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activedata.allizom.org

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Wrangle large volume of data with small effort

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ActiveData Query Tool

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Send query to ActiveData service

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View results

Query

Similar to SQL

Qb Query

```
{
  "select": {
    "name": "count",
    "value": "run.stats.bytes",
    "aggregate": "max"
  },
  "from":
    "unittest",
  "groupby": [
    "machine.platform"
  ],
  "where": {
    "and": [
      {"eq": {"etl.id": 0}},
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    ]
  }
}
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SQL

```
SELECT
    "machine.platform",
    MAX("run.stats.bytes") AS "count",
FROM
    UNITTEST
GROUP BY
    "machine.platform"
WHERE
    "etl.id" = 0 AND
    "run.stats.bytes" > 6000
```


Response

Extra metadata in response

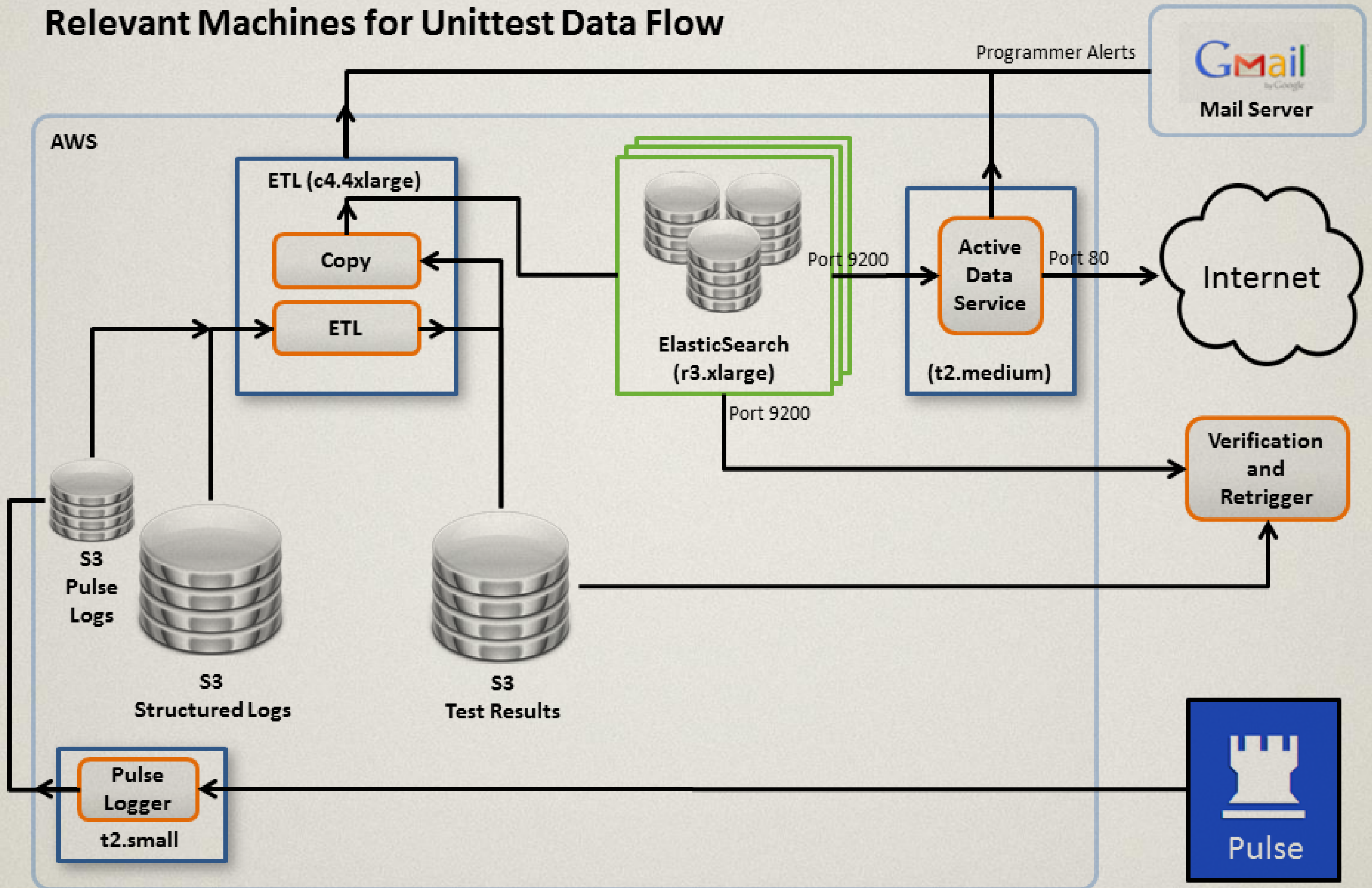
```
{ "meta": {  
  "active_data_response_time": 1.083317999999999998,  
  "es_response_time": 1.0570859999999999997,  
  "content_type": "application/json",  
  "format": "cube",  
  "es_query": {  
    "sort": [],  
    "query": {  
      "filtered": {  
        "filter": {"match_all": {}},  
        "query": {"match_all": {}}  
      }  
    },  
    "facets": {},  
    "from": 0,  
    "size": 10  
  }  
}, "data": ... }
```


Backend

Code at <https://github.com/klahnakoski/TestLog-ETL/tree/etl>

Architecture

Relevant Machines for Unittest Data Flow



Note: Arrow heads indicate which side initiates connection, and logical direction of data flow.

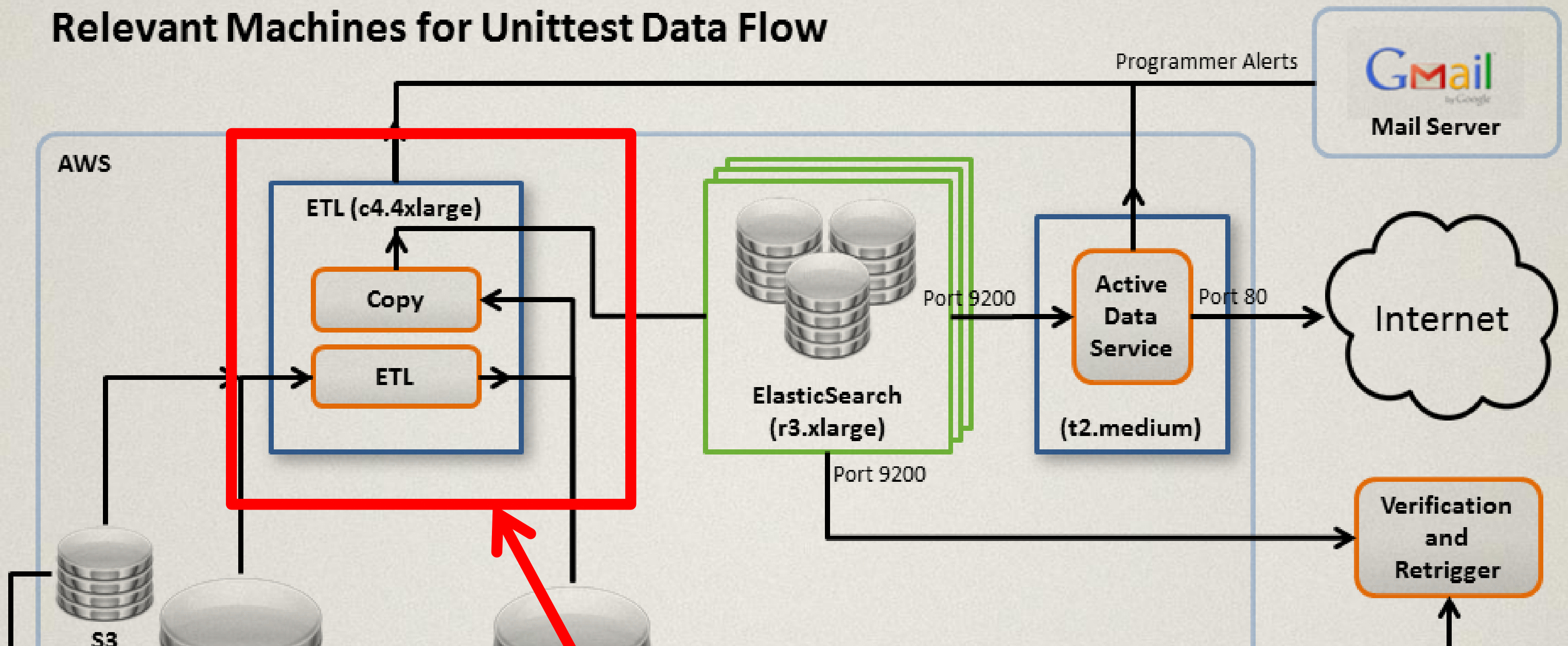
Architecture

Pulse Logger

- Exchange = “exchange/build/normalized”
- Topic = “#”
- Collect 100, then push to S3

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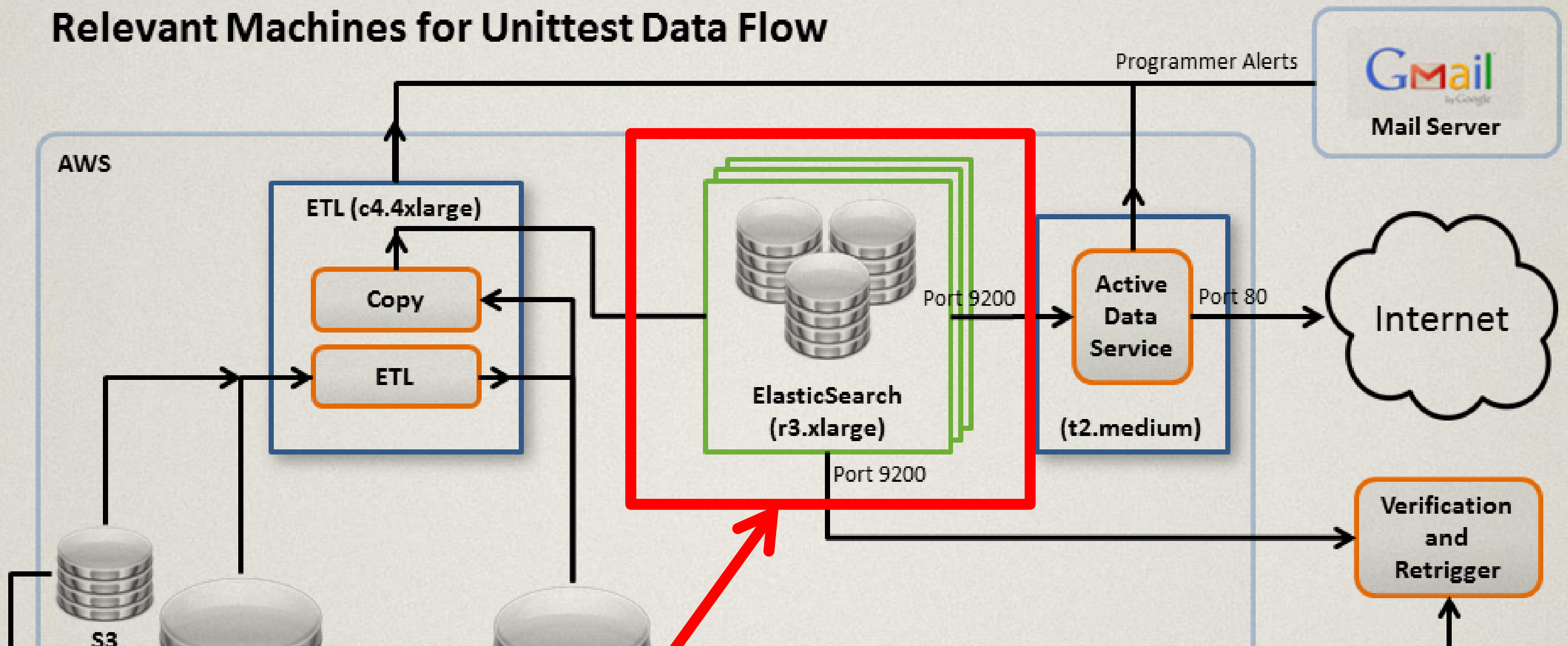
ETL (single machine)

- 15 processes, 4 Python threads each
- 100meg/hour IN, 40meg/hour OUT
- Manually start more, if required

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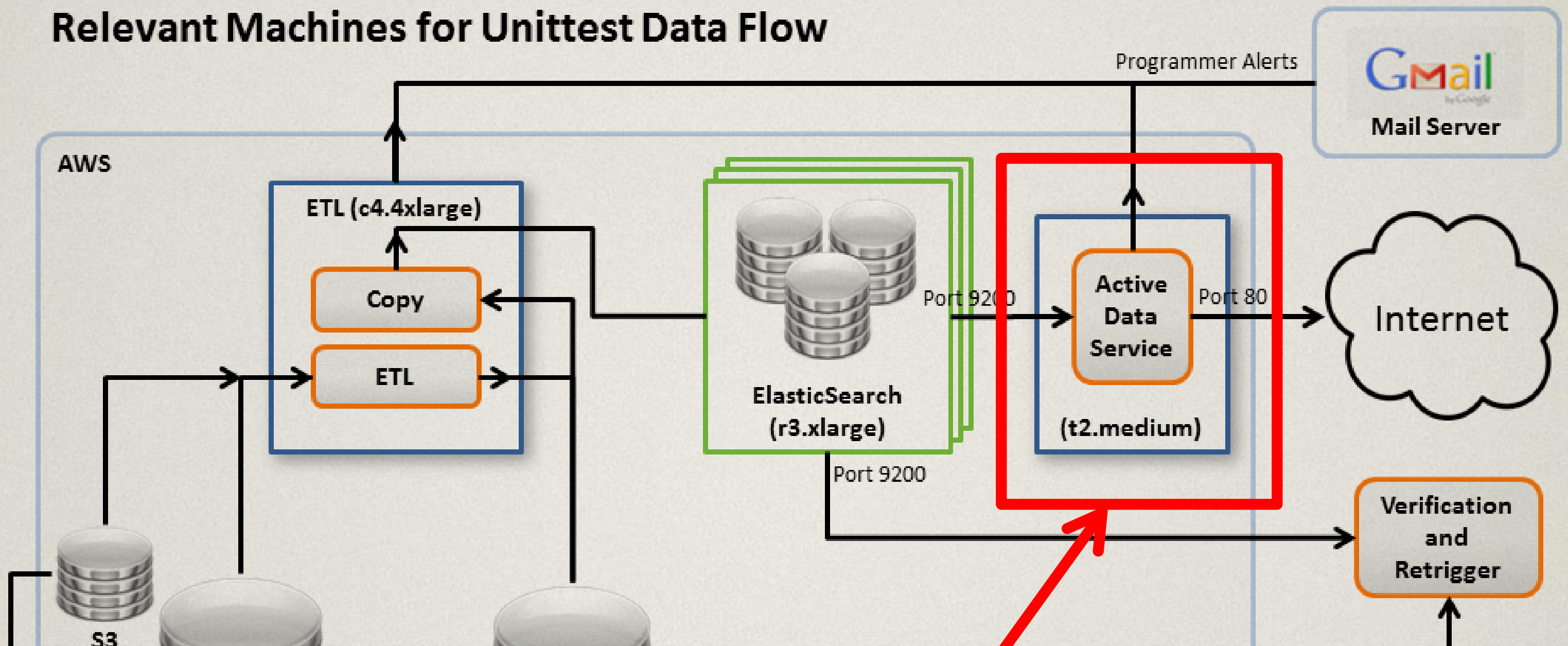
Elasticsearch Document Store

- Three nodes
- Fast indexing and fast aggregates
- ***Billion*** test results

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ActiveData Service

- Provides a query API (and translation)
- Protect raw ElasticSearch cluster

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Elasticsearch vs Redshift

ElasticSearch

- Lower cost, use spot instances for even lower price
- 4x faster aggregates? (still investigating)

Redshift

- Easier to deploy
- Better query language (PSQL)
- Good monitoring tools

Current Problems

- Lack of tools to explore data
- No way to see the metadata
- Lack of examples to write queries
- Elasticsearch is starting to show instability with only 3 nodes
- Lots of bugs in ActiveData service
- Bad ETL from past still polluting datastore (and S3)

Future Work

- Real customers to drive improvements
- Increase test cases to cover more queries (currently 63 tests)
- Add Metadata exploration to Query Tool
- Code to leverage spot instances
- More Elasticsearch tuning
- Reduce Costs...

Potential Cost Reduction

- Elasticsearch replicas on spot instances
 - More nodes for better query performance
 - Accept slow service when spot too expensive
 - Single node has no backup, but S3 can
- ETL using spot instances only
 - Currently no need to load ES immediately
 - We can wait hours for a better price
 - Scale if we need to reprocess, or load database

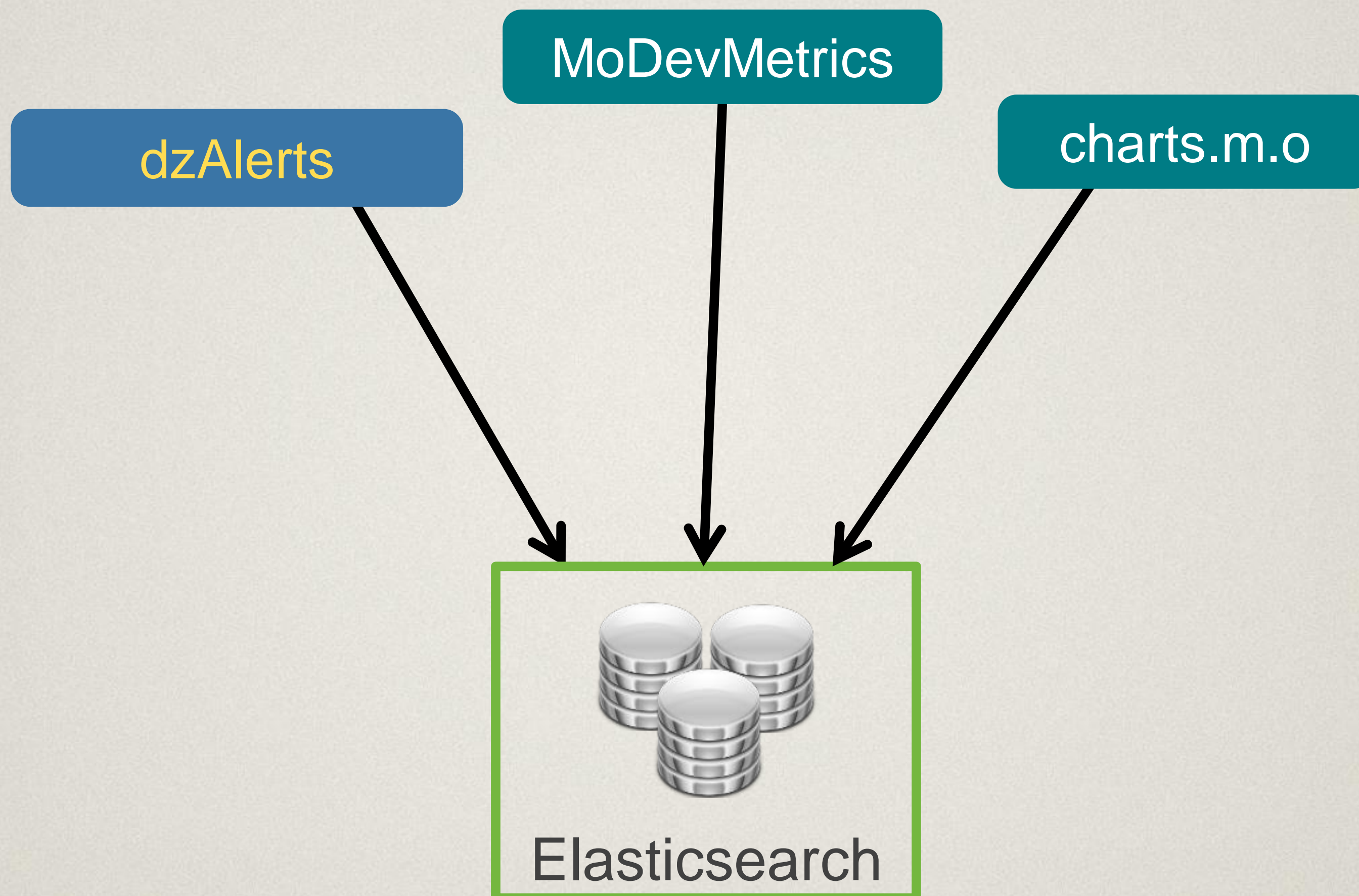
END

Motivation

Not Presented

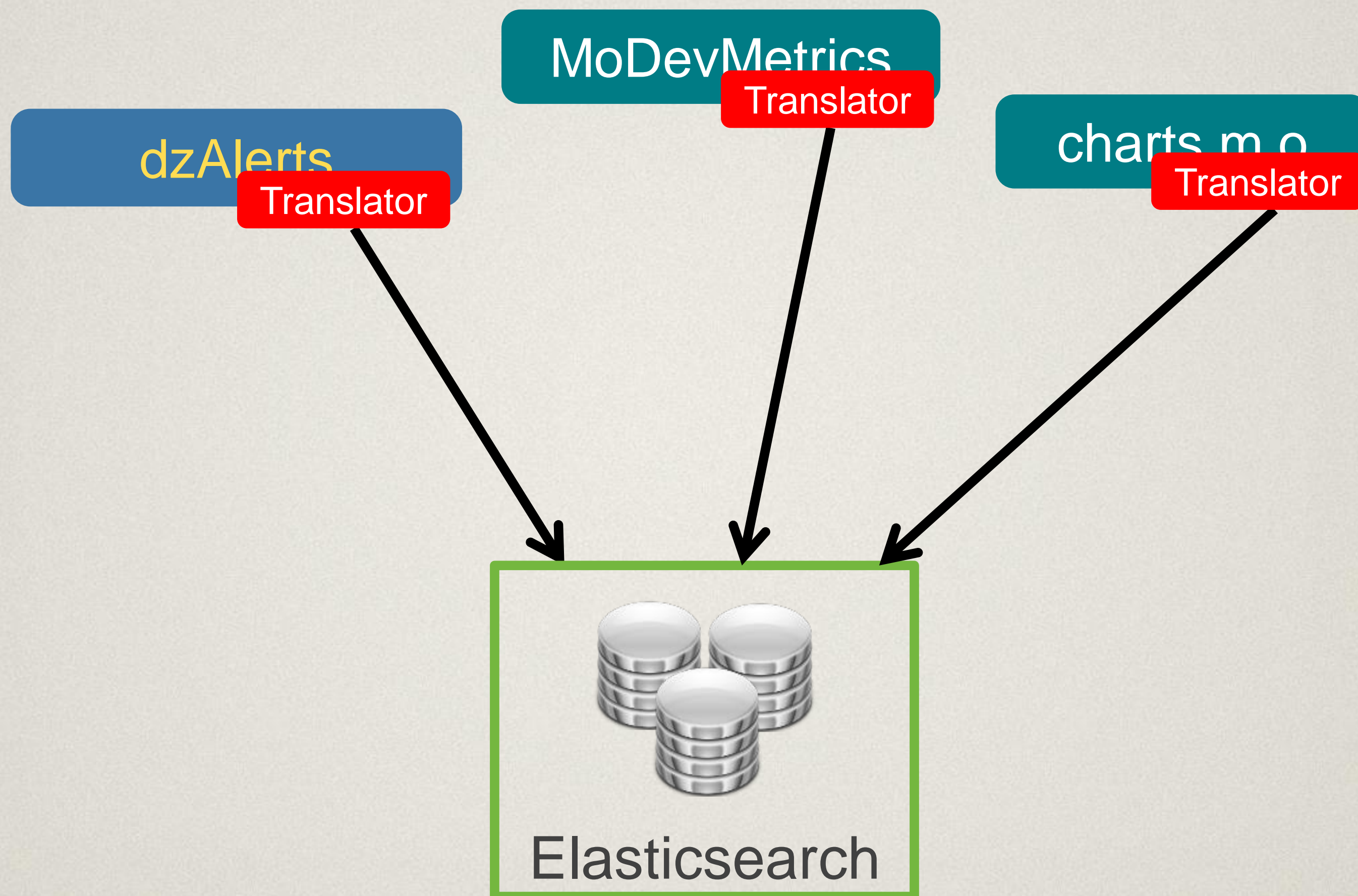
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Many Clients



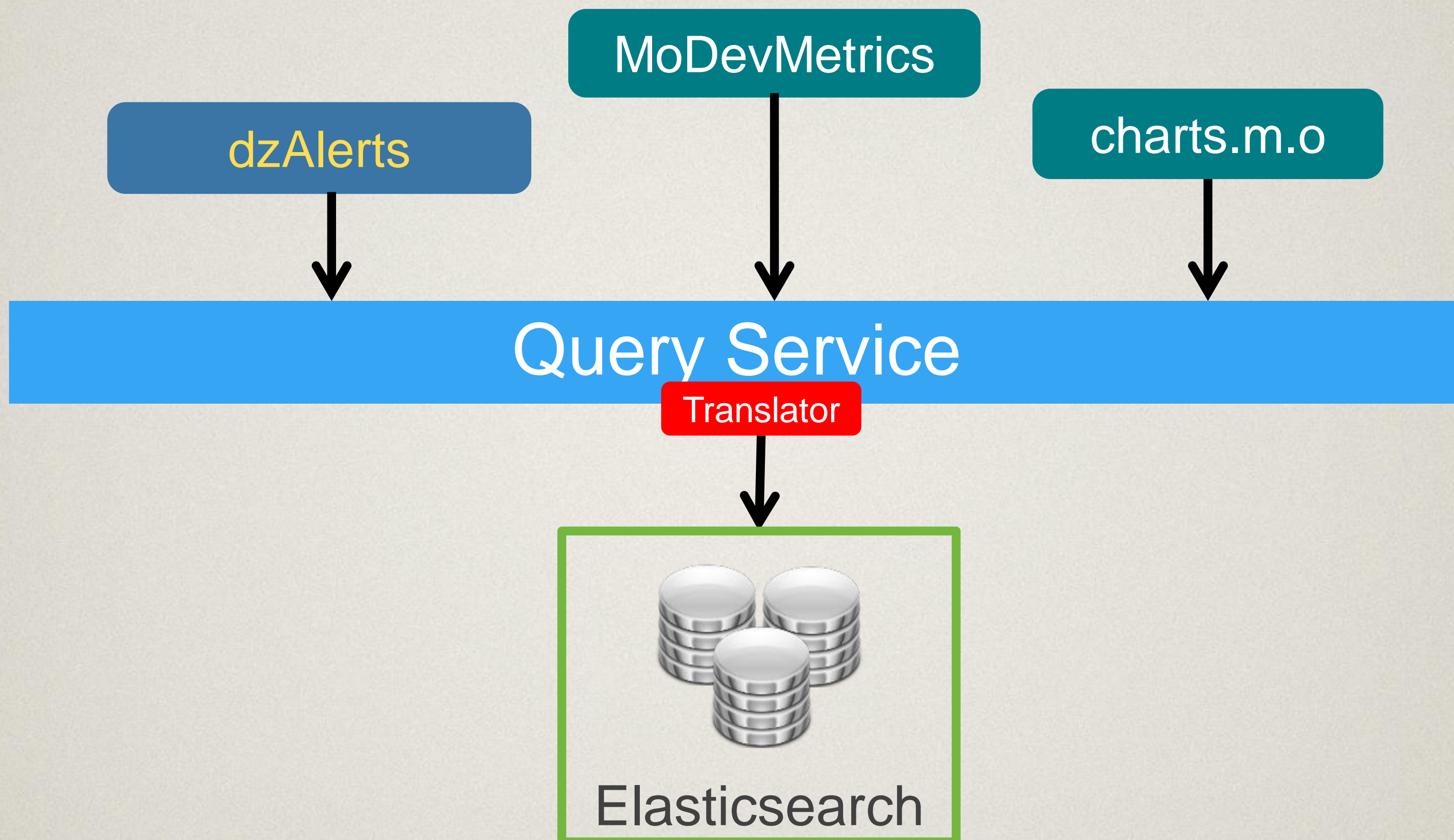
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Problem: Too Many Translators



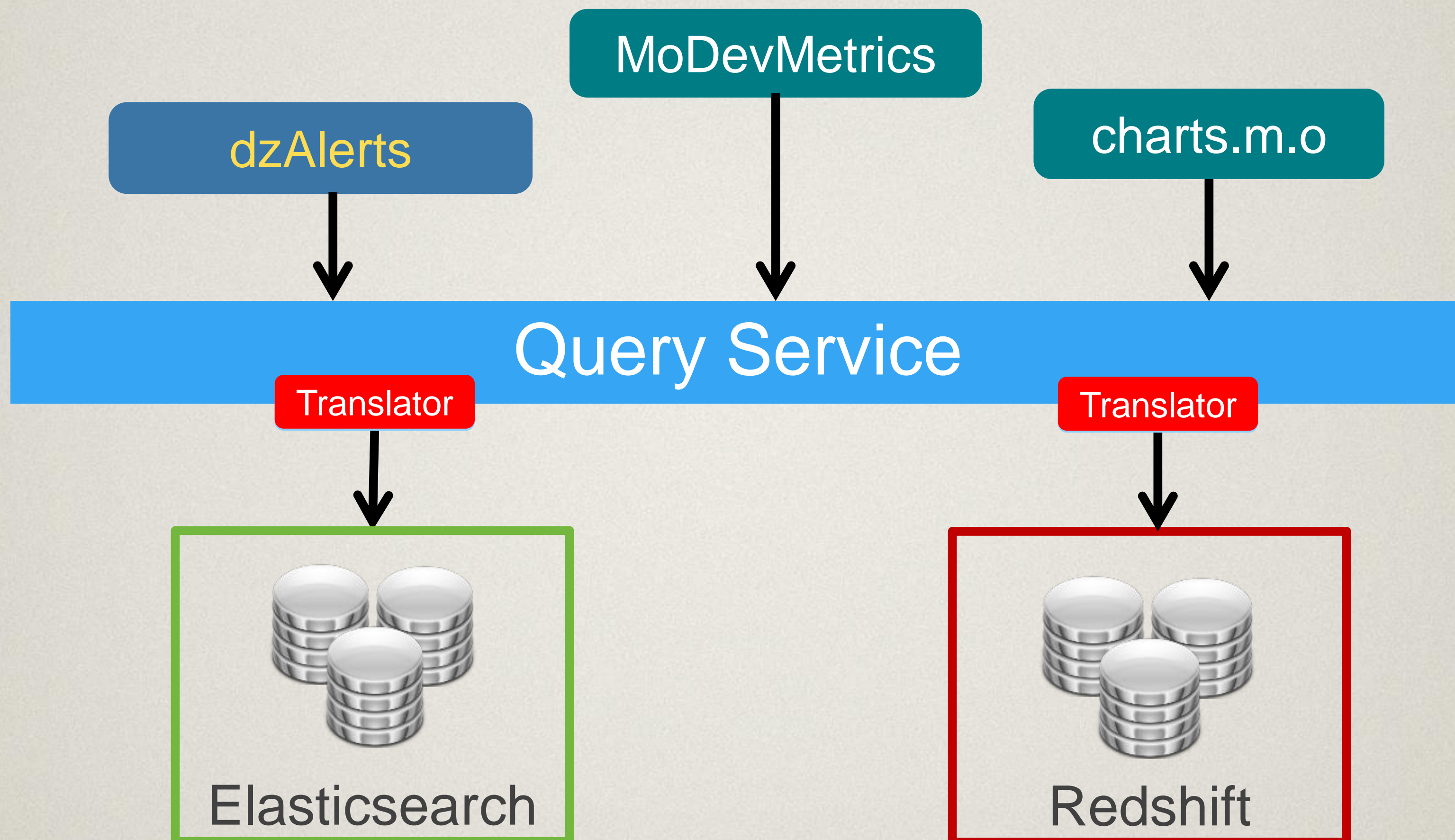
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Solution: Single Translator



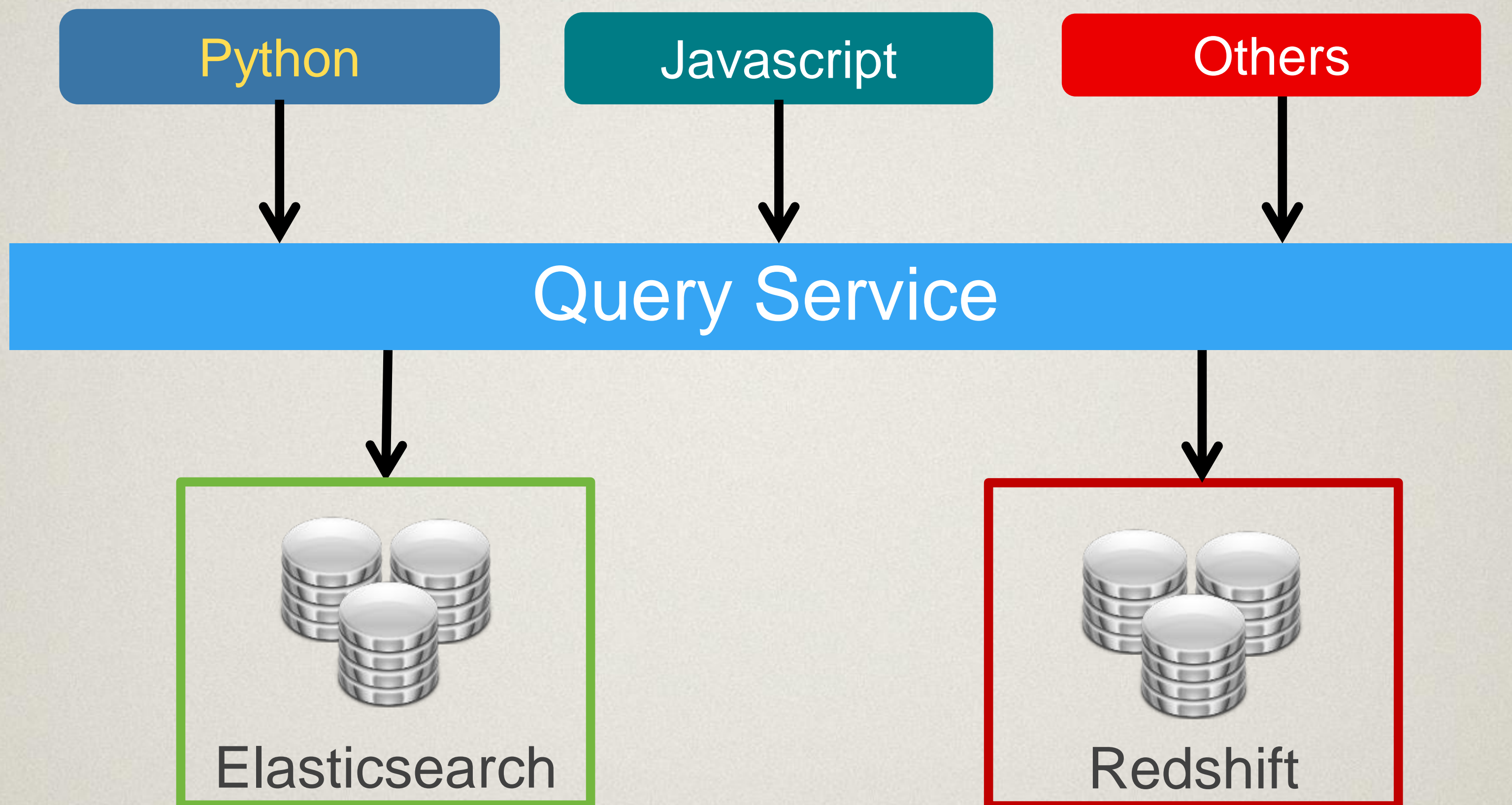
Motivation

Benefit: Multiple Backends



Motivation

Benefit: Diverse Clients



ActiveData API

Start with MVP

Query Tool



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Elasticsearch
(unittests)