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- It can be a easy backend job Scheduler in a distributed system
- Ref, this blog



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- Azkaban (LinkedIn) - Uses custom config file for workflow setups



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Airflow - Executors

- Sequential
- Local (parallel)
- Celery
- Mesos
- Kubernetes (still in alpha)



Our cluster

- Single node (8 core, 20 GB node)
- Local Executor (with 24 parallel schedulable tasks)
- 3000+ tasks triggered a day
- Code auto deployed from master to prod



Tasks

- BQ job
- Run spark jobs daily for ML
- All batched jobs in Google Dataflow
- Scheduling backend jobs
- All errors to SLACK
- Critical DAG failures will invoke Victorops issue

