

# VPS Benchmarks

OR

Let's stop guessing and  
rub some science on it.

# what up!

- Michael Gorsuch
- GitHub Ops
- Generalist / Enabler / Sidekick
- Trying to stop swearing so much
- @michaelgorsuch



**Michael Gorsuch**

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So my kids invented a game called 'mosquito' in which they bite each other. One even drew blood. I... don't even. [#dadops](#)

**DISCLAIMER!!!!**

benchmarks are really just green field generalizations

I prefer narrow benchmarks to general ones



**(another) DISCLAIMER!!!!**

VPS's are weird

Linode <b>1GB</b>	Linode <b>2GB</b>	Linode <b>4GB</b>	Linode <b>8GB</b>	Linode <b>16GB</b>
1 GB RAM	2 GB RAM	4 GB RAM	8 GB RAM	16 GB RAM
8 CPU (1x priority)	8 CPU (2x priority)	8 CPU (4x priority)	8 CPU (8x priority)	8 CPU (16x priority)
<del>24 GB Storage</del> <b>48 GB Storage</b>	<del>48 GB Storage</del> <b>96 GB Storage</b>	<del>96 GB Storage</del> <b>192 GB Storage</b>	<del>192 GB Storage</del> <b>384 GB Storage</b>	<del>384 GB Storage</del> <b>768 GB Storage</b>
2 TB Transfer	4 TB Transfer	8 TB Transfer	16 TB Transfer	20 TB Transfer
\$20 / month	\$40 / month	\$80 / month	\$160 / month	\$320 / month
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Most Popular Plan

\$5/mo.

\$10/mo.

\$20/mo.

\$40/mo.

\$80/mo.

**512MB** Memory

**1** Core

**20GB** SSD Disk

**1TB** Transfer

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**1GB** Memory

**1** Core

**30GB** SSD Disk

**2TB** Transfer

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**2GB** Memory

**2** Cores

**40GB** SSD Disk

**3TB** Transfer

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**4GB** Memory

**2** Cores

**60GB** SSD Disk

**4TB** Transfer

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**8GB** Memory

**4** Cores

**80GB** SSD Disk

**5TB** Transfer

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a real life app, a real life story

# canary.io

- URL Visibility from First Principles
- sensor (ruby / curl)
- core (node.js / redis / fs)
- client (html / css / js)

# contenders

- Linode
- Digital Ocean

hypothesis



“Digital Ocean performance is mostly ~~bullcrap~~ marketing hype when compared to Linode”

# Simple Cloud Hosting

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/mo.

**20GB**  
SSD

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**512MB**  
Memory

*← 2x more!*



# systems

- digital ocean \$5 / mo plan
- digital ocean \$80 / mo plan
- linode \$20 / mo plan
- linode \$80 / mo plan

# focus on core

- evented app
- single processor
- cpu bound
- same story for redis

# we'll base core perf on redis

- redis-benchmark
- 2.6.16
- \$ redis-benchmark -q

# redis GET results

lin-20	lin-80	so-5	so-80
28,985	37,174	67,114	82,644

# Postmark

- file system transactions
- generally used to simulate email systems like postfix
- generate 50,000 files of between 1 and 10KB, perform 100,000 transactions

# postmark transactions per second

lin-20	lin-80	do-5	do-80
769	4000	6666	14285



# postgres

- why not?
- `$ pgbench -c 8 -j 2 -T 600 chompy`
- `$ pgbench -c 1 -j 1 -T 600 chompy`

# pgbench, -c 8, tps

lin-20	lin-80	do-5	do-80
1334	2241	1257	1095

# pgbench, -c 1, tps

lin-20	lin-80	do-5	do-80
645	960	1187	1008

# unixbench scores

lin-20	lin-80	do-5	do-80
1847	2153	1545	3231

# things I wish I had tested

- standard deviation
- standard deviation at different time periods
- EC2
- Joyent
- hardware (softlayer / baremetalservers)