Architecture principles, how to, patterns, examples

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSERVICES

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Agenda

- Why Microservices ?
- Designing Microservices
- Microservices Patterns
- Netflix stack
- Comparing SOA styles
- Sump up

Why, Monolithic style, Scaling the Monolith

MICROSERVICES ARCHITECTURE

Microservices (2014)

In short, the microservice architectural style is an approach to developing **a single application** as **a suite of small services**, each running **in its own process** and **communicating** with lightweight mechanisms, often an HTTP resource API.

These services are built around **business capabilities** and independently deployable by fully **automated deployment** machinery.

There is a bare minimum of centralized management of these services, which may be written in **different programming languages** and use different data storage technologies.

Martin Fowler, James Lewis

THE MONOLITHIC STYLE

- An application built as a single unit, 3 main parts
  - a client-side user interface ,
  - a database
  - and a server-side application that handles HTTP requests, execute domain logic, retrieve and update data from the database, and select and populate HTML views to be sent to the browser.

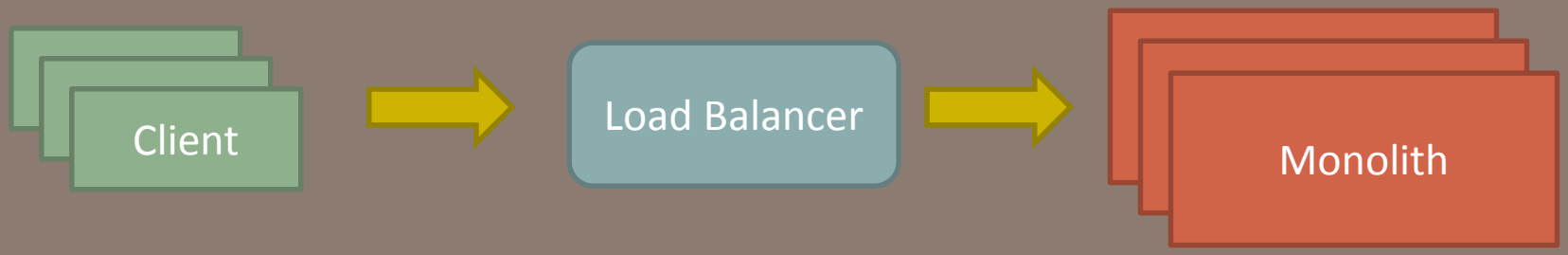
- This server-side application is a *monolith*
  - a single **logical** executable
  - any change requires building and deploying a new version

THE MONOLITHIC STYLE

- Natural way to build a system
  - code specific to each layer (UI, Logic, DB)
  - generally a minimum of 3 languages
  - divided into classes, functions and namespaces
- Locally built and tested on devs' machines
- CI/CD pipeline to secure production

Scaling the Monolith

- Several Monolith instances behind a load balancer

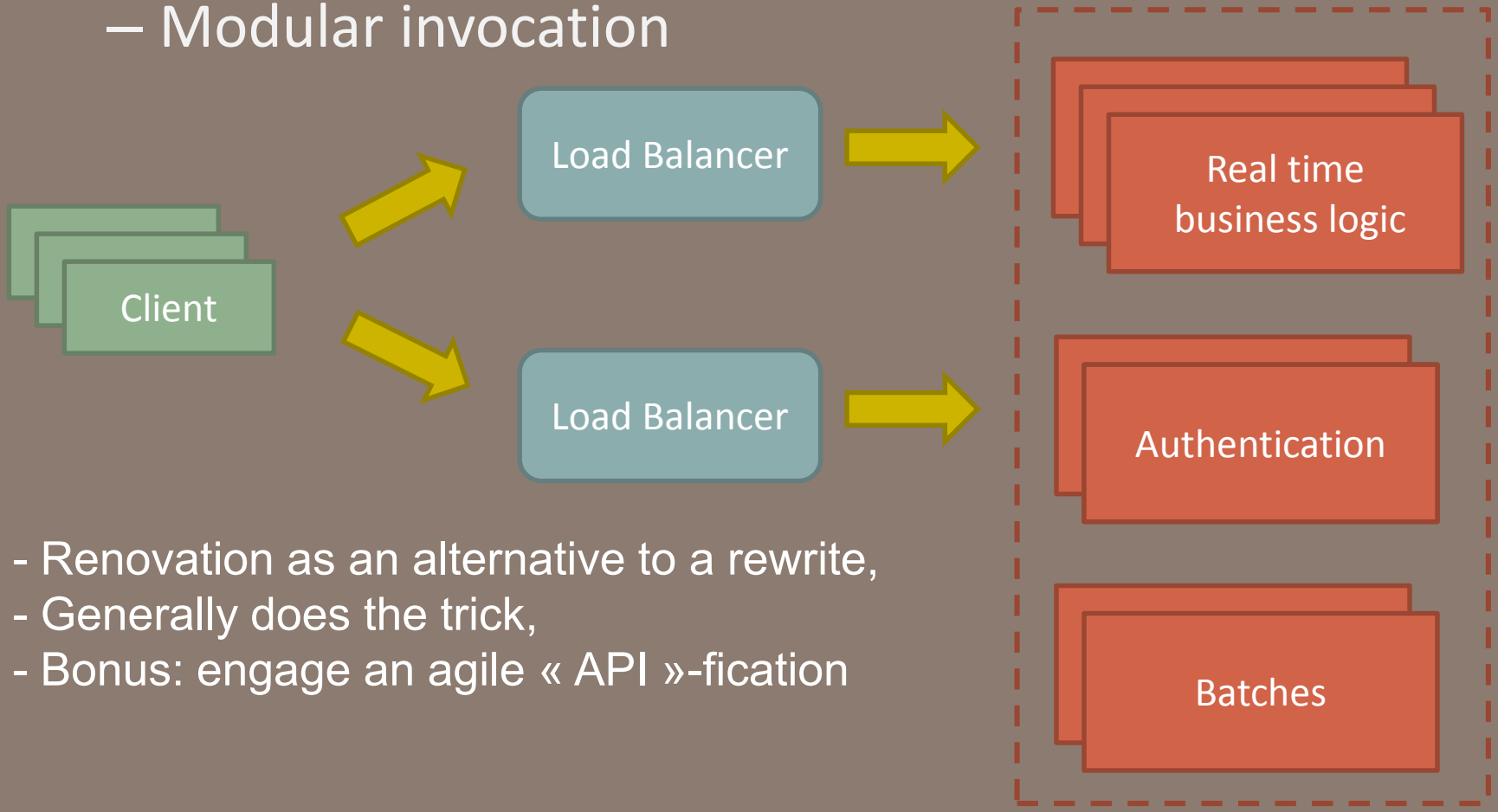


\+ Quickest path to scale
\+ High availability
\- Routing traffic complexity
\- Very large code base
\- Change cycles tied together
\- Limited scalability

$\Rightarrow$ lack of modularity

Making the Monolith more modular

- Specialized instances of a single codebase
  - Modular invocation



- Renovation as an alternative to a rewrite,
- Generally does the trick,
- Bonus: engage an agile « API »-fication

Monolithic vs Microservices

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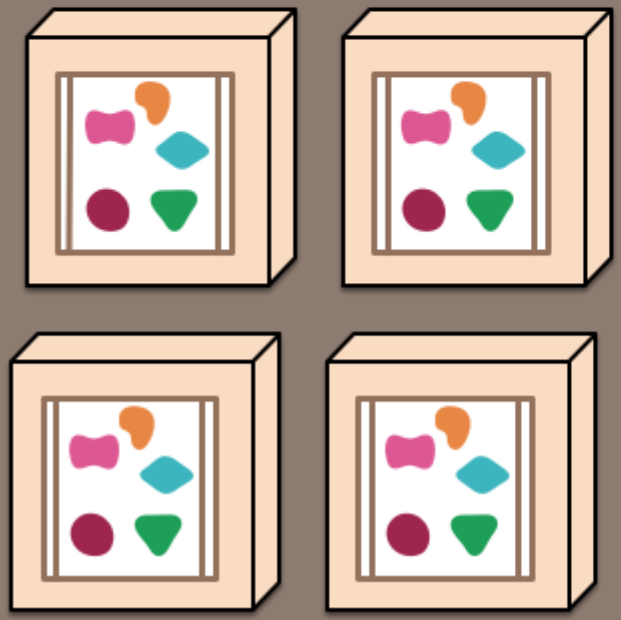
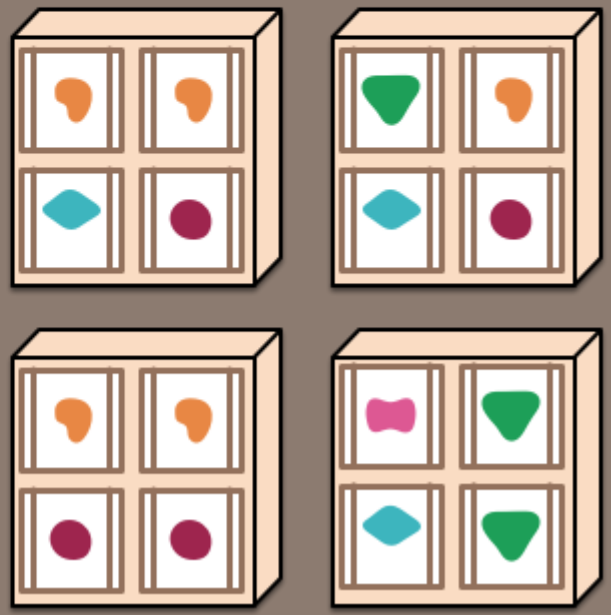
... and scales by replicating the monolith on multiple servers



A microservices architecture puts each element of functionality into a separate service...

... and scales by distributing these services across servers, replicating as needed.



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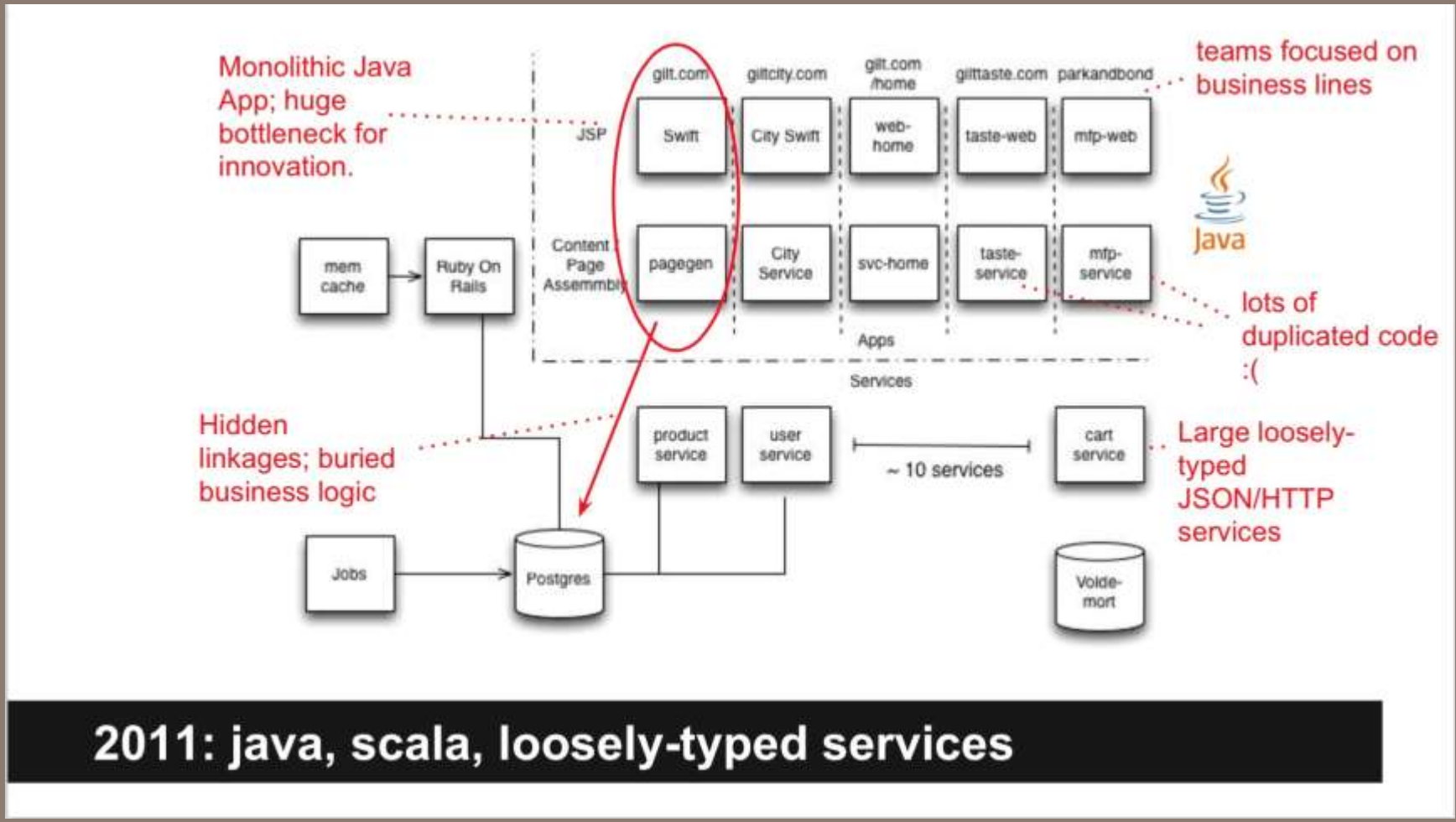

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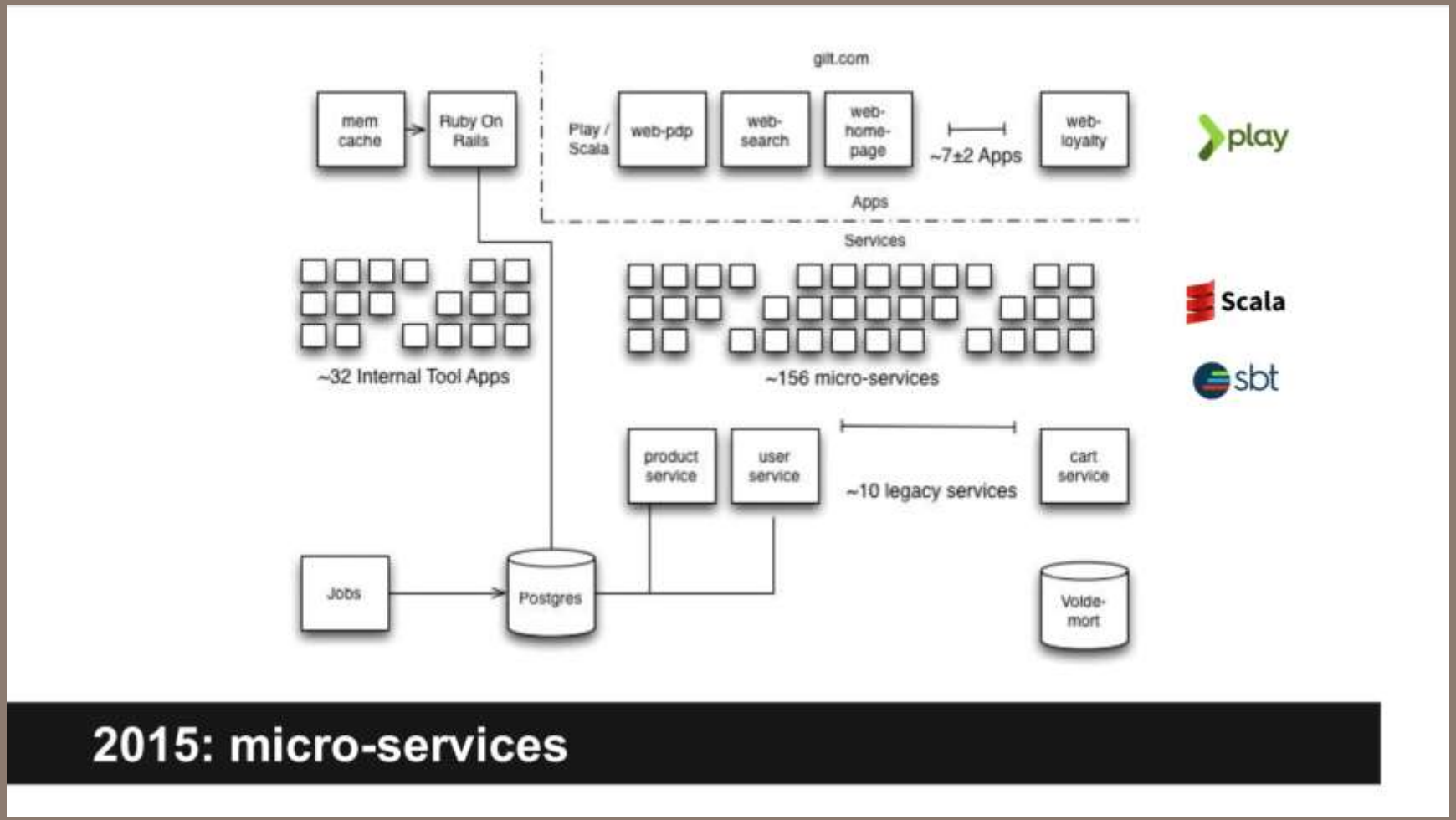

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Common Characteristics

DESIGNING FOR MICROSERVICES

Common Characteristics

- Componentization via Services
- Organized around Business Capabilities
- Products not Projects
- Smart endpoints and dumb pipes
- Decentralized governance
- Decentralized data management
- Infrastructure automation
- Design for failure
- Evolutionary design

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Componentization via Services

- Services as components rather than libraries
- Services avoid tight coupling by using **explicit remote call mechanisms**.
- Services are independently deployable and scalable

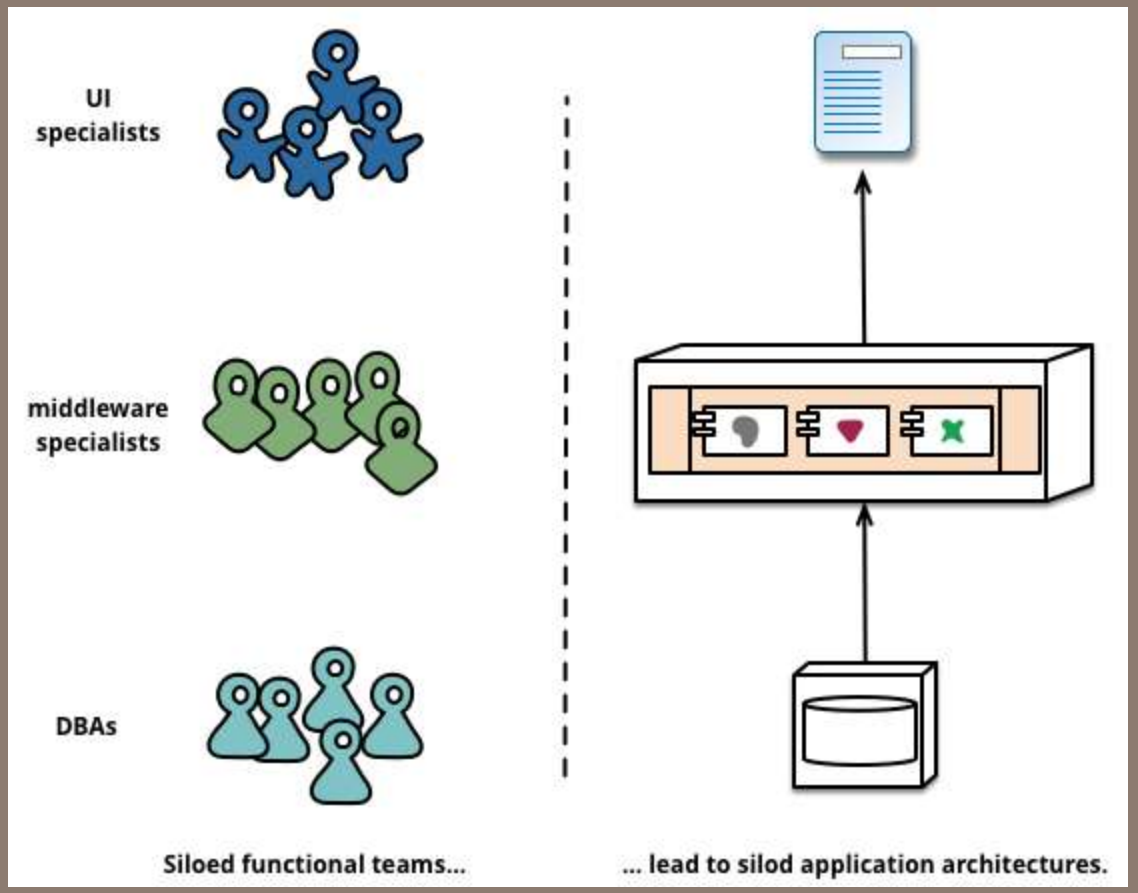
Componentization via Services

- Each service also provides a firm module boundary
  - business or technical,
  - even allowing for different services to be written in different programming languages,
  - they can also be managed by different teams .
- A Microservice may consist of multiple processes
  - that will always be developed and deployed together,
  - Ex : an application process and a database that's only used by that service.

Organized around Business Capabilities

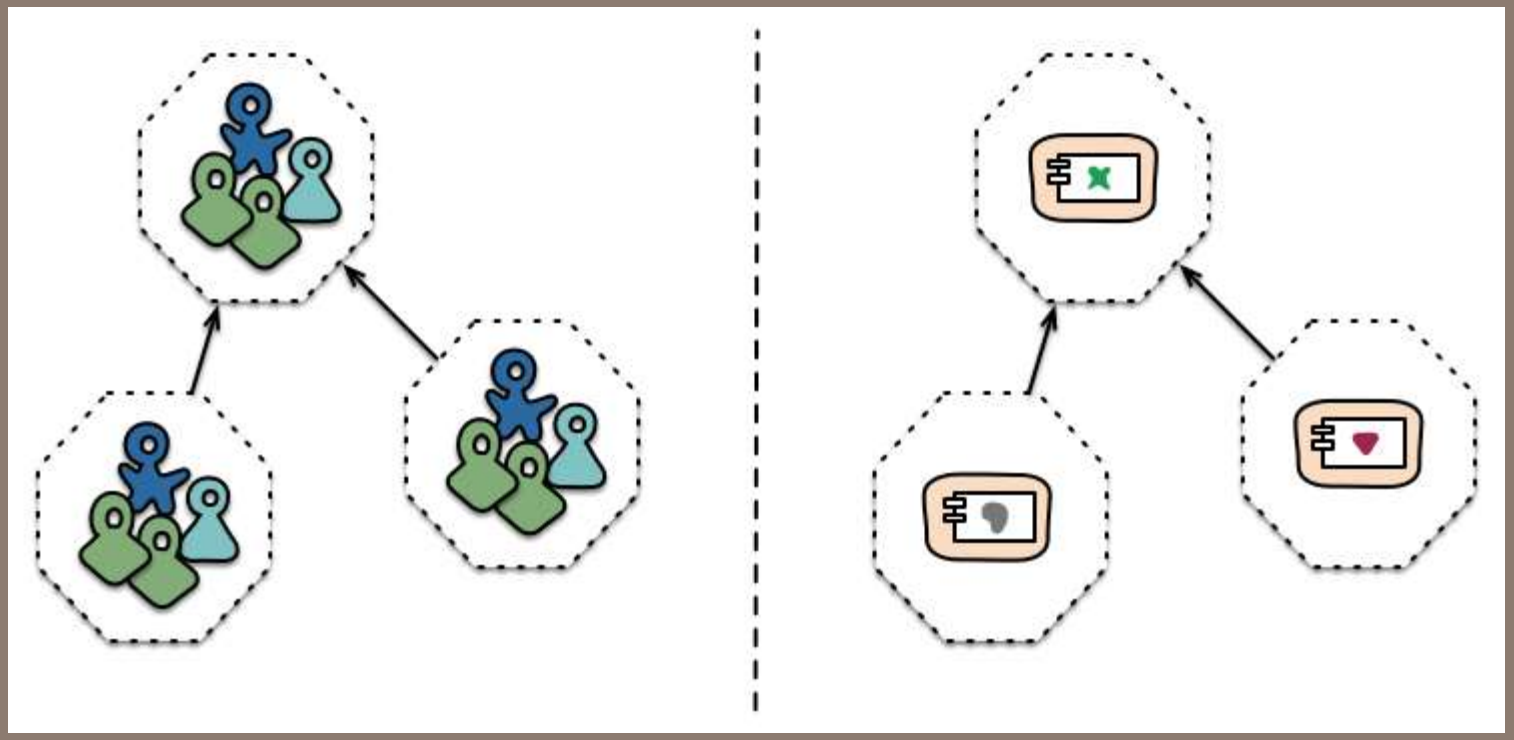
Any organization that designs a system will produce a design whose structure is a copy of the organization's communication structure.

Melvyn Conway, 1967.



Organized around Business Capabilities

- Microservices to solve Conway's anti-pattern



Cross-functional teams….

… organized around capabilities

Products not Projects

- Standard project model:
  - deliver pieces of software which are then considered to be completed,
  - hand over to a maintenance organization and disband the project team
- The Microservices style
  - a team should own a product over its full lifetime
  - Amazon : You build => You run it

SMART ENDPOINTS AND DUMB PIPES

- Be as decoupled and as cohesive as possible
  - own domain logic,
  - act more as filters in the classical Unix sense
  - using simple RESTish protocols and lightweight messaging
- Smarts live in the services, not in-between the endpoints
  - No central tool / bus that includes sophisticated routing, transformations, process, business rules
- Pre-requisite : turn the chatty in-process communication of the monolith into coarser-grained network messaging

Decentralized governance

- The common microservices practice is to choose the best tool for each job
  - Tools are shared inside and outside the organization
  - Focus on common problems : data storage, IPC, infrastructure automation
  - Example : Netflix opensource libraries
- Favor independent evolution
  - Consumer-driven Service contracts,
  - Tolerant Reader Pattern

$\Rightarrow$Minimal over-heads create an opportunity to have teams responsible for all aspects

- Build their microservices and operate with 24/7 SLAs

Decentralized Data Management

- No unique data model approach
  - the conceptual model differs between microservices
  - Reinforce the separation of concerns
- Decentralized data storage
  - Polyglot persistence is frequent in microservices architectures
- Manage inconsistencies via the business practices in place throughout the organization
  - Common design : reversal processes versus 2PC distributed transactions

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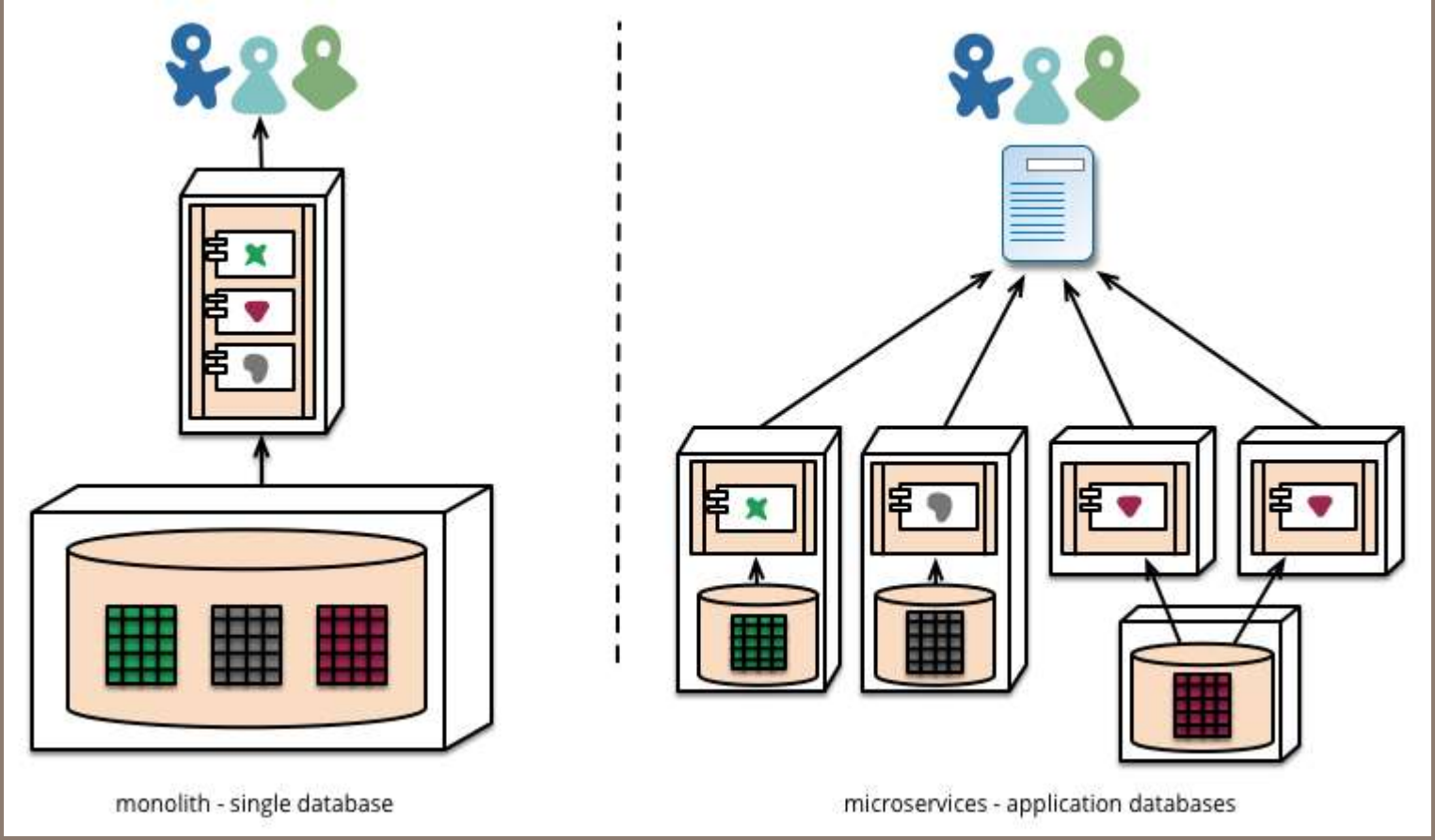


Infrastructure automation

- CI/CD, Real-time monitoring, global system and fine grained resources dashboards,
- Has become a standard practice
  - thanks to public cloud providers,
  - but also opensource tools
- a QA stake for monoliths
- a pre-requisite for microservices

Design for failure

- Any service call can fail
  - Circuit Breaker pattern,
  - async consumption
    - Best practice : 1 to ZERO sync call
  - Ex : Netflix Stack
    - Hystrix / Eureka / Ribbon
  - /!\ provide interop & implementations for various langages
- Infrastructure pre-requisites
  - monitor and restore at scale
  - dedicated tooling for simulation
  - Ex : Netflix Simian Army (Chaos Monkey)

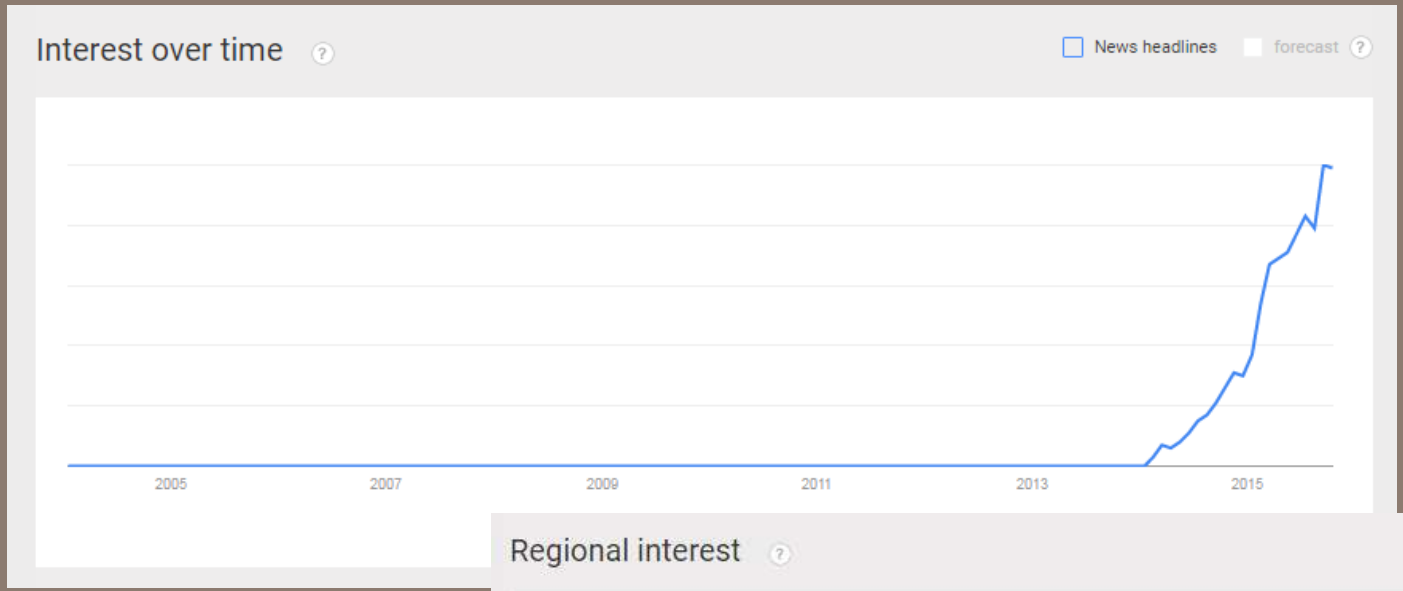
Evolutionary Design

- More granular release planning
- Goal : change tolerance
  - Identify change impacts quickly (via automation, service contracts, automated dependency maps)
  - Fix rather than revert
  - In case of mandatory breaking change, use versioning
    - a last resort option in the microservices world

A bit of history, Best practices, Netflix Stack

REAL WORLD MICROSERVICES

Google Trends – October 2015



State of the art

- Pioneers : Amazon, Netflix, Google
  - Started Opensourcing their building blocks in 2010
  - Democratized the Microservices architecture style
- Today
  - Large corporation for complex systems that need to evolve frequently (understand continuously)
  - Digital startups to ensure their core business will scale and embrace the long tail

AMAZON DNA

- Microservices by design

1. All teams will henceforth expose their data and functionality through **service interfaces**.
2. Teams must communicate with each other through these interfaces.
3. There will be no other form of interprocess communication allowed: no direct linking, no direct reads of another team's data store, no shared-memory model, no back-doors whatsoever. The only communication allowed is via service interface calls over the network.
4. It doesn't matter what technology they use. HTTP, Corba, Pubsub, custom protocols — doesn't matter.
5. All service interfaces, without exception, must be designed from the ground up to be externalizable. That is to say, the team must plan and design to be able to **expose** the interface to developers in the outside world. No exceptions.
6. Anyone who doesn't do this will be fired.
7. Thank you; have a nice day!

Jeff *Bezos*, 2002

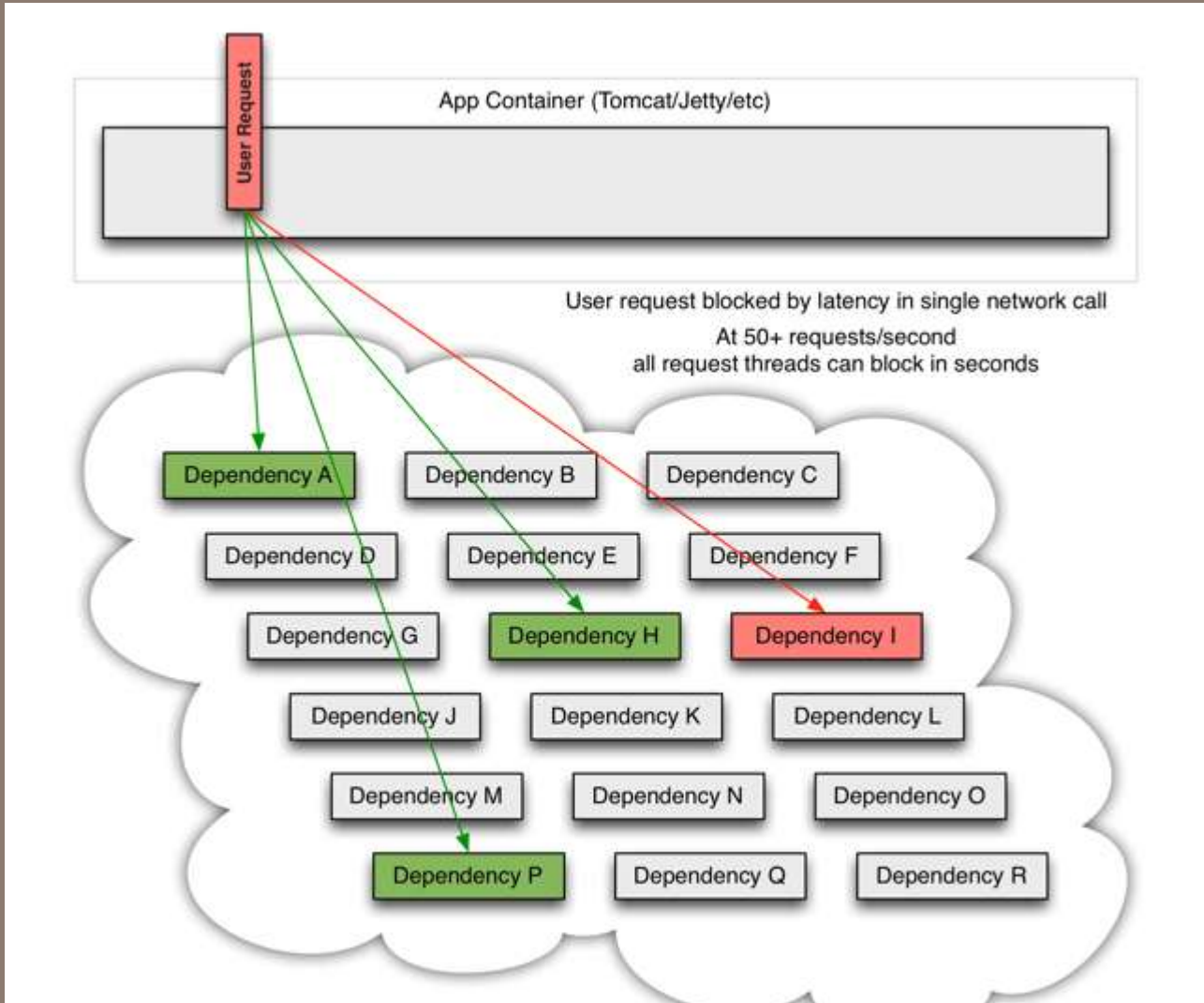
Netflix Ecosystem

- 100s of microservices
- 1,000s of daily production changes
- 10,000s of instances
- 100,000s of customer interactions per minute
- 1,000,000s of customers
- 1,000,000,000s of metrics
- 10,000,000,000 hours of streamed
- 10s of operations engineers

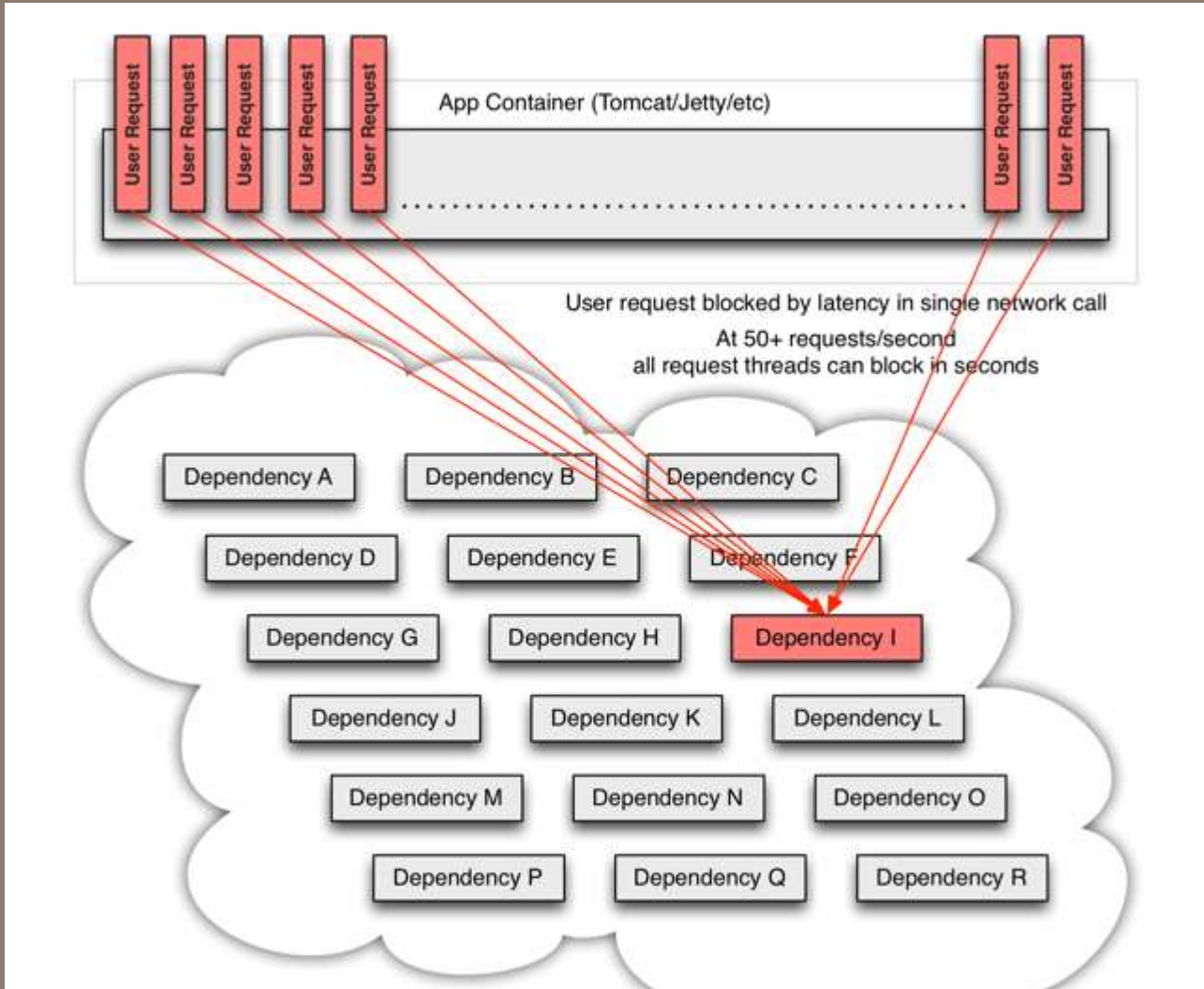
Resilience in distributed systems

- Failures are common
- An application that depends on 30 services
  - where each service has 99.99% uptime
  - 99.99^{30} = 99.7% uptime
  - 0.3% of 1 billion requests = 3,000,000 failures
  - 2+ hours downtime/month even if all dependencies have excellent uptime.
- Reality is generally worse.

When 1 backend becomes latent



At 50+ req/s, all request threads can block in seconds



Fail Fast, Fail Silent, Fallback

- Wrapping all calls to external systems (or “dependencies”) which typically executes within a separate thread
- Timing-out calls that take longer than thresholds you define.
- Maintaining a small thread-pool for each dependency;
  - if it becomes full, requests immediately rejected instead of queued up.
- Measuring successes, failures (exceptions thrown by client), timeouts, and thread rejections.
- Tripping a circuit-breaker to stop all requests to a particular service for a period of time,
  - either manually or automatically (error percentage threshold)
- Performing fallback logic when a request fails, is rejected, times-out, or short-circuits.
- Monitoring metrics and configuration changes in near real-time.

Services Discovery

- Typically, a Microservice gets created and destroyed often
- It is reconfigured on the fly
- In near real-time, others should find it
- Examples
  - Apache ZooKeeper
  - HashiCorp Consul
  - CoreOS Etcd
  - Netflix Eureka

Services Consumption

- Choose the best messaging infrastructure
  - RPC / REST style,
  - Request/Response, Streaming
  - HTTP, HTTP2, TCP, UDP
- Support async consumption / aggregation
  - Use parallel code structures of your clients
  - GO, ES7 (BabelJS, Google Traceur)
- Ease consumption via clients SDKs
  - Automated generated from API definitions
  - Service providers tend to opensource their SDKs
    - Facebook Parse, IBM Bluemix Mobile services

Services Consumption

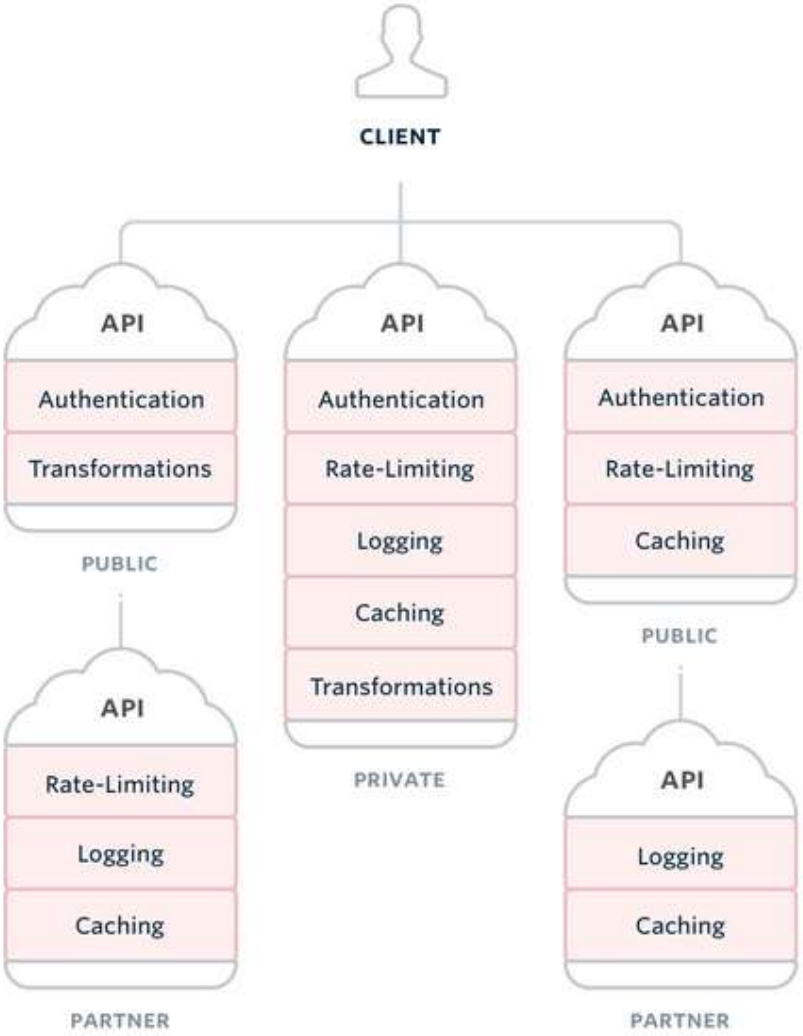
- Favor SDKs with large feature sets
  - Basic REST is not an option for microservices
  - integrate load balancing, fault tolerance, caching, service discovery, multiple transport protocols (HTTP, TCP, UDP)
- Netflix Ribbon
  - Inter Process Communication with built in software load balancers
  - Integrates Hystrix and Eureka
  - The primary usage model involves REST calls with various serialization scheme support.

Microservices Gateway

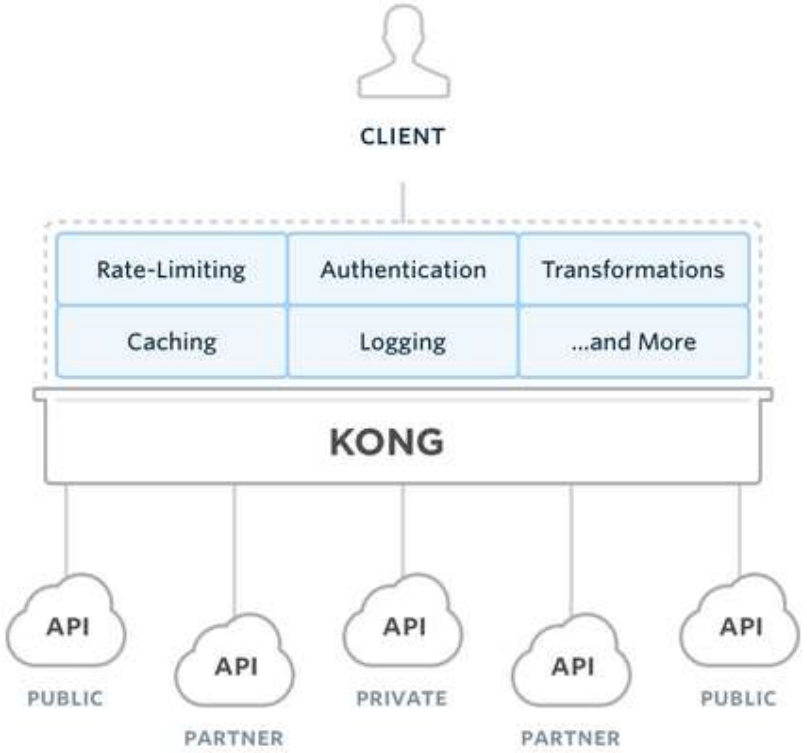
- As an Edge service to access back-end microservices
  - Authentication and Security
  - Dynamic routing,
  - Insights and Monitoring
  - Stress testing : gradually increasing the traffic to a cluster in order to gauge performance.
  - Load Shedding : allocating capacity for each type of request and dropping requests that go over the limit.
  - Static Response handling : building some responses directly at the edge instead of forwarding them to an internal cluster
  - Multiregion Resiliency : routing requests across AWS regions in order to diversify the ELB usage and move the edge closer to users

Microservices Gateway

- Lots of building blocks
  - Nginx
  - Mashape Kong
- Needs integration with the other building blocks of the Microservices communication infrastructure
  - Example : Netflix Zuul



- Common functionality is duplicated across multiple services
- Systems tend to be monolithic and hard to maintain
- Difficult to expand without impacting other services
- Productivity is inefficient because of system constraints



MASHAPE KONG

- Kong centralizes and unifies functionality into one place
- Build efficient distributed architectures ready to scale
- Expand functionality from one place with a simple command
- Your team is focused on the product, Kong does the REST

Committed Teams

- Ownership core to team organization
  - built into the management of the organization
  - make sure that teams have sufficient time to truly own the applications that they are in charge
    - “Products versus Projects” principle
    - “Functional versus Divisional” organizations
  - And give them 360 view on operations

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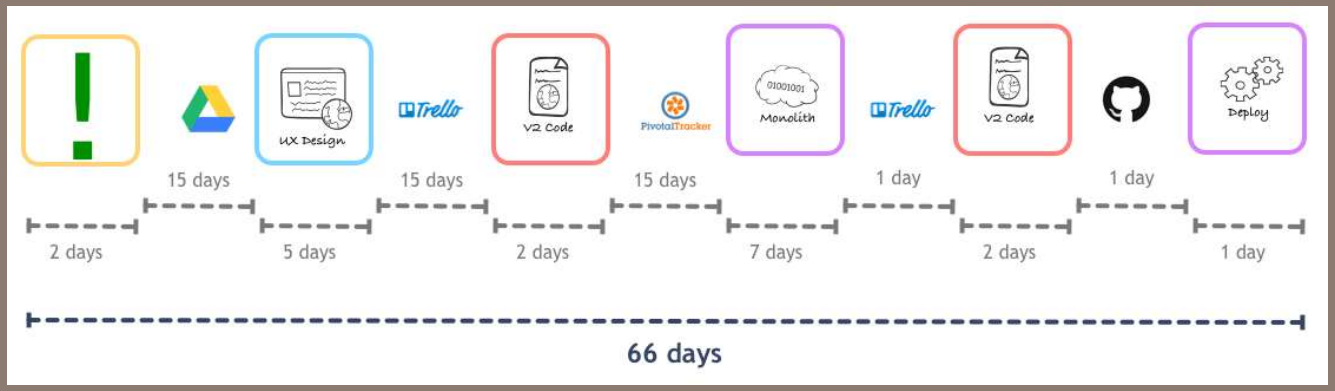
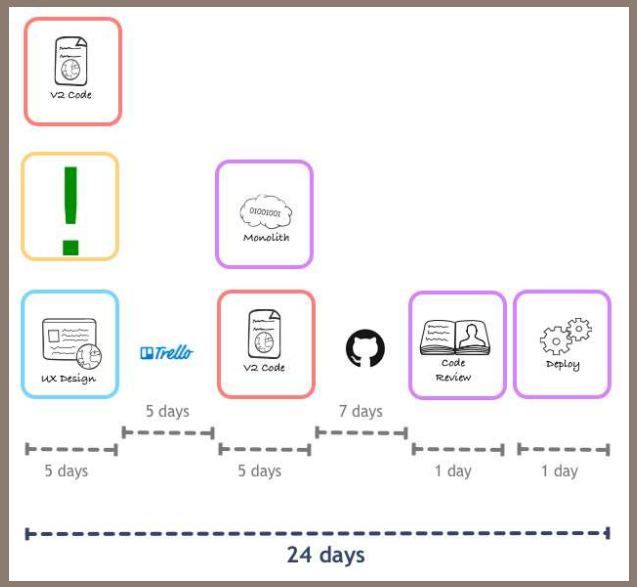
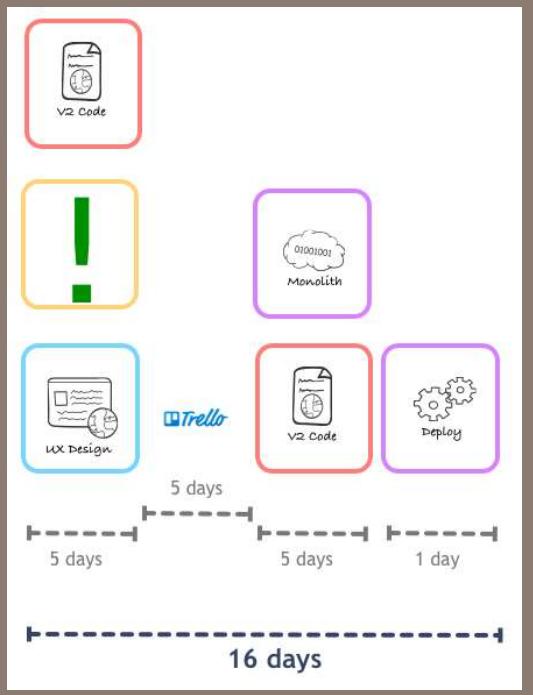
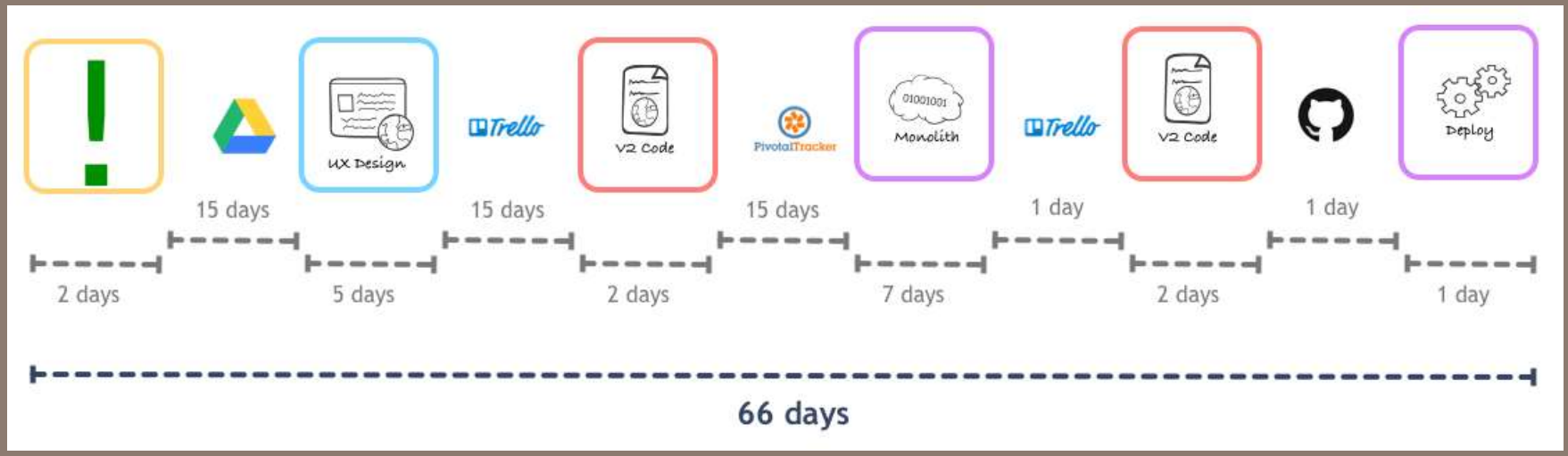






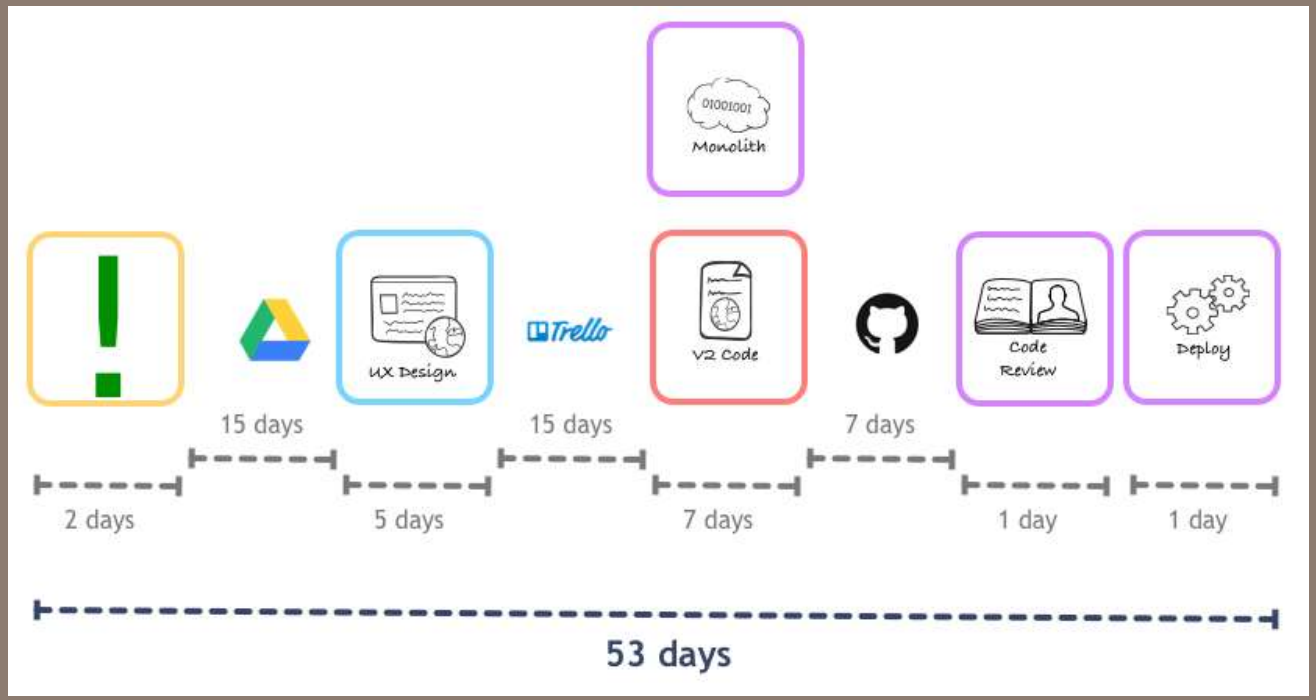
SoundCloud Testimonial

- Actual workflow to go live
  - 2 months, 11 steps
  - Main elephant is all the dance between front-end and back-end development
  - 11 days are doing actual development work



SoundCloud Testimonial

- Decision : pairing back-end and front-end devs
  - pair fully dedicated to a feature until its completion
  - Individually, each person ended up spending more time doing work per feature



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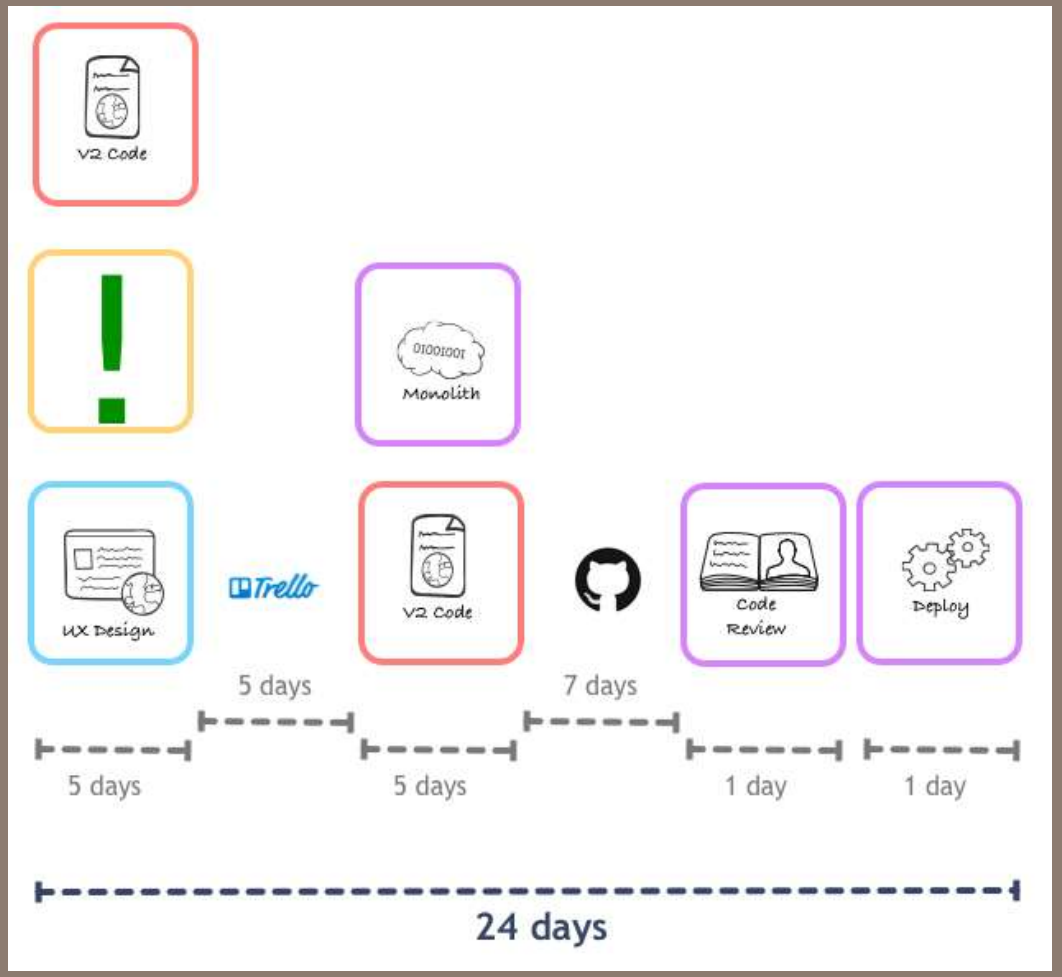
- Designer, product manager, and front-end developer working close to each other

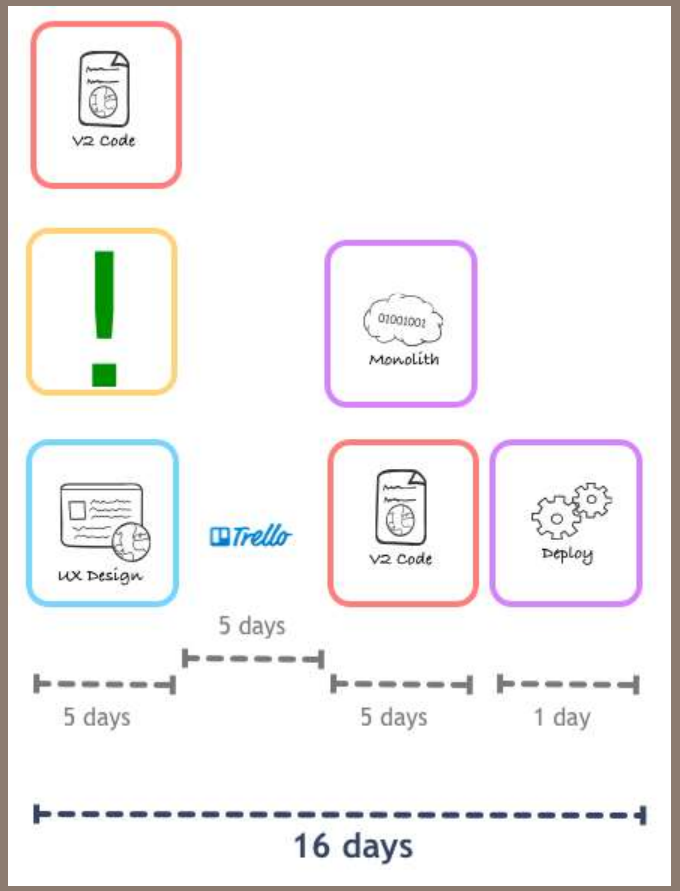


SoundCloud Testimonial

- The irreducible complexity of the monolith
  - *Why do we need Pull Requests?*
  - *Why do people make mistakes so often?*
  - *Why is the code base so complex?*
  - *Why do we need a single code base to implement the many components?*
  - *Why can't we have economies of scale for multiple, smaller, systems?*

SoundCloud Testimonial

- Isolated new features in dedicated microservices, isolated from the monolith
- New organization with team of 3 to 4 people
- Each team is responsible for decided whether parts of the Monolith are extracted and rewritten , or kept



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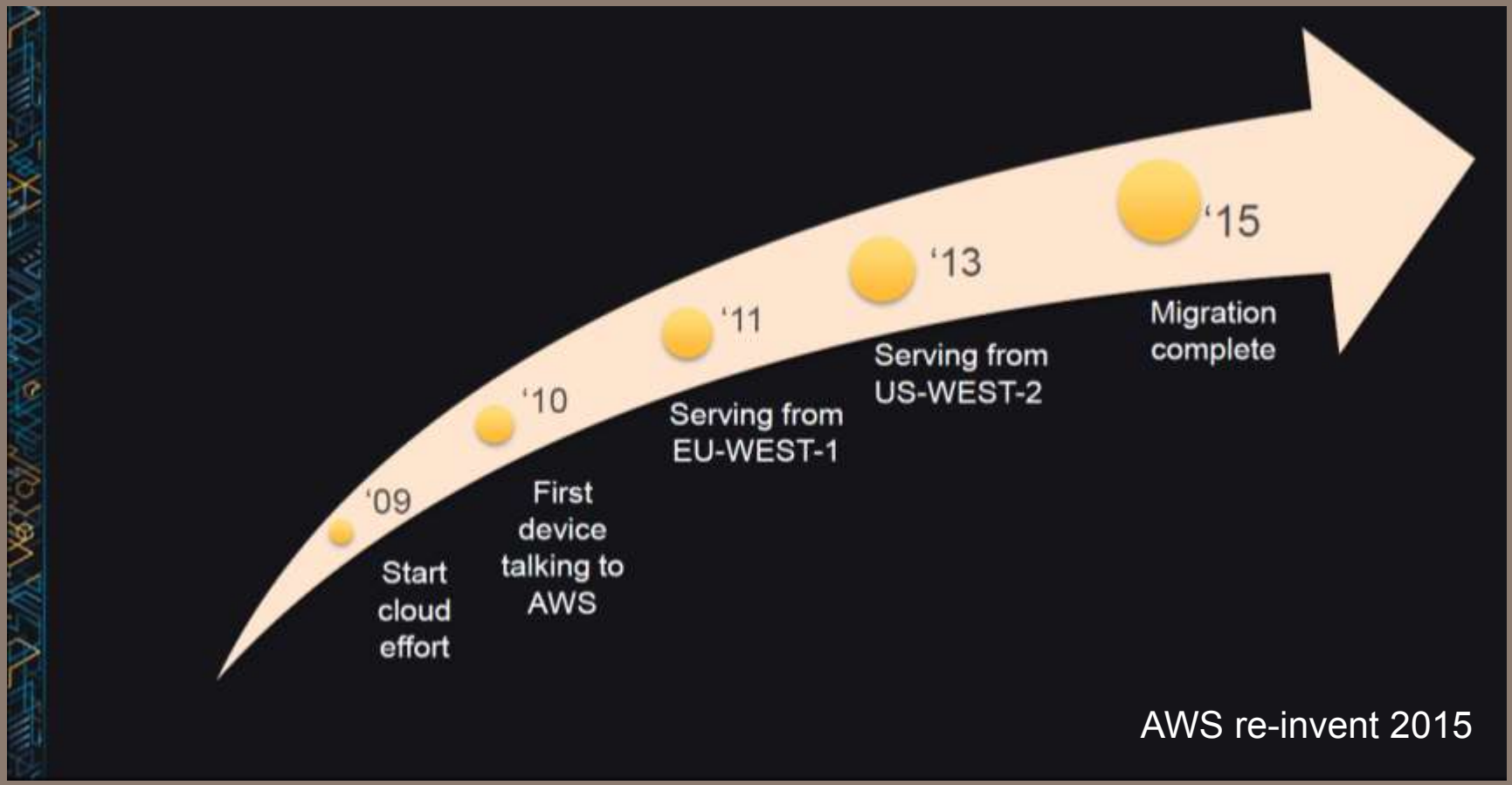
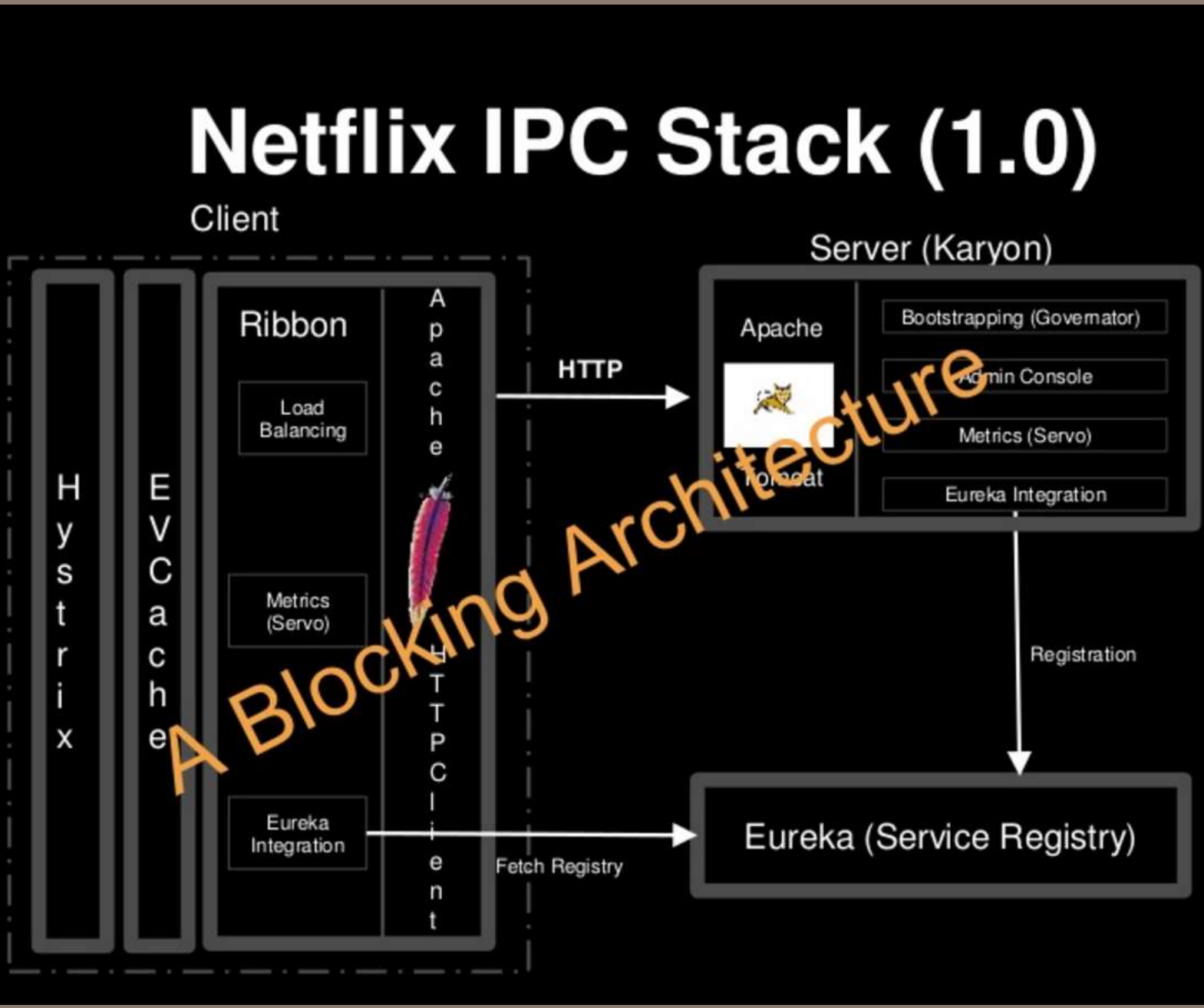
The Netflix Microservices journey

- Migration to AWS

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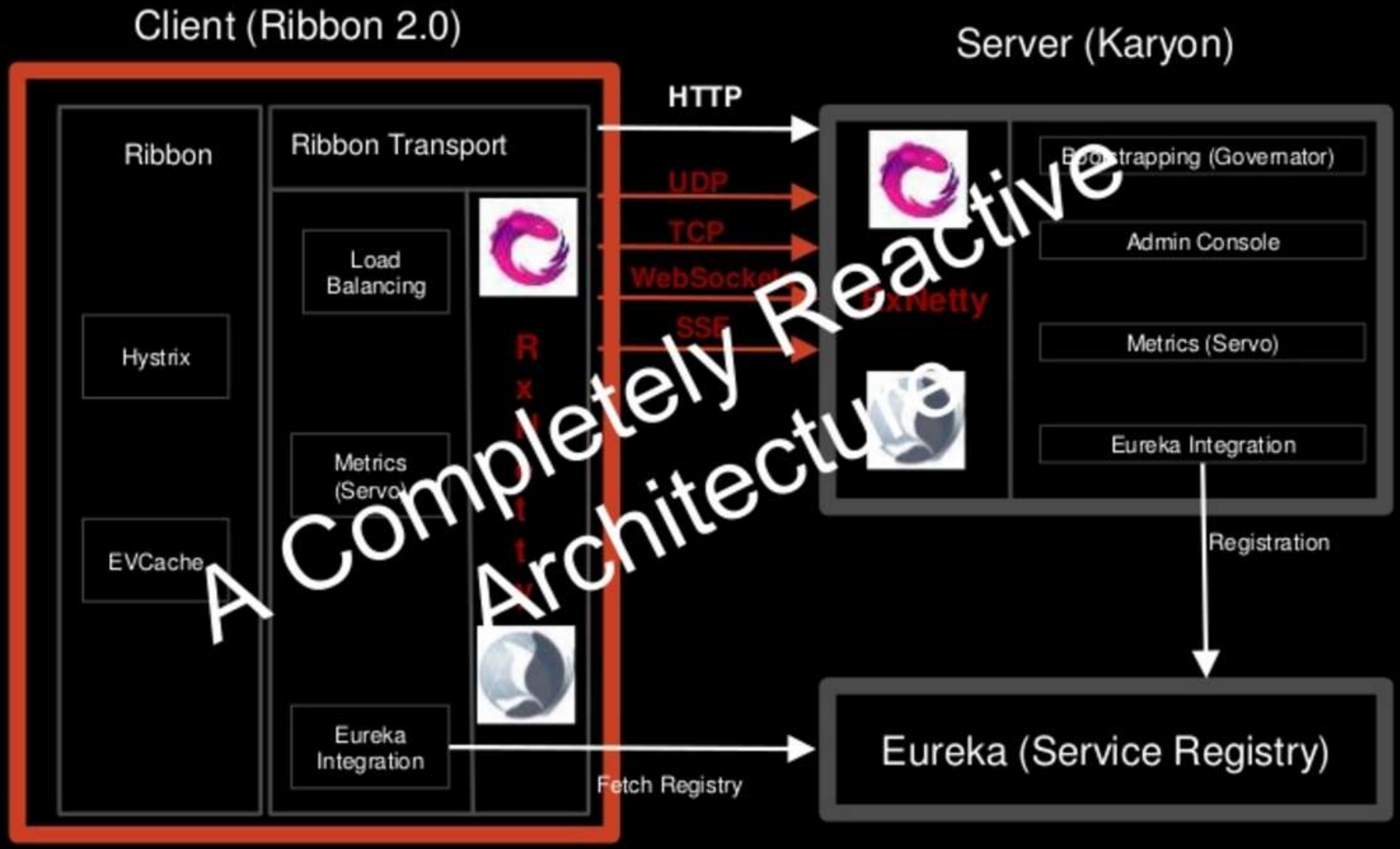


NETFLIX STACK

- Solid communications
  - Hystrix : latency and fault tolerance library
  - Eureka : registry for resilient mid-tier load balancing and failover
  - Ribbon : client based smart load balancer
  - Servo : monitoring library
  - EVCache : distributed in-memory data store for AWS EC2
  - RxNetty : reactive extension adaptor for netty
  - Karyon : blueprint of a cloud ready microservice
  - Zuul : edge gateway
  - Falcor : js library for efficient data fetching

NETFLIX STACK

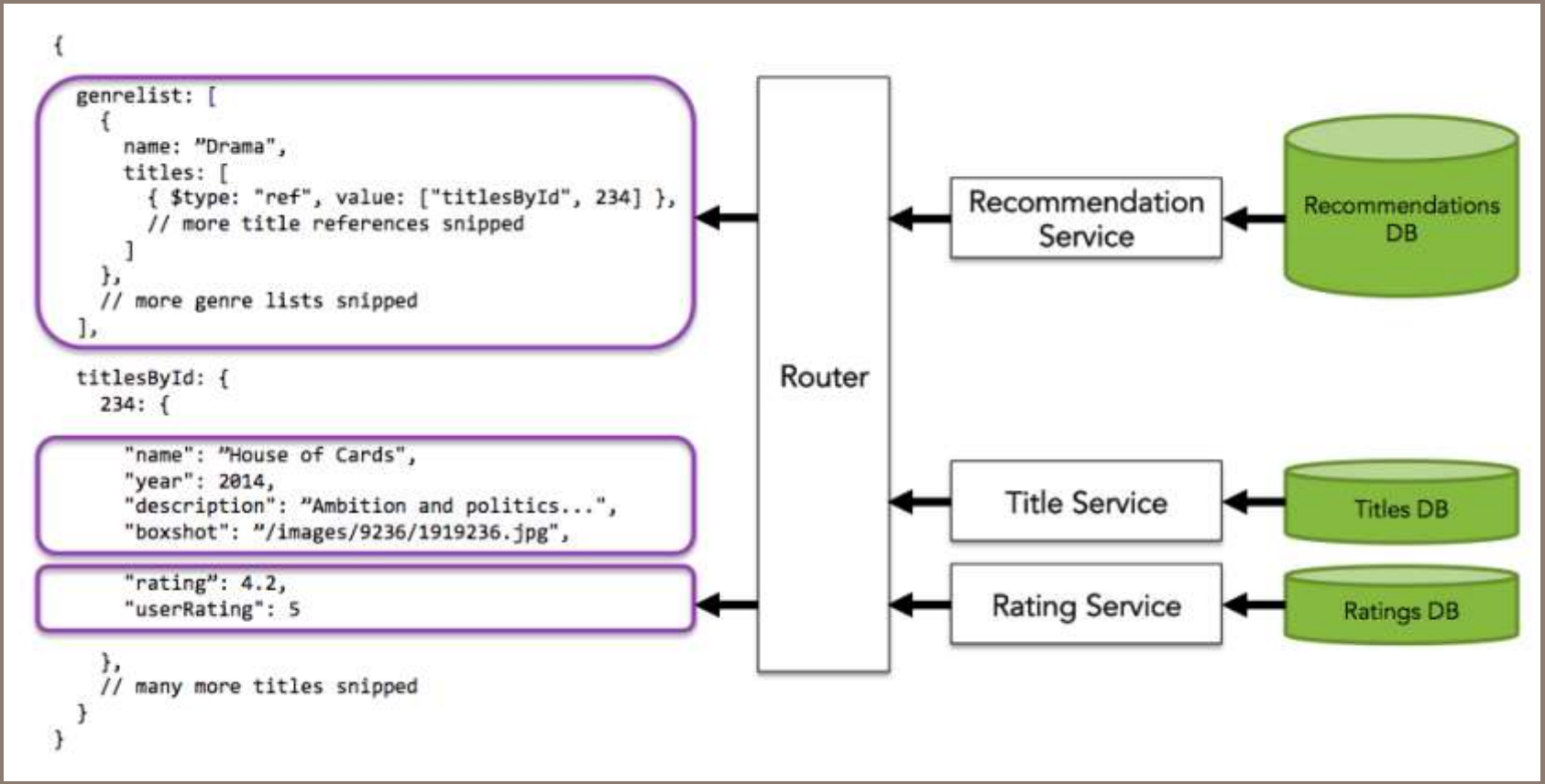
- Automation
  - Asgard : specialized AWS console (app deployments, management)
  - Spinnaker : microservices console (clusters, pipelines), not opensourced yet
  - Atlas : near real-time operational insights
  - Vector : exposes hand picked high resolution metrics from PCP – Performance Co-Pilot hosts
  - SimianArmy : services (Monkeys) in the cloud for generating various kinds of failures, detecting abnormal conditions, and testing our ability to survive them
  - Dependencies automatically documented from from real traffic analysis

Netflix / eureka

- Mid-tier load balancing
  - a REST (Representational State Transfer) based service that is primarily used in the AWS cloud for locating services
  - for the purpose of load balancing and failover of middle-tier servers,
  - the load balancing happens at the instance/server/host level
- Comes with a Java-based client
  - The client also has a built-in load balancer
  - The client instances know all the information about which servers they need to talk to.
  - Does basic round-robin load balancing.
    - At Netflix, a much more sophisticated load balancer wraps Eureka to provide weighted load balancing based on several factors like traffic, resource usage, error conditions to provide superior resiliency.

NETFLIX FALCOR

- Working with JSON Virtual Resources



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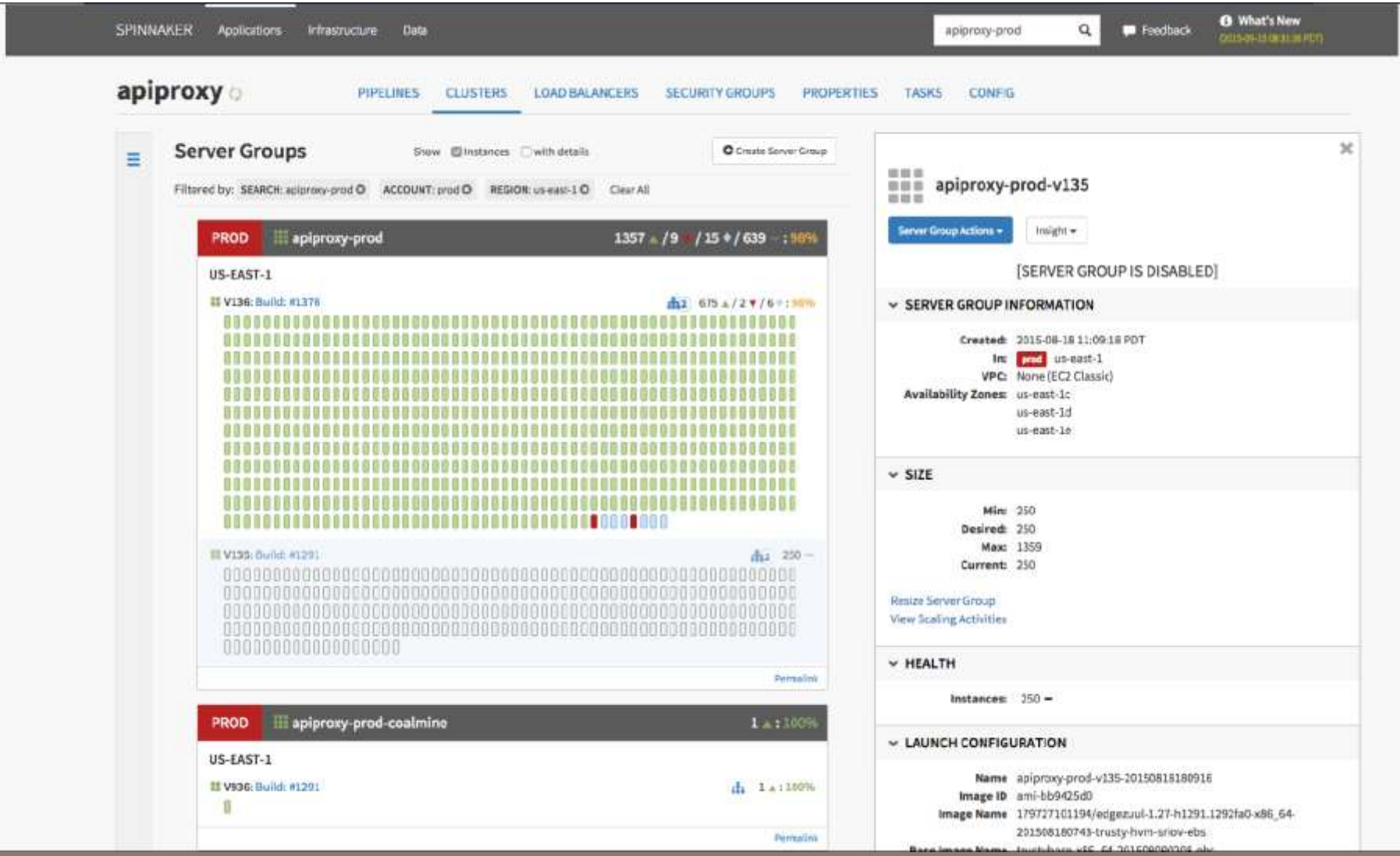

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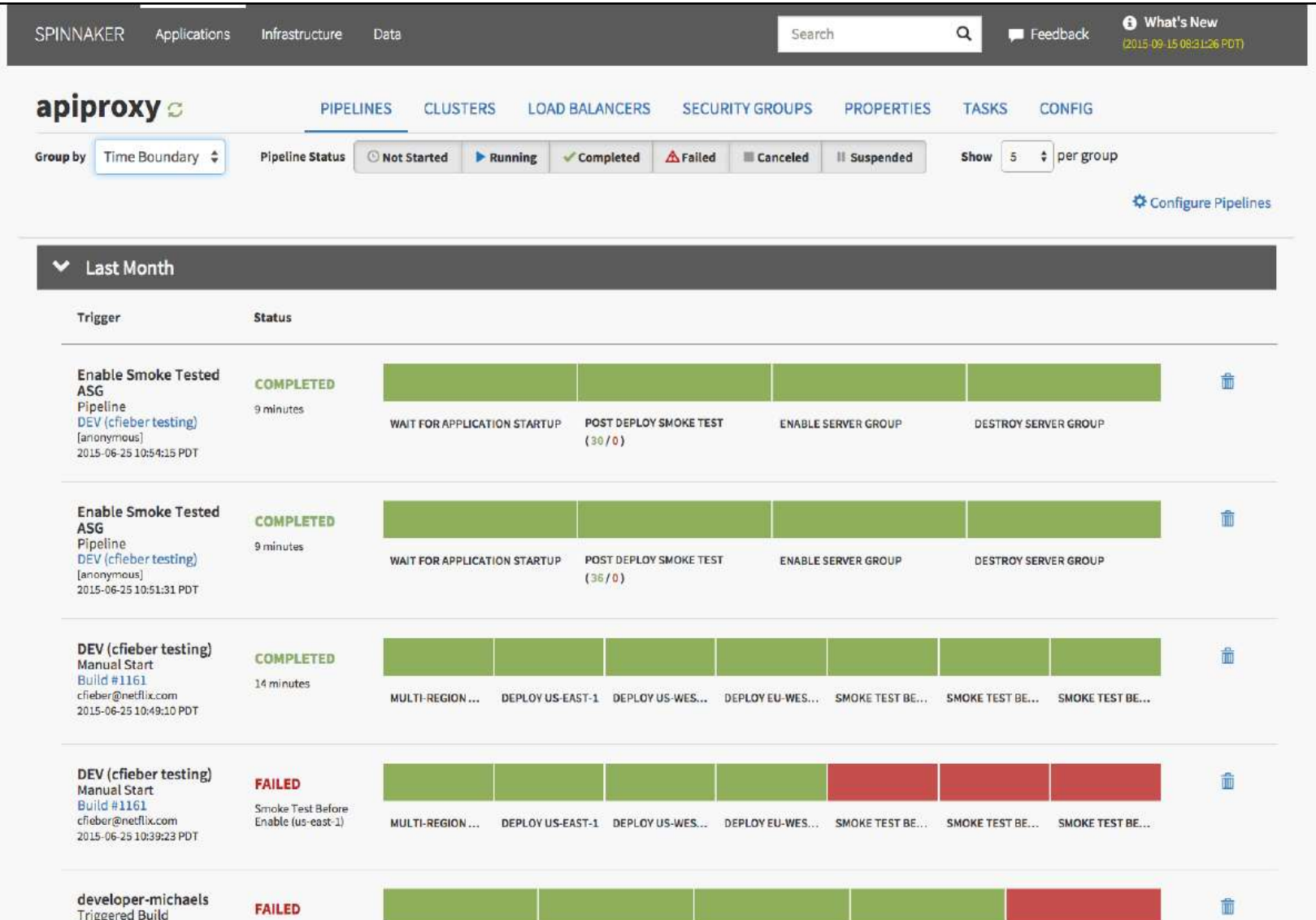
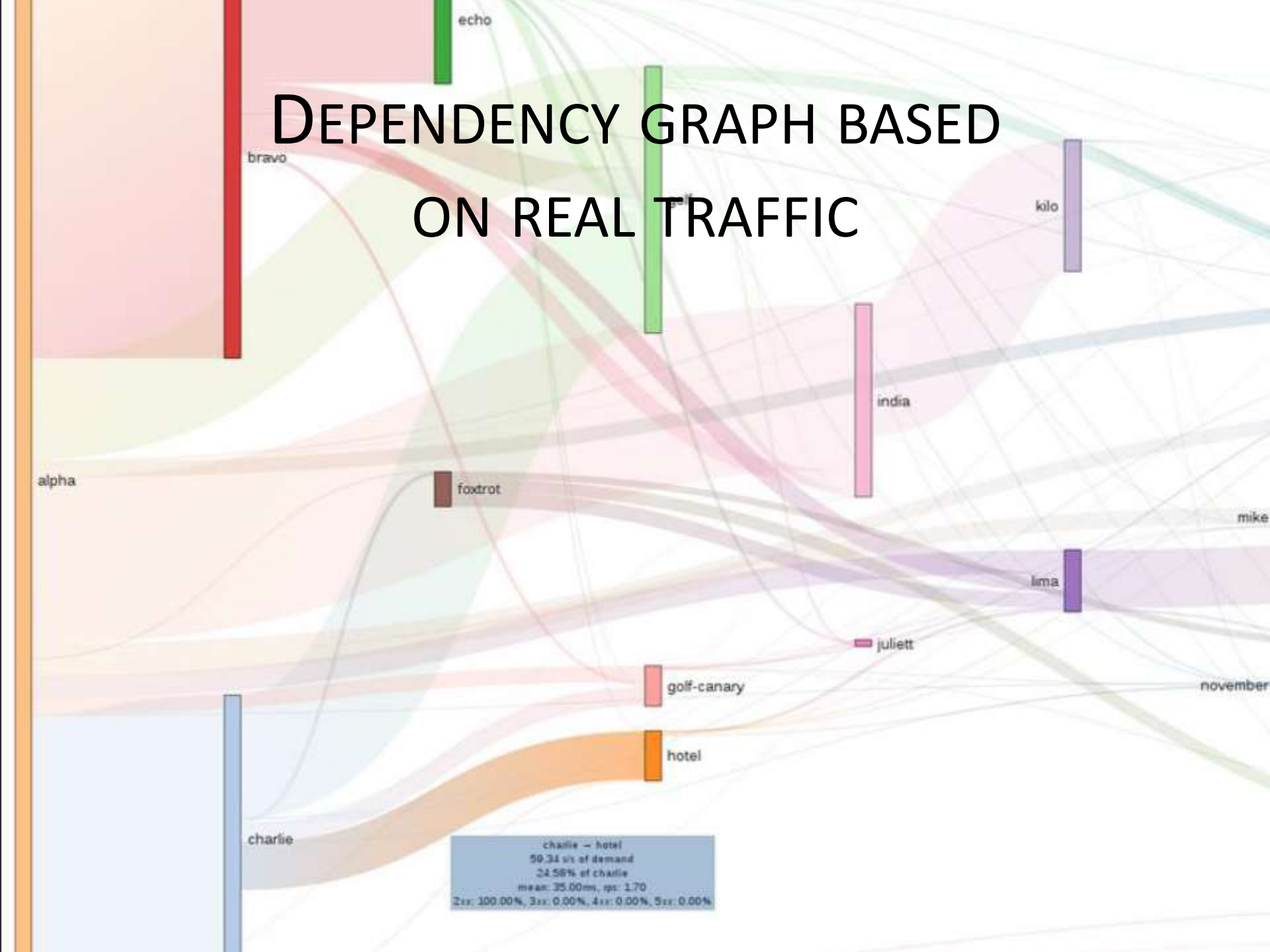


Dependency graph based on real traffic



NETFLIX Atlas Graphs Dashboards Alerts

Graph Y-Axis Expression Remove Add...

Refresh Graph PNG Query

Query: cpuRawIdle

Tags

Selecting an application, cluster, or ASG first will restrict other selections to meaningful values. At least one metric name is required for all queries.

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api

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- nf.app:apiproxy
- nf.app:atlas_alert_api
- nf.app:cass_api_multiregion

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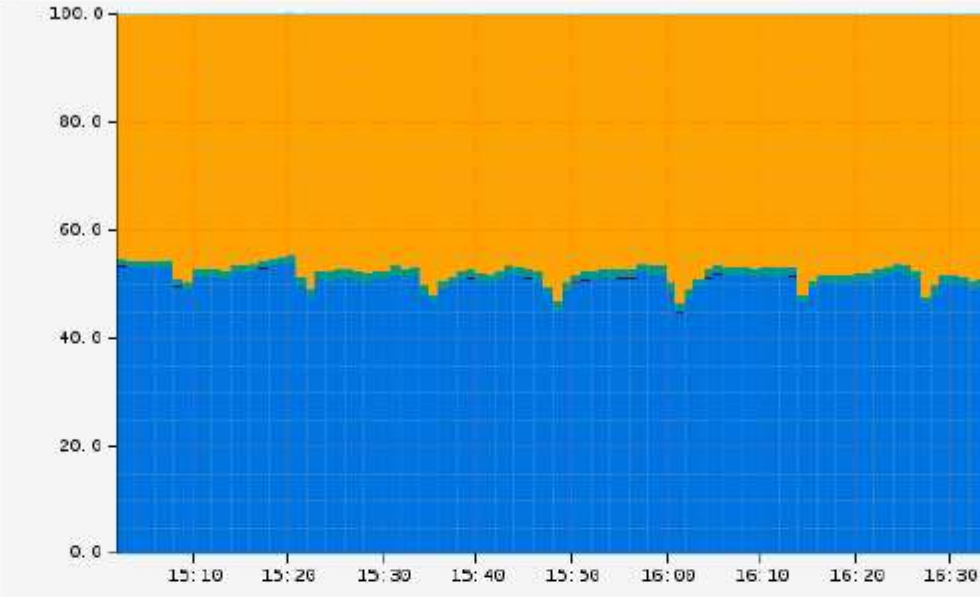

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CPU Utilization

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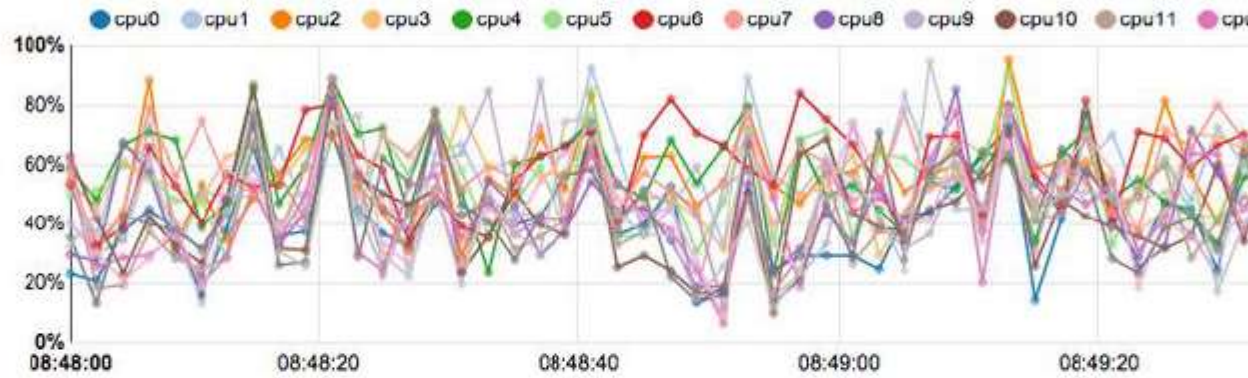

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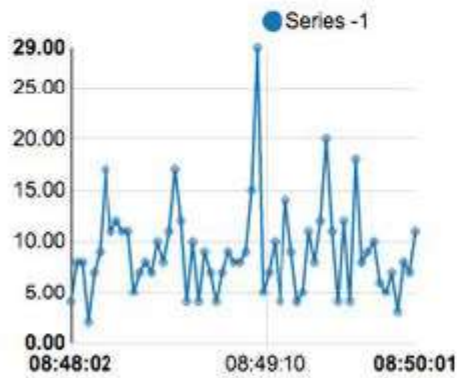

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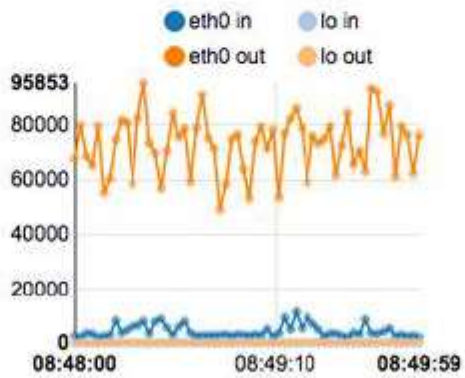

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Network Packets

TCP Retransmits

Memory Utilization

How big should be my microservices ?

RESTish microservices ?

Isn’t it SOA ?

The end of the monoliths ?

FAQ

How big ?

- Microservices ownership implies that each team is responsible for the entire lifecycle
  - functional vs divisional organizations
  - product management, development, QA, documentation, support
- Sizing depends on the system you're building
  - Amazon 2PT principle - Two Pizza Teams
  - 6 to 10 people to build/deploy/maintain a microservice
  - an average microservice at Gilt consists of 2000 lines of code, 5 source files, and is run on 3 instances in production

RESTish Microservices ?

- REST
  - Web lingua franca, 100% interoperable
  - development cost is generally higher
  - best practices : provide client sdks, (ex : generated from Swagger/RAML or other API description languages)
  - performance issues if not well-designed (chattiness)
  - best practices : experience based and coarser grained APIs
- RPC
  - optimized communication via binary formats
  - automated generation from IDL, polyglot by default
  - integrated support multiples scenarios : request/response, streaming, bi-directional streaming

How RESTish Microservices ?

- RPC vs REST style depends on the system you're building and teams existing skills set
- Whatever the style, your microservices architecture MUST provide
  - Services Discovery,
  - Reliable Communications,
  - Operational insights (logs, monitoring, alerts, real time analysis)

GOT IT, BUT ISN'T IT SOA ?

- SOA so what ?
  - Enterprise SOA
  - Event-driven architecture (Pub/Sub)
  - Streaming Services (real-time time series, bidirectional)
  - Container-Services (ala Docker)
  - Nanoservices (ala AWS Lambda)

- Simply stated : Microservices are a SOA style for systems whose first goal is to scale

  $\Rightarrow$ in details, let's see how microservices differ from…

Microservices vs Enterprise SOA

- Enterprise SOA is often seen as
  - multi-year initiatives, costs millions
  - complex protocols with productivity and interoperability challenges
  - central governance model that inhibits change
- Enterprise SOA is more about integrating siloed monoliths
  - generally via a smart and centralized service bus
- Microservices is scalable SOA
  - an architectural style to design, develop and deploy a large and complex system, so that it is easier to scale and evolve

vs Enterprise SOA

√ Componentization via Services

√ Organized around Business Capabilities

Products not Projects

Smart endpoints and dumb pipes

Decentralized governance

Decentralized data management

Infrastructure automation

√ Design for failure

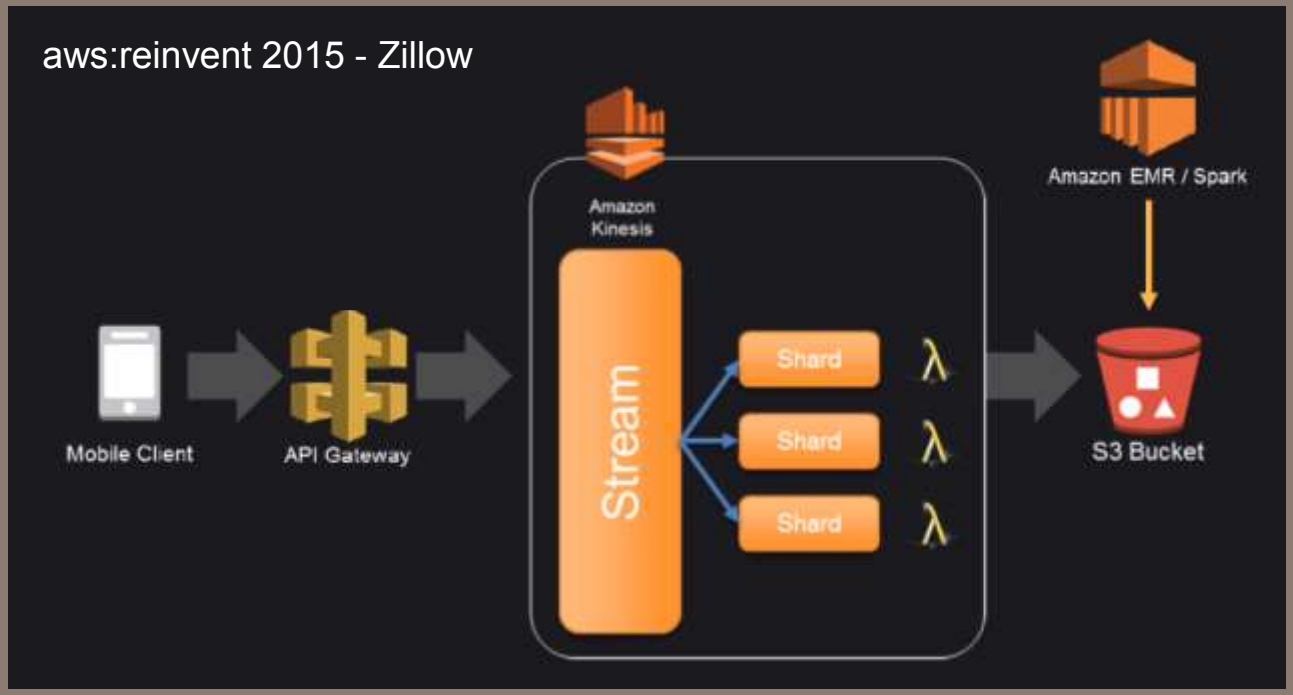
√ Evolutionary design

vs Event Driven Architecture

- EDA fits well with Document oriented systems and information flows
- Communication between microservices can be a mix of RPC (ie, P2P calls) and EDA calls
- See EDA as a communication pattern for your microservices
- Can address choreography, orchestration, pipeline requirements

VS STREAMING SERVICES

- Streaming services fit well
  - if you have large volumes (log entries, IoT),
  - and/or if you aim at real time analysis
- Data ingestion endpoint of a microService
  - Real time analysis of a mobile app usage



vs Container Services

- Containers provide the infrastructure to deploy your microservices independently one from another
- See Container Services as a building block of your global microservices architecture

vs NanoServices

- Nanoservices are small pieces of code (functions)
  - Example : AWS Lambda, Auth0 Webtasks
- A microservice may leverage 1+ nanoservices

SUMP UP

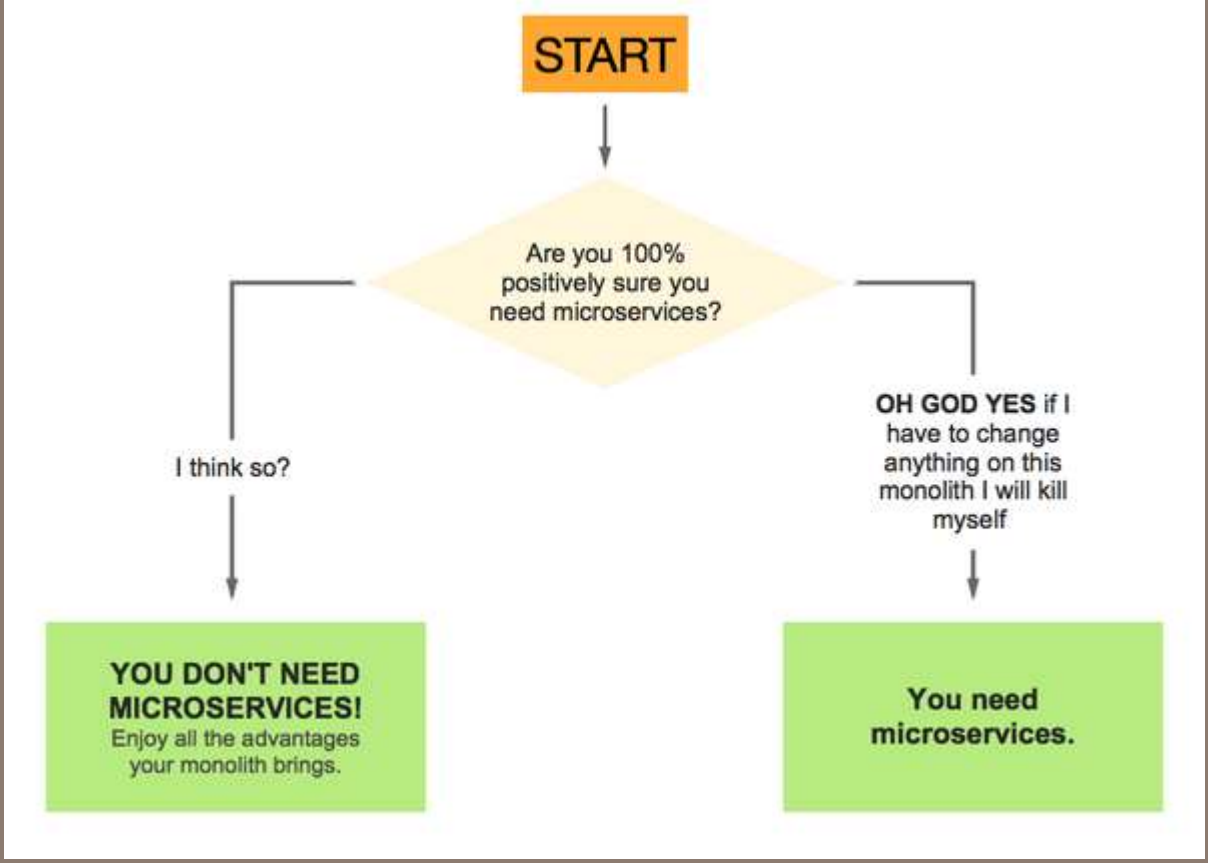
Microservices Patterns

- Solid communications
  - Fault tolerant librairies
  - Service discovey
- Committed teams
  - Devops culture
  - Code/Test/Deploy/Support, 24/7
  - Automation
- Ownership
  - Organisation aligned with the strategy
  - Insights via real time monitoring

Microservices is a long journey

- Several years to implement
  - Communications, infrastructure, automation, monitoring, teams organization
  - The price to pay for extreme agility in a complex system at scale
- Prepare for iterative reworks
  - Multiples languages => maintainability
  - Numerous building blocks => updates & security
  - EOL of microservices stacks : manage your technical debt
  - Dependency Hell : keep control of your microservices segmentation
  - Ownership : is your organization ready ?

The End of Monoliths ?



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From Monoliths to Microservices

- Velocity of innovation for complex systems
  - Keep your monolith as is if you don't need to speed up features delivery
- To prepare for the journey
  - switch from layered architecture to internal APIs,
  - automate integration and deployment,
  - reorganize from divisional to functional teams committed to business and owning their code

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