

# NebulaRAT

Remote Access Tool



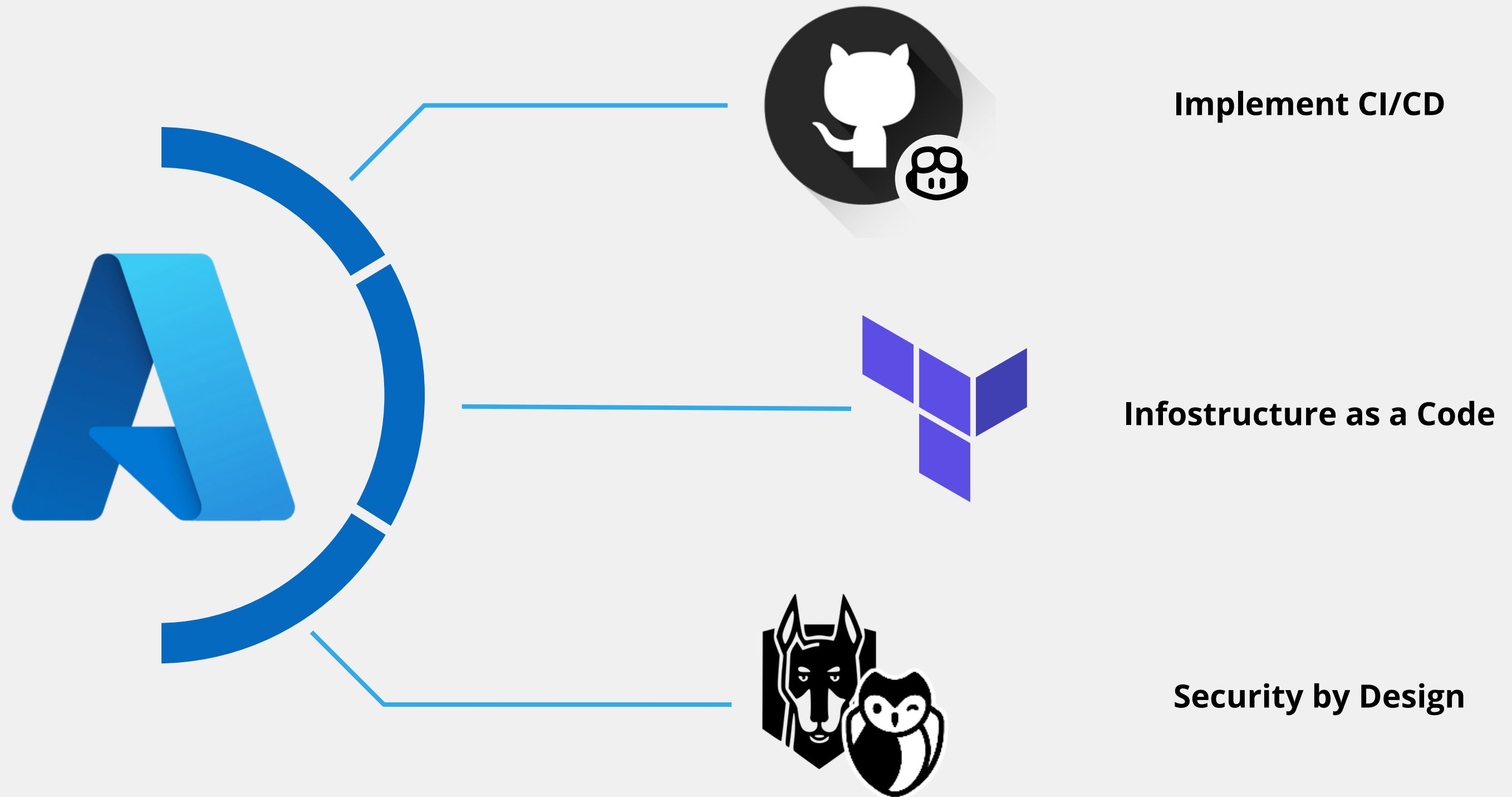
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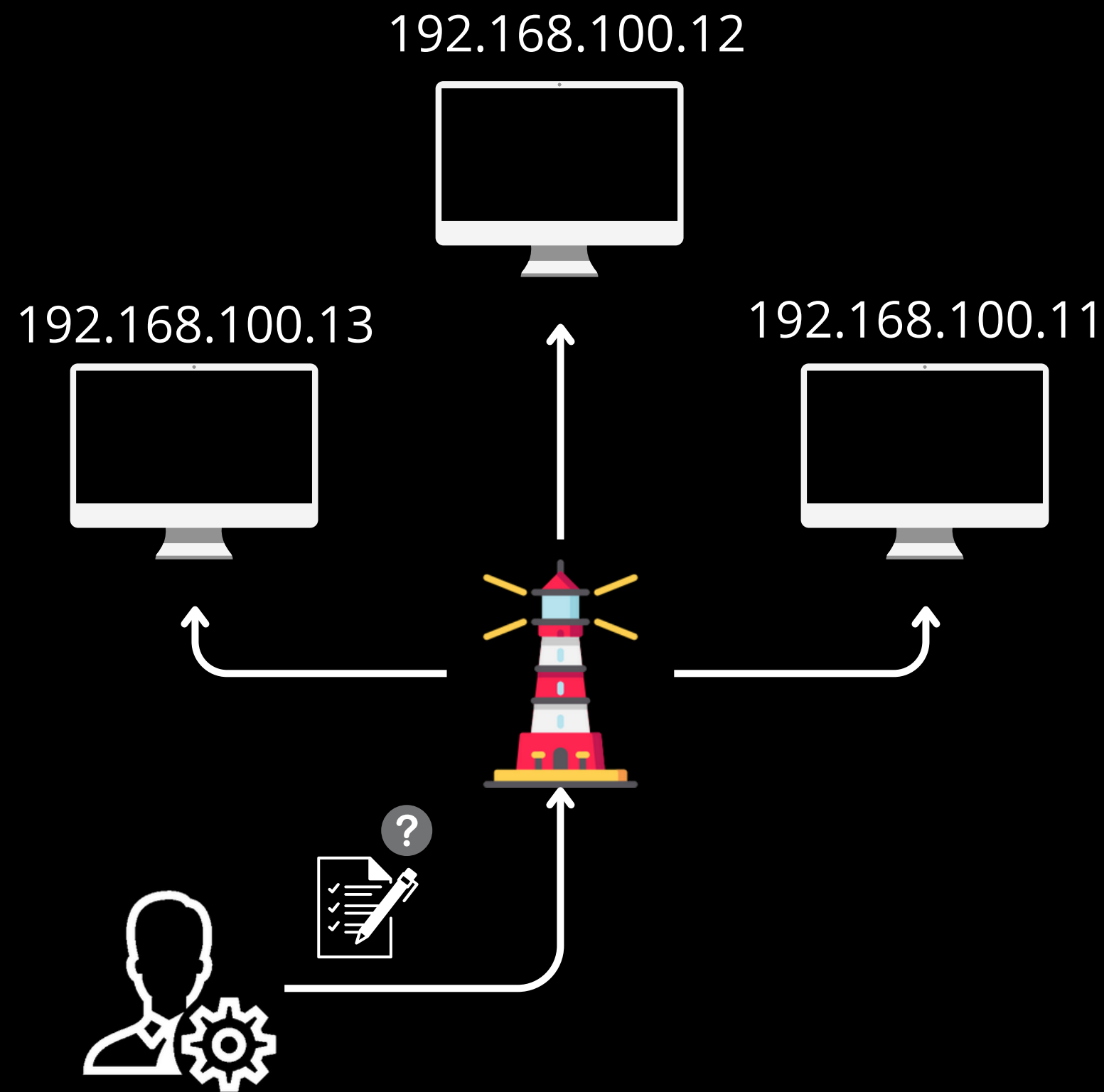
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# Technology Used



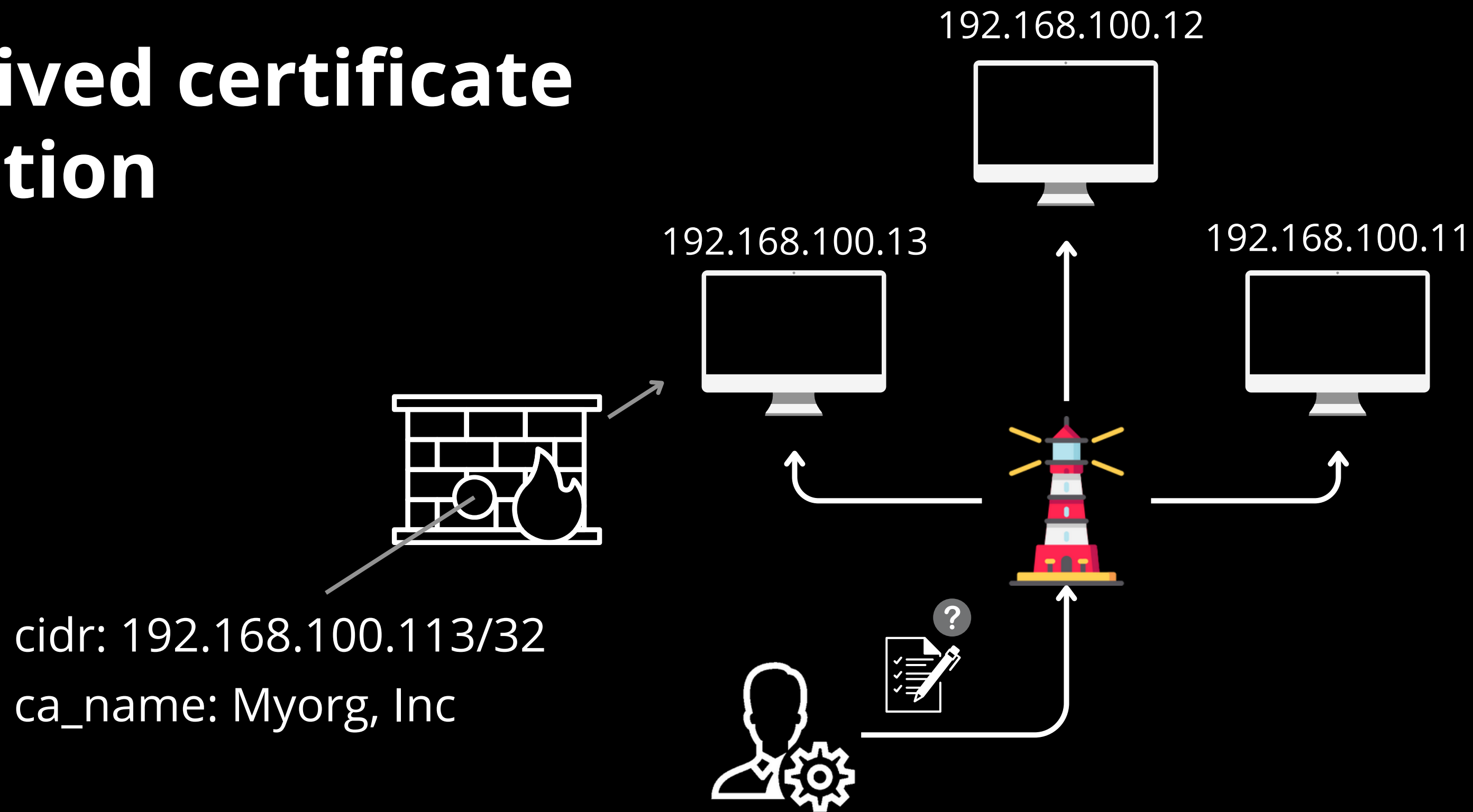


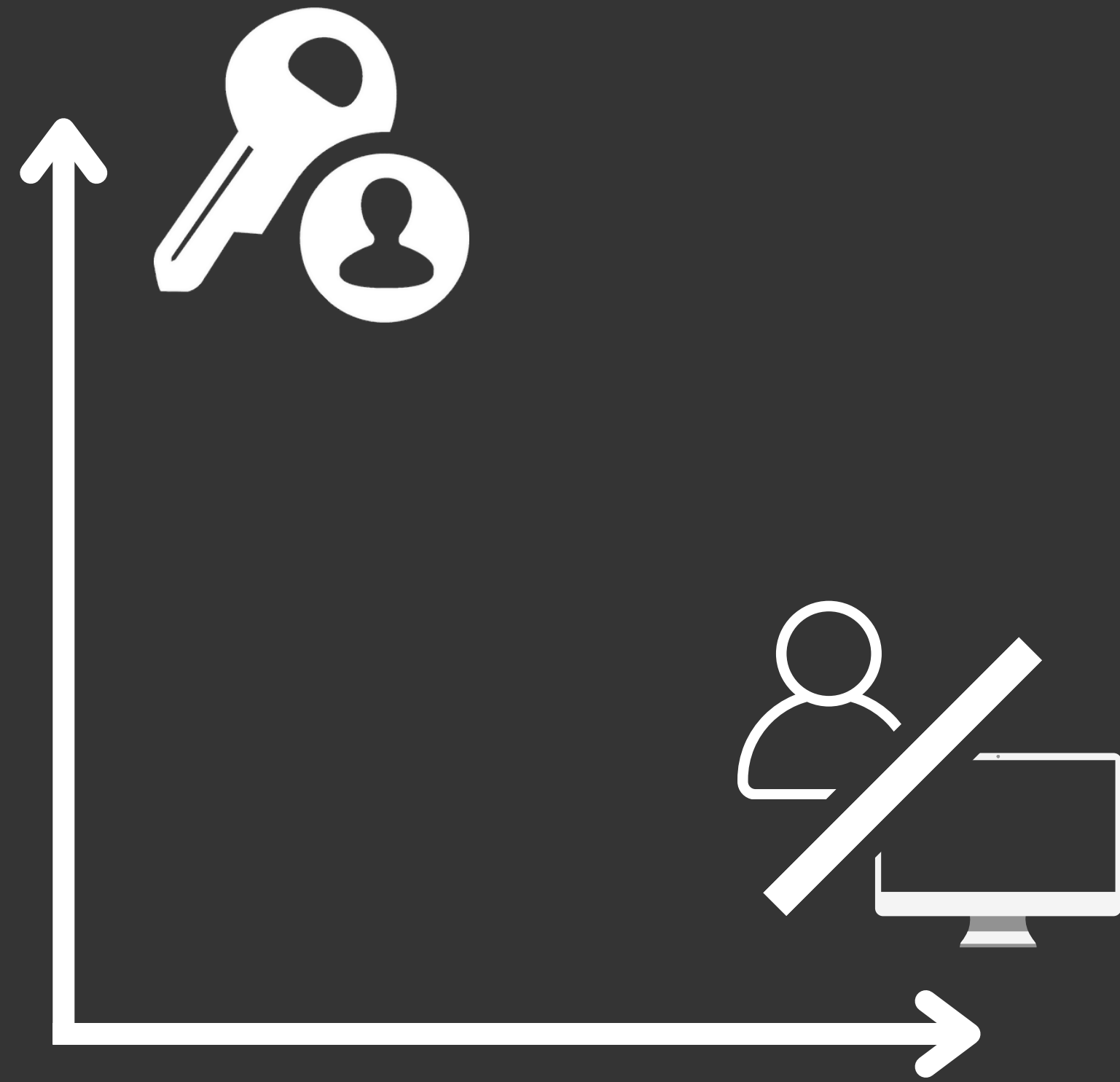
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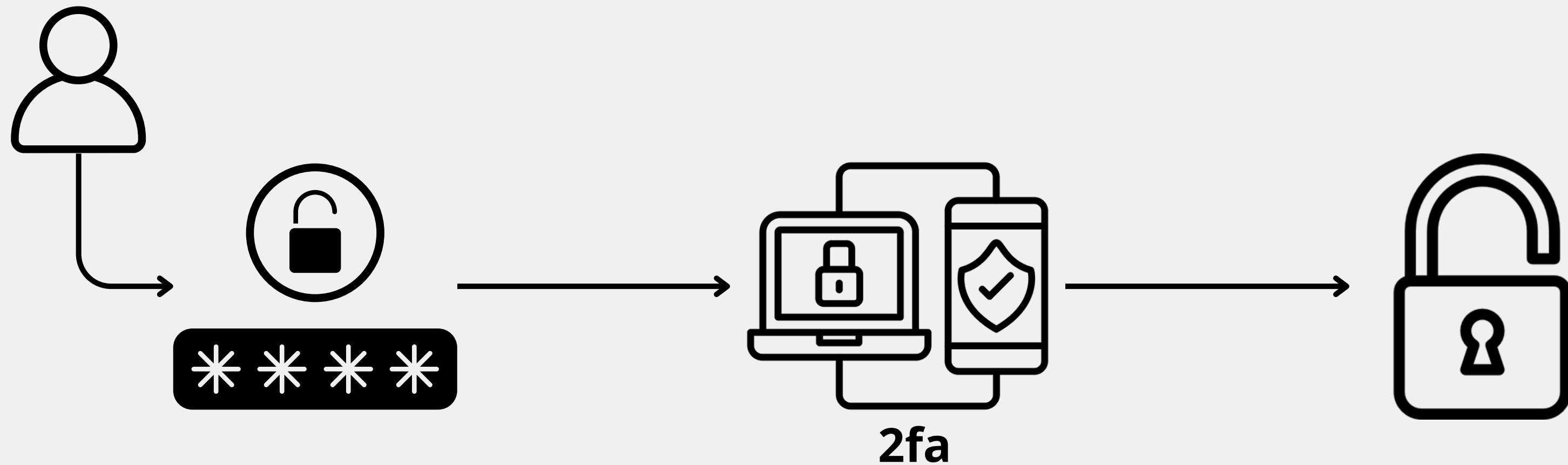


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# Roles and permission

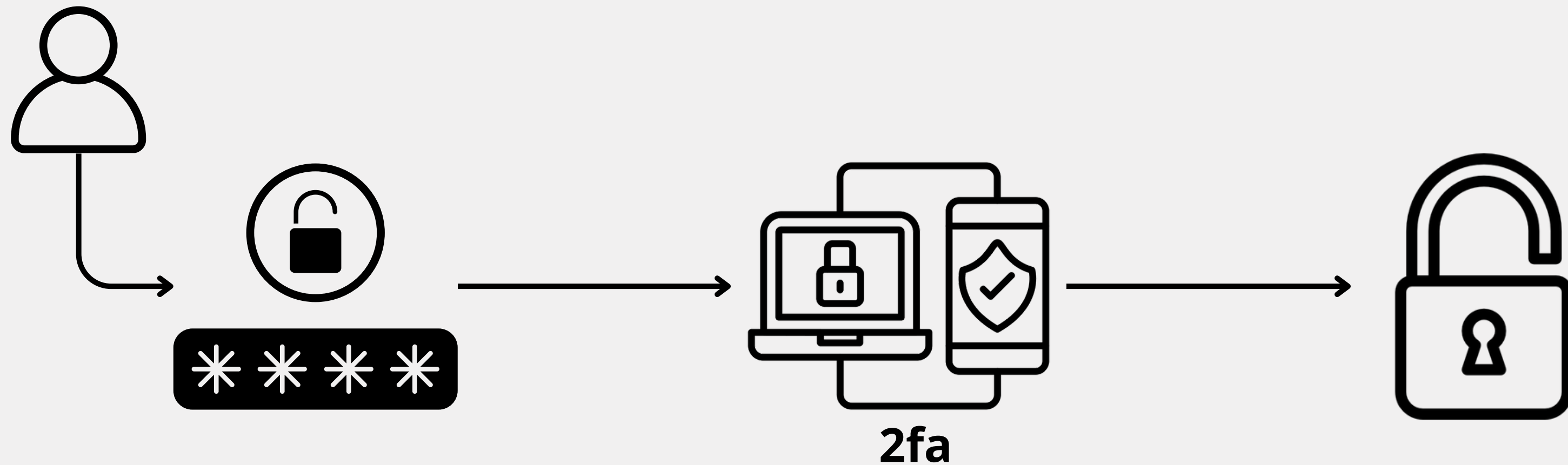


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## What about Zero Trust?

# Managing secrets

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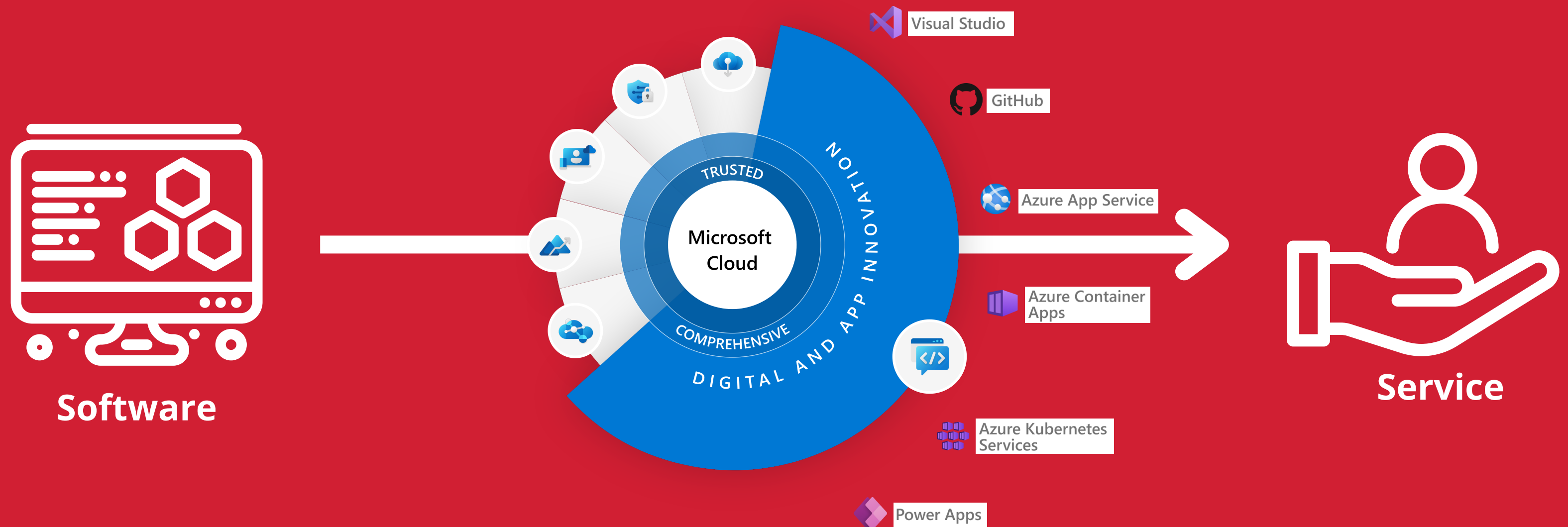




# Azure Cloud Service



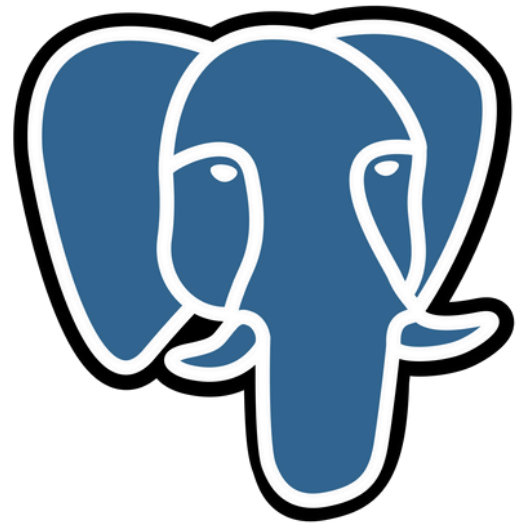
*Was it worth it?*



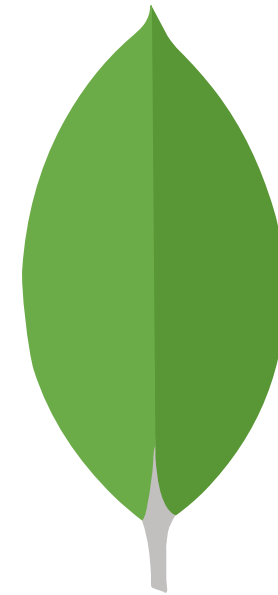


# **Database, important features and security issues**

# Which DB?



**PostgreSQL**

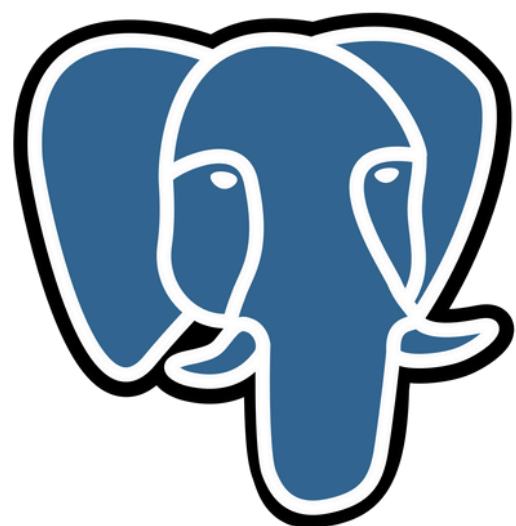


**MongoDB**

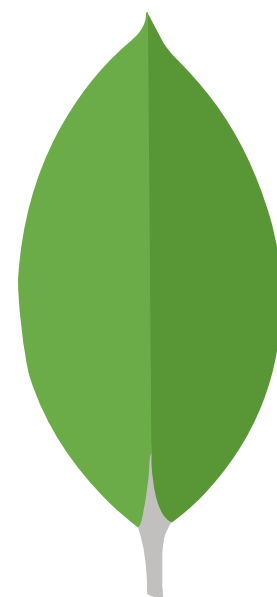


**Azure DB for SQL**

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**MongoDB**



**Azure DB for SQL**



# DB IMPLEMENTATION HISTORY

## First version

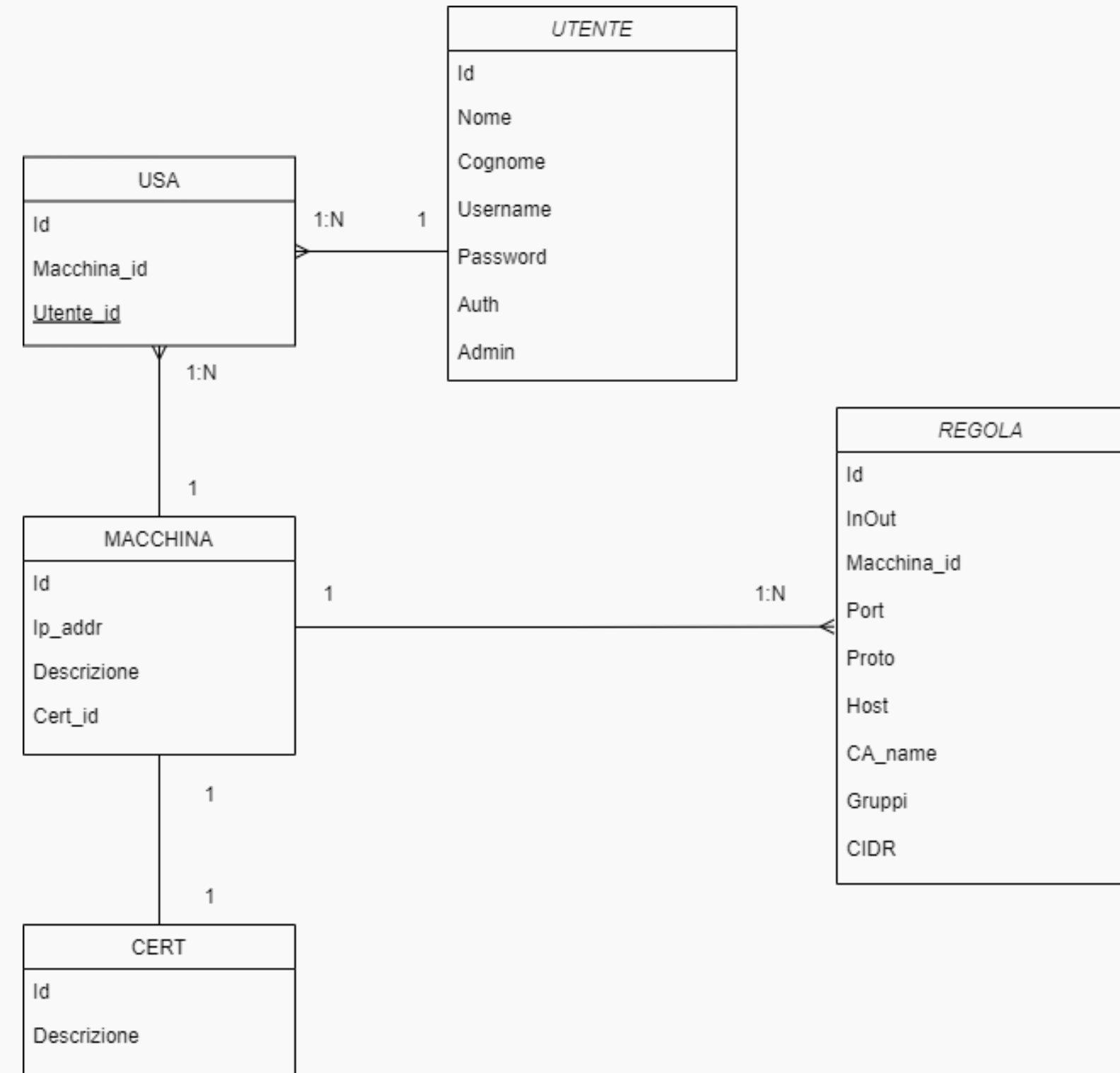
Three tables, only for testing

## Second version

Introduced CERT, CONF and REGOLA tables, but not optimised.

## Final version

Optimised DB, addedd AUTH and ADMIN fields.





# DB Connection Framework



Psycopg2



SQLAlchemy



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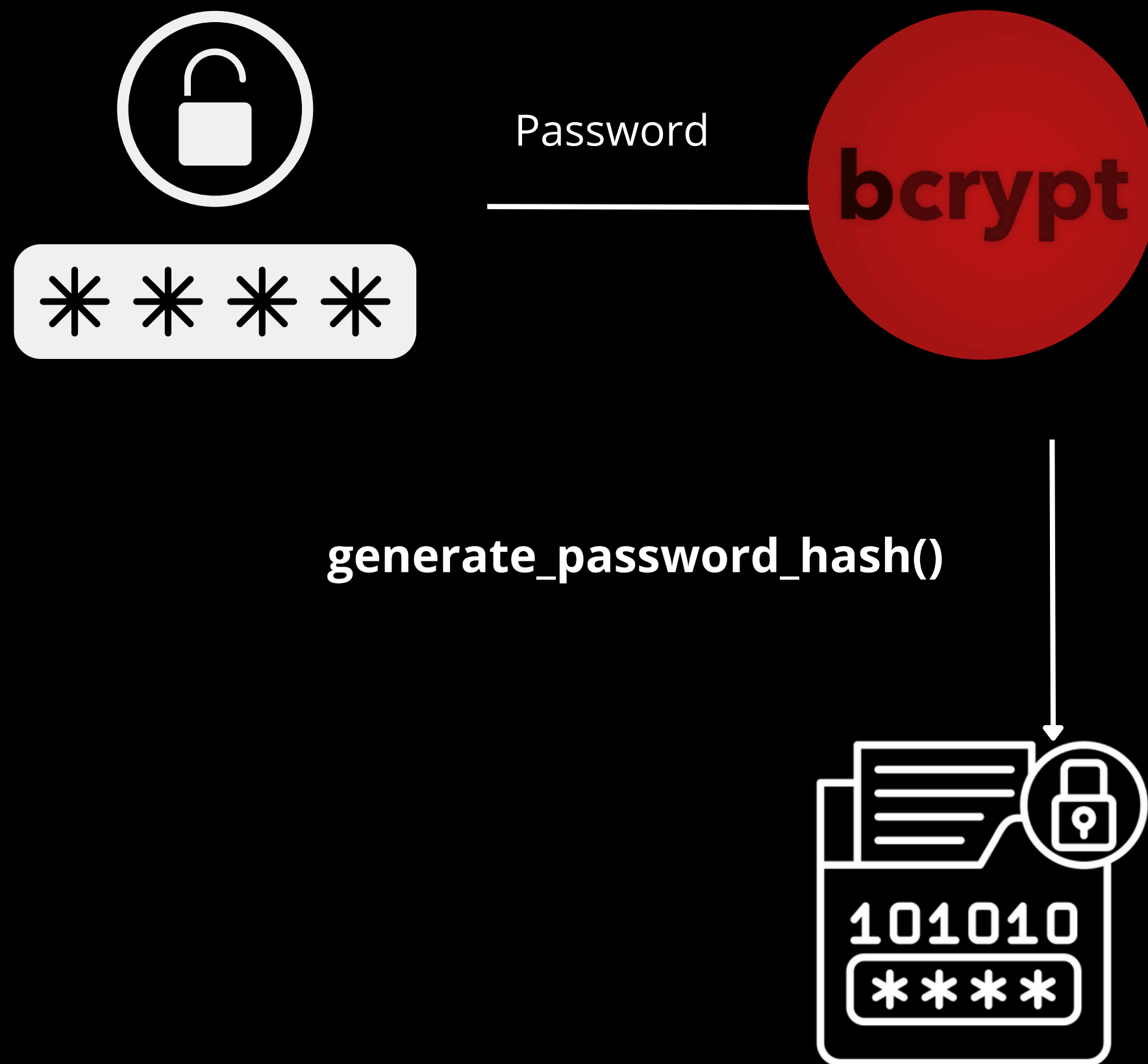
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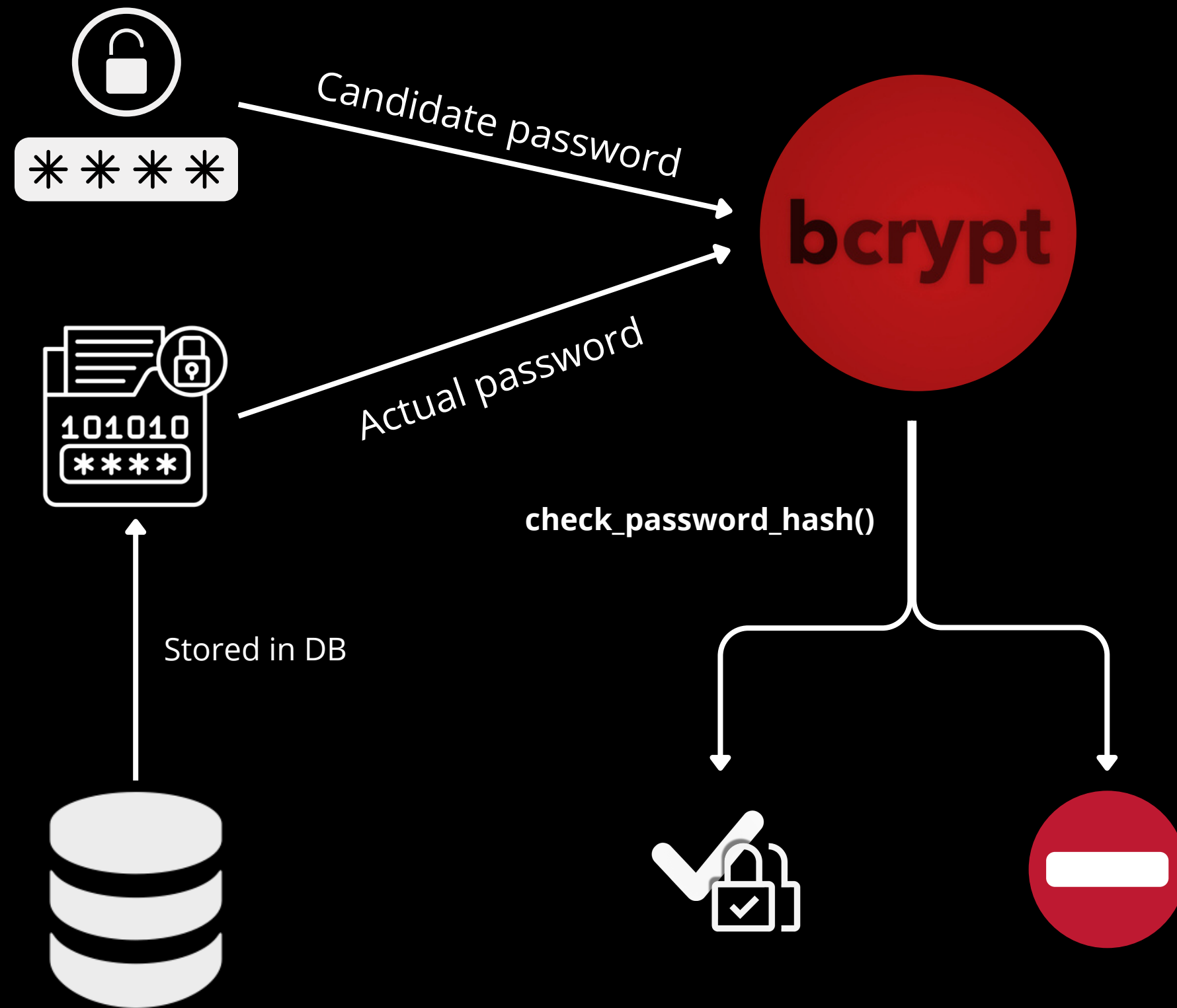
# Password management

- Based on **Blowfish**
- Slower but **Safer**
- **Easy** to use





# Password storage



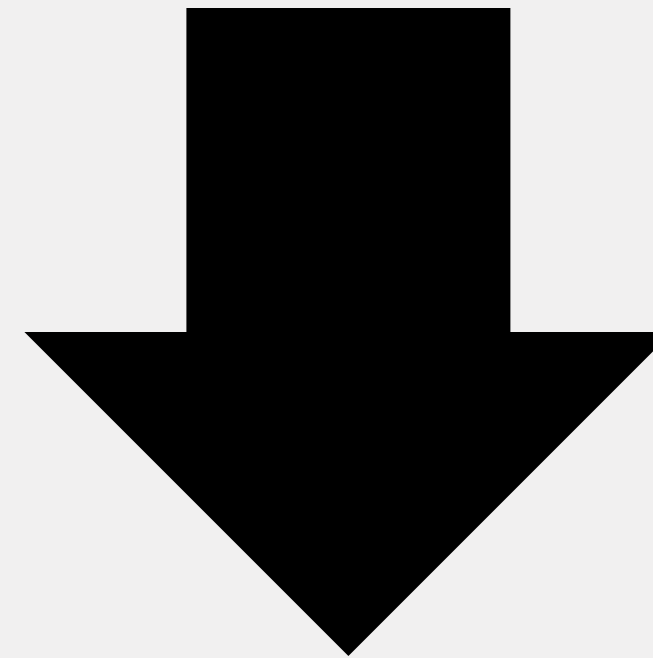
# Password check



# Downloading Short-Lived Certificate & Keys

## First idea: use of Tkinter

- user chooses **where to store files**
- *apt-get install* required for it —————→ **NOT POSSIBLE**

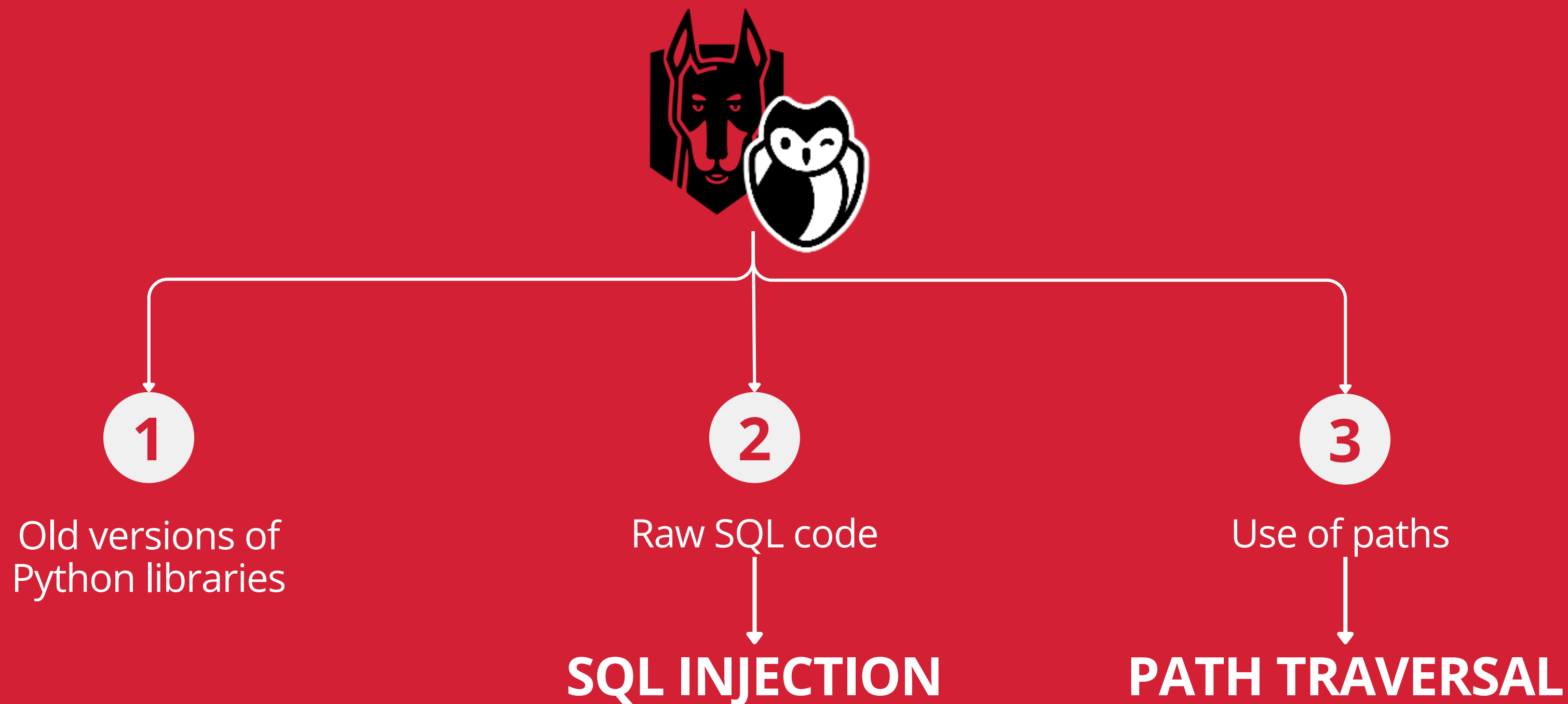


## SOLUTION: Flask *send\_file()* method

- downloads directly into **Downloads folder**
- **only one file** at time —————→ **MAKE A ZIP FILE!**



# NebulaRAT vulnerabilities

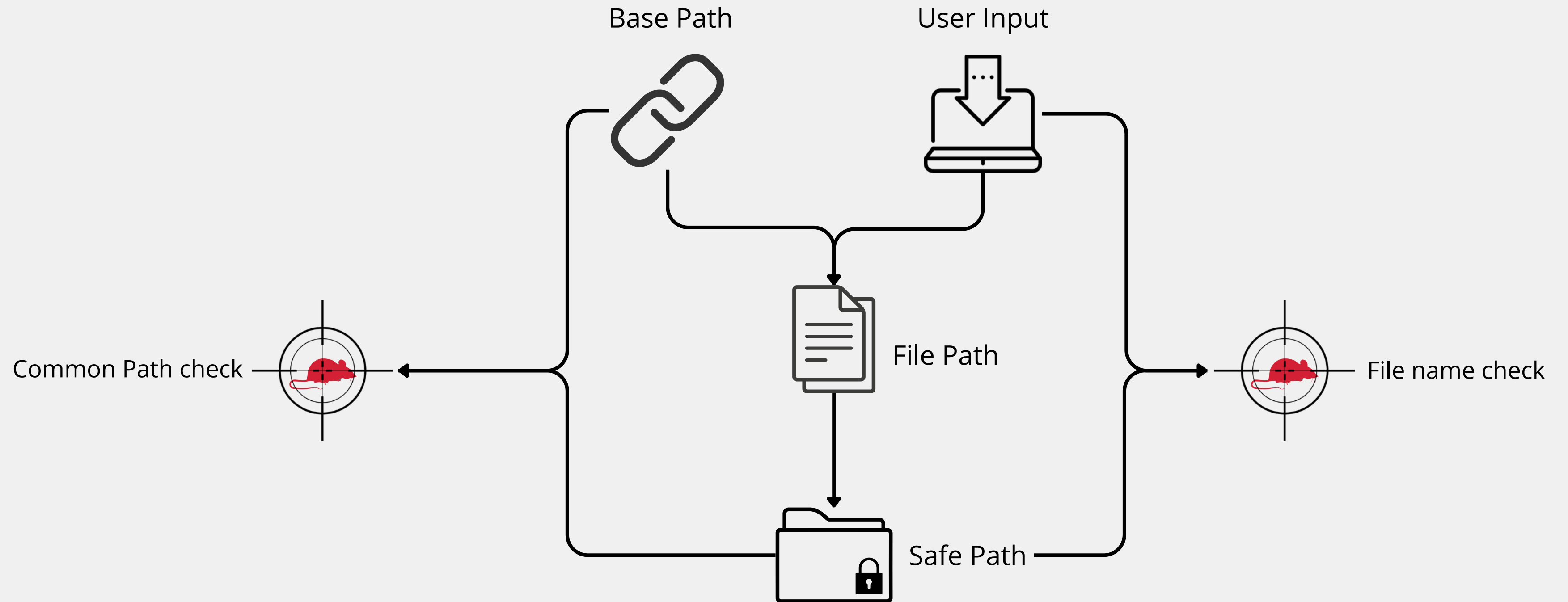


# How did we solve SQL Injection?



**Escapes** the input parameters, so that they are **not treated** as SQL statements.

# Path Traversal mitigation



# Web Interface



## FRONT END

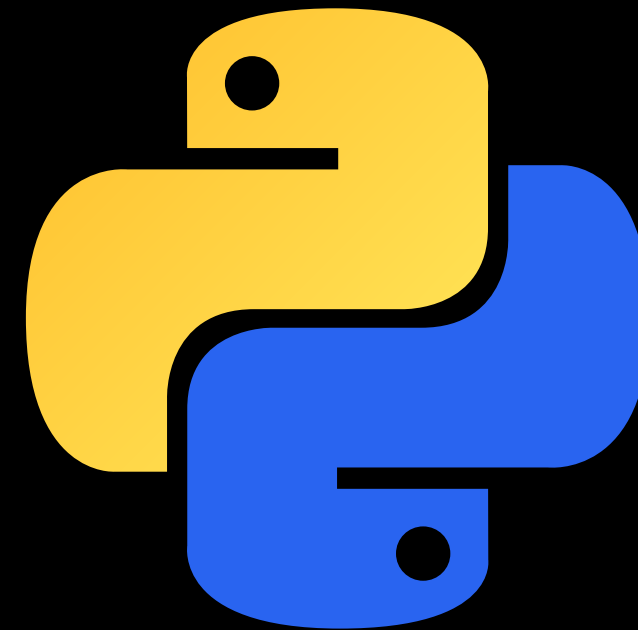
HTML



CSS



## BACK END



Flask

# Why Flask?



- **Simplicity and Lightness**



- **Flexibility**



- **Azure and Flask**



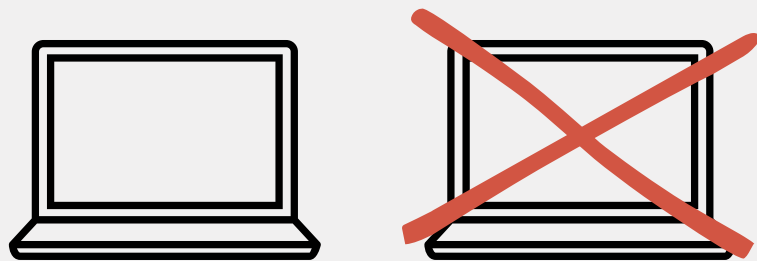
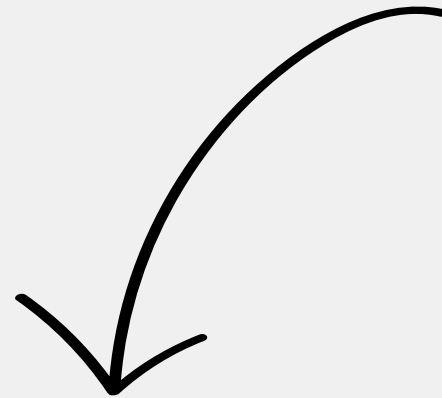
- **Steeper learning curve in Django**



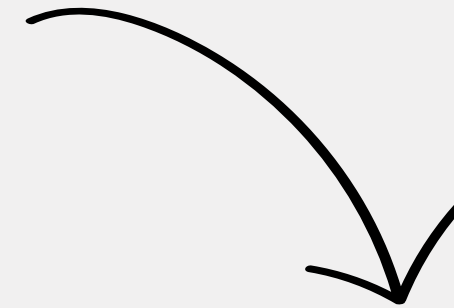
# App Flask



**Definition of the route**

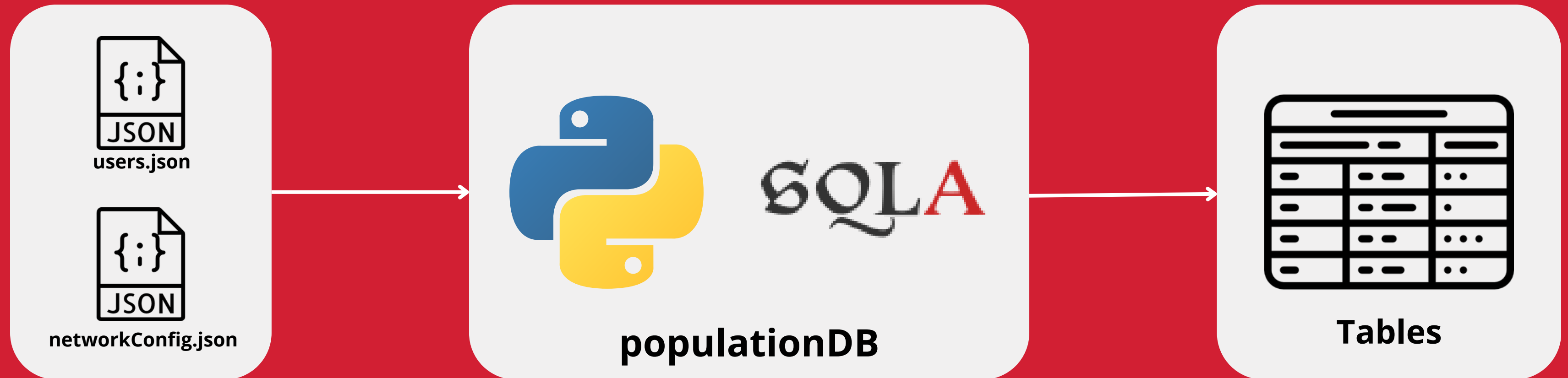


**2 Routes for machine  
assignment/revocation**

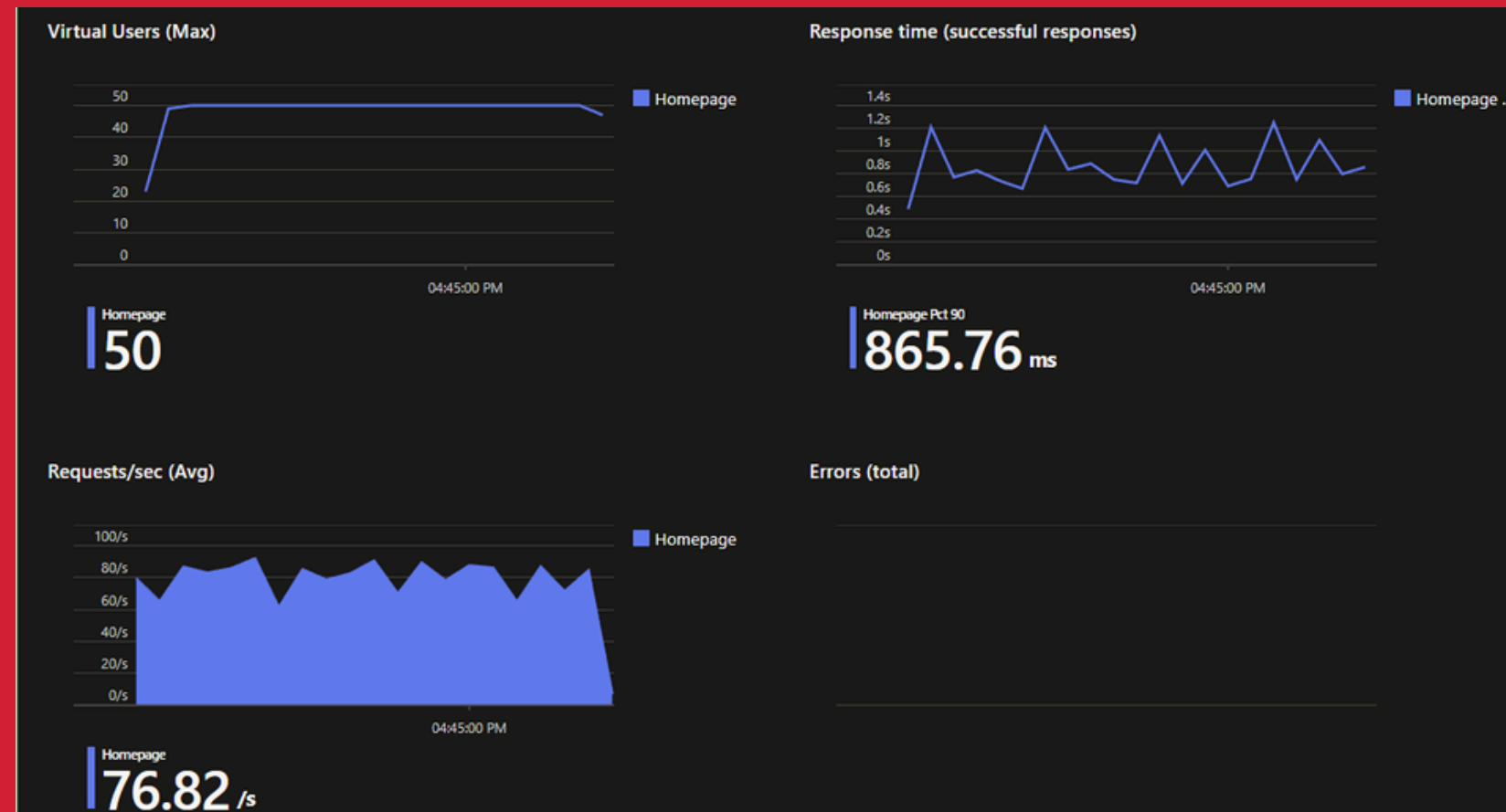


**2 Routes for the  
dashboard**

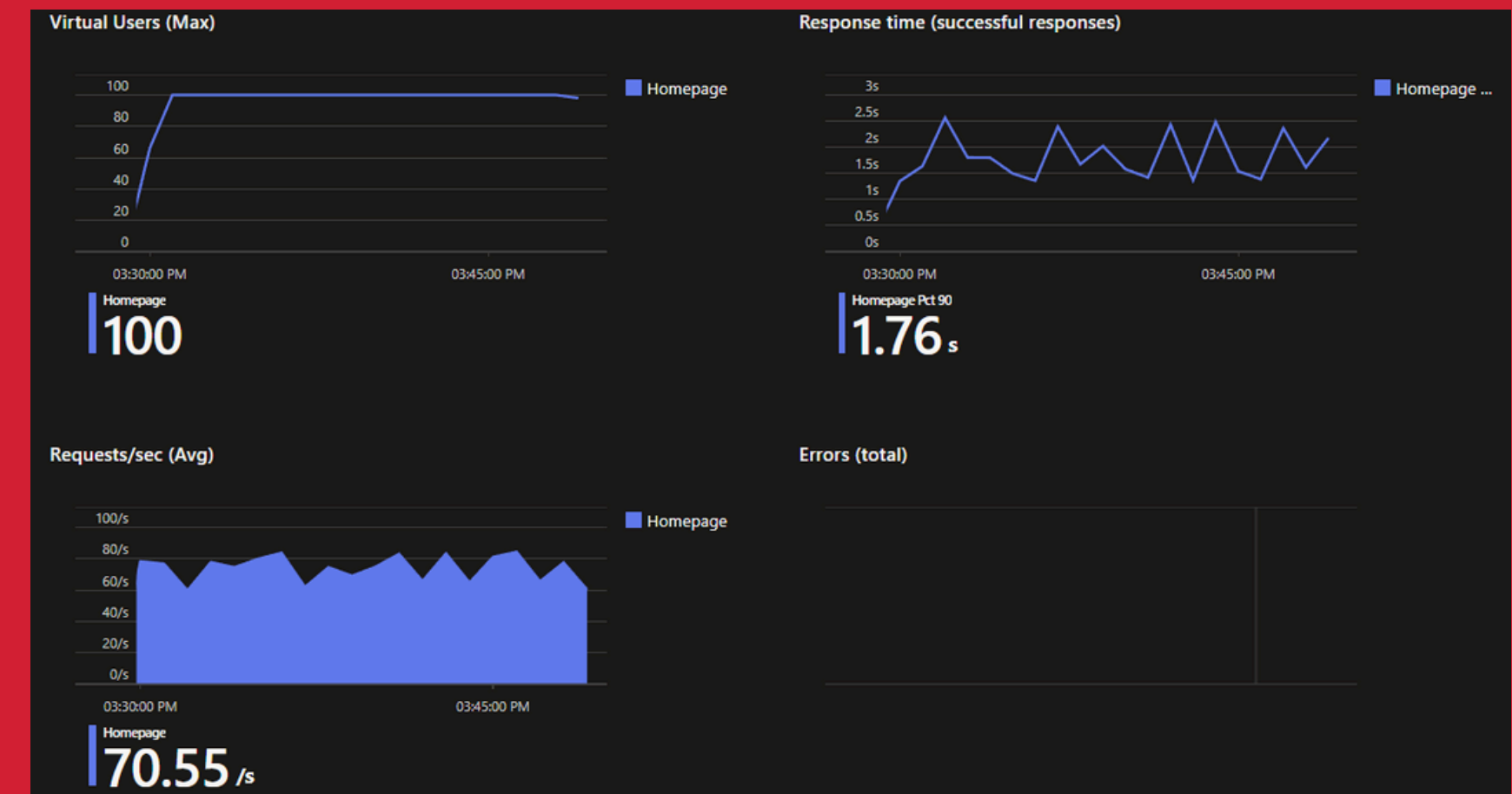
# PopulateDB



# Load test and cost analysis



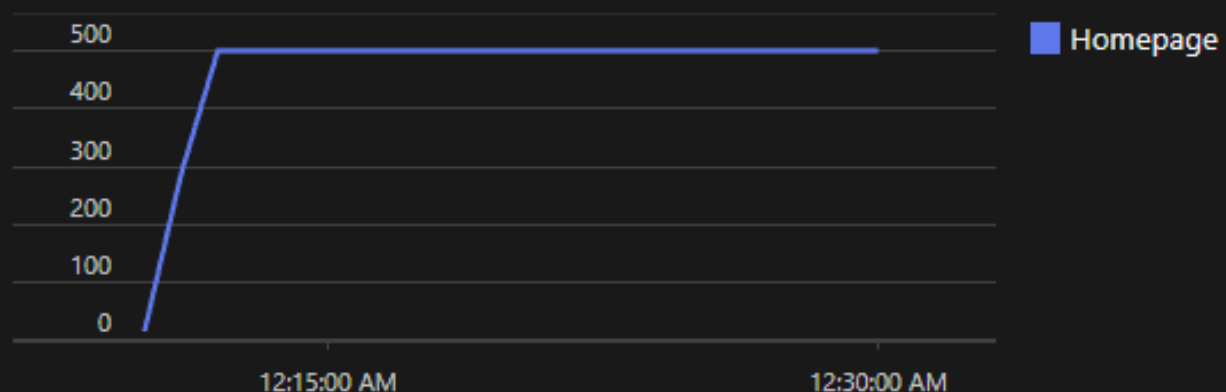
## First Basic Test



# Test with premium services

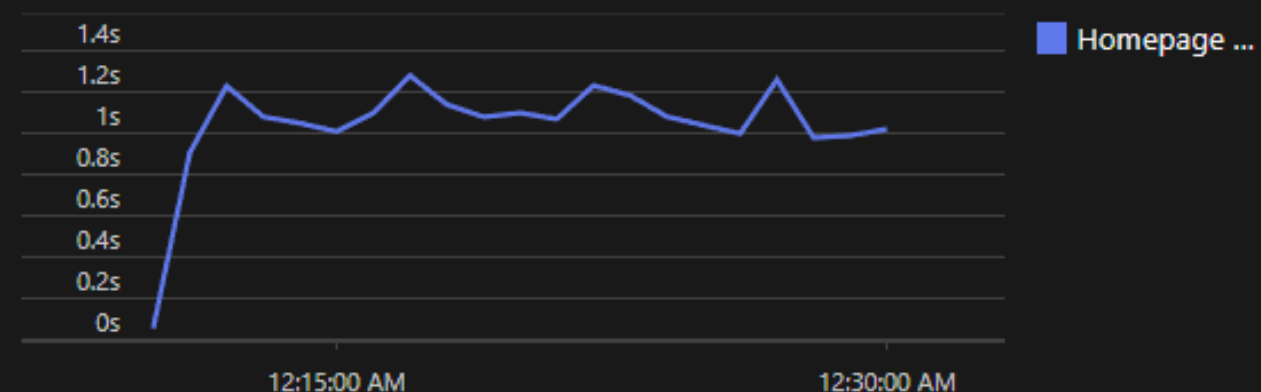


Virtual Users (Max)



Homepage  
**500**

Response time (successful responses)



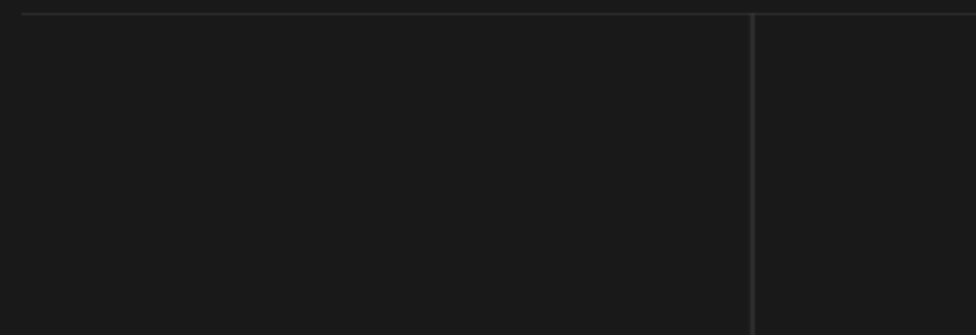
Homepage Pct 90  
**1.04 s**

Requests/sec (Avg)



Homepage  
**468.35 /s**

Errors (total)



# Thanks for your attention!



**TRY DEMO**