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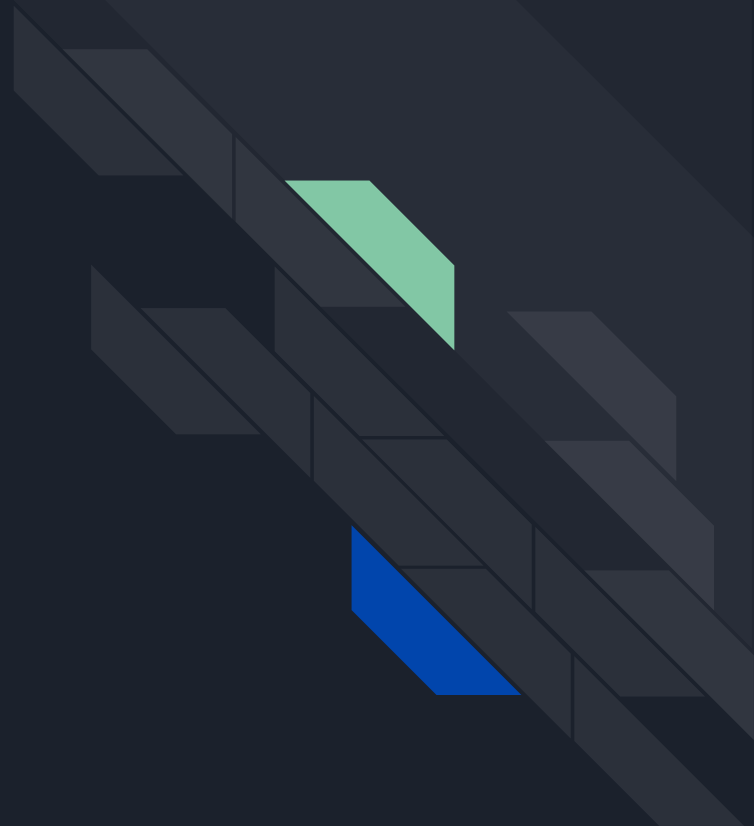
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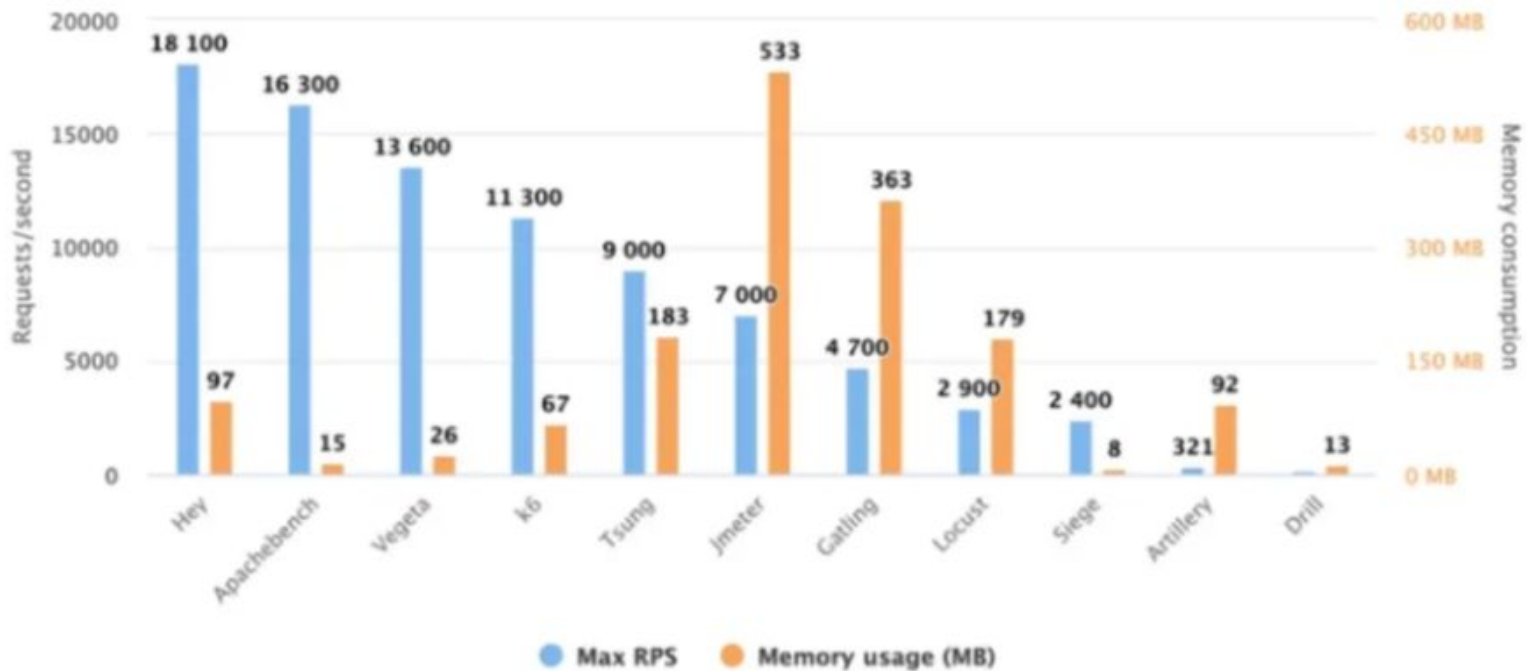
k6 is a developer-friendly, open-source performance testing tool built on Go. It simulates concurrent virtual users to load test applications and infrastructure.

## Key Features:

- User-friendly: Easy to learn and use.
- Open-source: Free and customizable.
- Versatile: Can test various performance aspects.
- Efficient: Offers memory optimization options.

By using k6, engineering teams can ensure application reliability, prevent errors, and maintain high performance.

Max RPS rates / Memory usage





# Audience

Engineering teams, including Developers, QA Engineers, SDETs, and SREs, commonly use k6 for:

- Load Testing
  - Running a high load performance testing with minimal resources
- Browser Automation Testing
  - Can run browser based performance and automation test and collect browser metrics
- Synthetic Monitoring
  - Schedule a browser automation to simulate the user actions
- Chaos and resilience Testing
  - With help of custom binaries you can simulate traffic and inject fault on Kubernetes
- Infrastructure Testing
  - With k6 extension you can support new protocols within your infrastructure

Reference : [Grafana k6](#) | [Grafana k6 documentation](#)



# Protocol Support

- HTTP /1.1
- HTTP /2
- Websocket
- gRPC

You can use k6 on more protocol with xk6

Reference : [Extensions | Grafana k6 documentation](#)

## xk6-kafka

Load test Apache Kafka.  
Includes support for  
Avro messages.

## xk6-kubernetes

Interact with Kubernetes  
clusters

## xk6-kv

Share key-value data  
between VUs

## xk6-loki

Client for load testing  
Loki

## xk6-mlp

Simple MLLP sender for  
k6

## xk6-mock

Mock HTTP(S) servers

## xk6-mongo

Load-test Mongo no-  
SQL databases

## xk6-mqtt

mqtt extension

## xk6-nats

Provides NATS support



# Test Recorders

A recording stores the sequence of requests and parameters of a user session or API interaction. You can use this recording to auto-generate your test logic.

- Browser Recorder
- DevTools Recorder
- HAR Converter



# Results Output

k6 emits metrics with timestamps at every point of the test. You can output the metric results as either aggregated statistics or individual data points.

1. For a top-level test overview, use the end-of-test summary.
2. For granular output of all metrics (with timestamps), you stream metrics in real time.

If you stream your metrics, you can either write them to a file, like JSON, or stream them to a service, like InfluxDB, Prometheus, and etc...

Reference : <https://grafana.com/docs/k6/latest/results-output/>





# Custom binaries

Create tailored extensions: Address specific reliability-testing needs.

Leverage the xk6 framework: Build custom k6 binaries in Go.

Two development options:

- Go and xk6:

Write extensions in Go. Bundle them with xk6 to create custom binaries.

- Docker:

Utilize a Dockerfile to build custom binaries. Incorporate extensions and dependen

```
xk6 build --with github.com/grafana/xk6-kubernetes
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[Extensions | Grafana k6 documentation](#)

# Some Examples

- Load testing
- API Testing with BDD Style
- Browser Automation
- Build custom k6 binary
- Kubernetes





# Reference

- [K6 — Swiss Army Knife for Dev Teams | by Sheron Gerard | Medium](#)
- [Grafana k6 | Grafana k6 documentation](#)
- [K6 Environment Setup - Projects - Wiley Global Confluence](#)
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- [HTTP Authentication | Grafana k6 documentation](#)
- [Integrations & Tools | Grafana k6 documentation](#)
- [GitHub - lgjsherond/PerfGuildDemo: Demo purpose](#)



Thank you!



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