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Alfresco Tech Talk Live #156

March 22, 2024

Agenda

- Community news
- Towards a sustainable deployment

Resources

Alfresco

[Deploying Alfresco Outlook Transform Engine with Docker Compose](#) @ GitHub

[Script Object for RenditionService2](#) @ GitHub and thanks to @hi-ko

[Alfresco GenAI](#) @ GitHub

Resources to come

- Adapting your logging configuration to log4jv2
- How to set up messages for increased reliability
- Upgrading your addons to Jakarta EE 10 and Spring 6
- Upgrading to Apache Tomcat 10
- Using Control Center App with Community Edition
- Deploying Alfresco with Helm in Kubernetes

Collaboration

Blog posts

- [Summarization of textual content in Alfresco repository with Amazon Bedrock](#) by @abhinavmishra14

Contributions

- <https://github.com/aborroy/alfresco-dockerx-builder/issues/11> by @uvukasinovic
- <https://github.com/Alfresco/alfresco-docker-installer/issues/185> by @luca86r
- <https://github.com/Alfresco/alfresco-docker-installer/issues/186> by @N00BTellaBrot

Conferences

TTL Speakers wanted!

- Take the opportunity to showcase your work with the community
- About Alfresco, Nuxeo, and associated technologies
- Best practices, integration, scaling, cloud, ...
- In your native language

Today's talk



Towards a sustainable deployment

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Towards a Sustainable deployment

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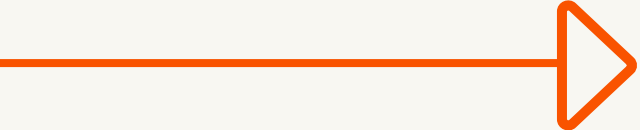
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A hand is holding a white, rectangular picture frame in the foreground. The frame is positioned to capture a view of a coastal landscape. The background shows a sandy beach, waves, and a cliffside with green vegetation under a cloudy sky. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text.

Digital transformation has the potential to mitigate climate impacts



So basically is just a matter of consuming less resources?

A bit more complex than that



Efficiency



Awareness





A bit more complex than that



Experience Design

Applicaton Design

Applicaton Deployment

Infrastructure

Agenda

- Helm charts modularity
- Graviton deployment
- Next steps

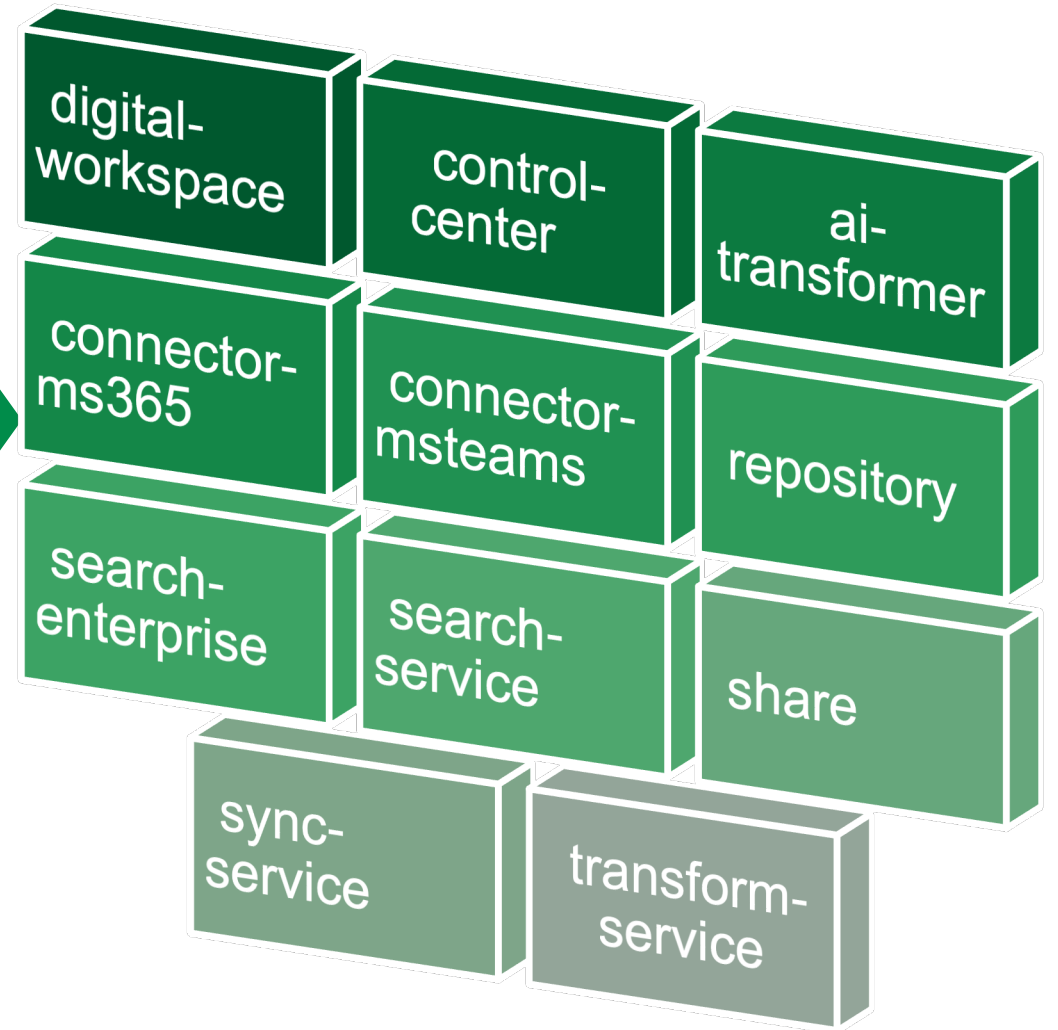
Helm charts modularity

Why modularity?



- Deploy only what you need and save resources
- Makes Alfresco platform composable
- More generic means of configuration, hence more flexibility
- Gives more freedom in choosing dependencies for 3rd party components

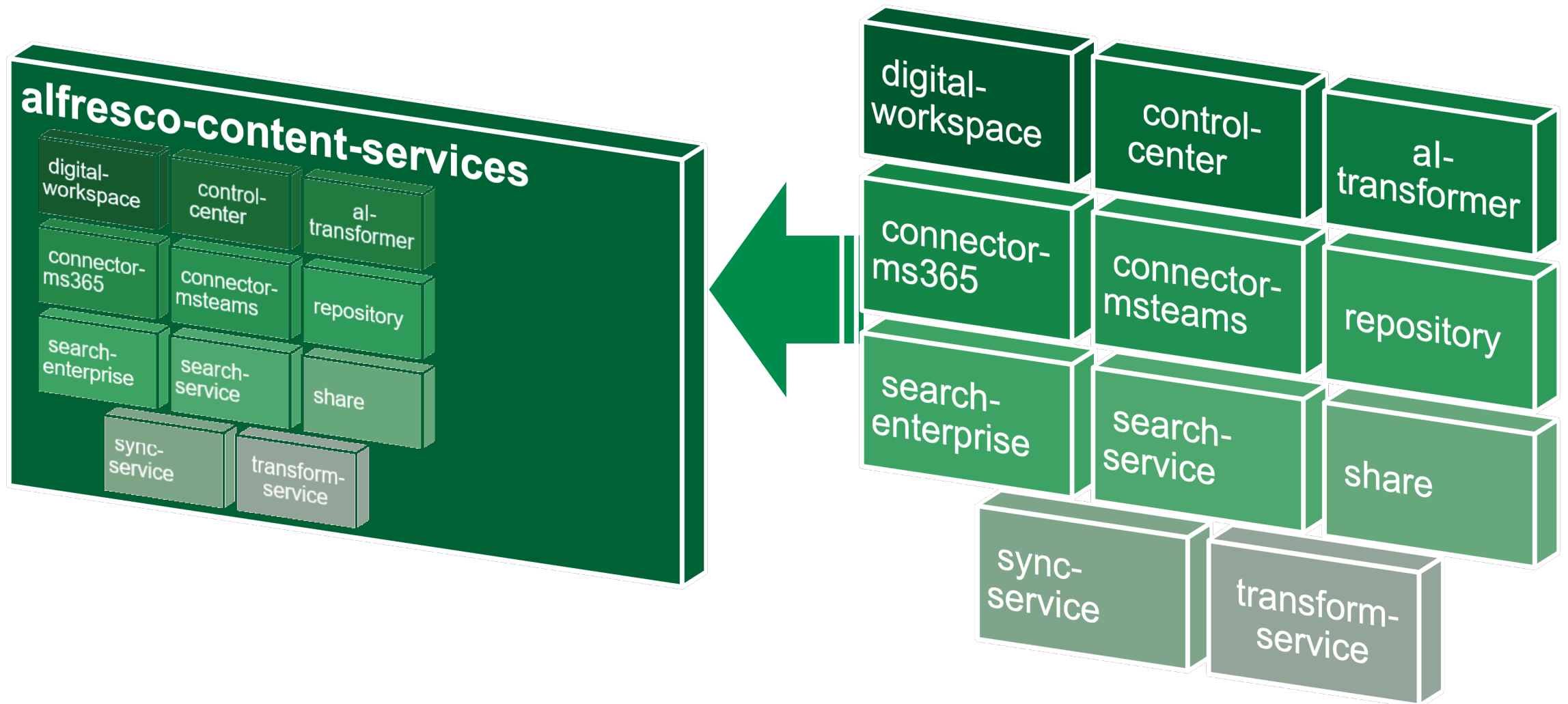
Comparison



Must deploy at least all of

Can deploy any of

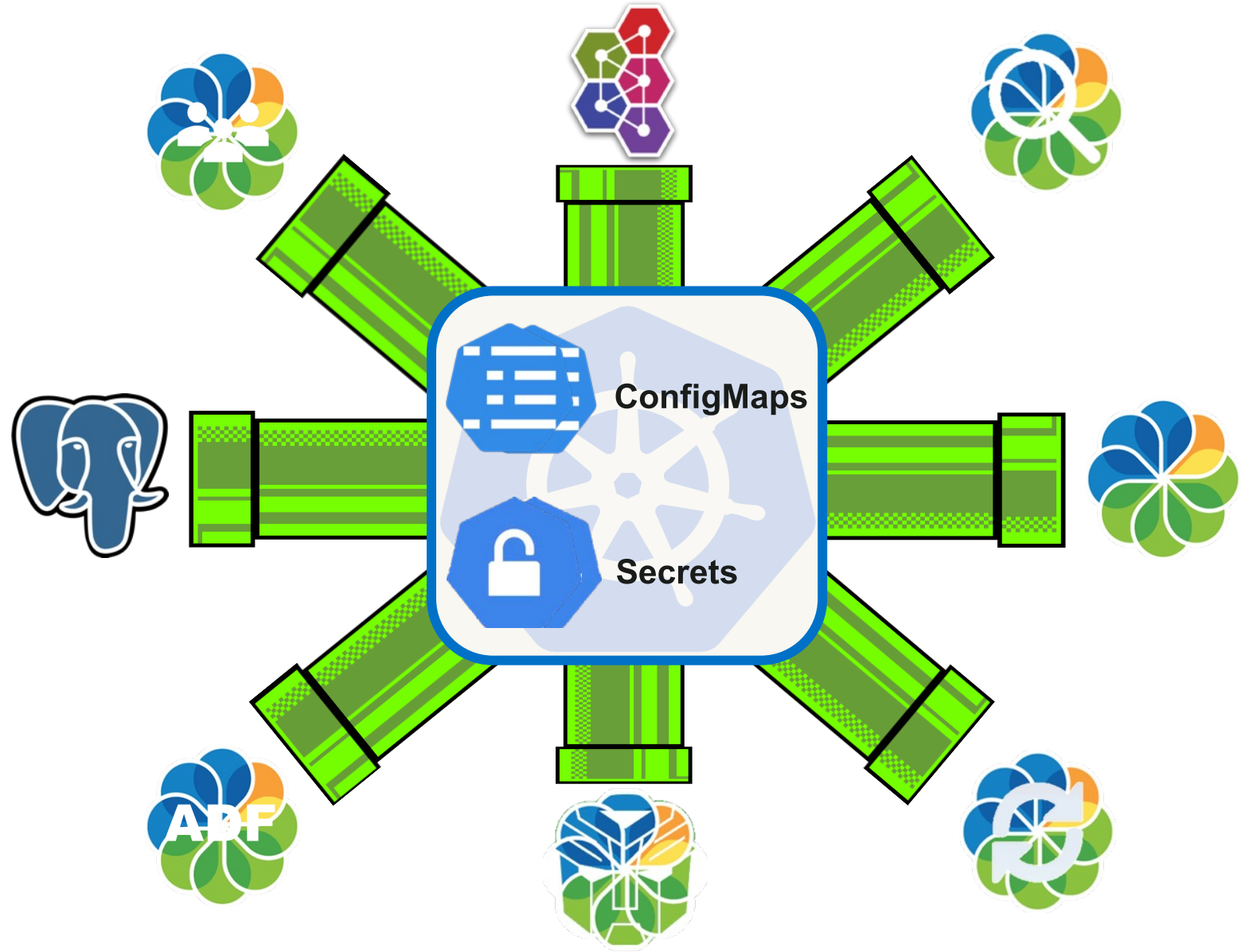
alfresco-content-services as an umbrella chart



Components as building blocks for alfresco chart or your own chart

Creating your own chart is just plumbing

- ConfigMaps to share configuration parameters across charts (`alfresco-global.properties` is back)
- Secrets to share credentials
- `alfresco-common` library chart brings helpers to ease creation of ConfigMap entries
- No third-party dependencies with component charts



Example dependencies (Chart.yaml)

```
...
dependencies:
  - name: postgresql
    repository: oci://registry-1.docker.io/bitnamicharts
    version: 13.4.0
  - name: activemq
    repository: https://alfresco.github.io/alfresco-helm-charts/
    version: 3.4.1
  - name: alfresco-repository
    repository: https://alfresco.github.io/alfresco-helm-charts/
    version: 0.1.3
  - name: alfresco-transform-service
    version: 1.2.0
    repository: https://alfresco.github.io/alfresco-helm-charts/
  - name: my-custom-search-service
    repository: https://charts.partner.com/alfresco/
    version: 1.0.0
```

Example ConfigMap (ActiveMQ)

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: message-broker
data:
  {{- with .Values.activemq }}
  {{- $mqCtx := dict "Values" . "Chart" $.Chart "Release" $.Release }}
  MQ_URL: {{ include "alfresco-common.activemq.url.withFailover" (printf "nio://%s-broker:%v" (include
    "activemq.fullname" $mqCtx) 61616) | quote }}
  {{- end }}
```

- **Principles:**

- Build the subchart context (`$mqCtx`)
- Create a ConfigMap item to pass the expected information the target chart expects (Check individual README.md)
- Leverage common helpers (`alfresco-common.activemq.url.withFailover`) & source charts' named templates (`activemq.fullname`) to reliably build the ActiveMQ URL

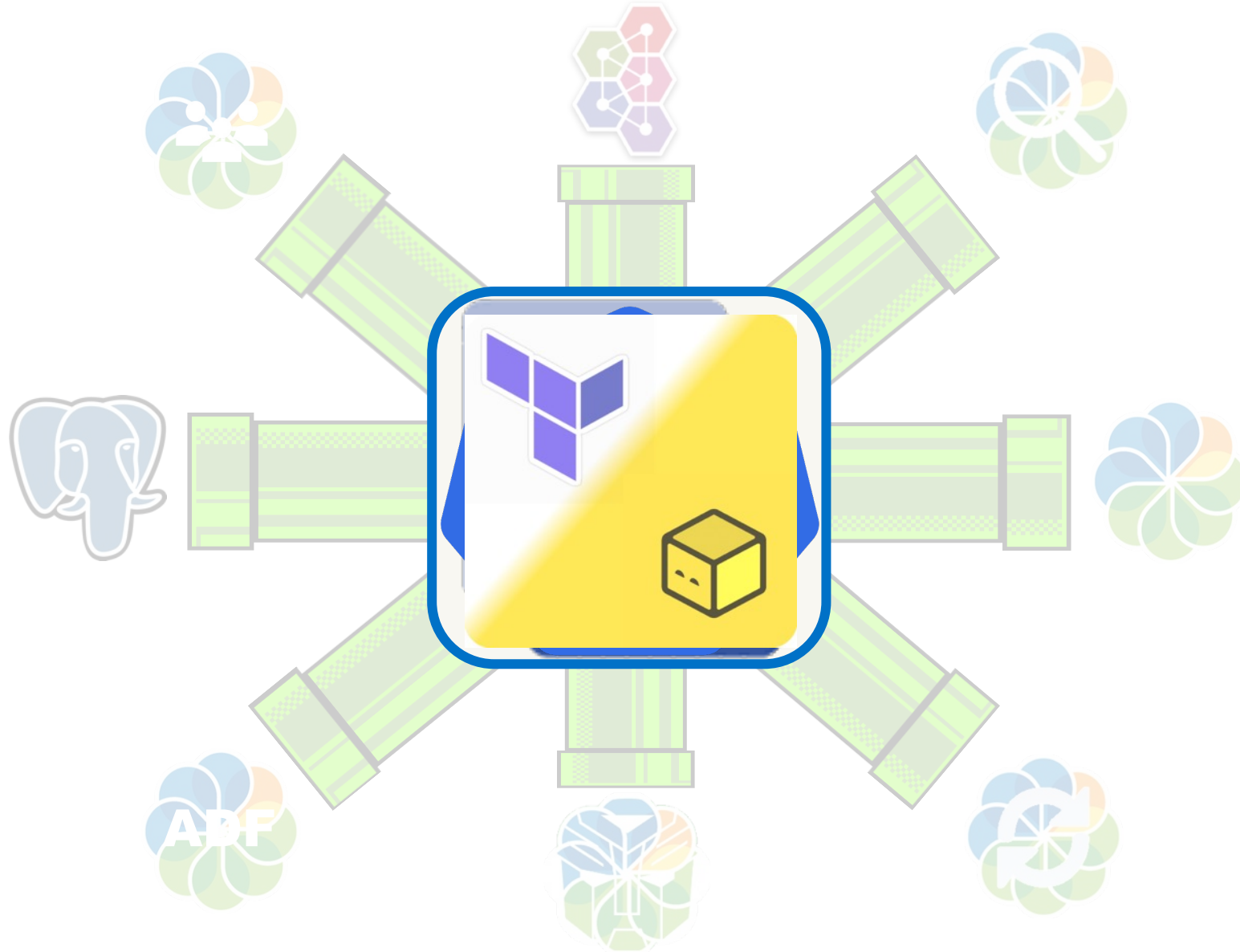
Example ConfigMap (ActiveMQ)

```
alfresco-repository:
  configuration:
    messageBroker:
      existingConfigMap:
        name: message-broker
        keys:
          url: MQ_URL
      existingSecret:
        name: message-broker
        keys:
          username: MQ_USER
          password: MQ_PASS
```

- **Principles:**

- Leverage configuration values as expected by the target chart (Check individual README.md) to point to the right key in the right ConfigMap.

There's more than one way to do it

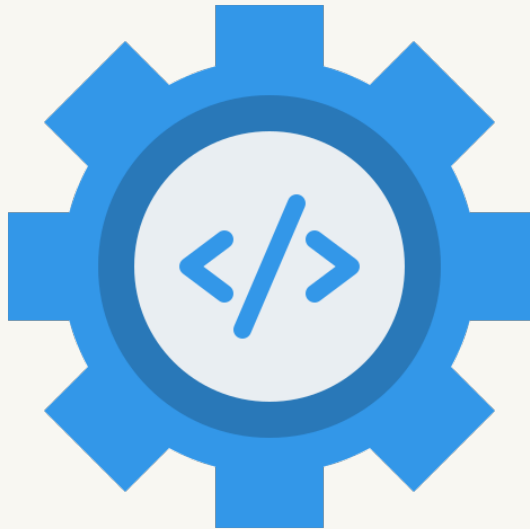




More details:

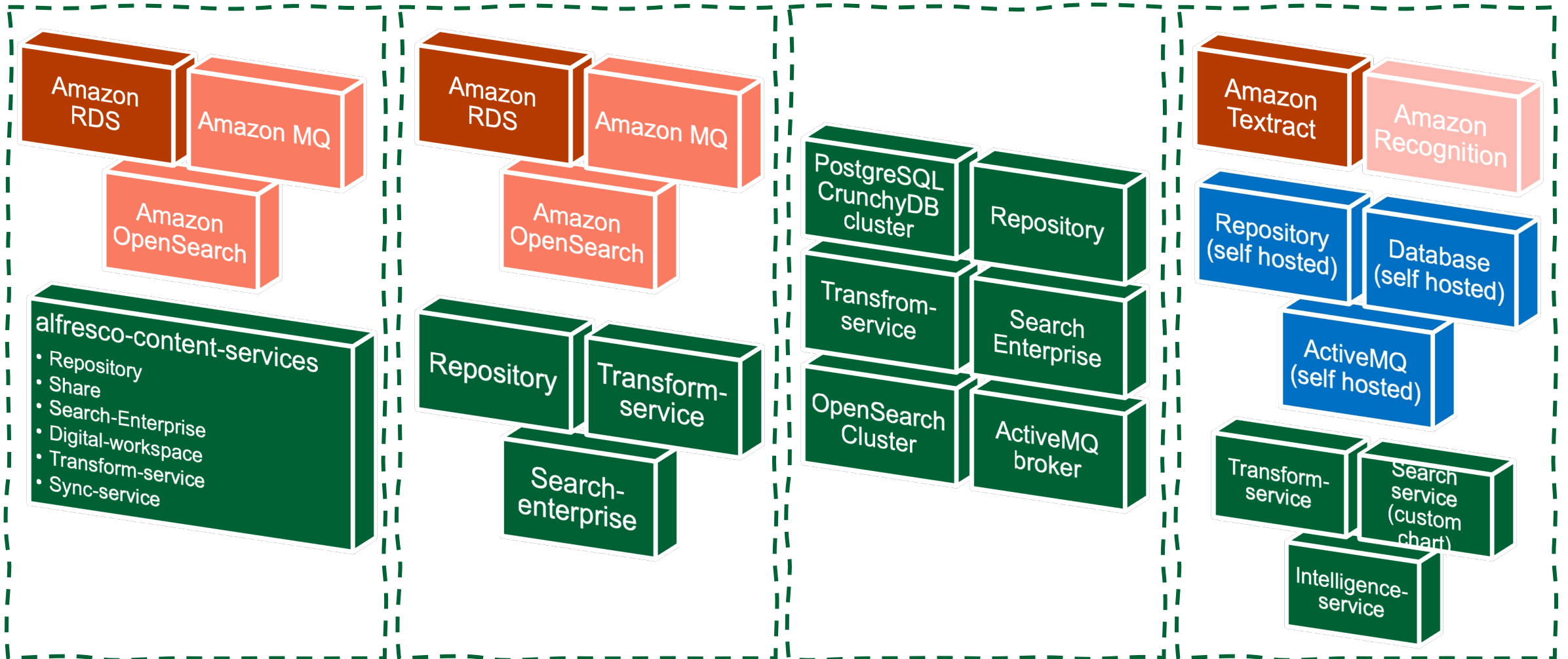
[acs-sso-example](#) available in acs-deployment with step-by-step documentation

Standardized means of configuration



- `extraVolumes` & `extraVolumeMounts`
 - Can be used to mount additional files from ConfigMaps (e.g. config files, keystores)
- `extraInitContainers` & `extraSideContainers`
 - Preliminary actions
 - System integration
- `extraEnv`
 - Additional config options through environment variables
- `nodeSelector`
- `tolerations`
- `affinity`
- `podLabels` & `podAnnotations`

Compositions examples



Charts Repositories

- New git repository: <https://github.com/Alfresco/alfresco-helm-charts>
- New chart registry: <https://alfresco.github.io/alfresco-helm-charts/>
- Each chart now has its own documentation
 - Main [README.md](#) for values
 - [/docs/](#)* for specific use cases
- Charts are tested & released using standard Helm tooling on KinD
 - [Chart Tester](#) (ct) & [Chart Releaser](#) (cr)
- Semver:
 - Major bump: expect breaking changes in architecture or configuration interface
 - Minor bump: new features or non-breaking changes
 - Patch bump: bugfix only

**Beyond
deployment
modularity**

Elasticity

- Deployments tend to be sized to cope with the peak workload
- Autoscaling can help lowering the resources impact & costs
- Alfresco repository and Alfresco Transform Service good first candidates
- CPU based scaling & investigate other metrics

Graviton deployment

Docker multi-arch support requirement

- Alfresco ACS 23.2 includes multi-arch docker images (almost)
- Check if a specific image is multi-arch:

```
$ docker buildx imagetools inspect quay.io/alfresco/alfresco-content-repository:23.2.1
```

```
Name:      quay.io/alfresco/alfresco-content-repository:23.2.1
MediaType: application/vnd.docker.distribution.manifest.list.v2+json
Digest:    sha256:8af8a3c1590b3318a0d292a20d7aeed4b253e897d8d4b4fc9352949812a0fabbb
```

Manifests:

```
Name:      quay.io/alfresco/alfresco-content-repository:23.2.1@sha256:eed0f4833bd1dfbce1828cdae535623ec59ba32d367a1e0e03dadcd60c196ffd
MediaType: application/vnd.docker.distribution.manifest.v2+json
Platform:  linux/amd64
```

```
Name:      quay.io/alfresco/alfresco-content-repository:23.2.1@sha256:15f2bddae502fd2c59ed89a7eba18d0de9ab634841d1f76c5a106671e448cdae
MediaType: application/vnd.docker.distribution.manifest.v2+json
Platform:  linux/arm64
```

- Multi-arch docker image can be built easily with:

```
$ docker buildx build --platform linux/amd64,linux/arm64 -t my-namespace/my-image:latest .
```


Graviton testbed architecture

- Single EKS cluster
 - Graviton (arm64) node group with t4g.xlarge
 - 4 burstable vCPUs, 16.0 GiB of memory and up to 5 Gbps of bandwidth, starting at \$0.1344 per hour - \$96.76 per month per node
 - Classic (amd64) node group with t3a.xlarge
 - 4 burstable vCPUs, 16.0 GiB of memory and up to 5 Gbps of bandwidth, starting at \$0.1504 per hour - \$108.28 per month per node
- Helm install of Alfresco against each node group
 - (Deployment would fit 2x nodes each with room for scaling up)

Provision EKS cluster with graviton nodes

- Deploy with Terraform EKS module

```
[..]
eks_managed_node_groups = {
  graviton = {
    min_size      = 0
    max_size      = 2
    desired_size  = 1

    instance_types = ["t4g.xlarge"]
    ami_type       = "AL2_ARM_64"
  }
}
[..]
```

Cluster Autoscaler

Automatically adjust the desired size of node groups so that all pods have a place to run and there are no unneeded nodes.

- Runs as a deployment within the cluster
- Should have permissions to examine and modify EC2 Auto Scaling Groups
- Do not require additional configuration except for fine tuning

Links:

- <https://github.com/kubernetes/autoscaler/blob/master/cluster-autoscaler/cloudprovider/aws/README.md>
- <https://github.com/lablabs/terraform-aws-eks-cluster-autoscaler>

nodeSelector to target nodeGroup

- nodeSelector is a Pod spec to tell K8s scheduler to run only on nodes that match that constraint
- Helm charts allow specifying a nodeSelector via values for each component:

```
[..]  
alfresco-repository:  
  nodeSelector:  
    "kubernetes.io/arch": arm64  
share:  
  nodeSelector:  
    "kubernetes.io/arch": arm64  
[..]
```

Install alfresco on EKS

- Values oriented for testing purposes only:
 - No persistency
 - 1 replicas

```
$ helm upgrade --install acs alfresco/alfresco-content-services --version ~8.0.0  
--namespace alfresco  
--set global.search.sharedSecret=$(openssl rand -hex 24)  
--values helm-install/acs_values.yml  
--values helm-install/arm64_selector.yml
```

acs_values.yaml excerpt

```
alfresco-repository:  
  ingress:  
    annotations:  
      cert-manager.io/cluster-issuer: letsencrypt-prod  
  persistence:  
    enabled: false  
  configuration:  
    search:  
      flavor: elasticsearch  
[..]
```

arm64_selector.yml excerpt

```
alfresco-repository:  
  nodeSelector:  
    "kubernetes.io/arch": amd64  
  ingress:  
    hosts:  
      - host: FQDN  
        paths:  
          - path: /  
            pathType: Prefix  
    tls:  
      - hosts:  
          - FQDN  
        secretName: letsencrypt-prod-hydra  
[...]
```

Sources at <https://github.com/gionnn/alfresco-eks-graviton-example>

Cluster dashboard

Cluster Dashboard

Terraform EKS cluster

Provider: Amazon EKS

Kubernetes Version: v1.27.8-8cb36c9

Created: 23 days ago

[Add Cluster Badge](#)

269

Total Resources

4

Nodes

46

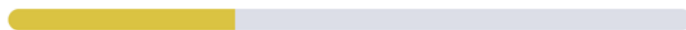
Deployments

Capacity

Pods

Used 77 / 232

33.19%



CPU

Reserved 14.03 / 15.68 cores

89.50%

Used 6.58 / 16 cores

41.14%



Memory

Reserved 24 / 58 GiB

41.38%

Used 25 / 62 GiB

40.32%



Nodes overview

Nodes ☆

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Filter

<input type="checkbox"/> State	Name	Roles	Version	External/Internal IP	OS	CPU	RAM	Pods	Age	
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Deployment/statefulset overview

```
$ kubectl get deploy -n alfresco
```

NAME	READY	UP-TO-DATE	AVAILABLE
acs-activemq	1/1	1	1
acs-alfresco-cc	1/1	1	1
acs-alfresco-dw	1/1	1	1
acs-alfresco-repository	1/1	1	1
acs-alfresco-search-enterprise-content	1/1	1	1
acs-alfresco-search-enterprise-metadata	1/1	1	1
acs-alfresco-search-enterprise-path	1/1	1	1
acs-filestore	1/1	1	1
acs-imagemagick	1/1	1	1
acs-libreoffice	1/1	1	1
acs-pdfrenderer	1/1	1	1
acs-share	1/1	1	1
acs-tika	1/1	1	1
acs-transform-misc	1/1	1	1
acs-transform-router	1/1	1	1

```
$ kubectl -n alfresco get statefulset
```

NAME	READY
acs-postgresql-acs	1/1
alfresco-search-enterprise-mediation	1/1
elasticsearch-master	1/1

Verify deployment with DTAS

- Deployment Test Automation Scripts (DTAS) is an internal (not yet opensource) pytest suite to verify the correctness of an Alfresco install
- API testing
 - content lifecycle: create user, create a new site, create a folder structure, uploading documents
 - Alfresco Transformation Service (ATS): requesting renditions for various document types such as docx, xlsx, pdf, odt, jpeg, and png
- Basic benchmarking using [pytest-benchmark](#) library
 - pytest suites executed multiple times within a configurable time frame or number of rounds

Run DTAS via helm charts on Alfresco Enterprise

- Helm install as usual plus `--set dtas.enabled=true`
- Run the suite via `helm test RELEASE`

NAME: acs

LAST DEPLOYED: Mon Mar 11 17:28:56 2024

NAMESPACE: alfresco

STATUS: deployed

REVISION: 1

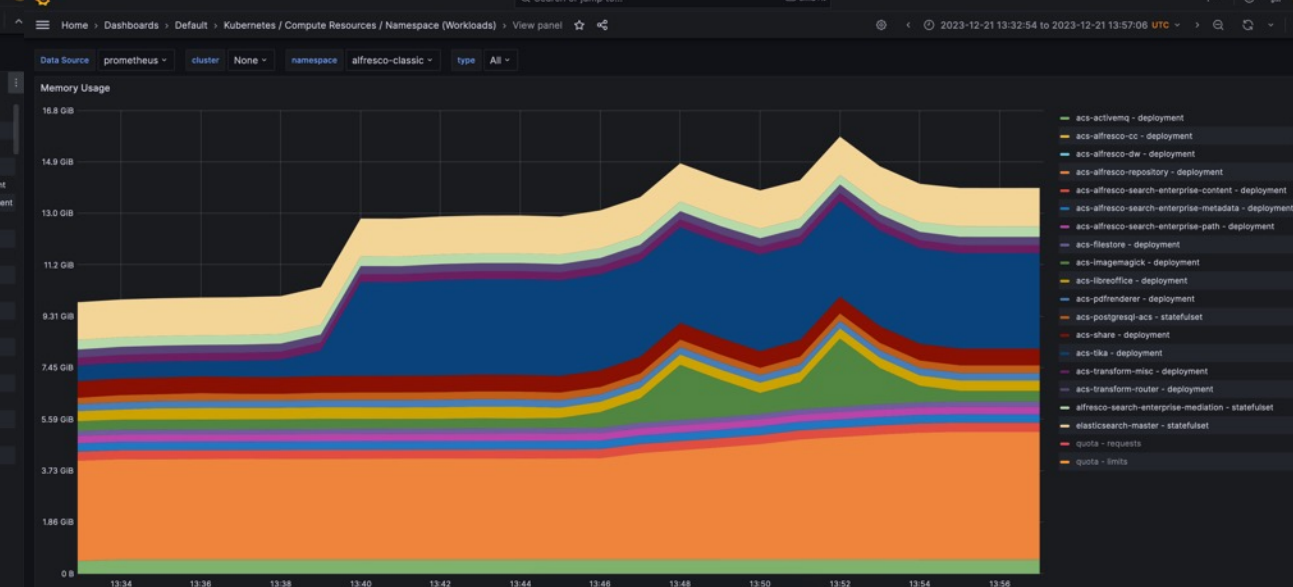
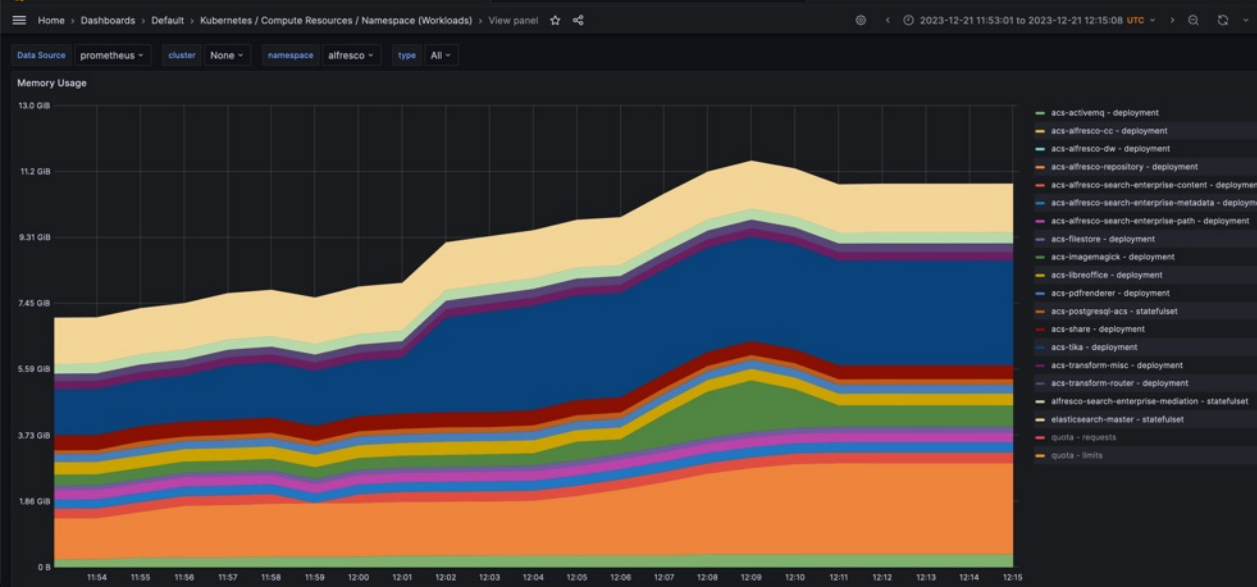
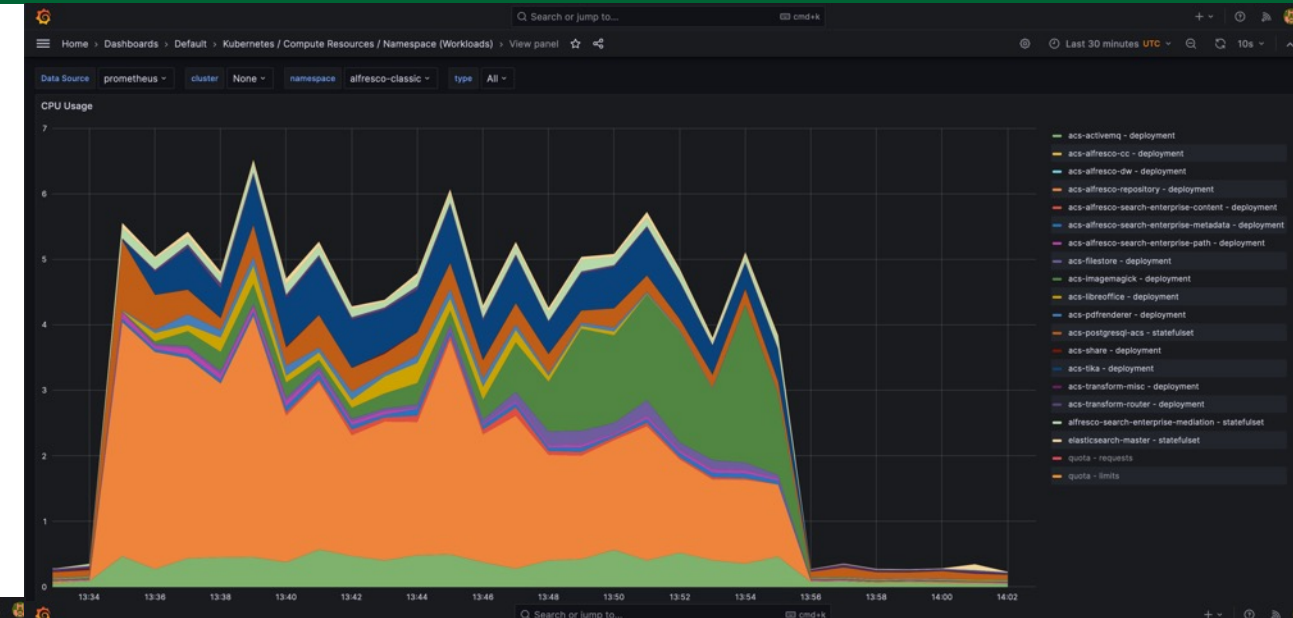
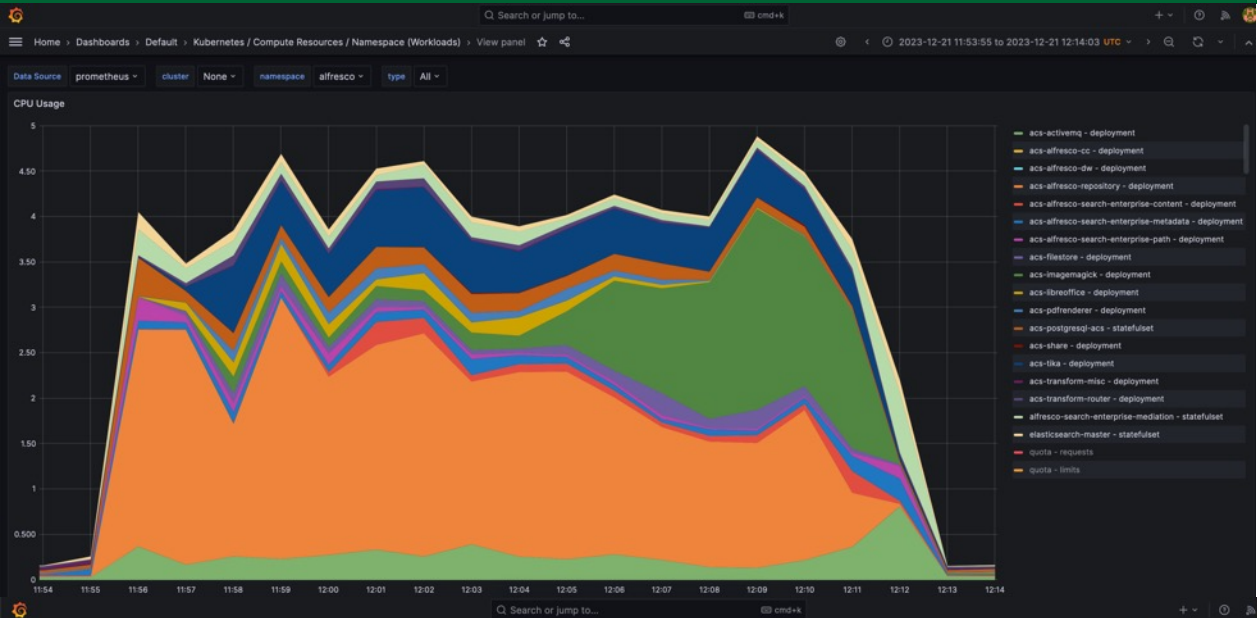
TEST SUITE: dtas-hbusb

Last Started: Mon Mar 11 17:36:58 2024

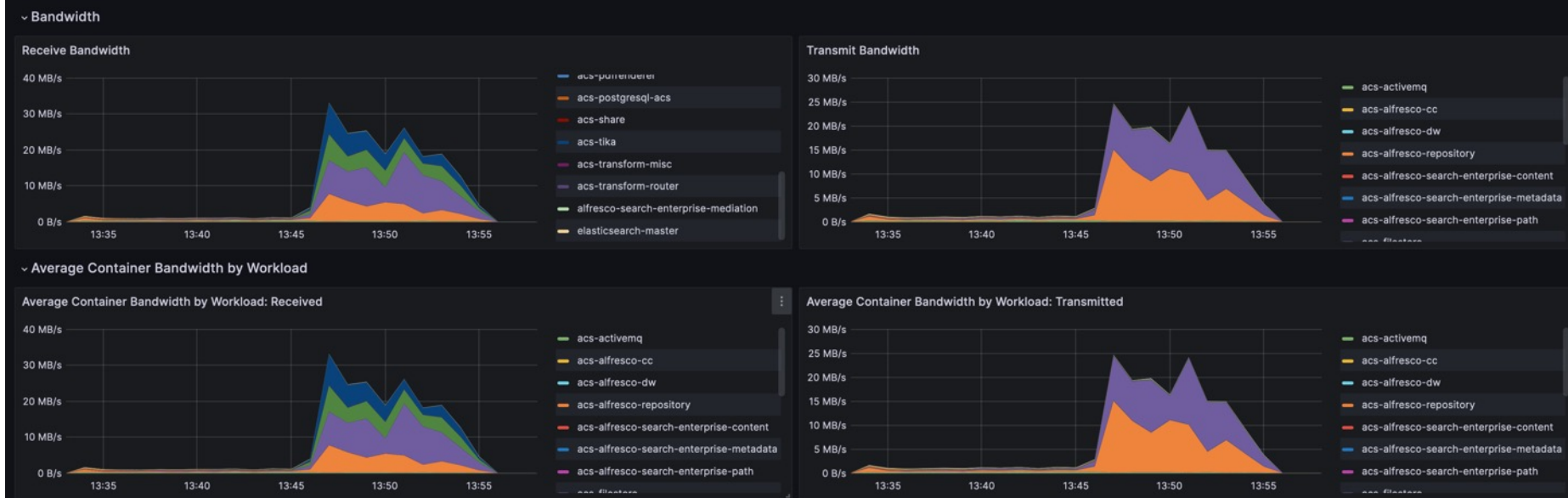
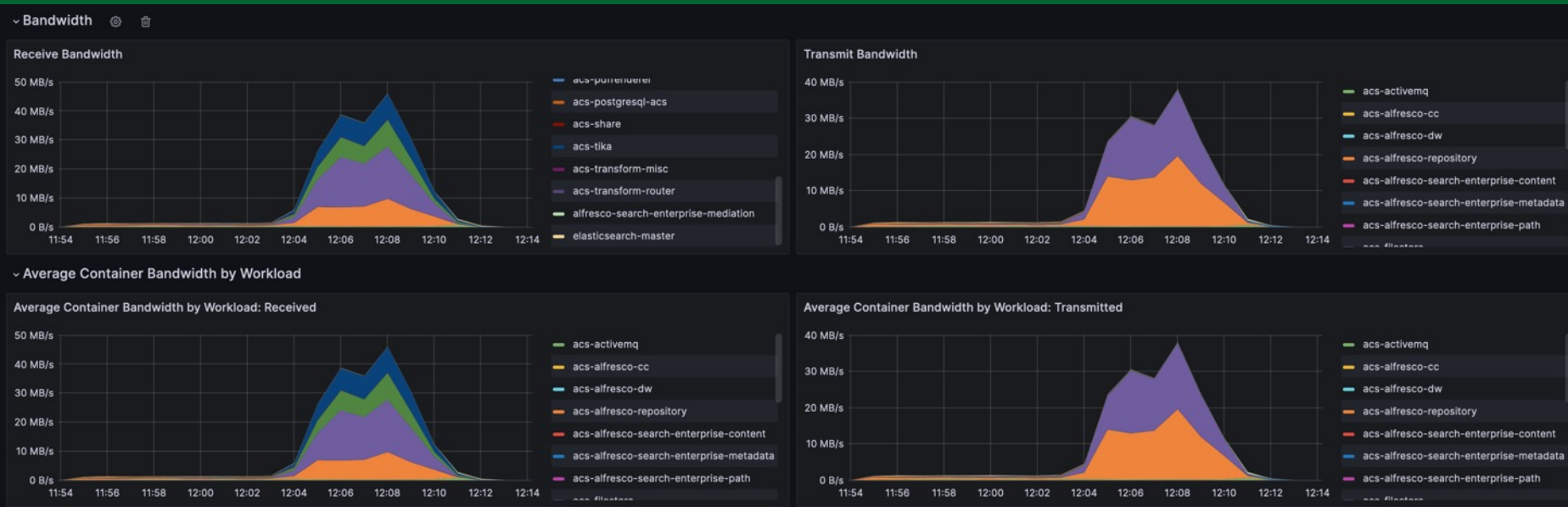
Last Completed: Mon Mar 11 17:49:34 2024

Phase: Succeeded

CPU/Memory overview (arm64 vs amd64)



Network bandwidth overview (arm64 vs amd64)



Benchmark results (arm64 vs amd64)

Name (time in ms)	benchmark:			benchmark:		
	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	Mean
test_get_content_performance	152.4401 (1.0)	184.4141 (1.0)	158.9162 (1.0)	180.4067 (1.0)	331.5942 (1.0)	236.8413 (1.0)
test_put_content_performance	168.1915 (1.10)	209.0614 (1.13)	175.3219 (1.10)	211.6505 (1.17)	414.7178 (1.25)	269.8544 (1.14)
test_list_content_folder_performance	221.6643 (1.45)	264.2115 (1.43)	229.9703 (1.45)	265.7981 (1.47)	551.7217 (1.66)	351.9158 (1.49)
test_create_folder_performance	317.2580 (2.08)	508.8509 (2.76)	332.8935 (2.09)	371.1696 (2.06)	658.4566 (1.99)	438.4468 (1.85)
test_create_content_performance	340.9007 (2.24)	371.8537 (2.02)	351.3009 (2.21)	379.4907 (2.10)	596.1095 (1.80)	451.9847 (1.91)
test_post_person_performance	393.5201 (2.58)	531.7945 (2.88)	417.4775 (2.63)	506.4024 (2.81)	919.8425 (2.77)	618.6456 (2.61)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.pdf-pdf]	644.8665 (4.23)	710.5534 (3.85)	667.7715 (4.20)	745.0629 (4.13)	1,290.1847 (3.89)	968.0447 (4.09)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.odt-pdf]	649.2688 (4.26)	1,691.0497 (9.17)	706.9890 (4.45)	762.6319 (4.23)	1,075.4566 (3.24)	879.2491 (3.71)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.doc-pdf]	649.3458 (4.26)	1,690.5708 (9.17)	715.1449 (4.50)	764.5811 (4.24)	2,263.3215 (6.83)	931.2891 (3.93)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.pdf-imgpreview]	649.4653 (4.26)	931.2191 (5.05)	709.9292 (4.47)	782.3095 (4.34)	1,272.6155 (3.84)	989.0500 (4.18)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.pdf-doclib]	649.6516 (4.26)	1,235.6930 (6.70)	802.1923 (5.05)	805.4679 (4.46)	1,403.5686 (4.23)	1,038.2332 (4.38)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.xlsx-pdf]	652.2842 (4.28)	978.1050 (5.30)	688.7084 (4.33)	848.5558 (4.70)	2,460.8753 (7.42)	1,066.1132 (4.50)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.xls-pdf]	652.6579 (4.28)	1,703.4141 (9.24)	703.3143 (4.43)	925.8328 (5.13)	1,552.2070 (4.68)	1,257.8939 (5.31)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.docx-pdf]	653.2848 (4.29)	725.1906 (3.93)	668.0379 (4.20)	997.1797 (5.53)	1,516.8924 (4.57)	1,223.0495 (5.16)
test_post_site_performance	793.1918 (5.20)	1,086.6737 (5.89)	841.8204 (5.30)	1,011.1304 (5.60)	1,234.0511 (3.72)	1,116.0950 (4.71)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.odt-doclib]	899.3008 (5.90)	1,104.6530 (5.99)	925.0898 (5.82)	1,013.1117 (5.62)	1,289.3409 (3.89)	1,127.4147 (4.76)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.odt-imgpreview]	899.8614 (5.90)	1,068.4193 (5.79)	925.2980 (5.82)	1,018.7815 (5.65)	1,605.8906 (4.84)	1,184.0606 (5.00)
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test_renditions_performance[dtas.xlsx-doclib]	900.7869 (5.91)	976.1583 (5.29)	922.7755 (5.81)	1,023.3145 (5.67)	1,229.4760 (3.71)	1,119.0906 (4.73)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.doc-doclib]	901.1418 (5.91)	949.5569 (5.15)	920.3196 (5.79)	1,059.3431 (5.87)	1,532.2266 (4.62)	1,251.6448 (5.28)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.docx-imgpreview]	901.3233 (5.91)	1,183.2329 (6.42)	925.4249 (5.82)	1,060.4968 (5.88)	1,634.0791 (4.93)	1,255.1505 (5.30)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.docx-doclib]	901.5965 (5.91)	1,031.4085 (5.59)	926.1439 (5.83)	1,077.6391 (5.97)	1,606.7332 (4.85)	1,194.7008 (5.04)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.xlsx-imgpreview]	901.7826 (5.92)	1,195.2217 (6.48)	932.4559 (5.87)	1,078.6347 (5.98)	1,452.8360 (4.38)	1,223.1594 (5.16)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.doc-imgpreview]	903.5653 (5.93)	1,229.0708 (6.66)	934.9182 (5.88)	1,082.5828 (6.00)	1,683.3439 (5.08)	1,272.5831 (5.37)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.xls-imgpreview]	903.9499 (5.93)	956.1612 (5.18)	922.9191 (5.81)	1,086.5896 (6.02)	1,985.4624 (5.99)	1,350.6199 (5.70)
test_renditions_performance[dtas.jpeg-doclib]	934.2089 (6.13)	1,079.4840 (5.85)	969.5077 (6.10)	1,095.9799 (6.08)	1,354.1743 (4.08)	1,206.4598 (5.09)
test_create_users_and_add_to_site_performance	1,152.6486 (7.56)	1,344.4858 (7.29)	1,190.3074 (7.49)	1,400.5495 (7.76)	1,817.3643 (5.48)	1,575.0191 (6.65)

Key takeaway

- Alfresco can run smoothly on arm64
- EKS cluster can be configured easily to run arm64 nodes
- Performances/latency is slightly better on AWS Graviton2 instances vs cost-near t3a instances
 - Increased cost efficiency
- Migrating to arm64 reduce workloads energy consumption
 - AWS claim up to 60 percent for the same performance of comparable EC2

Next Steps



Alfresco roadmap



Efficiency and Awareness
lead to cost savings



Share and create ideas

Thank you

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Questions?