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Client Success in an Open Source World

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An unpredictable world

unpredictable usage = unpredictable challenges



A world of possibilities...

- Many business models
- Numerous verticals
- Varied system dependencies
- Different usage patterns
- Diverse markets
- Deployment preferences
- Ever evolving technology stack
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Client Success Strategy

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Keys to Proactive Client Success Management

Anticipate the need

- Know your industry
- Know the product strengths and stretches
- Know your Client's KPIs
- Know the Client Team
- Be familiar with marketplace & vendor solutions
- Review support tickets regularly
- Speak to prospects
- Speak to partners and vendors

Speaking regularly with your clients is the surest way to anticipate their needs



Keys to Proactive Client Success Management

Address the need

- Via product documentation
- Via industry or use case specific articles
- Influence product roadmap
- Lobby for patches within Support
- Put the use case to the test
- Communicate to Client pros/cons and recommendations

Look for scalable, repeatable solutions that will provide the widest reach



Keys to Proactive Client Success Management

Communicate the solution

- Determine Client profile for whom this information is relevant
- Communicate pros/cons and recommendations
- Step & Repeat... Build use case and solution into knowledgebase

If one client is asking, chances are many are wondering about it too



Staying ahead of the curve

Predicting merchant needs and vetting technologies



Strategic approach to emerging technologies

- Complementary to our tech stack or product
- Solve a known gap or enable desired extended capability
- Vendor solution has momentum in the technology community
- Low-Moderate learning curve
- High value proposition to our client pool
- Use case exists
- Use case can be easily put to the test
- Clear testing objectives
- No impact to the core of our product or roadmap
- Return on investment
- Vendor is interested in strategic partnership



AWS Aurora



Aurora: Amazon's own MySQL compatible innovation

The Markitechture:

- MySQL 5.6 compatible
- 5X throughput of MySQL 5.6
- Single digit milliseconds replica lag time
- No modifications required to MySQL apps
- Hot failover for up to 15 read replicas
- Self healing and fault tolerant storage
- DB storage auto scales to up to 64TB
- Easy to provision via AWS console



Aurora: a perfect fit for Magento 1.x (on paper)

The business case:

- Vendor commonly used by our large clientelle
- MySQL replication lag is an impediment to high availability deployments
- Multiple use cases of Magento deployments with read configuration
- Opportunity: Average reads/writes ratio of 70/30 in Magento
- AWS willing to invest to penetrate the Magento market

30% of Magento Enterprise merchants rely on AWS for hosting their Magento stores



Aurora claims confirmed during testing

Test results:

- 2X the **throughput** of MySQL per node: 20 rps (MySQL) vs. 40 rps (Aurora)
- Replica lag on Aurora is critically lower vs. Master-to-Slave MySQL configuration Aurora < 40-100ms vs. MySQL > .5 sec

Benchmarked on medium EC2 instance with 4 Aurora instances, Load balanced with HAPROXY



Aurora verdict

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Verdict:

- Aurora allows to efficiently scale read only database activity, avoid typical MySQL replica lag and provides high availability out of the box on Magento 1.x
- Magento 2.x testing in progress
- Technical Whitepaper in progress

Accelerating the evolution and adoption of Magento solutions



Key contributions

- Scalability innovation behind Magento 1.13
- NginX adoption
- Redis adoption
- New Relic
- Large catalogs, high volume sites
- Cloud deployment adoption
- Aurora RDS
- Security Monitoring service
- M1-M2 code migration tools



Q & A

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Thank you!



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