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RADIANT Multi-Protocol AI Interface Architecture v3.0

Executive Summary

This document defines the production architecture for RADIANT’s unified, bidirectional protocol layer supporting MCP, A2A, OpenAI, Anthropic, and Google interfaces at **1M+ concurrent connection scale**.

v3 Changes from v2:

Component	v2 (Rejected)	v3 (Final)
Connection Tier	Envoy + Lua filters	Custom Go Gateway
Message Bus	Redis Pub/Sub	NATS JetStream
Authorization	Tenant-scoped Cedar	Resource-level ABAC Cedar
Connection Draining	30s GOAWAY window	Resume Token + Session Rehydration

Critical Insight: Envoy is a *proxy*, not a message bus client. Bridging 1M WebSockets to NATS subjects requires the Gateway to be a first-class NATS client — impossible with Envoy without complex Wasm filters.

Part 1: Protocol Adapter Layer

Key elements retained from v2: - JSON Schema as canonical internal format - Dual-level versioning (protocol + provider) - **SecurityContext** injection into all adapter methods - Bidirectional support (RADIANT as server AND client)

Part 2: Go Connectivity Gateway

2.1 Architecture Overview

The Go Gateway is a lightweight, purpose-built service that:

1. Terminates TLS (mTLS for A2A, standard TLS for users)
2. Holds persistent WebSocket/SSE connections
3. Acts as a first-class NATS JetStream client
4. Bridges sockets NATS subjects bidirectionally

INTERNET

NETWORK LOAD BALANCER (NLB)

- Layer 4 TCP passthrough
- Cross-zone load balancing
- Health checks on :8080/health
- TLS termination DISABLED (handled by Gateway)

GO CONNECTIVITY GATEWAY FLEET

Gateway 1	Gateway 2	Gateway 3	Gateway N
(c6g.xl)	(c6g.xl)	(c6g.xl)	(c6g.xl)
~80K conn	~80K conn	~80K conn	~80K conn

Memory per connection: ~10KB (socket + NATS sub + session state)
Target: 50K-100K connections per c6g.xlarge (8GB RAM)

Responsibilities:

- TLS termination (mTLS cert validation, OIDC JWT extraction)
- WebSocket/SSE upgrade and frame parsing
- Protocol detection (MCP JSON-RPC, A2A, raw HTTP)
- NATS client: publish to inbox, subscribe to outbox

Session state: connection_id session_id mapping
Resume token generation and validation

DOES NOT: Execute business logic, call databases, make LLM calls

NATS JETSTREAM CLUSTER

Streams:

INBOX: Incoming messages from connections
Subjects: in.{protocol}.{tenant_id}.{agent_id}
Retention: WorkQueue (consumed once)
Replicas: 3

OUTBOX: Responses back to connections
Subjects: out.{session_id}
Retention: Limits (1 hour TTL, 1000 msgs max)
Replicas: 3

Why NATS over Redis:

At-Least-Once delivery (Redis Pub/Sub is At-Most-Once)
Subject-based addressing (out.{session_id} for return path)
Persistence survives Lambda cold starts and Gateway rebalancing
Consumer groups for Lambda worker scaling

ADAPTER LOGIC TIER (Lambda)

NATS Consumer Groups:

mcp-workers: Subscribe to in.mcp.>
a2a-workers: Subscribe to in.a2a.>
fc-workers: Subscribe to in.fc.>

Flow:

1. Receive message from NATS (includes SecurityContext)
2. Validate authorization via Cedar
3. Execute tool / call provider
4. Publish response to out.{session_id}

2.2 Key Interfaces

SessionContext - Contains all state for a connected client: - **SessionID** - Unique session identifier (survives reconnects) - **ConnectionID** - Current connection identifier (changes on

reconnect) - TenantID - Tenant isolation - PrincipalID/Type - Agent, User, or Service - AuthType - mTLS, OIDC, or APIKey - Protocol - MCP, A2A, OpenAI, Anthropic, Google - InboxSubject/OutboxSubject - NATS subjects for this session - ResumeToken/Expiry - For session rehydration

GatewayStats - Metrics exposed at /health: - ActiveConnections / TotalConnections - MessagesIn / MessagesOut - ResumedConnections / AuthFailures

Part 3: NATS JetStream Configuration

3.1 Stream Definitions

```
# INBOX Stream - messages from clients to Lambda workers
name: INBOX
subjects: ["in.>"] # in.{protocol}.{tenant_id}.{agent_id}
retention: workqueue # Consumed exactly once
maxAge: 1h
replicas: 3

# OUTBOX Stream - responses back to specific sessions
name: OUTBOX
subjects: ["out.>"] # out.{session_id}
retention: limits
maxAge: 1h # Messages expire after 1 hour
replicas: 3

# HISTORY Stream - for session resume replay
name: HISTORY
subjects: ["history.>"] # history.{session_id}
retention: limits
maxMsgsPerSubject: 10000
maxAge: 1h
replicas: 3
```

3.2 Consumer Definitions

Consumer	Stream	Filter	Ack Wait	Purpose
mcp-workers	INBOX	in.mcp.>	30s	MCP protocol handling
a2a-workers	INBOX	in.a2a.>	60s	A2A tasks (longer)
fc-workers	INBOX	in.fc.>	120s	LLM function calls

Part 4: Resource-Level Cedar Authorization

4.1 Cedar Schema

```
namespace Radiant {  
  entity Agent in [Tenant] {  
    tier: String, scopes: Set<String>, labels: Set<String>  
  };  
  entity User in [Tenant] {  
    role: String, scopes: Set<String>, department: String  
  };  
  entity Tool {  
    name: String, destructive: Bool, sensitive: Bool,  
    requiredScopes: Set<String>, labels: Set<String>,  
    namespace: String, owner: String  
  };  
  
  action "tool:call" appliesTo {  
    principal: [Agent, User, Service],  
    resource: [Tool],  
    context: { tenantId: String, sourceProtocol: String }  
  };  
}
```

4.2 Key Policies

Policy	Purpose
deny-cross-tenant	FORBID all cross-tenant access
user-tool-call-non-sensitive	Allow non-destructive tools with scopes
agent-tool-call-namespace	Agents can call tools in their namespace
admin-tool-call-all	Admins bypass restrictions
deny-sensitive-without-label	Protect sensitive resources

Part 5: Resume Token Strategy

5.1 Session Lifecycle

Connect → Active → Drain → Resume → Active (same session)

NATS Subject: out.{session_id}

- Created when session starts
- Persists across connection changes
- Lambda publishes here regardless of Gateway node
- New Gateway subscribes on resume

KEY INSIGHT: Session durability over connection durability. The TCP socket can die and reconnect; the session (and NATS subject) remains stable.

5.2 Resume Token Contents

```
type ResumeTokenData struct {  
    SessionID      string    // Survives reconnect  
    TenantID       string  
    PrincipalID    string  
    Protocol       string  
    InboxSubject   string    // in.{protocol}.{tenant}.{agent}  
    OutboxSubject  string    // out.{session_id}  
    IssuedAt       time.Time  
    ExpiresAt      time.Time  
    GatewayNode    string    // Hint for sticky routing  
}
```

Token is HMAC-SHA256 signed and base64 encoded.

Part 6: Production Architecture Summary

6.1 Key Design Decisions

Decision	Choice	Rationale
Gateway	Custom Go	Envoy can't bridge sockets to NATS
Message Bus	NATS JetStream	At-least-once, subject addressing, persistence
Authorization	Cedar (ABAC)	Resource-level policies for agentic isolation
Connection Draining	Resume Tokens	Session durability > connection durability
Outbound Calls	HTTP/2 Pool	5000 concurrent streams per provider

6.2 Capacity Planning

Component	Instance	Connections	Count for 1M
Go Gateway	c6g.xlarge (8GB)	80,000	13 instances
NATS	r6g.xlarge	N/A	3 nodes (cluster)
Lambda (MCP)	1024MB	N/A	1000 concurrent
Lambda (A2A)	2048MB	N/A	500 concurrent
Lambda (FC)	2048MB	N/A	200 concurrent

Estimated Monthly Cost (1M connections): ~\$8,000-15,000/month

6.3 File Structure

```
/radiant
  /apps/gateway/          # Go Gateway service
    /cmd/gateway/main.go
    /internal/
      /config/            # Configuration
      /server/            # WebSocket server, ingress, egress
      /session/           # Session context
      /auth/              # mTLS, OIDC
      /protocol/          # Protocol detection
      /resume/            # Resume tokens
      /nats/              # NATS client
      /health/            # Health endpoints
    /pkg/messages/        # Message structs

  /services/egress-proxy/ # HTTP/2 connection pool (Fargate)
    /src/
      index.ts            # Fastify server
      pool.ts             # HTTP/2 pool management
      providers.ts         # AI provider configs

  /infrastructure/docker/gateway/
    docker-compose.yml    # Local dev stack
    mock-worker/          # Mock Lambda for testing

  /packages/infrastructure/lib/stacks/
    gateway-stack.ts      # CDK deployment
```

Part 7: Implementation Status

Phase	Status	Deliverables
Go Gateway	Complete	apps/gateway/ - 16 files (incl. TLS)
Egress Proxy	Complete	services/egress-proxy/ - 5 files
NATS Setup	Complete	Docker Compose with JetStream
CDK Stack	Complete	gateway-stack.ts
Resume Tokens	Complete	HMAC-signed tokens
TLS/mTLS	Complete	internal/server/tls.go
Cedar Schema	Complete	infrastructure/cedar/schema.cedarschema
Cedar Policies	Complete	infrastructure/cedar/policies/ (2 files)
Cedar Service	Complete	lambda/shared/services/cedar/
MCP Lambda Worker	Complete	lambda/gateway/mcp-worker.ts
Load Testing	Complete	infrastructure/load-tests/ (k6 scripts)
Integration Tests	Complete	__tests__/gateway/mcp-worker.test.ts

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