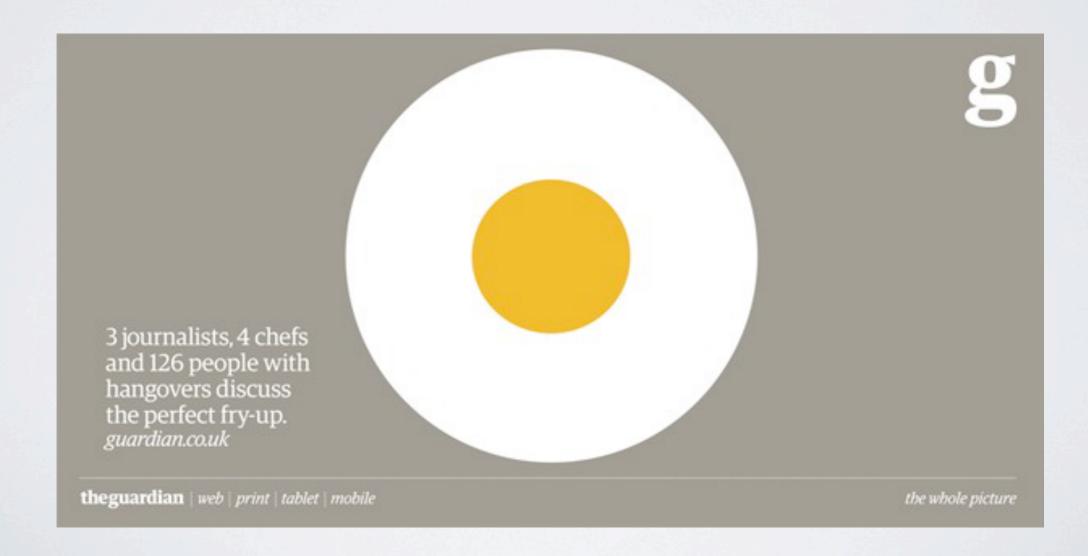


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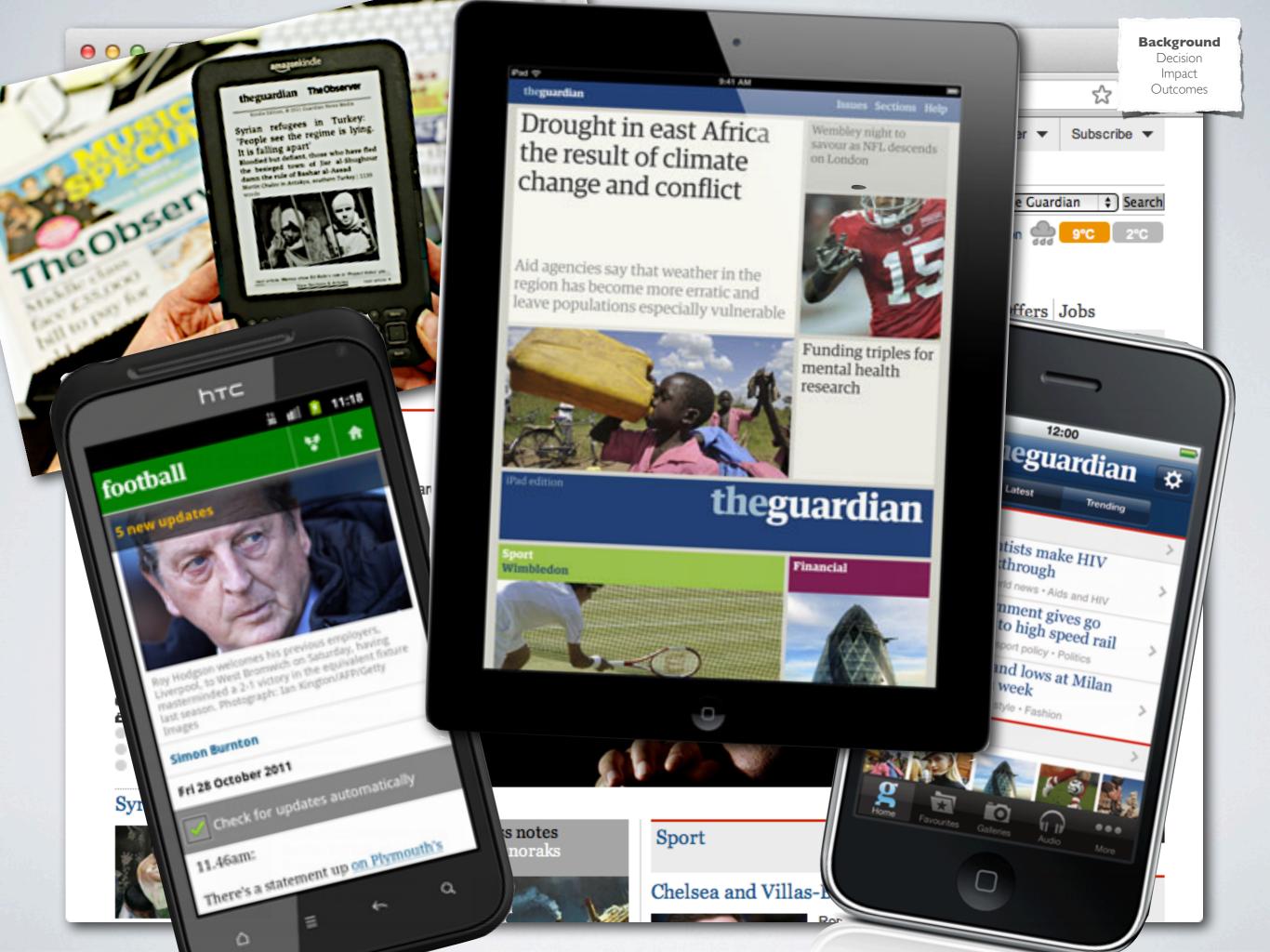


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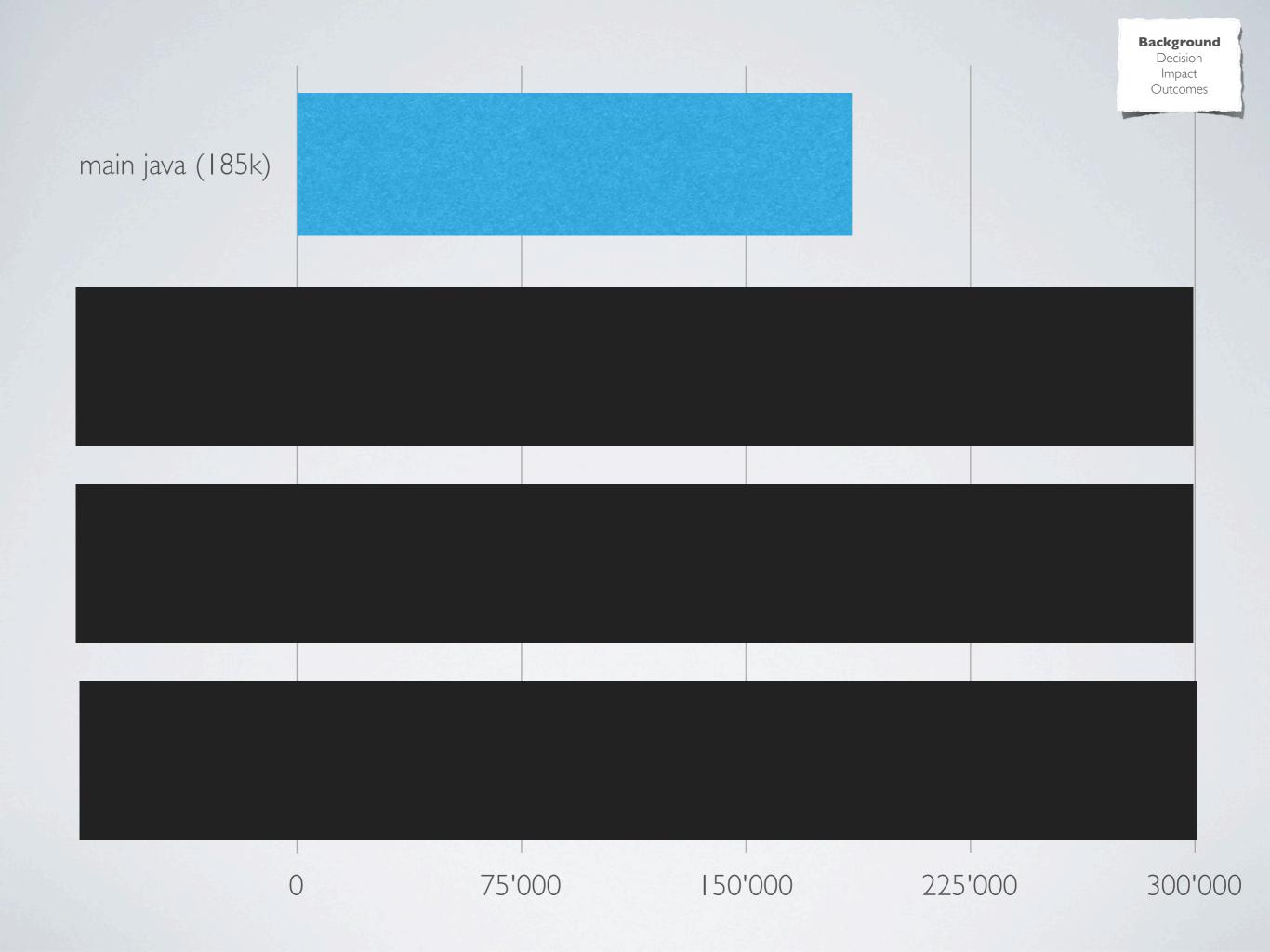


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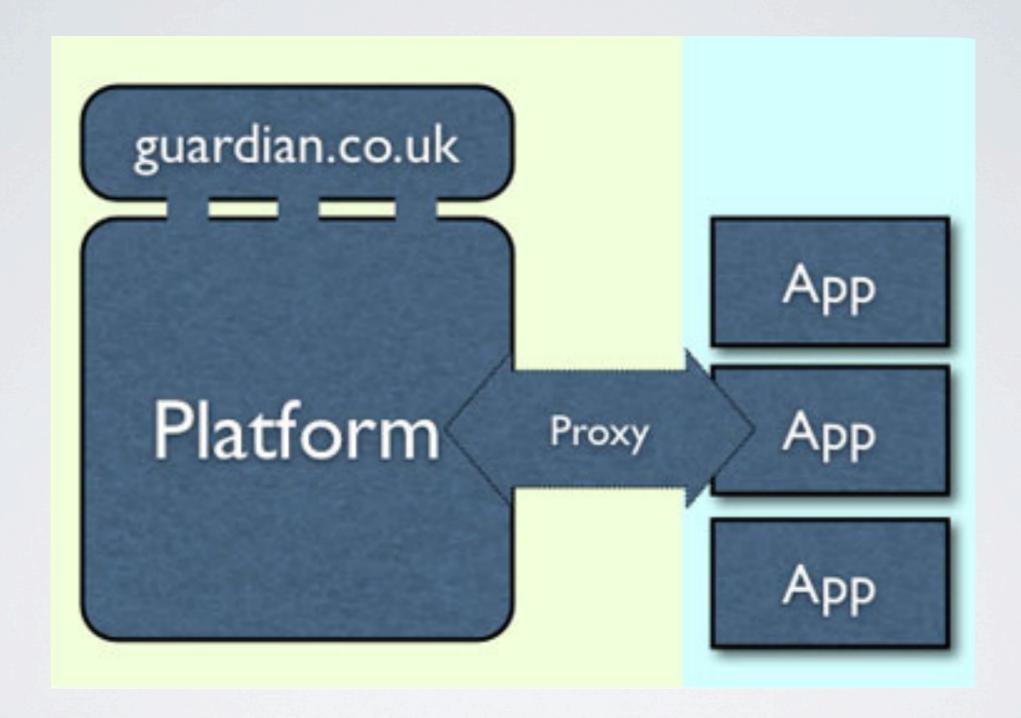






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For years Zooey Deschanel has skirted round the edges of mass fame, the doe-eyed indie pin-up, repeatedly cast as a wise-cracking companion or whimsical dream girl (and sometimes both). Now, at 32, suddenly Deschanel finds herself centre stage. Her comedy New Girl which was the most watched show on Channel 4's on-demand service in January - is, she says, reviving a grand American heritage of sitcom centred on a female character. It revolves around a group of male flatmates who find their merry existence disrupted by the arrival of a female room-mate (Deschanel's character, Jess), a schoolteacher, given to occasional bouts of singing and who gets entangled in complicated situations. Two weeks into the first series, a further 11 episodes were commissioned (bringing the total to 24) and are currently airing in the US. Golden Globe nominations have swiftly followed - including a Best Actress nod for Deschanel.

"I get sent a lot of scripts, but this one stood out," she says down the line from LA. "The writing was quirky and I loved the character - I liked that there was a lot of physical stuff, that she was completely herself always, and that they hung a lot of the comedy on her. We do have that tradition of female-driven sitcoms like Roseanne and I Love Lucy and the Mary Tyler Moore Show."

It is to this last example that she feels New Girl most easily compares. "Most sitcoms are joke-driven and less emotional. But ultimately this show isn't about one-liners, it's about situations. I think the show's a little bit like a movie in that way."

New Girl was written by playwright and screenwriter Elizabeth Meriwether, who was inspired by her own turbulent experiences of Craigslist flat-shares. "She's amazing," Deschanel says. "She's the head writer on the show, and ultimately it's her creation, but it's a very collaborative environment, rather than the power-flip thing you get sometimes on a project. I think maybe it's because we're around the same age, and we're sort of peers. We have a lot of friends in common - we first met randomly at a Superbowl party last year." The two women work together well, she says, because "it's more like a discussion, a lot of back-and-forth, and you have a lot of the same cultural reference points, so you have a kind of shorthand,"

Meriwether is often grouped with female screenwriters including





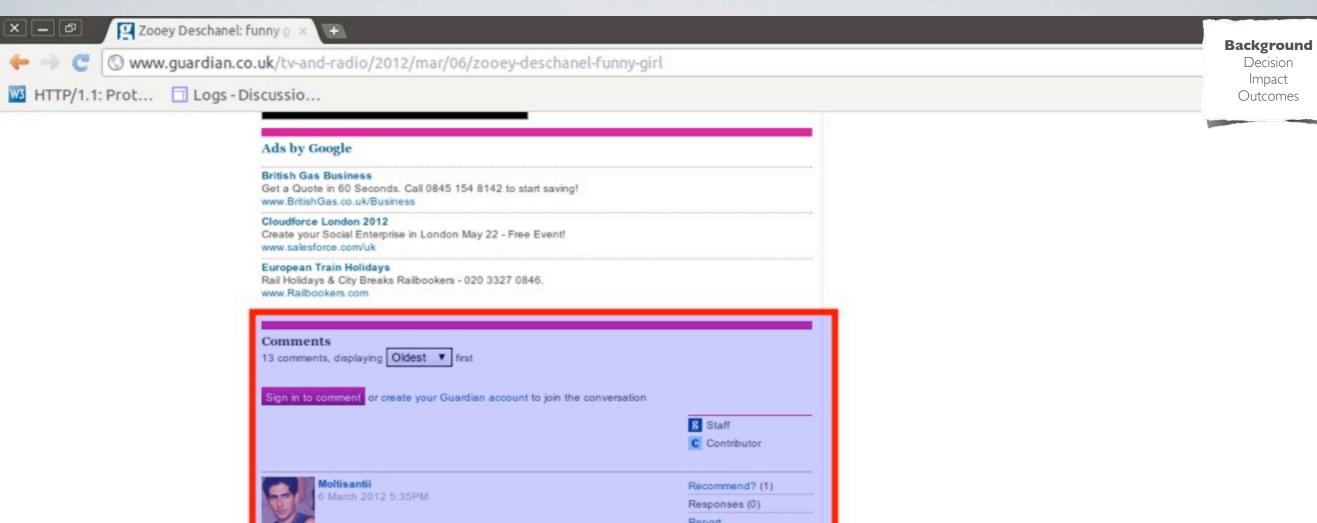






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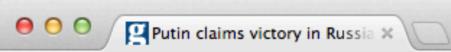
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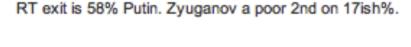
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    private String name;

public WelcomeClass(String name) {
    this.name = name;
  }

public String sayIt() {
    return "Hello" + name;
  }
}
```

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package net.tackley
class ScalaWelcomeClass(name: String) {
  def sayIt = "Hello " + name
}
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abstract class PaginationTest extends FeatureSpec with ShouldMatchers {
     protected def formatString: String
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      feature("search pagination") {
       scenario("number of results should be displayed") {
          val results = Api.searchQuery
                  .withFormat(formatString)
                  .withUserTier("free")
                  .search
          results.total should be > (0)
    class XmlPaginationTest extends PaginationTest {
      protected override def formatString = "xml"
 O
    class JsonPaginationTest extends PaginationTest {
       protected override def formatString = "json"
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info("******* BOOTSTRAPPING A LOCAL COPY OF THE API BECAUSE NOTHING IS LISTENING ON PORT %d ***
private def bootstrap: Unit = {
  startJetty
  info("******* *** YOUR LOCAL COPY OF THE API IS NOW RUNNING ON PORT %d ******** format PORT)
  val server = new CommonsHttpSolrServer("http://localhost:" + PORT + "/solr")
private def populateIndex: Unit = {
  val query = new SolrQuery("*:*")
  var response = server.query(query)
  var found = response.getResults.getNumFound
    info("Not rebuilding index because it contains %d items already" format found)
  if (found > 100) {
    return
   info("Populating index")
    IndexBuild.main("-t 10 -b 3000 -f".split("\\s"))
   catch {
     case e: Exception => {
       info("INDEX POPULATION FAILED: " + e)
       e.printStackTrace
       throw e
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class PaginationInfo(docs: SolrDocumentList, params: PaginationParameters) {
    lazy val total = docs.getNumFound
    lazy val startIndex = if (total == 0) 0L else docs.getStart + 1
    lazy val pageSize = params.pageSize.toLong

lazy val pages = ceil(total.toDouble / pageSize.toDouble).toLong
    lazy val currentPage = if (total == 0) 1L else ((startIndex - 1) / pageSize) + 1

if (startIndex > total) {
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}
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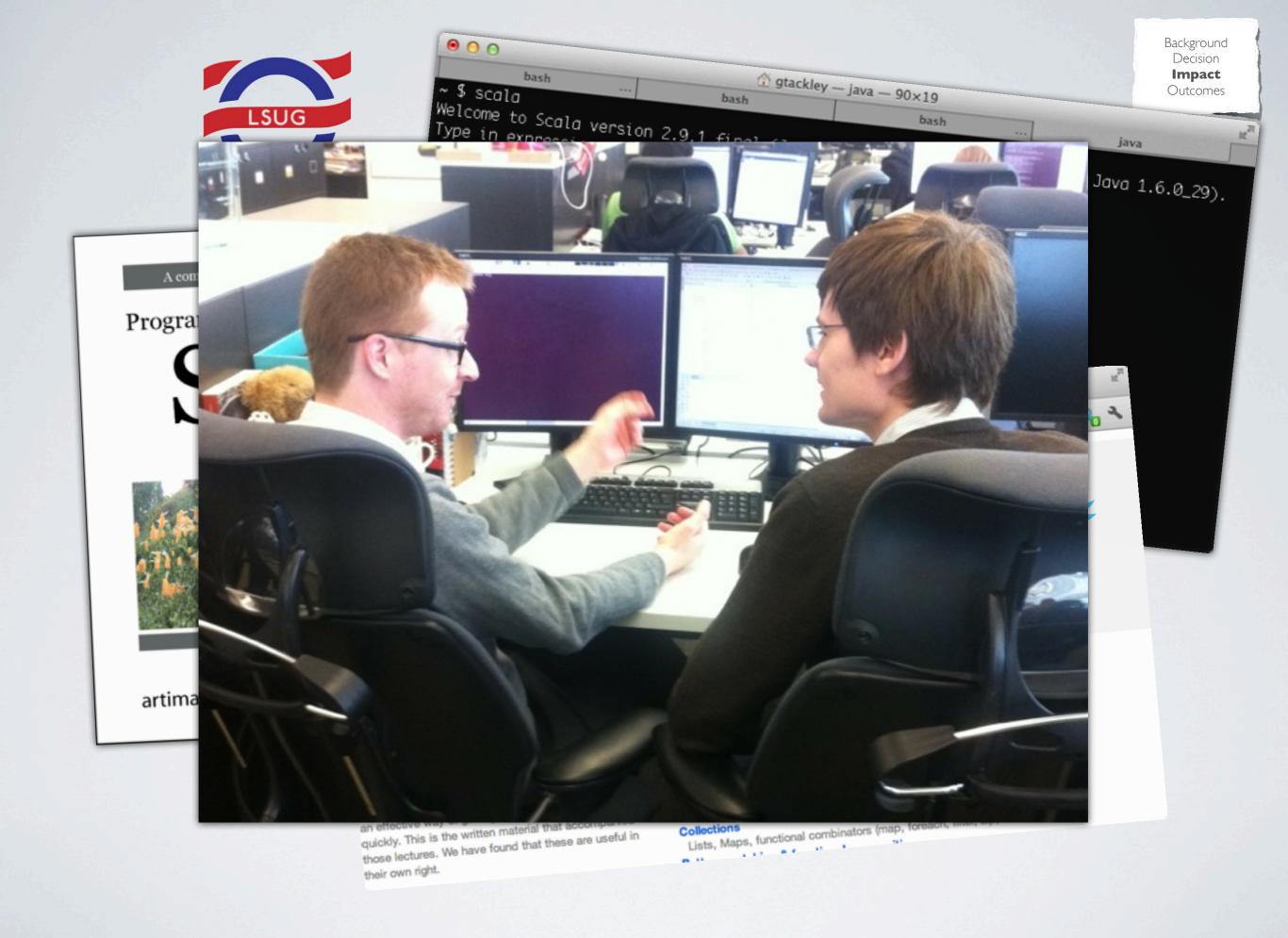
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 val showContentInFacebook = content exists { _.showInFacebook }
 val user = User(request)
 (path, showContentInFacebook, user) match {
   case (_, _, NoUser) =>
    // External NoUsers are direct requests to AppEngine. Forward to Facebook App.
     log.info("Forwarding direct canvas access to Facebook App")
     redirectToFacebookApp(path + trackingQueryString(params))
   case ("", _, _) =>
    renderHomepage(tabbed = false, user)
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    renderContent(content.get)
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import play.api.mvc._
import content.Article

object ArticleController extends Controller {

   def render(path: String) = Action {
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   }

   private def renderArticle(article: Article) = Ok(views.html.article(article))
}
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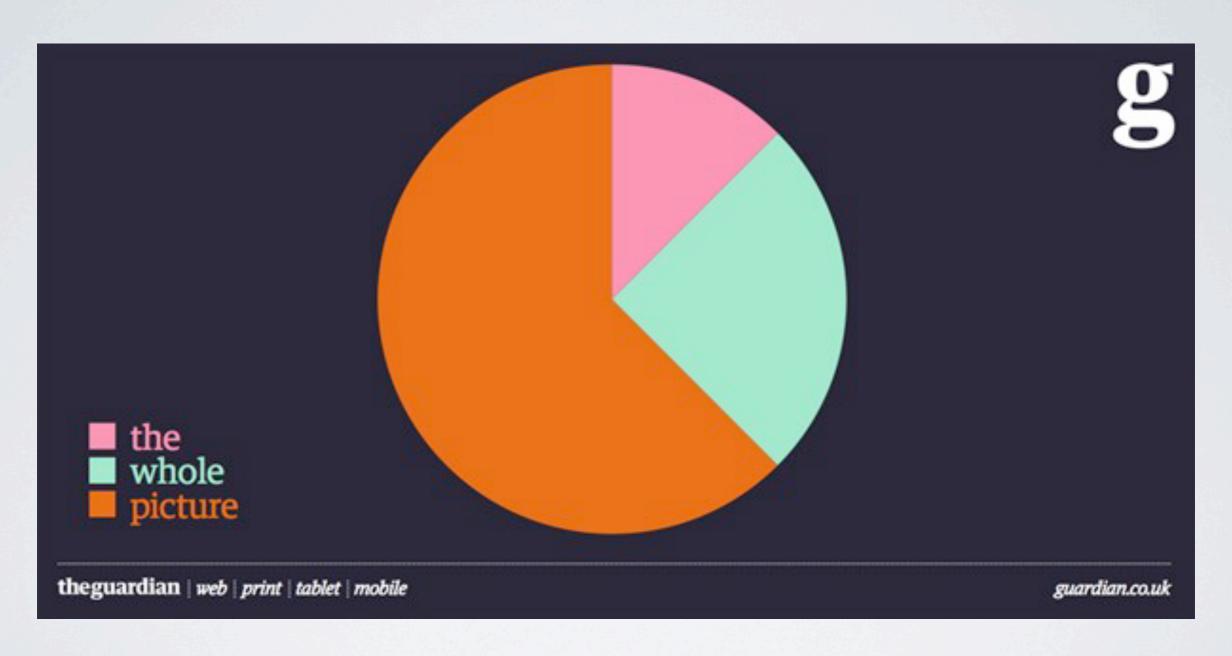
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