



# Enterprise Kubernetes Logging & Monitoring

Observability in VMware PKS

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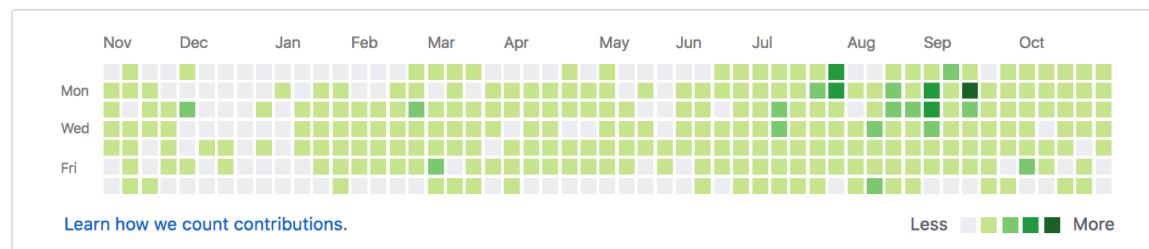
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# Agenda

- Problem Space
- Existing Solutions
- VMware Solution
- Q & A

# Problem Space

Business values for logging and monitoring

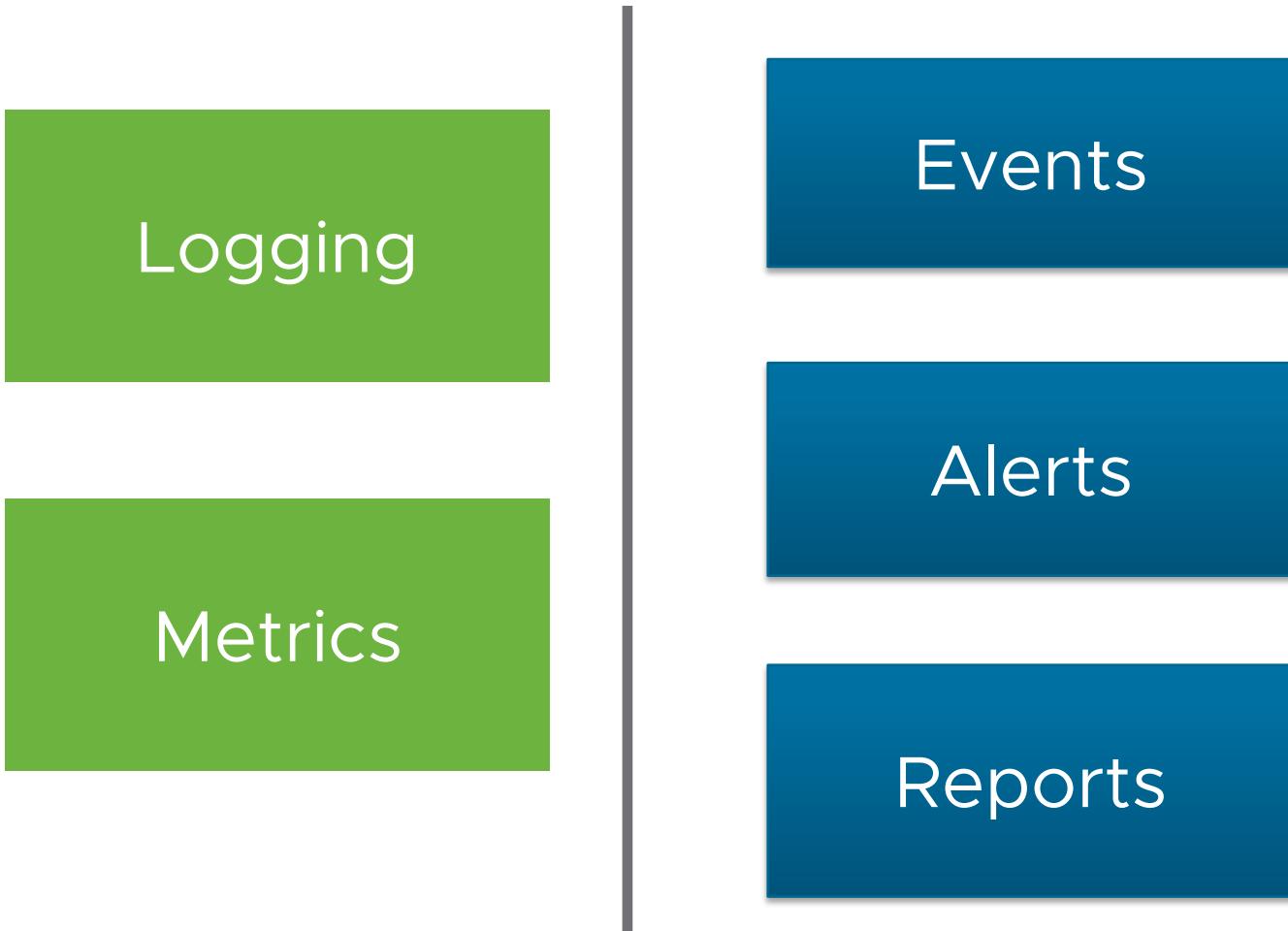
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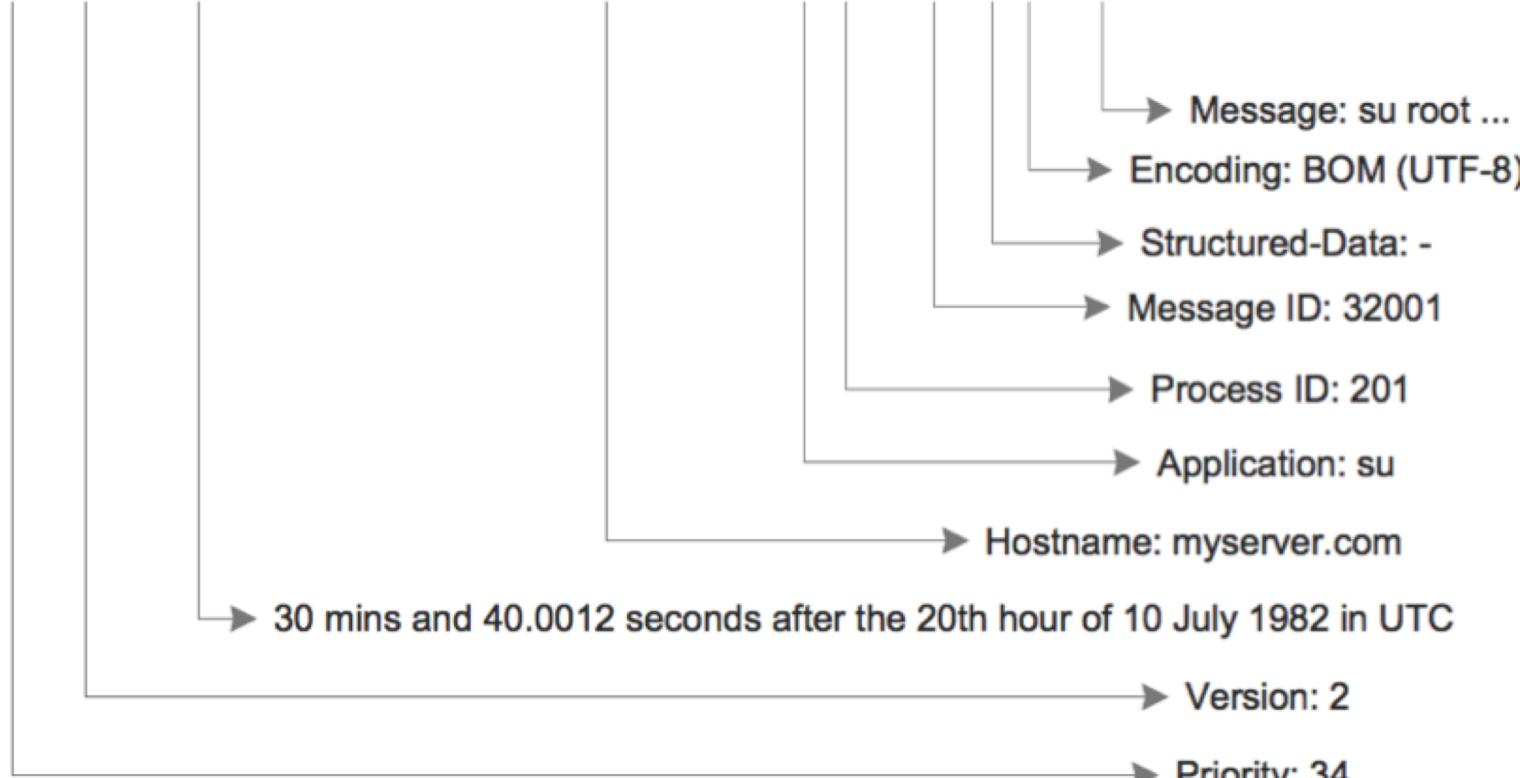
# Data Models In Logging & Monitoring



# Data Models Convention

Log format: RFC-5424

```
<100>2 1982-07-10T20:30:40.001Z myserver.com su 201 32001 - BOM 'su root' failed on /dev/pts/7
```



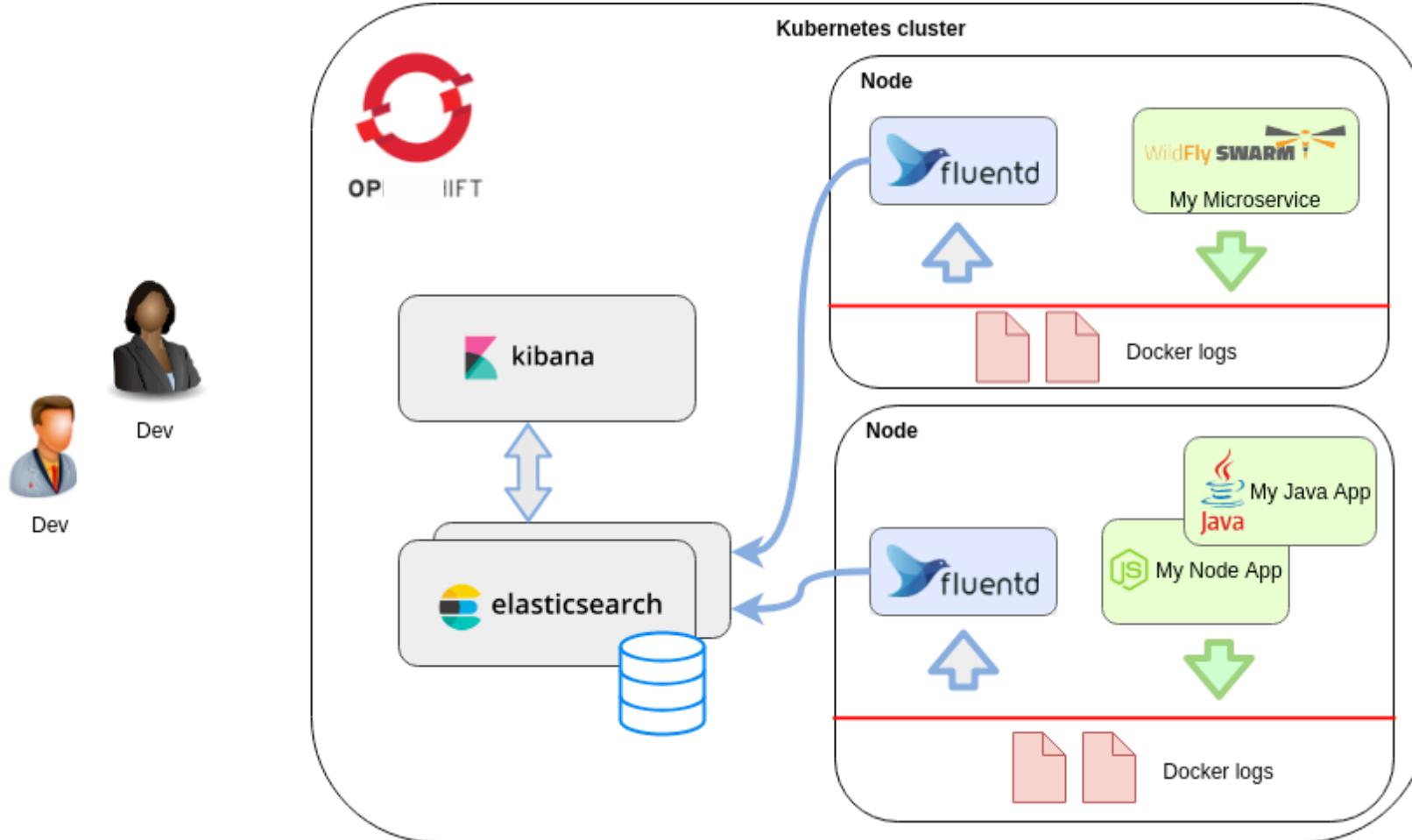
# Data Models Convention

Metric format: Prometheus metrics? Kubernetes Open Metrics?

```
# HELP http_requests_total The total number of HTTP requests.  
# TYPE http_requests_total counter  
http_requests_total{method="post",code="200"} 1027 1395066363000  
http_requests_total{method="post",code="400"}      3 1395066363000  
  
# Escaping in label values:  
msdos_file_access_time_seconds{path="C:\\DIR\\FILE.TXT",error="Cannot find file:\\n\"FILE.TXT\""} 1.4582559:  
  
# Minimalistic line:  
metric_without_timestamp_and_labels 12.47  
  
# A weird metric from before the epoch:  
something_weird{problem="division by zero"} +Inf -3982045  
  
# A histogram, which has a pretty complex representation in the text format:  
# HELP http_request_duration_seconds A histogram of the request duration.  
# TYPE http_request_duration_seconds histogram  
http_request_duration_seconds_bucket{le="0.05"} 24054  
http_request_duration_seconds_bucket{le="0.1"} 33444  
http_request_duration_seconds_bucket{le="0.2"} 100392  
http_request_duration_seconds_bucket{le="0.5"} 129389  
http_request_duration_seconds_bucket{le="1"} 133988  
http_request_duration_seconds_bucket{le="+Inf"} 144320  
http_request_duration_seconds_sum 53423  
http_request_duration_seconds_count 144320
```

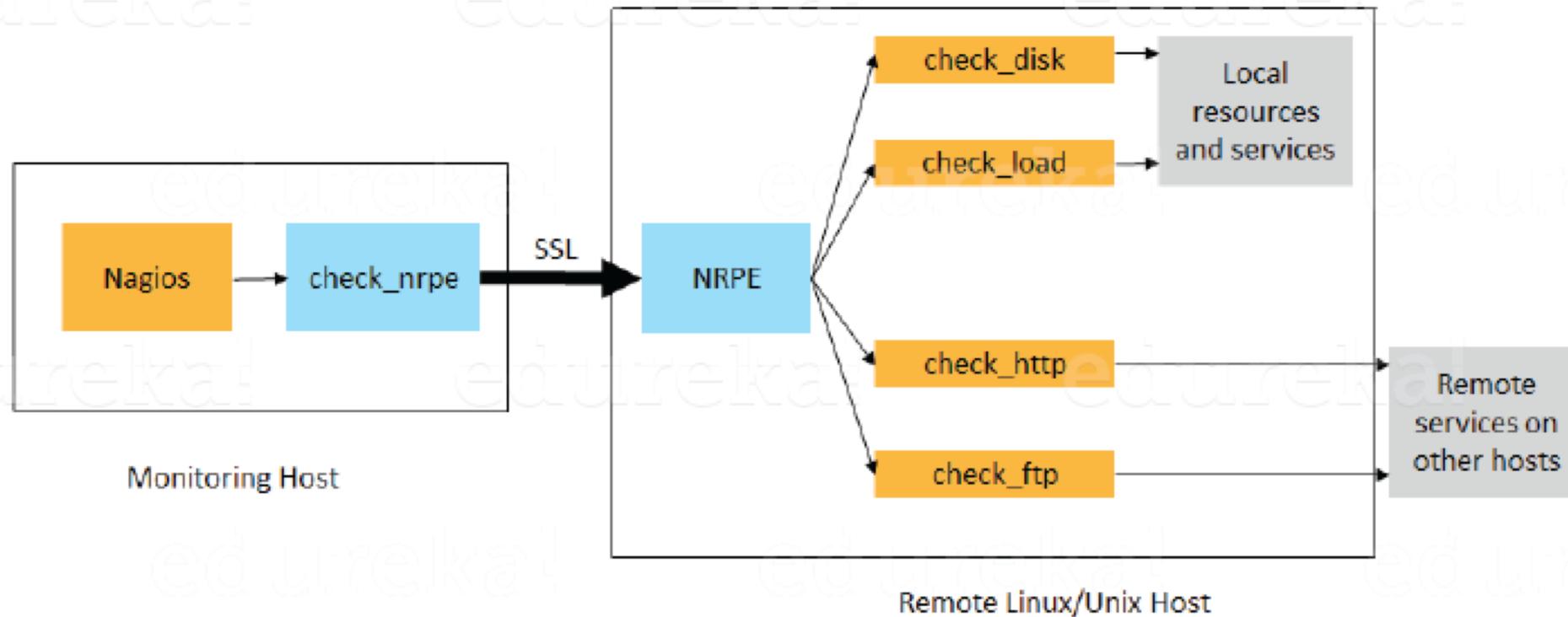
# Existing Container Logging Solution

Fluentd: tail log file



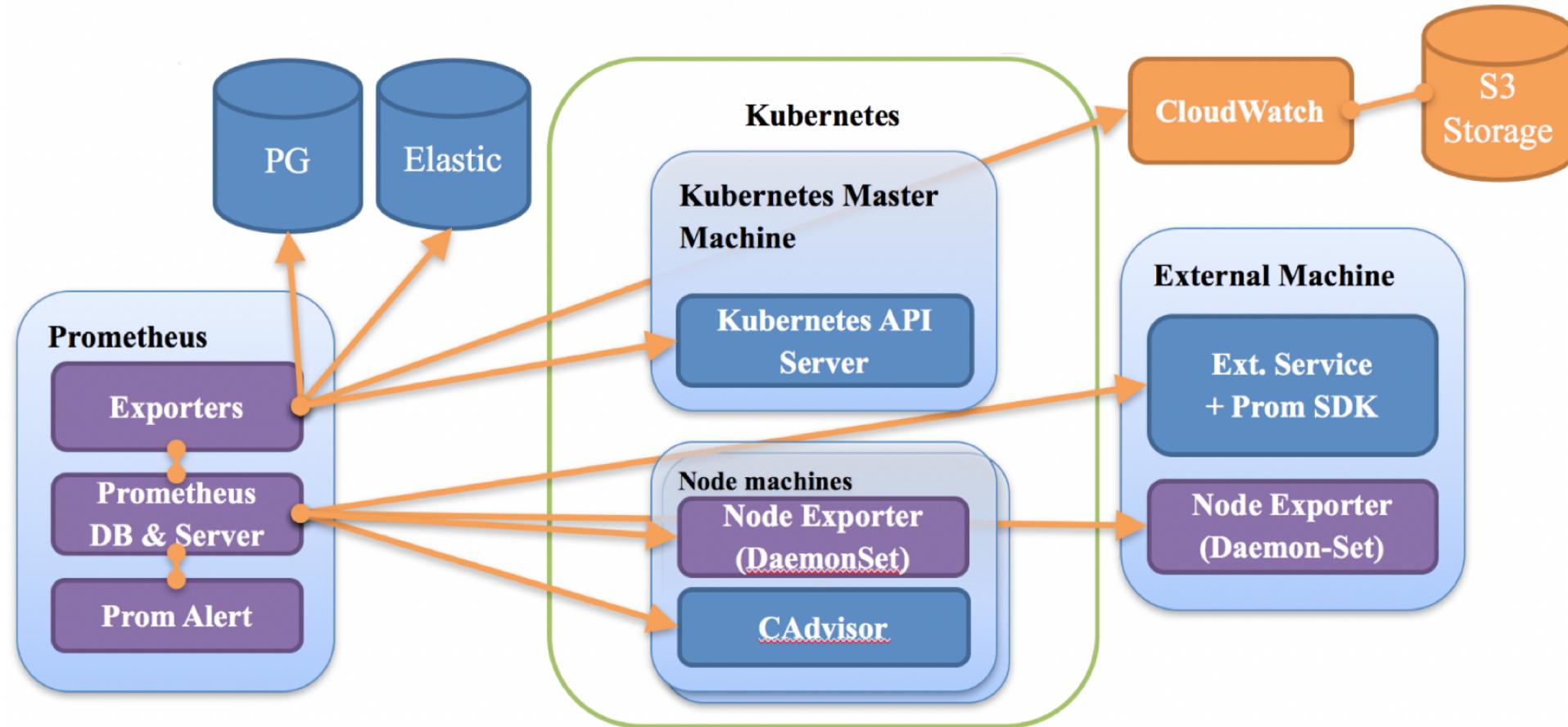
# Existing Container Monitoring Solution

Nagios/Zabbix: agent base



# Existing Container Monitoring Solution

Prometheus: exporter base + pull model



# Problem Solved?



# New Problems When Moving To Container World

The foundation has changed!

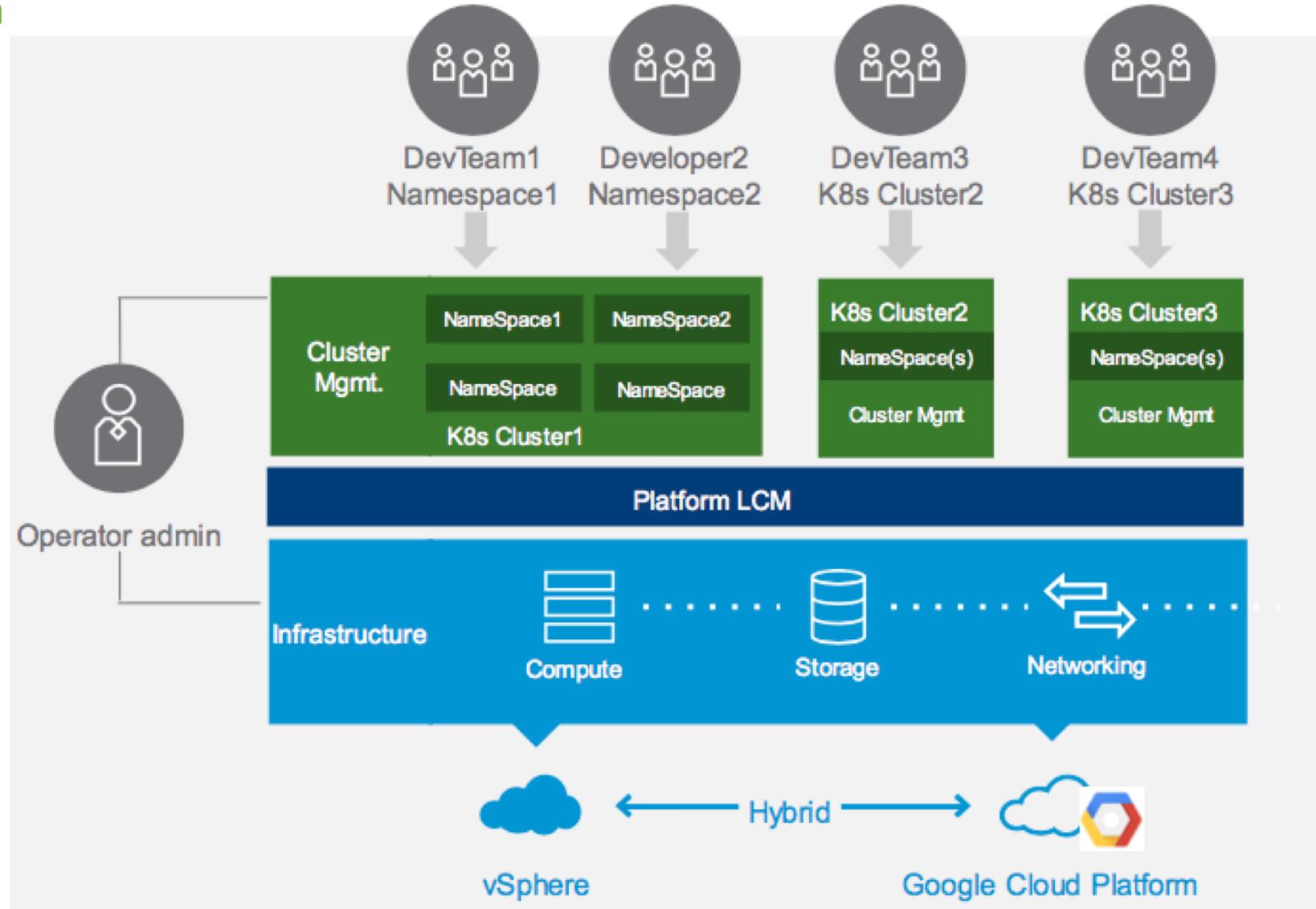
	VM World	Container World
When process die/restart	Log file still there	Pod deleted, log file deleted
When process run	Write log to file	Log prints to stdout/stderr
When process deploy	One service for one VM	Co-located, shared, elastic

# Challenges

## Logging – Horizontal partition

Can't mix:

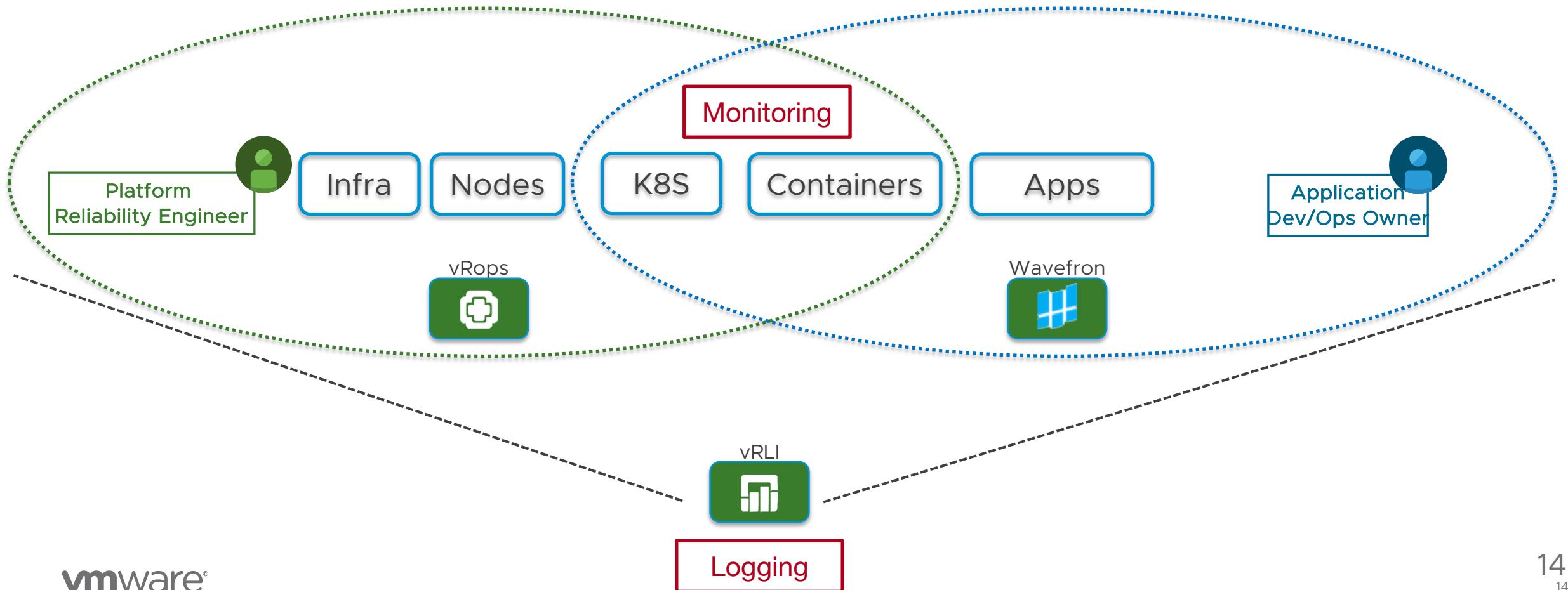
- Different k8s clusters
- Different namespaces



# Challenges

## Logging - Vertical partition

- Data sources from different layers
- Different layers have different domain knowledgebase



# Challenges

Fail to get all unnecessary logs

Log-agent is too slow  
for pod events

Tree: b593e6f4ad ▾ fluentd / example / in\_tail.conf

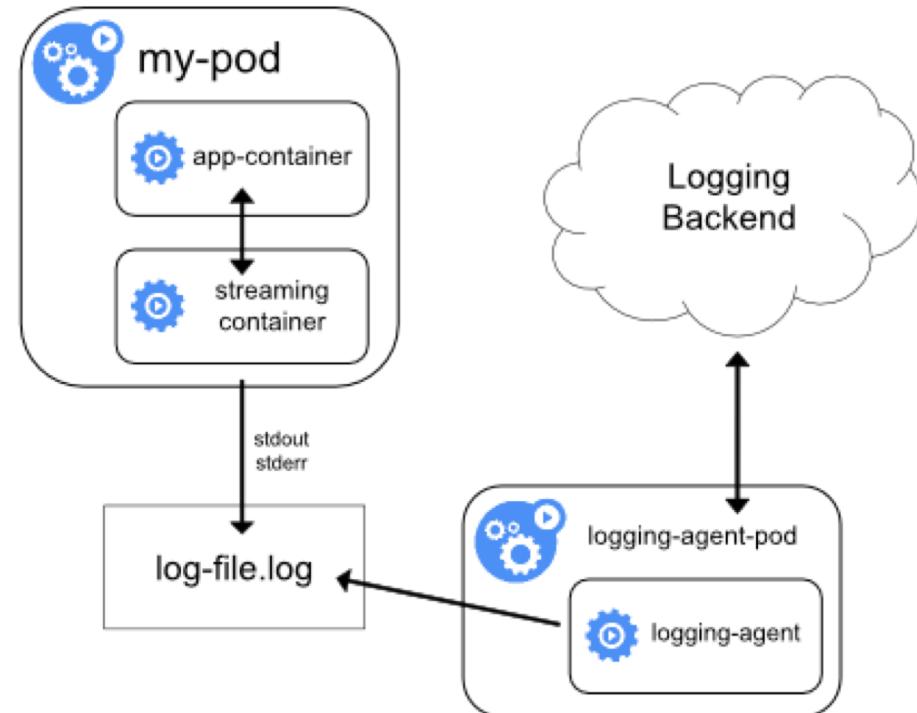
cosmo0920 example: Use `@type` in example confs

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15 lines (13 sloc) | 225 Bytes

```
1 <source>
2   @type tail
3   format none
4   path /var/log/fluentd_test.log
5   pos_file /var/log/fluentd_test.pos
6   tag test
7   rotate_wait 5
8   read_from_head true
9   refresh_interval 60
10  </source>
11
12  <match test>
13    @type stdout
14  </match>
```

Not all log streamed  
to pod stdout/stderr



## Challenges

Fail to get log fast enough

- Co-located: Lots of Pods in one k8s worker VM
- Noisy neighbors: Back-pressure

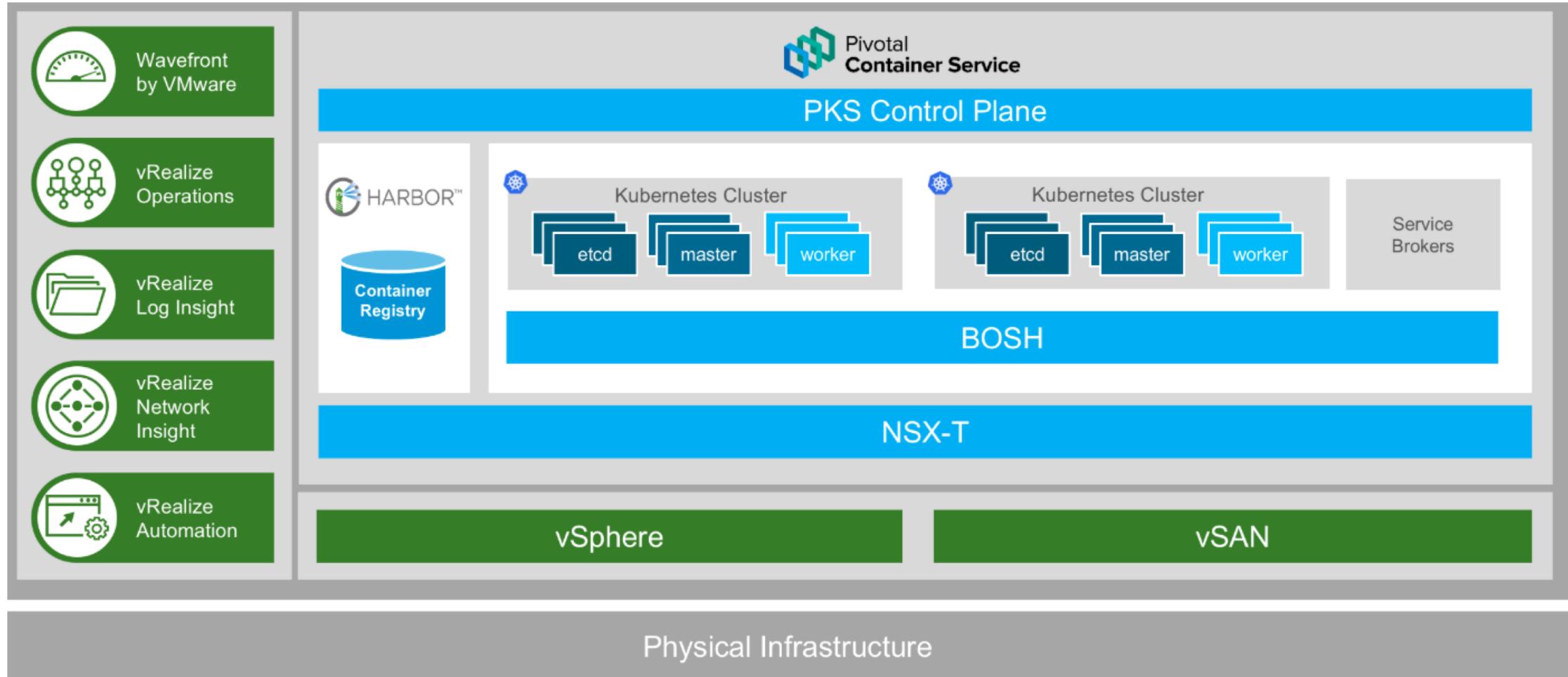
# VMware Solution

## Benefits we want to achieve

- Built-in VMware Solution for administrators
- Namespace multi-tenancy for developers
- Bring your own solutions

# PKS Architecture

See the big picture



# VMware Logging & Monitoring

Easy to configure + work out-of-box

Settings   Status   Credentials   Logs

Configure PKS Logging

Assign AZs and Networks

PKS API

Plan 1

Plan 2

Plan 3

Kubernetes Cloud Provider

**Logging**

Networking

UAA

Monitoring

Usage Data

Errands

Resource Config

Enable Syslog for PKS? \*

No

Yes

Enable VMware vRealize Log Insight Integration? \*

No

Yes

Enable Sink Resources

Save

Pivotal Container Service

Settings   Status   Credentials   Logs

Configure PKS Monitoring Integration(s)

Assign AZs and Networks

PKS API

Plan 1

Plan 2

Plan 3

Kubernetes Cloud Provider

**Logging**

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**Monitoring**

Usage Data

Wavefront Integration\*

No

Yes

Wavefront URL \*

1  The URL of your Wavefront Subscription, ex: https://try.wavefront.com/api

Wavefront Access Token \*

2  Change

Wavefront Alert Recipient

3

Save

# Workload Logging & Monitoring

Configure in k8s cluster level and namespace level

kubectl apply -f ns-sink.yml

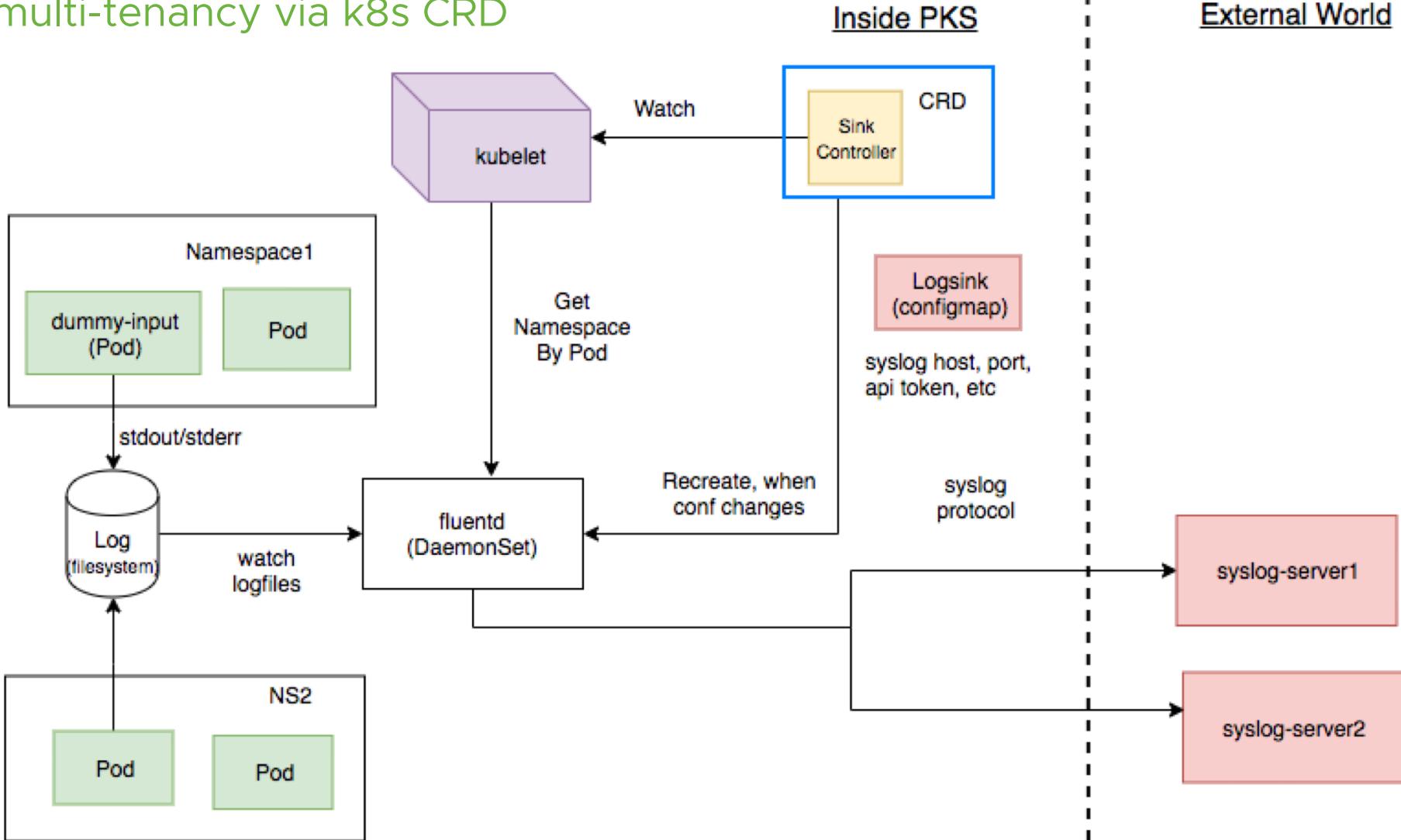
```
apiVersion: apps.pivot.al.io/v1beta1
kind: Sink
metadata:
  name: YOUR-SINK
  namespace: YOUR-NAMESPACE
spec:
  type: syslog
  host: YOUR-LOG-DESTINATION
  port: YOUR-LOG-DESTINATION-PORT
  enable_tls: true
```

kubectl apply -f cluster-sink.yml

```
apiVersion: apps.pivot.al.io/v1beta1
kind: ClusterSink
metadata:
  name: YOUR-SINK
spec:
  type: syslog
  host: YOUR-LOG-DESTINATION
  port: YOUR-LOG-DESTINATION-PORT
  enable_tls: true
```

# Workload Logging & Monitoring

Namespace multi-tenancy via k8s CRD



# VMware Solution – Wavefront

Easy to use

OVERVIEW    NODES    NAMESPACES    PODS    POD CONTAINERS    DEPLOYMENTS    SERVICES    REPLICASET

 Pivotal Container Service™

This dashboard provides complete visibility into each level of a Pivotal Container Service (PKS) cluster. This is made possible through Wavefront's easy out-of-the-box integration with **Heapster** and **kube-state-metrics**. Use the dropdown menu at the top to select a different Cluster and Namespace.

3 NODES	4 NAMESPACE ACTIVE	0 NAMESPACE TERMINATING	16 PODS RUNNING	0 PODS FAILED	0 PODS PENDING
24 CONTAINERS RUNNING	0 CONTAINERS TERMINATED	0 CONTAINERS WAITING	10 DEPLOYMENTS	8 SERVICES	349 RESTARTS OF CONTAINERS
48% AVERAGE NODE MEMORY UTILIZATION	2.4G CLUSTER MEMORY USAGE		13% AVERAGE NODE CPU UTILIZATION		18.8% AVERAGE NODE STORAGE UTILIZATION

# VMware Wavefront

Grafana style dashboard, but no maintenance from you



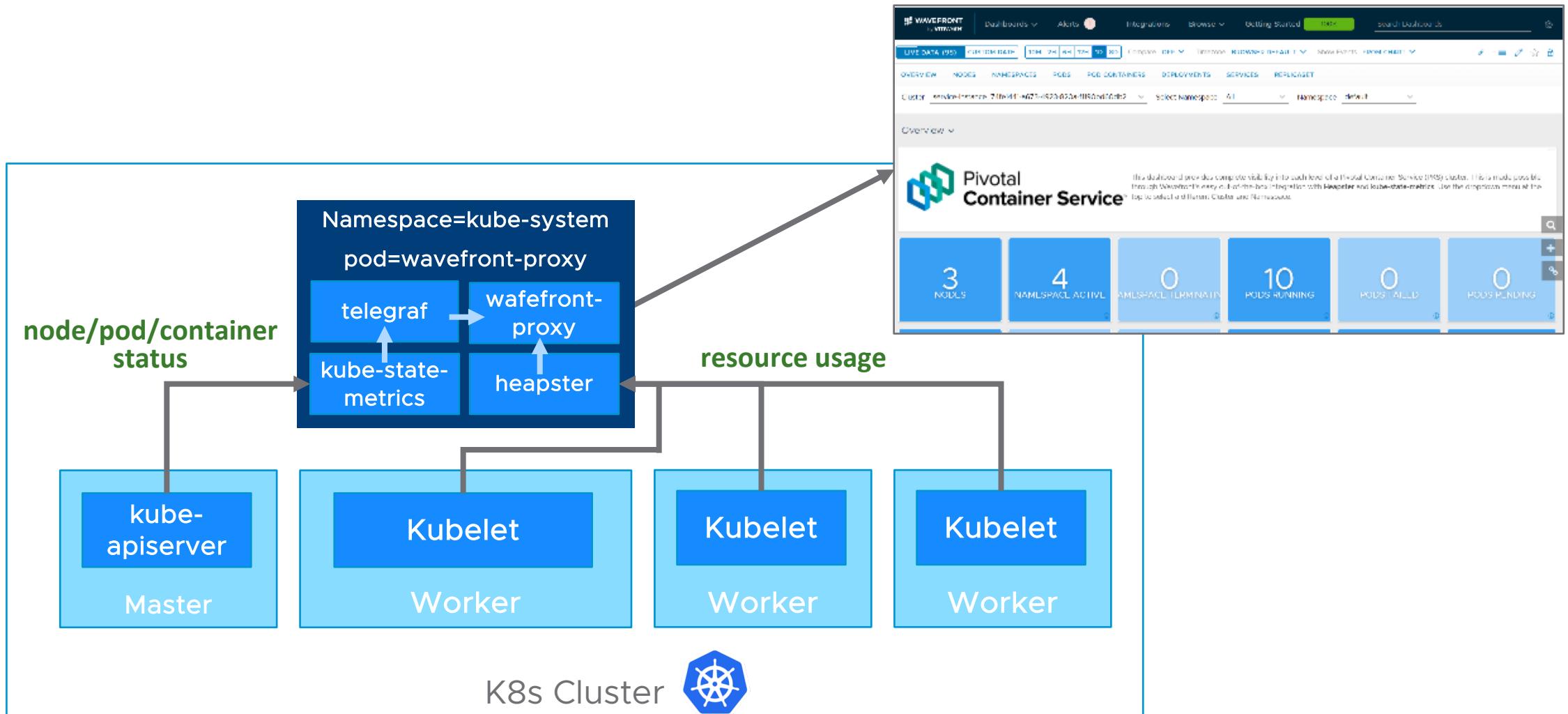
# VMware Wavefront

You can create more alerts with wavefront API

Name	Severity	resolveAfterMinutes
Node Memory Usage high	WARN	10
Node Memory Usage too high	SEVERE	10
Node CPU Usage high	WARN	5
Node CPU Usage too high	SEVERE	5
Node Storage Usage high	WARN	10
Node Storage Usage too high	SEVERE	10
Too many Pods crashing	SEVERE	5
Too many Containers not running	SEVERE	5
Node unhealthy	SEVERE	5

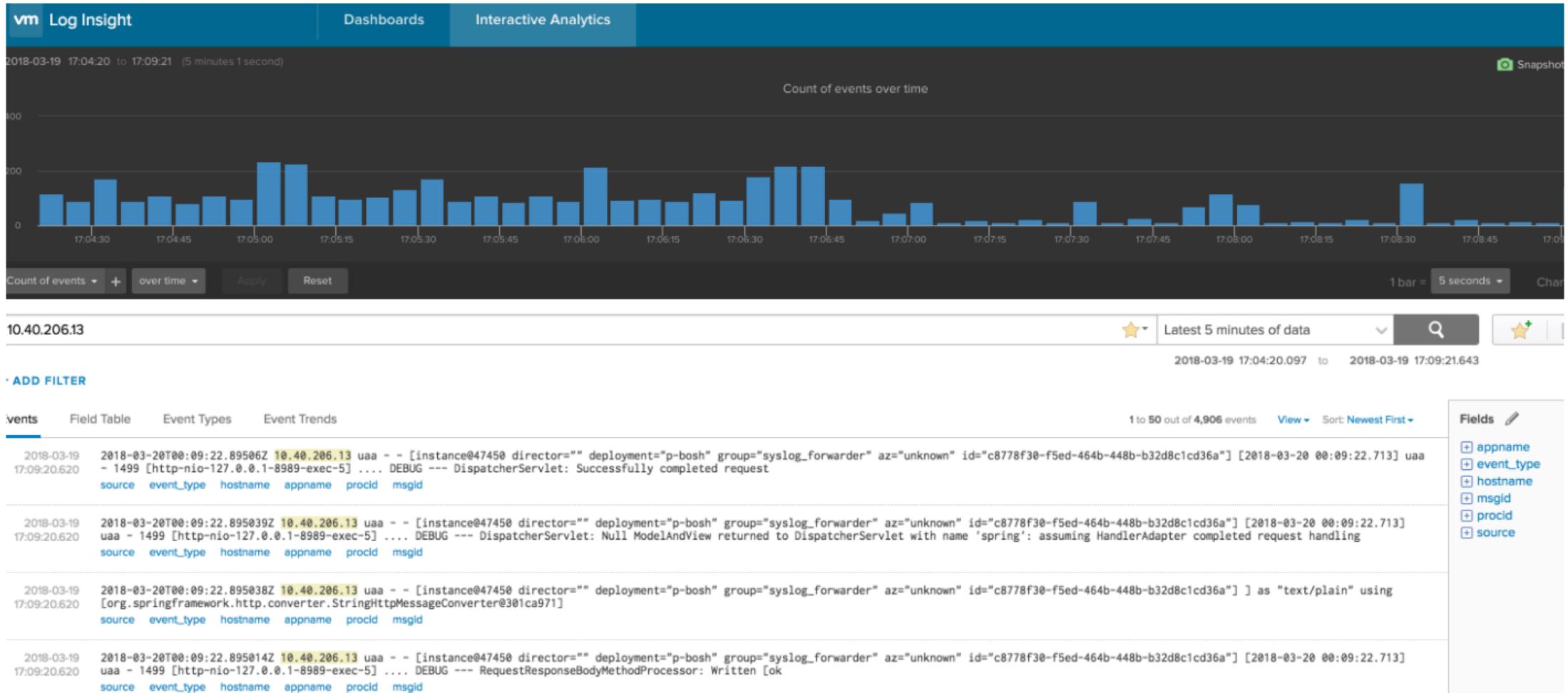
# VMware Wavefront

## Container based agent



# VMware vRealize Log Insight

## Opinioned log solution



# VMware vRealize Operations

## Operation & capacity planning

vm vRealize Operations Manager Home Dashboards Alerts Environment Administration BACK < Actions All Dashboards Shared

Dashboards Getting Started Kubernetes Overview Views Reports

Kubernetes Overview Environment Start with your Kubernetes Clusters

1. Search for a Kubernetes Cluster

Name	Total Objects	Total Metrics	Critical Alerts	Immediate Alerts	Health Score
K8s-cluster-100	0	0	0	0	100

1 - 1 of 1 items

2. Summary of the selected Cluster

Nodes 3	Namesp... 4	Pods 18	Contain... 23	Services 11
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3. Any alerts on the Nodes, Namespaces, Pods or Containers?

No Issues

4. Are the cluster members Healthy?

```
graph TD; K8SWorld[K8s-world] --- Universe[Universe]; Universe --- K8Scluster100[K8s-cluster-100]; K8Scluster100 --- kubePublic[kube-public]; K8Scluster100 --- pksInfrastructure[pks-infrastructure]; K8Scluster100 --- kubeSystem[kube-system]; K8Scluster100 --- defaultNode[default]; K8Scluster100 --- pksCluster100[pks-cluster-100]; classDef(healthColor) style K8Scluster100 fill:#ccc,stroke:#000,stroke-width:1px; classDef(healthColor) style kubePublic fill:#ff0000,stroke:#000,stroke-width:2px;
```

Nodes

Let's look at the performance of Nodes

5. Top 5 Least Healthy Nodes in the Selected Cluster (Select Any)

6. Node Pro...

7. Pods running on this Node

# Built-in VMware Solution – More

## More VMware products integration for your scenarios



# Bring Your Own Solutions

Choose your favorite recipes, or poisons?



splunk > graylog

solarwinds  
papertrail™

 Prometheus



Sysdig

# Key Takeaway

Benefits you get with PKS

VMware  
Realize Suite

Easy To  
Integrate

Namespace  
Multi-tenancy

Bring Your  
Own Solution

# Questions?



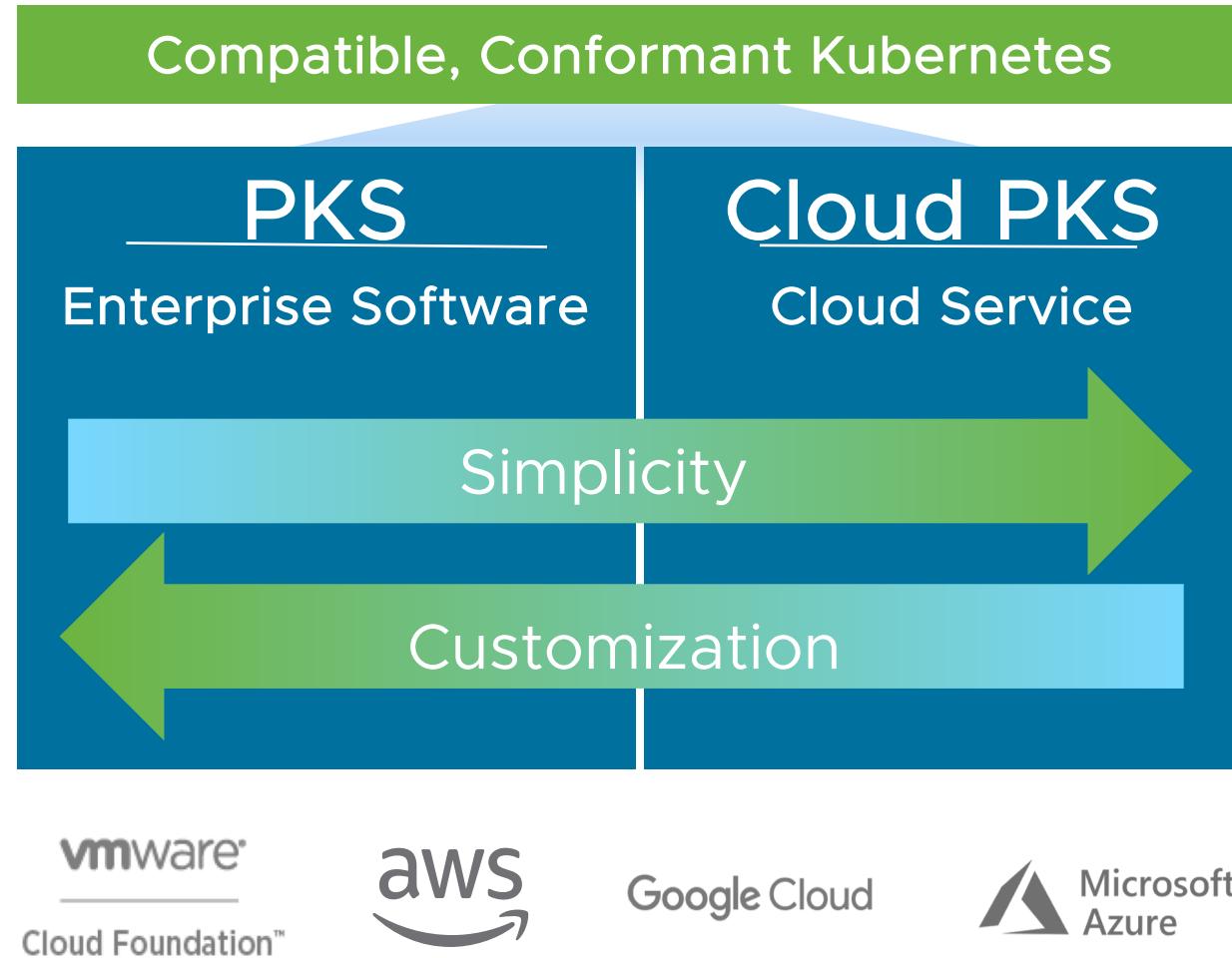
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