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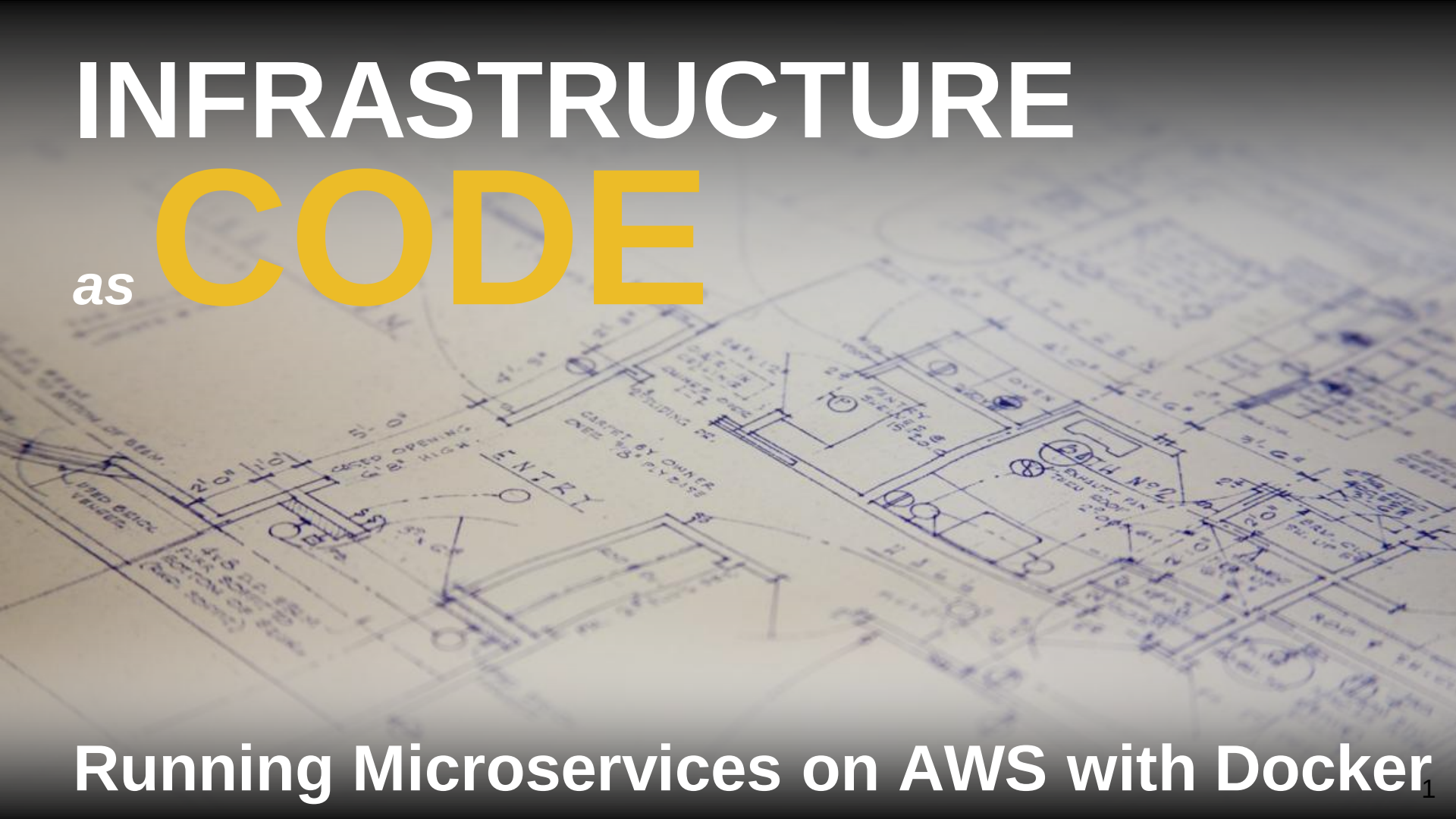

Running Microservices on AWS with Docker

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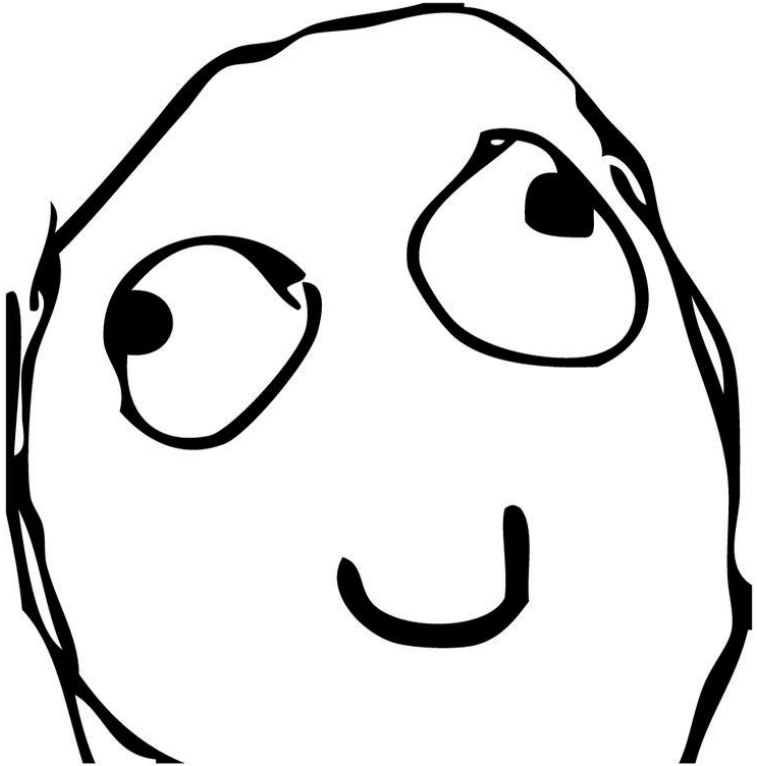
Why infrastructure-as-code matters: a short story.

You are starting a new project



I know, I'll use Ruby on Rails!

```
> gem install rails
```

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Fetching: i18n-0.7.0.gem (100%)
Fetching: json-1.8.3.gem (100%)
Building native extensions.  This could take a while...
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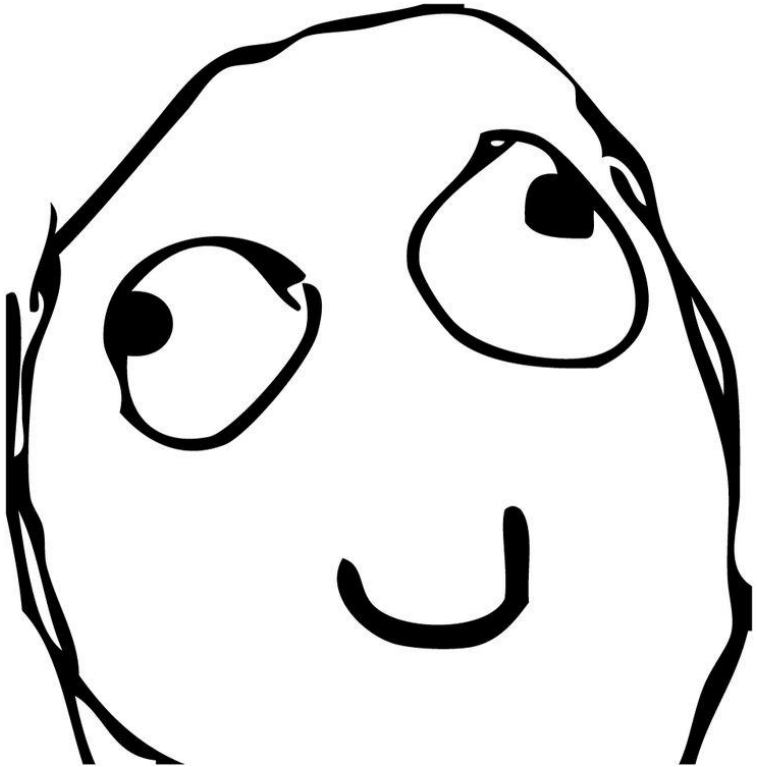
        /usr/bin/ruby1.9.1 extconf.rb
creating Makefile

make
sh: 1: make: not found
```



Ah, I just need to install make

```
> sudo apt-get install make
...
Success!
```

```
> gem install rails
```

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Fetching: nokogiri-1.6.7.2.gem (100%)
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        /usr/bin/ruby1.9.1 extconf.rb
checking if the C compiler accepts ... yes
Building nokogiri using packaged libraries.
Using mini_portile version 2.0.0.rc2
checking for gzdopen() in -lz... no
zlib is missing; necessary for building libxml2
*** extconf.rb failed ***
```

Hmm. Time to visit StackOverflow.

```
> sudo apt-get install zlib1g-dev
...
Success!
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checking for iconv... yes

Extracting libxml2-2.9.2.tar.gz into tmp/x86_64-pc-linux-
gnu/ports/libxml2/2.9.2... OK
*** extconf.rb failed ***
```

nokogiri y u never install correctly?

(Spend 2 hours trying random StackOverflow suggestions)

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Success!
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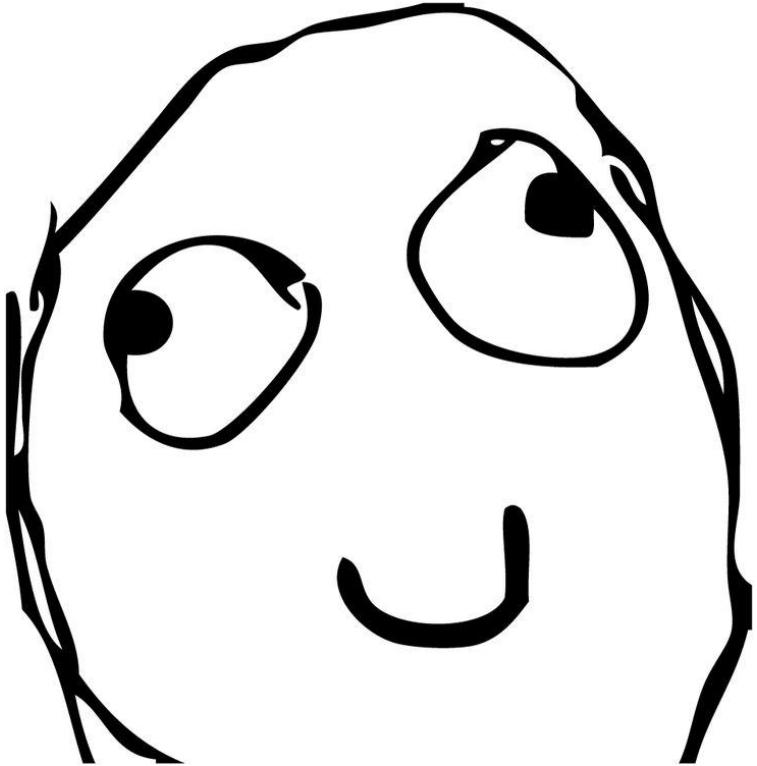

Finally!

```
> rails new my-project
> cd my-project
> rails start
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/source/my-project/bin/spring:11:in `<top (required)>':
undefined method `path_separator' for Gem:Module
(NoMethodError)
  from bin/rails:3:in `load'
  from bin/rails:3:in `<main>'
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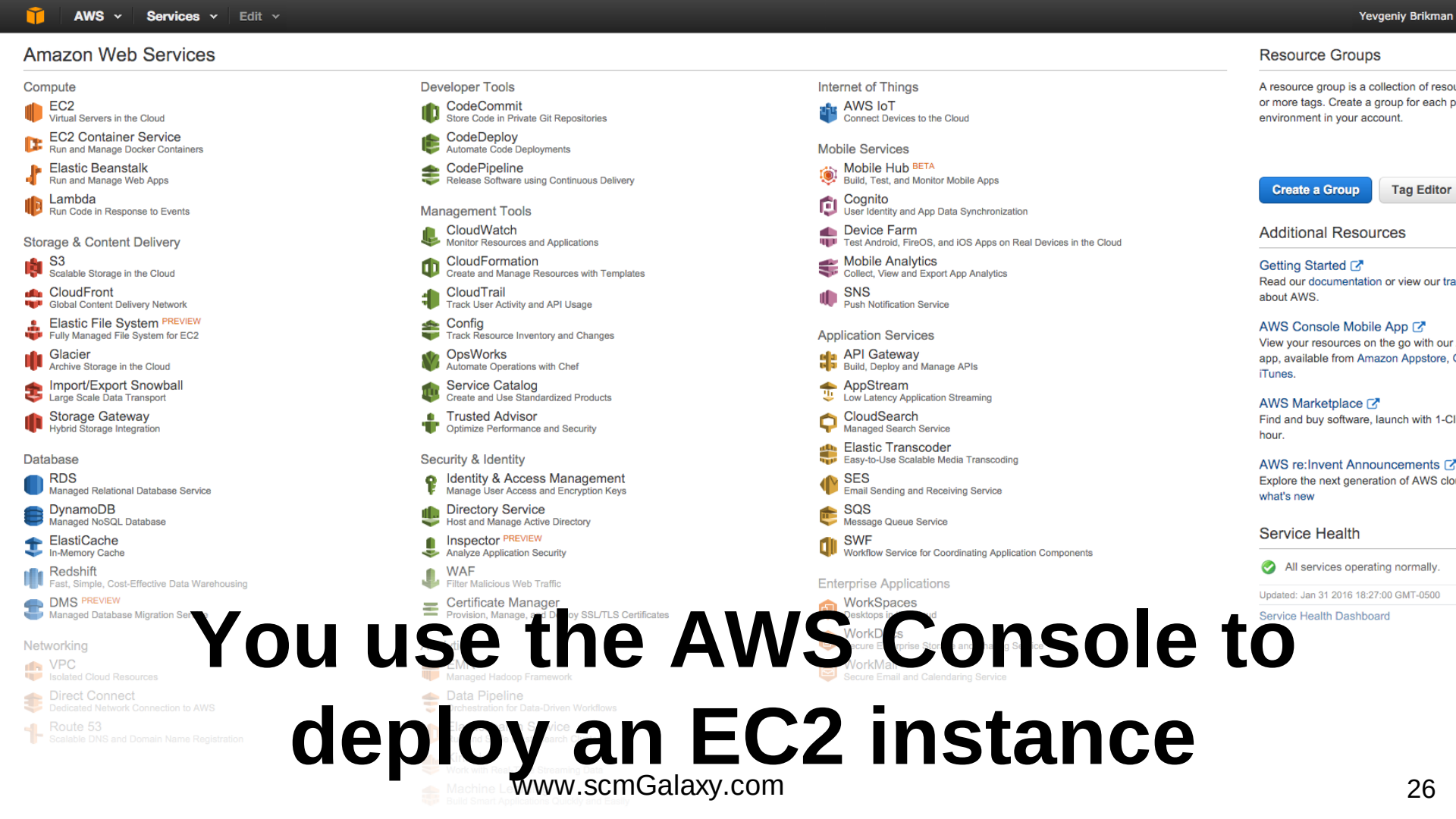
Eventually, you get it working

Now you have to deploy your Rails app in production



You use the AWS Console to deploy an EC2 instance

```
> ssh ec2-user@ec2-12-34-56-78.compute-1.amazonaws.com

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[ec2-user@ip-172-31-61-204 ~]$ gem install rails
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Critical Ruby On Rails Issue Threatens 240,000 Websites

Bug allows attackers to execute arbitrary code on any version of Ruby published in the last six years.

All versions of the open source Ruby on Rails Web application framework released in the past six years have a critical vulnerability that an attacker could exploit to execute arbitrary code, steal information from databases and crash servers. As a result, all Ruby users should immediately upgrade to a newly released, patched version of the software.

That warning was sounded Tuesday in a Google Groups post made by Aaron Patterson, a key Ruby programmer. "Due to the critical nature of this vulnerability, and the fact that portions of it have been disclosed publicly, all users running an affected release should either upgrade or use one of the work arounds immediately," he wrote. The patched versions of Ruby on Rails (RoR) are 3.2.11, 3.1.10, 3.0.19 and 2.3.15.

As a result, more than 240,000 websites that use Ruby on Rails Web applications are at risk of being exploited by attackers. High-profile websites

Now you urgently have to update all your Rails installs

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> bundle update rails
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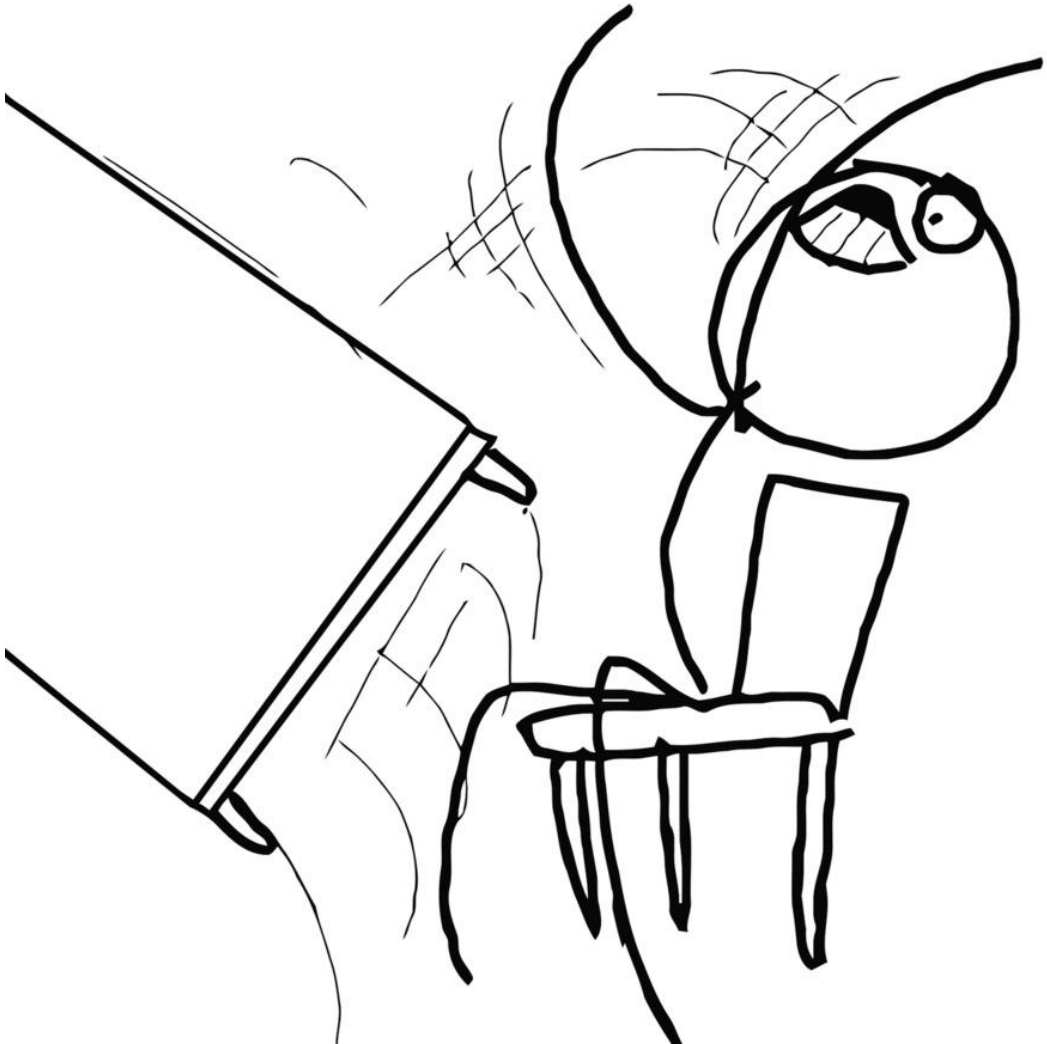

The problem isn’t Rails

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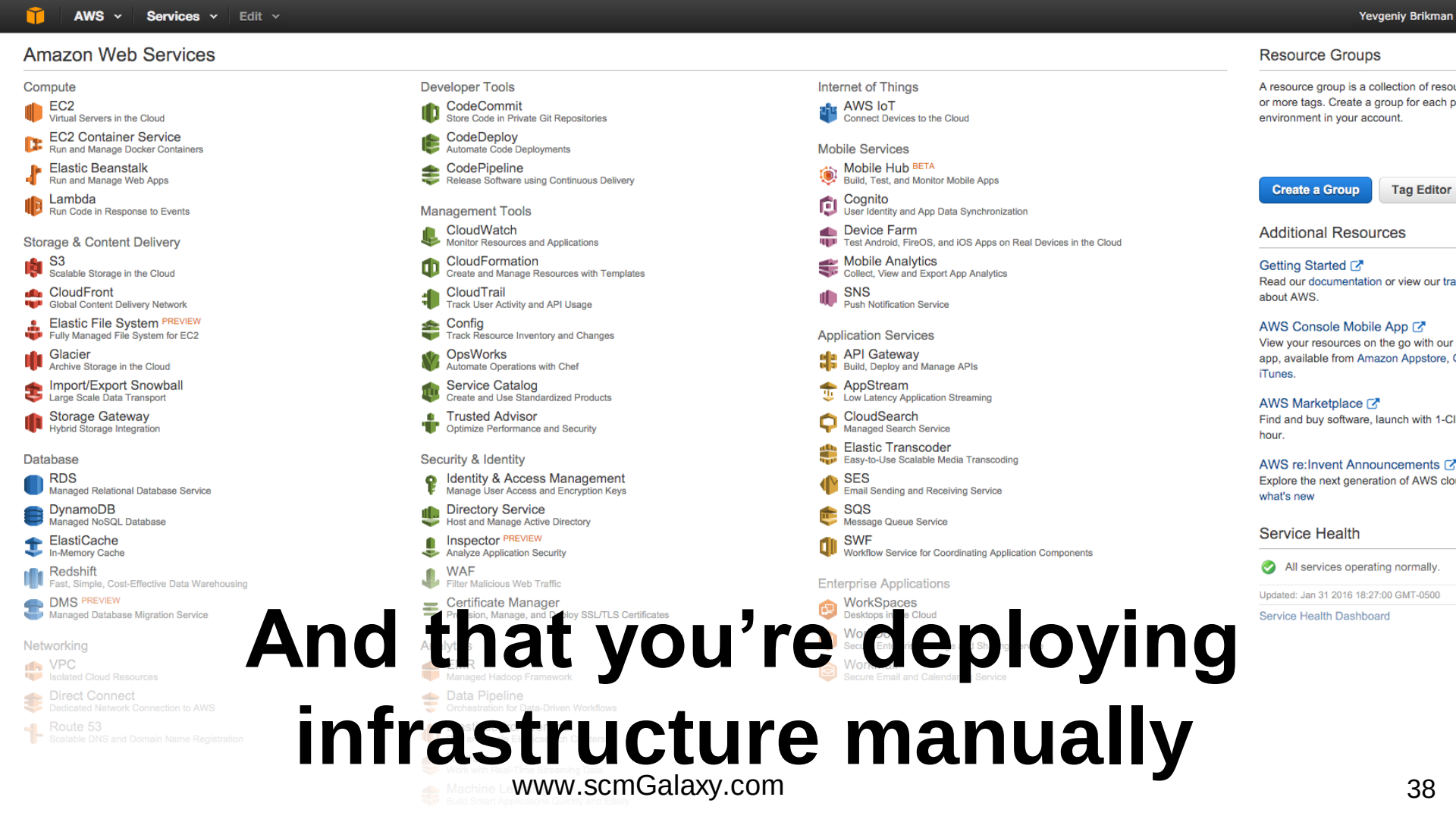
```

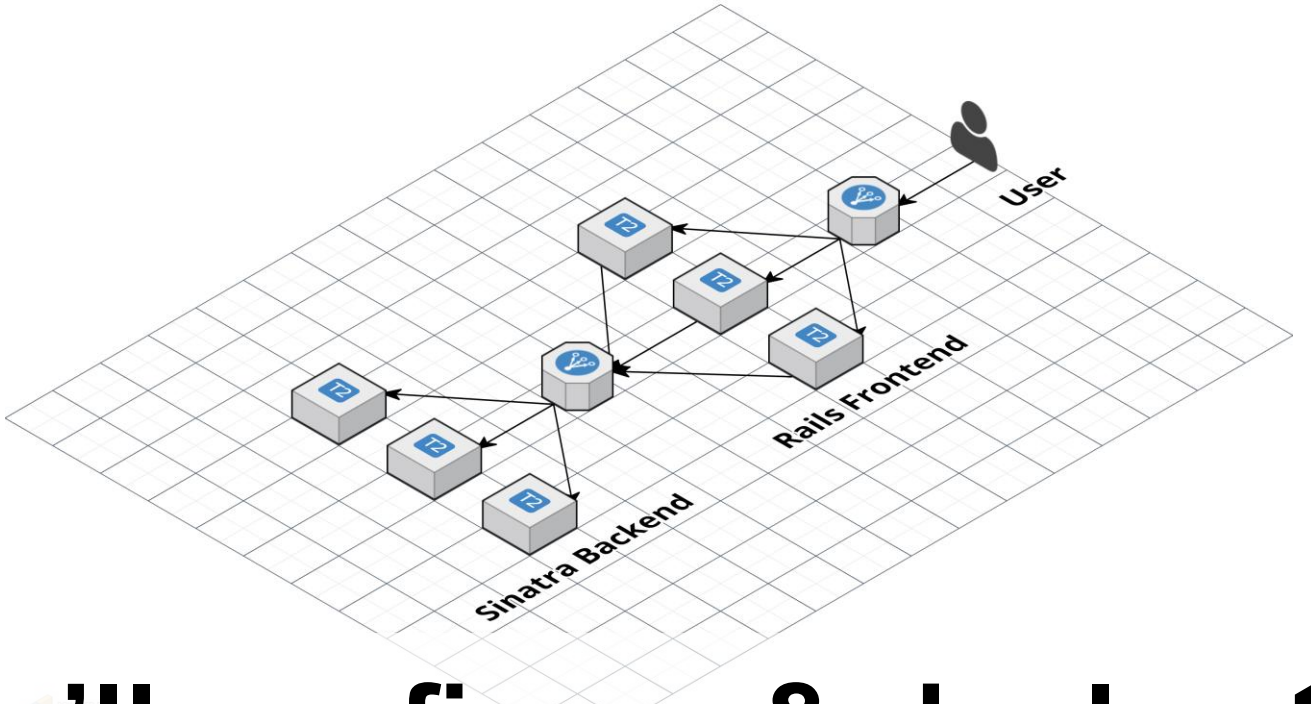
The problem is that you're configuring servers manually



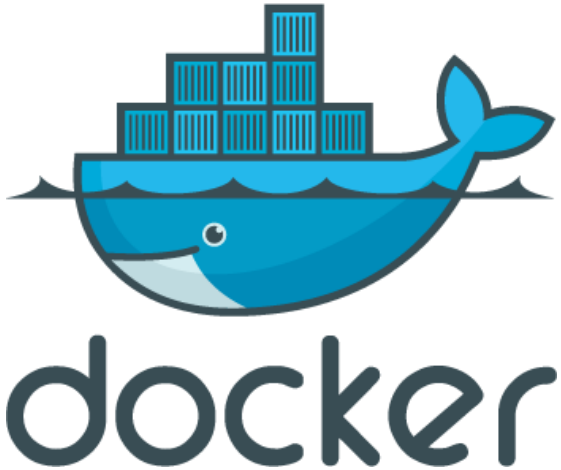
And that you're deploying infrastructure manually

A better alternative: infrastructure-as-code

In this talk, we'll go through a
real-world example:



We'll configure & deploy two microservices on AWS



With infrastructure-as-code tools: Docker

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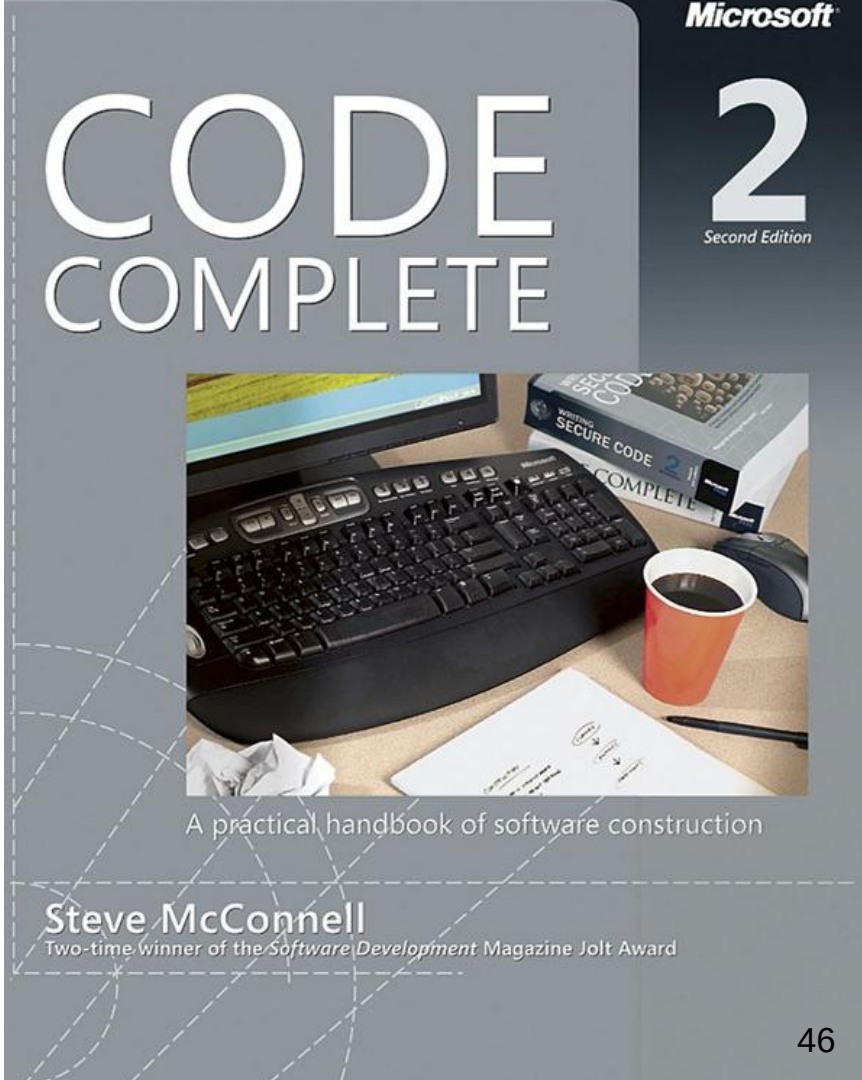
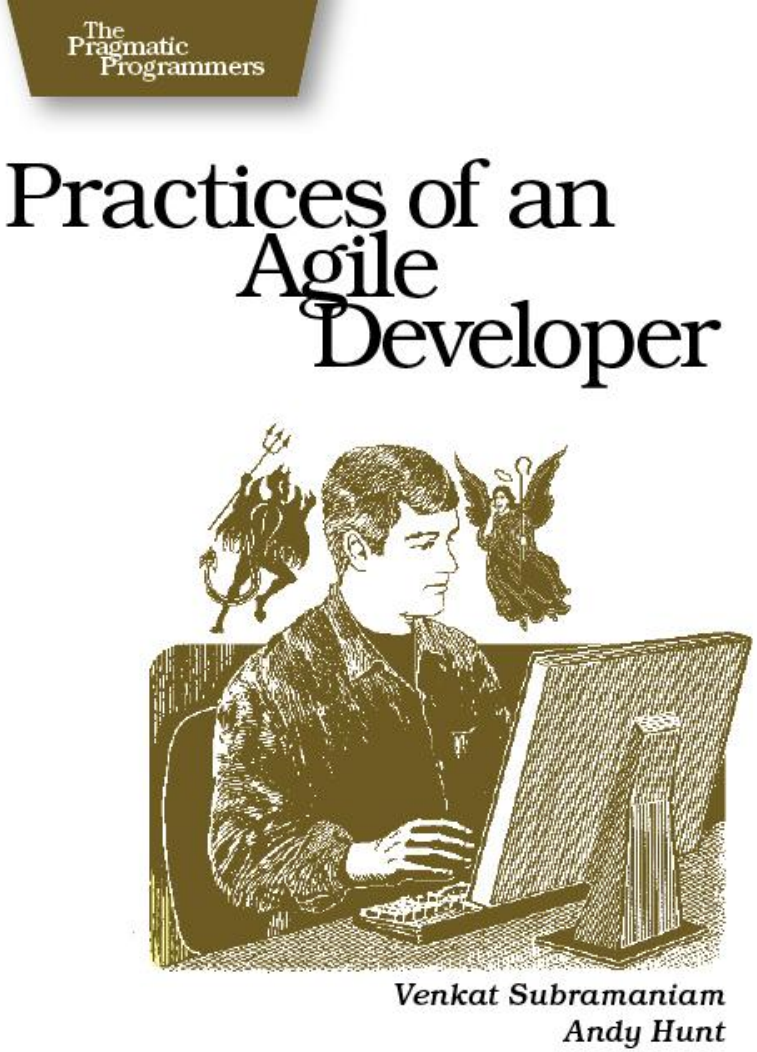
Code is the enemy: the more you have, the slower you go

Project Size Lines of code	Bug Density Bugs per thousand lines of code
< 2K	0 – 25
2K – 6K	0 – 40
16K – 64K	0.5 – 50
64K – 512K	2 – 70
> 512K	4 – 100



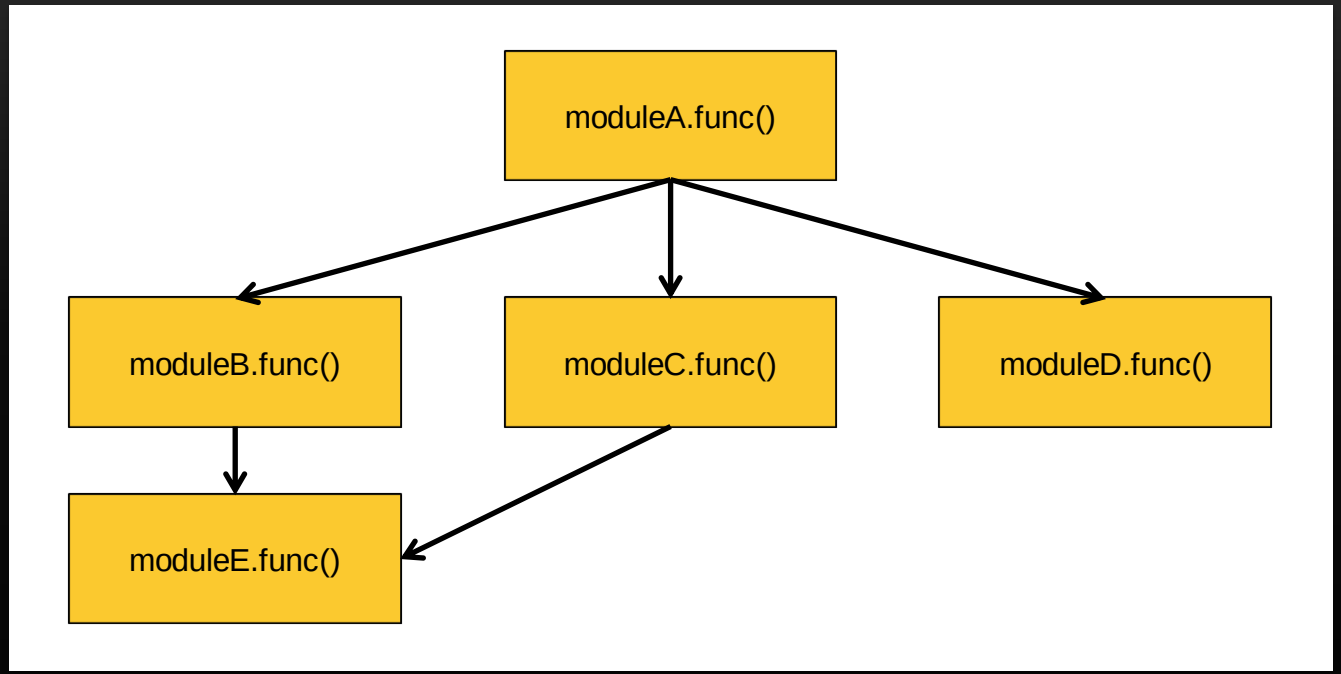
As the code grows, the number of bugs grows even faster

“Software development doesn't happen in a chart, an IDE, or a design tool; it happens in your head.”

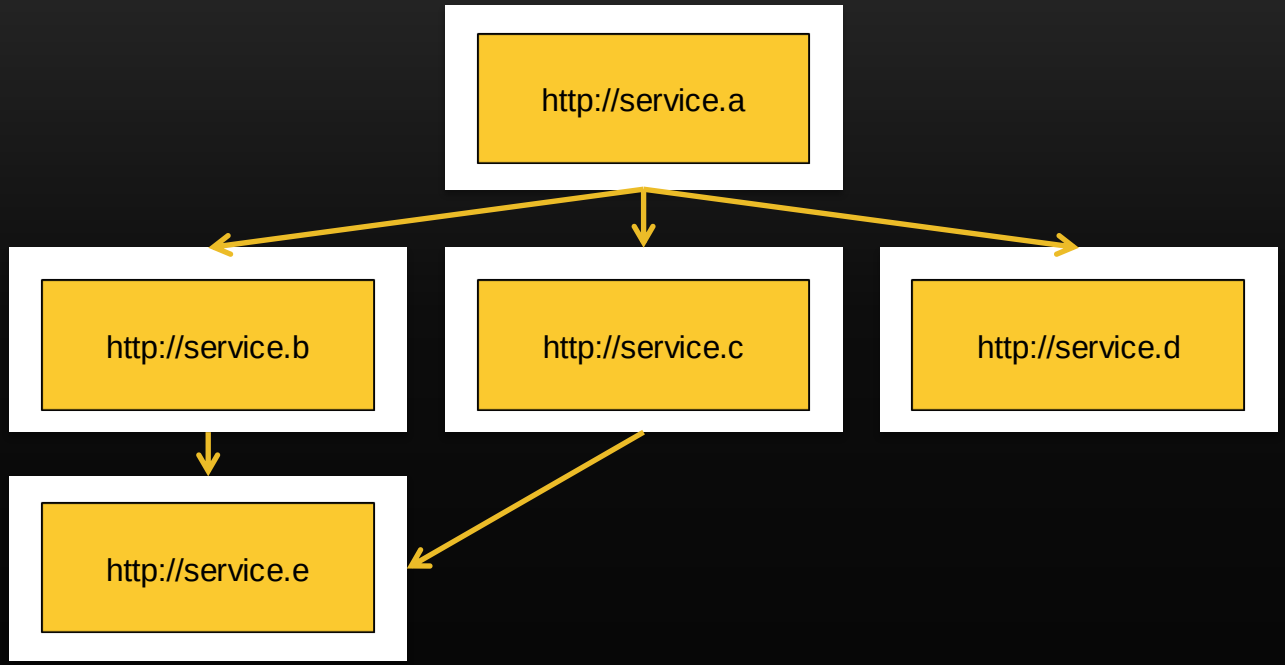


The mind can only handle so much complexity at once

One solution is to break the code into microservices



In a monolith, you use function calls within one process



With services, you pass messages between processes

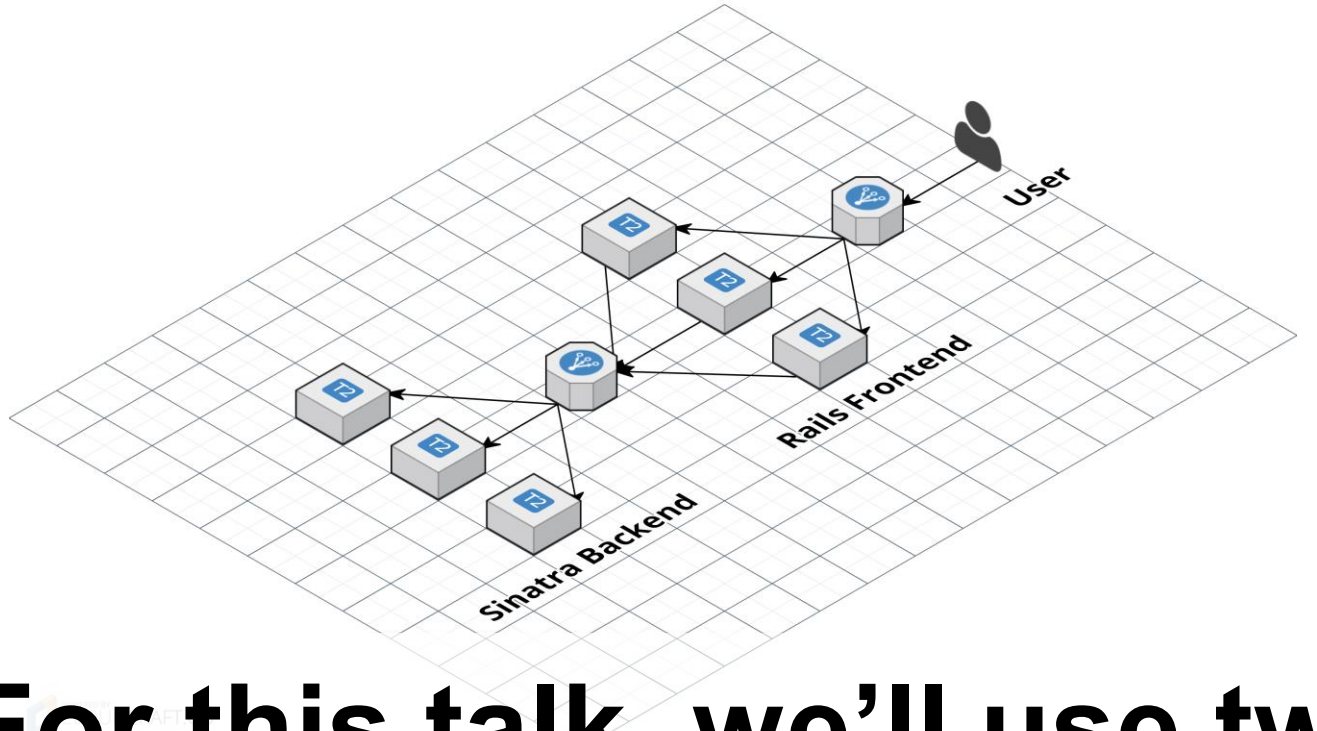
Advantages of services:

1. Isolation
2. Technology agnostic
3. Scalability

Disadvantages of services:

1. Operational overhead
2. Performance overhead
3. I/O, error handling
4. Backwards compatibility
5. Global changes, transactions, referential integrity all very hard

For more info, see: Splitting Up a Codebase into Microservices and Artifacts



For this talk, we'll use two example microservices

```
require 'sinatra'

get "/" do
  "Hello, World!"
end
```

A sinatra backend that returns “Hello, World”

```
class ApplicationController < ActionController::Base
  def index
    url = URI.parse(backend_addr)
    req = Net::HTTP::Get.new(url.to_s)
    res = Net::HTTP.start(url.host, url.port) {|http|
      http.request(req)
    }
    @text = res.body
  end
end
```

A rails frontend that calls the sinatra backend

```
<h1>Rails Frontend</h1>
<p>
  Response from the backend: <strong><%= @text %></strong>
</p>
```

And renders the response as HTML

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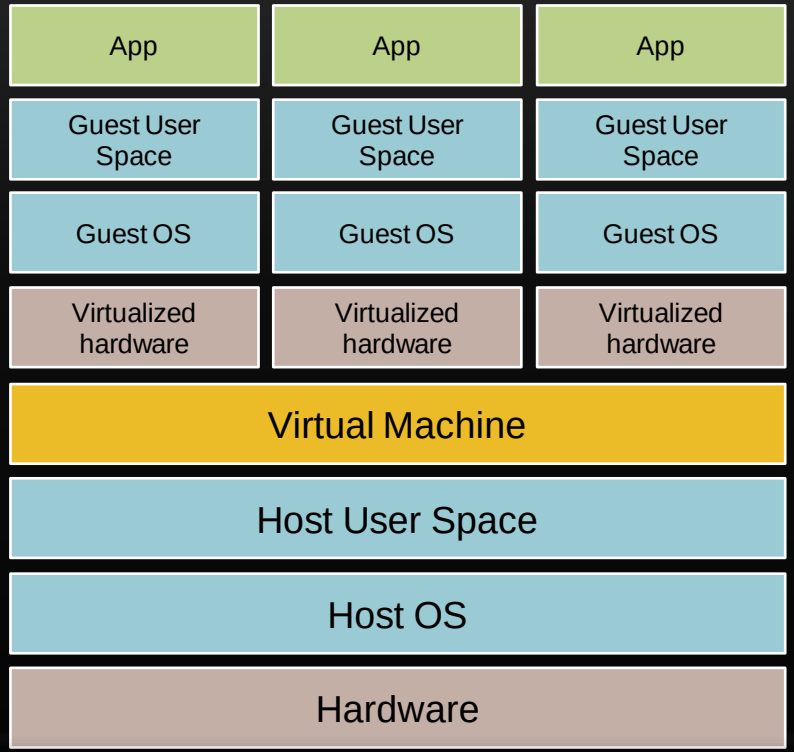
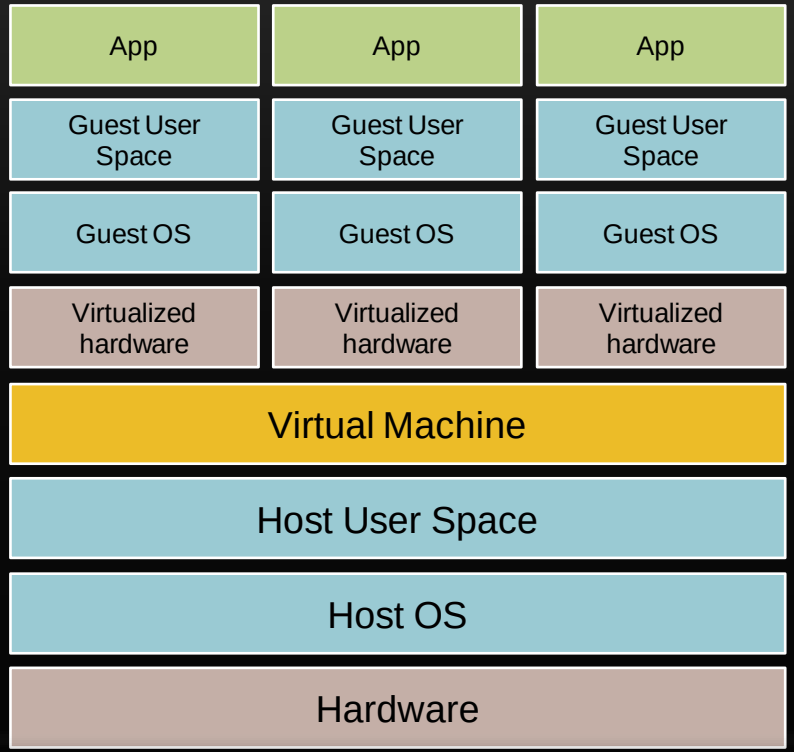
Docker allows you to build and run code in containers

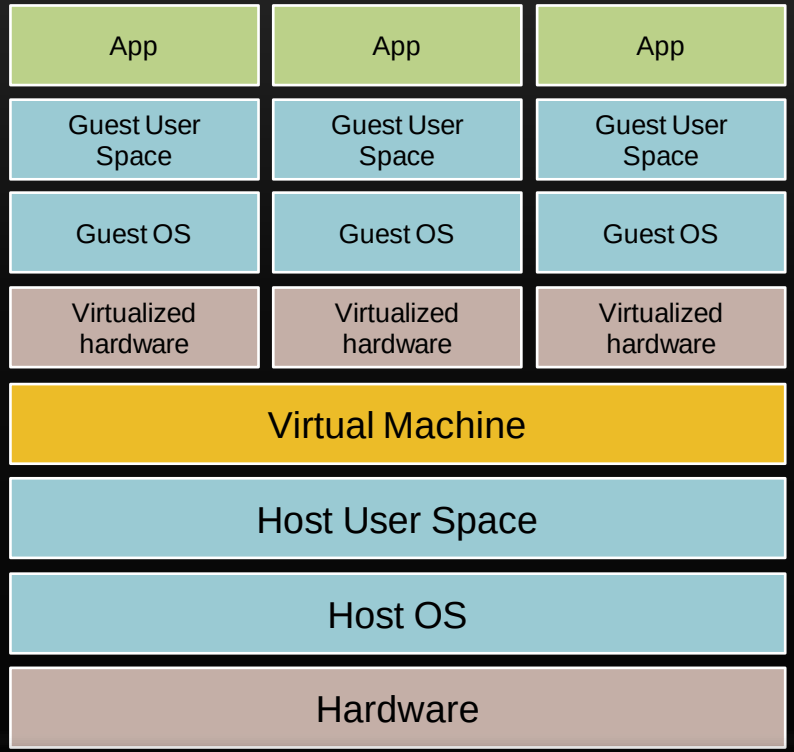
Containers are like lightweight Virtual Machines (VMs)

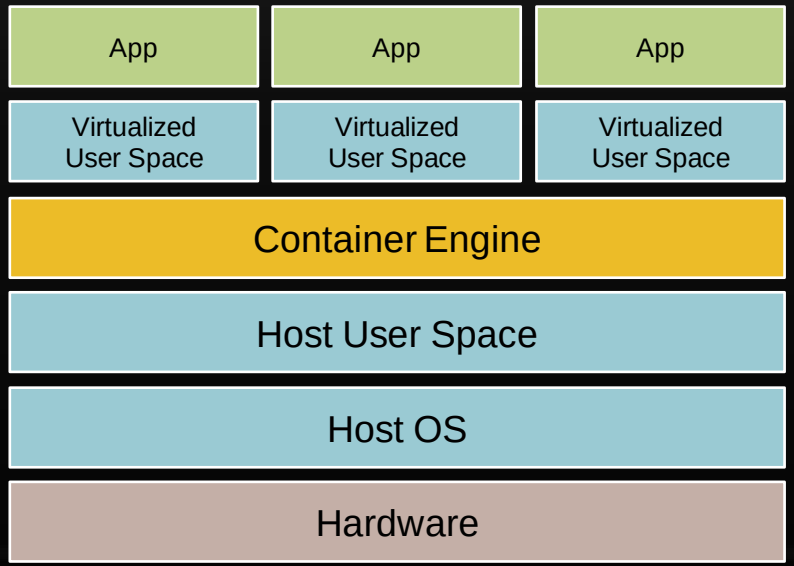


VMs virtualize the hardware and run an entire guest OS on top of the host OS

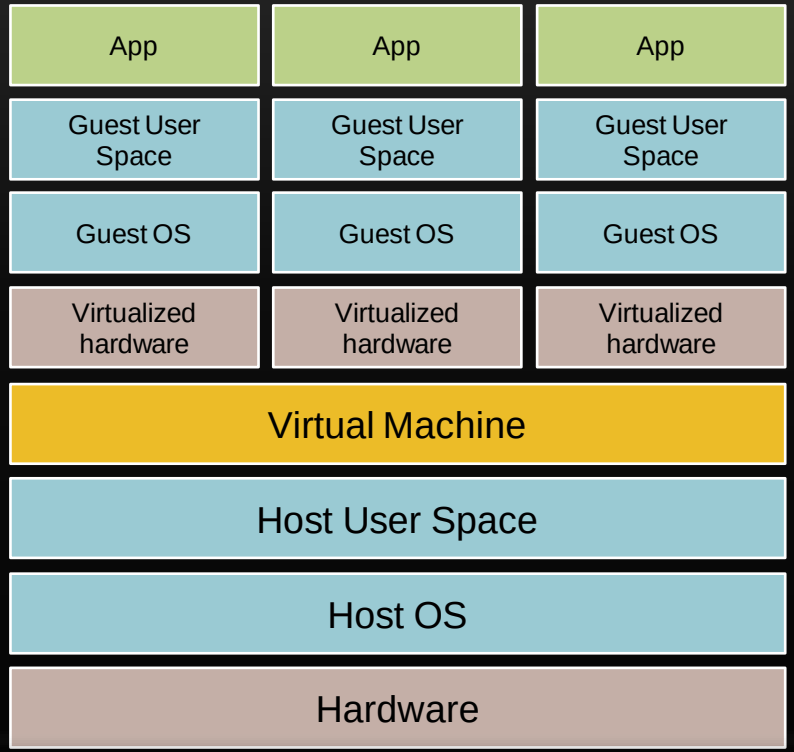


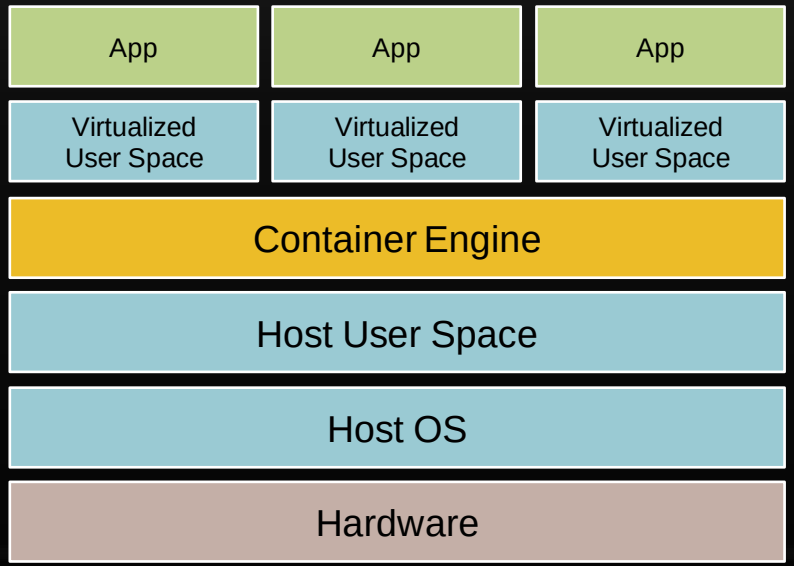
This provides good isolation, but lots of CPU, memory, disk, & startup overhead





Containers virtualize User Space (shared memory, processes, mount, network)





Isolation isn't as good, but much less CPU, memory, disk, & startup overhead

```
> docker run –it ubuntu bash

root@12345:/# echo "I'm in $(cat /etc/issue)”

I'm in Ubuntu 14.04.4 LTS
```

Running Ubuntu in a Docker container

```
> time docker run ubuntu echo "Hello, World"
Hello, World

real  0m0.183s
user  0m0.009s
sys 0m0.014s
```

Containers boot very quickly.
Easily run a dozen at once.

You can define a Docker image as code in a Dockerfile

```
FROM gliderlabs/alpine:3.3

RUN apk --no-cache add ruby ruby-dev
RUN gem install sinatra --no-ri --no-rdoc

RUN mkdir -p /usr/src/app
COPY . /usr/src/app
WORKDIR /usr/src/app

EXPOSE 4567
CMD ["ruby", "app.rb"]
```

Here is the Dockerfile for the Sinatra backend

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EXPOSE 4567
CMD ["ruby", "app.rb"]
```

It specifies dependencies, code, config, and how to run the app

```
> docker build -t brikis98/sinatra-backend .
Step 0 : FROM gliderlabs/alpine:3.3
 ---> 0a7e169bce21

(...)

Step 8 : CMD ruby app.rb
---> 2e243eba30ed

Successfully built 2e243eba30ed
```

Building a Docker image

```
> docker run -it -p 4567:4567 brikis98/sinatra-backend
INFO  WEBrick 1.3.1
INFO  ruby 2.2.4 (2015-12-16) [x86_64-linux-musl]
== Sinatra (v1.4.7) has taken the stage on 4567 for
development with backup from WEBrick
INFO  WEBrick::HTTPServer#start: pid=1 port=4567
```

Running a Docker image

```
> docker push brikis98/sinatra-backend
The push refers to a repository [docker.io/brikis98/sinatra-
backend] (len: 1)
2e243eba30ed: Image successfully pushed
7e2e0c53e246: Image successfully pushed
919d9a73b500: Image successfully pushed

(...)

v1: digest: sha256:09f48ed773966ec7fe4558 size: 14319
```

You can share your images by pushing them to Docker Hub

Now you can reuse the same image in dev, stg, prod, etc

```
> docker pull rails:4.2.6
```

And you can reuse images created by others.

```
FROM rails:4.2.6

RUN mkdir -p /usr/src/app
COPY . /usr/src/app
WORKDIR /usr/src/app

RUN bundle install

EXPOSE 3000
CMD ["rails", "start"]
```

The rails-frontend is built on top of the official rails Docker image

No more insane install procedures!

```
rails_frontend:
  image: brikis98/rails-frontend
  ports:
    - "3000:3000"
  links:
    - sinatra_backend:sinatra_backend

sinatra_backend:
  image: brikis98/sinatra-backend
  ports:
    - "4567:4567"
```

Define your entire dev stack as code with docker-compose

```
rails_frontend:
  image: brikis98/rails-frontend
  ports:
    - "3000:3000"
  links:
    - sinatra_backend:sinatra_backend

sinatra_backend:
  image: brikis98/sinatra-backend
  ports:
    - "4567:4567"
```

Docker links provide a simple service discovery mechanism

```
> docker-compose up
Starting infrastructureascodetalk_sinatra_backend_1
Recreating infrastructureascodetalk_rails_frontend_1

sinatra_backend_1 | INFO  WEBrick 1.3.1
sinatra_backend_1 | INFO  ruby 2.2.4 (2015-12-16)
sinatra_backend_1 | Sinatra has taken the stage on 4567

rails_frontend_1  | INFO  WEBrick 1.3.1
rails_frontend_1  | INFO  ruby 2.3.0 (2015-12-25)
rails_frontend_1  | INFO  WEBrick::HTTPServer#start: port=3000
```

Run your entire dev stack with one command

Advantages of Docker:

1. Easy to create & share images
2. Images run the same way in all environments (dev, test, prod)
3. Easily run the entire stack in dev
4. Minimal overhead
5. Better resource utilization

Disadvantages of Docker:

1. Maturity. Ecosystem developing very fast, but still a ways to go
2. Tricky to manage persistent data in a container

Benefits of infrastructure-as-code:

1. Reuse
2. Automation
3. Version control
4. Code review
5. Documentation
6. Testing

Slides and code from this talk:
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Questions?