Kubernetes as Enabler for a Data Analytics Platform

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Agenda

1. Intro

2. Firehose 2.0

3. Kubernetes







Data Analytics Pipeline



Data Sourcing

Find the relevant data, find out how it can be sourced, what is the data quality, ...





Compute/Transform Data

Combine one or more data sources and get insights





Present Computed Data

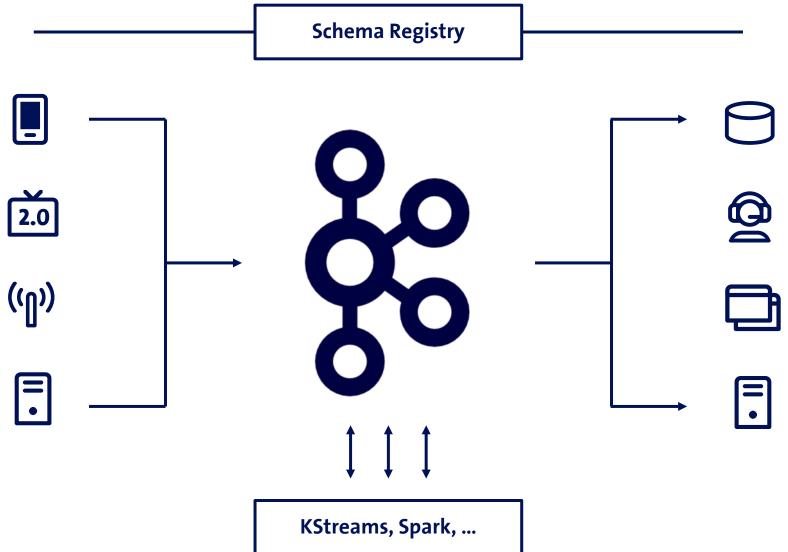
Store and present the insights in a useful manner for endusers



Batch VS Real time / Streaming

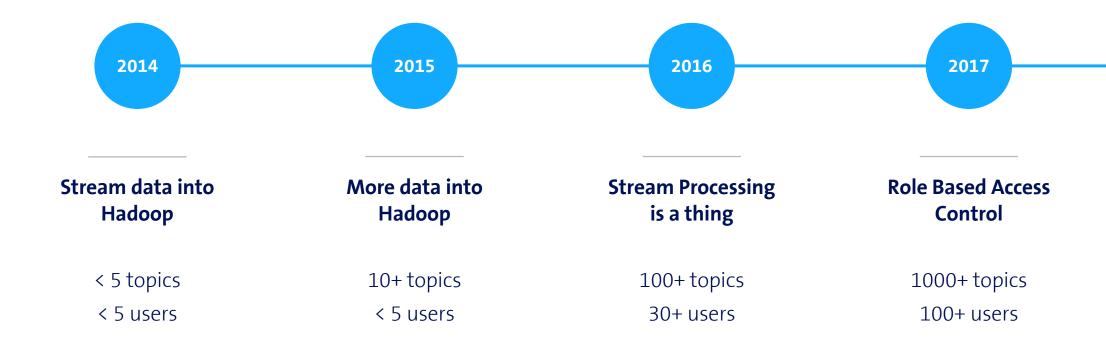


Swisscom's Streaming Platform



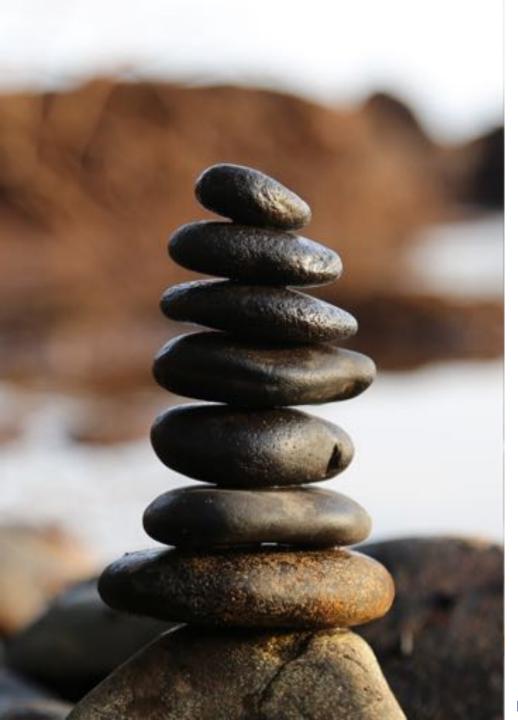


History of Kafka @ Swisscom









How to scale



Challenges

Lots of requests for topics creation, modification, access, ...

Who does approve the access to a topic?

Policies are hard to maintain over time using existing tools



Solutions

Self-Service API

Decentralized Approval Process

Define a higher-level Abstraction for Governance





Simple yet powerful concepts



Organization

Group of **individuals** working on something together (e.g. project), characterized by a **name**.



Space

Group of **isolated resources** (e.g. Topics) belonging to an organization, characterized by a **name** and a **classification**.



Topic

Kafka Topic characterized by a name, a description, a schema, a classification (C1-C4), and shareable flag.



Identity

Identity delivered to a Kafka Client, characterized by a name, a network zone, a set of IPs, and a certificate. Identity has RW access to all resources within its space.

Constraints on Classification <-> Network Zone



Clear roles and responsibilities



Org. Owner

Responsible of the resources (usage, legal, approvals, etc.) and the members within his organization.



Org. Member

Use the resources within his organization.



Admin

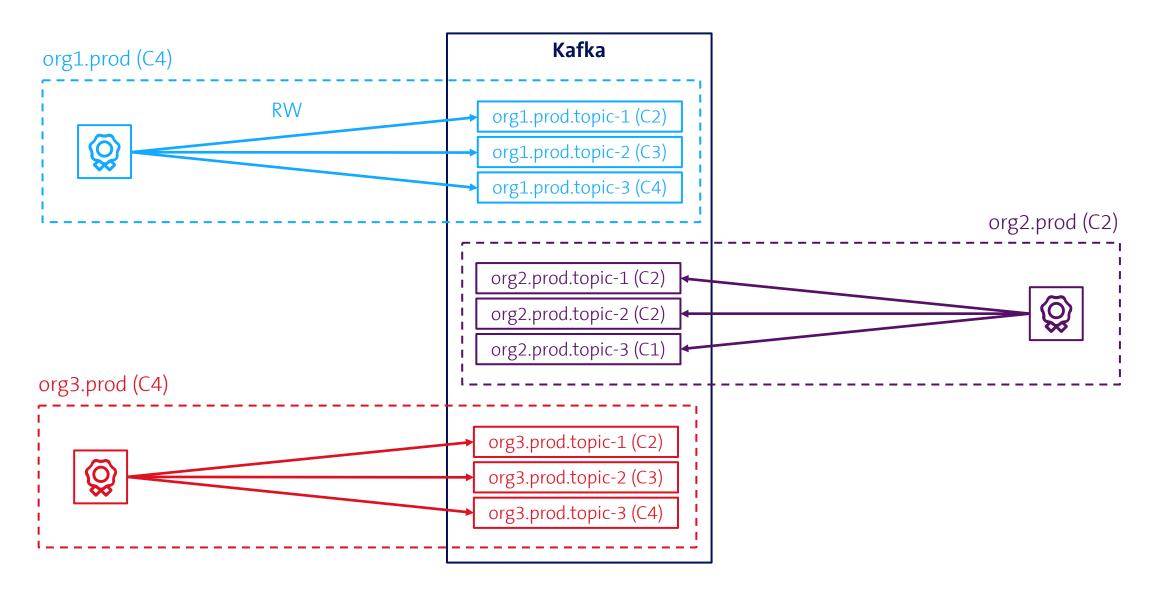
Enforce the security and governance rules by technical means.



Auditor

Audit all the organizations to ensure rules are enforced and respected.







How do we share topics between organizations/spaces?



Owner of the topic publishes it in the data catalog





Request Access

Owner of an organization requests access to the topic





Approvals

Access to the topic is approved by its owner and an administrator

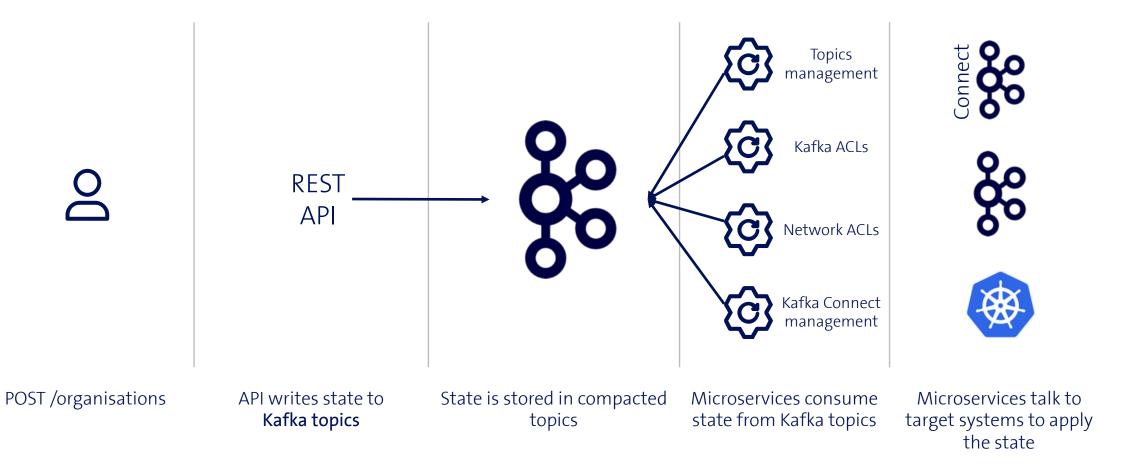


Access

Topic virtually appears in the space and is readable by all identities

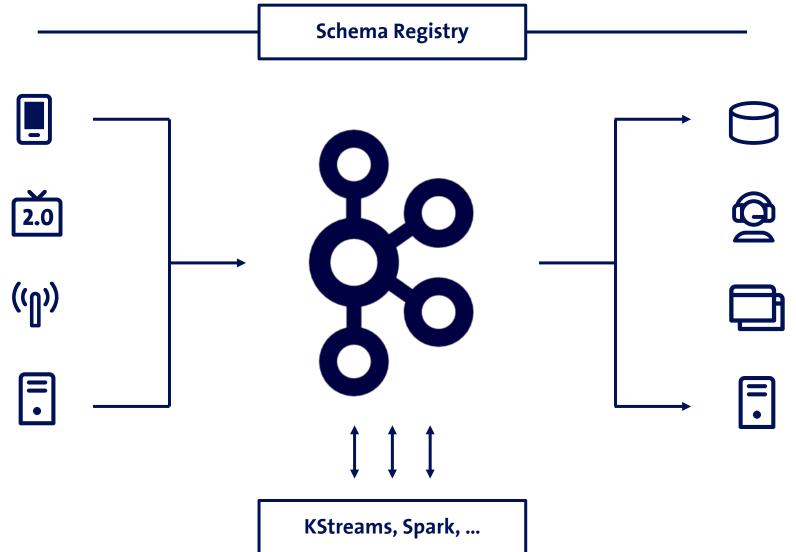


API Design





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Kafka as a Service

1800+ topics
200 users
Topic as a Service
Connector as a Service

Streaming Platform as a Service

A lot of topics
A lot of connectors
KStreams as a Service
Multi-DC

Function as a Service?





Kubernetes

Production-Grade Container Orchestration



Service discovery and load balancing



Automated rollouts and rollbacks



Self-healing

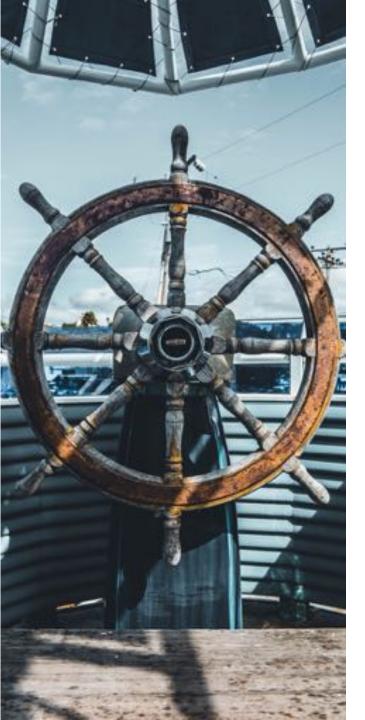


Horizontal scaling and Automatic binpacking



Secret and Configuration Management





Why Kubernetes?











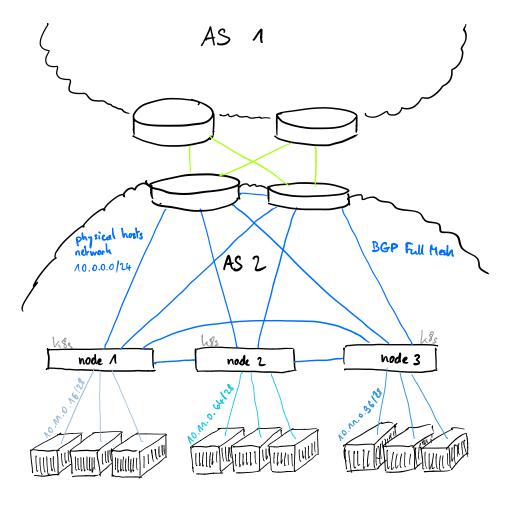


Architecture

UI **Control plane** Self-Service API Apache Schema Data plane Registry **kubernetes** Runtime Servers



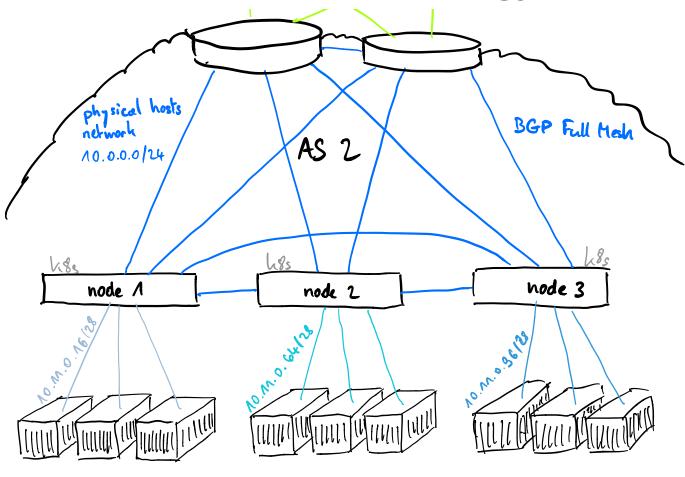
Network Topology



Kubernetes pod's network: 10.1.0.0/22



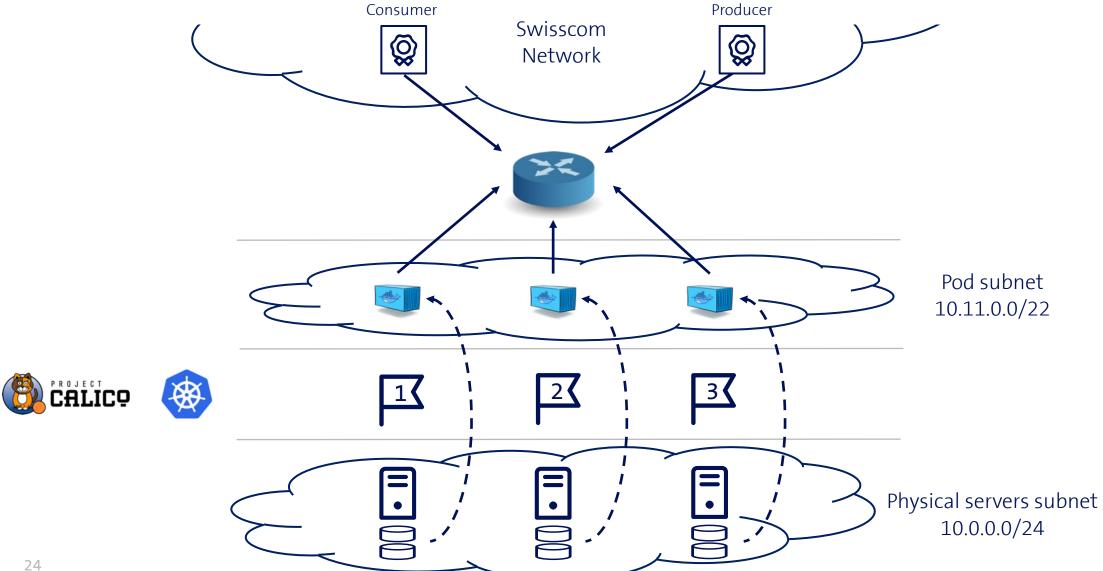
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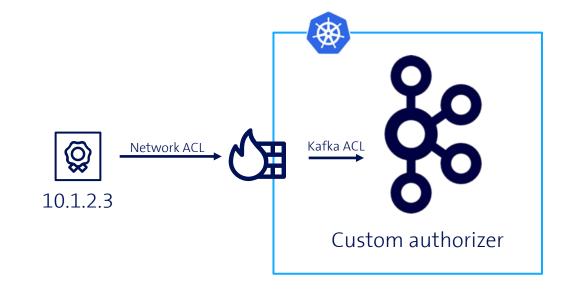
Kafka on Kubernetes





Kafka and Network ACLs

- 1. Identity created
- Identity approved
- 3. Network ACL microservice:
 - creates Kubernetes network policy
- 4. Kafka ACL microservice:
 - adds Read/Write ACL for <org>.<space>.*
 - adds Read Only ACL for shared topics
- 5. User generates a certificate and starts to consume/produce to topics belonging to the space







What's next?



Improved management of physical volumes and better integration with Kafka



Quotas for Kafka clients



Firehose in second data centre for geo-redundancy



Transformation as a Service
Function as a Service
Container as a Service



Include other platforms in our new governance framework



Thank you! Neuchatel, 27th of September 2018

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