

Kea

A modern DHCP engine

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If you never heard about Kea...

- Modern DHCPv4, DHCPv6 and DDNS servers
- Performance
- Scalable (millions of devices)
- On-line reconfiguration (no restarts after config changes)
- Feature rich: shared networks, v6, PD, custom options,...
- **Database Backends**
- **Hooks** (3rd party libraries, like apache modules)
- **REST management API**
- Linux, BSDs, MacOS, ...
- Open source (MPL2)
- 1.4.0 beta about to be released (May 2018)



Backends

- Leases, host reservations in DB (1.4)

- CSV

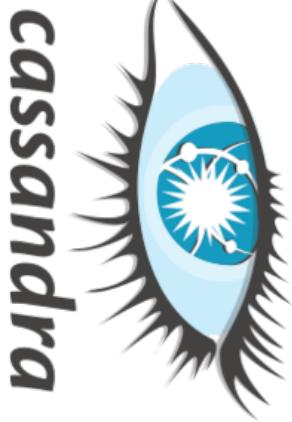
- MySQL, PostgreSQL

- Cassandra

- Configuration in DB likely in 1.5
- SQL data can be modified any time
- All changes applied instantly (no restart)
- Can manipulate the DB directly or
- Use host commands (1.2) and subnets (1.3)



cassandra





Hooks (1 of 2)

- 1.1: **User Check** – example access control
- 1.2: **Forensic Logging** – audit trail for legal purposes
- 1.2: **Flexible Identifier** – identify hosts by expression,
e.g. concat(relay4[2].hex, relay4[6].hex)
- 1.2: **Host Commands** – query, add and delete host reservations using REST interface
- 1.3: **Subnet management** (add, get, update, delete
subnets and shared networks via REST API)
- 1.3: **Extra lease commands** (add, get, update,
delete, wipe all, get all leases via REST API)



Hooks (2 of 2)

- 1.4: **HA** – high availability solution (heartbeat, failure detection, lease updates, recovering DB from partner)
- 1.4: **Radius** – access control and host reservation using FreeRadius, accounting
- 1.4: **Host Caching** – cache host responses locally from slower backends for extra performance (includes negative caching)
- 1.5: **Limits** - ability to rate limit queries, limit # of leases per subnet, pool, port, device, time restricted leases (valid until, not valid before)



Anyone can write hooks

Facebook
datacenter
running on Kea



Flex-id (1.2)

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol
1	0 00:00:00	10.254.139.1	10.253.181.250	DHCP

- Flexible Identifier

How to identify hosts:

- Open source

- MAC, duid, circuit-id, client-id

- Premium

- Almost anything could be used

(35 different expressions)

- Options (client, relay, vendor)

- Fixed fields
- Concat, substring
- Meta-data (interface name, src/dst IP, ...)

Message type: Boot Request (1)	
Hardware type: Ethernet (0x01)	
Hardware address length: 6	
Hops: 1	
Transaction ID: 0x21fc01f8	
Seconds elapsed: 0	
Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)	
Client IP address: 0.0.0.0	
Your (client) IP address: 0.0.0.0	
Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0	
Relay agent IP address: 10.254.139.1	
Client MAC address: ArrisGro_29:97:d0 (74:56:12:2b:97:d0)	
Client hardware address padding: 000000000000000000000000	
Server host name not given	
Boot file name not given	
Magic cookie: DHCP	
Option: (53) DHCP Message Type (Discover)	
Option: (60) Vendor class identifier	
Option: (6) Padding	
Option: (61) Client Identifier	
Option: (125) V-I Vendor-specific Information	
Option: (43) Vendor-Specific Information (CableLabs)	
Option: (55) Parameter Request List	
Option: (82) Agent Information Option	
Length: 25	
Option 82 Suboption: (1) Agent Circuit ID	
Option 82 Suboption: (2) Agent Remote ID	
Option 82 Suboption: (9) Vendor-Specific Information	
Option: (255) End	

concat(relay4[1].hex, relay4[2].hex)



REST API (1.2/1.3)

Overview:

- Command Channel (Unix socket)
 - REST interface (http/https)
 - JSON commands, JSON responses
 - kea-shell provided (python 2.x, 3.x example)

Manipulate:

- Whole config (config-get/set/test/write)
 - Shared networks, subnets (subnet4/6-list/add/get/del)
 - Host Reservations (reservation-get/add/del)
 - Leases (lease4/6-get/add/update/del/wipe)
 - Statistics (statistic-get/reset/get-all)
 - Server (list-commands, shutdown, version-get, build-report, leases-reclaim, etc.)

```
        "result": 0,
        "text": "IPv6 subnet added",
        "arguments": {
            "subnet6": [
                {
                    "id": 234,
                    "subnet": "2001:db8::/64"
                }
            ]
        }
    }
}
```

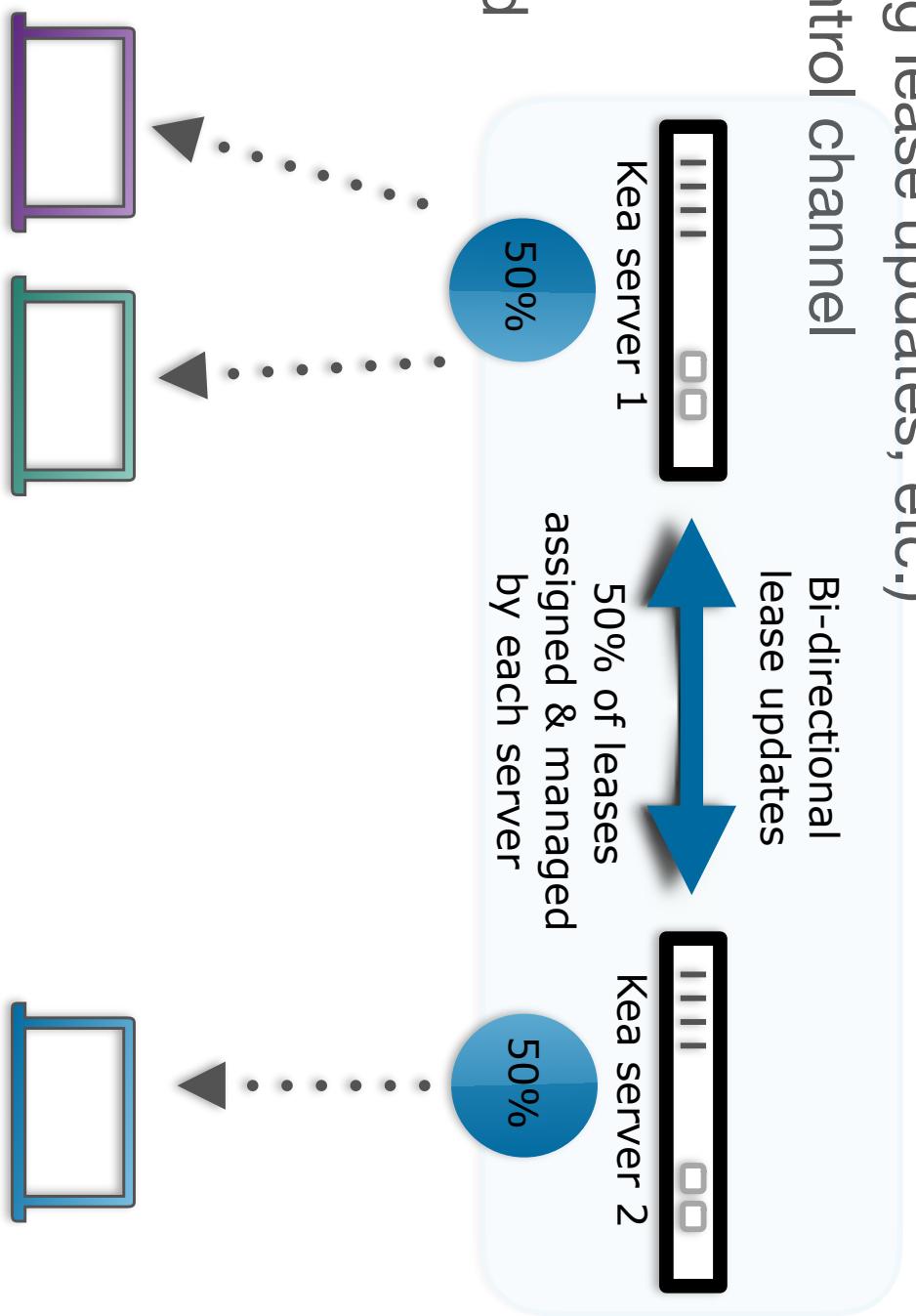
Command

Response

More to come in future releases

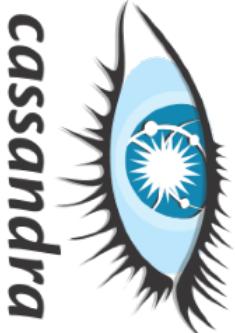
High Availability (1.4)

- Load balancing or hot standby
- RESTful API based
- Hook points (sending lease updates, etc.)
- Heartbeats over control channel
- Lease updates via lease_cmds hook
- Failure detection based on ‘secs’ field
- Auto-sync of lease database
- Backup server
- 50/50 LB split
- V4 and V6





Apache Cassandra (1.4)

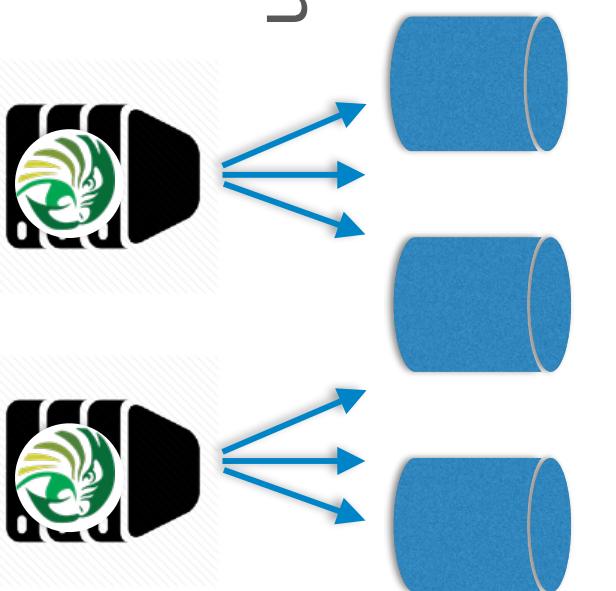


- Distributed non-relational NoSQL database
- Massive scalability without a single point of failure

- Replication factor
- Can operate with

at least one node

surviving



HA	NODES	FAILURES
2	1	

- Data denormalization

CQL

RF = 2N + 1 can survive N failures



1.4 coming up

- 1.4.0 beta: **May 14th**, 1.4.0 final: June 15th
- Improved shared networks performance
- Improved classification
 - `member(foo) && !member(bar) && (relay4[2].hex == 'abcd')`
- Fixed statistics when run multiple instances with the same DB
- Many smaller bugfixes and improvements
(100+ tickets closed and counting)

kea.isc.org/roadmap



RADIUS Integration (1.4)

- Authentication

- Access control

- Address Reservation

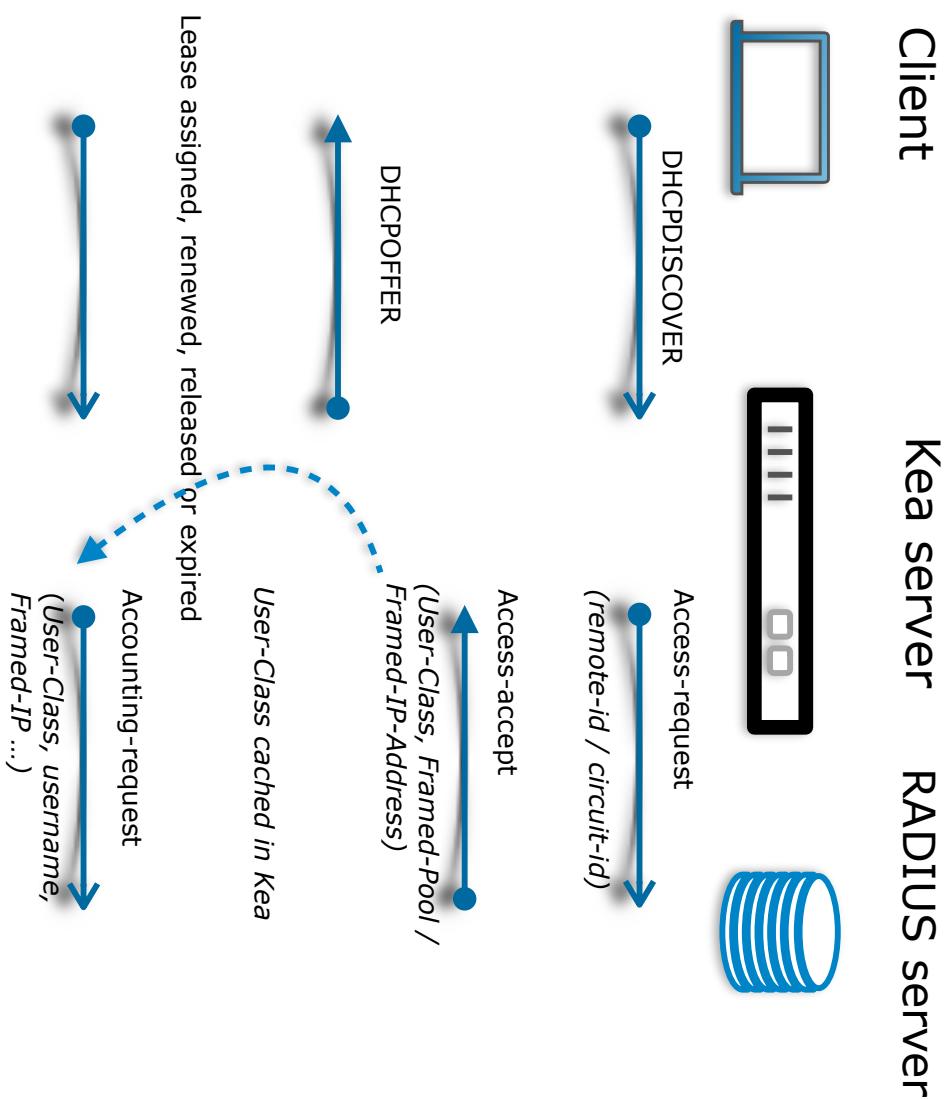
- Class assignment

- Accounting

- Attributes customizable

- FreeRadius based

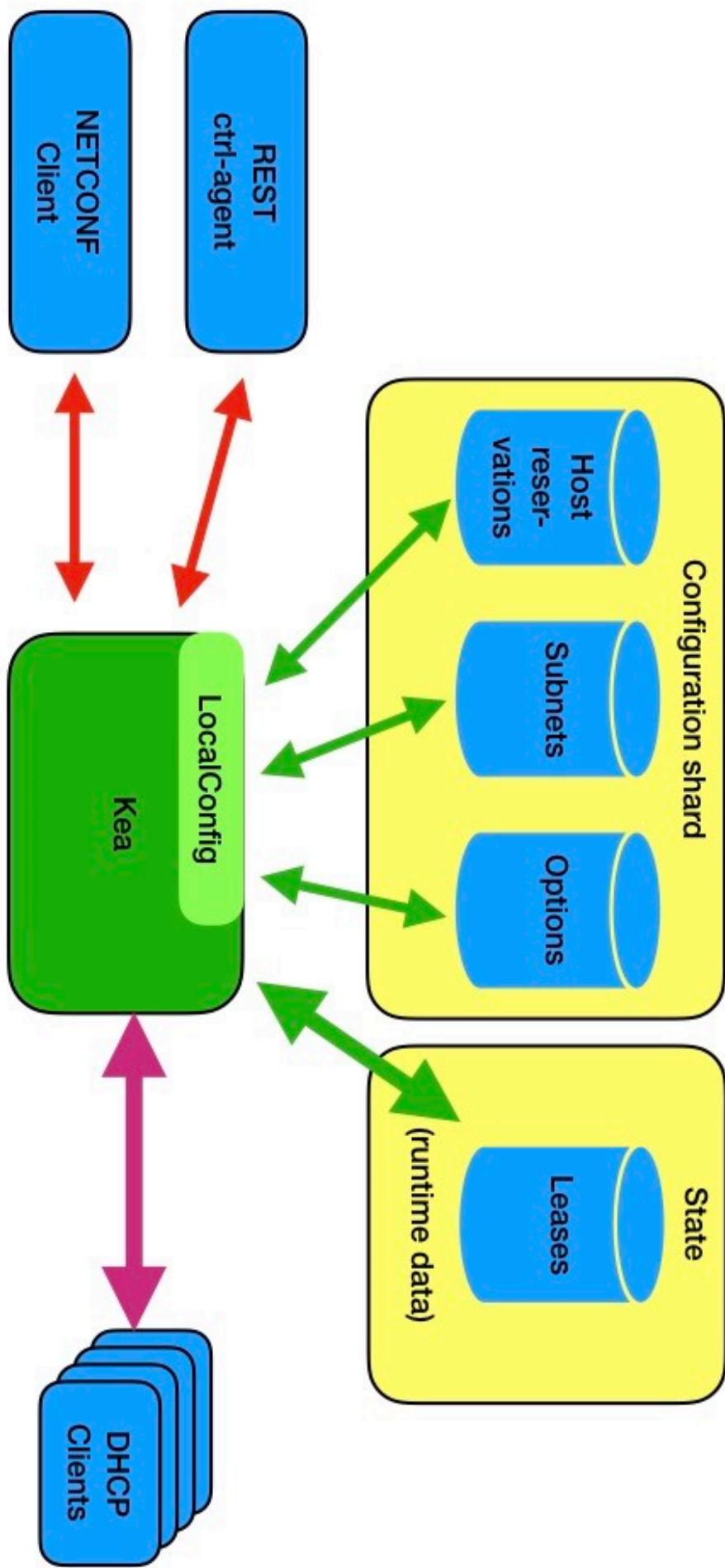
- DHCPv4 and DHCPv6





DB Configuration Storage (1.5)

kea.isc.org/wiki/CentralizedConfigNetconf





YANG/NETCONF (1.5)

```
container network-ranges {  
    description "This model supports a hierarchy ...";  
    list network-range {  
        key network-range-id;  
        leaf network-range-id {  
            type uint32;  
            mandatory true;  
        }  
        container address-pools {  
            description "A container that describes the ...";  
            list address-pool {  
                leaf start-address {  
                    type inet:ipv6-address-no-zone;  
                    mandatory true;  
                    description "start address";  
                }  
                leaf end-address {  
                    type inet:ipv6-address-no-zone;  
                    mandatory true;  
                    description "end address";  
                }  
                leaf valid-lifetime {  
                    type yang:timeticks;  
                    mandatory true;  
                    description "valid lifetime for IA";  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Configuration



TreeView for YANG model

Module: `ietf-dhcpv6-server@2018-03-04`, Namespace: `urn:ietf:params:xml:ns.yang:ietf-dhcpv6-server`, Prefix: `dhcpv6-server`

Impact Analysis for `ietf-dhcpv6-server@2018-03-04`

Element	[+] Expand All [-] Collapse All	S	Type	T	C	S	Path
ietf-dhcpv6-server		rr	module				
server		ci	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server
server-config		ci	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config
serv-attributes		ci	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:serv-attributes
option-sets		ci	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:option-sets
network-ranges		ci	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges
option-set-id		le	leafref	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/uint32
network-range		list	list	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/uint32
network-range-id		le	leafref	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/uint32
network-description		string	string	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/uint32
network-prefix		inet:ipv6-prefix	inet:ipv6-prefix	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/uint32
option-set-id		leafref	leafref	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/uint32
address-pools		container	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/uint32
pd-pools		container	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/uint32
host-reservations		container	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/dhcpv6-server:network-ranges/uint32
relay-opaque-paras		container	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:relay-opaque-paras
rsso-enabled-options		container	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-config/dhcpv6-server:rsso-enabled-options
server-state		container	container	c	/	c	/dhcpv6-server:server/dhcpv6-server:server-state
dhcpv6-server-notifs							



Useful links

- Kea project homepage: <http://kea.isc.org>
- Documentation: <http://kea.isc.org/docs/>
 - User's Guide - 100+ pages of guidance with examples for users, REST API documentation, and user documentation for premium hooks (easy to see if you would benefit from purchasing them)
 - List of all log messages - with an explanation what happened and why, a nod towards the mainframe era
- Developer's Guide - for developers and contributors, explains the internals, also includes Hooks interface API
- Kea business page: <http://isc.org/kea>
 - High level overview, premium hooks white papers, ISC DHCP vs Kea comparison, support links, 24/7 support available
- The source code: <http://github.com/isc-projects/kea>
 - Source code for premium hooks is also provided to purchasers



Q&A

Questions?

Suggestions?

Tomatoes?

