Advanced Topics in OCaml

Concepts of Programming Languages
Lecture 11

CAS CS 320

Recap
HOFs Beyond Lists

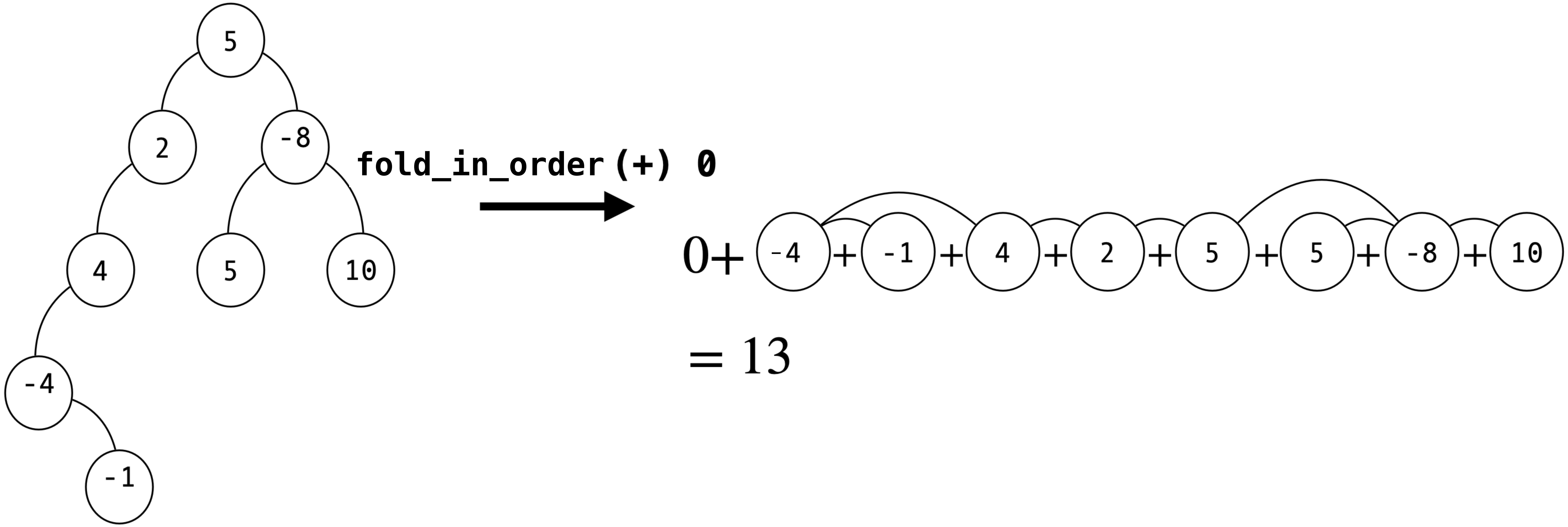
Trees

```
type 'a tree =
  | Leaf
  | Node of 'a * 'a tree * 'a tree

let map f t =
  let rec go t =
    match t with
    | Leaf -> Leaf
    | Node (x, l, r) -> Node (f x, go l, go r)
  in go t
```

Mapping over a tree maintains the structure but recursively updates values with **f**

Fold over Trees (The Picture)



Practice Problem

Implement the function

```
val fold_in_order :
('a -> 'b -> 'a) -> 'a -> 'b tree -> 'a
```

so that **fold_in_order op base t n** *does* an **in-order** fold for trees

It is equivalent to "flattening" the tree into a list, and then folding that list

(This is different from what is given in the textbook)

Outline

- Practice **typing derivation** with HOFs
- Give a short tutorial on **ounit** a unit test framework for OCaml
- A quick look at **modules** in OCaml (another very cool feature)

Typing Derivation for fold_right

$$\dfrac{}{\{\mathsf{foldr} : (\alpha \to \beta \to \beta) \to \alpha\ \mathsf{list} \to \beta, \mathsf{op} : \alpha \to \beta \to \beta, \mathsf{base} : \beta, l : \alpha\ \mathsf{list}\} \vdash \mathsf{match}\ l\ \mathsf{with}\ \mid [\,] \to \mathsf{base} \mid x :: xs \to \mathsf{op}\ x\ (\mathsf{foldr}\ \mathsf{op}\ \mathsf{base}\ xs) : \beta}$$

Unit Testing

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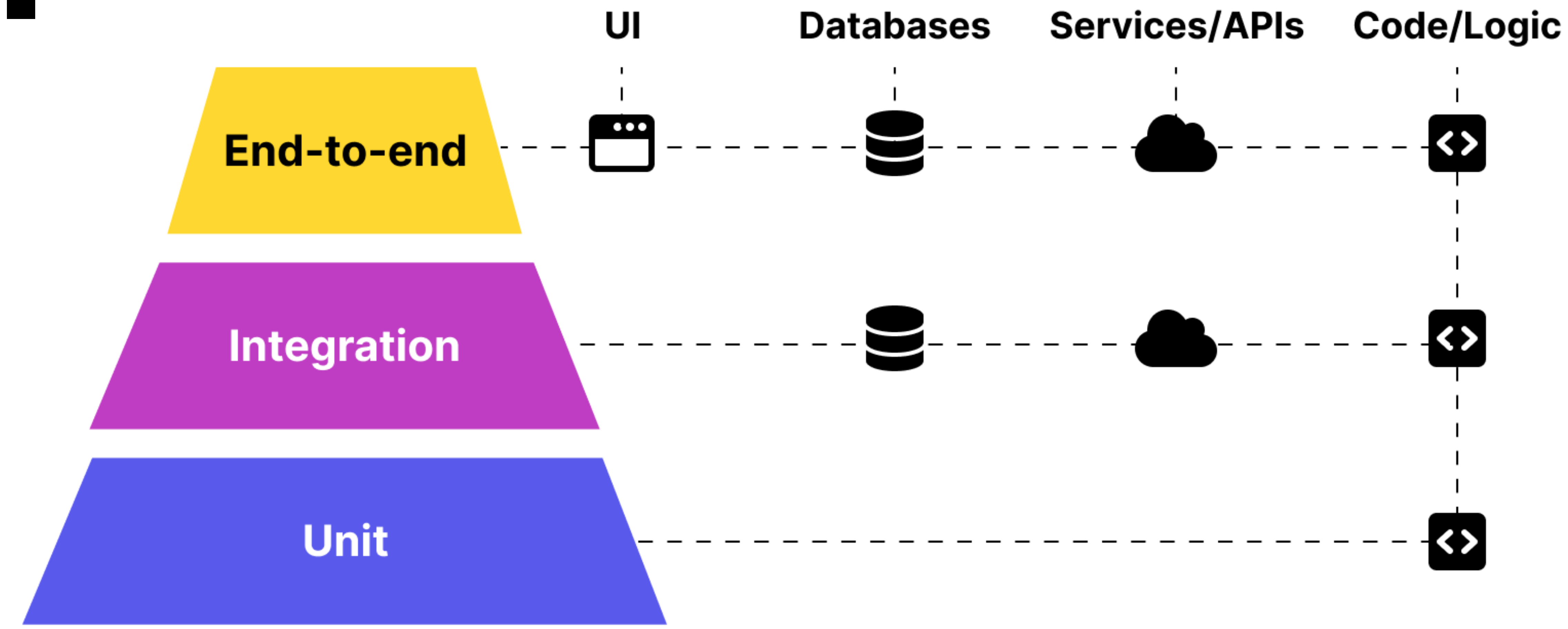

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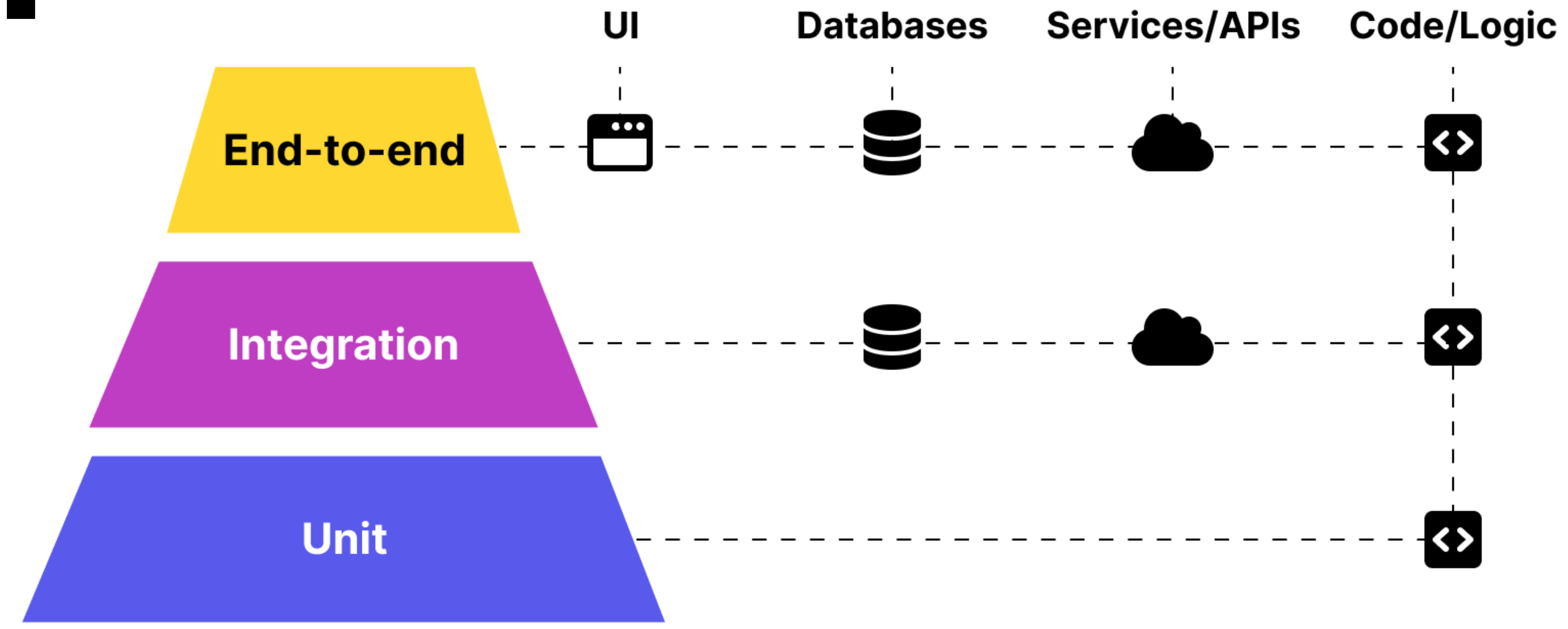

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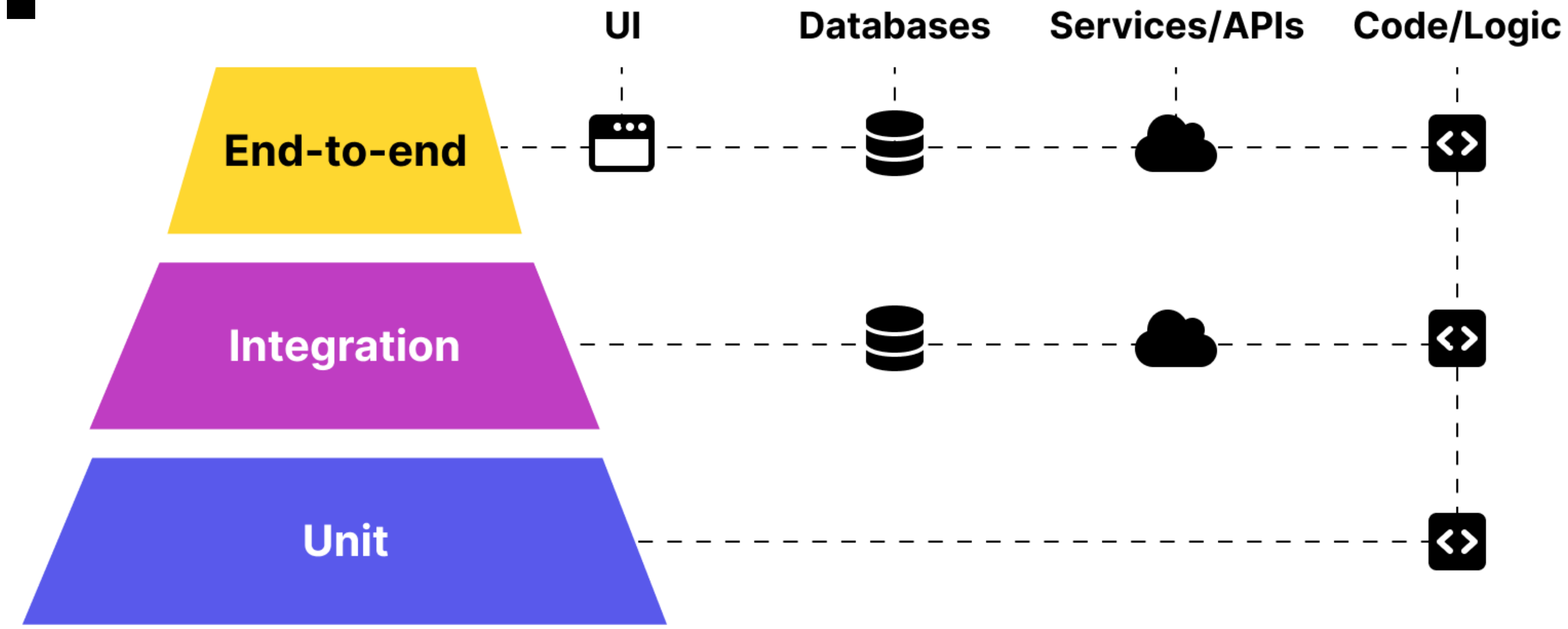

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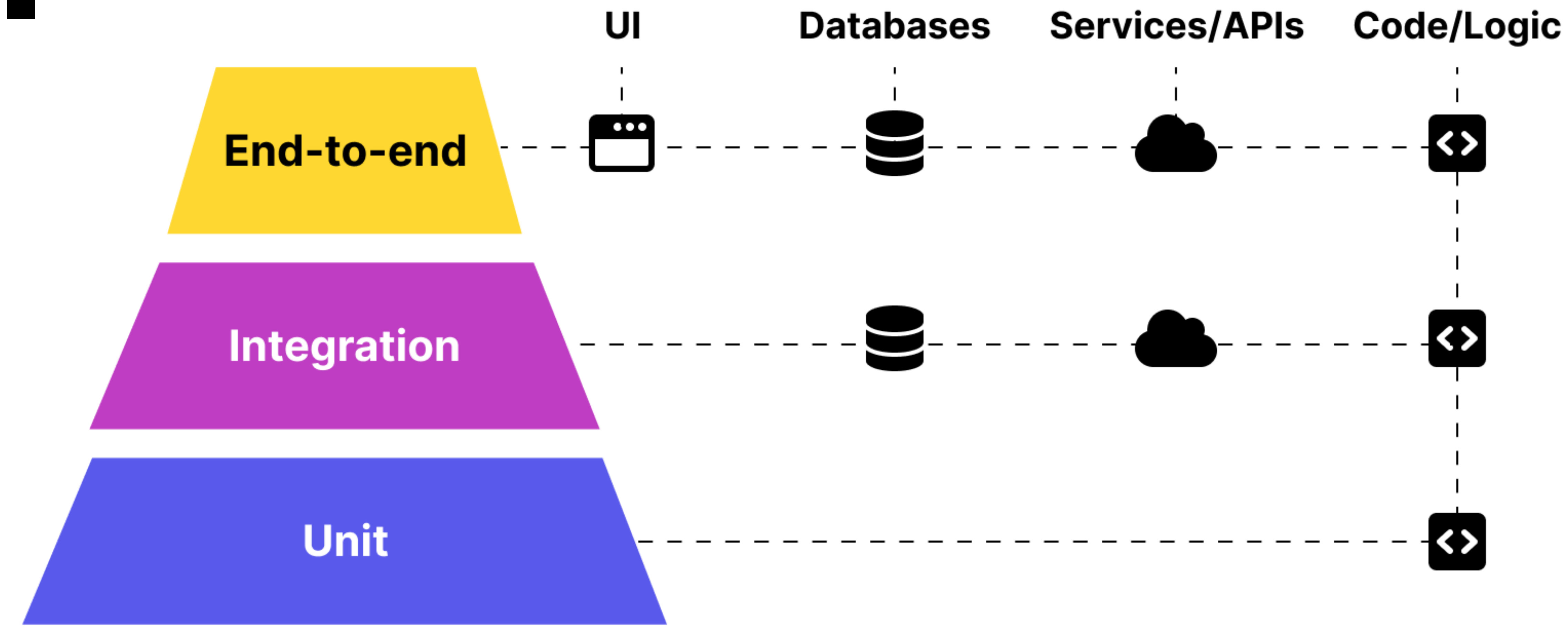

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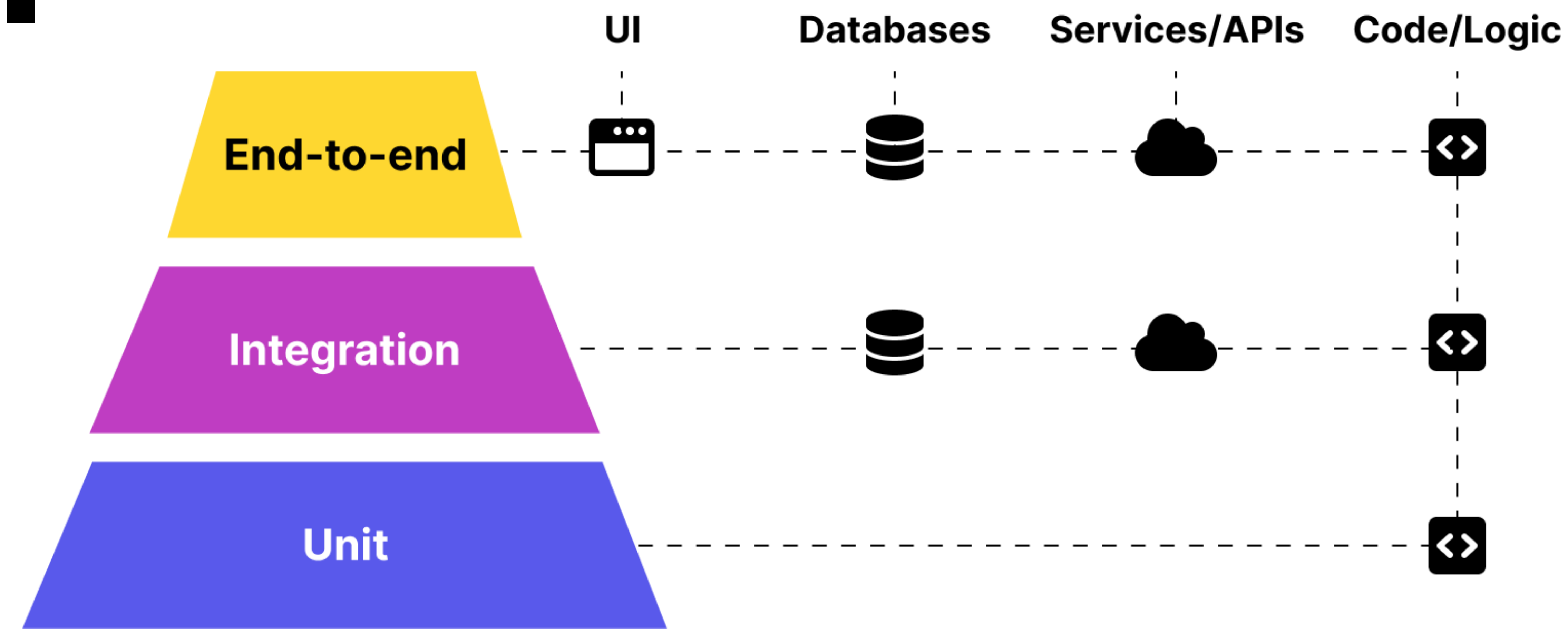

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*We will always do this for you in your projects, but it's good to know how to do for our own projects**

**I know no one is using OCaml for personal projects, but I can hope...*

Important Functions

`(>::)`	creates a labelled test
`(>:::)`	creates a labelled test suite
`assert_equal`	compares two values in a unit test
`assert_raises`	checks that an expression raises the right exception
`run_test_tt_main`	runs a test suite

Example Test Suite

```
let tests = "test suite for sum" >::: [
  "empty" >:: (fun _ -> assert_equal 0 (sum []));
  "singleton" >:: (fun _ -> assert_equal 1 (sum [1]));
  "two_elements" >:: (fun _ -> assert_equal 3 (sum [1; 2]));
]

let _ = run_test_tt_main tests
```

test/test_<PROG>.ml

Each test is given a name, the suite is given a name as well

Each test is wrapped in an anonymous function *(why?)*

Unit Testing with OUnit

Benefits:

- Tests can be run in parallel
- Failed tests don't block!

Downsides:

- More code to read and write
- Output is a bit difficult to read...

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module Context = Map.Make(String)
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Trick: We can write shorthand names for module names we use frequently

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Once a module is defined, we can use values defined therein by **dot notation**

(This should feel somewhat familiar, again, we've been working with modules this whole time)

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.(...) Syntax

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It's possible to parenthesize expressions after the dot notation!

This will evaluate the expression *as if* the module was opened

Functional Data Structures

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This is just good abstraction: don't expose the low-level details unless it's necessary

Abstract Types are Opaque

```
module Stack : STORE = struct…
```

int Stack.t

```
let x = Stack.(new_store |> push 1 |> push 2)
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We can't make *any* assumptions about an abstract type if we don't expose it

Our code must still work if the abstract type changes

Important: This is not OOP

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A module is not the same thing as a class, from which objects are instantiated (i.e., there is no **new** constructor)

Functions in structures are not *methods* of a given type of object

(and there's still no mutability)

demo

(modules of stores)

Summary

We can test our code with **unit test** frameworks like OUnit2

We can **encapsulate** data and define **interfaces** for types or data structures all with the same construct

When we write code in a file, we're building a module