



Using **Service Discovery**  
to build **dynamic** python  
applications

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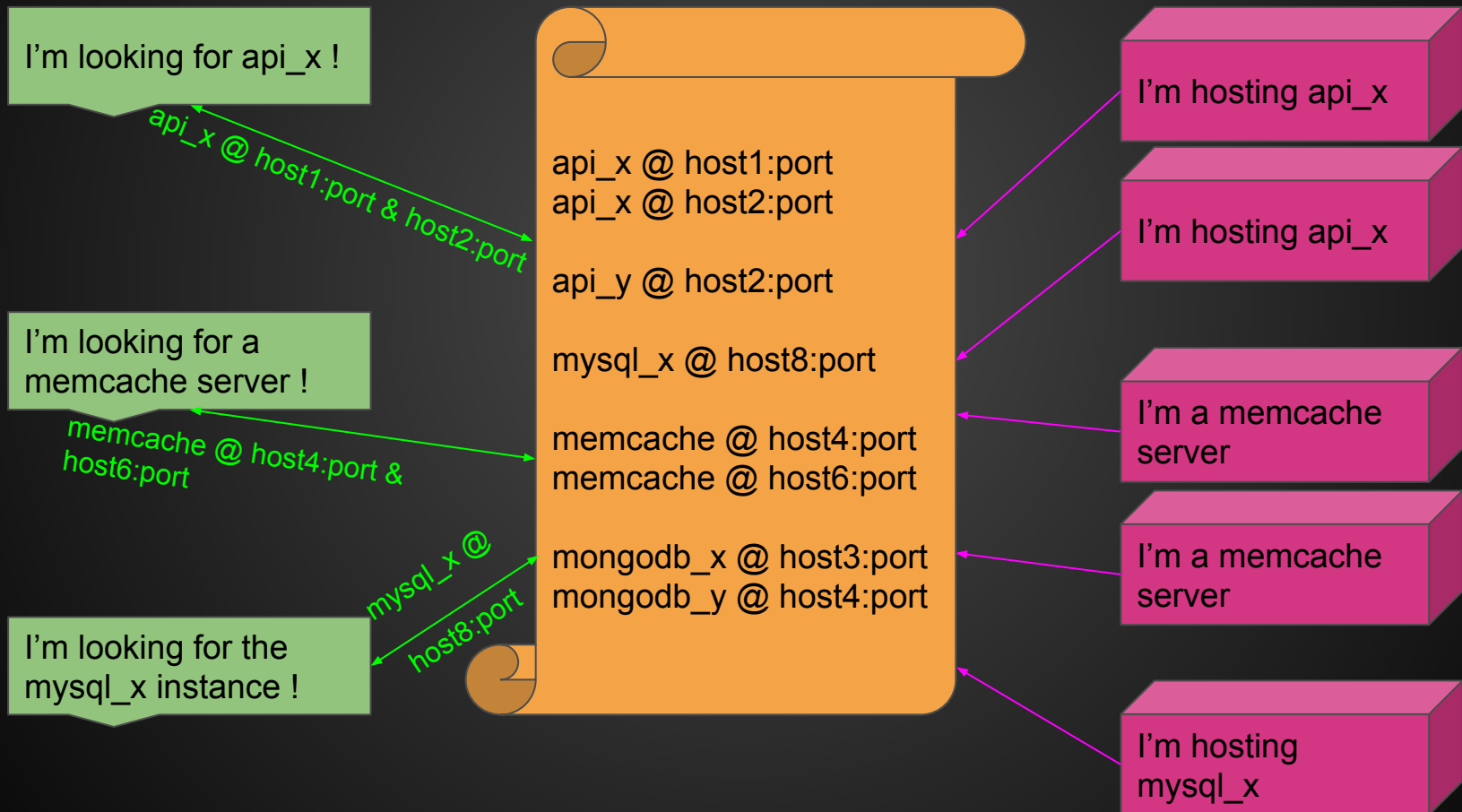
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# Service discovery

query a distributed catalog for a given  
service

# Service discovery **register** & **query**



# Zookeeper (Apache)

## Facts

- since 2007
- Java
- ZAB “consensus”

+ Mature

+ Features

+ Hadoop

- Service discovery

- Maintenance

- Python C binding

- Not datacenter aware



# etcd (CoreOS)

## Facts

- since 2013
- Go
- Raft consensus

+ Adoption

+ Fast

+ Simple

+ HTTP API

- Health checking

- Service discovery

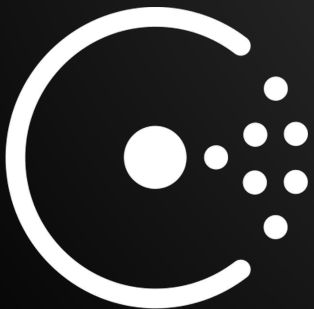
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# Consul (HashiCorp)

## Facts

- since 2013
  - Go
  - Raft consensus
- + Health checking
  - + Service discovery
  - + Datacenter aware
  - + Web UI
  - + HTTP API
  - + DNS API



# Notes on Zookeeper & etcd

Service discovery = abusing the K/V store !

K/V store is like a filesystem where you can store data.

- /
  - api\_x
    - providers
      - host1:port
      - host2:port
  - memcache
    - providers
      - host4:port
      - host6:port



# Python client libraries

Zookeeper

kazoo

zc.zk

pookeeper

etcd

python-etcd

aioetcd

Consul

python-consul

consulate



# Python clients reliability

can you trust your engine ?

# zc.zk client reliability (kazoo)

```
>>> import zc.zk

>>> zk = zc.zk.ZooKeeper('yazd:2181,dunno:2181', wait=False)

>>> zk.state
'CONNECTED'

# zookeeper server up
>>> zk.properties('/ep2016/color')
zc.zk.Properties(/ep2016/color)

# zookeeper server down
>>> zk.properties('/ep2016/color')
SessionExpiredError:
```

- + Multiple hosts
- + Autoreconnect
- + Connection state
- + Rich exceptions
- Don't fail on connect

# etcd client reliability

```
>>> import etcd

>>> etc = etcd.Client(host='localhost', port=4001,
                    allow_reconnect=True)

# etcd server up
>>> etc.leader
{u'clientURLs': [u'http://localhost:2379', u'http://localhost:4001'], ...}

# etcd server down
>>> etc.leader

EtcdException: Cannot get leader data: Connection to etcd failed due to
MaxRetryError ("HTTPConnectionPool(host='127.0.0.1', port=4001):
Max retries exceeded with url: /v2/stats/self (Caused by
NewConnectionError('<urllib3.connection.HTTPConnection object at
0x7f9beaac3cd0>: Failed to establish a new connection: [Errno 111]
Connection refused',))",)
```

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# python-consul client reliability

```
>>> import consul

>>> cons = consul.Consul(host='localhost', port=8500)

# consul server up
>>> cons.status.leader()
u'172.17.15.2:8300'

# consul server down
>>> cons.status.leader()

ConnectionError: HTTPConnectionPool(host='127.0.0.1', port=8500):
Max retries exceeded with url: /v1/status/leader (Caused by
NewConnectionError('<requests.packages.urllib3.connection.HTTPConn
ection object at 0x7f9beaafa290>: Failed to establish a new connection:
[Errno 111] Connection refused',))
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A black cat with blue eyes is peering out from behind a wooden cabinet with many small drawers. Each drawer has a nameplate. The cat is looking directly at the camera. The text 'Service registration' is overlaid on the image in a dark blue box with white text.

# Service registration

health checking and deregistration !

# zc.zk service registration

```
def register(client):
    while True:
        if client.state == 'CONNECTED':
            try:
                client.create('/ep2016/providers', ephemeral=False, makepath=True)
            except NodeExistsError:
                pass
            try:
                client.register('/ep2016/providers', ('yazd', 5000))
                break
            except NodeExistsError:
                print('waiting for registration...')
                sleep(0.5)
        else:
            print('zookeeper host is down, reconnecting...')
            sleep(0.5)

>>> zk = zc.zk.ZooKeeper('yazd:2181,dunno:2181', session_timeout=5, wait=True)
>>> register(zk)
```

# zc.zk health checking

```
def register(client):
    while True:
        if client.state == 'CONNECTED':
            try:
                client.create('/ep2016/providers', ephemeral=False, makepath=True)
            except NodeExistsError:
                pass
            try:
                client.register('/ep2016/providers', ('yazd', 5000)) # implicit ephemeral znode
                break
            except NodeExistsError:
                print('waiting for registration...')
                sleep(0.5)
        else:
            print('zookeeper host is down, reconnecting...')
            sleep(0.5)
    # session_timeout = failure detection latency
>>> zk = zc.zk.ZooKeeper('yazd:2181,dunno:2181', session_timeout=5, wait=True)
>>> register(zk)
```



# etcd service registration

```
def register(client):
    while True:
        try:
            client.read('/ep2016/providers')
        except (etcd.EtcdKeyNotFound, KeyError):
            client.write('/ep2016/providers', None, dir=True)
        except etcd.EtcdException:
            print('etcd host is down, reconnecting...')
            continue
        try:
            client.write('/ep2016/providers/yazd:5000', 'yazd:5000', dir=False, ttl=5)
        except etcd.EtcdAlreadyExist:
            pass
        except etcd.EtcdException:
            print('etcd host is down, reconnecting...')
            return

>>> etc = etcd.Client(host='localhost', port=4001, allow_reconnect=True)
>>> register(etc)
```

# etcd health checking

```
class HealthPinger(threading.Thread):
    stop = False
    def __init__(self):
        threading.Thread.__init__(self)
        self.client = etcd.Client(host='localhost', port=4001, allow_reconnect=True)
    def run(self):
        while HealthPinger.stop is False: # infinite loop registration before TTL expires
            self.register()
            sleep(TTL - 1)
    def register(self):
        try:
            self.client.read('/ep2016/providers')
        except (etcd.EtcdKeyNotFound, KeyError):
            self.client.write('/ep2016/providers', None, dir=True)
        except etcd.EtcdException:
            print('etcd host is down, reconnecting...')
            return
        try:
            self.client.write('/ep2016/providers/yazd:5000', 'yazd:5000', dir=False, ttl=5) # ttl = failure detection latency
        except etcd.EtcdAlreadyExist:
            pass
        except etcd.EtcdException:
            print('etcd host is down, reconnecting...')
            return

>>> register_thread = HealthPinger().start()
```

# python-consul service registration

```
def register(client):
    while True:
        try:
            client.agent.service.register('ep2016', address='yazd', port=5002) # integrated service registration <3
            break
        except (ConnectionError, consul.ConsulException):
            print('consul host is down, reconnecting...')
            sleep(0.5)

>>> cons = consul.Consul(host='localhost', port=8500)
>>> register(cons)
```

# python-consul health checking

```
def register(client):  
    # create a HTTP health check for our web service which the consul server will run every 2 seconds  
    check_http = consul.Check.http('http://yazd:5002', interval='2s') # interval = failure detection latency  
  
    while True:  
        try:  
            client.agent.service.register('ep2016', address='yazd', port=5002, check=check_http)  
            break  
        except (ConnectionError, consul.ConsulException):  
            print('consul host is down, reconnecting...')  
            sleep(0.5)  
  
>>> cons = consul.Consul(host='localhost', port=8500)  
>>> register(cons)
```

A black and white cat on the left and a tabby cat on the right are sitting inside a gift box. Both cats are wearing black sunglasses with orange-tinted lenses. The gift box is wrapped in white paper with a red ribbon and a large black bow. The background is a colorful, abstract pattern of green, purple, and red. A dark teal banner with white text is overlaid across the middle of the image.

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# Querying the catalog for a service

```
# Zookeeper
addresses = zk.children('/ep2016/providers')
for address in sorted(addresses):
    host, port = address.split(':')
```

```
# etcd
children = etc.read('/ep2016/providers', recursive=True).children
for child in children:
    host, port = child.value.split(':')
```

```
# Consul
index, services = cons.health.service('ep2016', passing=True)
for service_info in services:
    service = service_info['Service']
```



**Live demo !**

(hopefully)

A world map with a dark green background, overlaid with a complex network of thin, glowing purple lines that represent global connections or data flow. The lines are most dense in North America and Europe, with many lines radiating outwards to other parts of the world.

# Thanks

source code : [github.com/ultrabug/ep2016](https://github.com/ultrabug/ep2016)  
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