Performance Testing

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- Intro
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  - Performance testing types

- Web page performance analysis
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  - Configure for execution
  - Load testing demo
  - Interpret and report results

- Q&A anytime

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WHAT is it?

"*Performance testing* is a testing practice performed to determine *how a system performs* in terms of responsiveness and stability *under a particular workload*."
– Wikipedia.

NFR - Performance Testing

- **Functional** vs. **Non Functional** Requirements
  - **Functional** requirements describe **what** the system should do
  - **Non-functional** requirements describe **how** the system should behave

- **Why?**
  - Demonstrate that system meets performance criteria
  - Find which parts perform badly – find bottlenecks
  - Improve overall performance of the system

- **What?**
  - Performance specifications
  - Concurrency/throughput
  - Server response time
  - Other …

Performance Testing Types

Load
- under expected specific load
- find bottlenecks

Stress
- above expected load
- upper limits of capacity
- determine the breaking point

Spike
- short period of time
- extreme load
- recovery of the system

Volume
- large volume/amount of data
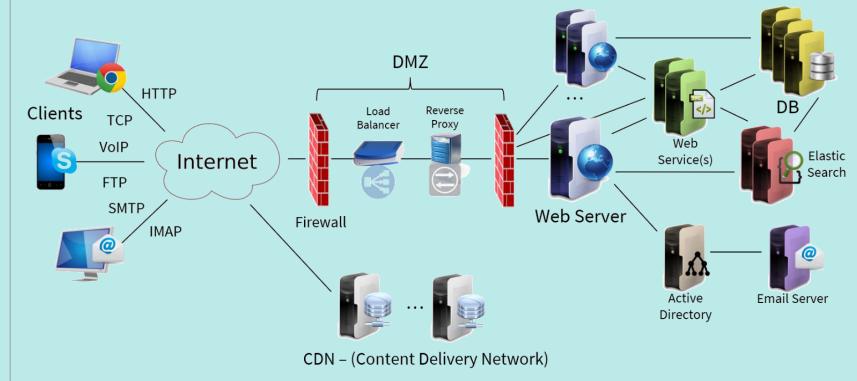- check performance with large data

Endurance/Soak
- long periods of time
- memory leaks
- performance degradation
- reliability of the system

Scalability
- ability to handle a growing amount
- scale up, scale out

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Application Network Architecture

Clients

HTTP

TCP

VoIP

FTP

SMTP

IMAP

Internet

DMZ

Firewall

Load Balancer

Reverse Proxy

Web Server

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Web Service(s)

DB

Elastic Search

Active Directory

Email Server

CDN – (Content Delivery Network)

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Web Page Performance Analysis

Analyze the content of a web page

Generate suggestions to make that page faster

Web Page Performance Analysis

Good practices

- Minify HTML / CSS / JavaScript
- Prioritize visible content
- Avoid landing page redirects
- Leverage browser caching
- Optimize images
- Enable compression
- Remove Render-Blocking JavaScript

Google

PageSpeed Insights

https://pagespeed.web.dev/

DEMO

Load Testing

To understand the behavior of the system under a **specific expected load** (e.g. multiple users).

Load Testing – Tools

Open source Java application

Designed to load test functional behavior and measure performance

Open-source load and performance testing framework

Based on Scala, Akka and Netty

Open source load testing tool
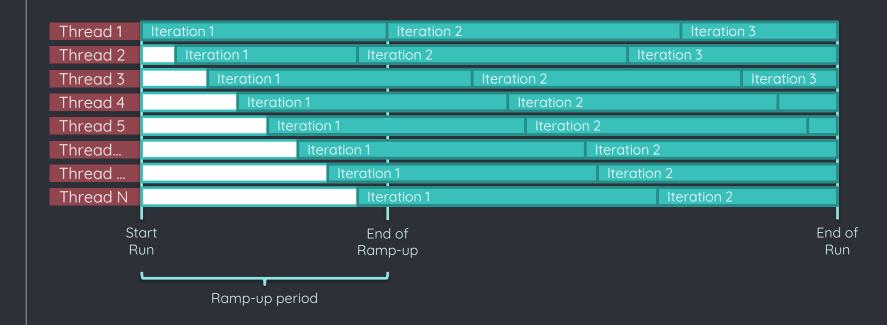
Uses Python to define user behavior

Steps for performance (load) testing

- Gather requirements
- Define scenario(s) – user journey
- Implement scenario – write JMeter script
- Configure script for execution
- Configure environment
- Run (on different configurations – if needed)
- Interpret and analyze results
- Report findings and possible improvements

Threads, Iterations, Users & Ramp-up

Thread 1	Iteration 1	Iteration 2	Iteration 3
Thread 2	Iteration 1	Iteration 2	Iteration 3
Thread 3	Iteration 1	Iteration 2	Iteration 3
Thread 4	Iteration 1	Iteration 2	
Thread 5	Iteration 1	Iteration 2	
Thread…	Iteration 1	Iteration 2	
Thread …	Iteration 1	Iteration 2	
Thread N	Iteration 1	Iteration 2	

Start
Run

End of
Ramp-up

End of
Run

Ramp-up period

N – Number of Threads (users)

Load Testing

DEMO

https://jmeter.apache.org/download_jmeter.cgi

https://jmeter-plugins.org/wiki/PluginsManager/

https://blazedemo.com/

Load testing – RESULTS

- Gather results and monitoring data
- Track script and execution notes (environment, configuration info)
- Interpret results, suggest improvements
- Plot results (e.g. average response time / # of threads)
- Historical comparison (previous builds)
- Summarize findings on each result type (load times, bottlenecks, errors, improvements, performance degradation)
- Include an executive summary

WHY?

Most marketers' landing pages don't hit acceptable speeds

21 seconds or more	11-20 seconds	6-10 seconds	4-5 seconds	3 seconds
5%	34%	46%	13%	2%

G Google recommends 5 seconds or less at 3G.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 IN 4 VISITORS
would abandon a website that takes more than 4 seconds to load

46% OF USERS
don't revisit poorly performing websites

64% OF SHOPPERS
who are dissatisfied with their site visit will shop somewhere else next time

1 SECOND DELAY
reduces customer satisfaction by 16%

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Takeaways

Cannot cover everything, therefore, a subset of journeys/pages can be used and balanced based on the real/estimated usage.

Configure and adjust the testing based on the real usage of the application and the behavior of the end-users.

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