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At my former employer (Aaaahh . . . Sorry, just feels good to say that :), I rewrote a commercial interface to a defect tracking system. The original product was a bunch of Bourne shell scripts that all sourced one humongous configuration script. It took on the order of 10-12 seconds to return some pages (and some of those weren't even executing any queries against the defect database) on a mostly idle SS20. Under mod_perl, that dropped to approximately 2-4 seconds for everything but really large queries (i.e. everything in the db).
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