An introduction to the Data Services Hub

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A platform that does something with *streaming data*

Definition: platform

- A (software) platform is anything you can build (applications) on
- Provides reusable infrastructure
- Takes care of recurring and tedious tasks
- Should not hamper creativity

Definition: Streaming Data

...data that is generated continuously by thousands of data sources, which typically send in the data records simultaneously, and in small sizes (order of Kilobytes).

https://aws.amazon.com/streaming-data

Our definition: Streaming Data

A streaming data platform should also be able to continuously send selected data records to thousands of data sinks.

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The DSH holds many different *data streams*

Data Stream

A sequence of digitally encoded signals used to represent information in transmission.

Federal Standard 1037C

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   \text{many
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   \text{Single
    sensor} &|
  \text{Stream
 processing} \\\
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MQTT

- Messaging protocol
- ISO/IEC 20922 and, OASIS standard
- Lightweight messaging protocol
- Suitable for many simultaneous connections
- Widespread in the *Internet of Things*

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- Messaging backbone for:
  - LinkedIn
  - Netflix
  - Yahoo
  - Twitter

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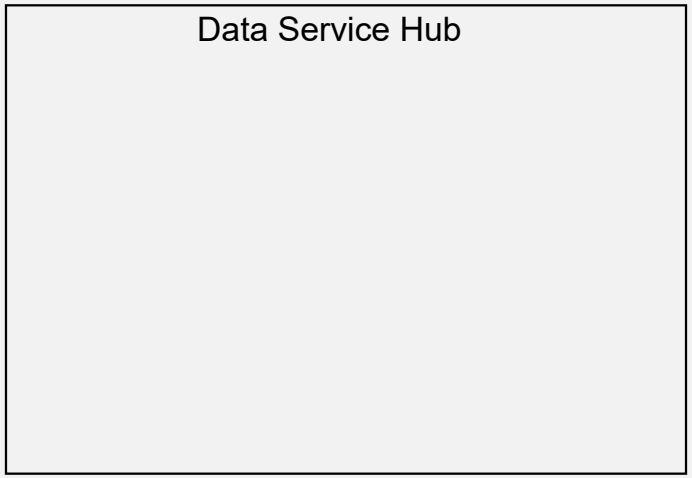

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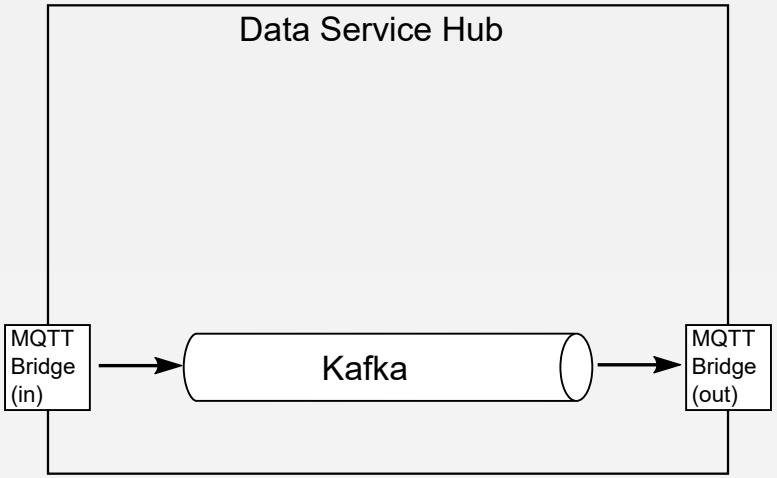

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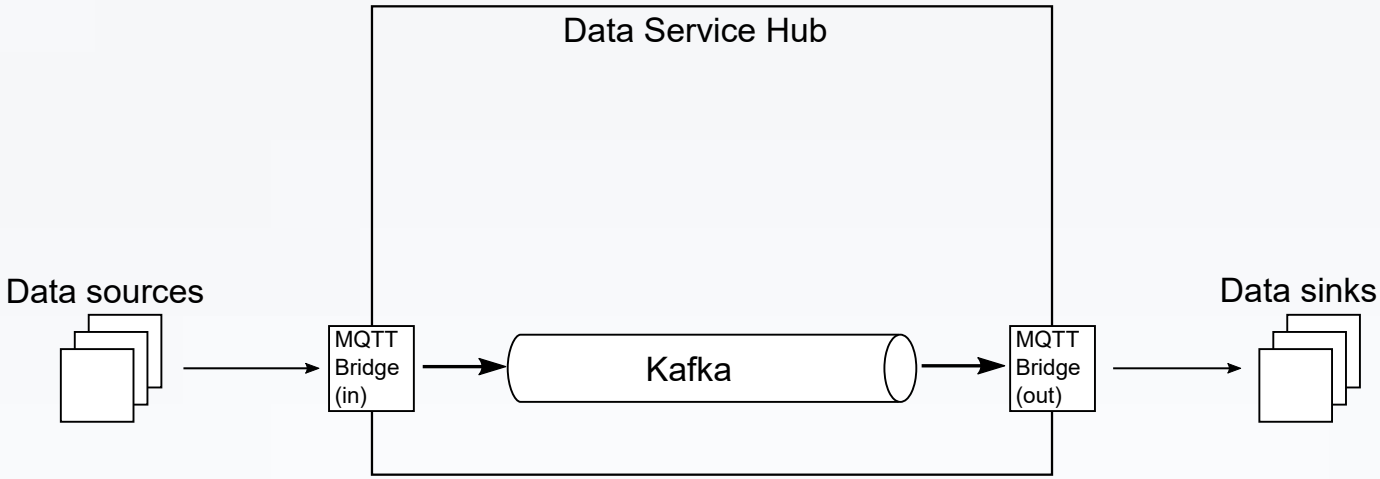
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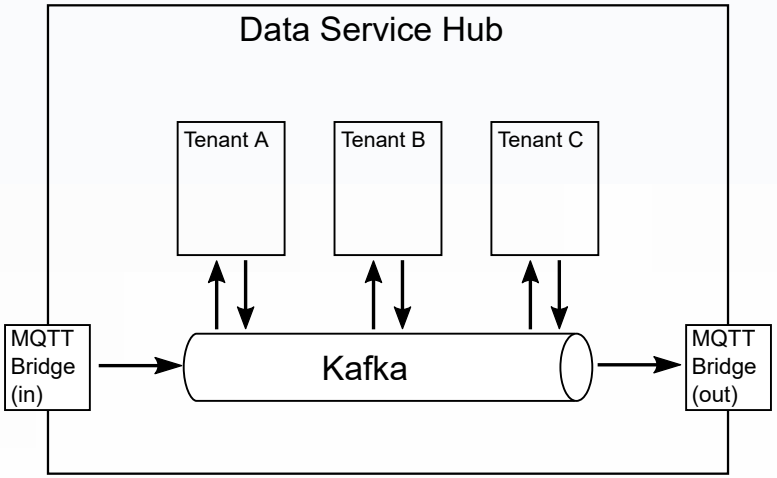
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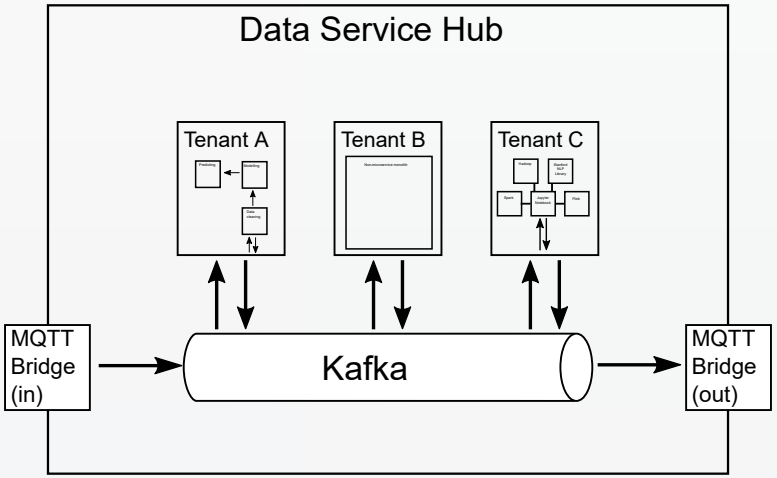
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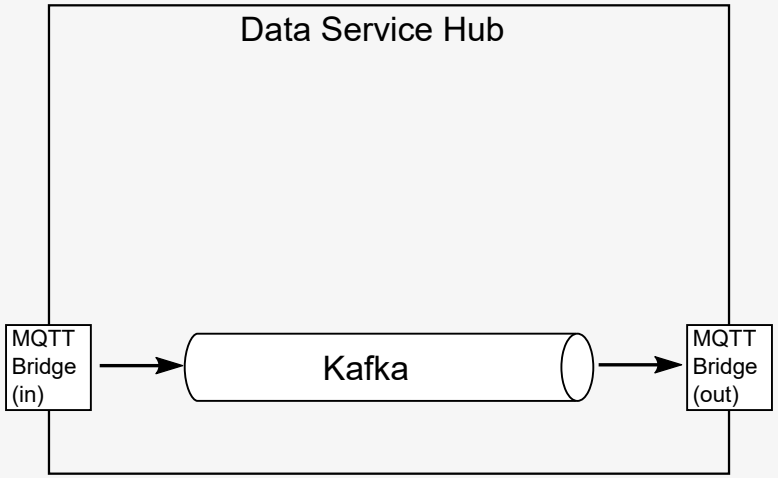

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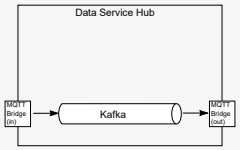

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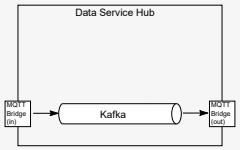

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- Like MQTT: allows wildcard subscriptions:

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/platform/stream/topic/#
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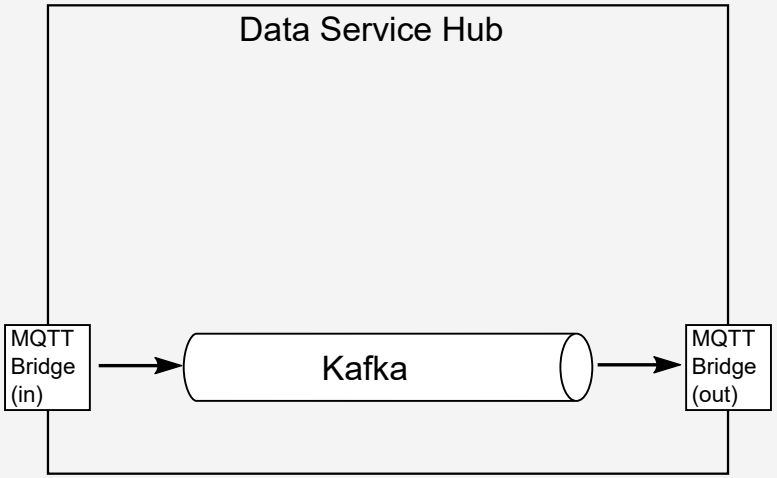
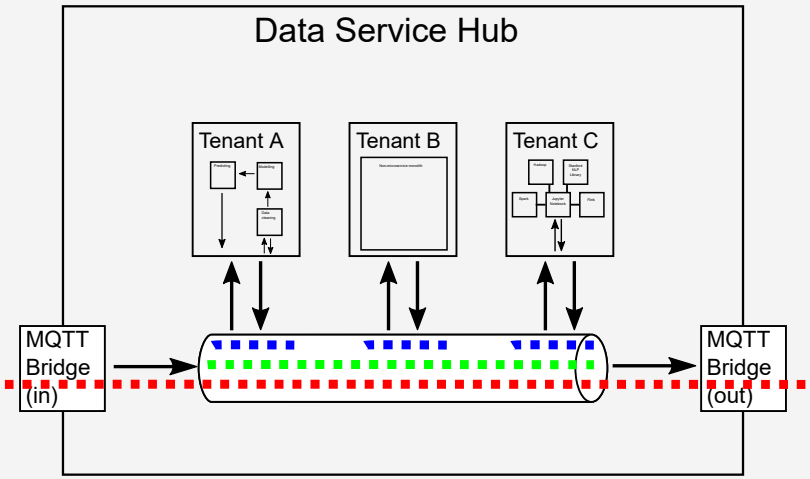


Kafka

Three Kafka stream-types

- *stream.* topic
- *internal.* topic
- *scratch.* topic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Many data streams

- Streams need organizing
- DSH topics $ \approx $ Kafka topics
- Need to control access to topics

Stream Processing

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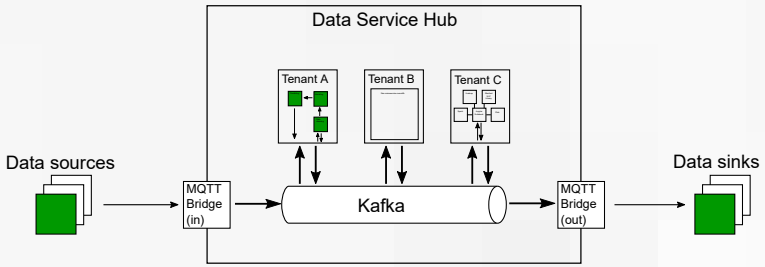
The DSH is a platform that does *stream processing*

Stream Processing

... is the processing of data in motion, or in other words, computing on data directly as it is produced or received.

https://data-artisans.com/what-is-stream-processing

Where to process



- At the source?
- On the DSH?
- At the sink?

Many ways to process the data

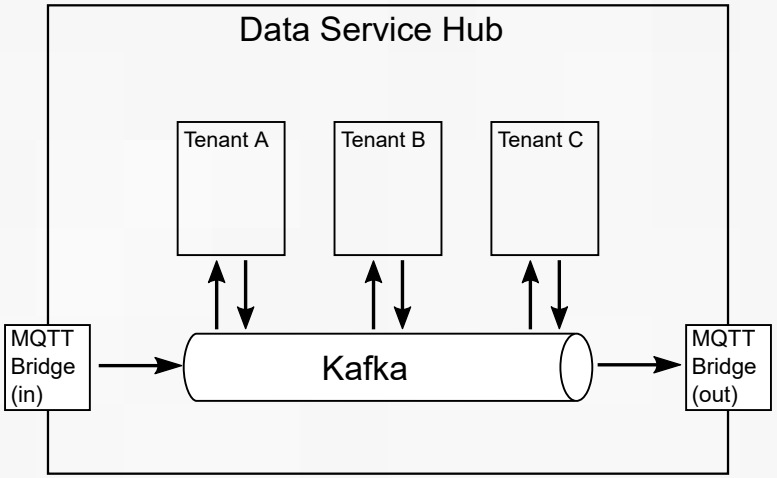
- Many frameworks for stream processing
- No framework fits all use-cases
- DSH does not dictate a framework

No *One framework to rule them all*, but the DSH to *bind them*.

Security nightmare

- Need to allow other people on your platform for proximity
- And they can use whatever software they want on the platform

Base DSH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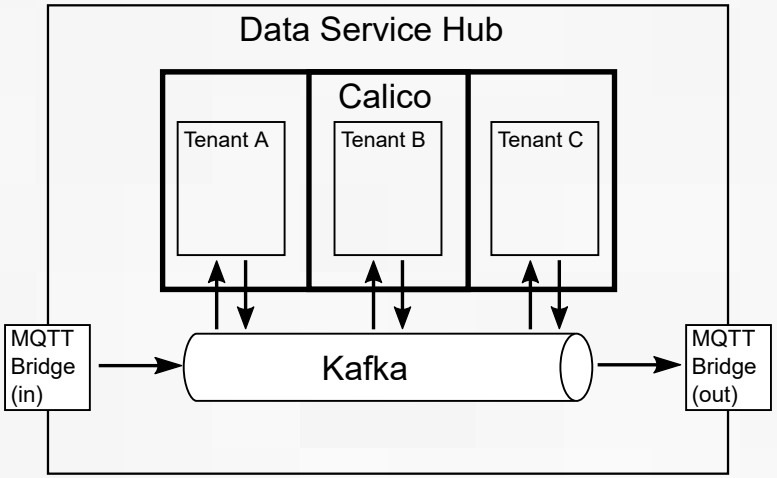
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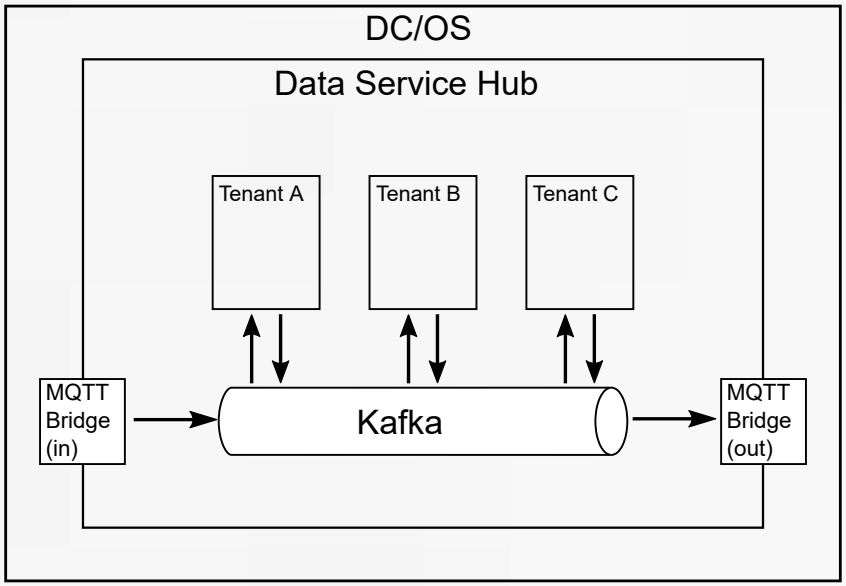
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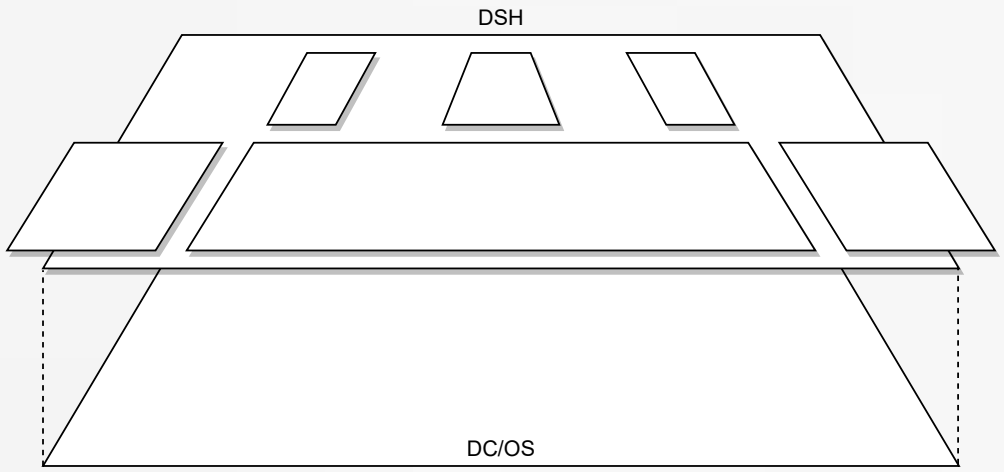
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DC/OS

Securing

- Custom container manager
  - for ease of use
  - to *force* correct use of Docker
- Custom resource manager
- Calico to ensure network isolation

Wrap-up

- DC/OS as base
- Docker + extra security
- Tenant network isolation

Authentication Nightmare

- Certificates for tenant (container) authentication towards Kafka
- API key to authenticate tenants that want to let devices/things/users connect to the platform
- REST token for authentication of MQTT token requests
- Tokens for MQTT authentication of devices/things/users

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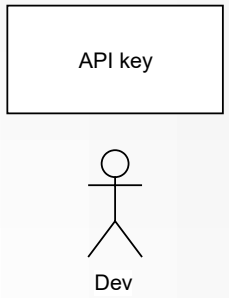

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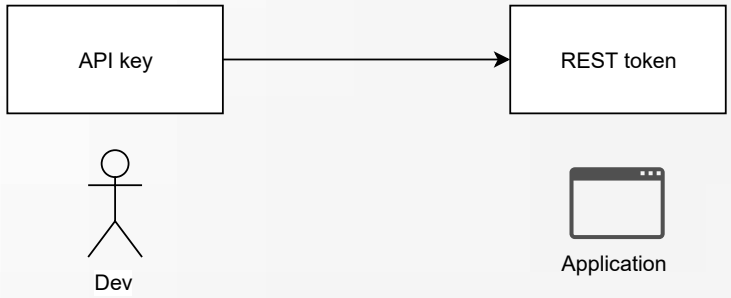

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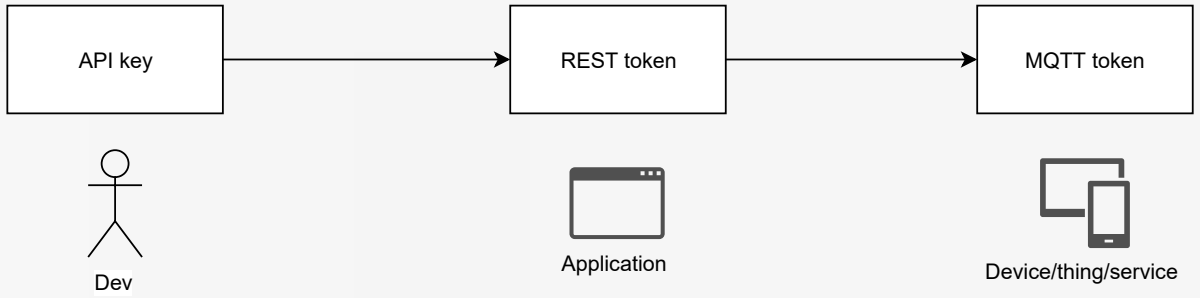

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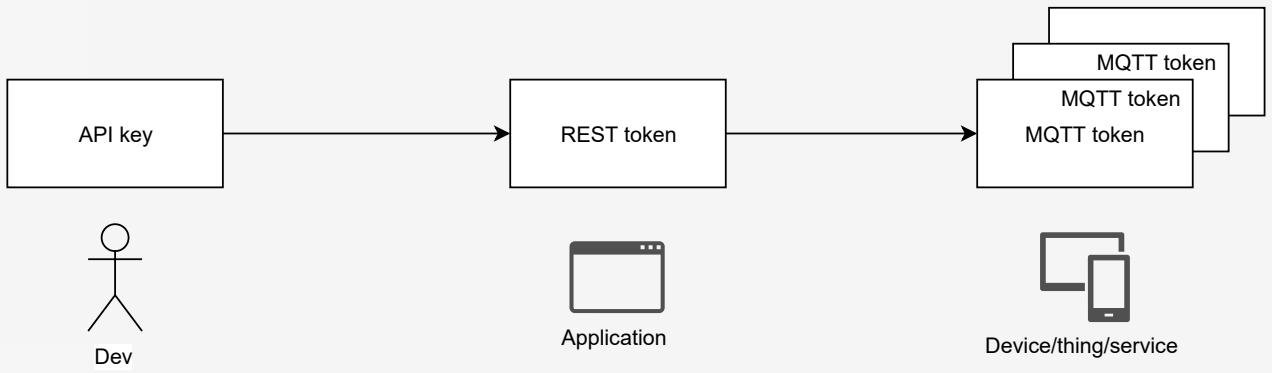

Device management

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- Up to the tenant to implement
- Provides the necessary building blocks

Access control

- Fine-grained on MQTT
  - Access Control Lists (ACLs)
  - read `/tt/topic/fixed/tenant/+/#`
  - write `/tt/topic/other/tenant/`
- Coarse-grained on Kafka
  - read/write on topic-level
  - implemented using custom tooling

Wrap-up

- API keys, REST token & MQTT tokens
- Kafka certificates
- ACLs on all streams/topics
- Kafka topics scheme

Practical part; MQTT

MQTT