



# Barking Mad

With DalmatinerDB

<https://dalmatiner.io>



Once upon a time...



**Nagios** **ZABBIX** *graphite*  **collectd**  
The system statistics collection daemon

 **sensu** StatsD

 **OPSVIEW**

 **Kibana**



End of 2013



← Wealth

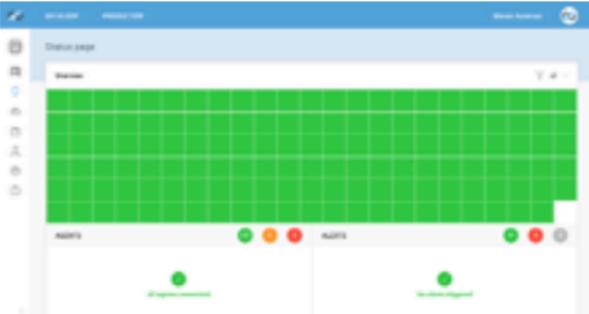
Startup →

← Happiness

**DataLoop.io**

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# What is Dataloop?



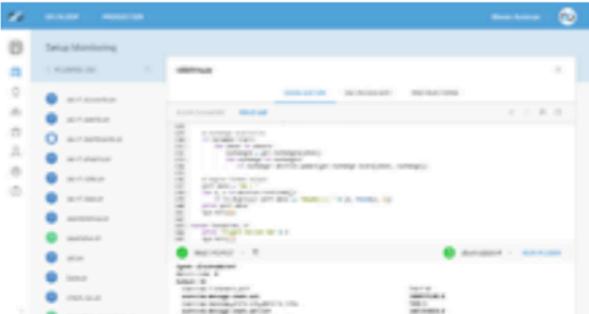
Up / Down



Performance



Alerts



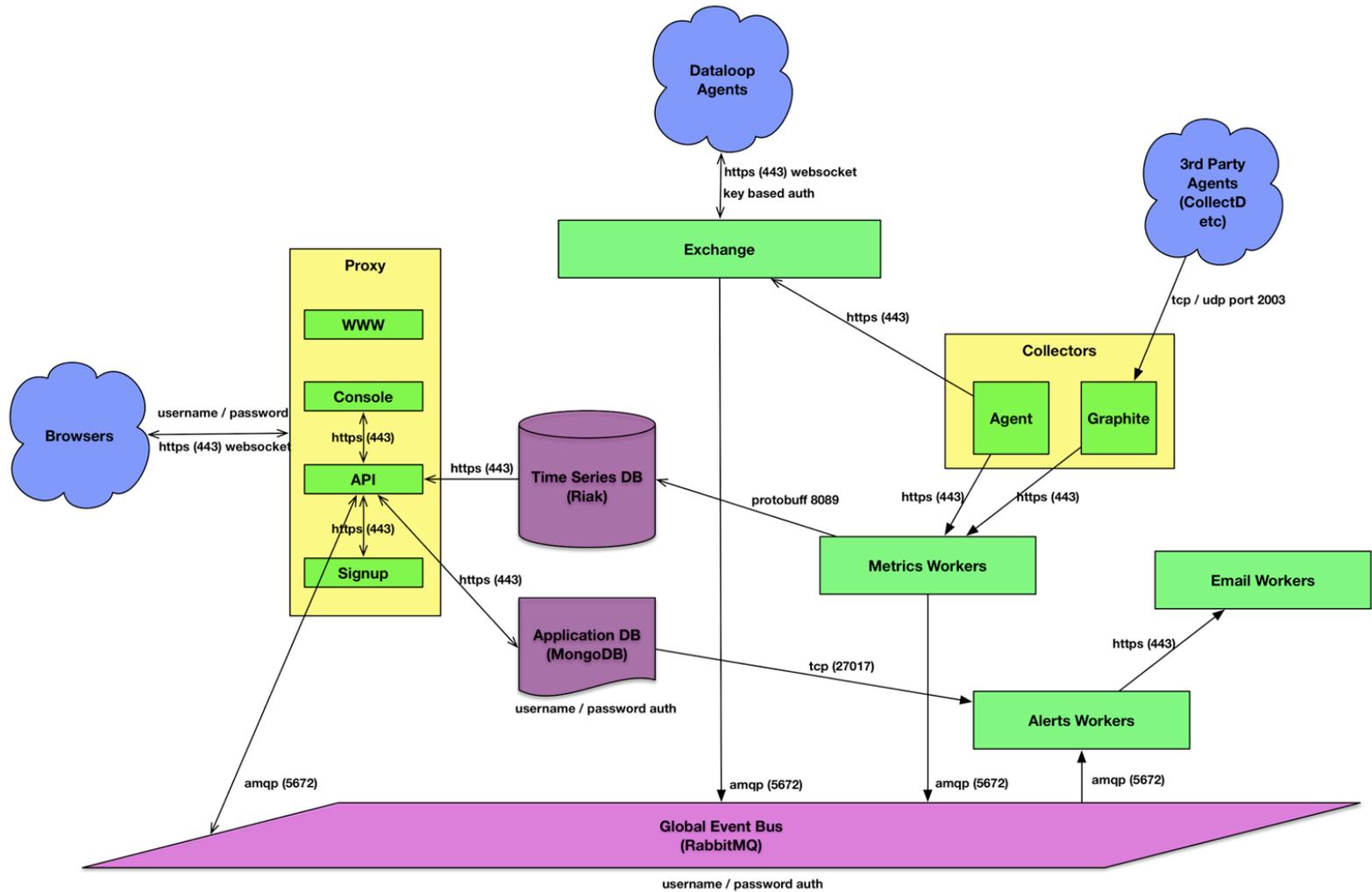
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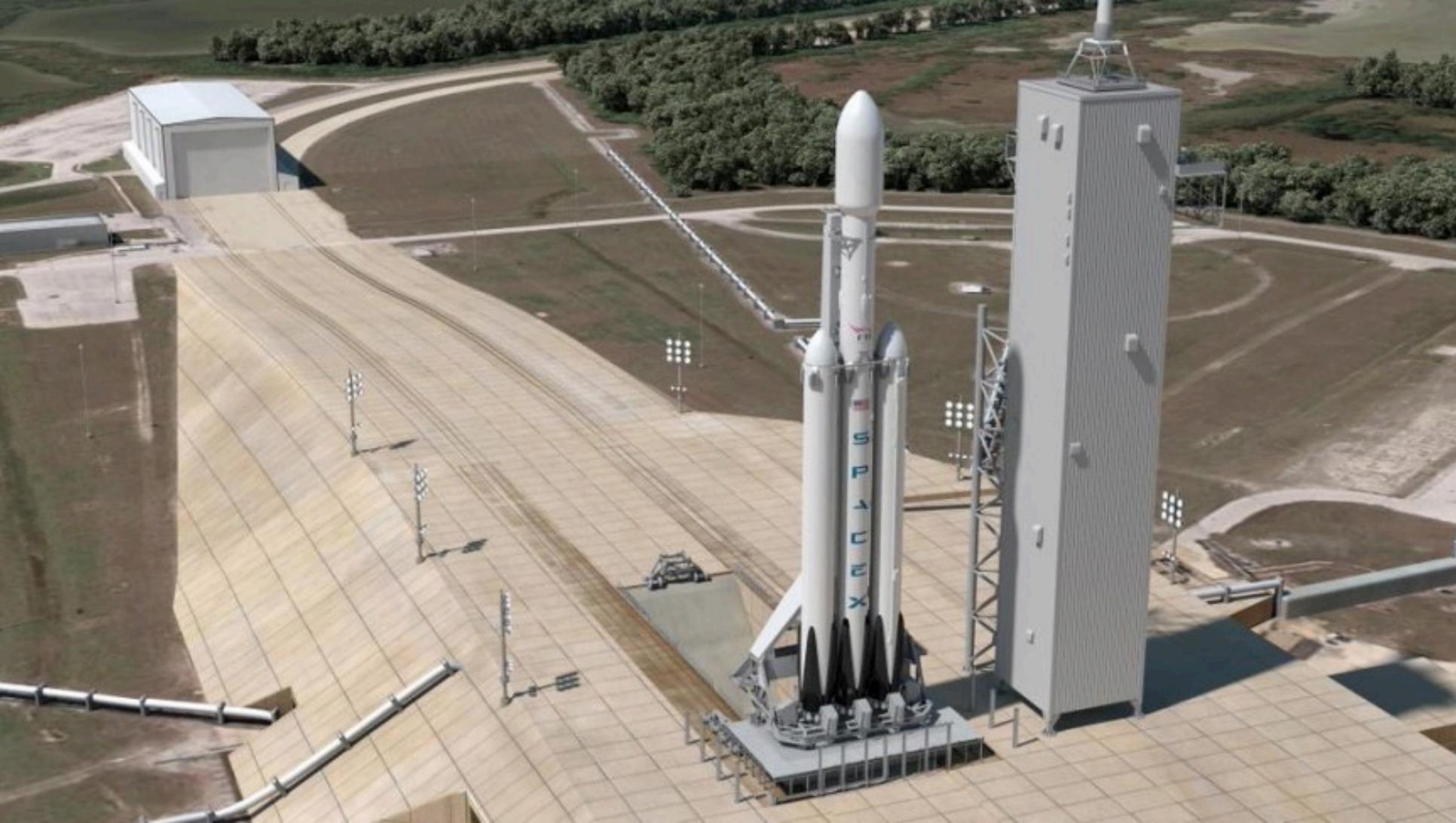
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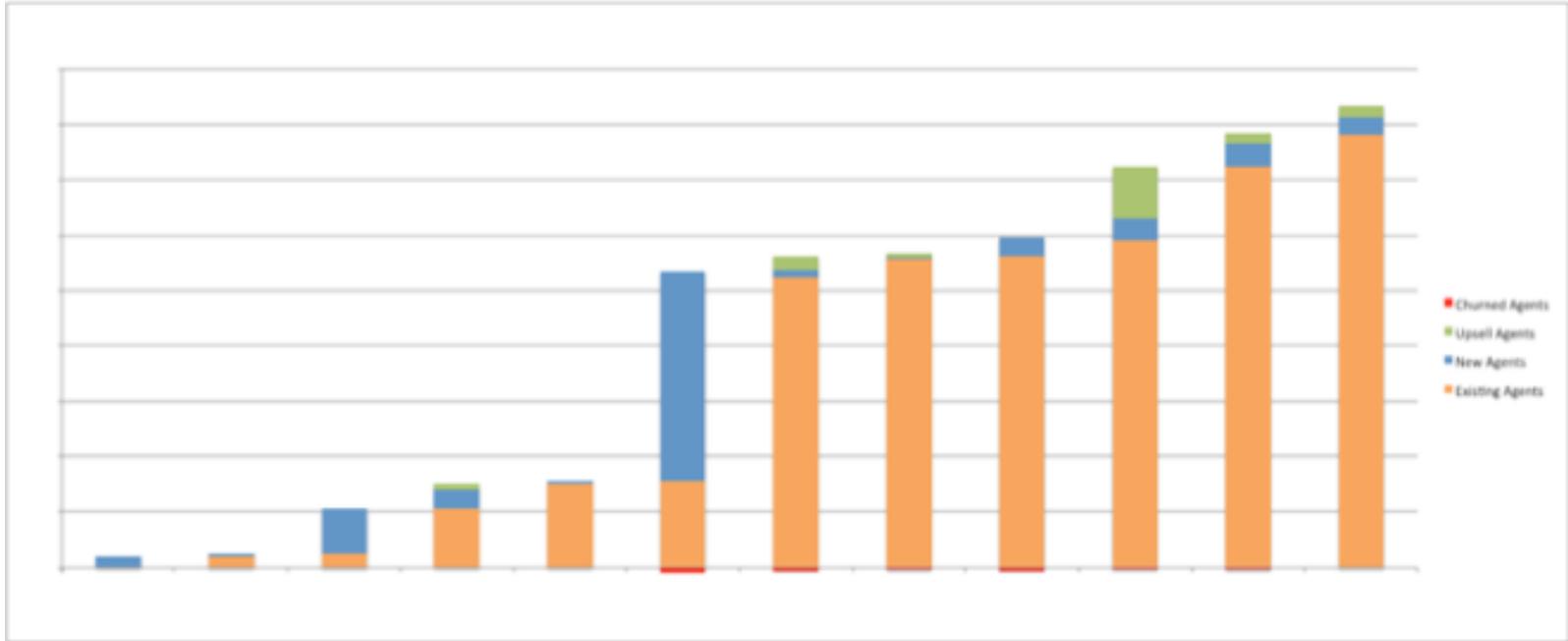
Enterprise Stuff



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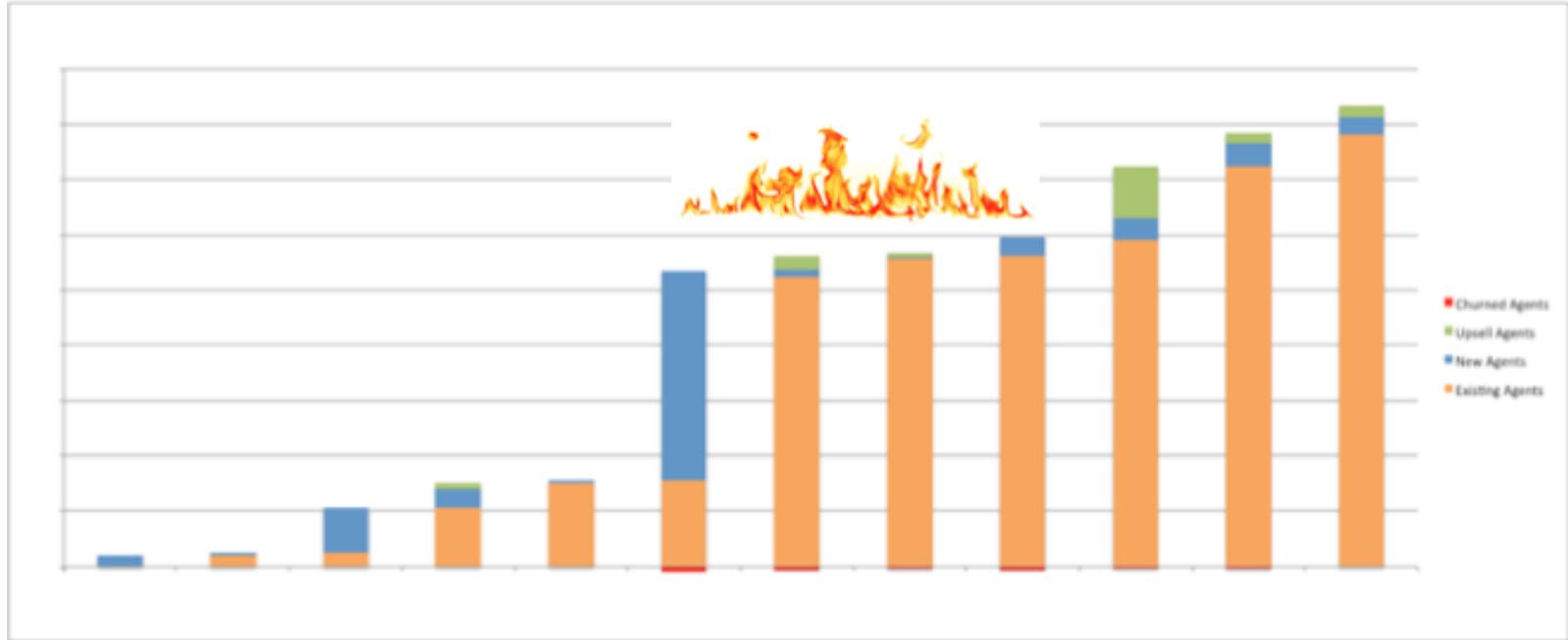


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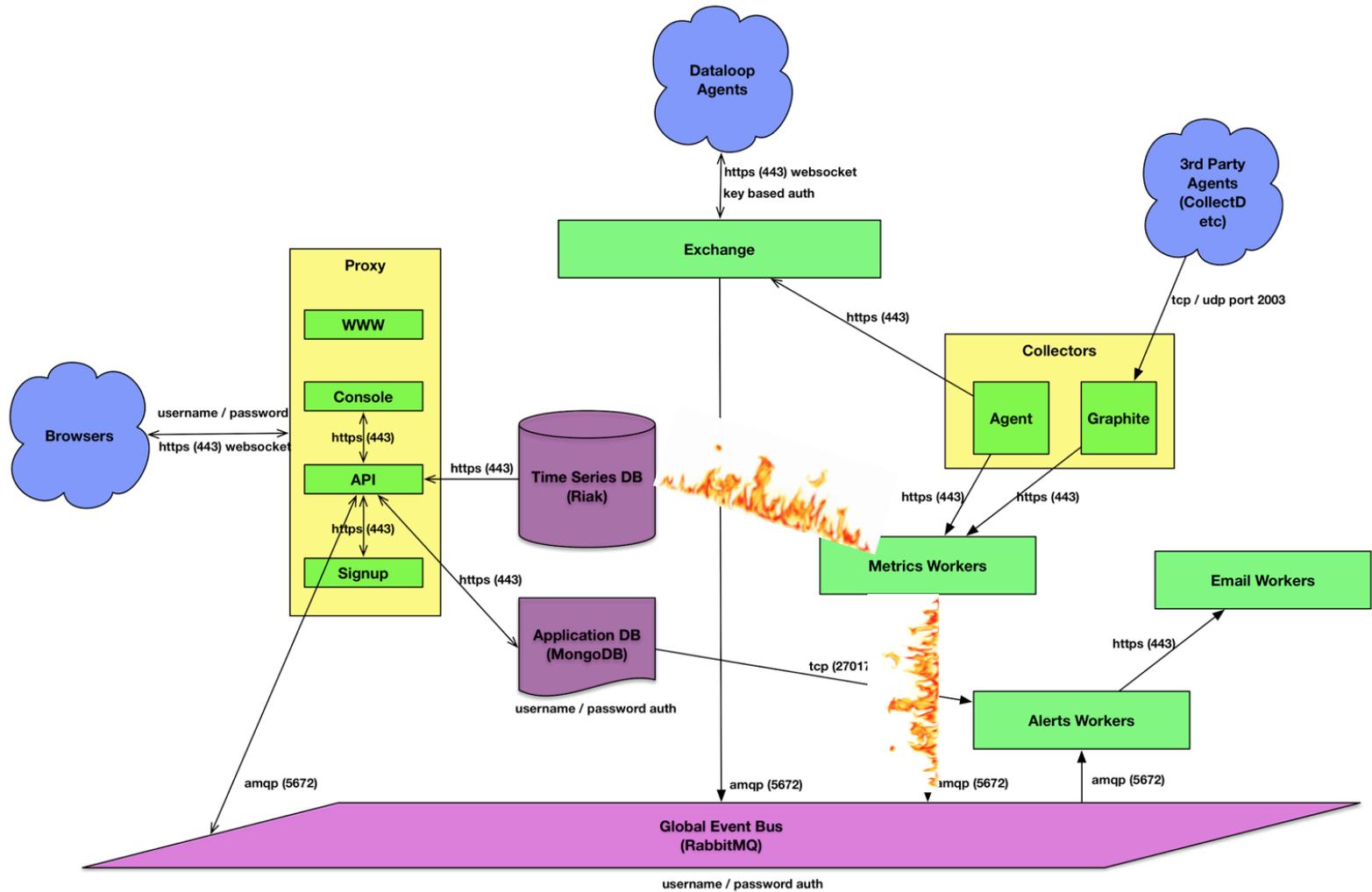


2015

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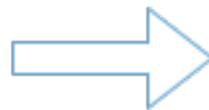


2015





redis



riak

metric worker

rollup worker

- NodeJS metrics workers not scaling
- Memory management was an issue
- Needed big caches to reduce database load
- GC cycles too long
- 8 x single processes on an 8 core server

~~JVM~~ OSS, COMMUNITY, HIRING?  
 JVM/JAVA, WANKY CODE EXISTING SOLUTIONS  
 JAVA SPEED, MEMORY, DEPRESSING

SPEED, COMMUNITY, KNOWLEDGE, HIRING

C  
 LOW-LEVEL, DEV/DEBS TIME, W/SCRIPTING  
 MEMORY/MEMORY, 'ALL THE LIBS ARE BEING TO C'  
 REFS, STATSD DEFS, DEP MANAGEMENT, X-COMPILE  
 LEARNING CURVE (TO GOOD LEVEL), DEPLOYMENT

ERLANG: MEMORY MANAGEMENT (RIAK M/R DEFS)  
 LANGUAGE FEATURES (RABBIT EXT, RIAK\_CURSE)  
 FAULT TOLERANCE  
 LEARNING CURVE  
 COMMUNITY, HANG (LOCALY)  
 FEWER LIBS

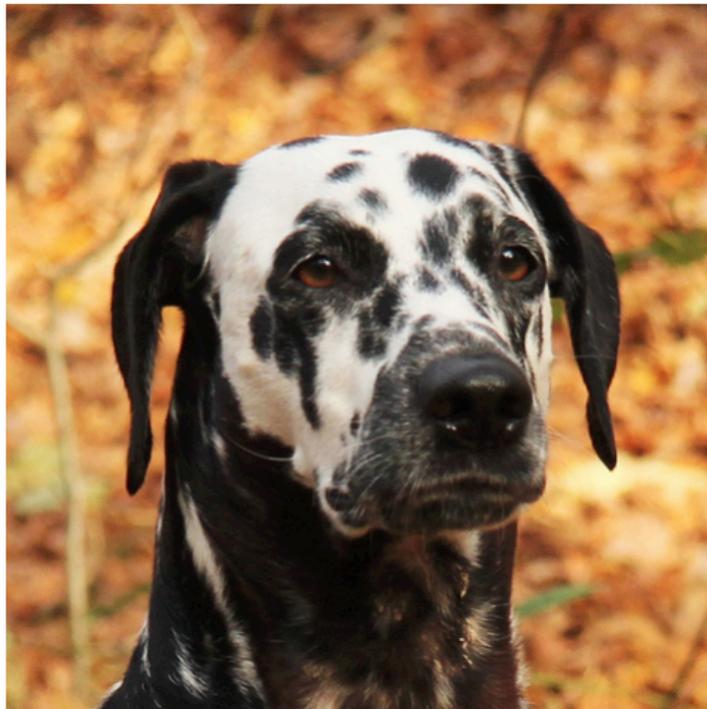
ELIXIR?  
 BROADCAST SUPPORT  
 PROFILE INSPECTION  
 NETWORKING SUPPORT  
 IPC, PARA/CONCUR

GO: NEW, SPEED, PARA/CONCUR, IPC, X-COMPILING  
 FASHIONABLE  
 Heka (PROCESSES) DEPLOYMENT  
 NSQ, COMMUNITY LEARNING CURVE  
 Synchronous Processes

LITTLE IMPROVEMENT  
 PYTHON: LEARNING CURVE, COMMUNITY, HIRING, AGENT  
 SPEED RAMP UP TIME, STATS/MATH LIBS  
 LIBS V2/V3, PARA/CONCUR, MATURE

- Decided on Erlang
- Memory management
- Fault tolerance
- Good libraries for Rabbit and Riak
- Live code tracing

- Approximately 6 weeks from no Erlang experience to working version
- No more crashes
- Reduced servers needed from 16 to 8

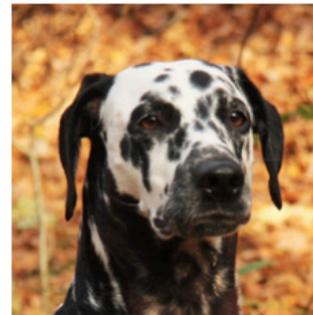


- Open Source Time-Series DB
- Written in Erlang
- Based on Riak-Core and uses ZFS
- Optimised for write throughput
- Needed for developer analytics features
- <https://dalmatiner.io/>

- Worked with Erlang solutions
- Cross trained team (Dave and Tomasz)
- Removed the Redis
- Reduced servers needed from 8 to 2



new metrics worker





### New Relic Throughput



## Graph

- General
- Metrics**
- Axes
- Legend
- Display
- Time range

FROM dataloop:production WHERE dl:tag = app AND dl:tag = prod +

SELECT newrelic throughput ...

ALIAS \$dl:hostname

Panel data source default + Add

- Aggregate
- Arithmetic
- Combine
- Transform

SHIFT BY Time interval  
 confidence  
 derivate

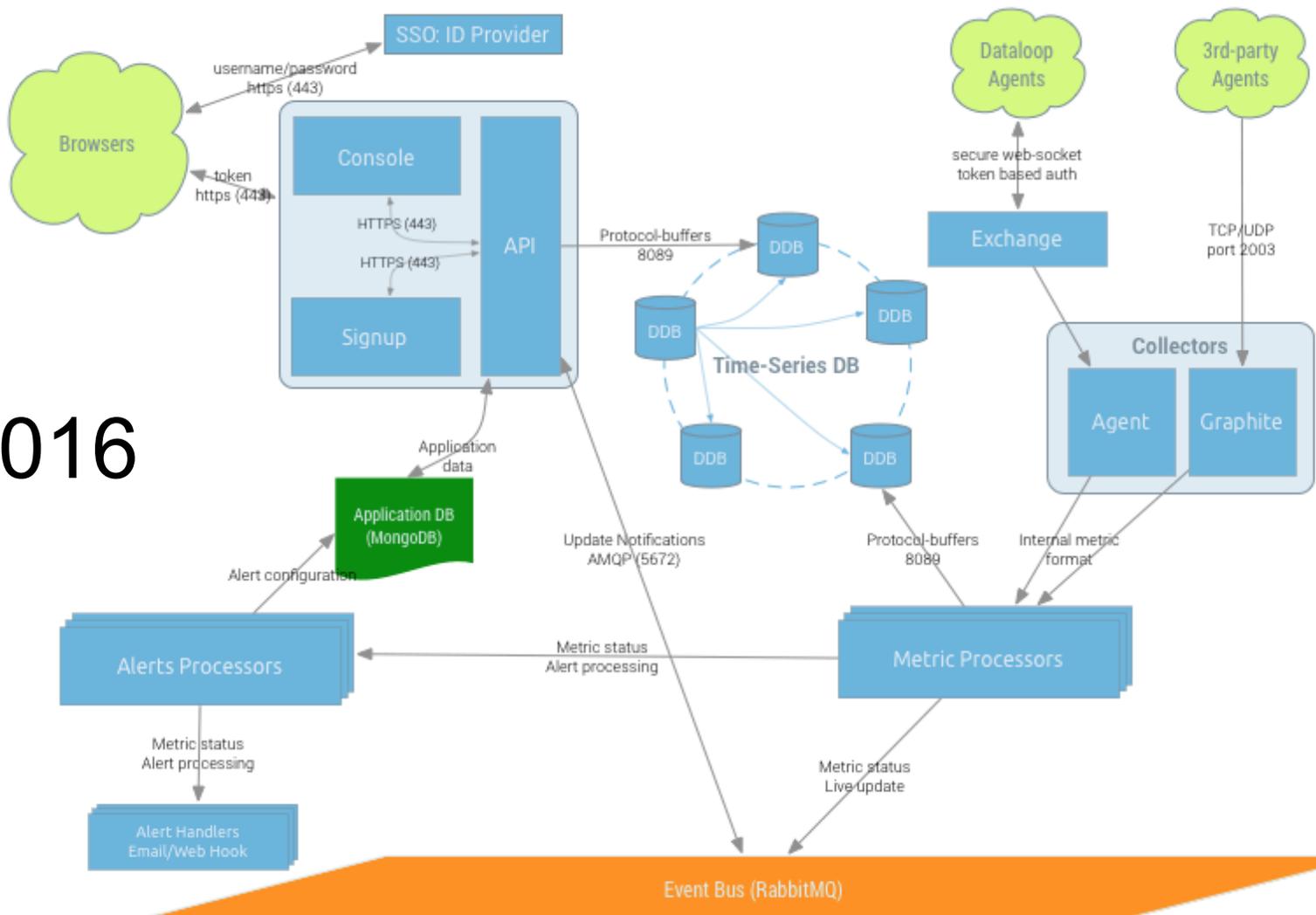
# But did you try..

The screenshot shows a Google Docs spreadsheet titled "Open Source Time Series DB Comparison". The spreadsheet compares four databases: DalmatinerDB, InfluxDB, Prometheus, and Riak TS. The columns are labeled A through E. The rows include various categories such as Website, Description, Category, Supported Measurements, Consistency Model (CAP theorem), Sharding and Replication, High Availability (HA), Underlying Technology, Operational Complexity, Storage Backend, Supported Data Types, Bytes per point after compression, Metric Precision, Recording type, and Write Performance - Single Node. The spreadsheet is viewed in a browser window with a menu bar and a toolbar visible.

| Category | A  | B  | C   | D   | E   |                              |
|----------|--|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| 1        | <a href="#">read this blog before commenting</a> | <b>DalmatinerDB</b>  | <b>InfluxDB</b>   | <b>Prometheus</b>   | <b>Riak TS</b>  | <b>Ope</b>                   |
| 2        | <b>Website</b>                                   | <a href="https://dalmatiner.io/">https://dalmatiner.io/</a>    | <a href="https://influxdata.com/">https://influxdata.com/</a>       | <a href="https://prometheus.io/">https://prometheus.io/</a>   | <a href="http://basho.com/products/riak-ts">http://basho.com/products/riak-ts</a> | <a href="#">http:</a>        |
| 3        | <b>Description</b>                               | Fast distributed purpose built metric store                    | Highly available, performant and simple to use time series database | An open-source monitoring system with a dimensional data model, flexible query language, efficient time series database and modern alerting approach. | Enterprise grade time series database engineered to be faster than Cassandra      | Stor<br>mas<br>serie<br>gran |
| 4        | <b>Category</b>                                  | Real-time Analytics  | Real-time Analytics   | Monitoring System   | Real-time Analytics   | Real                         |
| 5        | <b>Supported Measurements</b>                    | metrics  | metrics, events   | metrics   | metrics   | metr                         |
| 6        | <b>Consistency Model (CAP theorem)</b>           | AP (EC)  | -   | -   | AP  | AP                           |
| 7        | <b>Sharding and Replication</b>                  | Automatic  | Manual  | Manual (supports federation)  | Automatic   | Autc                         |
| 8        | <b>High Availability (HA)</b>                    | Clustering   | Double writing 2 servers  | Double writing 2 servers  | Clustering  | Clus                         |
| 9        | <b>Underlying Technology</b>                     | Erlang, Riak Core, ZFS, PostgreSQL                             | Golang  | Golang  | Erlang, Riak KV   | Jave                         |
| 10       | <b>Operational Complexity</b>                    | Medium   | Low (medium with HA)  | Low   | Medium  | High                         |
| 11       | <b>Storage Backend</b>                           | Custom   | Custom  | Custom  | leveldb   | Had                          |
| 12       | <b>Supported Data Types</b>                      | float62, int56   | int64, float64, bool, and string                                    | float64   | string, int64, double, bool, timest   | int64                        |
| 13       | <b>Bytes per point after compression</b>         | 1  | 2.2   | 1.3   |   | 12                           |
| 14       | <b>Metric Precision</b>                          | variable per bucket (milli second)                             | nano second   | milli second  | milli second  | milli                        |
| 15       | <b>Recording type</b>                            | fixed interval   | events  | fixed interval  | events  | fixec                        |
| 16       | <b>Write Performance - Single Node</b>           | <a href="#">2.5 - 3.5 million metrics / sec</a>                | <a href="#">470k metrics / sec (custom HW)</a>                      | <a href="#">800k metrics / sec</a>  | <a href="#">32k metrics / sec (calculated 130 32k</a>                             | <a href="#">32k</a>          |
| 17       | <b>Write Performance - 5 Node Cluster</b>        | <a href="#">45 - 60 million metrics / sec (calculated base</a> |   |   | <a href="#">40k metrics / sec</a>   | <a href="#">40k</a>          |

<https://blog.dataloop.io/time-series-database-benchmarks>

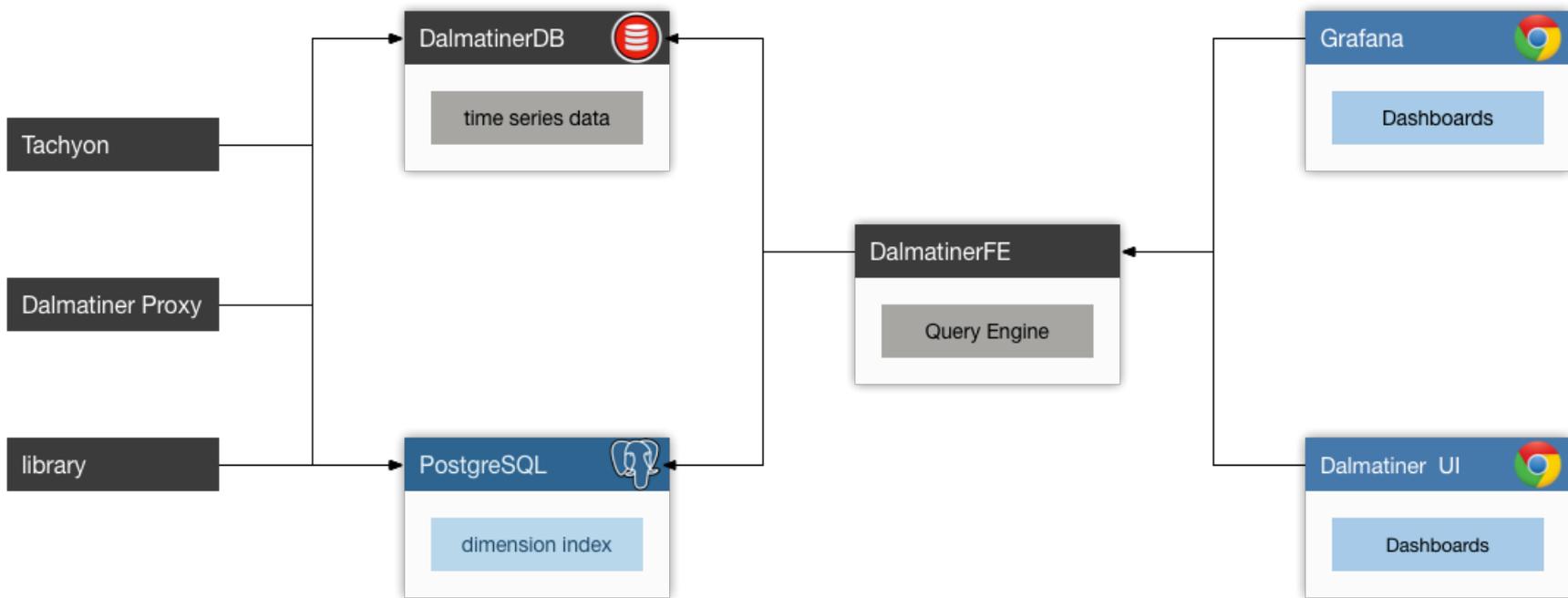
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PS. Dataloop is hiring Erlang developers!

**More about DalmatinerDB**



# Story time

The language that isn't performant

# A long long time ago (6.31152E+07 seconds)

Monitoring a cloud

Finding a solution blew up

That (other) crazy person at EUC who doesn't know it's his fault

Algorithm beats bare s|

```
s.Sum += n

// constant-space mean update:
sum := s.Mean*float64(s.Count) + n
s.Mean = sum / float64(s.Count+1)

s.Count++
```

# Reinventing the wheel

Without reinventing the wheel

# ZFS

- Compression
- Checksumming
- Snapshots



# riak\_core

- Distribution
- Cluster management
- Scaling



# Postgres

- Dimensions
- Relational data
- Fast lookups
- Complex queries



# Data layout (shiny new feature)

- Fully positionally indexed
- Very compressible - yay zfs!
- 64 bit per data point stored at ~1 kb
- As simple as it gets



# Query Engine (shiny new feature)

- Streaming query engine
- Typed SQL like function based language
- Data crunching done in C - oh my!



Serverless infrastructure my ass

Serverless infrastructure, my assumption is we are talking about informed decisions regarding state and its location

# Stateless Components

- Frontend / Query Engine
- Proxy



# Stateful Components

- Postgres - Metric Metadata
- DalmatinerDB - Metric Data



# Combining Stateful and Stateless

- Minimal highly stable API between them
- Very modular
- Important: difference between internal and external API
- Features can be implemented in the parts when they matter
- Reduces downtime and maintenance requirements
- Fast iterations w/o compromising data
- One change that required updating two components at the same time in the past two years

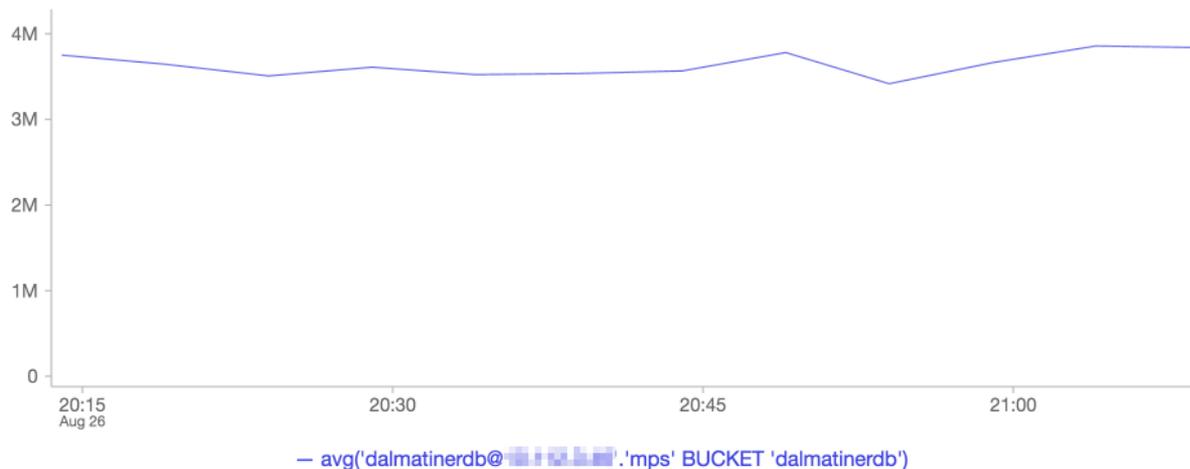
Showing off

# Write Performance

- 16 core vCPU
- 110GB RAM
- 10.000G Disk

# Write Performance

- 2.5-3.5 Million metrics ingested per second
- Thanks to riak\_core architecture scales near linear
- Most c



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|                                      | cassandra           | 372      | 1203.4    | 5379.4  | 5837.6  | 6306.6   |

# The End!

(please try DalmatinerDB)  
..and Project Fifo  
and Dataloop.IO

Q&A