WhoGoesThere

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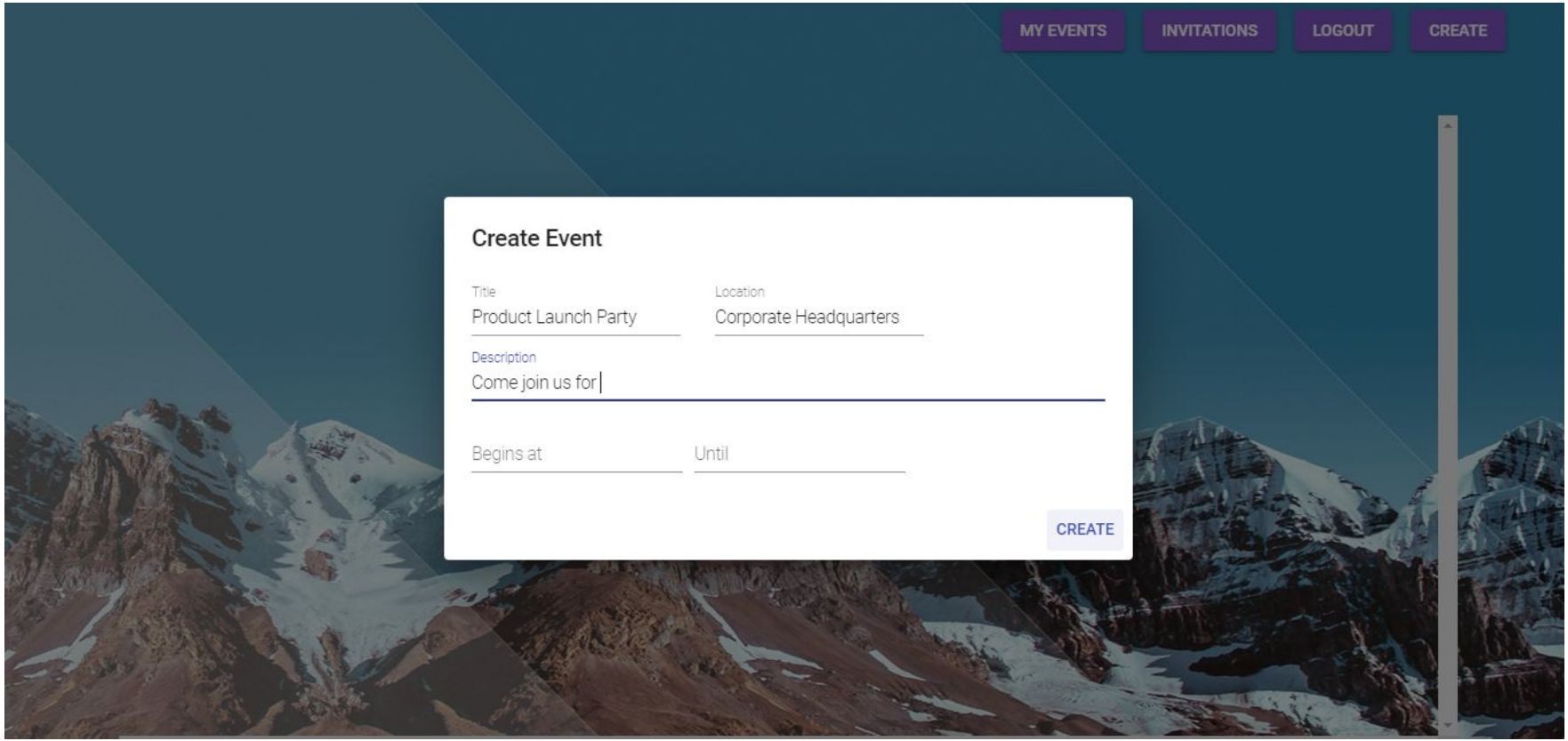
Outline

- Application Walkthrough
- Load Test Setup
- Optimizations
- Vertical Scaling Results
- Horizontal Scaling Results
- Evaluation

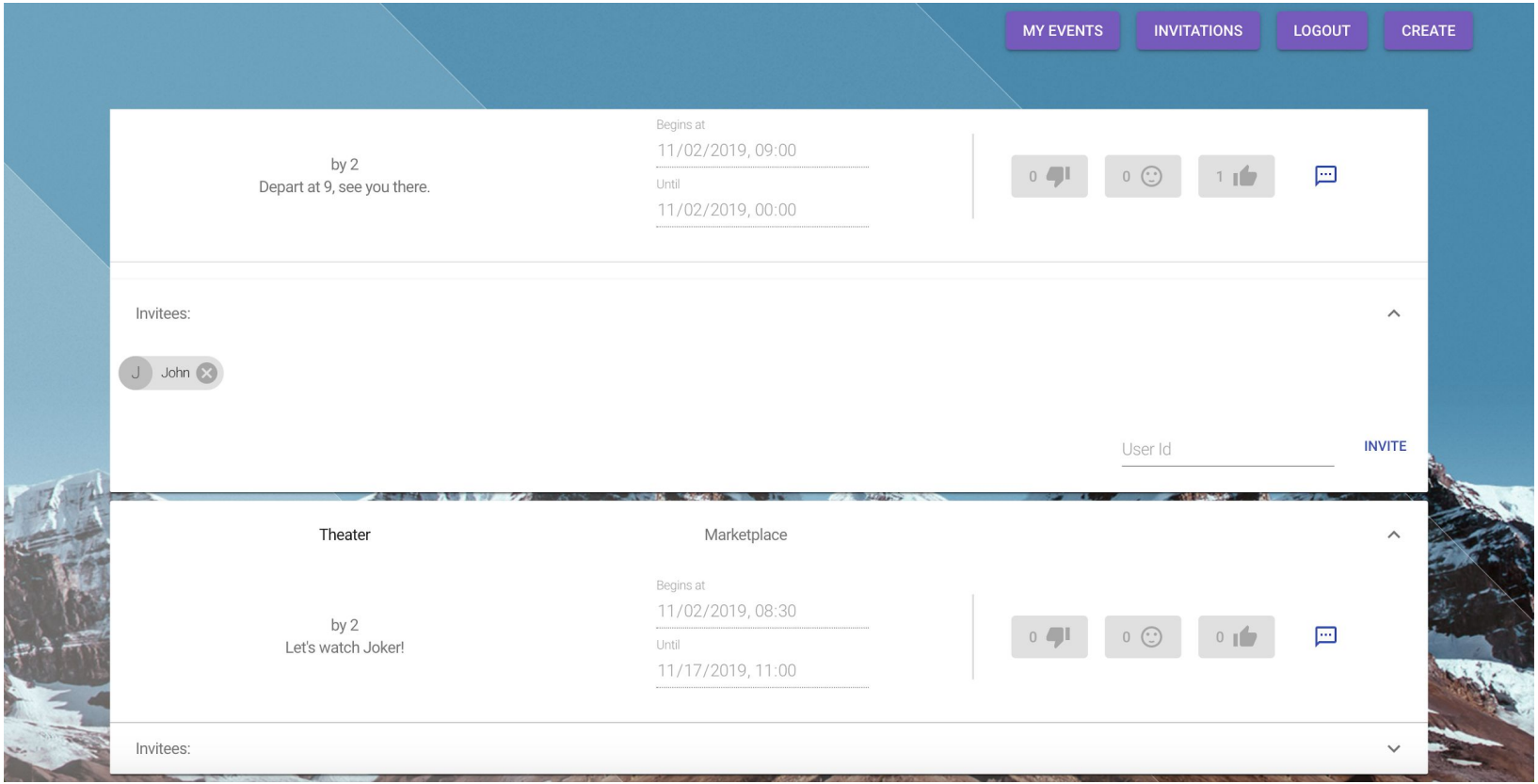
Events Application

- Designed for large-scale events
  - Large user base
  - Many events
- Two broad categories of users
  - Event organizers
  - Event invitees

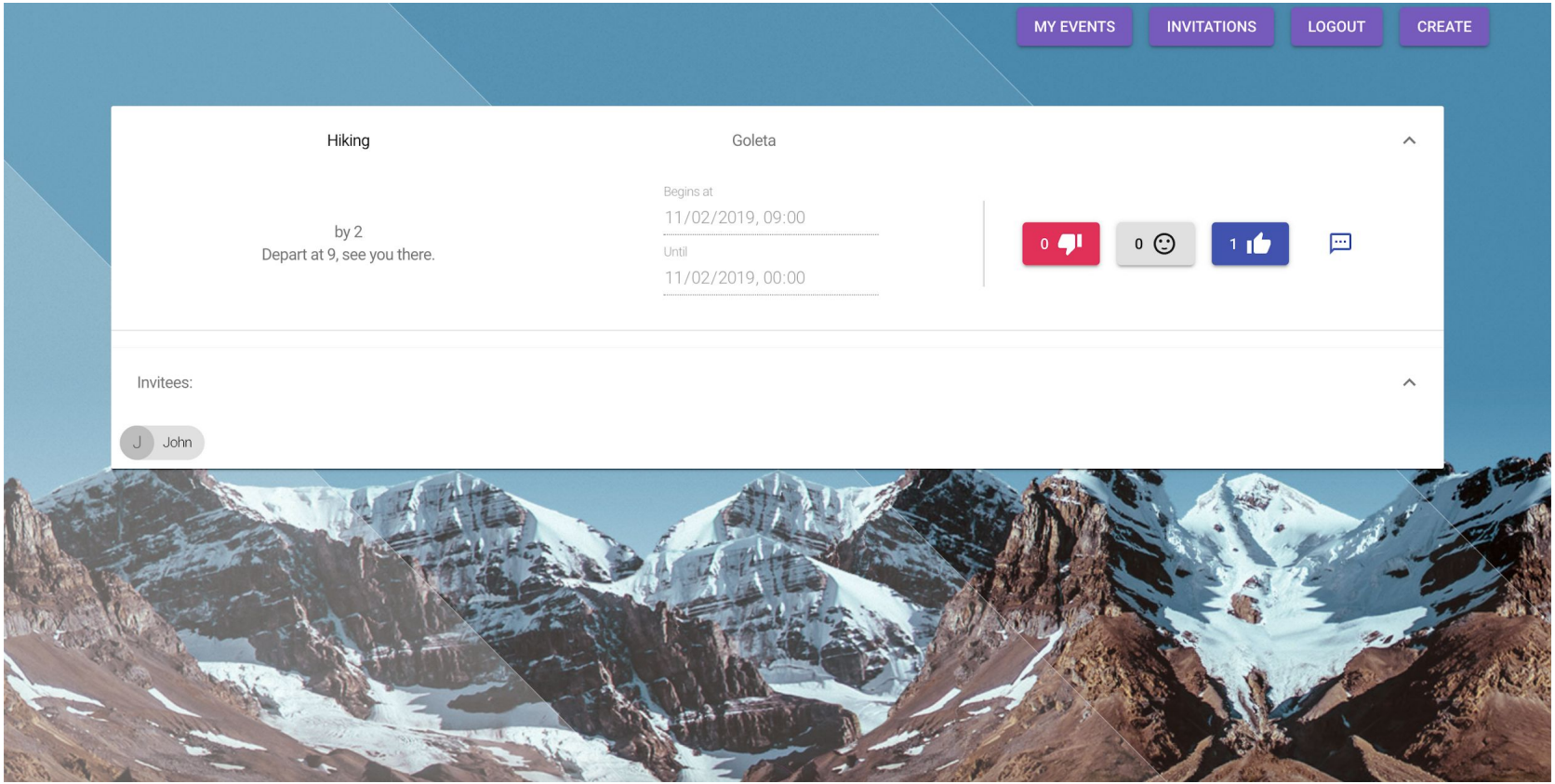
Application Features: Creating an Event



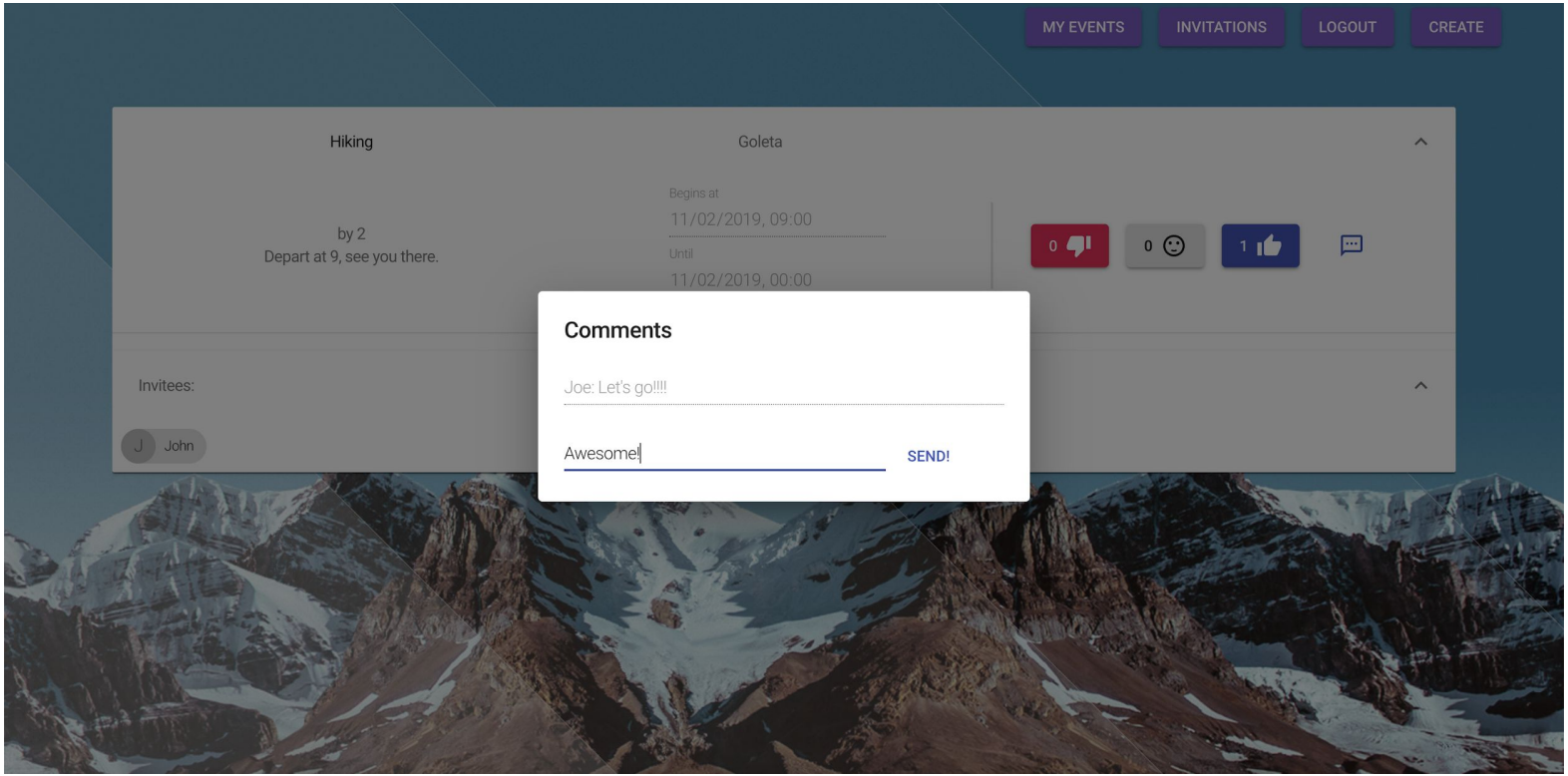
Application Features: My Events Page



Application Features: Invitations Page

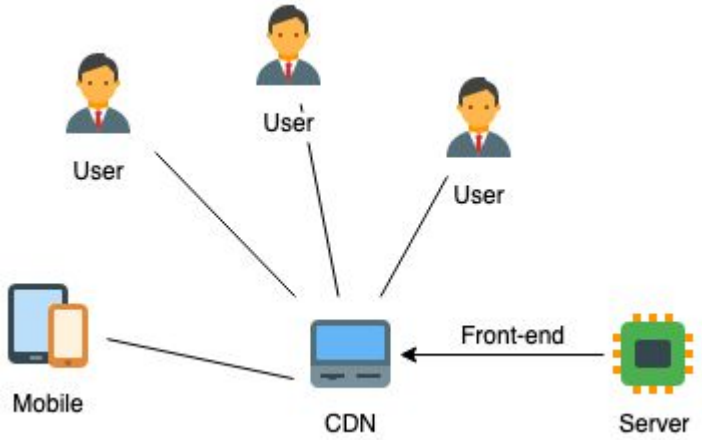


Application Features: Adding a Comment



Separate Client and Backend

- API based service vs web pages
- Endpoints return JSON instead of html views
- Reduces code dependencies



Data Model

- Users
  - Name
  - Email
- Events
  - Name
  - Location
  - Description
  - Start time
  - End time
  - User
- Invitations
  - Event
  - User
  - Response
- Comments
  - User
  - Event
  - Text

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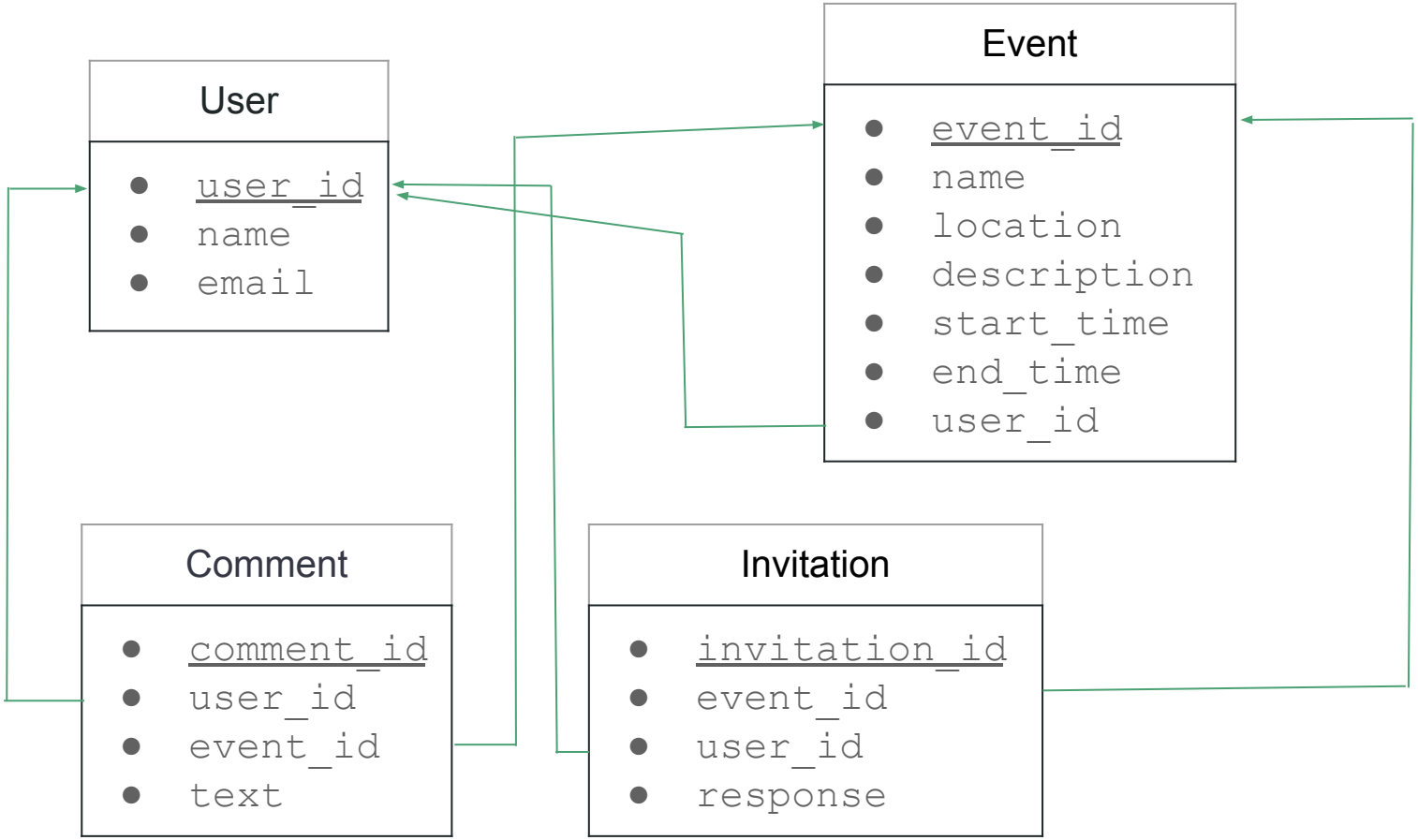
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name
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Event
event_id
name
location
description
start_time
end_time
user_id
Comment
comment_id
user_id
event_id
text
Invitation
invitation_id
event_id
user_id
response

Tsung Test Workflow

- **Organizer (50% probability)**
  - Navigate to the main page displaying all their events.
  - **Create a new event.**
  - Redirect to the events page with the new event.
  - **Invite ten other users** to the event.

- **Invitee (50% probability)**
  - Navigate to the main page displaying all their events.
  - Navigate to the first event on the page.
  - **RSVP to the event.**
  - View the comments for the event.
  - **Post a comment** to the event.

Optimizations Outline

- Database:
  - Indexing
  - Queries (JOIN versus no JOIN)
- Application Server:
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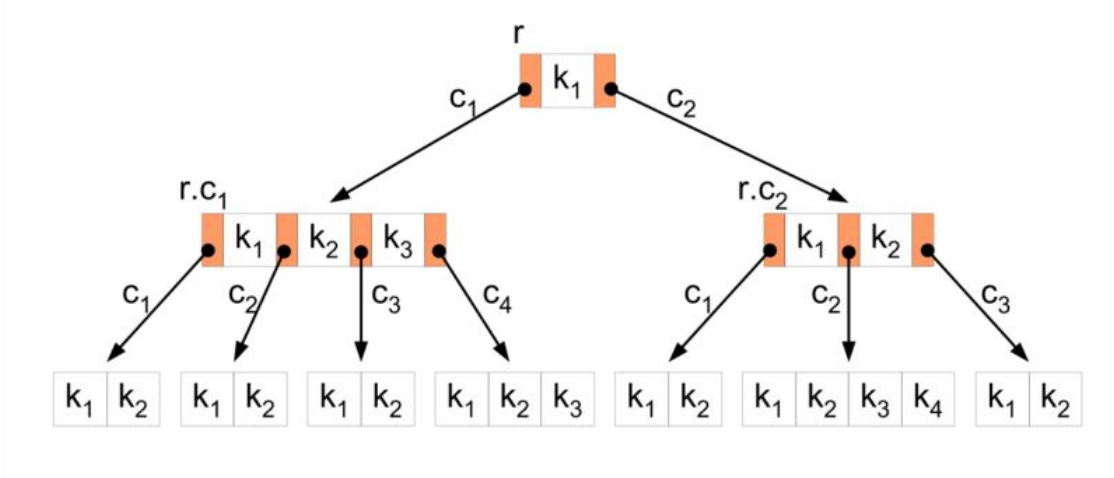
Database Optimizations: Indexing

- Default: data is stored in a B-tree indexed by primary key
- We added indexing on non-default keys
- Faster lookup of values



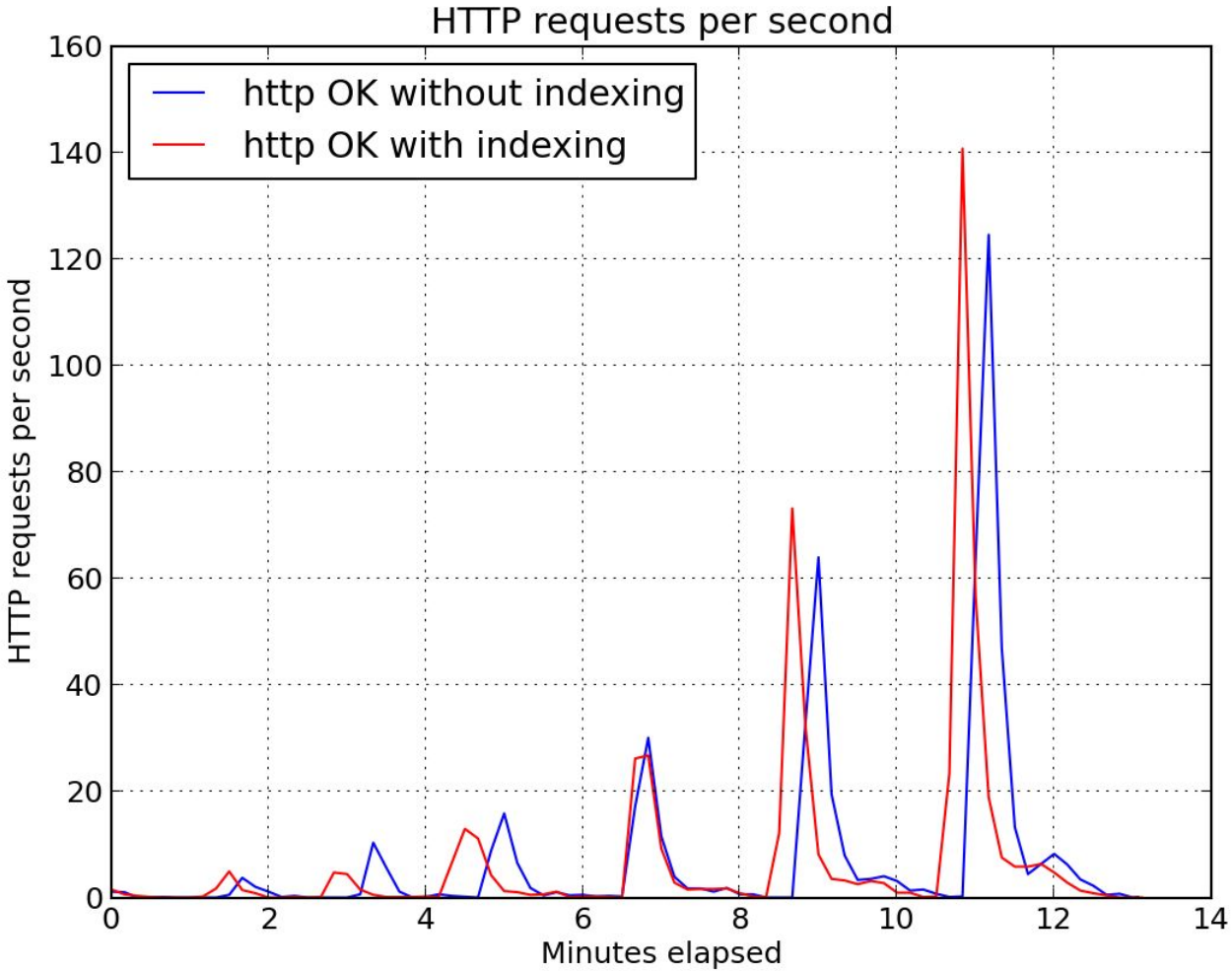
Database Optimizations: Indexing

User
• user_id • name • email

Event
• event_id • name • location • description • start_time • end_time • **user_id**

Invitation
• invitation_id • **event_id** • **user_id** • response

Comment
• comment_id • **user_id** • **event_id** • text


HTTP requests per second
http OK without indexing
http OK with indexing
HTTP requests per second
Minutes elapsed
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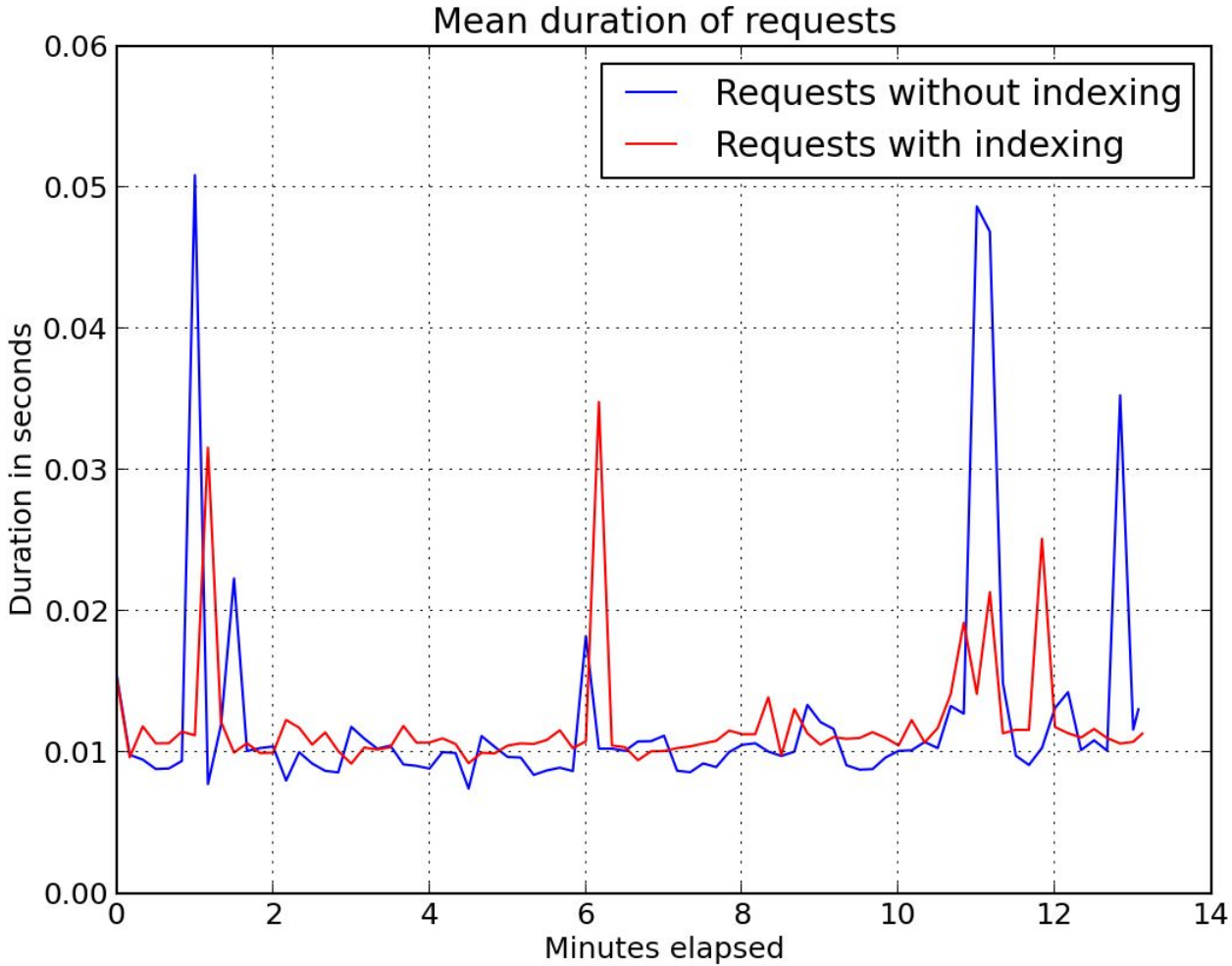
Mean duration of requests
Requests without indexing
Requests with indexing
Duration in seconds
Minutes elapsed
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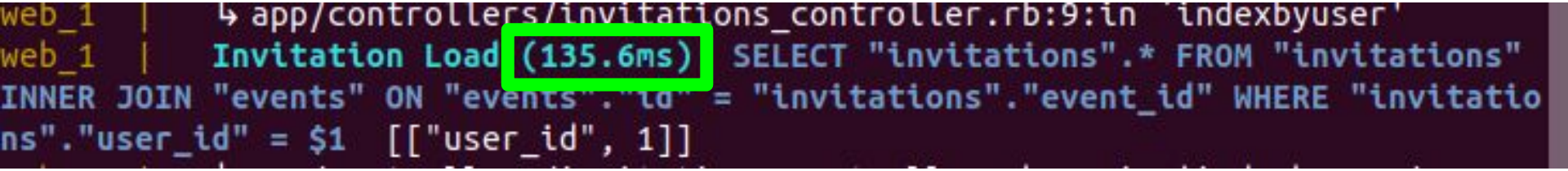
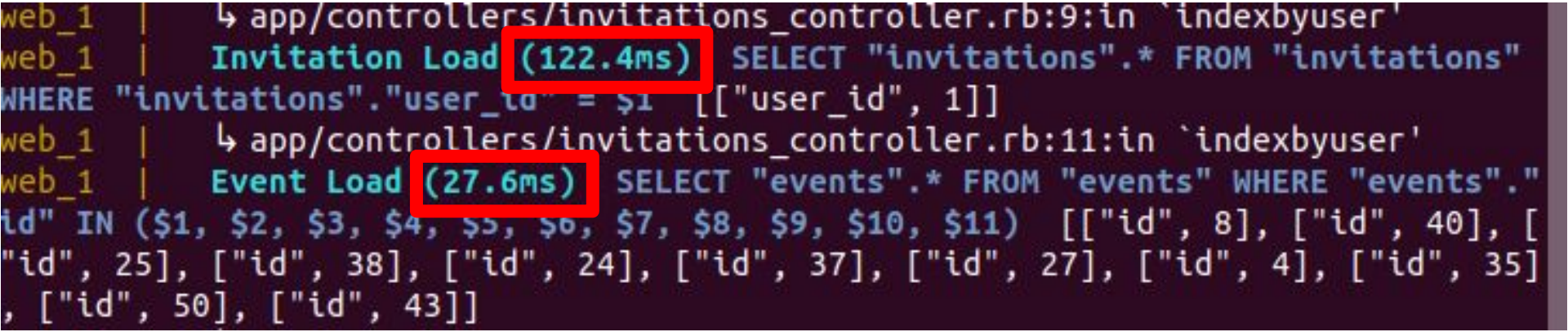
JOIN versus no JOIN



Performance with join



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JSON Optimization

```
Started GET "/users/" for 172.27.0.1 at 2019-11-27 17:42:29 +0000
Cannot render console from 172.27.0.1! Allowed networks: 127.0.0.0/127.255.255.255, ::1
Processing by UsersController#index as JSON
  Rendering users/index.json.jbuilder
  User Load (1.2ms)  SELECT "users".* FROM "users"
  ↳ app/views/users/index.json.jbuilder:1
  Rendered users/_user.json.jbuilder (Duration: 0.6ms | Allocations: 108)
  Rendered users/_user.json.jbuilder (Duration: 0.4ms | Allocations: 82)
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  Rendered users/_user.json.jbuilder (Duration: 0.7ms | Allocations: 82)
  Rendered users/_user.json.jbuilder (Duration: 1.2ms | Allocations: 82)
  Rendered users/_user.json.jbuilder (Duration: 4.3ms | Allocations: 82)
  Rendered users/_user.json.jbuilder (Duration: 0.7ms | Allocations: 82)
  Rendered users/_user.json.jbuilder (Duration: 0.6ms | Allocations: 82)
  Rendered users/_user.json.jbuilder (Duration: 0.5ms | Allocations: 82)
  Rendered users/_user.json.jbuilder (Duration: 0.5ms | Allocations: 82)
  Rendered users/index.json.jbuilder (Duration: 40.5ms | Allocations: 3406)
Completed 200 OK in 46ms (Views: 41.4ms | ActiveRecord: 1.2ms | Allocations: 3910)
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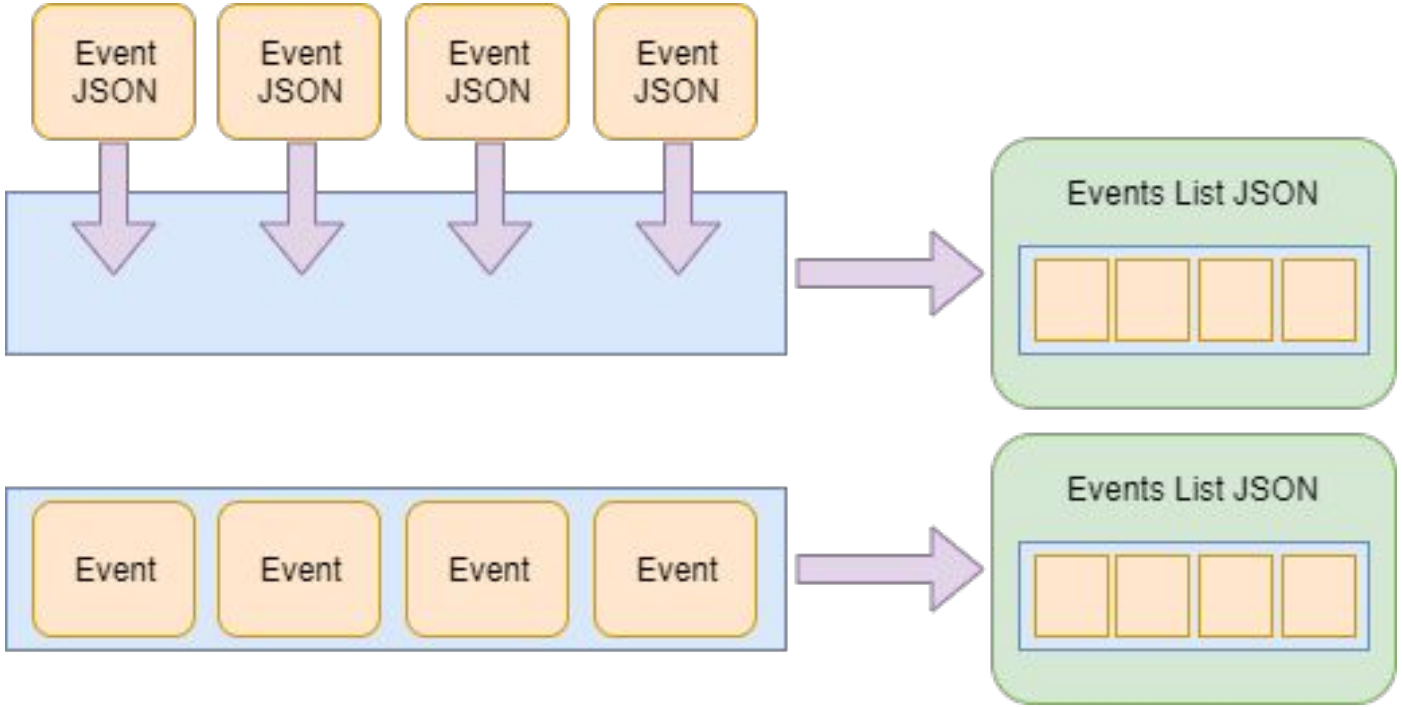
JSON Optimization

- JBuilder Optimization in Rails



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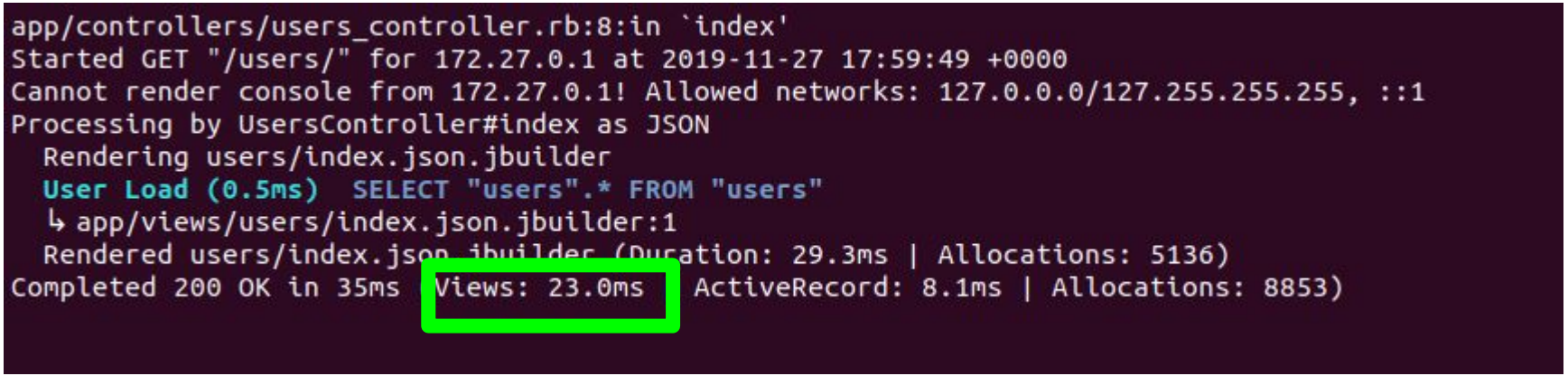

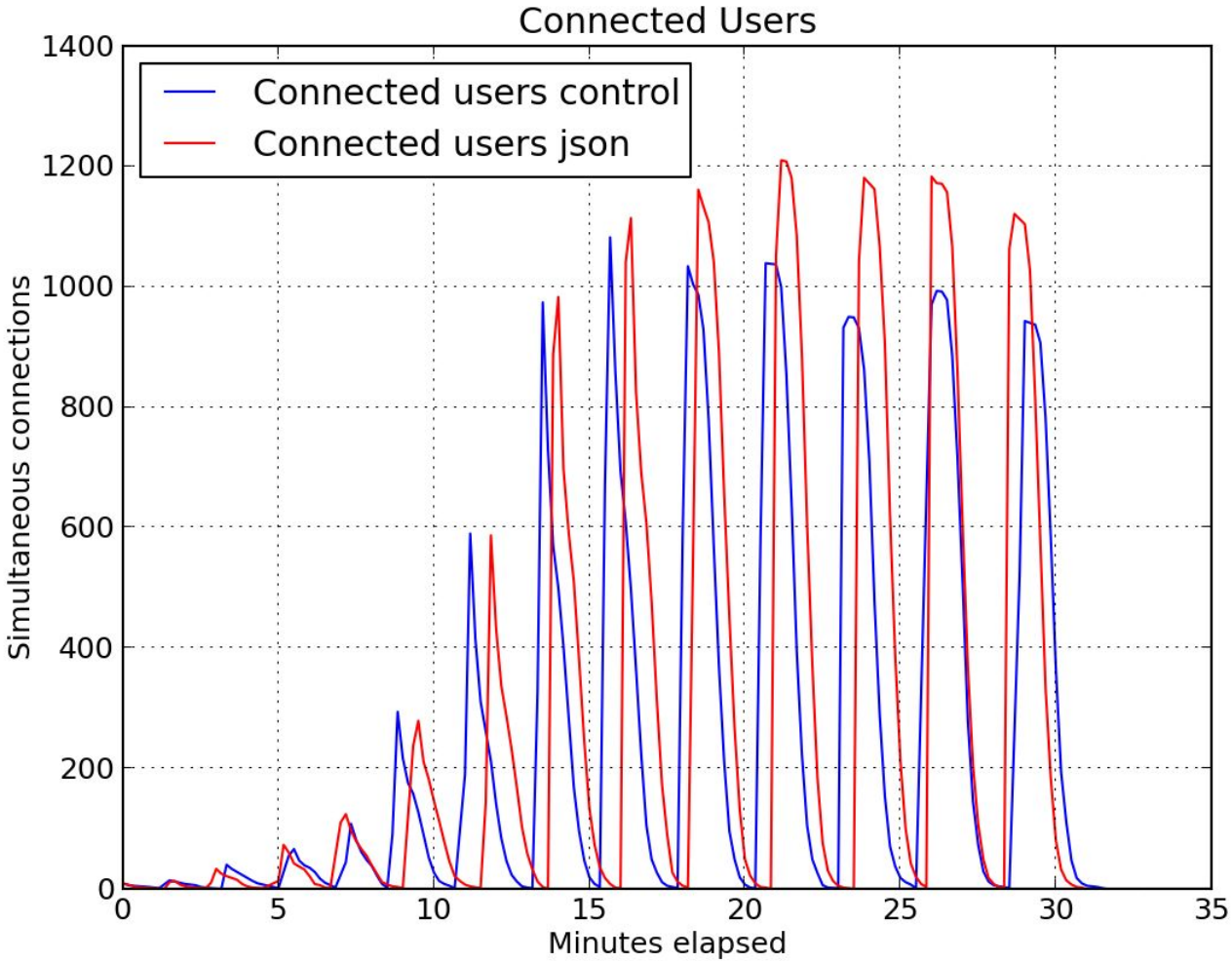
Connected Users
Connected users control
Connected users json
Simultaneous connections
Minutes elapsed
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200
400
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JSON Compression

```
GET /encrypted-area HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
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```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: mon, 26 June 2016 22:38:34 GMT
Server: Apache/1.3.3.7 (Unix)  (Red-Hat/Linux)
Last-Modified: Wed, 08 Jan 2003 23:11:55 GMT
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 438
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Content-Encoding: gzip
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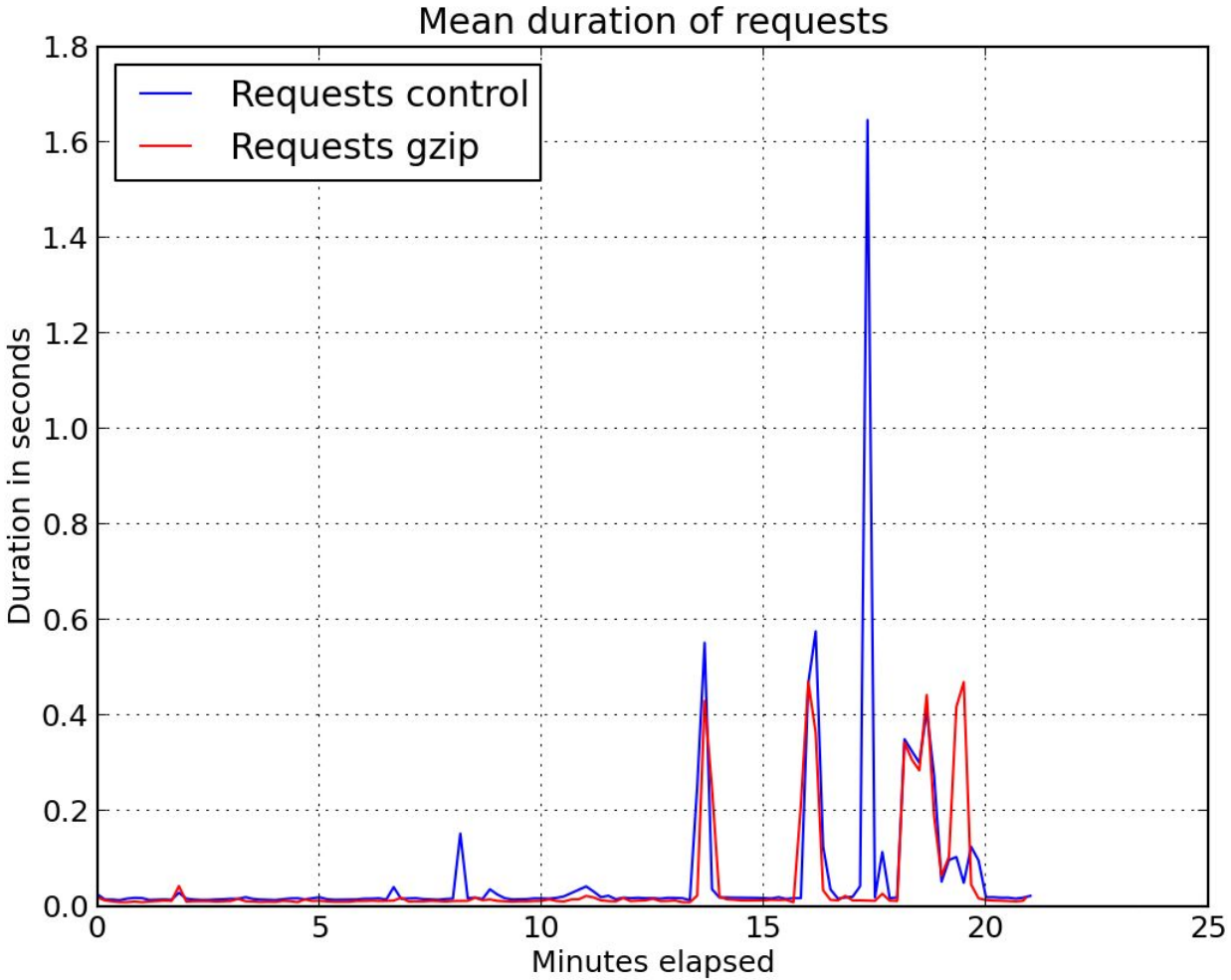
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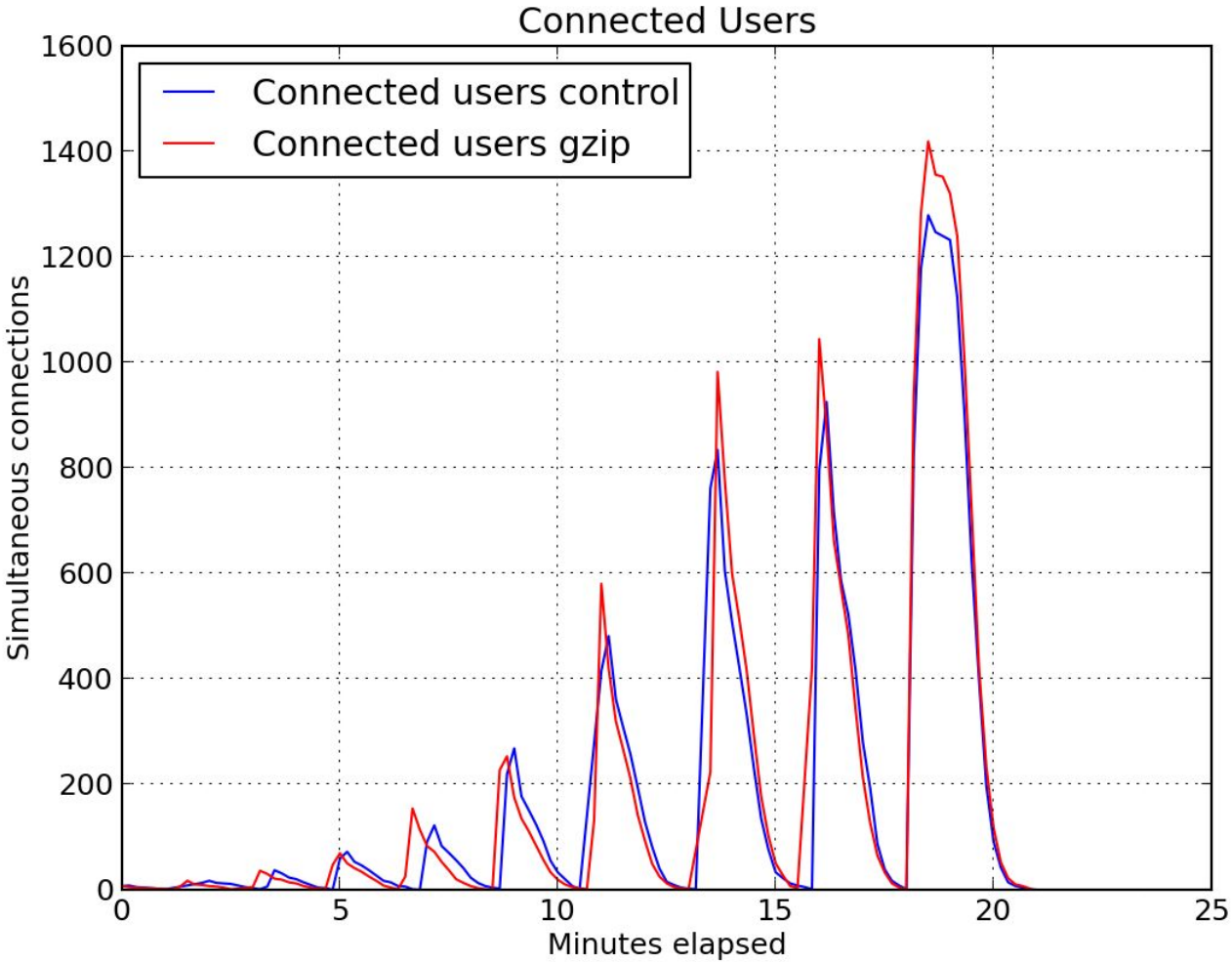
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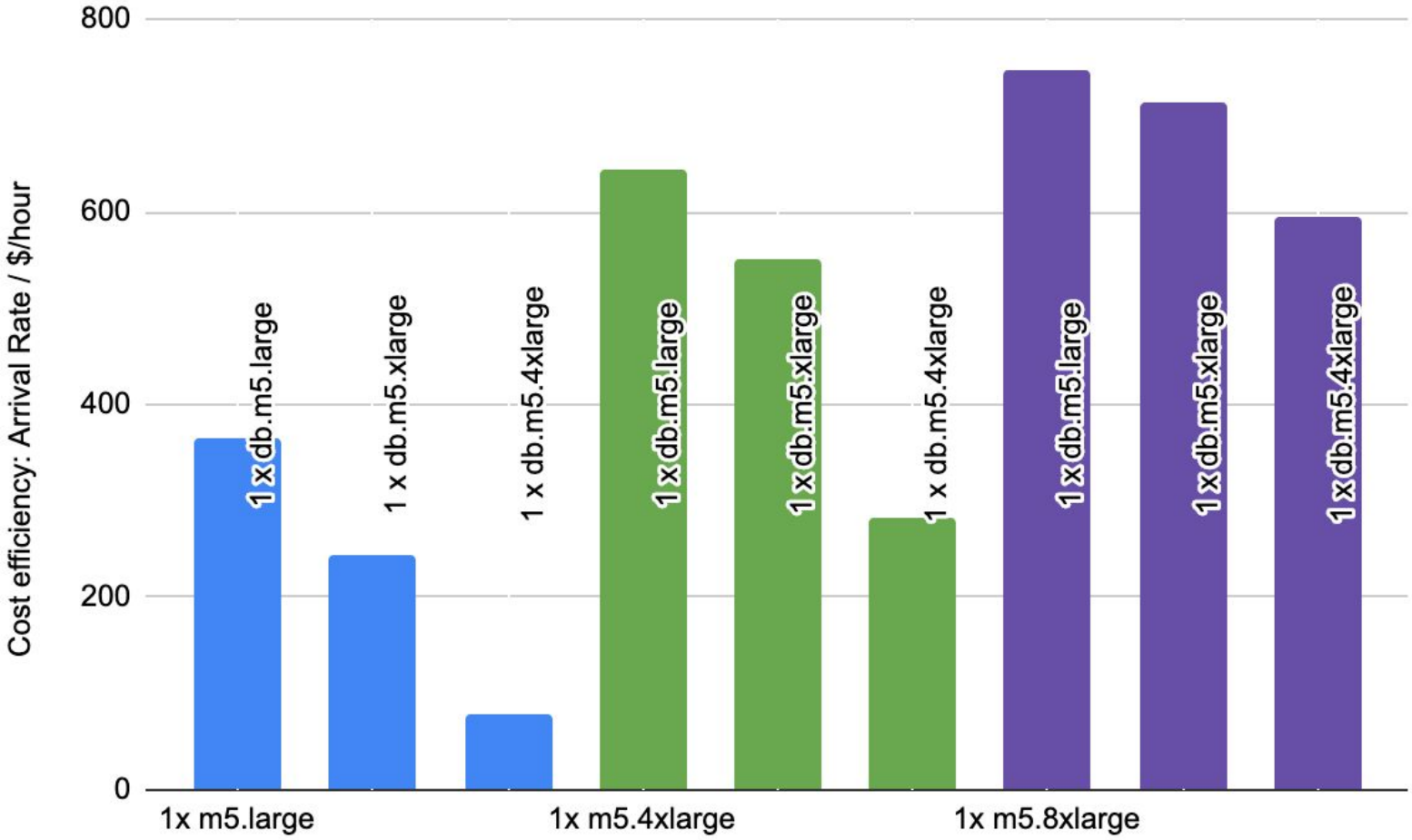
Vertical Scaling Results

Application Instance	Database Instance	Max Arrival Rate Before 5XX Error (users/second)
1x m5.large	1 x db.m5.large	100
	1 x db.m5.xlarge	110
	1 x db.m5.4xlarge	120
1x m5.4xlarge	1 x db.m5.large	610
	1 x db.m5.xlarge	620
	1 x db.m5.4xlarge	620
1x m5.8xlarge	1 x db.m5.large	1280
	1 x db.m5.xlarge	1350
	1 x db.m5.4xlarge	1760

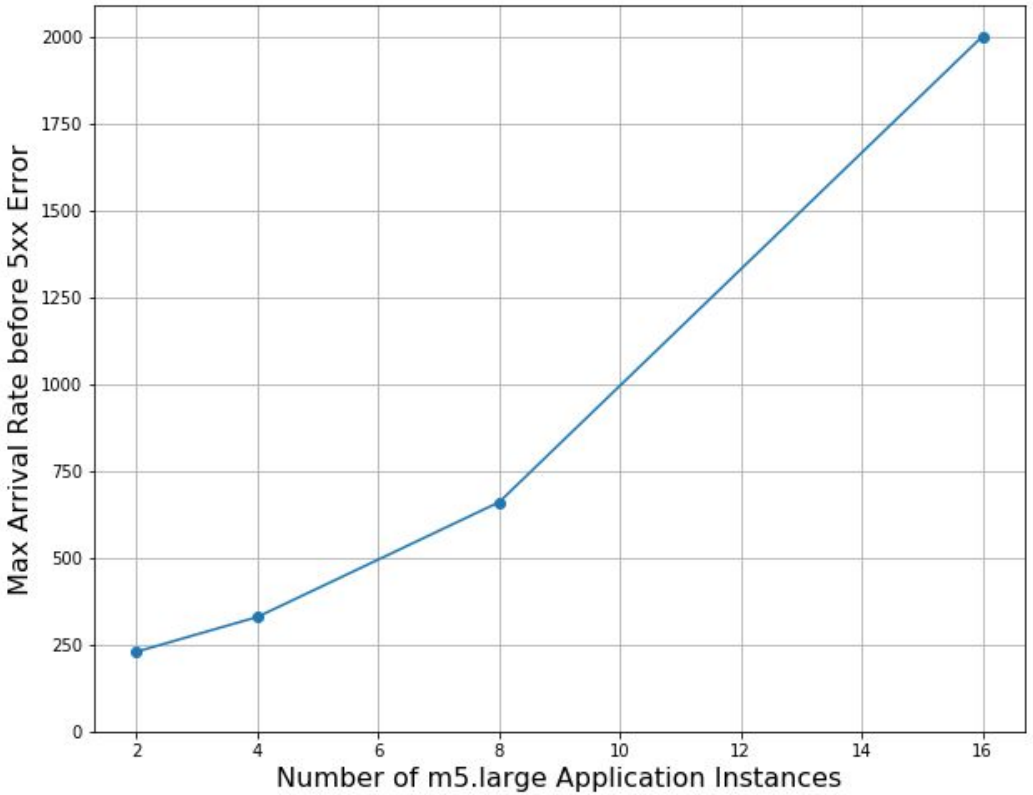

Cost efficiency: Arrival Rate / $/hour
800
600
400
200
0
1 x db.m5.large
1 x db.m5.xlarge
1 x db.m5.4xlarge
1 x db.m5.large
1 x db.m5.xlarge
1 x db.m5.4xlarge
1 x db.m5.large
1 x db.m5.xlarge
1 x db.m5.4xlarge
1x m5.large
1x m5.4xlarge
1x m5.8xlarge

Horizontal Scaling Results

Number of m5.large Application Instances	Max Arrival Rate Before 5XX Error	Max Users/s per Dollar
2	230	622
4	330	587
8	660	698
16	>2000	>1167

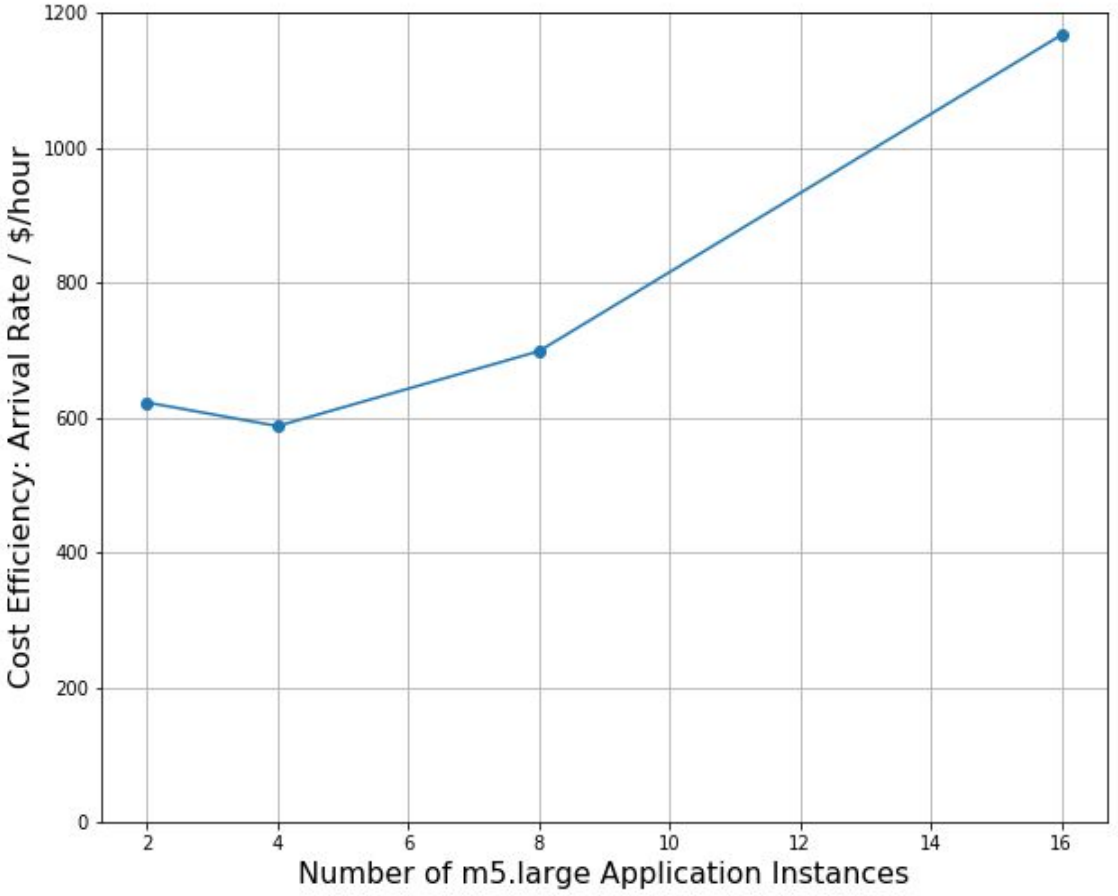
Horizontal Scaling Results

- Impact on traffic



Horizontal Scaling Results

- Impact on cost



Evaluation

- Combining all optimizations and scaling the final application
- Baseline performance
  - m5.large instance
  - Max 90 users/second tsung arrival rate
- Optimized performance
  - Adding optimizations: improvement of 10 users/second over baseline
  - Best performance: 16 x m5.large instance + db.m5.large
    - Max >2000 users tsung arrival rate

Thank You

References

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