Inside Kubernetes Architecture Fundamentals

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Agenda

- What is Kubernetes
- Benefits of Using Kubernetes
- Kubernetes API Objects
- Exploring Kubernetes Architecture
- Deploying Applications
- Deploying SQL Server



What is Kubernetes?

- Container Orchestrator
- Infrastructure Abstraction
- Desired State



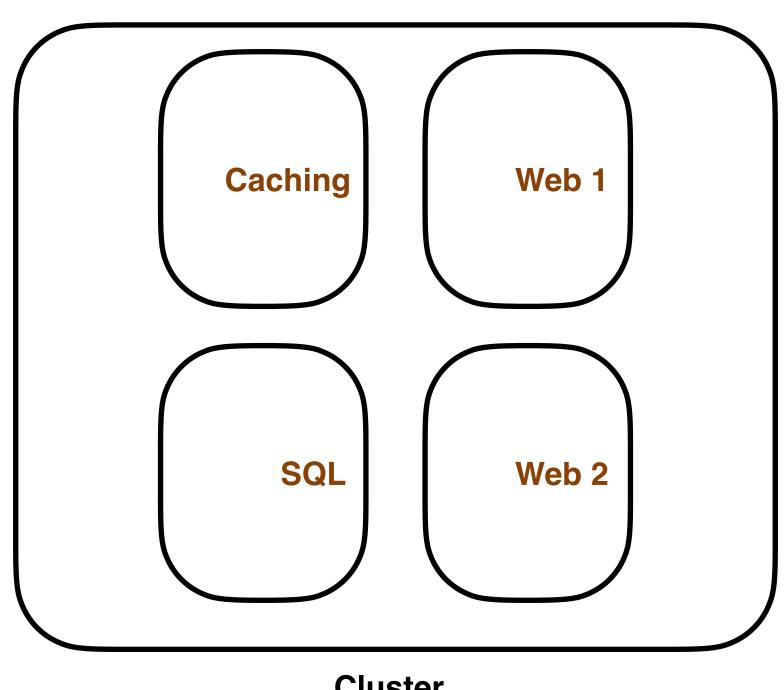


Kubernetes Benefits

- Managing state, starting things and keeping them up
- Speed and consistency of deployment
- Ability to absorb change quickly
- Ability to recovery quickly
- Hide complexity in Cluster
- Persistent application endpoints



Kubernetes Cluster



Cluster



Kubernetes API

- · API Objects Represent resources in your system
- API Server Main communication hub
 - Pods
 - Controllers
 - Services
 - Storage
 - · ...and more



Pods

- One or more containers
- It's your application
- The most basic unit of work
- Unit of scheduling
- Ephemeral no Pod is ever "redeployed"



Controllers

- Create and manage Pods for you
- Define your desired state
- Respond to Pod State and Health
- ReplicaSet
- Deployment

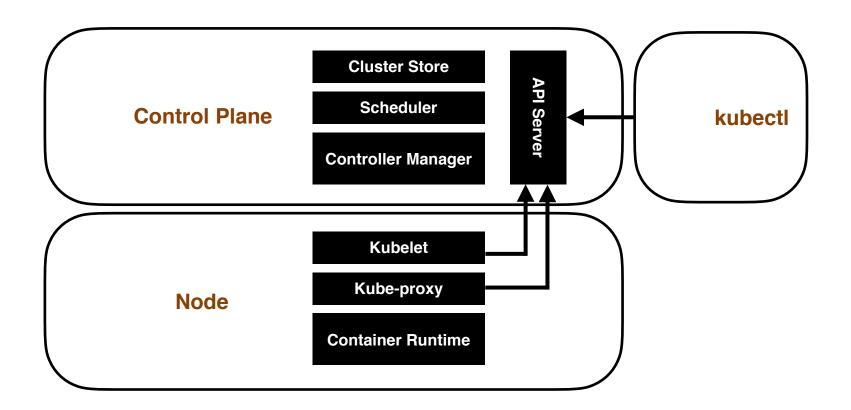


Services

- Adds persistency to our ephemeral world
- Networking abstraction for Pod access
- IP and DNS name for the service
- Load balancing
- Deployed Pods automatically updated
- Scaled by adding/removing Pods

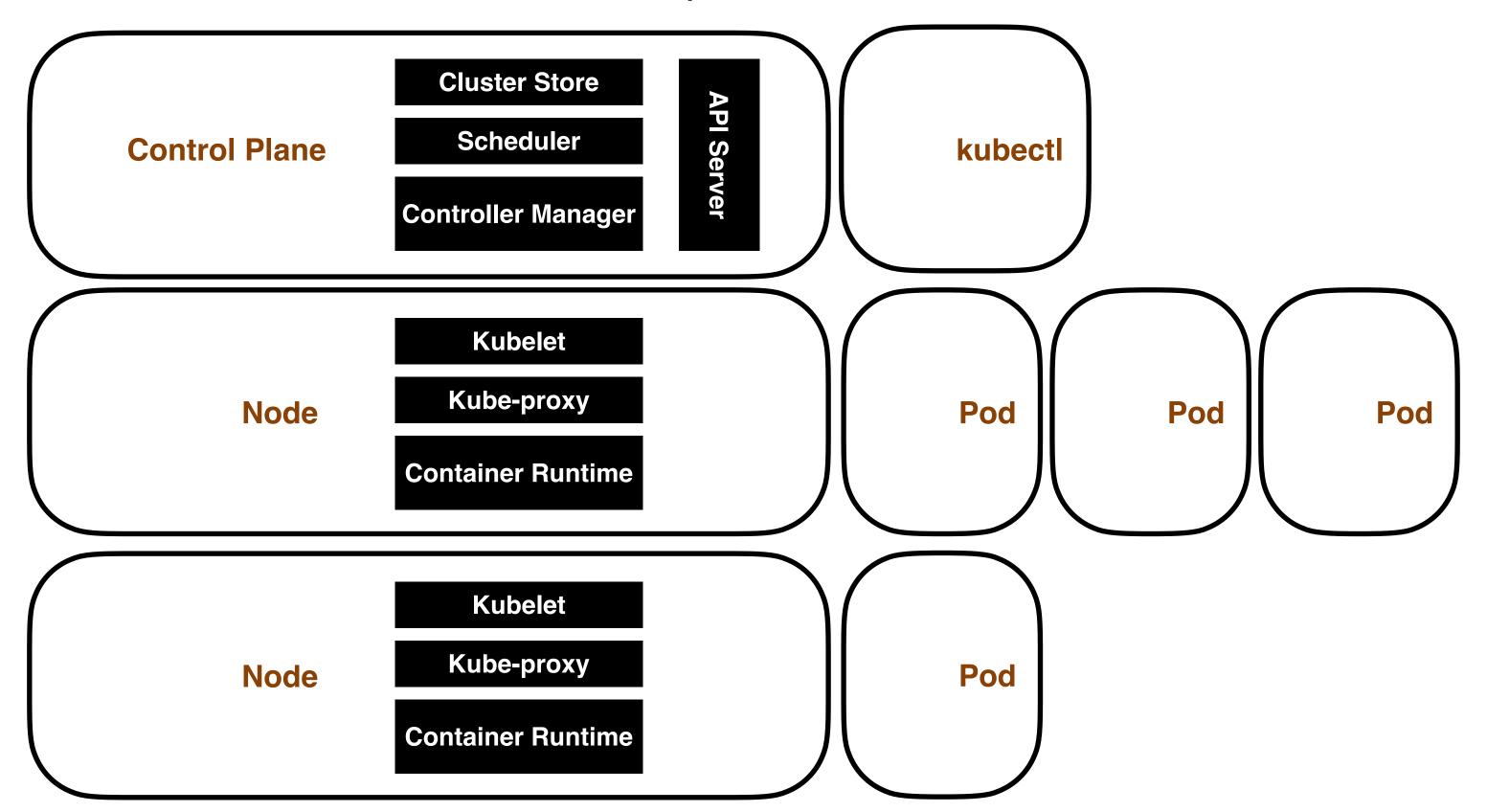


Exploring Kubernetes Architecture

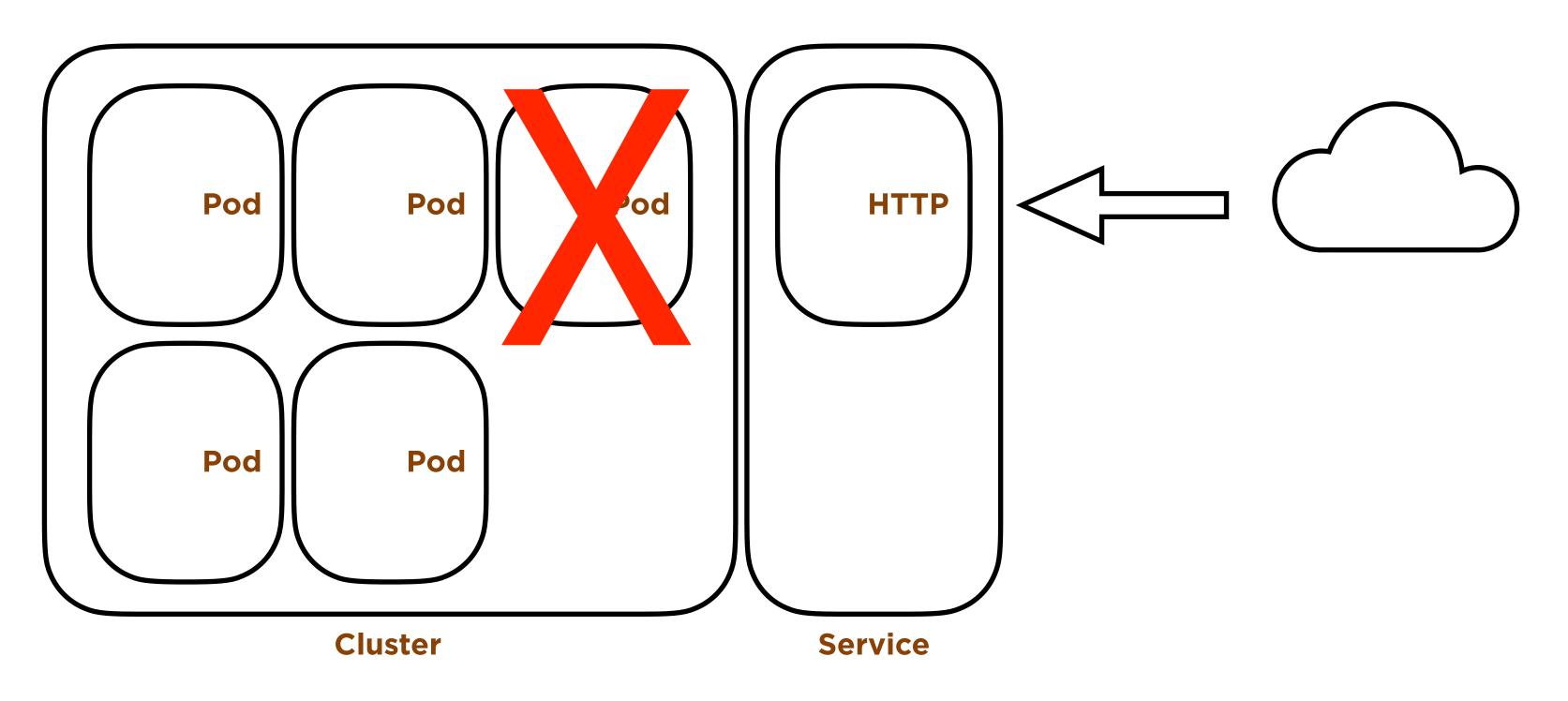




Controller Operation of Pods

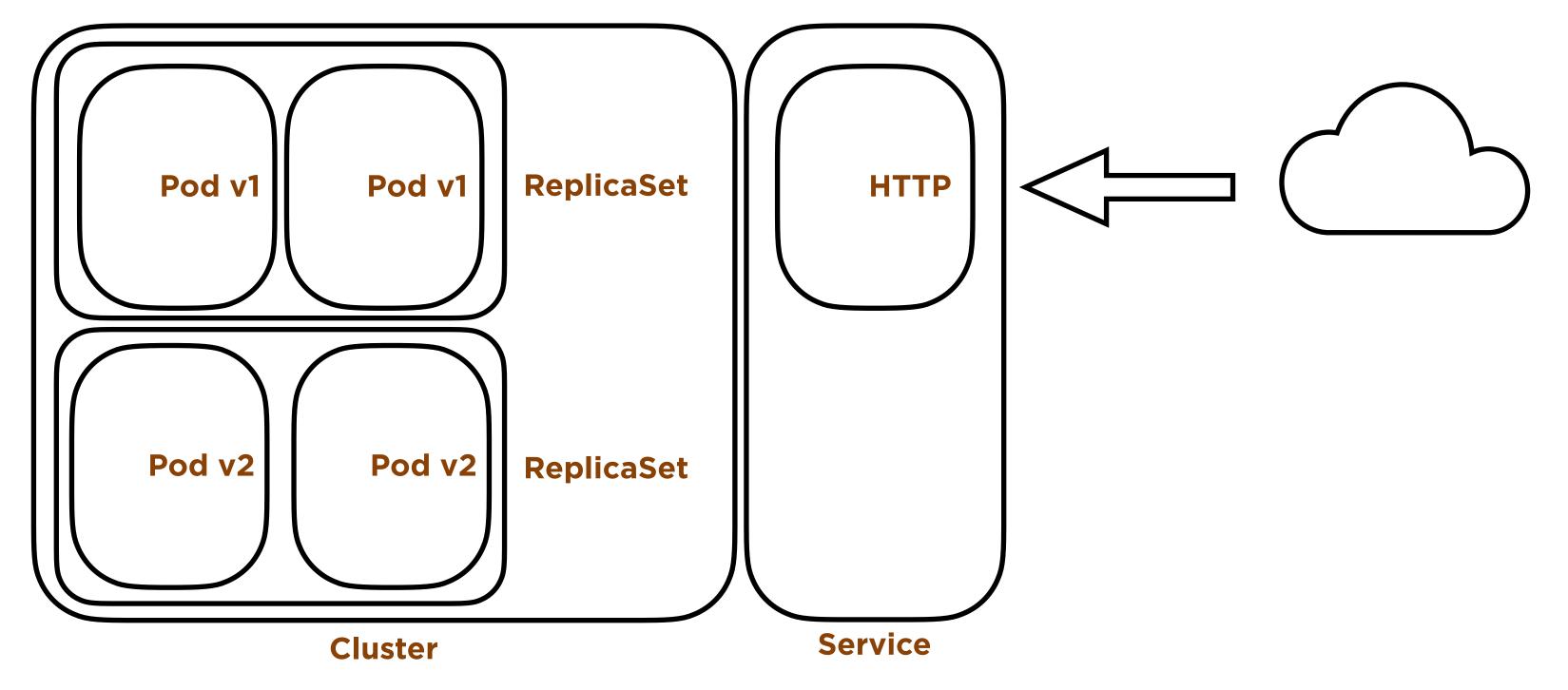


Services





Controller Operations - Deployment





Deploying Applications

- Imperative
- Declarative
- YAML and JSON



Demo!

- Imperatively deploying a web application
- Accessing Services within a Cluster



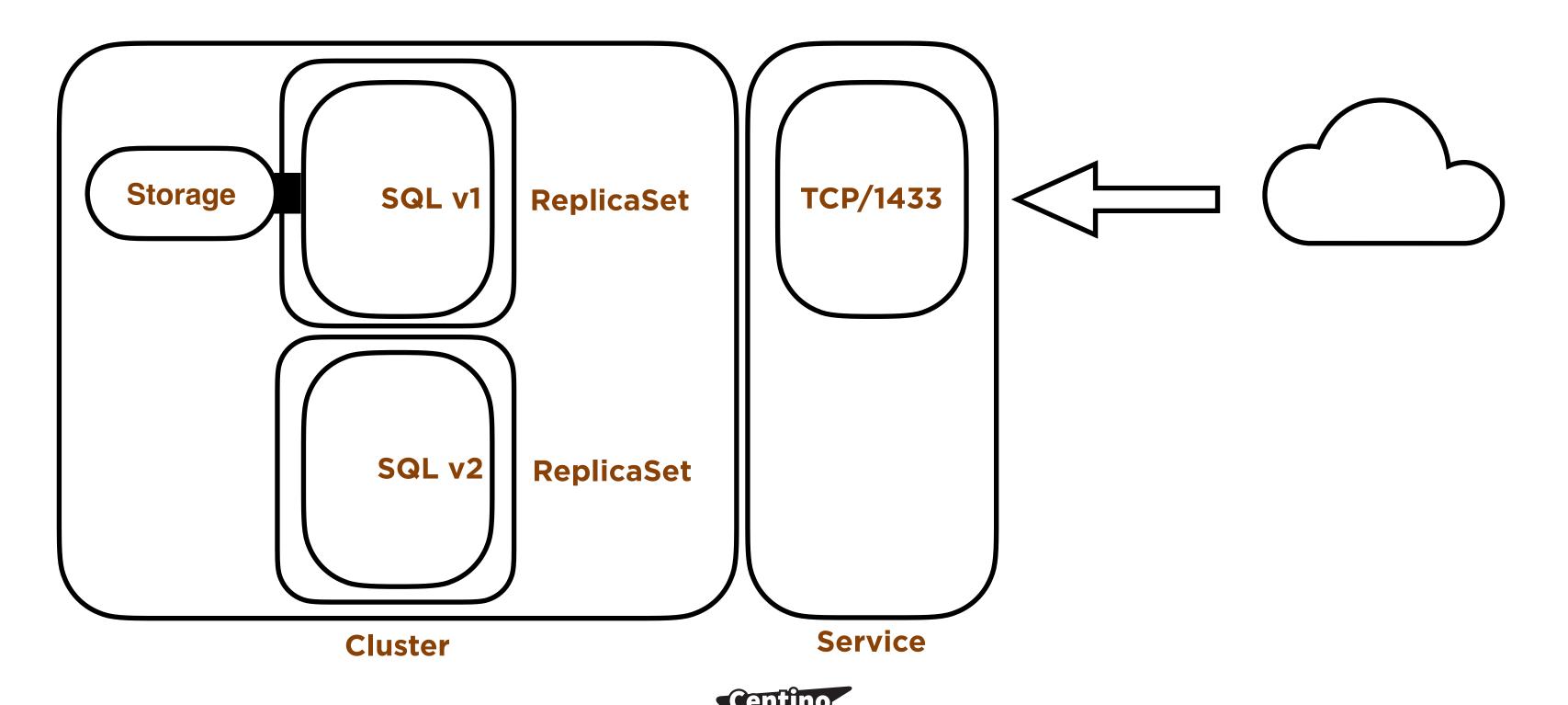
Running SQL Server in Kubernetes

A Pod goes back to its initial state each time it's deployed

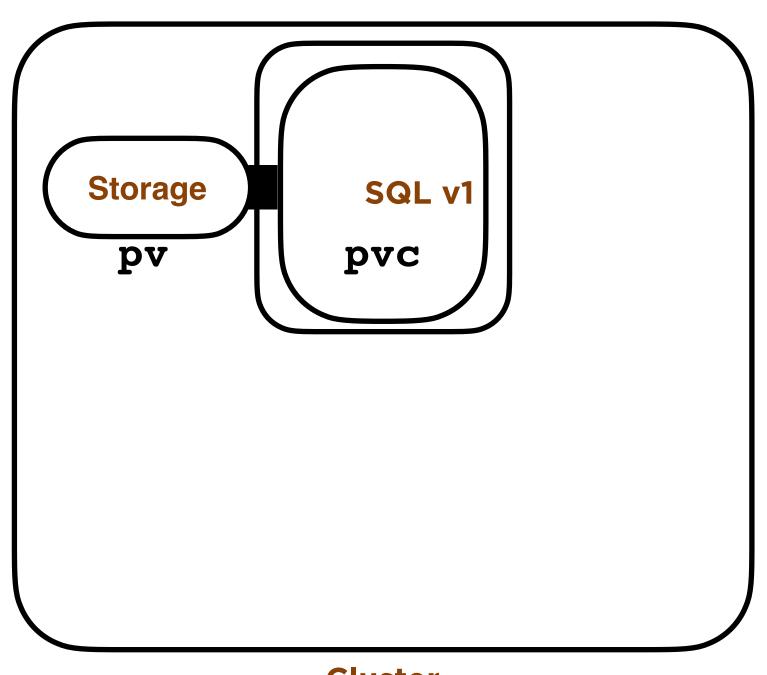
- State where do we store data?
- · Configuration how do we configure SQL Server?



Decoupling Data and Computation



Storage in Kubernetes



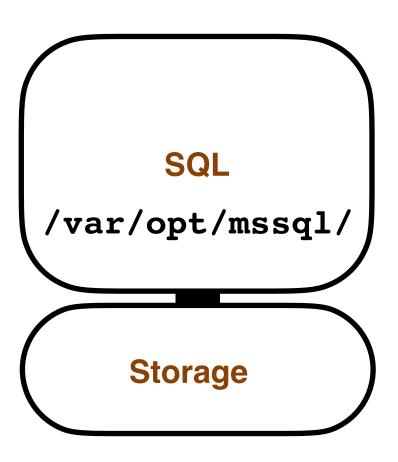
- Persistent Volume (pv)
 - Administrator defined storage
 - iSCSI, NFS, FC, AzureDisk...many more
- Persistent Volume Claim (pvc)
 - The Pod "claims" the pvc
 - The pvc is mapped to the pv by k8s
 - Decouples the Pod and the storage

Cluster



Data Persistency in SQL Server in K8S

- · Define Persistent Volumes/Persistent Volume Claims
 - Instance directory (error log, default trace, etc..)
 - /var/opt/mssql/
 - User Database default directory
 - /var/opt/mssql/data





Configuring SQL Server in a Pod

- In our Pod configuration we define Environment Variables
 - Used at initial startup to configure the SQL Instance
 - ACCEPT_EULA
 - MSSQL_SA_PASSWORD
 - Stored in the cluster as a Secret (hashed, not encrypted)
 - Pods go back its initial state of the container image on creation

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/linux/sql-server-linux-configure-environment-variables

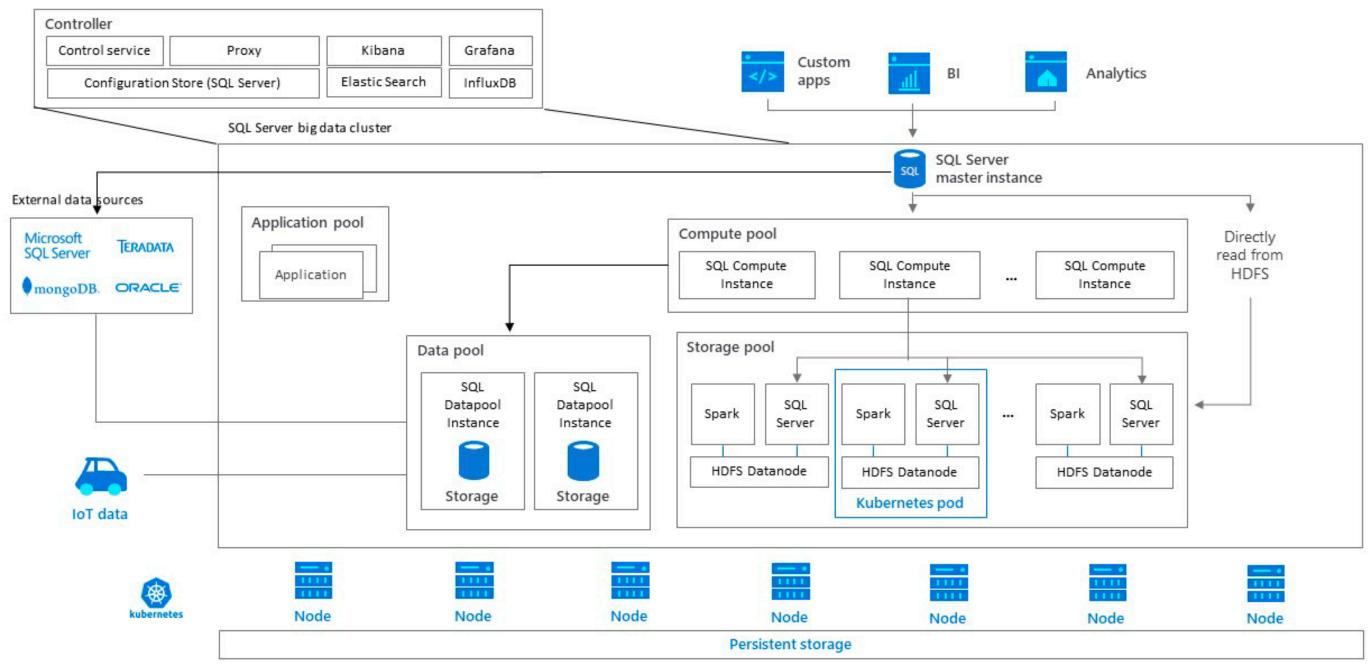


Demo

- · Deploying SQL Server in a **Deployment** with Persistent Storage
 - Recovery Scenario
 - Upgrading SQL Server



Big Data Clusters



https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/big-data-cluster/big-data-cluster-overview?view=sqlallproducts-allversions



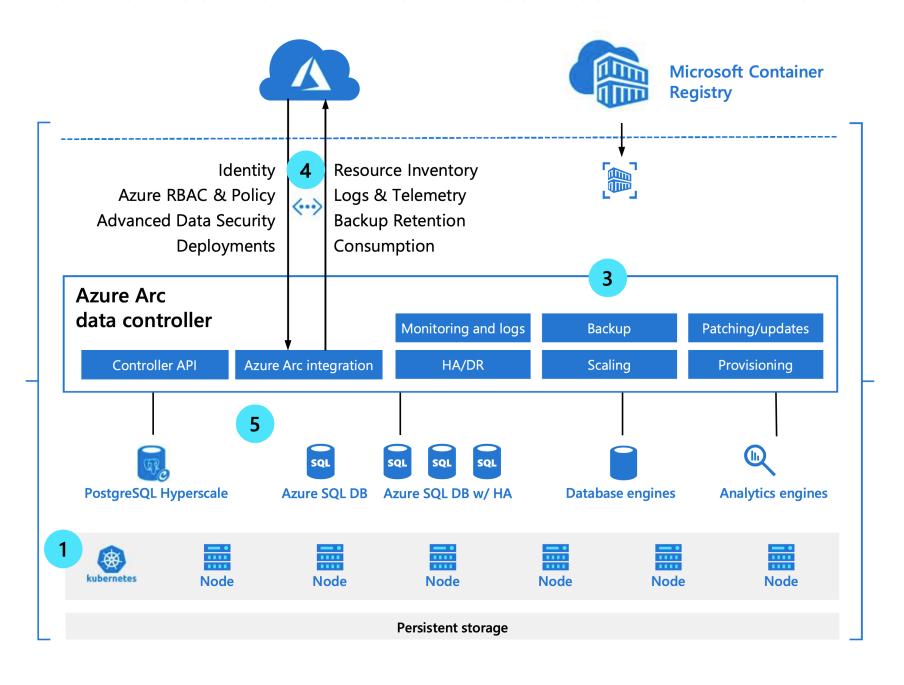
Azure Arc - Data Services

How it works: architecture of Azure data services on customer infrastructure

A few steps to get Azure data services in your environment:

- 1 Have Kubernetes on your infrastructure
- 2 Prepare environment with APIs and CLIs
- 3 Install Azure Arc data controller
- 4 Connect to Azure
- Deploy and run Azure data services for your workloads





Management and tooling

Azure Portal

Azure Data Studio

CLI

3rd Party



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More Resources

- Docker for Windows/Mac
- Managed Service Providers
 - Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)
 - https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/aks/kubernetes-walkthrough
 - Elastic Container Service for Kubernetes (EKS)
 - https://aws.amazon.com/getting-started/projects/deploy-kubernetes-app-amazon-eks/
 - Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE)
 - https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/docs/how-to/
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