

"Caching-In" for SharePoint Performance

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purposes!*



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Session Overview

- Caching 101
- Understanding each of SharePoint's platform caching options
- How to leverage and control caching
- Scenarios quiz
- Q & A

Why I care about caching

okay ...

Why I



catching

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Averaging (at peak) 1,000 requests/second into IIS

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Supported initially with just 2 web front ends (WFEs). Eventually moved to 4 WFEs for growth.

... and finally

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I got sick AND
tired of hearing some
people complain that
SharePoint didn't scale!!!

So, what is caching?

Webster's
New World[™]
Dictionary



Third College Edition

cacao butter COCOA BUTTER

cac·cia·to|re (kā'chə tōr'ē) *adj.* [[It, lit., hunter < pp. of *cacciare*, to hunt, chase < VL **captiare*, to CATCH]] cooked in a casserole with olive oil and tomatoes, onions, spices, wine, etc. [*chicken cacciatore*]

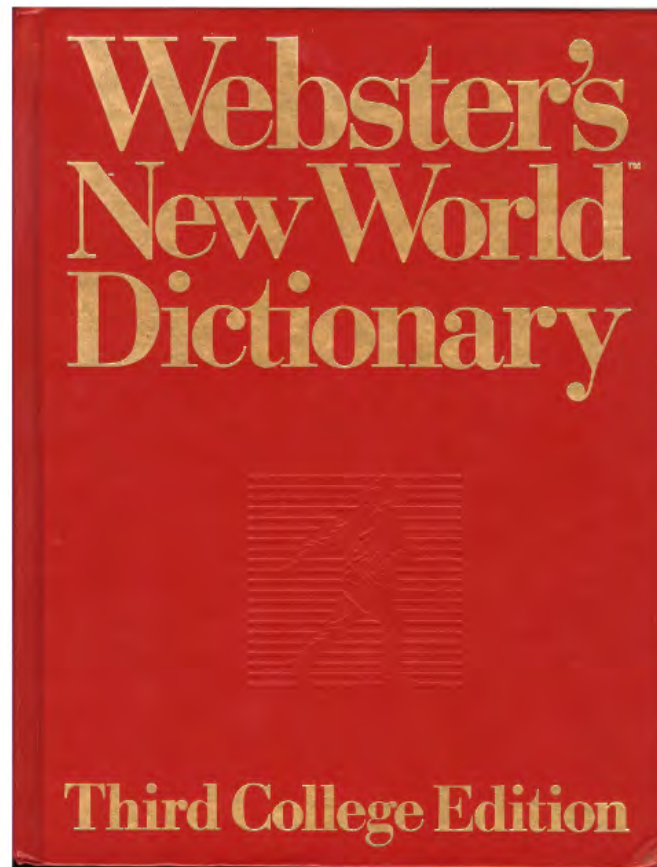
cach|a·lot (kash'ə lät', -lō') *n.* [[Fr < Sp *cachalote* < colloq. Port *cachola*, head]] SPERM WHALE

cache (kash) *n.* [[Fr < *cache*, conceal < VL **coacticare*, store up, collect, compress < L *coactare*, constrain < *coactus*, pp. of *cogere*, to collect: see COGENT]] **1 a place in which stores of food, supplies, etc. are hidden, as by explorers or trappers** **2** a safe place for hiding or storing things **3** anything stored or hidden in such a place —*vt.* **cached, cach'ing** to hide or store in a cache —**SYN.** HIDE¹

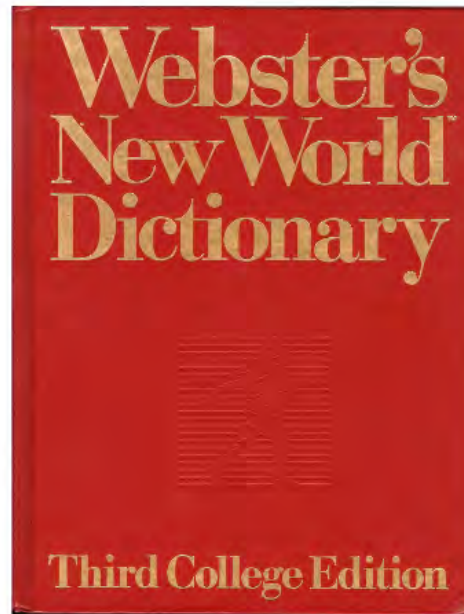
cache·pot (kash'pät, -pō') *n.* [[Fr < *cache*, to hide (see prec.) + *pot*, POT¹]] a decorative pot, jar, etc., used esp. for holding potted house plants Also **cache pot**

cache·sexe (kāsh'seks') *n.* [[Fr < *cache*, to hide (see CACHE) + *sexe*, sex]] a small cloth or band worn, as by an otherwise nude dancer, to conceal the genitals

ca·chet (ka shā', kash'ā) *n.* [[Fr < *cache*: see CACHE]] **1** a seal or stamp on an official letter or document: see also LETTRE DE CACHET **2** any sign of official approval **3 a)** a mark or sign showing some



Ok, so this is the dictionary I took to college ... AND THAT WAS OVER 25 YEARS AGO.



Ok, so this is the dictionary
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Clearly a more contextually
appropriate definition is needed

Cache:
what is it?

disk-based caching

in-memory cache

virtual memory

ICP

page output cache

Web Part
caching

post-cache substitution

Cache:

what is it? App Fabric

HTCP

Distributed Cache CARP

browser cache

Office viewing service cache

buffer

cacheability headers

object cache

BLOB cache

fragment caching



A temporary storage area where data that is computationally expensive or slow to fetch can be placed for faster access



Option 1: Place data on a faster medium



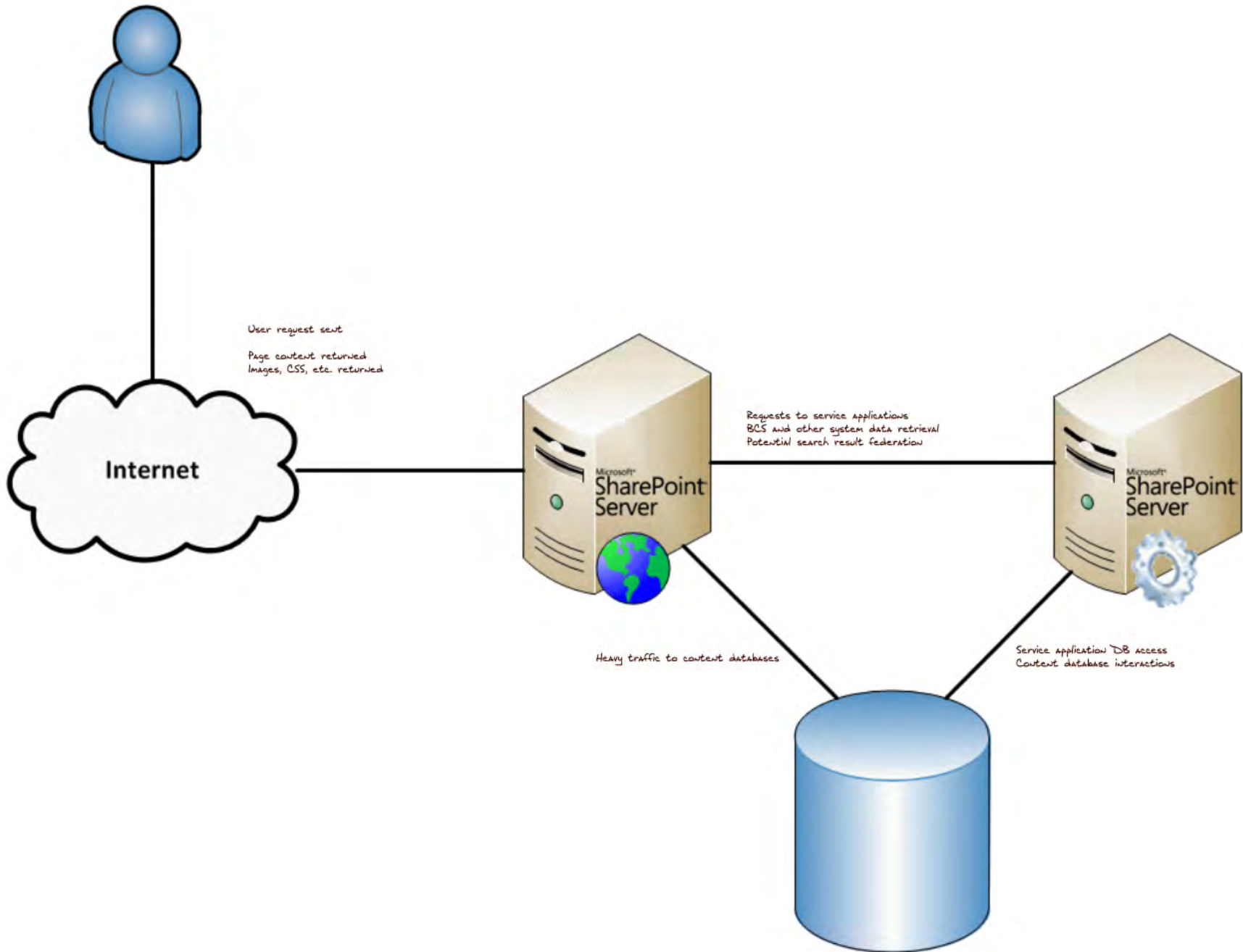


Option 2:
place data
closer to the
point of usage



Why?

or at least "why for SharePoint?"



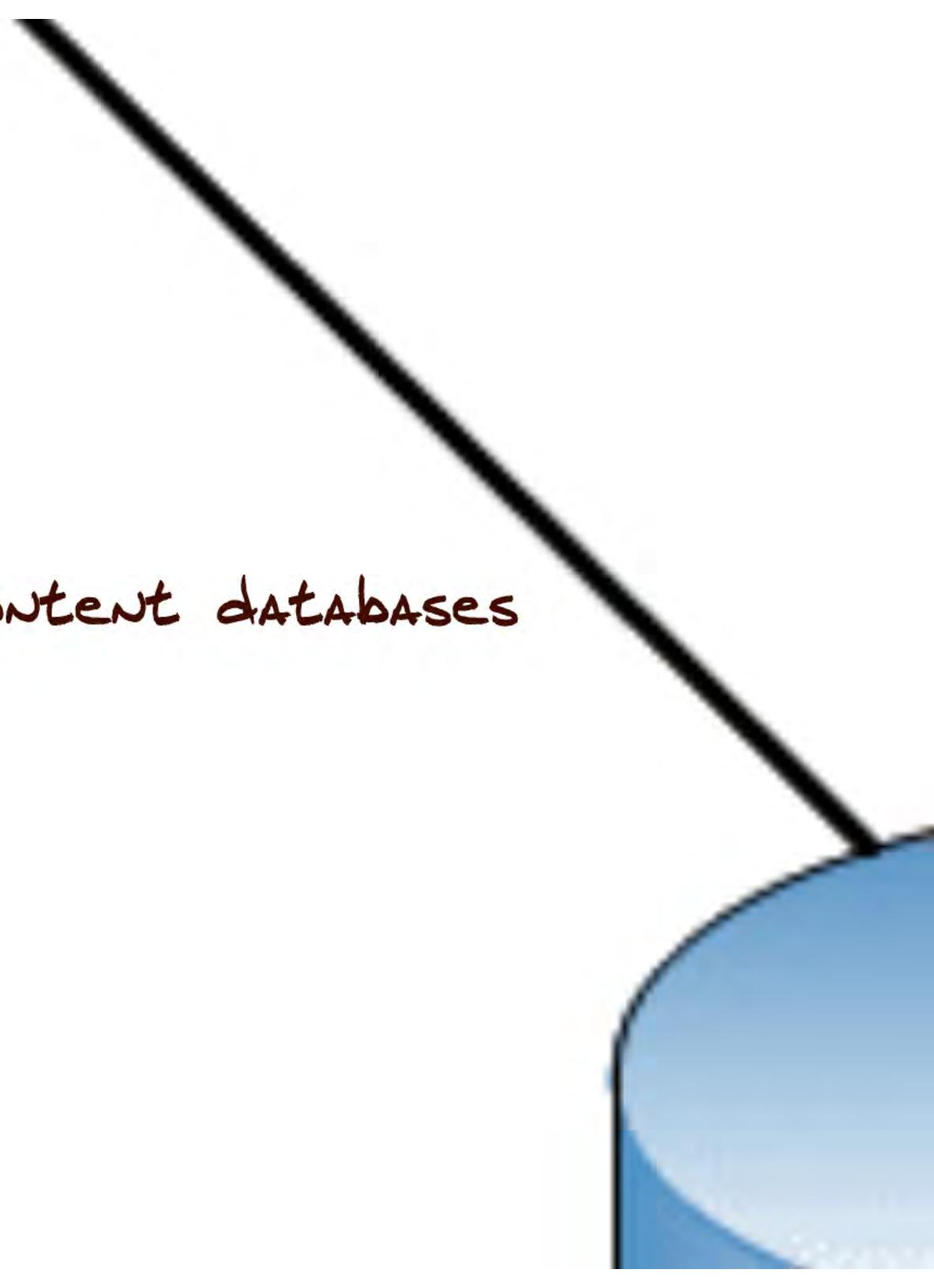


User request sent

Page content returned

Images, CSS, etc. returned

Internet



Heavy traffic to content databases

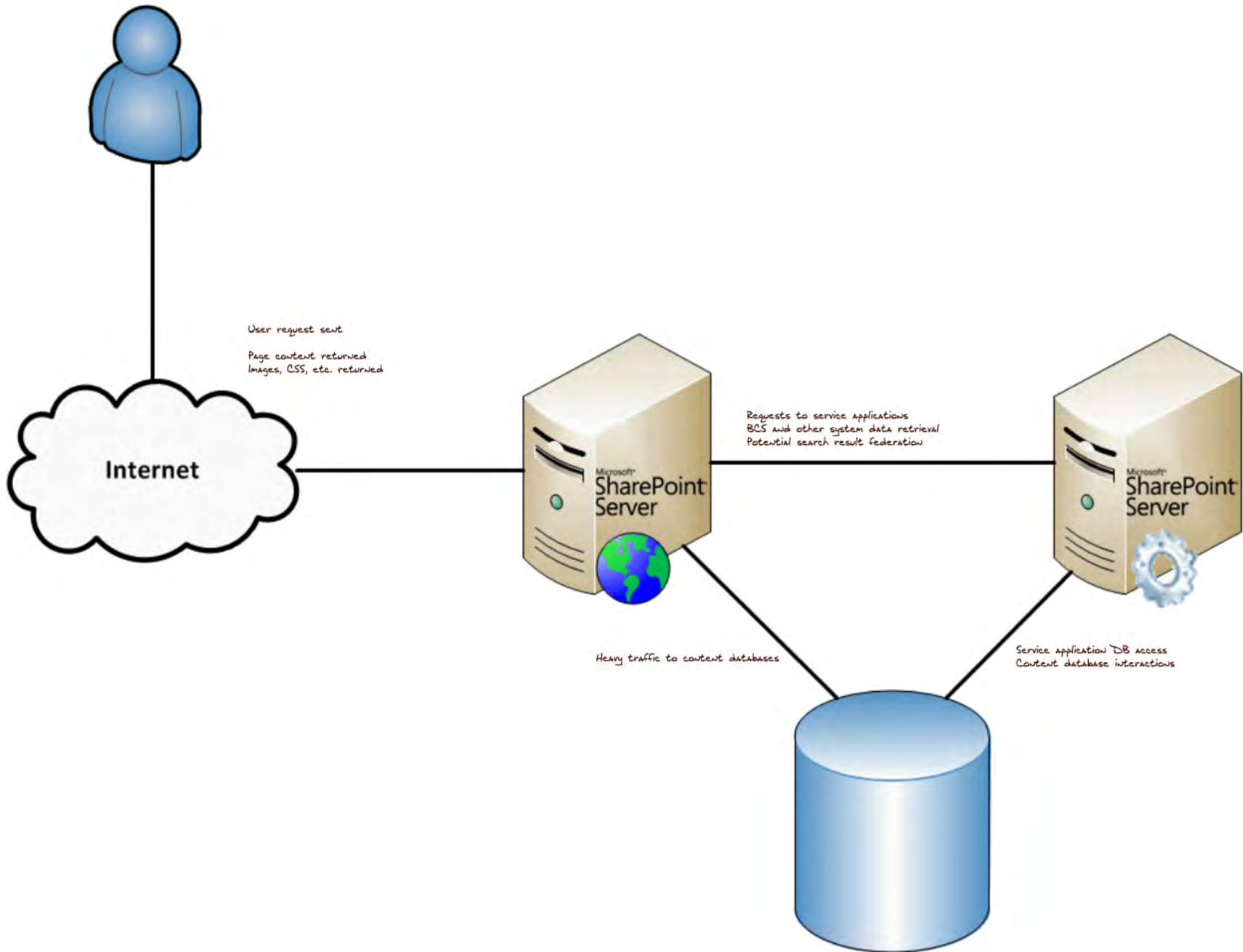


Requests to service applications
BCS AND other system data retrieval
Potential search result federation

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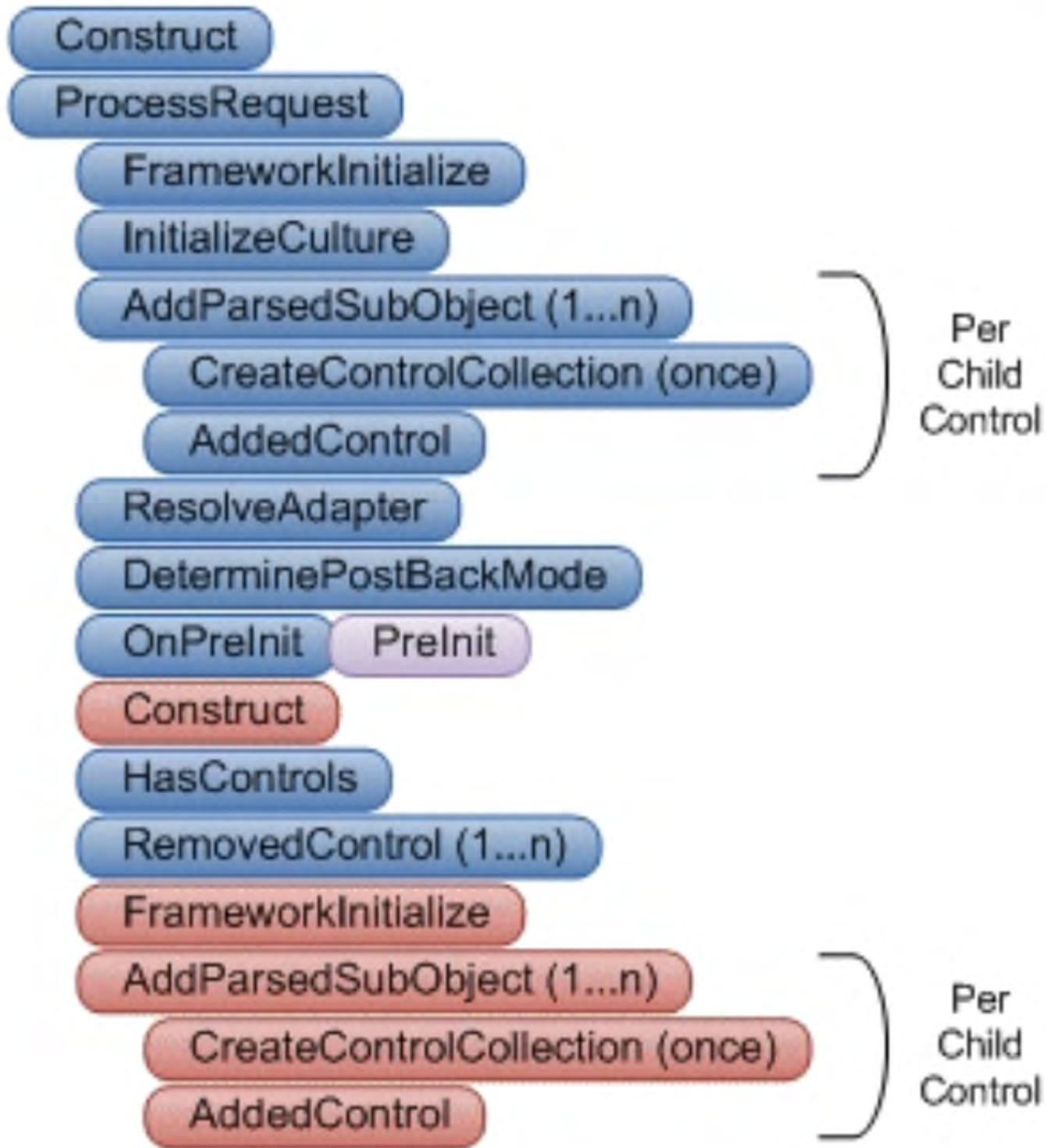
Service application DB access
Content database interactions



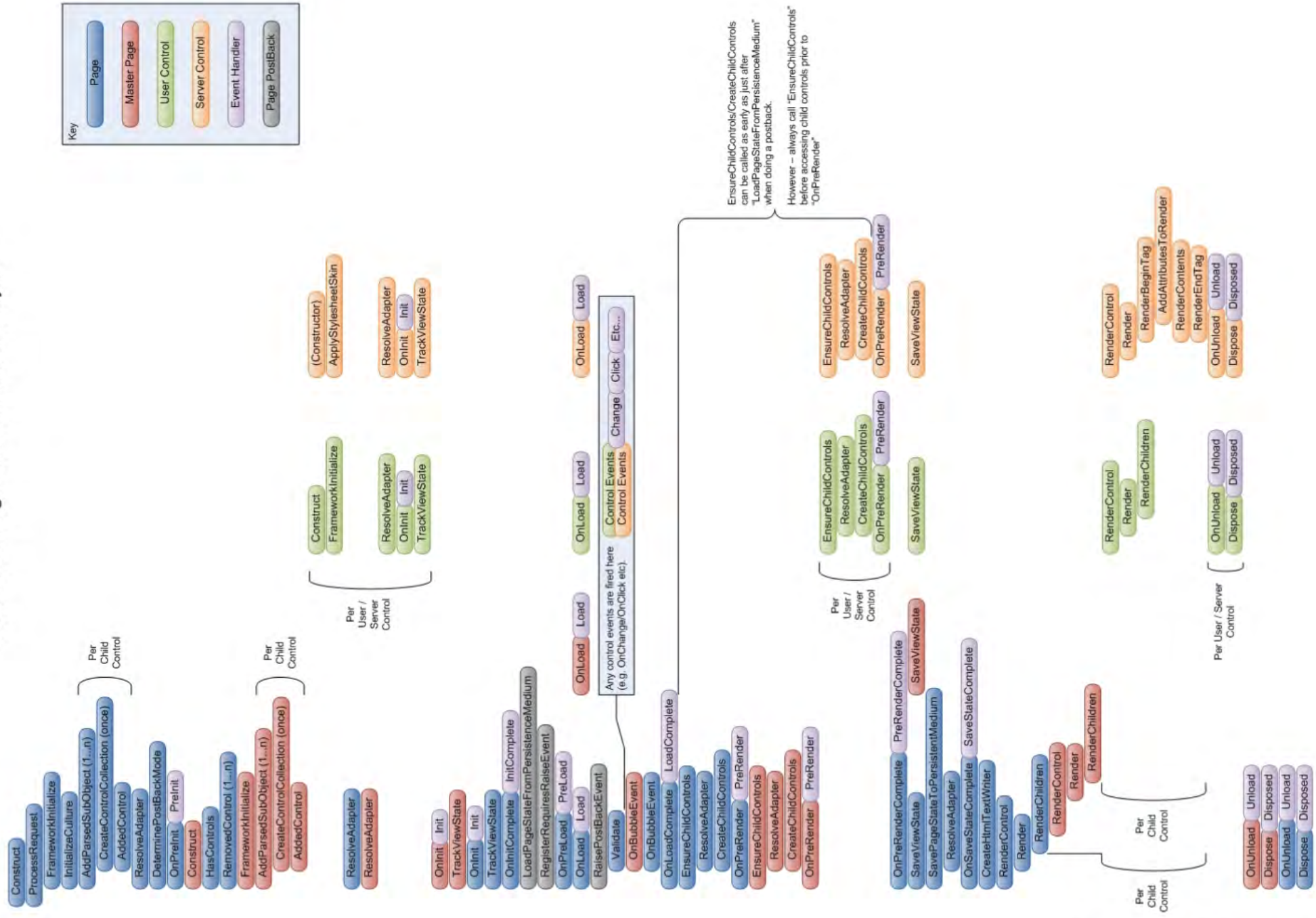


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ASP.NET Page and Control Life Cycle



ASP.NET Page and Control Life Cycle



EnsureChildControls/CreateChildControls can be called as early as just after "LoadPageStateFromPersistenceMedium" when doing a postback.

However - always call "EnsureChildControls" before accessing child controls prior to "OnPreRender"

thanks, Justin Stenning!

The ultimate goal of caching



Better performing,
more scalable sites
which yield a better
user experience

SharePoint caching: whatcha got?

- Object caching
- BLOB caching
- Page output caching
- Office web applications cache
- Distributed Cache service

CHECKLIST



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Mentioned but not covered in depth: web part cache, ASP.NET cache, VaryByCustomHandler implementations, post-cache substitution, fragment caching, and other development topics/concerns

Unless otherwise noted,
we're talking about:

 SharePoint  2013+

 Microsoft®
SharePoint® Server 2010

 Microsoft®
Office SharePoint®
Server 2007

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Also, I'll have the slides from this presentation
available later on my blog

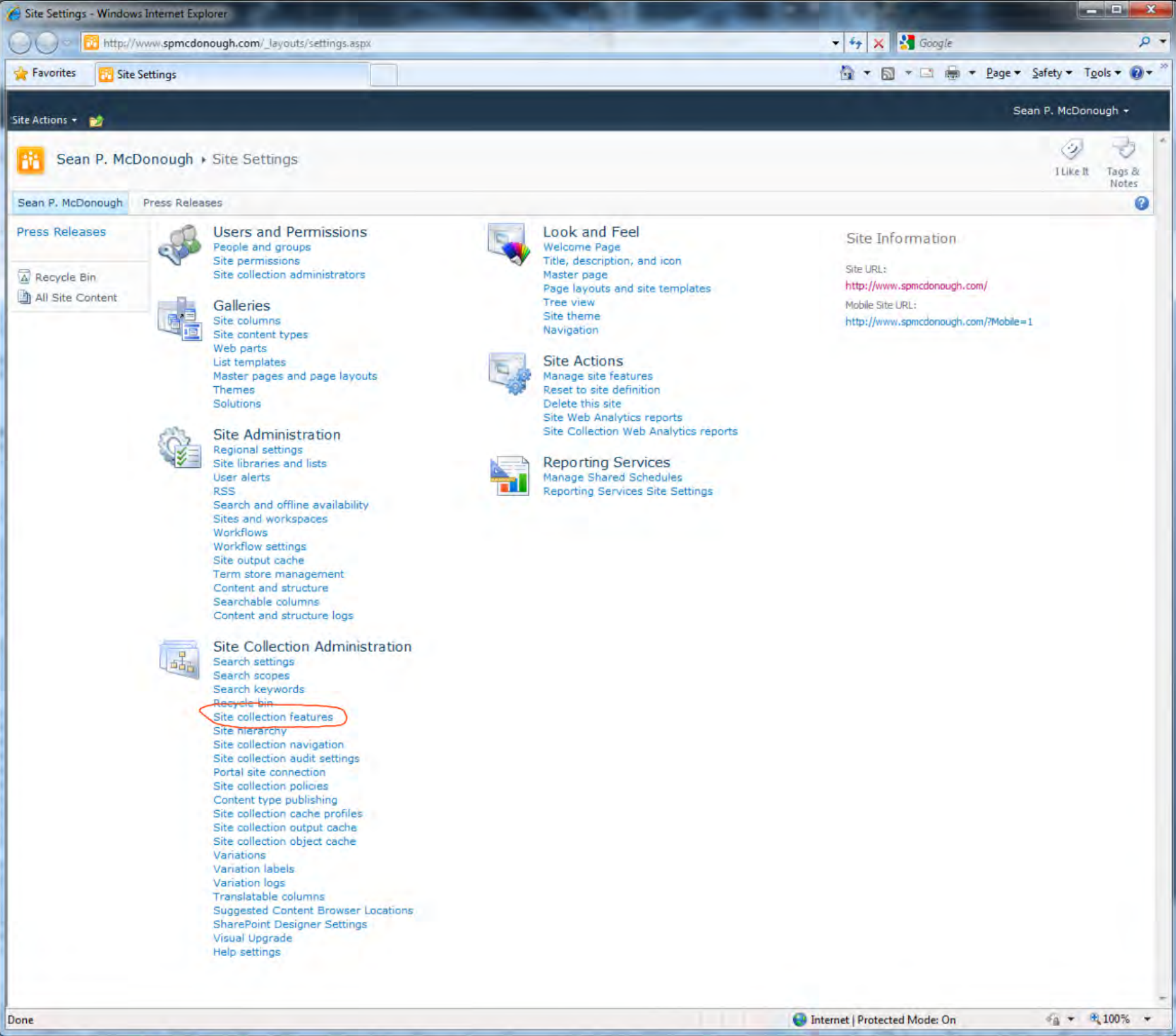
<http://SharePointInterface.com>

Short story
time...

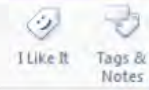
Short story
time...



Where's the
#\$@! "on" button?



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Sean P. McDonough Press Releases

- Press Releases
- Recycle Bin
- All Site Content

- Users and Permissions**
 - People and groups
 - Site permissions
 - Site collection administrators

- Galleries**
 - Site columns
 - Site content types
 - Web parts
 - List templates
 - Master pages and page layouts
 - Themes
 - Solutions

- Site Administration**
 - Regional settings
 - Site libraries and lists
 - User alerts
 - RSS
 - Search and offline availability
 - Sites and workspaces
 - Workflows
 - Workflow settings
 - Site output cache
 - Term store management
 - Content and structure
 - Searchable columns
 - Content and structure logs

- Site Collection Administration**
 - Search settings
 - Search scopes
 - Search keywords
 - Recycle bin
 - Site collection features**
 - Site hierarchy
 - Site collection navigation
 - Site collection audit settings
 - Portal site connection
 - Site collection policies
 - Content type publishing
 - Site collection cache profiles
 - Site collection output cache
 - Site collection object cache
 - Variations
 - Variation labels
 - Variation logs
 - Translatable columns
 - Suggested Content Browser Locations
 - SharePoint Designer Settings
 - Visual Upgrade
 - Help settings

- Look and Feel**
 - Welcome Page
 - Title, description, and icon
 - Master page
 - Page layouts and site templates
 - Tree view
 - Site theme
 - Navigation

- Site Actions**
 - Manage site features
 - Reset to site definition
 - Delete this site
 - Site Web Analytics reports
 - Site Collection Web Analytics reports

- Reporting Services**
 - Manage Shared Schedules
 - Reporting Services Site Settings

Site Information

Site URL:
<http://www.spmcdonough.com/>
 Mobile Site URL:
<http://www.spmcdonough.com/?Mobile=1>

[Content and structure logs](#)



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



[Content type publishing](#)

[Site collection cache profiles](#)

Site Collection Features - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.spmcdonough.com/_layouts/ManageFeatures.aspx?Scope=Site

Sean P. McD... Open Menu

	Custom Site Collection Help Creates a Help library that can be used to store custom help for this site collection.	Activate
	Disposition Approval Workflow Manages document expiration and retention by allowing participants to decide whether to retain or delete expired documents.	Deactivate Active
	Document ID Service Assigns IDs to documents in the Site Collection, which can be used to retrieve items independent of their current location.	Activate
	Document Sets Provides the content types required for creating and using document sets. Create a document set when you want to manage multiple documents as a single work product.	Activate
	In Place Records Management Enable the definition and declaration of records in place.	Activate
	Library and Folder Based Retention Allows list administrators to override content type retention schedules and set schedules on libraries and folders.	Activate
	Open Documents in Client Applications by Default Configures links to documents so they open in client applications instead of Web applications, by default.	Activate
	PerformancePoint Services Site Collection Features Features enabling the PerformancePoint Services site including content types and site definitions for this site collection.	Activate
	Publishing Approval Workflow Routes a page for approval. Approvers can approve or reject the page, reassign the approval task, or request changes to the page. This workflow can be edited in SharePoint Designer.	Deactivate Active
	Report Server Integration Feature Enables rich reporting using Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services.	Deactivate Active
	Reporting Creates reports about information in Microsoft SharePoint Foundation.	Activate
	Search Server Web Parts This feature uploads all web parts required for Search Center.	Activate
	SharePoint 2007 Workflows Aggregated set of out-of-box workflow features provided by SharePoint 2007.	Activate
	SharePoint Server Enterprise Site Collection features Features such as InfoPath Forms Services, Visio Services, Access Services, and Excel Services Application, included in the SharePoint Server Enterprise License.	Activate
	SharePoint Server Publishing Infrastructure Provides centralized libraries, content types, master pages and page layouts and enables page scheduling and other publishing functionality for a site collection.	Deactivate Active
	SharePoint Server Standard Site Collection features Features such as user profiles and search, included in the SharePoint Server Standard License.	Activate
	Three-state workflow Use this workflow to track items in a list.	Activate
	Workflows Aggregated set of out-of-box workflow features provided by SharePoint.	Deactivate Active

Of course, this poses some problems for SPF with WSS users ...

Done Internet | Protected Mode: On 100%



SharePoint 2007 Workflows

Aggregated set of out-of-box workflow features provided



SharePoint Server Enterprise Site Collection features

Features such as InfoPath Forms Services, Visio Services, and other features are included in the SharePoint Server Enterprise License.



SharePoint Server Publishing Infrastructure

Provides centralized libraries, content types, master pages, and other functionality for a site collection.



SharePoint Server Standard Site Collection features

Features such as user profiles and search, included in the SharePoint Server Standard License.



Three-state workflow

Use this workflow to track items in a list.

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Deactivate **Active**

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So ... how does
the plumbing work?

This is a web.config file section

```
<!-- This section handles authentication for the application -->
<authentication>
  <authenticationTypes>
    <add type="Forms" name="Forms" />
    <add type="Basic" name="Basic" />
    <add type="Digest" name="Digest" />
    <add type="Certificate" name="Certificate" />
    <add type="Anonymous" name="Anonymous" />
  </authenticationTypes>
  <forms>
    <loginUrl="~/Account/Login.aspx" />
    <logoutUrl="~/Account/Logout.aspx" />
    <defaultUrl="~/Account/Default.aspx" />
    <timeout="28800" />
    <slidingExpiration="true" />
  </forms>
  <basic>
    <authenticationMode="Basic" />
  </basic>
  <digest>
    <authenticationMode="Digest" />
  </digest>
  <certificate>
    <authenticationMode="Certificate" />
  </certificate>
  <anonymous>
    <authenticationMode="Anonymous" />
  </anonymous>

```

... (The rest of the web.config file content follows a similar pattern of XML tags for various services and settings) ...

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Yes, just a section.

Prezi choked when I tried to use AN IMAGE of the whole web.config. It WAS really, really, REALLY big




```
</system.web>
<system.webServer>
  <security>
    <requestFiltering allowDoubleEscaping="true">
      <requestLimits maxAllowedContentLength="2147483647" />
    </requestFiltering>
  </security>
  <validation validateIntegratedModeConfiguration="false" />
  <modules runAllManagedModulesForAllRequests="true">
    <remove name="AnonymousIdentification" />
    <remove name="FileAuthorization" />
    <remove name="Profile" />
    <remove name="WebDAVModule" />
    <remove name="Session" />
    <add name="SPRequestModule" precondition="integratedMode" type="Microsoft.SharePoint.ApplicationRuntime.S
    <add name="ScriptModule" precondition="integratedMode" type="System.Web.Handlers.ScriptModule, System.Web
    <add name="SharePoint14Module" precondition="integratedMode" />
    <add name="StateServiceModule" type="Microsoft.Office.Server.Administration.StateModule, Microsoft.Office
    <add name="RSRedirectModule" type="Microsoft.ReportingServices.SharePoint.Soap.RSRedirectModule, RSShareP
    <add name="PublishingHttpModule" type="Microsoft.SharePoint.Publishing.PublishingHttpModule, Microsoft.Sh
  </modules>
  <handlers>
    <remove name="OPTIONSVerbHandler" />
    <remove name="WebServiceHandlerFactory-Integrated" />
    <remove name="svc-Integrated" />
    <remove name="WebDAV" />
    <add name="svc-Integrated" path="*.svc" verb="*" type="System.ServiceModel.Activation.HttpHandler, System
    <add name="OwssvrHandler" scriptProcessor="C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\Web Server Ext
    <add name="ScriptHandlerFactory" verb="*" path="*.asmx" precondition="integratedMode" type="System.Web.Sc
    <add name="ScriptHandlerFactoryAppServices" verb="*" path="*_AppService.axd" precondition="integratedMode
    <add name="ScriptResource" precondition="integratedMode" verb="GET,HEAD" path="ScriptResource.axd" type="
    <add name="JSONHandlerFactory" path="*.json" verb="*" type="System.Web.Script.Services.ScriptHandlerFacto
    <add name="ReportViewerWebPart" verb="*" path="Reserved.ReportViewerWebPart.axd" type="Microsoft.Reportin
    <add name="ReportViewerWebControl" verb="*" path="Reserved.ReportViewerWebControl.axd" type="Microsoft.Re
  </handlers>
</system.webServer>
<system.serviceModel>
```

Caching in action

Consider this
sample page as
we discuss
SharePoint's
caching
mechanisms...

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "A Web Page" with the address bar containing "http://spdev:18480/Pages/default.aspx". The page content includes a header with "My SharePoint Site" and a search bar. A left sidebar under "Home" contains three buttons: "My SharePoint Site", "Your SharePoint Site", and "Another Site". The main content area features a "Welcome Back, Bob!" message above a large image of a crowd. Below the image are two columns of text, each containing a video icon and a poem. The first column's poem is: "It is by will alone I set my mind in motion. It is by the juice of Sapho that thoughts acquire speed, the lips acquire stains, the stains become a warning. It is by will alone I set my mind in motion." The second column's poem is: "Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip, That started from this tropic port, aboard this tiny ship. The mate was a mighty sailin' man, the Skipper brave and sure. Five passengers set sail that day for a three hour tour. A three hour tour. The weather started".

First up ...

First up ...



Object caching

Object caching

Speeds access to frequently referenced structural, property, and result data



Navigational elements such as this breadcrumb

Top-Level Site > My SharePoint Site

Home
My SharePoint Site
Your SharePoint Site
Another Site

... And the Quick Launch

(publishing) page layouts also get cached

If this happens, it could be a Content Query Web Part (CQWP), it could be a significantly larger object cache



NAVIGATIONAL DATA
such as this
breadcrumb ...



Home

My SharePoint Site

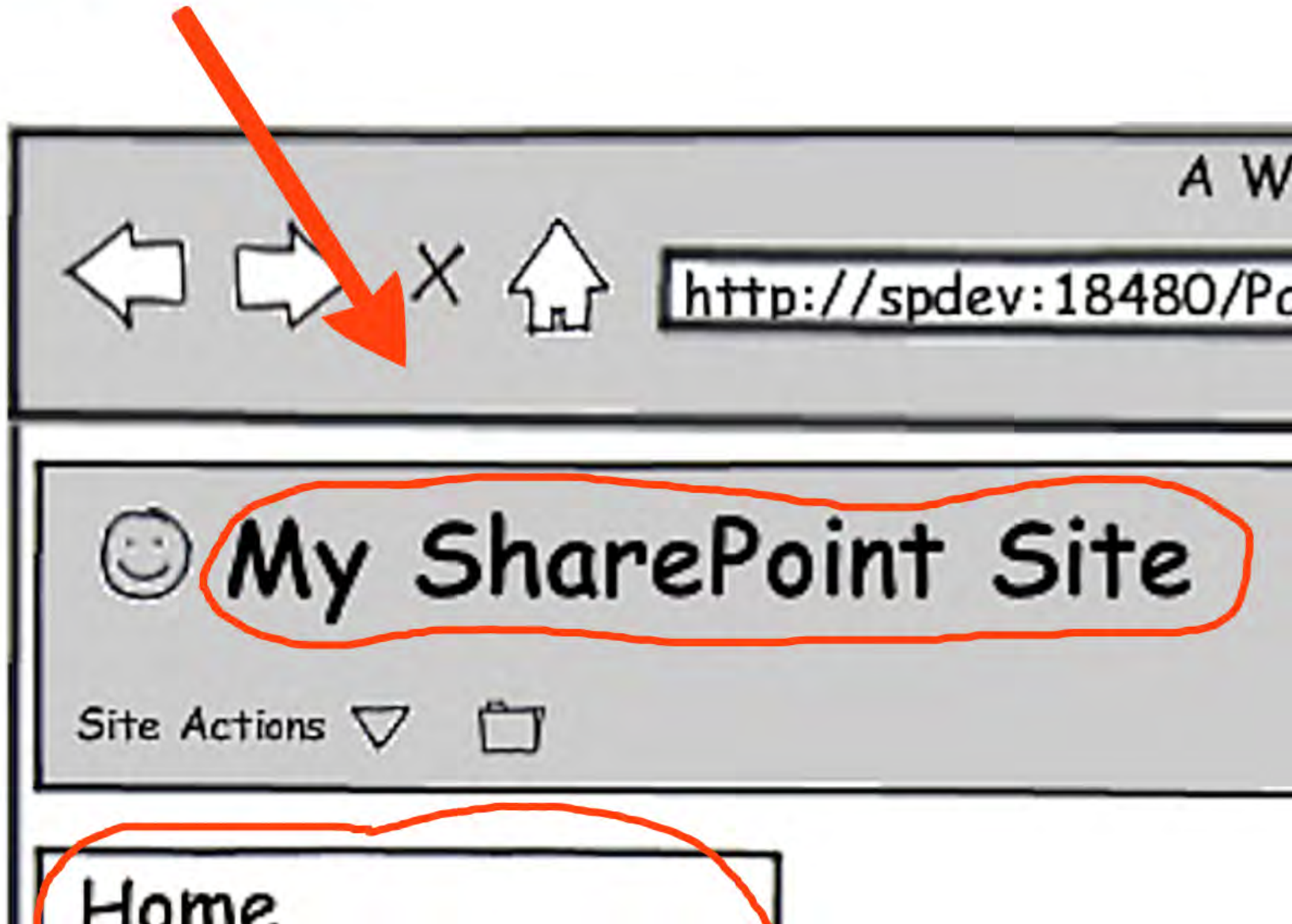
Your SharePoint Site

Another Site




... AND the Quick Launch

Site properties
like the title



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If this happened to
be a Content
Query Web Part
(CQWP), then it
could benefit
significantly from
object caching.

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Object cache

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Backed by memory



Object cache

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Turned on by default



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Default ~~size~~ allocation

100MB per
site collection

Object cache

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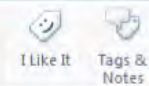
Default size or ~~allocation~~

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A trick that started with SharePoint 2010 ...


```
<Action id="0ff1ce14-1021-0000-0000-00000000" />
<Action id="ec0076ac-0c35-4880-8422-8062f59" />
<Action id="602bc8c3-9286-49a3-b973-3376ca7" />
<Action id="00e22a78-33ff-41ac-b0fb-ee46d16" />
<Action id="4b60e42e-e6fc-4188-80d2-ef39e7c" />
<Action id="1d415973-1146-4bc2-8324-83dfff5" />
</MergedActions>
<BlobCache location="C:\BlobCache\14" path="\
<ObjectCache maxSize="100" />
<OutputCacheProfiles useCacheProfileOverrides
<RuntimeFilter Assembly="Microsoft.Office.Ser
</SharePoint>
<system.web>
  <securityPolicy>
    <trustLevel name="WSS_Medium" policyFile="C
    <trustLevel name="WSS_Minimal" policyFile="
  </securityPolicy>
  <httpHandlers />
  <customErrors mode="On" />
  <httpRuntime maxRequestLength="51200" />
```

Sean P. McDonough > Site Settings



Sean P. McDonough Press Releases

Press Releases

- Recycle Bin
- All Site Content

Users and Permissions
People and groups
Site permissions
Site collection administrators

Galleries
Site columns
Site content types
Web parts
List templates
Master pages and page layouts
Themes
Solutions

Site Administration
Regional settings
Site libraries and lists
User alerts
RSS
Search and offline availability
Sites and workspaces
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Site Collection Web Analytics reports

Reporting Services
Manage Shared Schedules
Reporting Services Site Settings

Site Information

Site URL:
<http://www.spmcdonough.com/>
Mobile Site URL:
<http://www.spmcdonough.com/?Mobile=1>

Site collection audit settings

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Suggested Content Browser Locations

SharePoint Designer Settings

Visual Upgrade

Help settings

Site Collection Administration > Object cache settings

Configure settings for the object cache.

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Search this site...

Press Releases

Object Cache Size

Object Cache Size [Learn more about the object cache.](#)

Max. Cache Size (MB):

100

Recycle Bin

All Site Content

Object Cache Reset

When you select this check box, all entries in the object cache will be flushed immediately when you click **OK**. If this check box is not selected, the cache will manage the expiration of items based on when they time out or are changed in the site.

Object Cache Flush

Force all servers in the farm to flush their object caches

Cross List Query Cache Changes

Cross list queries initiated by the Content Query Web Part or other custom implementations can use up server resources. Specifying an amount of time to cache the results of a cross list query can positively impact cross-list query performance but may display results that do not reflect the most recent changes to the items returned by the query. Checking the server each time cross list query runs will produce the most accurate results at the possible cost of slower performance across the site.

Check the server for changes every time a cross list query runs
 Use the cached result of a cross list query for this many seconds:

60

Cross List Query Results Multiplier

Each cross list query might retrieve results for a variety of users. To ensure after security trimming that all users will see a valid set of results, the cross list query cache must pull more results than originally requested. Specifying a larger number will retrieve more data from the server and is ideal for site collections that have unique security applied on many lists and sites. Specifying a smaller number will consume less memory per cross list query and is ideally suited for site collections that do not have unique security on each list or site.

Cross list query multiplier:

3

OK

Cancel



Collection Administration ▶ Object

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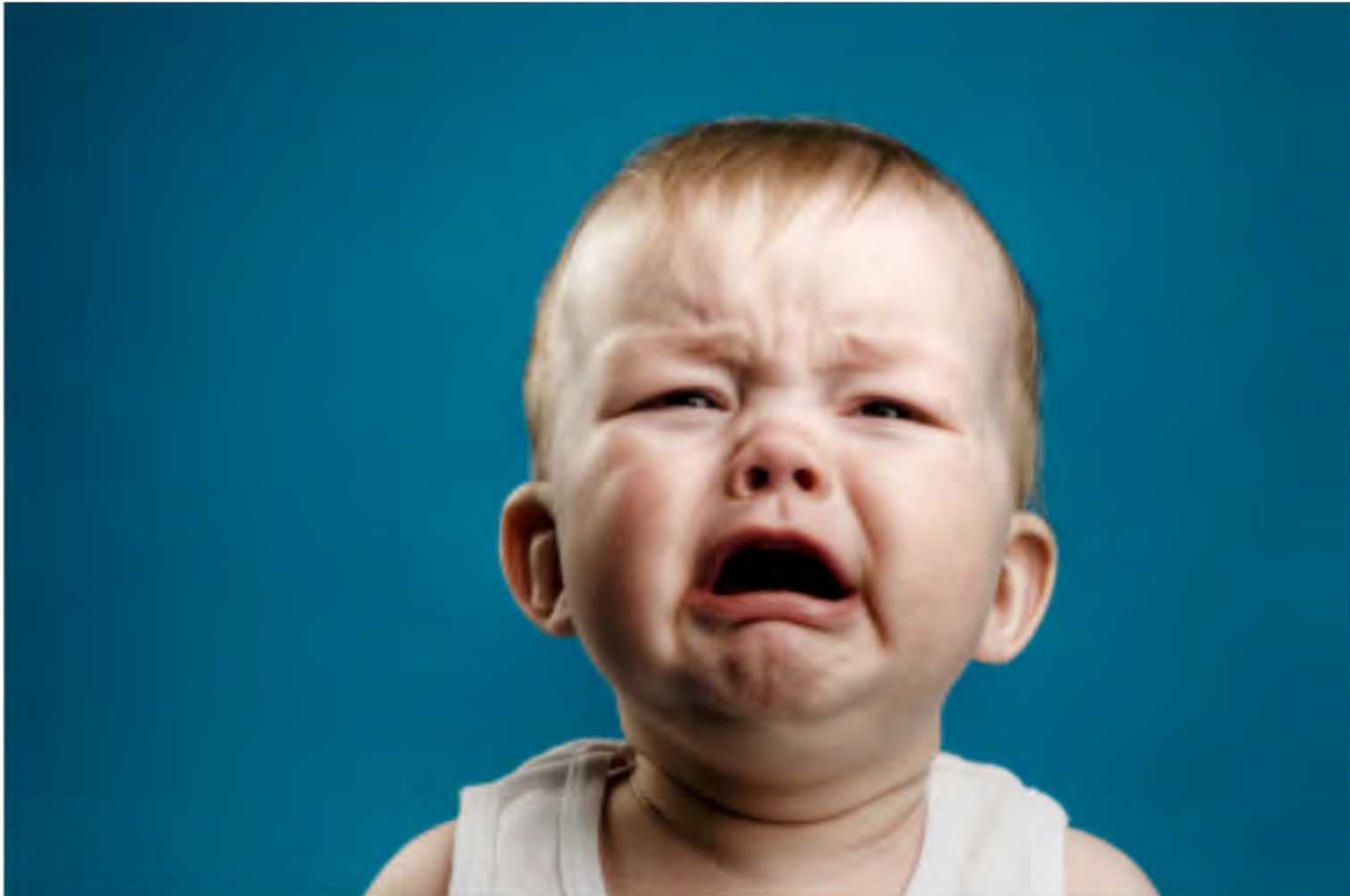
Object Cache Size [Learn more about](#)

Bin

Search this site...

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And now, for a painful story ...

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I'll give you some performance counters to watch a little later ...

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Object Cache Size

Object Cache Size [Learn more about](#)

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100

Object Cache Flush

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Cross List Query Results Multiplier

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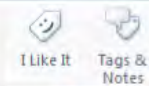
Guidance

	Anonymous	Authenticated
Cache Duration		
Cross List Multiplier		 <i>Especially if per-site and per-item security is prevalent</i>



Especially if per-site
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Site Collection Administration > Object cache settings



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Cross List Query Results Multiplier

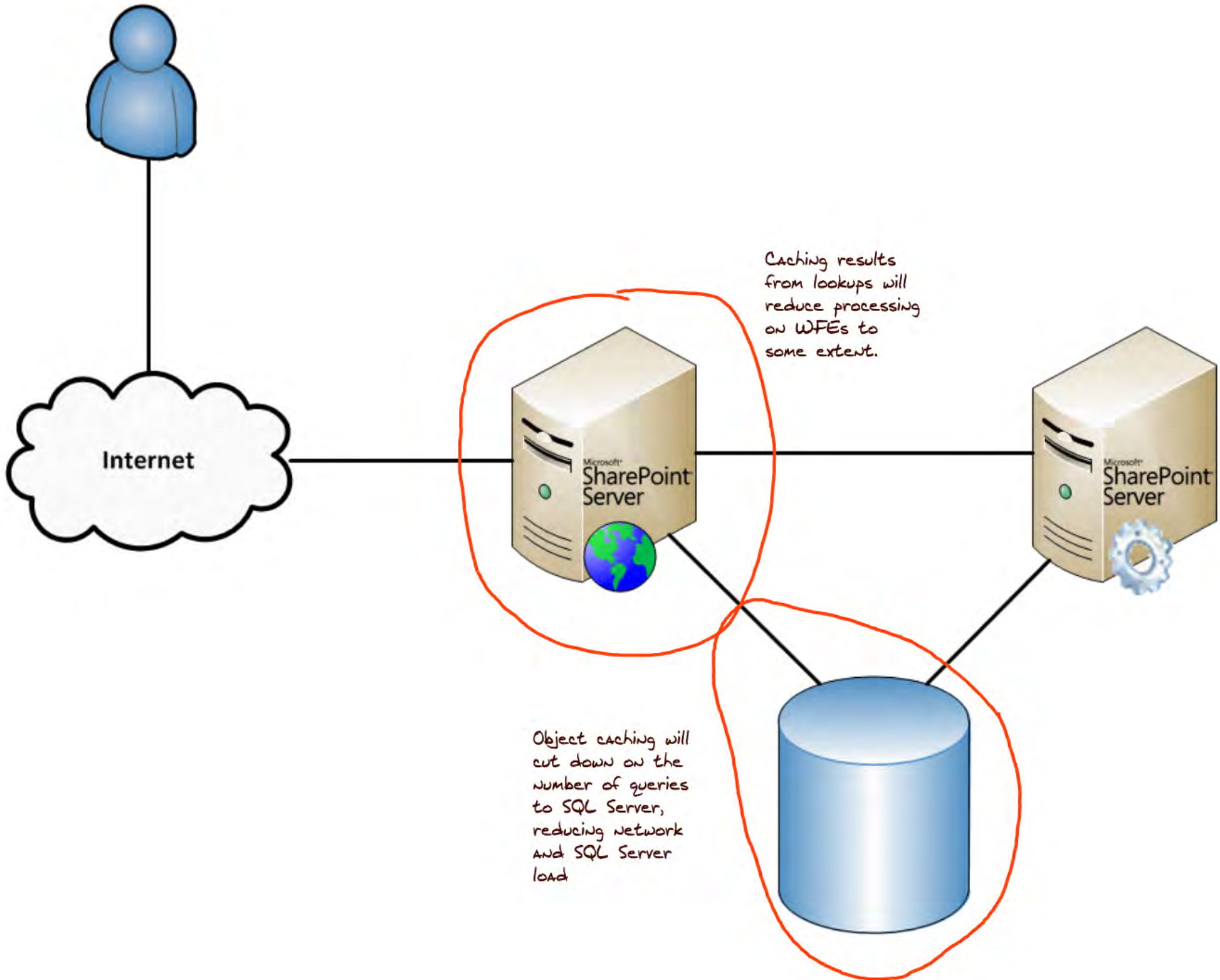
Each cross list query might retrieve results for a variety of users. To ensure after security trimming that all users will see a valid set of results, the cross list query cache must pull more results than originally requested. Specifying a larger number will retrieve more data from the server and is ideal for site collections that have unique security applied on many lists and sites. Specifying a smaller number will consume less memory per cross list query and is ideally suited for site collections that do not have unique security on each list or site.

Cross list query multiplier:

3

OK

Cancel



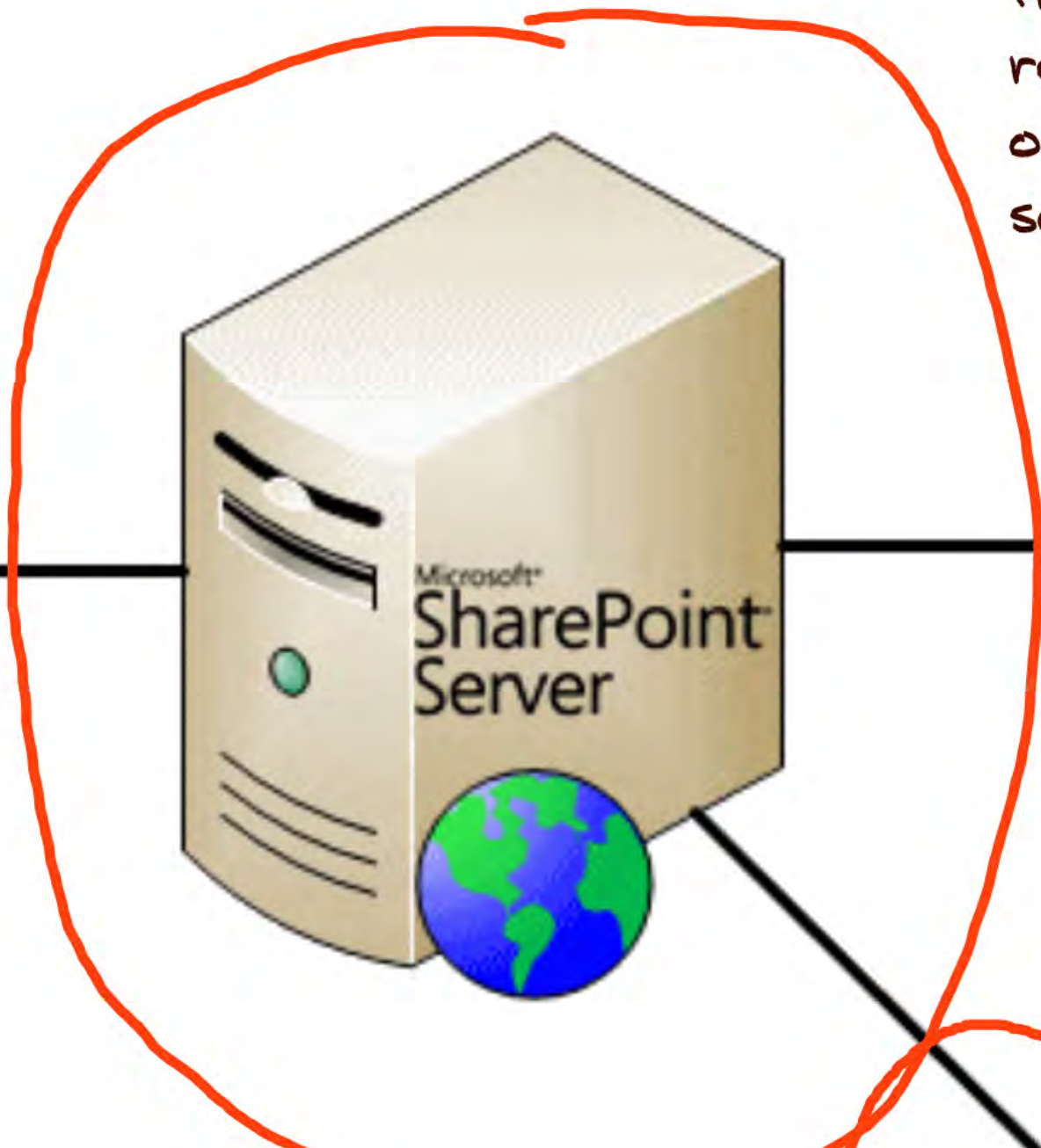
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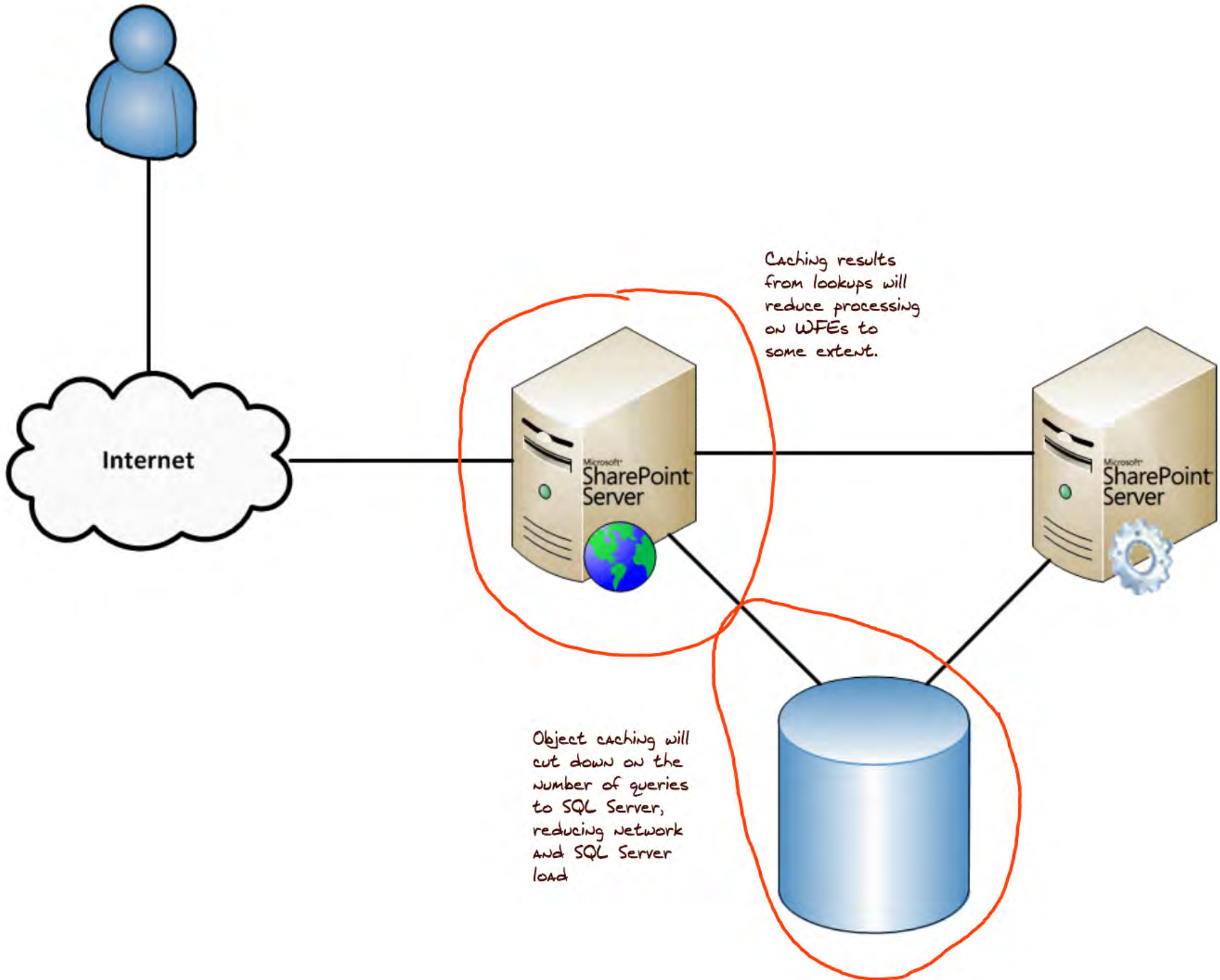
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BLOB caching



No, not that
kind of BLOB

BLOB = binary large object
(document and attachment
uploads to SharePoint)

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FIGHT NIGHT

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BLOB

VS



Blob

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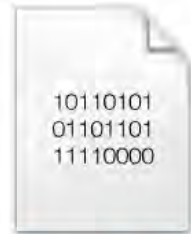


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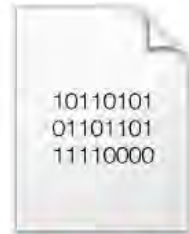
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also known as "disk-based caching"

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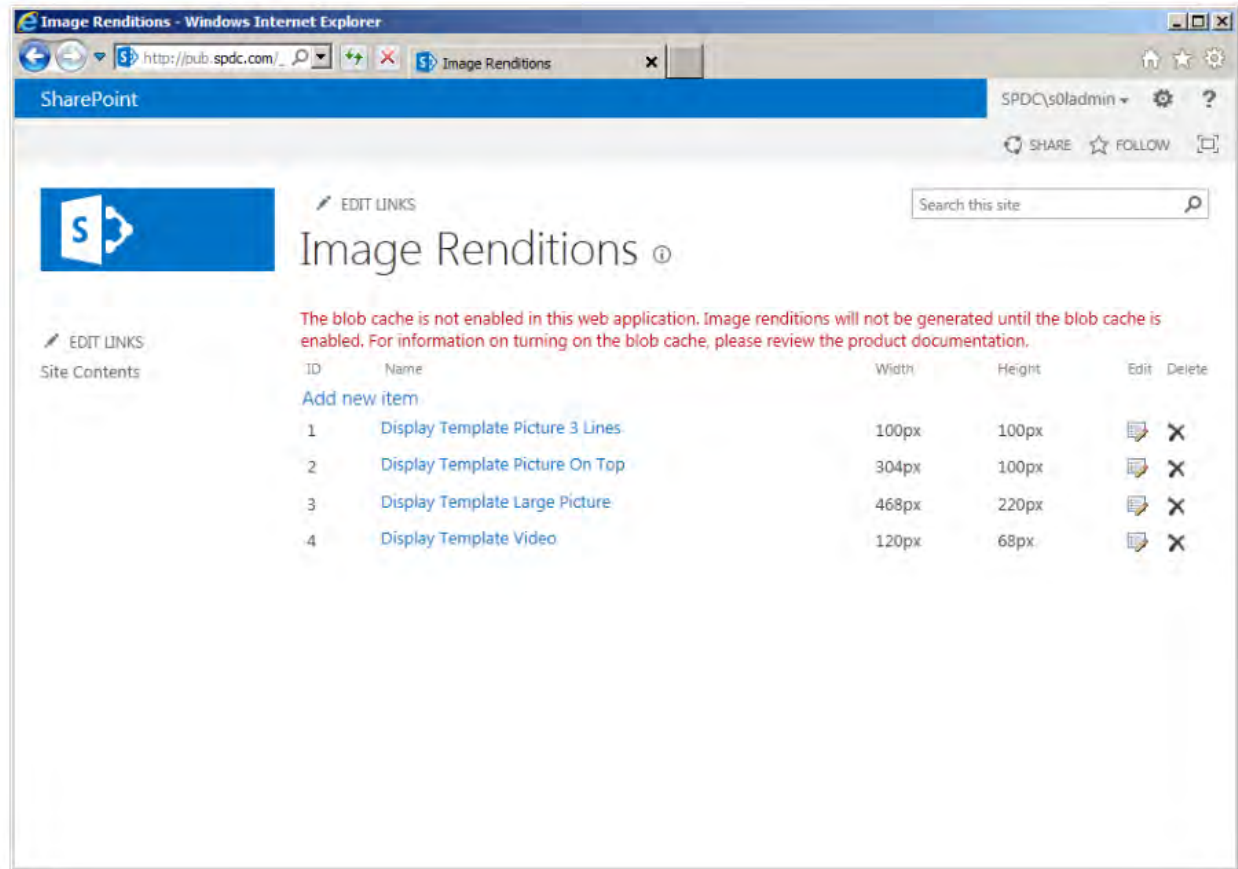


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Default size or allocation

10GB per
IIS site (zone)

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Controlled through web.config settings


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<Action id="0ff1ce14-101a-0000-0000-000000000000" sourceFile="C:\Program Files\Common Files\Mi
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<Action id="1d415973-1146-4bc2-8324-83dfff5bfe33" sourceFile="C:\Program Files\Common Files\Mi
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</mergedActions>
```

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<BlobCache location="C:\BlobCache\14" path="\".(gif|jpg|jpeg|jpe|jfif|bmp|dib|tif|tiff|ico|png|wd
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<ObjectCache maxSize="100" />
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<OutputCacheProfiles useCacheProfileOverrides="false" varyByHeader="" varyByParam="*" varyByCust
```

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<RuntimeFilter Assembly="Microsoft.Office.Server, Version=14.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyTo
```

```
</SharePoint>
```

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<system.web>
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```
<securityPolicy>
```

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<trustLevel name="WSS_Medium" policyFile="C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\Web S
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```

```
<httpHandlers />
```

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<customErrors mode="On" />
```

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<httpRuntime maxRequestLength="51200" />
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```
<authentication mode="Windows" />
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<identity impersonate="true" />
```

```
<authorization>
```

```
<allow users="*" />
```

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<httpModules />
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Side note: to be BLOB
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attachment. "Loose files"
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DO NOT simply delete files
out of the BLOB cache!

Now, for a
word about
the MAX-AGE
attribute ...



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Web Sessions						
#	Result	Protocol	URL	Body	Caching	
64	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/content...	79	public, max-age=2232	image/gif
65	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/btnNoTh...	2,112	public, max-age=2478	image/gif
66	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/signinOv...	165	public, max-age=4707	image/png
67	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/benefits...	16,907	public, max-age=5791	image/png
68	200	HTTP	/_controltemplates/MultiBanner/ModalP...	15,618	max-age=867	image/png
69	302	HTTP	/s/www.kroger.com?U=/SiteCollectionI...	0	max-age=0, no-cache, no-store Expires: Sun, 03 Apr 2011...	
70	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/160x41...	5,099	public, max-age=2141	image/jpeg
71	200	HTTP	/PublishingImages/section_headers/hea...	4,538	public, max-age=1452	image/jpeg
72	200	HTTP	/PublishingImages/2011/Period_3/Week...	73,370	public, max-age=1320	image/jpeg
73	200	HTTP	/PublishingImages/2011/Period_3/Week...	77,412	public, max-age=944	image/jpeg
74	200	HTTP	/PublishingImages/2011/Period_3/Week...	52,993	public, max-age=1307	image/jpeg
75	200	HTTP	/_layouts/1033/core.js?rev=mHksOQ0i...	265,384	max-age=2908	application/x-javascript
76	200	HTTP	/style%20library/omniture/s_code_krog...	20,172	public, max-age=2590	application/x-javascript
77	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/closeBtn...	879	public, max-age=4795	image/gif
78	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/Icons/icon_import...	1,287	public, max-age=2785	image/gif
79	200	HTTP	/iframe.php?targeting_bucket=Banner_...	6,147	max-age=300, max-age=600 Expires: Sun, 03 Apr 2011 2...	text/html; charset=utf-8
80	200	HTTP	/adj/mwl.kroger.www/?page=home_ma...	571	private Expires: Sun, 03 Apr 2011 20:13:57 GMT	application/x-javascript
81	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/boxBg_...	82	public, max-age=767	image/gif
82	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/boxTop_...	923	public, max-age=888	image/gif
83	200	HTTP	/includes/css/iframe.css	1,603	max-age=2592000 Expires: Tue, 03 May 2011 20:11:19 GMT	text/css
84	200	HTTP	/images/generic_header.png	10,978	max-age=2592000 Expires: Tue, 03 May 2011 20:11:16 GMT	image/png
85	200	HTTP	/srv/upload_files/fea90f998a8b8d3401...	5,744	max-age=2592000 Expires: Tue, 03 May 2011 20:09:42 GMT	image/gif
86	200	HTTP	/images/coupon-pointer.png	1,952	max-age=2592000 Expires: Tue, 03 May 2011 20:09:02 GMT	image/png
87	200	HTTP	/srv/upload_files/acdf9eb5cc1b4b75e4...	5,985	max-age=2592000 Expires: Tue, 03 May 2011 20:11:19 GMT	image/gif
88	200	HTTP	/srv/upload_files/46263a8ea7a6c1251a...	4,942	max-age=2592000 Expires: Tue, 03 May 2011 20:11:19 GMT	image/gif
89	200	HTTP	/srv/upload_files/5467f518013f109e51...	5,241	max-age=2592000 Expires: Tue, 03 May 2011 20:11:19 GMT	image/gif
90	200	HTTP	/siteCollectionImages/swf/heroHomepa...	105,036	public, max-age=5897	application/x-shockwave-flash
91	200	HTTP	/PublishingImages/2011/Period_3/Week...	164,821	public, max-age=1546	image/jpeg
92	200	HTTP	/PublishingImages/2011/Period_3/Week...	153,151	public, max-age=1863	image/jpeg
93	200	HTTP	/PublishingImages/2011/Period_3/Week...	118,575	public, max-age=1894	image/jpeg
94	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/signinOv...	594	public, max-age=5181	image/png
95	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/bgSignI...	434	public, max-age=5094	image/gif
96	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/signinOv...	470	public, max-age=1584	image/png
97	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/benefits...	250	public, max-age=2539	image/png
98	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/benefits...	10,762	public, max-age=5053	image/png
99	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/benefits...	939	public, max-age=6742	image/gif
100	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/benefits...	1,428	public, max-age=5869	image/gif
101	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/benefits...	1,508	public, max-age=1087	image/gif
102	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/benefits...	1,472	public, max-age=5494	image/gif
103	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/benefits...	1,496	public, max-age=4800	image/gif
104	200	HTTP	/_controltemplates/MultiBanner/ModalP...	1,386	max-age=1776	image/gif
105	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/benefits...	1,511	public, max-age=6492	image/gif
106	200	HTTP	/2934496/2of3_tr1_Mars_GC.jpg	137,333	public, max-age=86400 Expires: Mon, 04 Apr 2011 04:05:...	image/jpeg
107	200	HTTP	/PublishingImages/section_headers/hea...	3,922	public, max-age=1000	image/jpeg
108	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/footer_...	1,401	public, max-age=4232	image/gif
109	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/footerL...	54	public, max-age=1035	image/gif
110	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/boxBot...	838	public, max-age=1818	image/gif
111	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/content...	5,785	public, max-age=1121	image/jpeg
113	302	HTTP	/b/ss/krgkrogerprod/1/H.14/s2205936...	0	no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate, max-age=0, proxy-re...	text/plain
114	200	HTTP	/SiteCollectionImages/common/bgSelect...	654	public, max-age=6811	image/gif
115	200	HTTP	/b/ss/krgkrogerprod/1/H.14/s2205936...	43	no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate, max-age=0, proxy-re...	image/gif

115 HTTP requests issued and answered to fully load page

max-age in action: subsequent request (re-opened browser)

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1	302	HTTP	/	163		text/html
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3	200	HTTP	/adj/mwl.kroger.www/?page=home_ma...	571	private, x-gzip-ok="" Expires: Sun, 03 Apr 2011 20:16:05...	application/x-javascript
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Only 4 requests needed to load the page

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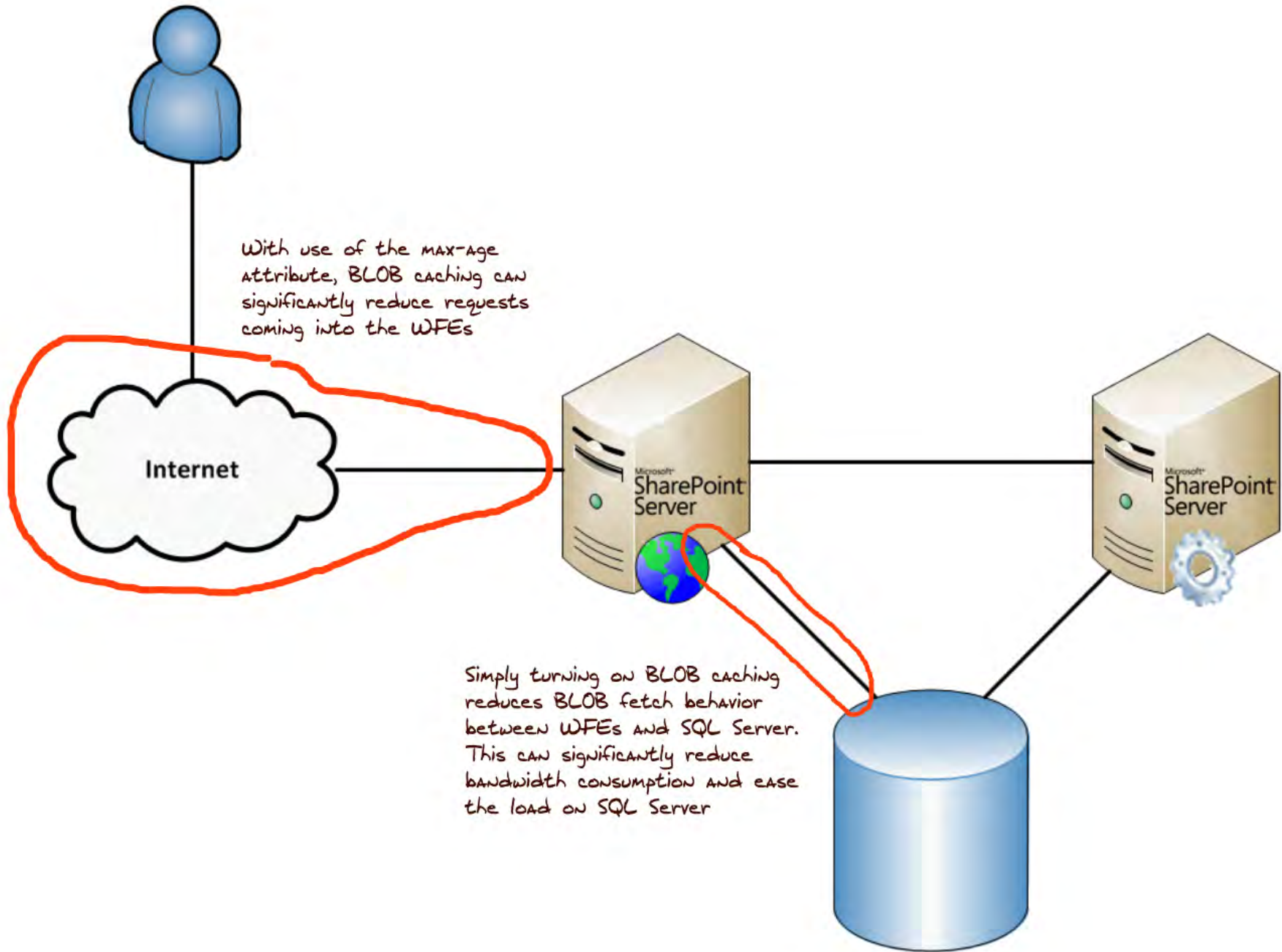


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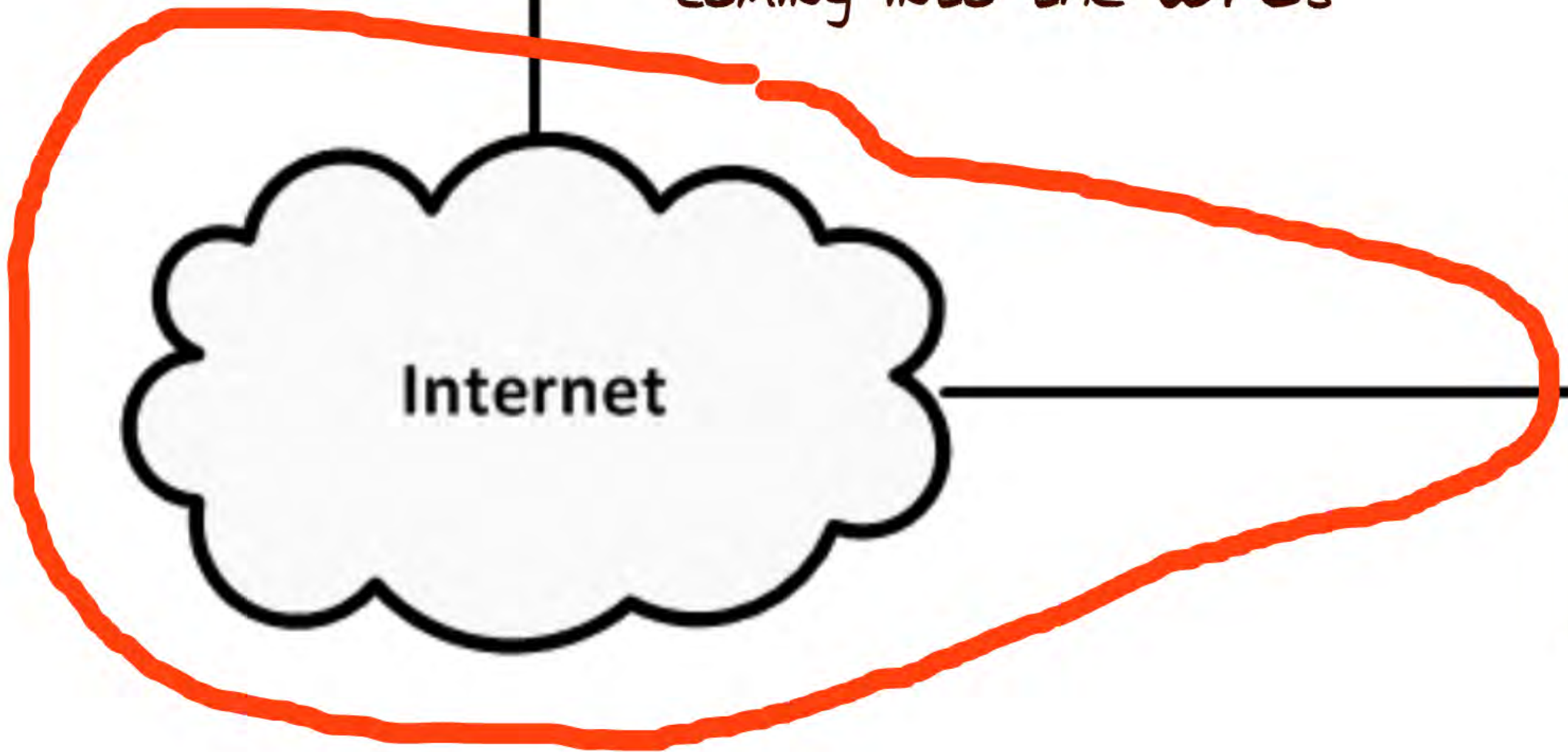
If you don't want persistent client-side caching when the BLOB cache is enabled, be sure to explicitly set a max-age value of zero (0). If you don't specify a max-age attribute value, the default is 86,400 seconds (24 hours).

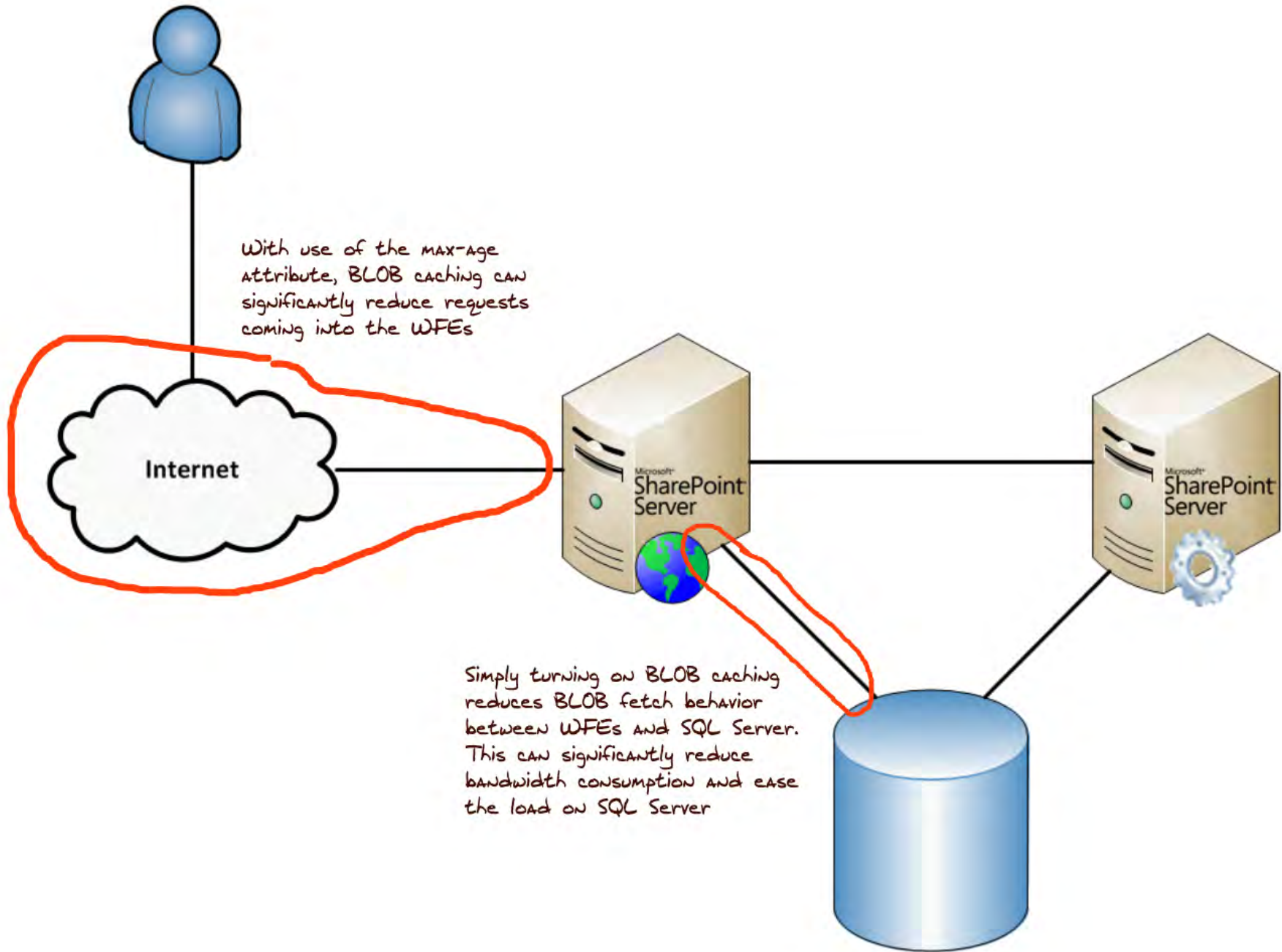




Simply turning on BLOB caching reduces BLOB fetch behavior between WFES AND SQL Server. This can significantly reduce bandwidth consumption AND ease the load on SQL Server

With use of the MAX-Age attribute, BLOB caching can significantly reduce requests coming into the WFEs





Next up...

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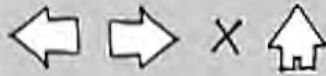
Page output
caching

Next up...



Page output caching

piggybacks on ASP.NET output caching



http://spdev:18480/Pages/default.aspx



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Site Actions ~~?~~ ~~?~~

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I'll talk about the reason for highlighting this a little later. For now, though, let's just say "it isn't covered by page output caching."

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A trick that started with SharePoint 2010 ...


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Search this site



Enable output cache

Anonymous Cache Profile



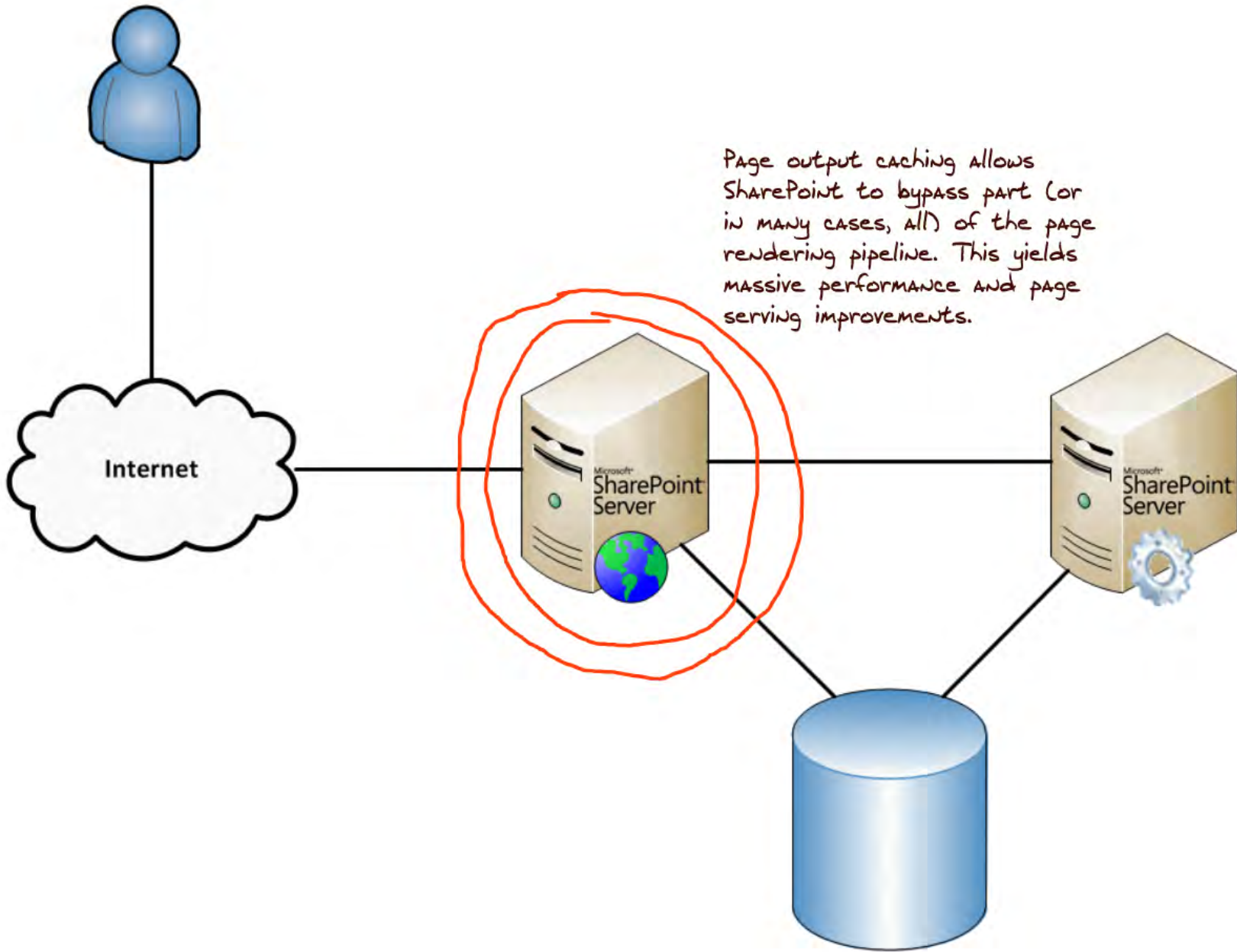
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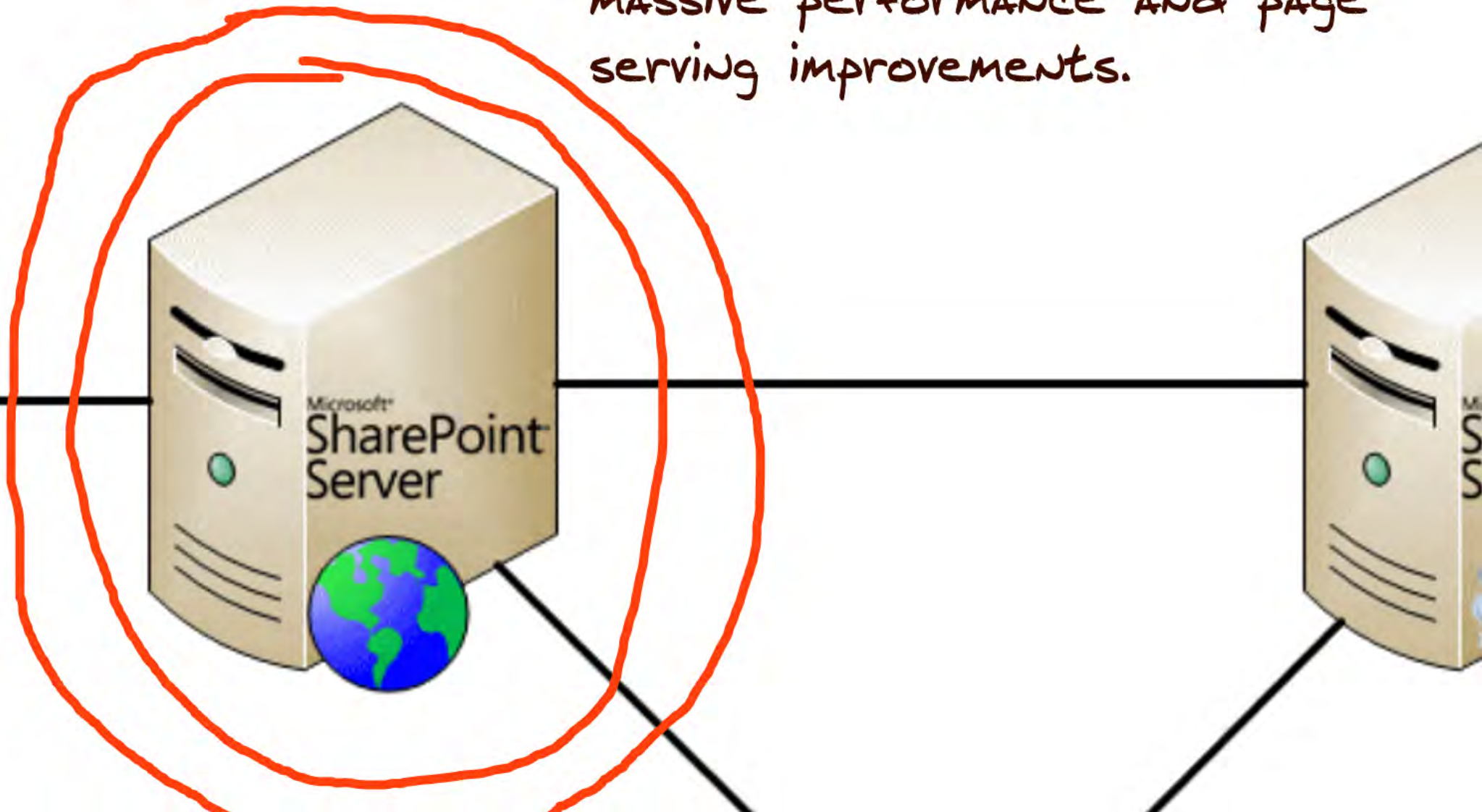


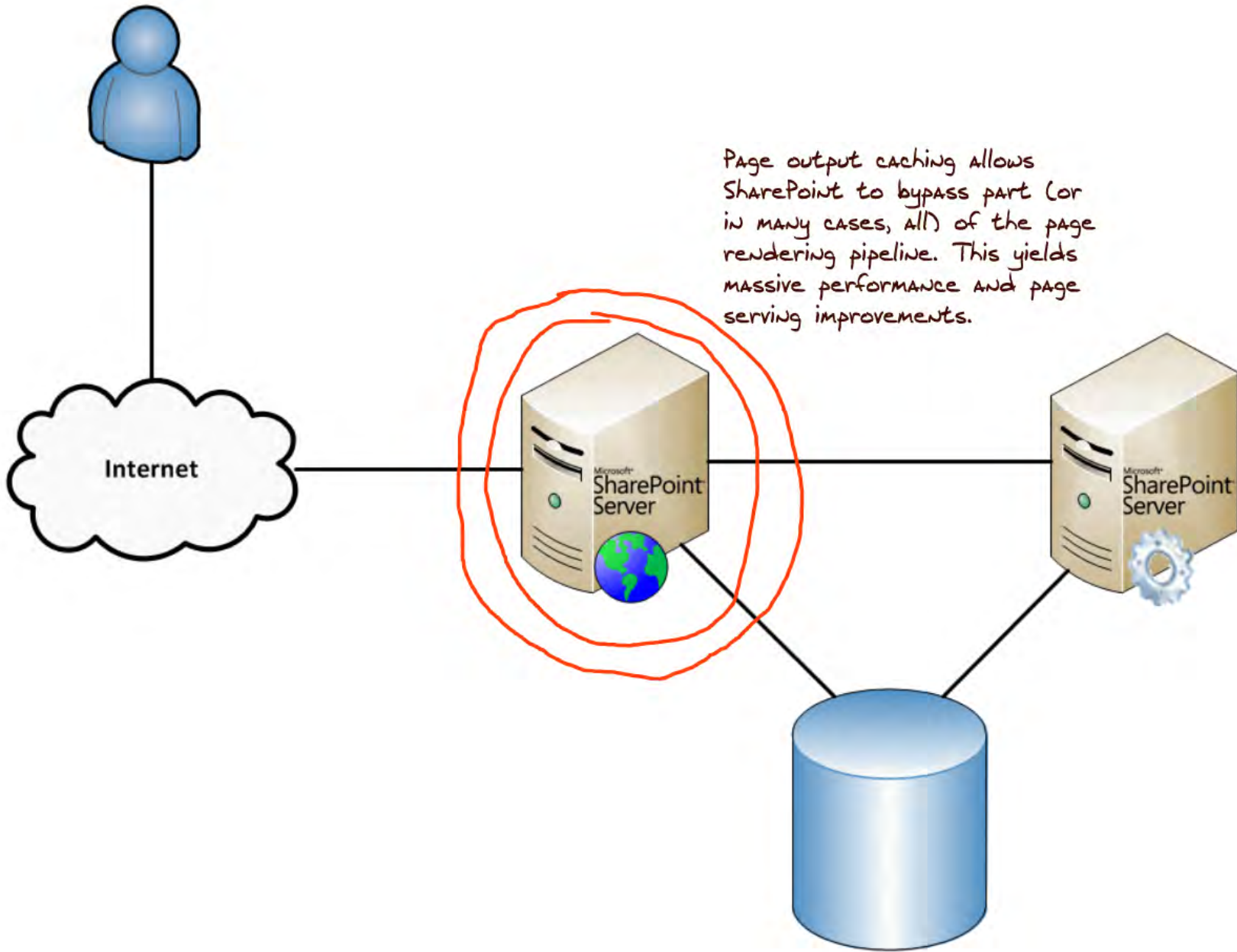
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[/sites/Office_Viewing_Service_Cache](#)

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Description	
Primary administrator:	SPDC\s0ladmin
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OK

Cancel


Site Actions  SPDC\s0ladmin

Microsoft SharePoint 2010 Central Administration > Site Collection List

I Like It Tags & Notes

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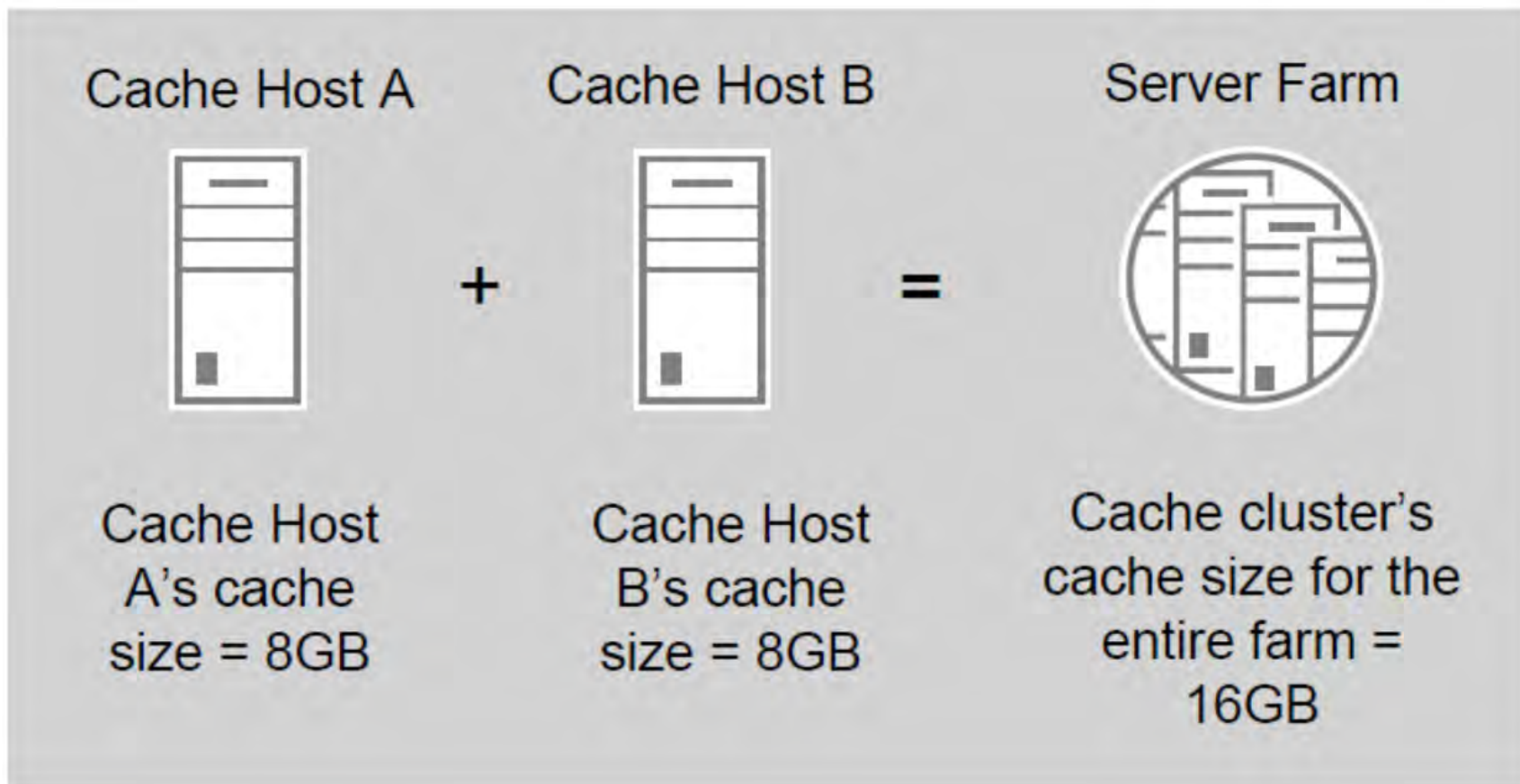
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- OneNote and Access
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- Set caching exclusions by sub-site or page layout type
- Use post-cache substitution (donut caching) in custom code
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- Adjust cache element values in web.config that controls ASP.NET worker process (e.g., privateBytesLimit attribute)

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- Instruct clients to clear their browser cache and revisit site.
- Apply a smaller max-age attribute value or use zero (0) to disable persistent client-side caching of BLOB assets.
- Recognize that this behavior is by-design!

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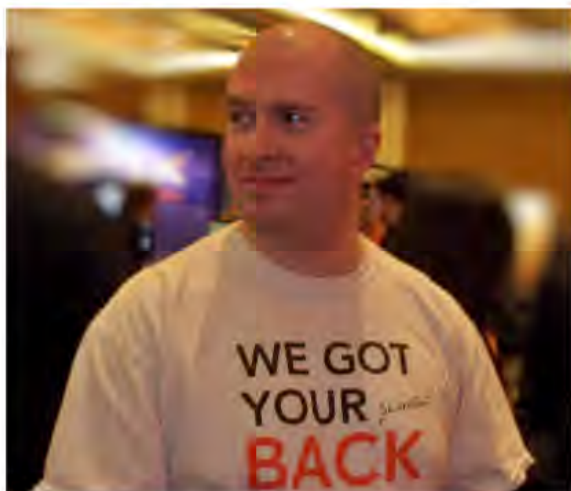
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