# Fifty Tips, Tricks & Tools ...in one talk

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"Hey, did you know that you could use {some tool} to do that better?"







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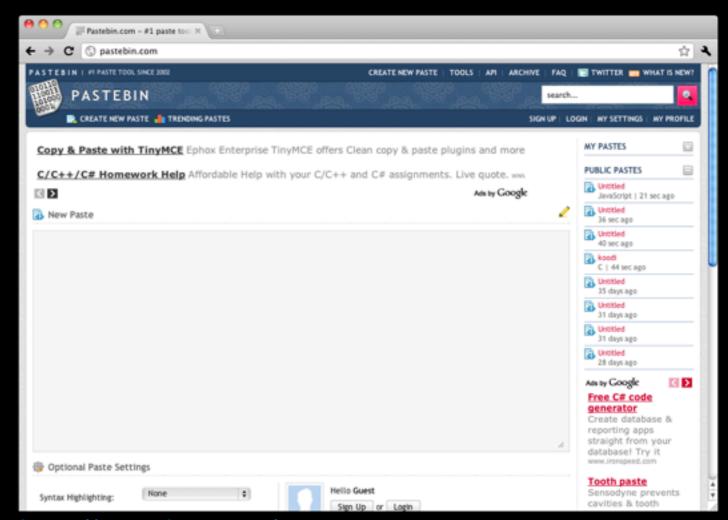






### Paste Bins

- Common
- •Useful for:
  - •large dumps
  - source code sharing
  - •bugs
  - diffs
  - •etc.
- Lots of generic ones

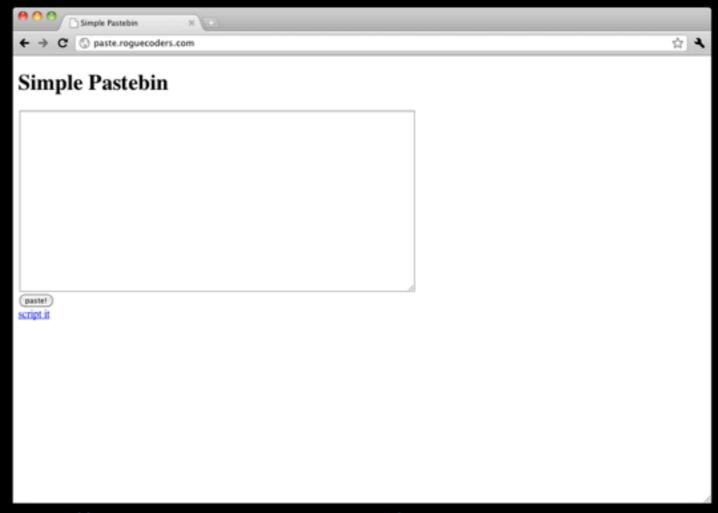


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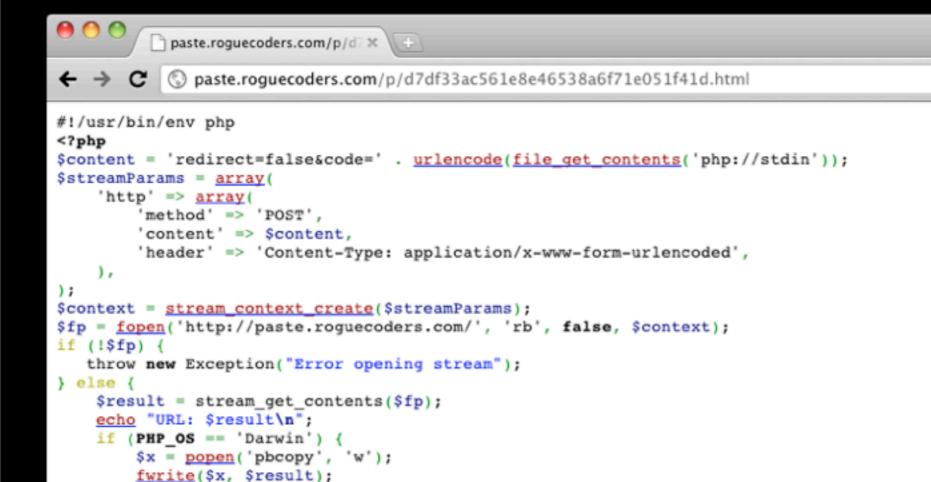
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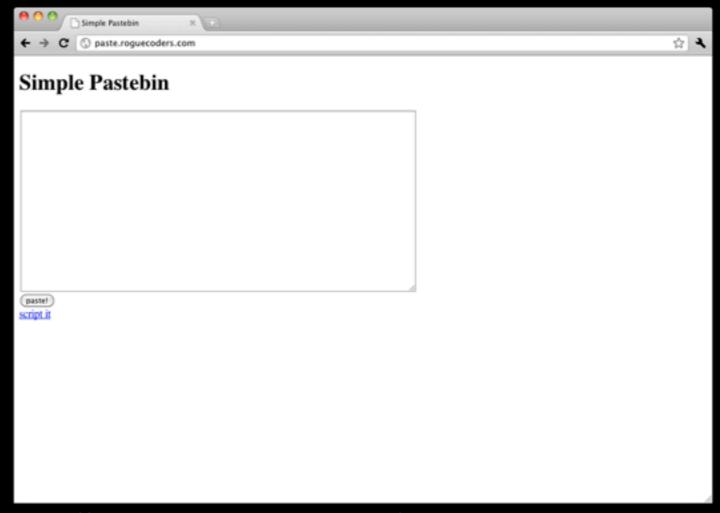


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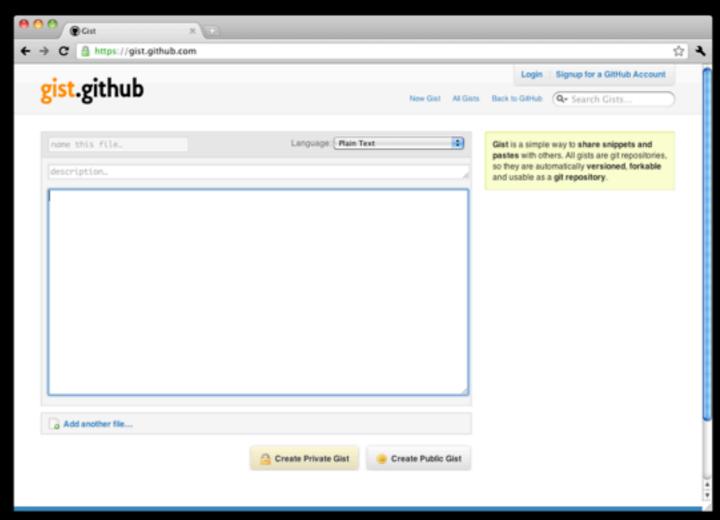


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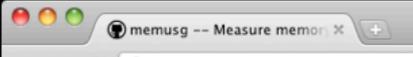
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- Forkable, iterative:
- More collaborative



http://gist.github.com/







https://gist.github.com/526585





### gist.github

New Gist All Gists Back to GitHub

Q- Search Gists...

Signup for a GitHub Account

```
gist: 526585  download
                               fork 🏚
Description:
                memusg -- Measure memory usage of processes
Public Clone URL: git://gist.github.com/526585.git
Embed All Files: show embed
```

```
netj (owner)
```

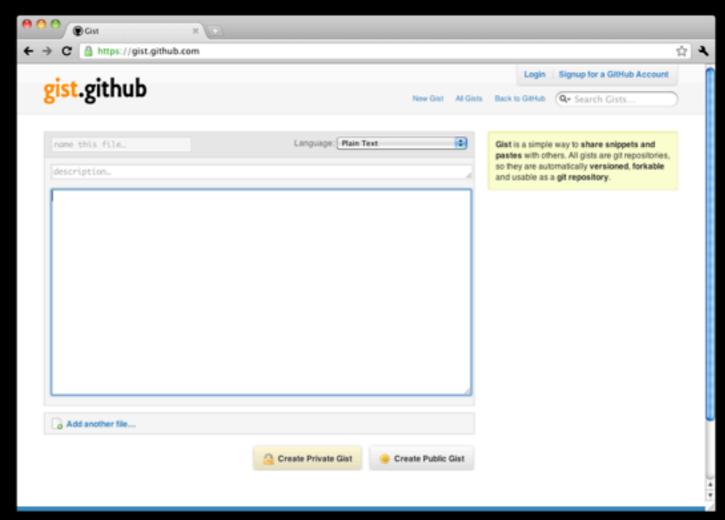
### Revisions

```
***** 8ee17e netj October 15, 2010
••••• 590293 netj August 16, 2010
```

```
memusg #
                                                                             embed
                                                                                      raw
    #!/usr/bin/env bash
    # memusg -- Measure memory usage of processes
    # Usage: memusg COMMAND [ARGS]...
    # Author: Jaeho Shin <netj@sparcs.org>
    # Created: 2010-08-16
    set -um
    # check input
10
    [ $# -gt 0 ] || { sed -n '2,/^#$/ s/^# //p' <"$0"; exit 1; }
11
12
    # TODO support more options: peak, footprint, sampling rate, etc.
13
14
    pgid= ps -o pgid= $$
    # make sure we're in a separate process group
16
    if [ x$pgid = x$(ps -o pgid= $(ps -o ppid= $$)) ]; then
17
        cmd=
18
        set -- "$0" "$@"
        for a; do cmd+="'${a//"'"/"'\\'"}' "; done
19
20
        exec bash -i -c "$cmd"
21
    fi
22
23
    # detect operating system and prepare measurement
24
    case uname in
25
        Darwin *BSD) sizes() { /bin/ps -o rss= -g $1; } ;;
```

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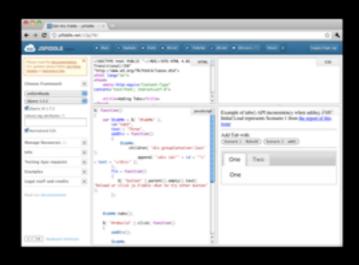


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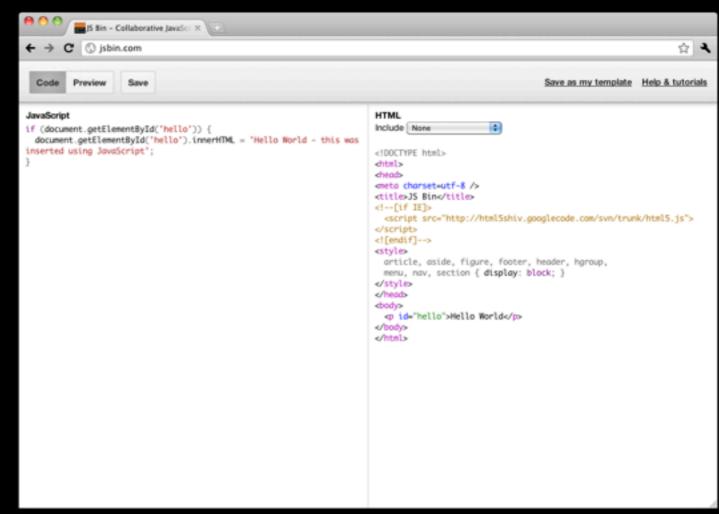






### JS Bin

- Paste bin that understandsHTML and JavaScript
- Includes libraries
- Code available on GitHub:
  - github.com/remy/jsbin
- •Great for sharing browserspecific problems
- Simple and straightforward

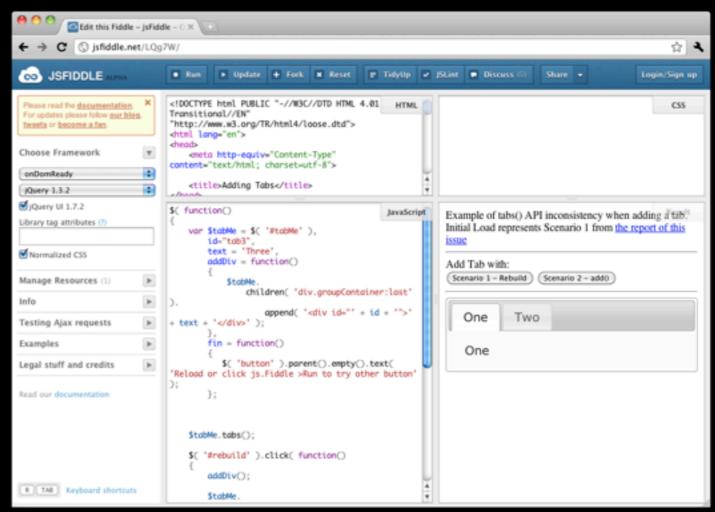


http://jsbin.com/



### JS Fiddle

- •HTML, CSS, JS
- More complex, but nicer integration for non-simple
- •Easy pull-in for external URLs
- Larger framework support
- Versioning, easy sharing, forking



http://jsfiddle.net/



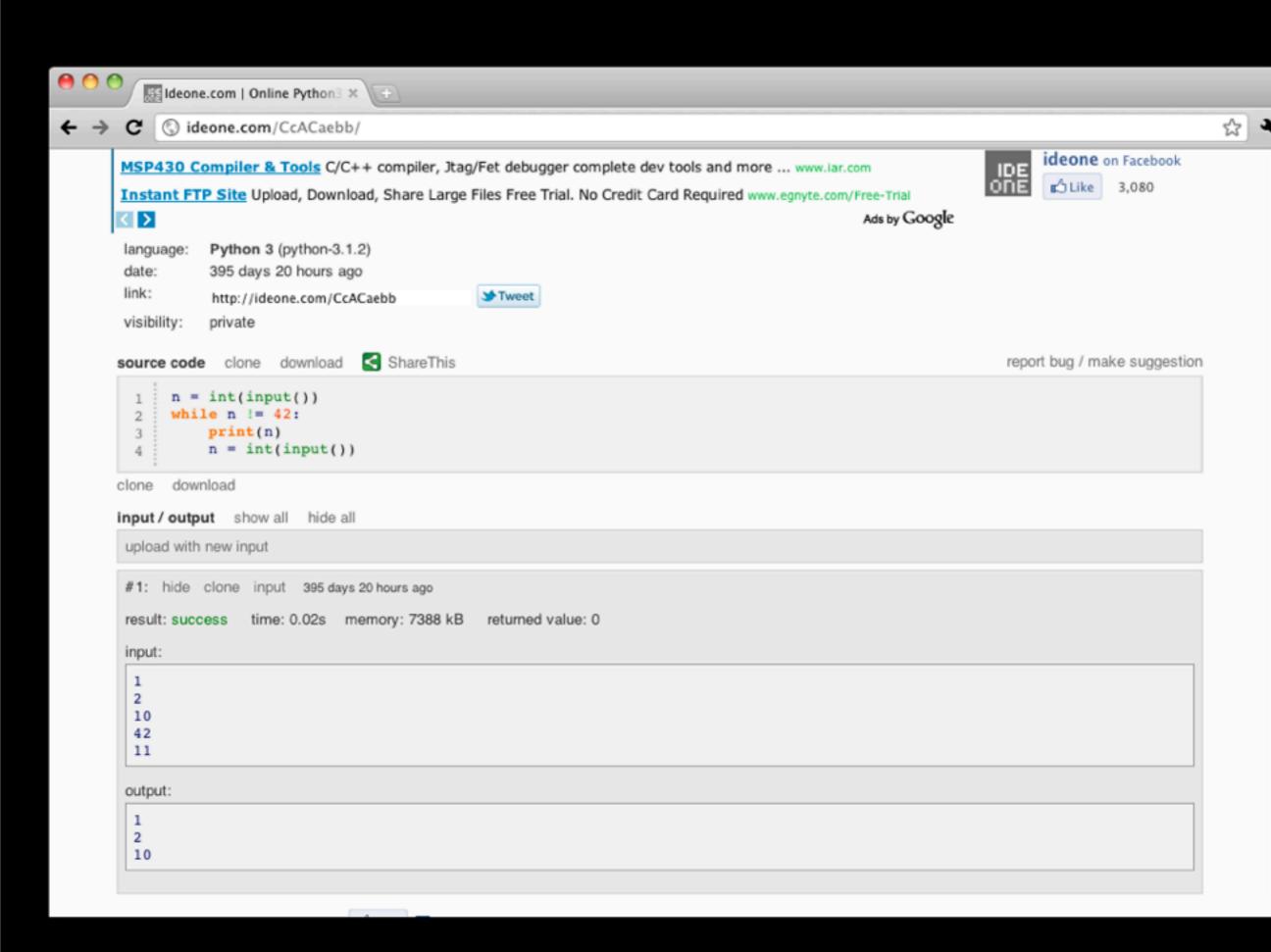
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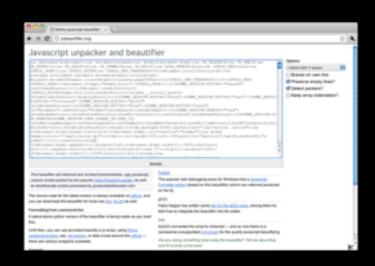
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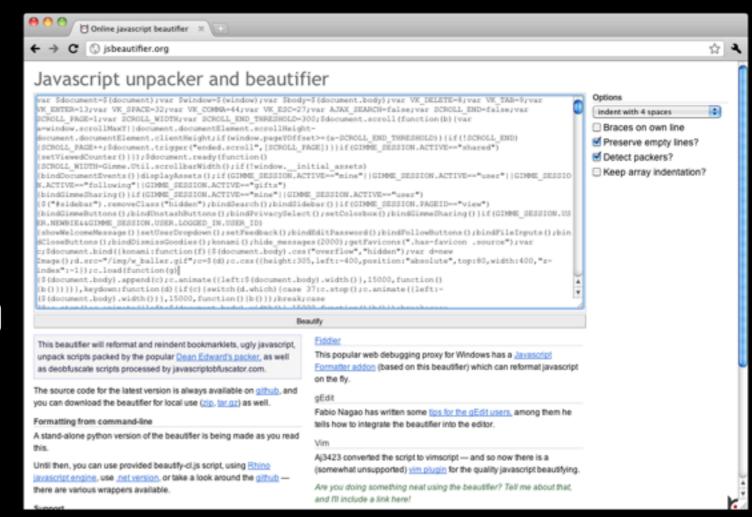
# JavaScript Helpers





### JS Beautifer

- Pretty printer for JS
- •Useful for de-minification (will not rename variables)
- Helps spot syntax problems
- •Formats JSON documents to make them readable
- Python version coming
- JS version uses Rhino



http://jsbeautifier.org/











### Javascript unpacker and beautifier



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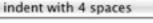
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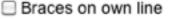
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Are you doing something neat using the beautifier? Tell me about that, and I'll include a link here!





- ✓ Preserve empty lines?
- ✓ Detect packers?
- Keep array indentation?



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Options

indent with 4 spaces

✓ Detect packers?

Braces on own line

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### JSLint

- Checks the syntax of your JS
- •Insults you when you do something stupid (you idiot)
- •Really helpful for debugging JS's sometimes-hard-to-predict behaviour
- Annoying when you are slightly smarter than it is (-:
- Also: Crockford



http://jslint.com/



## WonderProxy

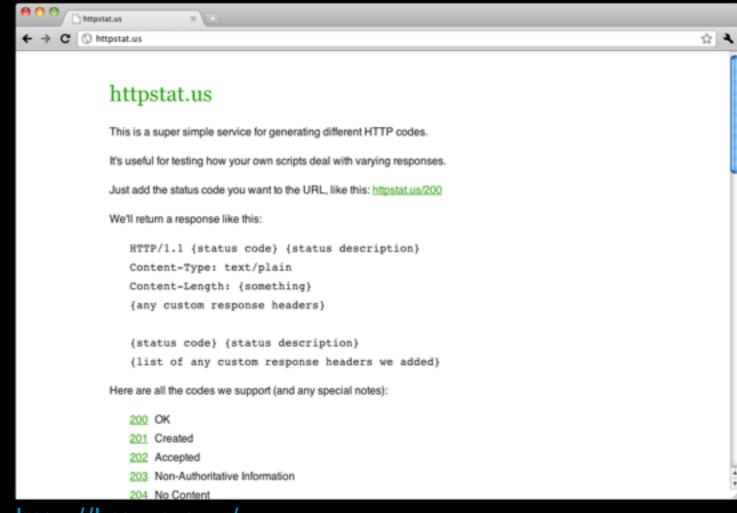
- Geolocation testing
- •37 Locations
- •25 Countries
- •5 Continents
- •Find Paul Reinheimer and ask him about it



http://wonderproxy.com/

## httpstat.us

- •Quick Reference for HTTP status codes
- •Build a RESTishfuly API!
- Test pages for each code
  - http://httpstat.us/200
  - http://httpstat.us/404
  - •(etc.)



http://httpstat.us/



## /etc/hosts

(Or %SystemRoot%\system32\drivers\etc\hosts)

You probably already know about this:

```
$ cat /etc/hosts | grep habari.local
127.0.0.1 habari.local
$ ping habari.local
PING habari.local (127.0.0.1): 56 data bytes
```

### etc/hosts

(Or %SystemRoot%\system32\drivers\etc\hosts)

But you can also name interfaces:

```
$ cat /etc/hosts | grep 'www.local'
64.15.79.182 eth0-0.local www.local
```

Useful for daemon configuration:

```
<VirtualHost www.local:80>
    ServerName www.seancoates.com
    RedirectMatch ^/(.*)$ http://seancoates.com/$1
</VirtualHost>
```

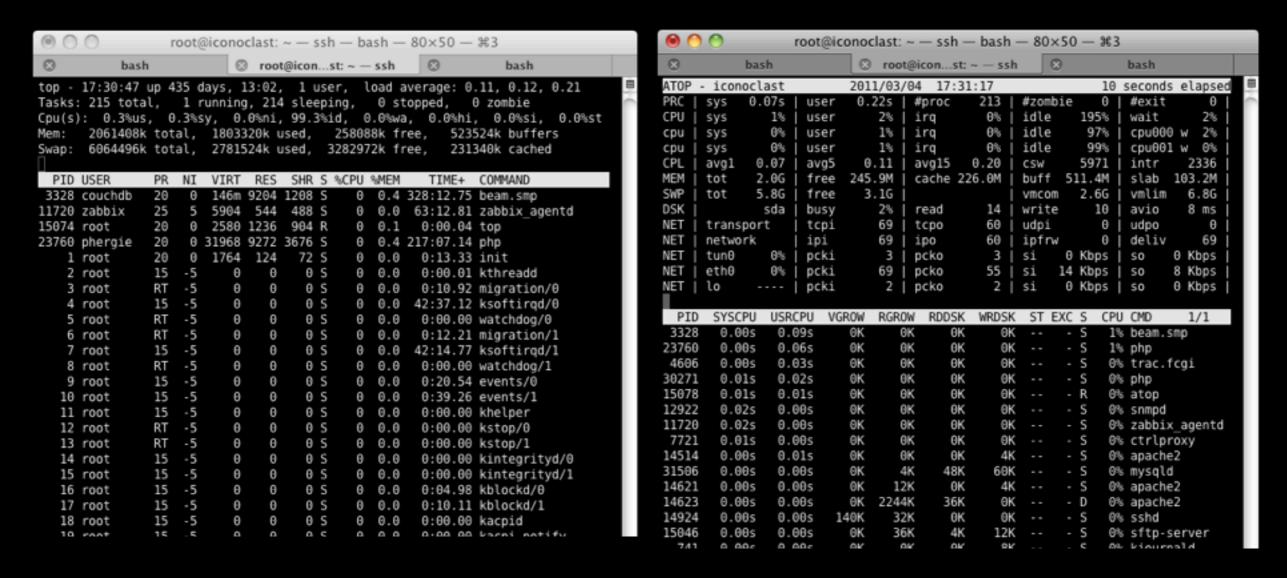
### netstat

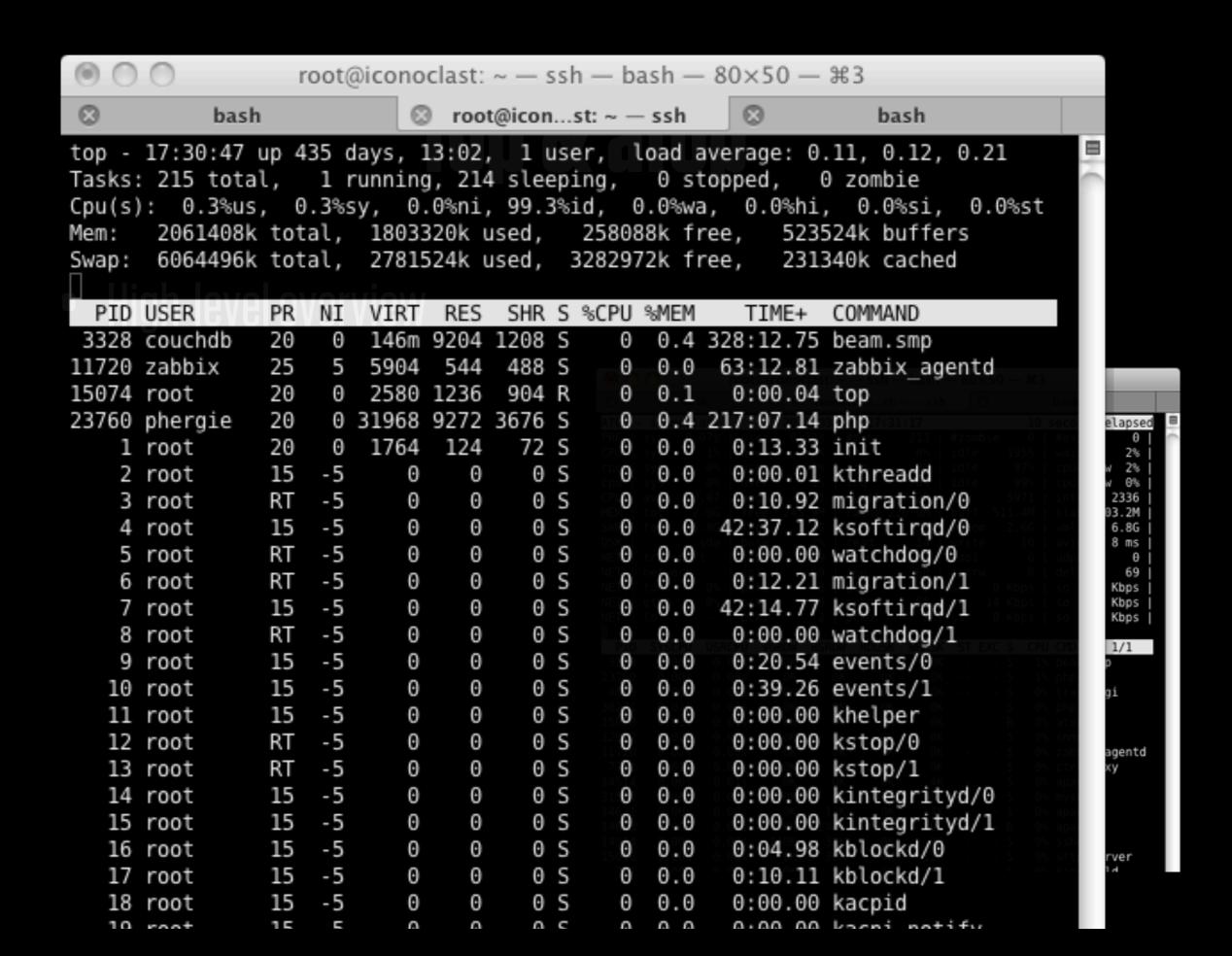
- Find out which ports and IPs a process is bound to
- On Linux (and elsewhere with different arguments):

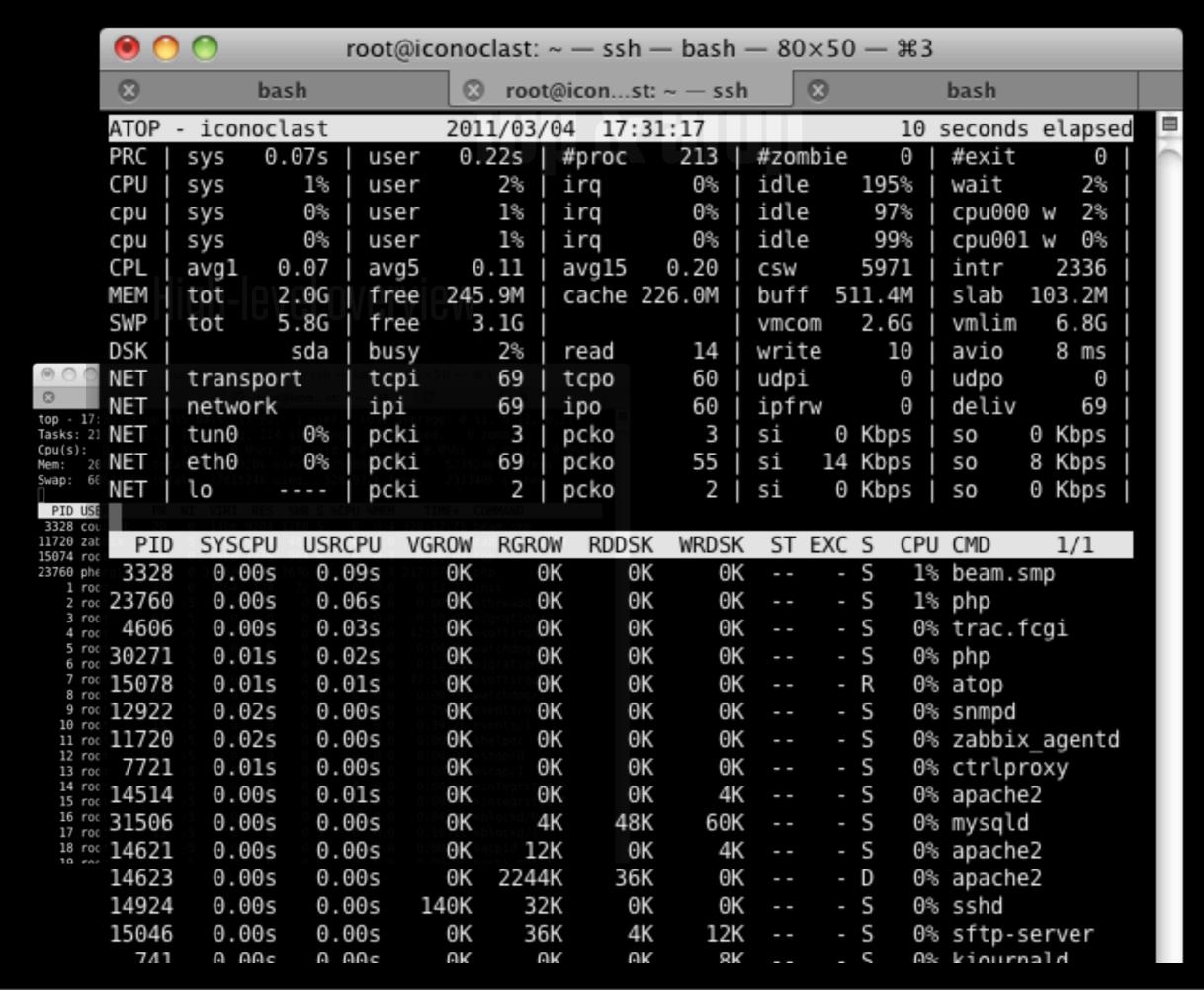
• (Bound to 127.0.0.1 (localhost) on port 3306)

### top & atop

High-level system overview

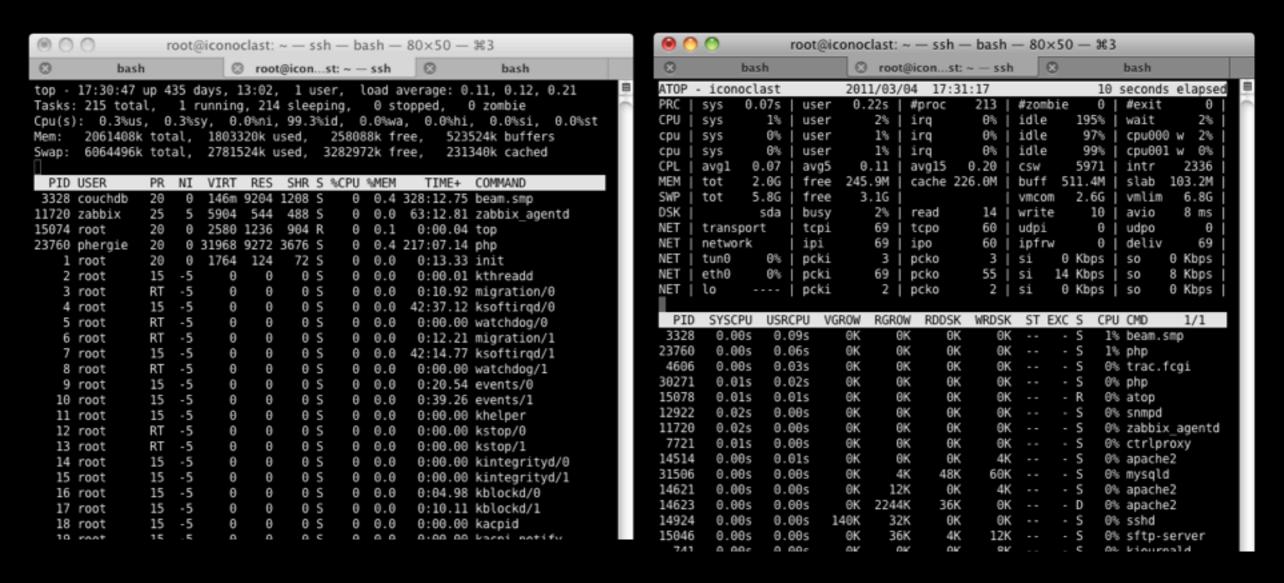






### top & atop

High-level overview



### Sof

Ever wondered which process has a file open?

```
sean@iconoclast:~$ ls -l sekrit.log
-rw-rw-r-- 1 sean sean 32 2011-03-04 17:49 sekrit.log
sean@iconoclast:~$ ls -l sekrit.log
-rw-rw-r-- 1 sean sean 48 2011-03-04 17:49 sekrit.log
sean@iconoclast:~$ lsof sekrit.log
                         TYPE DEVICE SIZE
         PID USER
COMMAND
                    FD
                                           NODE NAME
       17142 sean
                          REG
                                8,1 80 755383 sekrit.log
                     3w
php
sean@iconoclast:~$ ps auxwww | grep 17142
        17142 0.0 0.3 24008 6760 pts/10 S
                                                  17:49
sean
  0:00 php ./ninja.php
```

### strace

• Ever wondered which syscalls a process makes?

```
sean@iconoclast:~$ strace php -r 'echo "F00";' 2>&1 | grep F00
execve("/usr/local/bin/php", ["php", "-r", "echo \"F00\";"],
[/* 21 vars */]) = 0
write(1, "F00"..., 3F00) = 3
sean@iconoclast:~$ strace php -r 'error_log("F00");' 2>&1 | grep F00
execve("/usr/local/bin/php", ["php", "-r", "error_log(\"F00\");"],
[/* 21 vars */]) = 0
write(2, "F00\n"..., 4F00
```

### Ever wondered which libraries an executable references?

```
sean@iconoclast:~$ ldd `which php` | grep mysql
     libmysqlclient.so.15 => /usr/lib/libmysqlclient.so.15 (0xb77ed000)
sean@iconoclast:~$ ldd `which php`
    linux-gate.so.1 => (0xb7ee2000)
    libcrypt.so.1 => /lib/tls/i686/cmov/libcrypt.so.1 (0xb7ea2000)
     libc-client.so.2007b => /usr/lib/libc-client.so.2007b (0xb7d8e000)
     libreadline.so.5 => /lib/libreadline.so.5 (0xb7d5b000)
     libncurses.so.5 => /lib/libncurses.so.5 (0xb7d29000)
    librt.so.1 \Rightarrow /lib/tls/i686/cmov/librt.so.1 (0xb7d20000)
     libpam.so.0 \Rightarrow /lib/libpam.so.0 (0xb7d14000)
```

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### nice

• Ever wanted to run a job that needs a higher or lower priority than other jobs?

```
sean@gimmebarvm-sean:~$ sudo nice -n -19 php -r
  'for ($a=0; $a<=1000000000; $a++) {}; echo "DONE\n";' &
[1] 7025
sean@gimmebarvm-sean:~$ time ls
gimmebar-access_log mime.php prod_dump src
real 0m0.129s</pre>
```

#### nice

• The priority can range from -19 (highest) to +20 (lowest), and the default is 10.

```
sean@gimmebarvm-sean:~$ sudo nice -n 19 php -r
  'for ($a=0; $a<=1000000000; $a++) {}; echo "DONE\n";' &
[1] 7044
sean@gimmebarvm-sean:~$ time ls
gimmebar-access_log mime.php prod_dump src
real 0m0.003s</pre>
```

#### cron

- Users have individual cron spools on most Unix systems
- Need a system-wide cron? Try /etc/crontab
  - Note: it has a 6th field (not just the time fields): user
- Much easier to maintain in version control and to provision with sysdmin tools
- Try also /etc/cron.daily, /etc/cron.hourly, etc.

## GNU Screen

- Terminal multiplexer
- Keep shell apps running even after logout
- Handles scrollback, window splits, pane management
- •See also: tmux

## visudo, vipw, vigr

- Imagine what kind of horrible things could happen if you break a file like /etc/sudoers? or /etc/passwd?
  - visudo: safely edit /etc/sudoers
  - vipw: safely edit /etc/passwd
  - vigr: safely edit /etc/group
- Files are parsed for errors before they're committed



# reverse-i-search (ctrl-r)

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gimmebar\$



# reuse last argument (esc-.)

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gimmebar\$



# edit+run last command (fc)

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gimmebar\$



# bash completion (x>(tab))

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gimmebar\$



## pipes

- One of the great beauties of Unix: text streams
- Chain these together, easily

Small, purposeful utilities, not monoliths

## grep, zgrep, ack

- Filter text streams with grep (previous slide)
- Uncompress and filter with zgrep
- Use ack (non-standard) grouping, and to do the right thing:

### download without the file

Pipe curl directly into tar:

```
$ curl http://files.seancoates.com/test.tar.gz | tar zxf
```

- Alternative to wget + tar, but doesn't leave a mess
- (not always what you want, but still convenient)

## bash: always there

- Bash is on almost every system
- Scriptable and powerful, even when alternatives aren't available

```
$ A='0'; \
for f in *.php; do A="$A + `cat $f | wc -c`"; done; \
echo $A | bc
```

• Shows the sum of the file sizes of all PHP files in the current directory (thanks to `bc`)

## Deri die (see also: sed)

- Perl pie runs an arbitrary expression against the passed files and modifies them in place
- My favourite (but least intelligent) refactoring tool

```
$ perl -p -i -e 's/Config::/Configuration::/g' *.php
```

Replaces "Config" with "Configuration" static calls:

```
- 'database' => Config::DATABASE_URL
+ 'database' => Configuration::DATABASE_URL
```

## sticky shell start

Put this in ~/.bashrc or ~/.profile

```
cd () { builtin cd "$@" ; pwd > ~/.pwd; }
cd "`cat ~/.pwd`"
```

New shells launch where the last shell operated

```
sarcasm:~/src/gimmebar/api/www-api (master)$ login
login: sean
Password:
Last login: Sun Mar 6 18:09:15 on ttys000
sarcasm:~/src/gimmebar/api/www-api (master)$
```

### misc. shell stuffs

- The `find` command is your friend when working in a directory tree
- Use `tail-f filename ` to continually watch a file
- When scripting the shell, the `xargs` command is often useful
- Use `2>&1` to merge stderr into stdout, as in:

```
a_command_that_uses_stderr >/dev/null 2>&1
```



## keypairs

- Skip the password, use pre-shared keys to log in to your shells
- Use `ssh-keygen` to generate a pair
- Keep the private key protected
- Put the public key in ~/.ssh/authorized\_keys on the server
- Log in without a password
- (If it doesn't work, one common error is permissions;
   `ssh-v...` will often tell you; if not: use more `v`)

## ssh-copy-id

- Easily copy your new key to a remote server
- Sets permissions properly, and uses the right file if it's not
  - ~/.ssh/authorized\_keys

## ssh config

- Local configuration allows host-specific settings for:
  - username
  - private key
  - forwarded ports
  - many other settings (compression, X forwarding, etc.)
- ~/.ssh/config:

```
Host *.php.net
User scoates
```

## ssh tunnels (port forwarding)

 Make the remote machine's MongoDB port available as localhost:27017

```
ssh -L27017:localhost:27017 local.gimmebar.com
```

Forward your local port 80 to a remote machine as port 8000

```
ssh -R80:localhost:8000 iconoclast.caedmon.net
```

(can now access with `curl localhost:8000/` on iconoclast)

## kill ssh

- ssh sessions can hang
- killall ssh `sucks if you have more than one session
- [enter] ~ .
- (SSH over VPN == extremely robust)



#### **CONST == Var (not var == const)**

All else being equal, I prefer this:

```
if (3 == $tries) { ... }
```

Over this:

```
if ($tries == 3) { ... }
```

Because this causes a compiler error:

```
if (3 = \$tries) \{ ... \}
```

## git: publish on post-receive

put this in your post-receive hook:

```
echo "Staging dev.seancoates.com ..." && \
cd /www/webroots/seancoates.com/seancoates-dev && \
env -i git pull && \
echo "Staged."
```

When you push, this path is pulled

## github: publish on post-receive

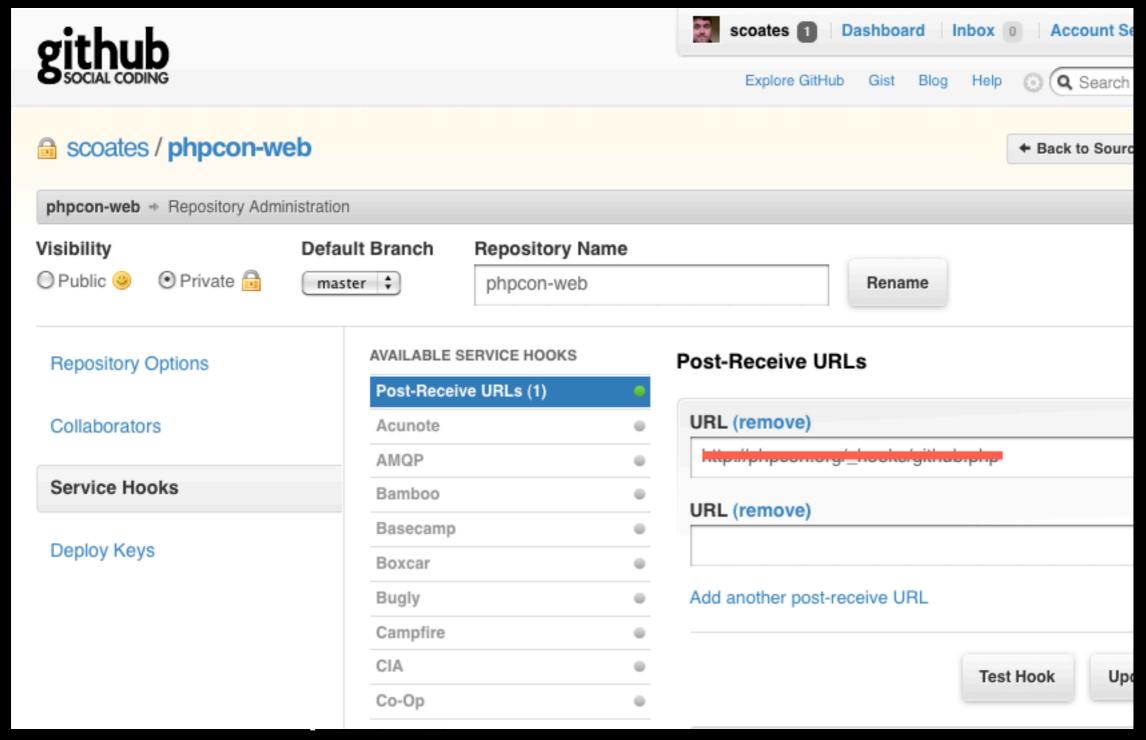
Put this script somewhere in your web root (beware of security and stuff):

```
<?php
$gitpath = '/usr/local/bin/git';
header("Content-type: text/plain");
system("/usr/bin/env -i " .
  "HOME=/www/webroots/phpcon.org " .
  "{$gitpath} pull 2>&1");
echo "\nDone.\n";
```

...and set this up on GitHub:



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### Email override

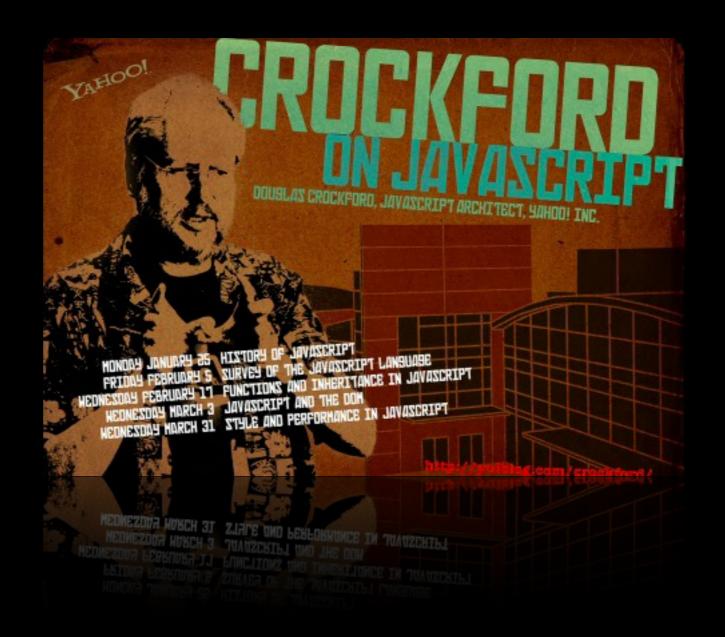
 If your code uses sendmail to... send... mail... and if you can override the path, change the path to point to his on dev:

```
cat >> /tmp/logmail.log
```

PHP makes this easy with the sendmail\_path INI setting

# Crockford on JS

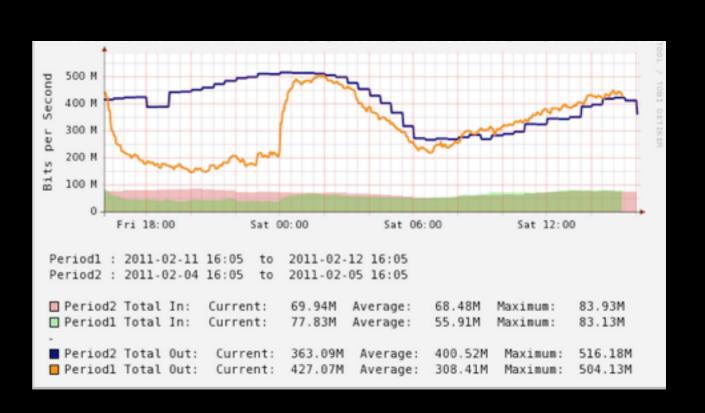
http://developer.yahoo.com/yui/theater





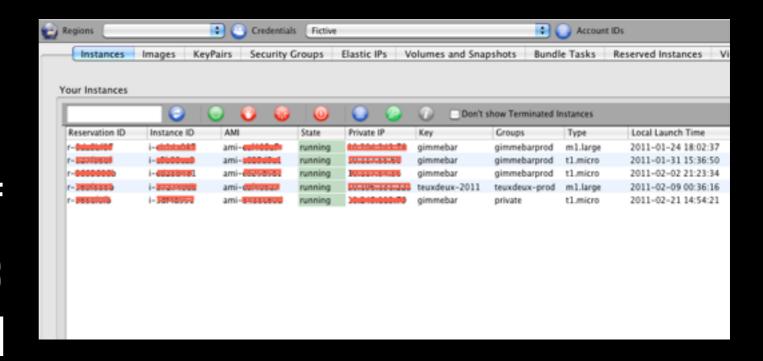
# rratoo

- round-robin
- compare week-over-week, day-over-day
- easy to feed
- not terribly easy to set up
- takes care of the hard parts



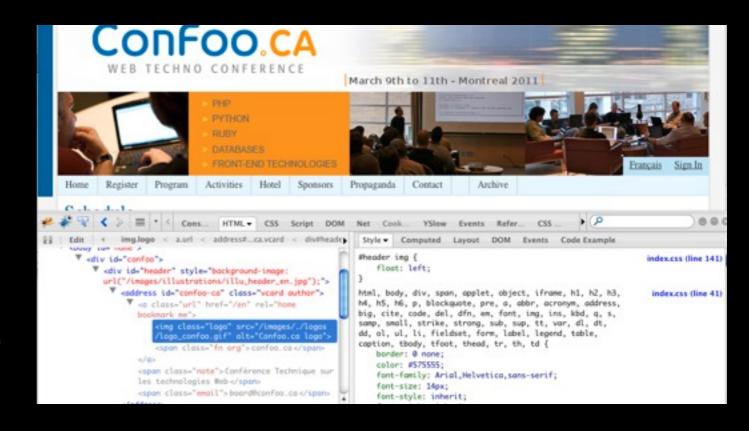
### Elasticfox

- add-on for FireFox
- a little quirky
- •handles most (but not all) of EC2's maintenance functions
- •WAY easier than the Java CLI tools



## Firebug

- add-on for FireFox
- JavaScript debugger
- DOM inspector
- Network monitor
- Other browsers have similar



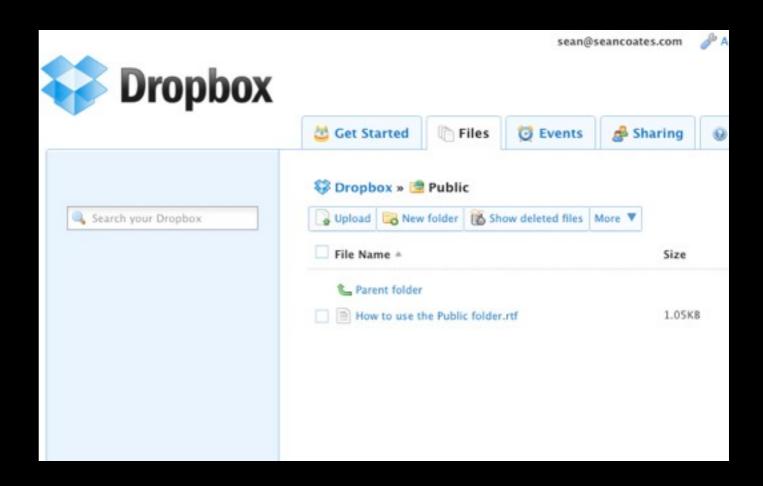
### Webshell

- •<plug type=self/>
- scripted HTTP using JS
- •... lots of other stuff, but that was another talk (-:

```
http://local.gimmebar.com:8000 > $_.json
{ _apidate: '2011011400'
 _id: 'ade815b1ff1ebffdb95b5c84e5e7ac38'
  avatar_asset_id: '6468a1168a3c834e93b69461eb004d3d'
  dismissed_goodies: true
  email: 'sean@seancoates.com'
  featured: 'team'
  followers:
     'd78290a27b7a7e06a5391e28090000b2'
     fc397c28bb843a34b72a3857af006e7d'
     '0529f5c0ab9fbddc90dd7d1f1e0c7b65'
     '0529f5c0ab9fbddc90dd7d1f1e0fa8e2'
     '14c8e4339e4c8c3873a7cee2d305749d'
     '0529f5c0ab9fbddc90dd7d1f1e101d74'
     '32b37ff7c88002d8fd44a11d4b010279'
     'd35fa15e0c6e27cfccb2977e0b0074a0'
     'd35fa15e0c6e27cfccb2977e0b01f5ec'
```

## Dropbox

- •Great for sharing among teams
- Easy sync
- Free (sort of)
- Supports growl



### VirtualBox

- •Free Virtual Machine
- •Ideal for developers, VPN
- Runs our dev hosts very well
- Easy to distribute images



#### About

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Here, you will find links to VirtualBox binaries and its source code.

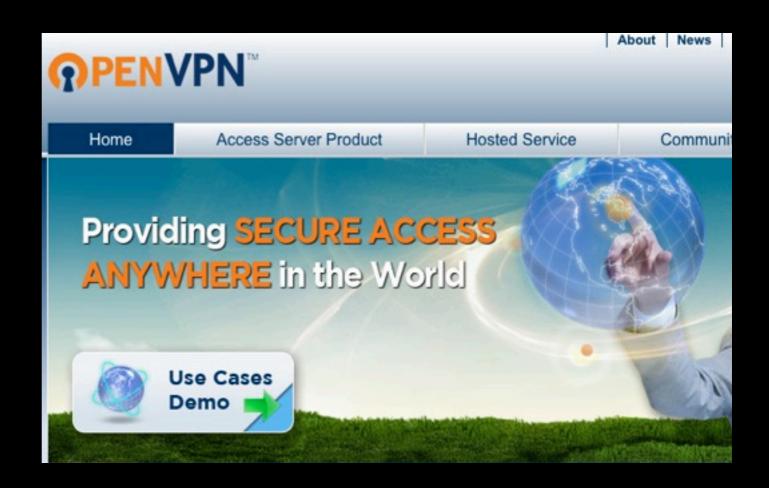
#### VirtualBox binaries

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- VirtualBox platform packages. The binaries are released un-
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  - VirtualBox 4.0.4 for OS X hosts → Intel Macs
  - VirtualBox 4.0.4 for Linux hosts
  - VirtualBox 4.0.4 for Solaris hosts → x86/amd64
- VirtualBox 4.0.4 Oracle VM VirtualBox Extension Pack ⇒ Support for USB 2.0 devices, VirtualBox RDP and PXE boot

## OpenVPN

- Arbitrary virtual networking
- Ties multiple locations together as one network
- Private network for production servers
- Good Mac client: Viscosity



## supervisord

- Dæmonize apps, easily
- (avoid writing dæmon code yourself)
- Handles launch, respawn, concurrency
- Handles logging
- See: <a href="http://phpadvent.org/200915">http://phpadvent.org/200915</a>

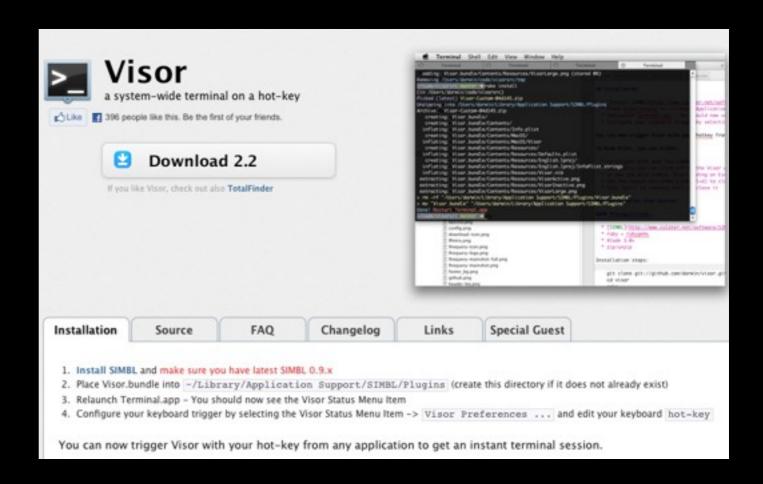
#### netcat

- Turn anything into a server (sort of)
- Useful for testing (like telnet, but without the telnet stuff)
- pbcopy trick: <a href="http://seancoates.com/blogs/remote-pbcopy">http://seancoates.com/blogs/remote-pbcopy</a>
- •almost as much of a Swiss-Army knife as SSH



### Visor

- System-wide terminal
- Accessible by hotkey
- Great for resident CLI apps (Webshell, REPL, DB client)
- Mac only
- http://visor.binaryage.com/



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