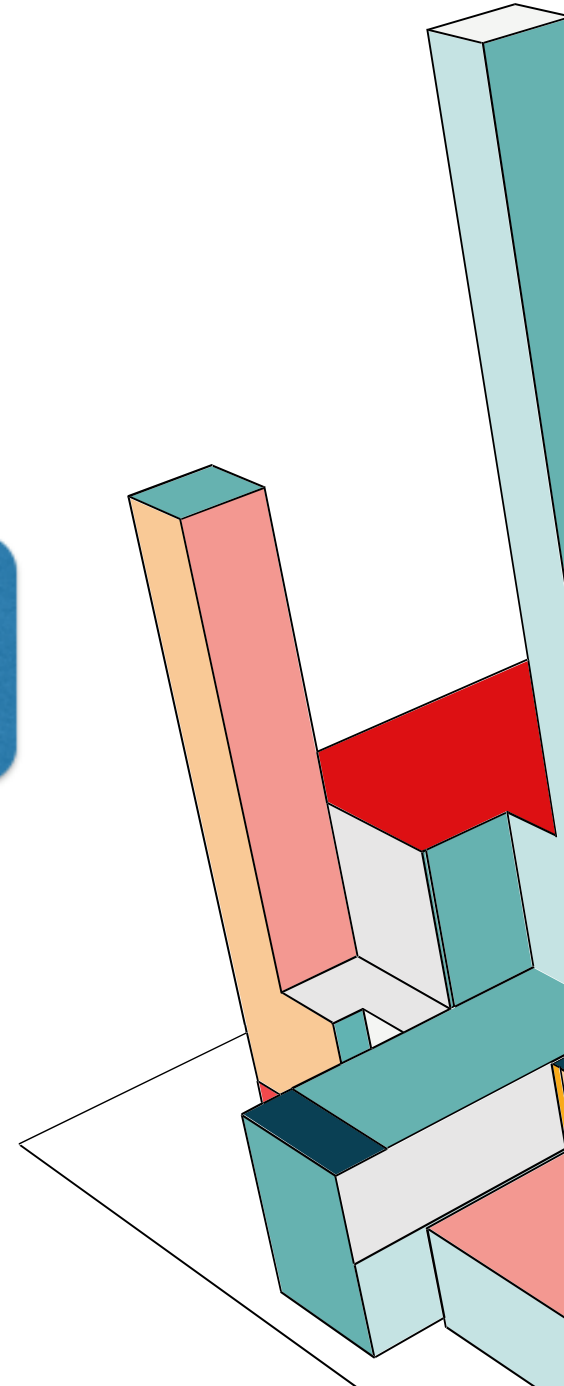
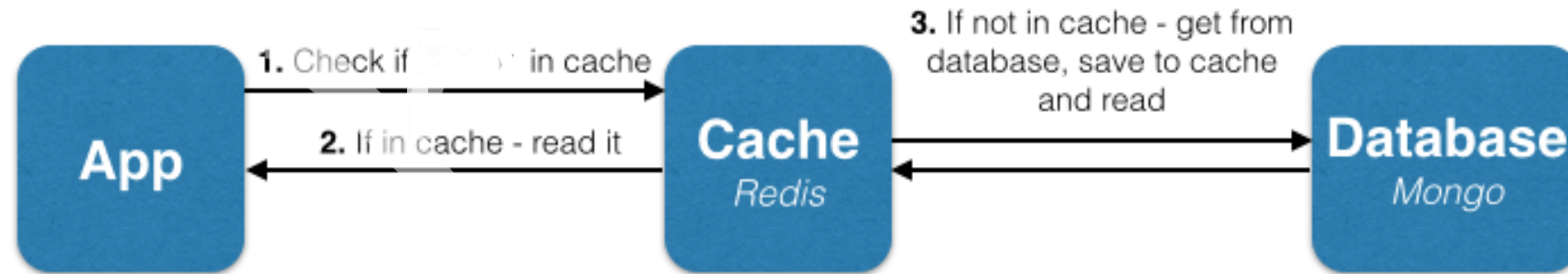


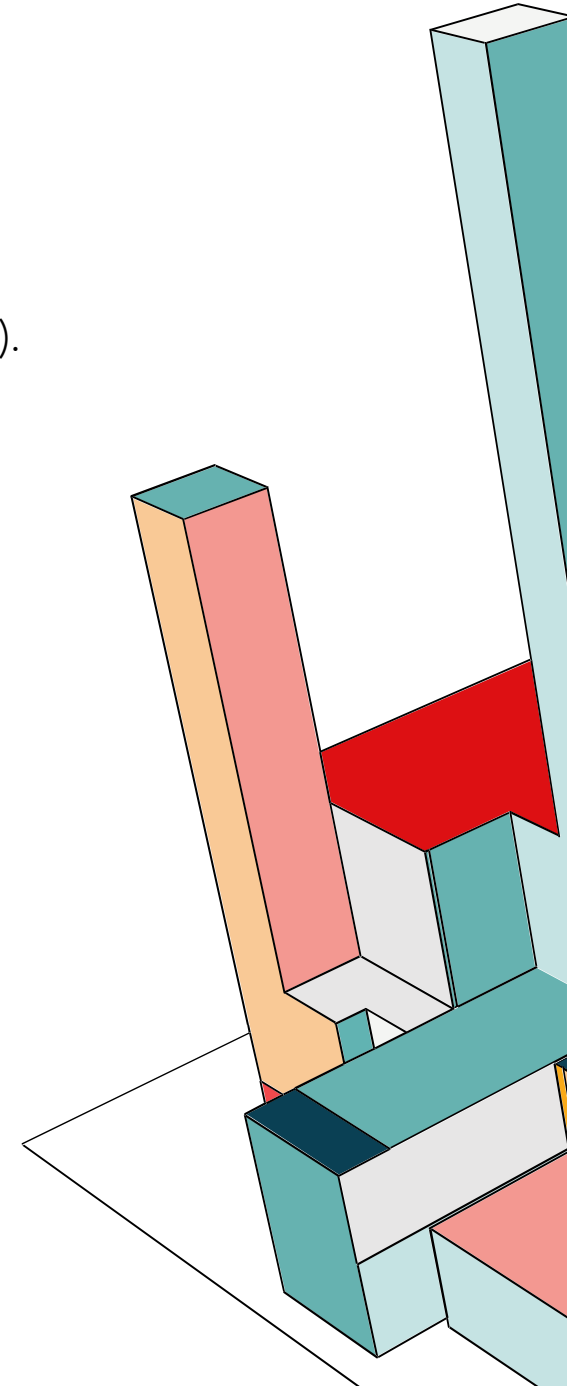
ARCHITECTURE & ETL DATA FLOW



LESSONS LEARNED

- Learned how in-memory caching significantly reduces response time (120 ms → 3 ms).
- Implemented three strategies: Cache-Aside, Read-Through, and TTL Expiration.
- Understood how cache consistency, invalidation, and expiration policies affect data accuracy.
- Gained hands-on practice integrating multiple databases (Redis + MongoDB) in Node.js.

| Test Type | Cache Condition | Response Time (ms) | Observation |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Cache-Aside | Cache Miss (1st request) | 104.248ms | Data fetched from MongoDB |
| Cache-Aside | Cache Hit (2nd request) | 0.549ms | Data served from Redis cache |
| TTL Cache | Before Expiration | 0.522ms | Fast response from Redis |
| TTL Cache | After Expiration | 100.756ms | Cache expired, data reloaded from MongoDB |



CHALLENGES & REFLECTIONS

What Worked Well:

- Redis integration was smooth after connection setup.
- Cache hits greatly improved performance and reduced DB load.
- TTL logic automatically kept data fresh.

What Didn't Work Well:

- Initial environment issues (require vs import, dotenv logging).
- MongoDB URI connection and Redis PATH setup required troubleshooting.
- TTL cache required re-testing to confirm expiration timing.

