

#### **AWS at Telenor Digital**

Internet Services for the next Billion



## THE INTERNET OPPORTUNITY IN ASIA

1.1 billion people in our footprint 145 million are internet users 50% under 30 yrs Norway: ~30% under 30 yrs





**Dhaka** fastest growing city on Facebook



# ONLY 15% OF PAKISTANIS HAVE



Mobile health-care bring qualified doctors to rural Bangladesh - online

18 CHILDREN'S HEALTH & ED

राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम

ODII- Hospital for Underprivileged

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#### **AWS at Telenor Digital**

- Using AWS for production services since 2011
- Physical servers only when we need to control hardware
- 10+ services, 250K EC2 instance-hours/month in Ireland and Singapore regions
  - All engineers can have personal AWS accounts for experimentation
- Development services run in AWS: Jenkins, Gerrit, JIRA etc
- Use a wide range of AWS capabilities AWS as laaS and Paas
  - EC2, S3, RDS
  - SQS, SNS
  - CloudFormation
  - ELB, Auto-scaling groups
  - VPC with VPN tunnels
  - Redundancy across availability zones and regions
  - Route 53 (DNS, registrar)
  - CloudWatch for monitoring







#### **Case: Comoyo View**

- 2011: Comoyo View team starts building physical servers for transcoding
  Rationale: benefit from high-powered GPU
  - Also some initial legal concerns



- Content deal results in access to 1000's of movies
- Need a lot of compute power at peak very little otherwise
- Learned that optimal results require constant tweaking of parameters
  - Jobs often had to re-run, adding a lot of unplanned capacity requirements
- Task moved to AWS to be able to scale

 What we learned: ability and simplicity of elastic scaling of capacity by far outweighs local optimization potential



## Case: Grouper

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- "Grouper helps group organizers and participants to communicate and coordinate effectively."
- Started in March 2014 with 6 devs + PM
- Beta in May 2014
- Project shut down in December 2014
- Service shut down in February 2015



- Cost for buying hardware: 0 NOKs
- Opportunity cost for using staff to build basic infrastructure: none
- Time from tested software packages to service in production: 0



#### Case: SOBAZAAR

- "Follow your friends, fashionistas and favorite brands. Love and share your favorite looks - and shop the newest fashion pieces at any time at your ultimate fashion destination!"
- Brought into TD in October 2013 with 6 devs + PM
- Continuous improvements to system in production
- Launched in September 2014 30.000 users in 3 months
- Move to independent company announced in December 2014 (co-owned by Schibsted and Telenor)
- No moving of physical servers just change accounts
- Very little risk, zero downtime





### Minimal Viable Product in the Cloud Fail fast and with little waste!





Image source: http://www.chrisyin.com/images/spotify-mvp.png



#### Telenor Connect – Global Backend Services High demands on compliance!



#### • ID provider

- Authentication, account and rights management
- Highly sensitive data storage of Personal Identifiable Information
- Performance latency is critical aspect of UX

#### Payment solutions

- Billing gateway towards credit card, operator billing etc
- Store credit card details need to be PCI compliant
- Security in a public cloud
  - Would we be better in providing basic infrastructure security?
  - Focus energy and competence on building secure services!



#### The Cloud: A catalyst for better software

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- Faster time to market self-service in teams, rich capabilities
- Reduced variability and increased repeatability infrastructure as code
- Continuous Delivery deployment automation up from host provisioning
- Accountability in teams cost transparency
- Validation and testing A/B and Canary testing/phased roll-out
- Robustness fewer implicit assumptions, states are made explicit
- Anti-fragility deliberately break assumptions to encourage resilience



#### But this doesn't mean No-Ops



- Administration and operations still requires expertise
  - System design building resilient, scalable systems
  - System and network administration account and access management
  - System operation monitoring, alerting

## These best practices can often be shared across teams Standardization makes it easier to automate and scale



# Thank you!

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