

# These five tricks can make your apps greener cheaper & nicer

#### **Holly Cummins**

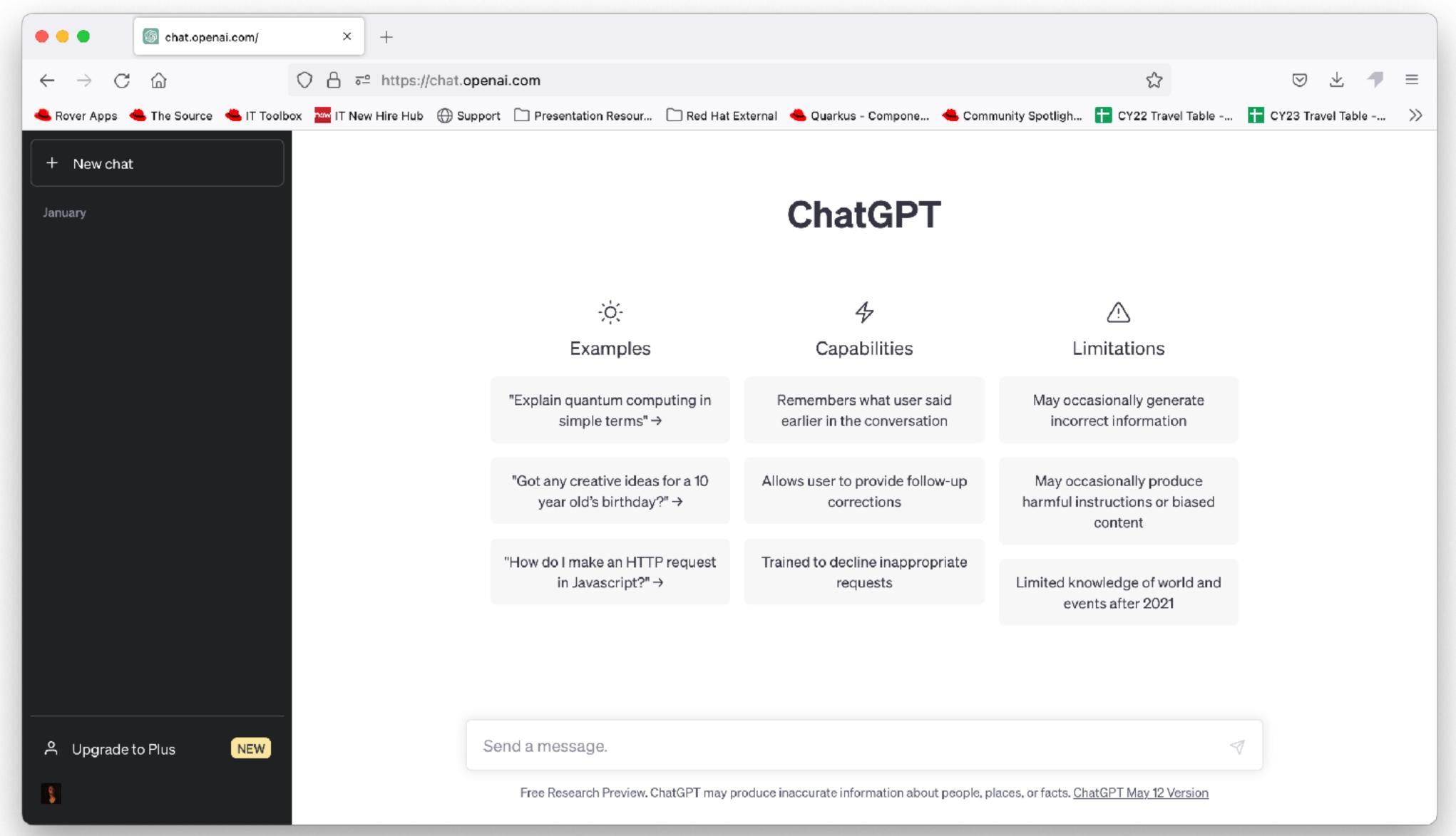
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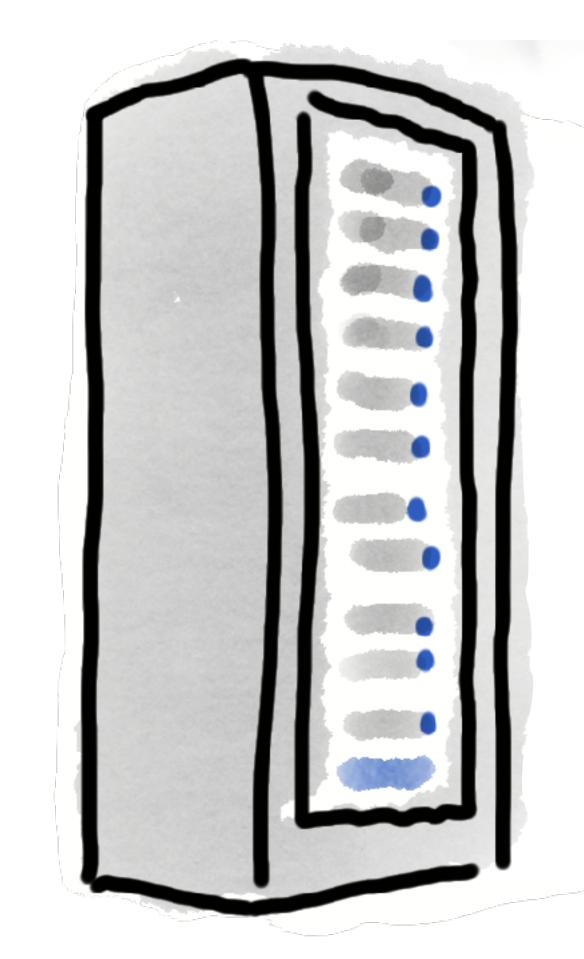
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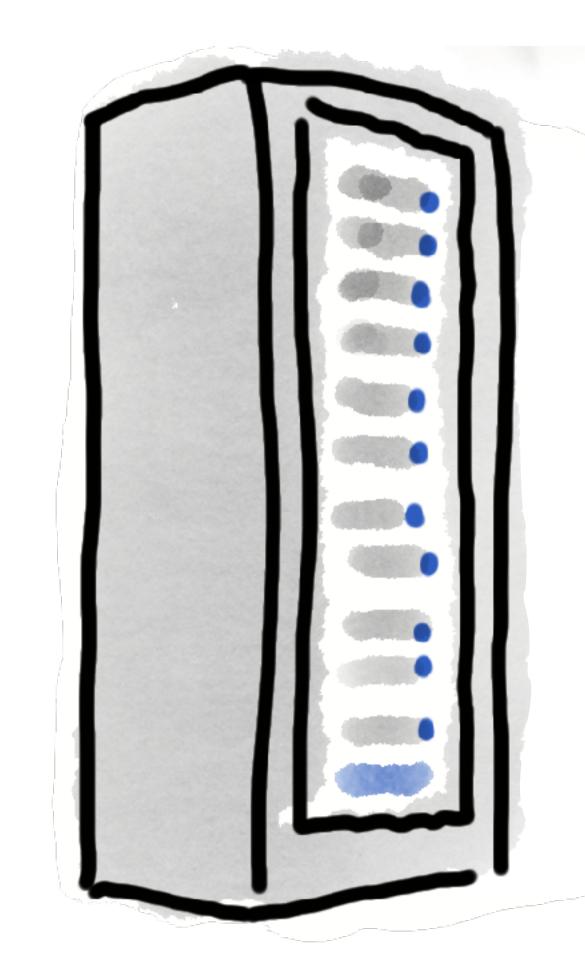




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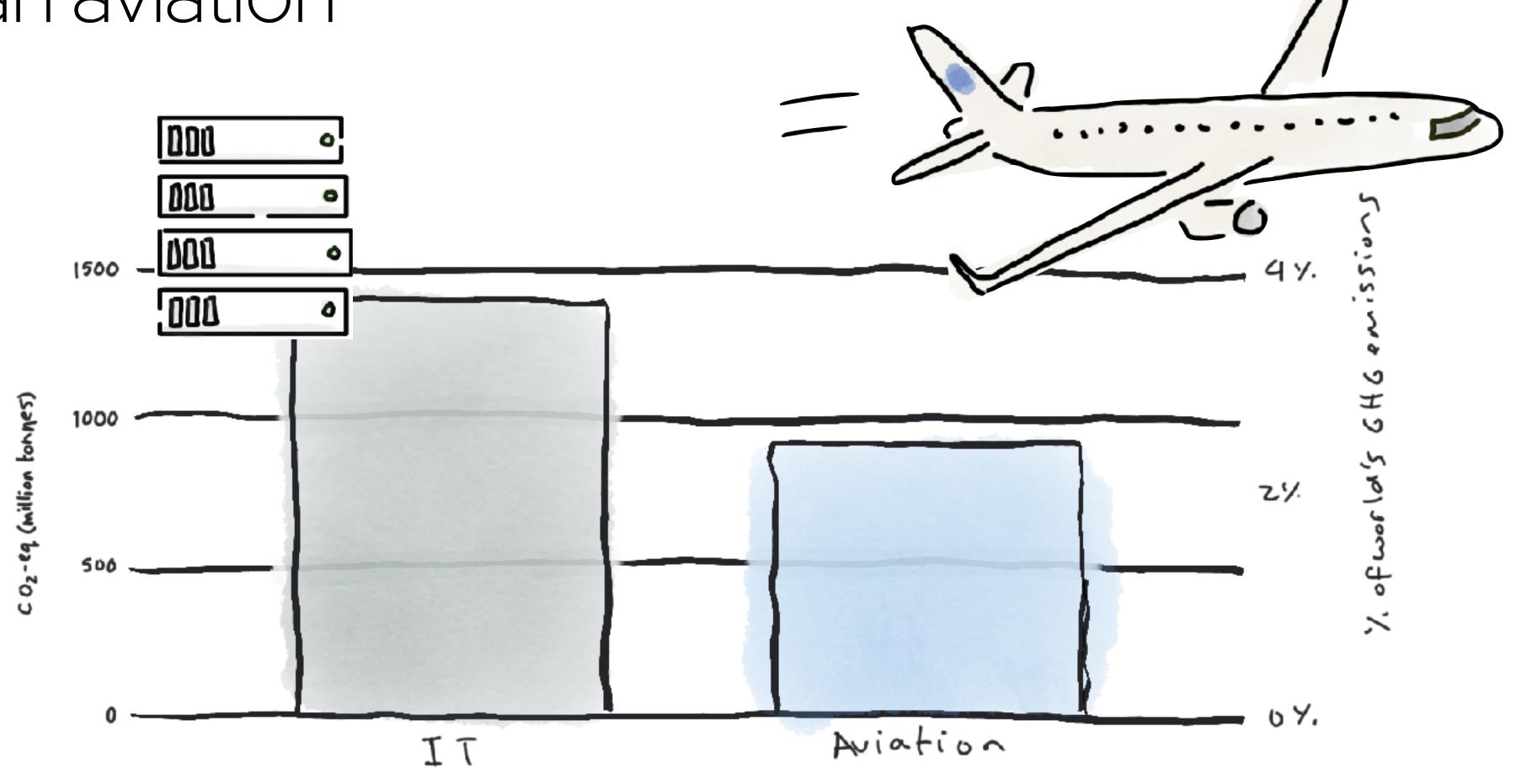
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#### it's all of us

the digital world creates more carbon emissions than aviation



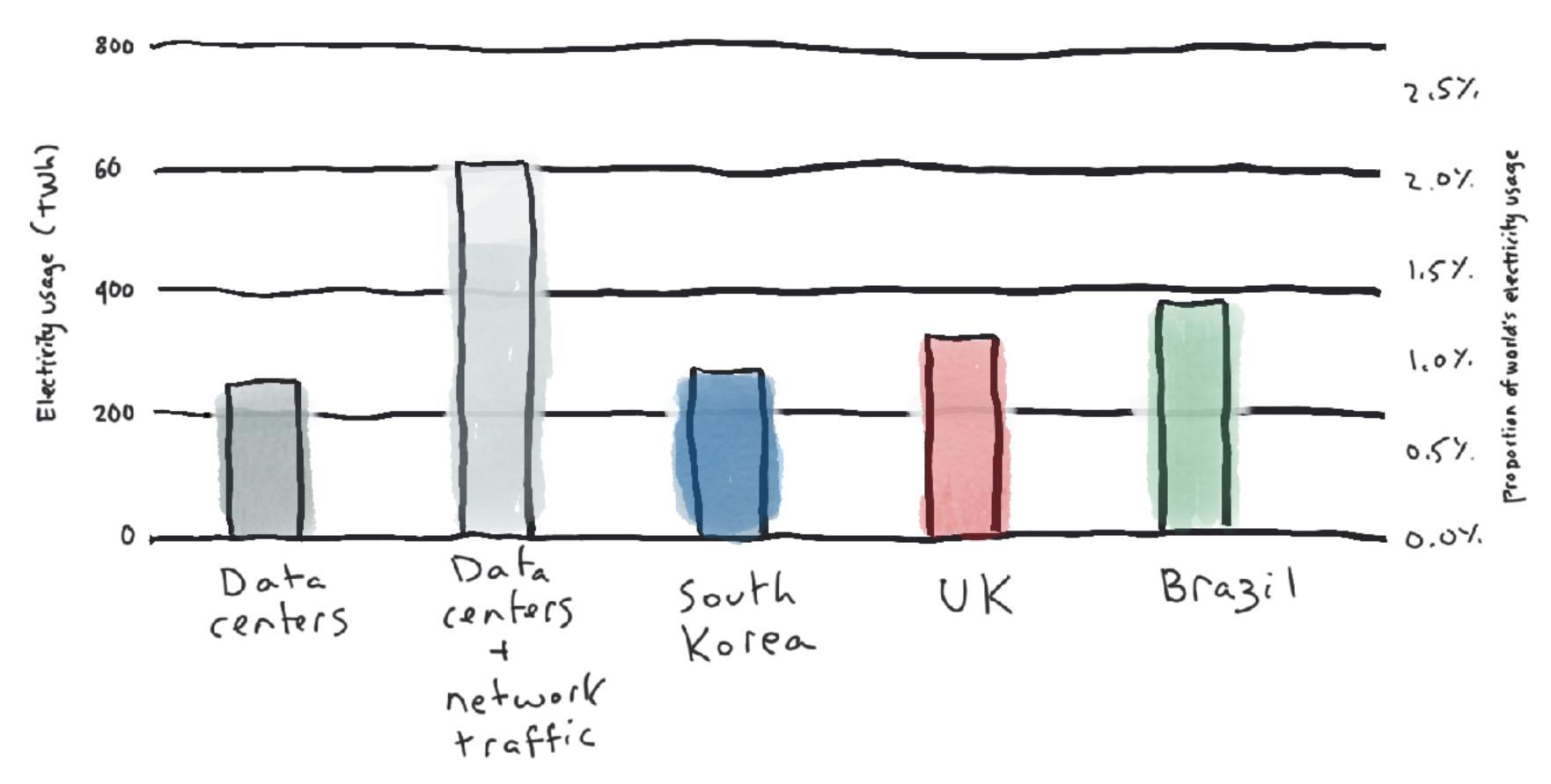


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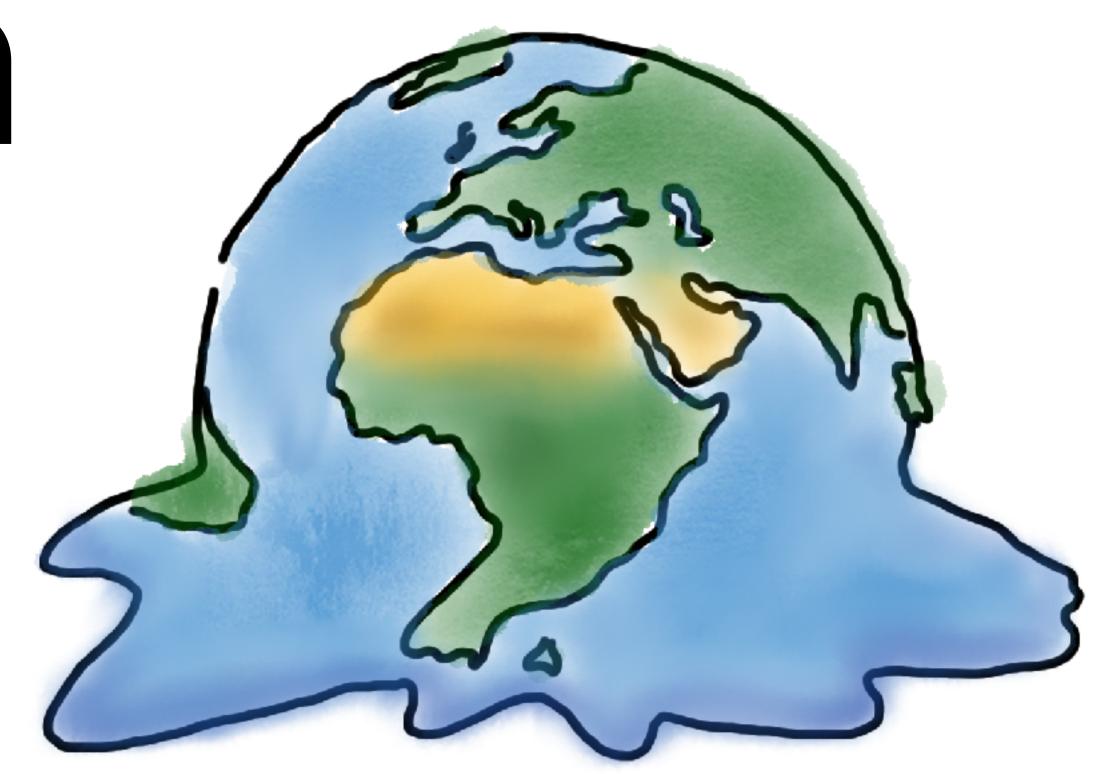
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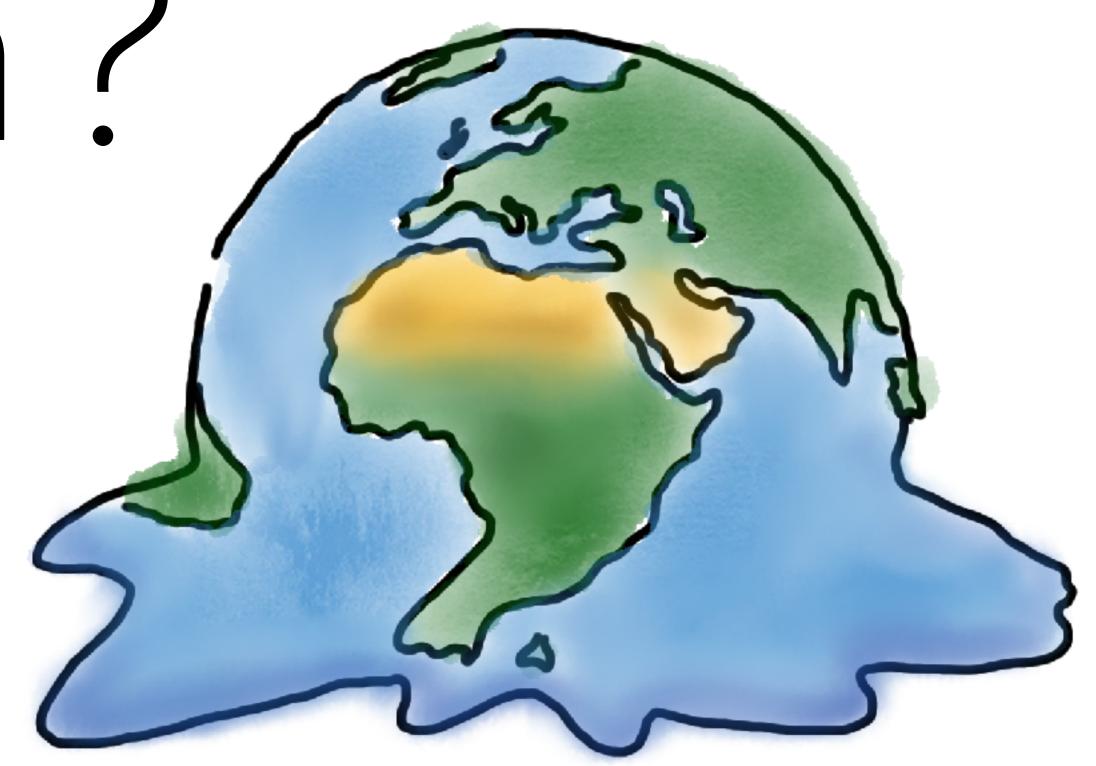


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## be a solutionist



how do we do make solutions?

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carbon awareness



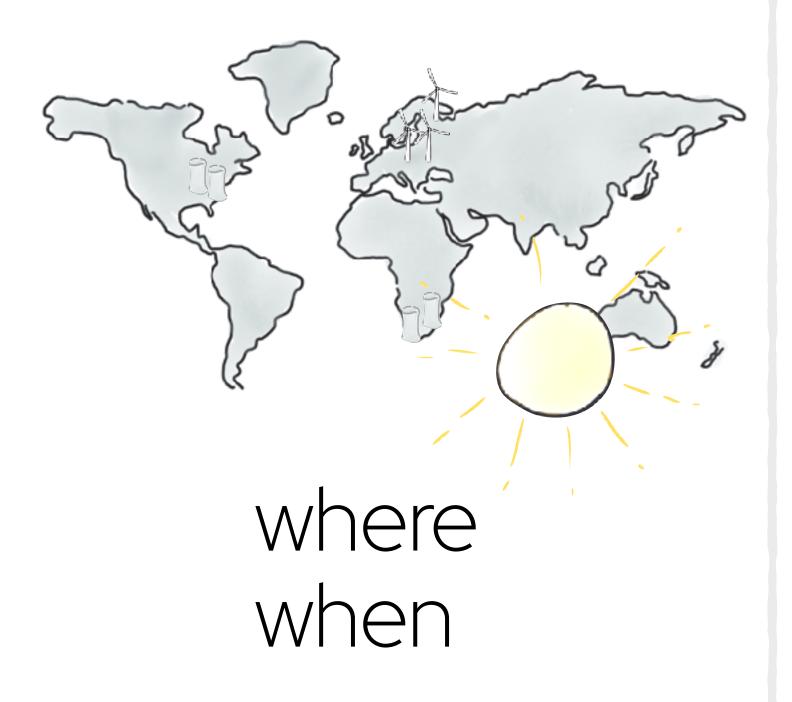
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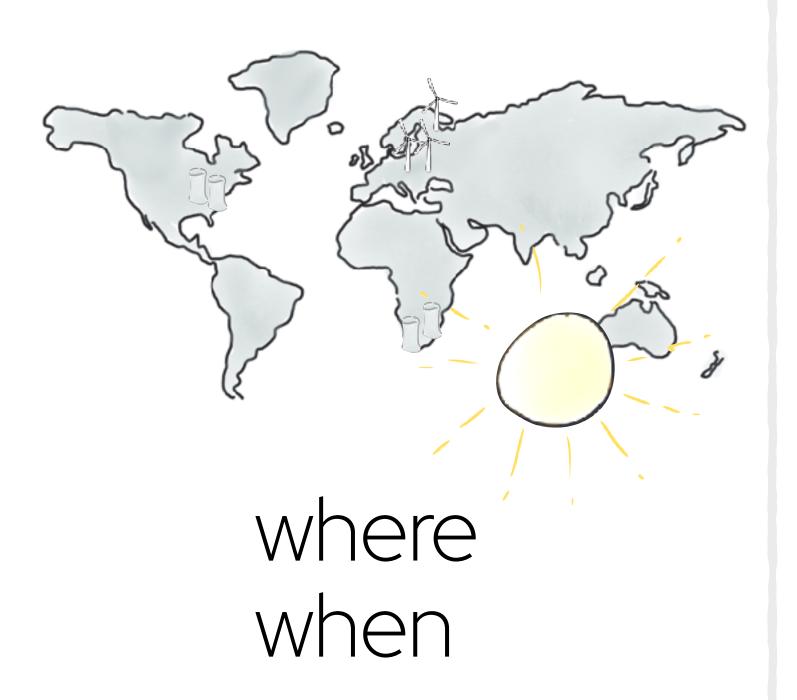
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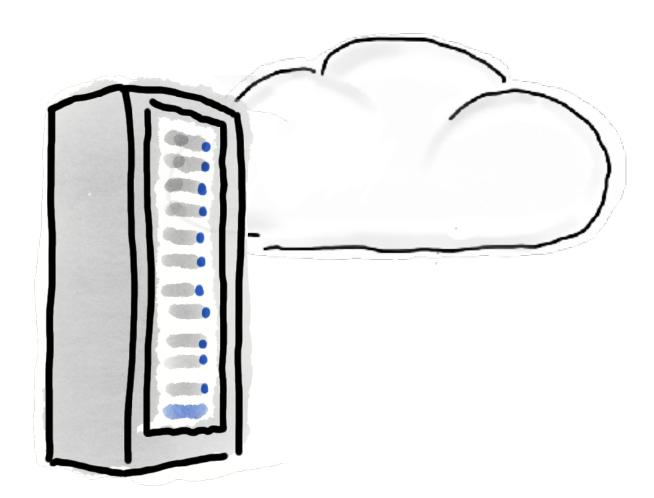


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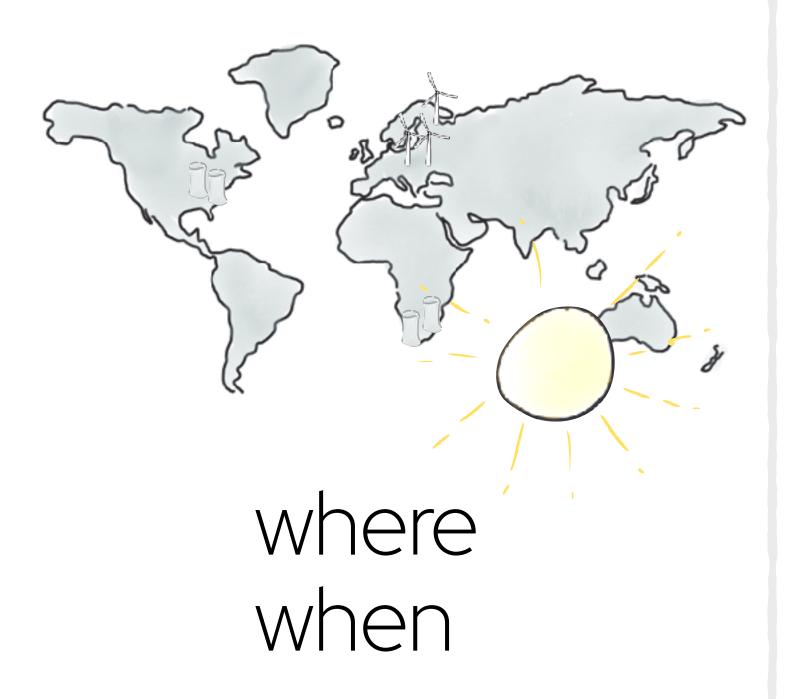


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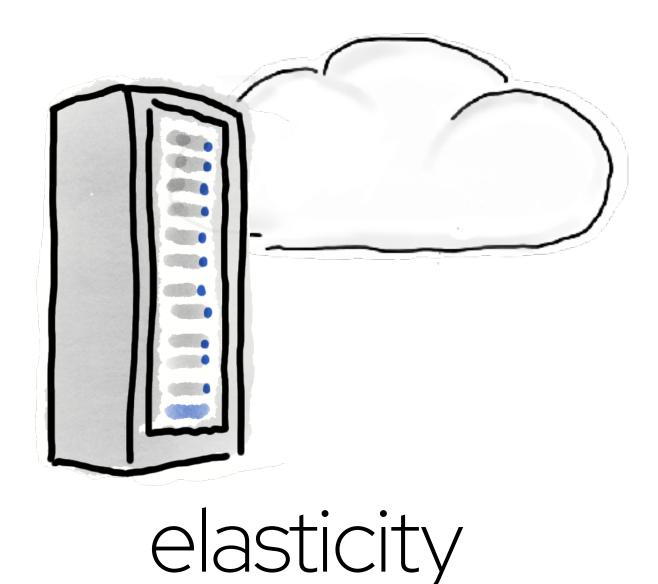


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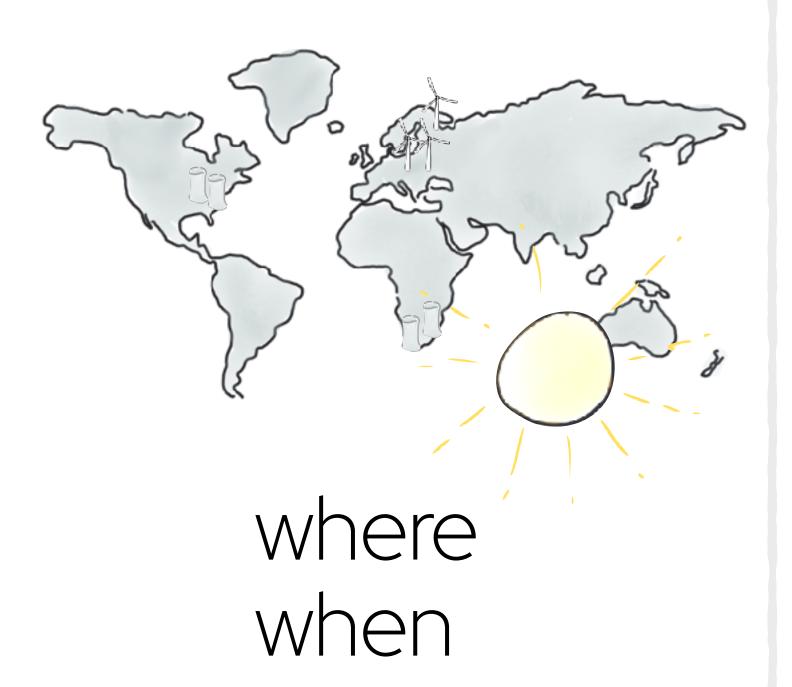


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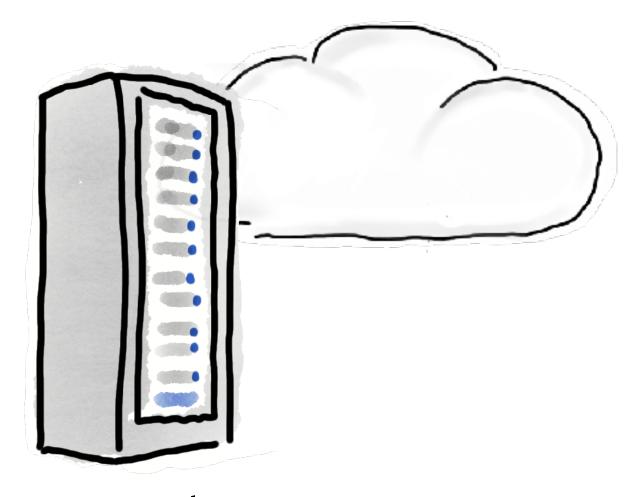


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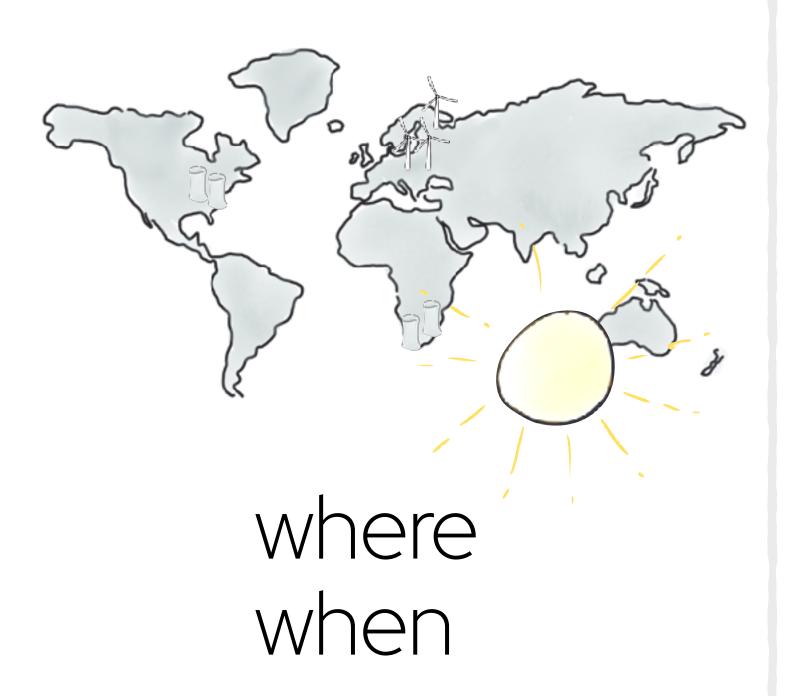


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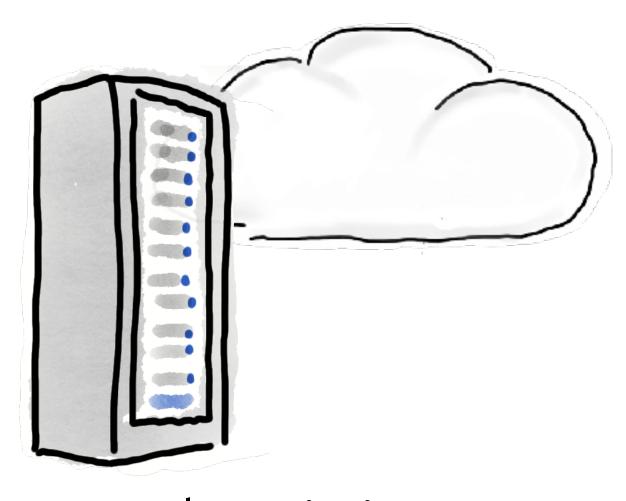


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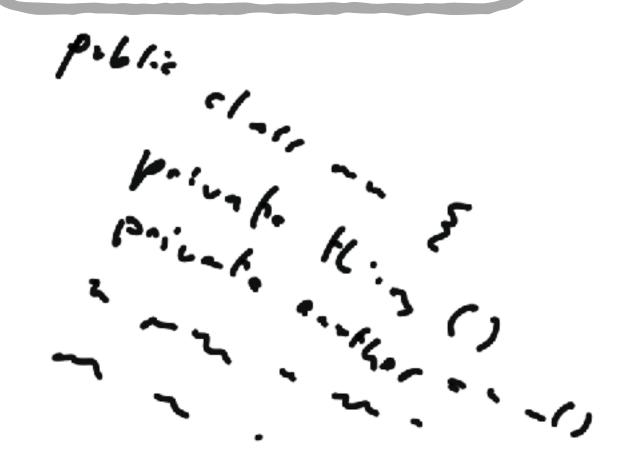
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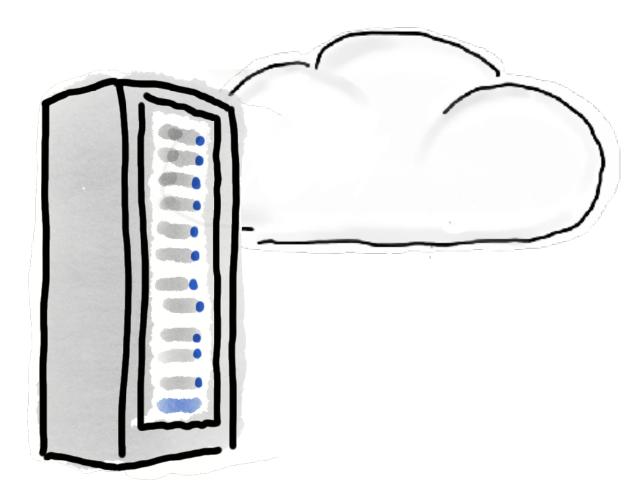
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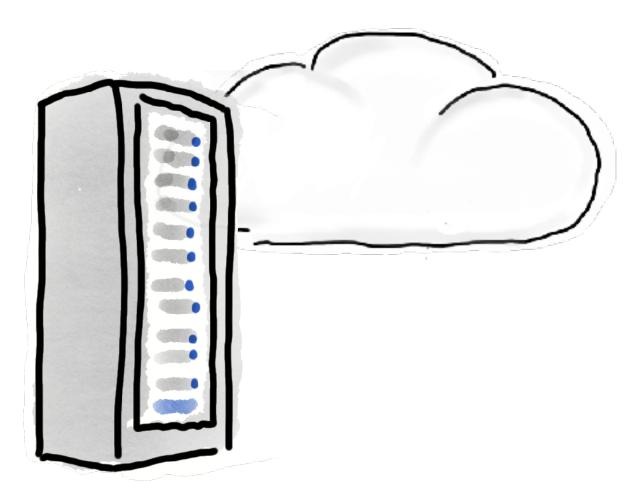
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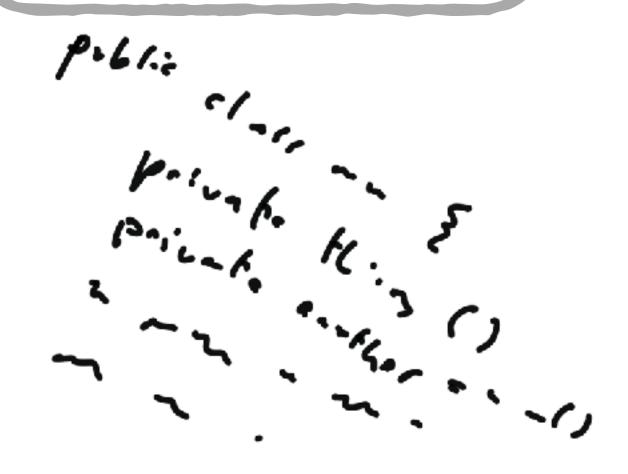
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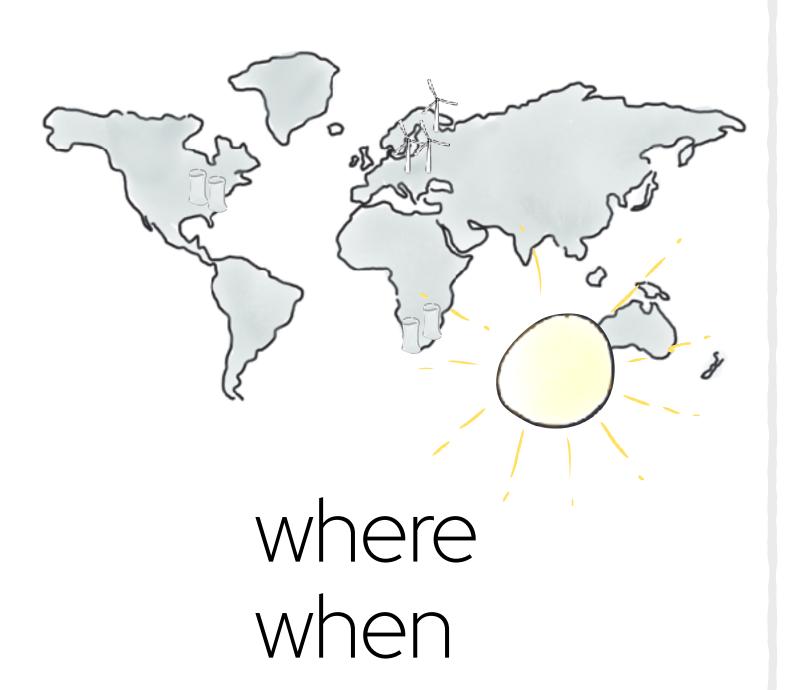
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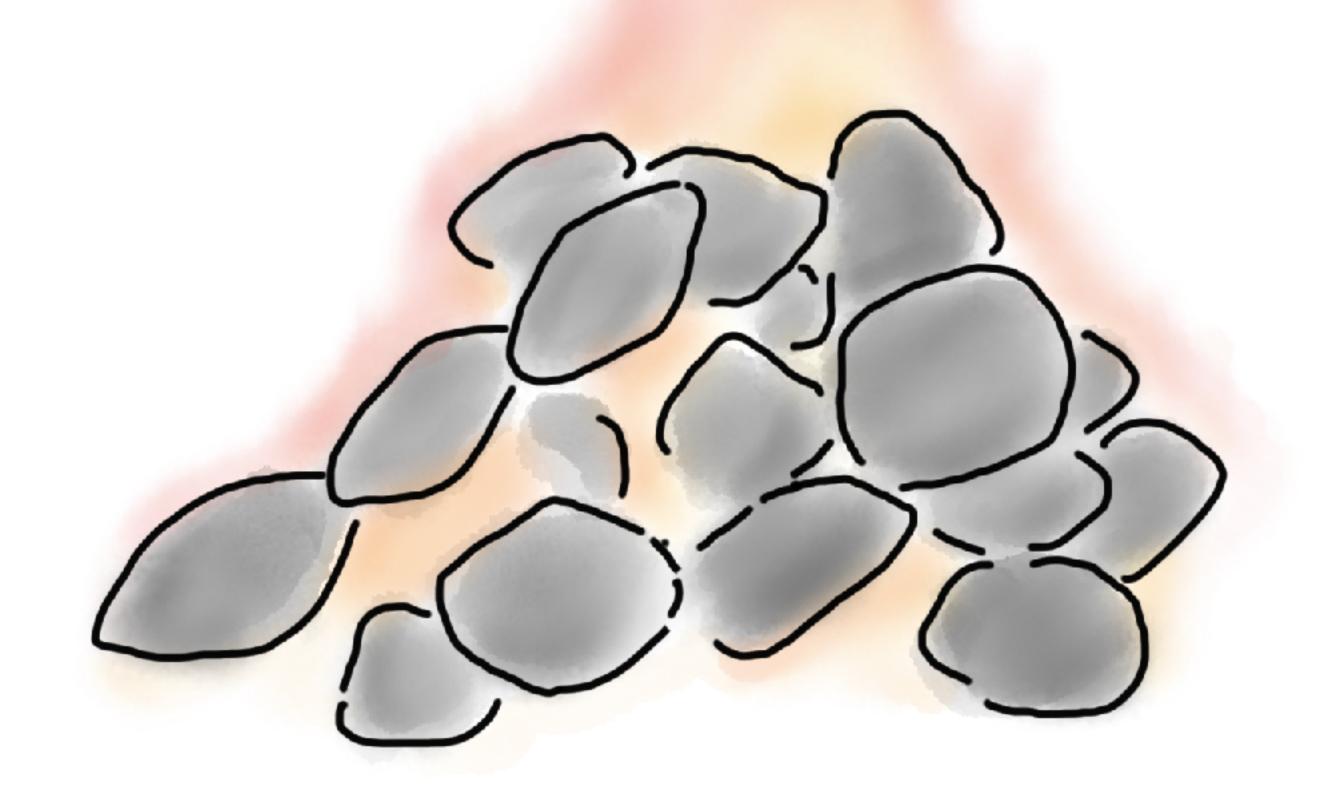
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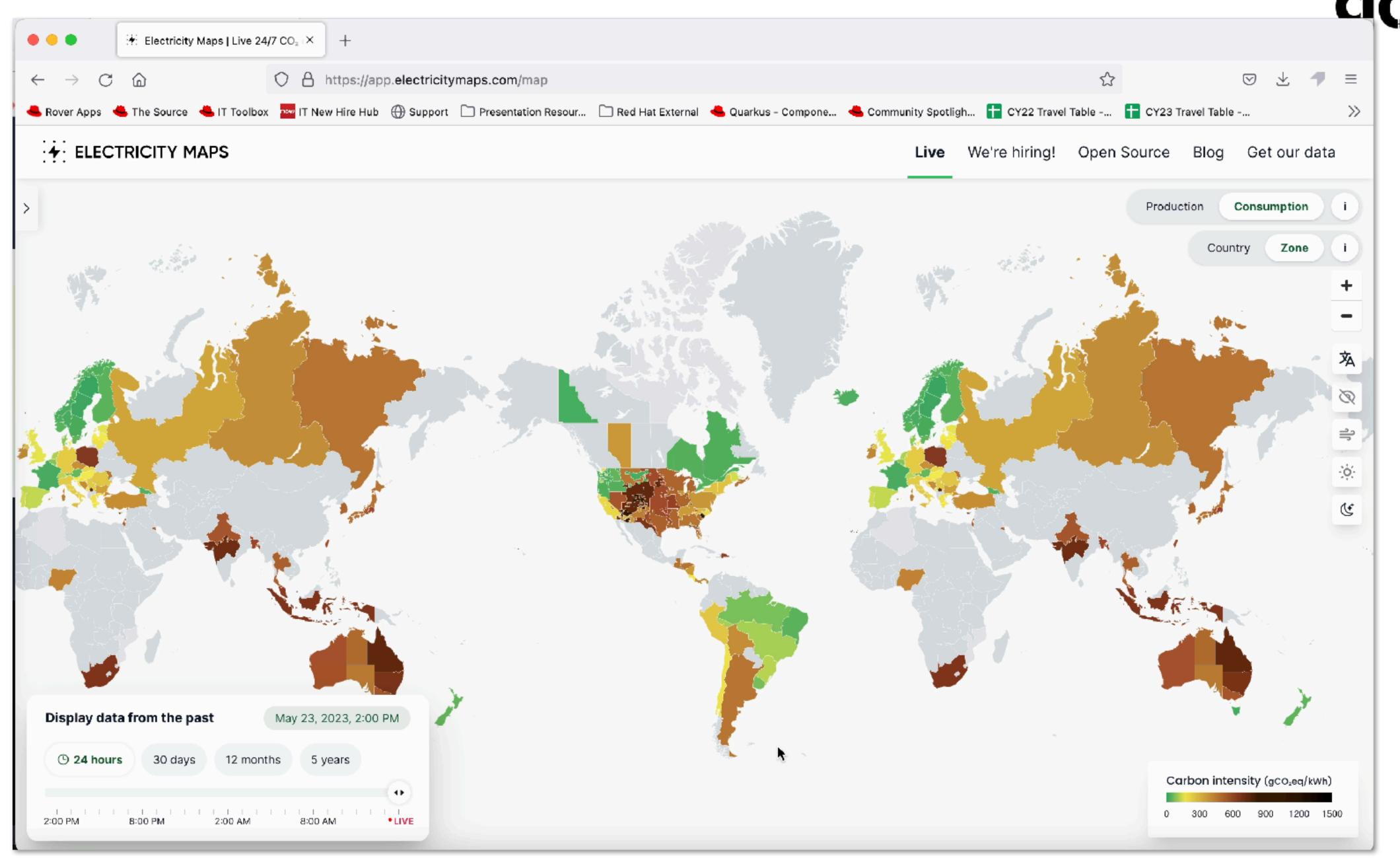
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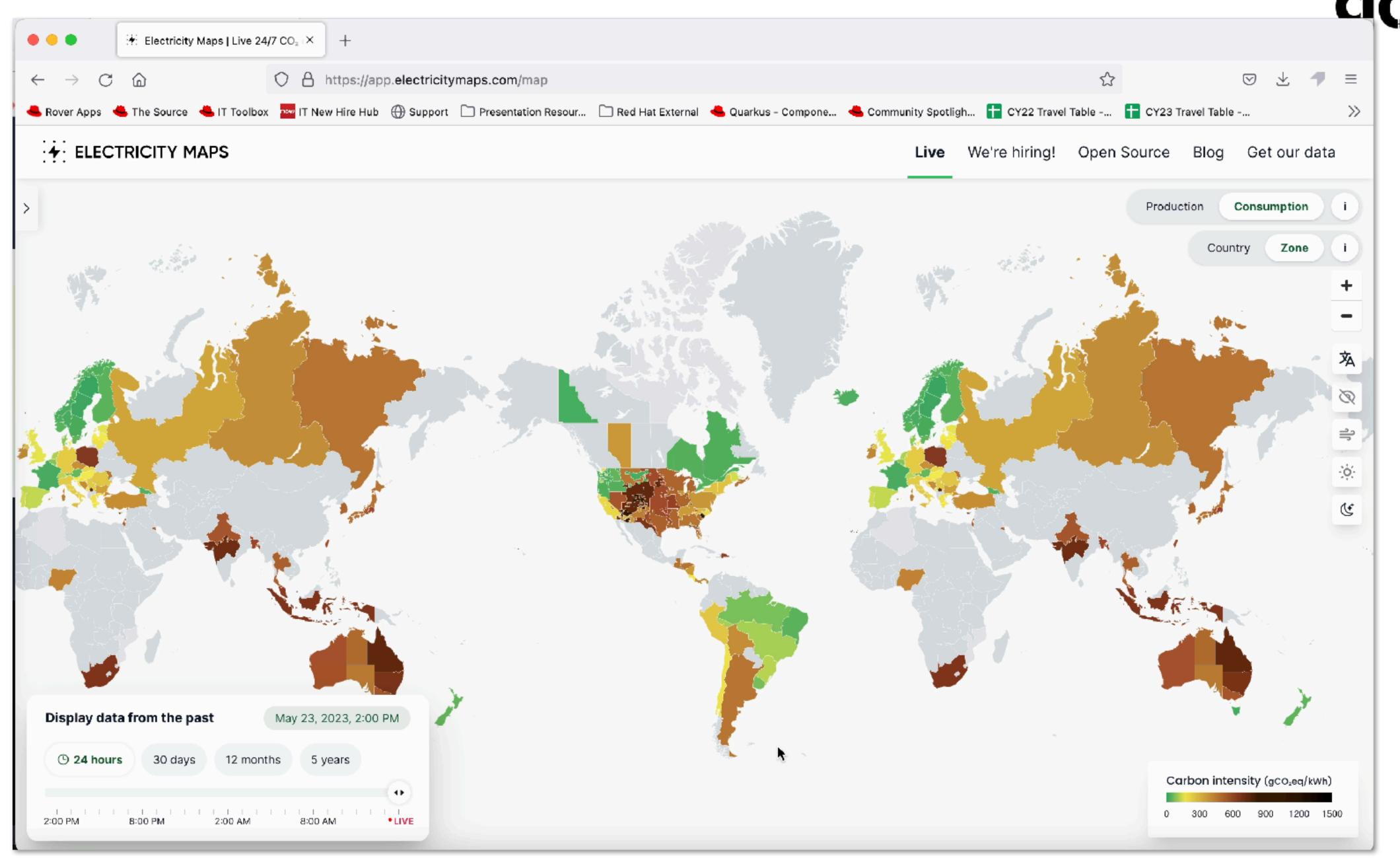


#### data center location matters













look at the sustainability information before choosing a hosting region



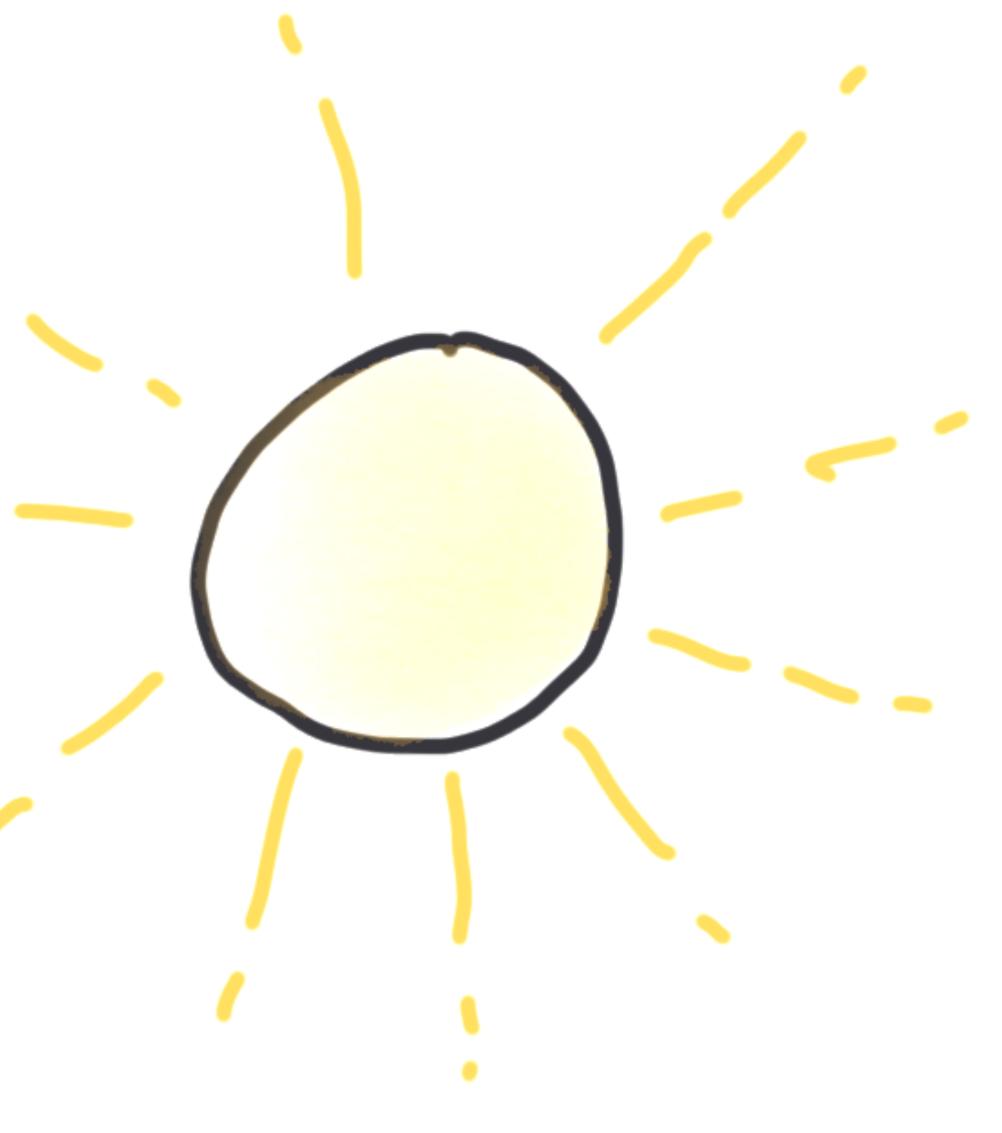
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choose a cloud provider who make this easy



## time of day matters

- (most) renewables are intermittent
- if grid load is high, shortfalls are filled by fossil fuels









a data problem



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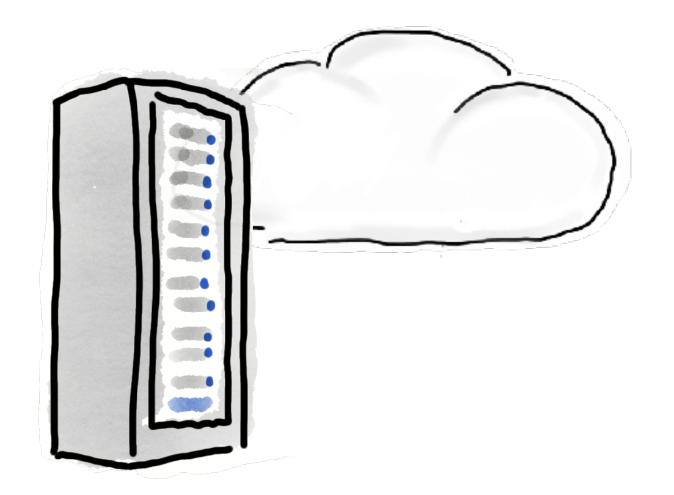
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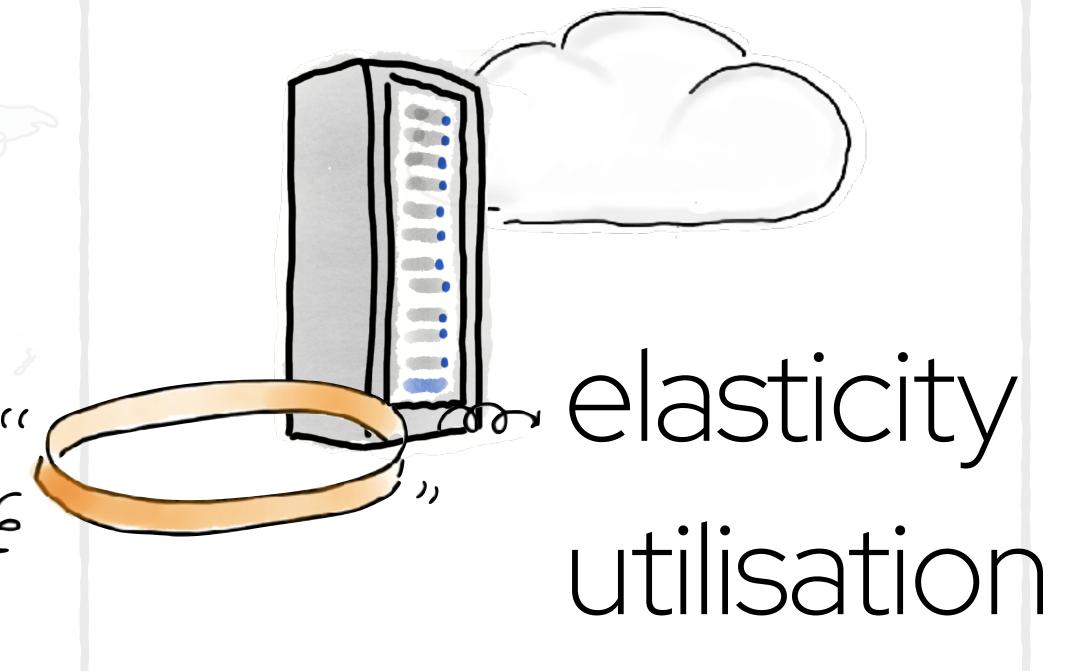
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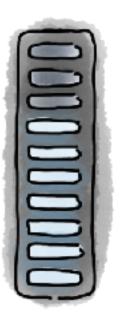
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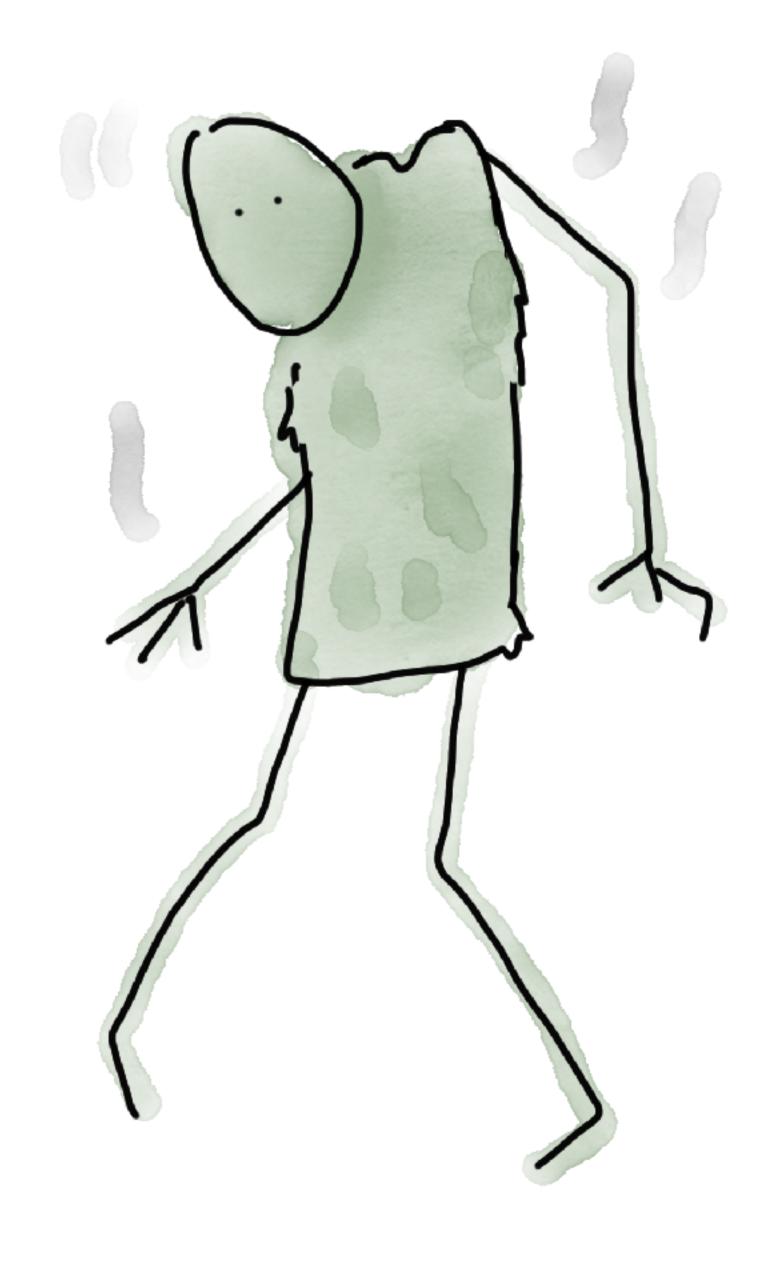
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## 2017 server-survey

25%

doing no useful work

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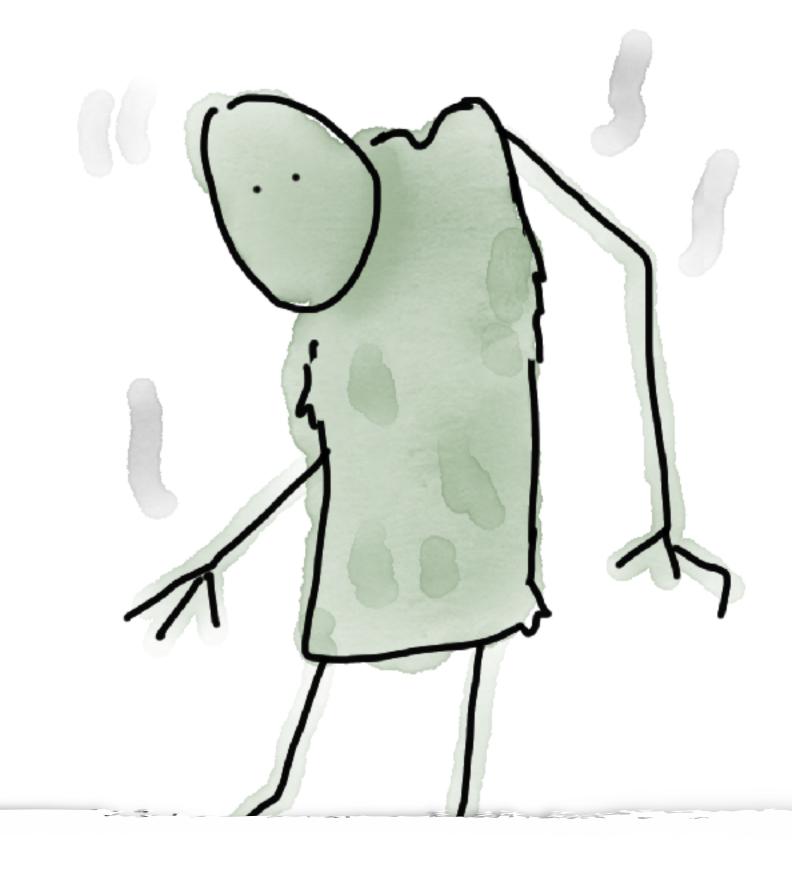


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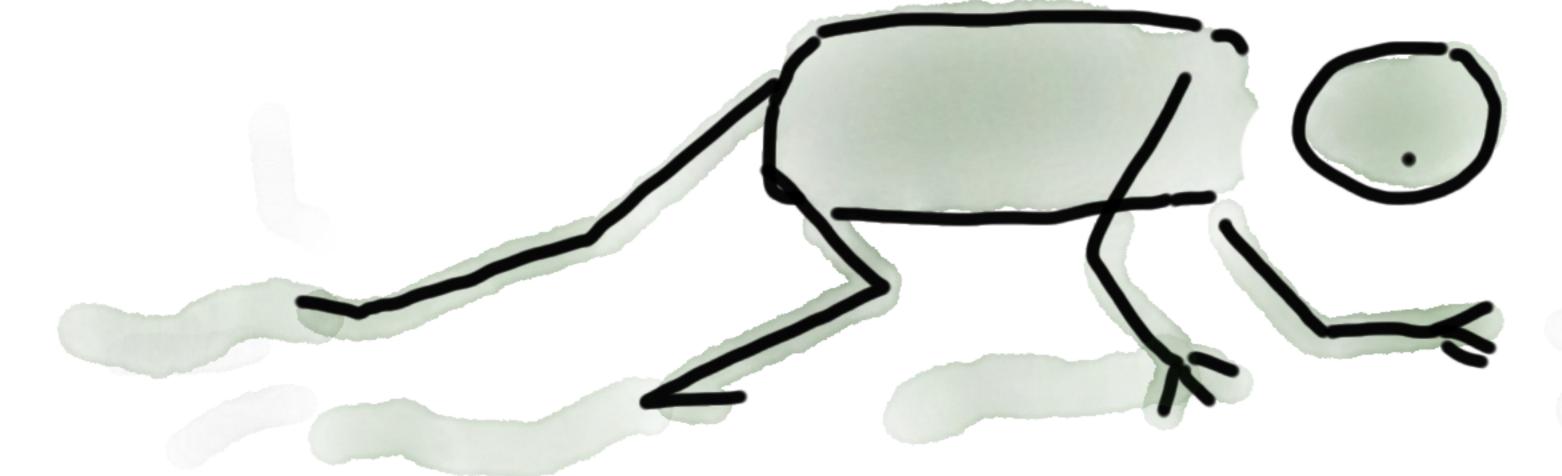
"perhaps someone forgot to turn them off"

### 2014 server-survey

29%

active less than 5% of the time

(4,000 sampled)







#### Corey Quinn @QuinnyPig · Jul 29, 2020

Replying to @QuinnyPig

The beauty of cloud is in its elasticity. It lets you scale up to meet traffic demands, and then when that traffic wanes you can keep your scaled up environment running in perpetuity to help send some engineers' kids to college.

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### cloud elasticity?

2021:



### cloud elasticity?

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\$26.6 billion wasted



## cloud elasticity?

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by always-on cloud instances

we used to leave our applications running all the time

## elasticity

when we scripted turning them off at night, we reduced our cloud bill by 30%

@darkandnerdy, Chicago DevOpsDays



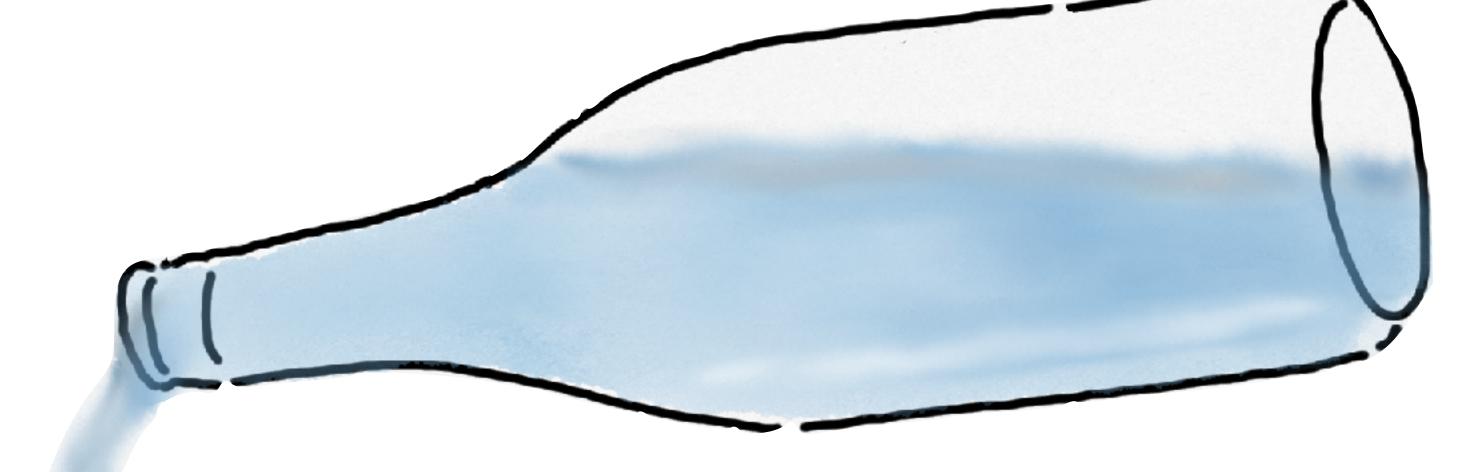
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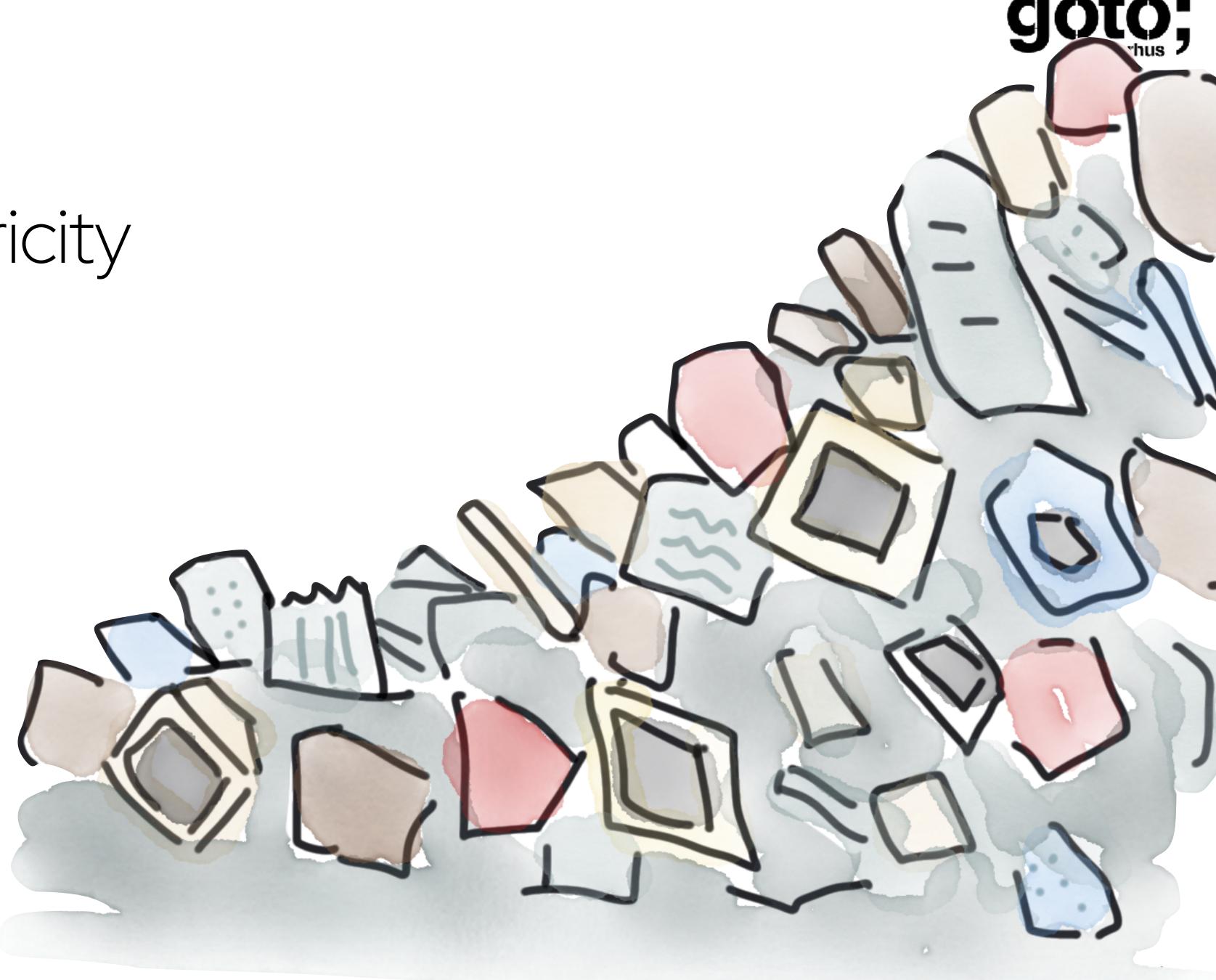


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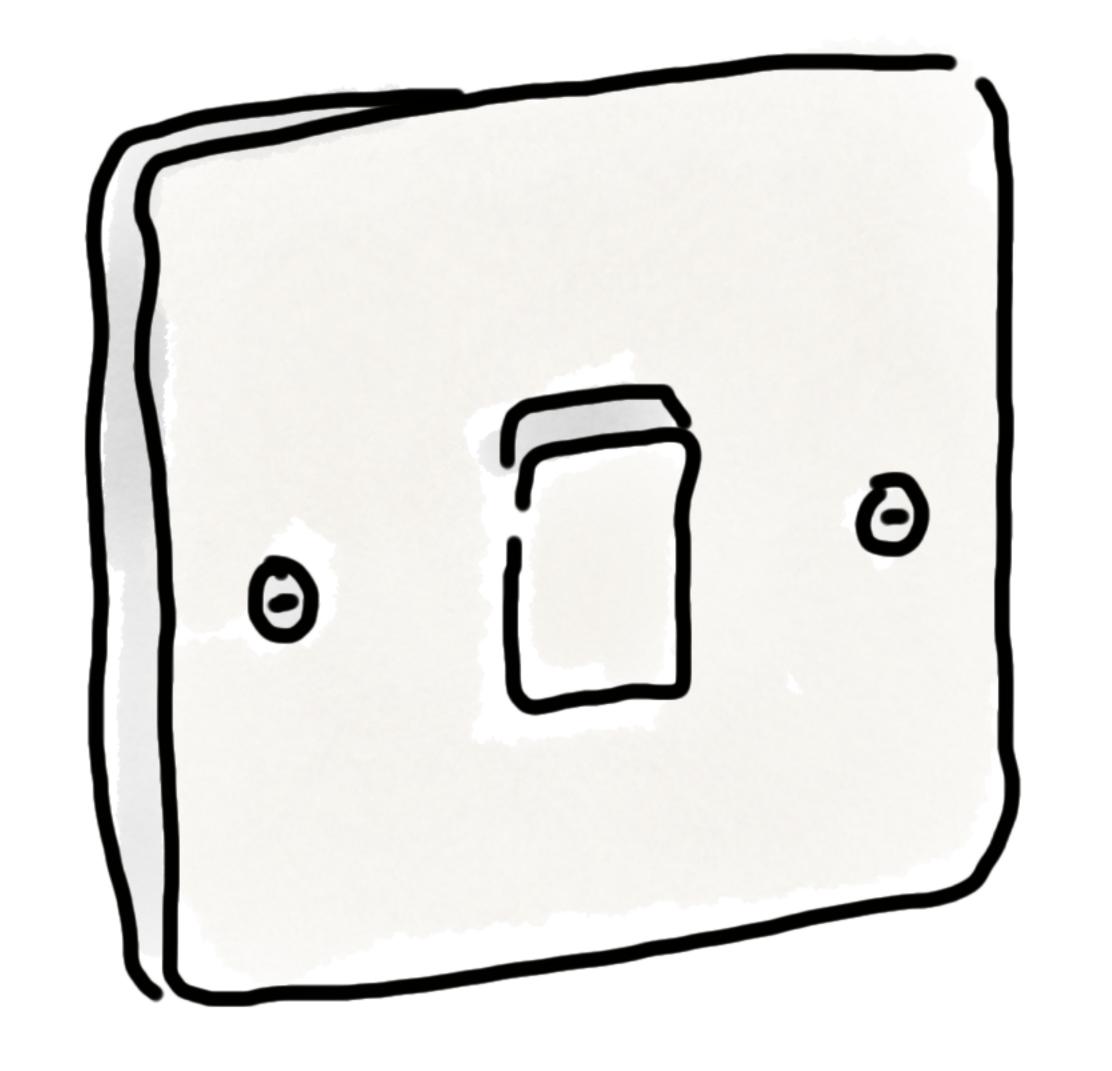
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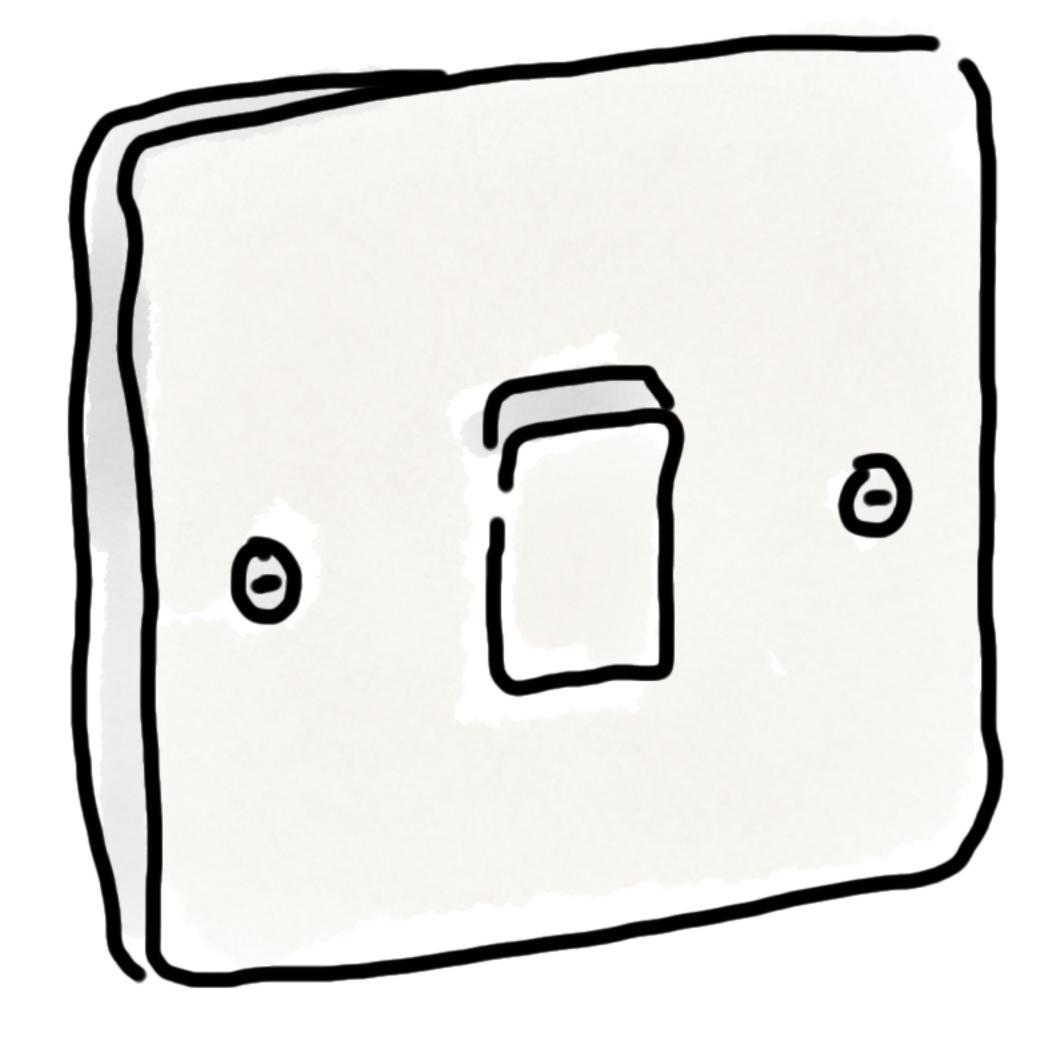
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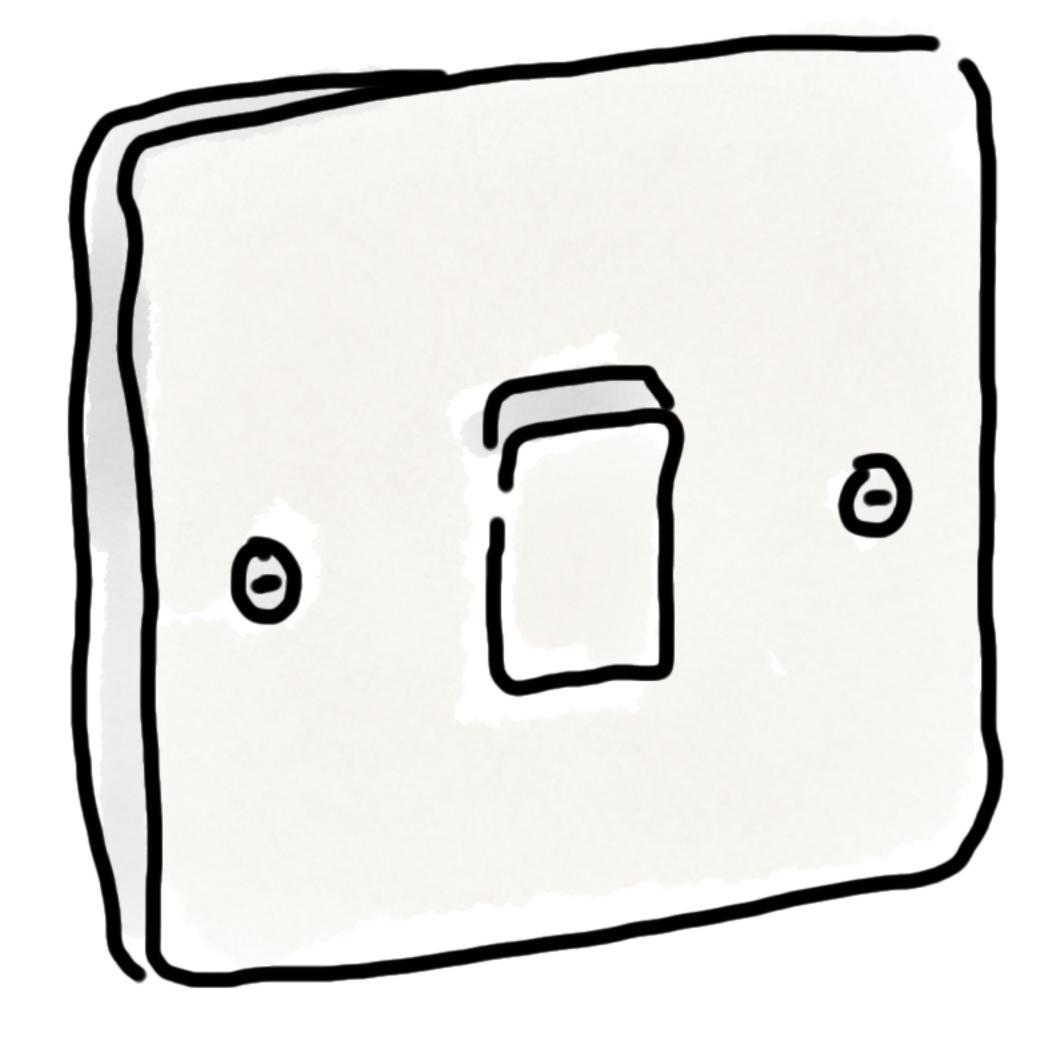
## yes, turning applications off is scary

what if ... turning applications off was no more scary than turning the lights off?

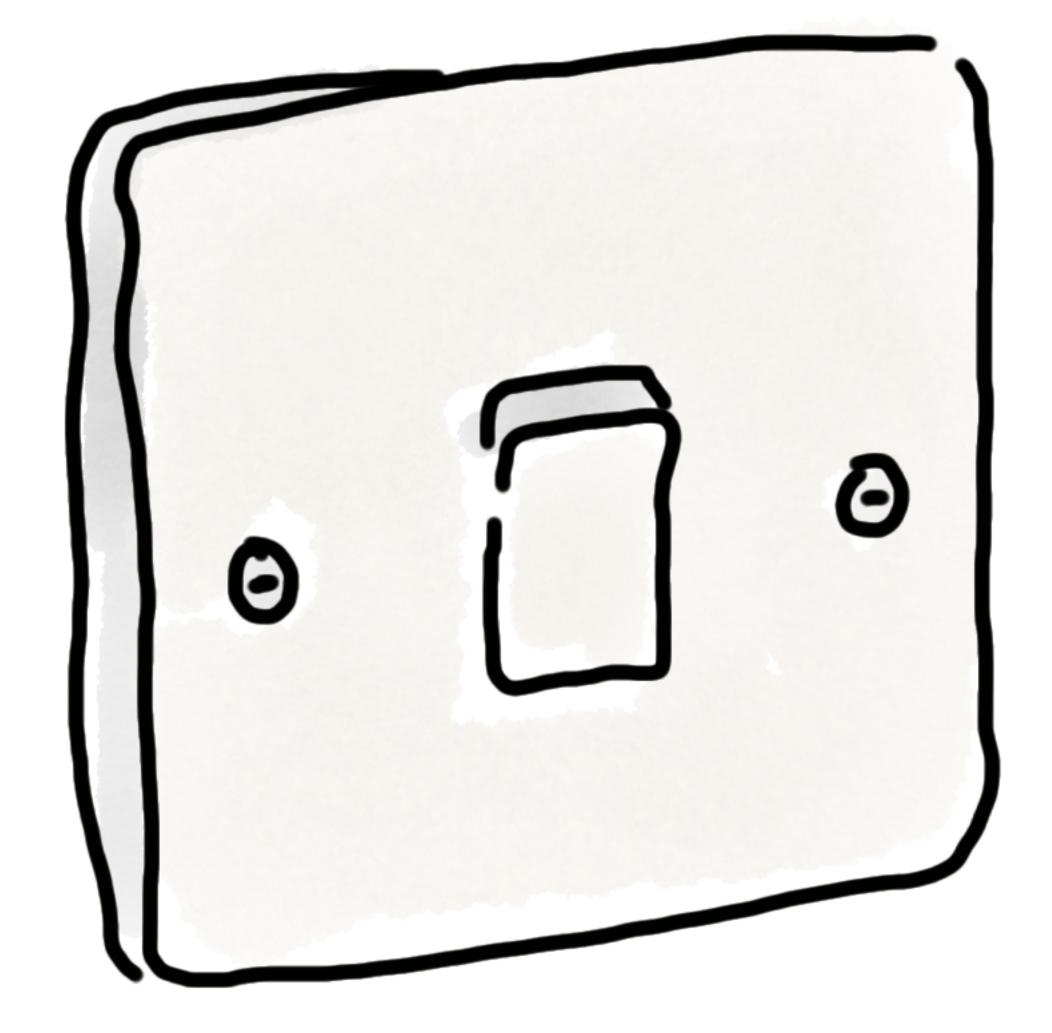




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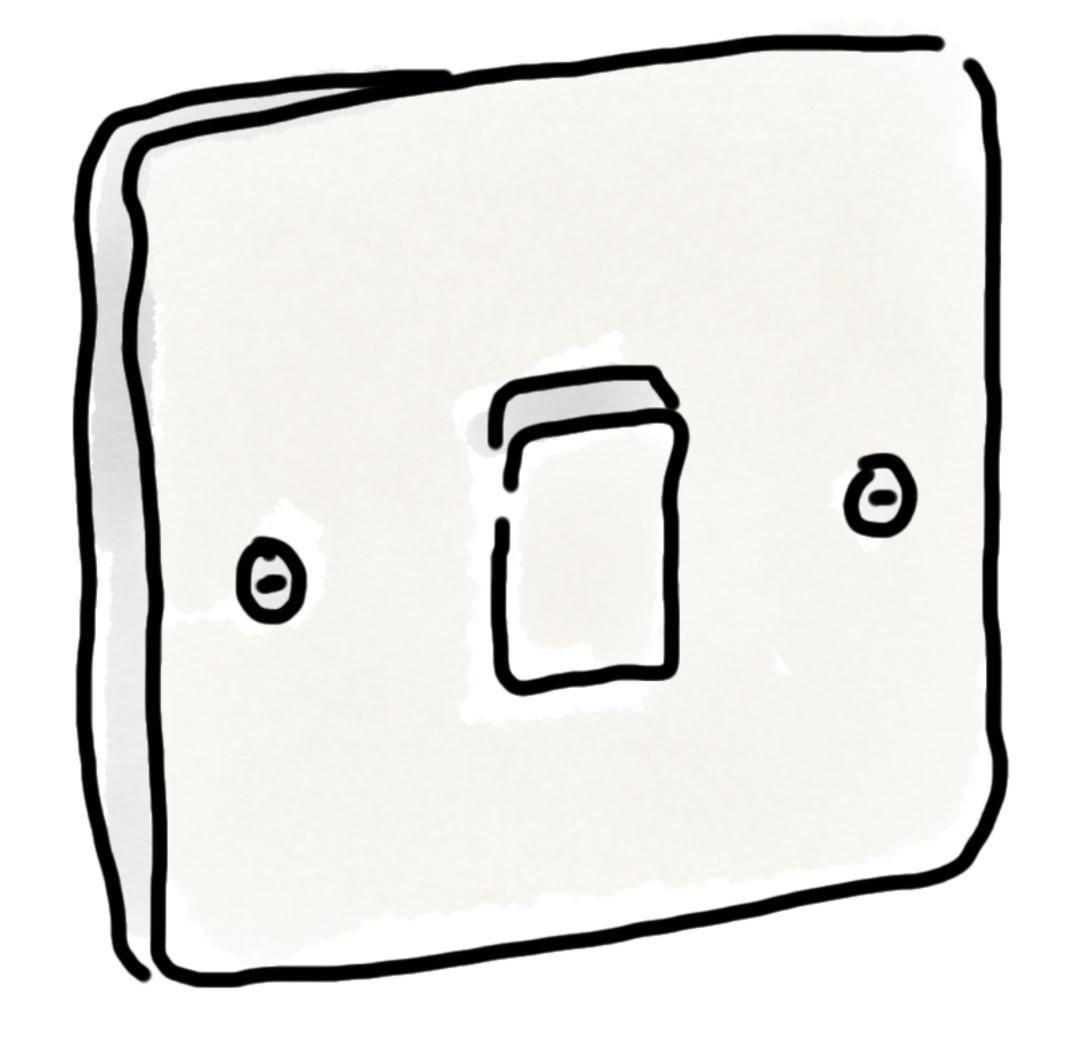


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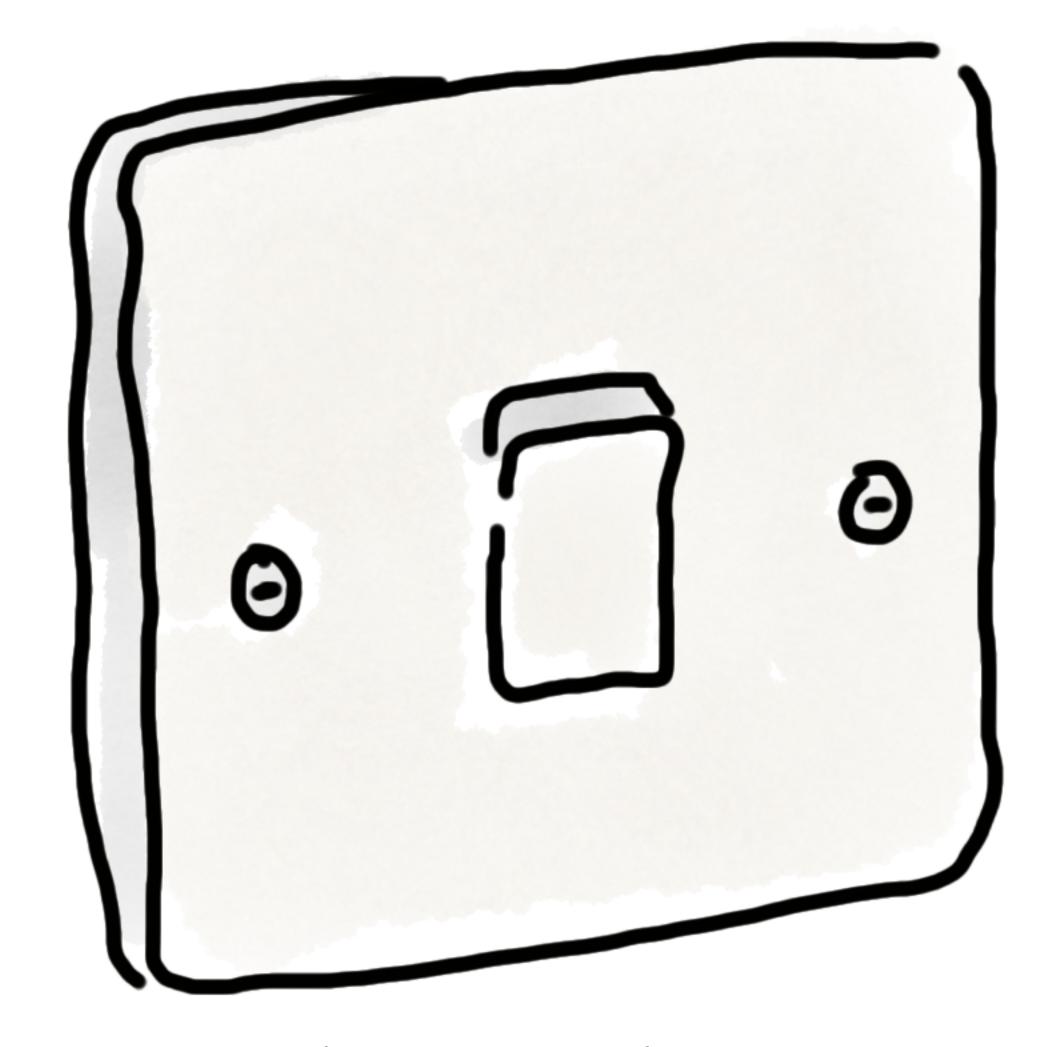
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• be fast



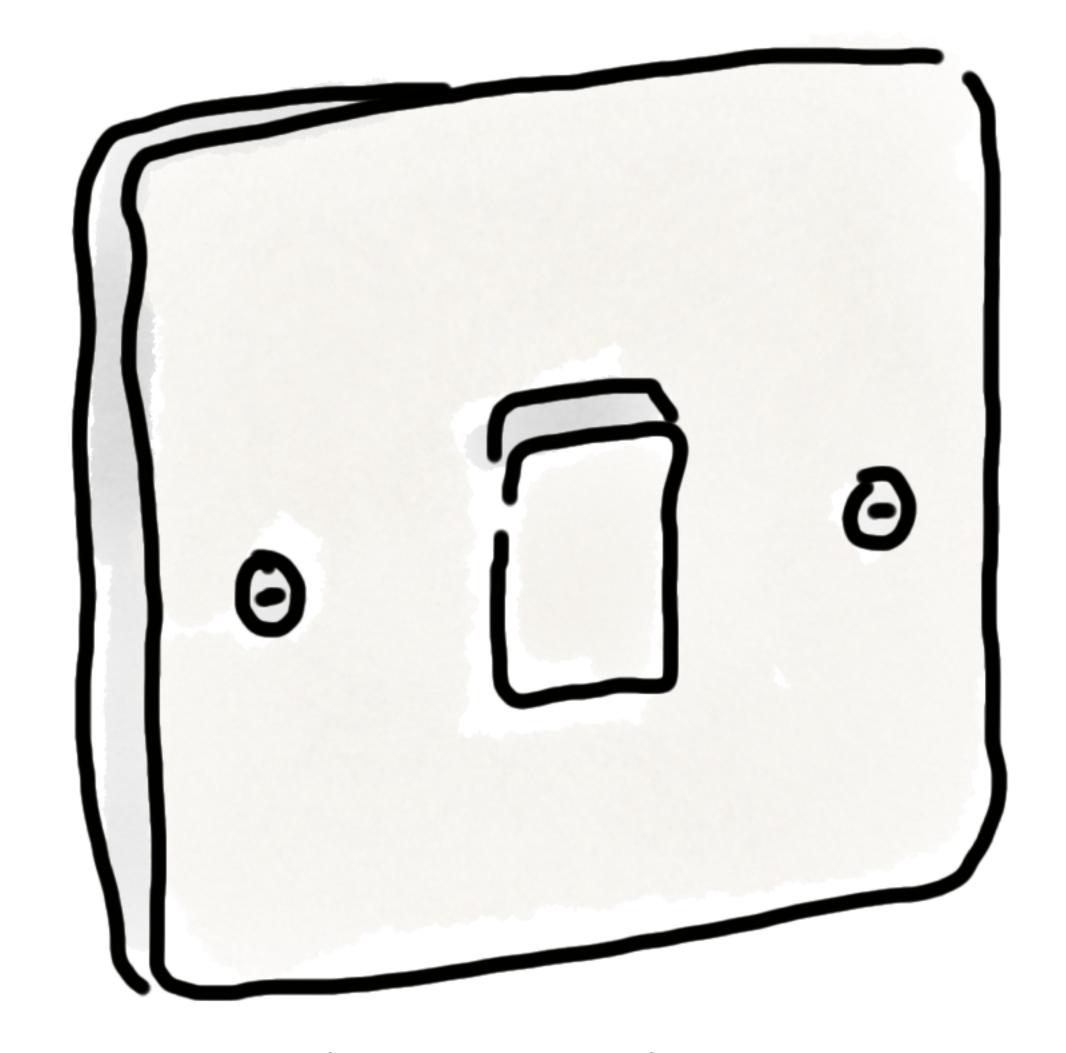
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- be fast
- actually work



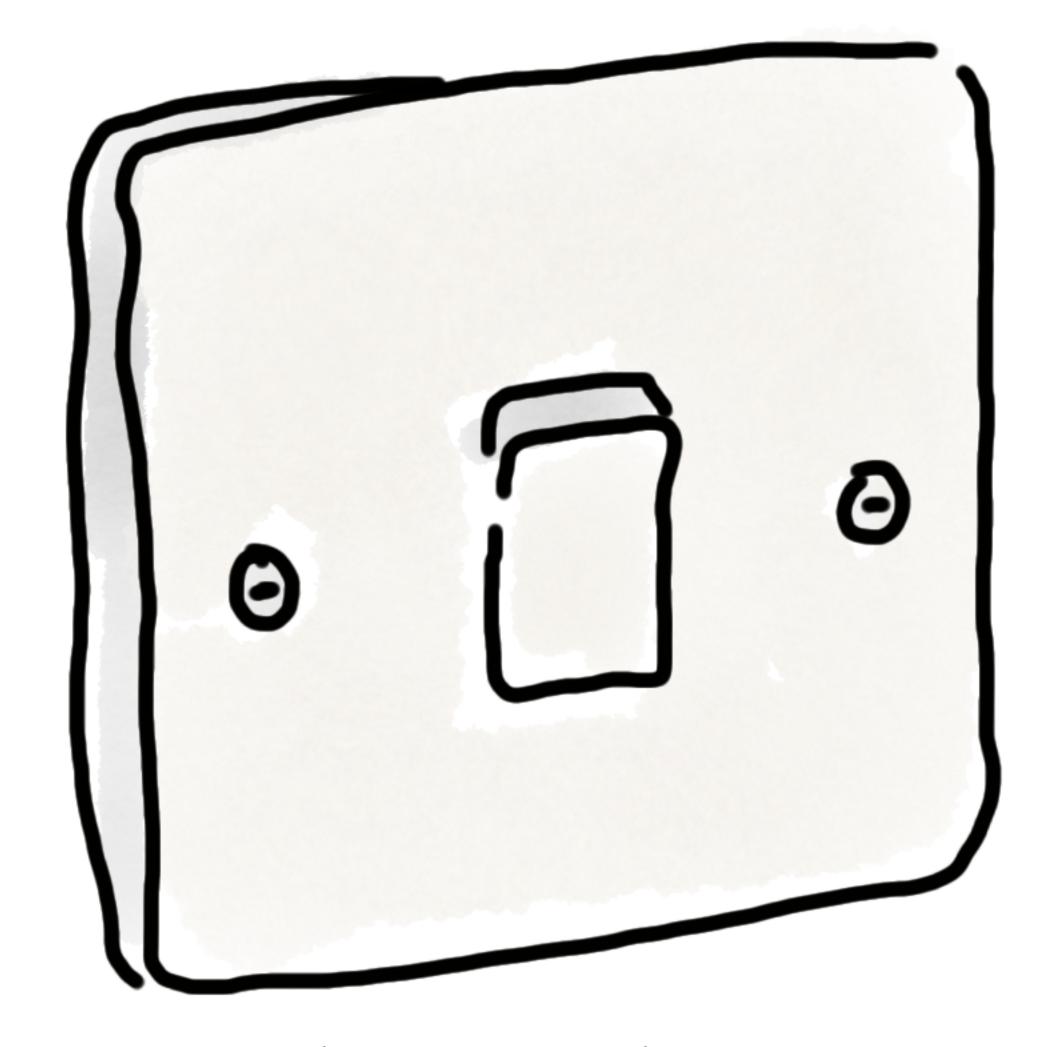
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- be fast
- actually work
  - idempotency

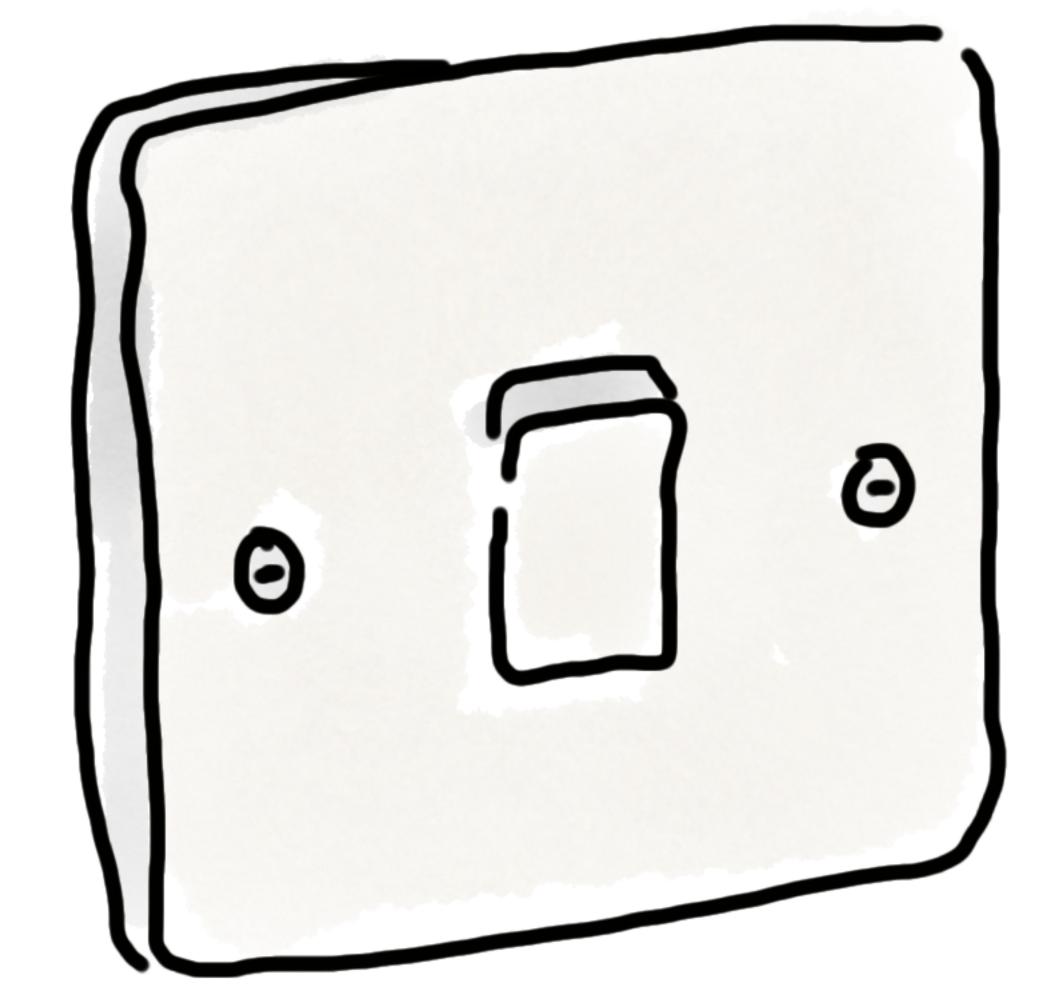


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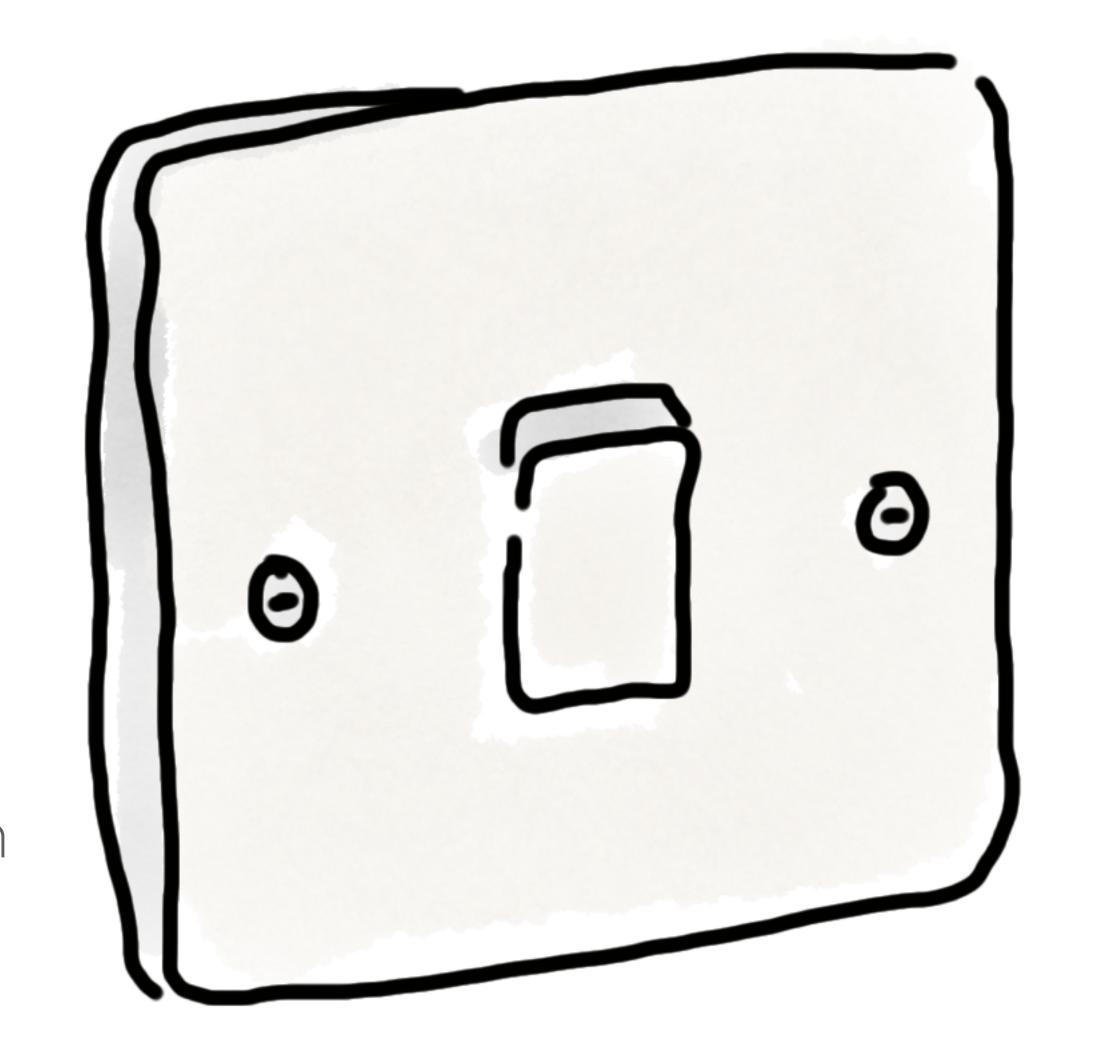


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## LightSwitchOps

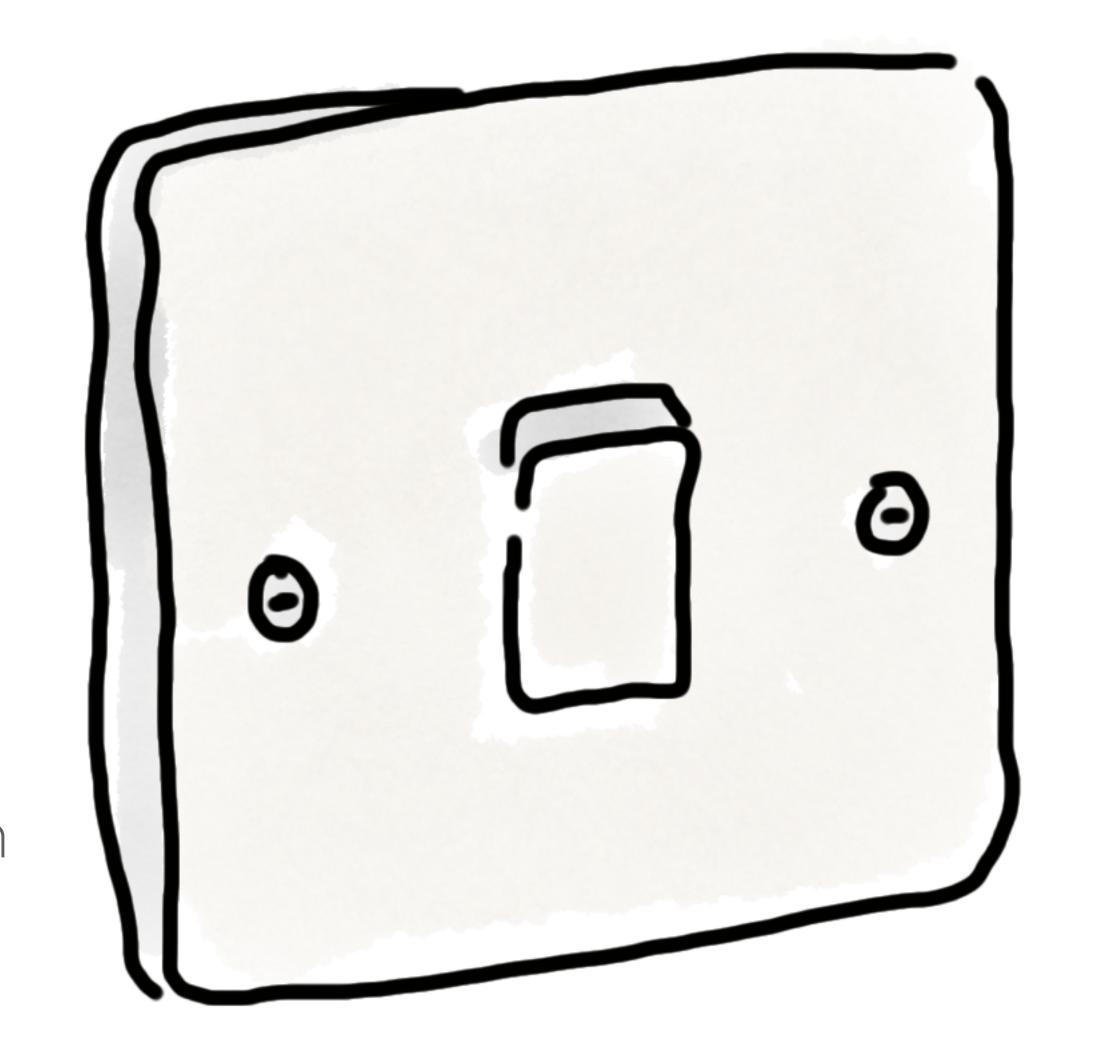
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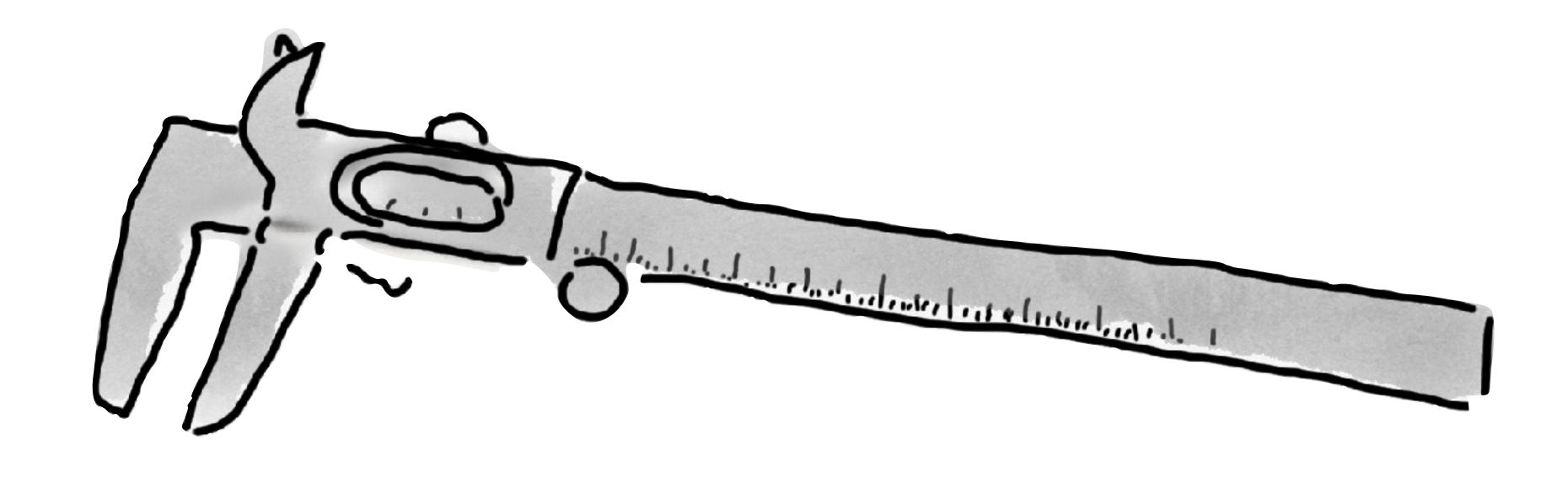


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you can't optimise what you can't measure

### FinOps

figuring out who in your company forgot to turn off their cloud

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# efficiency

what programming languages use the **least** energy?

what programming languages use the **most** energy?

### Energy Efficiency across Programming Languages

How Do Energy, Time, and Memory Relate?

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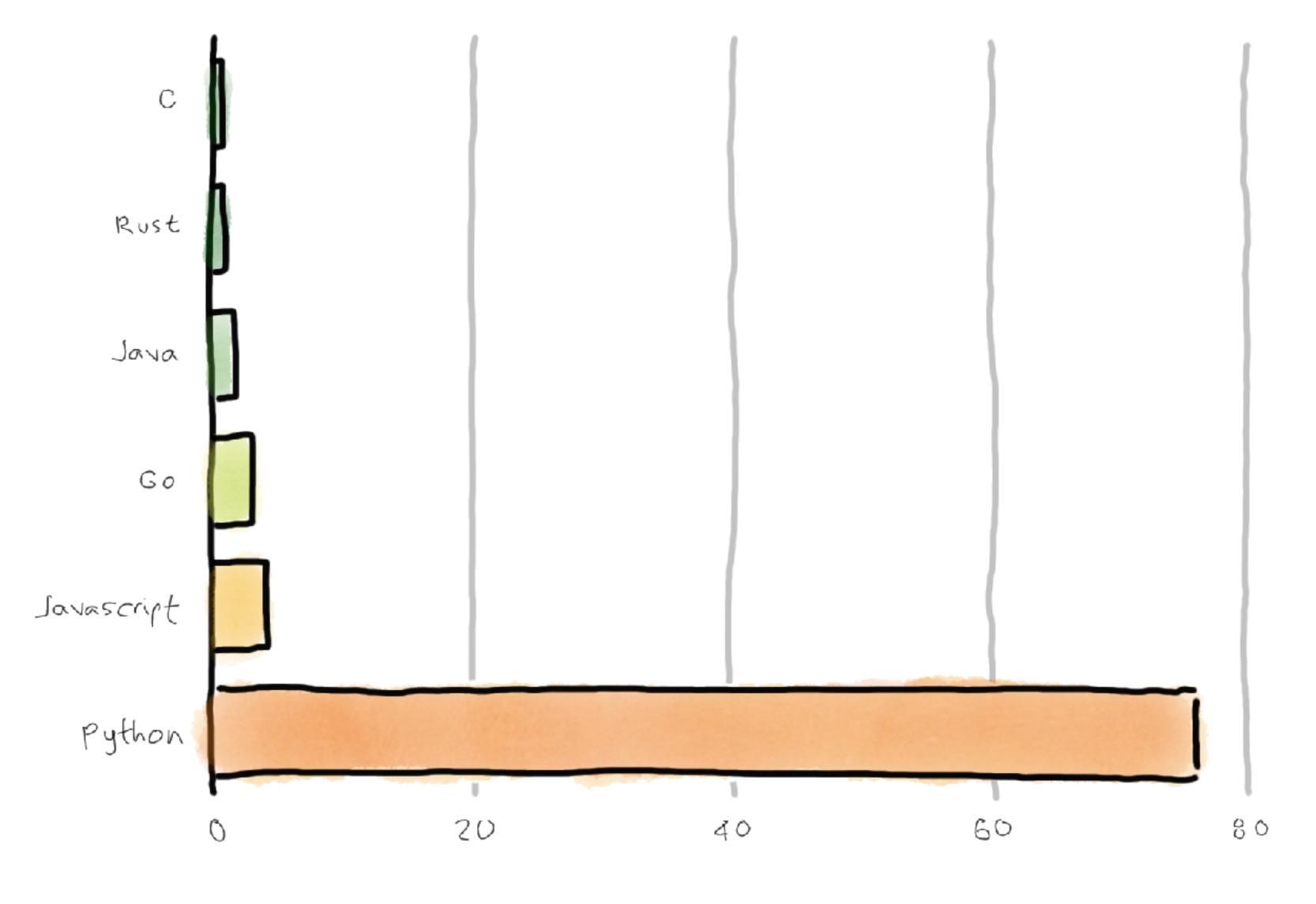
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#### **Abstract**

This paper presents a study of the runtime, memory usage and energy consumption of twenty seven well-known software languages. We monitor the performance of such languages using ten different programming problems, expressed in each of the languages. Our results show interesting findings, such as, slower/faster languages consuming less/more energy, and how memory usage influences energy consumption. We show how to use our results to provide software engineers support to decide which language to use when energy efficiency is a concern.

productivity - by incorporating advanced features in the language design, like for instance powerful modular and type systems - and at efficiently execute such software - by developing, for example, aggressive compiler optimizations. Indeed, most techniques were developed with the main goal of helping software developers in producing faster programs. In fact, in the last century *performance* in software languages was in almost all cases synonymous of *fast execution time* (embedded systems were probably the single exception).

In this century, this reality is quickly changing and software energy consumption is becoming a key concern for computer manufacturers, software language engineers, proenergy efficiency of programming languages



normalised energy efficiency

**Table 4.** Normalized global results for Energy, Time, and Memory

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(c) Pascal	2.14
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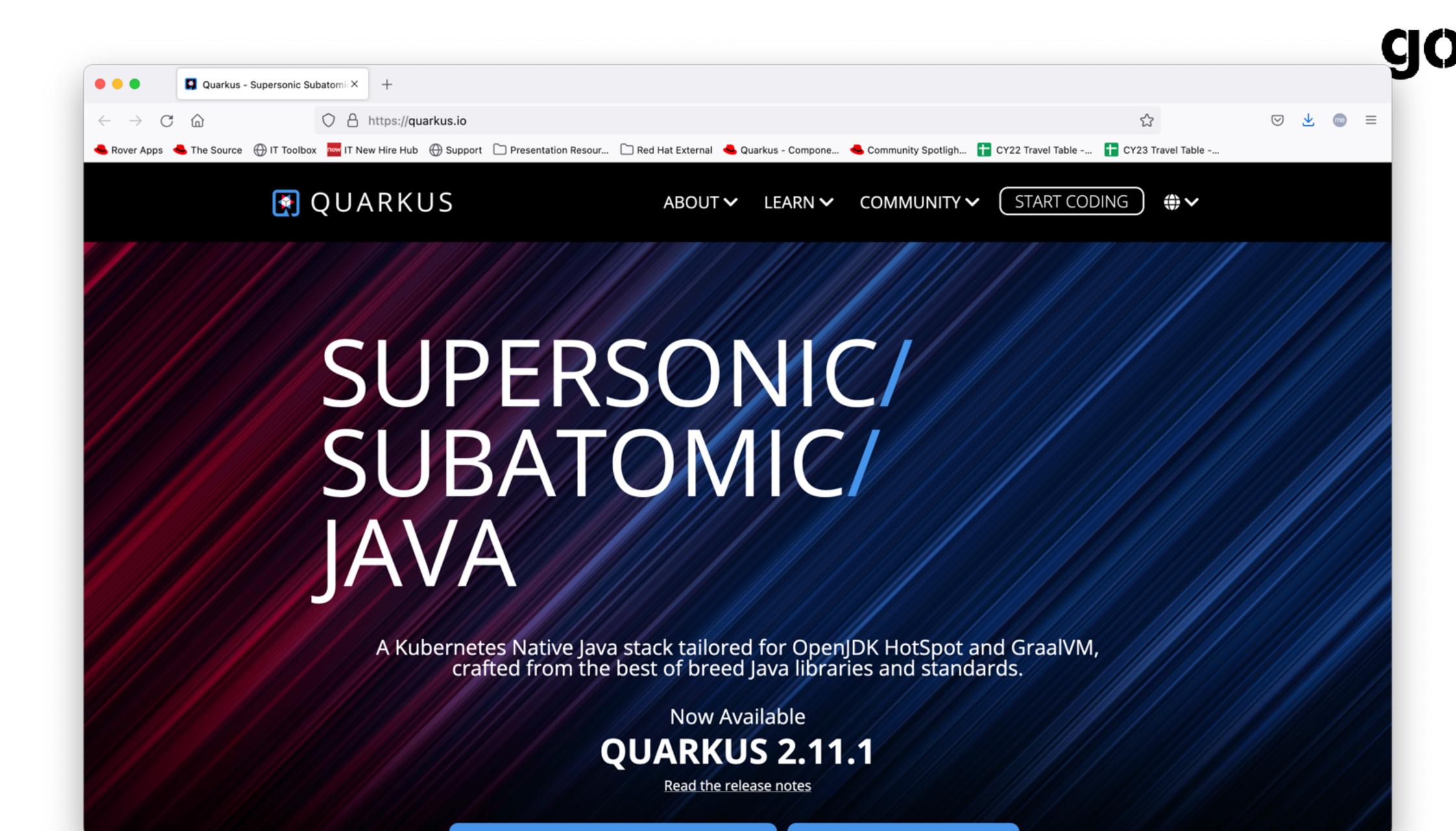
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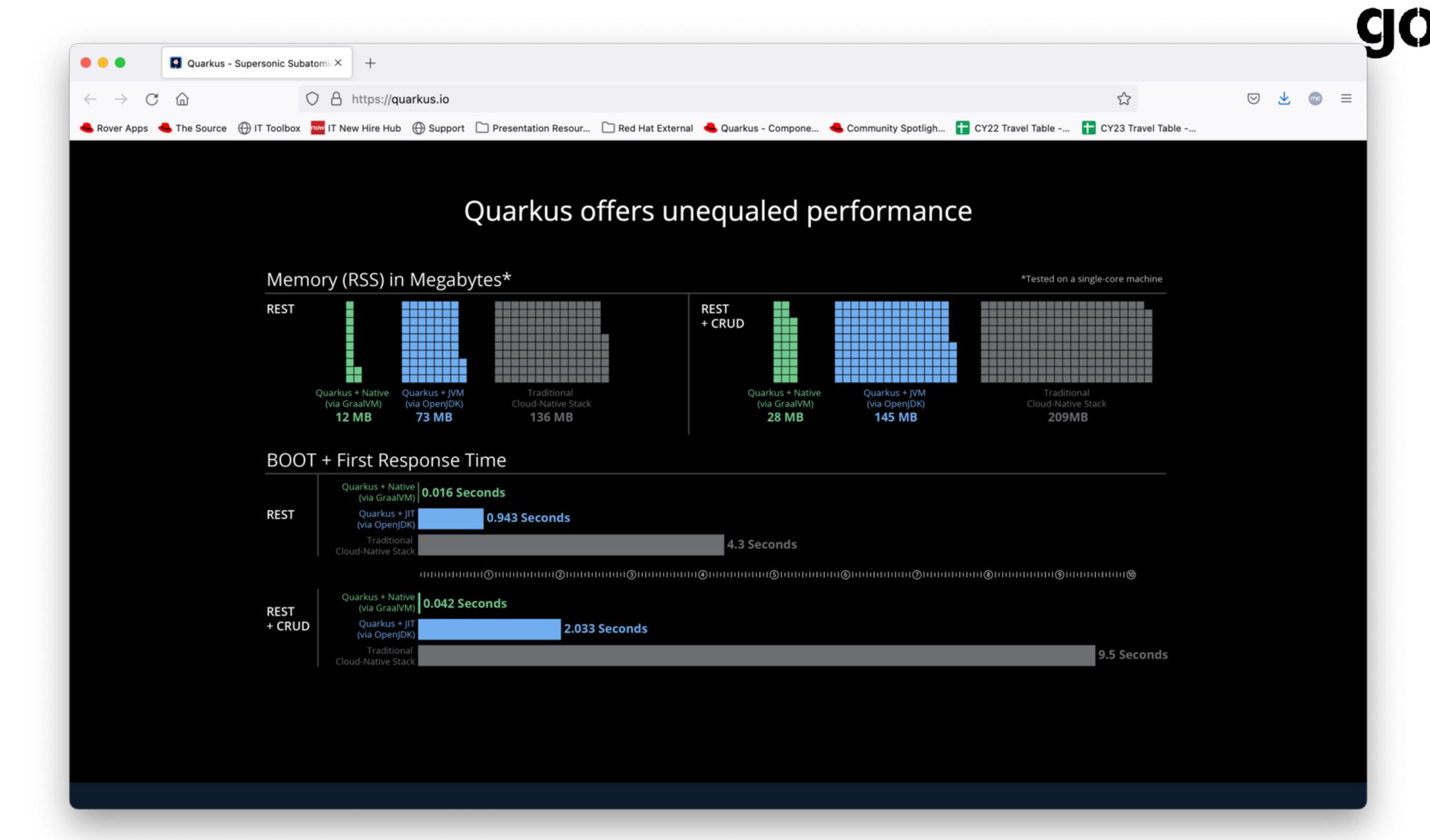
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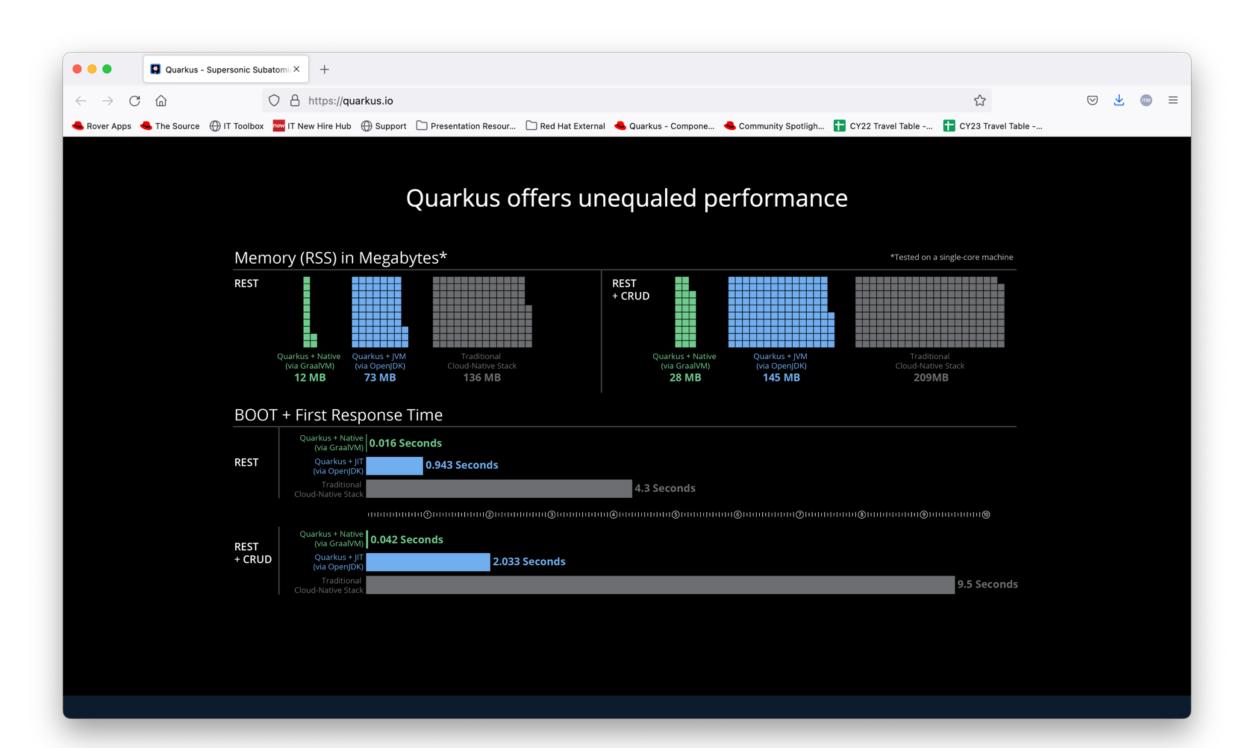
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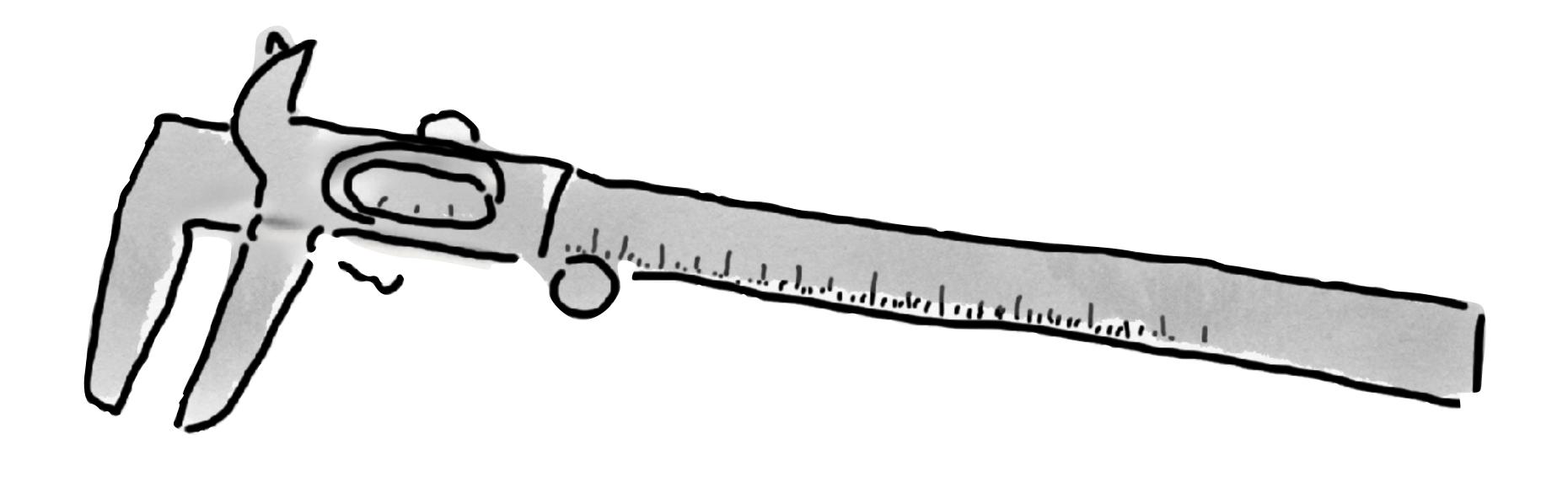






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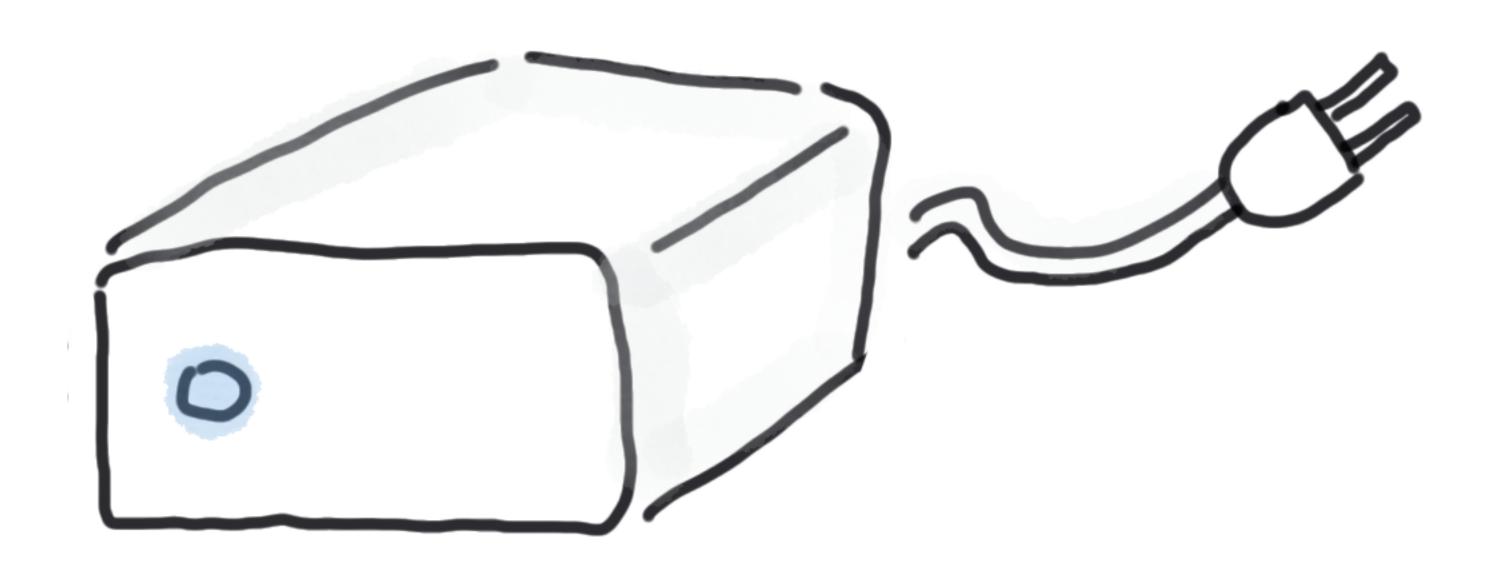




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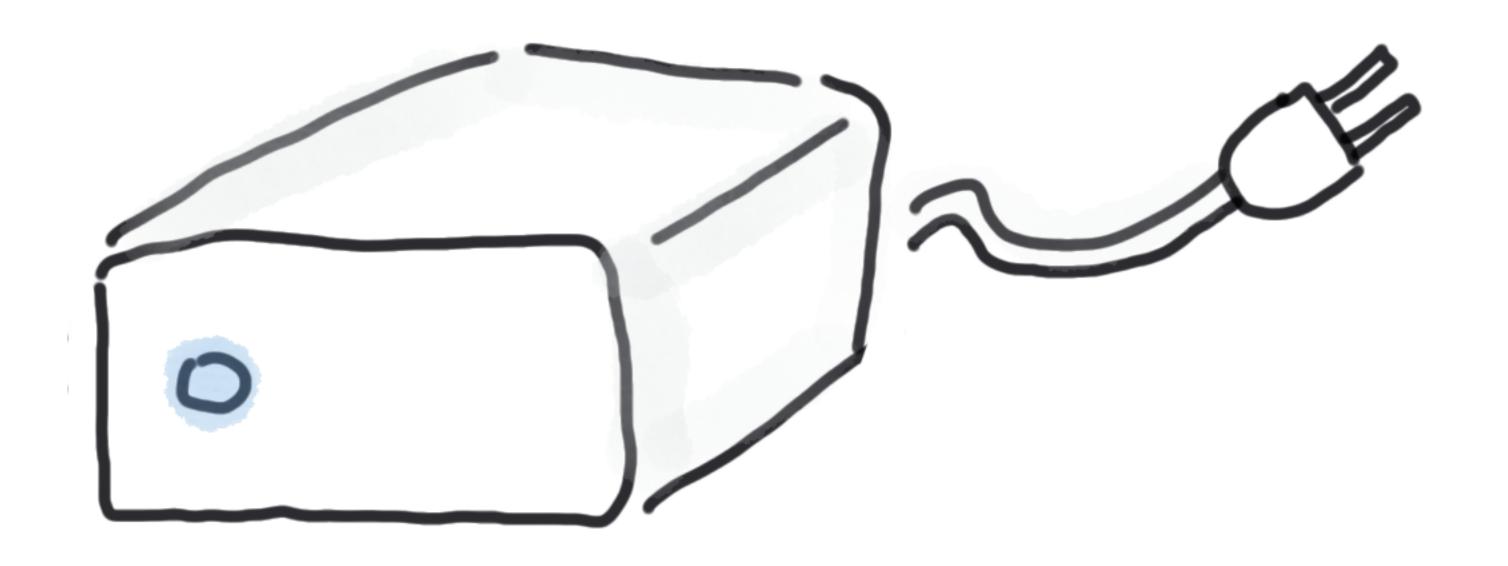
## digression: measuring carbon is **hard**







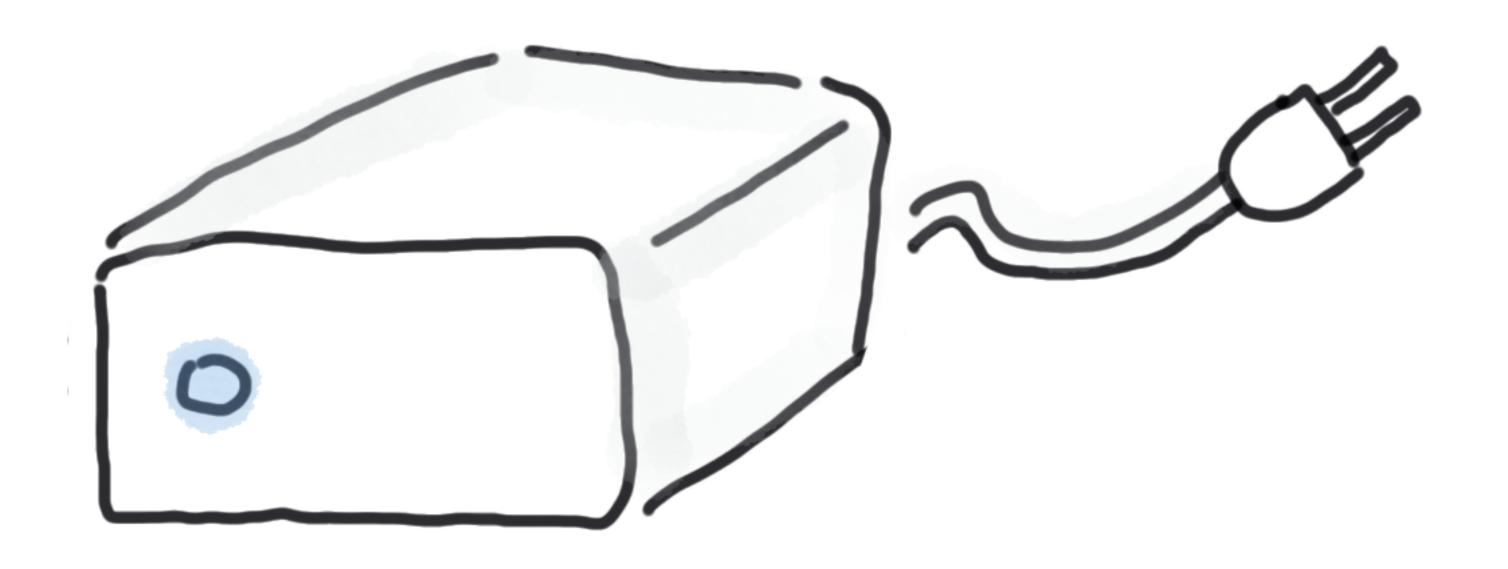
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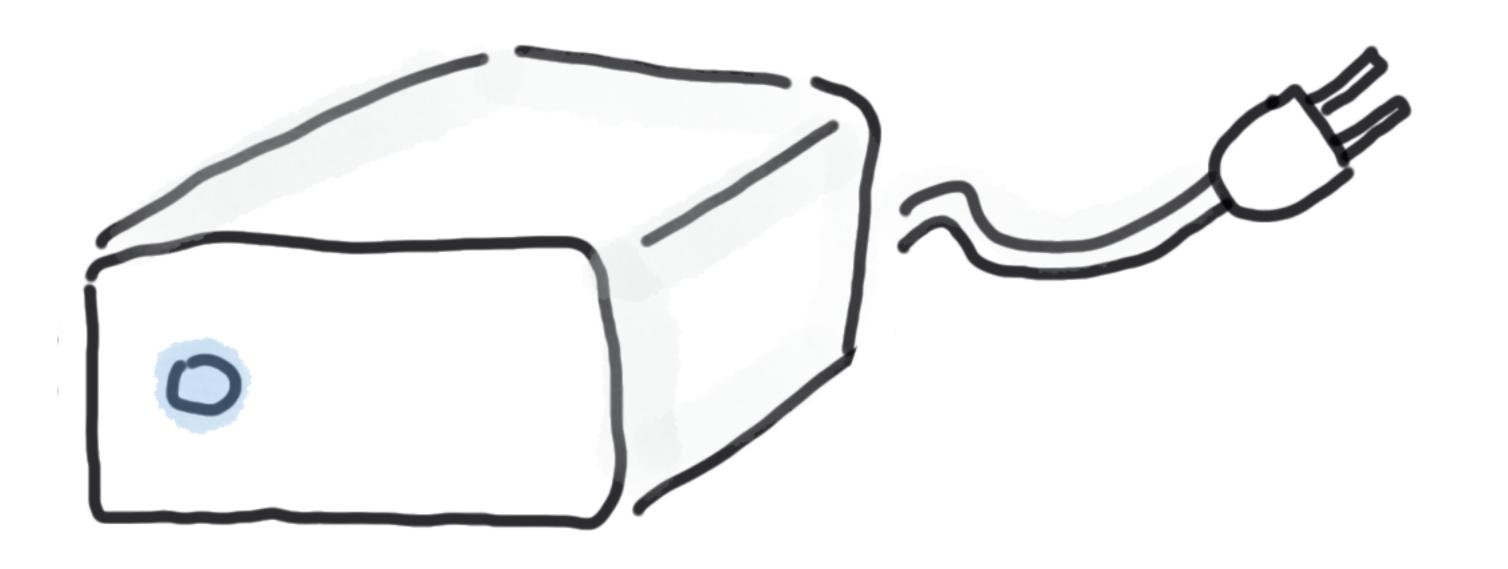
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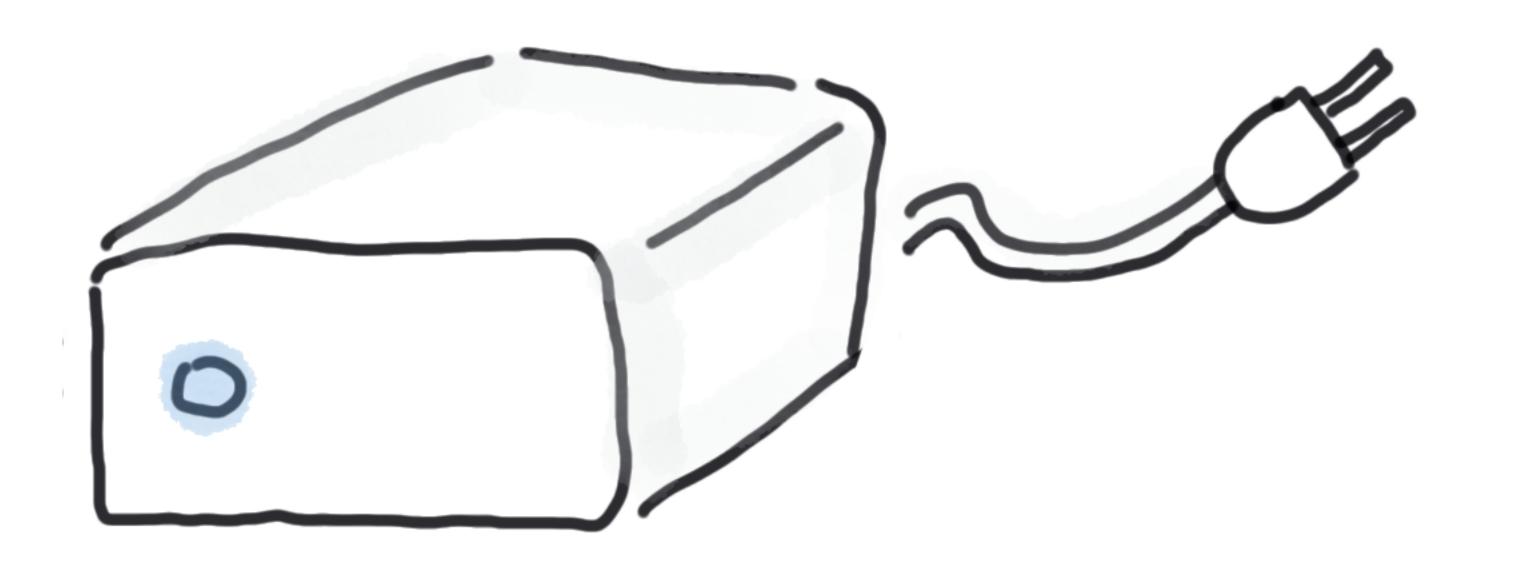
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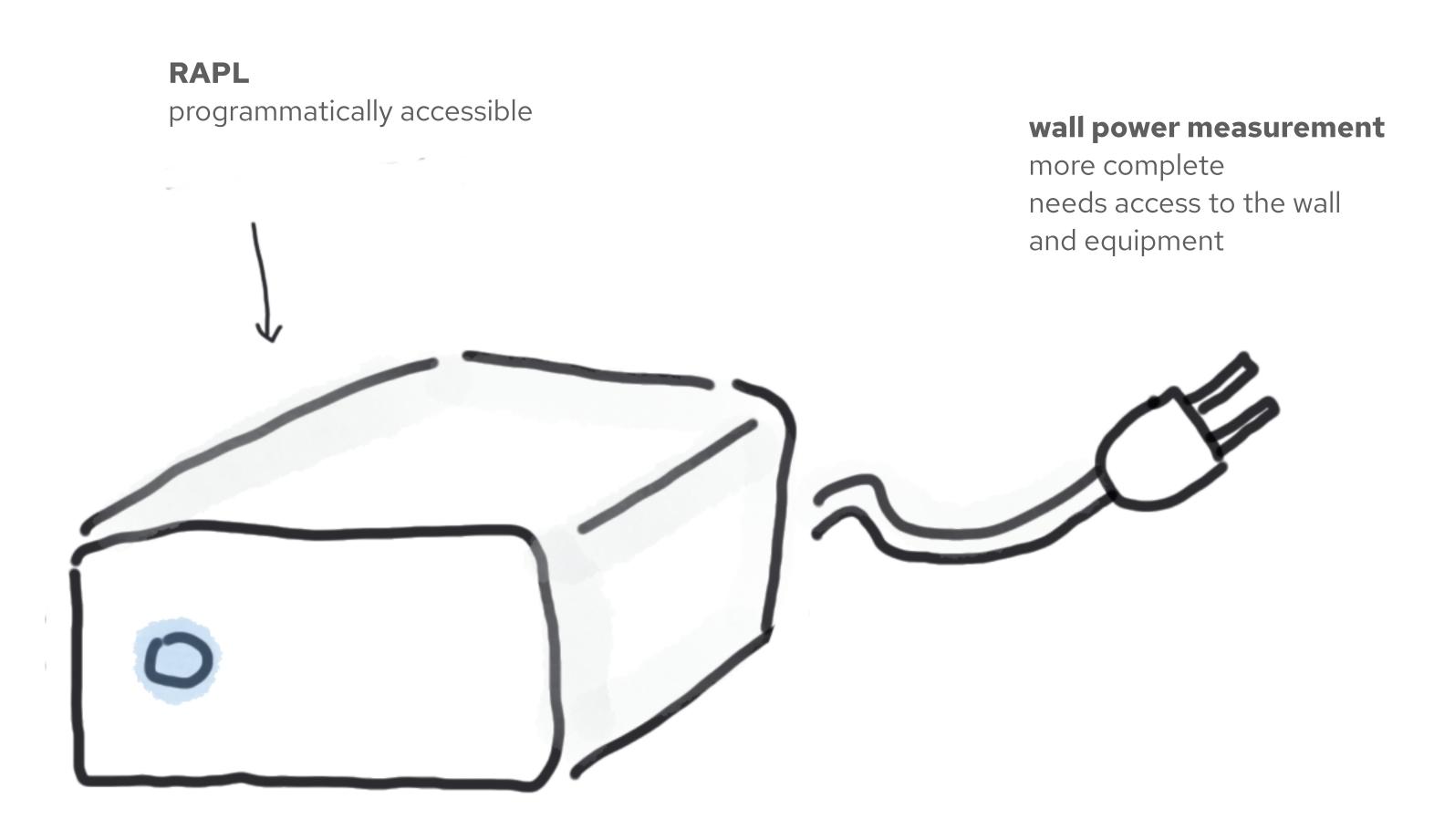
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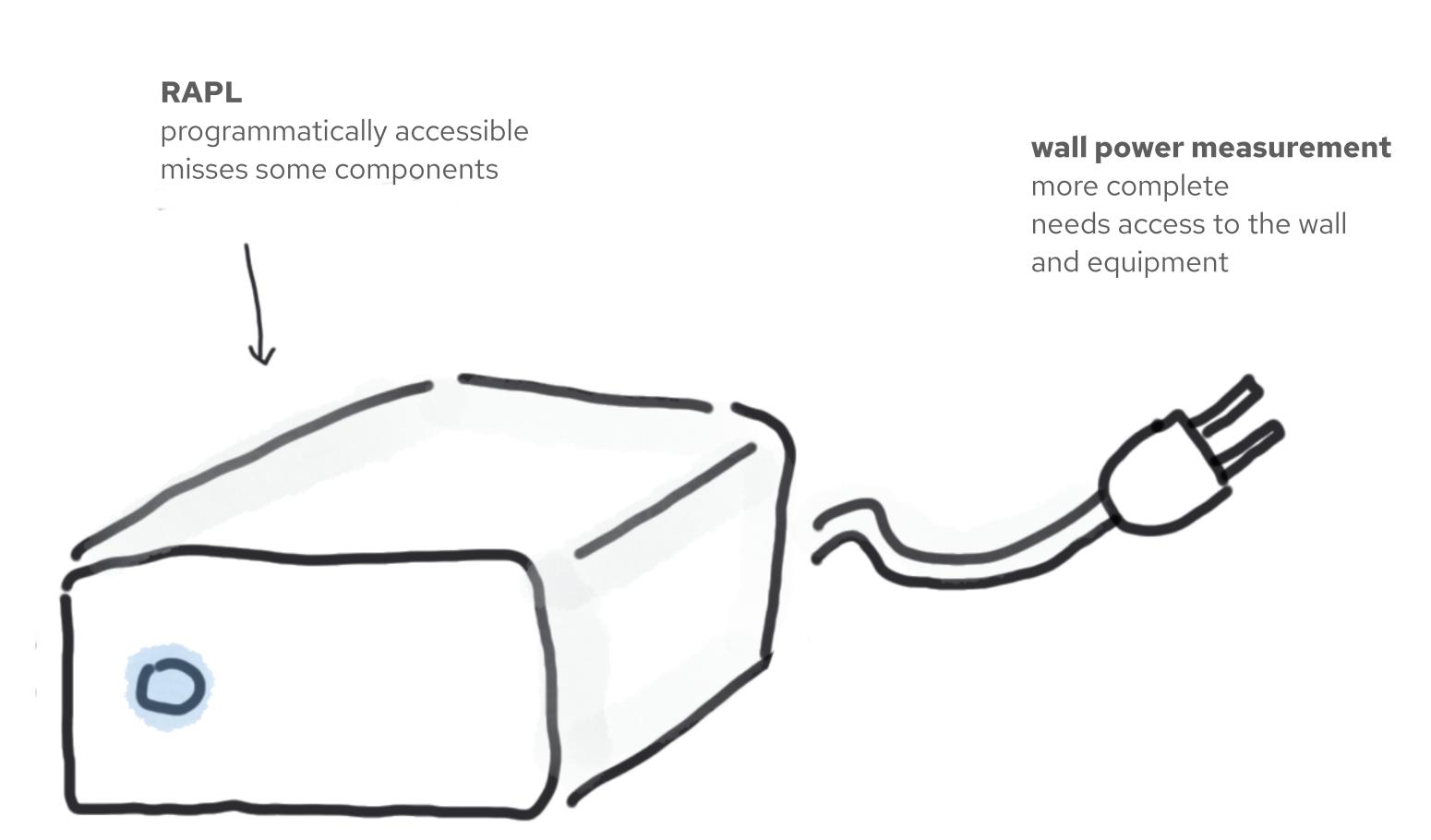


# **RAPL** wall power measurement more complete needs access to the wall and equipment

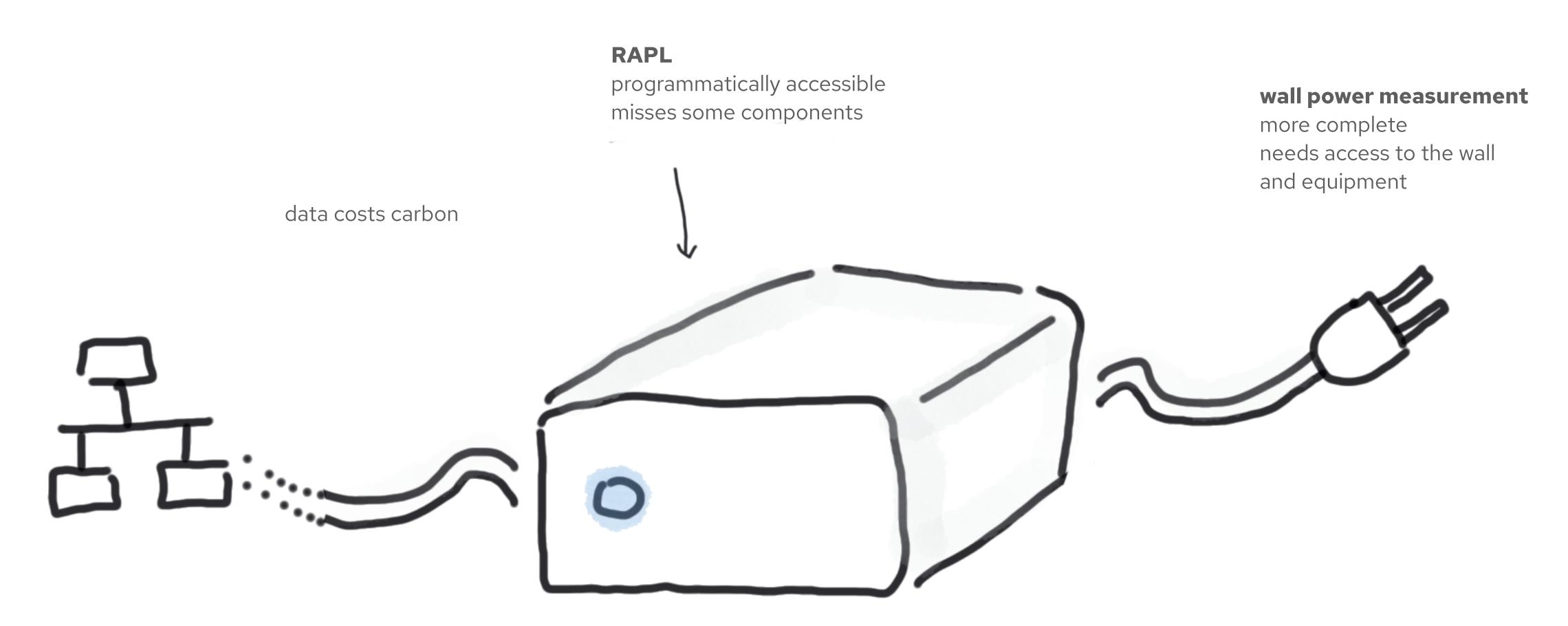




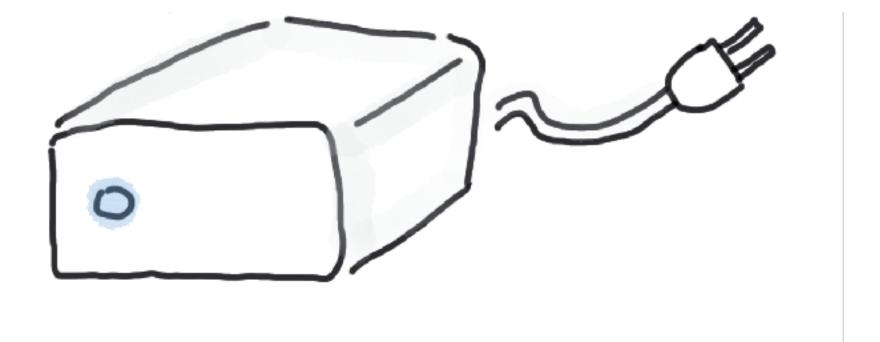




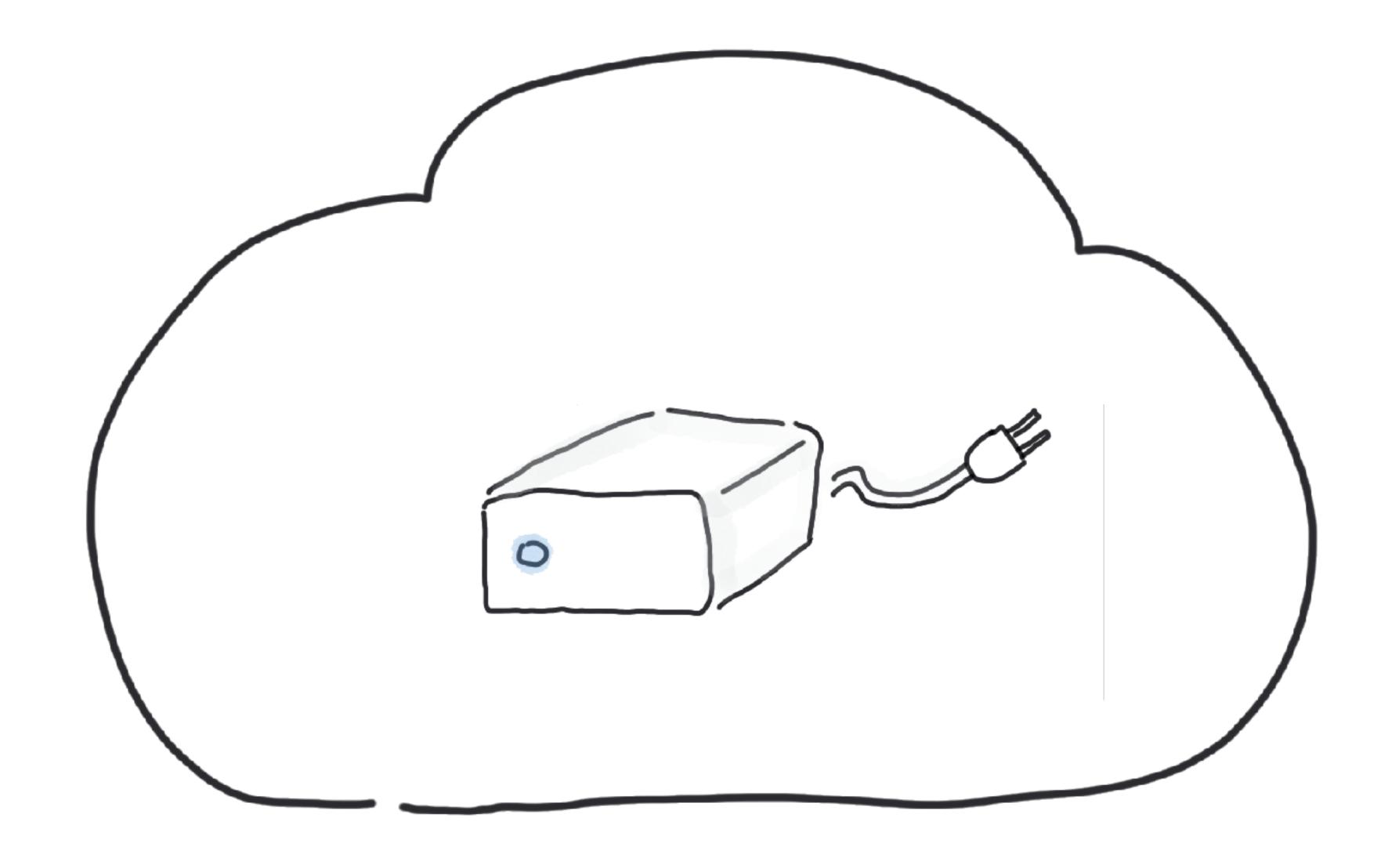






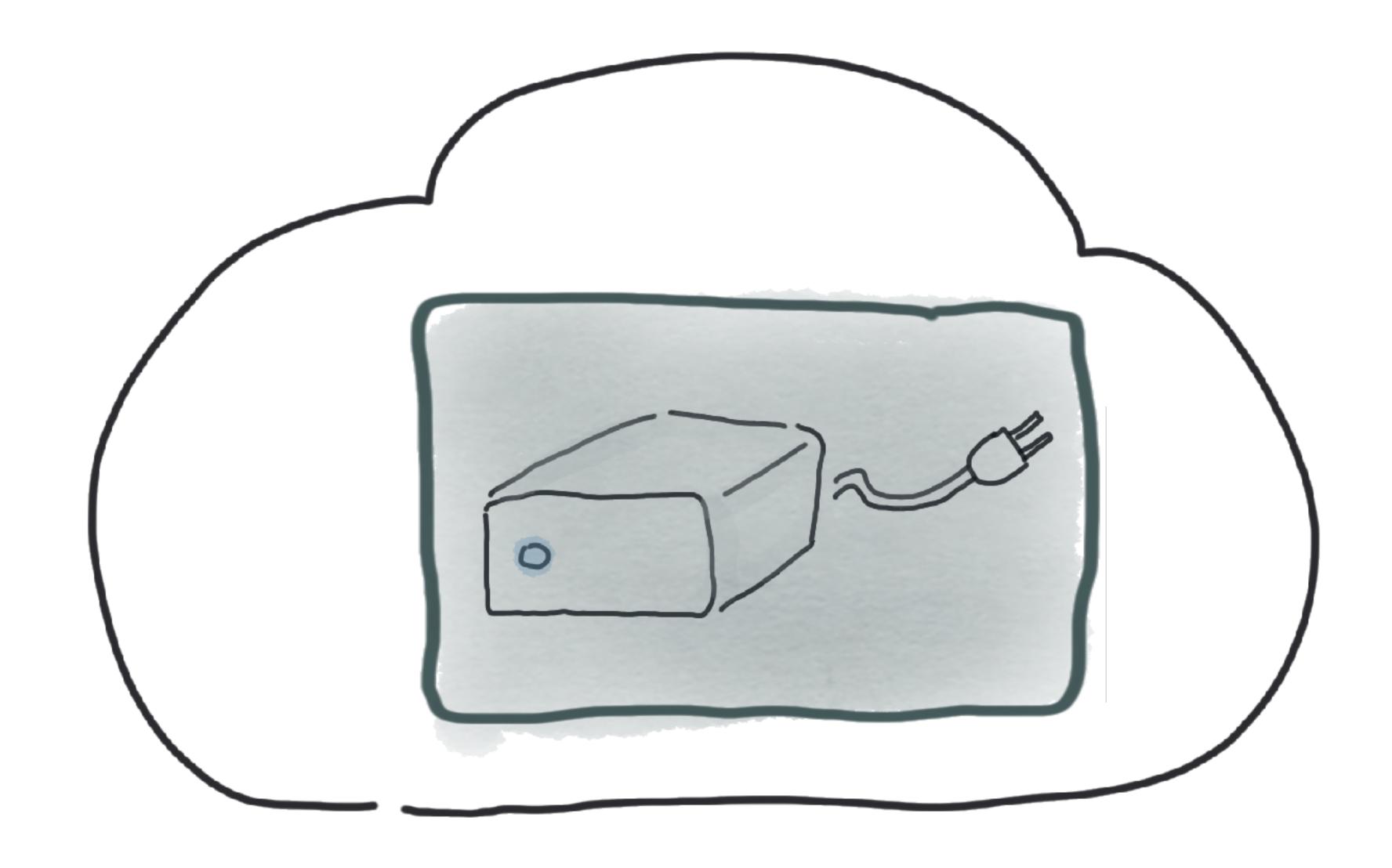






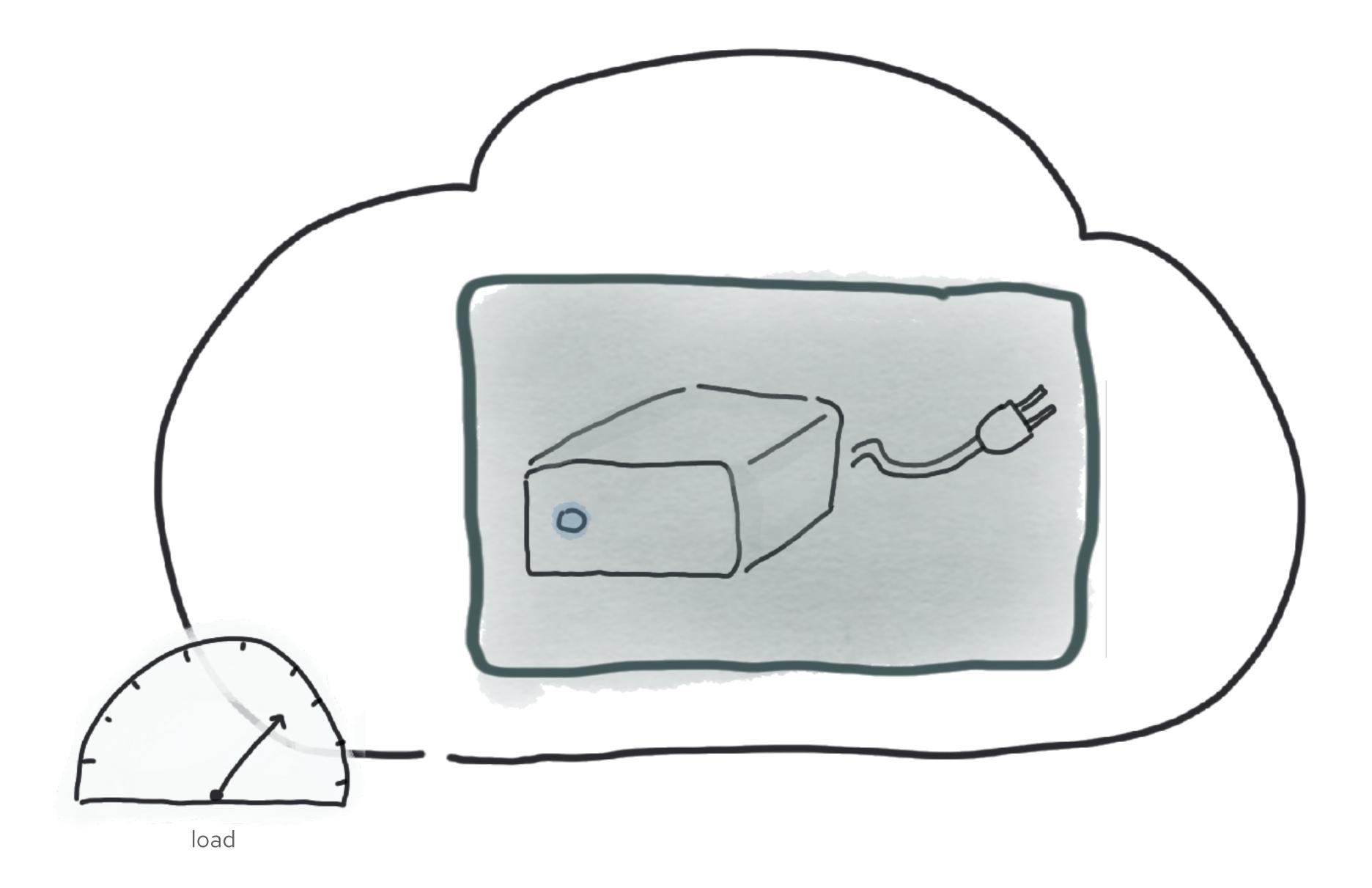
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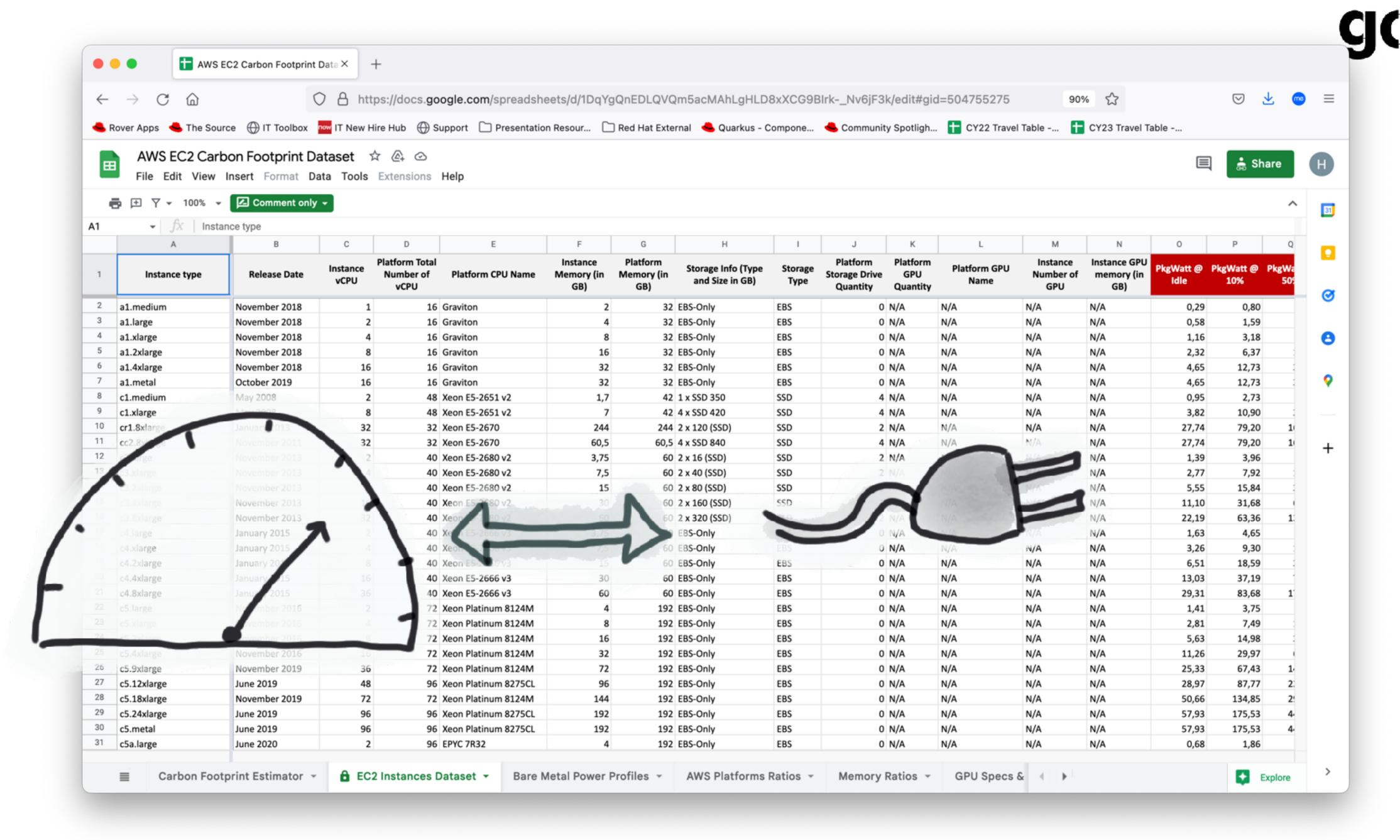


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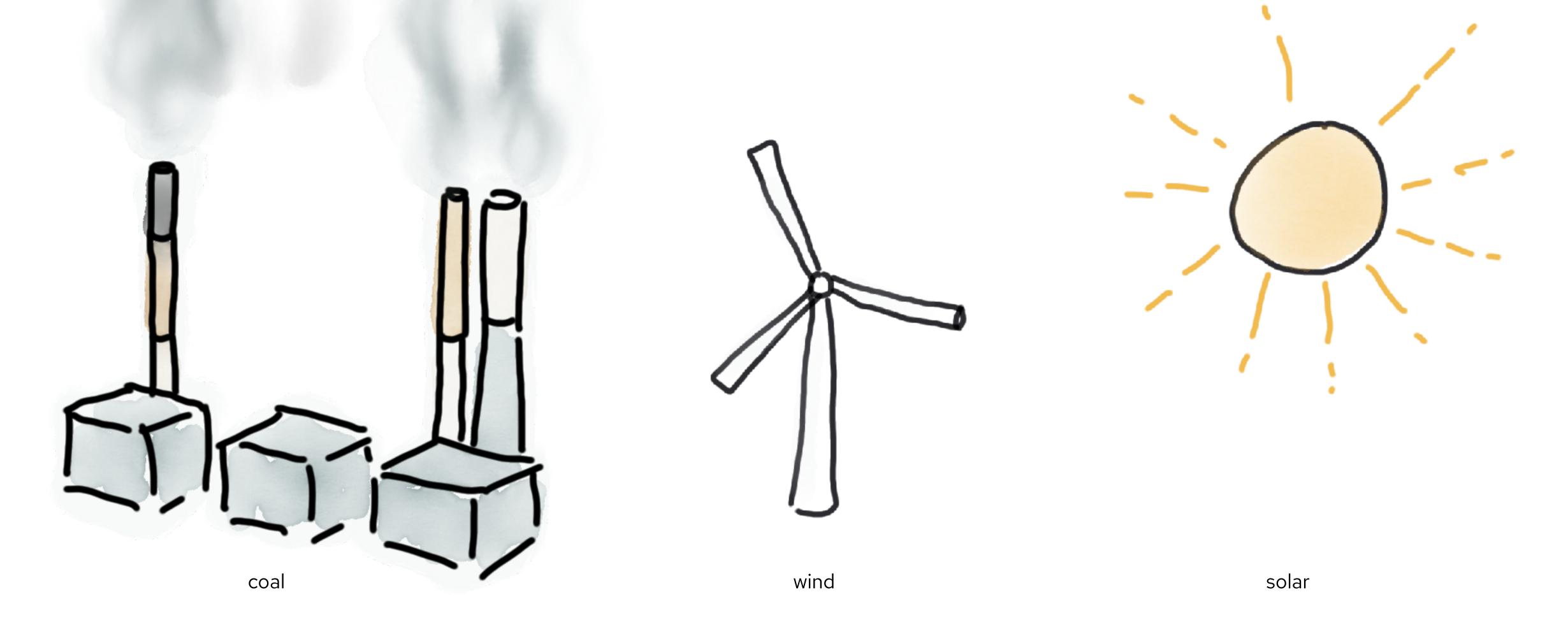


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### step 2: convert power usage to carbon











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... but methodologies are not open





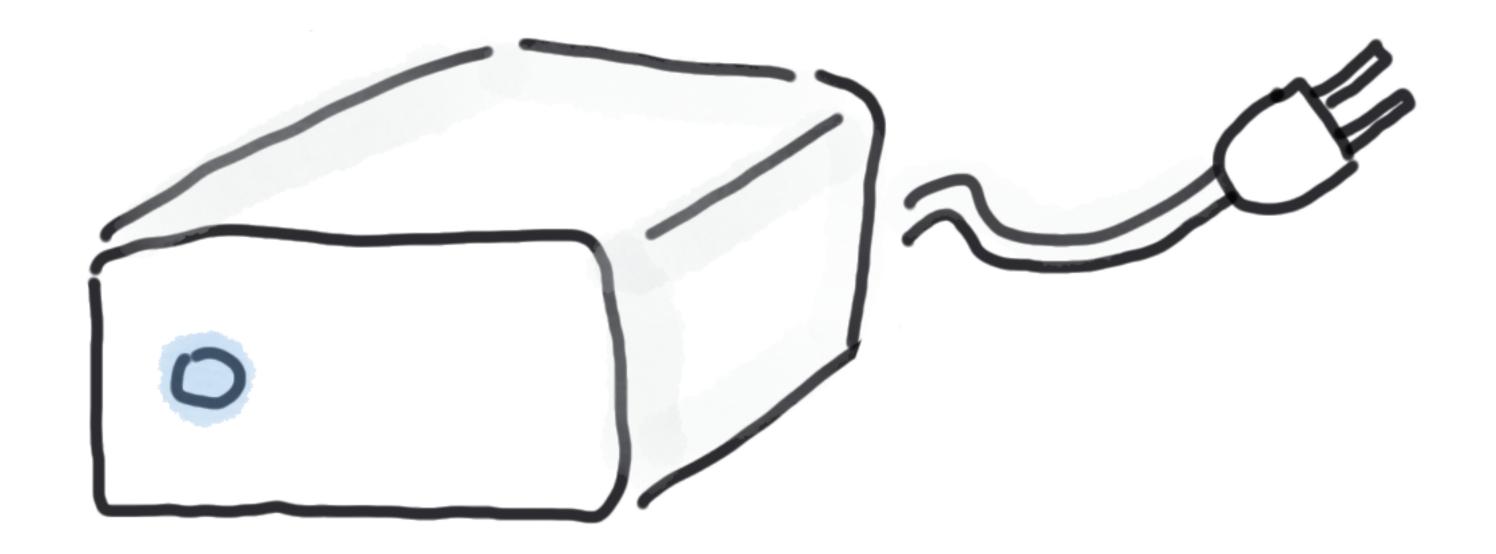
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### step 3: embedded carbon



(manufacturing has costs)



## simpler models



## all models are wrong, some are useful



trick 3: vrrrrrooooooooo model\*

\* a made-up name

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(i) Dart	3.83
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(i) TypeScript	21.50
(i) Hack	24.02
(i) PHP	29.30
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(i) Lua	45.98
(i) Jruby	46.54
(i) Ruby	69.91
(i) Python	75.88
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(v) C#	3.14
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(c) Haskell	3.55
(c) Swift	4.20
(c) Fortran	4.20
(v) F#	6.30
(i) JavaScript	6.52
(i) Dart	6.67
(v) Racket	11.27
(i) Hack	26.99
(i) PHP	27.64
(v) Erlang	36.71
(i) Jruby	43.44
(i) TypeScript	46.20
(i) Ruby	59.34
(i) Perl	65.79
(i) Python	71.90
(i) Lua	82.91

	Mb
(c) Pascal	1.00
(c) Go	1.05
(c) C	1.17
(c) Fortran	1.24
(c) C++	1.34
(c) Ada	1.47
(c) Rust	1.54
(v) Lisp	1.92
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energy consumption (sort of, mostly) is proportional to execution time



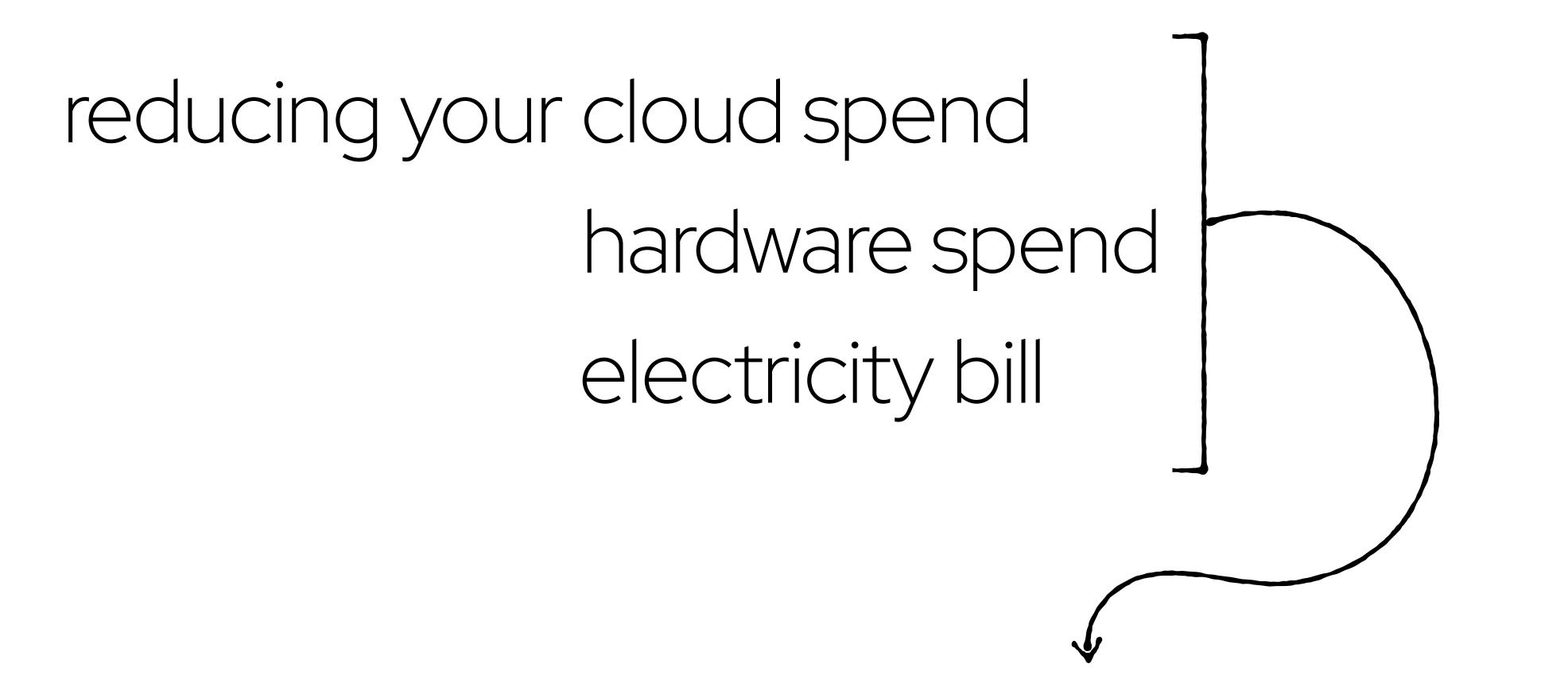
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\* "economic input-output life cycle assessment"



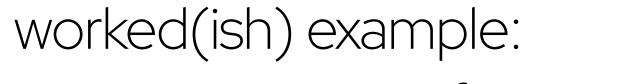


(probably) reducing your carbon footprint\*

\* if you keep other factors the same



worked(ish) example: what's the carbon footprint of ChatGPT?





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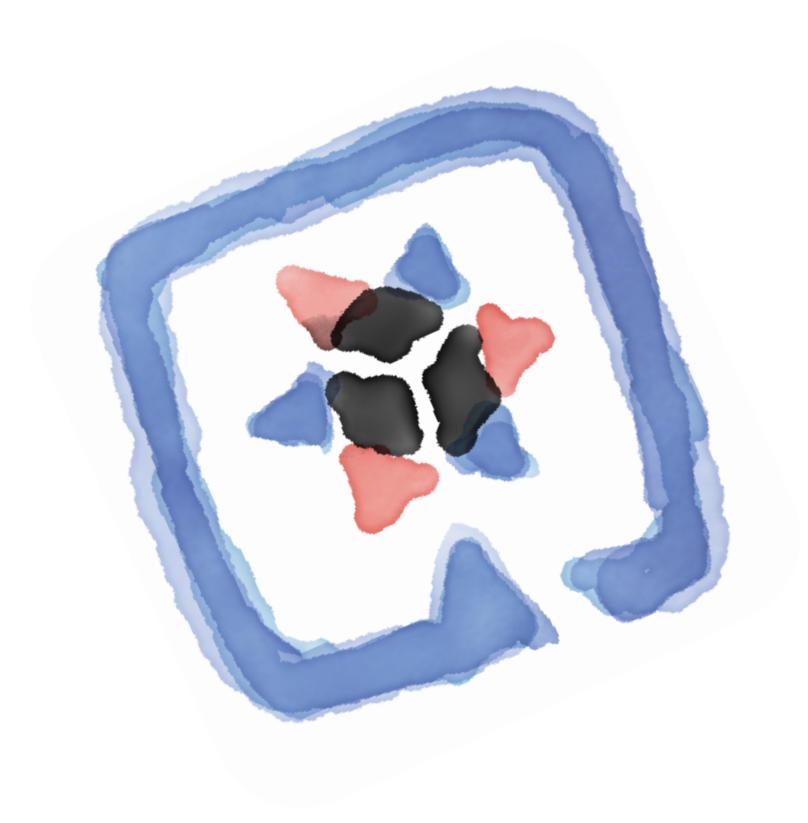
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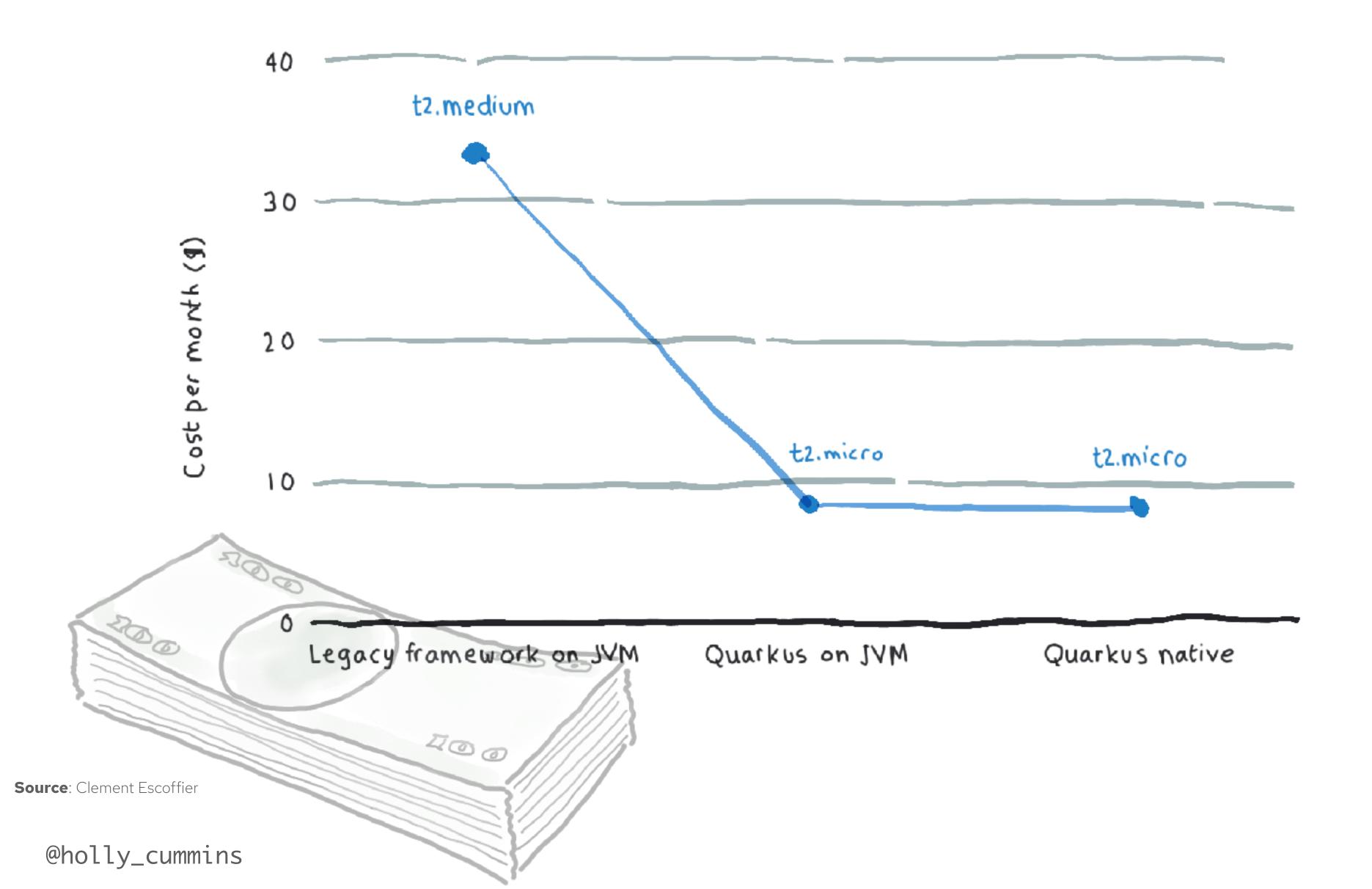
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### cost impact of framework choice



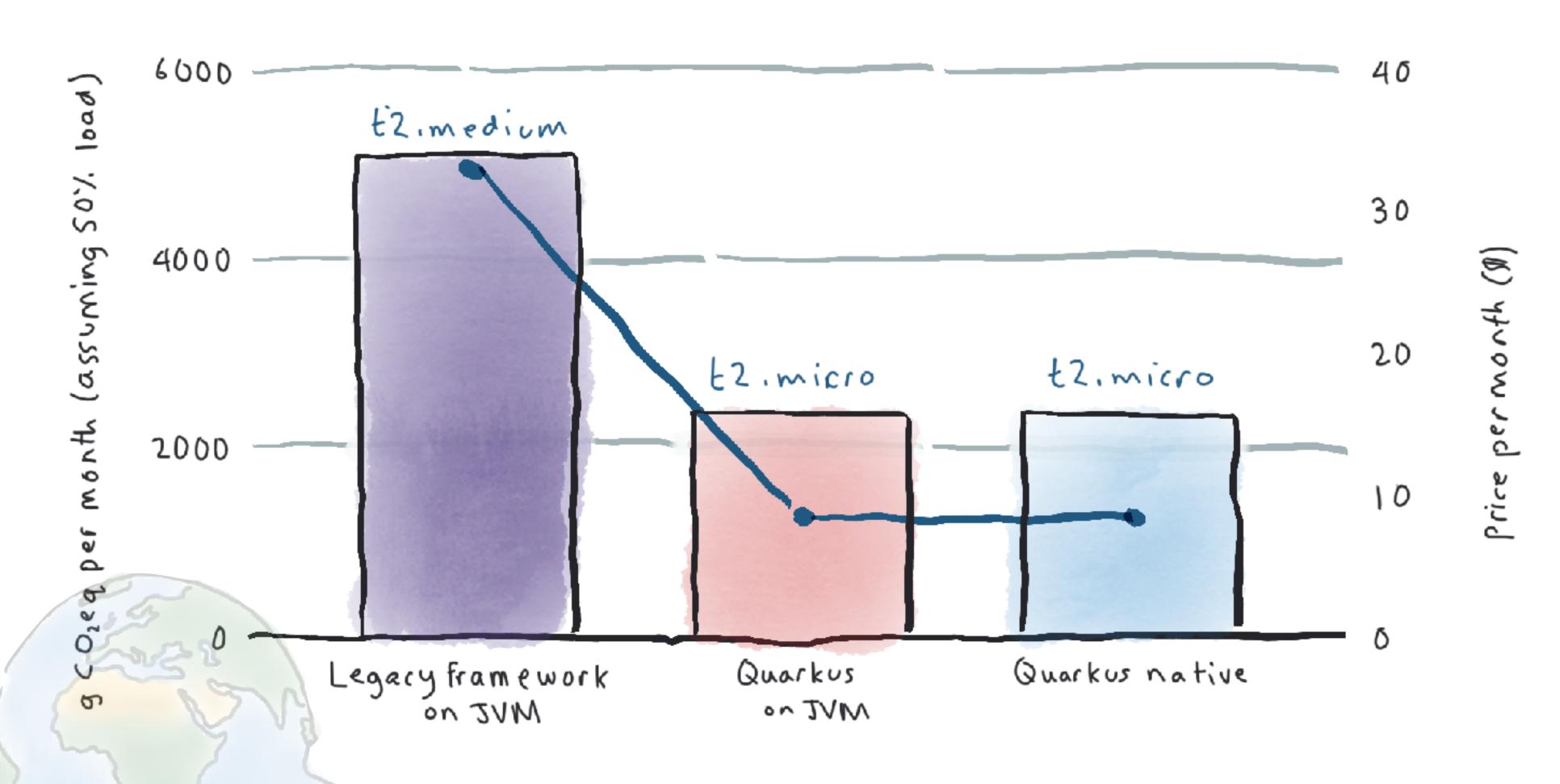
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- SLA > 99%
- AWS instances

#### **Assumptions:**

• Costs are for us-east-1 data centre





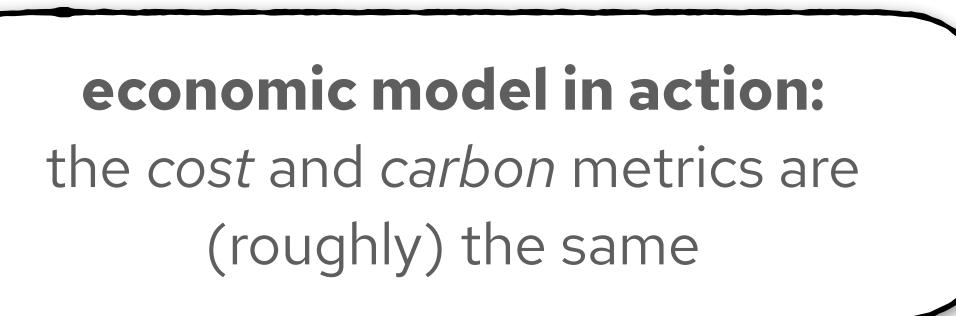
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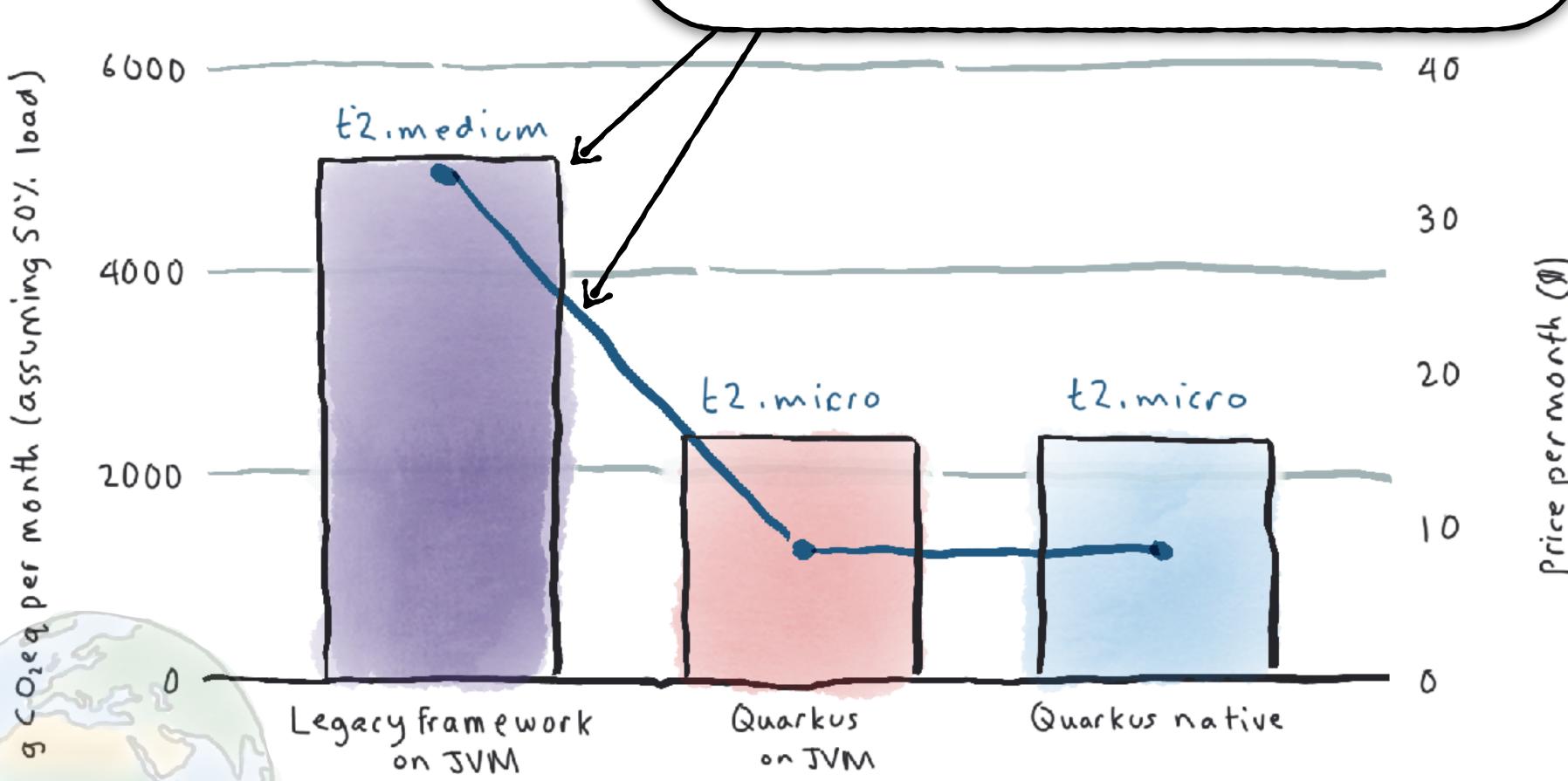
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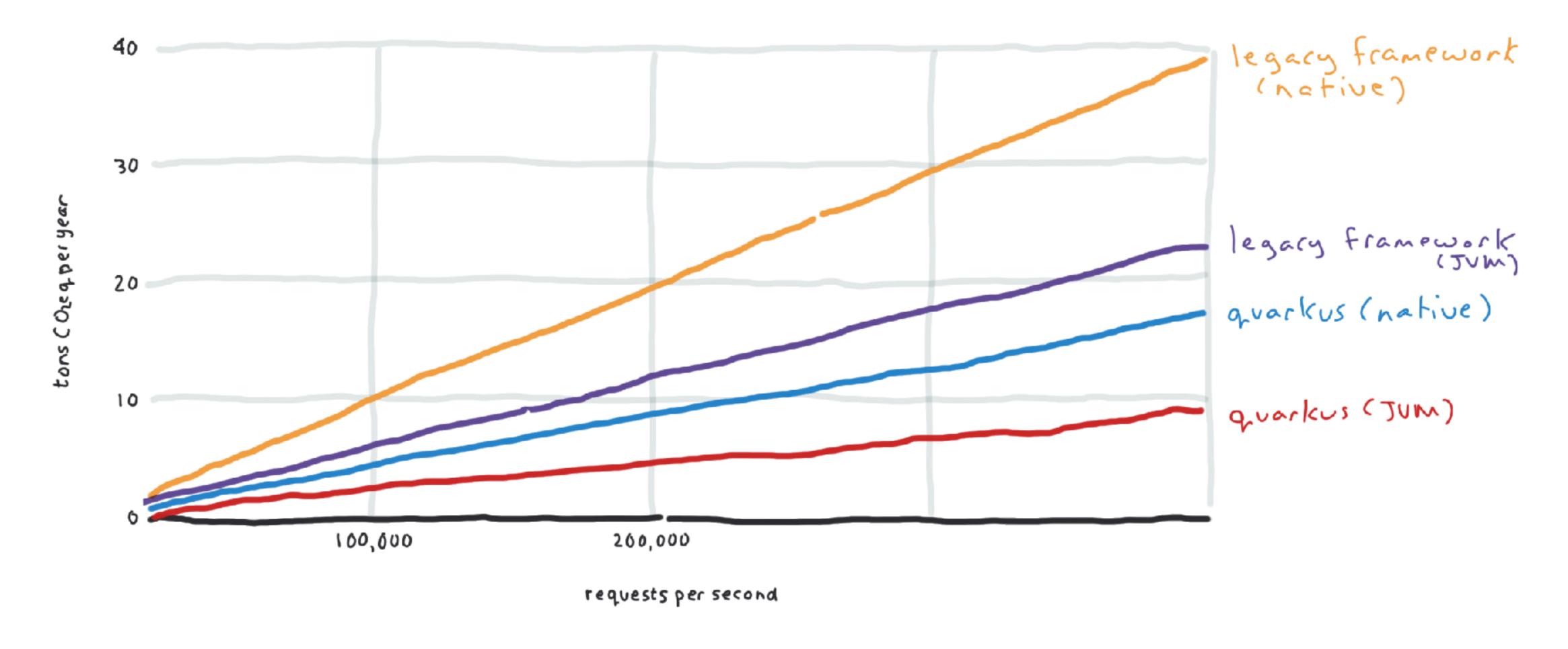
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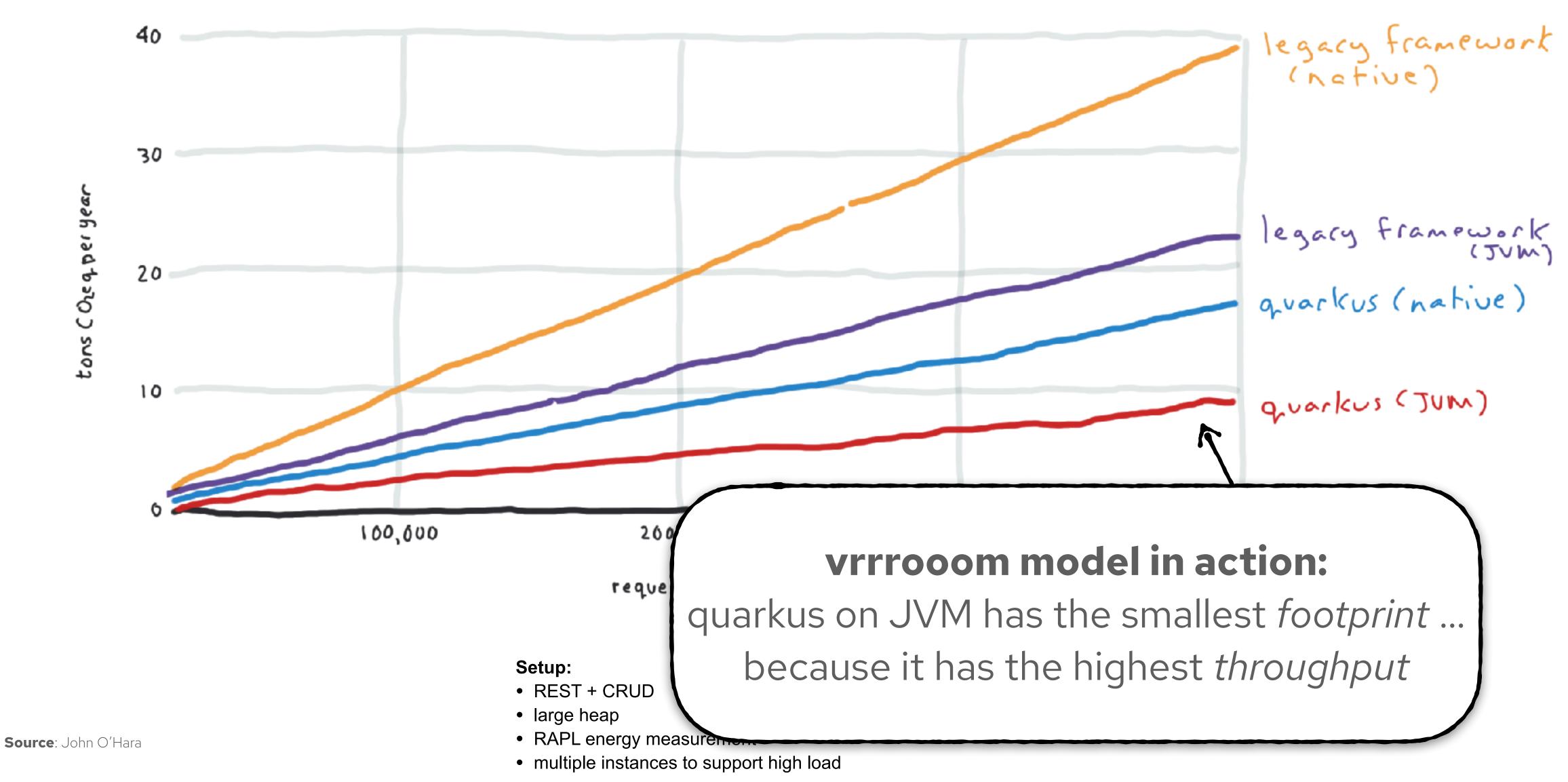
- REST + CRUD
- large heap
- RAPL energy measurement
- multiple instances to support high load

### **Assumptions:**

• US energy mix

**Source**: John O'Hara

### climate impact as a function of load





### what about memory?

### more complete model:

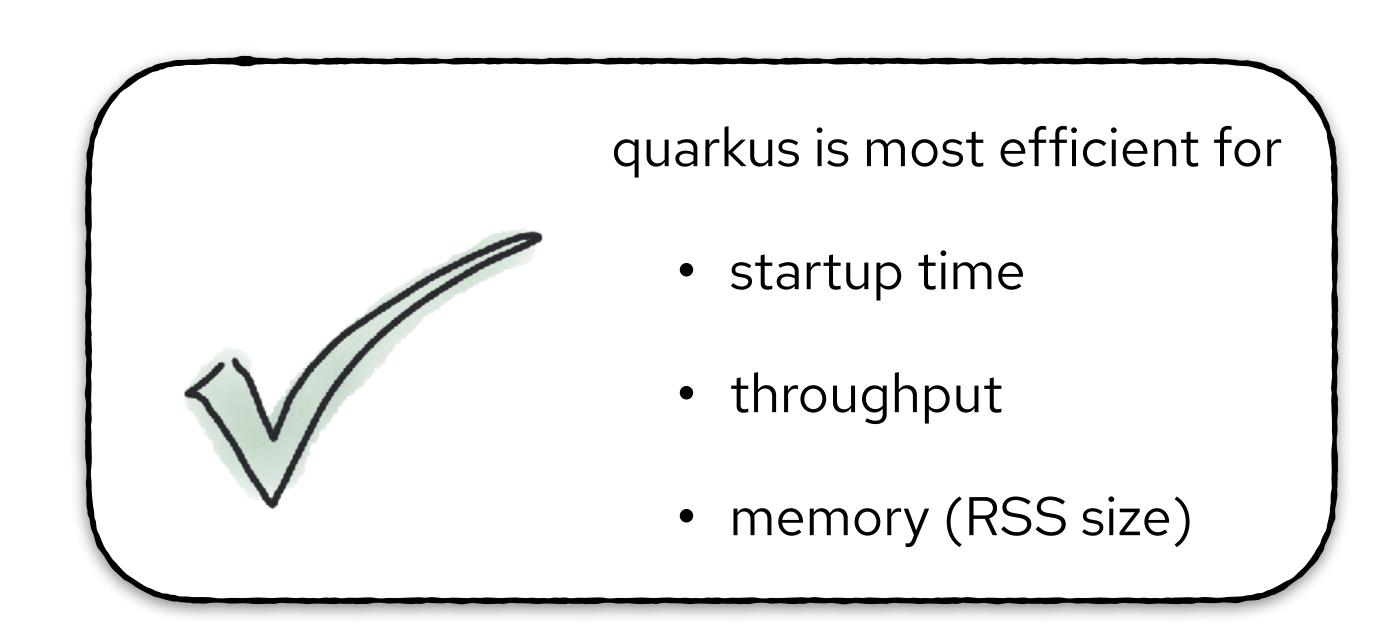
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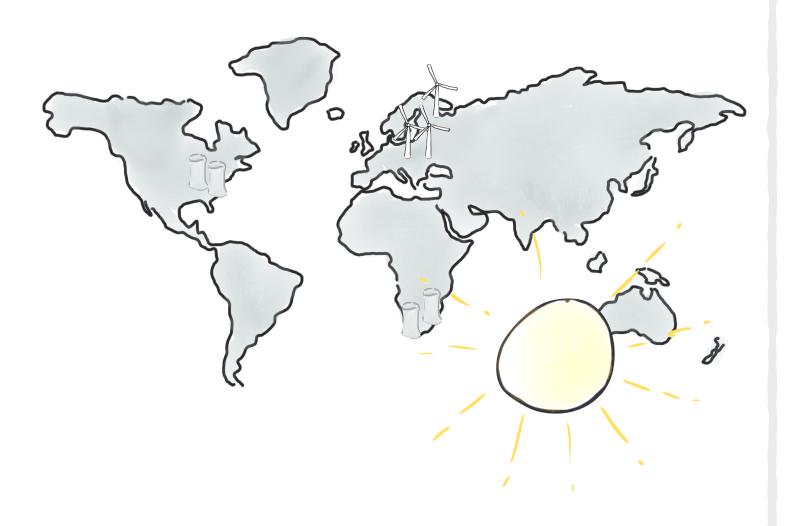


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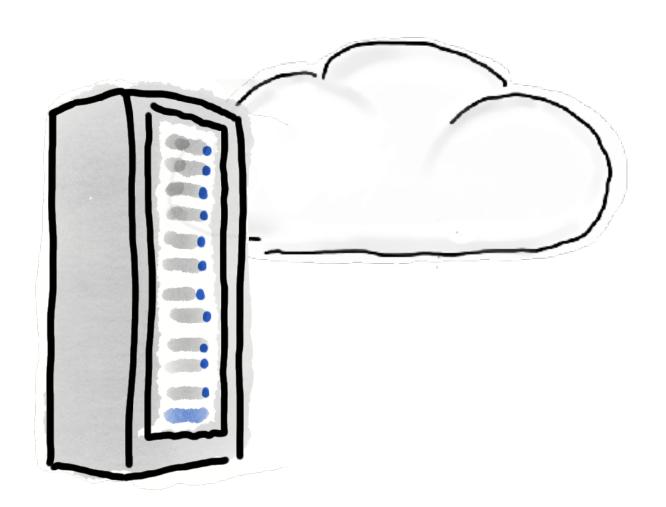


### green software foundation: principles

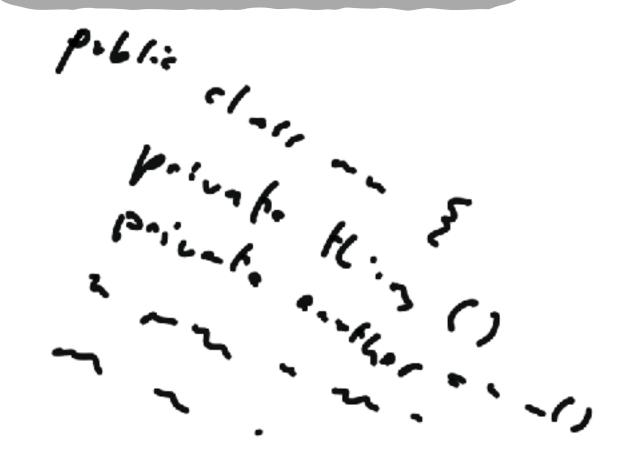
carbon awareness



hardware efficiency



electricity efficiency





## utility



is using this carbon giving value?



"no-regrets" solutions

## co-benefits

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# climate solutions can make **everything** better



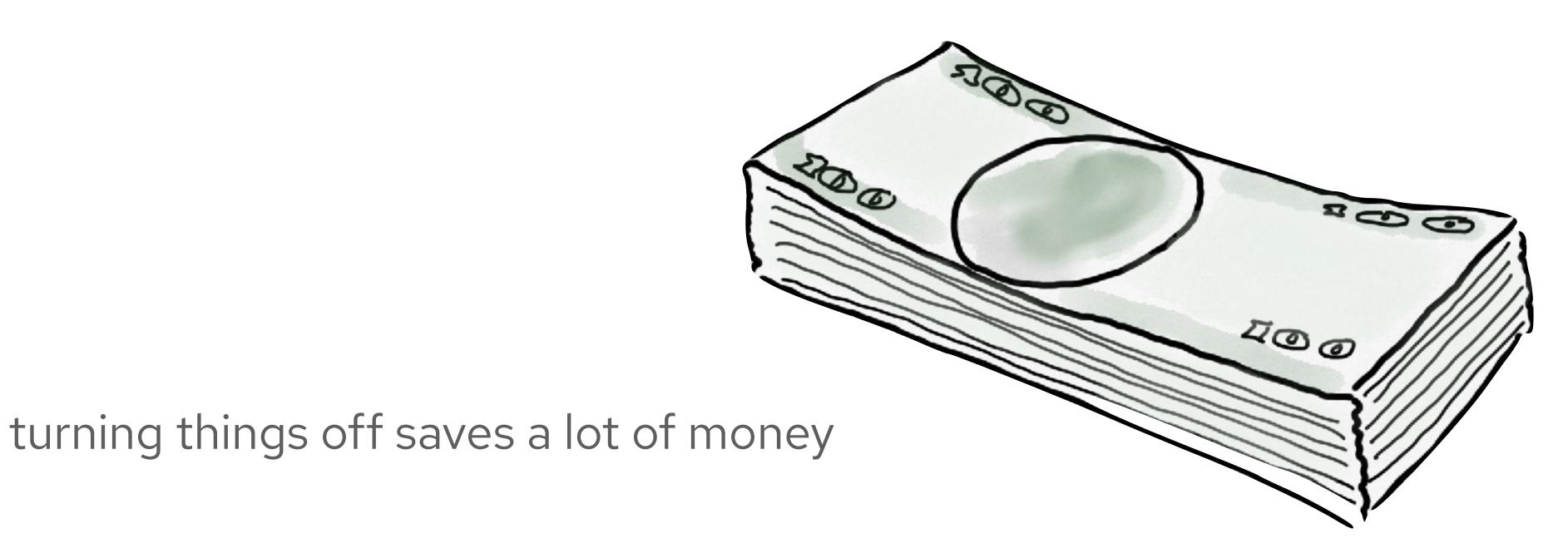
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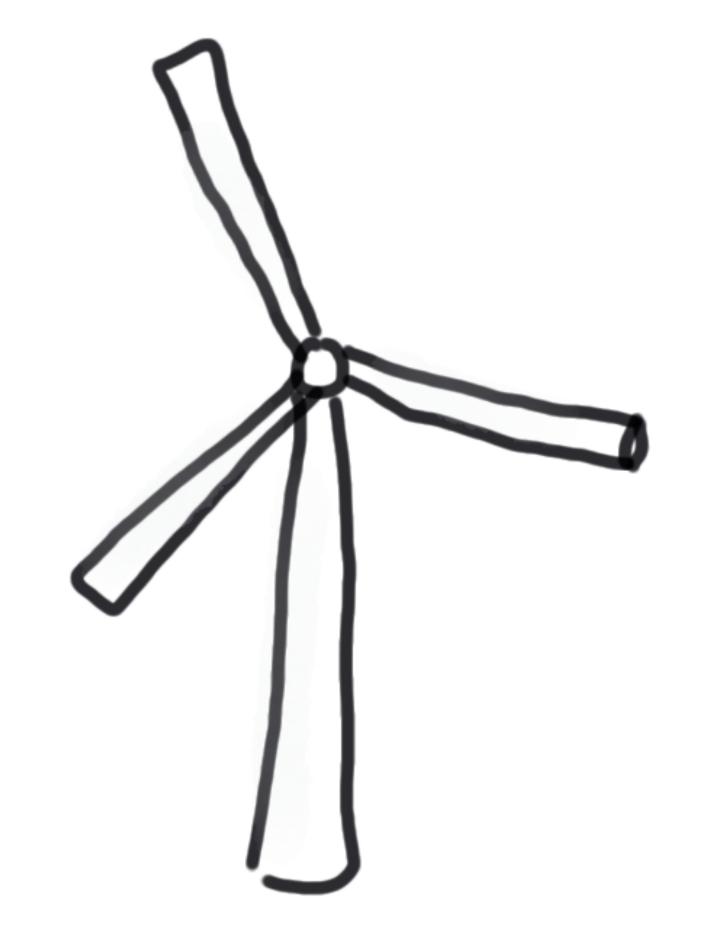
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what else could we do with that \$26.6 billion of wasted cloud spend?



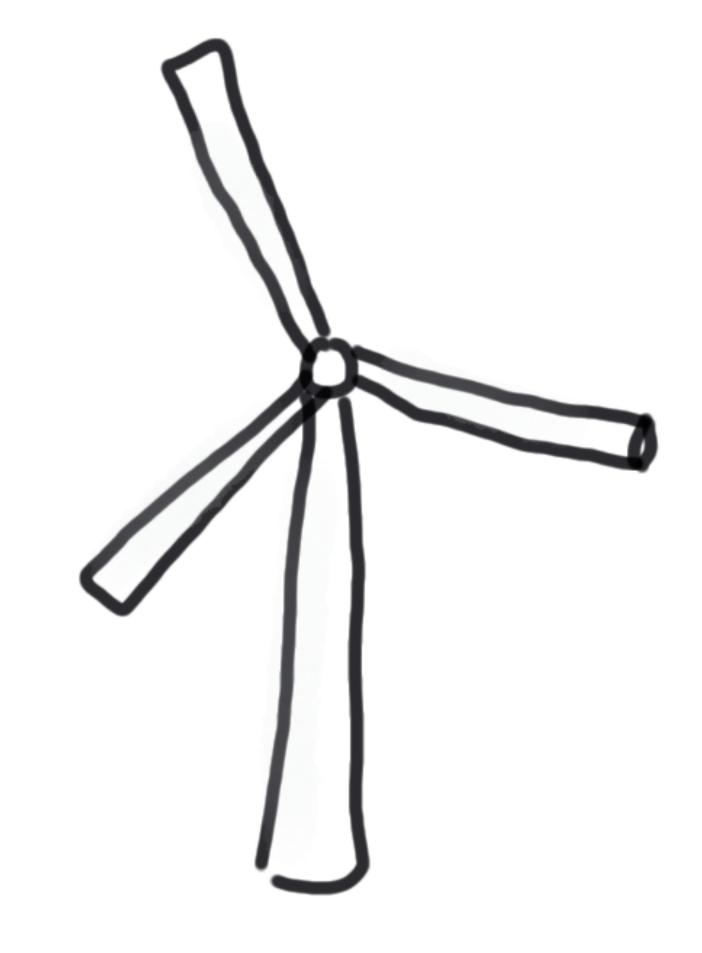


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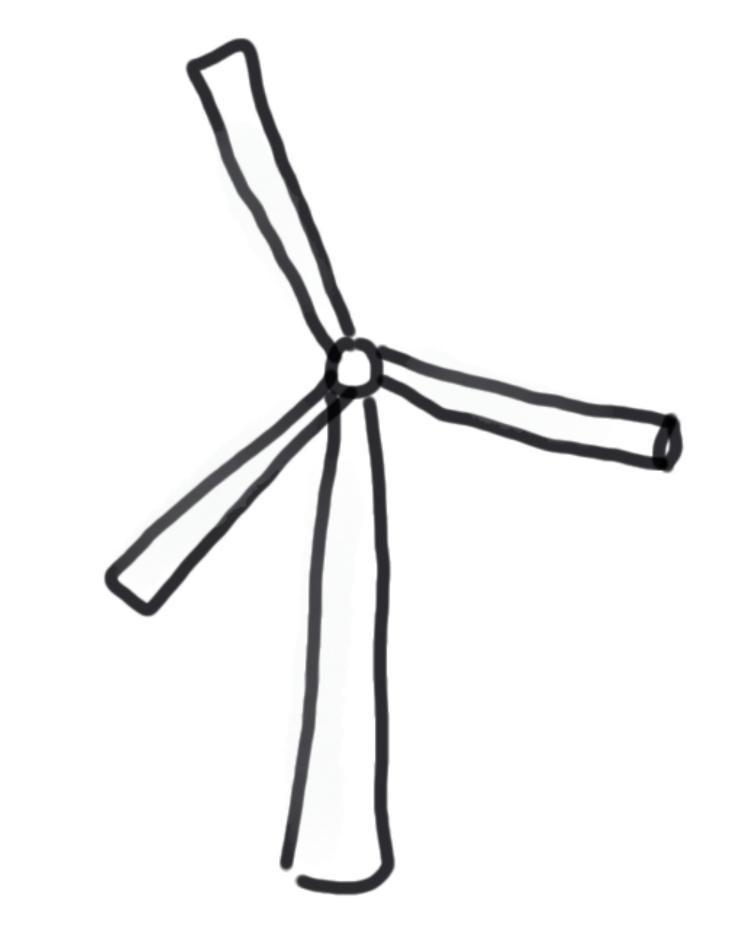


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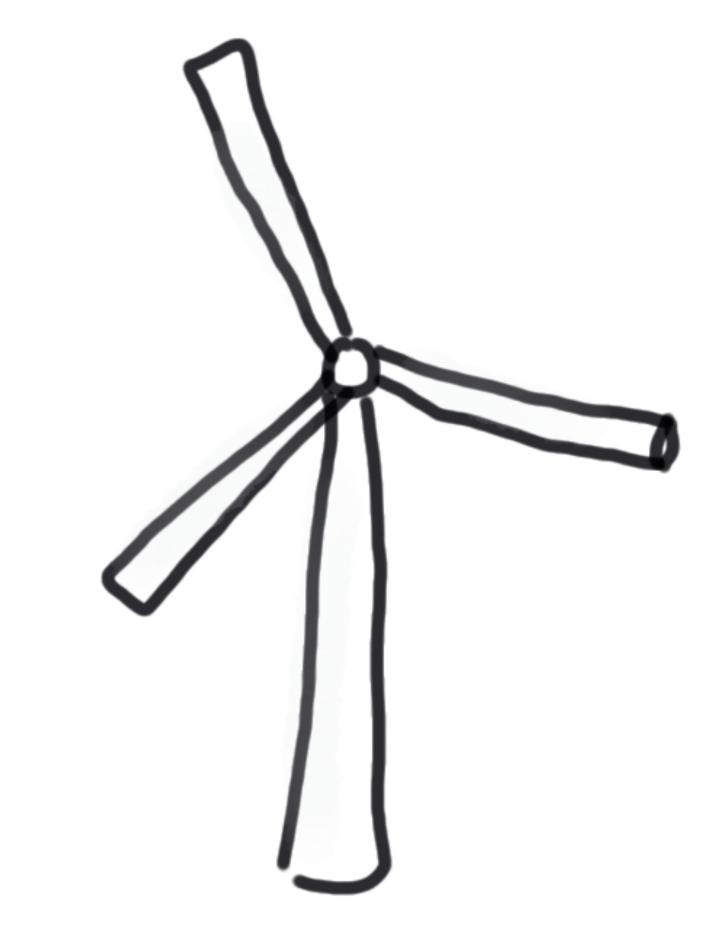
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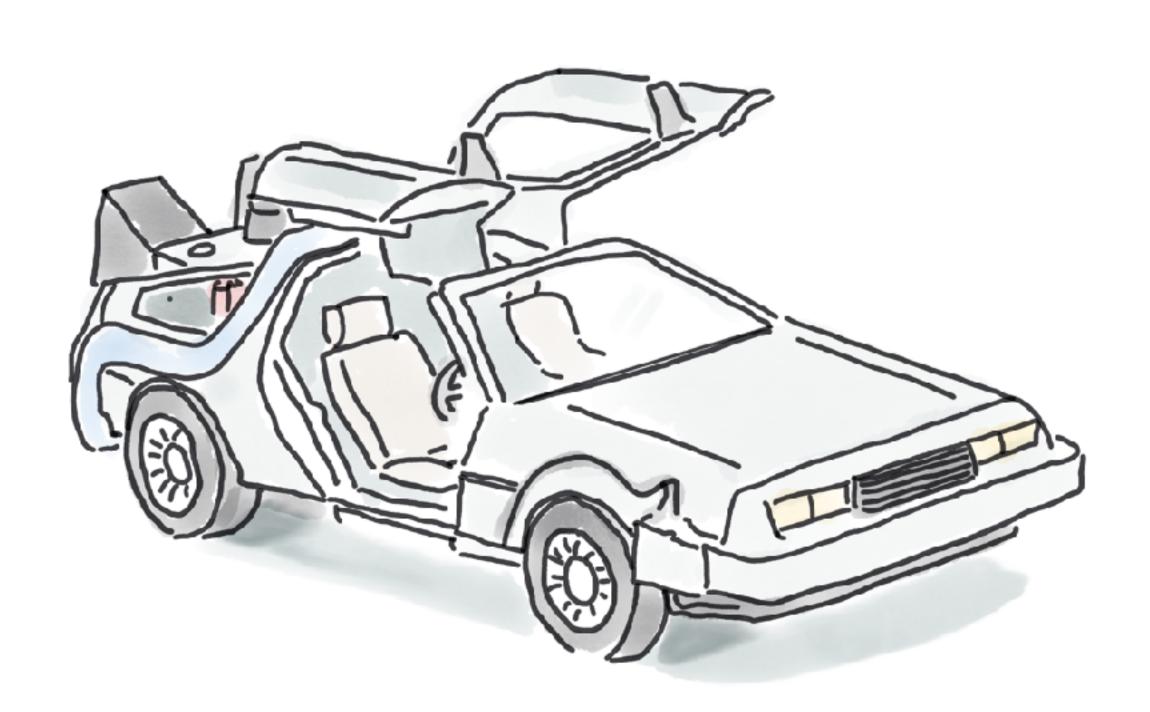
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(probably not, it was a made-up name)

### car:



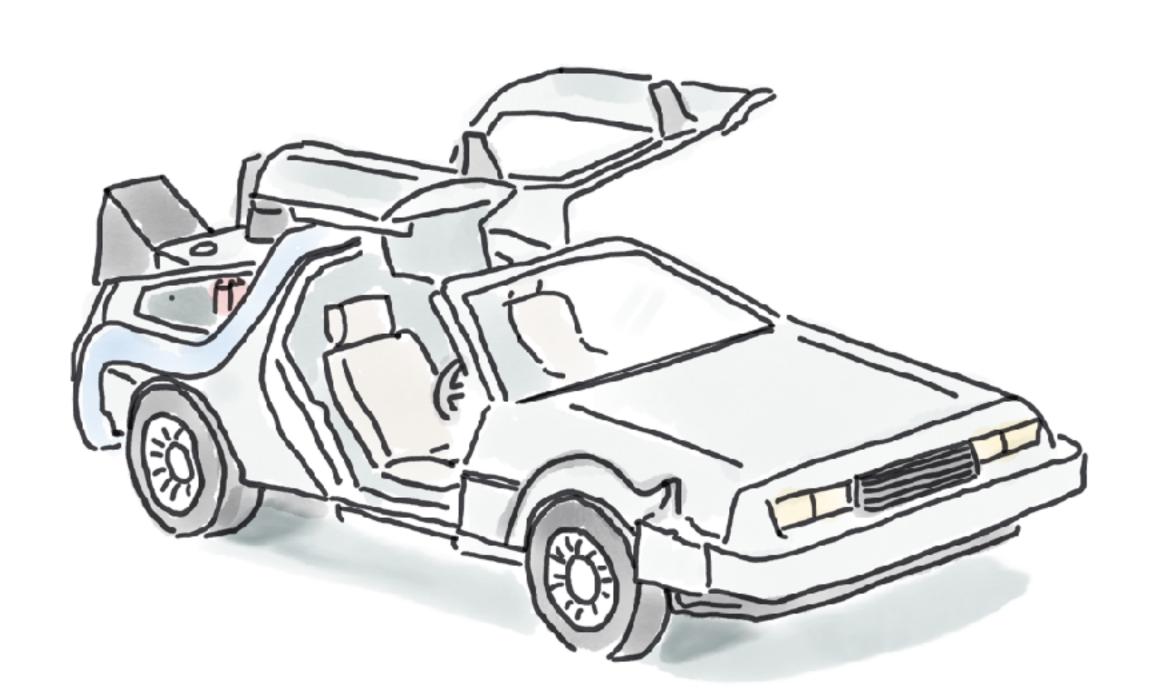
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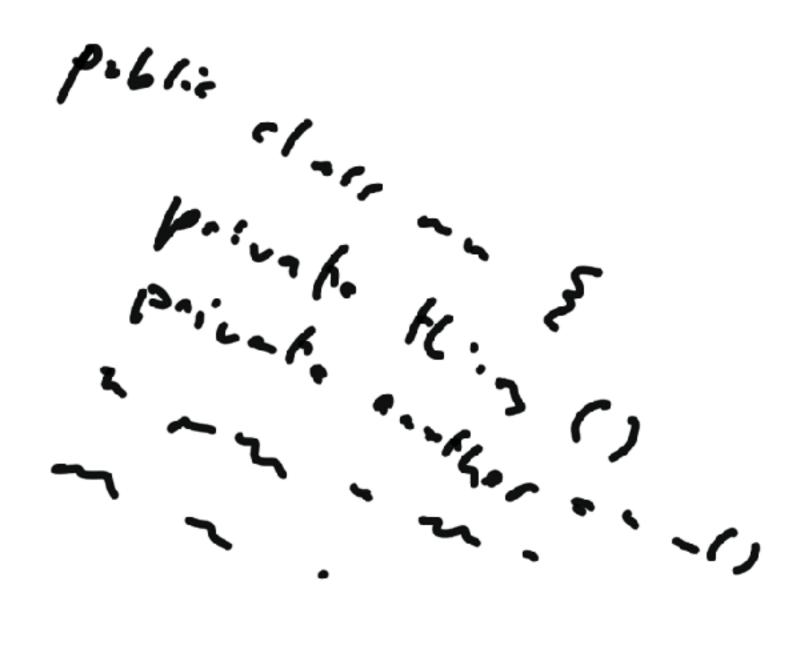
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### software:



high max transactions means **low** carbon per transaction



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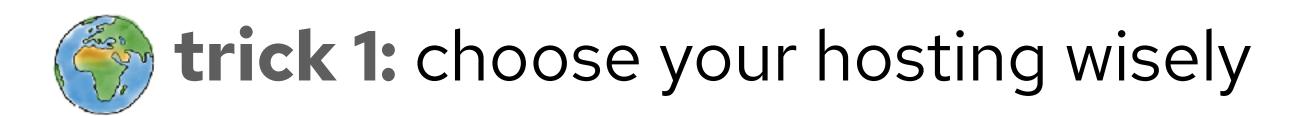




"this is not sacrifice. it's advancement."

– Dr. Jonathan Foley





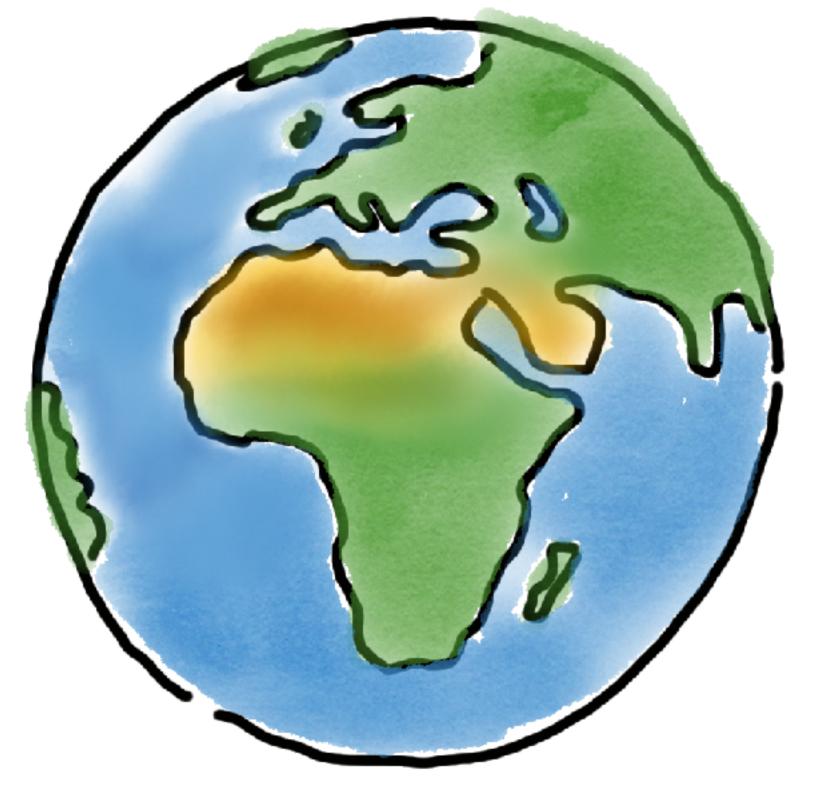


trick 2: architect to be able to turn stuff off (LightSwitchOps)



- trick 4: the economic model says cheaper is greener
- **trick 5:** choose a fast and energy-efficient framework, such as quarkus





we all make a difference

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