



Performance Comparison

ZIO vs Akka-http vs Rust

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









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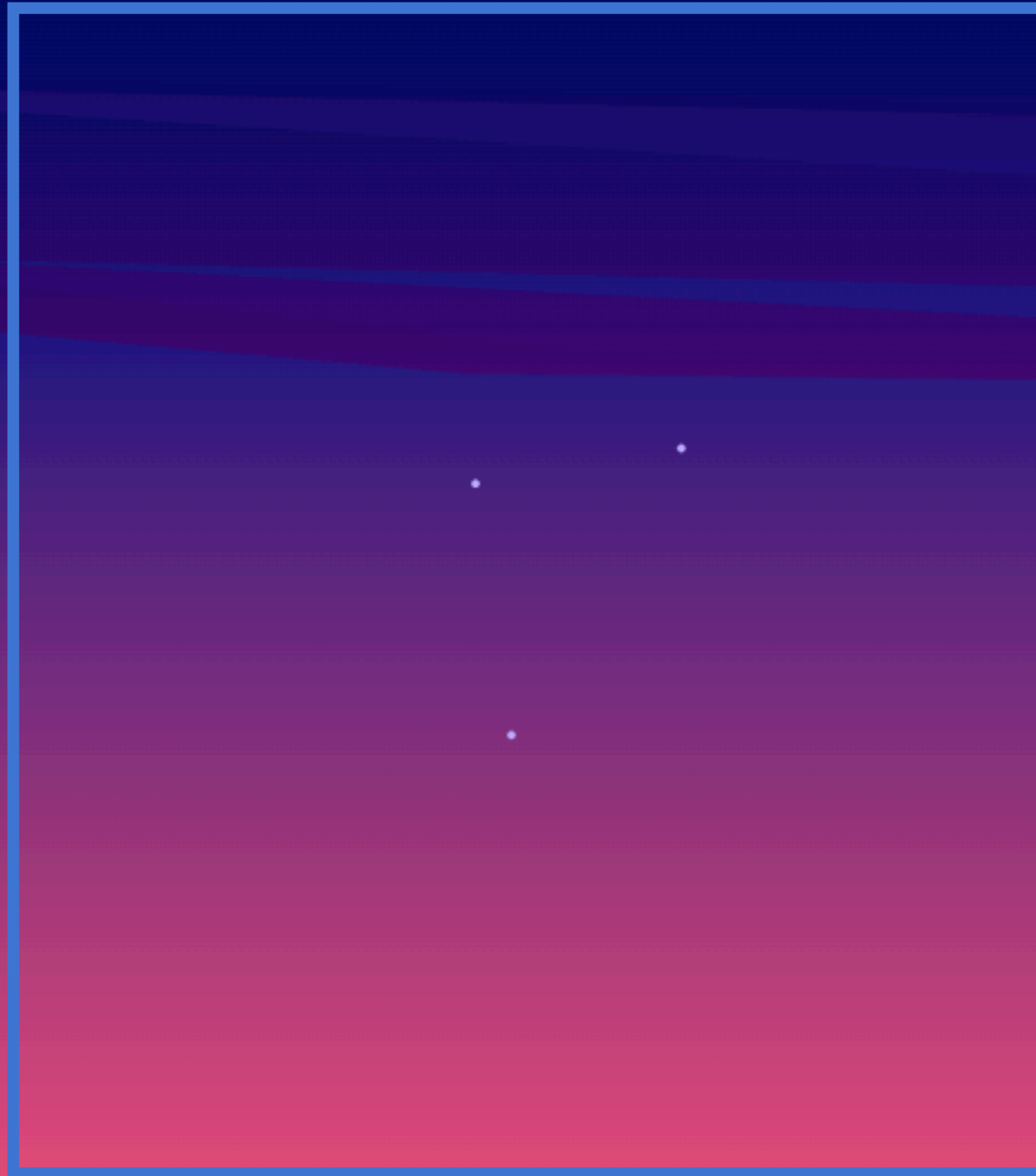
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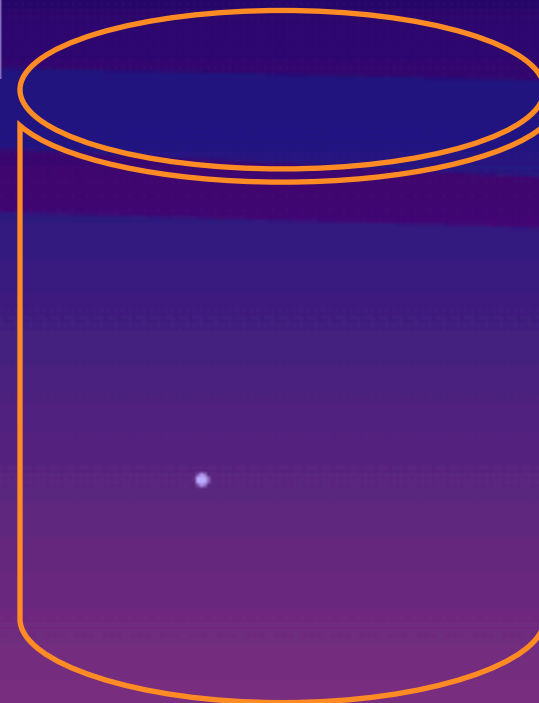
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  access_token: "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1..."  
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"de.heikoseeberger" %% "akka-http-json4s" % "1.39.2",
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def route = path("token") {  
  post {  
    entity(as[TokenRequest]) { tokenRequest =>  
      onComplete(for {  
        userInfo <- Future.fromTry(DbQuery.userInfo(tokenRequest.username, dbPool))  
        passwordOk <- Future.fromTry(  
          KeyTools  
            .verifyHashMatch(tokenRequest.password, userInfo.salt, userInfo.hashpassword)  
        )  
        _ <- if (passwordOk) Future.successful(()) else Future.failed(new RuntimeException("Incorrect password"))  
        tokenPair <- Future.fromTry(tokenCreator.createTokenPair(userInfo))  
        response <- Future.successful {  
          TokenResponse(id_token = tokenPair.id.rawToken, access_token = tokenPair.access.rawToken)  
        }  
      } yield response) {  
        case Success(value) =>  
          complete(StatusCodes.OK, value)  
        case Failure(failure) =>  
          failure.printStackTrace()  
          complete(StatusCodes.InternalServerError, failure.getMessage)  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

<https://github.com/willemvermeer/simple-auth>

ZIO implementation



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zio v2.0.10

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"dev.zio"           %% "zio-http"           % "0.0.5",
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```
val app: Http[SimpleAuthConfig with HikariConnectionPool with TokenCreator, Nothing, Request, Response] =
  Http.collectZIO[Request] {
    case req @ Method.POST -> !! / "token" =>
      (for {
        tokenReq <- ZIO.absolve(req.body.asString(UTF_8).map(_.fromJson[TokenRequest]))
        pool      <- ZIO.service[HikariConnectionPool]
        userInfo  <- ZIO.fromTry(DbQuery.userInfo(tokenReq.username, pool))
        pwOK      <- ZIO
          .fromTry(
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        response    = TokenResponse(tokenPair.id.rawToken, tokenPair.access.rawToken)
        resp        <- ZIO.succeed(Response.json(response.toJson))
      } yield resp).catchAll(ex => ZIO.succeed(Response.text(s"error $ex")))
  }
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Rust actix-web implementation



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uuid = { version = "1.3.1", features = ["v4"] }
derive_more = "0.99.17"
chrono = "0.4.23"
jsonwebtoken = "8.2.0"
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pub async fn logon_user(
    logon_req: web::Json<LogonRequest>,
    state: web::Data<(Pool, EncodingKey)>,
) -> Result<HttpResponse, Error> {
    let user_info: LogonRequest = logon_req.into_inner();
    let (db_pool, encoding_key) = state.get_ref();
    let client: Client = db_pool.get().await.unwrap();
    let user_from_db = db::get_user(&client, &user_info).await?;

    let encoded = hash_password(&user_info.password, &user_from_db.salt);

    if encoded != user_from_db.hashpassword.to_string() {
        Ok(HttpResponse::InternalServerError().body("Incorrect password"))
    } else {
        let header = Header::new(Algorithm::RS256);
        let common_claims = JwtClaim::empty()
            .with_audience("simple-auth.example.com".to_string())
            .with_issuer("https://example.com".to_string())
            .issued_now()
            .expires_in(Duration::minutes(60).num_seconds().unsigned_abs());

        let id_claims = user_from_db.to_id_claims();
        let access_claims = AccessClaims { session_id: Uuid::new_v4().to_string(), };
        let token_pair = TokenPair::create(&encoding_key, &header, common_claims,
                                           id_claims, access_claims).unwrap();

        let response = TokenResponse {
            id_token: token_pair.id.raw,
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        Ok(HttpResponse::Ok().json(response))
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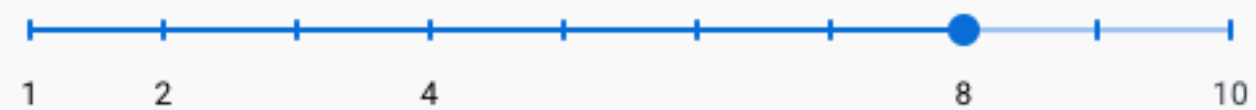
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16-inch, 2021

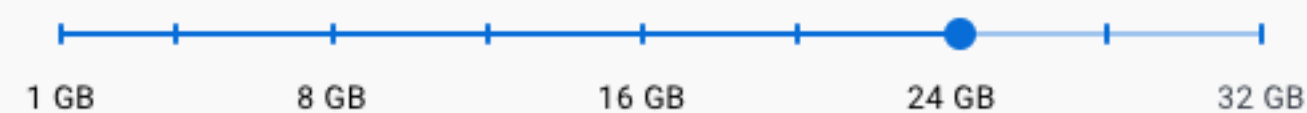
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Resources Advanced

CPUs: 8



Memory: 24.3 GB



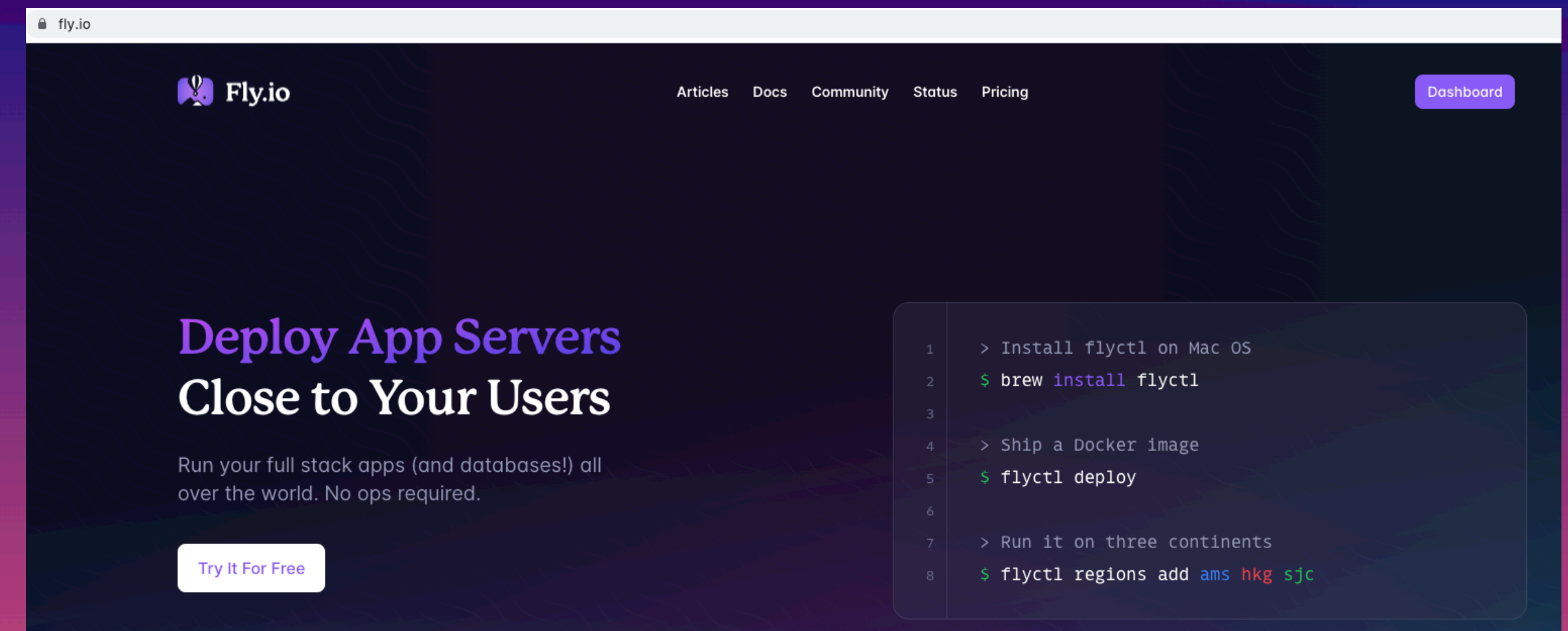
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'shared-cpu-1x'  
  CPU Cores: 1  
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```

```
'performance-8x'  
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Running 15s test @ http://localhost:8781/token
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```
24 threads and 24 connections
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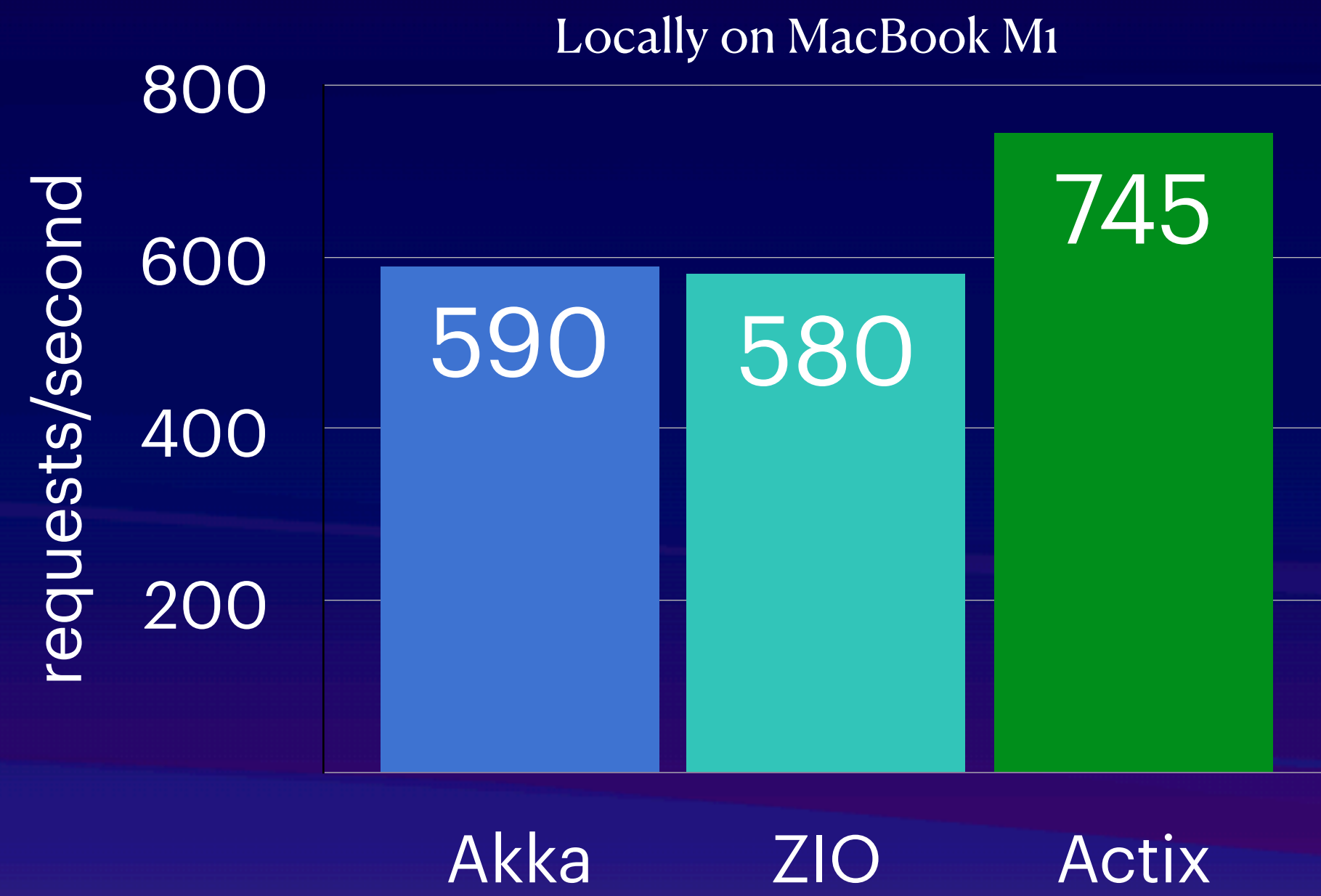
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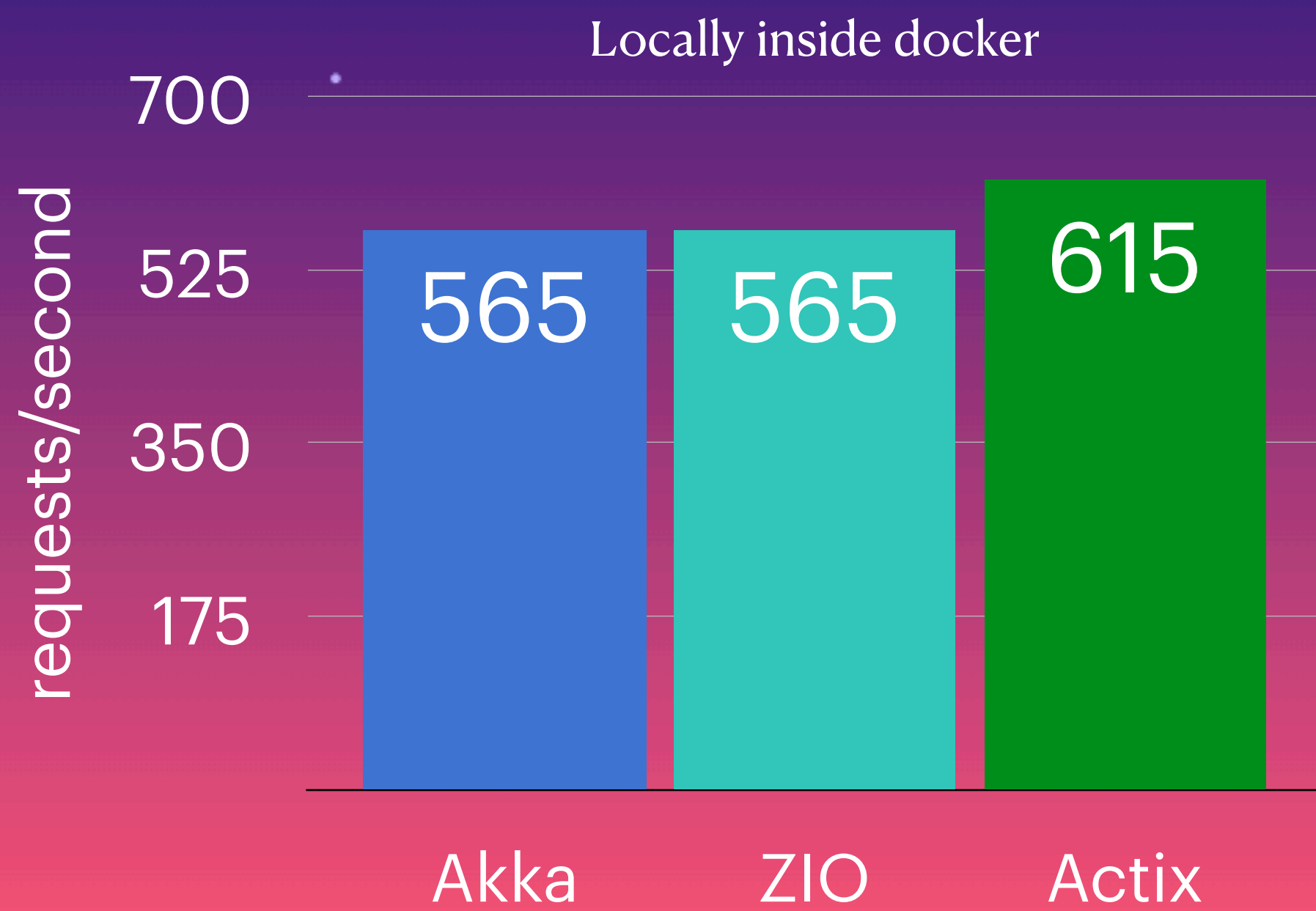
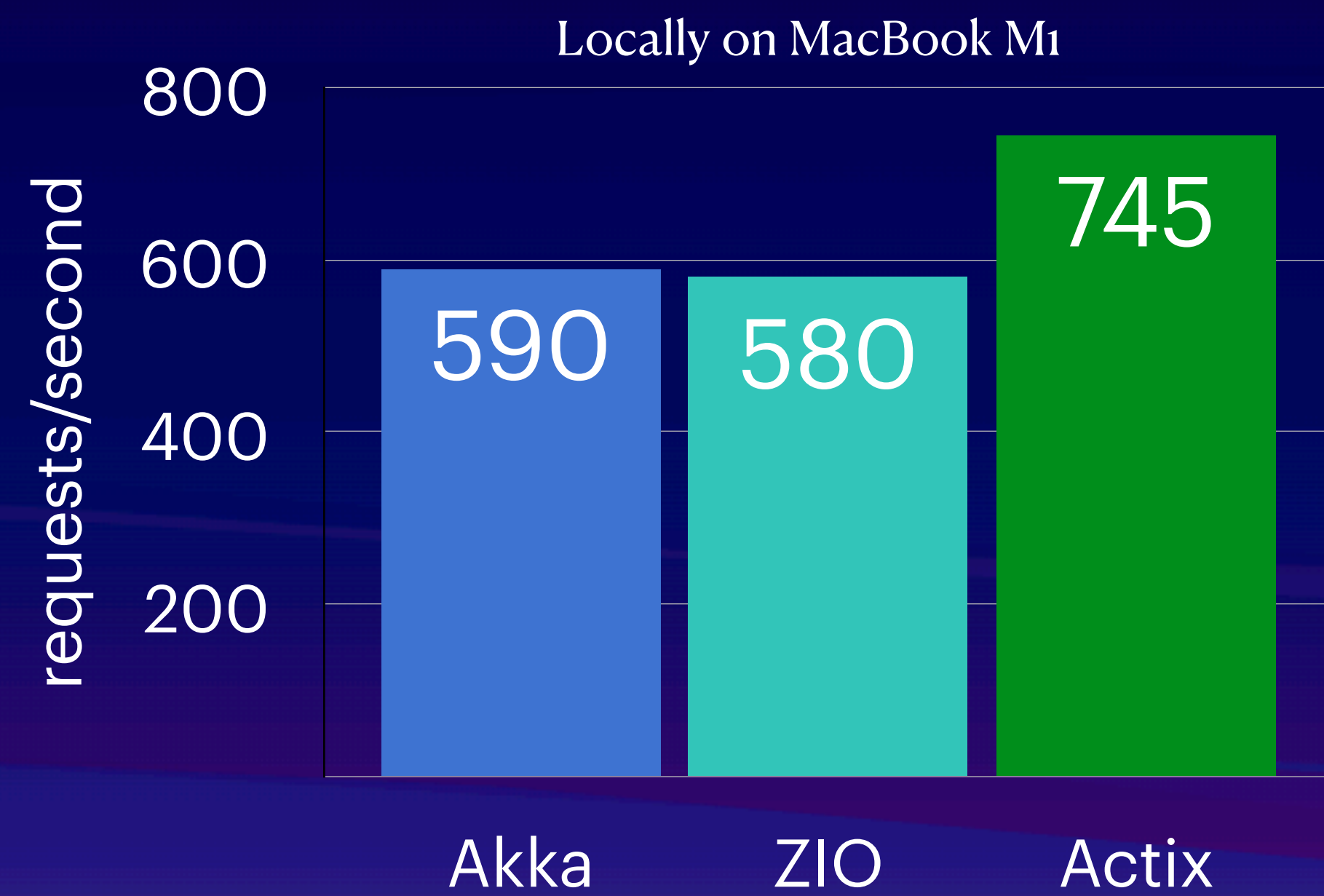
- start the app
- POST 1 or 2 req's to check it's up
- run `wrk` once for 15s to warmup
- run `wrk` again for 15s and measure

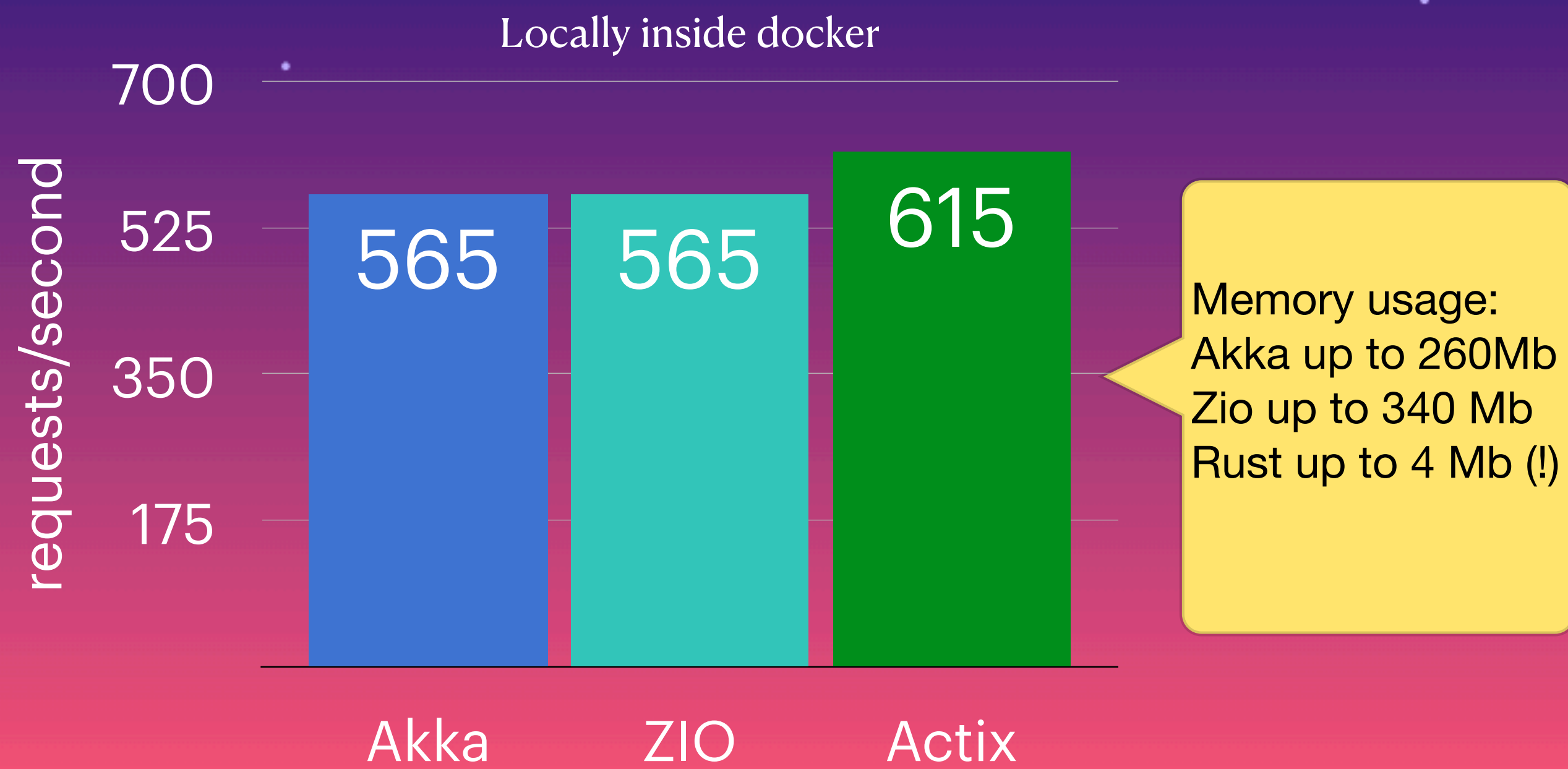
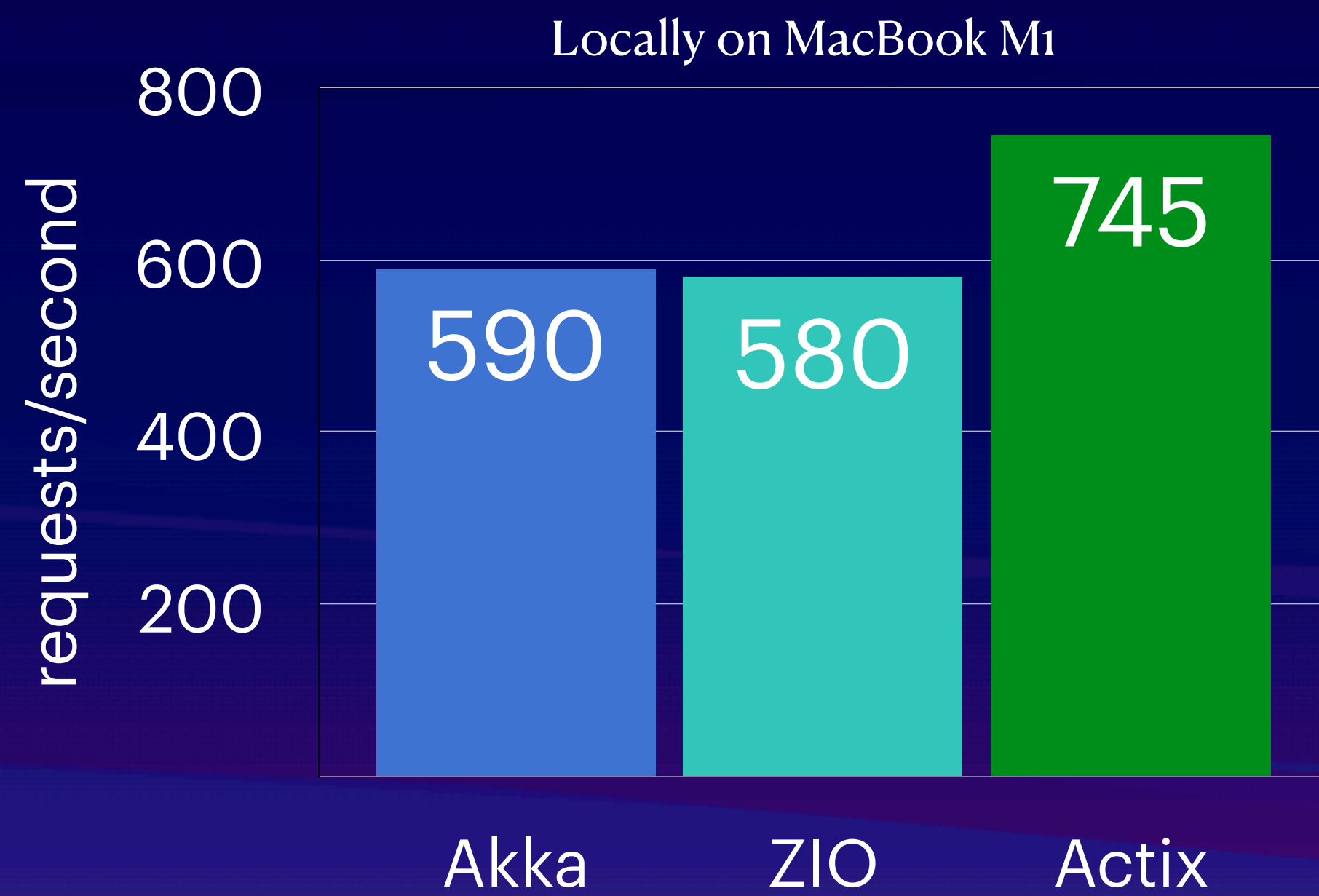
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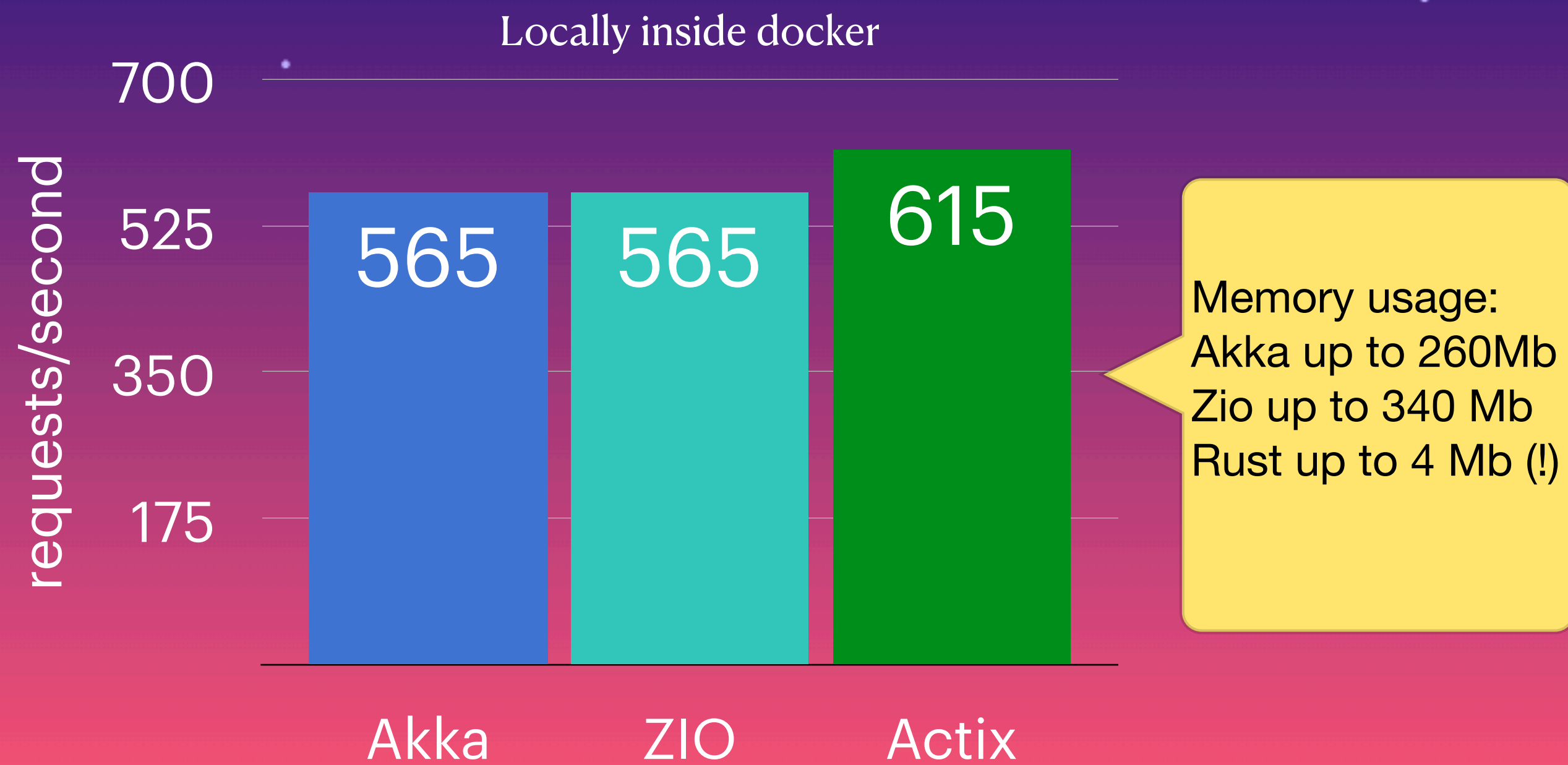
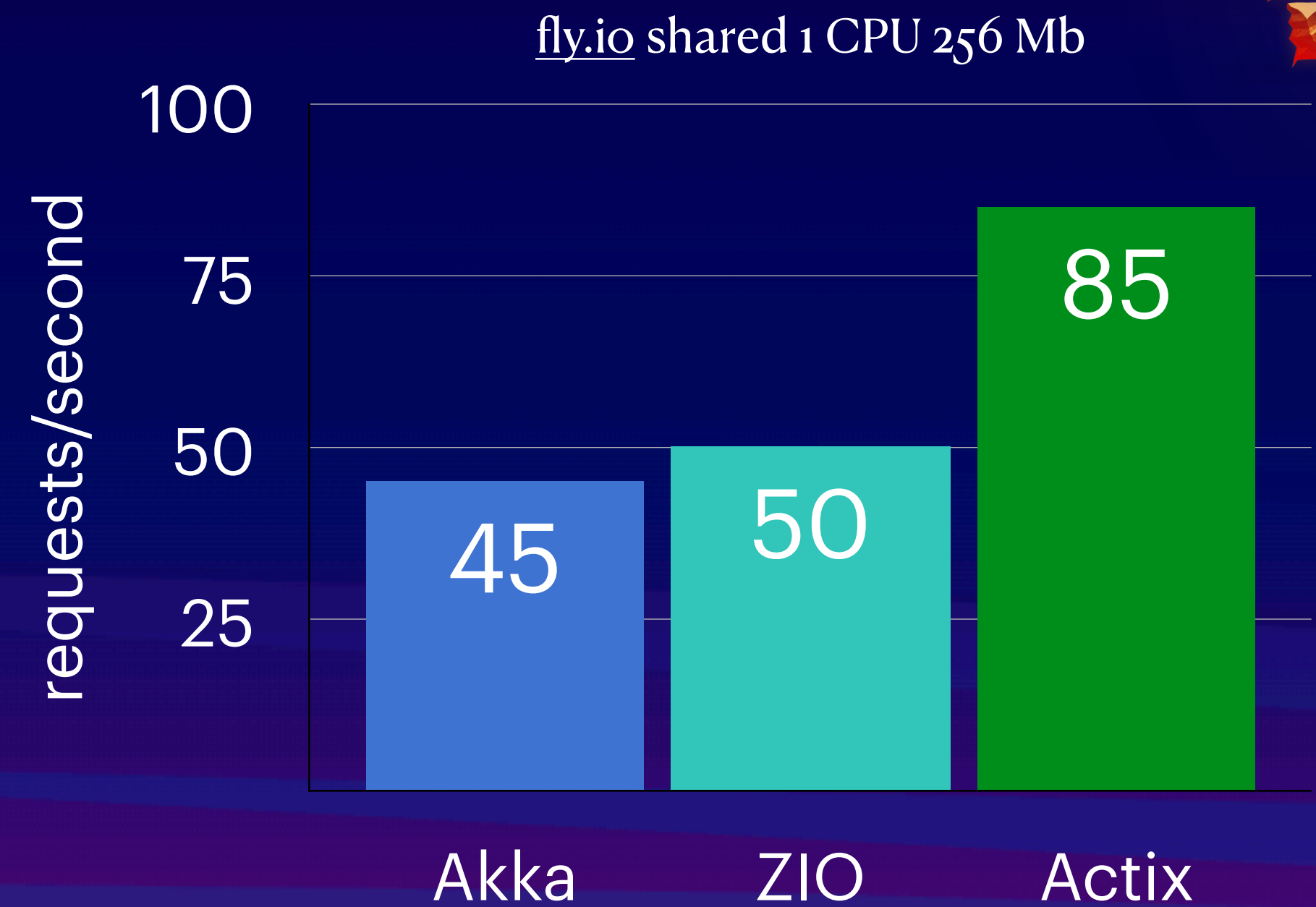
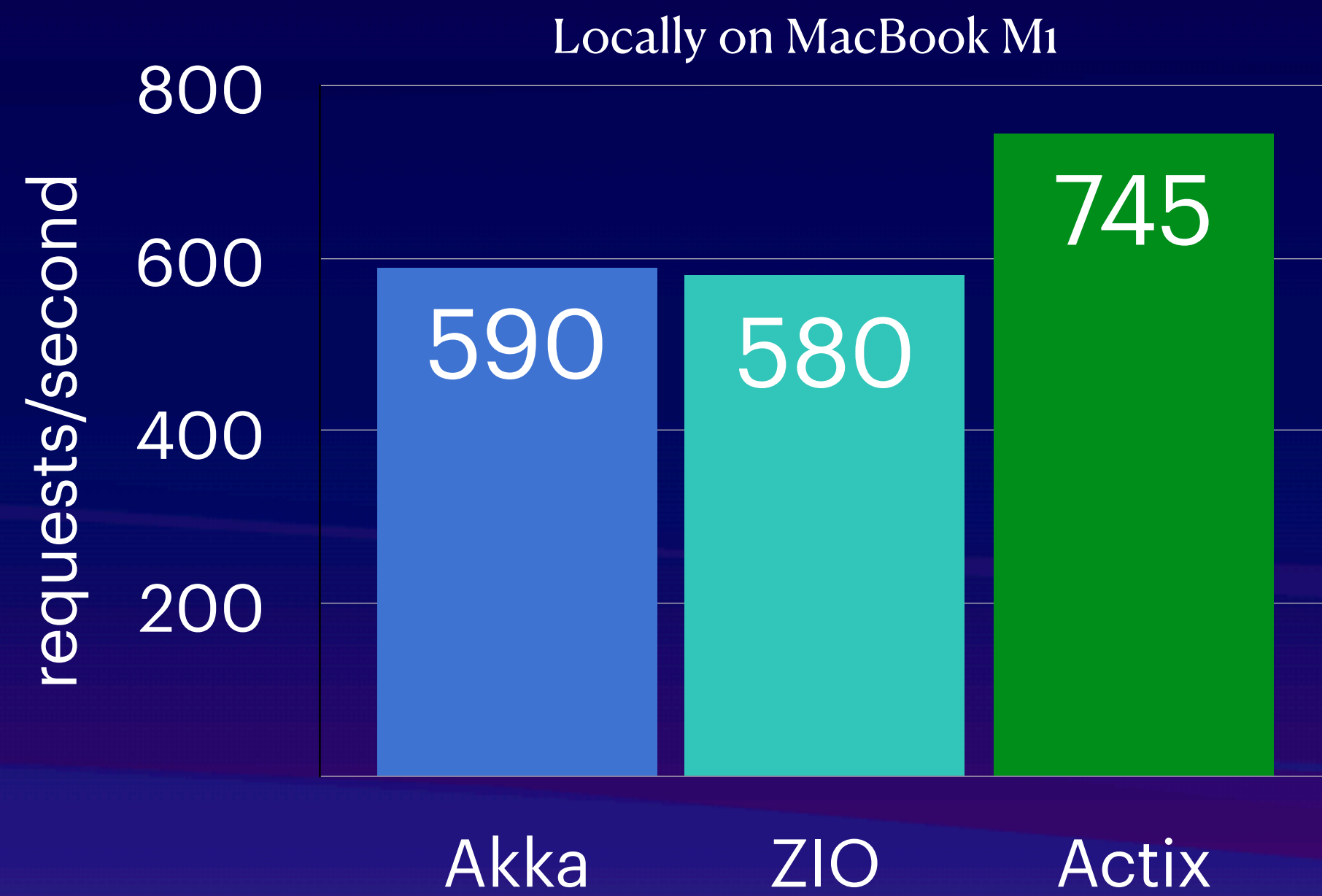


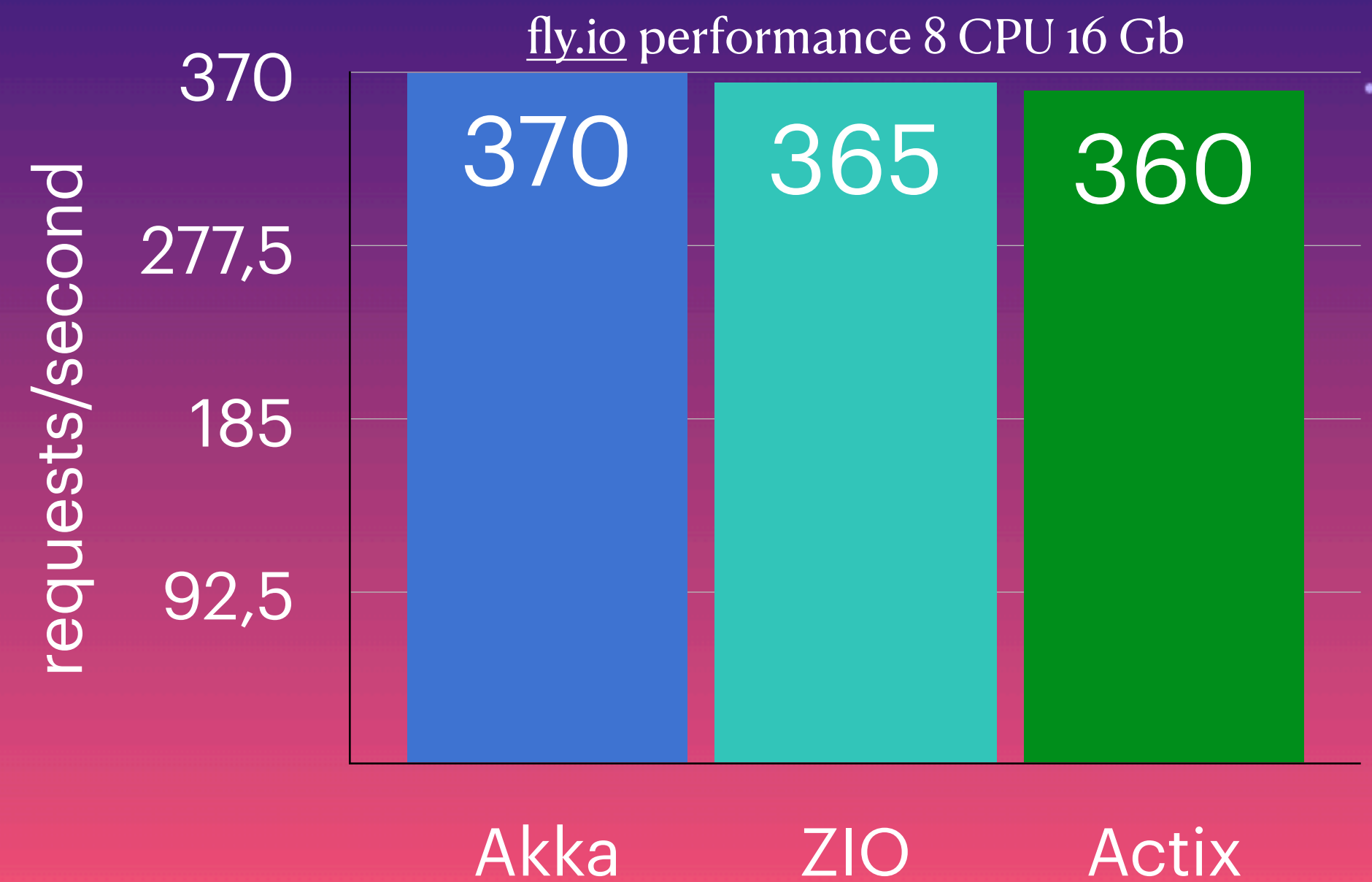
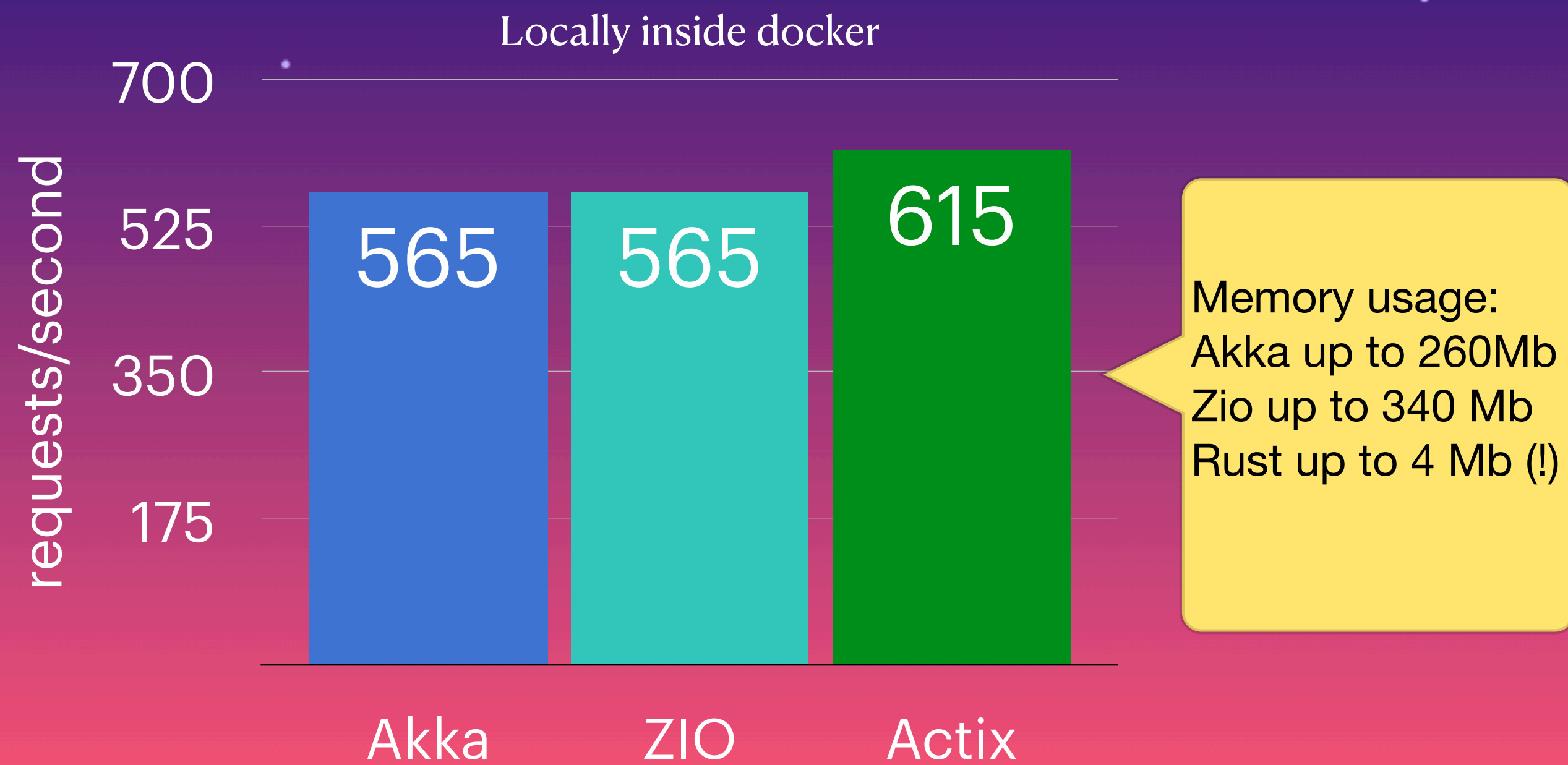
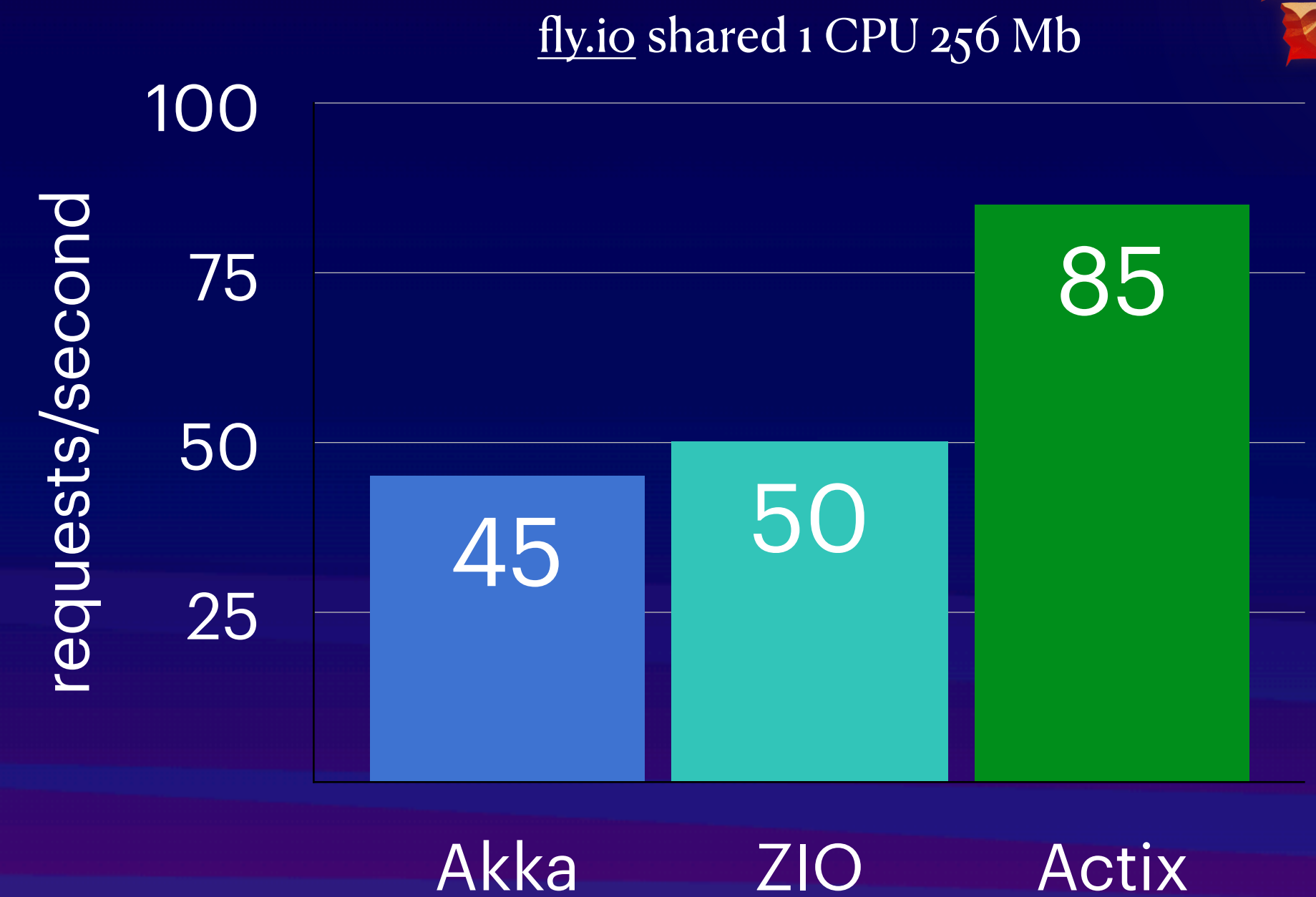
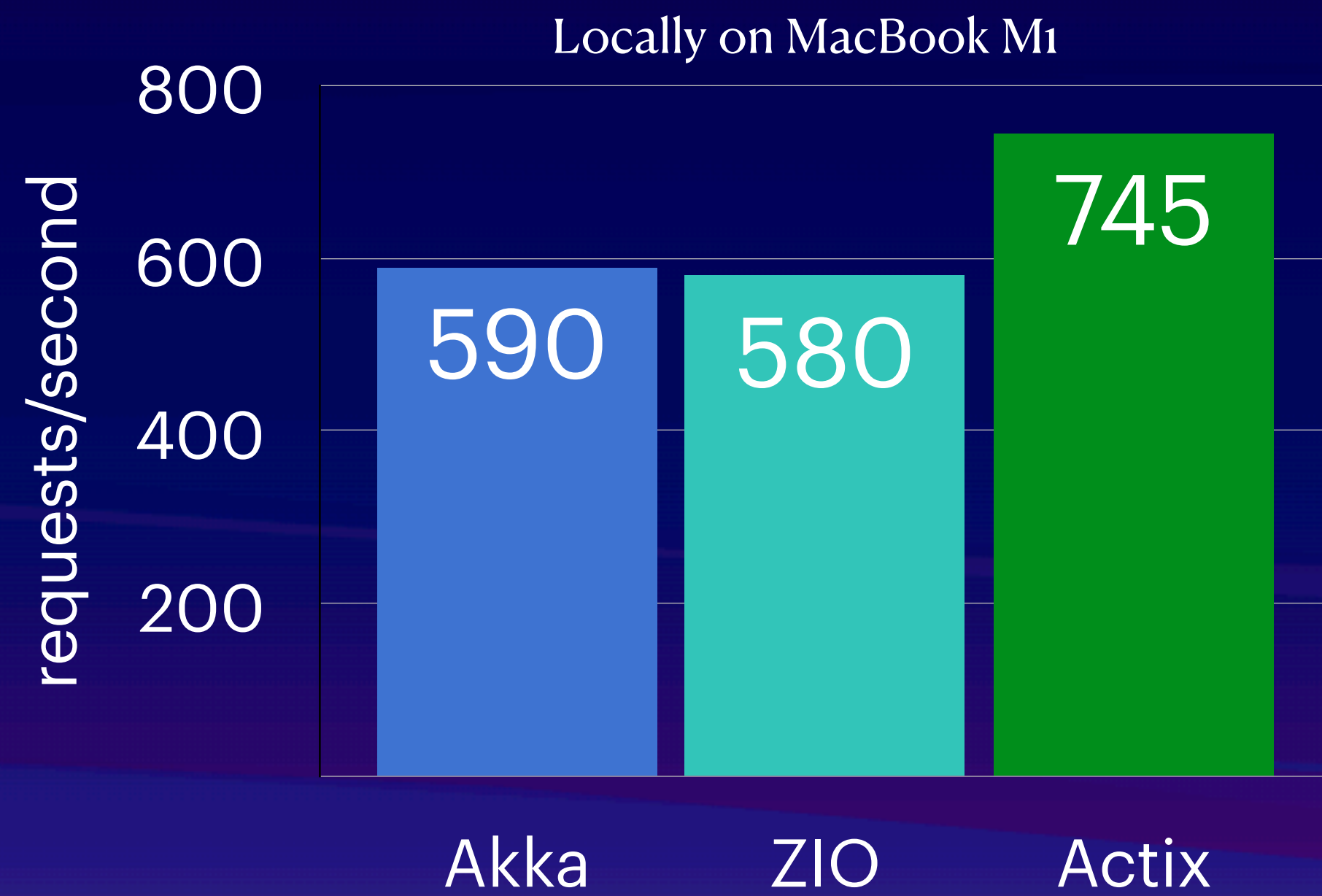


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