

Introduction To Web Performance



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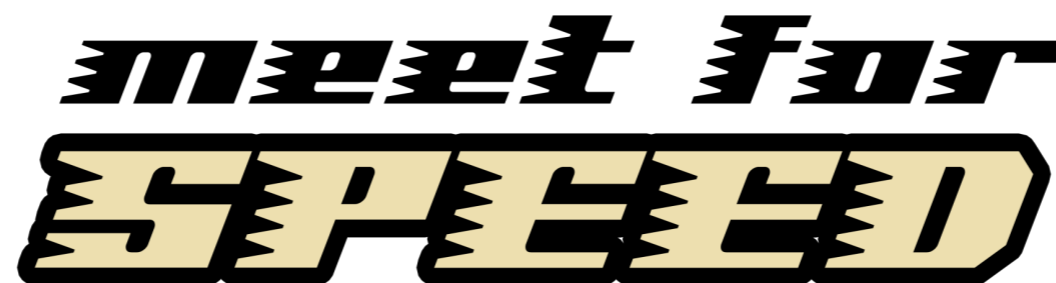
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NY Web Performance Meetup



~925 members



What is Web Performance?

Performance is **how fast**

your site works for **each end user**

Update your SLAs

NOT how many users it can serve (Scalability)

NOT how often it's **down** (Reliability)

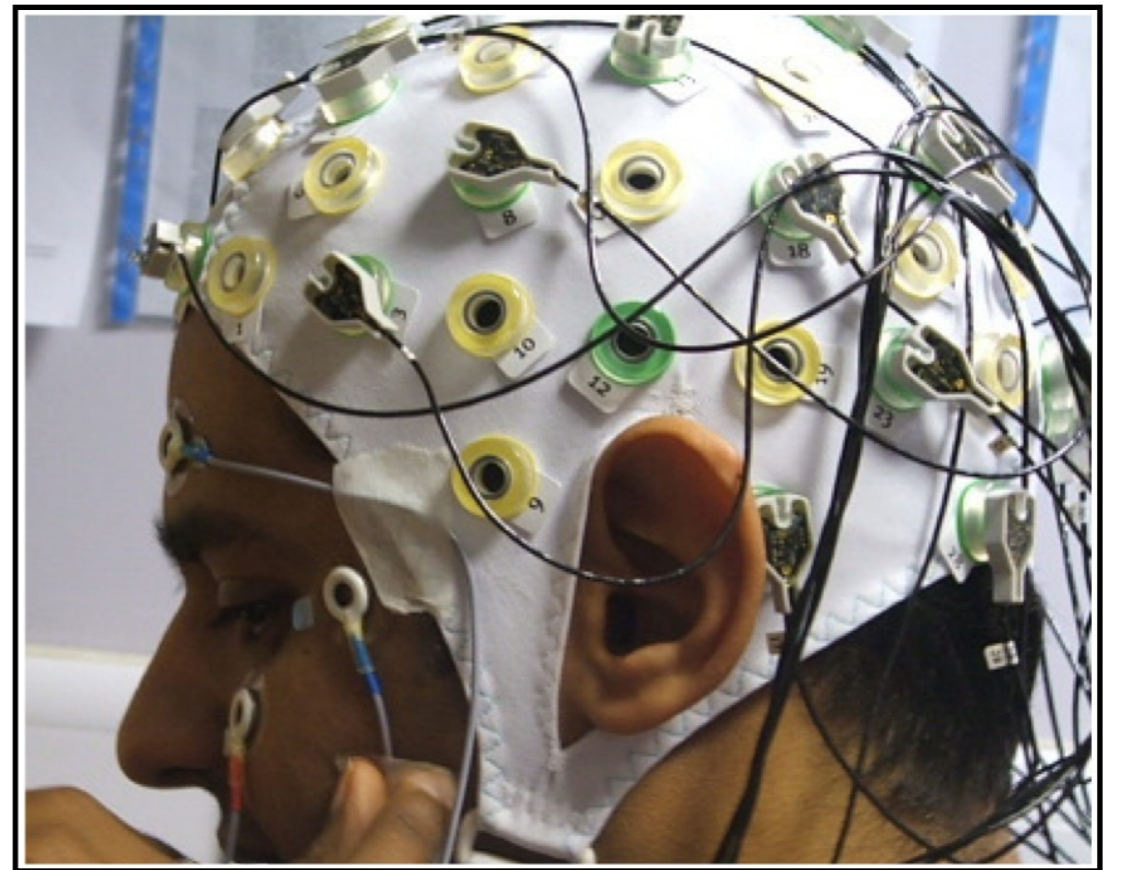
Why Web Performance?

User experience

"participants had to concentrate up to 50% more"

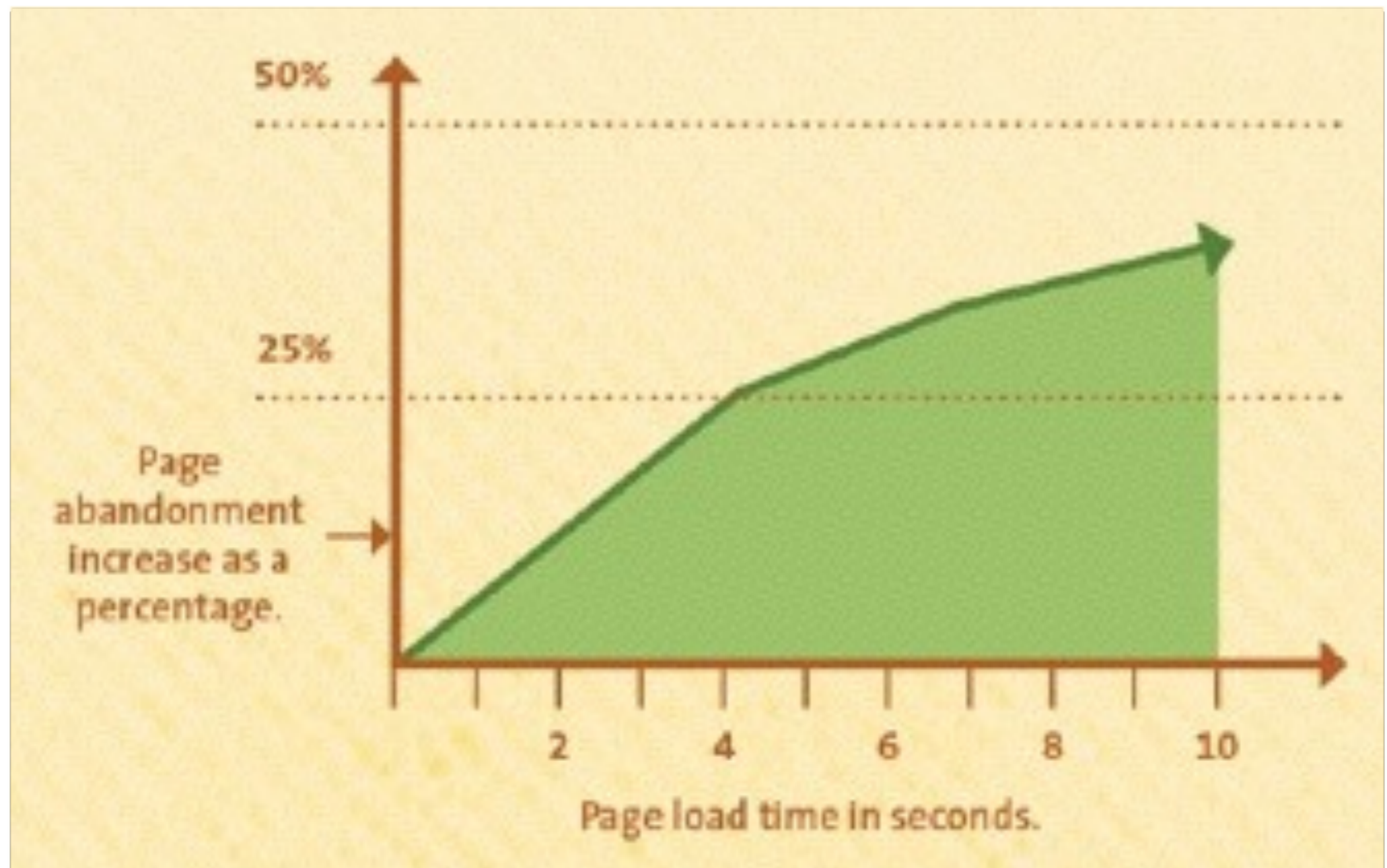
"greater agitation and stress"

"40% will go to a rival web site, 37% will abandon"



Web user connected to EEG

Abandonment Rate



How Loading Time Affects Your Bottom Line. KISSmetrics
<http://blog.kissmetrics.com/loading-time/>

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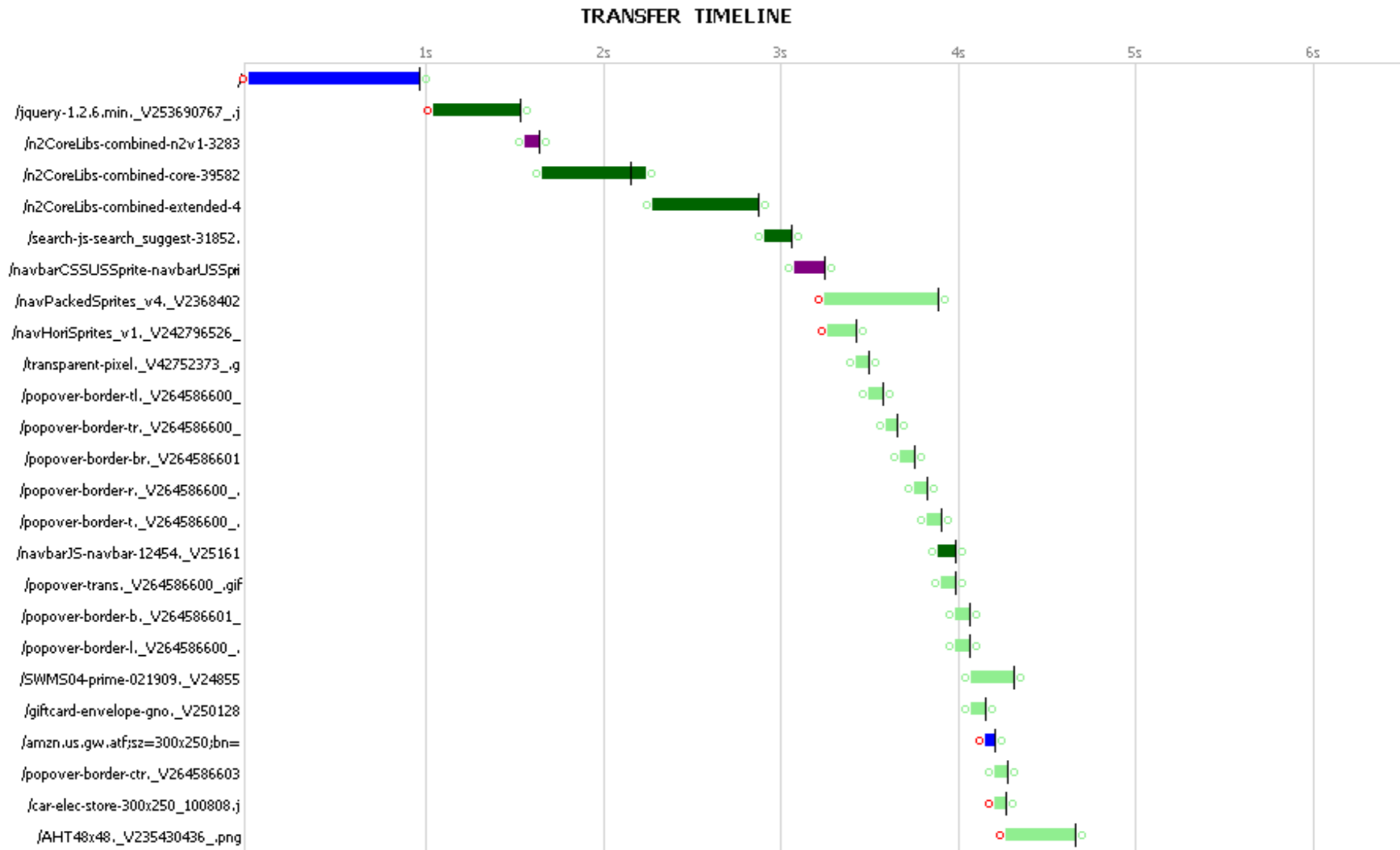
\$\$\$ Money \$\$\$

- Shopzilla **+7-12%** conversions!
-50% operation costs
- **+15%** (+60M) downloads for Firefox.
(-1 sec => +2.7% downloads)
- Slowness is sticky (Google and Microsoft)
- **SEO:** Google uses site's speed in ranking



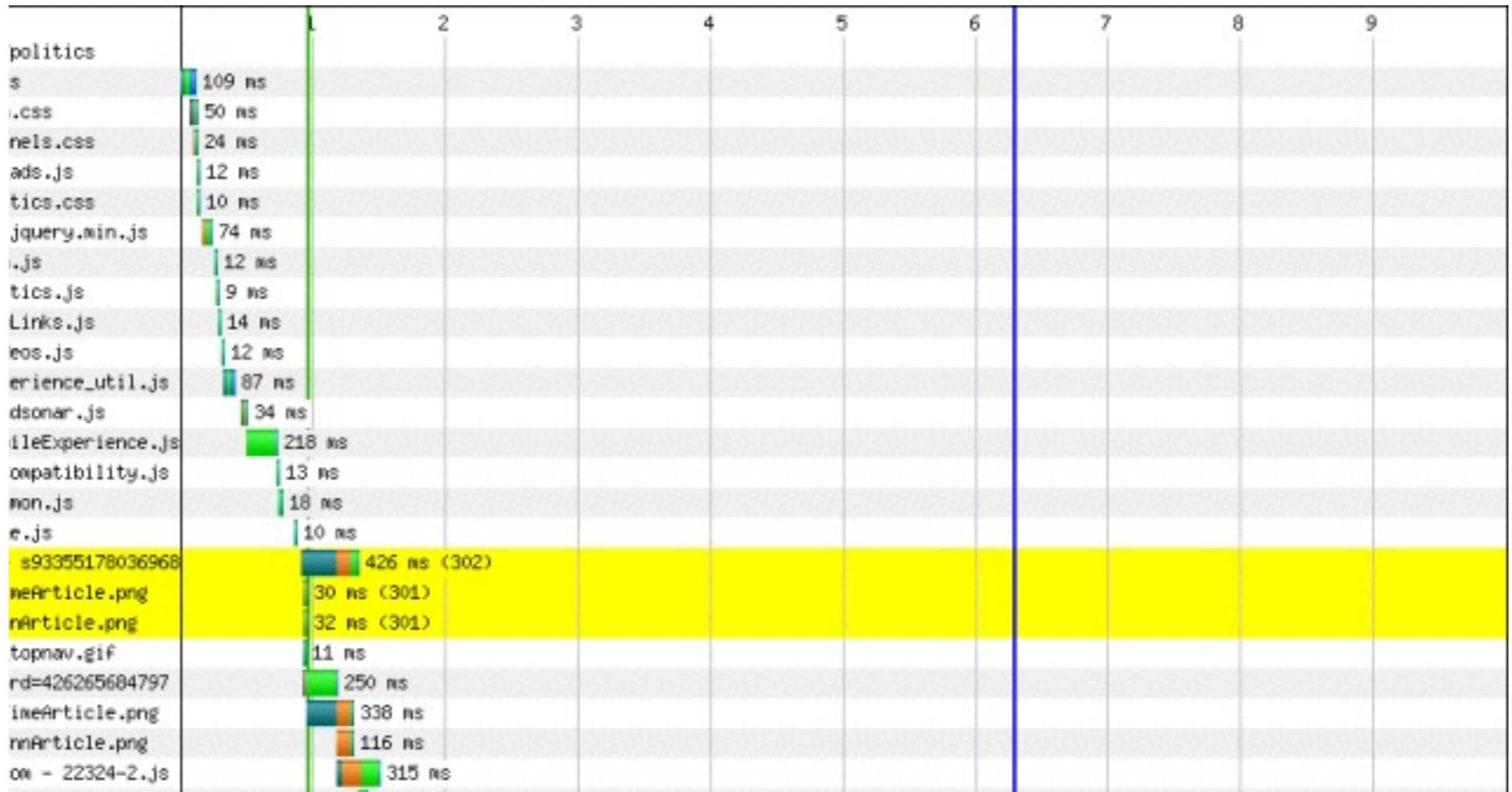
Where to look?

88 requests, **6.344s** only **0.968s** on backend = **just 15%**



Where? Front end!

151 requests, 6.3s, only 0.1s on backend - **less than 2%**



Page Statistics

2003

2009

Size:

93.7K

507K

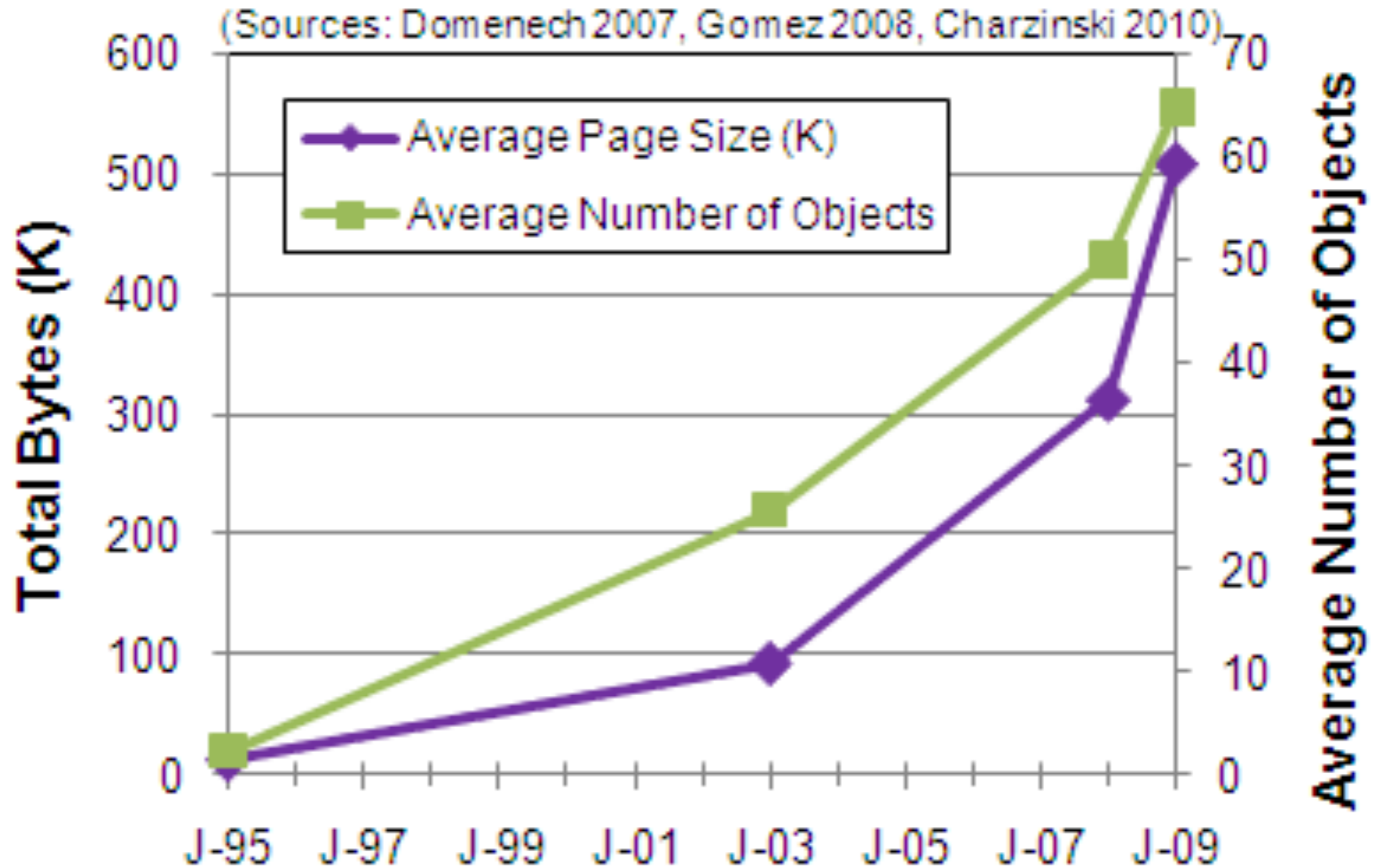
Objects:

25.7

64.7

*Average Web Page Size Quintuples Since 2003
Andrew King (websiteoptimization.com)*

Growth of Average Web Page Size and Number of Objects



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Page Statistics

- Load Time: **+0.533 s**
- Time to first byte: +0.117 s
- Time to start render: +0.179 s
- Page Size: **+48 KB**
- Requests: +4
- Connections: +1
- DNS Lookups: +1

in 1 year
2009-2010

What to **work on**?

Back-end

- Cache subsystem & data lifetime policies
- Web farm setup & web server configuration
- Build ("compilation") processes
- (SQL) query optimization for real-time data

What to **work on**?

Front-end

- JavaScript deferral (3rd party and own code)
- Utilizing browser cache
- Payload reduction (fewer & smaller requests)
- Progressive enhancement

