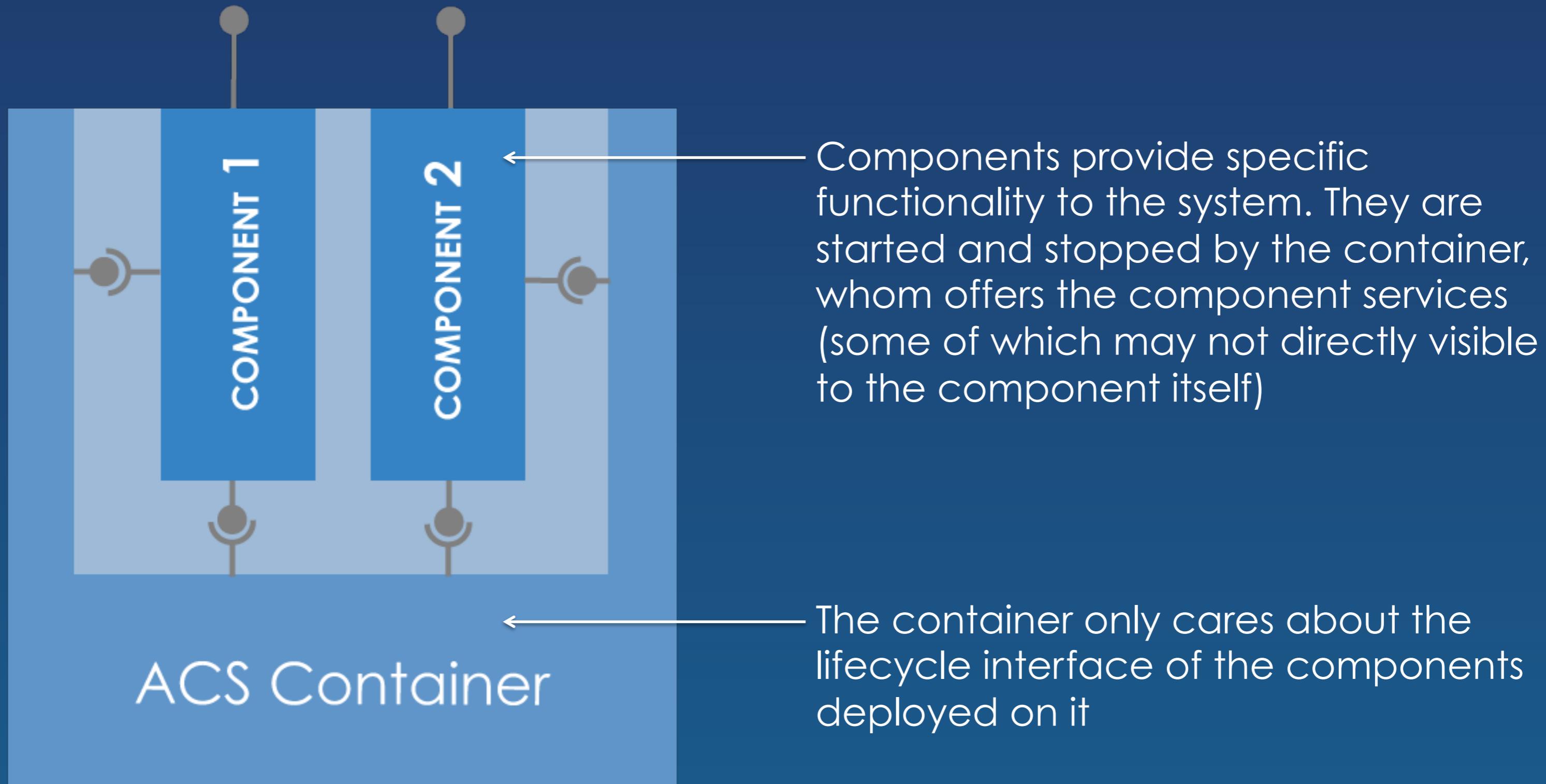




# ALMA Common Software Basic Track

Component/Container Model and Lifecycle Management

# Container/Component





# Component

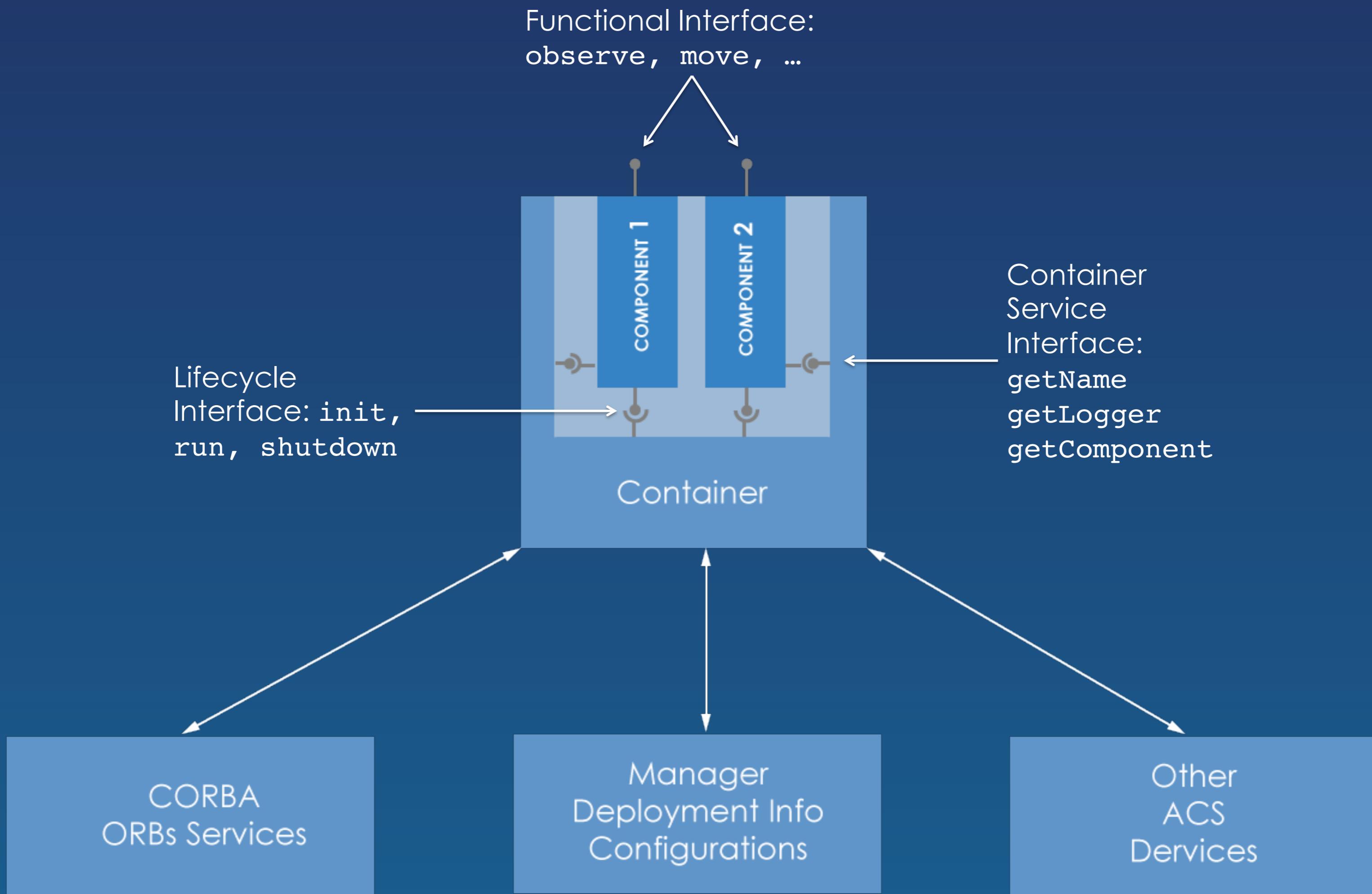
- ✧ Deployable unit of ALMA software
  - ✧ Same concept from device level to data flow application
  - ✧ 1...many classes per component
  - ✧ 1...many components per subsystem
- ✧ Functional interface defined in CORBA IDL
- ✧ Deployed within a Container
- ✧ Well-defined lifecycle (initialization, finalization)
- ✧ Accessible as a plain CORBA object if required
- ✧ Focus on functionality with little overhead for remote communication and deployment
- ✧ Concept promotes modular and decoupled application code



## Container

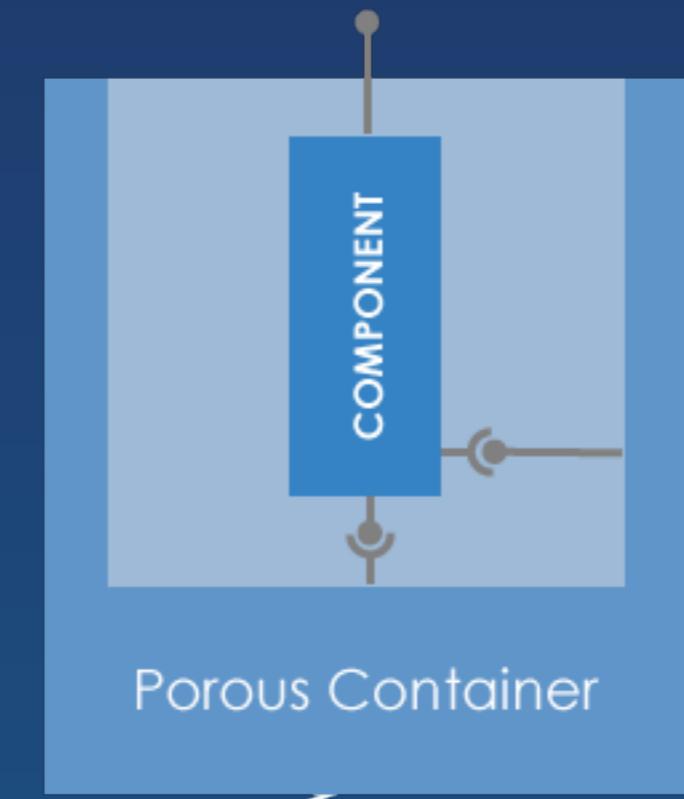
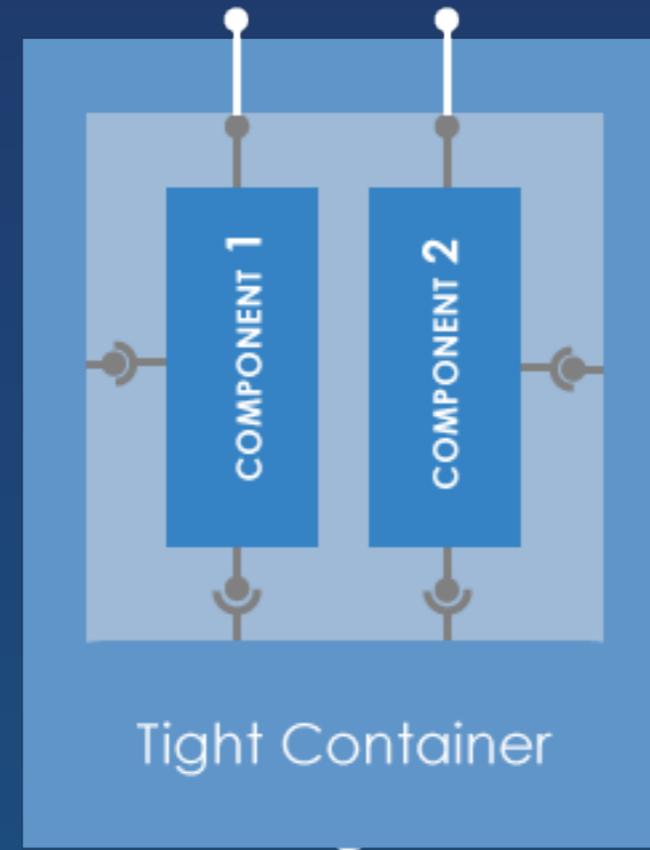
- ✧ Centrally handles technical concerns and hides them from application developers
  - ✧ Deployment, Start-up
  - ✧ Selection and configuration of various ORBs; here CORBA alone is much too complicated.
  - ✧ Selection of CORBA Services, integration with ACS Services (error, logging, configuration, ...)
  - ✧ Convenient access to other components and resources
- ✧ New technical aspects can be integrated in the future, without modifying the application software

# Container/Component Interfaces



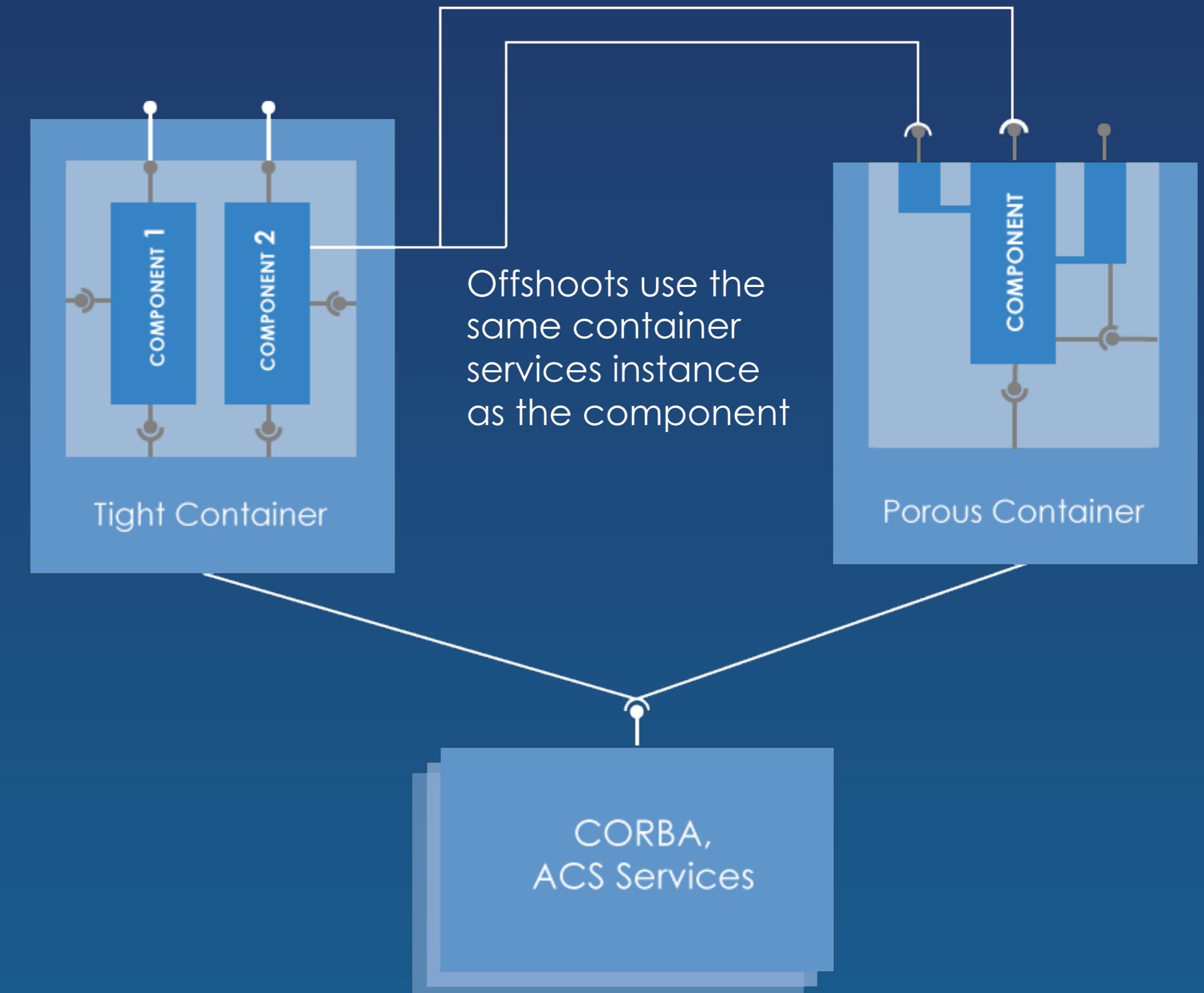
# Tight versus Porous Containers

Functional interface  
is intercepted by  
the container for  
logging and/or  
exception handling,  
security, ...

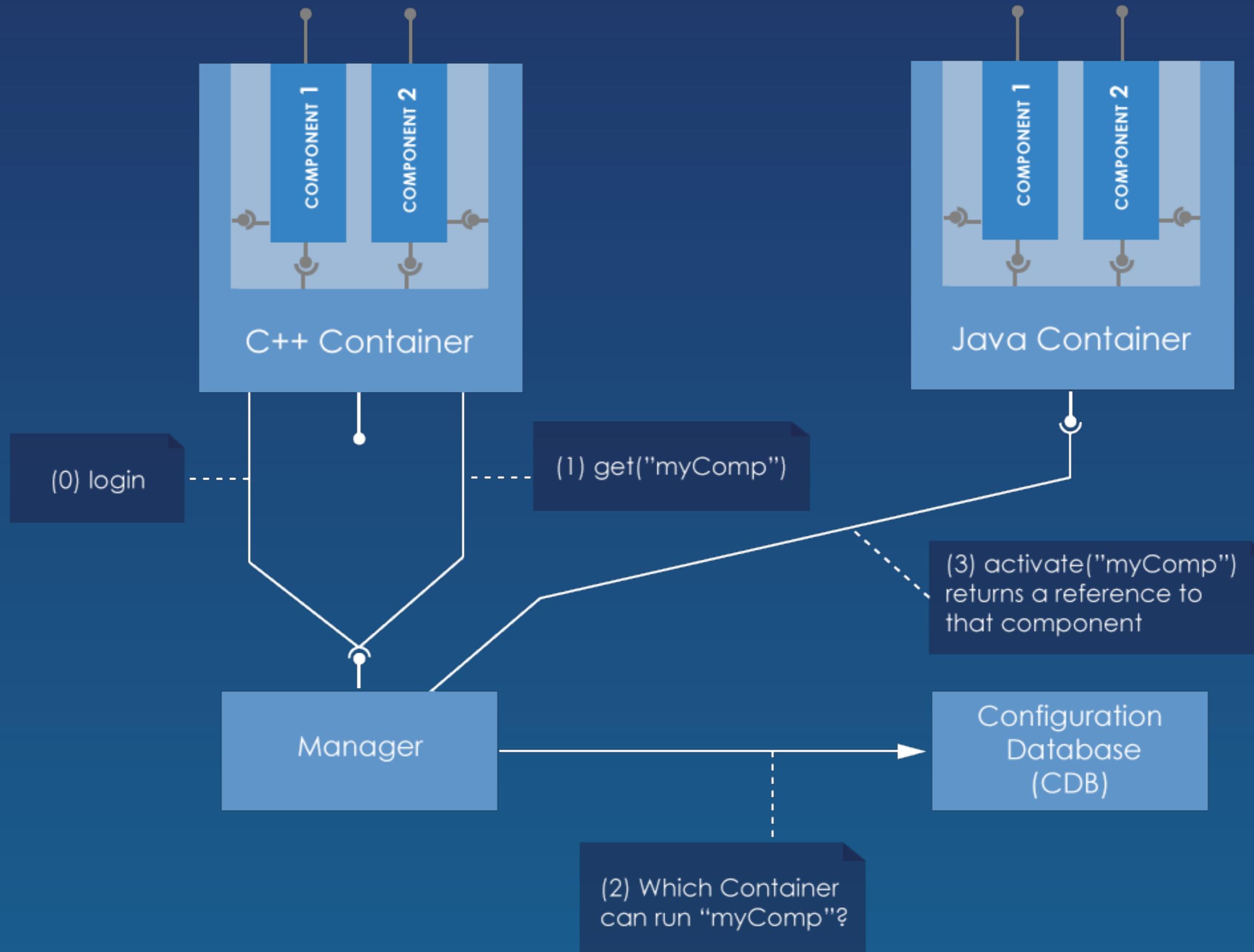


# Component Offshoots

- ✧ Remotely visible object created by a component
- ✧ Life is limited to that of the component
- ✧ Offshoots are conceptually “in between” components and programming-language-specific objects



# Interactions: component activation and retrieval



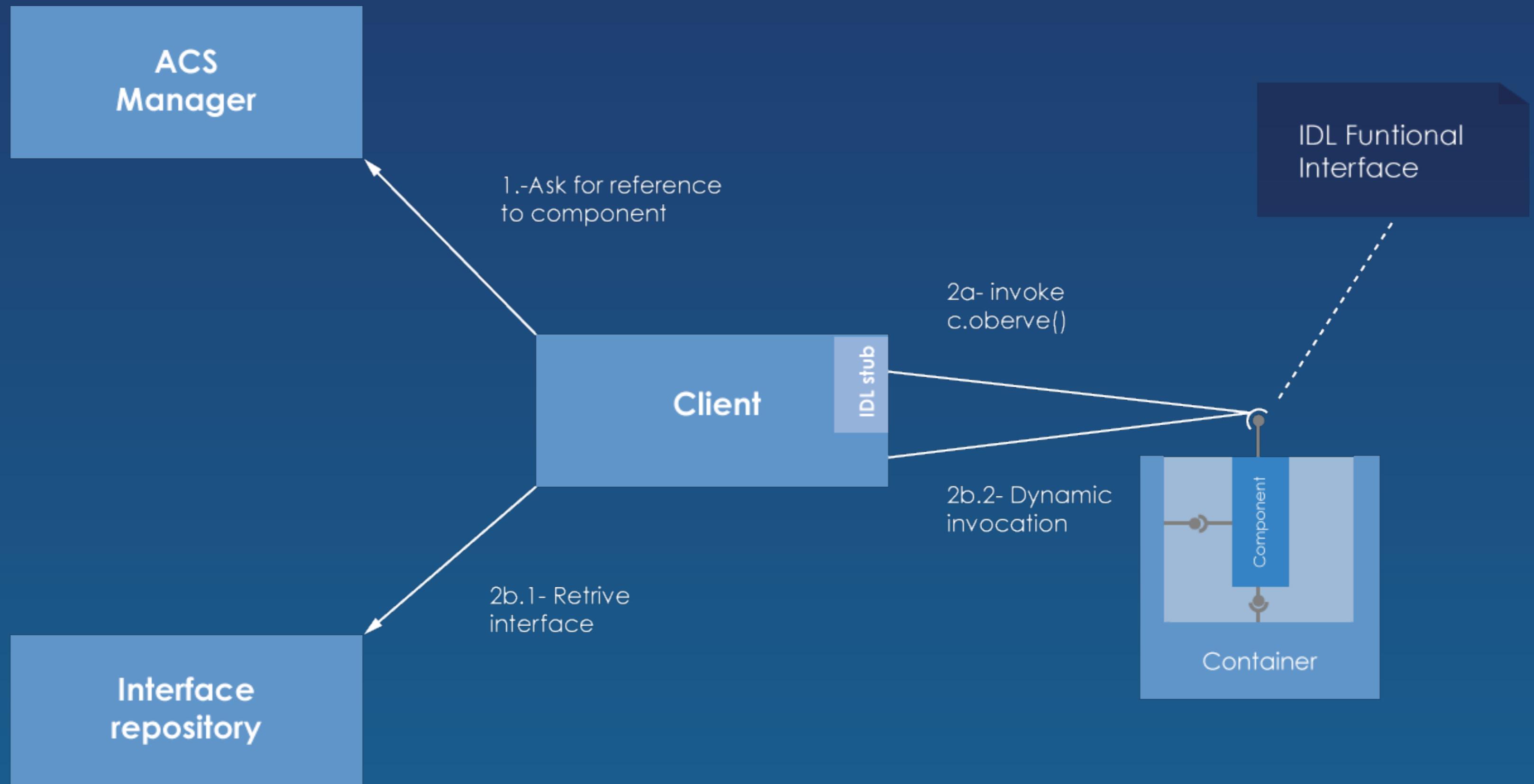
# Interactions: component activation and retrieval

- ✧ Manager and CDB (with deployment info) are running
- ✧ Containers are logged in to the Manager with their names, f.i. “Telescope”
- ✧ We assume that one component is running already...
- ✧ The Component requests a reference to another Component from its Container
- ✧ Container asks Manager for that other Component
- ✧ Manager asks CDB which Container hosts the Component (can be the same container as before or a different one)
- ✧ Manager tells Container to load the new Component

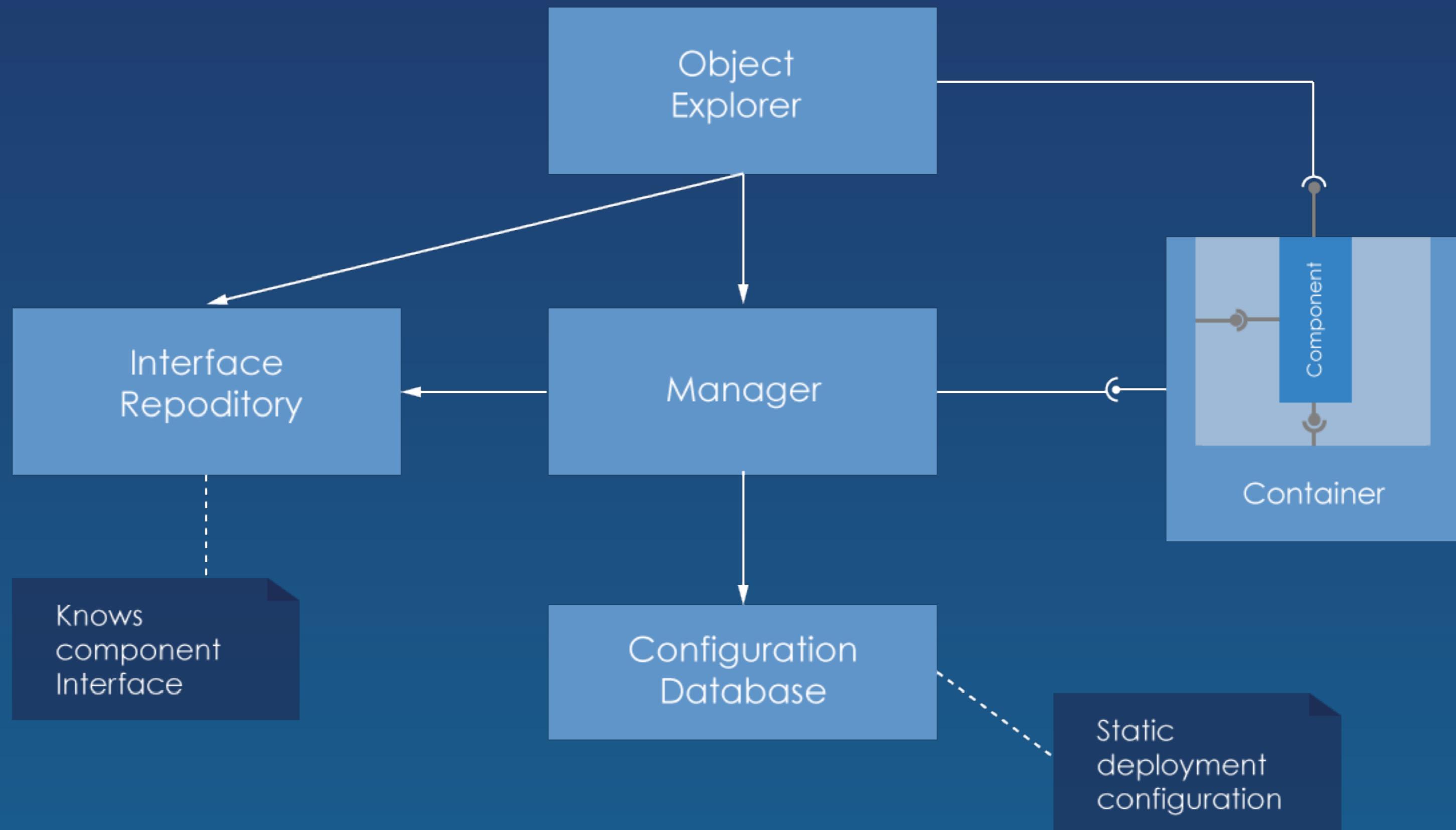
- ✧ Container returns reference to new Component to the Manager
- ✧ Manager returns reference to new Component to first Container
- ✧ Now the Container gives its Component the reference to the other Component

**NOTE:** It is not allowed to pass directly Component references between Components as parameters of interfaces. Components must be passed around **always** by name and a request to the Manager must be issued using the Container Services `getComponent()` interface.

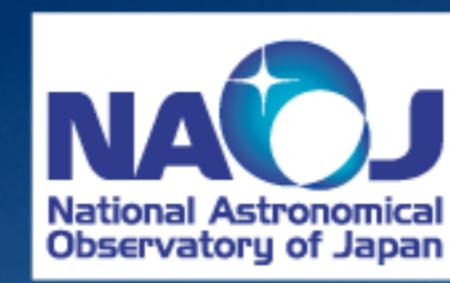
# Interactions: client's view



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# Questions?



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