

# Distributed Computing I

## *Software Architecture*

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There are only two hard problems in distributed systems: 2. Exactly-once delivery 1. Guaranteed order of messages 2. Exactly-once delivery

*Previously in CSSE6400...*

## Service-based Architecture

## Previously in CSSE6400...

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Modularity Services



Extensibility New services



Deployability Independent services



Testability Independent services



Security API layer



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# $\S$ Fallacies

*Question*

What is a *fallacy*?

### *Definition 1.* Fallacy

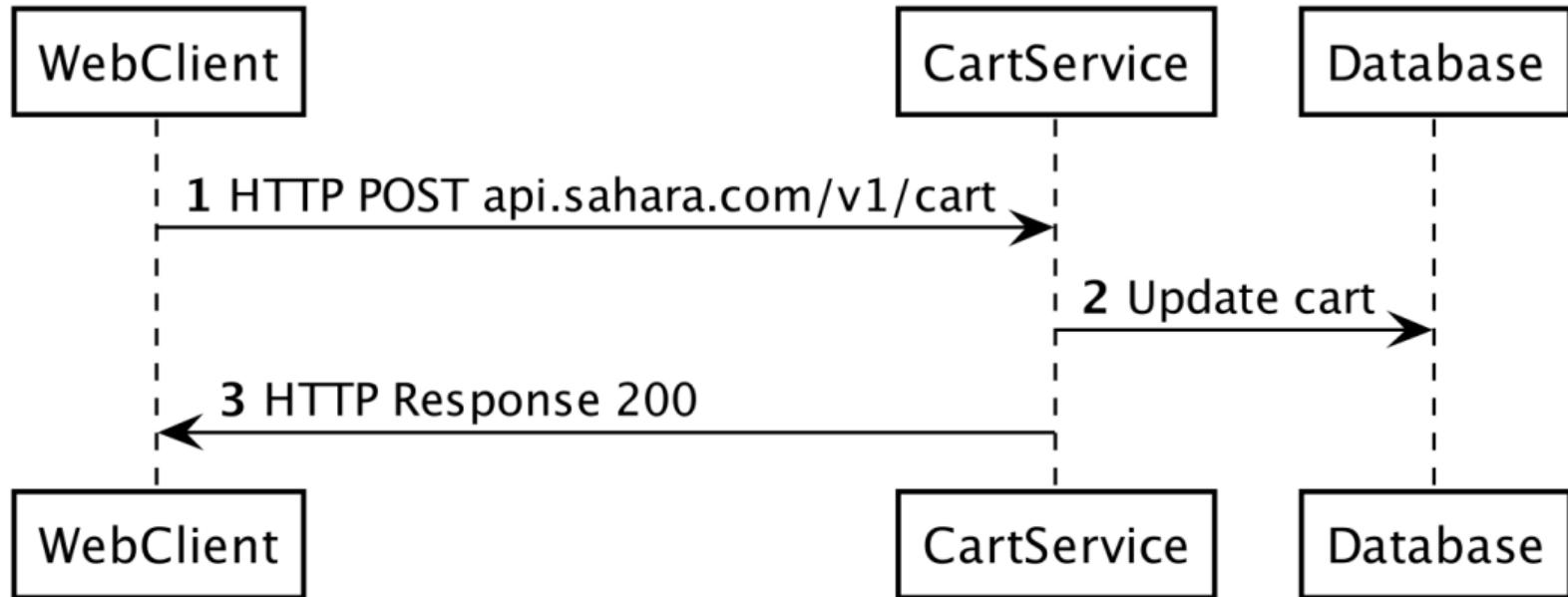
Something that is believed or assumed to be true but is not.

*A few reasons for complexity*

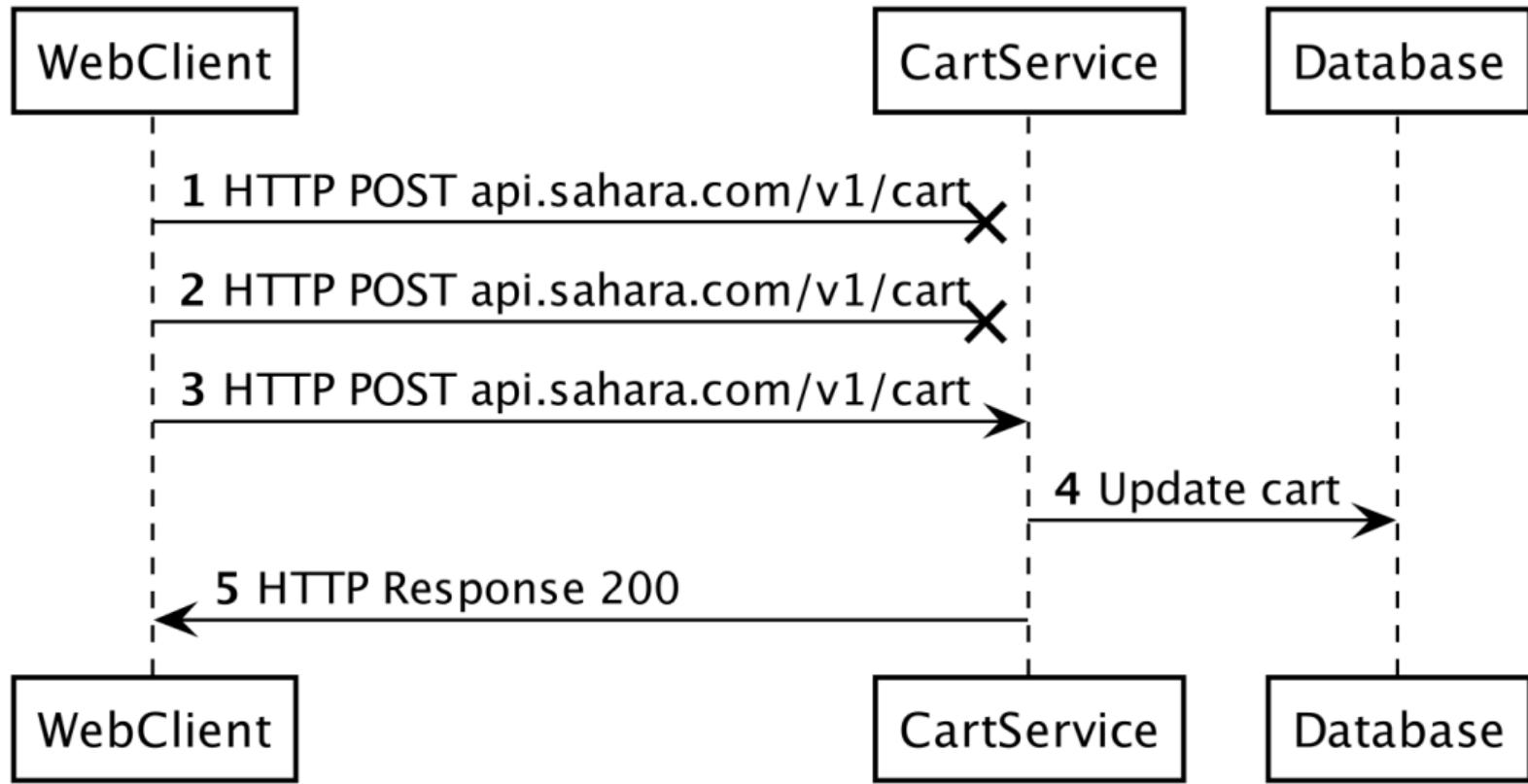
The Fallacies of *Distributed Computing*

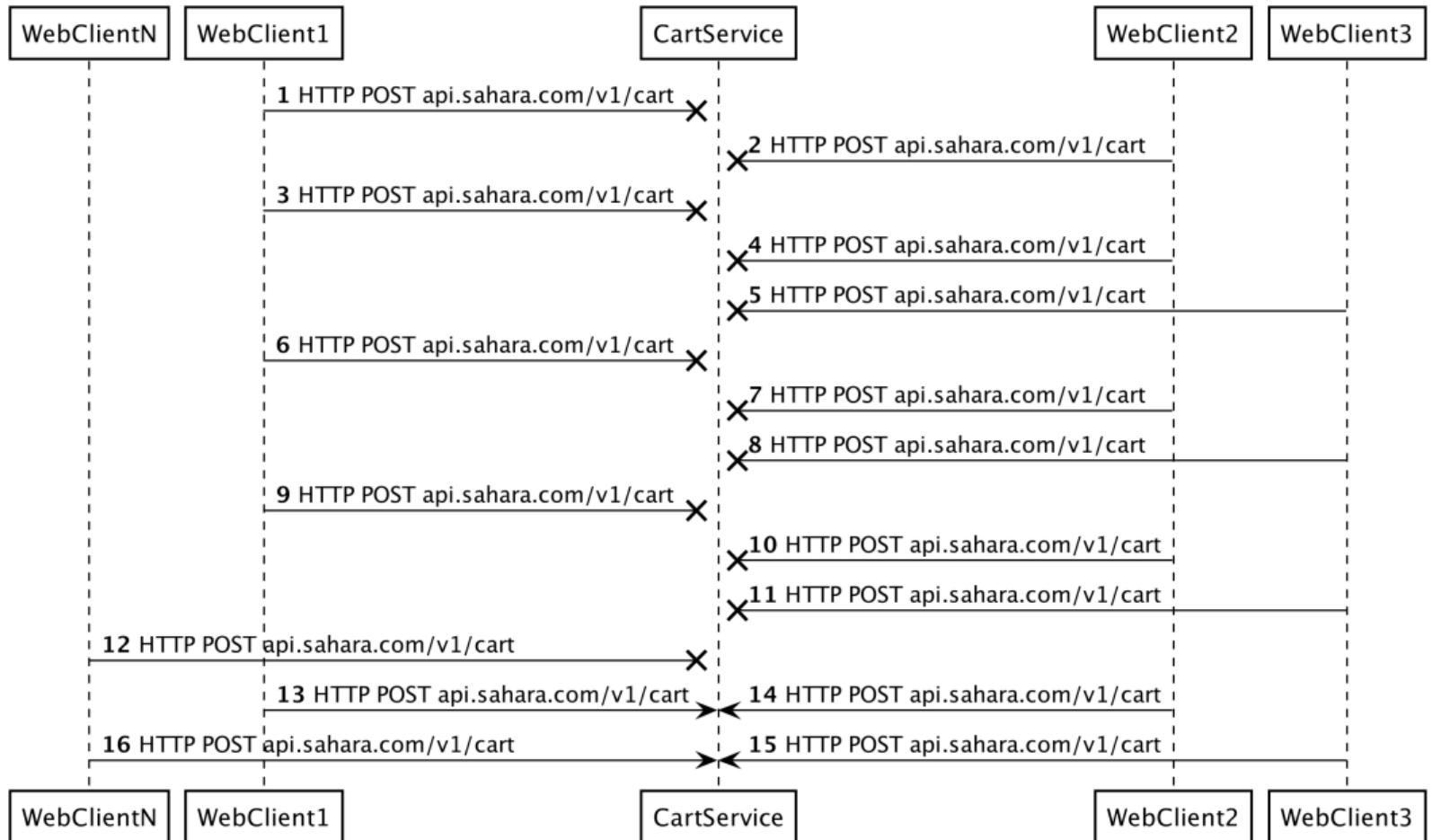
*Fallacy #1*

The network is reliable



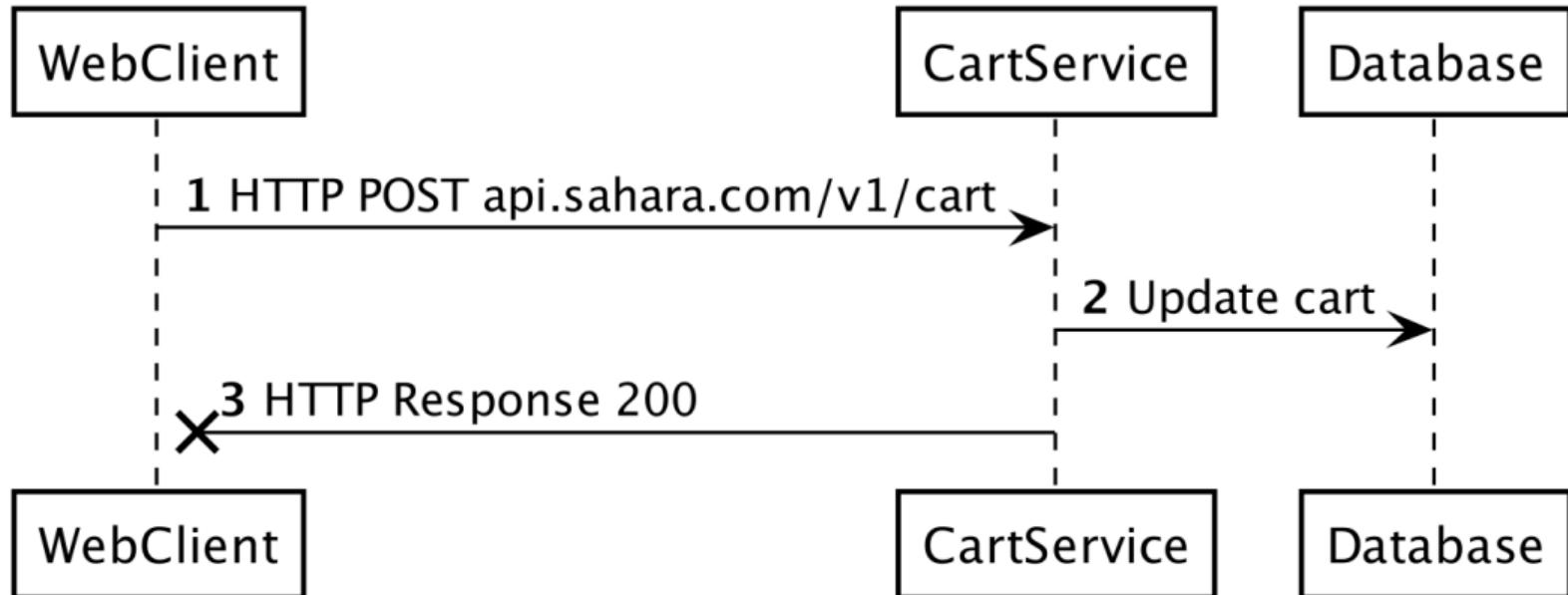


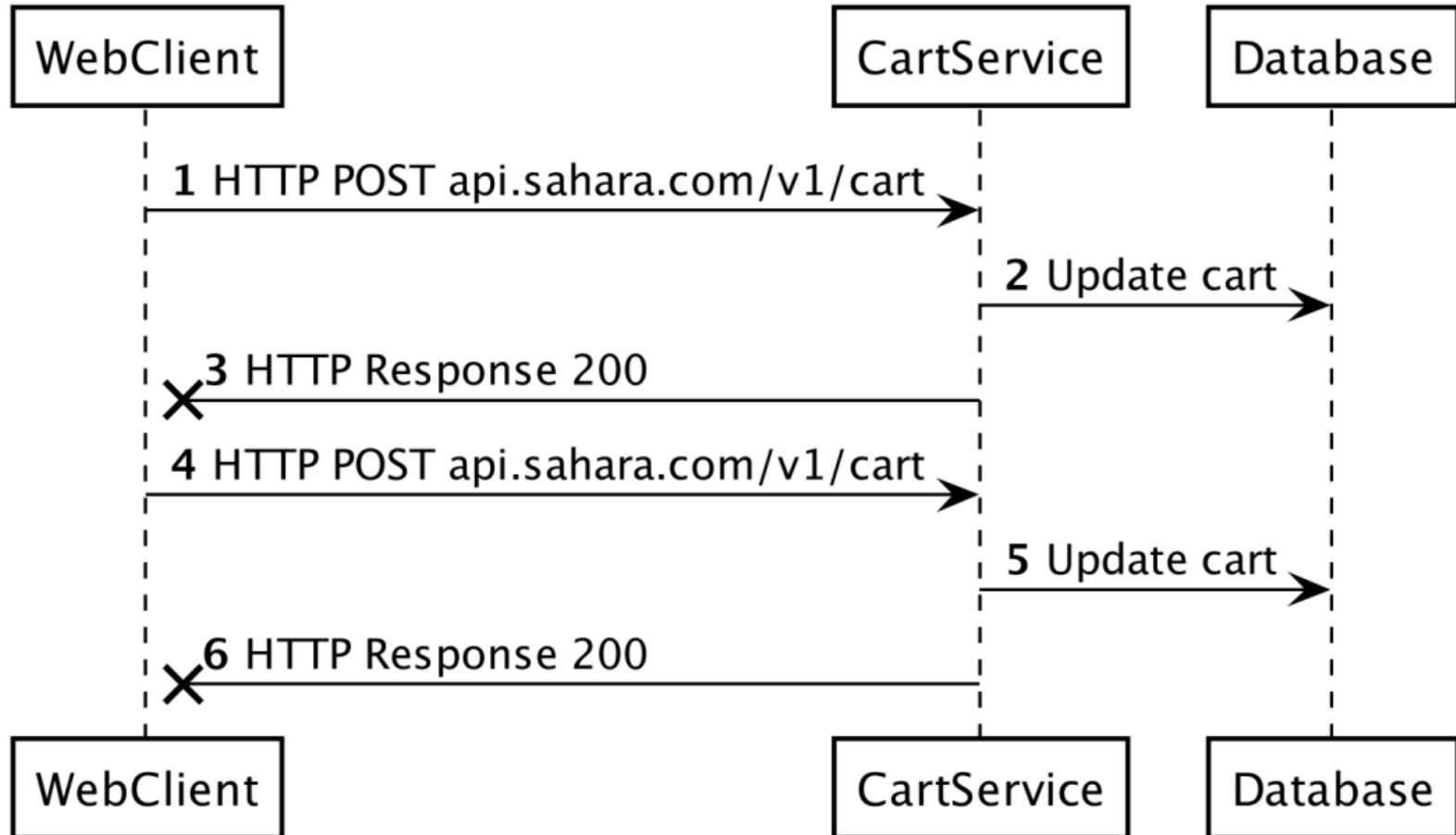


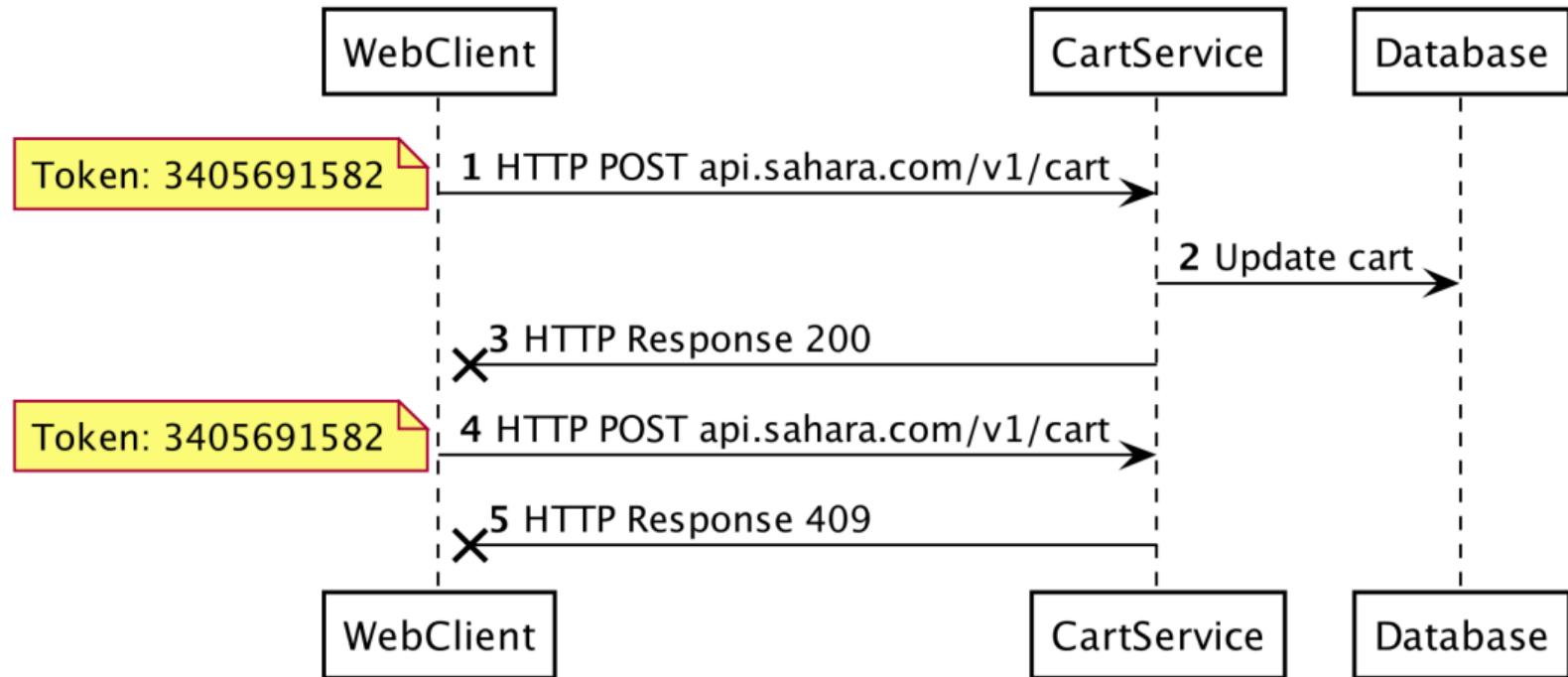


## Exponential backoff

```
1  retry = True
2  do:
3      status = service.request()
4
5      if status != SUCCESS:
6          wait(2 ** retries)
7      else:
8          retry = False
9  while (retry and retries < MAX_RETIRES)
```







*Fallacy #2*

Latency is zero

*Network Statistics*

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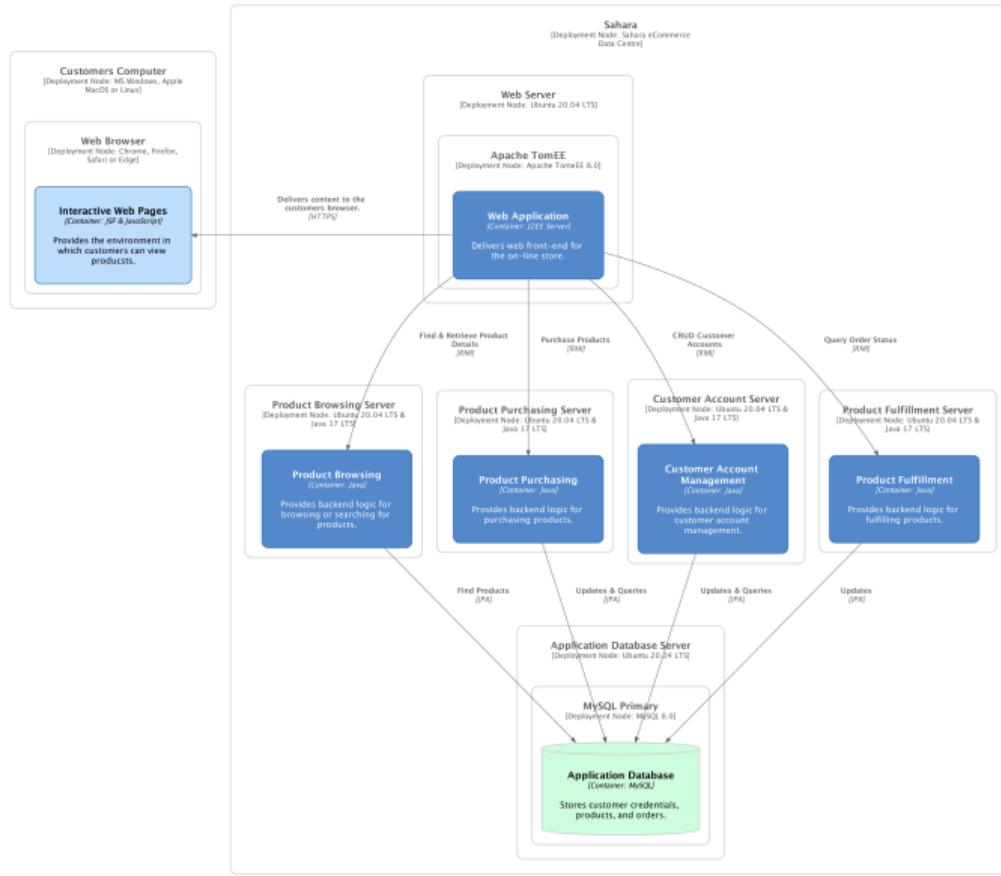
EC2 to EC2 0.662ms

*Fallacy #3*

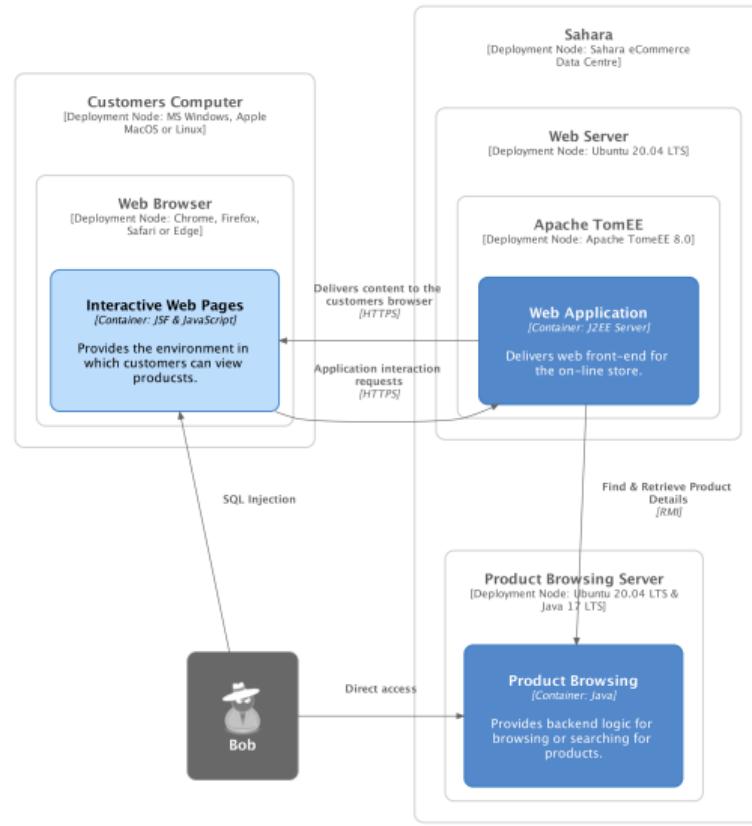
Bandwidth is infinite

*Fallacy #4*

The network is secure



Legend



*Fallacy #5*

The topology never changes

*Fallacy #6*

There is only one administrator

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- Who do you talk to?

*Fallacy #7*

Transport cost is zero

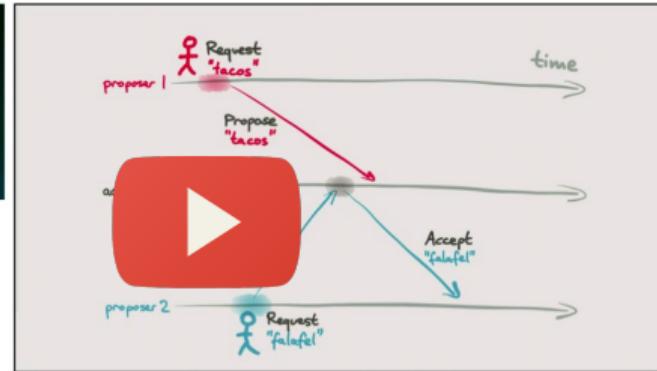
*Remember*

Distributed systems are *hard*.

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Distributed systems are often *not your friend*.

*When you need to, prove it*



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*Question*

What makes software *reliable*?

*'Working' software*

Satisfies the functional requirements

*Definition 2.* Reliable Software

Continues to work, even when things go wrong.

*Definition 3.* Fault

Something goes wrong.

Death, taxes, and computer system failure are all inevitable to some degree.

*Plan for the event.*

- Howard and LeBlanc

*Reliable software is*

Fault *tolerant*

*Problem*

Individual computers fail *all the time*

*Solution*

Spread the risk of faults over *multiple computers*

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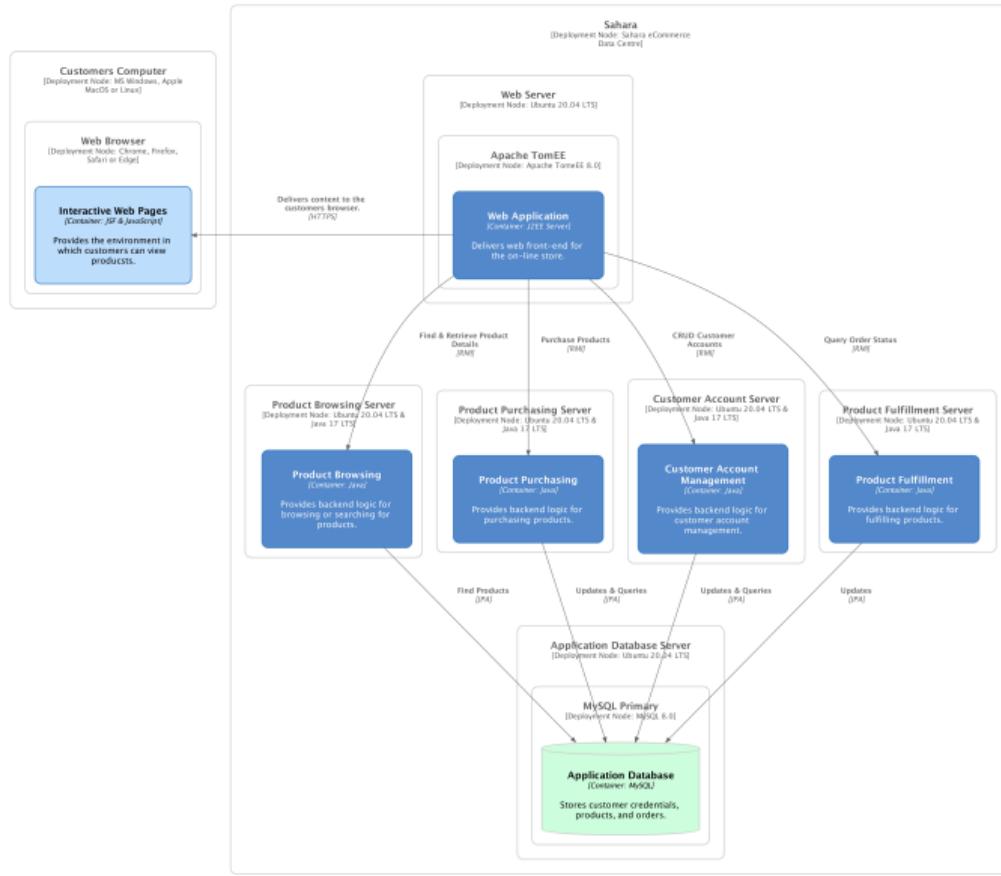
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Of course, there are other reasons you might want run software on multiple computers.



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**Minimum/Maximum Capacity** *Hard limits* on the minimal and maximum amount of instances.

*What we really want*

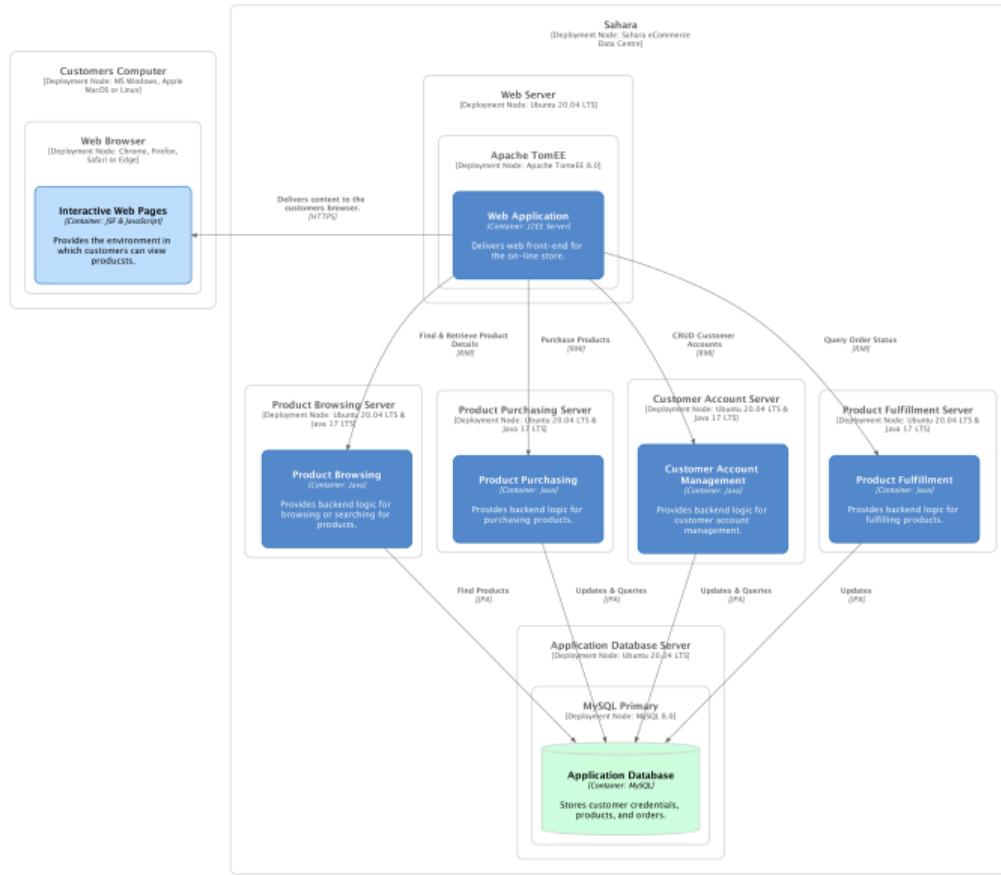
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### *Health check*

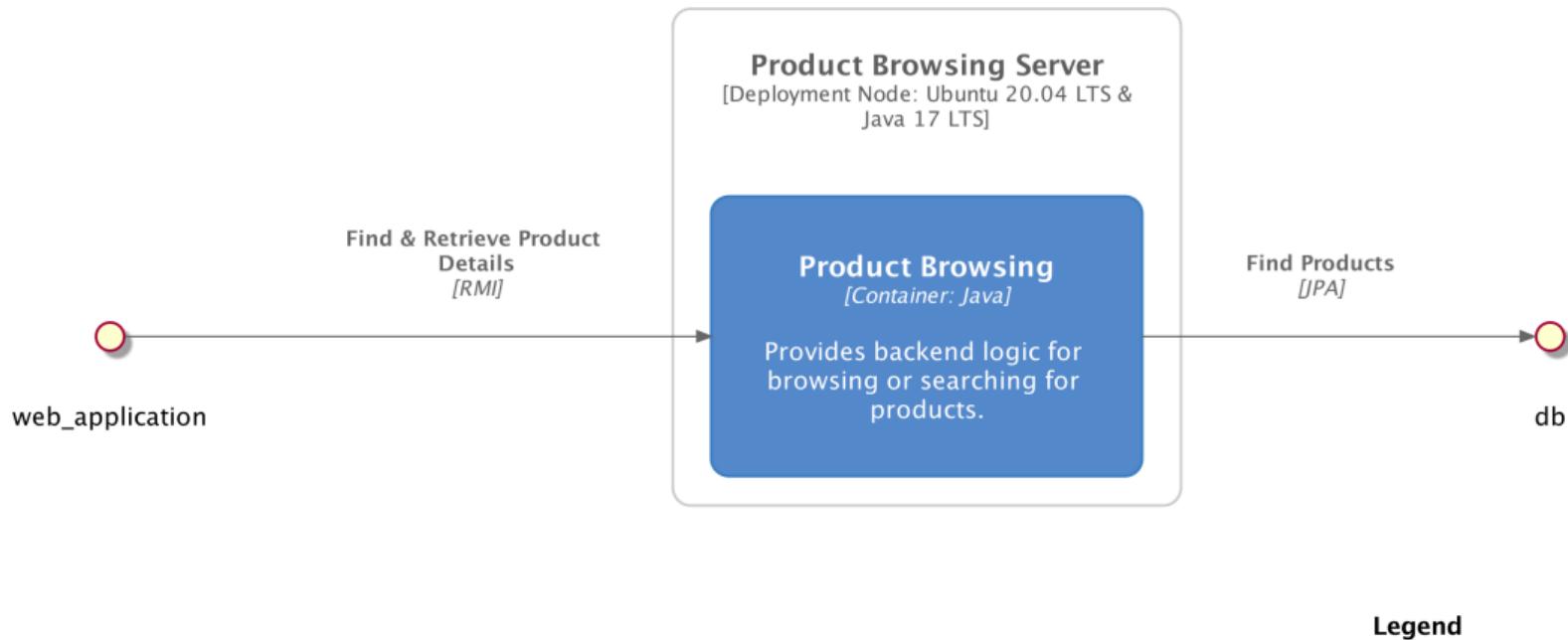
User defined method to determine whether an instance is *healthy*.

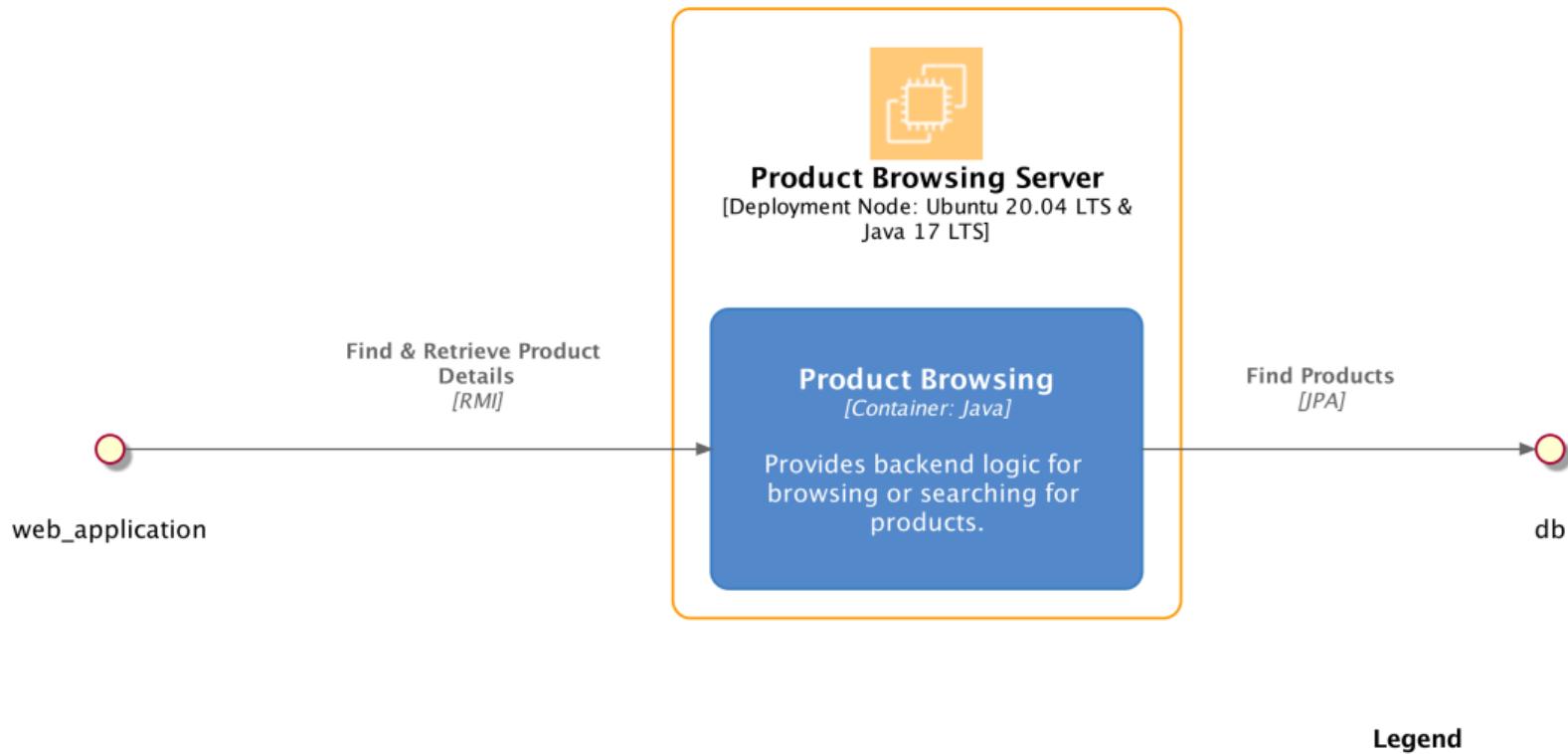
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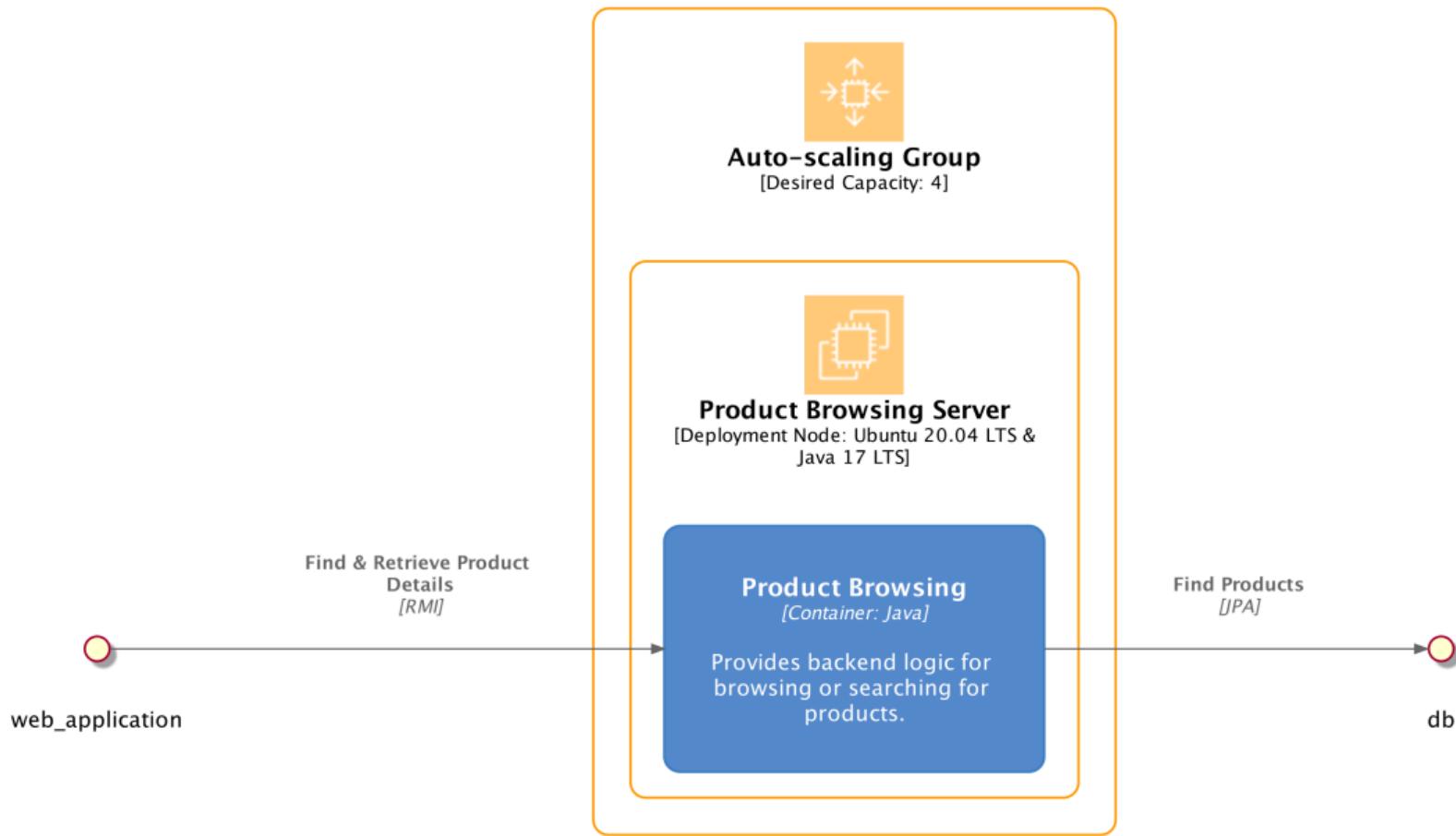
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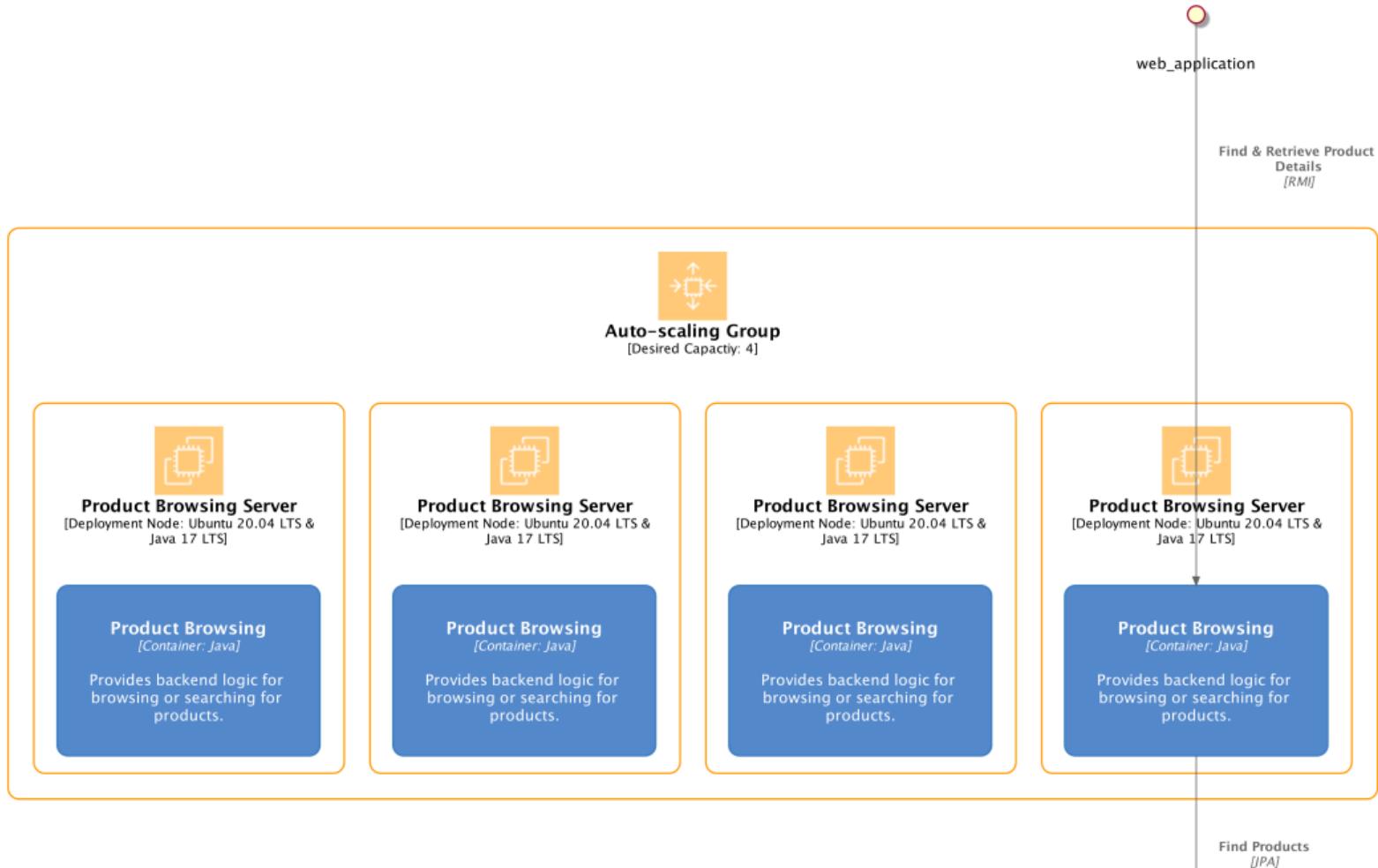


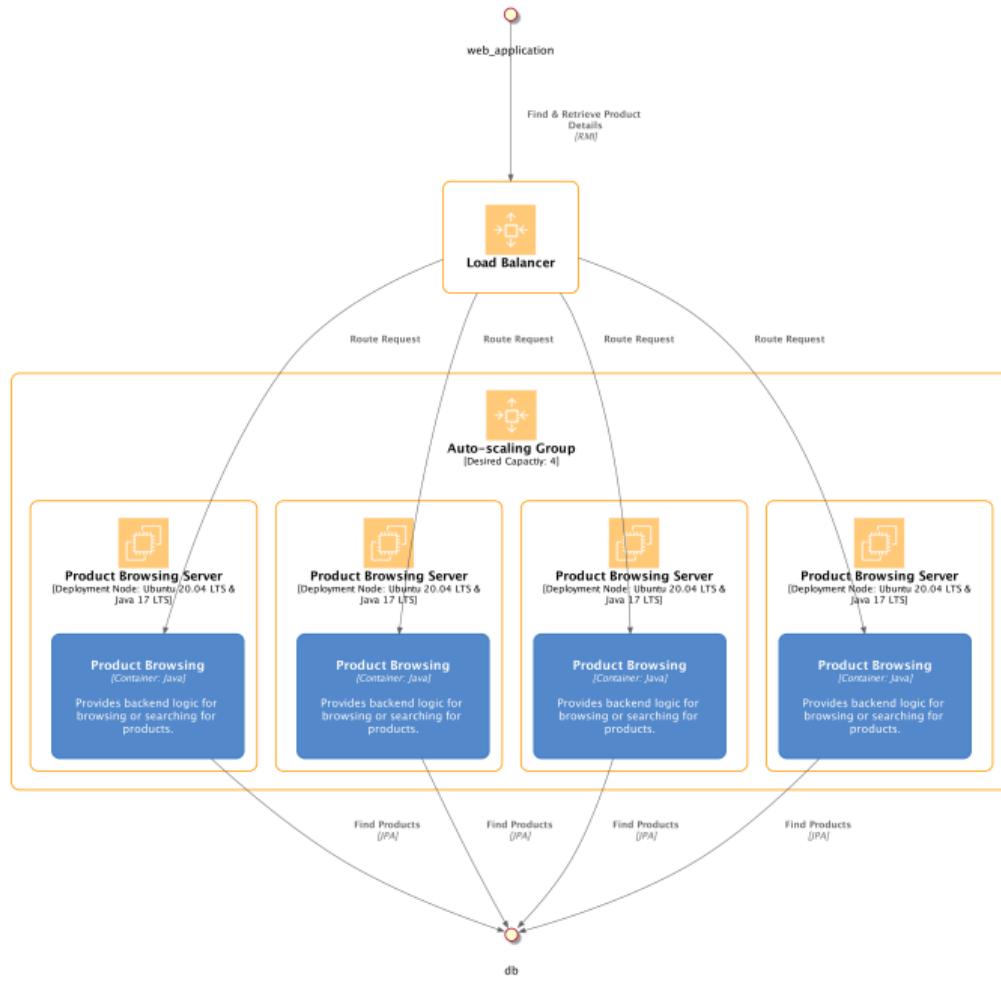
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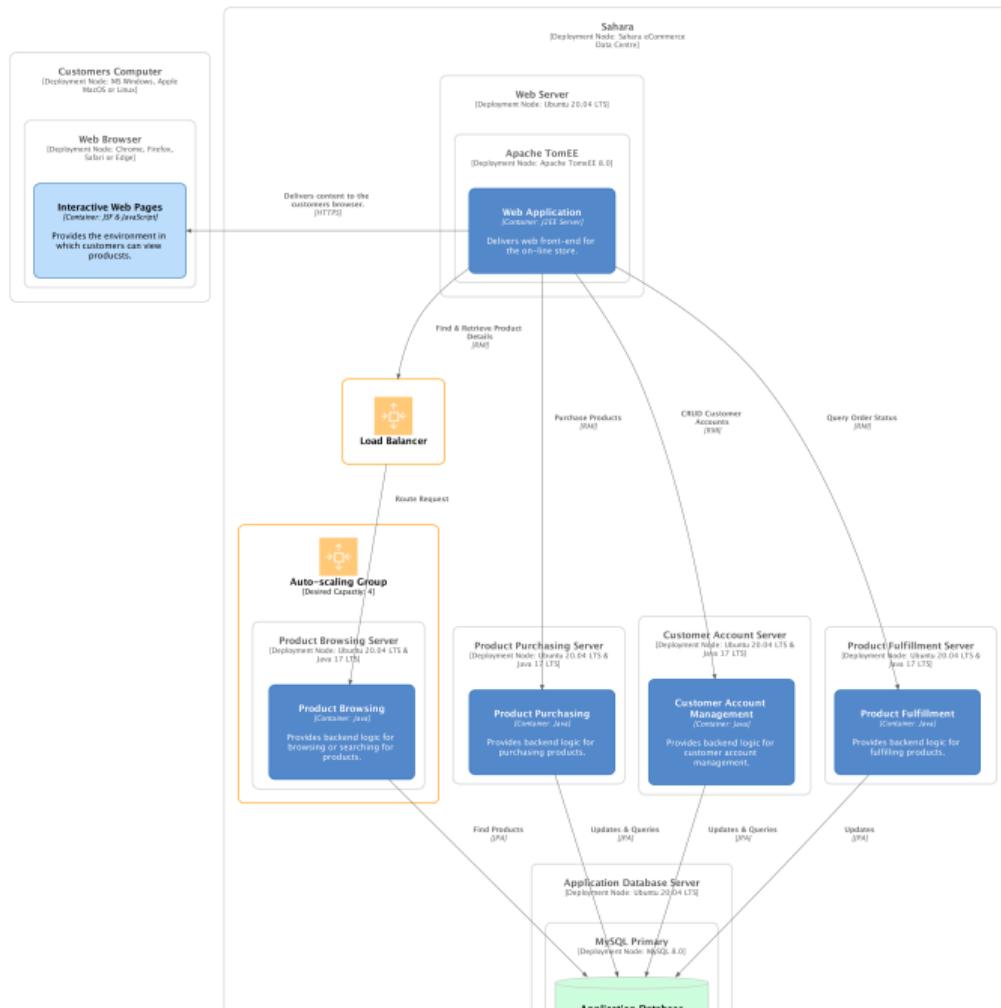












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Scalability Auto-scaling and load balancing allows *individual services to scale*. However, the *database is a bottle-neck*.