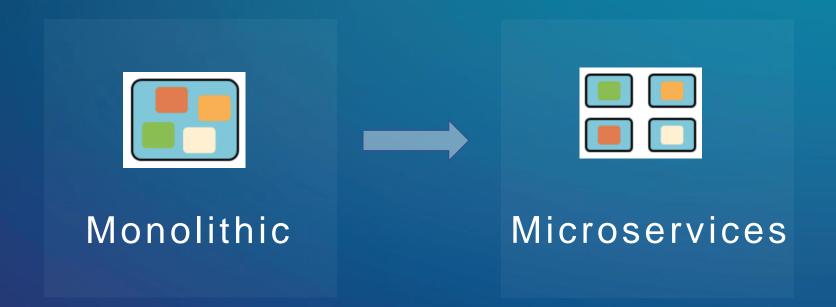


Microservice Architecture: Orchestration to Reactive Approach

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Walmart's journey to build a scalable system for hundreds of millions of items





The Scale

CATALOG SIZE



70M

NUMBER OF STORES



4,700

ITEMS IN STORES



1M





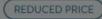


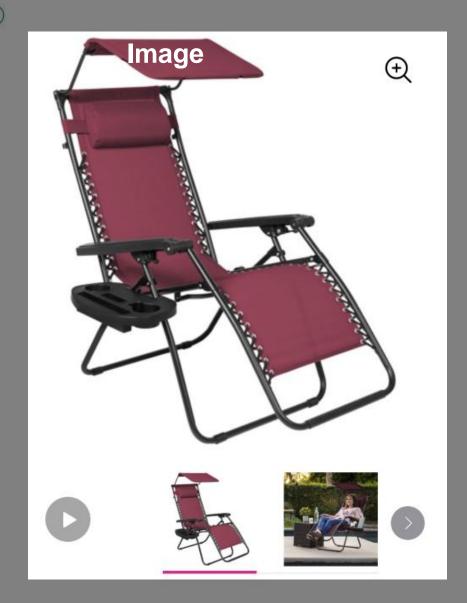


Shelf

Patio & Garden / Patio Furniture / Patio Chairs & Seating / Zero Gravity Chairs / Shop by Number of Chairs / Zero Gravity Chair Single Pack











Actual Color: Burgundy









Grouping

Add-on services (0 Selected) Select

Available Options: Walmart Protection Plan.

Care Plan





Add to Cart

- Free 2-day delivery Arrives by Tue, Oct 1
- Pickup not available

More delivery & pickup options

Product Setup: Monolithic Architecture

Normalization

Matching

Merge

Easy To:

- Develop
- Deploy
- Test
- Monitor

Challenges With Growing Scale

Validation

Normalization

Matching

Merge

Ranking

Classification

Grouping

Images

- Difficult to onboard new developers
- Longer cycles between releases
- Scaling the application can be difficult
- Increases infrastructure costs
- Obstacle to scaling development
- Technology lock-in

Microservice Architecture

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Tech Stack Flexibility



Hardware Scaling Flexibility

Classification Validation **Images** 2 X (2 core CPU, 2 GB RAM) 4 GPU 5 X (4 core CPU, 4 GB RAM)

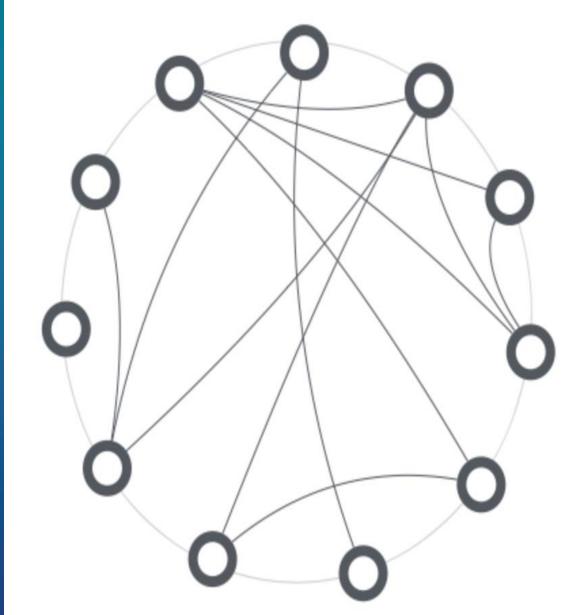
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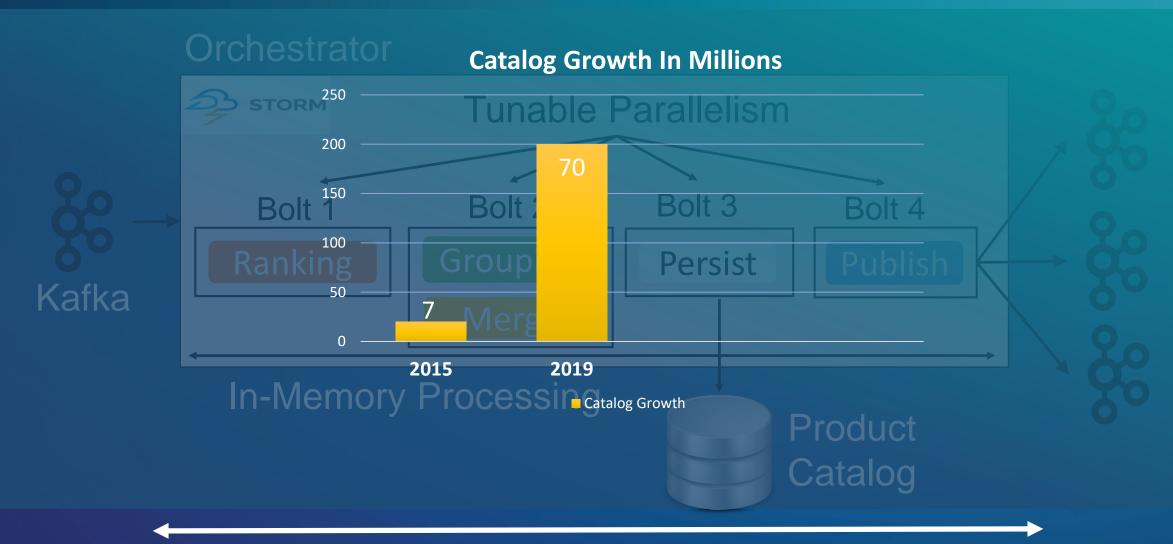
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Ranking Images

Matching Merge

Services Orchestration

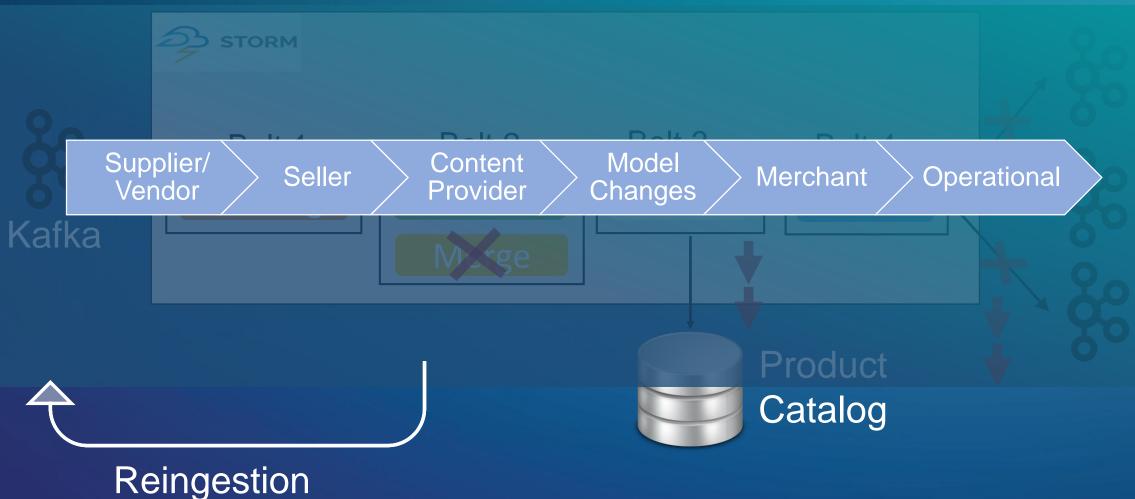




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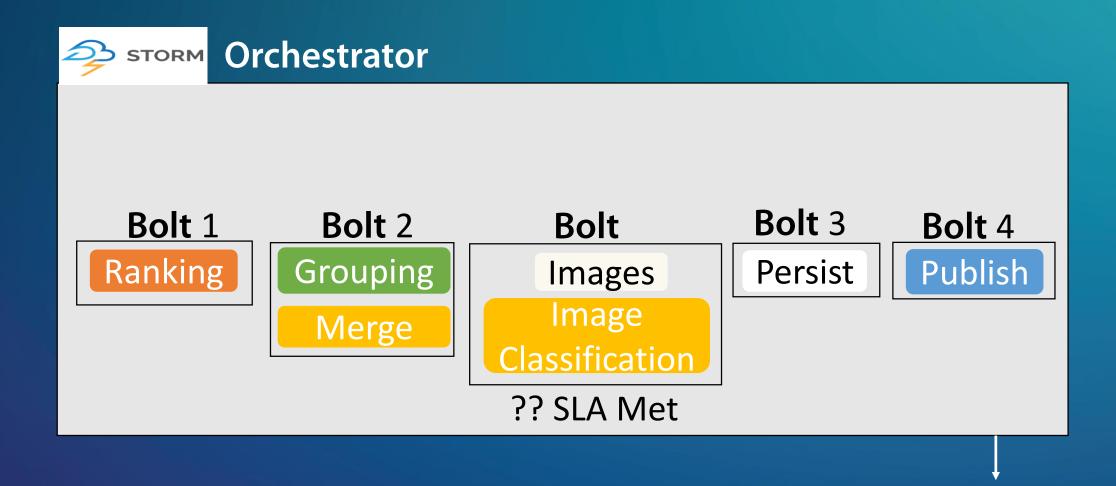
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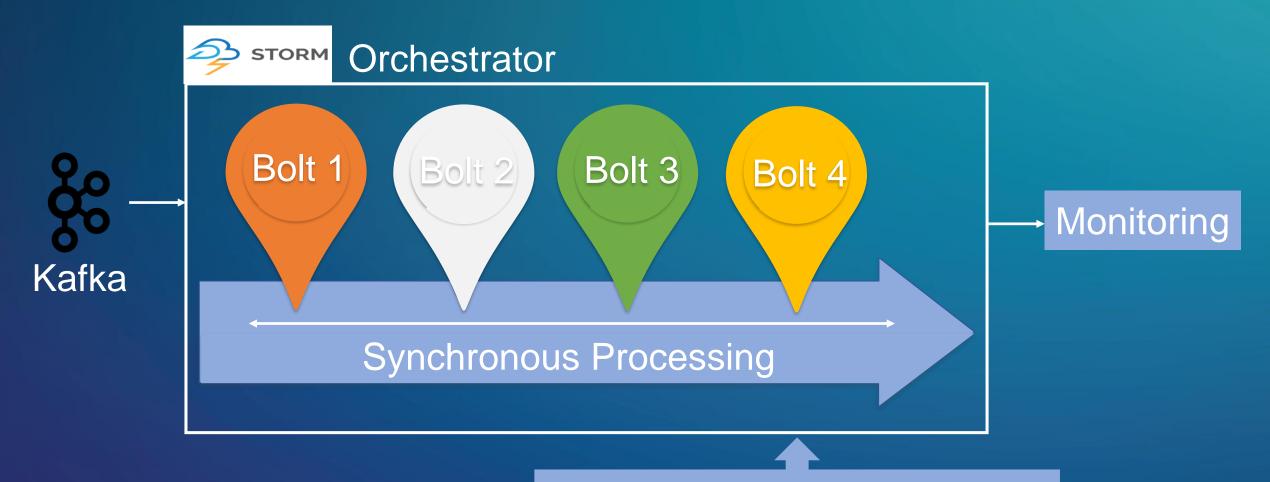
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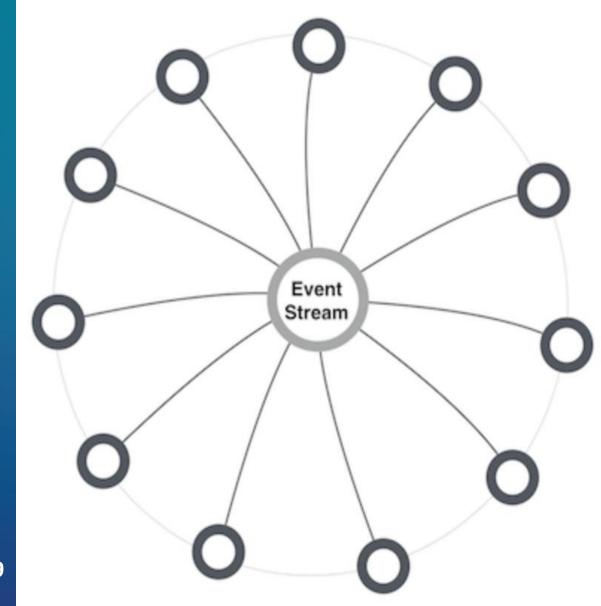


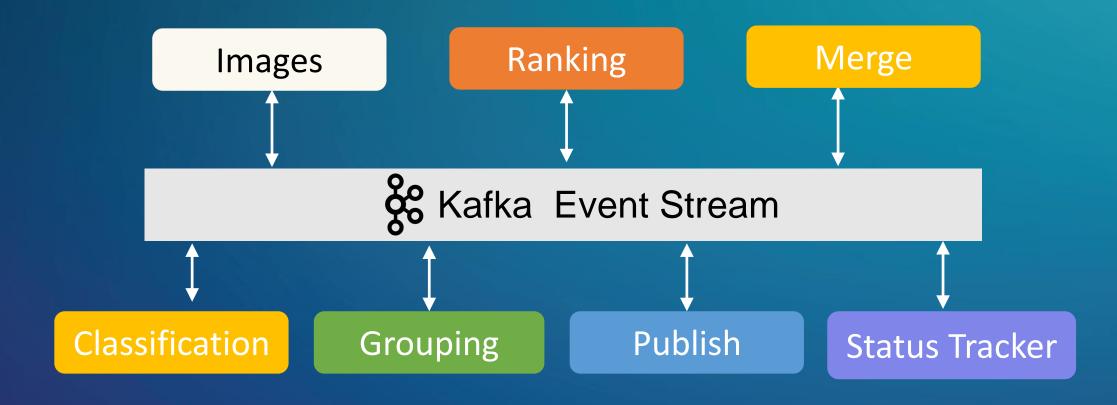


Message Ordering not reliable

Microservice Architecture

Reactive Services





Message Ordering

Partition

ID1 ID1 ID2 ID1

ID4 ID6 ID5 ID4

ID9 ID2 ID2

3

4

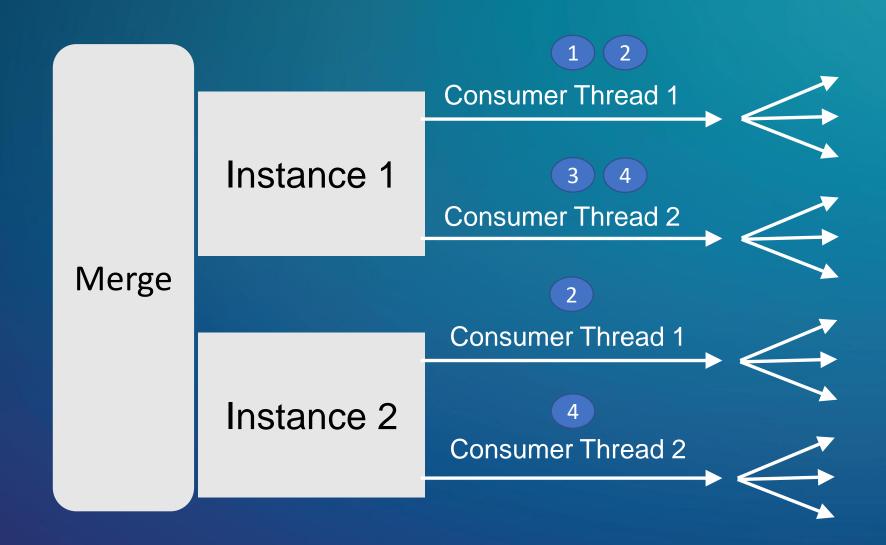
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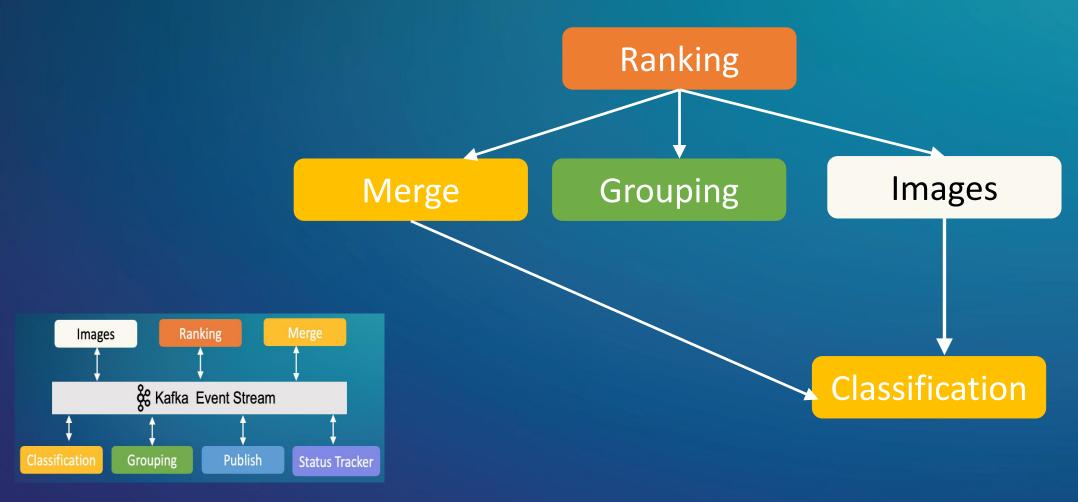
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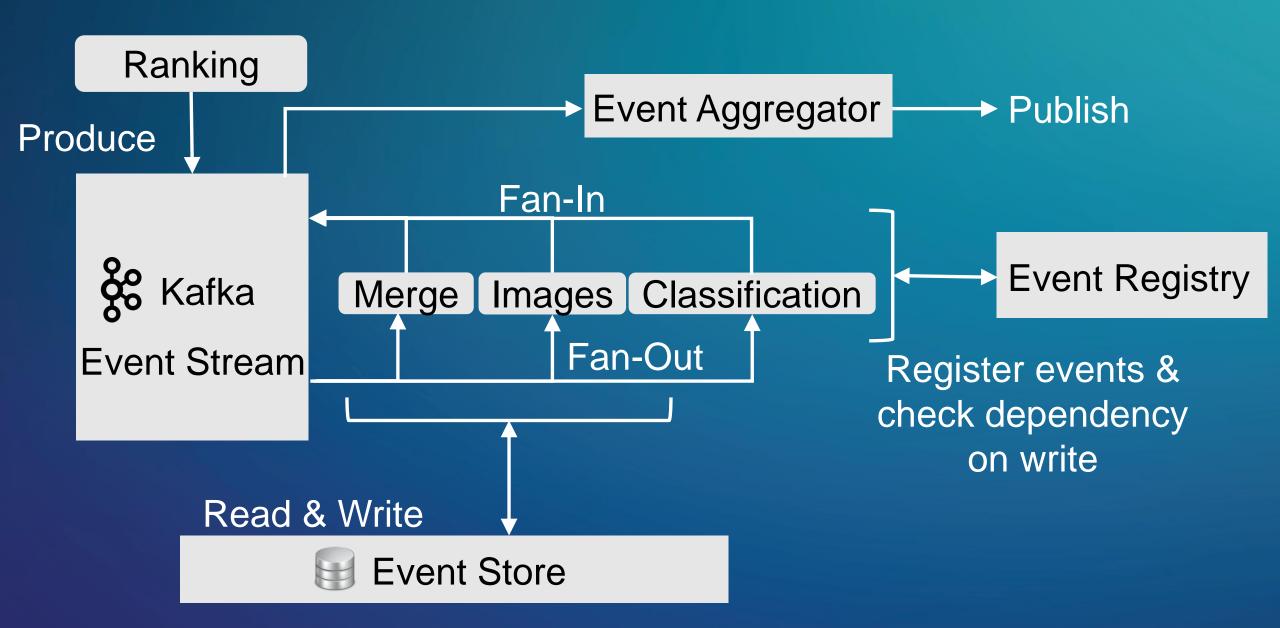
Merge

How To Scale



Service Dependency





Final Thoughts



Future Scale & Requirements



Monitoring & Analytics



Revisit & Evolve Architecture Periodically

Appendix

Q&A

- When monolithic should be broken-down to microservices?
- Serverless Architecture
- Cloud Native
- Kubernetes

Why Reactive?

- Easy to plug in and plug out microservices
- No single point of failure
- Flexible Orchestration
- Scaling for individual service requirement
- Parallel processing for independent microservices
- Long running service can participate in event stream
- Process and publish intermediate state

Applying a microservice architecture is not about building the perfect system. Instead, it is about building a framework in which a good system can emerge over time as the understanding grows"

- Martin Flower

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