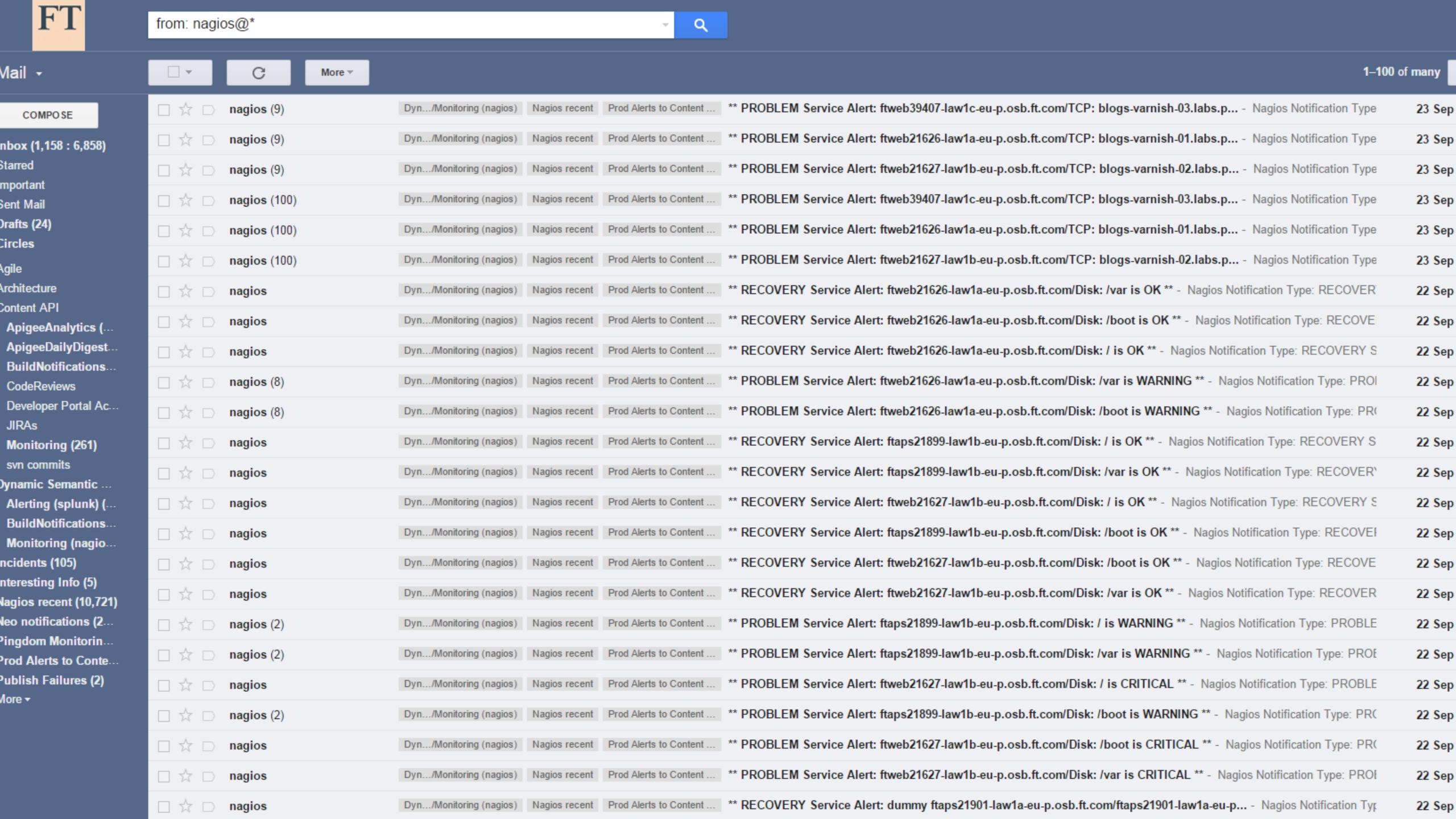
Avoiding alerts overload from microservices

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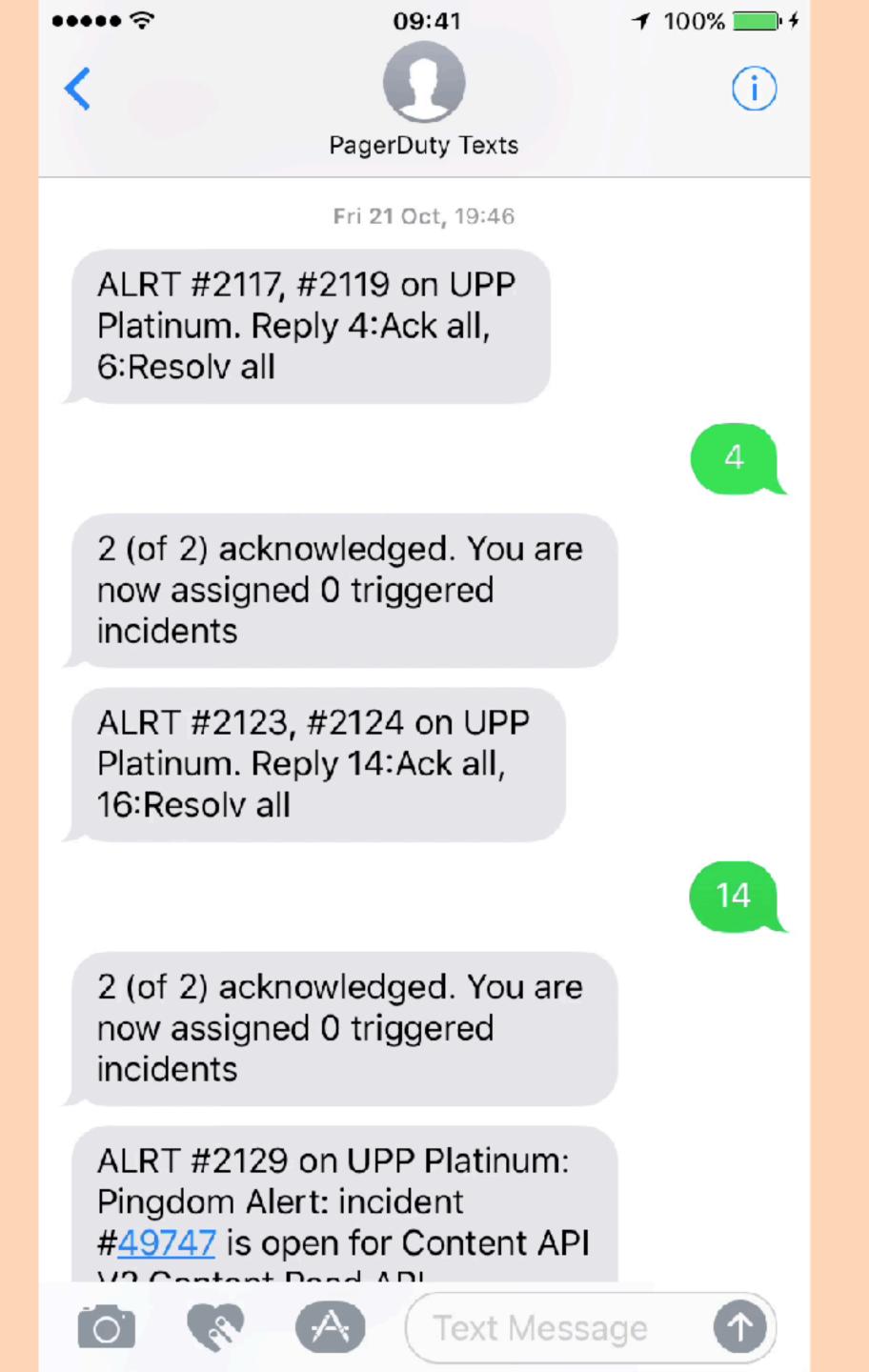
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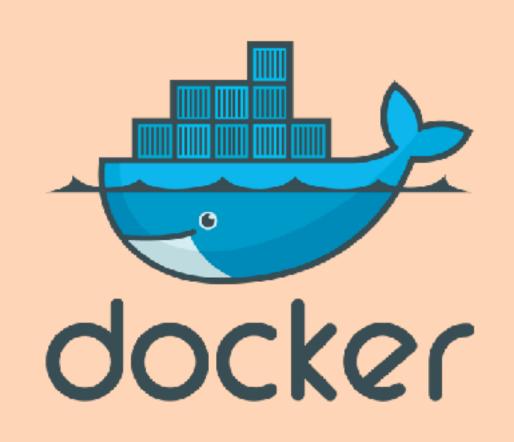


Knowing when there's a problem isn't enough

You only want an alert when you need to take action

Hello

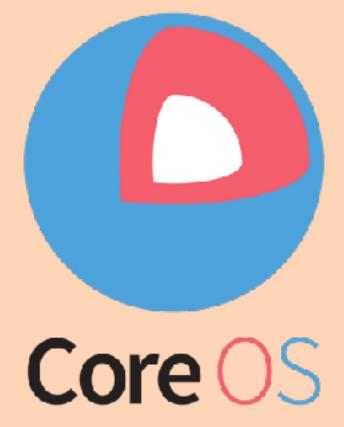








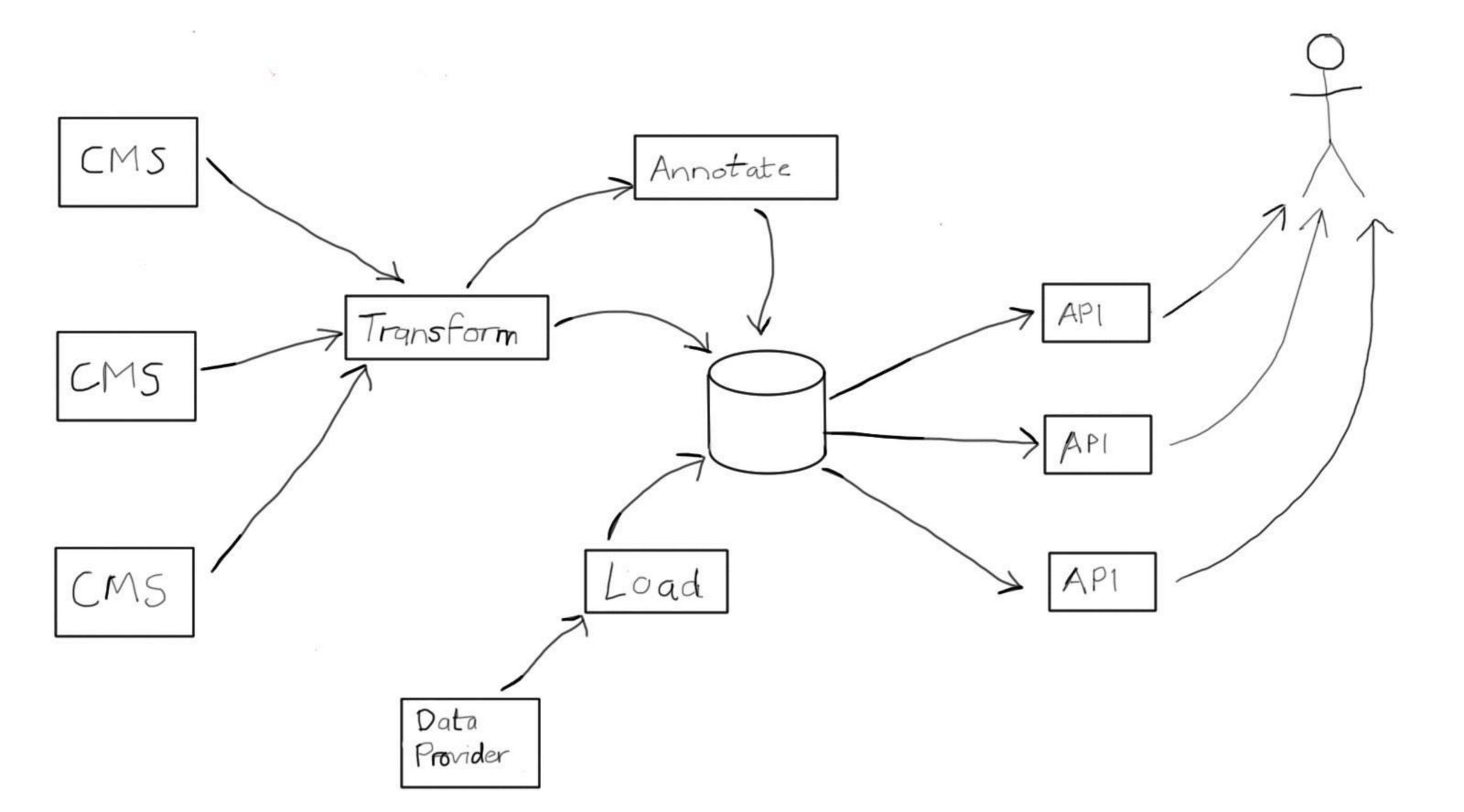


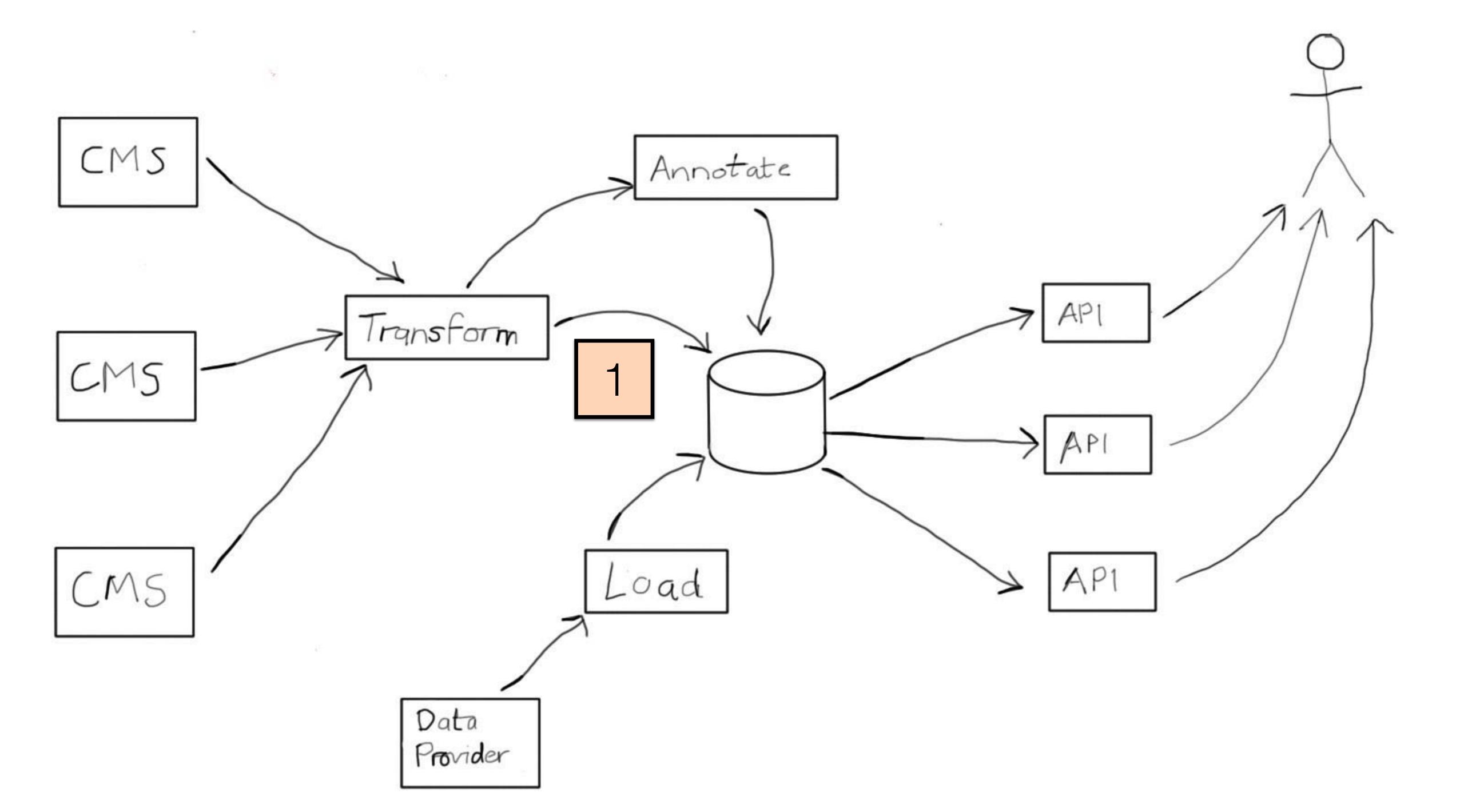


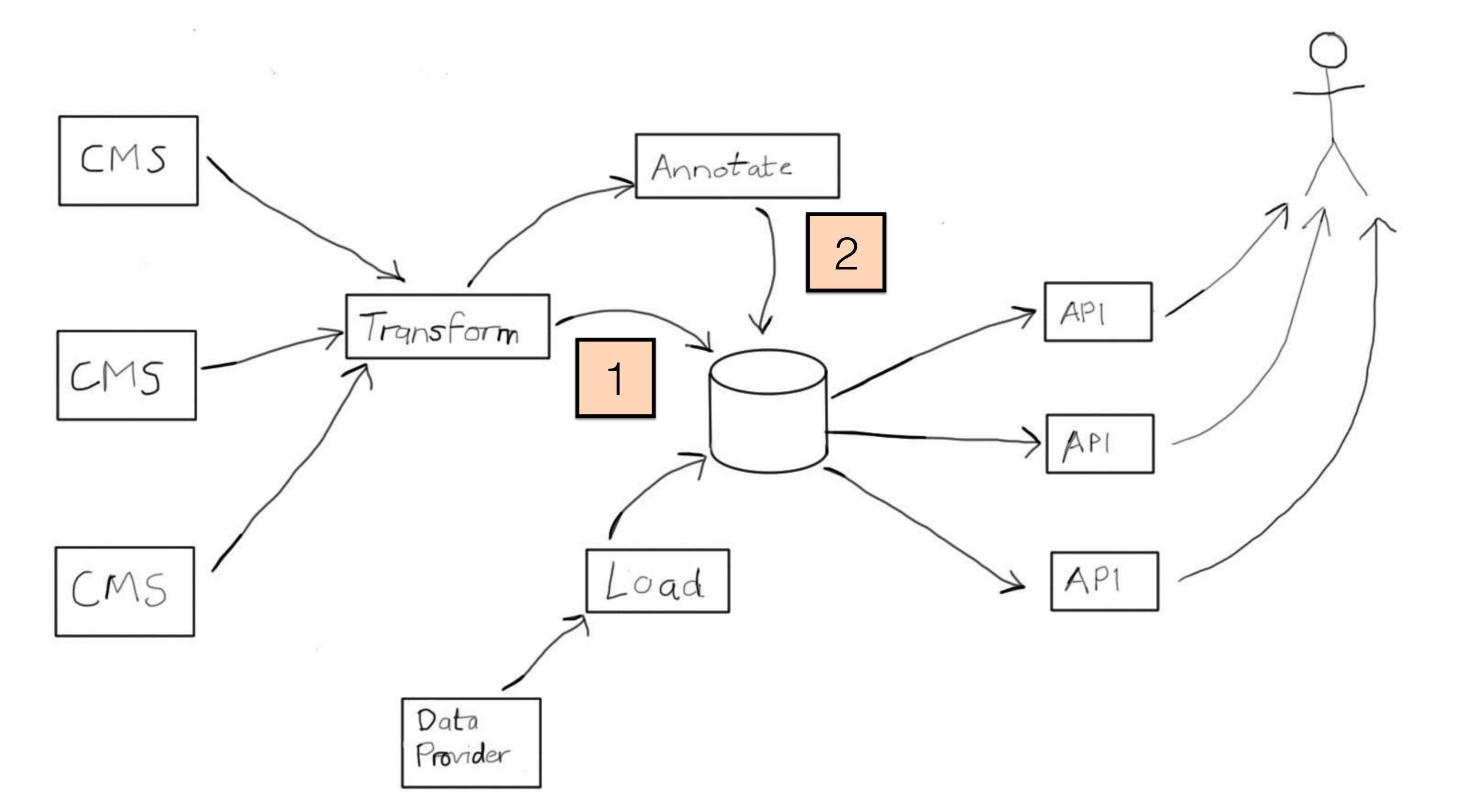


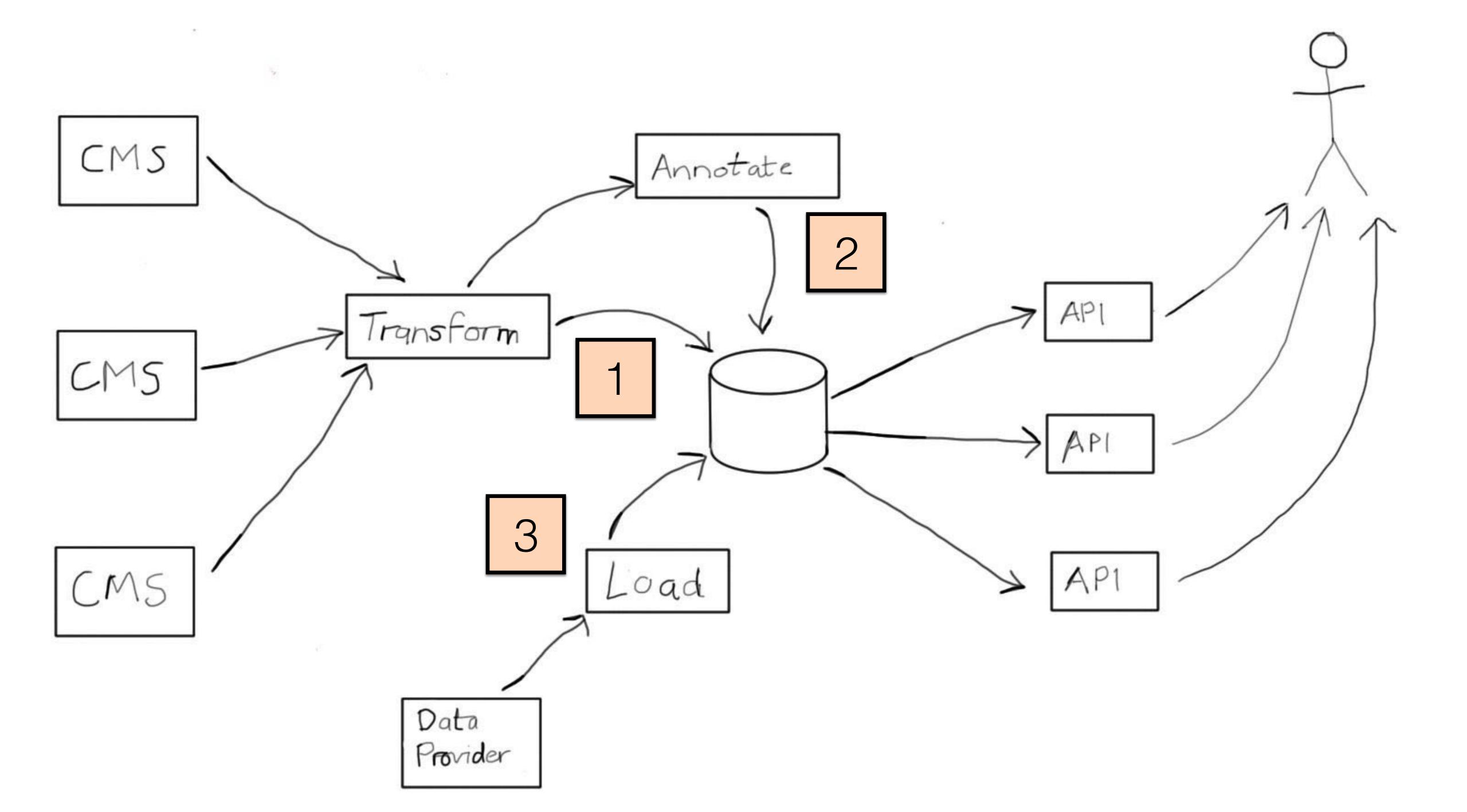


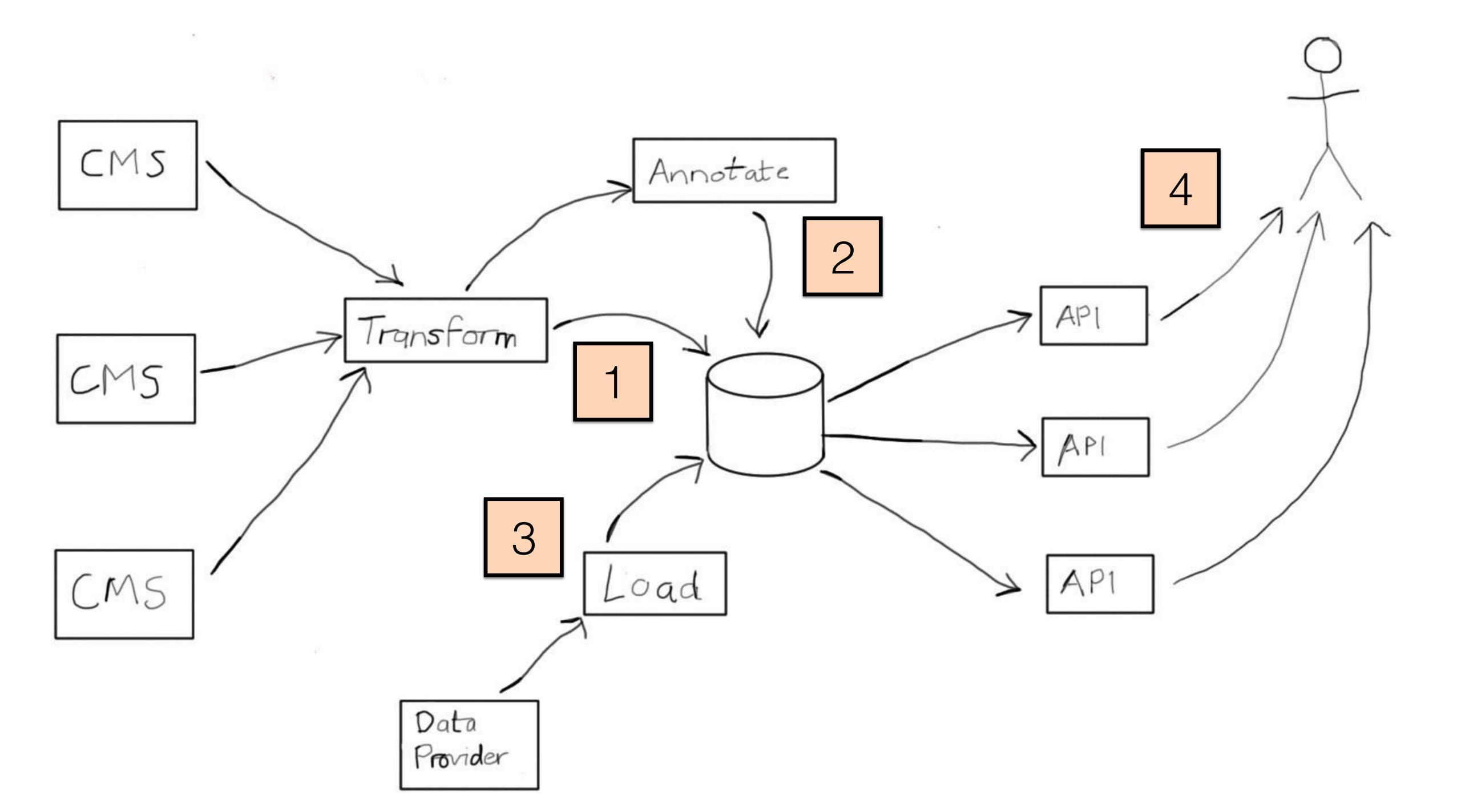




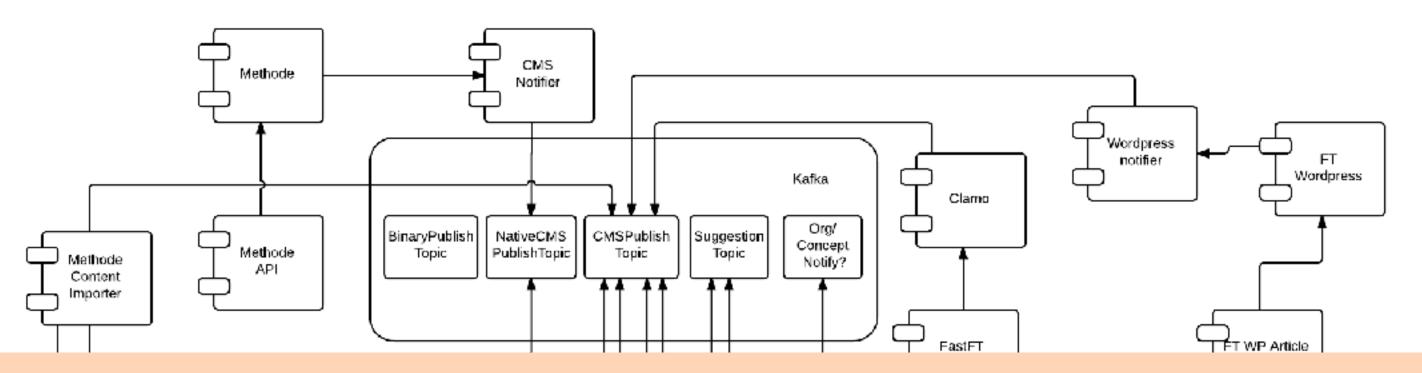




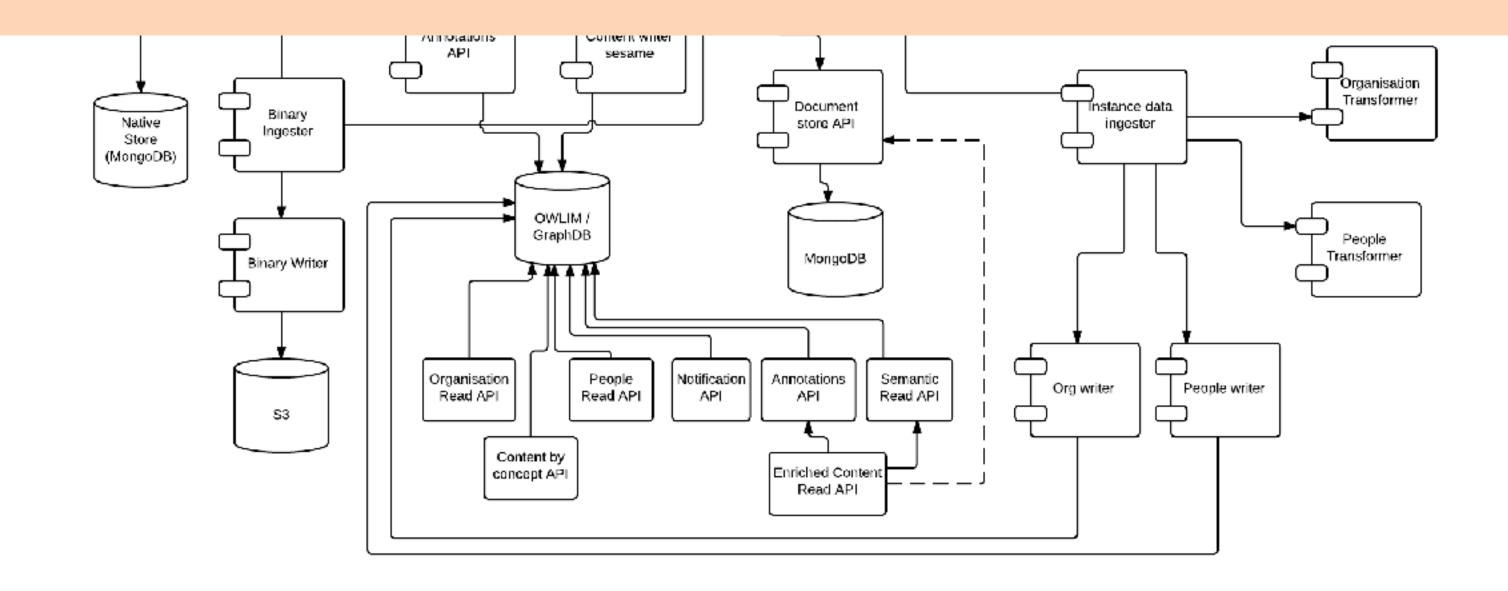




Monitoring this system...



Microservices make it worse



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"microservices (n,pl): an efficient device for transforming business problems into distributed transaction problems"

<u>@drsnooks</u>

The services *themselves* are simple...

There's a lot of complexity around them

Why do they make monitoring harder?

You have a lot more services

99 functional microservices 350 running instances

52 non functional services 218 running instances

That's 568 separate services

If we checked each service every minute...

817,920 checks per day

What about system checks?

16,358,400 checks per day

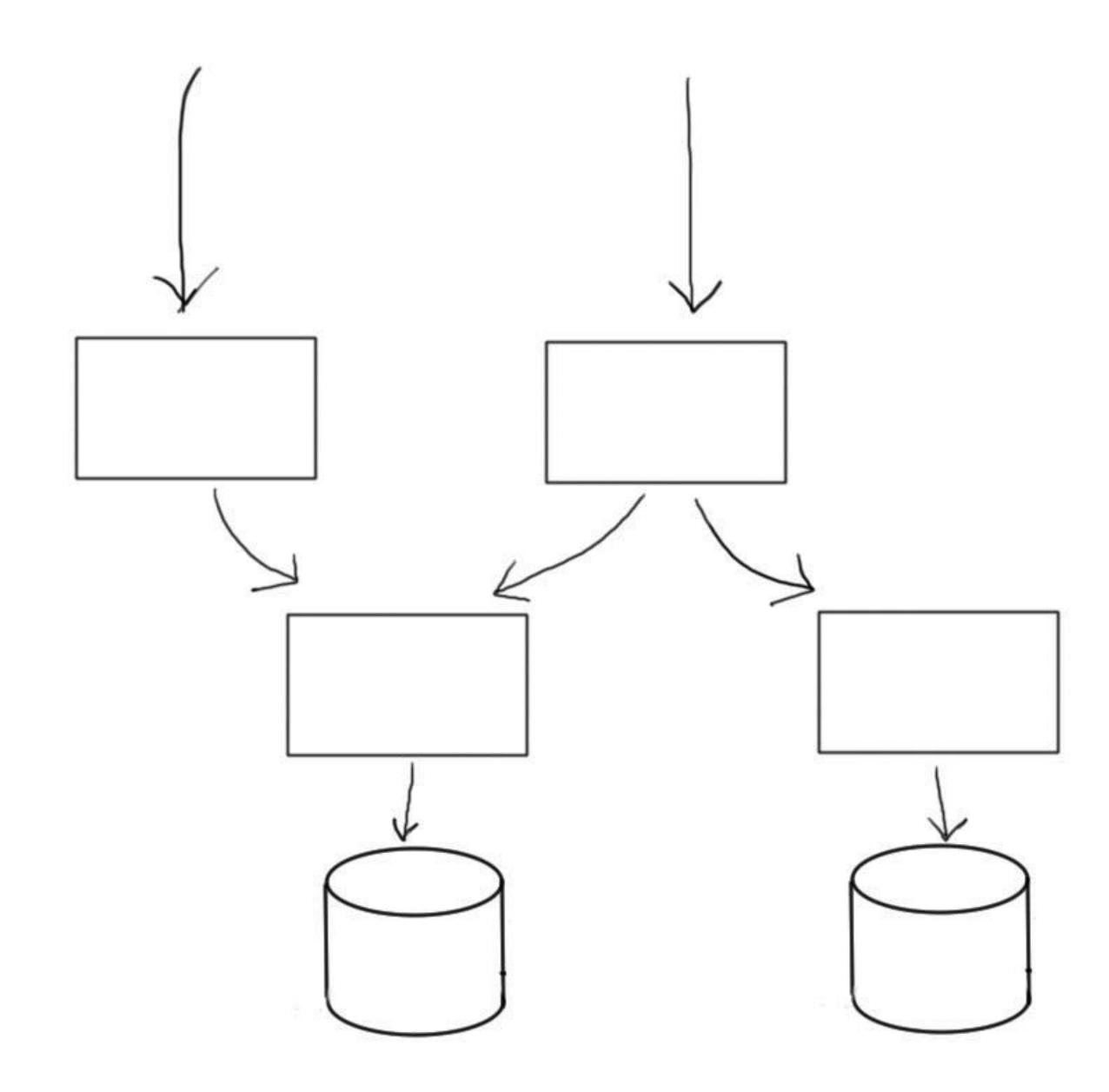
"One-in-a-million" issues would hit us 16 times every day

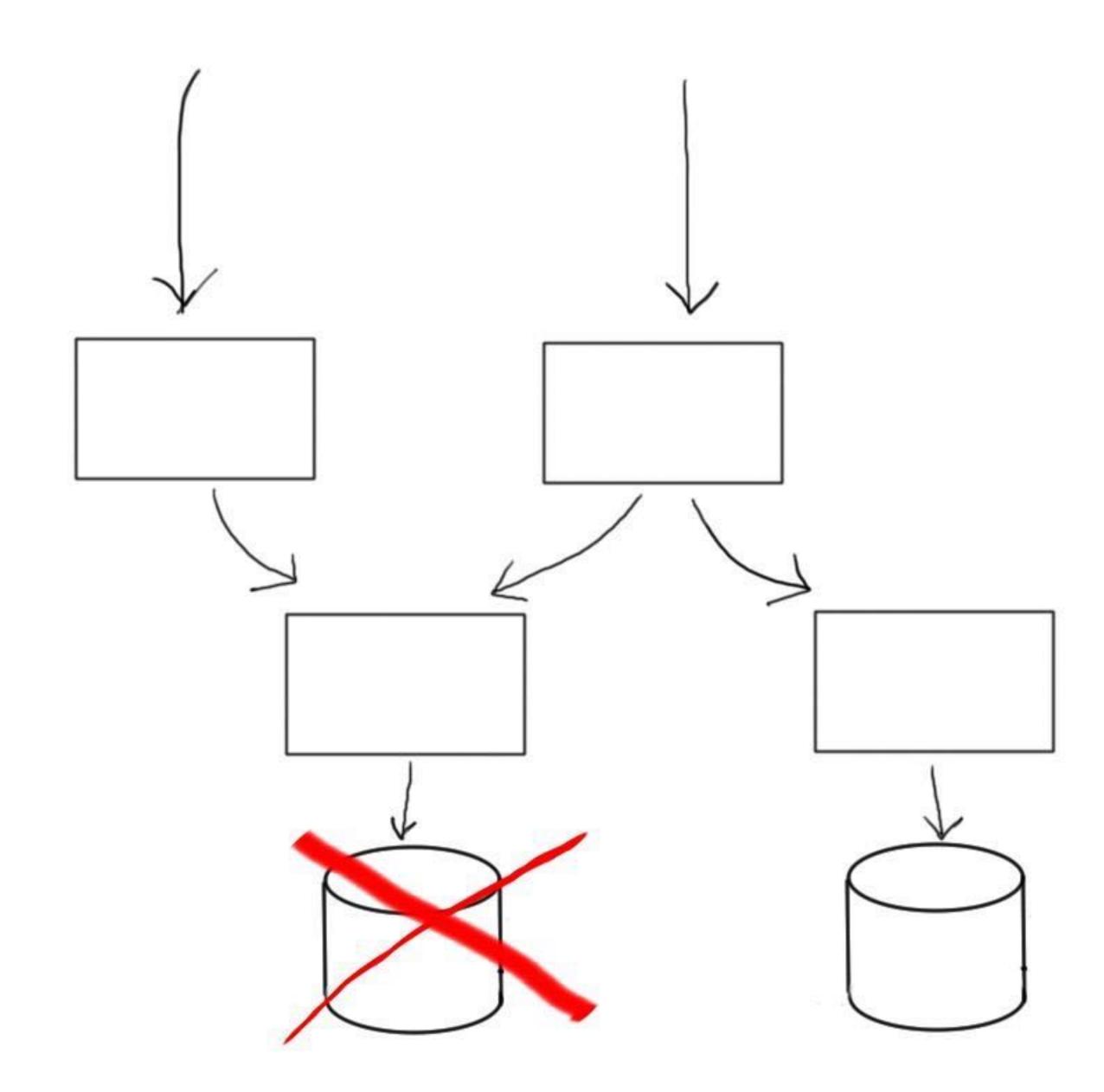
Running containers on shared VMs reduces this to 92,160 system checks per day

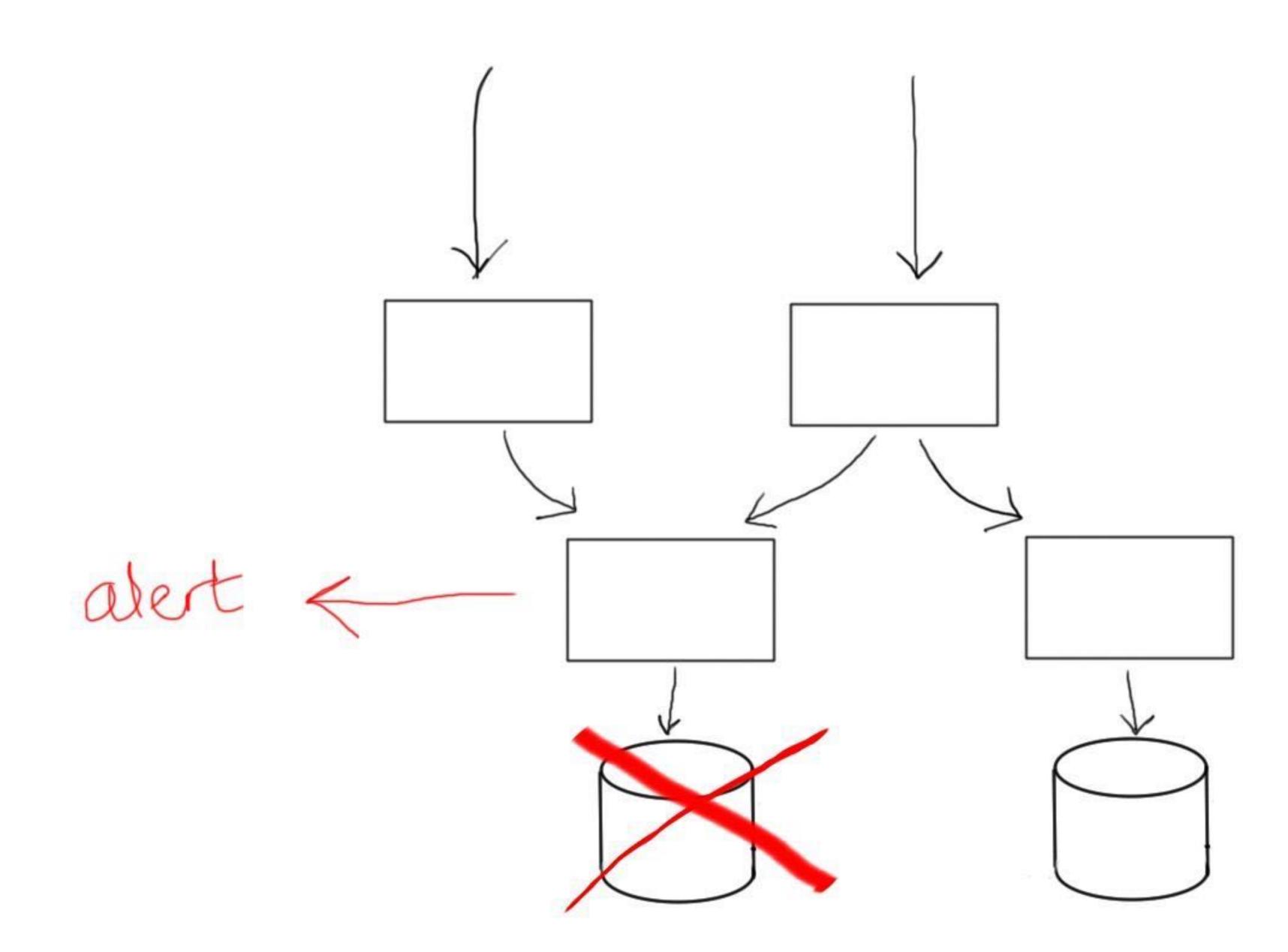
For a total of 910,080 checks per day

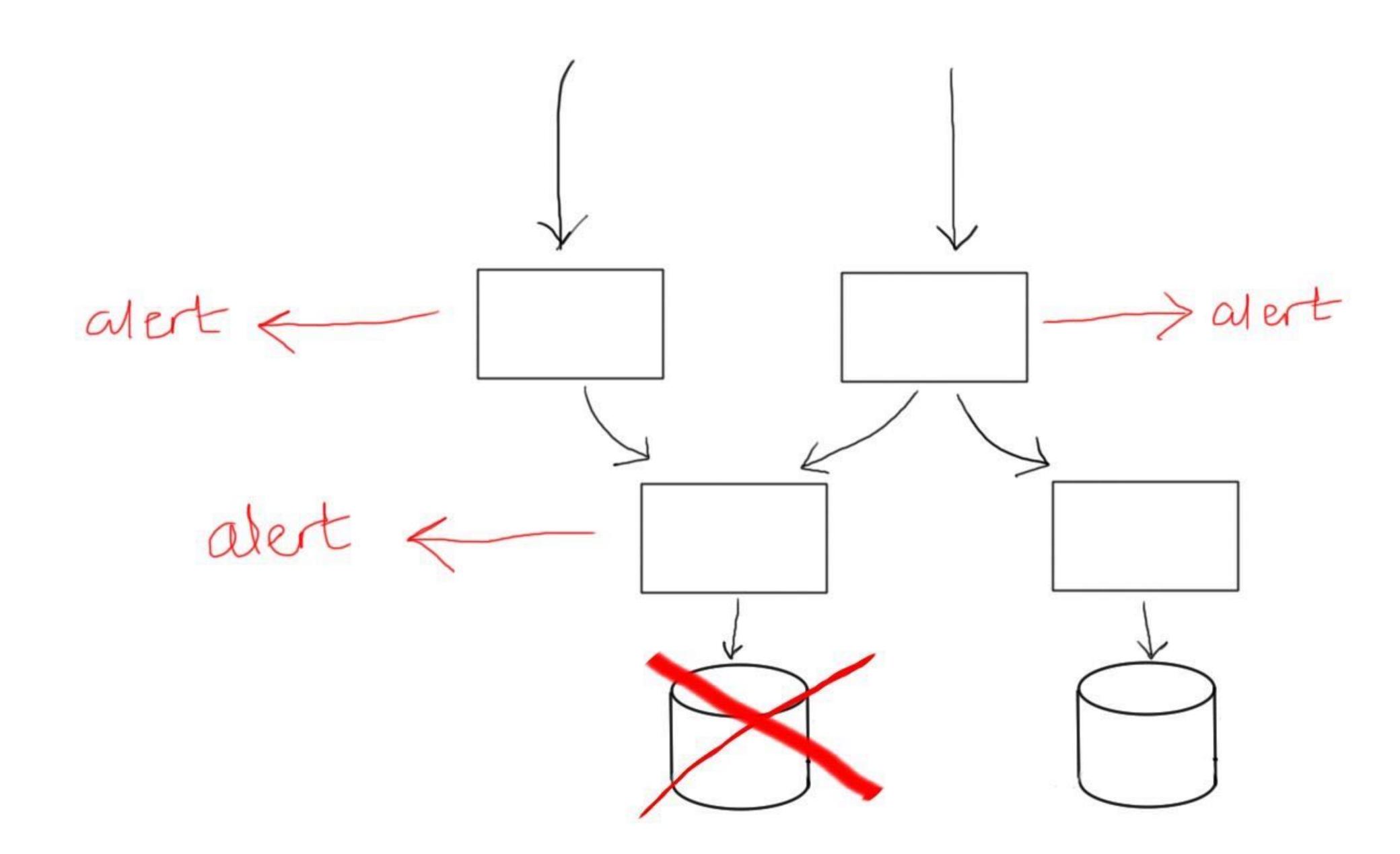
It's a distributed system

Services are not independent











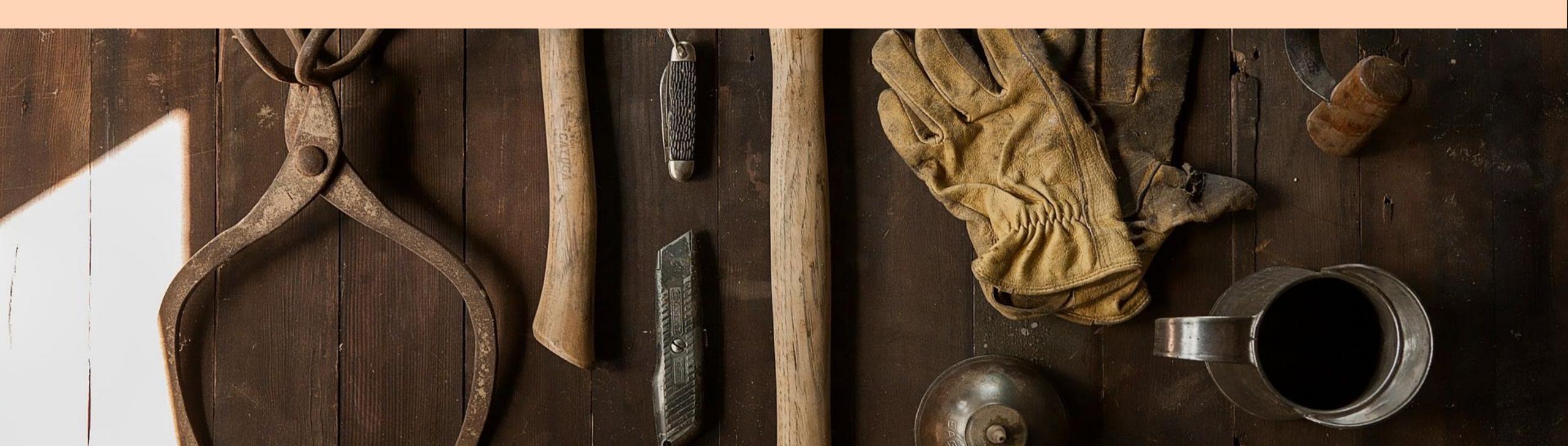
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You have to change how you think about monitoring

How can you make it better?

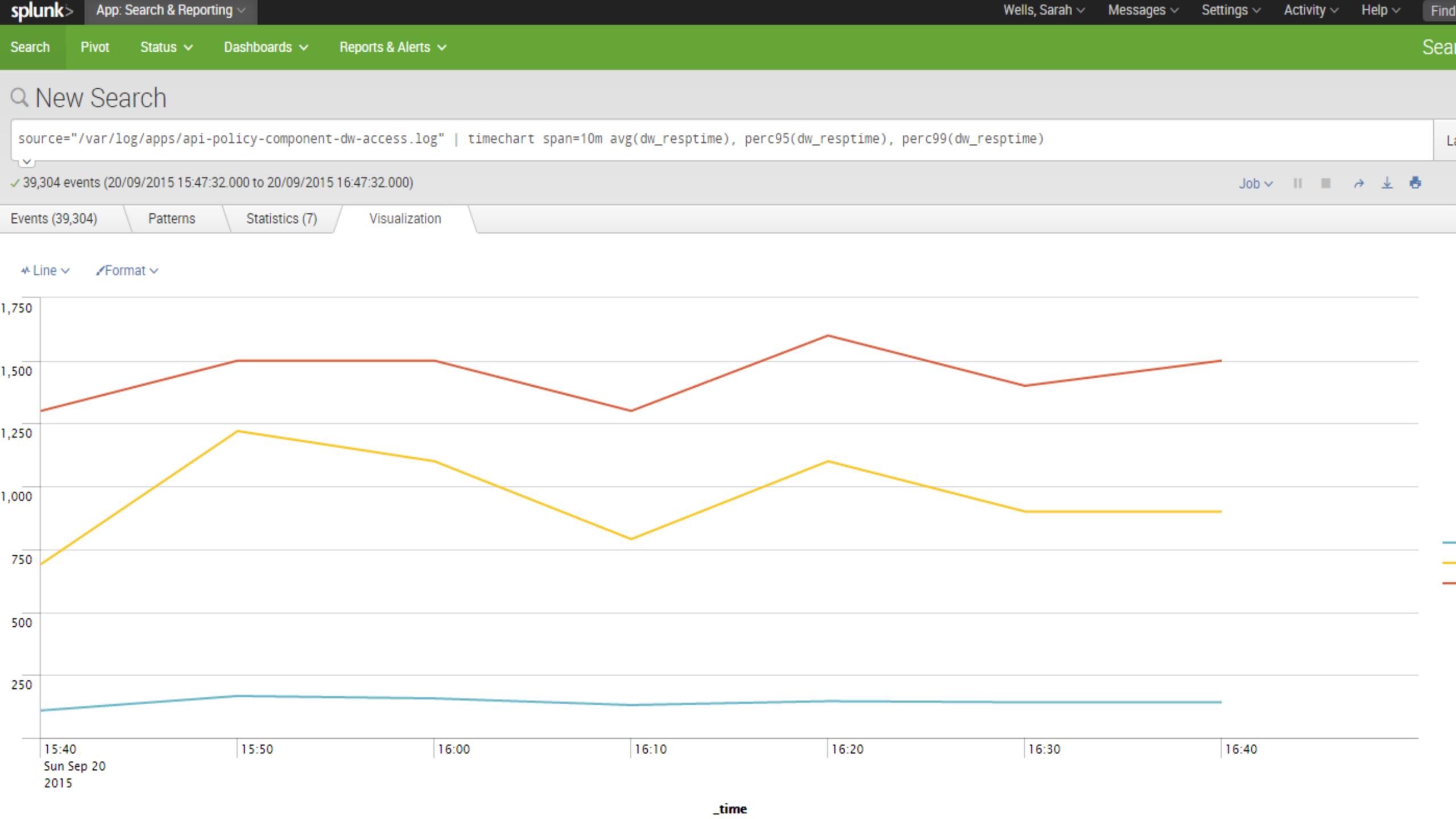


1. Build a system you can support



The basic tools you need

Log aggregation



Logs go missing or get delayed more now

Which means log based alerts may miss stuff

Monitoring

Current Network Status Host Status Totals Service Status Totals Service tier: Bronze Last Updated: Sun Sep 20 16:26:49 GMT 2015 Ok Warning Unknown Critical Pending Up Down Unreachable Pending Updated every 90 seconds Serving live traffic? No Nagios® Core™ 3.3.1 - www.nagios.org Logged in as nagiosadmin All Problems All Types All Problems All Types 48 982 Contact: View History For all hosts contentplatform.nagios.aler View Notifications For All Hosts View Host Status Detail For All Hosts General Home Service Status Details For All Hosts Documentation Attempt ★▼ Status Information Host ★♥ Status ★ Last Check ★ Duration ★ Service ◆♥ Current Status app01-api-policy-component-iw-uk-p.content-platform.prod.cloud.ft.com OK 20-09-2015 16:21:57 88d 13h 31m 44s 1/3 Tactical Overview OK: CPU Idle = 98.56% Map DNS: resolve ntp.svc.ft.com on app01-api-policy-component-iw-uk-p.content-DNS OK: 0.008 seconds response time. ntp.svc.ft.o OK 20-09-2015 16:24:22 88d 13h 29m 16s 1/3 Hosts platform.prod.cloud.ft.com 10.117.101.254.10.118.101.254.10.160.70.4 Services OK Disk: / 20-09-2015 16:26:45 79d 17h 18m 3s 1/3 DISK OK - free space: / 7876 MB (83% inode=91% Host Groups Summary OK Disk: /boot DISK OK - free space: /boot 360 MB (77% inode=9 20-09-2015 16:23:23 88d 13h 31m 33s 1/3 Grid Disk: /var OK 20-09-2015 16:25:51 52d 16h 16m 47s 1/3 DISK OK - free space: /var 8744 MB (92% inode=9 Service Groups Summary HTTP OK: Status line output matched "200" - 252 HTTP: ftapp06096-lviw-uk-p:8081/healthcheck:OK:200:1:2.0:2.0 OK 20-09-2015 16:26:34 2d 6h 12m 26s 1/3 Grid Problems Load OK 20-09-2015 16:25:54 79d 17h 18m 30s 1/3 OK - load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00 Services (Unhandled) Hosts (Unhandled) NTP: ntp.svc.ft.com OK 20-09-2015 16:23:47 21d 18h 13m 26s 1/3 NTP OK: Offset -0.0002371072769 secs Network Outages OK 20-09-2015 16:24:03 88d 13h 31m 29s 1/3 Service: crond crond (pid 1375) is running.. Quick Search: OK 20-09-2015 16:26:35 88d 13h 29m 39s 1/2 Service: nrpe nrpe (pid 10586 10585 1206) is running. OK 20-09-2015 16:24:17 88d 13h 30m 10s 1/3 Service: nscd nscd (pid 1149) is running.. OK 20-09-2015 16:22:36 88d 13h 29m 9s 1/3 ntpd (pid 1195) is running. Service: ntpd Reports OK 20-09-2015 16:26:28 88d 13h 30m 9s Service: pe-mcollective 1/3 mcollectived (pid 6225) is running. Availability Trends OK 20-09-2015 16:24:19 53d 3h 17m 29s Service: pe-puppet puppet (pid 30204) is running. Alerts OK 20-09-2015 16:24:29 88d 13h 30m 12s 1/3 rsyslogd (pid 1012) is running.. Service: rsyslog History Summary OK 20-09-2015 16:26:32 88d 13h 29m 6s 1/3 Service: splunk Splunk status: Histogram OK 20-09-2015 16:21:50 88d 13h 29m 9s openssh-daemon (pid 1184) is running. Service: sshd Notifications Event Log Swap OK 20-09-2015 16:25:41 79d 17h 18m 4s SWAP OK - 99% free (2013 MB out of 2047 MB) System CPU OK 20-09-2015 16:24:30 79d 17h 18m 21s 1/3 app01-binary-ingester-iw-uk.content-platform.prod.cloud.ft.com OK: CPU Idle = 99.06% Comments DNS OK: 0.010 seconds response time. ntp.svc.ft.c DNS: resolve ntp.svc.ft.com on app01-binary-ingester-iw-uk.content-platform.prod.cloud.ft.com OK 20-09-2015 16:23:58 88d 13h 29m 14s 1/3 Downtime 10.117.101.254,10.118.101.254,10.160.70.4 Process Info OK Disk: / 20-09-2015 16:26:32 88d 13h 29m 34s 1/3 DISK OK - free space: / 7666 MB (81% inode=91% Performance Info Scheduling Queue Disk: /boot OK 20-09-2015 16:26:41 88d 13h 31m 51s 1/3 DISK OK - free space: /boot 360 MB (77% inode=9) Configuration OK 20-09-2015 16:25:51 88d 13h 29m 38s 1/3 Disk: /var DISK OK - free space: /var 9109 MB (96% inode=9 HTTP OK: Status line output matched "200" - 539 N HTTP: ftapp06144-lviw-uk-p:8081/healthcheck:OK:200:1:1.0:1.5 20-09-2015 16:22:22 4d 2h 9m 26s 1/3 HTTP OK: Status line output matched "200" - 661 OK HTTP: localhost:8080/build-info:binary-ingester-service:200:1:1.0:1.5 20-09-2015 16:23:23 88d 13h 29m 17s 1/3 HTTP OK: Status line output matched "200" - 176 HTTP: localhost:8081/ping:pong:200:1:1.0:1.5 OK 20-09-2015 16:26:29 79d 17h 18m 8s 1/3 OK 20-09-2015 16:26:34 79d 17h 18m 31s 1/3 OK - load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00 Load OK 20-09-2015 16:24:28 22d 23h 28m 44s 1/3 NTP OK: Offset -0.0004309415817 secs NTP: ntp.svc.ft.com OK 20-09-2015 16:24:20 88d 13h 29m 9s 1/3 crond (pid 1354) is running... Service: crond

Limitations of our nagios integration...

No 'service-level' view

Default checks included things we couldn't fix

A new approach for our container stack

We care about each service

CoCo semantic cluster's default services are unhealthy (1 services acked)

Search: public

Fleet Name	Is Healthy •	Last Updated	Ack msg		
content-public-read-preview@1	ок	13:17:57 UTC			
content-public-read-preview@2	OK	13:17:57 UTC			
content-public-read@1	OK	13:17:57 UTC			
content-public-read@2	OK	13:17:57 UTC			
public-annotations-api@1	OK	13:17:57 UTC			
public-annotations-api@2	ОК	13:17:57 UTC			
public-brands-api@1	ОК	13:17:57 UTC			
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We care about each VM

Fleet Name	Is Healthy \$	Last Updated	Ack msg 🔷
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system-healthcheck-ip-172-24-161-130.eu-west-1.compute.internal	OK	13:17:57 UTC	
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system-healthcheck-ip-172-24-84-0.eu-west-1.compute.internal	OK	13:17:57 UTC	

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app := cli.App("System-healthcheck", "A service that report on current VM status at __health")
hostPath = app.String(cli.StringOpt{
                "hostPath",
        Name:
        Value:
               "The dir path of the mounted host fs (in the container)",
        Desc:
        EnvVar: "SYS_HC_HOST_PATH",
})
checks = append(checks, diskFreeChecker{20}.Checks()...)
checks = append(checks, memoryChecker{20}.Checks()...)
checks = append(checks, loadAverageChecker{}.Checks()...)
checks = append(checks, ntpChecker{}.Checks()...)
checks = append(checks, tcpChecker{}.Checks()...)
checks = append(checks, versionChecker{}.Checks()...)
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We care about unhealthy instances

Monitoring needs aggregating somehow

SAWS



Built by Silvano Dossan

See our Engine room blog: http://bit.ly/1GATHLy

"I imagine most people do exactly what I do - create a google filter to send all Nagios emails straight to the bin"

"Our screens have a viewing angle of about 10 degrees"

"It never seems to show the page I want"



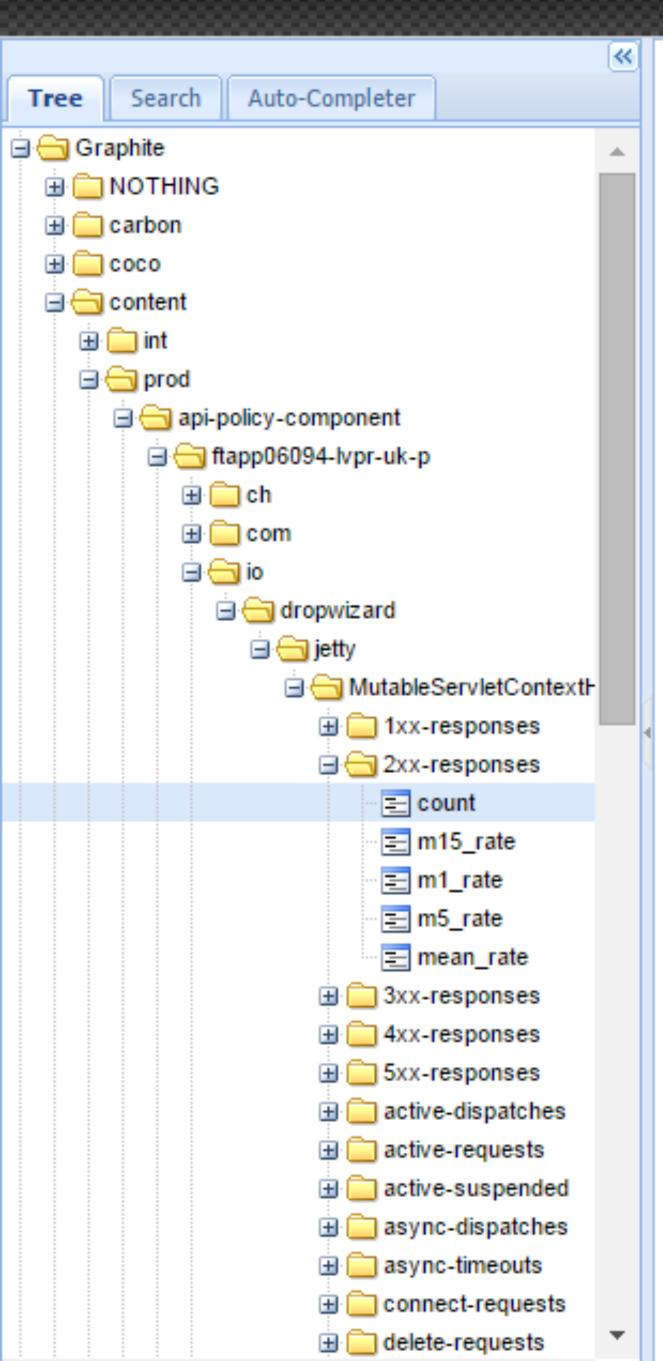
Code at: https://github.com/muce/SAWS

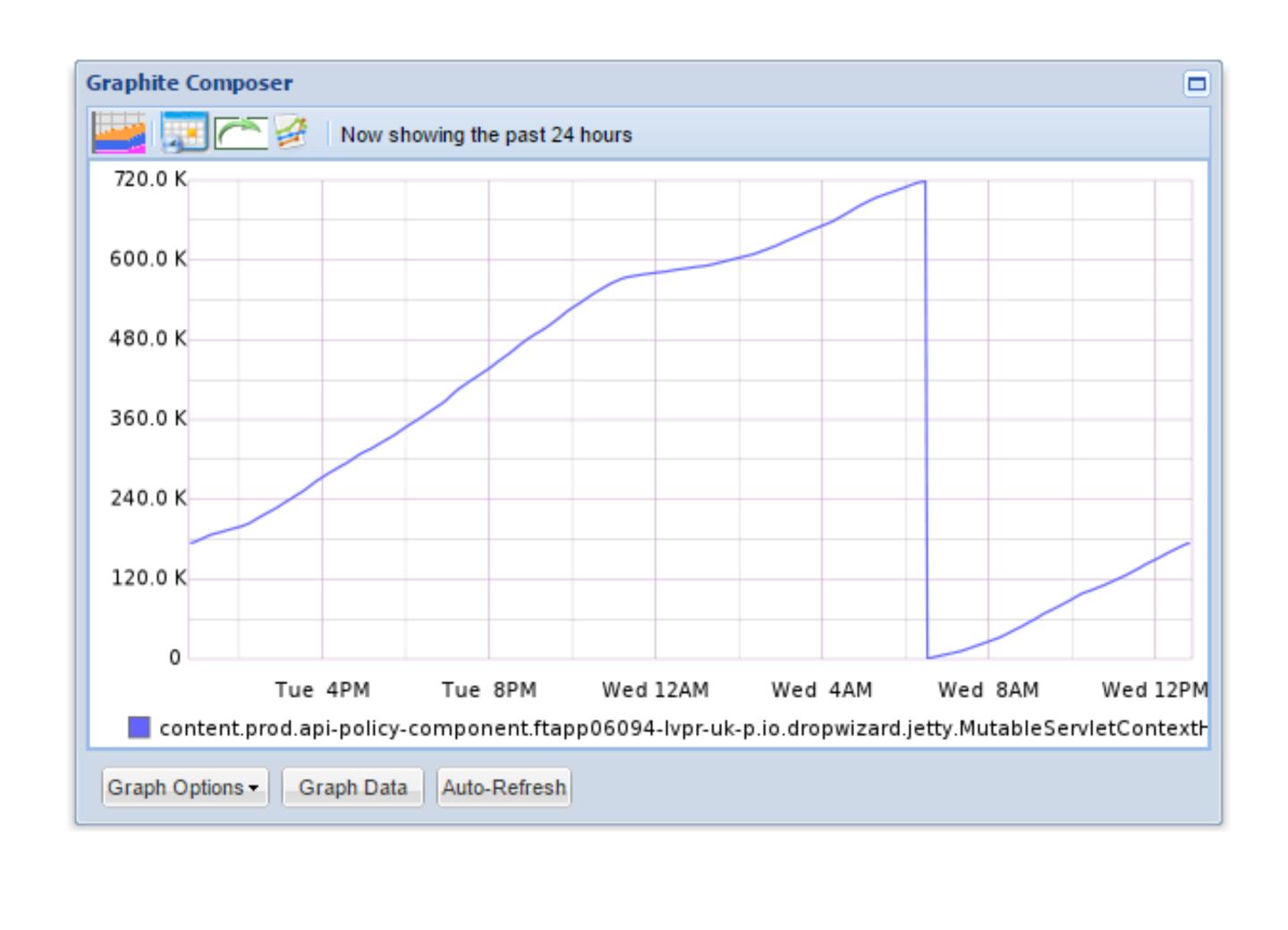
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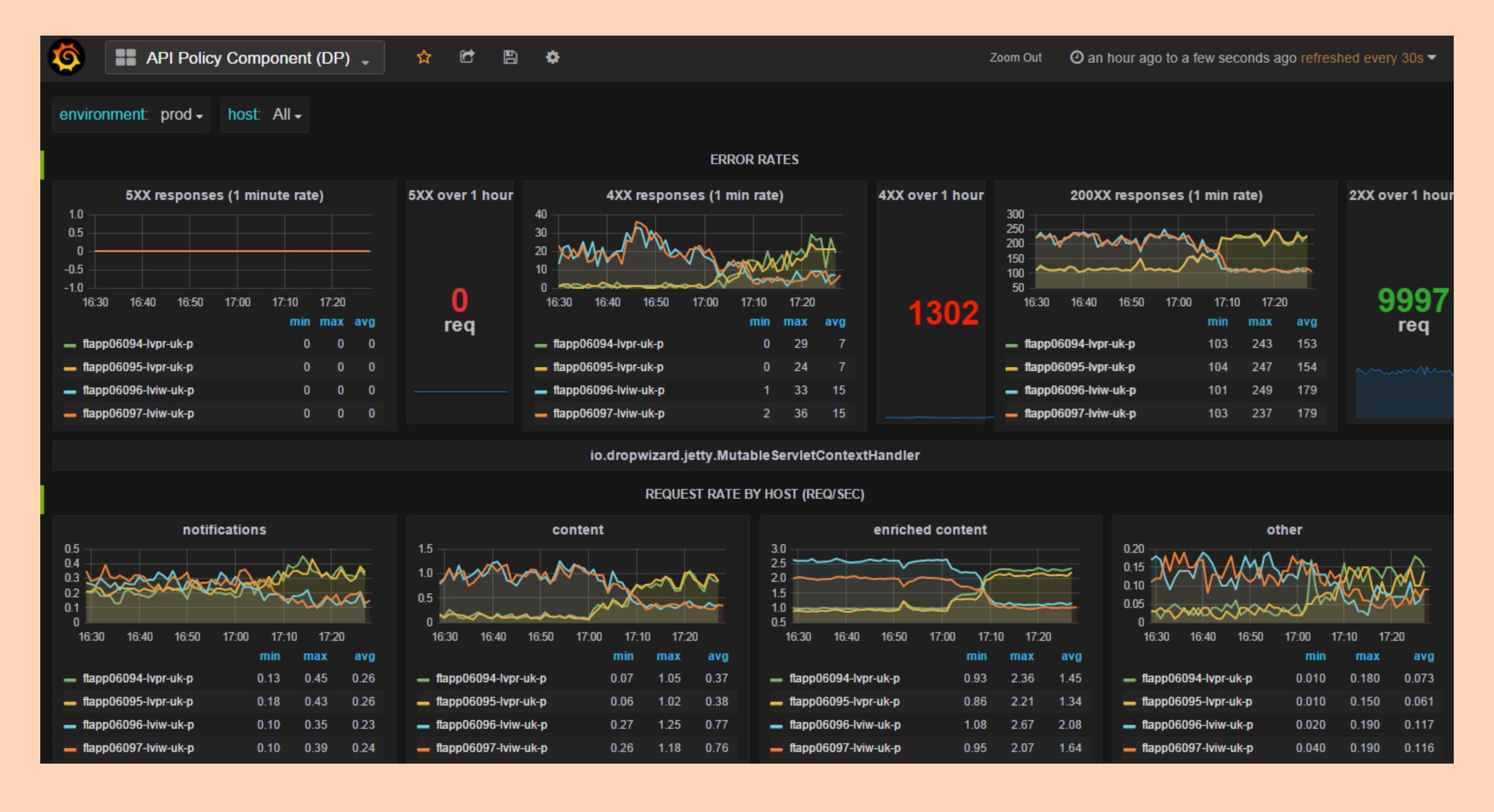
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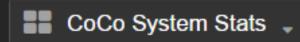
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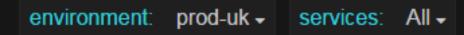


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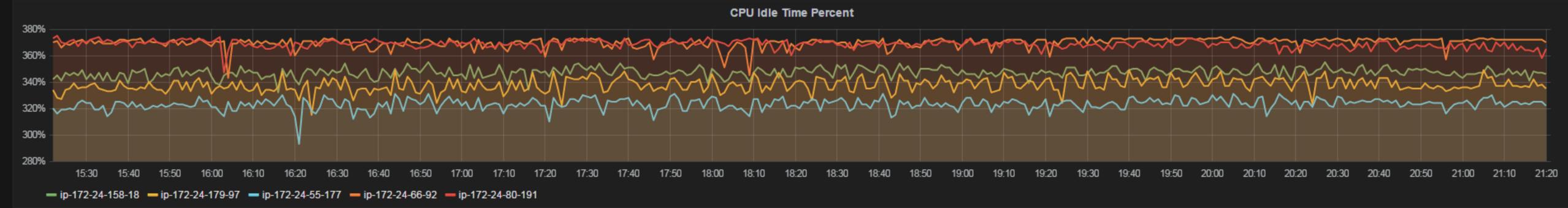


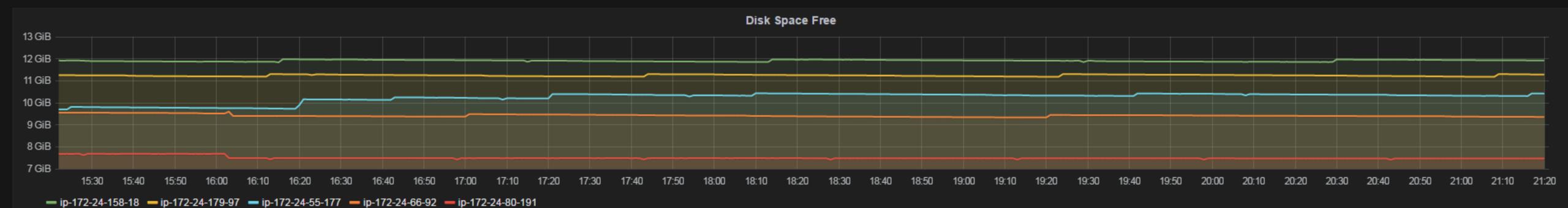




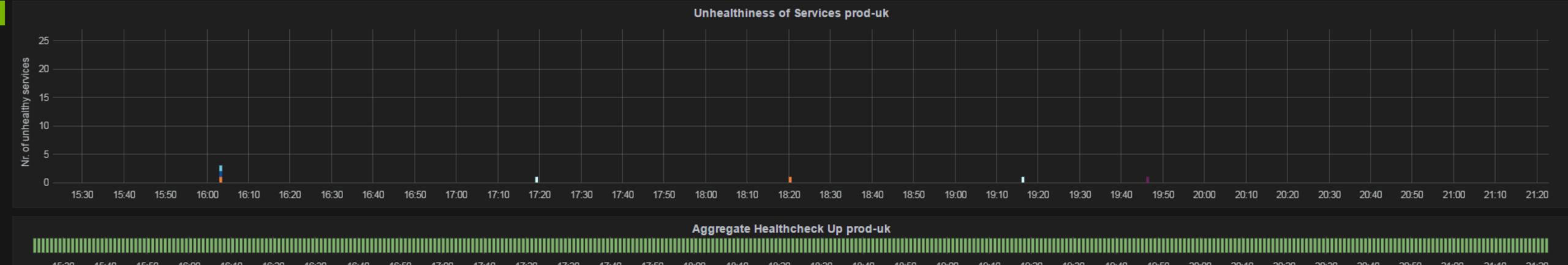


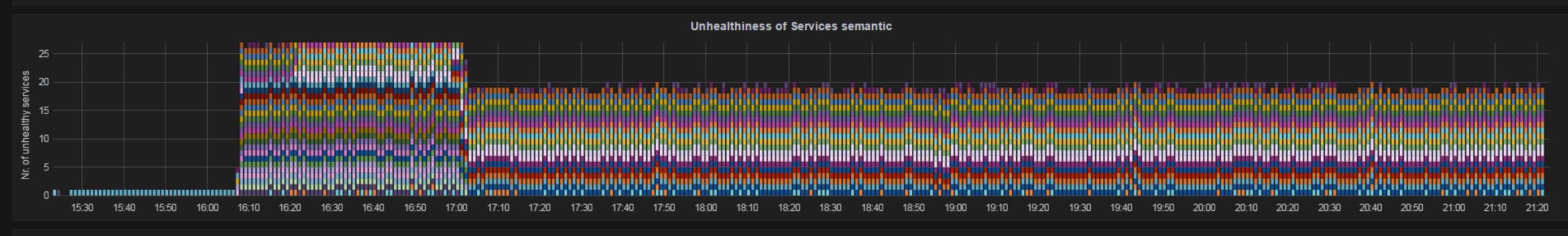






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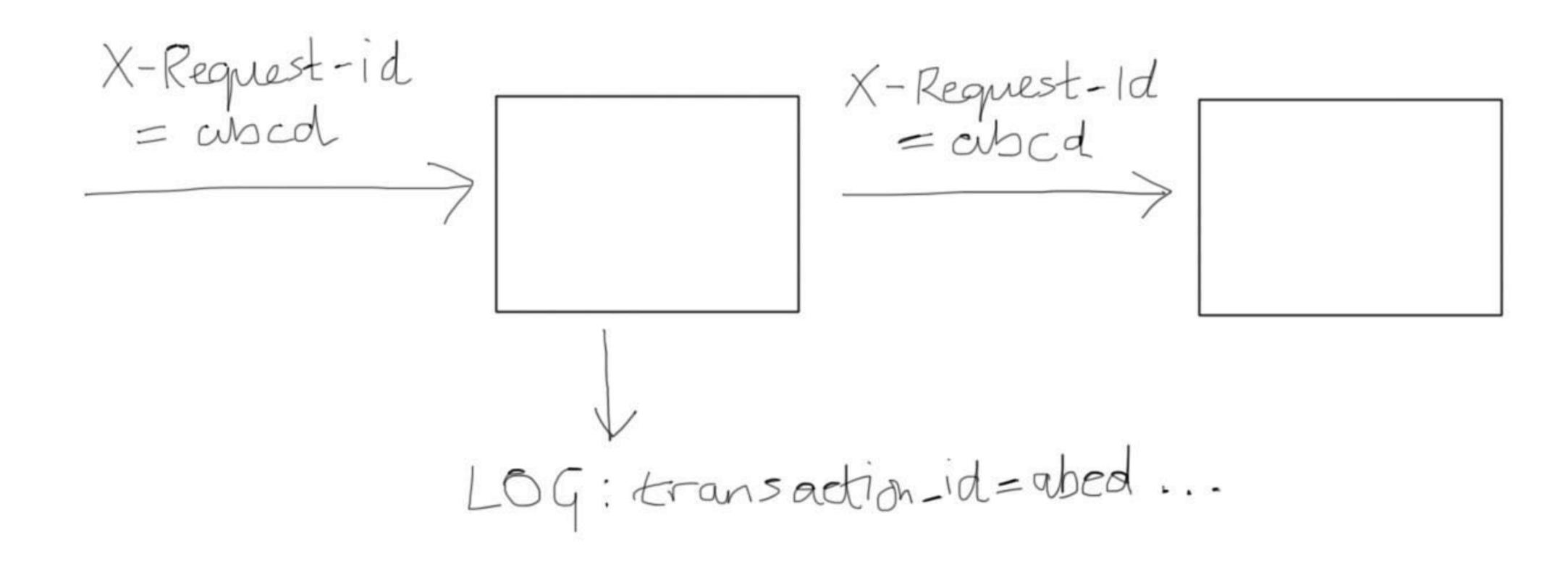
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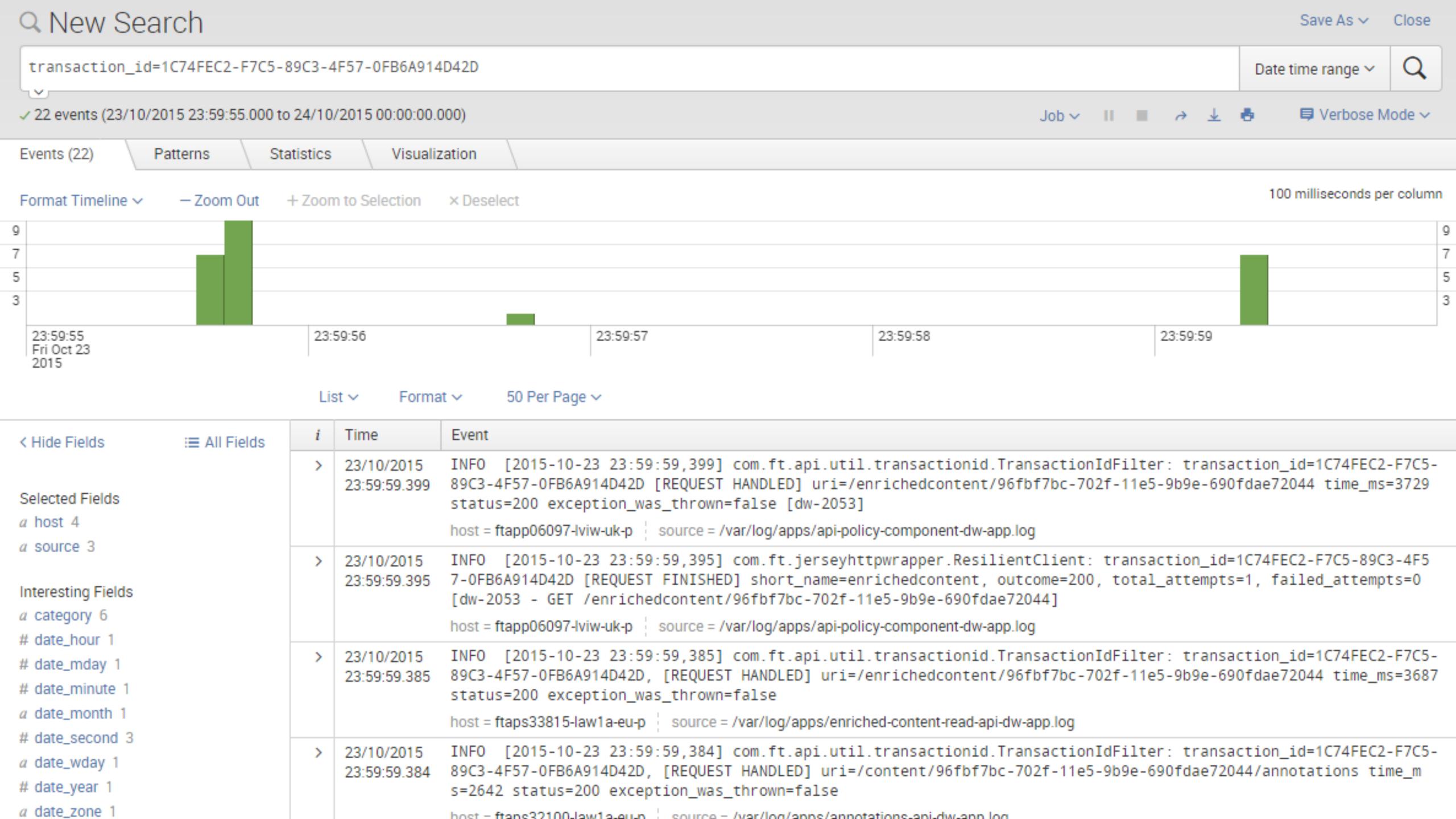
The things that make those tools WORK

Effective log aggregation needs a way to find all related logs

Transaction ids tie all microservices together



Make it easy for any language you use



Services need to report on their own health

The FT healthcheck standard

GET http://{service}/__health

The FT healthcheck standard

GET http://{service}/__health

returns 200 if the service can run the healthcheck

The FT healthcheck standard

GET http://{service}/__health

returns 200 if the service can run the healthcheck

each check will return "ok": true or "ok": false

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         "technicalSummary": "Tests that the ping endpoint for the Mongo Content Writer returns pong and a 200 response",
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```

Service health status

IngesterApplication: IngesterApplication



*	Can connect to Kafka	a few seconds ago
*	Can connect to the Mongo Content Writer	a few seconds ago
*	CanConnectToZooKeeper	a few seconds ago
✓	Kafka consumer health check for http://cmdb.ft.com/systems/SemanticIngester	a few seconds ago

Knowing about problems before your clients do

Synthetic requests tell you about problems early



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2. Concentrate on the stuff that matters



It's the business functionality you should care about



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Trump defiant as world leaders criticise travel ban

EU leaders see executive order as part of US offensive against world liberal order



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AN HOUR AGO



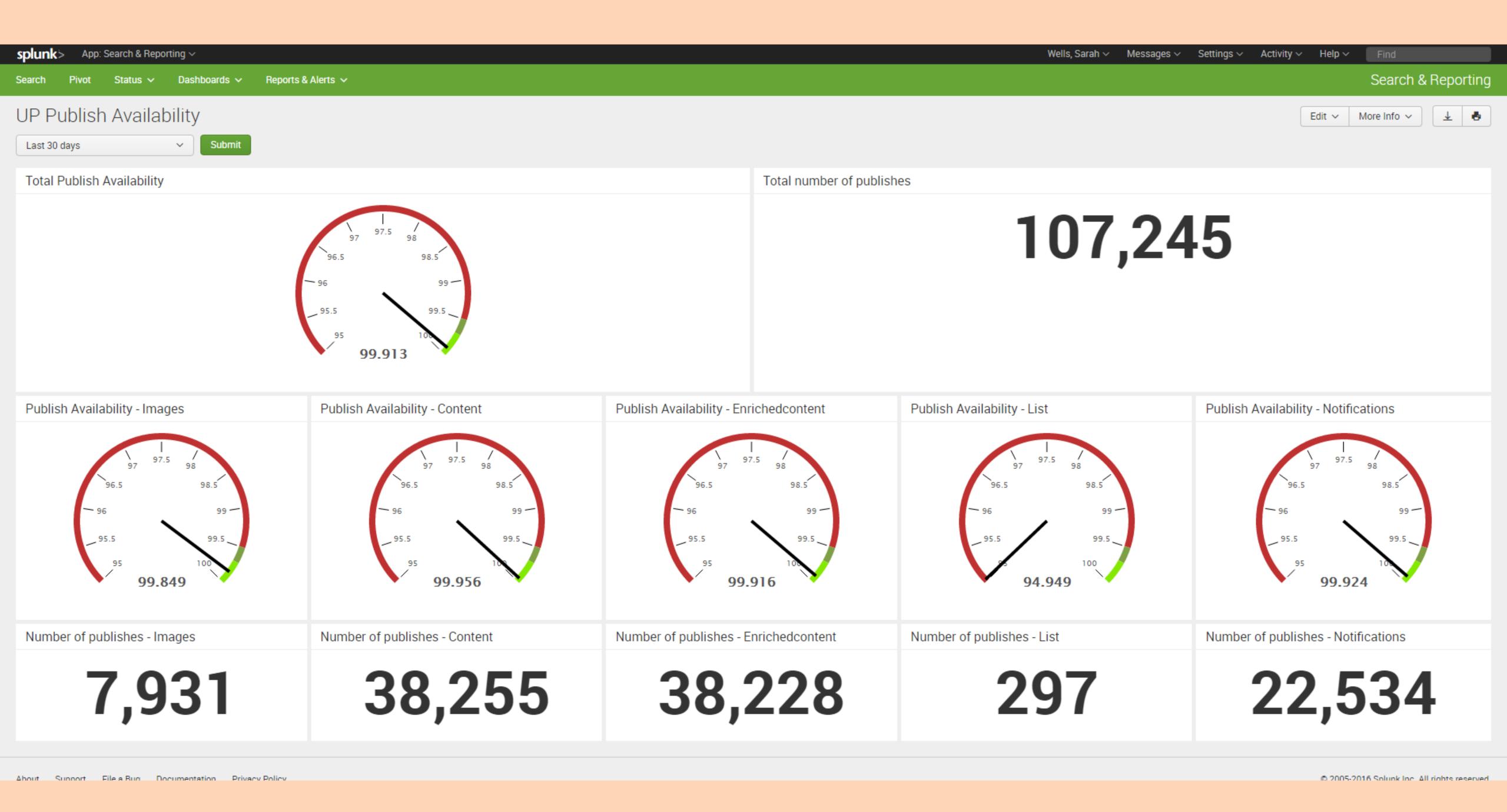






We care about whether content got published successfully





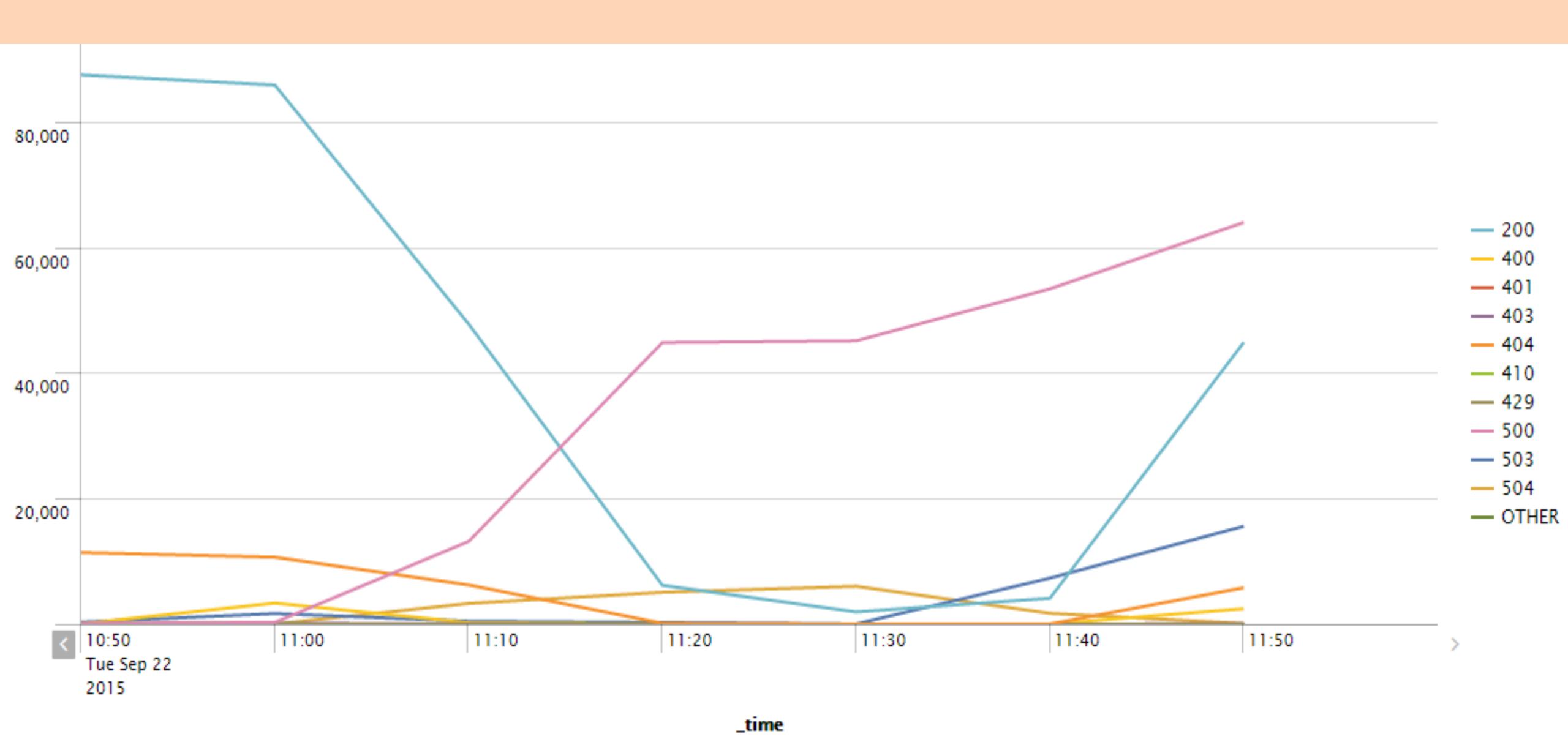
When people call our APIs, we care about speed

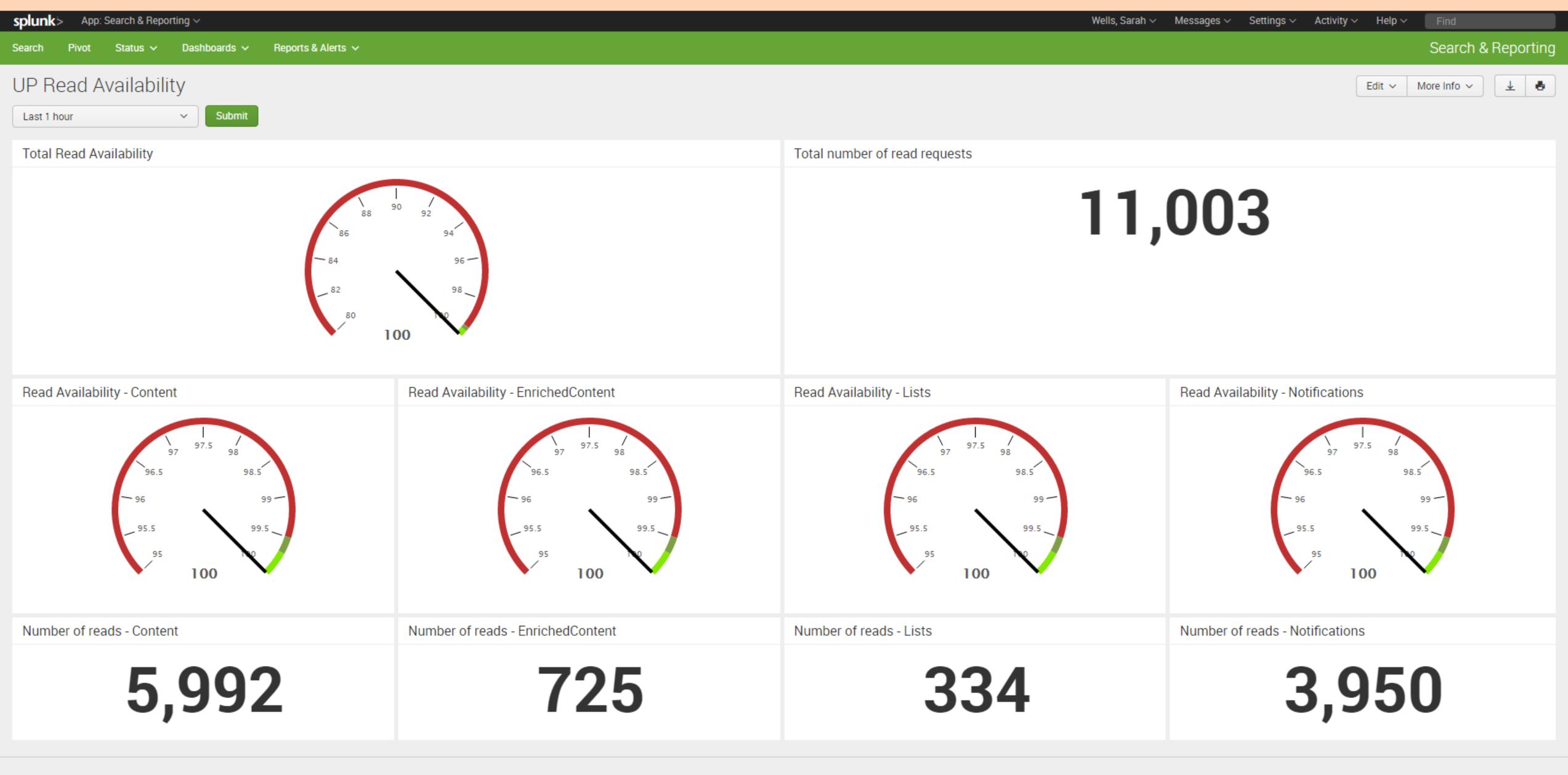


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Events (1,079,111)

... we also care about errors



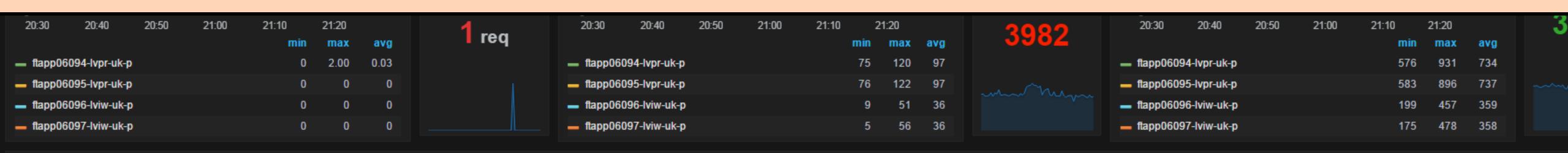


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But it's the end-to-end that matters



If you just want information, create a dashboard or report



21:20

max

8.02

9.20

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avg

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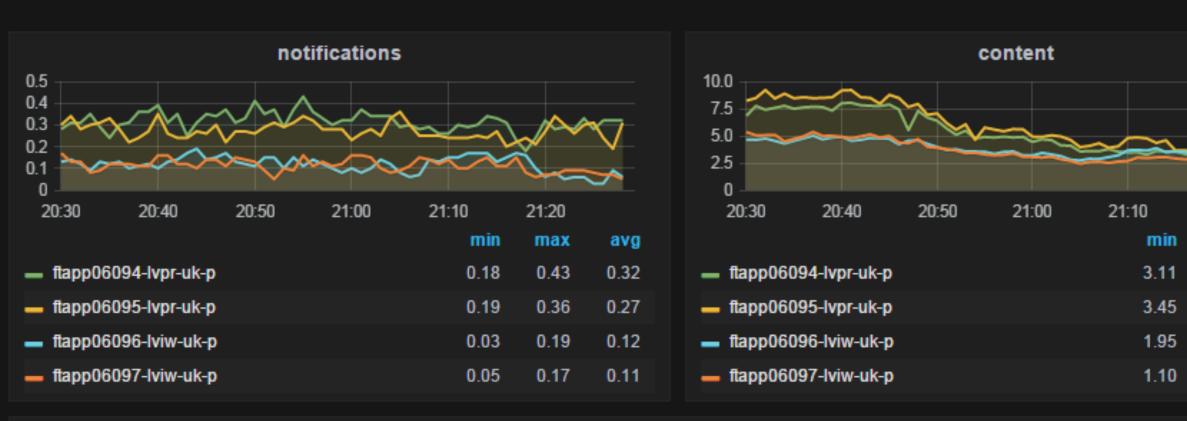
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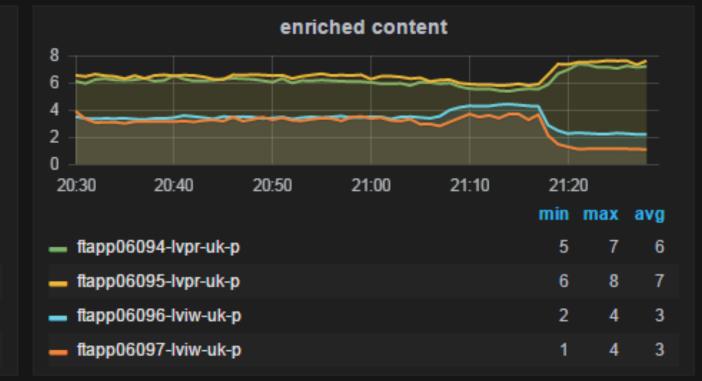
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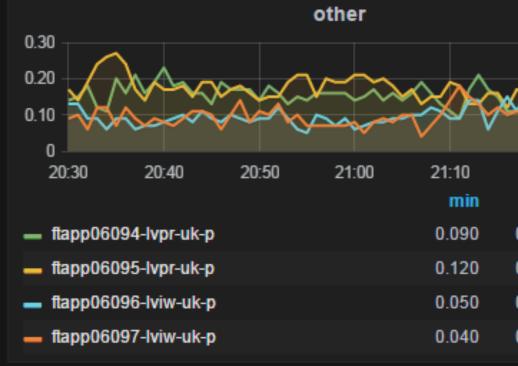
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REQUEST RATE BY HOST (REQ/SEC)

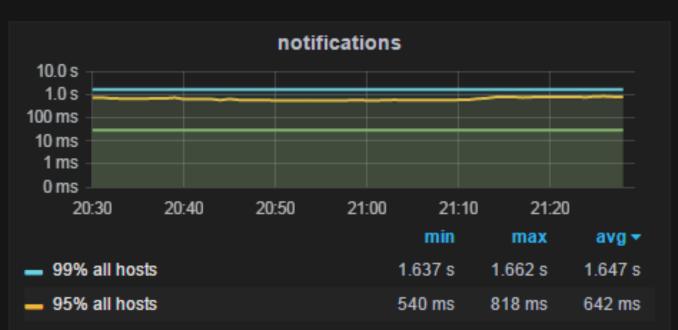


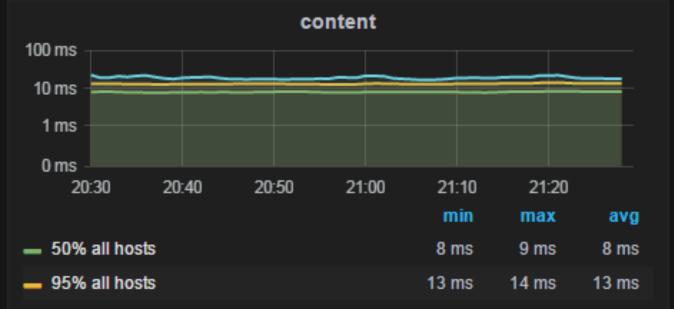


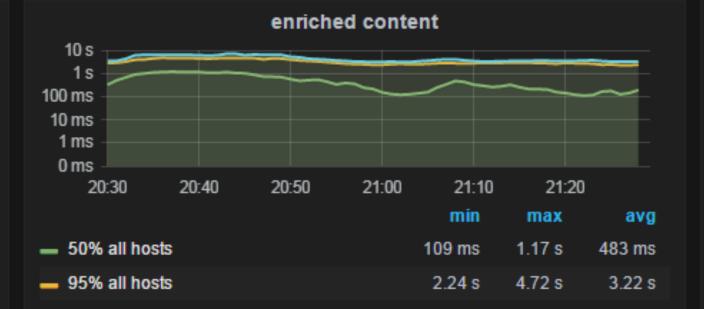


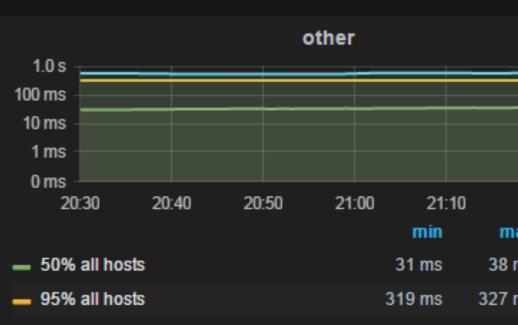
org.apache.http.client.HttpClient.*.get-requests.m1 rate

CUMULATIVE RESPONSE TIME (MS)









Checking the services involved in a business flow

```
[Unit]
Description=Methode list mapper sidekick
BindsTo=methode-list-mapper@%i.service
After=methode-list-mapper@%i.service
[Service]
RemainAfterExit=yes
ExecStart=/bin/sh -c "\
  export SERVICE=$(echo %p | sed 's/-sidekick//g'); \
  etcdctl set /ft/services/$SERVICE/healthcheck
                                                     true; \
  etcdctl mkdir /ft/services/$SERVICE/servers; \
               /ft/healthcheck/$SERVICE-%i/path / health; \
  etcdctl set
  etcdctl set /ft/healthcheck/$SERVICE-%i/categories lists-publish; \
```

/__health?categories=lists-publish

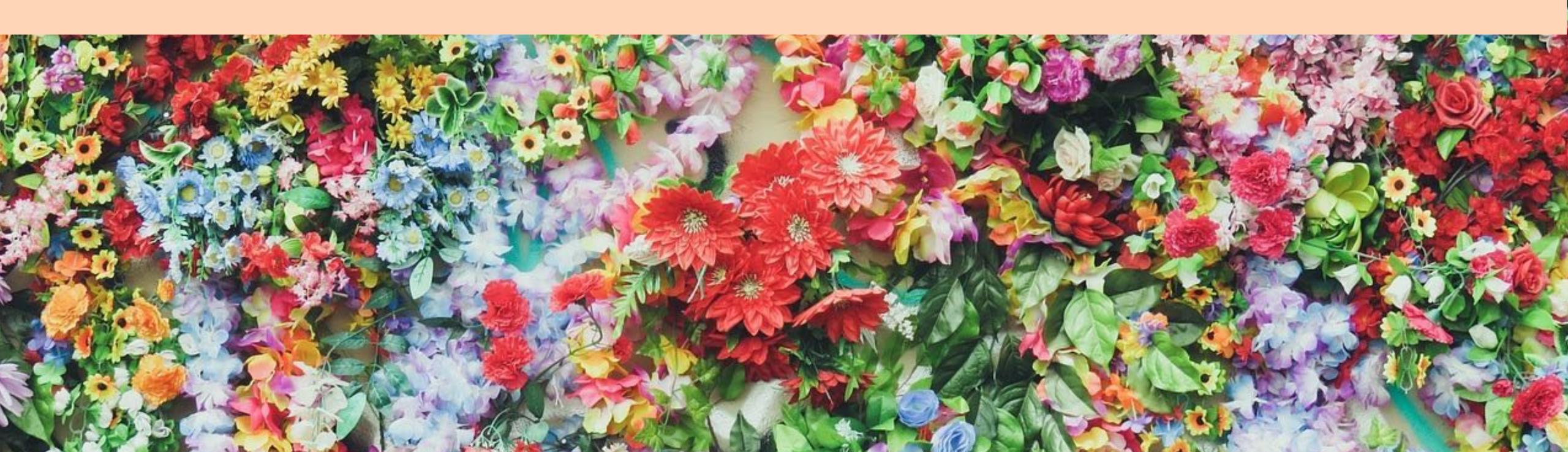
CO-CO Prod UK OK Healthy Last updated at 15:12	CO-CO Prod US OK Healthy Last updated at 15:13	CO-CO Prod UK lists publish OK Healthy Last updated at 15:13
CO-CO Prod US lists publish OK Healthy	CO-CO Prod UK lists read OK Healthy	CO-CO Prod US lists read OK Healthy

UPP Prod Delivery UK: List Publish Aggregate Healthcheck is down prod-uk-up.ft.com • View details

UPP Prod Delivery UK: List Publish Aggregate Healthcheck is up prod-uk-up.ft.com • View details



3. Cultivate your alerts



Make each alert great



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Splunk Alert: PROD - MethodeAPIResponseTime5MAlert

Business Impact

The methode api server is slow responding to requests. This might result in articles not getting published to the new content platform or publishing requests timing out.

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Technical Impact

The server is experiencing service degradation because of network latency, high publishing load, high bandwidth utilization, excessive memory or cpu usage on the VM. This might result in failure to publish articles to the new content platform.

There has been one or more publish failures to the Universal Publishing Platform. The UUIDs are listed below.

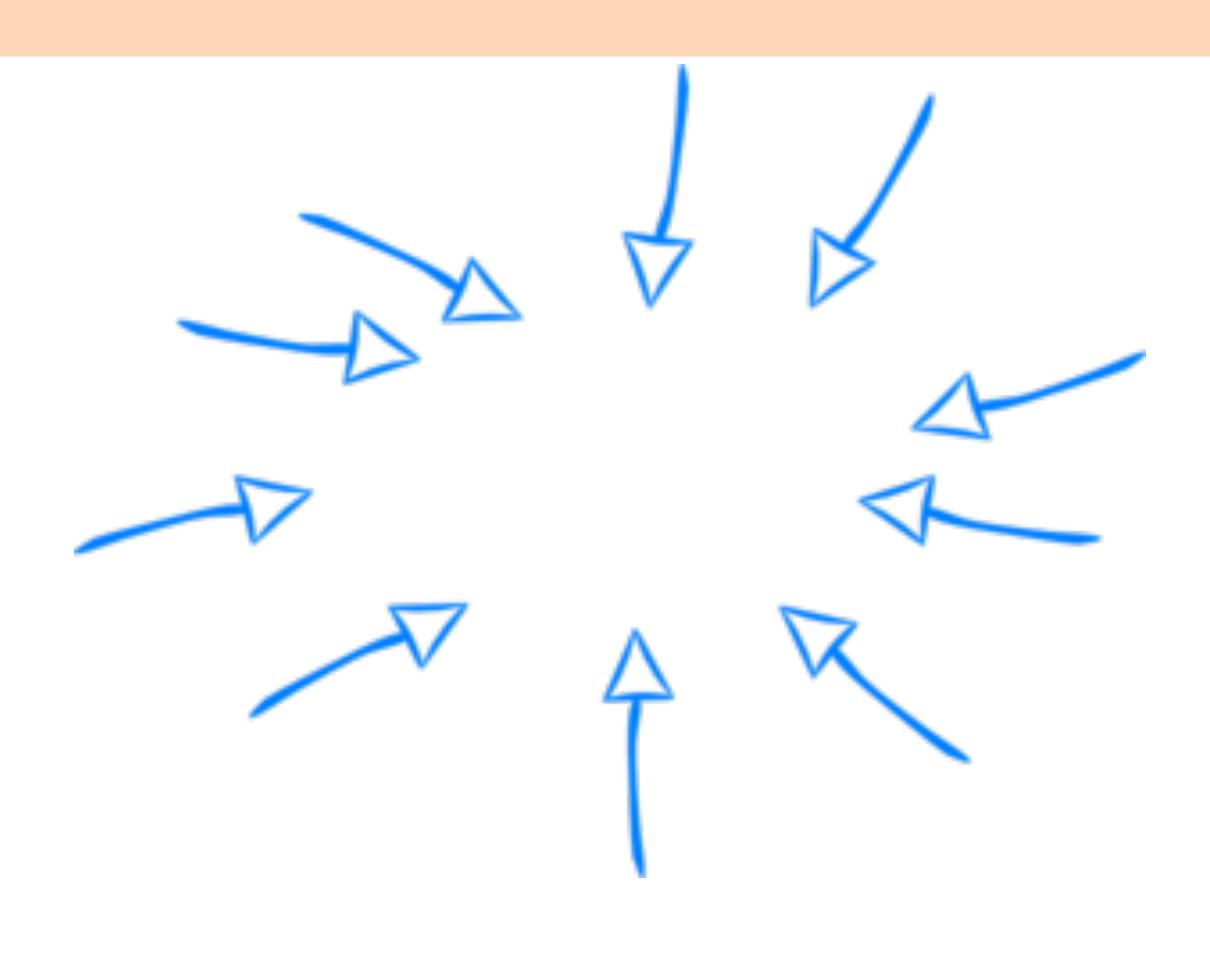
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_time transaction_id uuid Mon Oct 12 07:43:54 2015 tid_pbueyqnsqe a56a2698-6e90-11e5-8608-a0853fb4e1fe
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Make sure you can't miss an alert



'Ops Cops' keep an eye on our systems

Use the right communication channel

It's not email







Slack integration

six-degrees-workshop # tech-talks # universal-publishing # up-gp2-rollout ■ up-leadership upp-escalation-drills # upp-incident-201701... # upp-prod-incidents

upp-pull-requests

upp-releases

upp-tech

■ upp-three-amigos

- Ammar Hassan
- Galia Rimon
- Hunor Kovács
- Luke Blaney
- Matt Andrews
- Nicky Wrightson
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Publish Availability Errors Severity I Business Impact: Most likely there is an issue in the pu...

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Splunk Alert: Content Platform: Publish above SLA Notifications in Prod US

Content publish above SLA (Platinum) Severity 1 Business Impact: Most likely a piece of co...





Pingdom APP 12:22 PM

UPP Prod Publishing Active: Aggregate Healthcheck is down (Incident #55299)

pub-prod-up.ft.com • View details

UPP Prod Publishing Active: Aggregate Healthcheck is up (Incident #55299)

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Scott Newton 12:23 PM

^due to content placeholder aa8b00be-f401-11e6-95ee-f14e55513608 registering as false in PAM (edited)



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Splunk Alert: Publish Availability Monitor Errors

Publish Availability Errors Severity 1 Business Impact: Most likely there is an issue in the pu...





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Splunk Alert: Content API V2 Concordances: V2ApiClientsReceivingTooManyErrors U
<h1>V2 API prod-up-read.ft.com clients receiving too many errors</h1>

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Support isn't just getting the system fixed

Date:

Table of Contents

- 1. Summary
- 2. Health of our clusters
- 3. How was it fixed?
- 4. Impact
- 5. Actions
- 6. What happened?

'You build it, you run it'?

Review the alerts you get

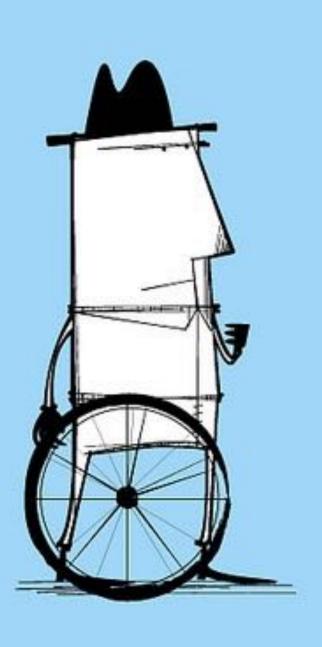
If it isn't helpful, make sure you don't get sent it again

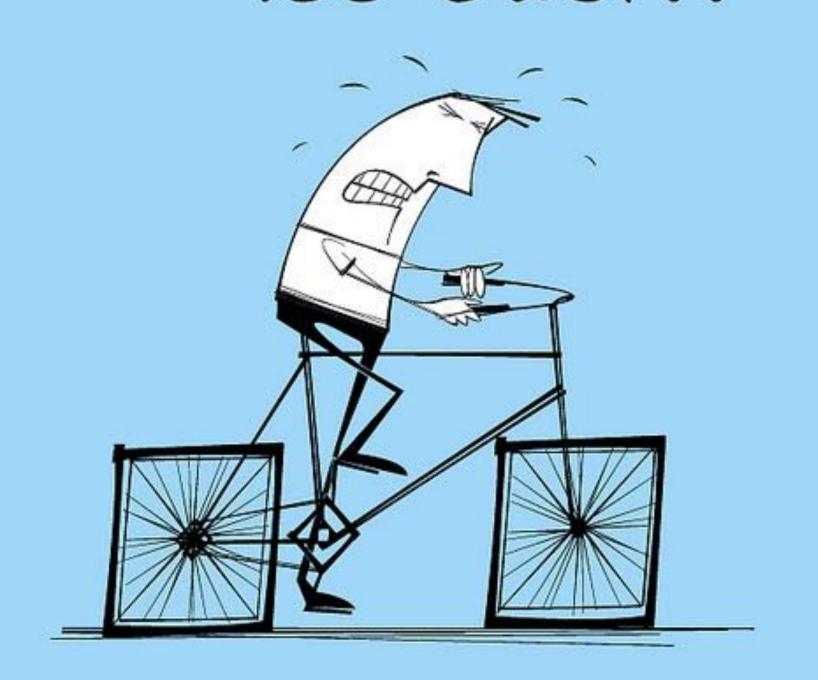


See if you can improve it

ERRR...

CAN'T STOP.
Too Busy!!



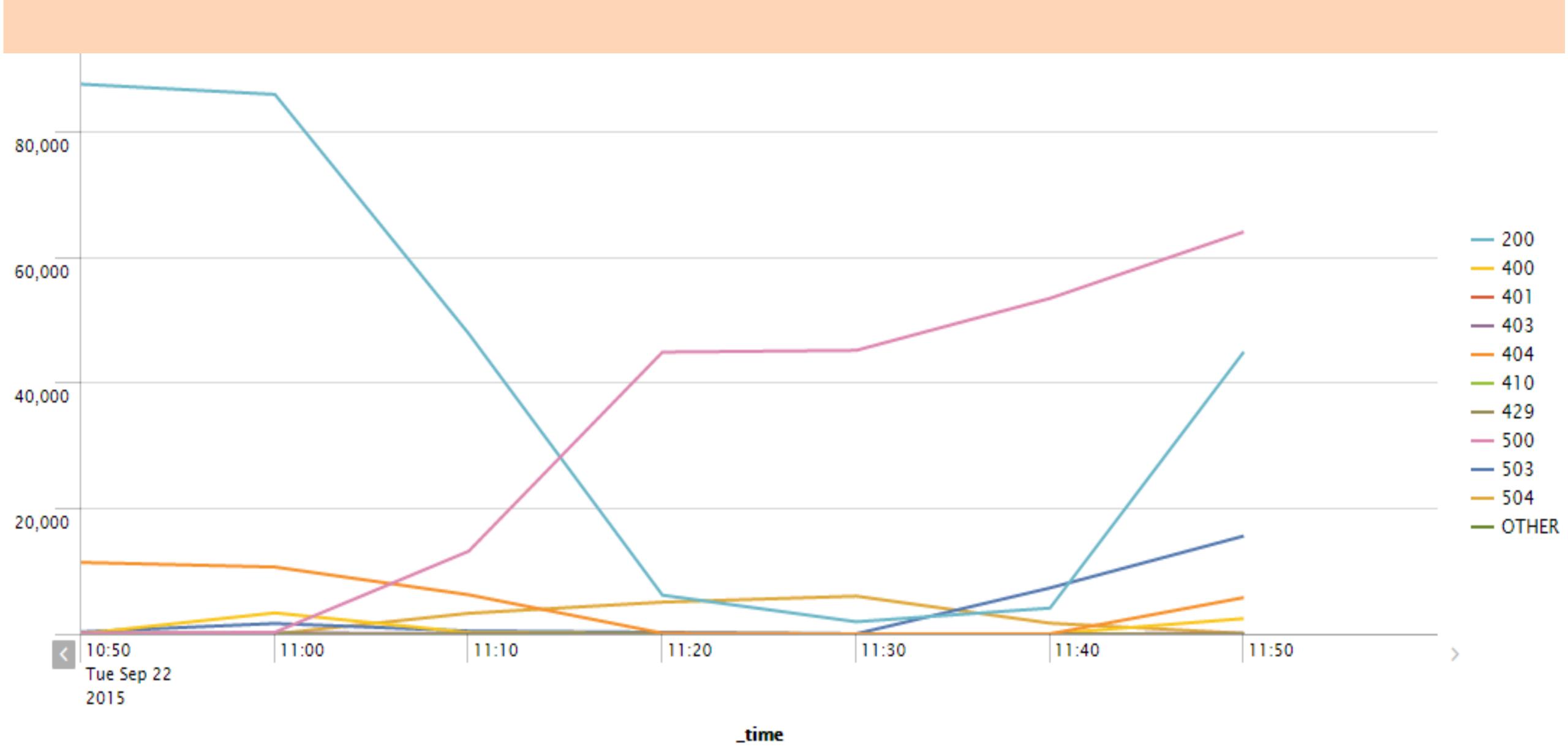


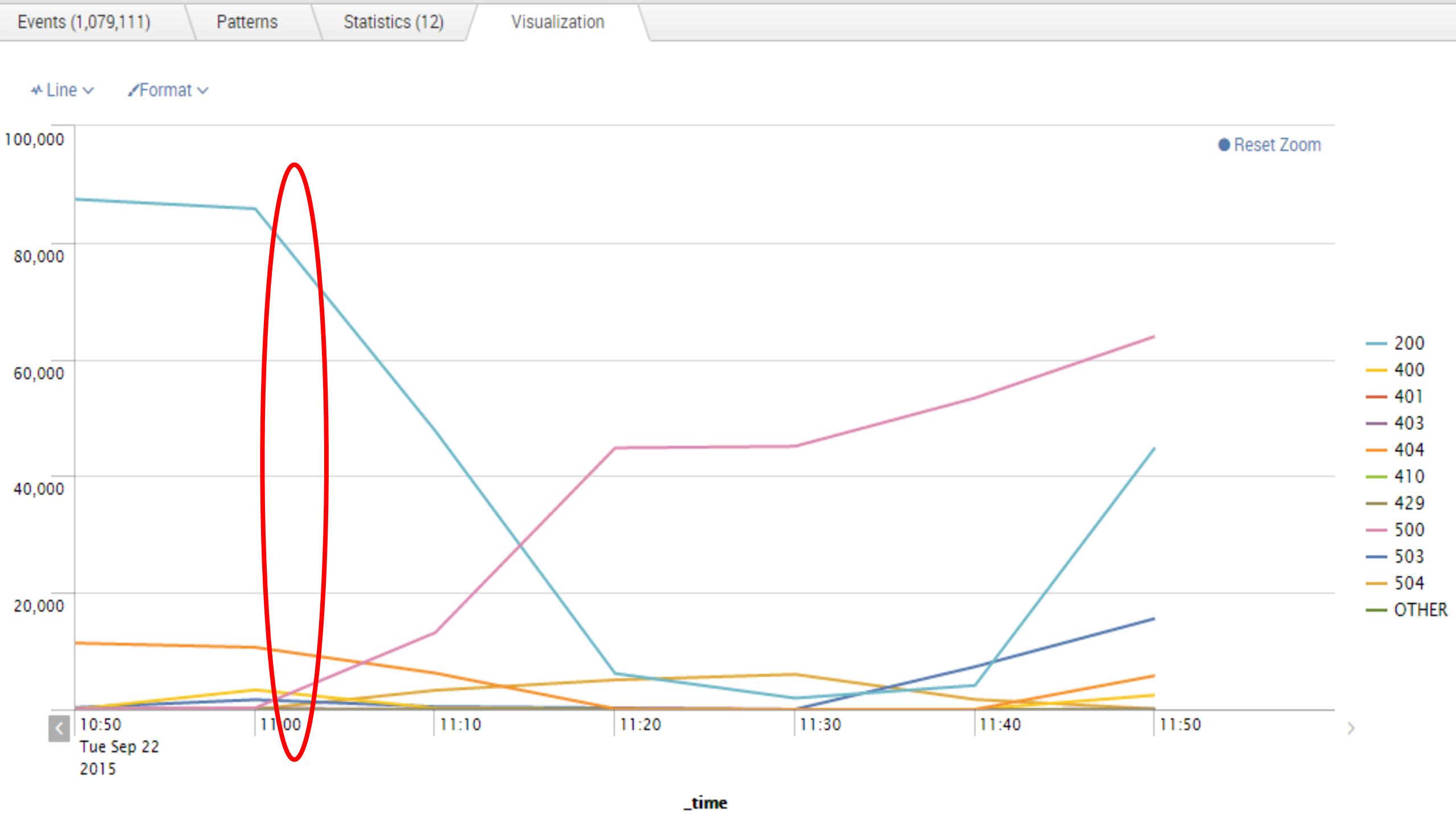
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When you didn't get an alert

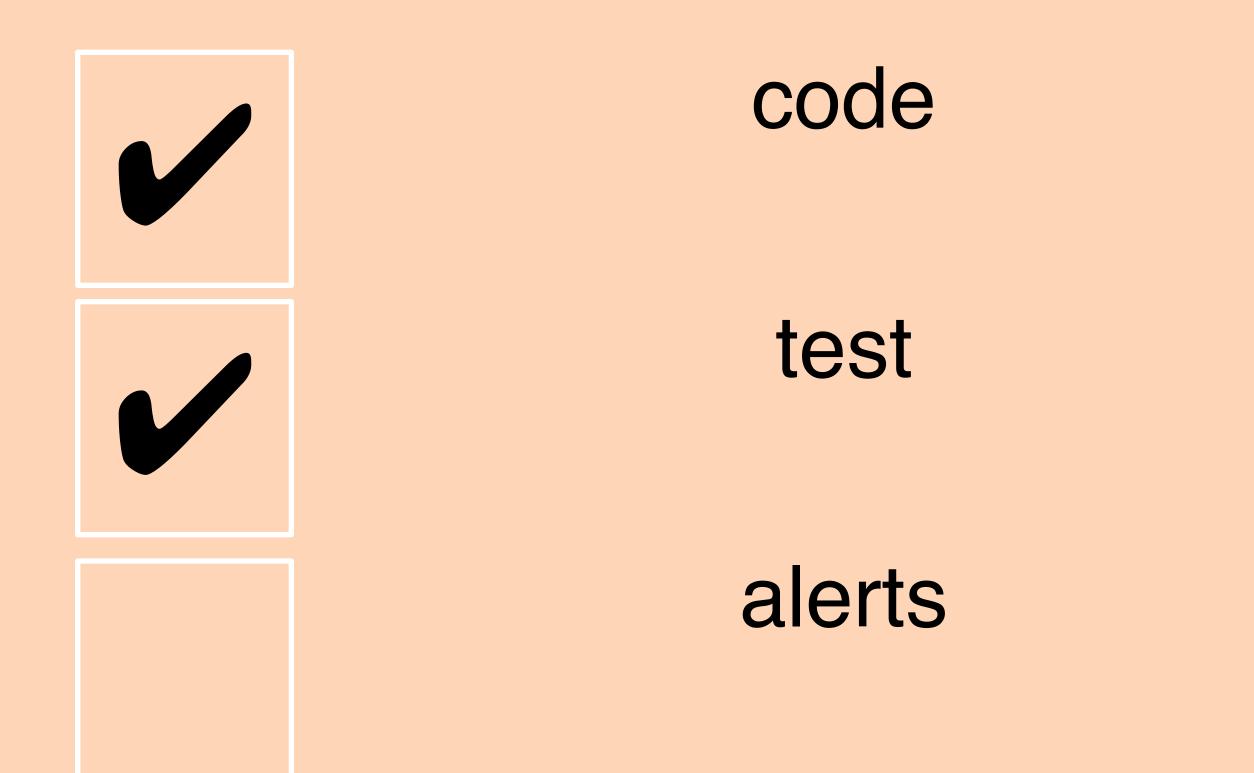
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What would have told you about this?





Setting up an alert is part of fixing the problem



@sarahjwells

System boundaries are more difficult



Make sure you would know if an alert stopped working

Add a unit test

```
public void shouldIncludeTriggerWordsForPublishFailureAlertInSplunk()
{
...
}
```

Deliberately break things



Chaos snail



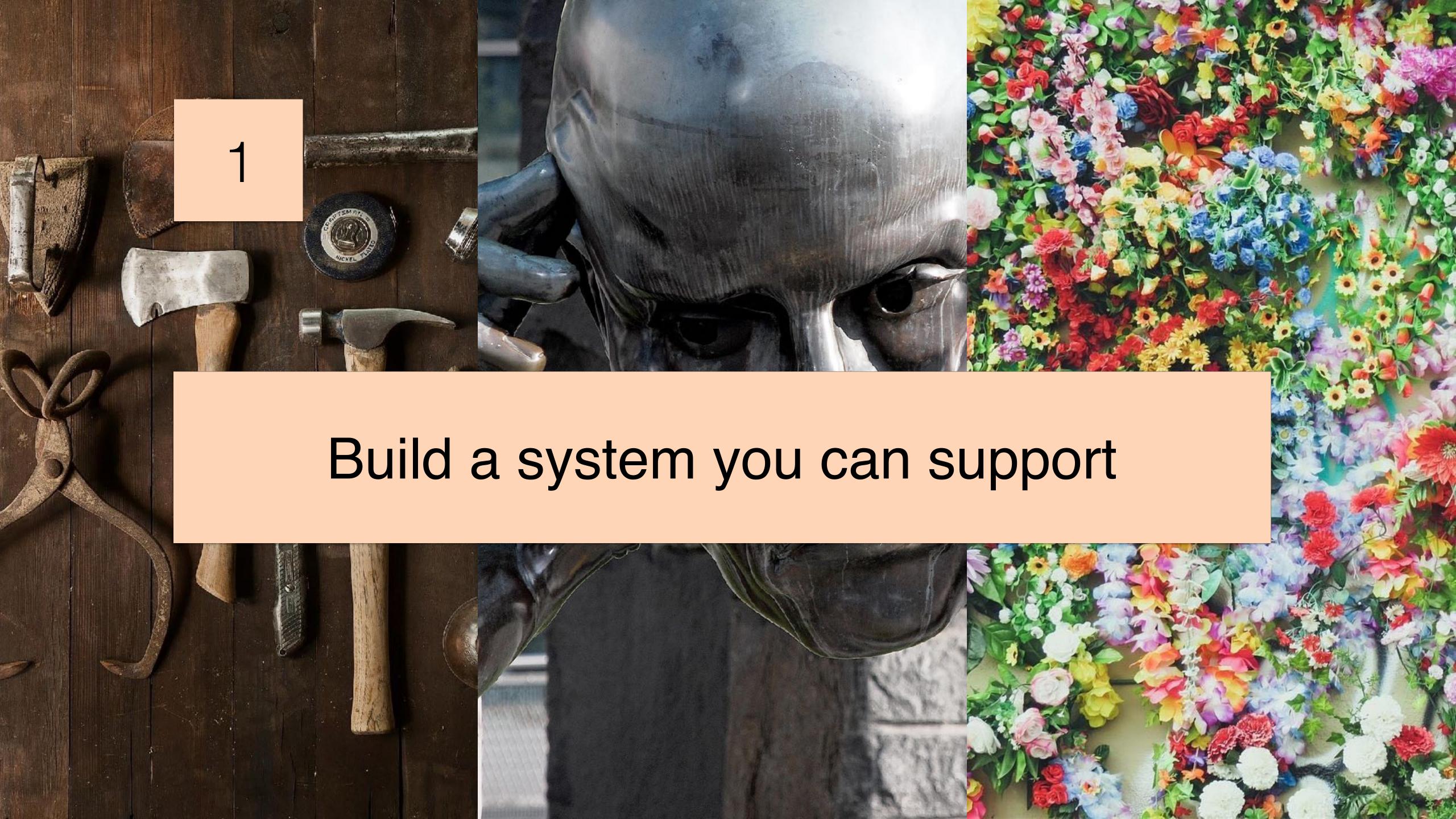
It's going to change: deal with it

Out of date information can be worse than none

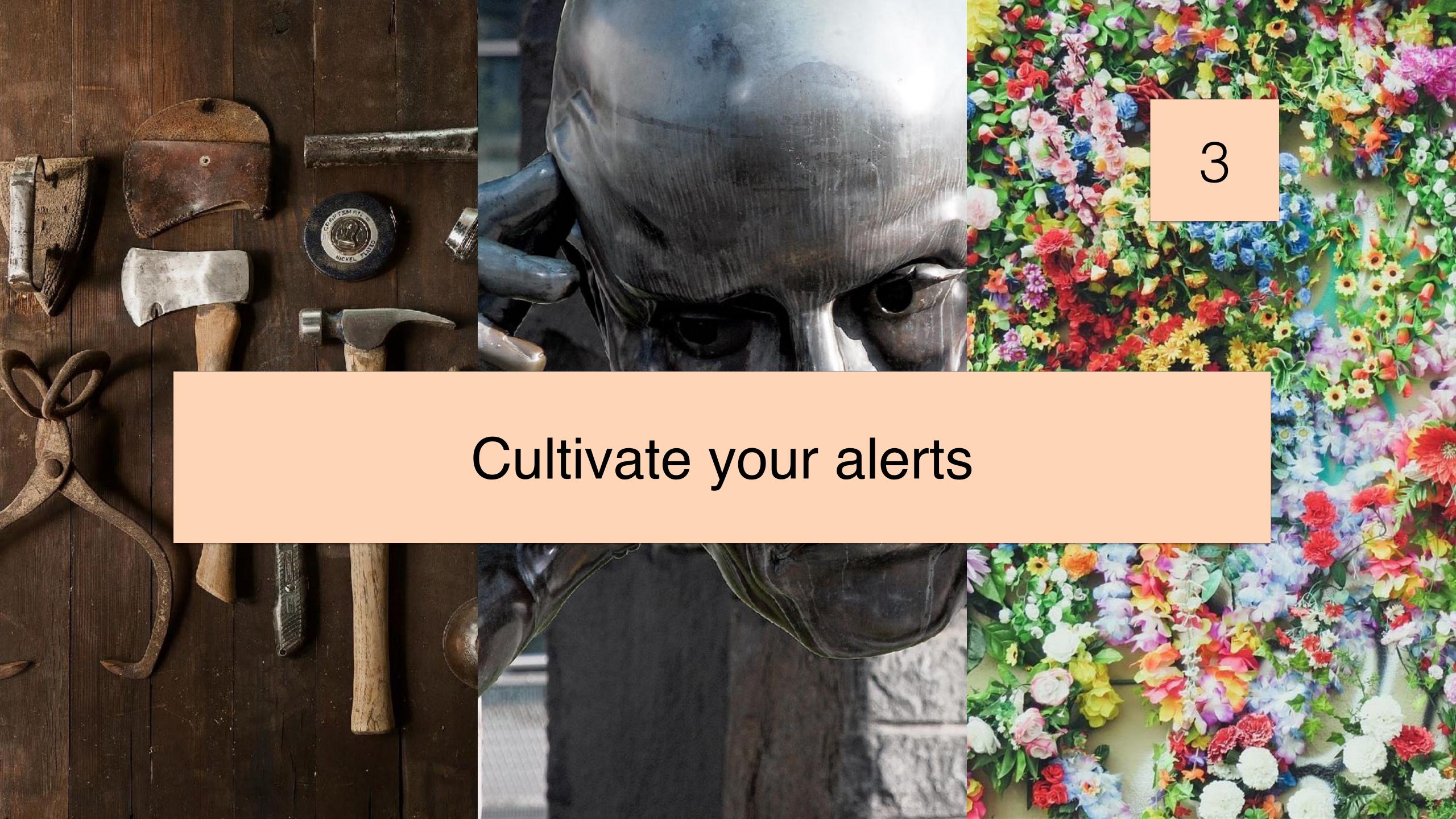
Automate updates where you can

Find ways to share what's changing

In summary: to avoid alerts overload...







A microservice architecture lets you move fast...

But there's an associated operational cost

Make sure it's a cost you're willing to pay

Thank you