

# Backoffice and DevOps Updates

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# Introduction

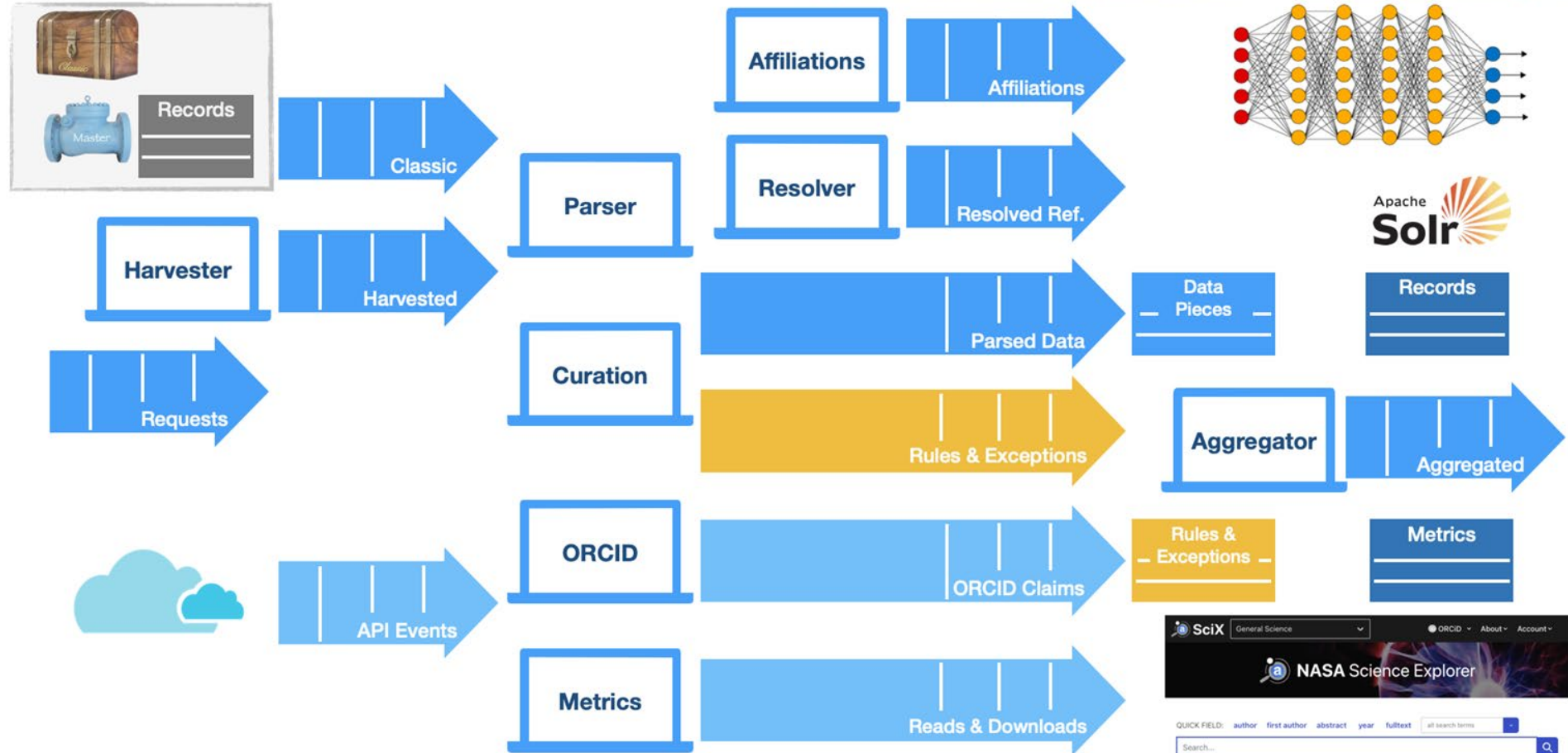
## Overview

- **New Architecture**
  - The concept
  - Discussion of technologies
  - Roadmap
- **DevOps**
  - New backoffice hardware
  - Modernizing deployments
  - Extended monitoring and system resilience

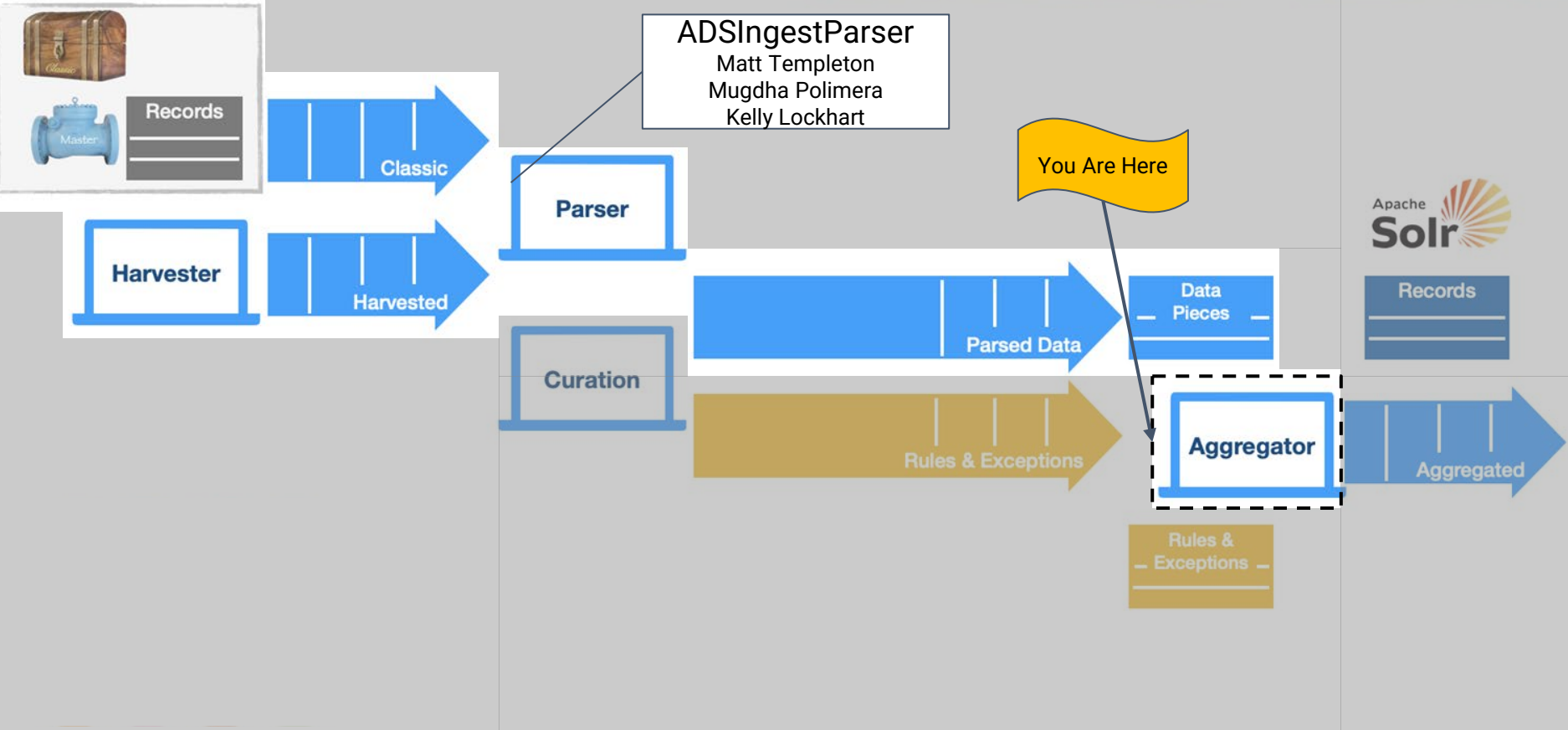


# New Architecture

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# New Architecture



# New Architecture: Kafka

- Event based architecture
  - Each new piece of data produced triggers additional tasks
- Kafka Brokers are the backbone of the system
  - Pipelines will be able to operate as soon as data is available to them
- Kafka will exist in the new API Gateway
  - Allow for real time metrics calculations
  - Real time ORCID processing



# New Architecture: Pipeline API

- Protocol

- gRPC

- HTTP/2 protocol

- Built in (de)serialization and methods for defining API

- Strict type checking due to serialization

- Relatively high uptake by web developers

- Allows for persistent connections



- Serialization Schema

- AVRO

- Consistent with Kafka serialization

- Defined in a json file

- No compilation

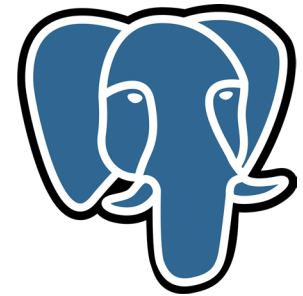


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#HARVESTER_INIT with persistent connection.  
$ python3 SciXHarvester/API/harvester_client.py HARVESTER_INIT --task "ARXIV" --task_args '{"ingest": "True", "ingest_type": "metadata", "daterange": "2023-05-02"}' --persistence  
  
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# New Architecture: State Keeping

- Postgres

- Persistent data storage
  - ie. job status, parsed metadata, file paths, etc.



- Redis

- Real-time updates for persistent API connections
  - ie. job status updates



- S3

- Persistent object storage
  - ie. text files, images, etc.
- AWS for cloud
- minIO for on-site



# New Architecture: WEKA FS

- **Parallel File System**
  - Faster retrieval of data
- **Redundancy**
  - Data protection
  - Minimize downtime in the event of disk or node failure
- **Can be deployed on-site or in the cloud**
  - Gives flexibility
  - Can run on new cluster or AWS





# New Architecture

## Roadmap

- **The Aggregator**
  - Aggregation of masterDB with new Harvester
  - Major step for transitioning to new Architecture
- **Additional pipeline pieces**
  - We have a Template: [SciXTemplatePipeline](#)
  - Functionality related to AVRO Serialization, python configuration, S3 interaction, and UUID7 generation exists in: [SciXPipelineUtils](#)
- **New Parsers**
  - Many parsers are ready to go and just need a source added to the Harvester
- **Additional Harvester Sources**
  - ArXiv fulltext is a logical next step

# DevOps Updates: New Hardware

## The Brain Cluster

- New backoffice servers
- 8 Dell Servers
  - 40x 1.92TB NVME drives for WEKA
  - 16x 480GB root drive (RAID 1)
- OS installation: 9/18
- Network configuration: 9/25
- WEKA FS configuration: TBD
- Considering future modifications to support ML pipelines



# DevOps Updates: Deployment

## Modernizing and Automating Deployments

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- Replacing ADSTailor
  - Developed in-house ~2018
  - Nonfunctional due to changes to github
  - Currently considering three off-the-shelf solutions

FluxCD

Tekton

ArgoCD

- Transitioning Backoffice to kubernetes
  - Unify deployment strategies between ADS cloud and backoffice
  - More fault tolerant
  - Easier to create local dev environments

# DevOps Updates: Resilience

## Monitoring and Redundancy

- Upgraded Grafana Dashboard to v10.1.0
  - Expanded alert methods
    - individual alerts on crons
    - multiple alerts per panel
    - customizable alert templates
  - Upgraded to Prometheus v2.4.5
    - Better recovery from storage errors
- Converted RabbitMQ message broker to multi-node system
  - Redundancy in the event of broker failure

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grafana_bot APP 11:44 PM
[RESOLVED] Reindex In Progress Pipeline Alerts (master_pipeline reindex
back-dev)
1 resolved:
back-dev
Grafana v10.1.0 Nov 13th
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# What's Next?

- The Aggregator
- Additional pipeline pieces
- New Parsers
- Additional Harvester Sources
- Brain Cluster Configuration
  - Work with Red River to configure WEKA FS
- Deployment automation
  - Determine new deployment technology
  - Implement test system
- Backoffice Monitoring
  - Additional alerts
  - Additional logging

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**THE FUTURE**