

## VARNISH

Makes Websites Fly



## Varnish Software

The Varnish Academy & Certification

Our Tools: VAC, Bans, Purges, VCS



#### Agenda

- Varnish Academy
  - Courses
  - Certification
- Commercial tools
  - Varnish Administration Console (VAC)
  - Cache Invalidation (Ban + Purge)
  - Varnish Custom Statistics (VCS)
- Debugging from development to production

**Benefits** 

## Varnish Academy

"I was better because I spent time sharpening my axe."

Anon(ymous?)

"If you think training is expensive, try ignorance."

Peter Drucker



### Varnish Academy

Varnish Competence Epicenter Ecosystem Growth Certified Training and Knowledge



## Varnish Academy

#### Courses:

- Varnish Administration Course
- Developing Scalable Web Applications with Varnish
- Extending Varnish with Modules

# What is a constitution of the constitution of

Your Varnish Cluster controller:
Manages Caches, VCLs & Params
Groups caches via Martin's Law
Cache Invalidation (Bans & Purges)
Realtime graphs



#### **Martin's Law**

#### Martin's first rule

- A group should always be consistent wrt configuration and parameters
- So it follows that when a cache is added to a group the group's vol and parameters must be applied
- No changes can be made on any single cache

#### Martin's second rule

- A cache must always belong to one and only one group
- So it follows that when we add a cache it must be added directly into a group



#### Cache Invalidation

#### Ban API

curl -X POST -H 'Content-type:text/plain' -u vac:supersecret
http://vacdemo.varnish-software.com/api/v1/cachegroup/Production/ban
-d 'req.url ~ .png\$'



#### Super Fast Purger

- Leverages VCL for flexibility
- Secure HMAC and Timestamp
  - \* No passwords sent over the wire
  - \* Stops Replay attack
- Fast
- Production ready



#### Cache Invalidation

#### Super fast purger

```
curl -X PURGE -H 'X-Cache-Group: Production' -H 'X-HMAC: key' -H
'X-Timestamp: 1212' http://vacdemo.varnish-software.com:8088/index.html
```



#### More Cache Invalidation

#### Secondary Hash\*

Adds secondary hashes to objects, allowing fast purging on all objects with this hash key.

Purges all the objects that were hashed on the given key. Returns the number of objects that were purged.

\* aka Surrogate Key, Order 66 or Great Jedi Purge



#### **Secondary Hash**

```
import hashtwo;
sub vcl_recv {
   if (req.http.x-hashtwo-purge) {
      if (hashtwo.purge(req.http.x-hashtwo-purge) != 0) {
        error 200 "Purged";
      } else {
        error 404 "Key not found";
      }
   }
}
sub vcl_fetch {
   # Use the header vmod to add multiple headers for multiple keys set beresp.http.X-HashTwo = "secondary_hash_key";
}
```

#### What is VCS?

\* formerly known as vstatd

# Varnish Custom Statistics (VCS): Debugg ag for your production website

Leverages power of VCL – Flexible

Log anything!

```
std.log("vcs-key:" +req.http.host + req.url);
```



```
1 backend betelgeuse {
      .port = "5080";
      .probe = { .url = "/1k"; }
 8 # VCS uses logging support from the standard library
9 import std;
11 sub vcl_recv {
      // logs the host + url
      std.log("vcs-key:" + req.http.host + req.url);
      // logs the host + url + referrer
      std.log("vcs-key:" + req.http.host + req.url + req.http.referer);
19 sub vcl_deliver {
      if( obj.hits > 0 ) {
          // logs the total hits
          std.log("vcs-key:TOTAL_HITS");
      } else {
          // logs the total misses
          std.log("vcs-key:TOTAL_MISSES");
          // logs the misses, including the host and url, and the backend varnish fetched from
          std.log("vcs-key:MISS" + req.http.host + req.url + req.backend );
          // logs the specific User-Agent that incurs misses
          std.log("vcs-key:MISS_USERAGENTS" + req.http.user-agent);
          // log which Client ip that incurs misses and on which host and url
          std.log("vcs-key:MISS_CLIENTIP" + req.http.host + req.url + client.ip);
      // log the total number of content deliveries
      std.log("vcs-key:TOTAL_DELIVERY");
      // log specific delivery numbers for a specific domain
      std.log("vcs-key:DELIVERY_" + reg.http.host);
43 }
```



```
1 sub vcl_recv {
          // Low Orbit Ion Cannon attacks
          if (req.url ~ "^/0_0") {
                 std.log("vcs-key:LOIC_WEB");
                 error 591 "Web LOIC";
          if (req.url == "/" && req.request == "POST") {
                 std.log("vcs-key:LOIC_POST");
                 error 592 "LOIC not allowed";
          if (req.url ~ "^/\?id=") {
                 std.log("vcs-key:LOIC_POST");
                 error 593 "LOIC not allowed";
          //SQL Injection
          if (req.url ~ "(?i)select.*from") {
                 error 594 "SQL select not allowed";
          if (reg.url ~ "in.*\([^0-9]") {
                 error 595 "SQL subselect not allowed";
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```





# This is what our customers are saying...

"Using VAC has helped us make our deployment strategy much quicker and more streamlined."

Are Egner-Kaupang System Consultant Boklink



# This is what our customers are saying...

"VCS, this new thing I have been playing with, made by Varnish Software, is debug heaven."

Audun Ytterdal Head of IT Operations, Verdens Gang, Norway





# This is what our customers are saying...

"We have found that Varnish Cache, combined with VAC high-speed purging, provides an excellent solution for our web service APIs. We also rest assured that VCS gives our Service Operations team the visibility that we need into the performance of our data delivery system."

Matt O'Keefe Senior Technology Architect, Morningstar, Inc.





#### A little look ahead...



#### **VAC** Roadmap

- Access control
- Integration with vagent2
- Full API support



#### **VCS** Roadmap

- Cross key aggregation
- Counting unique requests
- Aggregate time series





Restful interface for varnish administration

https://github.com/varnish/vagent2







#### **Questions?**

For more info:

http://www.varnish-software.com

http://www.youtube.com/user/varnishsoftware