

# Newsfast

Technology news

# Personalised

# The Problem



A large, disorganized stack of newspapers and magazines is shown against a bright yellow background. The papers are piled high, with various headlines and colors visible. A prominent headline on one of the papers reads "In not tough". Overlaid on the center of the stack is a semi-transparent pink rectangular box containing the text "Many news sources" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**Many news  
sources**

**Technology Exploding**

**News Sources Increasing**

**Less time for busy people**



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# Our Solution Newsfast

50 Tech RSS Feeds

Rank News Articles

Personalise for the User

Attractive UI

# Our Users

Students



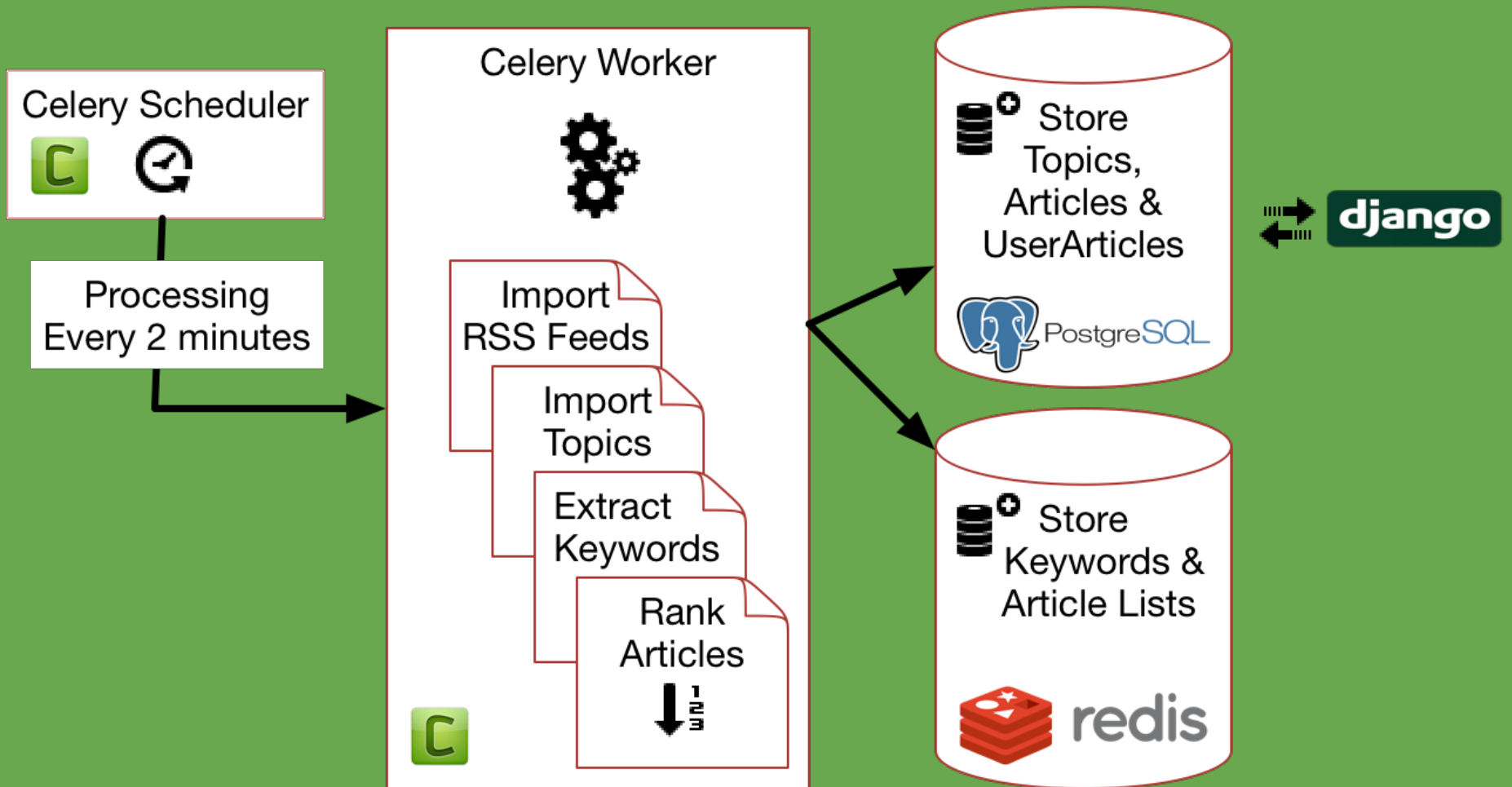
Academics

Tech Workers

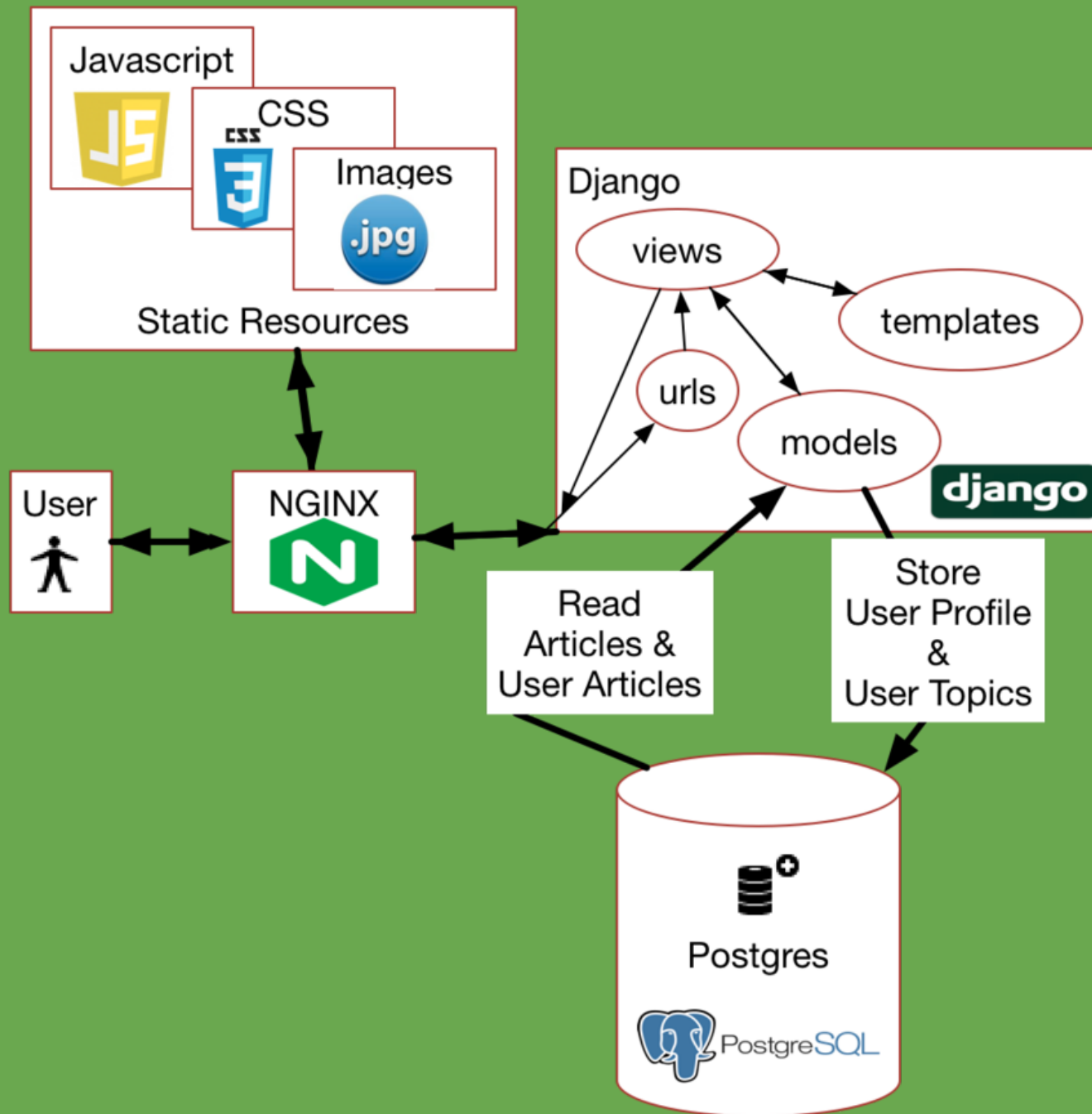


Hobbyists

# Newsfast Demo







**RSS  
Processing**

Store Articles

Article

ID 22  
Title "WHY I LOVE MY IPHONE"  
Summary "Details"  
URL "the URL"  
Rank 50



Keyword  
Extraction  
with NLTK

Key	Values
iphone	24 56 22
android	28 87 21
amazon	35 50 67



User Selects Topic  
iPhone

Create  
Personalized  
Articles

UserArticle

User Profile 1234  
ID 22  
Rank 66

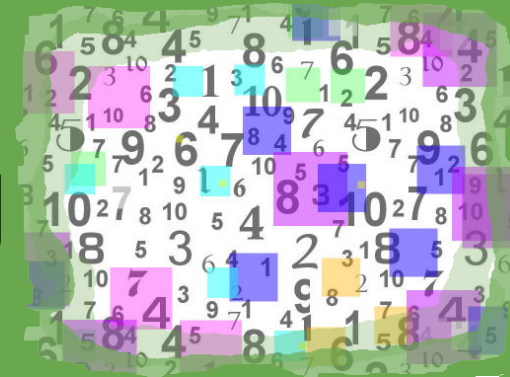


UI Design Decisions

Rank Articles

Learn Users Preferences

# Article Ranking



Aim: Get the most relevant and interesting Articles to the User

Scoring

Image +10

New +10

Length +20

User Topic +20



12 Hours Old -10

24 Hours Old -20

36 Hours Old -30

User Reads -20

# Learning Preferences

The problem: User is reading Articles, we want to recommend like Articles

The solution: Create training set based on what Articles the User reads

New Articles are checked for similarity to training set and assigned a rank

Value Proposition

Profit Model



Processes

Resources



# The Newsfast Value Proposition

Advertisers are our sole customers

User will never be charged for service

Customers want to promote their product

Creating a hub for users

# Revenue Model



The types of advertising we will cater for initially will be

- Cost per Click (CPC)
- Cost per Impression (CPM)
- Later on we will explore options in Private Advertising and Affiliates

# Cost Model



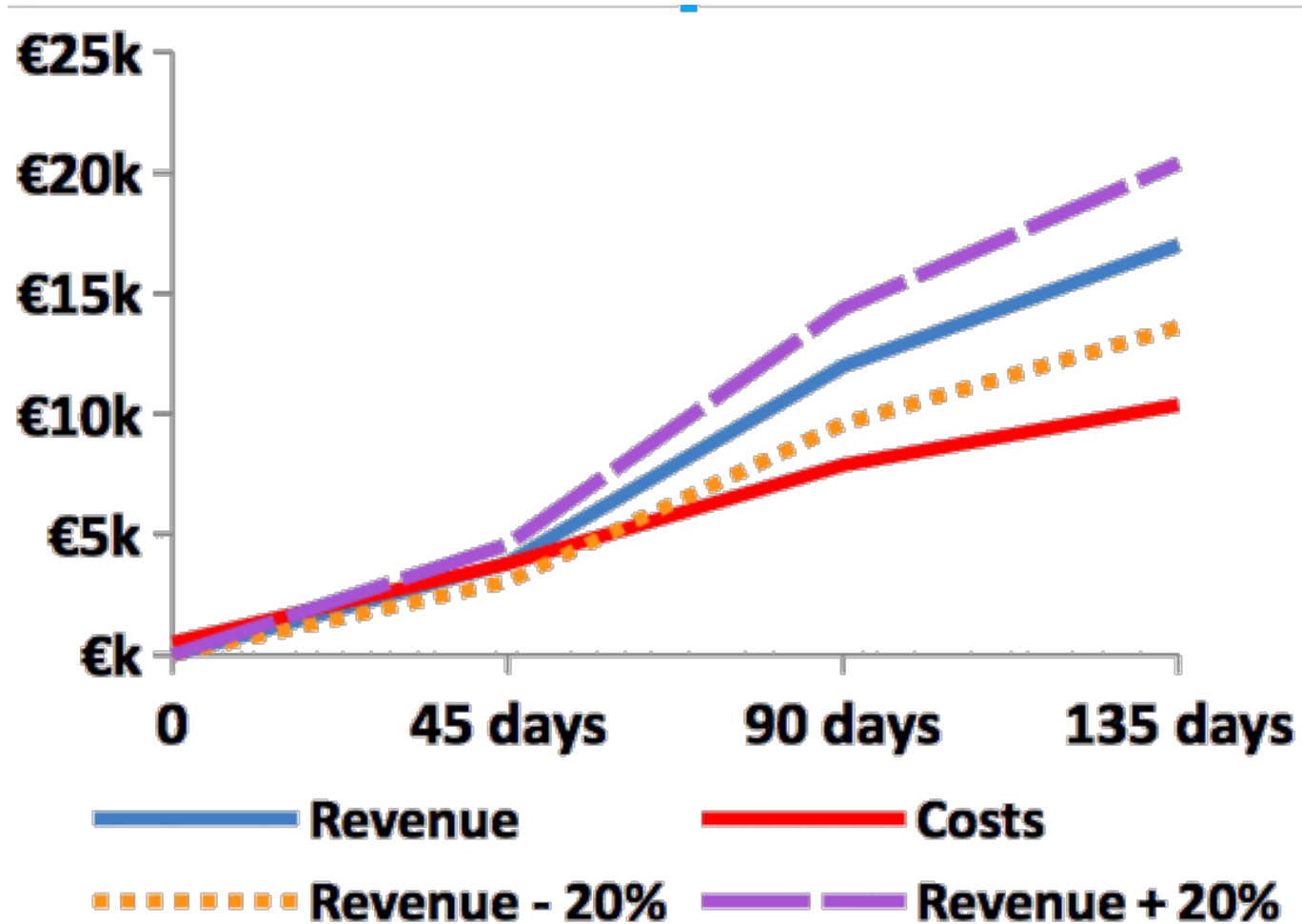
Staff

Server Cost

Promotions

Marketing

# Revenue Vs Cost



# Critical Processes

Build User Base

Relationship with key partners

Be revenue focused

# Critical Resources

Content Feeds

Marketing Partner

Finance Resource

Business and Technical Skills



**.REVIEWS**

# User Survey

Survey Monkey: 44 Responses

2 Technology Companies - Ericsson and  
Openmind Networks

Feedback from UI experts

[illegible]

# Actions Taken

Add thumbnail image to news

Mobile Friendly Website

Landing Page

# Did we solve the problem?

## Personalisation

22 out of 27 positive statements

## Would they use it again?

24 out of 31 positive statements

# Problems and Improvements

Authentication

Bigrams and Synonyms

Safari Support



# Reflections



**Most Successful**

Personalisation

User Interface

Docker environment

**Least Successful**

Topic selection

Tweets

# Challenges

Agreeing on UI changes

Getting good feedback

Time and Location

# Learning

Docker Technology

UI Development: JQuery,  
Javascript, CSS3

Different Styles of Working