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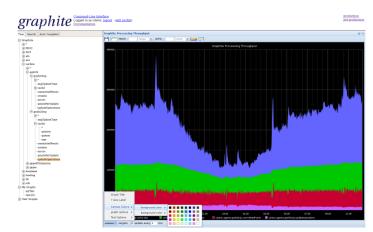
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A timeseries data dashboard



source: http://graphite.wdfiles.com/local-files/screen-shots/graphite_fullscreen_800.png





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Functions:

- Web application framework
- Numeric timeseries round robin database
- Graphing and rendering engine

Components:

- graphite-web
- carbon
- whisper



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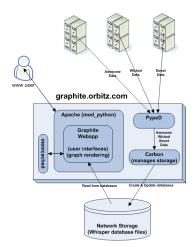
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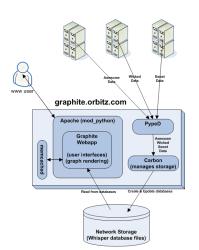
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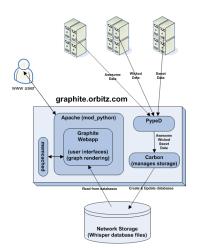
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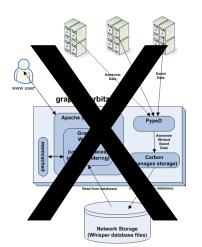
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- A general-purpose database
- A general-purpose graphing toolkit
- Written in Perl



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■ Web app:

http://graphite.wikidot.com/url-api-reference

Command line:

http://graphite.wikidot.com/cli-reference



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Master process (starts others)
Listens on a port (default 2003) for inserts
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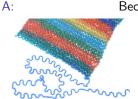
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Why so many moving parts?

Because python's "threading" model isn't.





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- Similar to rrd, but . . .
- Allows out-of-order inserts
- Allows irregularly-spaced inserts
- Allows bulk inserts
- http://graphite.wikidot.com/whisper



Setting up Graphite Components

Required:

- python (2.4+)
- pycairo (with PNG backend support)
- apache with mod_wsgi
- django (Python MVC framework for web applications) +
 django-tagging
- twisted (Python event management framework)
- sqlite3, mysql, postgresql, or ado_mssql

Optional:

- python-ldap (for LDAP-based web authentication)
- memcached & python-memcached (for performance boost)
- python-sqlite2
- collectd & collectd-graphite (to collect system stats)

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https://github.com/joemiller/ collectd-graphite

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http://collectd.org/documentation/ manpages/collectd-perl.5.shtml

Net::Graphite

http://search.cpan.org/~slanning/ Net-Graphite-0.10/



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