Service Discovery

(Elasticity & Cluster Formation)

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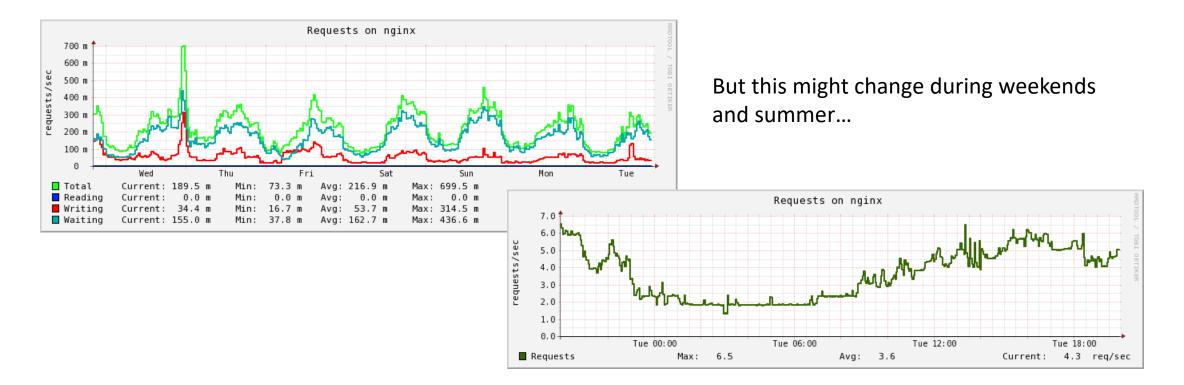
Isn't that constantly changing?

With these solutions (LB + HA) and well-designed products* I can scale out as needed...

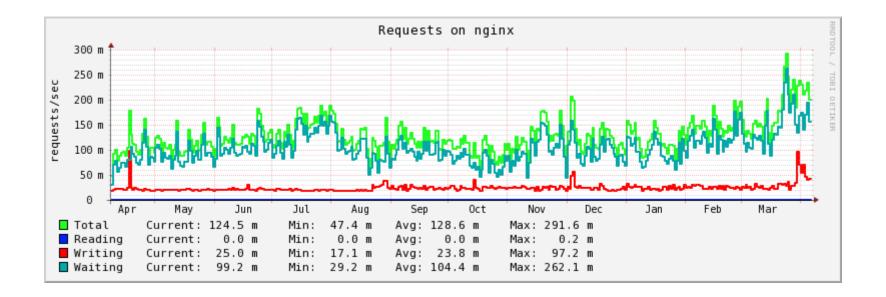
...but how do I define "as needed"?



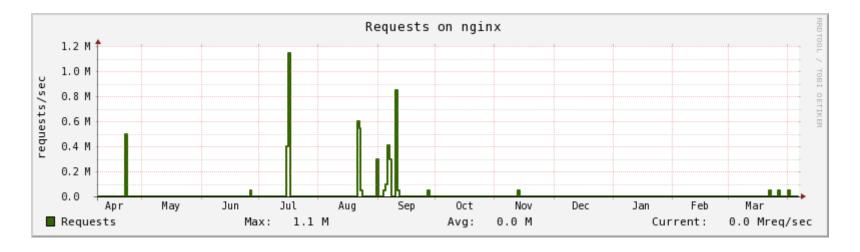
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 - For internal applications, most requests will be during the working hours



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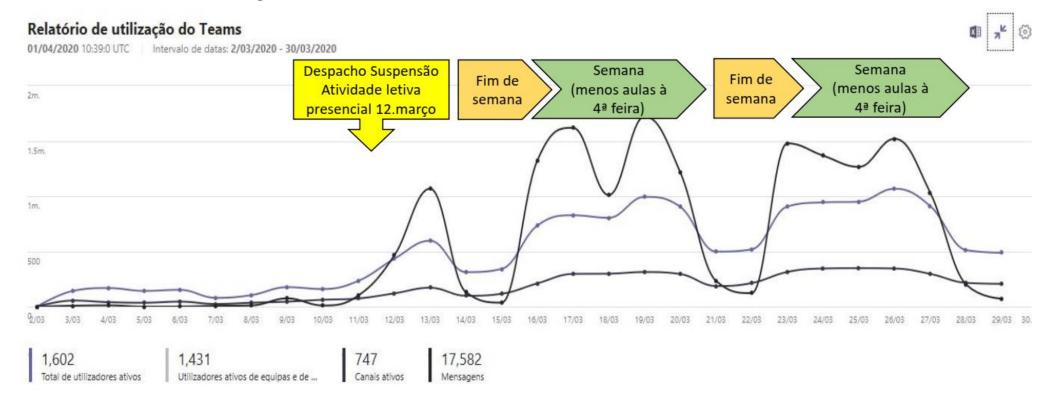
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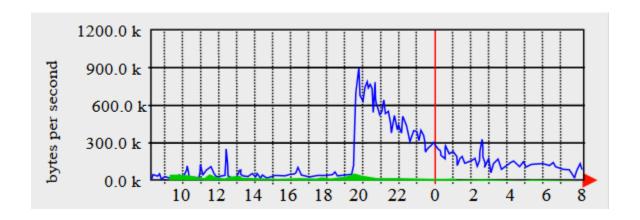
IPT MS Teams during Covid19 Quarantine



Dashboard de Utilização do Teams



"The **Slashdot effect**, occurs when a popular website links to a smaller website, causing a **massive increase in traffic**. This **overloads** the smaller site, causing it to **slow down** or even temporarily become **unavailable**."



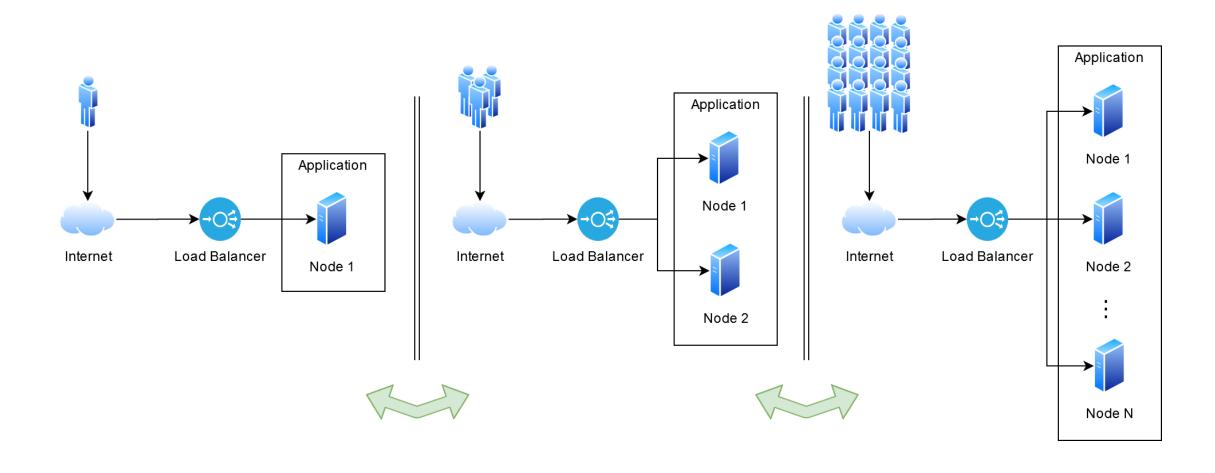
"The name stems from the **huge influx of web traffic** which would result from the technology news site Slashdot linking to websites."

"The original circumstances have changed, as flash crowds from Slashdot were reported in 2005 to be diminishing due to competition from similar sites, and the general adoption of elastically scalable cloud hosting platforms."

"The effect has been associated with other websites or metablogs such as Fark, Digg, Drudge Report, Imgur, Reddit, and Twitter, leading to terms such as being "farked" or "drudged", being under the "Reddit effect"—or receiving a "hug of death" from the site in question."

What is the price of going offline in a situation like this?

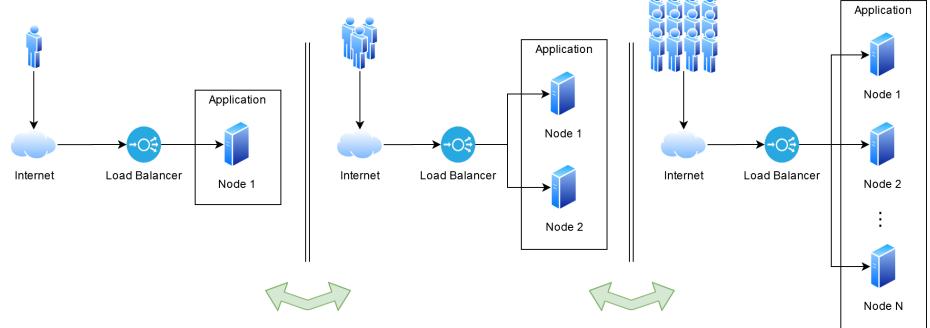
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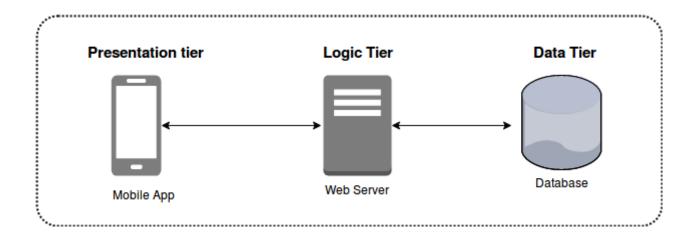
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- How do we achieve this [in this simplified scenario]?
 - Start or stop one of the application instances

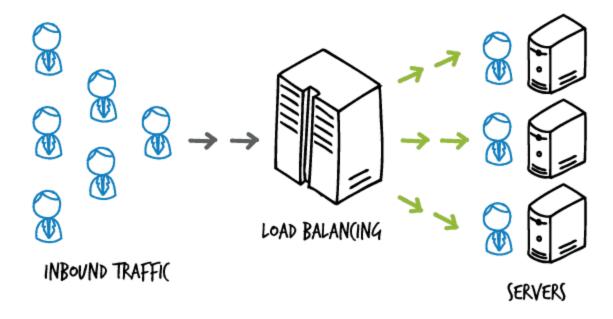
Update the load balancer configuration



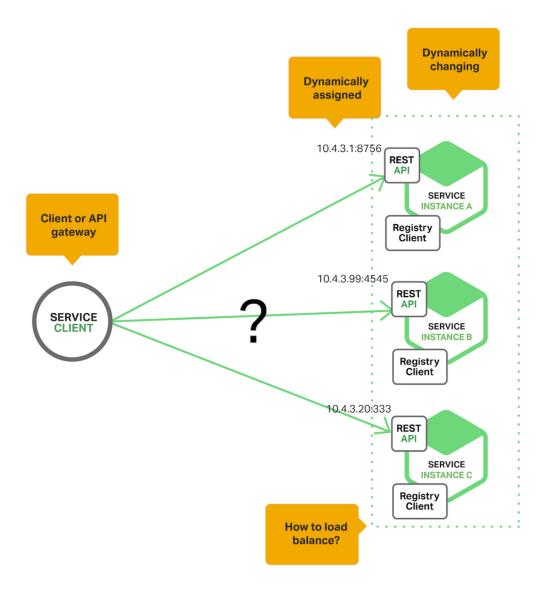
- To make requests, we need to know IP addresses and ports
 - In traditional applications hosted in physical hardware, this is not a problem
 - Network locations of services are relatively static



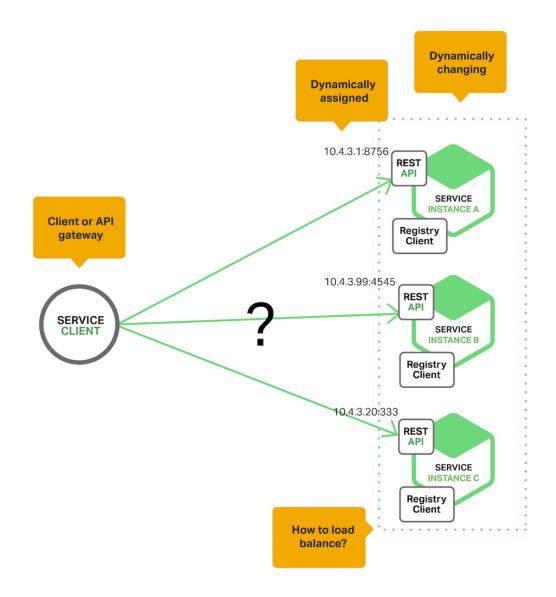
- To make requests we need to know IP addresses and ports
 - Even with distributed systems, this can be handled
 - As long as the scenario remains immutable
 - When changes are needed, someone needs to update the LB configuration



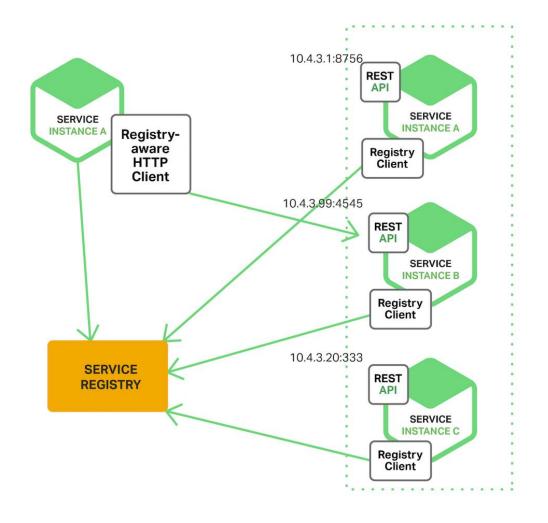
- In modern virtualized or cloud-based architectures, this becomes much harder
 - Instances have dynamically assigned network locations
 - Instances may change dynamically
 - (Auto) scaling
 - Failures and recoveries
 - Upgrades



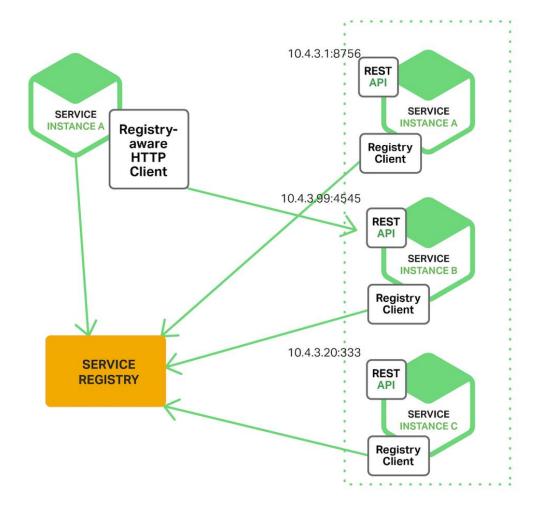
- How to solve this?
 - Use a service discovery mechanism
- Two main service discovery patterns
 - Client-Side Discovery Pattern
 - Server-Side Discovery Pattern



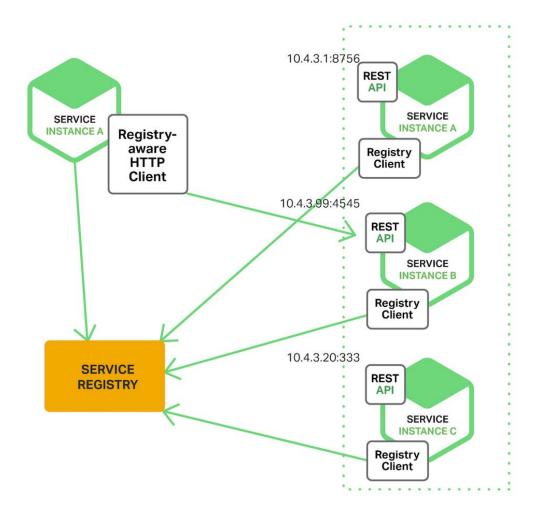
- How does it work?
 - Client queries a service registry
 - DB of available service instances
 - Client selects one of the services
 - Uses a load-balancing algorithm
 - Client makes the request



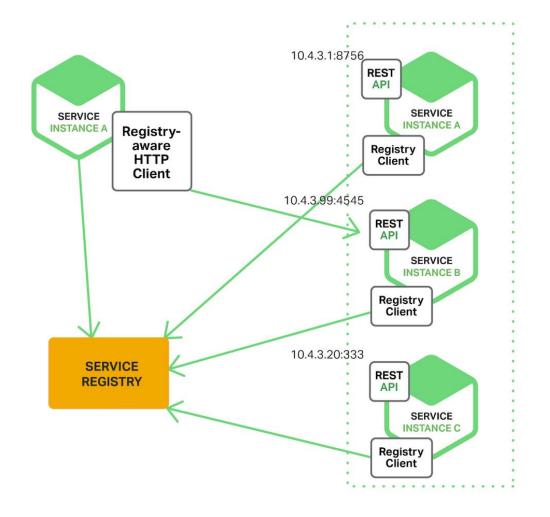
- Client is responsible for discovering service instances and load balancing requests across them
- How are service instances registered?
 - Instance registers its location when starting
 - Also removed on termination
 - Heartbeat mechanisms normally used
 - To refresh instance registration



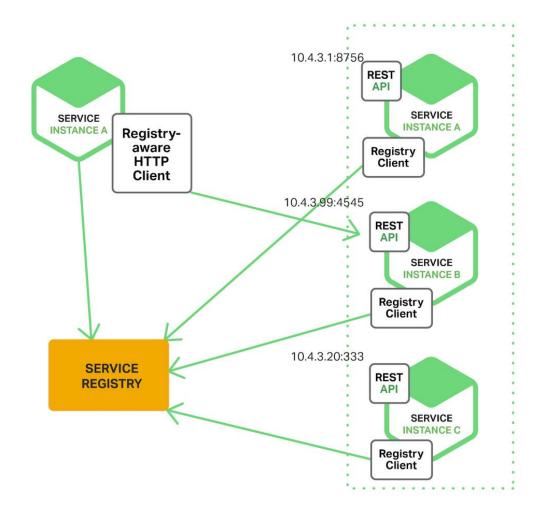
- Advantages?
 - Relatively straightforward
 - Only new part is the service registry
 - Intelligent application-specific load balancing decisions can be made
 - Since client knows the available instances



- Disadvantages?
 - Service registry logic coupled with client
 - Each *client** must implement this



- Examples
 - Netflix Eureka (+ Netflix Ribbon)



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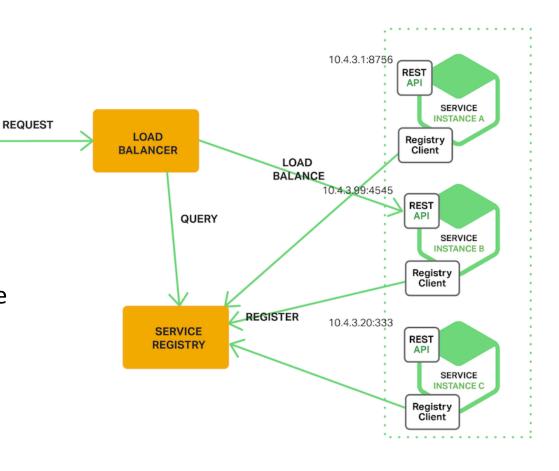
How does it work?

Client makes request to service via LB

LB queries service registry

LB routes the request to an available instance

 Service instances are registered similarly to the client-side discovery pattern

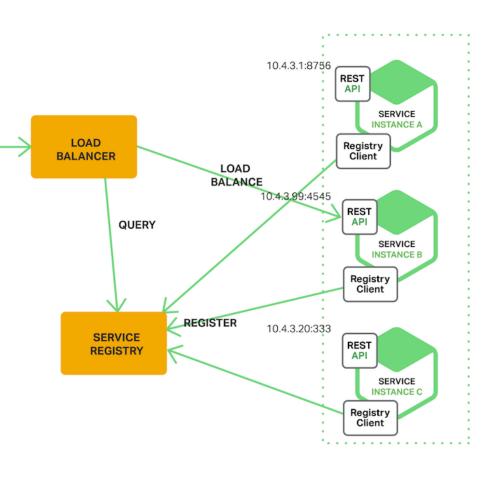


REQUEST

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Advantages?

- Discovery is abstracted from clients
 - Clients simple make requests to LB
- Some environments provide this built-in



REQUEST

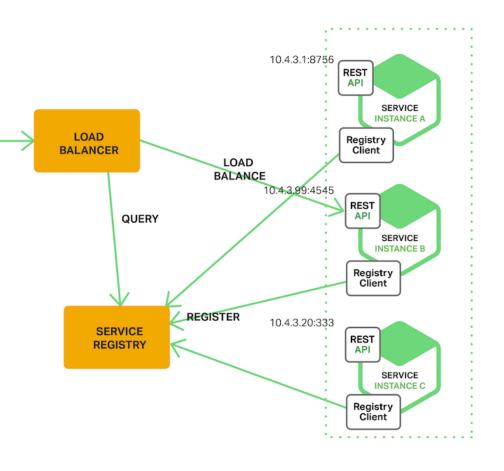
SERVICE

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Disadvantages?

LB is yet another HA system to setup/manage

• Unless provided by the deployment env.



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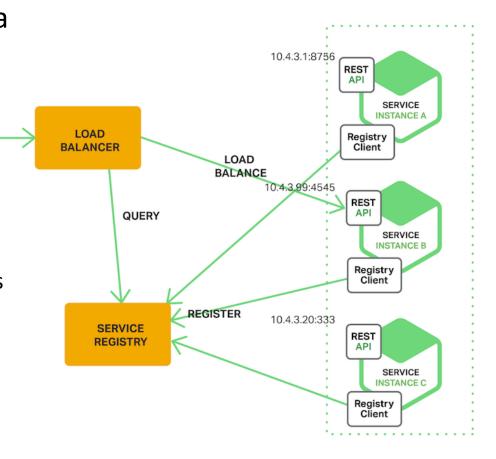
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AWS Elastic Load Balancer (ELB)

 Balance traffic to Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instances or EC2 Container Service (ECS) containers

REQUEST

No separate service registry, ELB itself does that



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Examples

• LB + service registry (e.g., NGINX + Consul)

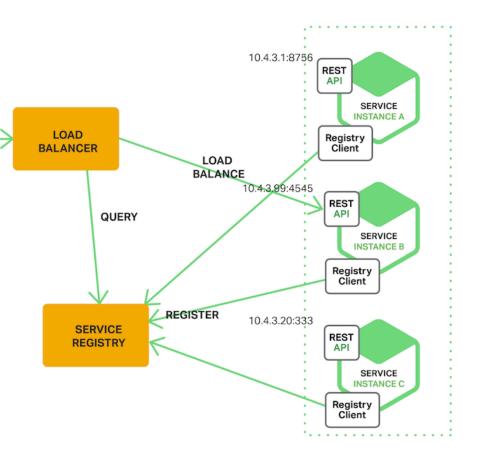
- NGINX works as load balancer
- Instances are registered in consul registry service
- Consul Template generates configuration for NGINX

REQUEST

NGINX reloads the configuration

(... or just Consul tools)

(or NGINX Plus using either its HTTP API or DNS)



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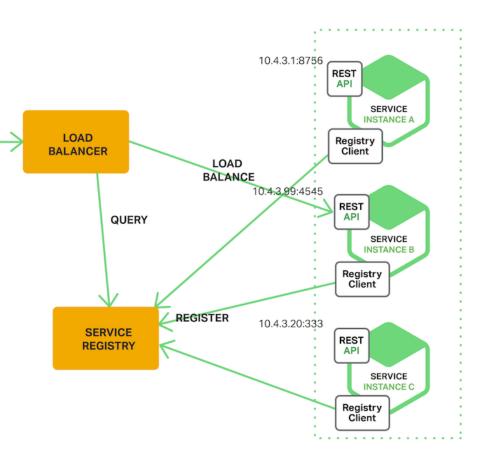
Kubernetes (and other environments)

- Each host in the cluster runs a proxy
- Proxy works as server-side discovery load balancer

REQUEST

SERVICE

- Client makes request to host IP + service port
- Proxy forwards request to an available service (in the cluster)



Service Registry

- Service registry is the core block of service discovery
 - Database of the network locations of available service instances
 - Needs to be highly available and up-to-date
- How does it work?
 - Service that provides a REST API to update and query (or DNS*) its database
 - Used to register or unregister service instances
 - To query for service instance addresses
 - Other actions (such as heartbeat checks)

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- Popular service registries include
 - consul (HashiCorp)
 - etcd
 - Eureka (Netflix)
 - Zookeeper (Apache)
 - In some solutions (e.g., Kubernetes, Docker Swarm, AWS ELB, ...), the service registry is already built-in as part of the system

Service Registration Options

 Service instances must be registered with and deregistered from the service registry

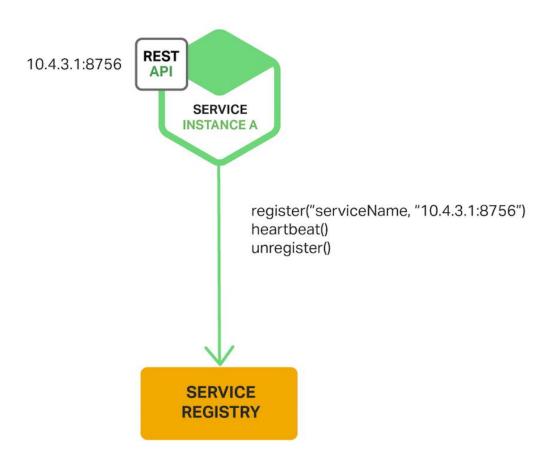
- How?
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 - Third-Party Registration Pattern

Self-Registration Pattern

- A service instance is responsible for registering and deregistering itself with the service registry
 - Instance may also need to send heartbeat requests to prevent its registration from expiring

(e.g., Netflix Eureka client)

- Advantages
 - Does not require additional systems
- Disadvantages
 - Ties instances with service registration
 - Instances must implement registration

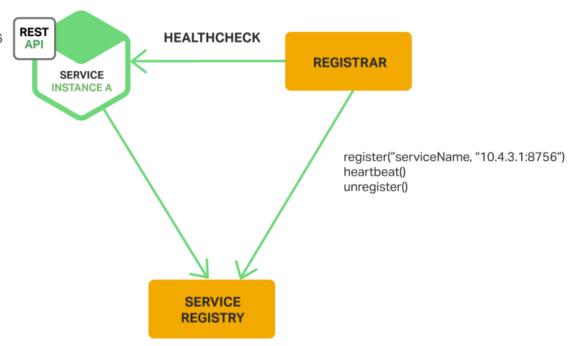


Third-Party Registration Pattern

- Another system component known as the service registrar handles the registration
 - Registrar tracks changes (running instances) by either polling the deployment environment or subscribing to events

Advantages

- Services decoupled from service registry
 - They do not implement registration logic
- Disadvantages
 - Yet another HA component to manage

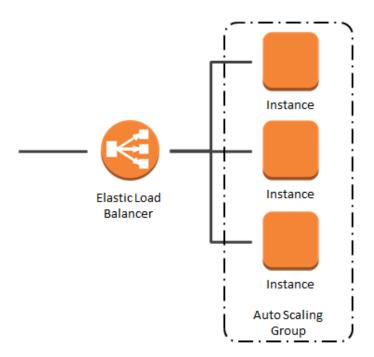


Third-Party Registration Pattern

- Several service registrars exist
 - Registrator project https://github.com/gliderlabs/registrator
 - Automatically registers and deregisters services for any Docker container by inspecting containers as they come online
 - Supports several service registries, including Consul and etcd
 - Netflix Prana https://github.com/netflix/Prana
 - Sidecar app that runs with the service instance
 - Registers and deregisters the service instance with Netflix Eureka
 - Primarily intended for services written in Non-JVM languages

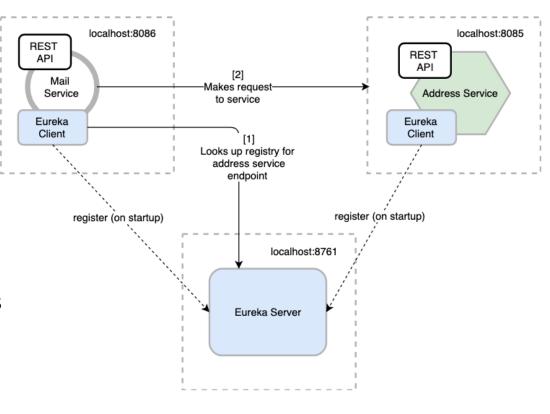
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- Several **service registrars** exist
 - Deployment environments normally have service registrar built-in
 - Amazon EC2 instances created by an Autoscaling Group can be automatically registered with an ELB
 - Kubernetes services are automatically registered and made available for discovery



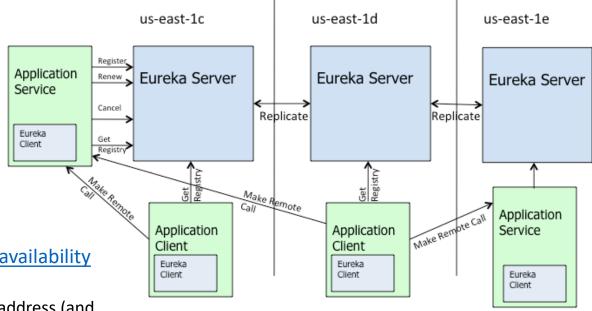
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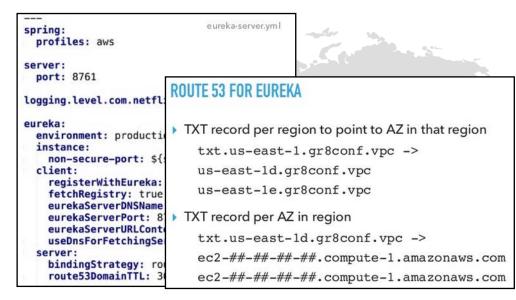
- Netflix Eureka
 - Service registry used by Netflix
- How does it work?
 - Provides REST API
 - POST request used by service instances to register themselves
 - PUT request update registration (every 30s instances must refresh their registration)
 - HTTP DELETE to remove an instance, or by timing out
 - GET request retrieve the list of service instances



Service Registry

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- How does Netflix achieve HA?
 - One or more Eureka servers in each <u>Amazon AWS availability</u> zone (AZ)
 - Each runs on an EC2 instance that has an Elastic IP address (and replicate their data)
 - Cluster configuration is stored using DNS TXT records
 - A map from AZ to Eureka servers network locations
 - When a Eureka server starts up
 - Gets the Eureka cluster configuration by querying the DNS TXT records
 - Locates its peers (to sync data)
 - Assigns itself an unused Elastic IP address

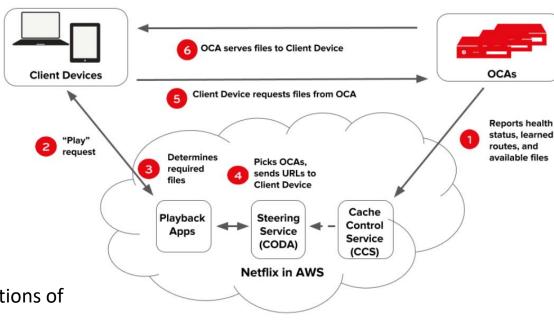


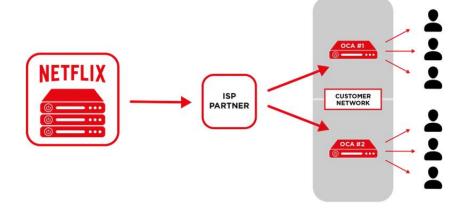


Netflix Open Connect Appliances

Service Registry

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- How does Netflix achieve HA?
 - Eureka clients (services and service clients)
 - Query the DNS to discover the network locations of Eureka servers
 - Clients try to use Eureka servers in the same AZ
 - If none is available, Eureka servers in other AZ are used
 - Video traffic is served from OCAs located @ ISPs
 - <u>Netflix Open Connect</u> is our purpose-built Content Delivery Network (CDN)

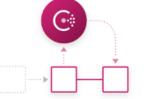




HashiCorp Consul

- Consul provides more than a simple service registry
 - Service discovery
 - Queried using a DNS interface or an HTTP interface
 - Key/Value storage
 - Enables storing dynamic configuration
 - Service Mesh
 - Enables secure service-to-service communication (TLS + identity-based authorization)
 - Health Checking
 - Multi-Datacenter





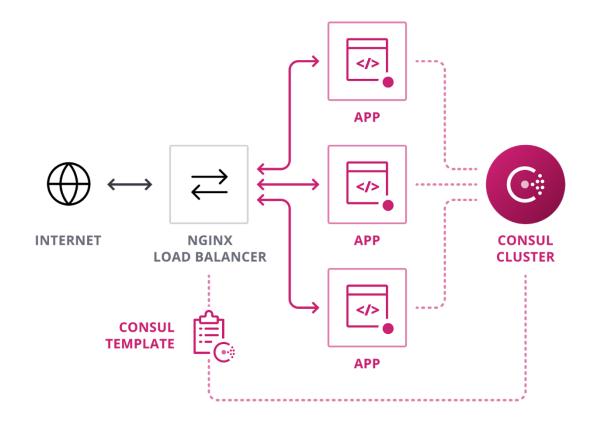




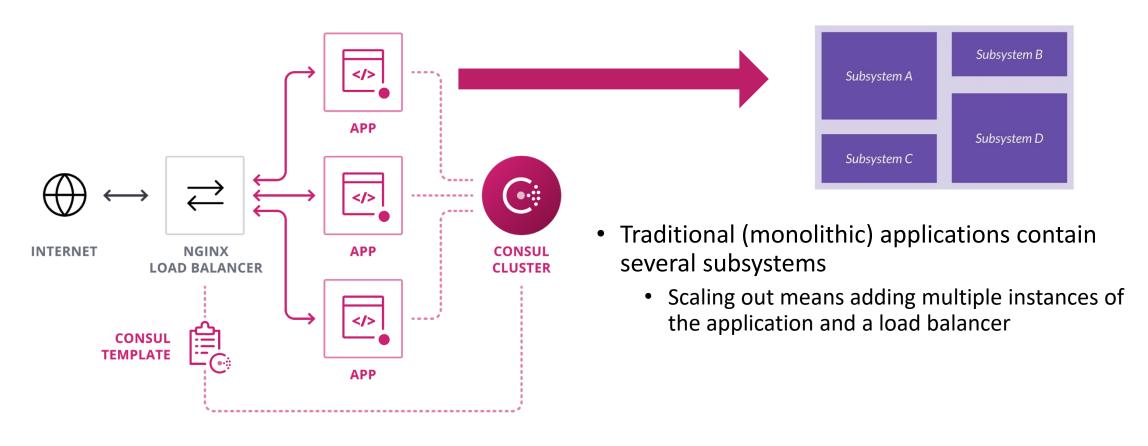
Service Configuration

Service Segmentation

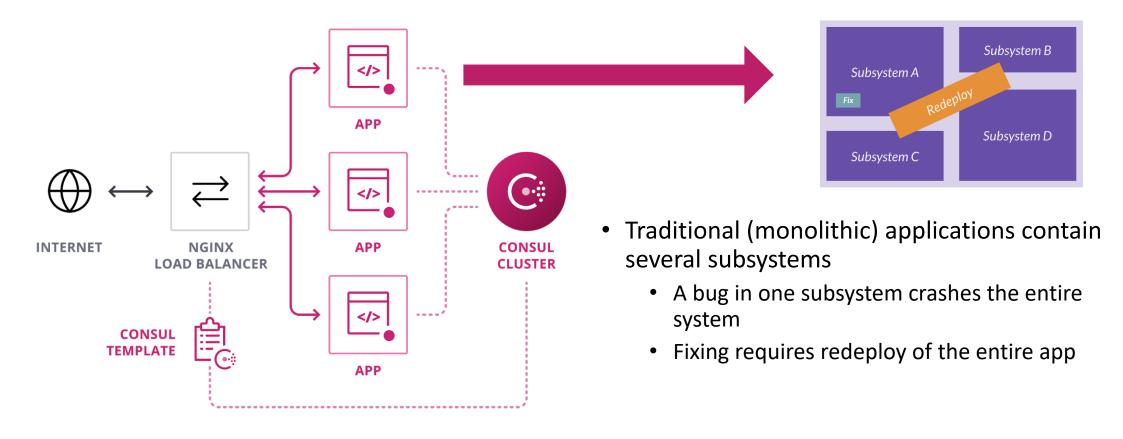
- Consul typical usage
 - Instances register themselves in Consul registry
 - Consul provides service discovery over HTTP or DNS
 - Consul template can be used to generate LB configurations dynamically



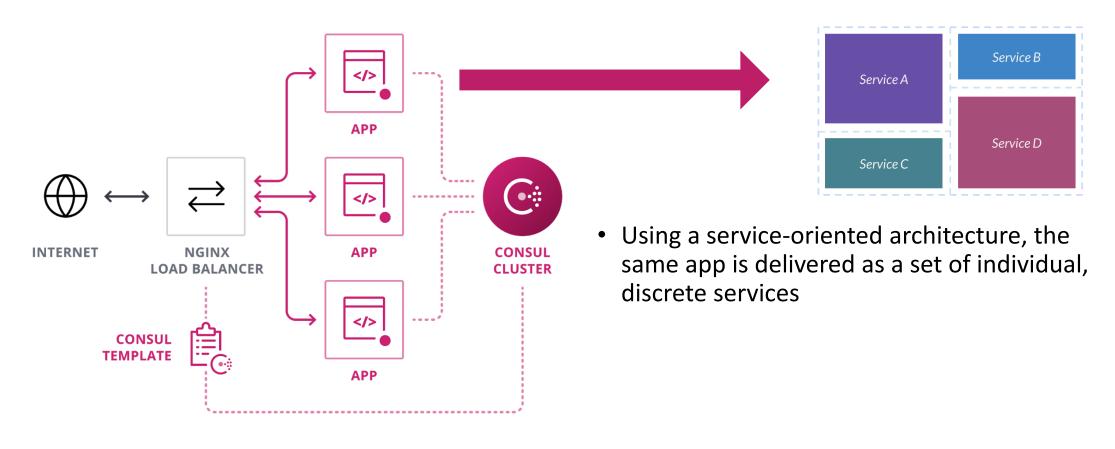
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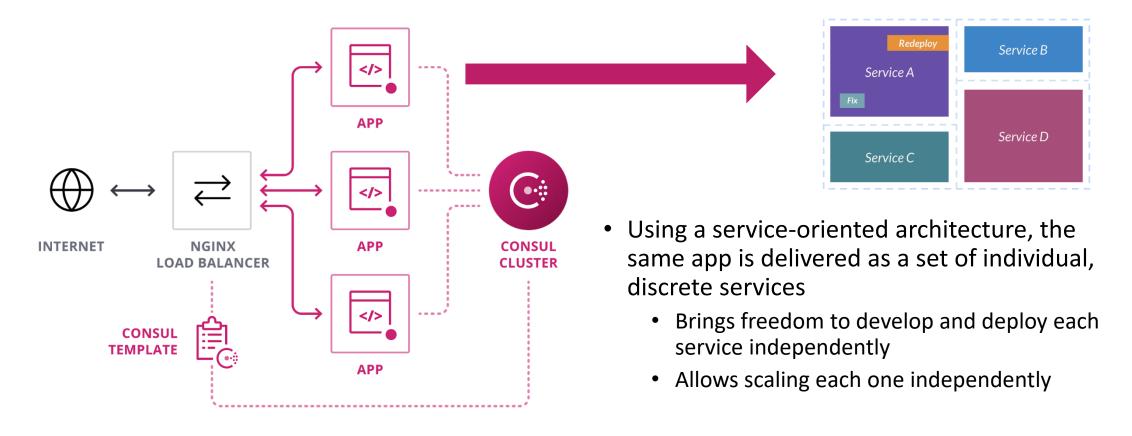
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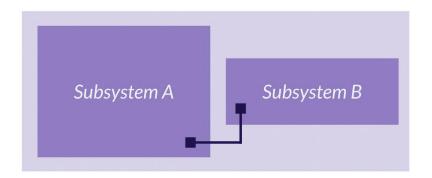
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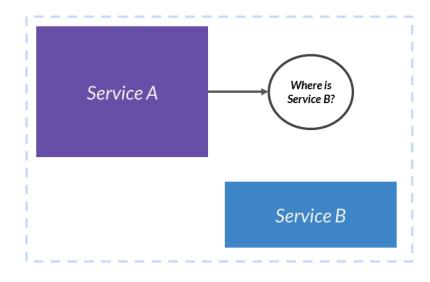


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- Service communication in distributed systems is more complex
 - In monolith applications, simple function calls between subsystems are used
 - In distributed systems this normally means talking over the network
 - Hardcode the address of each service?
 - What about scalability?



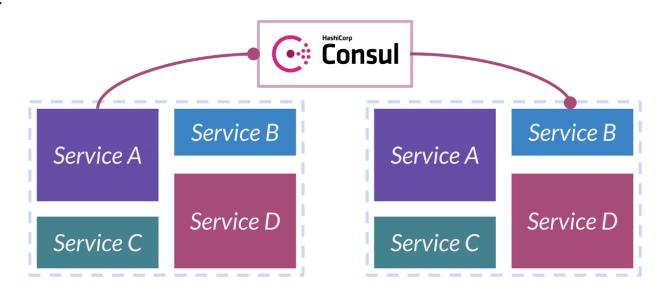


- Service communication in distributed systems
 - Using a central service registry is one possible solution to this problem
 - Contains entries for all upstream services
 - Updated each time a service instance starts or stops
 - Queried using the DNS interface

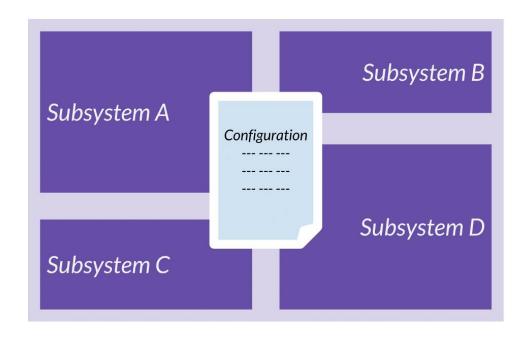
Service A wants to talk with B?

Consul acts as a DNS server

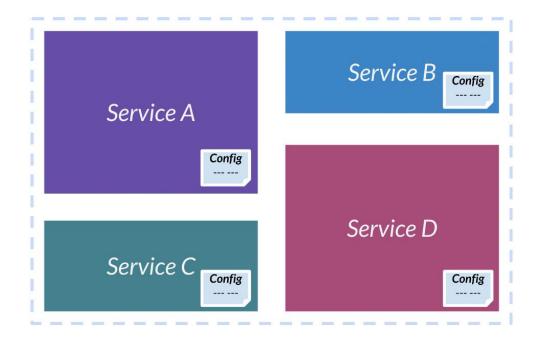
- Returns the IP address of Service B
- Also provides health checks
- Distributes load if B contains multiple instances



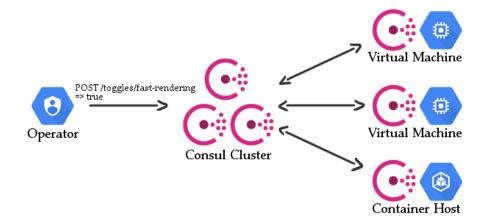
- Application settings are normally stored under YAML, JSON, XML files
 - In monolithic architectures this configures the entire app
 - All subsystems have the same source of configuration

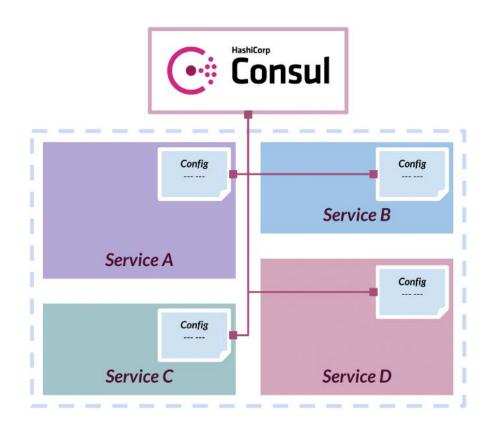


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 - Moving to distributed systems introduces new challenges since each service has its own configuration
 - How do we maintain consistency?
 - What if the configuration needs to be updated dynamically?

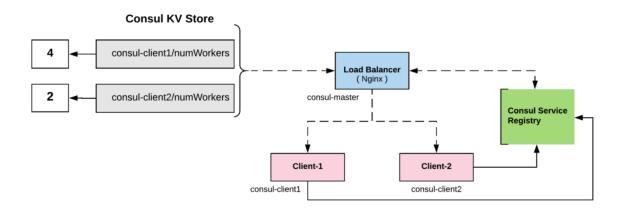


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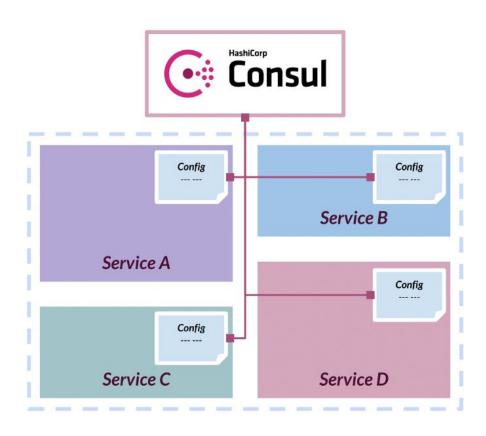




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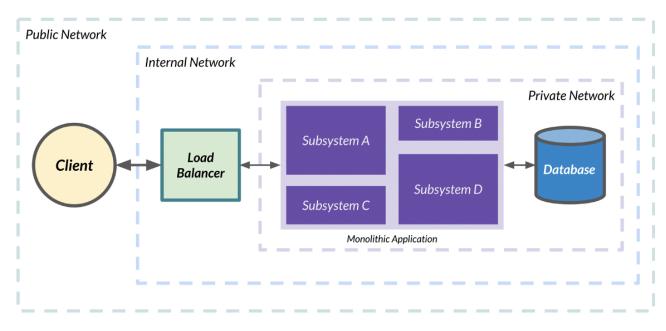


Consul KV Store

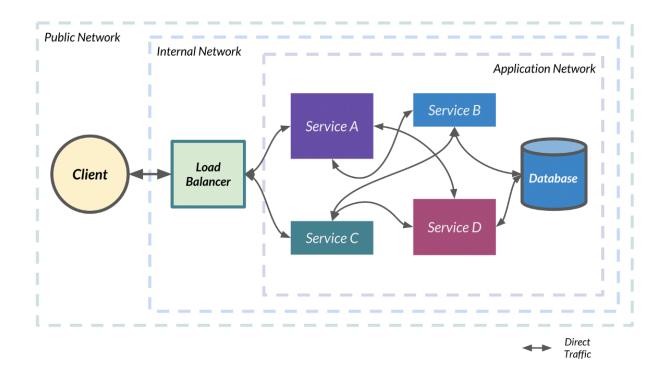


- In a monolithic architecture the network is typically divided into 3 or 4 zones
 - A DMZ zone (internal) with an LB handling internet traffic
 - An internal (private) zone where our apps sit
 - Data can be separated into its own zone

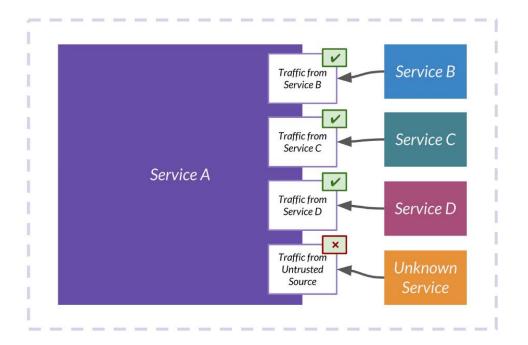
Only the LB reaches the application Only the app reaches the DB



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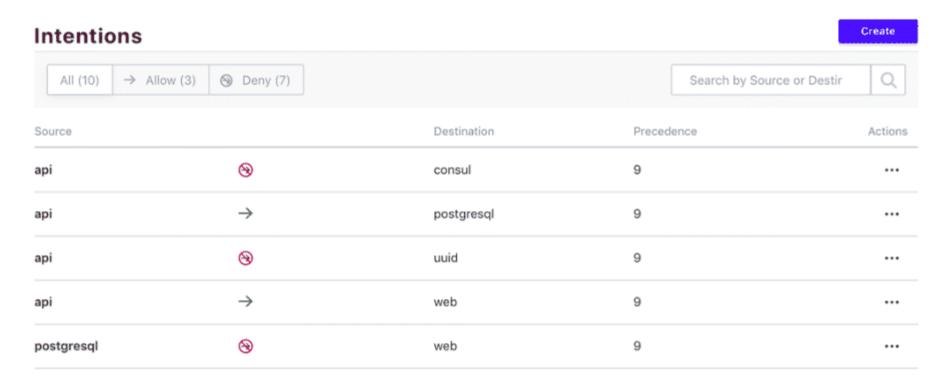
Services should be able to identify that the traffic they are receiving is from a verified and trusted entity in the network.

Ideally, the communications should also be encrypted.

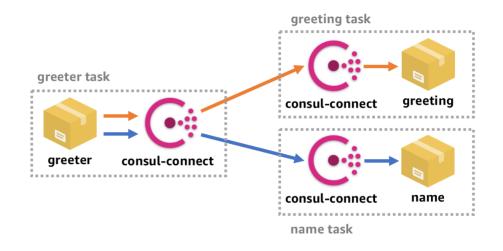
Not only in the DB but also in transit

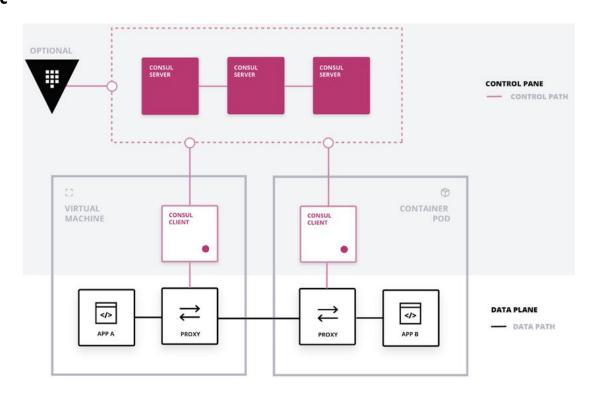
Solving this with firewalls and network segmentation is complex.

- Consul solves this with Consul Connect
 - First, a service graph is created to define allowed communications (Intentions)



- Consul solves this with Consul Connect
 - Each app instance will have a sidecar proxy (consul connect)
 - Validate connections using Intentions
 - Validate services with certificates
 - Communicates securely using TLS





- Consul is just a binary (https://www.consul.io/downloads.html)
 - Download and unzip
 - wget https://releases.hashicorp.com/consul/1.7.2/consul 1.7.2 linux amd64.zip
 - unzip consul_1.7.2_linux_amd64.zip
 - move consul binary to PATH
 - echo \$PATH
 - E.g., mv consul /usr/bin/ or export PATH="\$PATH:/path/to/consul"
 - Check install

- Starting consul as an agent in development mode (not secure nor scalable)
 - Also started as a server
 - Claimed leadership

```
=> Consul agent running!
   2020-04-12T19:35:45.579Z [INFO] agent: Started gRPC server: address=127.0.0
.1:8502 network=tcp
   2020-04-12T19:35:45.616Z [WARN]
                                    agent.server.raft: heartbeat timeout reache
d, starting election: last-leader=
   2020-04-12T19:35:45.617Z [INFO] agent.server.raft: entering candidate state
 node="Node at 127.0.0.1:8300 [Candidate]" term=2
   2020-04-12T19:35:45.617Z [DEBUG] agent.server.raft: votes: needed=1
   2020-04-12T19:35:45.617Z [DEBUG] agent.server.raft: vote granted: from=6d02f
565-caad-1b49-b74b-a410f522f4a3 term=2 tally=1
   2020-04-12T19:35:45.617Z [INFO] agent.server.raft: election won: tally=1
   2020-04-12T19:35:45.617Z [INFO] agent.server.raft: entering leader state:
eader="Node at 127.0.0.1:8300 [Leader]"
   2020-04-12T19:35:45.618Z [INFO] agent.server: cluster leadership acquired
   2020-04-12T19:35:45.618Z [INFO] agent.server: New leader elected: payload=
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vagrant@lb01:~$ consul agent -dev
 ==> Starting Consul agent...
           Version: 'v1.7.2'
           Node ID: '6d02f565-caad-1b49-b74b-a410f522f4a3'
         Node name: 'lb01'
        Datacenter: 'dc1' (Segment: '<all>')
            Server: true (Bootstrap: false)
       Client Addr: [127.0.0.1] (HTTP: 8500, HTTPS: -1, gRPC: 8502, DNS: 8600)
      Cluster Addr: 127.0.0.1 (LAN: 8301, WAN: 8302)
           Encrypt: Gossip: false, TLS-Outgoing: false, TLS-Incoming: false, Aut
 o-Encrypt-TLS: false
 ==> Log data will now stream in as it occurs:
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.559Z [DEBUG] agent: Using random ID as node ID: id=6d02f
565-caad-1b49-b74b-a410f522f4a3
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.563Z [DEBUG] agent.tlsutil: Update: version=1
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.564Z [DEBUG] agent.tlsutil: OutgoingRPCWrapper: version=
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.565Z [INFO] agent.server.raft: initial configuration:
ndex=1 servers="[{Suffrage:Voter ID:6d02f565-caad-1b49-b74b-a410f522f4a3 Address
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    2020-04-12T19:35:45.566Z [INFO] agent.server.serf.wan: serf: EventMemberJoi
n: lb01.dc1 127.0.0.1
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.567Z [INFO] agent.server.serf.lan: serf: EventMemberJoi
n: 1b01 127.0.0.1
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.568Z [INFO] agent: Started DNS server: address=127.0.0.
1:8600 network=udp
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.568Z [INFO] agent.server.raft: entering follower state:
 follower="Node at 127.0.0.1:8300 [Follower]" leader=
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.572Z [INFO] agent.server: Adding LAN server: server="lb
01 (Addr: tcp/127.0.0.1:8300) (DC: dc1)"
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.573Z [INFO] agent.server: Handled event for server in a
rea: event=member-join server=lb01.dc1 area=wan
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.575Z [INFO] agent: Started DNS server: address=127.0.0.
1:8600 network=tcp
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.578Z [INFO]
                                    agent: Started HTTP server: address=127.0.0
.1:8500 network=tcp
    2020-04-12T19:35:45.578Z [INFO] agent: started state syncer
 ==> Consul agent running!
```

Check members (in a second console)

```
vagrant@lb01:~$ consul members
Node Address Status Type Build Protocol DC Segment
lb01 127.0.0.1:8301 alive server 1.7.2 2 dc1 <all>
vagrant@lb01:~$|
```

 We can check cluster members using the HTTP API

Check members (in a second console)

Or do the same using the DNS interface

```
vagrant@lb01:~$ consul members
Node Address Status Type Build Protocol DC Segment
lb01 127.0.0.1:8301 alive server 1.7.2 2 dc1 <all>
vagrant@lb01:~$|
```

```
vagrant@lb01:~$ dig @localhost -p 8600 lb01.node.consul
 <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <<>> @localhost -p 8600 lb01.node.consul
  (2 servers found)
  global options: +cmd
  Got answer:
  ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 42529
 ; flags: qr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 2
; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
 : OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
 EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
 ; QUESTION SECTION:
 lb01.node.consul.
; ANSWER SECTION:
 b01.node.consul.
                                                127.0.0.1
                        0
                                ΙN
; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
1b01.node.consul.
                                                "consul-network-segment="
                        0
                                ΙN
                                        TXT
;; Query time: 1 msec
 ; SERVER: 127.0.0.1#8600(127.0.0.1)
;; WHEN: Sun Apr 12 19:52:15 UTC 2020
  MSG SIZE rcvd: 97
```

Stopping the agent is achieved with "consul leave"

vagrant@lb01:~\$ consul leave Graceful leave complete

- "consul leave" != killing the agent
 - Leave notifies other members that the agent left the datacenter
 - Node services and checks are removed from consul catalog
 - Killing the agent indicates a node failure
 - Node health marked as critical
 - Node not removed from catalog
 - Consul will try to reconnect with the node

```
2020-04-12T19:59:24.455Z [ERROR] agent.server.autopilot: Error updating clus
ter health: error="error getting server raft protocol versions: No servers found
   2020-04-12T19:59:26.453Z [ERROR] agent.server.autopilot: Error updating clus
ter health: error="error getting server raft protocol versions: No servers found
    2020-04-12T19:59:27.668Z [INFO]
                                    agent: Requesting shutdown
    2020-04-12T19:59:27.669Z [INFO]
                                    agent.server: shutting down server
    2020-04-12T19:59:27.669Z [DEBUG] agent.leader: stopping routine: routine="CA
 root pruning"
   2020-04-12T19:59:27.670Z [DEBUG] agent.leader: stopped routine: routine="CA
root pruning"
                                    agent: consul server down
   2020-04-12T19:59:27.671Z [INFO]
   2020-04-12T19:59:27.673Z [INFO] agent: shutdown complete
   2020-04-12T19:59:27.674Z [DEBUG] agent.http: Request finished: method=PUT un
l=/v1/agent/leave from=127.0.0.1:43254 latency=11.011668258s
   2020-04-12T19:59:27.680Z [INFO] agent: Stopping server: protocol=DNS addres
s=127.0.0.1:8600 network=tcp
                                    agent: Stopping server: protocol=DNS addres
   2020-04-12T19:59:27.680Z [INFO]
s=127.0.0.1:8600 network=udp
    2020-04-12T19:59:27.681Z [INFO]
                                     agent: Stopping server: protocol=HTTP addre
ss=127.0.0.1:8500 network=tcp
   2020-04-12T19:59:28.181Z [INFO]
                                     agent: Waiting for endpoints to shut down
   2020-04-12T19:59:28.182Z [INFO]
                                     agent: Endpoints down
   2020-04-12T19:59:28.182Z [INFO]
                                     agent: Exit code: code=0
  grant@lb01:~$
```

- A service is registered by providing a service definition
 - Using the HTTP API or creating a file
- How?
 - Create service file (e.g., under /etc/consul.d/)
 - Start the server
 - Service "web" is synced
 - In this case, the service is not running yet, just registered.

```
"name": "web",
    "tags": ["rails"],
    "port": 80
}
```

agrant@lb01:~\$ cat /etc/consul.d/web.json

"service":

```
2020-04-12T22:07:55.518Z [INFO] agent: Synced node info
2020-04-12T22:07:55.519Z [INFO] agent: Synced service: service=web
```

- Querying services
 - Using the DNS interface
 - Querying by SRV returns the PORT

```
vagrant@lb01:~$ dig @127.0.0.1 -p 8600 web.service.consul SRV

;; ANSWER SECTION:
web.service.consul. 0 IN SRV 1 1 80 lb01.node.dc1.consul.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
lb01.node.dc1.consul. 0 IN A 127.0.0.1
```

```
vagrant@lb01:~$ dig @127.0.0.1 -p 8600 web.service.consul
 DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> @127.0.0.1 -p 8600 web.service.consul
  global options: +cmd
  ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 9548
  flags: qr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
 WARNING: recursion requested but not available
 OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
 EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
  QUESTION SECTION:
web.service.consul.
; ANSWER SECTION:
 eb.service.consul.
                               ΙN
                                               127.0.0.1
  Query time: 1 msec
  SERVER: 127.0.0.1#8600(127.0.0.1)
  WHEN: Sun Apr 12 22:15:24 UTC 2020
  MSG SIZE rcvd: 63
```

- Currently we are advertising the loopback address
 - This can be changed with "-advertise" flag or using "address" in service definition

- Querying services
 - Using the DNS interface
 - TAGS can also be used to filter queries
 - <TAG>.<NAME>.service.consul

```
vagrant@lb01:~$ dig @127.0.0.1 -p 8600 rails.web.service.consul SRV
 > DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <<>> @127.0.0.1 -p 8600 rails.web.service.consul SRV
 (1 server found)
 global options: +cmd
  Got answer:
  ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 28325
; flags: qr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 3
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
 OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
 EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
 QUESTION SECTION:
rails.web.service.consul.
                               ΙN
                                       SRV
: ANSWER SECTION:
                                              1 1 80 lb01.node.dc1.consul.
rails.web.service.consul. 0
                               ΙN
; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
lb01.node.dc1.consul. 0
                                               127.0.0.1
                                               "consul-network-segment="
lb01.node.dc1.consul.
                                       TXT
;; Query time: 1 msec
 SERVER: 127.0.0.1#8600(127.0.0.1)
 WHEN: Sun Apr 12 22:23:13 UTC 2020
  MSG SIZE rcvd: 145
```

- Querying services
 - Using the HTTP API
 - HTTP API lists all nodes hosting a service
 - Filter healthy is done with
 - .../service/web?passing

```
agrant@lb01:~$ curl http://localhost:8500/v1/catalog/service/web
       "ID": "2703315d-c2d7-589c-1236-71e978a011d5",
       "Node": "lb01",
       "Address": "127.0.0.1",
       "Datacenter": "dc1",
       "TaggedAddresses": {
           "lan": "127.0.0.1",
          "lan_ipv4": "127.0.0.1",
           "wan": "127.0.0.1",
           "wan_ipv4": "127.0.0.1"
       "NodeMeta": {
           "consul-network-segment": ""
       "ServiceKind": "",
       "ServiceID": "web",
       "ServiceName": "web",
       "ServiceTags": [
           "rails"
       "ServiceAddress": "",
       "ServiceWeights":
           "Passing": 1,
           "Warning": 1
       "ServiceMeta": {},
       "ServicePort": 80,
       "ServiceEnableTagOverride": false,
       "ServiceProxy":
           "MeshGateway": {},
           "Expose": {}
       "ServiceConnect": {},
      "CreateIndex": 12,
       "ModifyIndex": 12
```

- Updating services
 - Change service definition files
 - Run consul reload
 - Alternatively, HTTP API can be used

vagrant@lb01:~\$ consul reload Configuration reload triggered

```
2020-04-12T22:36:18.000Z [DEBUG] agent: Service in sync: service=web
2020-04-12T22:36:18.000Z [DEBUG] agent: Check in sync: check=service:web
2020-04-12T22:36:21.193Z [WARN] agent: Check is now critical: check=service
:web
2020-04-12T22:36:31.216Z [WARN] agent: Check is now critical: check=service
:web
2020-04-12T22:36:41.250Z [WARN] agent: Check is now critical: check=service
:web
```

- In our example, DNS queries now return no services
 - Health check is working ok since the defined service is not running.

```
vagrant@lb01:~$ dig @127.0.0.1 -p 8600 web.service.consul
 > DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <<>> @127.0.0.1 -p 8600 web.service.consul
  (1 server found)
  global options: +cmd
 ; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NXDOMAIN, id: 53448
;; flags: gr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 1
; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
 EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
; QUESTION SECTION:
web.service.consul.
; AUTHORITY SECTION:
consul.
                               ΙN
                                               ns.consul. hostmaster.consul. 15
86731257 3600 600 86400 0
; Query time: 1 msec
  SERVER: 127.0.0.1#8600(127.0.0.1)
  WHEN: Sun Apr 12 22:40:57 UTC 2020
  MSG SIZE rcvd: 97
```

- Consul also provides a web UI to manage the Cluster
 - In production you need to run consul with "-ui"
 - E.g., "consul agent -dev -enable-local-script-checks -config-dir=/etc/consul.d/ -bind 192.168.33.100 -client 192.168.33.100"
 - http://192.168.33.100:8500/ui

