

# Databricks Serverless

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# What is serverless and why?

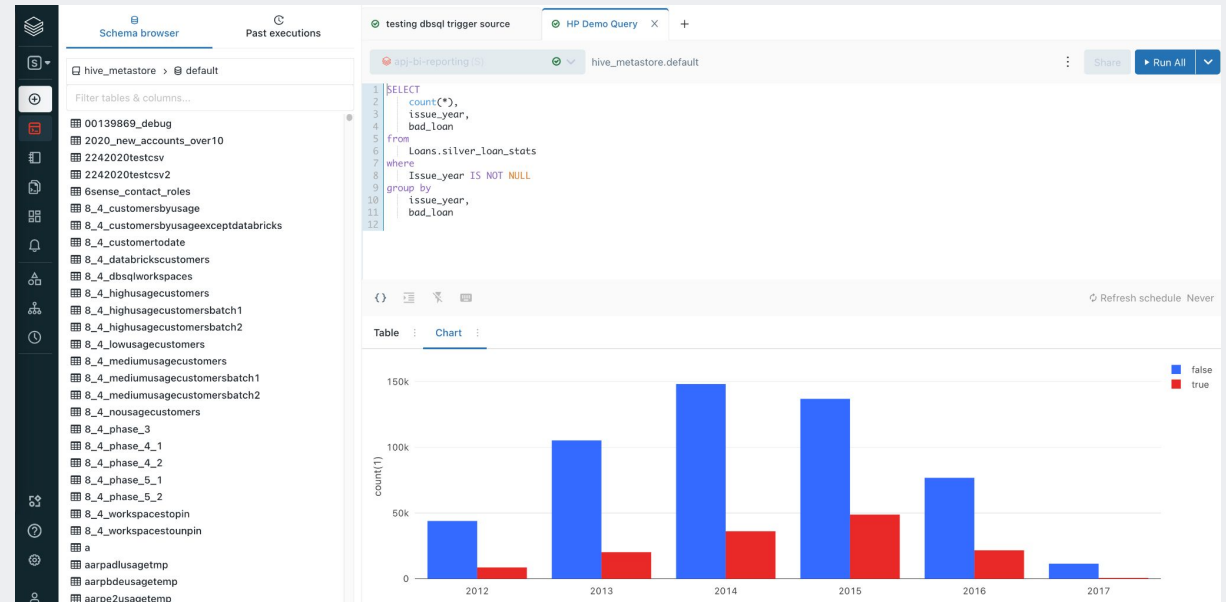
# Databricks SQL

Best warehouse is Lakehouse

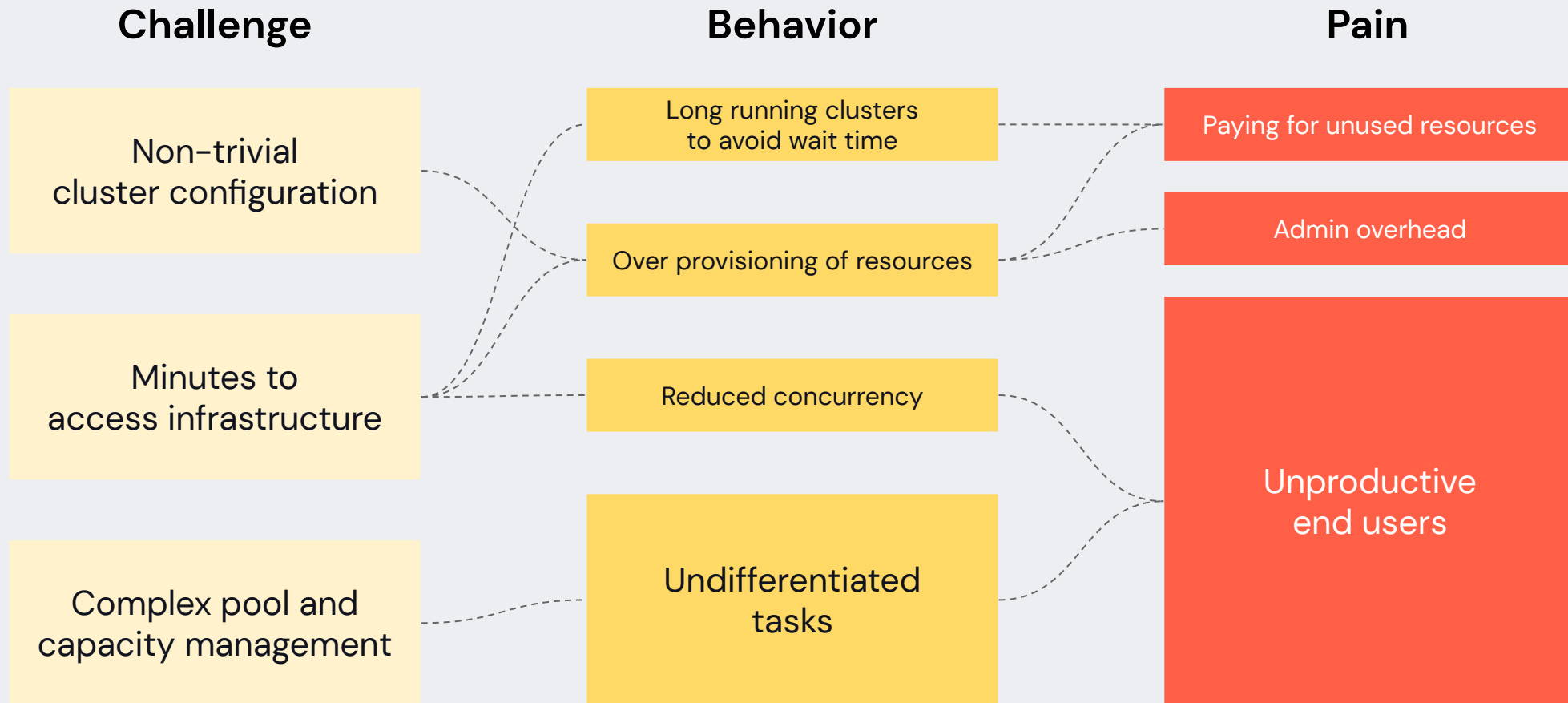
Databricks SQL provides an environment for:

- Running ad-hoc SQL queries
- Creating dashboards
- Connecting to external BI tools, e.g., Tableau and Power-BI

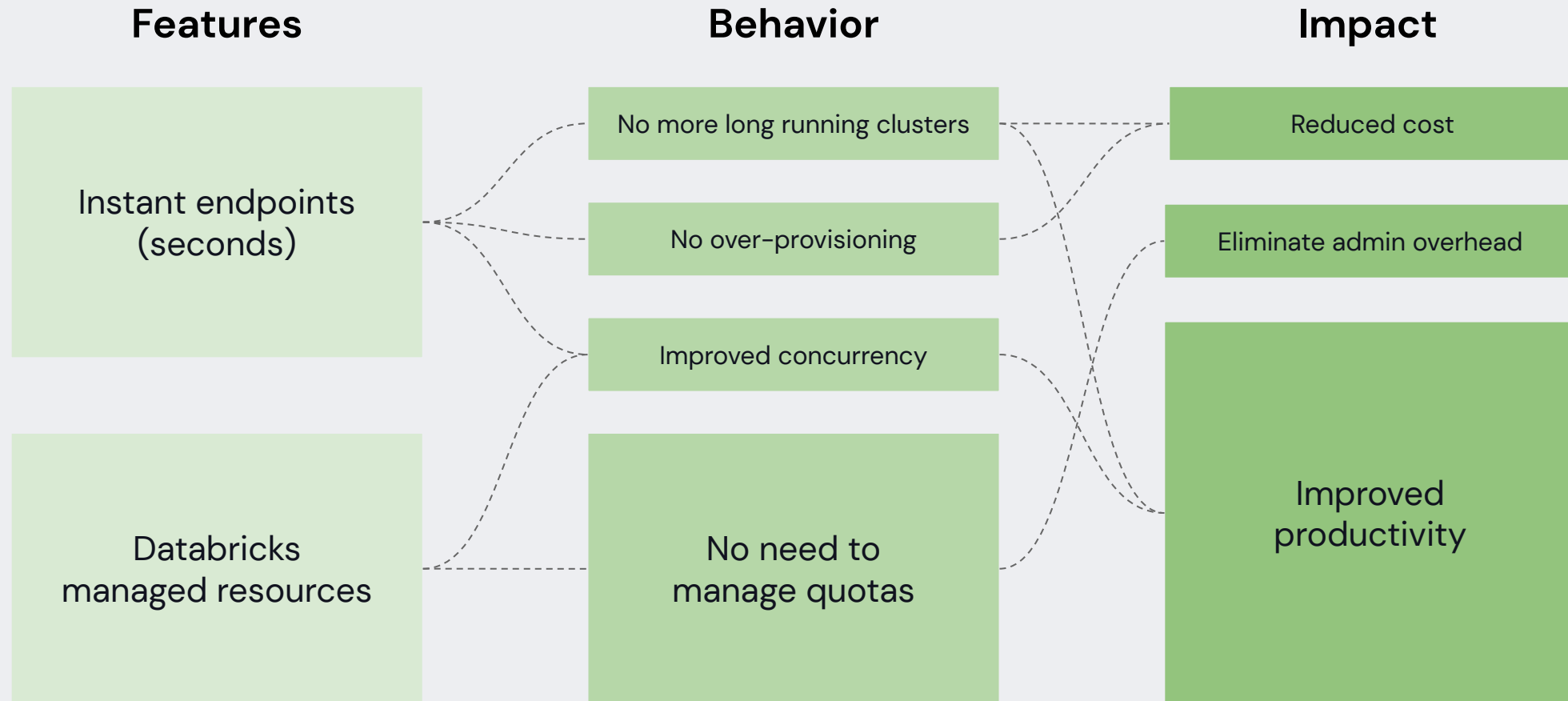
Customers create and manage the compute cluster needed to run the queries



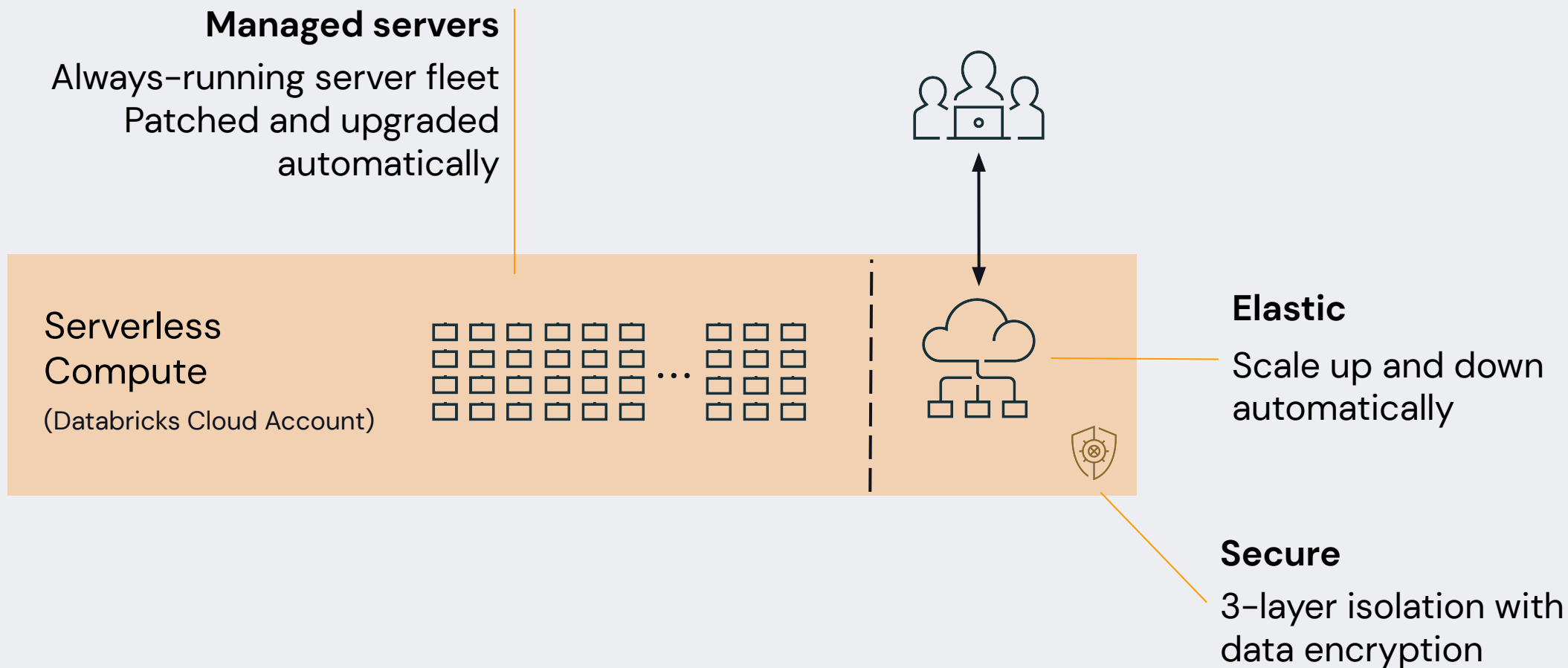
# Databricks Clusters (Classic)



# Benefits: Databricks SQL Serverless



# Capabilities: Databricks SQL Serverless

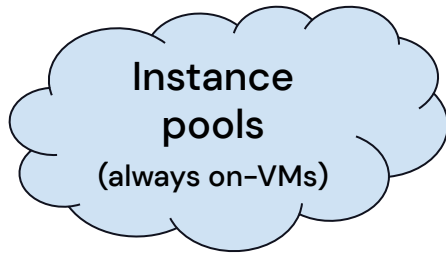
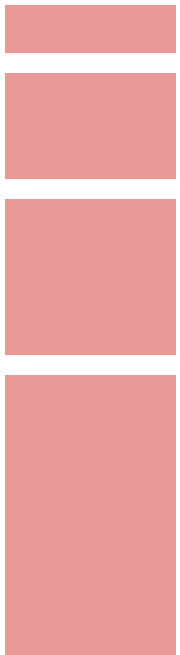


# Fast 1st query performance... only getting better

Classic (non-serverless)

Serverless

~5 mins



~1-2 mins



~10s



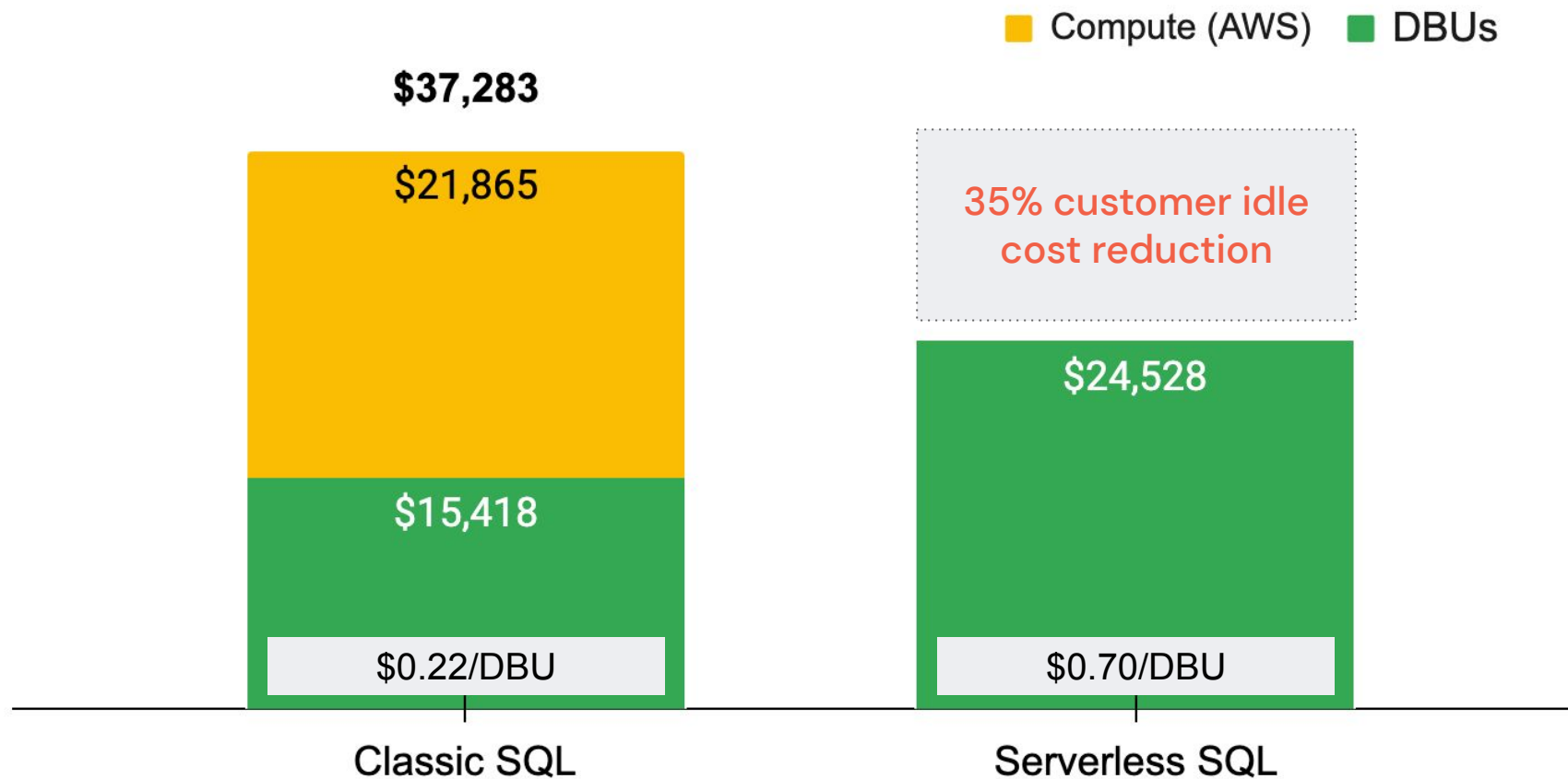
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~2s

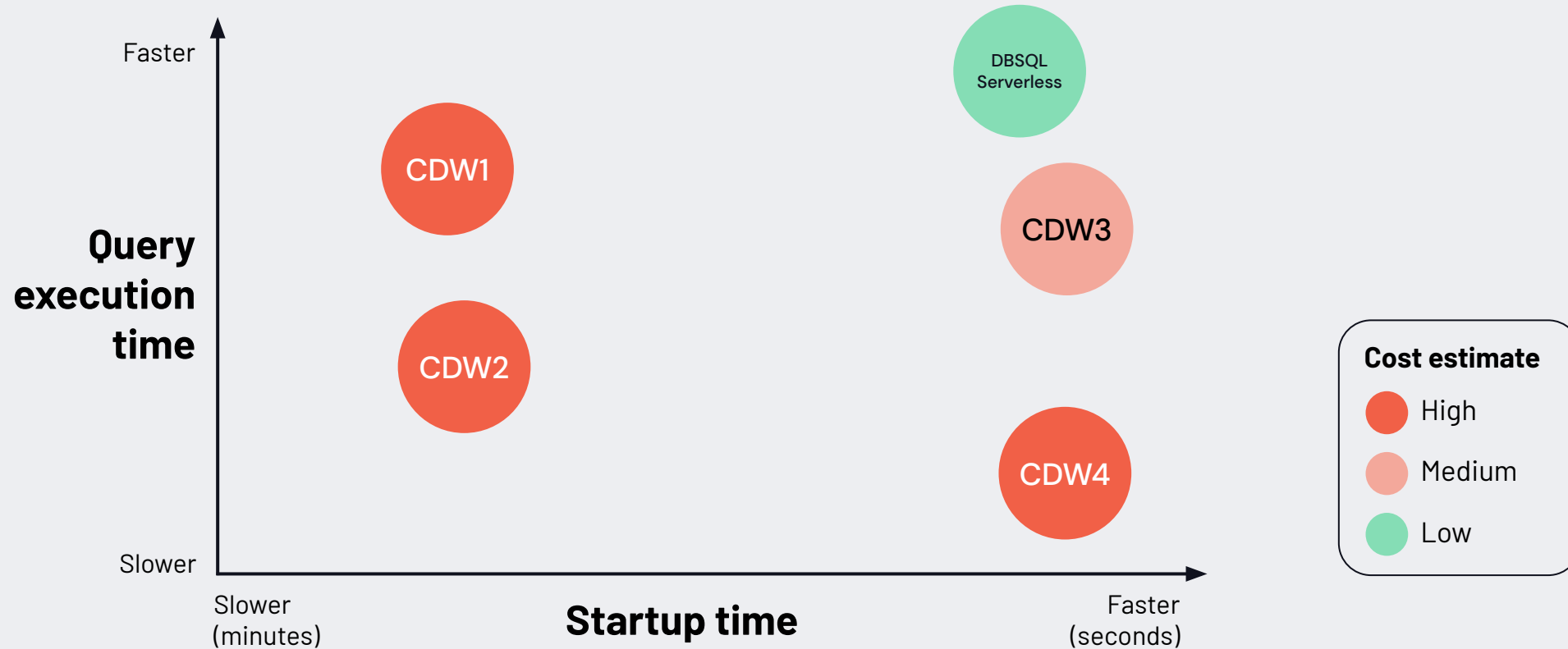


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# Cost savings: Serverless platform helps reduce TCO by ~20-40%



# Compete: Databricks Serverless SQL Serverless



Source: 2022 Cloud Data Warehouse Benchmark Report



How does  
it work?

# Recap: goals of Serverless



## Improve reliability

- While reducing TCO
- While reducing management burden
- While maintaining (or improving) security posture

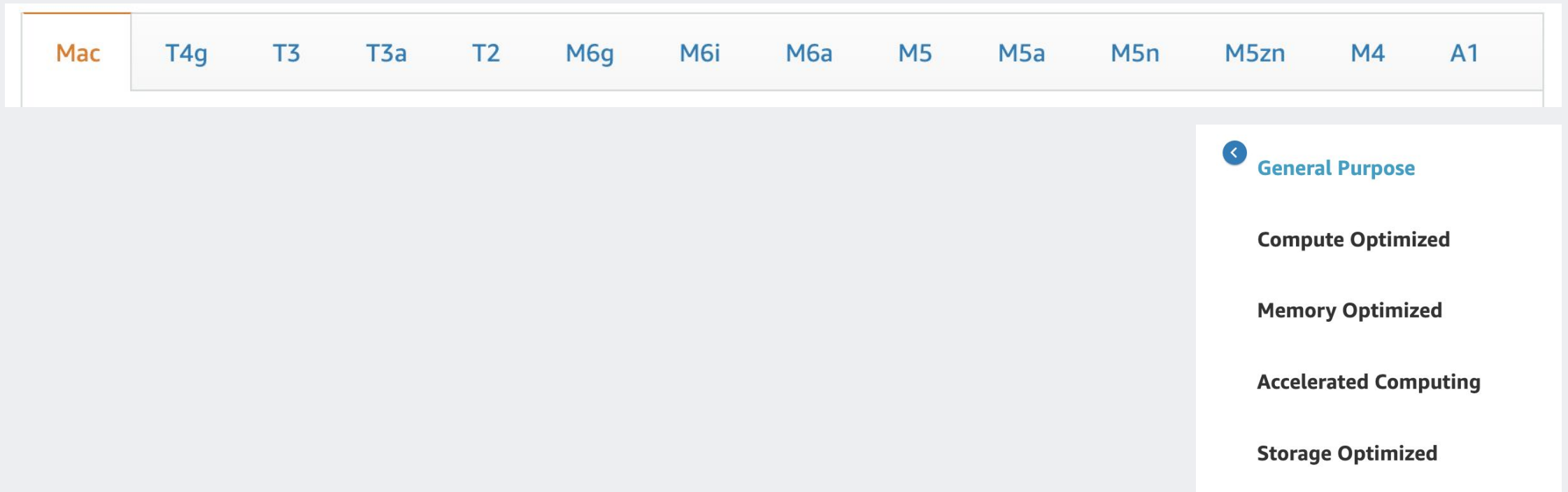


## Key mechanisms:

- Instance types
- Warm pooling
- Administrative simplicity

# Instance types: classic

- Instance types critical for reliability, cost, and performance



The image shows a screenshot of the AWS Management Console's EC2 instance type selection page. At the top, there is a horizontal navigation bar with tabs for different instance families: Mac, T4g, T3, T3a, T2, M6g, M6i, M6a, M5, M5a, M5n, M5zn, M4, and A1. The 'Mac' tab is currently selected and highlighted in orange. Below this bar, the main content area is mostly empty, suggesting that the 'Mac' tab might not have any instance types or is a placeholder. On the right side of the screen, there is a vertical sidebar with a list of instance categories. The 'General Purpose' category is selected, indicated by a blue circle with a left-pointing arrow next to it. The other categories listed are 'Compute Optimized', 'Memory Optimized', 'Accelerated Computing', and 'Storage Optimized'.

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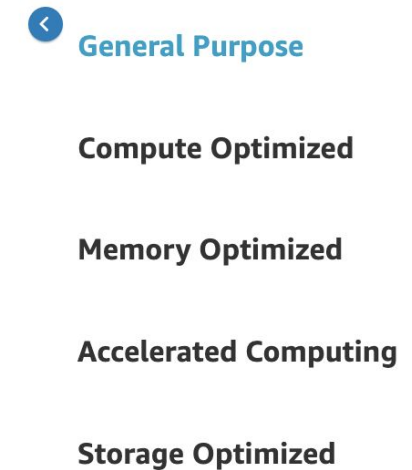
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- Picking the right one(s) for a workload is hard
- Keeping up to date with new instances is hard
- Databricks can help, but...
  - Capacity
  - Reservations



# Instance types: serverless

- For SQL, we offer sizes (Small, Medium, Large, etc.)
- Leverage benchmarks to identify best cost/perf instances
- Manage capacity & reservations, enabling us to
  - Adopt new instances quickly as they become available
  - Leverage heterogeneous pool for availability
- Work with cloud vendors to understand regional/AZ capacity

# Warm pooling: classic

- Databricks offers a pooling abstraction
  - Faster startup
  - More predictable
- But: you pay for this
- Management is complicated

Create Pool Cancel Create

**Name**

**Min Idle** ?

**Max Capacity** ?

**Idle Instance Auto Termination** ?  
Terminate instances above minimum after  minutes of idle time.

**Autopilot Option** ?  
☐ Enable autoscaling local storage

**Instance Type** ?  

i3.xlarge 30.5 GB Memory, 4 Cores | ▼

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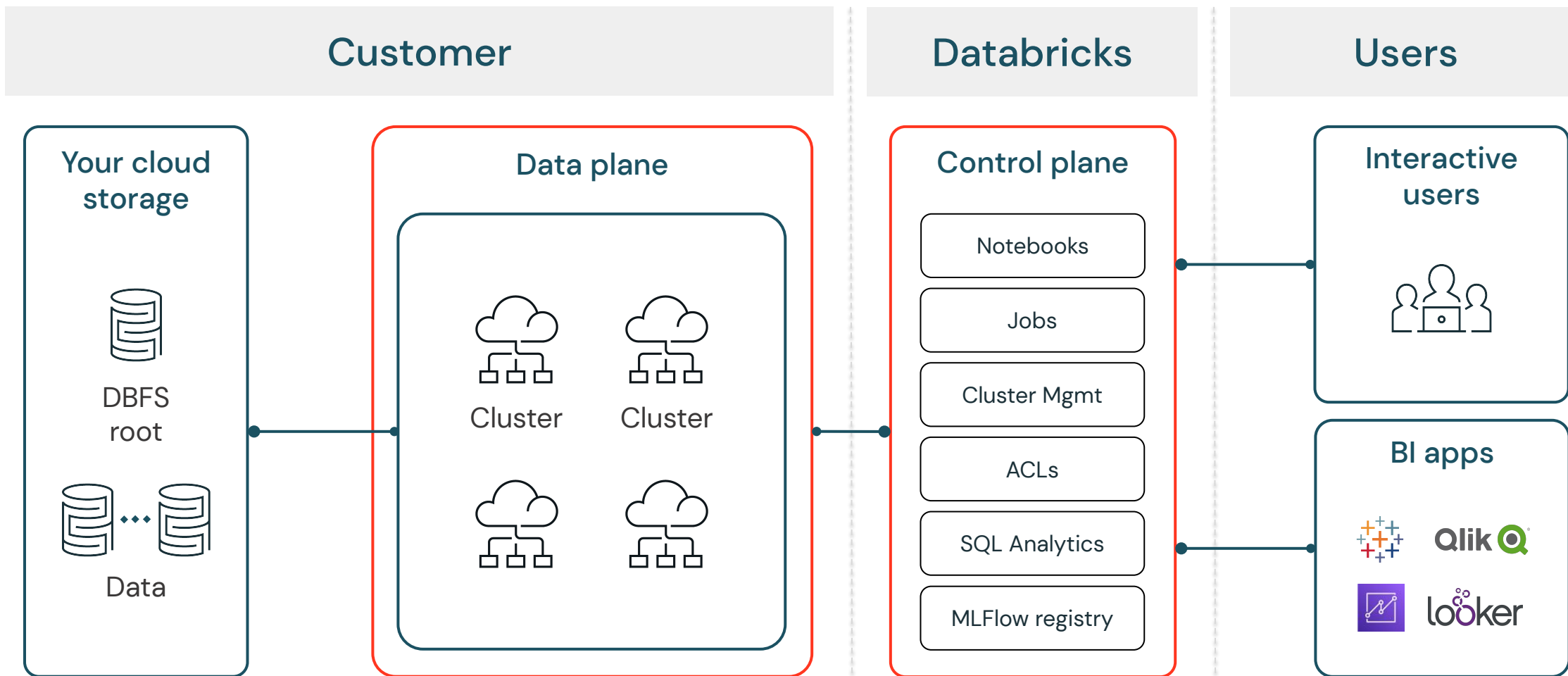
- Pool by default
- Amortized cost across customers
- Our responsibility to optimize pool

# Administrative: Classic vs. Serverless

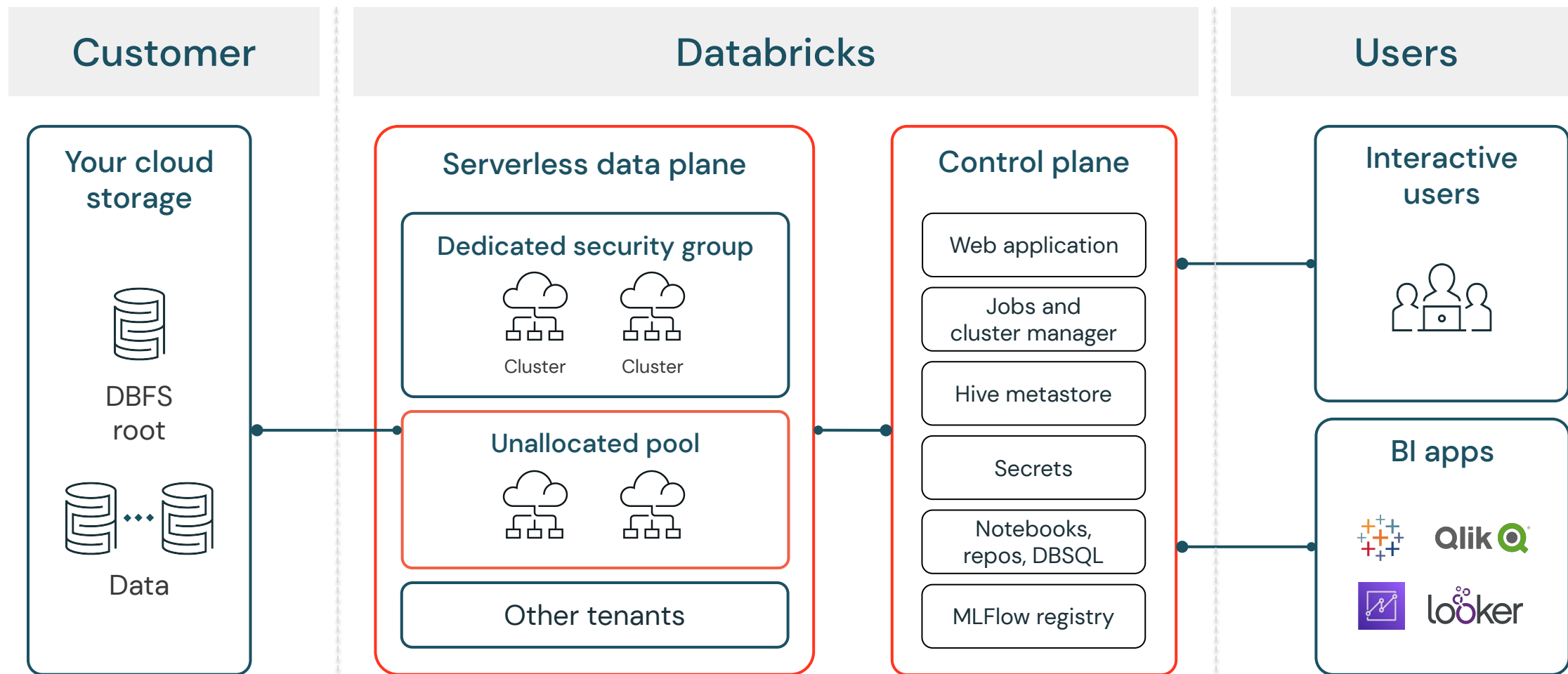
- VPC/VNet CIDRs
- Account/subscription sharding

# Security

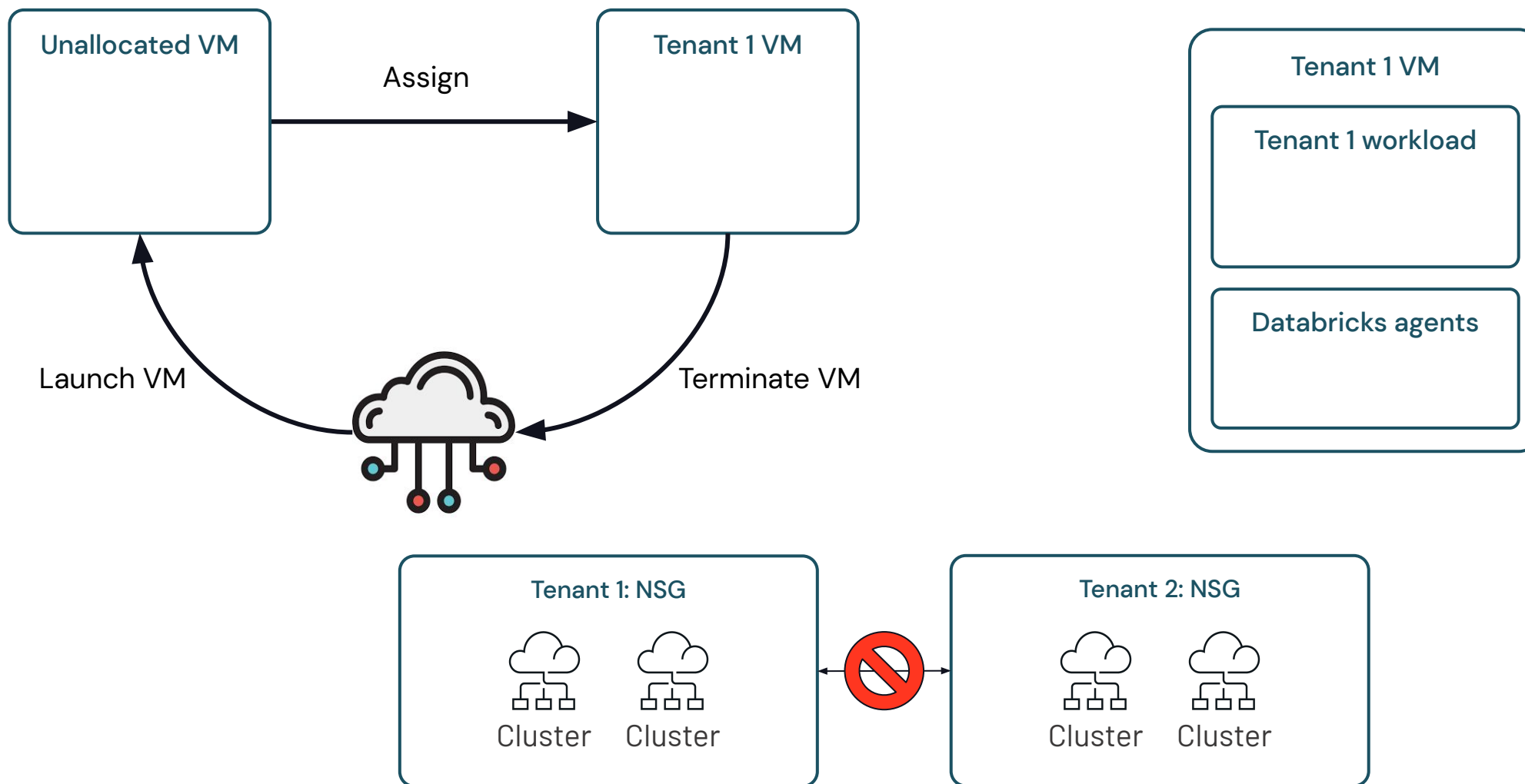
# Classic architecture



# Serverless architecture



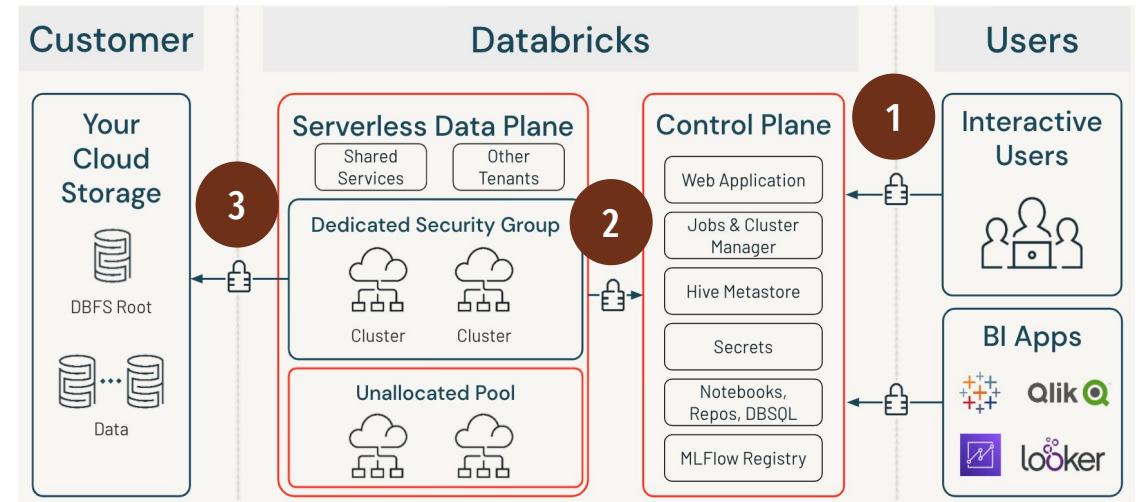
# Serverless VM-level security



# Network access

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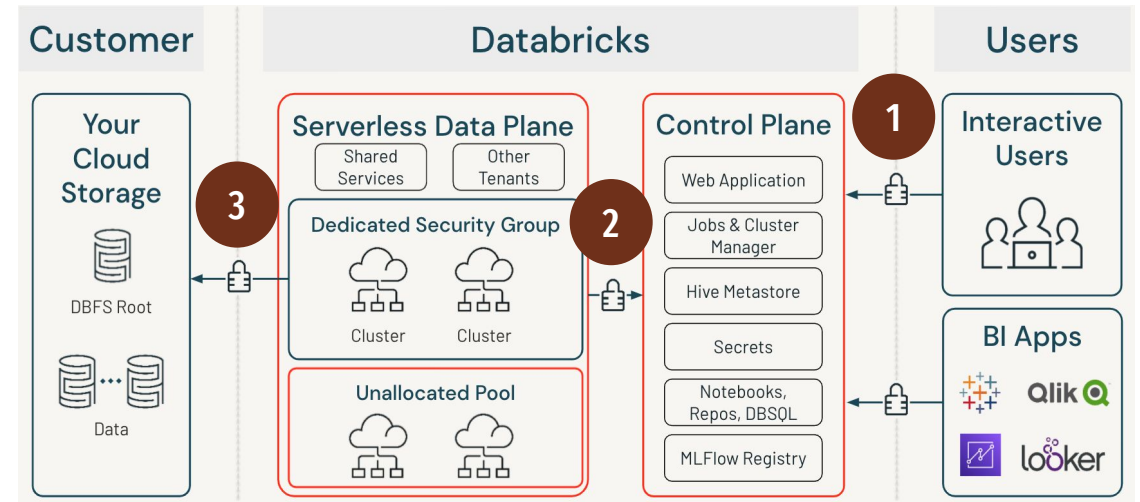
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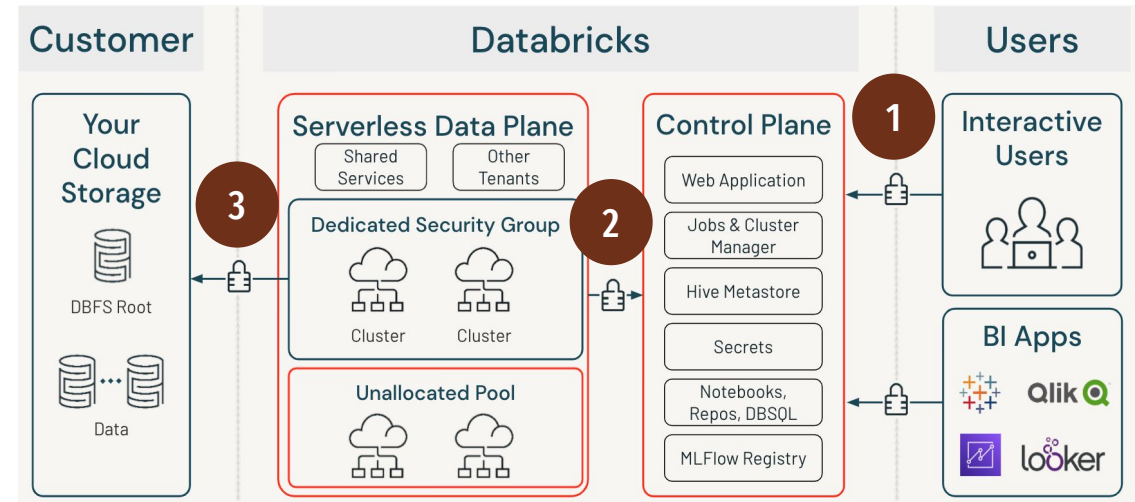
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## 3. Data Plane to Customer Storage

- Assume Role via Public IP
- **Private network connectivity to blob storage**



# Three layers of isolation controls

## 1. Container Isolation

- Hardened container images per industry best practice
- Disable privileged access in the container

## 2. VM Isolation

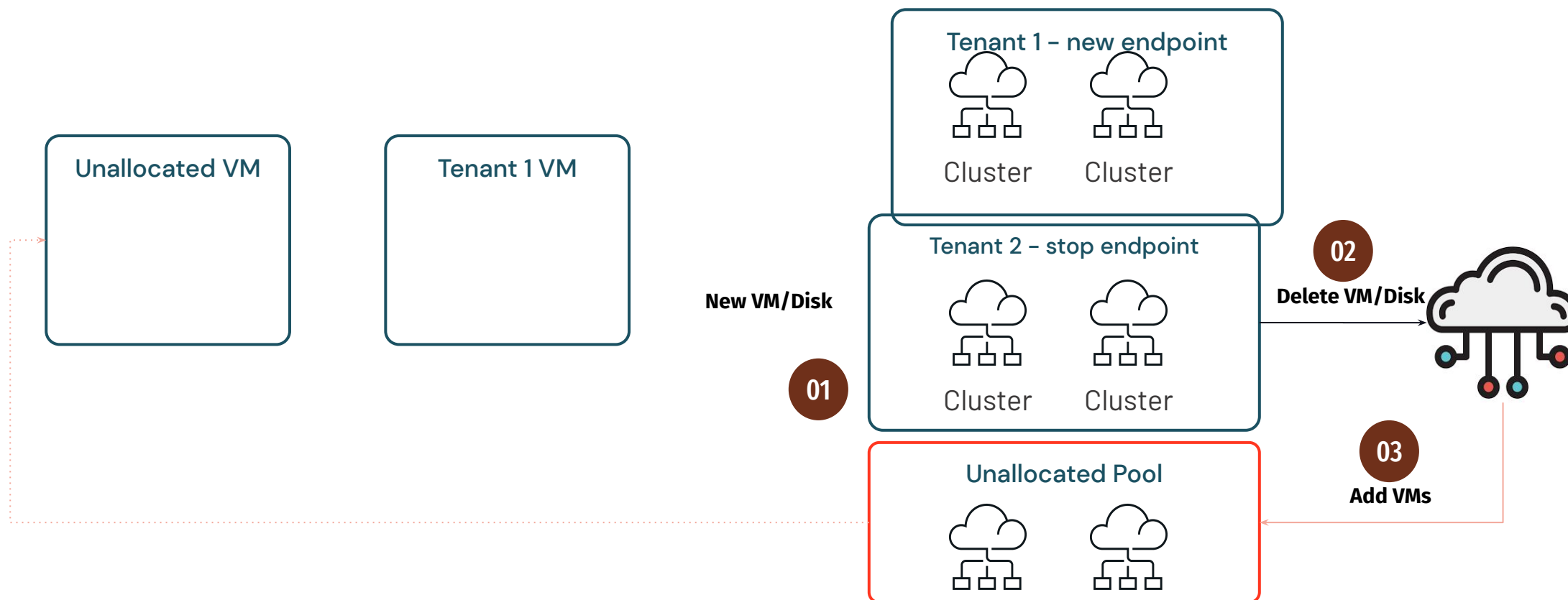
- No VMs reuse
- No privileges within broader environment

## 3. Network Isolation

- Federated access via temporary security tokens
- Only intra-cluster traffic allowed

Tested by internal teams and external vendors

# Serverless Resource Life-cycle



# Features and limitations

- Internal Hive Metastore is **supported**
- External Hive Metastore access via public IP is **supported**
- Unity Catalog is **supported**
- Private Link (DP → S3/ADLS)
- Python/Scala are UDF not supported
- 5min auto-stop and 1min via API **in Q2**

# Data location and encryption

- Data stays in customers cloud account (S3 buckets)
- Databricks managed Data Plane is in the same regions customers data plane—**no egress cost**



# Serverless Access to Big Healthcare Data

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## Provided via a Big Data Platform

- < Databricks' First healthcare OEM
- < Ability to spin up and manage branded instances for prospects and clients (Wayfinder)
- < Wayfinder gets clients access to refined data assets within hours - not months
- < Increases return on data investments, 8x faster results, and richer, more granular insights

## We Provide Remastered Healthcare Data and Analytics

- < 330+ million patients
- < 12.5 billion healthcare claims
- < 12.9 billion Rx claims
- < 27 billion claim lines
- < BYO Data

## With Rich Analytics and Expertise

- < Unified and simplified data model
- < Corrected, standardized and flattened data models (Remastered)
- < Foundational patient pathway analytics
- < Machine learning models
- < BI Visualizations
- < Useful interfaces (Datavant, Salesforce, Mirador, etc)

## DISCOVER TARGET POPULATIONS

Healthcare and Life Sciences companies often need to identify and validate patient populations and markets to understand how patients behave over time - where they receive care, who provides care, and how care is reimbursed - to make informed business decisions.

Patient Cohort dashboards empower business users to access and analyze data without wading through billions of rows of data, storing idle data, or waiting for a cluster to start.

# *SERVERLESS COHORT BUILDER*

*Faster access to solve the  
toughest data challenges*

BETTER INSIGHTS.  
FASTER.

### Biggest Pain Points Addressed by Serverless

- < Perfect for casual access by citizen analyst
  - Infrequent access to data, but need for quick response time
  - Serverless cuts out the cluster startup time
- < Manage costs
  - Sure, with lots of money we could just have a big cluster waiting for that infrequent access
  - Serverless eliminates the cost of standby compute by leveraging shared resources across the customer base
- < Accelerate the time to value and illuminate critical insights

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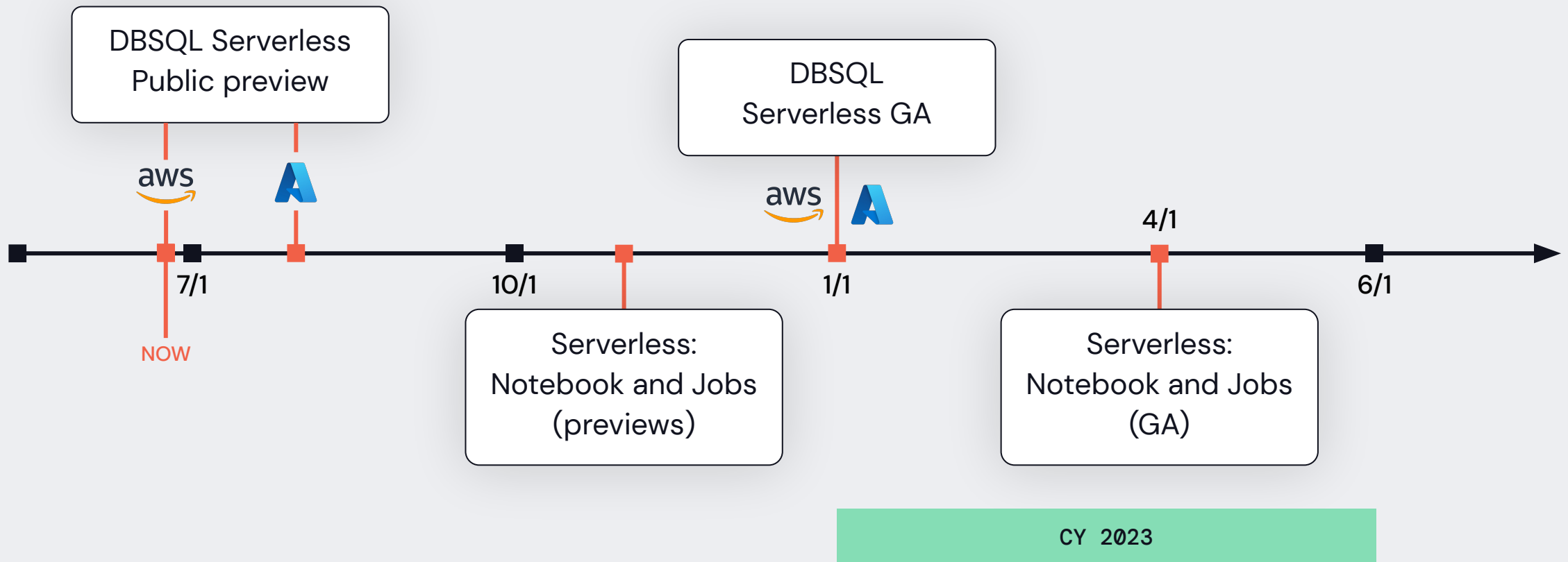
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# Roadmap

# Roadmap: serverless platform



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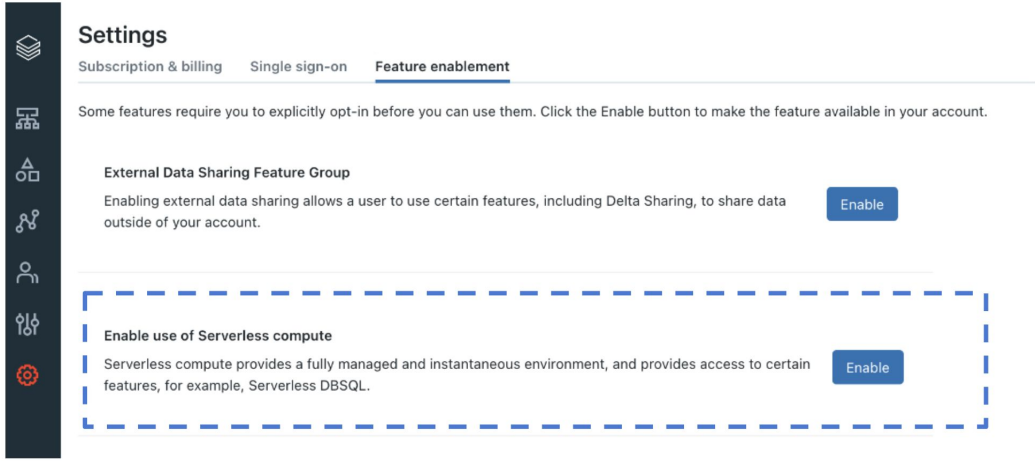
## 1. Databricks SQL customers on AWS:

- Enable Serverless from account console
- Upgrade all endpoints from classic to Serverless

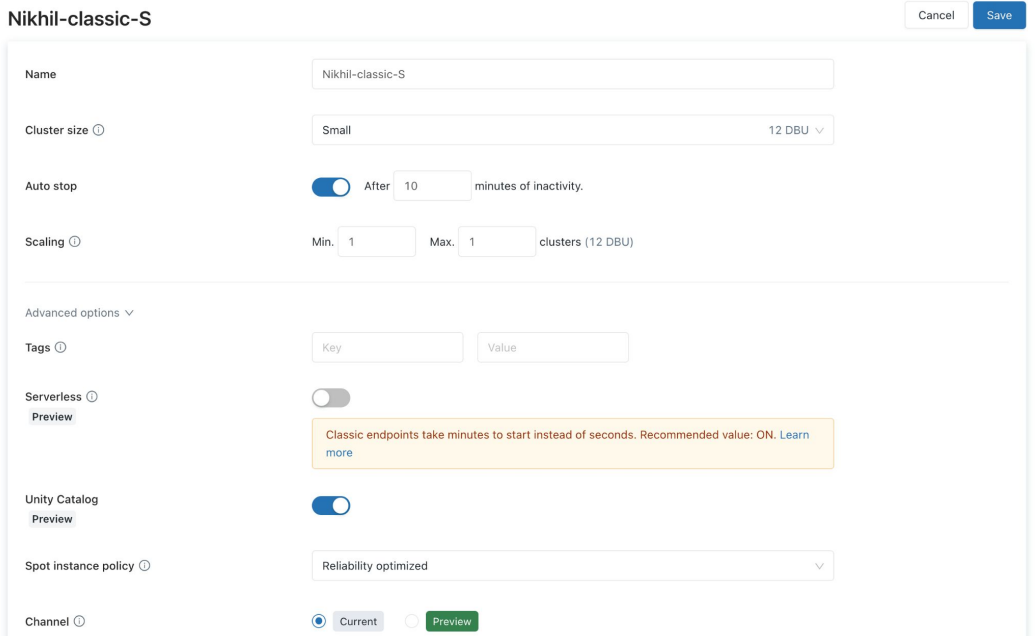
## 2. Databricks SQL customers on Azure:

- Submit your interest:  
[bit.ly/DBSQLServerless-Azure](https://bit.ly/DBSQLServerless-Azure)

## 3. Learn more, talk to your Databricks representative



The screenshot shows the 'Settings' page in the Databricks account console, specifically the 'Feature enablement' tab. A sidebar on the left contains icons for various settings. The main content area has a header 'Settings' with sub-tabs: 'Subscription & billing', 'Single sign-on', and 'Feature enablement'. Below the sub-tabs, a message states: 'Some features require you to explicitly opt-in before you can use them. Click the Enable button to make the feature available in your account.' There are two feature groups listed: 'External Data Sharing Feature Group' with an 'Enable' button, and 'Enable use of Serverless compute' (highlighted with a dashed blue border) with an 'Enable' button. The description for the second group says: 'Serverless compute provides a fully managed and instantaneous environment, and provides access to certain features, for example, Serverless DBSQL.'



The screenshot shows the 'Nikhil-classic-S' cluster configuration page. At the top right are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons. The configuration fields include: 'Name' (Nikhil-classic-S), 'Cluster size' (Small, 12 DBU), 'Auto stop' (toggle on, After 10 minutes of inactivity), 'Scaling' (Min. 1, Max. 1 clusters (12 DBU)), 'Advanced options' (expanded), 'Tags' (Key/Value fields), 'Serverless' (toggle on, with a 'Preview' button and a warning message: 'Classic endpoints take minutes to start instead of seconds. Recommended value: ON. Learn more'), 'Unity Catalog' (toggle on, with a 'Preview' button), 'Spot instance policy' (Reliability optimized), and 'Channel' (radio buttons for 'Current' and 'Preview').

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