

Virtualization, Elasticity and Performance for Distributed Applications

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What this lecture is about?

- **Resources and their impact** on distributed systems and applications
- **Virtualization**
 - Resource virtualization
- **Elasticity**
 - Key concepts and techniques
- **Performance**
 - Utilizing virtualization and elasticity for some performance patterns

Impact of resources on Distributed applications

Types of distributed applications

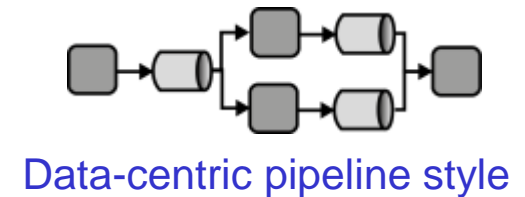
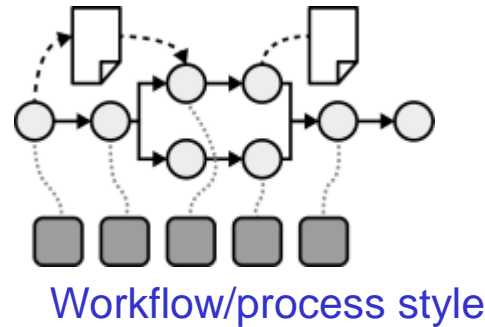
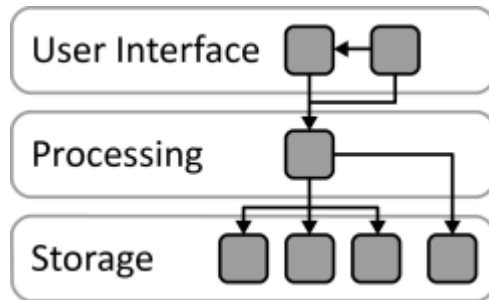
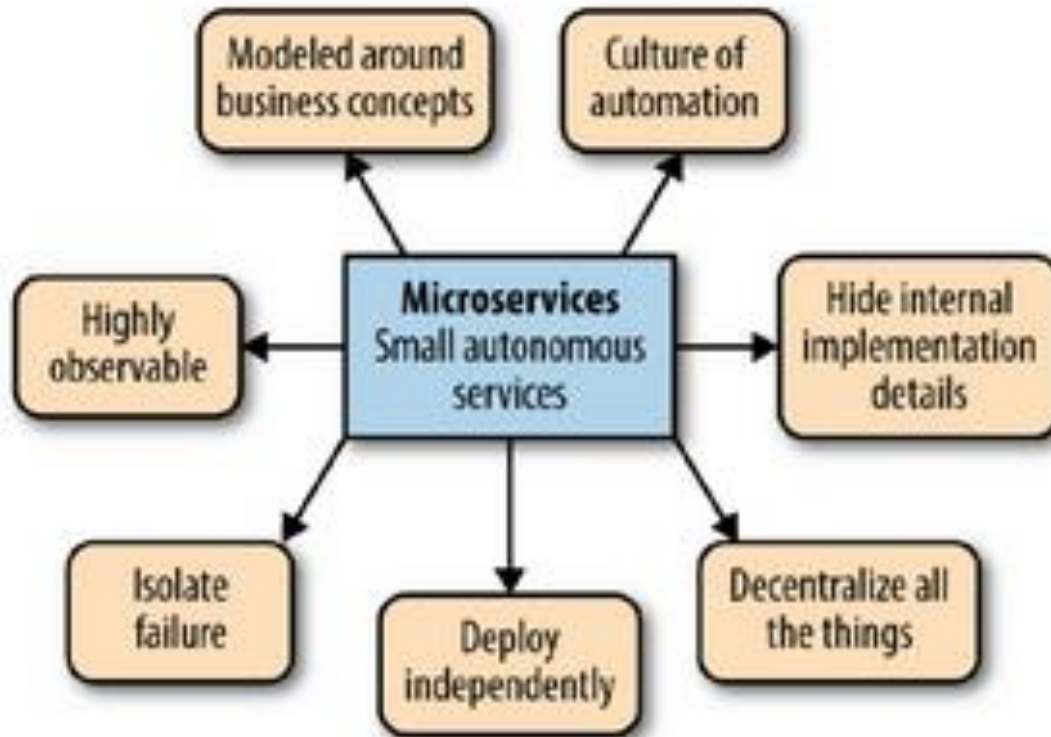


Figure sources: http://www.cloudcomputingpatterns.org/Distributed_Application

- Some questions for DevOps
 - How to have a development environment that is similar to the operational/production one?
 - How to utilize computing resources in the best way?
 - How to achieve the best performance?

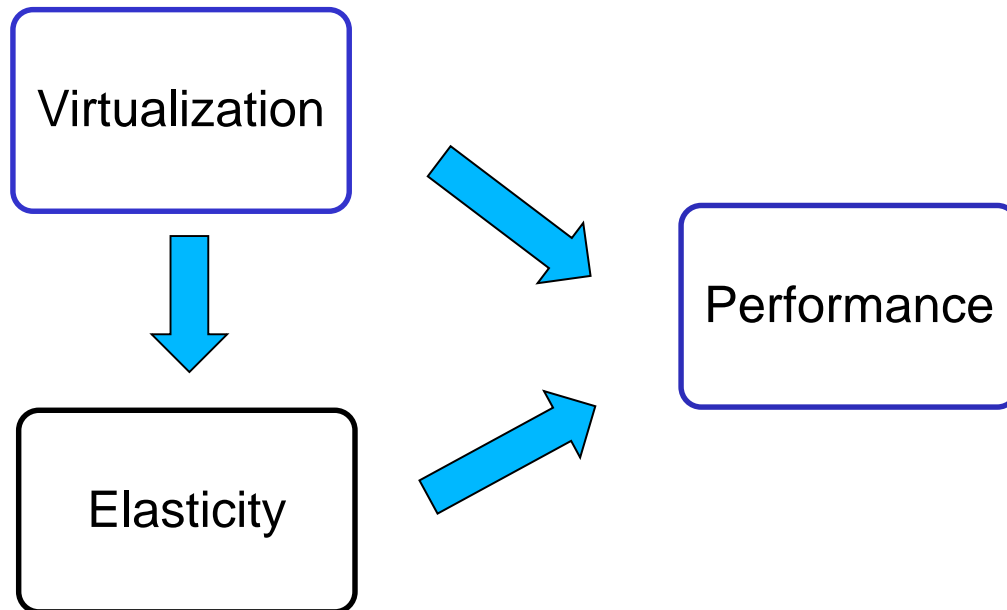
Recall – Breakdown the complexity

Figure source: Sam Newman, Building Microservices, 2015



How to make sure that the underlying resources and infrastructures are suitable for „small autonomous services“?

Concepts of today's lecture

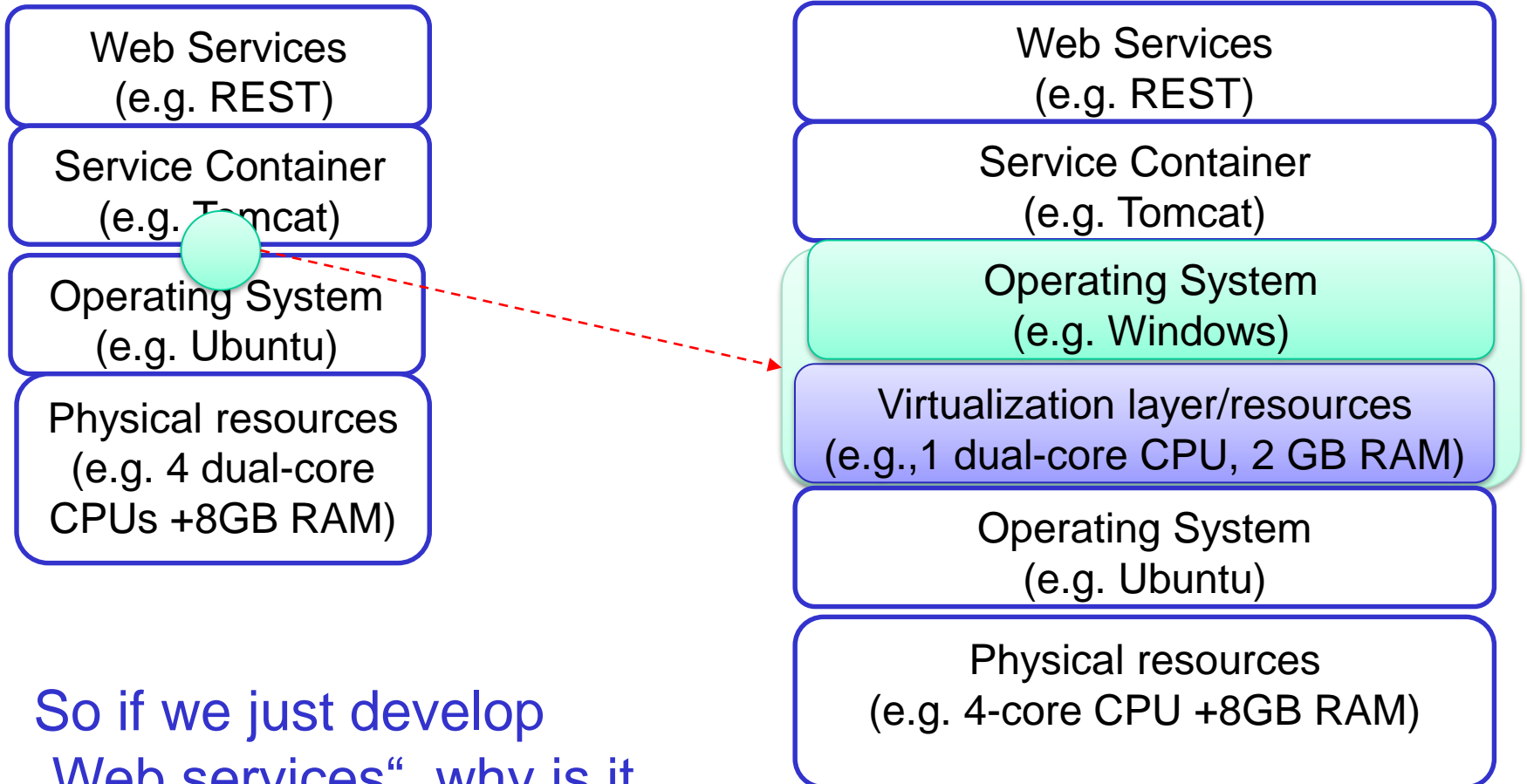


VIRTUALIZATION

What is virtualization? A bird view

- **Virtualization:**
 - To abstract low-level compute, data and network resources to create *virtual version* of these resources
 - Virtualization software creates and manages “virtual resources” isolated from physical resources
- **Virtualization is a powerful concept:** we can apply virtualization techniques virtually for everything!
- Virtualization is a key enabling technology for cloud computing and modern computer networks.

Virtualizing physical resources



So if we just develop „Web services“, why is it important to us?

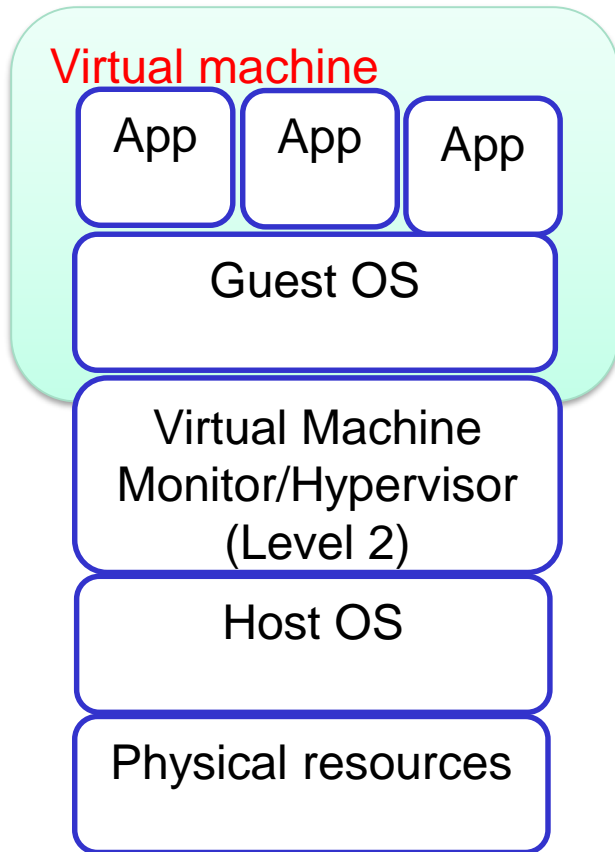
Main types of virtualization of infrastructures for distributed apps

- **Compute resource virtualization**
 - Compute resources: CPU, memory, I/O, etc.
 - To provide virtual resources for „virtual machines“
- **Storage virtualization**
 - Resources: storage devices, harddisk, etc.
 - To optimize the usage and management of data storage
- **Network Function Virtualization**
 - Network resources: network equipment & functions
 - To consolidate network equipment and dynamically provision and manage network functions

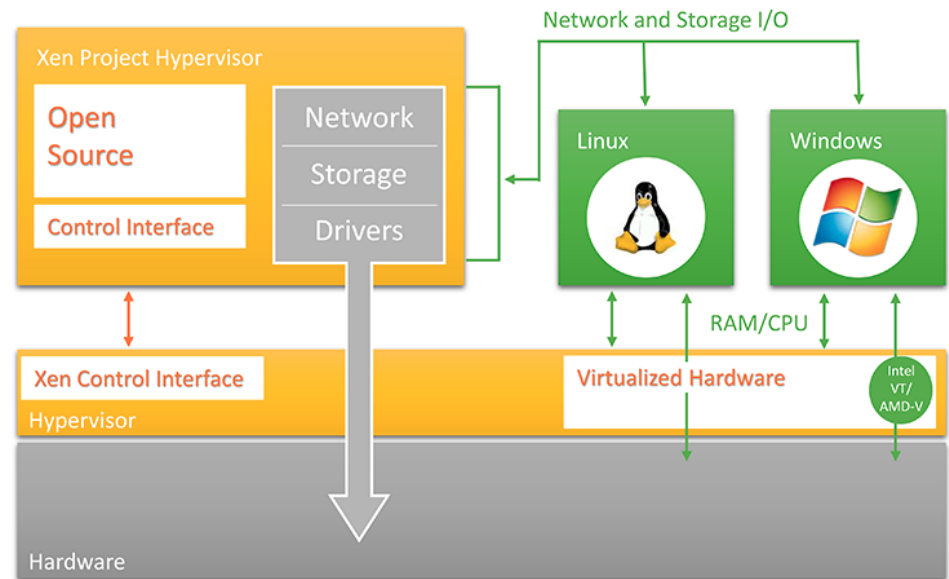
Compute Resource Virtualization Technologies

- Physical compute resources:
 - Individual physical hosts/servers (CPU, memory, I/O)
 - Clusters and data centers
- At the low-level: two main streams
 - Hypervisor/Virtual Machine monitor
 - **Virtual machines** (VirtualBox, VMWare, Zen, etc.)
 - Containerization
 - **Containers** (Linux Containers, Docker, Warden Container, OpenVZ, OCI based containers, etc.)

Hypervisor/Virtual Machine Monitor

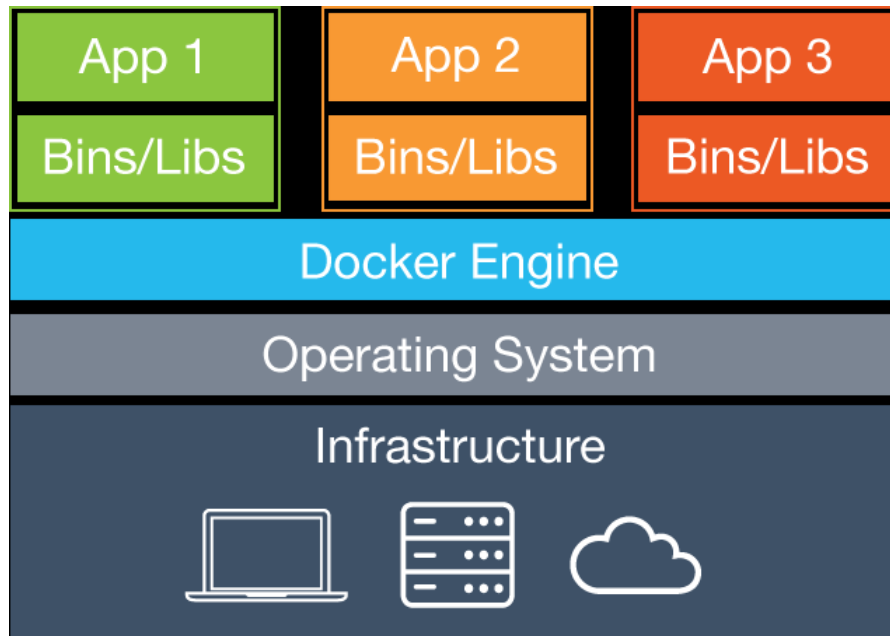


Another model (Hypervisor level 1)

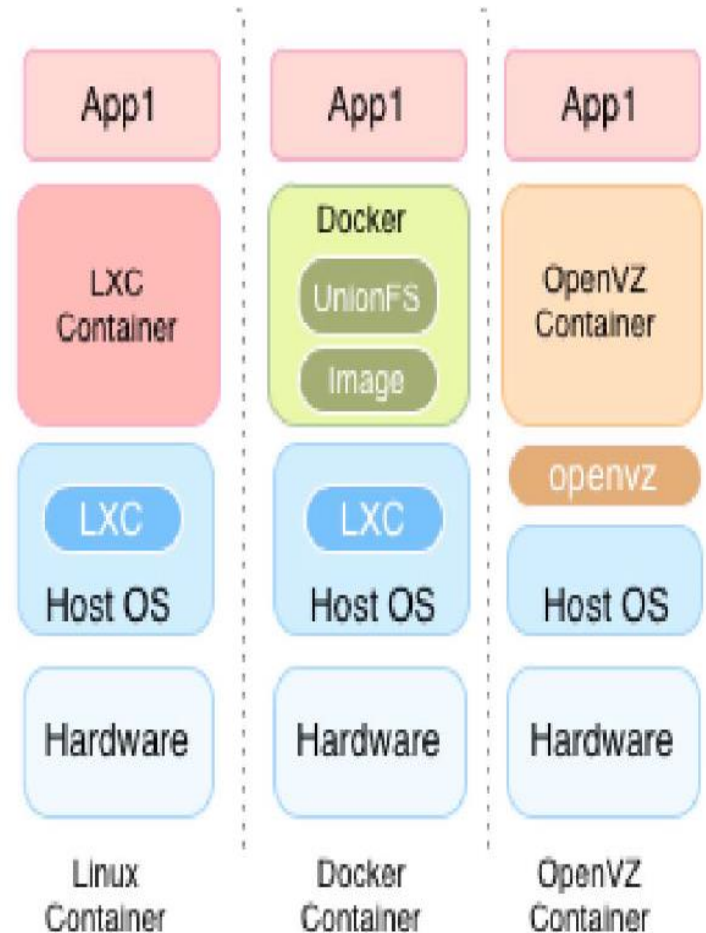


<https://www.citrix.de/products/xenserver/tech-info.html>

Containers



<https://www.docker.com/what-docker>

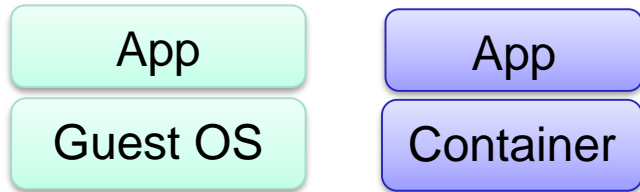


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 Virtualization vs Containerization to Support PaaS. IC2E 2014: 610-614
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We do not dig into low-level techniques in virtualization, but examine

- How would virtualization techniques enable us to acquire, utilize and manage resources for our Devs and Ops of distributed applications and systems?
- How would such techniques change our software design?
- How to align on-demand resources/infrastructures with software using them

Virtual machines versus containers



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Parameter	Virtual Machines	Containers
Guest OS	Each VM runs on virtual hardware and Kernel is loaded into its own memory region	All the guests share same OS and Kernel. Kernel image is loaded into the physical memory
Communication	Will be through Ethernet Devices	Standard IPC mechanisms like Signals, pipes, sockets etc.
Security	Depends on the implementation of Hypervisor	Mandatory access control can be leveraged
Performance	Virtual Machines suffer from a small overhead as the Machine instructions are translated from Guest to Host OS.	Containers provide near native performance as compared to the underlying Host OS.
Isolation	Sharing libraries, files etc between guests and between guests hosts not possible.	Subdirectories can be transparently mounted and can be shared.
Startup time	VMs take a few mins to boot up	Containers can be booted up in a few secs as compared to VMs.
Storage	VMs take much more storage as the whole OS kernel and its associated programs have to be installed and run	Containers take lower amount of storage as the base OS is shared

TABLE I

VM AND CONTAINER FEATURE COMPARISON

VM versus containers

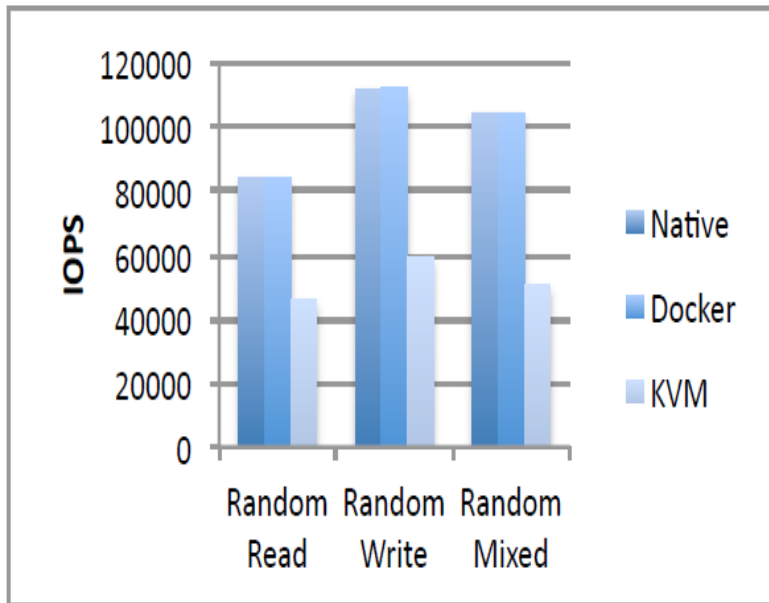


Fig. 6. Random I/O throughput (IOPS).

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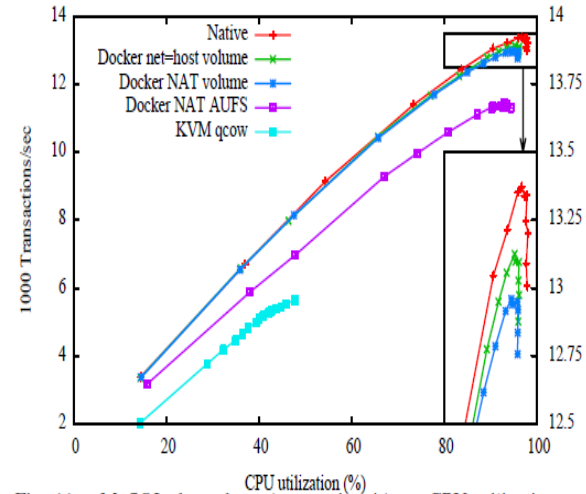


Fig. 11. MySQL throughput (transactions/s) vs. CPU utilization.

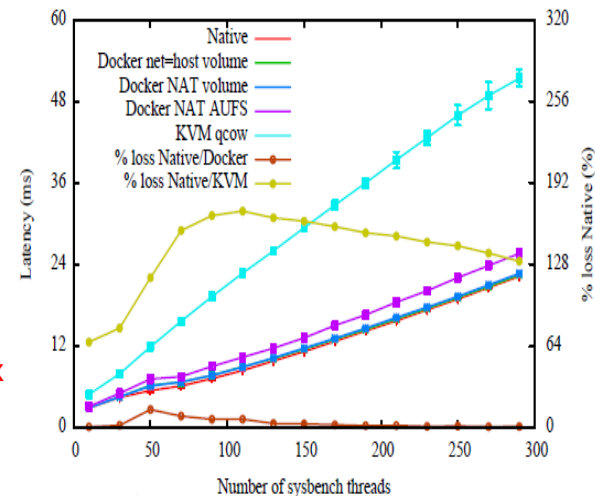


Fig. 12. MySQL latency (in ms) vs. concurrency.

Examples of performance

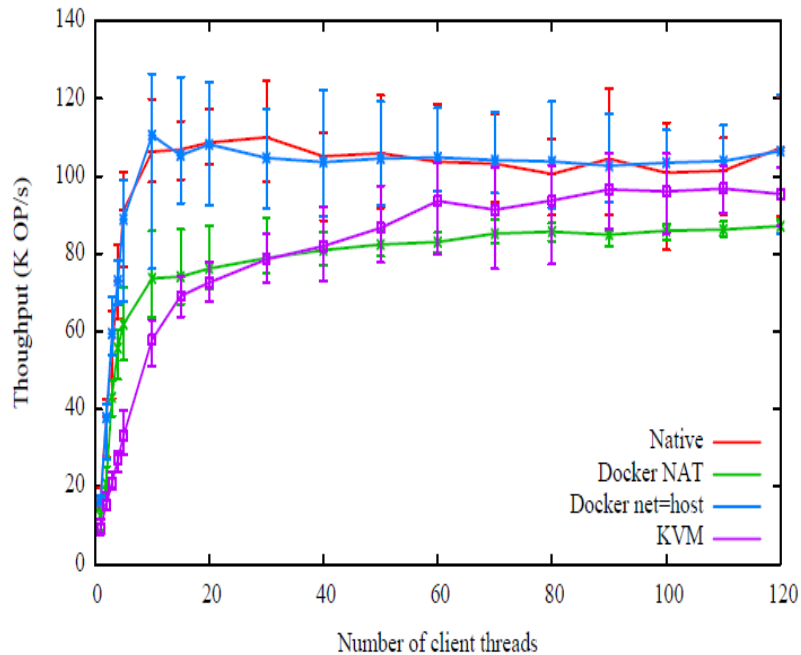


Fig. 8. Evaluation of NoSQL Redis performance (requests/s) on multiple deployment scenarios. Each data point is the arithmetic mean obtained from 10 runs.

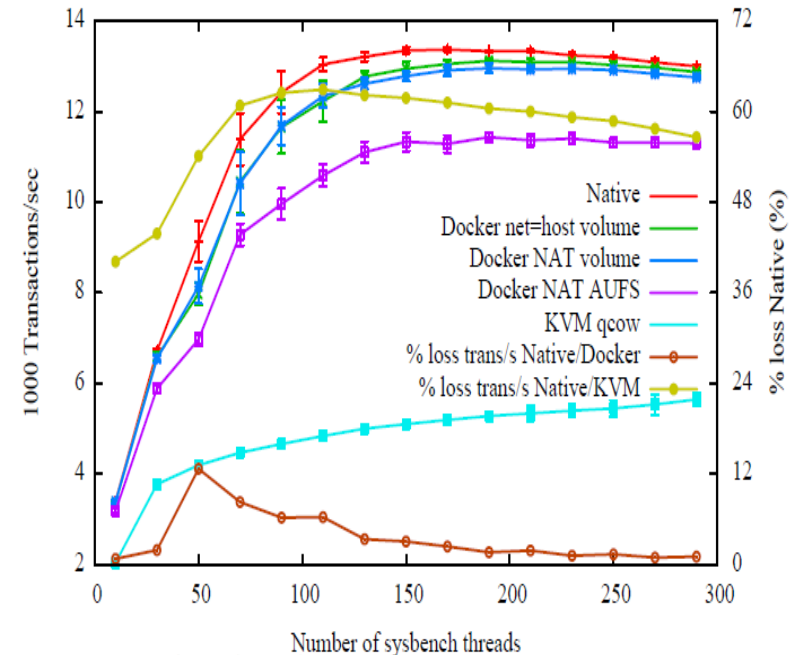


Fig. 10. MySQL throughput (transactions/s) vs. concurrency.

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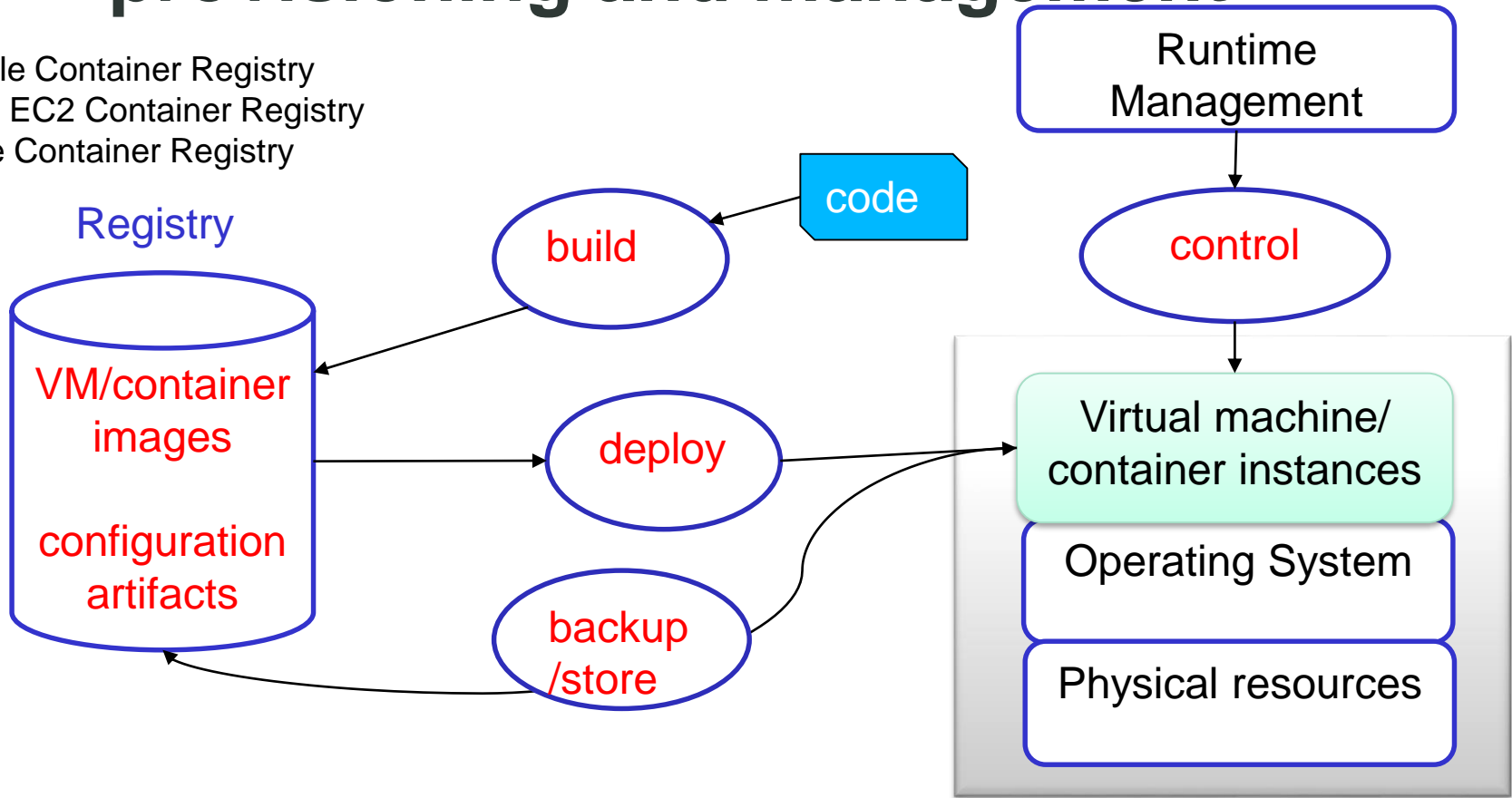
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Tools, frameworks and providers: Chef, Vagrant,
Amazon, Google, Microsoft, OpenStack, ...

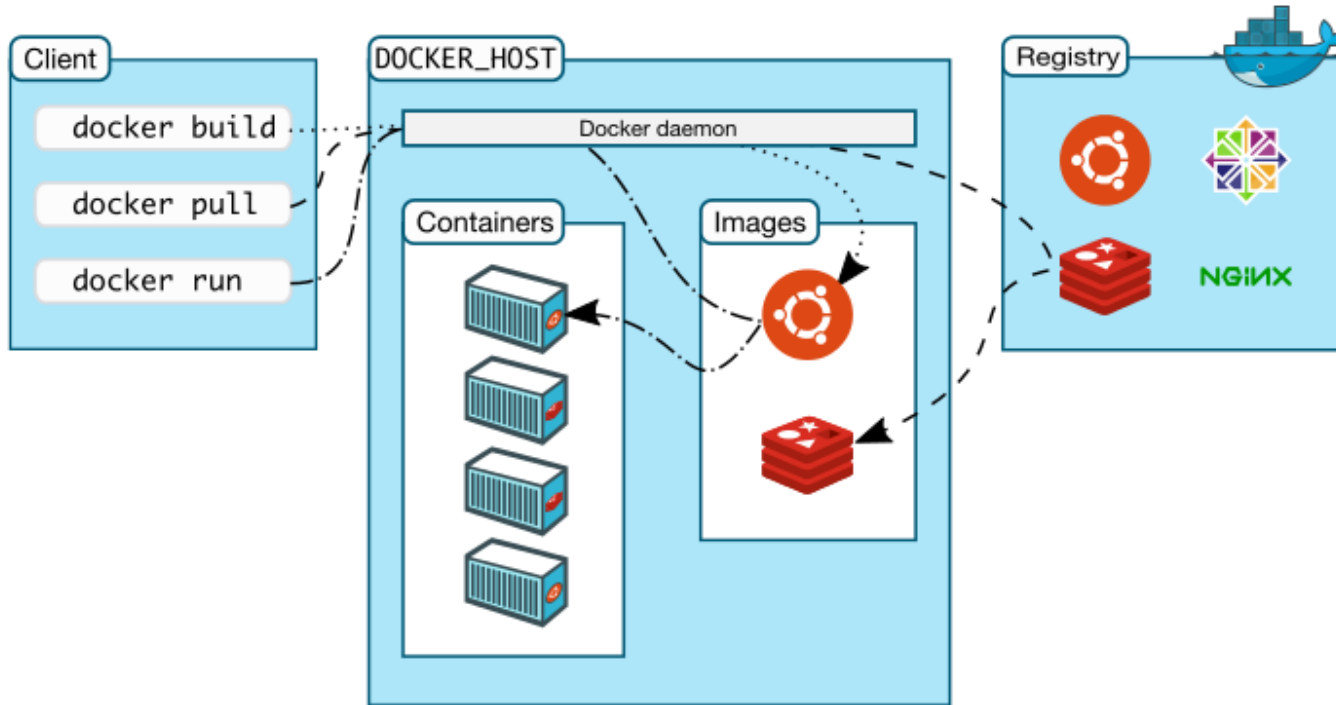
Interactions in VMs/containers provisioning and management

Google Container Registry
 AWS EC2 Container Registry
 Azure Container Registry



You focus on application development, how does it impact your work?

Examples



Source: <https://docs.docker.com/engine/understanding-docker/>

Examples



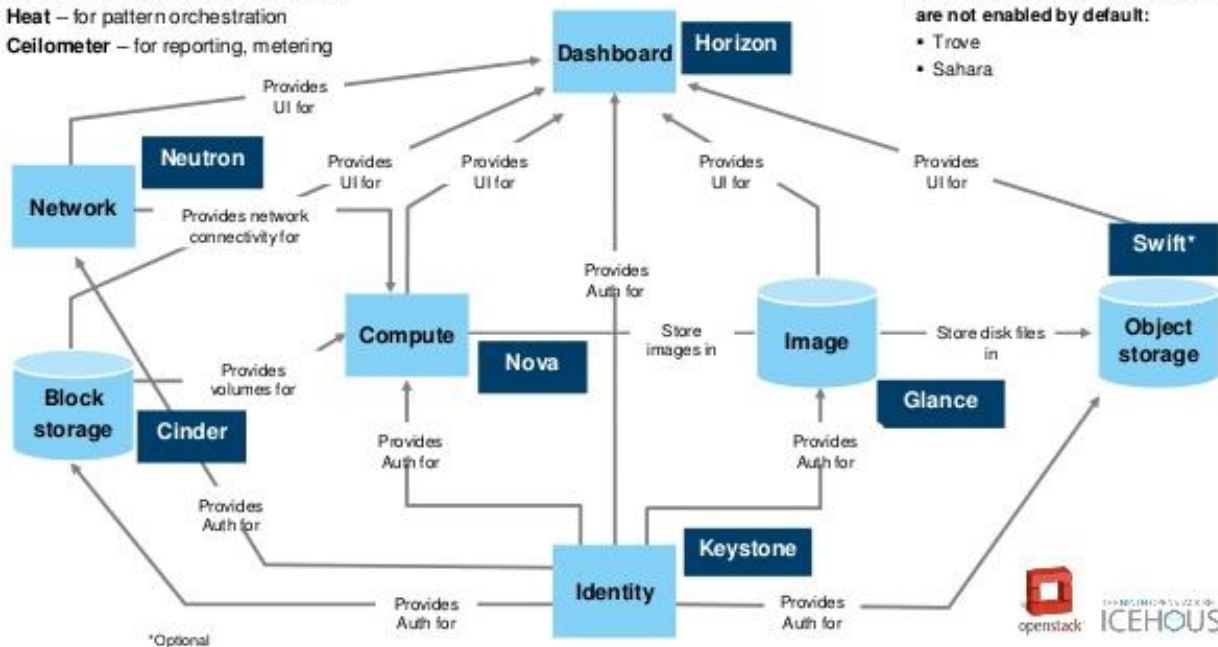
IBM Cloud OpenStack Services runs on OpenStack Icehouse to provide you with an environment built on the most current open standards.

Other OpenStack components included:

- Heat – for pattern orchestration
- Ceilometer – for reporting, metering

OpenStack experimental projects are not enabled by default:

- Trove
- Sahara



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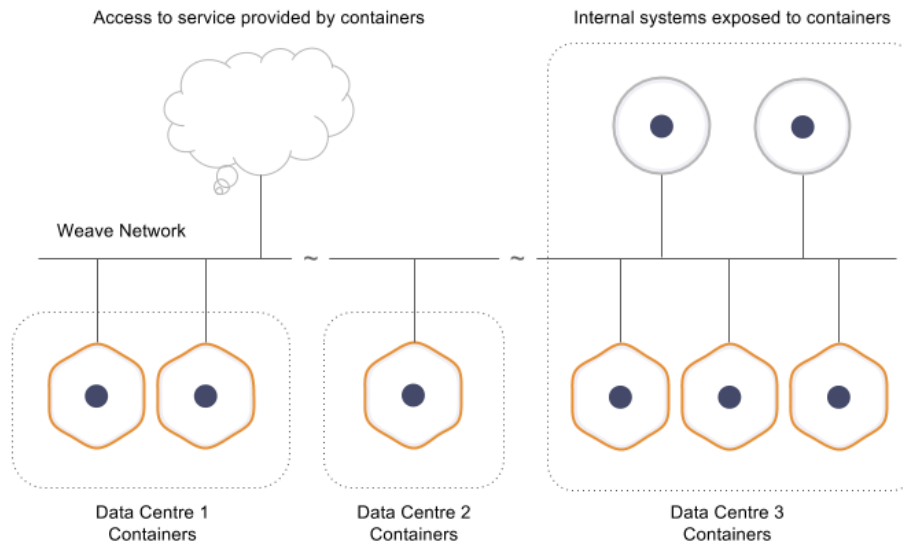
Source: http://www.slideshare.net/OpenStack_Online/ibm-cloud-open-stack-services

Virtual data centers

- On-demand virtual data centers
 - Compute nodes, storage, communication, etc.
 - Virtual data centers work like a single distributed system (e.g., a cluster)
- Challenges
 - Provision resources/nodes (using VMs or containers)
 - Configure networks within virtual data centers
 - Configure networks between virtual data centers and the outside systems
 - Deploy software into the virtual data centers

Example - Weave Net and docker

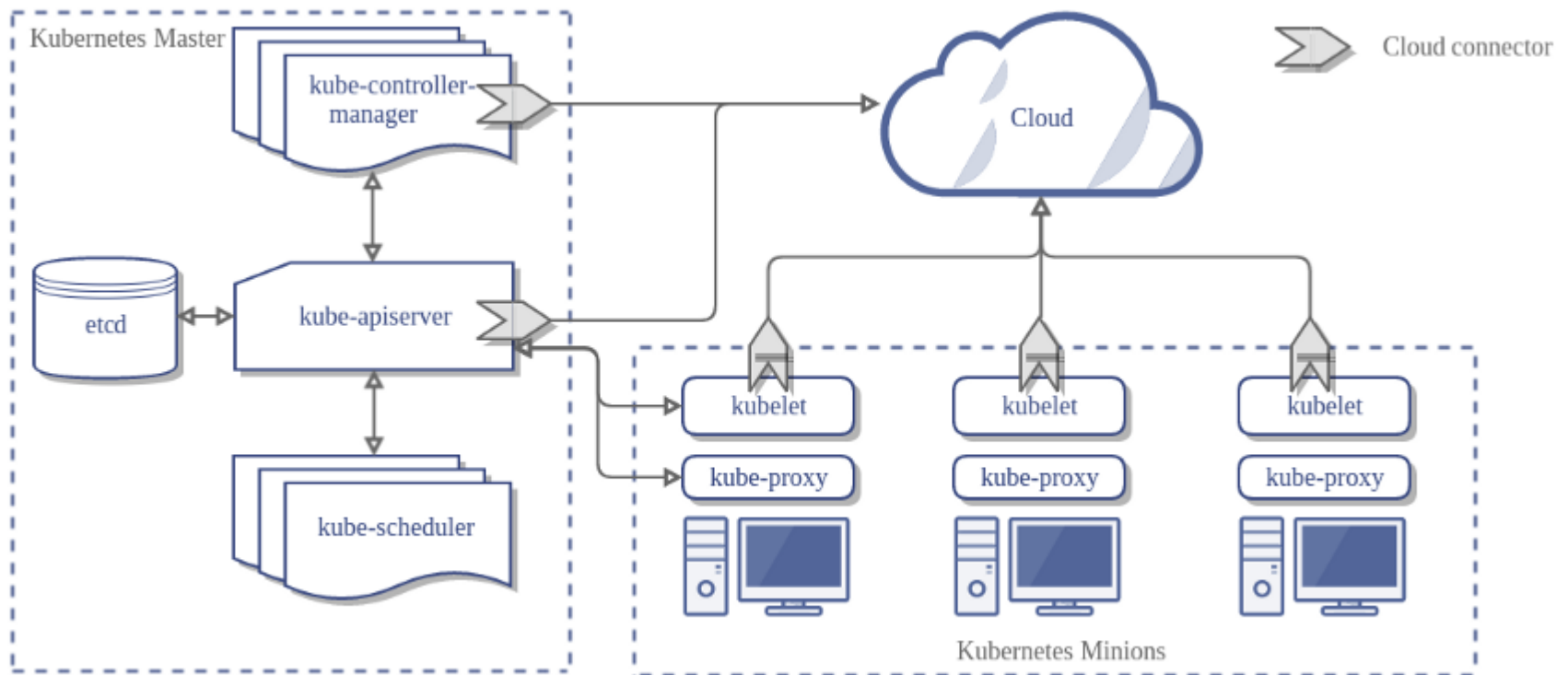
- Work with Kubernetes & Mesos as well
- Key idea: using network plug-in for containers + P2P overlay of routers in the host



Source: <https://www.weave.works/docs/net/latest/introducing-weave/>

Kubernetes

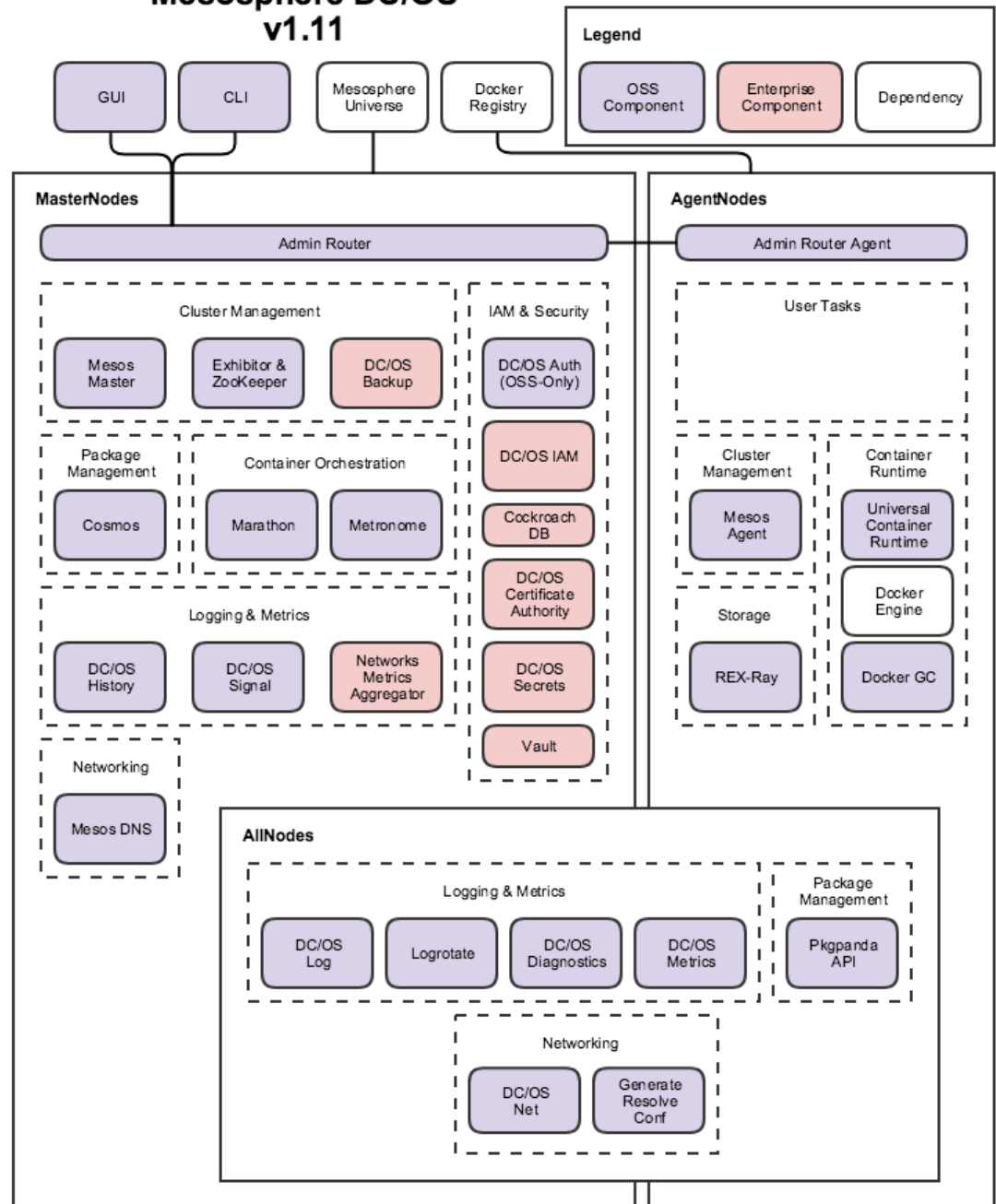
- Support Docker, rkt, runc, etc.



Source: <https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/architecture/cloud-controller/>

Example -- DC/OS

Mesosphere DC/OS v1.11

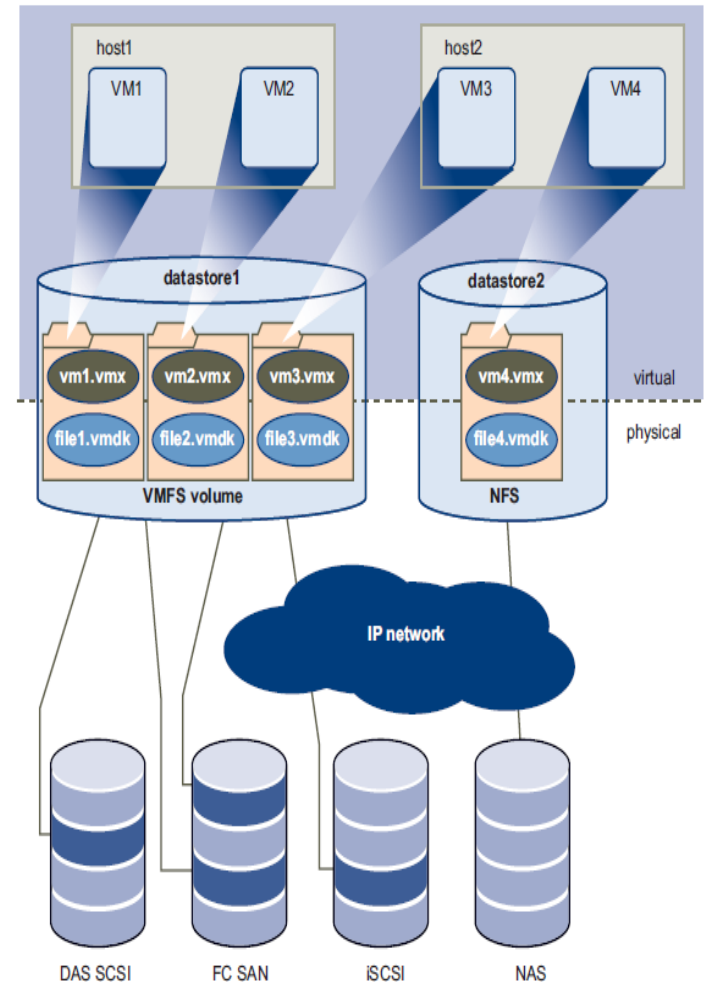


Source:
<https://docs.mesosphere.com/1.11/overview/architecture/components/>

Storage Virtualization

- Low-level storage
 - e.g., RAID (redundant array of independent disks)
- High-level, e.g., database
 - MySQL Cluster + auto-sharding

- Why is it relevant to you?
- What changes should we make in our apps?



Source:

https://www.vmware.com/pdf/vi_architecture_wp.pdf

Network Function Virtualization

- Consolidate network equipment and services
- On-demand provisioning of network functions

Is it the sysadmin task? I never see the network part in my apps. So why is it relevant to the software developer?

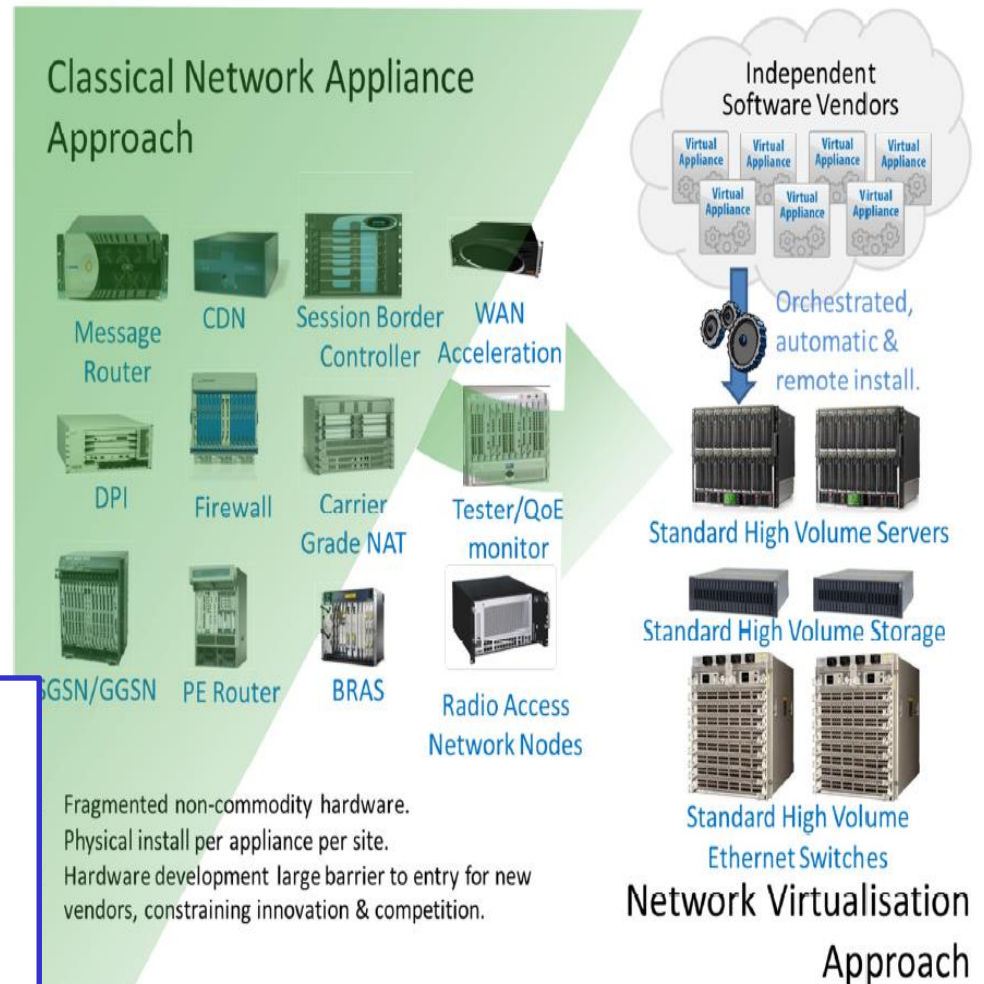


Figure source: https://portal.etsi.org/NFV/NFV_White_Paper.pdf

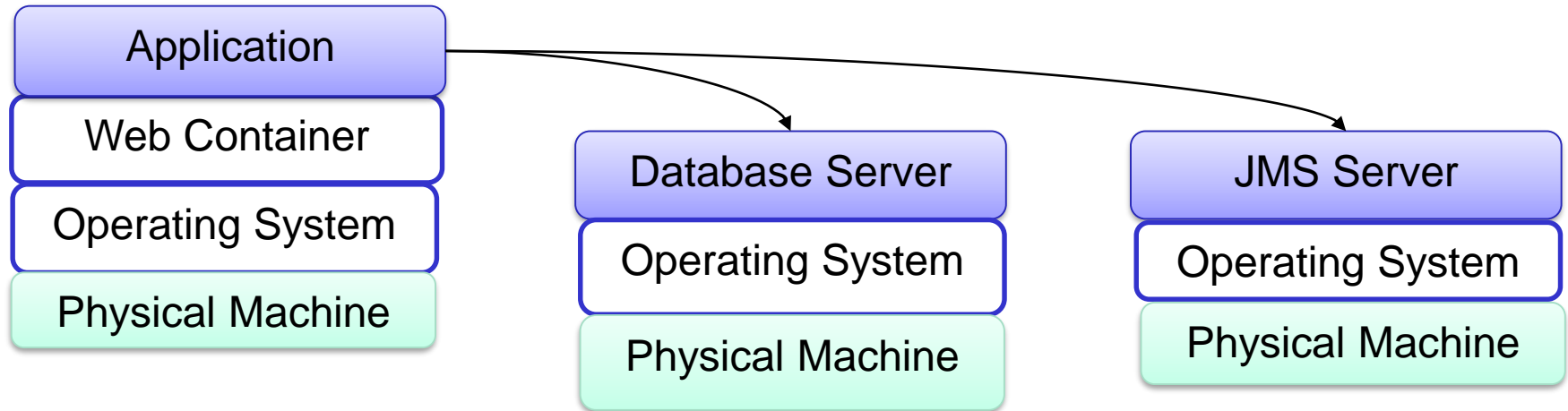
Why is resource virtualization interesting for distributed applications?

What are impacts of virtualization on the development and operation of distributed applications?

List of why and impact

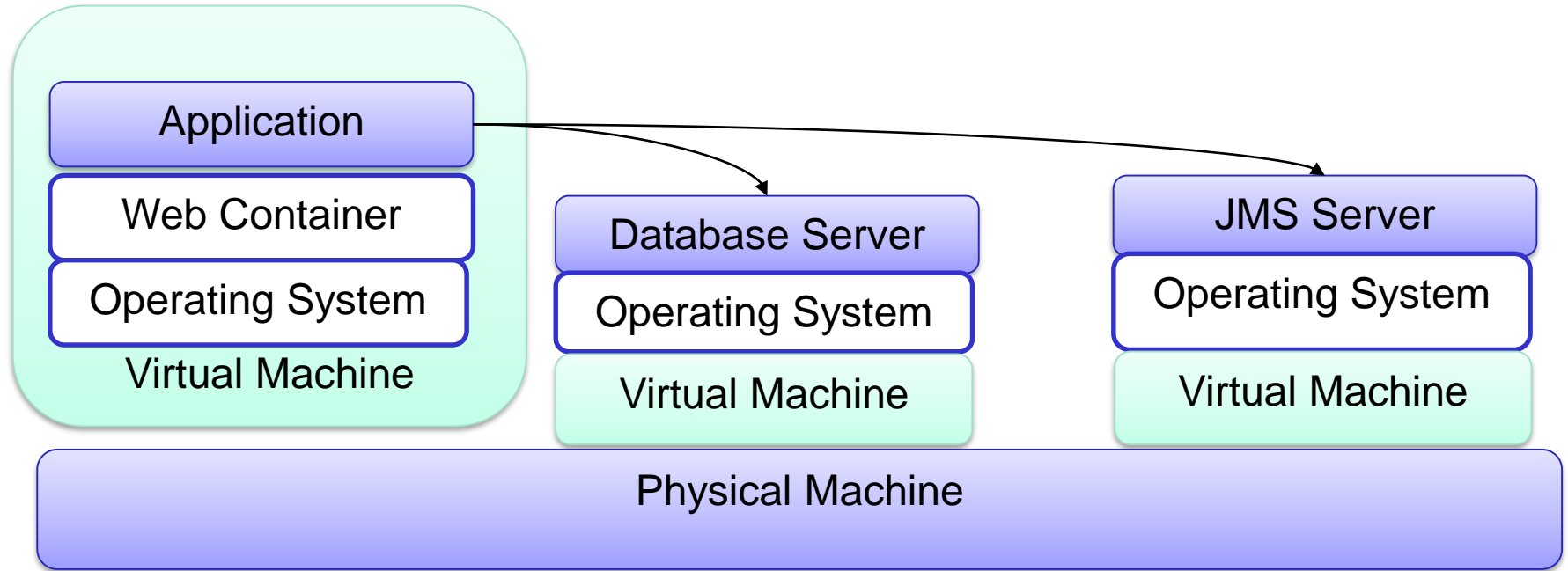
- Server consolidation
 - Consolidating compute capabilities
- Security, fault tolerance and performance
 - Through dynamic provisioning and auto-scaling
- Cost/optimization
 - elasticity, hot deployment, etc.
- Compatibility issues
- DevOps
 - Closing the gap between real and development environments

Server Consolidation



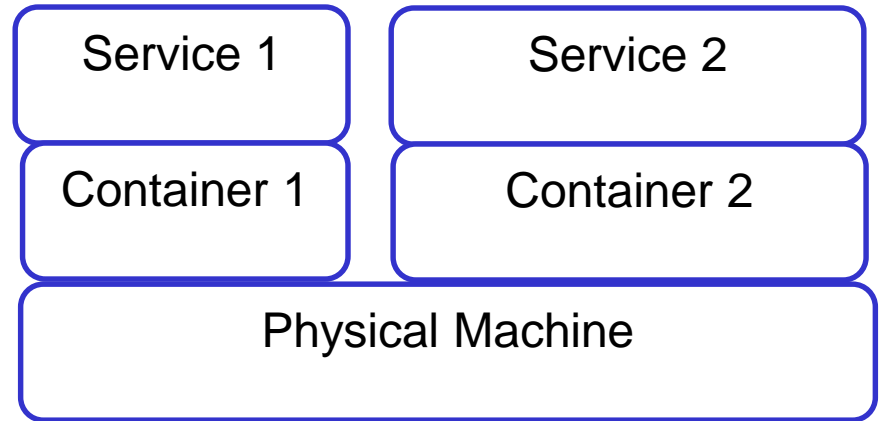
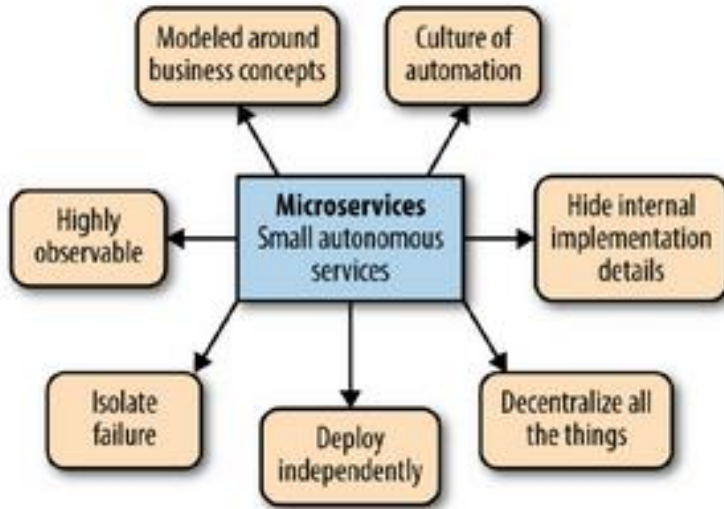
- Cost, complexity (management)
 - Infrastructures (cooling, spaces), human resources
- Resources under utilization

Server Consolidation



How does it help me? Consolidation looks good for the sysadmin but not relevant to the software developer?
 What changes the developer has to do?

Microservices + partitioning



- Partition complex code into different services → easy configuration and maintenance
- But this has to be in sync with underlying resources provisioning (e.g., containers)

Questions from practices

How big is a microservice?

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eShopOnContainers reference application (Development environment architecture)

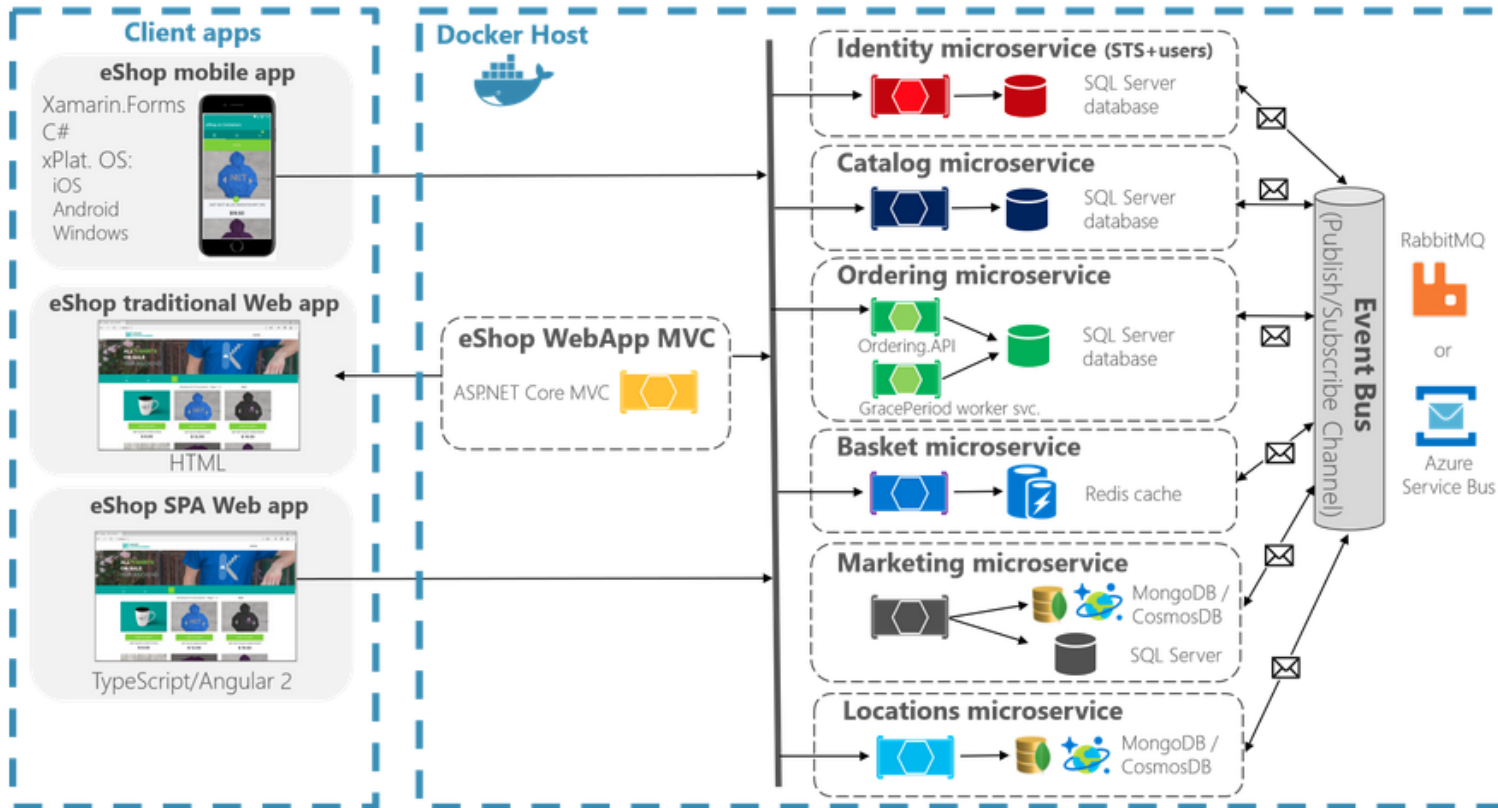


Figure source: <https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/dotnet/2017/08/02/microservices-and-docker-containers-architecture-patterns-and-development-guidance/>

How many containers are needed for a microservice?

Look at some patterns

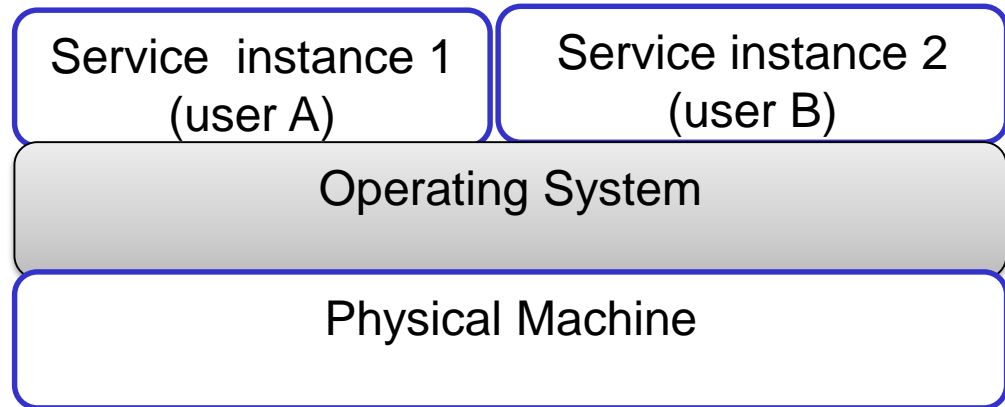
- Single container in single node
- Multi-containers in single node
- Multi-containers in multiple nodes

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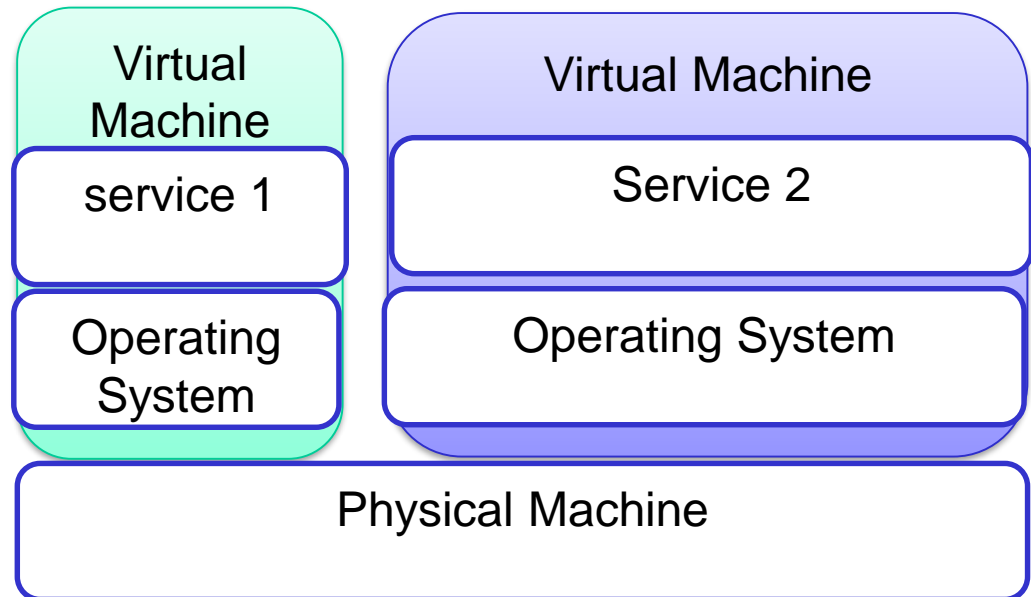
<https://kubernetes.io/blog/2015/06/the-distributed-system-toolkit-patterns>

https://www.usenix.org/system/files/conference/hotcloud16/hotcloud16_burns.pdf

Security improvement



(Virtual) server
and service
isolation



Fault tolerance and performance

How does resource virtualization help improving fault tolerance and performance?

- Possible benefits
 - Failure masking
 - Cost/optimization
 - Elasticity, hot deployment, etc.
 - Cloud bursting (combining private + public resources)
 - Improving service performance in incident management
 - E.g., spend time to fix a machine or just quickly relaunch a new one (and fix the old one later) ?

Development and deployment

- Compatibility and support legacy application
- Maintenance
- Close the gap between development/test environment and real/production environments
- Simplify testing, emulating real environments, etc.

Service Discovery in the container age

Example of a simple service

```
1 var express = require('express');
2 var app = express();
3 app.get('/', function(request, response) {
4   response.send('Hello World! I am DST 2018');
5 });
6 var port = process.env.PORT || 3000;
7 app.listen(port, function() {
8   console.log("Listening on " + port);
9 });
```

Multiple instances in VMs/containers

```
{
  "service": {
    {
      "name": "DSTProvider",
      "tags": ["nodejs"],
      "address": "35.190.161.XXX",
      "port": 3000
    }
  }
}
```

Why do we need the service discovery? **How** do you do the service discovery?

Distributed Coordination

TABLE 4. PATTERNS OF PAXOS USE IN PROJECTS

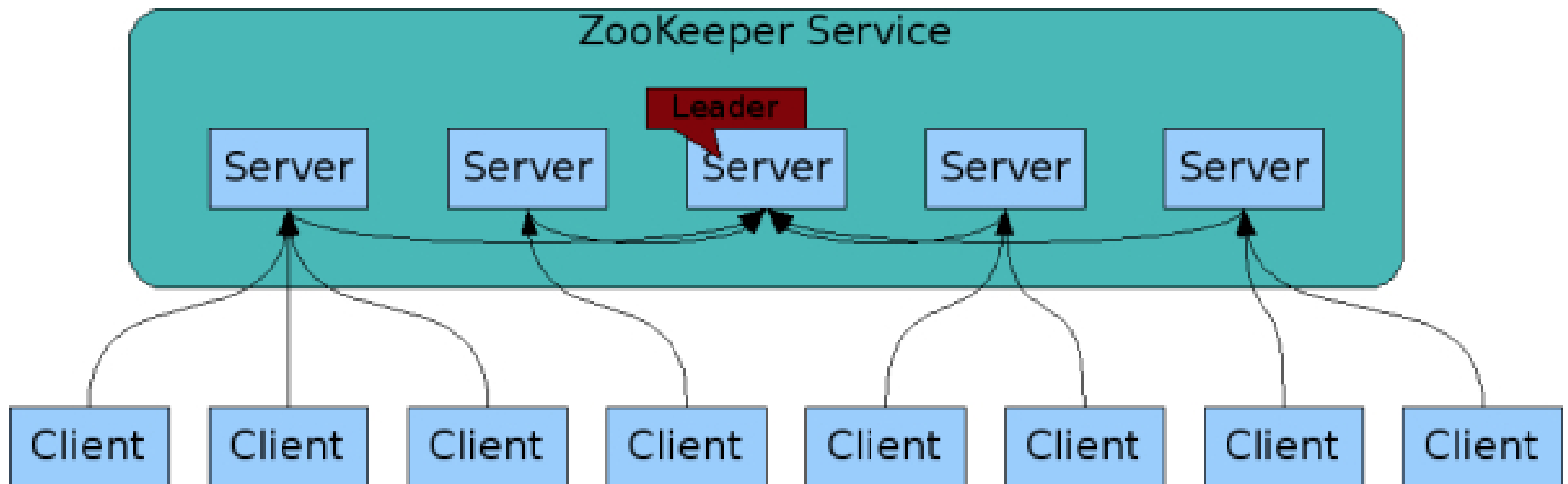
- A lot of algorithms, etc.
- Paxos family
- Well-known in the cloud
 - Zookeeper

Notes from the paper: “server replication (SR), log replication (LR), synchronization service (SS), barrier orchestration (BO), service discovery (SD), group membership (GM), leader election (LE), metadata management (MM) and distributed queues (Q)”

Project	Consensus System	Usage Patterns								
		SR	LR	SS	BO	SD	GM	LE	MM	Q
GFS	Chubby			✓				✓	✓	
Borg	Chubby/Paxos	✓				✓		✓		
Kubernetes	etcd						✓		✓	
Megastore	Paxos		✓							
Spanner	Paxos	✓								
Bigtable	Chubby						✓	✓	✓	
Hadoop/HDFS	ZooKeeper	✓						✓		
HBase	ZooKeeper	✓		✓			✓		✓	
Hive	ZooKeeper			✓					✓	
Configurator	Zeus								✓	
Cassandra	ZooKeeper					✓		✓	✓	
Accumulo	ZooKeeper		✓	✓					✓	
BookKeeper	ZooKeeper						✓		✓	
Hedwig	ZooKeeper						✓		✓	
Kafka	ZooKeeper						✓	✓	✓	
Solr	ZooKeeper							✓	✓	✓
Giraph	ZooKeeper		✓		✓				✓	
Hama	ZooKeeper				✓					
Mesos	ZooKeeper							✓		
CoreOS	etcd					✓				
OpenStack	ZooKeeper					✓				
Neo4j	ZooKeeper			✓				✓		

Ailidani Ailijiang, Aleksey Charapko and Murat Demirbasz
 , Consensus in the Cloud: Paxos Systems Demystified, <http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/tech-reports/2016-02.pdf>

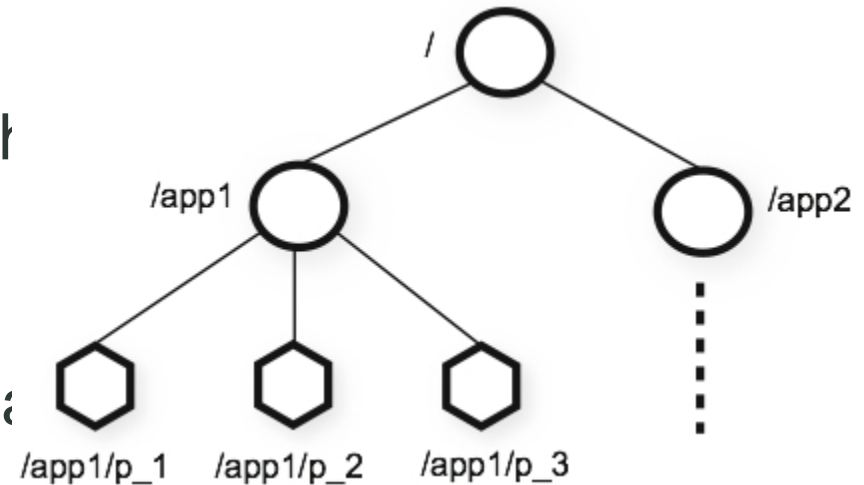
ZooKeeper Service



Source: <https://zookeeper.apache.org/doc/r3.4.10/zookeeperOver.html>

ZooKeeper data -- znodes

- Data nodes called znodes
- Missing data in a znode → Problems with the entity that the znode represents
- Persistent znode
 - /path deleted only through a delete call
- Ephemeral znode, deleted when
 - The client created it crashed
 - Session expired



Source:
<https://zookeeper.apache.org/doc/r3.4.10/zookeeperOver.html>

- <https://www.consul.io>
- Cross data centers
- End-to-end service discovery

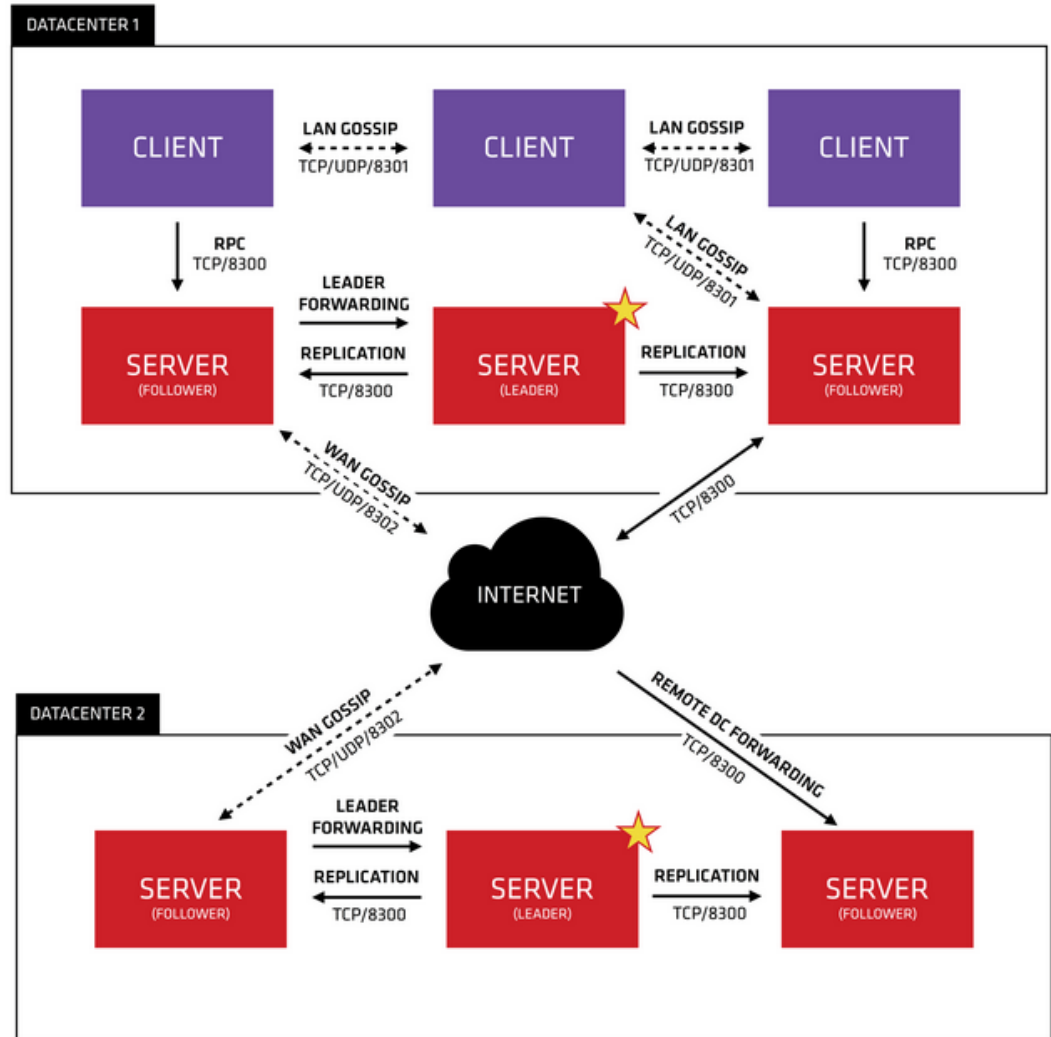
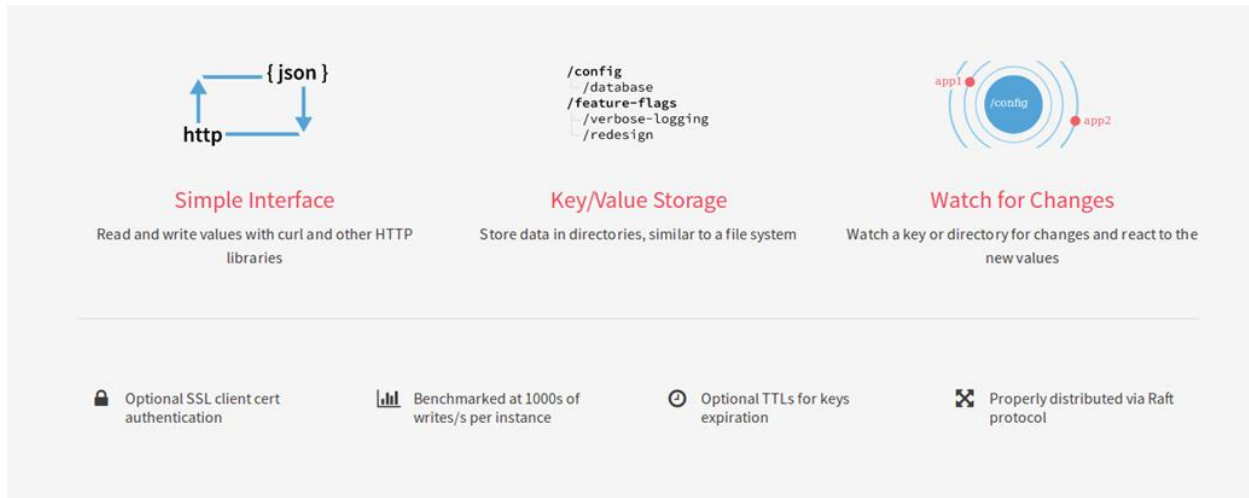


Figure source: <https://www.consul.io/docs/internals/architecture.html>

■ Distributed key-value store



The diagram illustrates the key features of ETCD:

- Simple Interface:** Read and write values with curl and other HTTP libraries. Represented by a diagram showing a JSON object being accessed via HTTP.
- Key/Value Storage:** Store data in directories, similar to a file system. Represented by a tree structure of keys: /config, /database, /feature-flags, /verbose-logging, /redesign.
- Watch for Changes:** Watch a key or directory for changes and react to the new values. Represented by a diagram showing two applications (app1, app2) watching a /config directory.

Additional features listed at the bottom:

- Optional SSL client cert authentication
- Benchmarked at 1000s of writes/s per instance
- Optional TTLs for keys expiration
- Properly distributed via Raft protocol

Technical Overview

etcd is written in Go which has excellent cross-platform support, small binaries and a great community behind it. Communication between etcd machines is handled via the Raft consensus algorithm.

Latency from the etcd leader is the most important metric to track and the built-in dashboard has a view dedicated to this. In our testing, severe latency will introduce instability within the cluster because Raft is only as fast as the slowest machine in the majority. You can mitigate this issue by [properly tuning](#) the cluster. etcd has been pre-tuned on [cloud providers](#) with highly variable networks.

More Information

[Presentation: How Raft Works](#)

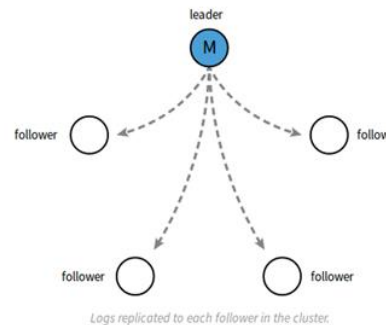


Figure source: <https://coreos.com/etcd>

Some comparison

- From etcd view

	ETCD	ZOOKEEPER	CONSUL
Concurrency Primitives	Lock RPCs, Election RPCs, command line locks, command line elections, recipes in go	External curator recipes in Java	Native lock API
Linearizable Reads	Yes	No	Yes
Multi-version Concurrency Control	Yes	No	No
Transactions	Field compares, Read, Write	Version checks, Write	Field compare, Lock, Read, Write
Change Notification	Historical and current key intervals	Current keys and directories	Current keys and prefixes
User permissions	Role based	ACLs	ACLs
HTTP/JSON API	Yes	No	Yes
Membership Reconfiguration	Yes	>3.5.0	Yes
Maximum reliable database size	Several gigabytes	Hundreds of megabytes (sometimes several gigabytes)	Hundreds of MBs
Minimum read linearization latency	Network RTT	No read linearization	RTT + fsync

Source: <https://coreos.com/etcd/docs/latest/learning/why.html>

ELASTICITY

Elasticity in physics

“elasticity (or stretchiness) is the physical property of a material that **returns to its original shape** after the stress (e.g. external forces) that made it deform or distort is removed” – [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elasticity_\(physics\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elasticity_(physics))

- It is related to the **form** (the structure) of something
 - “**Stress**” causes the elasticity (structure deformation)
 - “**Strain**” measures what has been changed (amount of deformation)
- In the context of computing: given a process or a system
 - What can be used to **represent “Stress” and “Strain”**?
 - When does a “strain” signals a “dangerous situation”?
 - How to be elastic under dynamic “stress”?

“Elastic computing is the use of computer resources which vary dynamically to meet a variable workload” –

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elastic_computing

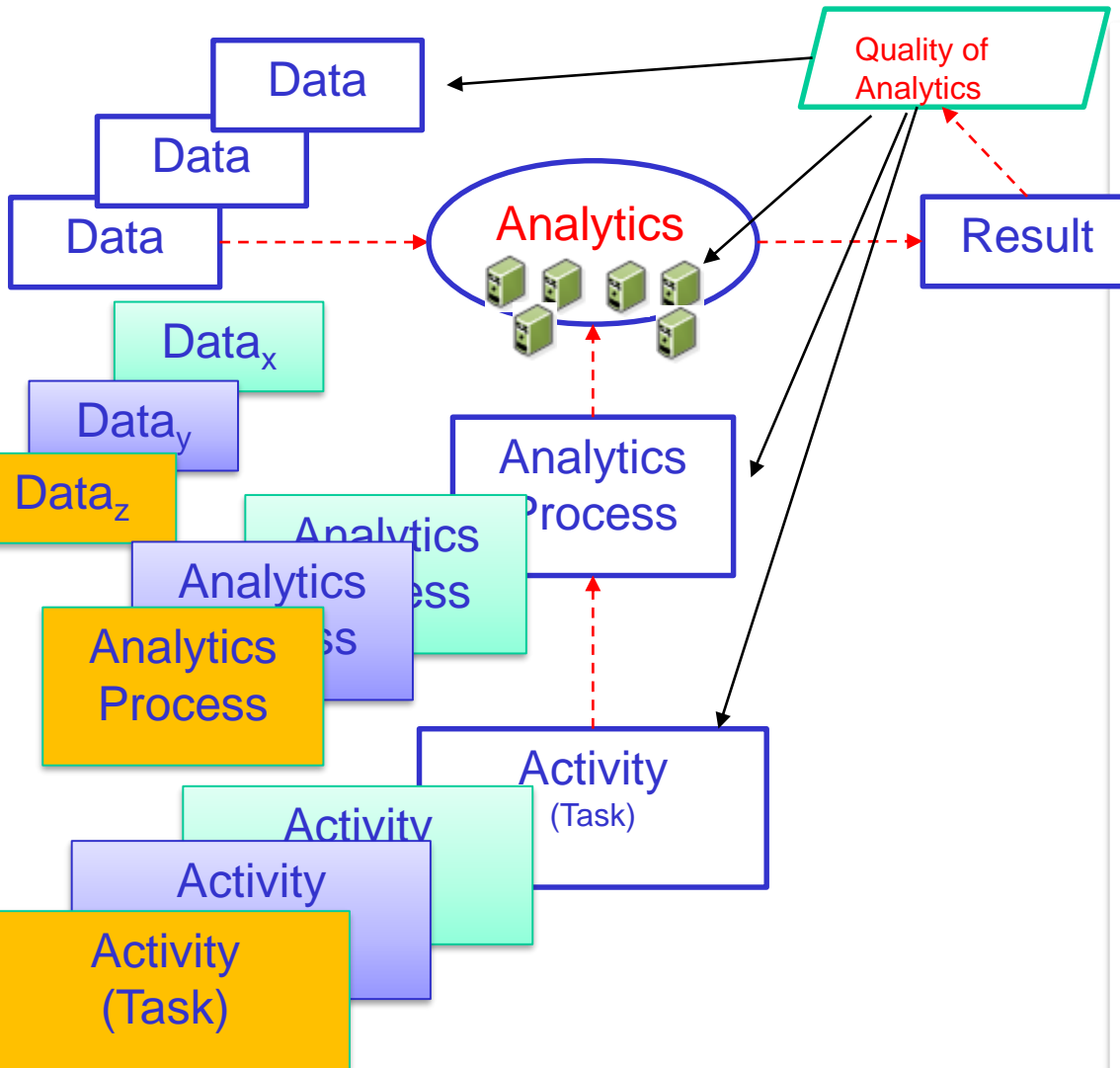
“Clustering elasticity is the ease of adding or removing nodes from the distributed data store” –

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elasticity_\(data_store\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elasticity_(data_store))

“What elasticity means to cloud users is that they should **design their applications to scale their resource requirements up and down** whenever possible.”, David Chiu –

<http://xrds.acm.org/article.cfm?aid=1734162>

Elasticity in (big) data analytics

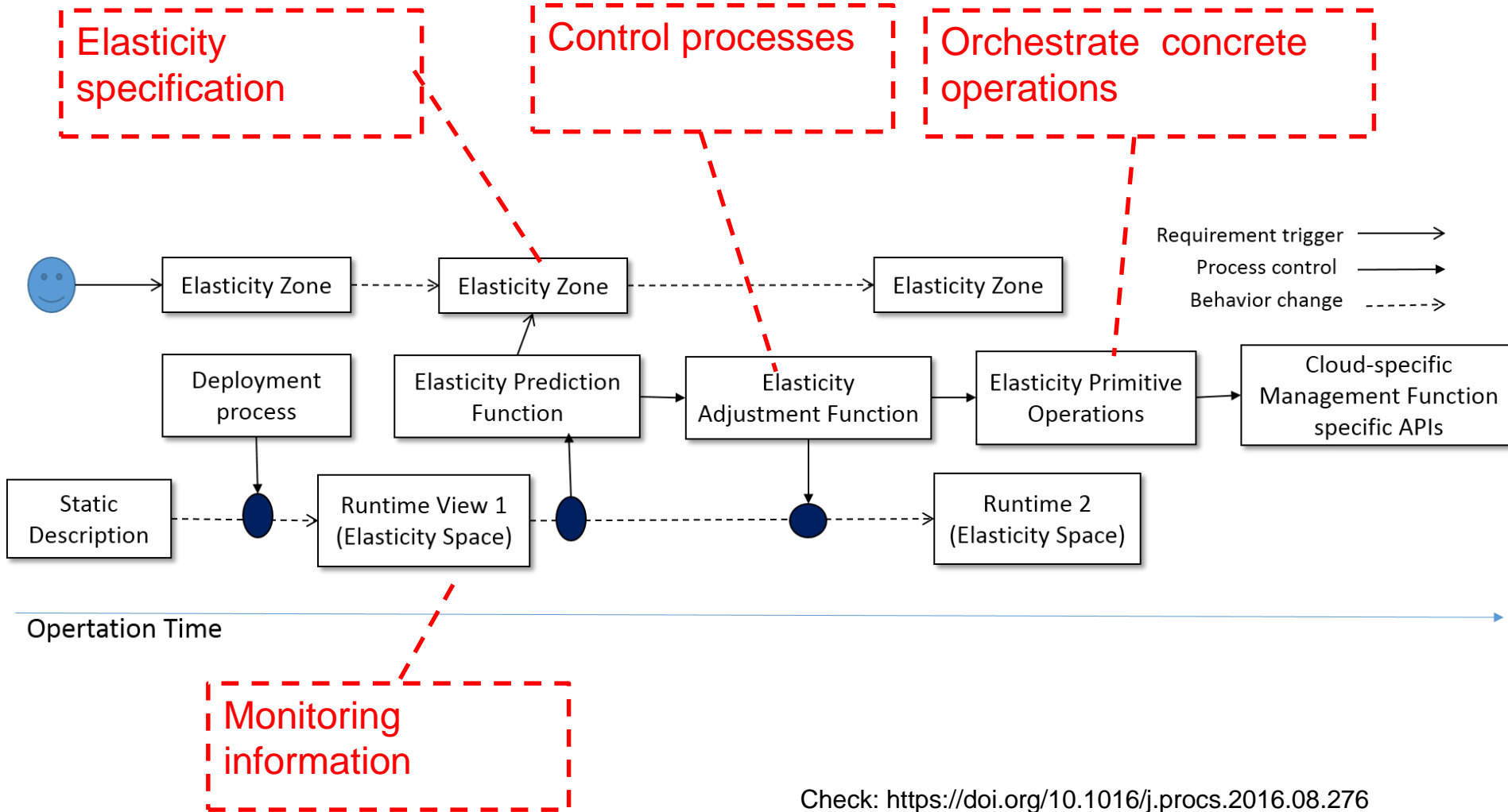


- **More data** → more compute resources (e.g. more VMs)
- **More types of data** → more activities → more analytics processes
- Change **quality of analytics**
 - Change quality of data
 - Change response time
 - Change cost
 - Change types of result (form of the data output, e.g. tree, table, story)

- **Application user:** “If the cost is greater than 800 Euro, there should be a scale-in action for keeping costs in acceptable limits”
- **Software service provider:** “Response time should be less than amount X varying with the number of users.”
- **Cloud infrastructure provider:** “When availability is higher than 99% for a period of time, and the cost is the same as for availability 80%, the cost should increase with 10%.”

Solving conflicting requirements across layers is challenging

General software design concept: Lifecycle of applications and elasticity



Check: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.procs.2016.08.276>

Our focus in this course: elasticity of compute resources for distributed applications

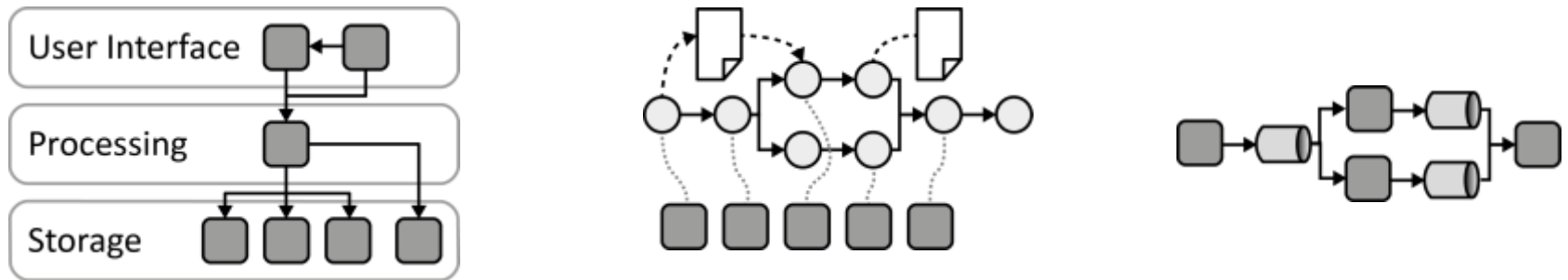


Figure source: http://www.cloudcomputingpatterns.org/Distributed_Application

Q1: Where can elasticity play a role in these application models?

Q2: How does virtualization help implementing elasticity of resources

Practical elasticity implementation

- Elasticity specification
 - Constraints/Rules
- Elasticity monitoring and prediction
 - Can you name some monitoring techniques?
- Elasticity controller/adjustment:
 - Interpret constraints and monitoring data
 - Control
 - Reactive scale versus proactive scale
 - Vertical scaling (scale up/down) versus Horizontal scaling (scale out/in)

Elasticity constraints

Table 1 Summary of the reviewed literature about threshold-based rules

Ref	Auto-scaling Techniques	H/V	R/P	Metric	Monitoring	SLA	Workloads	Experimental Platform
[63]	Rules	Both	R	CPU, memory, I/O	Custom tool. 1 minute	Response time	Synthetic. Browsing and ordering behavior of customers.	Custom testbed (called IC Cloud) + TPC
[72]	Rules	H	R	Average waiting time in queue, CPU load	Custom tool.	—	Synthetic	Public cloud. FutureGrid, Eucalyptus India cluster
[64]	Rules	Both	R	CPU load, response time, network link load, jitter and delay.	—	—	Only algorithm is described, no experimentation is carried out.	
[48]	Rules + QT	H	P	Request rate	Amazon Cloud-Watch. 1–5 minutes	Response time	Real. Wikipedia traces	Real provider. Amazon EC2 + Httperf + MediaWiki
[52]	RightScale + MA to performance metric	H	R	Number of active sessions	Custom tool	—	Synthetic. Different number of HTTP clients	Custom testbed. Xen + custom collaborative web application
[73]	RightScale + TS: LR and AR(1)	H	R/P	Request rate, CPU load	Simulated.	—	Synthetic. Three traffic patterns: weekly oscillation, large spike and random	Custom simulator, tuned after some real experiments.
[59]	RightScale	H	R	CPU load	Amazon CloudWatch	—	Real. World Cup 98	Real provider. Amazon EC2 + RightScale (PaaS) + a simple web application
[96]	RightScale + Strategy-tree	H	R	Number of sessions, CPU idle	Custom tool. 4 minutes.	—	Real. World Cup 98	Real provider. Amazon EC2 + RightScale (PaaS) + a simple web application.
[81]	Rules	V	R	CPU load, memory, bandwidth, storage	Simulated.	—	Synthetic	Custom simulator, plus Java rule engine Drools
[77]	Rules	V	R	CPU load	Simulated. 1 minute	Response time	Real. ClarkNet	Custom simulator

Table rows are as follow. (1) The reference to the reviewed paper. (2) A short description of the proposed technique. (3) The type of auto-scaling: horizontal (H) or vertical (V). (4) The reactive (R) and/or proactive (P) nature of the proposal. (5) The performance metric or metrics driving auto-scaling. (6) The monitoring tool used to gather the metrics. The remaining three fields are related to the environment in which the technique is tested. (7) The metric used to verify SLA compliance. (8) The workload applied to the application managed by the auto-scaler. (9) The platform on which the technique is tested

Source: A Review of Auto-scaling Techniques for Elastic Applications in Cloud Environments, Tania Lorido-Botran, Jose Miguel-Alonso, Jose A. Lozano, <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs10723-014-9314-7>

Microsoft Azure Elasticity Rules

Source: <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh680881%28v=pandp.50%29.aspx>

XML

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<rules
  xmlns=http://schemas.microsoft.com/practices/2011/entlib/autoscaling/rules
  enabled="true">
  <constraintRules>
    <rule name="Default" description="Always active"
      enabled="true" rank="1">
      <actions>
        <range min="2" max="5" target="RoleA"/>
      </actions>
    </rule>

    <rule name="Peak" description="Active at peak times"
      enabled="true" rank="100">
      <actions>
        <range min="4" max="6" target="RoleA"/>
      </actions>
      <timetable startTime="08:00:00" duration="02:00:00">
        <daily/>
      </timetable>
    </rule>
  </constraintRules>

  <reactiveRules>
    <rule name="ScaleUp" description="Increases instance count"
      enabled="true" rank="10">
      <when>
        <greater operand="Avg_CPU_RoleA" than="80"/>
      </when>
      <actions>
        <scale target="RoleA" by="1"/>
      </actions>
    </rule>
    <rule name="ScaleDown" description="Decreases instance count"
      enabled="true" rank="10">
      <when>
        <less operand="Avg_CPU_RoleA" than="20"/>
      </when>
      <actions>
        <scale target="RoleA" by="-1"/>
      </actions>
    </rule>
  </reactiveRules>

  <operands>
    <performanceCounter alias="Avg_CPU_RoleA"
      performanceCounterName="\Processor(_Total)\% Processor Time"
      aggregate="Average" source="RoleA" timespan="00:45:00"/>
  </operands>
</rules>

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High level elasticity control in SYBL (<http://tuwiendsg.github.io/iCOMOT/>)

#SYBL.CloudServiceLevel

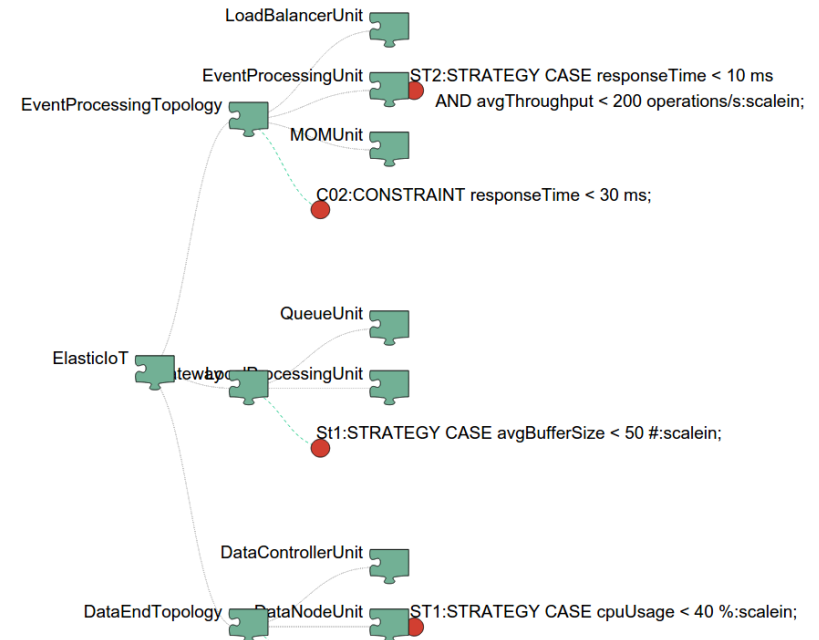
Cons1: CONSTRAINT responseTime < 5 ms
 Cons2: CONSTRAINT responseTime < 10 ms
 WHEN nbOfUsers > 10000
 Str1: STRATEGY CASE fulfilled(Cons1) OR fulfilled(Cons2): minimize(cost)

#SYBL.ServiceUnitLevel

Str2: STRATEGY CASE ioCost < 3 Euro : maximize(dataFreshness)

#SYBL.CodeRegionLevel

Cons4: CONSTRAINT dataAccuracy > 90%
 AND cost < 4 Euro



Georgiana Copil, Daniel Moldovan, Hong-Linh Truong, Schahram Dustdar, "**SYBL: an Extensible Language for Controlling Elasticity in Cloud Applications**", 13th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Grid Computing (CCGrid), May 14-16, 2013, Delft, Netherlands

A quick check: if you want to allow the developer to specify elasticity in his/her source code, e.g., Java, what would be your solution?

Play elasticity from the ground?

- Focus on assignment 3

- Use this trivial code:

<https://github.com/linhsolar/distributedsystemsexamples/tree/master/simple-upload-elasticity>

to write a simple yet full feature of elasticity
uploading example

VIRTUALIZATION AND ELASTICITY FOR IMPLEMENTING PERFORMANCE PATTERNS

Design for handling failures

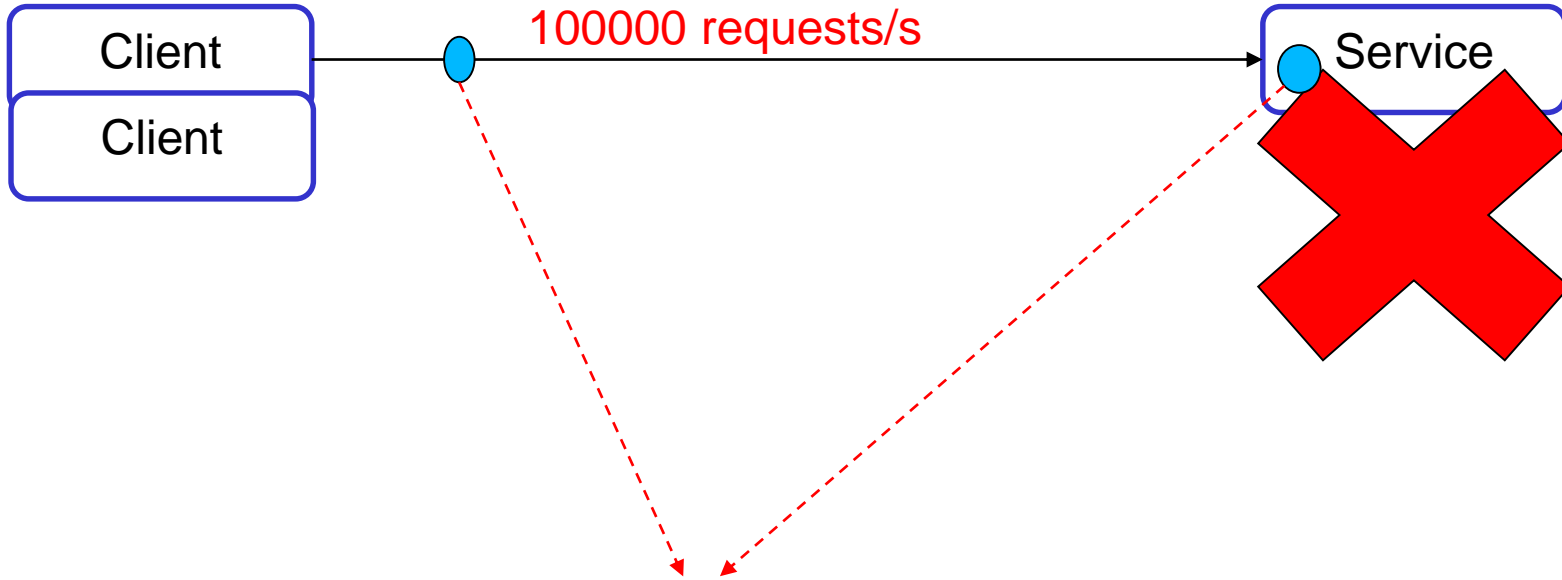
- Resource failures
 - Problems with CPUs, networks, machines, etc.
 - → other dependent services failures
 - **Scopes**: with an enterprise, within a data center, across multiple sites, across multiple infrastructures provided by different providers, etc.
- Our design must be ready **to handle such failures**
- Using virtualization and elasticity techniques to deal with issues
- Relying on best practices

Examples of best practices when using Amazon services

Source: https://media.amazonwebservices.com/AWS_Cloud_Best_Practices.pdf

- Using Elastic IPs
- Utilize resources from multiple zones
- Maintain Amazon virtual machines
- Use Amazon Cloudwatch for monitoring
- Automatically make snapshots of VMs
- Automatically backups

Recall this case



Change the way to handle client requests outside the service and within the service

Which are possible solutions?

- Throttling
- Queue-based load leveling within the service
- Multiple instances and queues
- Multiple instances and elastic resources
- Circuit breaker to deal with failures
- You name it

Throttling

Disable too many access and disable unessential services



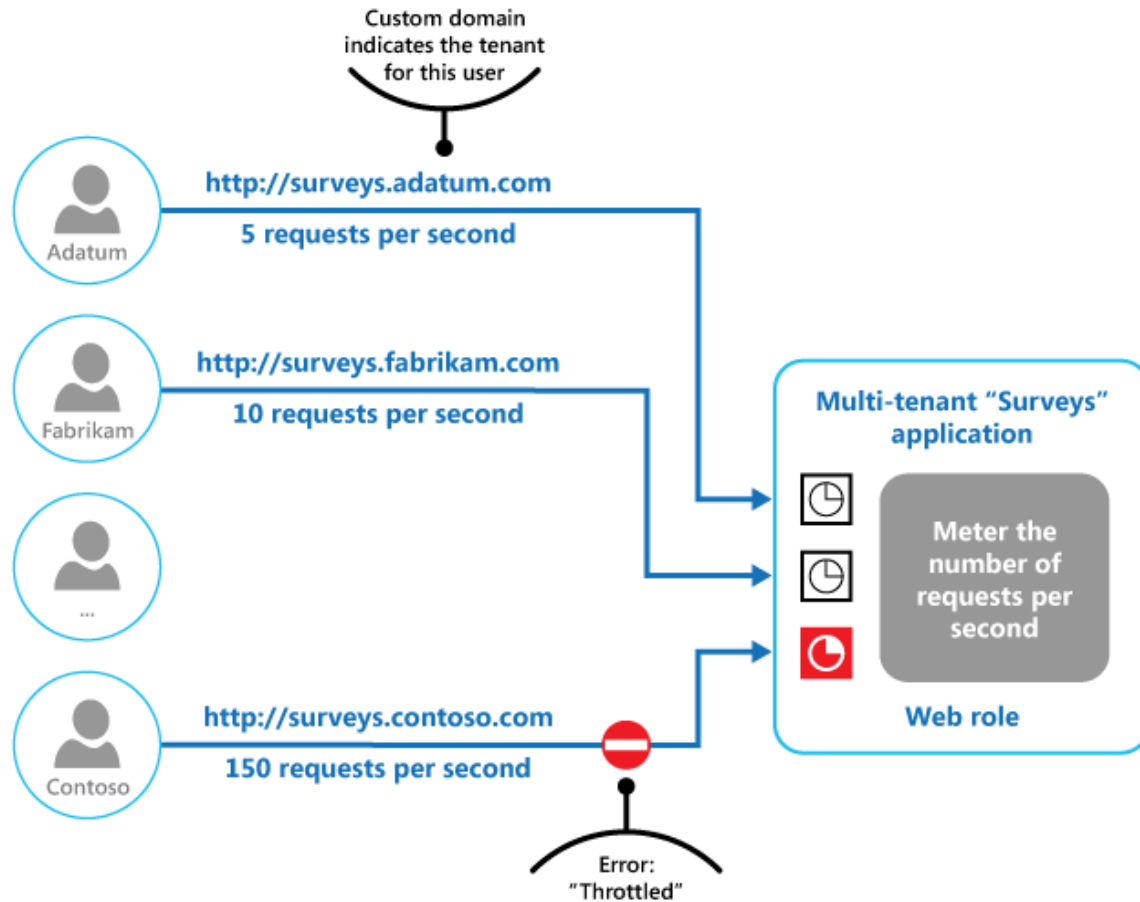
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REST_FRAMEWORK = {
    'DEFAULT_THROTTLE_CLASSES': (
        'rest_framework.throttling.AnonRateThrottle',
        'rest_framework.throttling.UserRateThrottle'
    ),
    'DEFAULT_THROTTLE_RATES': {
        'anon': '100/day',
        'user': '1000/day'
    }
}
  
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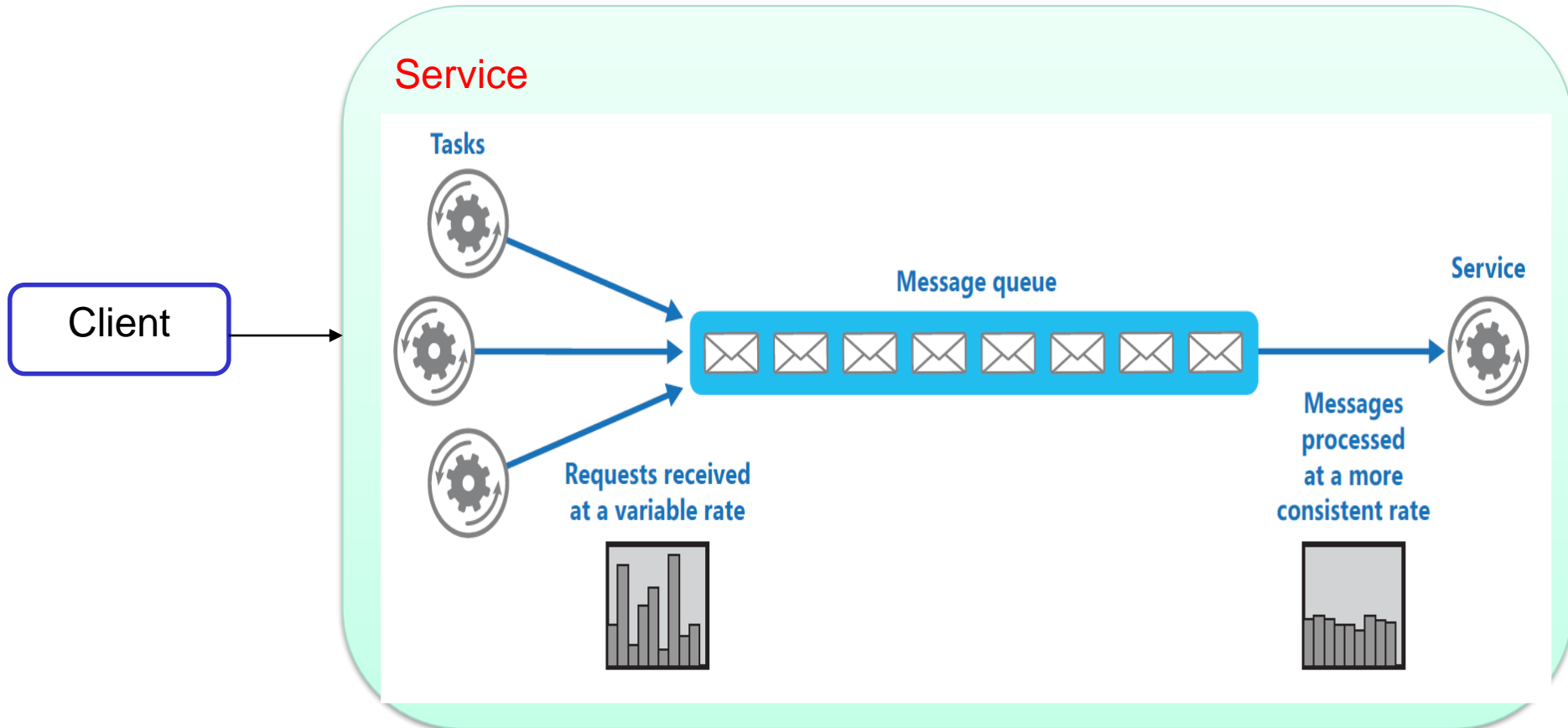
Code: <http://www.django-rest-framework.org/api-guide/throttling/#how-throttling-is-determined>

Example



Source: <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dn589798.aspx>

Using tasks and queue-based load leveling pattern

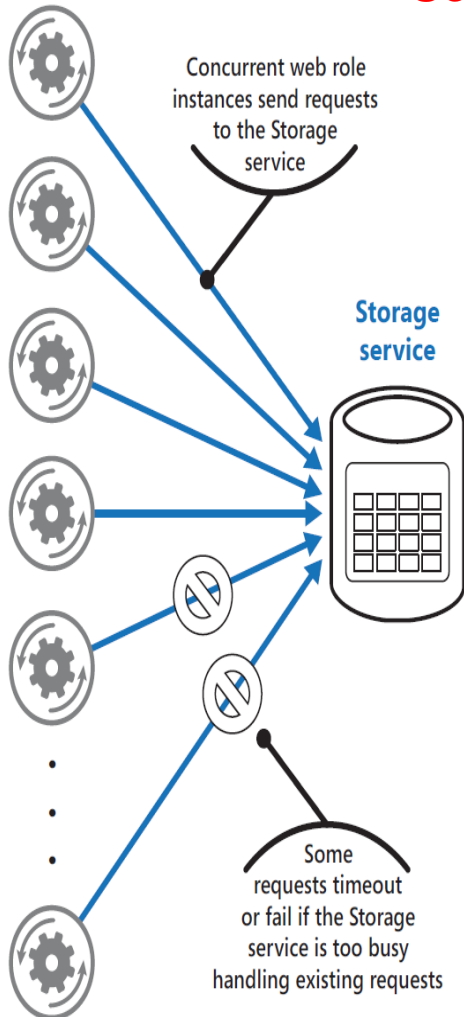


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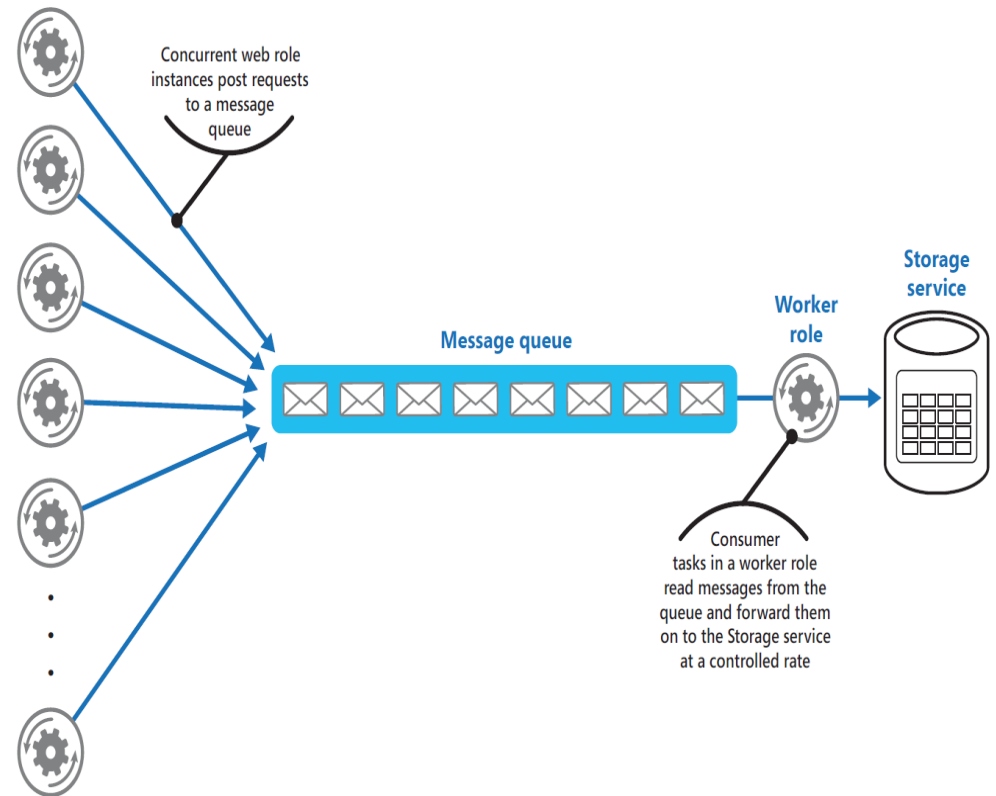
Examples of queue-based load leveling pattern

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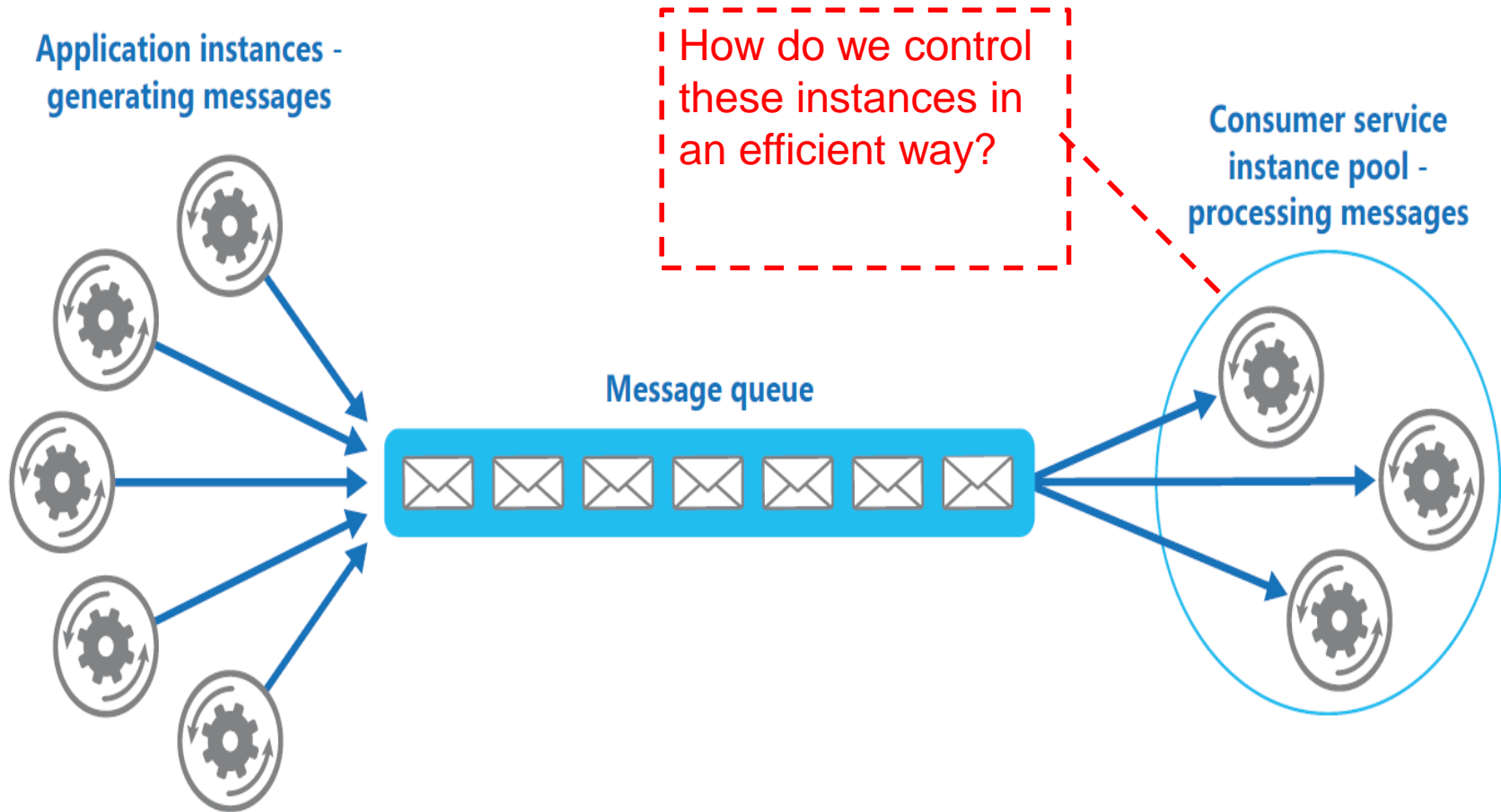
Web role instances



Web role instances



Using multiple instances of services and queues



Source: <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dn568101.aspx>

Load balancing and elastic resources -- recall

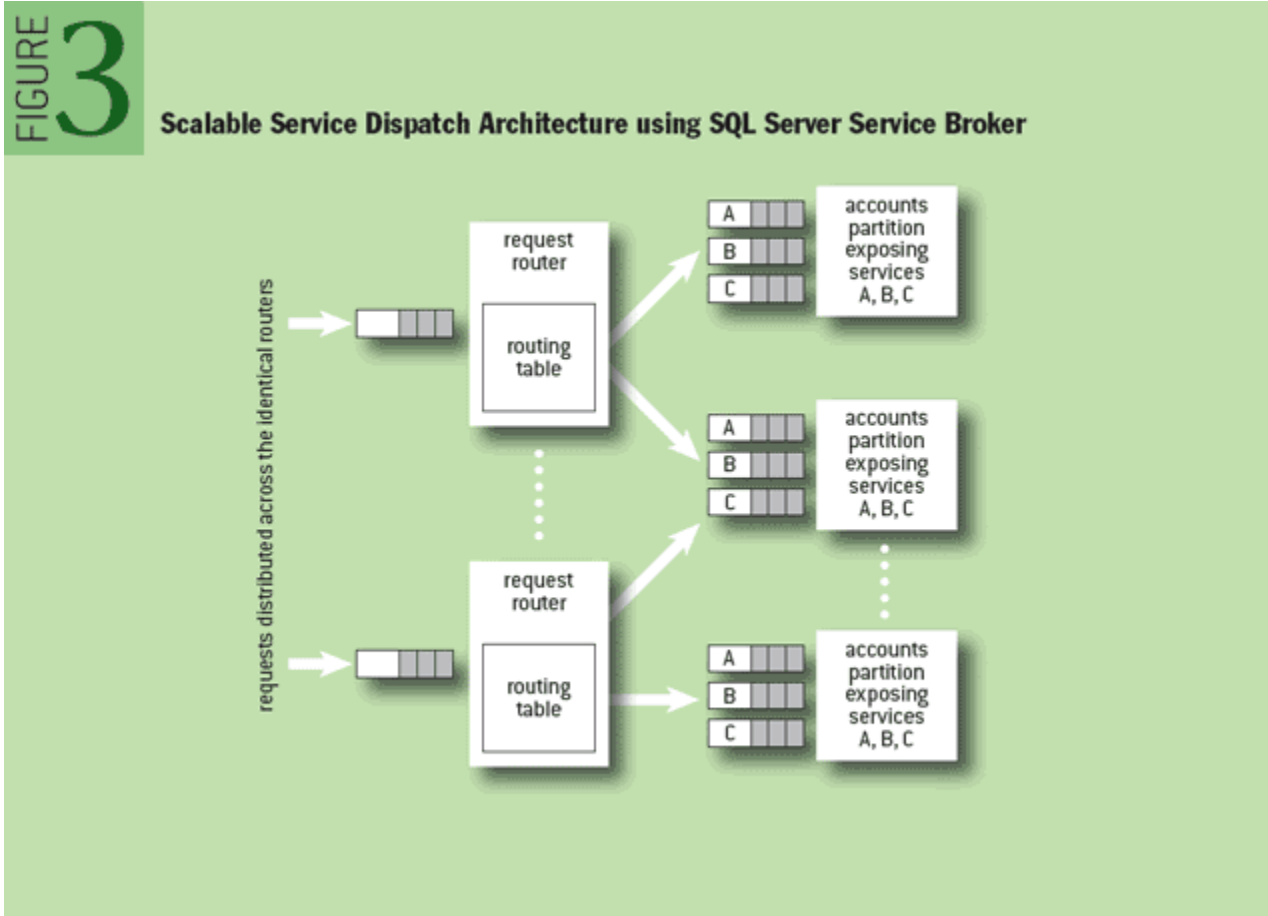
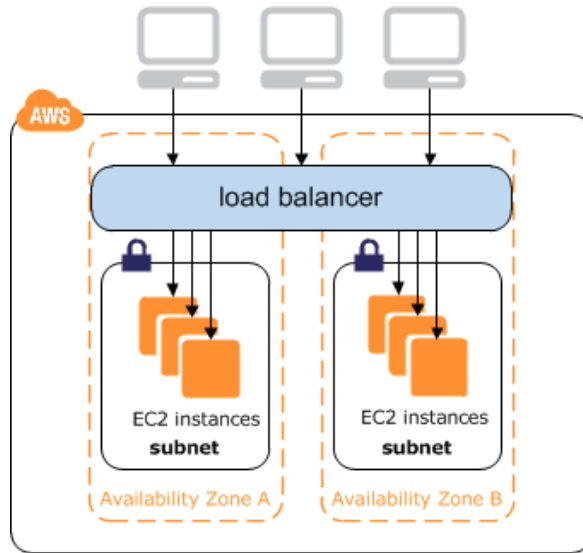


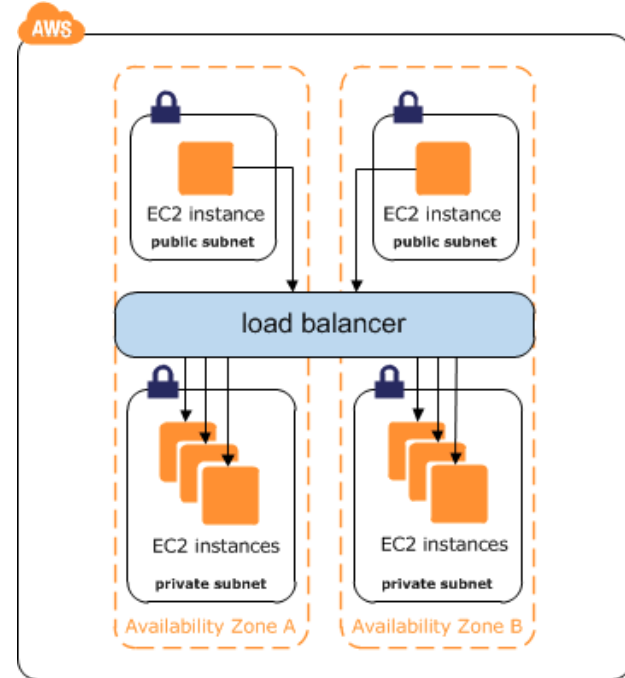
Figure source: <http://queue.acm.org/detail.cfm?id=1971597>

Load balancing and elastic resources -- Concepts

- Using loadbalancer for a group of resources



Source:
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/ElasticLoadBalancing/latest/DeveloperGuide/elb-internal-load-balancers.html>



- Load balancer can monitor instances and send request to healthy instances but what if we still need more instances?
- Auto-scaling**

Amazon services

Create Alarm

You can use CloudWatch alarms to be notified automatically whenever metric data reaches a level you define.
To edit an alarm, first choose whom to notify and then define when the notification should be sent.

Send a notification to: [cancel](#)

With these recipients:

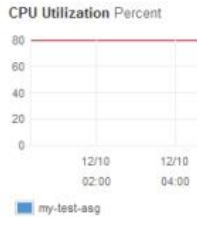
Whenever: Average of CPU Utilization

Is: >= Percent

For at least: consecutive period(s) of 5 Minutes

Name of alarm:

[Cancel](#) [Create](#)



Google (from console.cloud.google.com)

Autoscaling ?

Autoscale based on ?
 For best results read [Configuring autoscaling instance groups](#)

Target CPU usage ?
 Scaling dynamically creates or deletes VMs to meet the group target. [Learn more](#)

%

Minimum number of instances ?

Maximum number of instances ?

Cool-down period ?

seconds

They are programming tasks

Sources: http://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/latest/userguide/policy_creating.html
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/latest/userguide/attach-load-balancer-asg.html>

Examples from Amazon services

Increase Group Size

Name:

Execute policy when: AddCapacityAlarm [Edit](#) [Remove](#)
breaches the alarm threshold: CPUUtilization >= 80 for 300 seconds
for the metric dimensions AutoScalingGroupName = my-asg

Take the action: percent of group <= CPUUtilization < +infinity

[Add step](#) ⓘ

Add instances in increments of at least instance(s)

Instances need: seconds to warm up after each step

[Create a simple scaling policy](#) ⓘ

Decrease Group Size

Name:

Execute policy when: DecreaseCapacityAlarm [Edit](#) [Remove](#)
breaches the alarm threshold: CPUUtilization <= 40 for 300 seconds
for the metric dimensions AutoScalingGroupName = my-asg

Take the action: instances >= CPUUtilization > -infinity

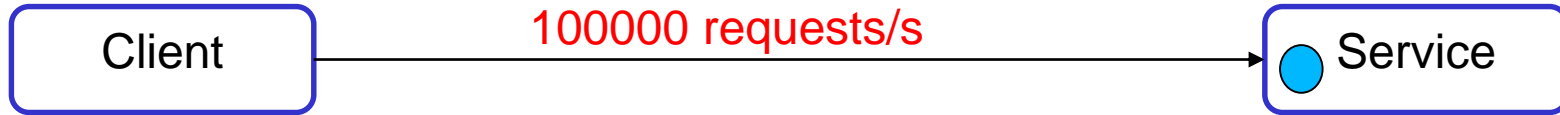
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[Create a simple scaling policy](#) ⓘ

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aws autoscaling attach-load-balancers --auto-scaling-group-name my-asg --load-balancer-names my-lb
```

Sources: http://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/latest/userguide/policy_creating.html
<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/latest/userguide/attach-load-balancer-asg.html>

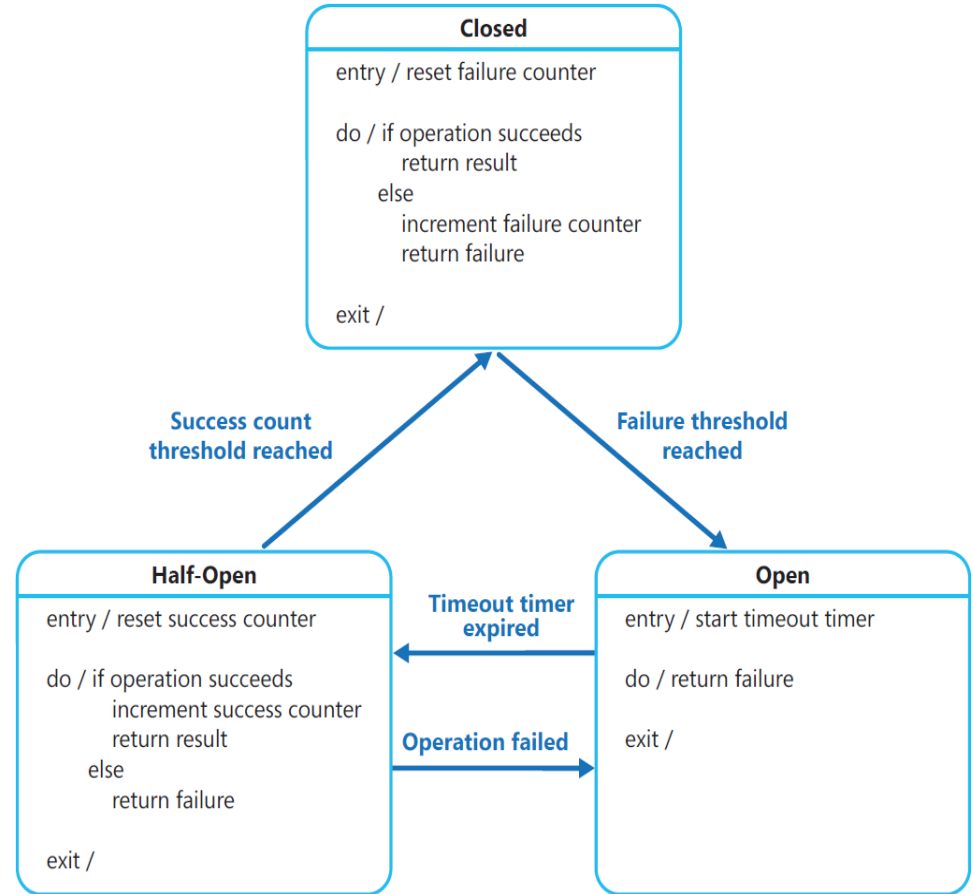
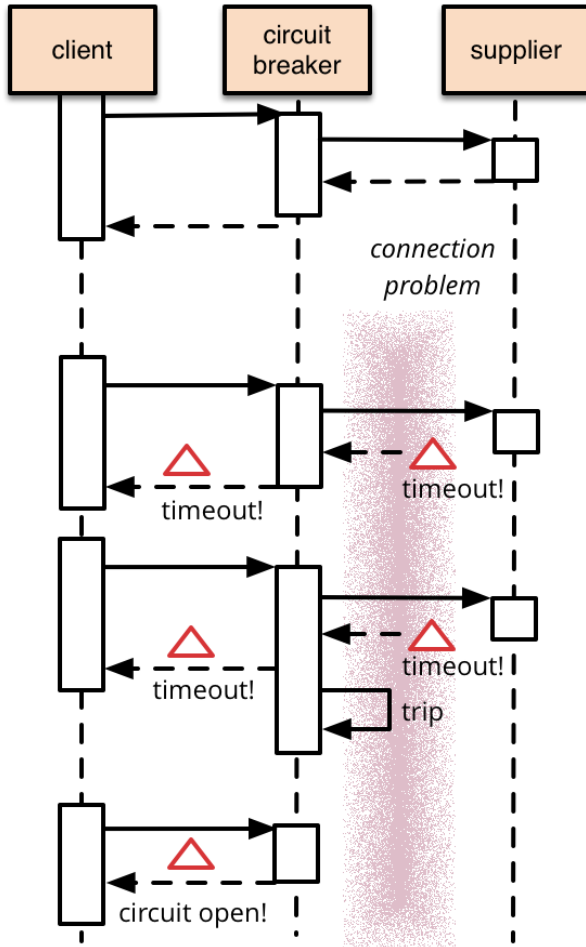
Circuit breaker pattern



- What if service operations fail due to unexpected problems or cascade failures (e.g. busy → timeout)
 - Let the client retry and serve their requests may not be good

→ Circuit breaker pattern prevents clients to retry an operation that would likely fail anyway and to detect when the operation failure is resolved.

Circuit breaker pattern

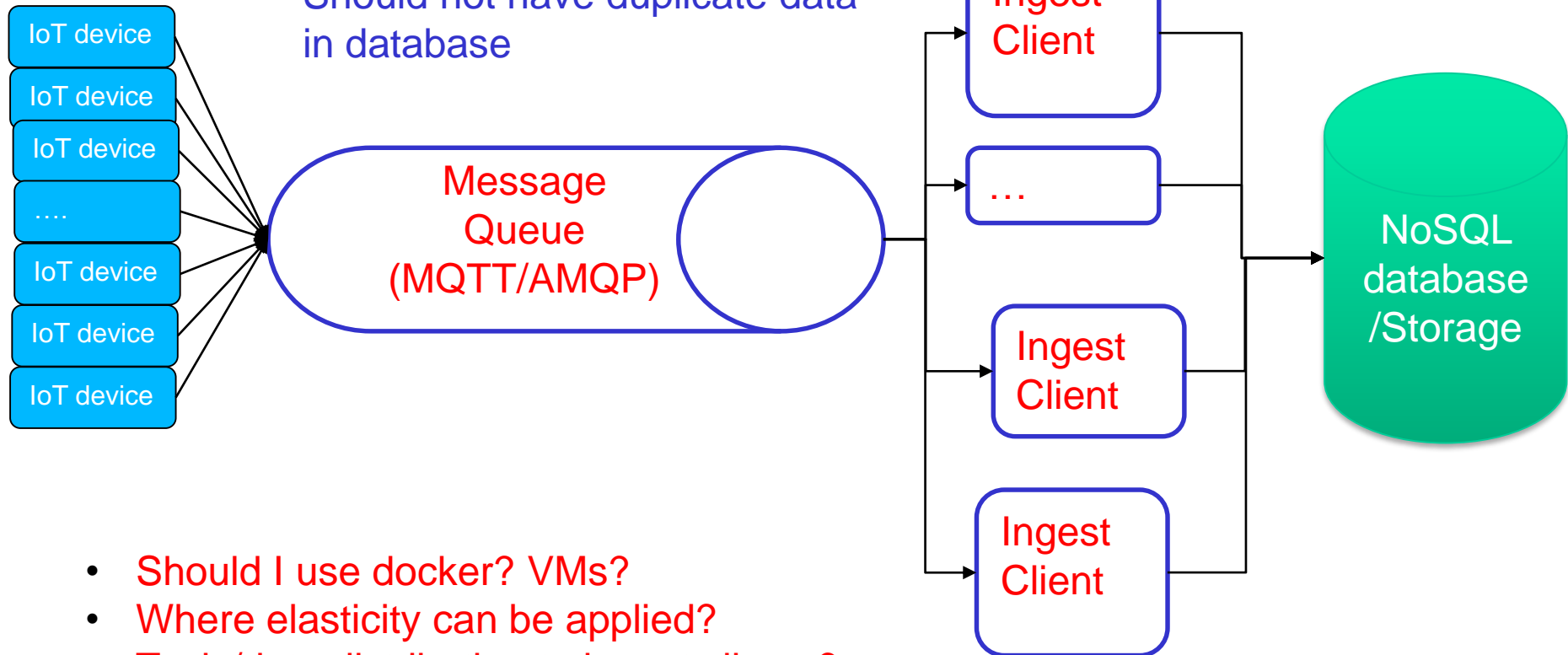


<http://martinfowler.com/bliki/CircuitBreaker.html>

<https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dn589784>

Open Case Study for recap

- Multiple topics
- Amount of data per topic varies
- Should not have duplicate data in database



- Should I use docker? VMs?
- Where elasticity can be applied?
- Topic/data distribution to ingest clients?

Summary

- Modern distributed applications should consider underlying computing resources
 - Incorporate features to leverage virtualization and elasticity at runtime through programming tasks
- Elasticity and virtualization enable robust, efficient and reliable distributed applications
- They can also simplify the development and operation activities.
- Do exercises by examining examples in this lecture → e.g., providing your dockers for next year students

Further materials

- <https://www.computer.org/web/the-clear-cloud/content?g=7477973&type=blogpost&urlTitle=performance-patterns-in-microservices-based-integrations>
- Daniel Cukier. 2013. DevOps patterns to scale web applications using cloud services. In Proceedings of the 2013 companion publication for conference on Systems, programming, & applications: software for humanity (SPLASH '13). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 143-152. DOI=<http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/2508075.2508432>
- <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dn600224.aspx>
- <https://medium.com/google-cloud/kubernetes-101-pods-nodes-containers-and-clusters-c1509e409e16>

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