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# AWS re:Invent

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# What's new in search, observability & vector databases with OpenSearch

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# Popular use cases

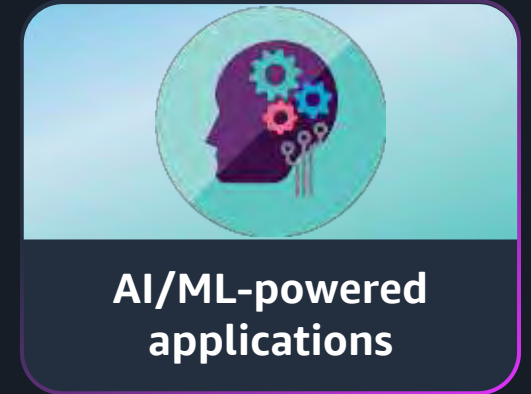
High-performance, customizable Search with seamless hybrid vector and lexical search for highly relevant results

Backend for AI/ML powered applications with a powerful vector database, integration with AI frameworks like LangChain and native ML composable workflows

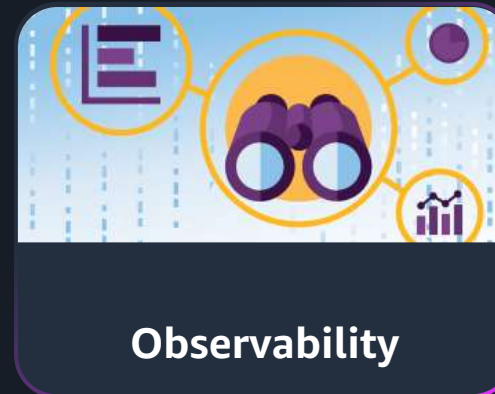
Observability and Security Analytics allowing you to detect, identify, and resolve operational and security issues across your applications and infrastructure



Search



AI/ML-powered applications

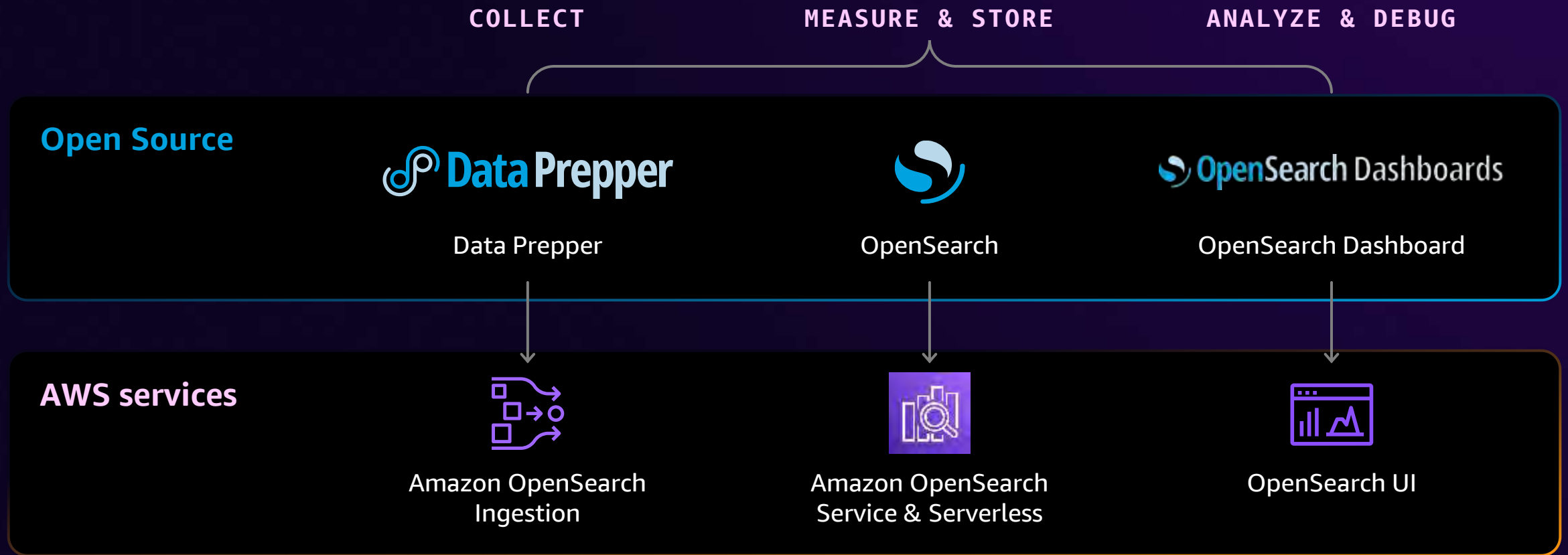


Observability



Security analytics

# OpenSearch: Leading innovation across AWS and Open Source





OpenSearch is a **community-driven, open-source** search, analytics, and vector database platform with integrated tools for observability, security, visualization, and AI-powered applications

Roadmap:



# OpenSearch by the numbers

**1.3B+**

Project downloads

**1M+**

Monthly page views  
For [opensearch.org](https://opensearch.org)

**100+**

Solution providers

**3K+**

Active contributors

**400+**

Active organizations

In the top

**20**

Of LF projects by  
contributor activity

**130+**

GitHub repositories

**4K+**

Slack workspace  
members

**7K+**

User forum  
members

# OpenSearch Global Community Engagement



30 user groups

18 countries

[opensearch.org/user-groups](https://opensearch.org/user-groups)





# OpenSearch Project Innovations



- Advanced security/RBAC
- Alerting
- k-NN vector search functionality
- Piped processing language
- Anomaly detection
- Index management
- Asynchronous Search
- Trace analytics
- Cross-cluster replication

2021

- ML Commons machine learning toolkit
- K-Means and random cut forest algorithm support
- Notifications
- App analytics dashboards
- Document-level alerting
- Hybrid search
- Snapshot management
- Multi-terms aggregation
- HNSW algorithm support
- Drag-and-drop visualization
- Point-in-time search
- Search backpressure

2022

- Security analytics
- Vector quantization
- Simple schema for observability
- Multiple data sources
- Searchable snapshots
- Segment replication
- Cross-cluster query support
- Alerting and anomaly detection visualization
- Correlation engine
- Search pipelines
- Neural search
- ML model access control
- FAISS support
- Remote-backed storage
- Multimodal search
- Custom log types for Security Analytics
- Z-standard compression
- Search comparison tool

2023

- Conversational search
- Concurrent segment search
- Flow framework
- Apache Spark integration
- Top N queries
- OpenSearch Assistant Toolkit
- Cross-cluster monitors
- I/O-based admission control
- Tiered caching
- ML inference search processors
- Semantic cache for LangChain
- Parallel ingestion processing
- Rerank processor
- SIMD support for exact search
- Wildcard field type for search
- Dynamic pruning
- Remote models as LLM guardrails
- Byte-quantized vectors
- Sort search processor
- Split search processor
- Binary vectors support
- Index templates
- Fast-filter aggregation optimizations
- Threat intelligence
- Disk-optimized vector search
- Byte vector encoding
- Asynchronous batch ingestion
- Application-based configuration templates
- Remote cluster state publication
- AVX512 SIMD for FAISS
- Workspace collaboration

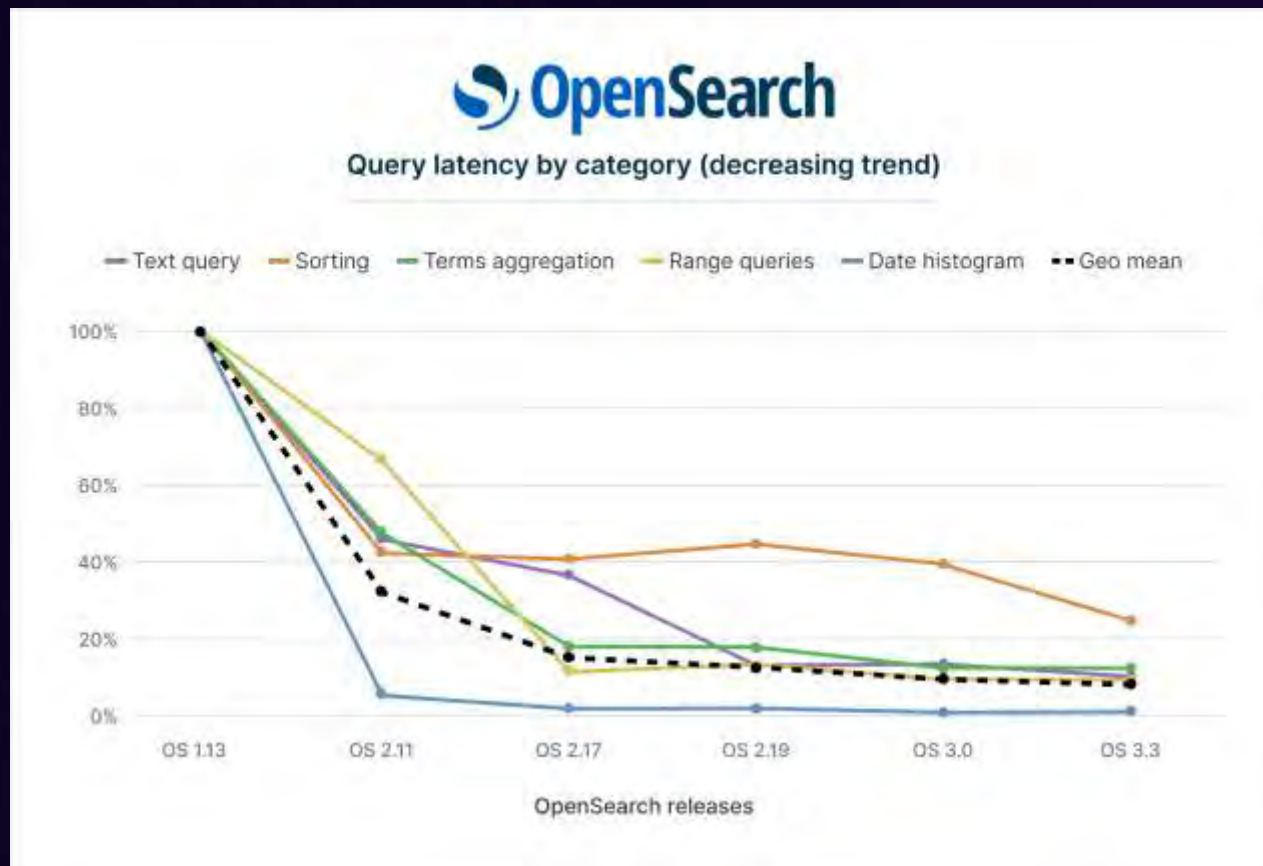
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- Agentic search
- Agentic memory
- gRPC / Protobuf support
- Pull-based ingestion
- Native MCP protocol support
- GPU-powered acceleration
- Plan-execute-reflect agent
- Query insights dashboards
- New Discover UX
- Discover Traces functionality
- AI-powered observability
- React Flow integration
- Star-tree indexes
- Derived source for vectors
- Pluggable store for vector data
- Binary vectors for Lucene engine
- PPL command set expansion
- Apache Calcite integration
- Apache Arrow integration
- OTEL-compliant Trace Analytics
- Prometheus exporter
- OSCAR
- Search Relevance Workbench
- Seismic algorithm integration
- OpenSearch Flow
- Reciprocal rank fusion
- Template query type
- Semantic sentence highlighting
- Z-score normalization
- Processor chains
- Update Agent API
- Semantic field type
- Rescoring support
- Streamable HTTP for MCP
- Batch processing for remote semantic highlighting
- Remote inference streaming
- Maximal marginal relevance
- Multi-terms aggs via star tree
- Streaming aggregations
- Rule-based auto-tagging

2025



# OpenSearch Performance Improvements

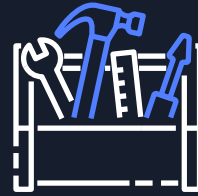


**11x** faster than OpenSearch 1.3

**2.5x** faster vector search

# Amazon OpenSearch Service

Simplify AI-powered search, observability, and vector database operations with a secure, cost-effective managed service



## Operational Simplicity

Fully managed OpenSearch in the AWS Cloud. Serverless and managed clusters. API-driven deployments, upgrades, and patches



## Performance

10x performance gains from OpenSearch 1.3 to current version. Single-digit ms latencies for lexical and vector queries



## Cost efficiency

Storage tiering for voluminous log data, specialized instances, tune cluster sizes or autoscaled to match request traffic



## Integrations

Quickly and easily connect all of your data for faster, better insights



# 100,000+

Monthly active customers  
processing with **more than**  
**10 trillion requests** per  
month



Service-managed patching and upgrades with  
24x7 monitoring and self-healing, no down-time upgrades



Fine-grained access control, customer-managed  
encryption keys, audit logging, IDC/SAML/Cognito/IAM  
integration

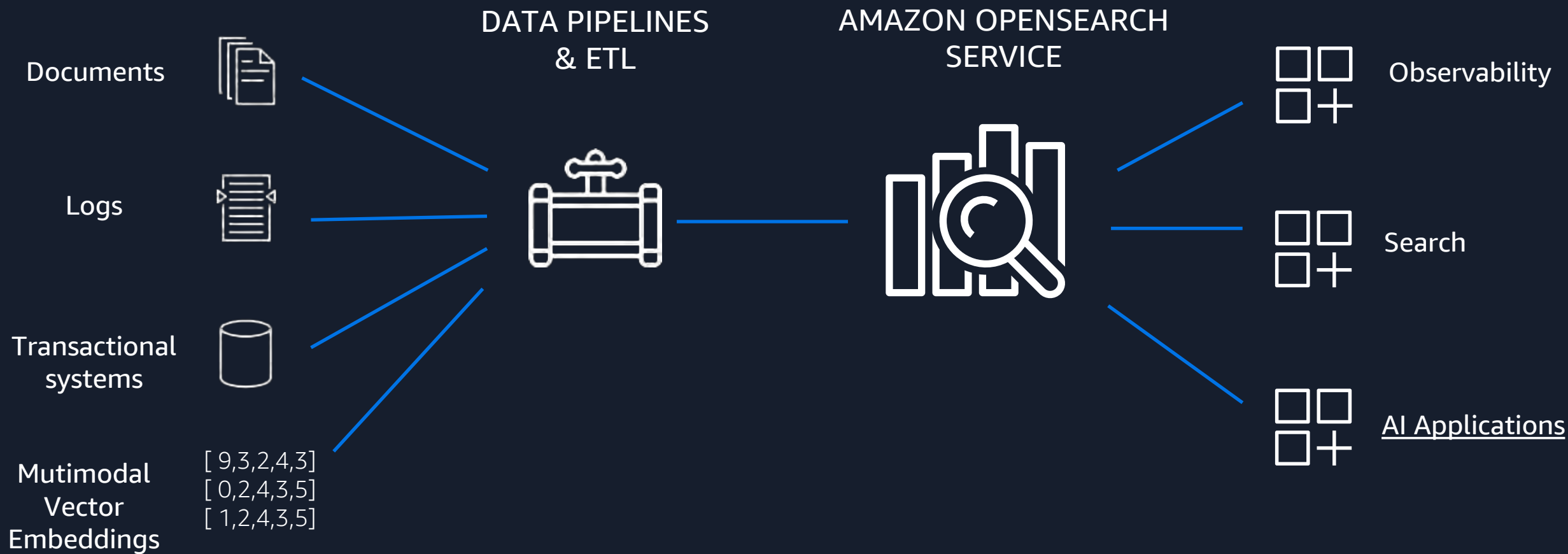


One-click, multi-AZ deployments, up to 99.99% SLA



Specialized instance types using S3 as a backing store  
and hourly snapshots

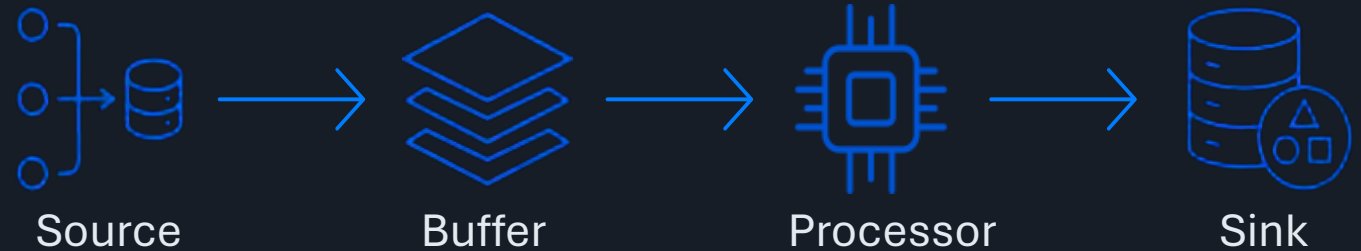
# Amazon OpenSearch Service landscape





# Amazon OpenSearch Ingestion

POWERED BY  **Data Prepper**



- Native support for wide variety of sources, processors and sinks
- Filtering, enriching, transforming, normalizing, and aggregating data for downstream analytics and visualization
- Inbuilt support for trace analytics, conditional routing, dead letter queues and a lot more features centered around observability

# Performance and scale enhancements

## Increased OpenSearch Compute Units (OCU) memory



- **15 GB of memory per OCU** (up from 8 GB) at no additional cost, enabling more complex, memory-intensive tasks

## Enhanced Autoscaling



- Enhanced autoscaling with new signals such as SQS queue size, buffer lag and HTTP connections for more responsive scaling

# OpenSearch Ingestion Connector ecosystem



## SOURCES

### OBSERVABILITY

- HTTP,
- Otel logs, metrics, and traces

### OBJECT STORES

- S3
- S3-SQS

### EVENT STREAMS

- Kinesis Data Streams
- Amazon Managed Streaming for Kafka
- Confluent Kafka

### SAAS

- Atlassian Jira
- Atlassian Confluence

### DATABASES

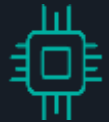
- DynamoDB
- DocumentDB
- RDS/Aurora MySQL
- RDS/Aurora PostgreSQL

### MIGRATION

- Elasticsearch
- OpenSearch

### SECURITY

- Amazon Security Lake



## PROCESSORS

### FILTER

- Select entries
- Delete entries
- Anomaly detection

### ENRICH

- AWS Lambda
- Batch AI Inference
- GeoIP

### OPEN TELEMETRY

- Otel Metrics
- Otel Traces
- Service Maps

### MUTATE

- Add entries
- Decompress
- Flatten
- Rename keys
- Split event
- Obfuscate

### ROUTE

- Conditionally route

### PARSE

- Grok
- User agent
- parse JSON
- parse XML



## SINKS

### SEARCH

- OpenSearch managed clusters
- Serverless collections

### OBJECT STORES

- S3

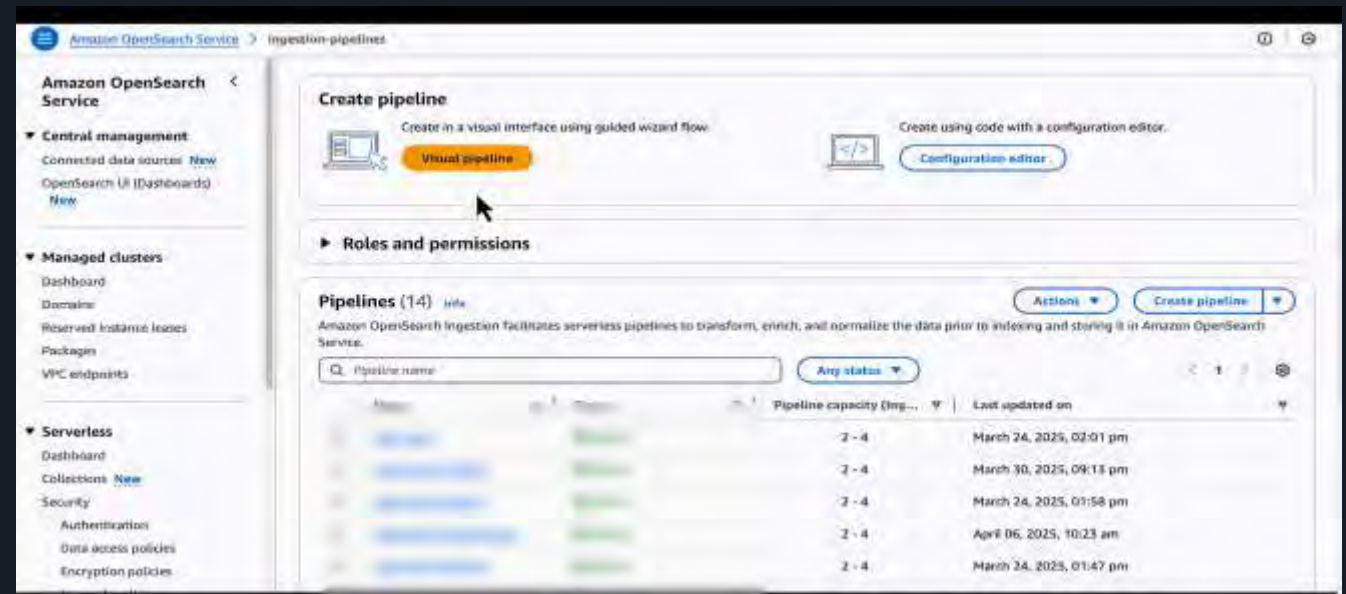


# Improved user experience

## Visual Pipeline Builder



- Guided visual workflow via a graphical UI
- Automatic IAM role and permission creation
- Real-time, enhanced validations



# Log Analytics & Observability



# Log data is increasing rapidly



# Downtime costs money (and stress)



**\$42,000 per hour**

Average hourly cost downtime per year

- Interruptions to IT operations
- Opportunity loss, cost of not doing business



**87 hours per year**

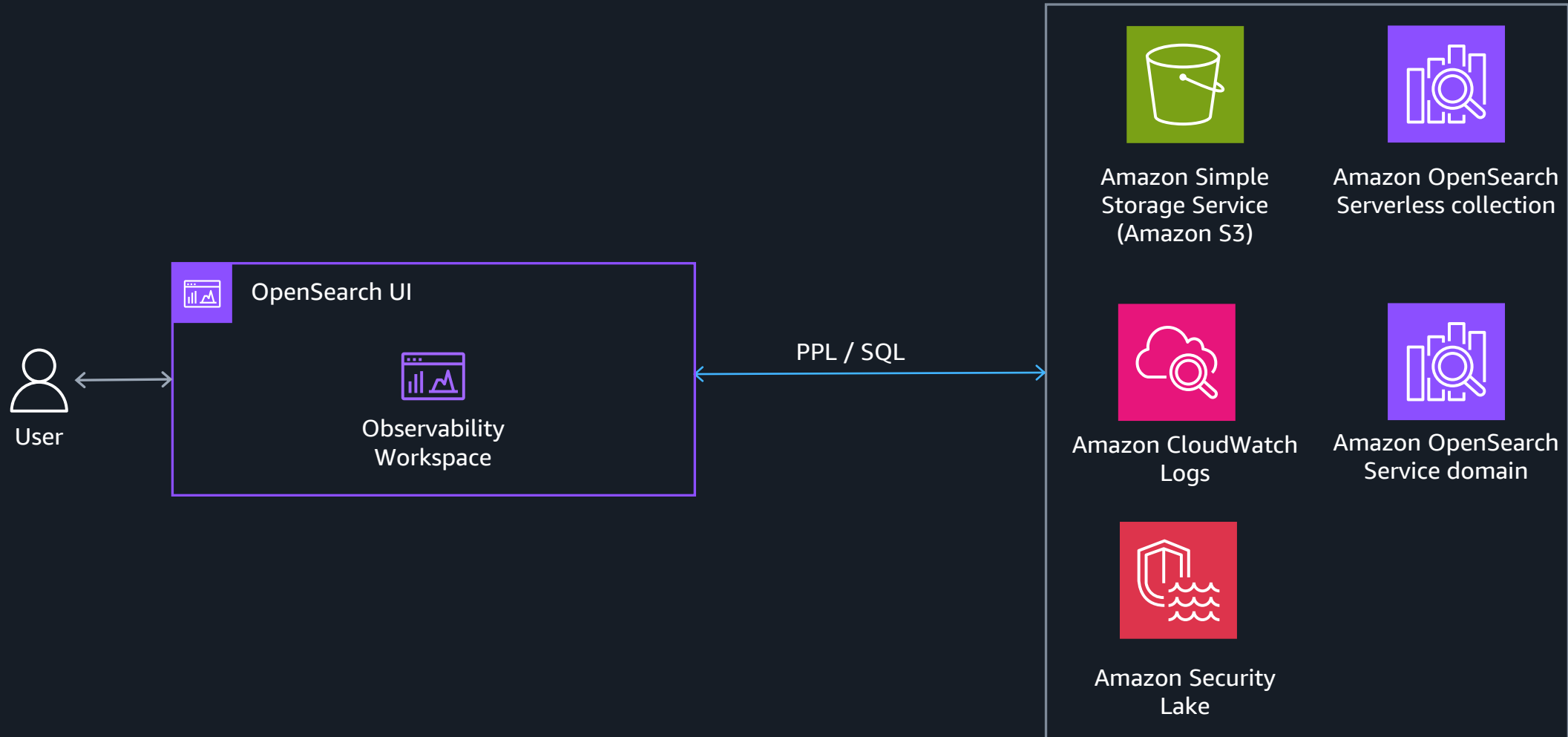
Of downtime per year\*

- Penalties of not meeting customer SLAs
- Brand alienation

**\$3.6m+**  
yearly cost

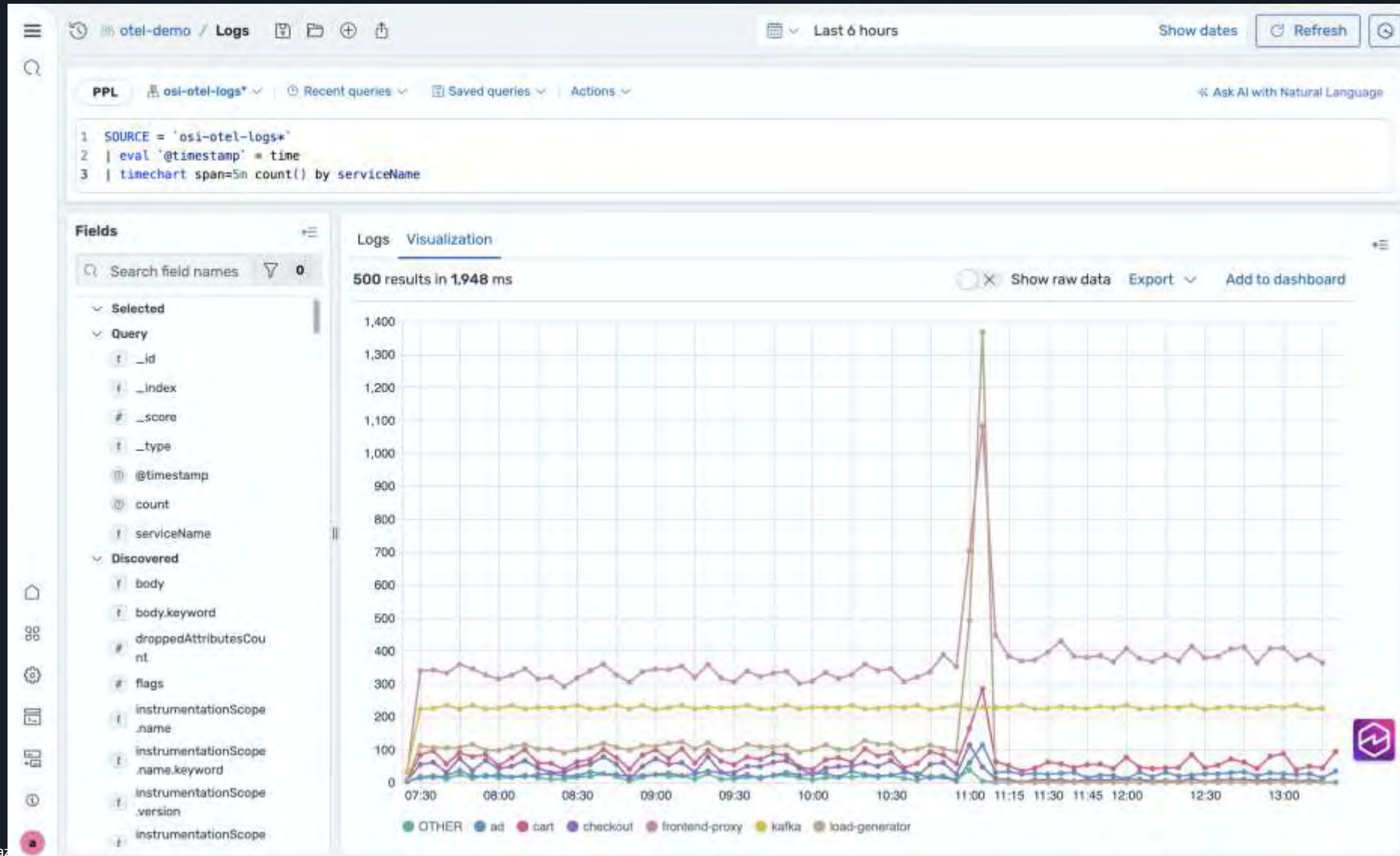
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# Single Pane of Glass for Log Analytics





# OpenSearch Dashboard - Discovery



# Piped Processing Language (PPL)

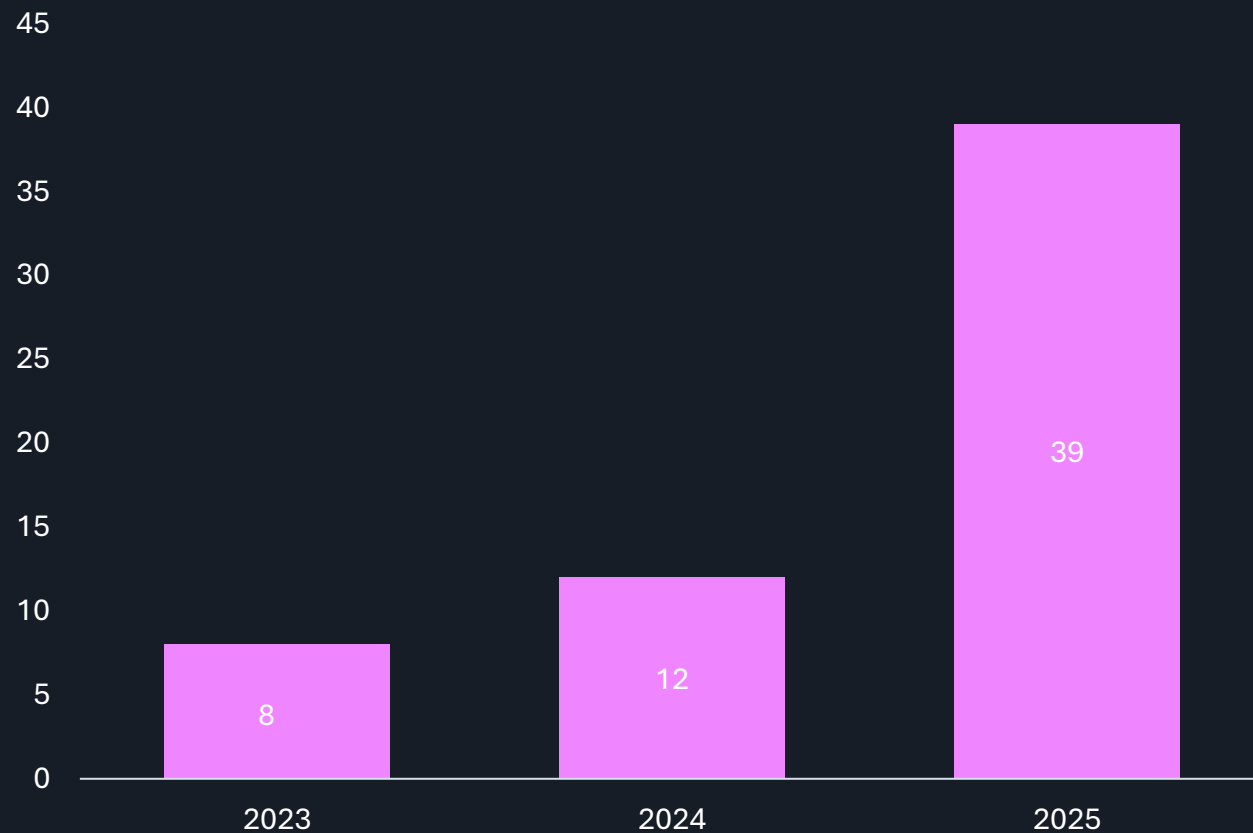
search command | command 1 | command 2

- search
- where
- fields
- dedup
- stats
- sort
- eval
- ...
- top
- rare

Many  
supported  
commands



# Expanded Analytical Toolkit



## New Commands

- 35+ commands added
- Filter, extract, and parse unstructured text
- Join datasets together
- Temporal and distribution analysis
- Data transformations at runtime

# New Log Discovery Experience Demo

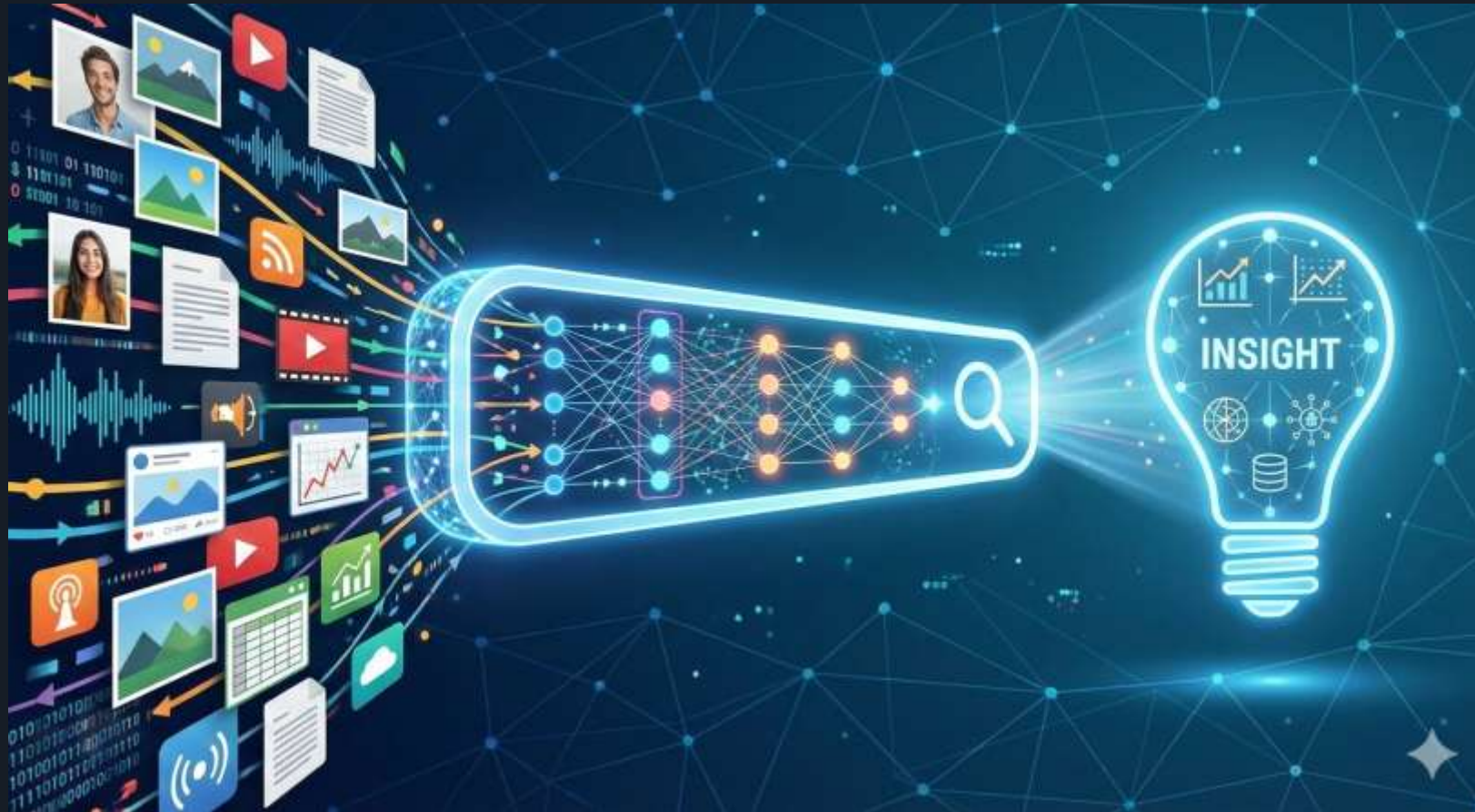


# Search and AI



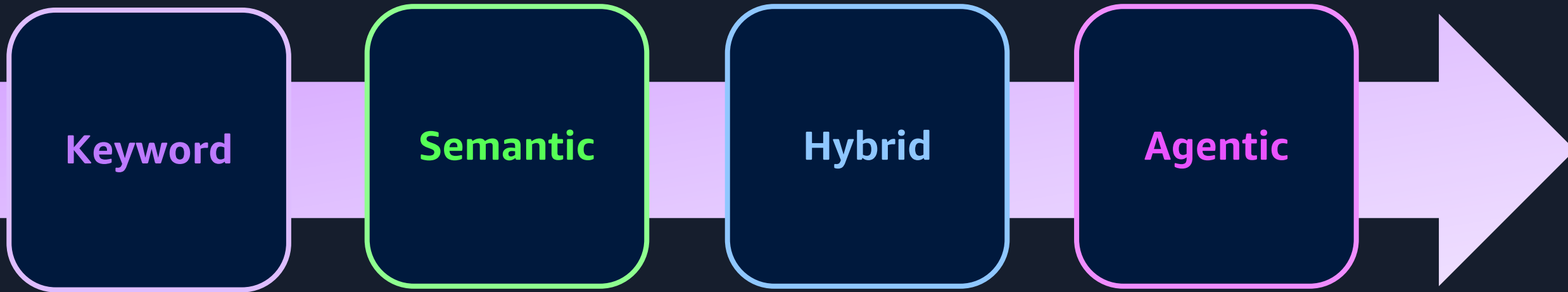
# Information retrieval

*The process of finding and accessing relevant information*



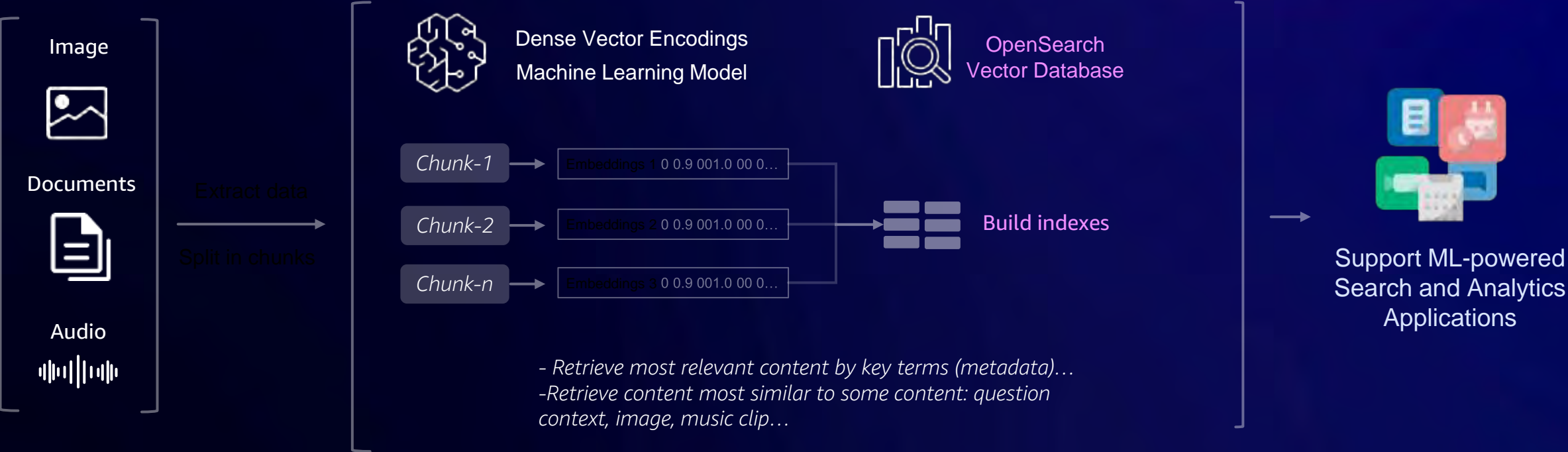
# The Evolution of Search

FROM KEYWORDS TO UNDERSTANDING



Search is all about *retrieving relevant information* in response to a user goal

# Search Workflow



# Automatic Semantic Enrichment

BOOSTING SEARCH RELEVANCE



## Enhanced Search Relevance

Sparse model improves search relevance without latency impact. Bridges lexical and semantic search capabilities.

## Simplified Implementation

Out-of-the-box semantic indexes. No ML model hosting or management required.

## Pay-as-You-Use Pricing

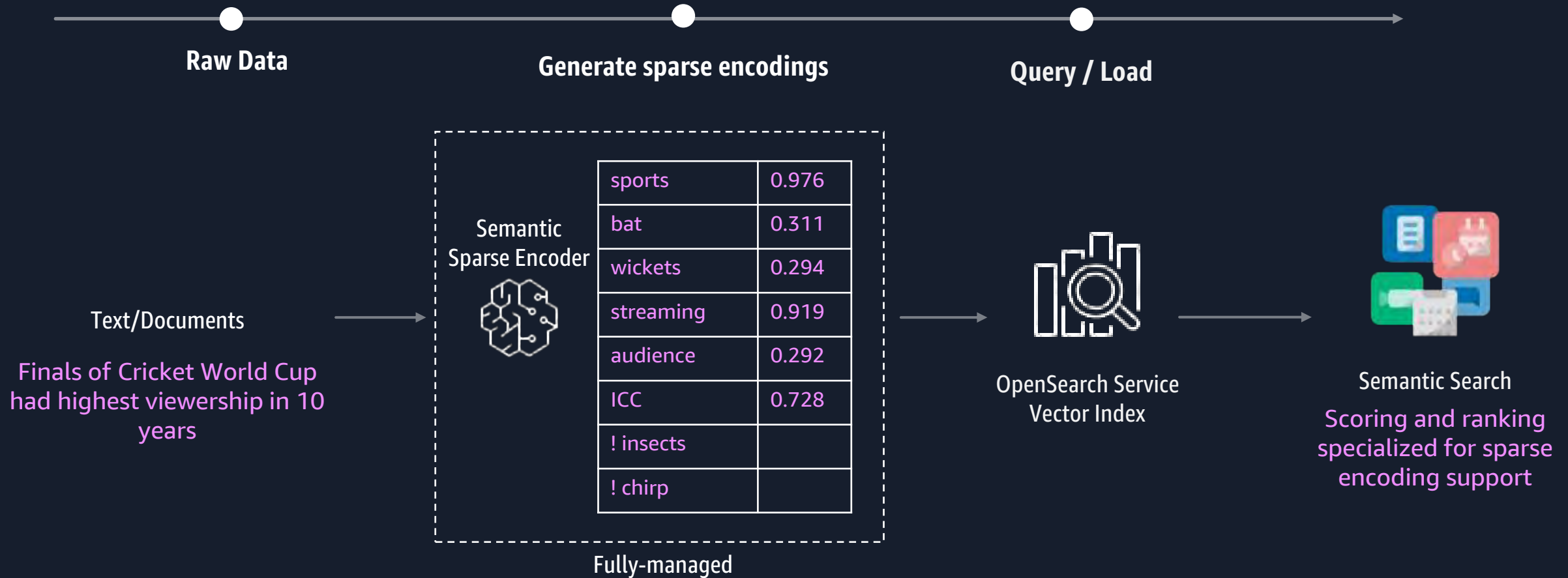
Low usage charges during ingestion only. Eliminates continuous costs and infrastructure overhead.

## Multi-language Support

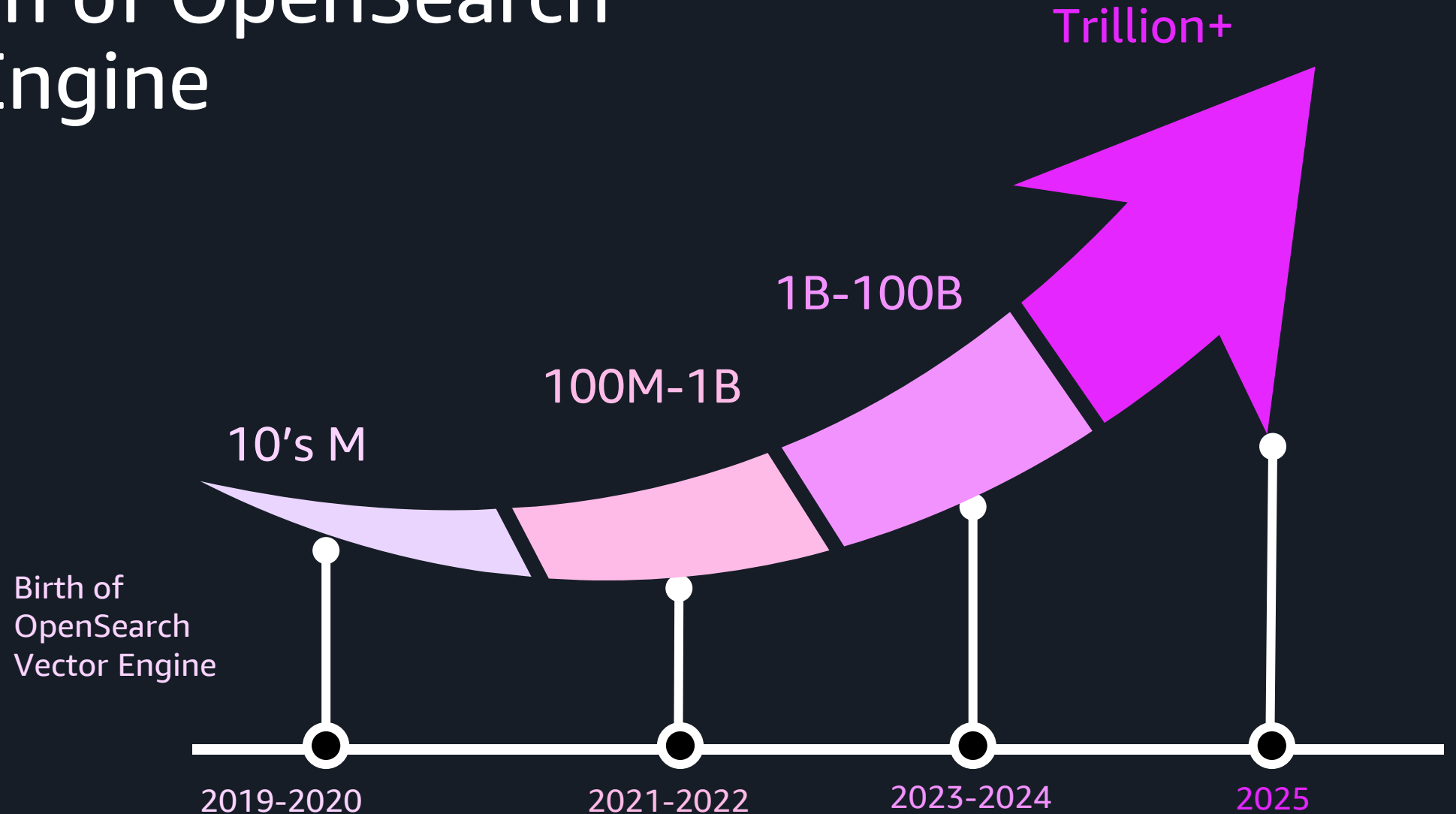
Supports 15 languages including English, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, and more.



# Automatic Semantic Enrichment



# Evolution of OpenSearch Vector Engine



# Tiered vector storage

COST REDUCTIONS AT MASSIVE SCALE

**Exact KNN**

MOST ACCURATE & EXPENSIVE

**In-memory**

LOWER COST & HIGH PERFORMANCE

**Disk mode**

CHEAPER STORAGE, STILL PERFORMANT

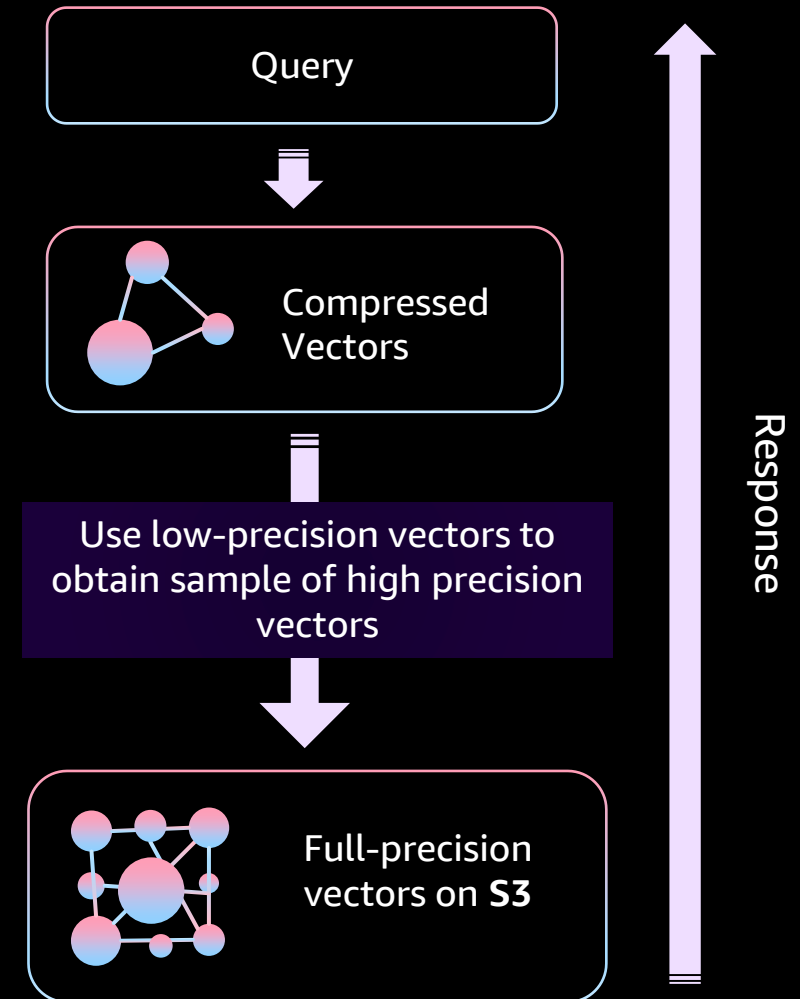
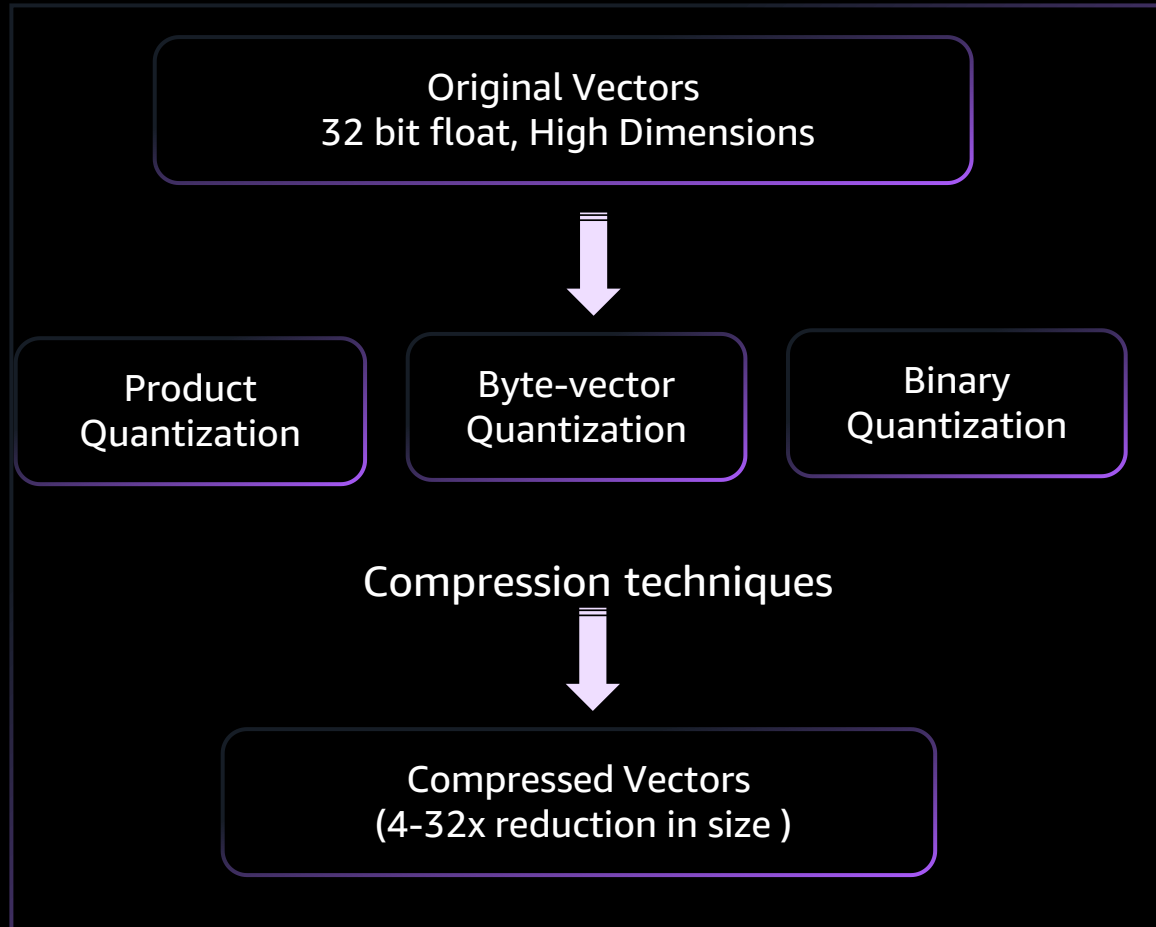
**S3 vectors**

CHEAPEST, MASSIVE SCALE STORAGE

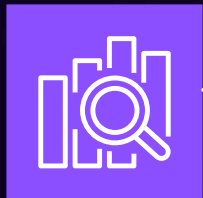


# Disk-Optimized Vector Search

UP-TO-32X MEMORY REDUCTION LEADING TO COST SAVINGS



# Performance and cost-optimized tiering with Amazon S3 integration



Amazon OpenSearch  
Service managed cluster

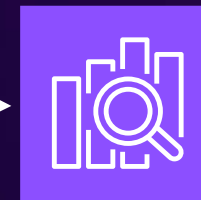


S3 Vectors

**To reduce cost**, set engine type to “s3vector” in field mapping to store the vectors in service managed S3 vector bucket



S3 Vector Index



Amazon OpenSearch  
Serverless

**To improve latency**, single click point in time export to OpenSearch Serverless collection

# NVIDIA journey with Amazon OpenSearch Service

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Principal Architect

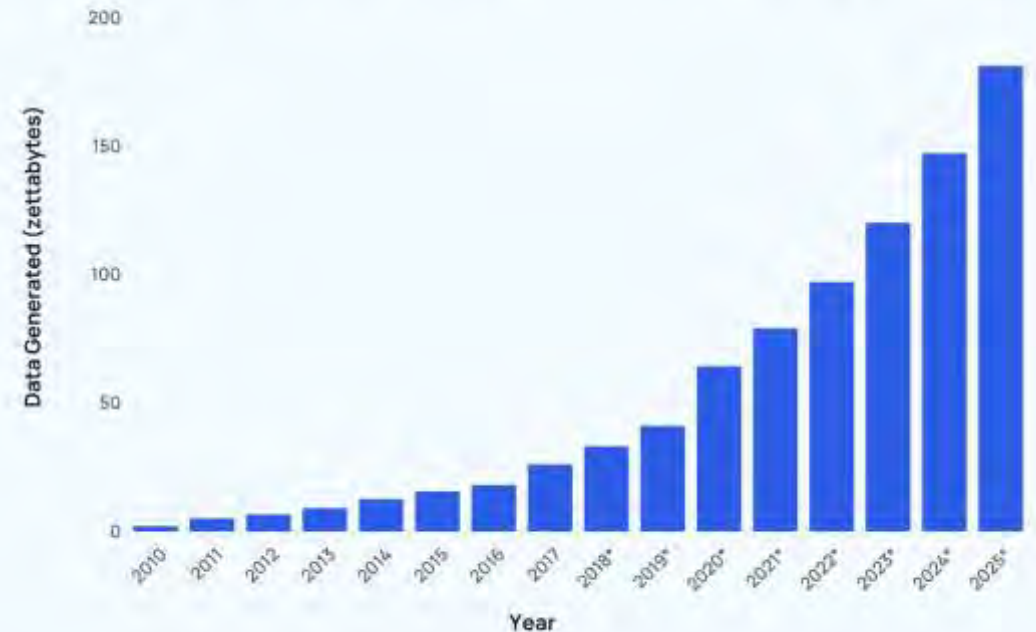
Vector search & database, data mining & ML

NVIDIA, Inc.

# Vectors are the language of AI

- Semantic search and AI are exploding as organizations want to **embed everything**
- **Exponential growth** over the past 7 years
- Accounts for **most new data** being stored
- Organizations **aren't able to use** most of their unstructured data
- Indexing is **time consuming**
- The largest organizations today require **trillion-vector scale**

Global Data Generated Annually



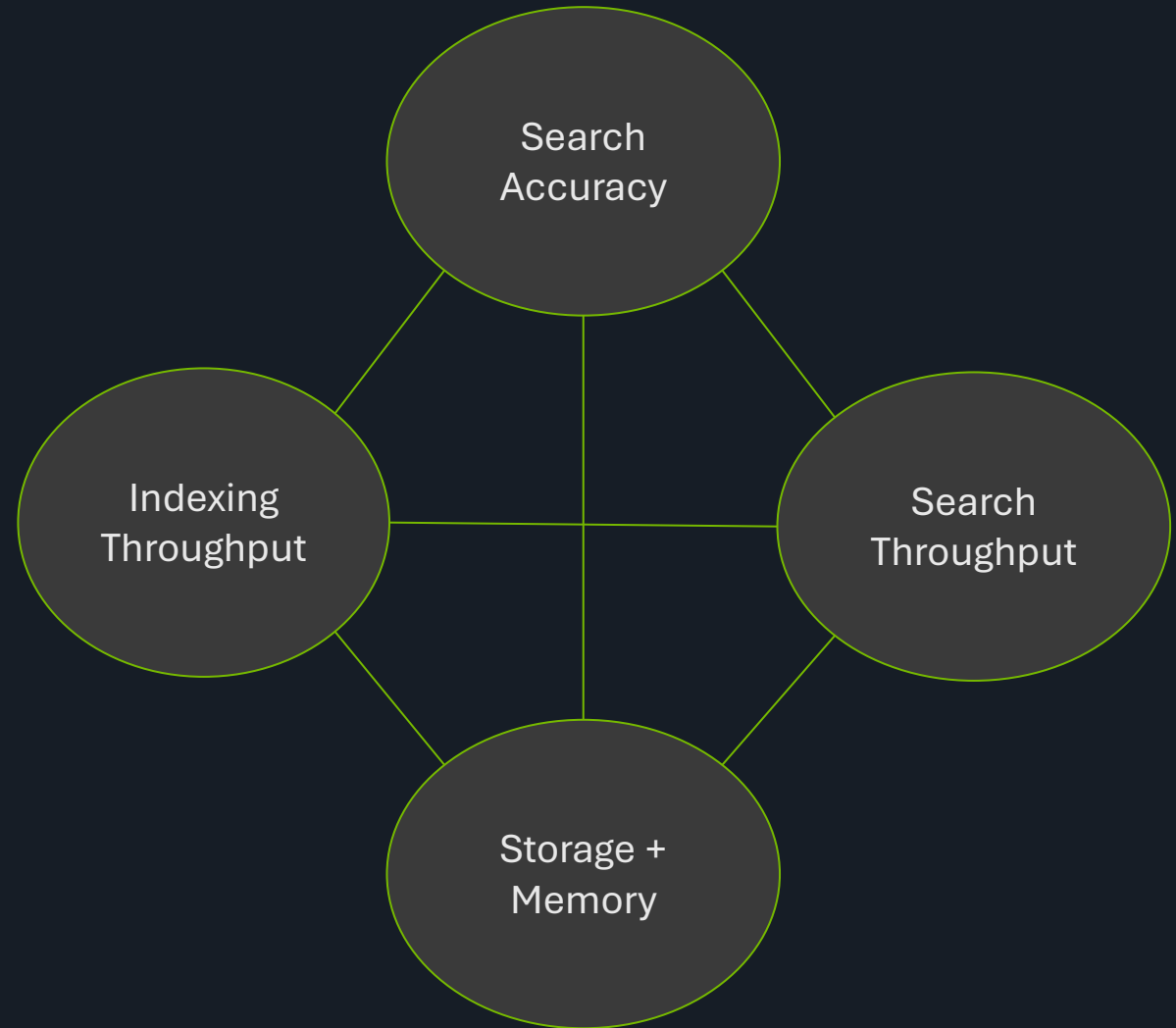
Video is responsible for over half (53.72%) of all global data traffic.





# It's all about trade-offs

- Vector search indexes are closer to **machine learning** than traditional databases
- **Highly accurate search** typically means **lower throughput** and **higher memory/storage**.
- **Higher throughput** typically means **lower accuracy** and/or **memory/storage**.
- Exact trade-offs are often workload specific, requiring a level of **tuning**.



# Challenges

## Index build

Accurate indexes can be slow to build

## Interoperability

CPU is often good enough for online vector retrieval

## Mixed Types

Real-world workflows require both structured and unstructured data

## Cost Efficiency

Idle GPUs are not cost effective



## Cost Efficiency

Mixed Types

Interoperability

Index build

# NVIDIA cuVS



**Best Performance**  
20X faster index build time, 11X lower latency



**Advanced Algorithms**  
Performance-tuned approximate nearest neighbor search



**Flexible Integration**  
Supports multiple languages including C, C++, Python, and Rust, for easy integration into vectorized data applications



**Interoperable**  
interoperable between CPU and GPU enabling index building on a GPU and searching on a CPU

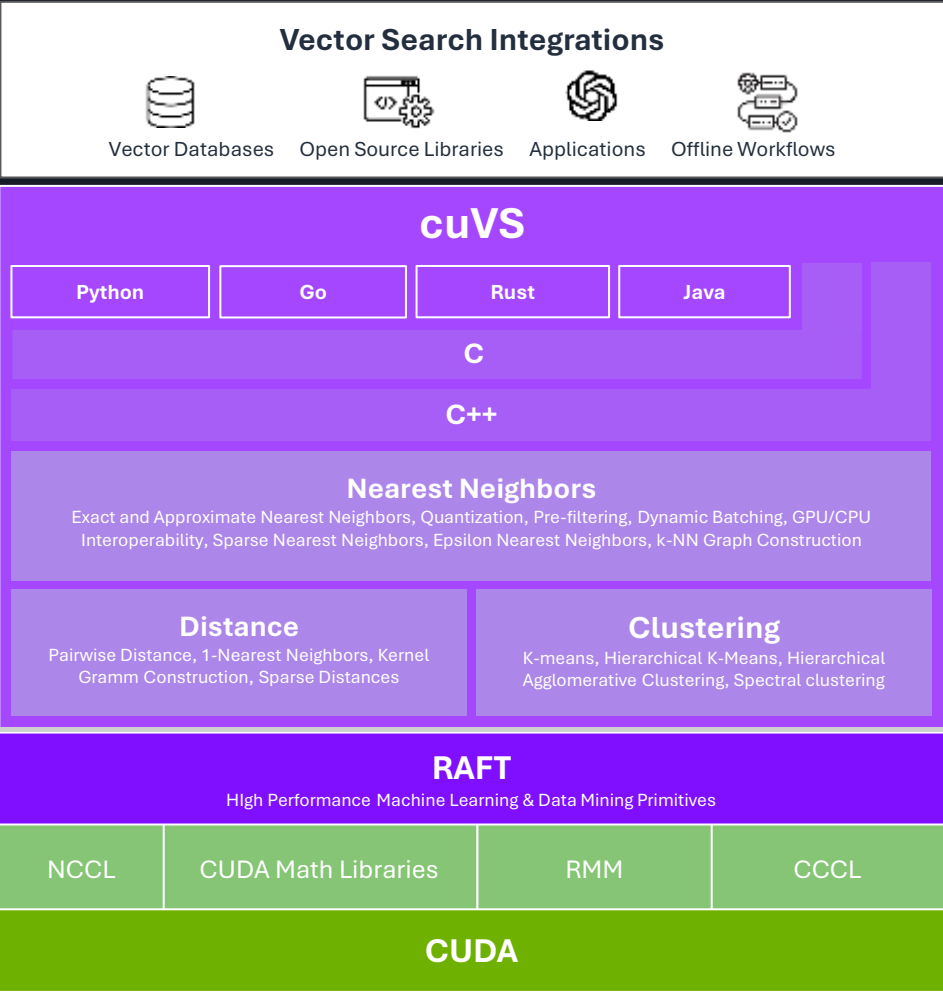


**Scalable**  
Enables massive-scale vector search and clustering workloads with GPU acceleration

Fully open source Apache 2.0 License



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<https://developer.nvidia.com/cuvs>

# CAGRA

GPU-Accelerated State-of-the-Art Graph-Based ANN

- Open-source, graph-based, *GPU-native algorithm*
- Parallelizes graph construction, *lowering build times* significantly
- Parallelizes *individual search queries* resulting in *high throughput*, especially for *large batches*
- *Lowers latency* for *online queries*

BIGANN 10M (128 Dim) Build Time

A10g vs AMD Graviton2



Wiki All 1M (768Dim) Build Time

A10g vs Intel Xeon Ice Lake





Cost Efficiency

Mixed Types

Interoperability

Index build

**NVIDIA cuVS Library**

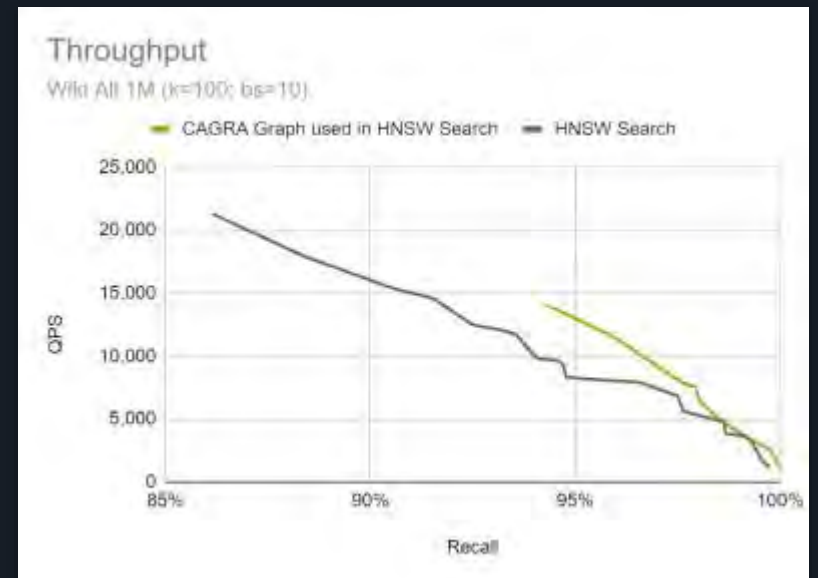


# Converting CAGRA to HNSW

Building index on GPU and searching on CPU

## Interoperability between CPU and GPU

- Building HNSW indexes is slow – can take **hours or days**
- CAGRA indexes can be **built 20x** faster than HNSW
- HNSW can search a graph **built with CAGRA**
- Flat CAGRA graph on CPU can even **outperform HNSW on CPU** search at larger dimensions





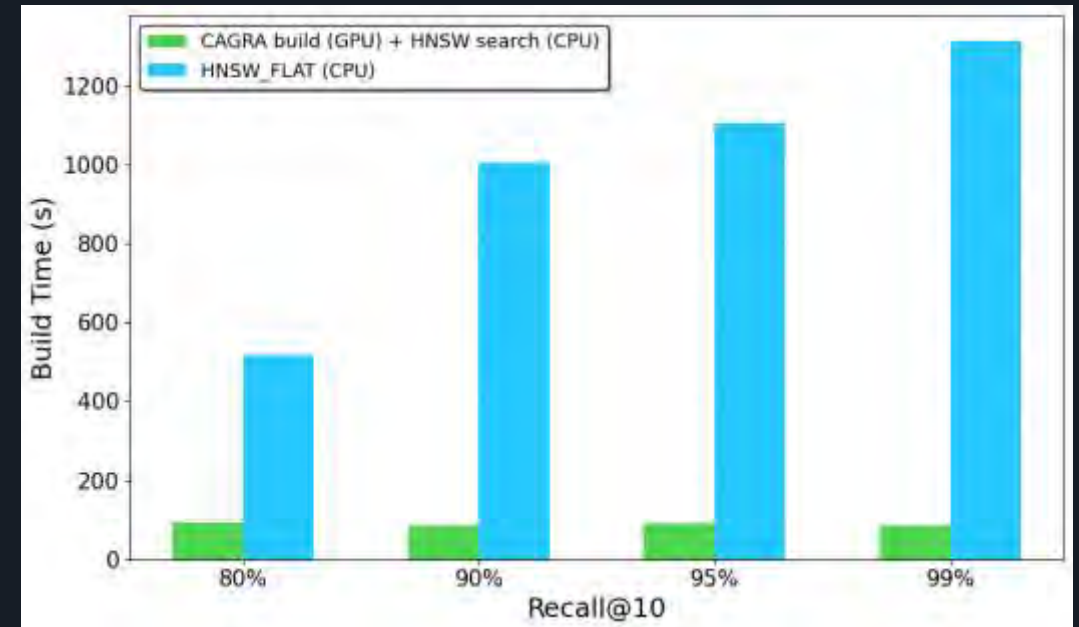
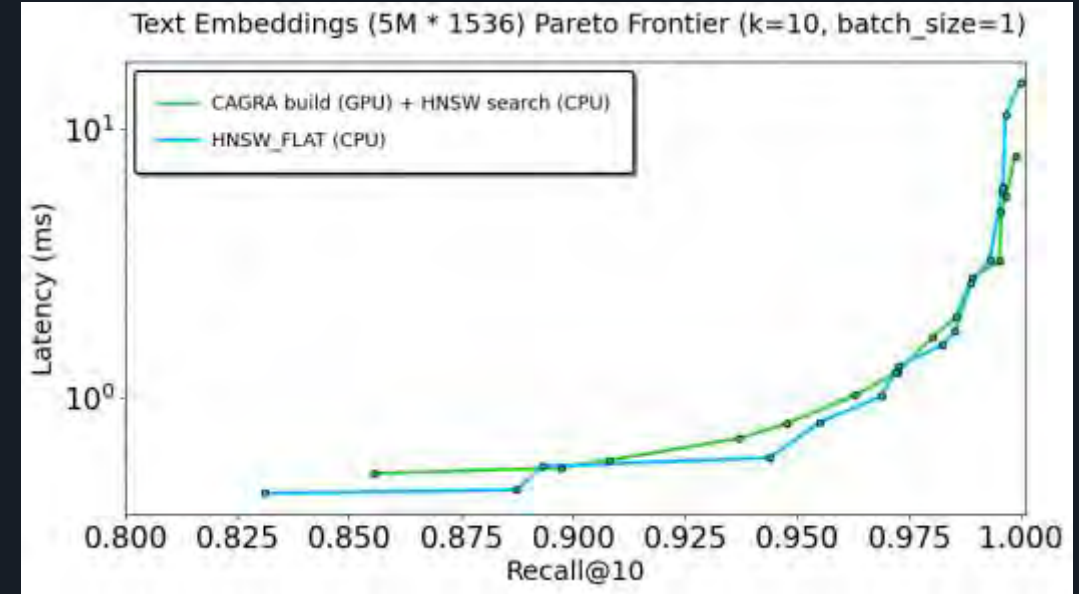
# Faiss Library w/ cuVS Backend

Collaboration between AWS, Meta, & NVIDIA

- Use *cuVS in Faiss* with minimal code change.
- Improved build and search performance *on the GPU*
- Build *indexes on GPU*, search on CPU

## OpenAI Dataset (5M x 1536)

H100 GPU and an Intel Xeon Platinum 8480CL CPU.





Cost Efficiency

Mixed Types

Interoperability

**Faiss Library**

Index build

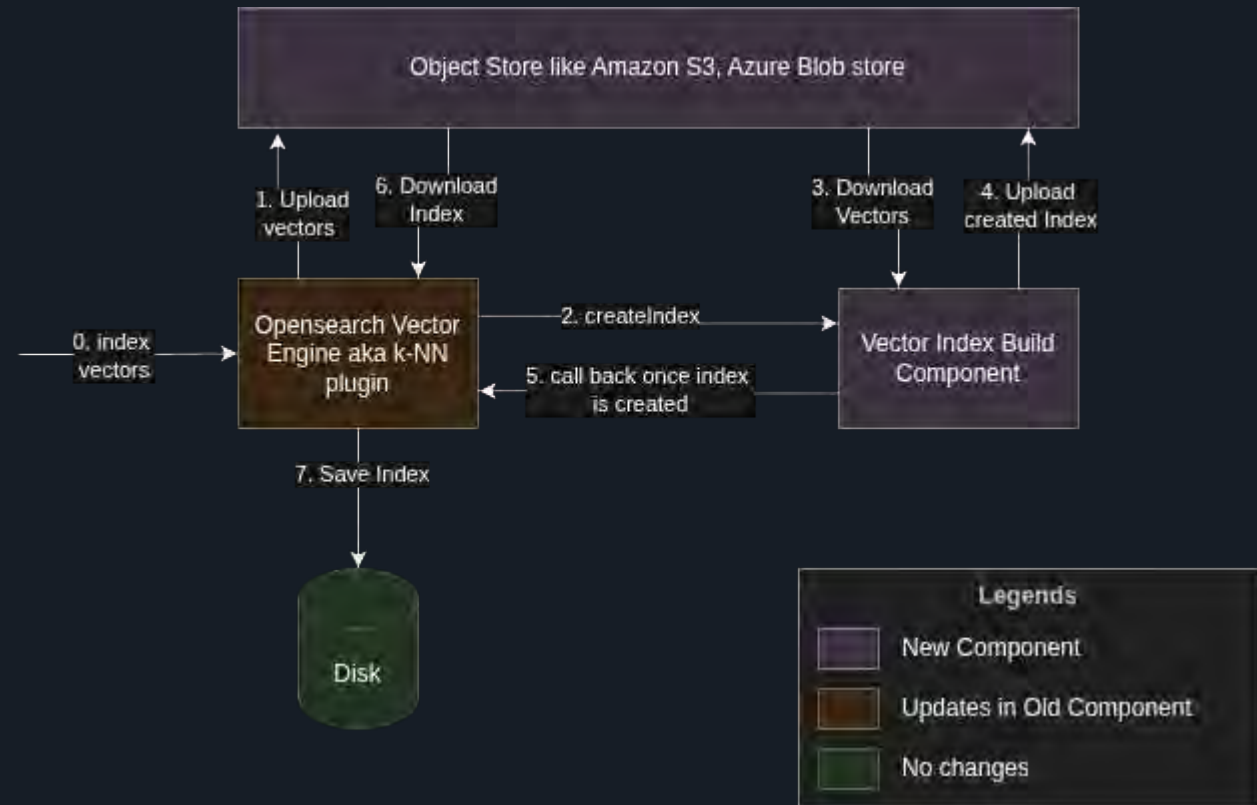
**NVIDIA cuVS Library**



# GPU-Acceleration in Amazon OpenSearch Service

NVIDIA and AWS bring cuVS to OpenSearch Service

- **Externalize index building** to a separate process
- Trivial **scale-out**
- Use GPU **only when it makes sense**



<https://opensearch.org/blog/gpu-accelerated-vector-search-opensearch-new-frontier/>



Cost Efficiency

Mixed Types

**OpenSearch Service**

Interoperability

**Faiss Library**

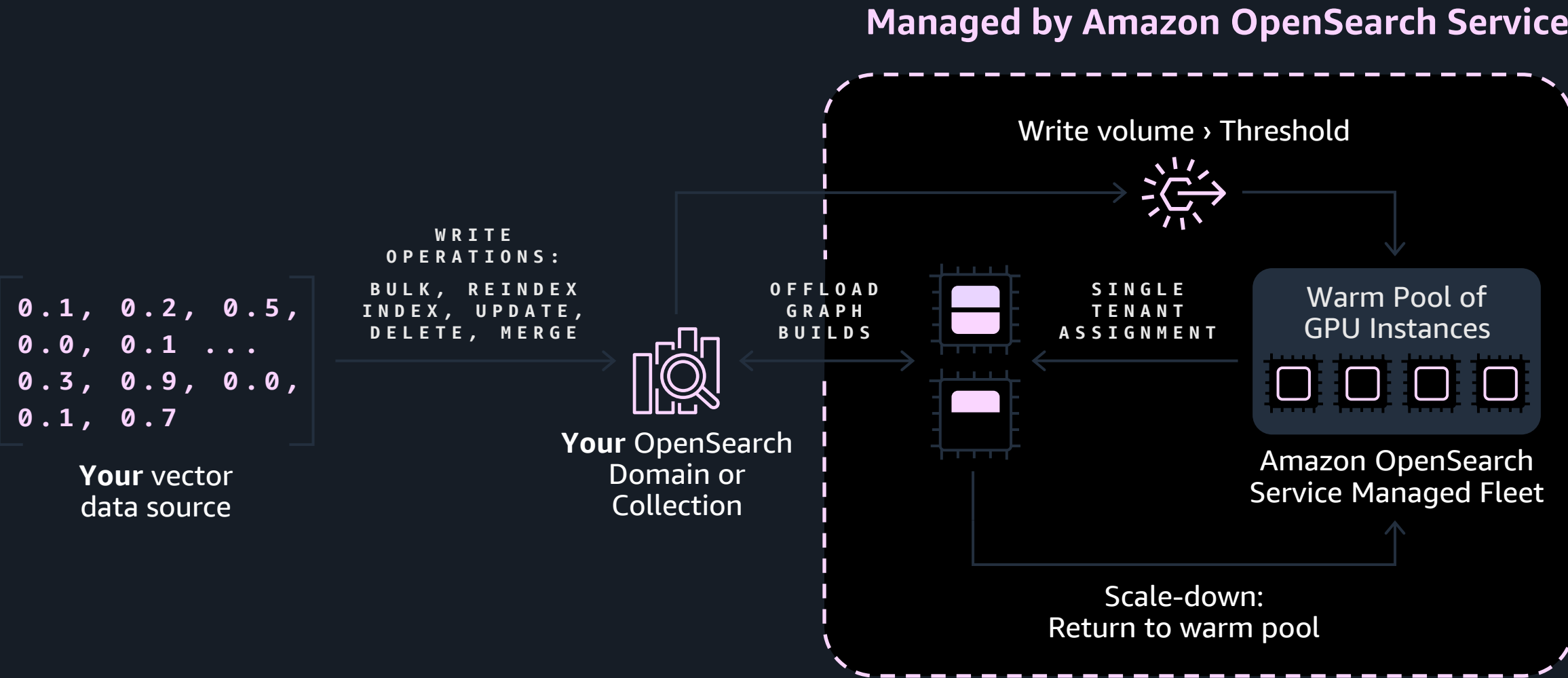
Index build

**NVIDIA cuVS Library**



# Serverless GPU-Accelerated Vector Indexing

Bringing cost efficiency and performance to OpenSearch Service



# Improved Performance and Cost Efficiency w/ Serverless GPU

Faster and lower cost vector ingest on the GPU

Dataset	CPU-Only		With GPU (OCU @ \$0.24/hr.)		Improvement	
	Index & Merge	Domain Cost during Index Build	Index & Merge	Total Costs During Index Build	Cost	Speed
Cohere Embed V2: 1Mx768	1.4 hr	\$1.00	9.9 min	\$0.13	12.0x	8.5x
Cohere Embed V2: 10Mx768	8.5 hr	\$37.82	36.8 min	\$3.10	12.2x	13.9x
Cohere Embed V3: 113Mx1024	28.7 hr	\$712.47	4.5 hr	\$121.70	5.9x	6.4x
SIFT 1Bx128	31.9 hr	\$1118.09	2.8 hr	\$109.86	10.2x	11.4x



Cost Efficiency

# OpenSearch Serverless GPU

Mixed Types

**OpenSearch Service**

Interoperability

**Faiss Library**

Index build

**NVIDIA cuVS Library**





# Summary

## Index build

cuVS can build more accurate indexes faster on the GPU

## Interoperability

Faiss library can build indexes on the GPU while enabling search on the CPU

## Mixed Types

OpenSearch Service enables structured, lexical, and unstructured search

## Cost Efficiency

OpenSearch Serverless GPU can build indexes up to 10x faster at 75% lower cost.

# Search Innovations



# Rich configurations, expert-driven process

Select Index Parameters

Build and Evaluate Index

Adjust Parameters and Repeat



1

Search latency

## Algorithms:

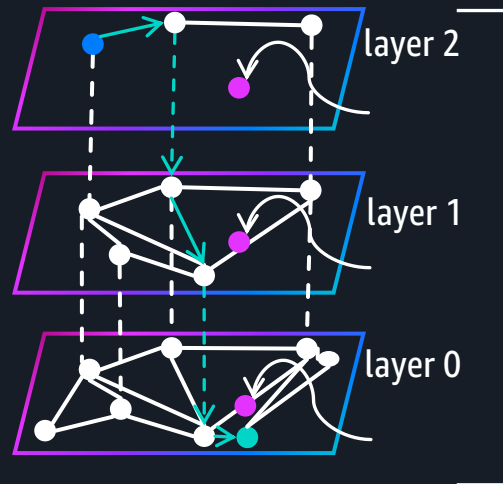
HNSW, ef\_construction, m...

## Quantization:

Scalar, Binary,  
Product

## Engine Settings:

Disk-optimized,  
In-memory,  
Infrequent Queries



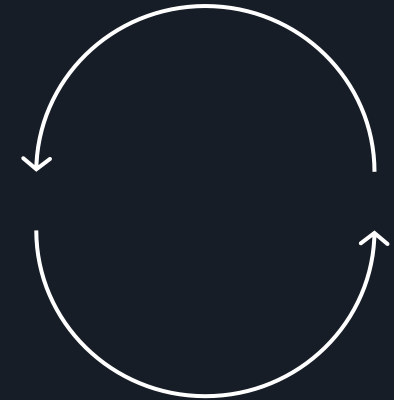
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Memory  
Footprint

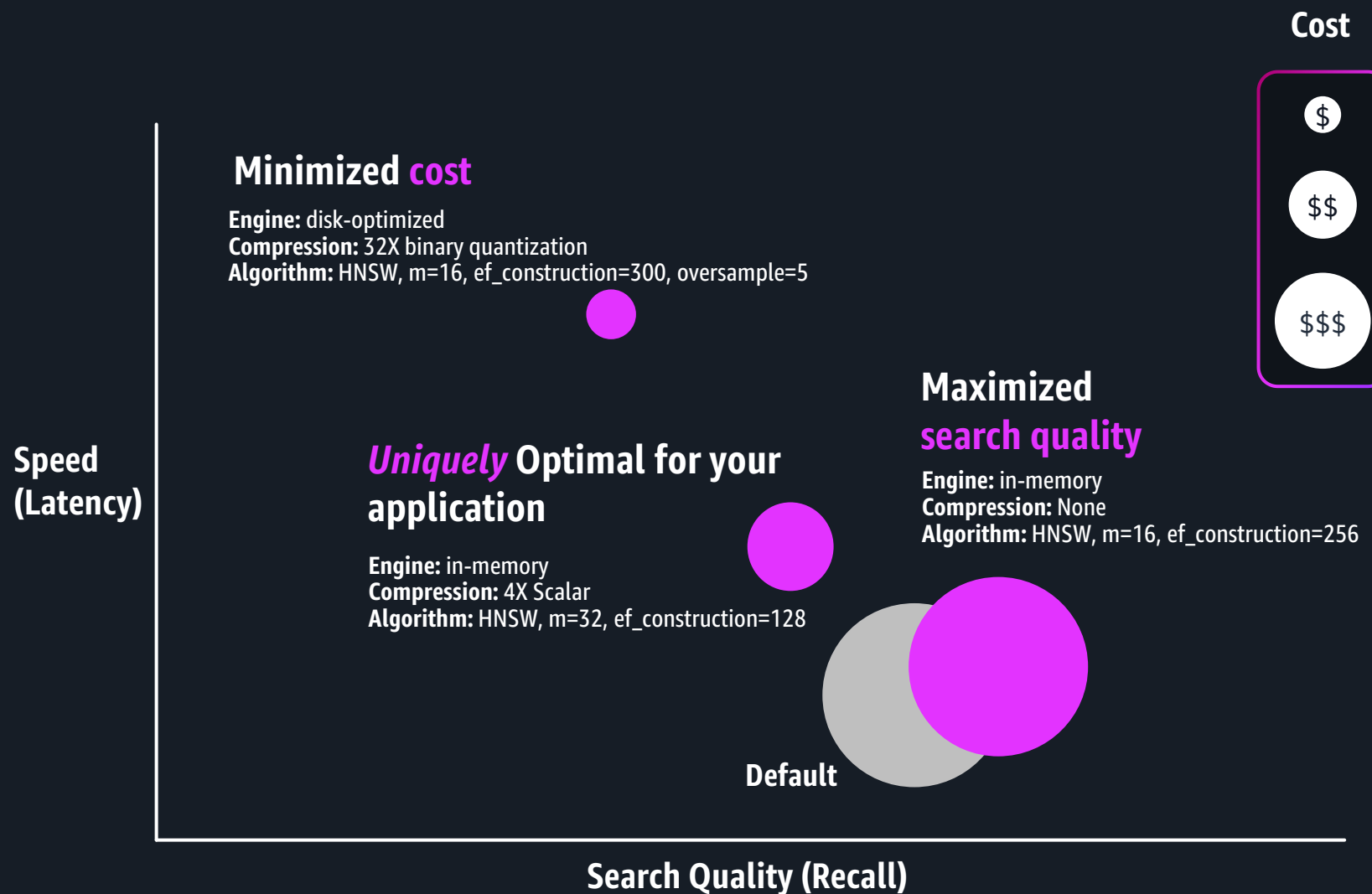
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Recall

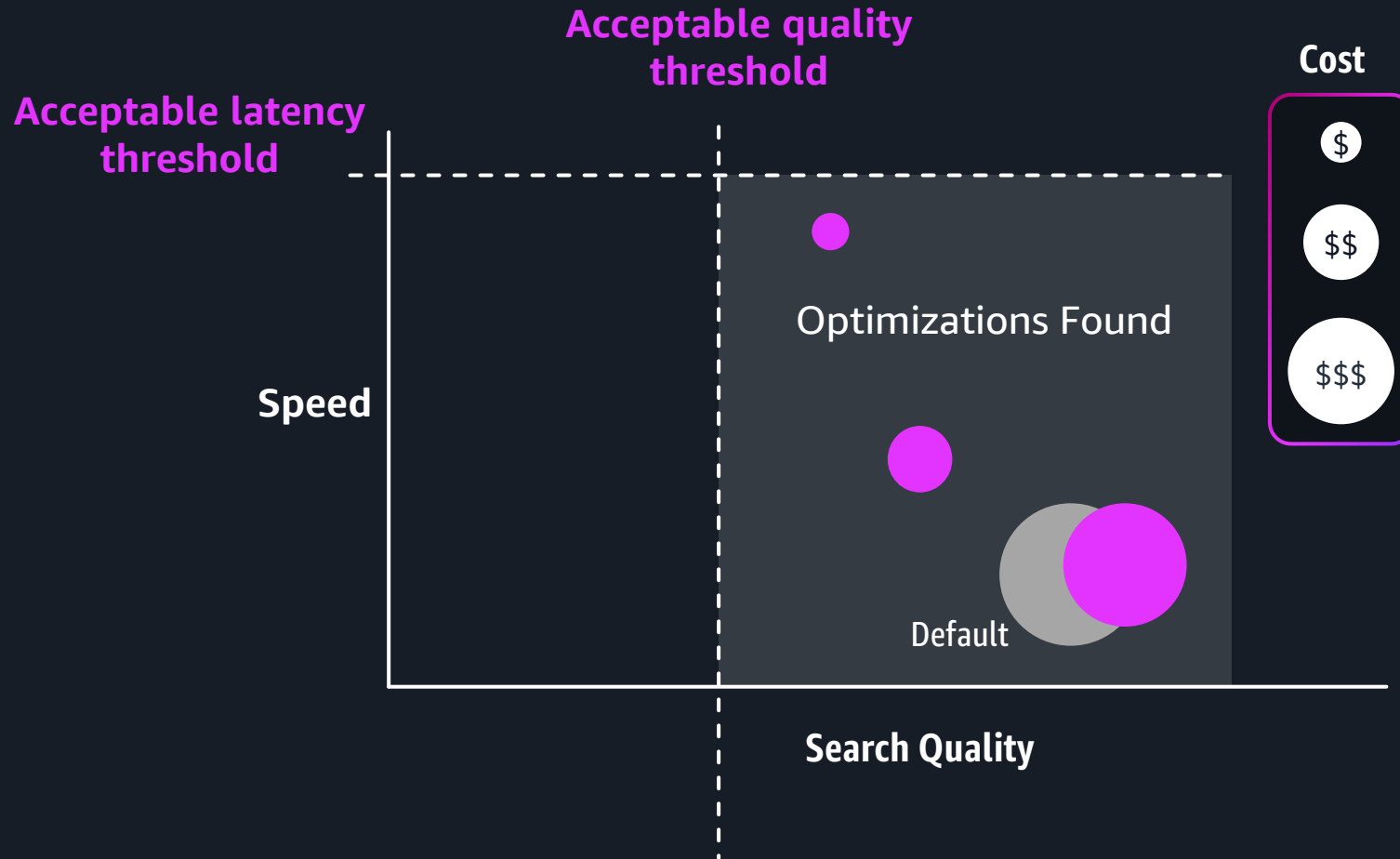
Exact (Brute-force) k-NN



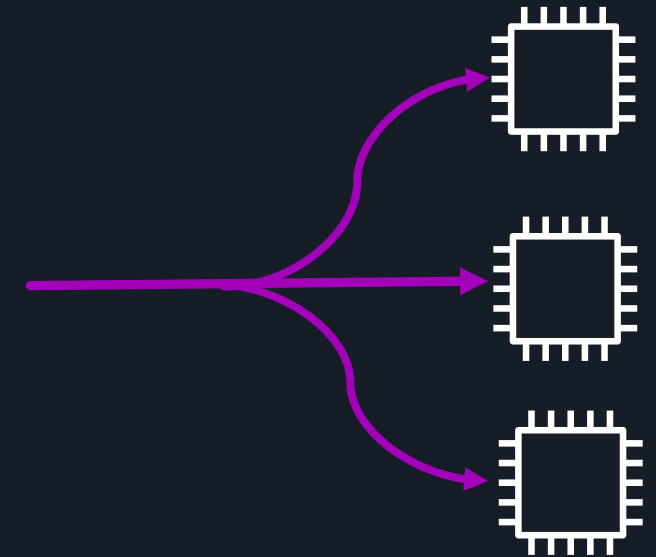
# Finding the Optimal trade-offs



# Let's simplify! Auto-optimize Vector Indexing



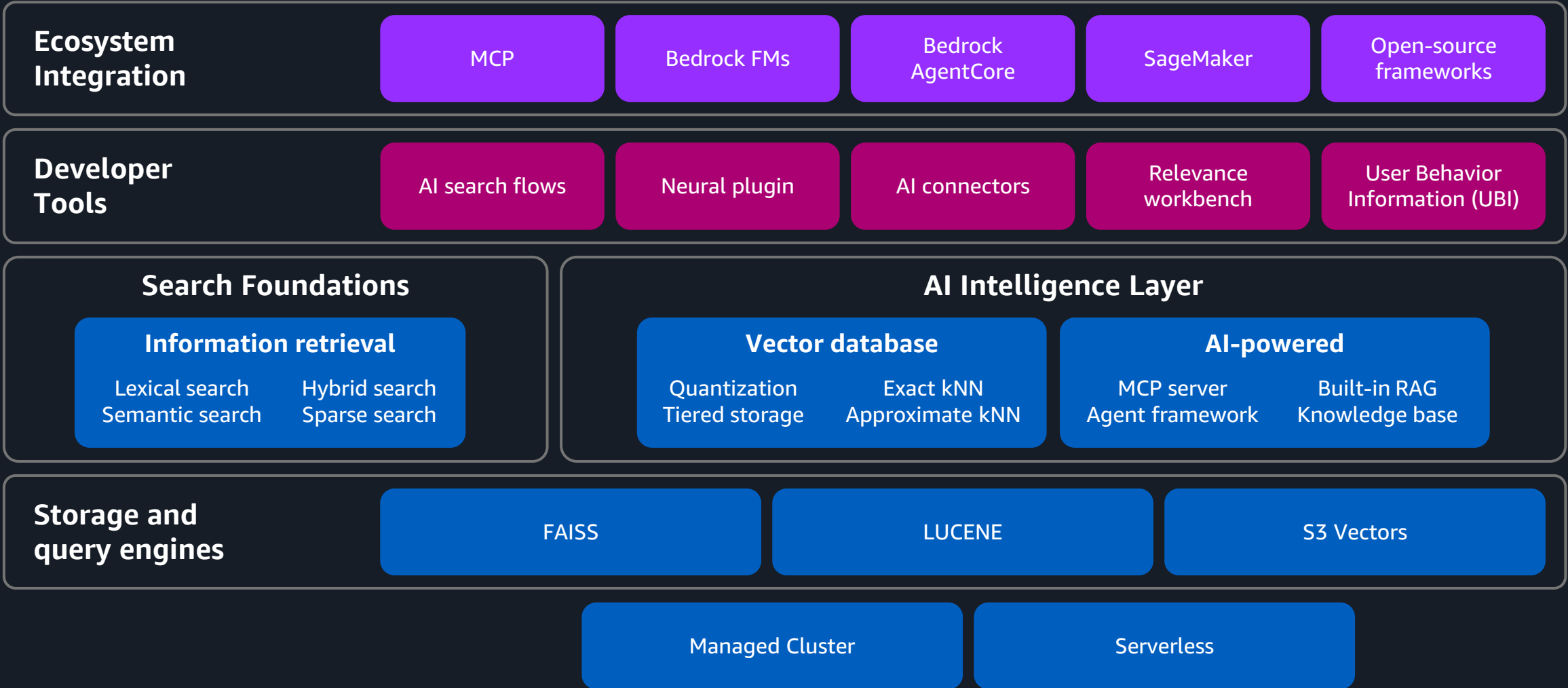
Parallelize Index Builds and Evaluations



Serverless Auto-optimize jobs with a predictable flat rate

# OpenSearch Service stack

BEYOND TRADITIONAL SEARCH



# Search for Agent driven workloads



## Agents need context

Even the best LLMs are effective only when they have relevant, timely, and complete context



## Agent workloads are dynamic

Highly concurrent and diverse queries, continuous indexing, and iterative



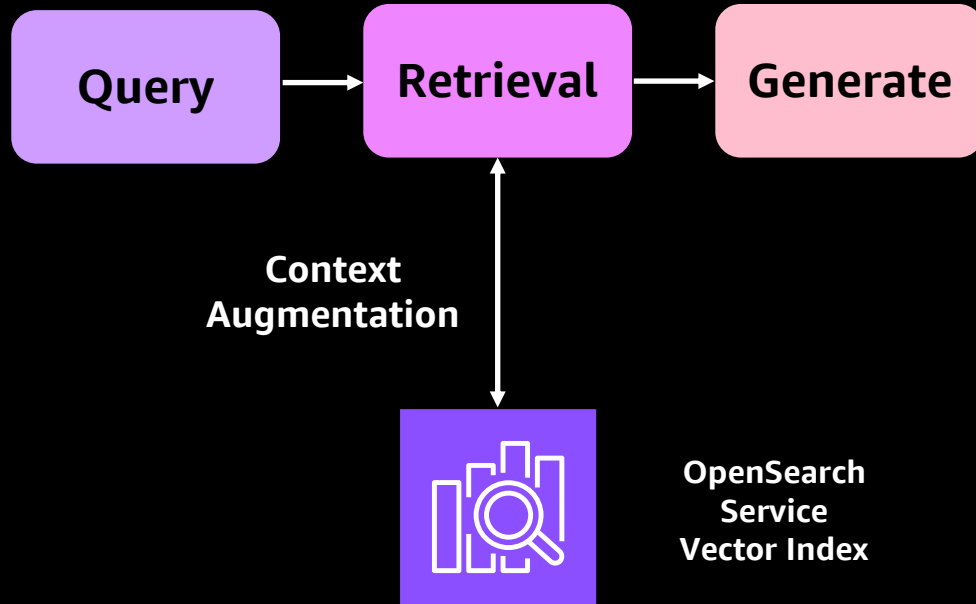
## Retrieval is the foundational layer

Gives agents access to context aware vector data at scale

Agents need relevant and accurate context for the task at hand



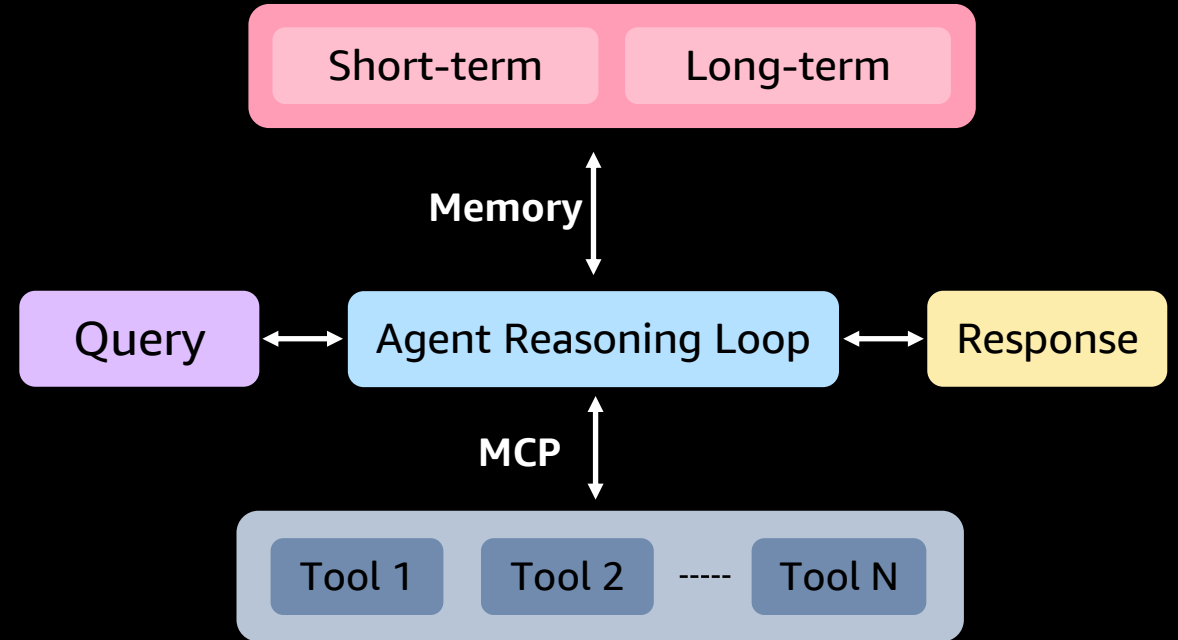
# Context enhancement with RAG and Agentic Search



RAG retrieves information, can't reason

RAG is static but can't adapt

RAG is single-turn, can't iterate



Agentic search is multi-turn and iterative

Reasoning driven retrieval

Access multiple tools and data sources

# OpenSearch Service building foundations for Agentic Search



MCP Server



Agentic Memory



Specialized  
Agents

# OpenSearch Service MCP integrations

Seamlessly connect with AI systems with external data and tools

- Built-in server, Standalone server, and MCP connector in OpenSearch Service and open source
- Growing list of tools (ListIndexTool, SearchIndexTool, QueryPlanningTool...)
- Support multiple OpenSearch Service clusters
- Secure Authentication with configurable MCP credential

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# OpenSearch Agentic Memory

OpenSearch v3.3



**Intelligent memory management for context**  
auto memory update, knowledge extraction, data drift

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**Ease of use with a REST API for memory operations**  
Add/delete, update, Search, Get...

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**Data life cycle management**  
temporal data, tiered storage

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**Security and access control**  
user access, index permissions, configure namespace access

# OpenSearch Specialized Agents

## Flow agent

Runs tools in a specified order.  
Use for: RAG

## Conversational agent

LLM sequences tool execution. Use  
for reasoning and conversation

## Plan-execute-reflect agent

LLM reasons based on tools. Use  
for long, exploratory processes

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                "You are a helpful assistant that can answer questions about products "
                "in your knowledge base. "
                " "
                "The knowledge base contains user questions and answers, with one "
                "search document per user question. Each search document also contains "
                "product information such as item name, product description, and brand name. "
                " "
                "You have tools that search based on matching the user question "
                "to the question in the search result, as well as lexical and semantic "
                "search against the product information. "
                " "
                "Because the knowledge base is organized by user questions, you may not "
                "get a broadly diverse range of product information in the search results, "
                "so try variants of the user question to get a wider range of products. "
                " "
                "First evaluate whether the user is asking a broad question about products, "
                "or a specific question about a product. If the question is broad, you will "
                "use the category, lexical, and semantic search tools to find products that "
                "are similar to the user's query. If it seems that the user question is about "
                "product features or use, you will use the Q&A search tool to find questions "
                "users have asked about products. "
                " "
                "In summarizing the search results include whether you approached the "
                "question as a broad product search or a specific product question. "
                " "
                "When summarizing search results from any of the tools, if there are search "
                "results, but none of them are relevant to the user question, summarize the "
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        agent_tools.get_categories_tool(index_name), # Include the categories tool
        agent_tools.list_index_tool(), # Include the list index tool
        agent_tools.index_mapping_tool(), # Include the index mapping tool
    ]
}
```

# OpenSearch Service Infrastructure Enhancements



# Amazon OpenSearch Service Infrastructure

## Scalability

1000 nodes and 25 PB in a single Cluster

## Availability

99.99% availability for production workloads

## Durability

11 9s of Durability with OpenSearch Optimized Instances

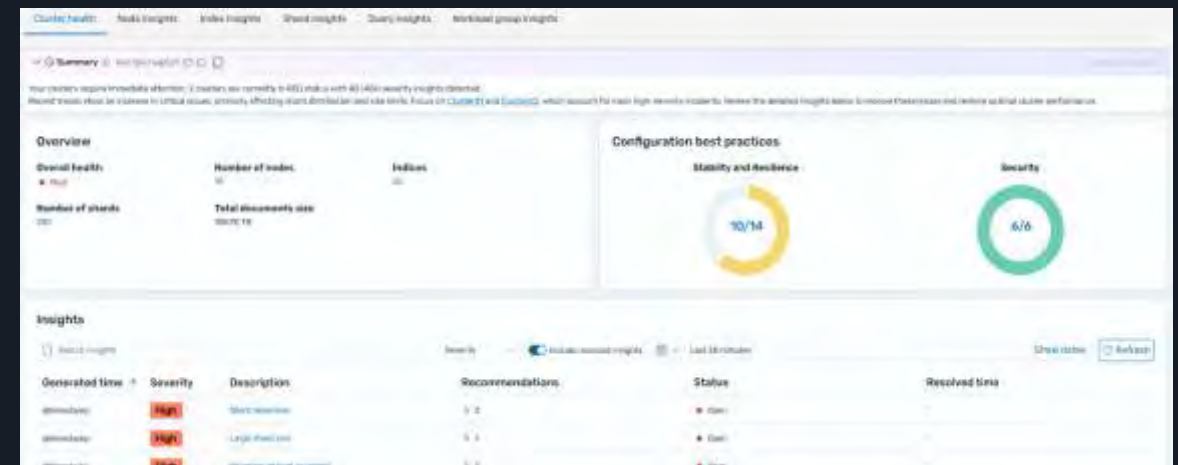
## Performance

OpenSearch 3.3 11x more performant than OpenSearch 1.0

# Improved Ease of Operations

## CLUSTER INSIGHTS

All-in-one dashboard transforms complex cluster management into streamlined operations with automated performance analysis and troubleshooting.



*\* Available on OpenSearch Service managed clusters 2.17+*



# Continuous Innovation

## OpenSearch Optimized Instances OR2 and OM2

- OR2: 26% indexing throughput improvement on OR1 and 70% improvement over R7g
- OM2: 15% indexing throughput improvement on OR1 and 66% improvement over M7g

**Derived source (2.19+)** reduces storage by 40% and with ~20% faster indexing and merges

Support for **custom script plug-ins**



# Amazon OpenSearch Serverless



## Easy to administer

No sizing, scaling, and tuning of clusters, and no shard and index lifecycle management



## Fast

Automatically scale resources to maintain consistently fast data ingestion rates and query response times



## Ecosystem

Get started in seconds using the same OpenSearch clients, pipelines, and APIs



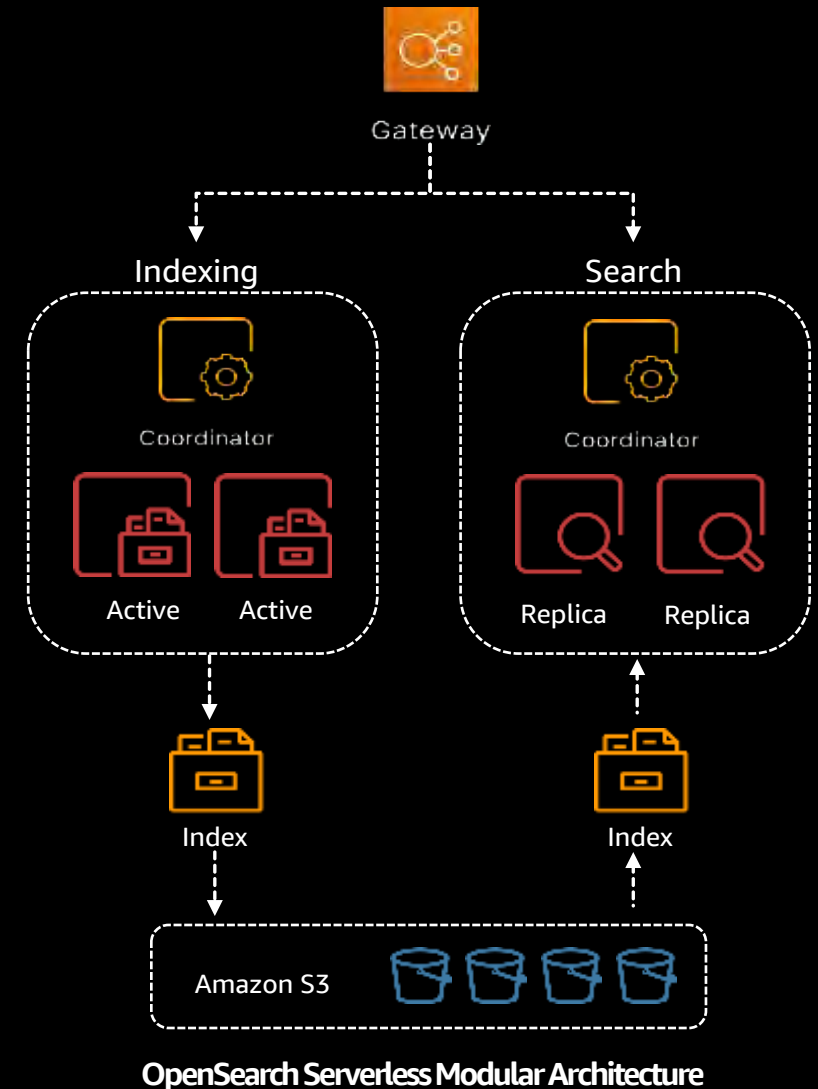
## Cost-effective

Pay only for the resources consumed

# OpenSearch Serverless Innovation

## New capabilities

- 100TB time-series collections
- Region expansion from 15 to 22 regions
- Data plane audit logging
- Snapshot restore



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