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Add in ticket-related
stuff to the client

Option #1

Make the 'orders'
service

Option #2

Add in event bus and
wire the Tickets
Service up to it

Option #3

Tickets Service (mostly) Complete! What now?

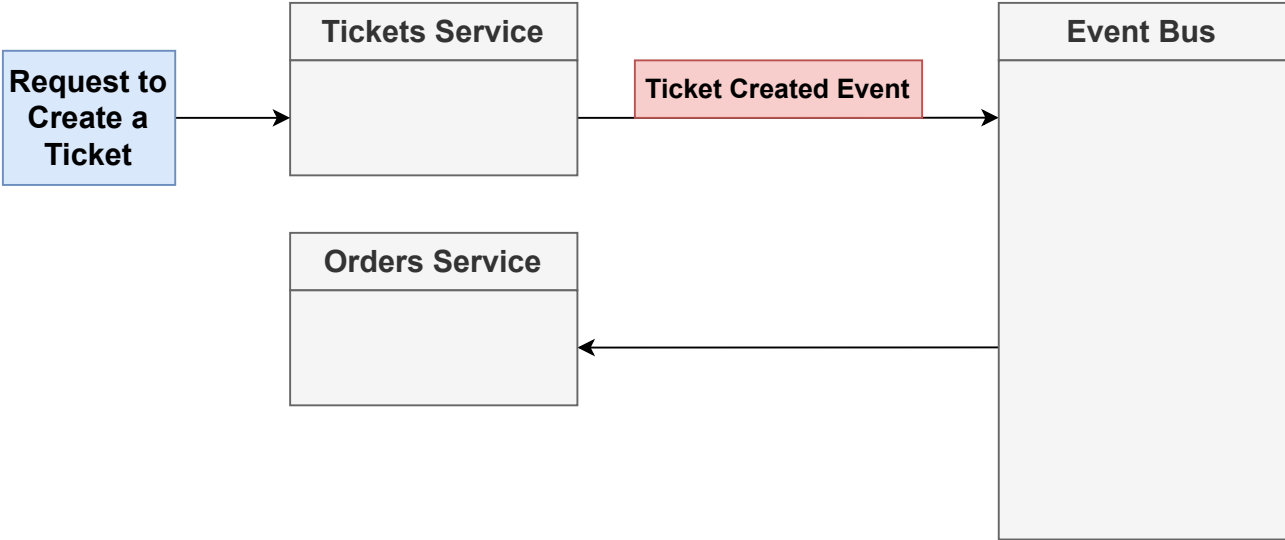
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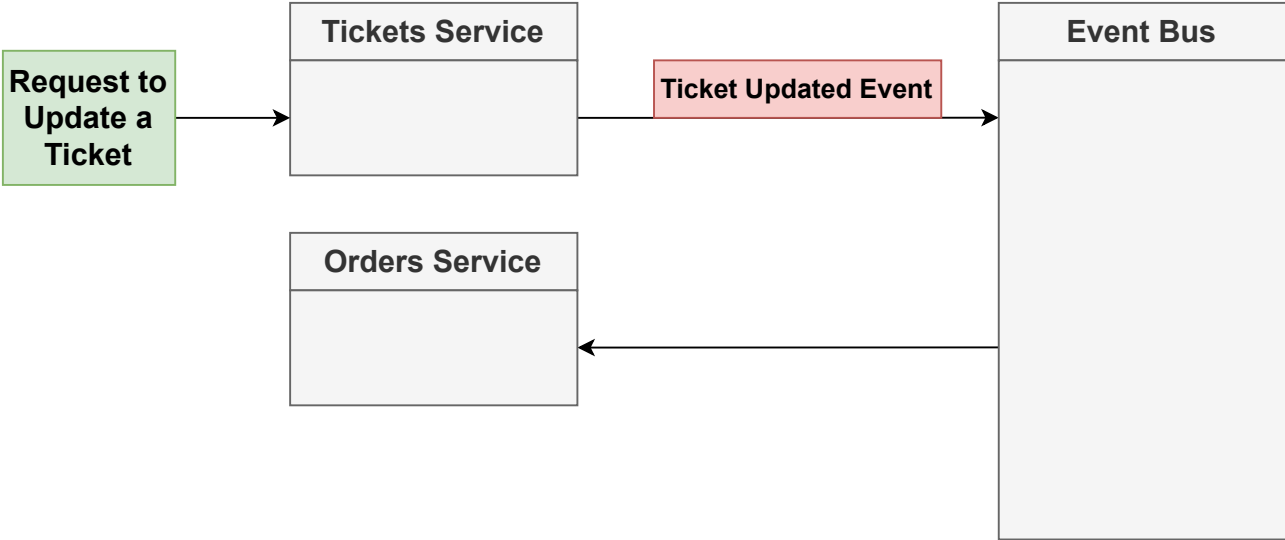
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Make the 'orders'
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*Understanding the event bus is
going to expose us to HUGE
issues in handling data
between tickets + orders
services*





NATS Streaming Server

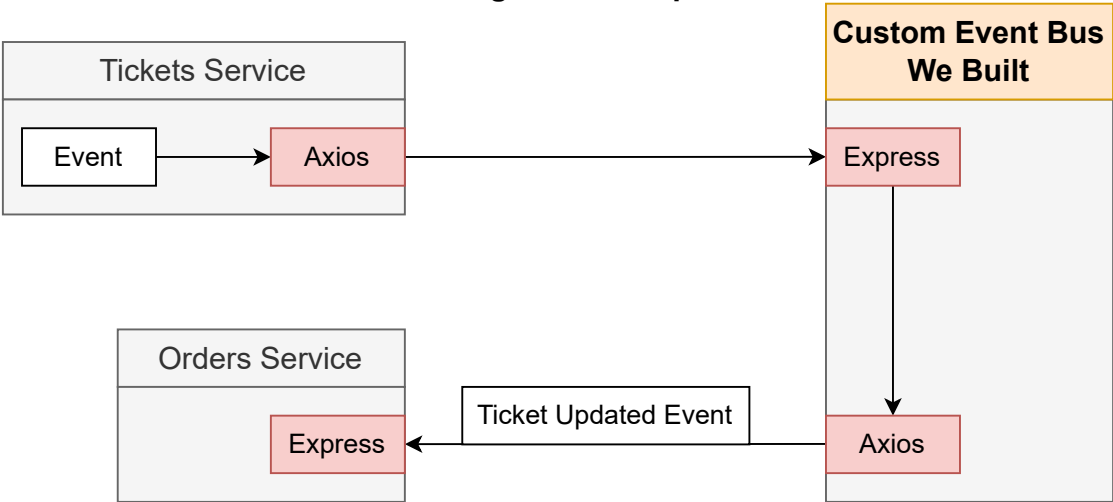
Docs at:
docs.nats.io

NATS and **NATS Streaming Server** are two different things

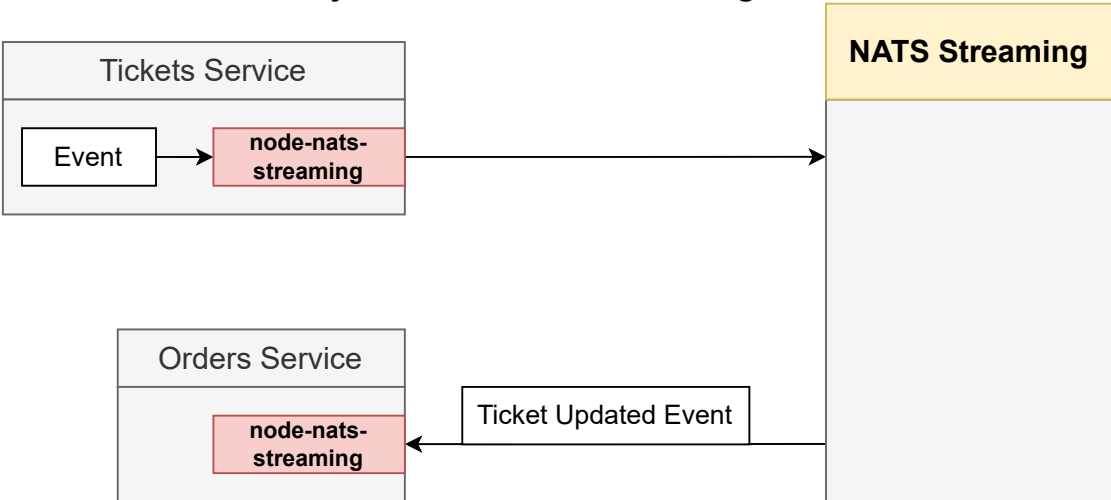
NATS Streaming implements some extraordinarily important design decisions that will affect our app

We are going to run the official 'nats-streaming' docker image in kubernetes. Need to read the image's docs

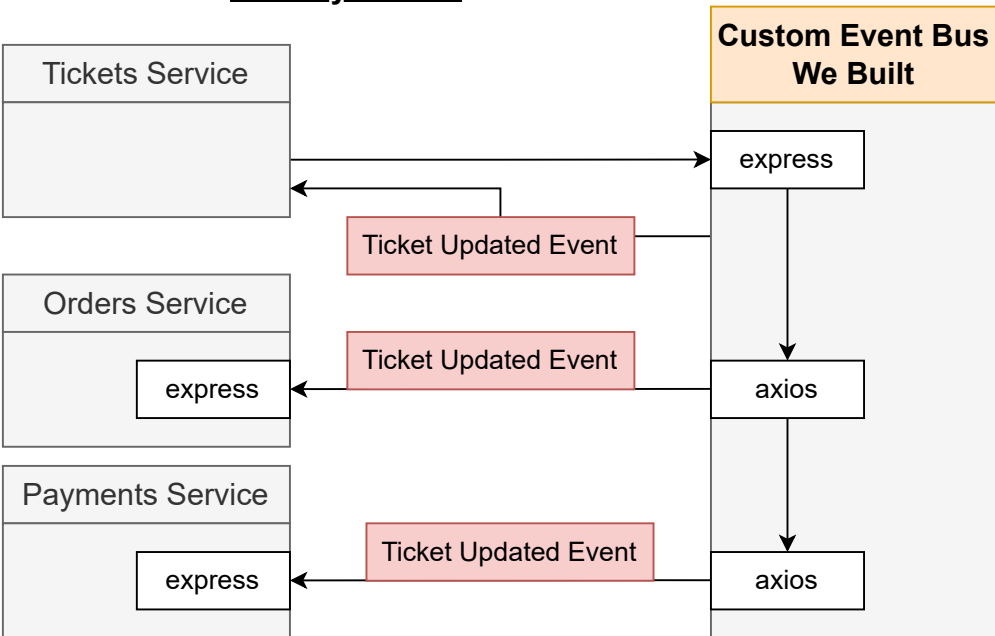
Our Custom Event Bus shared events using Axios + Express



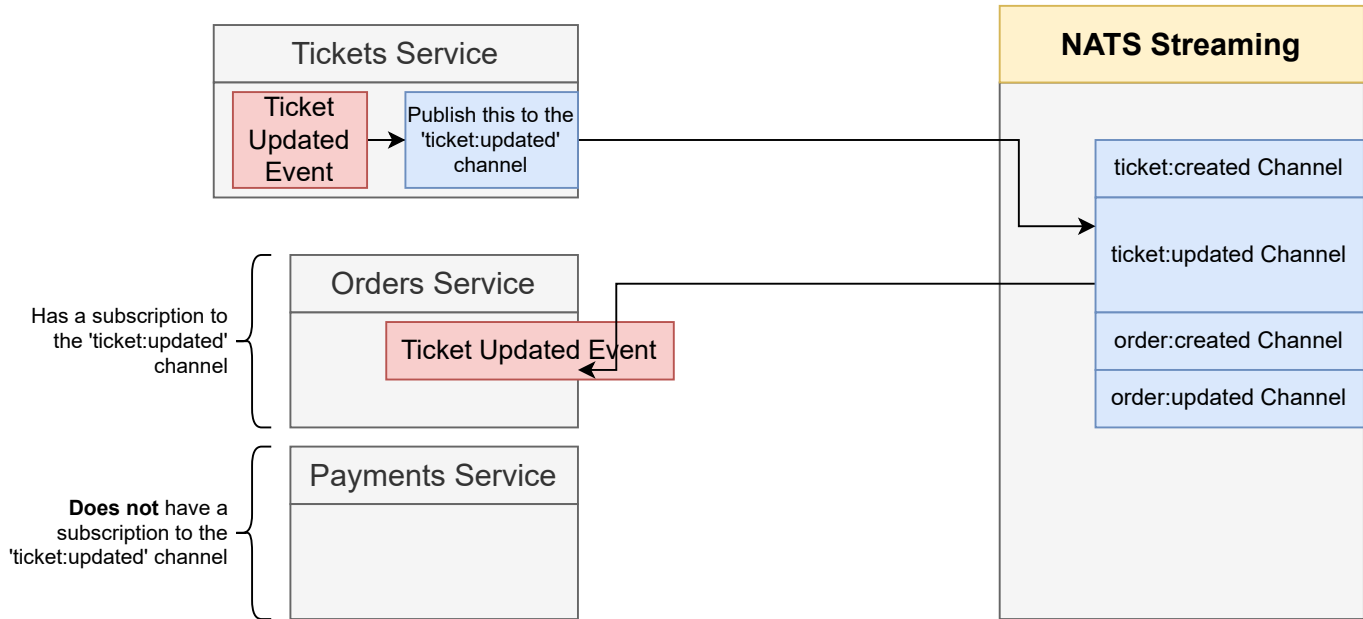
To communicate with NATS, we will use a *client library* called **node-nats-streaming**



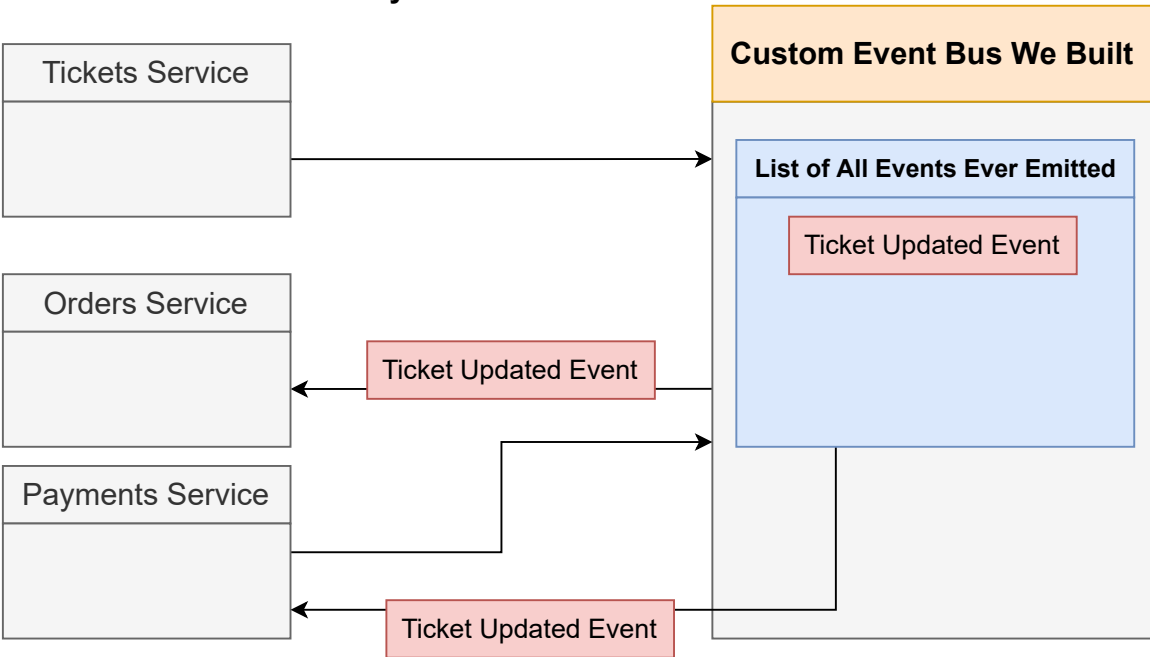
Our Custom Event Bus sent events to every service



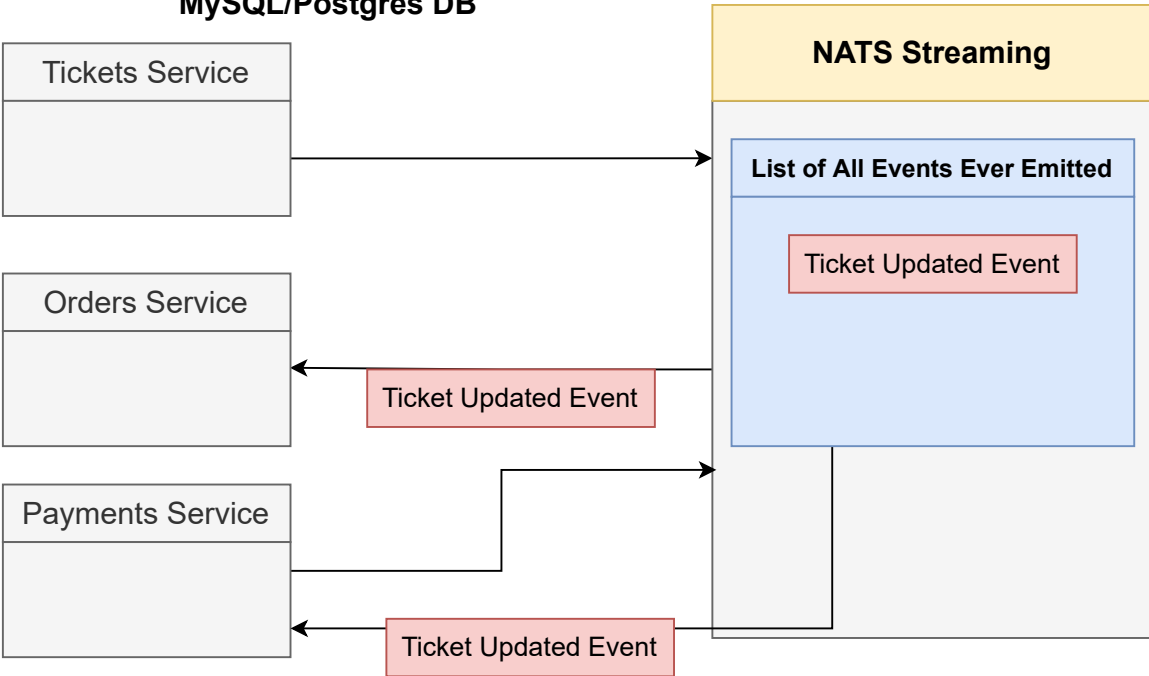
NATS Streaming requires us to subscribe to *channels*. Events are emitted to specific channels



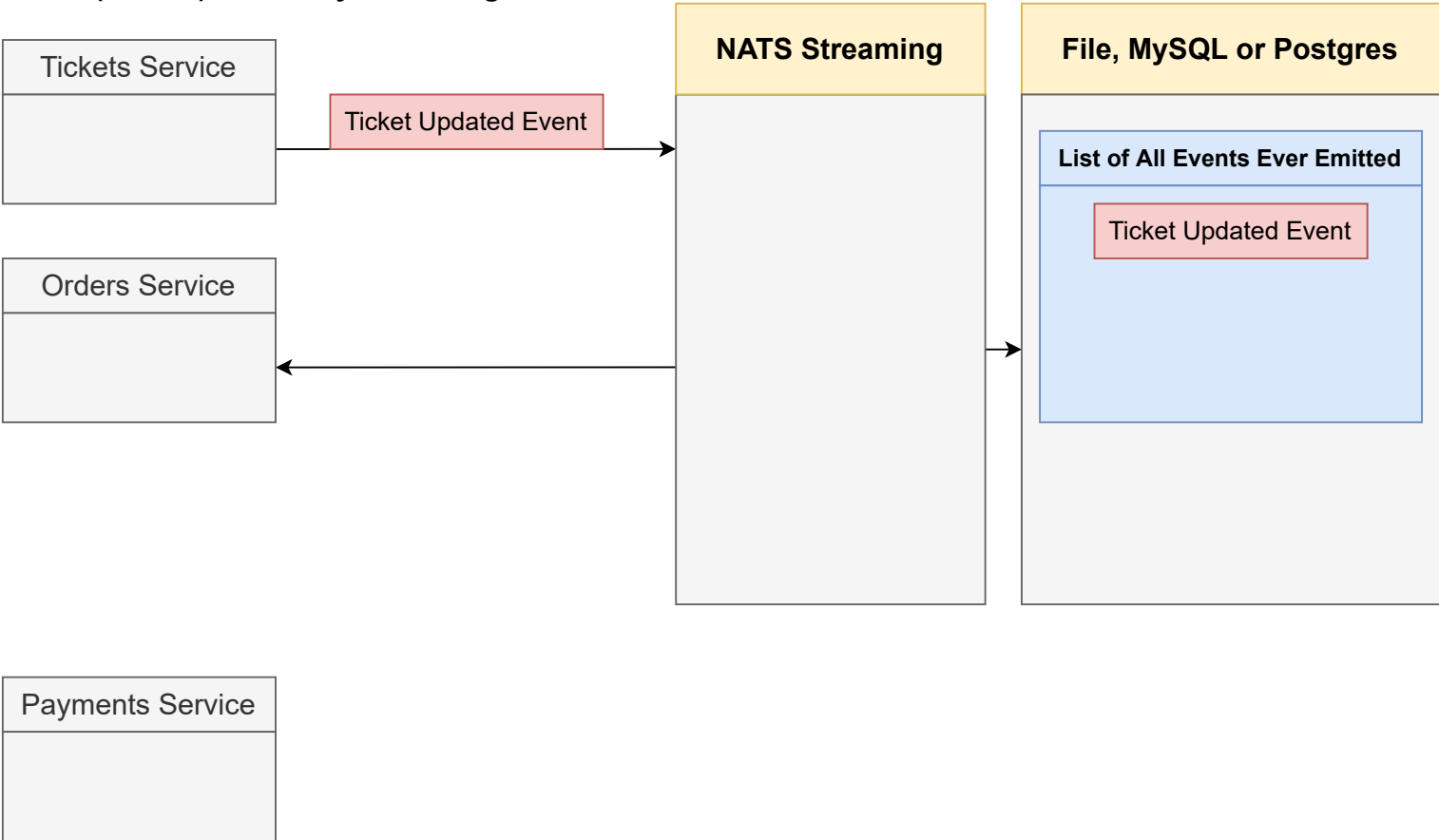
Our Event Bus stored events in memory



NATS Streaming stores all events in memory (default), flat files or in a MySQL/Postgres DB



NATS Streaming stores all events in flat files (default) or in a MySQL/Postgres DB



Short Term Goal

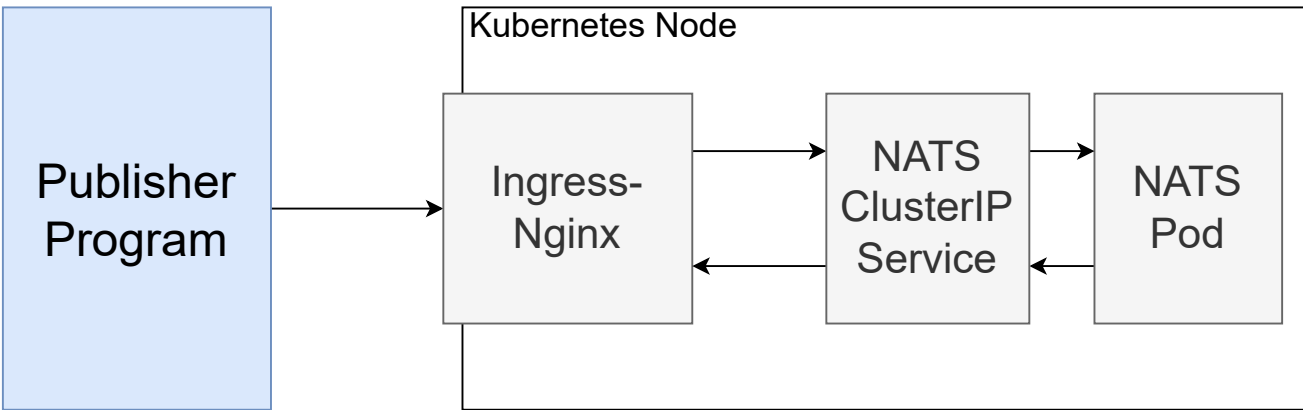
Create a new sub-project with typescript support

Install node-nats-streaming library and connect to nats streaming server

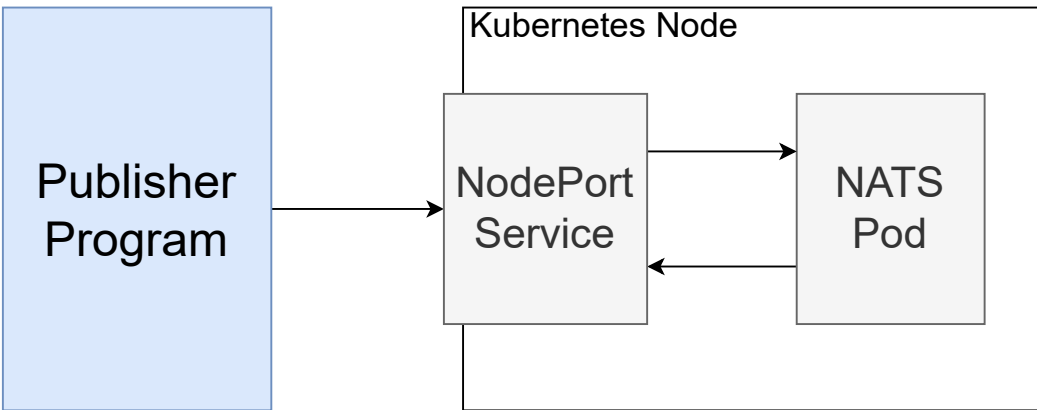
We should have *two npm scripts*, one to run code to *emit* events, and one to run code to *listen for* events

This program will be ran *outside* of kubernetes!

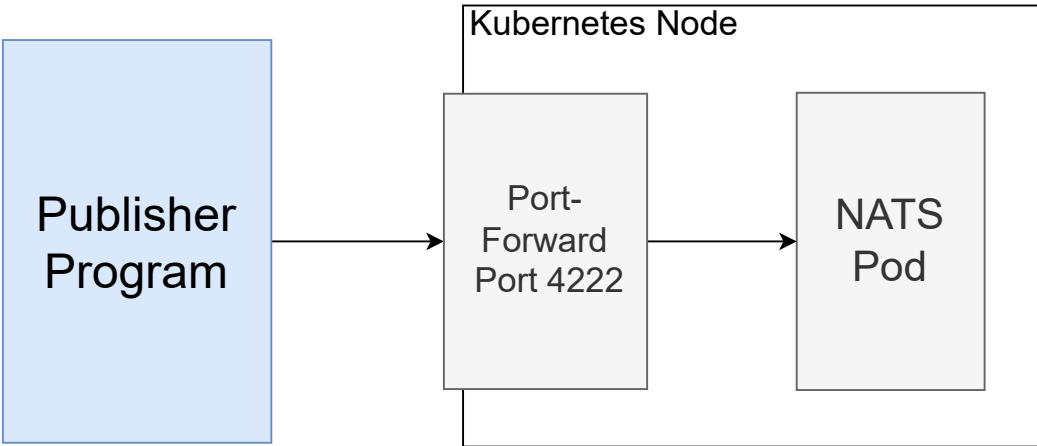
Option #1 to Connect



Option #2 to Connect




Option #3 to Connect




Quick Note

We are going to build up some pretty solid code around node-nats-streaming



This code will be complex, and you will wonder 'why are we doing this' at several/many/all times



The goal of this video is to highlight some big issues with that demo - these issues are why we are going to do this refactor

A Few Issues

Oh, we broke our tests

All services need to have an exactly accurate, common definition of what data is in each type of event

All services need to have a precise definition of the *subject* of each event

We need to make it *really easy and painless* to send/receive events

@sgtickets/common Lib

EventNames

TS Enum that makes it (nearly) impossible to misspell some event name

buildClient

Function that makes it really easy (async/await, not callbacks) to create a new NATS client

Publishers

Classes that make it really easy to publish a specific kind of event

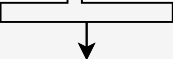
Listeners

Classes that make it really easy to listen to specific events

Publisher

data

ticket:created



stan client

Listener

ticket:created

stan client

subscription

NATS Streaming

List of Channels

ticket:created

Publisher

data

ticket:created

stan client

Orders Service (Listener)

subscription

NATS Streaming

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Orders Service (Listener)

subscription

Orders Service (Listener)

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Payments Service (Listener)

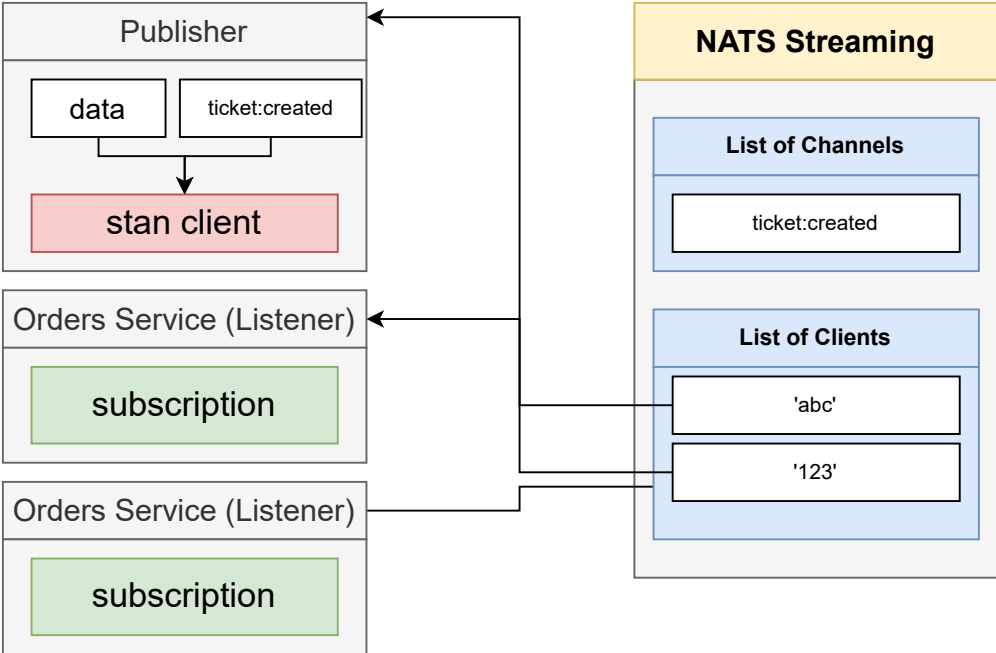
subscription

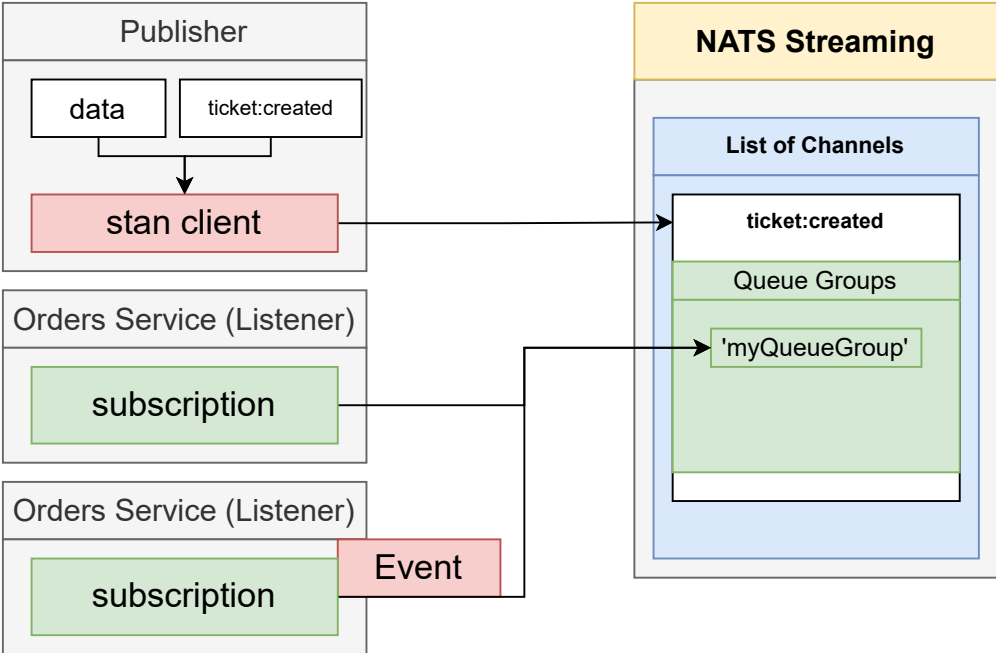
ticket:created

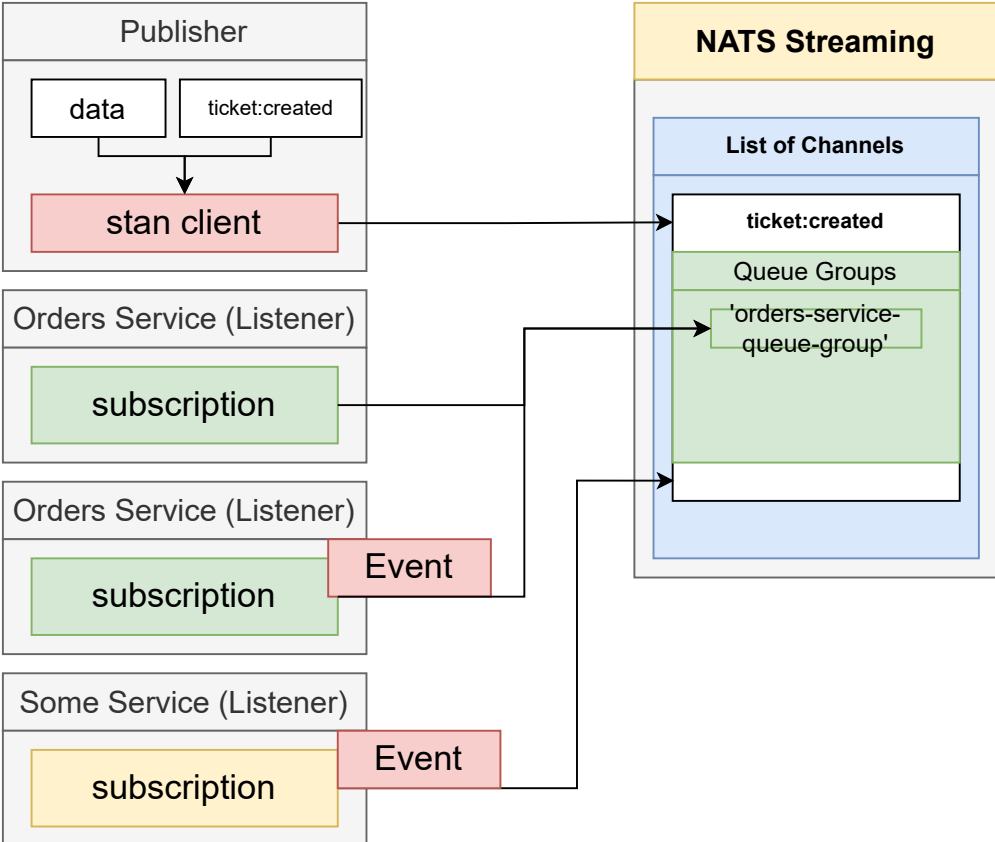
NATS Streaming

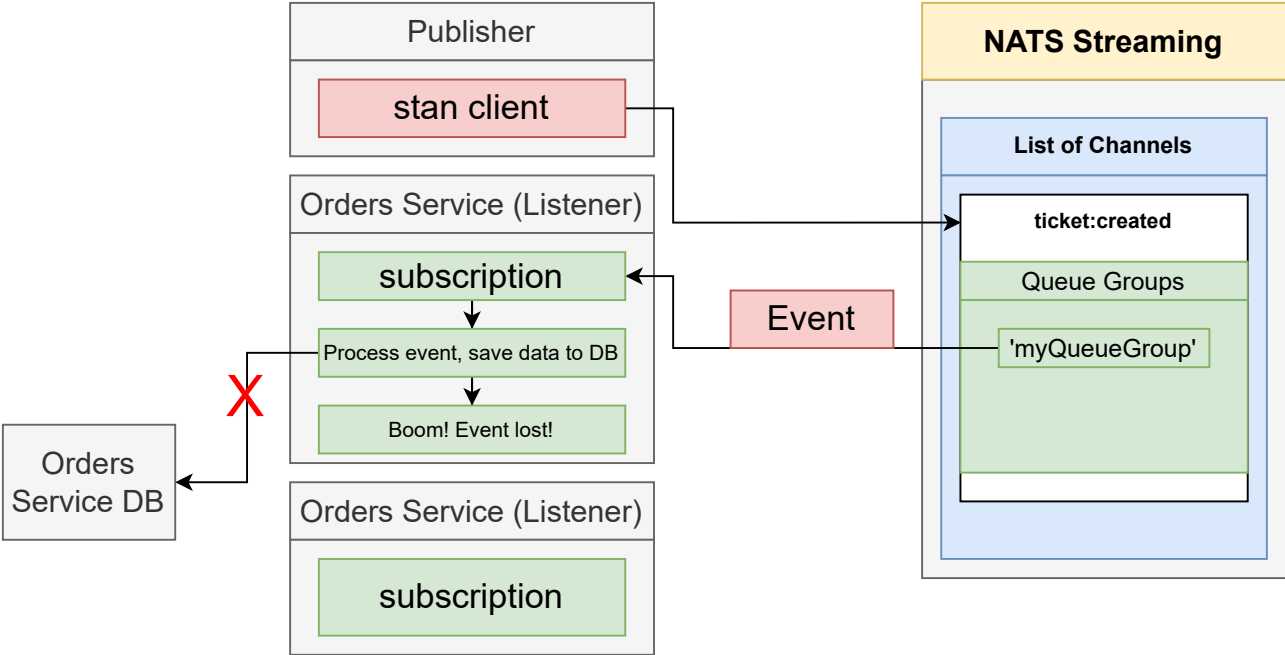
List of Channels

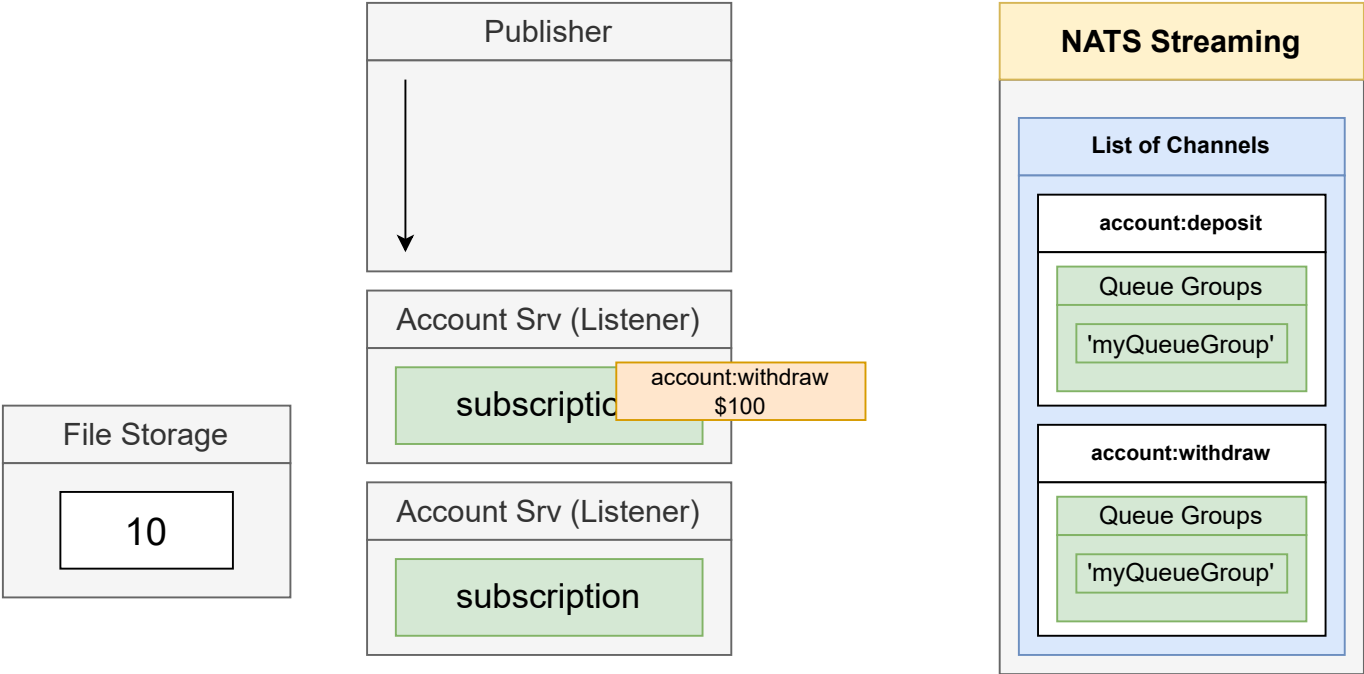
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Listener can fail to process the event

account:deposit
\$40

File Storage

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Publisher



Account Srv (Listener)

subscription

account:deposit
\$70

Account Srv (Listener)

subscription

account:withdraw
\$100

NATS Streaming

List of Channels

account:deposit

Queue Groups

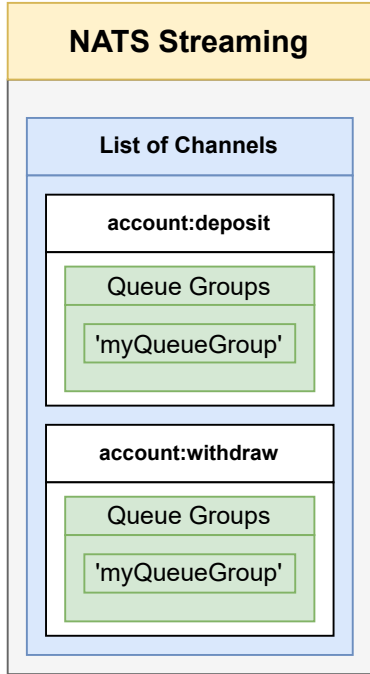
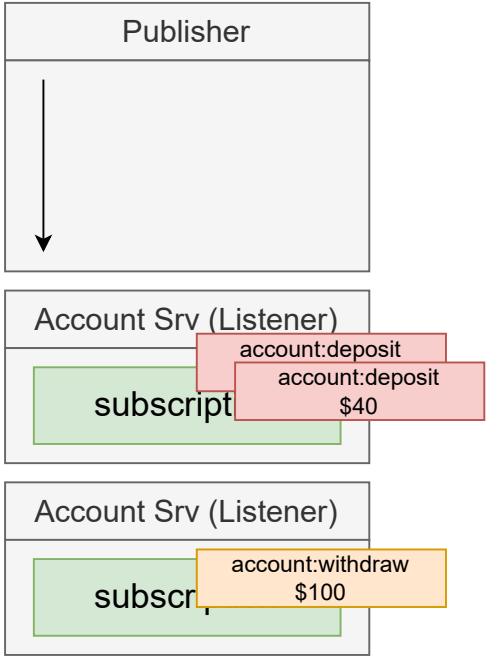
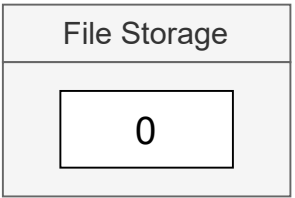
'myQueueGroup'

account:withdraw

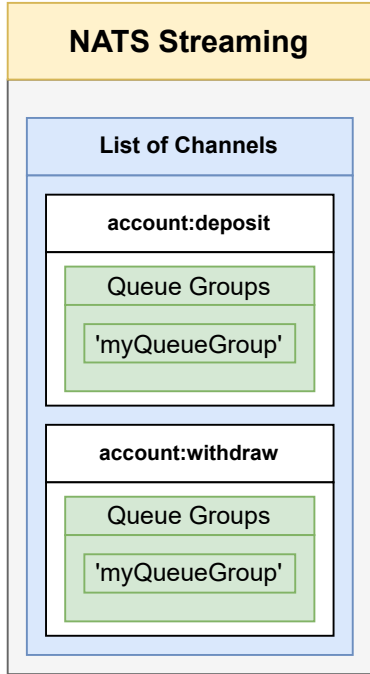
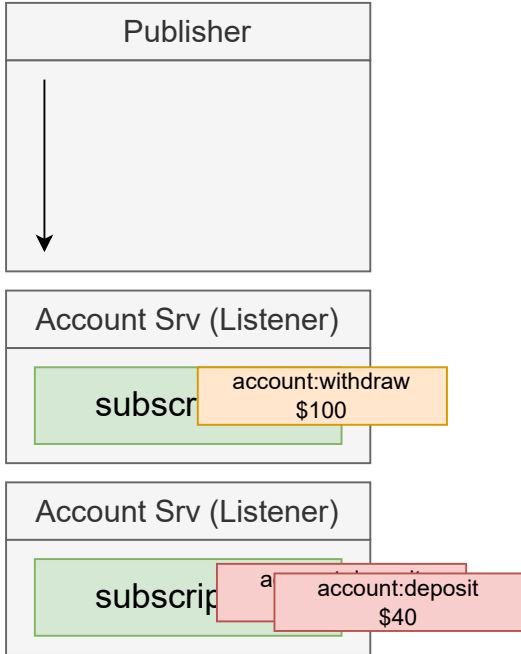
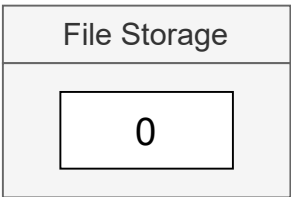
Queue Groups

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One listener
might run more
quickly than
another



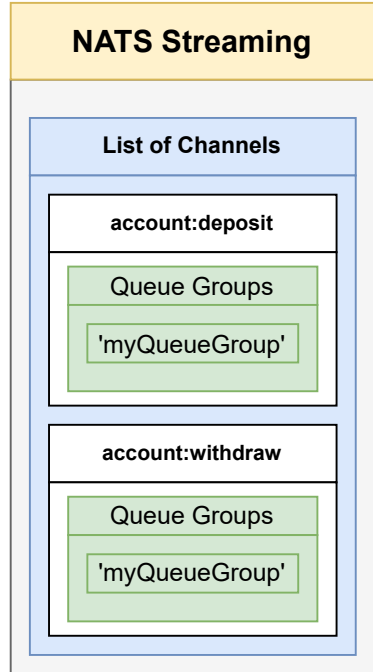
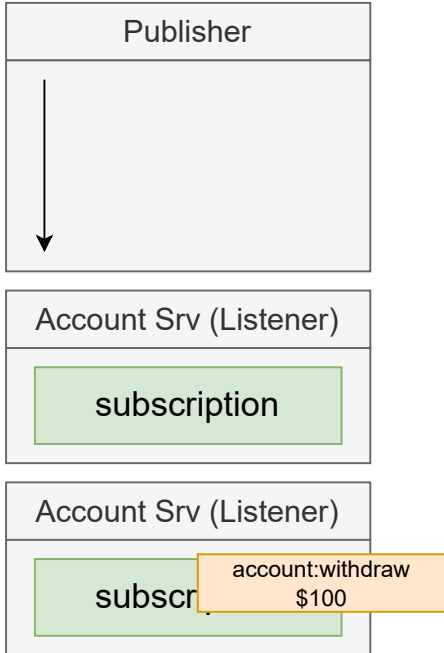
NATS might think a client is still alive when it is dead





**We might
receive the same
event twice**

File Storage

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Async (event-based) communication sounds terrible, right?!?!


Oh, turns out this happens with sync communications


Oh, and it happens with classic monolith style apps too.