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# Event-driven architectures in practice

Lessons learned building an e-commerce platform in 6 months at cinch

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We focus a lot on our application's code...



How comfortable are you throwing code out  
and trying something new?

# Building a new feature requires:

- Spinning up infrastructure
- Writing custom integration code
- Coordinating with other teams on changes
- Writing business logic

**Today, 80% of developer time is spent  
in operations and maintenance.\***

**In the future, the **only code you write**  
**will be business logic.****

\*Deloitte, 2019



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Building serverless, event-driven architectures  
lets you build faster and experiment more.

# What do we mean by ‘serverless’?

Just upload your code

Automatically scale resources up  
and down

No server management

Native integrations built-in

# What code do you not need to write?

Examples:

- Integrations between services to send and receive events
- Services emit events automatically
- Retry logic and error handling
- Integrations to call AWS service APIs



Amazon EventBridge



AWS Step Functions



AWS Lambda

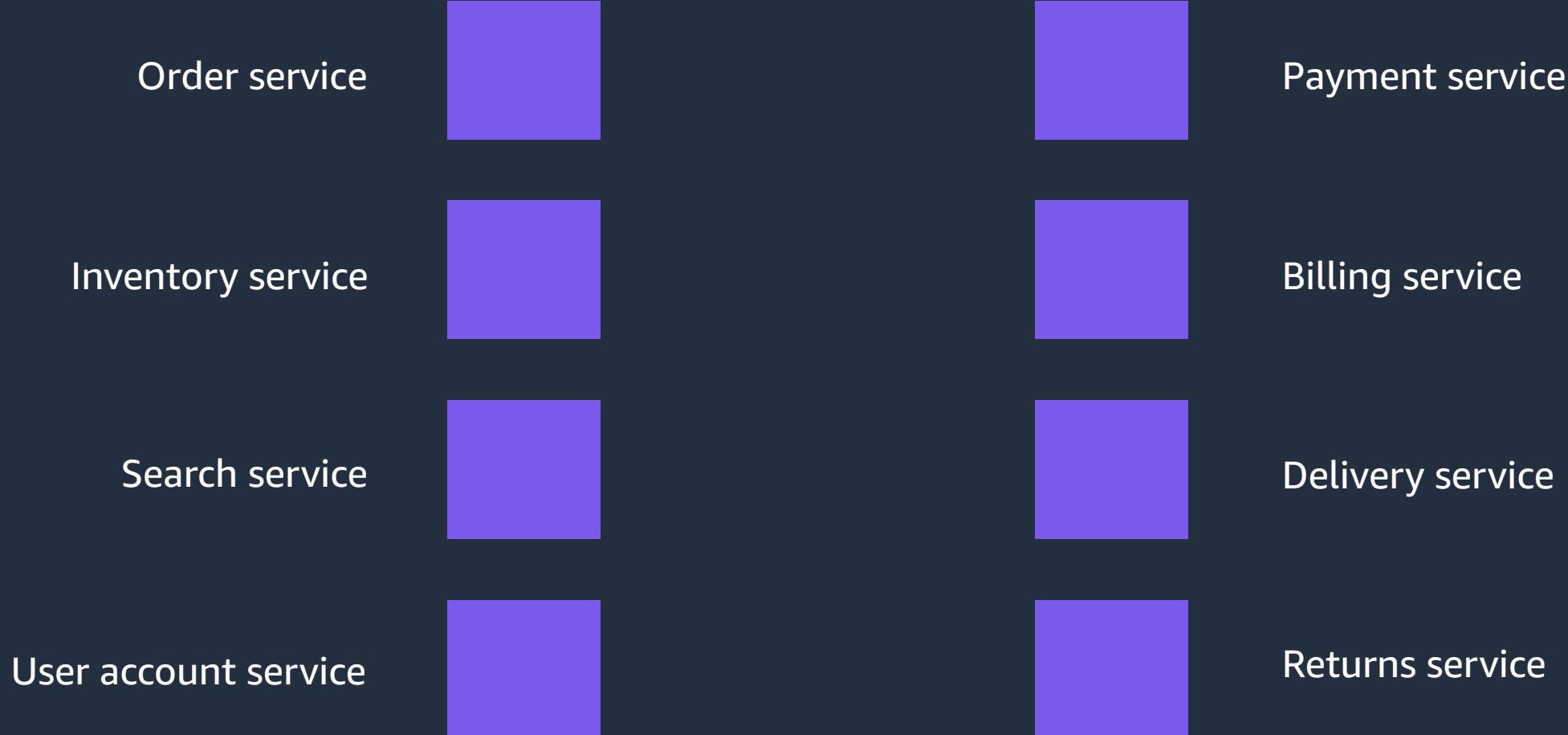


Amazon S3

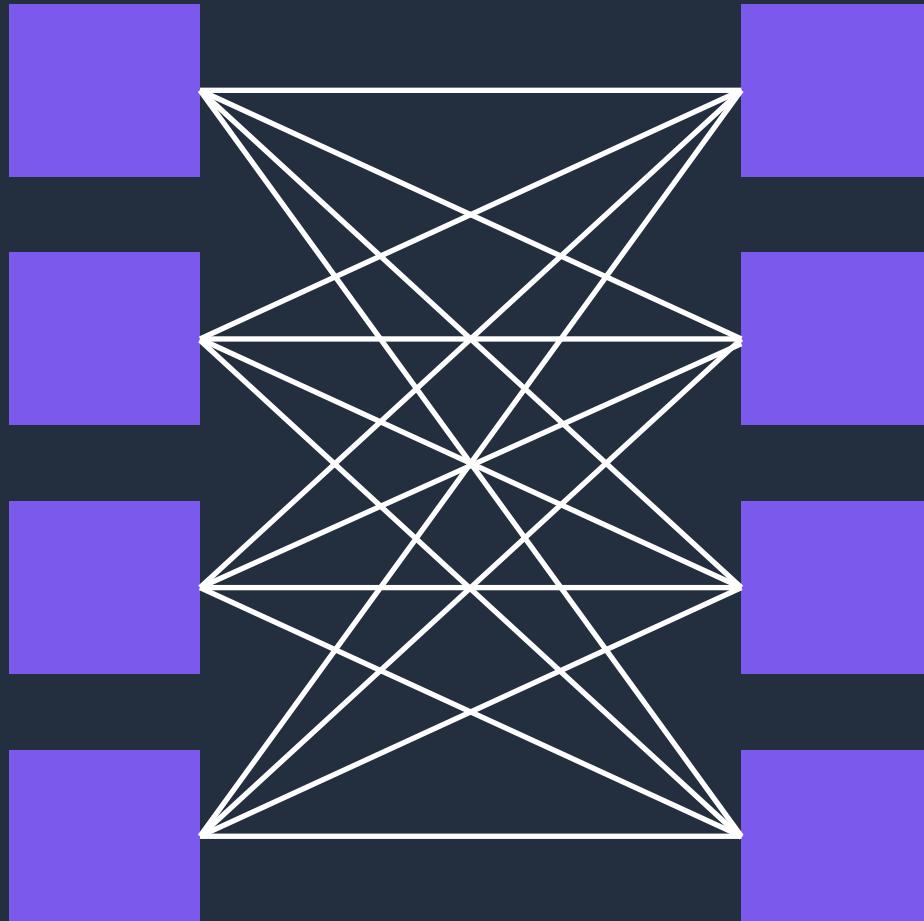


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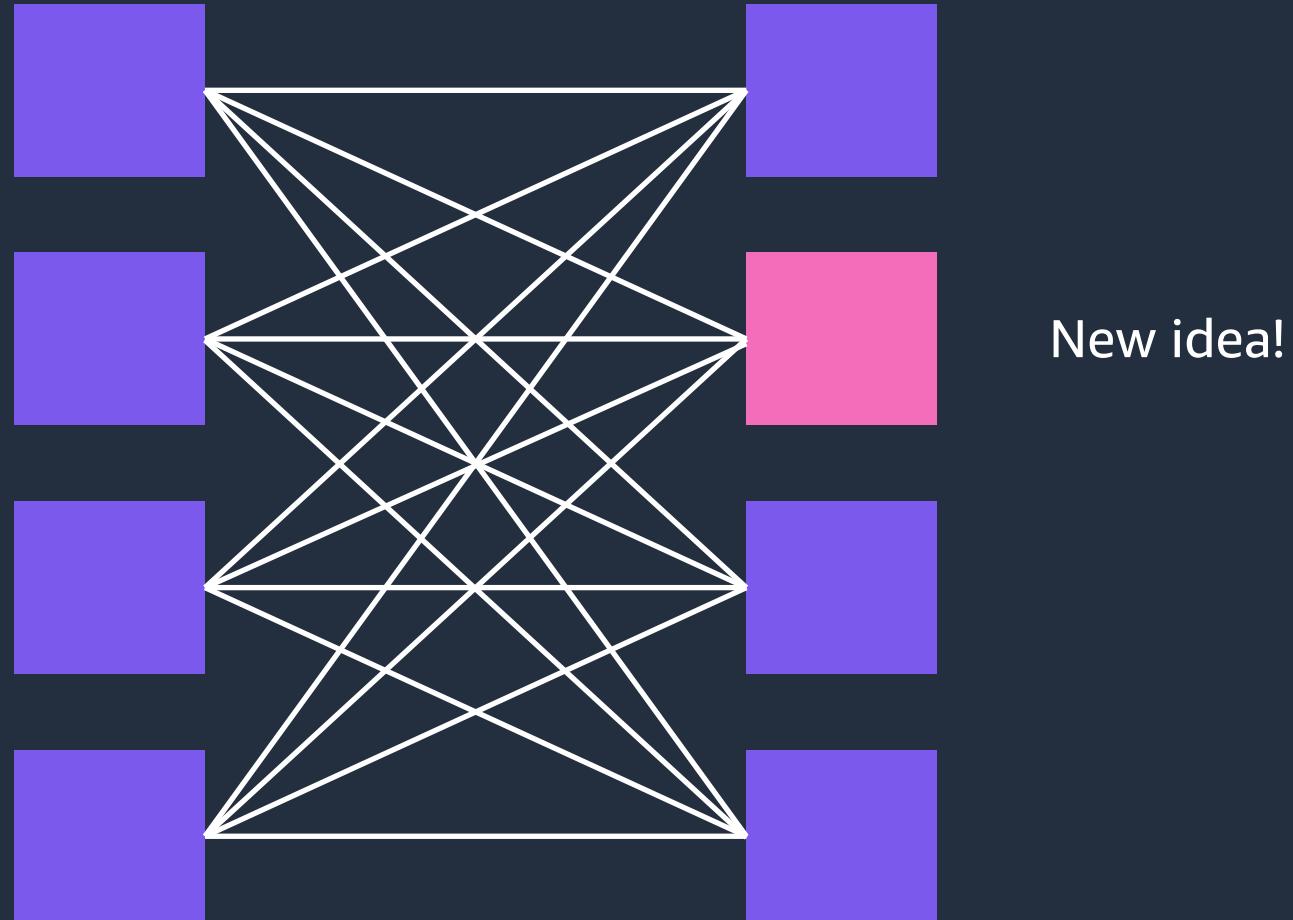
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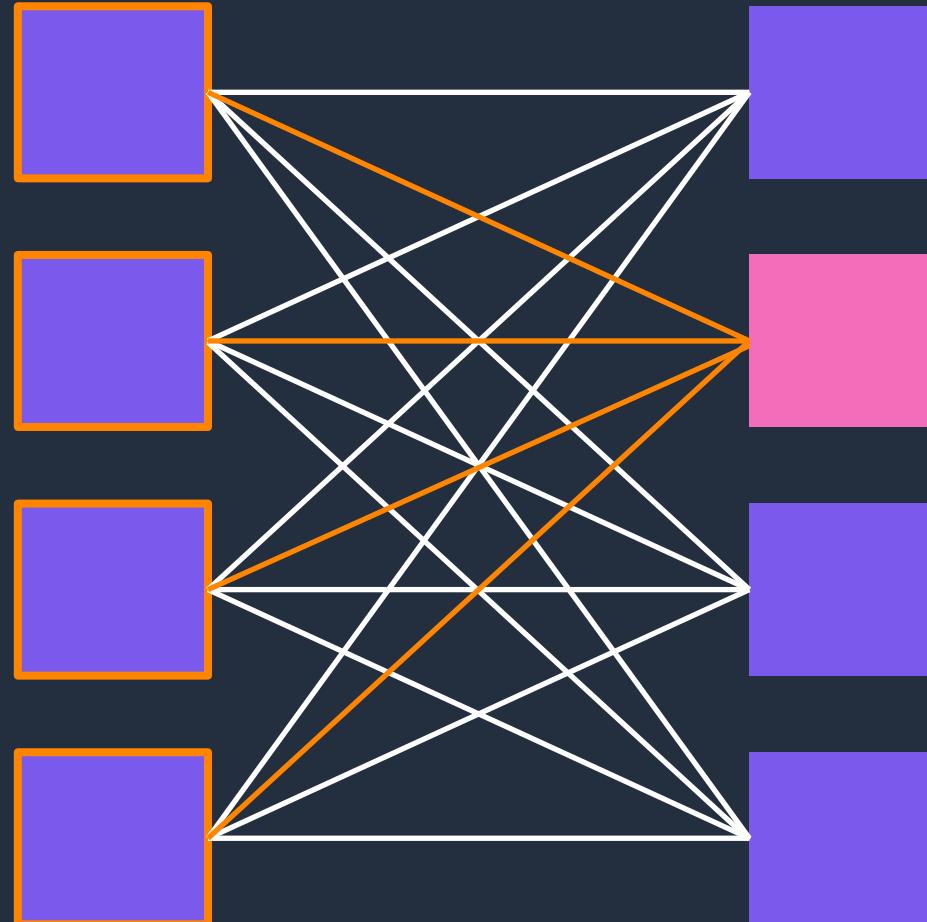


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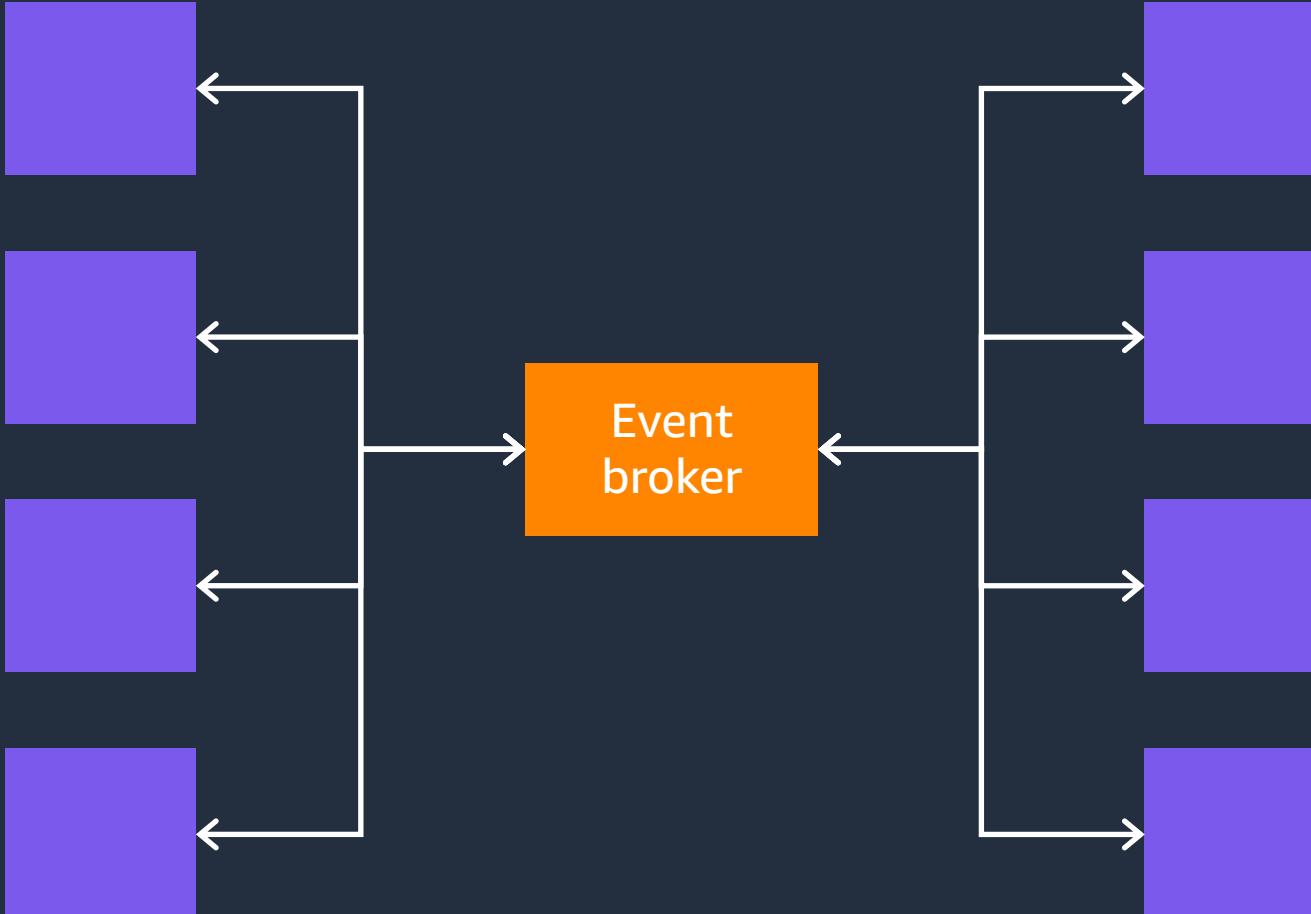


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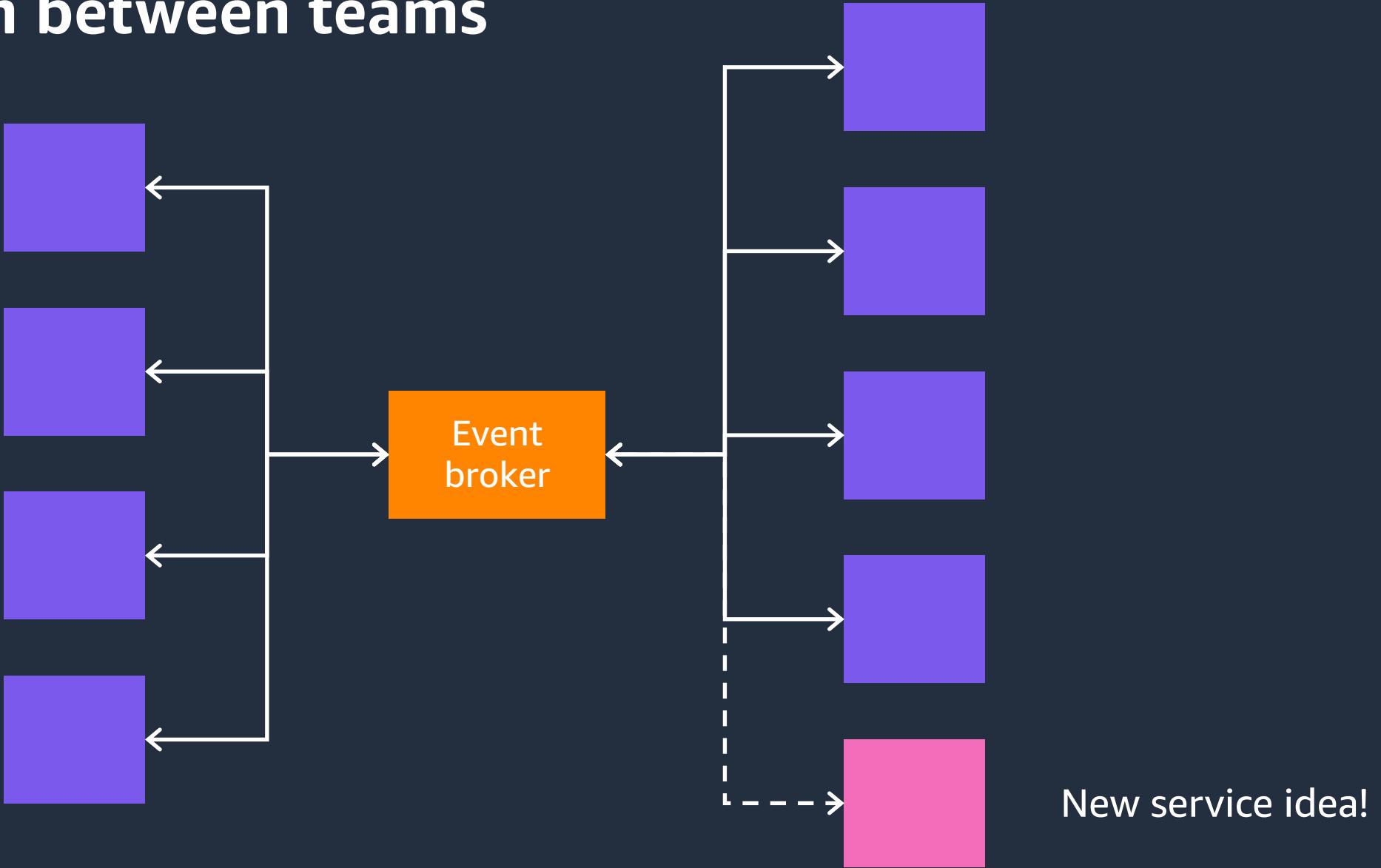
Coordinate changes  
with all these teams  
prior to deploying.



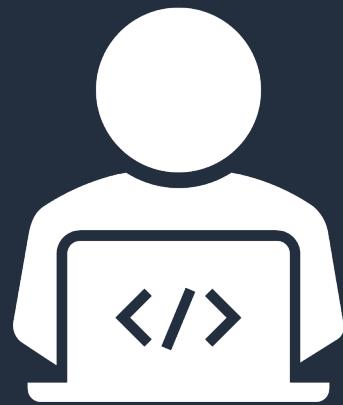
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# Serverless, event-driven architectures enable you to:



Decouple  
teams



Experiment  
constantly



Build faster

# cinch: Cars without the faff

- Launched Oct. 2020
- Fully digital used car ecommerce site
- Offers free home delivery, easy payment and financing, and guaranteed part-exchange



cinch

# cinch launched a new business model and event-driven platform in 6 months:

- **Scalability:** Requests exceeded 1M/minute at peak load, and request latency actually decreased as load increased.
- **Cost:** Serverless services reduced costs by 30%.
- **Agility:** A single squad can own the entire stack, enabling autonomous and cross-functional teams.
- **Growth:** Achieved 10x conversion rate in just 12 months.

👋 I'm Toli.

Engineering Practice Lead at cinch

½ Geordie 🇬🇧, ½ Greek 🇬🇷



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10+ years building software 💻



# 2019



**Everyone** at cinch  
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# 2020



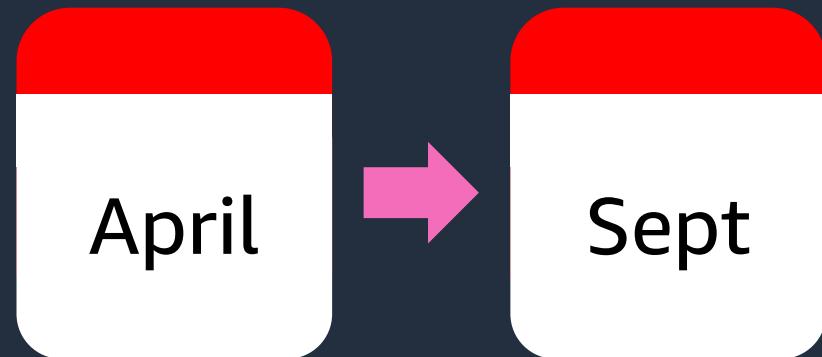
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# 2022



**Evolving** with existing  
architecture

# How do we disrupt an industry moving at a different pace?

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## How to build and maintain momentum?

**How do we disrupt an industry moving at a different pace?**

**How to build and maintain momentum?**

**How to avoid building tech we don't need?**

**We chose:**

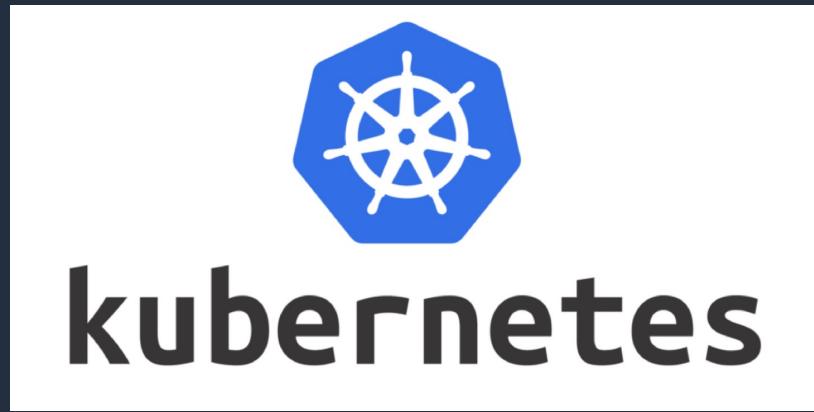
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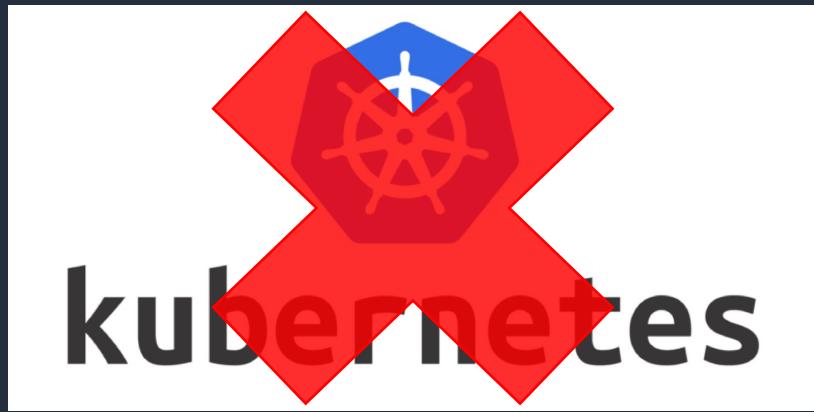
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✓ Event Driven Architecture

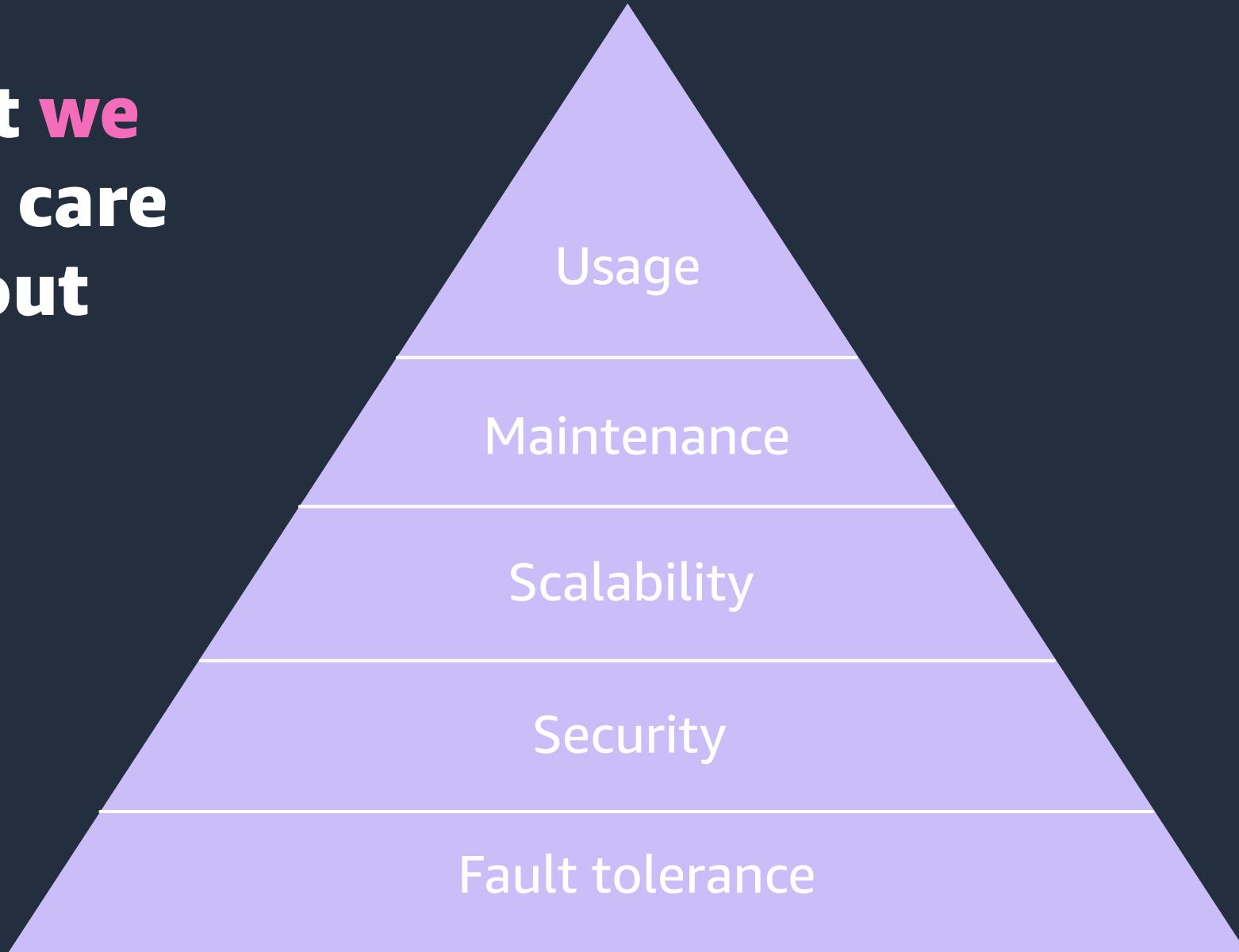
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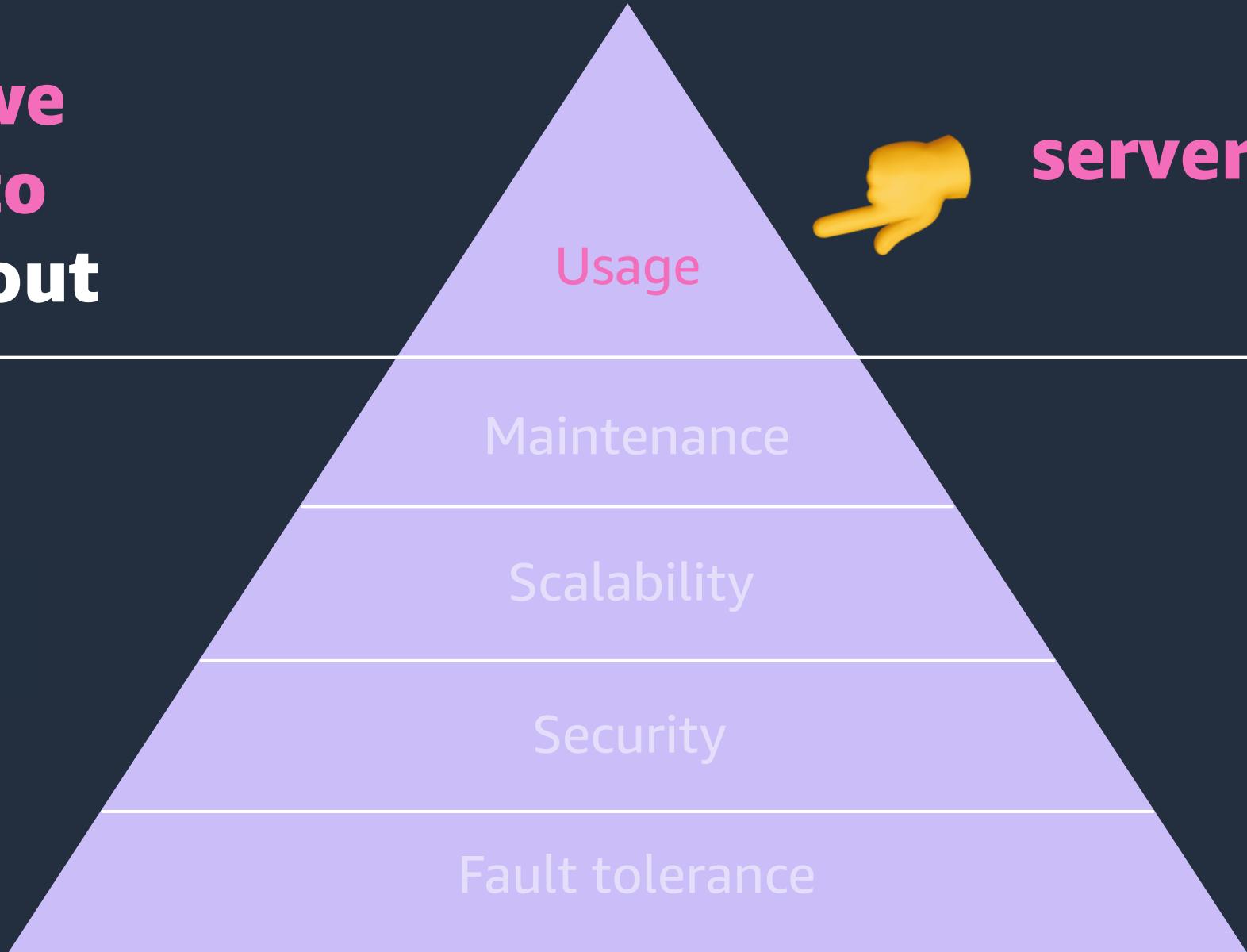




# What we could care about



# What we want to care about



serverless



# Why event driven?



## APIs

✓ Performance SLA

✓ Interface SLA  
(REST API)

## Events

✗ Performance SLA

✓ Interface SLA  
(EventBridge event)

1

# Systems, teams, tech stack

2

# What patterns emerged?

3

# How did we evolve our systems?

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## **Systems, teams, tech stack**

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## **How did we evolve our systems?**

Search

Finance

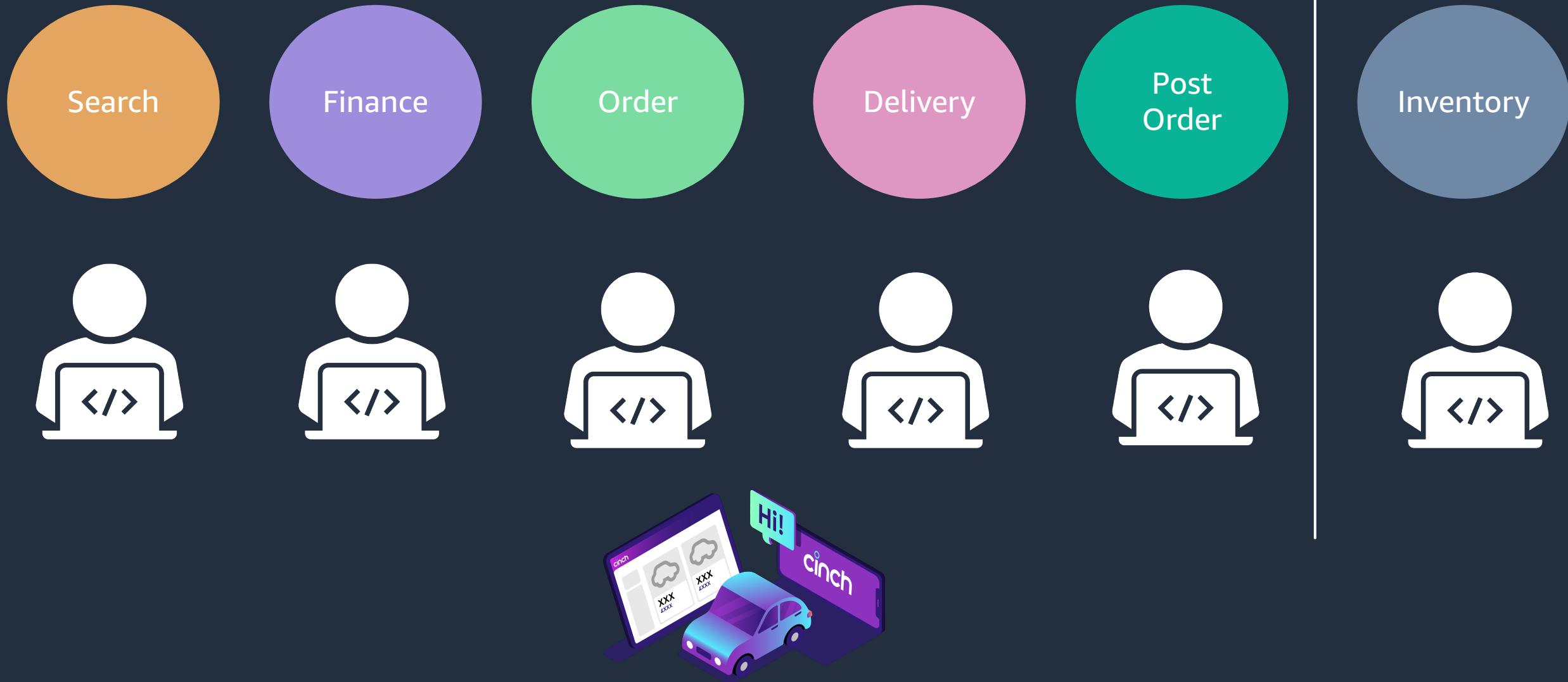
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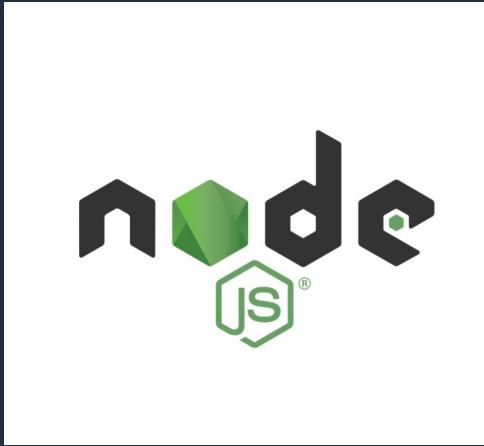
Delivery

Post Order

Inventory









# Event sourced DynamoDB design with TypeScript - Part 1

This is part 1 of a 2 part series:

- [Part 1 - Event Sourcing design](#)
- [Part 2 - From design to implementation](#)

Full example: [o]

- [\[o\]](https://github.com/a-h/hde/)





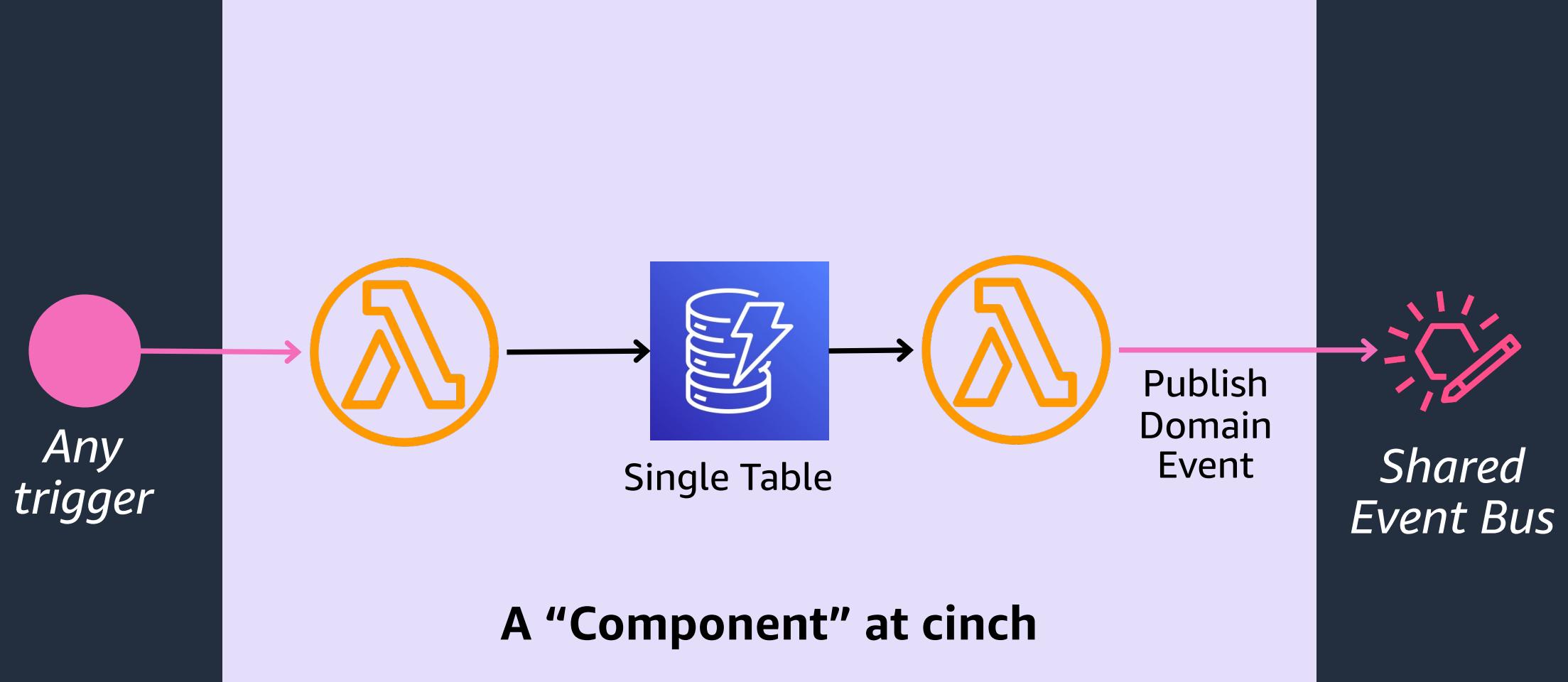
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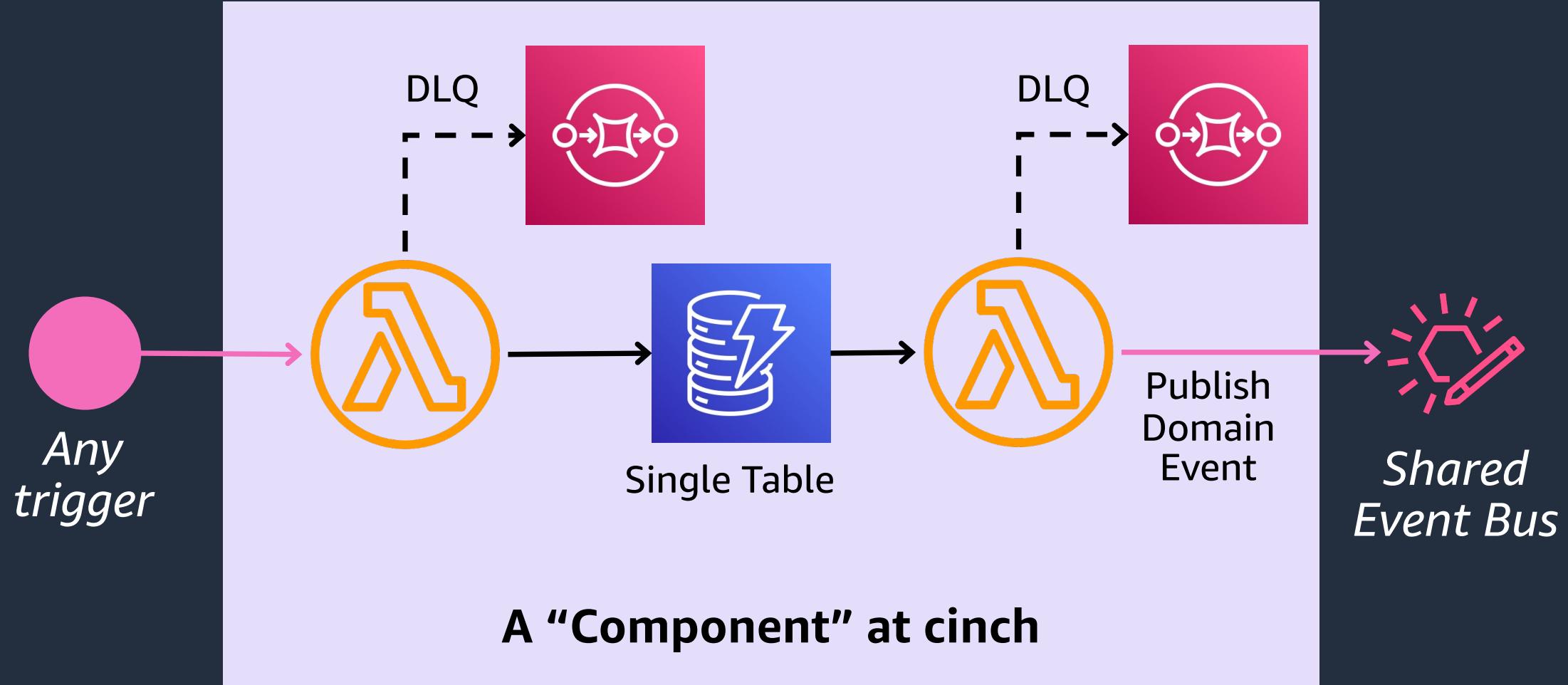
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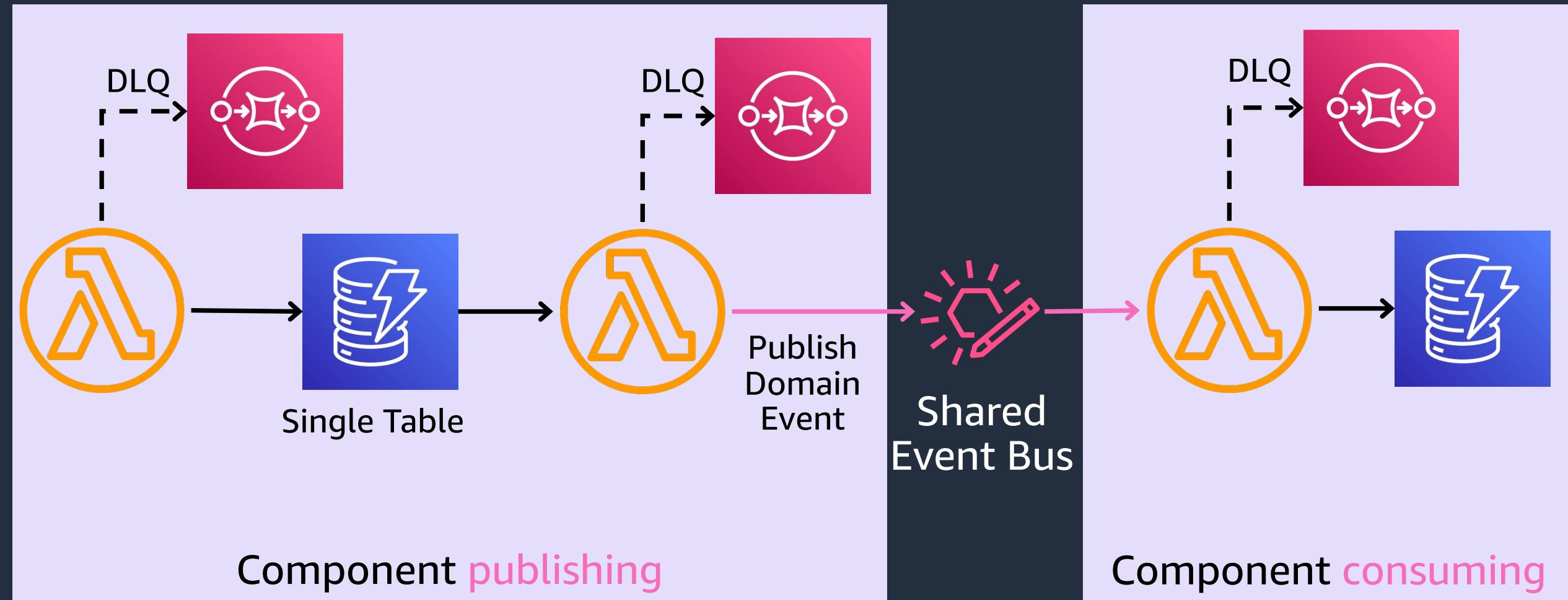
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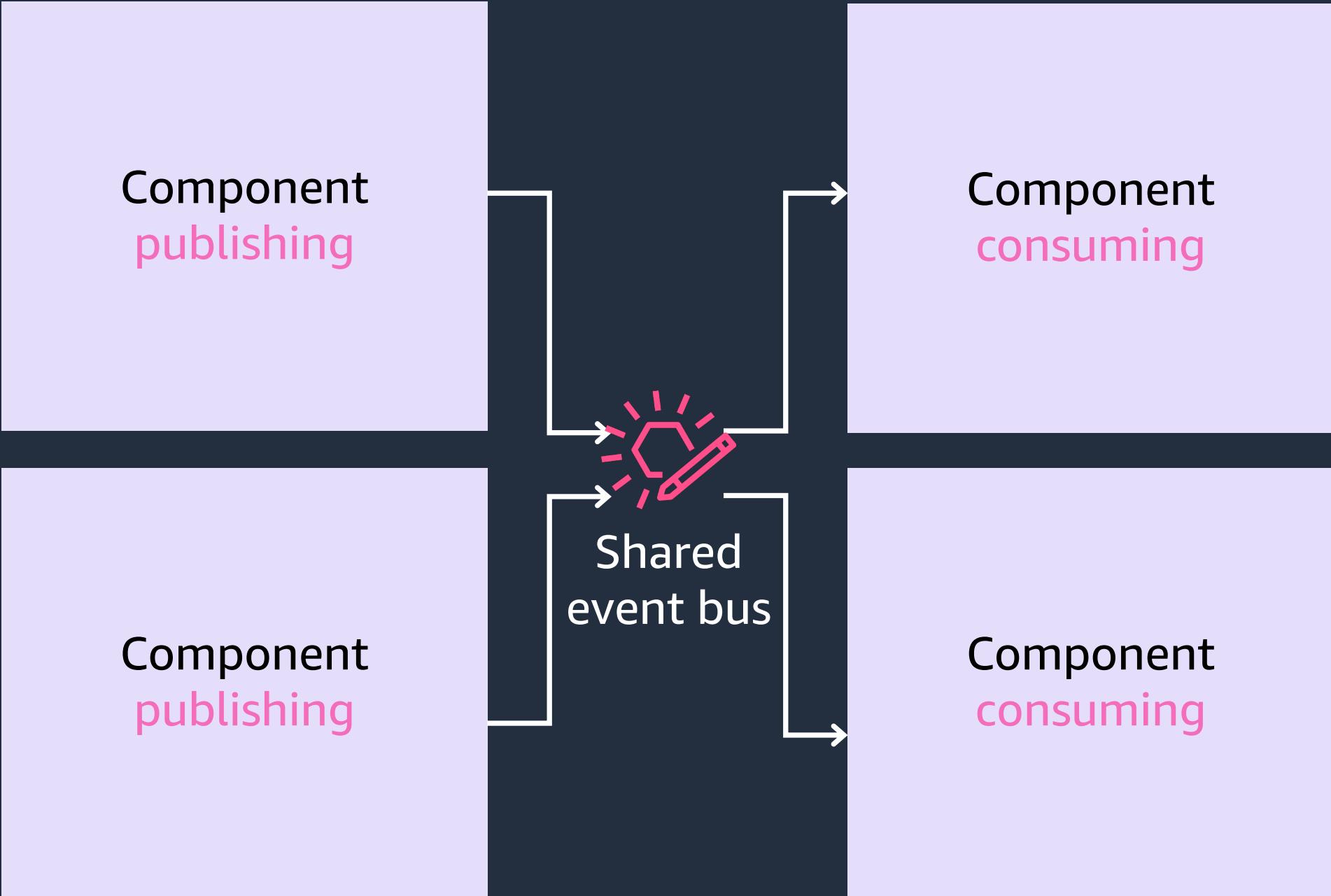
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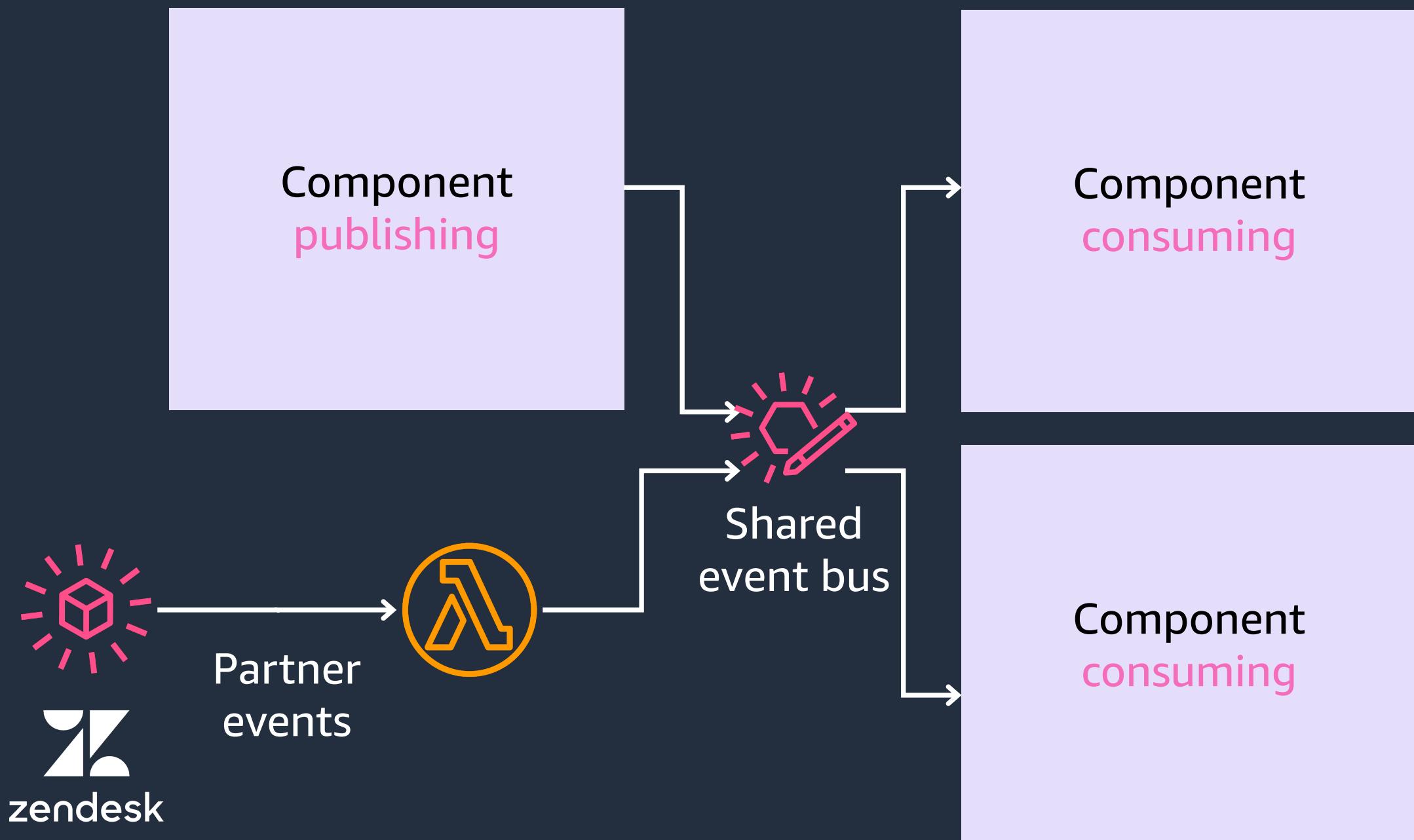


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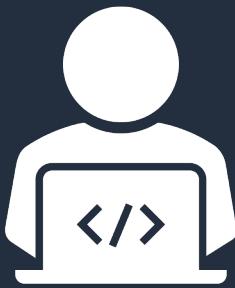
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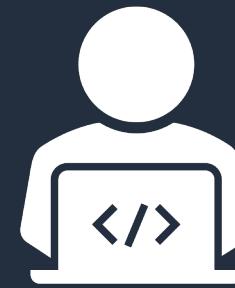
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In Life

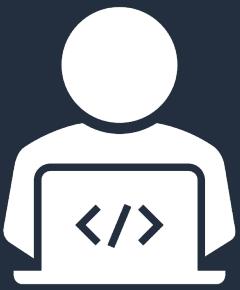


Inventory



# Search & filter for cars

Search



Volkswagen Tiguan

Set up search alert

Make and model Volkswagen Tiguan

Price

Age

Mileage

Fuel type

Features

Colour

Body type

Gearbox

Engine size

Clear all

1 to 23 of 23 results

Sort by  Featured

Used Volkswagen Tiguan

The biggest range of great value, high-quality cars you can buy entirely online, with over 1000 added every week.

Finance representative example (PCP)

Based on a car price of £12,750 with a £2,000 deposit, borrowing £10,750 at a representative APR of 8.9% and the following:

48 monthly payments of £196.05	Fixed interest rate 8.9%	Option-to-purchase fee £10	Optional final payment £3,969.00	Amount of interest £2,630.40	Total amount payable £15,380.40	Annual mileage limit 8,000 miles	Excess mileage charge 3p per mile
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2.0 TDi BlueMotion Tech Match Edition 150 5dr  
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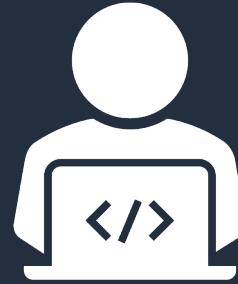
need help?

# Car info & status



## View car details

Inventory



< Results

< Share this car



[14-day money back guarantee](#)



[Free home delivery or collection](#)

Excellent 4.7 out of 5

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## Volkswagen Tiguan

2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech Match Edition  
150 5dr

2016 • 44,801 miles

Diesel • Manual



Compare



Favourite

Pay monthly

Pay in full

£305 /month HP

Representative example\*

Buy now

Use finance calculator

Get your part-exchange quote

Enter your registration

E.g. A20FGG

Find

Inventory

# An aggregator of the cars' state



 Consumed

VehicleAcquired

VehicleSold

VehicleDelivered

 Published

VehicleImported

VehiclePublished

VehicleUpdated



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# How do these two systems interact\*?

\*in an Event Driven way

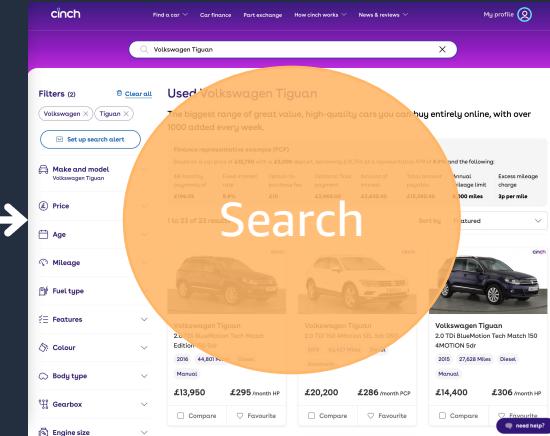
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event bus



*Other  
Domain  
events*



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*3<sup>rd</sup> Party  
events*

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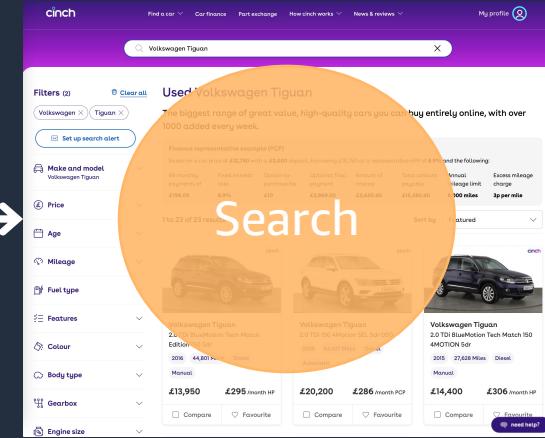


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# Event ledger pattern

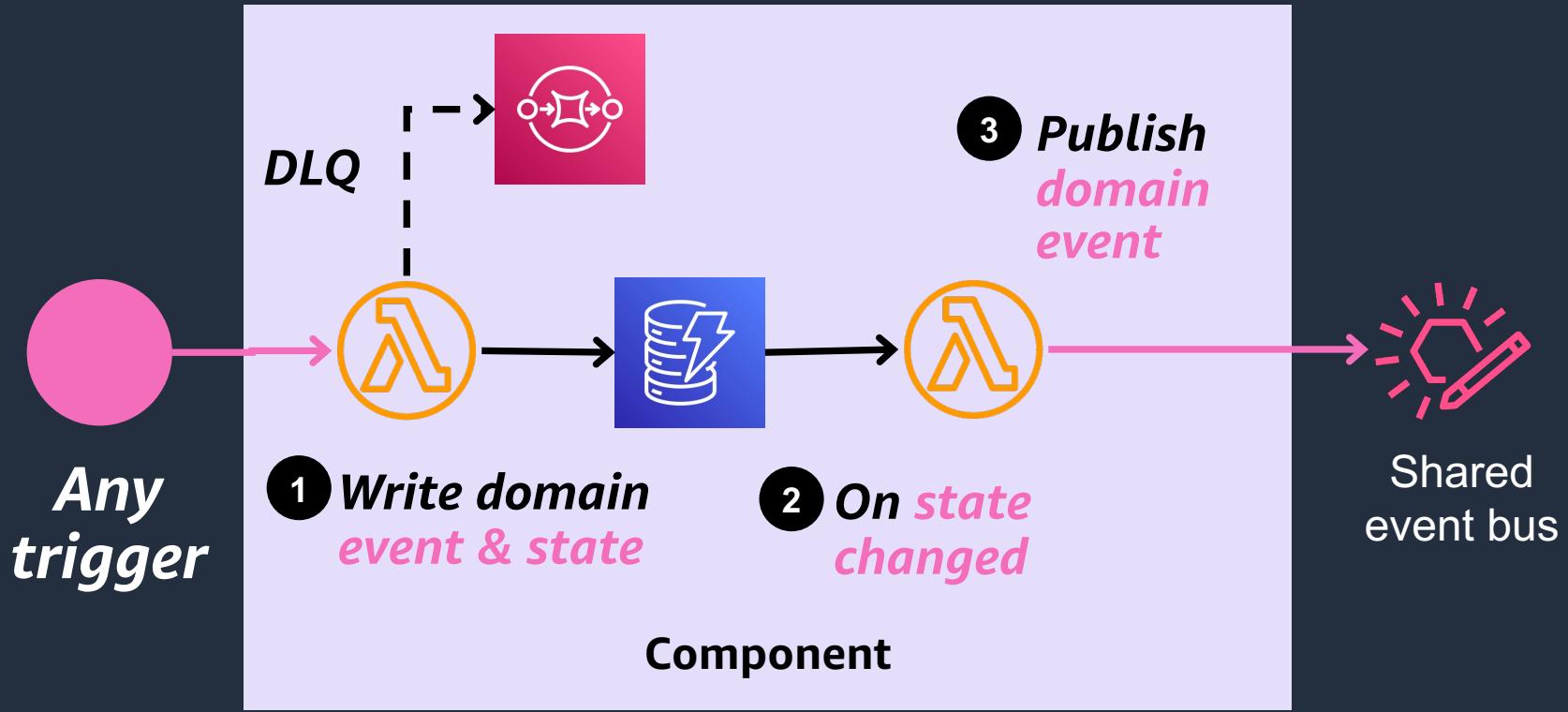


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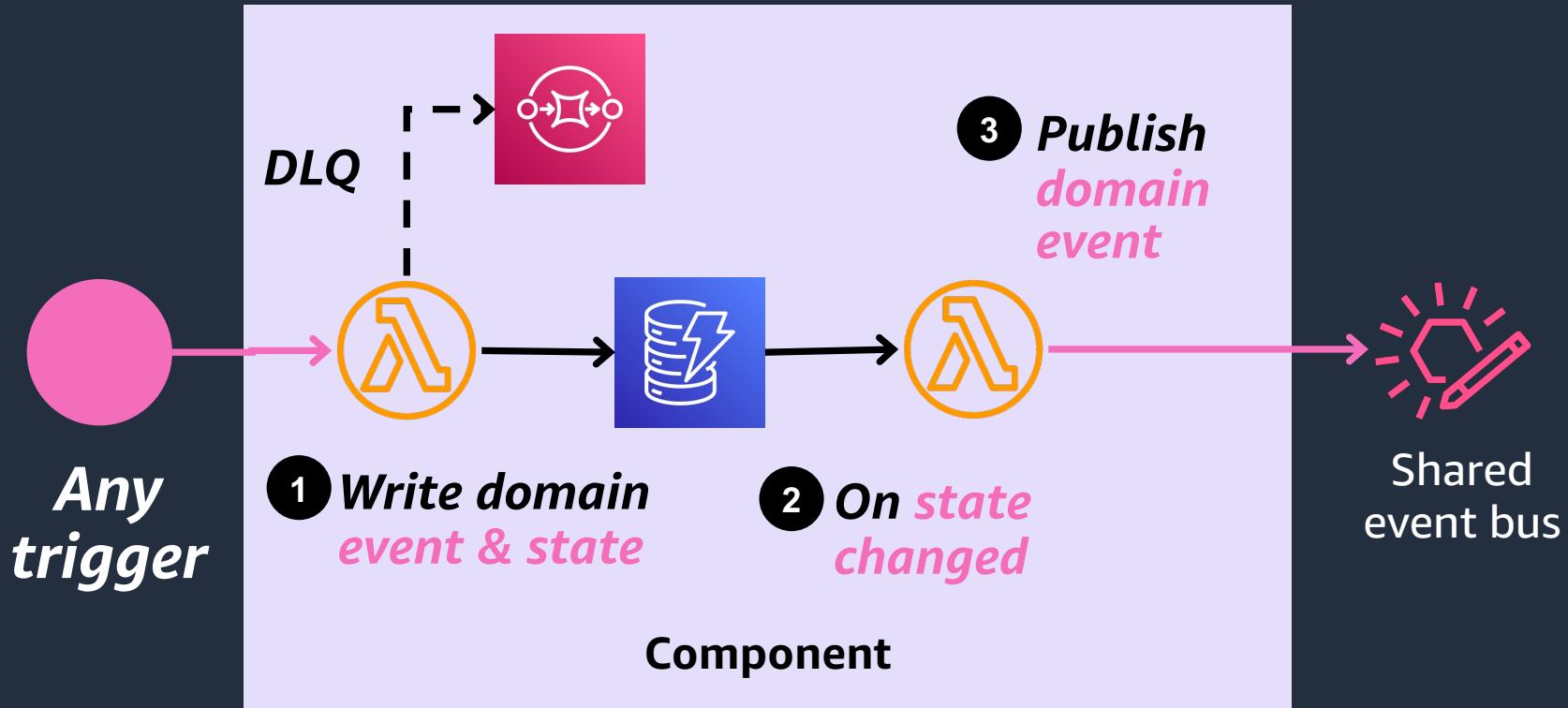
✓ Stores events & state

✓ Store & forget

✓ Outsource consistency to AWS

✓ Publish events by default

# Event ledger pattern



🤔 Not CRUD, not familiar

🤔 We exposed database schema

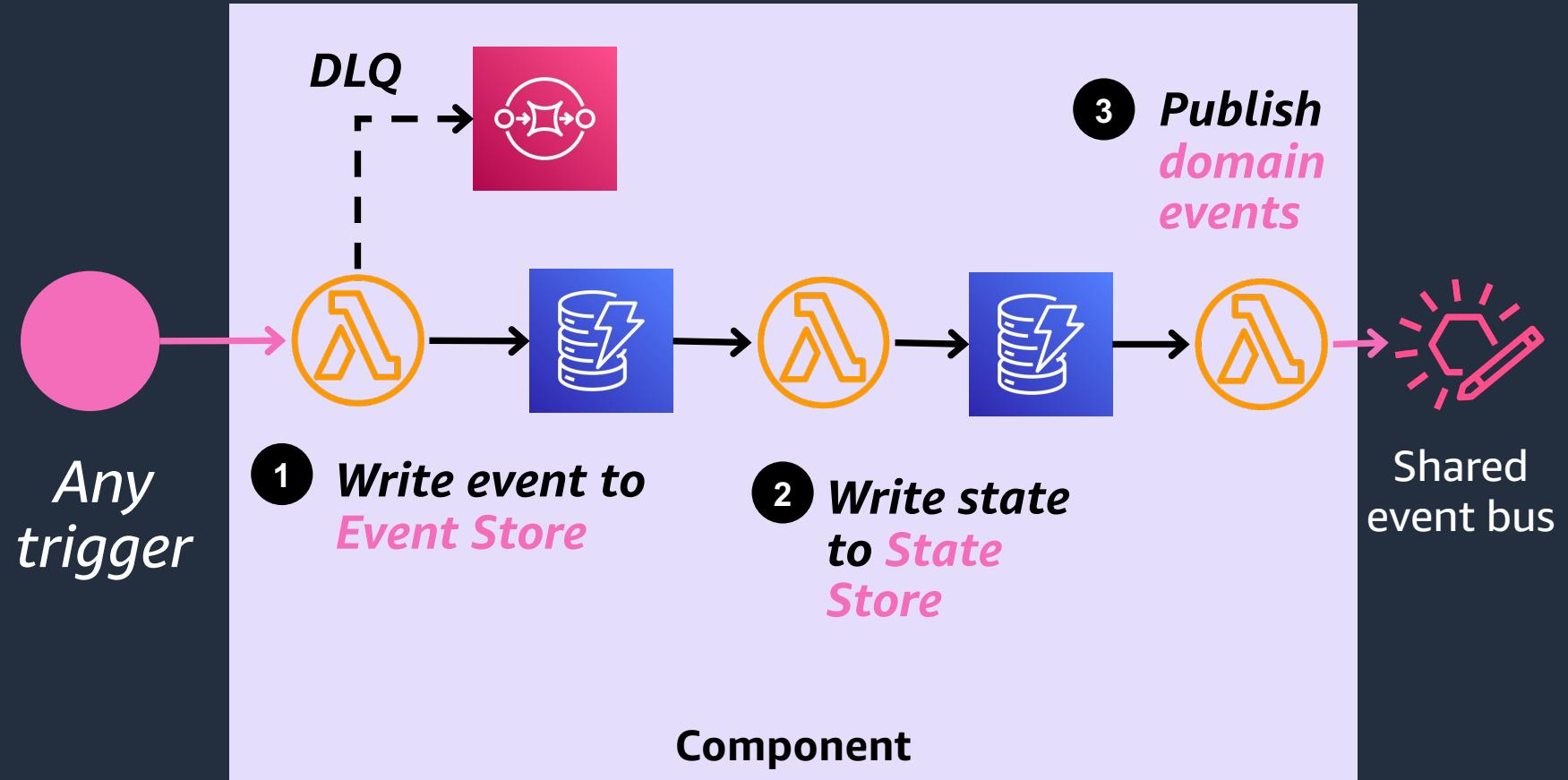
🤔 Mixed private and public events

🤔 Mixed event & state store



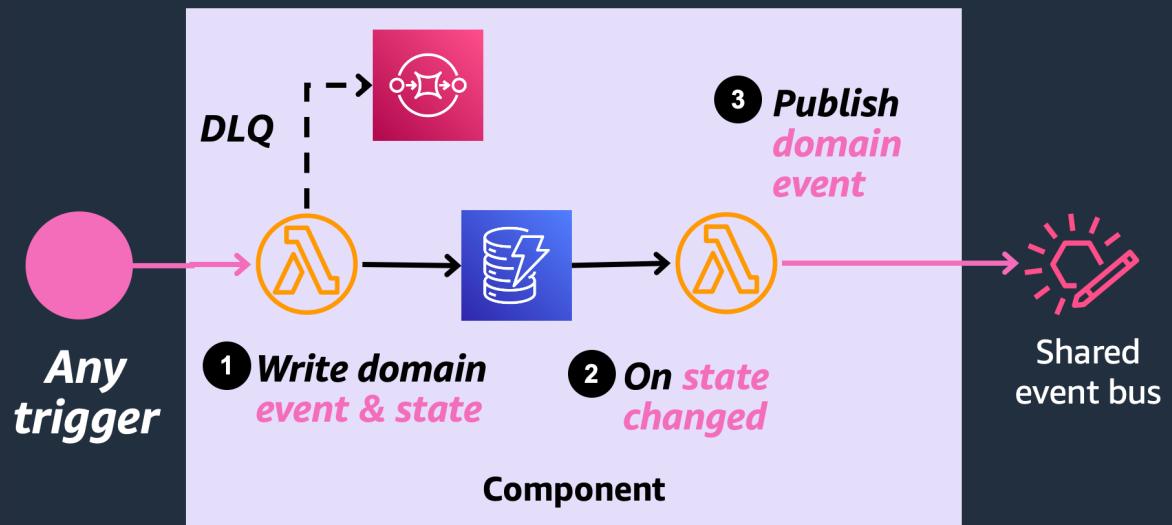
# How are we solving this?

# Event/State Store pattern

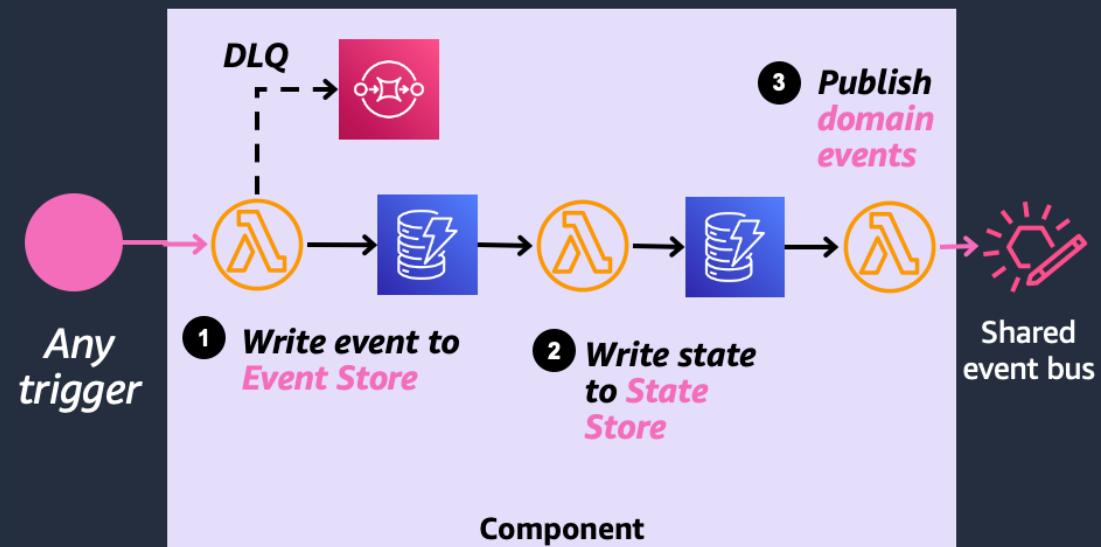


- ✓ Event store helps with debugging
- ✓ Consistent & stateless flow of data
- ✓ State store as cache
- ✓ State store serves as a presentation layer

# Event ledger pattern



# Event/State Store pattern



# How to share vehicle updates\*?

**\*In an Event Driven way**

Shared  
event bus



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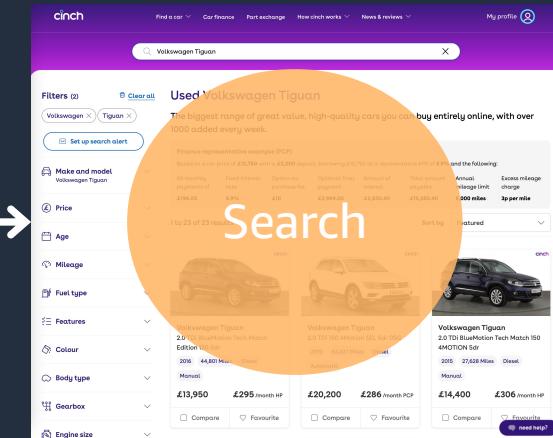
Inventory Component

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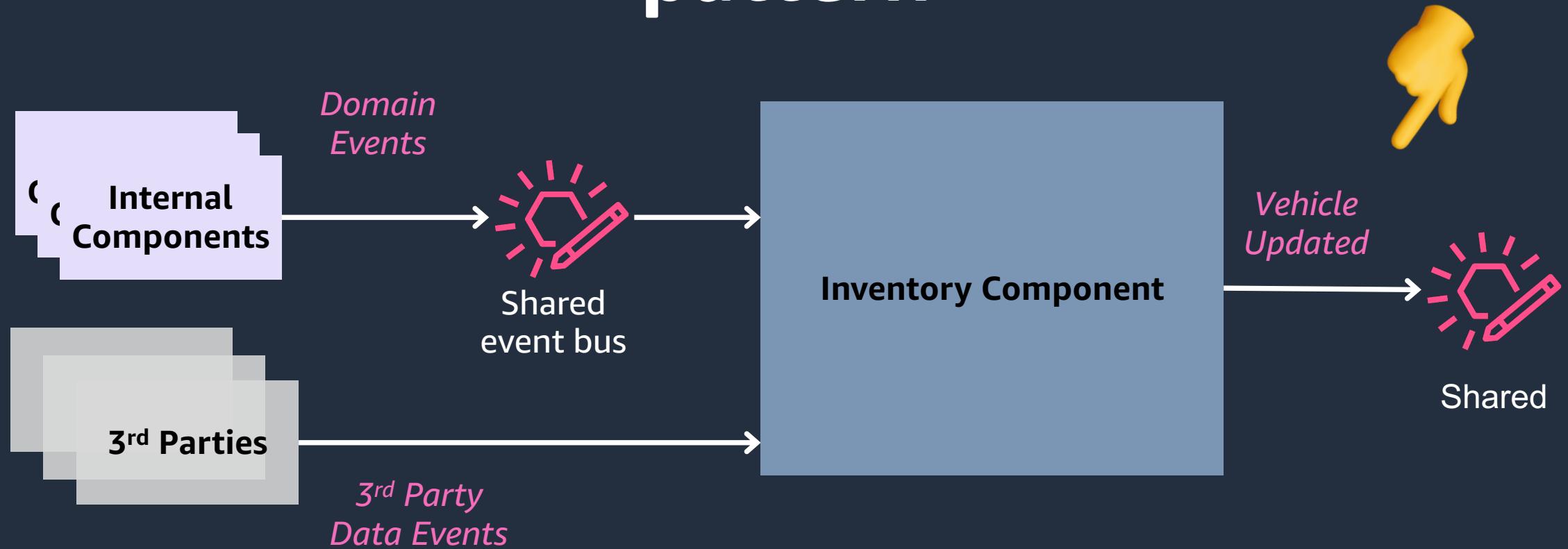
Search Component

*3<sup>rd</sup> Party  
events*

# The God event pattern



# The God event pattern



VehicleUpdated



a “latest state” event

a general-purpose update event

has all the state about a vehicle

has 80+ fields

the contract never breaks

## Event Carried State Transfer



a “latest state” event

VehicleUpdated



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has 80+ fields

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# Information about the car



```
{  
  "_id": {  
    "S": "Inventory/9a24379f-71af-4bef-8287-0b6b40771fb3"  
  },  
  "_rng": {  
    "S": "HEAD"  
  },  
  "bodyType": {  
    "S": "MPV"  
  },  
  "colour": {  
    "S": "RED"  
  },  
  "doors": {  
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  },  
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  },  
  "eventVersion": {  
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  },  
  "fuelType": {  
    "S": "PETROL/ELECTRIC"  
  },  
  "make": {  
    "S": "TOYOTA"  
  },  
  "mileage": {  
    "N": "6061"  
  }  
}
```

# Information about the car status

# Information about the car

```
"model": {  
    "S": "PRIUS+"  
},  
"modelYear": {  
    "N": "2015"  
},  
"price": {  
    "N": "32000"  
},  
"published": {  
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},  
"refurbComplete": {  
    "BOOL": false  
},  
"registeredKeepers": {  
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},  
"seats": {  
    "N": "7"  
},  
"serviceHistory": {  
    "S": "No"  
},  
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},  
"status": {  
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},
```

## Metadata about the event



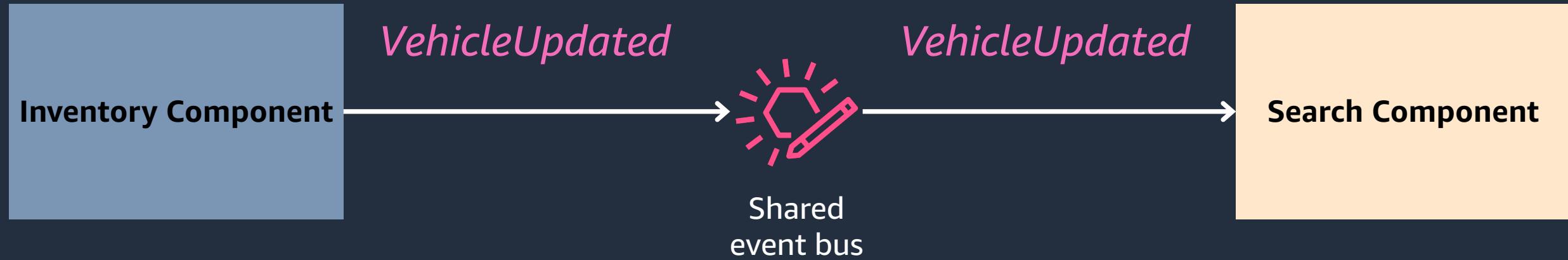
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# Some implementation detail

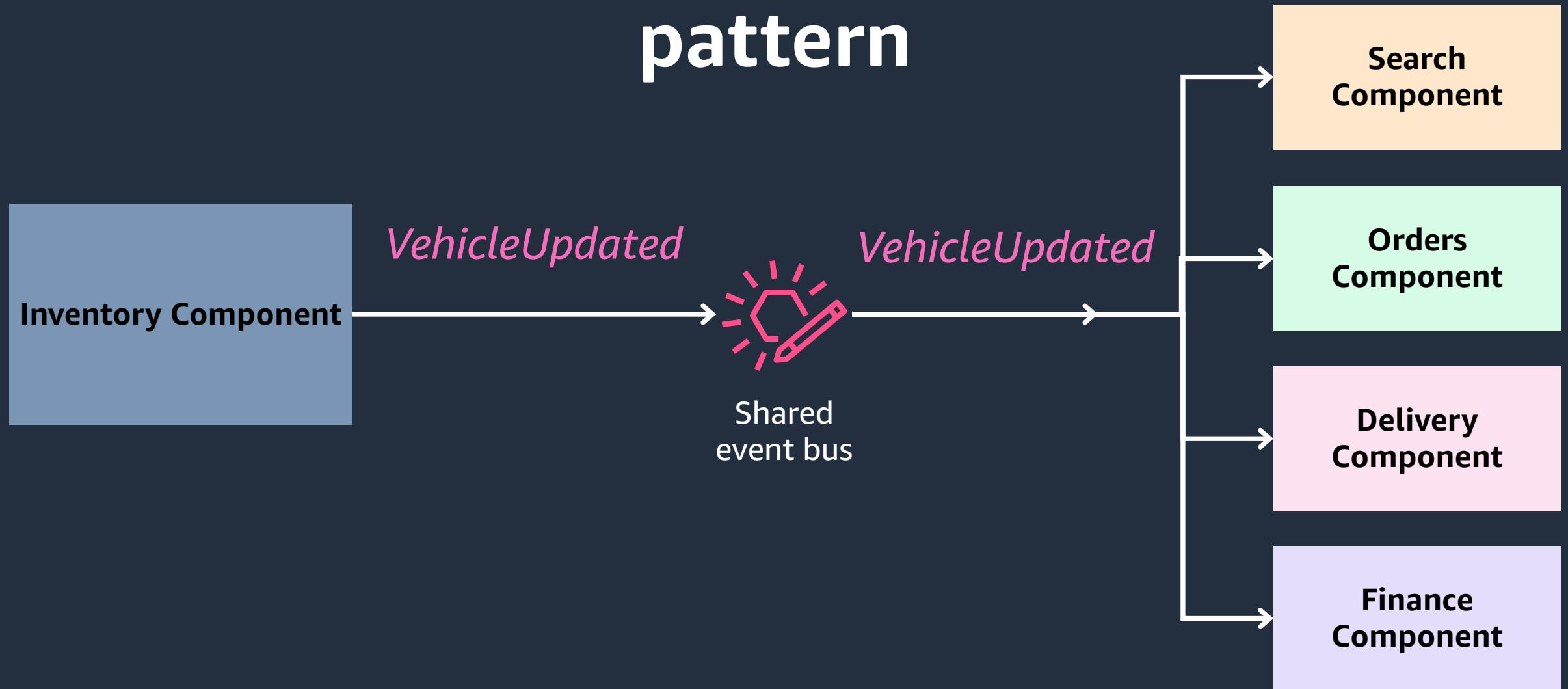


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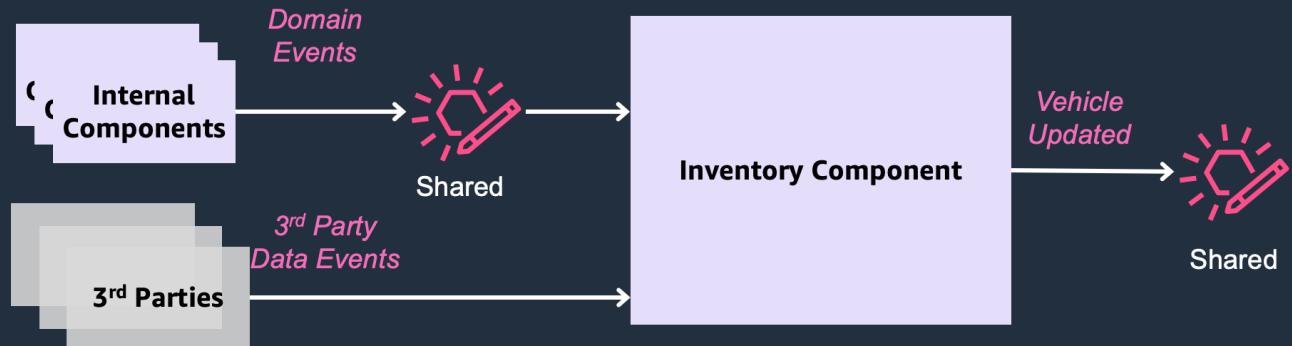


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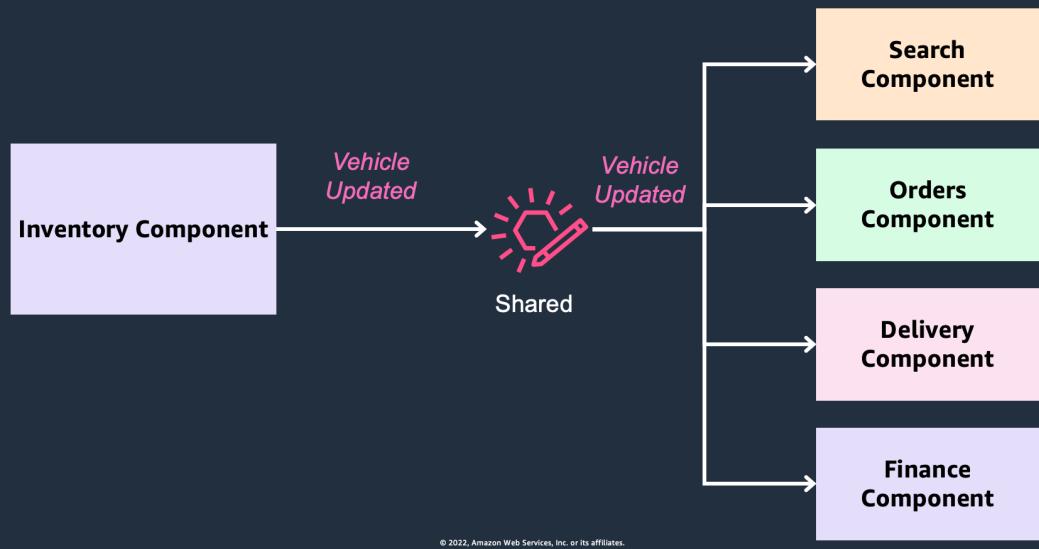
Builds a **rich view** of a vehicle from diverse events



Publishes “all the things” vehicle in a **single event**

Indirectly defines many states and reports

# The God event pattern



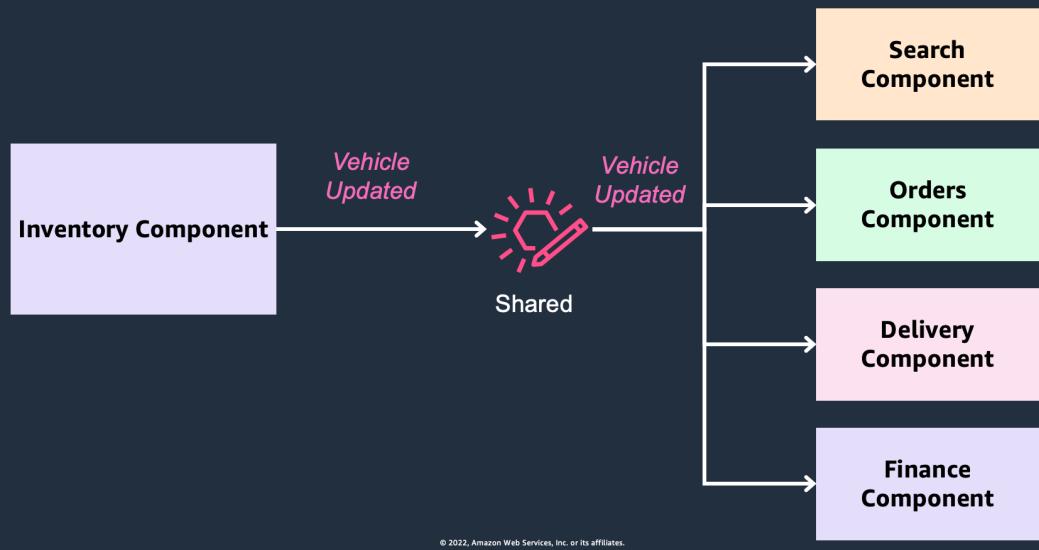
✓ You can trust you will find all the data you need

✓ No need to hit an API to get extra information

✓ The only integration point between systems

✓ We were scaling a unicorn, it was fast

# The God event pattern



🤔 Component & team are accidental proxies of info

🤔 Component coupled with many components for many reasons

🤔 Change is hard

🤔 When used by reporting systems, you are stuck

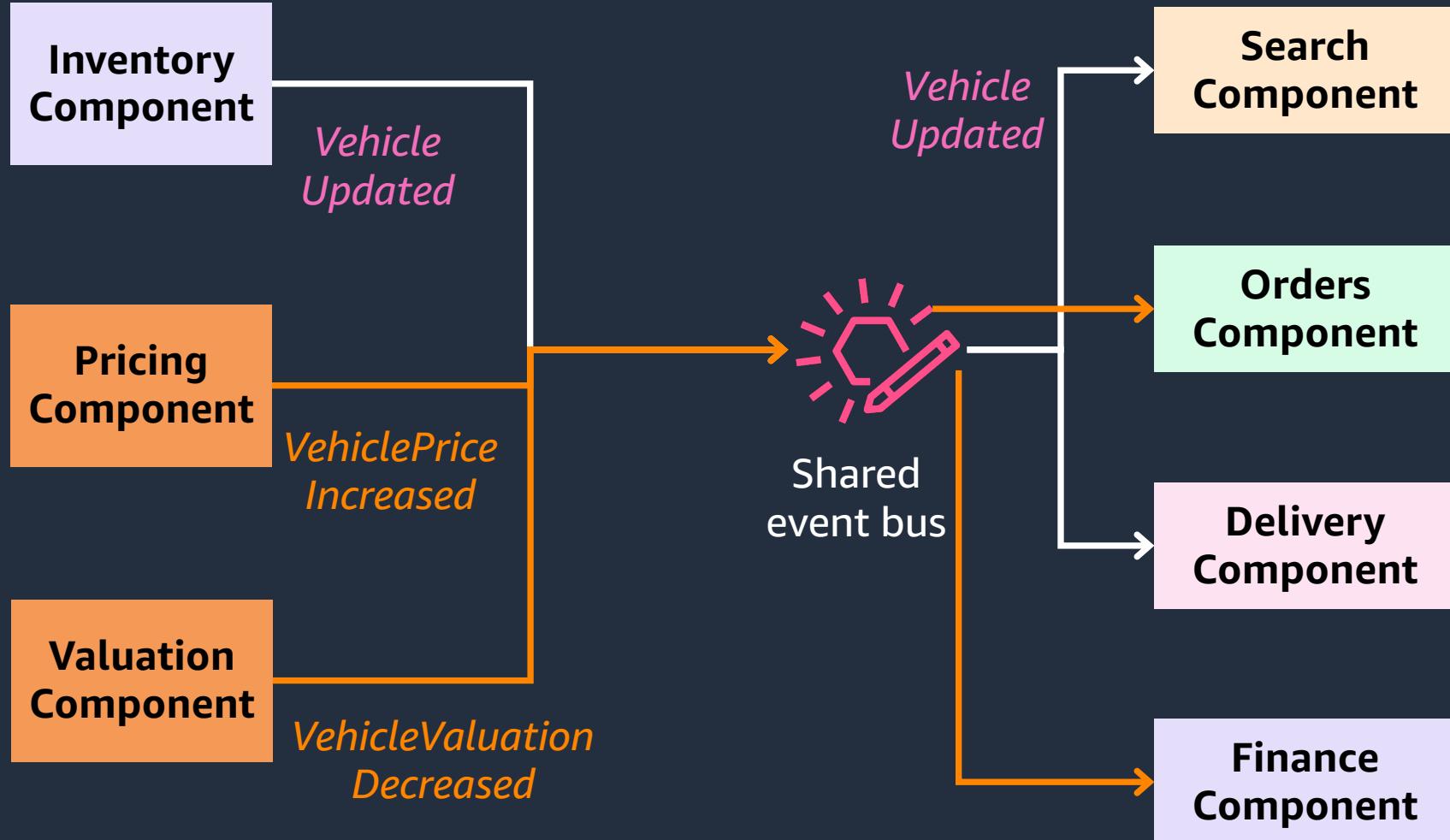


# How are we solving this?

1 More specific & contextual events

2 Break down the God Event & the mega-components

3 Backwards compatible with God event



More specific event name

## Channels

### Inventory/listingUpdated Channel

publish Operation

Message listingUpdated

*This event is published when a vehicles price or published status changes.*

More cohesive context

```
1  {
2    "vehicleInventoryId": "82cd2999-e3b8-44a0-8144-d1c046f38df8",
3    "price": 12400,
4    "published": true,
5    "lastUpdatedBy": "dev"
6 }
```

```
it('should handle OrderCompleted event', async () => {
  messagePact
    .given('an Order is completed')
    .expectsToReceive('an OrderCompleted event')
    .withContent({
      _head: like({
```

```
stateHandlers() {
  return {
    'an Order is completed': async () => {
      await createCompletableOrderForDeliveryWithPartExchange(orderId);
      const orderCompletedEvent = createOrderCompleted(orderId, orderCompletedProps);
      const completedOrder = await saveEventStub(orderCompletedEvent);

      this.order = {
        _id: completedOrder.id,
        ...completedOrder,
      };
    },
  };
}

messageProviders() {
  return {
    'an OrderCompleted event': () => this.getOrderCompletedEvent(),
  };
}
```



# Contract testing between components



## Event rationalisation - Next Steps



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Based on the existing work that has already been carried out around event rationalisation the 2 main emerging themes are:

1. Standardise events by adding event audit data e.g. using event object framework action and [adopt a consistent naming convention](#)
2. Document events in a standard format and publish the event documentation for data discovery

### Event classification

Based on mapping the end to end Search and Convert architecture and data flows to identify architectural boundaries where it would make sense to introduce event standardisation logic for improving data quality. Broadly, there are 4 categories of events that we are dealing with:

1. **analytics events** - customer interaction events of interest to CRO and analytics teams e.g. UI drop down, button click, swipe etc
  - a. usually generated within the context of the client e.g frontend
  - b. flow into [Segment, Simple Analytics and Adobe Analytics](#)
2. **customer interaction events** - events which involve a customer and how they interact with Cinch e.g. [VehicleAdded, VehicleCheckedOut](#) etc
  - a. not linked to the client - so could be triggered via web, mobile, CX process or other interface
  - b. should be pushed into Segment, but could also be on the EventBridge as a domain event
3. **business domain events** - overlap with customer events, do not necessarily involve a customer interaction but could be triggered on a completion or failure of a business process e.g. Vehicle delivered, Reservation timeout, finance quote timeout
  - a. considered *public* generated in a component and routed via shared EventBridge
  - b. should be pushed through Segment and final destination is Snowflake
4. **component events** - events which are used internally within a squad for inter component messaging
  - a. considered *private* generated within components
  - b. usually on EventBridge

# Event rationalization

# Domain Driven Design Practices



# cinch Backend Template as Blueprint

## Backend Component Template - Bootstrap

This serves as a template for a Backend Component at cinch. Refer to the decision log in [docs/architecture/decisions/](#) for more detail on why the project is structured in the way that it is, and uses the tools that it does, in the way that it does.

We'd like to have a way to create GitHub repositories with a 'good' structure.

**WARNING!** Do not use this template if either of these builds are failing!

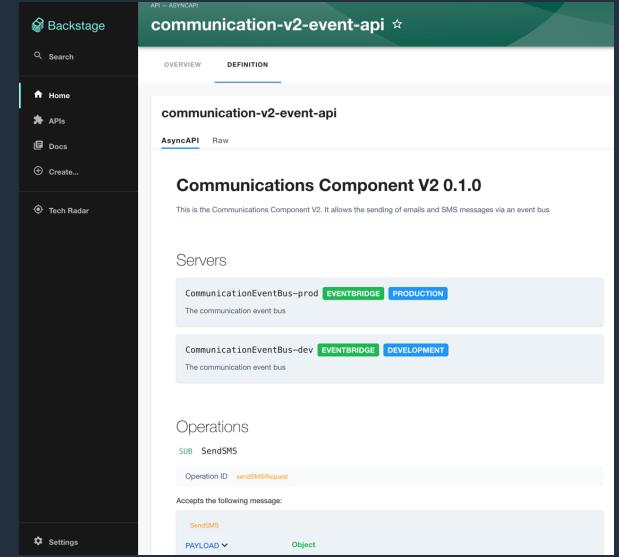
 Build/test/deploy (main branch) passing

 Test bootstrap script passing

These builds test that the template is in a good state for use. If either are failing, please engage with the [Backend Engineering Community of Practice](#) to find out what's happening, and don't use the template until it's working again.

### Purpose

- Quickly startup a component to remove the faff of figuring out what's needed
- Appropriate a 'good' files structure
- Disseminate standardisation
- Promote understandability
- Use for onboarding & encouraging experimentation for individuals



The screenshot shows the Backstage interface for the `communication-v2-event-api`. The left sidebar includes links for Home, APIs, Docs, Create..., and Tech Radar. The main area displays the `communication-v2-event-api` definition, which is an `AsyncAPI` specification. It describes the **Communications Component V2 0.1.0** as allowing the sending of emails and SMS messages via an event bus. The **Servers** section lists `CommunicationEventBus-prod` (EventBridge, Production) and `CommunicationEventBus-dev` (EventBridge, Development), both associated with the communication event bus. The **Operations** section shows an operation named `SendSMS` with a payload object. A large pink plus sign icon is overlaid on the bottom right of the screenshot.

# Event discoverability

Shared  
event bus



*Other  
Domain  
events*

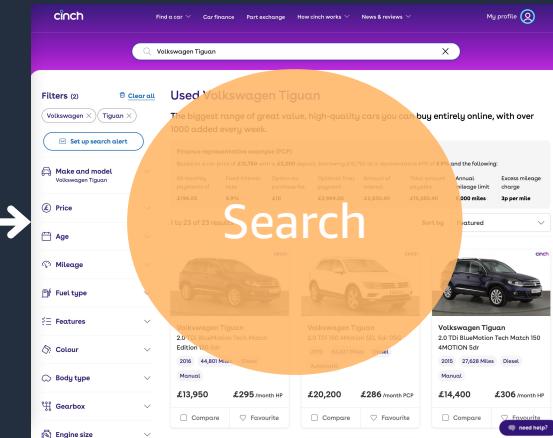
Inventory Component

Shared  
event bus

Search Component

*3<sup>rd</sup> Party  
events*

# The God event pattern



Shared event bus



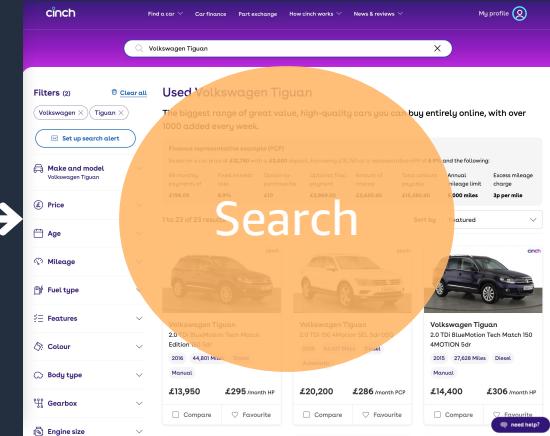
*Other Domain events*



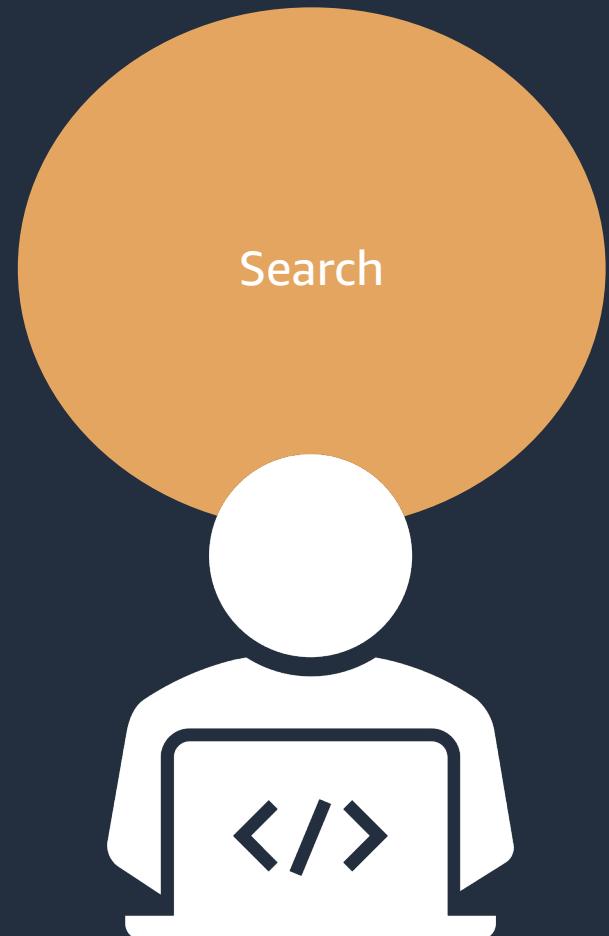
# Consuming the God event

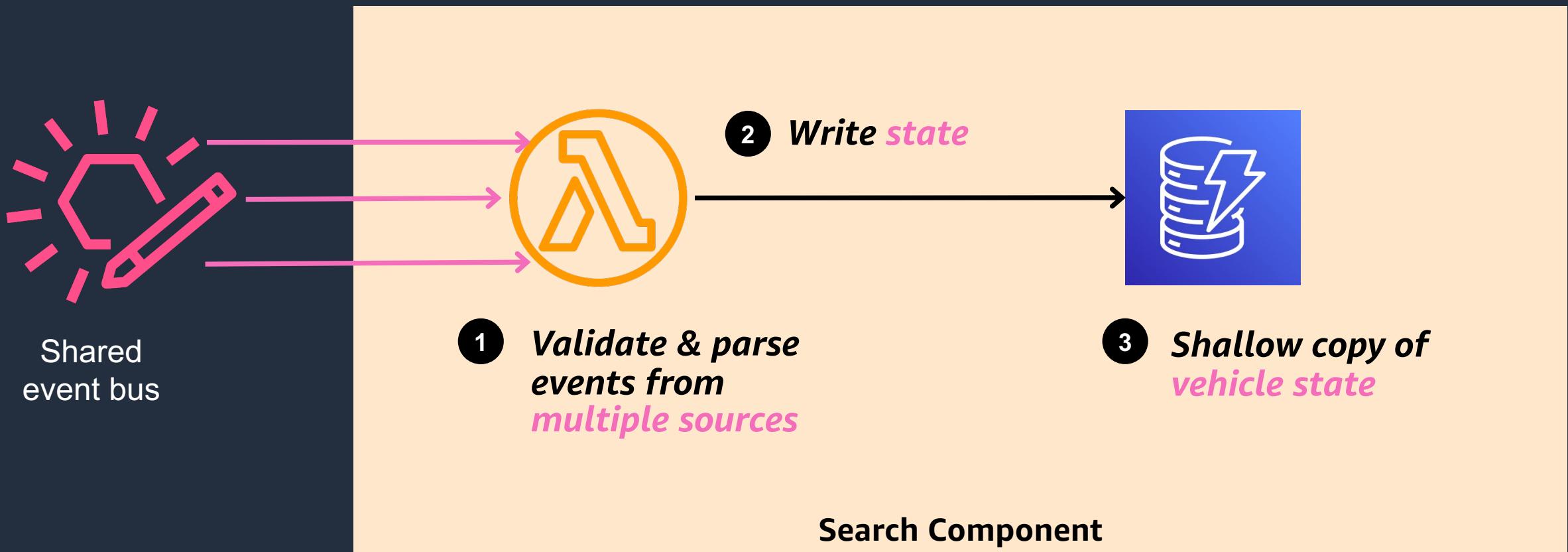
Shared event bus

Search Component



*3<sup>rd</sup> Party events*

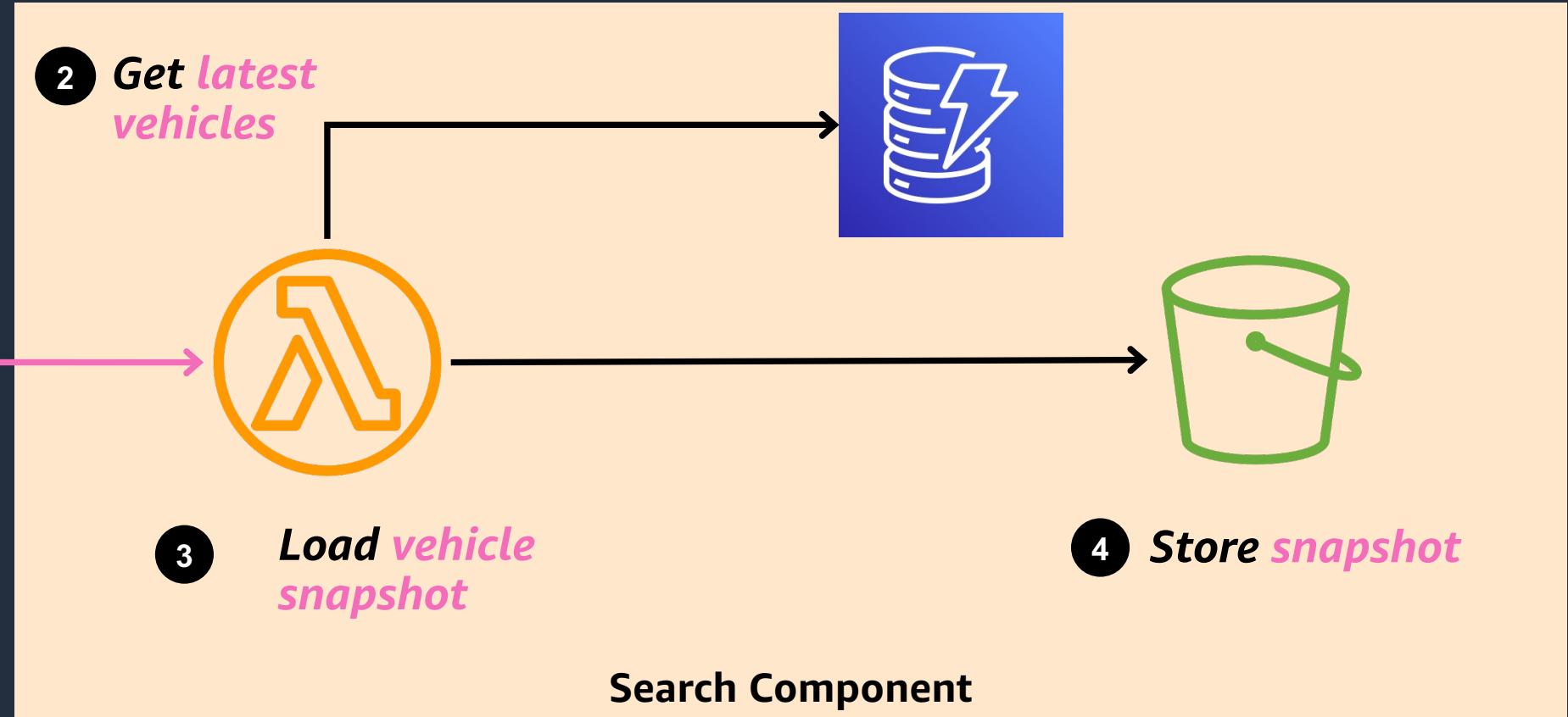




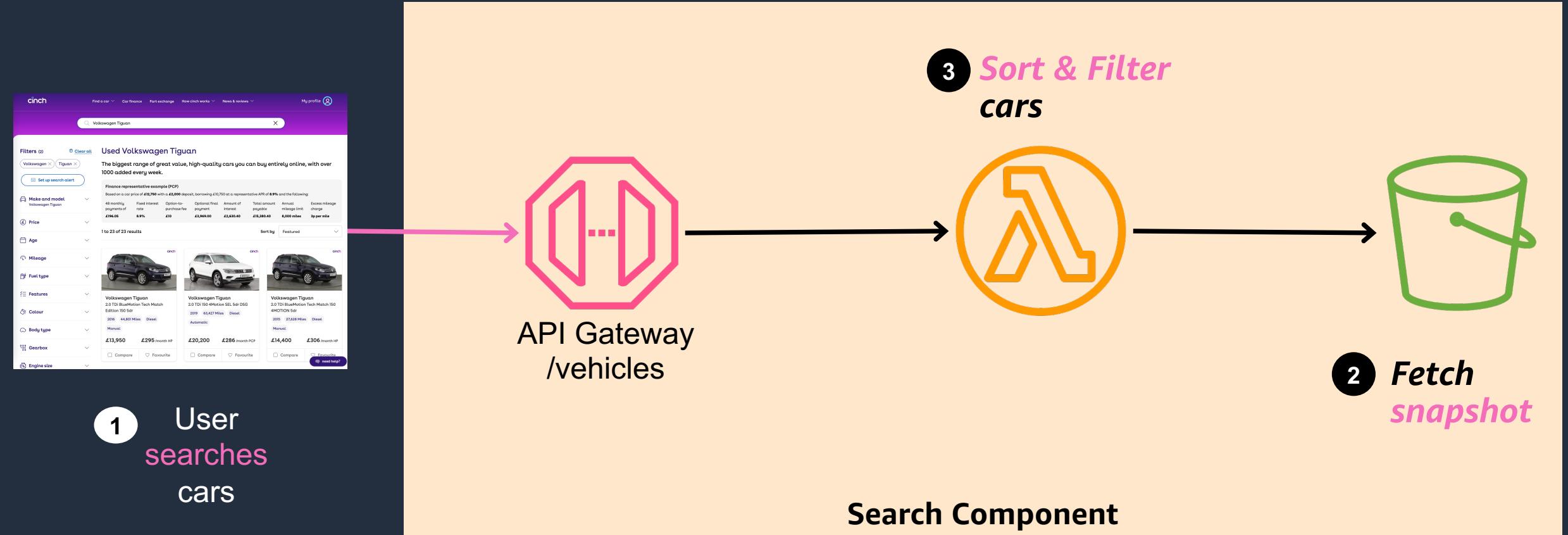
Search



1 Every minute



Search



1

# Systems, teams, tech stack

2

## What patterns emerged?

3

## How did we evolve our systems?



# How to extend this system?

# Marking a car as reserved



Currently reserved

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Mercedes-Benz C-Class  
C220d AMG Line Premium Plus 2dr  
Auto

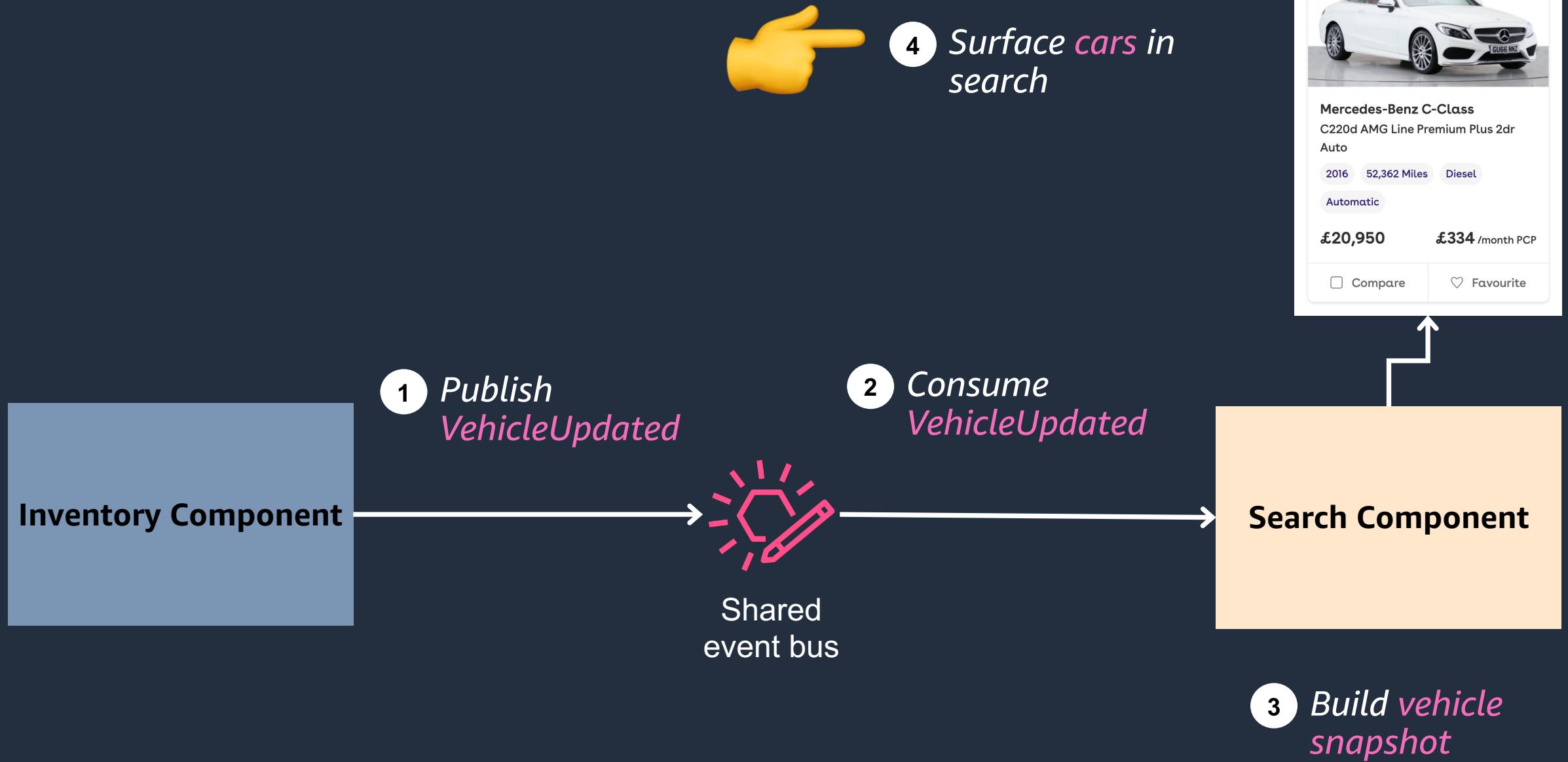
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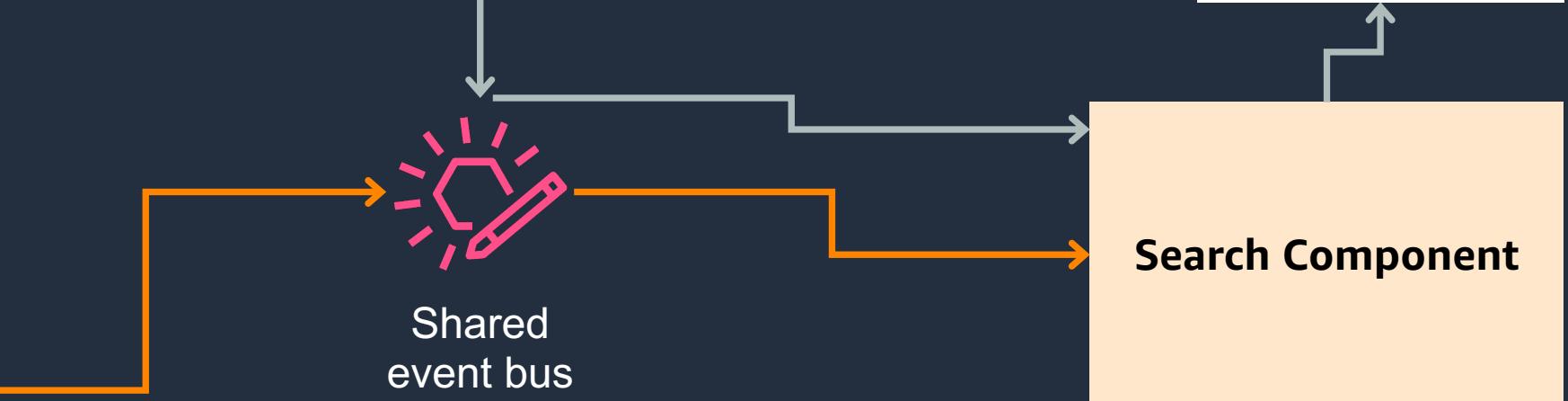
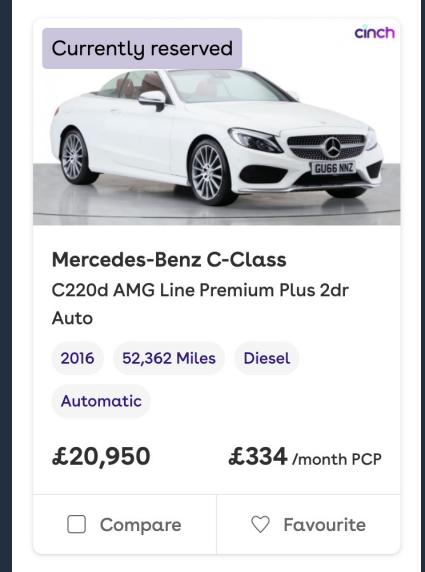
Compare    Favourite

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4 *Surface cars in search with vehicle reserved status*



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# How to evolve this system?

Volkswagen Tiguan

## Used Volkswagen Tiguan

The biggest range of great value, high-quality cars you can buy entirely online, with over 1000 added every week.

**Finance representative example (PCP)**  
Based on a car price of £12,780 with a £2,000 deposit, borrowing £10,780 at a representative APR of 8.9% and the following:

48 monthly payments of	Fixed interest rate	Option-to-purchase fee	Optional final payment	Amount of interest	Total amount payable	Annual mileage limit	Excess mileage charge
£196.05	8.9%	£10	£3,969.00	£2,630.40	£15,380.40	8,000 miles	3p per mile

1 to 23 of 23 results

Sort by **Featured**

Image	Model	Year	Mileage	Fuel type	Price	PCP Price
	Volkswagen Tiguan 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech Match Edition 150 5dr	2016	44,801 Miles	Diesel	£13,950	£295/month HP
	Volkswagen Tiguan 2.0 TDI 150 4Motion SEL 5dr DSG	2019	63,427 Miles	Diesel	£20,200	£286/month PCP
	Volkswagen Tiguan 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech Match 150 4MOTION 5dr	2015	27,628 Miles	Diesel	£14,400	£306/month HP

Compare  Favourite  need help?

14-day money back guarantee

Free home delivery or collection

Excellent 4.7 out of 5 Trustpilot

## Volkswagen Tiguan

2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech Match Edition 150 5dr

2016 • 44,801 miles Diesel • Manual

£305 /month HP

Representative example\*

Compare  Favourite  Use finance calculator

Get your part-exchange quote  
Enter your registration  
E.g. A20FGG

Find

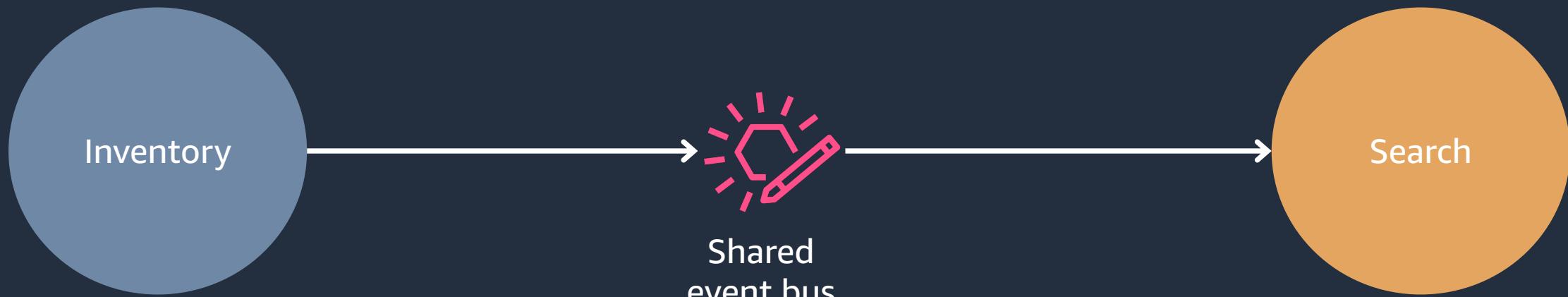
# Search & filter for cars



# Inventory of cars + Full Page Ad for cars

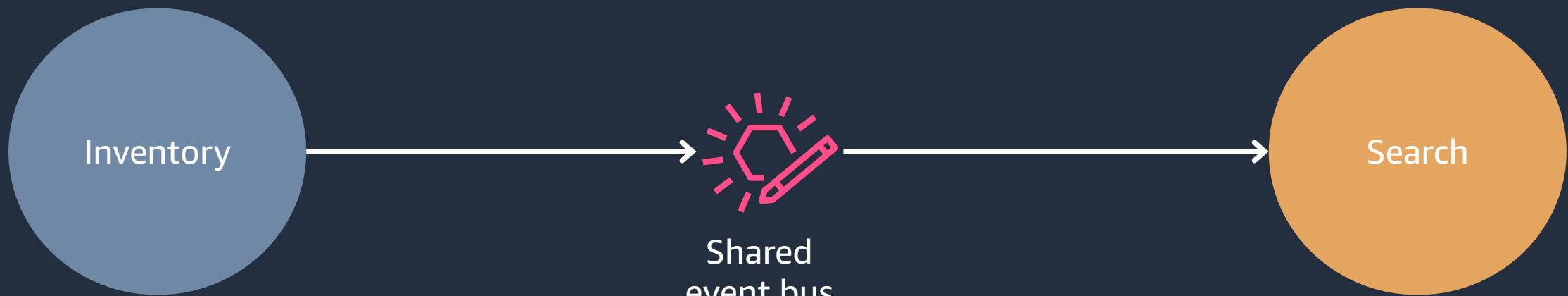


 Publishes vehicle state for anyone who might care



 Ends up considering presentation layer

 Has control of its own data



 Has to consume loads of events

Volkswagen Tiguan

Filters (2)

Volkswagen Tiguan

Set up search alert

Make and model Volkswagen Tiguan

Price

Age

Mileage

Fuel type

Features

Colour

Body type

Gearbox

Engine size

## Used Volkswagen Tiguan

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Tiguan

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2016 • 44,801 miles

Diesel • Manual

Pay monthly

Pay in full

£305 /month HP

Representative example\*

Get your part-exchange quote

Enter your registration

E.g. A20FGG

Media



Update thumbnail image

Updates to thumbnail data are handled in queue and may take a moment to complete.

Price and Publish

Retail Price £13,450

Offered price	Offered price	Offered price	Offered price
£13,450	£13,450	£13,450	£13,450
£13,450	£13,450	£13,450	£13,450
£13,450	£13,450	£13,450	£13,450
£13,450	£13,450	£13,450	£13,450

View Athena View FPA QC Complete:

Published:

Search & filter  
for carsFull Page Ad  
for carsInventory  
of cars

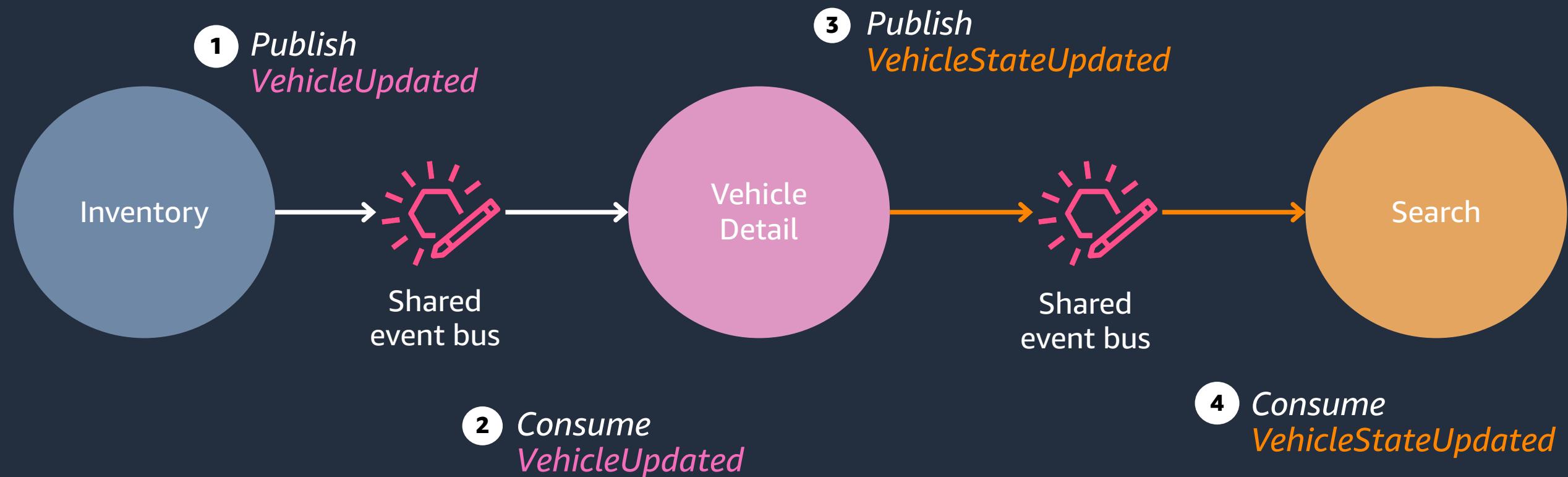
Inventory/  
VehicleUpdated



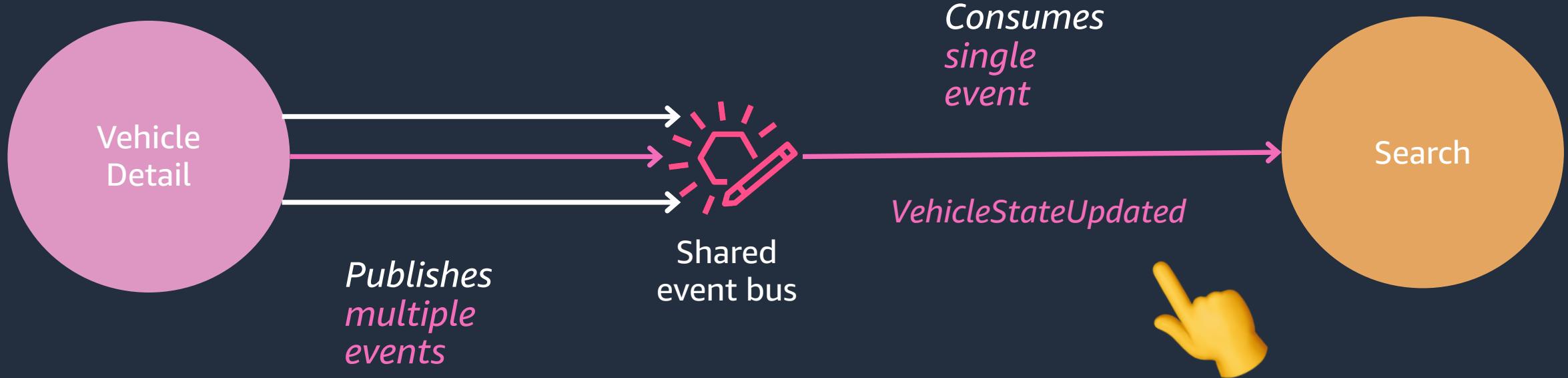
VehicleDetail/  
VehicleStateUpdated

# Inventory/ VehicleUpdated

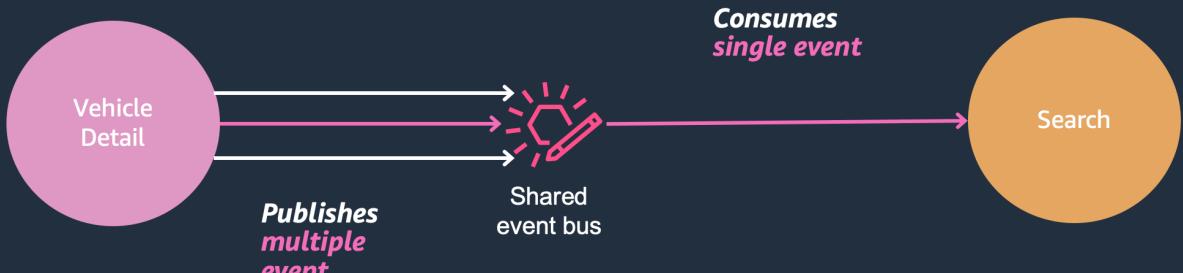
# VehicleDetail/ VehicleStateUpdated



# Lazy consumer pattern



# Lazy consumer pattern



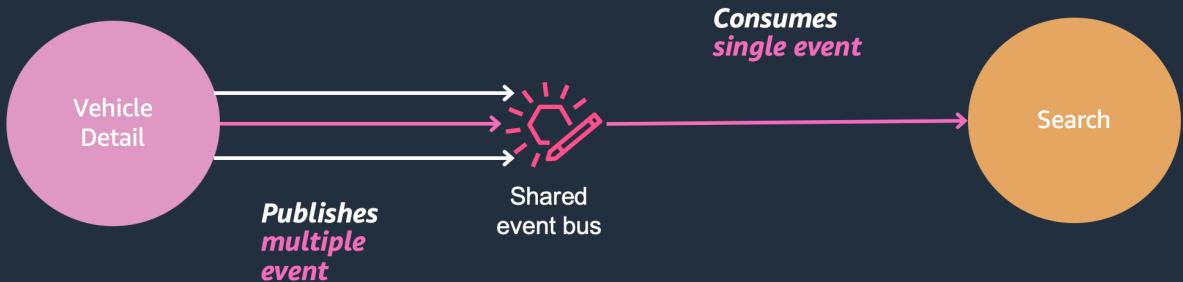
✓ Only cares about one event

✓ Only speaks to one team

✓ Coupled with more suitable system

✓ Focuses on what makes them awesome

# Lazy consumer pattern



🤔 Does not control its destiny

🤔 Relies on documentation

🤔 Has to translate data again

🤔 What if the event stops getting published?

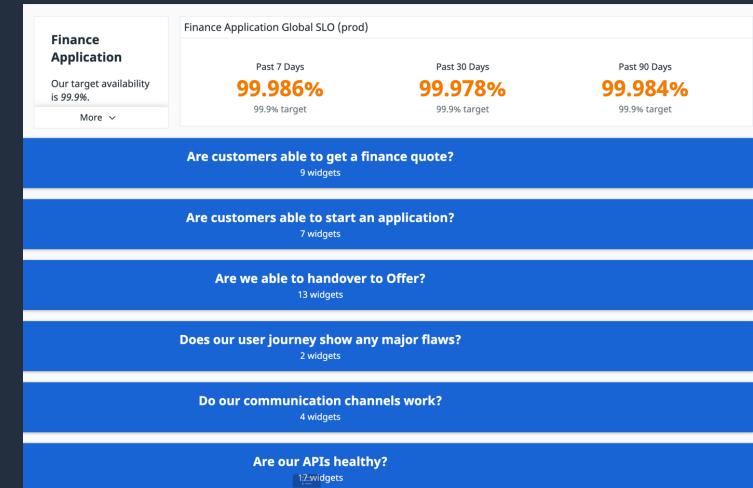


# How are we solving this?

PACTFLOW 



The screenshot shows the Backstage API documentation interface. At the top, it says "API - ASYNCAPI" and "communication-v2-event-api". Below that, there are two tabs: "OVERVIEW" and "DEFINITION", with "DEFINITION" being the active tab. The main content area is titled "communication-v2-event-api" and "AsyncAPI Raw". It describes the "Communications Component V2 0.1.0" as allowing the sending of emails and SMS messages via an event bus. The "Servers" section lists "CommunicationEventBus-prod" (EVENTBRIDGE, PRODUCTION) and "CommunicationEventBus-dev" (EVENTBRIDGE, DEVELOPMENT), both described as "The communication event bus". The "Operations" section shows an operation "SendSMS" with an "Operation ID" of "SendSMSRequest". Below this, there's a message input field with "SendSMS" selected under "SUB" and "PAYLOAD" under "Object".



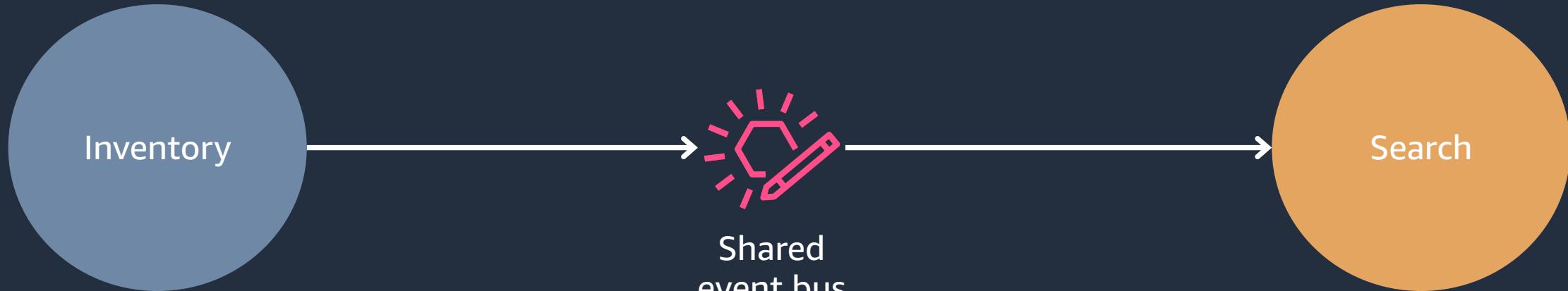
Contract  
testing

Documenting  
events

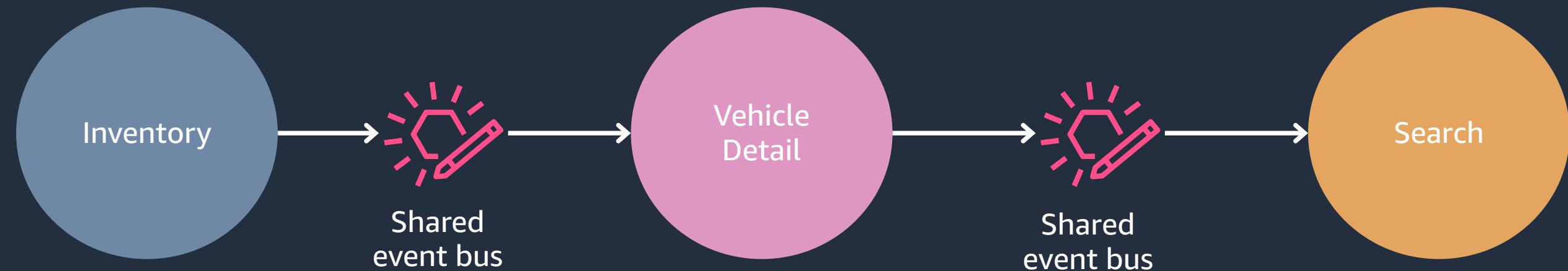
Observability  
practices

# What did this mean for teams?

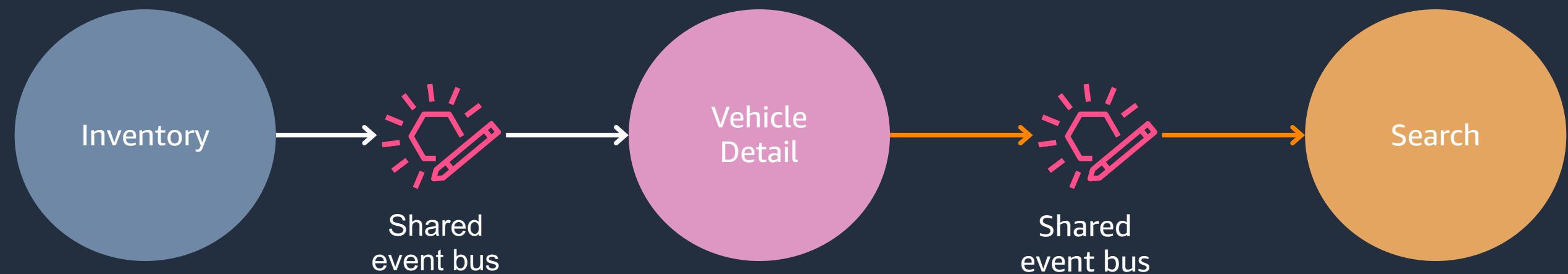




↓ A few weeks later ↓

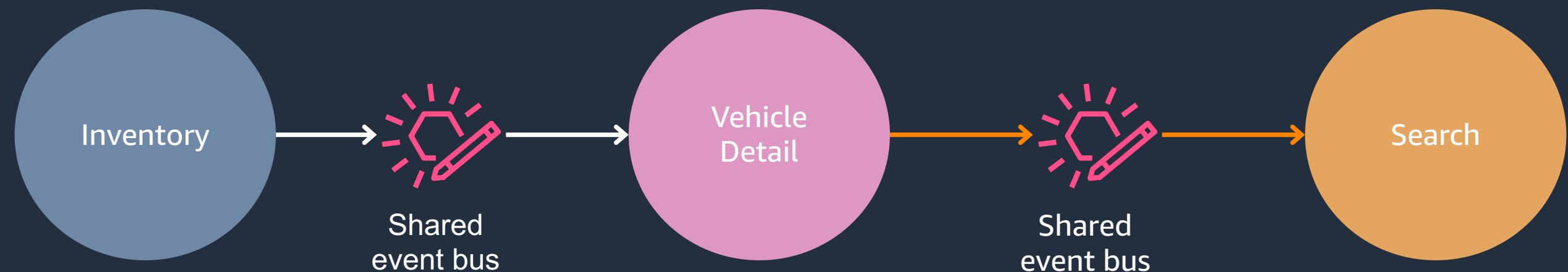


✓ Can focus on inventory



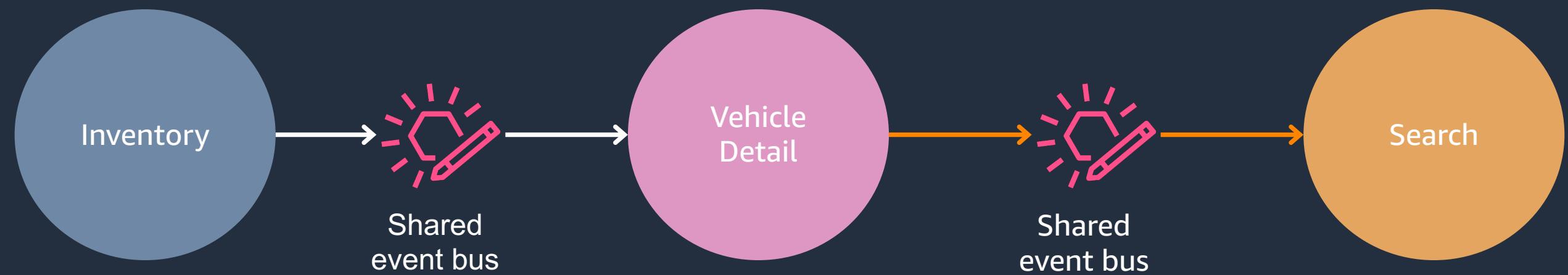
✗ Gets a new consumer

✓ Has control of its own data



✗ Accepts complexity in favour of consumers

 Conversations,  
events reduced to one



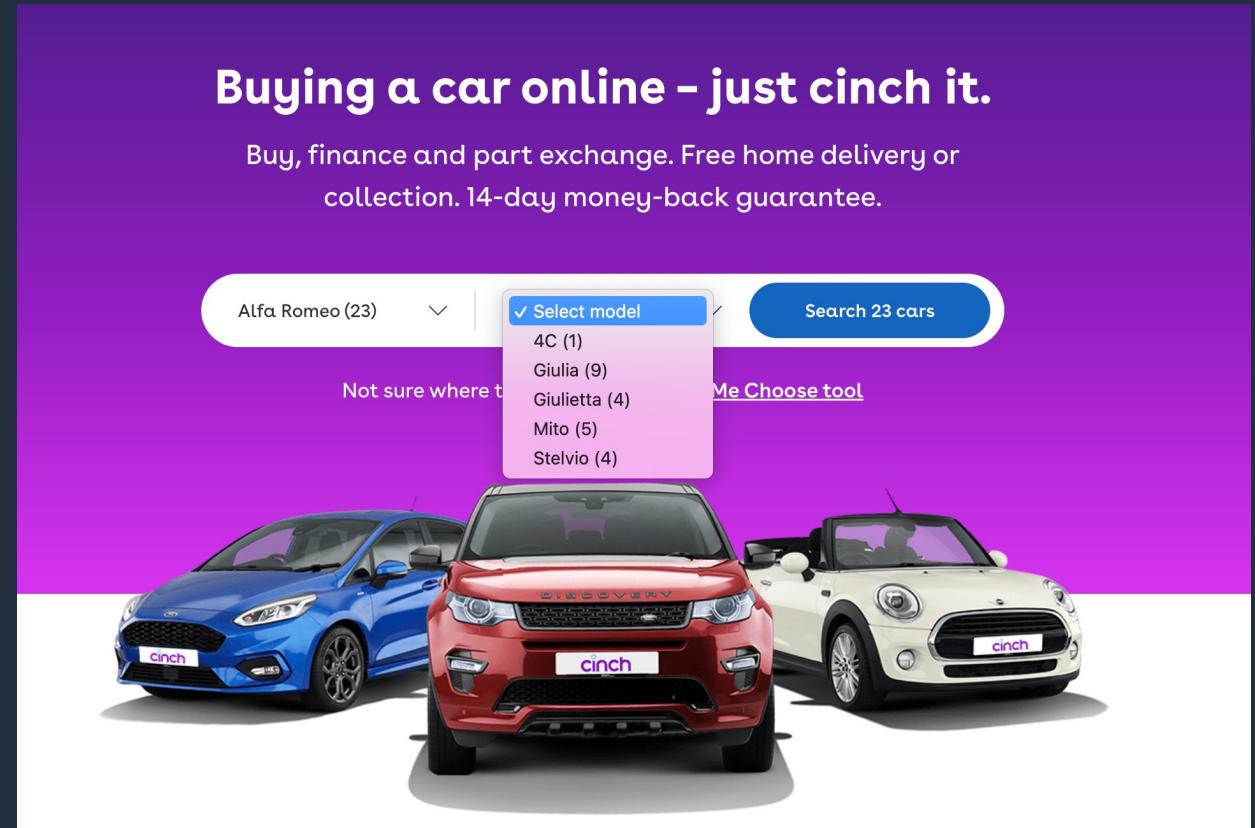
 Relies heavily on  
Vehicle Detail

 **Inventory** could focus on the car and its status

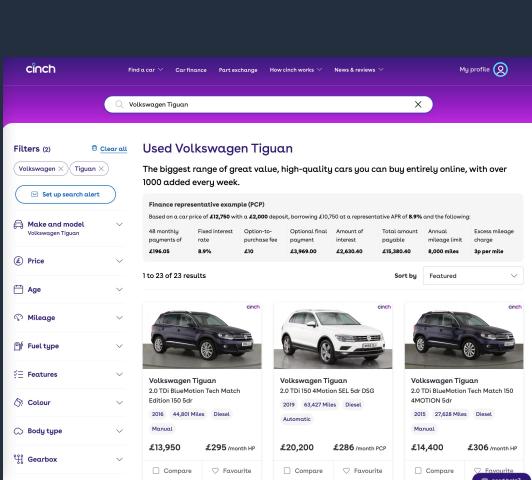
 **Vehicle Detail** had ownership of its own car detail

 **Search** could focus on making search awesome

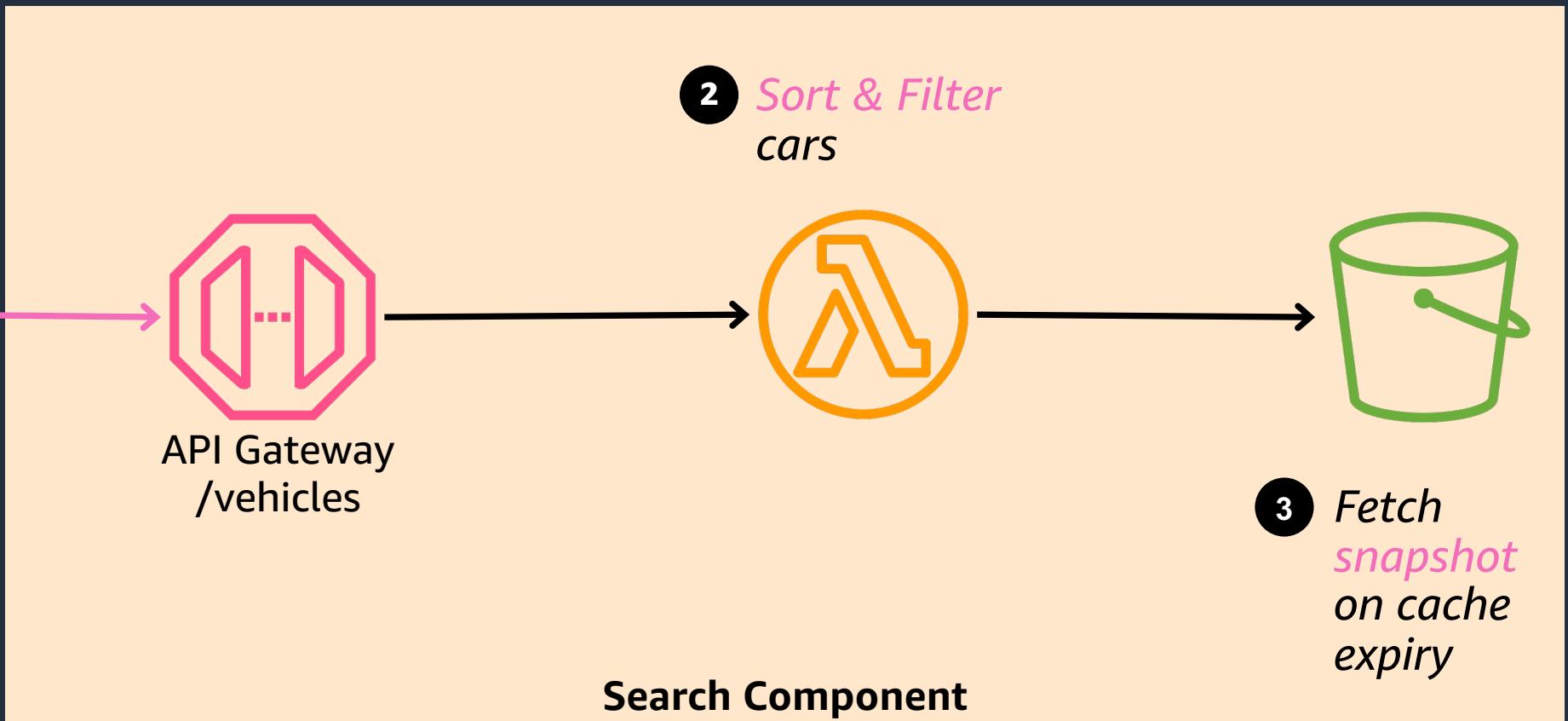
# Search were able to make filters awesome



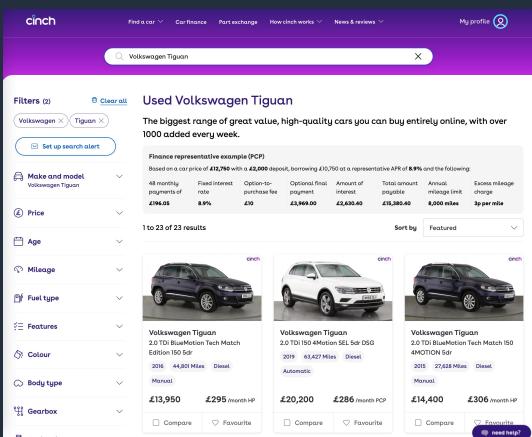
Search



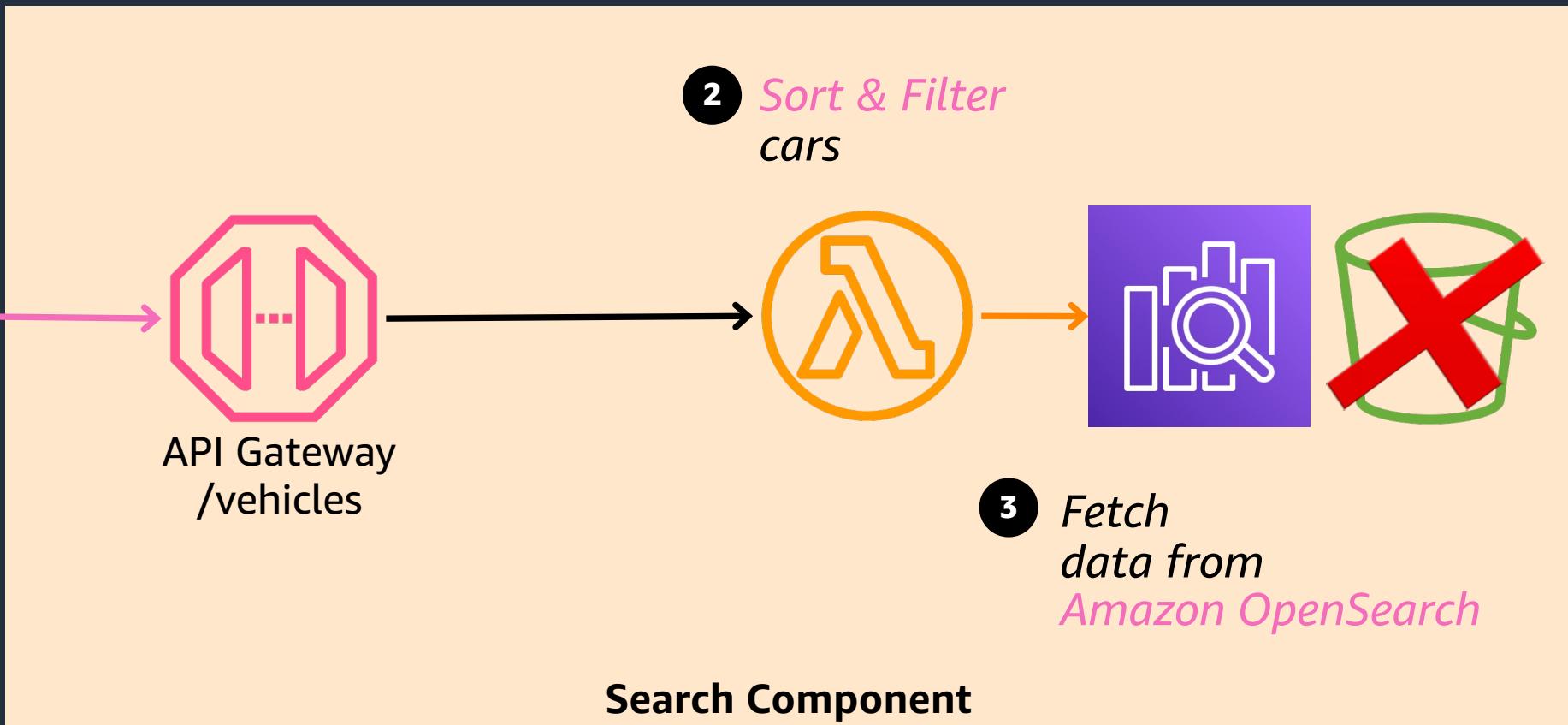
1 User  
searches  
cars



Search



- 1 User searches cars



# Conclusion





We chose **serverless EDA** and ran with it



We **evolved our systems with little friction**



EDA (+ serverless) enabled **teams** to be autonomous and **move at pace**

 We built an **eventually consistent decoupled system** to protect our customers

 Domain events are our **protagonists**

 We only need an **interface contract**

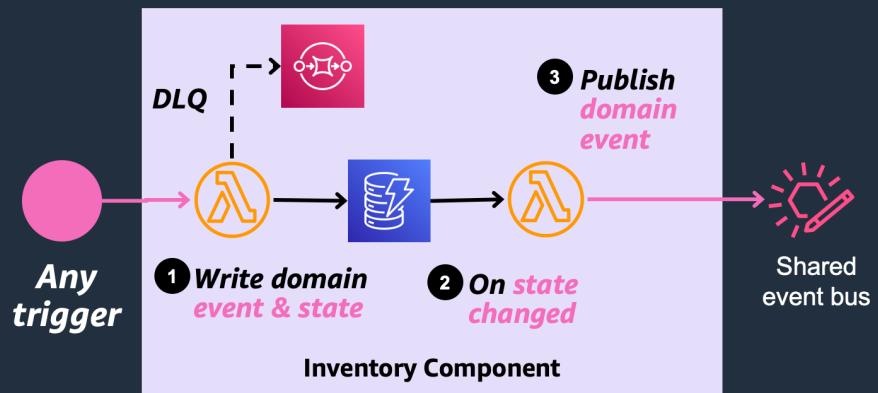
# Serverless Event Driven systems...

Scale **without** having to manage much

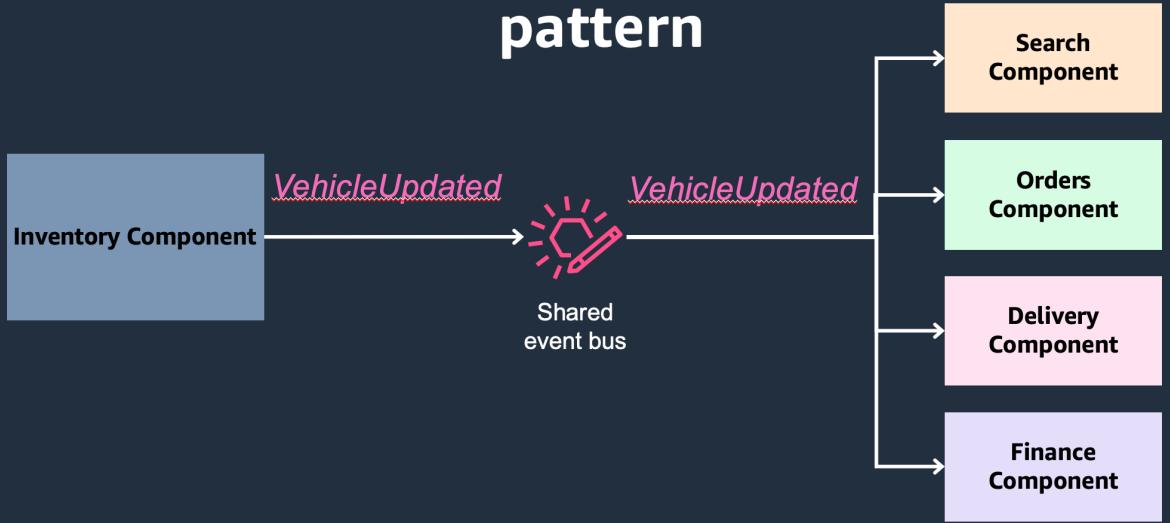
Are **quicker** the more it gets used

**Cost less** than containerized solutions

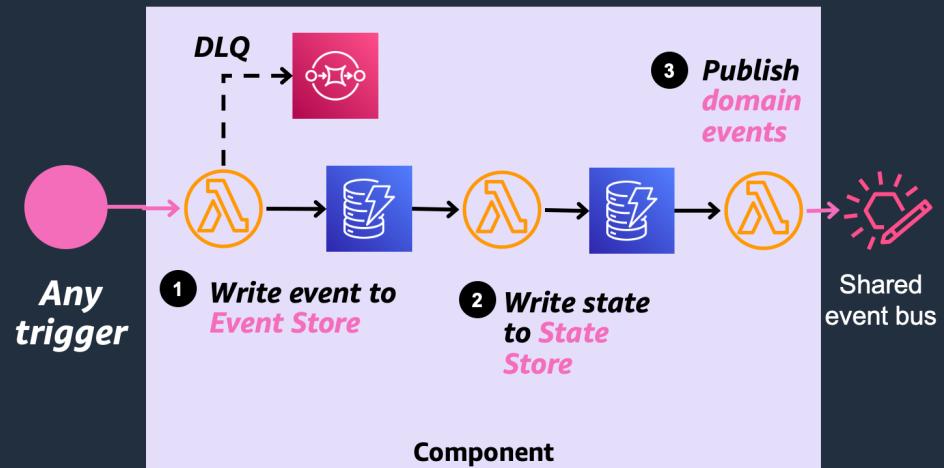
## Event ledger pattern



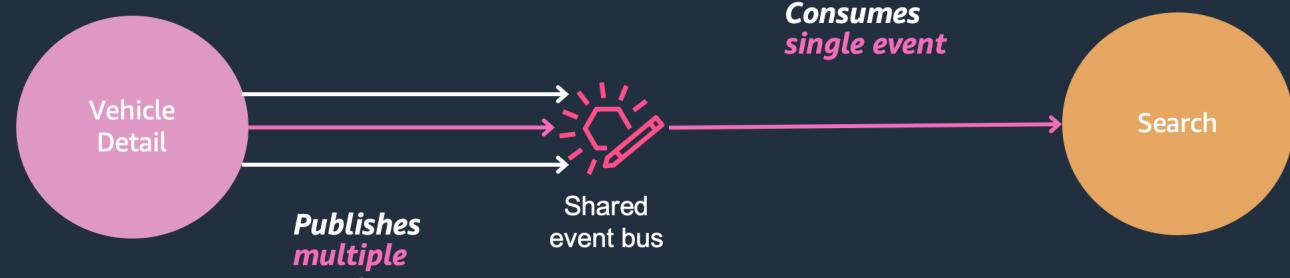
## The God event pattern



## Event/State Store pattern



## Lazy consumer pattern



**Event ledger  
pattern**



**Separate stores**

**The God event  
pattern**

**Event/State Store  
pattern**

**Lazy Consumer  
pattern**

**Event ledger  
pattern**



Separate stores

**The God event  
pattern**



Smaller events

**Event/State Store  
pattern**

**Lazy Consumer  
pattern**

## Event ledger pattern



Separate stores

## The God event pattern



Smaller events

## Event/State Store pattern



Use DynamoDB  
change streams

## Lazy Consumer pattern

## Event ledger pattern



Separate stores

## The God event pattern



Smaller events

## Event/State Store pattern



Use DynamoDB  
change streams

## Lazy Consumer pattern



Be intentional  
with tradeoffs

Events are simple, declarative

Events are a data transfer mechanism



System is extensible

Teams like it

# It doesn't matter.

Event-Driven,  
Serverless systems  
allow you to  
experiment and  
evolve.

You can make  
mistakes and  
recover from them.

Think in events,  
be deliberate  
about their  
design.

Throw it away and  
start again.



# Thank you!



GOTO  
**Guide**



Let us help you

Ask questions  
through the app



remember to rate the session

THANK YOU





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