

# Software Engineering for the service of Services

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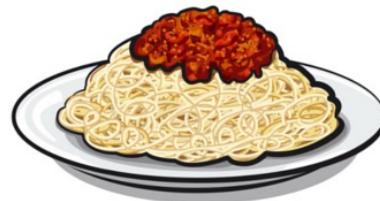


# The Evolution of Software Architecture

## ■ Italian food perspective

1990's

SPAGHETTI-ORIENTED  
ARCHITECTURE  
(aka Copy & Paste)



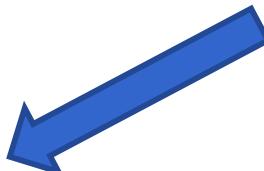
2000's

LASAGNA-ORIENTED  
ARCHITECTURE  
(aka Layered Monolith)



2010's

RAVIOLI-ORIENTED  
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(aka Microservices)



WHAT'S NEXT?

PROBABLY PIZZA-ORIENTED ARCHITECTURE



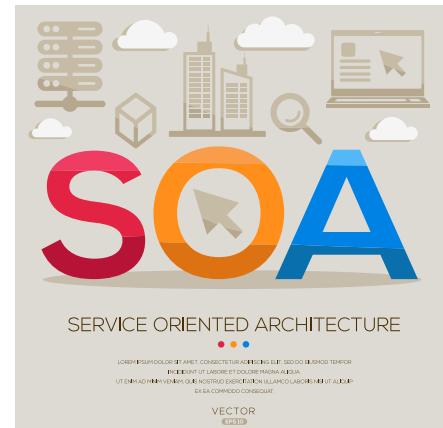
20 years ago...



# 2000's

WEB 2.0

PROVIDER  
EXCHANGE  
INTERFERENCE  
TESTING  
NETWORK  
INTEROPERABILITY  
API  
SYSTEM  
DEVELOPER  
SOAP  
COMMUNICATION  
SERVICE  
DEVICES  
DATA  
REQUESTER  
INTERACTION  
CODE  
SOFTWARE





Nowadays!



*Today*

DevOps      Code  
Two-Pizza  
Sourcecode

Directory

Microservices      Search  
Agility

ESB

Domain      APIs Hybrid

Cloud      Routing Sprint Autonomy Agile  
Testing CICD Discovery

Integration      Open

Containers

Automation





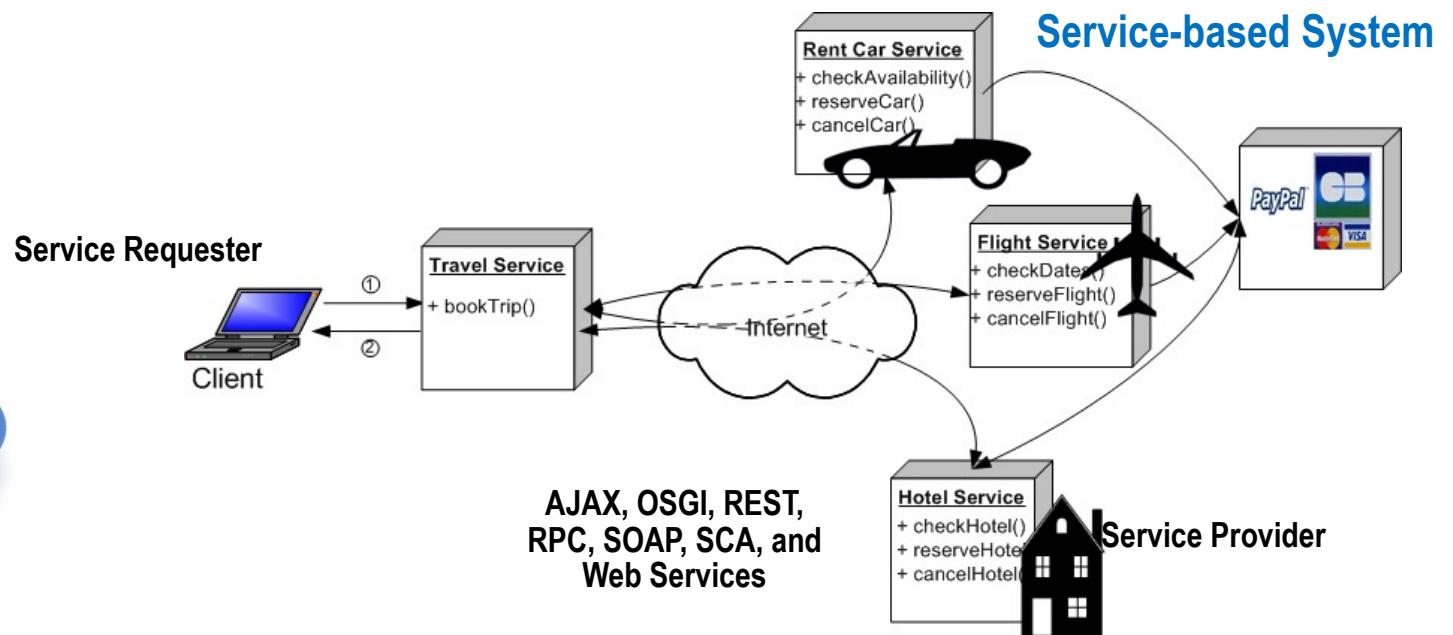
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# Service-Oriented Architecture

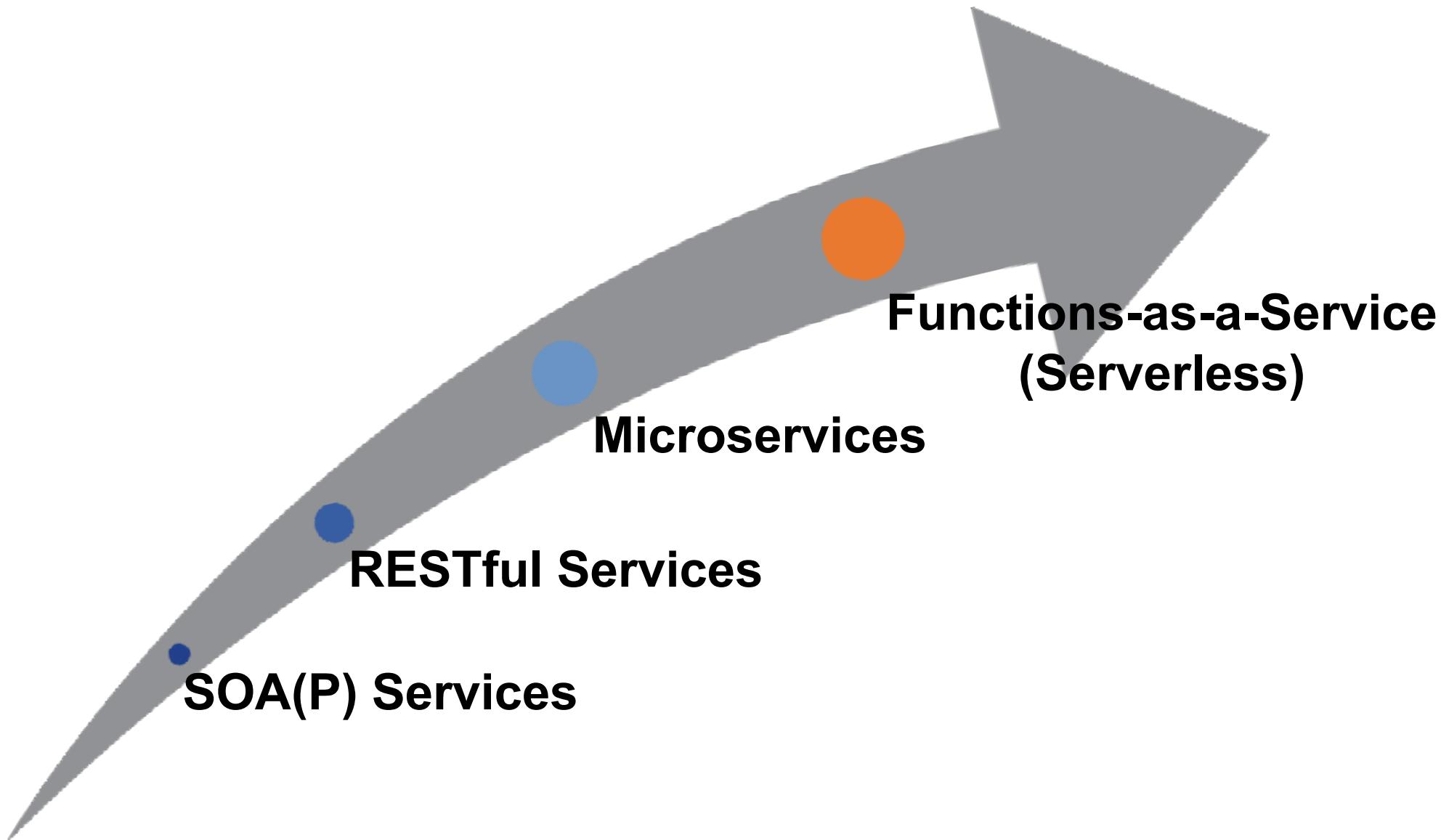
- « Architectural style encapsulating business functionality into separate services, which can be freely composed to realize higher-level business processes »



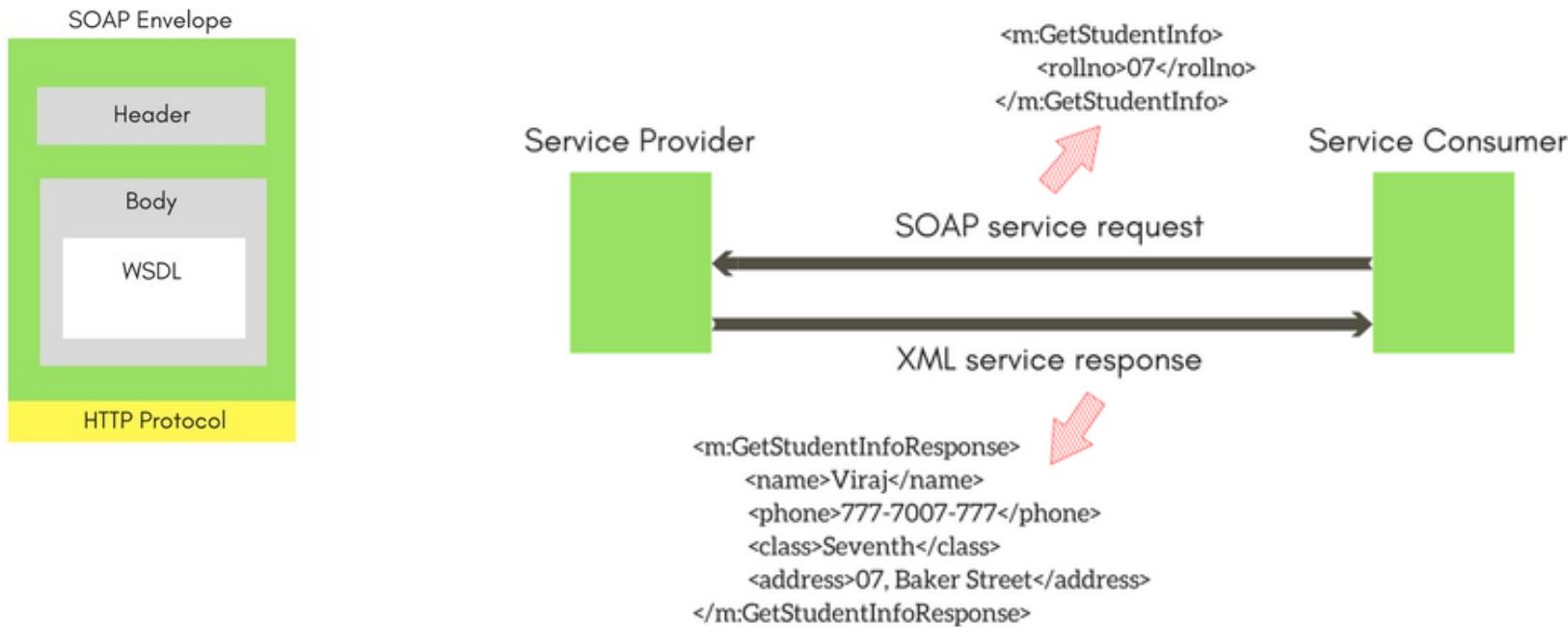
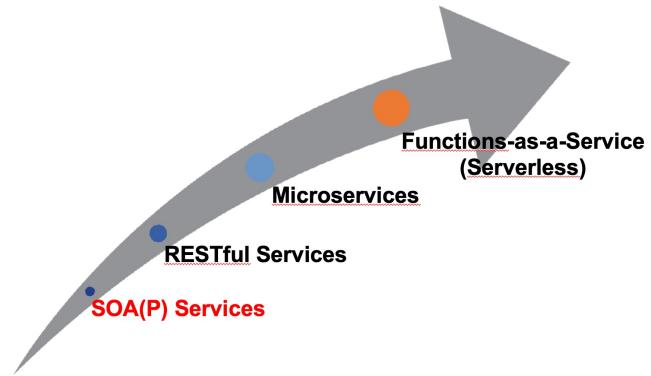
- « A **web service** is a program with a well-defined interface (contract mostly specified in WSDL) and an id (URI), which can be located, published, and invoked through standard Web protocols »



# SOA to Microservices, and beyond



# SOA(P) Services

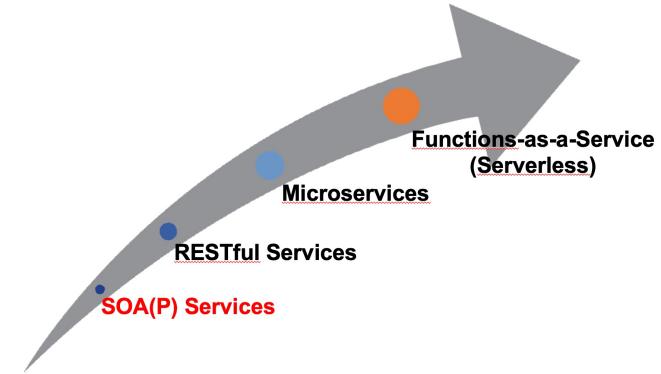


SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol) is an XML-based protocol

WSDL (Web Service Description Language) = contract btw Service and Client



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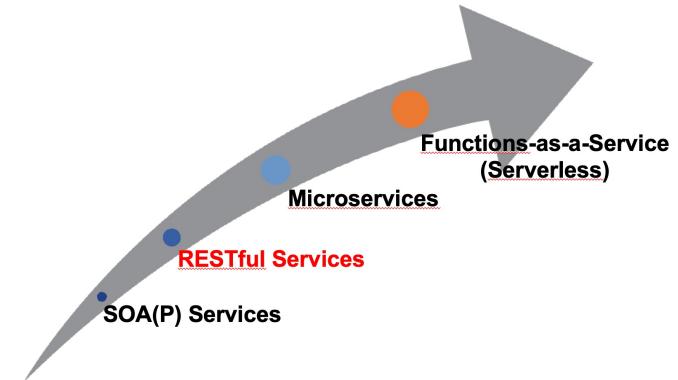


## ■ Composition of Services

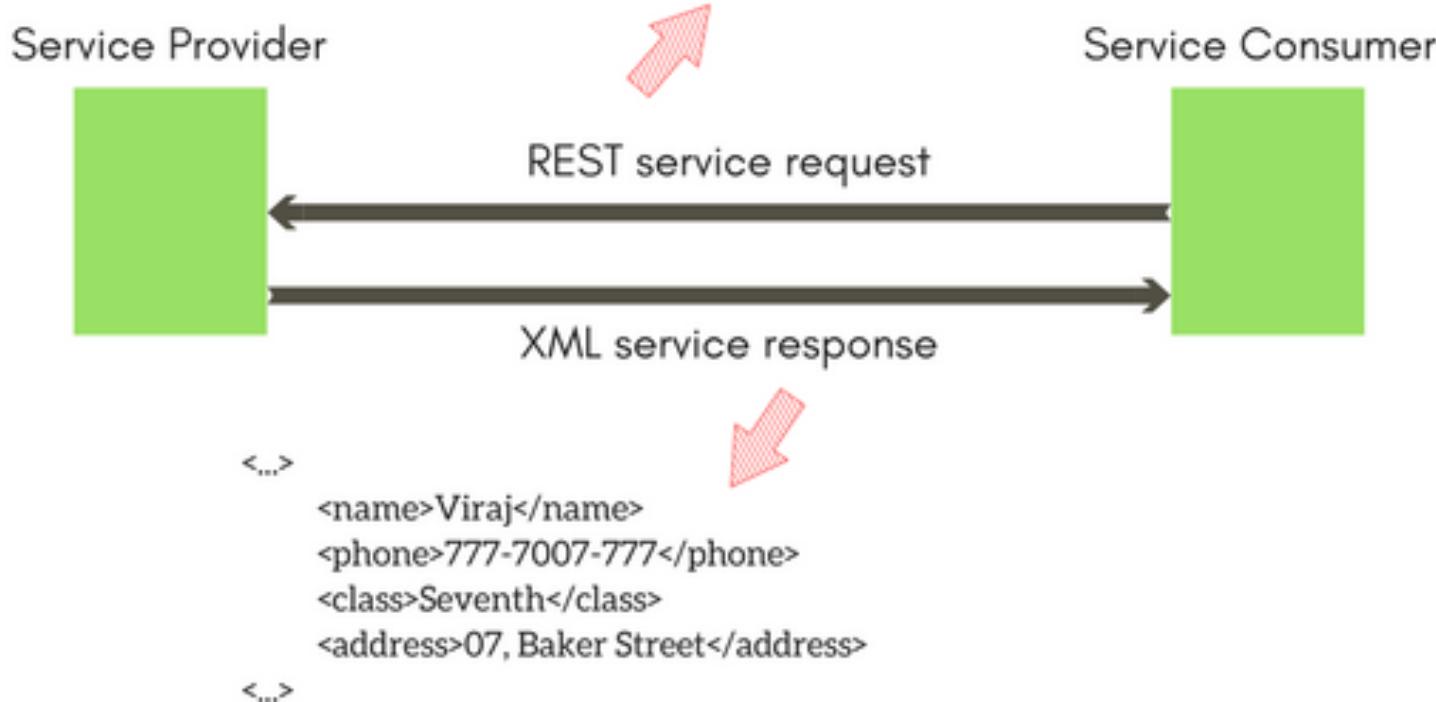
- Definition of clear/standard steps (modeling, binding, executing, and verifying) of Web Service composition
- Classification of compositions into
  - Workflow-based industry solutions (extending existing languages, e.g., [WS-BPEL](#) and [BPEL4WS](#))
  - Semantics-based academic solutions, using planning/AI upon semantic languages such as [OWL-S](#)



# RESTful Services



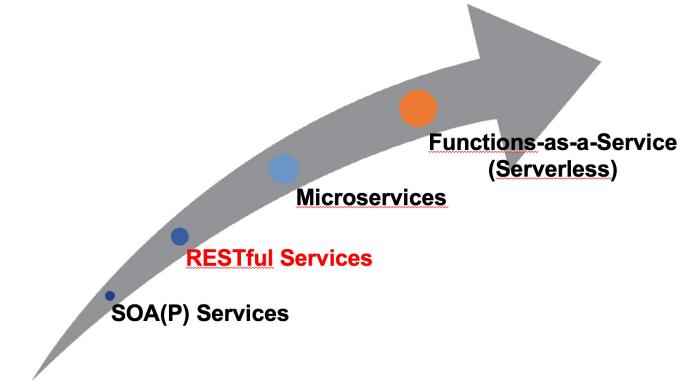
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REST (REpresentational State Transfer) = HTTP methods PUT, POST, GET, and DELETE

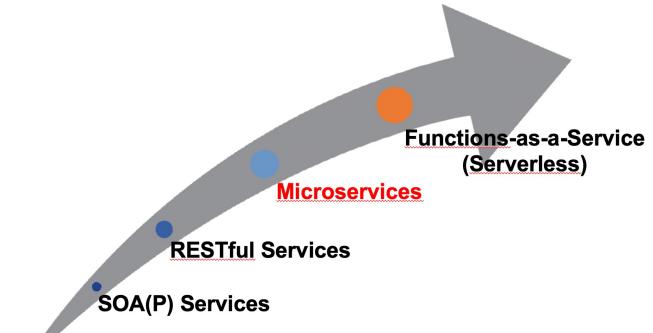


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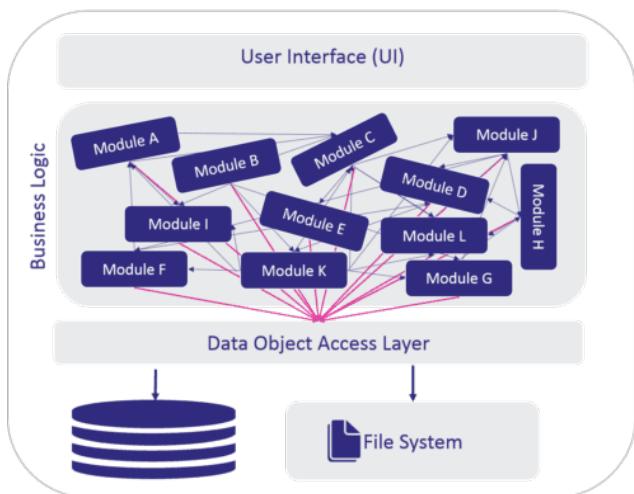
- Still, reuse and composition under discussion in the RESTful era
  - Definition of clear/standard steps (modeling, binding, executing, and verifying) of Web Service composition
  - Classification of compositions into
    - Workflow-based industry solutions : BPEL4REST
    - Semantic-based annotations, planning-based solutions, and formalization

# Cloud Microservices

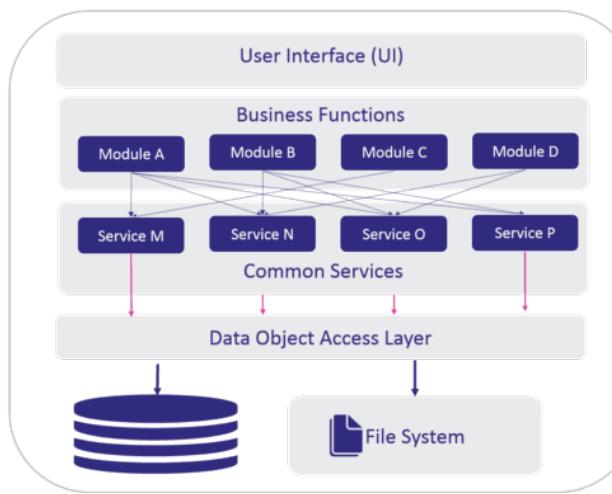


- « Microservices are small, autonomous services that work together »
  - SOA = *share-as-much-as-possible*
  - Microservices = *share-as-little-as-possible*

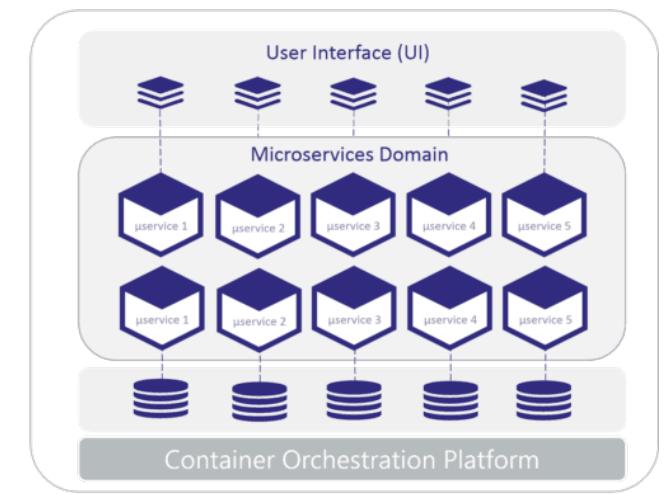
Monolithic Architecture



SOA Architecture

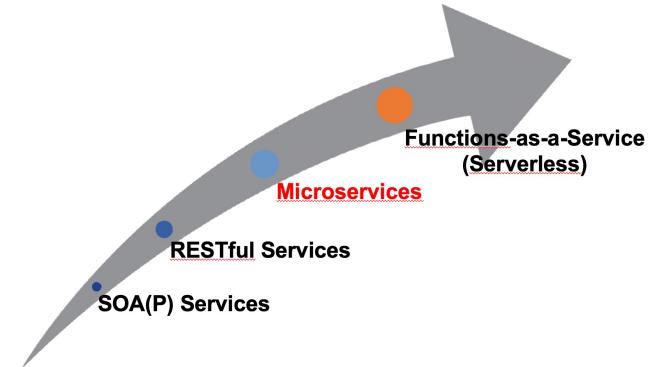


Microservices Architecture



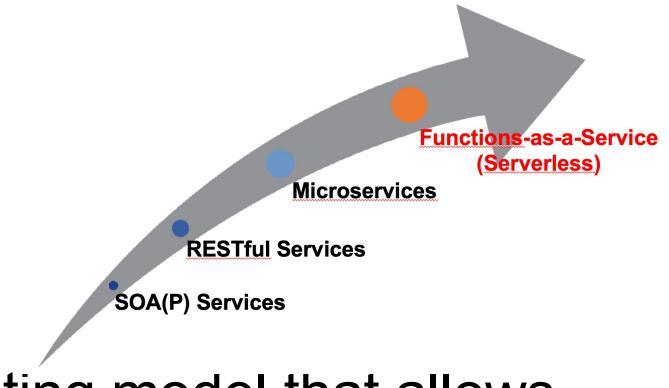


# Microservices

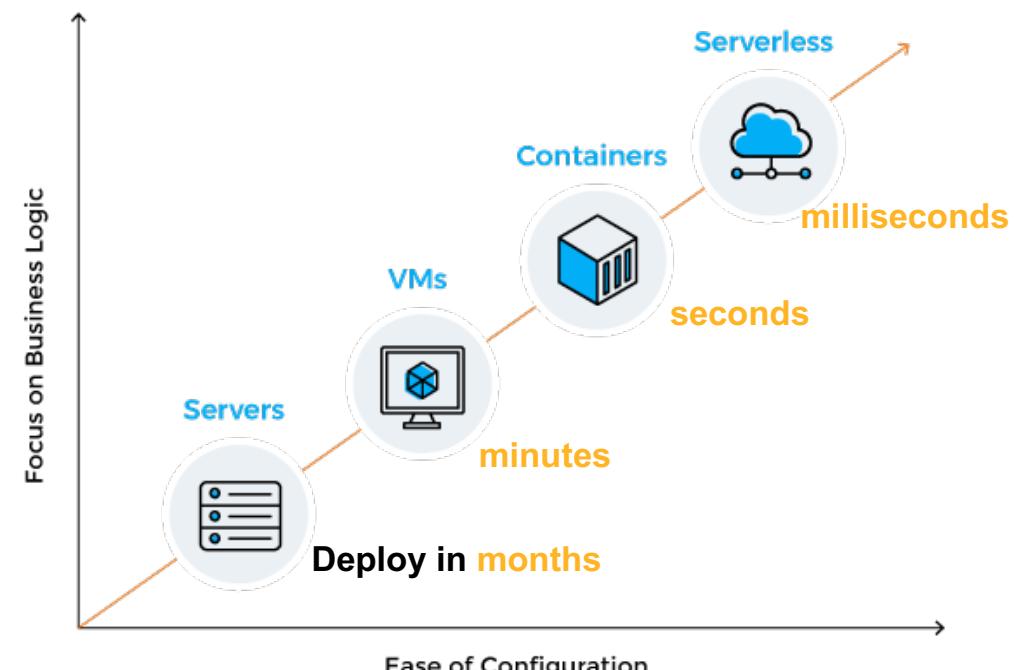
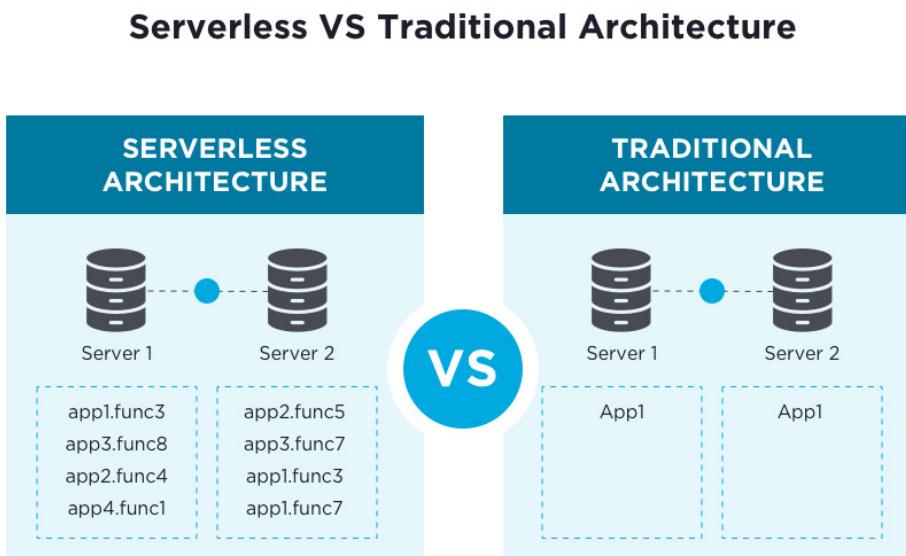


- Issues related to defining, classifying, and characterizing services and composition solutions are overcome
- New challenges posed by the IoT, pervasive computing, and mobile apps
- Environment more open, dynamic and ever changing

# FaaS - Serverless



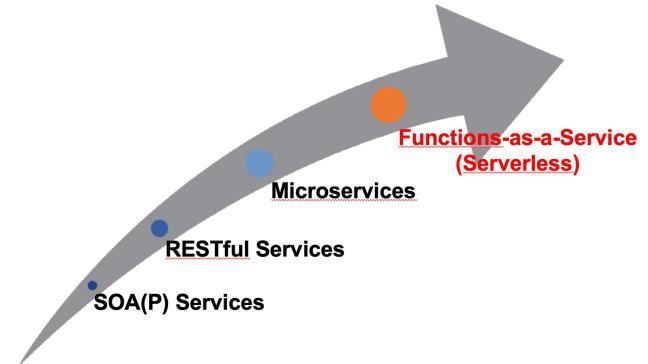
- « Function as a service (FaaS) is a cloud computing model that allows users to develop applications and deploy functionalities without managing a server, thus improving process efficiency »
- Pay for only what you use



<https://www.plutora.com/blog/serverless>  
<https://www.onelogin.com/learn/serverless-computing>



# FaaS - Serveless



## ■ Challenges

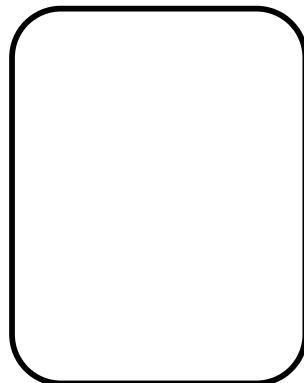
- Determine the **sweet spots** where running code in a FaaS environment can deliver economic benefits
- Automatically **profile existing code** to offload computation to serverless functions
- Bring **adequate isolation** among functions
- Determine the **right granularity** to exploit data and code locality
- Provide methods to **handle state** (given that functions are stateless by definition)
- Increase the number of **out-of-the-box tools** to test and deploy functions locally



# SOA to Microservices, and beyond

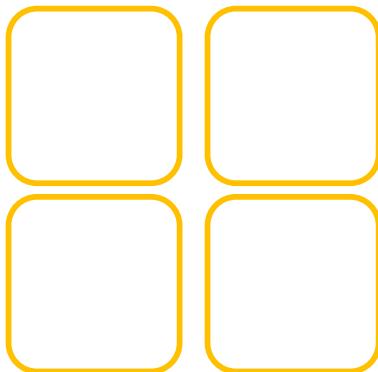
## Monolith

Single Unit



## SOA

Coarse-grained



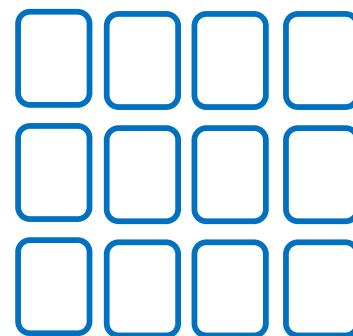
- + Simplified arch.
- + Less to deploy
- + Less to manage
- Inflexible
- Slow updates

- + Separation of concerns
- + Specular to business
- Pre-cloud
- No infrastructure focus

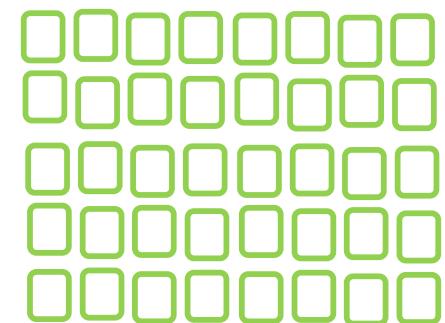
## Microservices

Fine-grained

*Canonical  
(container based)*



*Serverless FaaS  
(platform)*



- + Container-based
- + Easy to migrate
- + Reproducible
- + Vendor-agnostic
- Manual admin
- Running costs

- + Scalability
- + Cost
- + Zero admin
- Resource limits
- Size limit
- Vendor lock-in



# SOA to Microservices, and beyond

## Monolithic



Startups,  
Small Apps



Small resource  
base

are architecture types

## SOA



Enterprise apps with  
complex operations

## Microservices



Complex large-scale  
systems



Multiple skilled teams

## Serverless



Client-heavy apps



Fast-growing and  
rapidly changing apps



High-latency  
background tasks



# Our Contribs : Preserving and Improving Software Quality in Service-based Systems

## SOFA Service Oriented Framework For Analysis

Mosser, Caissy, Juroszek, Vouters, Moha. Charting **Microservices** to Support Services' Developers: The Anaximander Approach. ICSOC 2020: 36-44

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Functions-as-a-Service  
(Serverless)

### Microservices

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### RESTful Services

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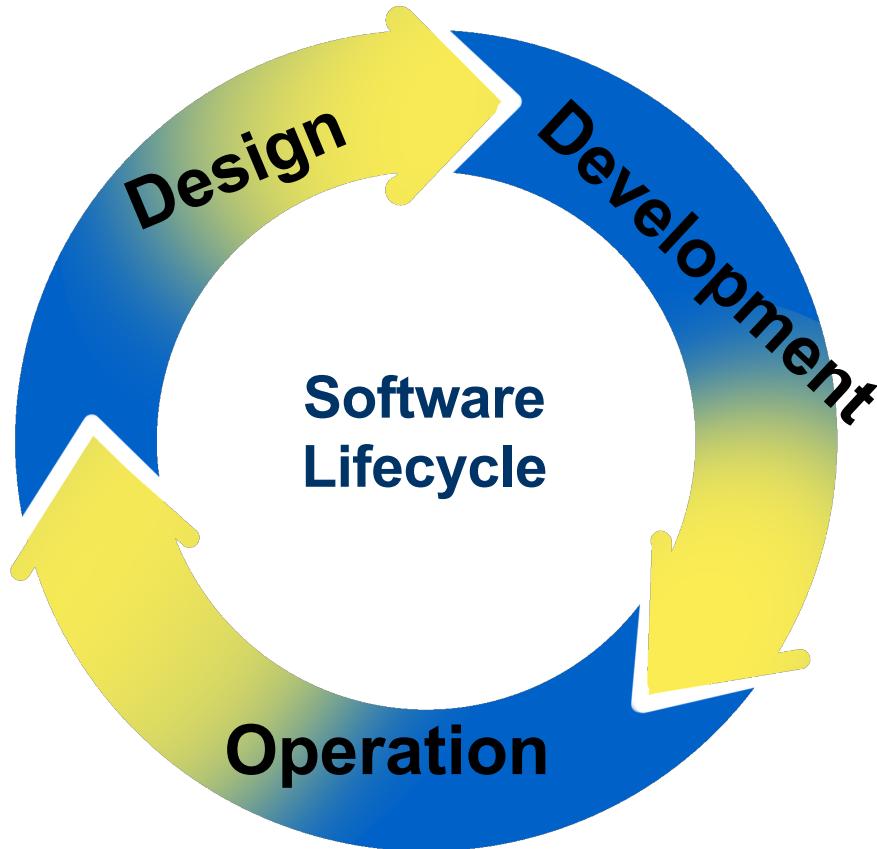




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# Challenges



## Microservices: The Evolution and Extinction of Web Services?



Luciano Baresi and Martin Garriga

**Abstract** In the early 2000s, service-oriented architectures (SOA) emerged as a paradigm for distributed computing, e-business processing, and enterprise integration. Rapidly, SOA and web services became the subject of hype, and virtually every organization tried to adopt them, no matter their actual suitability. Even worse, there were nearly as many definitions of SOA as people adopting it. This led to a big fail on many of those attempts, as they tried to change the problem to fit the solution. Nowadays, microservices are the new weapon of choice to achieve the same (and even more) goals posed to SOA years ago. Microservices (“SOA done right”) describe a particular way of designing software applications as suites of independently deployable services, bringing dynamism, modularity, distributed development, and integration of heterogeneous systems. However, nothing comes for free: new (and old) challenges appeared, including service design and specification, data integrity, and consistency management. In this chapter, we identify such challenges through an evolutionary view from the early years of SOA to microservices, and beyond. Our findings are backed by a literature review, comprising both academic and gray literature. Afterwards, we analyze how such challenges are addressed in practice, and which challenges remain open, by inspecting microservice-related projects on GitHub, the largest open-source repository to date.

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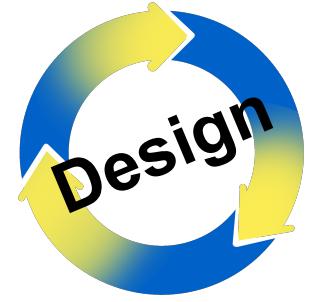
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# Challenges



- Lack of academic efforts regarding the **design practices and patterns**
  - Resilience patterns such as Circuit-breaker
- Dimensioning microservices i.e. finding the **right granularity**
  - Trade-off between size and number of microservices
- **Security by design**
  - Proliferation of endpoints in microservice ecosystems



# Challenges



- Lack of proposals for **asynchronous interaction models**
- Concurrent **versions** and incremental **releases**
  - Recent efforts on standardizing RESTful APIs through OpenAPI specs
- Data persistency and consistency
- **Resilience Testing**
  - Testing the failure-handling capabilities of microservices



# Challenges



- Increase in consumption of computing and network resources
  - Mistrust regarding built-in solutions of cloud providers → too rigid or cumbersome to configure and adjust
- Operational complexity
  - Challenging to locate and coordinate microservices



# Challenges



- Due to their **novelty** and **intrinsic complexity** and **distribution**
- Their design, development, and operation is hampered
  - Business logic is heavily distributed over many independent and asynchronously evolving microservices



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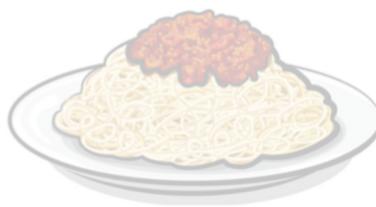


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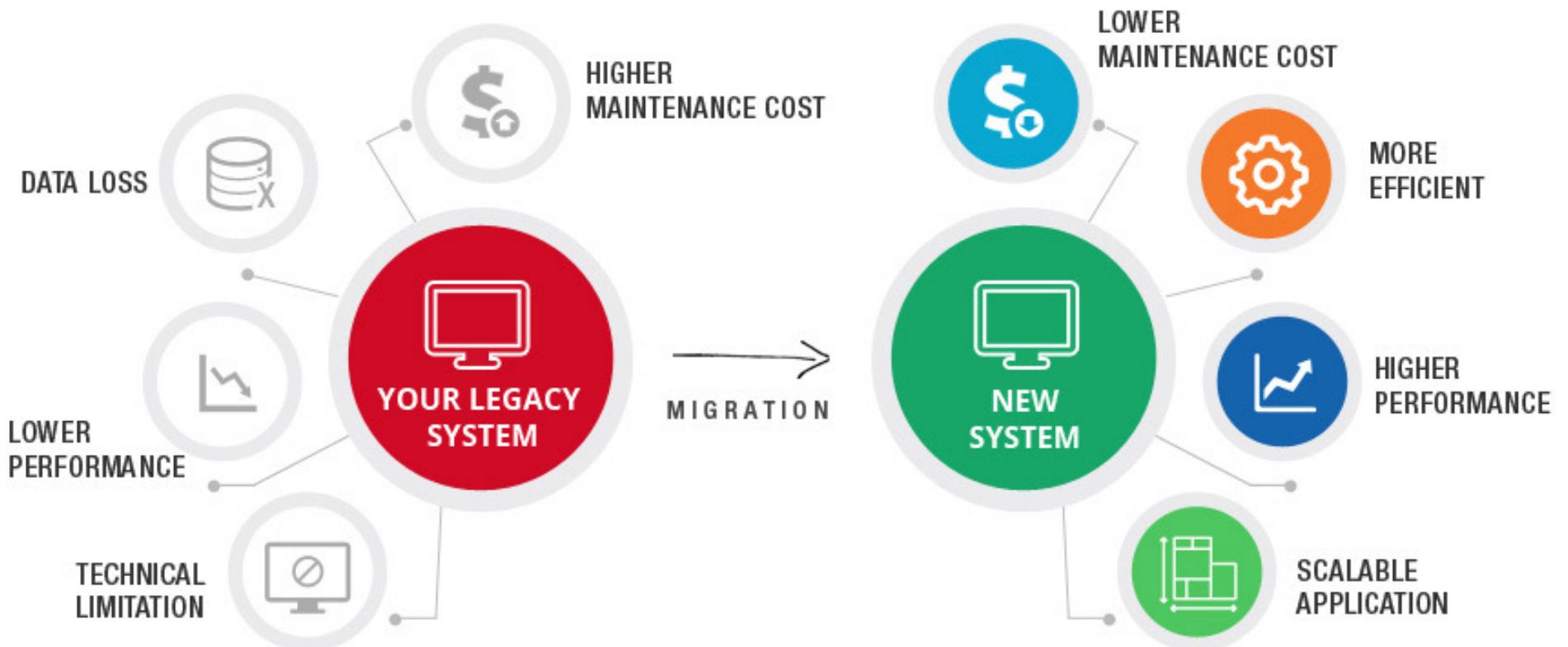


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## ■ Modernisation of Legacy Systems



# Legacy systems: the replacement and modernisation headache

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**70% of today's transactional operations are managed by legacy systems**



**Legacy systems are critical**

**but challenging to maintain**

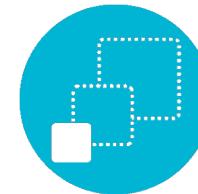


**Maintenance Costs**



**Lack of Flexibility**

**Shortcomings**



**Lack of Scalability**



**Lack of Support**

# Migrating your legacy system to the SOA stack



**Legacy systems migration remains essential to ease their maintenance and make them more evolvable without loosing their business values**



# Migrating Legacy Systems to SOA

Coca-Cola

NETFLIX

amazon

Uber

zalando

ebay<sup>tm</sup>

Spotify®



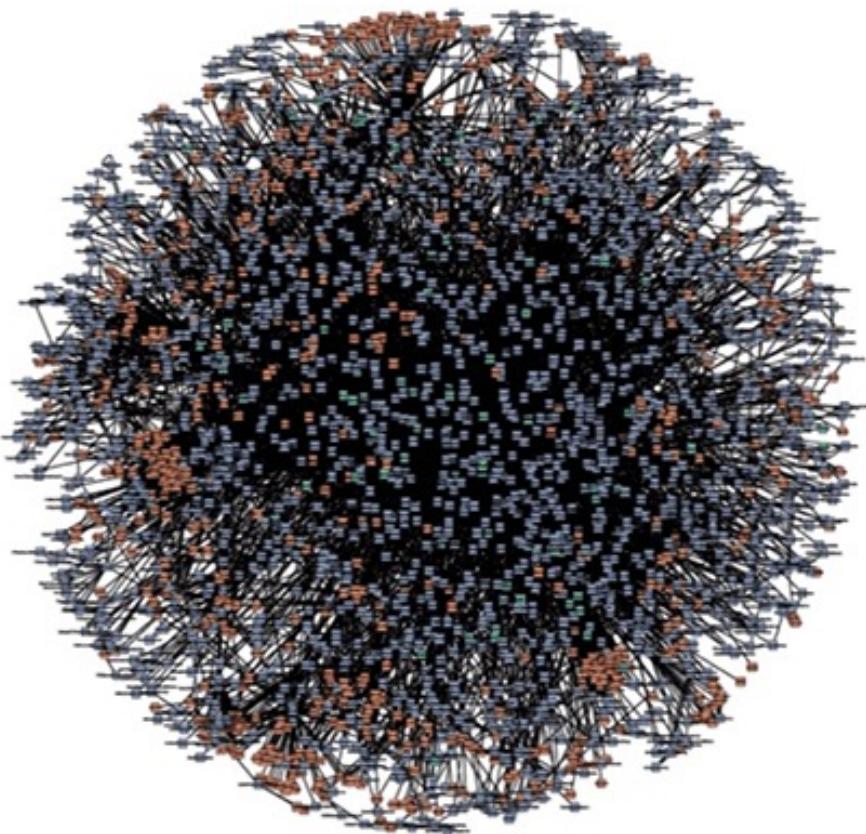
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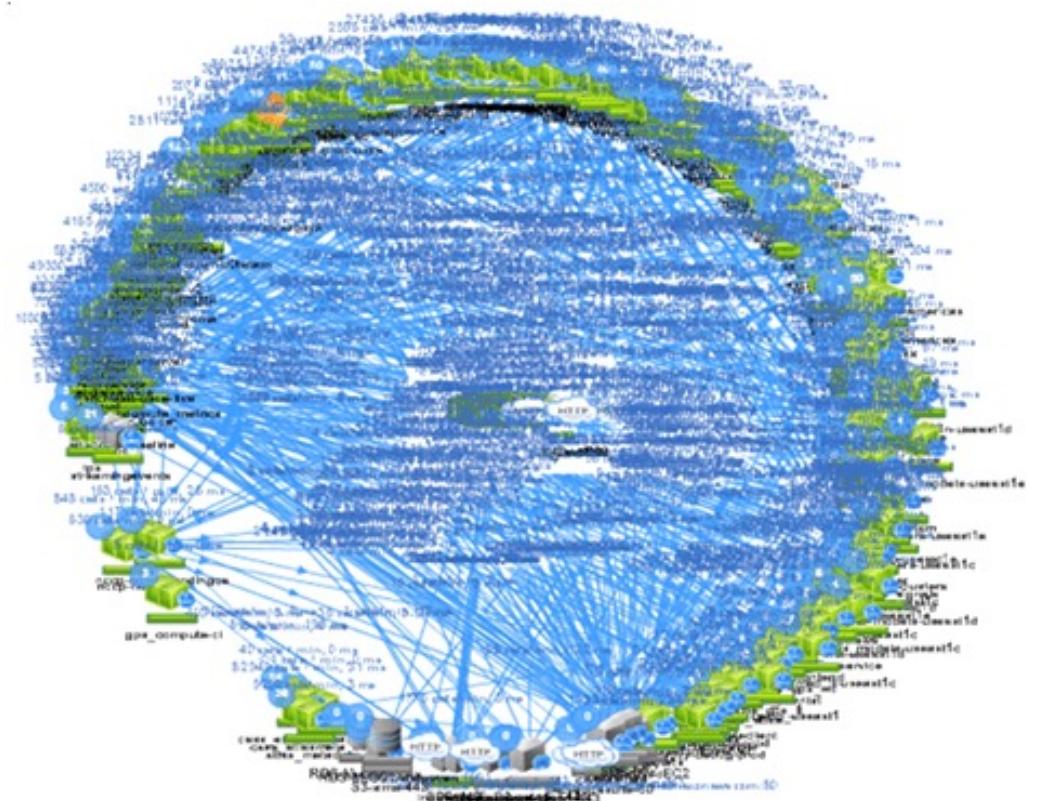
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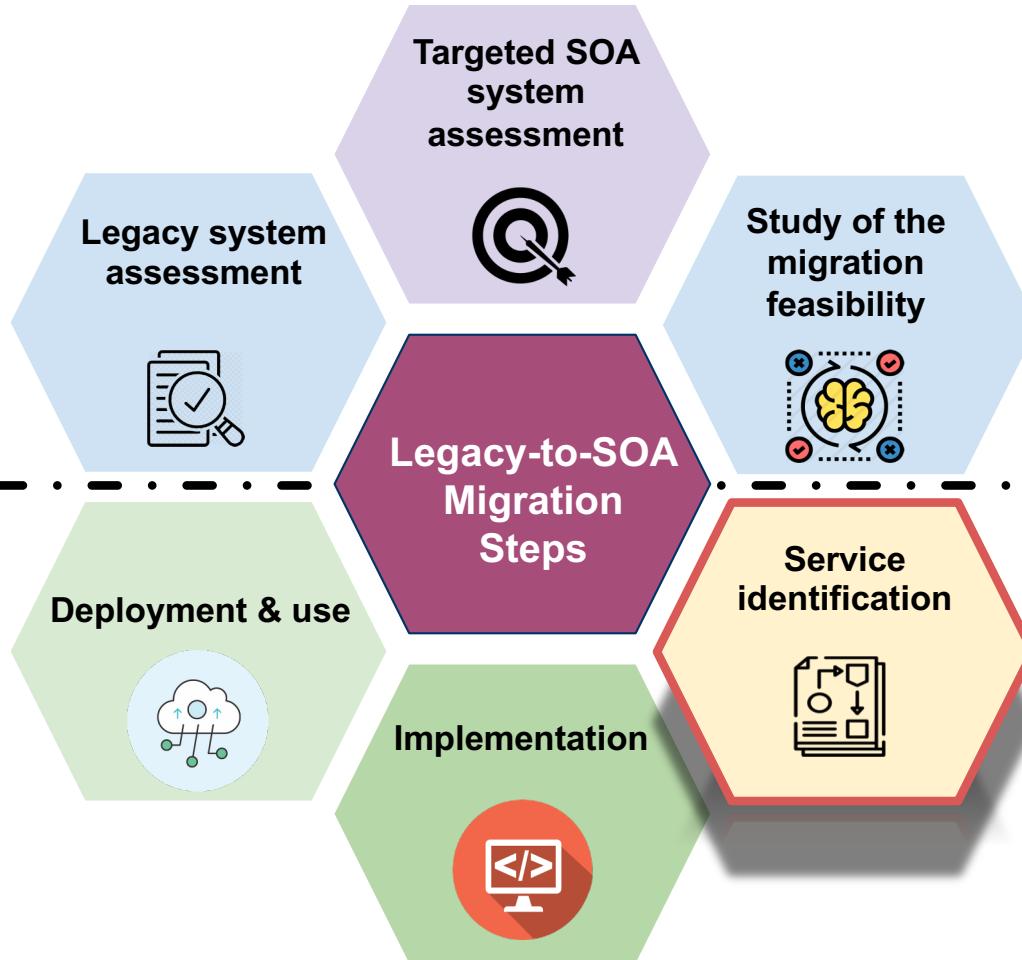
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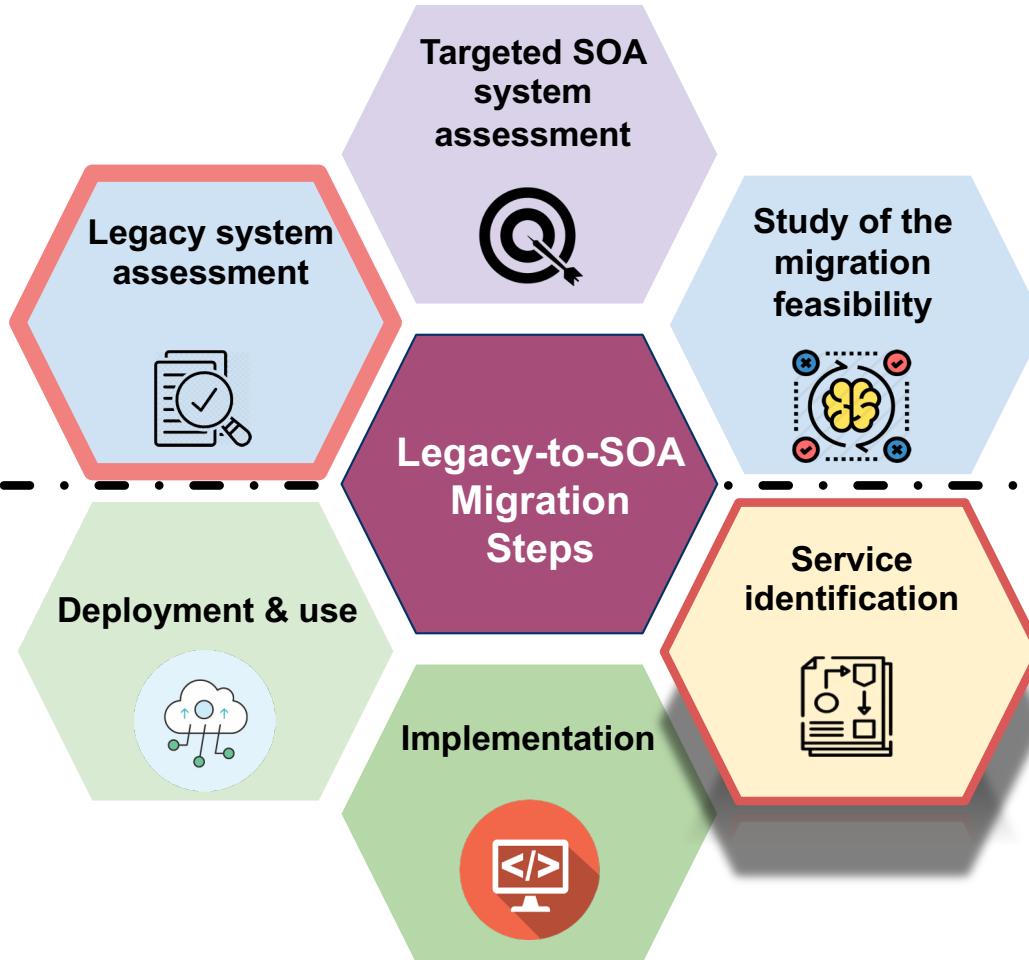
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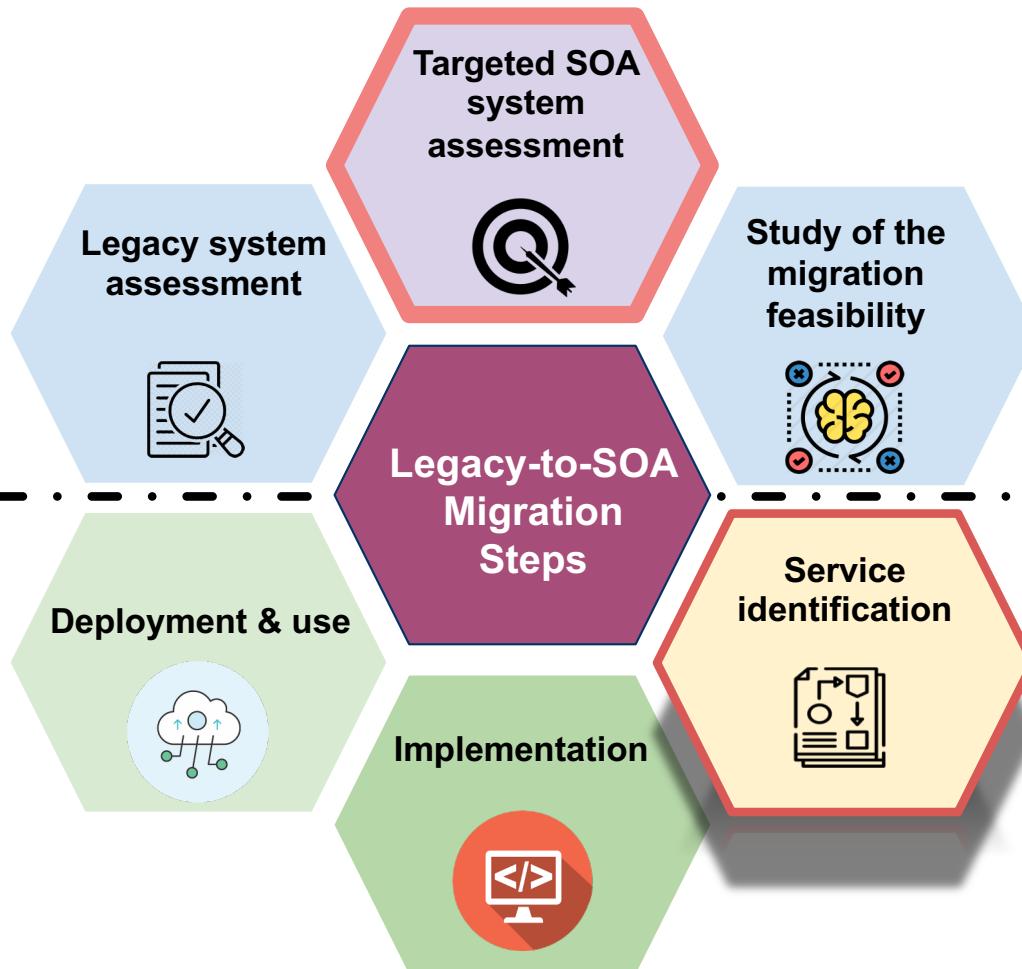
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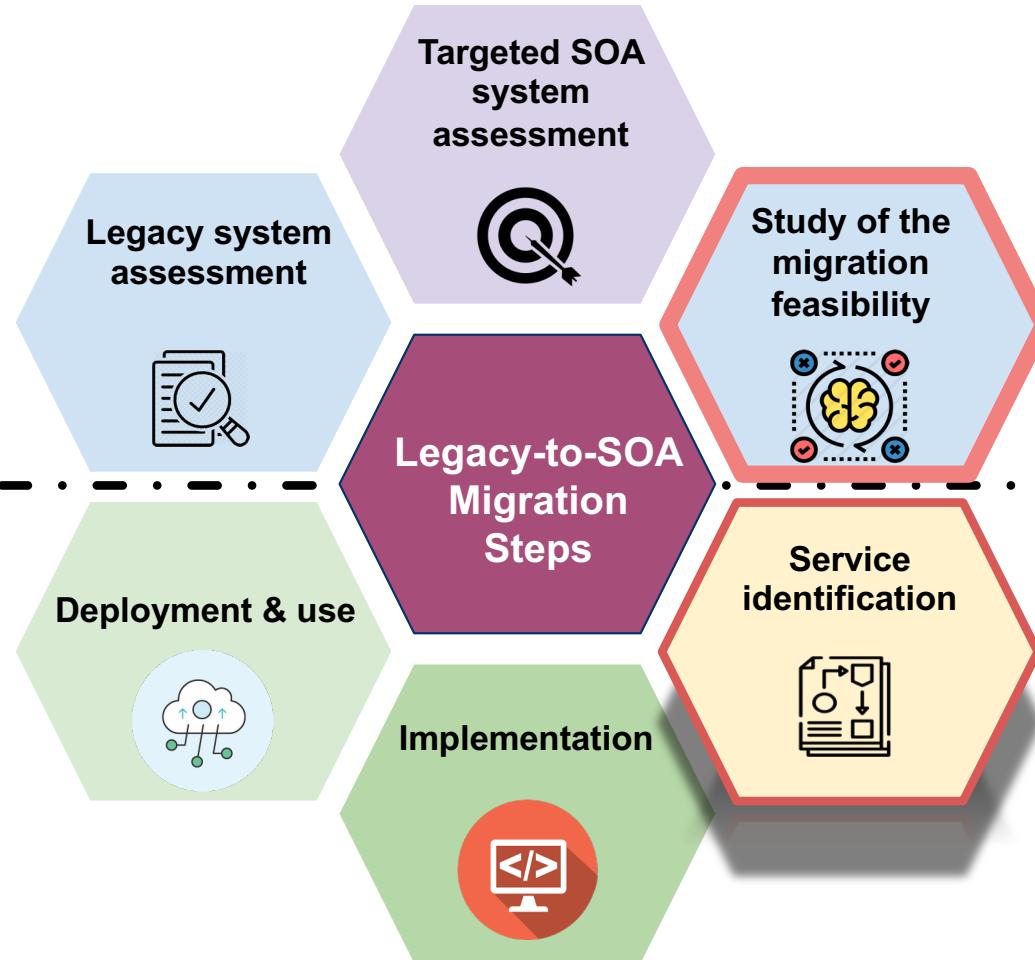
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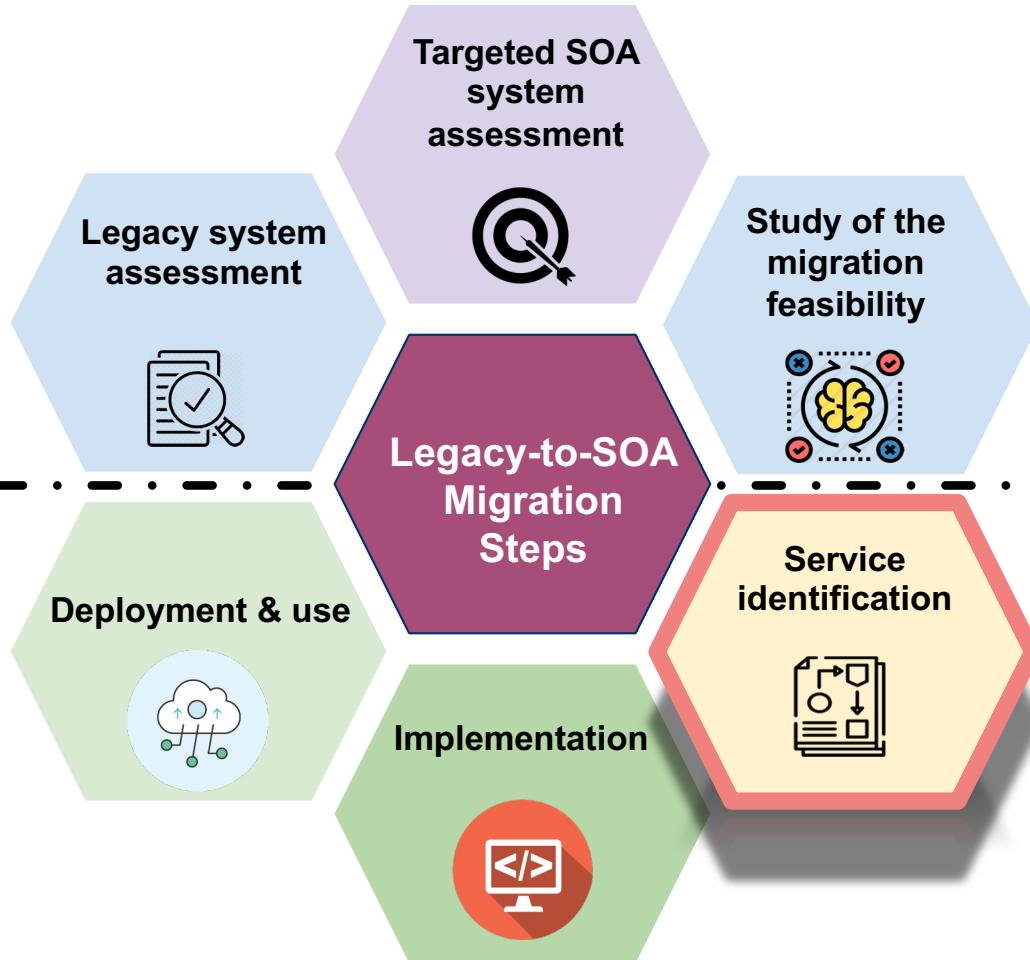
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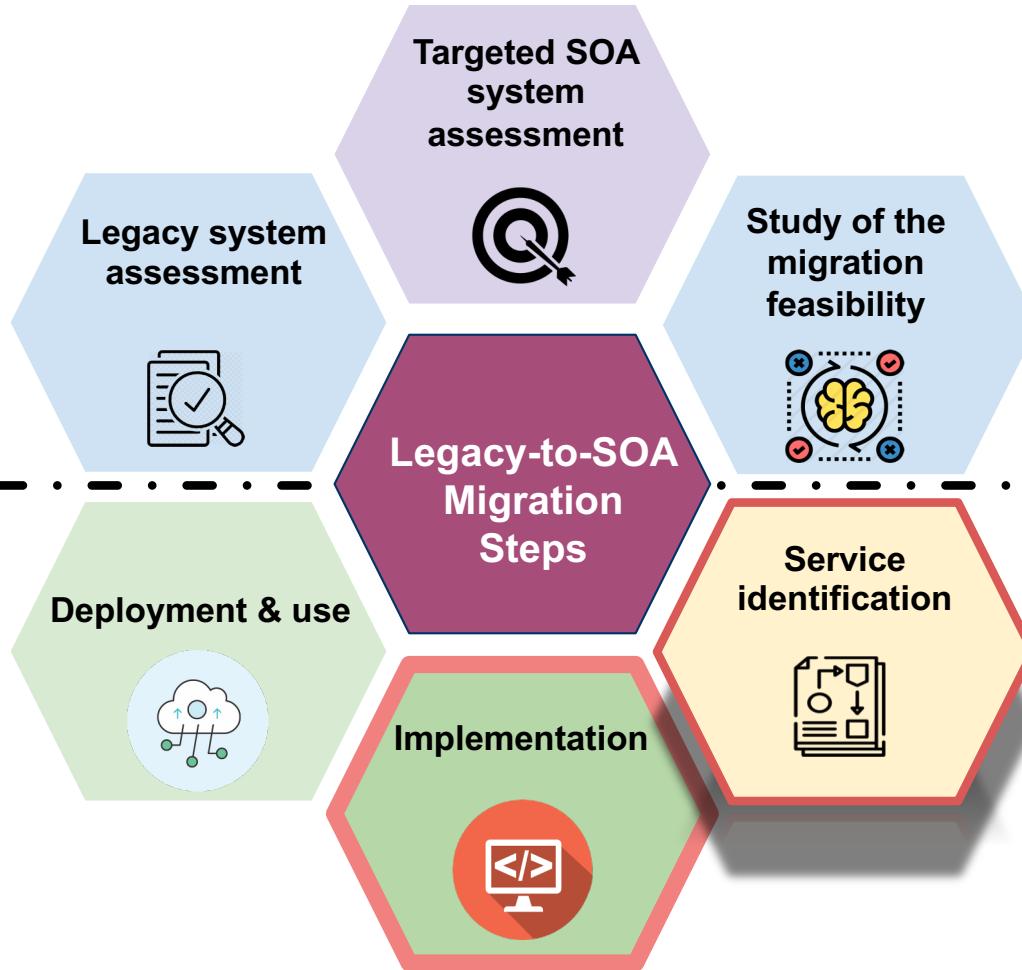




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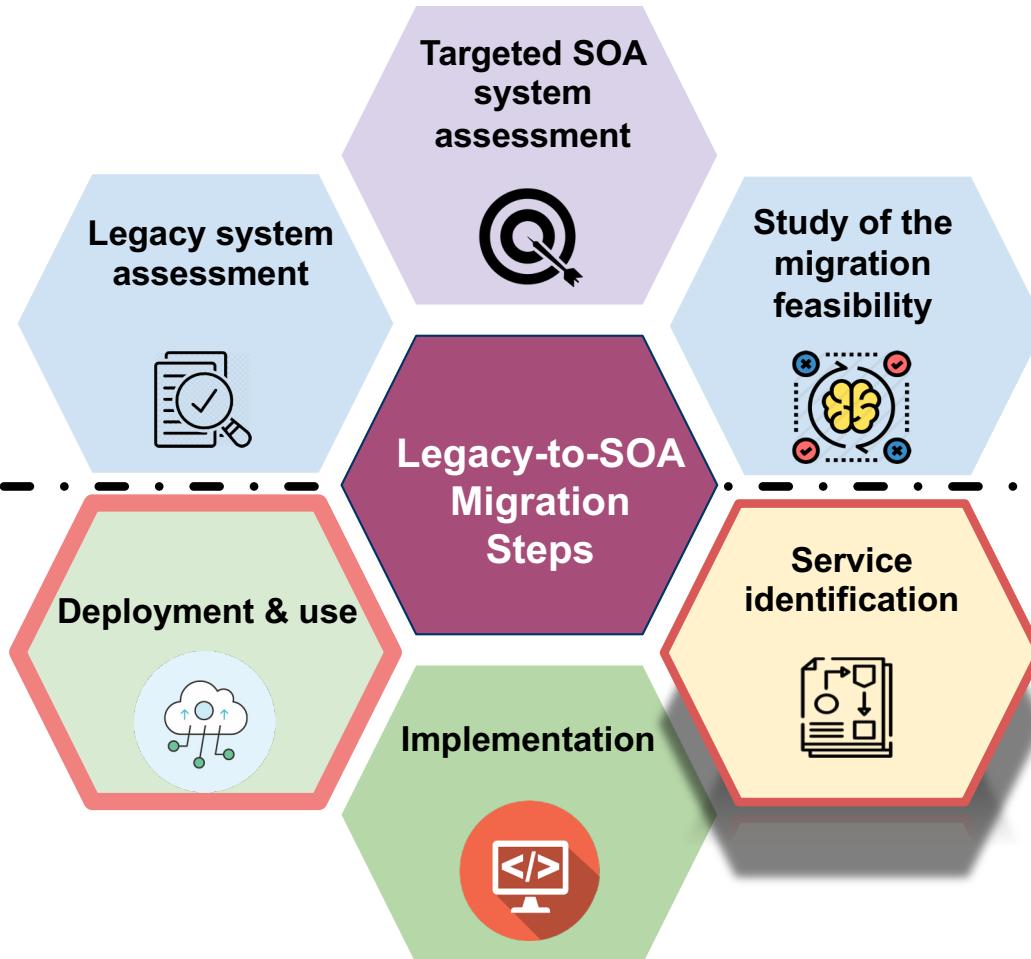
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# Service Identification to Support the Migration of Legacy Systems



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# Service Identification Approaches



**Gap between academia and industry**



**Limited identification accuracy**



**Lack of automation**



**Lack of type-sensitive SIAs**



**Input types & availability**



# Service Identification

- Difficult Phase of the migration to SOA
  - The services identified must meet a set of requirements related to their functionality, quality of service and ease of use
- Some research on the subject but little knowledge of industry practices





# Industry Practices on Migration

## Survey

Publication of the survey

Target companies for legacy modernization

accenture

FRESCHE<sup>LEGACY</sup>

IBM

Infosys

Hydro Québec

TATA  
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benchmark

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NTT DATA



Reaching the participants

Voluntary participation (no incentives)

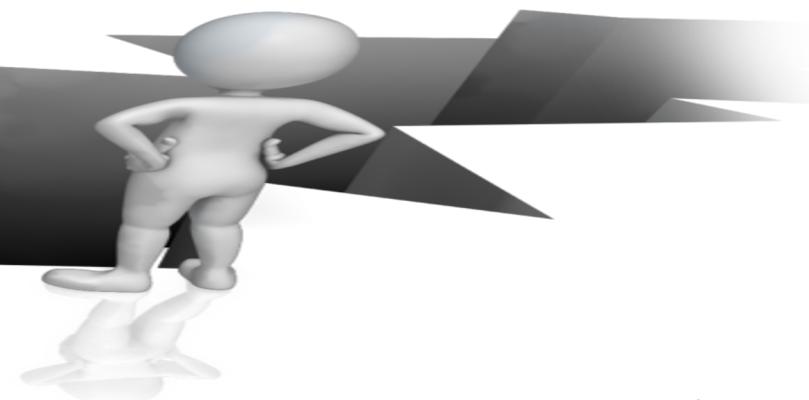
We reached around 298 practitioners

45 participants fully completed the survey + 8 interviews



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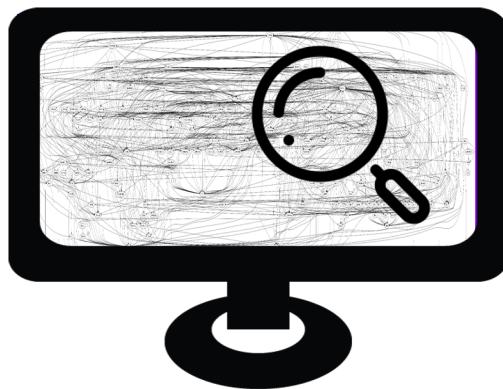
- **Gap** between academia and industry
- **Poor knowledge transfer** between academia and industry in the context of legacy-to-SOA migration
- **Lack of cost-effective** academic service identification techniques
- Lack of **validation** on real **enterprise-scale** systems



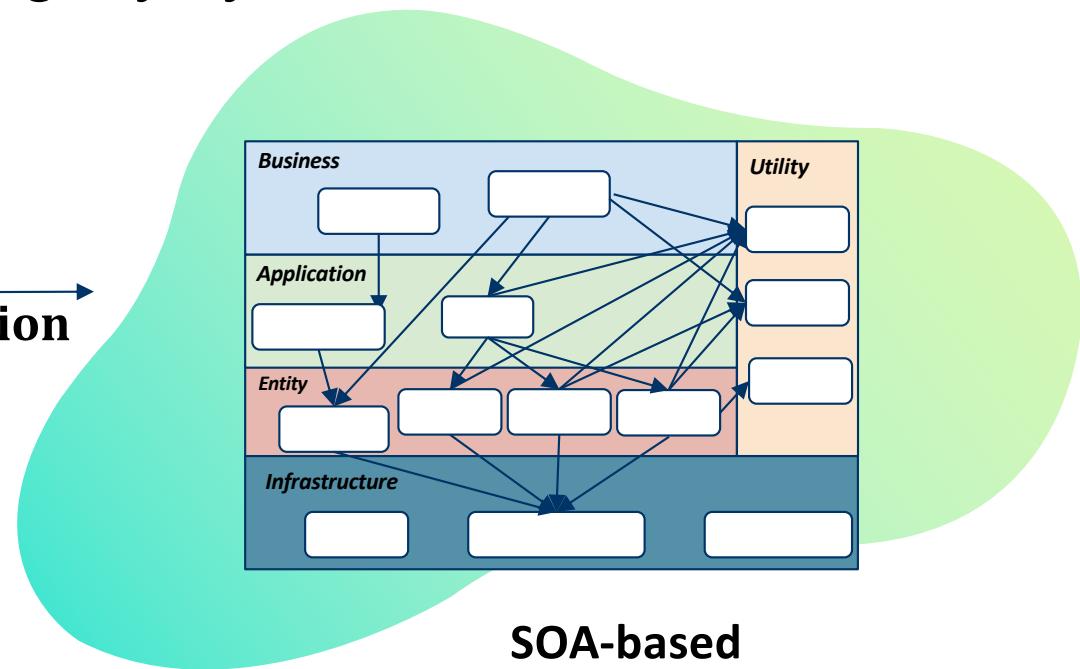


# Service Identification

- Supporting legacy-to-SOA migration with a highly automated **type-sensitive SI** approach that relies on **static and semantic analysis** of legacy systems



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Identification

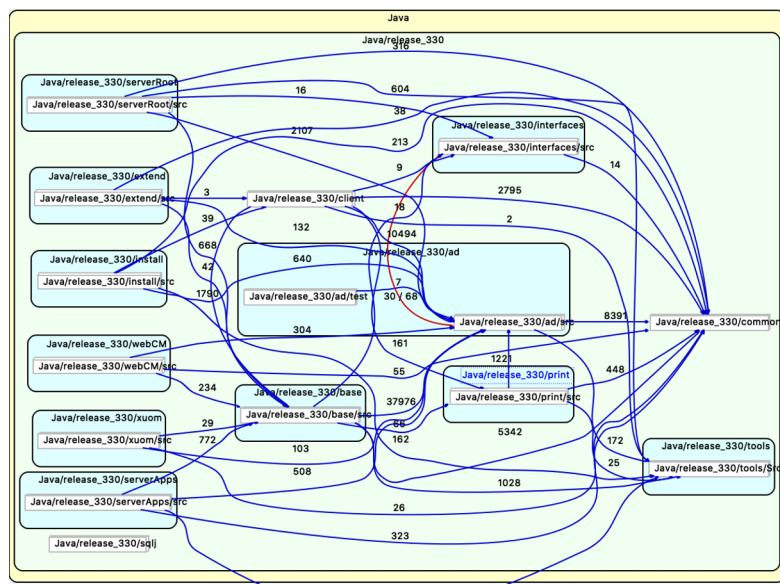


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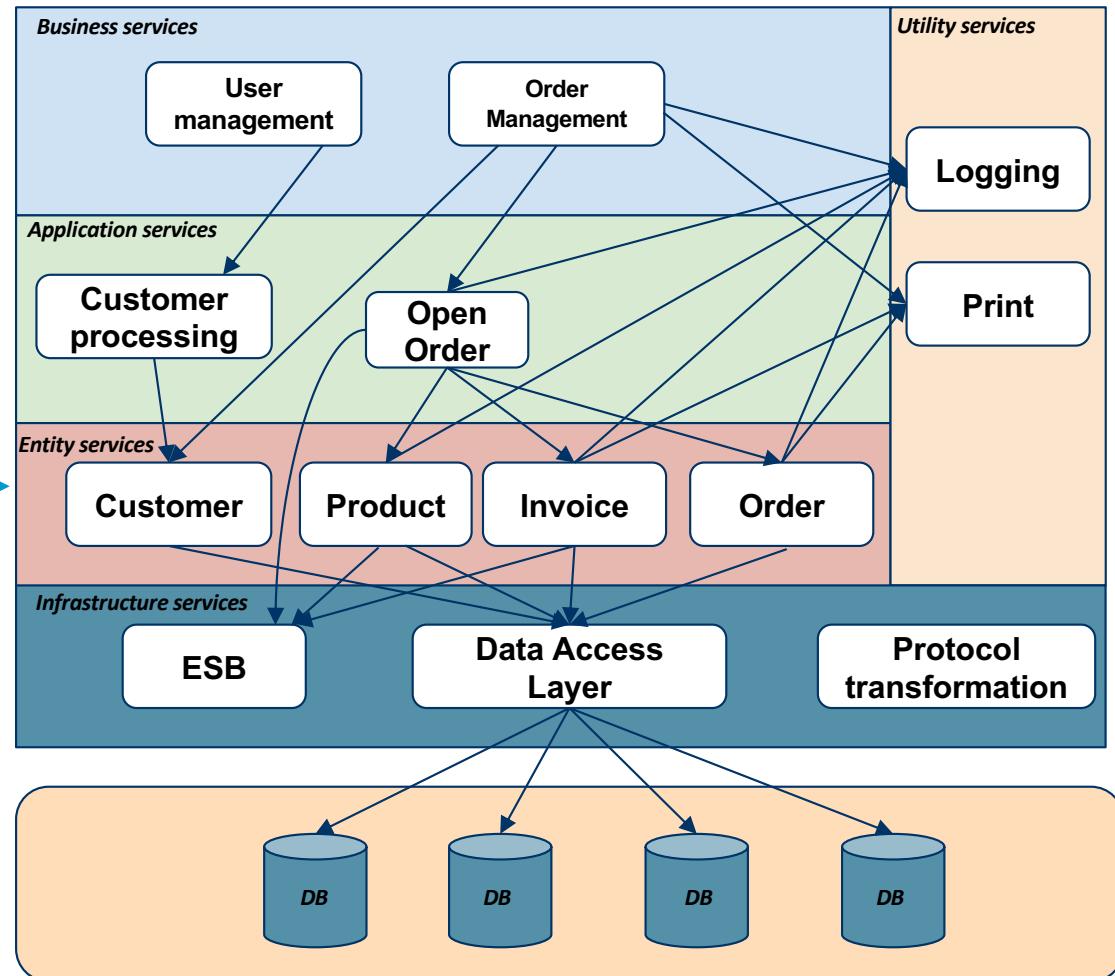
SOA-based  
System



# SI should depend on service types



Migration

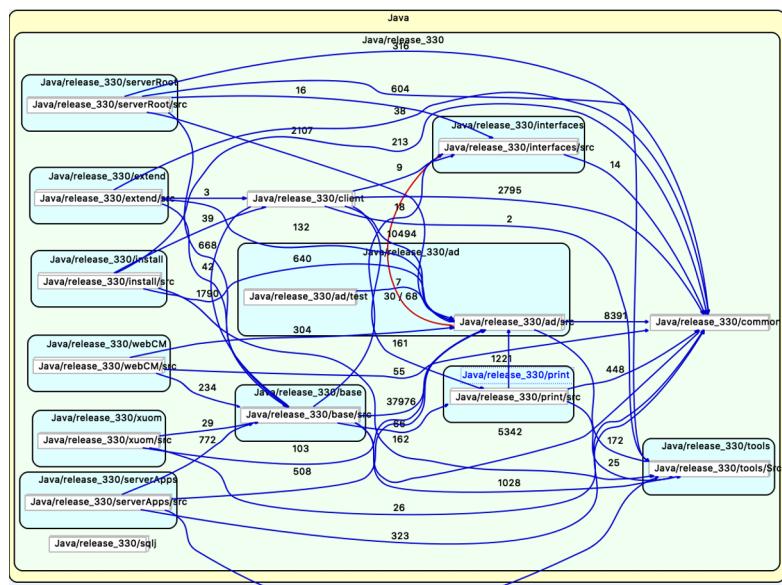


Legacy  
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SOA-based  
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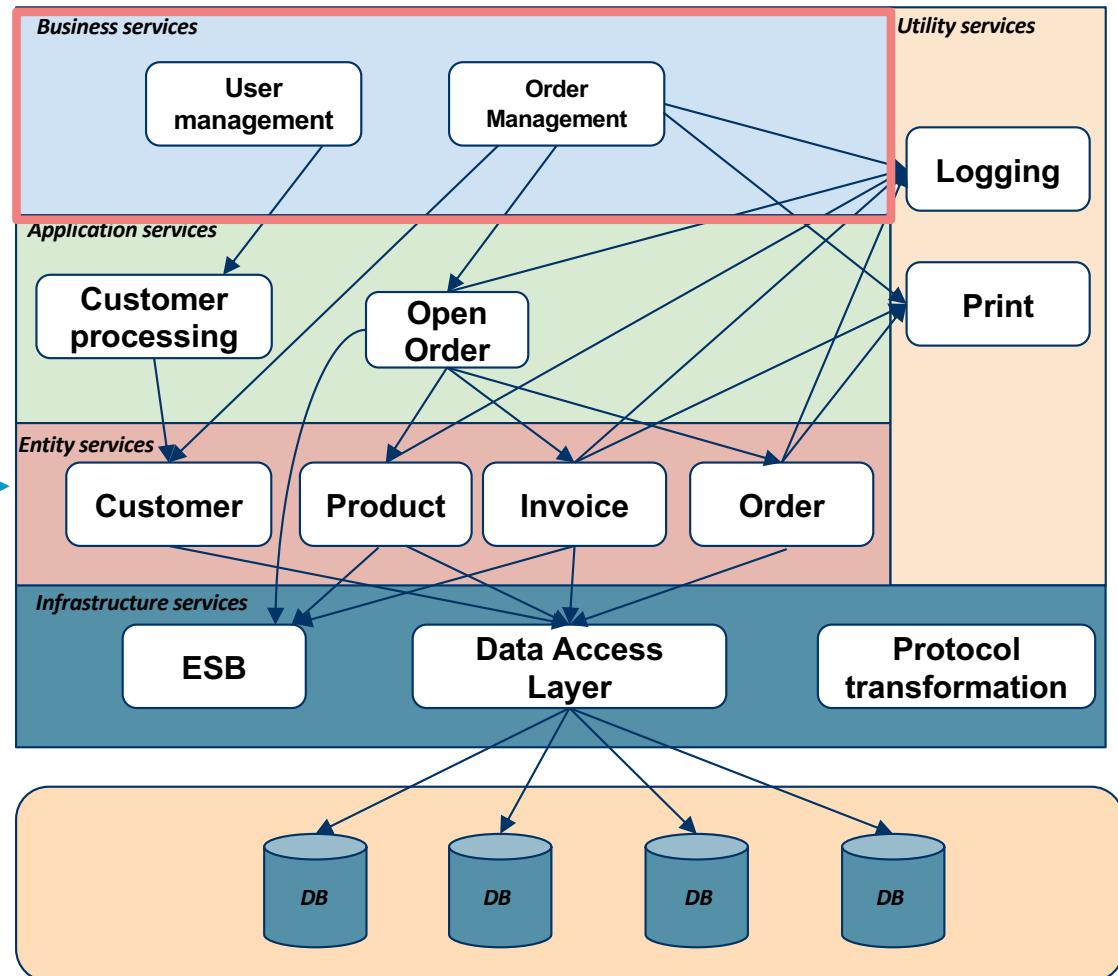


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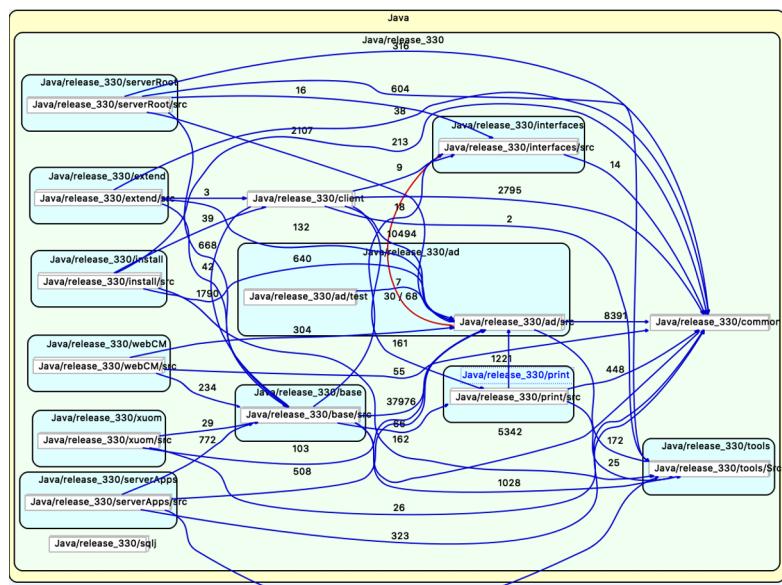
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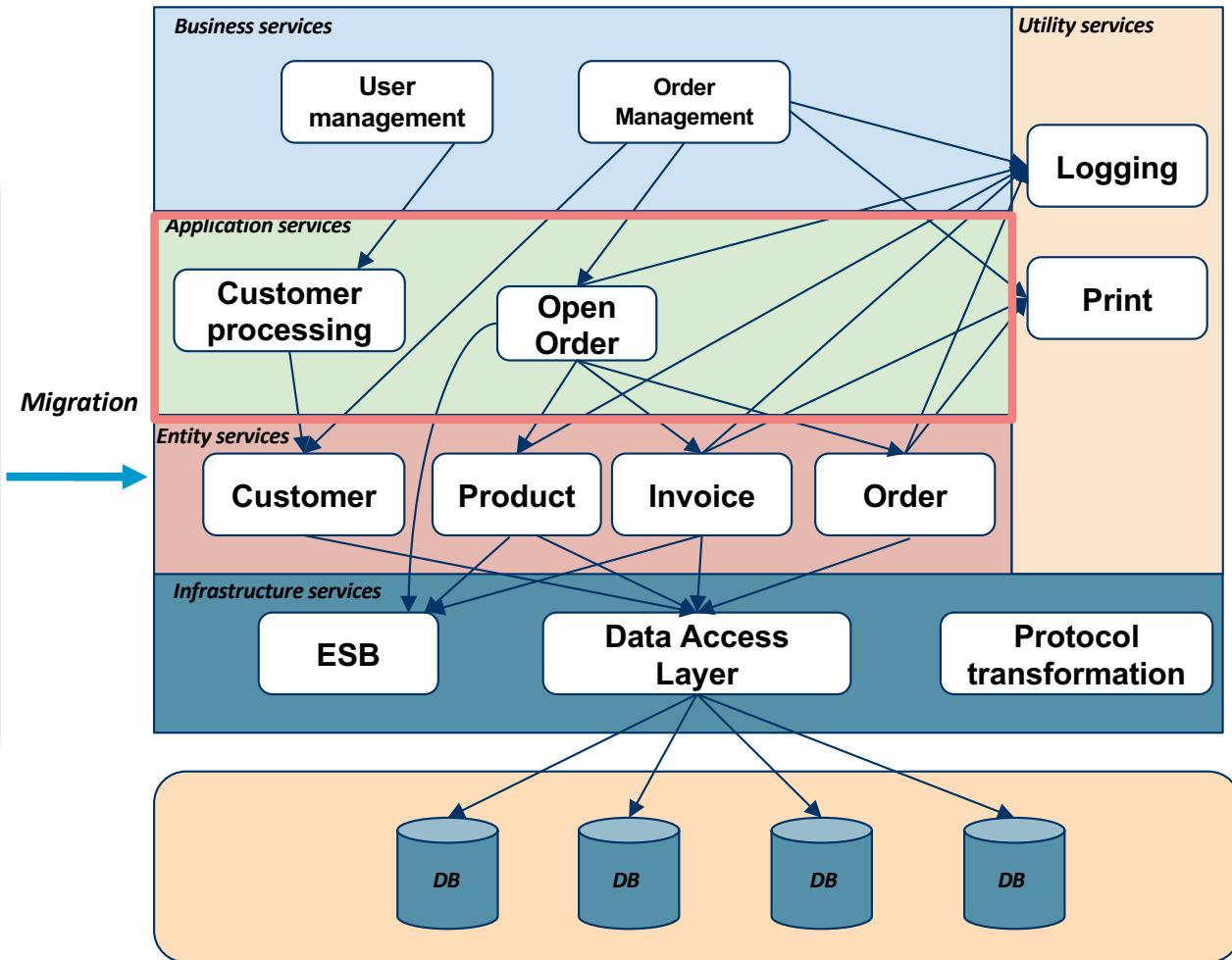
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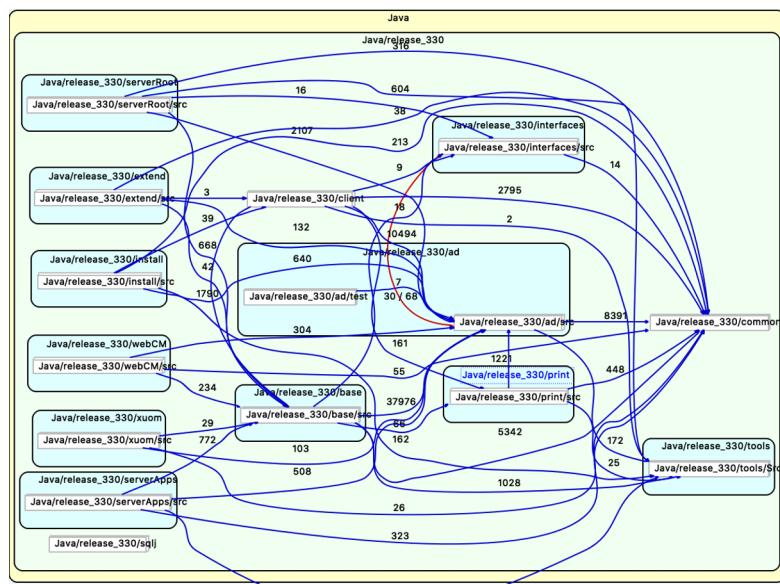
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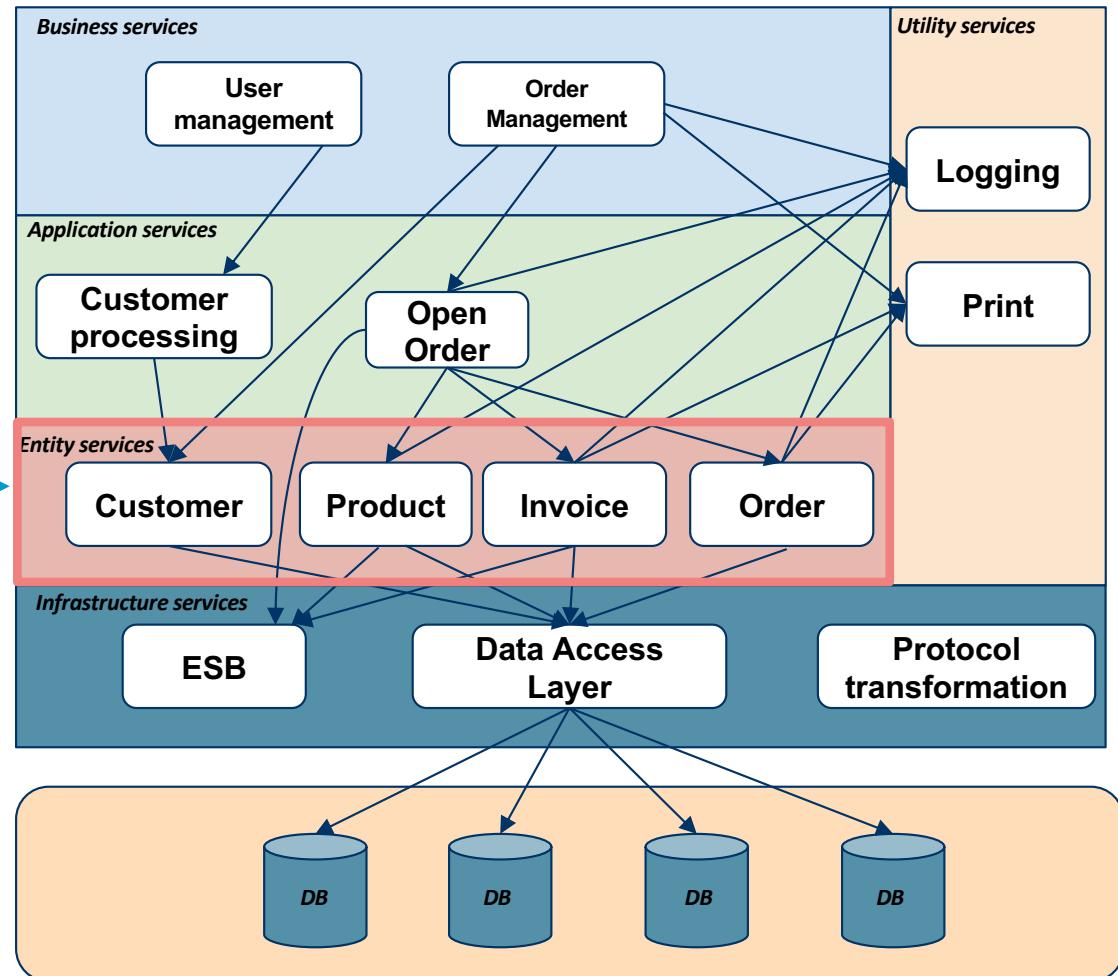


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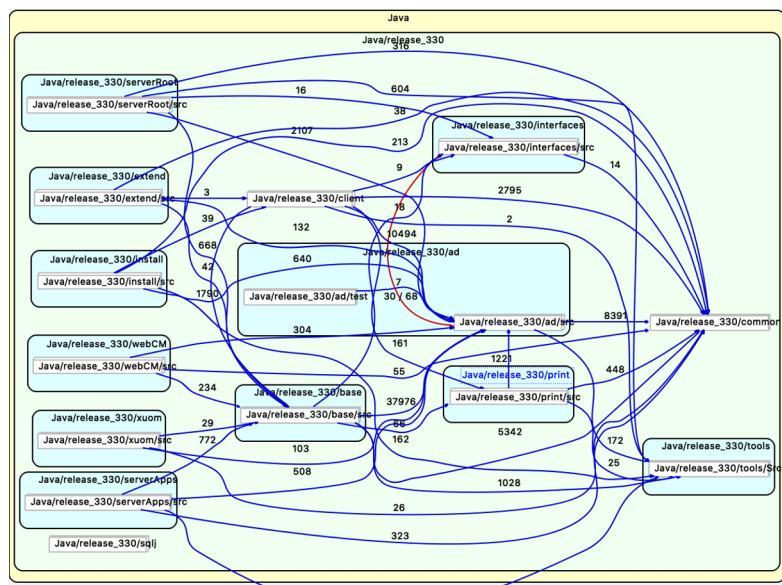
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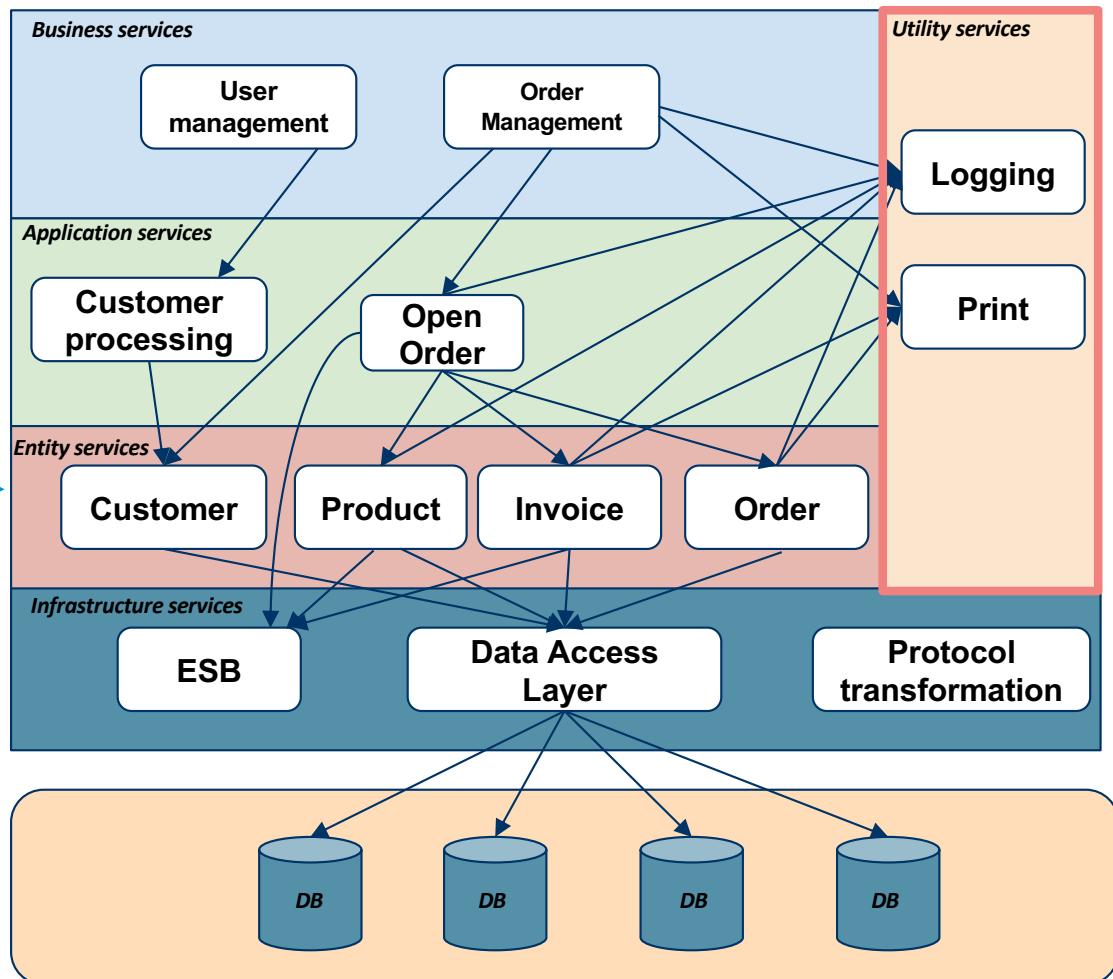


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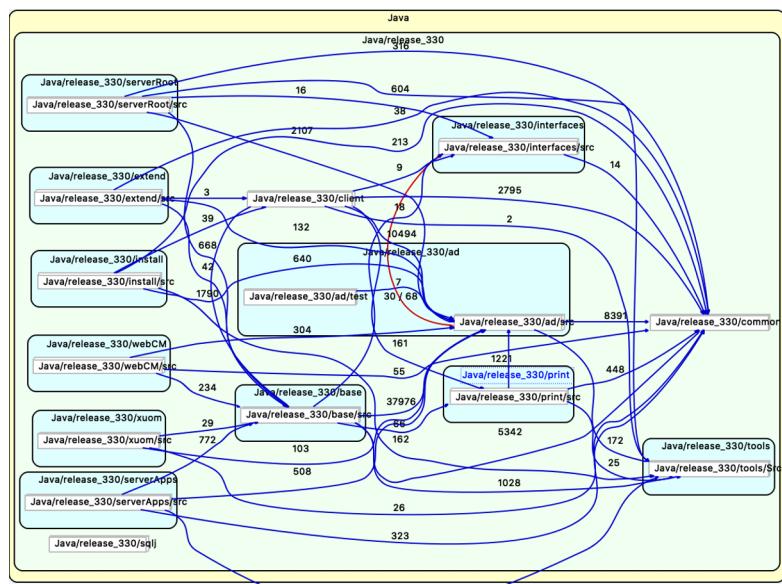
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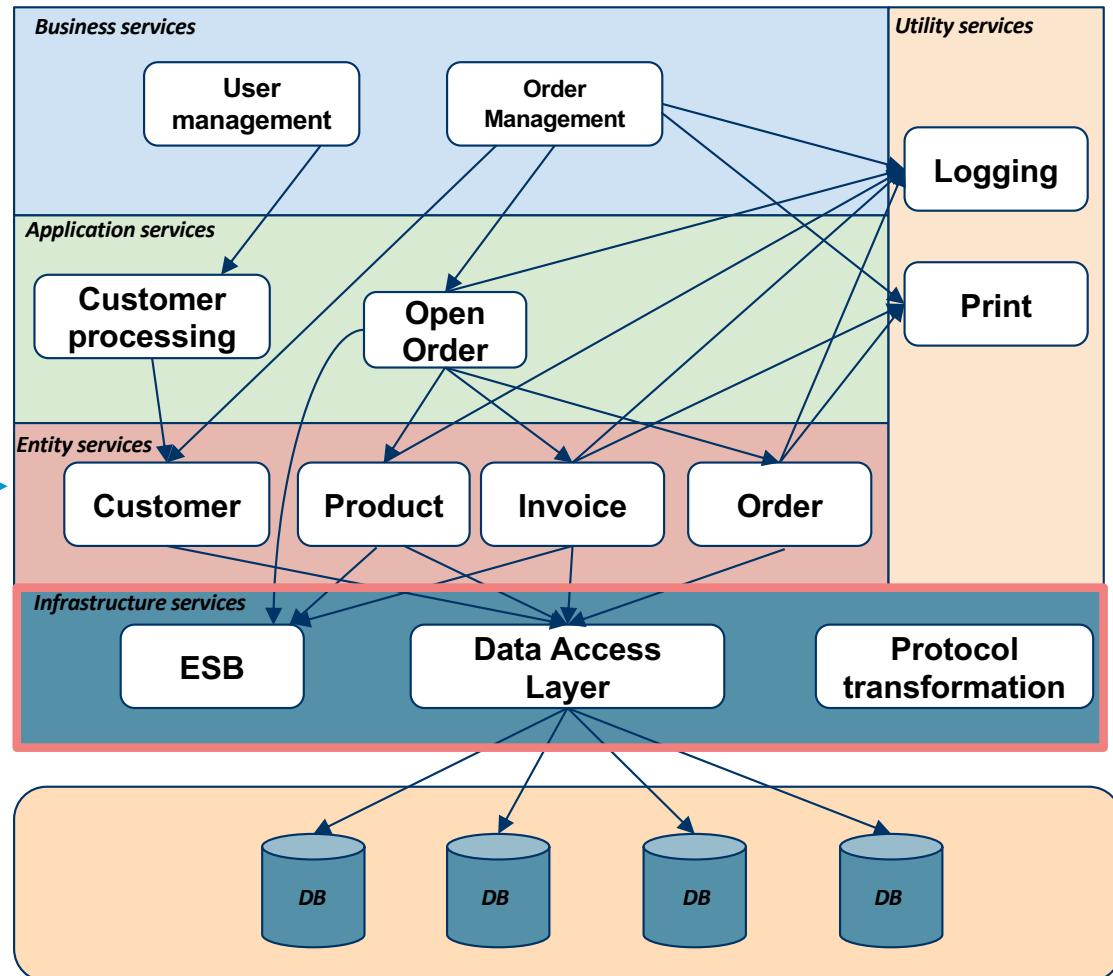
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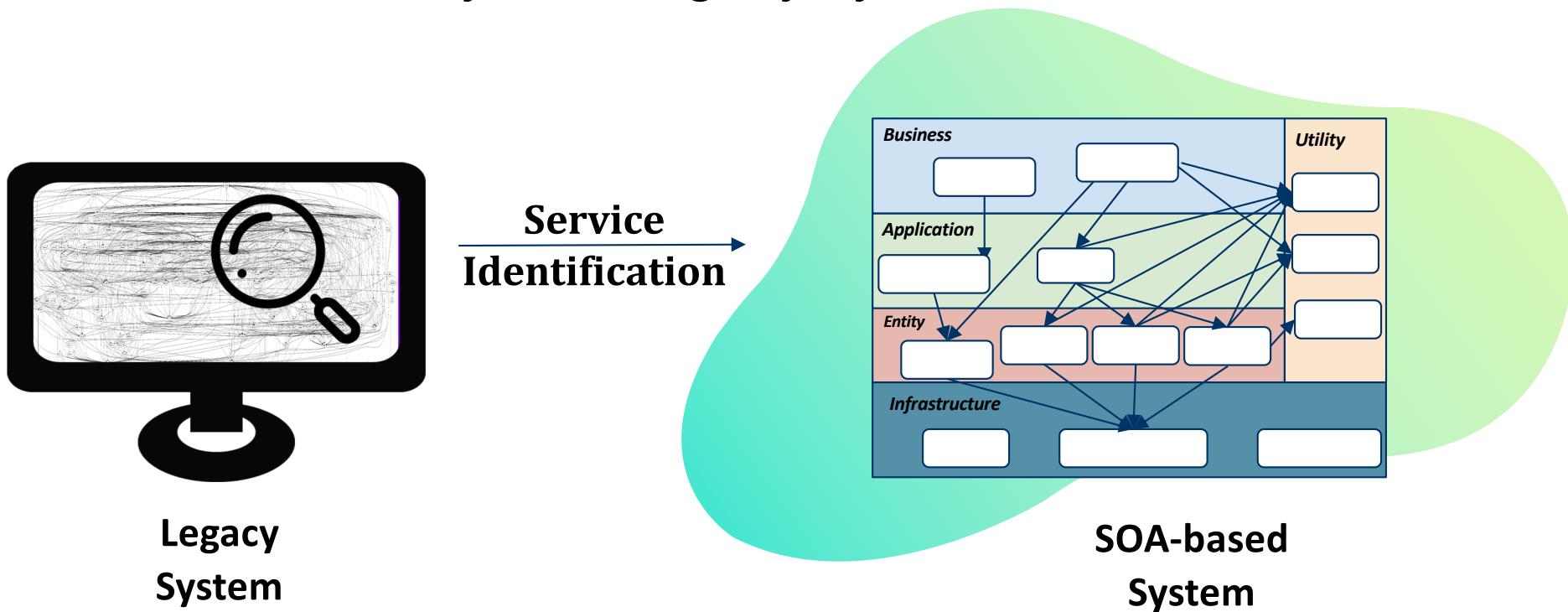
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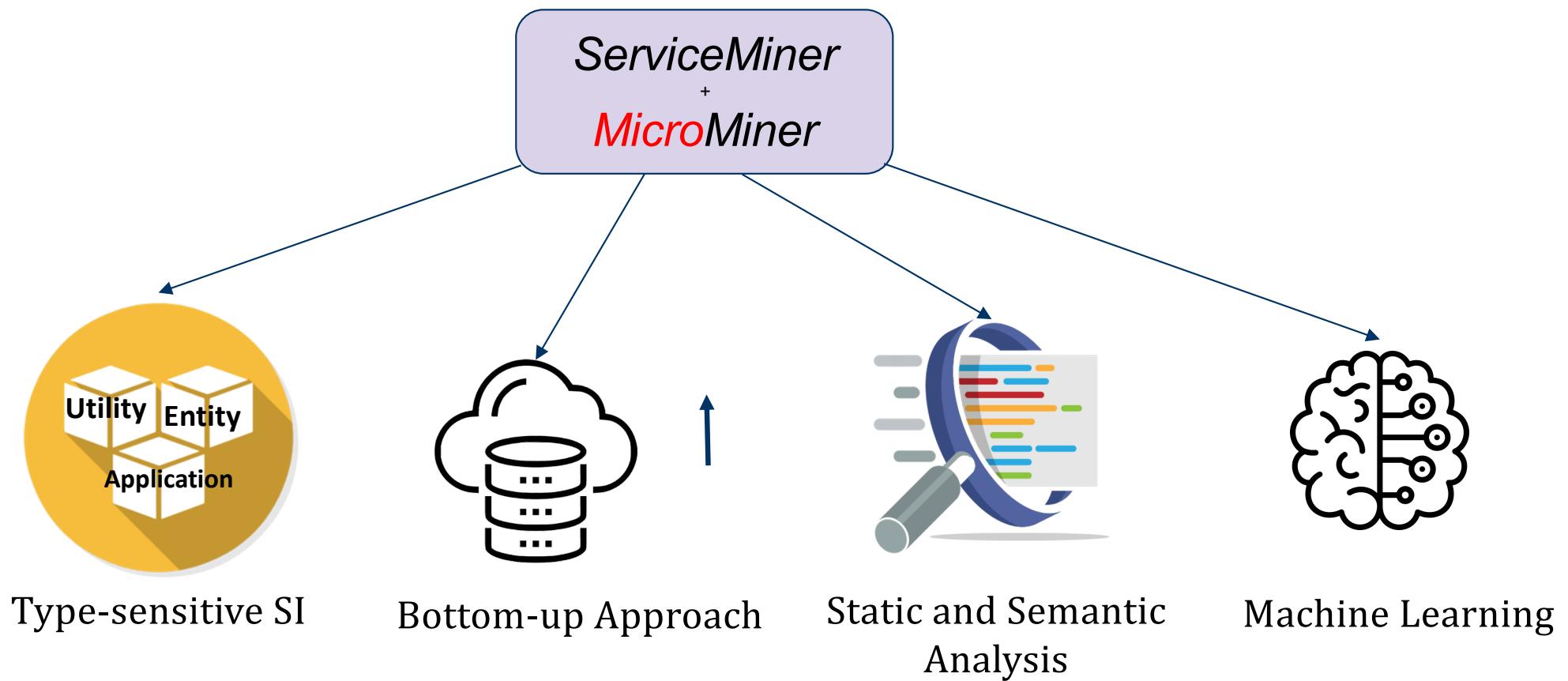
# Service Identification

- Supporting legacy-to-SOA migration with a highly automated **type-sensitive SI** approach that relies on static and semantic analysis of legacy systems





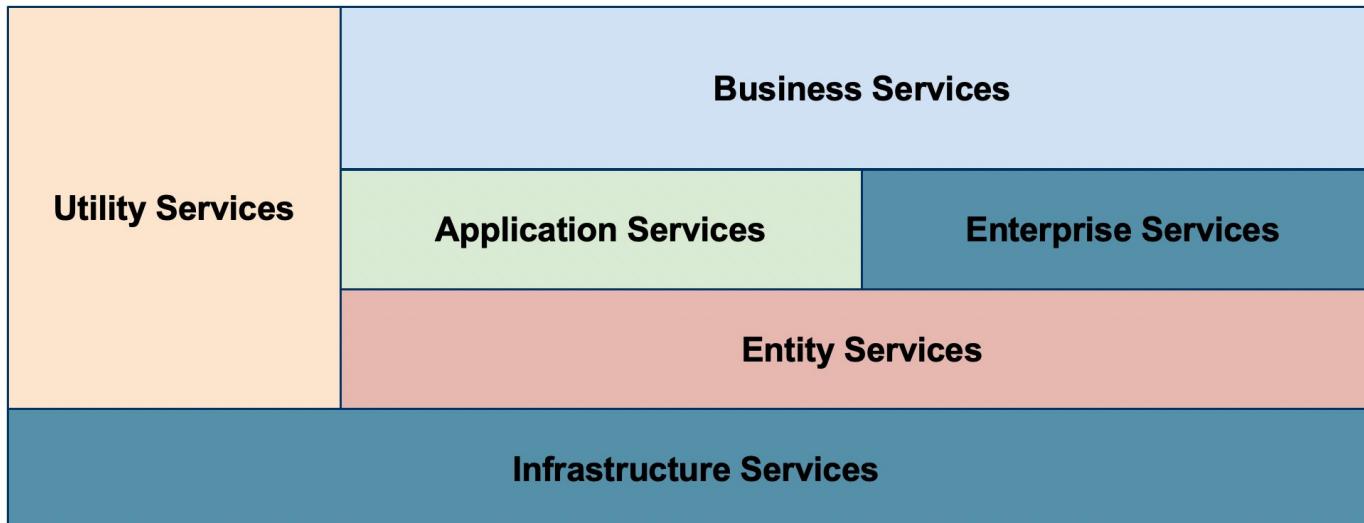
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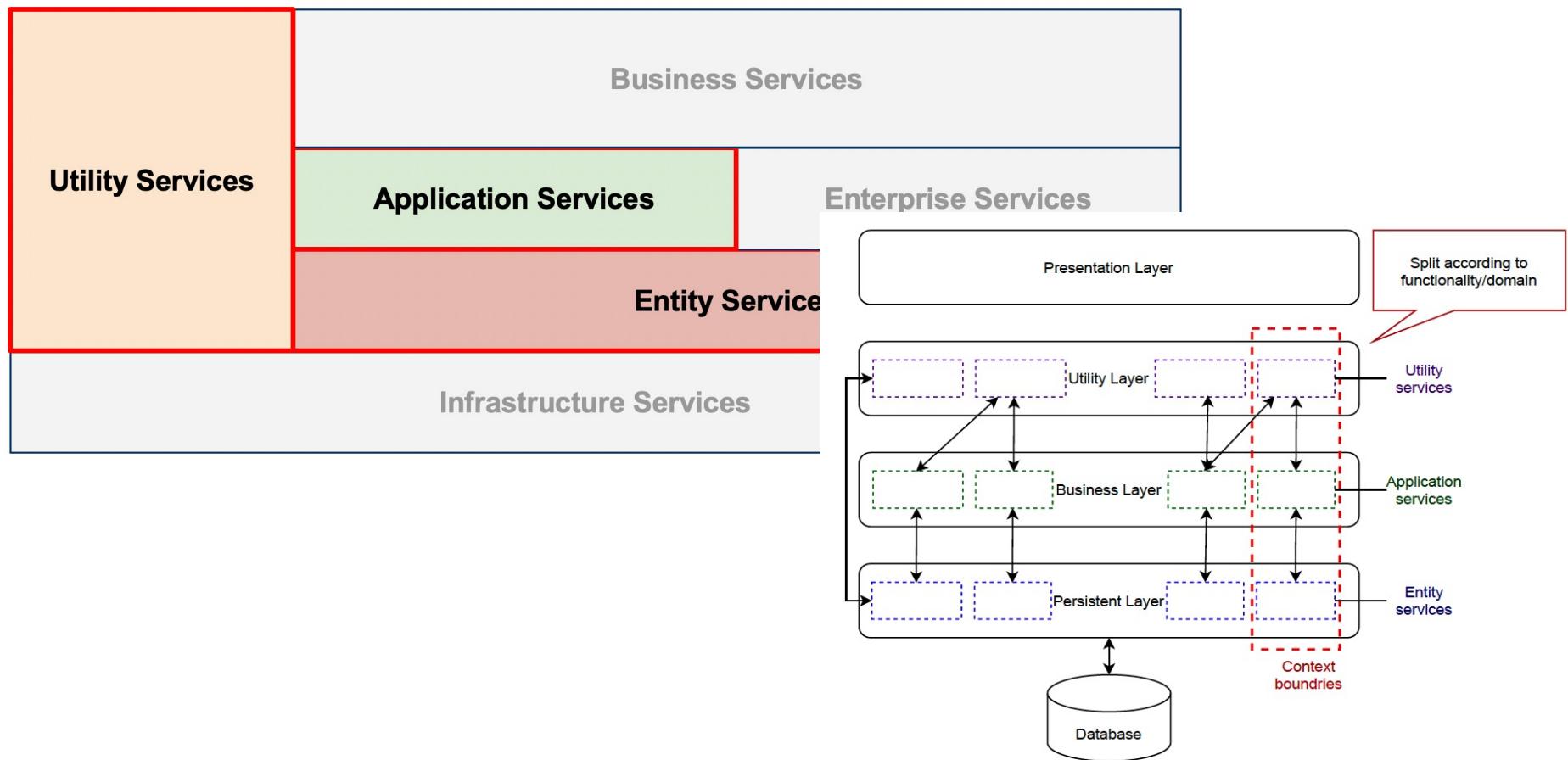
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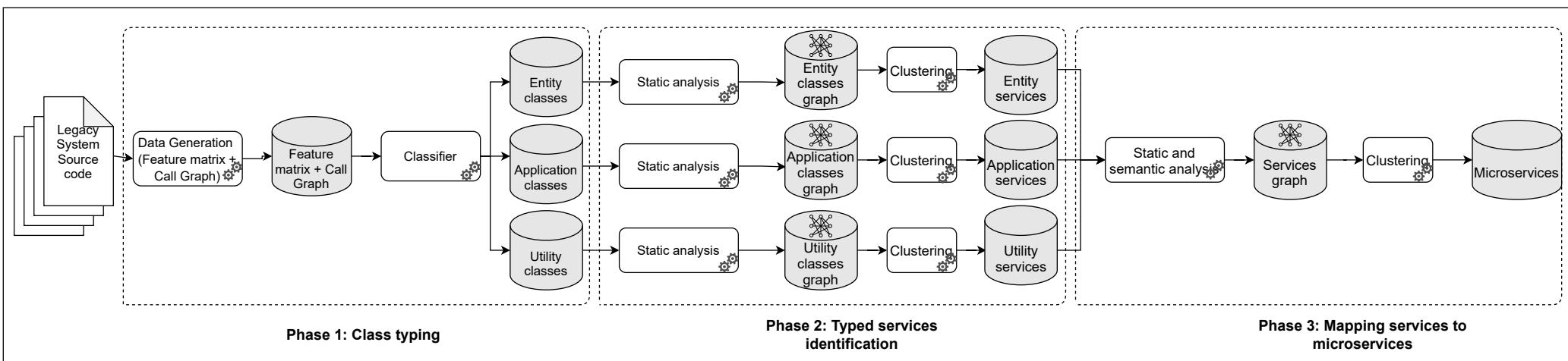
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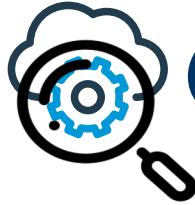


# Case Studies

- We validate MicroMiner on **Compiere** and **POS**
  - **POS** is a Java-based point of sales system
  - **Compiere** is a legacy Java Enterprise **ERP** system
  - Compiere was first introduced by Aptean in **2003**
  - Provide **several features**
  - Not service-oriented
  - Support different databases
  - **2,716 classes** and 530 KLOC in Compiere
  - **54 classes** in POS

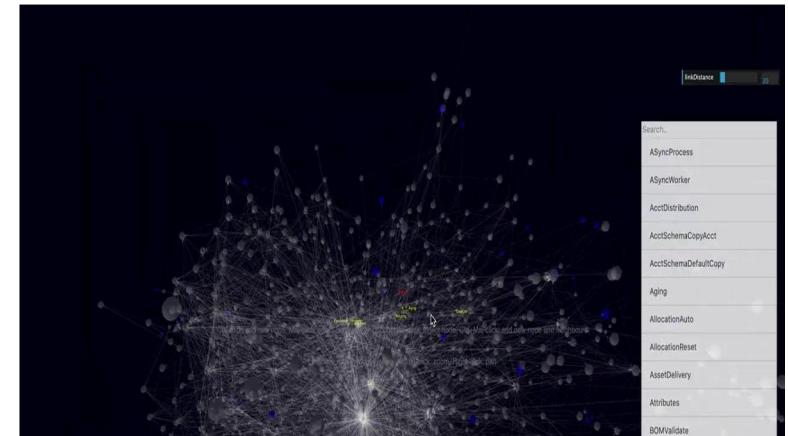
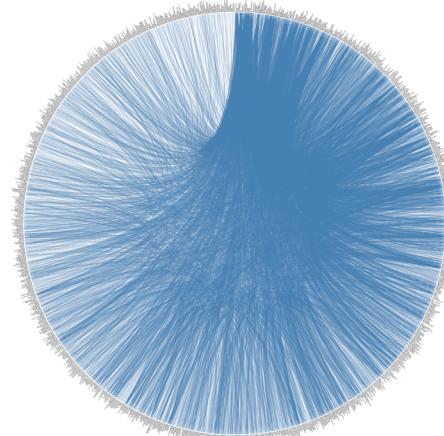
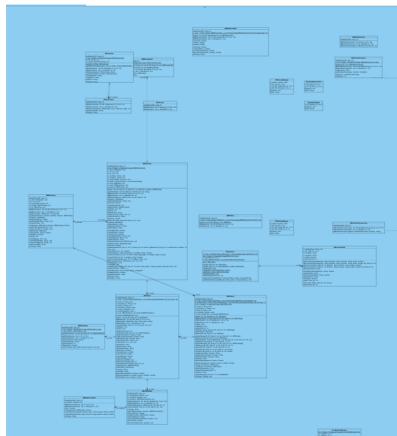


**POS**



# Ground-Truth

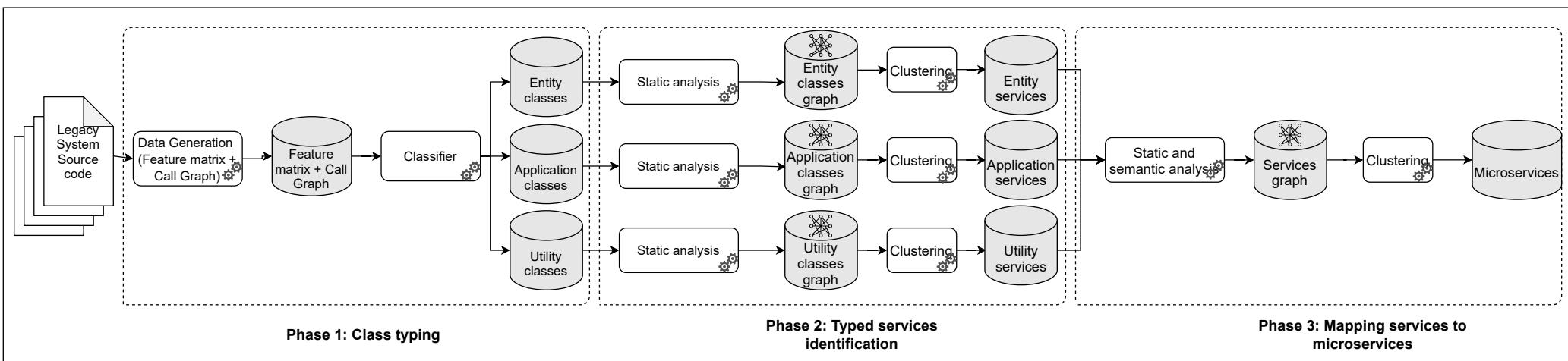
- We build the **ground-truth** service-oriented architecture of the case studies to assess our approach
  - Analyzed the systems
  - Reviewed extensively the **documentation**
  - Generated **several views** of the call graphs
  - **Annotated the services manually** according to their **type**

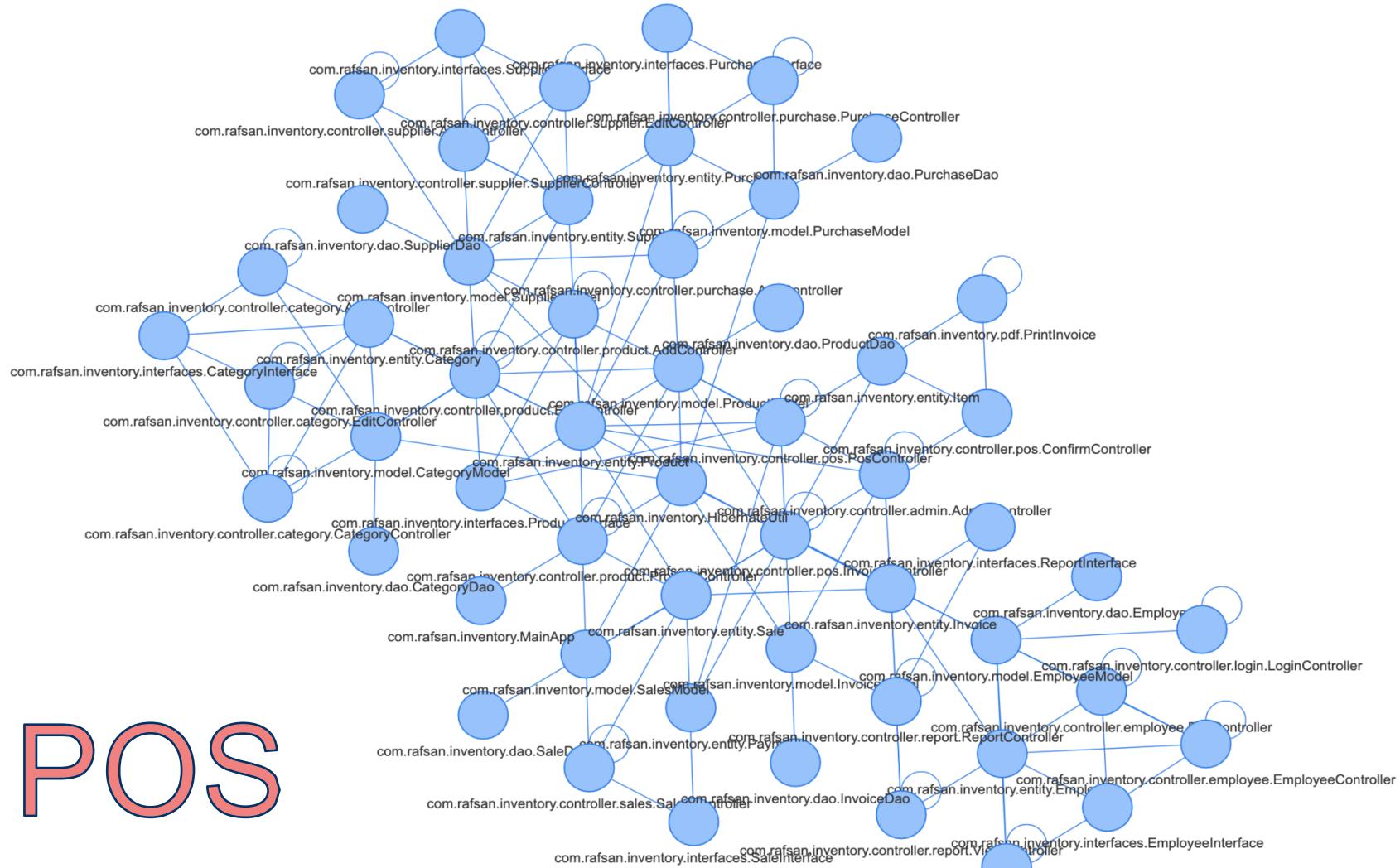
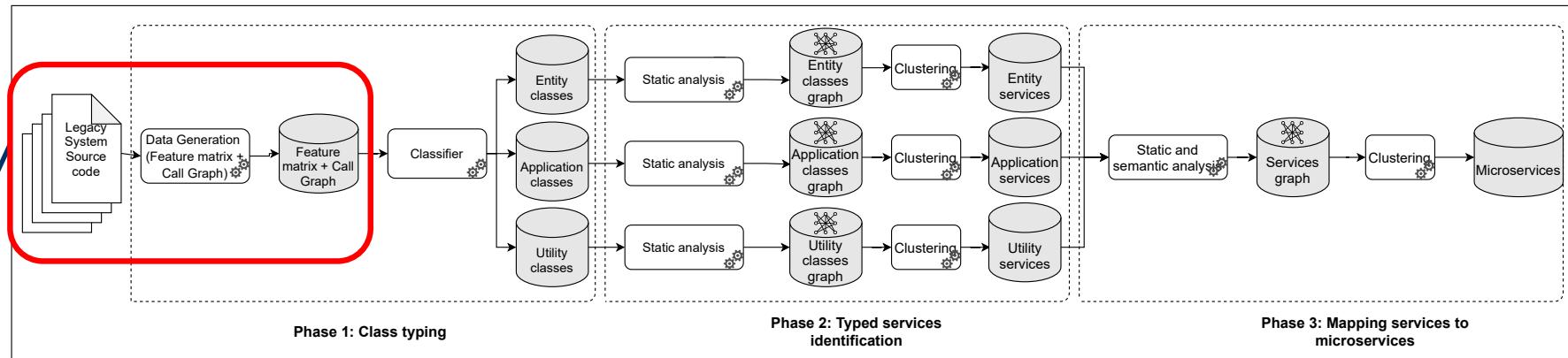


Legacy system	# System-Classes	# Entity Services	# Application Services	# Utility Services	# Microservices
Compiere	1,042	358	30	85	92
POS	55	9	10	3	9

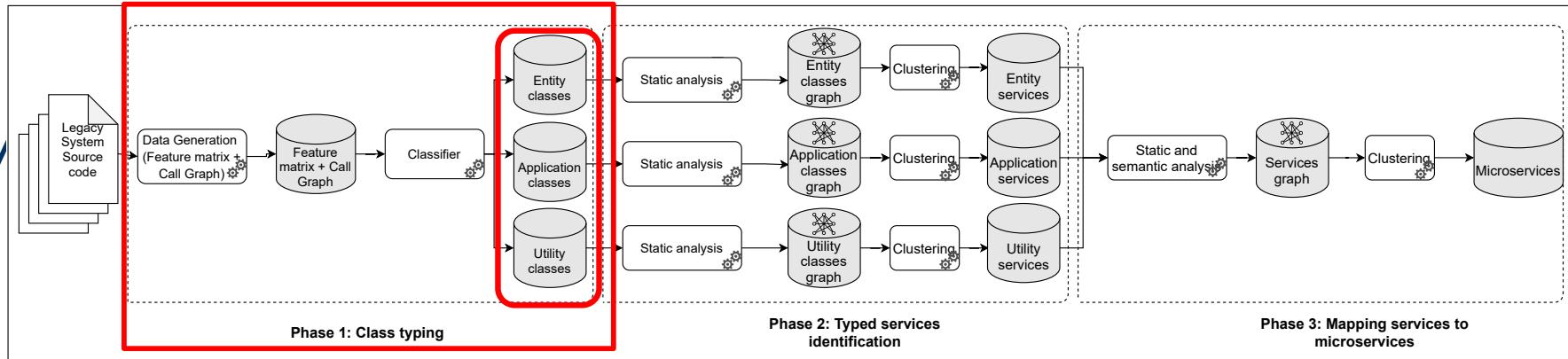


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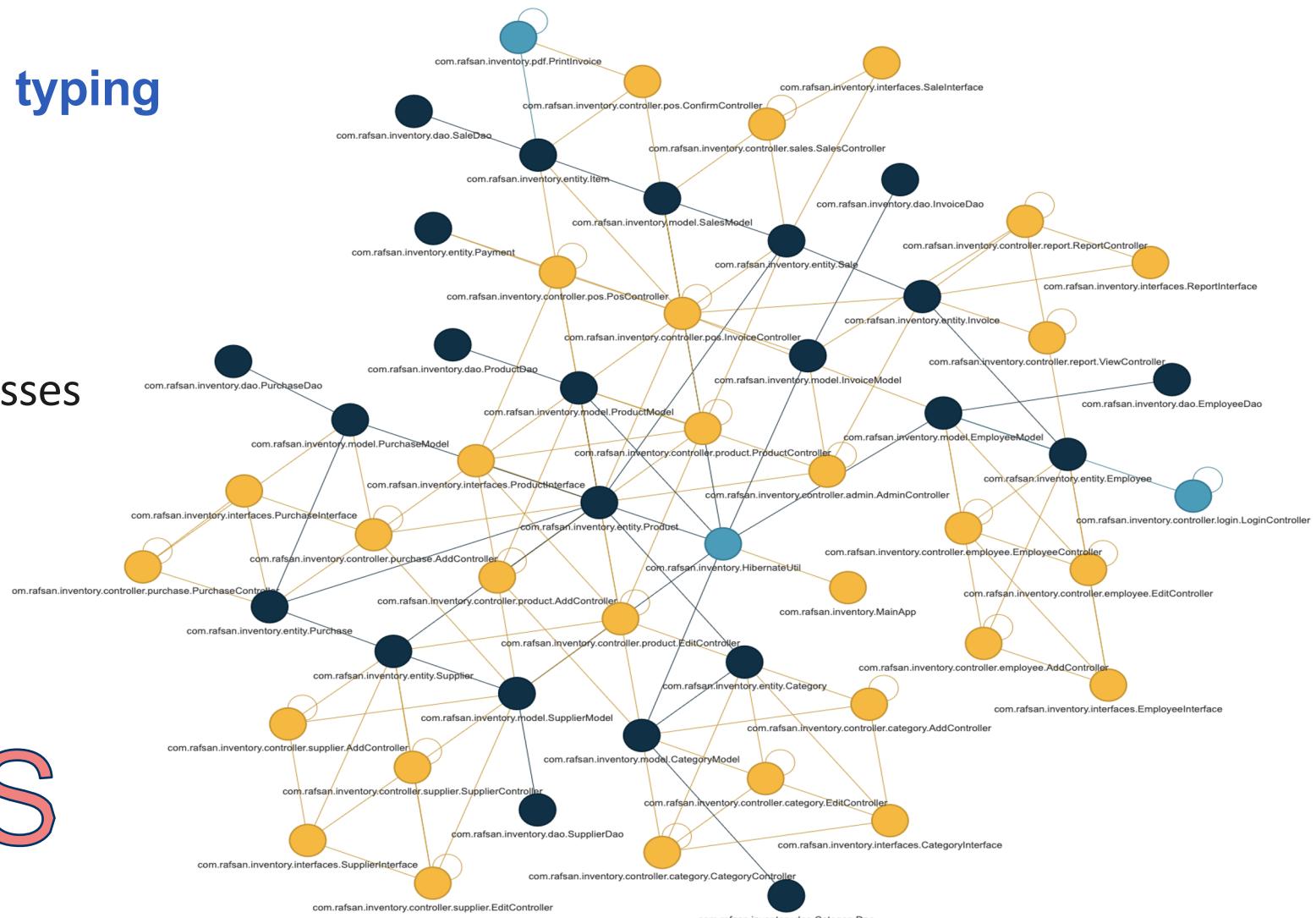
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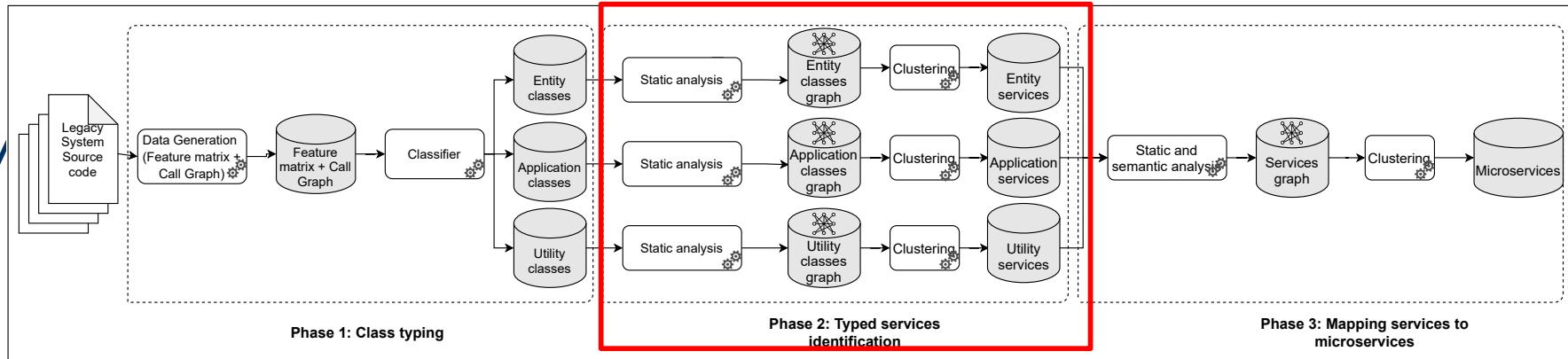


## Phase 1: Class typing

- Utility classes
- Entity classes
- Application classes

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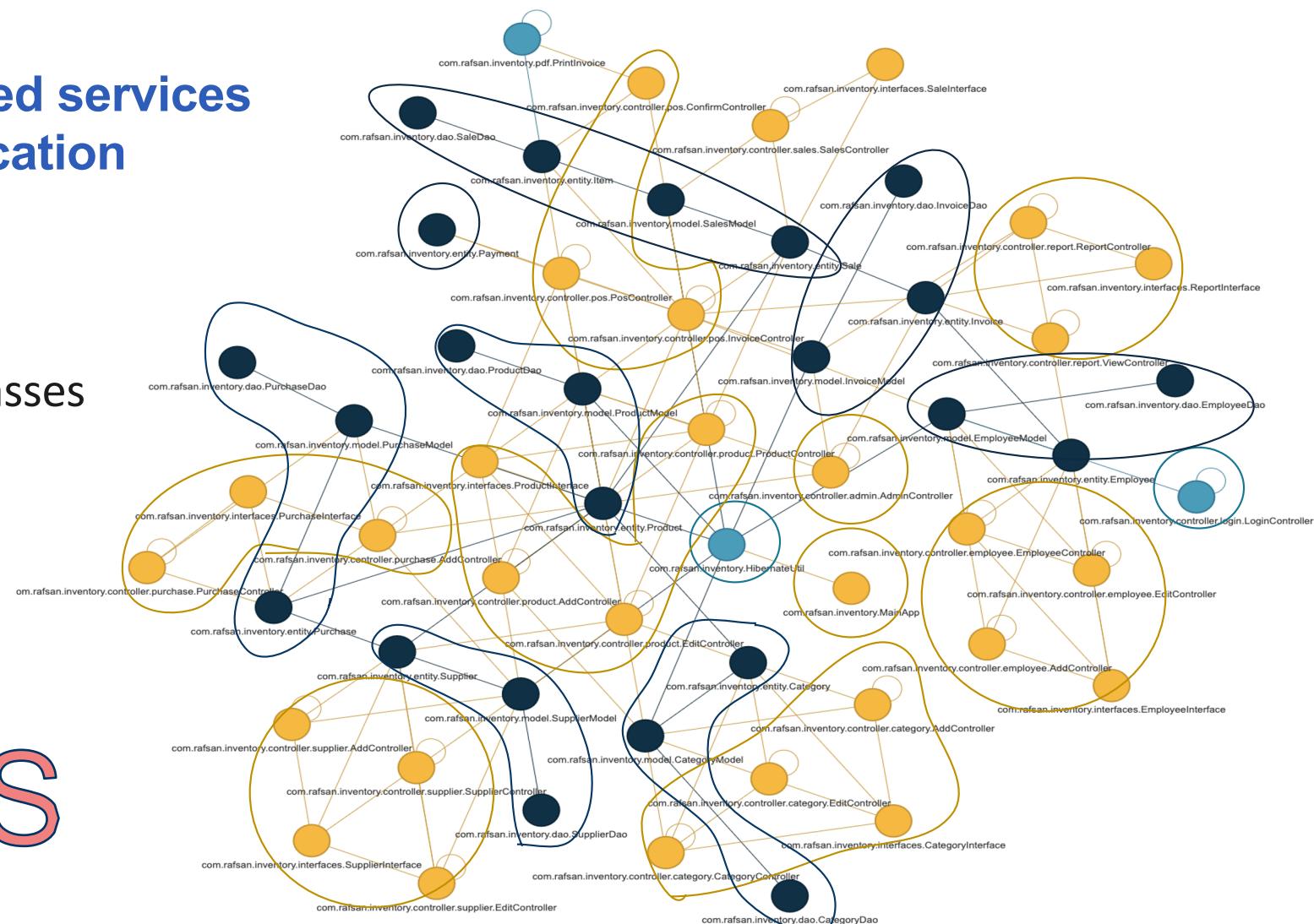


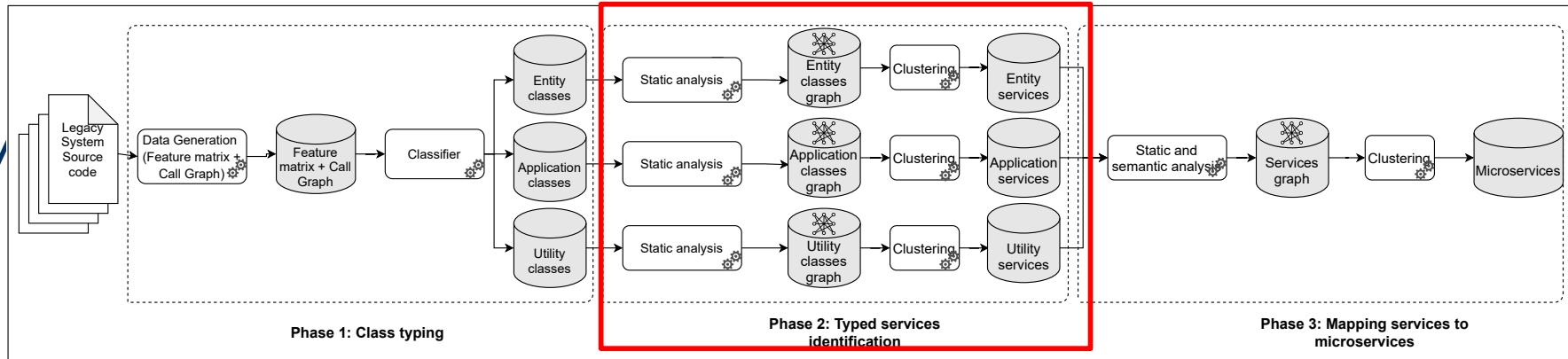


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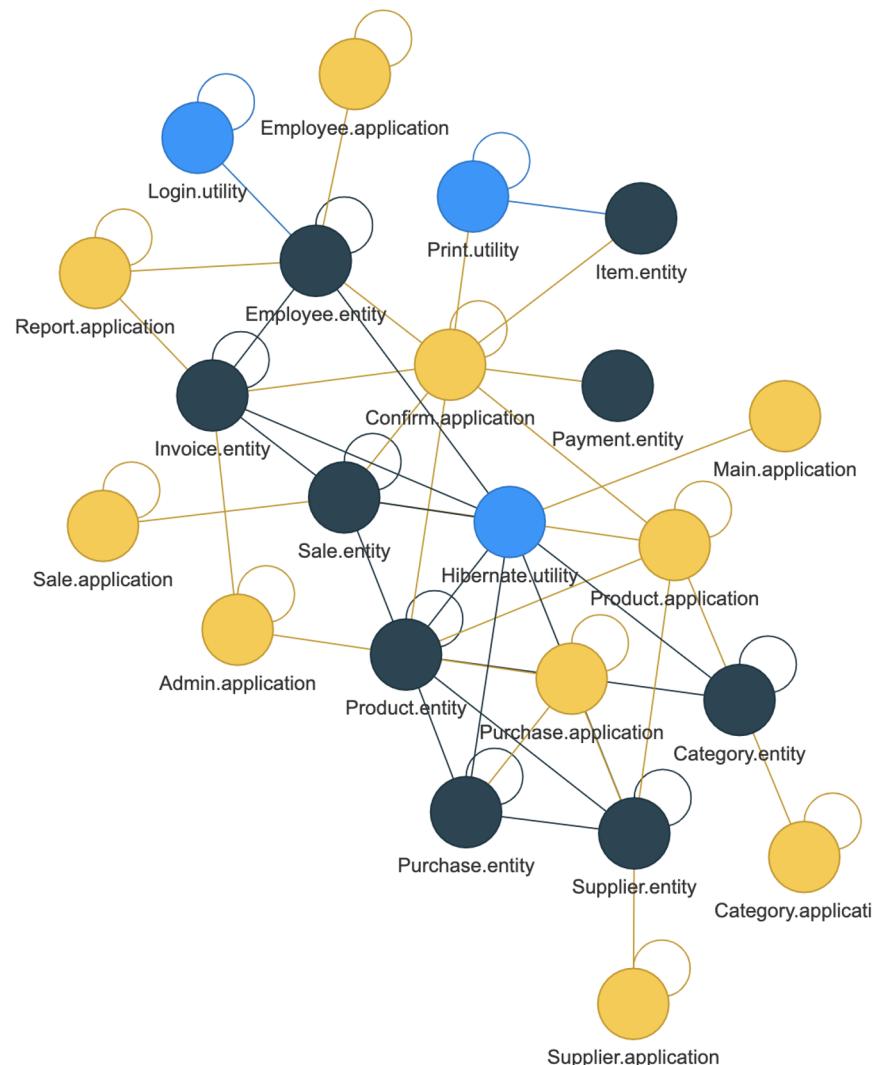
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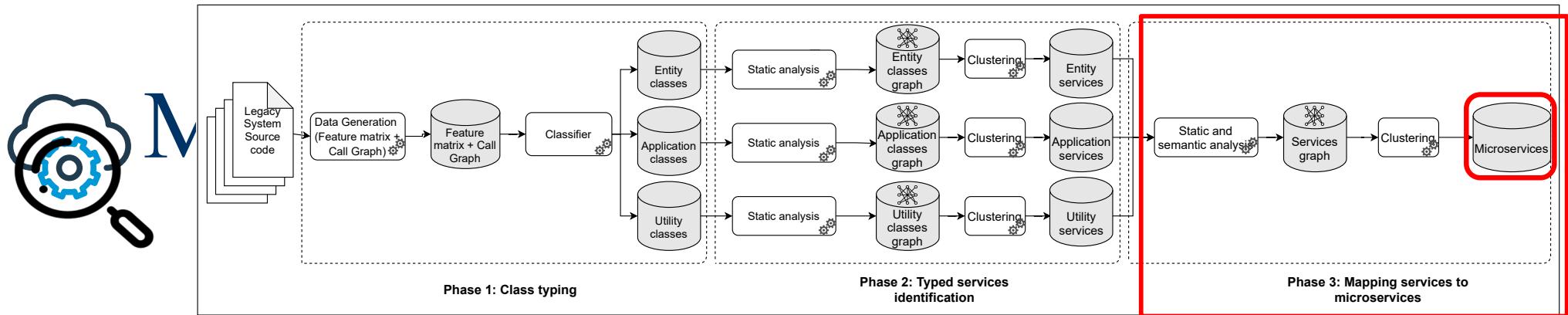


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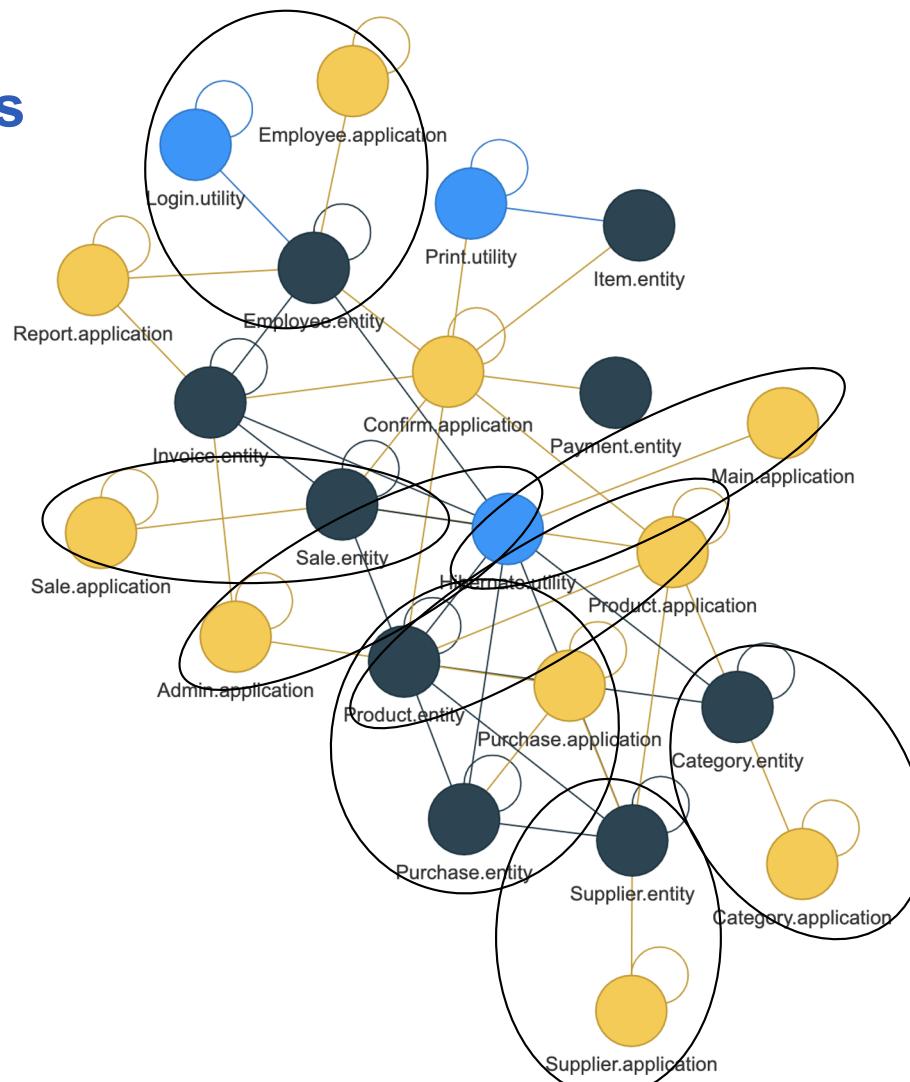


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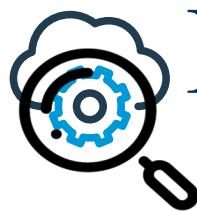


## Phase 3: Mapping services to microservices

- Utility classes
  - Entity classes
  - Application classes



# POS



# MicroMiner : Results

Legacy system	Precision	Recall	F-measure
Compiere	(67/89) 75.2%	(67/92) 72.8%	73.9%
POS	(8/11) 72%	(8/9) 88%	80%

Legacy system	Service type	Precision	Recall	F-measure
Compiere	Application	49.2%	81.3%	61.4%
	Entity	74.3%	90.7%	81.7%
	Utility	68.2%	83.9%	75.2%
	Total	68.2%	83.9%	75.2%
POS	Application	83.3%	100%	90.9%
	Entity	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%
	Utility	100%	33.3%	50%
	Total	86.3%	86.3%	86.3%



# Conclusion

- A Brief History of Services
- SOA to Microservices, and beyond
- Current and Open Challenges
- Our contributions “*Migrating Legacy Systems to SOA*”
- Upcoming Faasification

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