



# HOW TO KEEP OUR FLOCK HAPPY WITH APACHE FLINK ON AWS



# AGENDA



## **ANALYTICS @ ROVIO**

**WHAT IS ROVIO AND HOW DOES ROVIO UTILIZE DATA?**

## **DO WE NEED STREAMING?**

**WHY WOULD A COMPANY WITH A WORKING BATCH PROCESSING PIPELINE INVEST IN STREAMING? WHAT USE CASES ROVIO CURRENTLY RUNS IN STREAMING?**

## **RUNNING FLINK IN PRODUCTION ON AWS**

**HOW DOES ROVIO OPERATE ITS PRODUCTION PIPELINE IN AWS?**

# STREAMLINE.

FAST  
REACTIVE  
ANALYTICS



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# WE ARE HIRING!

SENIOR DATA ANALYST (STOCKHOLM)

BLOCKCHAIN RESEARCH DEVELOPER

... AND ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW  
TALENT



*Photo: Lauri Rotko*

POSITIONING



# GAMESFIRST ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY

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# OUR MISSION



**SET THE WORLD ON FIRE BY  
CRAFTING THE BEST GAMES  
AND ENTERTAINMENT  
IN THE WORLD**

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# ROVIO IN AN EGG SHELL

FOUNDED IN

**2003**

CREATOR OF

**ANGRY BIRDS™**

BUSINESS UNITS

**GAMES**  
3 STUDIOS

**BRAND**  
LICENSING



PEOPLE

**< 400**  
ROVIANS

ESPOO, STOCKHOLM, LONDON,  
SHANGHAI, LA

DOWNLOADS

**4B**  
SINCE 2009

BOX OFFICE

**\$350M**  
**THE ANGRY BIRDS™**  
**MOVIE**

SEQUEL

**THE ANGRY 2 BIRDS™**  
**MOVIE**

SEPTEMBER 2019

# HOW DO WE USE DATA?



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MARKET  
RESEARCH



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PERFORMANCE  
MARKETING

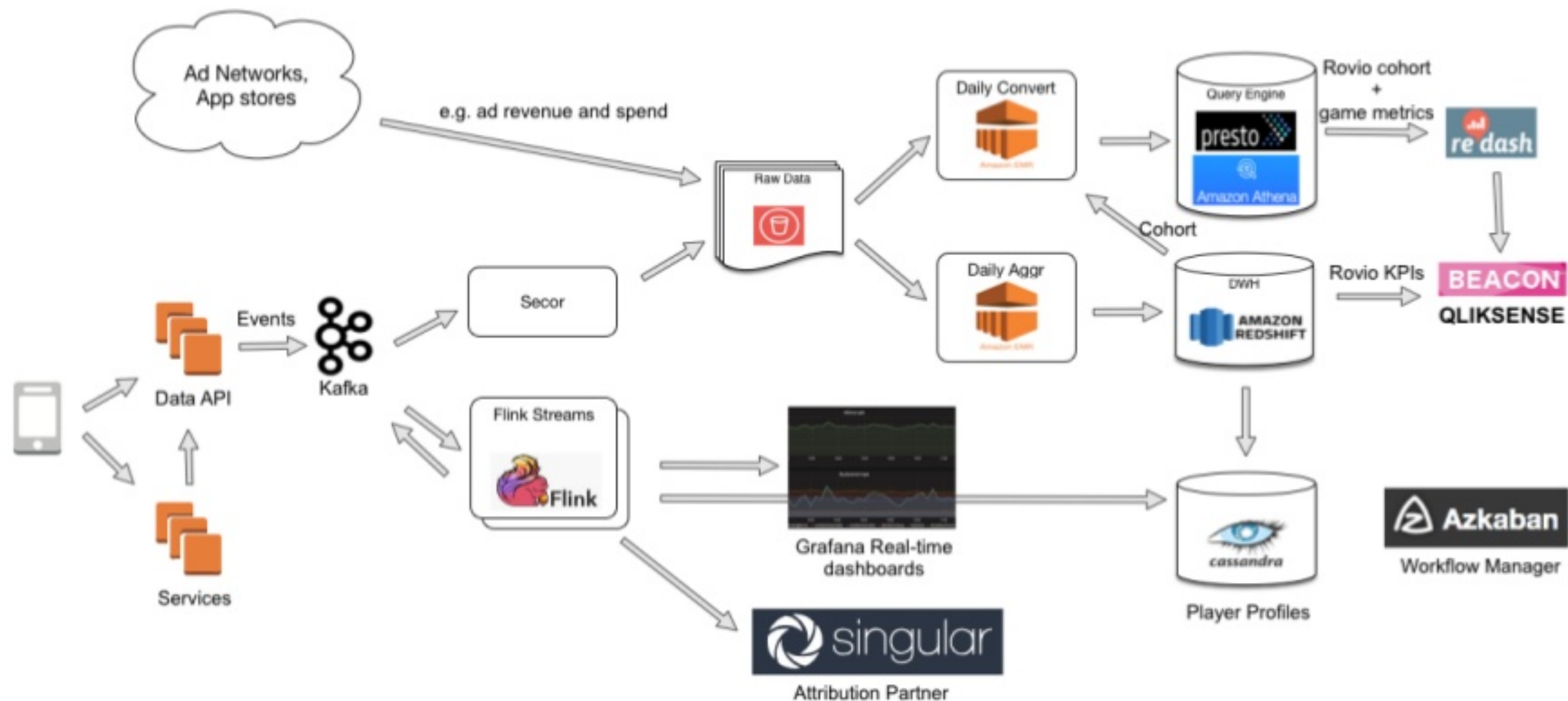


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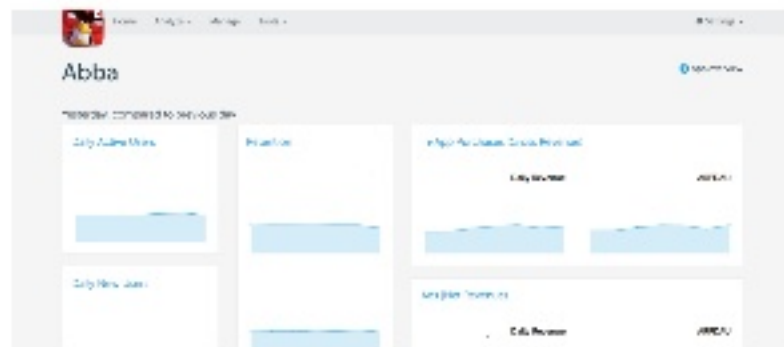
GAME  
OPTIMIZATION



# PIPELINE



# BEACON



## ANALYTICS



## A/B TESTING



## PERSONALIZATION

The screenshot shows the 'Catalog' interface. It features a table with columns for 'Name', 'Price', and 'Status'. The table contains several rows of data, including items like 'New Item 1', 'New Item 2', and 'New Item 3'.

## PAYMENT

The screenshot shows the 'Ad Placements' interface. It features a table with columns for 'Name', 'Status', and 'Start Date'. The table contains several rows of data, including ad placements like 'Ad Placement 1', 'Ad Placement 2', and 'Ad Placement 3'.

## ADS

The screenshot shows the 'Push Campaigns' interface. It features a table with columns for 'Name', 'Status', and 'Start Date'. The table contains several rows of data, including push campaigns like 'Push Campaign 1', 'Push Campaign 2', and 'Push Campaign 3'.

## PUSH

# BEACON - MANAGE

**xpromo Interstitials for churning players**  
ID: 0515d69c-c663-4126-bbd5-0dfb90086561  
**ON** Estimated 23541 DAU (28.94%) , 377,366 Unique Users (5.75%)  
EDIT

Manage

Analyze

Include users

IF 

Profile: Churn score

 > 

0.5

+ ADD CRITERIA

Schedule

+ ADD SCHEDULE

Configurations

Ad placements

Ad placement

Interstitial: Default  
Campaign types: house  
Ad units: video-Interstitial-480x320  
Ad request intervals: 120, 10000 sec  
[See in ad placement tool](#)

Show one forced  
interstitial and  
only show xpromo  
reward videos for  
churning players



**27%** more xpromo users  
**0%** retention impact

**DO WE NEED STREAMING?**

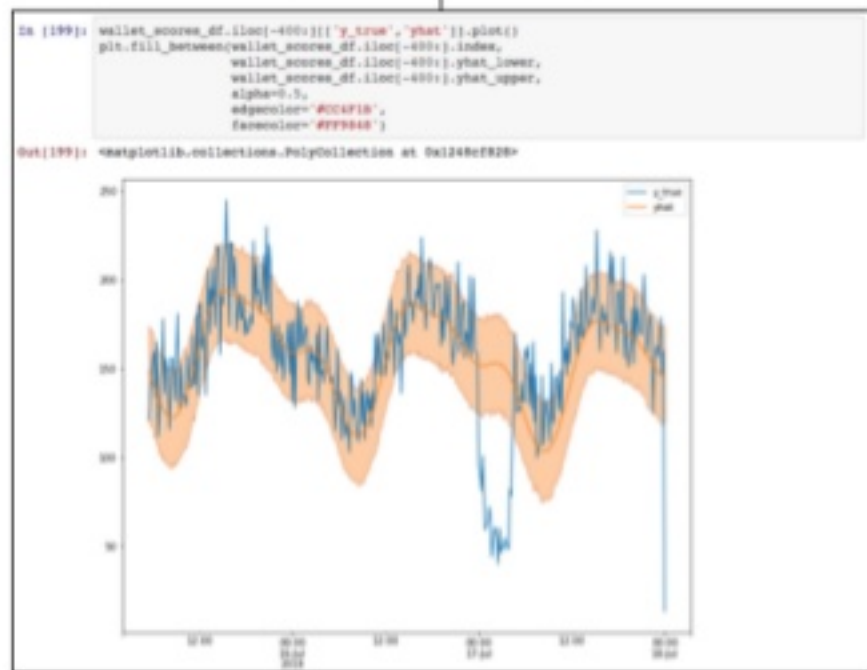
# TIME TO DATA



# ANOMALY DETECTION



```
-- jsonFields{ s.cid, s.dcid, s.cver, s.aid1 }  
-- measurementName{ active_session }  
SELECT  
  s_cid AS app_id,  
  s_dcid AS distribution_channel,  
  s_cver AS client_version,  
  COUNT(*) AS event_count,  
  COUNT(DISTINCT s_aid1) AS unique_users,  
  TUMBLE_START(rowtime, INTERVAL '60' SECOND) AS ts  
FROM topics{ 'audit.session, audit.identity' }  
GROUP BY  
  s_cid,  
  s_dcid,  
  s_cver,  
  TUMBLE(rowtime, INTERVAL '60' SECOND)
```





## Ads Video Impressions ▾



🕒 Last 3 hours

🔄 Refresh every 1m



game

AngryBirdsFriends ▾

os

All ▾

country

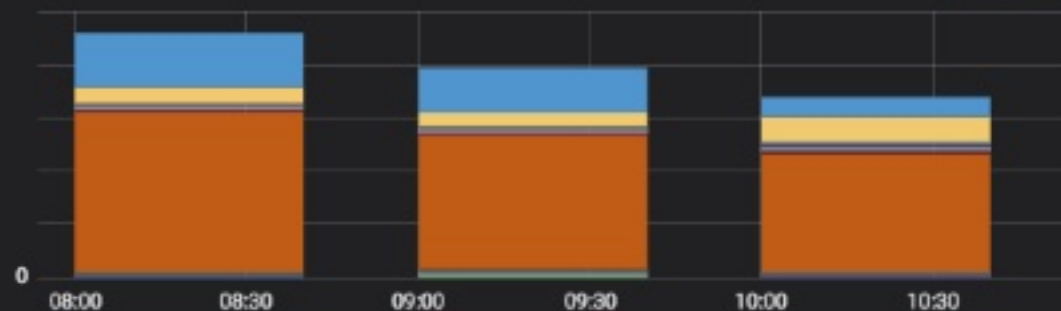
All ▾

Events from InfluxDB



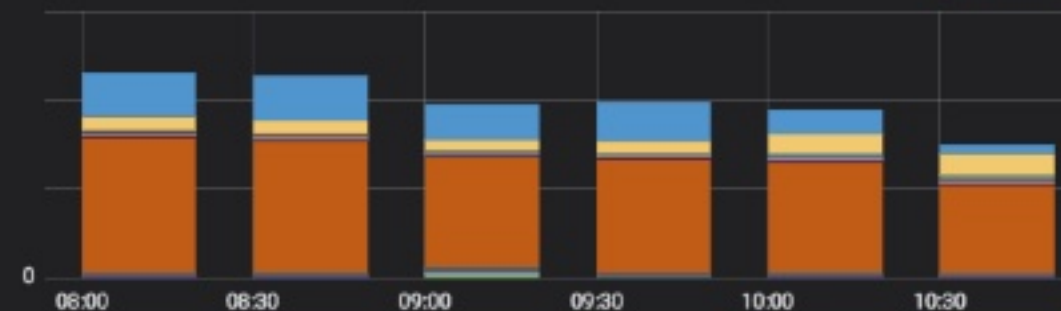
Reward Video impressions per campaign 1h aggregate

🕒 timeshift -1m



Reward Video impressions per campaign 30m aggregate

🕒 timeshift -1m

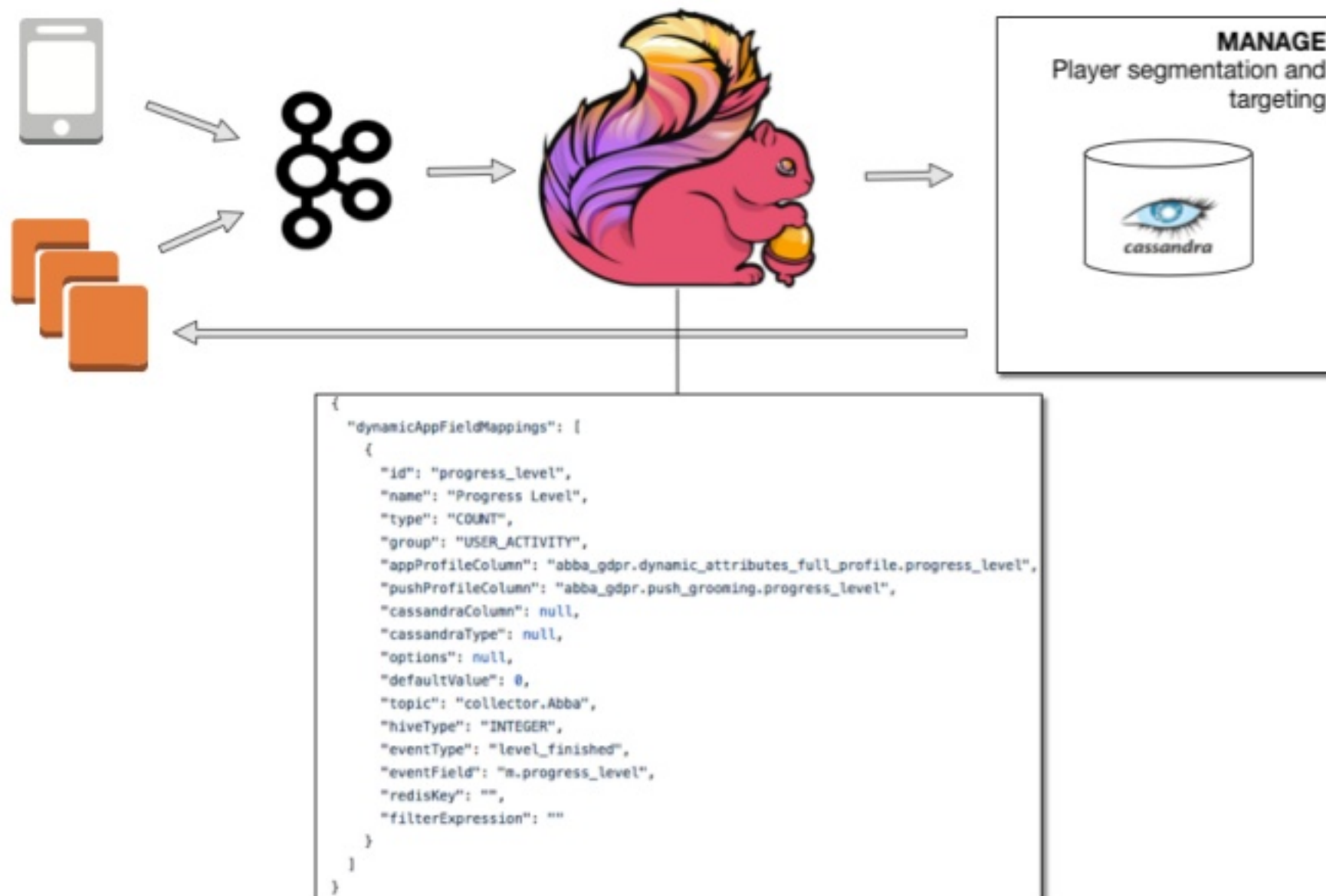


Reward Video impressions per campaign 1m aggregate

🕒 timeshift -1m

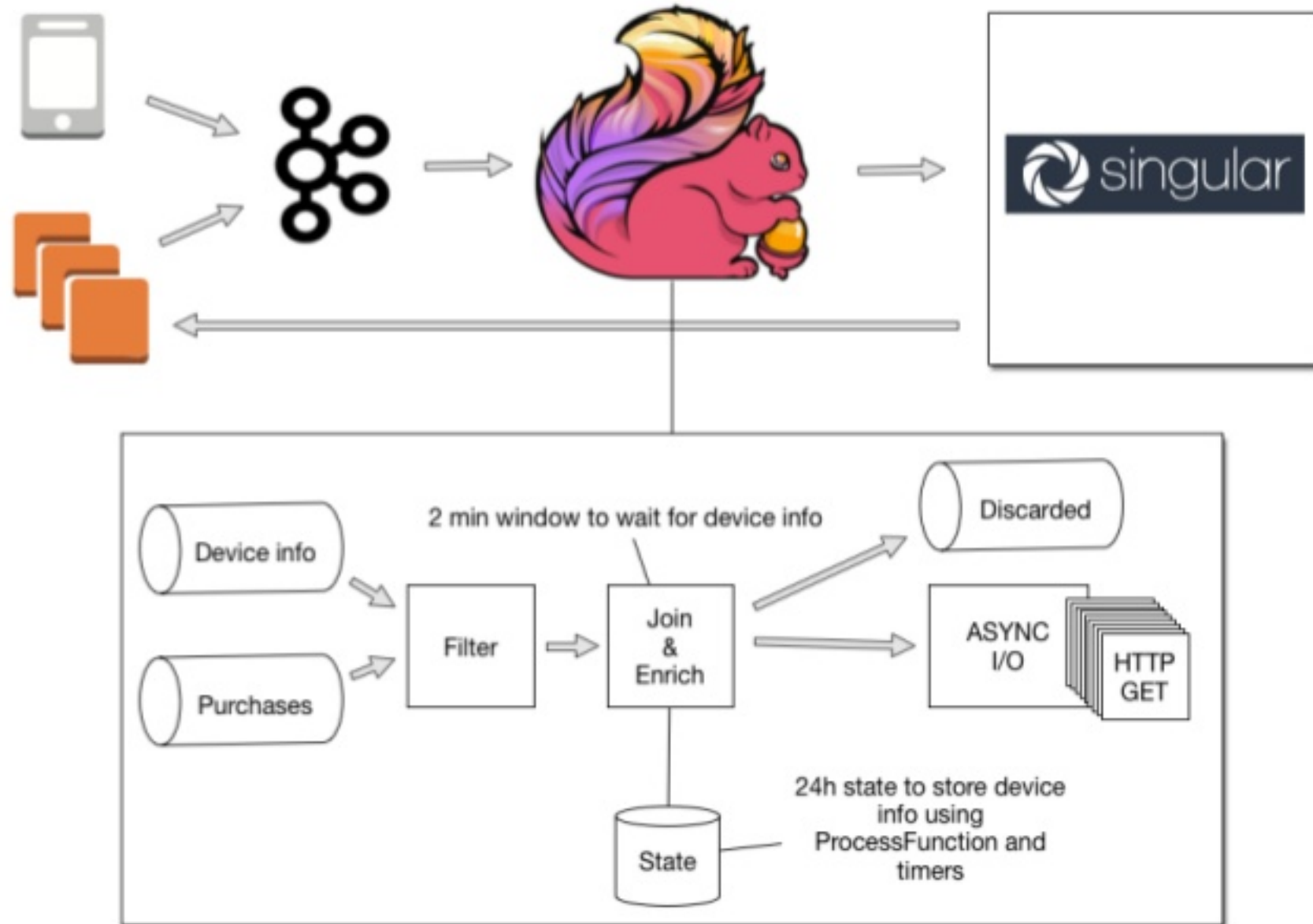


# PERSONALIZATION

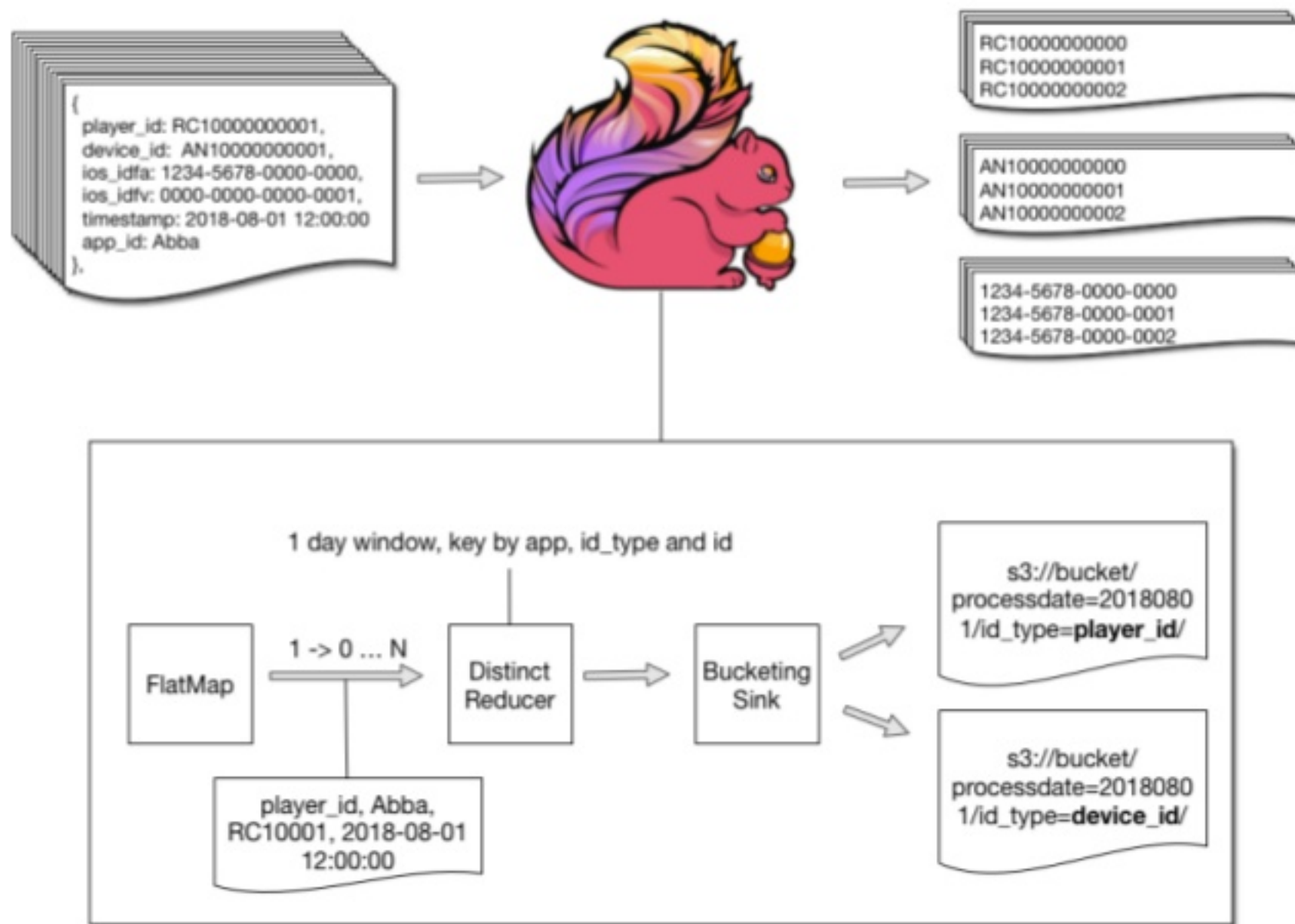




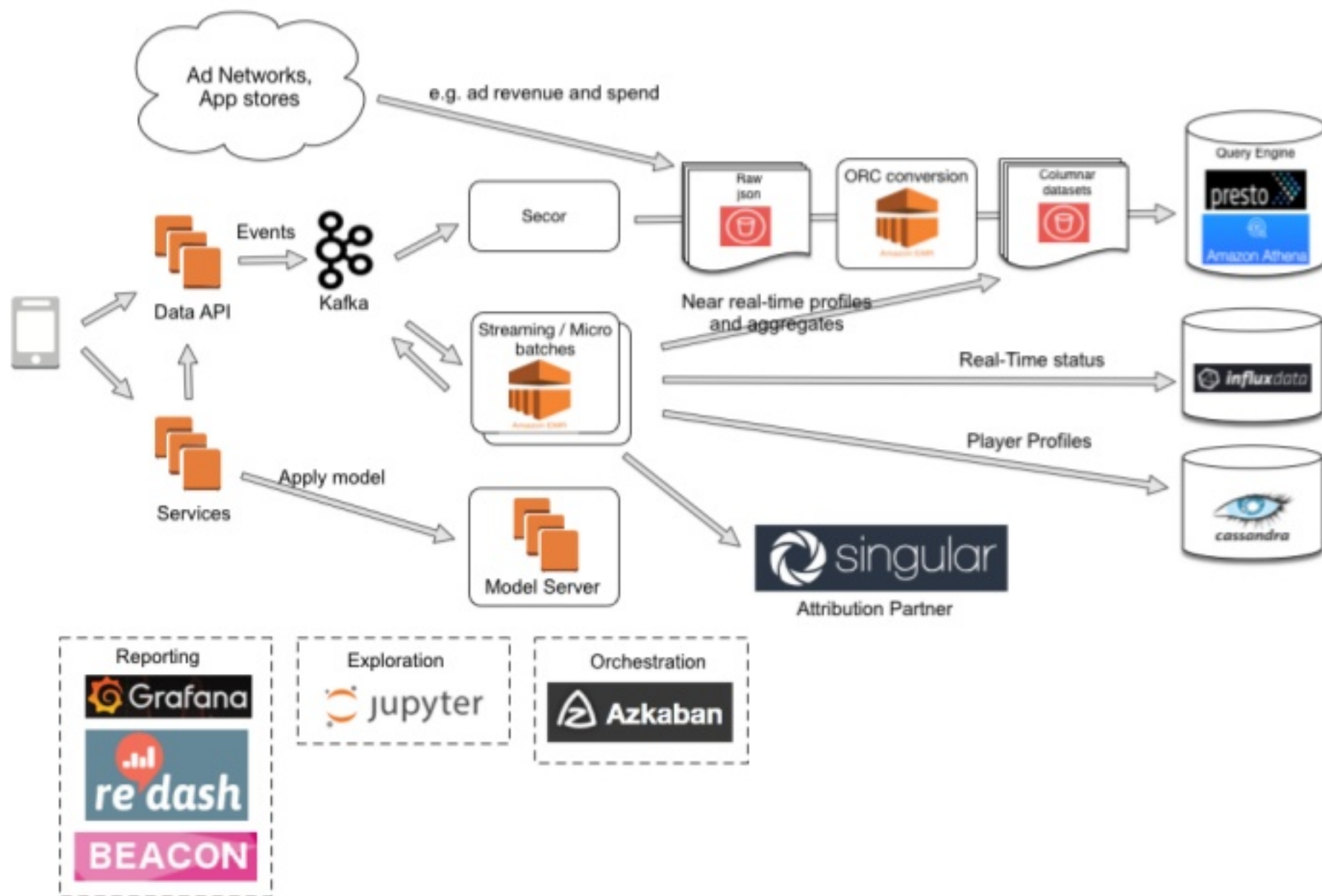
# INTEGRATION WITH 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY SYSTEMS



# STREAMING DEDUPLICATION



# INPROGRESS: STREAMING 4 ALL?





# **WHAT WE NEED TO RUN STREAMING PRODUCTION PIPELINE?**

# WE NEED...



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## DATA

Backfilling the  
historical data



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## SLA

System must operate  
24/7

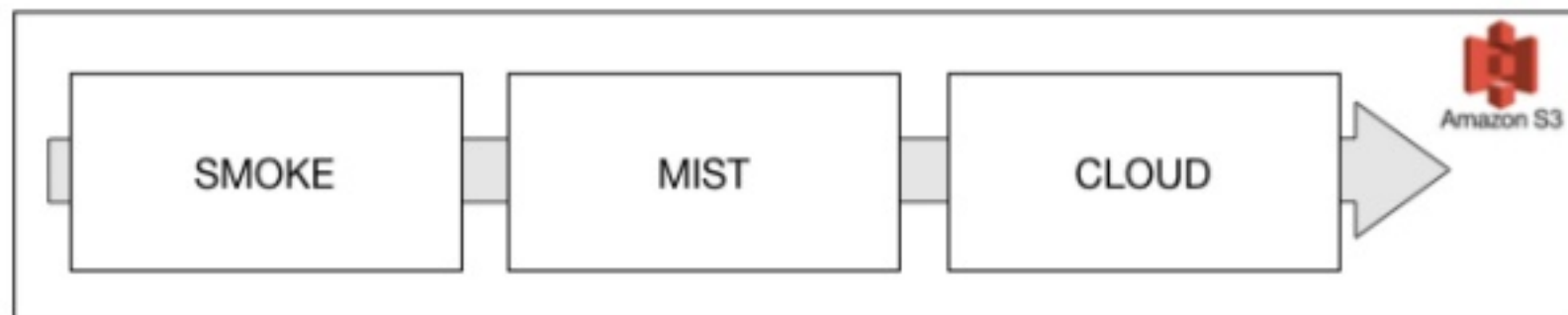


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## CI

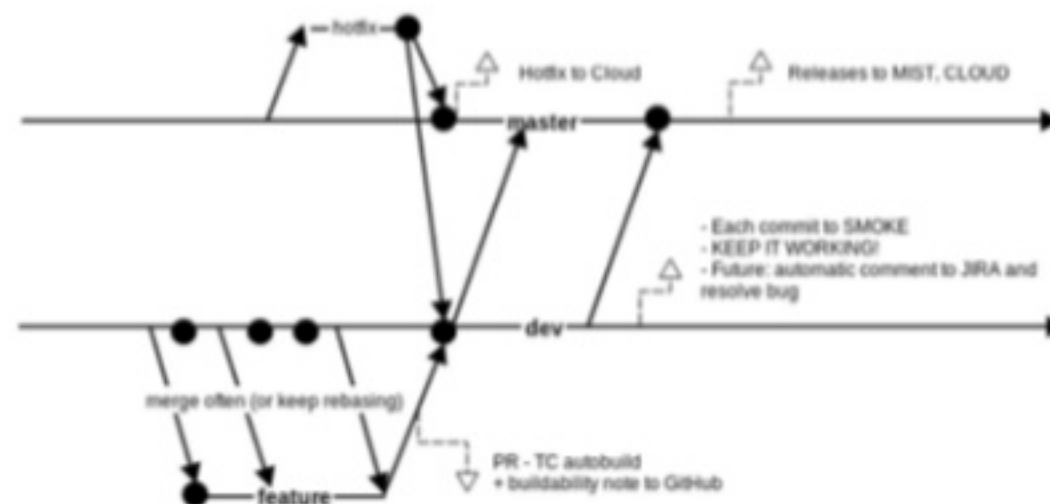
Implement and  
deploy features care  
free

# HOW DO WE OPERATE AND MONITOR FLINK STREAMS?



**TEAMCITY** PROJECTS TO BUILD  
AND DEPLOY FLINK STREAM  
**UBER JARS** TO DEVELOPMENT,  
STAGING AND PRODUCTION  
**S3** BUCKETS.

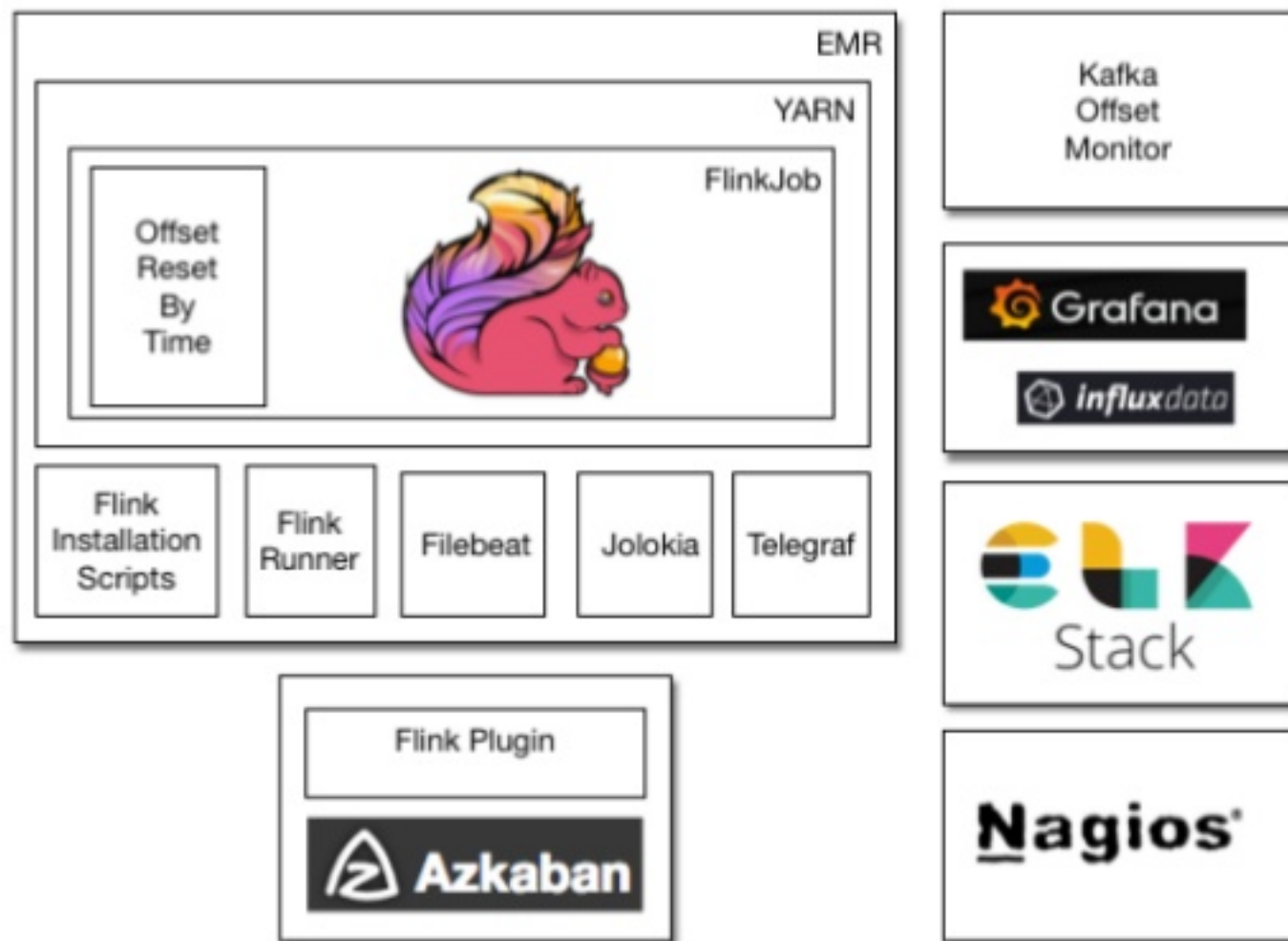
**GITFLOW INSPIRED BRANCHING  
STRATEGY IN GITHUB.**





## ELASTIC MAPREDUCE WITH YARN

### BOOTSTRAP ACTIONS TO SETUP FLINK, LOGGING AND MONITORING



KAFKA OFFSET MONITOR  
TO MONITOR CONSUMER  
LAG

REAL-TIME TIME SERIES  
DATA IN GRAFANA

LOGS IN KIBANA

MONITORS OFFSET LAG,  
ACCUMULATORS,  
BACKPRESSURE AND  
ANOMALIES

CUSTOM TOOLS AND  
LIBRARIES MOSTLY FOR  
STATE HANDLING

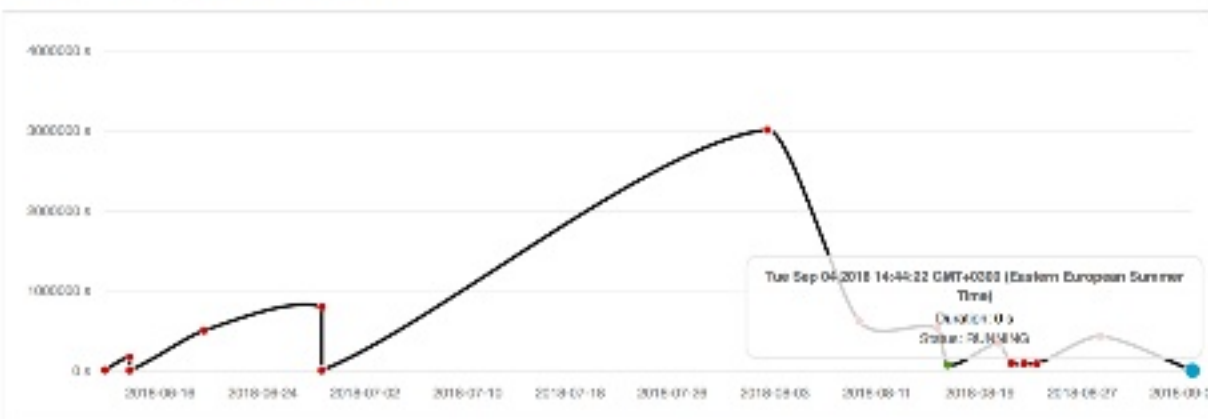
**AZKABAN** WORKFLOW MANAGER WITH FLINK PLUGIN  
USED TO ORCHESTRATE ENABLED EMR CLUSTERS

## Flow link-stream-unique\_id

Schedule / Execute Flow

Project link-streams / Flow link-stream-unique\_id

Graph Executions Flow Triggers Summary



Execution Id	User	Base Date	Start Time	End Time	Elapsed	Status	Action
1272892	askaban	20180528	2018-08-28 09:34:02s	-	7d 5h 10m	Running	
1264895	askaban	20180528	2018-08-28 10:38:01s	2018-08-28 09:38:03s	4d 29h 0m	Killed	

## Job link-stream-unique\_id

History

Project link-streams / Flow link-stream-unique\_id / Job link-stream-unique\_id

Job Properties		Edit
Parameter Name	Value	
cloud.flink.jobCount	8	
mrTaskStep.1.args.--bucketingSinkParallelism	2	
step.1.jar	From the deep link job link-unique_id-stream/link-unique_id-stream-1.0.0-SNAPSHOT.jar	
smoke.step.1.args.--batchSize	131072	
cloud.elasticsearch.count	10	
smoke.step.1.args.--bucketingSinkParallelism	2	
step.1.options.-yD.containerized.heap-cutoff-ratio	0.25	
cloud.flink.jobManagerMemory	2048	
type	linkstream	
cloud.step.1.args.--	kafka5-elasticsearch-10000-kafka5-elasticsearch-10000	

Job link-stream-unique\_id  
Job Type linkstream

Dependencies

No Dependencies

Dependencies

No Dependencies

Properties

link-stream/link-streams.properties

askaban\_jobs\_slack\_notifications.properties

askaban\_jobs\_email\_notifications.properties

# HOW TO BOOTSTRAP FLINK TO EMR CLUSTER?

## EMR BOOTSTRAP ACTIONS

INSTALL FLINK TO MASTER NODE

INSTALL TELEGRAF

INSTALL FILEBEAT

```
#!/bin/bash
set -e
#
# This script installs Apache Flink on master node
#
JOLOKIA_PCK=jolokia-jvm-1.3.7-agent.jar
aws s3 cp s3://ds-analytics-emrjobs-${var:env}/lib/${JOLOKIA_PCK} /home/hadoop/

if [ -z $4 -o $4 = " " ]; then
    echo "not enough args"
    exit 1
fi
JOB_NAME=$2
CUSTOM_CONF=$3
START_TIME=$4

IS_MASTER=$(grep "\"isMaster\": true" /mnt/var/lib/info/instance.json | wc -l)
if [ ${IS_MASTER} = "1" ]; then
    echo "We are on master node... Install Flink."
    pushd /home/hadoop
    FLINK_PCK="$1"
    aws s3 cp s3://ds-analytics-emrjobs-${var:env}/lib/${FLINK_PCK} /home/hadoop/
    tar -xvf ${FLINK_PCK}
    popd
    FLINK_DIR=$(find /home/hadoop/flink-[0-9]* -maxdepth 0 -type d)
    sed "s/\${JOB_NAME}/\${JOB_NAME}/g;\
        s/\${JOLOKIA_PCK}/\${JOLOKIA_PCK}/g;\
        s/\${START_TIME}/\${START_TIME}/g\
        " ${CUSTOM_CONF}\
        >> ${FLINK_DIR}/conf/flink-conf.yaml
else
    echo "Not a master... Skipping Flink installation."
fi
```



# HOW TO START FROM THE LATEST **RESTORE POINT**?

```

public String getLatestRestorePoint() {

    log.info("Searching for latest savepoint..");
    S3SourceWithDate latestSavePoint = getLatestSavepoint();
    log.info("latestSavePoint: " + latestSavePoint);

    log.info("Searching for latest checkpoint..");
    S3SourceWithDate latestCheckPoint = getLatestCheckpoint();
    log.info("latestCheckPoint: " + latestCheckPoint);

    S3SourceWithDate restorePoint = Stream.of(latestSavePoint, latestCheckPoint)
        .filter(Objects::nonNull).max(Comparator.comparing(S3SourceWithDate::getLastModified)).orElse(null);
    if (restorePoint == null) {
        return null;
    }
    return restorePoint.source.resolveNativeLink(flatBirdHelper);
}

```

**FIND THE LATEST CHECKPOINT OR  
SAVEPOINT...**

```

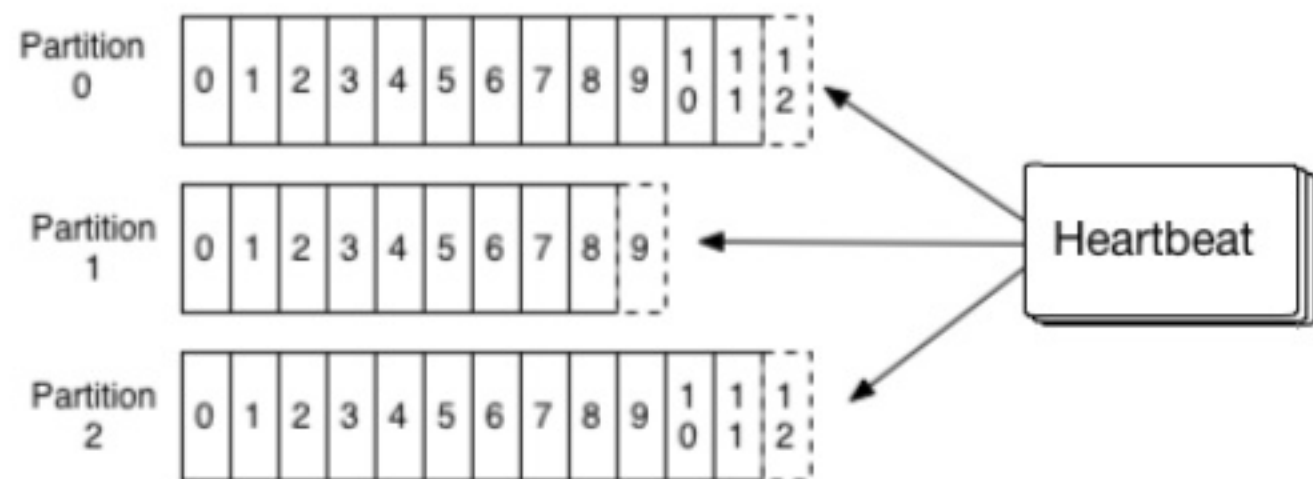
// flink.fromSavepoint allows manual/static override of where to restore from
String restorePointPath = props.getString("flink.fromSavepoint", null);
if (StringUtils.isBlank(restorePointPath) && savepointGateway.isEnabled()) {
    restorePointPath = savepointGateway.getLatestRestorePoint();
    if (restorePointPath == null) {
        log.warn("Checkpointing is enabled but couldn't find savepoints or checkpoints to resume from");
    }
}
}

```

**... AND PASS IT AS ARGUMENT!**

# HOW TO HANDLE **IDLE** **PARTITIONS?**

## PRODUCER SENDS EMPTY MESSAGE WITH EVENT TIMESTAMP TO EVERY PARTITION



Source: <https://kafka.apache.org/intro>



# HOW TO INITIALIZE THE STATE?

1. Use same uid and state name in the init and main job steps
2. Backfill history from files using streaming and `PROCESS_CONTINUOUSLY` mode
3. Monitor Flink job and save the state when no data is being processed anymore
4. Start your streaming job from the save point and start processing Kafka events from specific **point of time**

# WITH FLINK 1.5, KAFKA 0.10 AND ABOVE

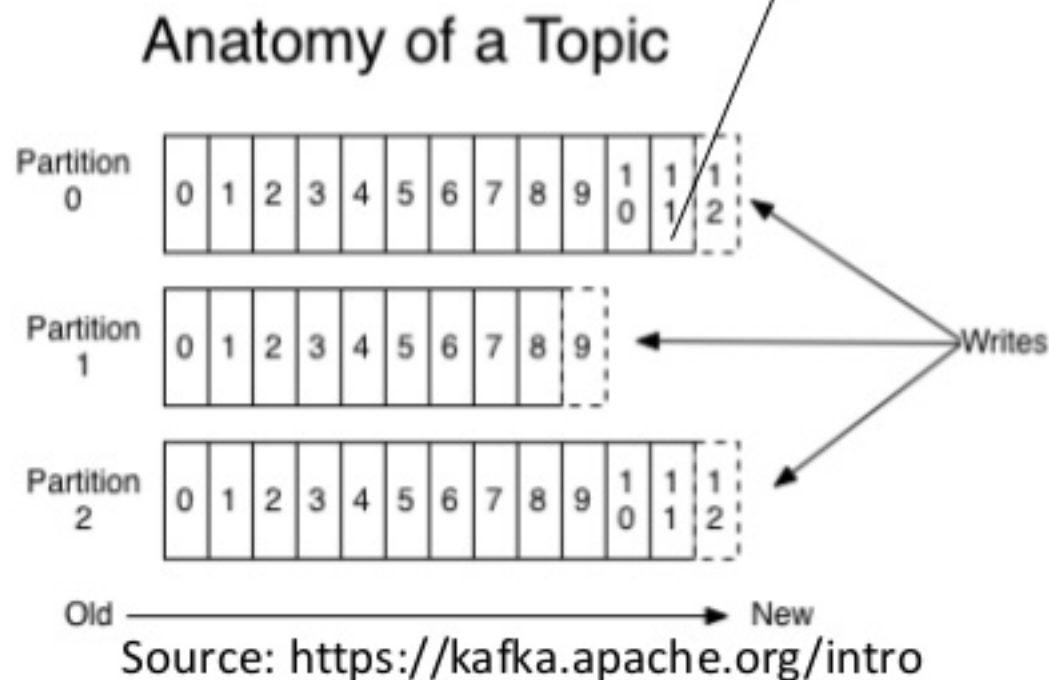
1. Add timestamp to Kafka message
2. Use FlinkKafkaConsumer  
setStartFromTimestamp(...)

How did we do it for **older versions?**

# ANATOMY OF KAFKA TOPIC

```
{  
  timestamp: 2018-08-01 12:00:00  
  .  
  .  
  .  
}
```

**ARRAYS!!!**



How does one **search** data from arrays?



# BINARY SEARCH

Search offset having data starting from 2018-08-01 12:00:03

2018-08-01 12:00:00	2018-08-01 12:00:05	2018-08-01 12:00:10	2018-08-01 12:00:15	2018-08-01 12:00:20	2018-08-01 12:00:25	2018-08-01 12:00:30	2018-08-01 12:00:35	2018-08-01 12:00:40
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Read message from the middle offset.  $12:00:20 > 12:00:03$ , search from 1st half.

2018-08-01 12:00:00	2018-08-01 12:00:05	2018-08-01 12:00:10	2018-08-01 12:00:15	2018-08-01 12:00:20	2018-08-01 12:00:25	2018-08-01 12:00:30	2018-08-01 12:00:35	2018-08-01 12:00:40
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12:00:05 is close enough, start consuming from this offset.

2018-08-01 12:00:00	2018-08-01 12:00:05	2018-08-01 12:00:10	2018-08-01 12:00:15
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# SUMMARY



ROVIO MAKES GREAT GAMES AND DATA IS HEAVILY USED IN EVERY STEP OF THE GAMES LIFE-CYCLE

STREAMING IS USED TO IMPROVE TIME TO DATA ESPECIALLY IN CASES WHERE AUTOMATED DECISION MAKING IS BEING DONE

FOR PRODUCTION USE ONE NEEDS ADDITIONAL FEATURES ON TOP OF THE VANILLA FLINK PLATFORM ESPECIALLY AROUND OPERATIONS AND STATE MANAGEMENT



# THANKS!

