Scalability Tests

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Why Test?

- Performance should be quantified
- Find bottle necks in the system
- Explore the behaviour of the system under certain conditions

Testing vs Profiling

- Testing views quantifies the performance of the application on a certain *machine*, the results may vary across machines
- To view the internals of the application which will be consistent across machines, *Profiling* is done instead

Profiling

- Allows developers to view:
 - Memory used per object
 - Total threads created and how they are utilized
 - Memory heap and garbage collection times
- Profiling is used to see if the application behaves as expected

Test Types

- Load Testing
- Stress Testing
- Performance Testing
- Volume Testing

Load Testing

 Checks the ability of the system to scale up under an influx of requests

Stress Testing

 Checks how the system behaves under prolonged high loads and whether it can scale back down

Performance Testing

 Checks the average response time per request in the system

Volume Testing

 Checks the average response time for large data such as media files and how many users can be served during the transmission of said large files

Any questions?