



## Amazon EKS Deep dive

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# Deep dive on Amazon EKS

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# Why EKS



Running and scaling  
Kubernetes can be difficult and  
requires significant investment



Securing Kubernetes increases  
the operational overhead of  
running applications



Applications need a native way  
to integrate with other AWS  
services securely and reliably



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# EKS tenets



**Security first**



**Built for production**



**Seamless cloud integrations**



**Native and upstream**

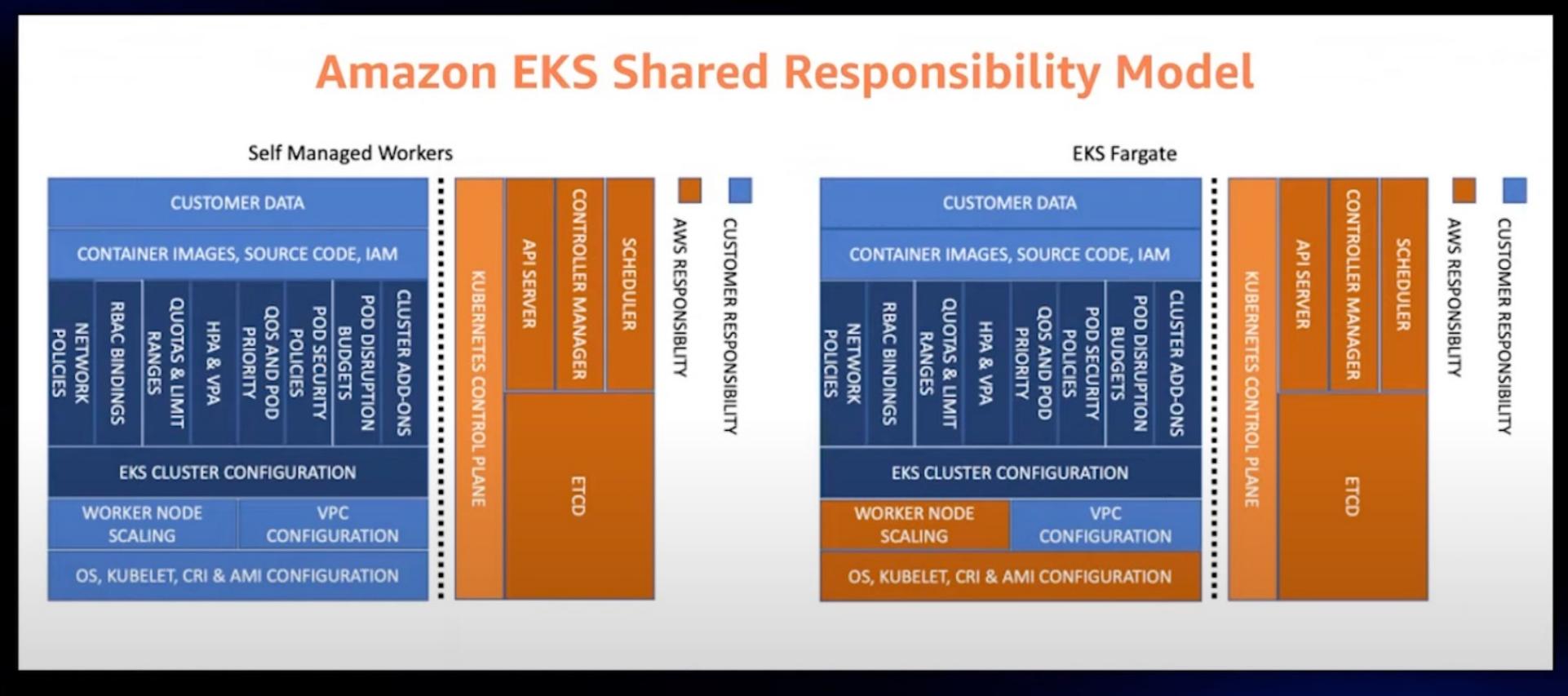


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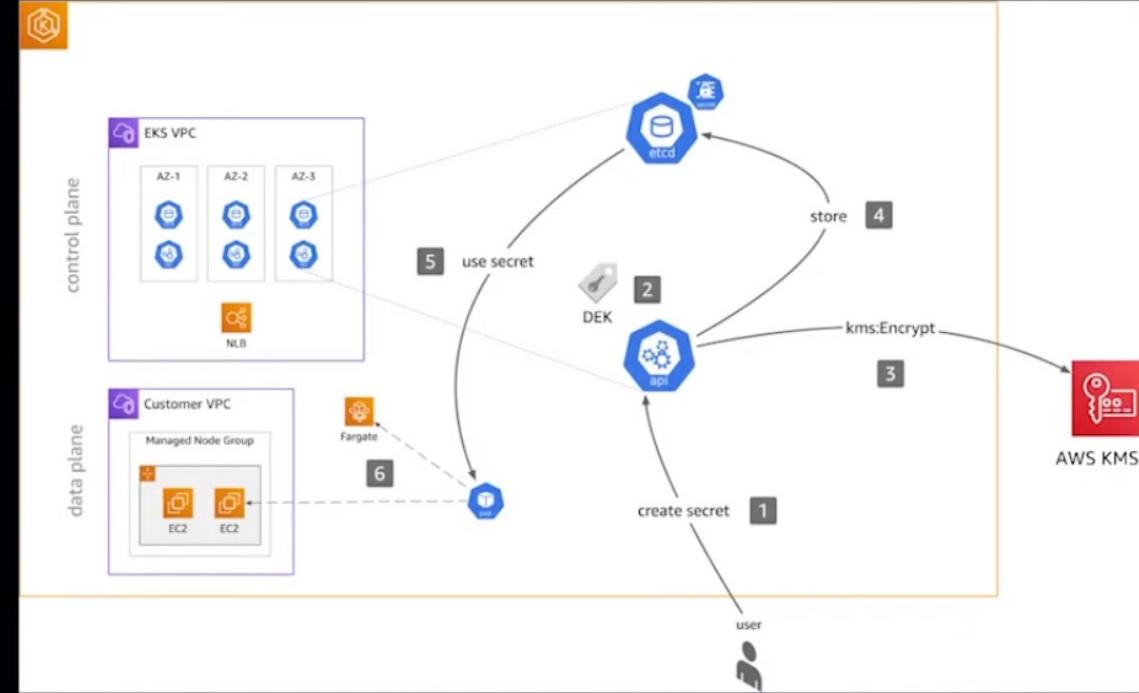
# Security



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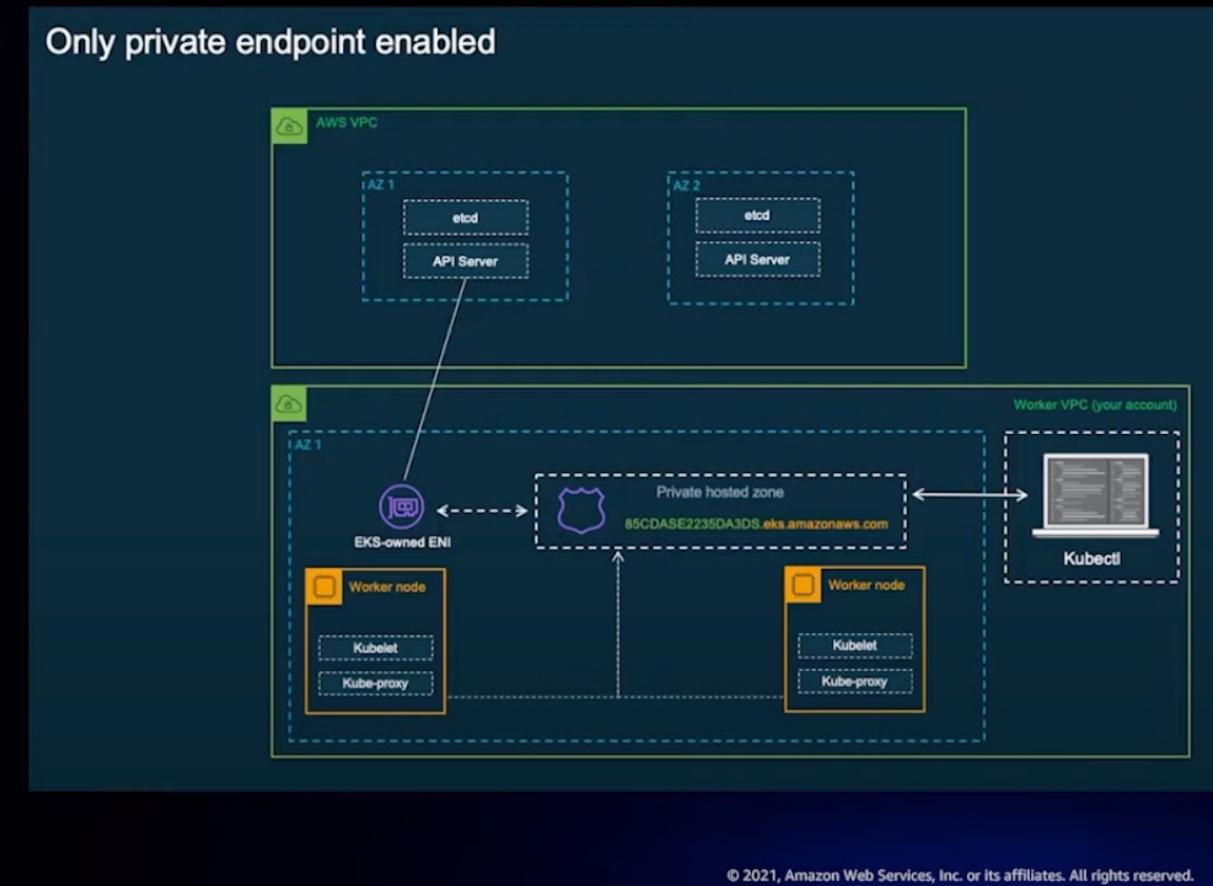
# 클러스터에서 민감한 데이터의 보호

- Encrypt your secrets with AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS)
- Store secrets outside the cluster and retrieve using AWS Secrets Manager CSI driver
- Use AWS Certificate Manager Private CA Issuer cert-manager plugin to generate TLS certificates



# 클러스터 액세스를 위한 앤드포인트 제한

- If possible, disable public endpoint
- If not, restrict access to public endpoint with CIDR blocks
- Private endpoint and private only subnets – if no internet communication required



# Worker Node를 위한 보안

- Use an OS optimized for containers, such as Bottlerocket
- Treat worker nodes as immutable
- Use AWS Systems Manager instead of SSH
- Validate custom AMIs with CIS Amazon EKS Benchmark
- Or, pass off this responsibility to AWS Fargate

## Bottlerocket

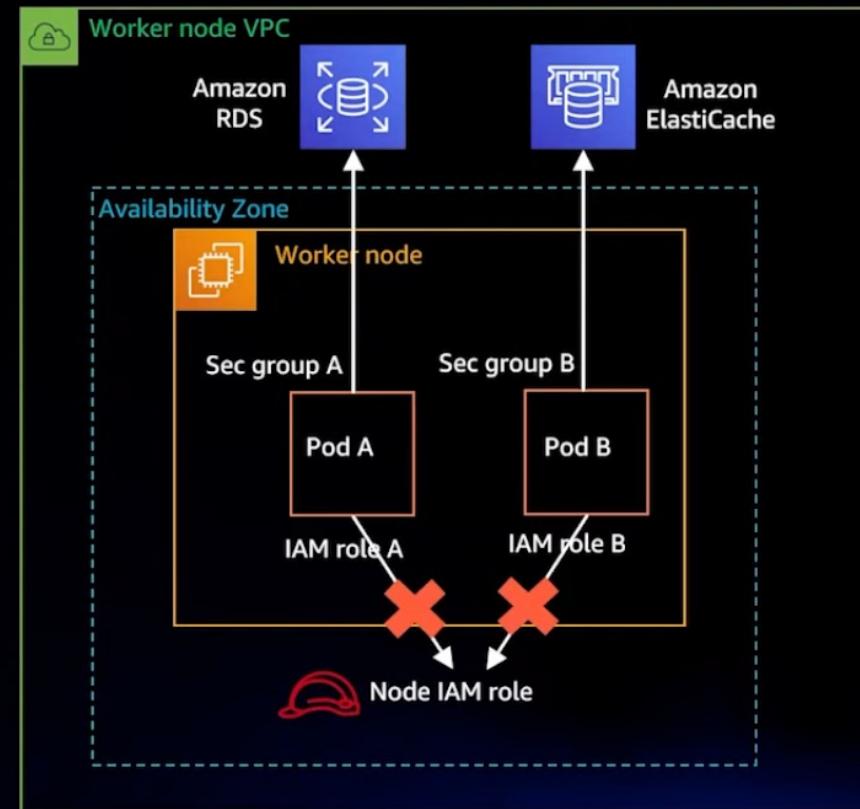
Linux-based host operating system optimized to run containers



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# Pod를 위한 보안

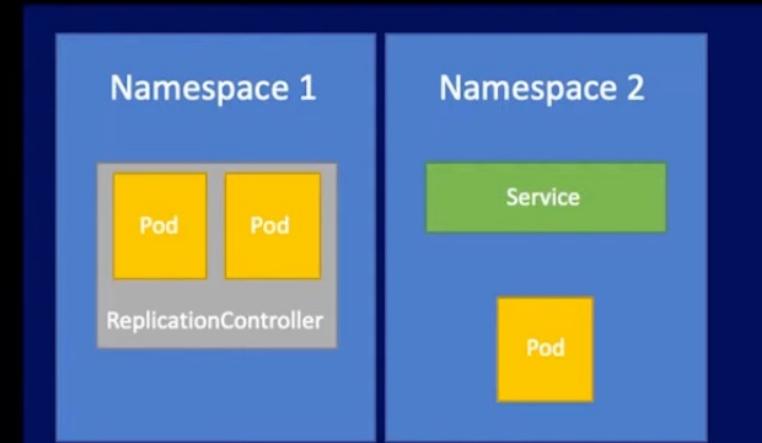
- Scope down IAM permissions to pods instead of nodes with IAM roles for service accounts (IRSAs)
- Restrict pod access to instance metadata service (IMDS)
- Use K8S NetworkPolicy to restrict network traffic within cluster
- Use EKS SecurityGroupPolicy to restrict network traffic to AWS services like Amazon RDS



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# 보안을 위한 추가적인 모범 사례

- Namespaces and role-based access controls (RBAC) to logically isolate trusted tenants
- Quotas and limit ranges to control consumption of compute resources
- API priority and fairness (v1.20+) to limit API server requests
- Pod priority and preemption for quality of service (QoS)
- Enforce policies and limit what dev teams can run with agents like Gatekeeper
- Default network policies that deny all cross namespace ingress and egress traffic
- Defense-in-depth with VM-level isolation using Fargate



**Important:** Kubernetes is a single-tenant orchestrator  
Namespaces are not a hard security boundary



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# 컴플라이언스 준수



Payment Card Industry (PCI)  
Security Standard



FedRAMP High



DOD Cloud Security Req's Guide Criminal Justice Information Service  
(SRG) – On road map  
Security Policy (CJIS)



U.S. Health Insurance  
Portability and  
Accountability Act (HIPAA)



Federal Information Processing  
Standard Pub (FIPS) 140-2



SP 800-53 (rev 4)  
SP 800-171



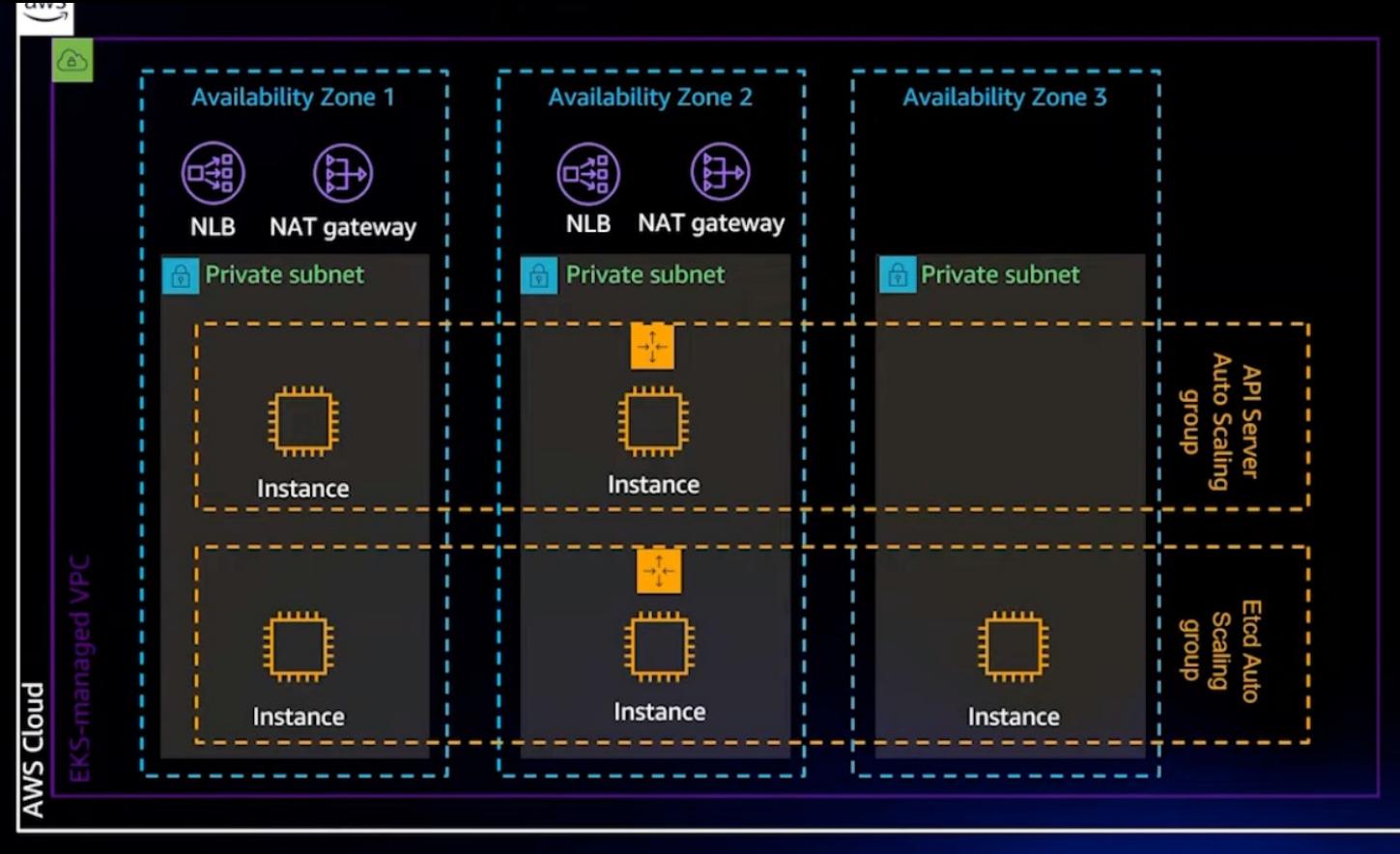
Health Information Trust  
Alliance Common Security  
Framework (HITRUST CSF)



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# Reliability

- Survive single-AZ events
- Highly available NLB endpoint
- Rolling control plane upgrades
- Automated etcd snapshots
- 99.95% SLA
- 24x7x365 support



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# 서비스 워크로드를 위한 EKS 운용

Yes, but it's a shared responsibility

## Amazon EKS side

- Auto scaling of control plane instances
- Auto tuning of control plane parameters such as *maxRequestsInFlight*
- Take advantage of the latest AWS infrastructure enhancements
- Test clusters with up to 15K worker nodes

## Your side

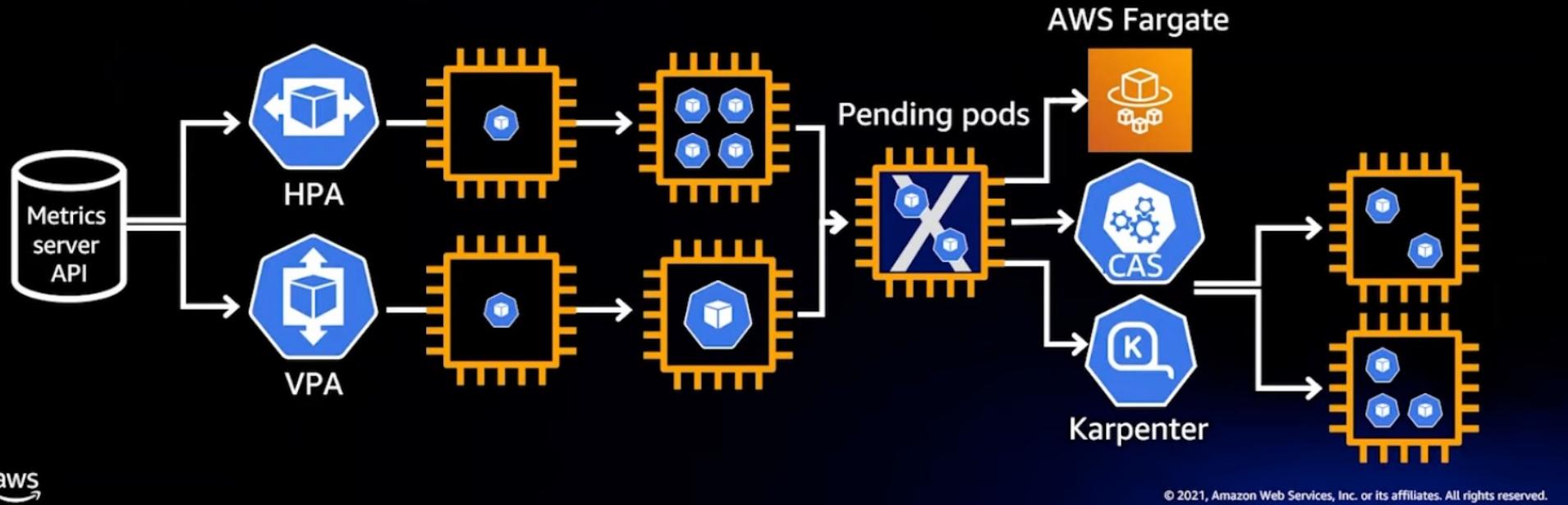
- Monitor Kubernetes control plane Prometheus metrics
- Visualize metrics in Amazon CloudWatch or Grafana
- Enable control plane logging and query audit logs to identify top callers



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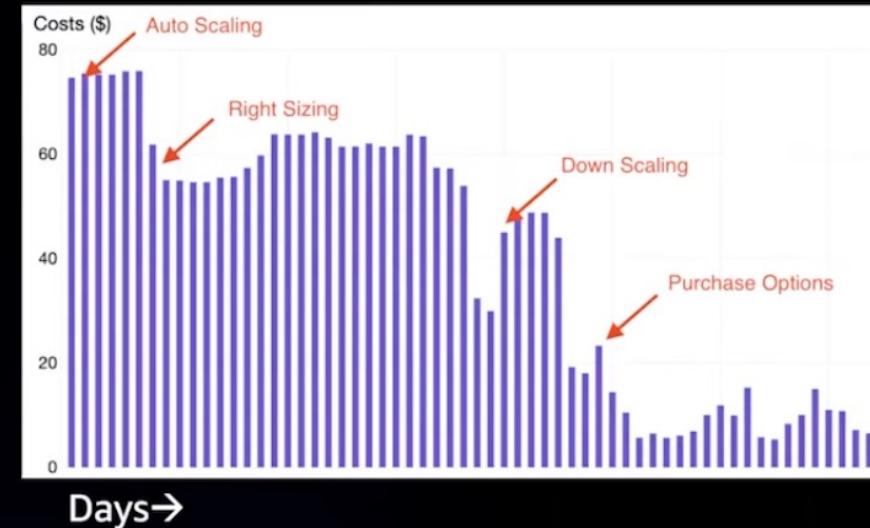
# Efficiency - Right Size

- Scale pods horizontally/vertically based on usage  
Set pod resource requests close to actual utilization
- Scale node resources based on pod requirements  
Limit overprovisioning of compute capacity



# 클러스터 비용 최적화

- Use Spot Instances with managed node groups and save up to 90% off on-demand pricing
- Use Cluster Autoscaler priority expander to prioritize lower-cost node groups
- Utilize Savings Plan for Amazon EC2/Fargate
- Move to latest generation EC2 instances
- Move workloads to EC2 Graviton
- Try out Karpenter in large clusters with fast scaling requirements



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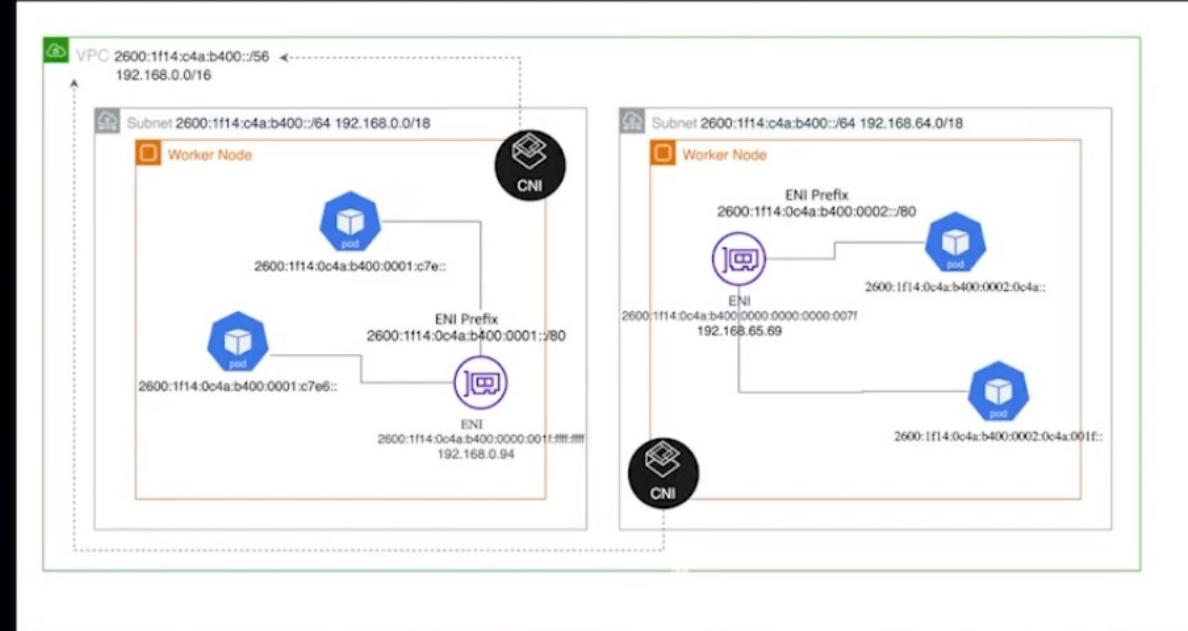
## IPv6

- Scale far beyond IPv4 limits with globally unique IPv6 address assigned per pod
- Simplified pod-to-internet routing without network address translation
- Faster pod launch times
- Egress IPv4 traffic support

## VPC CNI custom networking

- Add additional IPv4 CIDR blocks to existing VPC
- Run pods in subnets separate from primary ENI of worker nodes

## EKS IPv6 networking setup



**Important:** Worker nodes can run in subnets separate from subnets registered during EKS cluster creation



# 적은 수의 큰 클러스터 운용 vs 다수의 작은 클러스터 운용

SPLIT WHEN YOU HAVE TO, MERGE WHEN YOU CAN

- At a minimum, separate clusters per environment
- Step 1 – Analyze constraints: untrusted tenants, organizational boundaries, area of impact concerns
- Step 2 – Optimize within constraints; fewer clusters leads to more efficient bin packing and use of resources

	COST-EFFICIENCY	EASE OF MANAGEMENT	RESILIENCE	APPLICATION SECURITY
LARGE SHARED CLUSTER	High	High	Low	Low
CLUSTER PER ENVIRONMENT	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
CLUSTER PER APPLICATION	Low	Low	High	High
SMALL SINGLE-USE CLUSTERS	Very Low	Very Low	High	High

Source: <https://learnk8s.io/how-many-clusters>

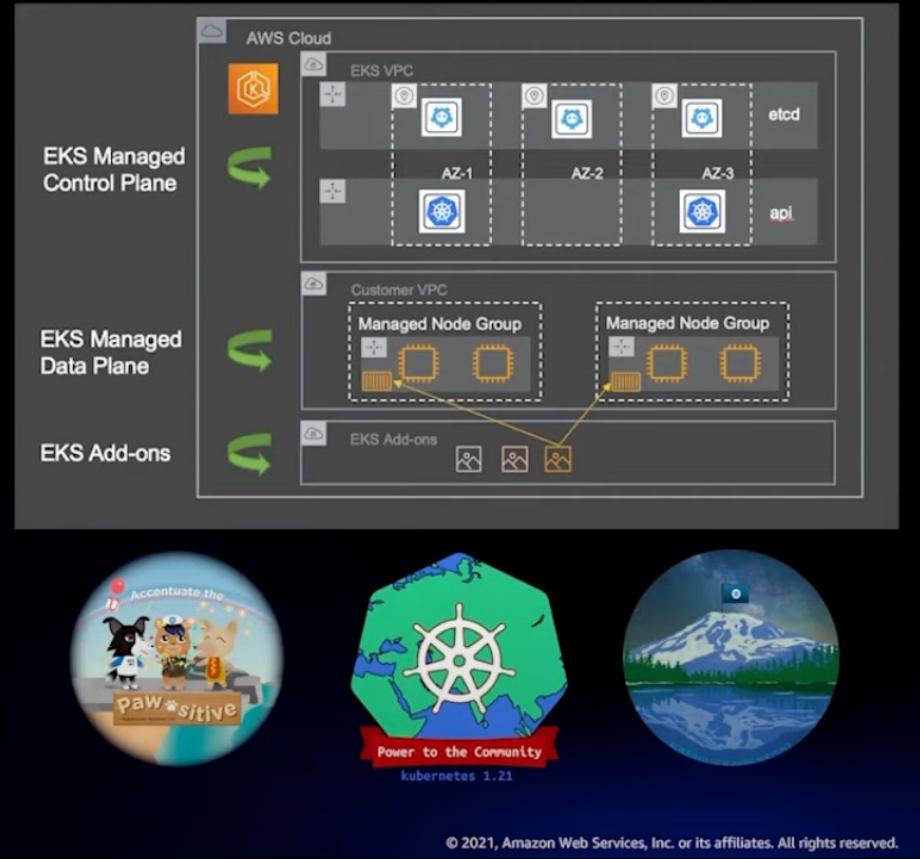


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# EKS 운용 - 버전 업그레이드

## WHICH VERSION OF KUBERNETES DO I USE?

- Amazon EKS aims to be ~100–150 days behind upstream release
- You must plan for version upgrade at least yearly, ideally 2x-3x/yr
- Use EKS managed capabilities to simplify upgrades
- Run upgrade process in test env. first
- Check EKS and Kubernetes release notes
- Test your application manifests against deprecated/removed APIs



## Authentication

### AWS IAM

- No need to maintain separate identity store
- Assume IAM roles for simplified multi-user access control
- Built on open-source AWS IAM Authenticator for Kubernetes
- Integrated with cloud-hosted EKS Kubernetes console

### OpenID Connect (OIDC)

- Use your organization's existing identity management system
- Built on open standards
- Use as alternative or in addition to IAM users/roles
- Simplified migration from self-managed Kubernetes and EKS Anywhere

## Authorization

Kubernetes role-based access control (RBAC)



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## Control plane side

- Enable control plane logging for audit, API server, and authentication
- Collect and monitor control plane Prometheus metrics for API request latency

**Recommendation:** Run kube-state-metrics to easily surface cluster state information

## Application side

- EKS add-ons support for AWS Distro for OpenTelemetry
  - Output metrics/traces to CloudWatch, Amazon Managed Service for Prometheus, or partner destinations
- AWS Distro for Fluent Bit logging
  - EKS/Fargate built-in Fluent Bit
- CloudWatch Container Insights to collect, aggregate, and summarize metrics and logs from your containerized applications and microservices



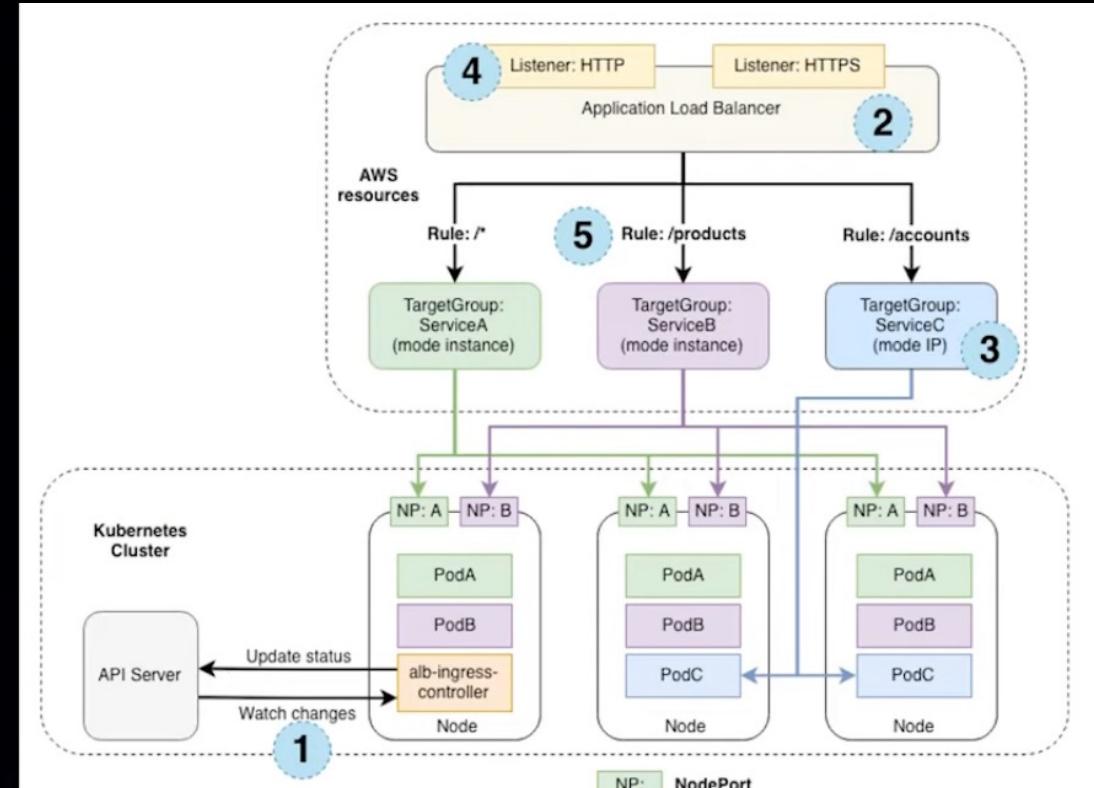
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# 인터넷 서비스를 위한 네트워크 트래픽 라우팅

## AWS Load Balancer Controller

- Provision AWS Network Load Balancers in response to Kubernetes services
- Provision AWS Application Load Balancers (ALBs) in response to Kubernetes ingress
- Skip kube-proxy and route directly to pods with IP targeting and VPC CNI
- Group multiple Ingresses under a single ALB

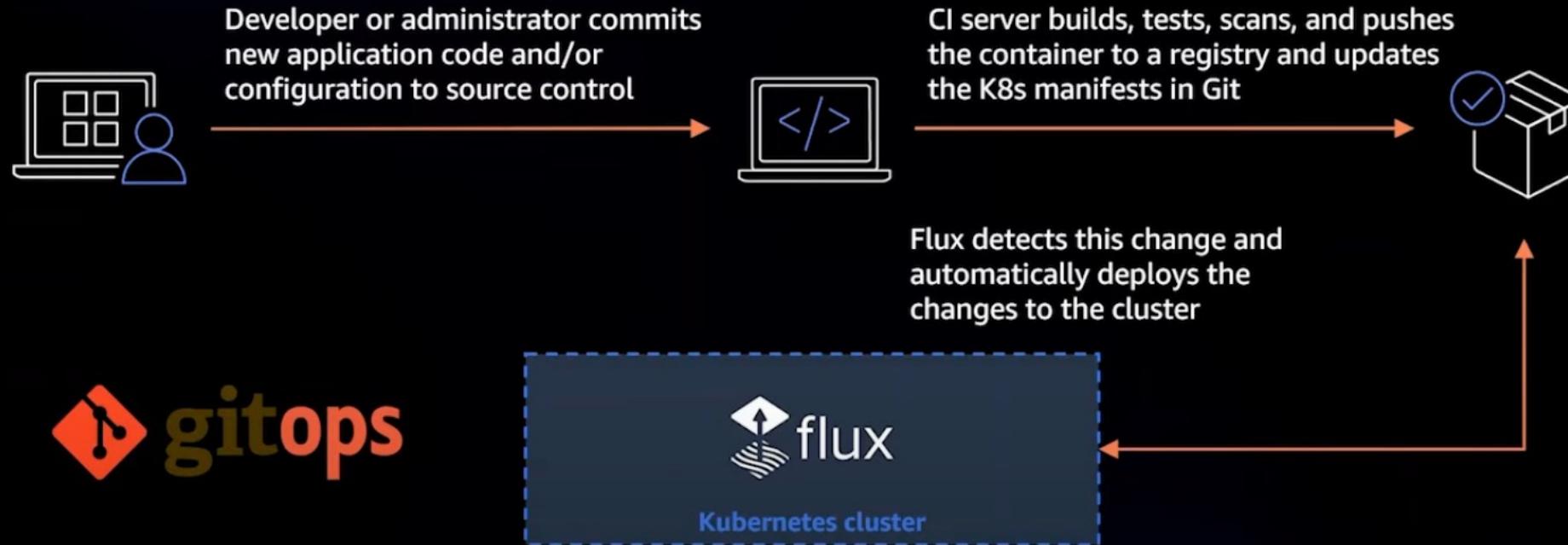
**Note:** The in-tree Kubernetes service controller is deprecated



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# 일관된 설정으로 많은 EKS 클러스터 관리



**Note:** eksctl now supports Flux v2



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# EKS 내부에서 AWS 서비스를 프로비저닝하고 액세스

## AWS Controllers for Kubernetes (ACK)

- Application developers create Kubernetes custom resources representing AWS services along their deployment manifests
- ACK service controller is then responsible for reconciling the desired AWS resources
- Controller code is automatically generated from AWS Go SDK, enabling fast support for new AWS service features



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# Stateful 워크로드 관리

- Amazon EBS CSI driver for high-performance use cases (ex. databases)
- Amazon EFS CSI driver for storage that needs to be shared across pods (ex. content management)
- Single-AZ Auto Scaling groups for workloads that require Amazon EBS volumes
- Dedicated node groups for stateful workloads – Disable Amazon EBS CSI tolerateAllTaints
- Lower max. Amazon EBS attachments per node, or use VPC CNI prefix assignment – to solve for ENI slot contention

Recommended Auto Scaling group setup for EBS stateful workloads



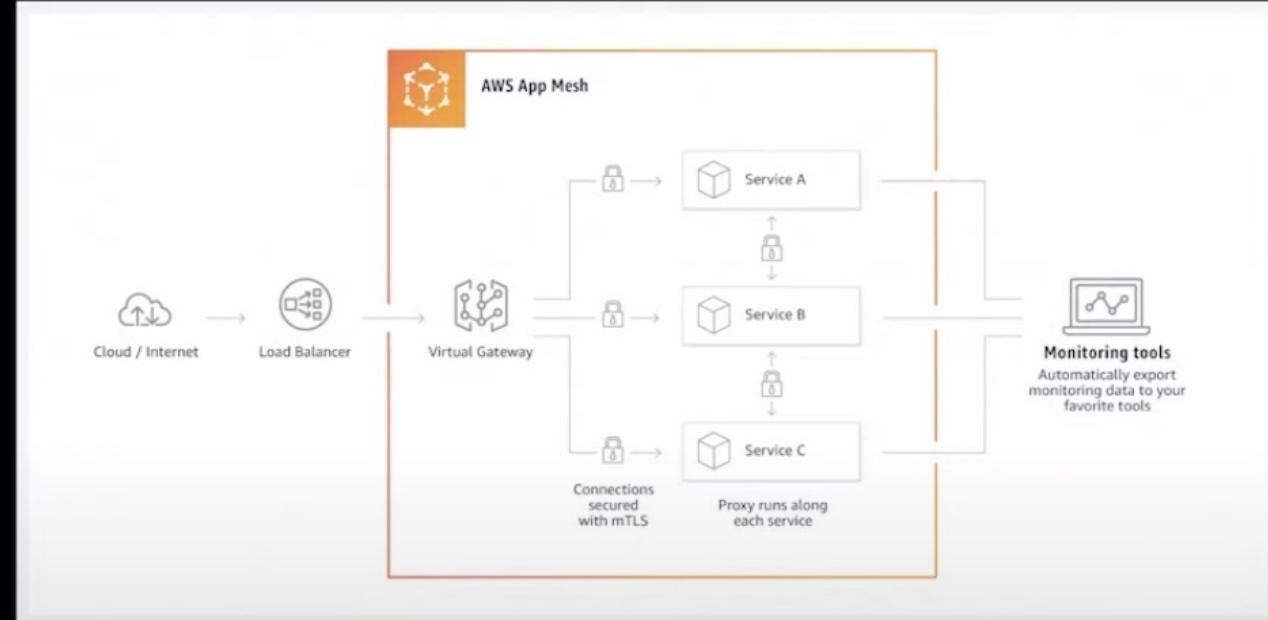
**Recommendation:** Use AWS managed services (through ACK) when possible



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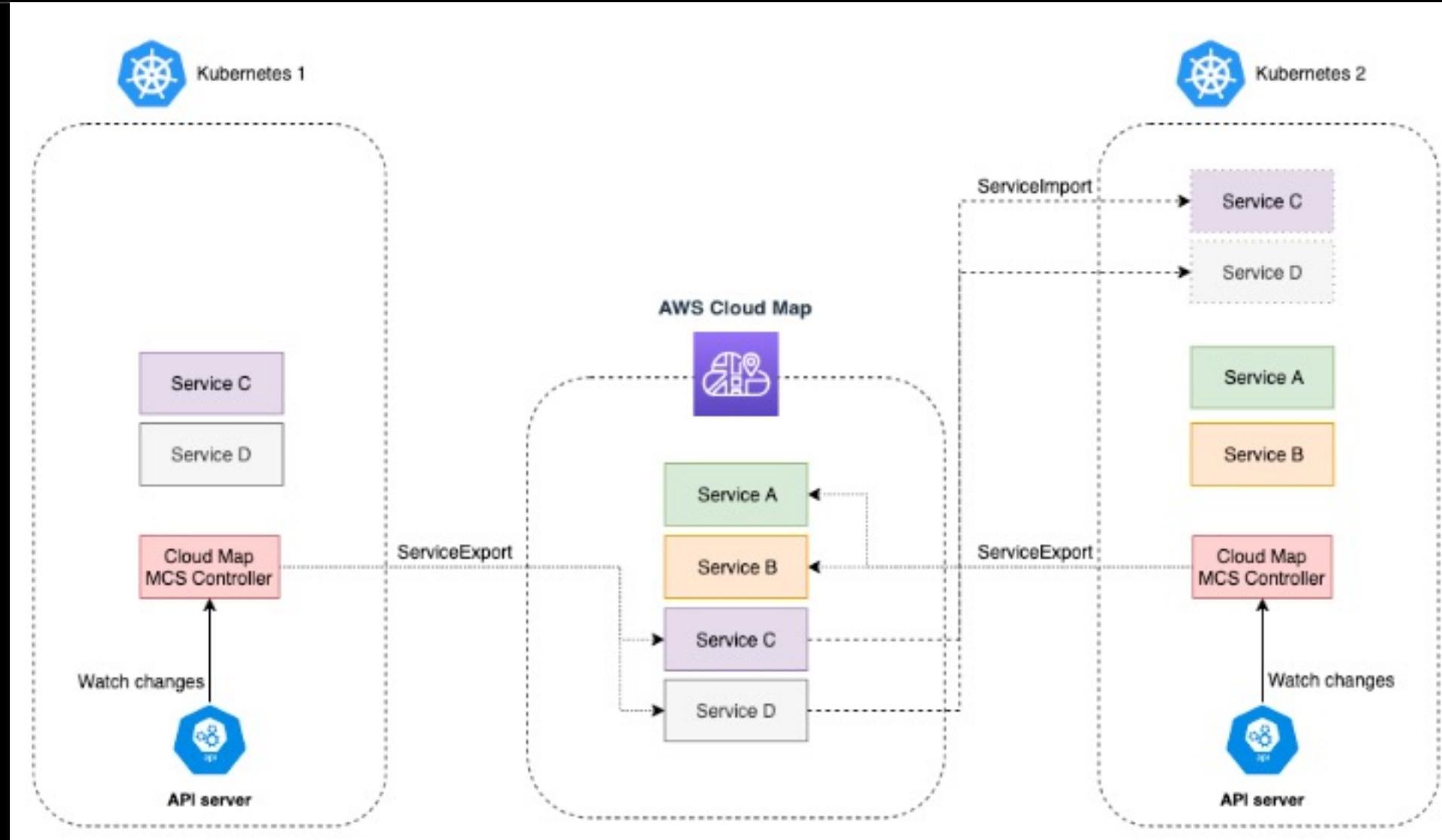
# 대규모 클러스터 운용에서 서비스 식별

- AWS Cloud Map Multi-Cluster Services Controller
- AWS App Mesh Kubernetes controller for fully managed service mesh
  - Encryption in transit
  - Traffic shaping
  - Canary deployments
  - Service discovery
  - Service authentication
  - Observability
- Bring your own service mesh

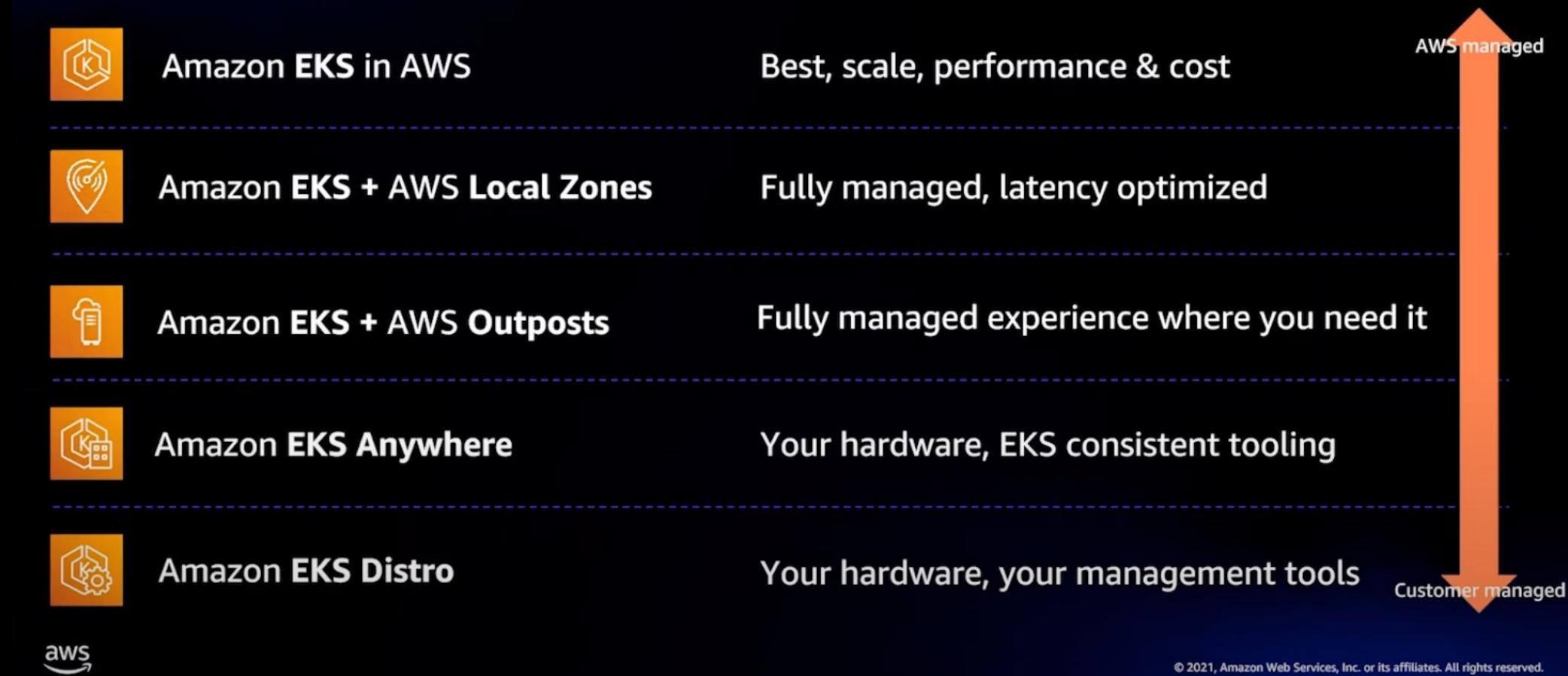


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# 대규모 클러스터 운용에서 서비스 식별



# Portability - 일관된 방식으로 EKS 를 운용

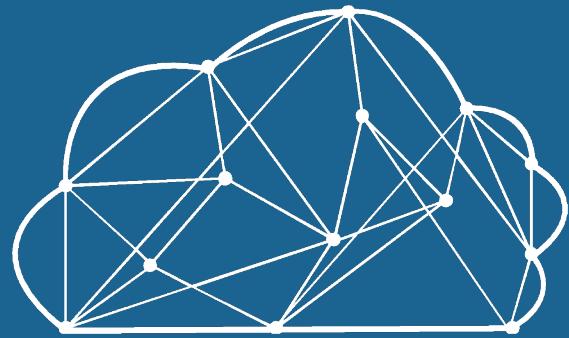


# Conclusion

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Deep dive on Amazon EKS를 통해 EKS를 왜? 사용해야 하는지,  
AWS가 EKS 서비스를 릴리즈하는데 어떤 철학을 가지고 무엇에 주력하는지?  
를 알 수 있었습니다.

사용자는 맨 처음 EKS와 같은 Cloud의 서비스를 생각할 때 비교적 높은 운영 비용과 기술 스택에  
부담을 느끼지만 EKS가 빙산의 수면 아래에서 운영되는 Kubernetes 기술들의 복잡함과 통합을  
위해 얼마나 큰 노력이 녹아 있음을 이해하면  
왜 EKS를 사용하는지 Built for Production의 가치를 생각하게 됩니다.



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