CouchDB

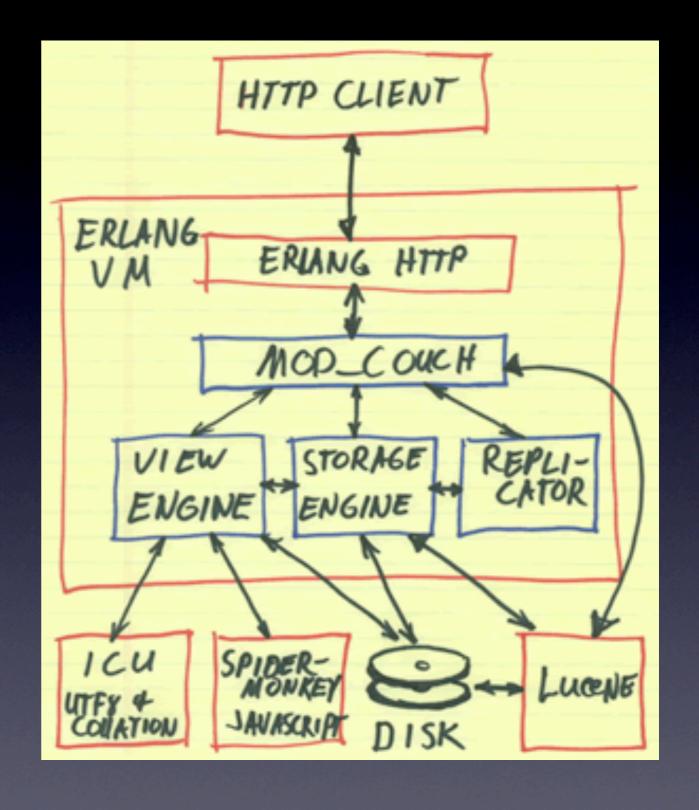
http://incubator.apache.org/couchdb/

CouchDB is a Database

- with really crap relational features
- no support for the usual suspects of access APIs
- no tables
- no columns
- no constraints

- stores documents, not records
- JSON document format
- JavaScript "query language"
- does CRUDdy HTTP really well

obligatory architecture diagram



Documents... as in...

wiki articles

movies

comments

blog posts

personals

auction items

mp3s

news

pictures

obituaries

source code

DB Layout

host database document

- http://megatron:5984/railscamp/my_doc
- http://megatron:5984/railscamp/your_doc
- http://megatron:5984/railscamp/our_doc

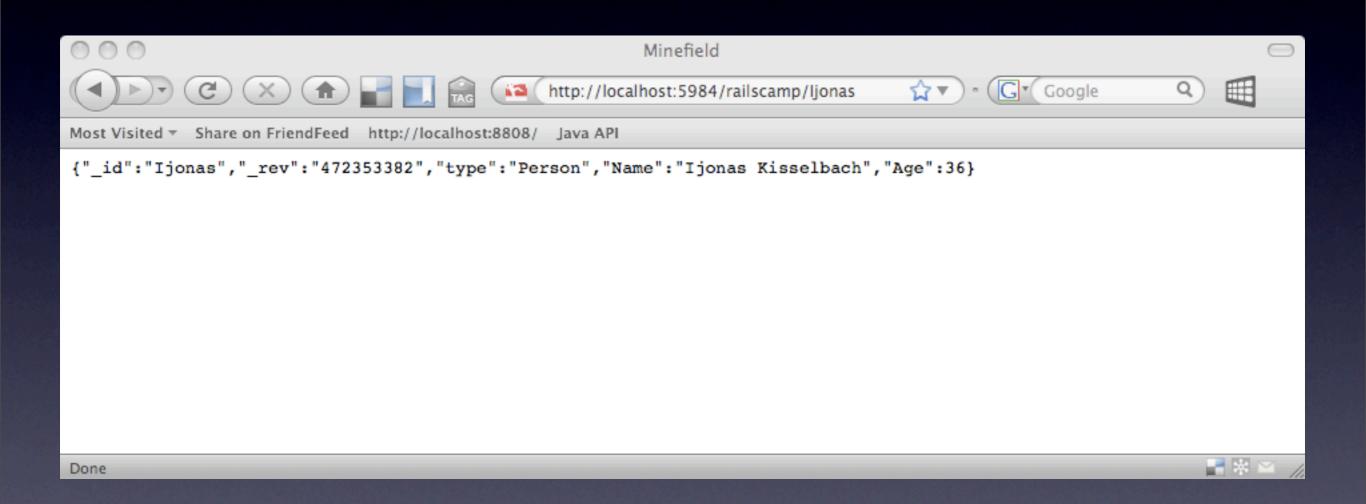
http://bumblebee:5984/railscamp/their_doc

SELECT by primary key

- http://127.0.0.1:5984/railscamp/ljonas/
- HTTP GET

```
{
  "_id": "Ijonas",
  "_rev": "472353382",
  "type": "Person",
  "Name": "Ijonas Kisselbach",
  "Age": 36
}
```

SELECT by primary key



UPDATEs

http://127.0.0.1:5984/railscamp/ljonas/

```
• HTTP PUT
```

DELETES

- http://127.0.0.1:5984/railscamp/ljonas/
- HTTP DELETE

INSERTs - specified id

http://127.0.0.1:5984/railscamp/ljonas/

```
• HTTP PUT {
    "type": "Person",
    "Name": "Ijonas Kisselbach",
    "Age": 36
}
```

INSERTs - generated id

http://127.0.0.1:5984/railscamp/

```
• HTTP POST {
    "type": "Person",
    "Name": "Ijonas Kisselbach",
    "Age": 36
}
```

```
HTTP/1.1 201 Created
Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2006 05:39:28 +0000GMT
Content-Type: application/json
Connection: close
{"ok":true, "id":"123BAC", "rev":"946B7D1C"}
```

Views - Canned Queries

http://.../railscamp/_design/people

```
• HTTP PUT {
                   "_id":"_design/people",
                   "views":
                   {
                     "adults": {
                       "map": "function(doc) {
                                 if (doc.Type == 'Person' &&
                                    doc.Age > 20)
                                   emit(null, doc) }"
```

Views - Canned Queries

http://.../railscamp/ view/people/adults

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK

    HTTP GET Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2006 05:39:28 +0000GMT

                       Content-Length: 318
                       Connection: close
                         "total_rows": 2,
                         "offset": 0,
                         "rows": [{
                             "id":"Ijonas",
                             "key": null,
                             "value": {
                               "type": "Person",
                               "Name": "Ijonas Kisselbach",
                               "Age":36}
```

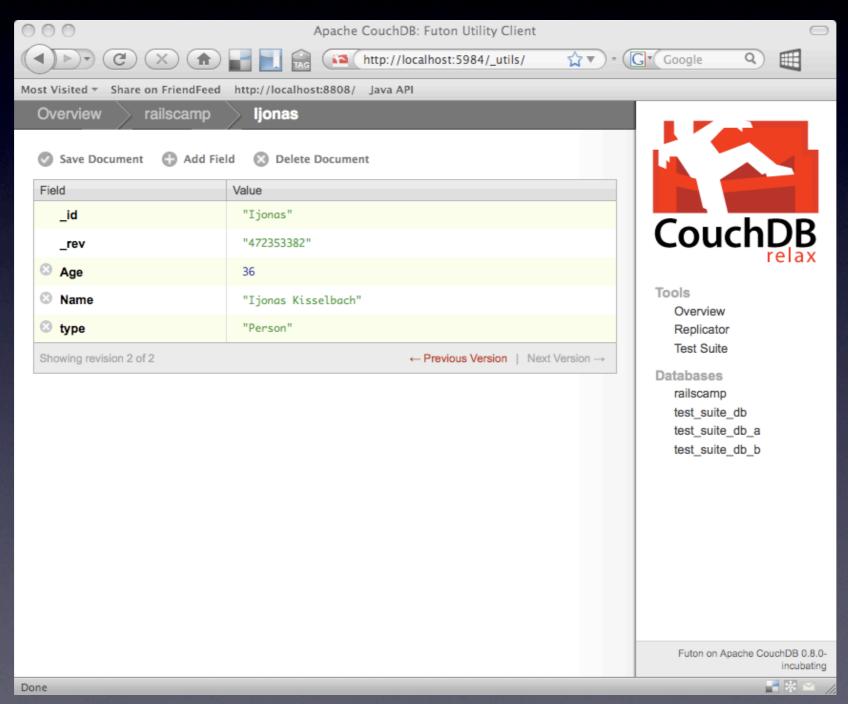
CouchDB & Ruby

- CouchObject
- HTTParty (yeah!)

ActiveRecord port (yuck!)

```
require 'rubygems'
require 'httparty'
class CouchHack
 include HTTParty
 base_uri 'http://127.0.0.1:5984'
 format :json
 def update( path, document )
  options = { :body => JSON.generate(document) }
  puts self.class.put(path, options )
 end
 def get(path)
  self.class.get(path)
 end
 def create(path, document )
  options = { :body => JSON.generate(document) }
  puts self.class.post(path, options )
 end
end
```

CouchDBX - binaries for OS X



My Interest in CouchDB

- Fast Content & Metadata Processing
- Scale
 - nginx & squid caching
 - HTTP Addressability "sharding" built-in
 - http://megatron:5984/railscamp/our_doc
 - http://bumblebee:5984/railscamp/their_doc

Getting Started

- CouchDB @ http://incubator.apache.org/
 couchdb/
- CouchDBX @ http://jan.prima.de/~jan/plok/archives/142-CouchDBX-Revival.html
- CouchDB wiki @ http://wiki.apache.org/
 couchdb/
- IRC channel #couchdb on freenode
- HTTParty & CouchObject gems