

# **ECS - CASE STUDY**

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## BASIC TERMS

- ALB => Application Load Balancer
- ECR => Elastic Container Registry (Dockerhub)
- CodeCommit (Github)
- CodeDeploy (handles different deployment strategies)
- CodePipeline
- Deployment strategies: Recreate, Blue/Green and Canary

## **ECS (FARGATE)**

- Elastic Container Service
- Cluster
- Tasks (has containers)
- Services (ensures that Tasks are there if they crash)
- TaskDefinitions (blueprint for Tasks)

# CUSTOMER

- Small startup
- Price performance
  - Culture
  - Focus on the product
  - Infra as Code?
  - KISS
- 2 challenges

# CHALLENGE 1

## C1: ECS PREFECT

- Python framework for data workflow orchestration
- You have flows that have connected task
- Can use ECS as execution platform
- Flows run once a day/week
- Very memory hungry

# C1: ECS PREFECT

The screenshot displays the Prefect interface for a flow run. The main area shows a task graph with nodes and dependencies. The nodes are: `clone_repo-65e265c6-0`, `npm ci-a306482b-0`, `Build-a306482b-1`, `get_qualified_directory-d46e3dfa-0`, `npm version 1.113-a306482b-2`, `git fetch --all --tags-a306482b-3`, `Release 1.113-a306482b-4`, `create_release_branch-1acall`, `github_release-197f5fbc`, and `Clean up-7`. The flow run is titled `release-package` and is using the `prefect-ui-library` deployment. The work queue is `default`. The flow run started at `2023/03/07 03:28:31 PM` and lasted for `46s`. The run count is `1`. The flow run was created by `nicholas` and last updated at `2023/03/07 03:29:36 PM`. The flow run ID is `08d7f15e-28cf-46ab-9e3c-6c325ac89e7c`. The logs show the following messages:

```
Mar 7th, 2023
[INFO] Starting release for {repo} {version}
[INFO] Created task run 'get_qualified_directory-d46e3dfa-0' for task 'get_qualified_directory'
```

## C1: ECS PREFECT

[https://prefecthq.github.io/prefect-aws/ecs\\_guide/](https://prefecthq.github.io/prefect-aws/ecs_guide/)

## C1: ECS

- After some research:
- 1 service with 1 task => worker that spawns more tasks on demand
- the tasks that compute the flows should be FARGATE or FARGATE\_SPOT
- "lets do it quick in the console"

Thursday, June 8th



**Ignacius Orozco** 9:09 PM

Hahaha



**brodul (on/uni)** 9:28 PM

Joj jaz sem ravno danes hotel Spot Fargate Ecs nardit

kr banana

Prav zdi se mi, da providerji nocejo tega 😊



**Ignacius Orozco** 9:29 PM

Ne da nocejo, sam fargate ecs je perfekt platforma za spot

K prakticno ne opazis da je blo kej narobe

Tko da vsi to laufajo



**brodul (on/uni)** 9:31 PM

Sli so pa so skril iz novega in starega dashboarda

tako, da brez CLI ali coud formation sploh ne mores provisionat

Danes sem bil tko bom jaz to mal nakliku 😊

potem pa formaliziru



**Ignacius Orozco** 9:36 PM

Huuh to je pa cudno

A si sure?



**brodul (on/uni)** 9:36 PM

Vcasih si mel FARGATE\_SPOT capacity provider build in. Zdej ga pa ni vec.

Ce mi najdes guide ki ni starejsi od 12 mescev ti bom hvalezen.

Tko je pa ful enga bullsitiranja, kok se da prisparat, sam noben pa zares tega ne nardi 😊

Zdej moras ene 4 "bolj ali manj skrite"" stvari nastavit (edited)

Mogoce sem pa sam slep ali pa je kaksna finta z regijo/ostalo

Bom itak jutri zjutraj to delal. 😊



**Ignacius Orozco** 9:46 PM

image.png ▾

▼ **Infrastructure** Info

Your cluster is automatically configured for AWS Fargate (serverless) with two capacity providers. Add Amazon EC2 instances, or external instances using ECS Anywhere.

AWS Fargate (serverless)

Pay as you go. Use if you have tiny, batch, or burst workloads or for zero maintenance overhead. The cluster has Fargate and Fargate Spot capacity providers by default.

**@brodul (on/uni)** men tole pise k cluster dalam

tko da pomoje jih ze po defaultu mas

in se kje drugje oznaci da hoces spot



**brodul (on/uni)** 10:01 PM

Sej pravim pri meni ni spot providerja

pise pa svasta 😊

Ene 30 minut sem gledal pa sem bil tko WTF

Isto kot za Github action prej 😊

In theory it works

Jutri bom CloudFormation napisal pa zdeployal pa bo najbolj simple



**Ignacius Orozco** 10:34 PM

**@brodul (on/uni)** prov mas

sm zdele pogledu kak obstojec cluster in kar ne vidim fargate spot providerja (edited)

oz. eni ga majo, eni pa ne

pa majo fargate enejblan

neki cudn se tole obnasa



**brodul (on/uni)** 10:42 PM

tnx

kdaj res ne vem, a sem sam jaz tok bebav ali so stvari mal cudne

↓ Late



**Ignacius Orozco** 10:43 PM

sm sel pogledat se v star ECS interface

pa ga tam tut ni

tko da sm mal mindfucked



**brodul (on/uni)** 10:44 PM

ja, jaz sem isto mislil da je samo nov UI issue

pa ga na starem tudi ni

Za Github action vsaj vem da sem hittal ze ene 4 odprte buge



**Ignacius Orozco** 10:58 PM

nja ne vem

sm zdele se mal raziskoval pa si ne znam razlozit

sporoc ce bos kej ugotovu

9 replies



**brodul (on/uni)** 14 days ago

Mal mam feeling, da default capacity providerja ne pobere in je treba bit expliciten tudi na servicu



**Ignacius Orozco** 14 days ago

sam to je preko API, kaj pa v vmesniku?



**brodul (on/uni)** 14 days ago

men ni ratal



**brodul (on/uni)** 14 days ago

PAc ce hocem naredit

FARGATE\_SPOT

CapacityProviderStrategy prek vmesnika mi rece, da se ne zme zacet z FARGATE



**brodul (on/uni)** 14 days ago

form validation



**brodul (on/uni)** 14 days ago



**brodul (on/uni)** 14 days ago

Tudi nekega tutoriala nisem nasel, ki nebi bil outdatan



**brodul (on/uni)** 14 days ago

I guess



**brodul (on/uni)** 14 days ago

Neki majo sfukan

## **C1: SETUP DONE**

- Used existing CloudFormation templates provided by Prefect community
- Configured Github actions Workflows to address specifics
  - Docker image
  - other
- Some modification to code
  - ENV configuration
  - AWS client initialization

"AWS offers you unlimited scaling ..."

" ... until you hit an AWS service qouta"

# FARGATE ECS

## Supported Configurations

CPU	Memory Values
0.25 vCPU	0.5 GB, 1 GB, and 2 GB
0.5 vCPU	Min. 1 GB and Max. 4 GB, in 1 GB increments
1 vCPU	Min. 2 GB and Max. 8 GB, in 1 GB increments
2 vCPU	Min. 4 GB and Max. 16 GB, in 1 GB increments
4 vCPU	Min. 8 GB and Max. 30 GB, in 1 GB increments
8 vCPU	Min. 16 GB and Max. 60 GB, in 4 GB increments
16 vCPU	Min. 32 GB and Max. 120 GB, in 8 GB increments

# 64 vCPU -> 2000 vCPU

<p>AWSServiceRoleForServiceQuotas/CaseManager (Role)</p> <p>Fri Jun 16 2023 10:30:47 GMT+0200 (Central European Summer Time)</p>	<p>Limit Increase request 1</p> <p>Service: AWS Fargate</p> <p>Region: US East (Northern Virginia)</p> <p>Limit name: Fargate Spot vCPU resource count</p> <p>New limit value: 2000.0</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Use case description: This support case was created by Service Quotas</p>
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andraz (AM)

Tue Jun 20 2023  
11:16:22 GMT+0200  
(Central European  
Summer Time)

Hello,  
that's great news. But there is an error.  
I checked the qouta in the Console and it's still at 64 vCPU

Best Andraz

Attachments

[Selection\\_024.jpg](#)



Amazon Web  
Services

Tue Jun 20 2023  
04:00:48 GMT+0200  
(Central European  
Summer Time)

Translate ▼

Hello there,  
Thank you for your patience and detailed use case.

I am glad to inform your request has been approved for limit increase as follows :

Service: AWS Fargate  
Region: US East (Northern Virginia)  
Limit name: Fargate Spot vCPU resource count  
New limit value: 2000.0

Please allow up to 30 minutes for the new quota to take effect and become available for use.

Was this response helpful? Click here to rate:





Amazon Web Services

Wed Jun 21 2023  
02:42:43 GMT+0200  
(Central European Summer Time)

Translate ▼

Hello there,

I'm really sorry to know that the limits shows same as before.

I've checked for you and could see that spot vCPU quota has been increased to 2000. However, I'd like to confirm that there's no confusion between Amazon Elastic Container Service (Amazon ECS) and AWS Fargate quotas .

In order to process your request, confirm if you would like to opt in to or out of Amazon Elastic Container Service (Amazon ECS) Fargate, Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (Amazon EKS) Fargate, or both.

Was this response helpful? Click here to rate:

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Below Average

andraz  
AM)

Wed Jun 21 2023  
16:45:39 GMT+0200  
(Central European  
Summer Time)

Hello,

I clicked through all the regions and I see that there is a quota increase in eu-central-1 Frankfurt of 4,000, but we requested a quota increase in US East (Northern Virginia).

I can see that the limit in Northern Virginia is 64 vCPU (please see the image attached).

We would like to use ECS with Fargate Spot Capacity Provider. I checked all the ECS quotas and we don't reach the limit. But we do reach the limit on the vCPU Fargate Spot quota (please see the image attached). We are currently interested in using ECS and not EKS.

I checked the link that you provided and figured that I requested the quota increase described in the documentation.

Can you double check? In which region was the quota increased? What is the reason that I can't see it on my end?

Attachments

[Selection\\_030.jpg](#)

## Fargate On-Demand vCPU resource count

### Details

#### Description

The number of Fargate vCPUs running concurrently as Fargate On-Demand in this account in the current Region.

#### Quota code

#### Quota ARN

am:aws:servicequotas:eu-central-1:fargate/

#### Utilization

#### Applied quota value

#### AWS default quota value

#### Adjustable

0

4,000

6

Yes

### Monitoring



Amazon Web  
Services

Mon Jun 26 2023  
22:50:25 GMT+0200  
(Central European  
Summer Time)

Translate ▼

Hello there,

Sebastian here from the billing and accounts team. Thank you very much for your time and patience while we worked on your request.

I'm happy to inform you that after relentlessly pushing to expedite the several validations needed, and advocating in your behalf as strongly as possible, I have been able to approve your limit increase request as follows:

Limit increase request 1  
Service: AWS Fargate  
Region: US East (Northern Virginia)  
Limit name: Fargate Spot vCPU resource count  
New limit value: 2000

Was this response helpful? Click here to rate:



## Learnings:

- Never open a support ticket on free tier support
- Qouta increases can take time. In our case 10 days

## RATE LIMITING

```
Submission failed.  
botocore.errorfactory.ClientException:  
An error occurred (ClientException) when  
calling  
the RegisterTaskDefinition operation:  
Too many concurrent attempts to create  
a new revision of the specified family.
```

- 1 req/s Register / UnRegister Task Definition calls
- 10 req/s Task run call => 100/s Task runs total

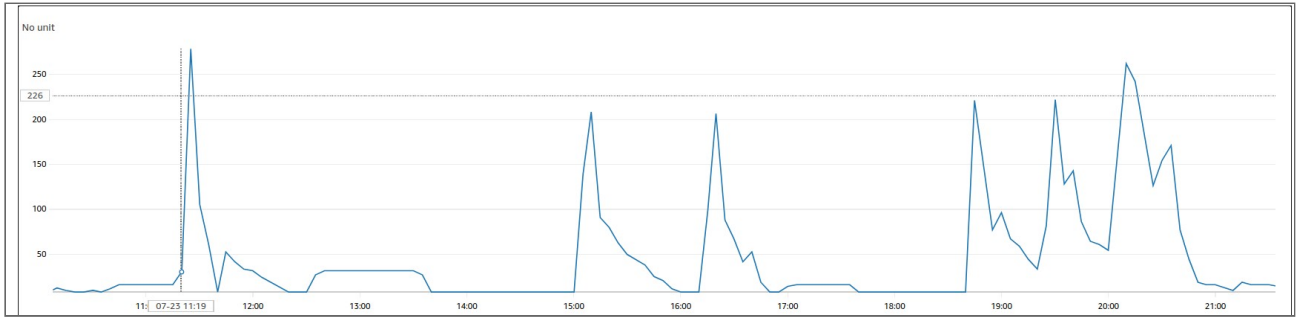
## PREFECT-AWS CODE

```
def register_task_definition(
    self, ecs_client: ECSCClient,
    task_definition: dict) -> str:
    """
    Register a new task definition with AWS.
    """
    # TODO: Consider including a global cache
    #       for this task definition since
    #       registration of task definitions
    #       is frequently rate limited
    task_definition_request =
copy.deepcopy(task_definition)

    # [...]

    return response["taskDefinition"]
["taskDefinitionArn"]
```

# FARGATE SPOT VCPU



# CHALLENGE 2

## C2: RESTFUL PYTHON API

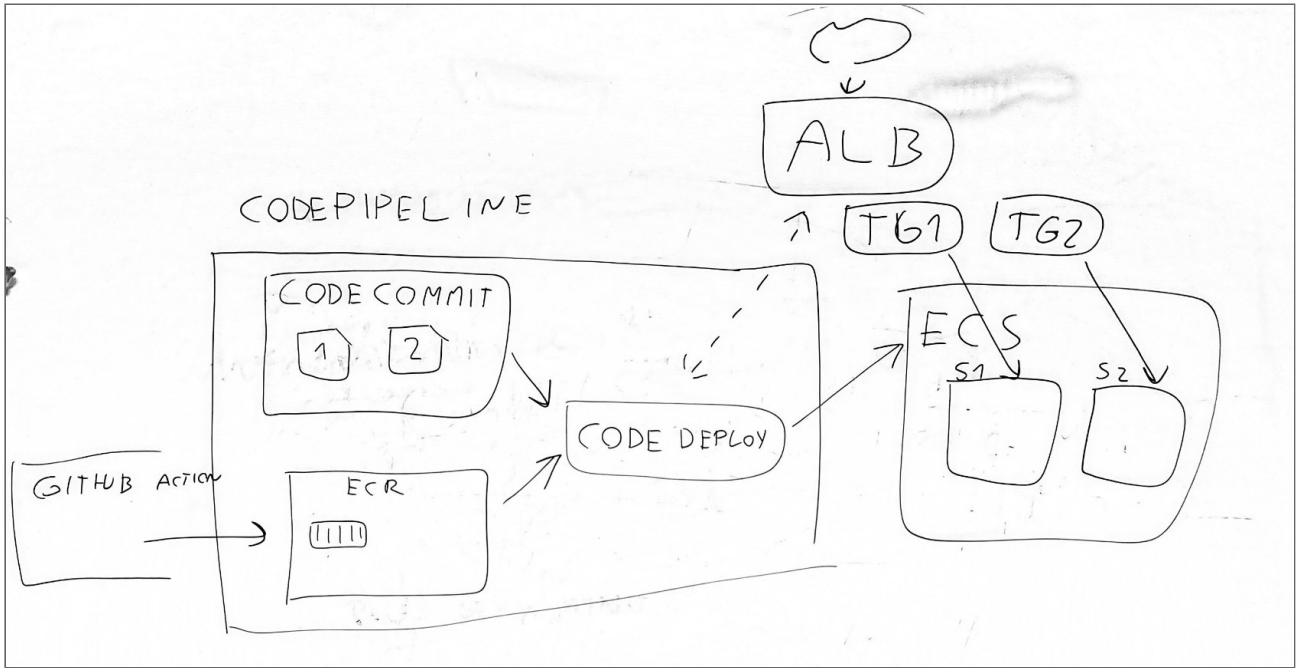
- Serves data from RDS
- Container
- Blue/green
- Potential to scale

## C2: POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

- Kubernetes - AWS EKS
- AWS AppRunner
- AWS ECS
- ...

## **C2: JUST FOLLOW THE TUTORIAL**

**Tutorial: Create a pipeline with an Amazon ECR source and ECS-to-CodeDeploy deployment**



# APPSPEC.YAML

```
version: 0.0
Resources:
  - TargetService:
      Type: AWS::ECS::Service
      Properties:
        TaskDefinition: <TASK_DEFINITION>
        LoadBalancerInfo:
          ContainerName: "sample-website"
          ContainerPort: 80
```

## TASKDEF.JSON

```
{
  "executionRoleArn":
  "arn:aws:iam::account_ID:role/ecsTaskExecutionR
ole"
  "containerDefinitions": [
    {
      "name": "sample-website",
      "image": "<IMAGE1_NAME>",
      "essential": true,
      "portMappings": [
        {
          "hostPort": 80,
          "protocol": "tcp",
          "containerPort": 80
        }
      ]
    }
  ],
  "requiresCompatibilities": [
    "FARGATE"
  ],
  "networkMode": "awsvpc",
  "cpu": "256",
  "memory": "512",
  "family": "ecs-demo"
}
```

## C2: IAC TERRAFORM

```
brodul:infrastructure/ (api_deploy) $ cloc modules
  13 text files.
  13 unique files.
   0 files ignored.

github.com/AlDanial/cloc v 1.96  T=0.05 s (262.5 files/s, 16130.6 lines/s)
-----
Language             files      blank     comment     code
-----
HCL                   13         115         66         618
-----
SUM:                  13         115         66         618
-----
```

Diagnosics

**Error: updating ECS Service (arn:aws:ecs:us-east-1:123456789012:service/spork-app\_cluster/spork-app): InvalidParameterException: Unable to update task definition on services with a CODE\_DEPLOY deployment controller. Use AWS CodeDeploy to trigger a new deployment.**  
with module.aws\_ecs.aws\_ecs\_service.this  
on ../modules/api\_ecs2/ecs-service.tf line 1, in resource "aws\_ecs\_service" "this":

```
resource "aws_ecs_service" "this" {
```

>  module.aws\_ecs.aws\_codepipeline.this ✓ Updated id=spork-app-pipeline

>  module.aws\_ecs.aws\_ecs\_service.this ✗ Update Failed id=arn:aws:ecs:us-east-1:123456789012:service/spork-app\_cluster/spork-app

>  module.aws\_ecs.aws\_s3\_bucket.this ✓ Created id=spork-app-codedeploy-spec

>  module.aws\_ecs.aws\_s3\_object.appspec\_yaml ✓ Created id=appspec.yml

>  module.aws\_ecs.aws\_s3\_object.taskdef\_json ✓ Created id=taskdef.json

✘ Error: creating ECS Service (spork-app): InvalidParameterException: TaskDefinition is delete\_in\_progress  
with module.api\_ecs.aws\_ecs\_service.this  
on ../modules/api\_ecs2/ecs-service.tf line 1, in resource "aws\_ecs\_service" "this":

```
resource "aws_ecs_service" "this" {
```

## Learnings:

- Don't think just follow the tutorial
- Some of the objects are immutable sometimes (managed by CodeDeploy)
- Sometimes it's hard to delete Task Definitions (or to find potential orphans)

 andraz triggered a **speculative plan** from API a few seconds ago

 **Plan finished** a few seconds ago

Started a minute ago > Finished a few seconds ago

+ 40 to create

Filter resources by address...

Filter by action ▾

Show data sources

▼ Diagnostics



**Warning: Argument is deprecated**

with `module.ecs_api.aws_s3_bucket.pipeline`  
on `../../../../modules/ecs_api/code-pipeline.tf` line 4, in resource "aws\_s3\_bucket" "pipeline":

```
policy = <
```

Use the `aws_s3_bucket_policy` resource instead

- > +  `module.ecs_api.aws_codecommit_repository.this`
- > +  `module.ecs_api.aws_codedeploy_app.this`
- > +  `module.ecs_api.aws_codedeploy_deployment_group.this`
- > +  `module.ecs_api.aws_codepipeline.this`
- > +  `module.ecs_api.aws_default_route_table.public`
- > +  `module.ecs_api.aws_ecr_repository.this`
- > +  `module.ecs_api.aws_ecs_cluster_capacity_providers.this`
- > +  `module.ecs_api.aws_ecs_cluster.this`
- > +  `module.ecs_api.aws_ecs_service.this`

## CURRENT ISSUES

- When there is a new ECR image CodePipeline doesn't trigger
- App specific (needs adoption)

# Troubleshooting CodePipeline

WTH

Beeeeerrr  
@brodul

Speaker notes