Software at Scale

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[1]HTTP server on a t2.micro EC2 instance

> **Definition 1. Stress Testing**
>
> Measure the robustness of software by pushing usage to an extreme.

Demonstration

Let's build 'hello world'

Our Goal

Hello world from *your name here*

My Goal

Hello world from Brae

```
» cat hello-server.tf

resource "aws_instance" "hello-server" {
    ami = "ami-04902260ca3d33422"
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}
```

```
» cat setup.sh

1  #!/bin/bash
2  yum -y install httpd
3  systemctl enable httpd
4  systemctl start httpd
5  echo '<html><title>Hello, world!</title><h1>Hello world from Brae</h1></html>' > /
       var/www/html/index.html
```

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9      ]
10
11     tags = {
12         Name = "hello-server"
13     }
14 }
```

Starting the server

```
1  >> terraform init
2  >> terraform plan
3  >> terraform apply
```

Before

This site can't be reached

3.6.9.12 took too long to respond.

After

How much traffic can this website handle?

```
» cat stress-test.js
```

```javascript
1  import http from 'k6/http';
2  import { check, sleep } from 'k6';
3
4  const IP = "http://3.6.9.12/";
5  export default function() {
6      const res = http.get(IP);
7      check(res, { 'status was 200': (r) => r.status == 200 });
8      sleep(1);
9  }
```

```
» cat stress-test.js

import http from 'k6/http';
import { check, sleep } from 'k6';

const IP = "http://3.6.9.12/";
export const options = {
    stages: [
        { duration: '2m', target: 100 },
    ],
};
export default function() {
    const res = http.get(IP);
    check(res, { 'status was 200': (r) => r.status == 200 });
    sleep(1);
}
```

Run the tests

```
1   >> k6 run stress-test.js
```

Looks good so far

```
1    status was 200
2      100% - 347867 / 0
3
4  checks.........................: 100%
5  data_received..................: 100 MB 44 kB/s
6  data_sent......................: 27 MB 12 kB/s
7  iterations.....................: 347997 152.552084/s
8  vus............................: 1 min=1 max=400
```

Let's upgrade the traffic
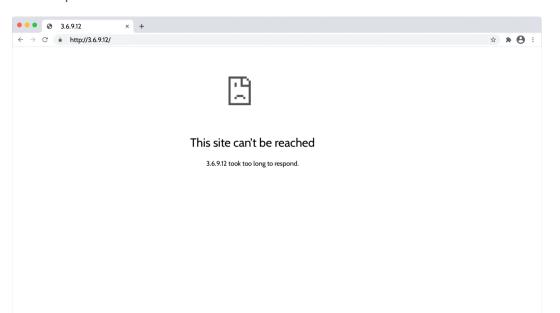
```
» cat stress-test.js
```

```js
export const options = {
    stages: [
        { duration: '2m', target: 100 },
        { duration: '5m', target: 100 },
        { duration: '2m', target: 200 },
        { duration: '5m', target: 200 },
        { duration: '2m', target: 300 }, // around the breaking point
        { duration: '5m', target: 300 },
        { duration: '2m', target: 400 }, // beyond the breaking point
        { duration: '5m', target: 400 },
        { duration: '2m', target: 0 }, // scale down
    ],
};
```

And run the tests again

```
1    >> k6 run stress-test.js
```

Oh no...

```
1   status was 200
2   99% - 347867 / 130
3
4   checks.........................: 99.96%
5   data_received..................: 100 MB 44 kB/s
6   data_sent......................: 27 MB 12 kB/s
7   iterations.....................: 347997 152.552084/s
8   vus............................: 1 min=1 max=400
```

Back to square one

How can we fix this?

Question

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Answer

More servers?

```
» cat hello-server.tf
```

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2       ami = "ami-04902260ca3d33422"
3       instance_type = "t2.micro"
4
5       user_data = file("./setup.sh")
6
7       security_groups = [
8           aws_security_group.hello-server.name
9       ]
10
11      tags = {
12          Name = "hello-server"
13      }
14  }
```

```
» cat hello-scale.tf
```

```
1  resource "aws_instance" "hello-server" {
2    count = 4
3
4    ami = "ami-04902260ca3d33422"
5    instance_type = "t2.micro"
6    user_data = file("${path.module}/setup.sh")
7
8    security_groups = [
9      aws_security_group.hello-server.name
10   ]
11
12   tags = {
13     Name = "hello-server-${count.index}"
14   }
15 }
```

Definition 2. Target Group

A collection of EC2 instances.
More specifically, a collection of network connection points to EC2 instances.

An empty HTTP target group

```
» cat hello-scale.tf
```

```
1  resource "aws_lb_target_group" "hello-target" {
2    name = "hello-target-group"
3    port = 80
4    protocol = "HTTP"
5    vpc_id = aws_security_group.hello-server.vpc_id
6  }
```

Definition 3. Health Check

Monitors attributes of hardware or software to detect deficiencies.

Add a health check

```
» cat hello-scale.tf
```

```
1  resource "aws_lb_target_group" "hello-target" {
2    name = "hello-target-group"
3    port = 80
4    protocol = "HTTP"
5    vpc_id = aws_security_group.hello-server.vpc_id
6
7    health_check {
8      port = 80
9      protocol = "HTTP"
10     timeout = 5
11     interval = 10
12   }
13 }
```

Add our instances to the target group

```
» cat hello-scale.tf
```

```
1  resource "aws_lb_target_group_attachment" "hello-target-link" {
2    count = length(aws_instance.hello-server)
3    target_group_arn = aws_lb_target_group.hello-target.arn
4    target_id = aws_instance.hello-server[count.index].id
5    port = 80
6  }
```

Definition 4. Load Balancer

A networking tool to route and distribute traffic to targets.

Create a load balancer

```
» cat hello-scale.tf
```

```
data "aws_subnet_ids" "nets" {
    vpc_id = aws_security_group.hello-server.vpc_id
}

resource "aws_lb" "hello-balancer" {
  name = "hello-balancer"
  internal = false
  load_balancer_type = "application"
  subnets = aws_subnet_ids.nets.ids
  security_groups = [
    aws_security_group.hello-server.name
  ]
}
```

Route load balancer traffic to the target group

```
» cat hello-scale.tf
```

```
1  resource "aws_lb_listener" "app" {
2    load_balancer_arn = aws_lb.hello-balancer.arn
3    port = "80"
4    protocol = "HTTP"
5
6    default_action {
7      type = "forward"
8      target_group_arn = aws_lb_target_group.hello-target.arn
9    }
10  }
```

We're live!

Exercise

Use *k6* to determine the new *load limits*