

commerce as a service

Intro to commercetools

Company & Technology Overview

TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

the platform





100 % cloud headless API provider



microservices ready



auto scaling auto redundancy



global reach



highest availability



unmatched performance

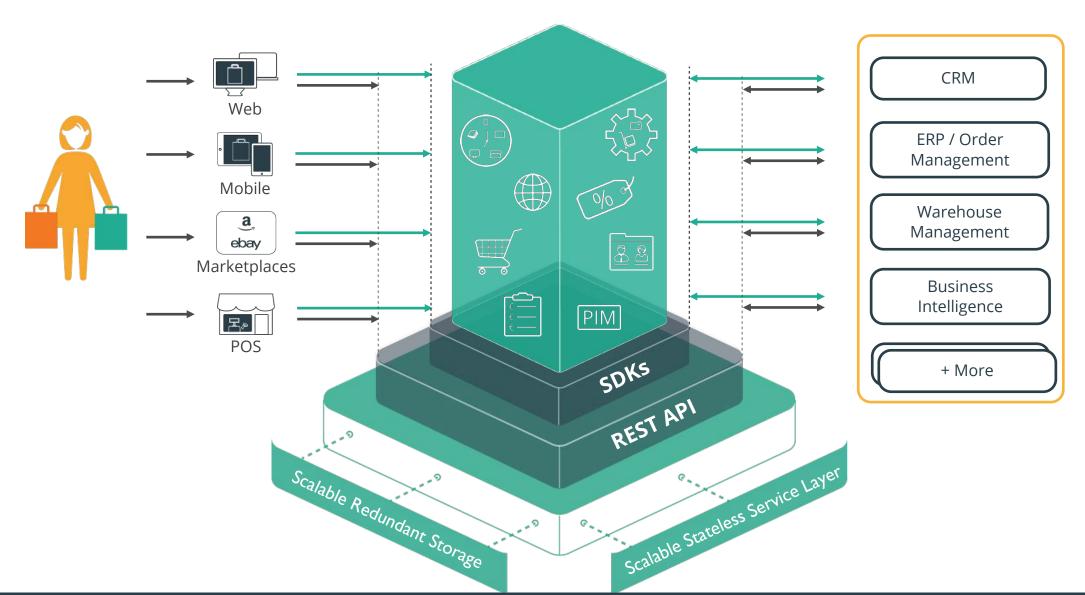


agnostic to programming languages

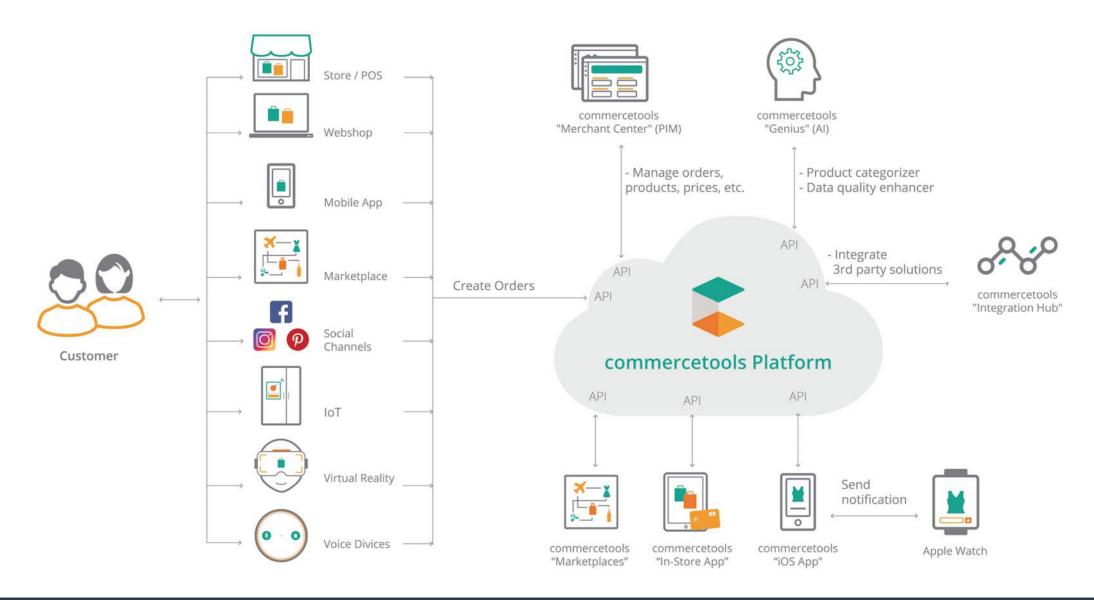


100+ features released per year, zero downtime

everything is an API client



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API consumption

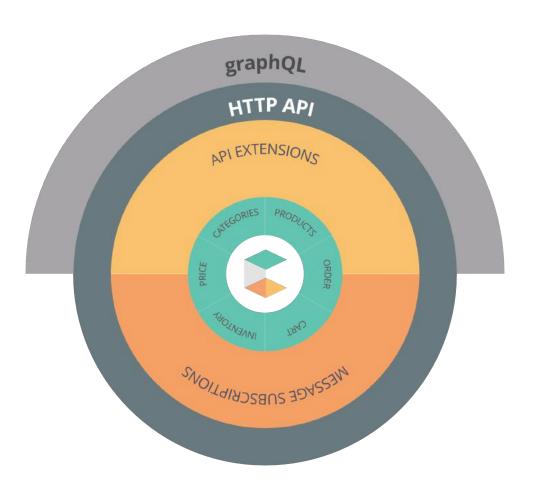
commercetools APIs are REST based

- Nearly all of our customers are using our SDKs for integration (iOS Swift, Java, JavaScript, PHP, .NET C#) and we are focused on building smarter SDKs.
- We also provide a GraphQL endpoint, which focuses on reducing the number of calls required by using a SQL-similar language (most of the entities offer queries and mutations support)



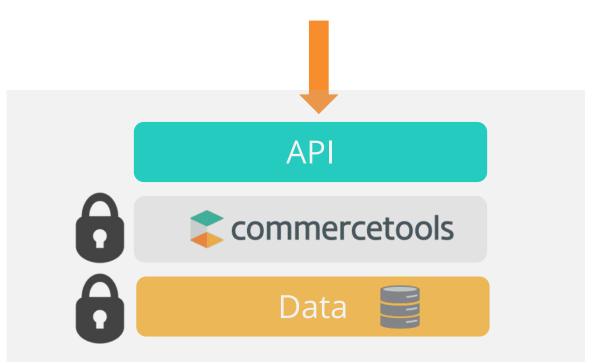




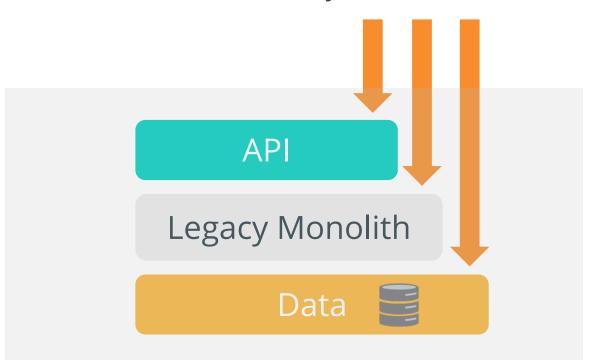


real headless API

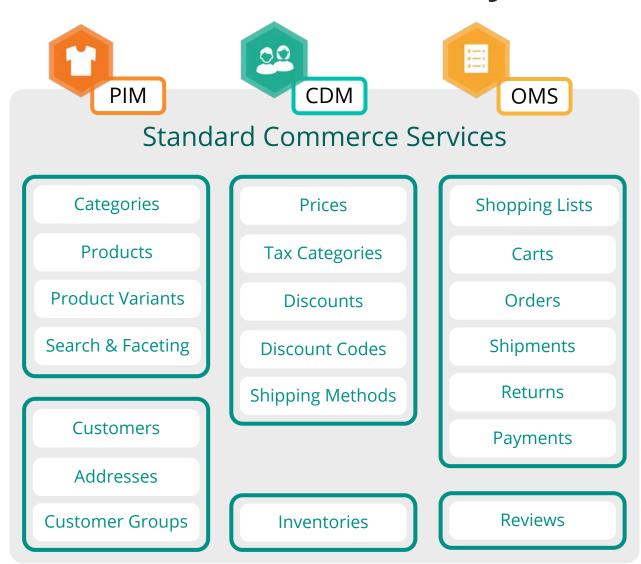
100% feature coverage through APIs - all functionality, import, export, integrations, etc.

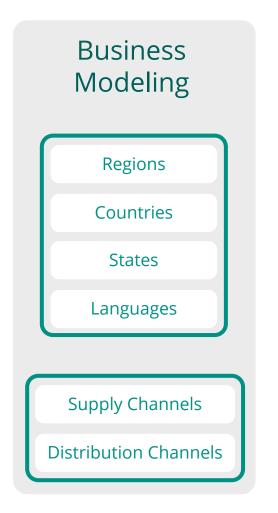


APIs were added later, offering limited coverage - must often go to app or database directly



microservice functionality

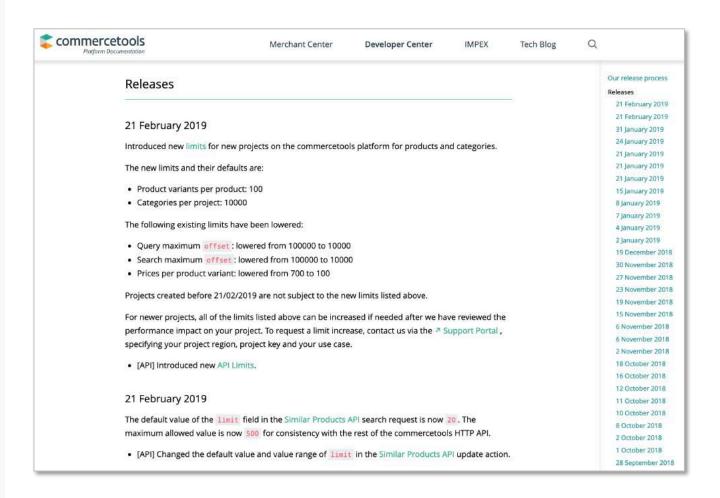




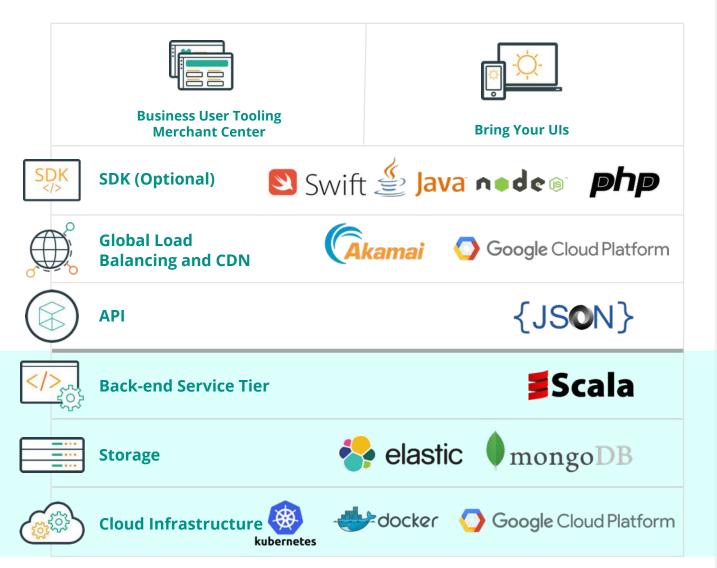


continuous delivery

- Release changes as quickly as possible
- No defined release cycles
- Rather, Continuous Integration
- New features in a few hours and fix problems even faster.
- Releases include only non-breaking changes with the same API version.
 - No values or fields will be changed or deleted in the same API version
 - Every change within the same API version only includes additional information



tech stack



- Access via REST APIs, GraphQL APIs or SDKs
- Real instance-less, multi-tenancy
- Horizontally scalable, distributed architecture to scale into massive cases (e.g. 10M+ entries)
- Scala & the JVM provide an extremely robust foundation
- Huge shared resource pool plus Google
 Container Engine driven Autoscaling for "Black Friday" style peaks
- Best Practice internal Monitoring and Tracing

API DETAILS

REST API compatibility



- HTTP and JSON.
 REST level 2
- Defined in public API Contract
- We have not yet needed to create a v2 of an API in over five years – if we do, it's for individual APIs
- Fully typed SDKs (Java etc) released in sync with platform releases using *semantic versioning*

```
GET https://api.sphere.io/v1/project/product-projections/search?text=audi
  "offset": 0,
     "name": "Audi A7 Sportback",
     "slug": "audi-a7-sportback",
     "description": "The A7 combines sleek lines with practical design, ...",
     "id": "a8affa34-d356-4a5c-bf57-39cc57e4f732",
     "version": 4,
     "masterVariant" {
        "prices" [{
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```

REST API tech details



- Document-oriented JSON model
- OAuth2 client credentials flow (server to API)
- OAuth2 password flow (end customer to API)
- Read-After-Write consistency on same resource
- Eventually consistent on side effects
- Optimistic concurrency control
- Change data via update commands (CQRS)
- Common query DSL & predicates
- Reference expansion to minimize API calls
- GraphQL as an alternative for complex calls
- Error Tracing via Correlation Ids (yours and/or ours)

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REST API security and compliance

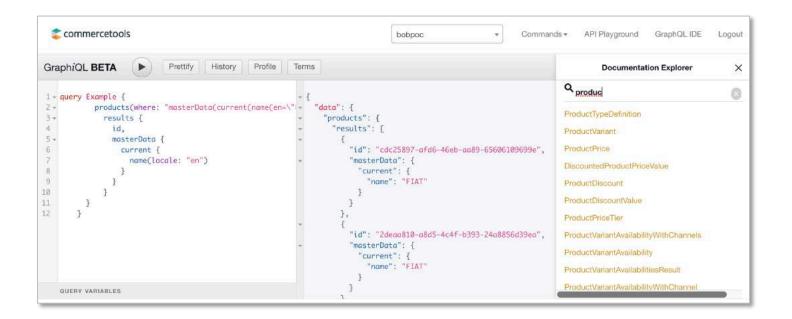


- **EU GDPR compliant** contracts and implementation (4/2018)
- Periodic 3rd party penetration tests
- Encrypted storage
- Data segregation between projects
- Encrypted daily backups on physically separate storage
- Using the three physical Availability Zones of the underlying laaS (cluster replication)

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GraphQL





- GraphQL is a query language for APIs and a runtime for fulfilling those queries
- Added to solve common issues from REST Level 2

Over-fetching
Under-fetching
API Changes

Queries and Mutations

EXTENDING THE PLATFORM

extending the data model

Product Types

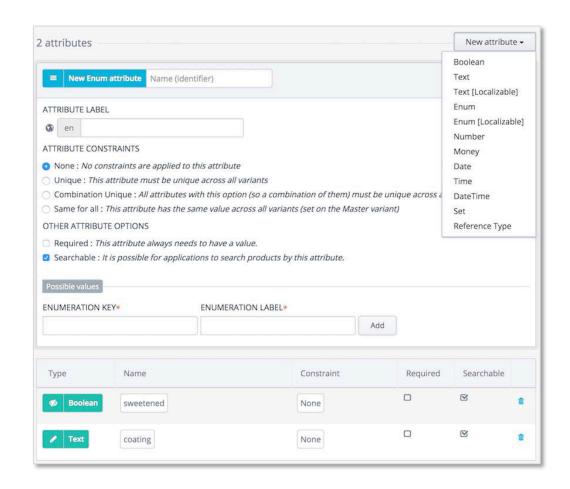
 Define additional attributes of products and product variants

Custom types

 Define additional attributes ("fields") of any non-product resource

Custom Objects

 Store arbitrary JSON data on the commercetools platform



extending the behavior

Use Case

Sending a notification
 e.g. sending an order confirmation
 email



Approach

- Asynchronous
 - Message subscriptions

• Capturing additional properties to changed resources e.g. a customer's credit rating



- SYNCHRONOUS
 - API Extensions

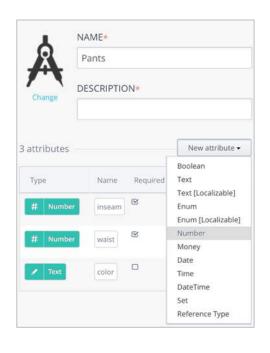
• Adjusting the behavior of the API e.g. changing how prices are calculated



- Business Logic Workflow
 - State Machines

extensibility

Extended Data Model



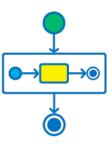
Messages Subscriptions



API Extensions



State Machines



data model extensions

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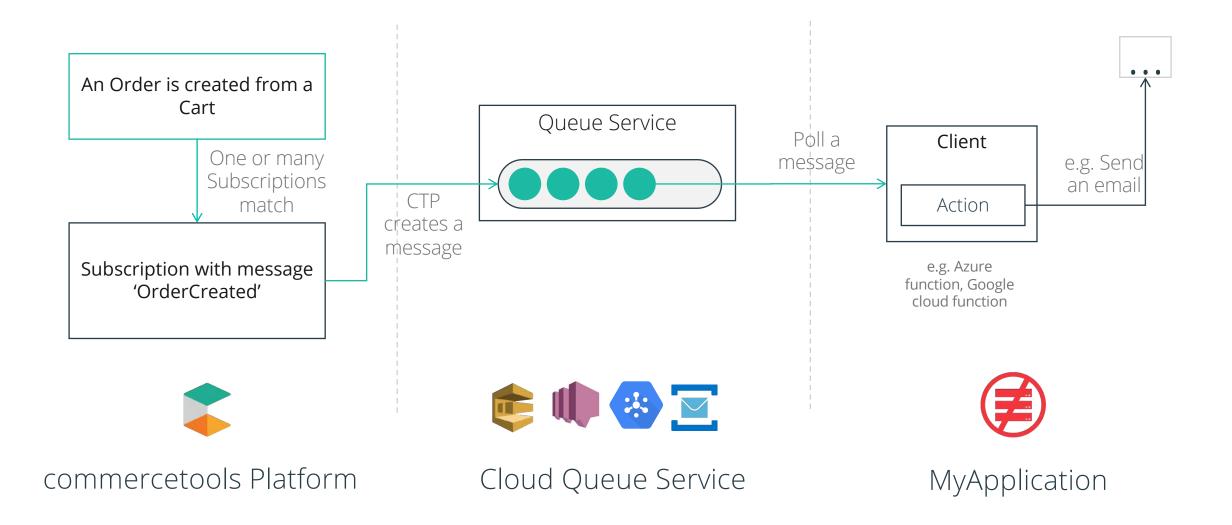


```
"name" : "abc"
"age" : 30
"shoe-size" : 40
"customer": {
        "typeId": "customer"
        "id": "xxx"
      }
}
```

message subscriptions

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message subscriptions (asynchronous)



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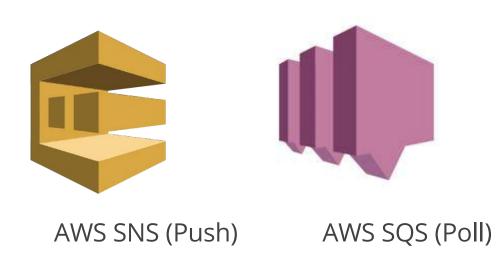
Draft to /{projectKey}/subscriptions

```
"changes": [],
"createdAt": "<timestamp>",
"destination": {
    "accessKey": "<my-access-key>",
    "accessSecret": "<my-access-secret>",
    "queueUrl": "<my-queue-url>",
    "region": "<my-region>",
    "type": "SOS"
"id": "<subscription-id>",
"lastMessageSeguenceNumber": 0,
"lastModifiedAt": "<timestamp>",
"messages": [
        "resourceTypeId": "product",
        "types": []
        "resourceTypeId": "cart",
        "types": []
"version": 1
```

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"id": "44075f57-lab0-48c5-ba5c-2f0d57faefdf",
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  "description": {
    "en": "bundle of board Feather 56 and binding Cartel R"
  "categories": [],
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message subscriptions (asynchronous)

We currently support the following **Queue services**:





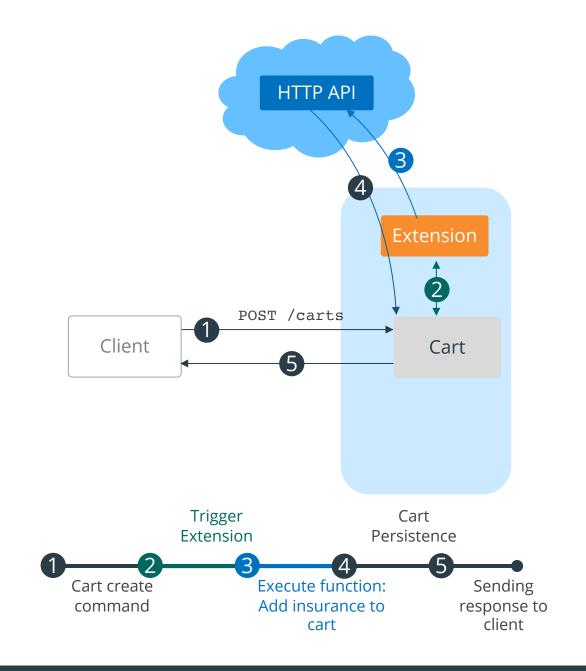


API extensions

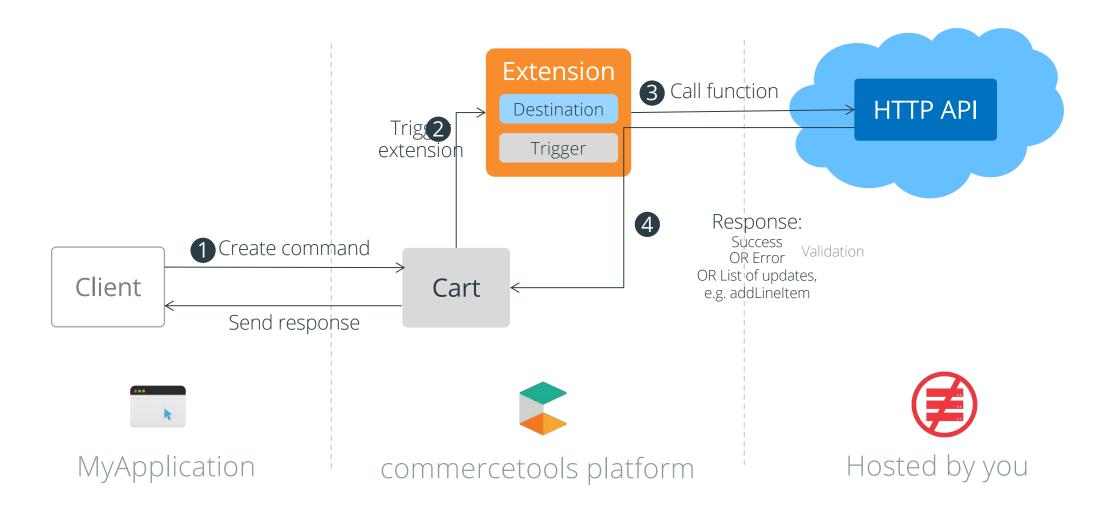
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API extensions

- For behavior that needs to be executed before the API call succeeds
- The extension is applied before persisting the cart
- If the extension has a delay, the response will be delayed too
- If the extension fails, the API call fails too.



API extensions

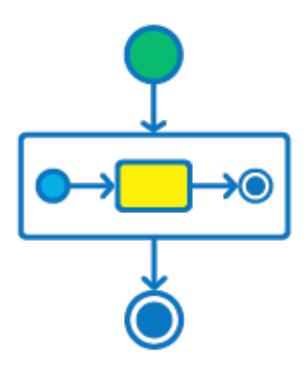


state machines

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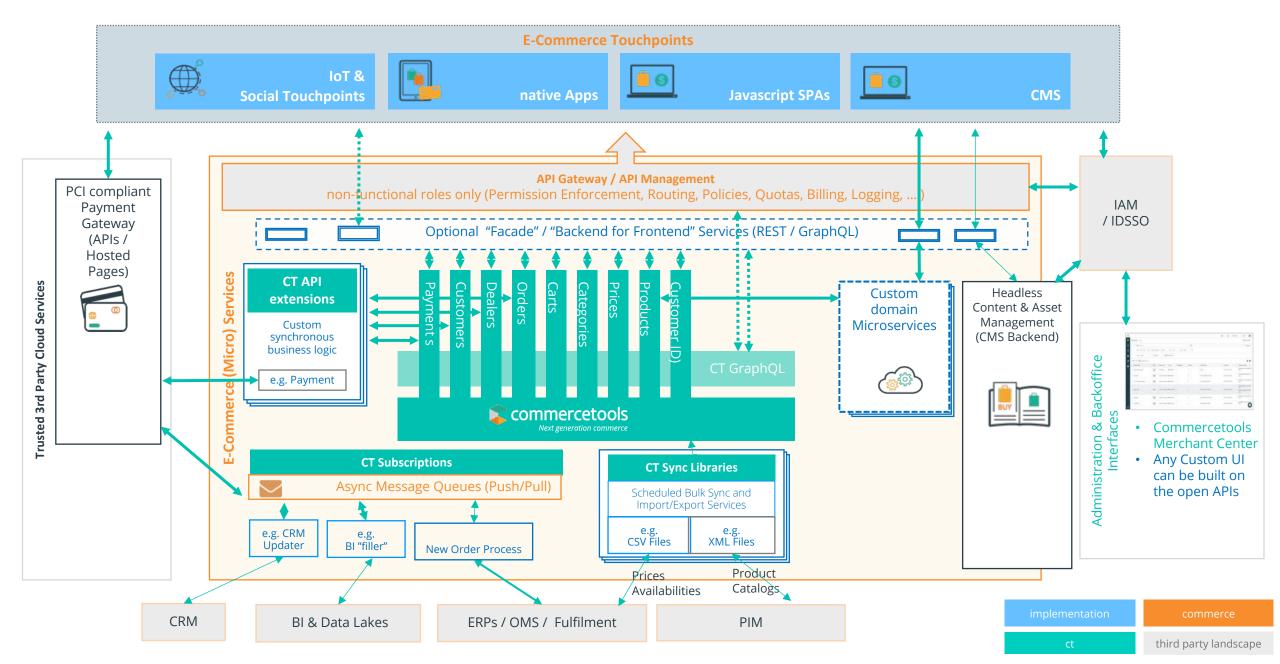
state machine

- Allows you to model states of certain objects, such as orders, line items, products, reviews, and payments in order to define finite state machines reflecting the business logic you'd like to implement
- States can be combined together by defining transitions between each state. transitionState update actions are validated to ensure the transition complies with the workflow definition.

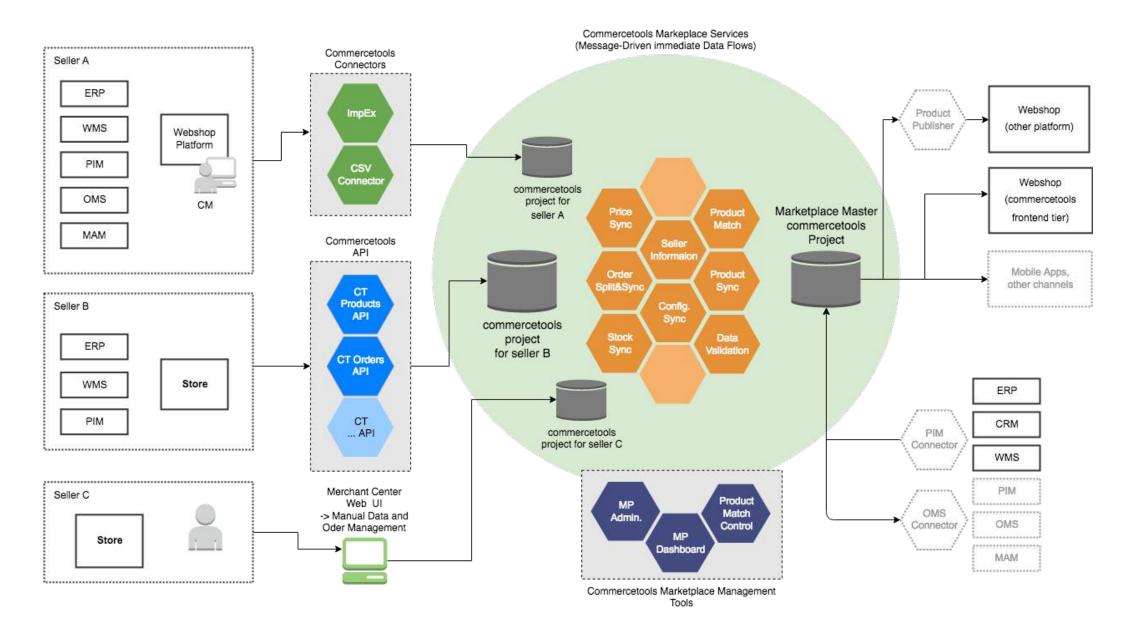


REFERENCE ARCHITECTURES

reference architecture



reference marketplace

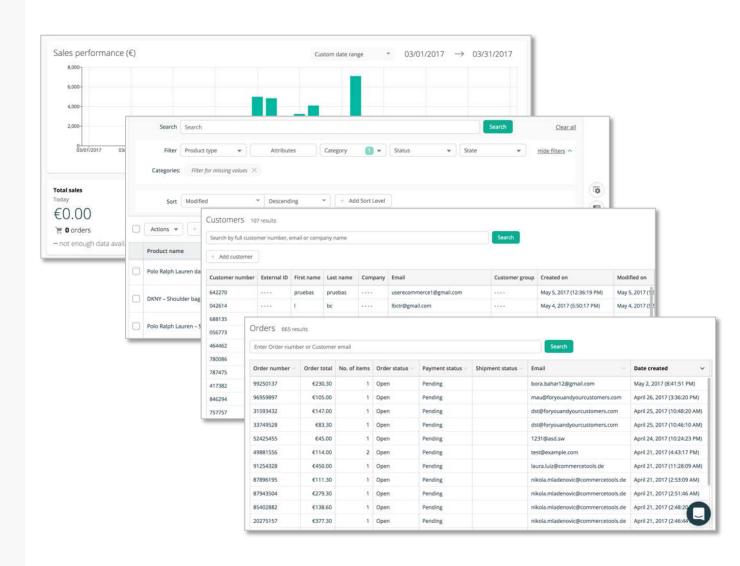


CHANNELS AND SUPPORTING TOOLS

merchant center

mc.commercetools.com

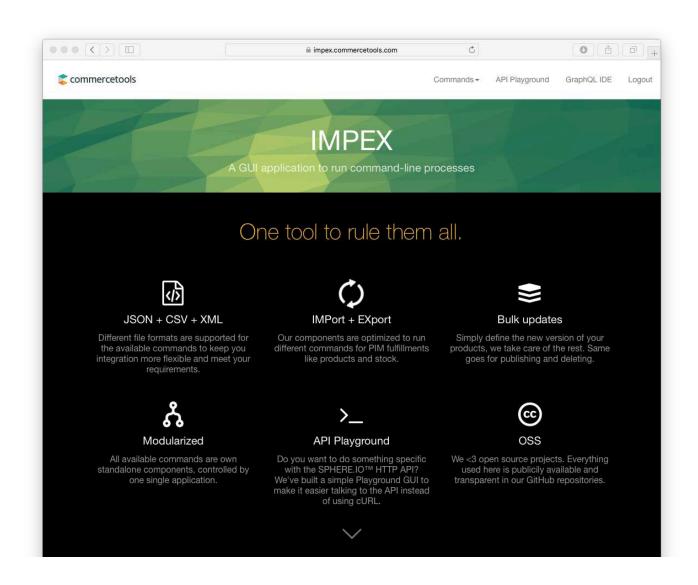
- Intuitive UI for every day tasks and system configuration
- Persona-driven UX concept:
 - Category/Content Manager
 - Marketing Manager
 - Etc.
- Access to all major entities
 - Products
 - Customers
 - Orders
 - Discounts



API playground & IMPEX

impex.commercetools.com

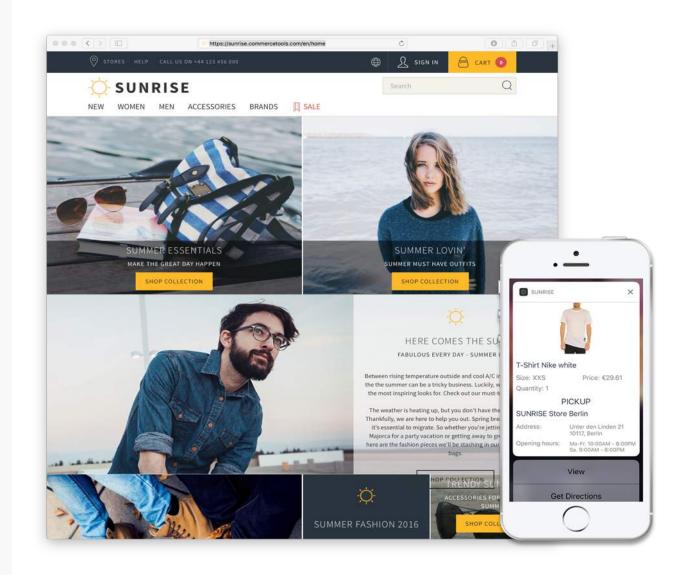
- Interactive, in-browser API playground for learning and debugging
- In-Browser Interface for all standard command line Import and Export tools (developer tool, not a user tool)



reference storefront

https://sunrise.netlify.com/

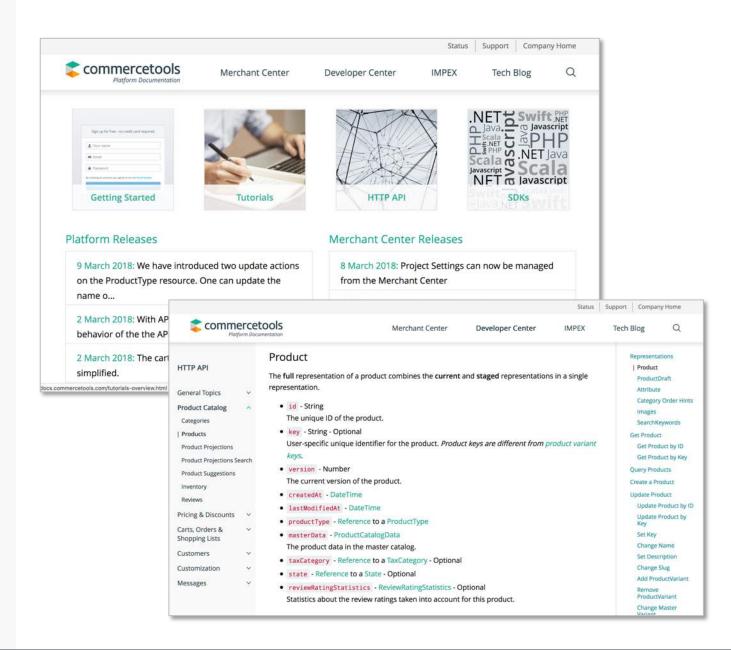
- A suite of reference frontend implementations
- Can serve as:
 - Reference for Code Samples and Implementation Patterns
 - Demo Storefront and Test UI
 - PoC Starter
- Available as:
 - Java 8 + Play Framework
 - Vue.js SPA
 - Native iOS App + Watch companion
 - PHP + Symfony 3
- All Open Source (MIT/Apache2)



web documentation

docs.commercetools.com

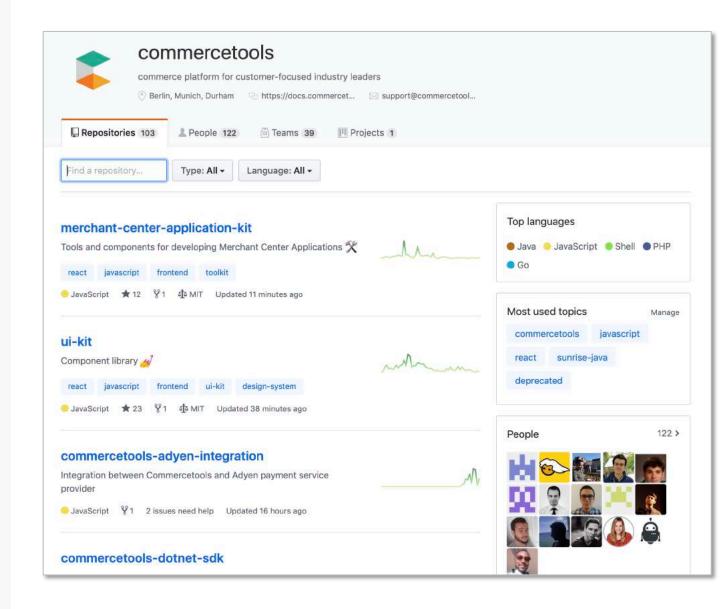
- All public endpoints are completely documented
 - Representations
 - Endpoint commands
 - Possible actions for creating, updating and deleting entities
- API contract with information to deprecation, limits, etc.
- Release notes
- Links to all interfaces and status page



github

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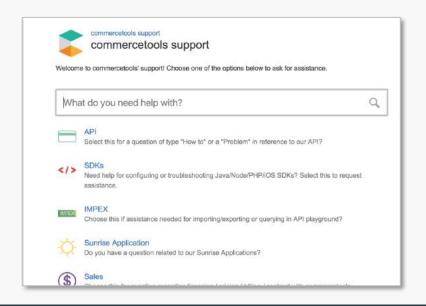
- Contains several opensource projects that allows you to:
 - Extend your commercetools platform
 - Facilitate the addition of new functionality
 - Sync data
- Contains all our in-house client SDKs' projects
- Actively maintained by our internal teams



platform support

support.commercetools.com

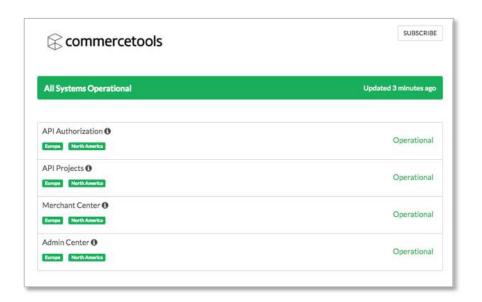
- Standard "as is" product support as part of the platform package via portal and e-mail
- Custom SLA base support packages with contact person, project specific know-how etc. available through commercetools' services group



platform status

status.commercetools.com

- Current live information regarding availability
- Uptimes for API, Auth and Business User Tooling
- Option to subscribe to status updates via mail
- Check also our Twitter account: <u>https://twitter.com/ctpstatus</u>



SOME IMPORTANT GITHUB REPOSITORIES

API References

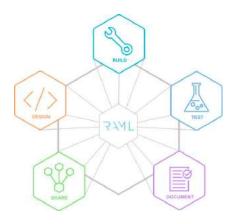
github.com/commercetools/commercetools-api-reference

RAML
 RESTful API Modeling Language. It's a way of
 describing practically-RESTful APIs in a way that's
 highly readable by both humans and computers

Swagger

Swagger is an open-source software **framework** backed by a large ecosystem of tools that helps developers design, build, document, and consume RESTful Web services

Postman
 Powerful HTTP client for testing web services.

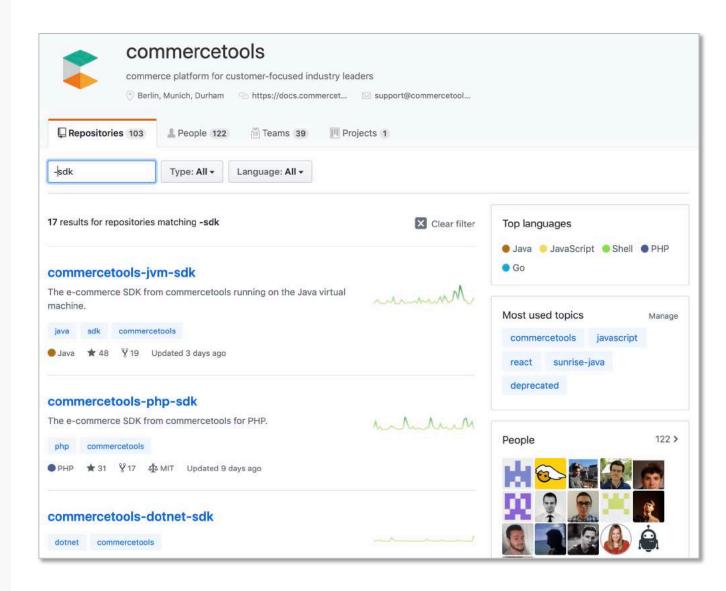






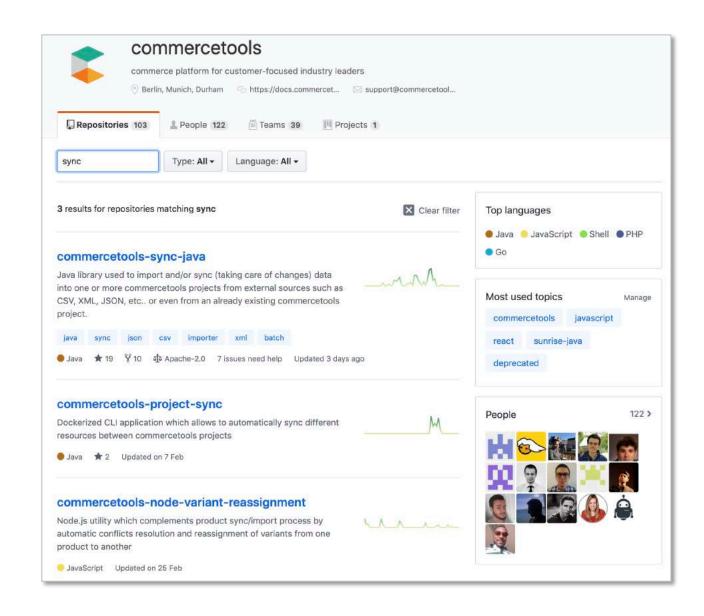
SDK

- In-house built SDKs for
 - Java
 - PHP
 - .net
 - o iOS
 - node.js
- Built by External partners
 - Python
 - o Go



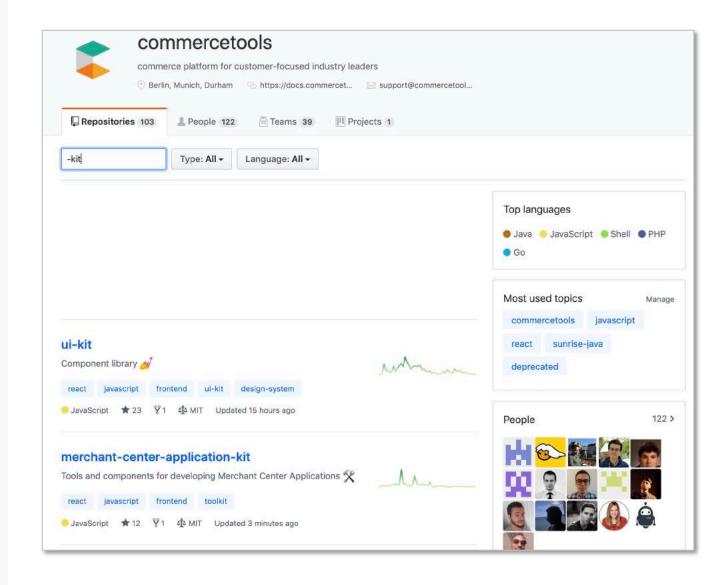
Sync Libraries

- Used to import and/or data into one or more commercetools projects from external sources such as CSV, XML, JSON, etc
- Part of the backend we use for our own IMPEX tool



Merchant Center

- Toolkit that provides extension support to Merchant Centre
- Add your own frontend/application to our Merchant Centre UI



COMMERCE PROJECTS ORGANISATION & DEPLOYMENT

Organization

Project

Resources

Products, Categories, Customers, Orders, etc.

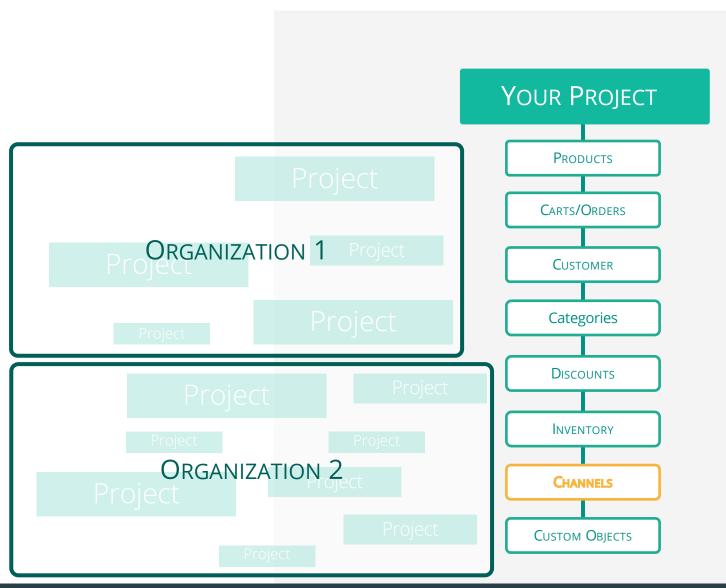
Developer

Product Types, API clients

Settings

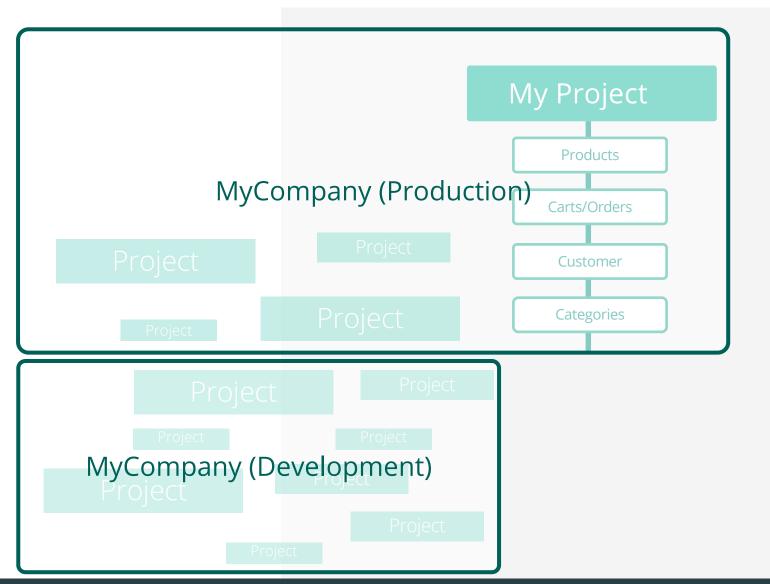
currencies, languages, countries, taxes, shipping methods, etc.

cloud-native multitenancy



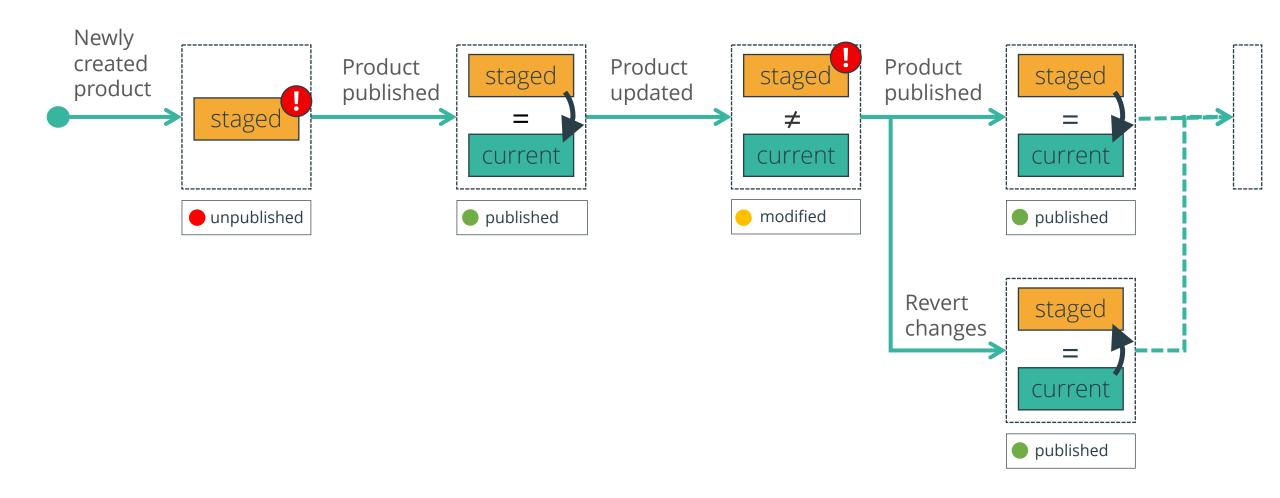
- Real multi-tenancy no instances, just ultra-lightweight Projects
- Main container is a **Project**, which provides data segregation
- Projects are in **Organizations** to manage user roles and permissions
- User account can be in any number of **Organizations** and Projects
- Operated in fully isolated regions, currently USA and the EU

continuous deployment/integration

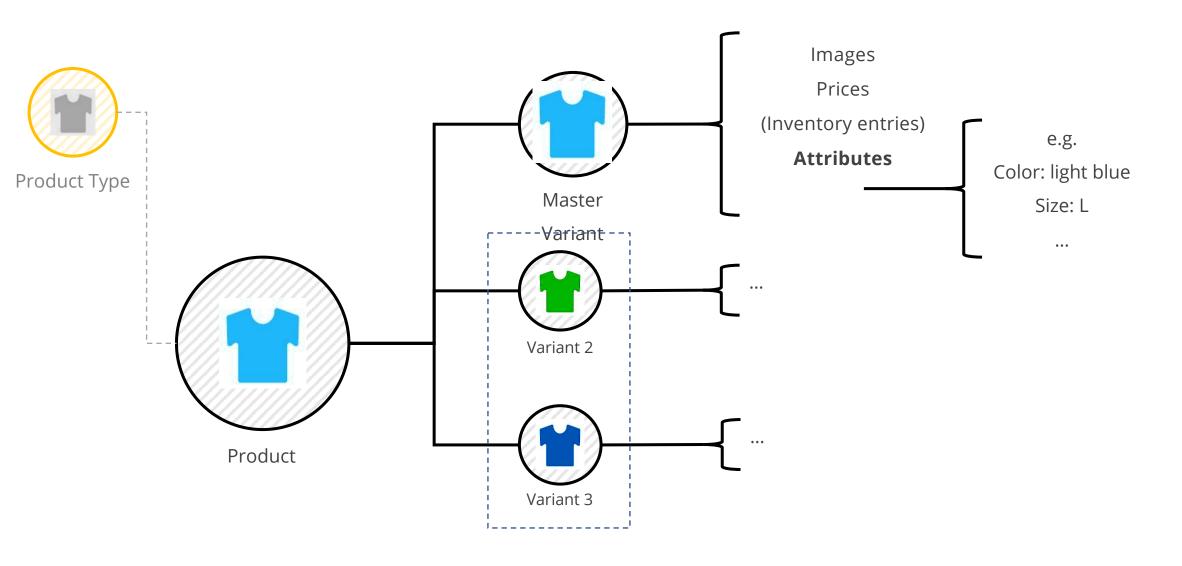


- Leverage the lightweight tenancy model for development and staging
- Included in pricing plan
- Projects can be cloned and transferred between Organizations
- Projects can be reset or bootstrapped in minutes because configuration is via API, too ("configuration as code" paradigm in the solution implementation)

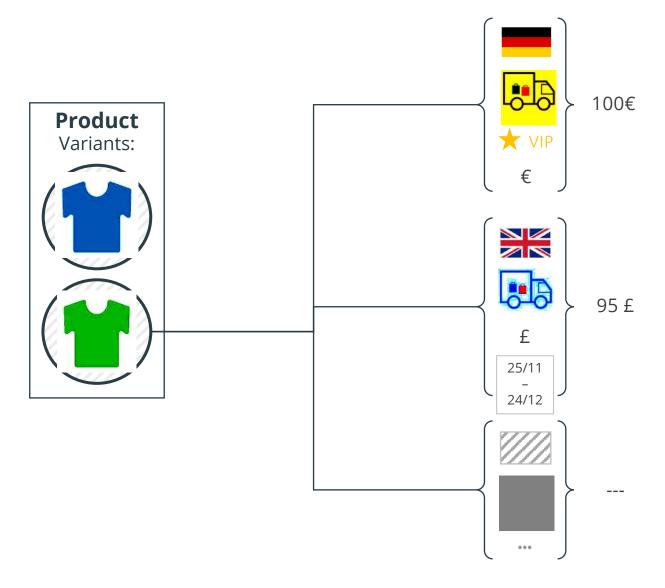
projection representations



variant dimensions



price dimensions

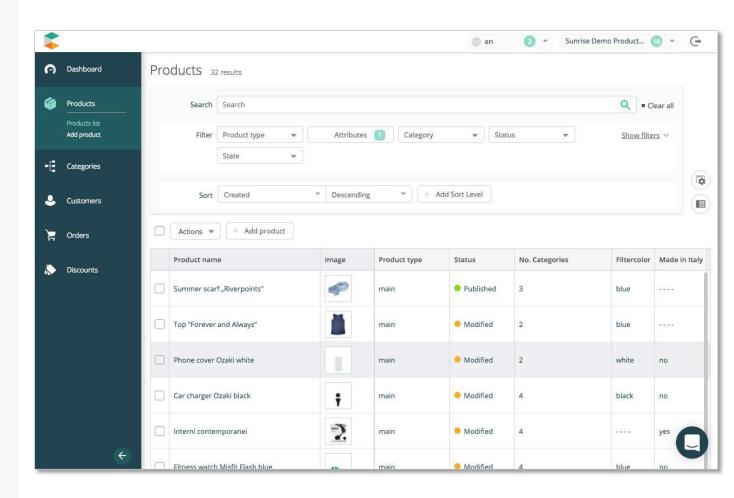


- Country
- Distribution Channel
- Customer Group
- Currency
- Validity Period
- Price Tiers

BUSINESS FUNCTIONALITIES

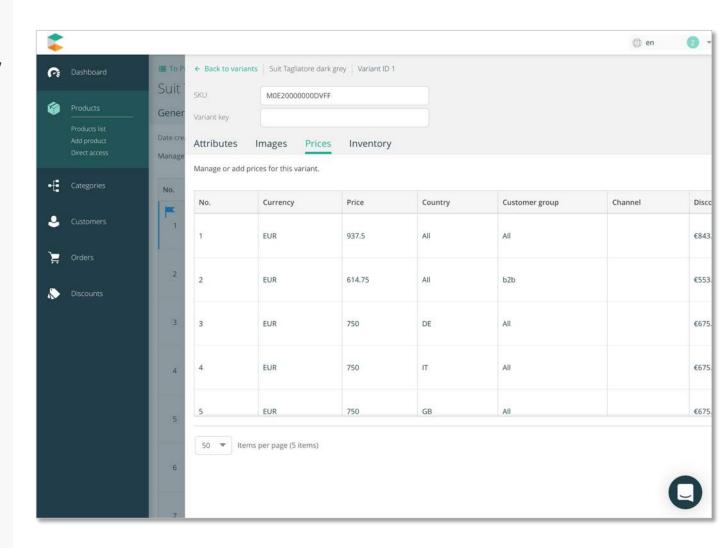
commerce PIM

- Flexible product classifications via categories
- Content staging functionality
- Multi-language/locale
- Image upload and organization
- Configurable information model and variant dimensions
- Unlimited number of product types
- Powerful full text search & filtering
- Scales well with very large catalogs and category trees



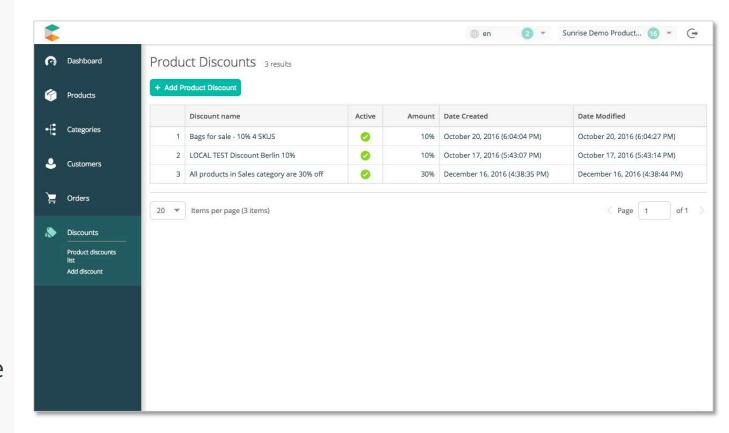
pricing & inventory

- Every article's price can be differentiated in many dimensions without duplicating product data:
 - Currency
 - Country
 - Distribution Channel
 - Time (from ... to)
 - Customer Group
 - Tiered Pricing (per quantity)
- Prices can be externally overridden on article or cart level (both unit and total price)
- Multiple inventories per article (supply channels)



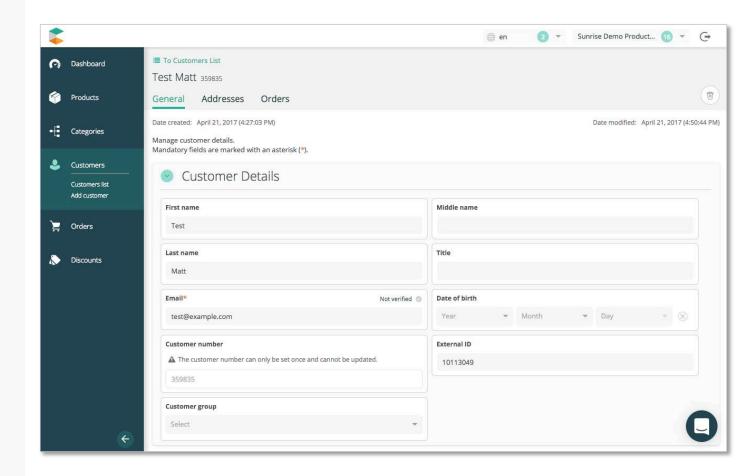
discounts & promotions

- Powerful Price Rule System
- Rules can be authored via a User Interface, but also by directly writing the expression language
- "Product Discounts": Statically applied to product data, searchable & filterable prices
- "Cart Discounts": Dynamically applied to carts depending on any cart property combination
- "Discount Codes": Any number of them, can be restricted to max applications per customer and globally.



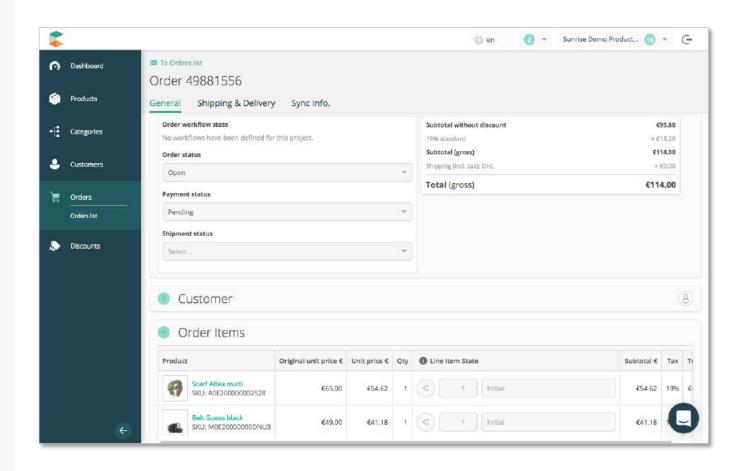
customer data management

- Extensible customer object that holds the account and password
- Password reset flow
- Any number of addresses per customer
- API supports customer-specific security tokens that make only the customer's carts and orders visible
- Customer groups trigger special price lists



order management

- Scales into extreme numbers of orders
- Customizable workflows/state flows on order and line item level
- Orders can hold commercetools products or any custom line items
- Full transparency on the price calculation
- Customizable products supported via line items with order-specific fields.
- "Order Edits" API allows drafting and previewing structured order amendments with recalculation and arbitrary overrides



SEARCH & QUERIES

search query vs simple query

Query Type	Characteristics	
Product query	Both Staged and current representations in the response	
Product projection query	 Only staged OR current representation Powerful nested query filter predicates. 	
Product projection search	 Natural Language Full Text Search Faceting and Filtering The preferred way for fetching product data in a storefront. 	

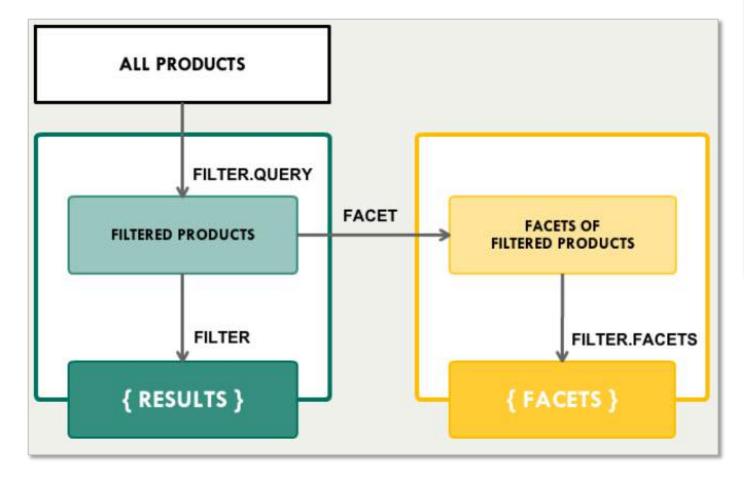
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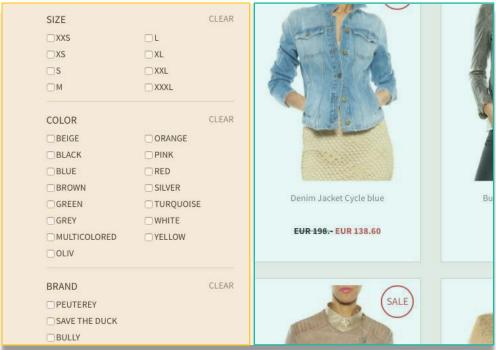
Query Type	Remarkable Parameters	Response
Product query	where	current and staged representations
Product projection query		current or staged representations
Product projection search	<pre>text.{language} facet filter filter.query filter.facets</pre>	current or staged representations

Example

GET /{projectKey}/product-projections/search?facet=variants.attributes.colors&facet=variants.attributes.size:"m"

search parameter





{Results} shows the search matches: the resulted products.

{Facets} calculates statistical <u>counts</u> based on values of an <u>attribute</u>.

SERVICE & PLATFORM SECURITY, PRIVACY CONTROLS



security overview

Data in Transit

- SSL only, with 2048 bit key length
- TLS 1.2 only

Data at Rest

- Encrypted Disks, Encrypted Chunks, Key Management System in place
- Passwords are hashed and salted
- Backups are encrypted via GPG (Gnu Privacy Guard) Keys

CD/CI

Automated Dependency Check, Updates

Others

- Continuous Port Scanning
- Penetration Testing

application journey

Client to Load Balancers

- SSL only, with 2048 bit key length
- TLS 1.2 only
- SNI (Server Name Indication) based SSL offloading on the edge for fast connection round trip to client

Load Balancers to Application Servers

- Google distinguishes between Premium and Standard Network
- SSL proxy running on each node for the communication between LB and the node level

Application Servers to Application Servers

- API extensions and subscriptions calling external services via SSL only
- service to store images and other integration all use proper SSL connections

Application Servers to Persistence Layer (DB)

- SSL connection between our application layer and database resp. indexing service
- wrap SSL proxy around unencrypted services and restrict transfer only on localhost

privacy controls

- Out-of-the-box API support for GDPR controls
 - Retrieval of Collected Data
 - Request to Erase Collected Data
 - Request to Trace Collected Data (via support)



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