



Evolving your APIs

A step-by-step approach

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Your first API



- Probably focused on REST(ful) semantics

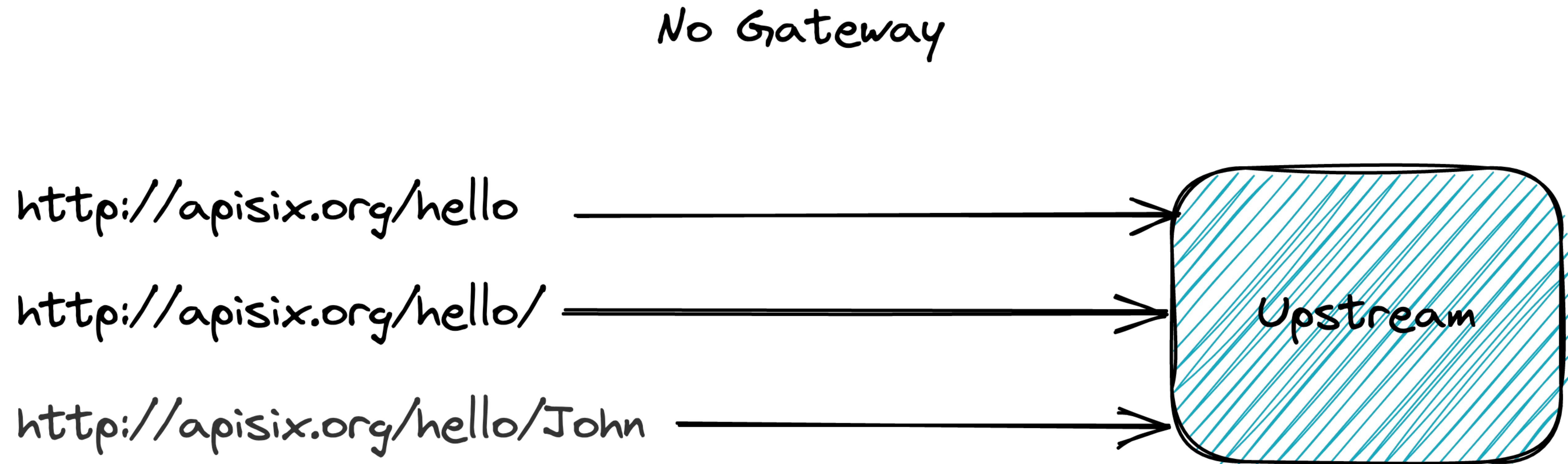
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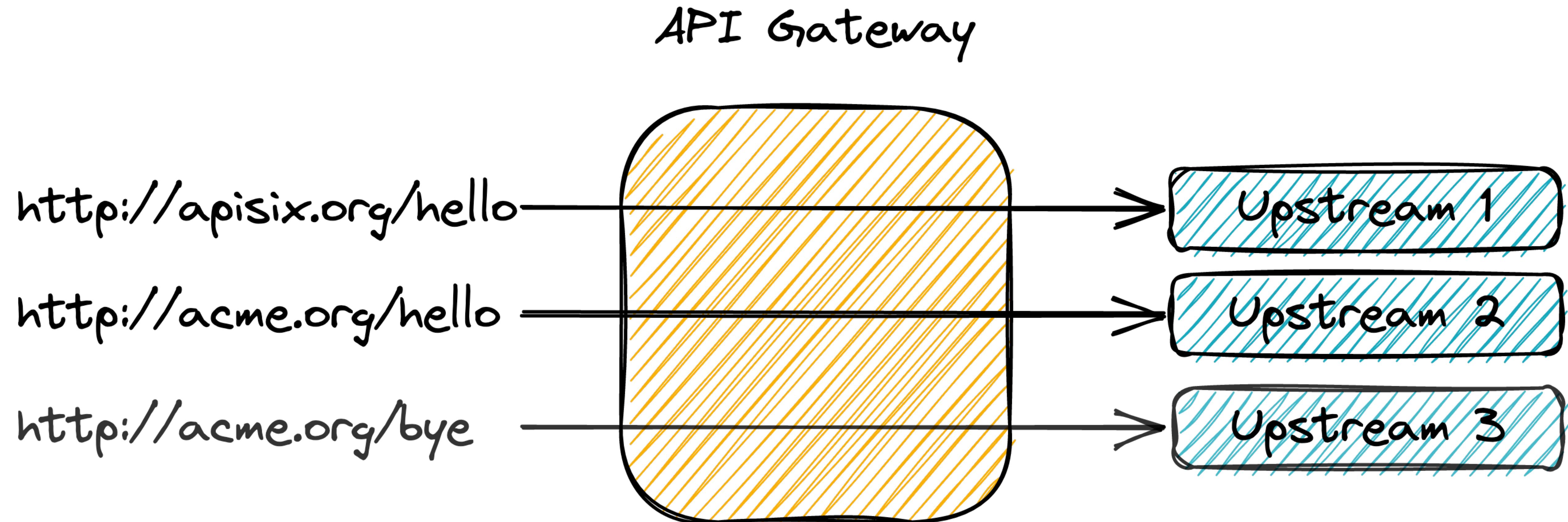
We need to deploy v2!



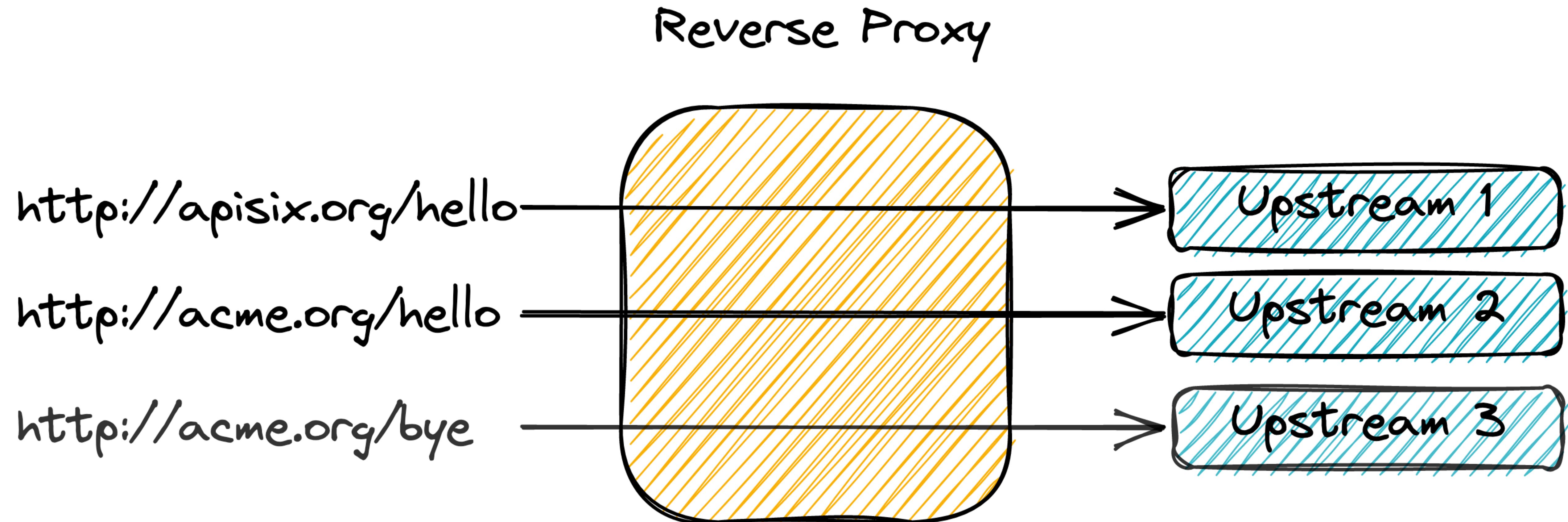
Step 1 – The initial situation



An API Gateway can help!



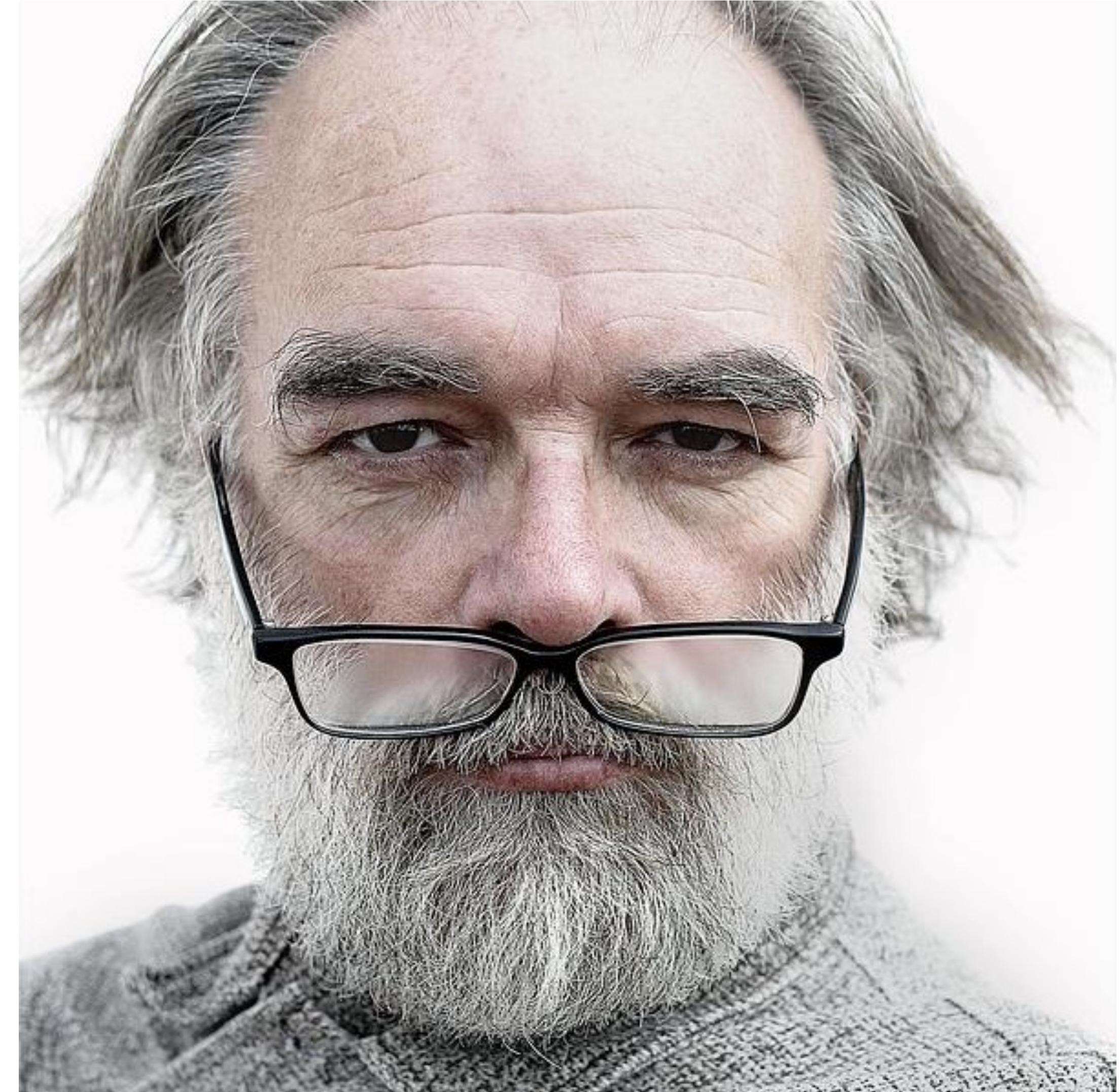
But we have a reverse proxy



Let's go back a bit



- I started to use the Internet a bit before 2000



My first website



■ HTML:

- With images
- With MIDI audio
- No CSS
- No JavaScript

The screenshot shows the HotDog Professional 7.03 software interface. The title bar reads "HotDog Professional 7.03 - 30 Days left in trial version". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Insert, Format, View, Table, Frame, Form, Tools, External tools, Window, and Buy HotDog. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations like Open, Save, Print, and Insert. The main window displays an HTML file named "trial2.shtml" with the following code:

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</title>
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</head>
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The status bar at the bottom shows "Editor Internal preview (IE)" and the file path "trial2.shtml".

Web server



- Serve static content



Personal Home Page



- Apache Web Server
- People wanted more dynamic content
 1. CGI scripts
 2. PHP



The rise of WWW

- Companies started to use it as an official communication channel
 - Redundancy
 - Load balancing



WWW becomes ubiquitous

- More unrelated nodes
 - Routing



The evolution of the Web Server

1. Serve static content
2. Serve dynamic content
3. Load balancer
4. Routing



Reverse Proxy: Single Point of Entry



■ Any cross-concern feature

- Authentication
- Authorization
- Caching
- IP Blocking



Interconnecting heterogeneous Information Systems



- File sharing with FTP
- Synchronous communication inside a tech stack
- Synchronous communication via HTTP



API Gateway



- Specialized Reverse Proxy
- Features dedicated to APIs
 - Billing
 - Complex rate-limiting
 - Etc.



API Gateways

- Apache APISIX
- Kong Gateway
- Tyk
- Gloo
- Ambassador
- Gravitee

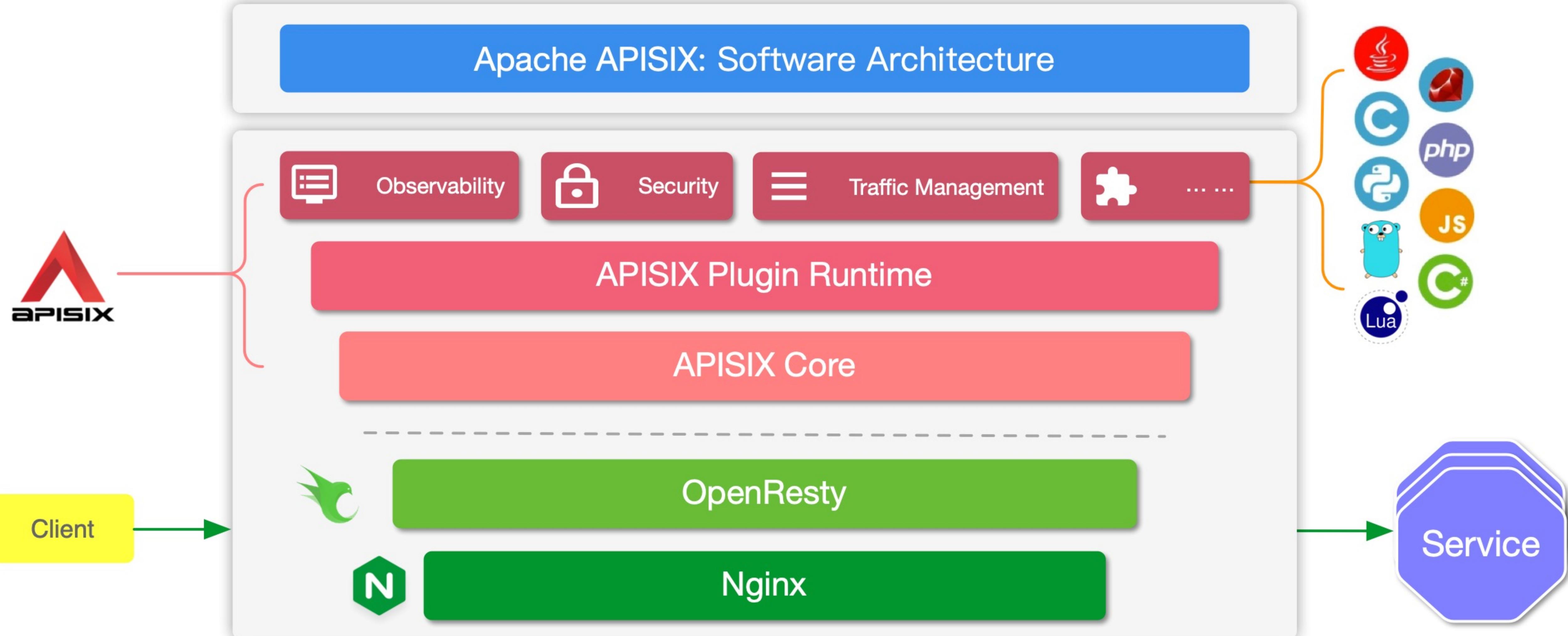




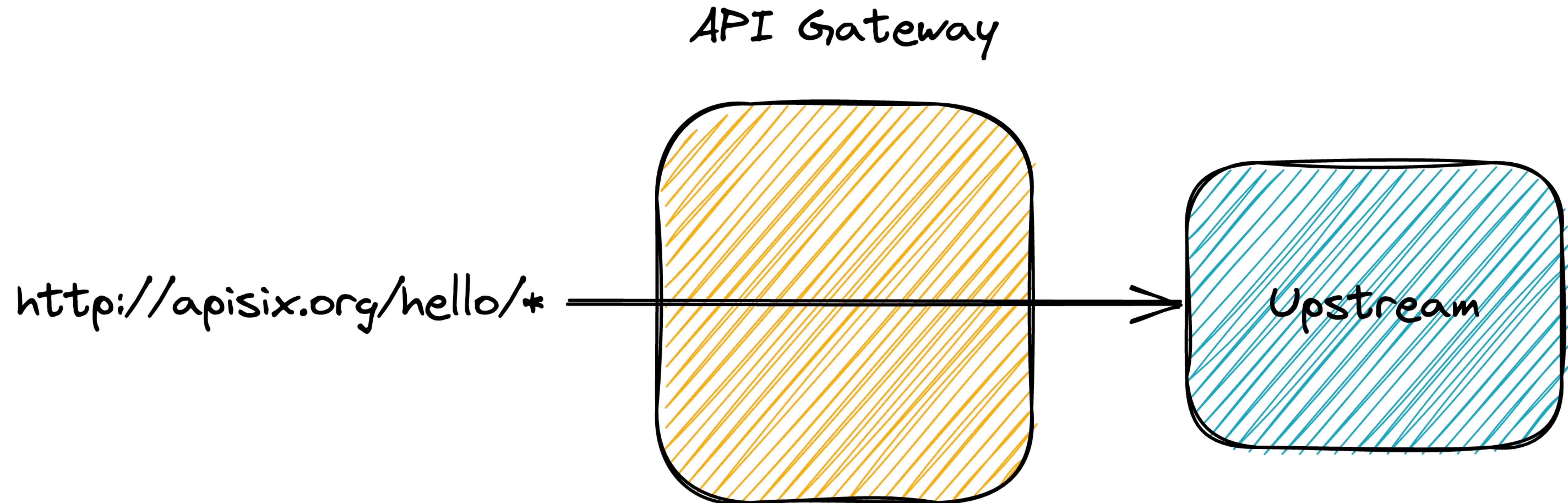
- Donated to the Apache Foundation in 2019
- Became a Top-Level Project in 2020



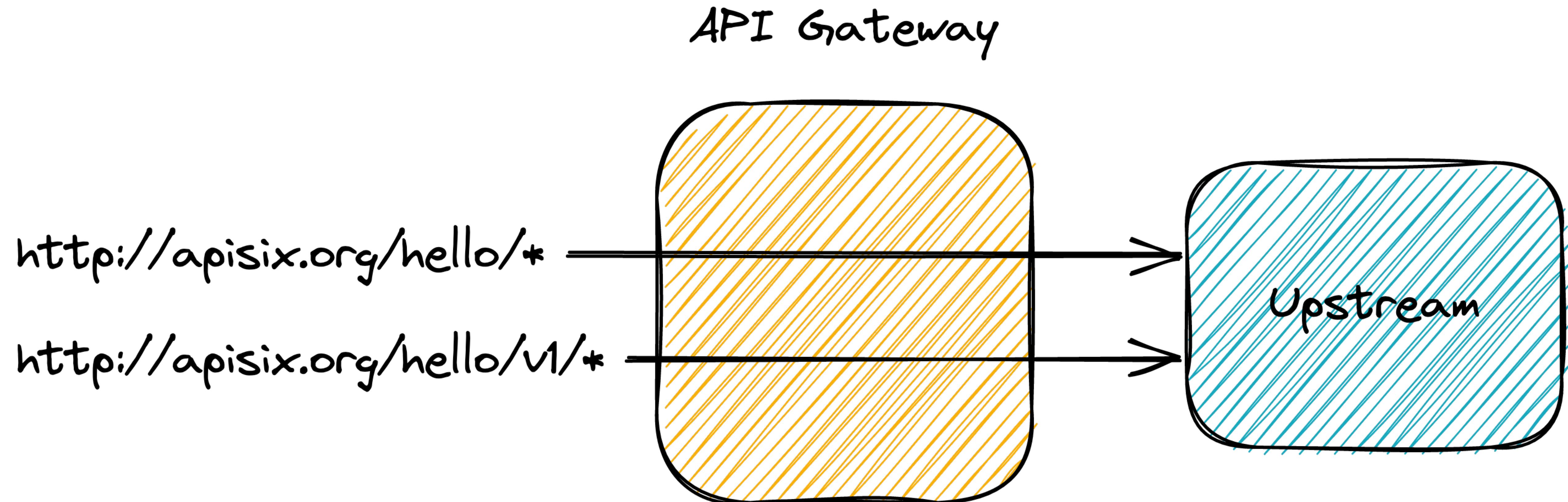
Apache APISIX, an API Gateway the Apache way



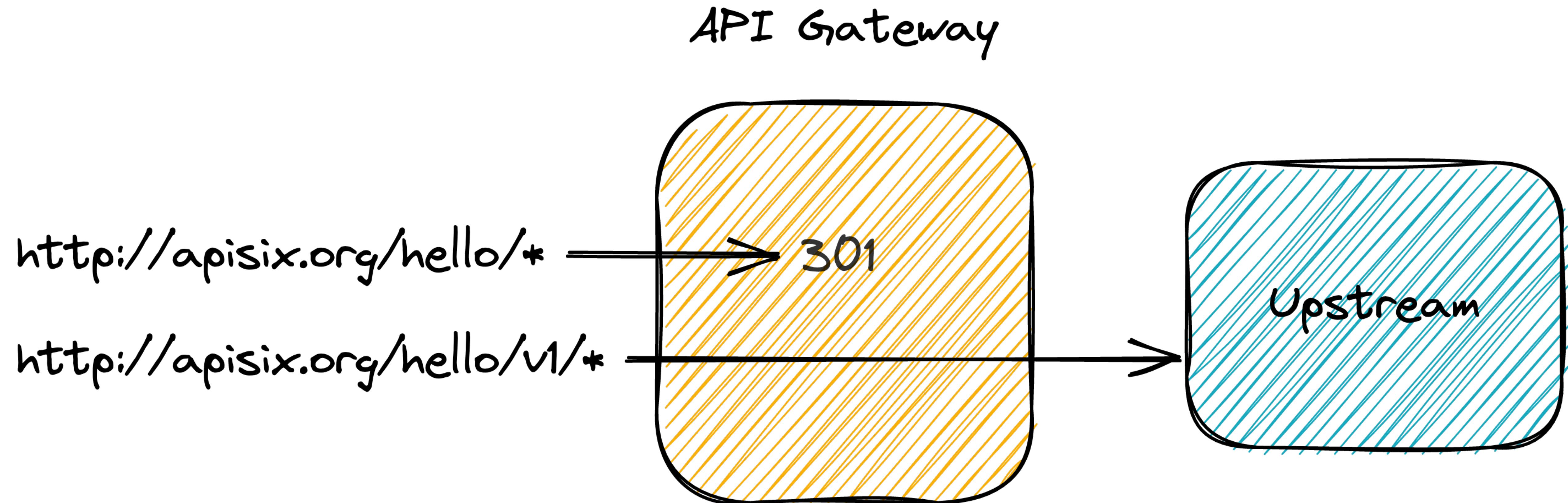
Step 2 – Introduce an API Gateway



Step 3 – Introduce a versioned resource

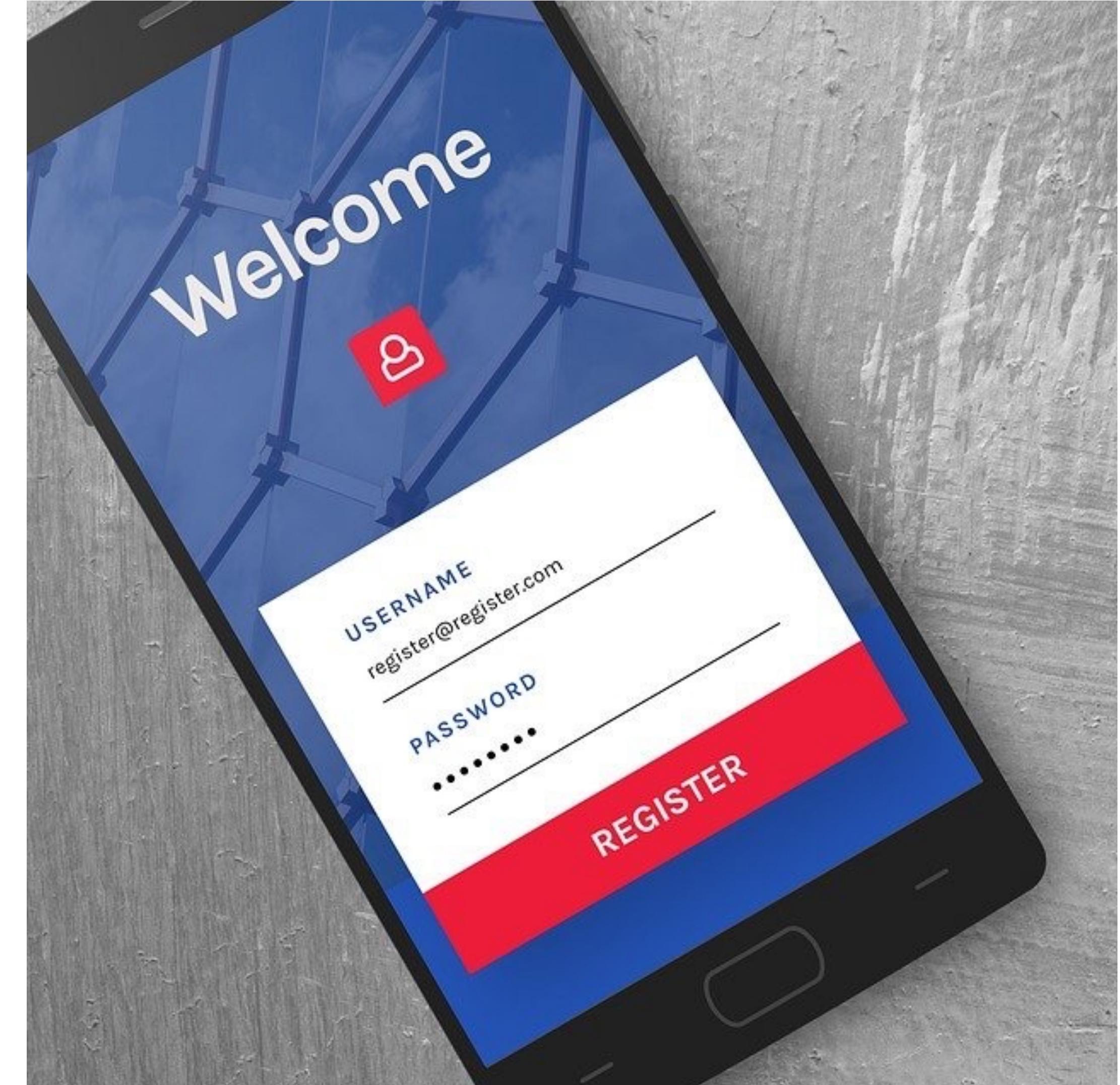


Step 4 – Move the unversioned resource permanently

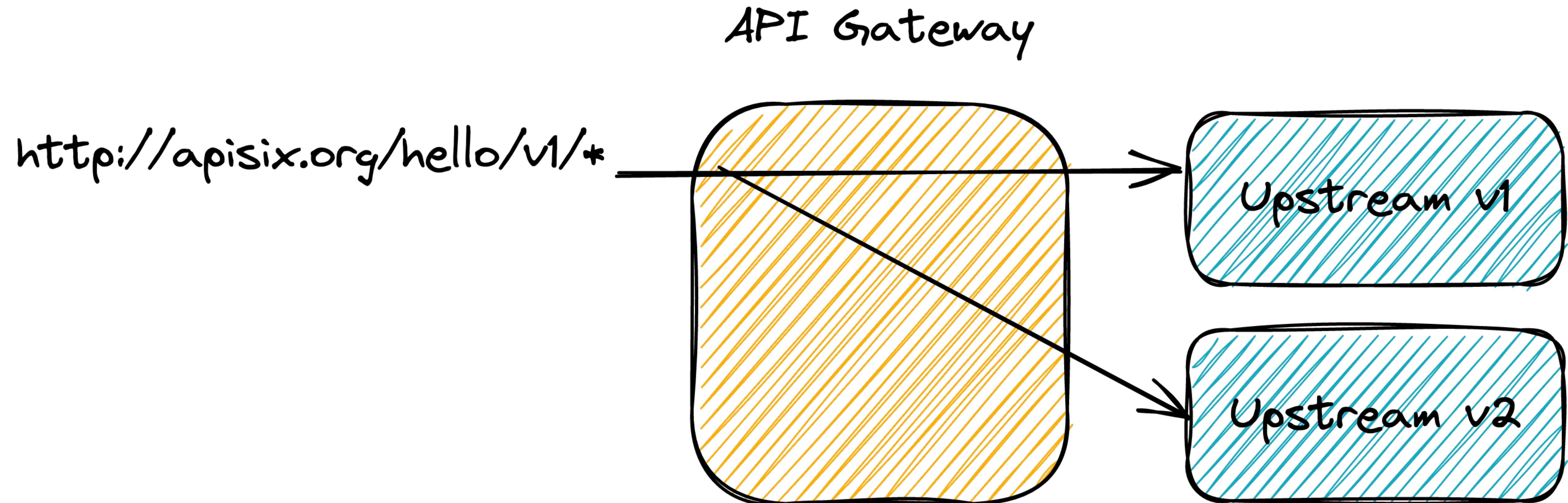


Step 5 – Make users register

- Hard to change because we don't know our users
- But developers don't like to register
- Provide them an incentive
 - 429



Step 6 – Test in production but be smart about it



Step 7 – Use proven deployment methods



- Canary release for the win



Step 8 – Deprecate your endpoints

- IETF Draft
- Deprecation header
 - Date or Boolean
- Link header to point to the new resource
- Sunset header



Step 9 and afterwards – Time for v3!



Thanks for your attention!

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