## **School of Engineering** InIT Institut für angewandte Informationstechnologie

# **Cloud Accounting & Billing (CAB)**

### Enabling sustainable cloud services

### **Key aspects**

- CNA compliant design
- Architected for thorough audits
- Ready for up and coming deployment models
- Flexible model-based operations
- Support for subscription, PAYG modes
- Minimal self-operating cost footprint

   Ideal for micro billing requirements
  - $\,\circ\,$  Suitable for Edge/Fog + IoT use cases
  - Distributed data management layer

### **Questions to be answered**

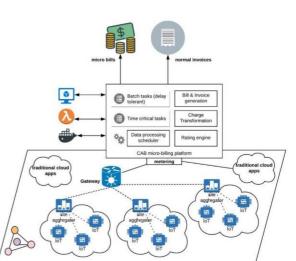
- What are the relevant billable metrics for an IoT application with Edge/Fog deployment model?
- How can emerging paradigms such as FaaS be used to minimize self cost?
- how does one balance the competing requirements of multi-step aggregation heavy data transmission strategy with fine-grained audit-ability requirements of invoice/bill data from the regulators / users ?
- Will secure ledgers become a key enabler technology for our auditability problem?

#### Reference Architecture: Salient Features

- Designed for large scale deployments yet suitable for simple cloud applications too
- Immediate / Batch mode processing capability enabling variety of use-cases
- Aggregation close to data source minimizes data volume in-flight
- Append only blocks for tracking every data transformation securely

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The Service Prototyping Lab (SPLab) at Zurich University of Applied Sciences shares its website with the Cloud Computing Lab (ICCLab) at http://blog.zhaw.ch/icclab Contact us for project proposals at josef.spillner@zhaw.ch CLOUD applications are supposedly distributed, serviceoriented, resilient, scalable and micro-billable for multiple tenants. In practice, many applications are just moved to the cloud without considering these expectations. Subsequently, they do not gain momentum, popularity and eventually revenue.

 $A^{\rm T}$  Zurich University of Applied Sciences, the Service Prototyping Lab was founded in 2015 to advance the state of cloud applications and services. The lab's three research initiatives combine investigation of software and systems, service engineering and cloud computing knowledge to yield better software applications and service ecosystems.

- Service Tooling
- □ Cloud-Native Applications
- □ Cloud Accounting and Billing
- □ in conjunction with the ICCLab: Cloud Application Management, Cloud Infrastructure and Cloud Robotics

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