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# The End

CSCI 2541 Database Systems & Team Projects

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# Today

Demo / Report details

A few more "hot" topics

Course summary

# Demo

We will release blocks of appointments over the next few days

Each team can sign up by entering their team number

If you want to change your time after signup, you must get my approval (slack or email)

# Report

**Project Pitch:** ~2 paragraphs describing your overall project to someone who knows nothing about it. Include a representative screenshot

**Special Features:** ~2 sentences describing each extra feature you added beyond the spec

**DB Schema:** Show schema for 2-3 tables and justify your design. You should focus on the most important/interesting aspects (2-3 paragraphs)

**Work Breakdown:** List teammates and specify the aspects of the project they worked on

Submit as a file: report.md (make Issue if you already demoed)

**Due by 3pm Tuesday May 11th (earlier if possible!)**

or demo time

# Hot Topics: Caches, Clouds, Containers

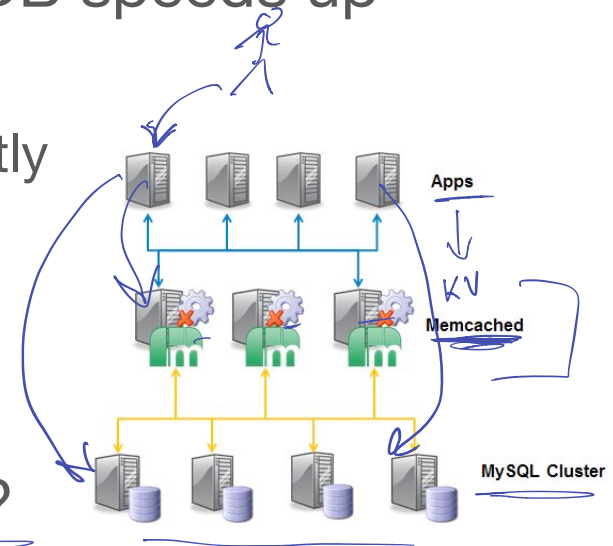
# Caches

Previously we said that RDBMS don't scale well and can get slow when size is very large

Adding a **cache** in front of the DB speeds up accesses

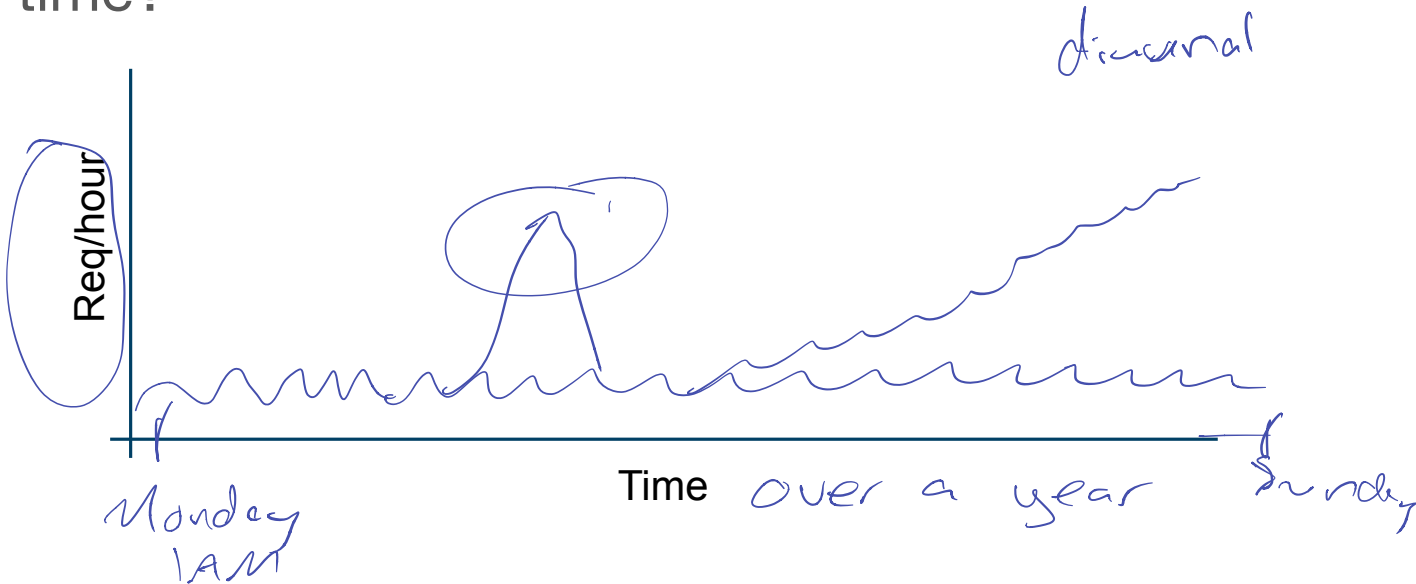
- Smaller, faster source of frequently accessed data

What challenges does this add?



# Web traffic behavior

What would the traffic to an online book store look like over time?

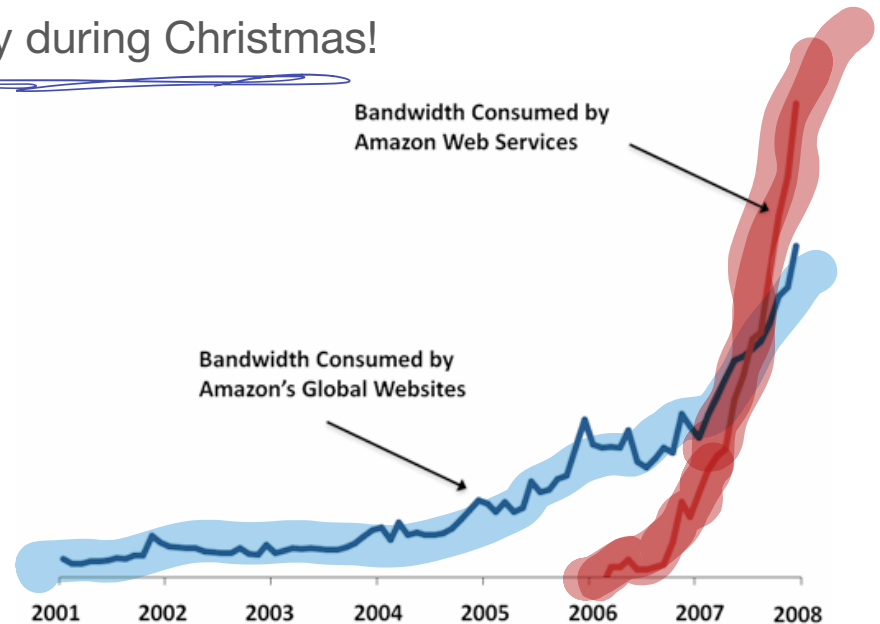


# Amazon's Cloud

Amazon built its cloud platform so that other people could pay for its infrastructure during the rest of the year...

- Only needed peak capacity during Christmas!

Now its cloud users are far bigger than its own sites





# Scale Estimates

1.5-2 million servers - Bloomberg 2014

50-80K per data center, 68 total data centers  
= 3.4-5.4 million

- re:Invent 2016

*Every day Amazon adds as many servers as it had in 2000 (when it was a \$2 billion company)*  
— talk at UW 2011

*Every day Amazon adds as many servers as it had in 2005 (when it was a \$8.5 billion company)*  
— AWS re:Invent 2016

# Why use the cloud?

Pay-as-you go

Expand quickly on demand

Don't need to worry about (many) IT issues

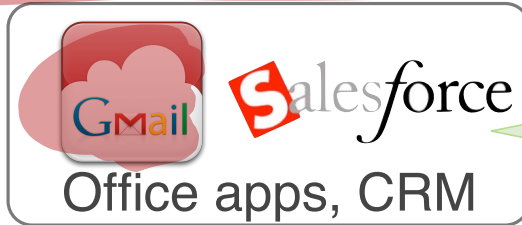
Cheap! (?)

**... but is the cloud perfect?**

[spoiler alert] no.

# Types of Clouds

## Software as a Service (SaaS)



for anybody

## Platform as a Service (PaaS)

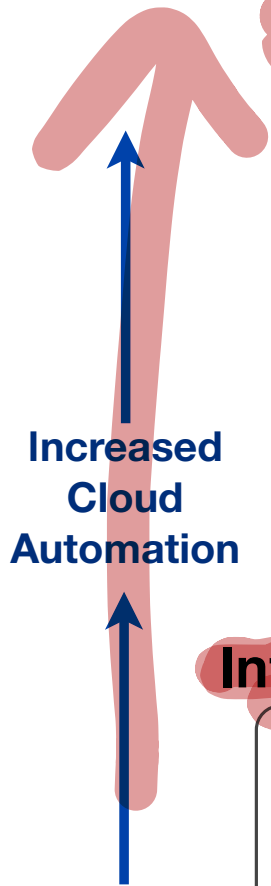


for programmers

## Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)



for programmers  
and sys admins



# Types of Cloud Services

## Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

- Rent VMs, Containers, physical servers, disks, etc. by the hour
- Pricing: \$ per hour
- Examples: EC2, EBS, S3

## Platform as a Service (PaaS)

- Cloud provides a software layer on top of its resources
- Exposes a programming API for users to develop cloud-based apps
- Cloud provider manages all underlying resources (autoscaling)
- Pricing: \$ per hour *if service is getting requests*
- Examples: Beanstalk, Lambda, EMR, Heroku

# Serverless / FaaS

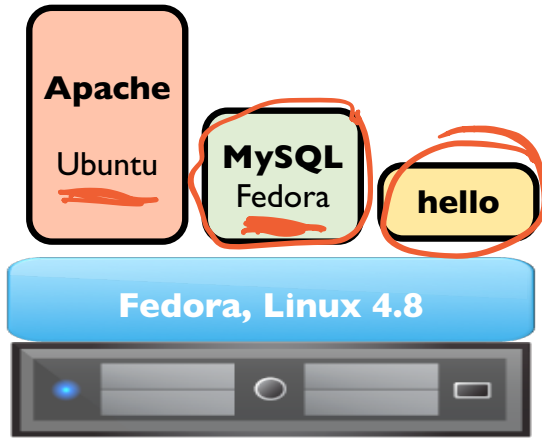
## Functions as a Service (FaaS)

- Newer, trendier version of PaaS
- You provide a function or executable with HTTP/REST interface
- Cloud automatically deploys and autoscales VMs or containers as workload changes
- Pricing: \$ *per request*
- Examples: Lambda, Google Cloud Functions, Azure Functions

PaaS and FaaS generally require **stateless** functions

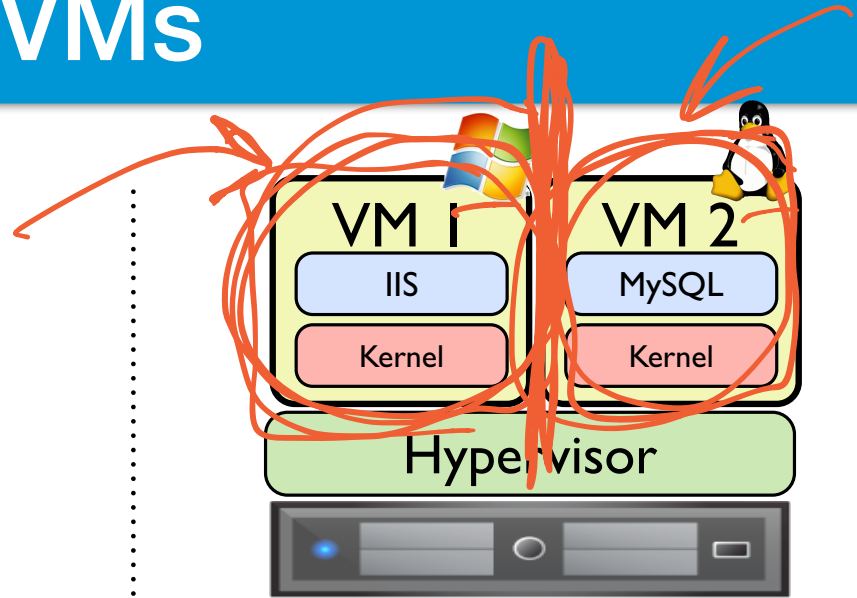
- All important data must be sent to DB!

# Container vs VMs



## Containers

- A group of applications, files, and resources
- Share the underlying OS kernel
- Lightweight



## Virtual Machines

- A full virtual computer including OS, applications, files, and resources
- Strong isolation between VMs

# Process Isolation

## Processes

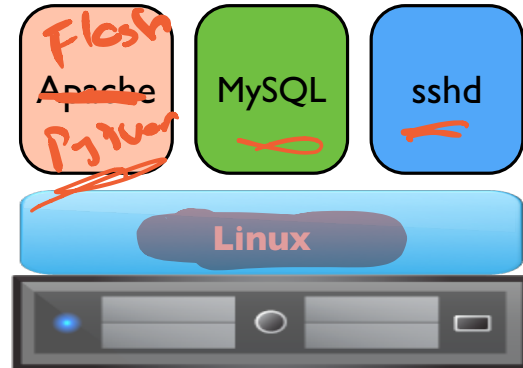
- OS provides isolation

## Isolated:

- Memory

## Shared:

- File system
- Network
- Devices
- OS Kernel



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/etc/  
/etc/apache2  
/etc/sshd.conf  
/etc/mysql  
/usr/bin/mysql  
...
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# Containers



docker

## Containers

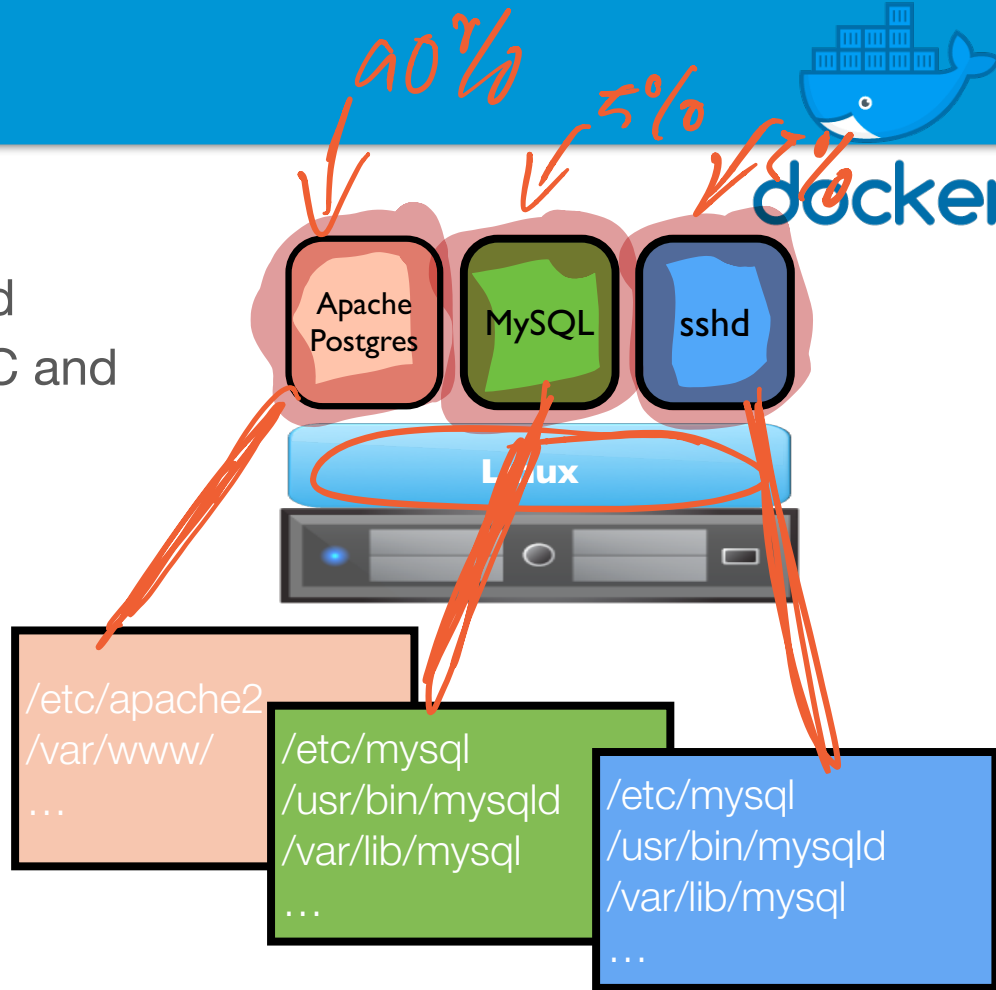
- Namespace-based isolation using LXC and cgroups

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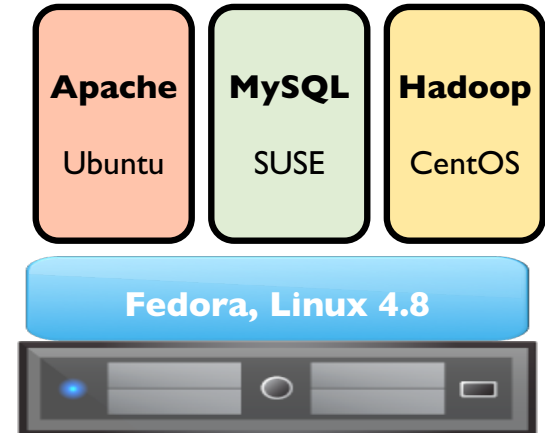
# Container Packaging

Deployment - big benefit of containers/virtualization

- Lets you package up an application and all of its requirements
- Even the distribution and 3rd party utilities!
- Very helpful for system administrators

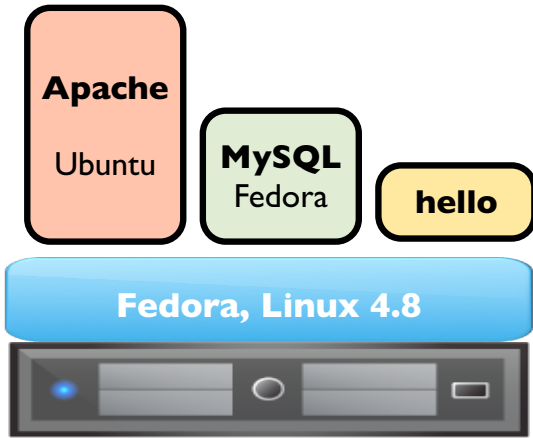
Container “image” includes:

- Linux distribution base files
- Dependency libs/utils
- Configuration files
- Application to run

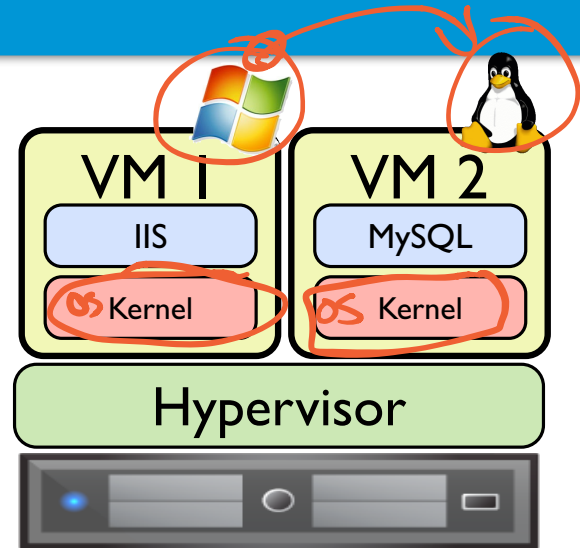


Does not include...?

# Container vs VMs

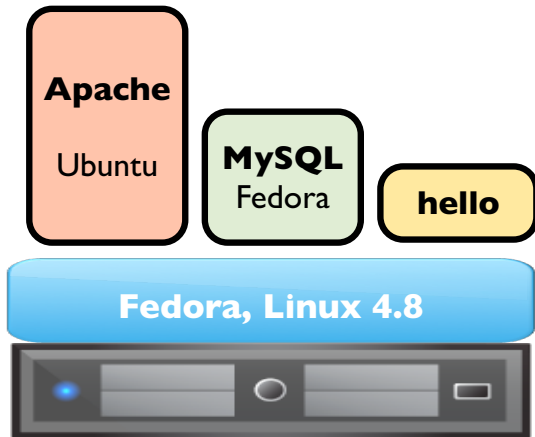


- Pros:
- Light weight
  - isolation
  - Packaging / deployment



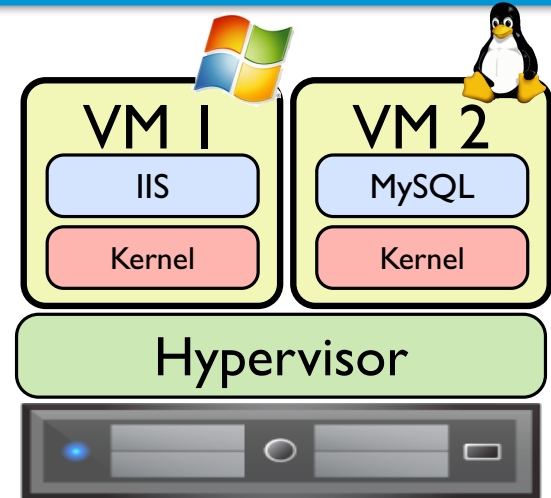
- Pros:
- Stronger isolation
  - Multiple OS

# Container vs VMs



## Pros:

- lightweight (no duplication)
- less resource consumption
- easier to deploy
- specify resources just for application
- faster startup time



## Pros:

- stronger isolation
- different kernel versions/  
OSes
- fault tolerance / isolation
- combine with containers

# No Grade Quiz

Let's discuss answers

**Average**

11.09 / 20 points

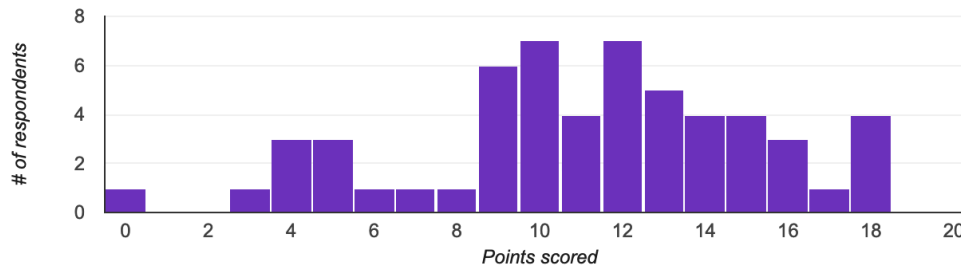
**Median**

11 / 20 points

**Range**

0 - 18 points

**Total points distribution**



# What ~~is~~ this course?

*was*

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- Relational Model, Relational algebra, SQL
- Application development using Relational DBMS (MySQL), with PHP  
Python web apps

## Intro to database models for unstructured data (Big data)

- Overview of NoSQL database models

but wait there's more!

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## Database System Project: Full stack development

### Teamwork – SW development in teams

- Project (SW) integration

### Improving technical communication skills:

- Writing in the disciplines (WID)\* in tandem with CS2501

\*Course is not just about Database design – you have to learn and participate in the other two course objectives (WID, Team SW).

# What is this course?

One of the most **useful** and **applicable** courses you will take while at GW!

(I hope)