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Science Gateway Architectures

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Todays Outline

- Project Teams
- Microservices
- Project Themes
- Open Discussion



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Class Introductions

Share your goals, expectations, concerns and a brief background



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Course Communication

- For syllabus information and presentation material, see the course website
 - <http://courses.airavata.org>
- For project assignments and other communications, use Canvas



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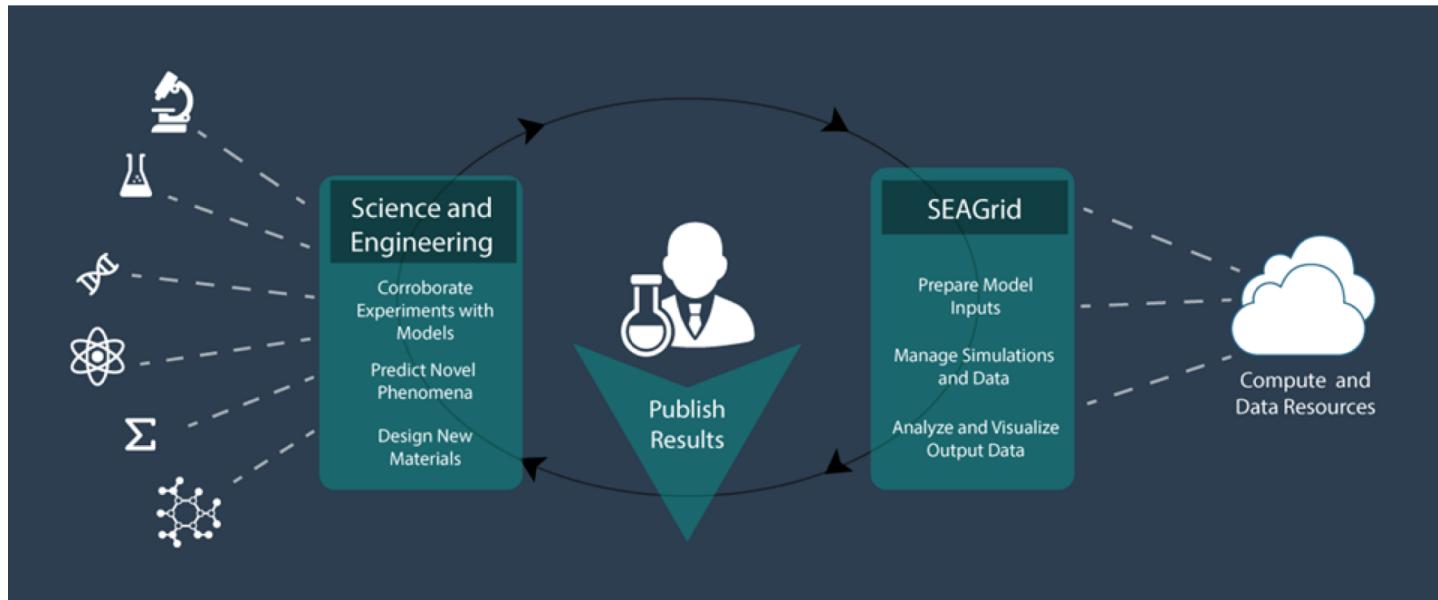
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Example Science Gateway



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SEAGRID.org is an Apache Airavata-powered gateway

Hydrated Calcium Carbonate in Action



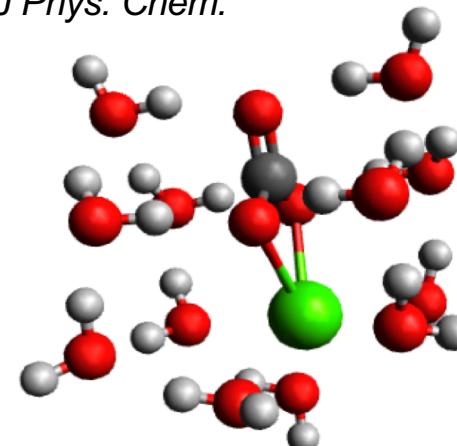
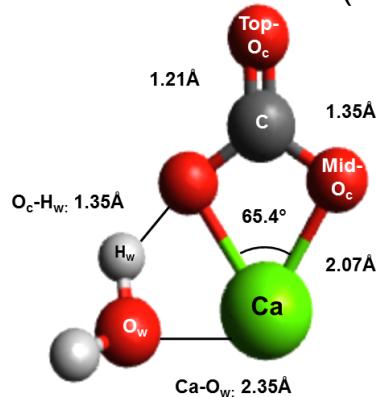
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What is the chemistry of hydrated calcium carbonate?

- Bio-mineralization of skeletons and shells
- Geological CO₂ sequestration
- Cleanup of contaminated environments

Lopez-Berganza, et al. *J Phys. Chem. A*(2015)



$\text{CaCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$
Initial guess

SEAGrid.org enabled

workflow



Stampede Supercomputer

TINKER
Monte Carlo Molecular
Mechanics
(Minimize Torsional Energy
in <20,000 steps)

$x=x+1$

Stampede Supercomputer

DFTB+
Approximate DFT-Based

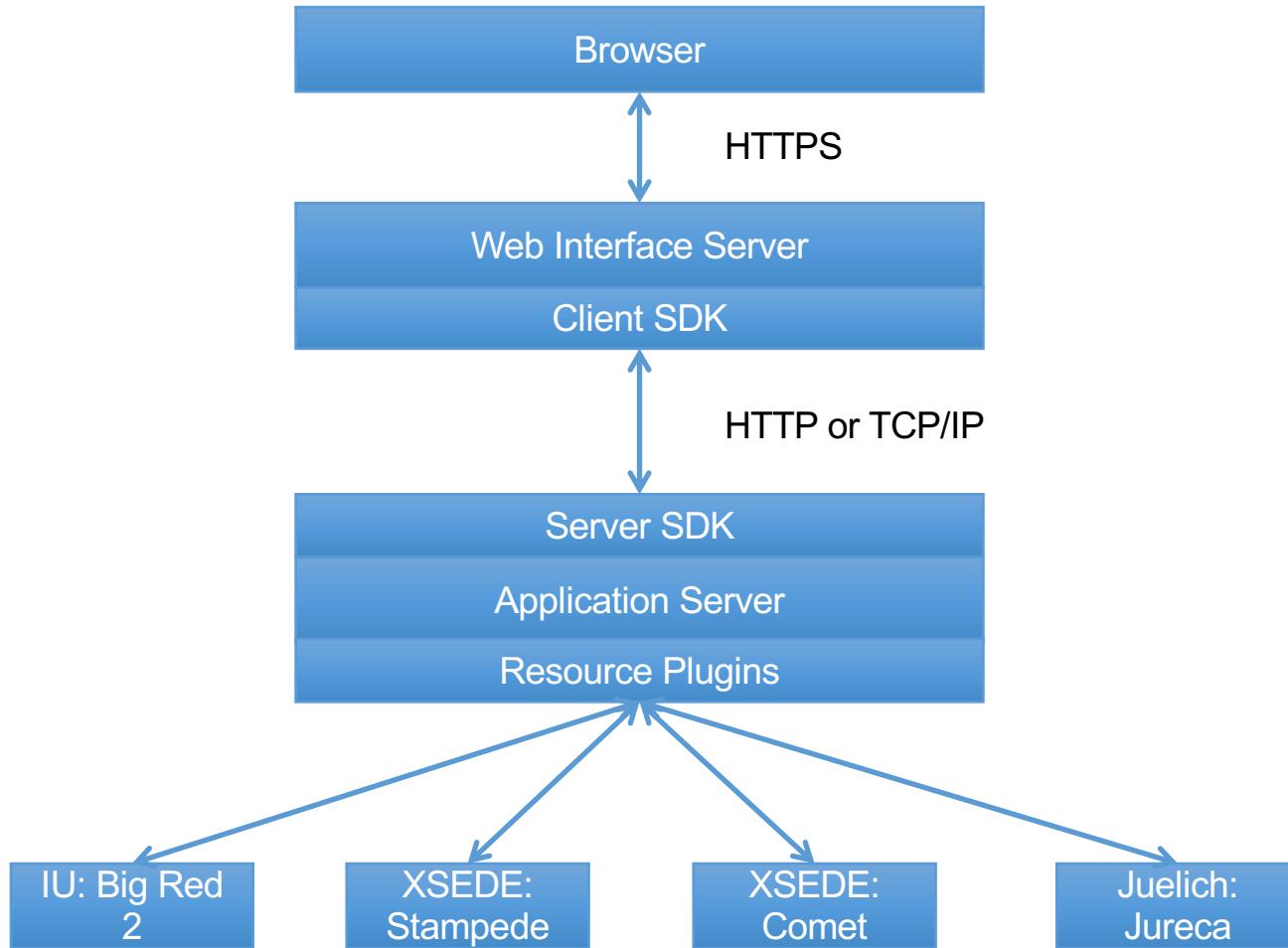


Comet Supercomputer

Gaussian09
Ab initio Quantum
Chemistry

-2-3 CaCO_3 Equilibrium
Structures
-Thermochemistry (E,H,G,
etc.)
-Vibrational Frequencies





Challenges for Science Gateways

- Providing a rich user experience
- Defining an API for the application server
- Defining the right sub-components for the application server.
- Implementing the components, wiring them together correctly.
- Supporting multiple gateway tenants
- Fault tolerance for components
- State management
- Continuous delivery
- Security management
- Supporting full scientific exploratory cycle



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Goal 1: Apply basic distributed computing concepts to Science Gateways.



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Goal 2: Apply new architectures, methodologies, and technologies to Science Gateways: Microservices, DevOps

You Don't Choose Chaos Monkey...
Chaos Monkey Chooses You



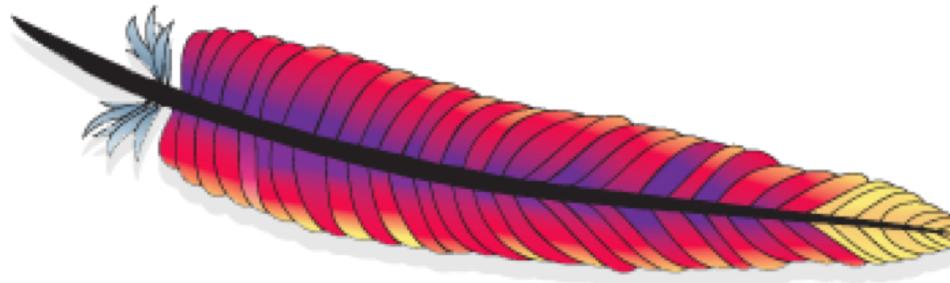
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Goal 3: Teach open source software practices



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What Is Apache Airavata?

- Open source middleware to support Science Gateways
 - Compose, manage, execute, and monitor distributed, computational workflows
 - Wrap legacy command line scientific applications with Web services.
 - Run jobs on computational resources ranging from local resources to computational grids and clouds
 - Record, preserve, search, and share metadata about computational experiments
- Hosted version of Apache Airavata provides multi-tenanted Platform as a Service.
 - SciGaP



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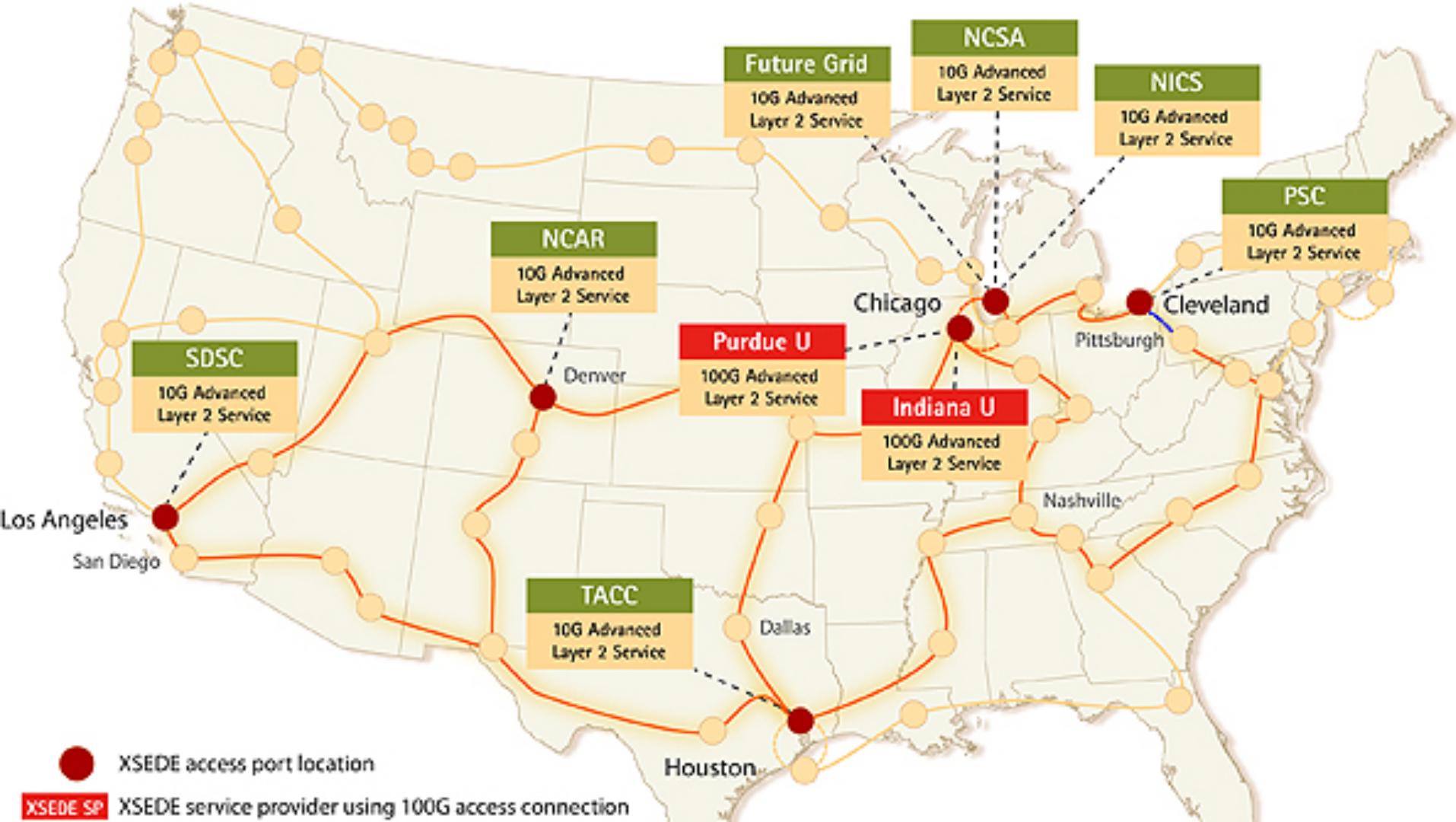
What You Need to Do Before Tuesday

- Create a GitHub account if you don't have one
- Send us your GitHub user name so that we can add you to the Airavata Courses GitHub organization
- Go to <https://portal.xsede.org/> and create an account
 - Send us your user name
- If possible, please make these user names consistent with your IU network ID.
- Submit this through Canvas (0-point assignment)



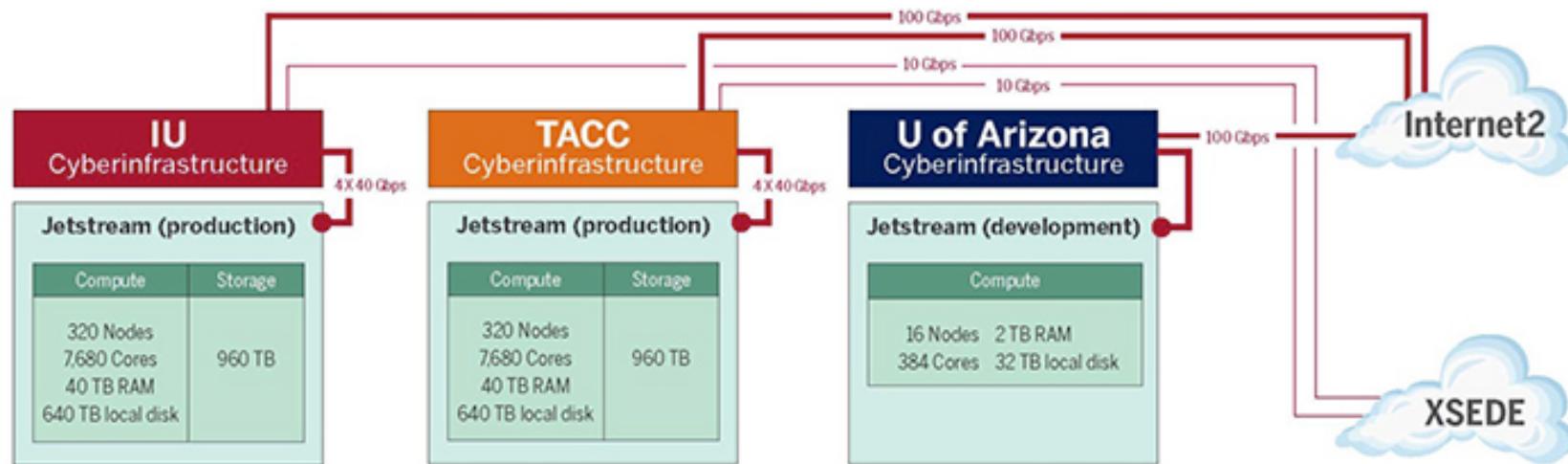
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Science Engineering Cloud based on OpenStack



Monolithic Applications: Traditional Software Releases

- Software releases occur in discrete increments
- Software runs on clients' systems
- Releases may be frequent but they are still distinct
 - Firefox
 - OS system upgrades
- Traditional release cycles
 - Extensive testing
 - Alpha, beta, release candidates, and full releases
- Extensive recompiling and testing required after code changes
- Code changes require the entire release cycle to be repeated



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MicroServices: Software as a Service

- Does your software run as a service?
- Do you run this service yourself? Or does another part of your organization run the service that your team develops?
- Traditional release cycles don't work well
 - May make releases many times per day
 - Test-release-deploy takes too long
- You can be a little more tolerant of bugs discovered after release if you can fix quickly or roll back quickly.
- Get new features and improvements into production quickly.



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Science Gateways and Microservices



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What Is a Microservice?

- Develop a single application as a suite of small services
- Each service runs in its own process
- Services communicate with lightweight mechanisms
 - “Often an HTTP resource API”
 - But that has some problems
 - Messaging and hybrid approaches
- These services are built around business capabilities
- Independently deployable by fully automated deployment machinery.
- Minimum of centralized management of these services,
 - May be written in different programming languages
 - May use different data storage technologies.



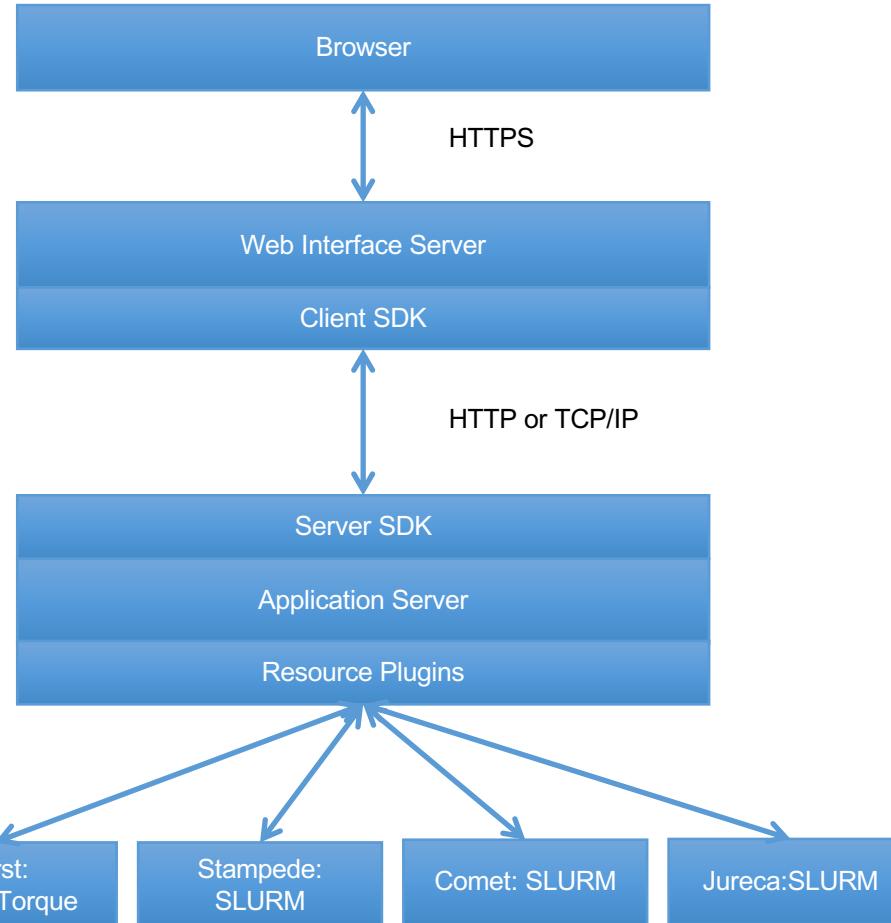
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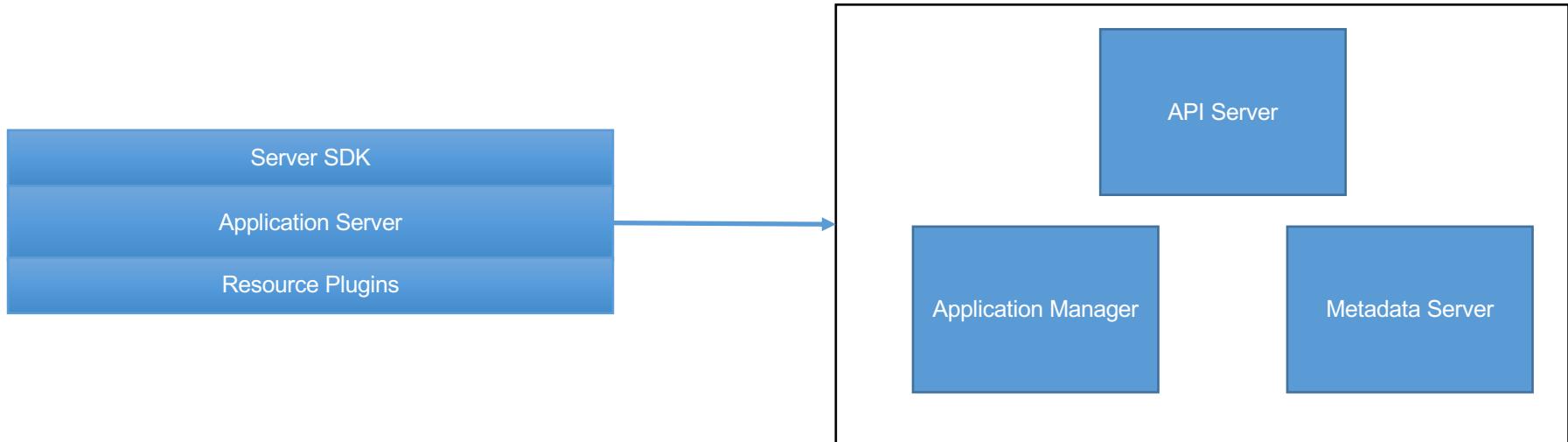
<http://martinfowler.com/articles/microservices.html>

Recall the Gateway Octopus Diagram

We will focus
on this piece



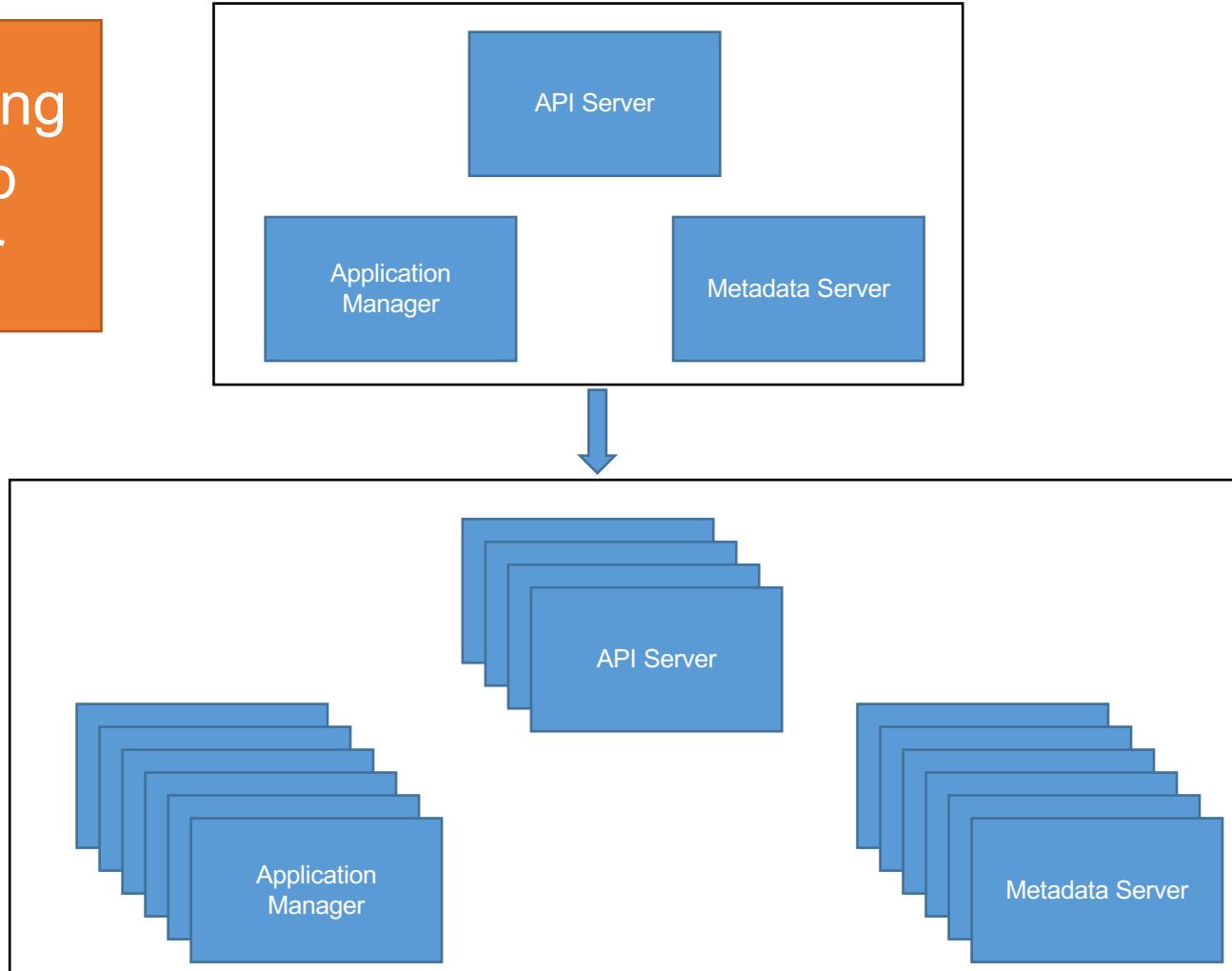
Basic Components of the Gateway App Server



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Decoupling the App Server



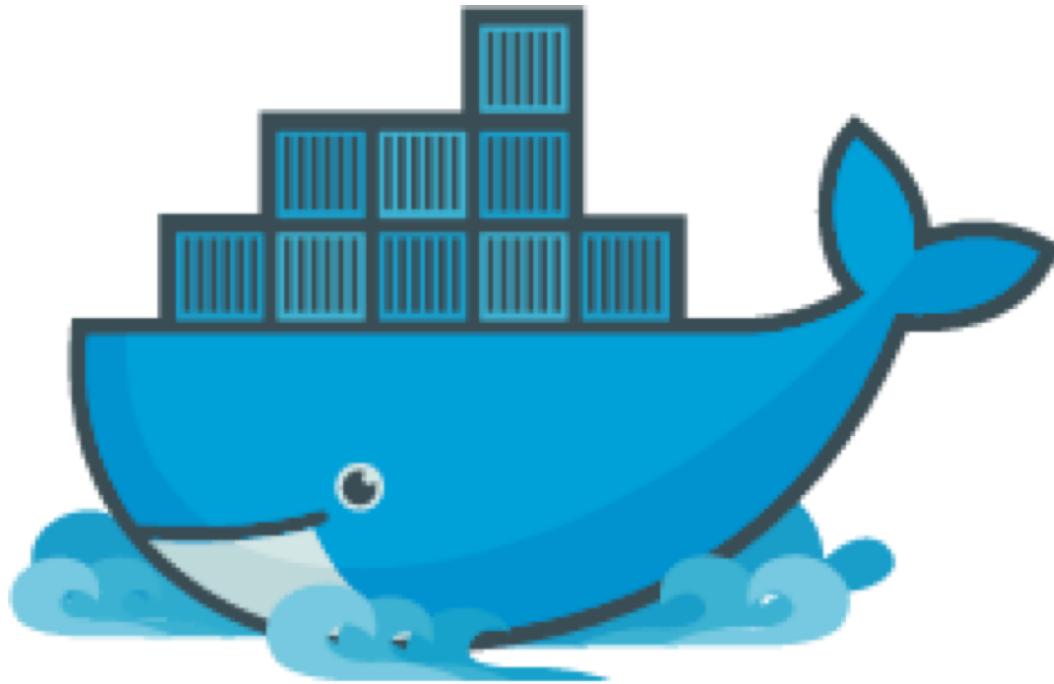
How Do We Package and Where Do We Run All Those MicroServices?

On the Cloud? In the Matrix?



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Virtualization, Containers, Docker

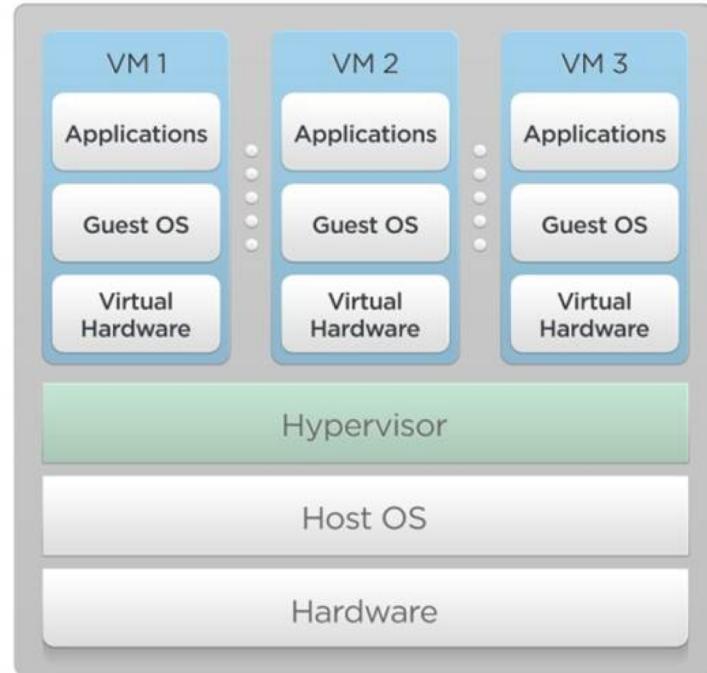


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Hypervisor Virtualization

- Hypervisors provide software emulated hardware and support multiple OS tenants.
- Type 1 Hypervisors run directly on the hardware
 - Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM)
 - Xen: Amazon uses (or used) this
- Type 2 Hypervisors run as another program in the HostOS
 - Virtual Box
 - VMWare



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Virtualization Benefits and Drawbacks

Benefits

- Makes your development, testing, and deployment environments the same
- Supports Continuous Integration and Deployment

Drawbacks

- Adds overhead
 - Relatively slow to create and destroy VMs
 - Virtualized hardware and networking are slower than real systems
 - Uses memory, disk, and CPU resources

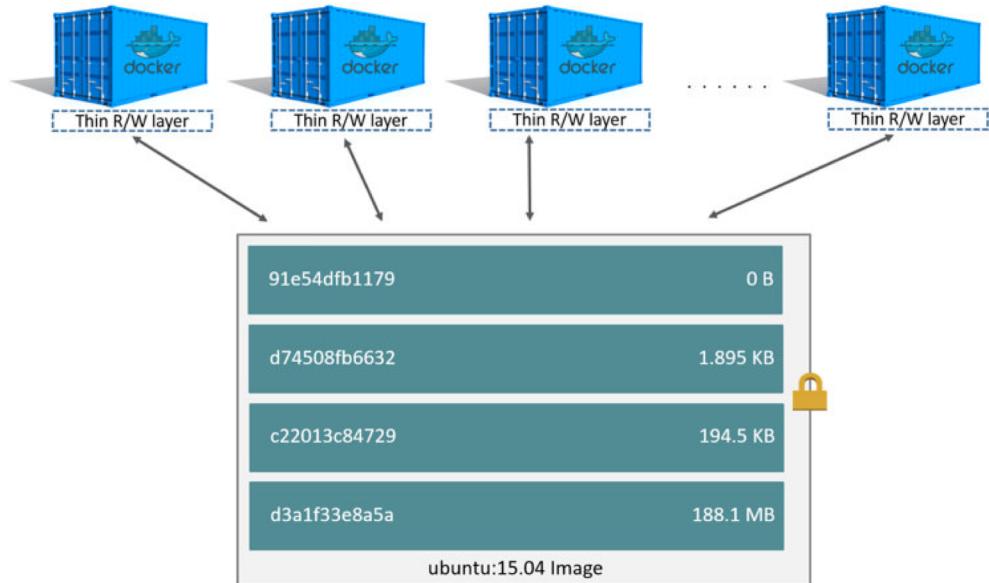


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You can run 1 VM per microservice, but there is a better way.

Docker and Other Linux Containers

- Docker replaces the need for DIY containers
- Docker uses LXC containerization + AuFS
 - AuFS lets Docker containers share common files
 - AuFS also allows you to have efficient version control of container images



Because each container has its own thin writable container layer, and all changes are stored in this container layer, multiple containers can share access to the same underlying image and yet have their own data state.



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How Do Microservices Communicate?

Push, Pull e.t.c



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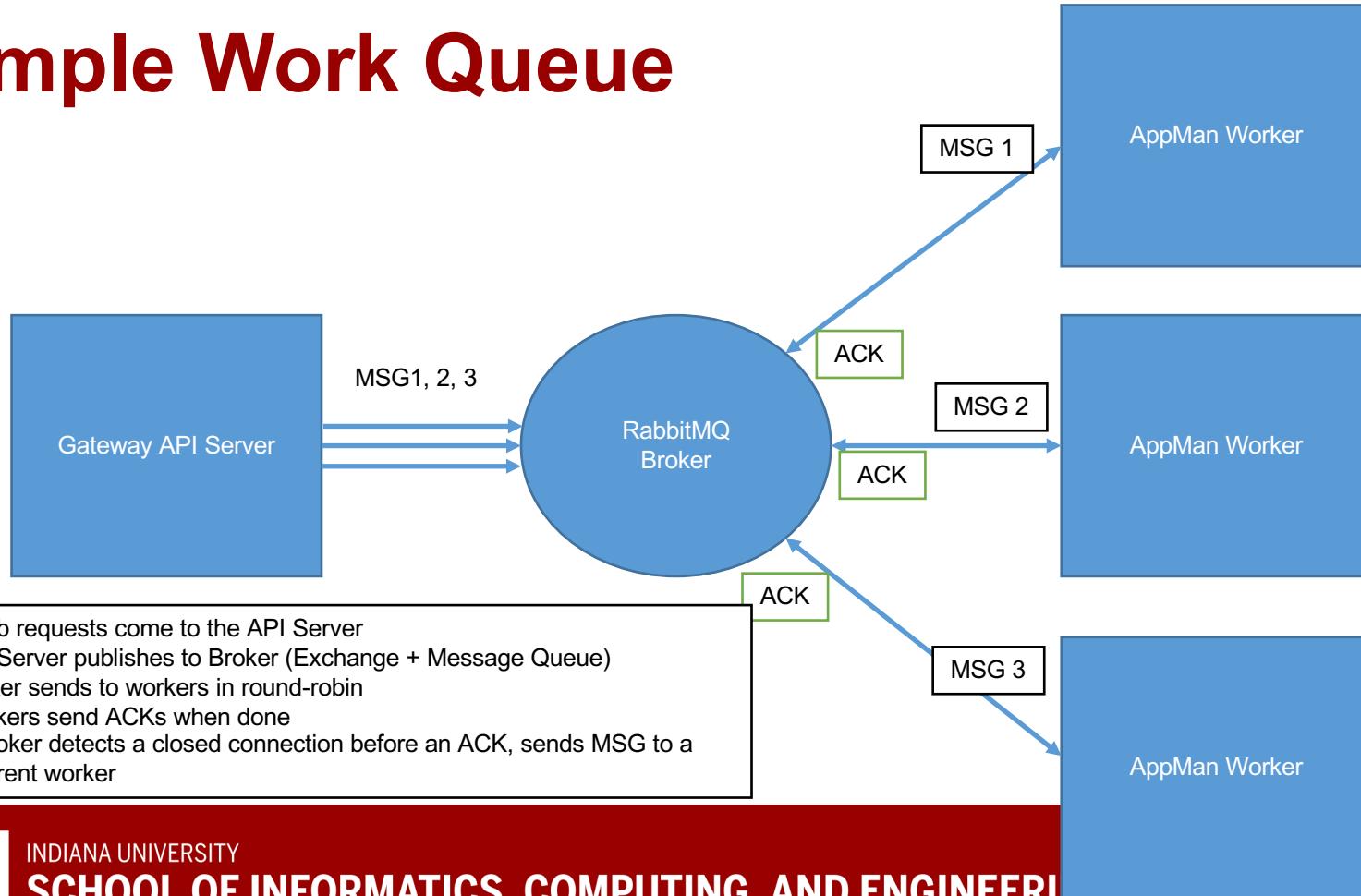
Messaging Systems: RabbitMQ, Apache Kafka



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Simple Work Queue



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Expose their APIs and Data Models to Other Components?

And can we make this programming language
independent?



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API and Metadata Model Design

Apache Thrift™

RESTful API

GET PUT POST DELETE



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How Can I Discover, Monitor, and Manage Services?

Can we learn some lessons from distributed systems research?



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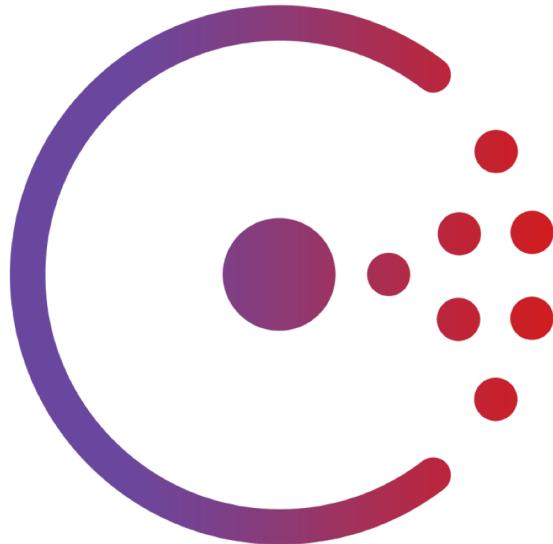
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Distributed State Management: Zookeeper, Consul



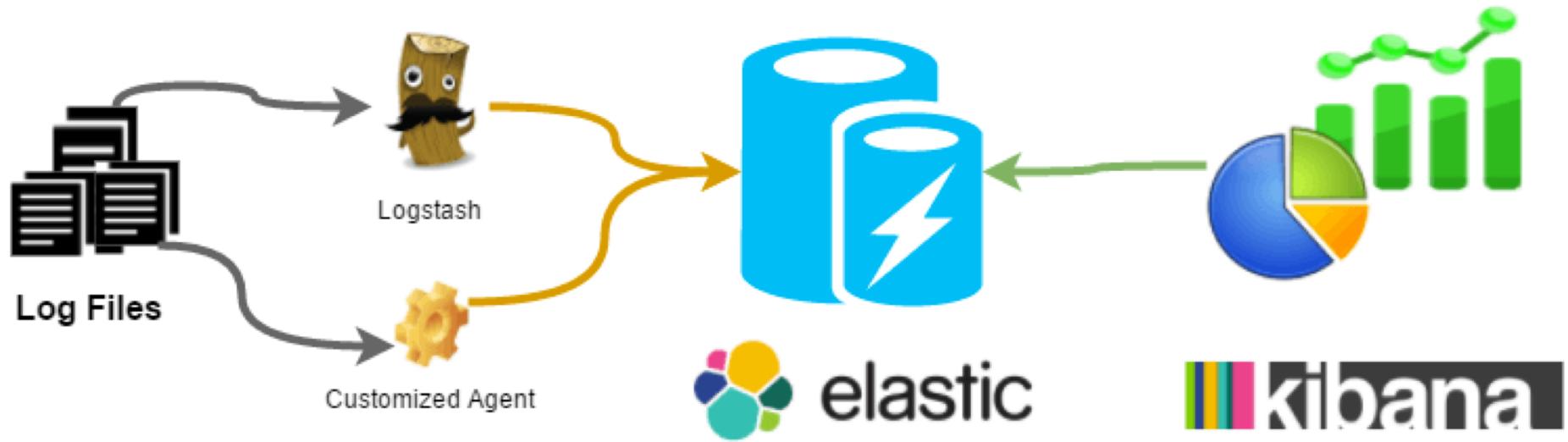
How Do I Manage Logs from Microservices

And detect if there are problems



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How Can I Secure my API Server and Microservices?

How do I manage user identities, authentication and authorization?



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Security: OAuth2 and OpenIDConnect



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Interact with Computing Clouds and Supercomputers?

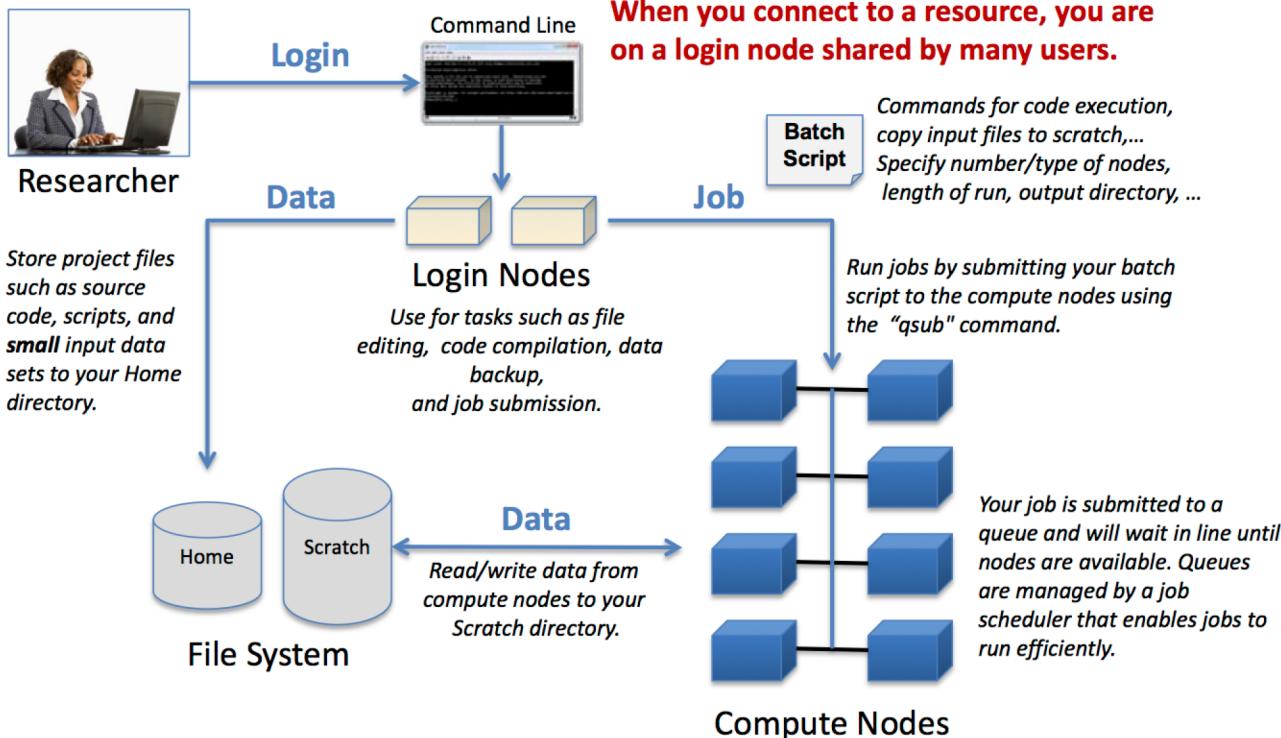
How can we work reliably with unreliable resources?



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Running Jobs Overview



Resource Management and Scheduling: Mesos, Aurora, and Torque



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How Can We Automate All of This?

How can we make our infrastructure reproducible?



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The Scientific Method as an Ongoing Process

Next Semester:
Science!

