

Deterministic testing in a less deterministic world

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- ✿ Random:
- ✿ Race Condition:

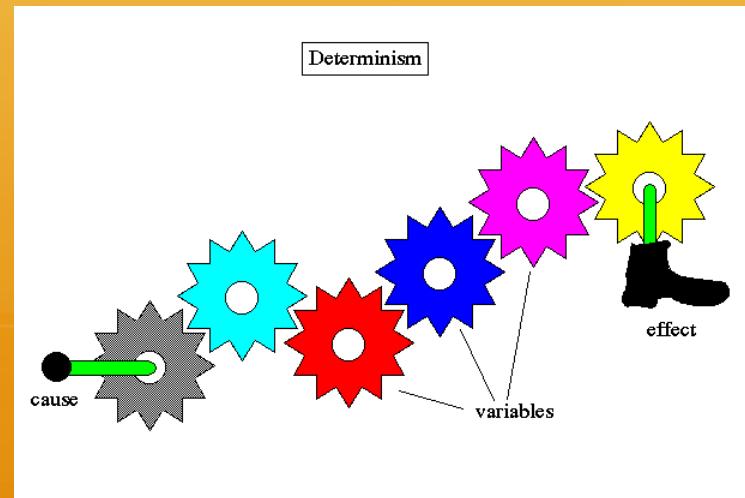
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The philosophy that everything has a cause, and that a particular cause leads to a unique effect.

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✿ Determinism: .

✿ **Random:**

lack of pattern or predictability in events

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✿ Pseudorandom:
Algorithm that
generates
approximately
random #s.

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✿Race Condition:

The output is dependent on the sequence or timing of other uncontrollable events.



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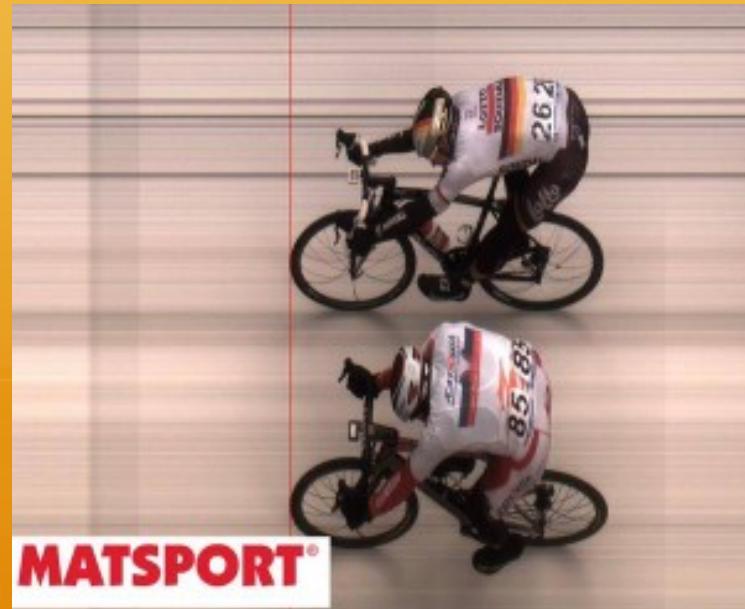
Many strategies to avoid corrupting data that is manipulated by multiple threads.

Use:

java.util.concurrent

✿ Reproducible:

✿ Producer-Consumer:

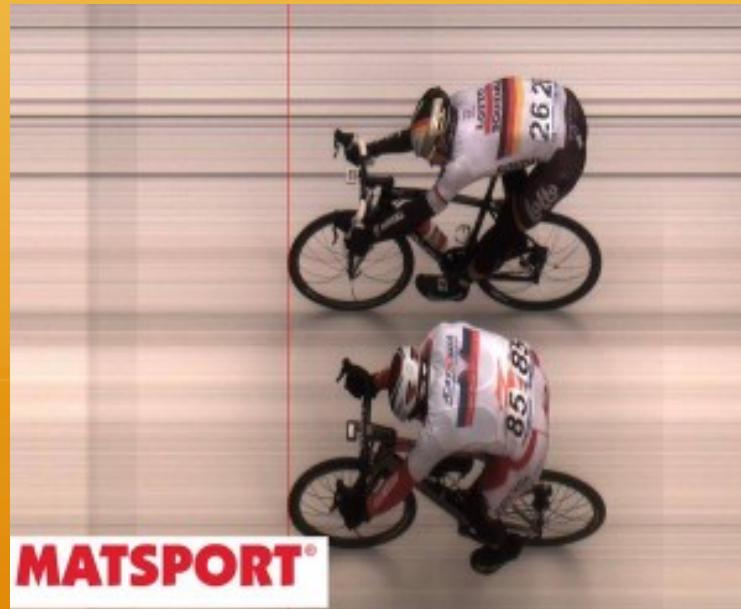


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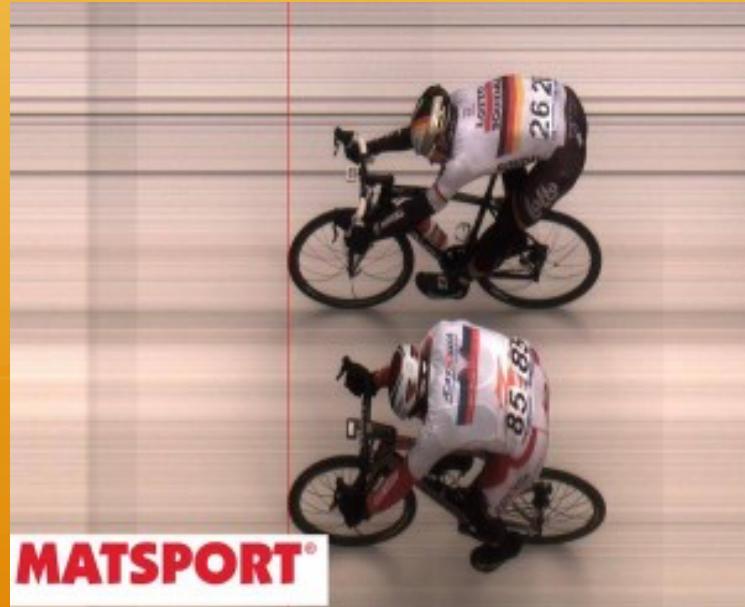
- ✿ **Reproducible:**
More important
for this discussion.

- ✿ Producer-Consumer:



Control Race Conditions

- ✿ Thread Safety:
- ✿ Reproducible:
- ✿ Producer-Consumer:
One thread adds
to a Queue, the
other removes.



Control Race Conditions

```
/** WARNING: do not use as synchronization monitor */
public class CommandManager {

    private List<Command> commandsForNextCycle = new LinkedList<Command>();

    Producer-Consumer:
    public synchronized void add(Command command) {
        commandsForNextCycle.add(command);
    }

    public synchronized List<Command> processAll() {
        List<Command> commandsToReturn = commandsForNextCycle;
        //cutoff: from this point on, we are collecting commands for the next cycle.
        commandsForNextCycle = new LinkedList<Command>();
        return commandsToReturn;
    }
}
```

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I like to create a single class that holds all of these critical Services together.

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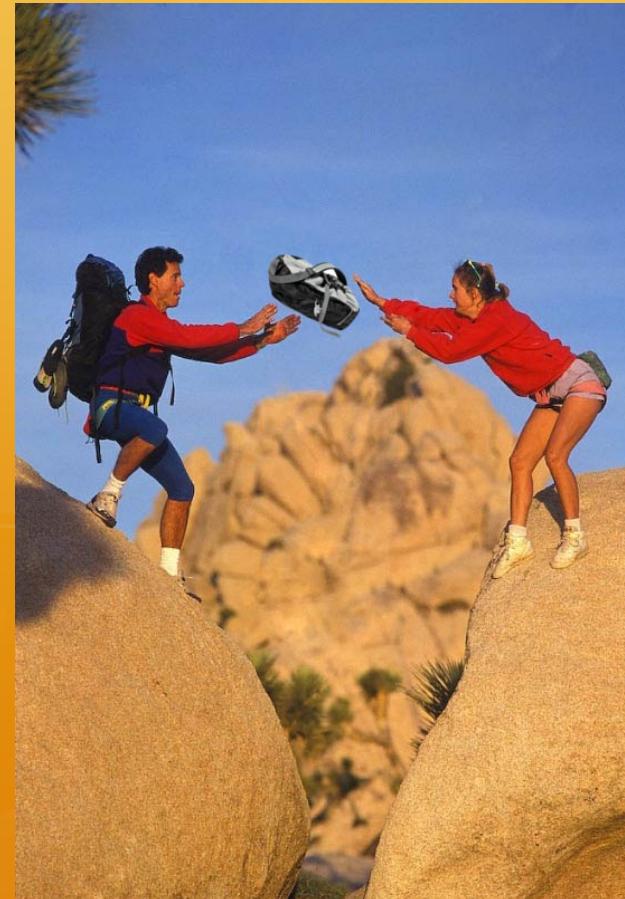
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FleetingDataAndServices

```
private FleetingDataAndServices(Clock clock, long randomSeed, List<Command> commands, Auditor auditor) {
    this.randomSeed = randomSeed;
    random = new Random(randomSeed);
    this.clock = Clock.fixed(clock.instant(), clock.getZone());
    this.commands = commands;
    this.auditor = auditor;
    this.tempo = tempo;
}
```

Pass it around!

FleetingDataAndServices

Pass it around!

```
private Fle  
this.r  
rando  
this.  
this.  
this.d  
this.te  
}  
  
d = random  
Random(random  
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```

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blog it wisely



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Blog: **[arturofalck.wordpress.com](#)**

Code: github.com/afalck/offbeet-utils



Hash Spreads and Probe Functions: A Choice of Performance and Consistency

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Why is this important?

- Primitive collections have a significant advantage in memory and speed over boxed implementations.
- Hashing literature is mostly about hashing strings, not primitives.
- There are significant differences between different implementations.
 - Understanding the differences will empower you to pick the right solution.
- Benchmarking hash implementations is very hard, because it depends critically on the input.

What is a hash spread?

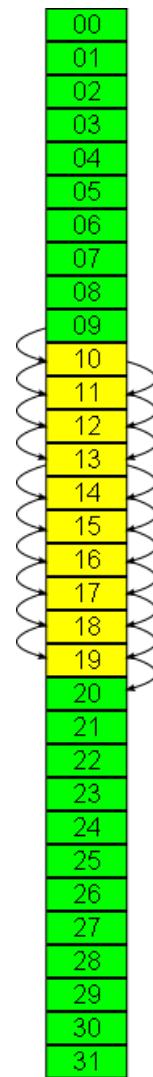
- Patterns in input data can lead to too many collisions. E.g., all inputs are even.
- Collisions are always expensive, but more so in an open addressed hash structure.
- Hash spread is a function that destroys simple patterns in input data, while retaining maximal information about the input.
- There is a tradeoff between the complexity of the hash spread and how well the spread destroys patterns.

What is a hash probe?

- In an open addressed hash structure, different array slots are examined when a collision occurs (no linked lists)
- The order of these slots must be deterministic and span the entire array. The order is called the probe function.
- Typical probe algorithms are linear, quadratic and "double hashing"
 - Double hashing uses $f(x) + n * g(x)$ and is the most expensive.
- Linear probing can lead to long chains and significant slow down.

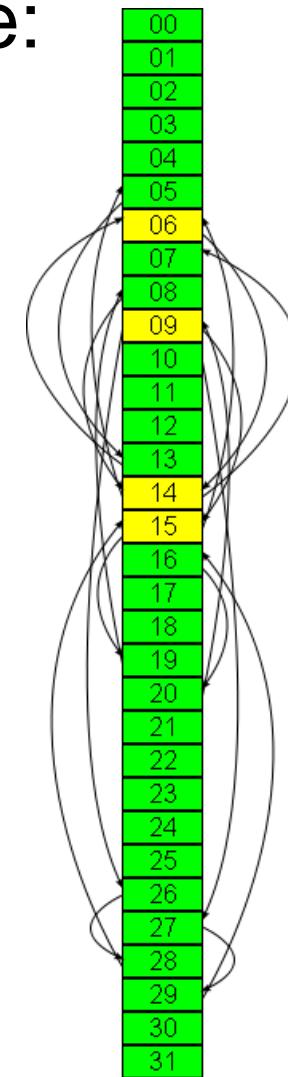
Linear and quadratic hash probes

Linear Probe:

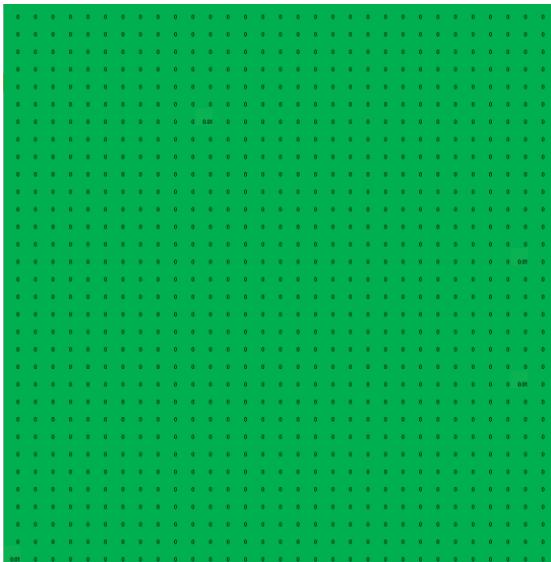


Quadratic Probe:

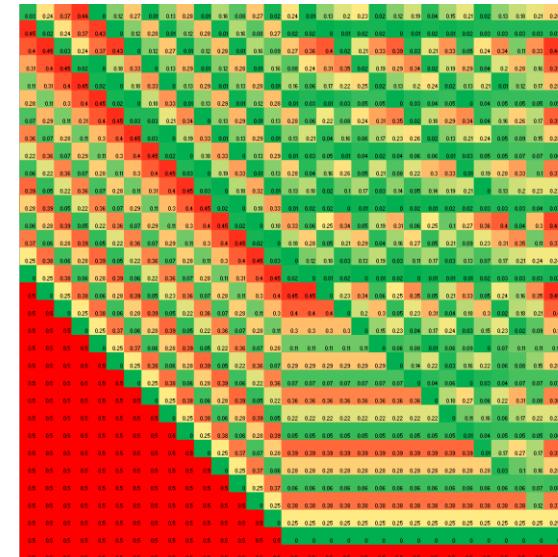
$$17 * n * (n+1) / 2$$



- Avalanche: probability of output bit changing when a single bit is flipped in the input. ideal is 50% for all input/output bits.
- GS Collections:

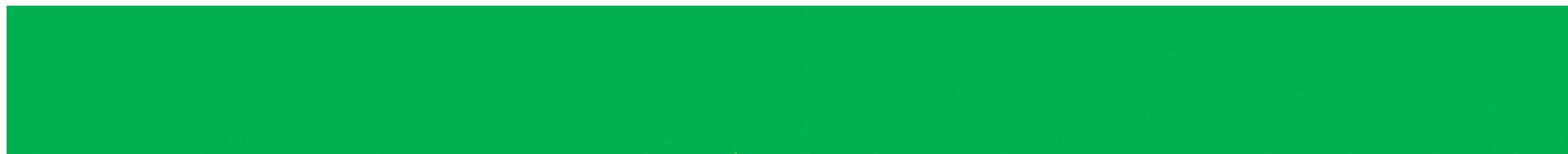


Koloboke:

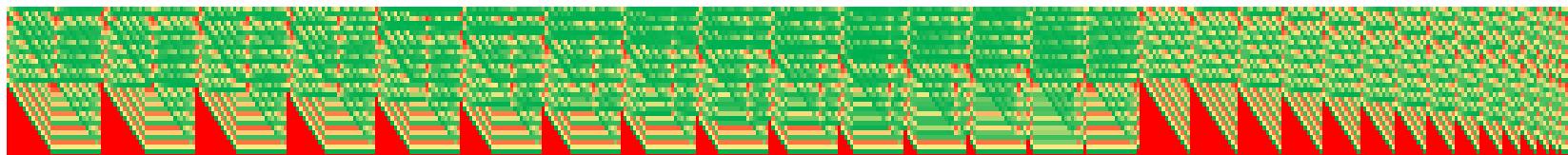


Comparing hash spreads

- Bit independence criterion: output bits j and k should change independently when any single input bit i is inverted, for all i, j and k .
(from wikipedia)
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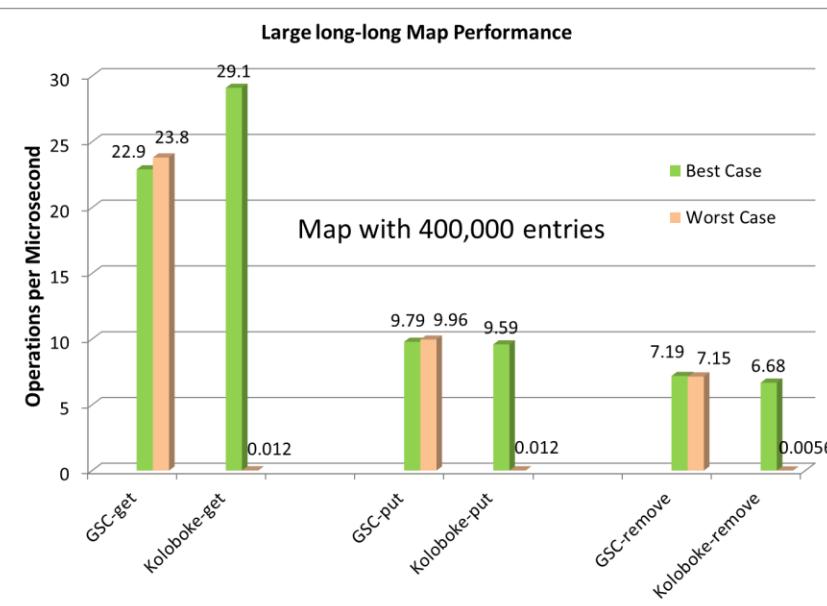
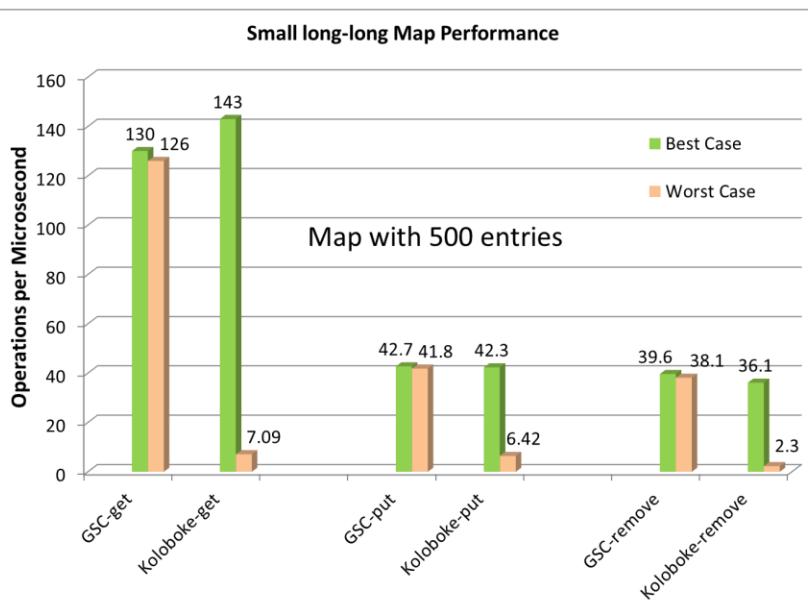
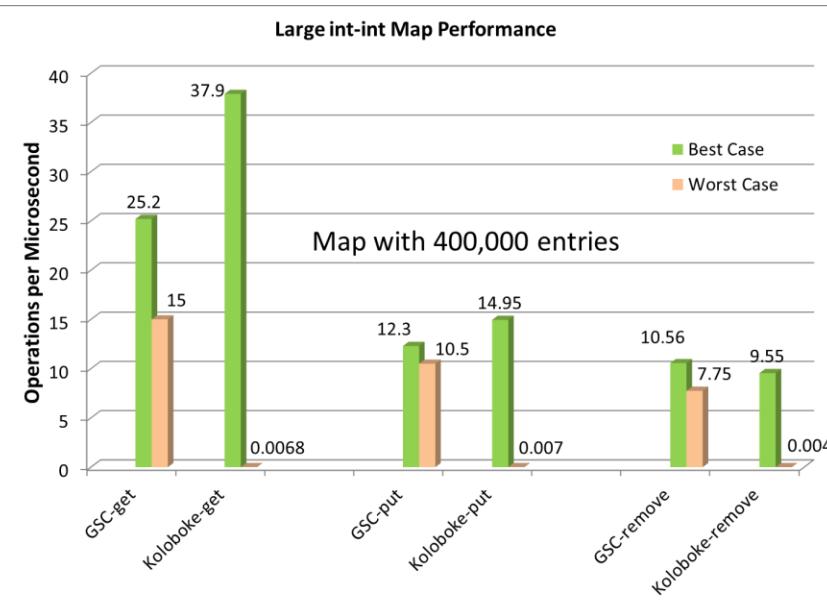
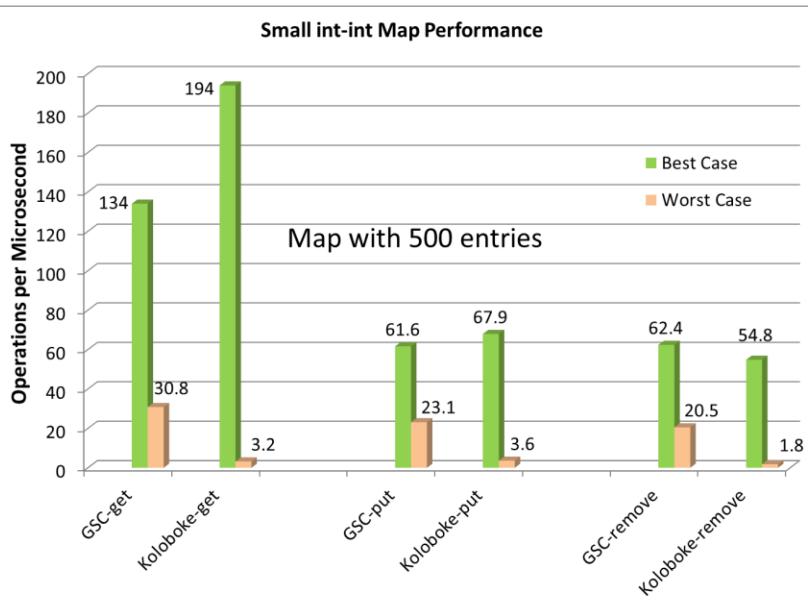
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- Koloboke uses a known deficient hash spread and linear probing.
 - It's easy to create slow structures.
- GS Collections 6.1 uses a good hash spread with quadratic probing.
 - Less likely than Koloboke to slow down, but quite a bit slower for the best case.

- GS Collections 6.2 introduces a hybrid algorithm that works well in best and worst case scenarios:
 - Start with no spread and a *short* linear probe (good for cache locality)
 - If first part of probe fails, then apply a good hash spread and do another short linear probe
 - If the second probe fails, use double hashing.

Performance Comparison



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Learn more at GS.com/Engineering
See the code at github.com/goldmansachs



Architecture Spotlight: Vertical Markets | The Consumer Web

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Static Model

- Batch updates
- Standardized reports
- Real-time analytics

Dynamic Model

- Huge transaction volumes
- Data science and complex analytics produced in real time
- User-driven, on-demand reporting
- Network effects

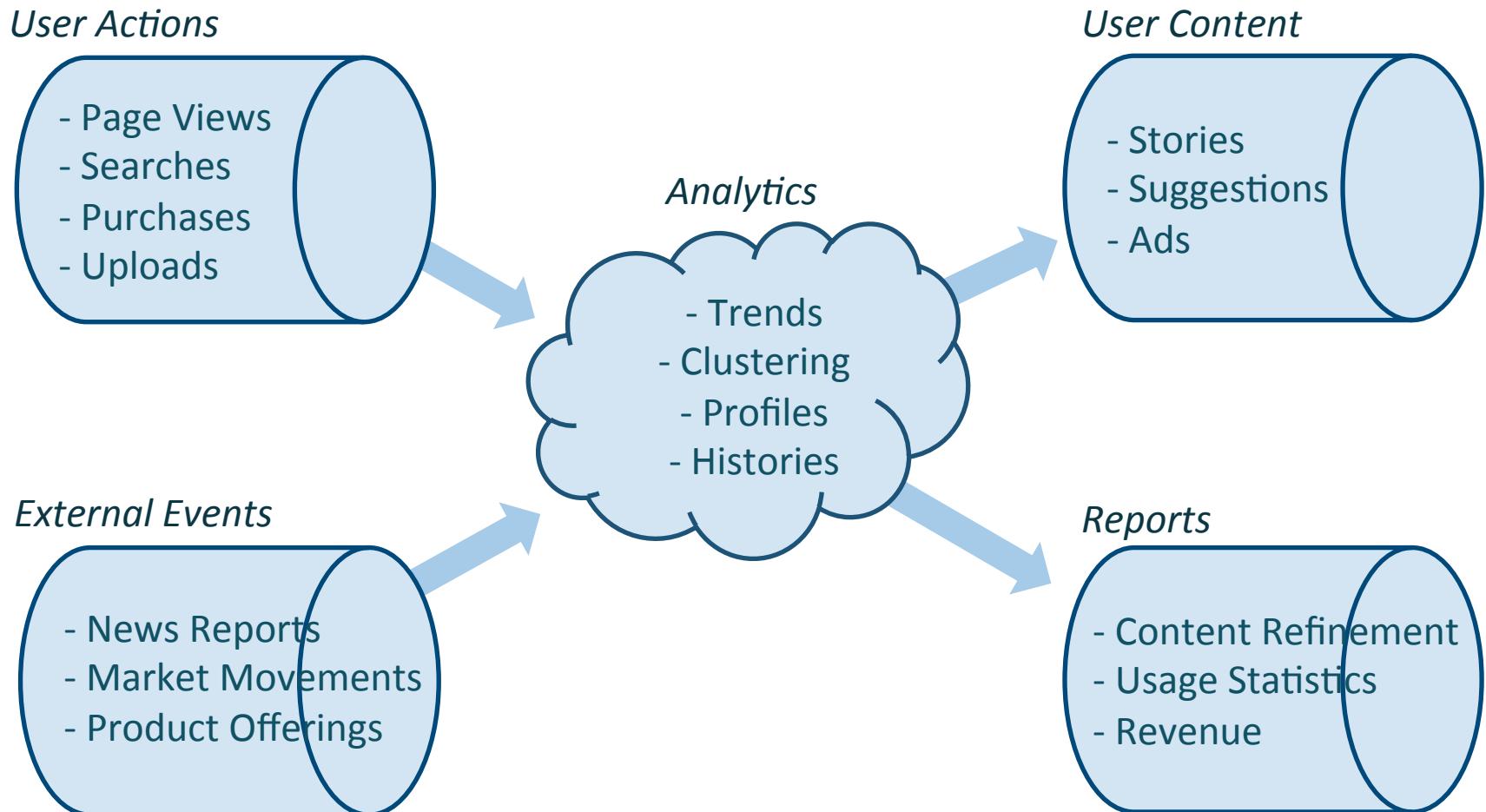
Pioneers

- Google
- Facebook
- Netflix
- Amazon

New Technologies

- NoSQL and graph databases
- Cloud computing
- Small, scalable servers
- Fault tolerance

Data Flow – Consumer Site



Data Flow – Finance

Live and Static Trade Data

ID	Book	Security	NbShares
	18579	ORCL	220
1	2142039	COST	8423
2	12145	ALTR	3520
3	21121	AKAM	10020
4	2036915	AAPL	3383
5	2055103	VMED	4954
6	15316	CMCSA	8461

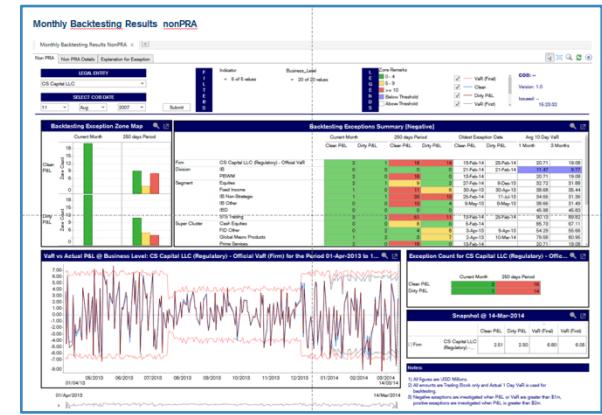
Streaming Market Data

ID	Security	Bid	Ask
	ATVI	63.90	64.05
1	ADBE	14.55	16.52
2	AKAM	340.20	341.49
3	ALXN	5.37	6.86
4	ALTR	443.04	444.54
5	AMZN	59.82	60.94
6	AMGN	60.29	60.82

Static Reference Data



Big data sets,
Live data,
Complex logic



Huge user base,
diverse needs

Live, rich, big
interactive reports

RDx Explorer (HTML5 Grid)

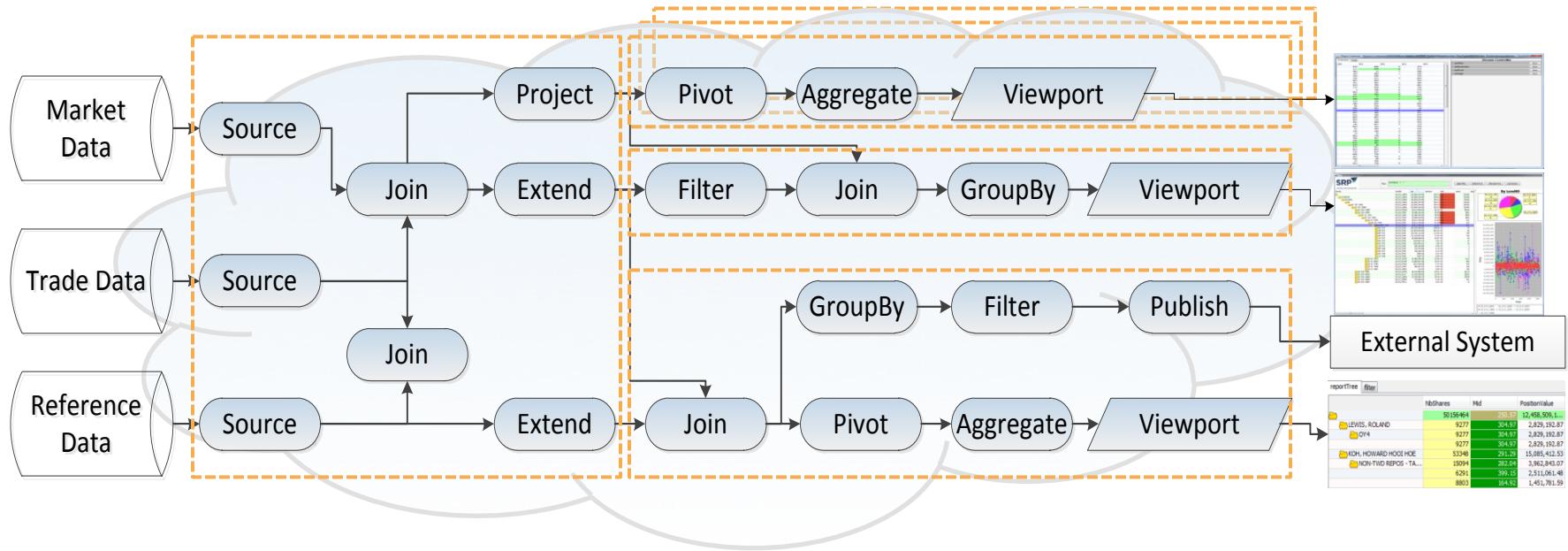
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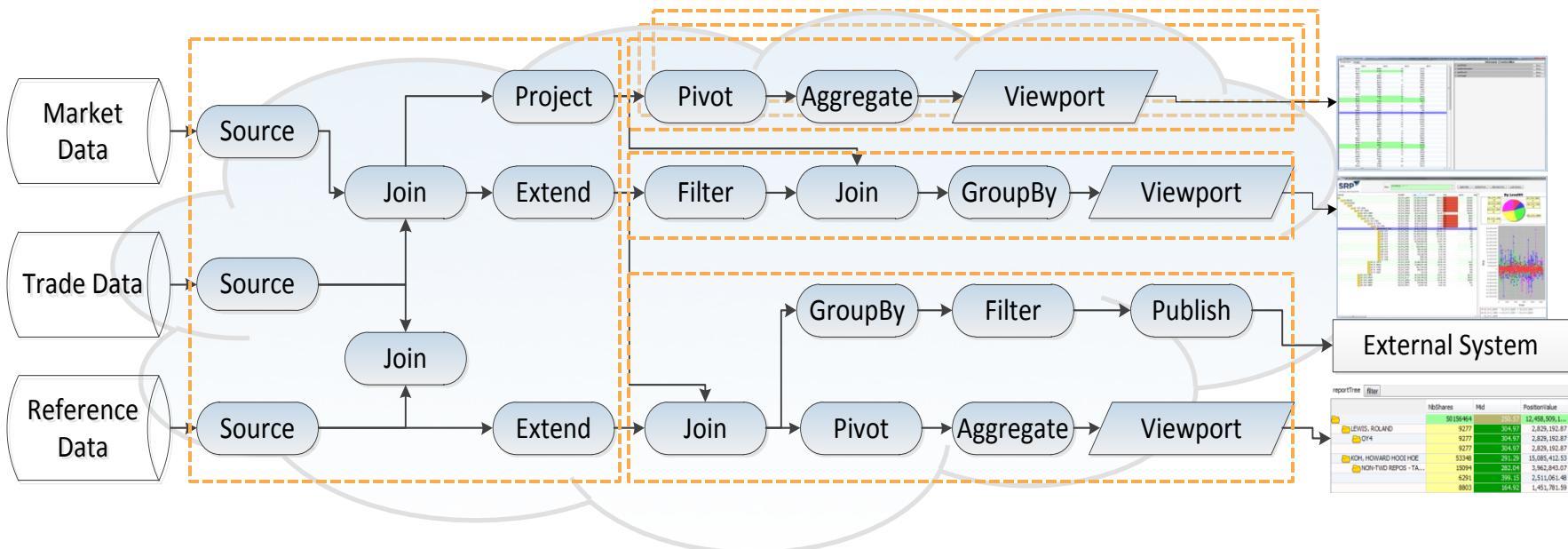
Platform Elements

- Data capture and audit
- Grid calculation
- Real-time data flow
- Visualization

Real-Time Data Algebra



Distributed Runtime



Records

Typed tuples

Stored as a Java class of primitive types (no boxing!) by synthesizing JVM byte code on-the-fly

Operators

Highly optimized building blocks

Build complex live systems by functional composition of algebraic operators

Expressions

Java language support

Predicates, expressions, aggregations can all be dynamically changed at runtime

Messaging

Compact delta messaging

Only changes are propagated thru the system using a very compact message format

Processes

System-level deployment

Global namespace, load-balancing, failover, and elasticity provided by design

Benefits of Common Platform

- Rapid development
- Handles infrastructure complexities
- Ensures consistency

Commonalities with massively scaled Web sites

- Volume & Velocity
- Real-time decision-making
- Dynamic, flexible views
- Graph-like data model
- Use of open-source tools
- Synthesis of real-time data from many sources
- Failover, load balancing, fault tolerance

Advantages over consumer sites

- Well-defined problem space
- Steady feedback leads to tailored refinement
- Demanding, insightful users
- Techniques translate directly to large set of applications across industries



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Typesafe Config on Steroids



Agenda

- Introduction to Typesafe Config
- Scopes – taking it to the next level



Property Files

- The old standby
 - On JVM
- Simple
- Hard to scale

```
#User properties modified on
#Tue Aug 24 17:49:35 CDT 2004
module.fileformat.FITS=ncsa.hdf.object.fits.FitsFile
module.fileformat.HDF=ncsa.hdf.object.h4.H4File
module.fileformat.HDF5=ncsa.hdf.object.h5.H5File
module.fileformat.Hdf-Eos2=hdfeos.he2.HE2File
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recent.file2=E:\\hdf-files\\annras.hdf
recent.file3=E:\\hdf-files\\h5-1km-szip-0.h5
recent.file4=E:\\hdf-files\\h5-1km-gzip-3.h5
work.dir=E:\\hdf-files
data.delimiter=Tab
extension.h4=hdf, h4, hdf4
extension.h5=hdf, h5, hdf5
file.extension=hdf, h4, hdf4, h5, hdf5, he5, he5
font.size=12
font.type=Dialog
max.members=10000
```



Apache Commons Configuration

- Typed API
- Substitutions
- Include other files
- Downsides
 - Limited by property file format
 - Composition is limited



Typesafe Config

- Used by Play Framework and Akka
 - But is a standalone project with no dependencies
- JSON-like format
- Java API
 - Typed
 - Immutable
 - Power features



Typesafe Config Format

- HOCON
 - Human-Optimized Config Object Notation

```
demo {  
    # Our development DB  
    database {  
        username = "scott"  
        password = "tiger"  
        connections = 20  
        timeout = 5 seconds  
    }  
    jms.brokers =  
        ["nyamq10", "sfamq20", "jpamq54"]
```



External Values

- System properties are used by default
 - Easy to override configuration values in scripts

- Reference environment variables

```
basedir = "/foo/bar/baz"  
basedir = ${?BASEDIR_OVERRIDE}
```

- Would override basedir if set



API examples

```
# Loads all application.conf in the classpath
Config config = ConfigFactory.load()

String username =
    config.getString("demo.database.username")

int connections =
    config.getInt("demo.database.connections")
```



API Examples

```
# Config values are like "15s", "5 minutes"
Duration timeout =
    config.getDuration("demo.database.timeout")

# Config values are like "100m", "2 gigs"
long size = config.getBytes("demo.cache.size")

List<String> brokers =
    config.getStringList("demo.jms.brokers")
```



Create Configs at Runtime

```
val config = ConfigFactory.parseString(  
  s"""  
    akka {  
      remote {  
        netty.tcp {  
          hostname = "$hostname"  
          port = $port  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  """".stripMargin)
```

```
val system = ActorSystem("demo", config)
```



Config Objects

```
demo {  
    services = [  
        { name = "user",  
            host = "nycdev101", port = 8080  
        }  
        { name = "search",  
            host = "nycdev102", port = 9201 }  
        # etc...  
    ]  
}
```

```
List<Config> configList =  
    config.getConfigList("demo.services")
```



Merging Configs

```
Config appConfig=  
    ConfigFactory.parseFile("application.conf")
```

```
Config userConfig =  
    ConfigFactory.parseFile(username + ".conf")
```

```
# Merge configs and resolve substitutions  
Config finalConfig =  
    ConfigFactory.systemProperties().  
        withFallback(userConfig).  
        withFallback(appConfig).  
        resolve()
```



Scopes Library

- A library built on top of Typesafe Config
- Adds
 - Multiple scopes of configuration
 - aka Configurable config merging
 - Pluggable resource handling
 - and more



Scopes Configuration

```
scopes = [
    {
        name = application
        path = "classpath://config.conf"
    }
    {
        name = environment
        path = "classpath://config-${environment}.conf"
    }
    {
        name = shared
        path = "zk://config/shared"
    }
    {
        name = shared
        path = "zk://config/shared/${environment}"
    }
]
```



Scopes API

- Superset of Typesafe Config API
- Adds
 - Scala API
 - Resource values
 - Defaults
 - Dynamic updates
 - and more



Extended API

```
demo {  
    jms.brokers =  
        ["nyamq10", "sfamq20", "jpamq54"]  
}
```

```
val config = Scopes.config()
```

```
# Scala collections are used by default  
config.getStringList("demo.jms.brokers").  
foreach(println)
```



Extended API

```
demo {  
    database.username = "scott"  
    database.password = "tiger"  
}  
  
val username =  
    config.getString("demo.username", "admin")  
  
# Returns Some[String] or None if not set  
val password =  
    config.optString("demo.password").  
        getOrElse("admin")
```



Resource Properties

```
demo {  
    # Currently supported: classpath, file, zk  
    helpText = "classpath://help/help.txt"  
}
```

```
val helpResource =  
    config.getResource("demo.helpText")
```

```
val helpText = helpResource.asString
```

```
val helpStream = helpResource.asStream
```



Dynamic updates

- Watches config locations defined in scopes
- If changes are made, callbacks get new values

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Interested?

- Interested in Scopes?
 - I'm thinking of open-sourcing
 - Contact me @sourcedelica



More Info

- Github
 - <https://github.com/typesafehub/config>
- Javadoc
 - <http://typesafehub.github.io/config/latest/api/>
- IntelliJ
 - Scala Plugin has editing support
 - Syntax checking, folding