

VISA status report @ ALBA

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Timeline

2023

Team change:

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- Non-standardized deployment, redeployed whole VISA platform after project handover.
- Upgraded all components to v2.9.
- Deferred due to other major projects.

2024

 Upgraded all components to v2.11.

 Again, deferred a bit due to other major projects.

 Began re-implementation of k8s cloud provider from scratch.



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Timeline

- VISA in production for users by the end of the year.
- Kubernetes cloud provider available to collaboration.
- Upgrade all VISA components to v3.3.
- Refactor investigation and user ETL processes.
 New User Office application.
 Need to transfer data sources from old application to new one.



Work in progress



Current status

• Getting VISA ready for production availability by the end of 2025.

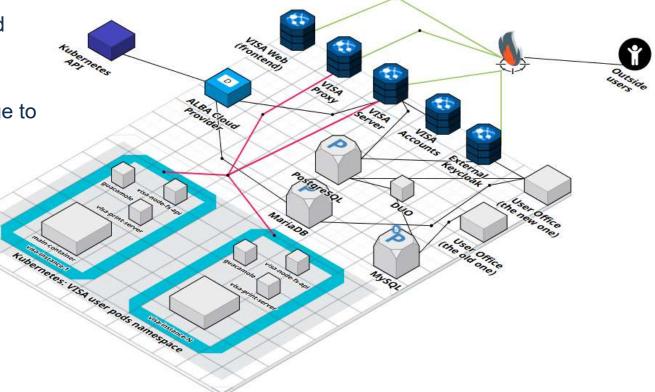
Finishing touches on the k8s cloud provider:

• Testing, testing, and more testing.

Add integration testing.

 Working on a base container image to use as template.

 Keeping repos up to date with originals from VISA.





Architecture



Current status

• VISA components still not deployed to the outside (sec. checks still not done).

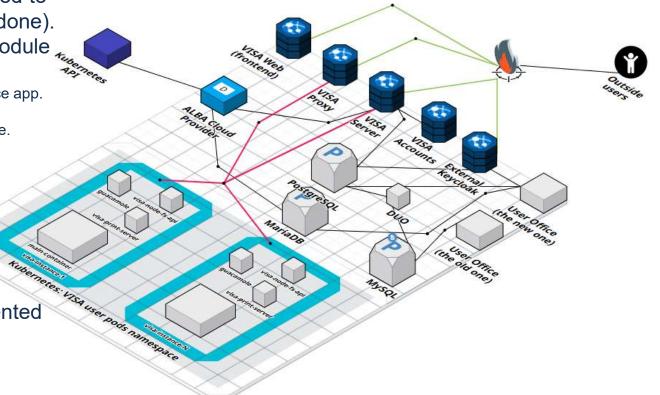
the outside (sec. oneons out.)
 Running custom SPI Keycloak module for user federation.

• Users will access VISA with their User Office app. credentials. Same thing for data catalogue.

• Separate Keycloak instance for this purpose.

 User and investigations synchronization:

- Ongoing User Office migration.
- · Users synced from new User Office.
- Investigations synced from old UO.
- Sync done via cron.
- Small REST API named 'DUO' for easy interfacing with old User Office.
- Security Groups service implemented inside k8s cloud provider.



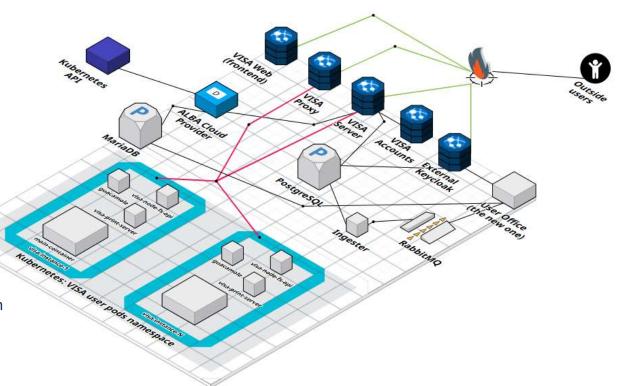


End of 2025



Future plans

- VISA publicly available for users in production.
- Run heavy security check before publication:
 - · Typical security checks.
 - Ensure instance isolation between instances and other services hosted in the cluster (set up appropriate k8s NetworkPolicies).
 - Review proper sandboxing of k8s hosted VISA instances.
- Changes to user and investigation sync.
 - · Remove all ETL crons.
 - Async synchronization directly from new User
 Office through a message queue and ingester
 (reusing component from data catalogue ingestion
 pipeline).
- Build production images.
- Update VISA docs of our instance.







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