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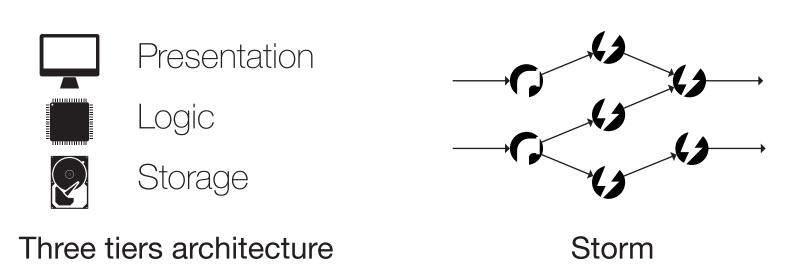
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How to abstract web services' load from development

A popular web service might grow from thousands to millions of users in a matter of days.

To react to such variation of load, they have to be scalable.

The classical approaches - the three tiers architecture, frameworks like storm or languages like Erlang - allow developer to split web services into well defined parts in order to be scalable.



Instead we want to automatically split a web service into stateless parts, and make them communicate by volatile data streams.

The persistence is decoupled from the logic and managed intothe messaging system.

Statelessness and volatility assure the web service to be frictionless*, and the association with this fine decomposition, make it scalable.

*Frictionless: hardware independence allowing it to be moved at runtime without relocation of ressources.

In a context of data-stream oriented web services written in javascript, we want

- + to create a frictionless* execution model allowing
- + to distribute and replicate service's parts on the most efficient processing nodes

Example

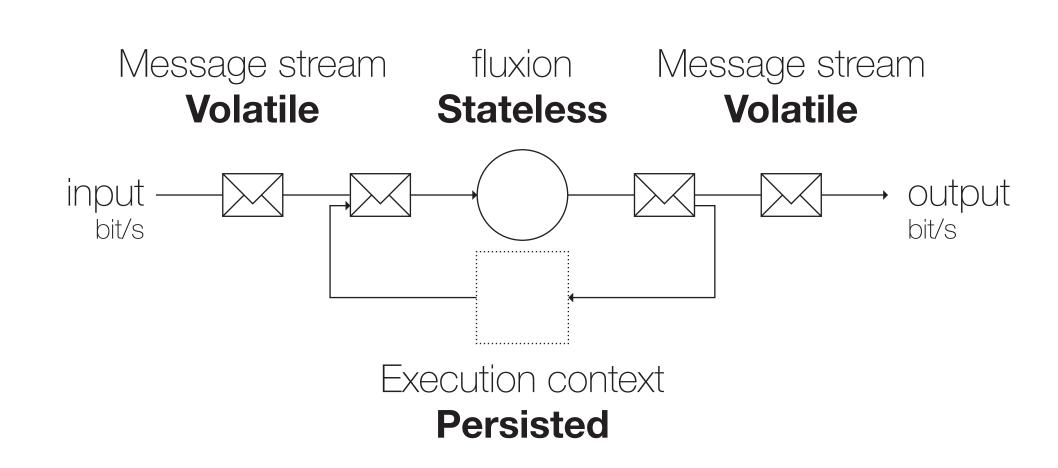
// simple javascript

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function store(userId, req, res, callback) {
 // Internal call : synchronous
 var result = localProcess(userId, req);
// External Call : asynchronous
 callExternalDB(userId, result, function(result) {
    if (result.condition)
      return callback(result);
 });
// Entry point
app.get('/:id', function(req, res){
 return store(req.params.id, res, function(result) {
    res.send(result);
 });
});
```

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// frictionless model
 input >> store
store >> localProcess
 localProcess >> callExternalDB
callExternalDB >> send
send >> output
                              Execution
// execution model
              localProcess callExternalDB
                                          send
    store
```

Extraction

Execution model



Our execution model is comprised of :

Fluxion, stateless part, listens for, modifies and sends messages to other fluxions.

Execution context is a persisted memory state needed by fluxions.

Messaging system keeps track of fluxions, and delivers volatile message streams.

- + Binds context execution and messages.
- + Moves fluxions and contexts to balance load.

Progression & Objectives

We aim to transform any javascript web service into one which can adapt dynamically to load. Without the development constraints imposed by other approaches.

DONE a javascript library to depict and execute a fluxional program written in javascript.

TODO enhance this library with the automatic migration of fluxions, and create a langage with a compiler to javascript.