

# Building a System from Scratch

Our Journey So Far

## **Platform Team**







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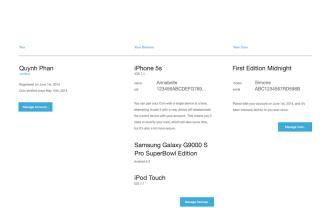






**Dashboard** 

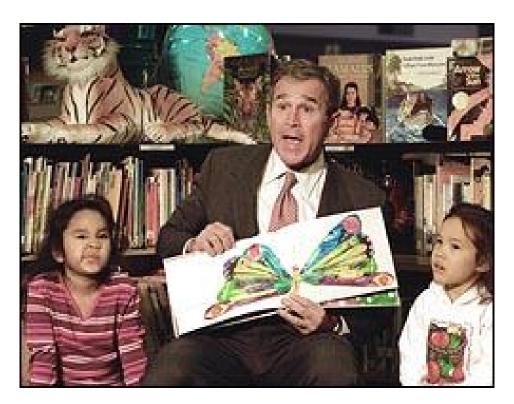
We trust you've been up to big things, Quynh Phan.







## Why Are You Telling Us This?



#### Let's Pretend...

## MR. DAYDREAM

by Roger Hargreaves



## **Build Just Enough**

Russ

## In the Beginning...

There were 2 Heroku instances



## Our top 3 platform criteria

- Flexibility
- Cost
- Ability to automate

#### **How We Started**

- OpsWorks
- RDS
- Redis

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- SOA right away
- API
- Web and mobile clients

## **Delivery Schedule**

- Build APIs
- Build web-based clients
- Load and usability testing
- Build basic internal tools
- Ship

#### Results

- 1MM uniques on day 1
- 13k CS tickets in 2 weeks

# Getting Ready for Primetime

Eddie

### Market fit vetted, what next?

- Security
- Availability
- Integration

## **Network Security**

- VPC (requires VPN and NAT)
- Security groups
- Pentest

## **Server Security**

- IAM
- Monitoring
  - Intrusion detection/prevention
  - Anti-malware
  - File-integrity
- OS audit records
- Centralized logging

## **Data Security**

- Managing credentials
- Encryption
- Filtering

## **Availability**

AWS helps a lot here.

- RDS
- ElasticCache
- EC2 auto-healing

## Integration

As much as you might want to, you can't build it all.

- Specialized features
- Analytics
- Performance
- Manufacturing & Fulfillment

## Investing in the Future

Brandon

## **Evolving What We've Built So Far**

- Building on a Strong Foundation
- Sensible Abstractions When They're Needed
- Biting the Bullet

#### **Evolve How We Work**

- Write things down
- Be disciplined
- Tooling

#### **Evolve How The Team Works**

- Cross Team/Role Knowledge Sharing
- Community Interaction
- Specialization

## **Final Thoughts**



## Thank you!

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