

Real-time Visualization of Analyzed Industrial Communication Network Traffic

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Background



- Industrial Network Security want to understand the traffic
- Analysis of the traffic
- Real-time visualization to help the user understand
- Incidents can be detected visually





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Requirements



- 24 Functional Requirements
 - User access control, security roles
 - Three different diagram types
 - Brushing
 - Data filter
- 12 Non-Functional Requirements





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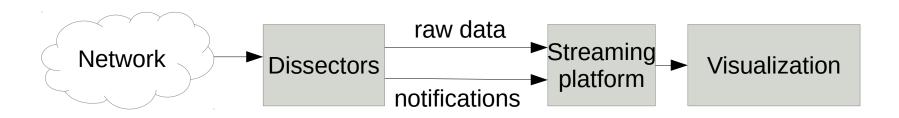
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The Workflow



- Network traffic is recorded
- Traffic data is analyzed (dissected)
- Data is fed to a streaming platform (Kafka)
- A visualization tool displays data and analysis results







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Architecture and Design



- Client-Server Architecture
- Back-End:
 - Mediator pattern
 - Strategy pattern
- Front-End:
 - Model-View-Controller
 - Observer





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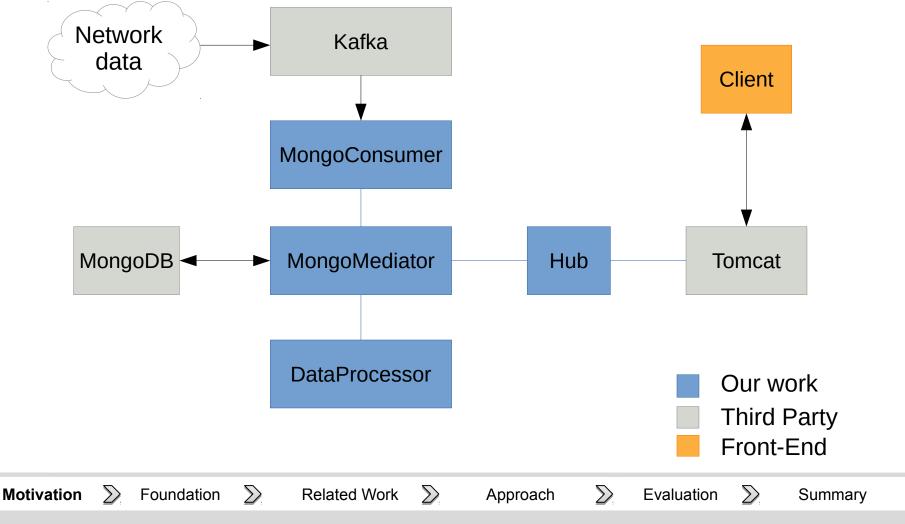
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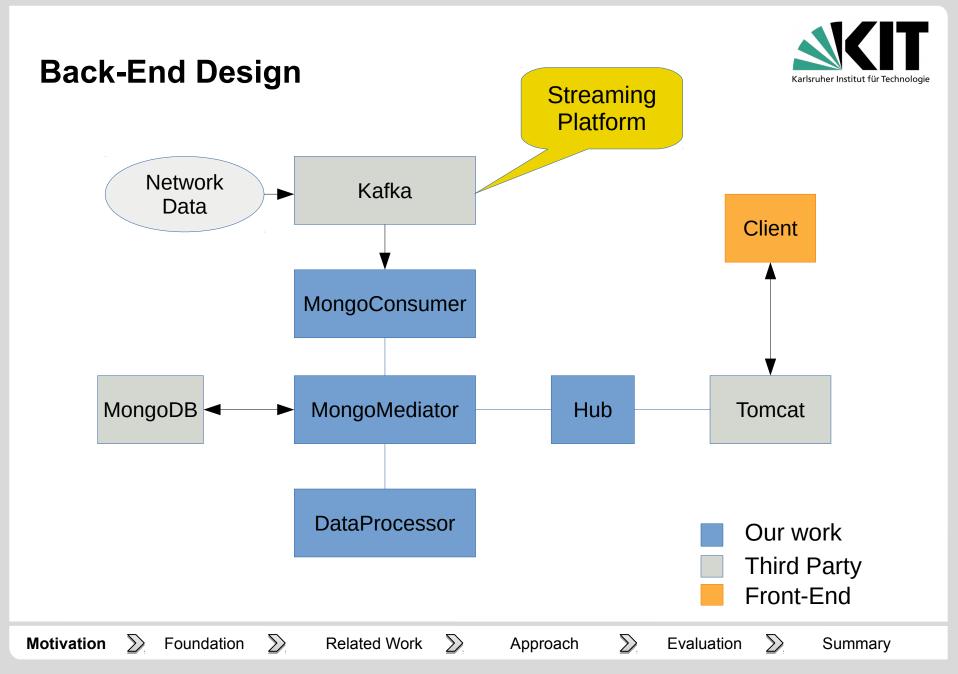


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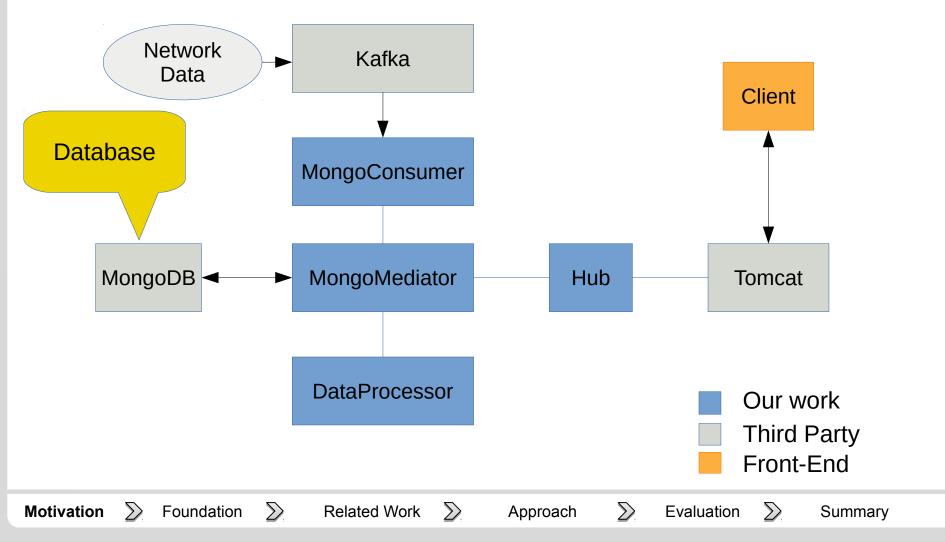




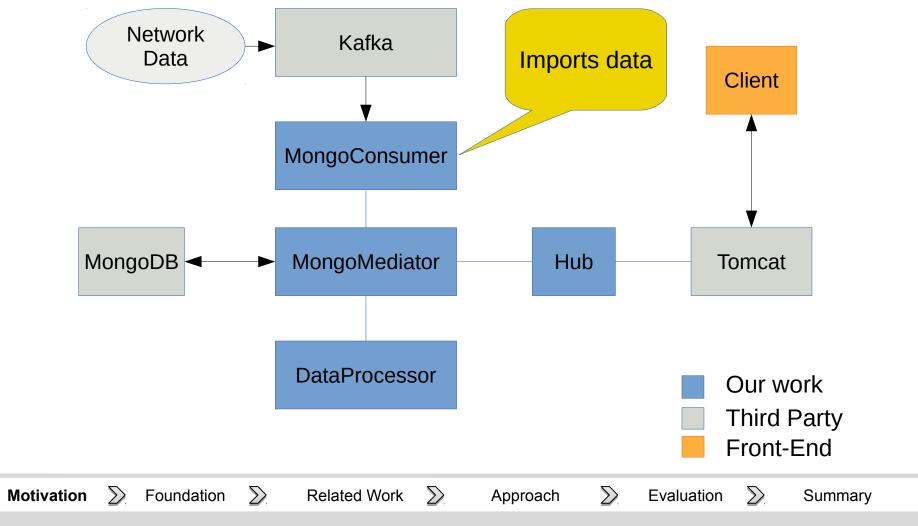




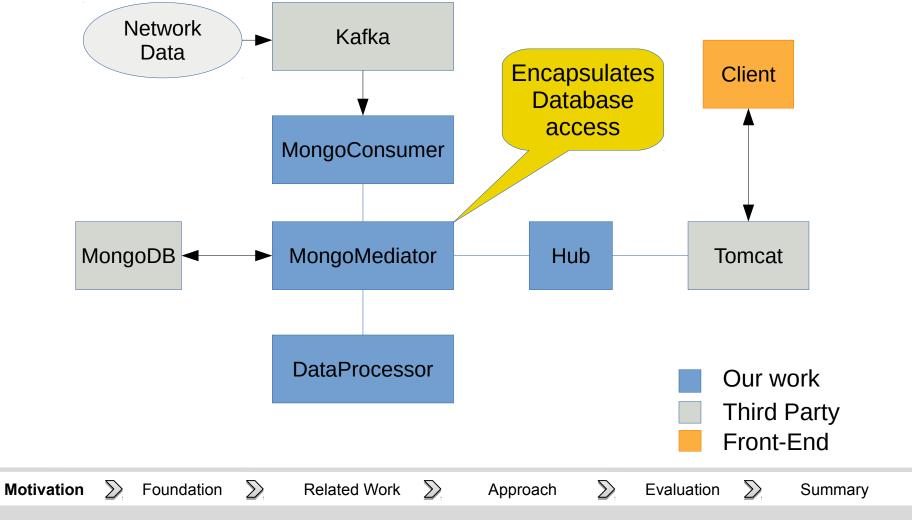




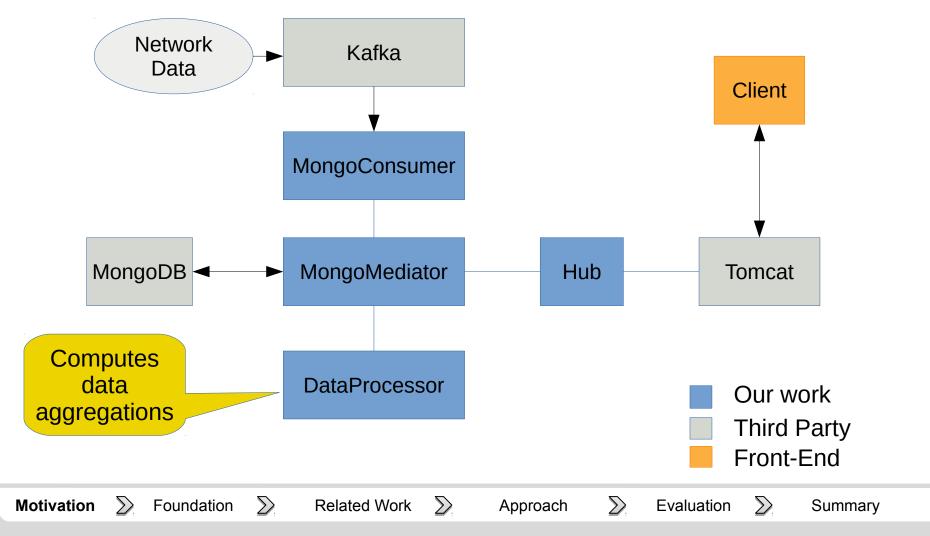




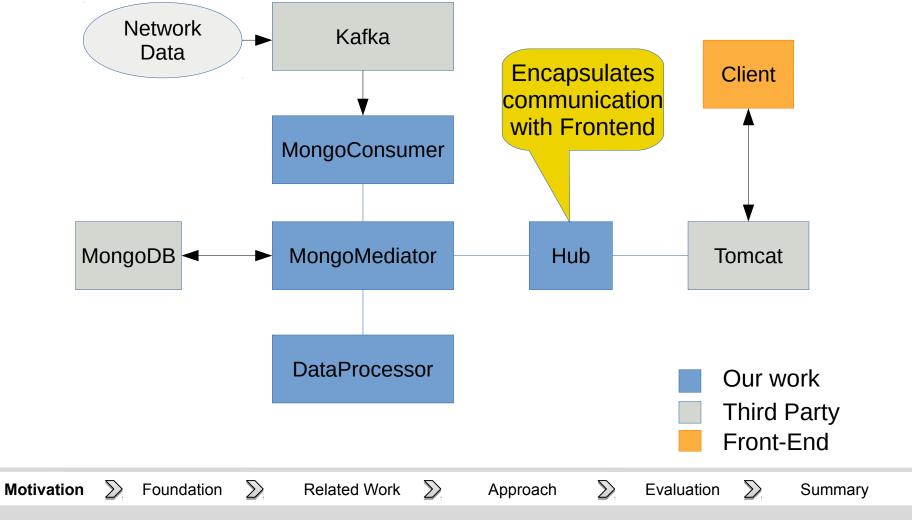




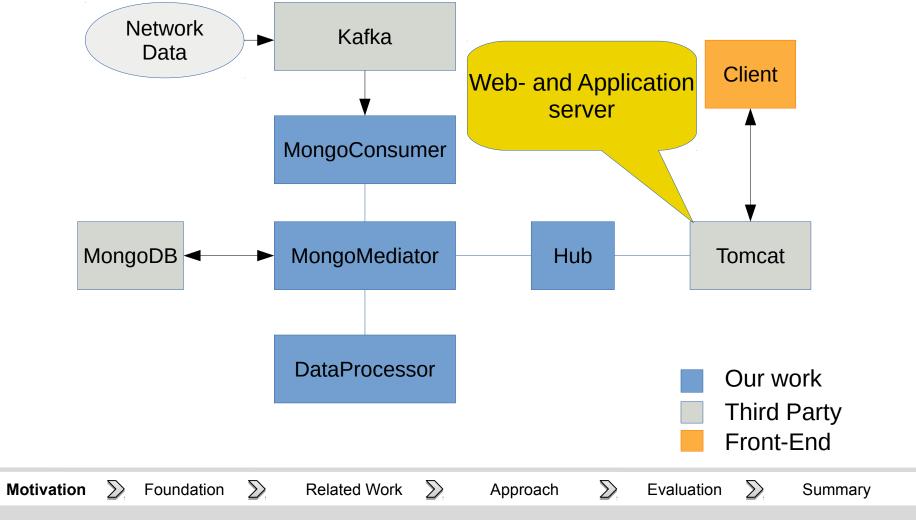












Back-End Components



Written in Java and using open source components





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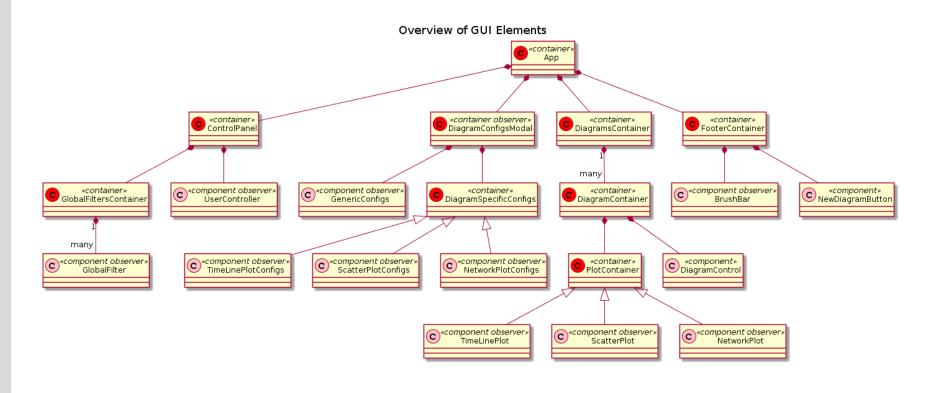


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Front-End Design





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Front-End Components



- Written in Javascript
- Additional third party components (open source):
 - React library
 - 3 D3 graphics library
- nivo diagram components
 - MobX state management





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Development Tools Used



Tools for Back-end development:

Eclipse

- **Maven**
- JUnit **5** Junit
 - Tools for Front-end development:
 - Visual Studio Code
 - Parcel.js
 - Netlify (CD)
 - ♦ Git, Github
 - Slack
 - Latex





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Implementation



- User access control
- Data source selection
- Multiple diagram types
- Brushing
- Modular structure
- 19 of 24 functional requirements

- Node-link diagram (partial)
- Filtering (partial)
- Data selection





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Unexpected Difficulties and Challenges



- Only four team members
- Larger Scope than expected
- Many different technologies
 - Javascript and the libraries make use of multiple programming paradigms
 - Complexity of D3
 - Nivo components have inconsistent features
 - MongoDB idiosyncracies





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Lessons Learned



- Design more thoroughly
 - Especially data structures
- Plan and schedule more strictly
- Evaluate third party components more thoroughly
- Waterfall model didn't work.





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Best Practices



- Overall design was viable
- Good commit practices
- Frequent team communication
- Flexibility
- Learning from each other





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Conclusion



- We produced a working system
- Usable as a good and extensible base for future work
- Underestimated the amount of work required
- Gained experience with teamwork
- Gained understanding of technologies





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