

# Latency Sensitive Microservices in Java

## Reliability through highly reproducible systems

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Most answers for Java and JVM on  
[stackoverflow.com](https://stackoverflow.com)

● memory

● file-io

● concurrency

● jvm

● string

● arrays

● performance

● multithreading

● java

## Typical Solutions

Market data processing and distribution

Order generation and management

Position notification and distribution

Real time Compliance

30 micro-seconds typical,

100 micro-seconds, 99% of the time

Reliability means

Correct behaviour or die



128 KB RAM



# To go faster, do less

Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

# To go faster use private data

Micro-services do something simple  
with privately held data.

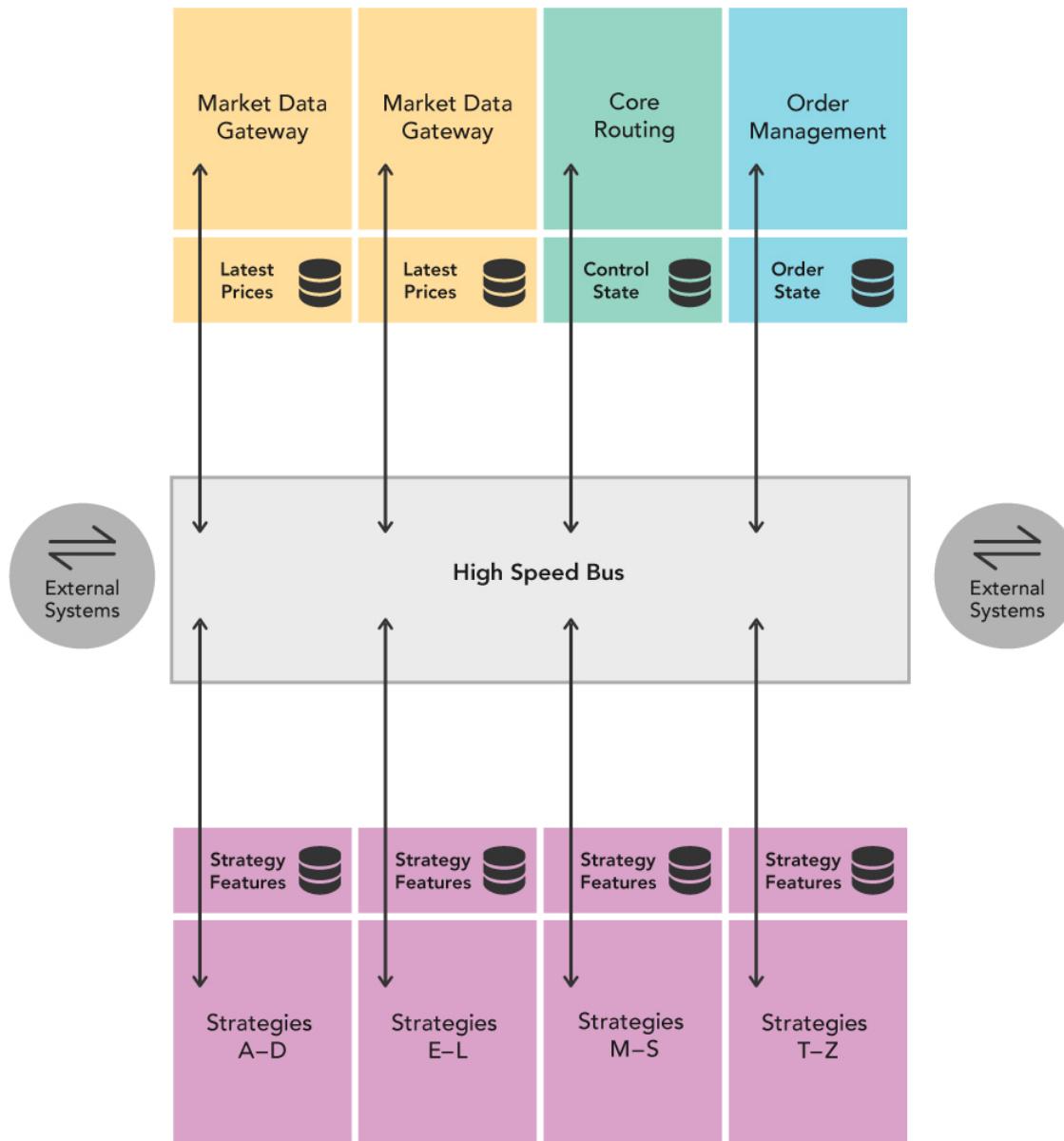
Cache	Size	Clock Cycles	Private
L1 Instruction	32 KB	3	Yes
L1 Data	32 KB	3	Yes
L2 Cache	256 KB	10	Yes
L3 Cache	1 MB – 48 MB	40 - 70	NO

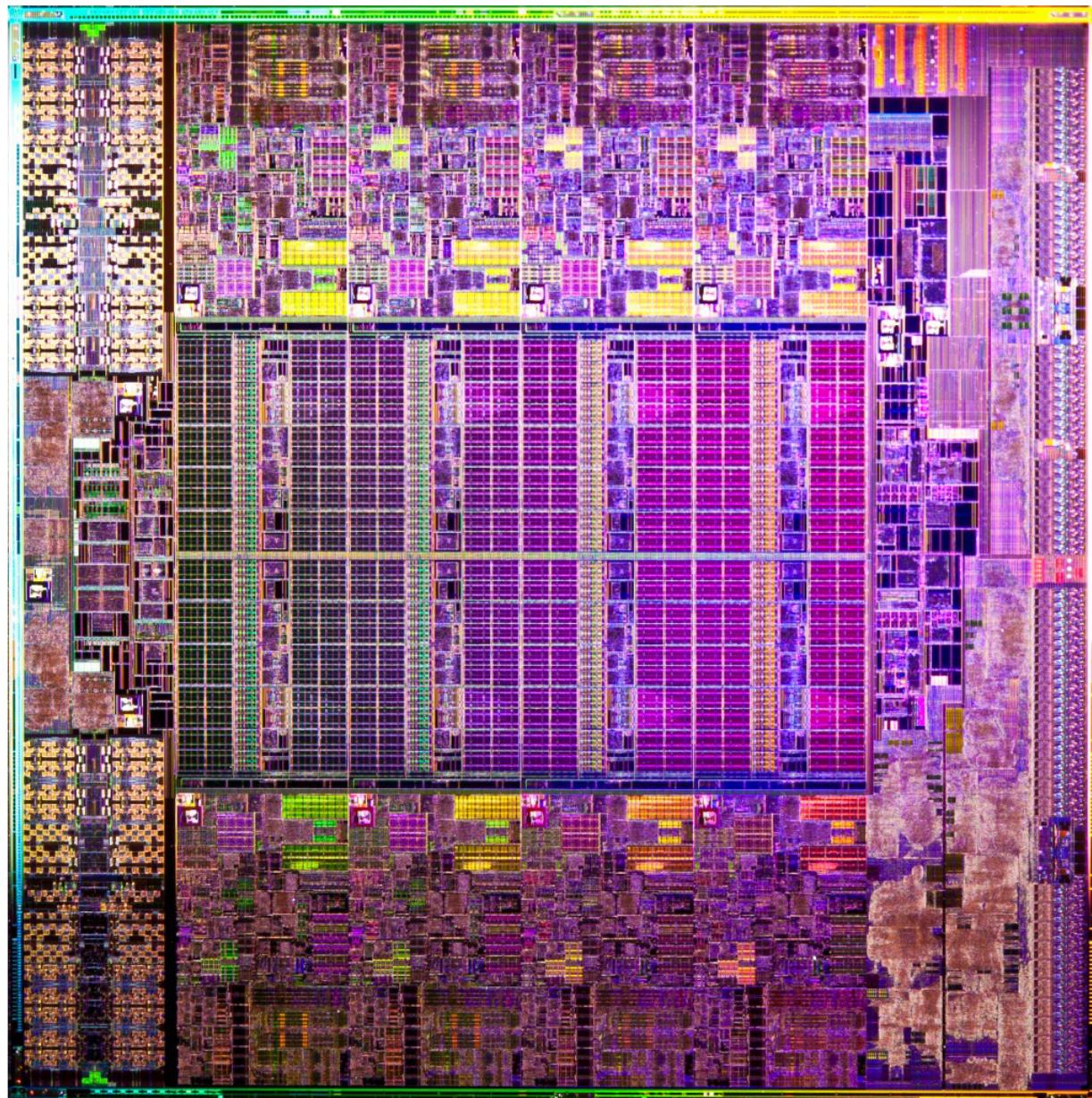
# A Computer is a Distributed System.

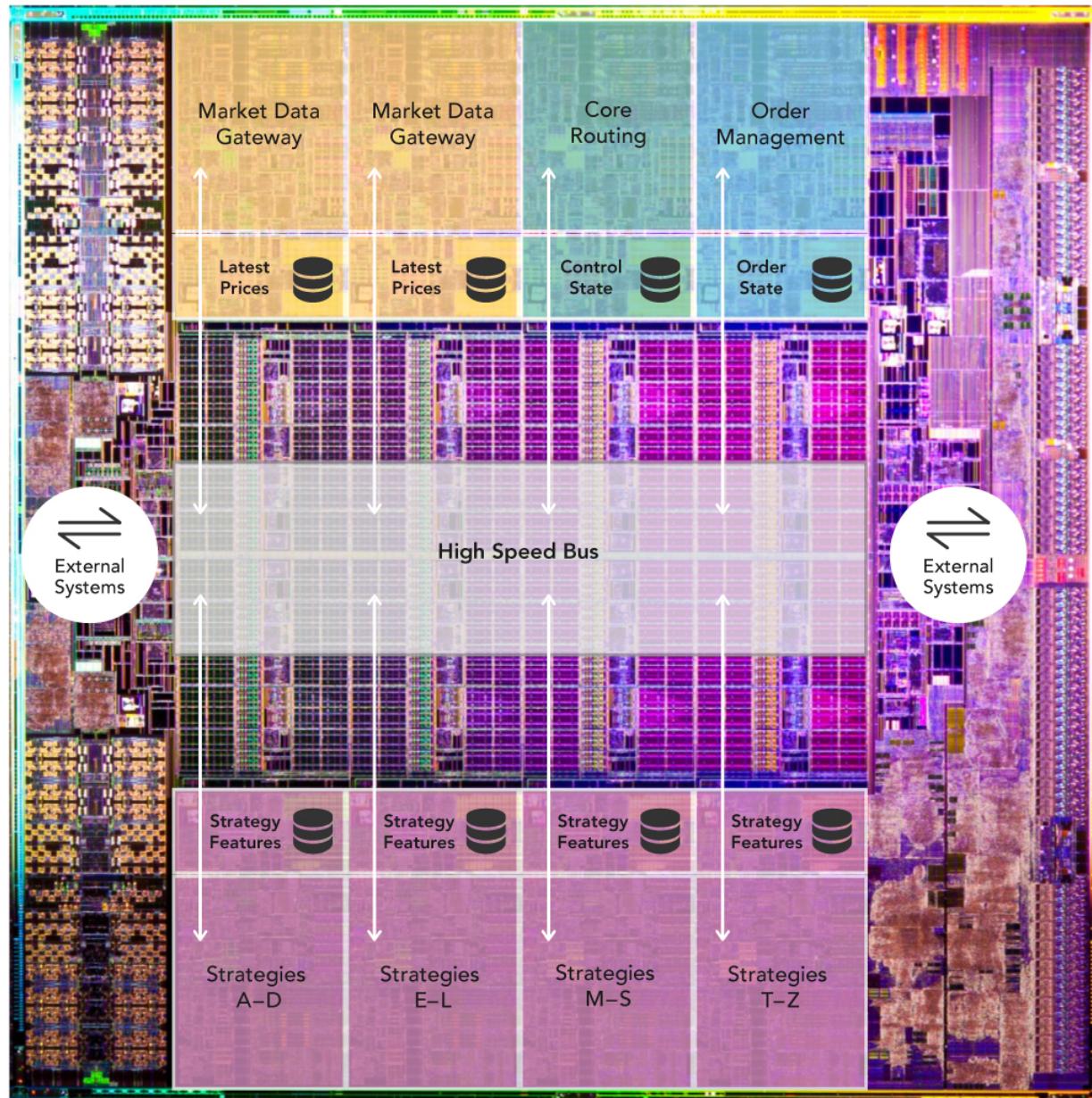
When you are considering short time scales of 10 microseconds or less, you have to consider that each core as a processor of it's own.

Each core

- has it's own memory (L1 & L2 caches)
- can run independently
- communicates with other cores via a L2 cache coherence bus.



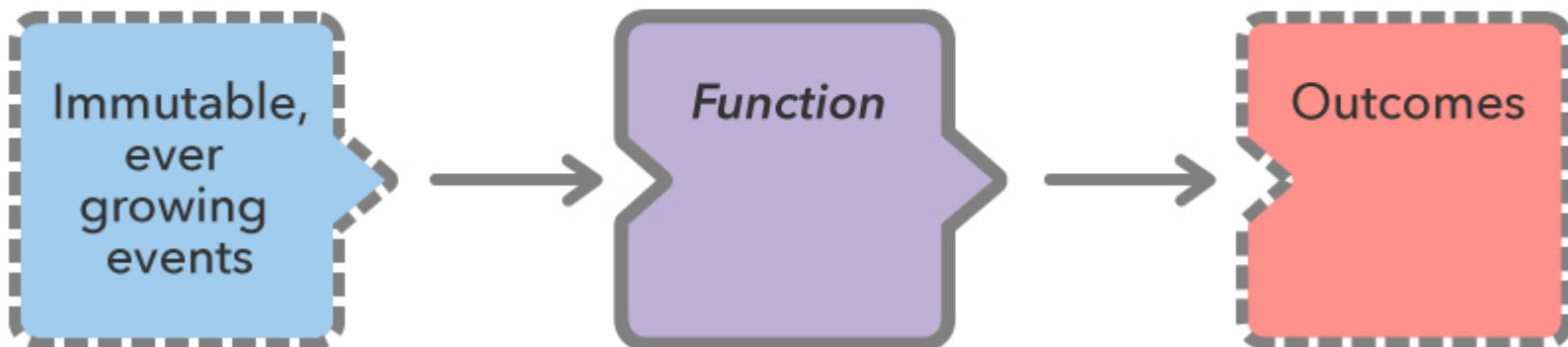




# Building highly reproducible systems

Each output is the result of one input message.  
This is useful for gateways, both in and out of your system. Highly concurrent.

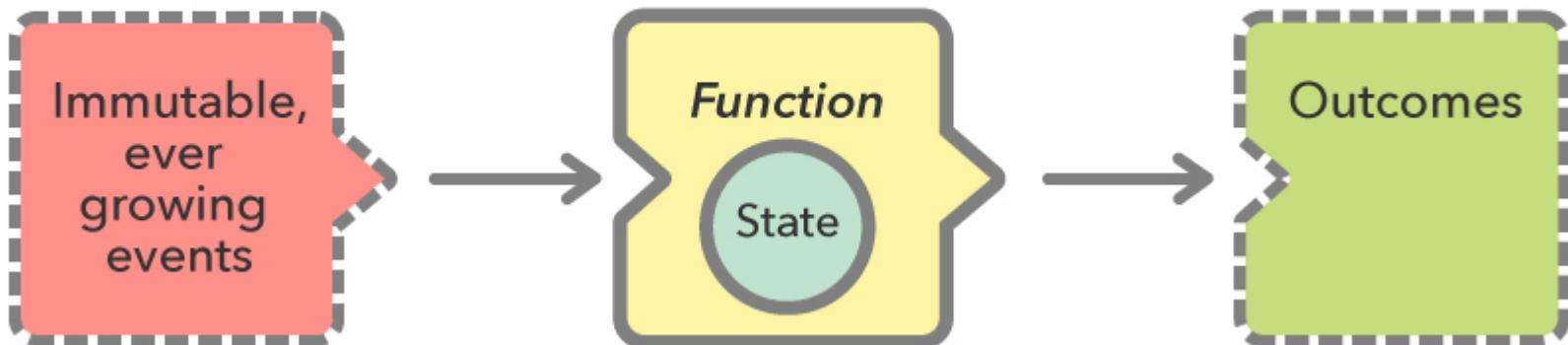
## Lambda Architecture



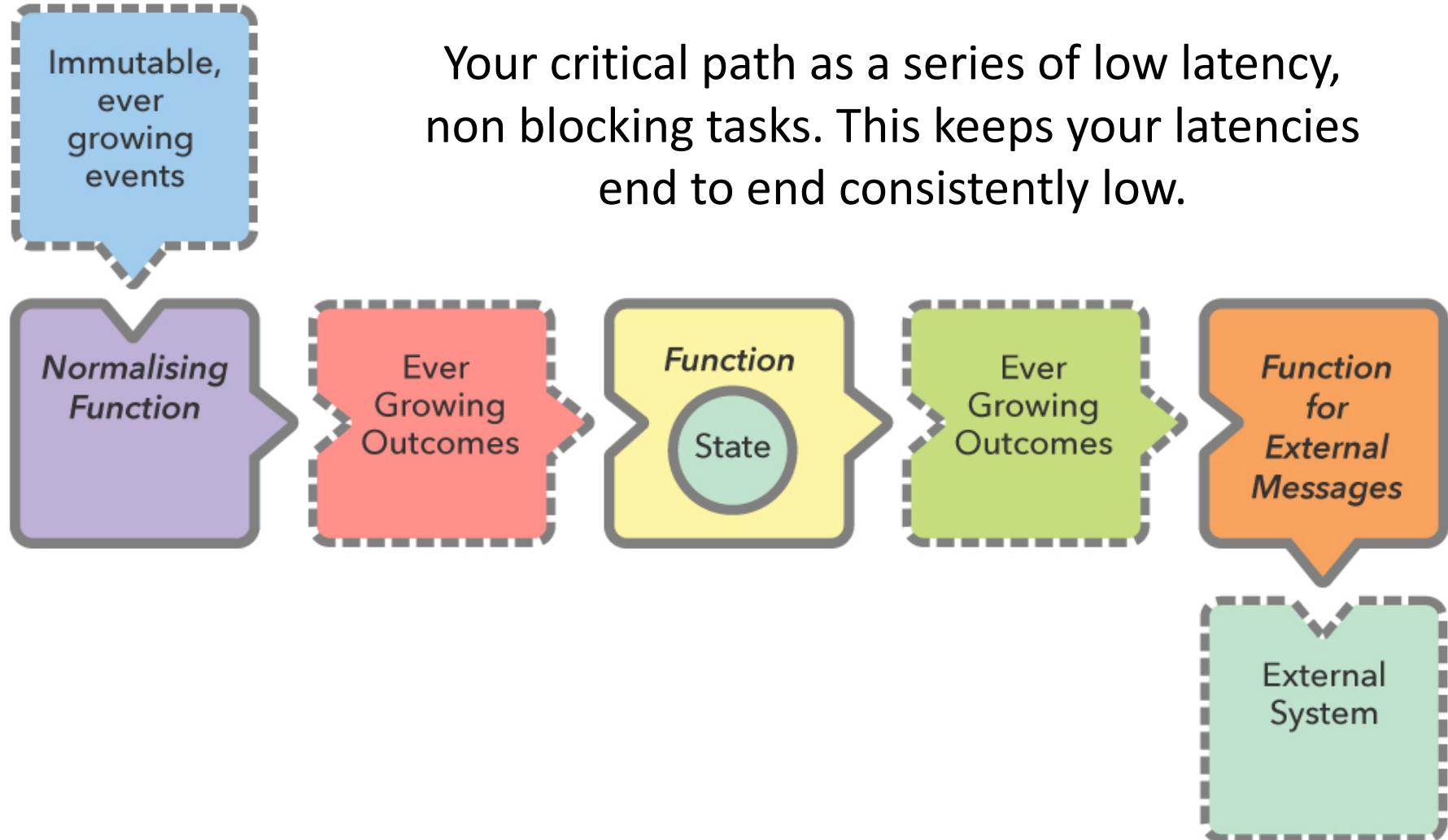
# Building highly reproducible systems

Each output is the result of ALL the inputs. Instead of replying ALL input message each time, the Function could save an accumulated state.

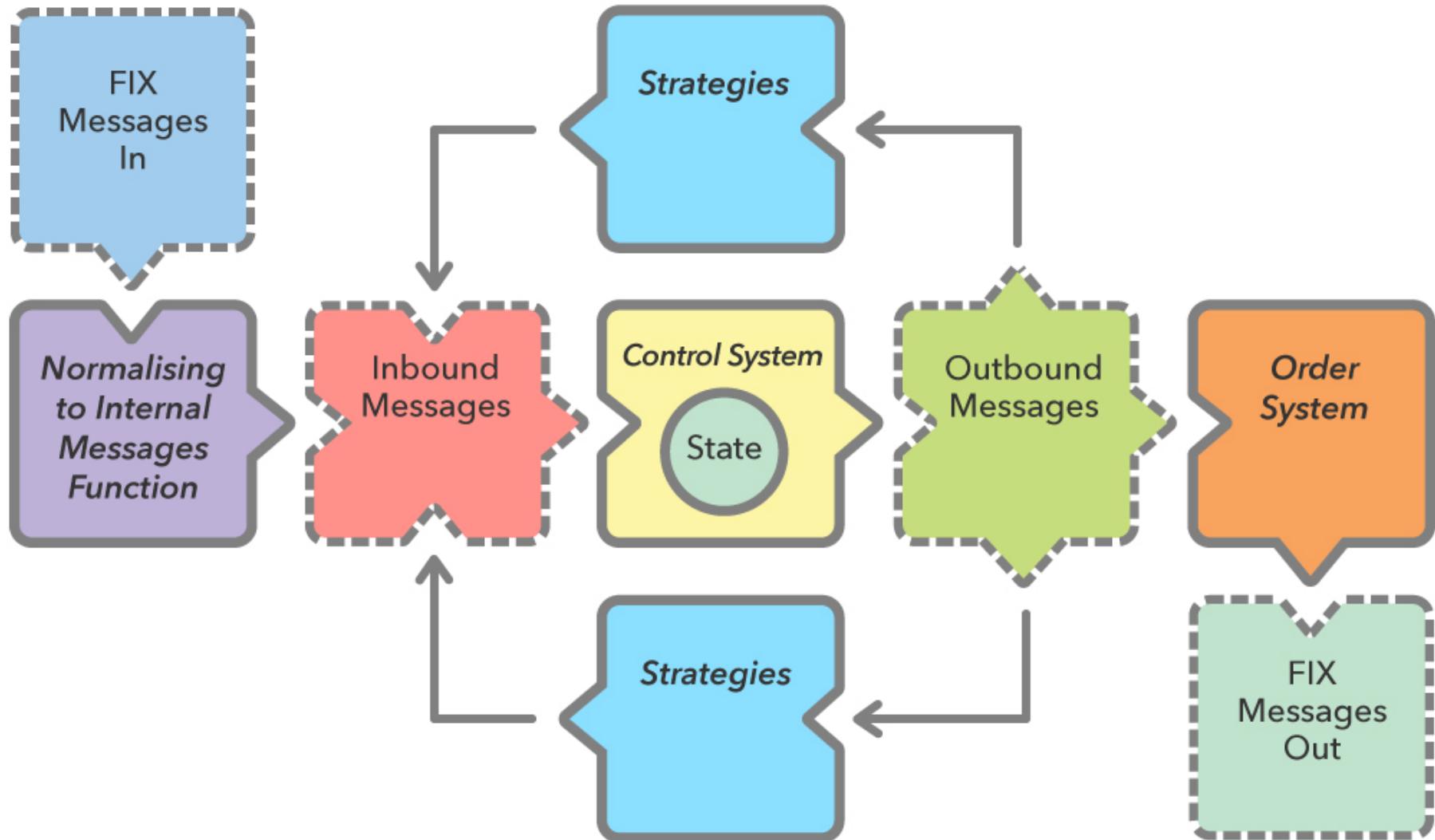
## Lambda Architecture with Private State



## Lambda Architecture Services Chained



# Lambda Architecture Services with Feedback



# Record everything means

Greater Transparency

High Reproducibility

Faster time to fix

Faster delivery of a quality system

# Is recording everything realist?

Cost?

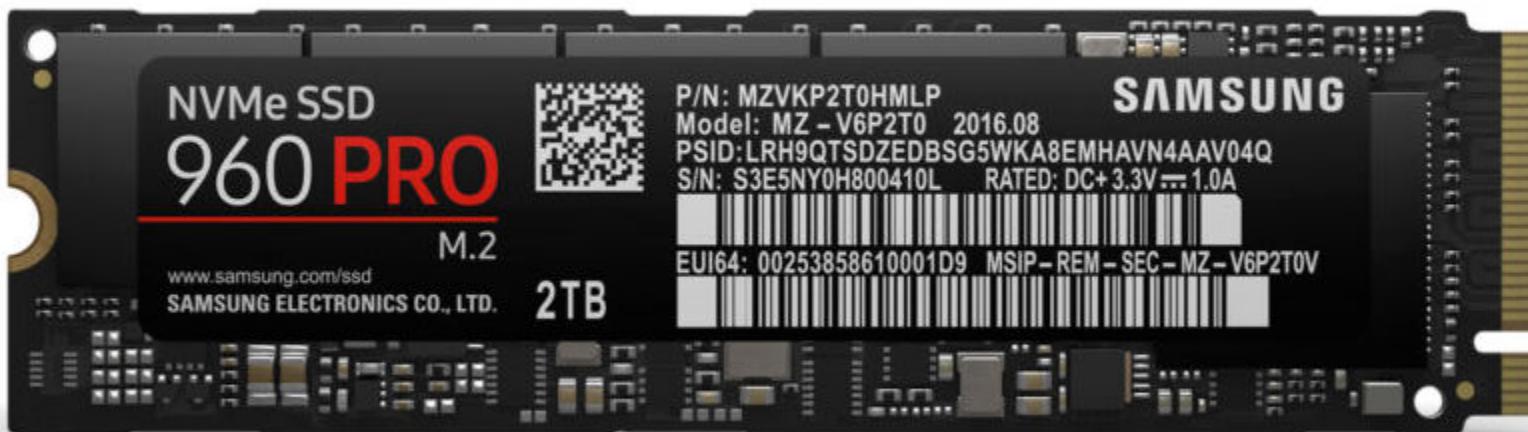
Performance?

TBs in Java?

Flow Control?

# How much does record everything cost

2 TB SSD ~ £1K



# Scale to high volumes with less memory

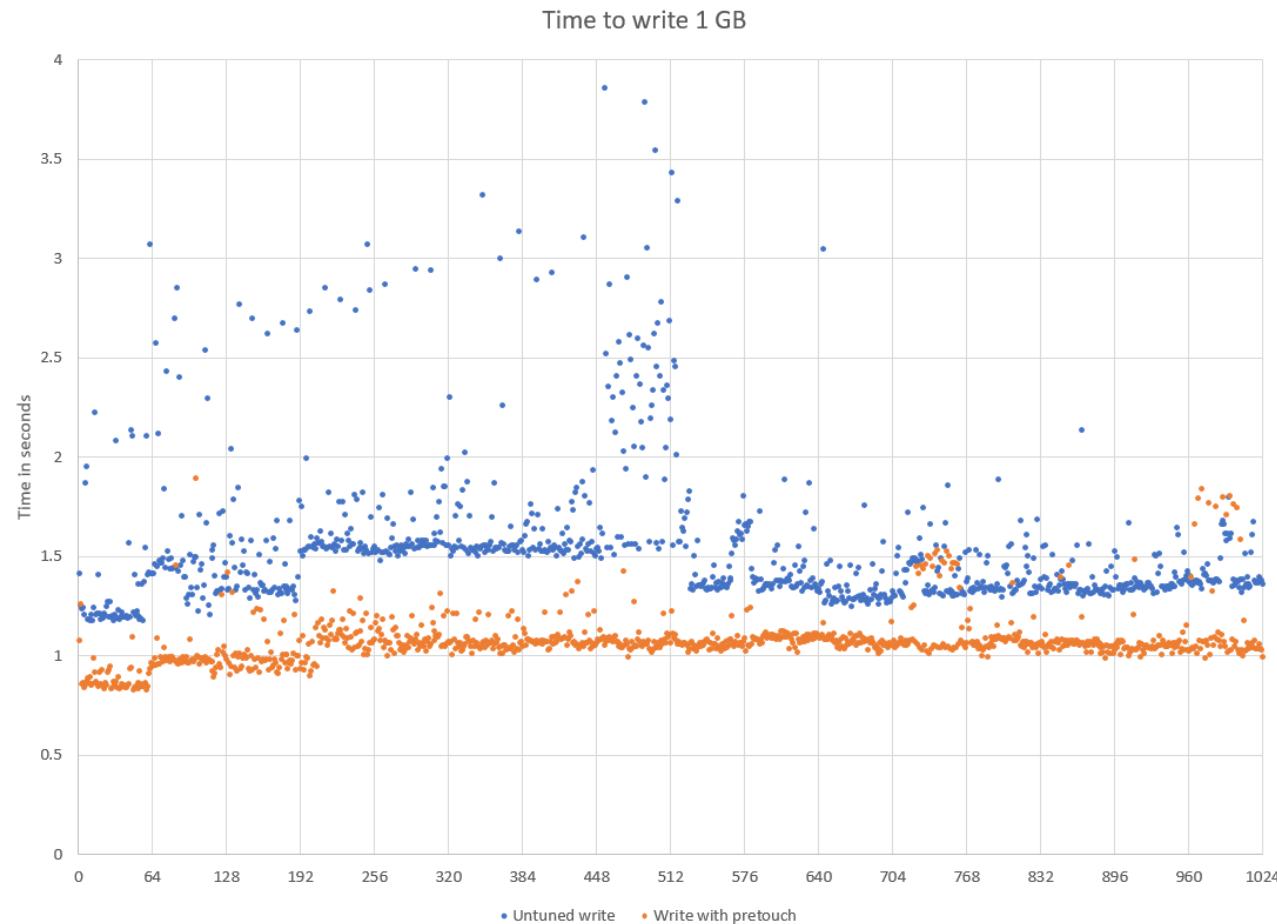
## Writing 1 TB on a 128 GB machine

```
peter@dev: ~/OpenHFT
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
top - 21:35:50 up 10 days, 8:36, 1 user, load average: 1.59, 1.41, 1.37
Tasks: 461 total, 2 running, 459 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s): 0.3 us, 0.8 sy, 0.0 ni, 95.6 id, 3.3 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st
KiB Mem : 13197886+total, 581356 free, 6704844 used, 12469267+buff/cache
KiB Swap: 32986214+total, 32986214+free, 0 used. 12377192+avail Mem

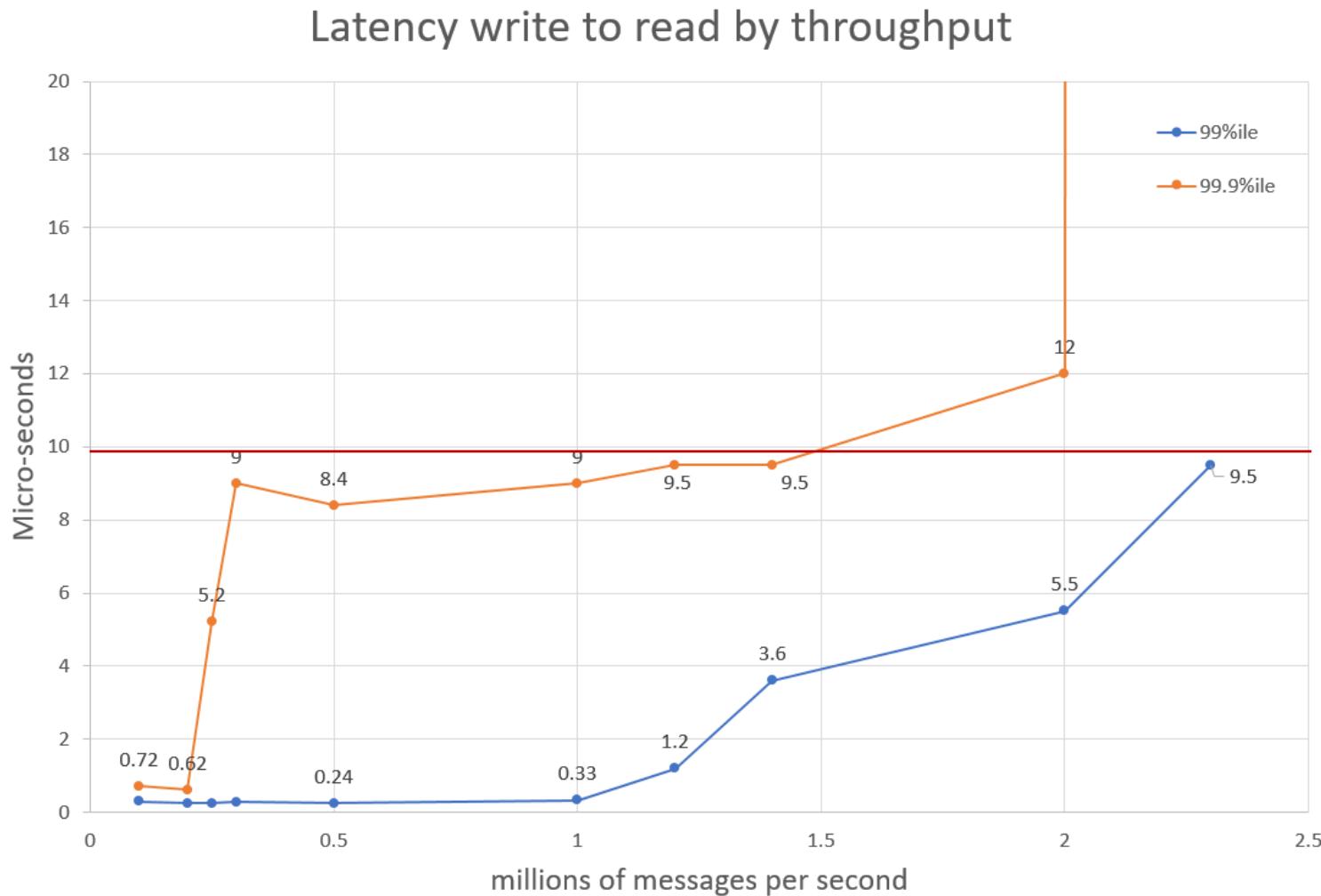
 PID USER      PR  NI    VIRT    RES    SHR S %CPU %MEM     TIME+ COMMAND
27412 peter      20    0 1.281t 0.111t 0.110t S 14.0 89.9  26:10.00 java
23212 peter      20    0 41.669g 2.524g 50588 S  4.5  2.0  28:53.10 java
```

# Scale to high volumes with less memory

## Writing 1 TB on a 128 GB machine



# Scale to high throughput with low latencies.





# No Flow Control?

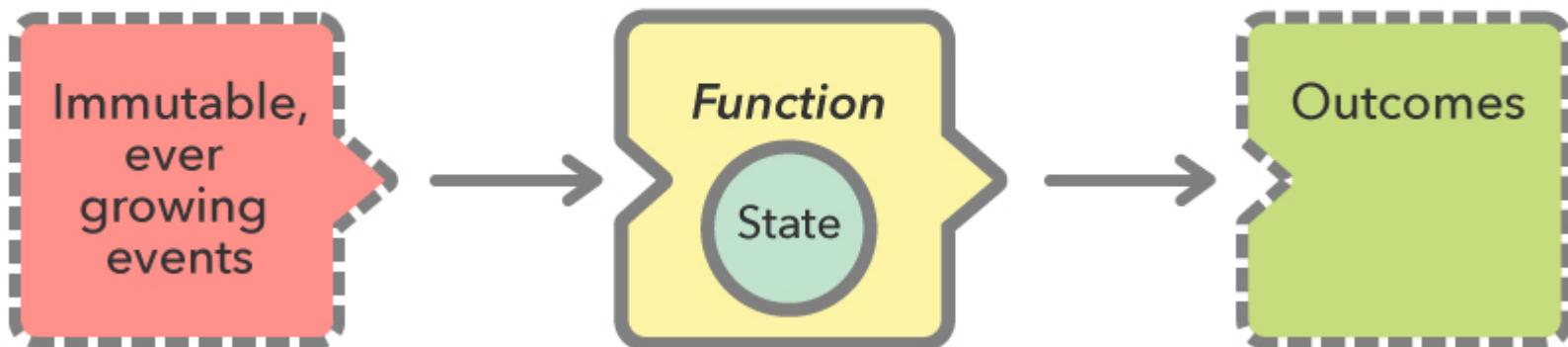
Market Data

Compliance

# Reproduce each component independently

Whether you are enriching data from a database or production is complex, each service can be tested in isolation.

## Lambda Architecture with Private State



# Testing and Debugging Microservices

Frameworks can make testing and debugging harder.

You need to be able to test and debug your components without the framework, or a transport.

# Turning a Monolith into Microservices

Business Component + Transport = Service.

# Starting with a simple contract

An asynchronous message has a type, a payload and doesn't return a result.

```
public interface SidedMarketDataListener {  
    void onSidedPrice(SidedPrice sidedPrice);  
}
```

```
public interface MarketDataListener {  
    void onTopOfBookPrice(TopOfBookPrice price);  
}
```

# A Data Transfer Object

```
public class SidedPrice extends AbstractMarshallable {  
    String symbol;  
    long timestamp;  
    Side side;  
    double price, quantity;  
  
    public SidedPrice(String symbol, long timestamp, Side side,  
                      double price, double quantity) {  
        this.symbol = symbol;  
        this.timestamp = timestamp;  
        this.side = side;  
        this.price = price;  
        this.quantity = quantity;  
        return this;  
    }  
}
```

# Deserializable `toString()`

For it to deserialize the same object, no information can be lost, which useful to creating test objects from production logs.

```
SidedPrice sp = new SidedPrice("Symbol", 123456789000L,  
                               Side.Buy, 1.2345, 1_000_000);  
assertEquals("!SidedPrice {\n" +  
    " symbol: Symbol,\n" +  
    " timestamp: 123456789000,\n" +  
    " side: Buy,\n" +  
    " price: 1.2345,\n" +  
    " quantity: 1000000.0\n" +  
    "}\n", sp.toString());
```

*// from string*

```
SidedPrice sp2 = Marshallable.fromString(sp.toString());  
assertEquals(sp2, sp);  
assertEquals(sp2.hashCode(), sp.hashCode());
```

# Writing a simple component

We have a component which implements our contract and in turn calls another interface with a result

```
public class SidedMarketDataCombiner
    implements SidedMarketDataListener {

    final MarketDataListener mdListener;

    public SidedMarketDataCombiner(MarketDataListener mdListener) {
        this.mdListener = mdListener;
    }
}
```

# Writing a simple component

The component calculates a result, using private state.

```
final Map<String, TopOfBookPrice> priceMap = new TreeMap<>();  
  
public void onSidedPrice(SidedPrice sidedPrice) {  
    TopOfBookPrice price = priceMap.computeIfAbsent(  
        sidedPrice.symbol, TopOfBookPrice::new);  
    if (price.combine(sidedPrice))  
        mdListener.onTopOfBookPrice(price);  
}
```

# Testing our simple component

We can mock the output listener of our component.

```
MarketDataListener listener = createMock(MarketDataListener.class);
listener.onTopOfBookPrice(new TopOfBookPrice("EURUSD", 123456789000L,
                                             1.1167, 1_000_000, Double.NaN, 0));
listener.onTopOfBookPrice(new TopOfBookPrice("EURUSD", 123456789100L,
                                             1.1167, 1_000_000, 1.1172, 2_000_000));
replay(listener);

SidedMarketDataListener combiner = new SidedMarketDataCombiner(listener);
combiner.onSidedPrice(new SidedPrice("EURUSD", 123456789000L,
                                      Side.Buy, 1.1167, 1e6));
combiner.onSidedPrice(new SidedPrice("EURUSD", 123456789100L,
                                      Side.Sell, 1.1172, 2e6));

verify(listener);
```

# Testing multiple components

We can mock the output listener of our component.

```
// what we expect to happen
OrderListener listener = createMock(OrderListener.class);

listener.onOrder(new Order("EURUSD", Side.Buy, 1.1167, 1_000_000));

replay(listener);

// build our scenario
OrderManager orderManager =
    new OrderManager(listener);

SidedMarketDataCombiner combiner =
    new SidedMarketDataCombiner(orderManager);
```

# Testing multiple components

```
// events in: not expected to trigger
orderManager.onOrderIdea(
    new OrderIdea("EURUSD", Side.Buy, 1.1180, 2e6));

combiner.onSidedPrice(
    new SidedPrice("EURUSD", 123456789000L, Side.Sell, 1.1172, 2e6));
combiner.onSidedPrice(
    new SidedPrice("EURUSD", 123456789100L, Side.Buy, 1.1160, 2e6));
combiner.onSidedPrice(
    new SidedPrice("EURUSD", 123456789100L, Side.Buy, 1.1167, 2e6));

// expected to trigger
orderManager.onOrderIdea(
    new OrderIdea("EURUSD", Side.Buy, 1.1165, 1e6));

verify(listener);
```

# Adding a transport

Any messaging system can be used as a transport. You can use

- REST or HTTP
- JMS, Akka, MPI
- Aeron or a UDP based transport.
- Raw TCP or UDP.
- Chronicle Queue.

# Making messages transparent

```
orderManager.onOrderIdea(  
    new OrderIdea("EURUSD", Side.Buy, 1.1180, 2e6));
```

```
--- !!data #binary  
onOrderIdea: {  
    symbol: EURUSD,  
    side: Buy,  
    limitPrice: 1.118,  
    quantity: 2000000.0  
}
```

# Why use Chronicle Queue

Chronicle Queue v4 has a number of advantages

- Broker less, only the OS needs to be up.
- Low latency, less than 10 microseconds 99% of the time.
- Persisted, giving your replay and transparency.
- Can replace your logging improving performance.
- Kernel Bypass, Shared across JVMs with a system call for each message.

```
--- !!meta-data #binary
header: !SCQStore { wireType: !WireType BINARY, writePosition: 777, roll: !SCQSRoll {
length: 86400000, format: yyyyMMdd, epoch: 0 }, indexing: !SCQSIndexing {
indexCount: !int 8192, indexSpacing: 64, index2Index: 0, lastIndex: 0 } }

# position: 227
--- !!data #binary
onOrderIdea: { symbol: EURUSD, side: Buy, limitPrice: 1.118, quantity: 2000000.0 }

# position: 306
--- !!data #binary
onTopOfBookPrice: { symbol: EURUSD, timestamp: 123456789000, buyPrice: NaN,
buyQuantity: 0, sellPrice: 1.1172, sellQuantity: 2000000.0 }

# position: 434
--- !!data #binary
onTopOfBookPrice: { symbol: EURUSD, timestamp: 123456789100, buyPrice: 1.116,
buyQuantity: 2000000.0, sellPrice: 1.1172, sellQuantity: 2000000.0 }

# position: 566
--- !!data #binary
onTopOfBookPrice: { symbol: EURUSD, timestamp: 123456789100, buyPrice: 1.1167,
buyQuantity: 2000000.0, sellPrice: 1.1172, sellQuantity: 2000000.0 }

# position: 698
--- !!data #binary
onOrderIdea: { symbol: EURUSD, side: Buy, limitPrice: 1.1165, quantity: 1000000.0 }
...
# 83885299 bytes remaining
```

# Measuring the performance?

Measure the write latency with JMH (Java Microbenchmark Harness)

Percentiles, us/op:

p(0.000) =	2.552 us/op
p(50.000) =	2.796 us/op
p(90.000) =	5.600 us/op
p(95.000) =	5.720 us/op
p(99.000) =	<b>8.496</b> us/op
p(99.900) =	15.232 us/op
p(99.990) =	<b>19.977</b> us/op
p(99.9990) =	422.475 us/op
p(99.9999) =	438.784 us/op
p(100.000) =	438.784 us/op

**FIX** – Micro seconds customisable  
FIX Engine

**Enterprise** – Monitoring,  
Traffic Shaping,  
Security

**Queue-Enterprise** – Confirmed  
Replication  
Distributed Queue

**Journal** – Custom Data Store,  
Key-Queue

**Engine** – Customisable Data Fabric, Reactive Live Queries

**Queue** – Persist every event

**Map** – Persisted Key-Value

**Wire** – YAML, Binary YAML,  
JSON, CSV, Raw data

**Network** – Remote access

**Bytes** – 64-bit off heap native  
+ memory mapped files

**Threads** – Low latency

**Core** – Low level access to OS and JVM

## Where can I try this out?

Low Latency Microservices examples

<https://github.com/Vanilla-Java/Microservices>

The OSS Chronicle products are available

<https://github.com/OpenHFT/>

## Q & A

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