

#5 - Computing and Computing at Scale



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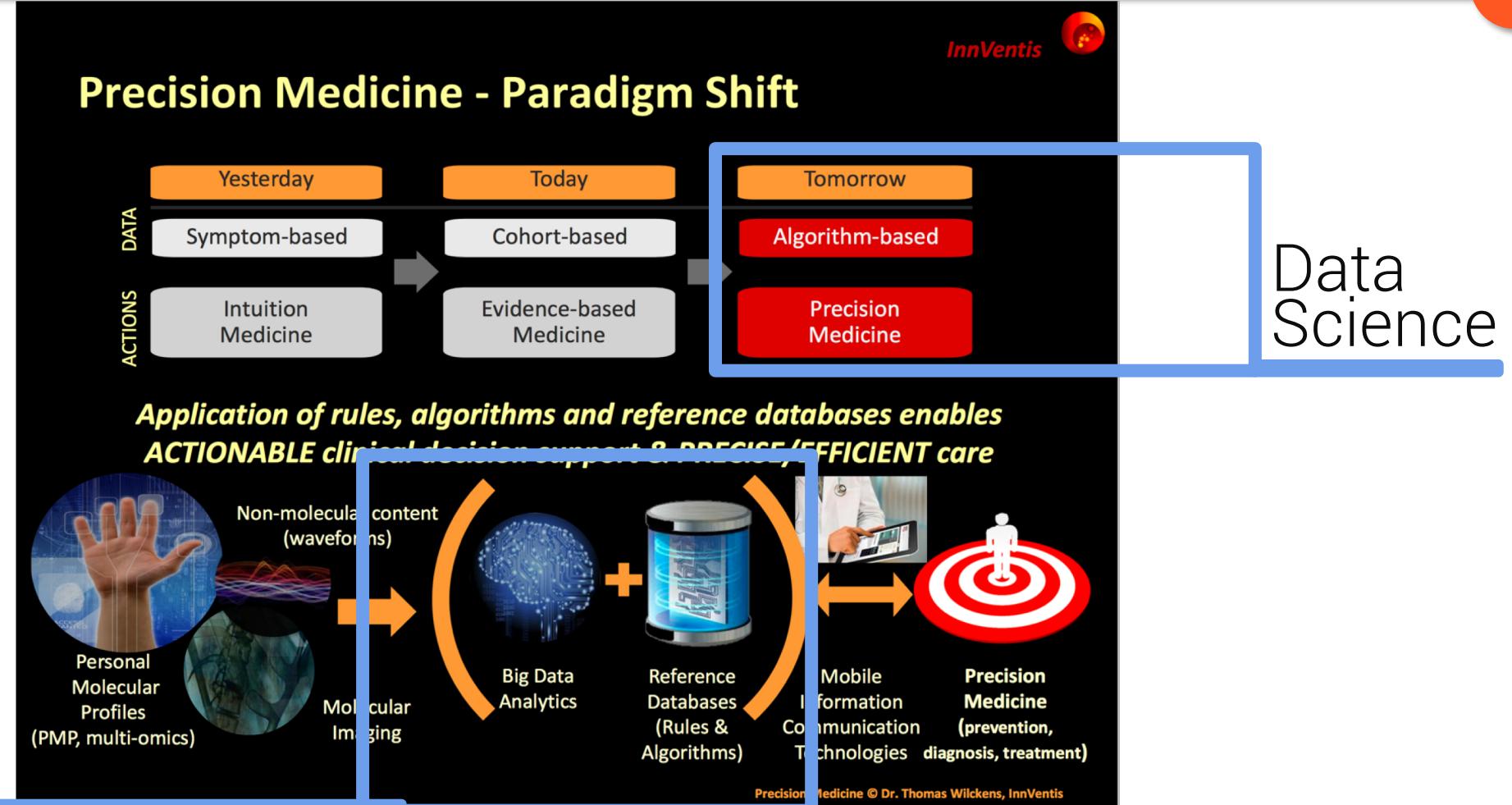


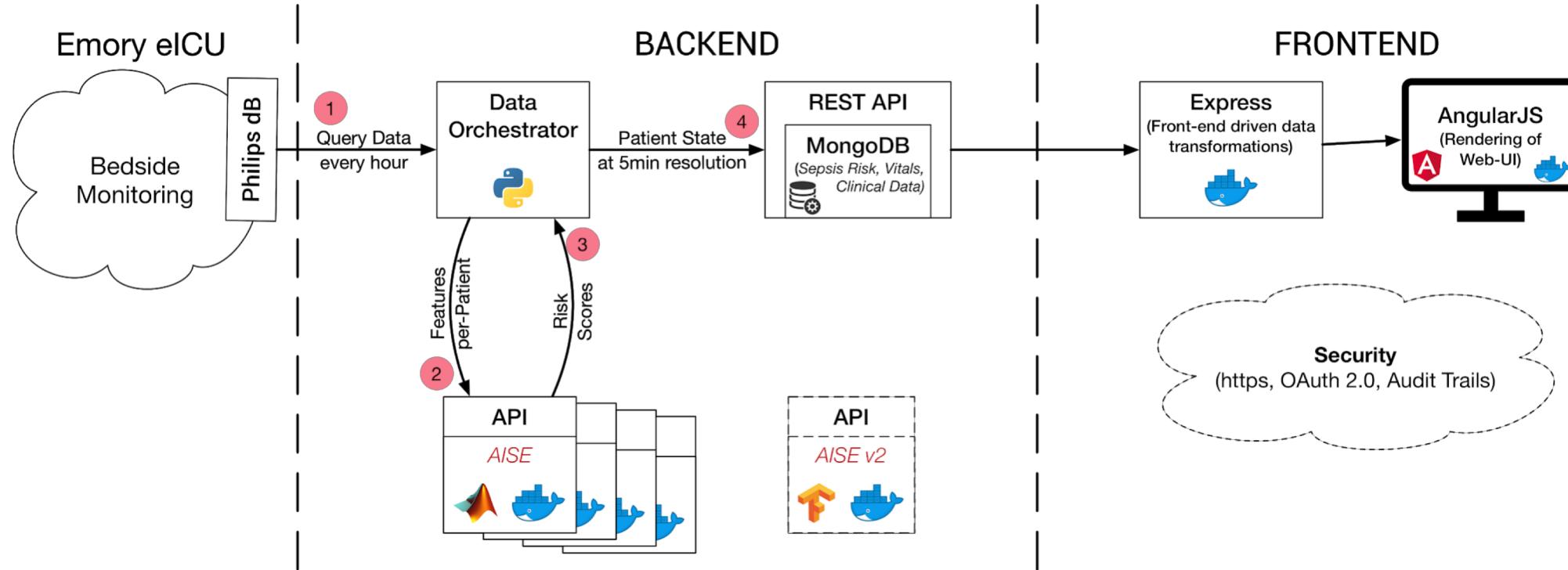
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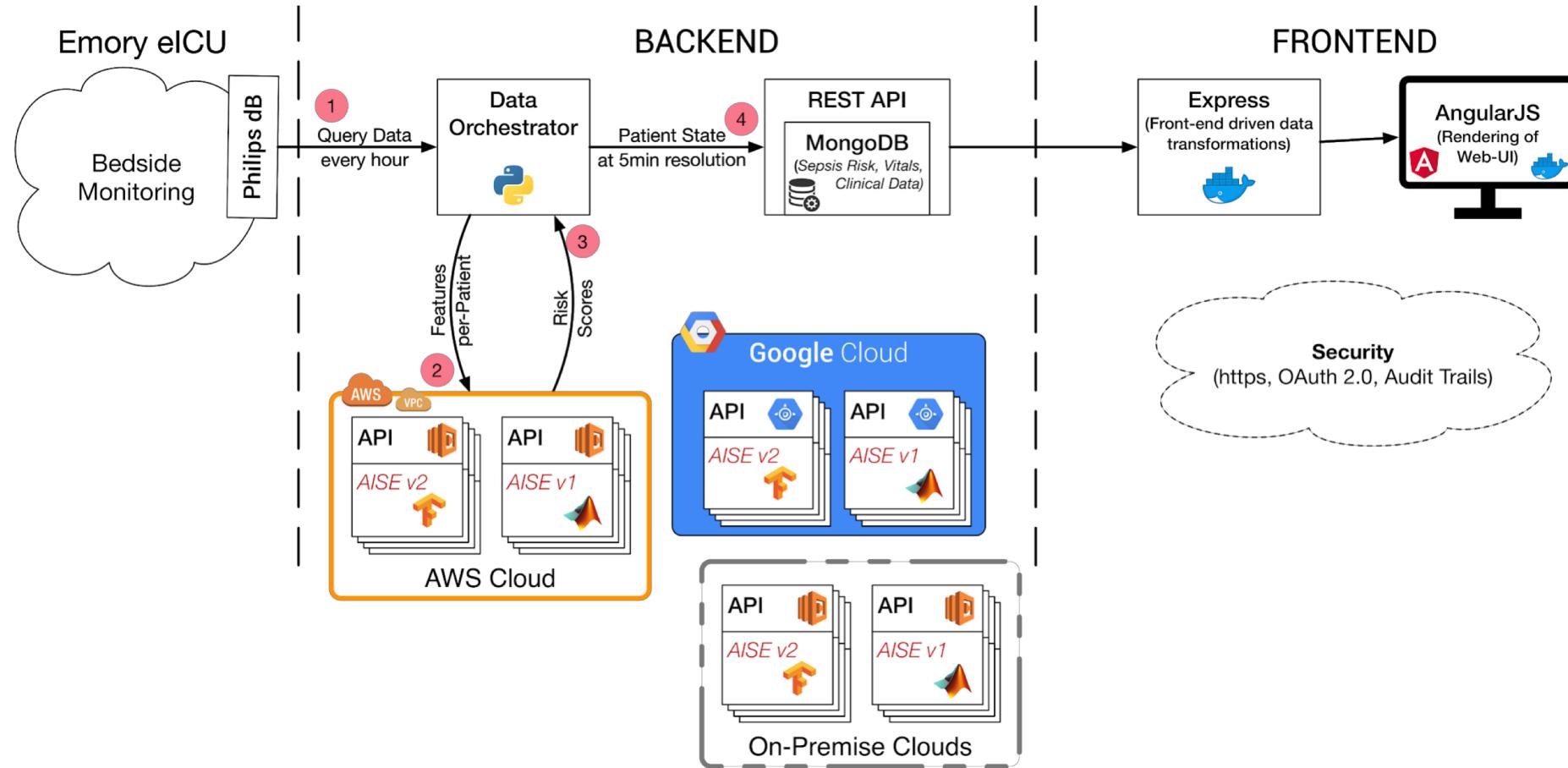
How do **Data Sci. & Engg.** enable Precision Medicine ?

Algorithms
Data Engineering





- ✓ Real-time Data Streams
- ✓ Easy to test and maintain
- ✓ Easier to upgrade *AISE*
- ✓ Time series view of data simplifies UI Interactions
- ✓ Secure
 - *AISE* deployment is not elastic
 - No-automatic failovers
 - Hard to deploy multiple algorithms



- Depend AWS/Google Services for Scalability and Recovery from Failure
 - Deployed AISE on AWS Lambda and Google App Engine
- Rapid Deployment < 1day
- Also speeds up model development by allowing prototyping at with real-world constraints

Next Steps



Cloud Service Model

Pizza-as-a-Service

DIY vs. Take-n-Bake vs. Delivery vs. Pizzeria

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On-Premises

Applications

Middleware

Operating System

Storage Networking

Computing

Platform-as-a-Service(PaaS)aS

Applications

Middleware

Operating System

Storage Networking

Computing

You Manage

Cloud Based



Using the Cloud

(IaaS/PaaS/SaaS)

Cloud computing is a set of managed **resources** and **services**

- Computing cycles
- Storage systems of varying capability and cost
- Data management systems (*Databases*)
- ML, AI Capabilities as managed services
- Security, Networking and other System services

Pay-per-use (on-demand, shared, rapid provisioning)

Today: Computing Resources & Systems



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Cloud Computing

When does it make sense?

- Fixed Big Machines vs. On-Demand Computing
- Loads:
 - Embarrassingly parallel
 - CPU heavy or Memory heavy
 - Needs GPUs
- Things to consider (Cost)
 - Storage
 - Storage Latency
 - Transfer of data from cloud



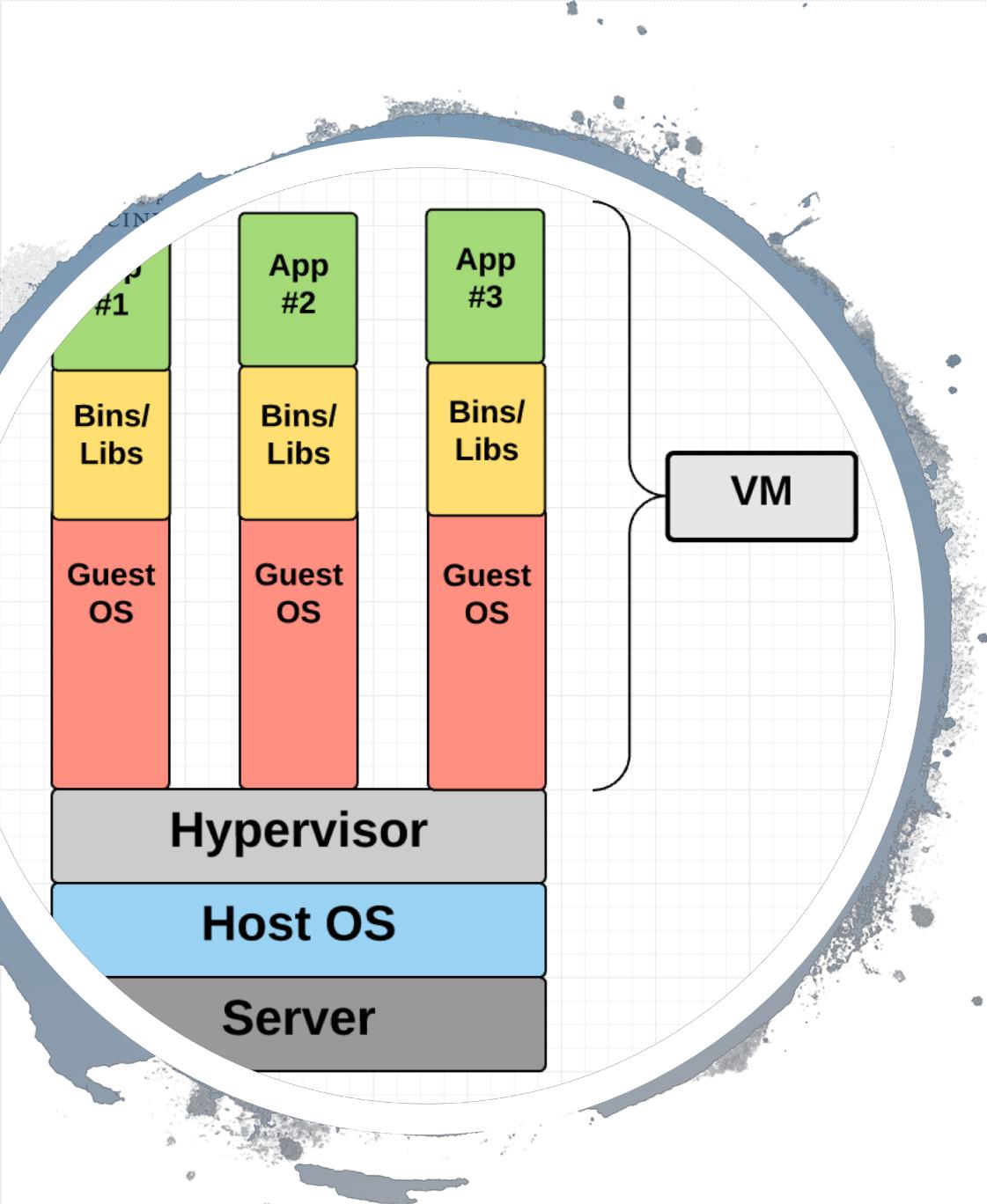
Today's Outline

Virtual Machines

Containerization

Serverless

Virtualization



Regular Machines: Multiple programs share HW resources. Operating System (OS) manages HW resources amongst programs.

Virtual Machine: A Hypervisor helps share resources between machines (VMs)

VMs → Share hardware

Each VM → Own OS

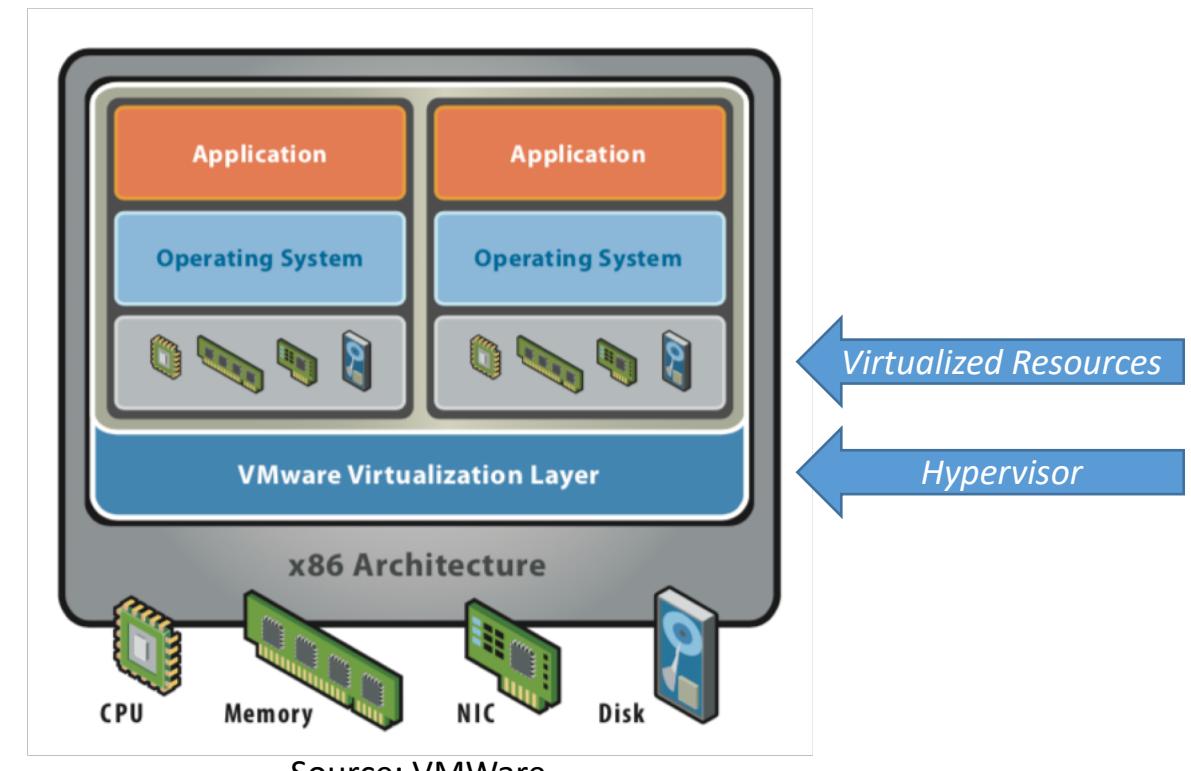


Hypervisor

Virtual Machine → OS on top of **virtualized**
CPU, RAM... (via Hypervisor)

== Software/Hardware/Firmware.

- VMs run on a Hypervisor
- Hypervisor runs on the Guest Machine
- Hypervisor provides VM with resources (CPU, RAM, Disk, Net, GPU)



Source: VMWare



Hypervisor (Hosted vs. Bare-Metal)

- Hosted: Software that runs on OS
 - VMWare Player, Fusion, Workstation; VirtualBox; Parallels
 - Underlying hardware is less important. So VM is portable
 - *Move VM from Mac to PC to Linux*
 - Performance is lowered
- Bare-Metal: Runs **natively** on hardware.
 - VMWare ESX; Xen...
 - Underlying hardware is important so portability is sacrificed.
 - Performance, Stability and Scalability improves because hypervisor interfaces directly with underlying resources

Containers



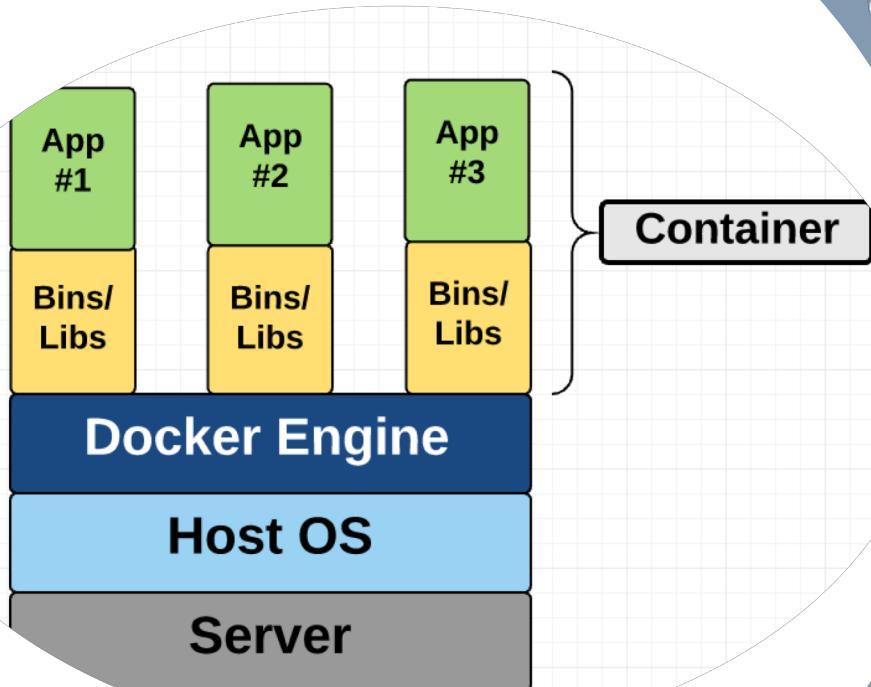
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Looks like a VM, but shares the OS.
Inside a container, what you see is a fully functional OS with one difference
Only the application that you need exists inside the container



```
1. root@bc18a4c6a334: / (bash)
× root@bc18a4c6a334... #1
Ashish-iMac-2018:~ ashish$
```

What does that mean?



Recap

What version of Docker? ➤ docker version

Give me some info about the host ➤ docker --info

Start an ubuntu container and run bash in it ➤ docker run -it **ubuntu** bash

```
Unable to find image 'ubuntu:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/ubuntu
124c757242f8: Extracting [=====] 19.66MB/31.76MB
9d866f8bde2a: Download complete
fa3f2f277e67: Download complete
398d32b153e8: Download complete
afde35469481: Download complete
```

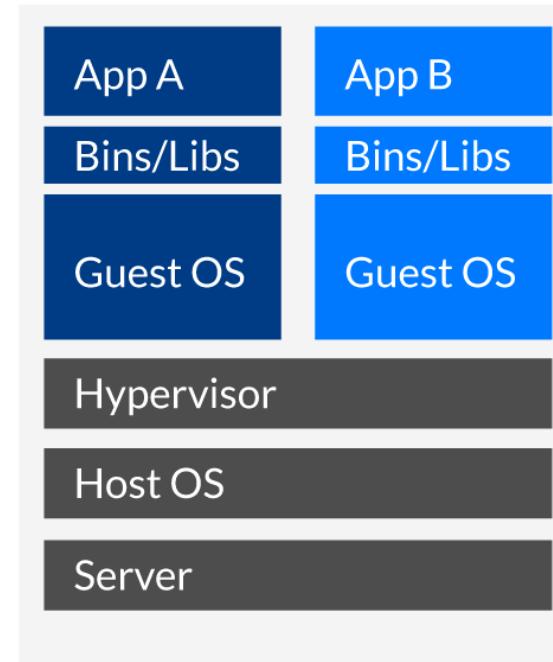
Only one process running in it ➤ ps



VM vs. Container

- Provides OS level virtualization by abstracting the “user space”.
- Looks like a VM w/ private IP, network, storage...
- Containers **share** the host system's kernel with other containers

VMs vs Docker





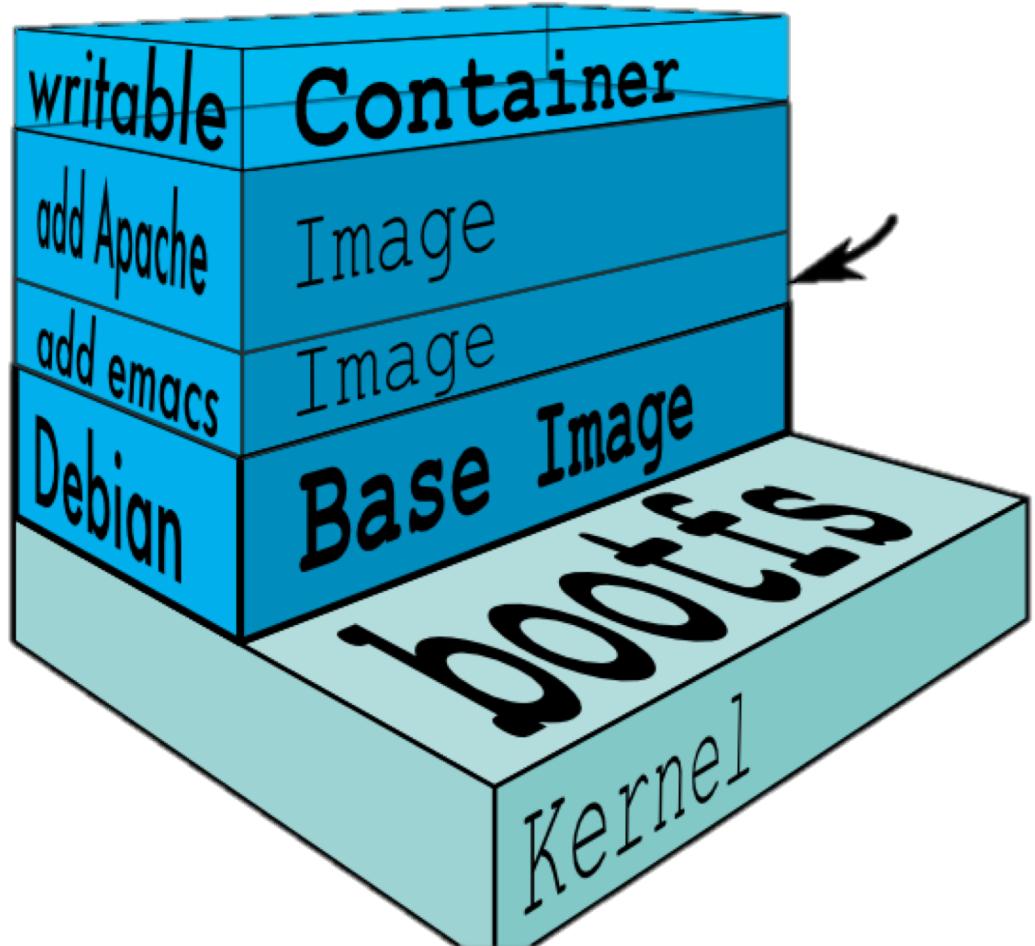
Benefits

- **Rapid application development:** Minimize the overhead to deploy an application by providing the minimal runtime requirements only.
- **Modularity and Scalability**
- **Portability:** An application and all its dependencies are bundled into a single container which can be shipped around. The container is independent from the host OS.



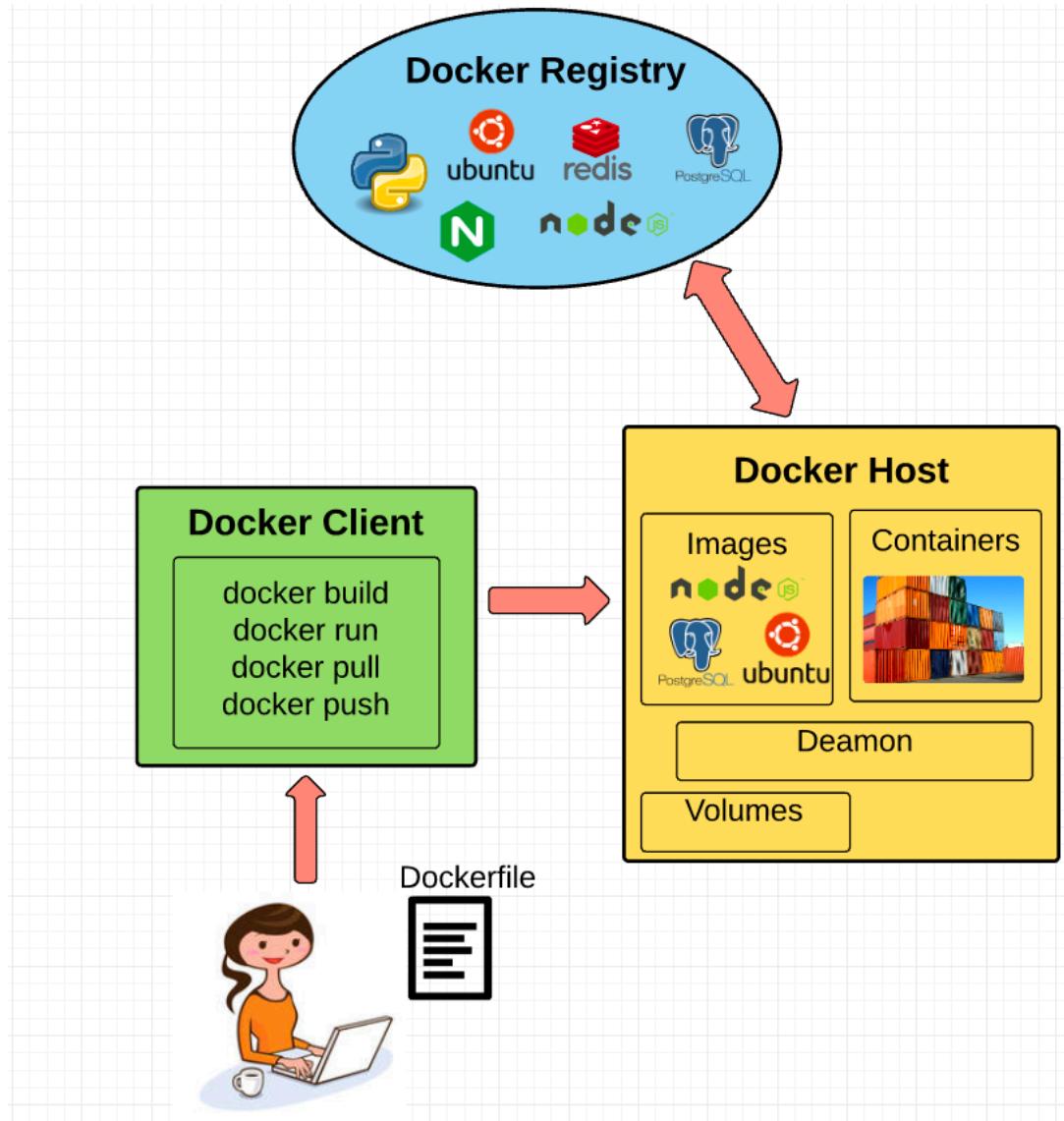
Benefits

- **Version control, component reuse, Share:** DockerHub == github for containers. You can share your containers.
- **Lightweight:** Regular Docker images are quite small to provide rapid delivery and to reduce the time needed to deploy new application containers.
A Docker container spins up in a few seconds, only a fraction of the time required to boot a VM.



Docker Container

- Wraps an application's software into an invisible box with everything the application needs to run.
- Includes the OS, application code, runtime, system tools, system libraries, and etc.
- Docker containers are built off Docker images.
- Since images are read-only, Docker adds a read-write file system over the read-only file system of the image to create a container.

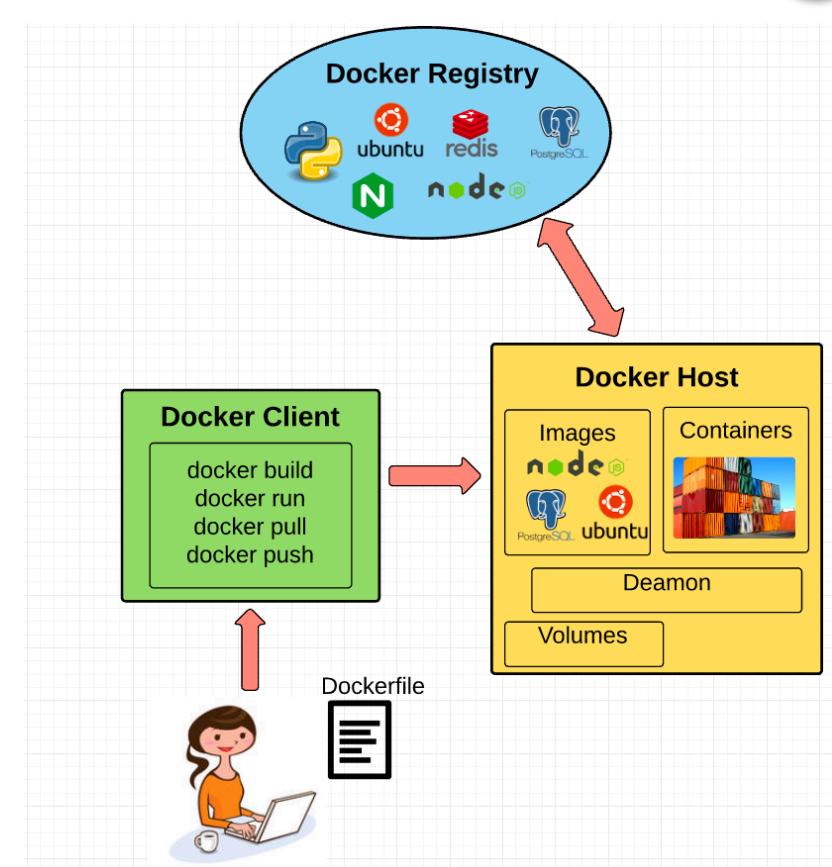


Core Concepts



Key Concepts

- Dockerfile ← Describe how to build a container.
What goes in it
- Engine ← Makes containers run
- Client ← Interact with Docker.
- Image ← read-only templates that you build from a set of instructions written in your Dockerfile



Orchestration



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Kubernetes

A Graphical Introduction

<https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/kubernetes-comic/>



Scientific Workflows

- Tools and Workflows
 - Tools → [Dockerized applications]
 - Workflow → Directed Acyclic Graphs that denote computation

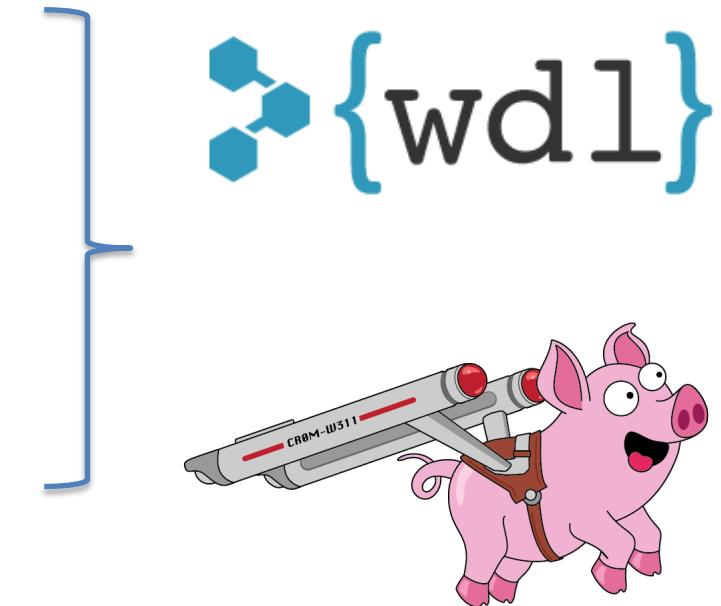
Plenty of workflow solutions to go around



So of course we decided to create a new one.

Meet WDL + Cromwell

- Workflow language that humans can read/write
 - Methods developers and biomedical scientists at large
 - <https://software.broadinstitute.org/wdl/>
- Execution engine that can
 - Run on any platform (on-prem *and* on Cloud)
 - Scale elastically based on workflow needs
 - <https://github.com/broadinstitute/cromwell>





Workflow Description Language

```
workflow myWorkflowName {
    File my_ref
    File my_input
    String name

    call task_A {
        input: ref= my_ref, in= my_input, id= name
    }

    call task_B {
        input: ref= my_ref, in= task_A.out
    }
}

task task_A { ... }

task task_B { ... }
```



```
workflow helloHaplotypeCaller {
    call haplotypeCaller
}

task haplotypeCaller {
    File GATK
    File RefFasta
    File RefIndex
    File RefDict
    String sampleName
    File inputBAM
    File bamIndex
    command {
        java -jar ${GATK} \
            -T HaplotypeCaller \
            -R ${RefFasta} \
            -I ${inputBAM} \
            -o ${sampleName}.raw.indels.snps.vcf
    }
    output {
        File rawVCF = "${sampleName}.raw.indels.snps.vcf"
    }
}
```

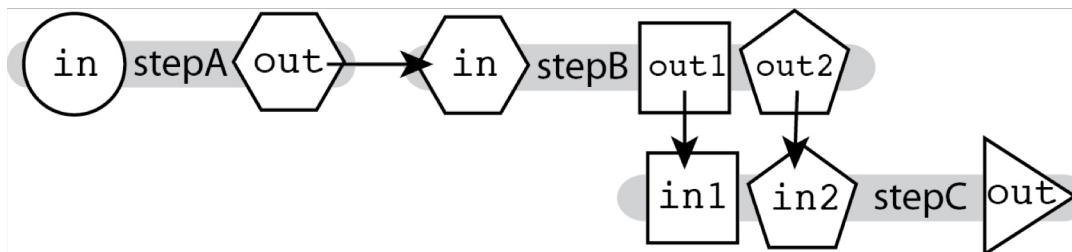
Basic WDL plumbing

LINEAR CHAINING



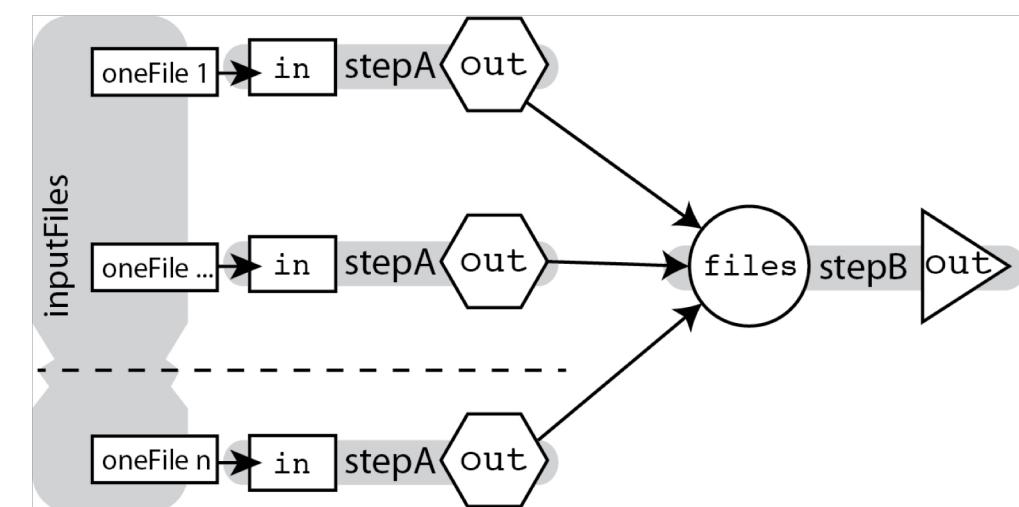
```
call stepA
call stepB { input: in=stepA.out }
call stepC { input: in=stepB.out }
```

MULTI-IN/OUT



```
call stepC { input :
    in1=stepB.out1,
    in2=stepB.out2 }
```

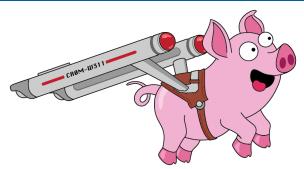
SCATTER-GATHER



Array[File] inputFiles

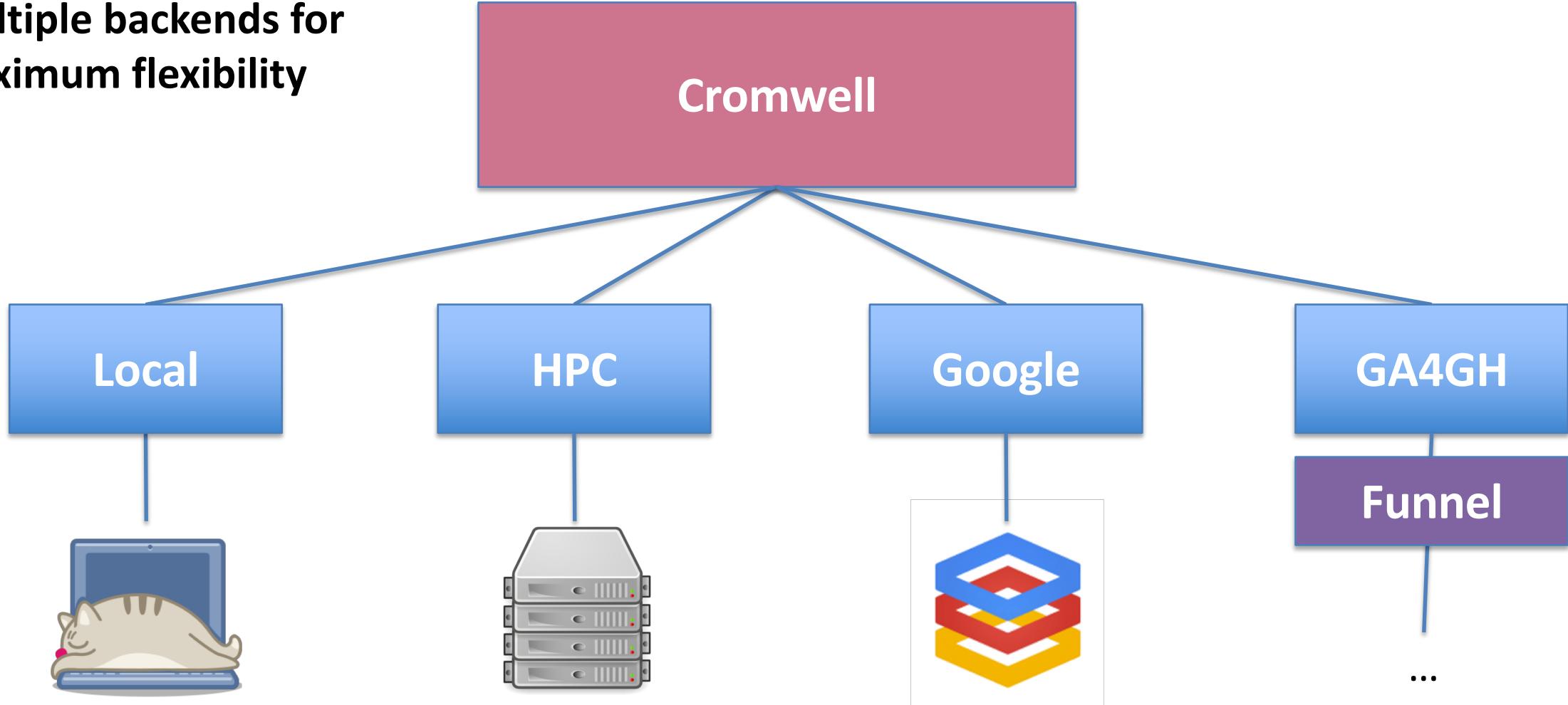
```
scatter(oneFile in inputFiles) {
    call stepA { input: in=oneFile }
}
```

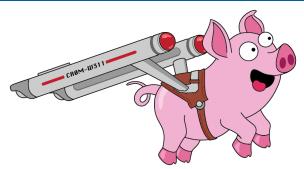
```
call stepB { input: files=stepA.out }
```



Cromwell execution engine

Multiple backends for maximum flexibility





Two main ways to run Cromwell

One-off

- Simple self-contained command

```
java -jar cromwell.jar \
    run hello.wdl \
    hello_inputs.json
```

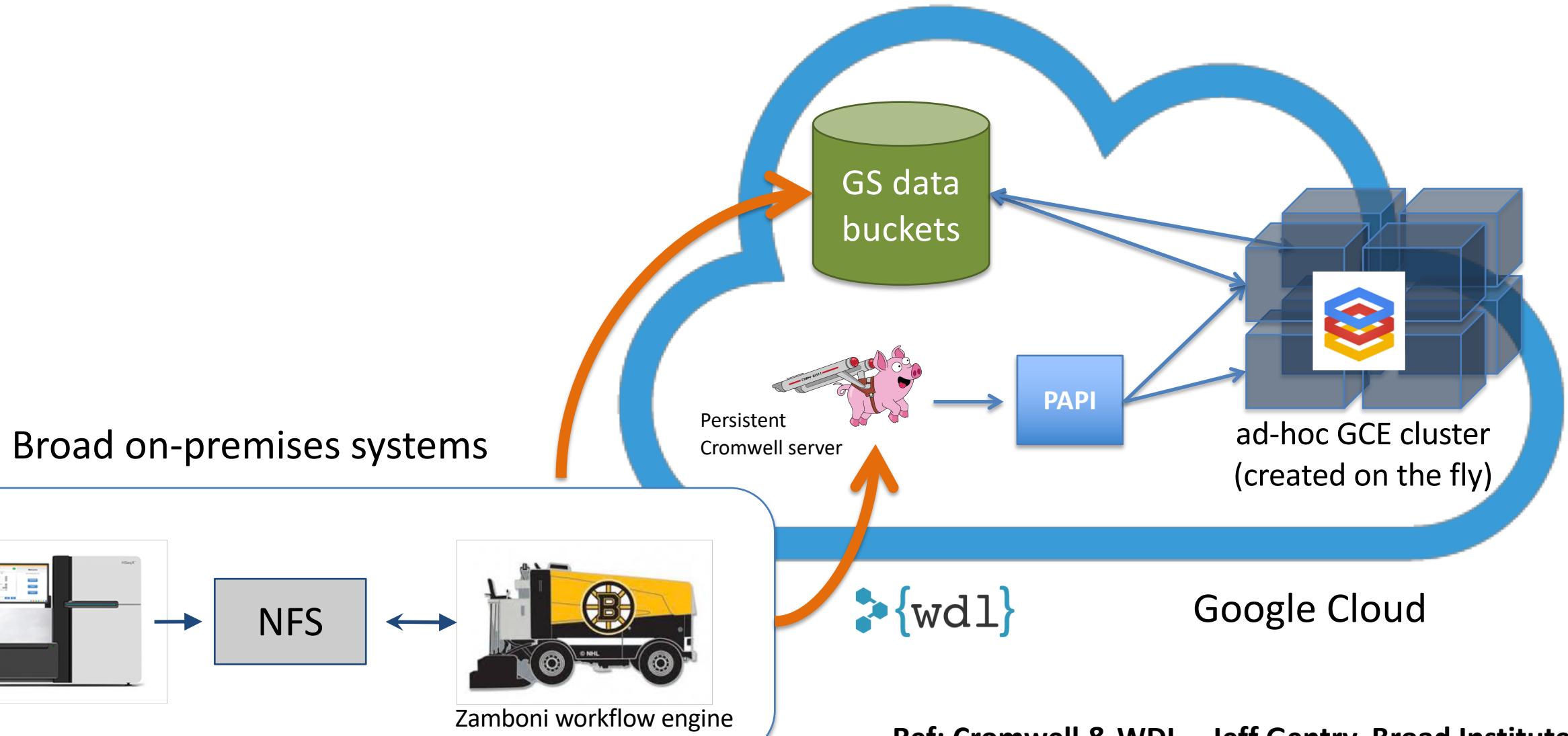
- Appropriate for independent analysts

Server mode

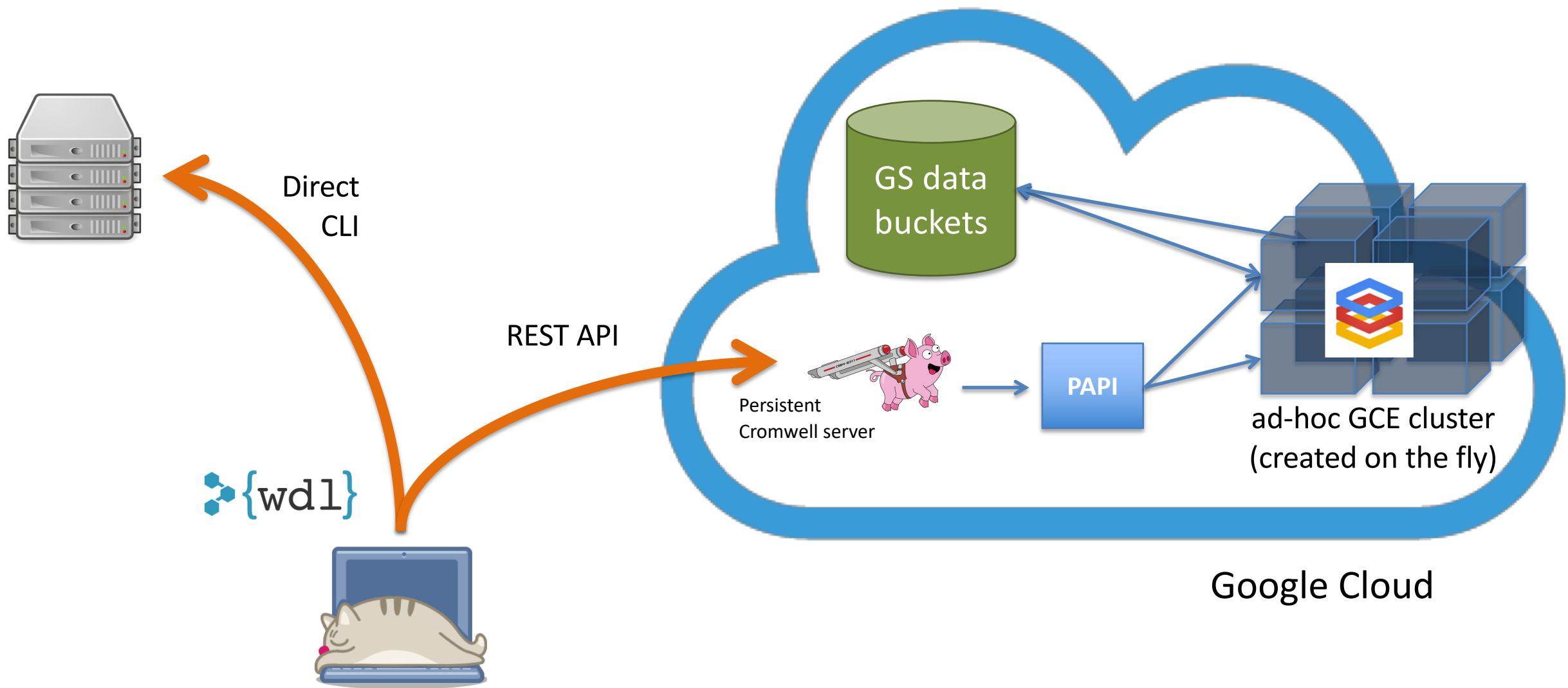
- API endpoints
- More scalable
- Some devops needs
- Appropriate for production environments
- Call-caching!
(aka “ka-ching”)



Our production system: Genomes On The Cloud

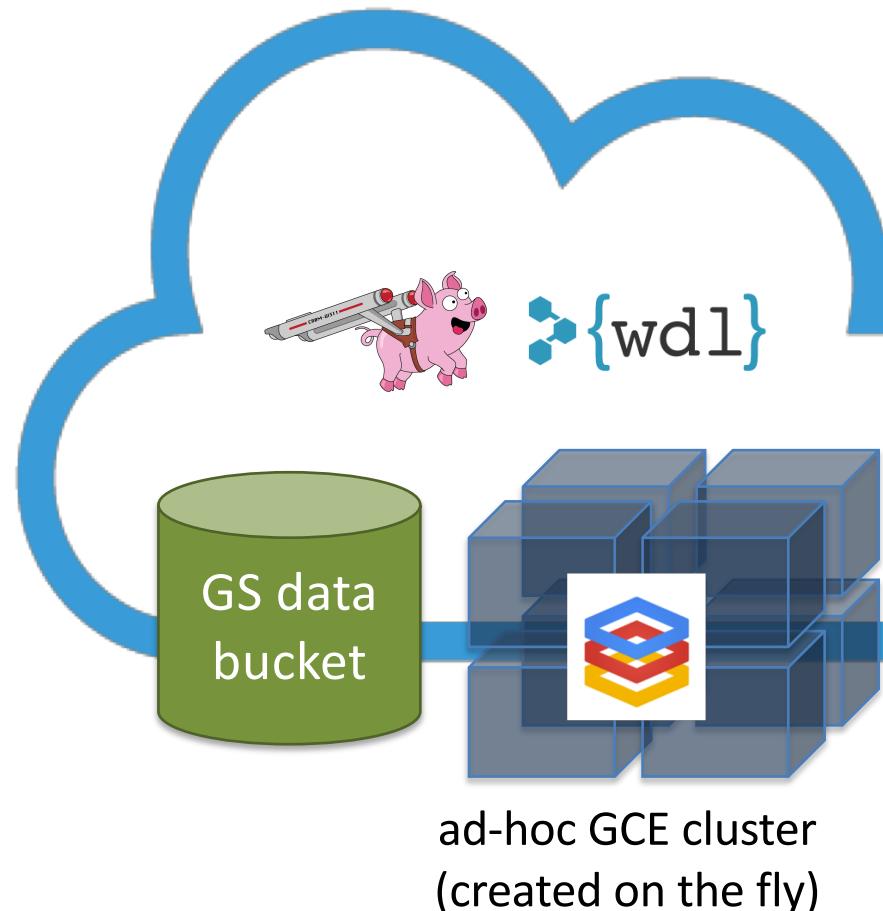


Our development setup: on-prem + on-cloud



Ref: Cromwell & WDL – Jeff Gentry, Broad Institute

Example external implementation: Google wdl_runner



Barebones implementation:

- Creates GCE VM
- Executes `wdl_runner.py`
 - Sets up Cromwell
 - Parses WDL workflow
 - Submits jobs to PAPI
 - Polls for completion
 - Copies metadata & outputs to output path
- Destroys GCE VM

<https://cloud.google.com/genomics/v1alpha2/gatk>

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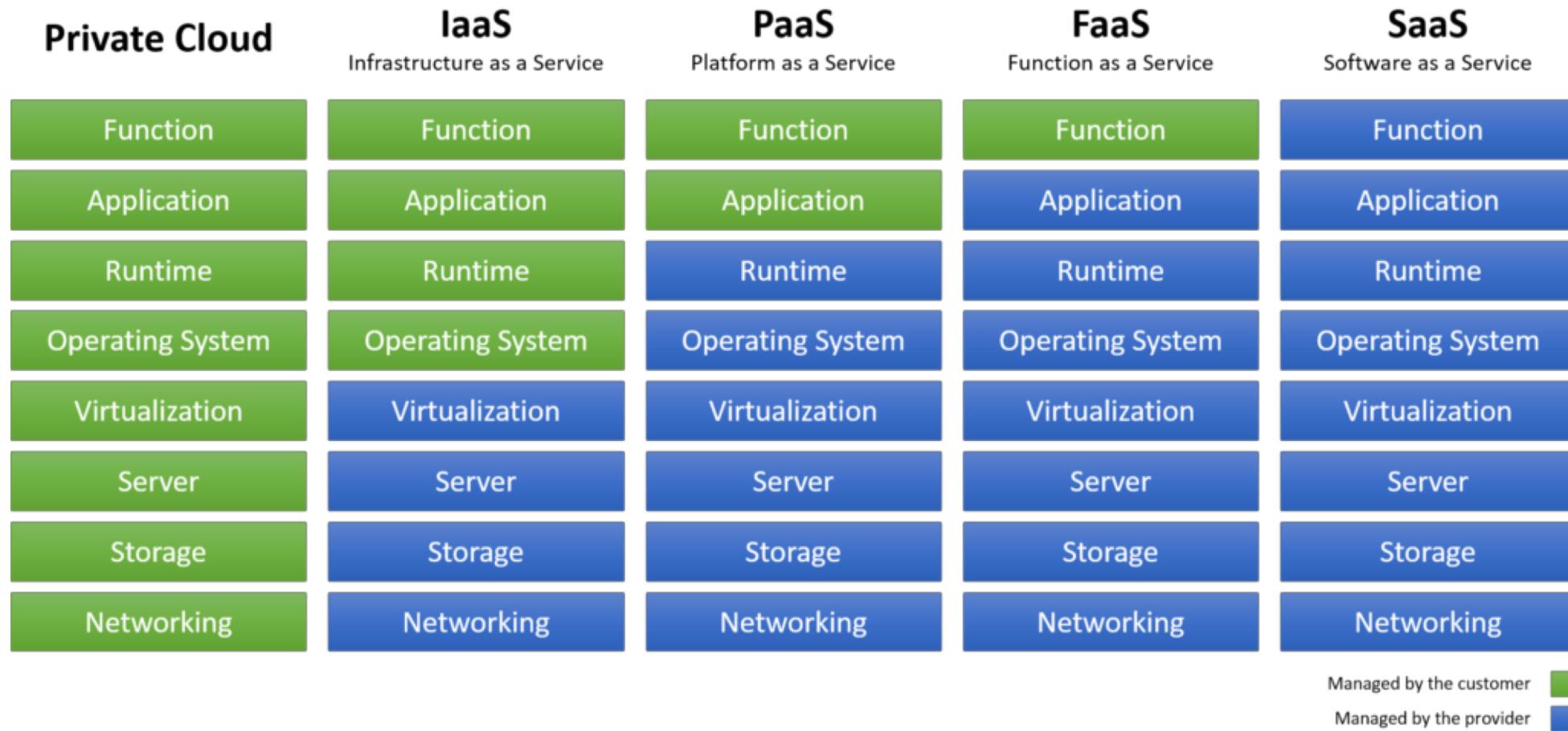
Serverless Computing – FaaS



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Serverless or Function-As-A-Service



Source: Nuno Costa, “From servers to functions, the serverless story”, Medium

FaaS
(Serverless)
Providers



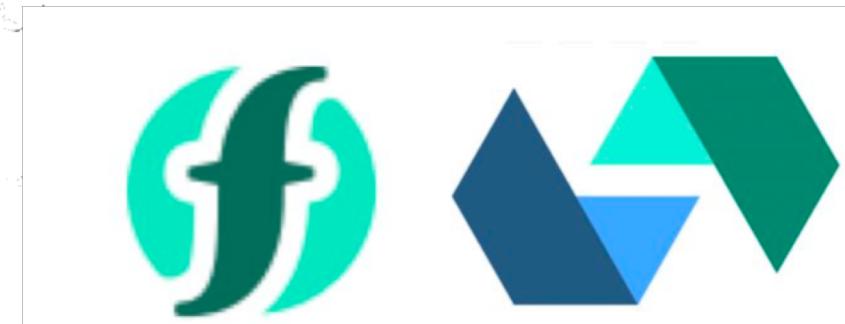
AWS Lambda



Google Cloud
Functions



Azure Functions

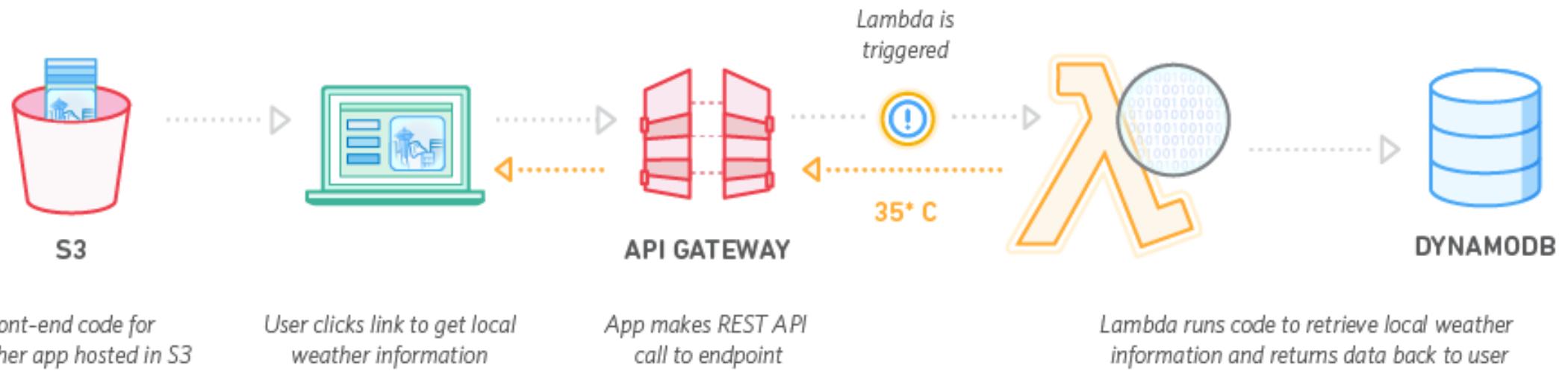


IBM CloudFunctions

Apache OpenWhisk



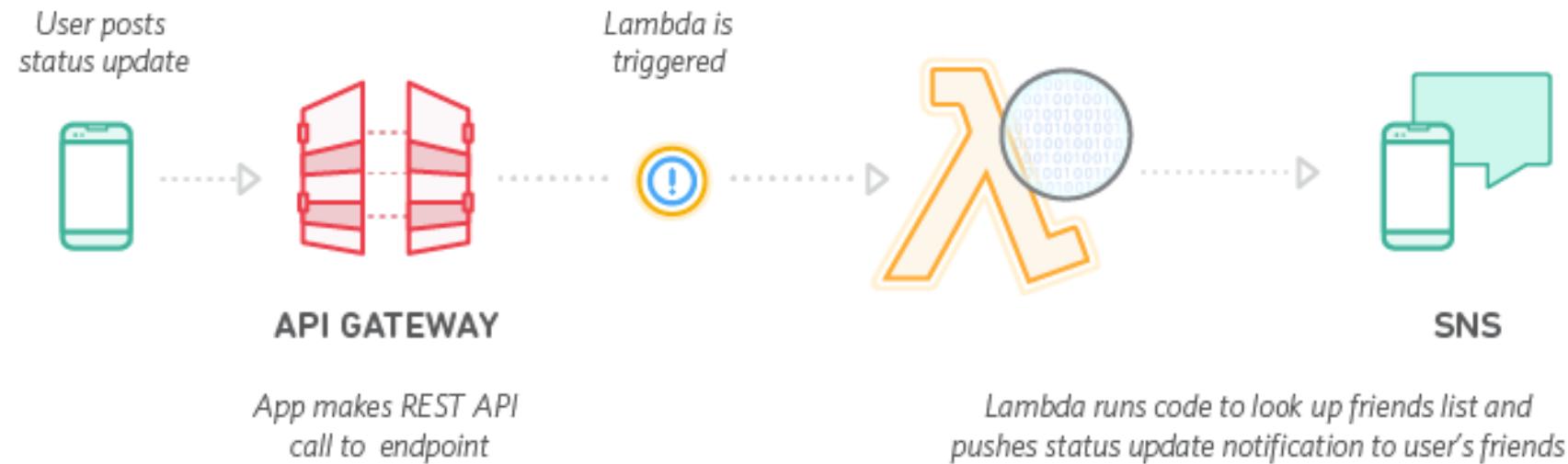
Example: Weather Application



Ref: <https://aws.amazon.com/serverless/>



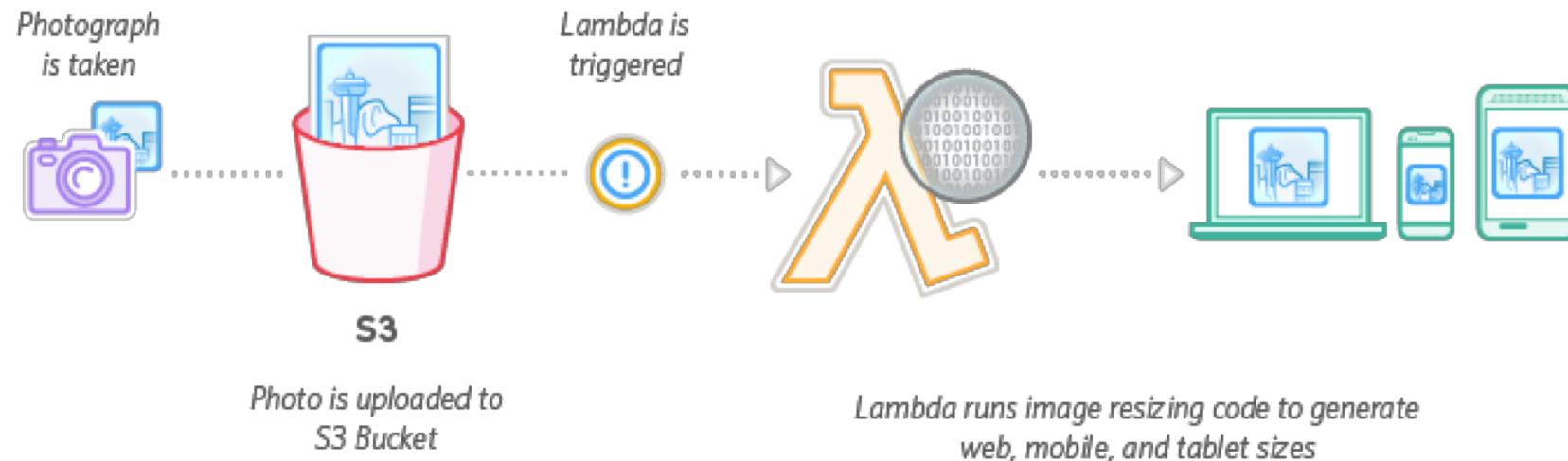
Example: Mobile Backend for Social Media App



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Example: Image Thumbnail Creation



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On-Demand Service: Create Thumbnail / OCR on bank check...



Example: Analysis of Streaming Social Media Data



Social media stream is loaded into Kinesis in real-time.

Lambda runs code that generates hashtag trend data and stores it in DynamoDB

Social media trend data immediately available for business users to query

Ref: <https://aws.amazon.com/serverless/>