

InfluxDB - a distributed time series, metrics, and events database

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YC (W13), 3 people full time:

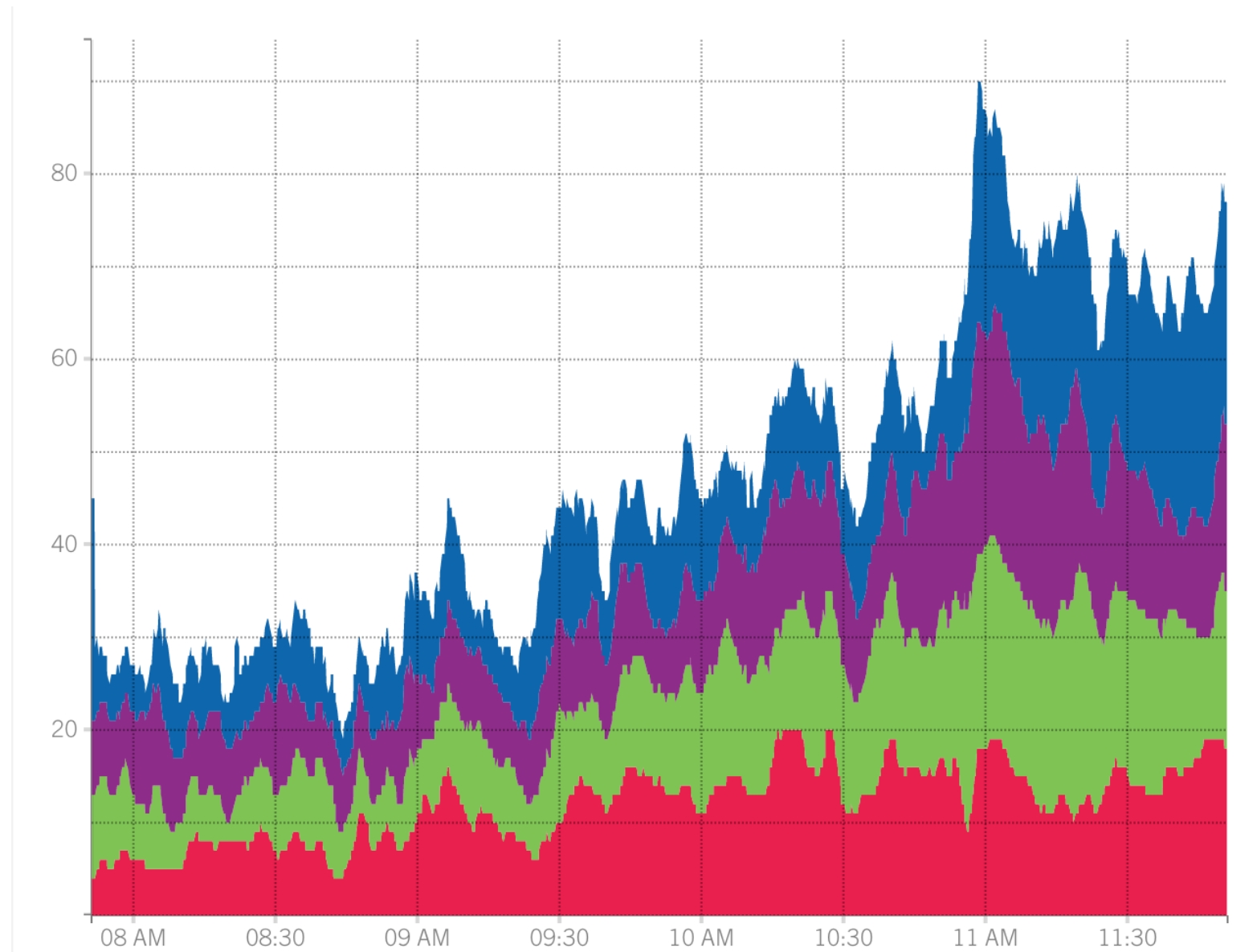
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What it's for...

Metrics



Time Series

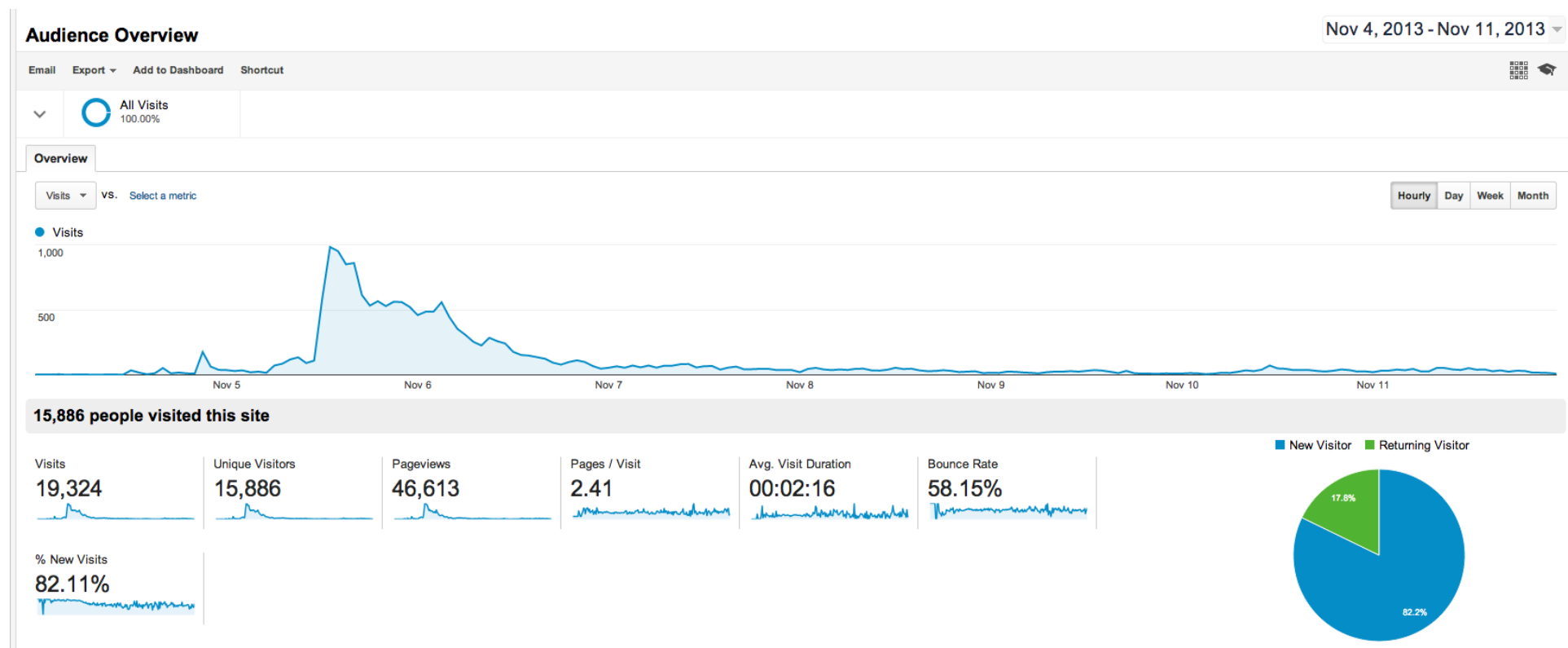
33.15 +0.08 (0.24%)

Oct 25 - Close
NYSE real-time data - Disclaimer
Currency in USD

Range	33.01 - 33.49	Div/yield	0.12/1.45
52 week	29.52 - 36.43	EPS	2.32
Open	33.21	Shares	4.65B
Vol / Avg.	19.82M/22.63M	Beta	1.08
Mkt cap	154.01B	Inst. own	61%
P/E	14.29		



Analytics



Events

```
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:05:49 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/edit/Main/Double_bounce_sender?topicparent=Main.Configuration HTTP/1.1" 401 12846
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:06:51 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/rdiff/TWiki/NewUserTemplate?rev1=1.3&rev2=1.2 HTTP/1.1" 200 4140
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:10:02 -0800] "GET /mailman/listinfo/hsdivision HTTP/1.1" 200 6291
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:11:58 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/view/TWiki/WikiSyntax HTTP/1.1" 200 7352
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:20:55 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/view/Main/DCCAndPostFix HTTP/1.1" 200 5253
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64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:29:16 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/edit/Main/Header_checks?topicparent=Main.ConfigurationVariables HTTP/1.1" 401 12846
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:30:29 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/attach/Main/OfficeLocations HTTP/1.1" 401 12851
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64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:33:53 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/edit/Main/Smtpd_etrn_restrictions?topicparent=Main.ConfigurationVariables HTTP/1.1" 401 12846
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:35:19 -0800] "GET /mailman/listinfo/business HTTP/1.1" 200 6379
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64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:39:24 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/view/Main/TokyoOffice HTTP/1.1" 200 3853
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:43:54 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/view/Main/MikeMannix HTTP/1.1" 200 3686
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:45:56 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/attach/Main/PostfixCommands HTTP/1.1" 401 12846
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:47:12 -0800] "GET /robots.txt HTTP/1.1" 200 68
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:47:46 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/rdiff/Know/ReadmeFirst?rev1=1.5&rev2=1.4 HTTP/1.1" 200 5724
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64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:53:46 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/rdiff/TWiki/TWikiRegistration HTTP/1.1" 200 34395
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:54:55 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/rdiff/Main/NicholasLee HTTP/1.1" 200 7235
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:56:39 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/view/Sandbox/WebHome?rev=1.6 HTTP/1.1" 200 8545
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:16:58:54 -0800] "GET /mailman/listinfo/administration HTTP/1.1" 200 6459
lordgun.org - - [07/Mar/2004:17:01:53 -0800] "GET /razor.html HTTP/1.1" 200 2869
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:17:09:01 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/search/Main/SearchResult?scope=text&ex=on&search=Joris%20*Ber HTTP/1.1" 200 5724
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ljl036.inktomisearch.com - - [07/Mar/2004:17:18:36 -0800] "GET /robots.txt HTTP/1.0" 200 68
ljl090.inktomisearch.com - - [07/Mar/2004:17:18:41 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/view/Main/LondonOffice HTTP/1.0" 200 3860
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64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:17:26:30 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/view/TWiki/WikiCulture HTTP/1.1" 200 5935
64.242.88.10 - - [07/Mar/2004:17:27:37 -0800] "GET /twiki/bin/edit/Main/WebSearch?t=1078669682 HTTP/1.1" 401 12846
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```


Can't you just use a
regular DB?

order by time?

Doesn't Scale

Example from metrics:

100 measurements per host *

10 hosts *

8640 per day (once every 10s) *

365 days

= 3,153,600,000 records per year

Have fun with that
table...

But wait, we'll just keep
the summaries!

1h averages =

8,760,000 per year

Lose Detail and
AdHoc Queryability

So let's use Cassandra,
HBase, or Scaleasaurus!

Too much application
code and complexity

Application logic and
scripts to compute
summaries

Application level logic
for balancing

No data locality for
AdHoc queries

And then there's
more...

Web services

Libraries for web services

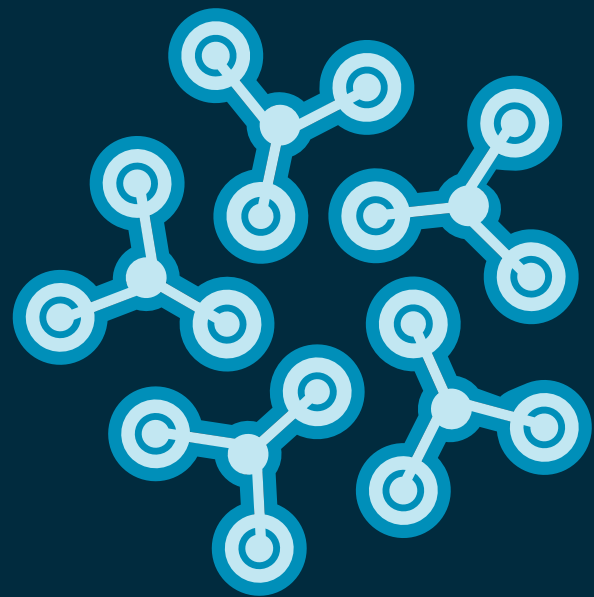
Data collection

Visualization

“Building an application with an analytics component today is like building a web application in 1998. You spend months building infrastructure before getting to the actual thing you want to build.”

–Paul Dix

Analytics should be about
analyzing and ***interpreting*** data,
not the infrastructure to store and
process it.



InfluxDB

HTTP API

Web services built in

HTTP API (writes)

```
curl -X POST \  
  'http://localhost:8086/db/mydb/series?u=paul&p=pass' \  
-d '[{"name":"foo", "columns":["val"], "points": [[3]]}]'
```

Data (with timestamp)

```
[  
  {  
    "name": "cpu",  
    "columns": ["time", "value", "host"],  
    "points": [  
      [1395168540, 56.7, "foo.influxdb.com"],  
      [1395168540, 43.9, "bar.influxdb.com"]  
    ]  
  }  
]
```

HTTP API (queries)

```
curl 'http://localhost:8086/db/mydb/series?u=paul&p=pass&q=.'
```

SQL-ish

```
select * from events  
where time > now() - 1h
```

SQL-ish

```
select * from "series with weird chars ()*#@#0982#$"  
where time > now() - 1h
```

Where Regex

```
select line from application_logs  
where line =~ /.*ERROR.*/ and  
time > "2014-03-01" and time < "2014-03-03"
```

Only scans the time range

Series and time are the primary index

Work with many
series...

Select from Regex

```
select * from /stats\.cpu\..*/  
limit 1
```

Downsampling on the
fly...

Aggregates

```
select percentile(90, value)
from response_times
group by time(10m)
where time > now() - 1d
```

Continuous Downsampling...

Continuous queries (summaries)

```
select count(page_id) from events  
group by time(1h), page_id  
into events.[page_id]
```

Series per page id

```
select count from events.67  
where time > now() - 7d
```

Continuous queries (regex downsampling)

```
select percentile(value, 90) as value  
from /stats\.*/  
group by time(5m)  
into percentile.90.:series_name
```


Percentile series per host

```
select value  
from percentile.90.stats.cpu.host1  
where time > now() - 4h
```

Denormalization for performance

Range scans all user events for last hour

```
select * from events  
where user_id = 3  
and time > now() - 1h
```

Continuous queries (fan out)

```
select * from events  
into events.[user_id]
```

Series per user id

```
select * from events.3  
where time > now() - 1h
```

Distributed

Scale out, data locality, high availability

Raft for metadata

We owe Ben Johnson a beer or three...

Protobuf + TCP for
queries, writes

Scalable

Have billions of points in 1 series* or a million different series

Libraries

Go, Ruby, Javascript, Python, Node.js, Clojure, Java,
Perl, Haskell, R, Scala, CLI (ruby and node)

Visualization

Built-in UI

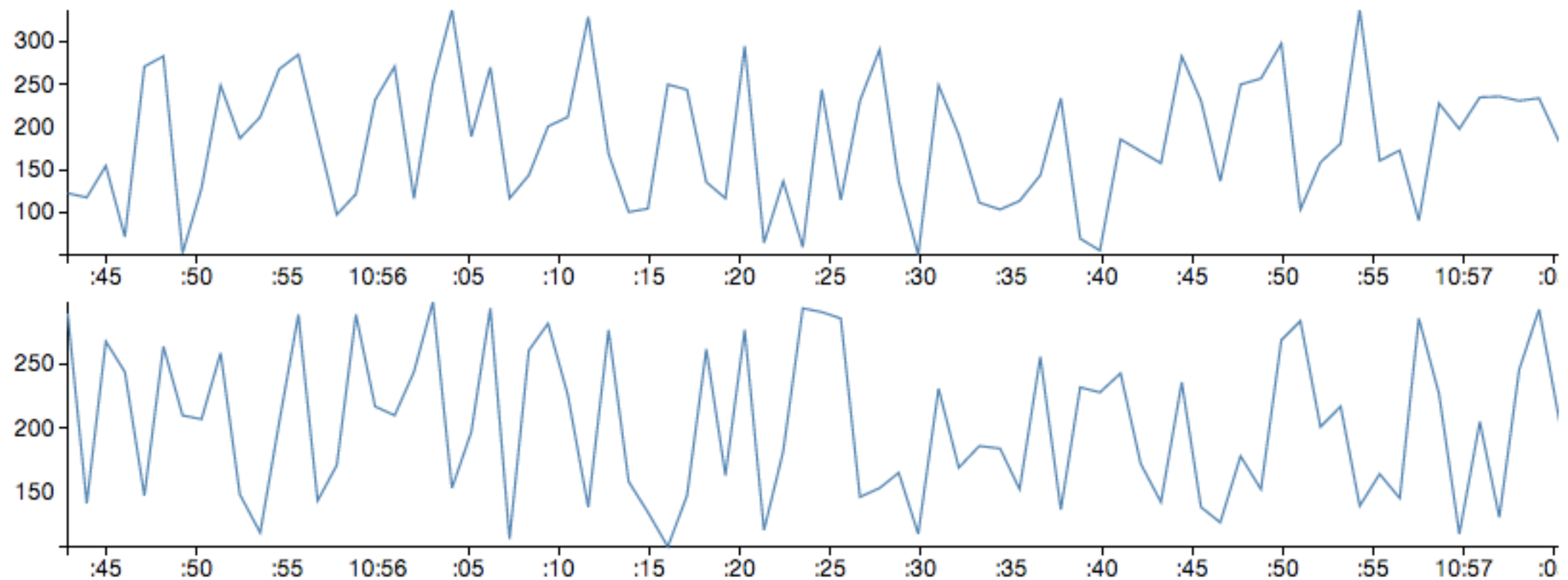
Read Points

Query

select foo, bar from data;

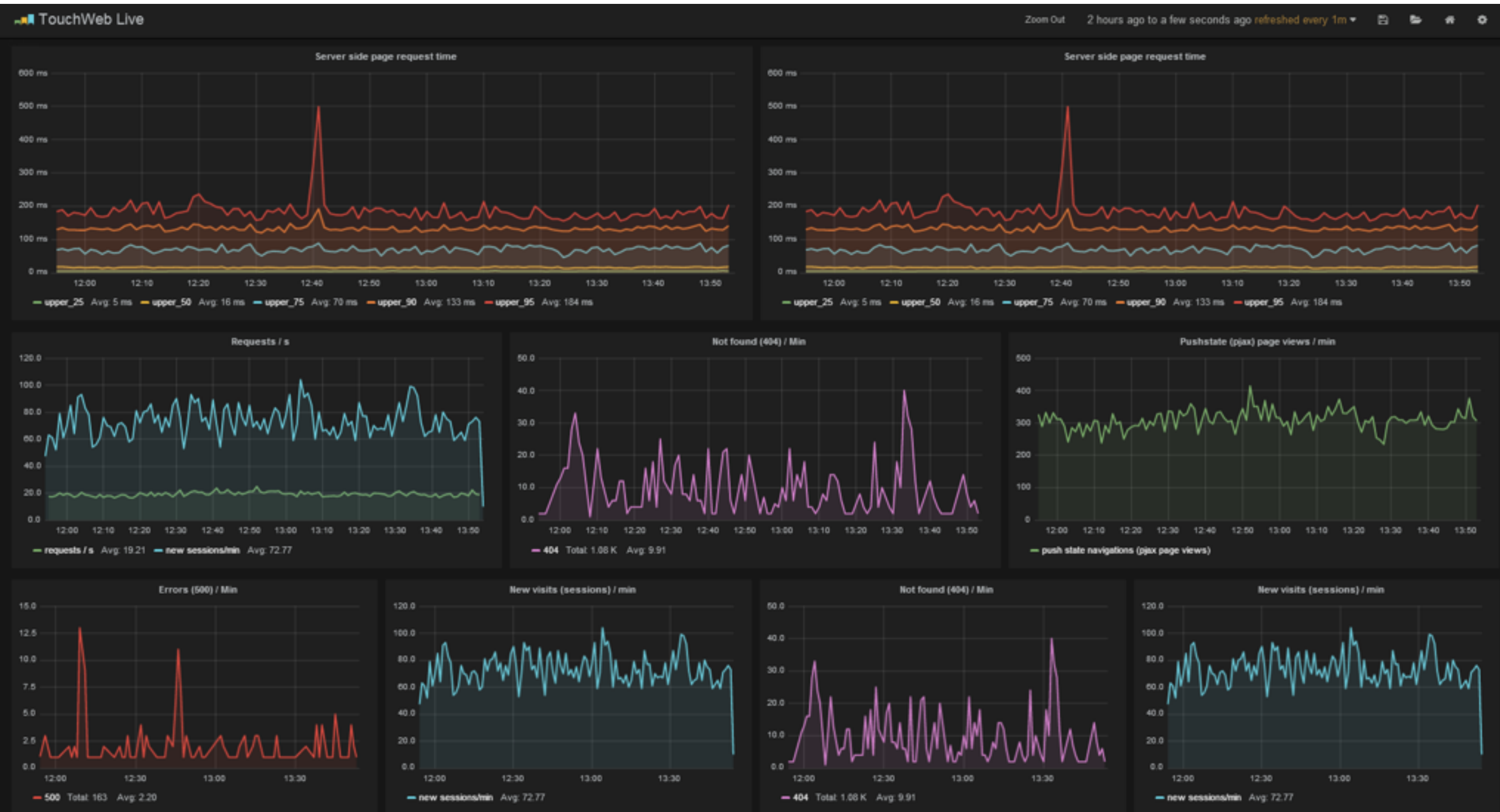
Execute Query

data



time	sequence_number	bar	foo
1384185425284	29696	182	205
1384185424149	29695	234	293
1384185423055	29694	231	246
1384185421955	29693	236	130
1384185420878	29692	235	205

Grafana



Javascript library + D3,
HighCharts, Rickshaw,
NVD3, etc.

Definitely more to do here!

Data Collection

CollectD Proxy, StatsD backend, Carbon ingestion,
OpenTSDB (soon)

Coming Soon

ugh, Documentation

Series Metadata

Binary Protocol

Pubsub

```
select * from some_series  
where host = "serverA"  
into subscription()
```

```
select percentile(90, value) from some_series  
group by time(1m)  
into subscription()
```

Custom Functions

```
select myFunc(value) from some_series
```

Rack aware sharding
and querying

Multi-datacenter replication

Push and bi-directional

Indexes?

Ponies?

Tell @jvshahid that you want your pony ;)



**But it's ready to go now.
Production deployments
already running.**

Need help?

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Thanks!

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