



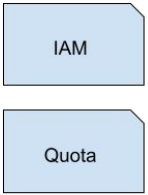
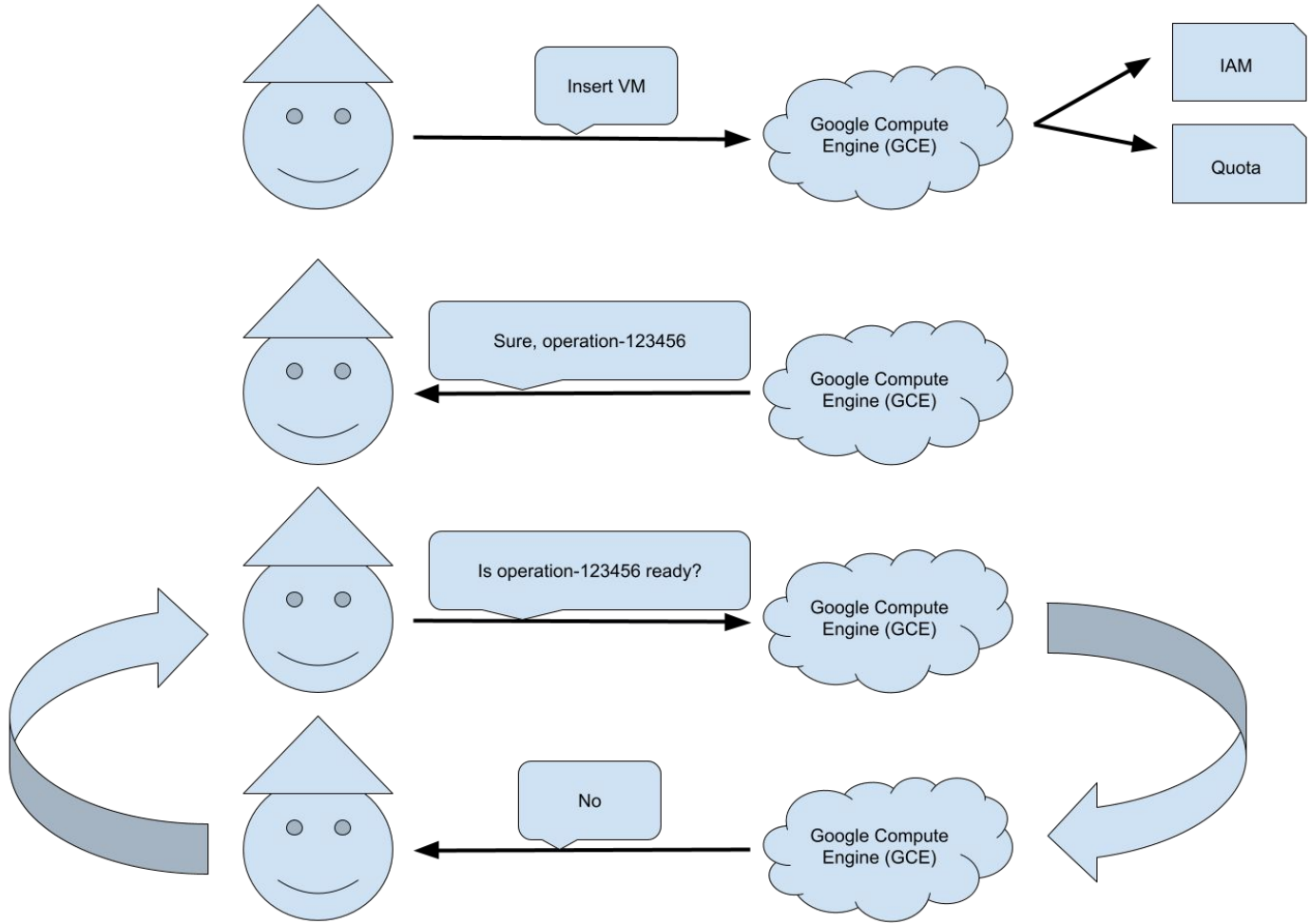
# Going from 30 to 30 million SLOs

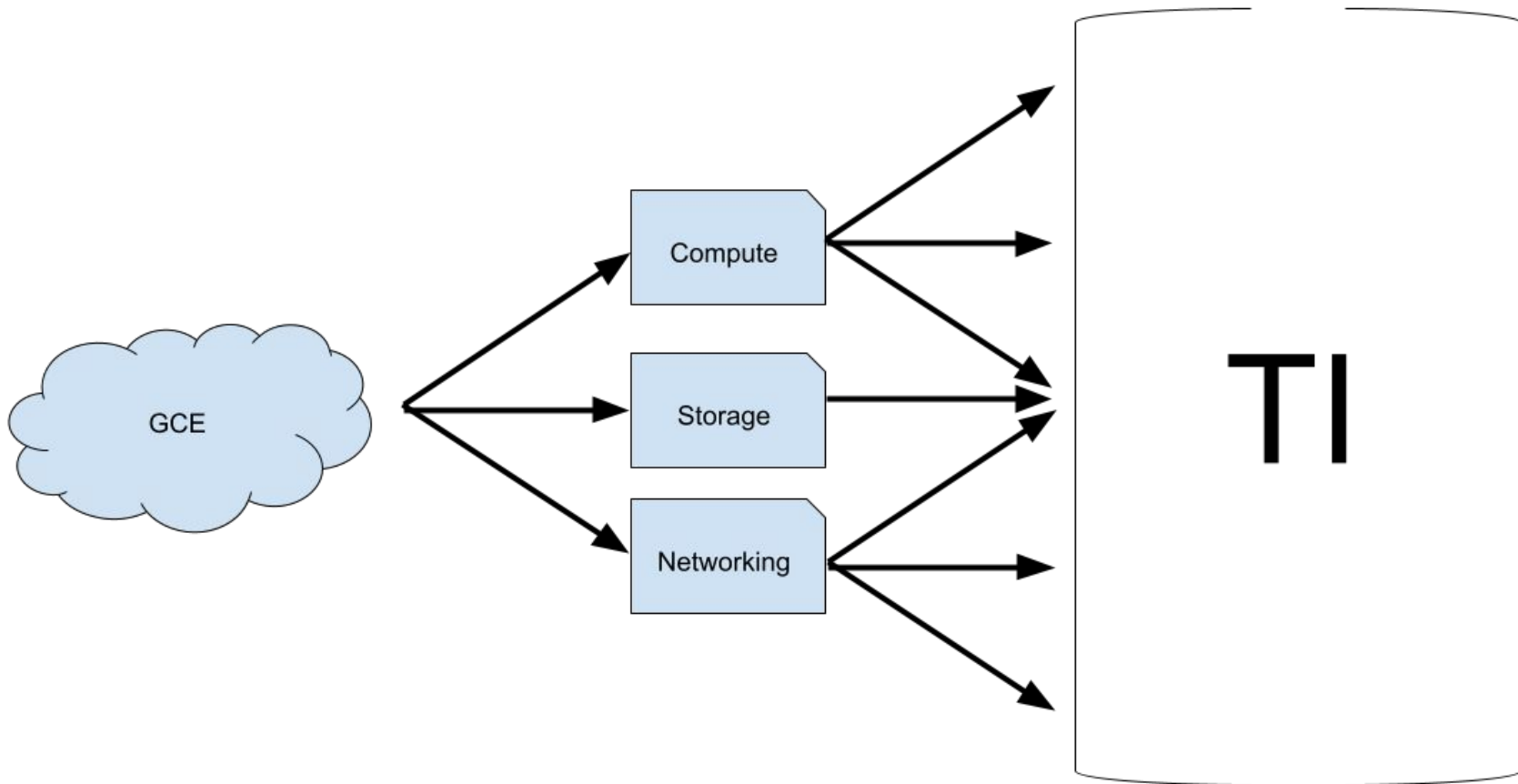
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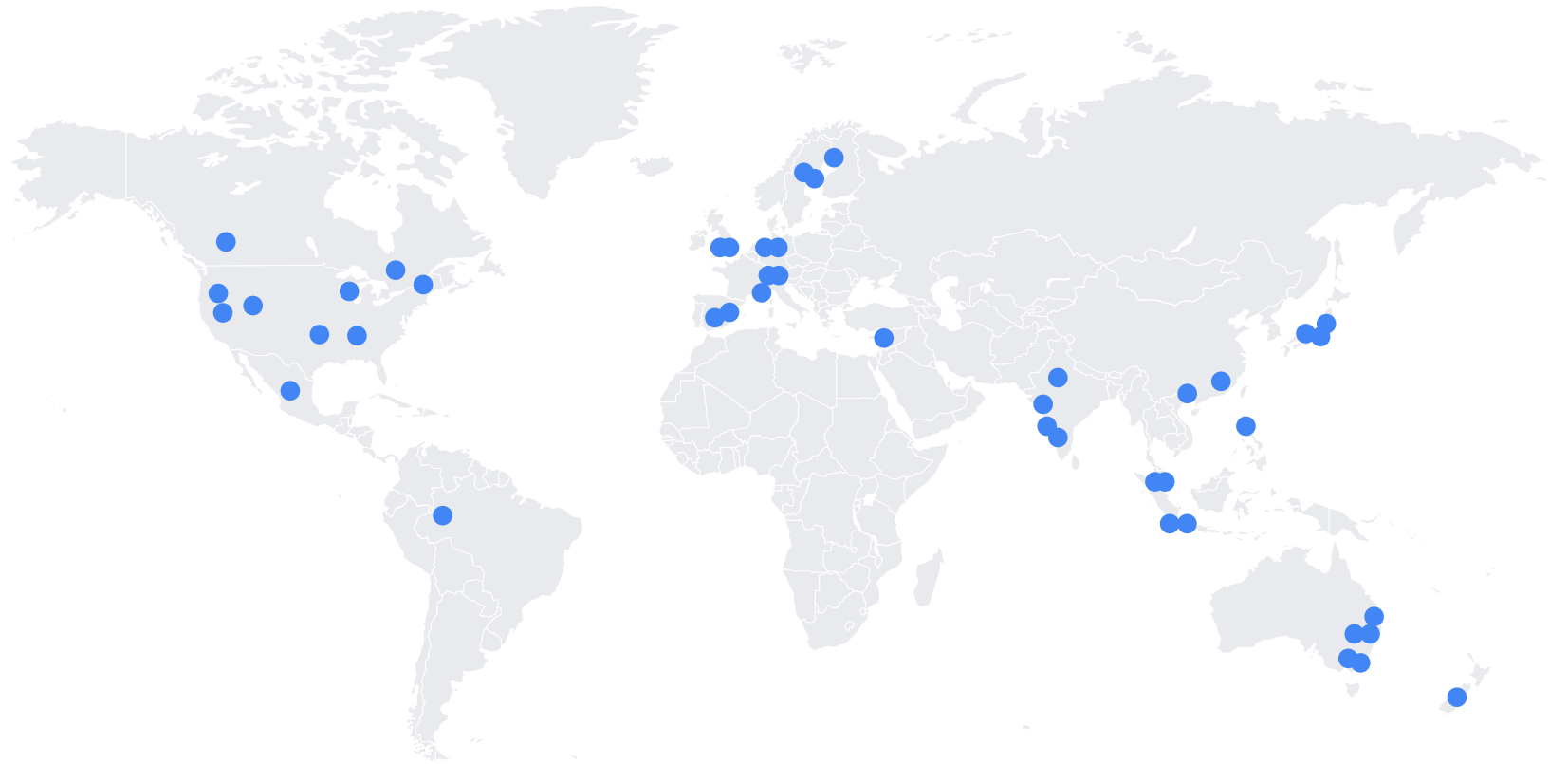
# GCE Control Plane

## Resources

- Instance
- Instance Group Manager
- Disk
- Snapshot
- Image
- Autoscaler
- Network
- Subnetwork
- Address
- Forwarding Rule
- Firewall
- ...

## Methods

- Insert
- Get
- List
- Aggregated List
- Delete
- Patch
- ...



Service Level **Indicator** (SLI)

Service Level **Objective** (SLO)

Service Level **Agreement** (SLA)

target availability = good requests / total requests

99.95% = 9,995 good requests / 10,000 requests

# Latency SLOs "tricks"

P90 compute.instances.get <= 10 seconds

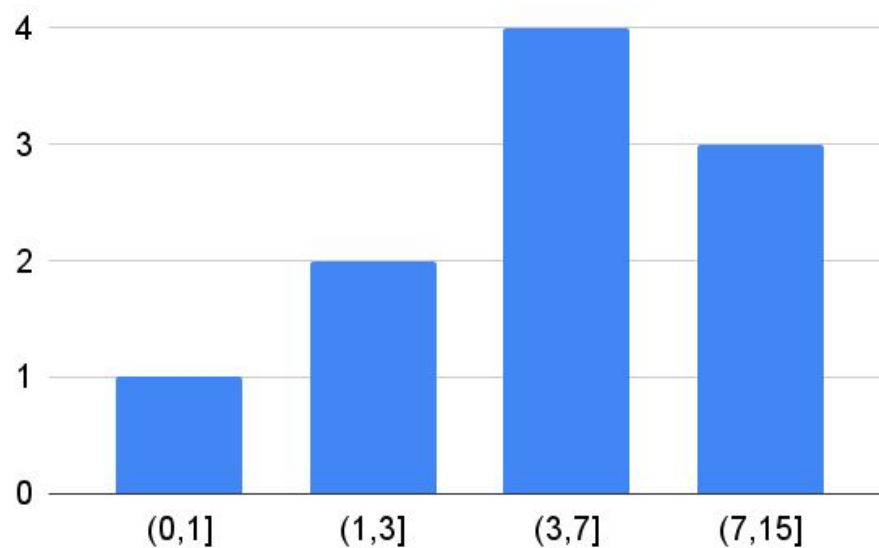
Request No	Latency Seconds	Percentile
1	1	P10
2	2	P20
3	3	P30
4	4	P40
5	5	P50
6	6	P60
7	7	P70
8	8	P80
9	9	P90



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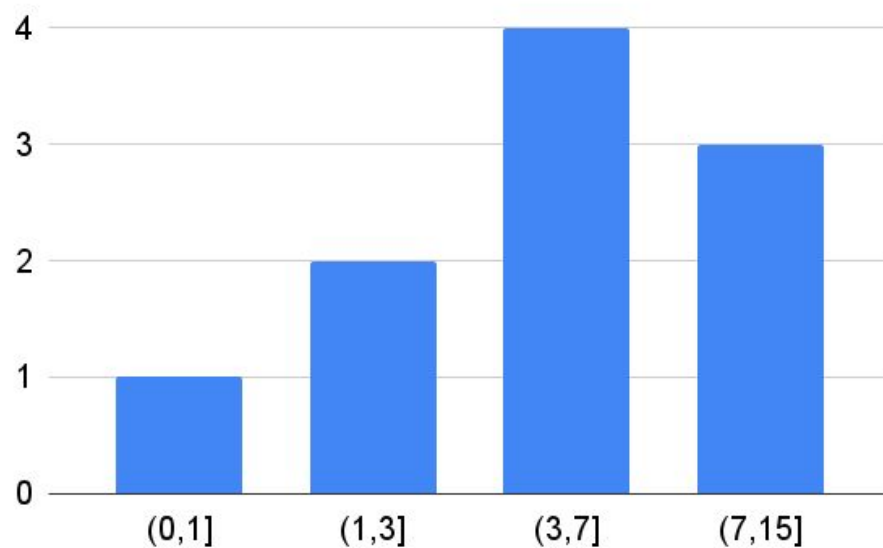
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target = fast requests / total requests

fast request is a request within target latency

For P90 set target to 90%

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8 / 9 = 88% "availability"

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9 / 9 = 100% "availability"

# Latency SLO tricks

API	Target P90
compute.instances.get	10s
compute.instances.list	30s
compute.instances.insert	60s

API	Latency	Status
compute.instances.get	5	✓
compute.instances.get	3	✓
compute.instances.get	9	✓
compute.instances.list	25	✓
compute.instances.insert	55	✓
compute.instances.insert	40	✓
compute.instances.get	15	✗
compute.instances.get	2	✓
compute.instances.get	4	✓
compute.instances.get	4	✓

9 / 10 = 90% "availability"

# The original ~30 SLOs

us-central1
availability
typical latency
tail latency

us-central1-a
availability
typical latency
tail latency

us-central1-b
availability
typical latency
tail latency

us-central1-c
availability
typical latency
tail latency

europa-west1
availability
typical latency
tail latency

europa-west1-a
availability
typical latency
tail latency

europa-west1-b
availability
typical latency
tail latency

europa-west1-c
availability
typical latency
tail latency

asia-east1
availability
typical latency
tail latency

asia-east1-a
availability
typical latency
tail latency

asia-east1-b
availability
typical latency
tail latency

asia-east1-c
availability
typical latency
tail latency



API	SLO	us-central1-a	us-central1-b	us-central1-c	us-central1-f	us-east1-b	us-east1-c	us-east1-d	europa-west1-b	europa-west1-c	europa-west1-d	us-west1-a	us-west1-b	us-west1-c	europa-west4-a	europa-west4-b	europa-west4-c	us-east4-a	us-east4-b	us-east4-c	europa-west3-a	europa-west3-b	europa-west3-c	europa-west2-a	europa-west2-b	europa-west2-c	asia-east1-a	asia-east1-b	asia-east1-c	asia-southeast1-a	..
compute.instanceGroupManagers.listManagedInstances	availability																														
compute.instanceGroupManagers.listManagedInstances	tail_latency																														
compute.instanceGroupManagers.listManagedInstances	typical_latency																														
compute.instanceGroupManagers.list	availability																														
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compute.instances.list	typical_latency																														
compute.disks.list	availability																														
compute.disks.list	tail_latency																														
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compute.instanceGroupManagers.get	availability																														
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...																															



# GCE Complexity Growth

## 2016

- 43 Resources
- 97 API methods
- 9 regions
- 20 zones

## 2021

- 81 Resources
- 423 API methods
- 33 regions
- 96 zones





They are huge. They are like a giant which lumbers around while you are a gnat. You are nothing to them.

This becomes obvious when talking about some problem you experienced at the hands of their system. The whole time, their dashboard stayed green because from their point of view, they had tremendous availability. We're talking 99.999% here! Totally legit!



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Meanwhile, you were having a really bad day. Nothing was working. Your business was in shambles. Your customers were at your throat yelling for action, and all you could do is point at the vendor. What happened?

Well, this is the point where you find out that their "99.999%" availability is for their entire system. They see that, and they're good. It's not a problem! Everything is fine.

You are the bug on the windscreen of the locomotive. The train has no idea you were ever there.



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Million times this.

Its shocking how "elevated rate of errors for specific endpoint" in your cloud provider status page is actually amplified to be a soft-outage of your product when your writes to disk never return, your databases returning inconsistent data or your orchestration taking some drastic measures for the failing health check.

When you have a lot of components in your cloud mix, failure of one stage(network->balancing->quering->rendering->persistence) bring everything down.

if 10 of your cloud services each have a reliability of 99.999, all together the reliability is not 99.999.

cloud providers can claim mountain-high availability whereas users will never get their apps running with advertised reliability for now there is multiple subcomponents that can fail.





# 99.95% reliability

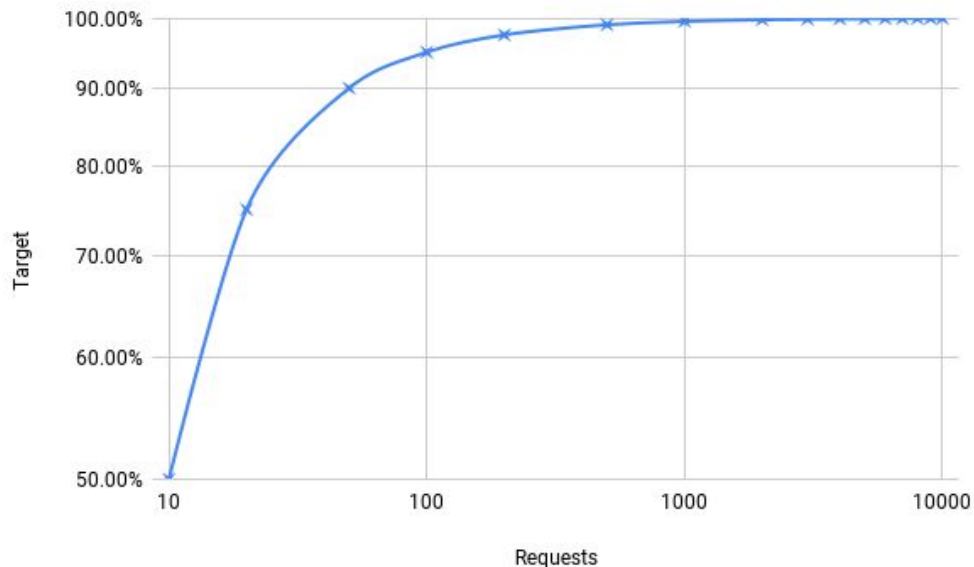
10,000 requests - 5 errors

20,000 requests - 10 errors

40,000 requests - 20 errors

1,000 requests - 1 error

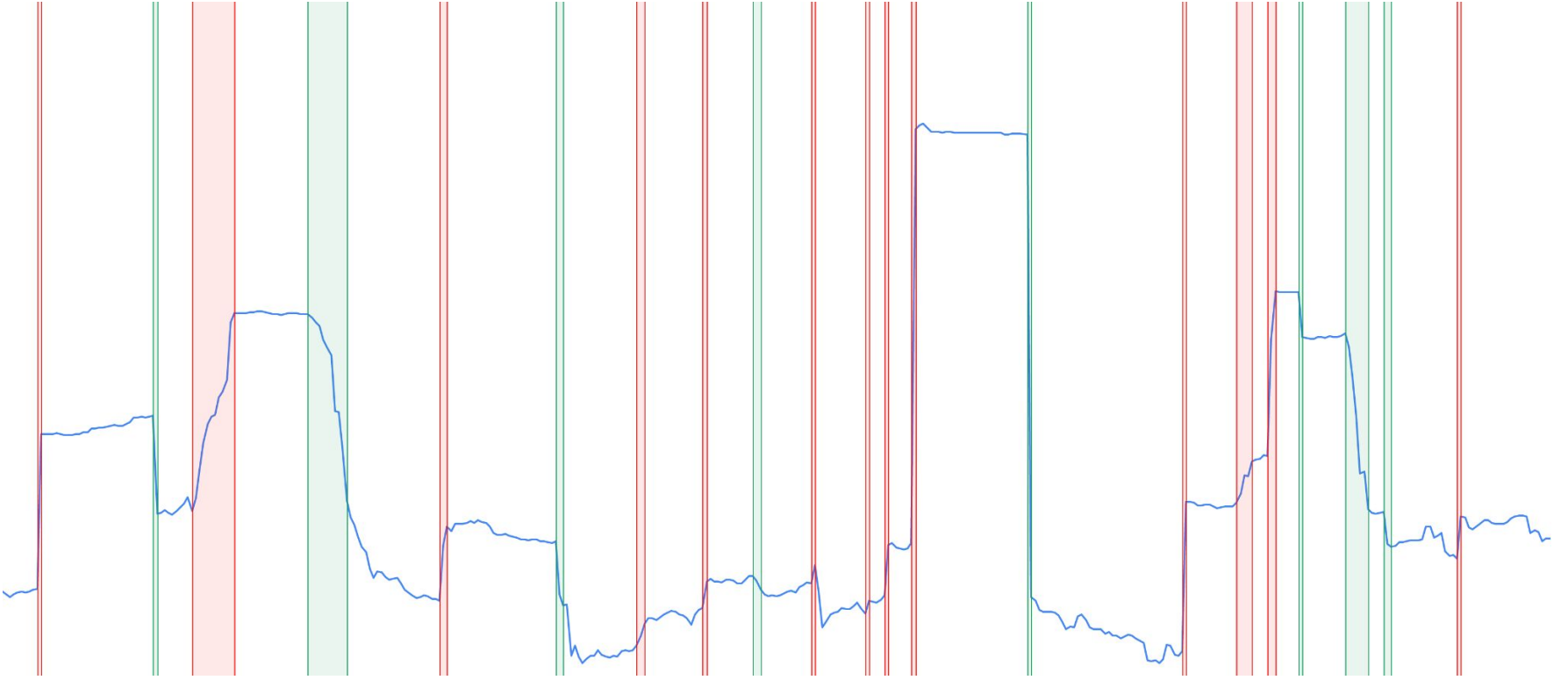
# The rule of 5 errors



Requests	Actual errors	Target	Errors	Success
10	50.00%	50.00%	5	5
20	25.00%	75.00%	5	15
50	10.00%	90.00%	5	45
100	5.00%	95.00%	5	95
200	2.50%	97.50%	5	195
500	1.00%	99.00%	5	495
1000	0.50%	99.50%	5	995
2000	0.25%	99.75%	5	1995
3000	0.17%	99.83%	5	2995
4000	0.13%	99.88%	5	3995
5000	0.10%	99.90%	5	4995
6000	0.08%	99.92%	5	5995
7000	0.07%	99.93%	5	6995
8000	0.06%	99.94%	5	7995
9000	0.06%	99.94%	5	8995
10000	0.05%	99.95%	5	9995



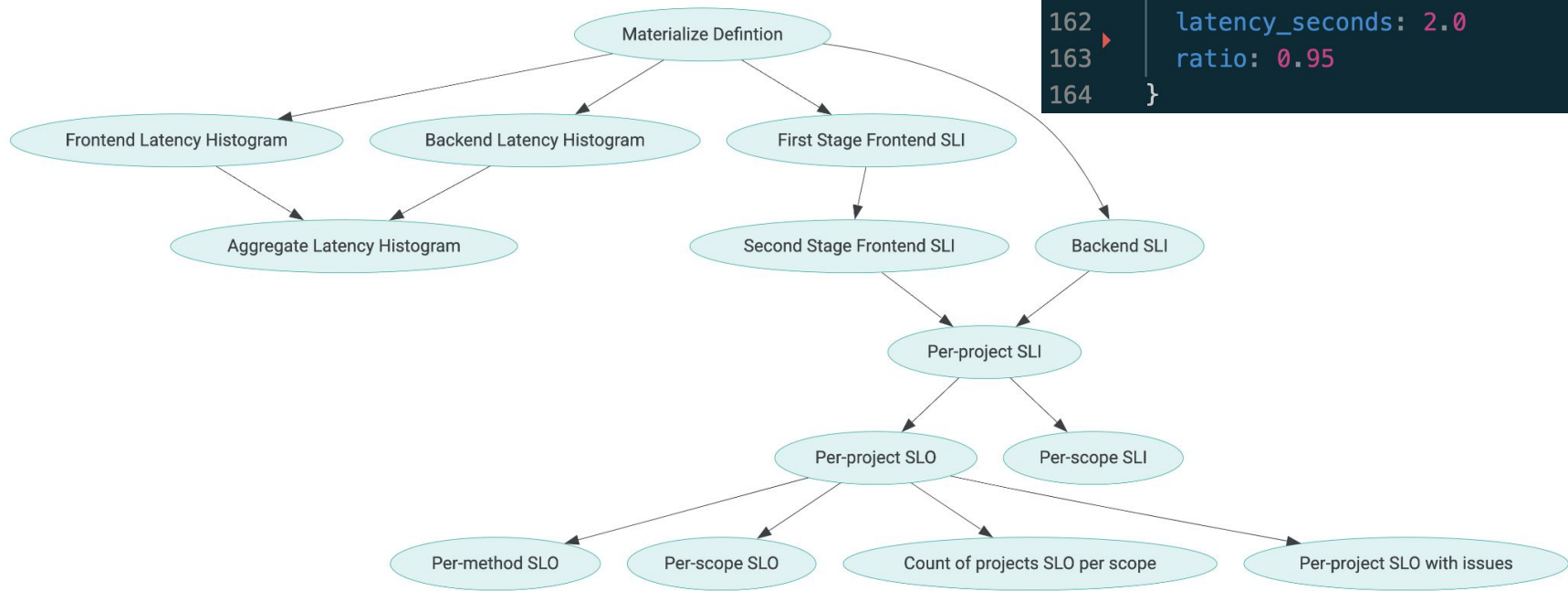
Projects Out of SLO



Time



```
155  √ slo {  
156      api_method: "compute.addresses.delete"  
157      slo_target: "tail_latency"  
158      slo_type: HTTP  
159      tag: "OWNER_NETWORKING"  
160      maturity: LIVE  
161      strategy: LOG_AND_REALTIME_ALERTS  
162      latency_seconds: 2.0  
163      ratio: 0.95  
164  }
```





## Worst SLOs for which we burnt the budget and we don't have a bug

Scope Type	Scope Name	Api Method	Slo Type	Slo Target	Ratio Of Slo Used	Window Length Days	Bad Requests	Total Requests	Out Of Slo Projects	SLO Link
region	us-central1	compute.regionInstances.recommendLocations	http	availability	2.18	30	18,000	16,000,000	502	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>
zone	us-central1-a	compute.instances.insert	operation	availability_n1	4.02	30	110,000	40,000,000	323	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>
global	global	compute.projects.setCommonInstanceMetadata	http	availability	1.08	30	7,000	13,000,000	312	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>
global	global	compute.networks.addPeering	http	availability	1.14	30	10,000	16,000,000	303	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>
zone	us-central1-f	compute.instances.getShieldedVmIdentity	http	availability	1.29	30	10,000	12,000,000	288	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>
region	us-west1	compute.regionInstanceGroupManagers.insert	http	availability	1.45	30	2,000	2,800,000	175	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>

## Worst SLOs for which we are still in budget, but a lot of projects are not

Scope Type	Scope Name	Api Method	Slo Type	Slo Target	Ratio Of Slo Used	Window Length Days	Bad Requests	Total Requests	Out Of Slo Projects	SLO Link
zone	us-central1-a	compute.instanceGroupManagers.get	http	availability	0.21	30	1,400	2,000,000	289	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>
zone	us-central1-b	compute.instances.insert	operation	availability_n1	0.15	30	4,000	23,000,000	286	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>
zone	us-central1-a	compute.instances.get	http	availability	0.18	30	40,000,000	100,000,000	219	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>
region	us-central1	compute.addresses.insert	http	availability	0.46	30	10,000,000	30,000,000	204	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>
zone	us-central1-a	compute.instanceGroupManagers.list	http	availability	0.17	30	1,000,000	100,000,000	204	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>
global	global	compute.autoscalers.aggregatedList	http	availability	0.16	30	4,000	2,000,000,000	180	<a href="#">Drilldown...</a>

## Worst offending bugs

Out Of Slo Projects	Bug Link	Api Method	Slo Type	Slo Target	Out of Slo Scopes
804	<a href="#">204726573</a>	compute.instances.getGuestAttributes	http	availability	120
198	<a href="#">187519918</a>	compute.disks.insert	http	availability	120
184	<a href="#">185914369</a>	compute.instances.attachDisk	http	availability	120
136	<a href="#">174667773</a>	compute.forwardingRules.insert	http	availability	40
131	<a href="#">185914369</a>	compute.instances.detachDisk	http	availability	120

Thank you!