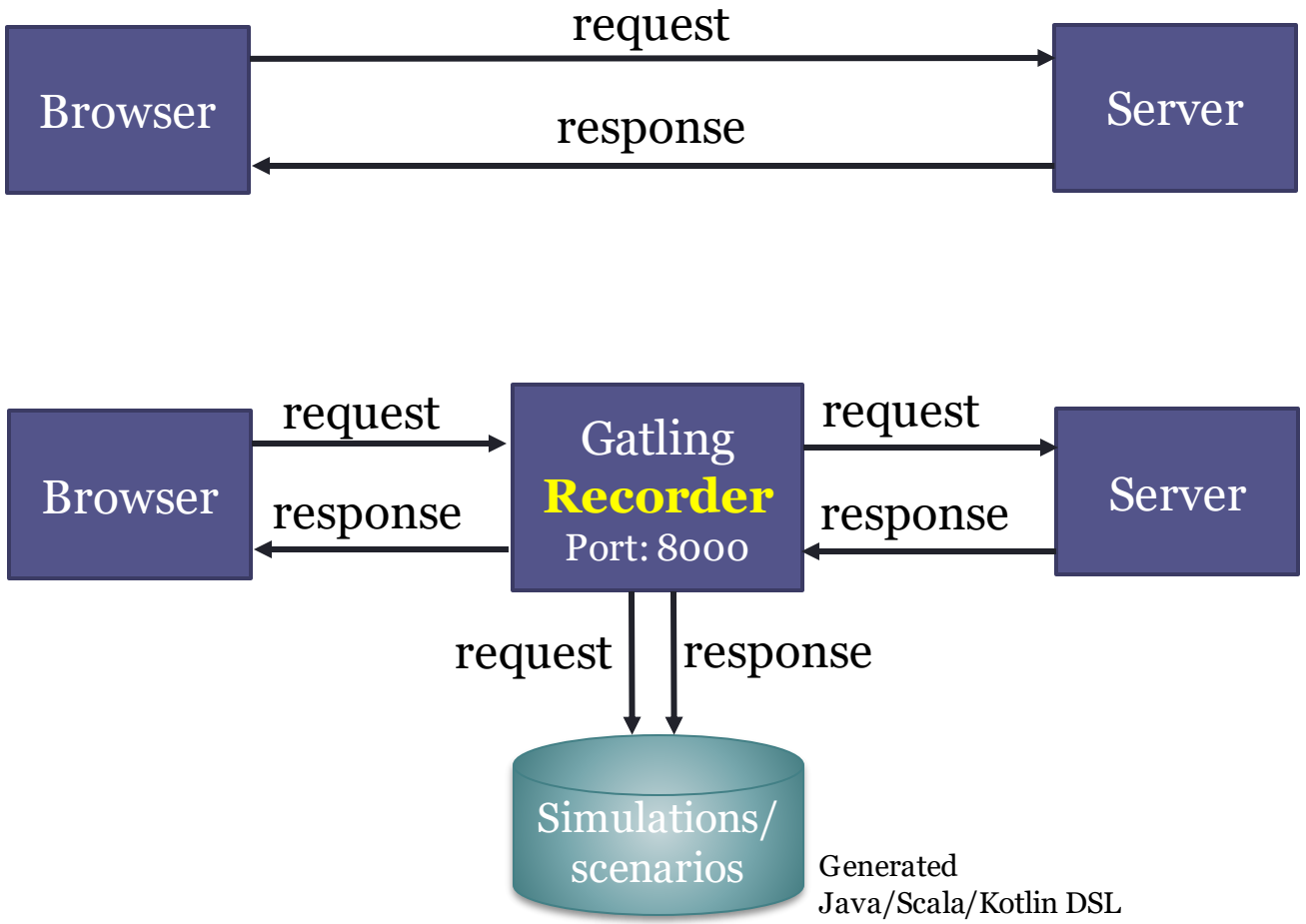
It needs Java 8 installed

2 scripts:

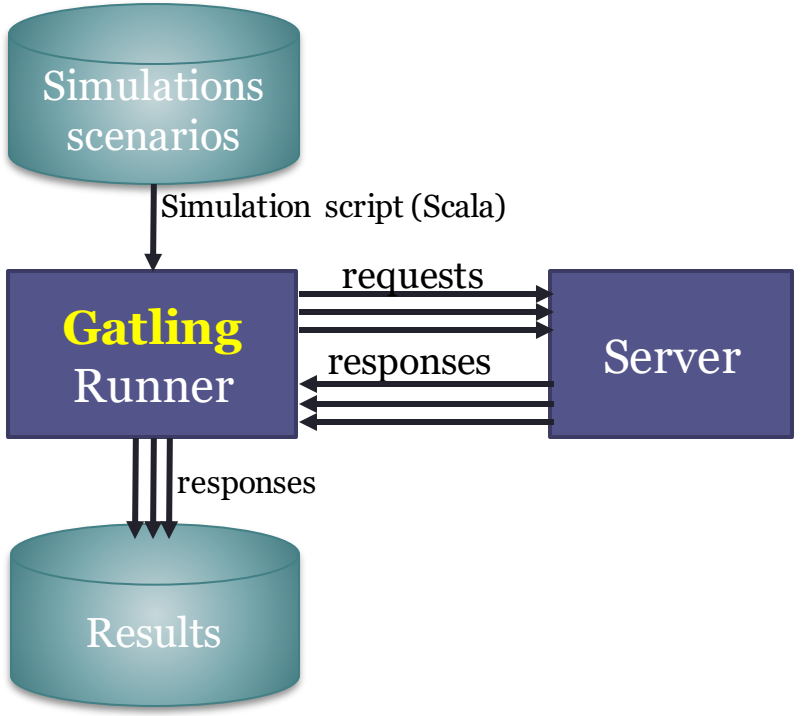
Recorder.sh/Recorder.bat

Gatling.sh/Gatling.bat

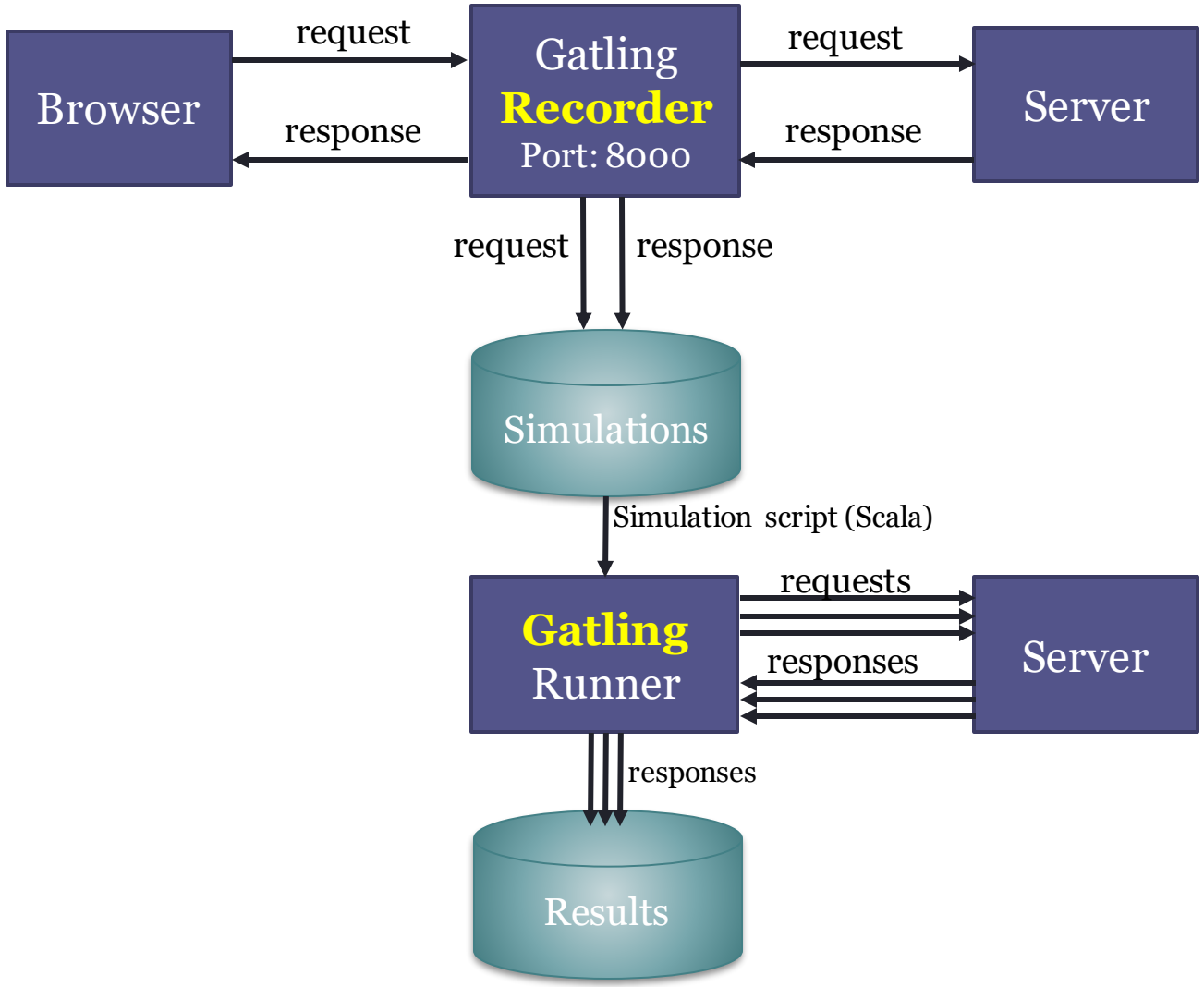
Gatling recorder



Gatling runner



Workflow


Browser
request
response
Gatling
Recorder
Port: 8000
request
response
Server
request
response
Simulations
Simulation script (Scala)
Gatling
Runner
requests
responses
Server
responses
Results

Gatling: Recorder

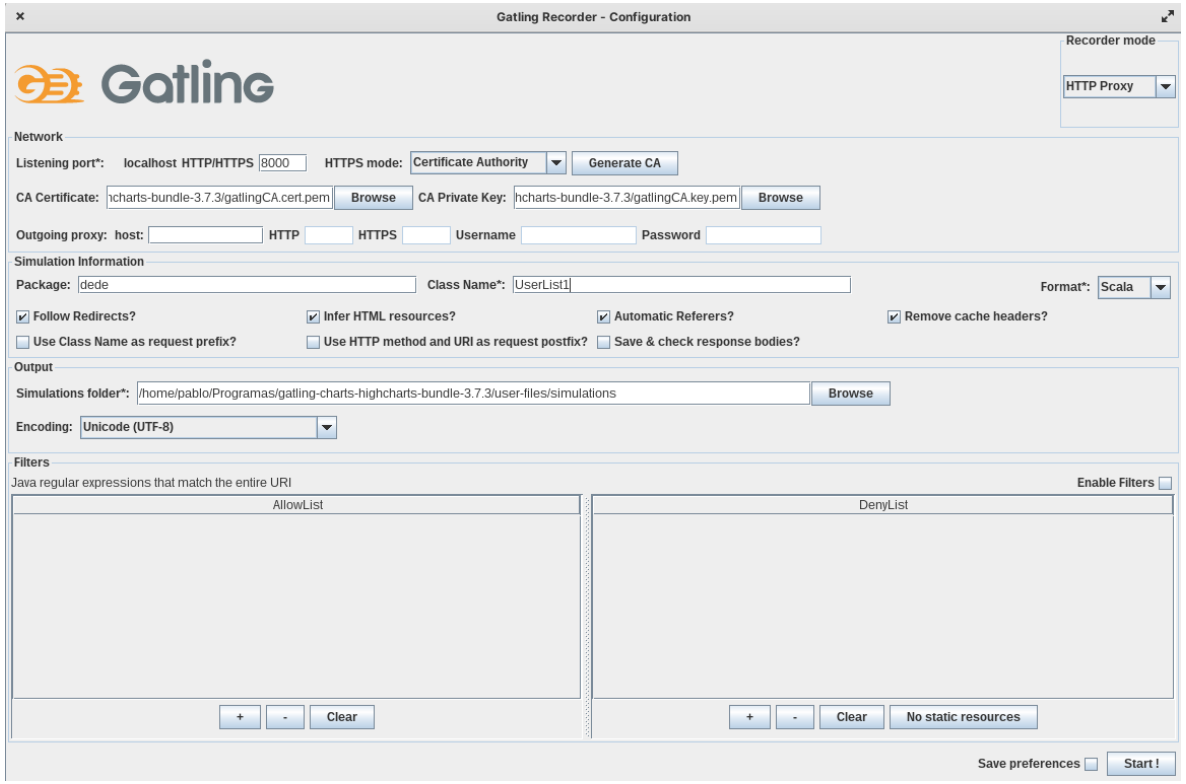
Test case: Wiq

Launch recorder

```
pablo@ZenBookUX431DA:~/Programas/gatling-charts-highcharts-bundle-3.9.3/bin$ ./recorder.sh
GATLING_HOME is set to /home/pablo/Programas/gatling-charts-highcharts-bundle-3.9.3
```

Recorder setup

- Generate the certificates
- Import the certificate to Firefox
- Configure the port
- Other configuration:
  1. Package: packagename
  2. Name: SimulationName
  3. Follow Redirects ✅
  4. Automatic Referers ✅
  5. Strategy: Black list first
  6. Blacklist: .*\.css, .*\.js, etc



Configure Proxy

`localhost:8000`

For all addresses, included localhost

In case of HTTPS, the certificate must be configured

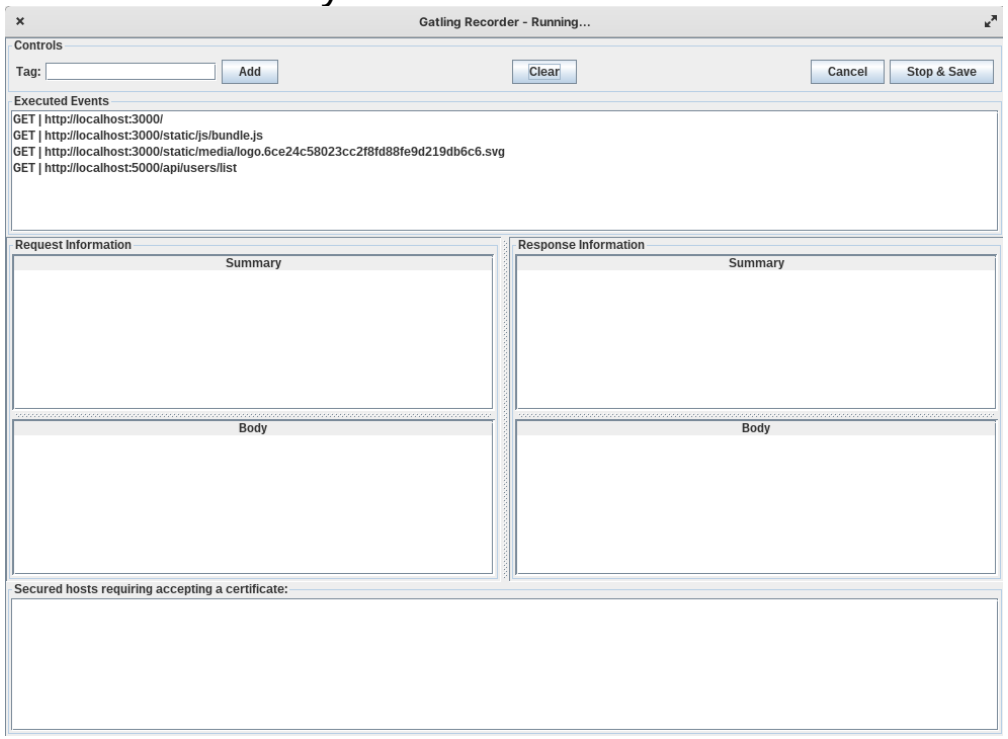
For localhost in Firefox, set:
`network.proxy.allow_hijacking_localhost` to true in `about:config`

Gatling: Recorder

Browser > Web Proxy > localhost:8000

Recorder: Start

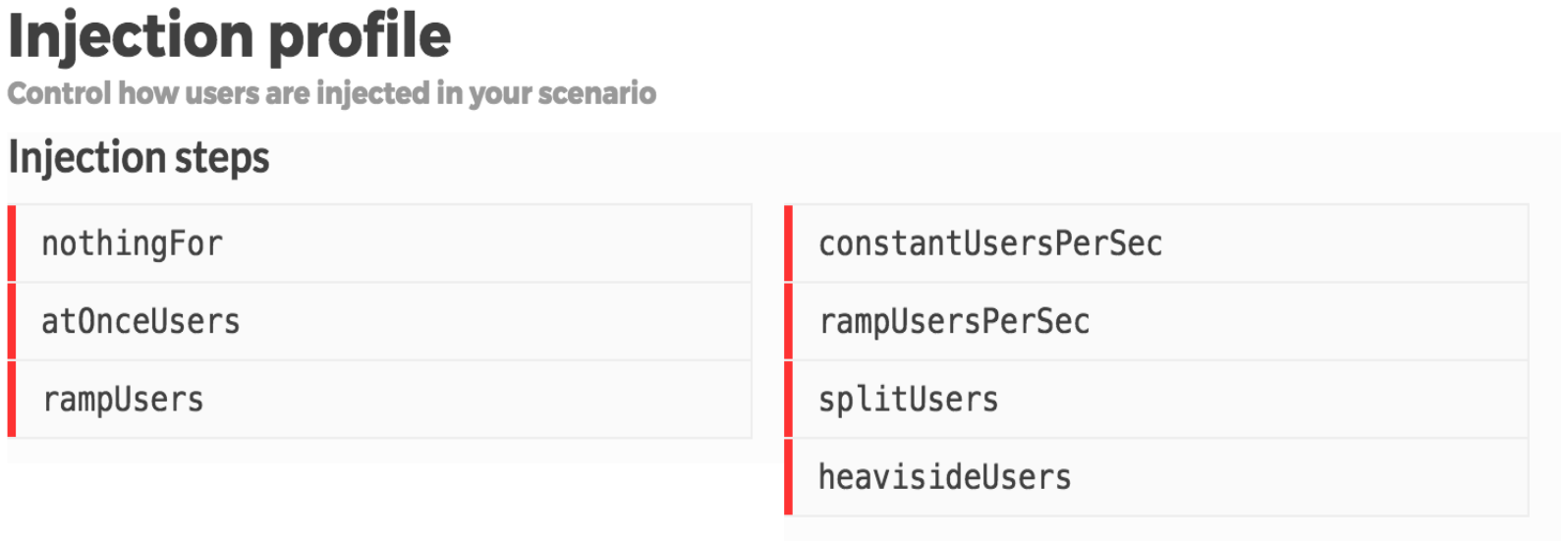
- After starting, open the website and perform the actions that you want to be part of the test
- After finishing press Stop
- Actions will be recorded in **Scala** language
- The simulation will be saved under the directory *user-files/simulations*



Simulation Example

- In this case we only have loaded the main page of the application and added one user
- Note the last line of the test, we can adjust the load here
- Obviously, tests can be much more complicated, performing multiple actions in the system

How-to configure the number of users…



https://gatling.io/docs/gatling/reference/current/core/injection/

2 users per second during 60 seconds

- 120 users arriving at the rate of 2 users/second
- They execute a given script

```
. . .
setUp(
   scn.injectOpen(constantUsersPerSec(2) during (60 seconds)  randomized)
).protocols(httpProtocol)
```

Triggering Gatling

Run script: `gatling.sh/.bat`

- choose the class with the previous script
- Configure ID and description

In the execution we can see the textual progress

At the end, an HTML file is generated

- It contains graphical load test analysis

Triggering Gatling

Run Gatling (/bin/gatling.sh) and choose the scenario

```
pablo@ZenBookUX431DAUM431DAddc5ed2c:~/Programas/gatling-charts-highcharts-bundle-3.7.3/bin$ ./gatling.sh
GATLING_HOME is set to /home/pablo/Programas/gatling-charts-highcharts-bundle-3.7.3
Choose a simulation number:
     [0] computerdatabase.BasicSimulation
     [1] computerdatabase.advanced.AdvancedSimulationStep01
     [2] computerdatabase.advanced.AdvancedSimulationStep02
     [3] computerdatabase.advanced.AdvancedSimulationStep03
     [4] computerdatabase.advanced.AdvancedSimulationStep04
     [5] computerdatabase.advanced.AdvancedSimulationStep05
     [6] dede.UserList1
```

Simulation output

```
================================================================================
2022-04-13 15:26:34                                           19s elapsed
---- Requests ------------------------------------------------------------------
> Global                                                   (OK=315    KO=0     )
> request_0                                                (OK=45     KO=0     )
> request_3                                                (OK=45     KO=0     )
> request_1                                                (OK=45     KO=0     )
> request_2                                                (OK=45     KO=0     )
> request_4                                                (OK=45     KO=0     )
> request_5                                                (OK=45     KO=0     )
> request_6                                                (OK=45     KO=0     )

---- UserList1 -----------------------------------------------------------------
[##########################################################################]100%
          waiting: 0      / active: 0      / done: 45
================================================================================
```

Gatling: Reports

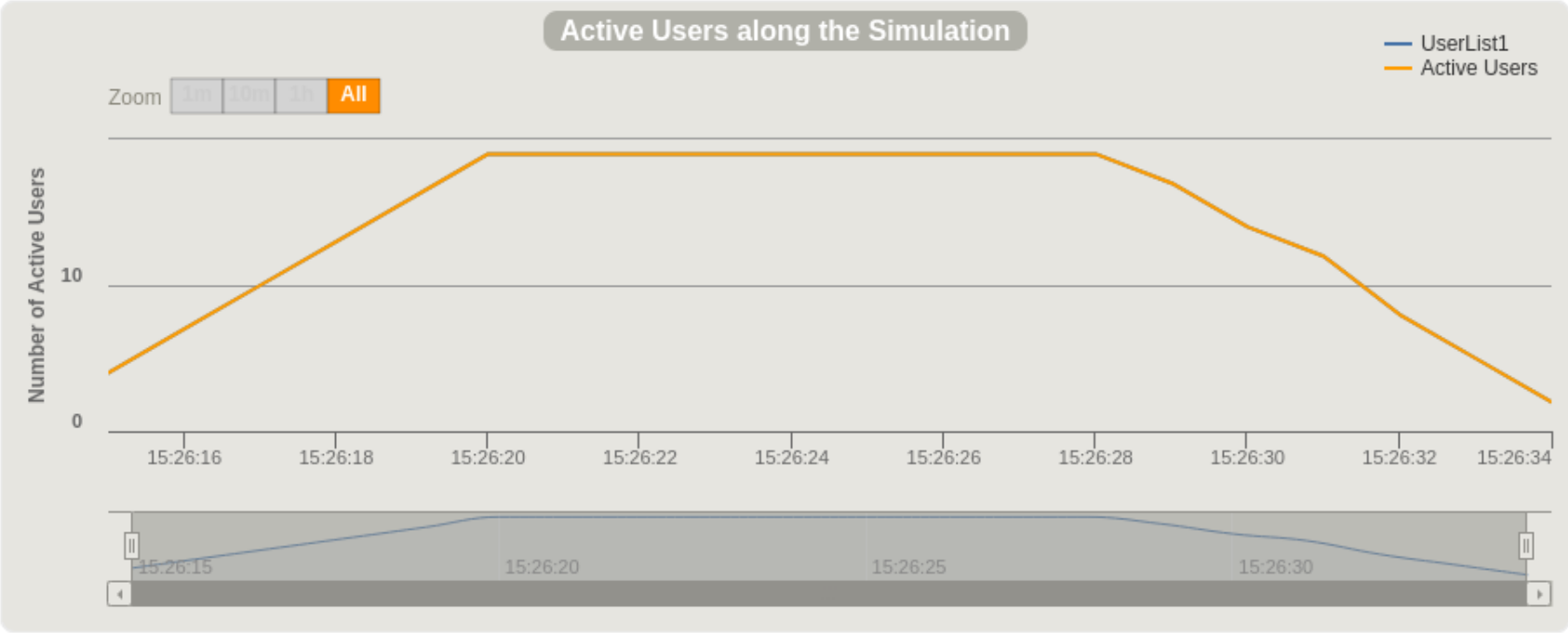
Two types of reports are generated:

- A text report in the console

```
================================================================================
---- Global Information --------------------------------------------------------
> request count                                        315 (OK=315    KO=0     )
> min response time                                      1 (OK=1      KO=-     )
> max response time                                     20 (OK=20     KO=-     )
> mean response time                                     4 (OK=4      KO=-     )
> std deviation                                          2 (OK=2      KO=-     )
> response time 50th percentile                          3 (OK=3      KO=-     )
> response time 75th percentile                          5 (OK=5      KO=-     )
> response time 95th percentile                          7 (OK=7      KO=-     )
> response time 99th percentile                         10 (OK=10     KO=-     )
> mean requests/sec                                 15.75 (OK=15.75  KO=-     )
---- Response Time Distribution ------------------------------------------------
> t < 800 ms                                           315 (100%)
> 800 ms < t < 1200 ms                                   0 (  0%)
> t > 1200 ms                                            0 (  0%)
> failed                                                 0 (  0%)
================================================================================
```

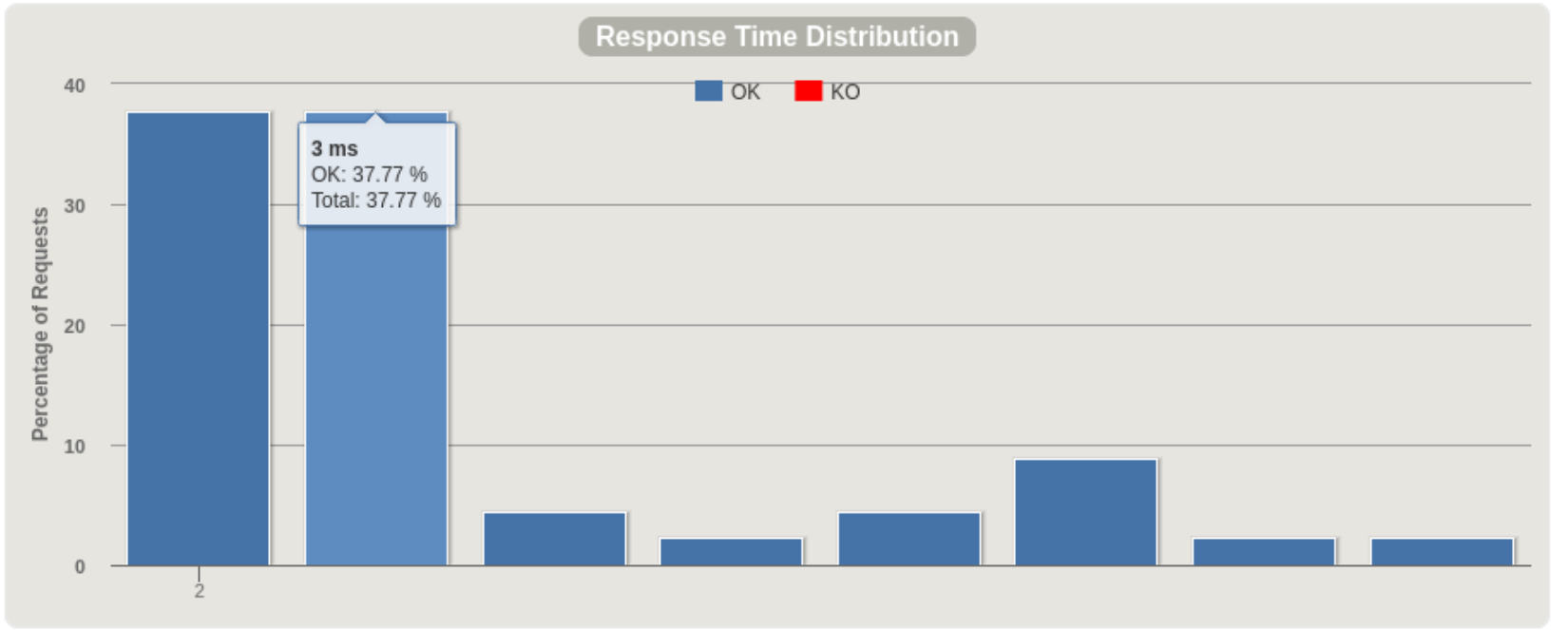
Gatling: Reports

- HTML (and more detailed) report:



Active Users along the Simulation

It displays the number of active users (sending requests and receiving responses) along the simulation time. This measure can be related to others such as response times and number of requests.



Response Time Distribution

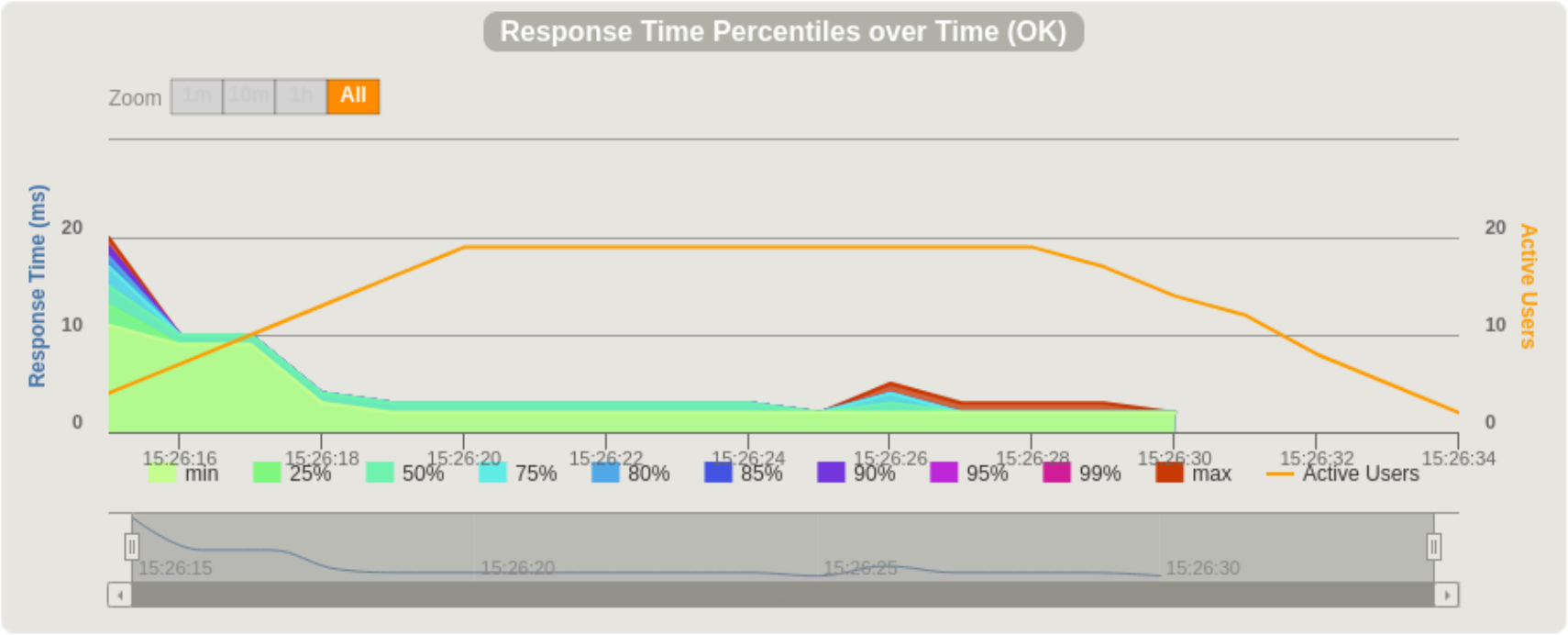
This chart shows you the percentage of all requests made during your test run on the Y axis.

It will include both successes and failures.

All of the Y values should add up to 100%.

The response time (the time it takes to request the page and send data back to the server to acknowledge you received it) is on the x axis.

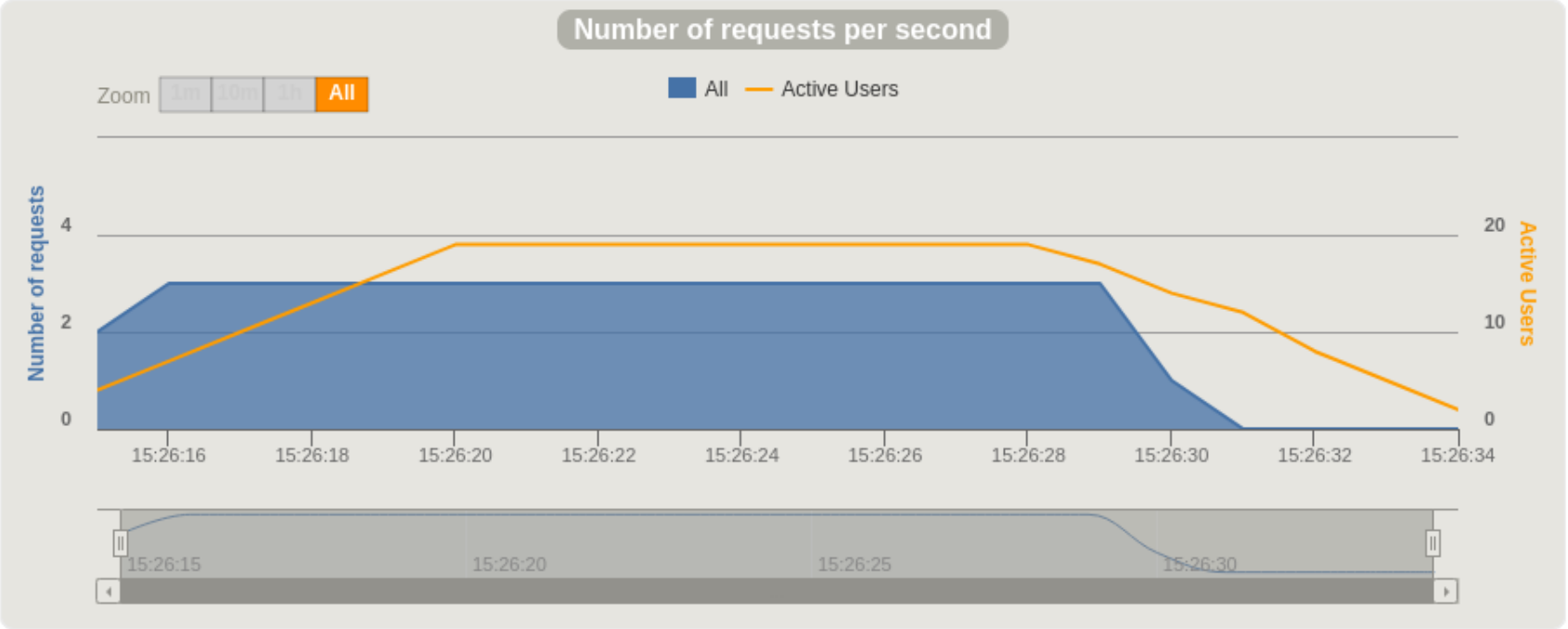
As you increase load on the server, you should see the data on this chart move farther to the right (response times will get slower).



Response Time Percentiles over Time

This is similar to Response Time Distribution, but it shows you the data over a longer period of time to assess how your system behaves when under a sustained load.

For example, 200 users accessing various web pages over the course of 5 minutes.



Requests/responses per second

The number of times you make a request for a resource from the server per second.

For example, if you simulate 200 users accessing one file on a server all at the same time once a second, you'll have 200 requests/responses per second.

Gatling concepts & DSL

- Simulation: Description of a load test
  - Defines method `setUp`
  - Scenario: Represents users' behaviours
    - It is possible to inject users to scenarios
      - Several possibilities:
        - nothingFor
        - atOnceUsers
        - rampUsers
        - constantUsersPerSec
        - ...
  - Protocols: set protocol definitions (usually http)
  - Assertions: Verify some statistics
    - Can be used for continuous integration

Other tests

Usability

Allow to determine if a given application is easy to use. They assess users´ experience before (formative) and after (summative) the release of a given software.

Among the measures they can provide:

- Ease of learning and memorising
- Precision and completeness
- Efficiency and productivity (time spent to perform a task)
- Errors
- Satisfaction
- Accessibility

Testing techniques include observation, benchmarking, surveys, interviews, questionnaires, eye-tracking..

Other tests

Security

Allow measuring the level of security.
Ethical Hacking
Vulnerability reports and possible solutions

Open source: Wapiti, Zed Attack Proxy, Vega, W3af, Skipfish, Ratproxy, SQLMap, Wfuzz, Grendel-Scan, Arachni, Grabber.

Scalability, maintainability, portability..

Links

Gatling https://gatling.io/

The Art of Destroying Your Web App With Gatling
https://gatling.io/2018/03/07/the-art-of-destroying-your-web-app/

The Scala Programming Language
https://www.scala-lang.org/

Refactoring (Advanced Gatling-Scala)
https://gatling.io/docs/2.3/advanced_tutorial#advanced-tutorial
https://github.com/gatling/gatling/tree/master/gatling-bundle/src/main/scala/computerdatabase

Testing Node.Js Application with Gatling
https://blog.knoldus.com/testing-node-js-application-with-gatling/

Other tests

Types of software testing
https://www.softwaretestinghelp.com/types-of-software-testing/

Qué son: Pruebas de usabilidad (Andrea Cantú)
https://blog.acantu.com/que-son-pruebas-usabilidad/

An overview on usability testing & 6 tools to automate it
https://www.cubettech.com/blog/an-overview-on-usability-testing-6-tools-to-automate-it/

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