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Apache Airflow at Wise.

Money without borders.

Wise today

10 million

customers around the world

£4.5 billion

processed for customers every month

£1 billion

saved for our customers every year

2,200 staff

from 70+ nationalities



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What do we use Airflow for?

Treasury team

Monitor liquidity and cash buffer in our system

Finance team

Generate Google Sheets reports to BI stakeholders

Fraud team

Fraud detection for different payment methods

Our data stack



Kubernetes

Custom HTTP service for serving predictions



Amazon Sagemaker

Data science experiments and model training



Amazon EMR

Data processing and model training



Snowflake

Data warehouse and SQL data analysis







Requirements for Machine Learning Platform

Security

Minimise vulnerabilities and the chance of breach

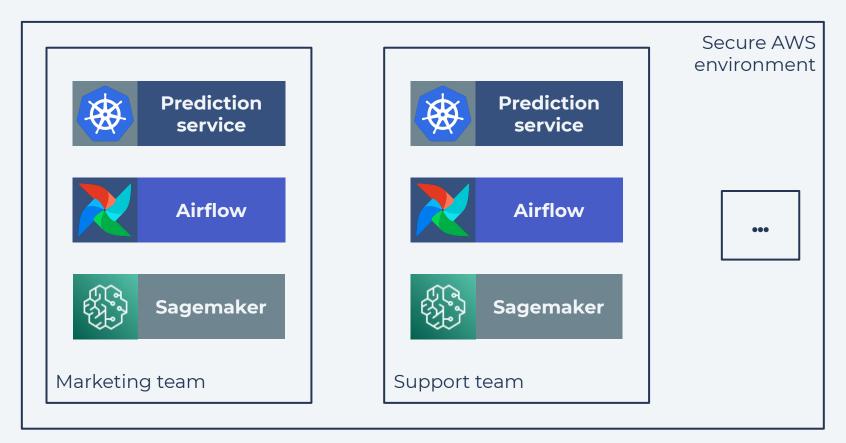
Segregation of data

GDPR, partner requirements, restricted access

Autonomy for teams

Teams manage their own code base

Our Machine Learning Platform



Evolution of Airflow at Wise

Single repo

Single instance

Single repo

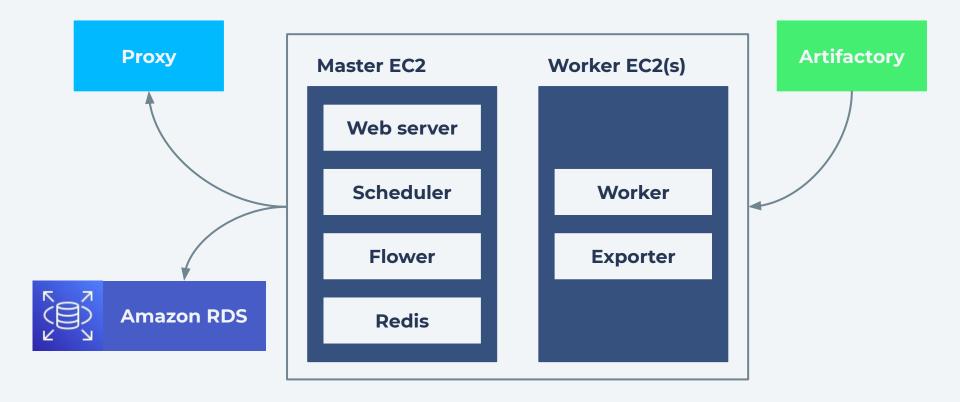
Multiple instances

Multiple repos

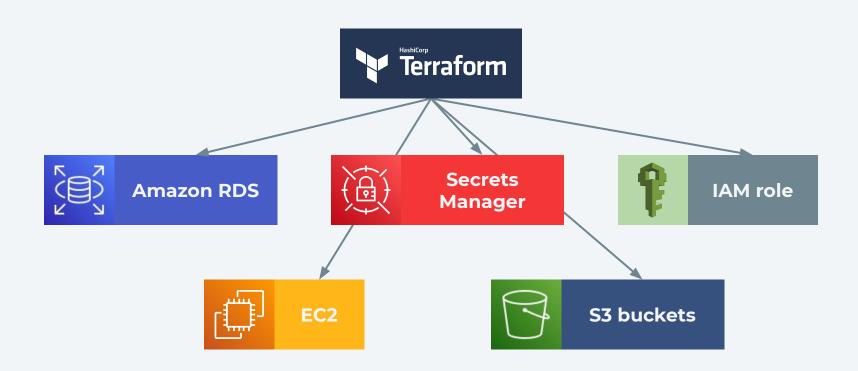
Multiple instances

Time

Our Airflow architecture



Airflow infrastructure management



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Install Docker

Setup airflow user

Create cronjobs

Pull secrets

Start containers

Userdata

Pros

Cons

Easy to create a new instance Scalability

Segregated environments High availability

Secure environment No SLAs

Questions.