Reaching Zen in Your Cluster Coordination

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Concepts

Cluster, Node, Index, Shard, Document, ID

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Demo

https://github.com/xeraa/elastic-docker/tree/master/rolling_upgrade

```
elasticsearch1:
  image: docker.elastic.co/elasticsearch/elasticsearch:$ELASTIC_VERSION
  environment:
    - node.name=elasticsearch1
    - ES_JAVA_OPTS=-Xms512m -Xmx512m
    - discovery.zen.ping.unicast.hosts=elasticsearch2,elasticsearch3
    - discovery.zen.minimum_master_nodes=2
  volumes:
    - esdata_upgrade1:/usr/share/elasticsearch/data
  ports:
    - 9201:9200
  networks:
    - esnet
```

Cluster Coordination?

Cluster State?

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Cluster Metadata

Cluster Settings

Index Metadata

Lots more

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GET _cluster/state

Only move forward

Do not lose data

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```
{
  "cluster_name" : "docker-cluster",
  "cluster_uuid" : "nOHcm7Q3R5yMN5z1PoG6UQ",
  "version" : 29,
  "state_uuid" : "Of1zGOnoRaGgIfYw_w58MA",
  "master_node" : "P9UHiA-YSkesOfR7-G5O_Q",
  "blocks" : { },
  "nodes" : {
    "P9UHiA-YSkesOfR7-G5O_Q" : {
      "name" : "elasticsearch3",
      "ephemeral_id" : "MdWyvnTfRCuhzD9ftWtODw",
      "transport_address" : "172.21.0.3:9300",
      "attributes" : {
        ...
```

Main Components

Discovery

Master Election

Cluster State Publication

Zen

Zen to Zen2

Not pluggable

Why

https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/resiliency/current/index.html

Repeated network partitions can cause cluster state updates to be lost (STATUS: DONE, v7.0.0)

And more

How

https://github.com/elastic/elasticsearch-formal-models

TLA+ specification

TLC model checking

https://github.com/elastic/elasticsearch-formal-models/blob/master/cluster/isabelle/Preliminaries.thy

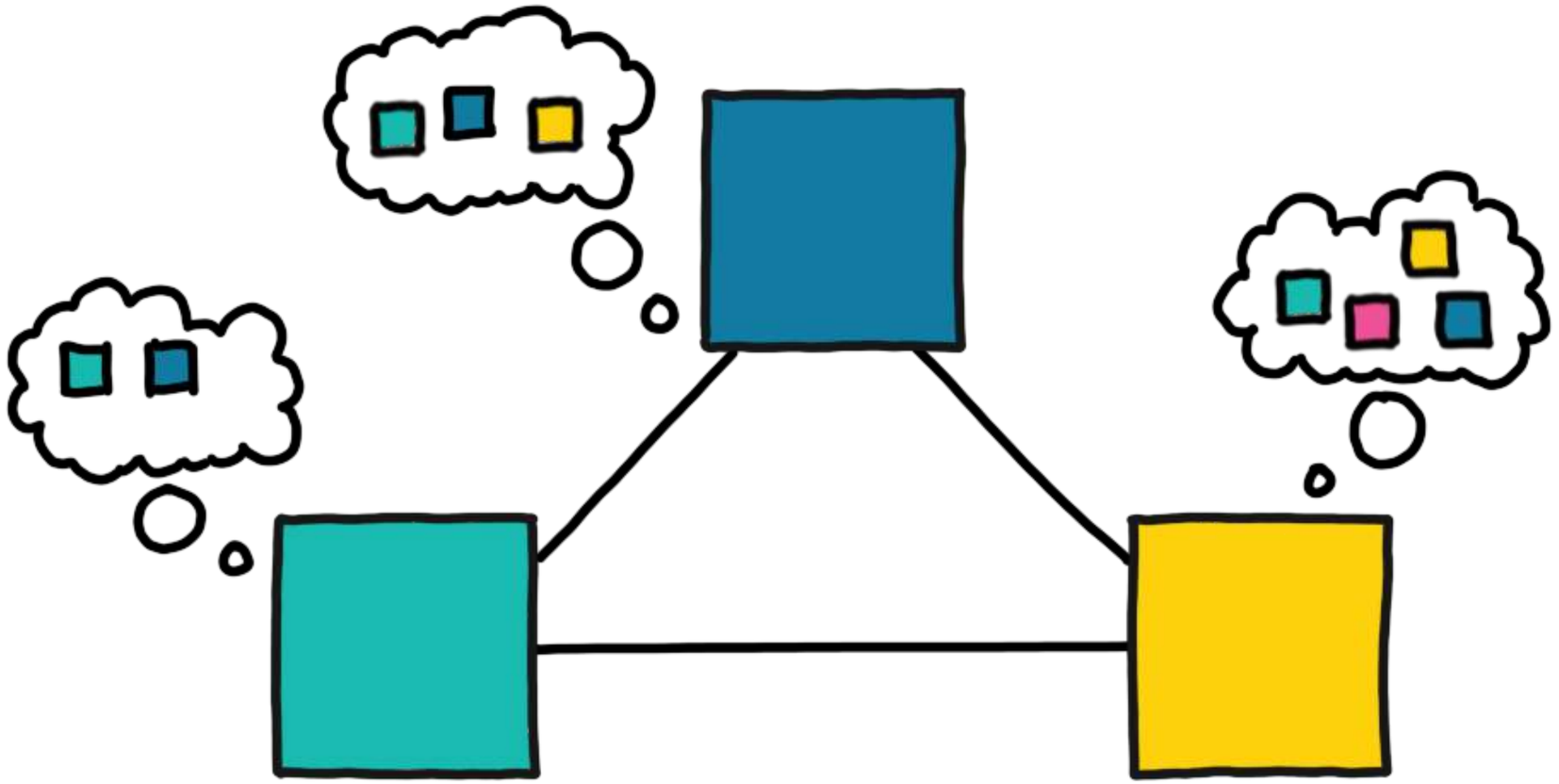
```
text \<open>It works correctly on finite and nonempty sets as follows:\<close>

theorem
  fixes S :: "Term set"
  assumes finite: "finite S"
  shows maxTerm_mem: "S \<noteq> {} \<Longrightarrow> maxTerm S \<in> S"
    and maxTerm_max: "\<And> t'. t' \<in> S \<Longrightarrow> t' \<le> maxTerm S"
proof -
  presume "S \<noteq> {}"
  with assms
  obtain t where t: "t \<in> S" "\<And> t'. t' \<in> S \<Longrightarrow> t' \<le> t"
  proof (induct arbitrary: thesis)
    case empty
    then show ?case by simp
    ...
```

Discovery

Where are master-eligible nodes?

Is there a master already?



Settings

`discovery.zen.ping.unicast.hosts` →
`discovery.seed_hosts`

static

`discovery.zen.hosts_provider` →
`discovery.seed_providers`

dynamic (file, EC2, GCE,...)

Master Election

Agree which node should be master

Form a cluster

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discovery.zen.minimum_master_nodes

Trust users?

Scaling up or down?

Three Node Cluster

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discovery.zen.minimum_master_nodes: ~

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discovery.zen.minimum_master_nodes: 2

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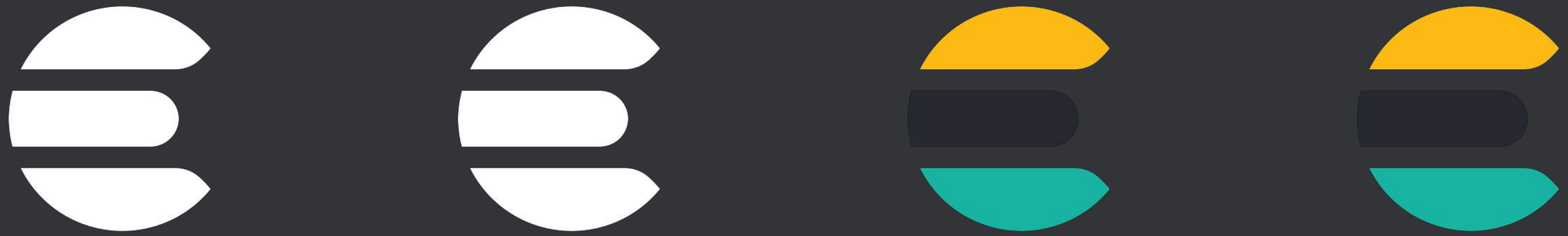

discovery.zen.minimum_master_nodes: 2

`cluster.initial_master_nodes`

List of node names for the very first election

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OK

to set on multiple nodes as long as they are all consistent

Ignored

once node has joined a cluster even if restarted

Unnecessary

when joining new node to existing cluster

Upgrade 6 to 7

Full cluster restart: Set

`cluster.initial_master_nodes`

Rolling upgrade:

`cluster.initial_master_nodes` **not required**

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Demo

Upgrade path

6.7 → 7.0, 6.8 → 7.1+

Rolling upgrade — one at a time:

```
docker-compose up -d --no-deps elasticsearch3
docker-compose up -d --no-deps elasticsearch2
docker-compose up -d --no-deps elasticsearch1
docker-compose up -d --no-deps kibana
```

Demo

Full Cluster Restart

`discovery.zen.minimum_master_nodes` **and**
`cluster.initial_master_nodes` **unnecessary**

Cluster Scaling

Master-ineligible: as before

Adding master-eligible: just do it

Removing master-eligible: just do it

As long as you remove less than half of them at once

Demo

Scale down to a single node

```
POST /_cluster/voting_config_exclusions/elasticsearch3

POST /_cluster/voting_config_exclusions/elasticsearch2
```

Demo

Cluster Rebuild

Empty `cluster.initial_master_nodes`

Log

```
elasticsearch2    | {"type": "server",
                     "timestamp": "2019-05-24T14:02:51,173+0000",
                     "level": "WARN",
                     "component": "o.e.c.c.ClusterFormationFailureHelper",
                     "cluster.name": "docker-cluster",
                     "node.name": "elasticsearch2",
                     "message":
```

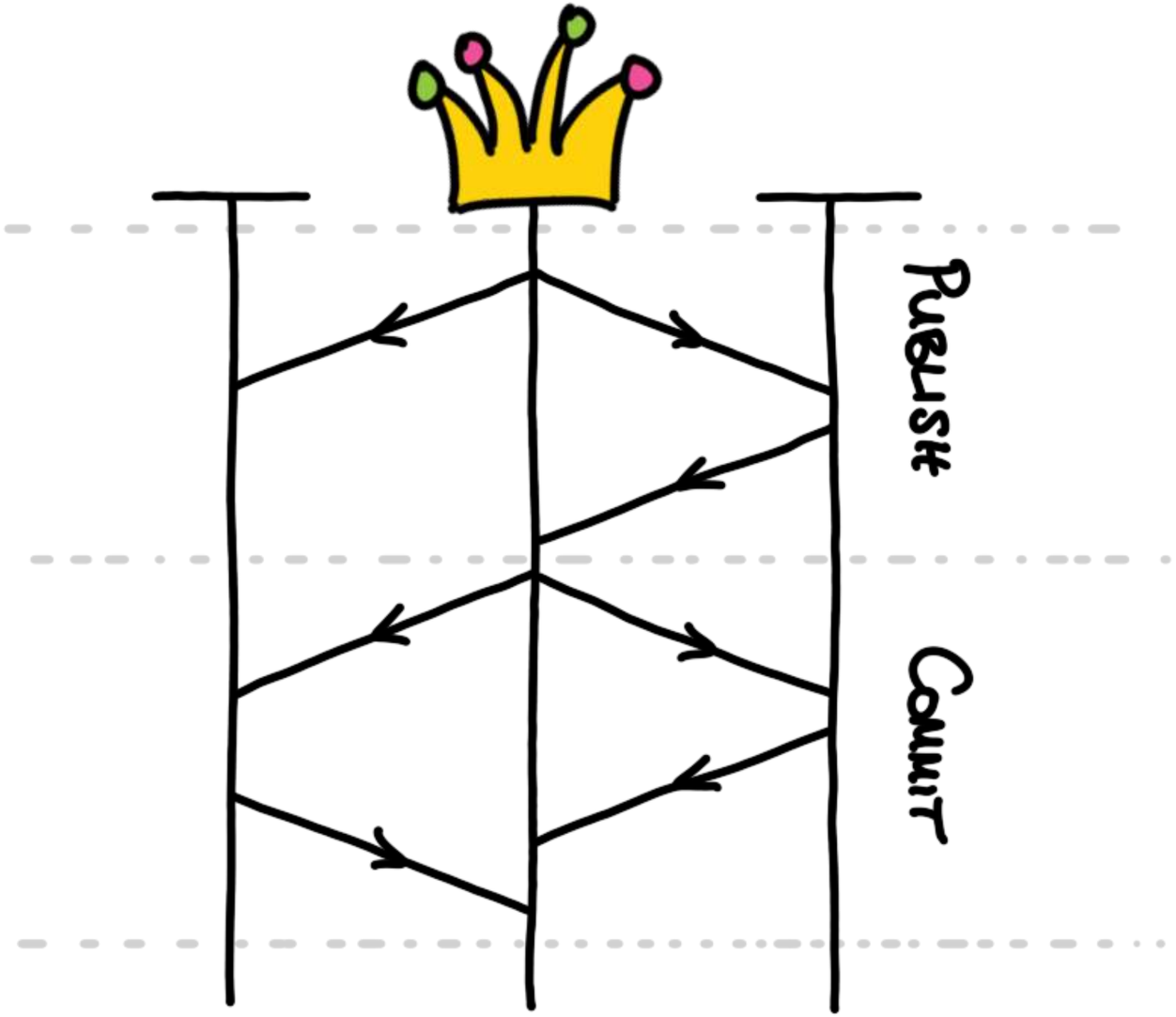
```
"master not discovered yet,
this node has not previously joined a bootstrapped (v7+) cluster,
and [cluster.initial_master_nodes] is empty on this node:
have discovered [
    {elasticsearch1}{pSUJ6OtSRWSrcWkRevLfyA}{_jIaabgyTQOHAOjcwUruIQ}
        {192.168.112.3}{192.168.112.3:9300}
        {...},
    {elasticsearch3}{ngaTCze8QHSHydCXsttXyw}{mbIad-A4SLOJvP7Ava5dEw}
        {192.168.112.4}{192.168.112.4:9300}
        {...}
];
```

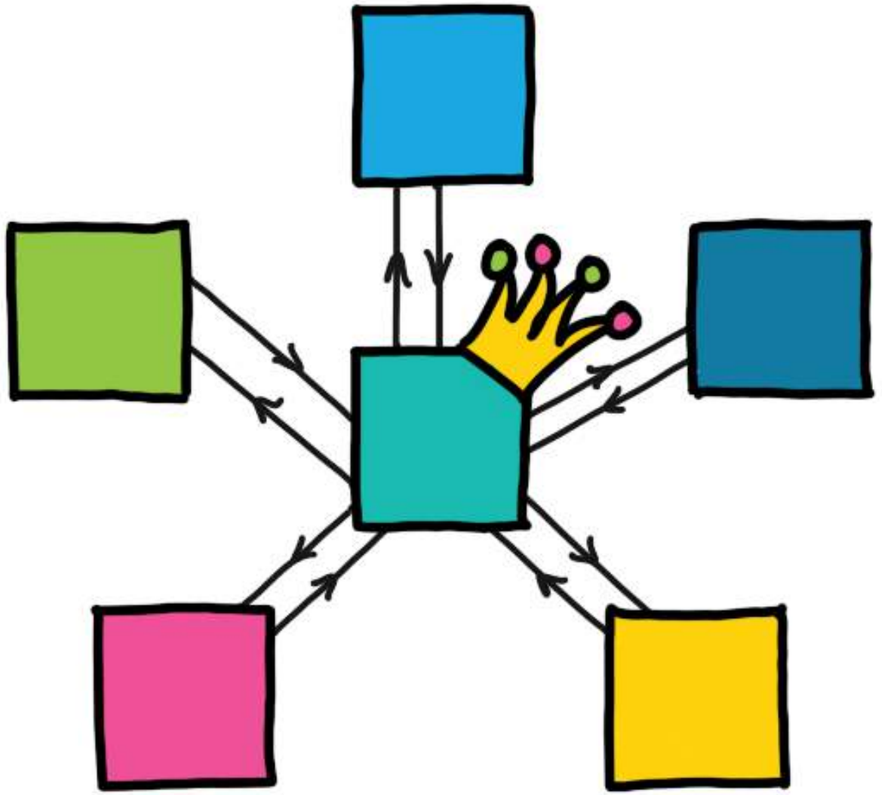
```
discovery will continue using
        [192.168.112.3:9300, 192.168.112.4:9300]
        from hosts providers and [
    {elasticsearch2}{iANt64LESxqjJv8tHV5KKw}{KObYEuQ2TnamsiOefTUXgQ}
        {192.168.112.2}{192.168.112.2:9300}
        {...}
]
from last-known cluster state;
node term 0, last-accepted version 0 in term 0"
```

Cluster State
Publication

Agree on cluster state updates

Broadcast updates to all nodes





Conclusion

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Take Away

Cluster State & Coordination

Majority

Failure Scenarios

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Zen to Zen2

Faster, safer, more debuggable

Settings

https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/7.4/modules-discovery-settings.html

Do not change

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