



A Microservices Murder Mystery

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Honest Status Page

@honest_update

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We replaced our monolith with micro services so that every outage could be more like a murder mystery.

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□ The Detective

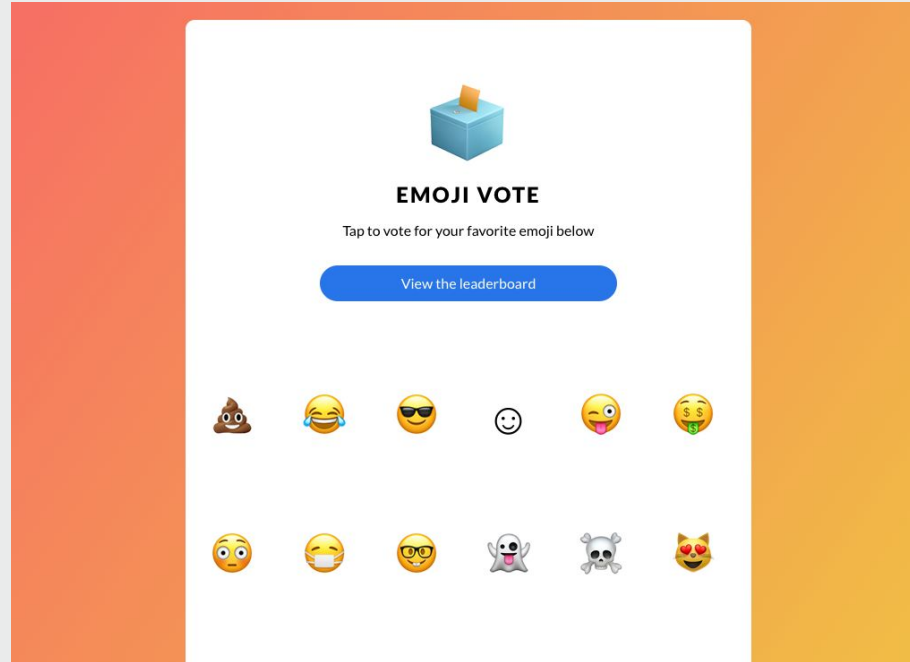
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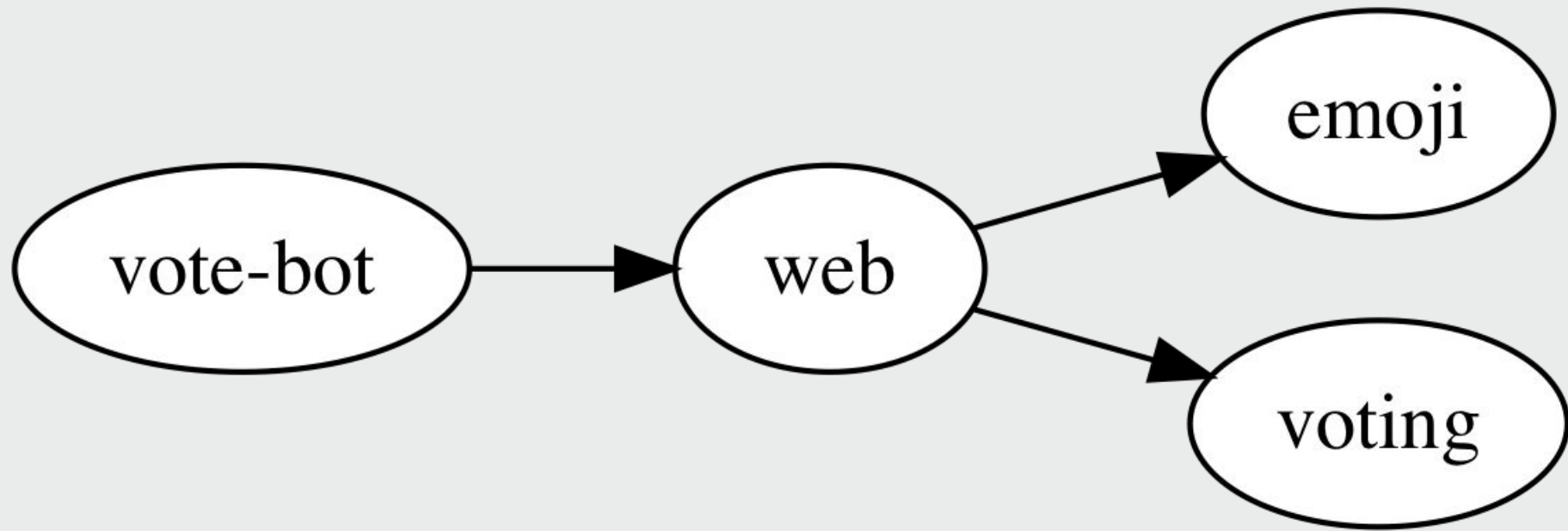
The Scene of the Crime



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The Suspects



The Murder

Uh oh.



For the sake of this demo, voting for 🗑️
always returns an error.

Get your mind out of the gutter, and pick another!

Select again

Question the Suspects!

- ☐ Service running?
- ☐ Health checks passing?
- ☐ Logs look okay?



👮 Nothing out of the ordinary, constable

✓ Service running!

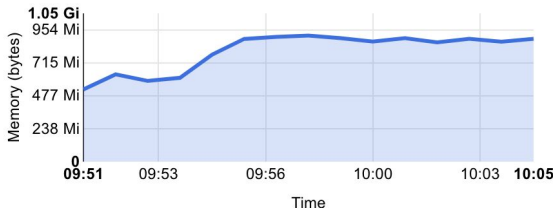
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CPU usage



Memory usage ⓘ



🔥 Everything is fine

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- ✓ Health checks passing!
- ☐ Logs look okay?

Deployments		
Name ▴▾	Labels	Pods
✓ vote-bot	app: vote-bot	1 / 1
✓ web	app: web-svc	1 / 1
✓ emoji	app: emoji-svc	1 / 1
✓ voting	app: voting-svc	1 / 1

□ Okay, *something* is fishy

✓ Service running!

✓ Health checks passing!

!?! Logs look ... something?

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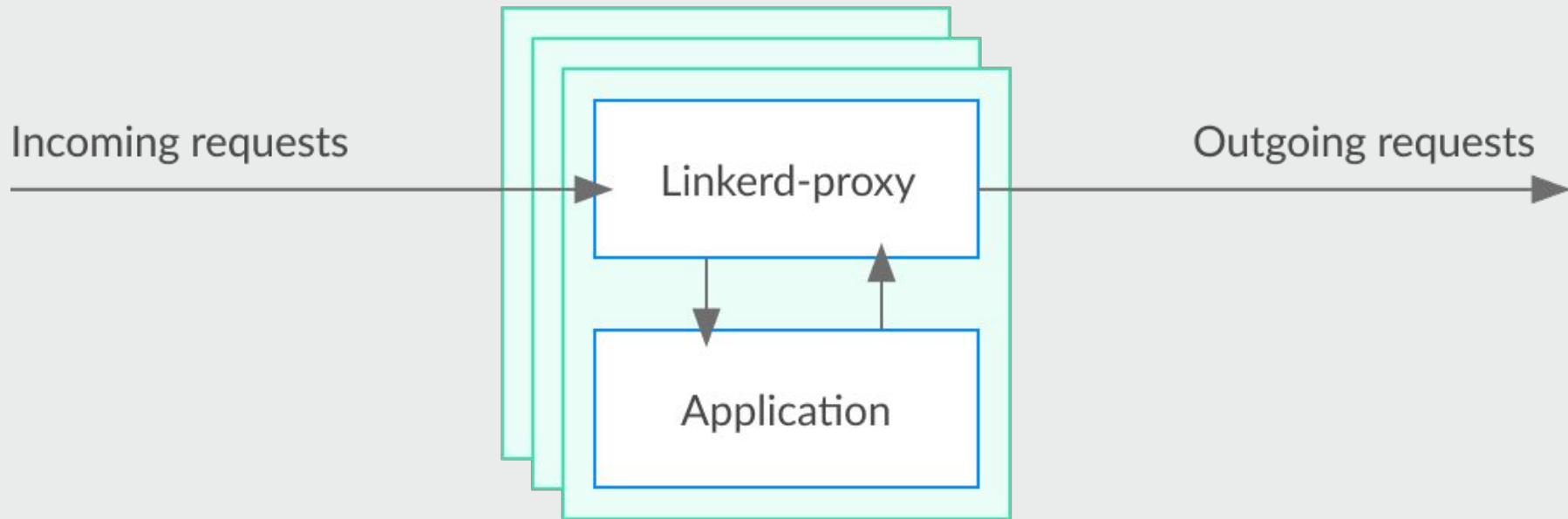
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2. Pick a dashboard solution
3. Build some dashboards
4. Instrument the services
5.
6. Profit?



Linkerd: Microservice Forensics



What is Linkerd?



Introducing linkerd

linkerd is a dynamic linker for distributed applications (aka "microservices"). In the same way that ``ld(1)`` binds software components (libraries), linkerd binds services by mediating inter-service communication (RPC).

linkerd builds upon finagle & netty—Twitter's JVM networking stack—and it exposes many of the advanced operational features developed by Twitter, Soundcloud, and other large internet applications.

linkerd provides a minimal configuration structure that describes general rules for linking RPC requests to a service discovery system (i.e. `_namers_`). This configuration system, built on Jackson, exposes a module system so that additional functionality may be instrumented at package- or deploy-time.

This repository currently includes only `_libraries_` for building linkerd. The ``linkerd-daemon`` package provides a Main that is capable of initializing linkerd; however, because it does not depend on any of the protocol or namer modules, it is not suitable to execute this main without additional build configuration (TBD).

Current protocol support:

- http
- thrift [experimental]
- mux [experimental]

Current namer support:

- file-system based discovery
- kubernetes master [experimental]

linkerd is under active development, and so current APIs should not be considered stable until the project reaches version 1.0.0.

 master  release-0.0.11 ... 0.1.0



olix0r committed on Jan 13, 2016



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7,000+ GitHub stars

20m+ DockerHub pulls

80+ contributors

400b+ production requests/mo



credit karma



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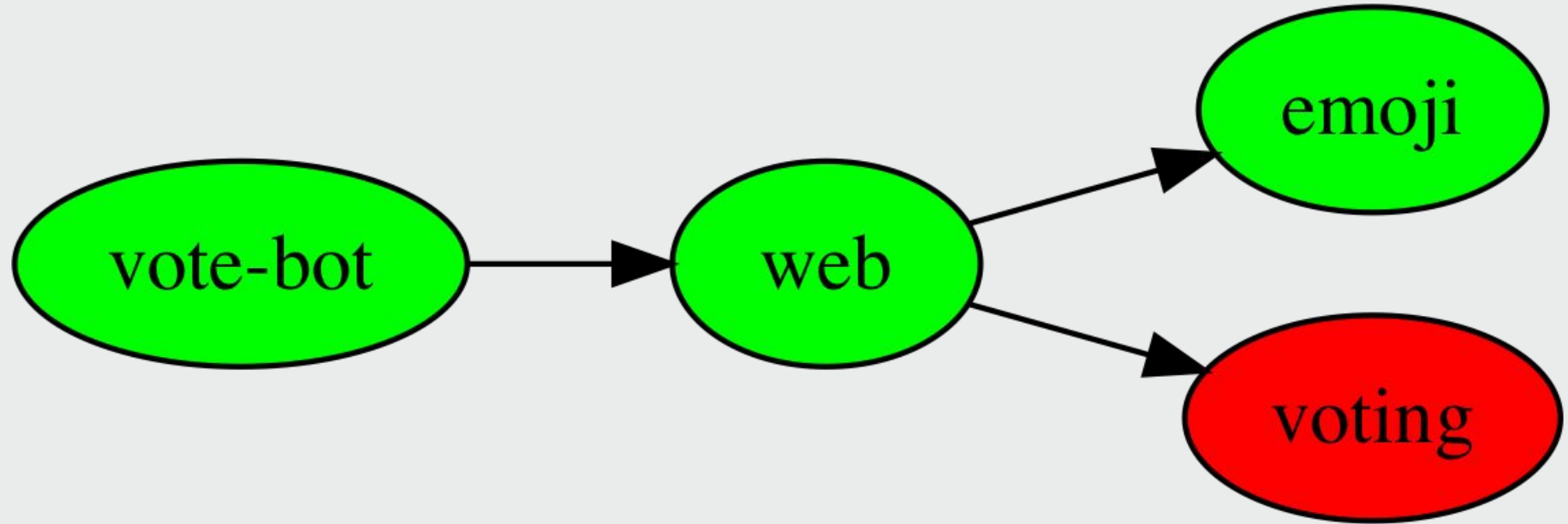
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The Culprit



What is now unlocked?

- Alerting
- Anomaly Detection
- Autoscaling
- Capacity Planning
- Chargeback
- Intelligent Deployments
- SLA Compliance



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