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Grapher - Anatomy of a Request

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Prologue

This slide deck was originally presented by Barry O'Donovan at the 28th Euro-IX Forum IXP Manager Workshop in Luxembourg.

This presentation was a walk-through of how Grapher processes a request. There are essentially two sides to this: the HTTP request processing (including validation and access control) and the Grapher backend for processing a graph. I'm not sure how well this will translate as a standalone slide deck.



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Grapher - Anatomy of a Request

- How does a request to:
<http://localhost:8088/grapher/physicalinterface?id=127>
turn into a graph?
- We're using the following configuration options:

```
GRAPHER_BACKENDS="sfFlow|mrtg|dummy"
```

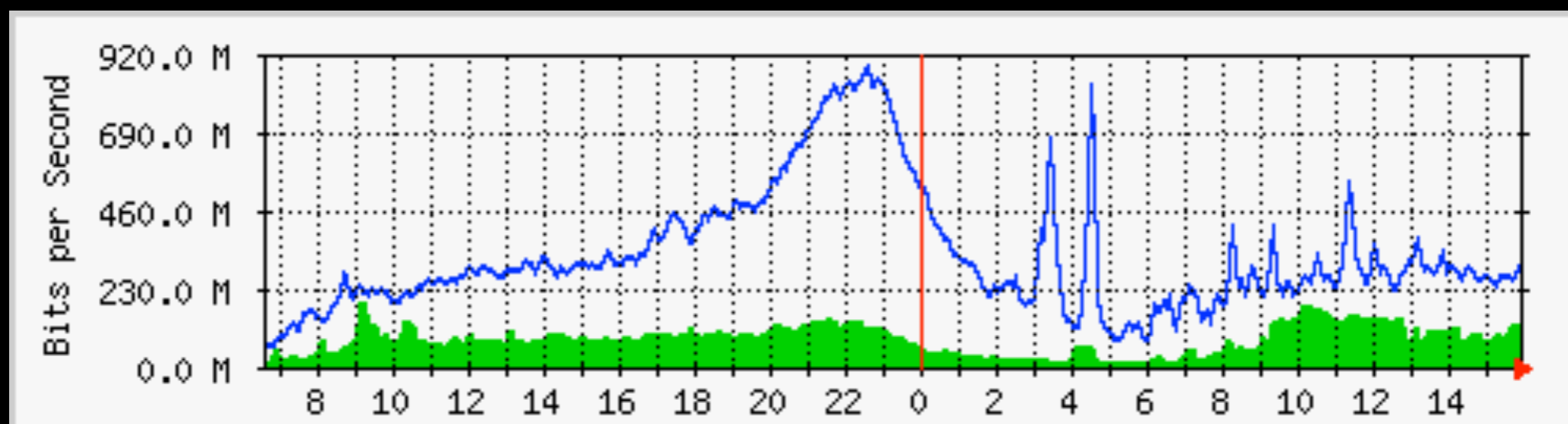
```
GRAPHER_BACKEND_MRTG_LOGDIR="/vagrant/mrtg/v4"
```

```
GRAPHER_BACKEND_MRTG_WORKDIR="/vagrant/mrtg/v4"
```

```
GRAPHER_BACKEND_SFLOW_ROOT="/vagrant/sfFlow"
```

```
GRAPHER_CACHE_ENABLED=true
```

<http://localhost:8088/grapher/physicalinterface?id=127>





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Service Providers

- Central place of all Laravel bootstrapping
- All providers registered in config/app.php

```
[ ..., IXP\Providers\GrapherServiceProvider::class, ... ]
```

- Builtins include: Auth, Cache, Database, Mail, Queue, Session, View
- Service providers register:
 - bindings (typically singletons)
 - event listeners
 - middleware
 - routes



IXP\Providers\GrapherServiceProvider

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- Binds main service class:

```
$this->app->singleton( 'IXP\Services\Grapher', function($app) {  
    return new \IXP\Services\Grapher;  
});
```

- Registers *artisan* console commands
- Registers Grapher related view functions
 - e.g. `scale()` which formats floats to *23.3Mbps*
- Registers HTTP routes



IXP\Services\Grapher

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- Single point of entry to all functionality
 - Resolves and instantiates backend(s)
 - Instantiates graph objects
 - Manages the graph cache
- Accessible via the service container or facade:

```
// $pi is an instance of a PhysicalInterface object
```

```
$grapher = $this->app->make('IXP\Services\Grapher');  
$graph = $grapher->physint($pi);
```

```
$graph = Grapher::physint($pi);
```



Grapher - Anatomy of a Request

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<http://localhost:8088/grapher/physicalinterface>

- Web server redirects to
/path/to/ixp4/public/index.php
- index.php bootstraps and hands off to Laravel
- Laravel's HTTP kernel will look for a matching route for grapher/physicalinterface
- Routes set by Grapher service provider



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Grapher - Anatomy of a Request

<http://localhost:8088/grapher/physicalinterface>

```
Route::group([ 'namespace' => 'IXP\Http\Controllers\Services',  
              'as'         => 'grapher::', 'prefix' => 'grapher',  
              'middleware' => 'grapher'  
            ],  
function() {  
    // ...  
    Route::get('physicalinterface', 'Grapher@physicalInterface');  
    // ...  
});
```



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Grapher - Anatomy of a Request

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                'middleware' => 'grapher'  
            ],  
            function () {  
                // ...  
                Route::get ( 'physicalinterface', 'Grapher@physicalInterface' );  
                // ...  
            }  
        );
```

- Namespace translates Grapher@physicalInterface to:
 - Class: IXP\Http\Controllers\Services\Grapher
 - Function: physicalInterface()



Grapher - Anatomy of a Request

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            ],  
            function() {  
                // ...  
                Route::get('physicalinterface', 'Grapher@physicalInterface');  
                // ...  
            })  
);
```

- as - route name prefix for generating URLs

```
$url = route('grapher::physint');
```



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- prefix - URL prefix: localhost:8088/grapher



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                // ...  
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                // ...  
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```

- HTTP middleware is a mechanism for filtering requests
 - *grapher* middleware defined in `IXP\Http\Kernel::$routeMiddleware`
`\IXP\Http\Middleware\Services\Grapher::class`



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Grapher Middleware

- Preprocesses all HTTP *grapher/** requests

```
public function handle($request, Closure $next ) {  
    // get the grapher service  
    $grapher = App::make('IXP\Services\Grapher');  
  
    // all graph requests require a certain basic set of  
    // parameters / defaults. Let's take care of that here  
    $graph = $this->processParameters( $request, $grapher );
```



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Grapher Middleware

```
private function processParameters( Request $request,  
    GrapherService $grapher ): Graph {  
  
    // ...  
  
    $request->period = Graph::processParameterPeriod(  
        $request->input( 'period', '' )  
    );  
  
    $request->category = Graph::processParameterCategory (...);  
    $request->protocol = Graph::processParameterProtocol (...);  
    $request->type      = Graph::processParameterType (...);  
  
    // Graph => IXP\Services\Grapher\Graph
```



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Grapher Middleware

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```

```
// ...
```

Let's take a quick look at this

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```

```
// Graph => IXP\Services\Grapher\Graph
```




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Graph::processParameterPeriod()

```
const PERIOD_DAY      = 'day';  
// PERIOD_WEEK, MONTH, YEAR  
const PERIOD_DEFAULT  = self::PERIOD_DAY;  
  
const PERIODS = [  
    self::PERIOD_DAY      => self::PERIOD_DAY,  
    self::PERIOD_WEEK     => self::PERIOD_WEEK,  
    self::PERIOD_MONTH    => self::PERIOD_MONTH,  
    self::PERIOD_YEAR     => self::PERIOD_YEAR  
];  
  
private $period = self::PERIOD_DEFAULT;  
  
public static function processParameterPeriod( string $v ): string {  
    if( !isset( self::PERIODS[ $v ] ) ) {  
        $v = self::PERIOD_DEFAULT;  
    }  
    return $v;  
}
```



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Grapher Middleware

```
private function processParameters( Request $request,  
    GrapherService $grapher ): Graph {
```

```
// ...
```

Period validated / sanitised and re-injected into \$request

```
$request->period = Graph::processParameterPeriod(  
    $request->input( 'period', '' )  
);
```

```
$request->category = Graph::processParameterCategory(...);  
$request->protocol = Graph::processParameterProtocol(...);  
$request->type      = Graph::processParameterType(...);
```

```
// Graph => IXP\Services\Grapher\Graph
```



Grapher Middleware

```
use IXP\Services\Grapher\Graph\PhysicalInterface as PhysIntGraph;
private function processParameters( Request $request,
    GrapherService $grapher ): Graph {

    // params processed. let's continue: $target is taken from the url

    switch( $target ) {
        // ...
        case 'physicalinterface':
            $physint = PhysIntGraph::processParameterPhysicalInterface(
                (int)$request->input( 'id', 0 ) );
            $graph = $grapher->physint( $physint )
                ->setParamsFromArray( $request->all() );
            break;
        // ...
    }

    return $graph;
}
```



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Grapher Middleware

```
use IXP\Services\Grapher\Graph\hysicalInterface as PhysIntGraph;
private function processParameters( Request $request,
    GrapherService $grapher ): Graph {

    // parameters processed..

    switch( $target ) {
        // ...
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            $graph = $grapher->physint( $physint )
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            break;
        // ...
    }

    return $graph;
}
```

Let's take a quick look at this



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PhysicalInterfaceGraph ::processParameterPhysicalInterface()

```
public static function processParameterPhysicalInterface( int $pi )
    : PhysicalInterfaceEntity {

    if( !$pi
        || !( $physint = d2r( 'PhysicalInterface' )->find( $pi ) ) ) {
        abort(404);
    }

    return $physint;
}
```

Loads the physical interface from the DB if the id (\$pi) exists.
Otherwise throws a 404.



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            break;
        // ...
    }

    return $graph;
}
```

Now we have a valid Graph object!



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Grapher Middleware

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    $graph = $this->processParameters( $request, $grapher );
```

\$graph returned back to here.



Grapher Middleware

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```
public function handle($request, Closure $next ) {  
    // ...  
    $graph = $this->processParameters( $request, $grapher );  
    // so we know what graph we need and who's looking for it  
    // let's authorise for access (this throws an exception)  
    $graph->authorise();  
    $request->attributes->add( [ 'graph' => $graph ] );  
    return $next($request);  
}
```

Let's take a quick look at this



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\$graph->authorise()

```
public function authorise(): bool {  
    if( !Auth::check() ) { return $this->deny(); }  
  
    if( Auth::user()->isSuperUser() ) { return $this->allow(); }  
  
    if( Auth::user()->getCustomer()->getId() ==  
        $this->physicalInterface()  
            ->getVirtualInterface()  
            ->getCustomer()  
            ->getId() ) {  
        return $this->allow();  
    }  
  
    Log::notice( ... );  
    return $this->deny();  
}
```



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    }  
}
```

```
Log::notice( ... );  
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}
```

Default: throws Illuminate\Auth\Access\AuthorizationException



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Grapher Controller

- Control is passed to the appropriate controller once *all* middleware has completed.

```
Route::get( 'physicalinterface', 'Grapher@physicalInterface' );
```

- All graphs handled generically right now:

```
class Grapher extends Controller
{
    public function __construct( Request $request, ... ) {
        $this->graph = $request->attributes->get( 'graph' );
    }

    public function physicalInterface( Request $request ): Response {
        return $this->simpleResponse( $request );
    }
}
```



Grapher Controller

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```
private function simpleResponse( $request ): Response {  
    return (new Response( call_user_func([ $this->graph(), $this->graph()->type() ])))  
        ->header( 'Content-Type', Graph::CONTENT_TYPES[ $this->graph()->type() ] )  
        ->header( 'Content-Disposition', sprintf( 'inline; filename="xxx"' ) )  
        ->header( 'Expires', Carbon::now()->addMinutes(5)->toRfc1123String() );  
}
```



Grapher Controller

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Grapher Controller

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```

```
new Response(  
    call_user_func(  
        [ $this->graph(), $this->graph()->type() ]  
    )  
)
```

e.g. `$this->graph()->png()`



Graph Objects

- IXP\Services\Grapher\Graph is an abstract class which:
 - defines all common parameters and related functions (period, etc)
 - accessors, setters, parameters processors
 - is provided a backend by Grapher
 - has other objects such as statistics(), renderer(), data()
 - utility functions such as toc(), url()
 - key fns: data(), png(), rrd(), log() [json'ified data()], json() [of toc()]
 - presentation fns: identifier(), name(), title(), watermark()
 - access control: authorise(), allow(), deny()
- All concrete graph implementations extend this class



Graph Objects :: Physical Interface

- Extends IXP\Services\Grapher\Graph and:
 - defines accessors/getters/parameter processors for Entities\PhysicalInterface
 - overrides name(), identifier(), url()
 - overrides authorise()



Graph Objects :: Create a PNG

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```
$this->graph()->png()
```



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Graph Objects :: Create a PNG

```
$this->graph()->png()
```

```
public function png(): string {  
    return $this->grapher()->remember(  
        $this->cacheKey('png'), function() {  
            return $this->backend()->png($this);  
        }  
    );  
}
```



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Graph Objects :: Create a PNG

```
$this->backend()->png($this)
```

```
public function backend(): GrapherBackend {  
    if( $this->backend === null ) {  
        $this->backend = $this->grapher()->backendForGraph( $this );  
    }  
    return $this->backend;  
}
```



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Graph Objects :: Create a PNG

```
$this->grapher () ->backendForGraph ( $this )
```

```
public function backendForGraph( Graph $graph, array $backends = [] )
    : BackendContract {
    if( !count( $backends ) ) {
        $backends = config( 'grapher.backend' );
    }

    if( !count( $backends ) ) {
        throw new ConfigurationException(...);
    }

    foreach( $backends as $backend ) {
        if( ( $b = $this->backend( $backend ) )->canProcess( $graph ) ) {
            return $b;
        }
    }

    throw new GraphCannotBeProcessedException(...);
}
```



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Graph Objects :: Create a PNG

`$this->grapher () ->backendForGraph ($this)`

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public function backendForGraph( Graph $graph, array $backends = [] )
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    if( !count( $backends ) ) {
        $backends = config('grapher.backend');
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Graph Objects :: Create a PNG

```
$this->backend( $backend ) ->canProcess( $graph )
```

```
public function canProcess( Graph $graph ): bool {  
    // find what this backend can support  
    $s = $this->supports();  
  
    if( isset( $s[ $graph->lcClassType() ] ) )  
        && ( isset($s[ $graph->lcClassType() ]['categories']) )  
            && in_array( $graph->category(),  
                $s[ $graph->lcClassType() ]['categories'] ) )  
        && // periods  
        && // protocols  
        && // types ) )  
    {  
        return true;  
    }  
  
    return false;  
}
```




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Graph Objects :: Create a PNG

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Graph Objects :: Create a PNG

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        }  
    );  
}
```



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Backend Objects

- IXP\Services\Grapher\Backend is an abstract class which:
 - defines the canProcess() implementation
- All concrete backend implementations extend this class **and implement IXP\Contracts\Grapher\Backend** which requires certain functions to be implemented:
 - name()
 - isConfigurationRequired() / generateConfiguration()
 - canProcess()
 - data(), png()
 - supports()



Backend Objects :: supports()

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```
public static function supports () : array {
    return [
        // ...
        'physicalinterface' => [
            'protocols'      => [ Graph::PROTOCOL_ALL => Graph::PROTOCOL_ALL ],
            'categories'     => Graph::CATEGORIES,
            'periods'        => Graph::PERIODS,
            'types'          => array_except( Graph::TYPES, Graph::TYPE_RRD )
        ],
        // ...
    ];
}
```



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Backend Objects :: png()

```
public function png( Graph $graph ): string {
    if( ( $img = @file_get_contents(
        $this->resolveFilePath( $graph, 'png' ) ) ) === false ) {
        // couldn't load the image so return a placeholder
        Log::notice(...);
        return @file_get_contents( ".../image-missing.png" );
    }

    return $img;
}
```



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Backend Objects :: png()

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