# Containers Diagram

Your system will likely be made up of containers – applications, databases, queues etc. A containers diagram is excellent for showing important technology decisions and the way containers interact.

Business people might not get much use from this diagram, but all tech people definitely should.

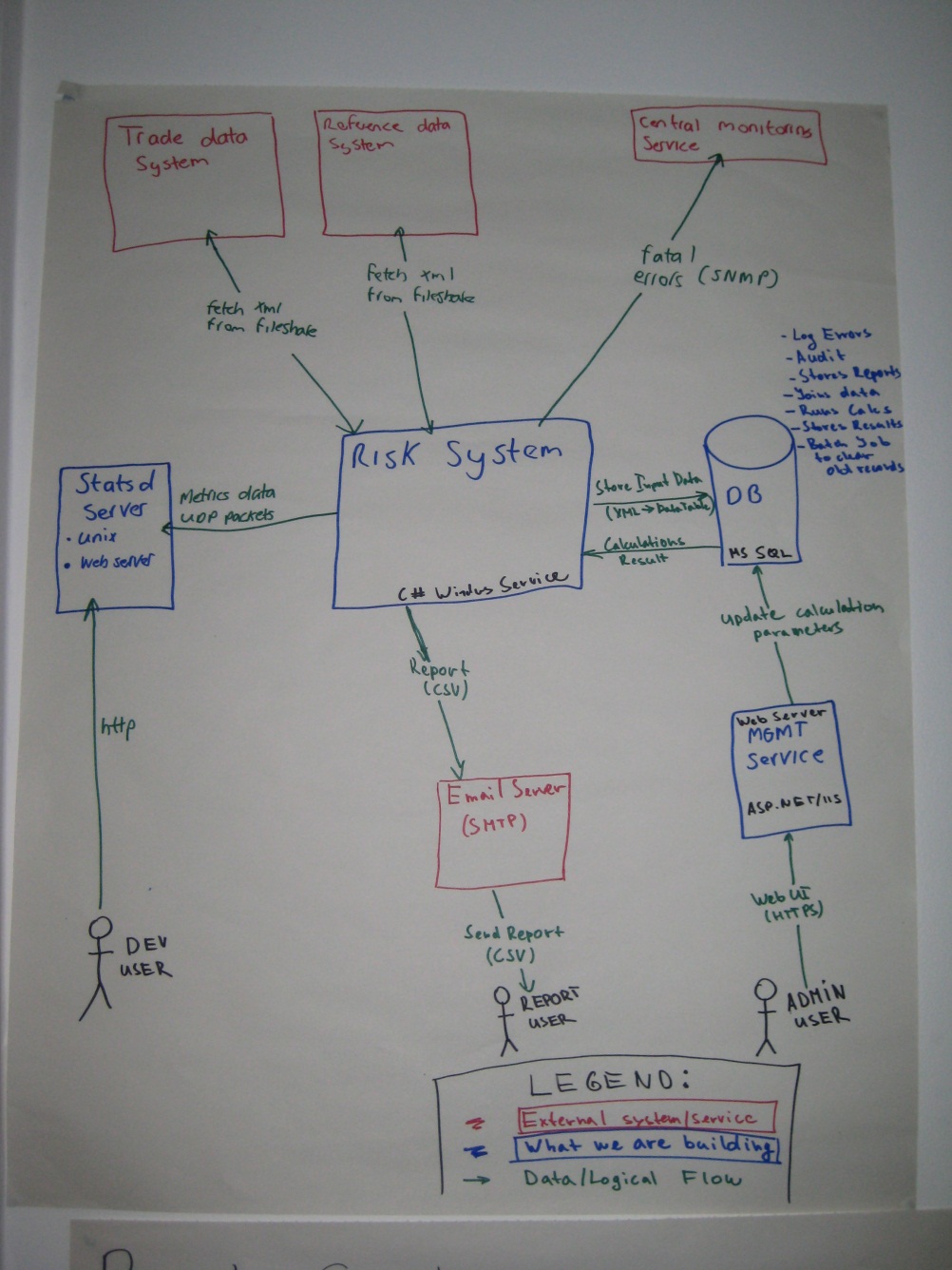
**Purpose**

* Show the technologies used in a system
* Show how containers interact
* Make it clear where the code being written will live and fit in to the system overall

**Features**

* Containers are blocks – with their name and technologies listed inside
* May want to list responsibilities of a container
* Arrows show how containers interact with each other in detail (e.g. showing direction, purpose and protocol)
* System boundaries
* Can show users as symbols if it helps

**Example**

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