

# Microservices and DevOps Journey at Wix.com

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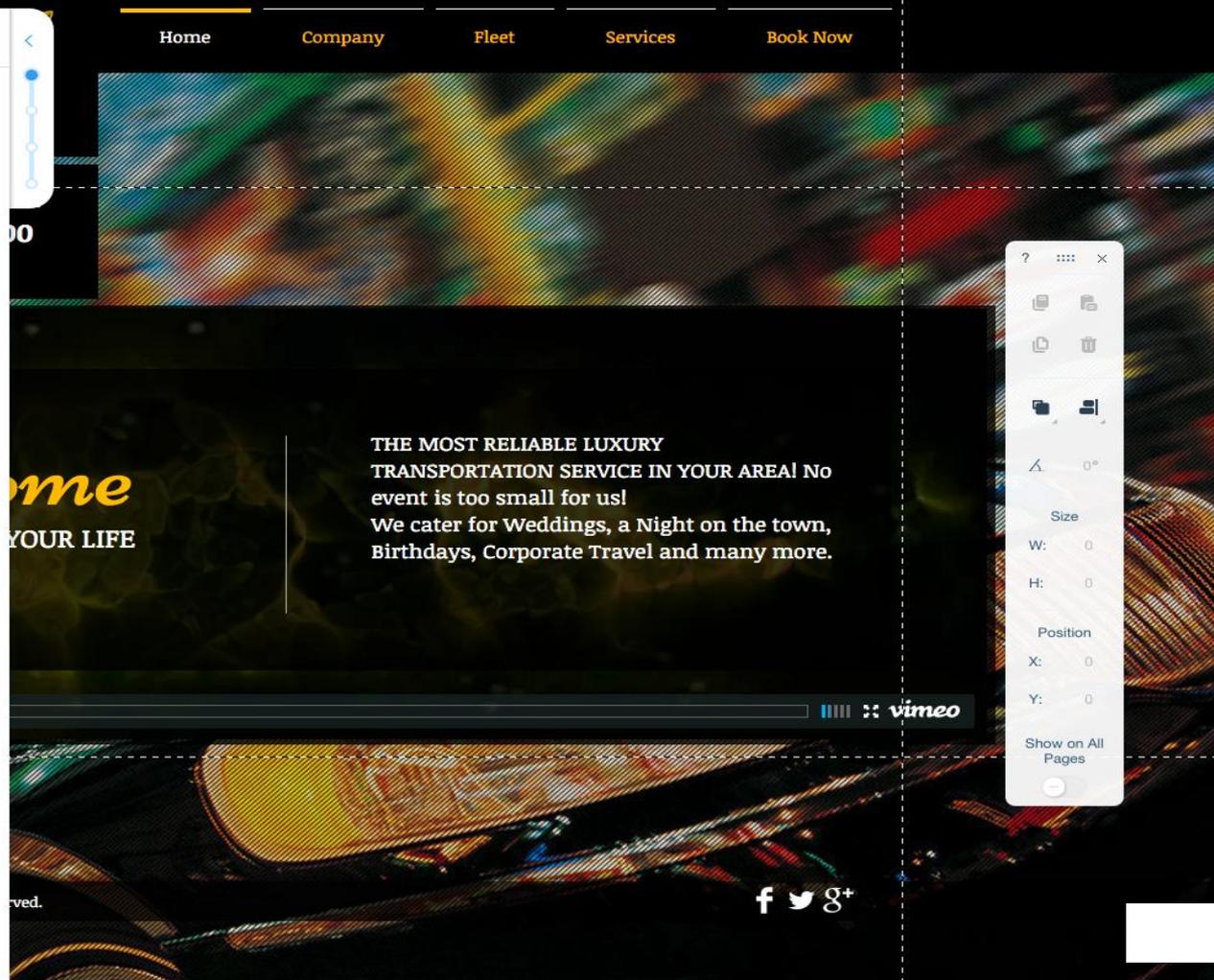
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# Wix In Numbers

- ✓ Over 80M users
- ✓ Static storage is >2Pb of data
- ✓ 3 data centers + 3 clouds (Google, Amazon, Azure)
- ✓ 2B HTTP requests/day
- ✓ 1000 people work at Wix

# Over 200 Microservices on Production

# Microservices - What Does it Take



# How to Get There? (Wix's journey)



A cosmic background image featuring a central bright yellow-orange glow, possibly representing the early universe or a specific astronomical event. The background is filled with intricate blue and green nebulae and star clusters, set against a dark, star-filled space.

# In the Beginning of Time

About 5 years ago

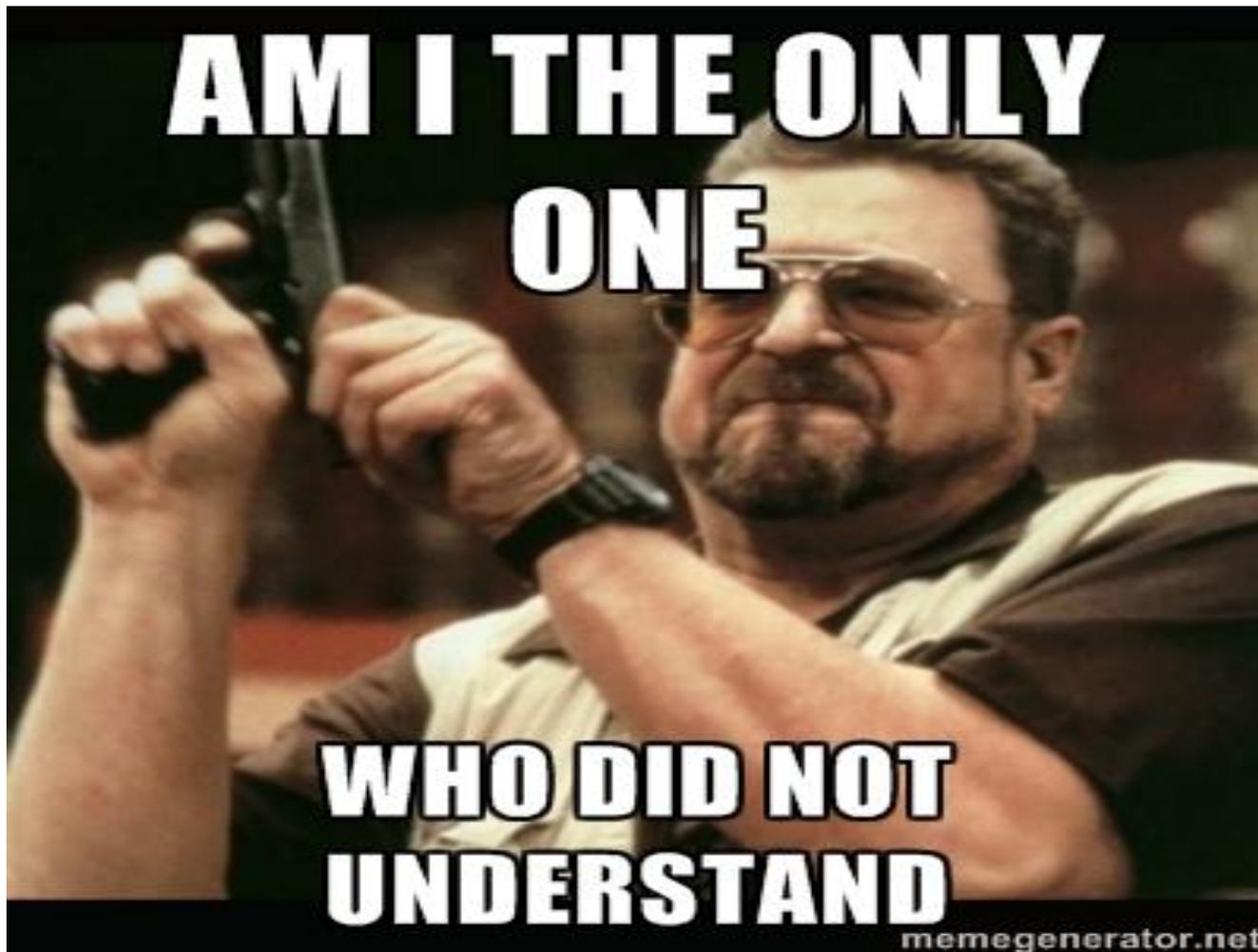
# The Monolithic Giant

- ✓ One monolithic server that handled everything
- ✓ Dependency between features
- ✓ Changes in unrelated areas caused deployment of the whole system
- ✓ Failure in unrelated areas will cause system wide downtime





# Breaking the System Apart



# Concerns and SLA

## Edit websites

- ✓ Many feature request
- ✓ Lower performance requirement
- ✓ Lower availability requirement
- ✓ Write intensive

## View sites, created by Wix editor

- ✓ Not many product changes
- ✓ High performance
- ✓ High availability
- ✓ Read intensive

# Phase 1



Mono-Wix

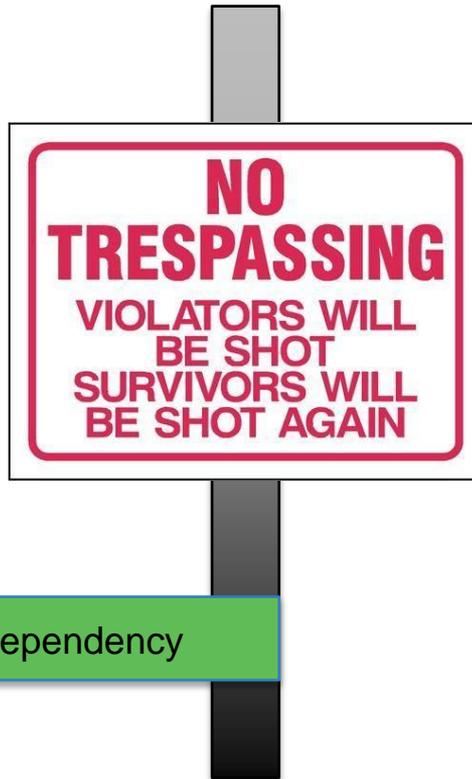
# Extract Public Service

Editor service (Mono-Wix)

Public service

# Divide and Conquer

Editor service

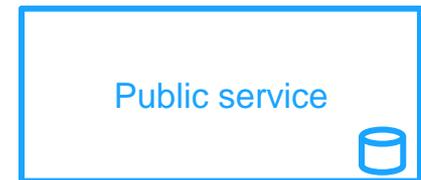


Public service

Guideline: No runtime, deployment or data dependency

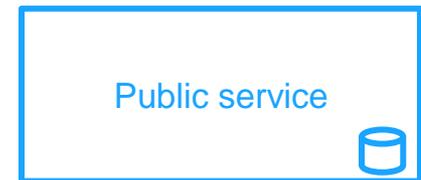
# Separation by Product Lifecycle

- ✓ Decouple architecture => Decouple teams
- ✓ Deployment independence
- ✓ Areas with frequent changes



# Separation by Service Level

- ✓ Scale independently
- ✓ Use different data store
- ✓ Optimize data per use case (Read vs Write)
- ✓ Run on different datacenters / clouds / zones
- ✓ System resiliency (degradation of service vs. downtime)
- ✓ Faster recovery time





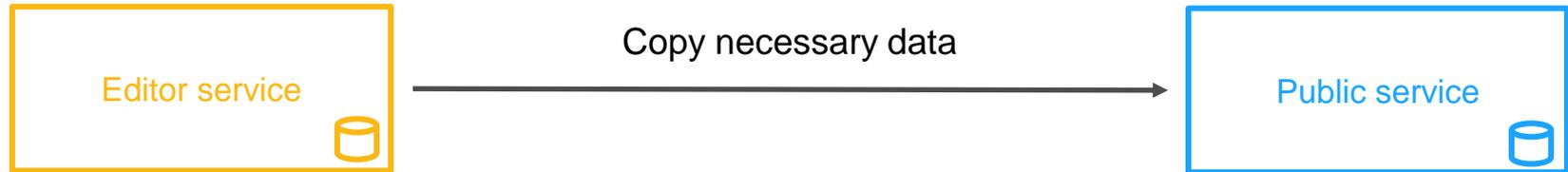
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# Service Boundary

# Separation of Databases

- ✓ Copy data between segments
- ✓ Optimize data per use case (read vs. write intensive)
- ✓ Different data stores



# Serialization

# Serialization / Protocol

- ✓ Binary?
- ✓ JSON / XML / Text?
- ✓ HTTP?



# Serialization / Protocol - Tradeoffs

- ✓ Readability?
- ✓ Performance?
- ✓ Debug?
- ✓ Tools?
- ✓ Monitoring?
- ✓ Dependency?



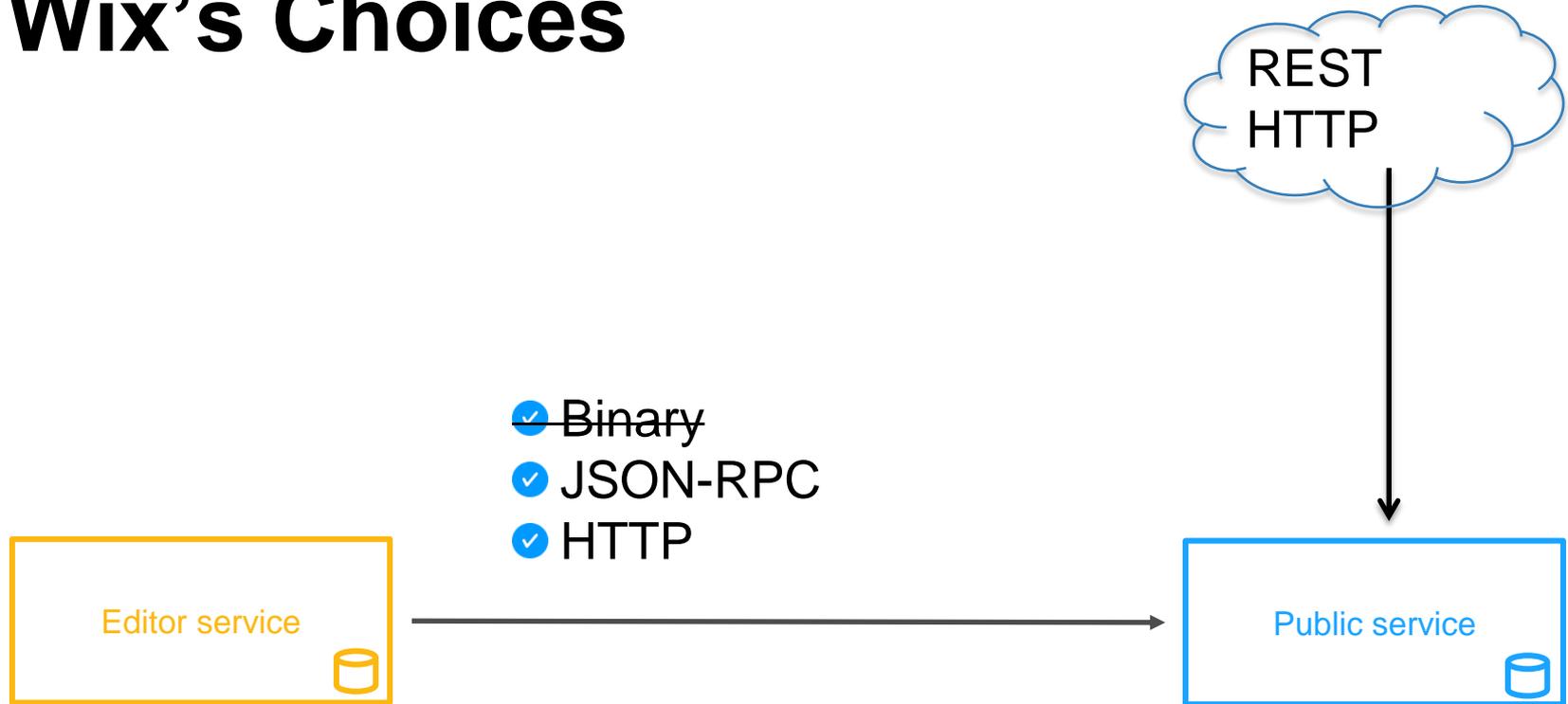
# API Transport/Protocol

# How to Expose an API

- ✓ REST?
- ✓ RPC?
- ✓ SOAP?



# Wix's Choices



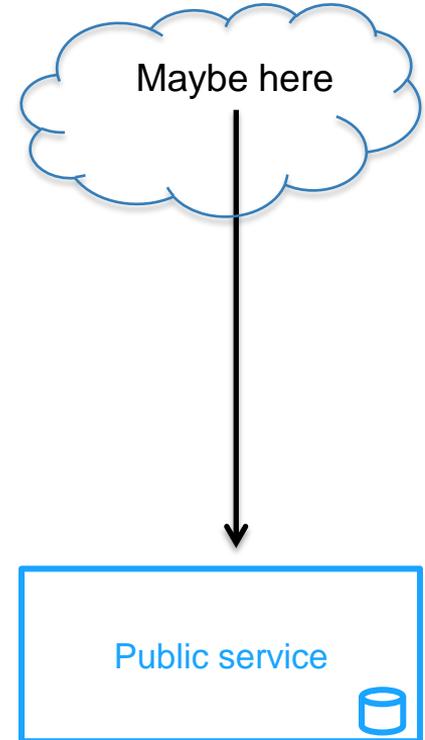
# API Versioning

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API Schema /v1/v2  
**YAGNI**



Backward compatibility



# A-Synchronous

# Which Queuing System to Use



- ✓ Kafka?
- ✓ RabbitMQ?
- ✓ ActiveMQ?
- ✓ ???

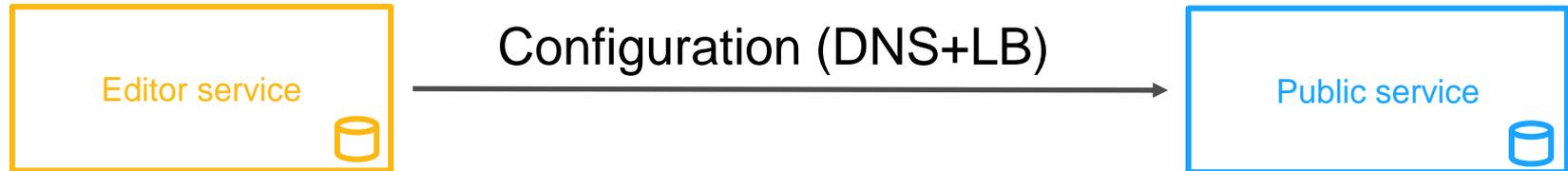


# Service Discovery

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- Look up per?
- Consul
- ✓ Etcd?
- ✓ Eureka?



# Resilience

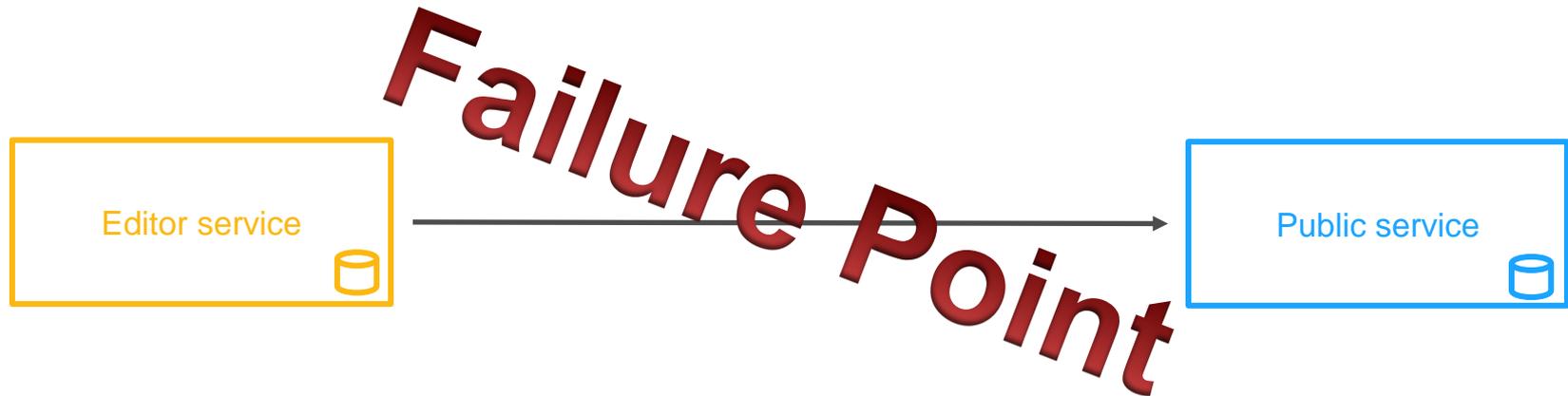
# What does the Arrow Mean?

Every Network Hop Reduces Availability



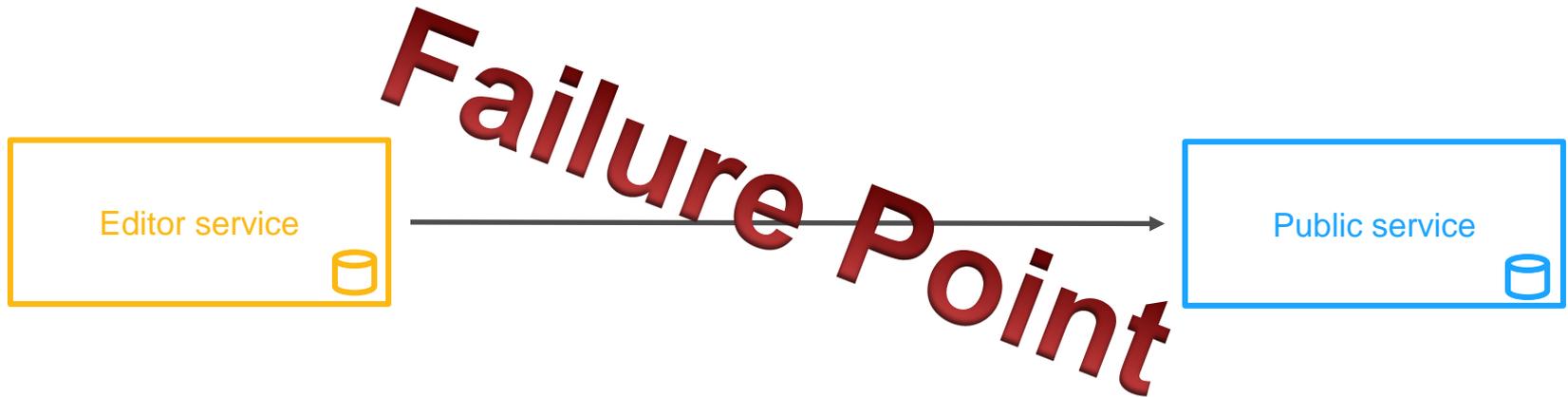
# Failure Points = Network I/O

- ✓ Retry policy
  - ✓ Circuit breaker
  - ✓ Throttlers
- Retry only on idempotent operations
- Be careful – you may cause downtime



# Degradation of Service

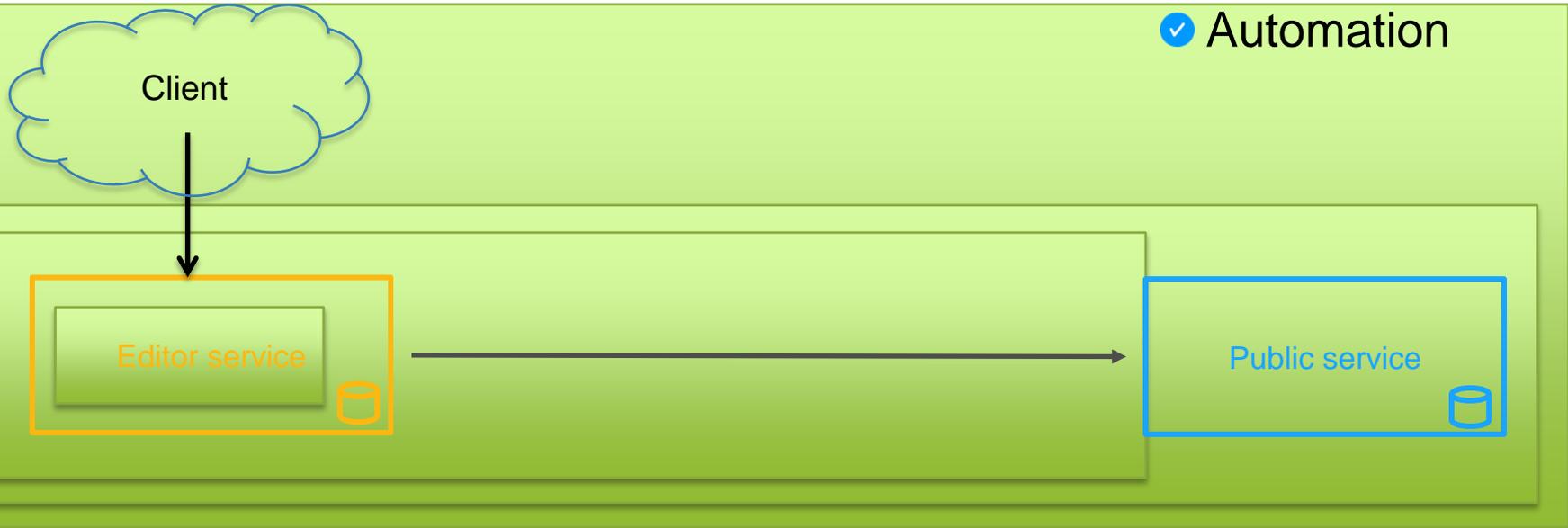
- ✓ Feature killer (Killer feature)
- ✓ Fallbacks
- ✓ Self healing



# Testing

# Test a Distributed System (at Wix)

- ✓ Unit Test
- ✓ Integration Test
- ✓ Server E2E
- ✓ Automation



# YAGNI

devOps

## Distributed Logging

# Build visibility into service

## Application Information

Title	App Integration Bus - WebApp
Artifact	app-integration-bus-web
Version	1.179.0-SNAPSHOT
Build	cd45eff4f2b3bddda09ffc1d7bf30597782458e8
Build Timestamp	20140608-1049
Server Name	[REDACTED]
Uptime	3 days, 20 hours and 21 minutes.
Server Time Zone	America/Chicago
Server Startup	08/06/2014 07:05:30.421
Server Current Time	12/06/2014 03:27:20.653

## Usage Summary (Incoming Calls Only)

	1h	48h
Total Calls	15	713
Total Successful calls	15	708
Throughput	0.3 rpm	0.2 rpm
Error Rate	0.00 %	0.70 %
System Errors	0/0/0/0	0/0/0/5
Business Errors	0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0

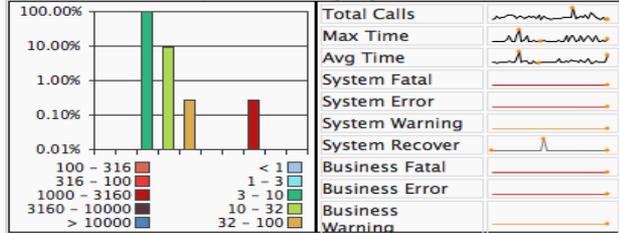
## Prev. Startup Information

Version 1.178.0-SNAPSHOT	01/06/2014 09:30:42.651
Version 1.176.0-SNAPSHOT	29/05/2014 03:15:30.798
Version 1.175.0-SNAPSHOT	29/05/2014 01:39:05.230

## Usage Statistics

Method	Calls	Throughput (rpm)	Average (mSec)	Max (mSec)	System Errors	Business Errors
<b>(METER)</b> c.w.a.d.CachedReadOnlyLocalAppsRepository.getAppByIdOpt	48h 277,611	97.46	0.0	77.8	0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0
	1h 1,037	17.78	0.0	0.0	0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0
<b>(RPC_CLIENT)</b> r.p.c.c.w.m.s.ReadOnlyMetaSiteManager.getMetaSiteByInstanceId (http://a	48h 76,499	26.86	8.3	6,505.0	1/0/0/0	0/0/0/0
	1h 370	6.34	10.7	1,088.0	0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0

r.p.c.c.w.m.s.ReadOnlyMetaSiteManager.getMetaSiteByInstanceId (http://api.aus.wixpress.com/meta-site-manager/ReadOnlyMetaSiteManager)



### 1h Call Times (msec.)

### 48h Summary

time	Exception	Message
11/06/2014 01:38:51.808	com.wixpress.framework.rpc.client.exceptions.RpcTransportException	c.w.f.r.c.e.RpcTransportException - Server connection timed out [endpoint=uri=http://api.aus.wixpress.com/meta-site-manager/ReadOnlyMetaSiteMa at com.wixpress.framework.rpc.client.RpcOverHttpClient\$Class.renderFault(F at com.wixpress.framework.rpc.client.BlockingRpcOverHttpClient.renderFault at com.wixpress.framework.rpc.client.BlockingRpcOverHttpClient.\$anonfun\$Se

# Ownership

# Team Work



- ✓ Microservice is owned by a team
- ✓ You build it – you run it
- ✓ No microservice is left without a clear owner
- ✓ Microservice is NOT a library – it is a live production system

# What is the Right Size of a Microservice?



# The Size of a Microservice is the Size of the Team That is Building it.

“Organizations which design systems ... are constrained to produce designs which are copies of the communication structures of these organizations”

**Conway, Melvin**



# What did you Learn from Just 2 Services

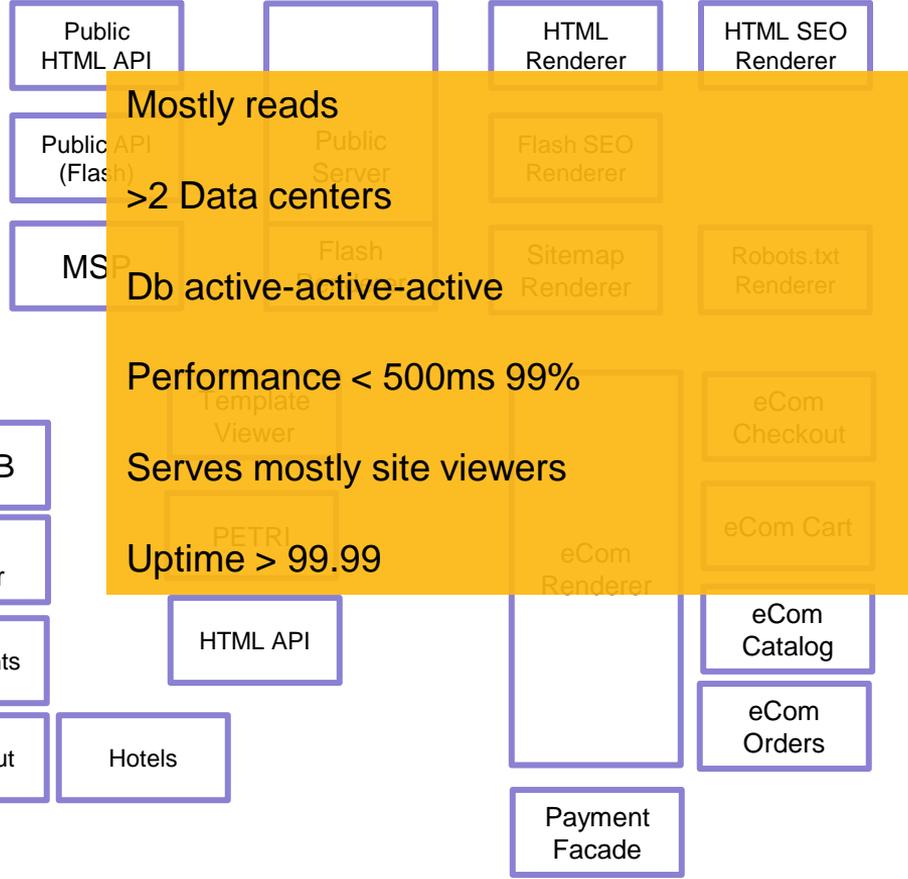
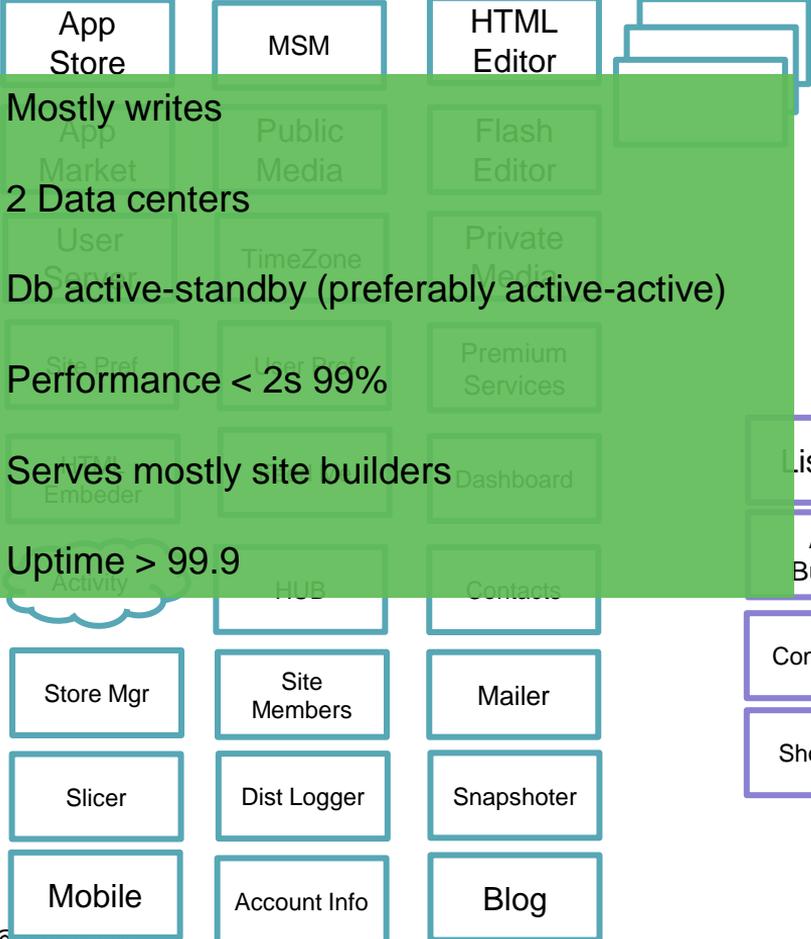
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- Service boundary
- Monitoring infrastructure
- Serialization format
- Synchronous communication protocol (HTTP/Binary)
- Asynchronous (queuing infra)
- Service SLA
- API definition (REST/ RPC / Versioning)
- Data separation
- Deployment strategy
- Testing infrastructure (integration test, e2e test)
- Compatibility (backwards / forward)

# Continue to Extract More Microservices

## Editor Segment

## Public Segment



# When to Extract a New Microservice

# Microservice or Library?

I need time zone from an IP address

- ✓ Do I create deployment dependency?
- ✓ What is DevOps overhead ?
- ✓ Who owns it?
- ✓ Does it have its own development lifecycle?
- ✓ Does it fit the scalability / availability concerns?
- ✓ Can a different team develop it?

# Microservice has Ops, Library is Only Computational



# Which Technology Stack to Use

# Free to Chose?

- ✓ Microservices gives the freedom to use a different technology stacks.
- ✓ Enables innovation



mongoDB



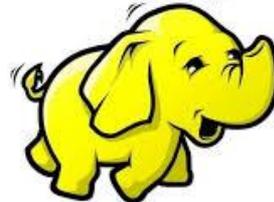
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cassandra



hadoop





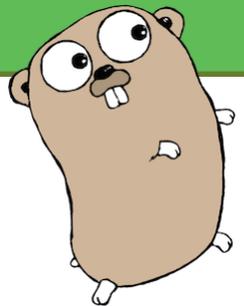
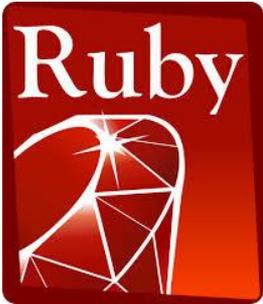
**Default to the Stack You Know how to Operate.**



**Innovate on Non Critical Microservices and Take Full Responsibility for its Operation.**



# Polyglotic System?





# Limit your Stack

- ✓ Code reuse
- ✓ Cross cutting concerns (session, security, auditing, testing, logging...)
- ✓ Faster system evolution
- ✓ Development velocity



# KISS

Keep. It. Simple. Stupid.



# What else will you learn

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- Distributed transactions
- System monitoring
- Distributed traces
- Tradeoff of a new microservice vs. extending an existing one
- Deployment strategy and dependency
- Handling cascading failures
- Team building/splitting

# Summary

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# Microservices is the First Post DevOps Architecture

Every Microservice is a **dev**  **ps**  
Overhead

It is all about trade-off



# Microservices Guidelines & Tradeoffs



- ✓ Each service has its own DB schema (if one is needed)
  - ✓ Gain - Easy to scale microservices based on service level concerns
  - ✓ Tradeoff – system complexity, performance
- ✓ Only one service should write to a specific DB table(s)
  - ✓ Gain - Decoupling architecture – faster development
  - ✓ Tradeoff – system complexity / performance
- ✓ May have additional read-only services that accesses the DB
  - ✓ Gain - Performance gain
  - ✓ Tradeoff - coupling
- ✓ Services are stateless
  - ✓ Gain - Easy to scale out (just add more servers)
  - ✓ Tradeoff - performance / consistency

# MONOLITH



# MICRO SERVICES



# Thank You

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# Q&A

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