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SAP's sustainability approach – Dual role as enabler and exemplar

SAP's purpose is to help the world run better and improve people's lives

Sustainability

Creating positive economic, environmental, and social impact within planetary boundaries

Enabler

Providing products and services that meet the sustainability challenges and opportunities of our customers

Exemplar

Leading by example in our own sustainable business operations and practices

Holistic Steering and Reporting

Climate Action Circular Economy Equality for All

Skilled and Inclusive
Workforce

Social and Inclusive Entrepreneurship

Ethical business practices

UN Sustainable Development Goals as common global framework















SAP can directly or indirectly impact progress on all 17 UN SDGs

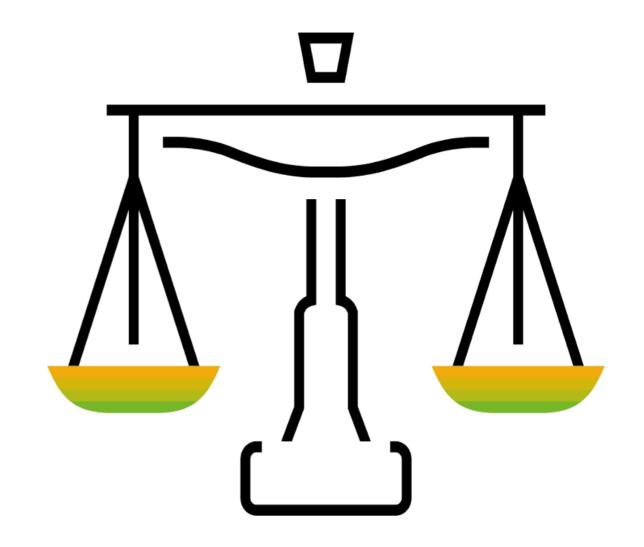
Sustainable programming – The mission, the challenge

The Mission

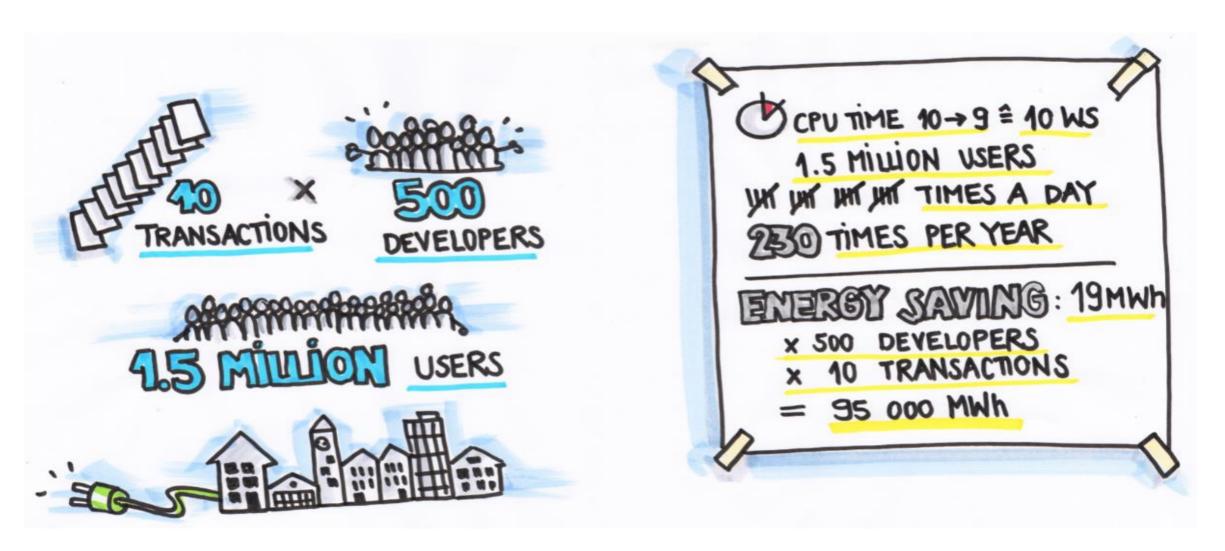
Software designed in an energy-efficient way to ensure that SAP software easily leverages innovative optimization technologies and makes efficient use of computing resources.

The Challenge

Find the right balance between end-to-end response time, throughput, and economical/sustainable resource consumption.



How to save the energy consumption of a small city

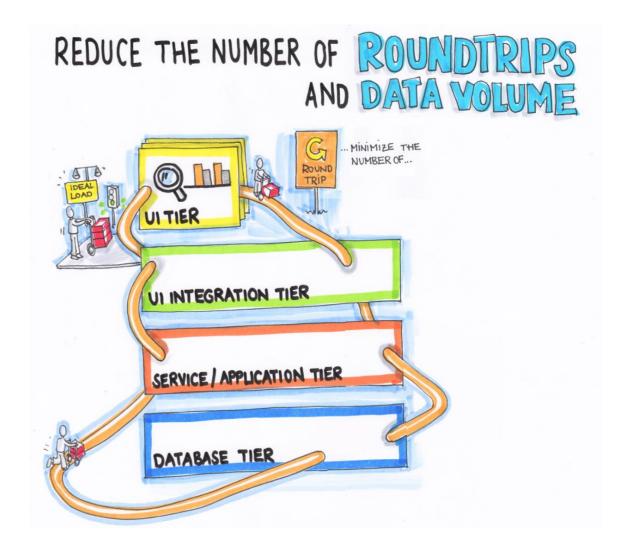


Performance recommendations

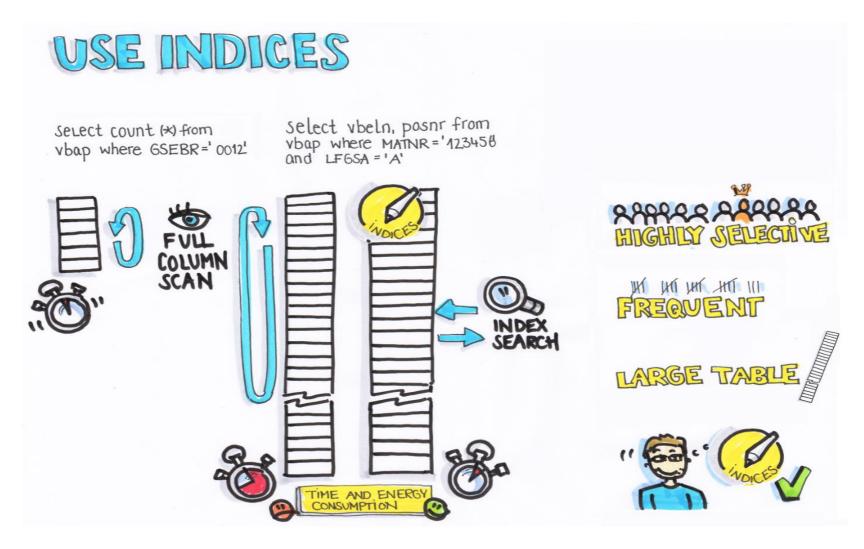


Programming recommendations: roundtrips and caches

- Distribute functionality smartly over the tiers to reduce communication
- Share the static resources globally in a content delivery network
- Reduce the number of network round trips by caching static metadata
- Minimize the amount of transferred data by compression



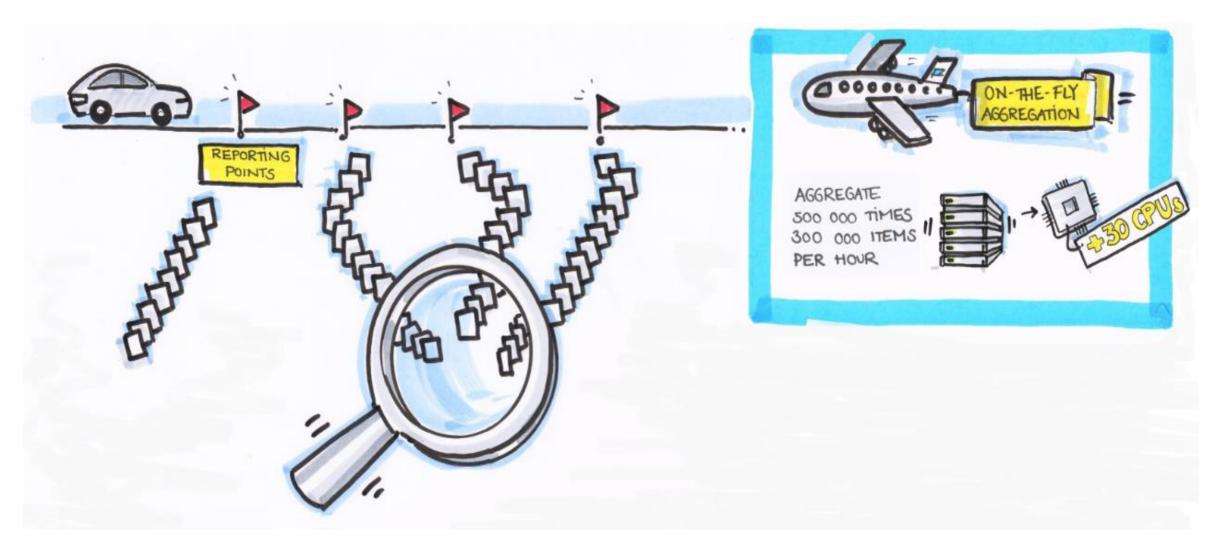
Programming recommendations: indices



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Programming recommendations: dynamic caching structures

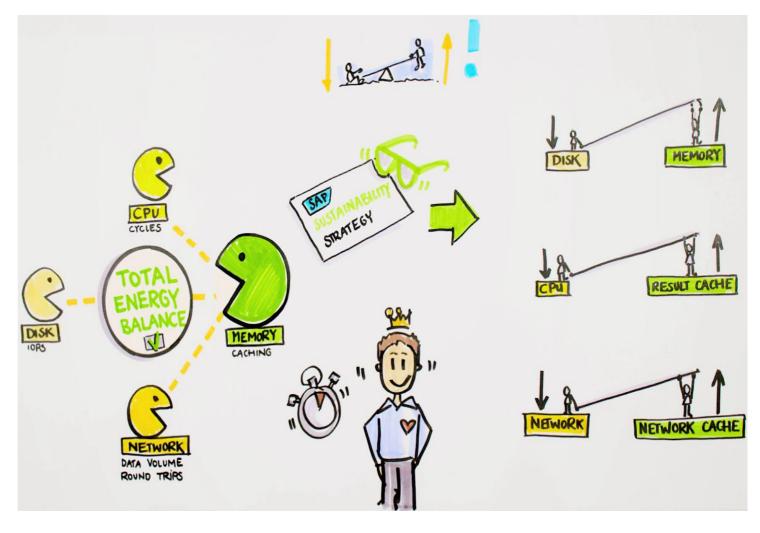


Optimization strategy

As the available resources are limited, optimization strategies have side effects which must be taken into account and in many cases there will be trade-offs.

Our optimization strategy is based on these three cornerstones:

- In-memory computing rather than disk I/O
- Caches rather than CPU cycles
- Content delivery network and code pushdown rather than high data transfer and a large number of round trips



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