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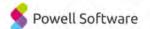
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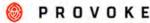






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Code Solutions to Improve SharePoint Performance and Scalability via Caching

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Session Overview

Quick Introduction Component Caching Options

- · ASP.NET Cache
- · Distributed Caching with Redis

Caching for Controls

- · Fragment Caching
- · Post-Cache Substitution

Q&A Throughout

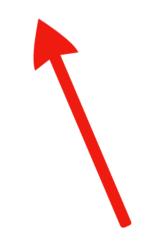


Formerly the architect for a Fortune 25 company's publicly facing SharePoint presence

Highly trafficked environment with about 75,000 page views per hour (peak) in 2009

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k) 1,000 requests/second into IIS



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

... and finally

I got sick and tired of hearing some people complain that "SharePoint doesn't scale!!!"



IN my experience ...



SharePoint scaling and performance issues are not the fault of the platform itself. I'm looking at you, devs ...

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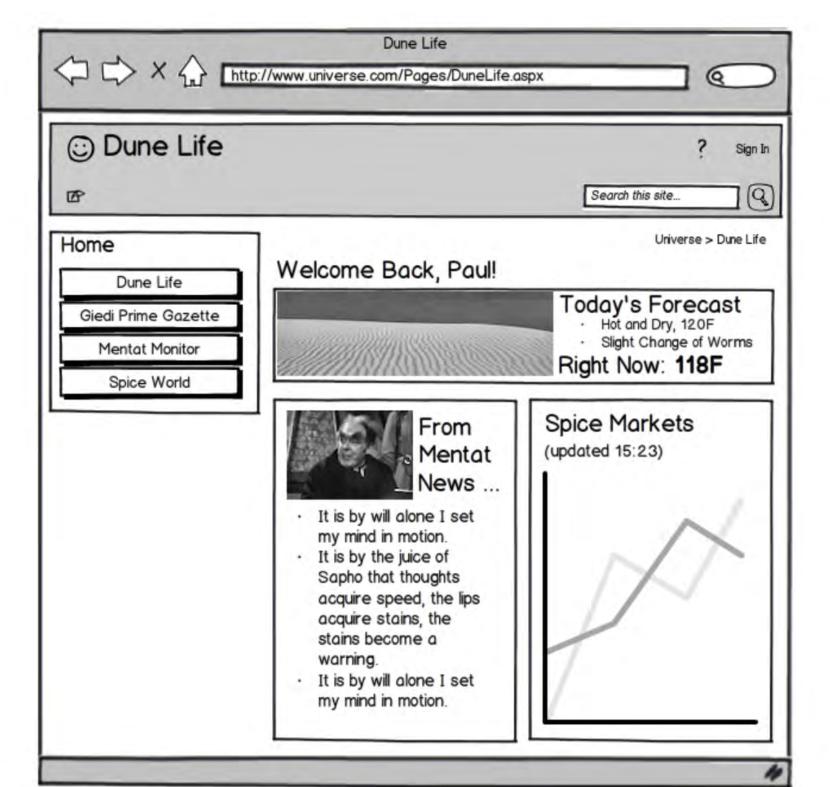


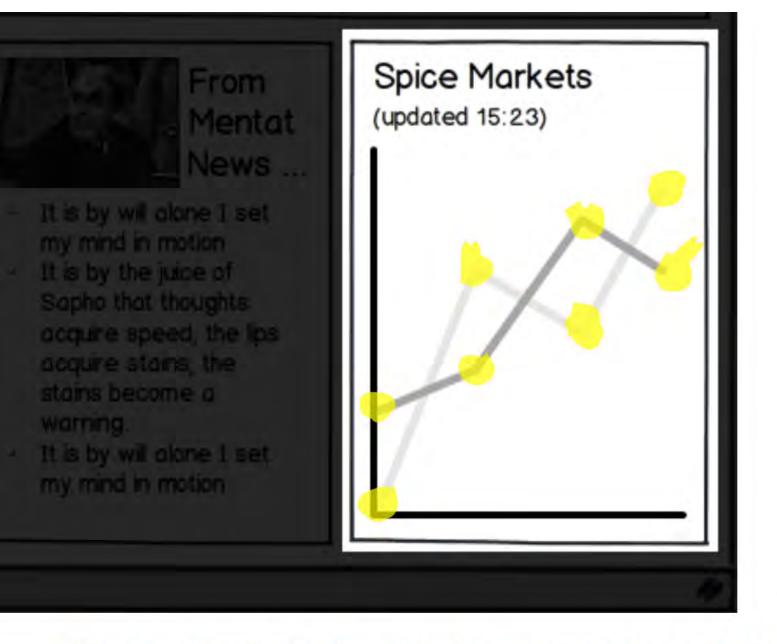
Let's get rolling



First up:

Component-Level Caching





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Two real options

ASP.NET Distributed Cache Cache

public sealed class Cache Member of System.Web.Caching

Summary:

Implements the cache for a Web application. This class cannot be inherited.

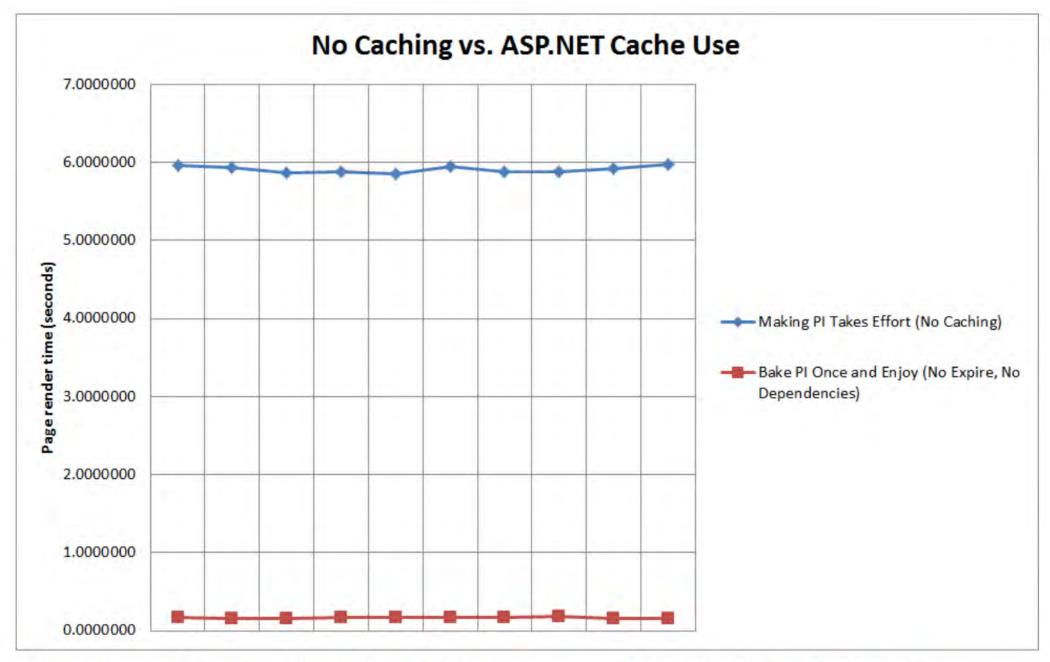
ASP.NET Cache

- System.Web.Caching.Cache class
- One instance per application domain
- Basically a key/value object dictionary
- In-memory use and thread-safe*
- Commonly accessed via Page and HttpContext objects
- Objects can be added with expiration windows, dependencies, & priority values
- Callbacks possible on object removal*

```
private String GetSomePi()
   // Attempt to retrieve a PI value from the ASP.NET Cache
   Object piValue = Cache[PI_VALUE_CACHE_KEY];
   // If the value isn't yet cached, compute it and cache it for later.
    if (piValue == null)
        piValue = PiCalculator.Process(DIGITS_OF_PI_TO_COMPUTE);
       // Insert for indefinite time period
       Cache[PI VALUE CACHE KEY] = piValue;
       //// Cache until a specific point in the future
       //Cache.Add(PI VALUE CACHE KEY,
                   piValue,
       //
       11
                   null,
                    DateTime.Now.AddSeconds(15),
       11
                   Cache.NoSlidingExpiration,
       //
       11
                   CacheItemPriority.Normal,
       11
                   null);
       //// Cache for a sliding window of 3 seconds
       //Cache.Add(PI VALUE CACHE KEY,
                    piValue,
       11
       11
                   null,
       11
                    Cache.NoAbsoluteExpiration,
       11
                   TimeSpan.FromSeconds(3),
       11
                   CacheItemPriority.Normal,
       11
                   null);
    return piValue.ToString();
```







Average Page Render Times

- · No Caching: 5.909 sec
- ASP.NET Cache: 0.1641 sec

Limitations and Watch-Outs

- Not a durable store
- Don't assume something you put in will always be available
- Cache contents not available across
 WFEs in a load-balanced environment

Sum-up: Safe for general use. Just remember the cache is shared.

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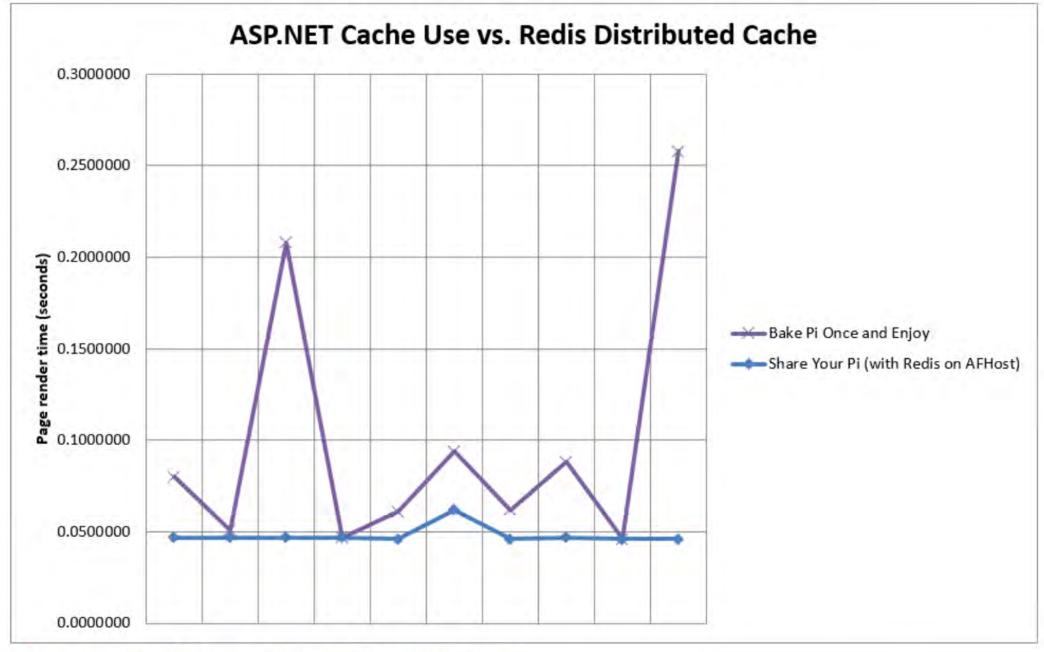
Distributed Cache

- Microsoft AppFabric (1.1) for Windows Server
- Provides highly available distributed caching
- Exists independent of SharePoint (and thus will work with any version of SharePoint)
- From a code perspective, very similar to writing code for the ASP.NET (local) cache
- Requires significant external configuration and setup, so you'll want to become good friends with your SharePoint administrators

Redis Distributed Cache

- Redis is an open source (free!), in-memory data structure store
- Can be used as a database, cache, message broker, and more
- Easy to set up (unlike AppFabric) and administer; good tooling available (also free)
 Easy to write code for (numerous client libraries) and integrate with your solutions

```
1 reference
private String GetSomePi()
    String piValue;
    // Set up the Redis client for cache item retrieval (and possible insertion)
    using (RedisClient redisCache = new RedisClient(REDIS SERVER))
       // Attempt to retrieve a PI cache item from the Redis Cache
        Object piValueCacheItem = redisCache.Get<String>(PI VALUE CACHE KEY);
       // If the value isn't yet cached, compute it and cache it for later.
        if (piValueCacheItem == null)
            // The digits of Pi aren't yet computed, so do so now.
            piValue = PiCalculator.Process(DIGITS OF PI TO COMPUTE);
            // Insert the computed value of Pi into the Redis Cache
            redisCache.Set(PI VALUE CACHE KEY, piValue);
        else
            // We got a non-null value back from the Redis cache, so simply convert
            // it to a String.
            piValue = piValueCacheItem.ToString();
    // That's it - return the String representing the computed value of Pi.
    return piValue;
```



Average Page Render Times

Authenticated client-side request times; 10 samples each obtained using Fiddler

- · ASP.NET Cache: 0.0995 sec
- Redis Distributed: 0.0481 sec

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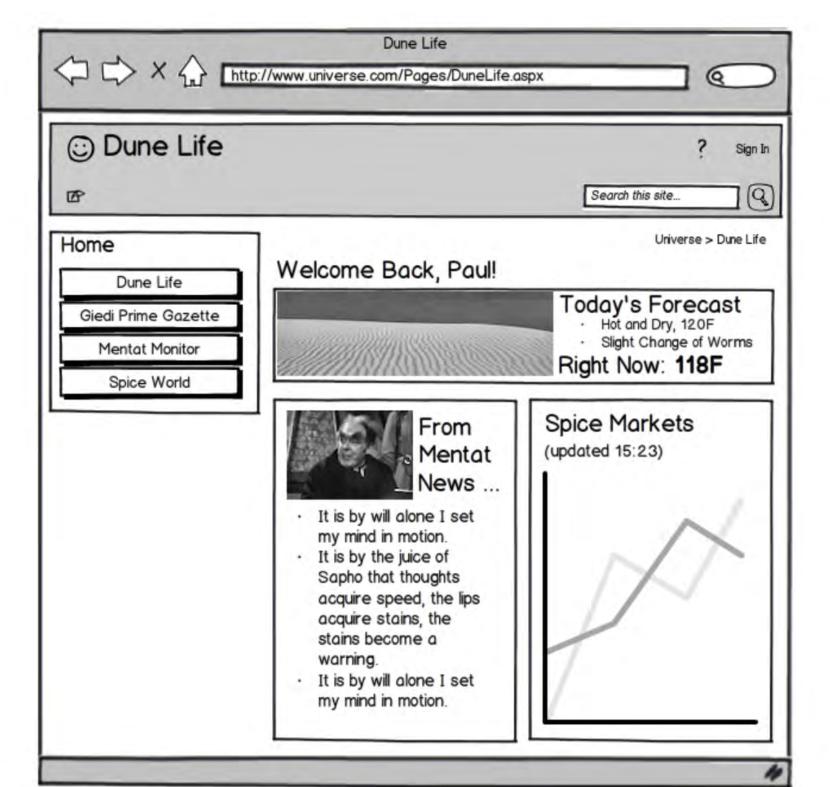
- Redis *IS* a durable store, so whatever you cached will persist beyond the life of the current application/process
- Requires third-party libraries and installations.

Sum-up: Easy to setup and use basically what we wished we had with Windows AppFabric Caching.

Next-up:

Control-Level Caching







- Control displays static content or ...
- Entire HTML output block generated by control changes infrequently and/or according to predictable variables and patterns

Fragment Caching

An easily implemented way to cache the entire block of HTML that is generated by a control

To implement, simply add something like the following to an ASCX control file:

<%@ OutputCache Duration="120" VaryByParam="none" %>

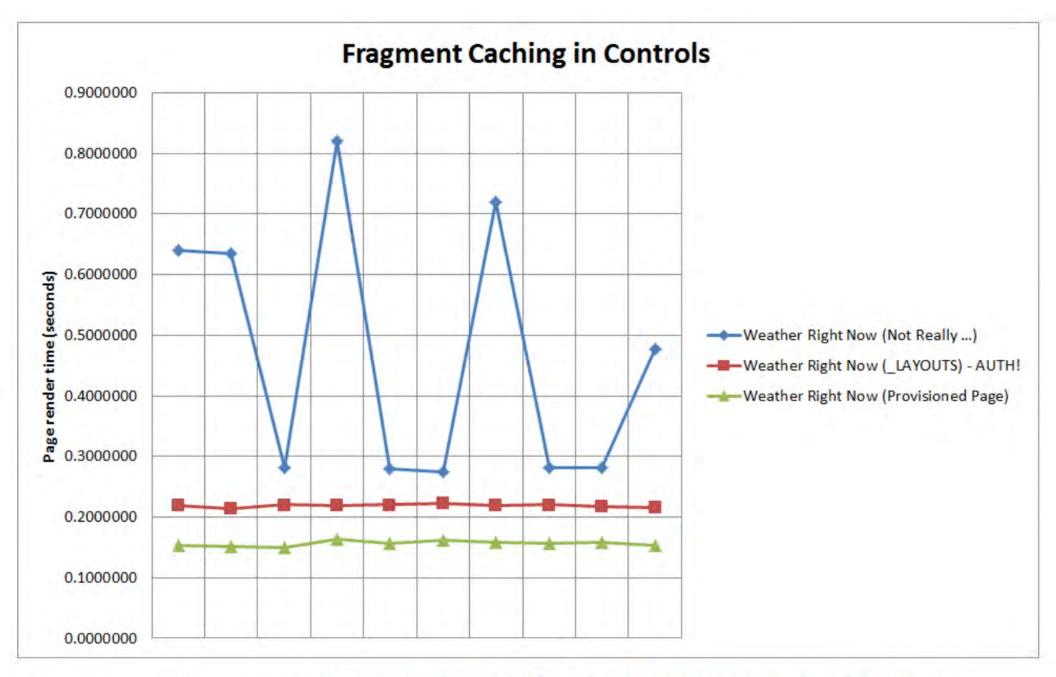
(Common) options to vary output exist based on:

- HTTP Header
- Query string value (GET) or parameter (POST)
- Value of child control in ASCX

```
<%@ Assembly Name="$SharePoint.Project.AssemblyFullName$" %>
<%@ Assembly Name="Microsoft.Web.CommandUI, Version=14.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=71e9bce11
<%@ Register Tagprefix="SharePoint" Namespace="Microsoft.SharePoint.WebControls" Assembly="Microsoft.Share
<%@ Register Tagprefix="Utilities" Namespace="Microsoft.SharePoint.Utilities" Assembly="Microsoft.Share
<%@ Register Tagprefix="asp" Namespace="System.Web.UI" Assembly="System.Web.Extensions, Version=3.5.0.0
<%@ Import Namespace="Microsoft.SharePoint" %>
<%@ Register Tagprefix="WebPartPages" Namespace="Microsoft.SharePoint.WebPartPages" Assembly="Microsoft
<%@ Control Language="C#" AutoEventWireup="true" CodeBehind="WeatherRightNowScraper.ascx.cs" Inherits='</pre>
```

<%@ OutputCache Duration="120" VaryByControl="ZipCodeTextbox" %>





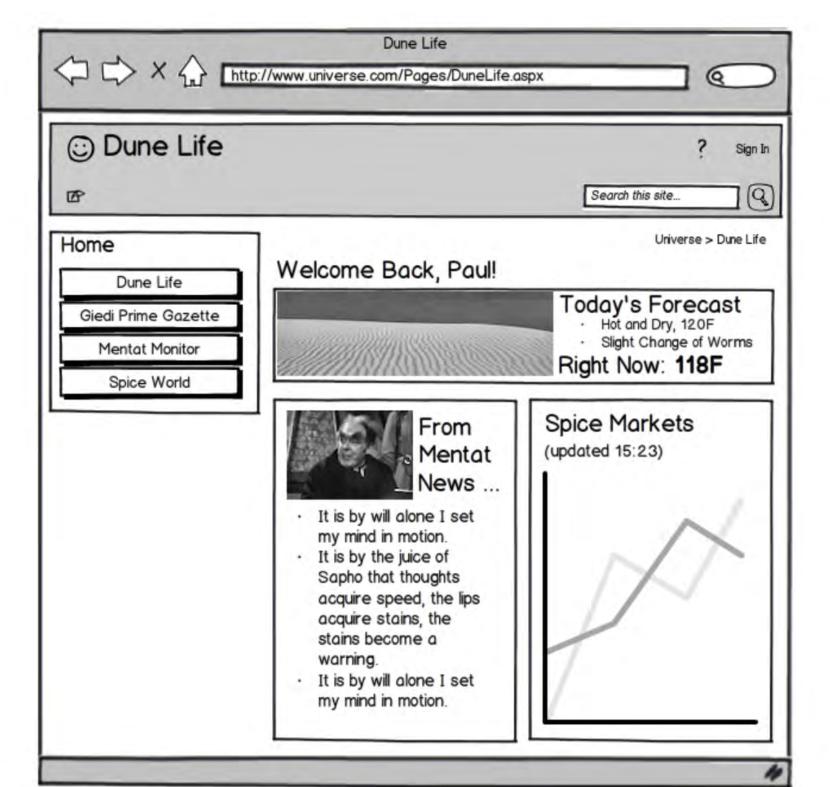
Average Page Render Times

- No Caching (Safe Mode Parsing*): 0.4691 sec
- Fragment Caching (_LAYOUTS Page): 0.2187 sec
- Fragment Caching (Provisioned Page): 0.1566 sec

Limitations and Watch-Outs

- Test your VaryBy... parameter settings carefully
- If using both page-level and control-level caching, page-level will trump control-level (duration) settings
- If caching doesn't appear to work, consider that the safe mode parser may be engaged. Work around it with a provisioned page, _layouts page, or another (safe) alternative

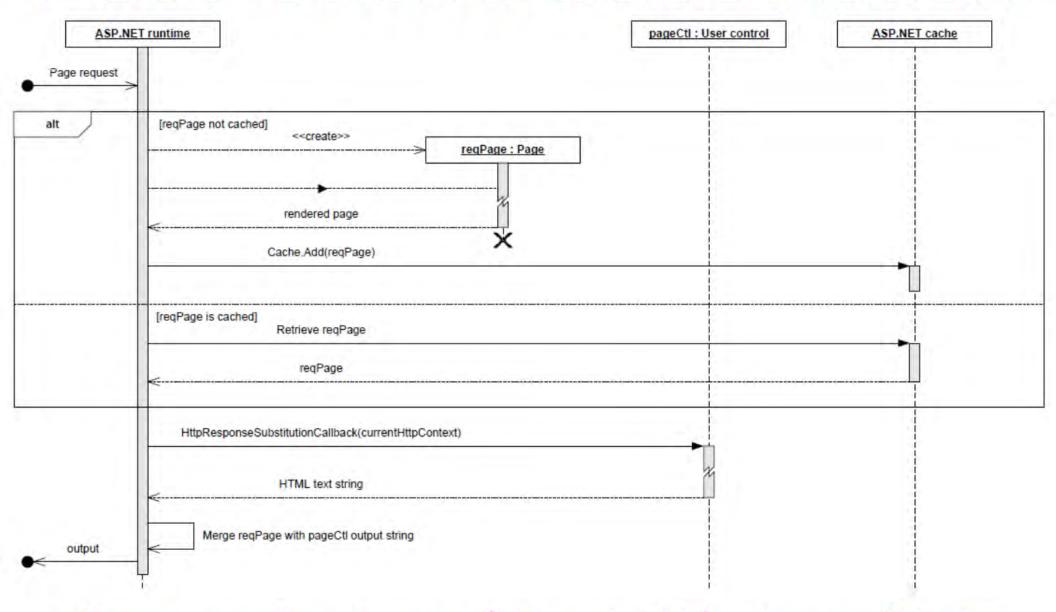
Sum-up: Safe way to cache control content that changes infrequently



- You are leveraging page output caching (i.e., the entire page's HTML output gets cached)
- Your control contains a mix of static and dynamic content
- You need a way to update the dynamic part (e.g., the "Right Now" temperature)



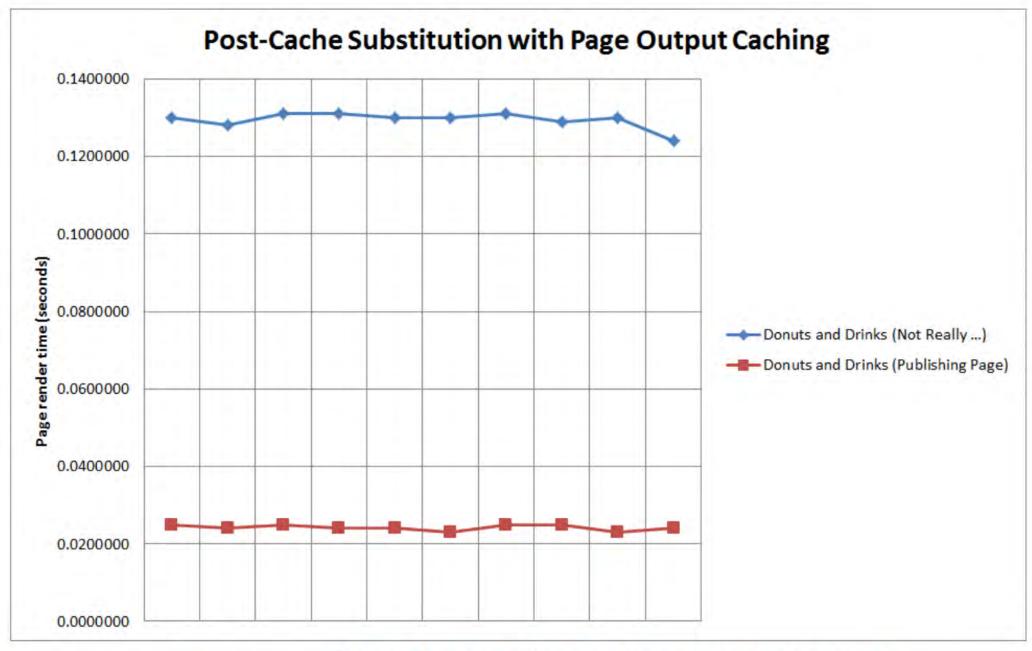
Post-Cache Substitution



Page output caching "with benefits"



```
□<asp:Panel ID="MainPanel" runat="server">
    <div style="text-align: center">
       <h2>Donut Caching: Now with Beverage!</h2>
    </div>
    <div style="position:relative;">
       <div style="float:left; width:50%; text-align:center;">
          <img alt="Have a yummy donut!" src="../../ layouts/images/CcsExamples/PCS Donut.jpg"/>
          Enjoy a tasty donut and ...
                 Prepared at <asp:Label runat="server" ID="DonutPreparedLabel"></asp:Label>
                 </div>
       <asp:Substitution runat="server" ID="BeverageSubstitution" MethodName="GetBeverageHtmlBlock" />
    </div>
 </asp:Panel>
```



Average Page Render Times Page Output Cache Disabled: 0.1294 sec

· Post-Cache Substitution (Pub Page): 0.0240 sec This is page output caching in action!

Limitations and Watch-Outs

- Remember that SharePoint's page output caching is needed to actually make this work
- If caching isn't working at all, use the Debug Cache Information option to determine if the host page is being output cached
- Obscure issue: if you override rendering at the page level (e.g., within the master page), post-cache substitution will break

Sum-up: Great complement to page output caching for controls that contain some dynamic content

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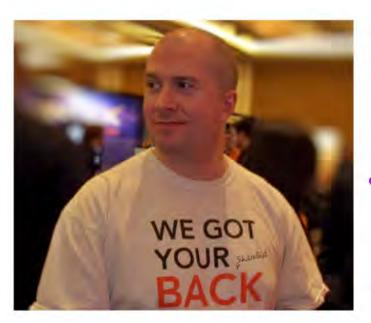
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