YouTrack Performance Task

# Application setup

Server: MacBook Pro 2,3 GHz Quad-Core Intel Core i7 (Hyper-Threading enabled), 32GB RAM  
Load Generator (LG): MacBook Pro M3 (5 performance / 6 efficiency cores), 18GB RAM

# Users setup

100 users created using k6 users.js script

# Task #1: Issues

Data parametrization  
  
10.000 descriptions (up to 200 symbols) / summaries (up to 10 words) text prepared and stored in CSV format ensure data variety (e.g. search performance might be dramatically impacted by low data cardinality).

## Creation scenario

Although issue creation scenario executed from UI (using web-browser) triggers bunch of different API calls (e.g. /drafts, /sprints, /issueWatchers, etc), there’s a programmatic way to create a new issue using simple REST API call:  
  
<https://www.jetbrains.com/help/youtrack/devportal/resource-api-issues.html#create-Issue-method>

**As far as task challenges us to ‘upload 100k issues as fast as possible’, we’re going to stick to that simplistic scenario.**  
  
Please, note that real-world scenario would imply much more intensive load model to replicate browser behavior.

## Open vs Closed Load model

Since we need to ensure stability of issues creation (not to overload system causing failures), **closed load model better fits the case as it provides sort of back pressure mechanism** (each thread iteration will be delayed in case of service time degradation, stalling further requests initiation).

## Capacity

Ramp-up load test executed to check potential maximum throughout for issues creation.

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Maximum throughput reached ~30rps, caused by CPU exhaustion. It may look not completely convincing due to CPU utilization ups & downs as there’s a visible pattern of CPU spikes every ~1m (potentially caused by some background scheduled task):  
  
- Last 6m of the test:

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Thus, in order to ensure stable rate of issues creation (even during CPU spikes), we should stick to a rate of slightly less than **30rps**.

**Theoretical time** in that case would be 100\_000 r / 30rps = 3333s ~= **1h**

However, there’s no guarantee that system will demonstrate similar performance as number of issues in the system grows (e.g. indexes update and data insertion might become more expensive). Let’s find it out by trying to create 100\_000 issues.

## Upload 100\_000 issues

In order to create exactly 100k issues we’re going use purpose-built k6 executor: <https://k6.io/docs/using-k6/scenarios/executors/shared-iterations/>

I’ve started from ~27k issues in the system with a test of 35 virtual users (1s think time on each iteration), resulting in ~30rps:

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My initial assumption of system degradation depending on data volume was right. As we can see, service time increases linearly as data grows in the system. That means each issue creation operation becomes more and more CPU intensive:

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* How it ended:

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So I was forced to stop the test and decrease number of virtual users to decrease pressure on the system (to avoid failures due to timeout and system outage):

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Overall, we can see that **issue creation throughput has decreased** from **~30rps** when there were **27k issues** to **~5rps** when there were **127k issues**.

It took 50m + 110m = **170m in total to create 100k issues** (from 27k to 127k), which is ~3 times higher than estimated based on initial throughput.



