

Nginx Tricks for PHP Developers

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Brief History

- Developed in 2002 at rambler.ru by Igor Sysoev to solve c10k problem
- First public release in the end of 2006
- In 2015 powers 15.5% of all sites, 23% of busiest sites



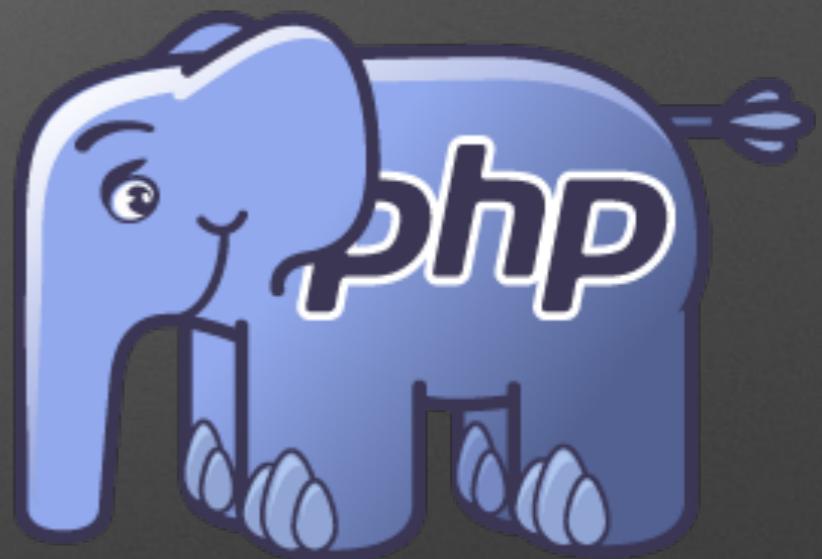
Party Tricks

- High Performance Event based HTTP Server
 - 10k+ connections with very low memory footprint
- Reverse Proxy with Caching
- Load Balancer
- Mail Proxy
- Any many many more...

The Basics



php-fpm



Base Config

```
location ~* \.php$ {
```

```
}
```

Initial File

```
location ~* \.php$ {  
    fastcgi_index index.php;  
  
}
```

PHP-FPM Socket Location

```
location ~* \.php$ {
    fastcgi_index    index.php;
    fastcgi_pass     unix:/var/run/php5-fpm.sock;
}
```

Initialize \$_SERVER Values

```
location ~* \.php$ {
    fastcgi_index    index.php;
    fastcgi_pass     unix:/var/run/php5-fpm.sock;
    include          fastcgi_params;
    fastcgi_param    SCRIPT_FILENAME $document_root$fastcgi_script_name;
}
```

Files to Try, then 404

```
location ~* \.php$ {
    fastcgi_index    index.php;
    fastcgi_pass     unix:/var/run/php5-fpm.sock;
    include          fastcgi_params;
    fastcgi_param    SCRIPT_FILENAME $document_root$fastcgi_script_name;
    try_files        $uri =404;
}
```

Connection Pools

PHP-FPM Pools

```
upstream php_fpm_cluster {  
    server 192.168.1.10:9000;  
    server 192.168.1.11:9000;  
    server 192.168.1.12:9000;  
}
```

Cluster Name

```
location ~* \.php$ {  
    fastcgi_index      index.php;  
    fastcgi_pass       @php_fpm_cluster;  
    include            fastcgi_params;  
    fastcgi_param      SCRIPT_FILENAME $document_root$fastcgi_script_name;  
    try_files          $uri =404;  
}
```

Pool Connection Persistence

```
upstream php_fpm_cluster {  
    ip_hash; ←  
    server 192.168.1.10:9000;  
    server 192.168.1.11:9000;  
    server 192.168.1.12:9000;  
}
```

Based on Client IP Address

```
upstream php_fpm_cluster {  
    hash $request_uri consistent; ←  
    server 192.168.1.10:9000;  
    server 192.168.1.11:9000;  
    server 192.168.1.12:9000;  
}
```

Based on request URI
with Ketama consistent
hashing

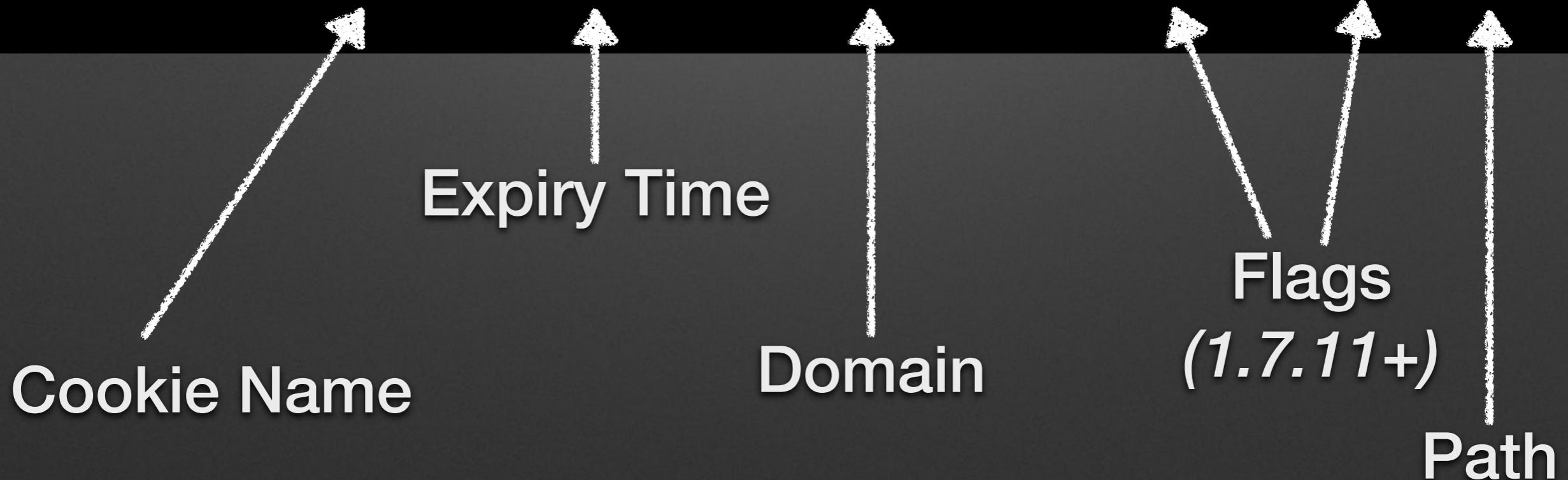
```
upstream php_fpm_cluster {  
    least_conn; ←  
    server 192.168.1.10:9000;  
    server 192.168.1.11:9000;  
}
```

Least busy server based
on connection count

Cookie Based Persistence

```
upstream php_fpm_cluster {  
    server 192.168.1.10:9000;  
    server 192.168.1.11:9000;  
    server 192.168.1.12:9000;
```

```
sticky cookie __server__ expires=1h domain=.ilia.ws httponly secure path=/;  
}
```



Managing Pool Failures

```
upstream php_fpm_cluster {
```

```
    server 192.168.1.10:9000
```

```
        max_fails=10 fail_timeout=60s;
```

Failure
interval & hold

Maximum number of failures

```
    server 192.168.1.11:9000
```

```
        max_fails=5; default 10s failure interval
```

```
    server 192.168.1.12:9000 backup;
```

```
}
```

Backup server in case primaries have failed

Managing Pool Failures

```
upstream php_fpm_cluster {
```

```
    server 192.168.1.10:9000
```

```
        max_fails=10 fail_timeout=60s;
```

Recovery time after
return to healthy state

```
    server 192.168.1.11:9000
```

```
        max_fails=5 slow_start=60s max_conns=150;
```

```
    server 192.168.1.12:9000 backup;
```

```
}
```

Active connection limit

Managing Pool Priorities

```
upstream php_fpm_cluster {  
    server 192.168.1.10:9000 weight=7; ← 7 requests (70%)  
  
    server 192.168.1.11:9000 weight=2; ← 2 requests (20%)  
  
    server 192.168.1.12:9000; ← 1 request (10%)  
}
```

Default weight of 1

Connection Persistence

```
upstream php_fpm_cluster {
    server 192.168.1.10:9000 weight=7;
    server 192.168.1.11:9000 weight=2;
    server 192.168.1.12:9000;

    keepalive 25;
}

location ~* \.php$ {
    fastcgi_index index.php;
    fastcgi_keep_conn on;

    fastcgi_pass @php_fpm_cluster;
    include fastcgi_params;
    fastcgi_param SCRIPT_FILENAME $document_root$fastcgi_script_name;
    try_files $uri =404;
}
```



HTTP > HTTPS

```
server {  
    listen 80;  
    service_name domain.tld;  
    rewrite ^ https://domain.tld$request_uri permanent;  
}
```

And now without rewrite!

```
server {  
    listen 80;  
    service_name domain.tld;  
    return 301 https://domain.tld$request_uri;  
}
```

Basic SSL Config

```
server {  
    listen 443 ssl spdy;  
    service_name domain.tld;  
  
    ssl_certificate /etc/nginx/ssl/domain.pem;  
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/nginx/ssl/domain.key;  
  
    add_header Alternate-Protocol 443:npn-spdy/3;  
    add_header Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains";  
}
```

Tell browsers to only
use HTTPS for this site

Necessary header to
tell browsers about
SPDY support

SSL Protocols & Ciphers

```
server {
    listen 443 ssl spdy;
    service_name domain.tld;

    ssl_certificate /etc/nginx/ssl/domain.pem;
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/nginx/ssl/domain.key;

    add_header Alternate-Protocol 443:npn-spdy/3;
    add_header Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains";

    ssl_protocols TLSv1 TLSv1.1 TLSv1.2;
    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;
    ssl_ciphers 'ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-
SHA384:ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384:DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:DHE-DSS-AES128-GCM-SHA256:kEDH
+AESGCM:ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256:ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA256:ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA:ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-
SHA:ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384:ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA384:ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA:ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-
SHA:DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256:DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA:DHE-DSS-AES128-SHA256:DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA256:DHE-DSS-
AES256-SHA:DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA:AES128-GCM-SHA256:AES256-GCM-SHA384:AES128-SHA256:AES256-SHA256:AES128-
SHA:AES256-SHA:AES:CAMELLIA:DES-CBC3-SHA:!aNULL:!eNULL:!EXPORT:!DES:!RC4:!MD5:!PSK:!aECDH:!EDH-DSS-
DES-CBC3-SHA:!EDH-RSA-DES-CBC3-SHA:!KRB5-DES-CBC3-SHA'';

}
```

SSL Session Management

```
server {  
    listen 443 ssl spdy;  
    service_name domain.tld;  
  
    ssl_certificate /etc/nginx/ssl/domain.pem;  
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/nginx/ssl/domain.key;  
  
    add_header Alternate-Protocol 443:npn-spdy/3;  
    add_header Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains";  
  
    ssl_protocols TLSv1 TLSv1.1 TLSv1.2;  
    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;  
    ssl_ciphers ...;  
  
    ssl_session_timeout 30m;  
    ssl_session_cache shared:SSL:50m; ← ~200,000 sessions  
}
```

Use your typical session length

Forward Secrecy & Diffie Hellman Ephemeral Parameters

- A session specific secret key used to encrypt communication
- Session specific key is never part of client <> server communication, thus is secure from MITM attack
- Past communication cannot be decrypted even if server's private key is compromised

- 1 Alice and Bob agree to use a modulus $p = 23$ and base $g = 5$
- 2 Alice chooses a secret integer $a = 6$, then sends Bob $A = g^a \text{ mod } p$
 - $A = 5^6 \text{ mod } 23 = 8$
- 3 Bob chooses a secret integer $b = 15$, then sends Alice $B = g^b \text{ mod } p$
 - $B = 5^{15} \text{ mod } 23 = 19$
- 4 Alice computes $s = B^a \text{ mod } p$
 - $s = 19^6 \text{ mod } 23 = 2$
- 5 Bob computes $s = A^b \text{ mod } p$
 - $s = 8^{15} \text{ mod } 23 = 2$
- 6 Alice and Bob now share a secret (the number 2).

Forward Secrecy & Diffie Hellman Ephemeral Parameters

Step #1 - Generate strong DHE parameter

```
openssl dhparam -out /etc/nginx/ssl/dhparam.pem 2048
```

Step #2 - Add to SSL Config

```
server {  
    # other ssl config options  
  
    ssl_dhparam /etc/nginx/ssl/dhparam.pem;  
}
```

Step #3 - Have a beer ;=)

OCSP Stapling

```
server {  
    # other ssl config options  
    ssl_stapling on;  
    ssl_stapling_verify on;  
  
    resolver 8.8.8.8 8.8.4.4 valid=300s;  
    resolver_timeout 5s;  
}
```

Enable & Verify

DNS settings for
resolving your domains

Does it work?

```
openssl s_client -connect domain.tld:443 -tls1 -tlsextdebug -status
```

```
OCSP response:  
=====
```

OCSP Response Data:

OCSP Response Status: successful (0x0)

Response Type: Basic OCSP Response
Version: 1 (0x0)
Responder Id: 5168FF90AF0207753CCCD9656462A212B859723B
Produced At: Oct 7 12:33:00 2015 GMT
Responses:
Certificate ID:
 Hash Algorithm: sha1
 Issuer Name Hash: CF26F518FAC97E8F8CB342E01C2F6A109E8E5F0A
 Issuer Key Hash: 5168FF90AF0207753CCCD9656462A212B859723B
 Serial Number: 0D08CDC290EBA038ED8B21E77B94E506

Cert Status: good

This Update: Oct 7 12:33:00 2015 GMT
Next Update: Oct 14 11:48:00 2015 GMT

```
server {
    listen 443 ssl spdy;
    service_name domain.tld;

    ssl_certificate /etc/nginx/ssl/domain.pem;
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/nginx/ssl/domain.key;

    add_header Alternate-Protocol 443:npn-spdy/3;
    add_header Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains";

    ssl_protocols TLSv1 TLSv1.1 TLSv1.2;
    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;
    ssl_ciphers '...';

    ssl_session_timeout 30m;
    ssl_session_cache shared:SSL:50m;

    ssl_dhparam /etc/nginx/ssl/dhparam.pem;

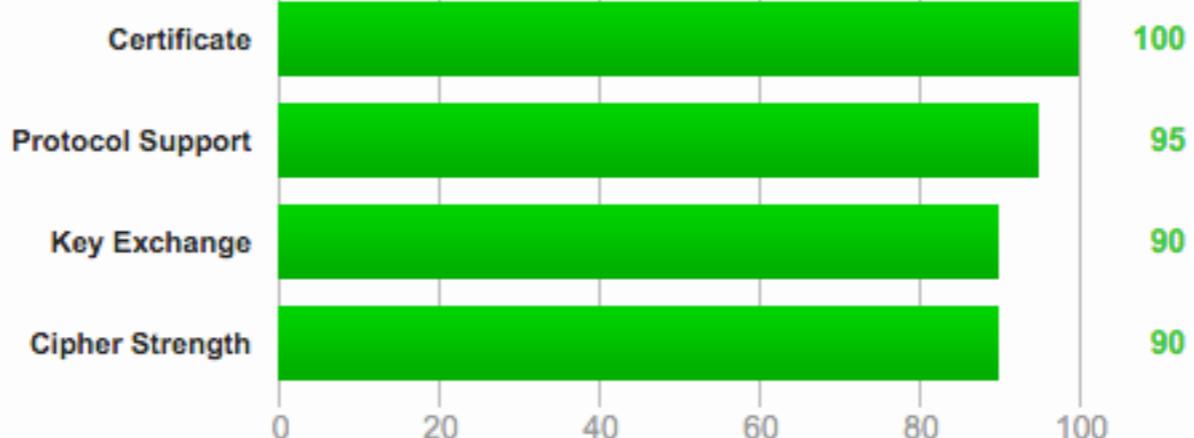
    ssl_stapling on;
    ssl_stapling_verify on;
    resolver 8.8.8.8 8.8.4.4 valid=300s;
    resolver_timeout 5s;
}
```

Final Config

Geek Cred!

Summary

Overall Rating



Visit our [documentation page](#) for more information, configuration guides, and books. Known issues are documented [here](#).

This server supports TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV to prevent protocol downgrade attacks.

This server supports HTTP Strict Transport Security with long duration. Grade set to A+. [MORE INFO »](#)

You're blessed!

It's GZIP Enabled.



Was saved by compressing this page with GZIP.



Uncompressed size

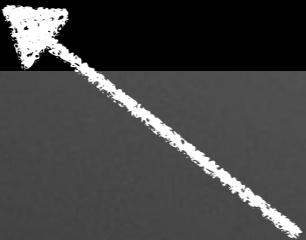
106,589 bytes

Compressed size

9,550 bytes

Turning On

```
http {  
    gzip on;  
    gzip_vary on;  
    gzip_proxied any;  
  
    spdy_headers_comp 1;  
}
```



enable header
compression when
using SPDY

Disabling Gzip

```
http {  
    gzip on;  
    gzip_vary on;  
    gzip_disable "MSIE [4-6]\\.\\.(?!.*SV1)";  
}
```

Regex

```
http {  
    gzip on;  
    gzip_vary on;  
    gzip_disable "msie6";  
}
```

Simpler & faster old
IE block

Disabling Gzip

```
http {  
    gzip on;  
    gzip_vary on;  
    gzip_disable "msie6";
```

```
    gzip_types text/plain text/css application/json  
              application/javascript text/xml application/xml  
              application/xml+rss text/javascript;
```

```
    gzip_http_version 1.1;  
}
```

HTTP Version
Controls

Mime Limits

Compression Performance

```
http {  
    gzip on;  
    gzip_disable "msie6";  
    gzip_vary on;  
    gzip_types text/plain text/css application/json  
              application/javascript text/xml application/xml  
              application/xml+rss text/javascript;  
    gzip_http_version 1.1;  
}
```

gzip_comp_level 1; ← Don't waste CPU time

gzip_min_length 1000; ← Avoid Gzip overhead
for smaller pages

gzip_buffers 4 32k; ← Buffer memory management

Serve Pre-Compressed Files

```
http {  
    gzip on;  
    gzip_disable "msie6";  
    gzip_vary on;  
    gzip_types text/plain text/css application/json  
              application/javascript text/xml application/xml  
              application/xml+rss text/javascript;  
    gzip_http_version 1.1;  
    gzip_comp_level 1;  
    gzip_min_length 1000;  
    gzip_buffers 4 32k;
```

If foo.js is requested and
foo.js.gz is available, serve it**

```
    gzip_static on;  
}
```

Generate Compressed Cache

```
for file in  
`find /web/root -name *.css -o -name *.js -o -name *.html`;  
    do gzip -9 -f -c $file > $file.gz;  
done
```

** browser must support gzip compression

CACHE



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Basic Static Cache

```
server {  
    location ~* \.(jpg|jpeg|gif|png|css|js|ico|xml|html)$ {  
        expires 365d;  
  
        access_log off; ← Disable static  
        log_not_found off; ← request logging  
  
        add_header Cache-Control "public";  
    }  
}
```

Dynamic Content Cache

/var/cache/phpfpmcache/67/2f/95b4fd079cff865abc1309f6dce02f67

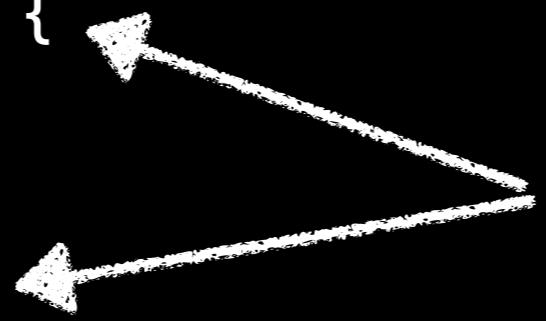
```
http {
    fastcgi_cache_path /var/cache/phpfpmcache levels=2:2
        keys_zone=phpfpmcache:10m inactive=20m max_size=1000m;
    ~80k keys
    fastcgi_cache_key $scheme$host$request_uri;
    fastcgi_cache_lock on; ← One @ a time
    fastcgi_cache_valid 200 302 20m; ← Cache duration by response code
    fastcgi_cache_valid any 60s; ← Serve stale content on error
    fastcgi_cache_use_stale error timeout invalid_header http_500;
    fastcgi_ignore_headers Cache-Control Expires Set-Cookie;
}
```

- An arrow points from the text "remove after 20m of idleness" to the "inactive=20m" setting in the first configuration line.
- An arrow points from the text "Cache Size" to the "max_size=1000m" setting in the first configuration line.
- An arrow points from the text "Cache Key" to the "fastcgi_cache_key" directive.
- An arrow points from the text "One @ a time" to the "fastcgi_cache_lock on;" directive.
- An arrow points from the text "Cache duration by response code" to the "fastcgi_cache_valid 200 302 20m;" directive.
- An arrow points from the text "Serve stale content on error" to the "fastcgi_cache_valid any 60s;" directive.
- An arrow points from the text "Ignore what PHP says ;-)" to the "fastcgi_ignore_headers" directive.

Dynamic Content Cache

```
http {
[ ... ]
server {
  set $skip_cache 0;

  if ($request_method = POST) {
    set $skip_cache 1;
  }
  if ($request_uri ~* “(/admin/|/manage/|/secret/)”) {
    set $skip_cache 1;
  }
  if ($http_cookie ~ “app_logged_in_user”) {
    set $skip_cache 1;
  }
  if ($http_x_disable_cache) {
    set $skip_cache 1;
  }
  if ($http_x_force_cache) {
    set $skip_cache 0;
  }
}
```



Allow PHP Cache Control
via
X-Disable-Cache
and
X-Force-Cache
headers

Dynamic Content Cache

```
http {
  [ ... ]
server {
  [ ... ]

location ~ "\.php$" {
  [ ... ]

    add_header X-Cache-Status $upstream_cache_status; ← Expose cache state

    fastcgi_cache phpfcpmcache; ← Cache pool reference

    fastcgi_cache_bypass $skip_cache;
    fastcgi_no_cache $skip_cache; ← Disable cache when...
  }
}
}
```



Performance Tuning

General Performance Settings

```
worker_processes 4; # one per CPU core (grep ^processor /proc/cpuinfo | wc -l)

worker_rlimit_nofile 40000; # max number of open files

pcre_jit on; # speed up regex expression processing

events {
    use epoll; # for BSD OSes use queue

    worker_connections 1024; # 4 * 1024 = 4096 connections

    multi_accept on; # accept as many connections as possible
}
```

General Performance Settings

```
http {  
    sendfile          on;  
    tcp_nopush        on; ← Use faster kernel mechanism to  
    tcp_nodelay        on;   transmit files  
  
    keepalive_timeout  30; ← KeepAlive limits to prevent  
    keepalive_requests 10000; → resource exhaustion  
}
```

Cache FD, and commonly used files

```
server {  
    open_file_cache max=10000 inactive=30s;  
  
    open_file_cache_valid 2m; ← Cache “valid” duration  
    open_file_cache_min_uses 2; ← Min uses to be considered “active”  
    open_file_cache_errors on; ← Cache Errors “file not found”  
}
```

Max # of elements in cache,
that expire after 30s of inactivity



Buffers

```
server {  
    client_body_buffer_size      16k;  # typical request body size  
    client_header_buffer_size   2k;   # request header buffer  
    client_max_body_size        10m;  # maximum request size  
    large_client_header_buffers 3 4k; # big header buffers  
}
```

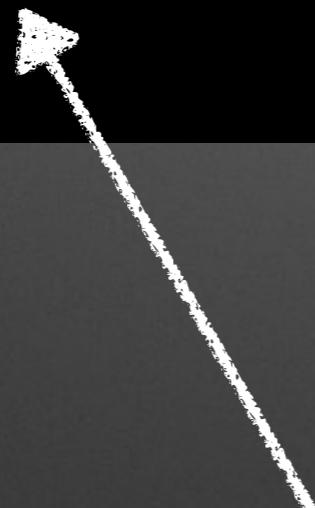
```
location ~ .php$ {  
    fastcgi_buffer_size          128k;  # ~ avg. PHP page size  
    fastcgi_buffers               256 32k; # for larger pages  
    fastcgi_busy_buffers_size    256k;  # client not ready buffer  
    fastcgi_temp_file_write_size 256k;  # write to disk blocks  
}
```

Timeouts

```
server {  
    reset_timeout_connection on; ← Drop timeout connections  
  
    client_body_timeout 10s; ← # of seconds before  
    client_header_timeout 10s; ← sending to 408 to client  
  
    send_timeout 5s; ← # of seconds before considering client  
} "gone" during output transmission
```

GIF Beacon

```
location = /beacon {  
    empty_gif;  
}
```



Serves a 1x1 transparent gif from memory



Information Logs

Error Logging

```
error_log /var/log/nginx/errors.log error
```

Could be stderr

Could be syslog

```
syslog:log.server,facility=local7,tag=nginx,severity=err
```

```
emerg: Emergency situations where the system is in an unusable state
```

```
alert: Severe situation where action is needed promptly
```

```
crit: Important problems that need to be addressed
```

```
error: An Error has occurred. Something was unsuccessful
```

```
warn: Something out of the ordinary happened, but not a cause for concern
```

```
notice: Something normal, but worth noting has happened
```

```
info: An informational message that might be nice to know
```

```
debug: Debugging information that can be useful to pinpoint where a problem is occurring
```

Access Logging

```
access_log /var/log/nginx/access.log verbose buffer=64k flush=5m
```

Could be **stderr**

Write in 64k chunks or every 5mins,
which ever is sooner

Could be syslog

```
syslog:log.server,facility=local7,tag=nginx,severity=info
```

What to Log?

```
log_format  verbose  'your format string';
```

PARAMETER	WHAT & WHY
\$remote_addr	IP Address of the User
\$host	Host request (<i>one log file per server</i>)
\$body_bytes_sent	Size of the response body w/o header
\$bytes_sent	Total bytes sent
\$time_local	Local time in the Common Log Format
\$status	Response status
\$request_length	Request length
\$request_time	Request processing time
\$http_referer	Referrer
\$http_user_agent	User agent
\$request	Full request line (<i>GET /index.php HTTP/1.1</i>)
\$gzip_ratio	Gzip Compression Ratio

Live Monitoring

```
location /nginx_status {  
    stub_status on;  
    access_log off;  
    allow your-ip;  
    deny all;  
}
```



```
Active connections: 291  
server accepts handled requests  
    16630948 16630948 31070465  
Reading: 6 Writing: 179 Waiting: 106
```



KEEP
CALM
AND
START
DEBUGGING

Debugging

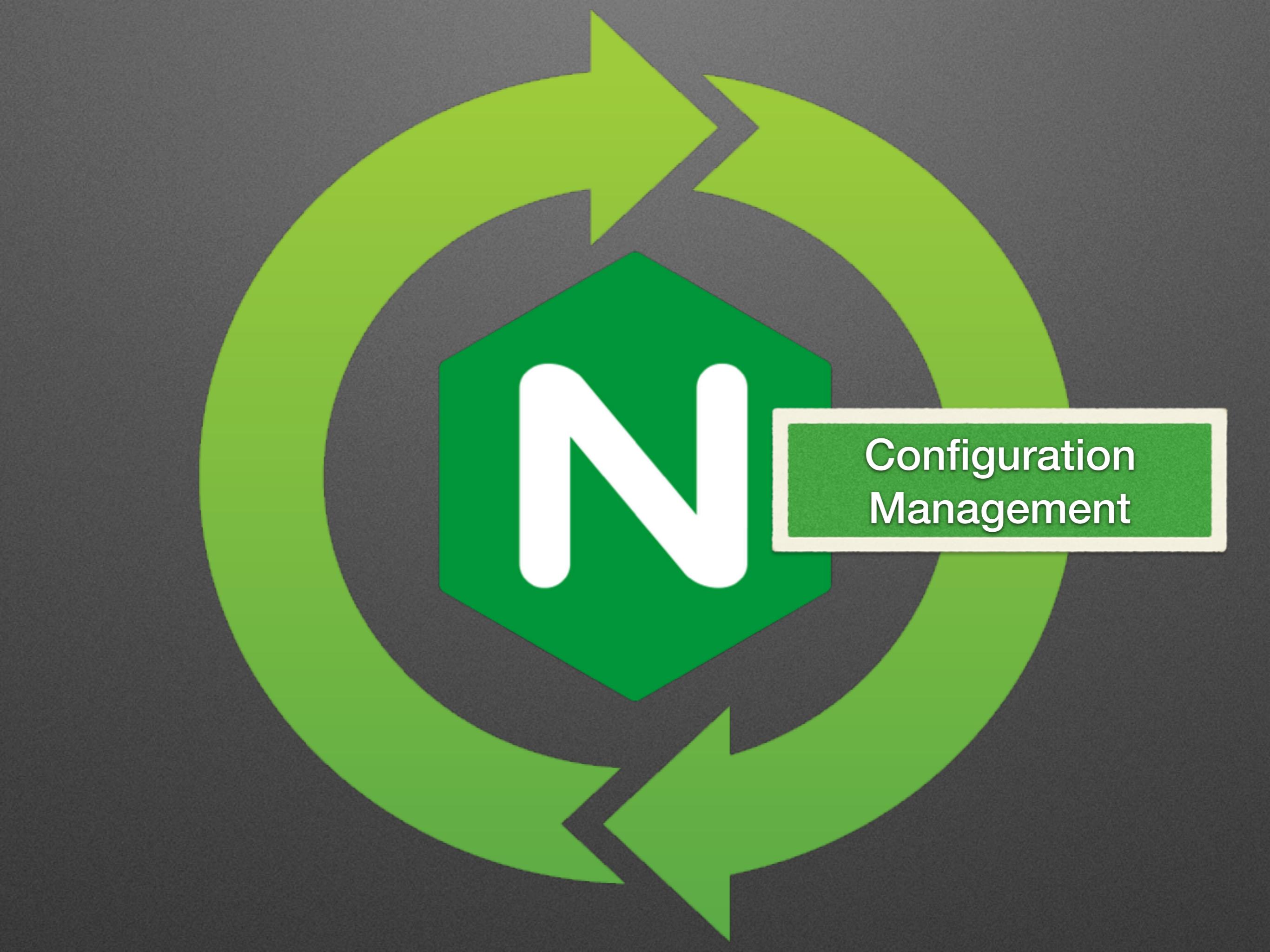
```
error_log /var/log/nginx/errors.log debug
```

```
events {  
    debug_connection 192.168.0.0/24;  
    debug_connection 2001:0db8::/32;  
}
```

```
server {  
    rewrite_log on;  
    error_log /var/log/nginx/errors.log notice;  
}
```

*requires
--with-debug*

Do configtest !



Configuration
Management

kill -HUP

- Configuration Reload
- Start new workers based on new config
- Allow old workers to complete work and gracefully exit

kill -USR1

- Rotate Log Files

kill -USR2

- No downtime executable upgrade

```
kill -USR2 `cat /var/run/nginx.pid`
```

```
/var/run/nginx.pid >> /var/run/nginx.pid.oldbin
```

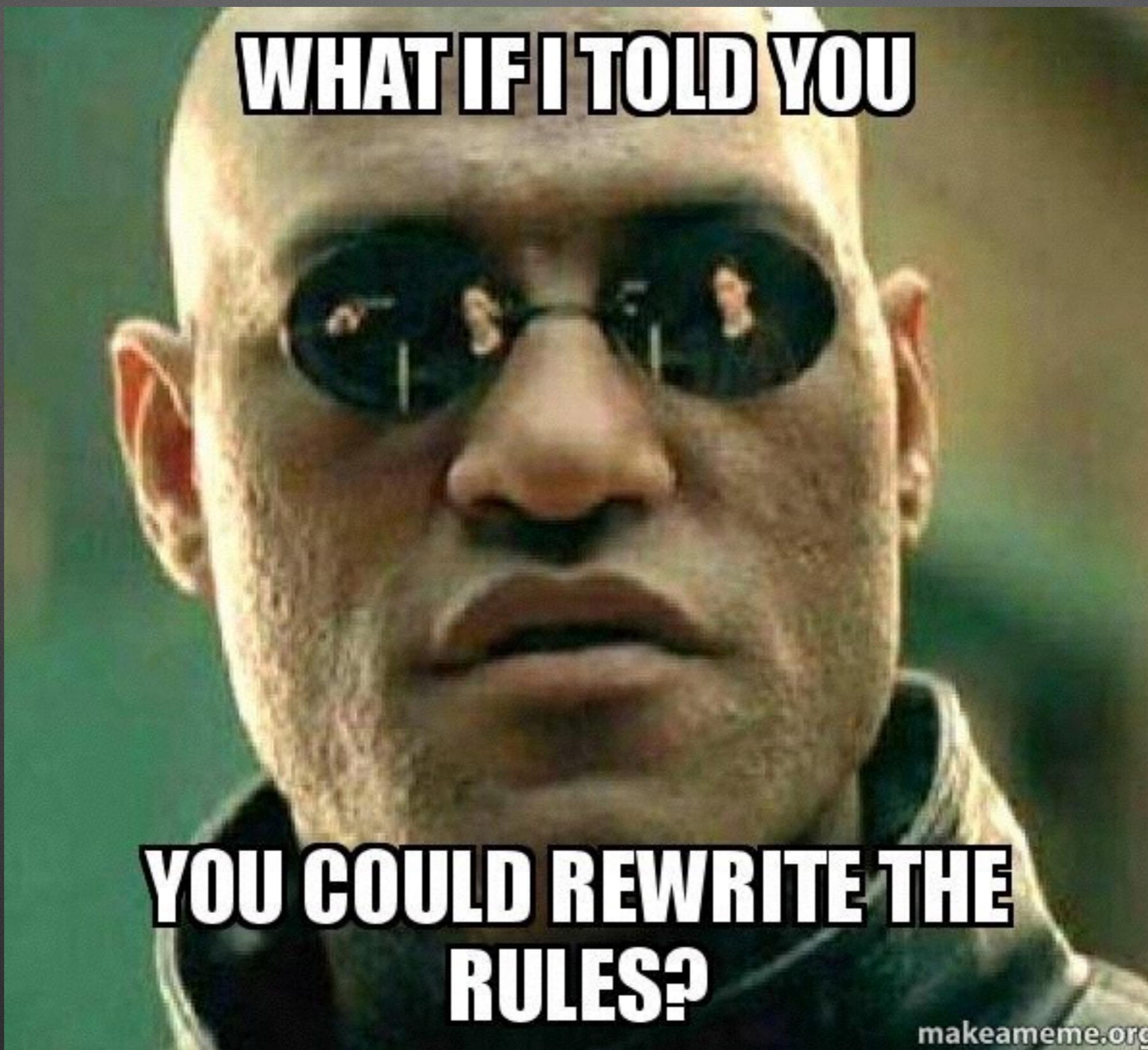
:	PID	PPID	USER	%CPU	VSZ	WCHAN	COMMAND
	33126		1 root	0.0	1164	pause	nginx: master process nginx
	36264	33126	root	0.0	1148	pause	nginx: master process nginx

Failure

Success

```
kill -WINCH `cat /var/run/nginx.pid.oldbin`
```

```
kill -HUP `cat /var/run/nginx.pid.oldbin`  
kill -QUIT `cat /var/run/nginx.pid`  
kill -TERM `cat /var/run/nginx.pid`
```



WHAT IF I TOLD YOU

**YOU COULD REWRITE THE
RULES?**

Rewrite Module

- PCRE based regular expression
- Basis of nearly all conditional expressions
- Access to virtually entire set of Nginx variables
- Allows creation of own variables via **set**

Rewrite in Practice

```
if ($request_filename ~* \.(htaccess|phps|inc)$) {  
    return 401;  
}
```

```
location ~ \.(htaccess|phps|inc)$ {  
    return 401;  
}
```

```
location /static/ {  
    rewrite ^(/static/)[^/]+/(.*)$ $1/$2 break;  
    return 403;  
}
```

```
rewrite ^/users/([0-9]+)$ /user.php?id=$1? last;
```

Faster

No other GET args

Finish rewrite rules

Variables in Action

```
server {  
    server_name ~ ^(?:www\.)?(?<domain>.+)$;  
  
    location / {  
        if ($domain !~ '\.\.') {  
            root /sites/$domain;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
geo $slow {  
    default 0;  
  
    8.8.0.0/24 1;  
}  
  
if ($slow) {  
    limit_rate 10k;  
}
```

Map Directive

```
map $geoip_country_code $closest_server {  
    default www.acme.co;  
  
    CA      ca.acme.co;  
    DE      de.acme.co;  
    CN      cn.acme.co;  
    AU      au.acme.co;  
}
```



Securing Nginx

Mod Security

```
location ~* \.php$ {
    ModSecurityEnabled on;
    ModSecurityConfig modsecurity.conf;
    proxy_read_timeout 180s;

    fastcgi_index index.php;
    fastcgi_pass unix:/var/run/php5-fpm.sock;
    include fastcgi_params;
    fastcgi_param SCRIPT_FILENAME $document_root$fastcgi_script_name;
    try_files $uri =404;
}
```

Prior to ModSecurity 2.7.2, ModSecurityPass was needed

```
location ~* \.php$ {
    ModSecurityEnabled on;
    ModSecurityConfig modsecurity.conf;
    ModSecurityPass @backend;
}

location @backend {
    fastcgi_index index.php;
    fastcgi_pass unix:/var/run/php5-fpm.sock;
    include fastcgi_params;
    fastcgi_param SCRIPT_FILENAME $document_root$fastcgi_script_name;
    try_files $uri =404;
}
```

NAXSI - Nginx Anti XSS & SQL Injection

```
http {  
    include /etc/nginx/naxsi_core.rules;  
}
```

```
server {  
    location ~* \.php$ {  
        include /etc/nginx/naxsi.rules;  
    }  
  
    location /RequestDenied {  
        return 444;  
    }  
}
```

Special code that just drops connection



```
LearningMode; #Enables learning mode  
SecRulesEnabled;  
  
DeniedUrl "/RequestDenied";  
## check rules  
CheckRule "$SQL >= 8" BLOCK;  
CheckRule "$RFI >= 8" BLOCK;  
CheckRule "$TRAVERSAL >= 4" BLOCK;  
CheckRule "$EVADE >= 4" BLOCK;  
CheckRule "$XSS >= 8" BLOCK;
```

DDOS Protection

- Most DDOS bots are pretty limited in function and can be identified by their lack of support for:
 - Cookies
 - Redirect Support
 - JavaScript Capability
- The **test_cookie** module can detect this and block access based on lack of fundamental features

<https://github.com/kyprizel/testcookie-nginx-module>

Throttle Down Offenders

```
http {  
    limit_conn_zone $binary_remote_addr zone=slow1:10m;  
    limit_req_zone  $binary_remote_addr zone=slow2:10m rate=1r/s;  
  
    server {  
        location /login/ {  
            limit_conn slow1 1;  
        }  
  
        location /search/ {  
            limit_req zone=slow2 burst=5;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

General Security Settings

```
disable_symlinks if_not_owner;
```

```
server_tokens off;
```

```
if ($request_method !~ ^(GET|HEAD|POST)$) {  
    return 444;  
}
```

Prevent clickjacking

```
add_header X-Frame-Options "SAMEORIGIN";
```

Enable XSS filer
protection in
browser

```
add_header X-XSS-Protection "1; mode=block";
```

Don't guess
mime-type

```
add_header X-Content-Type-Options "nosniff";
```

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