

Operations First, Feature Second Philosophy Lessons Learned at Facebook

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Skills network engineers need in the future?

virtualization

hyper-converged systems!?

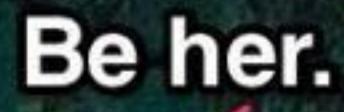
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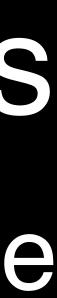




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application analysis

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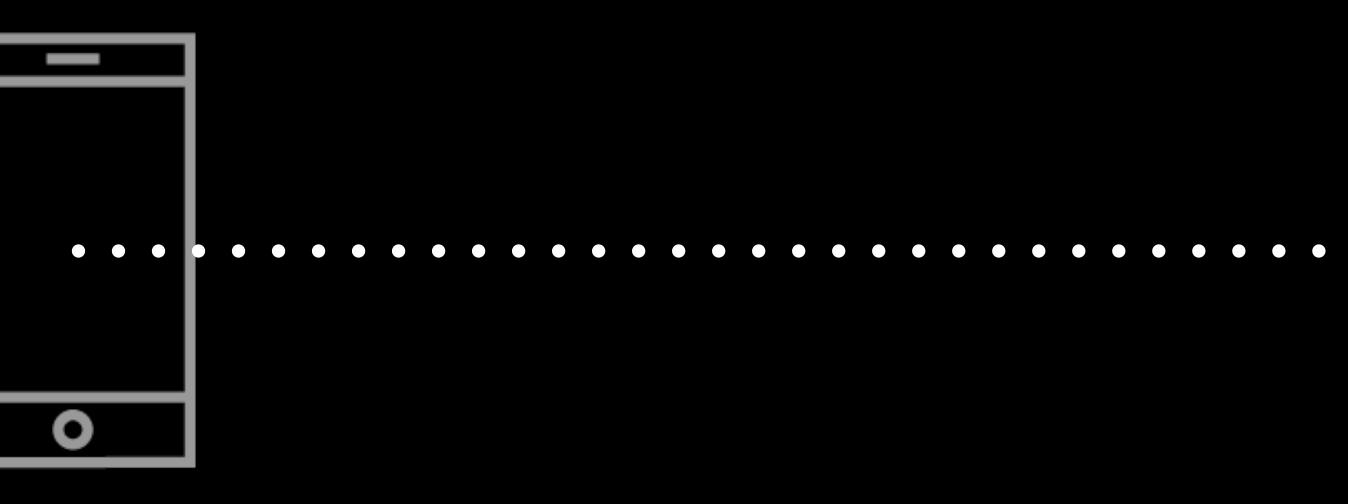




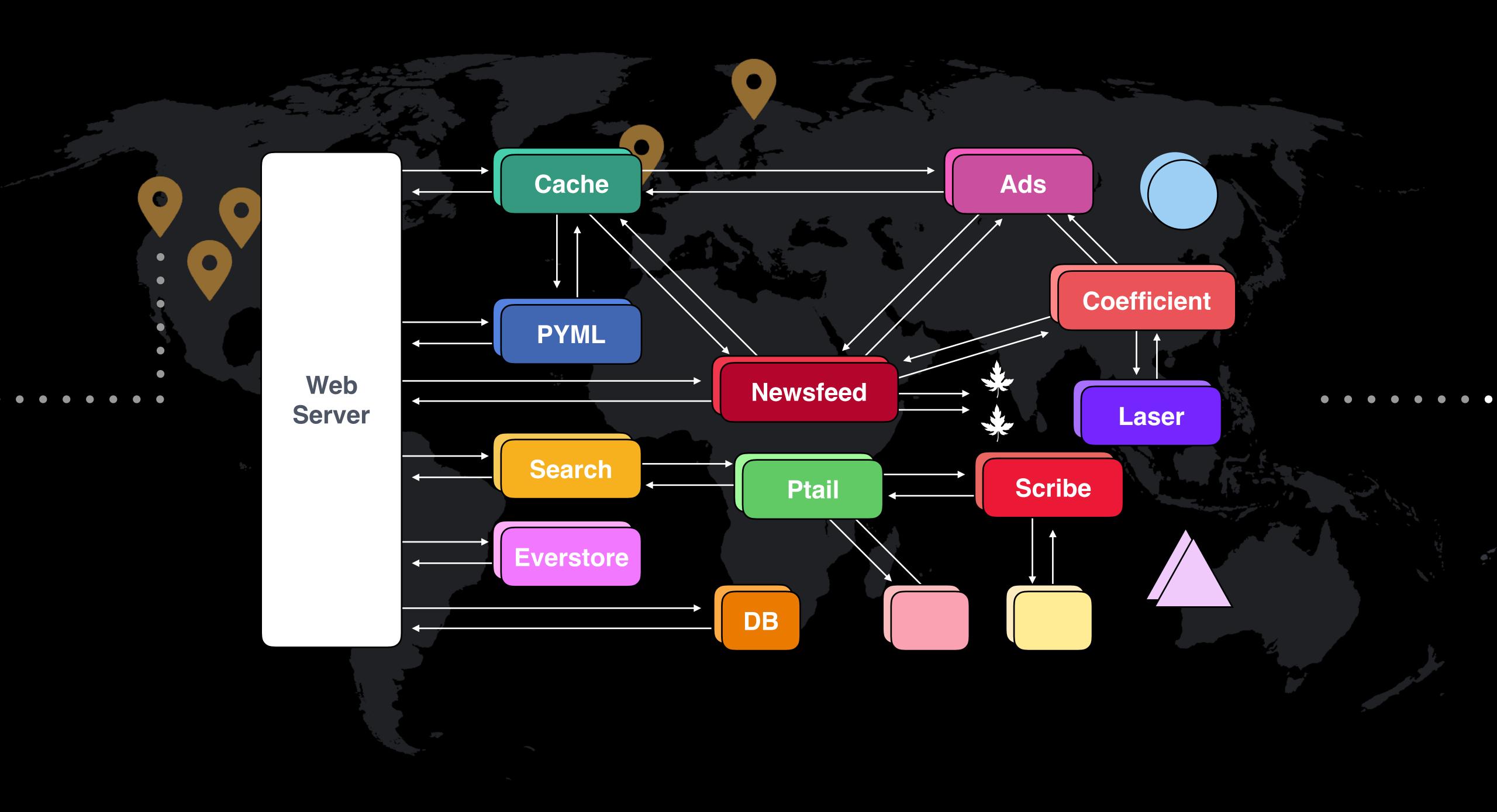
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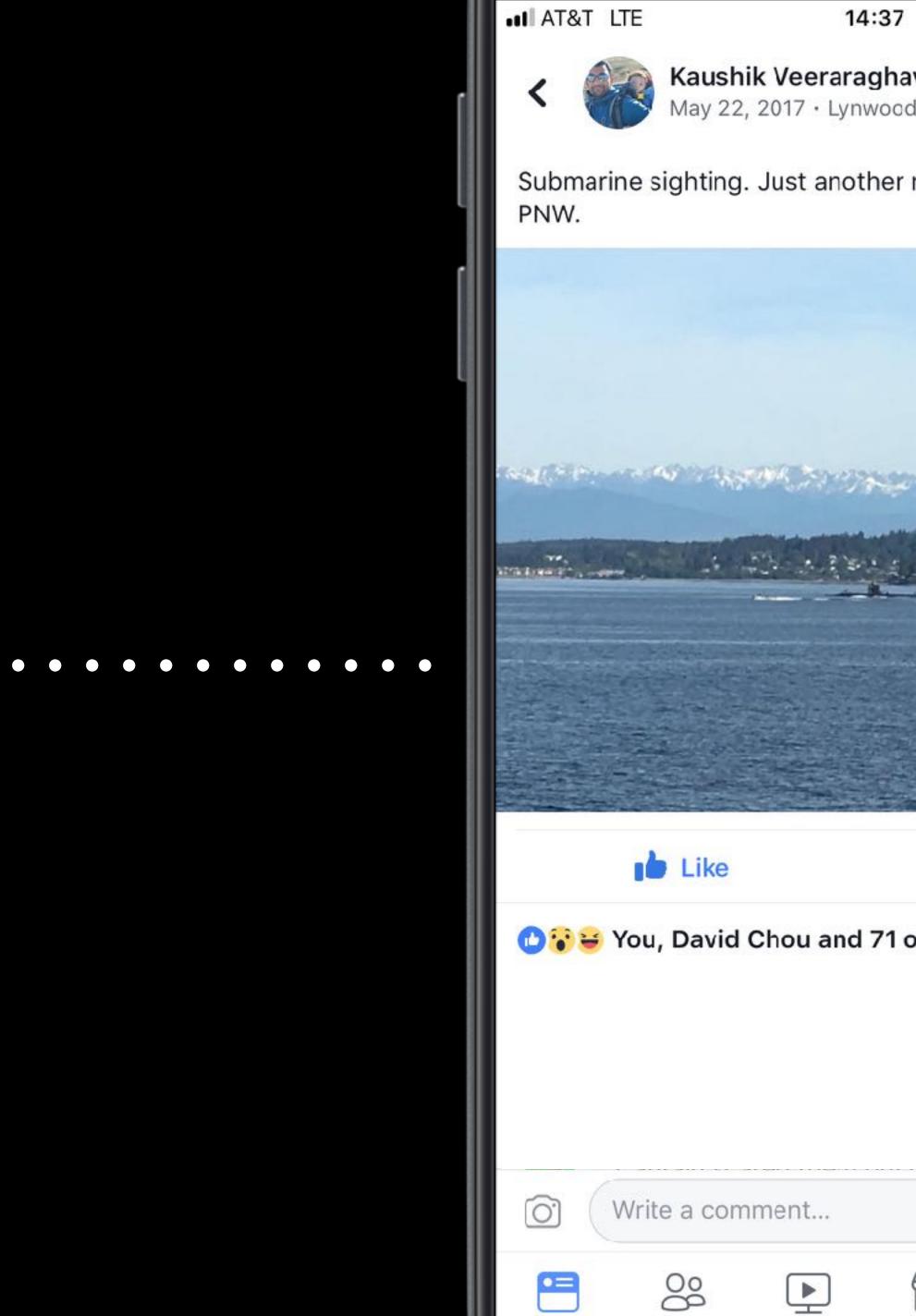
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Operations First Mindset!



Automation

Engineers build robots, robots manage the network

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Automation alone doesn't get you there!

Think operations first, features second

Failproof vs Failfast (detect quickly, mitigate in 1 sec or less)

Iterate vs Architect

Don't perpetuate or create "legacy"



TECHNOLOGY NEWS | Tue Oct 30, 2012 5:38pm EDT

Hurricane Sandy disrupts Northeast U.S. telecom networks



A man walks through floodwaters in the Rockaways section of New York, October 30, 2012. REUTERS/Keith Bedford

MIT Technology Review

How Hurricane Sandy Knocked Out East Coast Internet Connectivity

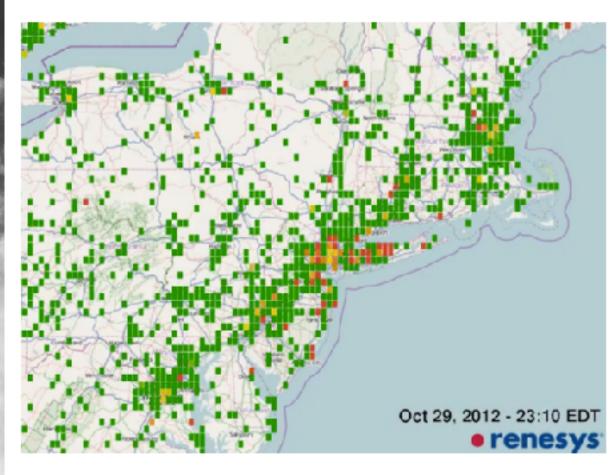
A video shows hurricane taking out communications as it makes landfall.

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ANIMATION: HURRICANE SANDY WIPES OUT 10 PERCENT OF NEW YORK'S INTERNET



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Flooding, power outages from Hurricane Sandy lead to Internet, phone service disruptions

By Post Staff Report

October 30, 2012 7:55pm



The labby of Verizon's Corporate headquarters in Manhattan under water on Monday Photo: Reuters





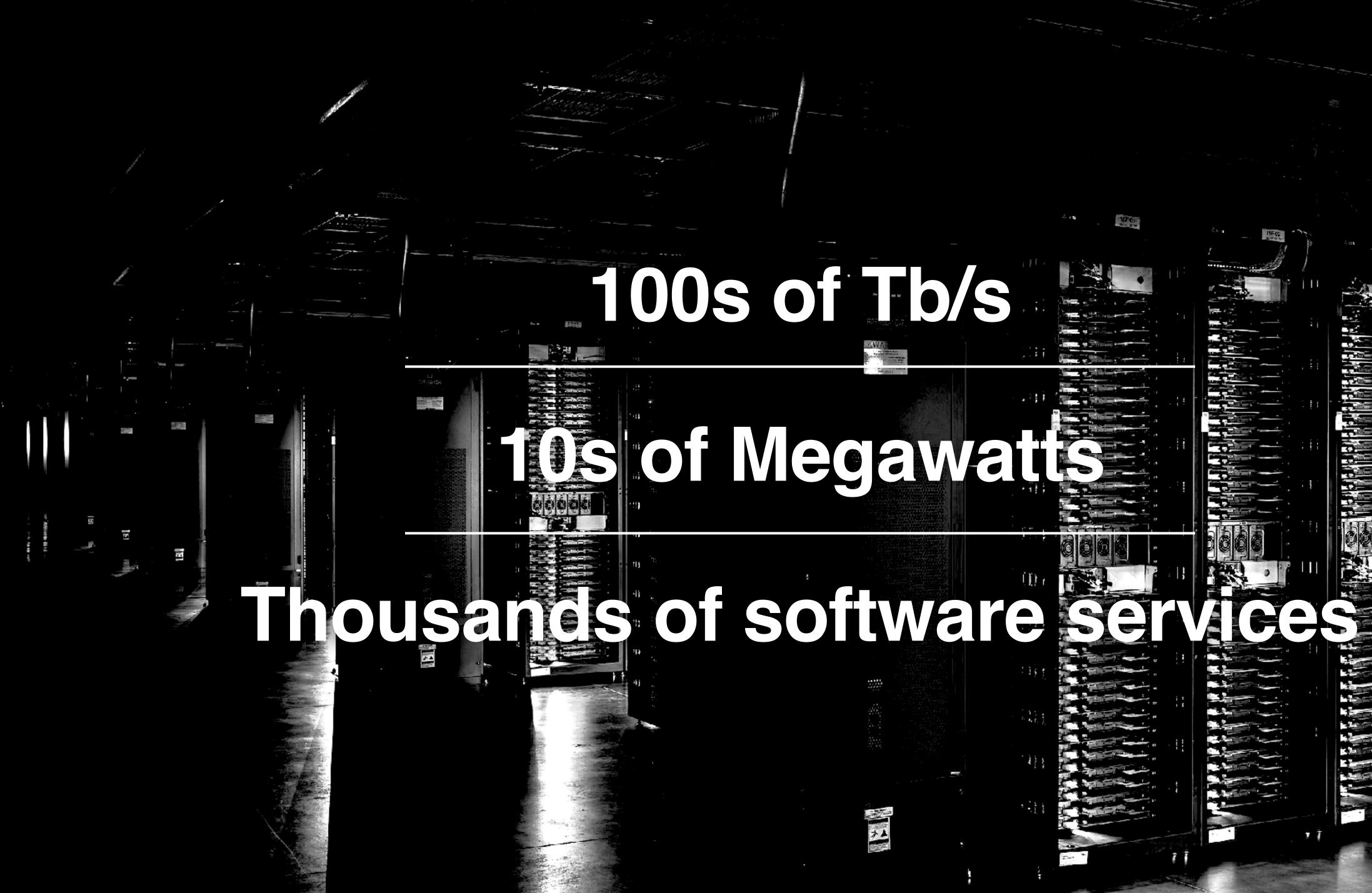
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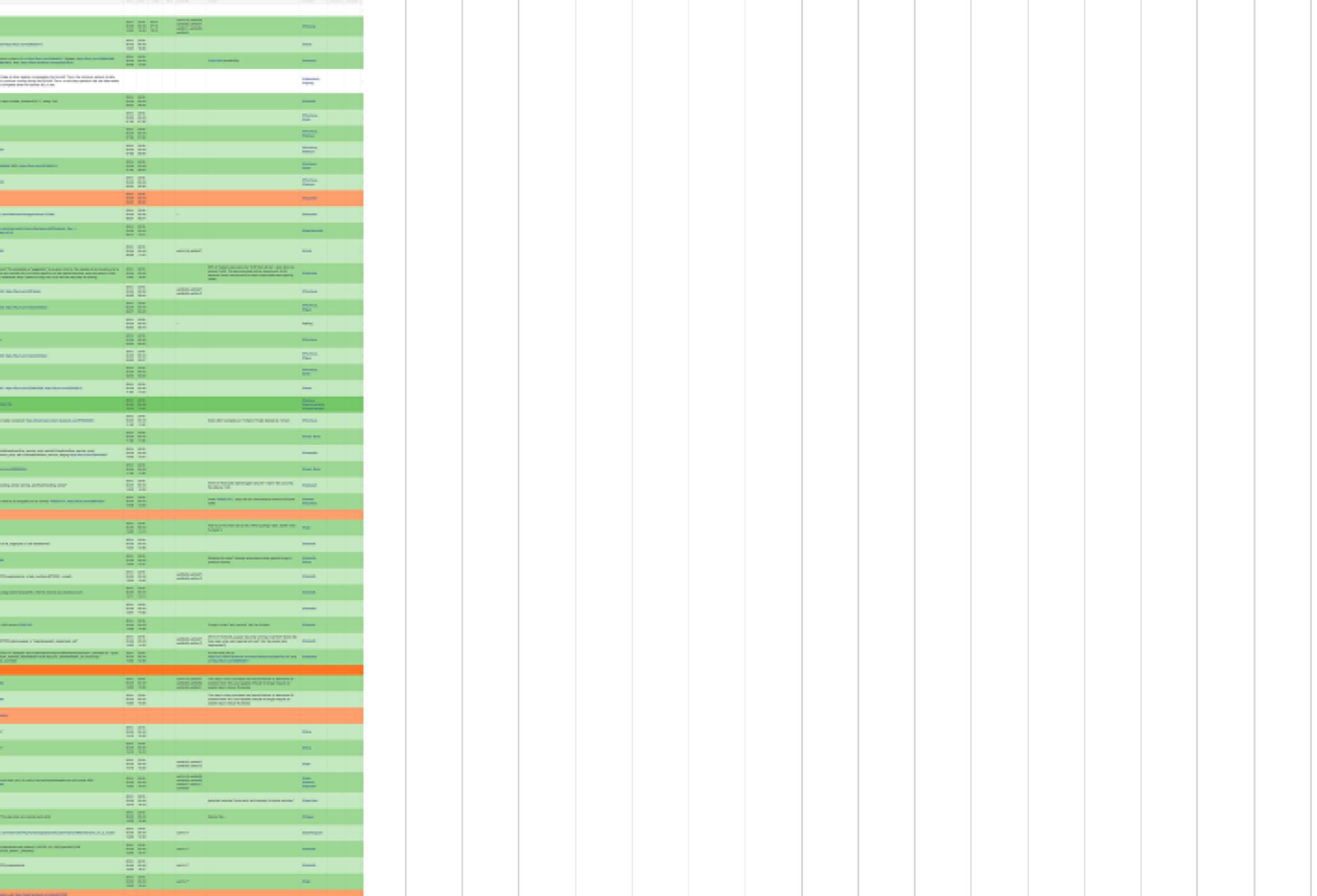


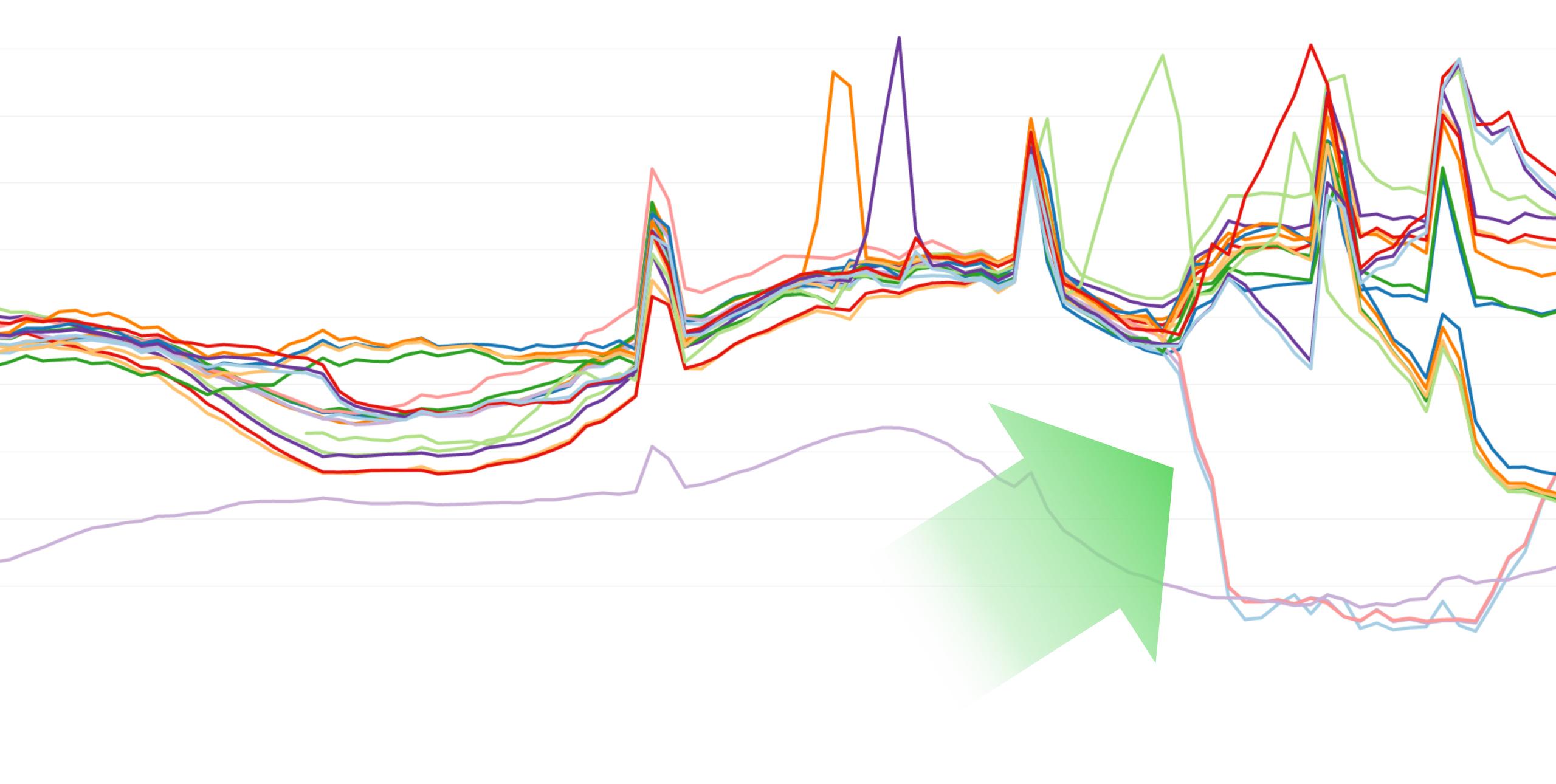
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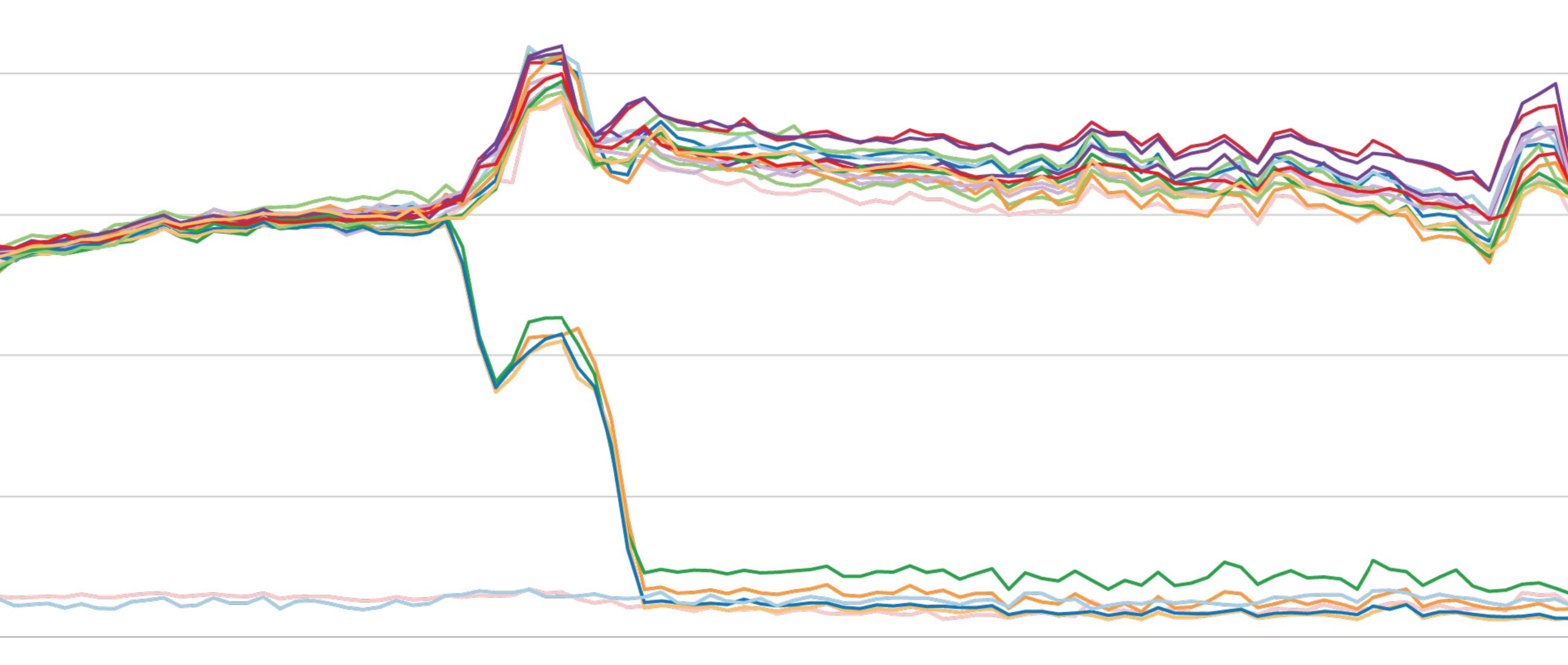
Can we run Facebook without one of our data center regions?

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Embrace Failure



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Thunderstorm JUN 2015

Firestorm OCT 2015

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What did we gain?

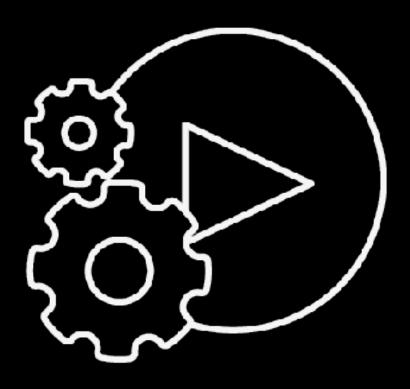
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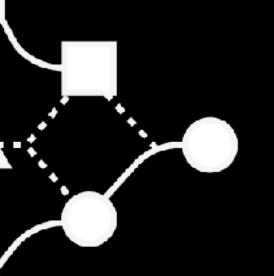


To Summarize



Automation







Dependence

Validation

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