

.NET MICROSERVICES IN AKS



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GOALS

- **Pros/Cons of Microservices / Why**
- **The Microservice (Inward)**
- **Multiple Microservices and AKS**

WHY MICROSERVICES

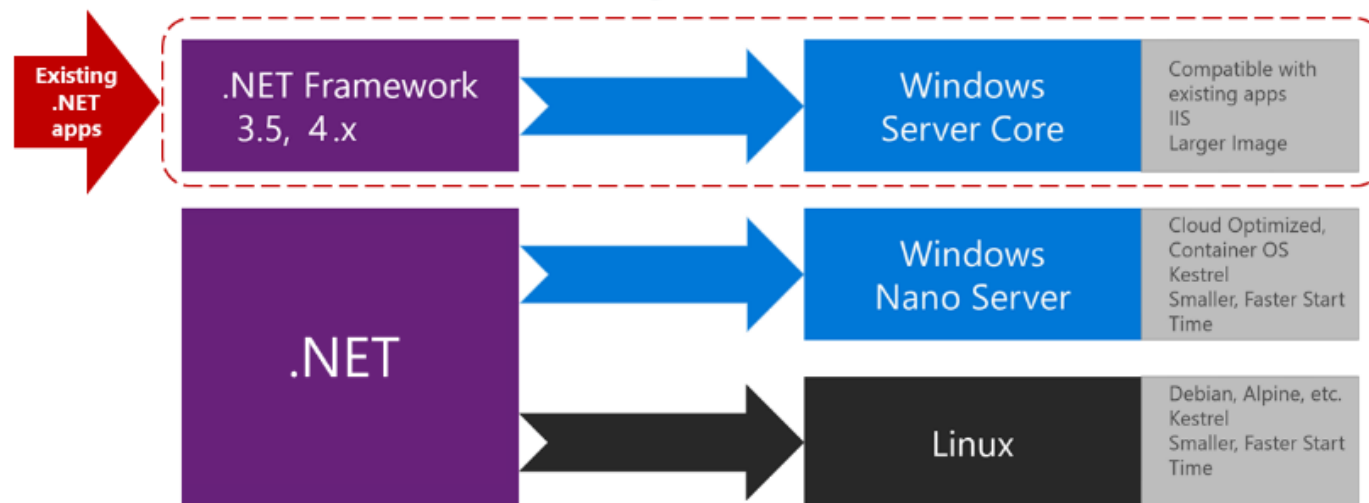
WHY MICROSERVICES?

- **What problem are we trying to solve?**
 - Less coupling - Independently deploy and release
 - Smaller changes
 - Business Focused, Not technical focused (DDD)
- **What problems do they cause?**
 - Not just architecture
 - Forces changes to engineering practices, people, and culture
 - Must be careful not to create a distributed "monolith"

THE MICROSERVICE (INWARD)

.NET ON CONTAINERS

What OS to target with .NET containers



Smaller, Production

Dev and Debugging

Image	Comments
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DEMO

- .NET API on Docker

MULTIPLE MICROSERVICES

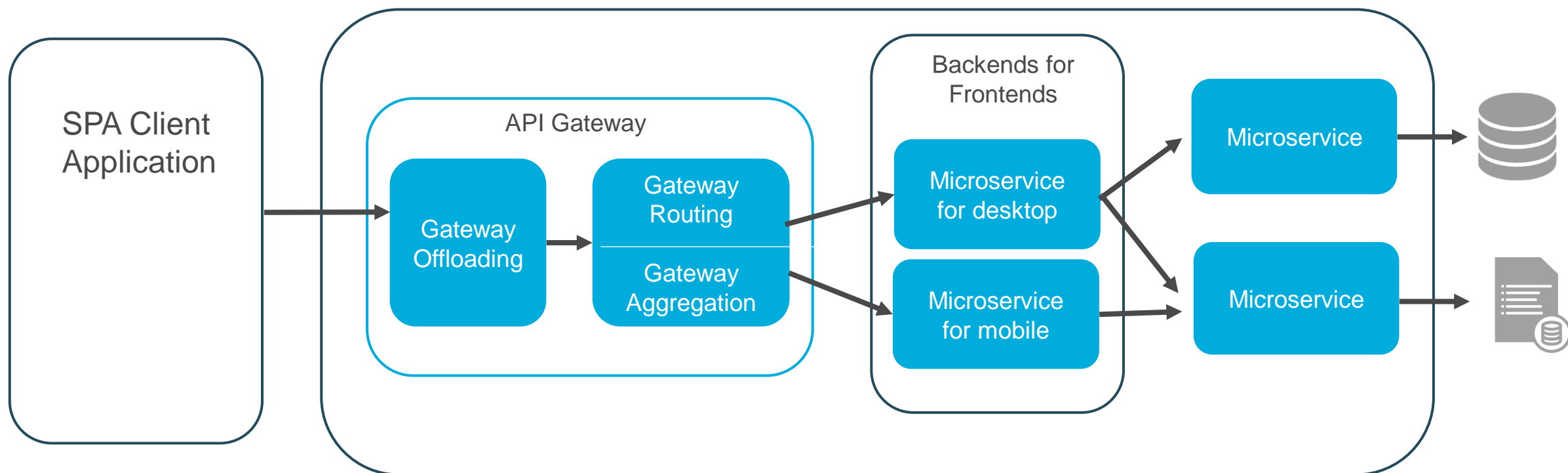
MULTIPLE MICROSERVICES

- Challenges
- Patterns (BFF / API Gateway)
- Cross Cutting Concerns (Dapr)
- Lifecycle and Orchestration
 - AKS
 - AzDO Pipelines

CHALLENGES

- **APIs at Scale**
- **Distributed Tracing**
- **Service Discovery and Invocation / Coupling**
- **Security Access Restrictions**
- **Cost**

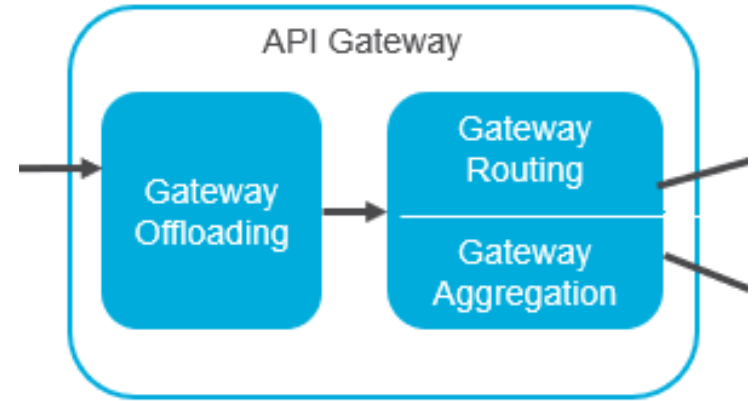
PATTERNS



PATTERNS

- **API Gateway**

- Single Entry Point
- Provide a less chatty client specific response by aggregating multiple backend microservices responses
- Features
 - Gateway Routing
 - Gateway Aggregation
 - Gateway Offloading
 - SSL termination
 - Authorization
 - Access restrictions



PATTERNS

- **API Gateway Options**

- Reverse Proxy ingress controller
 - NGINX
- Service Mesh ingress controller
 - Istio, LinkerD
- Azure Application Gateway
- Azure API Management



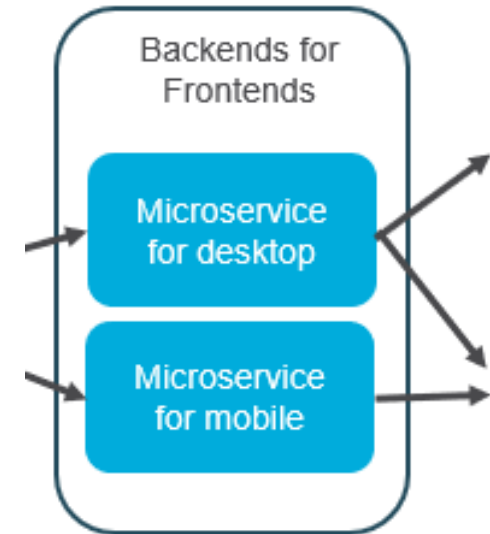
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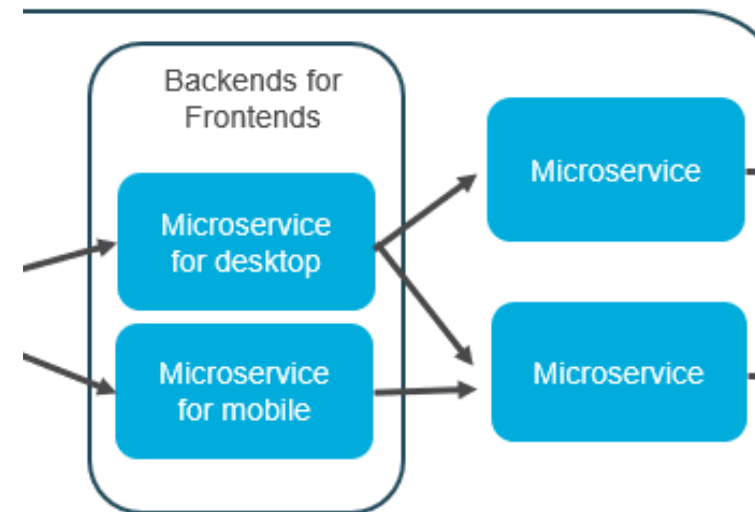
- **Backends for Frontends**
 - Variance of API Gateway
 - Gateway API for each front-end API
 - Different clients need different data



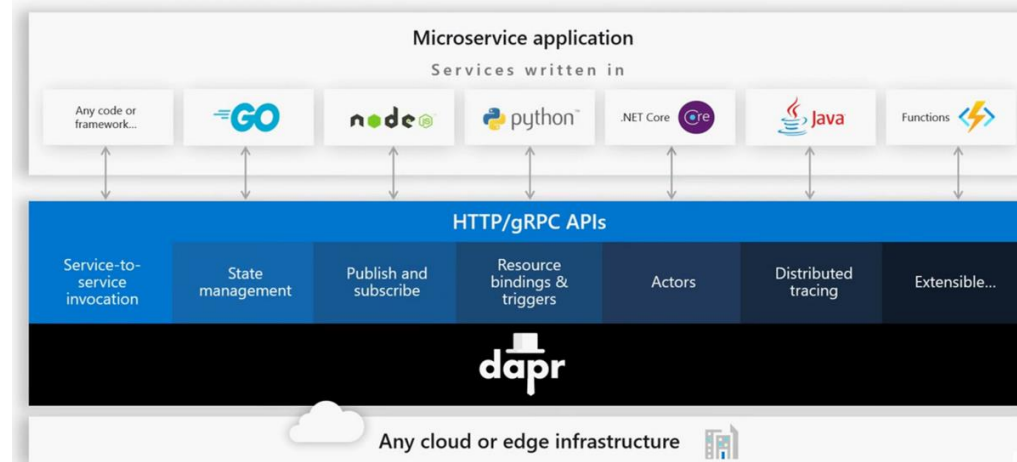
PATTERNS

- **Service to Service Communication**

- Sidecar Container - Dapr
- Azure Service Bus



Dapr: Build apps using any language with any framework



RESILIENCY

```
1  var circuitBreakerPolicy = Policy.Handle<TransientException>()
2      .CircuitBreaker(exceptionsAllowedBeforeBreaking: 3, durationOfBreak: TimeSpan.FromSeconds(10));
3
4  while (true)
5  {
6      try
7      {
8          circuitBreakerPolicy.Execute(() =>
9          {
10              SendRequest();
11              Log("Successfully sent request");
12          });
13          return;
14      }
15      catch (BrokenCircuitException)
16      {
17          Log("The circuit breaker tripped and is temporarily disallowing requests. Will wait before trying
again");
18          await Task.Delay(TimeSpan.FromSeconds(15));
19      }
20      catch (TransientException)
21      {
22          Log("Transient exception while sending request. Will try again.");
23      }
24  }
```

RESILIENCY

- **AKS**

- Infrastructure level
- Load Balancing across multiple Nodes and Replica Sets (Pods)
- Availability Zones
- Load Balancing / DR in multiple regions (Region pairs)

AZURE KUBERNETES SERVICE (AKS)

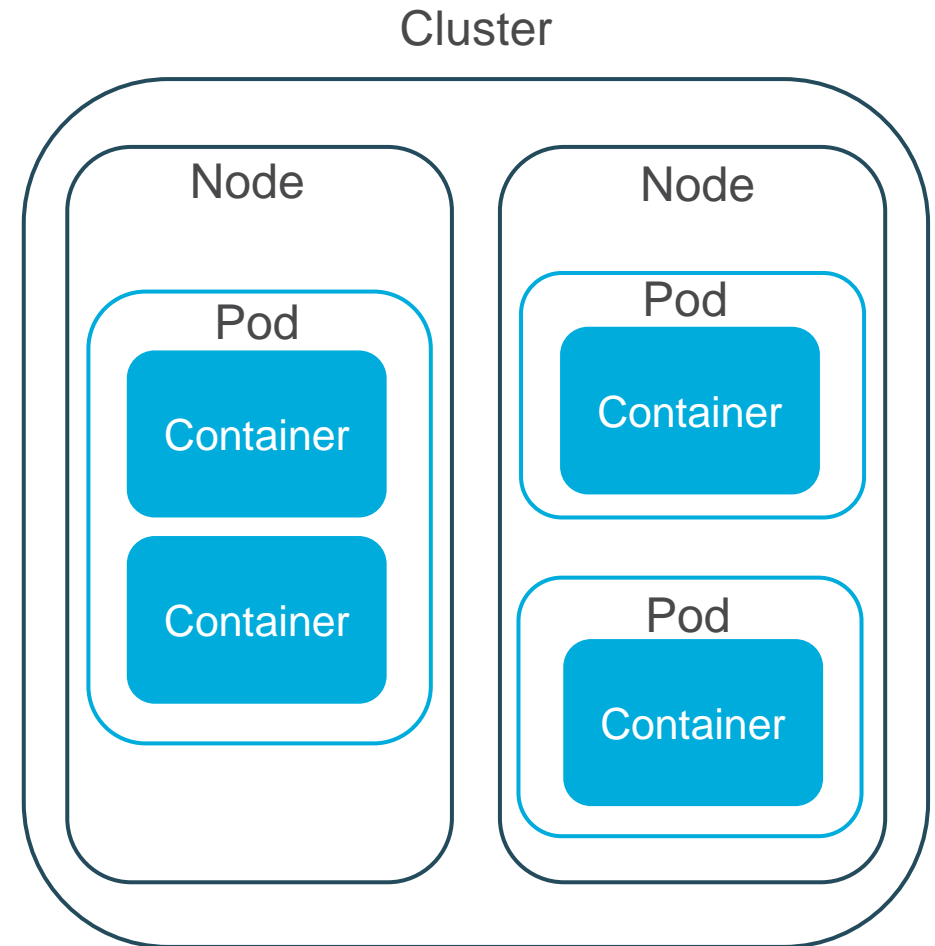
WHY USE AZURE KUBERNETES SERVICE (AKS)?

- **What is Kubernetes?**

- Open source orchestration tool for deploying, managing, and scaling container applications

- **Workload Resources**

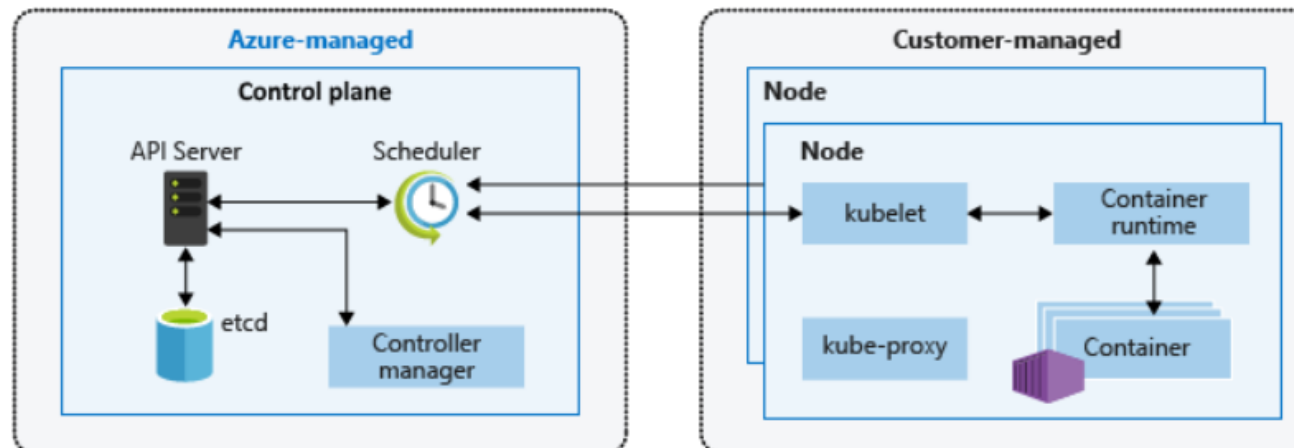
- Pods
- Deployments
- Replica Set
- Services
- Namespace



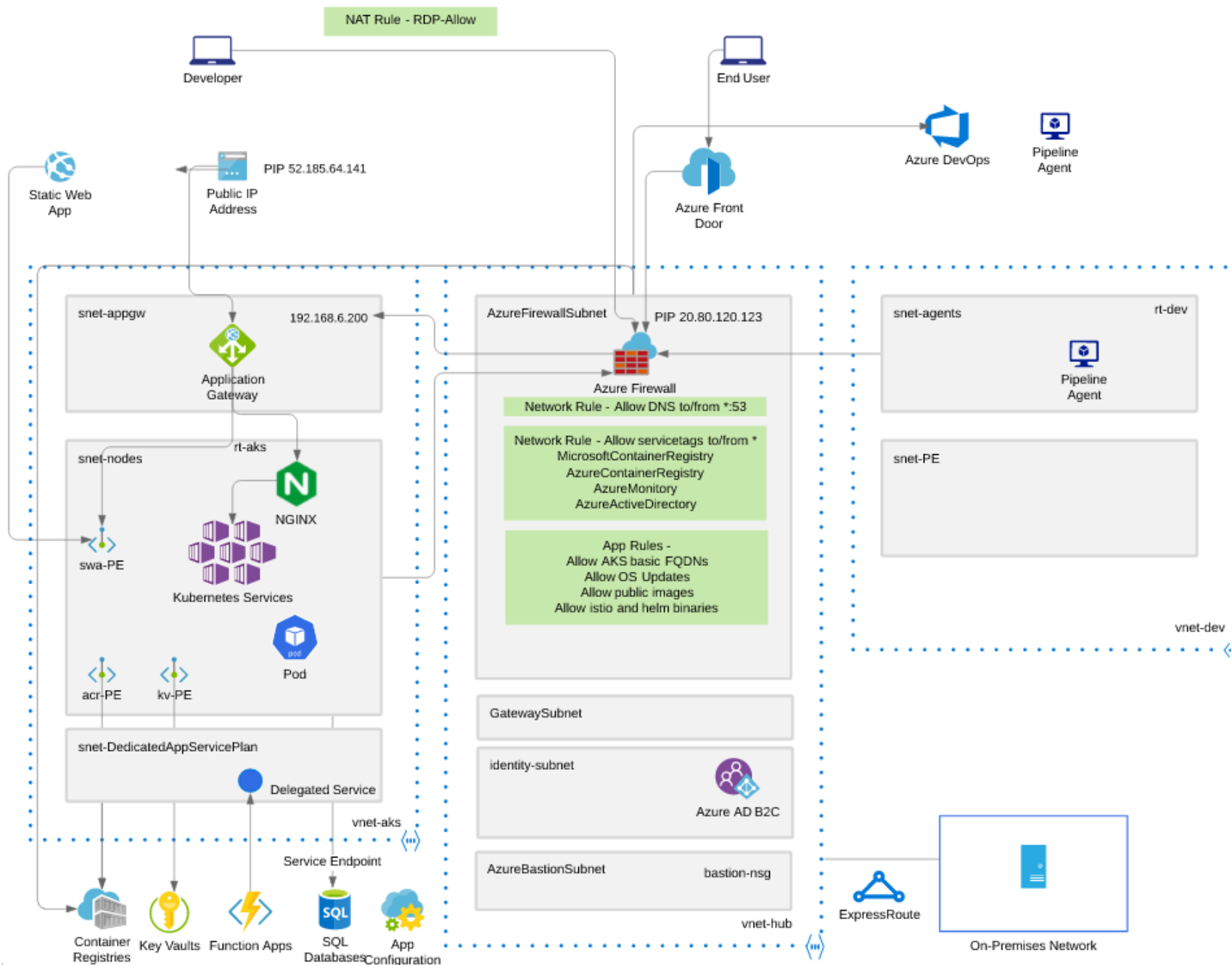
WHY USE AZURE KUBERNETES SERVICE (AKS)?

- **What is AKS?**

- AKS (Azure Kubernetes Service) – Managed Kubernetes Service
 - You don't worry about underlying servers
 - You also don't pay for the management servers
- Control Plane - nodes that provide the core Kubernetes services and orchestration of application workloads
- Nodes - Run your workloads




AKS



DEMO

- AKS Deployment
- [AKS Construction helper \(azure.github.io\)](https://azure.github.io/aks-construction-helper/)

 **AKS Construction helper** Documentation and CI/CD samples are in the [GitHub Repository](https://github.com/Azure/aks-construction-helper).

 Principle driven ▾

Operations Principles

☐ Simplest bare-bones cluster



Just Kubernetes please, I will make decisions later

☐ I prefer control & community open source solutions



Use proven, open source projects for my Kubernetes operational environment, and self-manage my clusters upgrades and scaling

- Manual Upgrades
- Manual Scaling
- Contour Ingress ([docs](#))
- Prometheus/Grafana Monitoring ([docs](#))
- DockerHub container registry

☒ I want a managed environment



I'd like my cluster to be auto-managed by Azure for upgrades and scaling, and use Azure provided managed addons to create an full

- Cluster auto-scaler ([docs](#))
- Cluster auto-upgrades ([docs](#))
- Azure Monitor for Containers ([docs](#))
- Azure Container Registry
- Azure AppGateway Ingress ([docs](#))

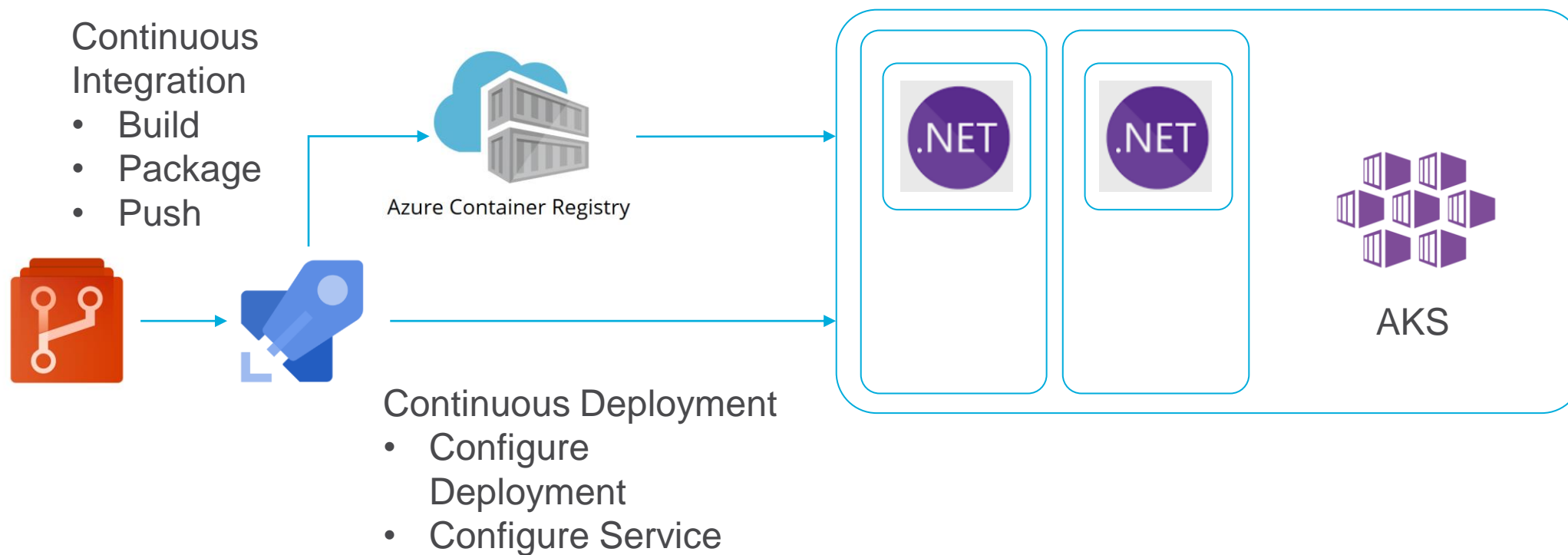
Security Principles

☐ Simple cluster with no additional

☒ Cluster with additional security controls

☐ Private cluster with isolating

AKS APPLICATION PIPELINES



DEMO

- weather-api AKS pipeline

LINKS

- **Kubernetes Cheat Sheet**

- https://linuxacademy.com/site-content/uploads/2019/04/Kubernetes-Cheat-Sheet_07182019.pdf

- **Hands On Labs**

- <https://aksworkshop.io/>
- <https://kubesec.aksworkshop.io/> (some items in lab are outdated)

- **Azure Pipelines HOL**

- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/modules/deploy-kubernetes/>

- **Dapr**

- <https://dapr.io/>

QUESTIONS?