



Content Distribution Network with Web Application Firewall

Sprint #5

(CDN with WAF)

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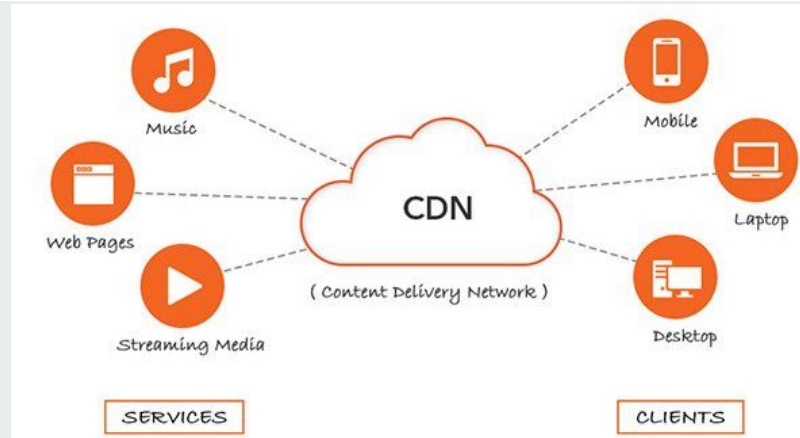
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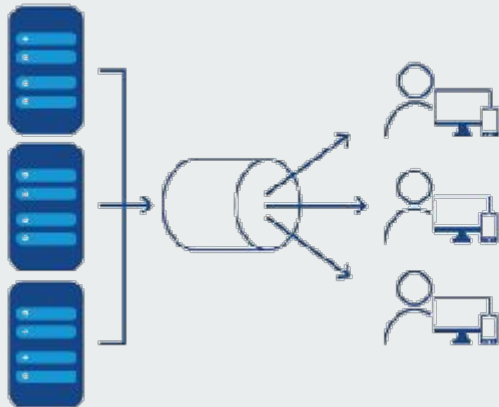
Project Recap:

- **Web Server:** Build content distribution network which helps improve efficiency of web access by the use of cache servers.
- **CDN:** distribute service among large number of servers. reducing bandwidth costs
 - **DNS Server**
 - **Data Store**
 - **Varnish Cache Servers with Web Application Firewall:** web application accelerator also known as a caching HTTP reverse proxy.

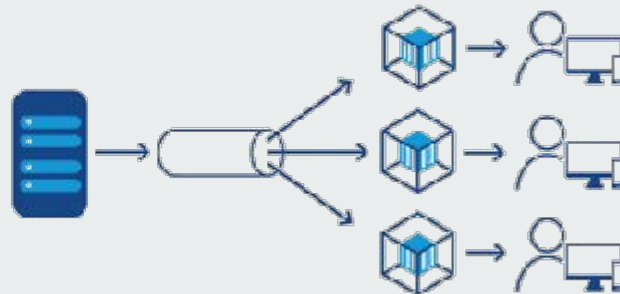
What is a CDN? (Content Distribution Network)



Before CDN



After CDN

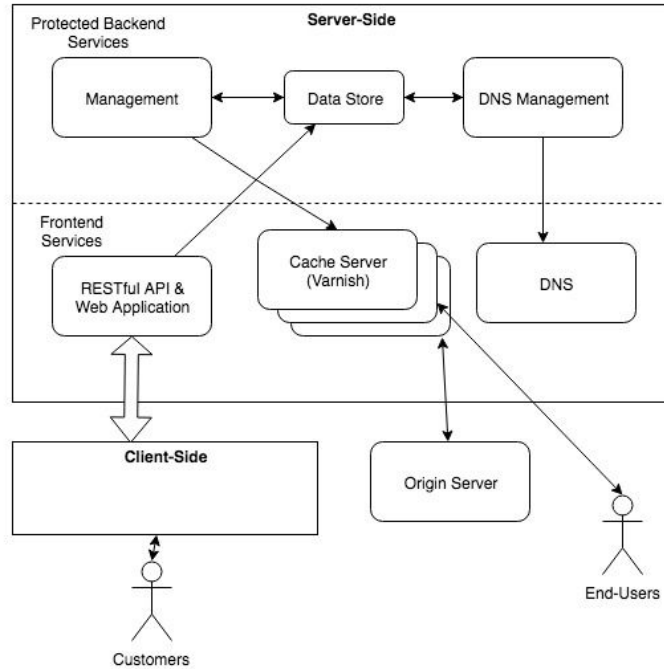


Content Cache minimizes bandwidth to origin server

Project Architecture



MOC CDN



Burn down chart



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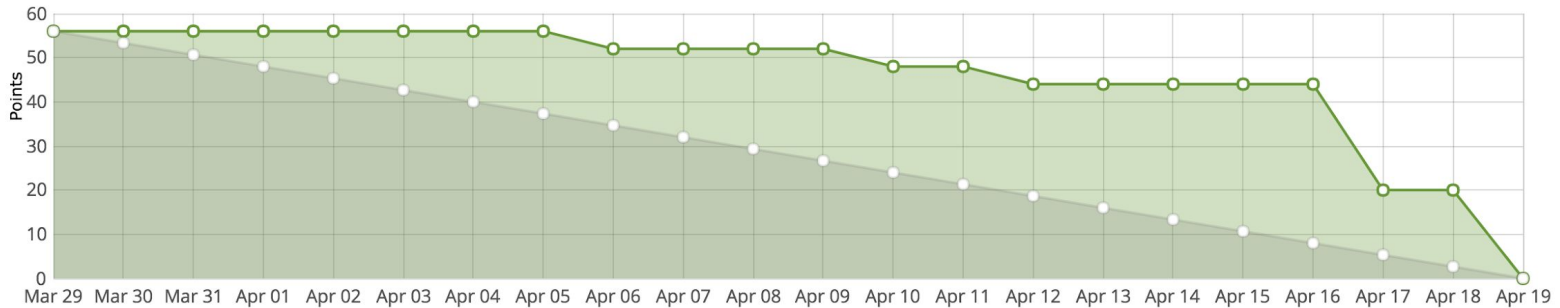
56 total points

56 completed points

0 open tasks

8 closed tasks

0 local doses





Varnish Security Firewall

VSF aims to provide:

- A standardized framework for security-related filters
- Several core rule-sets
- A limited set of default 'handlers', for instance CGI scripts to call upon when Bad Stuff happens.

```
#call sec_drop;      # 805 # drop the request (not implemented)
#call sec_myhandler; # any # do your own thing (as below)
}

# Here you can specify what gets logged when a rule triggers.
sub sec_log {
    std.log("security.vcl alert xid:" + req.xid + " " + req.proto
        + " [" + req.http.X-VSF-Module + "-" + req.http.X-VSF-RuleID + "]"
        + req.http.X-VSF-Client
        + " (" + req.http.X-VSF-RuleName + ") ");
    #std.syslog(6, "<VSF> " + std.time2real(now) + " [" + req.http.X-VSF-RuleName + "/ruleid:" + req.http.X-VSF-RuleID + "]: $"
}

/* You can define your own handlers here if you know a little vcl.
 * The default handlers are defined in main.vcl
 * remember that it must be referenced in the code above */

/* sample handler, contains sample code for all handler types */
sub sec_myhandler {
    # perform an action based on the error code as above.

    return (synth(800, "Blahblah")); # debug response

    set req.http.X-VSF-Response = "we don't like your kind around here";
    return (synth(801, "Rejected"));

    set req.http.X-VSF-Response = "http://u.rdir.it/hit/me/please";
    return (synth(802, "Redirect"));

    # send to sec_honey backend
    return (synth(803, "Honeypot me"));

    set req.http.X-VSF-Response = "<h1>Whatever</h1> so you think you can dance?";
    return (synth(804, "Synthesize"));

    return (synth(805, "Drop"));
}
```

Progress in sprint 5

1. Configured Varnish Security Firewall
2. Tested VSF event with log
3. Developed auto-scaling
4. Kept integrating system

Problems encountered:

- Cannot add additional user to MOC and cannot reset password for existing users
- VSF implemented: syntax is correct, although varnishlog command freezes
- Connection error. Could not connect to db server: TCP/IP connections on port 5432 (Postgres Database default port)

Future Plan

Final Sprint Objectives

- Finish development the Data Store instance on MOC with autoscaling
 - Using MOC API to spin up new instances
 - Duplicate Varnish server. Need solve for authorization key.
- Finish implementation VSF on Varnish Cache Server
 - Display event log of errors caught by VSF
- Integrate the whole system

Extended goal

- Update load balancing from round robin to priority queue



Demo



Thank you, Questions?