

CON 315

# Deploying Microservices Using AWS Fargate

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KPMG have built a customer due diligence solution for a high-profile banking client in AWS. The solution is made up of a number of microservices which are deployed to containers using AWS Fargate. This presentation will dive into the details of the architecture of the solution, how the infrastructure and applications are deployed using third party tools such as Hashicorp's Terraform and Jenkins, and the best practices when running containers in production workloads. The presentation will cover details on the AWS resources used in the solution, including DynamoDB, ECS, Fargate and S3, CI/CD and automation, with a focus around security to meet banking regulatory requirements. We will look at how KPMG have configured for canary deployments to ECS Fargate, how we manage secrets management and encryption, and how we manage service discovery between the microservices using ECS Service Discovery and Route 53.

## Related breakouts

### Tuesday, Nov 27

DEV 309 CI/CD for Serverless and Containerized Applications  
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### Wednesday, Nov 28

CON 312 Visibility into Serverless Applications built using AWS Fargate  
12:15 – 1:15 p.m. | Venetian, Level 3, Murano 3205

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## AGENDA

- AWS Fargate introduction and use cases
- Managing multiple environments in AWS Fargate
- Developing, deploying and managing compliant workloads at KPMG

# AWS Container Services landscape

## MANAGEMENT

Deployment, scheduling, scaling & management of containerized applications



Amazon ECS



Amazon EKS

## HOSTING

Where the containers run



Amazon EC2



AWS Fargate

## IMAGE REGISTRY

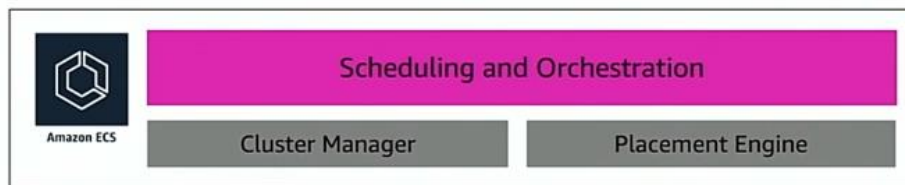
Container image repository



Amazon ECR

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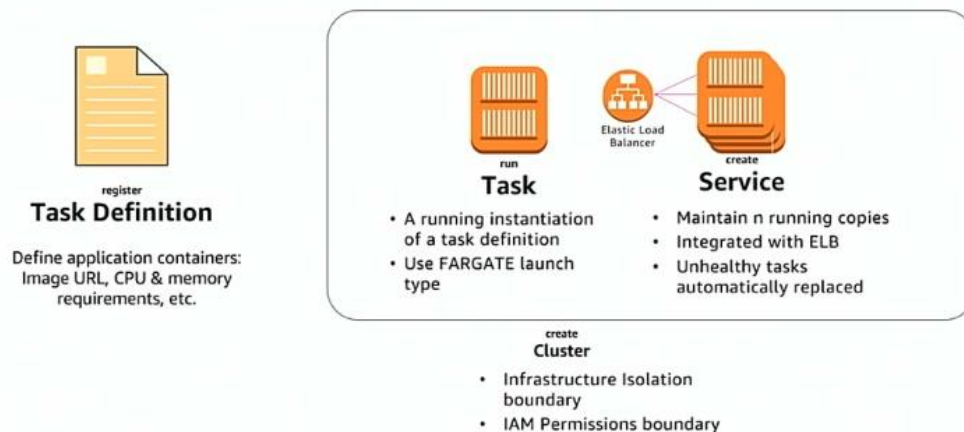
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AWS Fargate is the underlying layer that is not exposed to you but it helps you run the containers.

# Constructs when using Fargate with ECS



the Task Definition defines the parameters for running your containers, you can have up to 10 containers defined, what is the networking and ports to be used. The applications will run inside a cluster as a standalone task you manage or run it as a service that will be fronted by a LB.

## Decide if Fargate should be your launch type

### Create new Task Definition

#### Step 1: Select launch type compatibility

Step 2: Configure task and container definitions

#### Select launch type compatibility

Select which launch type you want your task definition to be compatible with based on where you want to launch your task.

FARGATE	EC2
	
Price based on task size	Price based on resource usage
Requires network mode awsvpc	Multiple network modes available
AWS-managed infrastructure, no Amazon EC2 instances to manage	Self-managed infrastructure using Amazon EC2 instances

```
ecs run-task --launch-type FARGATE --cluster fargate-test --task-definition nginx --network-configuration "awsvpcConfiguration={subnets=[subnet-b563fcd3]}"
```

You can run your applications on EC2 instances or on Fargate

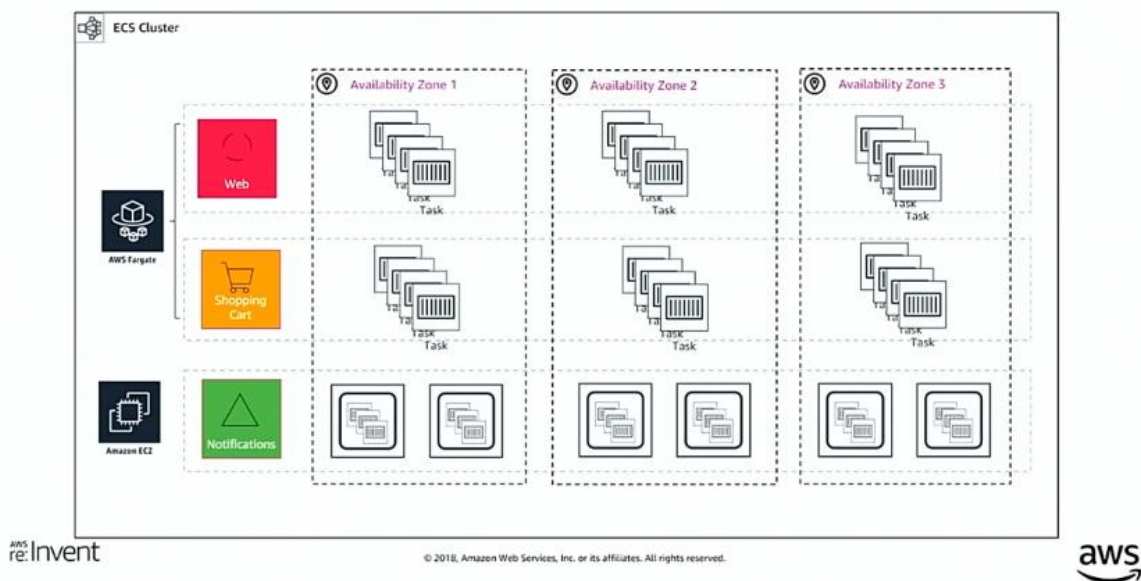
## Which launch type should I use?



## Use cases that need Amazon Elastic Container Service EC2 launch type

- GPUs
- Running Windows native containers
- Spot Fleet
- Instance specificity is important—e.g., C5 for AVX-512 instruction set
- Require privileged containers, daemon-sets or co-location of tasks is assumed

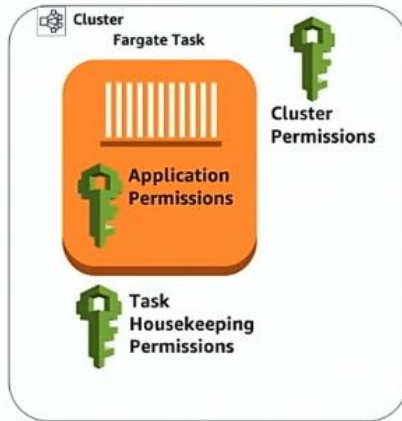
## EC2 and Fargate launch type co-exist!



They can run in the same cluster boundary and even within the same VPC subnet, you just need to specify that you want to use the EC2 or Fargate instance launch type.

For Fargate, *cluster* is an administrative boundary

## Permission tiers



### Cluster permissions:

Who can run/see tasks in the cluster?

### Application (task) permissions:

Which of my AWS resources can this application access?

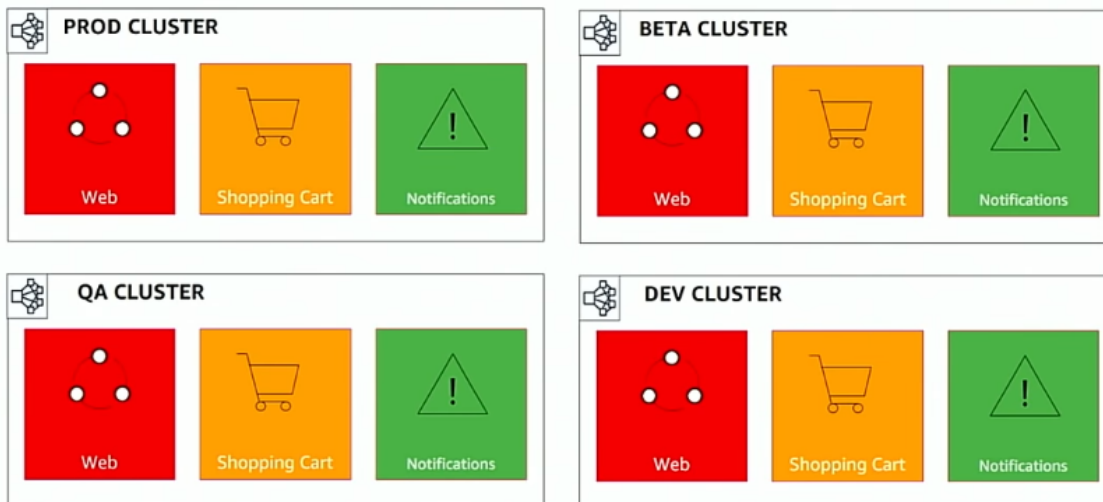
### Housekeeping permissions:

What permissions do I want to grant ECS to perform?

For example

- ECR image pull
- CloudWatch Logs pushing
- ENI creation
- Register/deregister targets into ELB

## Managing multiple environments



## Networking





## Managing networking for your environments

- **Task level**

- All Fargate Tasks run in *awsvpc* networking mode—*i.e.*, each task gets its own interface
- Full control of network access via Security Groups and Network ACLs
- Public IP support

- **Service level**

- Recommended: Deploy services across multiple subnets for high availability
  - Subnets $\leftrightarrow$ Availability Zone have 1 to 1 mapping

Fargate tasks run only in your VPC in the designated subnets you choose for Fargate to use to run your applications in.

## Managing networking for your environments (cont'd.)

- **Cluster level**

- Recommend separate VPCs or at least CIDR ranges at a minimum to limit the blast radius to prevent
  - Against IP exhaustion
  - VPC configuration changes

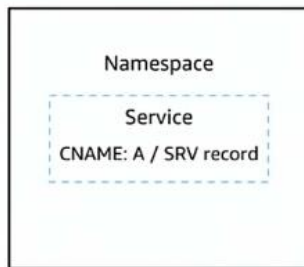
## Managed service discovery across environments

- Maintain services in each cluster without code changes
- Service registry
  - Predictable names for services
  - Auto updated with latest, healthy IP, port
- Managed: No overhead of installation or monitoring
- High availability, high scale
- Extensible: Flexible boundaries for auto discovery



For applications within different clusters or environments to talk to each other, they can use service discovery.

## Amazon Route 53 auto naming provides service registry



Route 53 provides APIs to create

- Namespace
- CNAME per service auto name
- A records per task IP
- SRV records per task IP + port

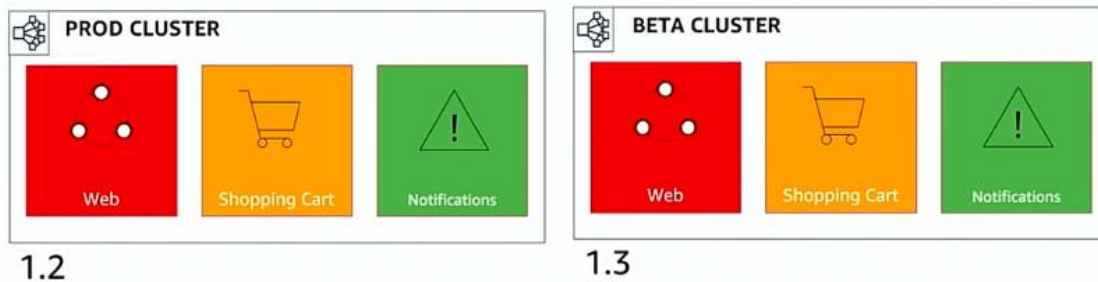


## Fargate platform versions

### Using platform versions for managing environments

- A version refers to specific runtime environment for the task—agent, docker daemon, OS, etc.
  - Available versions—1.0, 1.1 and 1.2
- Features changes go in to new platform versions
- You can specify a version number or as *LATEST* pointer
  - DOES NOT mean we auto-upgrade as soon as new versions are available
  - Only the next user-triggered deployment upgrades to the new version

## Qualifying platform versions for your services



- **NOTE:** Versions exist per service and not at the cluster-level
- Choose 'Force New Deployment' when calling Update Service across versions

## Managing compliant workloads

- Both EC2 and Fargate Launch Types in parity for compliance
  - SOC 1,2,3
  - PCI
  - ISO 9001 / 27001 / 27017 / 27018
  - HIPAA

## Customers using Fargate at scale



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## Topics we'll cover



DEVELOPING



DEPLOYING



MANAGING

## KPMG solutions & digital **Cloud Ops**

3.5 YEARS OLD

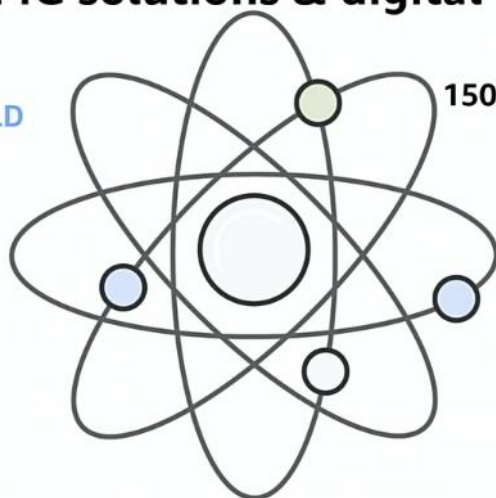
150+ INTERNAL PROJECTS

90 ENGINEERS

250 PRODUCTION  
WORKLOADS

MAJOR  
CONSULTING  
PROJECTS

90% IN AWS



## We work globally across all sectors

### BANKING SECTOR

80% of transformation  
projects are global  
blue-chip banks

### TAX & AUDIT

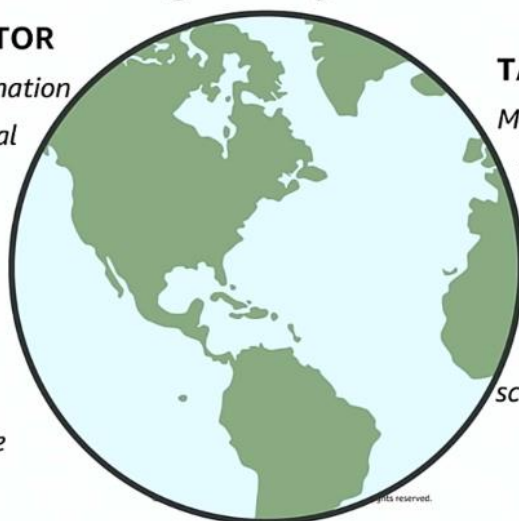
Multiple projects for internal  
tax & audit functions

### GOVERNMENT SECTOR

Largest project to  
date for civil service

### FMCG

Built compensation  
scheme for Tesco PLC



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## Customer due diligence (CDD) solution

## Know your customer for a multi-national blue-chip bank

## Running successfully in the cloud for over a year

Sold onto another blue-chip bank

## Current architecture



- A lot of pets, SQL 2008 on EC2
- .NET deployments to Windows EC2
- Have to manage regular patching, maintenance of servers
- Requirement for server level access



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## Evolution to the new CDD



## Amazon EC2



## Octopus Deploy



CloudFormation



## AWS Fargate



# Jenkins



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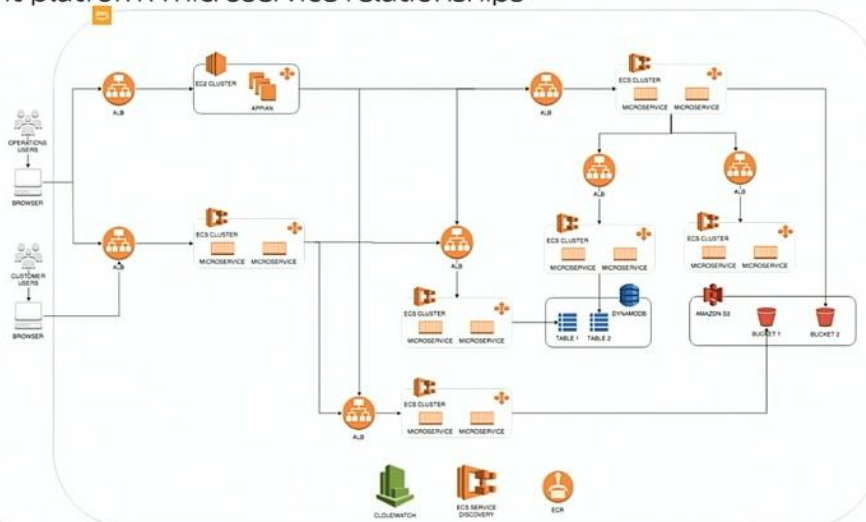
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## Current platform microservice relationships



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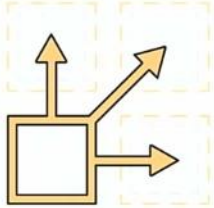


# Benefits of a managed container service

Immutable deployments, no logging into servers!

Launch

Cluster resource provisioning is handled by AWS Fargate

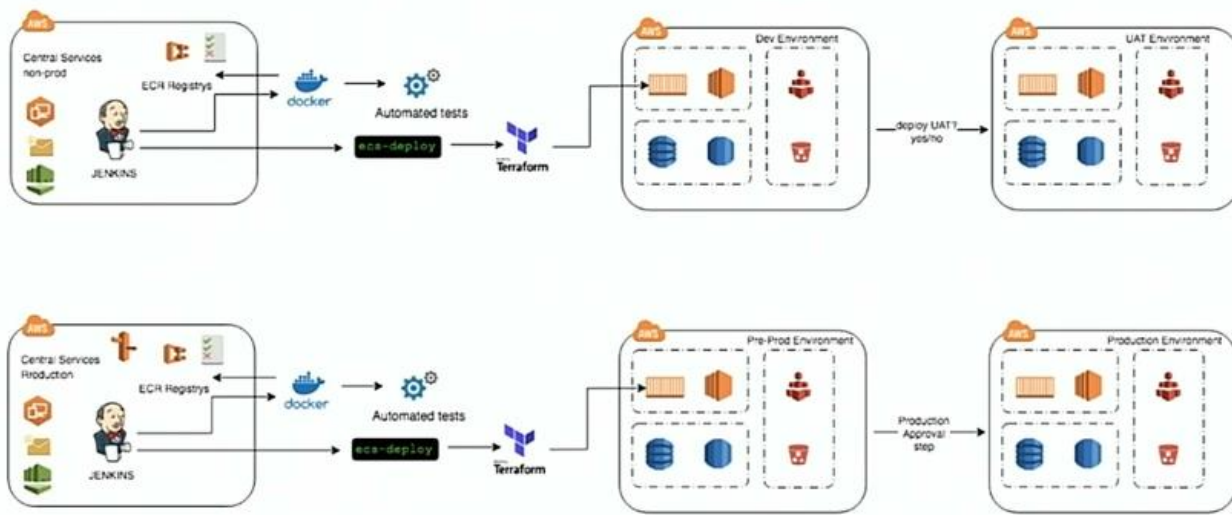


No patching of underlying operating systems

No need for provisioning, configuring or scaling of machines

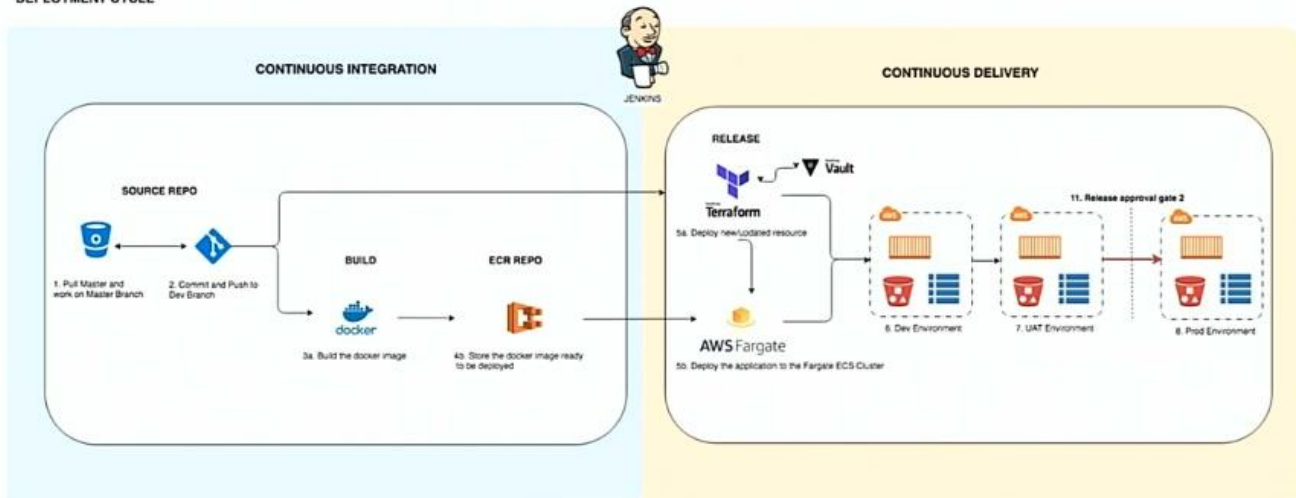
➤ Smaller surface area for attacks

## Path to production



## Deployment pipeline

DEPLOYMENT CYCLE



## Jenkins pipeline



```

stages {
    stage("Pull Python Image from ECR")
    script {
        docker.withRegistry() ...

    stage("SCM Checkout")
    steps {
        checkout([$class: 'GitSCM' ...

    stage("Build Docker Image")
    script {
        docker.withRegistry()
        docker.image('image_name').push('${BUILD_NUMBER}') ...

    stage("ecs deploy dev")
    script {
        sh "ecs deploy ecs_service task_def --image container_name 1234567890.dkr.ecr.eu-
west-1.amazonaws.com/image_name:${BUILD_NUMBER} --region eu-west-1 --profile
awscli_profile --timeout 900"
    }
}
    
```

Tag image with Jenkins Build Number

ECS Service name Task Definition name Container name ECR Registry URL

## Task definition JSON

```

[
  {
    "name": "microservice_name",
    "image": "${image}:latest",
    "cpu": 10,
    "portMappings": [
      {
        "hostPort": 80,
        "protocol": "tcp",
        "containerPort": 80
      }
    ],
    "logConfiguration": {
      "logDriver": "awslogs",
      "options": {
        "awslogs-group": "microserviceecs",
        "awslogs-region": "eu-west-1",
        "awslogs-stream-prefix": "microservice_logs"
      }
    },
    "environment": [
      {
        "name": "microservice__createendpoint", "value": "${microservice_createendpoint}"
      },
      {
        "name": "AWS_OutboundS3BucketName", "value": "${aws_outbounds3bucketname}"
      }
    ]
  }
]
    
```

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This is the task definition JSON file that is deployed by Terraform infrastructure-as-code pipeline

## ECS Fargate in Terraform

Ensuring the task definition picks up the latest ECR image

```

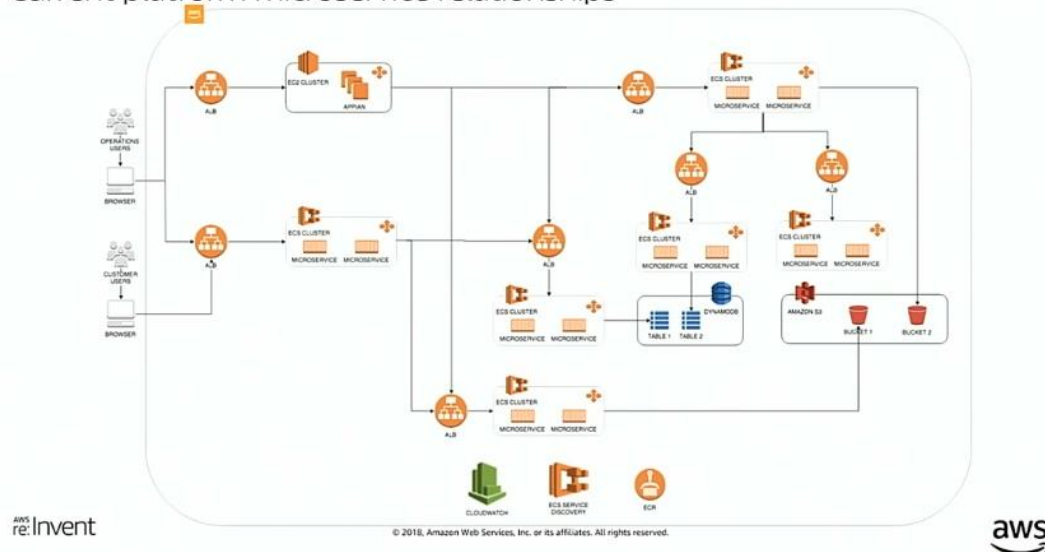
Data source
data "aws_ecs_task_definition" "microservice_task" {
    task_definition = "${aws_ecs_task_definition.microservice_task.family}"
}

resource "aws_ecs_service" "microservice_service" {
    task_definition =
        "${aws_ecs_task_definition.letters_honcho_task.family}:${max("${aws_ecs_task_definitio
on.letters_honcho_task.revision}",
        "${data.aws_ecs_task_definition.letters_honcho_task.revision}")}" ...

    Most recent revision
    
```



## Current platform microservice relationships



## Task definition JSON

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    "cpu": 10,
    "portMappings": [
      {
        "hostPort": 80,
        "protocol": "tcp",
        "containerPort": 80
      }
    ],
    "logConfiguration": {
      "logDriver": "awslogs",
      "options": {
        "awslogs-group": "microserviceecs",
        "awslogs-region": "eu-west-1",
        "awslogs-stream-prefix": "microservice_logs"
      }
    },
    "environment": [
      {
        "name": "microservice_createendpoint", "value": "${microservice_createendpoint}"
      },
      {
        "name": "AWS_outbounds3BucketName", "value": "${aws_outbounds3bucketname}"
      }
    ]
  }
]
```

Service Discovery endpoint

S3 Bucket

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## ECS Fargate in Terraform

### Defining environment variables

```
resource "aws_ecs_task_definition" "microservice_task" {
  container_definitions = "${data.template_file.ecs_task_microservice.rendered}"

  data "template_file" "ecs_task_microservice" {
    template = "${file("task_definitions/ecs_task_letters_honcho.json")}"
  }

  vars {
    image = "${var.ecr_repo}-microservice-ecr"

    microserviceconfig_createendpoint =
      "http://${var.environment}_microservice.microservice/v1/templates/${template_name}"

    aws_outbounds3bucketname = "${aws_s3_bucket.microservice_s3_bucket.id}"
  }
}
```

Service Discovery endpoint

S3 Bucket

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# AWS Fargate

## Convincing the client

Understand Docker & the benefits of containers for ease of deployment and scalability



Integration with ECS and ECR

Use existing CI/CD tools: Jenkins & Bitbucket

Lower TCO with AWS Fargate



SLA of 99.99% uptime



PCI DSS Level 1, ISO 9001, ISO 27001, ISO 27017, ISO 27018, SOC 1, SOC 2, SOC 3, and HIPAA eligibility

## Securing the solution

Fargate runs within your own VPC: **You own the networking, subnets, NACLs, and security groups**

All microservices behind an **Application Load Balancer** using with **AWS WAF** and **SSL termination**

Send logs to **Amazon CloudWatch Logs**



Twistlock Container Security for **stronger, scalable cloud-based container security**

Servers managed by AWS: **All AV, Anti-Malware, IDS/IPS covered by AWS**

## Main benefits of AWS to KPMG



Cost reduction



Speed of delivery



Automation and DevOps

## KPMG & AWS—Future relationship



150+ projects already in AWS

250+ production workloads in AWS

Hosting highly confidential data

Growing AWS certified team

Alliance agreement with AWS



# Thank you!

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