

# OBSERVABLE MICROSERVICES

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# Building Microservices

DESIGNING FINE-GRAINED SYSTEMS



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# PRINCIPLES OF MICROSERVICES

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- Modeled around business concepts
- Culture of automation
- Hide internal implementation details
- Decentralize all the things
- Deploy independently
- Isolate Failure
- Highly observable





# WHAT IS OBSERVABILITY?

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***“Observability** is the ability to interrogate your system and get accurate answers that improve your understanding of it”*



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Following

Monitoring is for operating  
software/systems  
Instrumentation is for writing software  
Observability is for understanding  
systems

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**Logging**



**Monitoring**



**Tracing**



**Visualization  
& Alerting**





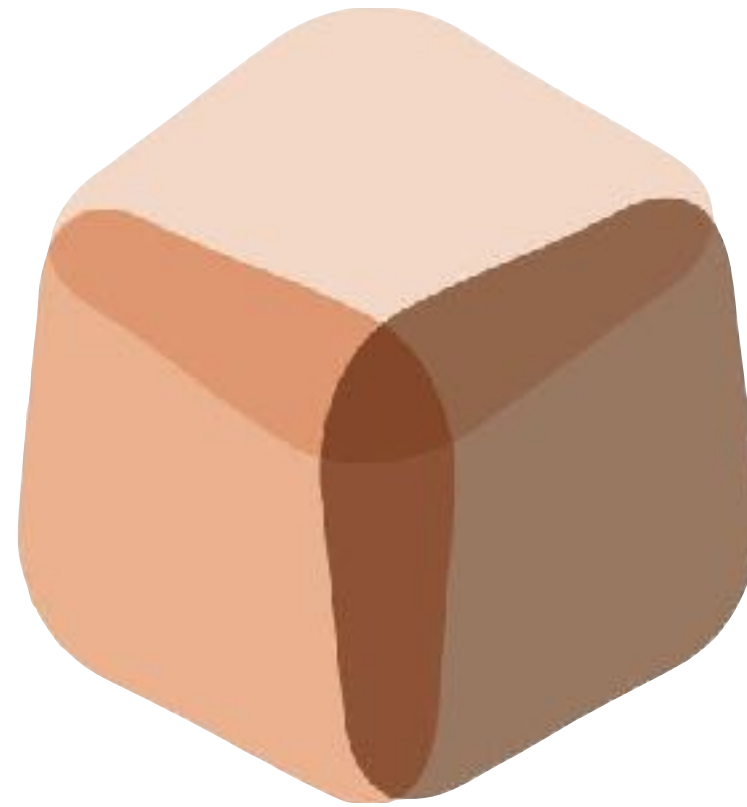


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# LOGGING

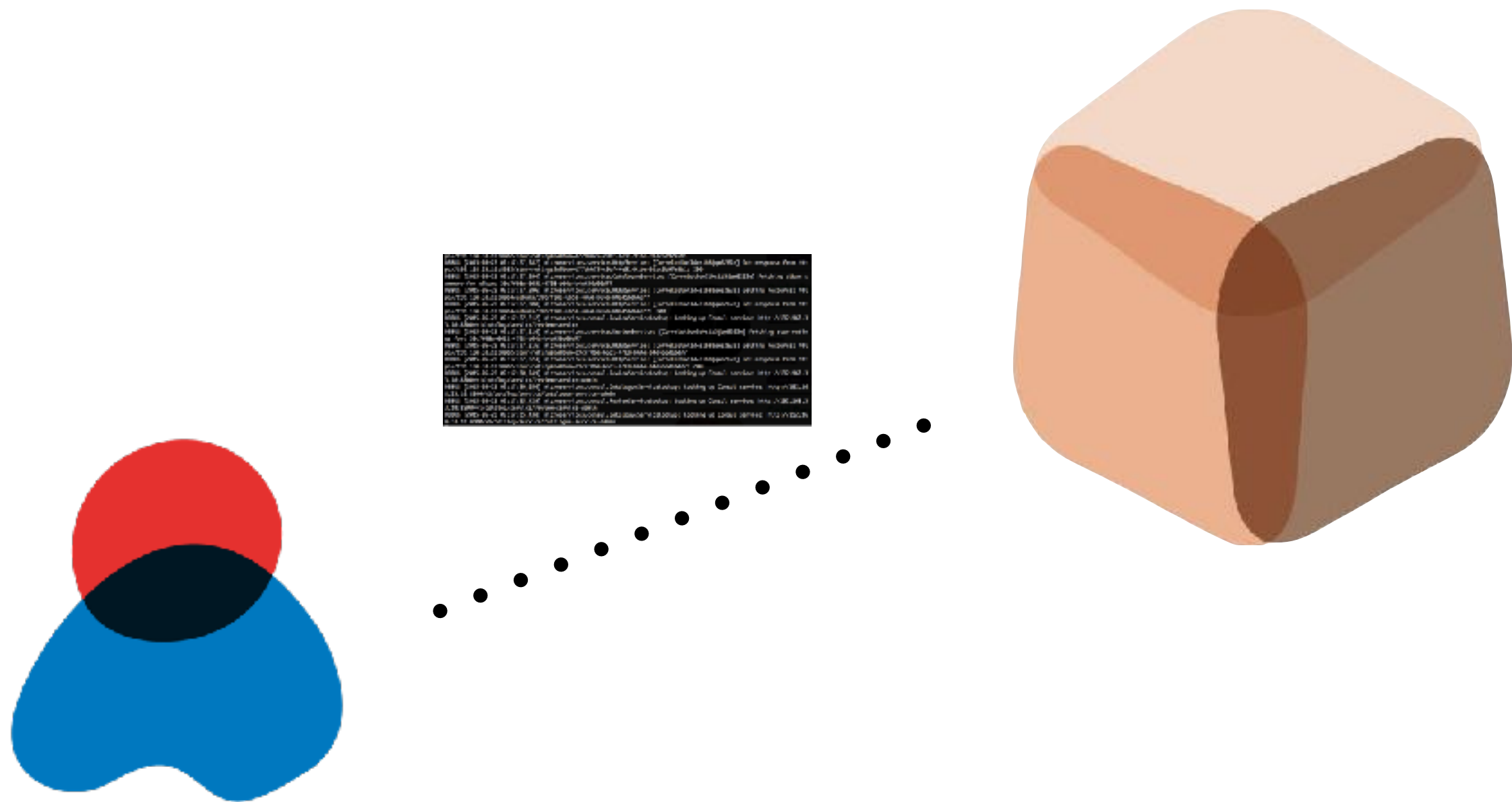
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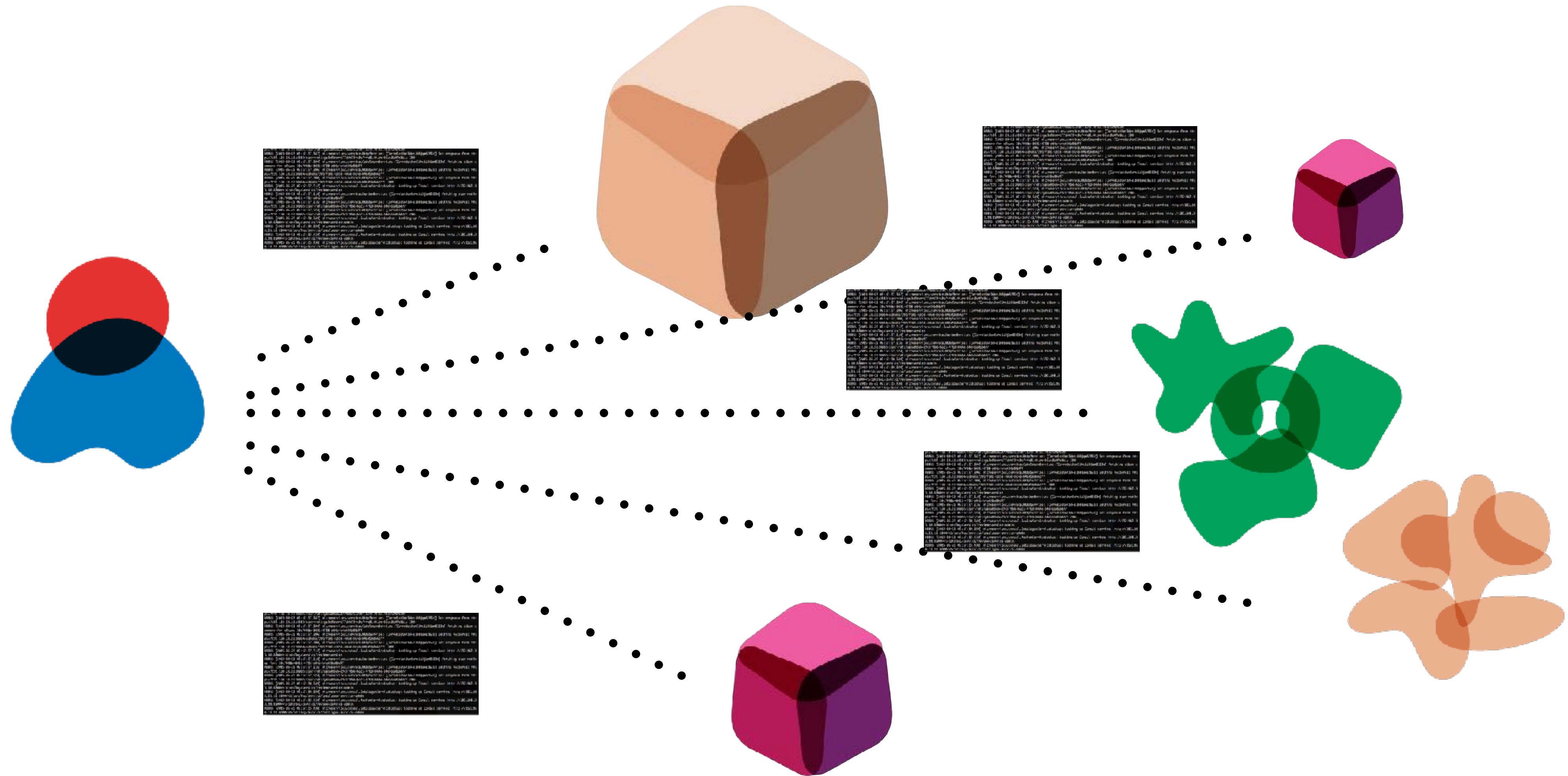


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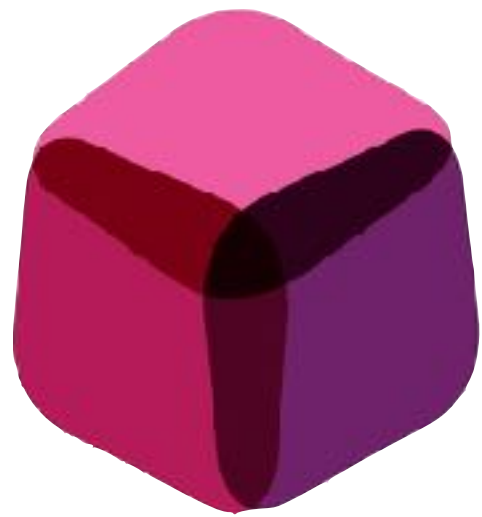
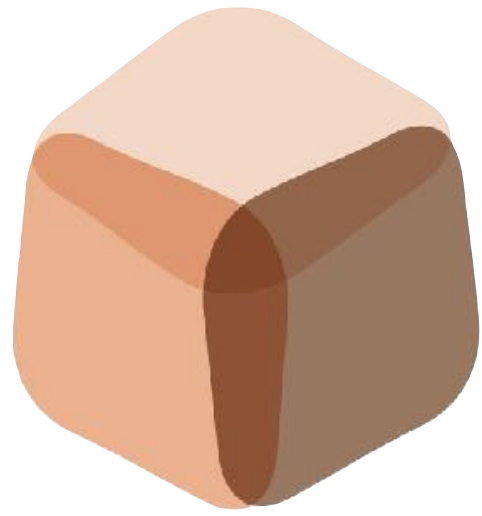


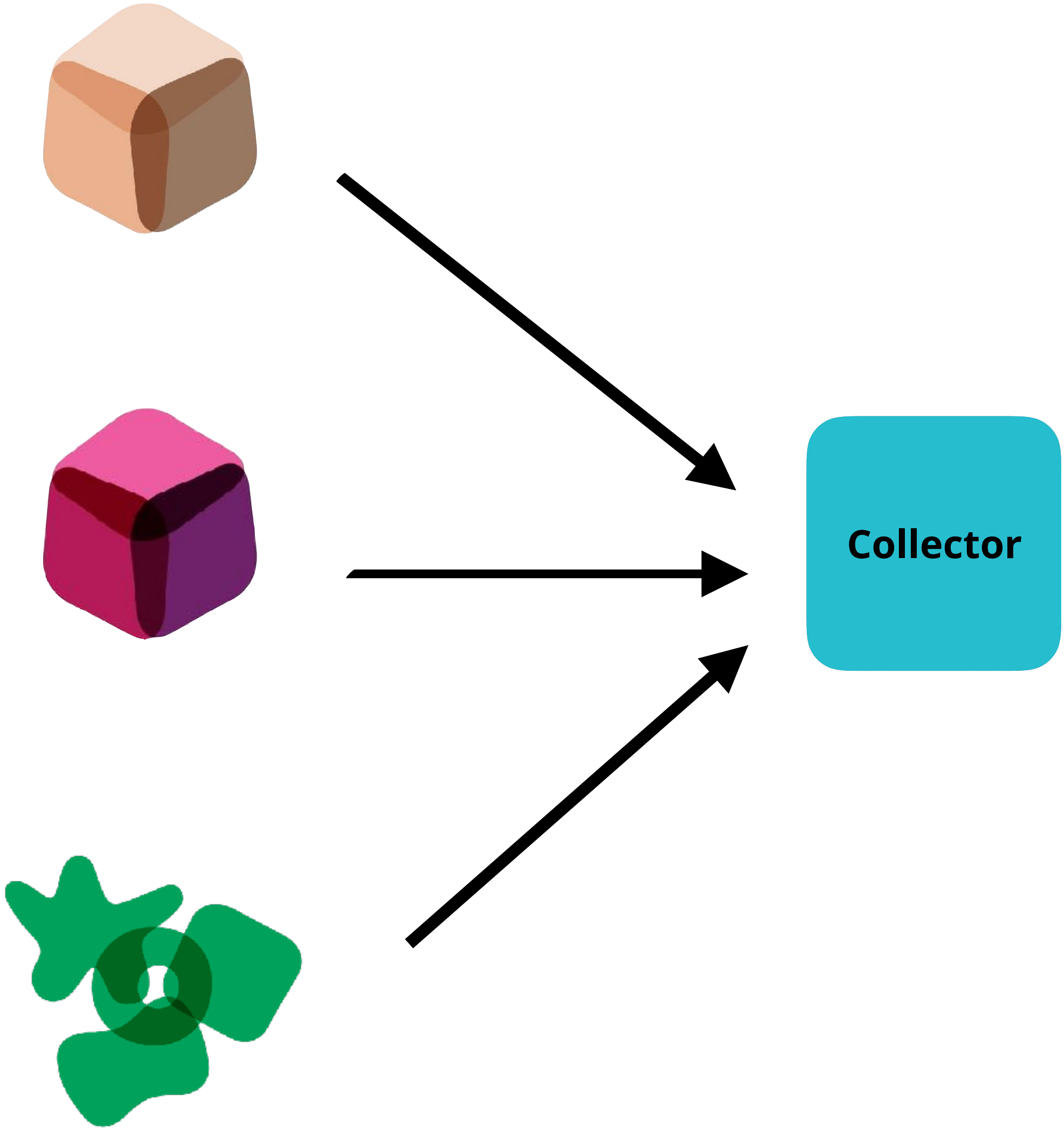
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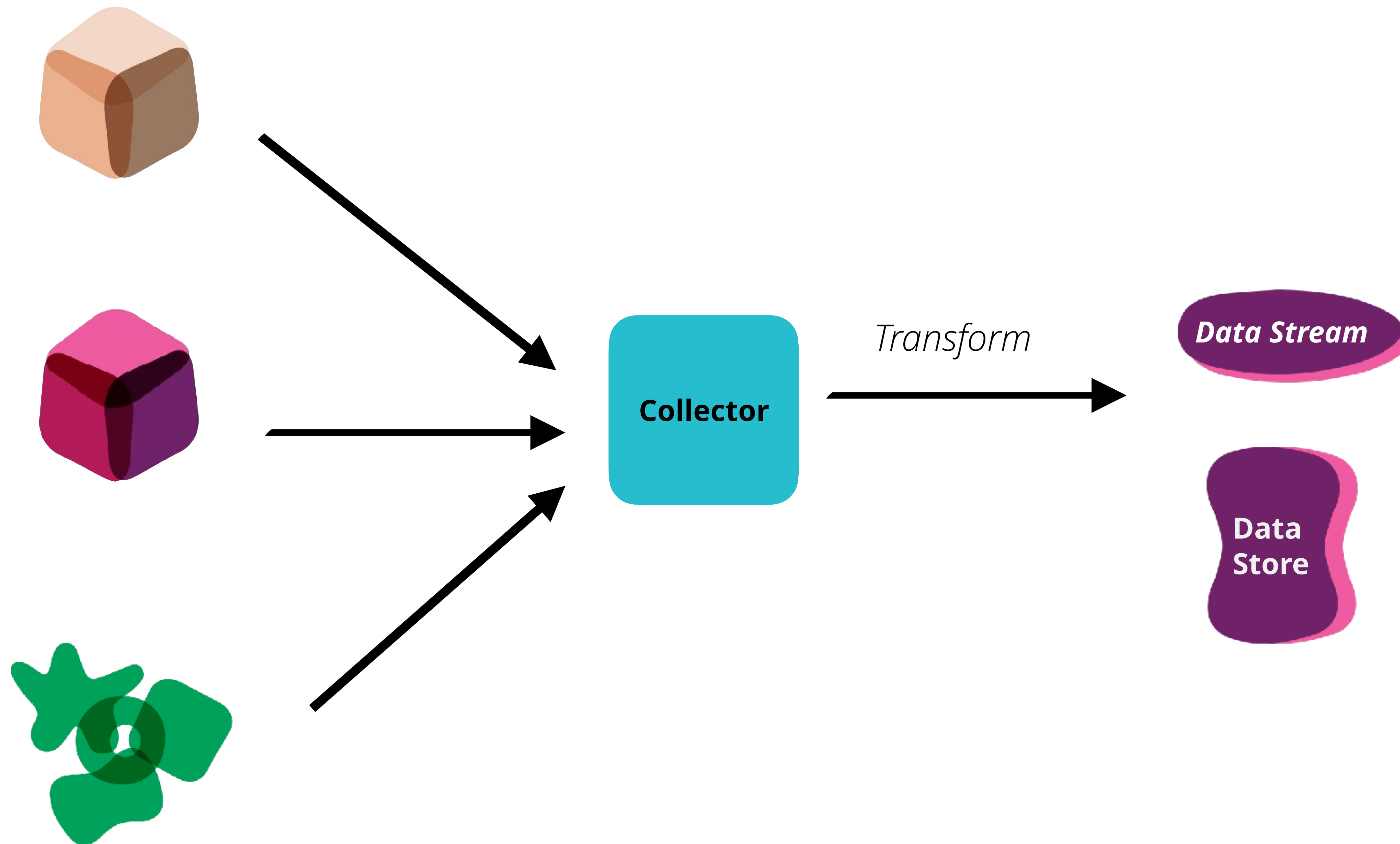


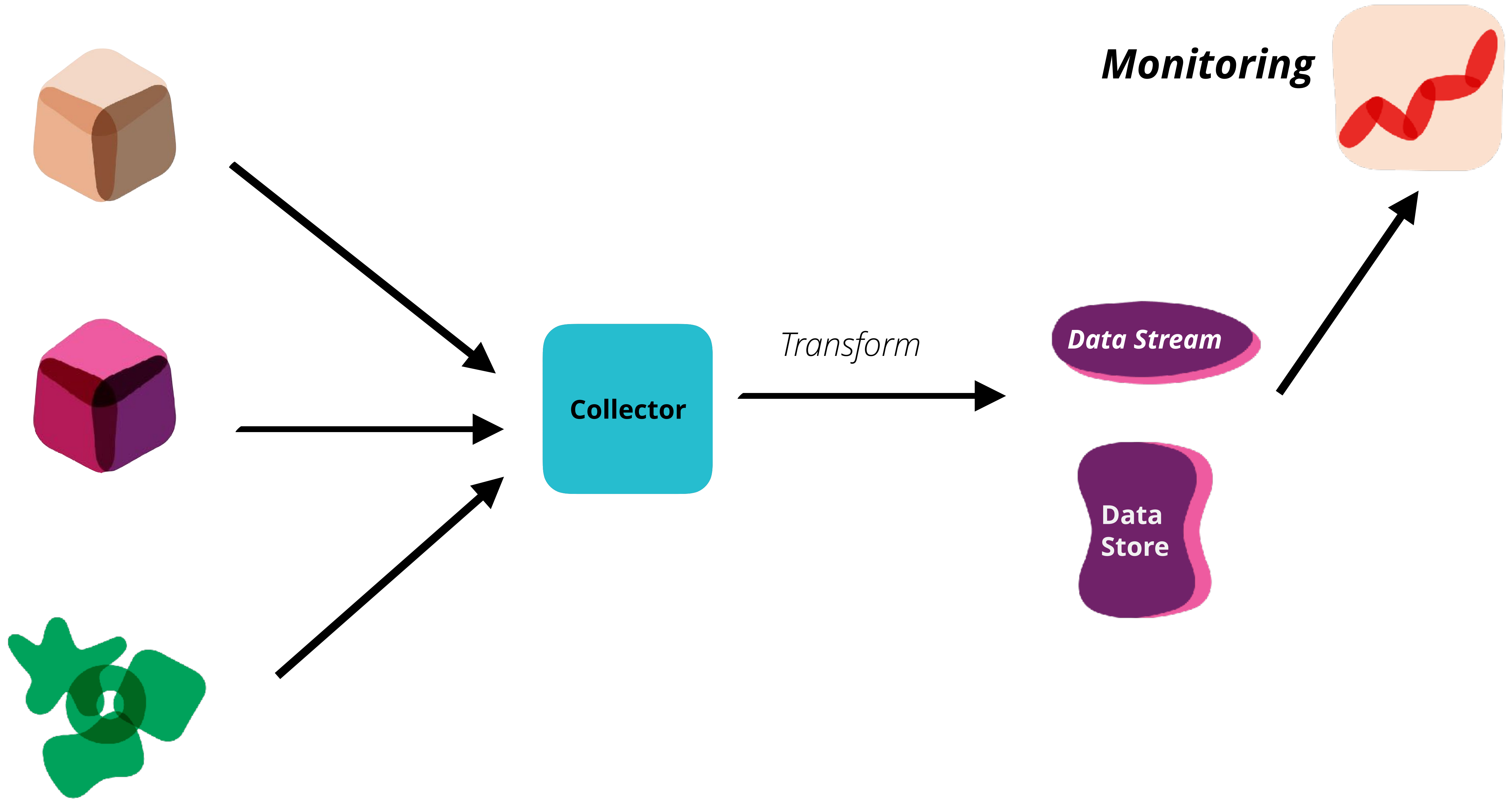
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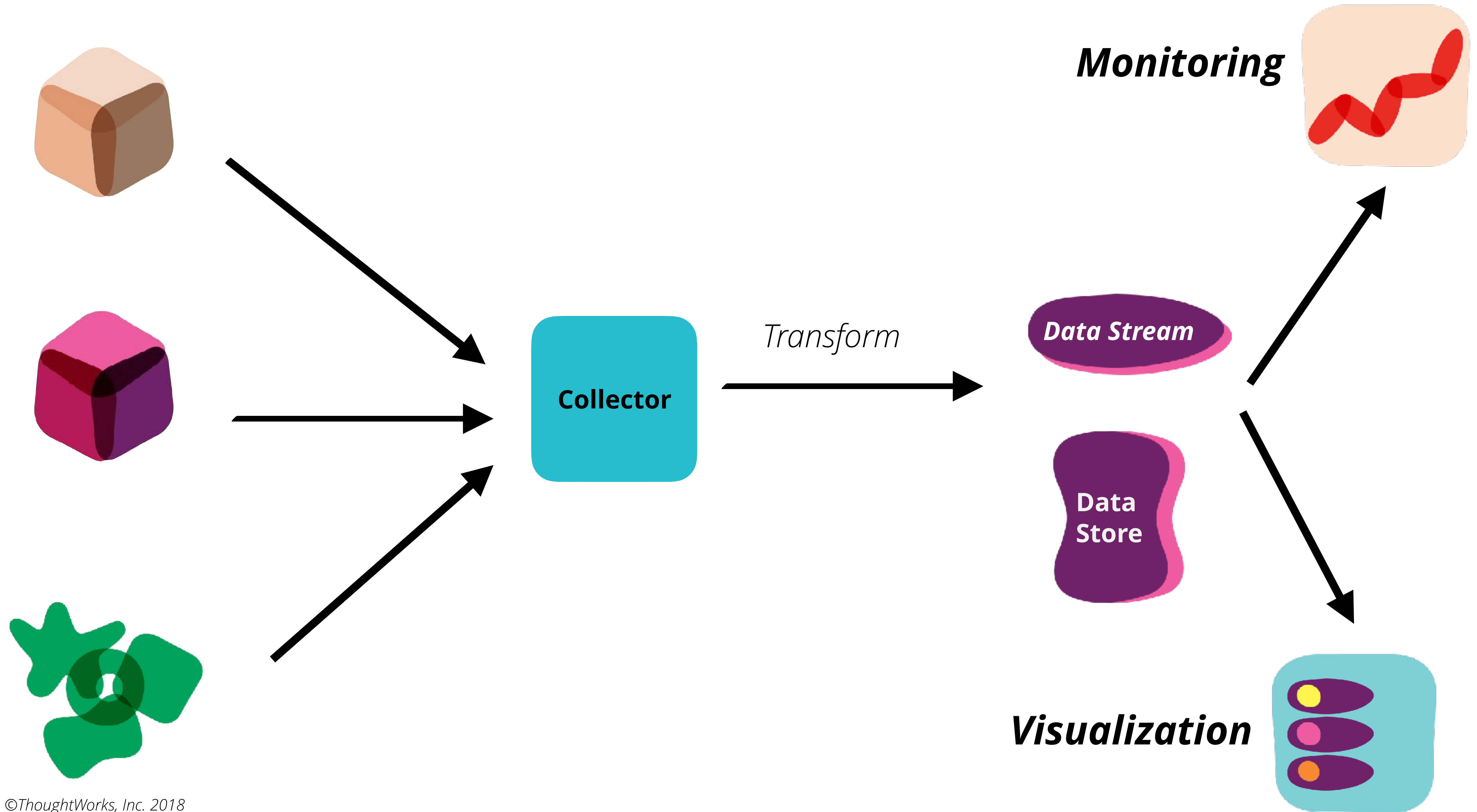






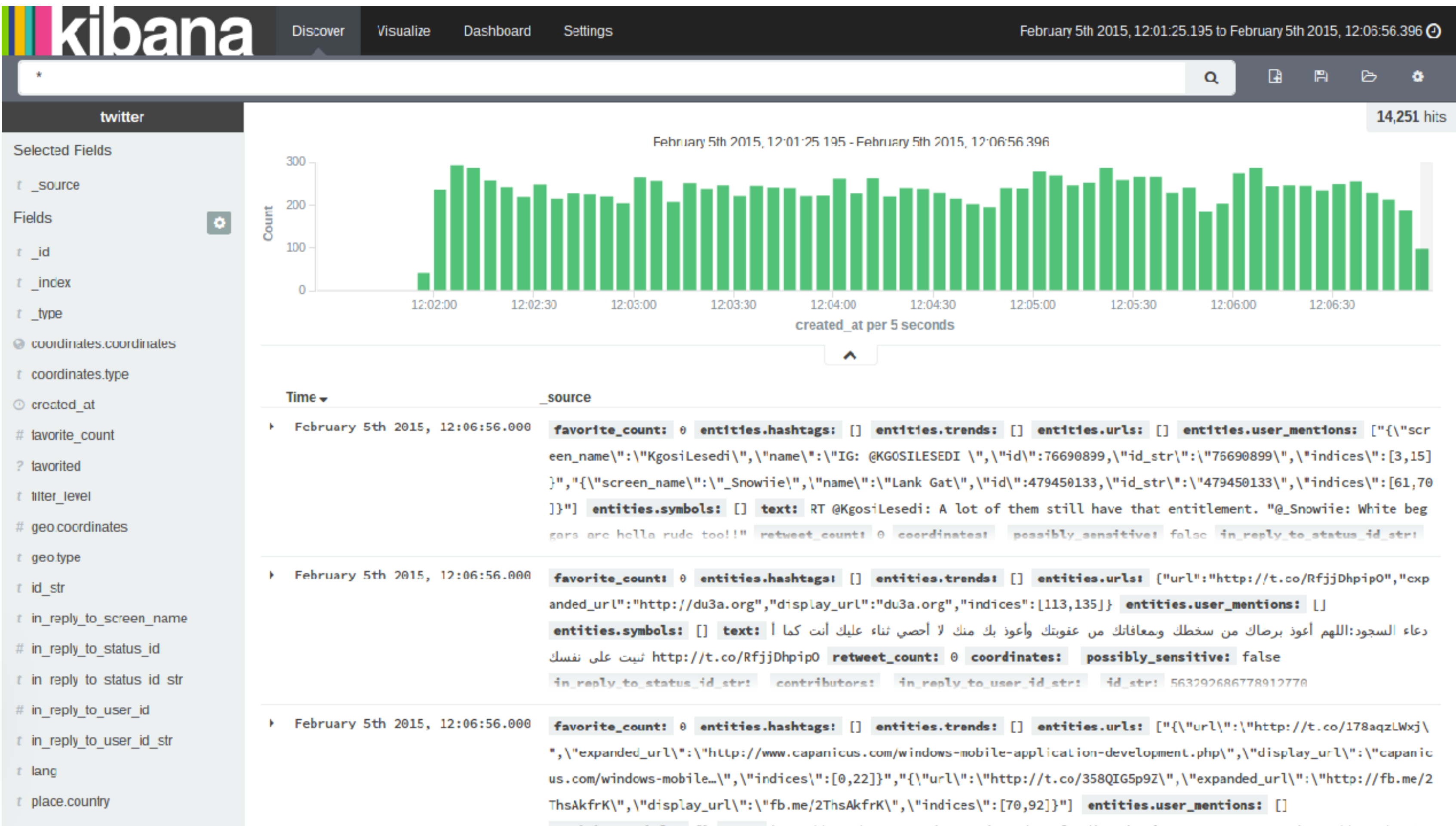








# LOG AGGREGATION



# LOG STRUCTURED DATA

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{  
  CreationTime: "2017-02-24T17:49:15",  
  Id: "9fe0650565-3dac-425a-c83e38499c",  
  Host: "WEBSRVR06",  
  ServiceId: "MyShoppingCartService",  
  ComponentId: "DynamoDBWriter",  
  Message: "Body size exceeded 400kb limit"  
  ....  
  ....  
}
```

# TRACK BUSINESS AND SYSTEM EVENTS

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```
{  
  CreationTime: "2017-02-24T17:49:15",  
  Id: "9fe0650565-3dac-425a-c83e38499c",  
  Host: "WEBSRVR06",  
  ServiceId: "MyShoppingCartService",  
  Type: "BusinessEvent",  
  Event: "ItemAddedToShoppingCart",  
  ItemDetail: {...}  
  
  ....  
  
  ....  
}
```

# STANDARDIZE

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- Standardize certain keys across services
- Bake logging into your service template
- Build a common log aggregation infrastructure



The background of the slide is a high-contrast, monochromatic photograph of a mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a rocky riverbed with scattered boulders leads towards a calm body of water. The middle ground is dominated by steep, dark mountain slopes. The background features a range of jagged mountain peaks, many of which are covered in snow or light-colored rock, creating a stark contrast with the darker slopes. The sky is filled with heavy, layered clouds, adding to the dramatic and somewhat somber atmosphere of the scene.

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# MONITOR

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***Have enough information to help you make decisions***

***Evolves with your system***

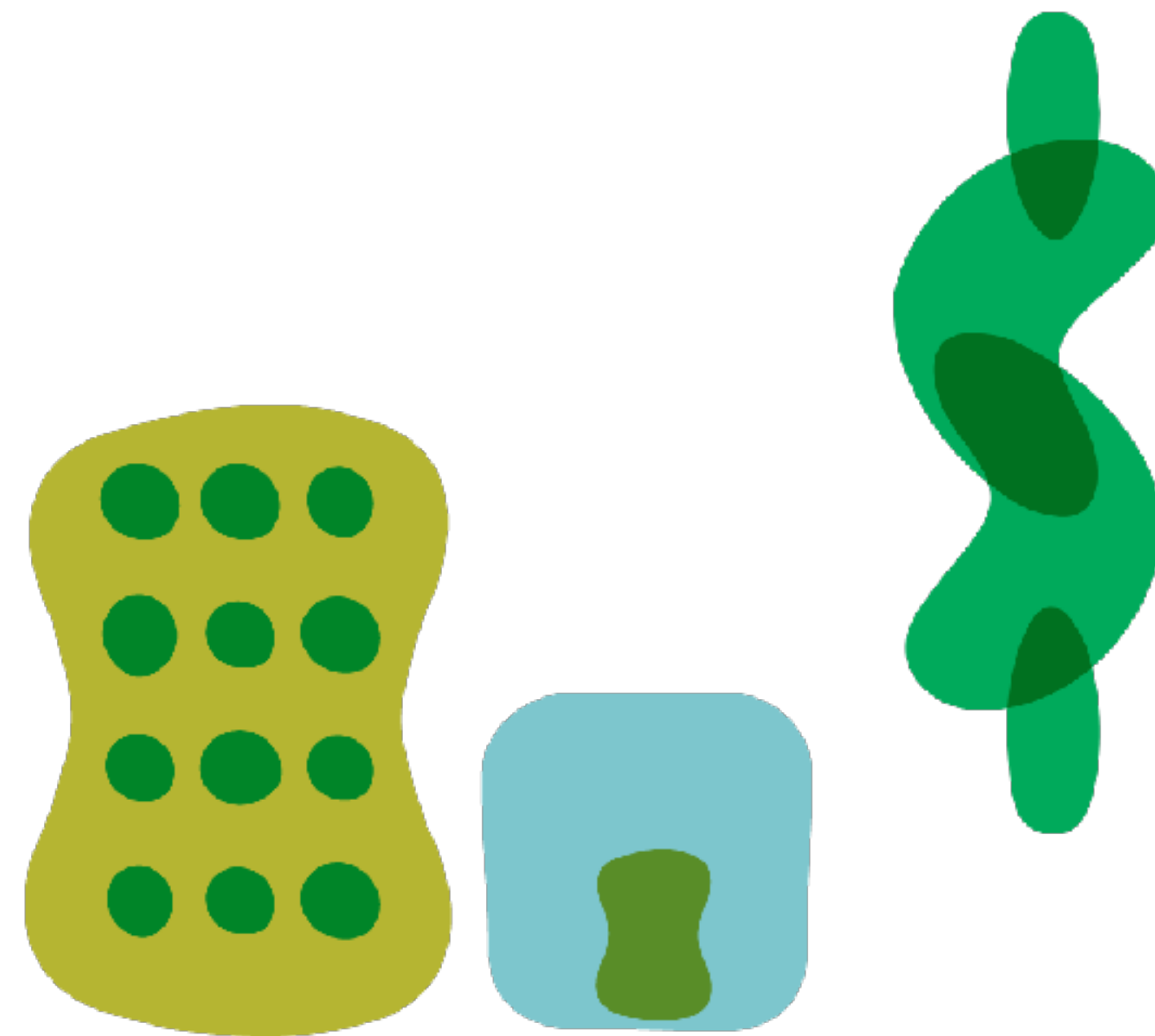
# EXAMPLE

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*Online marketplace*



*3M+ articles*  
*10M+ users per month*

# EXAMPLE

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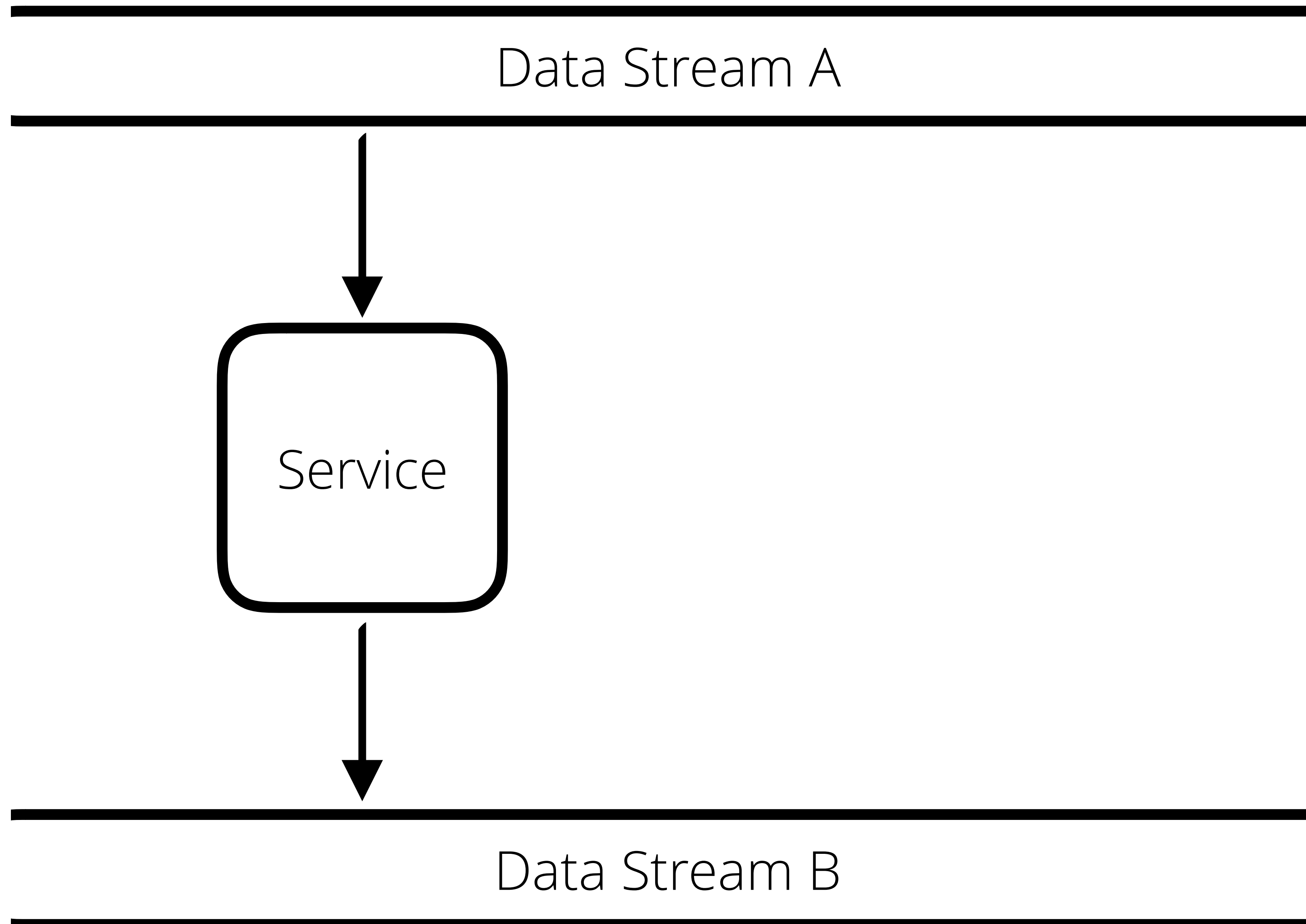


Service



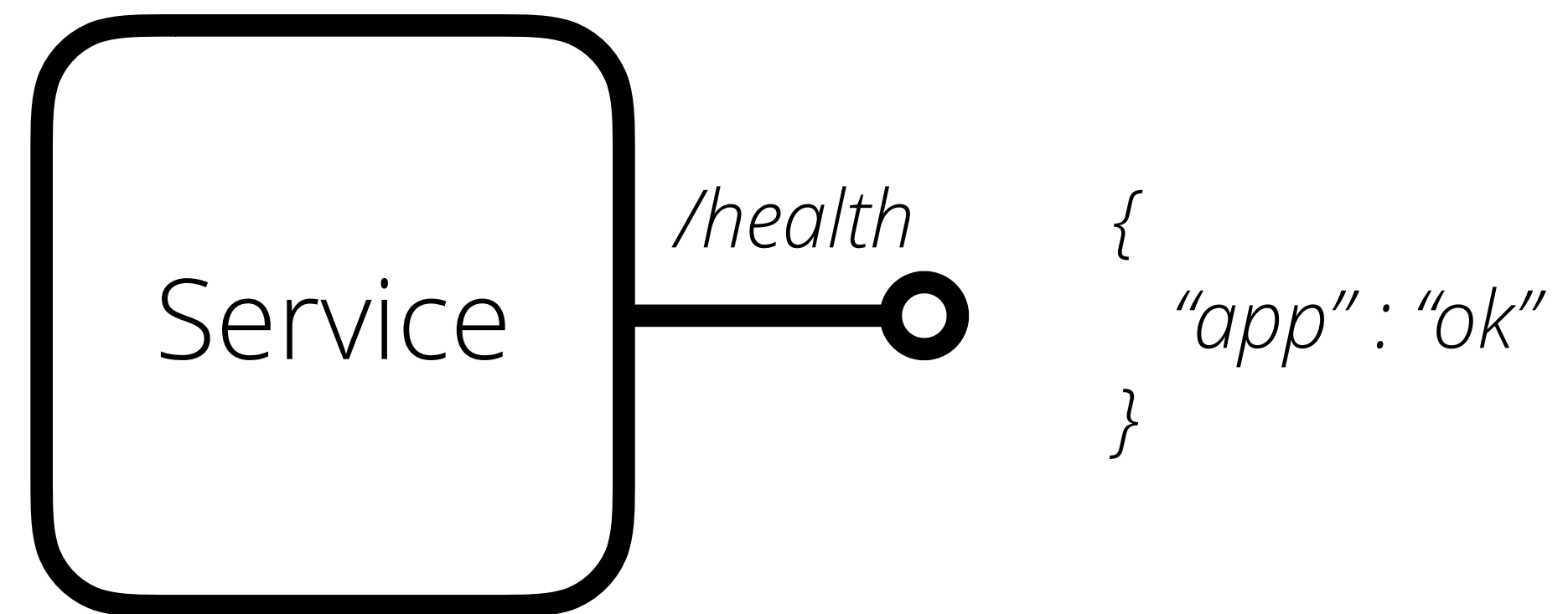
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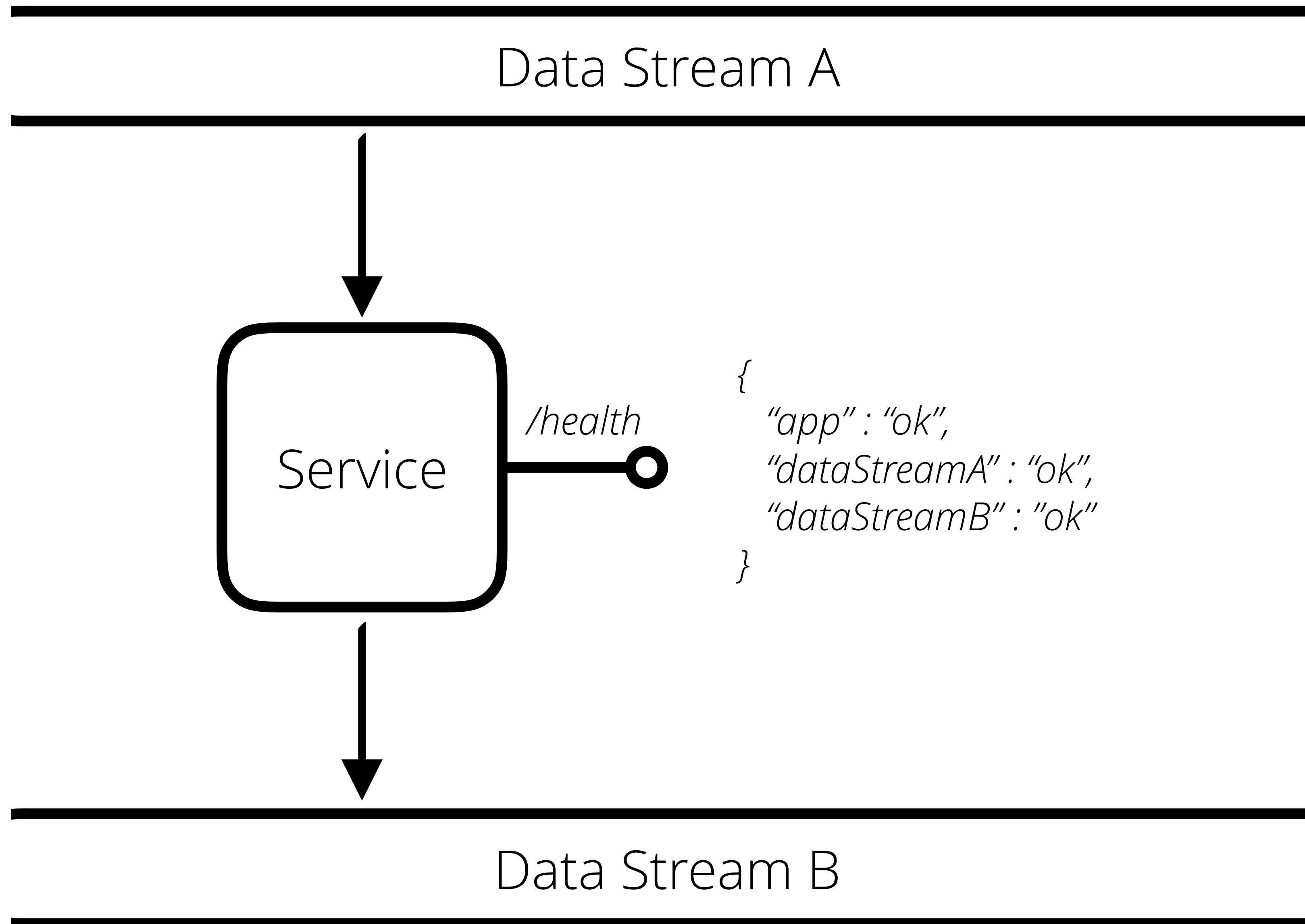


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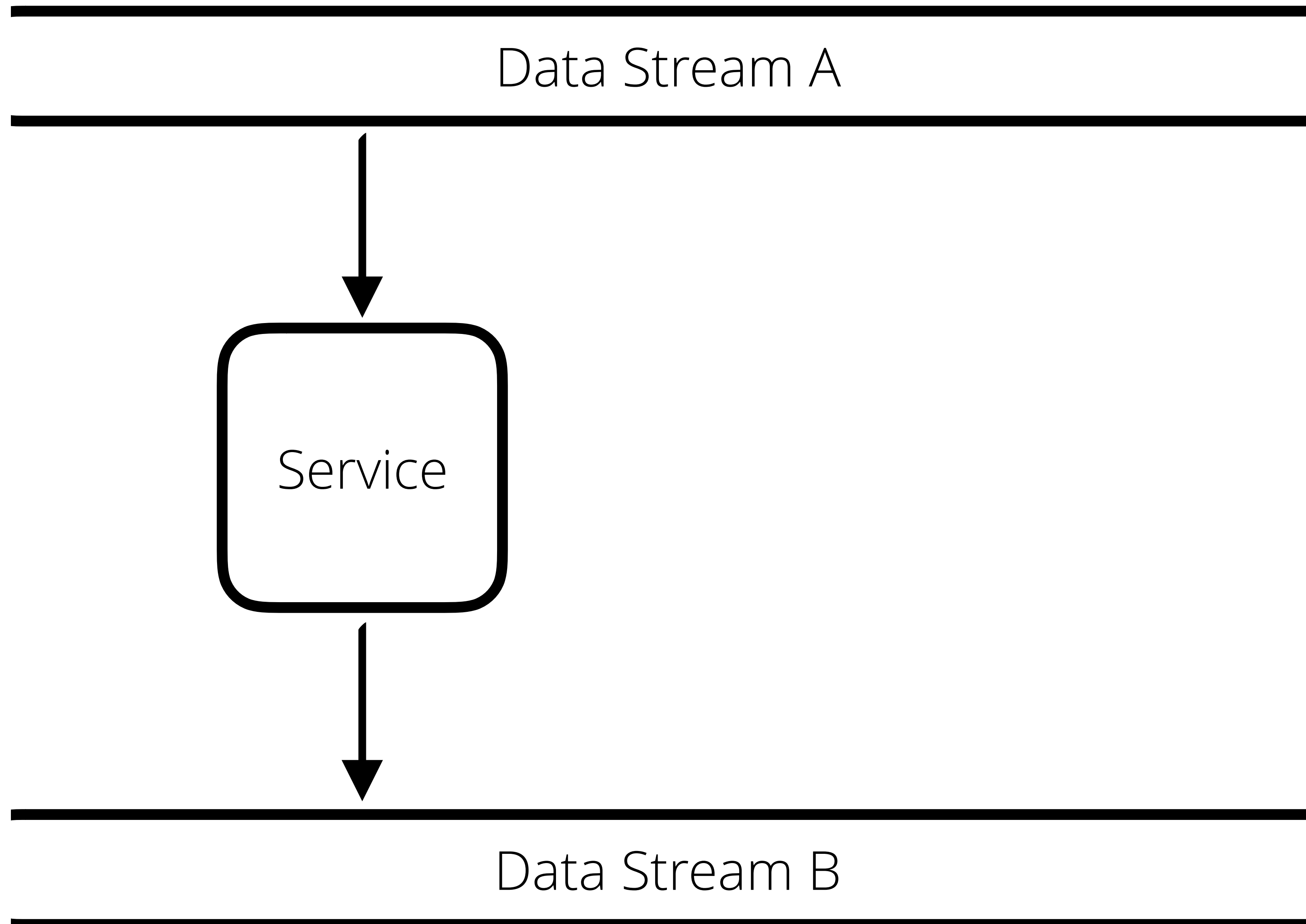


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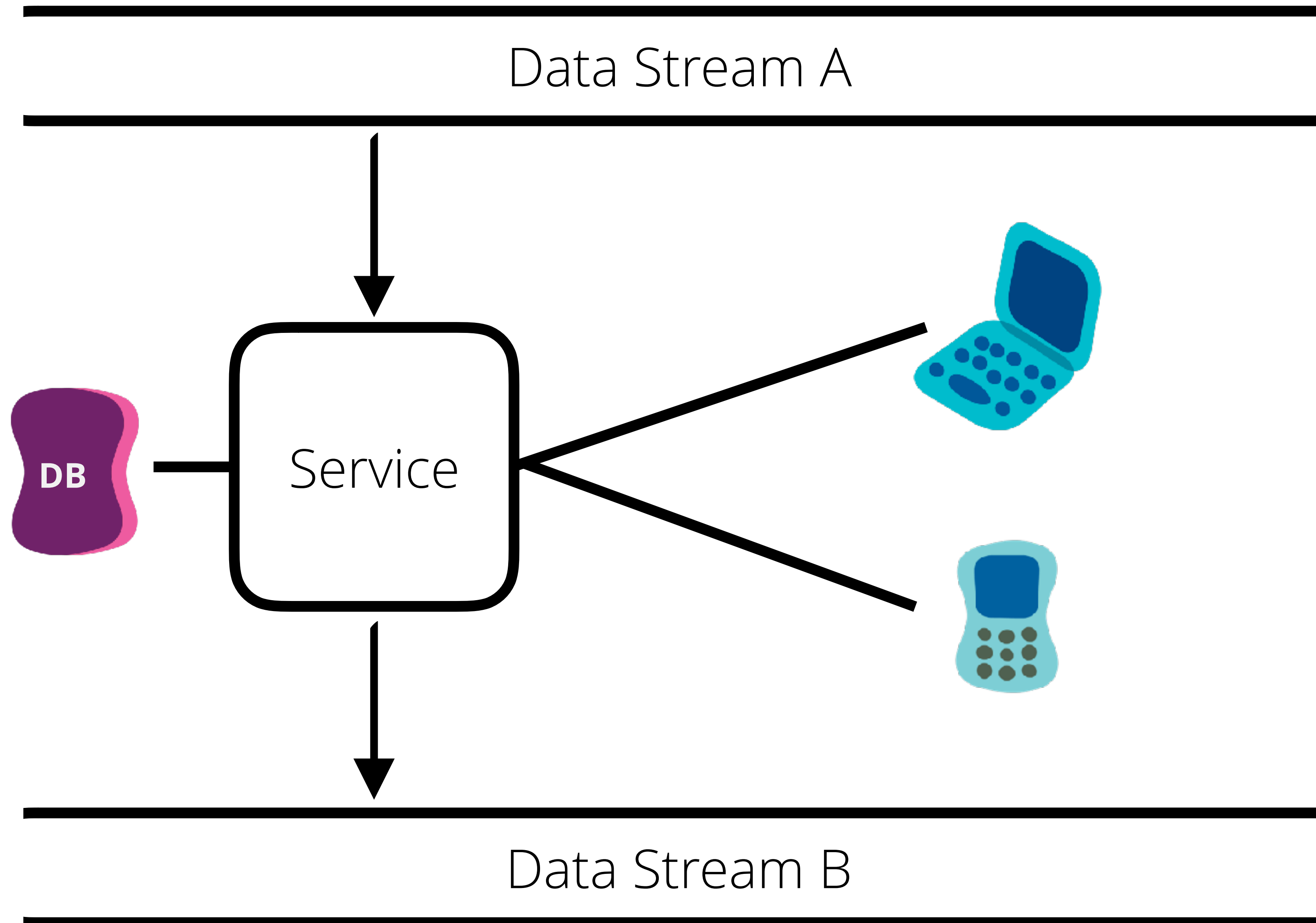


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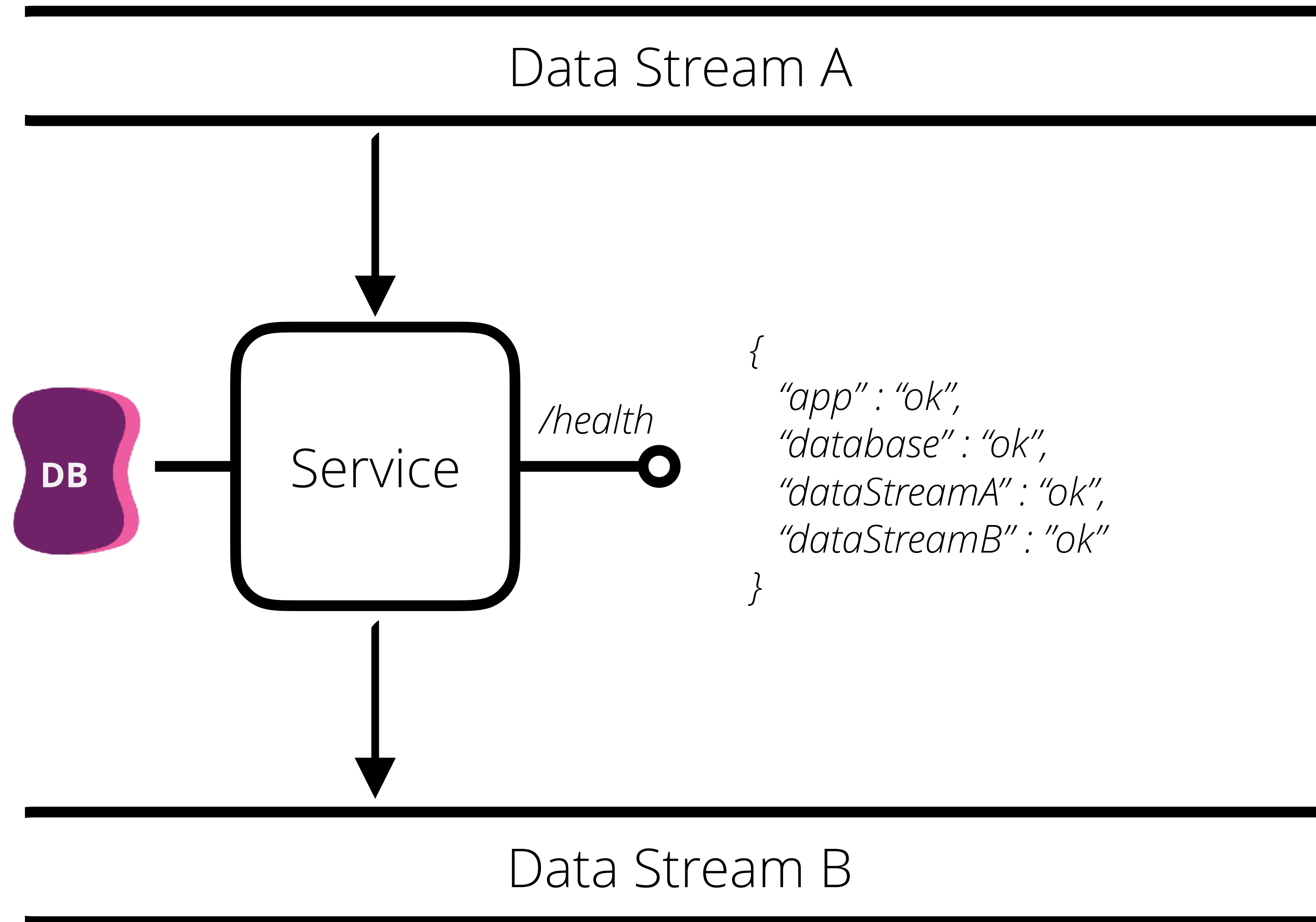
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# EXAMPLE



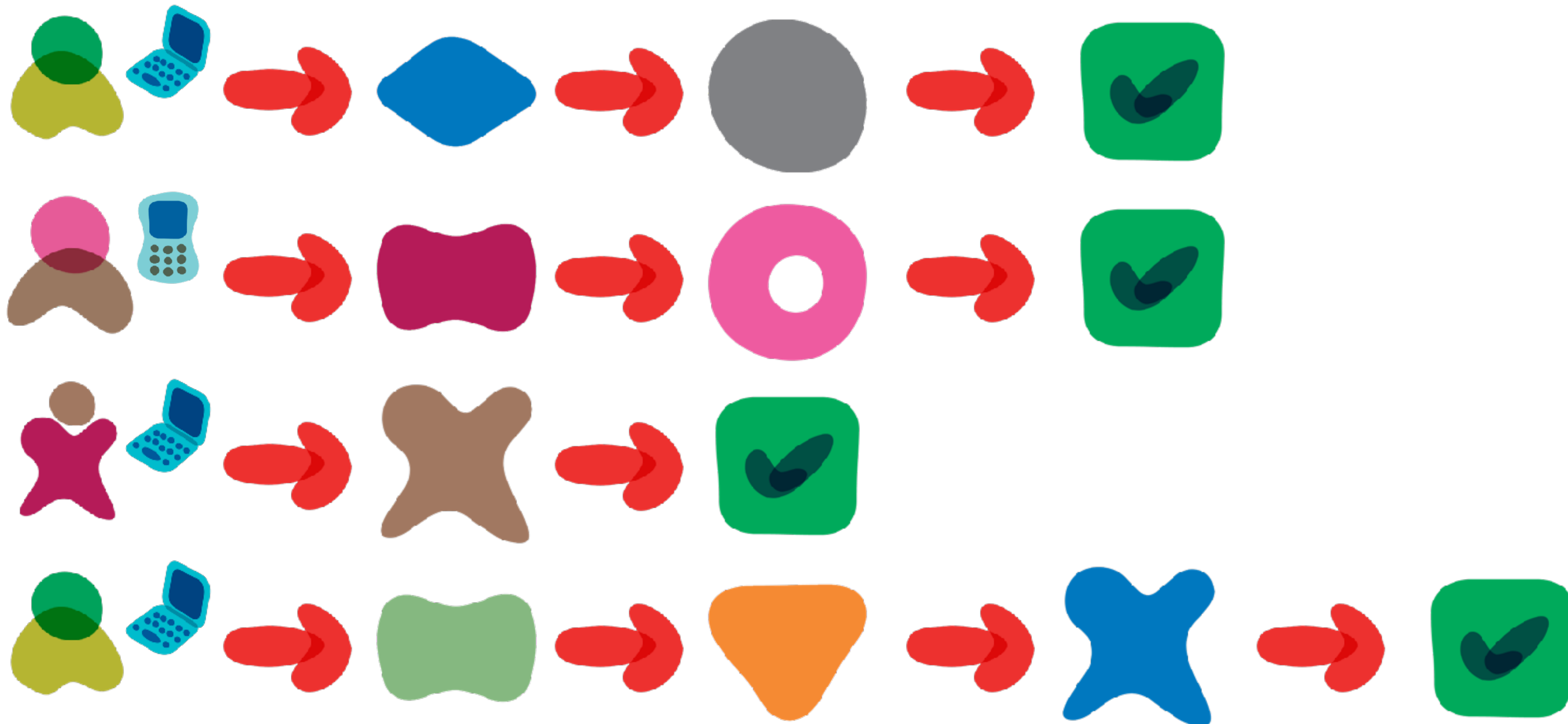
# EXAMPLE



# ***Business monitoring***

# SEMANTIC MONITORING

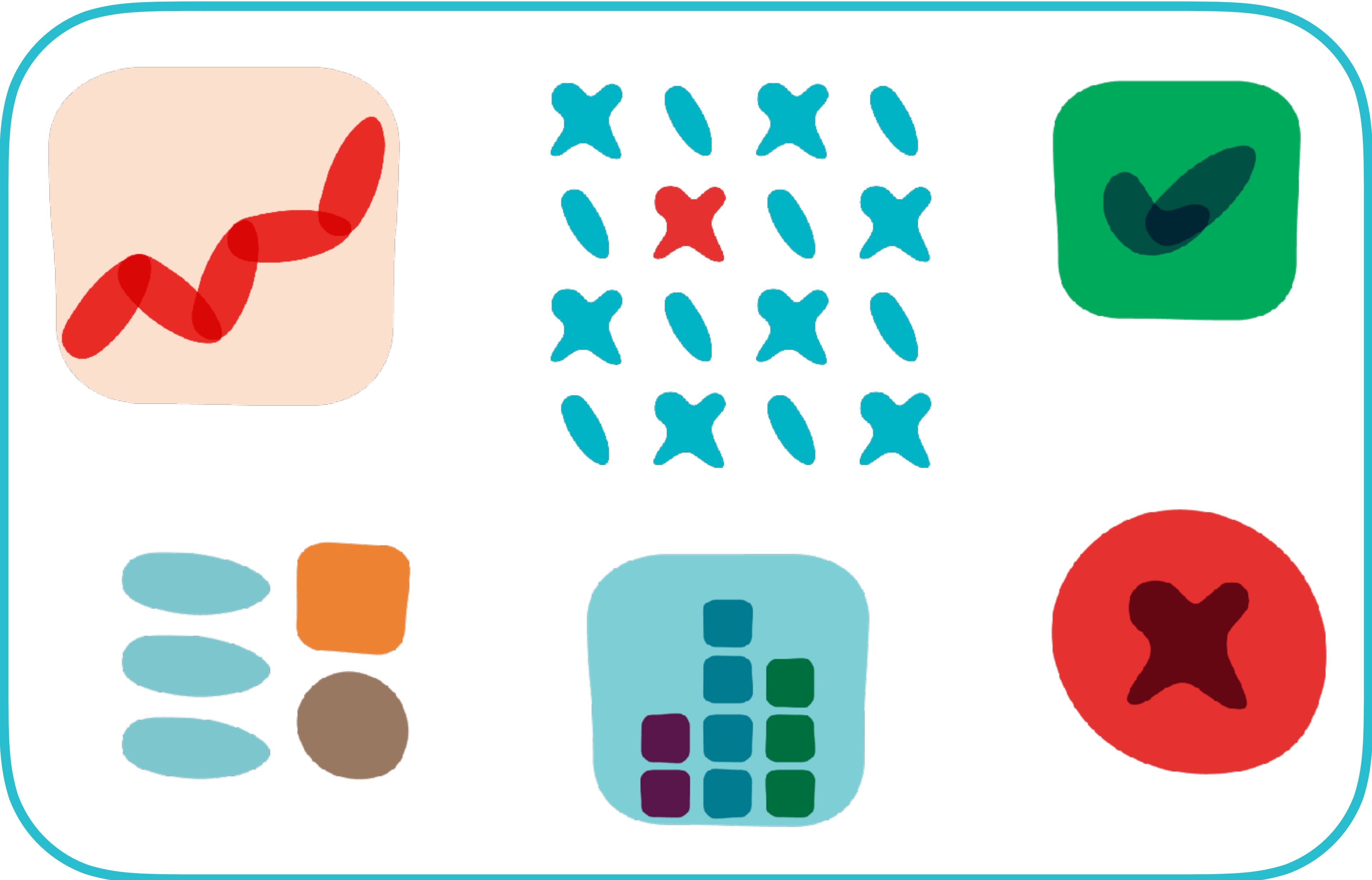
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<https://martinfowler.com/bliki/SyntheticMonitoring.html>



***It is accessible by everyone in the team***



# ***Monitoring overload***



# TOOLS

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# Prometheus

An open-source service monitoring system and time series database.

## ***Push notifications: Alerts***



# ALERTS SHOULD BE ACTIONABLE

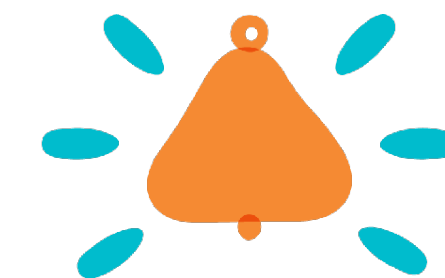
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**Title:** ConnectionTimeoutException

**Description:** Connection to service A has timed out

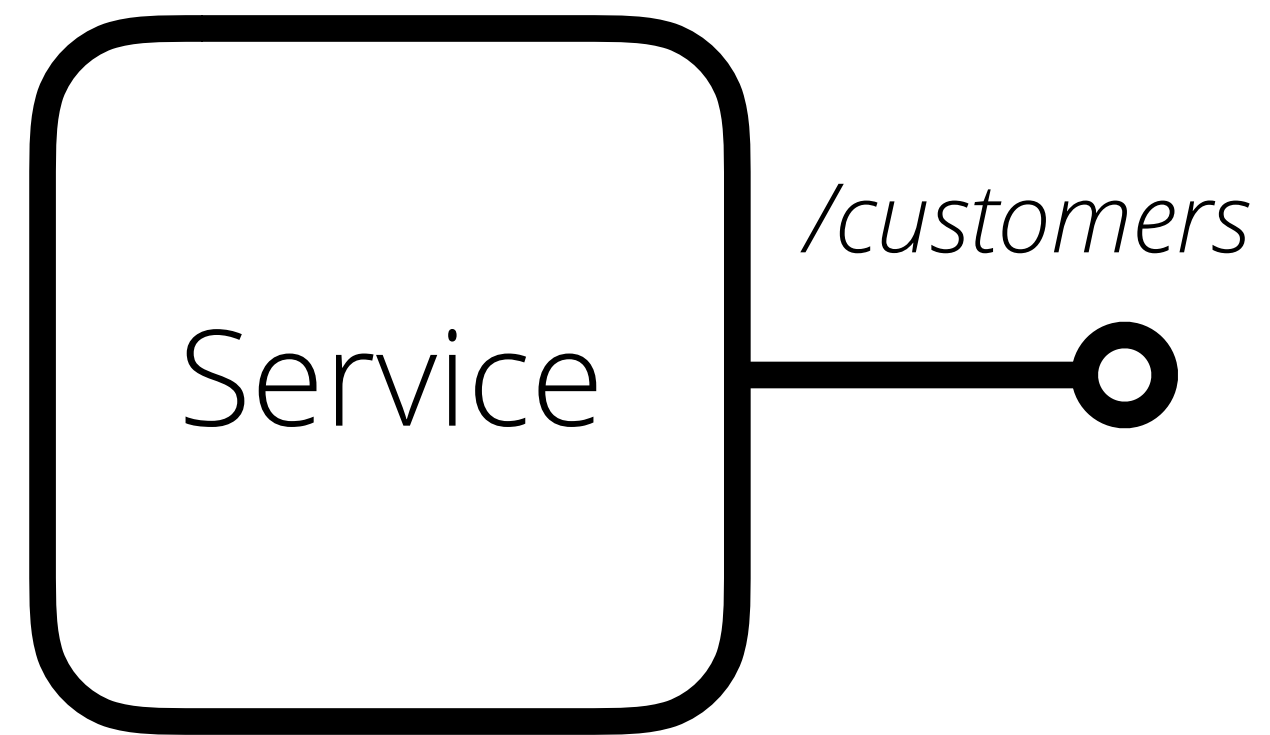
**More info:** <link to visualization tool>

**How to act:** <link to run book>



# SMART ALERTS

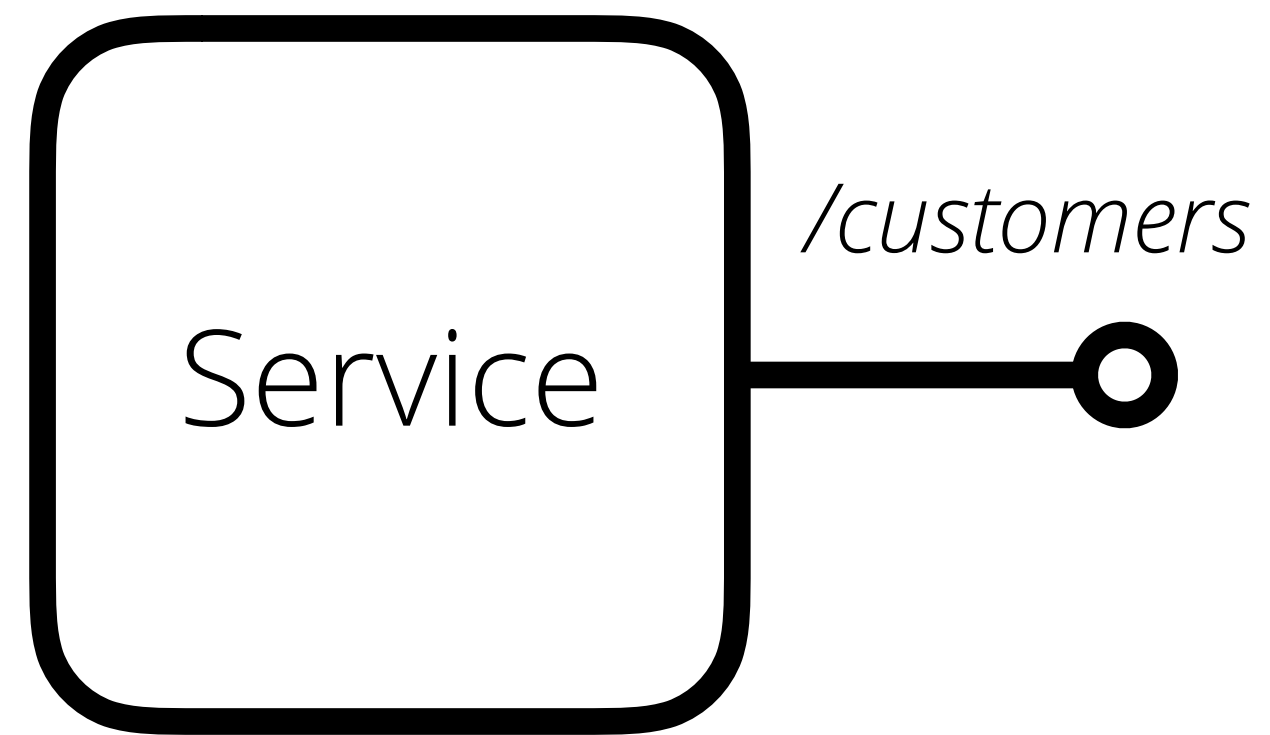
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# SMART ALERTS

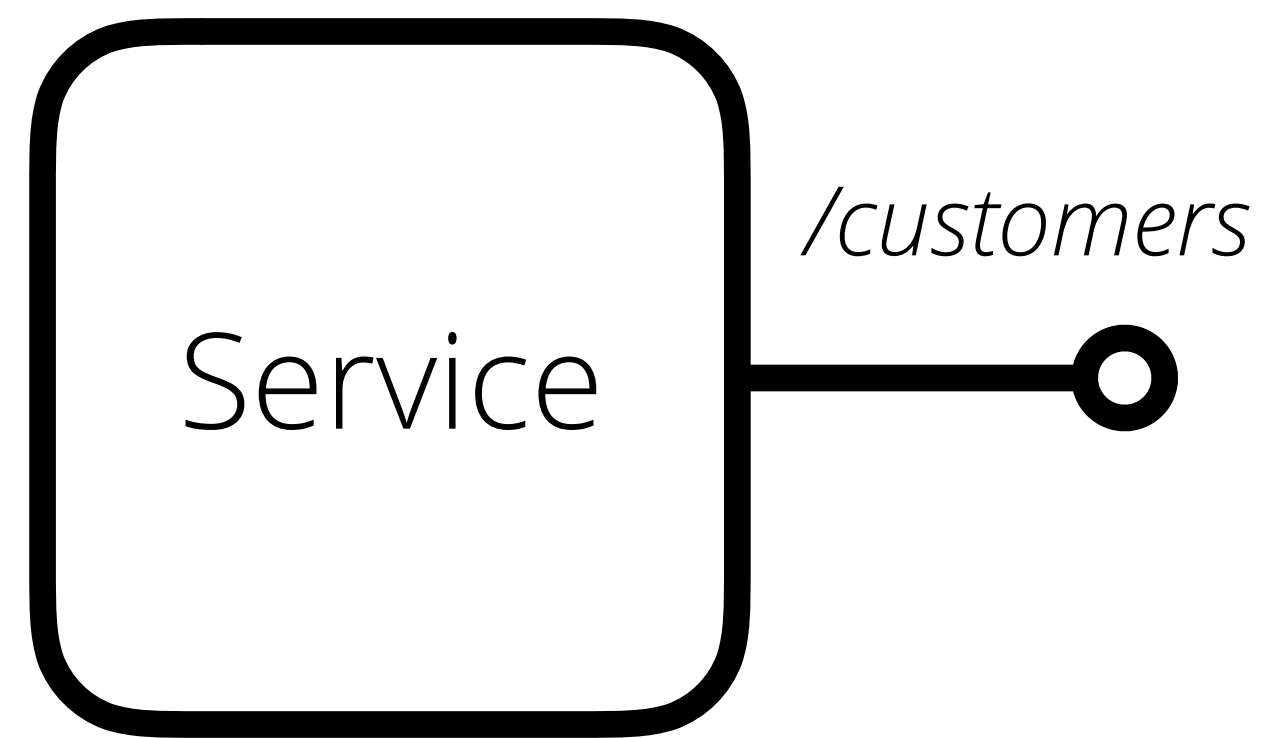
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*Send an email to owner  
for every 5xx error*

# SMART ALERTS

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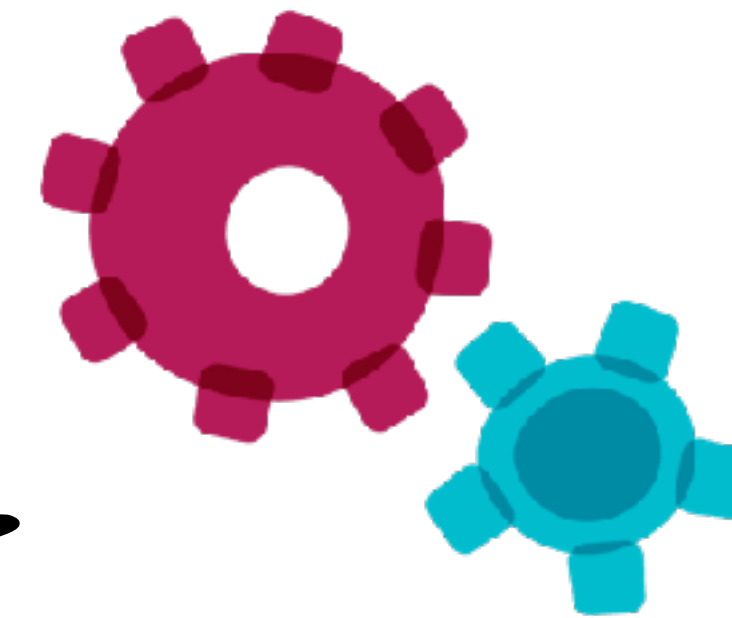
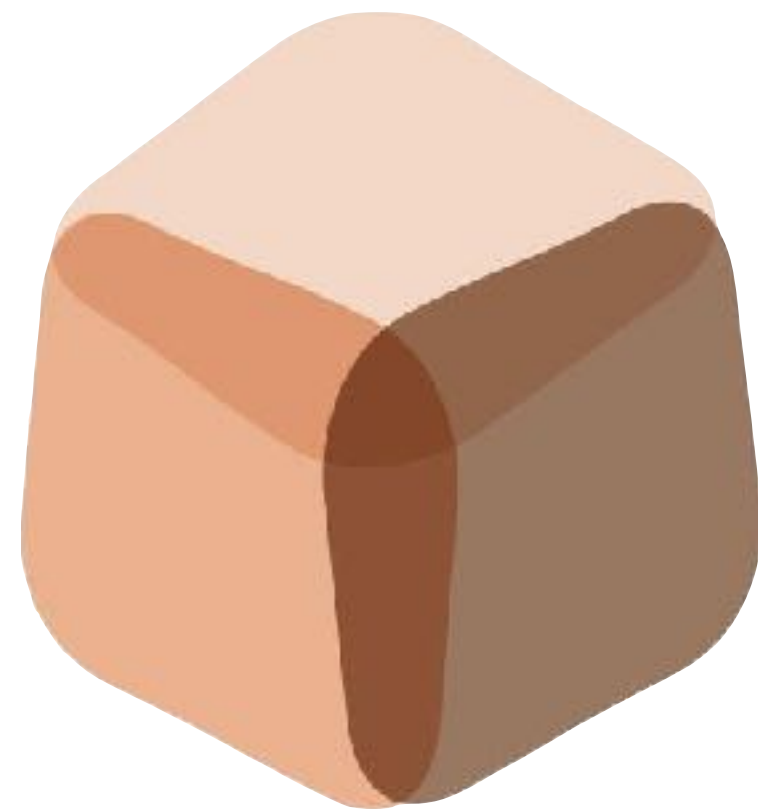
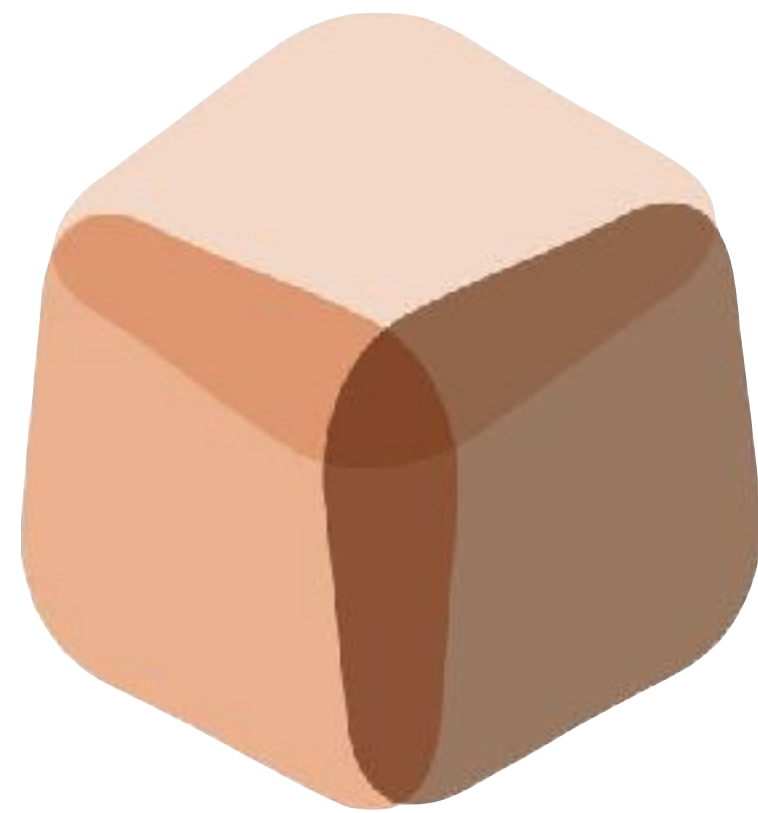
*Raise a high priority alarm  
when >10 5xx errors  
in 10 minutes*

# SMART ALERTS

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# SMART ALERTS

| Alert Manager Alerts Silences Status                  |  |              |                |   |  |              |
|---|--|--------------|----------------|---|--|--------------|
| Alerts  |  |              |                |   |  |              |
| Alert   | Labels   | Active Since | Last Refreshed | Generated By  | Alerting Rule  | Silenced     |
| <div>SlowRequest</div> <div>Silence Alert</div>       | <div>handler="/alerts"</div> <div>instance="localhost:9090"</div> <div>job="prometheus"</div> <div>monitor="codelab-monitor"</div> <div>quantile="0.5" <div>Silence Instance</div></div> | 53.2s ago    | 8.2s ago       | <a href="http://25a212d0b2c6:9090/graph#%5B%7B%22...">http://25a212d0b2c6:9090/graph#%5B%7B%22...</a> | ALERT SlowRequest IF (http_request_duration_microseconds{quantile="0.5"} > 1000) FOR 1m WITH       | not silenced |
| <div>ReallySlowRequest</div> <div>Silence Alert</div> | <div>handler="/alerts"</div> <div>instance="localhost:9090"</div> <div>job="prometheus"</div> <div>monitor="codelab-monitor"</div> <div>quantile="0.5" <div>Silence Instance</div></div> | 53.3s ago    | 8.3s ago       | <a href="http://25a212d0b2c6:9090/graph#%5B%7B%22...">http://25a212d0b2c6:9090/graph#%5B%7B%22...</a> | ALERT ReallySlowRequest IF (http_request_duration_microseconds{quantile="0.5"} > 2000) FOR 1m WITH | not silenced |

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A photograph of a beach scene featuring large, layered, brown and grey rocks. The rocks are scattered across a sandy beach, with some seaweed visible. The image has a blue tint.

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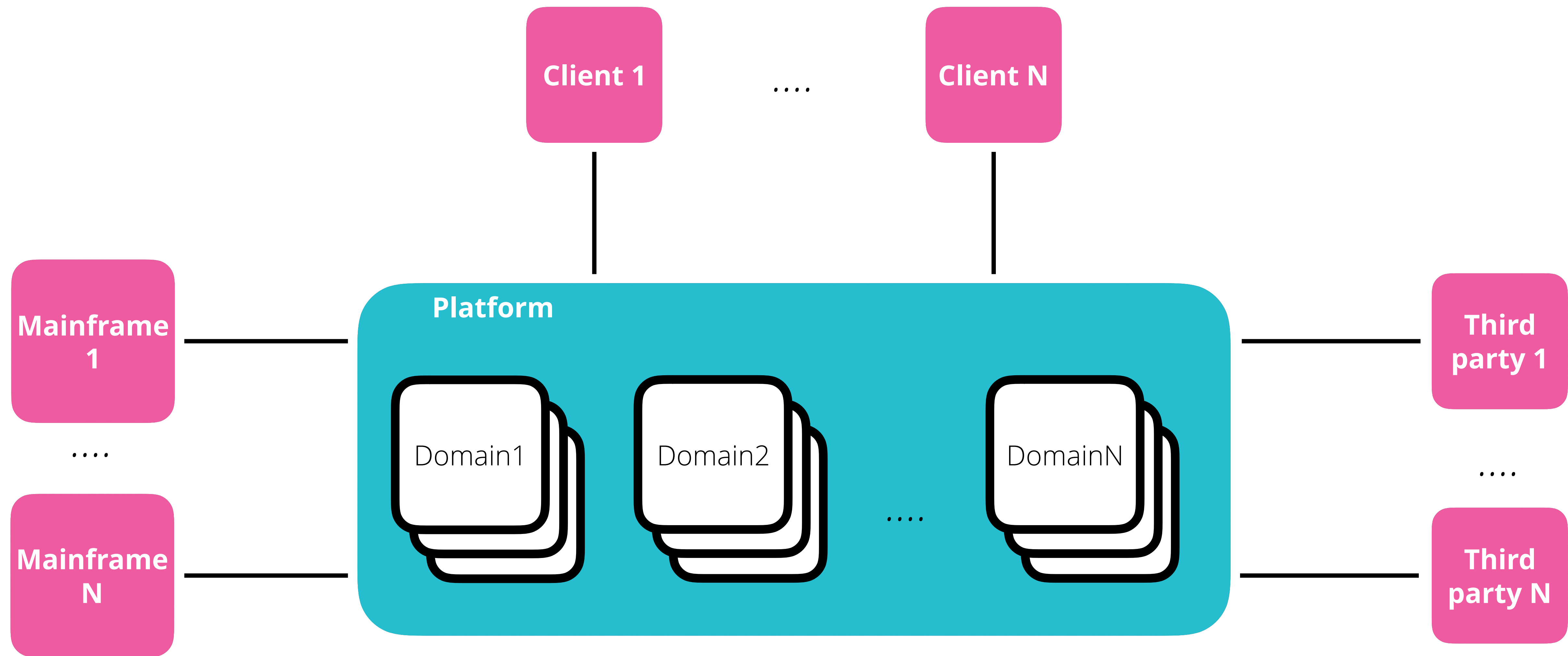
# TRACING

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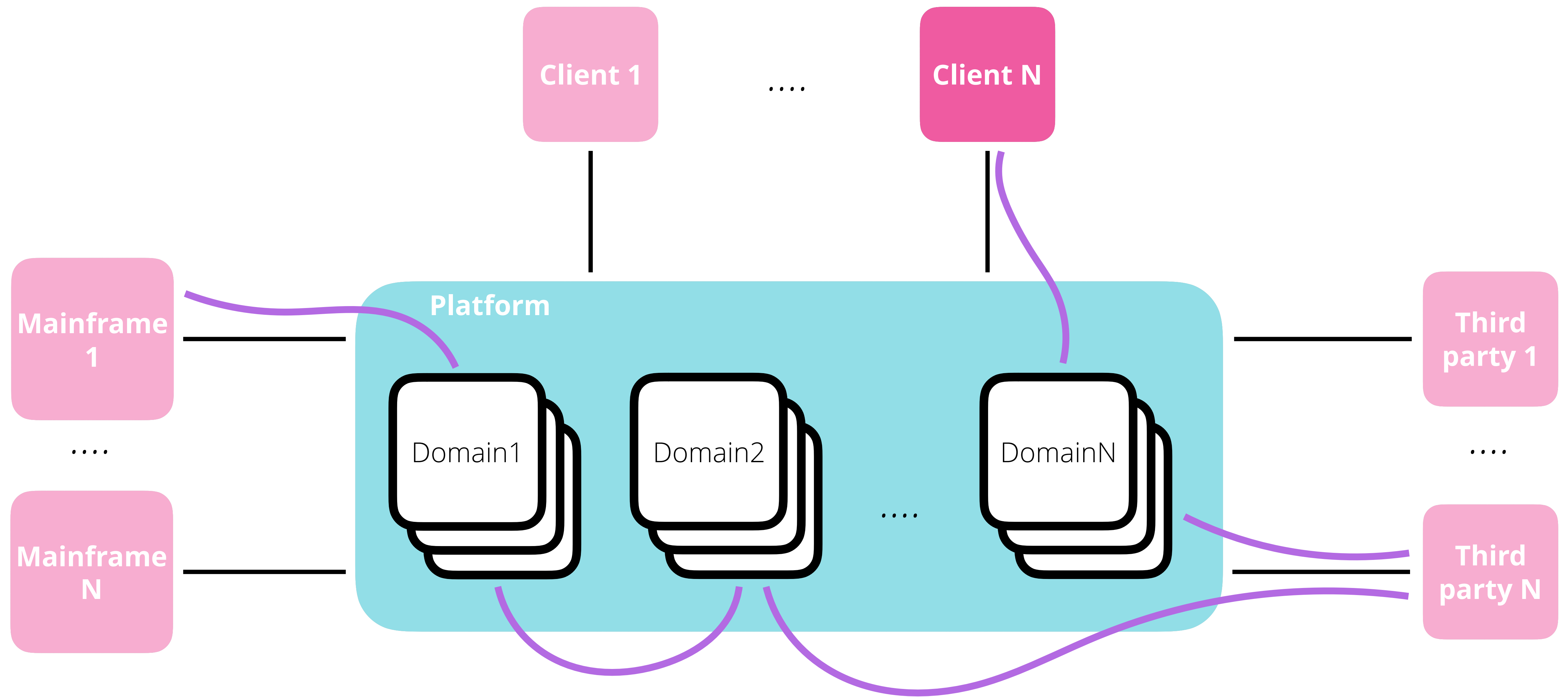


# ABILITY TO FIND THE ORIGIN OF A REQUEST

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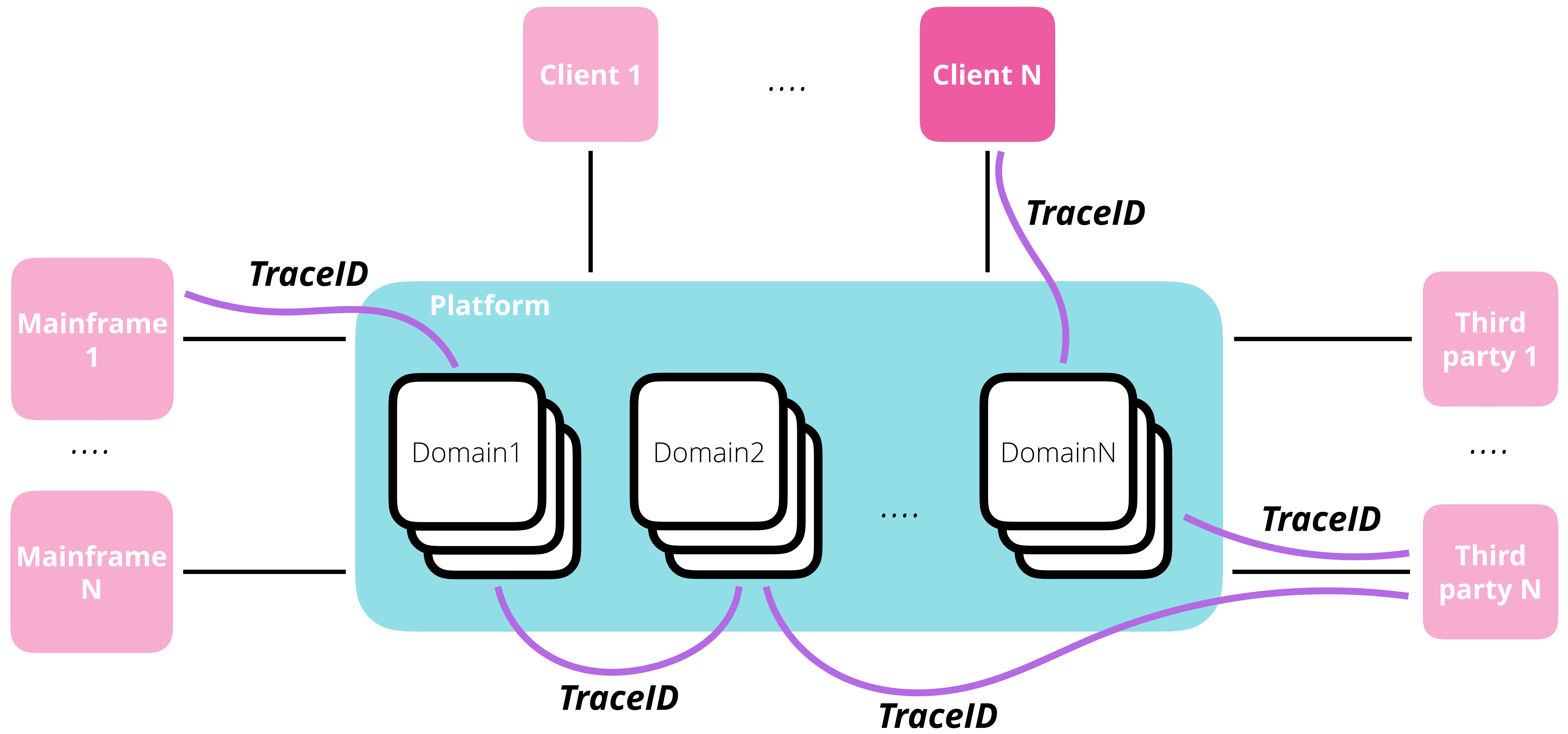


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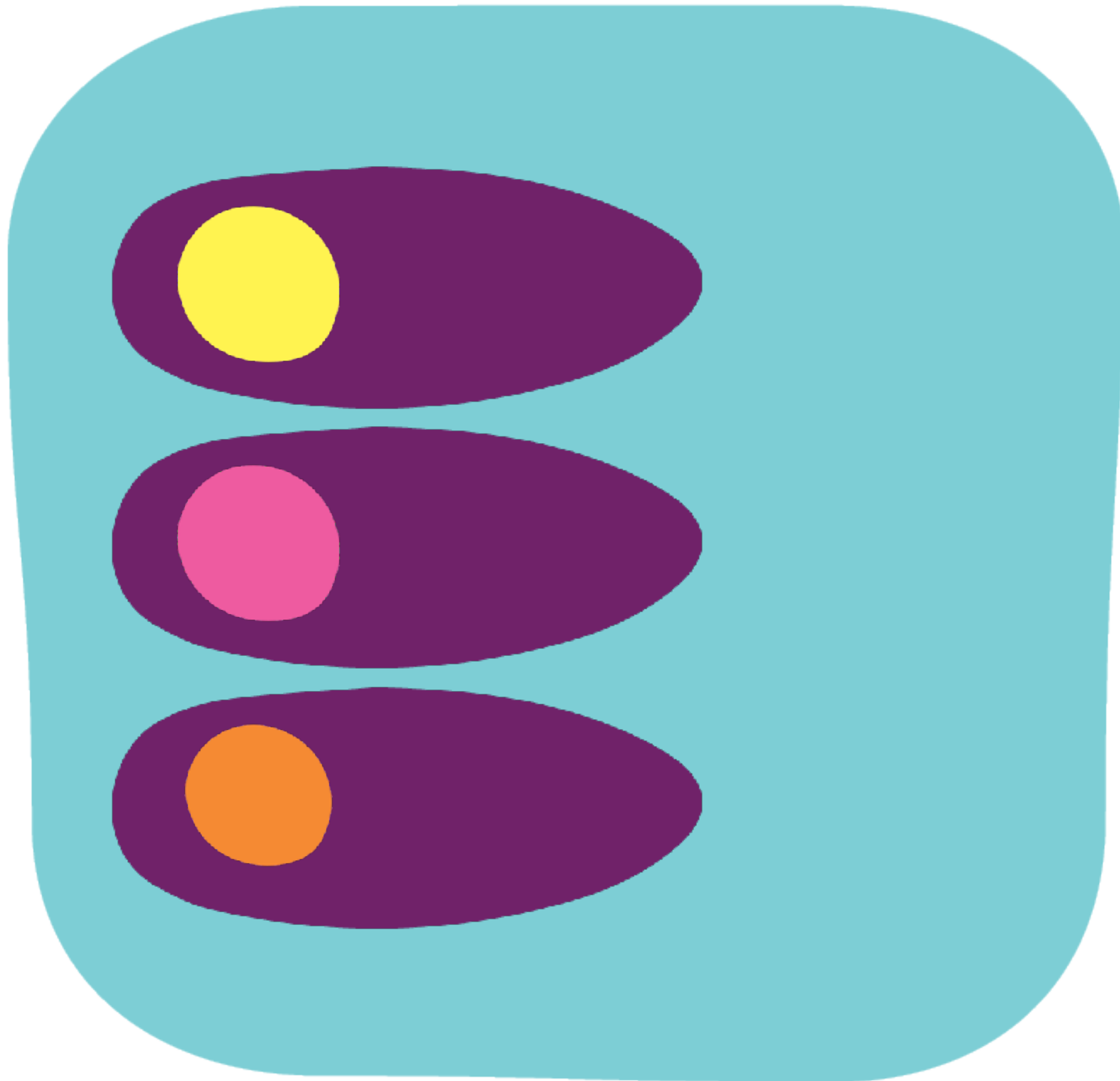


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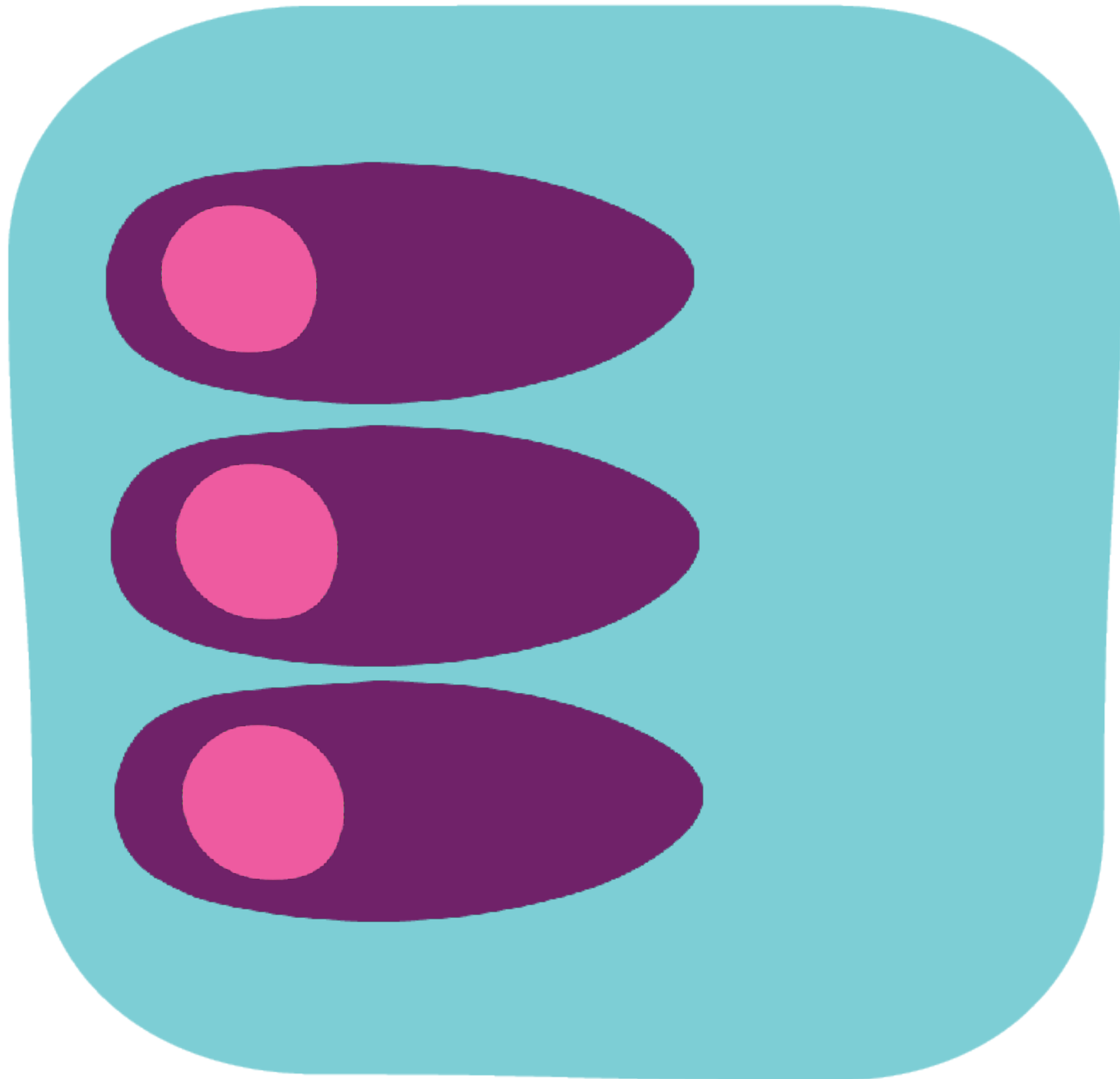
# LOG AGGREGATOR

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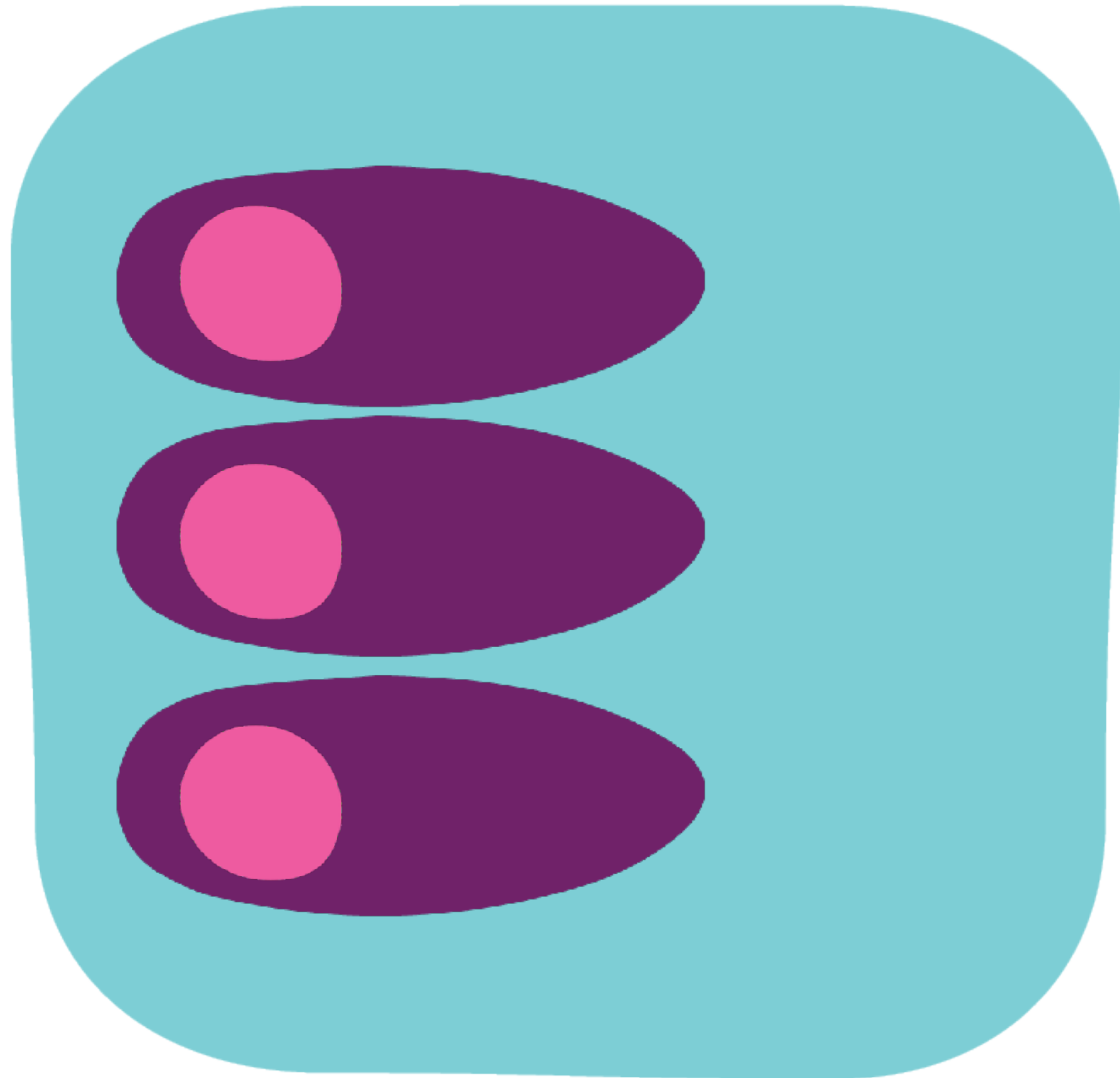
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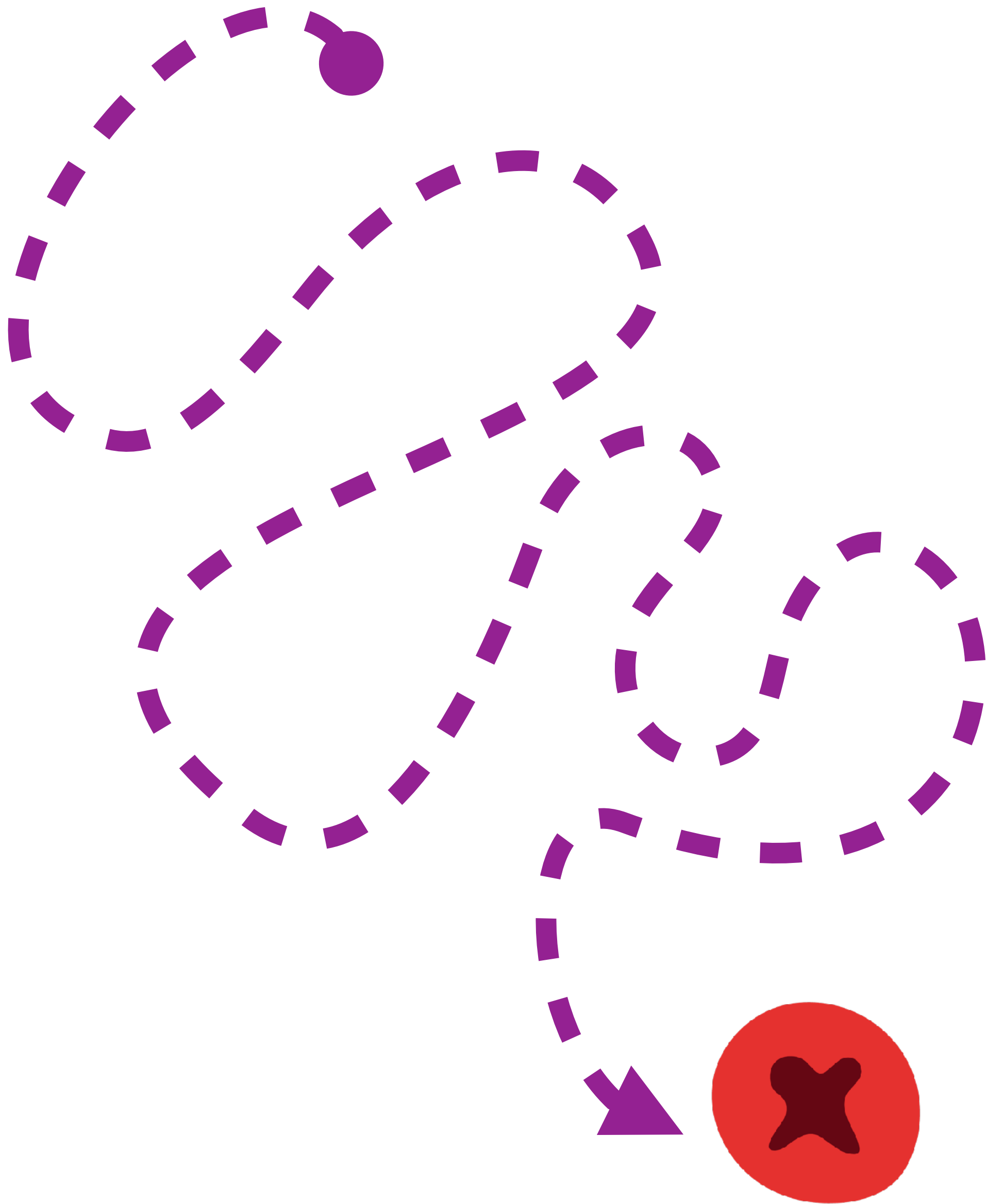
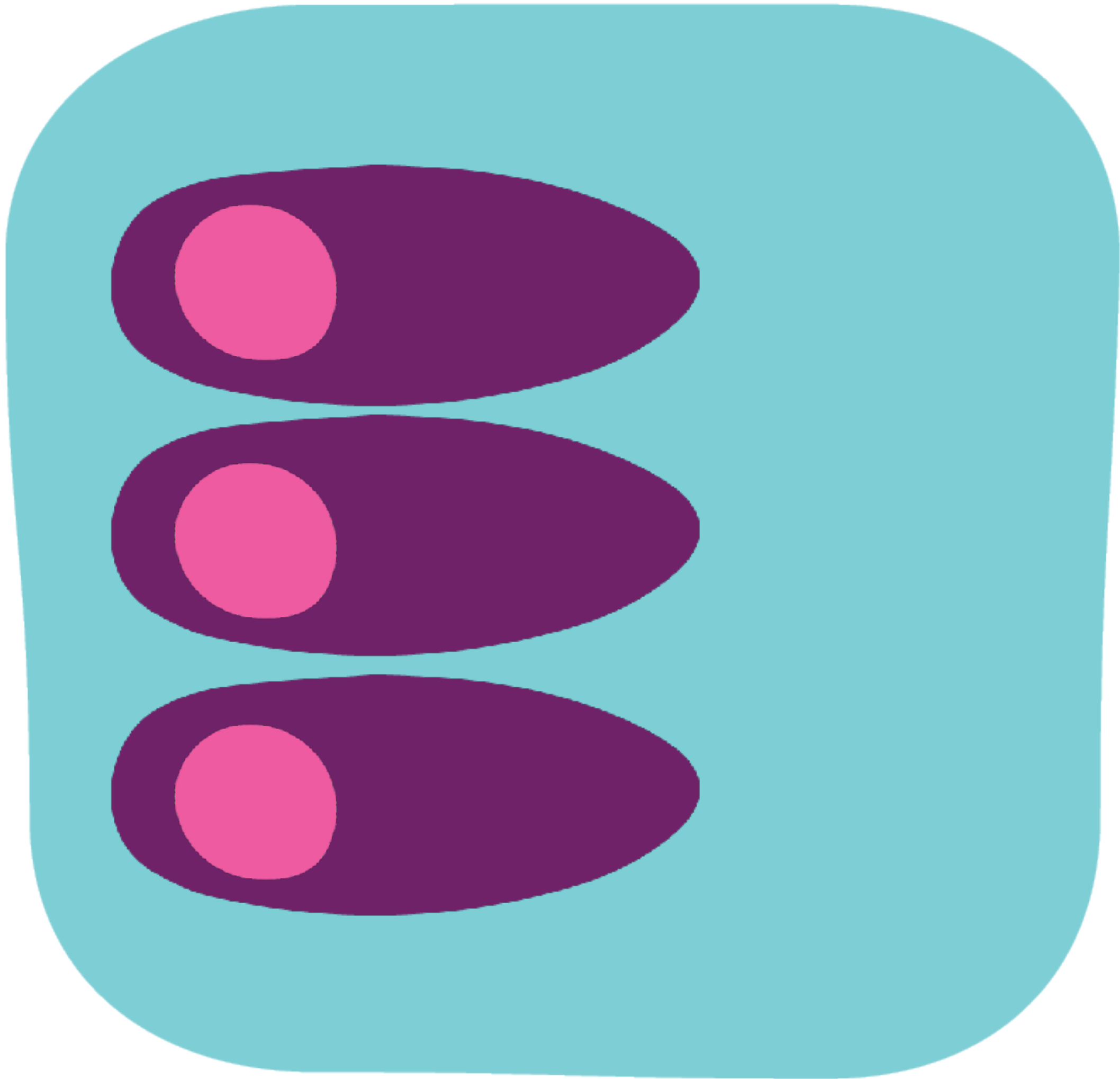
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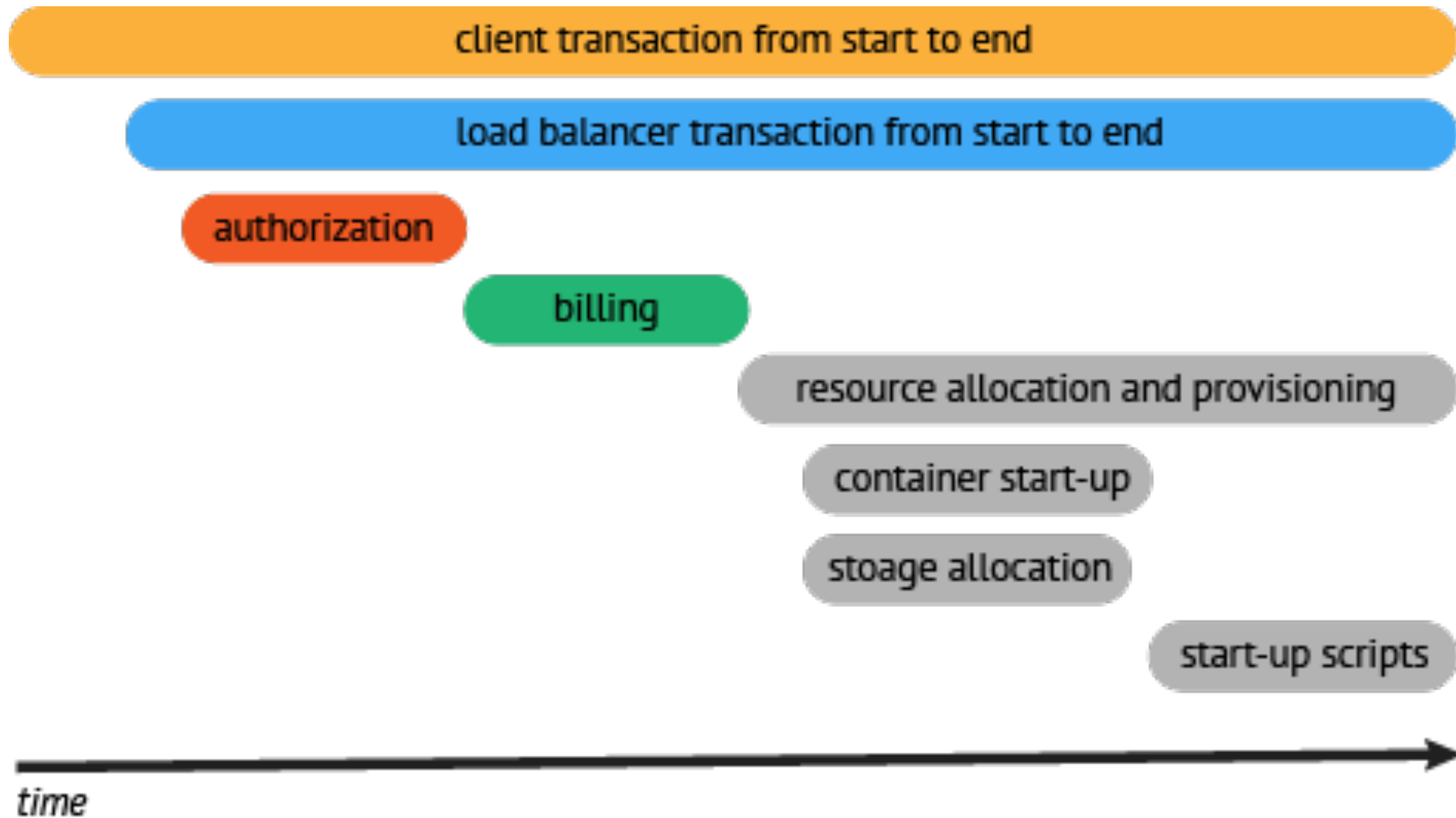
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# REQUEST GRAPH

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# DISTRIBUTING TRACING TOOLS

Duration: 209.323ms

Services: 5

Depth: 7

Total Spans: 24

JSON

Expand All

Collapse All

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client x4

flask-server x10

missing-service-name x2

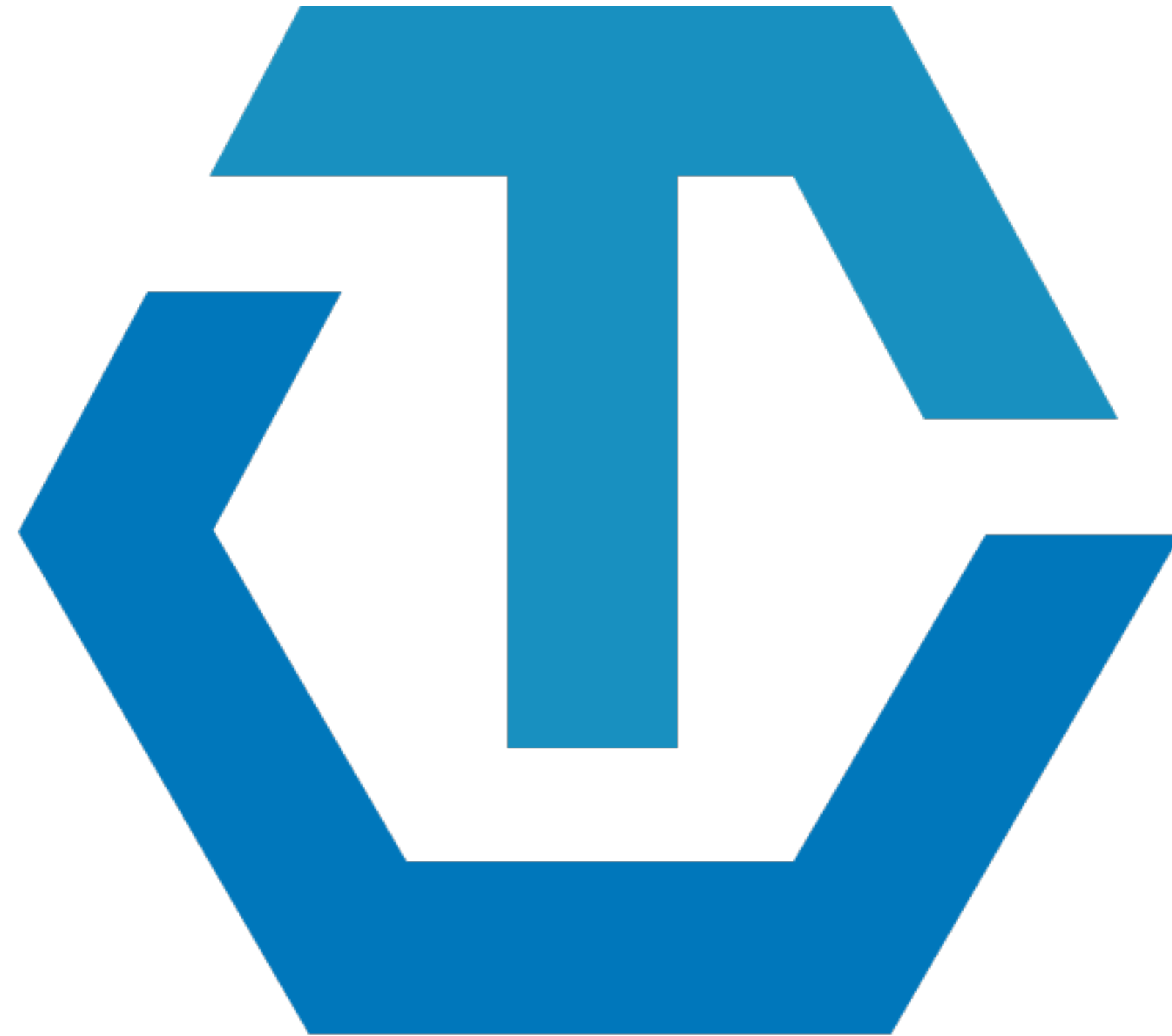
tchannel-server x2

tornado-server x11



| Services          | 41.864ms                                 | 83.729ms                          | 125.593ms                    | 167.458ms                            | 209.323ms |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| - client          | .181.126ms : client-calls-server-via-get | -                                 | -                            | -                                    | -         |
| - flask-server    | .180.527ms : get                         | -                                 | -                            | -                                    | -         |
| - flask-server    | .605μ : mysqlldb:connect                 | -                                 | -                            | -                                    | -         |
| - flask-server    | .54.152ms : mysqlldb:select              | -                                 | -                            | -                                    | -         |
| - flask-server    | -  | .394μ : mysqlldb:connect          | -                            | -                                    | -         |
| - flask-server    | -  | .46μ : mysqlldb:begin_transaction | -                            | -                                    | -         |
| - flask-server    | -  | .40.910ms : mysqlldb:select       | -                            | -                                    | -         |
| - flask-server    | -  | -                                 | .1.000ms : mysqlldb:commit   | -                                    | -         |
| - tornado-server  | -  | -                                 | .41.194ms : get              | -                                    | -         |
| - tornado-server  | -  | -                                 | .32.659ms : get_root         | -                                    | -         |
| - tornado-server  | -  | -                                 | .012.489ms : call-downstream | -                                    | -         |
| - tornado-server  | -  | -                                 | .11.492ms : get              | -                                    | -         |
| - tornado-server  | -  | -                                 | .105μ : tornado-x2           | -                                    | -         |
| - tornado-server  | -  | -                                 | .011.494ms : call-downstream | -                                    | -         |
| - tornado-server  | -  | -                                 | .10.511ms : get              | -                                    | -         |
| - tornado-server  | -  | -                                 | .85μ : tornado-x3            | -                                    | -         |
| - tornado-server  | -  | -                                 | .029.816ms : call-tchannel   | -                                    | -         |
| - tornado-server  | -  | -                                 | -                            | .012.153ms : call_in_request_context | -         |
| - tchannel-server | -  | -                                 | -                            | .9.712ms : endpoint                  | -         |





# OPENTRACING

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# SUMMARY

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**Logging**



**Monitoring**



**Tracing**



**Visualization  
& Alerting**





## TAKE AWAYS

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- Structure your data so it can be consumed by other tools
- Be intentional about things you log, monitor, and alert on
- Proactively iterate and eliminate noise
- Evaluate and use existing tools and libraries
- Service templates to bootstrap microservices over shared libraries



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