

# Amazon EC2 Container Service (ECS)

a platform to run production containers

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# Agenda

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Why Containers?

Cluster Management

ECS Architecture

Use Cases

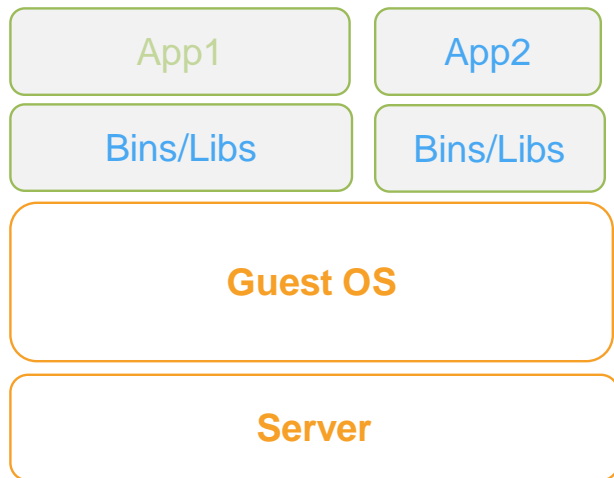
Q&A

# Why Containers?



# What are Containers?

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OS virtualization

Process isolation

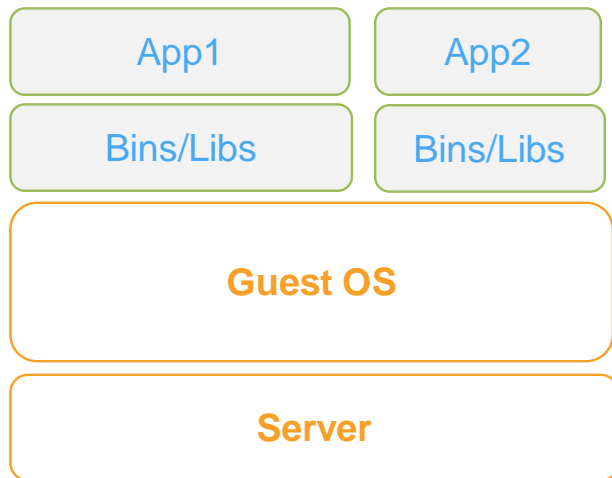
Images

Automation



# Container advantages

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Portable

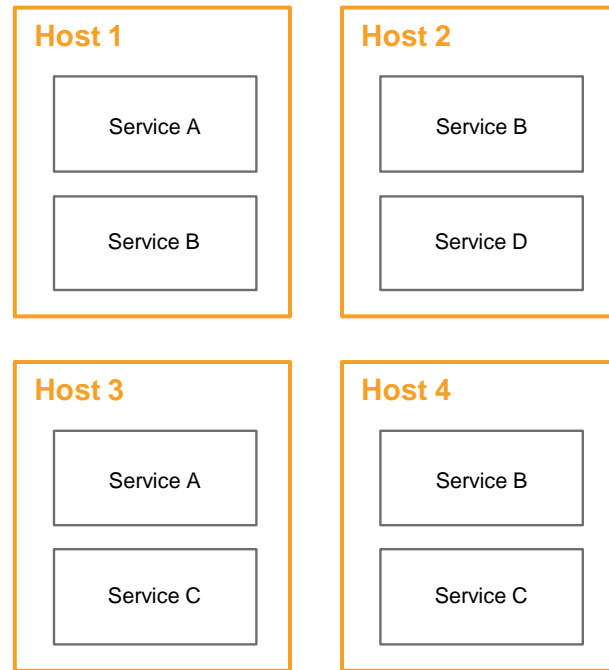
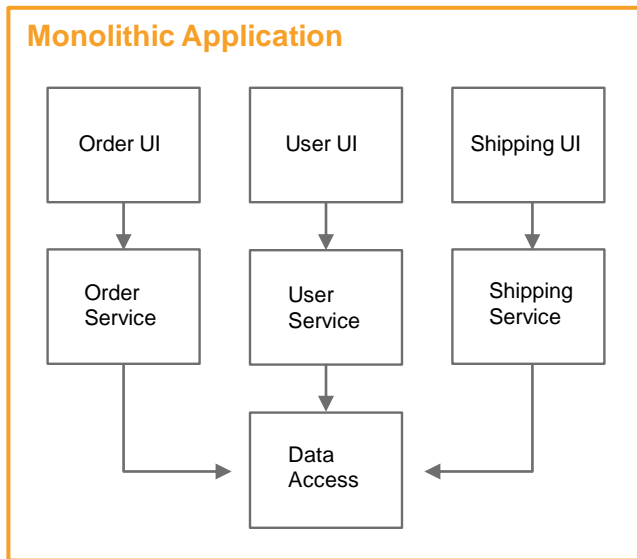
Flexible

Fast

Efficient



# Services evolve to microservices





# Containers are natural for microservices

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Simple to model

Any app, any language

Image is the version

Test & deploy same artifact

Stateless servers decrease change risk

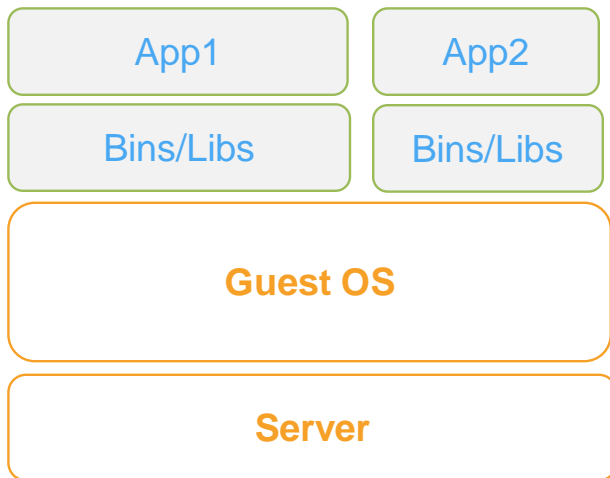
# Why build Amazon ECS?





# Scheduling one resource is straightforward

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# Scheduling a cluster is hard





# Some customer challenges

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Cluster management

Availability

Scheduling

Security

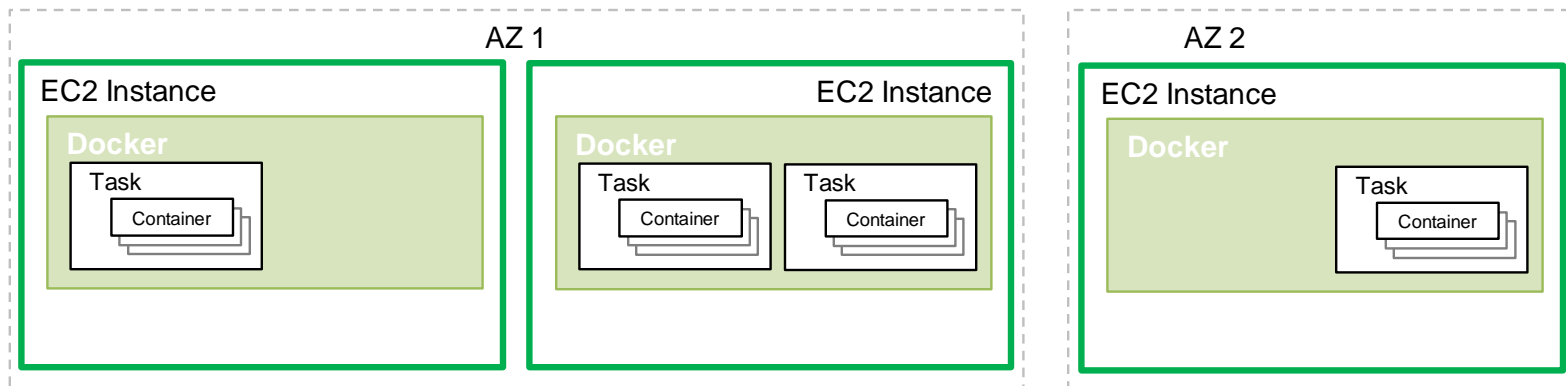
Monitoring

Integration with AWS services

# Cluster Management

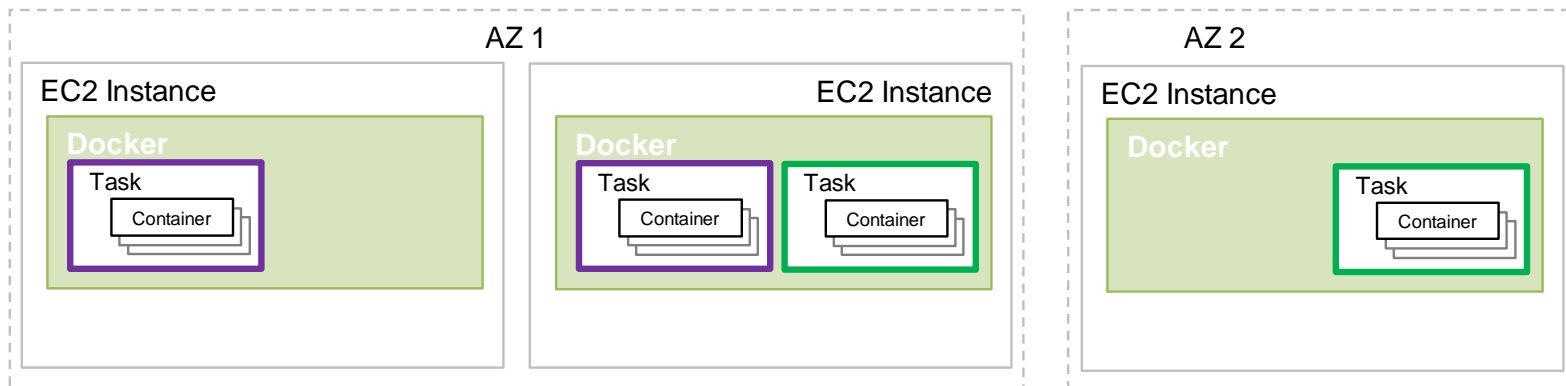


# Cluster Management: Resource Management





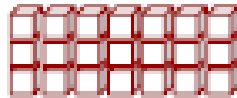
# Cluster Management: Scheduling





# Cluster Management: Scheduling Systems

## Monolithic

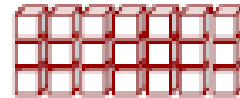
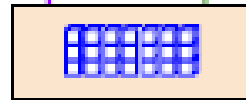
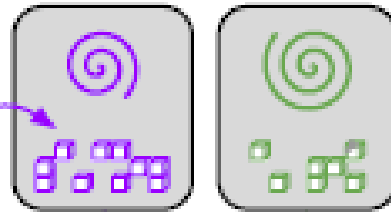


**no  
concurrency**

*cluster state  
information*

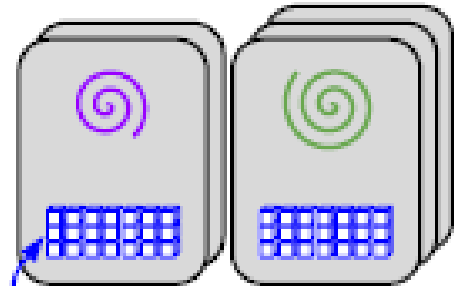
*cluster  
machines*

## Two-level

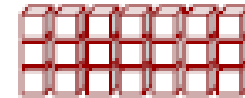


**pessimistic  
concurrency  
(offers)**

## Shared state



*full state*



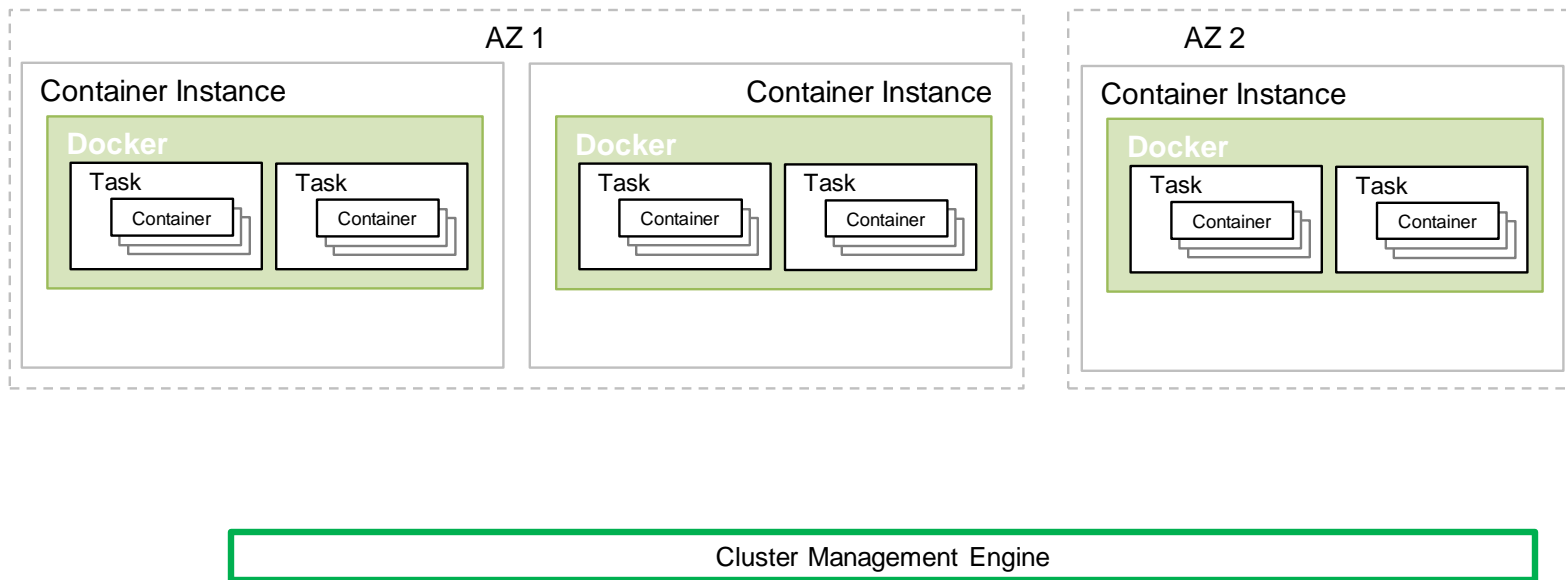
**optimistic  
concurrency  
(transactions)**

# Amazon ECS



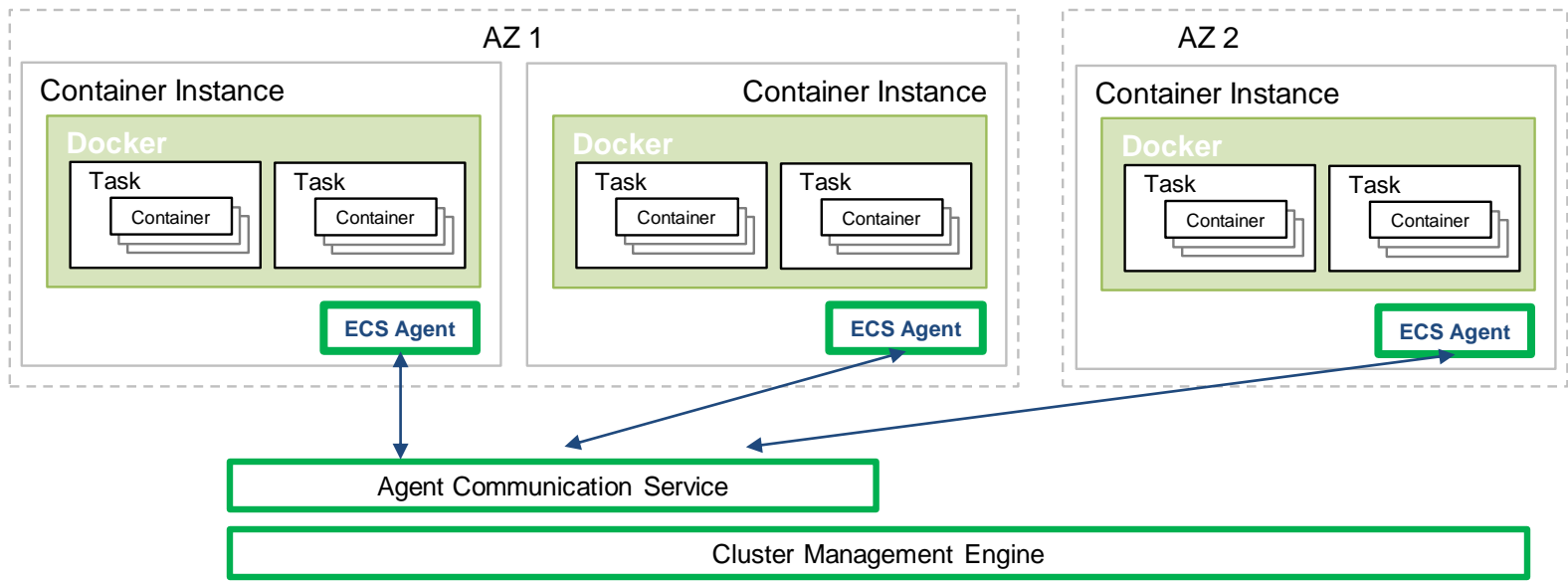


# Amazon ECS: Resource Management



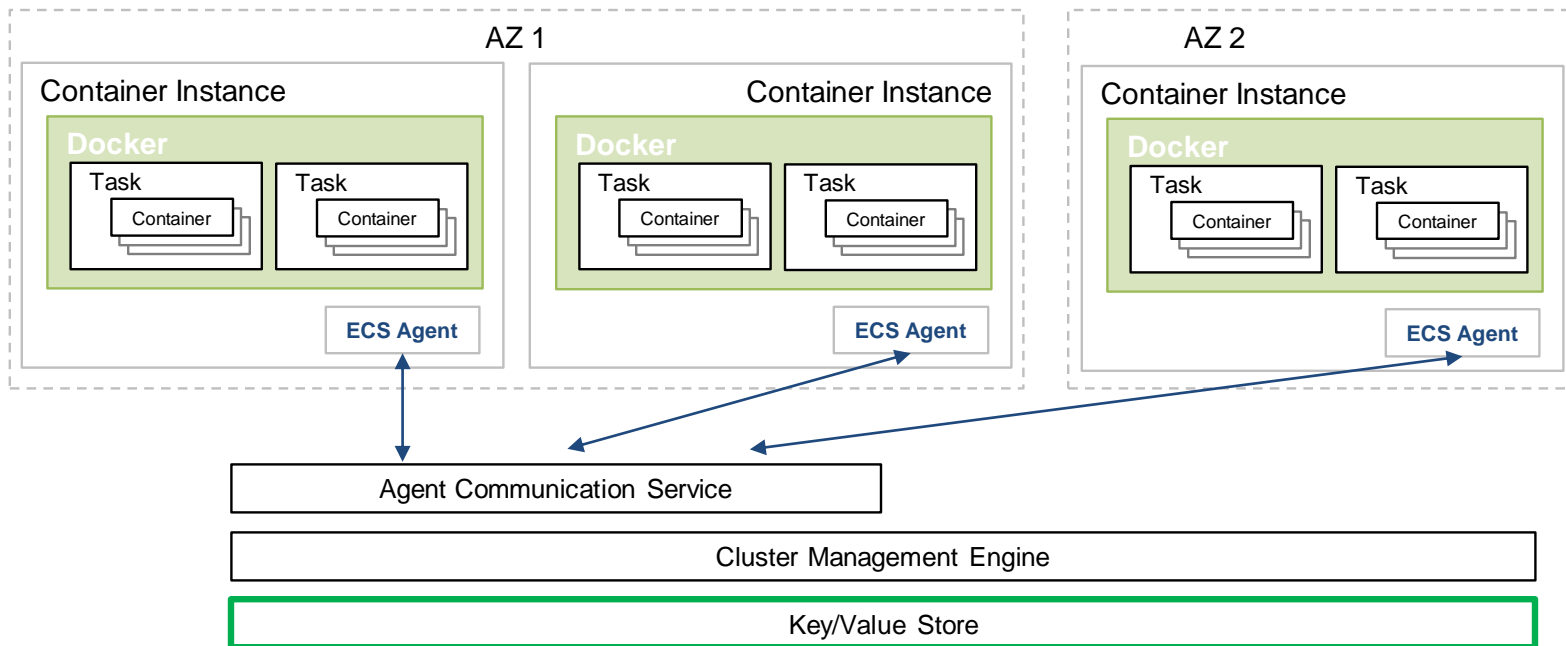


# Amazon ECS: Agent Communication



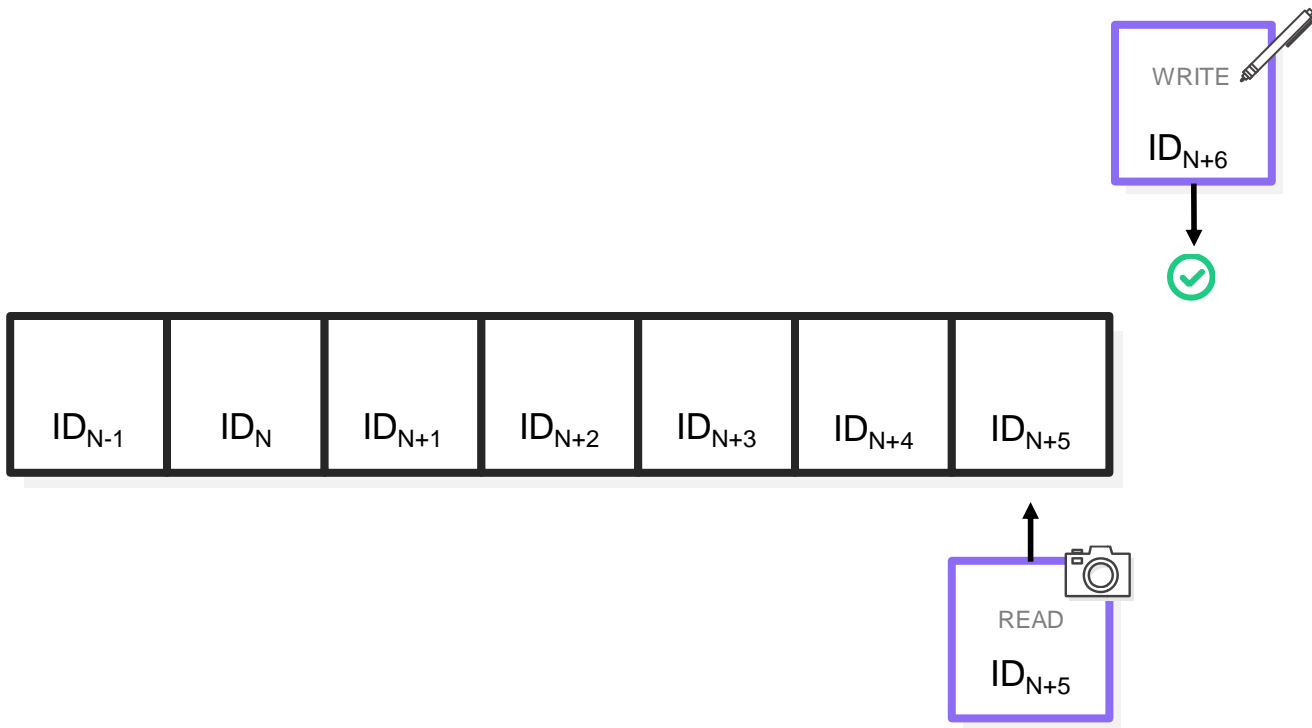


# Amazon ECS: Key/Value Store



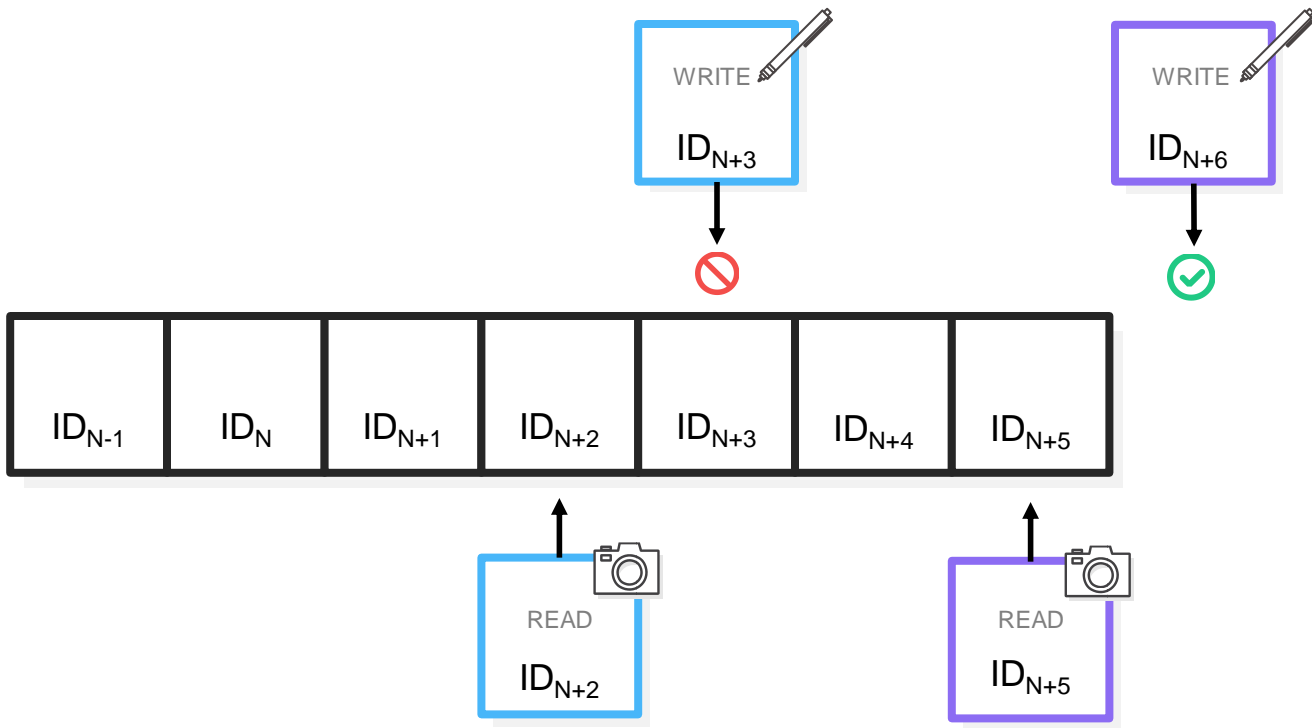


# Amazon ECS under the Hood



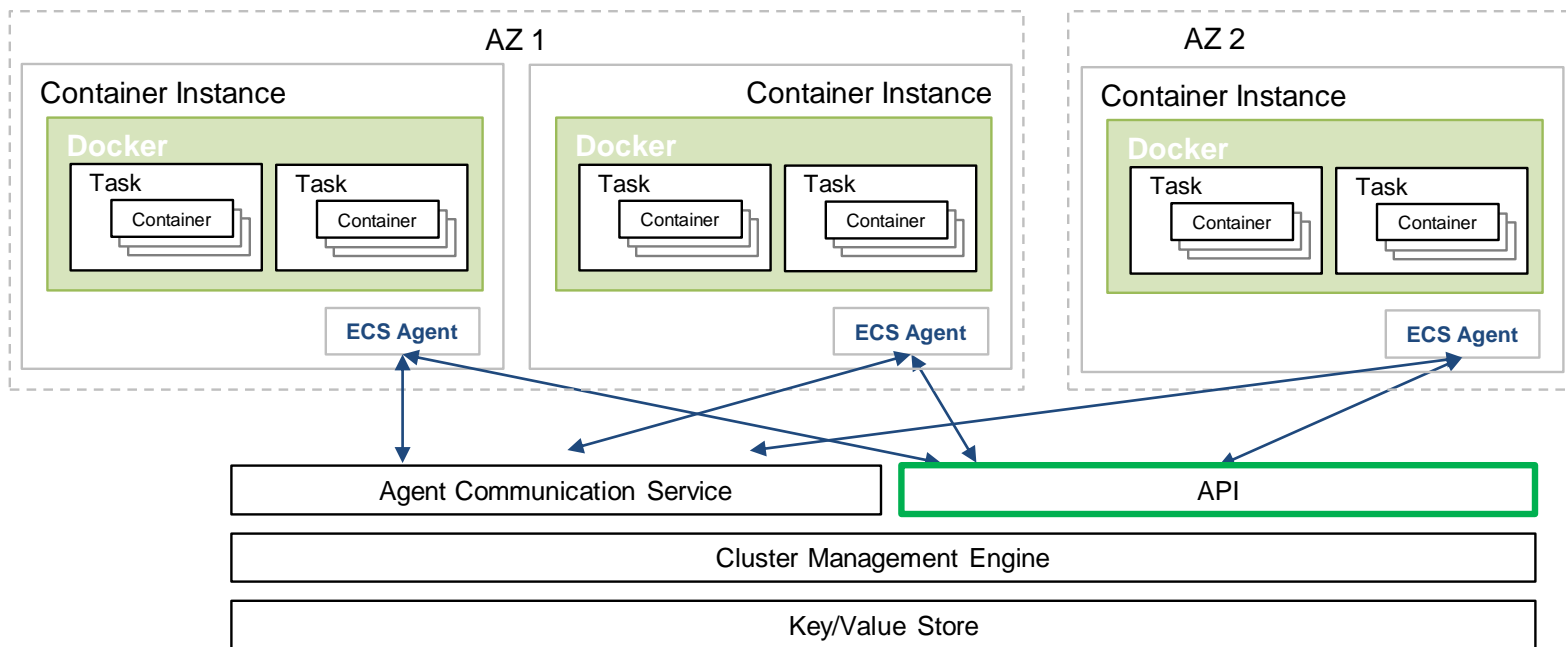


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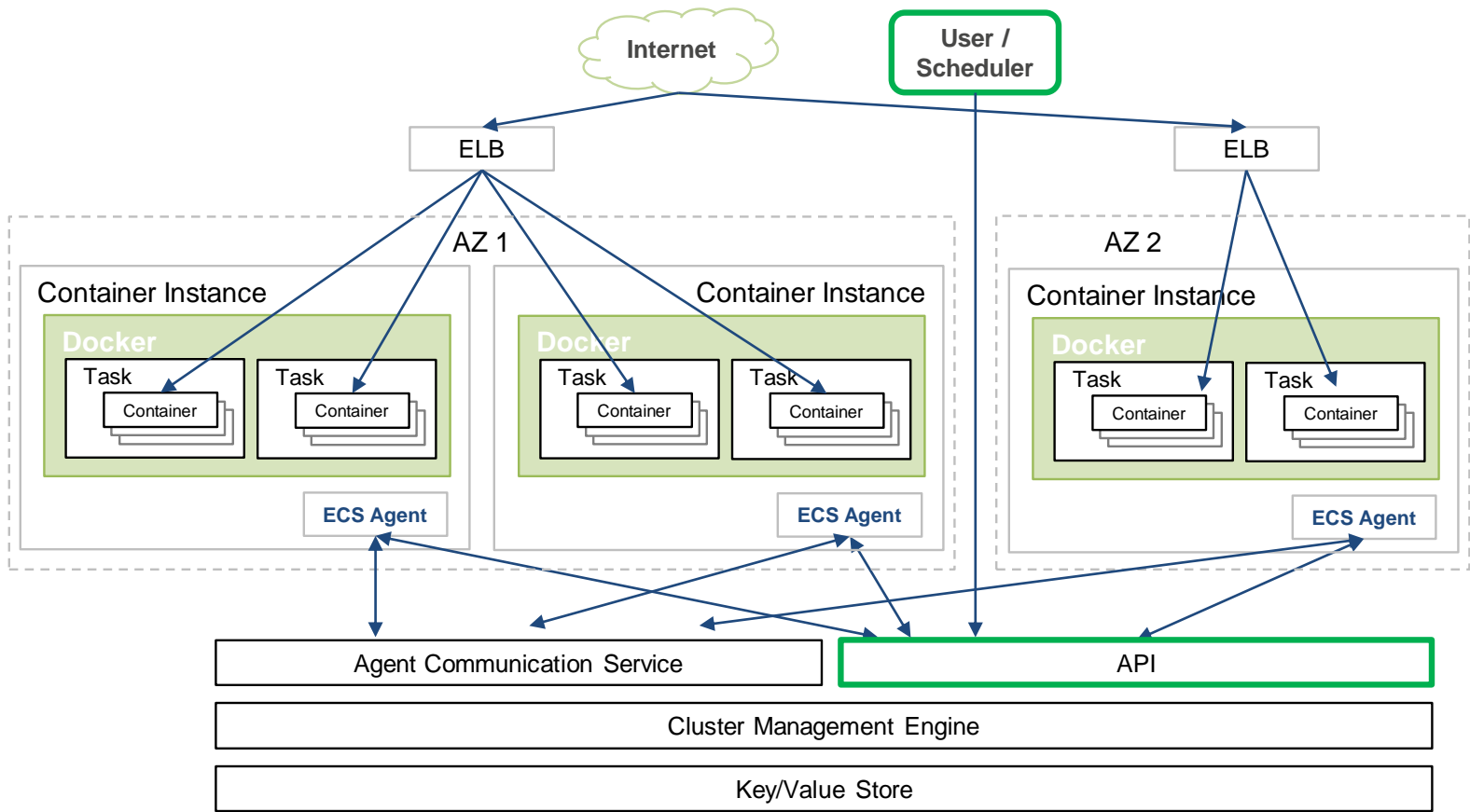


# Amazon ECS: APIs





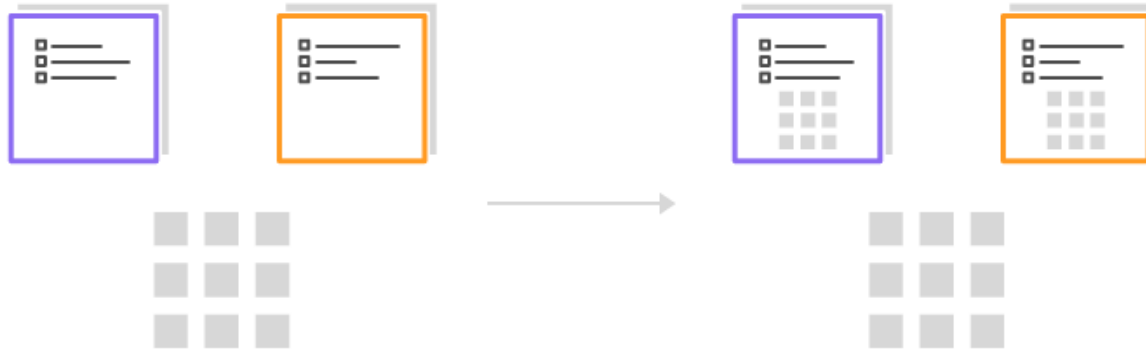
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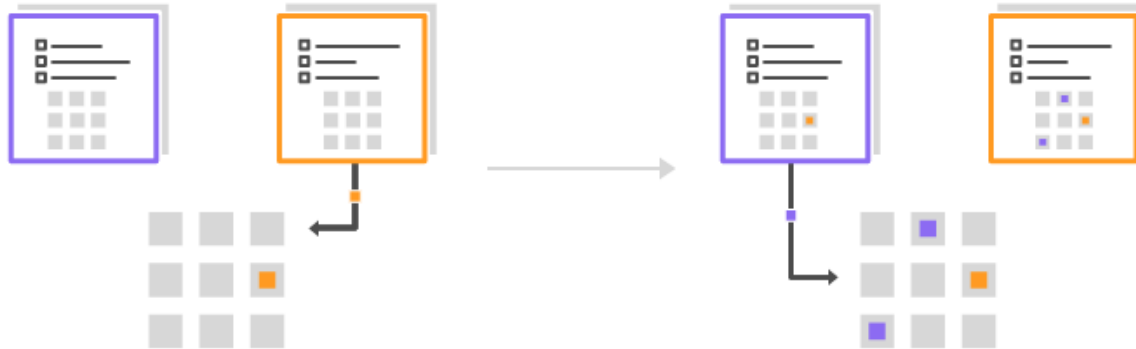
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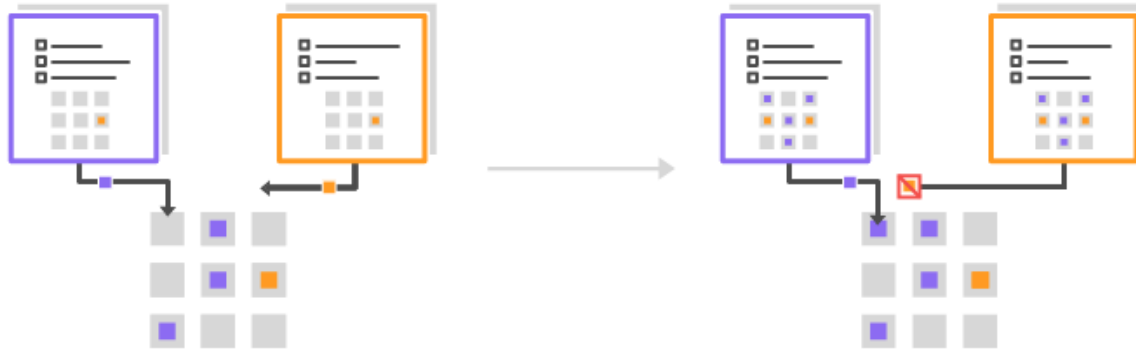
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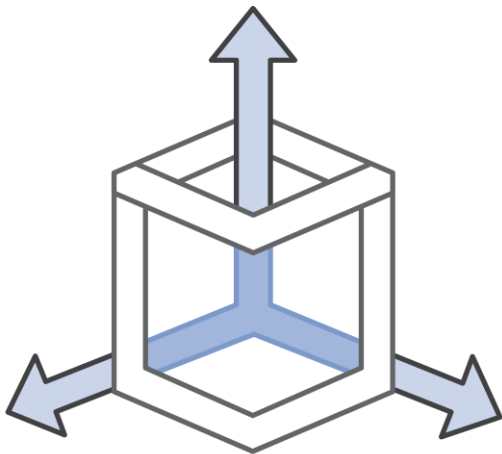


# Use Cases



# Easily Manage Clusters for Any Scale

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Nothing to run

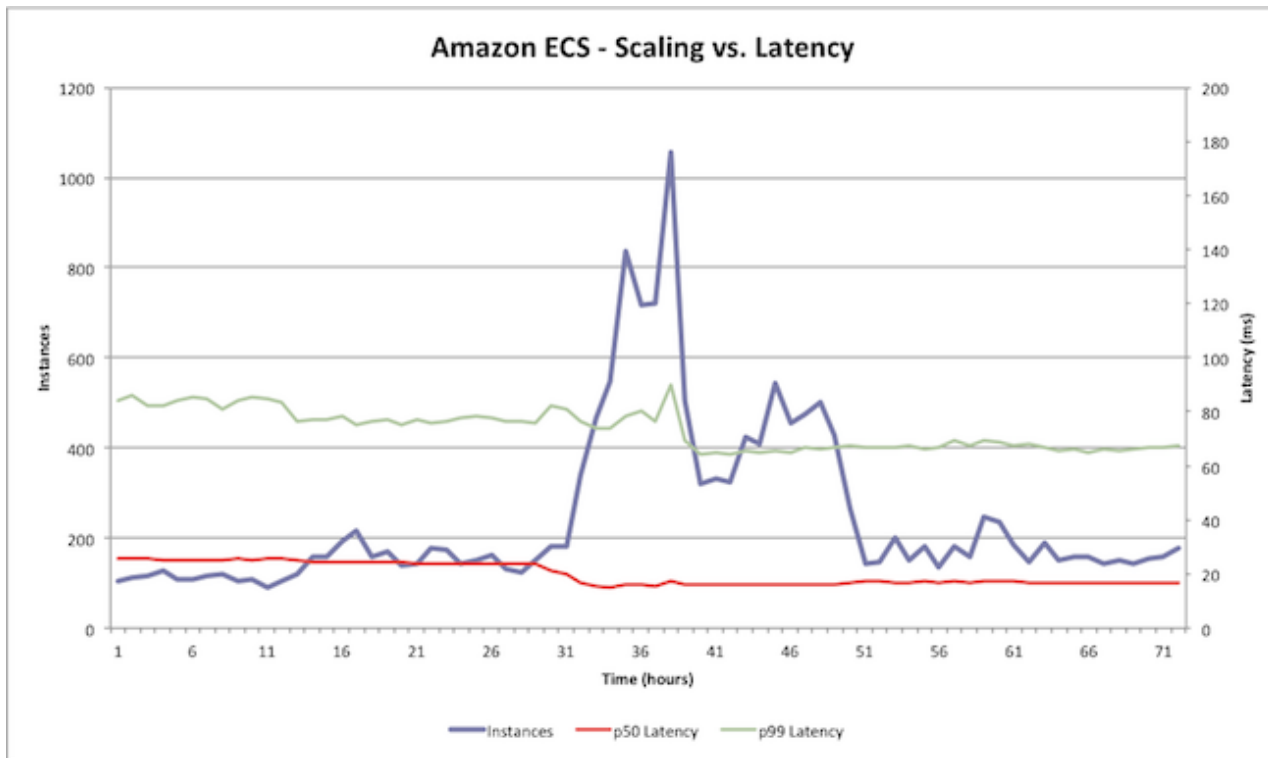
Complete state

Control and monitoring

Scale



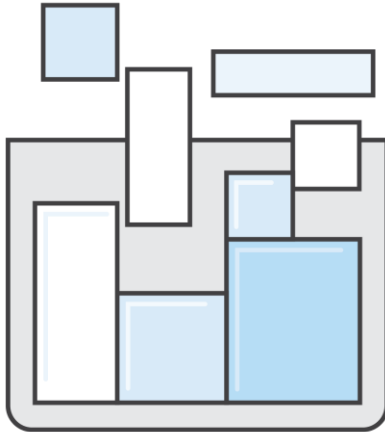
# Scalable





# Flexible Container Placement

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Applications

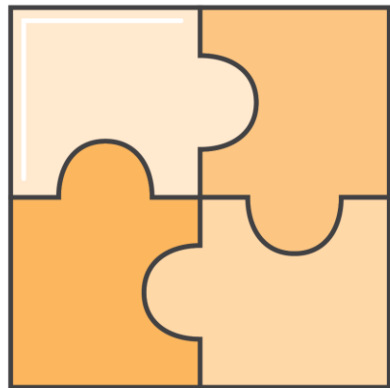
Batch jobs

Multiple schedulers



# Designed for use with other AWS services

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Amazon Virtual Private Cloud

AWS Identity and Access Management

Amazon Elastic Load Balancing

Amazon Elastic Block Store

Amazon CloudWatch

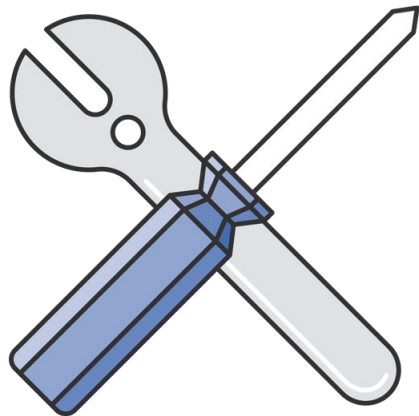
AWS CloudTrail





# Extensible

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Comprehensive APIs

Custom schedulers

Open source agent and CLI



# Common Use Cases

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Applications and services

- Configuration and deployment
- Microservices

Batch processing



# Case Study: Shippable



With Amazon ECS, we've practically eliminated the time our developers spent on ops-related tasks. Our senior developers used to spend 80% of their time on back-end infrastructure management features, whereas now they spend 80% of their time on customer features.

**Avi Cavale**  
CEO & Cofounder

**Shippable**



Shippable is a platform providing hosted continuous integration, testing, and deployment from repositories. The Shippable platform consists of two parts: Continuous Integration (CI), and Continuous Delivery (CD) pipelines.

Built a CICD platform with microservices architecture using Docker containers on Amazon but their service discovery solution and monitoring infrastructure was really hard to scale and manage.

Evaluated many open source options, but wanted a solution that was simple and would integrate with the AWS ecosystem. Started using Amazon ECS as a way to offload cluster management and container orchestration to a service.

Amazon ECS service scheduler manages multiple copies of each microservice across the ECS cluster, use Amazon ELB for load-balancing, Amazon Cloudwatch for telemetry and infrastructure logging, Amazon ECR for storing Docker images.



# Case Study: Segment



Switching to Amazon ECS has greatly simplified running a service without needing to worry about provisioning or availability.

**Calvin French-Owen**  
Cofounder and Chief Technology Officer

**Segment**



Segment provides a service used by businesses to collect customer data in a single hub for later use in analytics, marketing, and for other purposes.

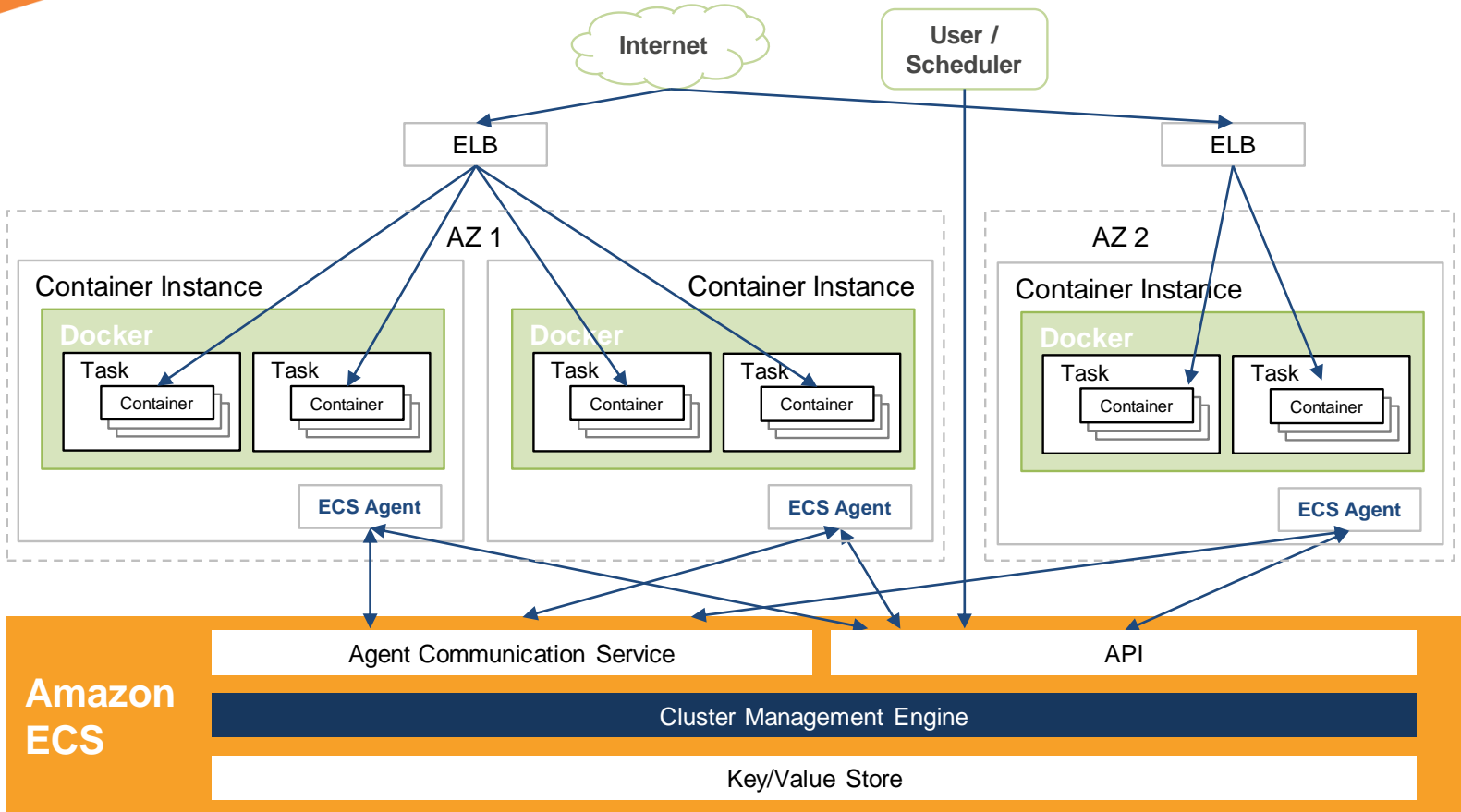
Moved from Amazon EC2 instances to Docker containers and needed a way to manage and schedule containers at scale for their production environment.

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Amazon ECS manages placement of containers on different Amazon EC2 instances across multiple Availability Zones, providing the Segment service with better availability.



# Amazon ECS



**Thank you!**

# Questions?