Campfire Loves Erlang

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Small talk

Unoccupied

It was 1980 29 years ago.

Backpack History

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Discussion about Backpack, screenshots, historical decisions, feature discussion.

Highrise History

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System Administration

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Notes and details about the server cluster. Post significant updates here

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Interview room.

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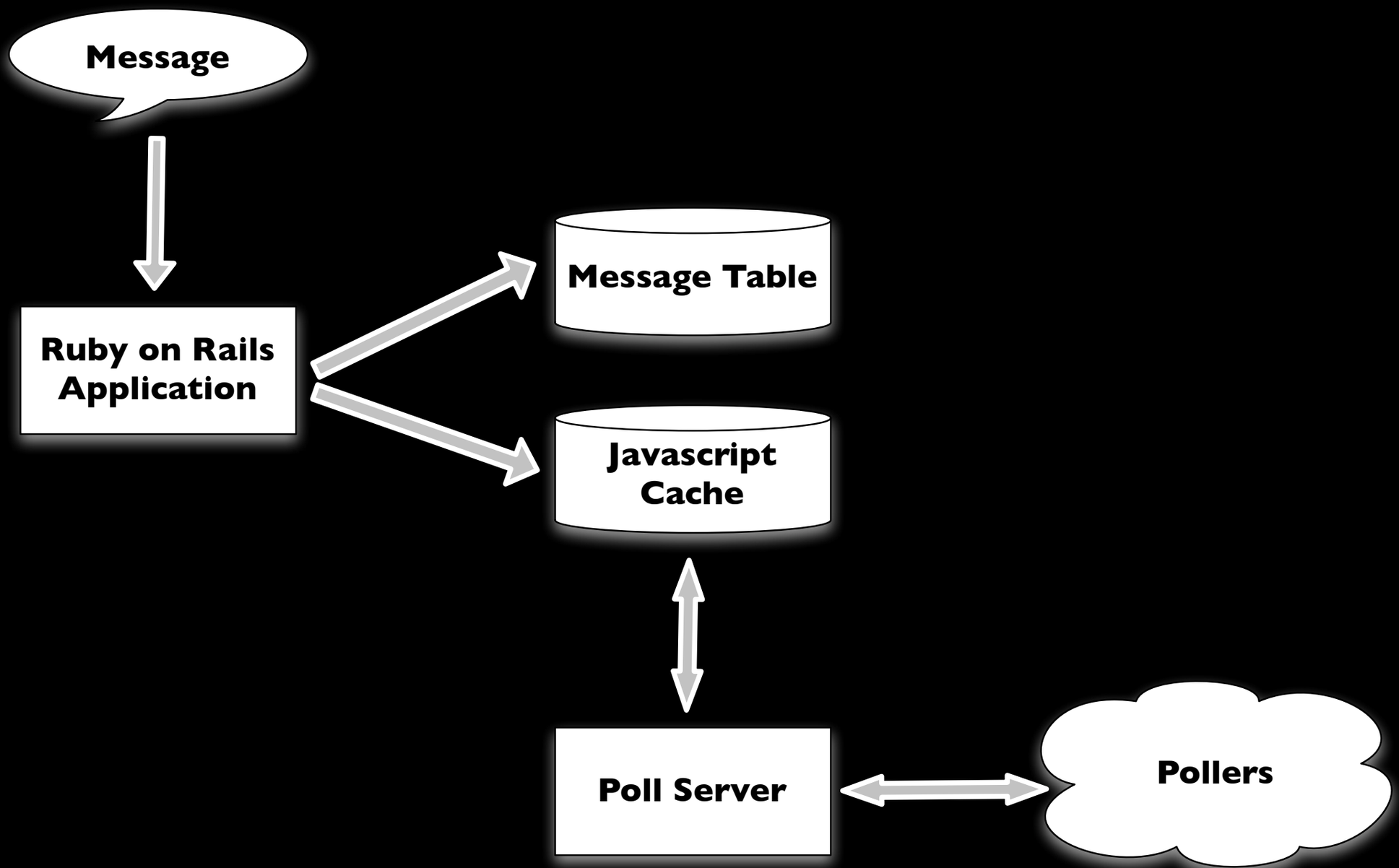
Architecture



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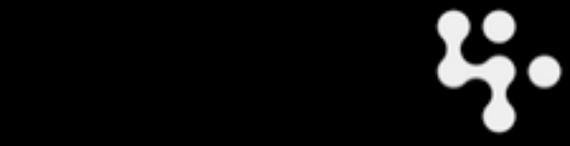

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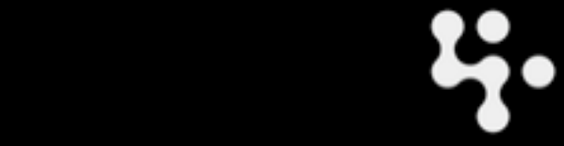

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Recap

	Ruby	C	Erlang
LOC	127	397	273
Req/sec	250-350	1800	1800
Response Time	20ms	2-3ms	2-3ms
OS Processes	n/a	80	1
Extensible	Yes	No	Yes

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Questions?