



Speed is key

How and why to use caching on your website



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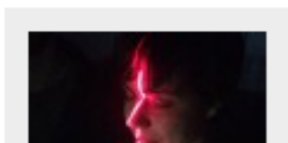
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don't call me 'slow'

i am 'velocity-challenged'



ACCELERATE



TO ATTACK SPEED

Static caching



Use faster software

- Nginx?
- HHVM?



WP Engine



Pressable



PAGELY®

SiteGround



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Last 15 Posts

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ID	When	Title	Categories	Comments	Author			
1	2013-05-23 10:51:47 am	Hello world!	Uncategorized	1	Administrator	View	Edit	Delete

Comments

1. 2013-5-23 @ 10:05:47 am [[Edit](#) - [Delete](#) - [Unapprove](#)]
Mr WordPress (/ <http://wordpress.org>) (IP: 127.0.0.1)

Hi, this is a comment.

To delete a comment, just log in, and view the posts' comments, there you will have the option to edit or delete them.

WordPress
1.5 — Support Forums

<https://geek.hellyer.kiwi/tools/historic-wordpress/>



~40,000 registered
users in one day



**"There are only two hard things in
computer science, cache invalidation
and naming things."**

- Phil Karlton

Persistent object caching

- wp-content/object-cache.php
- Query count ... ~20 -> ~4



Object caching backends

In memory cache

- Memcached
- APC
- Redis





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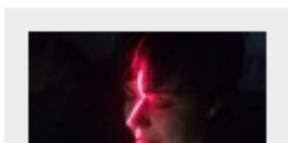
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Caching your bits



Widgets

<https://github.com/kasparsd/widget-output-cache>



Fragment caching plugin

<https://github.com/Rarst/fragment-cache>



Menus

<https://geek.hellyer.kiwi/plugins/menu-cache/>



Extra steps

- Use external services for dynamic stuff
Disqus comments
- Spam protection
<https://geek.hellyer.kiwi/plugins/spam-destroyer/>
- Fail2Ban
- SPDY protocol
- Block wp-login.php
- Offline caching
<https://geek.hellyer.kiwi/plugins/offline-cache-plugin/>
- Weed out bad plugins
<https://github.com/Rarst/laps>
<https://wppperformanceprofiler.interconnectit.com/>



Measuring page speed

- Pingdom
- Google Page Speed
- Yahoo! YSlow
- GT Metrix

Caching has almost no effect on these.

Measure individual page speed instead of ability to handle traffic.

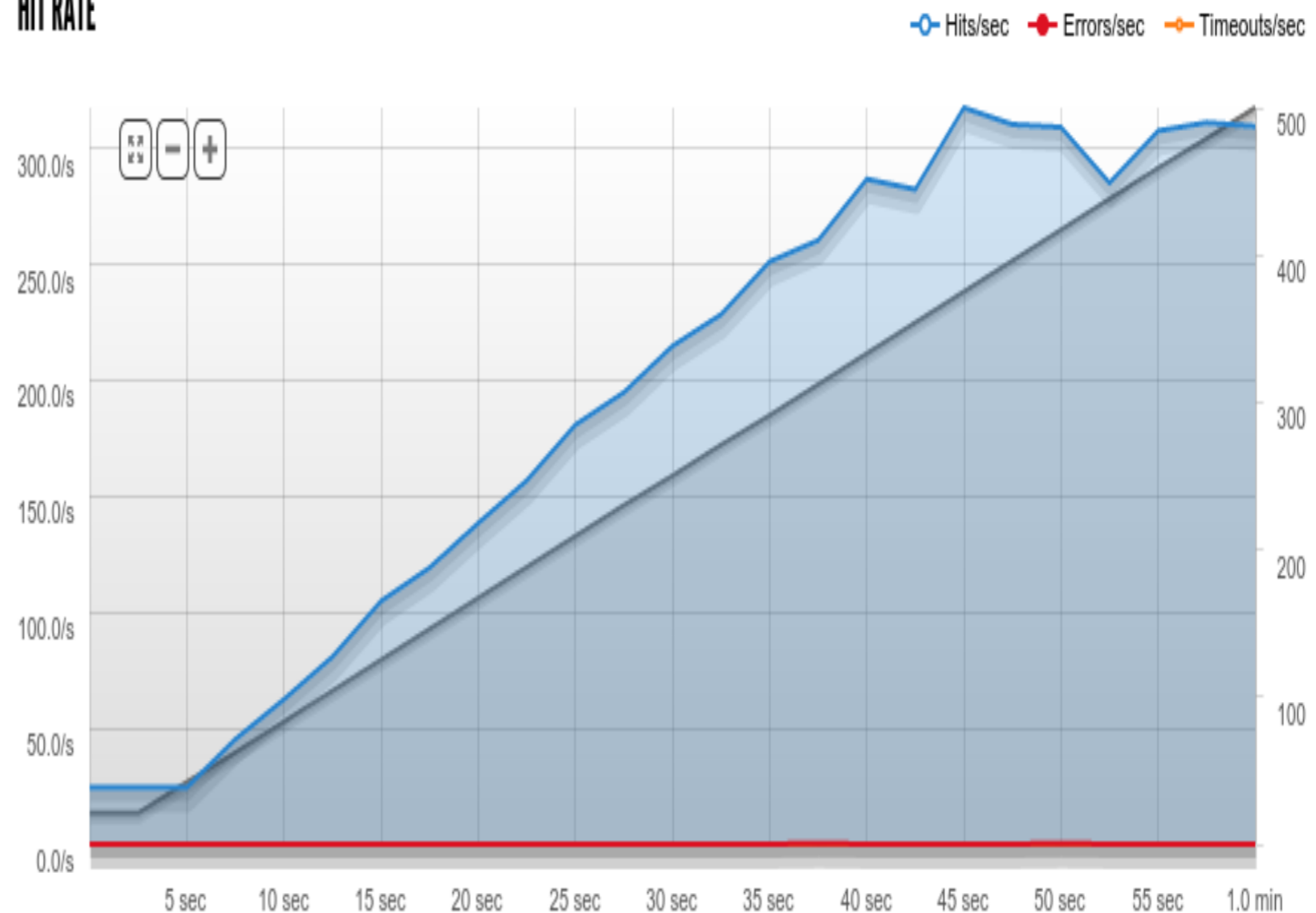


Measuring ability to handle load

- Apache Bench
- Siege
- Blitz.io

The max response time was: 573 ms @ 500 users

HIT RATE



Performance monitoring over time

pingdom

ryan.hellyer.kiwi

type: HTTP, host: ryan.hellyer.kiwi



DOWNTIME

1h

(17 outages)

UPTIME

99.98%



CLOUDFLARE®

reverse proxy

“Website Offline, No Cached Version Available”

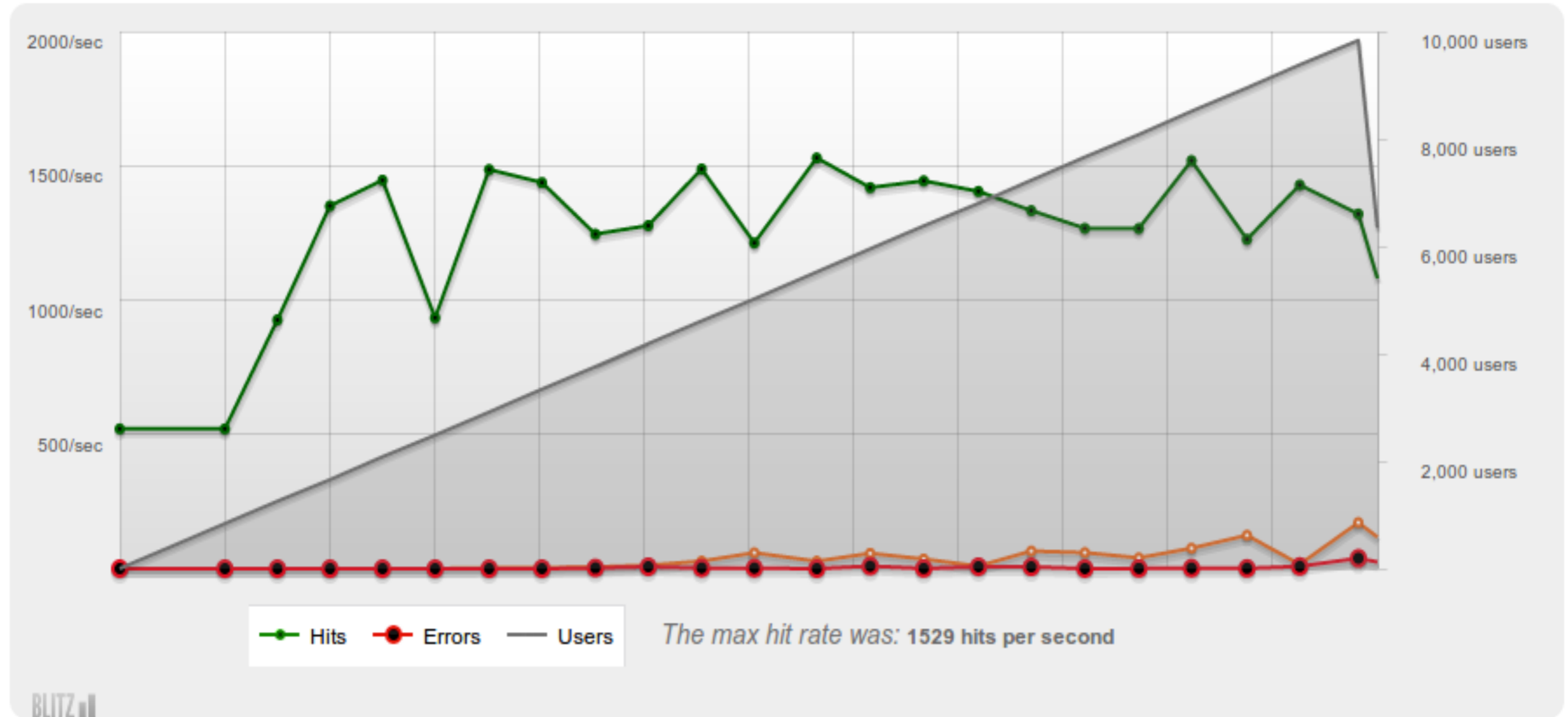


CDN all the things!

1500 page views per second

Initial page loads within 6 ms!!!!

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Take home message ...

Caching is hard



Questions?



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