Scalability Patterns & Solutions for Dynamic high-load Java Websites

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What Hippo does / sells

Traditionally Hippo used to sell a CMS capable of **managing content** and a customer specific site implementation.

Hippo strictly separates the **editing** process from the **presentation** logic.

Content is stored in a **generic format**, allowing it to be **reused** across multiple pages and/or channels.









No longer just a CMS

No longer are we a CMS that is just about putting content or web pages at the conceptual center.

Today our real strength is the fact that we have the **Visitor** as the focus, and on a technical level, our delivery tier that interacts with that visitor to serve out relevant pages by really listening to the visitor.







Implications

- Every page is rendered live from the application taking the visitor into account
- Serving html from a reverse caching proxy (squid/varnish/mod_cache) is not an option

Note that offloading css, js, images, etc to reverse caching proxies or some CDN is still our common practice







Requirements for Hippo's delivery tier framework

- 1. support many concurrent visitors
- 2. instantly reflect frequently changing content
- runtime adding sites and/or changing URL's of existing sites
- 4. runtime changing the appearance of sites
- 5. search including authorization
- 6. faceted navigation requiring authorized counts
- 7. personalization of pages
- 8. storing of visitor data







Serving **personalized** pages and **storing** all request data and accumulated visitor characteristics, a single Hippo cluster node already saturated the available Amazon bandwidth

8.6 million pages per hour
2389 pages per second
6398400000 (6 billion)
pages per month







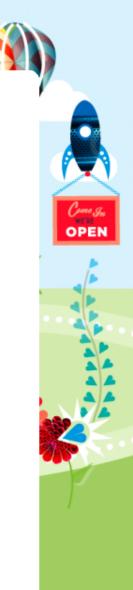


A brief history

I am working at Hippo since 2001

Lead developer Hippo's delivery tier (framework)

Apache committer of Jackrabbit and Cocoon









Biggest mistake

Back in 2001, XML / XSLT was buzzing and bleeding edge

We needed a time tracking system at Hippo

.... so I built one by storing **one** XML in **one** access db **blob** and a XSLT to transform it into a time tracking system...with ASP.









Around 2003 we started using Cocoon

Cocoon: XML and XSLT publishing Open Source Java framework built around the concepts of **separation of concerns**

CMS and delivery tier built in Cocoon

Slide (XML Content Repository) accessed over WebDAV









Lessons learned

Apache and community!

Separation of concerns : Content and presentation

Request matching and the reverse: Link rewriting references between content to URLs.

Cocoon / XSLT was (and is) too slow









Lessons learned

Reverse caching proxies (mod_cache, squid, varnish, ssi tricks)

Indexing content with Apache Lucene (around 2003 that was version 1.2)

Many caching strategies and their problems / difficulties (for developers)

Cache invalidation mechanisms (JMS eventing)









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Lessons learned

Authorization and fast search results hard to combine

Using remote repositories is too slow if you require many sources









Around 2005 integrated Apache Jetspeed

Apache Jetspeed: Open Source Enterprise Portal framework and platform

- \star native integration of the CMS
- ★ portal used as delivery tier
- ★ combining portlets, content and 3rd party services in one solution

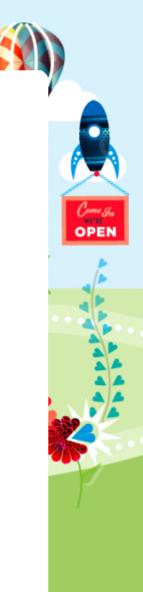
Hippo Portal





Lessons learned

Multi webapp state sharing is complex Multi webapp orchestration of services Writing cross webapp shared APIs HMVC pattern for the delivery tier







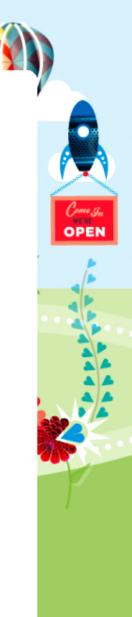


2007 start Hippo CMS 7

CMS: Stateful AJAX based webapp written in Wicket

Delivery tier framework (HST) written from scratch

Hippo Repository: a JCR compliant repository on top of Apache Jackrabbit







Some CMS 7 Customers

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"We chose Hippo for one reason: Targeting content to consumers is paramount." Laurent Vonach, Online Manager International Marketing, Weleda







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Dutch police : From 400 web sites to 1

"With Hippo, we rolled out the mobile site together with the desktop site. That's the advantage of having a central Content Management System that serve content to all channels."

http://www.cmscritic.com/how-open-source-software-transformed-a-nations-police-force/











Real time updates to design models

Dynamic content from Amazon Cloud to millions of global customers

Content updated and distributed via 28 AppStores managed by Hippo CMS AUTODESK.

"By managing our content with Hippo in the Amazon Cloud, we now roll out content updates to all our customers worldwide in just a few minutes. The solution gave us the agility we needed to transition our business to a subscription model."





- Targeting based on entry page, geo location and click behavior
- Enterprise Forms with 'killer questions' to pre-qualify applications
- Responsive Design

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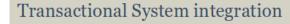
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20 mio unique visitors / month 10,000 employees

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Web, mobile, tablet & kiosk

Content as a Service (REST)





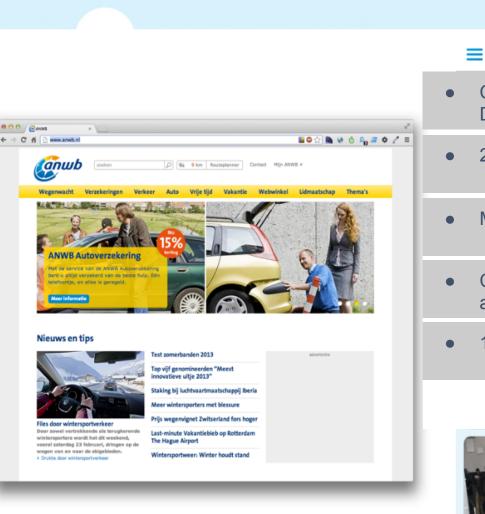
-Web, mobile, tablet & kiosk -Integration with back office & e-Commerce -Integration with Train information management System -On-board live sync system











200 forms and 68 applications OPEN

- MyANWB portal
- Content reuse in 16 mobile apps and 7 publications

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Decentralized Organization

Centralized Content for a

120 content editors









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Most have high volume sites

They all use Hippo **differently** to deliver (personalized) content to different channels









Hippo's business model

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Hippo's stack

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except some enterprise modules on the **periphery** of our stack







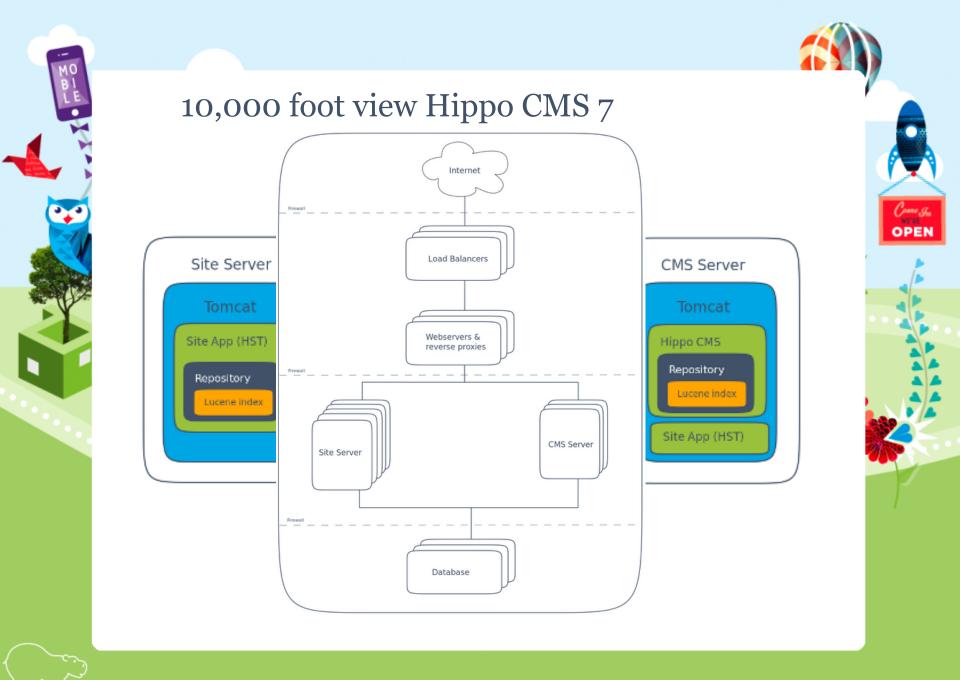
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Hippo Repository on top of Jackrabbit

Jackrabbit is a reference implementation of Java Content Repository (JSR-170/JSR-283)

A content repository is a hierarchical content store with support for structured and unstructured content, full text search, versioning, transactions, observation, and more.



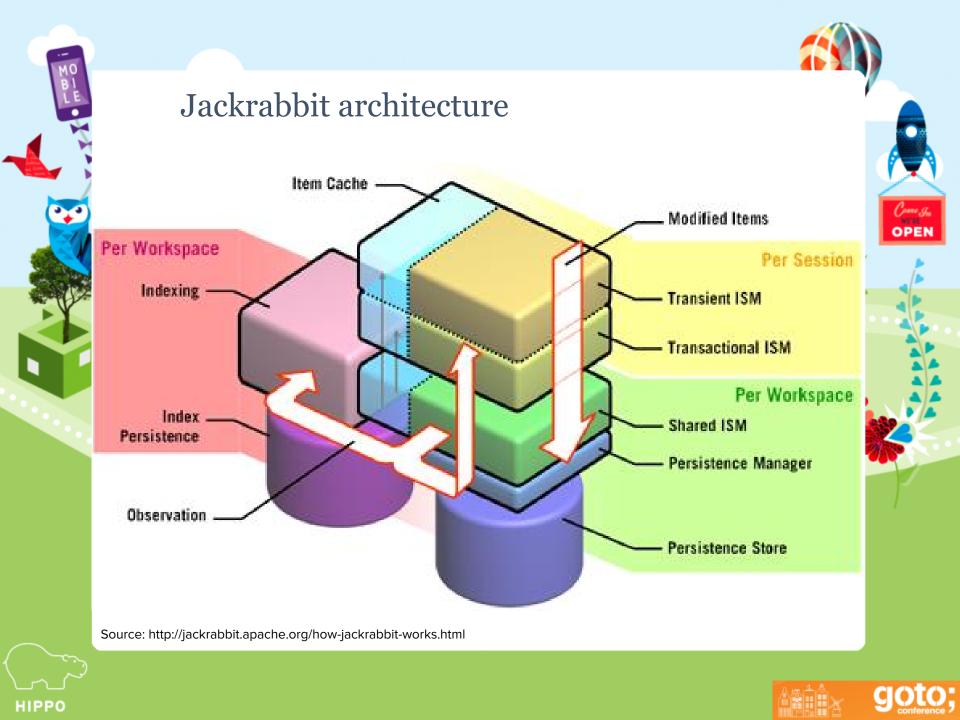






JCR in a nutshell

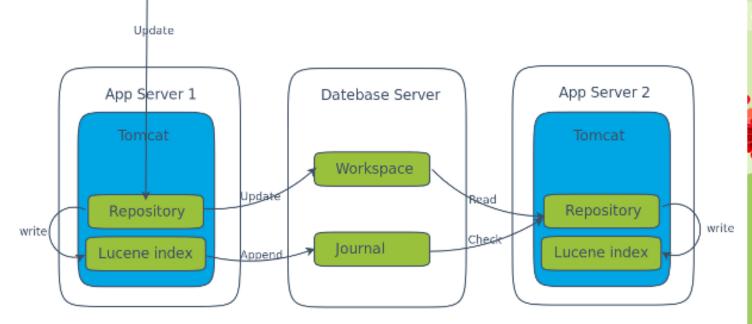






Jackrabbit clustering

Always have a repository embedded in the containers for the webapps that require a repository and do not use remote







How to query the repository

- 1. A subset of XPath (JSR-170)
- 2. A subset of SQL (JSR-170)
- 3. JCR-SQL2 (JSR-283)
- 4. JCR-JQOM (JSR-283)







Complex XPath query

/jcr:root/nodes//element(*,my:type)
 [jcr:contains(.,'jsr') and
 my:subnode/@jcr:primaryType='my:html']
 /my:body[jcr:contains(.,'170')]







Jackrabbit (Lucene) index

Challenges:

- 1. Hierarchical queries cannot be mapped easily to Lucene
- After Session#save() instant reflection of search results required (real-time search) but at the time of JSR-170 Lucene was at version 1.4.
- 3. Lucene indexes always need to be local: You cannot bring the data to the computation!!
- Search results should return only authorized hits







Jackrabbit (Lucene) index

Challenge 1:

Hierarchical queries cannot be mapped easily to Lucene

Solution 1:

Just try to avoid them even though Adobe (Day) developers did an amazing job









Jackrabbit (Lucene) index

Challenge 2:

After Session#save() instant reflection of search results required (real-time search)

Solution 2:

A set of Lucene indexes instead of a single one. Again Adobe (Day) developers did an amazing job...with Lucene 1.4!!









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Jackrabbit (Lucene) index

Challenge 3:

Lucene indexes always need to be local: You cannot bring the data to the computation!!

Solution 3:

Every Jackrabbit cluster node has a local Lucene (multi-) index.









Jackrabbit (Lucene) index

Challenge 4:

Search results should return only **authorized** hits

Solution 4:

Hippo chose for an authorization model on top of JCR that could be mapped to Lucene queries and could be **AND-ed** with every normal query







Example Authorization Query

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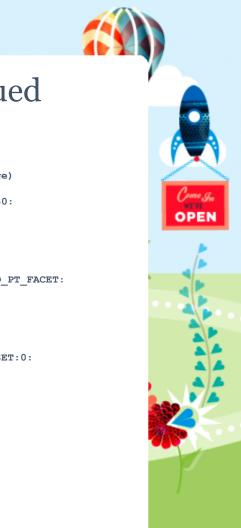
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Can such a to-be-AND-ed query perform?





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Results of the Authorization Query

Also users with little read access have instant authorized searches

Correct total hit size from Lucene

Correct instant faceted navigation authorized counts







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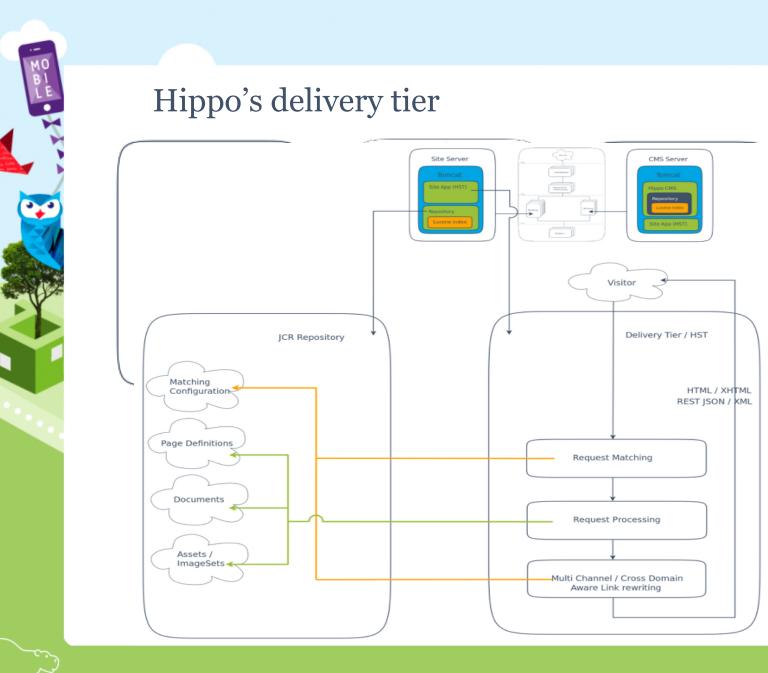
Hippo's delivery tier in a nutshell

- 1. Open Source (Apache License Version 2.0)
- 2. Acronym: HST
- 3. It's not a toolkit but a framework
- 4. Pluggable container which is using Spring Framework configurations
- 5. Its main phases can be divided in
 - a. A matching & link rewriting phase
 - b. A processing phase (default a HMVC pattern)
- 6. The configuration for (5) is stored in the repository and runtime modifiable
- 7. The HST keeps an in memory model for (6)
- 8. It's primarily content driven, not page driven: Hippo CMS manages content & page definitions, not pages.









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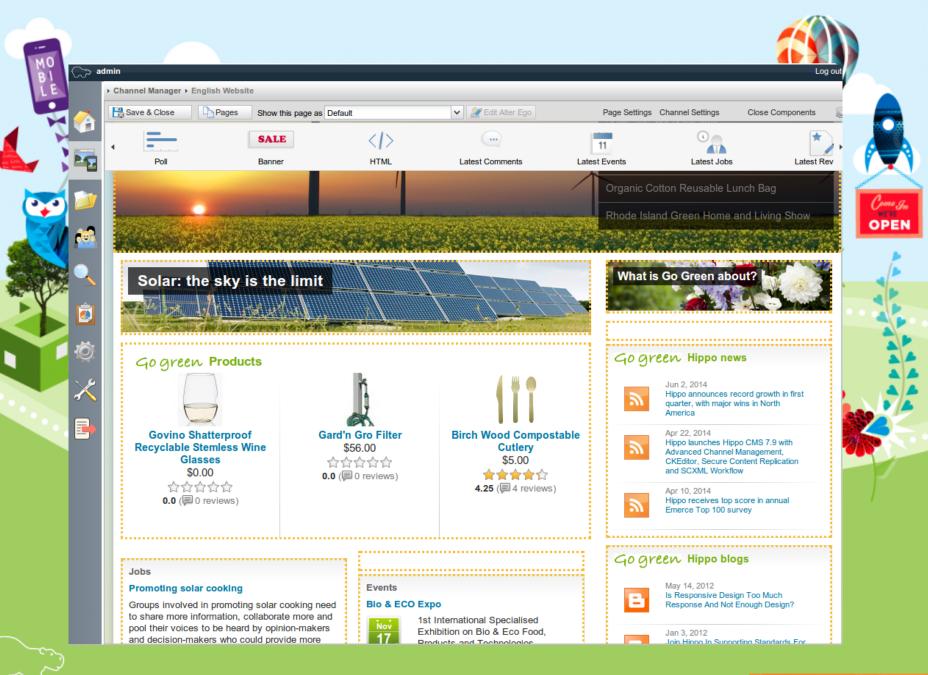




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Challenge

Having many concurrent visitors while runtime adding sites and/or changing URL's of existing sites and changing the appearance (requiring model reloads) while supporting 500+ channels including cross domain (site) link rewriting









General pattern to get around this

Use a lazy append-only (immutable) in memory model tied to a request combined with request bound flyweights and be stateless (by default)

Immutability : Vertical scaling Stateless : Horizontal scaling

CQRS (Command Query Responsibility Segregation) pattern to write changes to the model without requiring the query (read) model





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Next Challenge: Deliver different pages to different visitors

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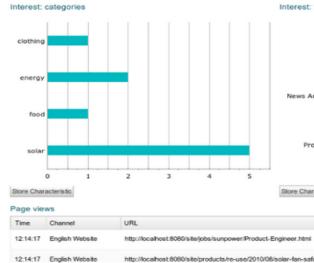
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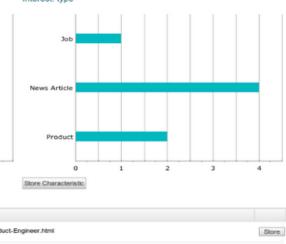
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Visitor characteristics

is a new visitor	Store
is experiencing weather Light rain	Store
visits the site on a Friday	Store
comes from US	Store
comes from Burbank	Store





http://localhost:8080/site/products/re-use/2010/08/solar-fan-safari-hat.html



Store



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Technical requirements

Having many concurrent visitors while

- 1. serving relevant (personalized) pages*
- 2. storing their request logs
- 3. storing their accumulated visitor data
- 4. computing visitor profiles
- 5. tracking cluster wide visitor statistics
- 6. staying stateless (by default)

* The relevance module is part of Hippo enterprise support





Statistics required to be able to support:

"facts that happen less frequently are more important when they happen"

For this we require cluster wide averages. More precisely, we use cluster wide *exponential moving averages*.









Storage solutions

- 1. Store request log as json in Couchbase
- 2. Store (and retrieve) visitor accumulated data as json in Couchbase
- 3. Use Couchbase Map and Reduce Views for statistics













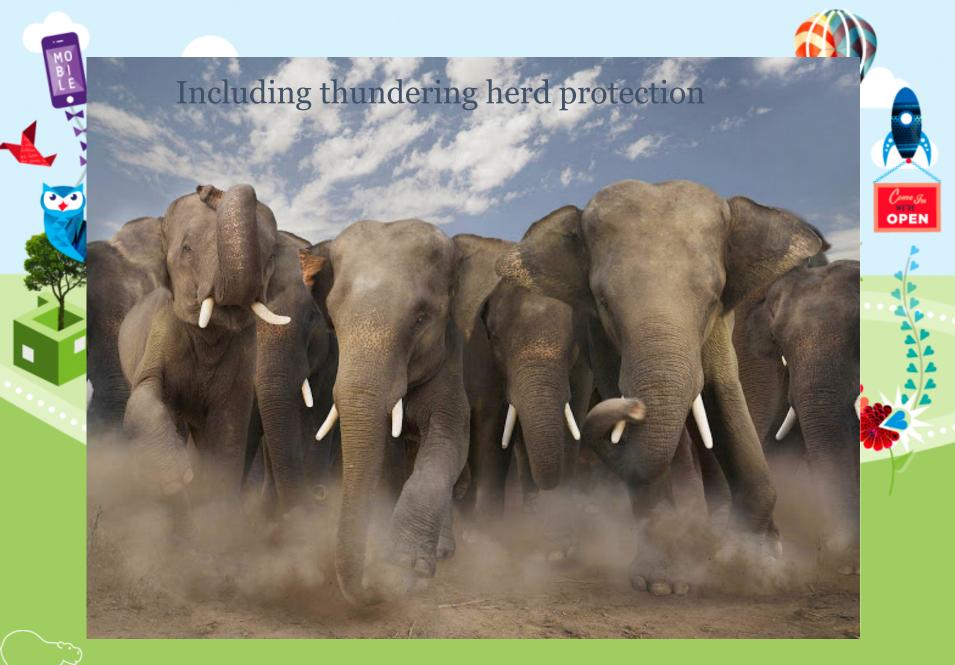














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Recap Hippo's delivery tier

You do not need to tune it to make it fast.

However a fast framework does not guarantee a fast/snappy site





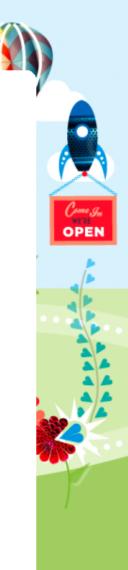






Delivery tier diagnostics

- 1. Possible to switch on/off in production
- Dissects a request through the framework and monitors time spend in different parts
- 3. Output to log or some storage like ElasticSearch and inspect it with Kibana





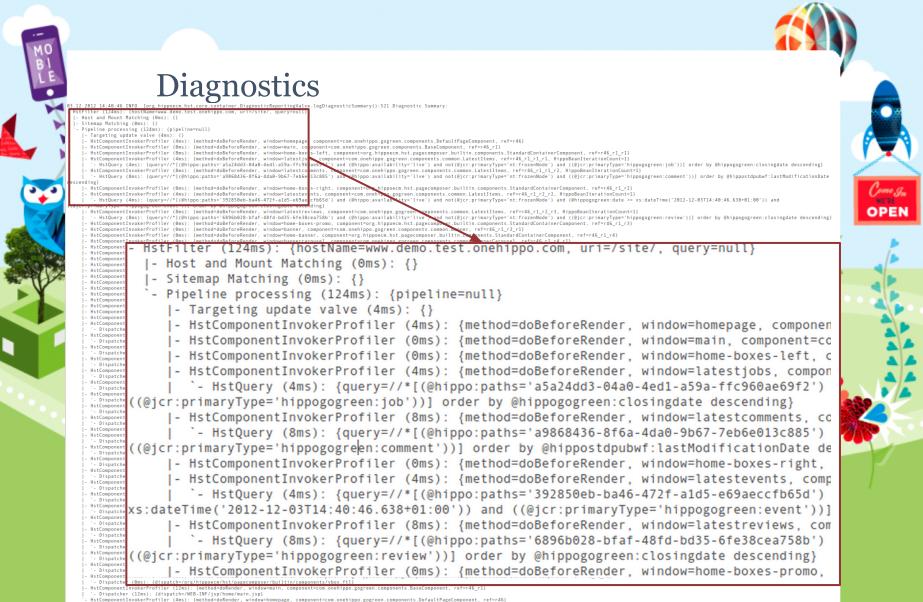




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- Dispatcher (4ms): {dispatch=/hst:hst/hst:configurations/common/hst:templates/layout.webpage.ftl}

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