Crushing Latency with Vert.x

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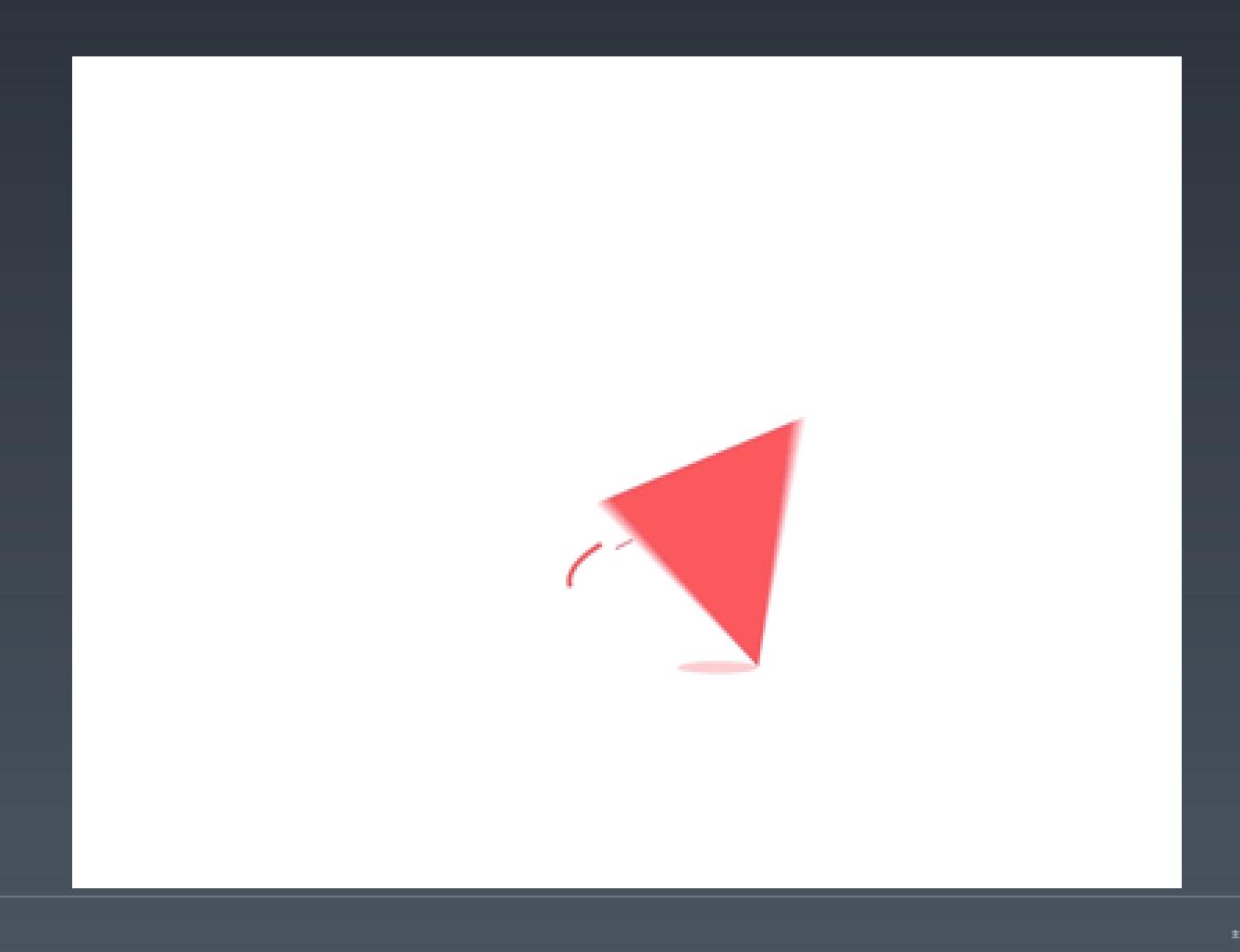
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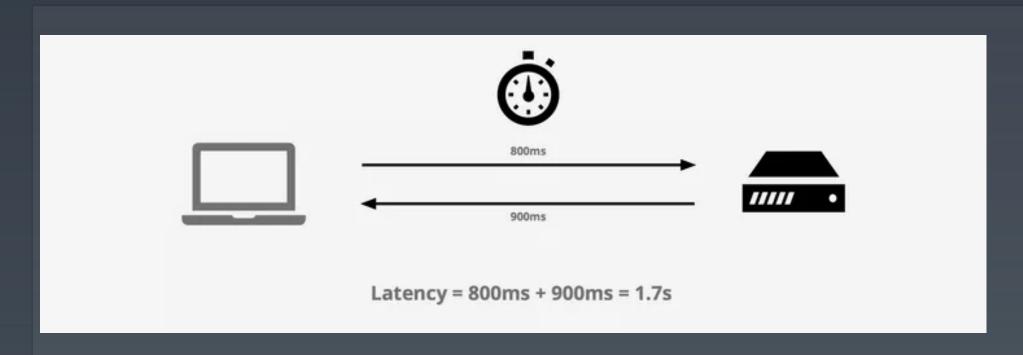
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Network latency is the term used to indicate any kind of delay that happens in data communication over a network.

(techopedia.com)



Latency by the numbers

• Amazon: every 100ms of latency costs 1% in sales

http://home.blarg.net/~glinden/StanfordDataMining.2006-11-29.ppt

- **Google**: an extra 0.5 seconds in search page generation time dropped traffic by 20% http://glinden.blogspot.com/2006/11/marissa-mayer-at-web-20.html
- A broker: could lose \$4 million in revenues per millisecond if their electronic trading platform is 5 milliseconds behind the competition

http://www.tabbgroup.com/PublicationDetail.aspx?PublicationID=346



Latency is not the problem it's the symptom!



2007: Dan Pritchett

- Loosely Couple Components
- Use Asynchronous Interfaces
- Horizontally Scale from the Start
- Create an Active/Active Architecture
- Use a **BASE** instead of **ACID** Shared Storage Mode

www.infoq.com/articles/pritchett-latency



2011 (Tim Fox): Vert.x

- Loosely Couple Components (event bus)
- Use Asynchronous Interfaces (non blocking I/O)
- Horizontally Scale from the Start (clustered)

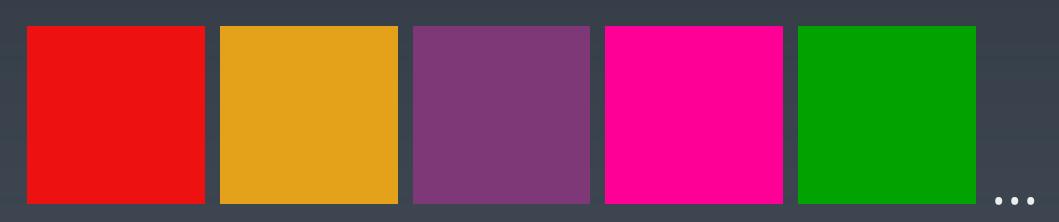
Eclipse Vert.x is a tool-kit for building reactive applications on the JVM. https://vertx.io/



Why Non-Blocking I/O?



5ms/req time



```
# In optimal circumstances
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```
1 Thread => 200 req/sec
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8 Cores => 1600 req/sec



req time grows as threads fight for execution time

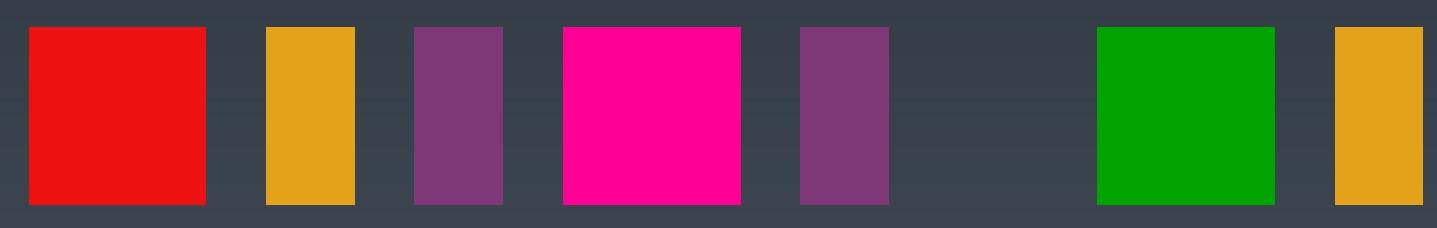


```
# PROCESS STATE CODES
# D Uninterruptible sleep (usually IO)

ps aux | awk '$8 ~ /D/ { print $0 }'
root 9324 0.0 0.0 8316 436 ? D< Oct15 0:00 /usr/bin/java...</pre>
```

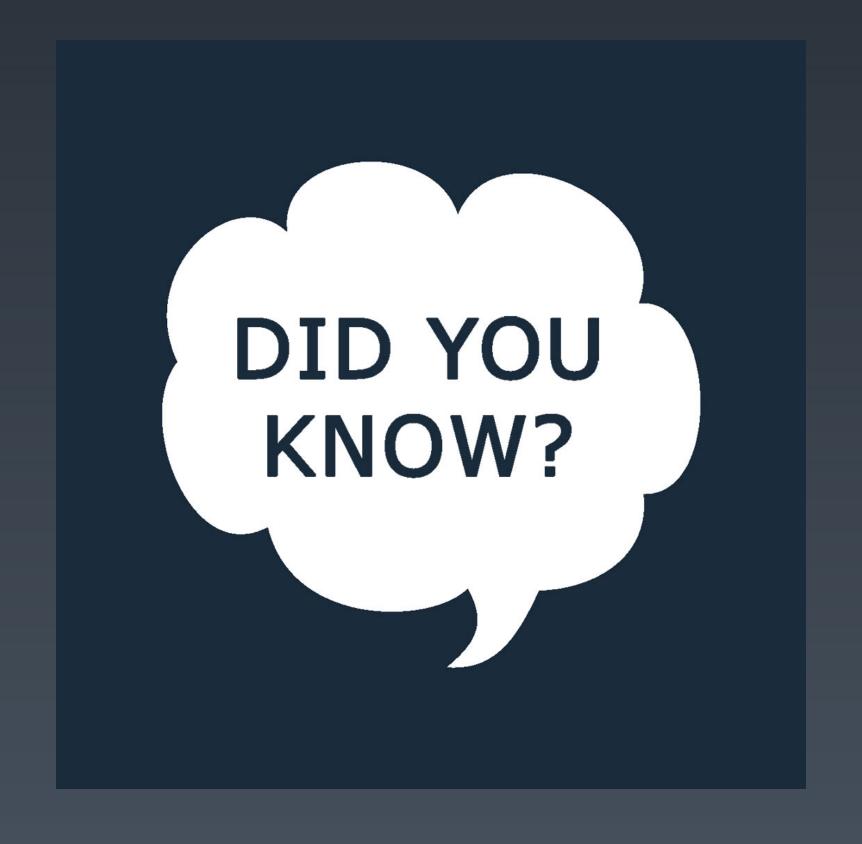


when load is higher than max threads queuing builds up



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grep 'CONFIG_HZ=' /boot/config-\$(uname -r)
CONFIG_HZ=1000



Practical example: Tomcat 9.0

- Default maxThreads: 200
- Avg req time: 5ms
- Hypothetical High load: 1000 req
- Wasted wait/queue time: (1000 / 200 1) * 5 = 0~20ms

https://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-9.0-doc/config/executor.html



at max utilization

CPU is mostly waiting

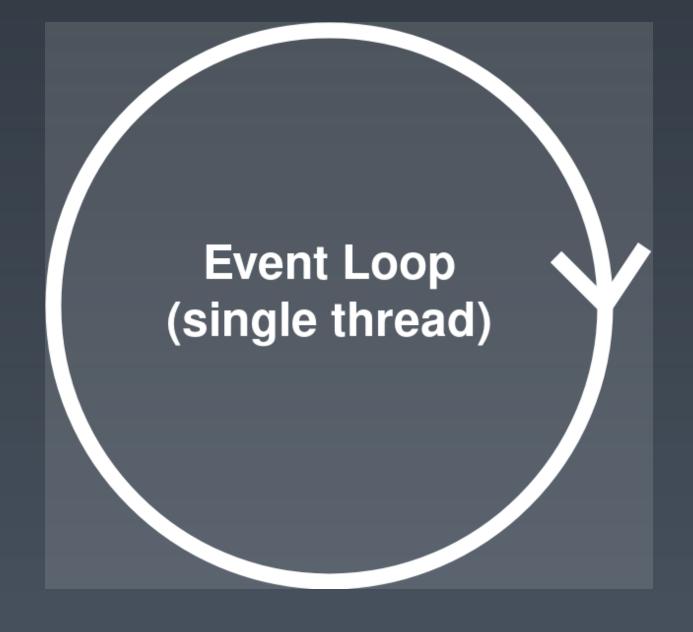


Non-Blocking I/O



Vert.x

Events



Request handler

AUTH handler

DB handler

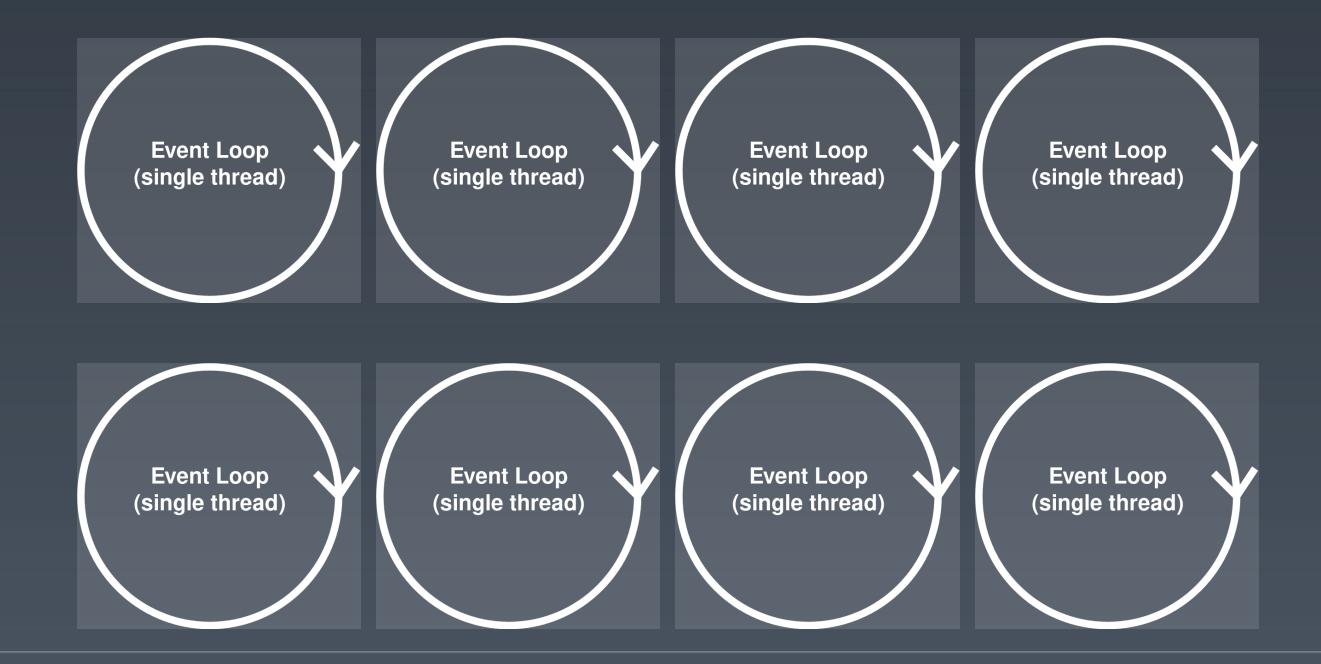
JSON handler

1 CPU core fully used!



Vert.x

Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8650U CPU @ 1.90GHz





100% CPU cores used!



Benchmarking is hard

- Meaningful benchmarks are even harder
- Techempower Framework Benchmarks
 - Contributors: 528
 - Pull Requests: 4022
 - Commits: 11095

https://github.com/TechEmpower/FrameworkBenchmarks



Baseline: JAX-RS

- Blocking API
- Thread Based
- Java



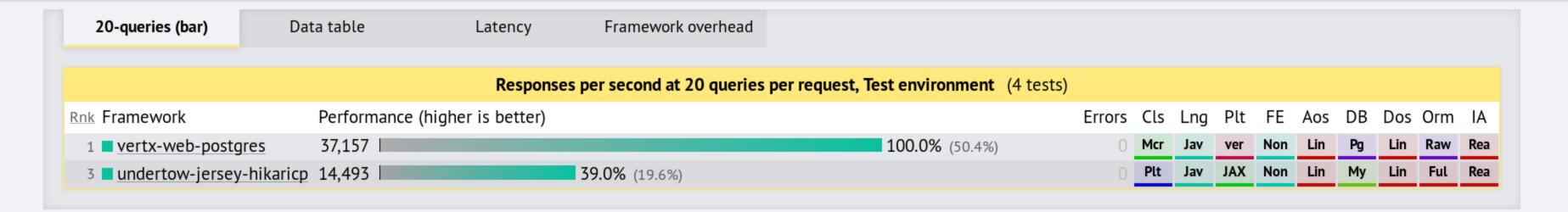
jax-rs

vert.x

```
void
queriesHandler(final RoutingContext ctx) {
 World[] worlds = new World[getQueries(ctx)];
 AtomicInteger cnt = new AtomicInteger();
  for (int i = 0; i < getQueries(ctx); i++) {</pre>
   db.preparedQuery(FIND_WORLD, ..., res -> {
      final Row row = res.result()
                  .iterator()
                  .next();
     worlds[cnt.incrementAndGet()] =
        new World(row);
      if (cnt.get() == queries) {
       ctx.response()
          .end(Json.encodeToBuffer(worlds));
   });
```

JSON serialization Single query Multiple queries Fortunes Data updates Plaintext Physical Cloud

Multiple queries



Requirements summary

In this test, each request is processed by fetching multiple rows from a simple database table and serializing these rows as a JSON response. The test is run multiple times: testing 1, 5, 10, 15, and 20 queries per request. All tests are run at 512 concurrency.

Example response for 10 queries:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 315
Content-Type: application/json
Server: Example
Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2013 12:00:00 GMT

[{"id":4174,"randomNumber":331},{"id":51,"randomNumber":6544},{"id":4462,"randomNumber":952},{"id":2221,"randomNumber":532},{"id":9276,"randomNumber":3097},
{"id":3056,"randomNumber":7293},{"id":6964,"randomNumber":620},{"id":675,"randomNumber":6601},{"id":8414,"randomNumber":6569},
{"id":2753,"randomNumber":4065}]
```

For a more detailed description of the requirements, see the **Source Code and Requirements** section.

Simple results

- Vert.x: **37,157** req/s
- Jax-RS: **14,493** req/s





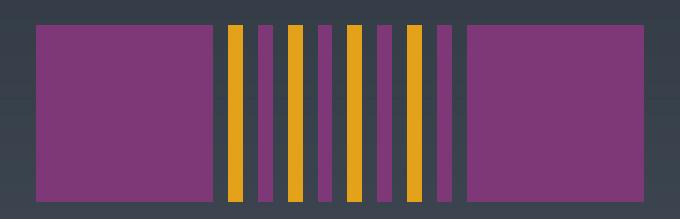


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What happens when you say Hello?



```
function handler (context) {
   // the exchange context
   context
   // get the response object
   .response()
   // send the message and end
   // the response
   .end('你好');
}
```



Getting the response object

```
1 this.response = function() {
   var __args = arguments;
   if (__args.length === 0) {
   if (that.cachedresponse == null) {
        that.cachedresponse = utils.convReturnVertxGen(
          HttpServerResponse,
          j_routingContext["response()"]());
     return that.cachedresponse;
   } else if (typeof __super_response != 'undefined') {
   return ___super_response.apply(this, __args);
  else throw new TypeError('invalid arguments');
```



In a nutshell

- Lots of conversions (GC)
- Constant switch from JS engine to Java code (somehow similar to context switching)
- Not suited for performance
- JIT optimization will stop at language cross

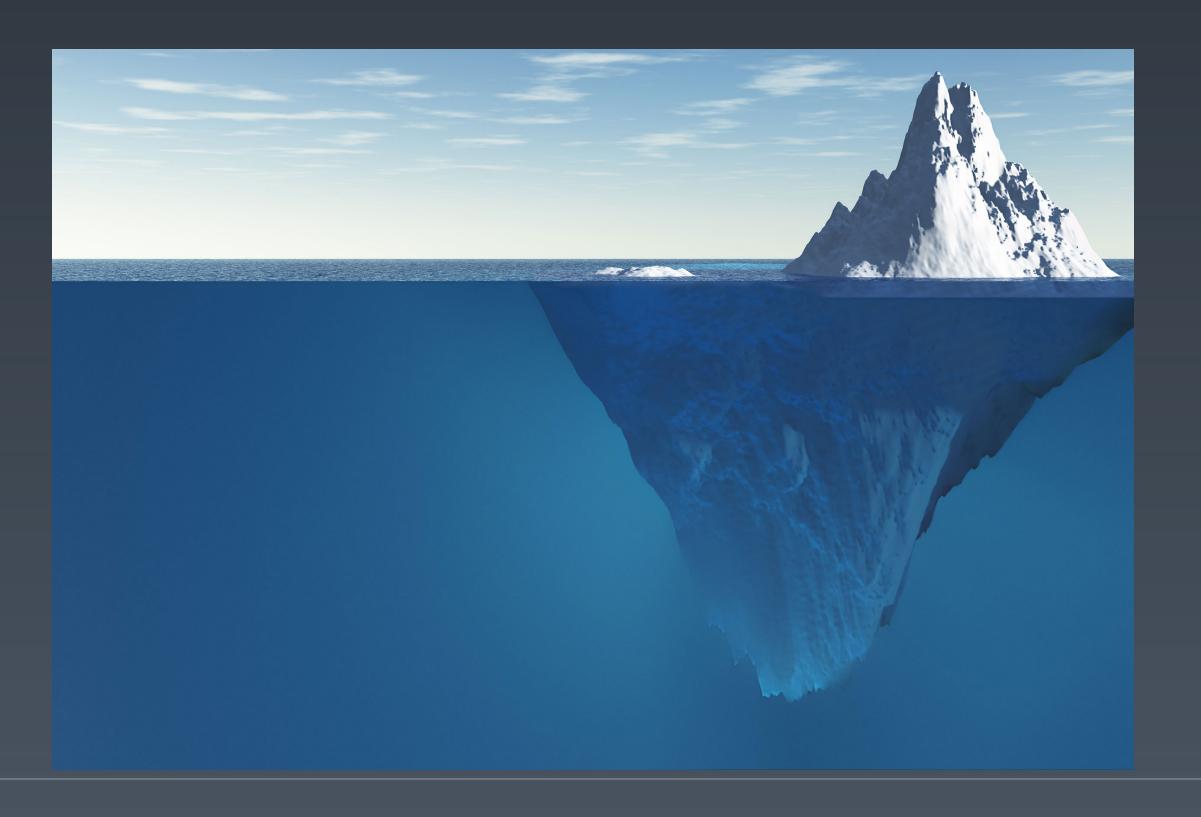


Node.js

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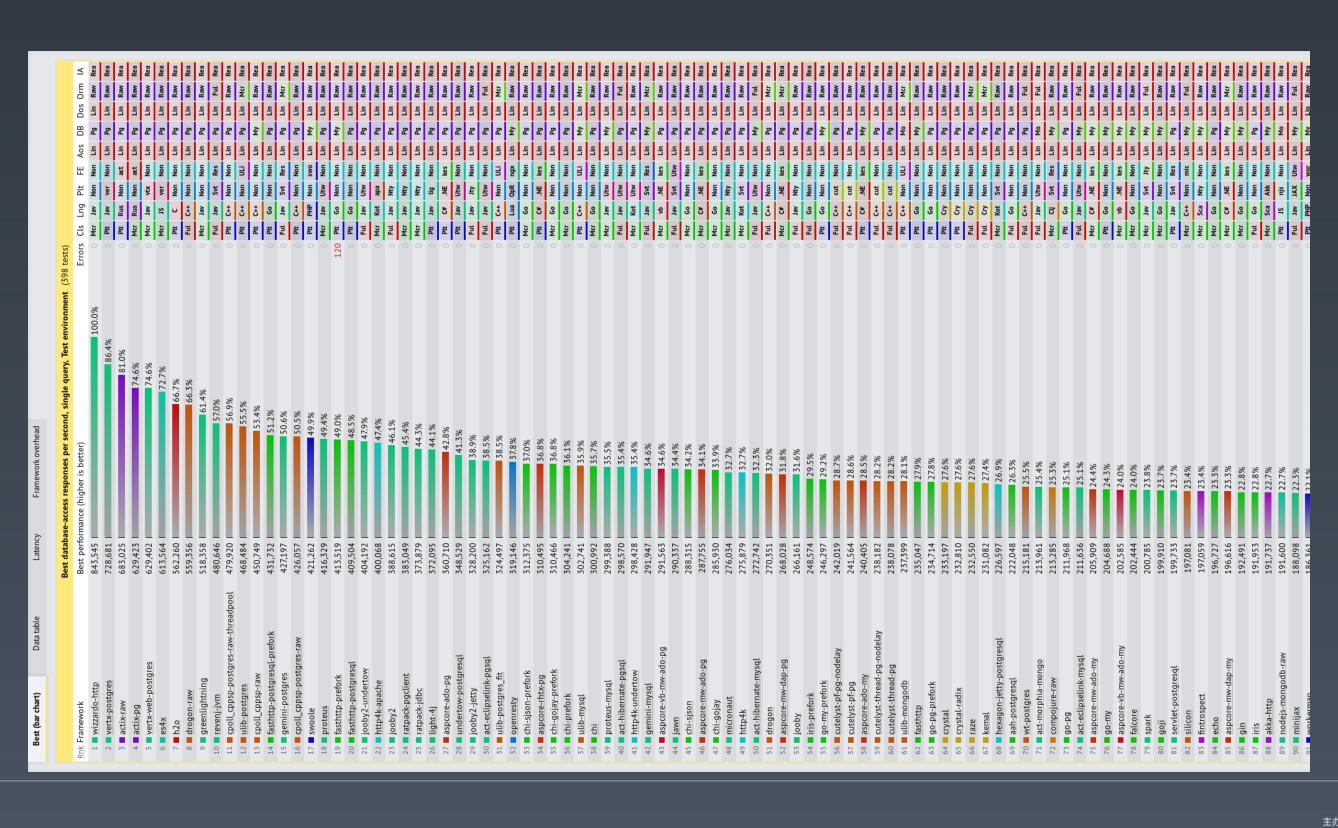


JIT can't optimize it all





Where's Node?





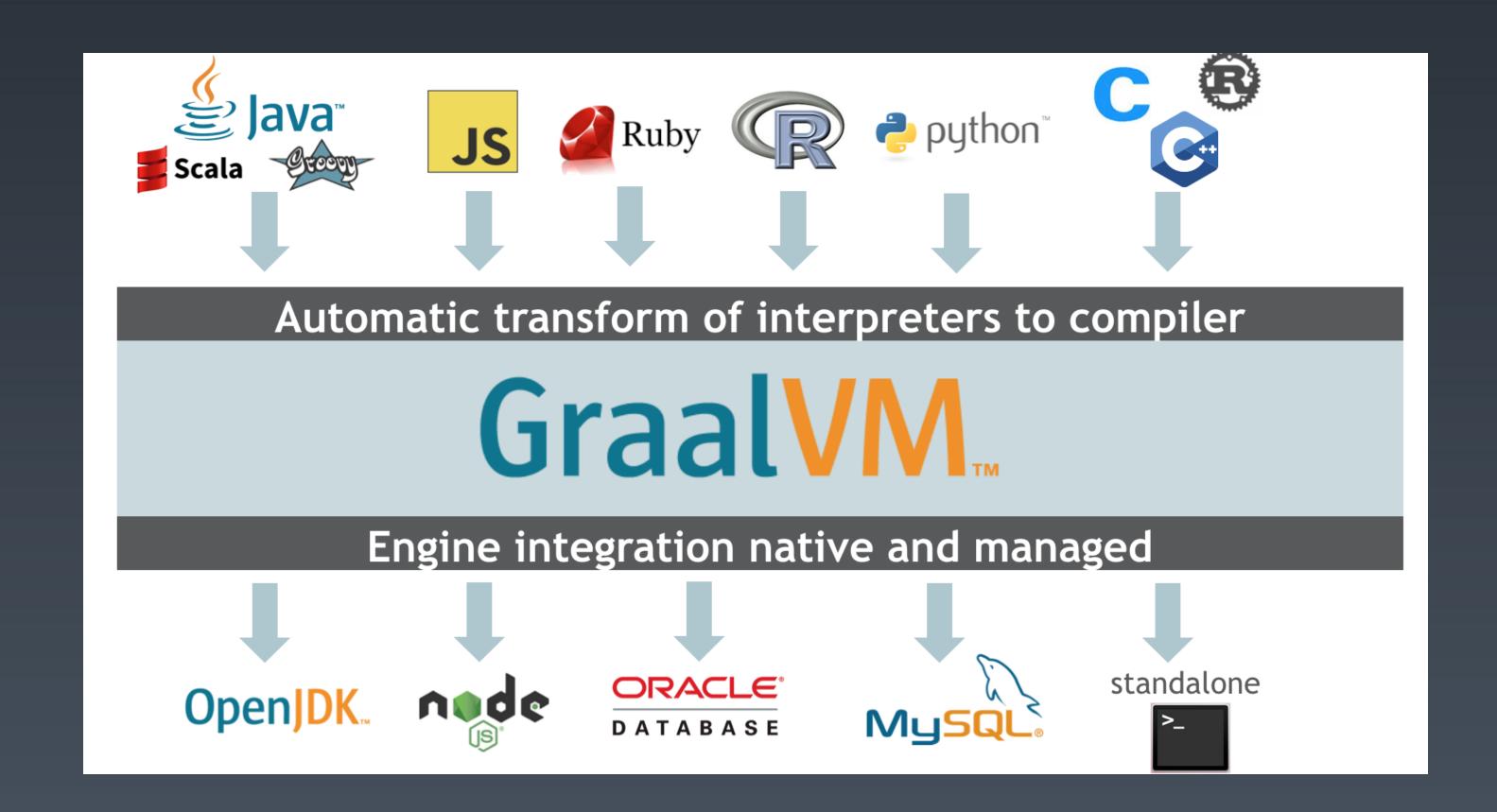
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Latency	
Data table	
Best (bar chart)	

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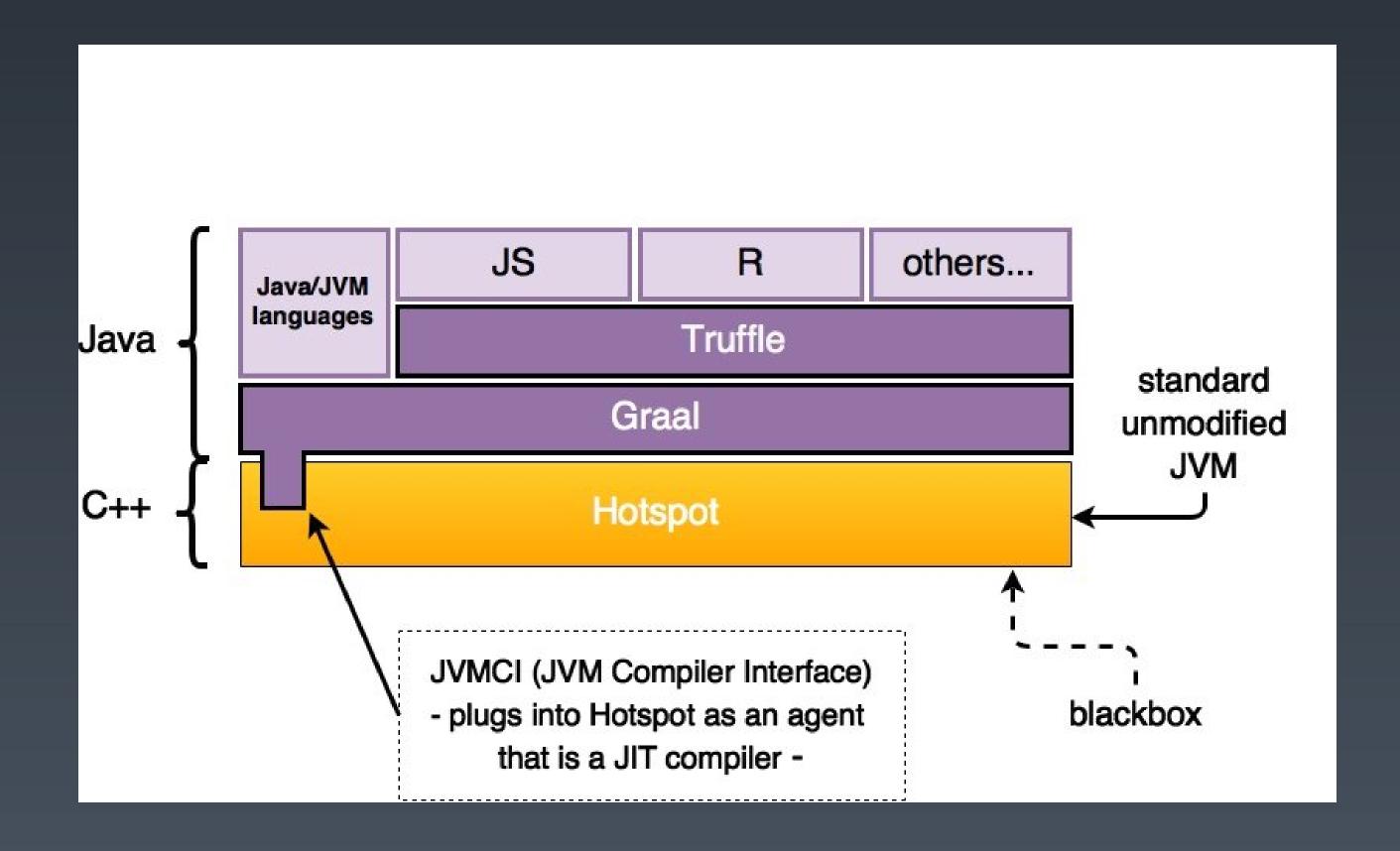
Can we make polyglot fast?





https://graalvm.org





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GraalVM: In a nutshell

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ES4X



- GraalVM based
- Vert.x for I/O
- commonjs and ESM loader
- debug/profile chrome-devtools

https://reactiverse.io/es4x



ES4X design principles

- GraalJS (for fast JS runtime)
- Vert.x (for fast I/O + event loops)
- GraalVM (for full JIT)
- .d.ts (for IDE support)

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Language files blank comment code

Java 26 389 683 1778

JavaScript 9 201 253 1226

SUM: 35 590 936 3004
```



Node.js vs ES4X

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const cluster = require('cluster'),
  numCPUs = require('os').cpus().length,
  express = require('express');

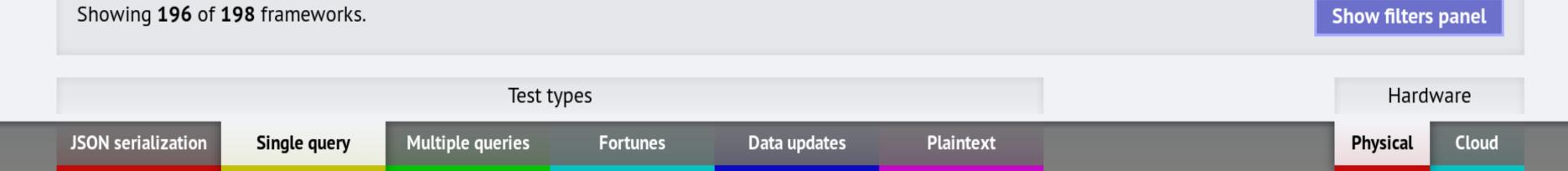
if (cluster.isMaster) {
  for (let i = 0; i < numCPUs; i++)
     cluster.fork();
} else {
  const app = module.exports = express();
  app.get('/plaintext', (req, res) =>
     res
     .header('Content-Type', 'text/plain')
     .send('Hello, World!'));
}
```

```
import { Router } from '@vertx/web';

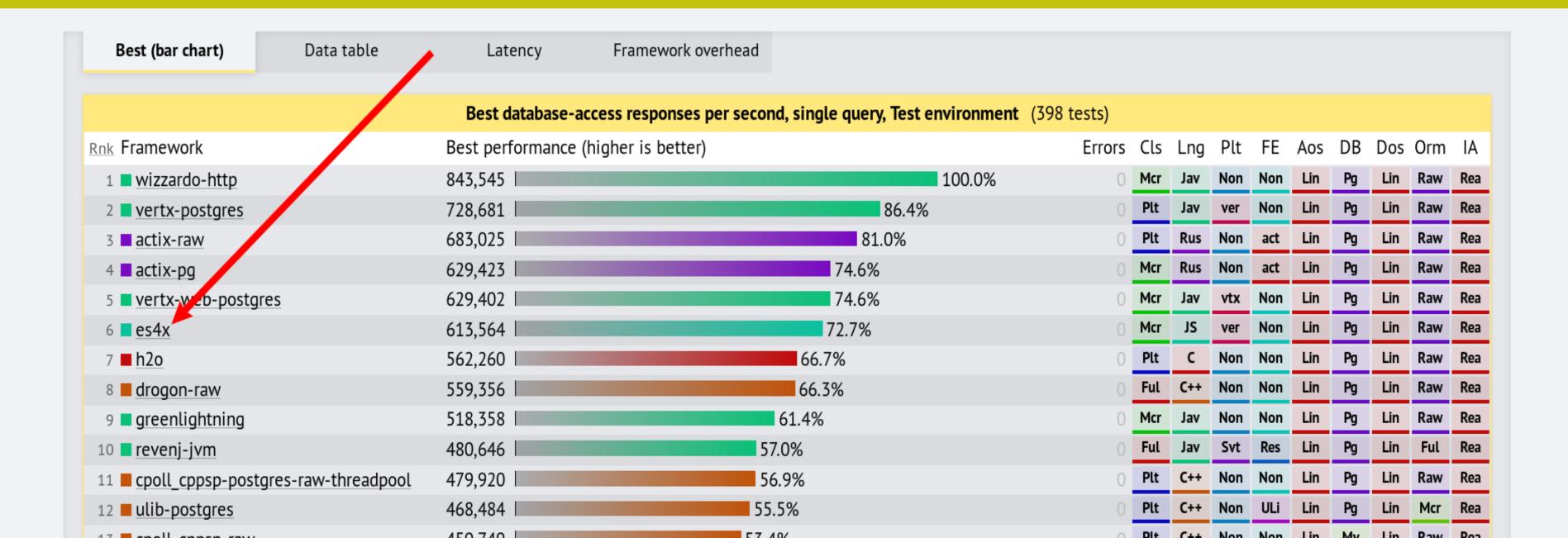
const app = Router.router(vertx);

app.get("/plaintext").handler(ctx => {
  ctx.response()
    .putHeader("Content-Type", "text/plain")
    .end('Hello, World!');
});
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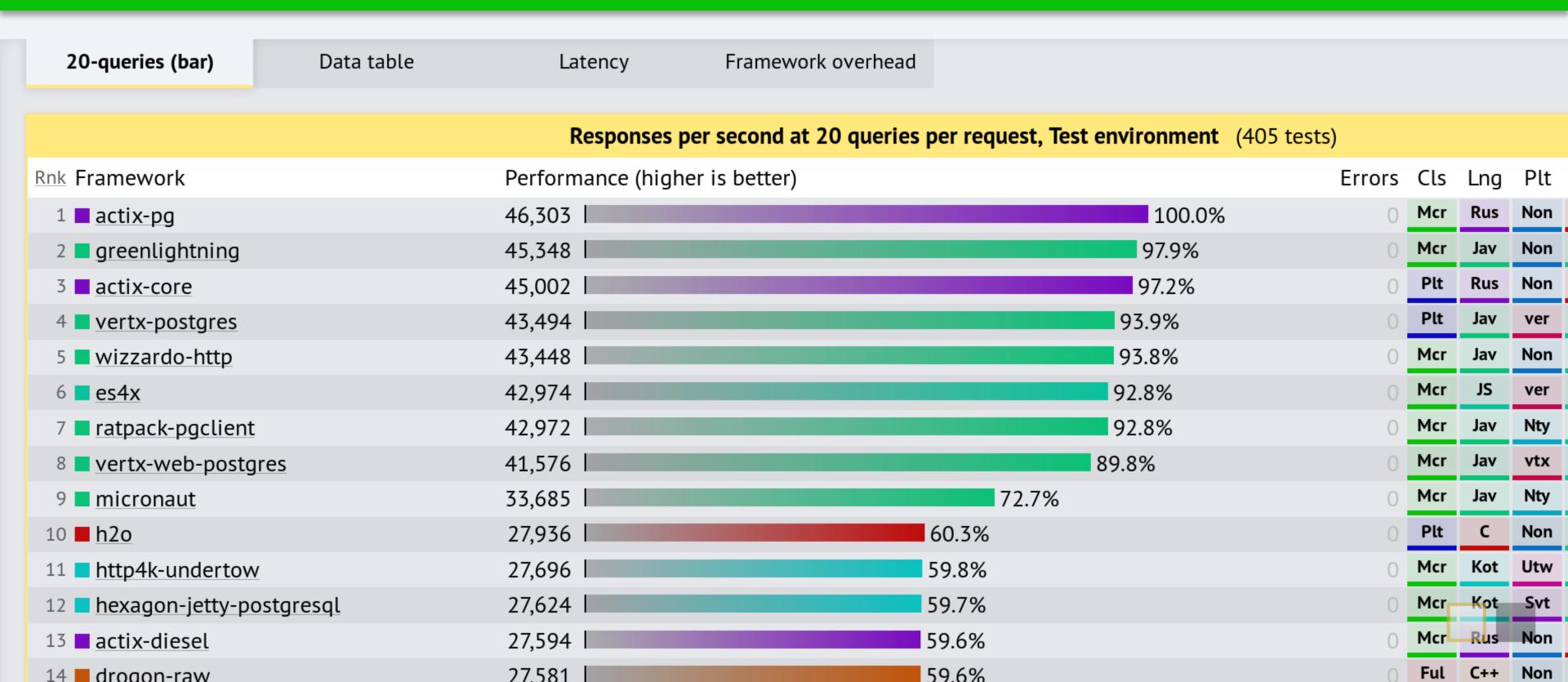




Single query



Multiple queries



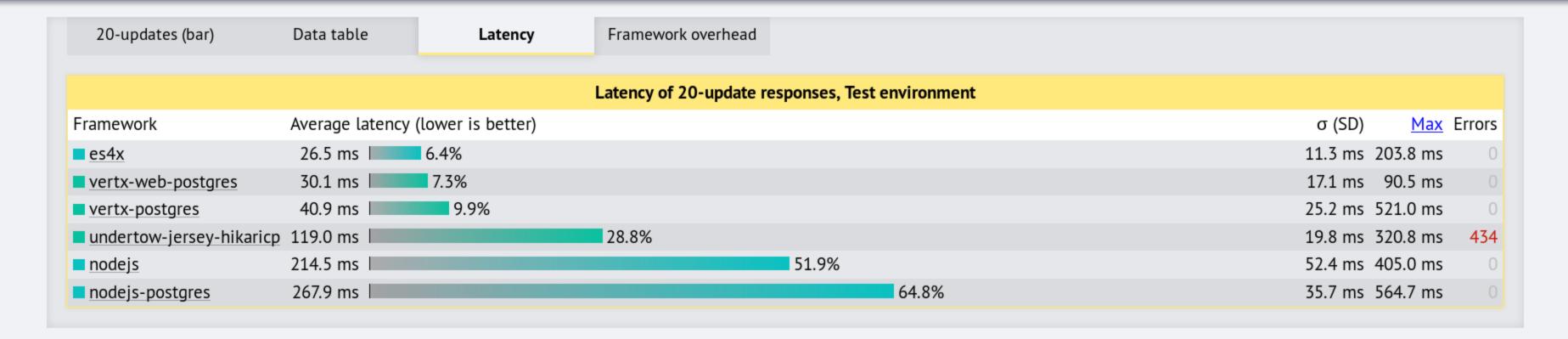
Polyglot GraalVM is fast.

what about latency?



JSON serialization Single query Multiple queries Fortunes Data updates Plaintext Plaintext Physical Cloud

Data updates



Requirements summary

This test exercises database writes. Each request is processed by fetching multiple rows from a simple database table, converting the rows to in-memory objects, modifying one attribute of each object in memory, updating each associated row in the database individually, and then serializing the list of objects as a JSON response. The test is run multiple times: testing 1, 5, 10, 15, and 20 updates per request. Note that the number of **statements** per request is twice the number of updates since each update is paired with one query to fetch the object. All tests are run at 512 concurrency.

The response is analogous to the multiple-query test. Example response for 10 updates:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Content-Length: 315

Content-Type: application/json

Server: Example

Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2013 12:00:00 GMT

Conclusion

- latency is not a problem, it's a symptom
- use non-blocking to fully use the CPU
- use vert.x ;-)
- polyglot is fine
- use graalvm for polyglot JIT optimizations
- node can be slow for server applications
- use ES4X ;-)



Let's connect!

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