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RBea: Scalable Real-Time Analytics at King

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About King

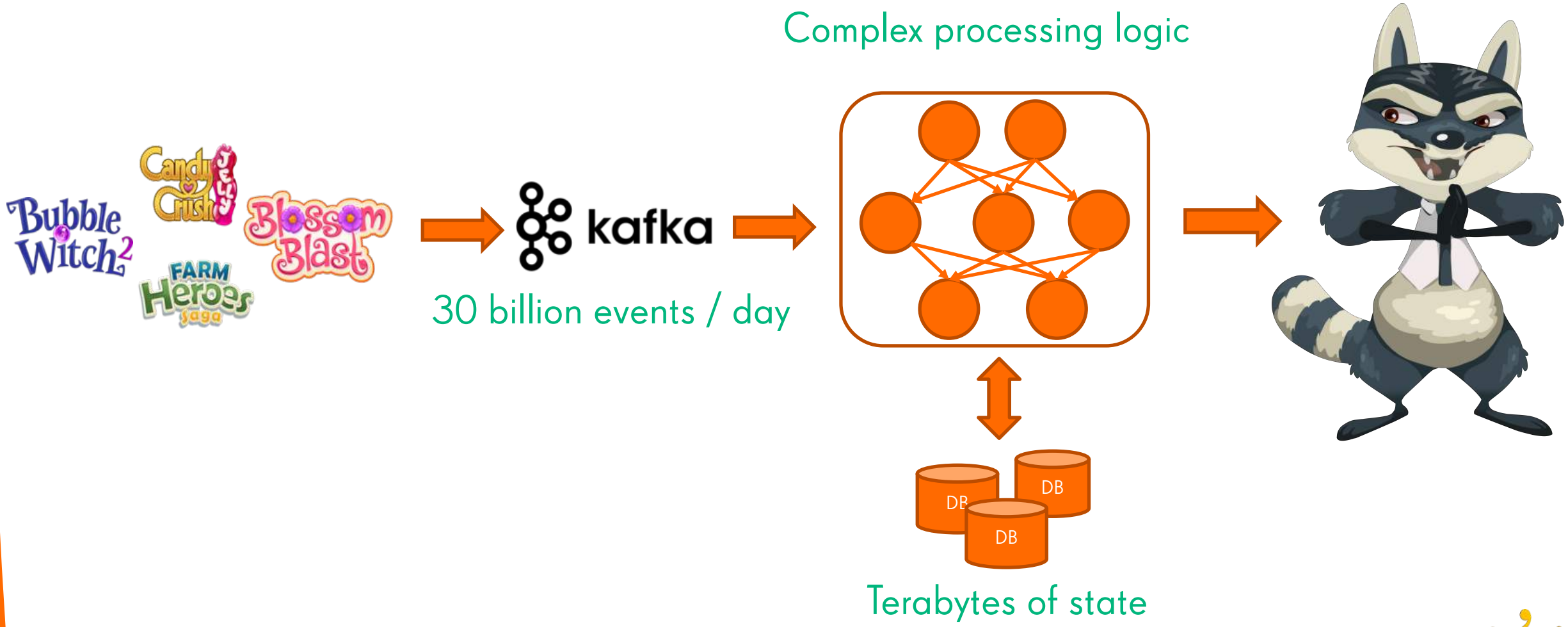
We make awesome mobile games

463 million monthly active users

30 billion events per day

And a lot of data...

From streaming perspective...



How do we use Flink

Standalone deployment

Few heavy streaming jobs

RocksDB state backend with caching

Lot of custom tooling

The RBea platform

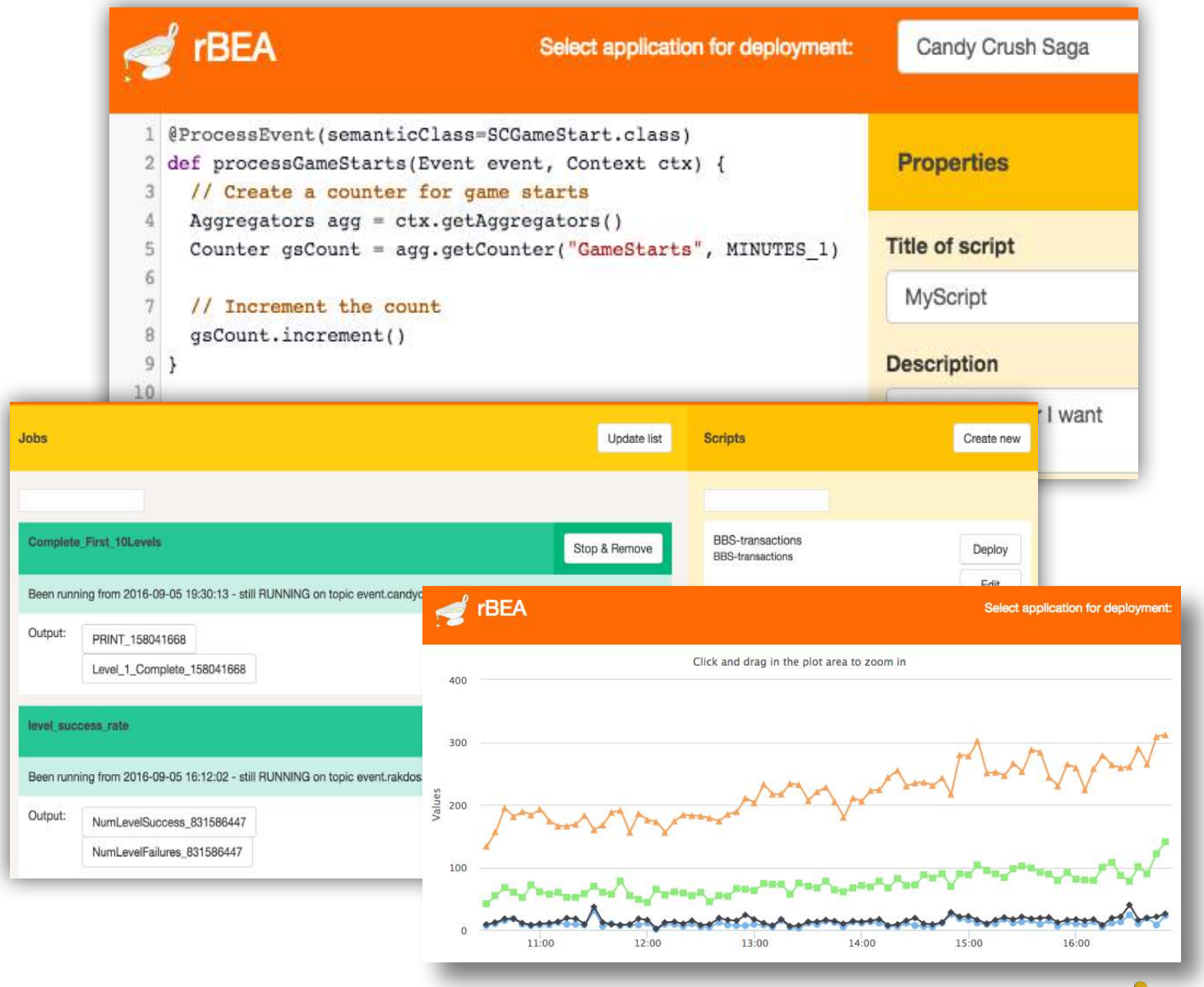
Scripting on the live streams

Deploy from browser/python

Window aggregates

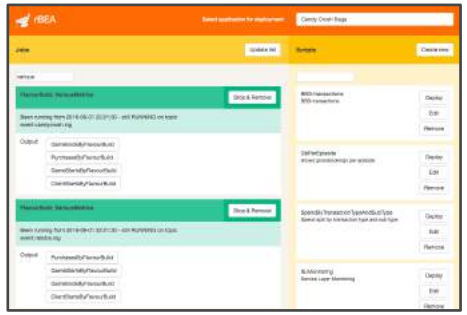
Stateful computations

Scalable + fault tolerant



RBea architecture

RBEA web frontend



Data Scientists

REST API

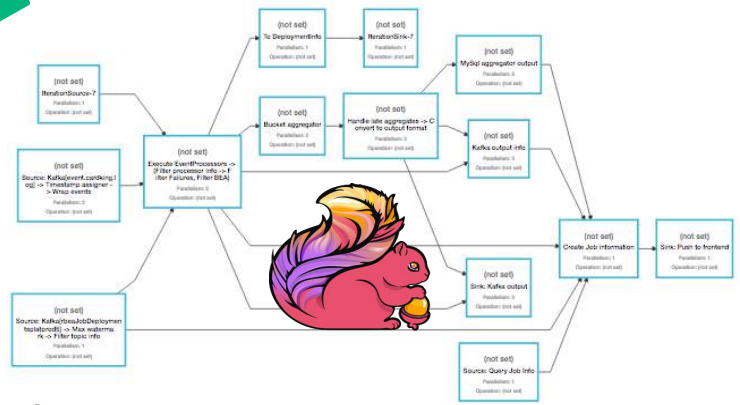
RBEA Scripts

Job Info

Libraries

python™

Events



Output

kafka

MySQL

RocksDB

ceph

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RBea backend implementation

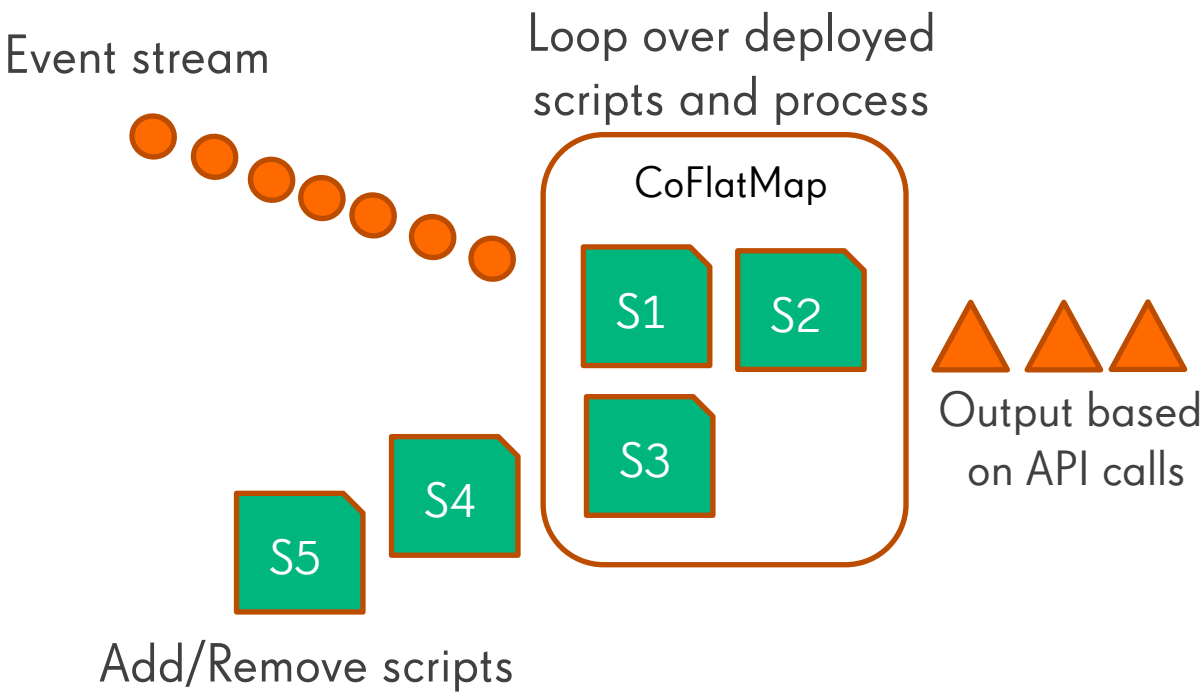
One stateful Flink job / game

Stream events and scripts

Events are partitioned by user id

Scripts are broadcasted

Output/Aggregation happens downstream



Dissecting the DSL

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def process(SCPurchase purchase,
            Output out,
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Processing methods by annotation

Event filter conditions

Flexible argument list

Code-generate Java classes

=> void processEvent(Event e, Context ctx);

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Output calls create *Output* events

Output(KAFKA, "purchases", "…")

These events are filtered downstream and sent to a Kafka sink

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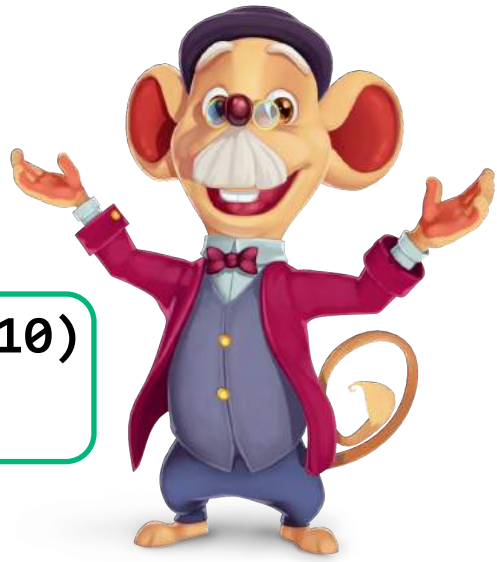
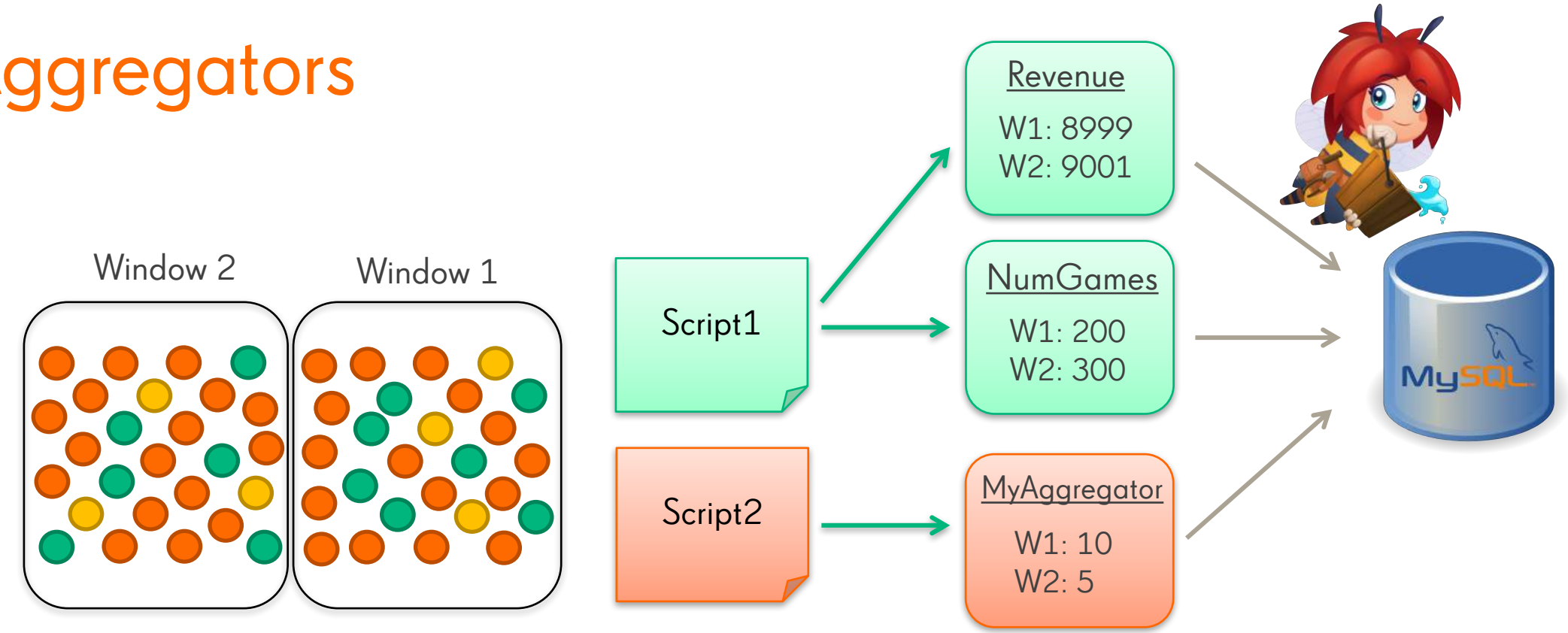
Aggregator calls create *Aggregate* events

Aggr (MYSQL, 60000, "PurchaseCount", 1)

Flink window operators do the aggregation



Aggregators

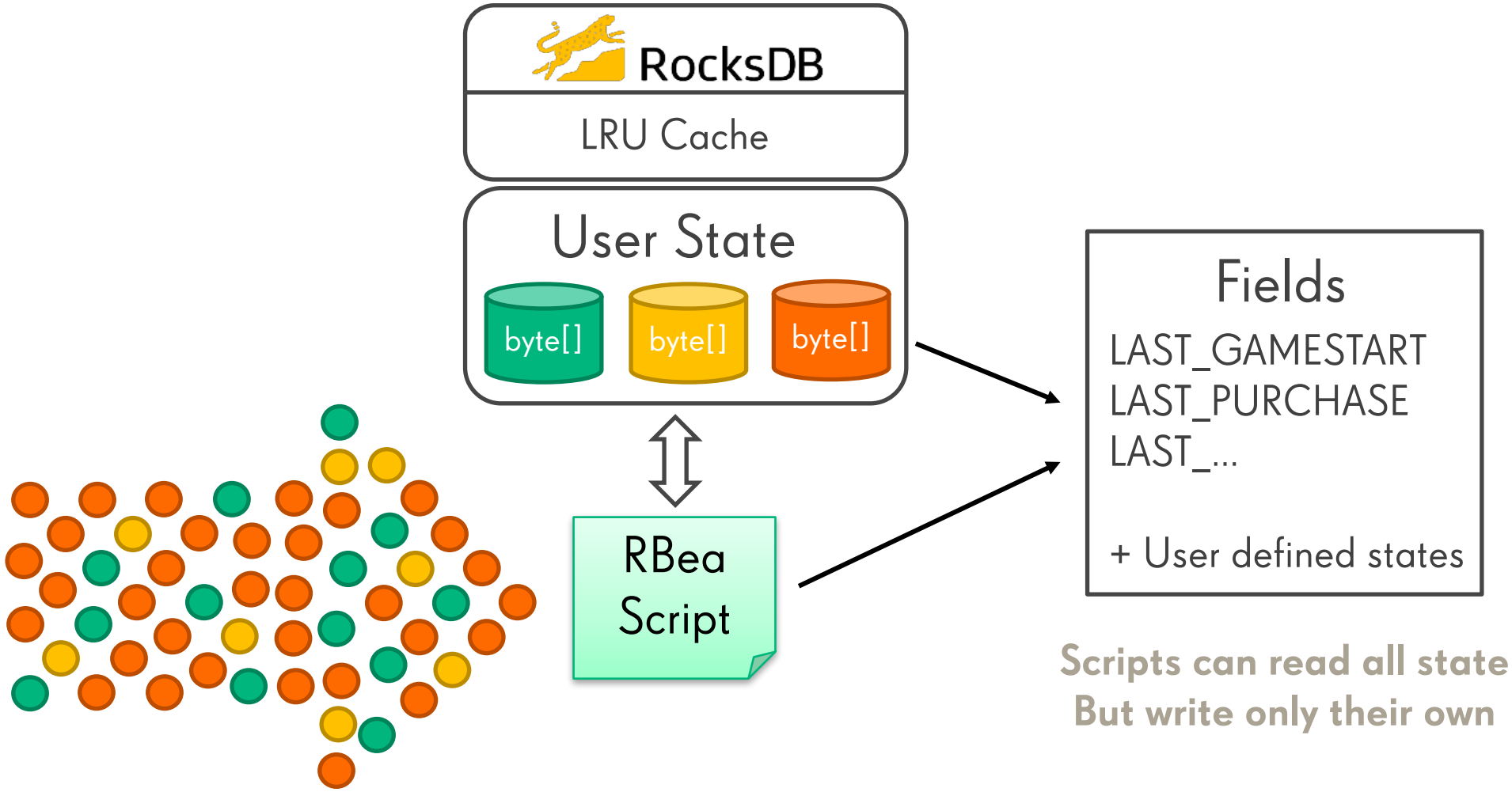


Event time windows
Window size / aggregator

Dynamic window assignment

```
long size = aggregate.getWindowSize();
long start = timestamp - (timestamp % size);
long end = start + size;
TimeWindow tw = new TimeWindow(start, end);
```

User states



Scripts can read all state
But write only their own

Things you might wonder...

Can slow scripts affect other scripts?

- Yes, but we are working on it
- Separate test/live environments

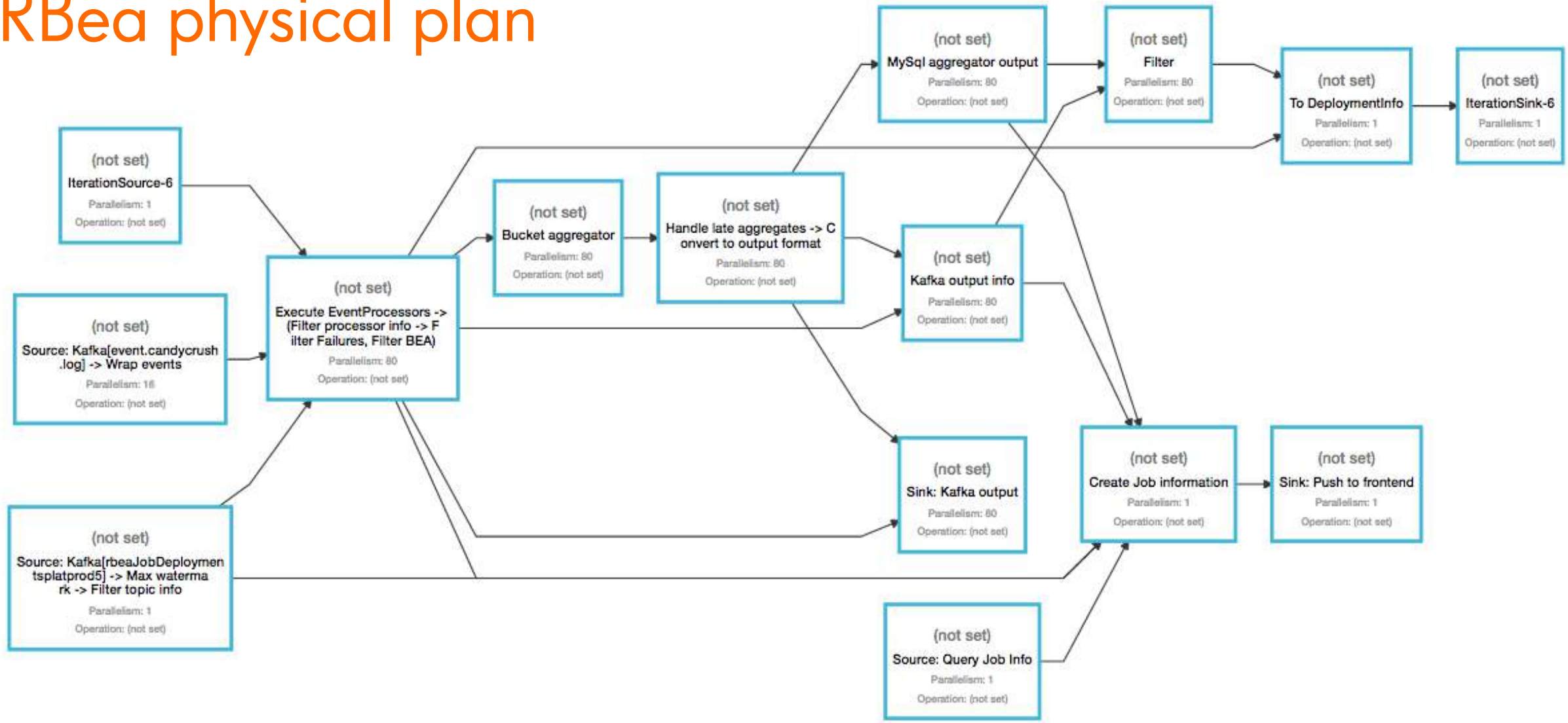
What does the backend know about the scripts?

- Outputs produced
- Failures (causes) => these are propagated
- Runtime stats in the future

Is RBea useful compared to custom Flink jobs?

- Writing + maintaining streaming jobs is hard
- Especially with state, windowing, MySQL etc.

RBea physical plan



Wrap up

RBea makes streaming accessible to every data scientist at King

We leverage Flink's stateful and windowed processing capabilities

People love it because it's simple and powerful

Thank you!