

#NetflixEverywhere Global Architecture

A network diagram on a dark background with a central node and many lines radiating outwards to other nodes, some of which are arranged in a vertical column on the right side.

Josh Evans - Director of Operations Engineering

March, 2016

The Netflix logo, consisting of the word "NETFLIX" in a bold, red, sans-serif font on a black rectangular background.

December 24th, 2012

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Amazon AWS Takes Down Netflix On Christmas Eve

Disappointment



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Outrage



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Withdrawal



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Failure is inevitable

Failure-Driven Architecture

Never fail the same way twice

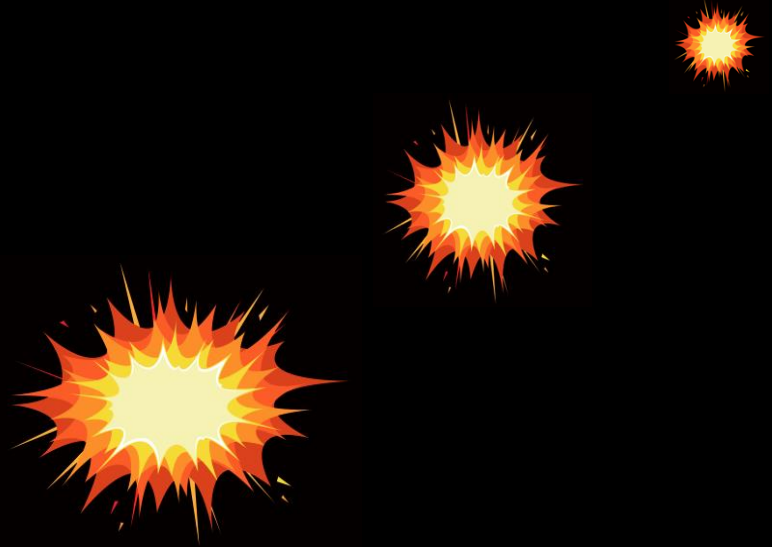


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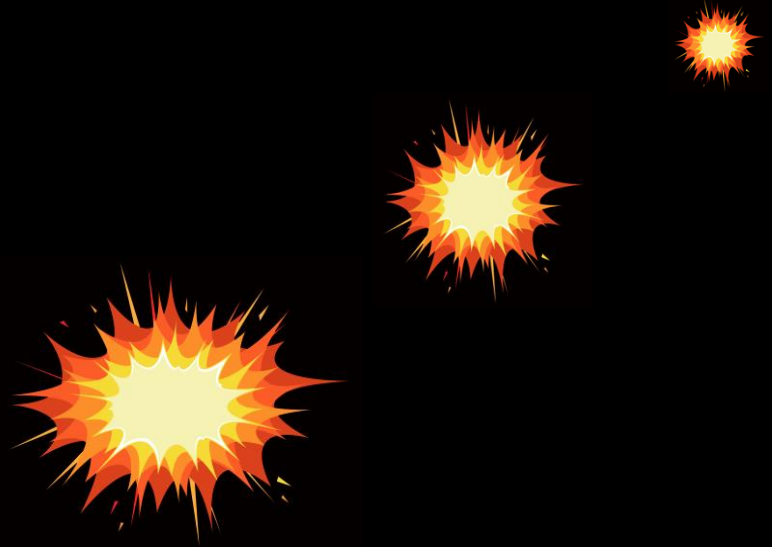


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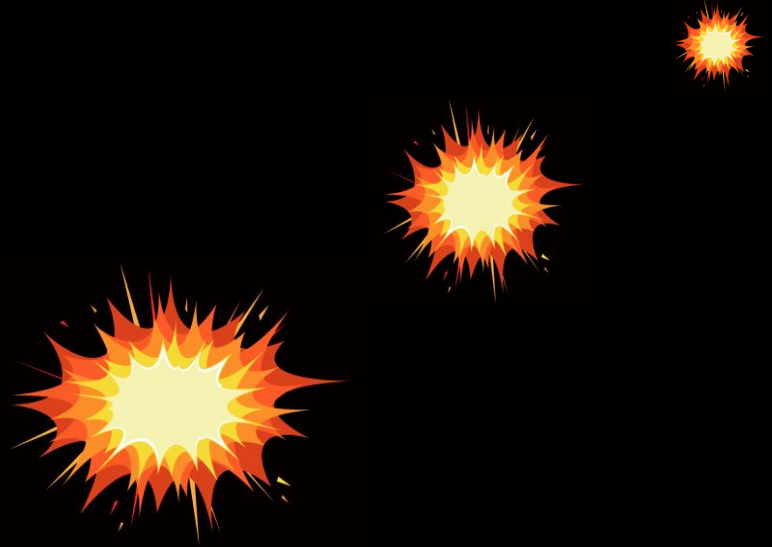


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1999 – 2009

- Ecommerce (DVD → Streaming)

2009 – 2013

- Playback Services (Activate, Manifests, DRM)

2013 - present

- Operations Engineering
 - CD, RTA, Chaos, Performance

NETFLIX



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NETFLIX

Bringing movies & TV shows from all over the world to people all over the world

- Streaming, on demand, subscription
- Global & regional licensing
- Hollywood, independent, international

- Striving for global ubiquity

Device Ubiquity

2007

- Jan – Windows

2008

- May – Roku
- Oct – LG, Samsung Blu-ray
- Oct – Apple Mac
- Nov – XBox 360

2009

- Jun – LG DTV
- Nov – Sony PS3 (disc)
- Nov – Sony Bravia
 - DTV & Blu-ray

Device Ubiquity

2010

- Mar – Nintendo Wii (disc)
- Apr – Apple iPad
- Aug – Apple iPhone
- Sep – Apple TV
- Oct – Sony PS3 (no disc)
- Oct – Nintendo Wii (no disc)
- Nov – Windows Phone 7

2011

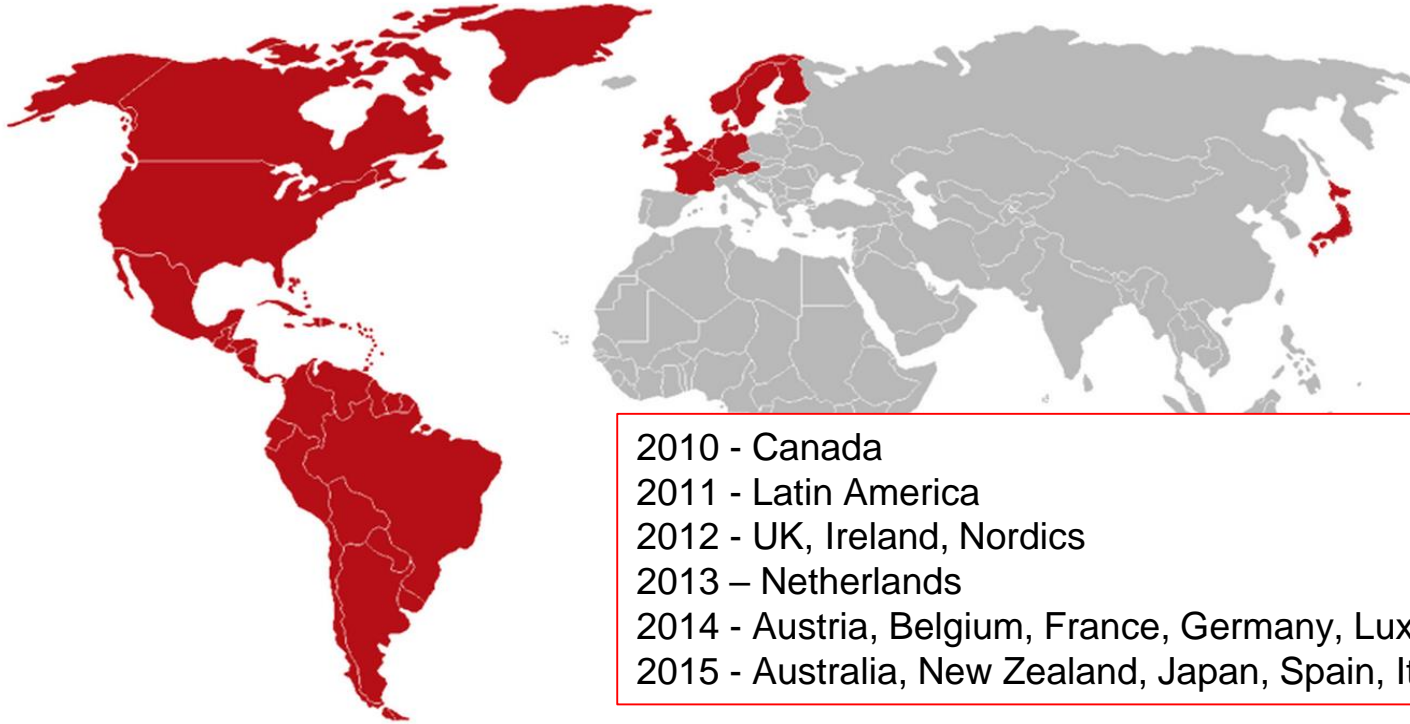
- May – Android
- Nov – First e-readers
 - Kindle Fire, Nook





Geographic Ubiquity

REGIONS WHERE NETFLIX IS AVAILABLE



2010 - Canada

2011 - Latin America

2012 - UK, Ireland, Nordics

2013 - Netherlands

2014 - Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland

2015 - Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Spain, Italy, Portugal

Language Ubiquity - Subs, Dubs, UI

- English
- Spanish (Latin American)
- Portuguese (Brazilian)
- Dutch
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Spanish (Castilian)
- Italian
- Portuguese (European)

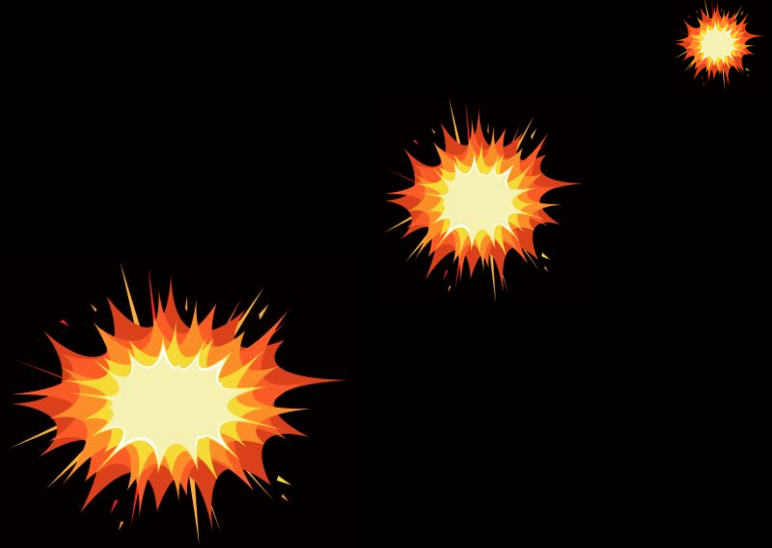
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August 2008

NETFLIX

[Your Account](#) | [Queue](#) | [Help](#)

We're Sorry DVD Shipments Are Delayed

Dear Betsy,

Our shipping system is unexpectedly down. We received a DVD back from you and should have shipped you a DVD, but we likely have not. Our goal is to ship DVDs as soon as possible, and we will keep you posted on the status of your DVD shipments.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. If your DVD shipment is delayed, we will be issuing a credit to your account in the next few days. You don't need to do anything. The credit will be automatically applied to your next billing statement.

Again, we apologize for the delay and thank you for your understanding. If you need further assistance, please call us at 1-888-638-3549.

-The Netflix Team

DC2

2009



NETFLIX

- No automation, virtualization, standardization
- Manual, error prone, slow
- Big iron & monoliths

Undifferentiated Heavy Lifting

Amazon Web Services

2010



- Scale & elasticity
- Virtual, programmable
- Global footprint

Architectural Pillars



- **Micro-services**
- **Database**
- **Cache**
- **Traffic**

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Edge

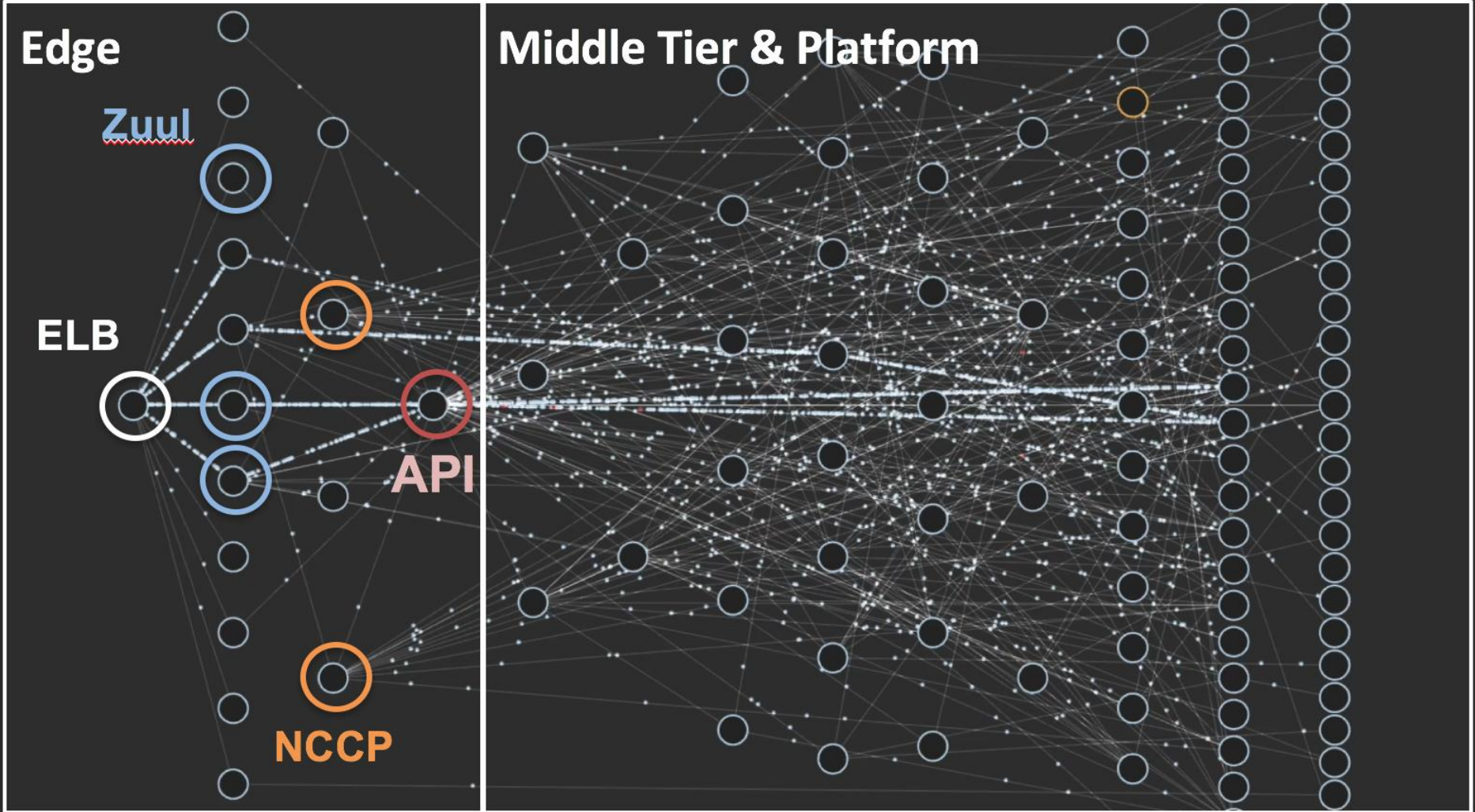
Zuul

ELB

API

NCCP

Middle Tier & Platform



Micro-service Failure



FIT
Fault-Injection
Test Framework



Micro-service Failure



FIT
Fault-Injection
Test Framework



Architectural Pillars



- **Micro-services**
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- **Cache**
- **Traffic**

SimpleDB

NoSQL but...

- Not web scale
- Throttling

Modest scale

- 100s of play starts / second
- 10,000s of requests / second
- 10s of billions of records

Architectural Pillars



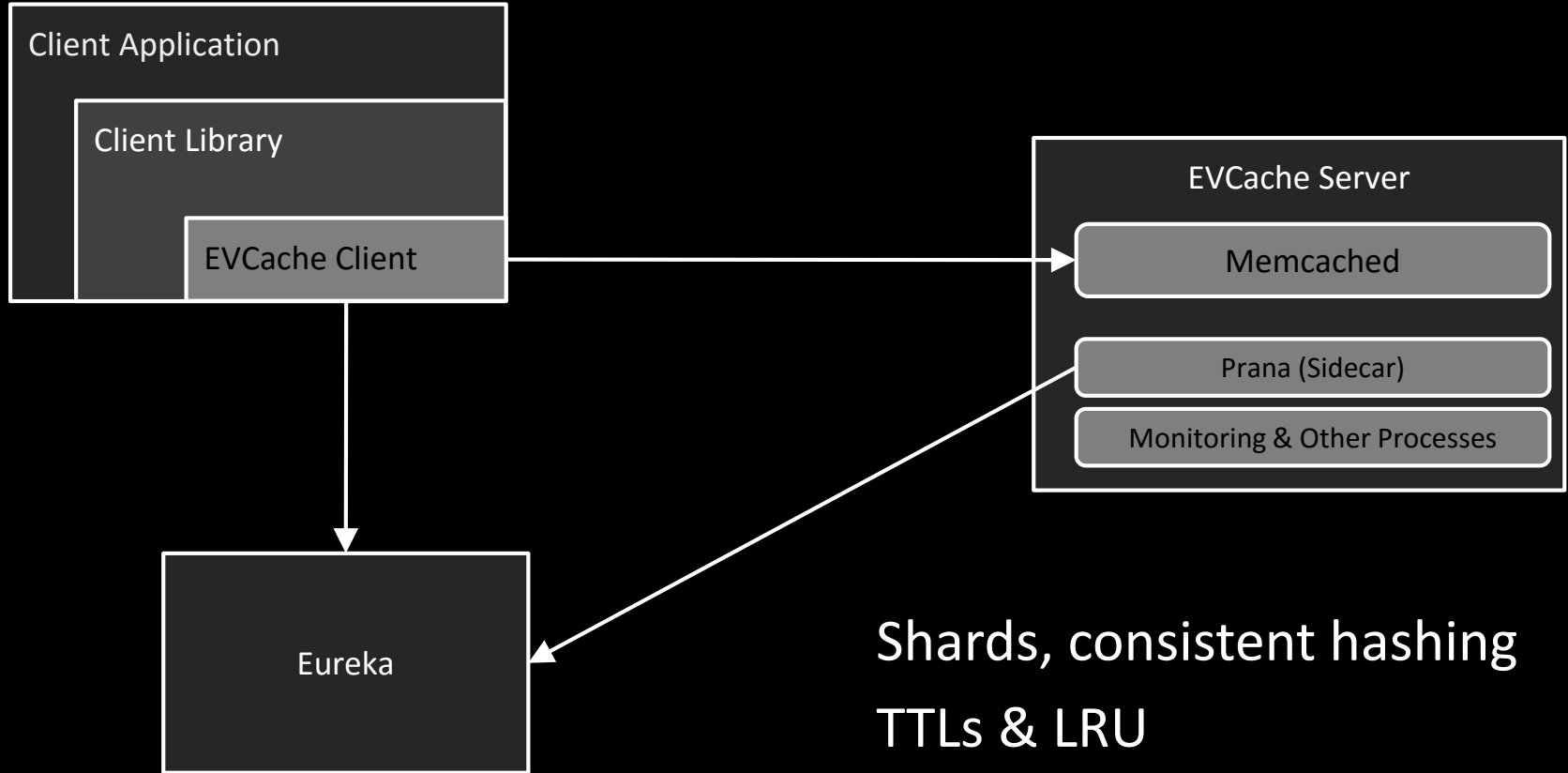
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Ephemeral Volatile memCache (EVCACHE)

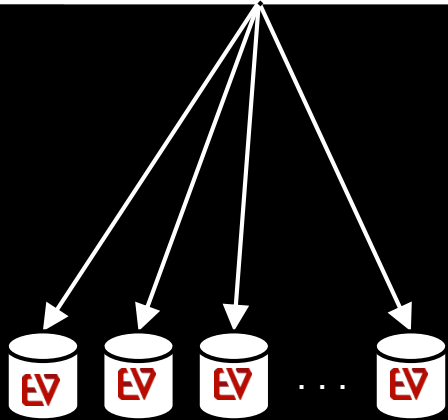
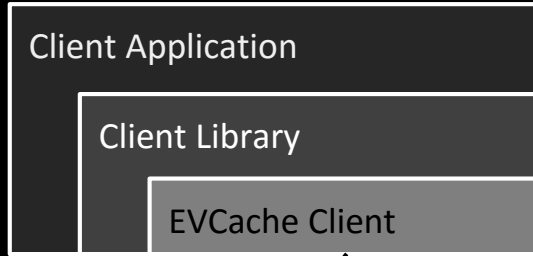
Clustered memcached optimized for Netflix use cases

EVCache Architecture

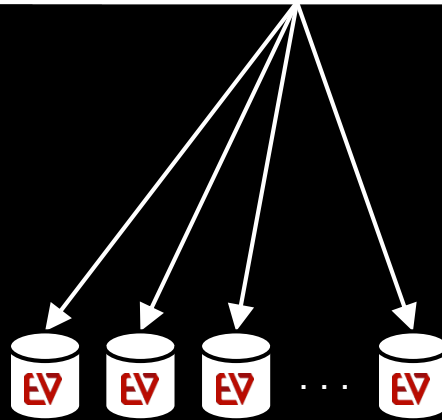
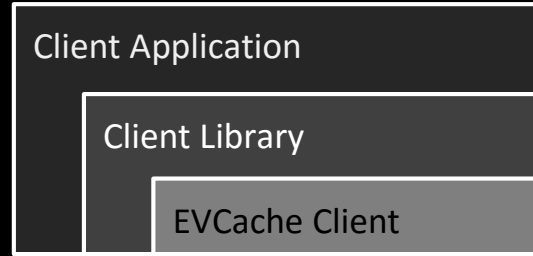


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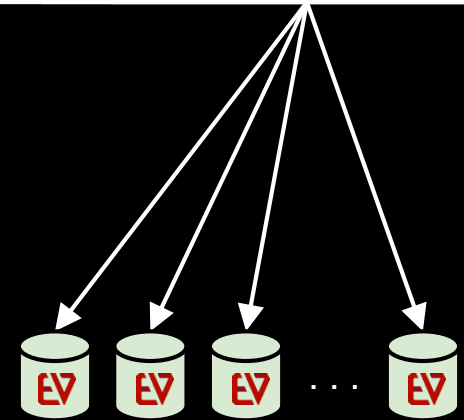
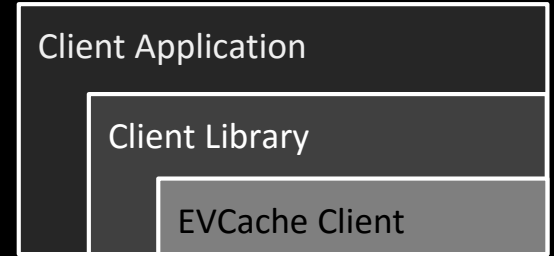
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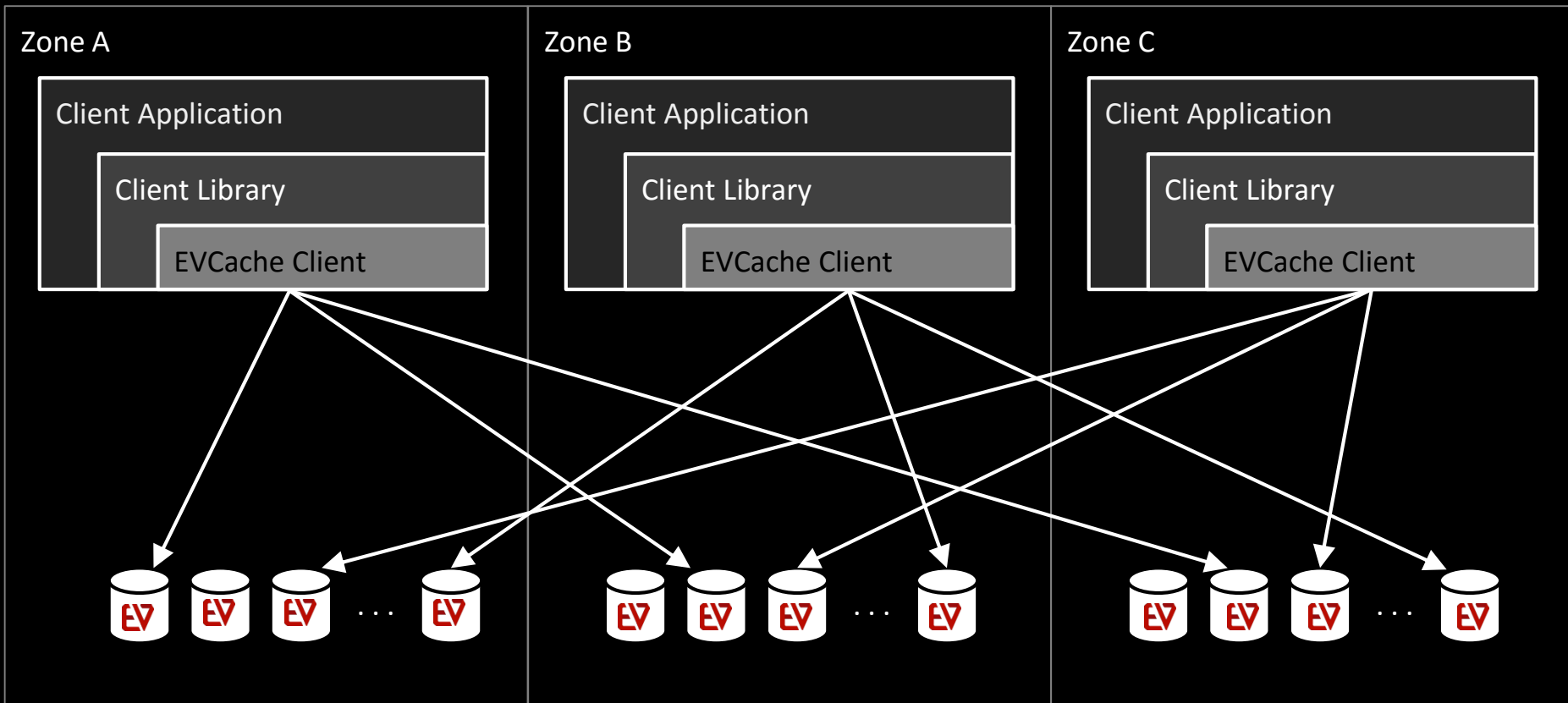
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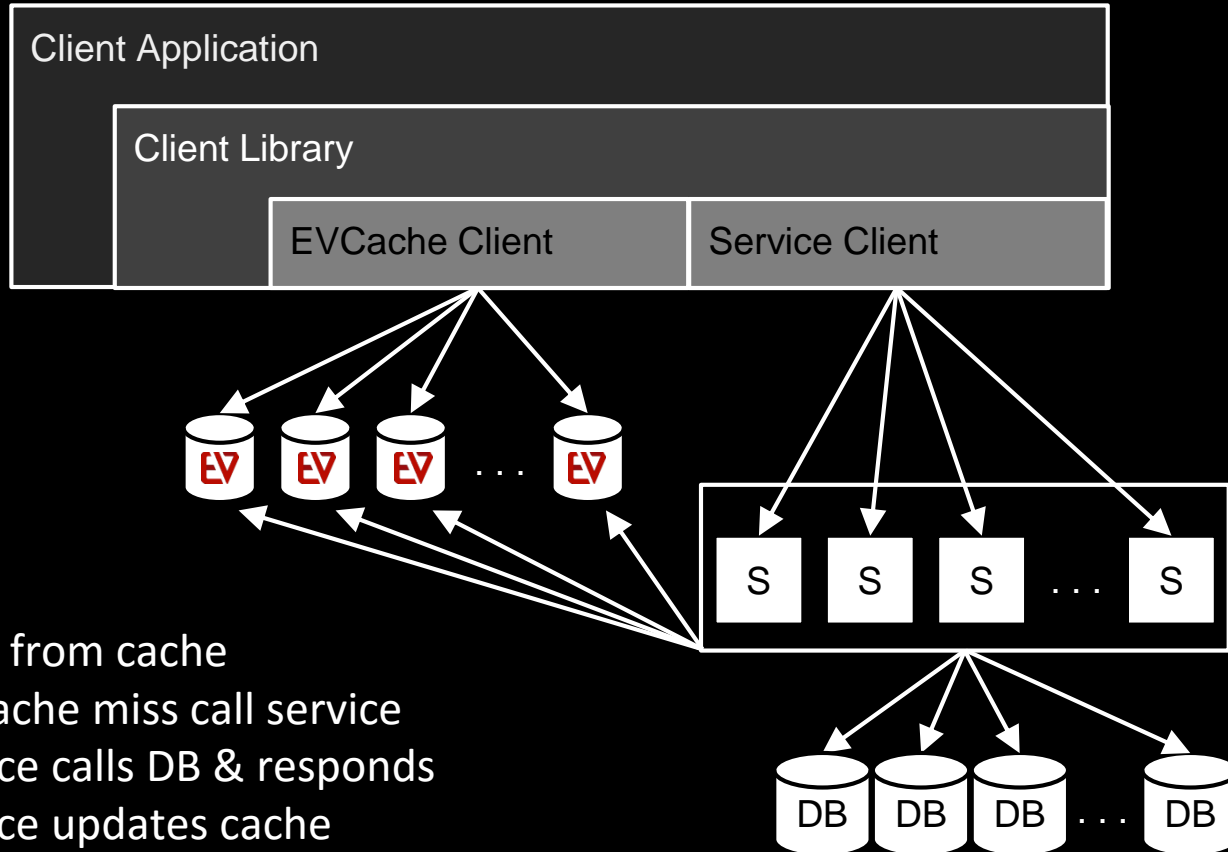
Zone C



Writes



Fronting Micro-services



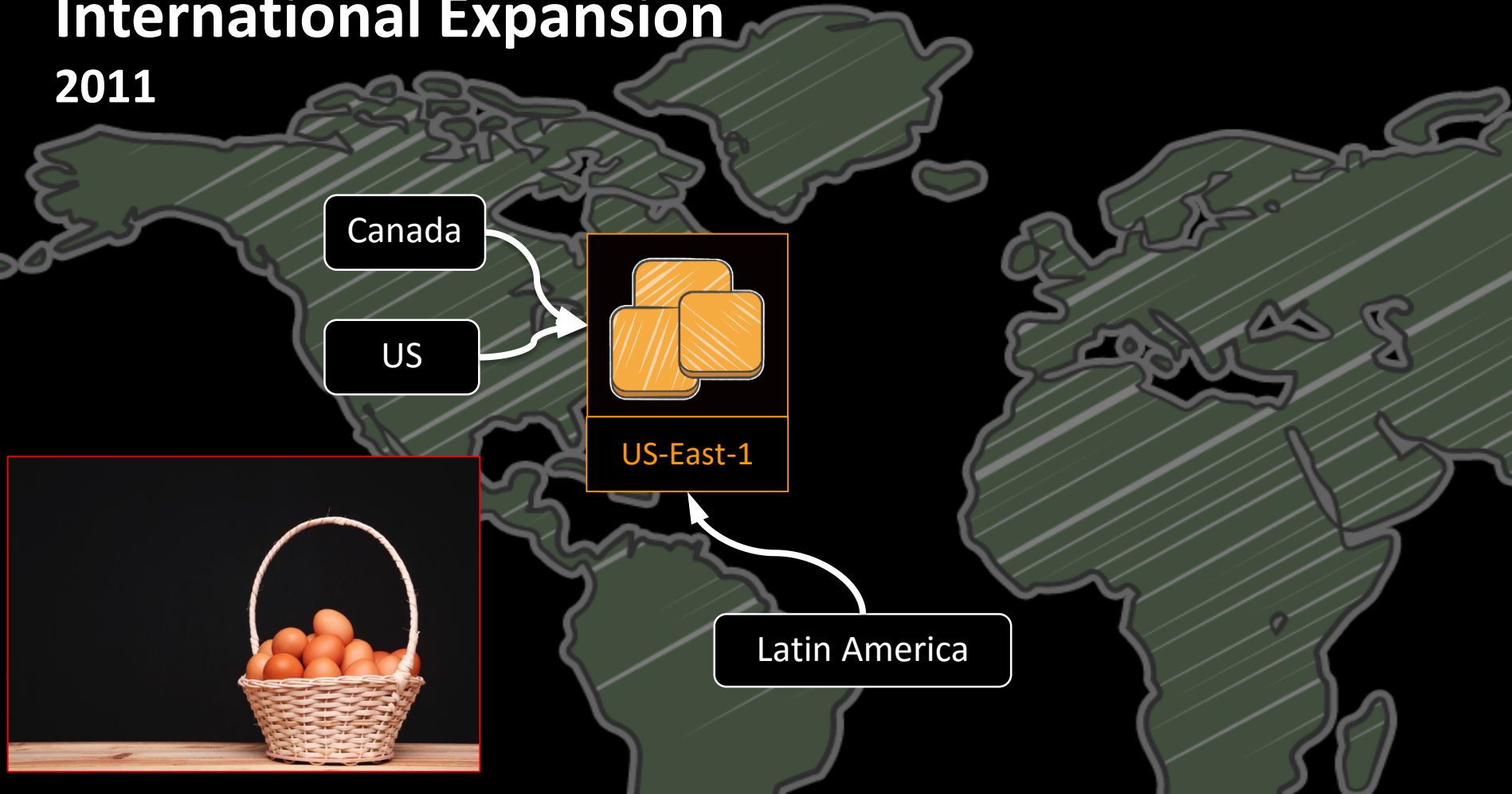
1. Read from cache
2. On cache miss call service
3. Service calls DB & responds
4. Service updates cache

Linear Scaling

- 30 million requests/sec
- 2 trillion requests per day globally
- Hundreds of billions of objects
- Tens of thousands of memcached instances
- Milliseconds of latency per request

International Expansion

2011



Canada

US

US-East-1

Latin America

Cloud Islands

2012



US-East-1



EU-West-1

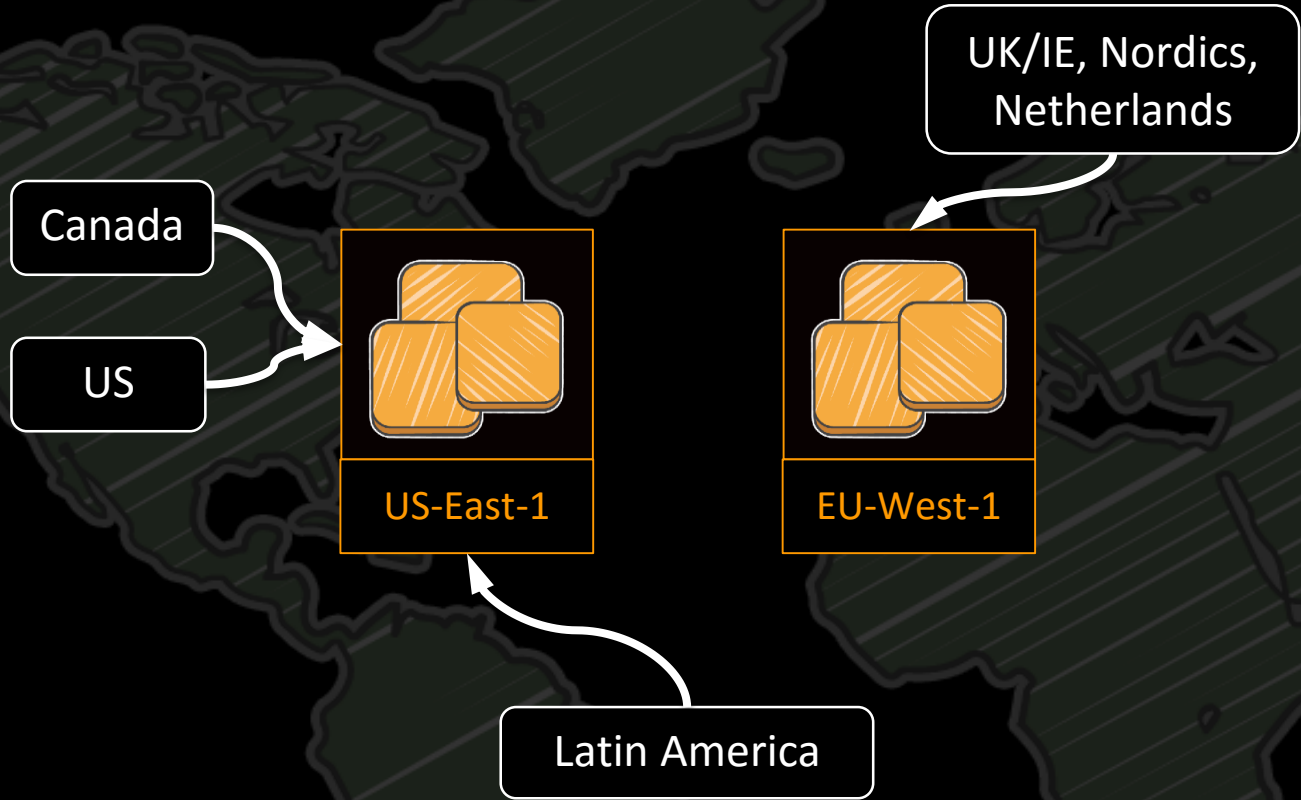


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DNS Geo Mapping



Architectural Pillars



- Micro-services
- Database!
- Caching
- Traffic

Scalable, Durable, Global

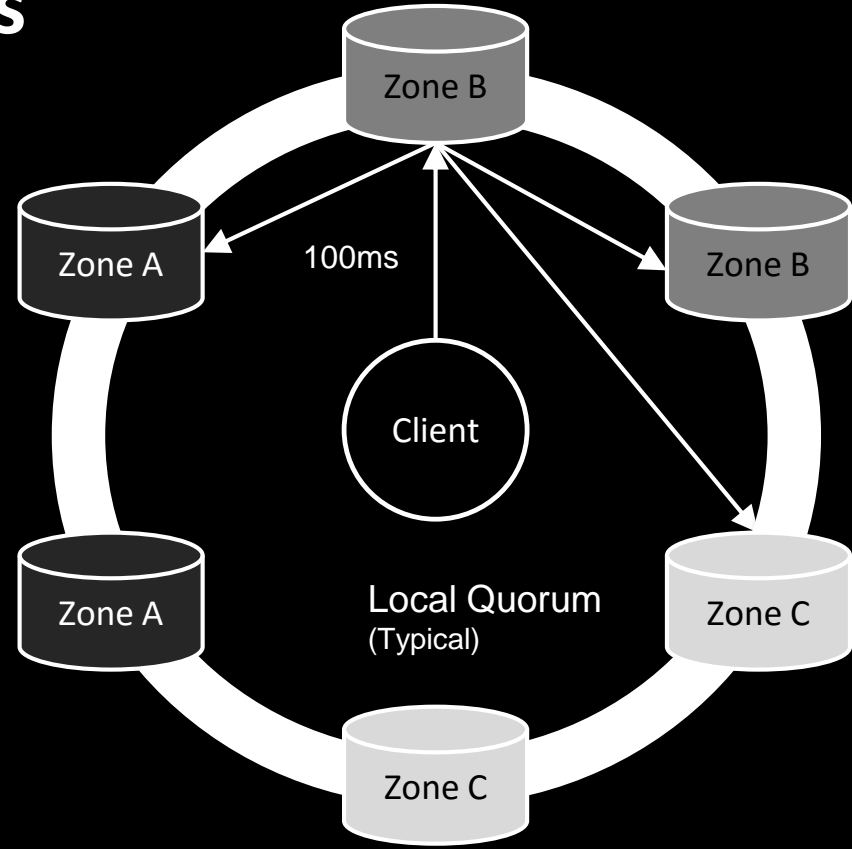


Why Cassandra?

- NoSQL at scale
- Open source
- Multi-region
- Multi-directional
- CAP Choices
 - Availability
 - Partition tolerance
 - Eventual consistency*

Single Region, Multiple AZs

1. Client writes to any node
2. Coordinator replicates to nodes
3. Nodes ack to coordinator
4. Coordinator acks to client
5. Write to commit log



- Hinted handoff to offline nodes

Not quite fast enough



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The service disruption began at 12:24 PM PST on December 24th when a portion of the ELB state data was logically deleted. This data is used and maintained by the ELB control plane to manage the configuration of the ELB load balancers in the region (for example tracking all the backend hosts to which traffic should be routed by each load balancer). The data was deleted by a maintenance process that was inadvertently run against the production ELB state data. This process was run by one of a very small number of developers who have access to this production environment. Unfortunately, the developer did not realize the mistake at the time. After this data was deleted, the ELB control plane began experiencing high latency and error rates for API calls to manage ELB load balancers. In this initial part of the service disruption, there was no impact to the request handling functionality of running ELB load balancers because the missing ELB state data was not integral to the basic operation of running load balancers.

Isthmus

Spring 2013



Survive a regional ELB outage

Isthmus

Americas Internet Traffic

Geo-located
state/province

US-WEST-2 ELBs

Zuul

AZ1

AZ2

AZ3

Data

Data

Data

US-EAST-1 ELBs

Zuul

AZ1

AZ2

AZ3

Data

Data

Data

Eastern NA +
LatAm Traffic

- Zuul routes locally or remotely
- Eureka - multi-region aware

Active-Active

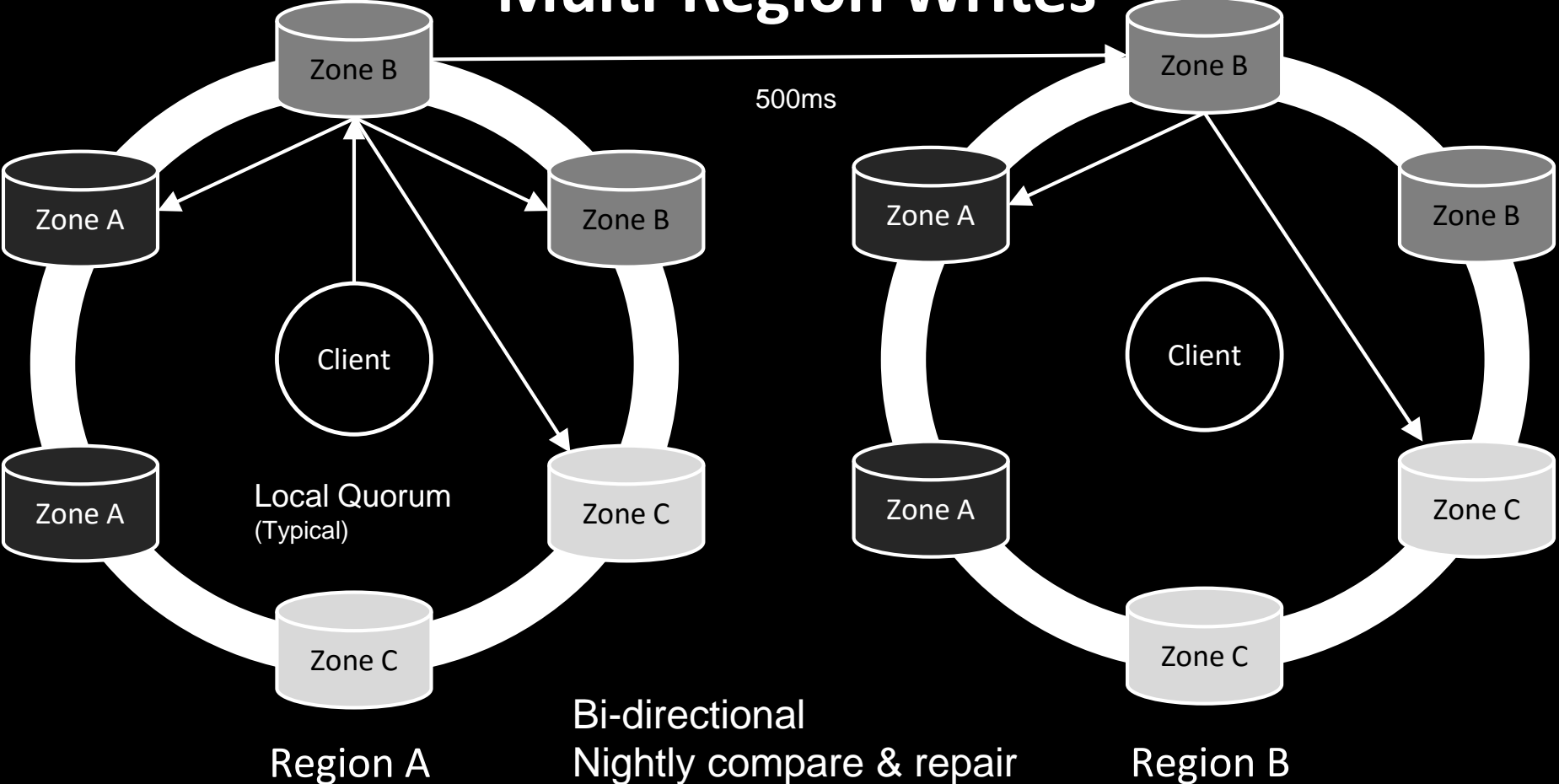
2013 - 2014



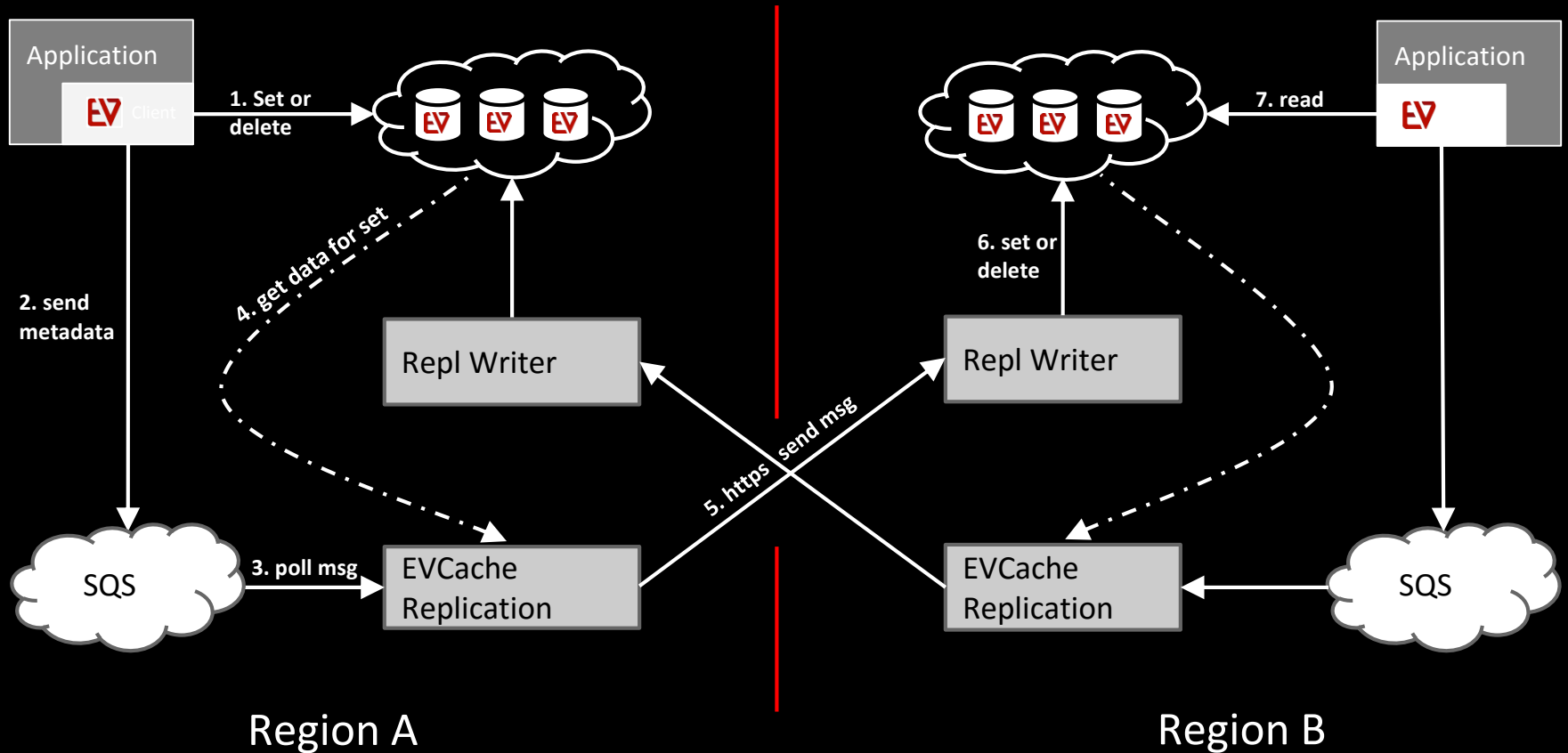
Survive a large-scale regional service outage

Active-Active Data Replication

Multi-Region Writes



EVCache Cross-Region Replication



Active-Active Traffic Management

DNS

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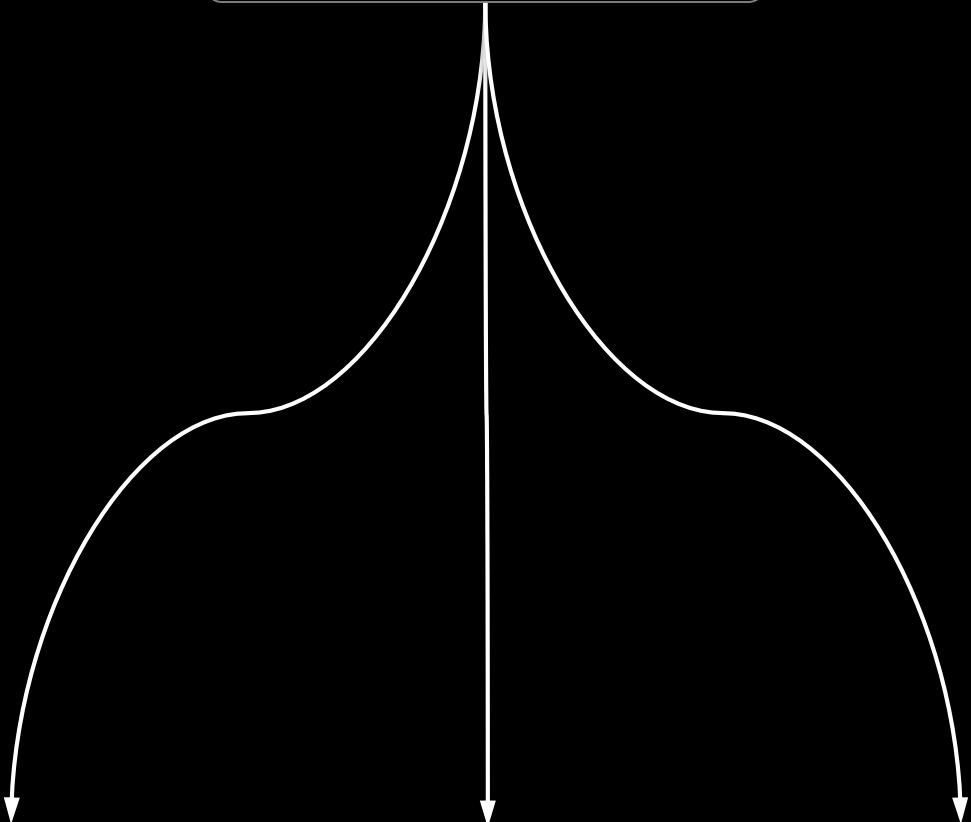
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ELB US-West-2

ELB US-East-1

ELB EU-West-1

Route53



DNS

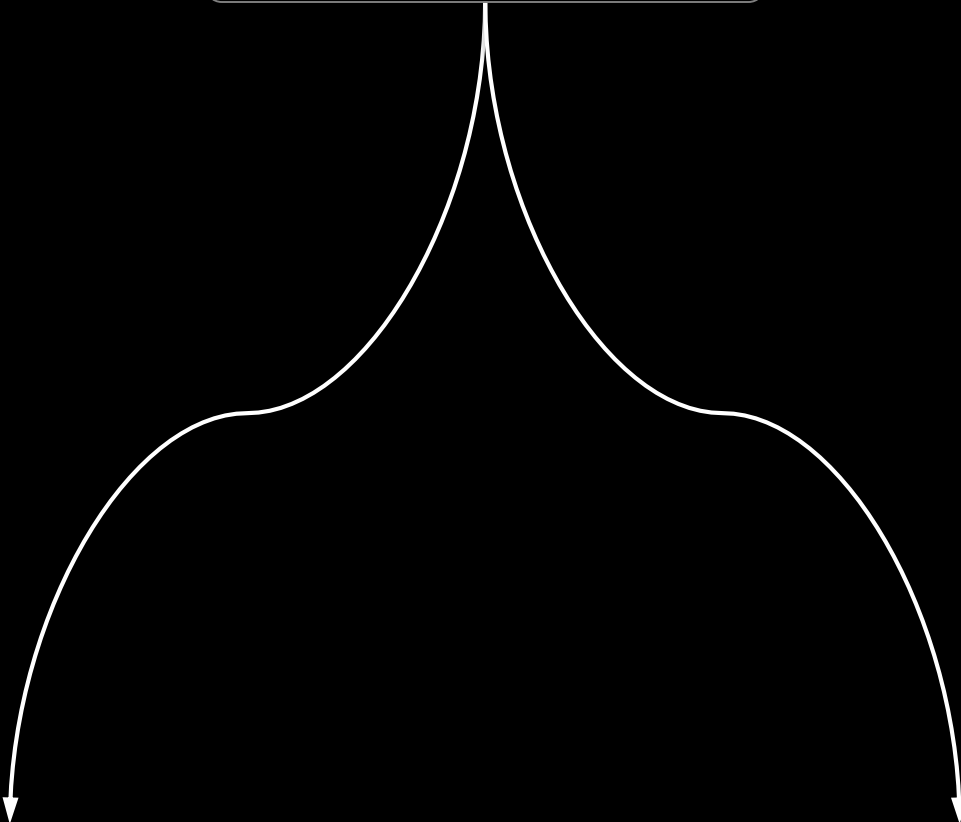
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- Remove state from geo bucket

ELB US-West-2

ELB US-East-1

ELB EU-West-1



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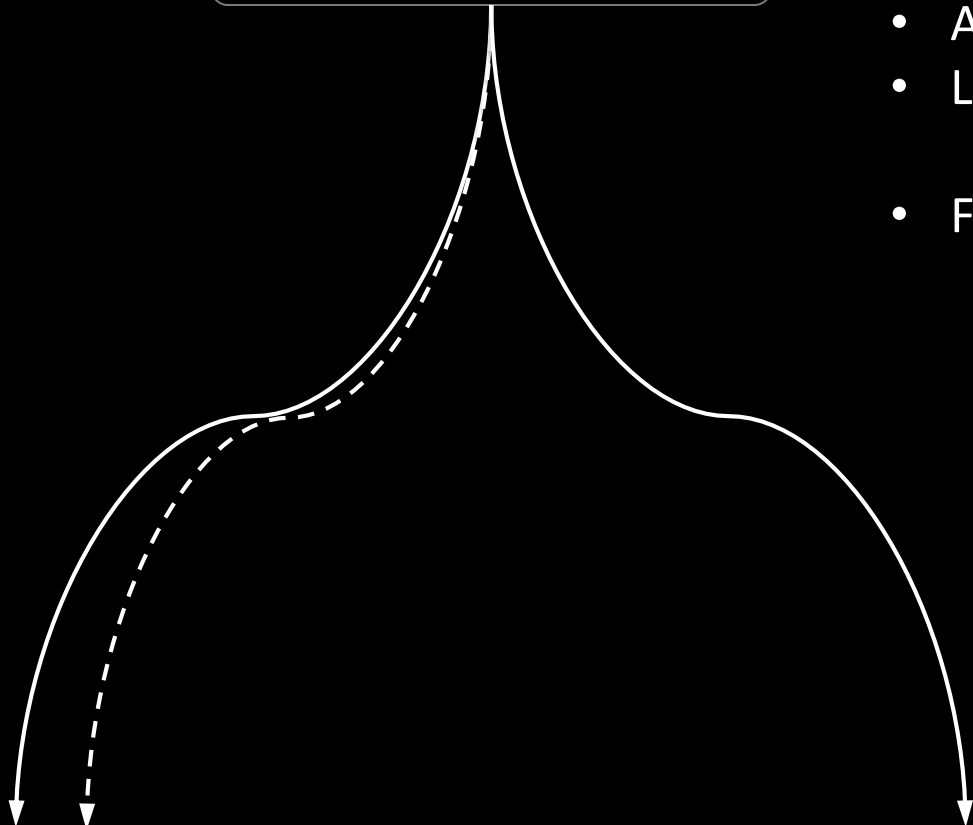
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- Remove state from geo bucket
- Add state to geo bucket
- Log event
- For each end point

ELB US-West-2

ELB US-East-1

ELB EU-West-1



Shim

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.prodaa.netflix.com

api-global.us-east-1
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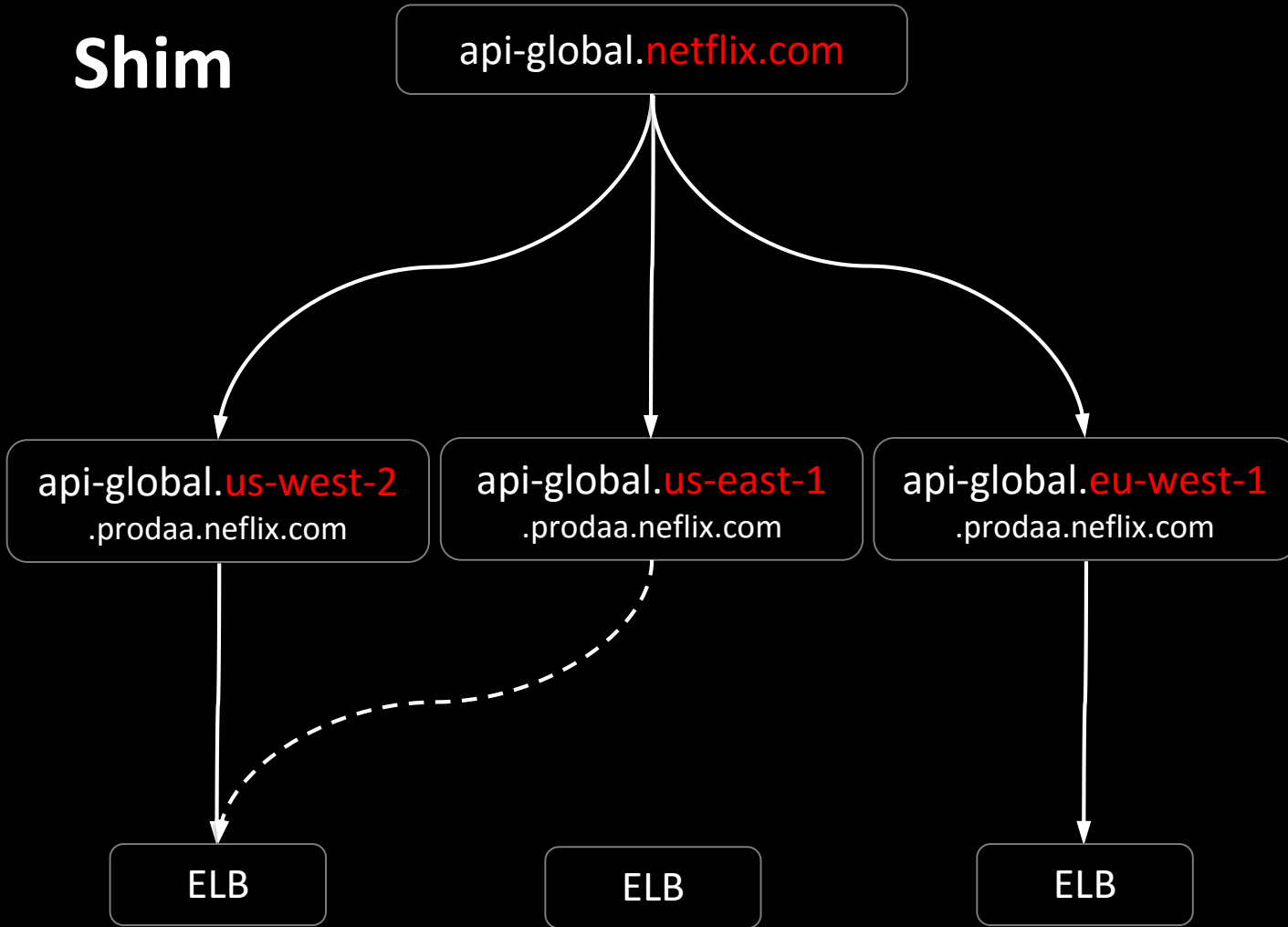
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api-global.us-east-1
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api-global.eu-west-1
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ELB

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Active-Active Failover

Service Traffic Map

Filters ▾ Display ▾

US-WEST-2



US-EAST-1



The Internet



DNS

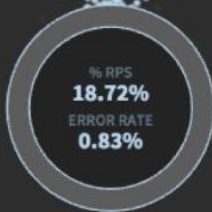
Coarse-grained routing



Zuul Proxy Back Channel
Fine-grained routing



EU-WEST-1

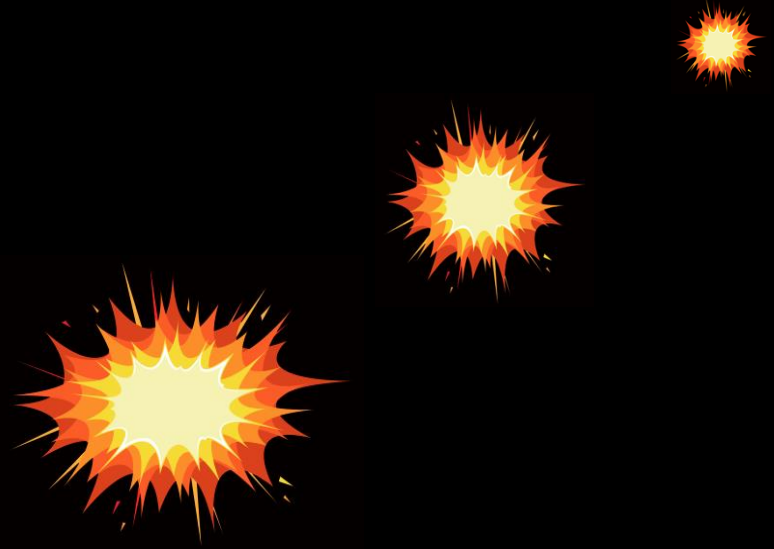


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A man in a dark suit and light-colored shirt stands on a stage, smiling. Behind him is a large screen displaying the text "#netflix everywhere". The word "netflix" is in orange, and "#", "everywhere", and the "e" in "netflix" are in white. The background of the screen is dark with a pattern of small, glowing blue and white squares.

#netflix everywhere

January 6th, 2016

Geographic Ubiquity

REGIONS WHERE NETFLIX IS AVAILABLE



Language Ubiquity

Before Global

- English
- Spanish (Latin American)
- Portuguese (Brazilian)
- Dutch
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Spanish (Castilian)
- Italian
- Portuguese (European)

Global

- Chinese
- Korean
- Arabic

ステップ1/4: アカウントを作成

盛りだくさんの映画やドラマを視聴でき、最初の1カ月は無料です。

名を入力してください

たなか

田中

タナカ

田仲



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う く す つ ぬ ふ む よ る ん

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お こ そ と の ほ も っ ろ 小

abc123



戻る

次へ

田中

姓

メールアドレス

パスワード (4~50文字)

ءادوسلا ةمناقلا

5.1 ULTRA HD 4K 1 مسوملا 14 نويزفتلا- 2013 ★★★★★

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طورشلا ضعب عم .يلاردفلا

بلعا يس يب امارد "ءادوسلا ةمناقلا" حبصا بلوالا همسوم يف
ففينصت



UltraHD ك 4



سكايفتن يف ةيبعش



Content Ubiquity

March 18th, 2016

Daredevil Season 2

All episodes, all devices, all countries

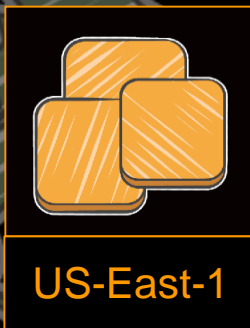
Simultaneously



Ubiquitous, Resilient Architecture

Netflix Global

2015



Reliably and efficiently serve any customer from any region



US-West-2



US-East-1



EU-West-1





US-West-2



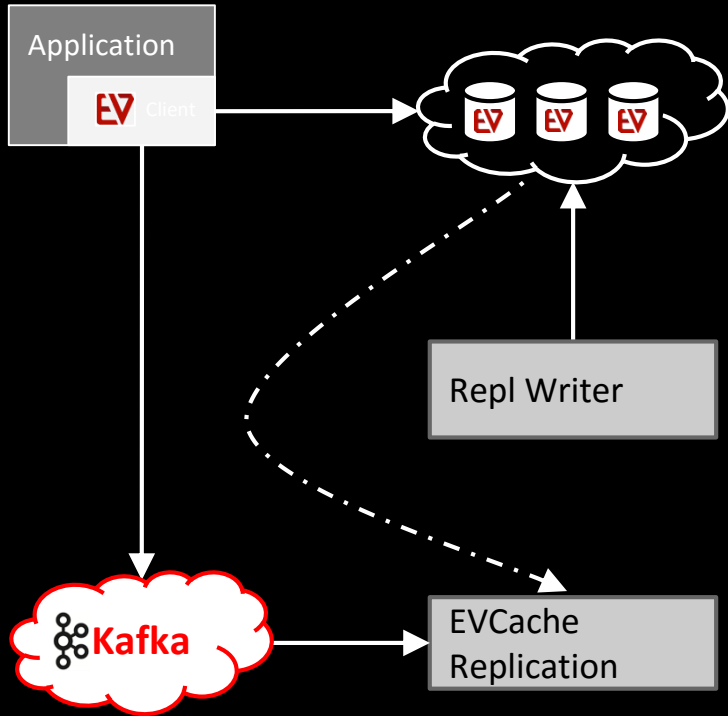
US-East-1



EU-West-1



Ubiquitous Data

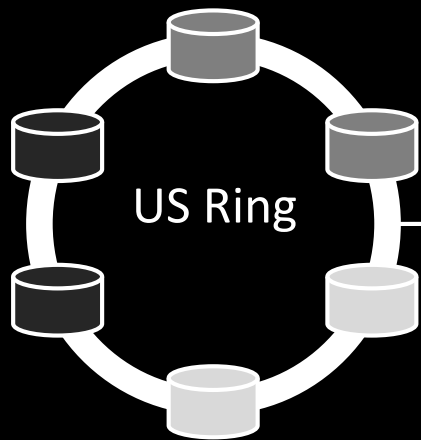


SQS

- High latency
- Read once

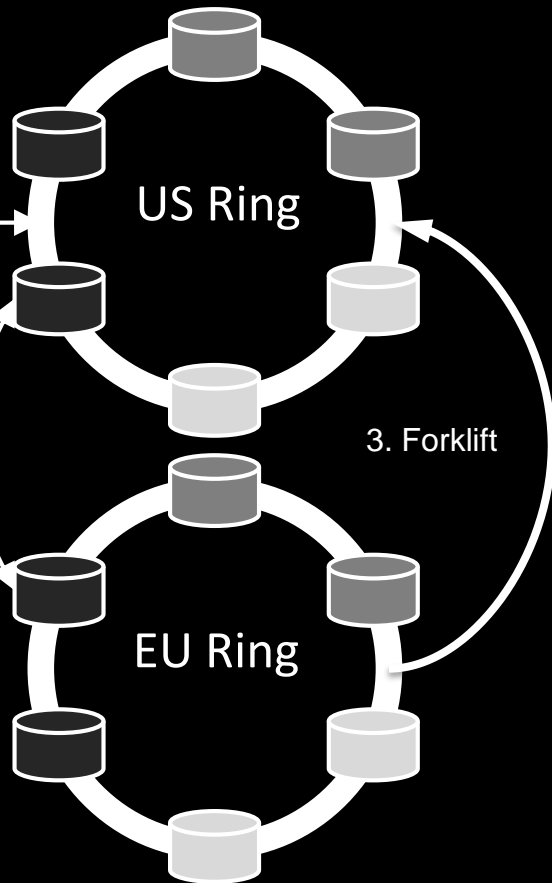
Kafka

- Low latency
- Multiple readers
- > 1M replications/sec

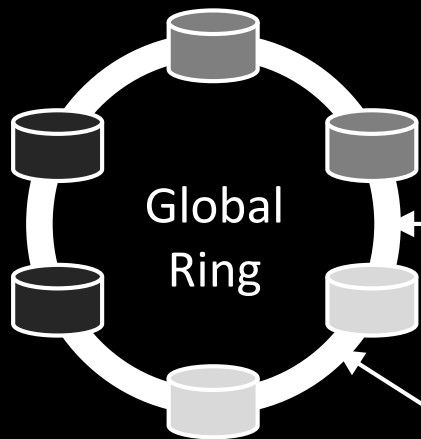


US-East-1

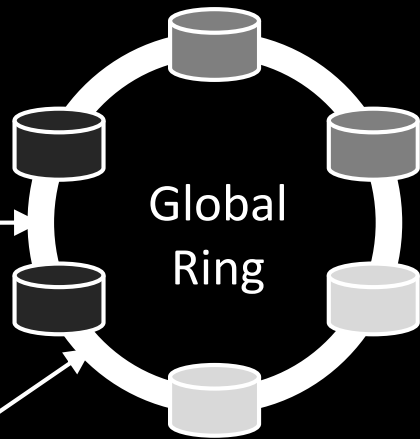
1. Extend US ring to EU region & run repairs



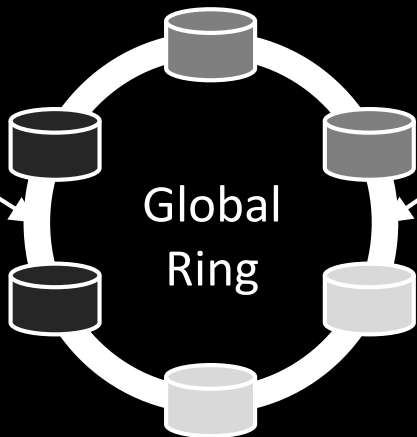
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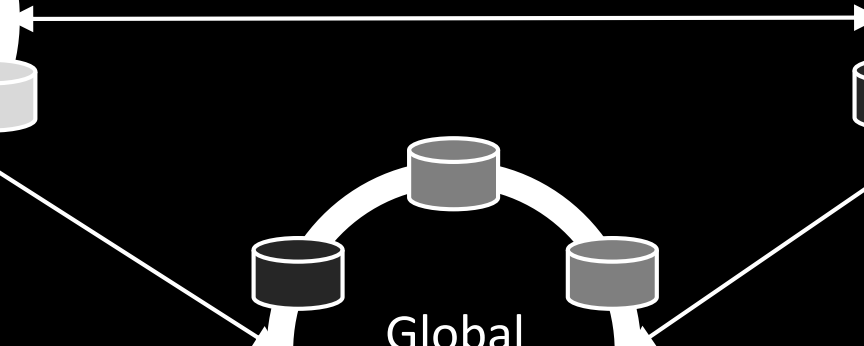
US-West-2



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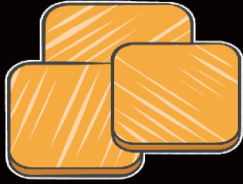


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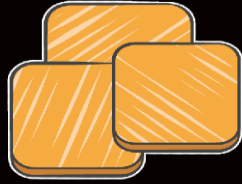
Ubiquitous Traffic Management

Virtual DNS Regions



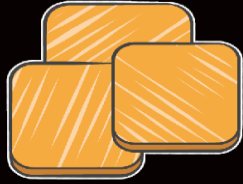
us-west-2

- APAC
- West US
- West CA



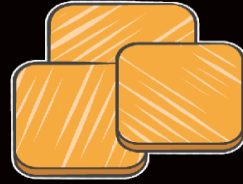
us-east-1-sa

- LatAm
- Not MX



us-east-1-na

- East US
- East CA
- MX



eu-west-1

- Europe
- Mid East
- Africa

DNS Tiers

api-global.netflix.com

- Fixed virtual modules
- Origin tier
- Standardized names

Virtual

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.prodaa.netflix.com

api-global.us-east-1-sa
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Origin

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Split Failover

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Cascading Failover

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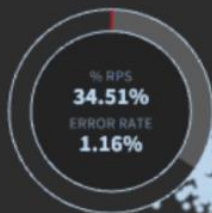
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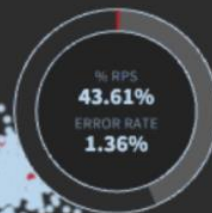
Service Traffic Map

Filters ▾ Display ▾

US-WEST-2

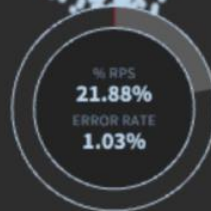


US-EAST-1



TOTAL RPS
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ERROR RATE
1.22%

EU-WEST-1



Failure in US-East-1

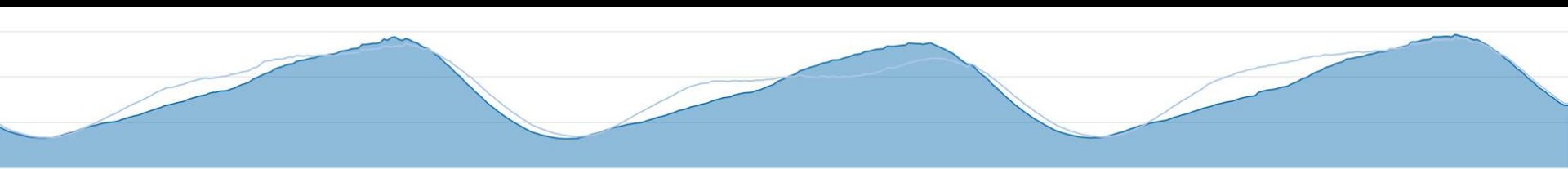
1. Proxy to EU-West-1 and
2. Proxy to US-West-2
3. Flip DNS to savior regions

Once recovered

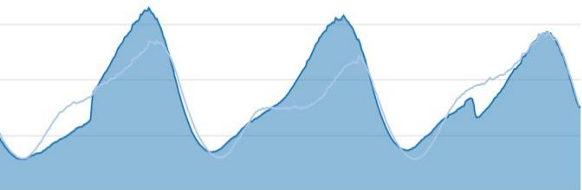
1. Revert DNS
2. Revert Zuul



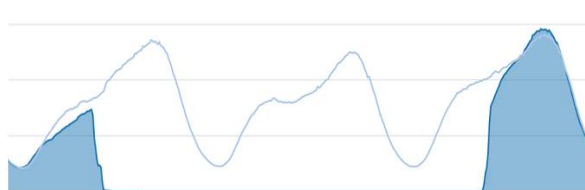
Multi-region Failover



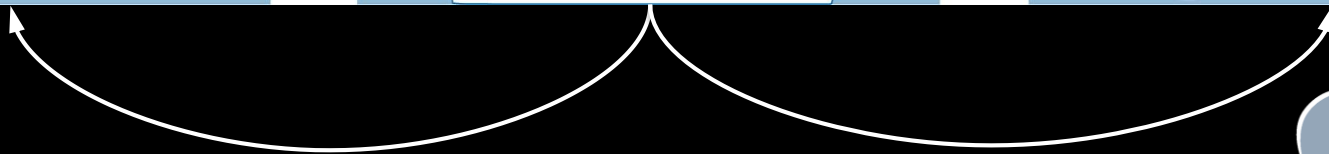
us-west-2 SPS



us-east-1 SPS



eu-west-1 SPS



January 6th, 2016





“Going global is just like having a baby.”

- Reed Hastings, Netflix CEO

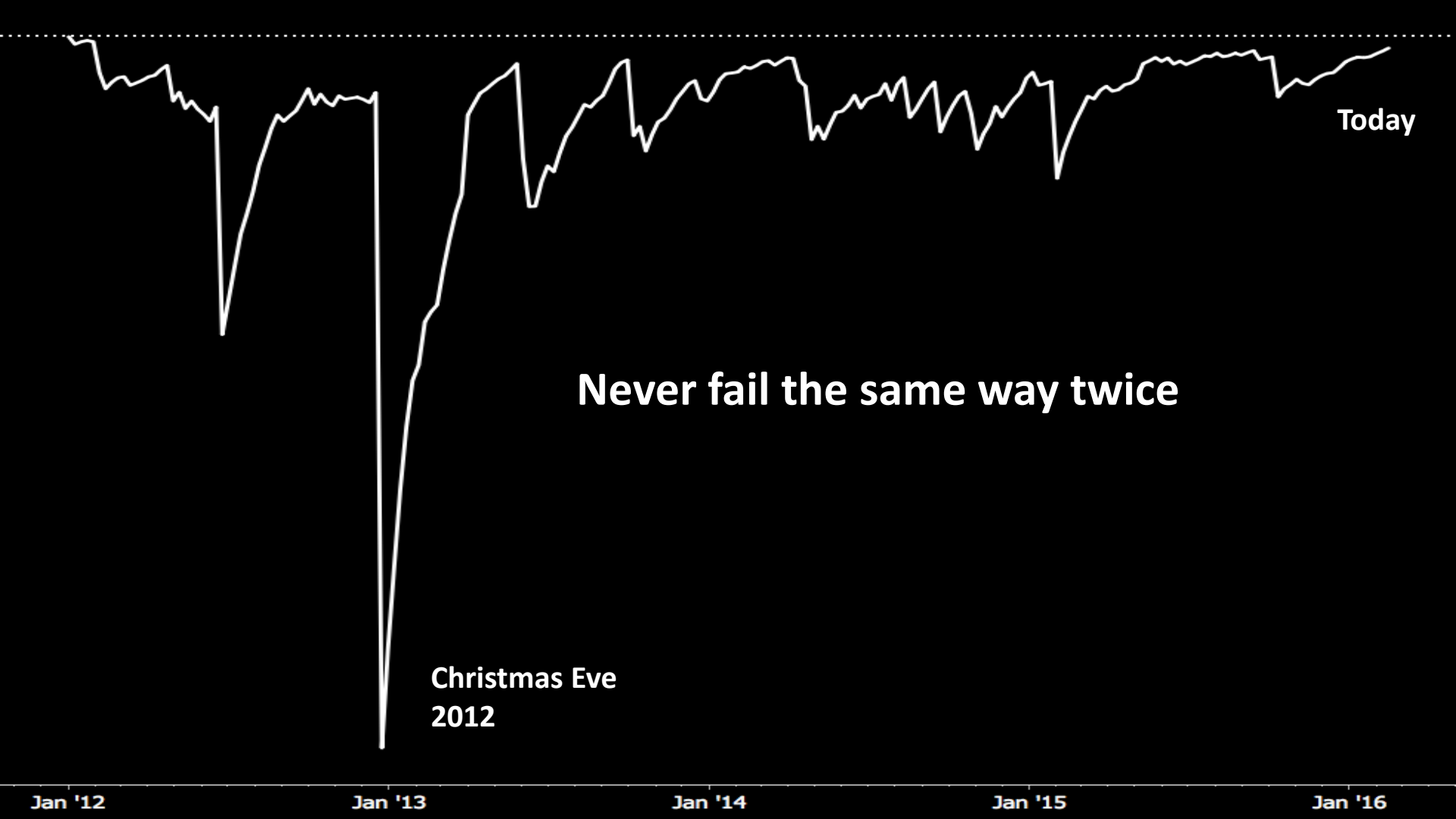
What's next?

- Global latency
- Edge computing
- ML-based monitoring
- Self-healing systems
- Capacity utilization
- Fast, autonomous traffic
- Integrate DB & caching



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Takeaways



Today

Never fail the same way twice

Christmas Eve
2012

Jan '12

Jan '13

Jan '14

Jan '15

Jan '16

Know your resiliency patterns



Pattern

Properties

DC

SPoF, infrastructure heavy lifting

Cloud (one region)

Multiple DCs, one control plane

Islands

Regional containment

Isthmus

Regional ELB bypass

Active-active

Regional failover

Global

Ubiquity, resiliency, efficiency

Invest in architectural pillars



- Micro-services
- Database
- Caching
- Traffic

Think globally, act locally



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Data Persistence

Storing and Serving data in the Cloud.

Handling over a trillion data operations per day requires an interesting mix of “off the shelf OSS” and in house projects. No single data technology can meet every use case or satisfy every latency requirement. Our needs range from non-durable in-memory stores like Memcached and Redis, to searchable datastores such as Elastic and durable must-never-go-down datastores like Cassandra and MySQL.

Our Cloud usage and the scale at which we consume these technologies, has required us to build tools and services that enhance the datastores we use. We've created the sidecars [Raigad](#) and [Priam](#) to help with the deployment, management and backup/recovery of our hundreds of Elastic and Cassandra clusters. We've created [EVCache](#) and [Dynomite](#) to use Memcached and Redis at scale. We've even developed the [Dyno](#) client library to better consume Dynomite in the Cloud.

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Common Runtime Services & Libraries

Runtime containers, libraries and services that power microservices

The cloud platform is the foundation and technology stack for the majority of the services within Netflix. The cloud platform consists of cloud services, application libraries and application containers. Specifically, the platform provides service discovery through [Eureka](#), distributed configuration through [Archaius](#), resilient and intelligent inter-process and service communication through [Ribbon](#). To provide reliability beyond single service calls, [Hystrix](#) is provided to isolate latency and fault tolerance at runtime. The previous libraries and services can be used with any JVM based container.

The platform provides JVM container services through [Karyon](#) and [Governator](#) and support for non-JVM runtimes via the [Prana](#) sidecar. While Prana provides proxy capabilities within an instance, [Zuul](#) (which integrates Hystrix, Eureka, and Ribbon as part of its IPC capabilities) provides dynamically scriptable proxying at the edge of the cloud deployment.

The platform works well within the EC2 cloud utilizing the Amazon autoscaler. For container applications and batch jobs running on Apache Mesos, [Fenzo](#) is a scheduler that provides advanced scheduling and resource management for cloud native frameworks. Fenzo provides plugin implementations for bin packing, cluster autoscaling, and custom scheduling optimizations can be implemented through user-defined plugins.

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Netflix Tech Blog

Friday, July 25, 2014

Revisiting 1 Million Writes per second

by: [Christos Kalantzis](#)

In an article we posted in November, we discussed how we scaled our system to support [Over a million writes per second](#) by adding more nodes to a cluster. With this new test. Unlike the initial post, we are now looking to quantify the performance of the system.

What follows is a detailed description of the results of those tests.

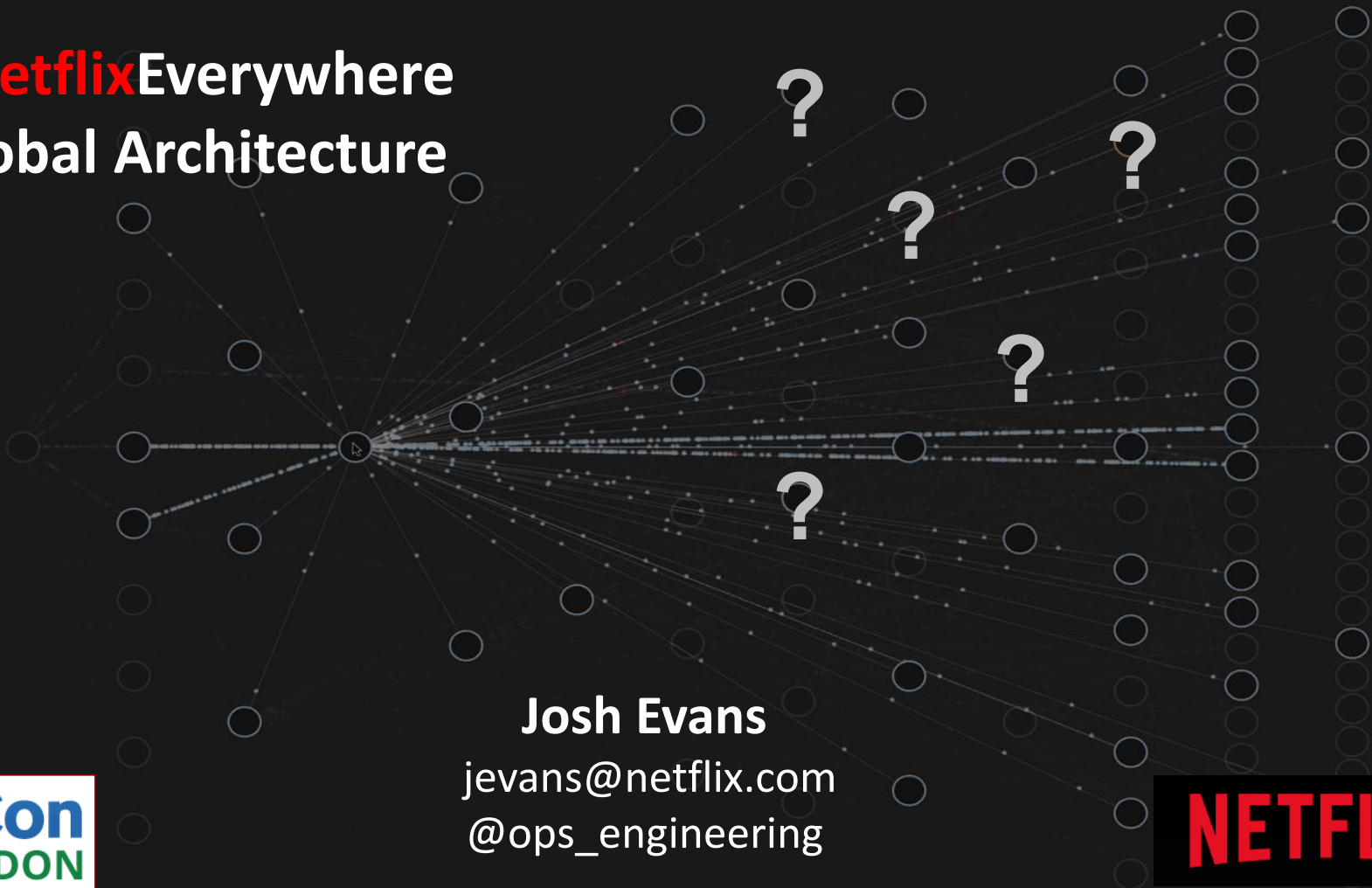
Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Caching for a Global Netflix

#CachesEverywhere

Netflix members have come to expect a great user experience when interacting with our service. There are many things that go into delivering a customer-focused user experience for a streaming service, including an outstanding content library, an intuitive user interface, relevant and personalized recommendations, and a fast service that quickly gets your favorite content playing at very high quality, to name a few.

#NetflixEverywhere Global Architecture



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