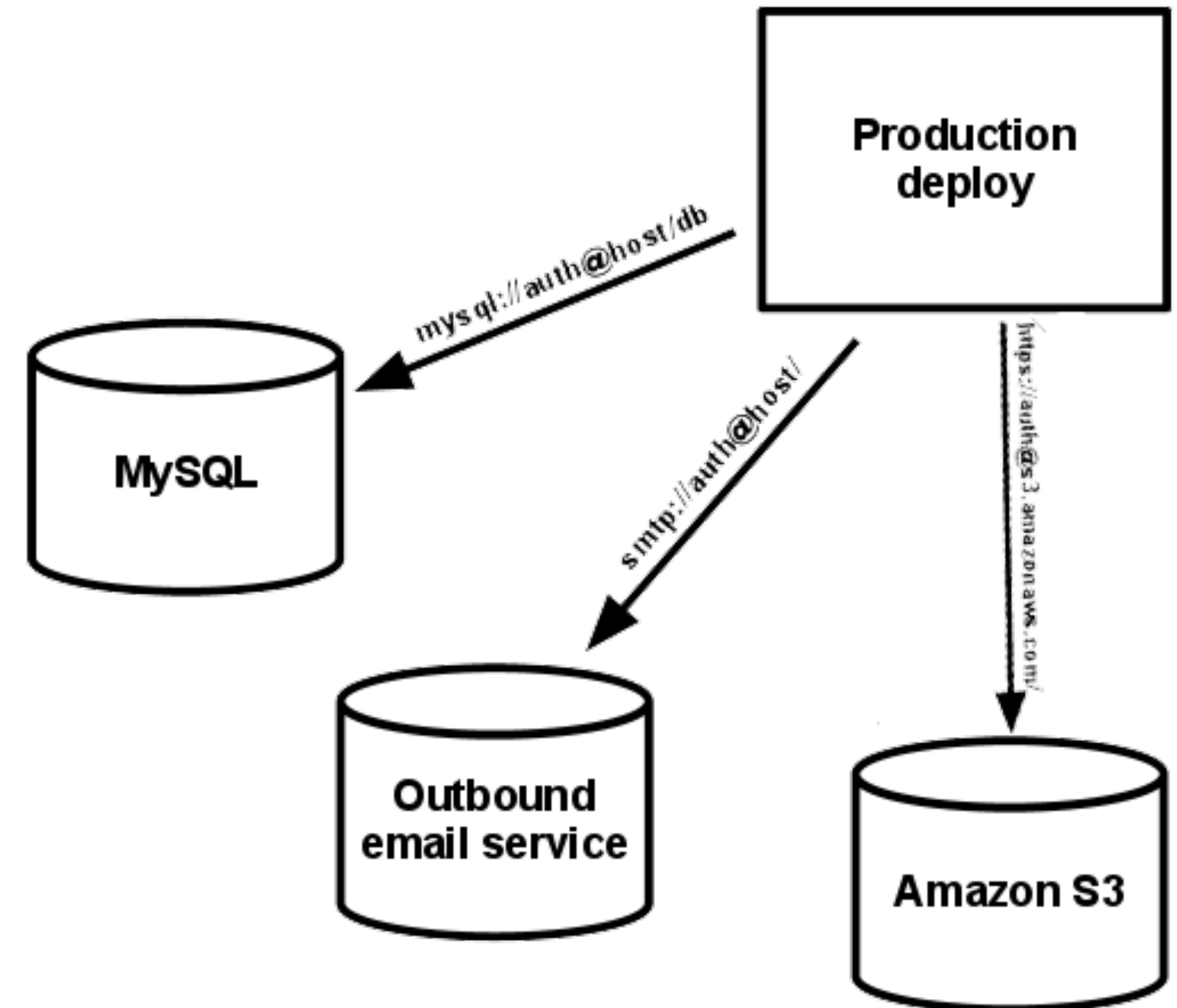# IV. Backing Services

What is a backing service?

- The code for a twelve-factor app makes **no distinction between local and third-party** services.

- Each distinct backing service is a **resource** accessed via a **URL or other locator/credentials** stored in the config.

VII. Port Binding

"Export services via **port** binding"