

RabbitMQ Performance and Scalability Analysis

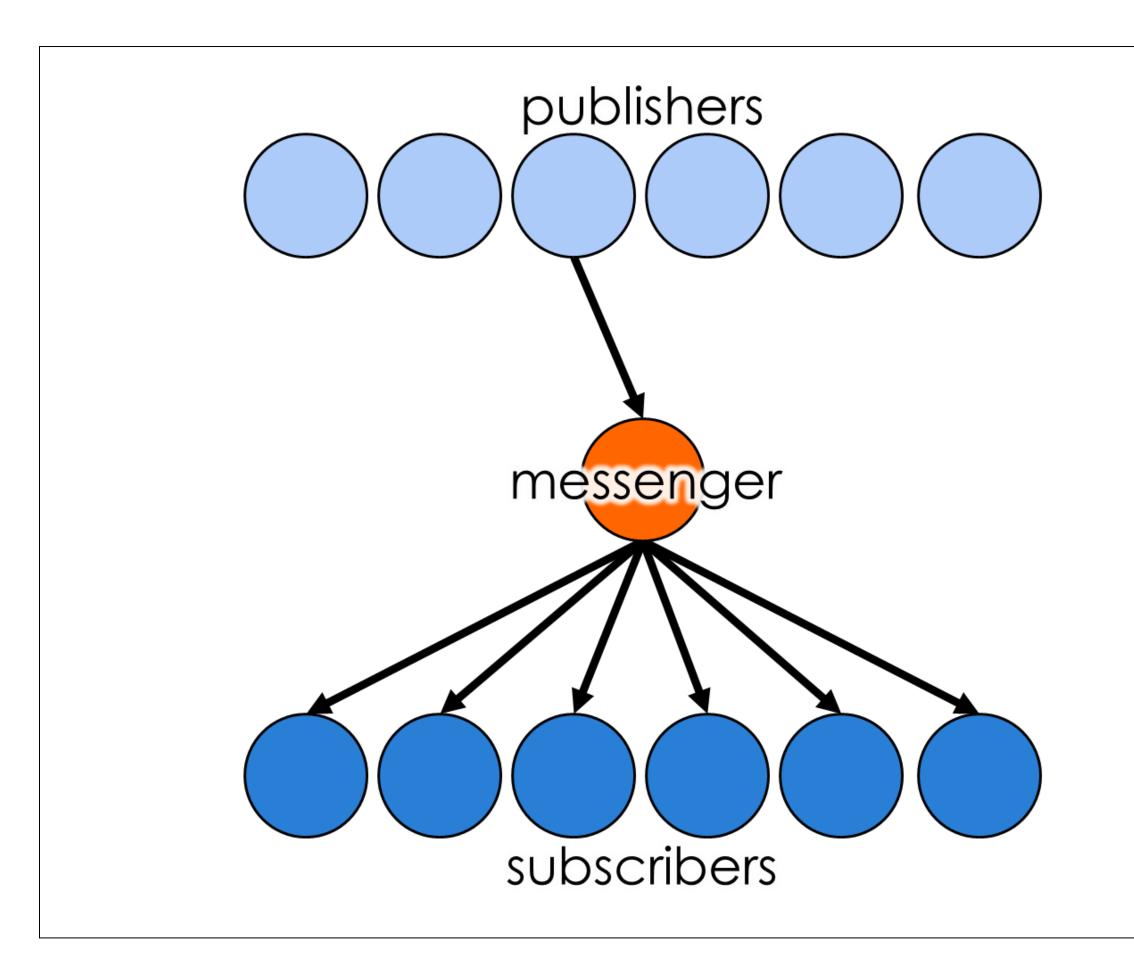


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Background

What is RabbitMQ?

- Application messenger
- Based on publish-subscribe model
 - Content creators (publishers) send content to RabbitMQ messengers
 - Messengers distribute content to content readers (subscribers)
 - Advantages:
 - No polling
 - Publishers abstracted from subscribers
 - Publishers not overloaded with pushing data

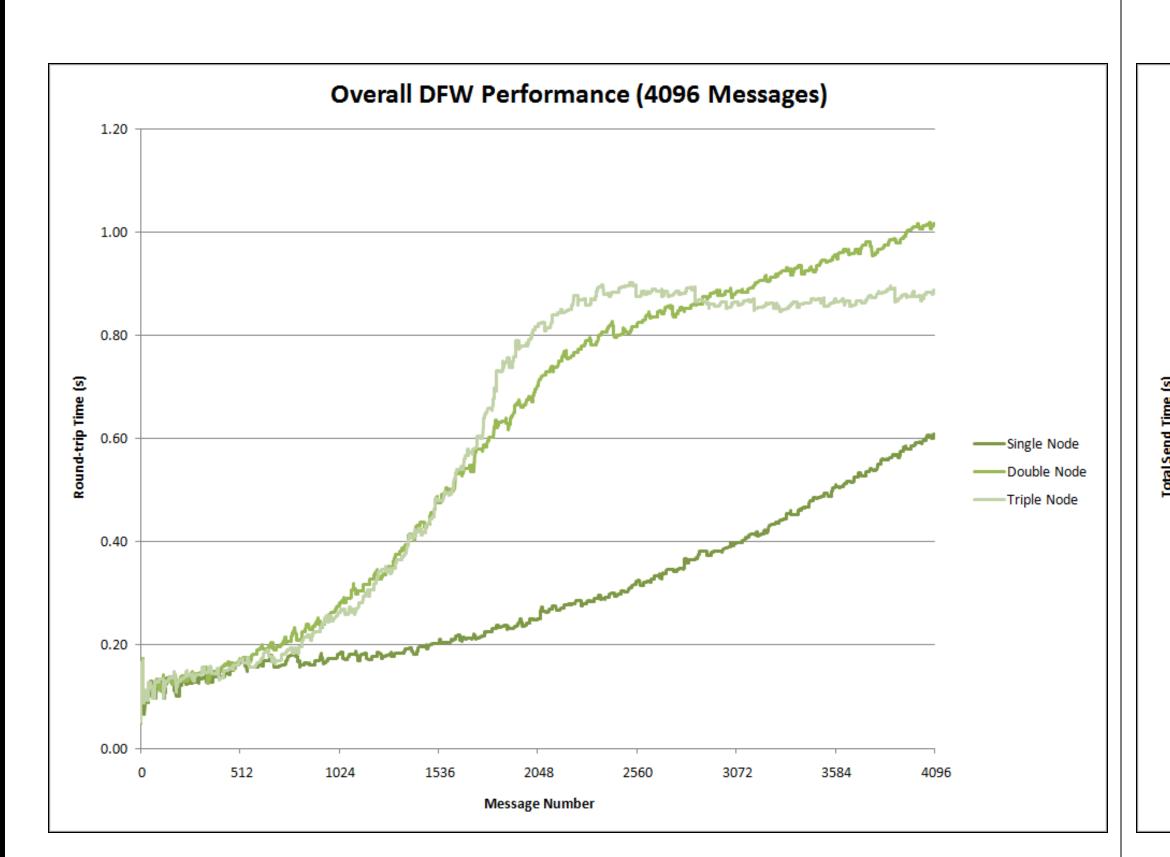


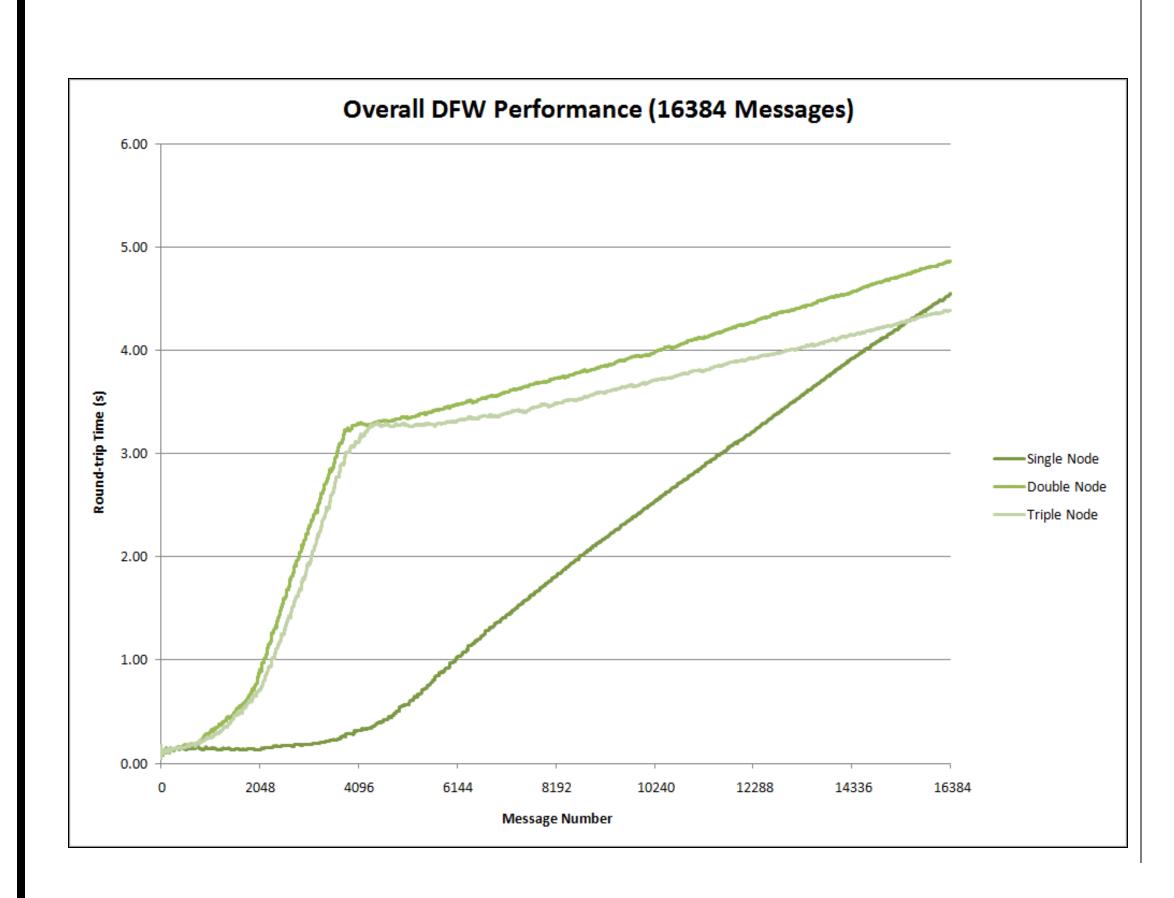
Motivation

- Rackspace looking for scalable messaging architecture
 - Purposed for distributed system messaging backbone within data centers
- Determining the scalability of RabbitMQ can open up more options for its usage in largescale applications

Single Publisher, Single Subscriber

- Process
- Tested with 1KB messages
- Graphed round-trip times for each message
- Used 4K and 16K message sets with clusters of 1-3 nodes in Dallas/Fort Worth data center
- Results
 - Multi-node clusters initially perform worse than single-node clusters, but showed smaller slopes after receiving all messages





Multiple Publishers, Single Subscriber

Results

Process

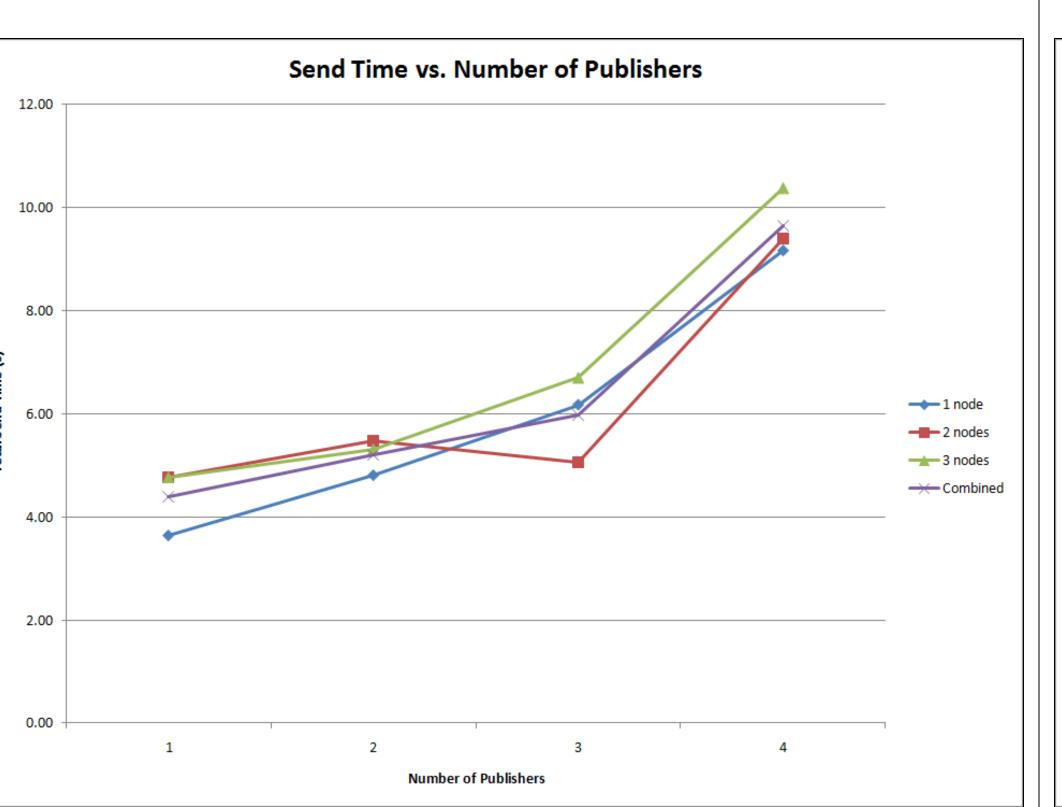
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- Graphed times to send all messages from 1-4 publishers
- Used 16K message sets with clusters of 1-3 nodes in Dallas/Fort Worth data center

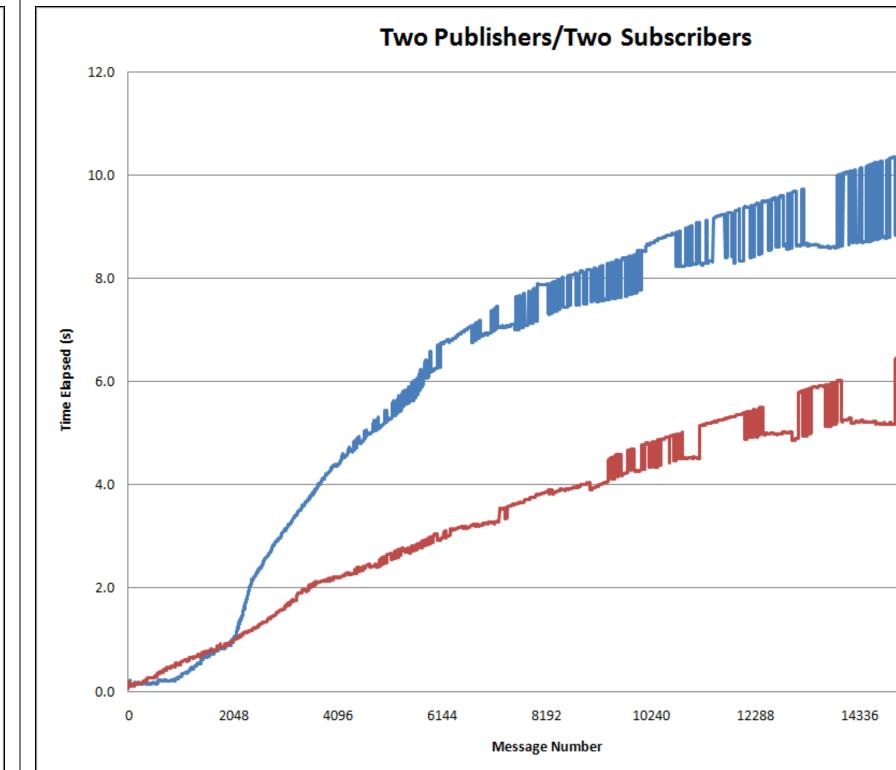
Results

- Uniform scaling from 1 to 4 publishers
- No noticeable impact for number of nodes in the cluster

Multiple Publishers, Multiple Subscribers

- Process
 - Tested with 1KB messages
 - Graphed round-trip times for each message
 - Used 16K message sets with clusters of 1-3 nodes in Dallas/Fort Worth data center
 - Each publisher sent messages to a different node
- Results
 - Increasing publishers and subscribers puts highest strain on head node
 - Some messages may be received out of order
 Exchange vs. queue





Single Publisher, Multiple Subscribers

Plan

- Tested with 1KB messages
- Graphed times to receive all messages in 1-4 subscribers
- Used 8-2K message sets (in powers of 2) with clusters of 1-3 nodes in Dallas/Fort Worth data center
- Results
 - Ended up scrapping this test due to complications with uneven message distribution

