SCALING GILT From Monolith Ruby App to Distributed Scala Micro-Services

QCon - Brooklyn - 2014 Yoni (Jonathan) Goldberg - GiltDirect, Sale Personalization, Loyalty, SEO, Post-purchase, Login/Registration

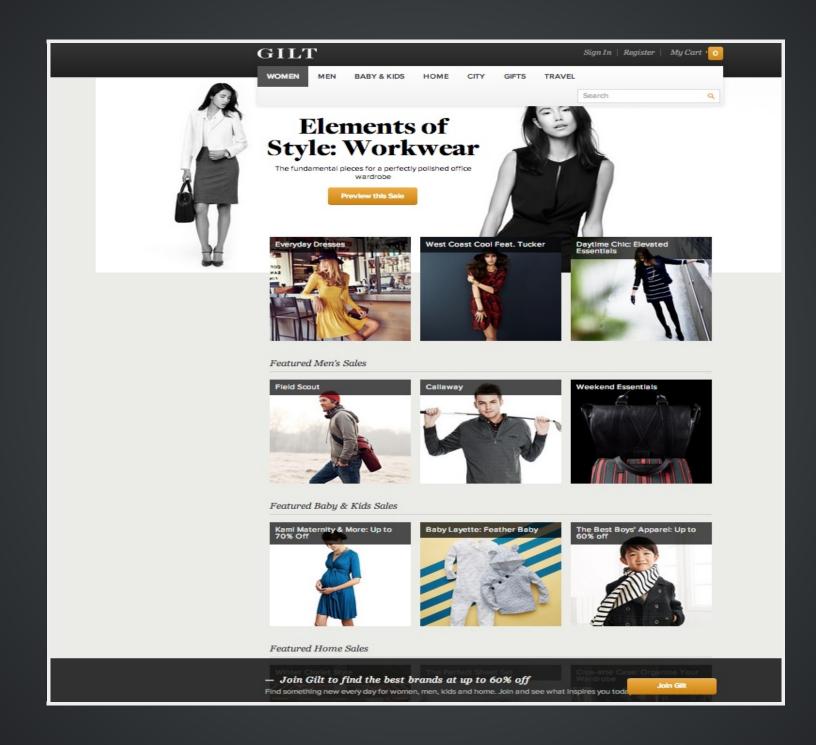
- MIT CS BS/Meng | Google | IBM | IDF

- Israel | Brooklyn | Coffee | JS/Node | Arduino | Running | Kite Surfing | Poker

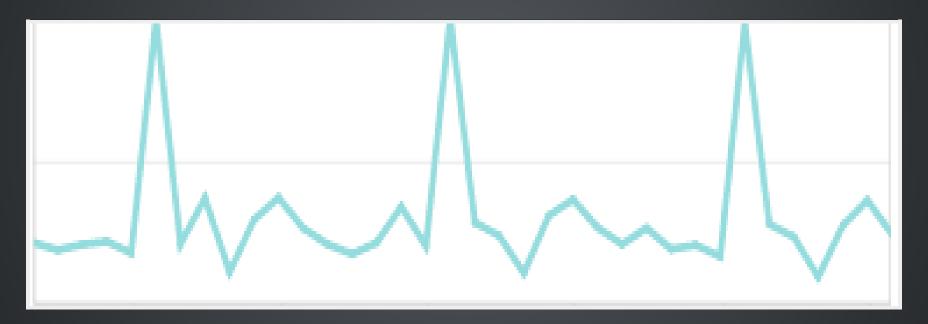
The lessons and challenges that we had/have with micro-service architecture



WHAT IS GILT? Flash Sales Business Founded in 2007 Top 50 Internet-Retailer ~150 Engineers



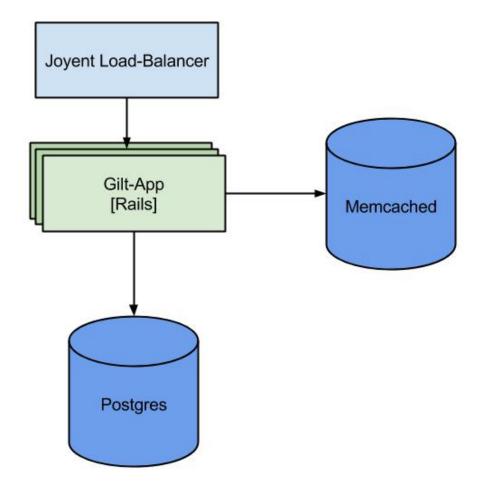
ANOTHER WAY TO LOOK AT GILT



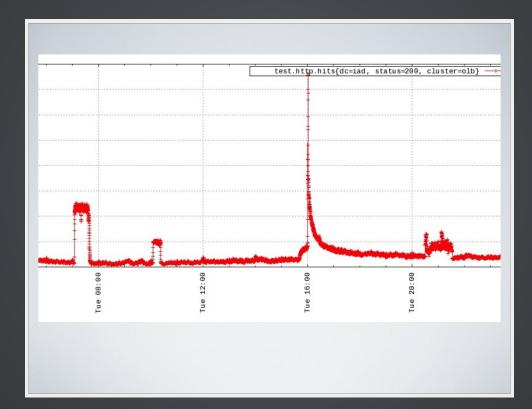
THE CLASSIC Startup Story

THE EARLY DAYS 2007 - Ruby on Rails the hottest new thing

The goal was to get to market fast



We were able to handle our traffic pretty well



UNTIL LOUBOUTIN CAME TO GILT



TECHNOLOGY PAIN POINTS -2009

- Spike required to launch 1,000s of ruby processes
- Postgres was overloaded
- Routing traffic between ruby processes sucked

Note to self hide from the ruby fans

DEV PAIN POINTS

- 1000 Models/Controllers, 200K LOC, 100s of jobs
- Lots of contributors + no ownership
- Difficult deployments with long integration cycles
- Hard to identify root causes

WE NEEDED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM FAST



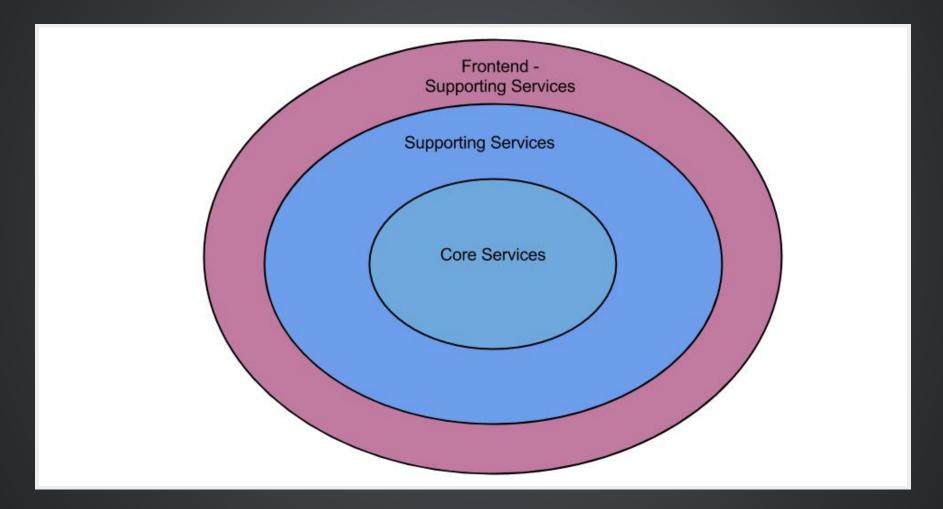
THREE THINGS HAPPENED

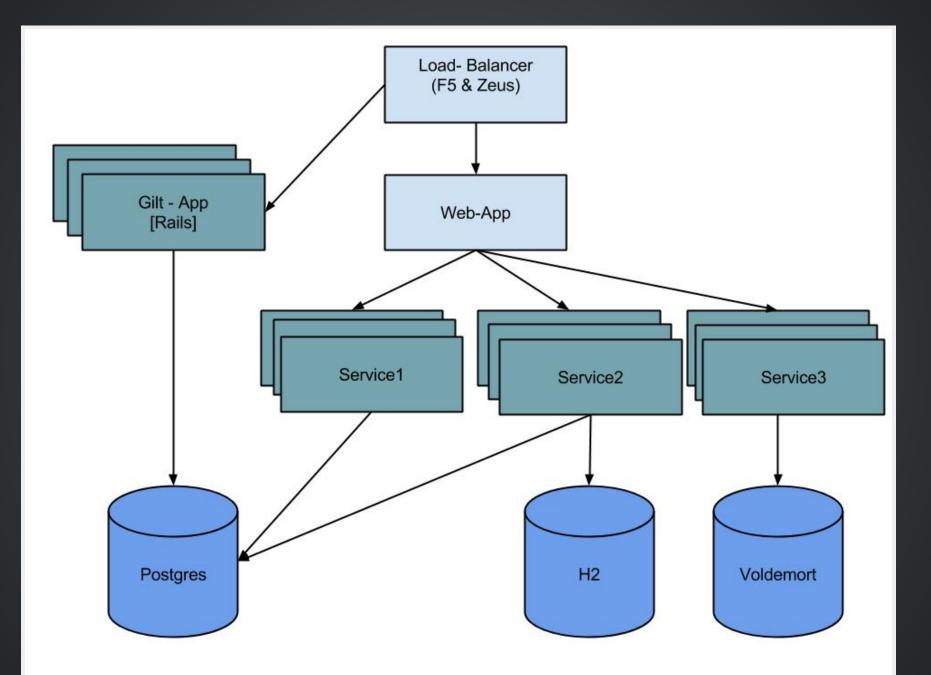
- Started the transition to the JVM
- M(a/i)cro-Service Era Started
- Dedicated data stores

WHY JVM?

- Widely adopted
- Stable
- Better support for concurrency
- Better GC vs MRI

FIRST 10 SERVICES





We solved 90% of our arch scaling problem But not the Dev points

SOLVED PAIN POINTS

• Spike required to launch 1,000s of ruby

processes

- Postgres was overloaded
- Routing traffic between ruby processes sucked

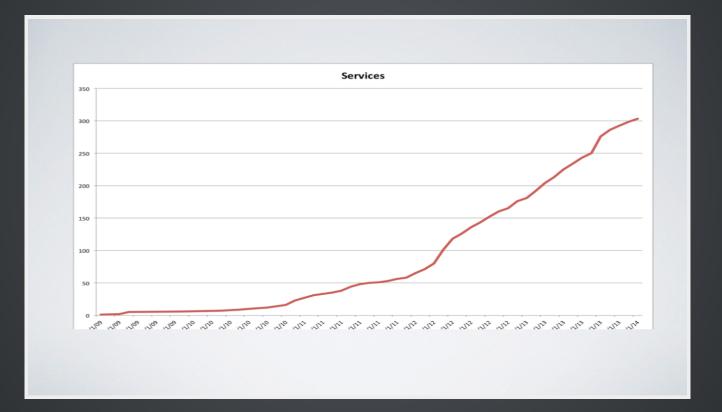
STILL OPEN PAIN POINTS

- New services became semi-monolithic
- 1000 Models/Controllers, 200K LOC, 100s of jobs
- Lots of contributors + no ownership
- Difficult deployments with long integration cycles

WHY WE DOUBLED DOWN ON MICRO-SERVICES

- Empower teams and ownership
- Smaller scope
- Simpler and Easier deployments and rollbacks

As of last week we have around 400 services in Prod

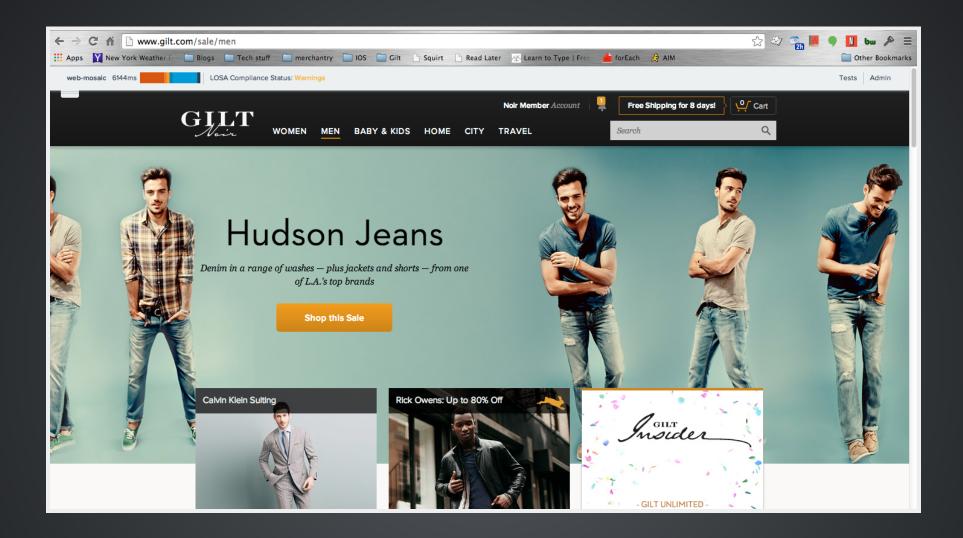


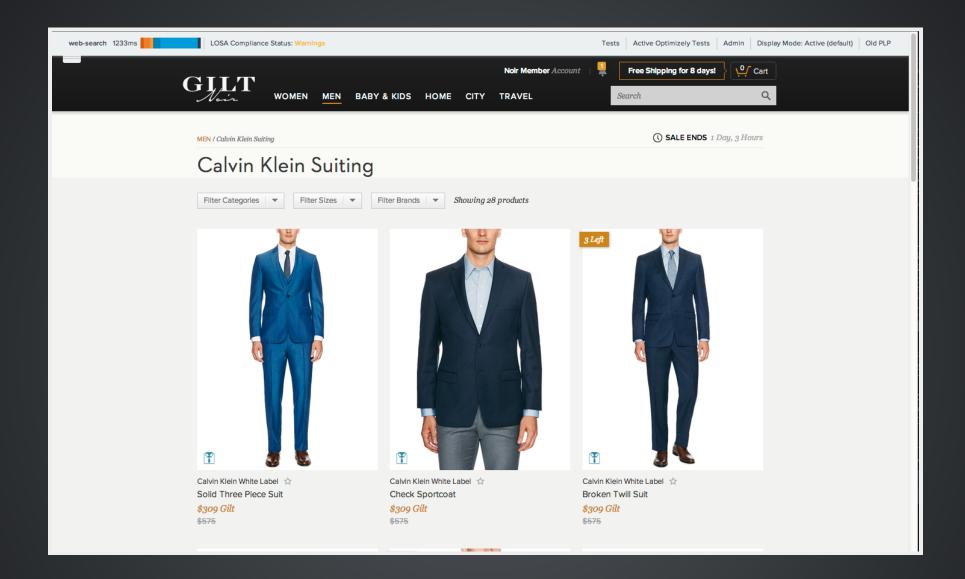
We began the transition to Scala and Play

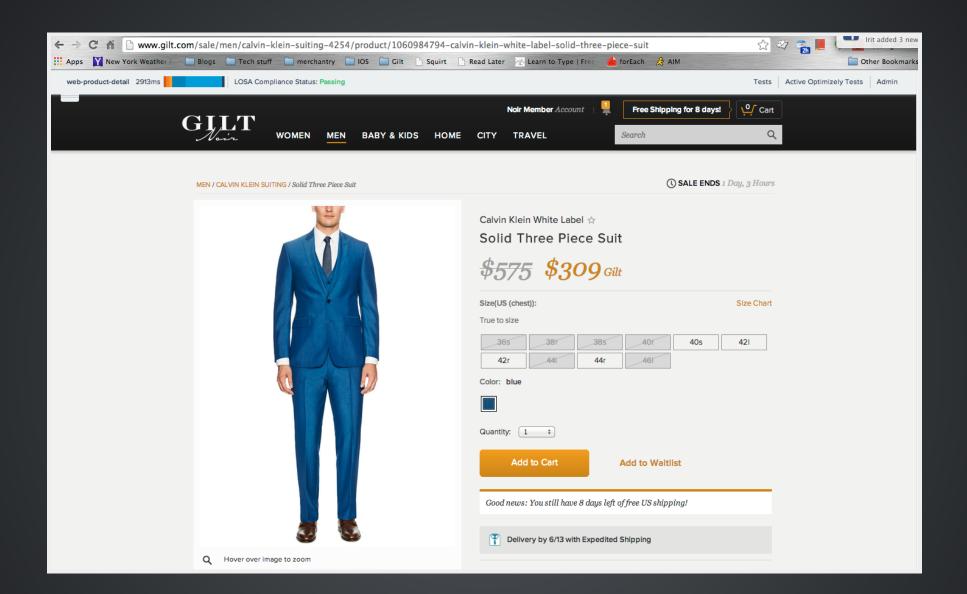
LOSA - Lots Of Small (Web) Apps

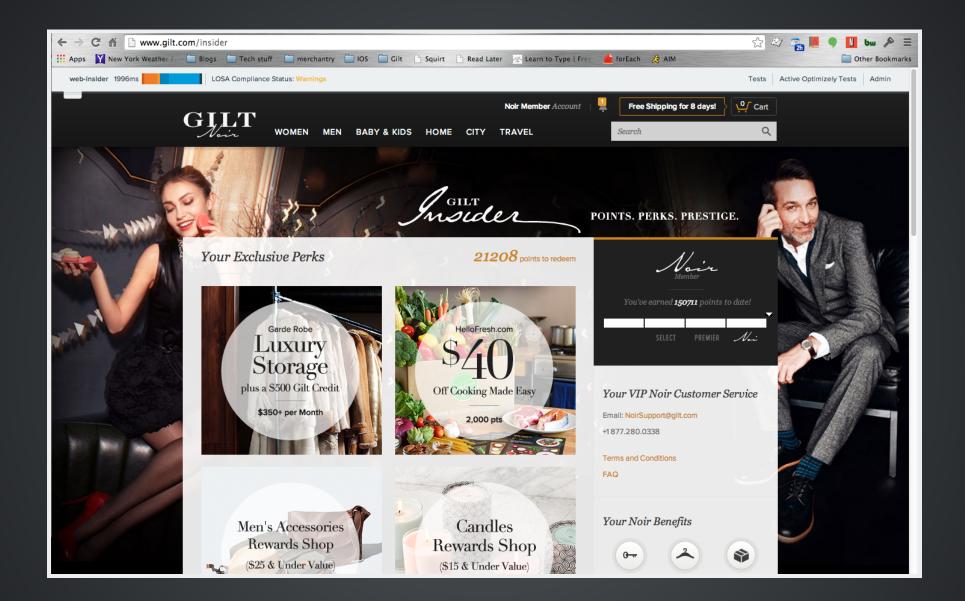
Same as micro-services but for web-apps

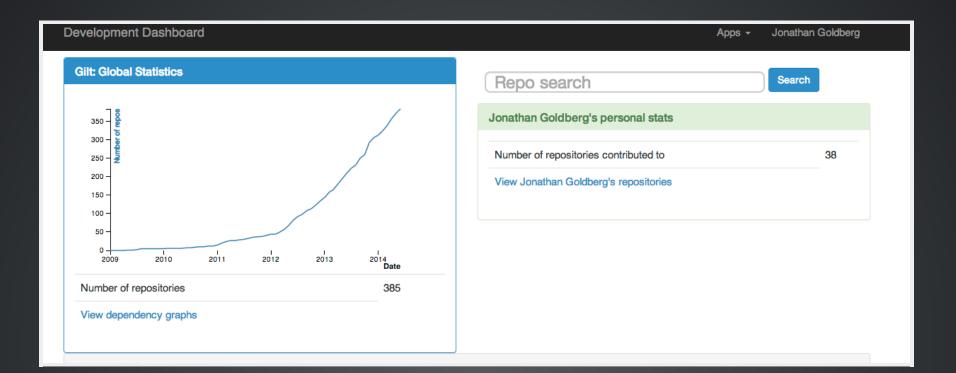
DEMO

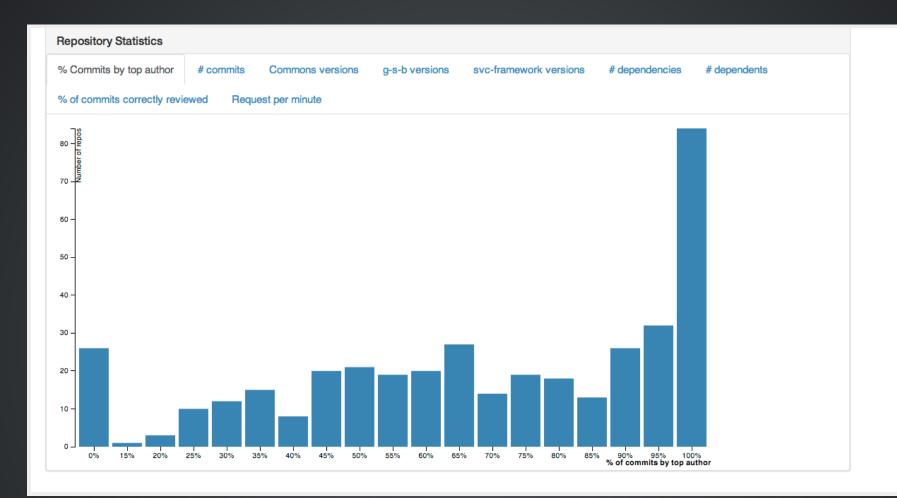


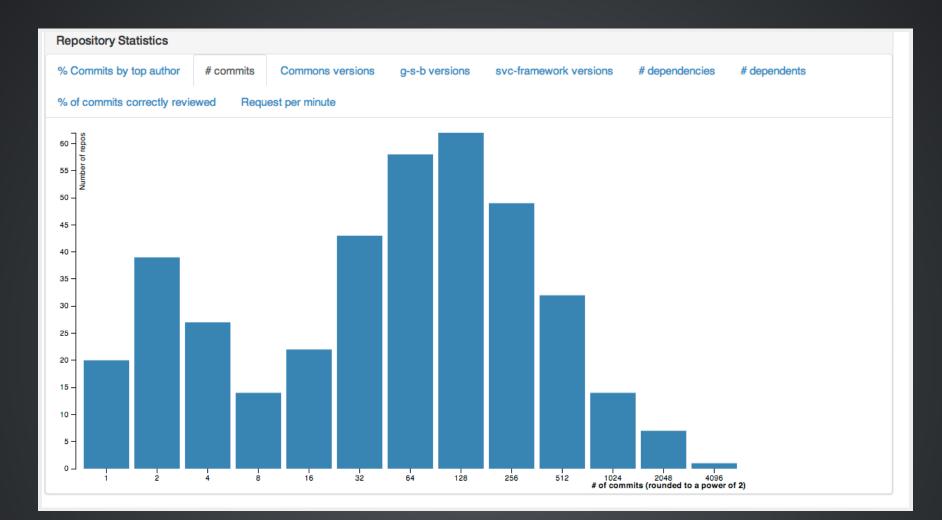




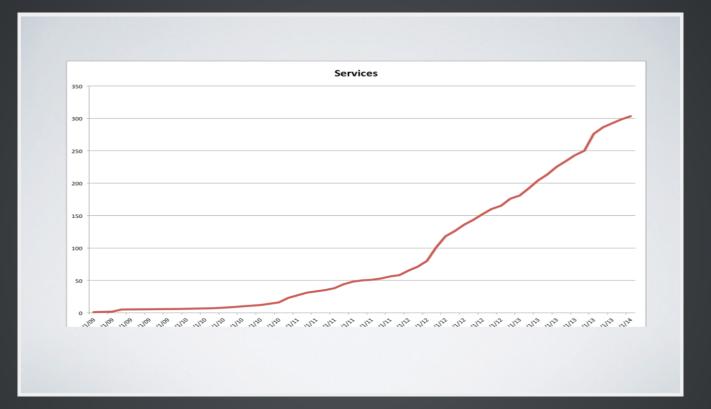








why the increase?

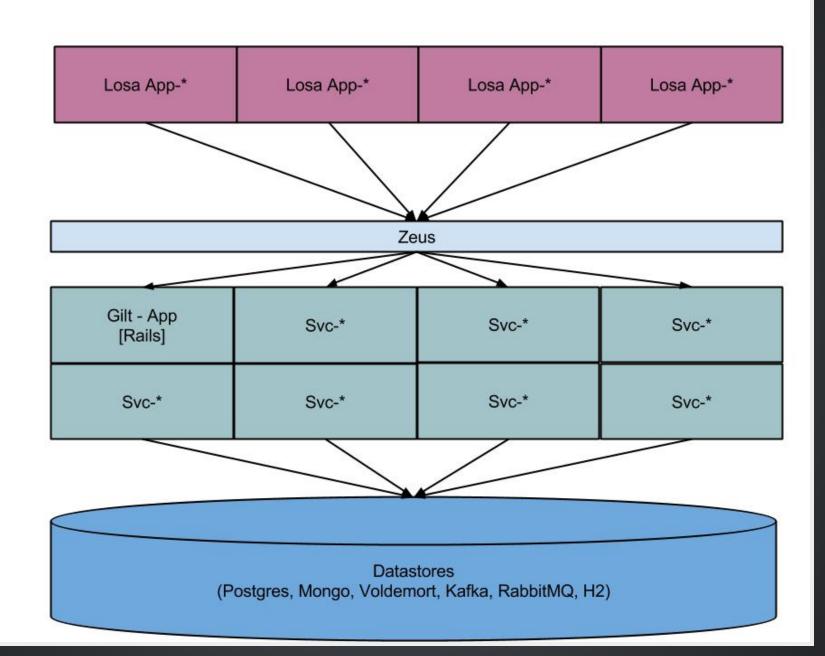


APP BOOTSTRAP

rake boot	tstrap:admin-web	#	Boot	tstrap	a a	ıdr
rake	bootstrap:babylon-docs		#	Bootst	trap	5 (
rake	bootstrap:client-server-co	ore	e #	Bootst	trap	5 (
rake	bootstrap:jersey-java		#	Bootst	trap	5 (
rake	bootstrap:jersey-scala		#	Bootst	trap	5 (
rake	bootstrap:play		#	Bootst	trap	5 (
rake	bootstrap:play-ui-build		#	Bootst	trap	5 (
rake	bootstrap:sbt-library		#	Bootst	trap	5 (
rake	bootstrap:schema		#	Bootst	trap) ¿

HOW TO DEFINE A MICROSERVICE?

Functionality scope Number of devs involved



NEW CHALLENGES

- Deployments and Testing (Functional/Integration)
- Dev/Integration Environments
- Who owns this service!?
- Monitoring

ON DEPLOYMENTS AND TESTING

"Testing is HARD" the dev that sits on your left

THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACED:

- Hard to execute functional tests between services
- Frustrating to deploy semi-manually (Capistrano)
- Scary to deploy other teams services

SBT

- Motivation: Scala adaption
- Complex Scala syntax
- Cool features: ~test, shell, console
- Hard to debug

GILT-SBT-BUILD

- Simple config for all the services
- Pulls many plugins: [nexus, testing, RPMs, run scripts, Monitoring, SemVer, ...]
- Custom commands (e.g 'sbt release')

ION-CANNON + SBT

- Run tests on dedicated Env
- Supports Canary releases
- Easy rollbacks
- Integrated health checks

IonCannon

Application Search (i.e. admin-ioncannon, product_service)

Releases * Events * Production Scanner

Search

				Su	ummary of Latest lo	onCannon Activities				
	Name	Version	State	Targets	Released By	Released At	Deployed At			
+	svc-targeting	1.7.11	in_production		prod_scanner	Sun Jan 12 2014 16:54:12 EST	Sun Jan 12 2014 16:57:29 EST	C		
+	gilt	3.45.12	in_production		prod_scanner	Sun Jan 12 2014 13:54:16 EST	Sun Jan 12 2014 13:56:38 EST	C		
+	gilt	3.45.11	in_production		prod_scanner	Sat Jan 11 2014 23:54:27 EST	Sat Jan 11 2014 23:56:42 EST	C		
+	admin-email-template	0.0.19	in_production		jsanchez@gilt.com	Sat Jan 11 2014 23:42:32 EST	Sat Jan 11 2014 23:51:59 EST	C		
+	gilt	3.45.10	in_production		prod_scanner	Sat Jan 11 2014 13:54:52 EST	Sat Jan 11 2014 13:56:56 EST	C		
+	svc-rogue	2.3.0	abandoned	svc5	wchiong@gilt.com	Sat Jan 11 2014 12:43:05 EST		C		
+	svc-rogue	2.3.0	abandoned	svc5	wchiong@gilt.com	Sat Jan 11 2014 10:23:45 EST		C	Î	
+	web-mosaic	0.1.56	in_production		rcaloras@gilt.com	Fri Jan 10 2014 17:51:51 EST	Fri Jan 10 2014 18:47:46 EST	C	Î	
+	svc-ioncannon	0.15.5	faulty		kscaldef@gilt.com	Fri Jan 10 2014 17:20:50 EST		C	Î	
+	svc-rogue	2.3.0	abandoned	svc5	wchiong@gilt.com	Fri Jan 10 2014 17:18:59 EST		C	Î	
+	web-mosaic	0.1.56	released		rcaloras@gilt.com	Fri Jan 10 2014 16:21:33 EST		C		
+	svc-ioncannon	0.15.4	released		kscaldef@gilt.com	Fri Jan 10 2014 15:44:14 EST		C	1	

On Dev/Integration Environments

- The hardware is not strong enough
- No one wants to compile 20 services
- Service Dependencies



EACH TEAM HAS A STAGING Env

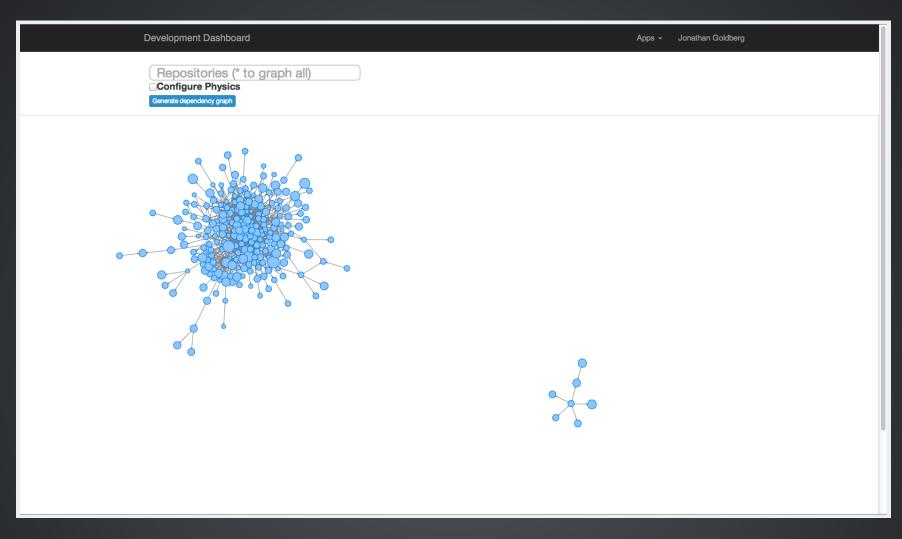
SERVICE_PORTS=[

- 4001, #listing-service
- 8235, #svc-user-set
- 9420, #svc-free-fall
- 7895, #svc-Loyalty
- 8155, #web-loyalty
- 9410, #web inventory status
- 7898, #admin-loyalty
- 7899, #notification
- 7102, #rouge
- 9530, #svc-component

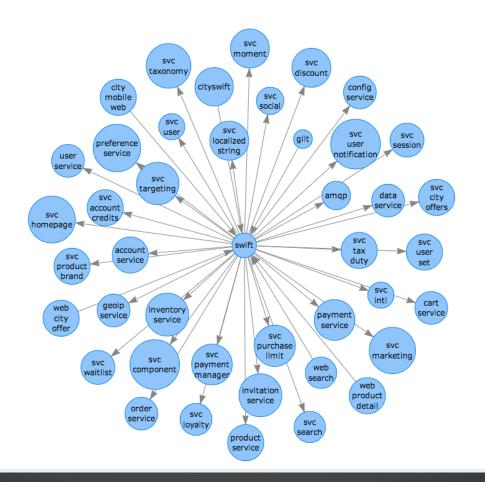
STAGING DIFFICULTIES:

- Hard to keep all the services up to date
- Maxed our staging env capacities
- Requires to have internet connection for some of the services (e.g LOSA-apps)

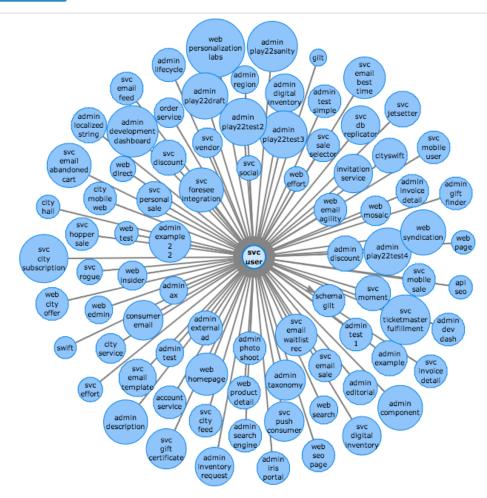
Dependency Fun [Demo]







Generate dependency graph



THE FUTURE GO Reactive



Docker An extension to Linux Containers (LXC)

- Decentralization
- Simple Configurations
- Much lighter than a VM
- Immutable
- Supports multiple platforms

ON OWNERSHIP

"code stays much longer than people" - SB

CODE OWNERSHIP

CURRENT APPROACH

- Code Review!Code Review!Code Review!
- Team owns services, not individual developers
- Ownership transfer

{OpenGrok

"A wicked fast source browser"

199	base = file("client"),	base = file("client"),	199
200	dependencies = clientDependencies,	dependencies = clientDependencies,	200
201	settings = scalaVersionSetting ++ Seq(settings = scalaVersionSetting ++ Seq(201
202	libraryDependencies ++= clientDeps	libraryDependencies ++= clientDeps	202
203) ++ git.CommonsTestSupport.settings ++ additionalSettings ++ additionalClientSettings,) ++ glt. CommonsTestSupport.settings ++ additionalSettings ++ additionalClientSettings,	203
204	<pre>configurations = qiit.CommonsTestSupport.configurations ++ additionalConfigurations ++ additionalClientConfigurations</pre>	<pre>configurations = gllt.CommonsTestSupport.configurations ++ additionalConfigurations ++ additionalClientConfigurations</pre>	204
205		Configurations - gitteommonareseaupperformingurations ++ additionareoningurations ++ additionareitenteoningurations	205
205			205
200		T	207
207	trait ClientServerCoreJobProject extends ClientServerCoreProject {	trait ClientServerCoreJobProject extends ClientServerCoreProject {	207
208	self: ClientServerCoreJobeps =>	self ClantServerCoreJobDeps =>	208
210	sell cliencervercore.obueps ->	sell clientservercoreJobbeps =>	210
210	override lazy val components: Seq[ProjectReference] = Seq(core, server, client, job)	override lazy val components: Seq[ProjectReference] = Seq(core, server, client, job)	210
211 212			211
212	<pre>lazy val jobDependencies: Seq[ClasspathDep[ProjectReference]] = Seq(server, server % "test->test")</pre>	<pre>lazy val jobDependencies: Seq(ClasspathDep[ProjectReference]] = Seq(server, server % "test->test")</pre>	212
	<pre>lazy val additionalJobSettings: Seq[Setting[_]] = Seq.empty</pre>	<pre>lazy val additionalJobSettings: Seq[Setting[_]] = Seq.empty</pre>	
214	<pre>lazy val additionalJobConfigurations: Seq[Configuration] = Seq.empty</pre>	<pre>lazy val additionalJobConfigurations: Seg[Configuration] = Seq.empty</pre>	214
215 216			215 216
	lazy val job = rpmProject(lazy val job = rpmProject(
217	<pre>id = "%s-job" format(name),</pre>	<pre>id = "%s-job" format(name),</pre>	217
218	<pre>base = file("job"),</pre>	<pre>base = file("job"),</pre>	218
219	dependencies = jobDependencies,	dependencies = jobDependencies,	219
220	settings = scalaVersionSetting ++ Seq(settings = scalaVersionSetting ++ Seq(220
221	libraryDependencies ++= jobDeps,	libraryDependencies ++= jobDeps,	221
222	gilt.IonCannon.track := ioncannonTrack,	<pre>gilt.IonCannon.track := ioncannonTrack,</pre>	222
223	gilt.RpmKeys.rpmTargetType := gilt.RpmTargetType.Job	gilt.RpmKeys.rpmTargetType := gilt.RpmTargetType.Job,	223
		gilt.RpmKeys.rpmUser := "web"	224
		Kevin Scaldeferri Jan 9 1:30 Pl	4
		I guess I expected you were going to do this in GiltRpm, choosing the user based on the rpmTargetType. There's a handful of projects setting the	
		rpmTargetType to Job, but not using ClientServerCoreJobProject, so this won't help them out.	
		ipin raiger ye to obb, but net daing client developed of roject, so this wort help them out.	
		Reply Reply Done	
		Sean Smith Jan 9 5:30 Pl	4
		I was debating it, but there was the suggestion that doing it here and have people upgrade to this template might be more straightforward.	
		Of the projects using rpmTargetType of Job, it looks like at least one is using it in error, and most of the rest should actually be upgraded to use the	
		On the projects assing the registric periods, it looks not a reast one is using it in end, and not of the rest should actually be upgraded to use the ClientServerCore.JobProject template.	
		ClientServerCoreJobProject template.	
		But I can resume my crack at it with GiltRpm, as it would give all those projects the benefit with only upgrading the gilt-sbt-build version.	
		Reply Reply 'Done'	
		Kevin Scaldeferri Jan 9 7:07 PM	4
		The counter argument is that there's at least 2 job projects which aren't bundled with a client-server-core. I don't think we should assume that jobs only com	
,		as a package.	
		Reply Reply Tone	
224) ++ additionalSettings ++ additionalJobSettings,	<pre>neby_Doinc) ++ additionalSettings ++ additionalJobSettings,</pre>	225
224) ++ additionalsettings ++ additionalsobsettings, configurations = additionalConfigurations ++ additionalJobConfigurations) ++ additionalsettings ++ additionalsobsettings, configurations = additionalconfigurations ++ additionalJobConfigurations	225
226			227
227			228
228	1	1	229
	dof nlaumaning/id. Biving	daf nlaubraiaat/id. Bhuing	223

All M	ly Projects	People	Plugins	Documentati	on			
Changes	s Drafts Draft	ft Comment	s Watched C	Changes Starre	d Changes			
Change-Id:	10e7e24da2ea8916f	7f7f3a7959ee	1a91203edceb 🎚	🗈 🛛 🛣 Commit	Message			Permalink
Owner	Jonathan Goldbe	rg		POPEYE-205	5: adding tr	iggers to validate	the conversion of bro	oadcast/hopper/broadca
Project	Q schema-gilt			- A trigge	r that preve	nts changing the h	opper_sale_id once a s	sale started
Branch	master			- A trigge		nts soft deleting	a sale_hopper_queue on	
Topic					-	a8916f7f7f3a7959ee	1-01000-4	
Uploaded	Dec 23, 2013 6:5	1 PM		Reviewed-c	n: https://g	errit.gilt.com/321	87	
Updated	Jan 6, 2014 12:5	5 PM				<pre><jenkins@hudson.q <mbryzek@qil<="" pre="" ryzek=""></jenkins@hudson.q></pre>		
Status	Merged				-			
Reviewer		Verified	Code-Review	,				
Jonathan G	oldberg	v onneu	0000 1101100					
Miguel Faja	•							
Kevin Hylar	nd							
Anthony Ma	anfredi							
Ryan Martir	n							
Michael Bry	/zek		\checkmark					
jenkins bot		\checkmark						
Name or E	mail or Group		Add	Reviewer				
Include								
Depend	encies							
Reference	Version: Base	\$						
Patch S	Set 1 c3bd39bb	d4dc10a2d0	3193effeec8547e1	107477f (gitweb)				
Patch S	Set 2 20a98cb5	106eea1800	d77a77d8c9d1155	5bb11dfb (gitweb)				
Patch S	Set 3 d7632fd01	14a39f5d2dd	d75c8e822d08ect	bf6cbb0 (gitweb)				
Patch S			3aed86129baf3c9					
					40 DM			
	hor Jonathan Gold							
	ter Michael Bryze		~~			the commendation of the second		
Parent						oty, unused shipping o	SULOIT LADIES	
Downlo	ad checkout pu			.gilt.com:29418		refs/changes/87/3	2187/4 && git checkout	t FETCH_HEAD 👔
Baulaut	-				-	_	-	
Review	Revert Change	e						
Fi	ile Path			Comments	Size	Diff		Reviewed
Co	ommit Message					Side-by-Side	Unified	

DATA OWNERSHIP

WE TRANSITIONED TO MICRO-DBS

Third of the services have their ownMongoDBPostgresVoldemort

MANAGE MICRO-RELATIONAL DBS

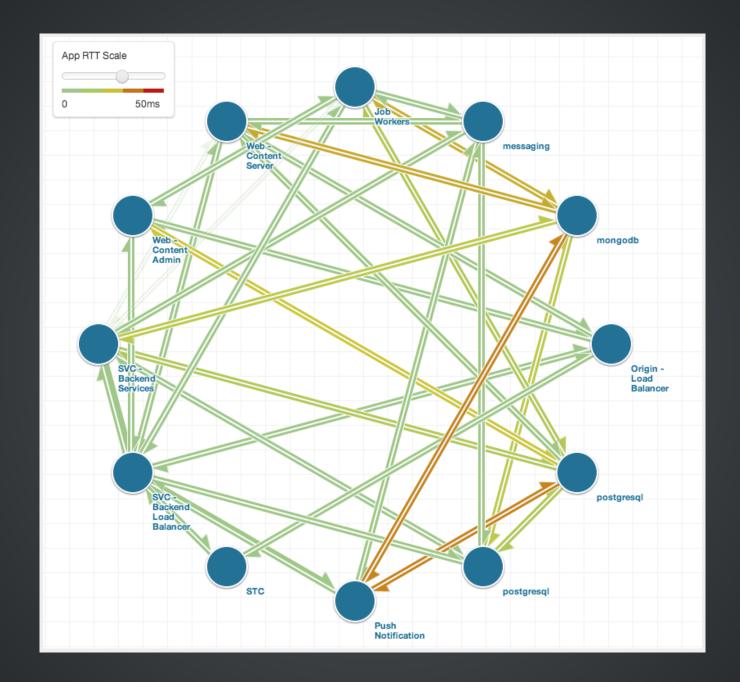
SCHEMA EVOLUTION MANAGER

https://github.com/gilt/schemaevolution-manager

PRINCIPLES OF Schema Evolution Manager

- Can manage the schema evolutions in a Git repo
- Schema changes are deployed as tar flies
- No rollbacks
- Schema changes are required to be incremental

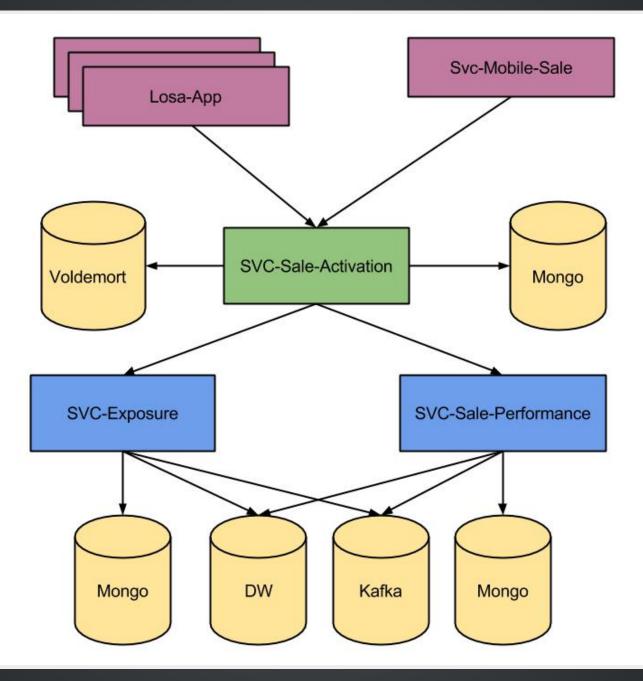
ON MONITORING

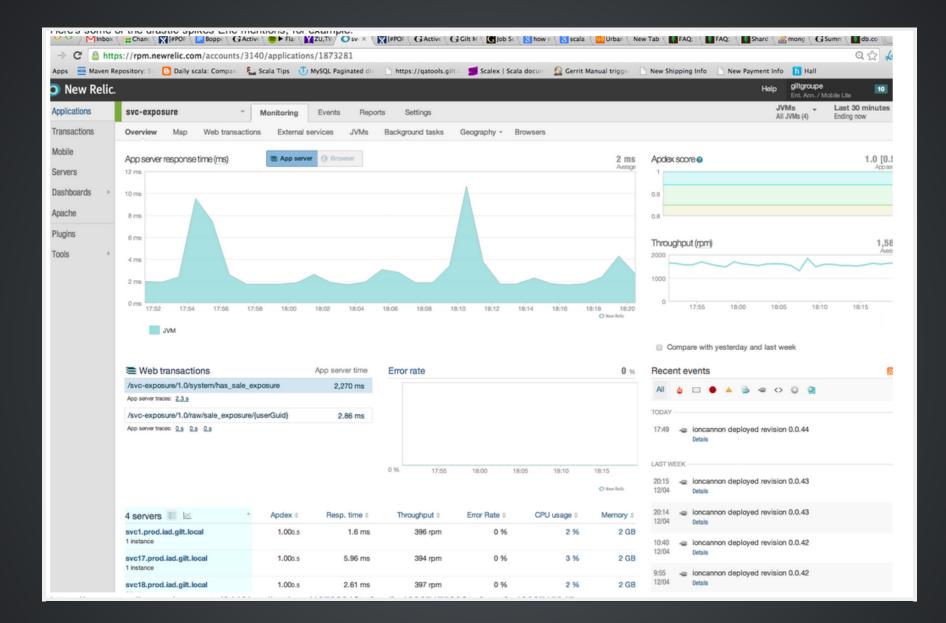


THE TOOLS WE USE

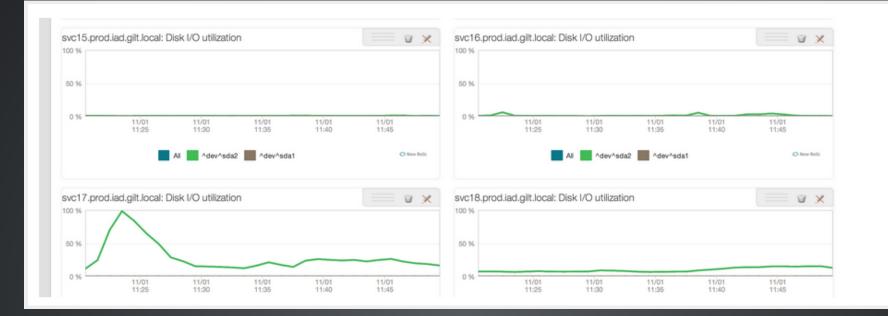


graphite / openTSDB

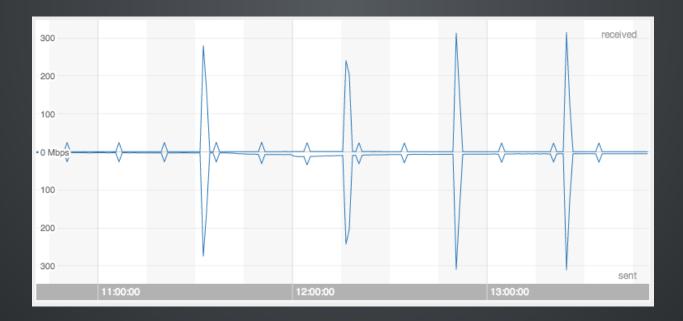




Apps	Response time	Throughput	Errors
Mercury Search Service	0 ms	0 rpm	0.00%
svc-hopper-sale (svc17.pro iad.gilt.local)	d. 59.8 ms	687 rpm	0.352%
svc-loyalty (svc17.prod.iad. gilt.local)	6.59 ms	3,000 rpm	0%
Preference Service (svc17. prod.iad.gilt.local)	5.41 ms	4,550 rpm	0.0004%
Solr Search Service (svc17. prod.iad.gilt.local)	84.2 ms	337 rpm	0.0791%
Config Service Server (svc 17.prod.iad.gilt.local)	64 ms	503 rpm	0%
Syndication Service (svc17. prod.iad.gilt.local)	6.58 ms	300 rpm	0.467%
Seo Service (svc17.prod.iad gilt.local)	l. 23.1 ms	45.9 rpm	0.0724%
vc-waitlist (svc17.prod.iad It.local)	. 19.7 ms	214 rpm	0%
vc-cart-activity (svc17. rod.iad.gilt.local)	1.65 ms	3.05 rpm	0.546%
vc-payment-manager (svc 7.prod.iad.gilt.local)	66.2 ms	35.9 rpm	0.603%
vc-log-agent (svc17.prod. d.gilt.local)	0 ms	0 rpm	0%
vc-user-group (svc17.proc d.gilt.local)	. 11 ms	0.05 rpm	0%
vc-product-category (svc 7.prod.iad.gilt.local)	0 ms	0 rpm	0%
vc-persistent-session (svo 7.prod.iad.gilt.local)		925 rpm	0%
vc-email-feed (svc17.prod ad.gilt.local)	. 0 ms	0 rpm	0%
c-redemption (svc17.prod d.gilt.local)	l. 61.6 ms	0.583 rpm	14.3%
vc-city-external (svc17. rod.iad.gilt.local)	1.7 ms	0.0167 rpm	0%
vc-size-preference (svc17 prod.iad.gilt.local)	0 ms	0 rpm	0%
svc-product-performance svc17.prod.iad.gilt.local)	26.7 ms	3.55 rpm	123%
svc-digital-asset- management (svc17.prod. iad.gilt.local)	0 ms	0 rpm	0%
svc-admin (svc17.prod.iad. gilt.local)	58.8 ms	0.0667 rpm	0%







Cheat Sheet

- Your organization has > 30 developers
- Deployments and integrations are difficult [You need a team for that]
- You can abstractly separate features and parts of your site
- Special hardware or performance needs for some features

MAIN TAKEAWAYS

- Simplicity Do you really need it?
- MicroServices promise works for most case
- As of 2014 You will need to invest in Tools
- We feel that it was the right choice for us

WHAT'S NEXT ? Build your next feature in a new service

QUESTION TIME

We are hiring... @yoni_goldberg jgoldberg@gilt.com www.yonigoldberg.com

SCALA BREAK

Why switch to Scala from Java

- Object-Functional Programming
- Akka
- Immutability that leads to easier concurrency
- Great libraries: like Salat, Scalaz
- Less boilerplate code e.g Case classes, App
- Scala's Collections

- Traits
- Cake Pattern
- Console
- SBT (in scala, release process)
- Option