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Ship your App in a Container JRuby on Google App Engine

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Rails Deployment Roadmap

- 2004 FastCGI on Apache or Lighttpd
 "a rocket that sometimes blows up in strange ways"
- 2006 Mongrel clusters behind Apache mod_proxy "high throughput, but requires multiple moving parts"
- 2008 Phusion Passenger on Apache "simply upload files, rack-based, REE/COW"
- 2010 Rails3 or Sinatra + DataMapper in a servlet container "powerful/portable/scalable, rack-based, JRuby"

Why JRuby?

- Outperforms MRI in many cases... 2x to 10x
- Gem extensions written in Java (no more segfaults)
- A wealth of integration options available
- Already works on App Engine with supported APIs

Why Rails3?

- More modular, load only what you need for each request
- Intelligent gem management and deployment tools
- First-class integrations with "other" ORMs like DataMapper
- Better routing and Rack integration
- Better Javascript integration and options
- Rails conventions!

Why Sinatra?

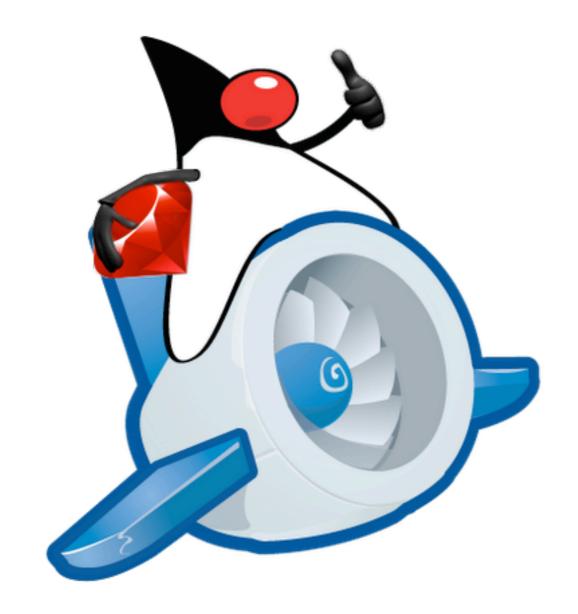
- No learning curve... a simple and elegant DSL
- Some data-driven apps don't require MVC or ActionView
- No need to extract the components we can't use
- New application instances can spin up quickly

Why DataMapper?

- Data mapped in your model, auto-migrations or no migrations
- Text fields treated like associations, lazy-load by default
- Create concise queries without using method_missing
- Supports validations and legacy AR finders
- Already works with dm-appengine wrapper

Why a Servlet Container?

- Various app servers to choose from
- Everything you need in in the container
- JRuby-Rack dispatches to Rack while providing access to servlet features
- Access to Google App Engine APIs for Java via Ruby APIs that are feature compatible
- Our tools allow you to develop in the container with the ability to integrate Java servlets



JRuby on App Engine

Install it Now

sudo gem install google-appengine

Everything you need installs as gems

What is Google App Engine?

- A cloud-computing platform
- We provide the container and services
- Run your web apps on Google's infrastructure
- Pay-as-you-go, with free quota to get started



App Engine JRuby APIs

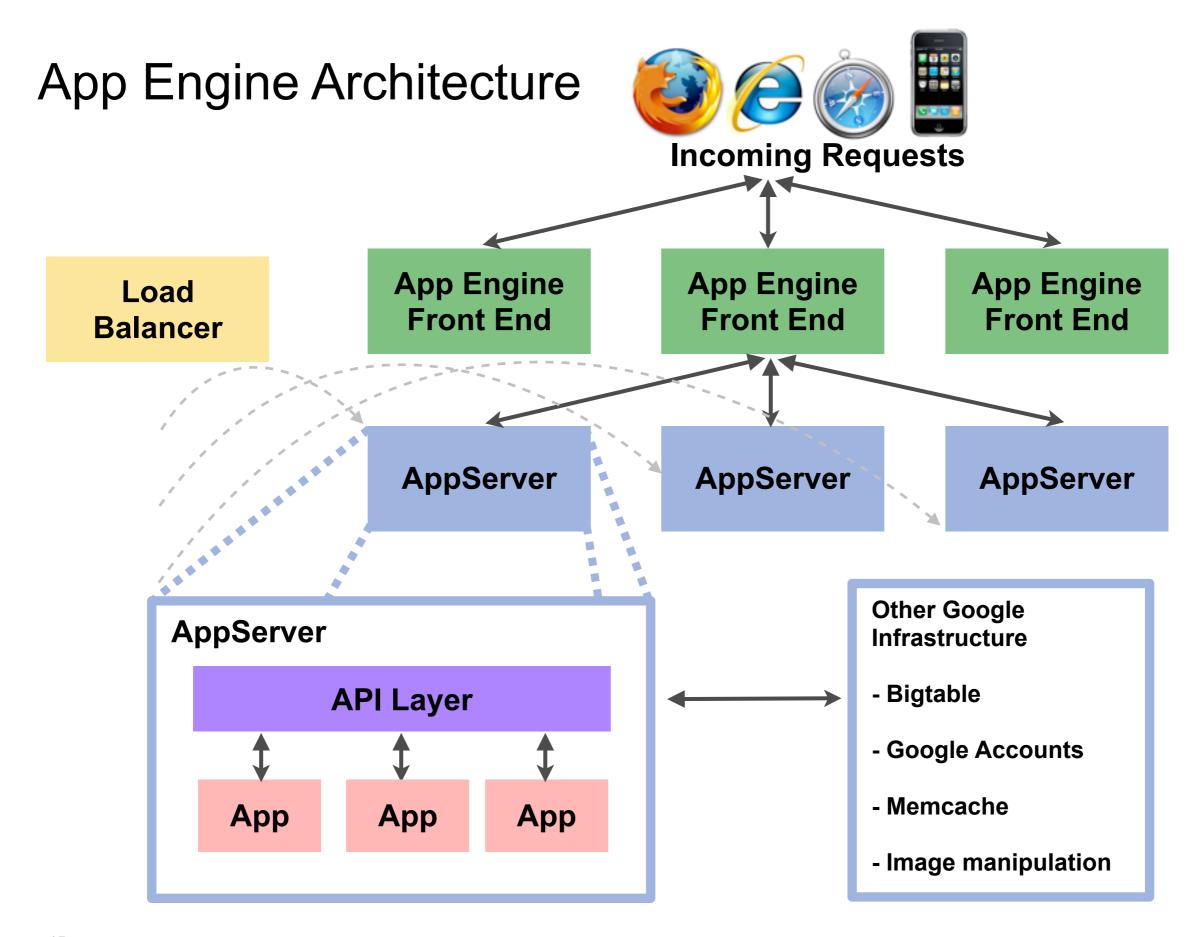
- AppEngine::Users
- AppEngine::Datastore
- AppEngine::Memcache
- AppEngine::Mail
- AppEngine::URLFetch
- AppEngine::Images
- AppEngine::Logger
- AppEngine::Testing
- AppEngine::XMPP
- AppEngine::Labs::TaskQueue

Dev_AppServer

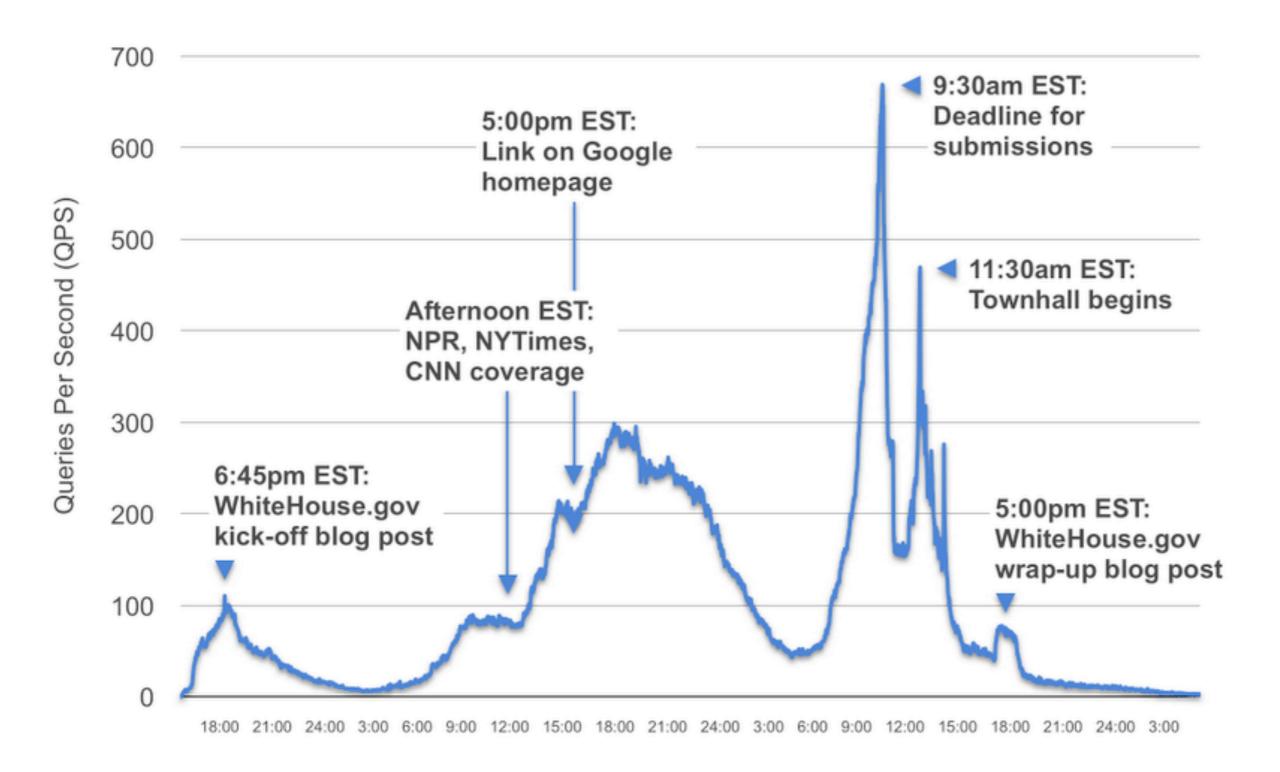
- Customized Jetty server
- Local implementation of services
 - -LRU memcache
 - Disk-backed datastore
 - HttpClient-backed URLFetch
- Emulates the production environment
 - Sandbox restrictions may be inconsistent, so run tests on production servers as well

Deployment

- Your app lives at
 - -<app_id>.appspot.com, or
 - Custom domain with Google Apps
- Deploying uploads
 - Static files
 - Resource files
 - Other metadata (datastore indexes, cron jobs)
- Admin Console
 - dashboards
 - manage multiple versions
 - view logs



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Quotas and Billing

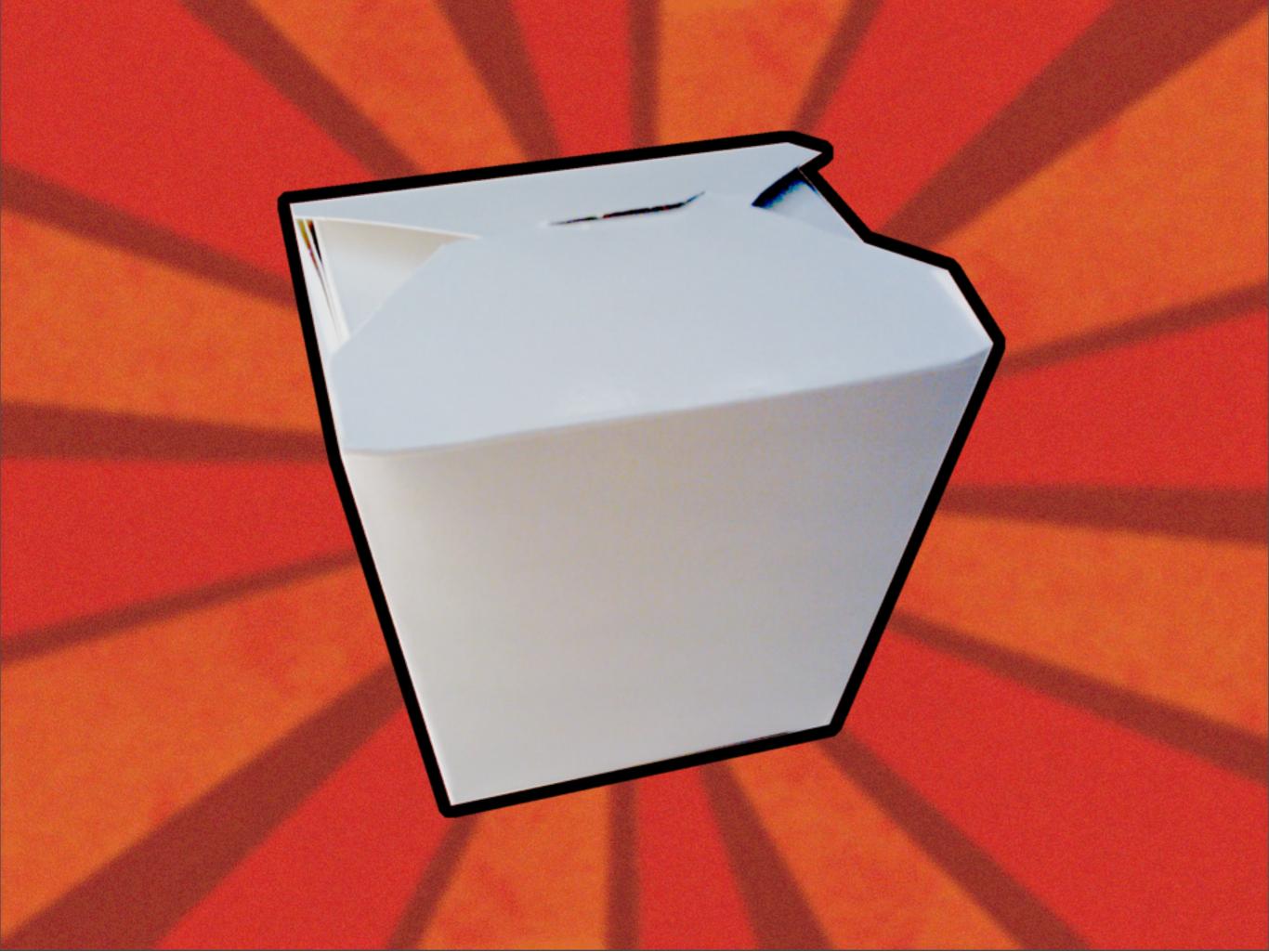
Resource	Provided Free	Additional Cost
CPU	6.5 hours/day	\$0.10/hour
Bandwidth In	1GByte/day	\$0.10/GByte
Bandwidth Out	1GByte/day	\$0.12/GByte
Stored Data	1 GB	\$0.005/GB-day
Emails sent	2000/day to users	\$0.0001/email
	50000/day to admins	

Demo

```
run lambda { | env | [200, {}, 'Aloha'] }
```

Resources

- John Woodell, woodie@google.com
- Google App Engine for JRuby
 - http://code.google.com/p/appengine-jruby/
- Google Group
 - http://groups.google.com/group/appengine-jruby
- Blog: JRuby on App Engine Blog
 - http://jruby-appengine.blogspot.com/



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