# **LOAD TESTING**

# Using k6 by Grafana

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## **ABSTRACT**

This report details the methodology and findings of a comprehensive load testing conducted on "https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/" utilizing k6, a modern and developer-centric load testing tool by Grafana Labs. The primary objective was to evaluate the performance, stability, and scalability of the website under simulated real-world user traffic scenarios. This report outlines the design and execution of various test scripts, including simulating concurrent users, defining ramp-up stages, and implementing performance thresholds. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) such as response time, request success rate, and error distribution were thoroughly measured and analyzed. The results provide valuable insights into the application's behavior under different load levels, identifying potential bottlenecks and areas for optimization. Ultimately, this study demonstrates the effectiveness of k6 as a powerful tool for identifying performance limitations and ensuring the robustness of web applications under demanding user loads, contributing to improved user experience and system reliability.

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## k6 BY GRAFANA

## Introduction



Grafana k6 is an open-source, developer-friendly, and extensible load testing tool which allows us to prevent performance issues and proactively improve reliability. k6 helps developers simulate realistic user behavior and test how the systems behave as a result. Writing tests in k6 allows us to identify potential issues, such as slow response times or system failures, before they occur in production.

Using k6, we can test the reliability and performance of our application and infrastructure. It helps engineering teams prevent errors and SLO (Service Level Objective) breaches, enabling them to build resilient and high-performing applications that scale.

Engineering teams, including Developers, QA (Quality Assurance) Engineers, SDETs (Software Development Engineer in Test), and SREs (Site Reliability Engineering), commonly use k6 for:

- Load and Performance Testing
- Browser Performance Testing
- Performance and Synthetic Monitoring
- Automation of Performance Tests
- Chaos and Resilience Testing
- Infrastructure Testing

## Installation

```
H:\>winget install k6.k6
Found k6 [k6.k6] Version 1.0.0-rc1
This application is licensed to you by its owner.
Microsoft is not responsible for, nor does it grant any licenses to, third-party pa
ckages.
Successfully verified installer hash
Starting package install...
Successfully installed
```

## **Basic Structure of a k6 Test**

For k6 to be able to interpret and execute our test, every k6 script follows a common structure, revolving around a few core components:

- 1. Default function: This is where the test logic resides. It defines what our test will do and how it will behave during execution. It should be exported as the default function in our script.
- 2. Imports: We can import additional k6 modules or JavaScript libraries (jslibs) to extend our script's functionality, such as making HTTP requests or simulating browser interactions. (P.S.: k6 is not built upon Node.js, and instead uses its own JavaScript runtime. Compatibility with some npm modules may vary.)
- 3. Options (optional): Enable us to configure the execution of the test, such as defining the number of virtual users, the test duration, or setting performance thresholds.
- 4. Lifecycle operations (optional): Because our test might need to run code before and/or after the execution of the test logic, such as parsing data from a file, or download an object from Amazon S3, lifecycle operations allow us to write code, either as predefined functions or within specific code scopes, that will be executed at different stages of the test execution.

## **Testing**

## 1. 1 Virtual user running for 5 minutes

```
import http from 'k6/http';
import { sleep } from 'k6';

export default function () {
   const res =
http.get('https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/');
   console.log('Status code: ${res.status}');
   sleep(1);
}
```

#### Result:

Metrics	Duration	<b>Expected Response</b>
Average	26.38ms	26.38ms
Minimum	26.38ms	26.38ms
Median	26.38ms	26.38ms
Maximum	26.38ms	26.38ms
p(90)	26.38ms	26.38ms
p(95)	26.38ms	26.38ms

- 0.00% out of 1 HTTP request failed
- 1 HTTP request was made at a rate of 0.943379 reg/second
- Iteration duration:

o Average: 1.05s

o Minimum: 1.05s

Median: 1.05s

o Maximum: 1.05s

 $\circ$  p(90): 1.05s

o p(95): 1.05s

• Iterations: 1 iteration performed at a rate of 0.943379 iterations/second

Virtual users: 1

Maximum Virtual users: 1

• Data received: 151 kB, Average rate: 143 kB/s

• Data sent: 475 B, Average rate: 448 B/s

• Running: 1.1 s

• 0 out of 1 virtual user was active

• 1 iteration was successfully completed and 0 were interrupted

# 2. 10 get HTTP requests to a Techart URL & wait for 1 second between requests

```
//Import http module to make HTTP requests
import http from 'k6/http';
//Import sleep function to introduce delays
import { sleep } from 'k6';
export const options = {
    //Define the number of iterations for the test
    iterations: 10,
}
// The default exported function is gonna be picked up by k6 as the
entry point for the test script. It will be executed repeatedly in
"iterations" for the whole duration of the test.
```

```
export default function() {
    //make a get request to the target URL
    http.get('https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/');
    //Sleep for 1 second to simulate real-world usage
    sleep(1);
}
```

```
schal.shrestha@acer-14 MINGW64 /c/Users/nischal.shrestha/Desktop/Nischal Shrestha/Front_End_
tern/Front_End_Intern/QA Testing (master)
$ k6 run load_testing.js.
  execution: local
   script: load_testing.js.
  TOTAL RESULTS
 http_req_duration.....: avg=27.34ms min=
.91ms med=21.26ms max=219.43ms p(90)=28.43ms p(95)=40.33ms
{ expected_response:true } : avg=27.34ms min=
.91ms med=21.26ms max=219.43ms p(90)=28.43ms p(95)=40.33ms
 EXECUTION
 iteration_duration.....: avg=1.035 min=
NETWORK
 running (0m31.1s), 00/10 VUs, 298 complete and 0 interrupted iterations
default 🗸 [=====
```

## Result:

Metrics	Duration	<b>Expected Response</b>
Average	27.34ms	27.34ms

Minimum	12.91ms	12.91ms
Median	21.26ms	21.26ms
Maximum	219.43ms	219.43ms
p(90)	28.43ms	28.43ms
p(95)	40.33ms	40.33ms

- 0.00% out of 2 HTTP request failed
- 298 HTTP request was made at a rate of 9.586154 req/second
- Iteration duration:
  - o Average: 1.03s
  - o Minimum: 1.01s
  - o Median: 1.02s
  - o Maximum: 1.25s
  - o p(90): 1.03s
  - o p(95): 1.04s
- Iterations: 298 iteration performed at a rate of 9.586154 iterations/second
- Virtual users:
  - o Minimum: 3
  - o Maximum: 10
- Data received: 44 MB, Average rate: 1.4 MB/s
- Data sent: 40 kB, Average rate: 1.3 kB/s
- Running: 31.1s
- 0 out of 10 virtual user was active
- 298 iterations were successfully completed and 0 were interrupted

## 3. Load Testing (200 Virtual Users for 30m 30s)

```
import http from 'k6/http';
import { sleep } from 'k6';
```

```
ischal.shrestha@acer-14 MDNGW64 /c/Users/nischal.shrestha/Desktop/Nischal Shrestha/Front_End_
htern/Front_End_Intern/QA Testing (master)
$k6 run load_testing.js
      execution: local
          script: load_testing.js
          output: -
    scenarios: (100.00%) 1 scenario, 200 max VUs, 30m30s max duration (incl. graceful stop):

default: Up to 200 looping VUs for 30m0s over 3 stages (gracefulRampDown: 30s, gracefulStop: 30s)

error="Get \"https://groupiig, techarttrekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"

error="Get \"https://groupiig, techarttrekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
                                                                              error="Get \"https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
error="Get \"https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
error="Get \"https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
error="Get \"https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
    N[1540] Request Failed
N[1545] Request Failed
N[1546] Request Failed
N[1555] Request Failed
  TOTAL RESULTS
     http_req_duration. : avg=540.31ms min=0s med=401.92ms max=5.3s p(90)=1
        { expected_response:true } : avg=5+2.13ms min=18.44ms med=403.73ms max=5.3s p(90)=1
     iteration_duration. : avg=2.04s min=1.01s med=1.41s max=lmls p(90)=2
     iterations....: 146875 81.572247/5

    data_received.
    : 22 GB 12 MB/5

    data_sent.
    : 19 MB 10 kB/5

running (30m00.6s), 000/200 VUs, 146875 complete and 4 interrupted iterations
                                                                  =] 000/200 VUs 30m0s
```

## Result:

Metrics	Duration	<b>Expected Response</b>
Average	540.31ms	542.13ms
Minimum	3s	16.44ms
Median	501.92ms	403.73ms
Maximum	5.3s	5.3s
p(90)	1.51s	1.51s
p(95)	1.51s	1.51s

- 0.34% totalling 505 failed out of 146,878 HTTP request failed
- 146,878 HTTP requests were made at an average rate of 81.57 reg/second
- Iteration duration:
  - o Average: 2.04s
  - o Minimum: 1.01s
  - o Median: 1.41s
  - o Maximum: 1.5s
  - o p(90): 2.63s
  - o p(95): 2.63s
- Iterations: 146,875 iteration performed at a rate of 81.57 iterations/second
- Virtual users:
  - o Minimum: 1
  - o Maximum: 200
- Data received: 22 GB, Average rate: 12 MB/s
- Data sent: 19 MB, Average rate: 10 kB/s
- Running: 30m 0s
- All 200 virtual users had finished their execution
- 146,875 iterations were successfully completed and 4 were interrupted

## 4. Stress Testing

## a. Up to 1000 users

```
🚸 MINGW64:/c/Users/nischal.shrestha/Desktop/Nischal Shrestha/Front_End_Intern/Front_End_Int...
WARN[0743] Request Failed

error="Get \"https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/\": dial tcp 103.147.2
26. 36:443: connectex: No connection could be made because the target machine actively refused it."

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WARN[0743] Request Failed

error="Get \"https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/\": dial tcp 103.147.2
26. 36:443: connectex: No connection could be made because the target machine actively refused it."

WARN[0
  PMAN (0/43) Request Failed

APRN [0743] Request Failed
    TOTAL RESULTS
         http_req_duration....: avg=1.05s min=0s
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               med=868.53ms max=7.66s p(90)=2.2

    vus
    : 505
    min=3

    vus_max
    : 1000
    min=1000

         NETWORK
         [0743] test run was aborted because k6 received a 'interrupt' signal
```

#### Result:

Metrics	Duration	<b>Expected Response</b>
Average	1.06s	1.21s
Minimum	0s	11ms
Median	68.53ms	0s
Maximum	7.66s	7.66s

p(90)	2.7s	2.7ms
p(95)	2.7s	2.7ms

- 99.99% totaling 50,250 out of 50,256 HTTP request failed
- 50,256 HTTP request was made at a rate of 67.8 req/second
- Iteration duration:
  - o Average: 1.01s
  - o Minimum: 11ms
  - o Median: 24s
  - o Maximum: 1m 1s
  - o p(90): 2.2s
  - $\circ$  p(95): 2.2s
- Iterations: 50,250 iteration performed at a rate of 67.8 iterations/second
- Virtual users:
  - o Minimum: 1
  - o Maximum: 1000
- Data received: 6.5 GB, Average rate: 8.7 MB/s
- Data sent: 6.8 MB, Average rate: 9.1 kB/s
- Running: 12m 23.1s
- All 1000 virtual users had finished
- 50,250 iterations were completed (though likely with failures) and 536 were interrupted

## b. Up to 200 users

```
nischal.shrestha@acer-14 MINGW64 /c/Users/nischal.shrestha/Desktop/Nischal Shrestha/Front_End_
Intern/Front_End_Intern/QA Testing (master)
$ k6 run stress_testing200.js
                     Grafana
      execution: local
          script: stress_testing200.js
          output: -
      scenarios: (100.00%) 1 scenario, 200 max VUs, 24m30s max duration (incl. graceful stop):
                  * default: Up to 200 looping VUs for 24mOs over 8 stages (gracefulRampDown: 30s,
 gracefulStop: 30s)
WARN[1195] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[1200] Request Failed
                                                                       error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
                                                                       error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[1273] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
                                                                       error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
WARN[1273] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[1274] Request Failed
                                                                       error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
                                                                       error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
   RN[1277] Request Failed
                                                                       error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[1277] Request Failed
                                                                       error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[1277] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
                                                                       error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
WARN[1277] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[1278] Request Failed
                                                                       error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
                                                                       error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
```

```
NINGW64:/c/Users/nischal.shrestha/Desktop/Nischal Shrestha/Front_End_Intern/Front_End_Int... —
WARN[1313] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[1314] Request Failed
                                                error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[1315] Request Failed
                                                error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
WARN[1315] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
Warn[1315] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
                                                error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
 ARN[1315] Request Failed
                                                error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
  RN[1321] Request Failed
                                                error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
 TOTAL RESULTS
   http_req_duration. : avg=325.08ms min med=161.36ms max=9.11s p(90)=860.04ms p(95)=1.1s
     { expected_response:true }.....
 8.43ms med=161.67ms max=9.11s p(90)=860.11ms p(95)=1.1s
   EXECUTION
   iteration_duration....
   NETWORK
   running (22m06.7s), 000/200 VUs, 105875 complete and 200 interrupted iterations
                            ======>---] 130/200 VUs 22m06.7s/24m00.0s
 RO[1327] test run was aborted because k6 received a 'interrupt' signal
```

#### Result:

Metrics	Duration	<b>Expected Response</b>
Average	325.08ms	325.22ms
Minimum	0s	8.43ms
Median	161.36ms	161.67ms
Maximum	9.11s	9.11s
p(90)	860.04ms	860.11ms
p(95)	1.1s	1.1s

- 0.04% totaling 50 out of 1,05,953 HTTP request failed
- 1,05,875 HTTP request was made at a rate of 79.860 reg/second
- Iteration duration:
  - o Average: 1.41s
  - o Minimum: 1s
  - o Median: 1.16s
  - o Maximum: 1m 1s
  - $\circ$  p(90): 1.87s
  - o p(95): 2.12s
- Iterations: 1,05,875 iteration performed at a rate of 79.80 iterations/second
- Virtual users:
  - o Minimum: 1
  - Maximum: 200
- Data received: 16 GB, Average rate: 12 MB/s
- Data sent: 13 MB, Average rate: 10 kB/s
- Running: 22m 06.7s
- 130 virtual users had finished
- 1,05,875 iterations were completed and 200 were interrupted

## 5. Spike Testing (300 Virtual Users for 7m)

```
import http from 'k6/http';
import { sleep } from 'k6';
export const options = {
    stages: [
        { duration: 'lm', target: 300},
        { duration: '5m', target: 300},
        { duration: 'lm', target: 0},
        };
export default function () {
    http.get('https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/');
```

```
sleep (1);
}
```

```
MINGW64:/c/Users/nischal.shrestha/Desktop/Nischal Shrestha/Front_End_Intern/Front_End_Int...
                                                                                                                        Х
 nischal.shrestha@acer-14 MINGW64 /c/Users/nischal.shrestha/Desktop/Nischal Shrestha/Front_End_Intern/Front_End_Intern/QA Testing/k6 by Grafana (master)
$ k6 run spike_testing300.js
                        Grafana
       execution: local
           script: spike_testing300.js
           output:
       scenarios: (100.00%) 1 scenario, 300 max VUs, 7m30s max duration (incl. gra
                    * default: Up to 300 looping VUs for 7m0s over 3 stages (gracefulR
ampDown: 30s, gracefulStop: 30s)
  ARN[0090] Request Failed
                                                                               error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[0090] Request Failed
                                                                               error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
WARN[0090] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[0090] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[0090] Request Failed
                                                                               error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
                                                                               error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[0090] Request Failed
                                                                               error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
WARN[0091] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
                                                                               error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
```

```
WARN[0119] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
                                  error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
WARN[0120] Request Failed
trekkies.com.np/\": request timeout"
                                  error="Get \"https://groupiig.techart
 TOTAL RESULTS
  http_reqs. . . . . : 10010 83.298281
  EXECUTION
  iteration_duration....
                                  ..... avg=2.47s
NETWORK
  data_received : 1.5 GB 12 MB/s
  data_sent. : 1.3 MB 11 kB/s
running (2m00.2s), 000/300 VUs, 9899 complete and 300 interrupted iterations
default x [========>------] 288/300 VUs 2m00.2s/7m00.0s ERRO[0120] test run was aborted because k6 received a 'interrupt' signal
```

## Result:

Metrics	Duration	<b>Expected Response</b>
Average	578.15ms	587.01ms
Minimum	0s	19.79ms
Median	129.1ms	131ms
Maximum	34.83s	34.83s
p(90)	466.47ms	467.75ms
p(95)	611.97ms	620.95ms

- 1.50% totalling 151 failed out of 10,010 HTTP request failed
- 10,010 HTTP requests were made at an average rate of 83.2982 reg/second
- Iteration duration:

o Average: 2.47s

o Minimum: 1.02s

o Median: 1.13s

o Maximum: 1m 1s

o p(90): 1.47s

o p(95): 1.87s

• Iterations: 9,899 iteration performed at a rate of 82.374 iterations/second

Virtual users:

o Minimum: 5

o Maximum: 300

• Data received: 1.5 GB, Average rate: 12 MB/s

• Data sent: 1.3 MB, Average rate: 11 kB/s

• Running: 2m 0.2s

• 288 virtual users had finished their execution

• 9,899 iterations were completed and 300 were interrupted

## 6. Soak Testing (50 Virtual Users for 40m)

```
import http from 'k6/http';
import { sleep } from 'k6';
export const options = {
    stages: [
        { duration: '5m', target: 50},
        { duration: '30m', target: 50},
        { duration: '5m', target: 0},
        }
};
export default function () {
    http.get('https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/');
    sleep (1);
}
```

```
MINGWEA/c/Users/nischalchrestha/Decktop/Nischal Shrestha/Front_End_Intern/Font_End_Intern/Font_End_Intern/Font_End_Intern/Font_End_Intern/Font_End_Intern/Font_End_Intern/Font_End_Intern/Font_End_Intern/Font_End_Intern/QA Testing/&6 by Grafana (master)

**Ref run soak_testing50vu.js

**Erun soak_testing50vu.js

**execution: local

**script: soak_testing50vu.js

**output: -

**scenarios: (100.00%) 1 scenario, 50 max VUs, 40m30s max duration (incl. graceful stop):

**default: Up to 50 looping VUs for 40m0s over 3 stages (gracefulRampDomn: 30s, gracefulStop: 30s)

**TOTAL RESULTS

**HTTP**

**IntTP**

**IntTP**
```

#### Result:

Metrics	Duration	<b>Expected Response</b>
Average	45.81ms	45.81ms
Minimum	7.97s	7.97ms
Median	22.8ms	22.8ms
Maximum	6.53s	6.53s
p(90)	58.96ms	58.96ms
p(95)	115.31ms	115.31ms

- 0.00% totalling 0 failed out of 1,00,491 HTTP request failed
- 1,00,491 HTTP requests were made at an average rate of 41.86 req/second
- Iteration duration:

o Average: 1.04s

o Minimum: 1s

o Median: 1.02s

o Maximum: 7.53s

o p(90): 1.06s

o p(95): 1.11s

• Iterations: 1,00,491 iteration performed at a rate of 41.86 iterations/second

• Virtual users:

o Minimum: 1

o Maximum: 50

• Data received: 15 GB, Average rate: 6.2 MB/s

• Data sent: 13 MB, Average rate: 5.3 kB/s

• Running: 40m 0.4s

• 50 virtual users had finished their execution

• 1,00,491 iterations were completed and 0 were interrupted

## **CONCLUSION**

The Load Testing results indicate that "<a href="https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/">https://groupiig.techarttrekkies.com.np/</a>" demonstrates reasonable performance and stability under moderate and sustained loads (up to 200 virtual users). However, the application exhibits significant performance degradation and high failure rates when subjected to higher concurrent users (especially 1000) and sudden traffic spikes which need significant optimizations. Addressing the identified bottlenecks and implementing strategies to handle peak loads will be critical for ensuring a consistent and positive user experience.