

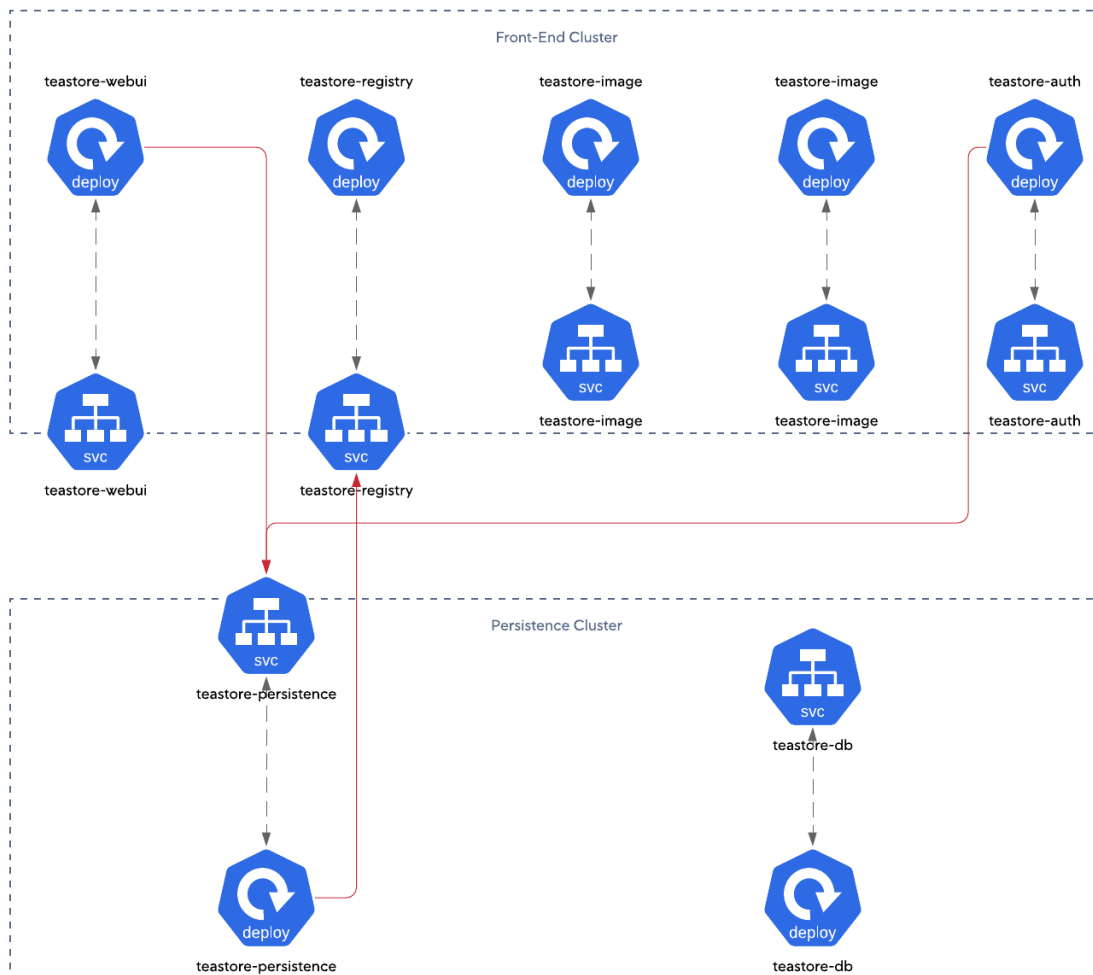
# Deploying the TeaStore Application Across Multiple Kubernetes Clusters

## Introduction

This doc outlines the process for deploying the TeaStore application across multiple Kubernetes clusters. We will be separating the persistence and database layers into a separate cluster.

## End Architecture

The end architecture diagram is shown below. The redlines indicate cross-cluster network connections between services.



## Approach

The original authors of the [TeaStore application](#) documented multiple deployment strategies centered around two different technologies: containers and Java application servers. As part of the container approach, the following options were documented:

1. Single container
2. Multiple single-service containers
3. Docker-compose
4. Single Kubernetes cluster

To achieve the desired architecture, we used the deployment strategy for a single Kubernetes cluster. In the Kubernetes deployment strategy, an environment variable for the host name of each service is set to the simple name of the service (i.e., `teastore-webui` and `teastore-registry`), and the services use this environment variable when registering with the registry service. Since using this simple host name is not reachable from services residing in a separate cluster, we modified the deployment strategy to use patterns derived from the multiple single-service container strategy.

All services need to communicate with the registry service, so we exposed the Kubernetes service for the registry as a load balancer. In addition, because the `webui` and `auth` services communicate with the persistence service in certain transactions, we exposed the persistence service as a load balancer. These are denoted in the diagram above as services sitting on the border of the dotted box representing the cluster.

The final deployment artifacts consist of 3 YAML files: one for the registry service, one for the persistence and db services, and one for the remaining services.

## Deployment Directions

### Assumptions

- These steps used Kubernetes clusters created in public cloud infrastructure.
- The steps do not include directions for cluster creation.
- The steps do not include instrumentation using AppDynamics.
- The implementer will need to switch Kubernetes contexts as needed throughout the steps
- Additional steps may be required for configuring access into the IKS environment (proxies, etc.).

### Steps

Cluster	Step	Terminal Command
Front-End Cluster	1. Deploy registry to front-end cluster.	<code>kubectl apply -f ./teastore-registry.yaml</code>
Front-End Cluster	2. Save registry load balancer address as environment variable.	<code>export REGISTRY_LOADBALANCER_HOST=\$(kubectl get svc teastore-registry -o json   jq -r '.status.loadBalancer.ingress[0]   .[]')</code>
Persistence Cluster	3. Set registry URL in persistence deployment and deploy persistence to persistence cluster.	<code>cat teastore-persistence.yaml   sed -e "s/\\\$REGISTRY_LOADBALANCER_HOST/\\\$REGISTRY_LOADBALANCER_HOST/g"   kubectl apply -f -</code>
Persistence Cluster	4. Save persistence load balancer address as environment variable.	<code>export PERSISTENCE_LOADBALANCER_HOST=\$(kubectl get svc teastore-persistence -o json   jq -r '.status.loadBalancer.ingress[0]   .[]')</code>
Persistence Cluster	5. Update host name environment variable of persistence deployment.	<code>kubectl set env deployment/teastore-persistence HOST_NAME=\$PERSISTENCE_LOADBALANCER_HOST</code>
Front-End Cluster	6. Deploy remaining front-end services to front-end cluster.	<code>kubectl apply -f ./teastore-frontend.yaml</code>

