



Financial DevOps: Navigating the FinOps Landscape for Cloud Cost Optimization in PostgreSQL

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40% of all instances are over provisioned
35% of all cloud spend is wasted

Session agenda

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ What is FinOps?
- ✓ Value of FinOps
- ✓ Why should I care?
- ✓ Themes, trends, strategies
- ✓ How to make friends with FinOps

About me

- ✓ Professional
- ✓ 2 decades go-to-market experience
- ✓ Passionate about intersection of technology & business value

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✓ Personal

- ✓ First trip to India!
- ✓ Love cricket (don't mention the test series!)
- ✓ 10 wicket haul!

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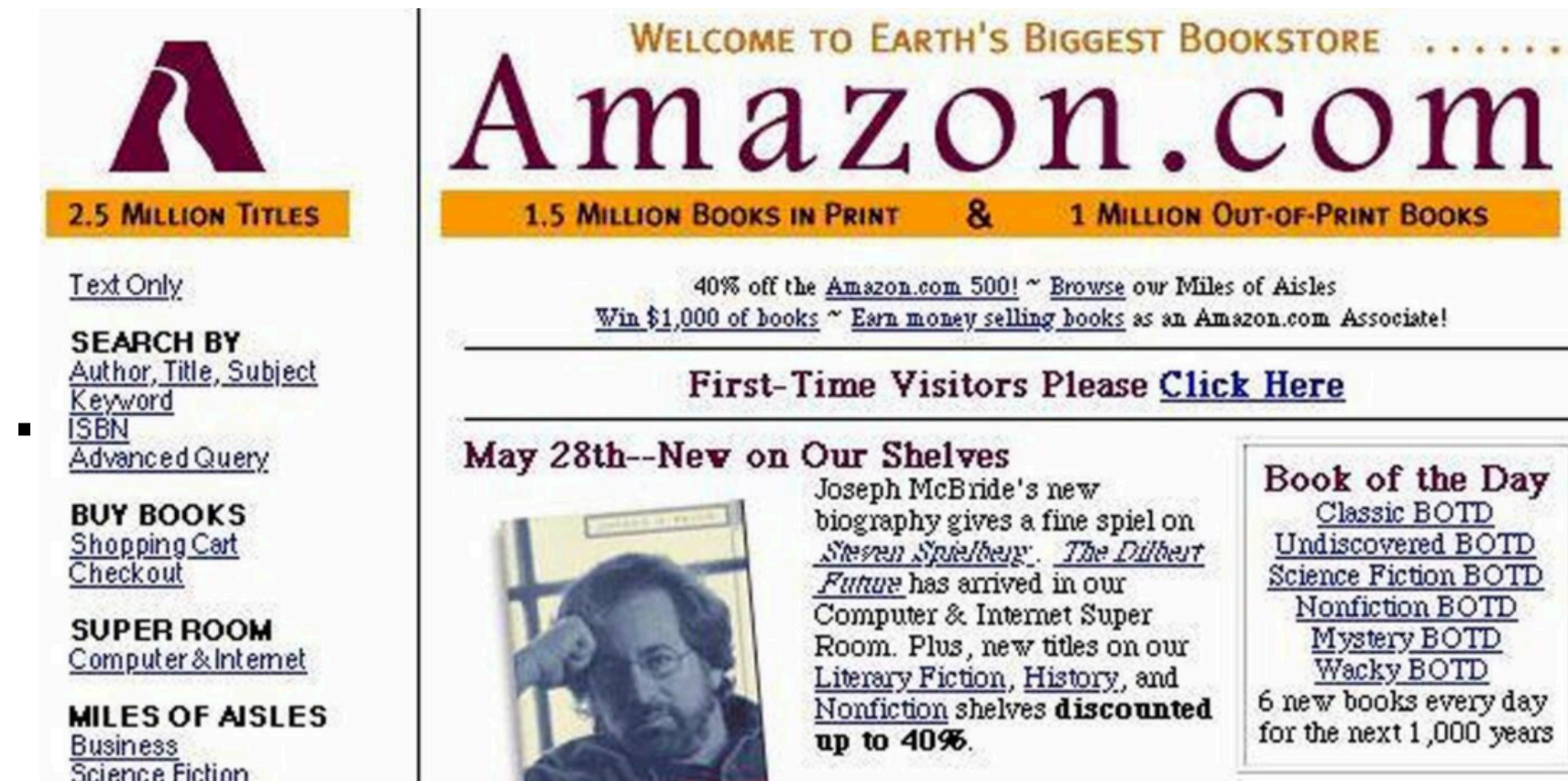
What is FinOps?

Finance + DevOps = FinOps

A brief history

Brief trip down memory lane

1995  Once upon a time Amazon sold books online...



 On premise was the only choice

 'Leaders' created their own private cloud

 2006 - AWS launches EC2 and S3

 Explosion of technology companies

 Fixed cost is now variable

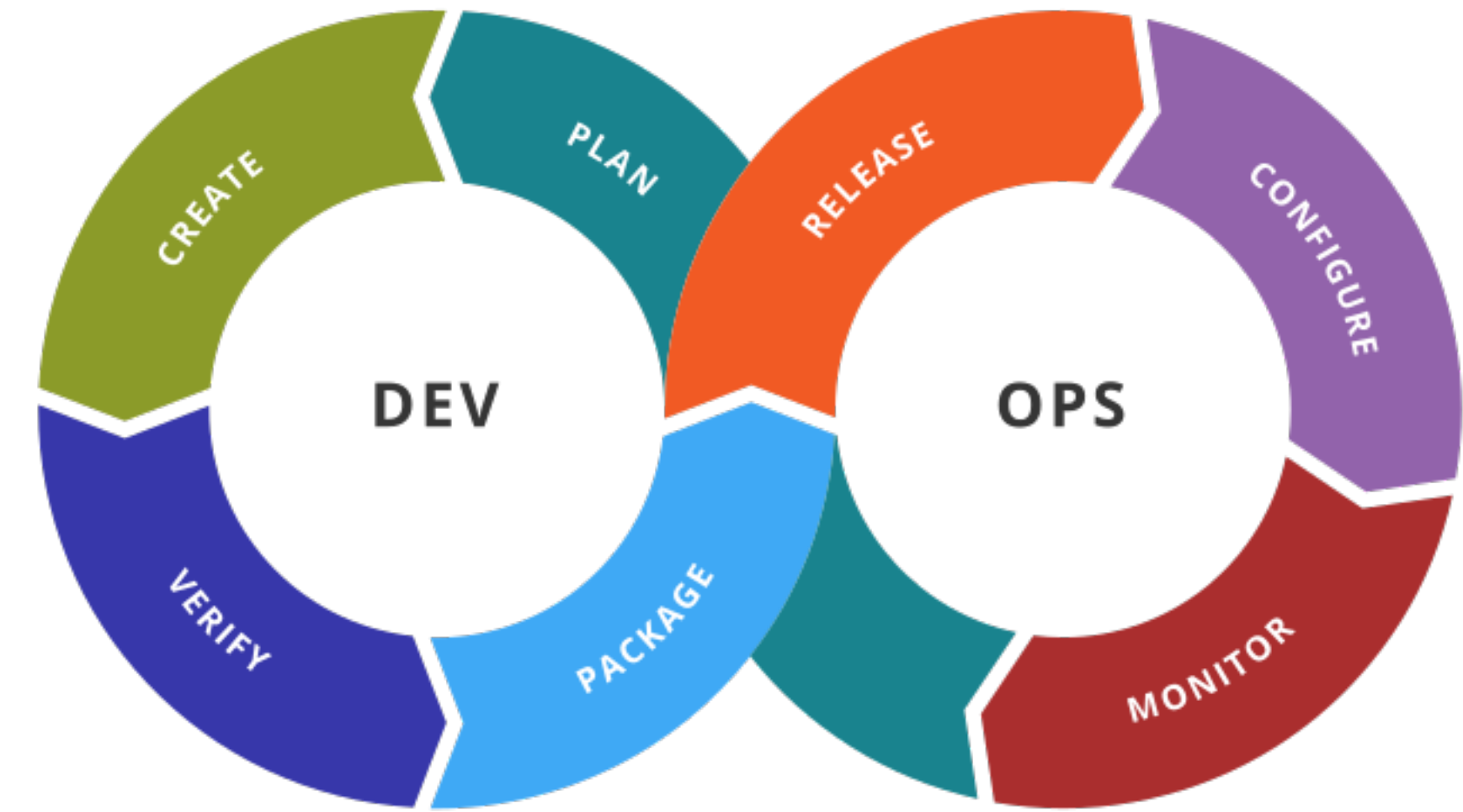
2024  Biggest companies globally are cloud providers

Global cloud computing market valued at \$626 billion
Projected to be \$1,266 billion by 2028 with CAGR of 15%

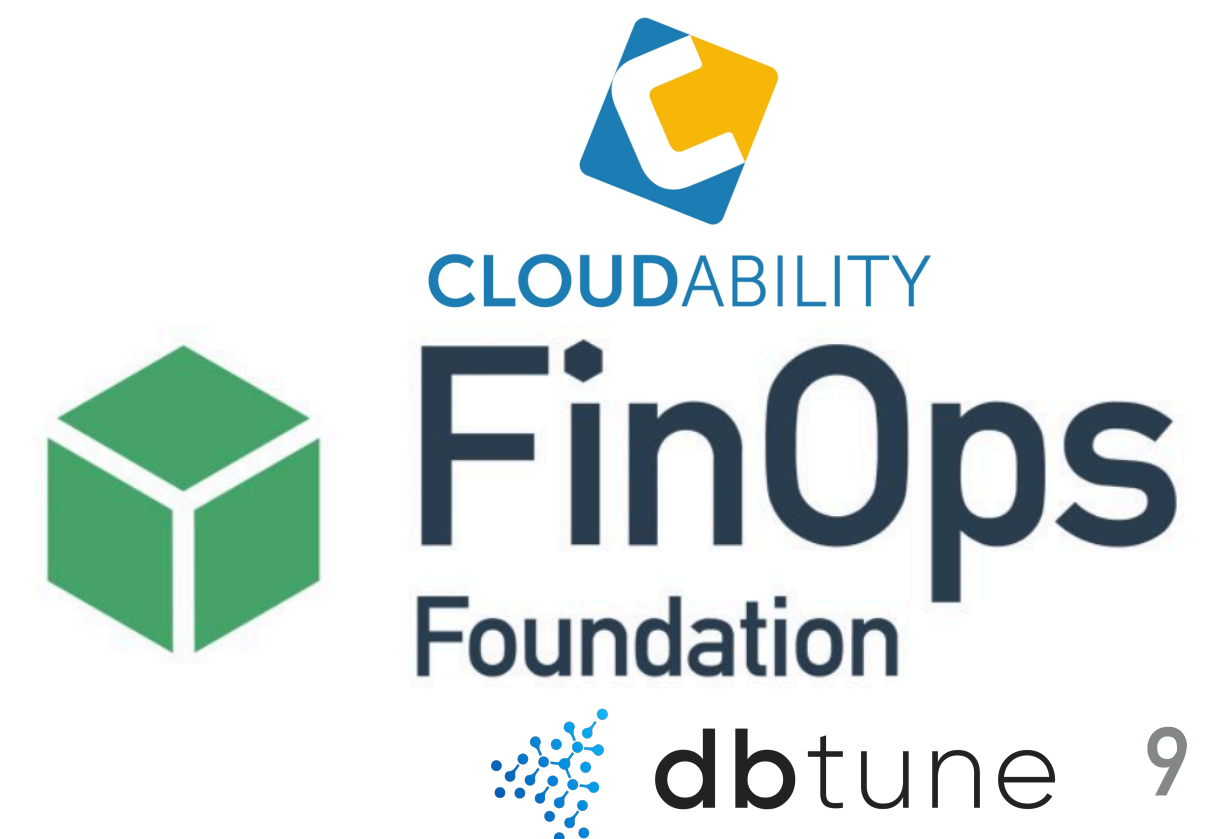
Emergence of FinOps

2006

- ✓ Cloud = disruption
- ✓ Value delivered with technology
- ✓ DevOps has allowed acceleration of tech delivery
- ✓ Shift has put purchasing power in hands of developers
- ✓ Broken traditional procurement processes
- ✓ Cloud spend monitoring / optimisation technologies
- ✓ FinOps Foundation formed (Cloudability's CAB)



2018



What is FinOps?

“FinOps is an operational framework and cultural practice which maximizes the business value of cloud, enables timely data-driven decision making, and creates financial accountability through *collaboration between engineering, finance, and business teams.*”

Value of FinOps

- ✓ Accelerate business value realization and innovation
- ✓ Drive financial accountability and visibility
- ✓ Optimize cloud usage and cost efficiency
- ✓ Enable cross organizational trust and collaboration
- ✓ Prevent sprawl of cloud spend

Why should I care?

Why should I care?

- ✔ Increase in cross functional activity
- ✔ Increased accountability
- ✔ Your leadership care about it...

“YOUR
COMPANY
NEEDS
YOU”

Why should I care?



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Early Bird registration still available for FinOps X 2024 →

FinOps Insights

State of FinOps '24: Top Priorities Shift to Reducing Waste and Managing Commitments

February 22, 2024

<https://www.finops.org/insights/key-priorities-shift-in-2024/>

What's driving these priorities?

Macro factors

External themes & challenges facing ALL

- ✓ Inflation and economic downturn
- ✓ Increasing customer expectations
- ✓ Security breaches
- ✓ Explosion of automation
- ✓ Accelerated digital transformation
- ✓ Sustainability



A hand is shown pointing towards a network diagram on the left side of the slide. The network diagram consists of a grid of nodes connected by lines, with a glowing effect around the hand's tip. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern of light blue dots and lines.

Impact on the enterprise

How these challenges manifest in business priorities

- ✔ Operational efficiency / cost reduction
- ✔ Adoption of open source
- ✔ Employee productivity / satisfaction
- ✔ Embrace automation with AI / ML
- ✔ Focus on security
- ✔ Reduce carbon footprint

We live in a different world now

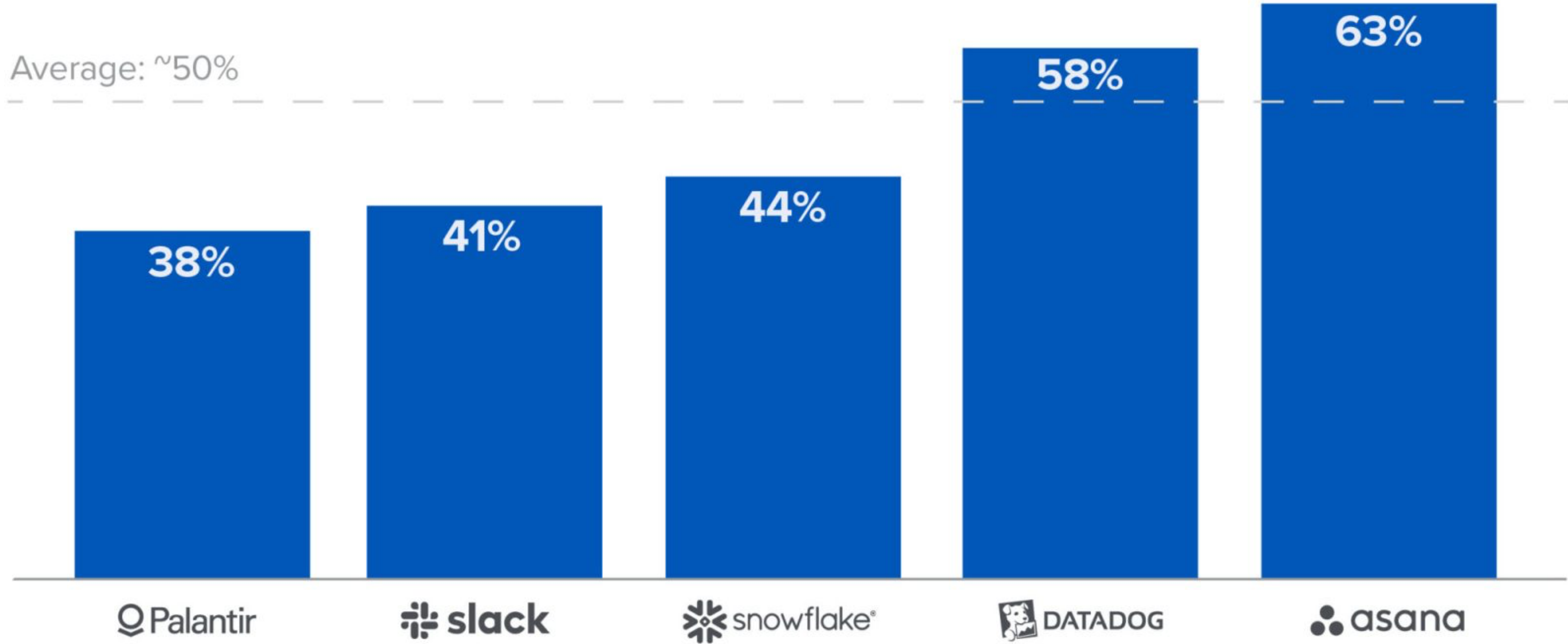
What do they all have in common?

**Infrastructure spend is a large %
of cost of revenue (COGS)**

Why this is so relevant for tech / software / digital companies

Infrastructure cost optimization is driving valuations and stock

Estimated annualized committed cloud spend as % of cost of revenue



Source: A16z article *The Cost of Cloud, a Trillion Dollar Paradox*

What can I do about it?

- ✓ We all LOVE PostgreSQL
- ✓ Most admired DB by developers (Stackoverflow)
- ✓ Almost limitless versatility
- ✓ With great versatility comes great responsibility...



Simon Riggs: Major Postgres Developer & Committer
PGConf Europe, Prague 2023, Keynote:

*'PostgreSQL can be used for almost any and all data processing workloads and use cases (*as long as it's tuned correctly)'*

What is database tuning?

And how can it help us achieve business goals and objectives?

What is database tuning?

Keeping the database fit and responsive

- ✔ Databases change, grow and slow down
- ✔ Not all workloads and machines are the same
- ✔ **Tuning adapts a database to its current use-case, load and machine**
- ✔ It is a 'dark-art' yet an integral part of any DBA and developer's job
- ✔ Tuning can include query, DBMS parameters, indexes, OS parameters etc

Why does it matter?

Technical perspective

- Directly impacts system performance
 - Transactions per second — Throughput
 - Average query runtime — Latency
- Improves scalability
- Enhances stability / reliability
- SLA

Business perspective

- Decreases cloud / infrastructure spend
- Higher end-user satisfaction
- Reduces downtime
- Increases productivity
- Increases operational efficiency
- Saves energy (ESG)

How often do you tune?

Anytime that:

- ✓ Your workload changes
- ✓ Your database grows and changes
- ✓ You migrate from on-prem to the cloud — Or vice-versa
- ✓ You scale your cloud instance — Up or down
- ✓ You migrate DBMS — E.g., from Oracle to PostgreSQL
- ✓ You upgrade your PostgreSQL version

The reality of how most enterprises treat manual tuning today

- ✓ Tuning is typically **reactive** to something going wrong — Not **proactive**
- ✓ Maybe looked at once or twice a year
- ✓ Neglected — Not a priority
- ✓ Often engage expensive external resources / experts
- ✓ Different workloads are not treated differently
- ✓ Modus operandi has become to throw more hardware at any issue (\$\$\$)

How can you help me Tom?

We introduce DBtune

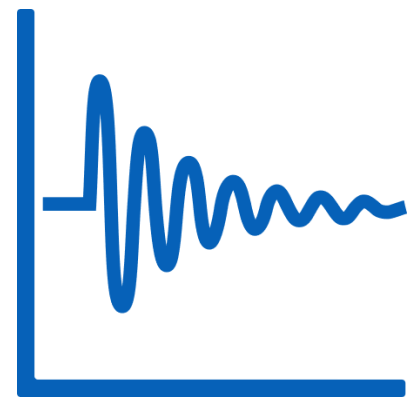
A unique AI-powered database parameter tuning cloud hosted service



Machine learning approach



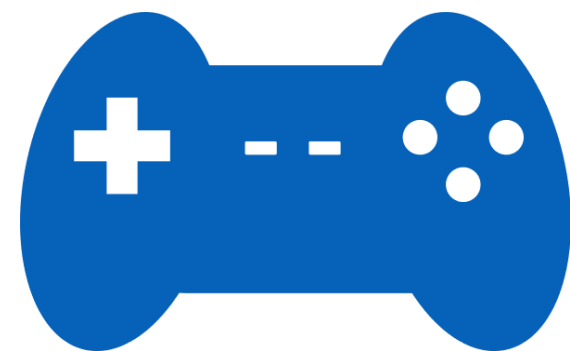
DBtune learns how to solve optimization challenges



Dynamic adaptation



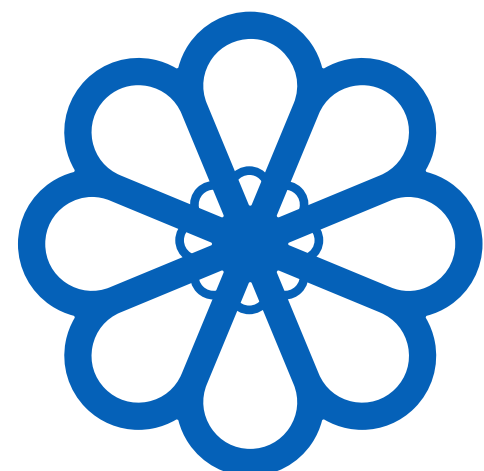
DBtune can tune a database irrespective of its size and complexity



Easy to use



No need for background in AI or database tuning



Highly scalable



DBtune can tune multiple databases in heterogeneous environments

Customer value proposition

DBtune boosts service performance / improves business margins



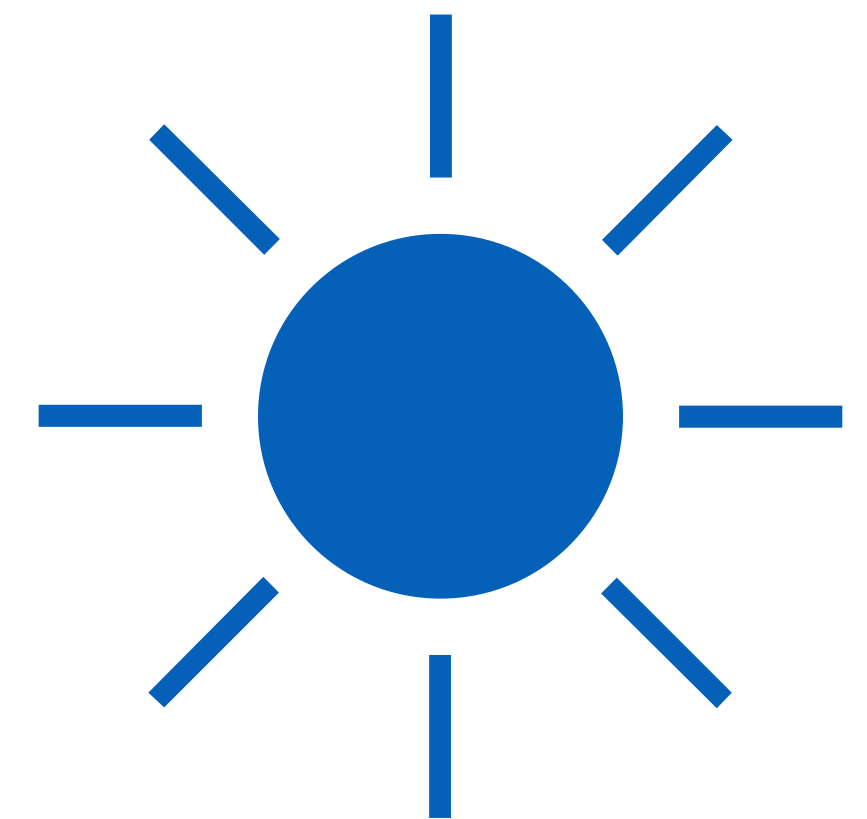
Reduce cloud /
infrastructure costs



Make your service
radically faster



Free up your DBAs

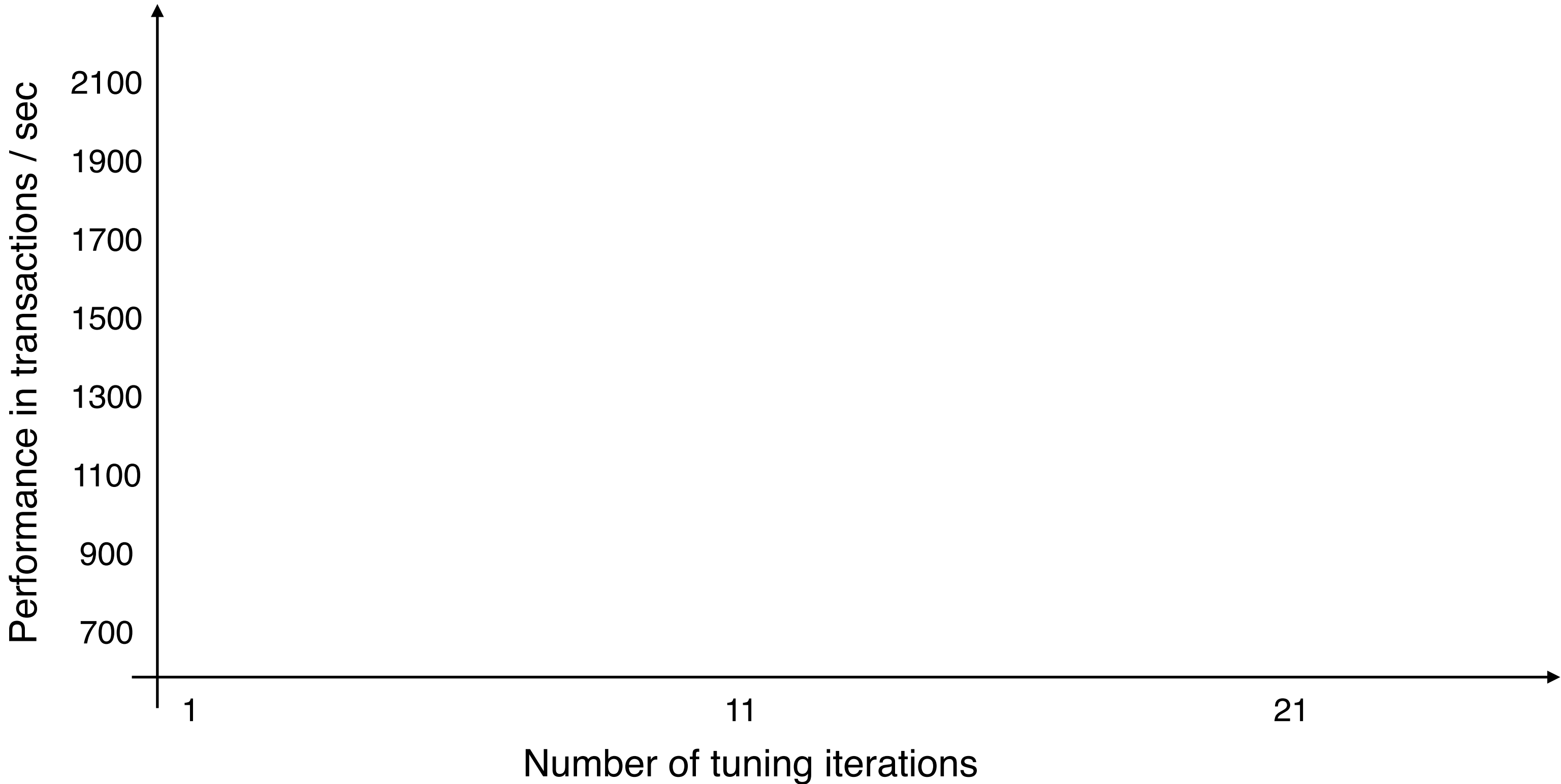



Reduce energy
consumption

Performance results and cost analysis

DBtune doubles the performance of PostgreSQL Amazon RDS

Performance impact of tuning RDS m5.2xLarge cloud instance on the TPCCC benchmark





Key takeaway:
DBtune achieves a level of performance on the small instance in excess of an instance twice the

Proof of savings: Detailed economic analysis

DBtune achieves better performance on a m5.2xlarge than running an m5.4xlarge

AWS RDS Instance Type	Hardware			Cost / Year		
	Cores	RAM	IOPS	Instance	EBS	Total
db.m5.4xlarge	8	64 GBs	4000	\$12,475	\$4,800	\$17,275
db.m5.2xlarge	4	32 GBs	2000	\$6,237	\$2,400	\$8,637

- ✓ DBtune halves RDS costs (50% saving)
- ✓ Matches 4xLarge performance on a 2xLarge instance
- ✓ Medium and large companies use hundreds* of RDS instances


Per instance saving:
\$8,638

*A16z article: "The Cost of Cloud, a Trillion Dollar Paradox"

Customer story: Airtel production system optimization

Airtel partnered with DBtune to optimize their infrastructure spend

Airtel is one of the largest communication service providers, globally. Headquartered in India, they serve in excess of half a billion subscribers. Airtel sought a new technology to improve their PostgreSQL database performance.



“DBtune seamlessly integrated into a production system of a mission critical Airtel application. We’ve been impressed by the reliability and robustness of the DBtune product, and the team has enjoyed evaluating the platform.”

Anant Kumar
Airtel CIO digital

Customer story: Helping Anteo to speed up their data operations

Norway-based company, Anteo, offer decision support for sustainable development in the aquaculture industry, as well as real-time monitoring and warning biosafety solutions.

Anteo's infrastructure is data intensive. Anteo partnered with DBtune to speed up their PostgreSQL data platform.



“It only took 10 minutes to set up DBtune on our Google Cloud PostgreSQL data platform... The process was easy and pleasant.”

Peder Refsnes
Anteo CTO

Customer story: Integration study with the DbVisualizer platform

DbVisualizer is a leading universal database tool for universal database management systems. The company offers a database Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for developers, analysts, and DBAs.

DbVisualizer partnered with DBtune to explore the technical integration with their development platform. The initial pilot validated the technical strength of the DBtune platform.



"We see a lot of potential in DBtune's ability to optimize our customers' workloads. This is a state-of-the-art optimizing service that is robust and flexible enough to integrate tightly with our platform. DbVisualizer, enhanced with DBtune's capabilities, would make for a more complete offering for our customers."

Martin Engdahl
DbVisualizer CEO

DBtune technology endorsed by VMware

vRealize Network Insight (vRNI) is a network monitoring tool by VMware that helps build an optimized, highly available and secure network infrastructure across cloud environments. The key-value store FoundationDB database system is at the core of vRNI and its performance.



“We saw a 34% improvement in our FoundationDB testbed, while we were hoping for a 10% improvement...DBtune exceeded our team's expectations.”

Clement Pang, Co-founder & Chief Architect at Wavefront by VMware



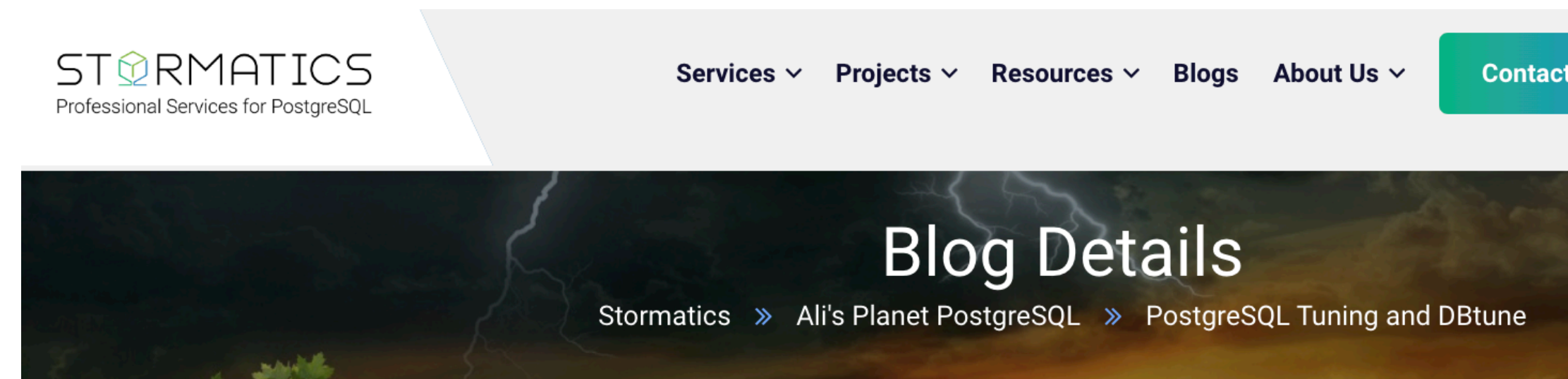
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“For us, performance is essential, DBtune has overcome the optimization complexity with an innovative solution; they made it simple.”

Uday Kurkure
Staff Engineer at VMware

Independent evaluation by Stormatics



🕒 February 14, 2024 👤 By **Muhammad Ali** 📄 [Ali's Planet PostgreSQL, Blog](#)

PostgreSQL Tuning and DBtune

Parameter tuning in PostgreSQL involves the adjustment of various configuration settings inside `postgresql.conf` file which dictates how the database operates. These parameters affect many aspects of the database's operation which includes memory allocation, query planning, connection handling and disk I/O operations. Proper tuning ensures that PostgreSQL runs efficiently, making full use of the available hardware resources

- Across all tests cases DBtune delivered improvement in performance up to 13.6x
- Compared to manual tuning DBtune achieved 2.2x speedup

Blog: <https://stormatics.tech/alis-planet-postgresql/postgresql-tuning-and-dbtune>



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