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# INFN Cloud Object Storage Service: Gateway to a Multisite Infrastructure

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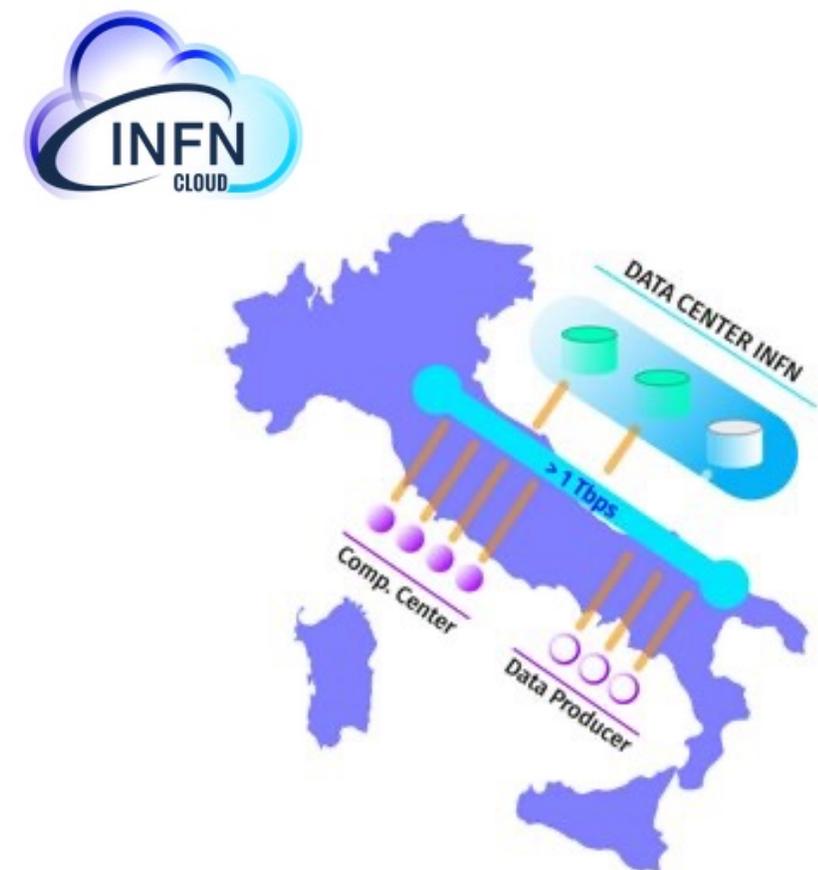
## INFN Cloud

### Infrastructure Architecture

- A **backbone** that consists of two main INFN computing sites.
- The sites are connected by high speed network.
- Multiple federated Cloud infrastructures.

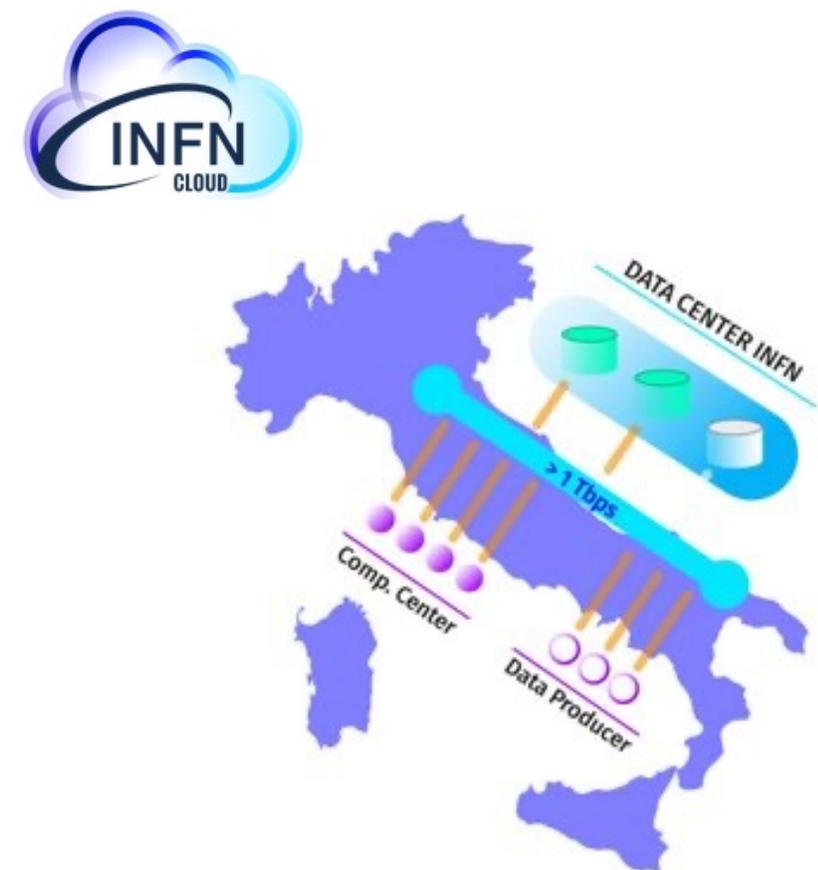
### Services

- Federated Access to **IaaS, PaaS and SaaS**
- Virtualized computational resources.
- **Object Storage as a Service.**



## Object Storage technology Requirements

- **Federated Access** allowing users to have **INDIGO IAM** as their identity provider.
- **Fine-grained Authorization** that permits different mechanisms of resource access.
- **Decentralized and Distributed storage solution** for high availability and disaster recovery.
- The ability to **Scale** and adapt to the increasing demand for storage.





# Object Storage technology Issue

## Current State: MinIO Gateway

- S3 compatible API.
- Uses Swift of OpenStack for storage.
- July 2020, Not accepting feature requests.
- February 2022, Software deprecated.

## Selected Substitute: Ceph Rados GateWay

- Swift/S3 compatible API.
- Uses Ceph RADOS service for storage.
- Part of Ceph releases.

## Deprecation of the MinIO gateway

Harshavardhana on S3 | 24 February 2022

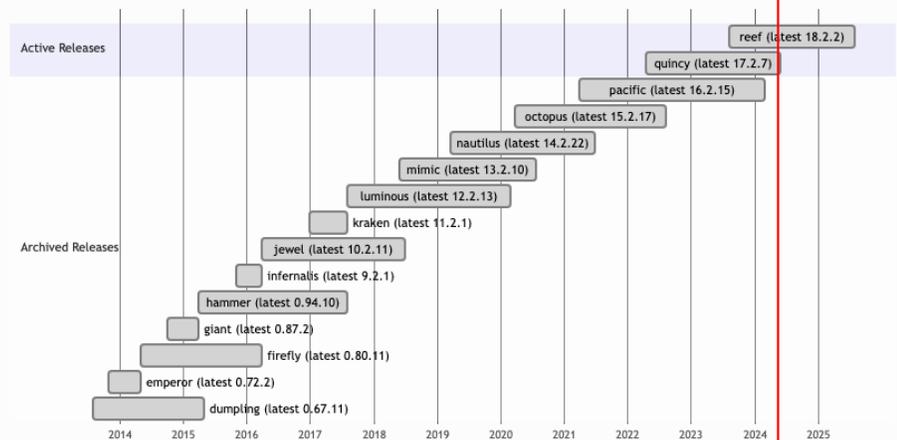
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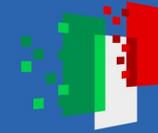
MinIO is deprecating the gateway and will be completely removed in six months. This should not come as a surprise, we began informing the community in 2020 and have steadily removed unpopular gateways. In the last ten months, MinIO has only made bug fixes.

harshavardhana commented on Jul 22, 2020 Member ...

@IsNull we will not be supporting versioning for azure, s3 gateway implementations. Gateway implementations are feature-complete and frozen not taking anymore feature requests.

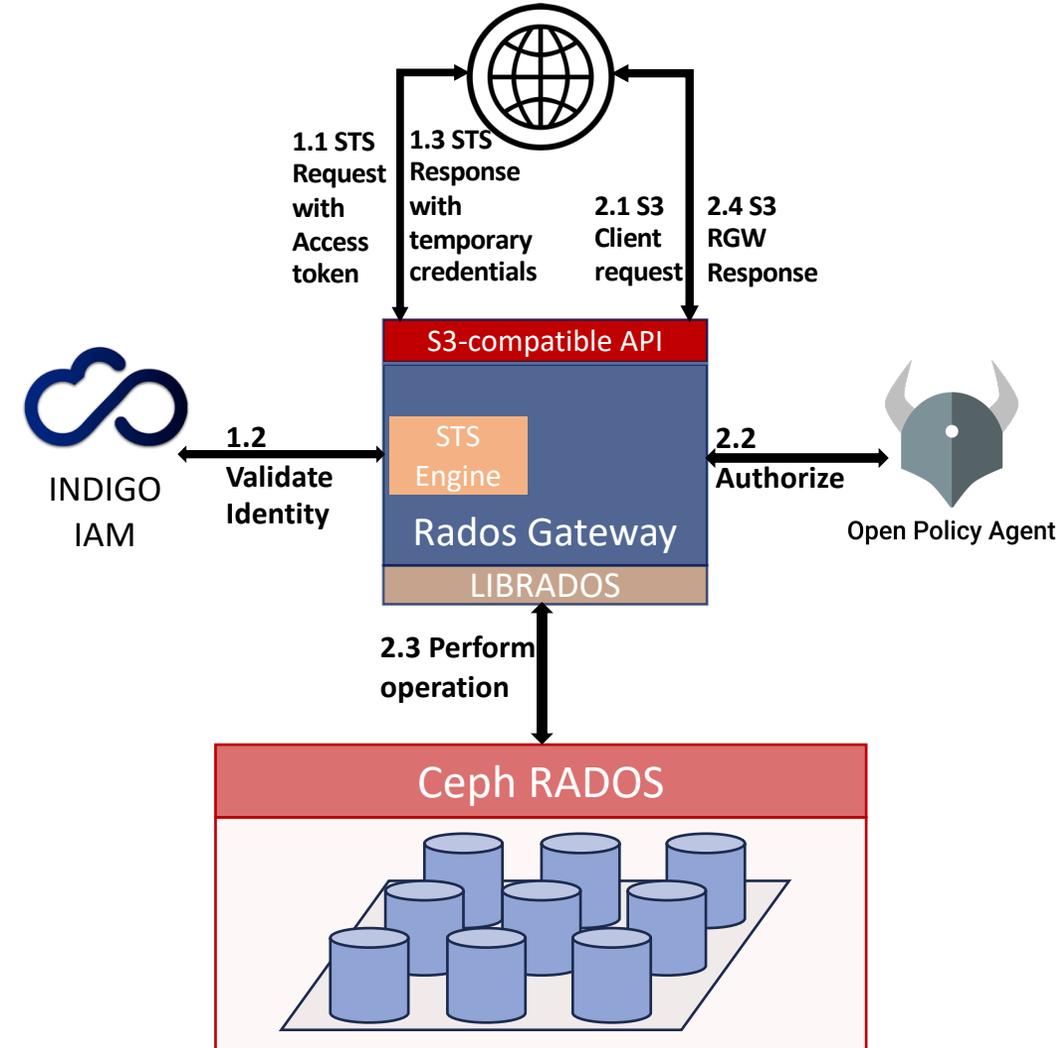
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## Rados GateWay

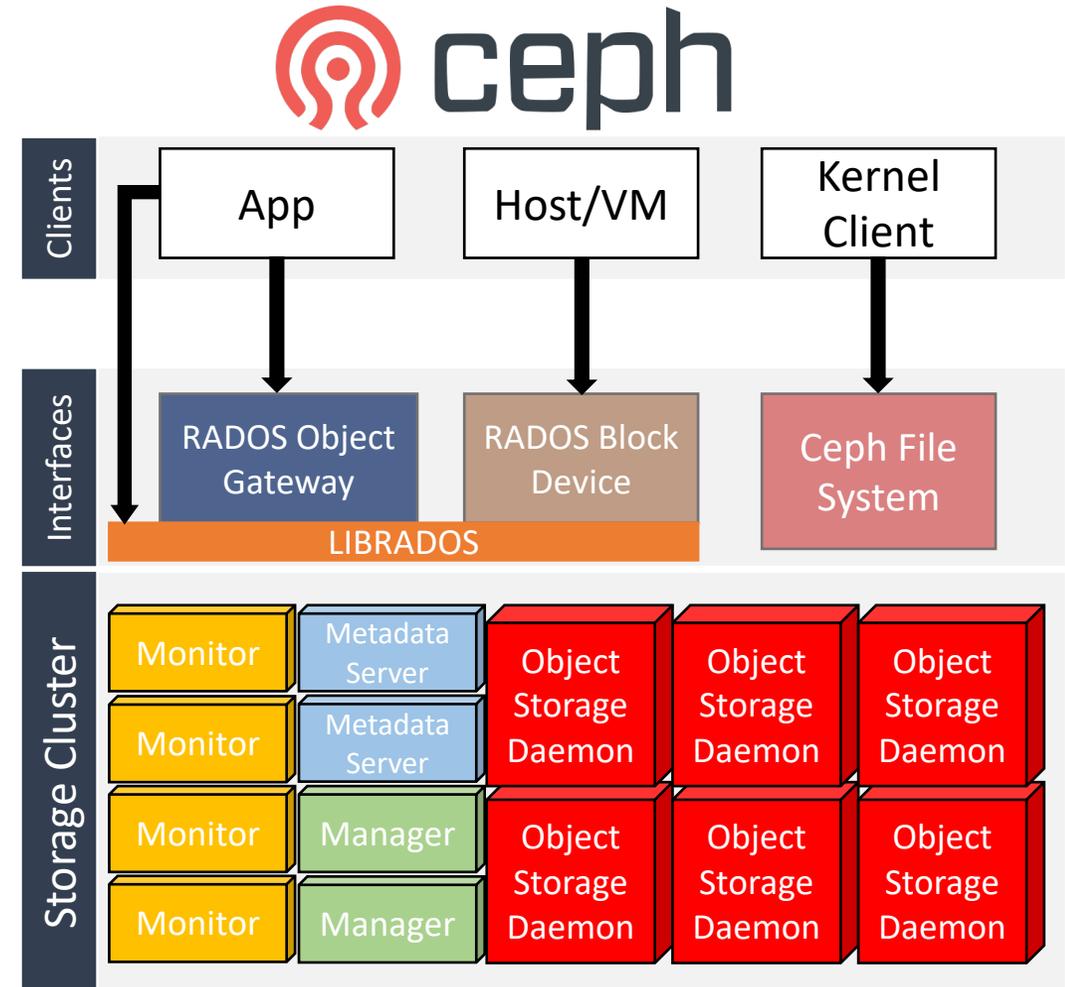
- Implements a large subset of **S3 RESTful API**.
- **Security Token Service (STS)** allowing access using **INDIGO IAM** as **OIDC** provider.
- Integration with **Open Policy Agent (OPA)** for **fine-grained Authorization**.
- **High availability** through **Multisite Configuration**
- **HTTP** server interacts with **Ceph Storage Cluster** using **LIBRADOS**.





## Ceph Storage Cluster

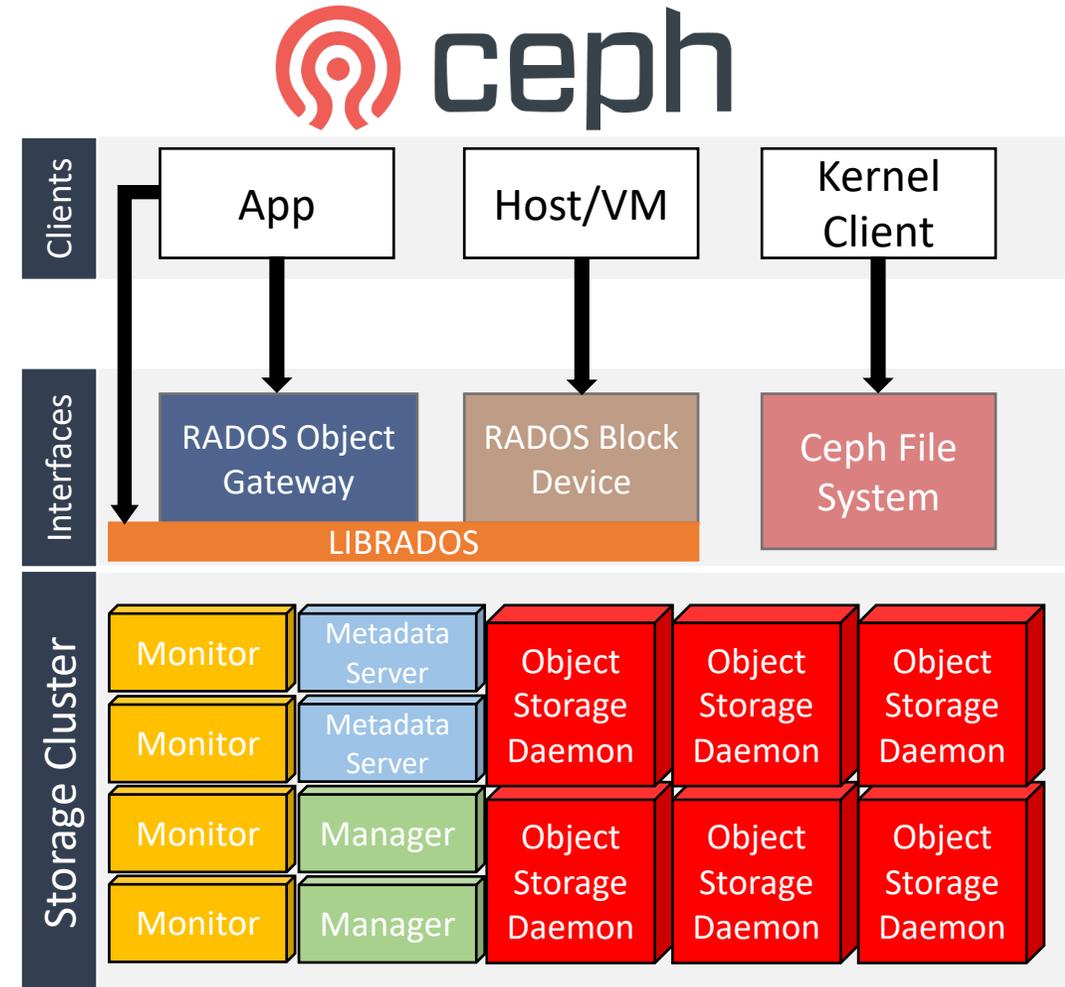
- **RADOS object store** that is able to reach **hyper-scale**.
- **Replicated RADOS objects** are stored and managed by **Ceph OSDs**.
- **High Availability** provided by **Ceph Monitors** that store a master copy of the cluster map.
- **Ceph OSDs and Clients** participate in the computation of the **objects localization** by using **CRUSH** algorithm, achieving **Decentralization**.





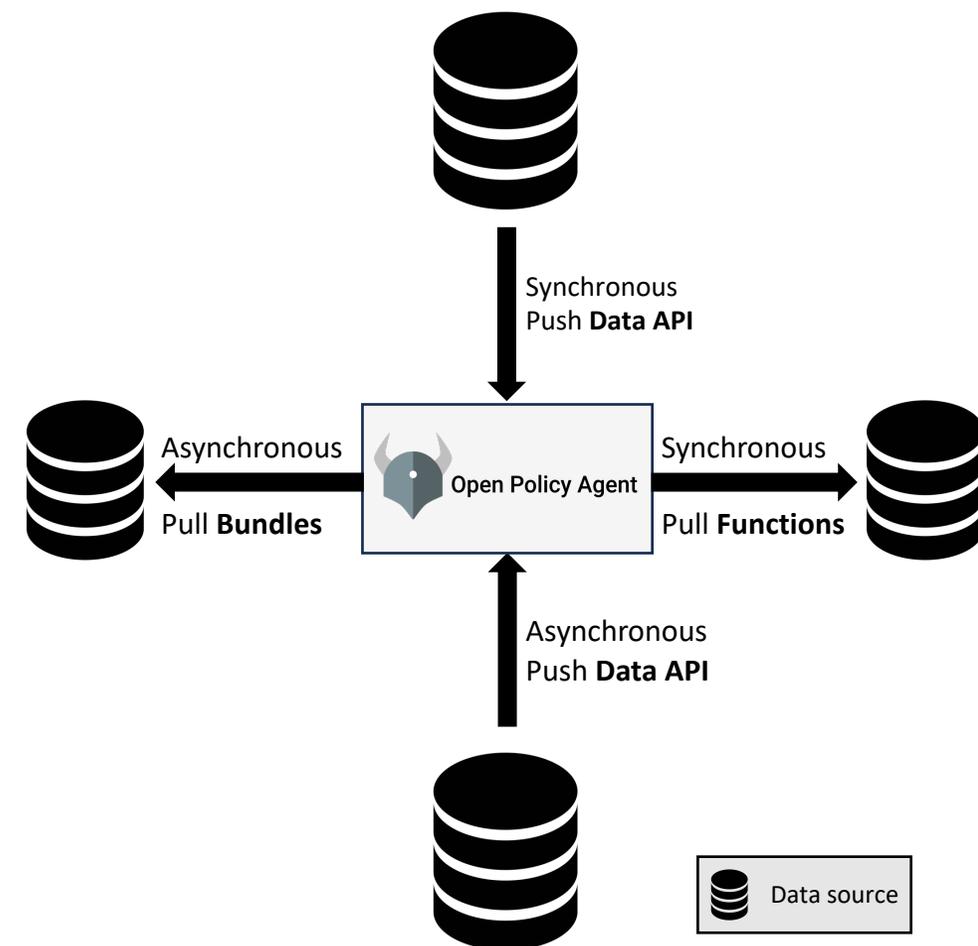
## Ceph Interfaces

- **Posix-Compliant CephFS** distributed file system for **CephFS Kernel Clients** or **FUSE mount**.
- **Rados Block Device (RBD)** with virtualization in consideration for **RBD Kernel Clients** with **QEMU/KVM** drivers.
- **Rados GateWay** that provides **Swift/S3 compatible API** for **Object storage**.
- **LIBRADOS** C++ library that allows **direct access to RADOS**.



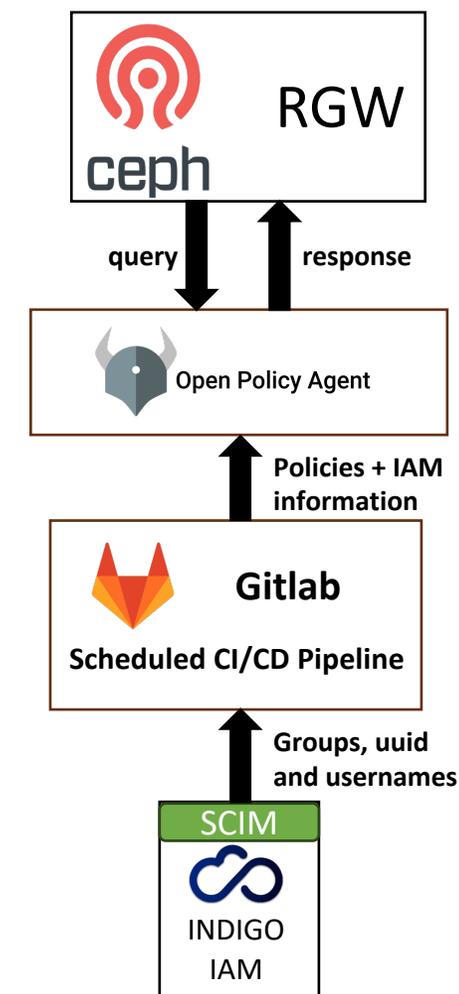
## Open Policy Agent

- **Scalable** and **Lightweight** policy engine.
- Applies **Policy Decoupling** that offloads **decision making** from the software.
- Receives and Produces **documents** that contribute to the **authorization process**.
- Different models for **dynamic policy and data management**.
- Handles **authorization of S3 operations** requested to **RGW**.



## Open Policy Agent – Authorization Architecture

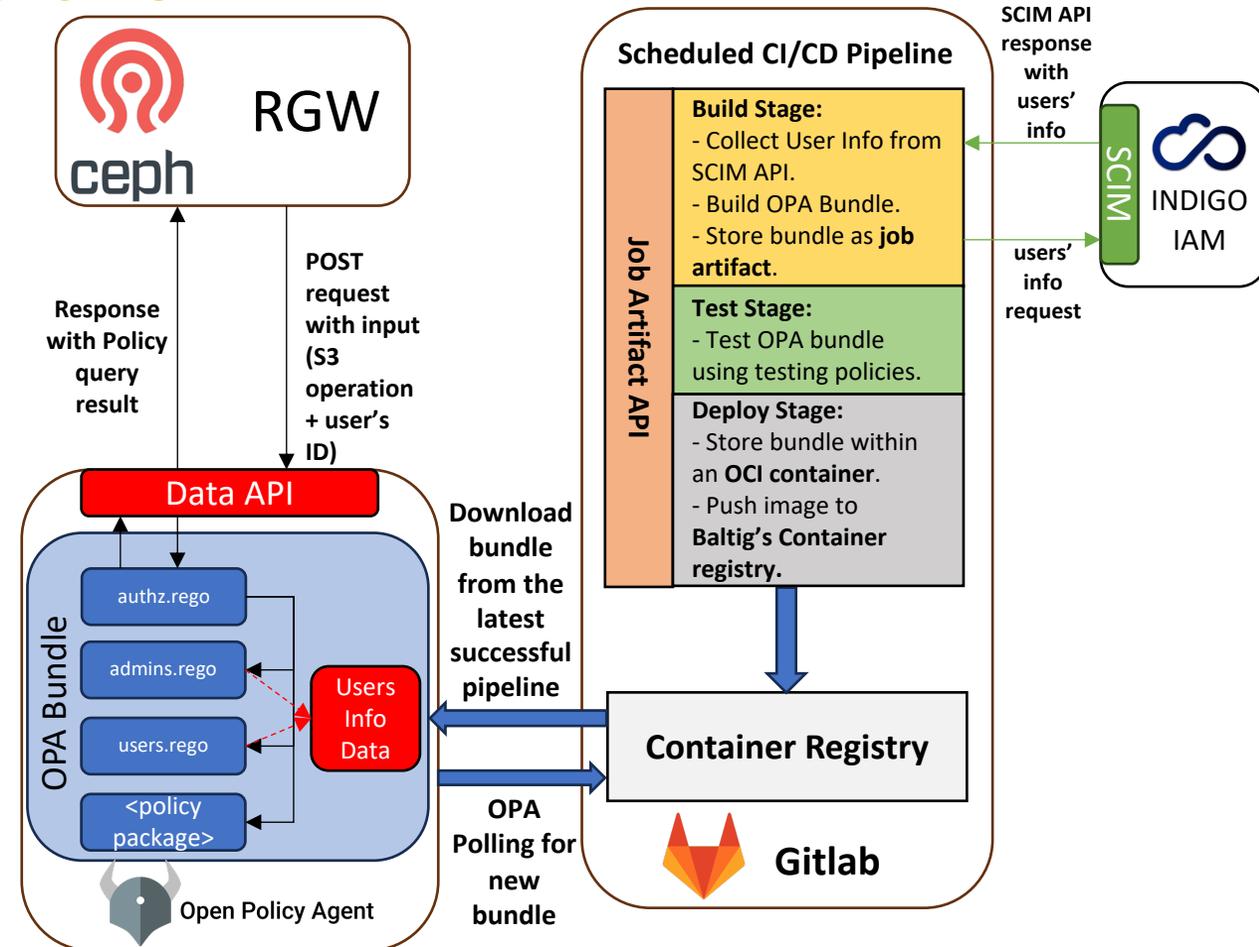
- Obtains information from **IAM** allowing **fine-grained authorization**.
- **Rados Gateway** authorization request contains **user's uuid** and the **S3 operation**.
- **Open Policy Agent** requires additional information such as **groups and username** in its decision making.
- **Gitlab** repository that contains **OPA policies** managed by administrators.
- **Gitlab CI/CD Pipeline** periodically provide **policies and users' information**.





## Open Policy Agent – Integration Mechanism

- **Gitlab CI/CD pipeline:**
  - **Collects Users' information** from INDIGO IAM SCIM API.
  - Generates **OPA bundle** from the collected data and the **stored policy files** within the **repository**.
  - Create an **OCI container** from the bundle and push it the **registry**.
- **OPA service Polls** Gitlab's **Container registry** for new **bundle**.





## Backbone Multisite Configuration

- **Single Realm** with a **unique Zonegroup**.
- **2 Zones** with independent **Ceph Storage Clusters**.
- **3 instances** of RADOS Gateway running in **high availability** within each zone.
- **Every Zone** connects to a dedicated **OPA deployment** through a private network.
- The zones have **Active-Passive** Configuration.
- 600 KMs apart with 9 ms latency and 10Gb/s of bandwidth.



## Rados Gateway Clients

### Posix-like Mount of S3 Buckets

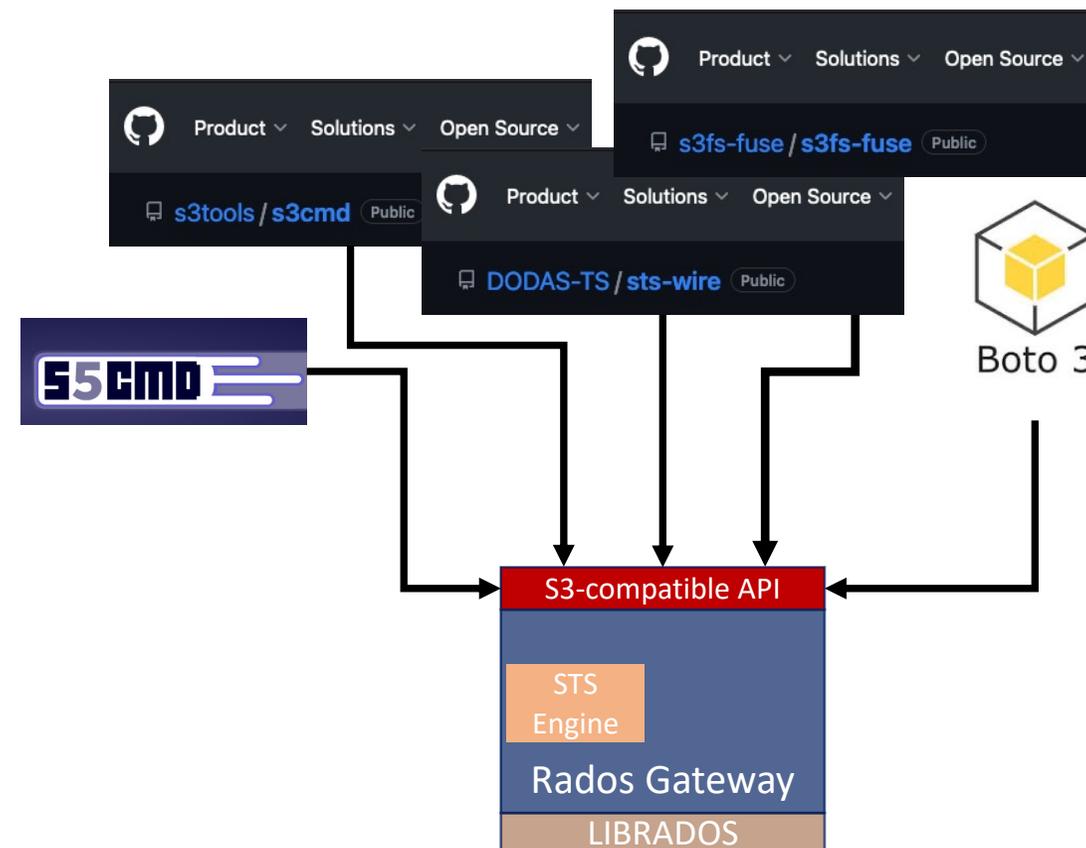
- **sts-wire** is a wrapper around **rclone**. It allows continuous refresh of **IAM Access tokens**.
- **S3fs-fuse** uses **FUSE (Filesystem in Userspace)** to mount **S3 Buckets** with large subset of **POSIX**.

### Command Line Tools

- **S3cmd** is a client written in **Python** that allows **S3 bucket management** and **data synchronization** with the **local directory**.
- **S5cmd** is a **GO** tool that focuses on **performance**.

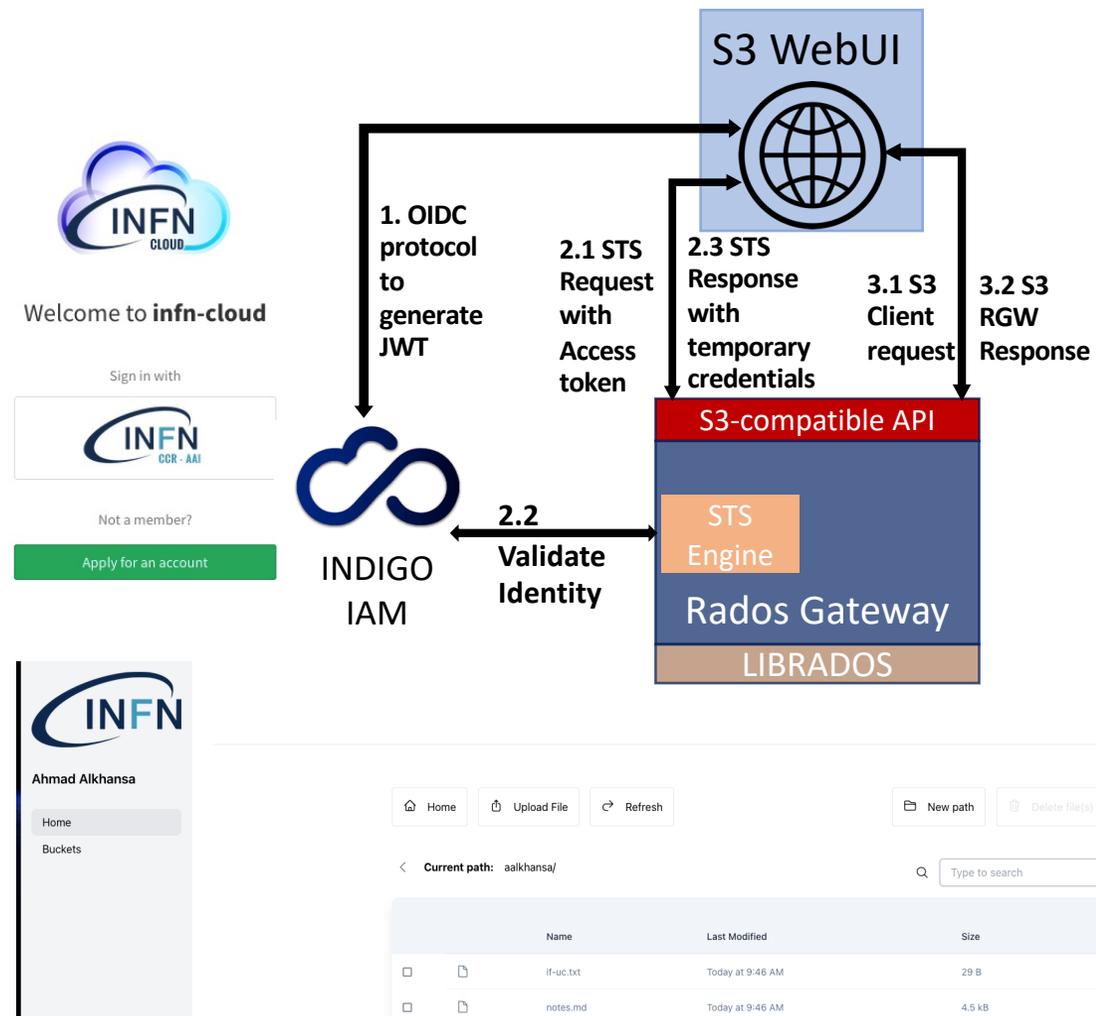
### Software Development Kit (SDK)

- **Boto3** is developed by **Amazon** for **Python** that provides **object-oriented API**.



## S3 Web User Interface

- Based on **React and FastAPI**.
- OIDC** protocol with **IAM** to generate **Json Web Token (JWT)**.
- Uses **IAM Access Token** to perform **STS with RGW**.
- S3 operations** using **AWS SDK library**.



## Conclusion

- The migration of object storage service is expected soon.
- Rados Gateway
  - Provides S3 compatible API.
  - Integrated with OIDC providers using the Security Token Service Engine.
  - Allows fine grained authorization with Open Policy Agent.
  - Ensures High availability through a multi-site configuration.
- DevOps tools are advantageous for fast authorization model updates.
- Several open-source clients exist with different approach of data management.
- S3 Web App is a Graphical User Interface for the Object Storage Service.



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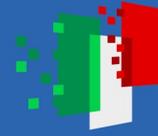
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