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\$60 QNAP and some positive thinking 	16 hour incident bridge. 	1996 Java applet 	3.5" floppy disk 
500-megabyte UDP packet 	A 50k line Bash script that's achieved self awareness 	A Cisco router with a flaky chip 	A cluster of applications on a cluster of servers 
A cron job that reboots the server every 5 minutes 	A firewall full of holes 	A German installation of Windows NT4 	global write lock 
home-rolled systemd replacement 	mint-in-box AOL trial CD 	A posting on Craigslist "internet engineers" jobs forum 	A proof that P=NP written in BASIC 





















<p>A self-aware PHP script</p> 	<p>A series of tiny shellscripts</p> 	<p>A series of tubes</p> 	<p>A server rack full of crushed dreams</p> 
<p>A shared root password</p> 	<p>A simple 15 level Hiera hierarachy</p> 	<p>A turducken made entirely of bash scripts</p> 	<p>A violation of the most basic engineering principles.</p> 
<p>A virtual machine running a virtual machine until it brings on the Singularity</p> 	<p>A WSDL from 2003</p> 	<p>Accidentally the entire data center</p> 	<p>Actually reading the manual</p> 
<p>Agile</p> 	<p>An epic caffeine bender</p> 	<p>An Exchange email loop</p> 	<p>An uncontrollable deluge of emails</p> 
<p>An untested restore process</p> 	<p>Apache 1.2 running as root</p> 	<p>Arch linux in production</p> 	<p>ASAP</p> 

<p>Beating the server into submission with your bare hands.</p> <p></p>	<p>Being acquired by Oracle</p> <p></p>	<p>Blue Screen Of Death</p> <p></p>	<p>Cache</p> <p></p>
<p>CAP Theorem</p> <p></p>	<p>Cloud 2.0</p> <p></p>	<p>Cloud-based business strategy</p> <p></p>	<p>COBOL</p> <p></p>
<p>Commenting every line of code</p> <p></p>	<p>Continuous deployment</p> <p></p>	<p>Continuous integration</p> <p></p>	<p>Corporate Source</p> <p></p>
<p>COTS Shareware</p> <p></p>	<p>cron jobs that edit cron jobs</p> <p></p>	<p>Crowdsourced Architecture</p> <p></p>	<p>De-linting source code</p> <p></p>
<p>Disaster Recovery</p> <p></p>	<p>Distributed Computing</p> <p></p>	<p>DNS</p> <p></p>	<p>Dropping tables on a Friday</p> <p></p>


Elastic Load Balancers 	Emojis as identifiers 	Enterprise Grade Bash scripts 	Excessively long variable names 
Fail early, fail often 	Flux Capacitor 	Friday afternoon deployment 	Functional programming 
Git 	Growth hacking 	Hackathons 	Half open TCP connections 
Heartbleed 	High Availability 	Home-grown monitoring solution 	HTML5 vs Flash 
Hypertext Coffee Pot Control Protocol 	Hypervisors running hypervisors running hypervisors 	IE6 	Internet Explorer 



















ISO 8601	It doesn't happen on my machine	Jenkins	Kernel panic
			
Leaky abstractions	Leap second mitigation	Little Bobby Tables	Losing the root password
			
Lotus123	Map-Reduce	Merge Conflicts	Microsoft Access over a WAN
			
Mutation of immutable data	Netscape Navigator	NullPointerException: null	OpenSSL
			
Packet loss	A page at 3 a.m.	Parsing HTML with regex	Penetration test
			

Perl 6 	Post-mortems 	Power Maintenance 	Proxy 
Python 	Python datetime module 	r/talesfromtechsupport 	Read-only Fridays 
Rebasing the entire repo 	Rebooting All The Things 	Regular Expressions 	Re-implementing TCP over TCP 
Replacing all dev machines with Raspberry Pis 	Re-writing deployment scripts at 2 AM 	Ruby 	Running Openstack in Production 
Running out of IPv4 addresses 	Scope Creep 	Script kiddies 	Scrum Master 

Servers that follow daylight savings time. 	Significant whitespace 	Silos 	Single stepping through the kernel 
smokeping 	Snowflake server 	Spaces and tabs in the same file 	Sprint Planning 
SQLite 	ssh in a for loop 	Stack trace generator 	Syntax error 
Sysadmins 	Tech Debt Day 	Temporary hotfixes 	Testing in production 
The Cloud 	The gentle sound of weeping drifting from the server room 	The last remaining Multics server on Earth 	The next Y2K 

<div>The NSA</div> <div></div>	<div>The Travelling Salesman Problem</div> <div></div>	<div>The waterfall model</div> <div></div>	<div>Thought leadership</div> <div></div>
<div>traceroute</div> <div></div>	<div>Turning it off and on again</div> <div></div>	<div>UNDO UNDO UNDO</div> <div></div>	<div>Unicode errors</div> <div></div>
<div>Unix philosophy</div> <div></div>	<div>Unknown source in your stack trace</div> <div></div>	<div>Unlimited data plan</div> <div></div>	<div>Unplugging a server and waiting to see who complains</div> <div></div>
<div>VisualBasic DLLs</div> <div></div>	<div>Windows for Workgroups</div> <div></div>	<div>Windows ME</div> <div></div>	<div>Works on my machine!</div> <div></div>
<div>Write-only code</div> <div></div>	<div>Yet another package manager</div> <div></div>	<div>YoloDB</div> <div></div>	<div>ZeroMQ over SSH</div> <div></div>

Zombie processes	Being on Fire.	Skeletor.	Darth Vader.
			
Figgy pudding.	Five-Dollar Footlongs.	Free samples.	Repression.
			
Prancing.	The World of Warcraft.	Being fabulous.	Cybernetic enhancements.
			
Finger painting.	The Care Bear Stare.	Magnets.	The light of a billion suns.
			
Catapults.	Silence.	YOU MUST CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL PYLONS.	Pop music.
			

<p>Teaching a robot to love.</p> 	<p>Object Permanence.</p> 	<p>GoGurt.</p> 	<p>Hot Pockets.</p> 
<p>Sunshine and rainbows.</p> 	<p>Emotions.</p> 	<p>Flightless birds.</p> 	<p>Frolicking.</p> 
<p>Raptor attacks.</p> 	<p>Swooping.</p> 	<p>Vigorous jazz hands.</p> 	<p>Mutually-assured destruction.</p> 
<p>The true meaning of Christmas.</p> 	<p>A time travel paradox.</p> 	<p>Hope.</p> 	<p>Fear itself.</p> 
<p>Shiny objects.</p> 	<p>The Force.</p> 	<p>Science.</p> 