



# Talend Cloud Data Catalog

Security architecture overview



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# Summary

[Talend Cloud Data Catalog](#) is a managed platform that helps you to create a central, governed catalog of enriched data. It can automatically discover, profile, organize, and document your metadata and make it searchable. Talend leverages security and privacy best practices to protect both the Talend platform and Talend, the company. Talend implements a combination of policies, procedures, and technologies to ensure your data is protected and secured. Talend's chief information security officer (CISO) defines the Talend security strategy, architecture, and program. This document provides an overview of the Talend internal architecture and our policies and procedures as they pertain to employee, physical, network, infrastructure, platform, architecture, and data security.

Talend is SOC 2 Type 2 and HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability) certified.



# Talend Cloud Data Catalog architecture

Talend Cloud Data Catalog is a multitenant managed platform that helps you to create a central, governed catalog of enriched data. All managed components are hosted on Amazon Web Services (AWS).

Here's an overview of Talend Cloud Data Catalog's functional architecture.

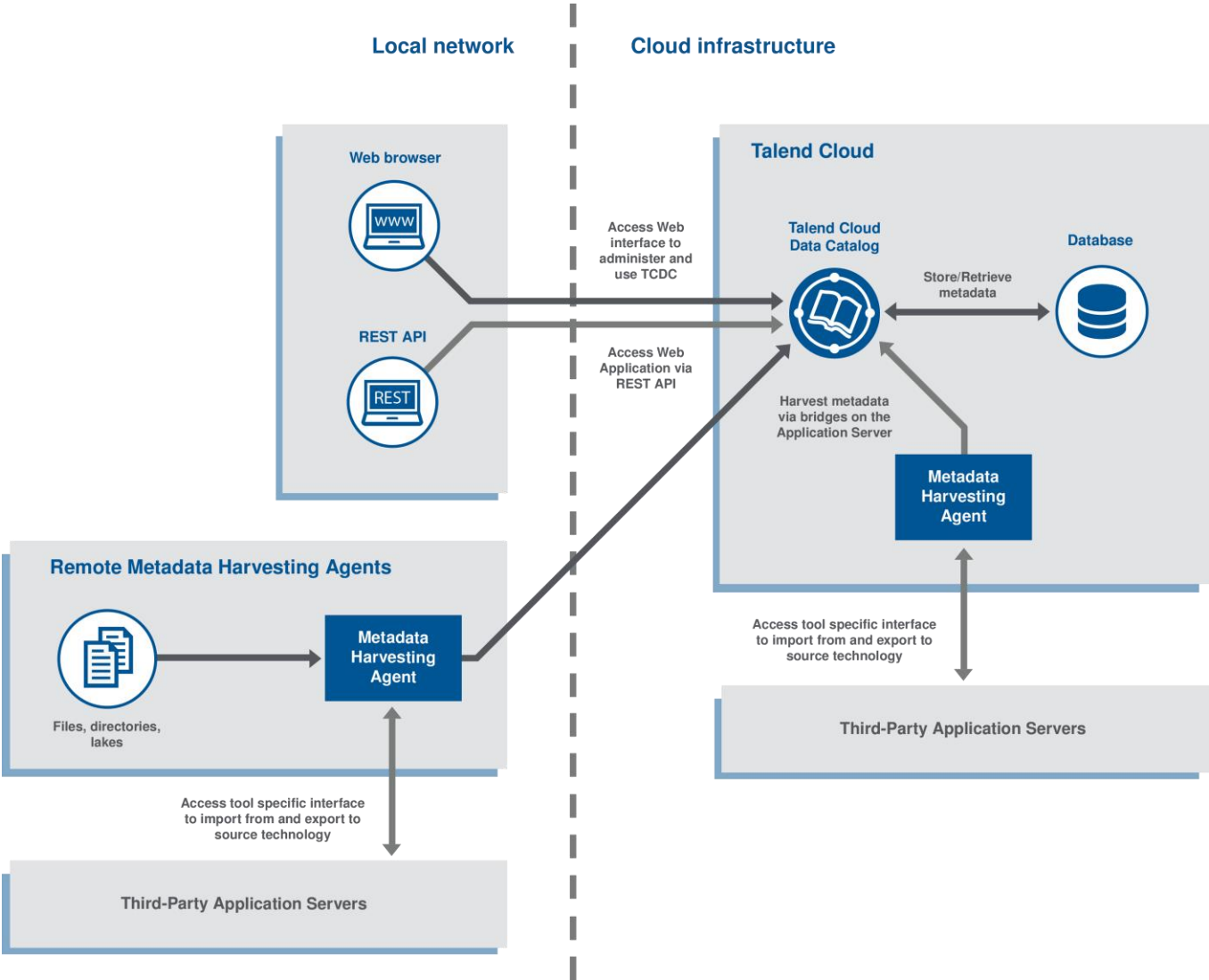


Figure 1: Talend Cloud Data Catalog functional architecture



# Talend Cloud Data Catalog infrastructure

Each Talend Cloud Data Catalog customer has its own account to access the environment. The account contains the number of users defined by the customer's license. In the following section, "tenant" is equivalent to account; we use the terms interchangeably.

## Computation resources

Talend Cloud Data Catalog gives separate computation resources to each tenant. Each tenant is hosted in an EKS pod on AWS.

## Data storage

Talend works with two general types of data: data that we collect and data that customers use with the software.

### Data that we collect

Talend, across its cloud applications, collects only customer information that it needs to provide its services or to manage customer accounts.

All personally identifiable information collected by Cloud Data Catalog (e.g. name, country, and email address) is protected with best security practices: It is encrypted at rest via AES-256 and in transit via TLS 1.2.

Secrets such as passwords, keys, and certificates are managed via third-party technologies and products. Read the Key Management section for more details.

No payment information is stored in Talend Cloud Data Catalog. We rely on third-party vendors to collect and manage payment information.

### Data that customers use with Talend Cloud Data Catalog

Metadata and any other objects that Talend stores to provide services or for security reasons are isolated via tenant-specific schemas.

## Network

Talend networks and systems are protected via network and application firewalling, visibility mechanisms, and micro segmentation strategies.

# Data flows

This section gives an overview of the data flows between Talend Cloud Data Catalog application and components.

*Data flows from Remote metadata harvesting agents and Talend Cloud Data Catalog clients to server.*

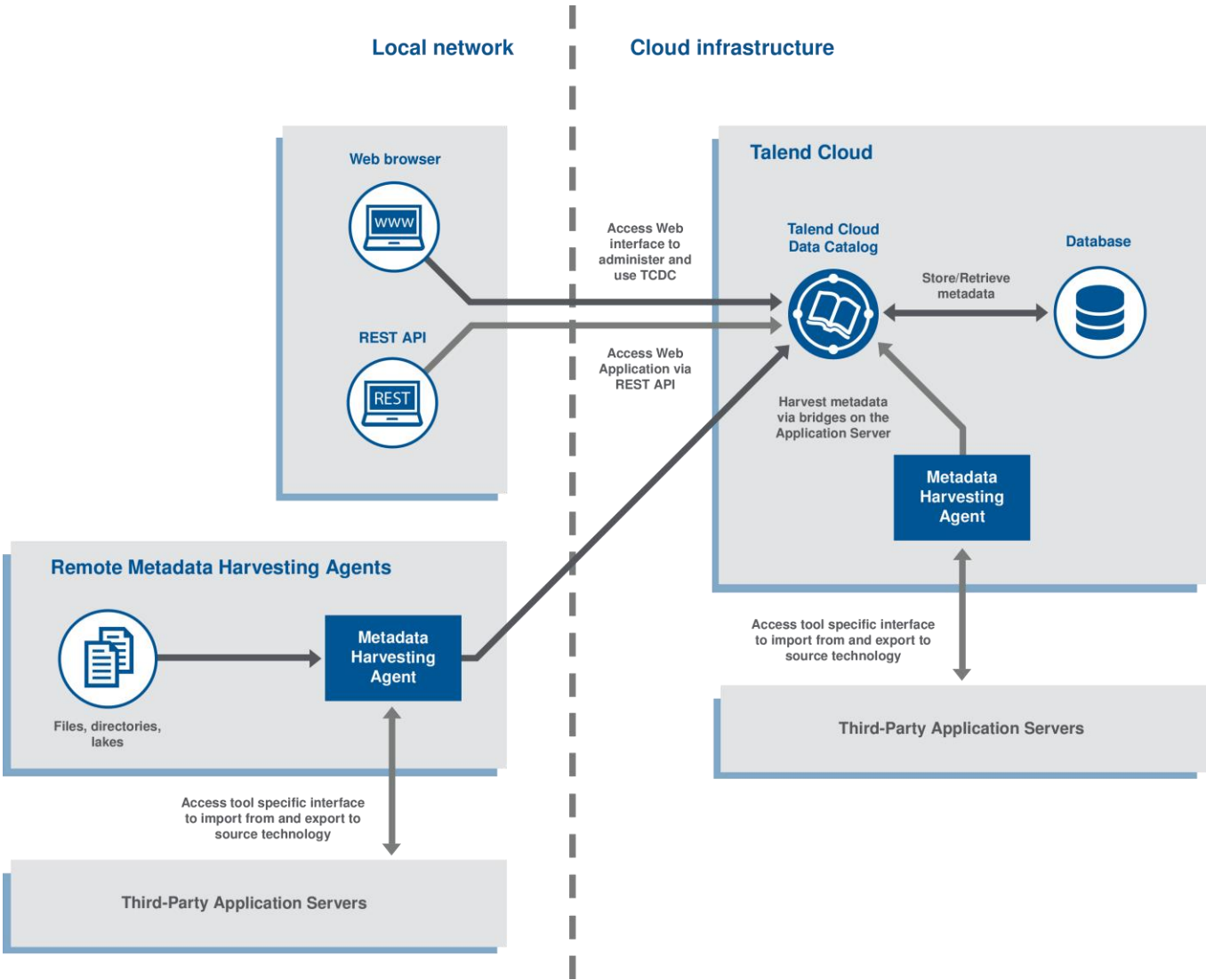


Figure 2: Talend data flows when using Cloud Engines



The types of data that can be uploaded from Talend Cloud Data Catalog can upload customer database metadata to remote metadata harvesting agents or third-party applications servers. Incoming requests from remote metadata harvesting agents to Talend Cloud Data Catalog Server require a secret credential.

The remote metadata harvesting agent initiates a communication channel and queries the Talend Data Catalog Server for tasks to operate, followed by resulting metadata uploads.

Talend uses custom connection procedures between Talend Cloud Data Catalog Server and third-party applications servers. Procedures differ depending on the third-party implementation.

Metadata is transferred to Talend Cloud via the following URLs:

Cloud	Region	Talend Cloud Data Catalog service URL
AWS	US	<a href="https://{tenant}.datacatalog.us.cloud.talend.com/MM/rest/v1/">https://{tenant}.datacatalog.us.cloud.talend.com/MM/rest/v1/</a>
	Europe	<a href="https://{tenant}.datacatalog.eu.cloud.talend.com/MM/rest/v1/">https://{tenant}.datacatalog.eu.cloud.talend.com/MM/rest/v1/</a>
	Asia-Pacific	<a href="https://{tenant}.datacatalog.ap.cloud.talend.com/MM/rest/v1/">https://{tenant}.datacatalog.ap.cloud.talend.com/MM/rest/v1/</a>

## Public APIs

In addition to the data flows between Talend applications, Talend exposes public APIs that let developers automate workflows. These APIs are secured with Personal Access Tokens generated at login time.

Cloud	Region	Talend Cloud Data Catalog service URL
AWS	US	<a href="https://{tenant}.datacatalog.us.cloud.talend.com/MMDoc/">https://{tenant}.datacatalog.us.cloud.talend.com/MMDoc/</a>
	Europe	<a href="https://{tenant}.datacatalog.eu.cloud.talend.com/MMDoc/">https://{tenant}.datacatalog.eu.cloud.talend.com/MMDoc/</a>
	Asia-Pacific	<a href="https://{tenant}.datacatalog.ap.cloud.talend.com/MMDoc/">https://{tenant}.datacatalog.ap.cloud.talend.com/MMDoc/</a>



# Security at Talend

Talend's security organization consists of a dedicated team of security experts distributed across the company who work closely with the Talend CISO. Their mission is to protect Talend and its clients with security best practices. This team supports all aspects of Talend business, including Talend development and operations. The responsibility of Talend security rolls up to the CISO, who also defines Talend security strategy, architecture, and program.

## Physical security

Talend maintains security controls to prevent unauthorized physical access to buildings and data centers and to protect its systems and software, and by extension the Talend environment, from damage, interruption, misuse, or theft.

Authorizations are granted only to those people who need them for work; they are reviewed regularly, and access is monitored continuously.

## Security training

All Talend employees are trained on security best practices. All Talend employees involved in the Talend development lifecycle, from creation to deployment and operation, are guided through training, reviews, and drills.

## Secure software development

Talend's security organization is involved throughout the creation of any new application, capability, or feature.

Our security experts conduct architecture, design, and code reviews.

Software composition analysis (SCA) and static security vulnerability (SAST) scans are integrated in the software development lifecycle.

Talend implements a Top 10 Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) awareness program during application development, and schedules regular internal and external audits to assess compliance with OWASP best practices.

## Cloud workload protection and monitoring

We use a combination of security services from third-party vendors to protect Talend Cloud Data Catalog.

Our security experts use external scanning tools to ensure that systems and containers are hardened, configured, and patched according to Talend guidelines and best practices.

Our deployments leverage the built-in segmentation capabilities of AWS EC2 security groups to restrict inter-resource communication.

We use web application firewalls to inspect north/south and east/west traffic flows to our applications.

We leverage the built-in threat detection capabilities of AWS GuardDuty to detect malicious activity and unauthorized behavior.





# Authentication, authorization, and access control

## Standard access

Tenant users are authenticated with their own unique credentials: username plus password.

Talend uses TLS certificates issued by the Talend CA to secure and encrypt all communications between user systems and Talend Cloud Data Catalog. Talend Cloud Data Catalog supports HTTPS over TLS.

The authentication process follows the OpenID Connect standard and uses either the authorization code or the implicit flow. Once connected, a session is managed using cookies.

## Administrative access

Talend Cloud Data Catalog administrative access requires management review and approval. Elevated privilege access requires the same level of approval by management.

Access to Amazon management console requires multifactor authentication (credentials plus secret keys).

Access to the AWS console is restricted to select members of the Talend Site Reliability Engineering (SRE) and Information Security teams. New account creation follows a strict approval process. Accounts are reviewed quarterly.

System access is provided via Kubernetes administration management, relying on AWS authentication.

## Password management

Talend maintains a password management policy that all employees must comply with. It ensures the creation of strong passwords, the protection of those passwords, and a reasonable frequency of password change.

All system-level passwords (e.g., root, enable, application administration accounts, etc.) must be changed at least every three months.

All production system-level passwords must be part of the Talend IT administered secrets server.

All user-level passwords (e.g., email, web, desktop computer, etc.) must be changed at least every three months.

# Key management

Talend relies on AWS-managed Customer Master Keys (CMK) for disk encryption. Talend uses its own AWS KMS CMK to generate unique Data Encryption Keys (DEK).

Front-end TLS endpoints are managed through the AWS Certificate Manager (ACM). The private key is generated by Talend and the associated certificate signed by Talend's approved certificate authority (CA). The certificates are then published as part of the [Certificate Transparency](#) program and uploaded to the ACM.



# Vulnerability management

All applications are tested by Talend's security experts (dynamic application security testing (DAST) and penetration tests) at least twice a year.

In addition, Talend leverages internal and third-party security services to perform external penetration tests.

Third-party penetration tests are scheduled twice a year and prior to any new Talend Cloud Data Catalog release and deployment. The penetration tests cover a wide range of security aspects of the application and address modern web best practices.

All detected vulnerabilities are logged by the Talend Quality Assurance team and analyzed by the Talend Information Security team, which then supports, tracks, and tests their remediation.

Talend follows the Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) framework. Vulnerabilities are rated according to the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) v3.0 equation. Vulnerabilities are resolved depending on their severity rating and their potential impact on the infrastructure.

Third-party penetration test reports are available upon request at Talend's discretion.

# Backups

Talend uses AWS services for both mirroring and long-term storage. All storage processes are automated, monitored, and tested. Mirrors and snapshots are performed twice daily.

# Disaster recovery and business continuity

Talend maintains a disaster recovery/business continuity (DR/BC) policy that is reviewed, updated, and tested annually.

Talend operates in multiple AWS regions globally. Any Talend instance in any public cloud region can fail over to another region of the same public cloud vendor.

We are in close contact with AWS and carefully monitor their service levels to make sure that they meet our required service levels.

Our development team spans six geographical locations: one in the US, four in Europe, and one in Asia. Each development function can be fulfilled by at least two developers.

Our operations team spans five geographical locations: two in the US, three in Europe, and one in Asia. Each operations function can be fulfilled by at least two members of the team.

# Security certifications

Talend is SOC 2 Type 2 and HIPAA certified.

We use the Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) Security Trust Assurance and Risk (STAR) program to assess our security practices and validate the security posture of our cloud offerings. You can find more information [here](#).

Please refer to AWS website for more details about their security certifications and compliance information.



# About Talend

Talend, a leader in data integration and data integrity, enables every company to find clarity amidst the chaos.

Talend Data Fabric brings together in a single platform all the necessary capabilities that ensure enterprise data is complete, clean, compliant, and readily available to everyone who needs it throughout the organization. It simplifies all aspects of working with data for analysis and use, driving critical business outcomes.

From Domino's to L'Oréal, over 4,250 organizations across the globe rely on Talend to deliver exceptional customer experiences, make smarter decisions in the moment, drive innovation, and improve operations. Talend has been recognized as a leader in its field by leading analyst firms and industry publications including Forbes, InfoWorld and SD Times.

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