



RIPE NCC
RIPE NETWORK COORDINATION CENTRE

Mastodon or Mastodon't

Is it time for a new platform?

The Bigger Picture



- To bring the community together
- Create a space for interaction in our role as the secretariat
- Bring those interested in RIPE and relevant topics to us
- Reduce our reliance on email alone as a means of bringing people together

What is Mastodon



- A self-hosted, decentralised micro-blogging platform
 - Or an open-source version of something like Twitter back in the days
 - Works similarly in some ways
 - We can run our own server



Why Mastodon



- We can run our own server and have greater control
- We can offer a service to the community at a relatively low cost and effort
- Federation and open source = things we like!
- Increasingly erratic and unreliable decision-making in other key social media channels that we use
- RIPE NCC's official social media channels will continue to run, but we have noticed changes in user engagement

What Is Mastodon Not About

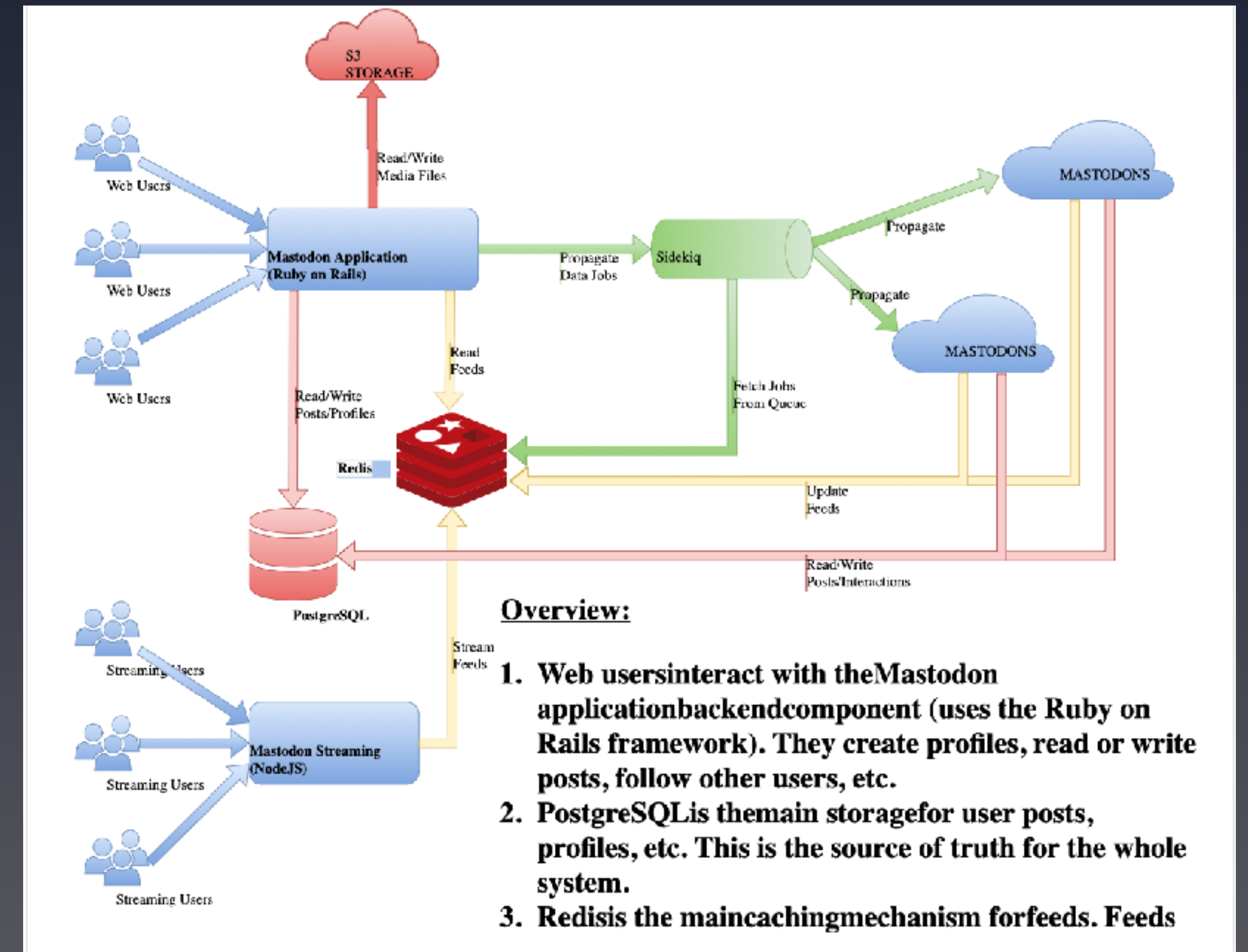


- Being limited to an official channel for the RIPE NCC
- Being one-sided
- Replicating the mailing lists

The Tech Side



- We have a test instance running
- Deployed in Kubernetes using ArgoCD
- We need to gauge the workload involved for IT staff



Some Caveats



- If the RIPE NCC runs a public server, we will need the right legal framework (which will take some time)
- And the right community spirit to make it a welcoming space
- We are learning - any Mastodon experts in the community are invited to share their experiences with us!
- Future costs of running a server will remain a consideration (and be reviewed periodically)

Open Questions



- Should we set up a server that is open to the community?
- Do we have enough community members willing to take on moderation responsibilities?



Answers



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