
Cloud Infrastructures for Big Data Platforms

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Note:

This is not a cloud computing lecture but how cloud computing is important for big data platforms

Learning objectives

- Understand key cloud technologies
- Understand how cloud technologies empower big data platforms
- Understand cloud technologies enable us to acquire, utilize and manage resources for big data platforms

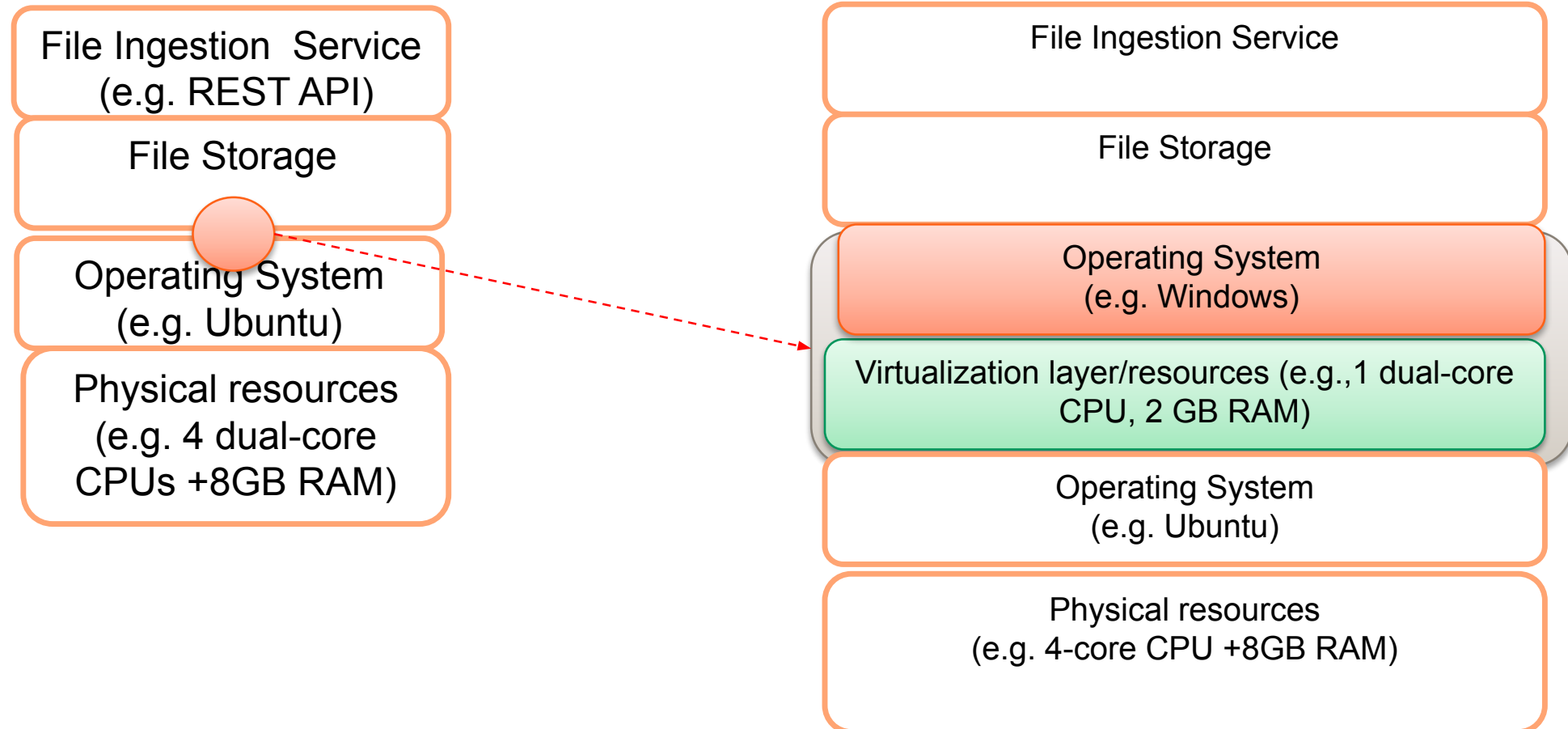
Service Model

- Services offer well-defined interfaces for
 - **access** resources: data, things, machines, and people
 - **provide** functions: ingestion, computation, sensing, analytics, inferences, etc.
 - **offer** diverse service level agreements (SLAs) for different types of business models (e.g., pay-per-use and subscription)
- Services are
 - characterized by scalability, reliability, elasticity, etc.
 - provisioned in distributed systems of IoT, edge, cloud and HPC infrastructures, possibly a combination of different types of systems

Virtualization

- Virtualization
 - abstracts low-level compute, data and network resources to create *virtual version* of these resources
 - virtualization software creates and manages “virtual resources” isolated from physical resources
- Virtualization is a powerful concept
 - we can apply virtualization techniques virtually for everything!

Virtualizing physical resources



Main types of virtualization of infrastructures

- Compute resource virtualization
 - compute resources: CPU/GPU, memory, I/O, disks, etc.
 - “virtual machines”/containers
- Storage virtualization
 - resources: storage devices, hard disks, etc.
 - for usage and management of data storage
- Network Function virtualization
 - network resources: network equipment & functions
 - dynamically provision and manage network functions

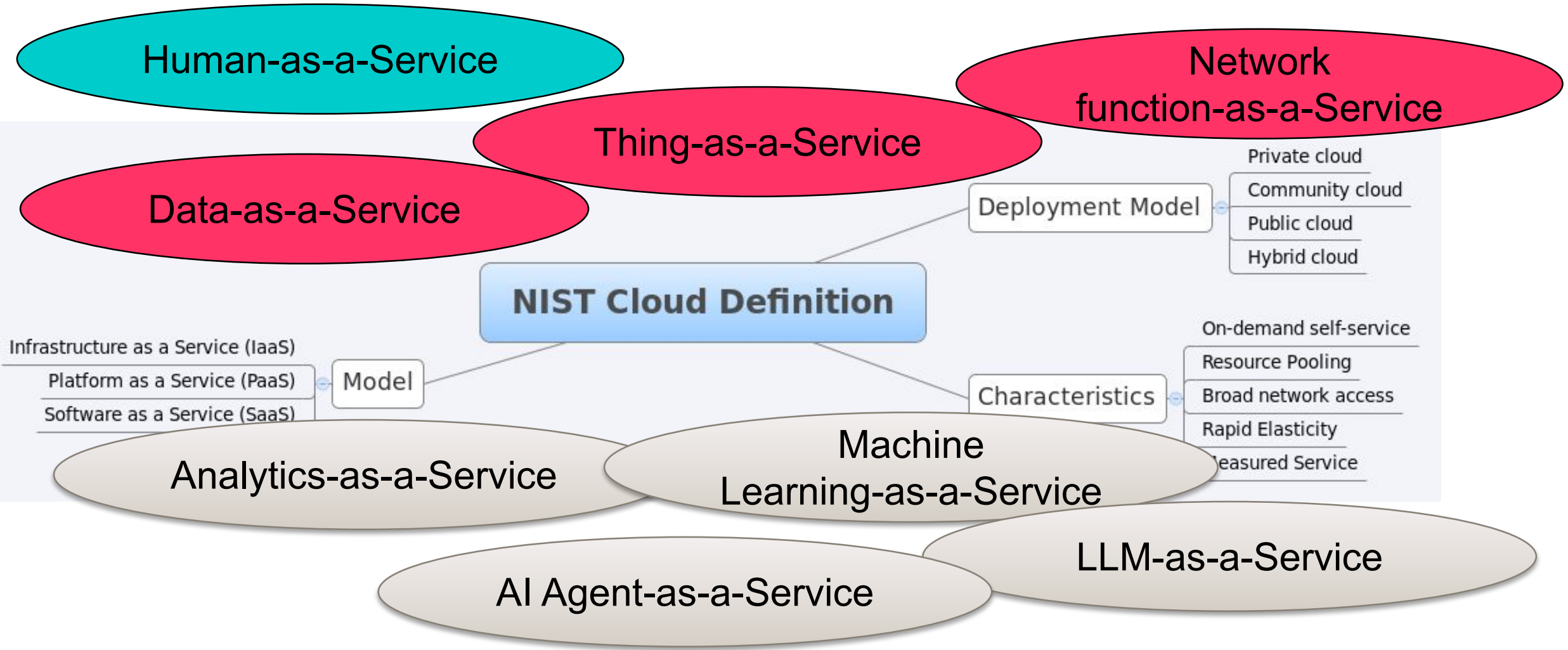
Cloud Computing

Original definition from NIST

“This cloud model promotes availability and is composed of five essential characteristics, three service models, and four deployment models.”

Source: NIST Definition of Cloud Computing v15, <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/SNS/cloud-computing/cloud-def-v15.doc>

Cloud Computing



Cloud computing principles

- “Cloud”
 - not just data centers or public cloud infrastructures
- For big data platforms: we need the “cloud mindset”
 - apply cloud principles for developing and operating big data platforms
 - big data platforms can be in on-premise infrastructures empowered with cloud technologies!
 - part of the big data platforms can be in the edge with similar technologies, such as microservices and Kubernetes
 - both **multicloud** and **hybrid cloud** systems can be used

Compute resource virtualization technologies

- Physical compute resources for big data platforms
 - individual physical hosts/servers (CPU, memory, I/O)
 - clusters, supercomputer, and data centers
- At the low-level: two main streams
 - hypervisor/Virtual Machine monitor
 - **Virtual machines** (VirtualBox, VMWare, Zen, etc.)
 - containerization
 - **Containers** (Linux Containers, Docker, Warden Container, OpenVZ, OCI based containers, etc.)

Virtual infrastructural resources for big data platforms

- For big data platforms: we leverage clusters/infrastructures of VMs/containers
 - computing resources for core services and data
 - e.g., data storage, data ingestion, data processing, and messaging
- On-demand resources for large-scale deployments
 - compute nodes, storage, communication, etc.
 - virtual data centers work like a single distributed system
- On-demand resources for elastic workload
 - e.g., for data ingestion and analytics tasks

Example: OpenStack

- A Big Data Platform can be built based on OpenStack (or similar)-based data center

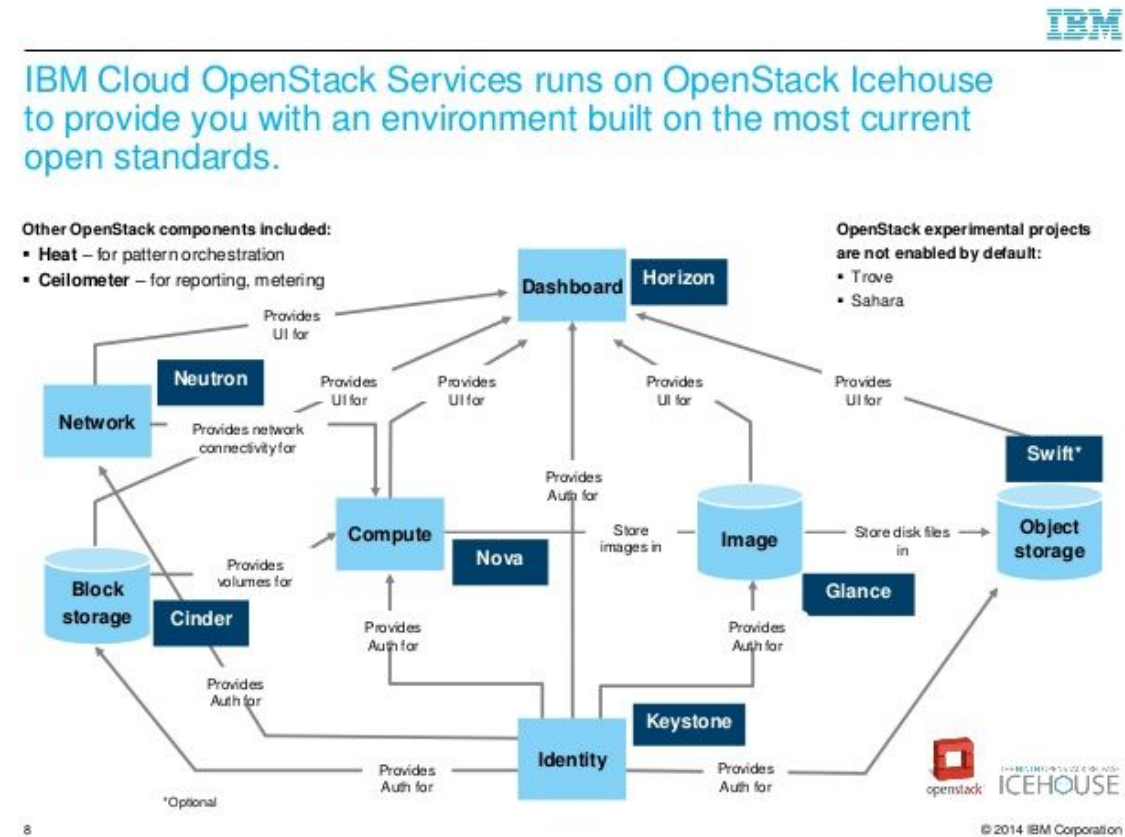


Figure source: http://www.slideshare.net/OpenStack_Online/ibm-cloud-open-stack-services

Example: Kubernetes

- Support Docker, rkt, runc, etc.
- Act as a resource orchestration and management for big data platforms

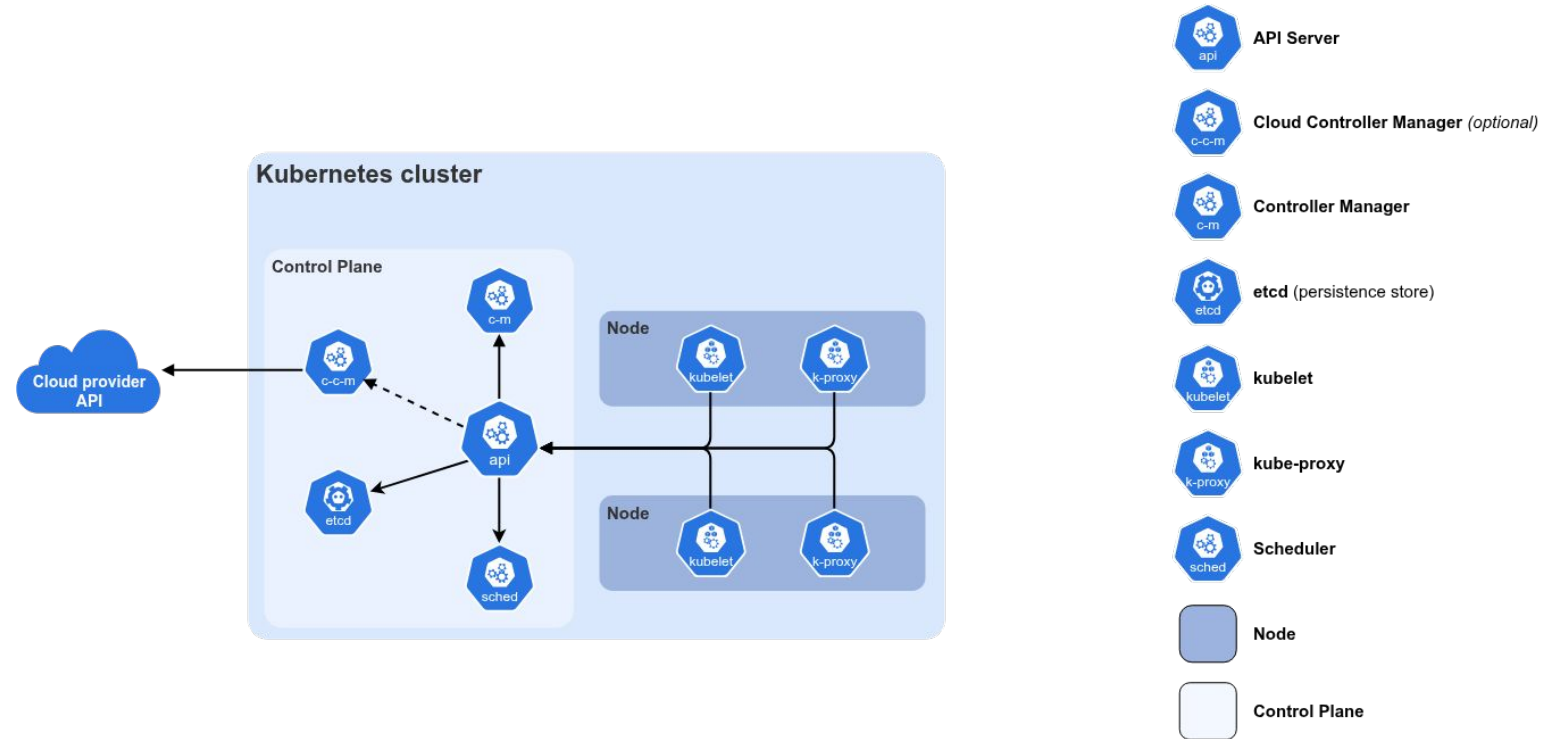


Figure source: <https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/architecture/cloud-controller/>

Example: storage virtualization

- Low-level storage
 - e.g., VMware Virtual Machine File Systems
- High-level, e.g., database
 - MySQL Cluster + auto-sharding
- Can be used as the Data Storage layer for Data Lake or Data Services

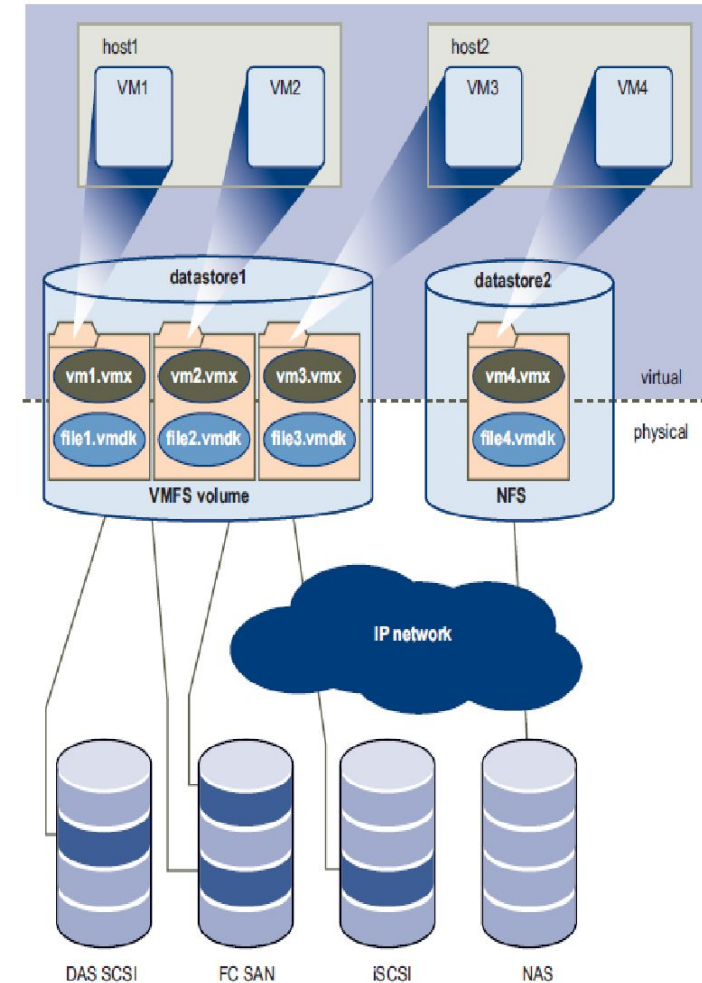


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https://www.vmware.com/pdf/vi_architecture_wp.pdf

#1: Enabling managed services

Where do we use cloud?

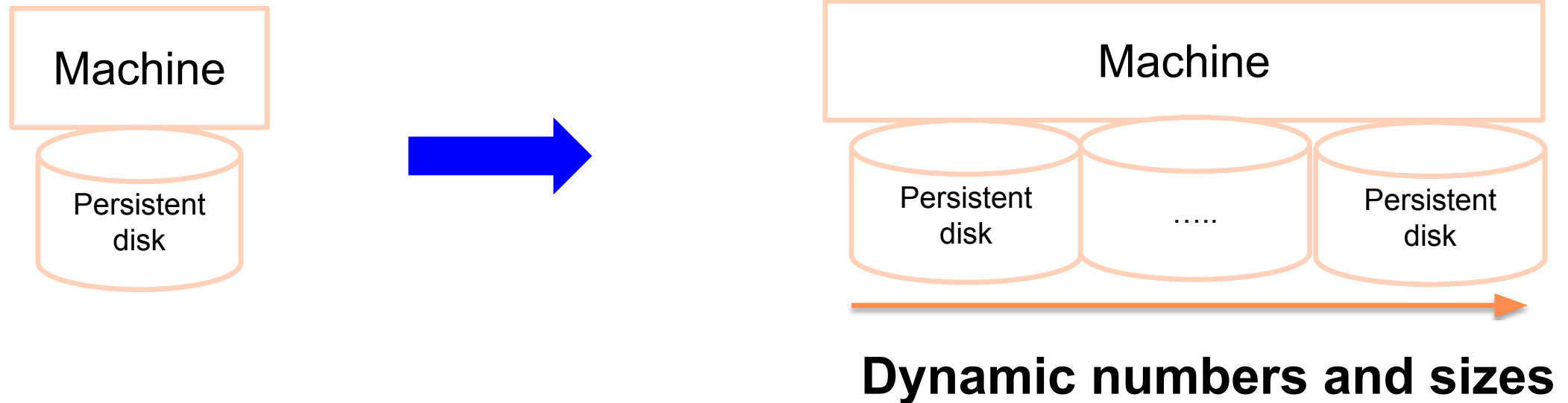
- Complete stack
 - Compute nodes and data nodes
 - Many other services
- Data Storage
 - Powerful, shared data storages
 - Kept results or common data
 - Coupling with computing
- Computing platform
 - Using only-demand powerful computing
 - burst analysis, on-demand analysis
 - Host platform services

Many options for resource provisioning in big data platforms

- Managing *infrastructural resources* for big data platforms must be easier with virtualization
 - different types of storage: block storage and file storage
 - many CPU/memory configurations: single core to many cores
 - suitable for different workloads
- Different SLA offerings
 - reliability, security, performance, maintainability ...
- Elasticity
- Globalization support: important for many businesses
 - design with multiple clouds and hybrid clouds

On-demand storage provisioning

Big data requires big storage which can be changed on-demand!



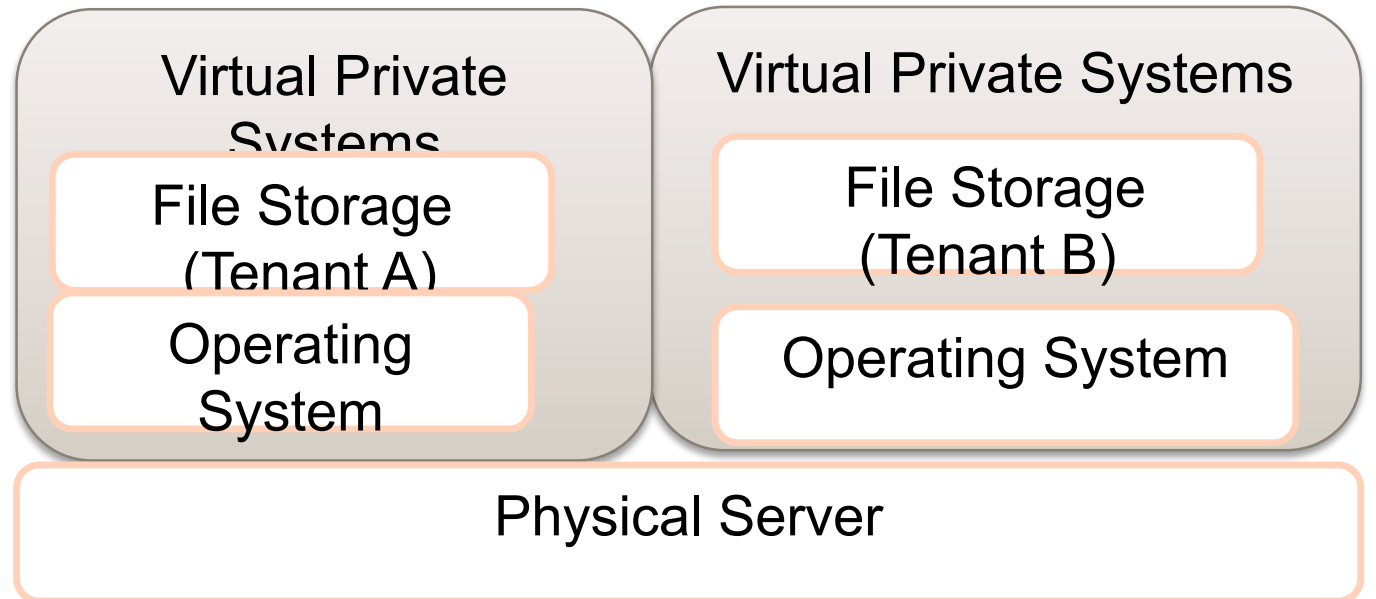
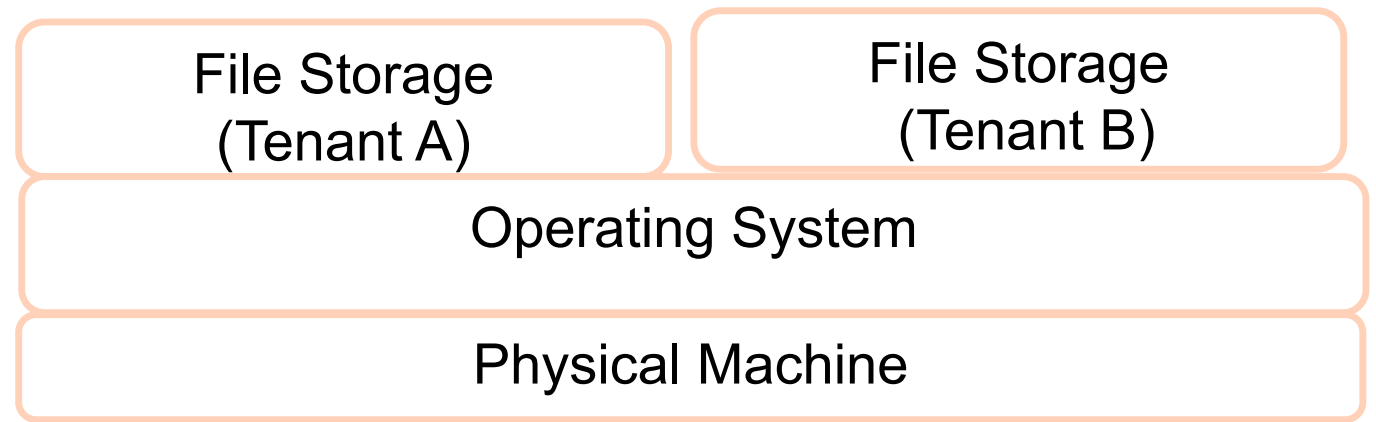
- **Examples of dynamic configurations:**
 - Google persistent disks: different types of disks, can have 128 disks and max 257 TiB for a single VM

Flexible computing capabilities

- Different workloads and programming models in big data platforms need flexible computing resource provisioning
 - Storage, Data Ingestion, and Analysis
- Examples
 - small data ingestion/analysis jobs
 - with pandas, DuckDB, scikit-learn (few cores)
 - large-scale MapReduce/Spark \Rightarrow clusters of VMs/containers
 - Machine Learning with TensorFlow \Rightarrow TPU (Tensor Processing Unit)
- Cloud technologies easily enable different computing capability configurations

Security improvement

- Tenant's service isolation while platforms support multiple tenants
- Virtual private instances for security and performance of tenant's data!



#2: Achieving fault tolerance, performance and elasticity

Single-leader replication architecture

Passive (Primary backup) model:

- FE (Front-end) can interface to a Replication Manager (RM) to serve requests from clients.
- E.g., in MongoDB

For causal consistency

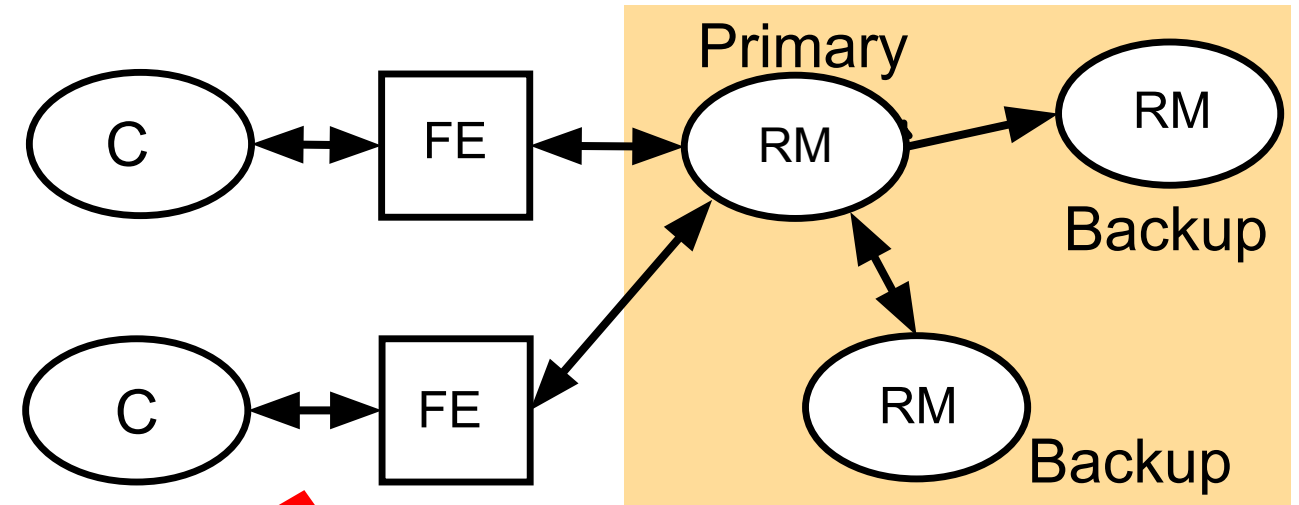


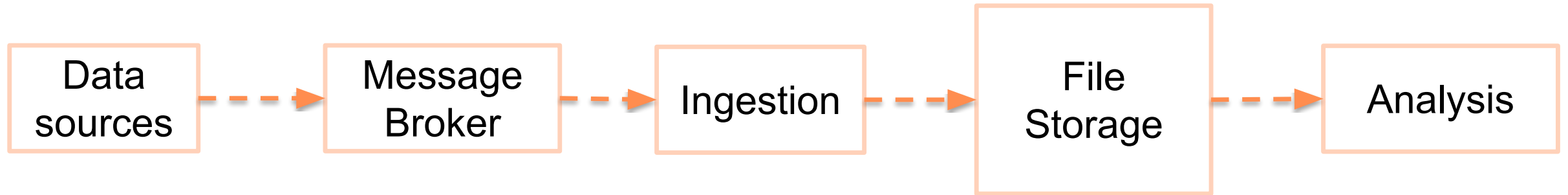
Figure source: Coulouris, Dollimore, Kindberg and Blair, Distributed Systems: Concepts and Design Edn. 5

Replica set: easy to deploy, globalize, manage and replace using cloud resources

High availability and performance

- Cost/optimization
 - elasticity, hot deployment, etc.
 - cloud bursting with hybrid cloud (combining private/on-premise + public resources)
 - edge-cloud continuum
- Improving service performance in incident management
 - e.g., spend time to fix a machine or just quickly relaunch a new one (and fix the old one later) ?

Scaling in every place of the data pipelines

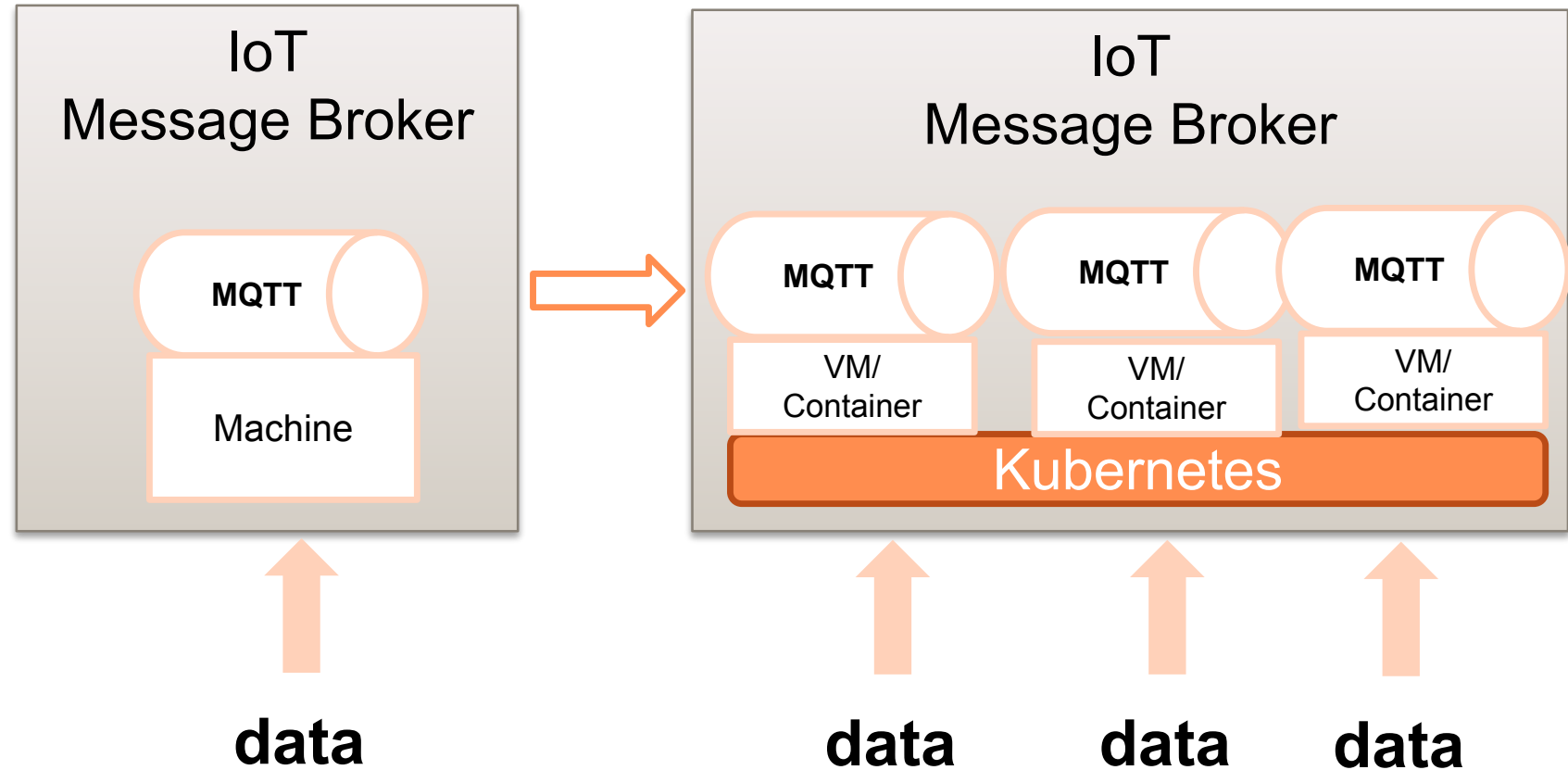


- Scaling
 - disk spaces for file storage
 - resources for data ingestion
 - resources for data analysis

**Happen at
different times
and locations**

Scaling middleware nodes

- Increase the number of brokers when more data arrive
- Provide dedicated brokers on-demand



Example: scaling compute nodes for data analysis

MonitoringJobsVM InstancesConfigurationWeb Interfaces

Name	Role
✓ thebasecluster-m	Master
✓ thebasecluster-w-0	Worker
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✓ thebasecluster-w-3	Worker

Equivalent REST

4 nodes

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✓ thebasecluster-w-5	Worker

6 nodes

On-demand change

Name	thebasecluster
Region	europe-north1
Zone	europe-north1-a
Autoscaling	Off
Scheduled deletion	Off
Enhanced flexibility mode	Off
Master node	Standard (1 master, N workers)
Machine type	n1-standard-2 (2 vCPU, 7.50 GB memory)
Primary disk type	pd-standard
Primary disk size	500 GB
Worker nodes	6
Machine type	n1-standard-1 (1 vCPU, 3.75 GB memory)

#3: Living in the world of Microservices, DevOps and DataOps

Microservices

- Many components for data storage, data processing and ingestion
 - microservices can be used to design components of big data platforms
 - in particular: services serving data requests and services for storing data in the platform
- Big data platforms provide features for other microservices

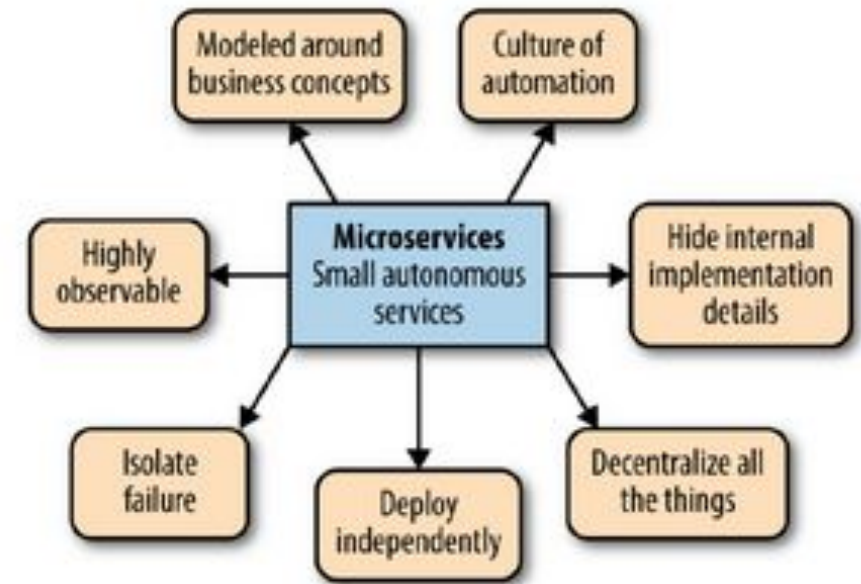


Figure source: Sam Newman, Building Microservices, 2015

Examples

Microservices for both services using big data platforms and components of data platforms

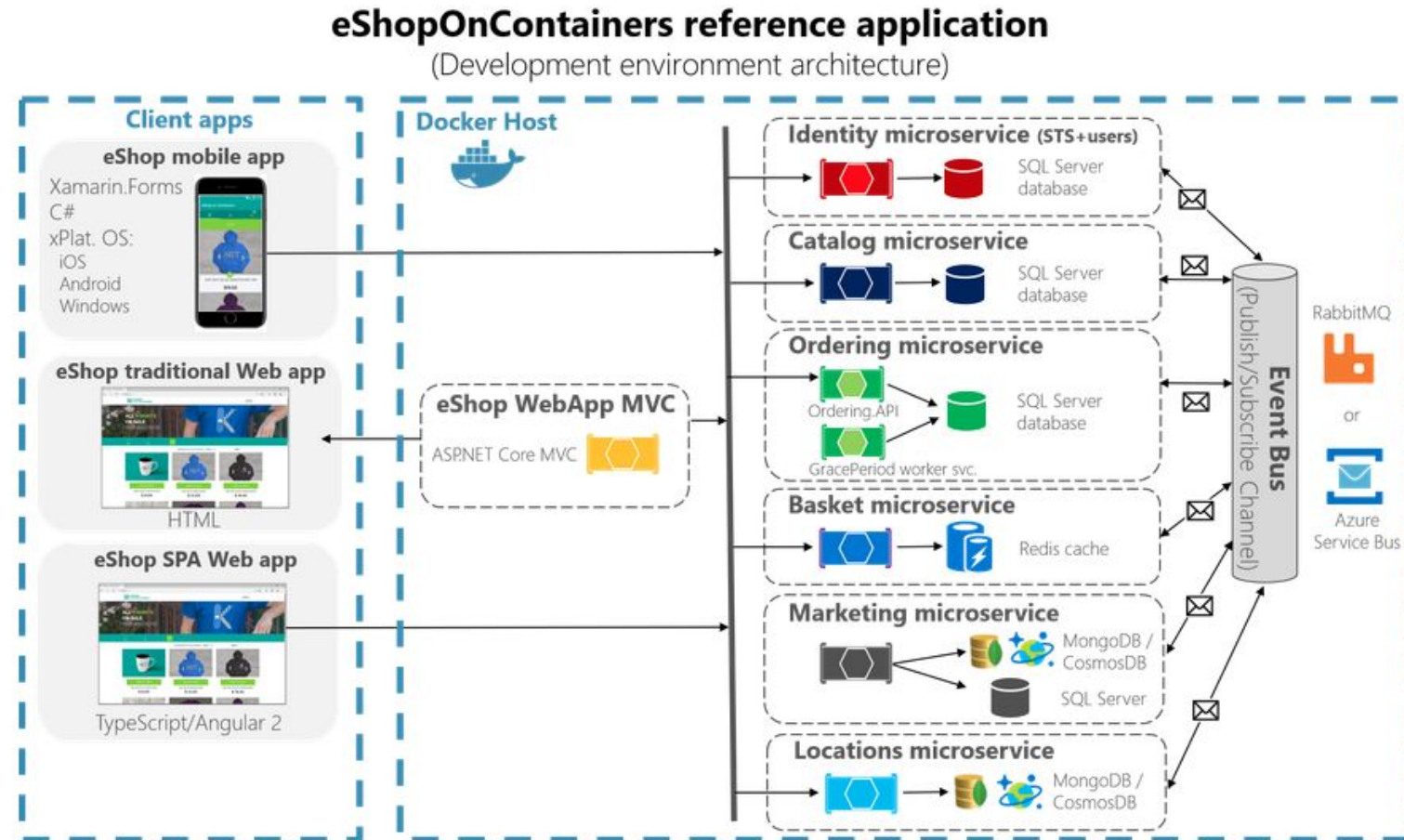


Figure source:

<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/dotnet/2017/08/02/microservices-and-docker-containers-architecture-patterns-and-development-guidance/>

DevOps

- Close the gap between development/test environment and real/production environments
- Simplify testing, emulating real environments, etc.
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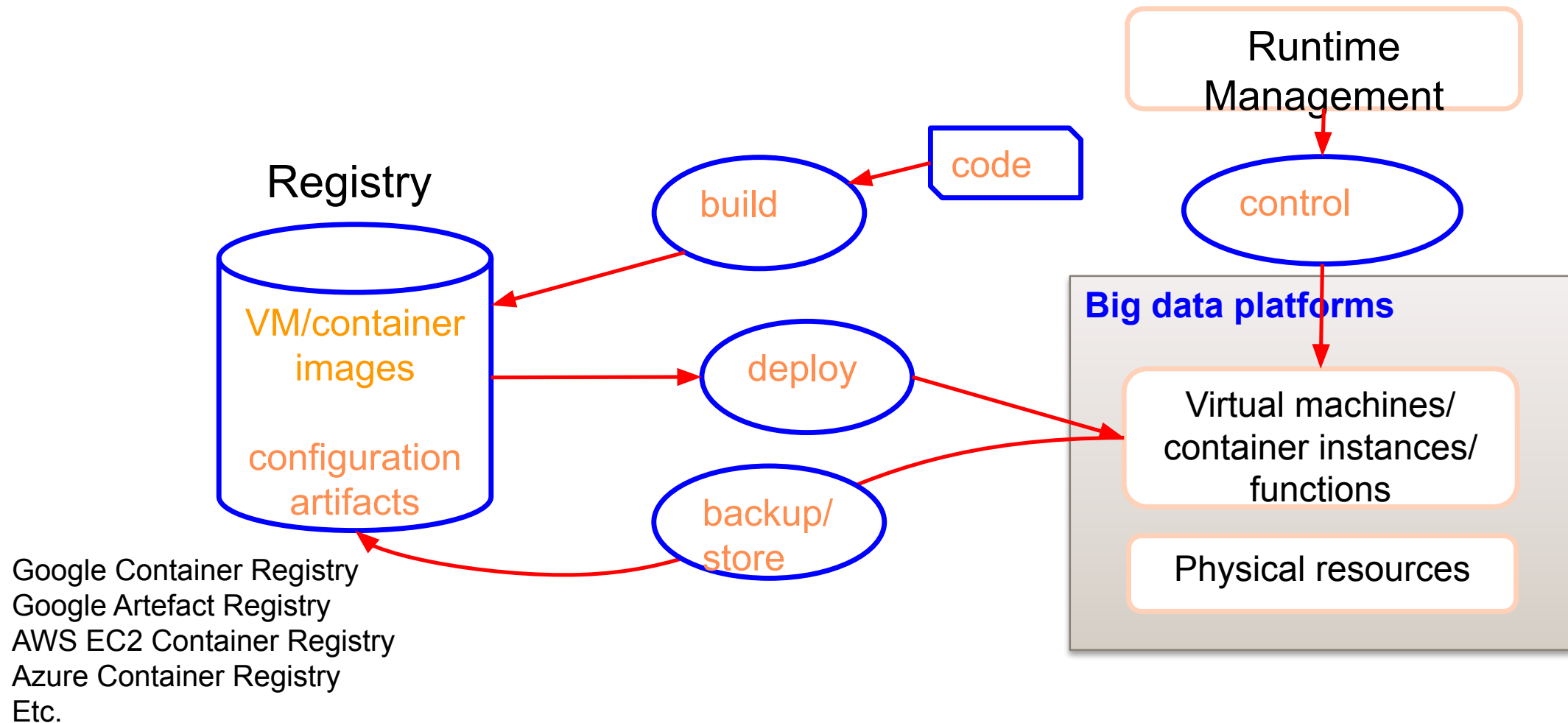
DevOps for big data platforms are part of software systems under DevOps. However, many tasks have to deal with requirements from big data analytics and services!

For example: testing a data pipeline (data intensive test cases) != testing an integrated set of software components

**Tools and frameworks and providers for
infrastructural resources provisioning and
service deployment:**

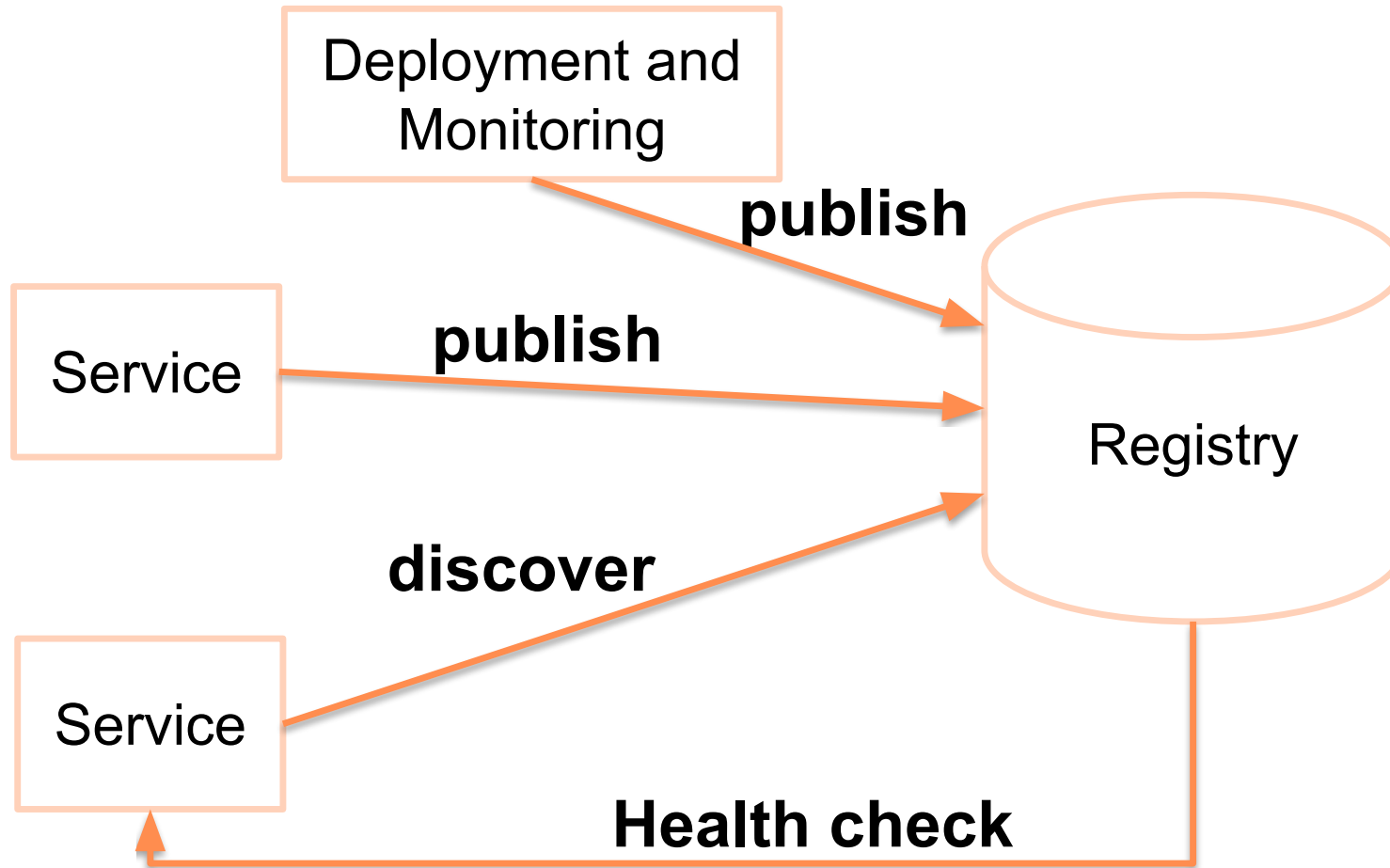
**Chef, Vagrant, Terraform, Amazon, Google,
Microsoft, OpenStack, OpenShift, ...**

Provisioning and management of platforms components



#4: Service Discovery

Service Discovery principle



- Key requirements
 - fast
 - consistent
 - secure
 - cross data centers
 - simple APIs

In big data platforms

- Discovery data services as well as computing services
 - e.g., which analytics services or workflow services
- Discovery of data via metadata management services
 - e.g., metadata about files, datasets, ...

Distributed coordination

- A lot of algorithms, etc.
 - Paxos family
- Well-known in the cloud

Notes from the paper: “server replication (SR), log replication (LR), synchronization service (SS), barrier orchestration (BO), service discovery (SD), group membership (GM), leader election (LE), metadata management (MM) and distributed queues (Q)”

TABLE 4. PATTERNS OF PAXOS USE IN PROJECTS

Project	Consensus System	Usage Patterns								
		SR	LR	SS	BO	SD	GM	LE	MM	Q
GFS	Chubby			✓				✓	✓	
Borg	Chubby/Paxos	✓				✓		✓		
Kubernetes	etcd						✓		✓	
Megastore	Paxos		✓							
Spanner	Paxos	✓								
Bigtable	Chubby						✓	✓	✓	
Hadoop/HDFS	ZooKeeper	✓						✓		
HBase	ZooKeeper	✓		✓			✓		✓	
Hive	ZooKeeper			✓					✓	
Configurator	Zeus								✓	
Cassandra	ZooKeeper					✓		✓	✓	
Accumulo	ZooKeeper		✓	✓					✓	
BookKeeper	ZooKeeper						✓		✓	
Hedwig	ZooKeeper						✓		✓	
Kafka	ZooKeeper						✓	✓	✓	
Solr	ZooKeeper							✓	✓	✓
Giraph	ZooKeeper		✓		✓				✓	
Hama	ZooKeeper				✓					
Mesos	ZooKeeper							✓		
CoreOS	etcd					✓				
OpenStack	ZooKeeper					✓				
Neo4j	ZooKeeper			✓				✓		

Source: Ailidani Ailijiang, Aleksey Charapko and Murat Demirbasz , Consensus in the Cloud: Paxos Systems Demystified, <http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/tech-reports/2016-02.pdf>

Technology choices: ZooKeeper

- <https://zookeeper.apache.org/>
- Support service discovery, configuration information and distributed synchronization
- Centralized registry service
- Data is organized into a shared hierarchical name space
 - small data size
- Highly available and reliable

ZooKeeper Service

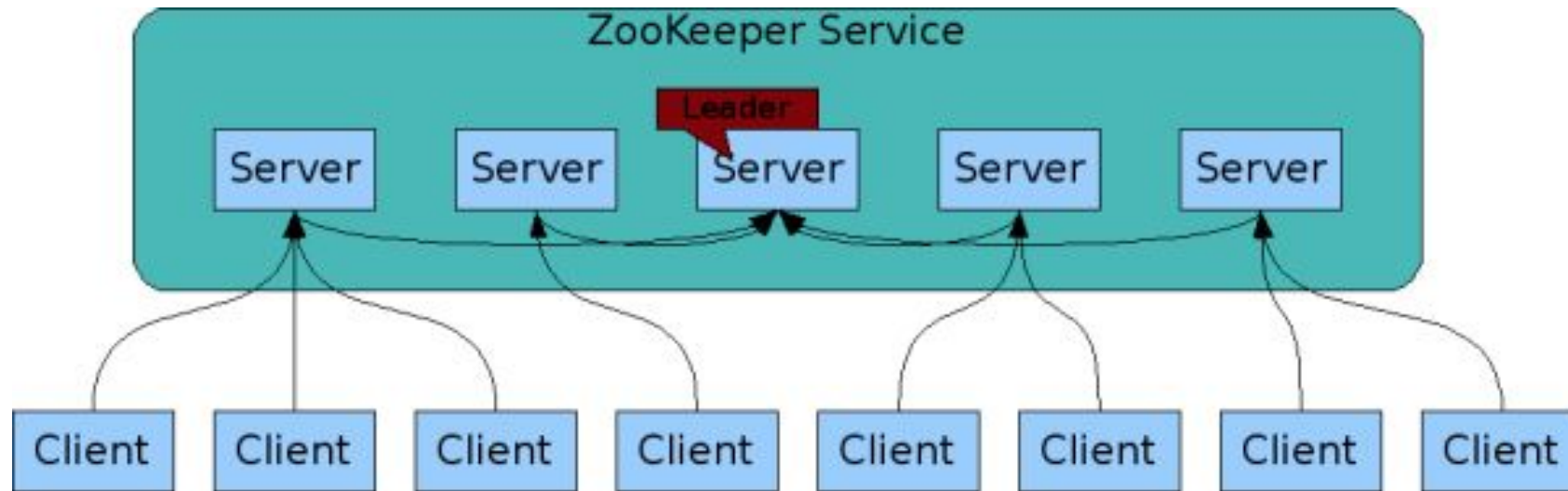


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ZooKeeper data -- znodes

- Data nodes called znodes
- Missing data in a znode \Rightarrow problems znode represents
- Persistent znode
 - /path deleted only through a delete call
- Ephemeral znode, deleted when
 - the client created it crashed
 - session expired

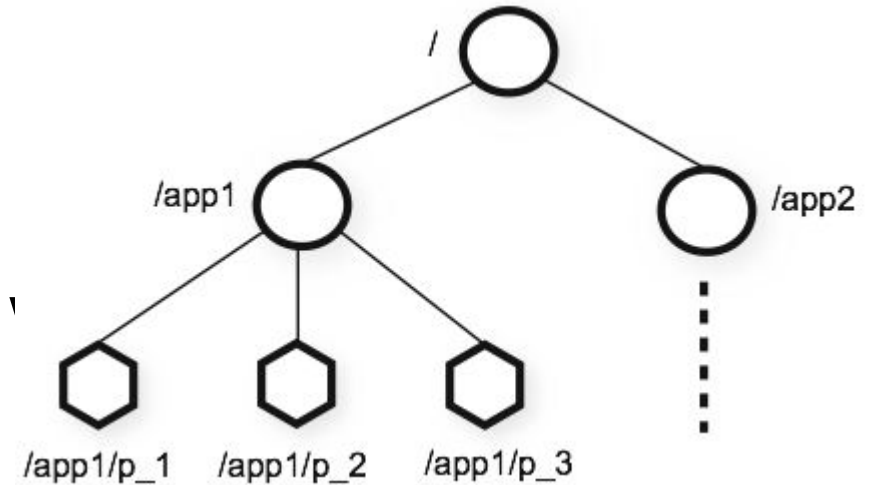


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Technology choices: Consul

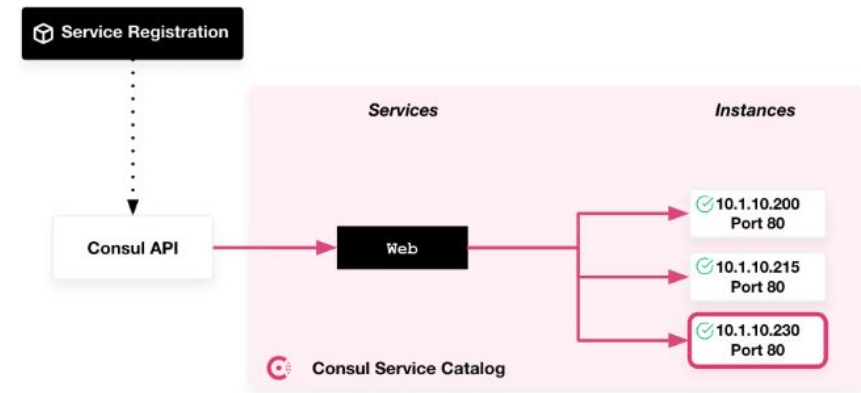


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- <https://www.consul.io>
- Cross data centers
- End-to-end service discovery
 - include health check

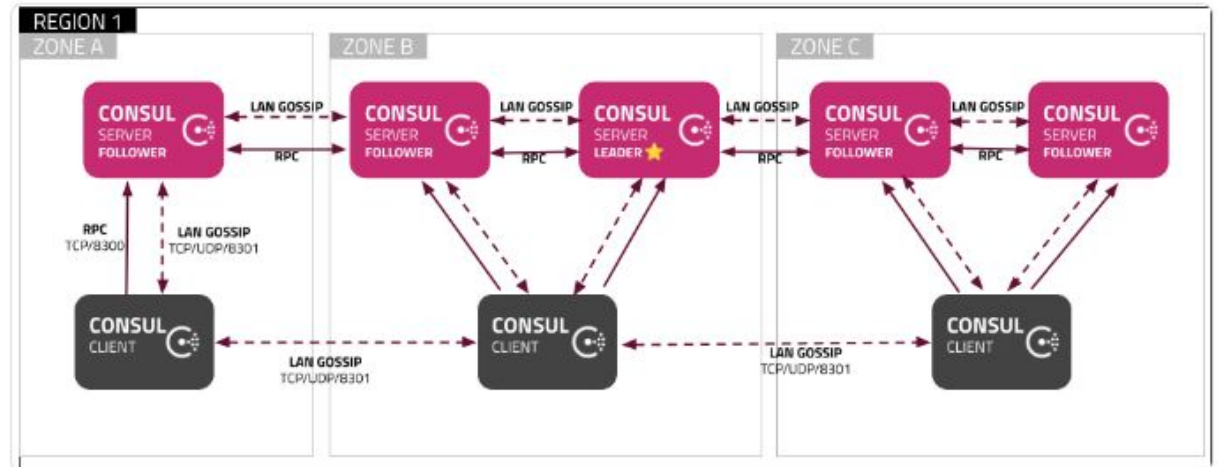


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Technology choices: etcd

- Consistent, distributed key-value store
- Allow monitor changes of keys/directories
 - enable reactive actions based on changes
- Widely used for
 - service discovery and state/configuration management
 - distributed key locking
 - e.g. in Kubernetes

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