Microservices

An introduction

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Introduction

Microservices Architecture

An architectural style

that structures an application as

a collection of loosely coupled,
collaborating services,

which implement business capabilities

Who is using it?

NETFLIX

1000+

Microservices

Architecture Evolution

1990	2000	2010
Monolithic	SOA	Microservices

SOA vs Microservices

Dump services

Smart pipes

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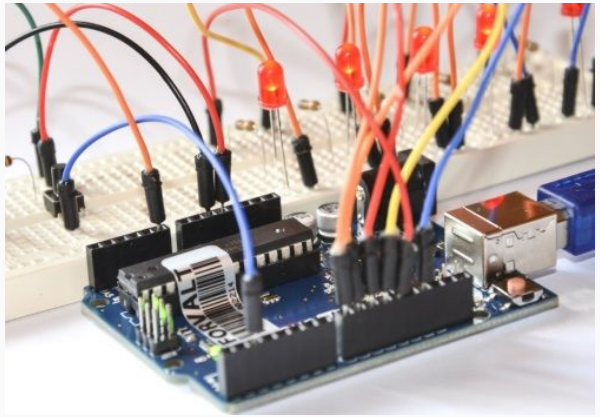
Dump pipes



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ps aux | grep java
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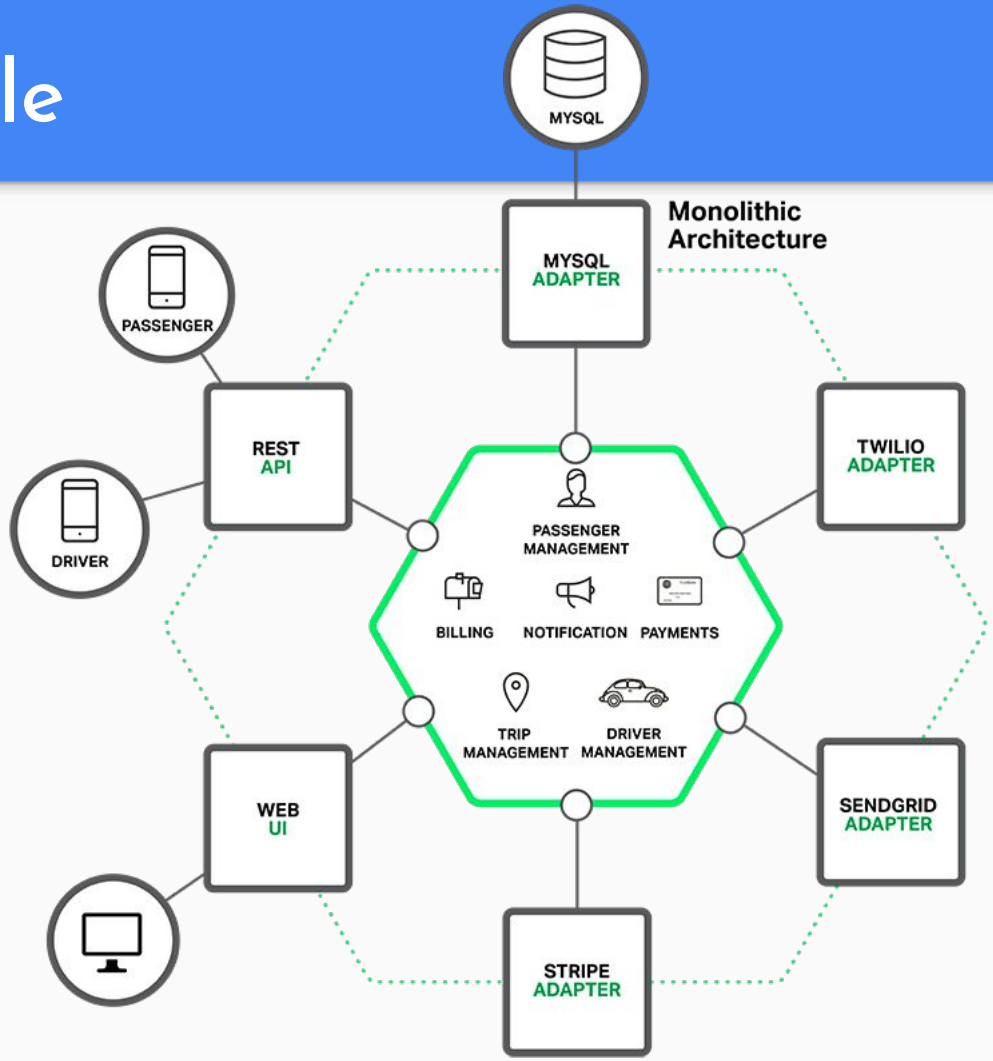
Monolithic Example



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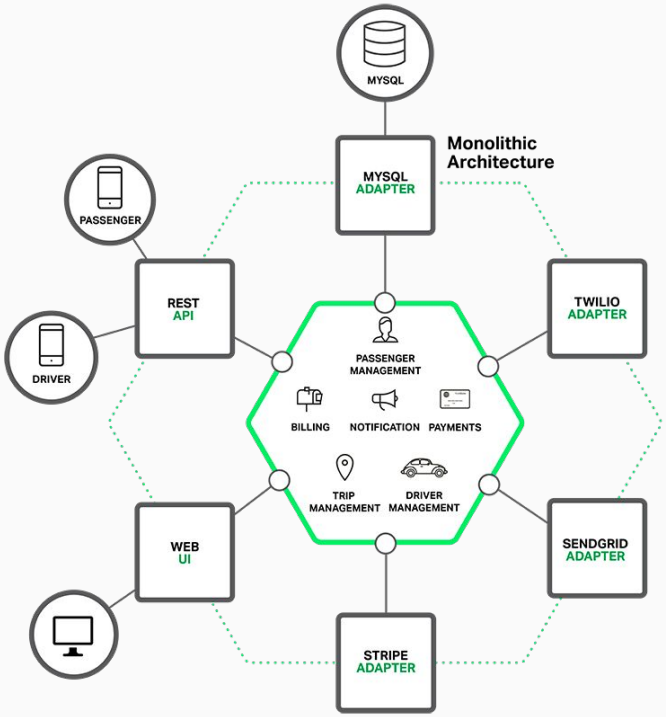
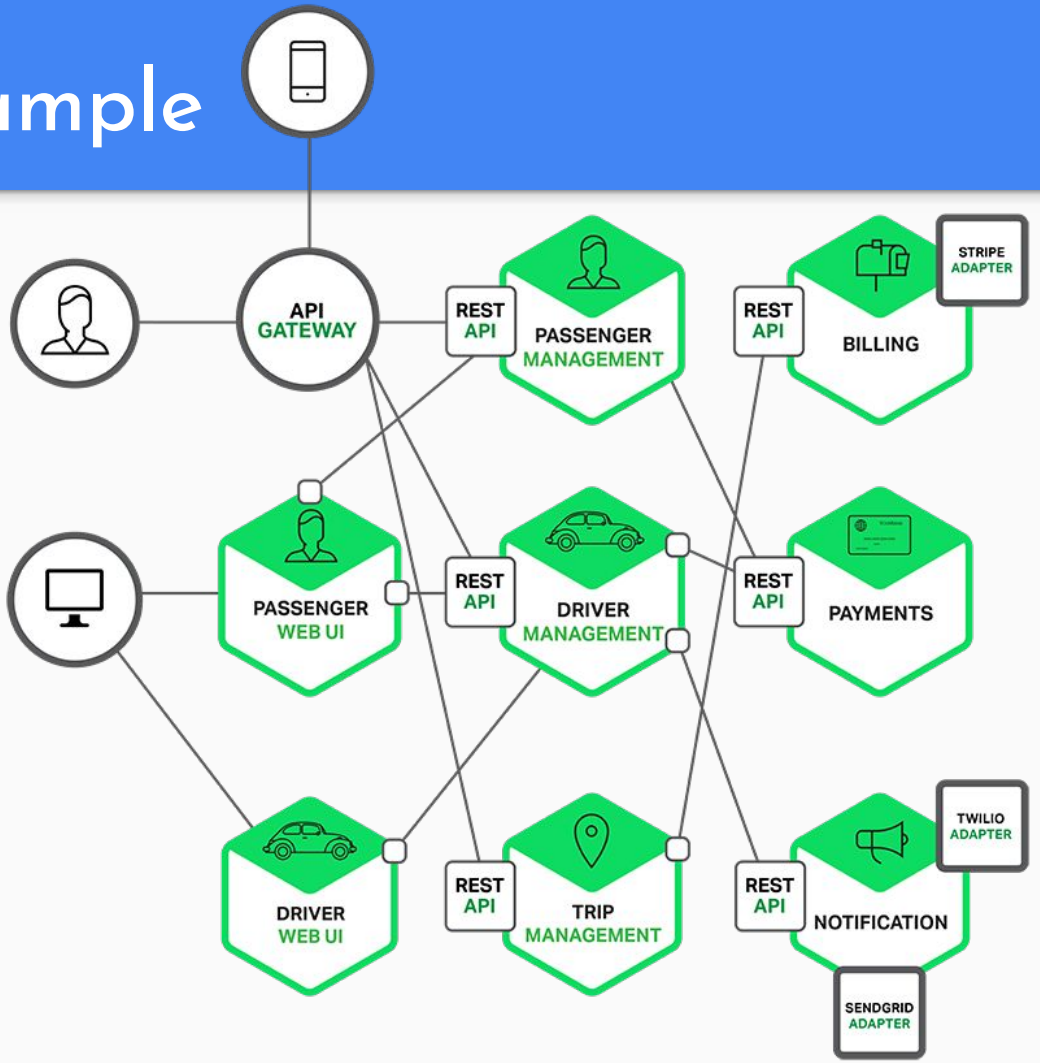


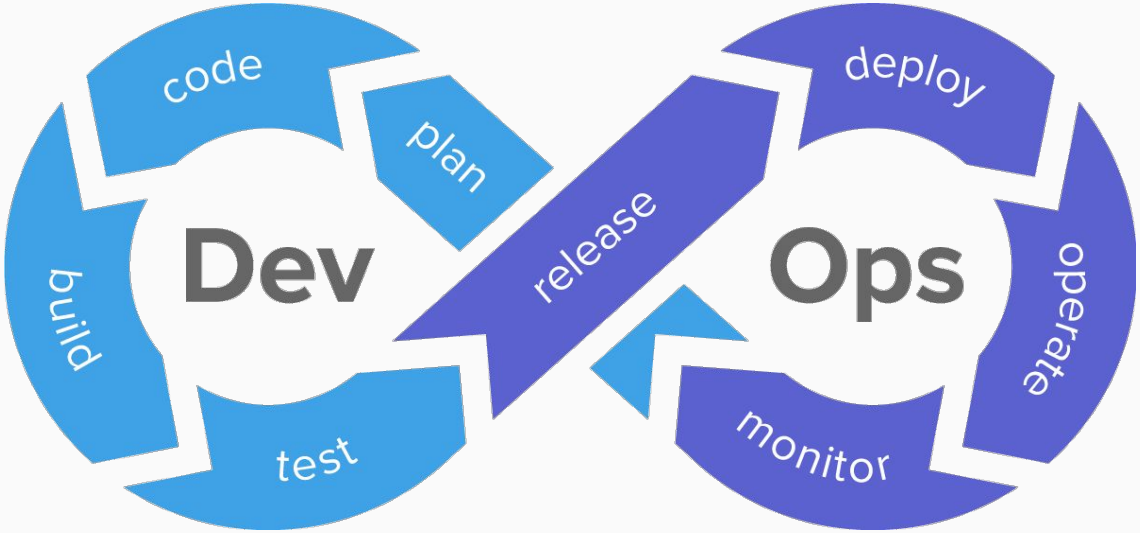


DevOps

practices

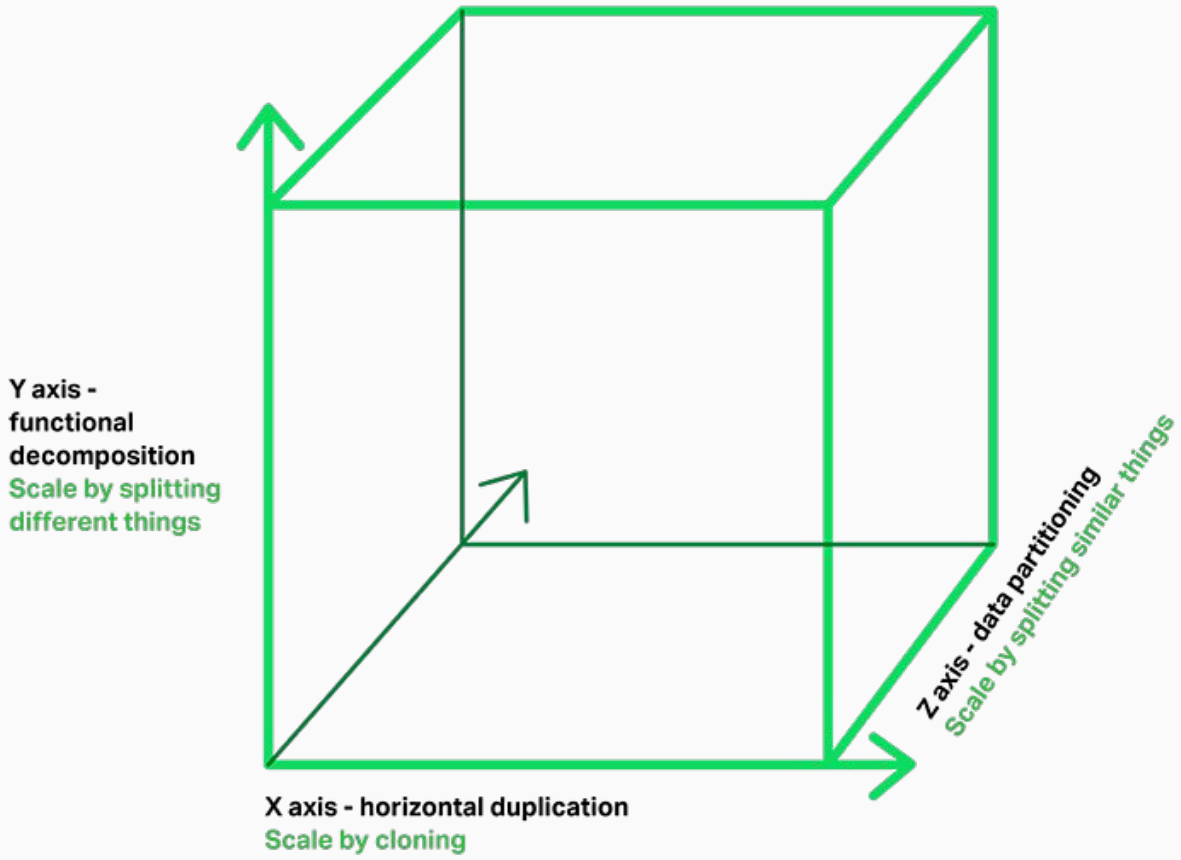
processes

tools



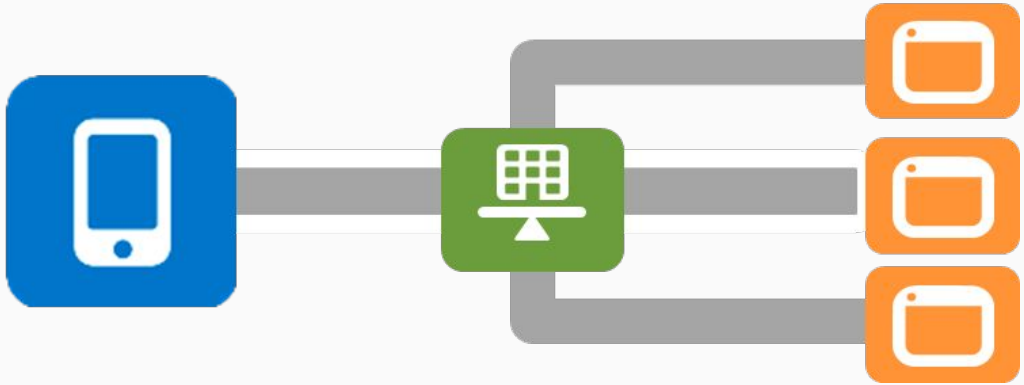
Scale cube

3D model of scalability



X-axis Horizontal duplication

Running multiple copies of an application behind a load balancer

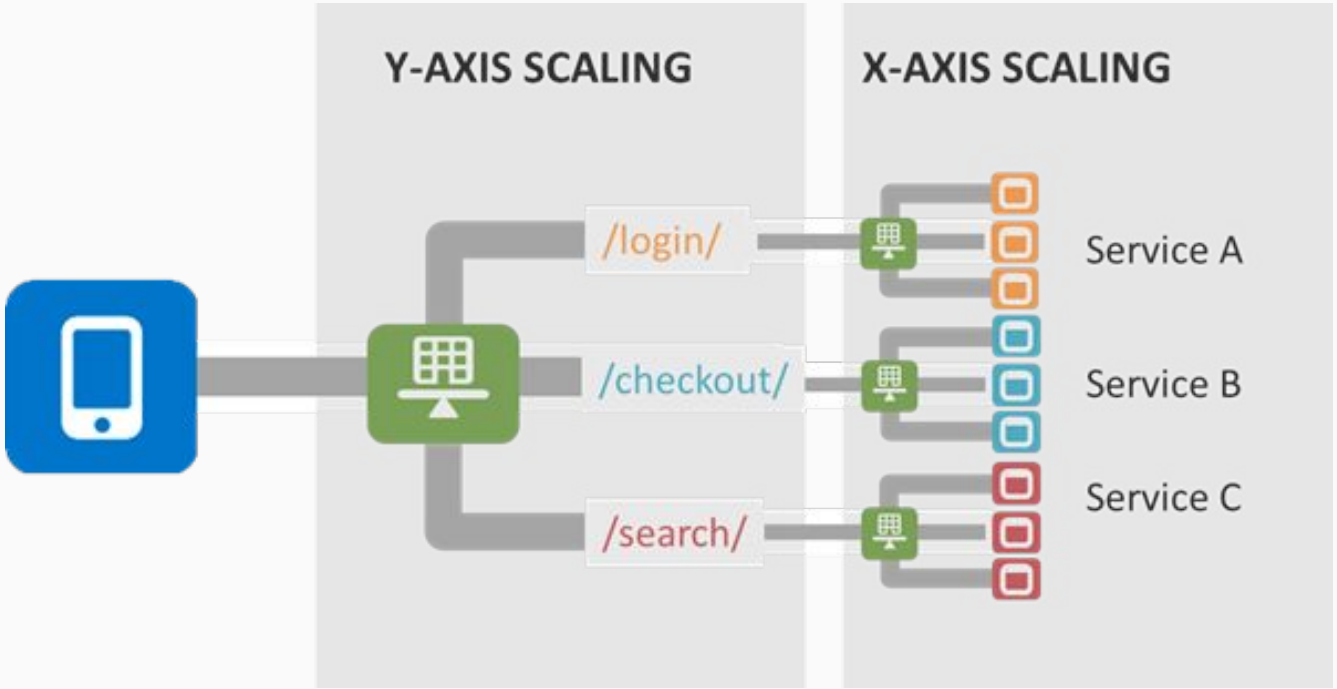


Y-axis Functional decomposition

Splits the application into multiple, different services

Each service is responsible for one or more closely related functions

X+Y


Y-AXIS SCALING
X-AXIS SCALING
/login/
/checkout/
/search/
Service A
Service B
Service C

Z-axis Data partitioning

Each server runs an identical copy of the code but responsible for only a subset of the data

Statelessness

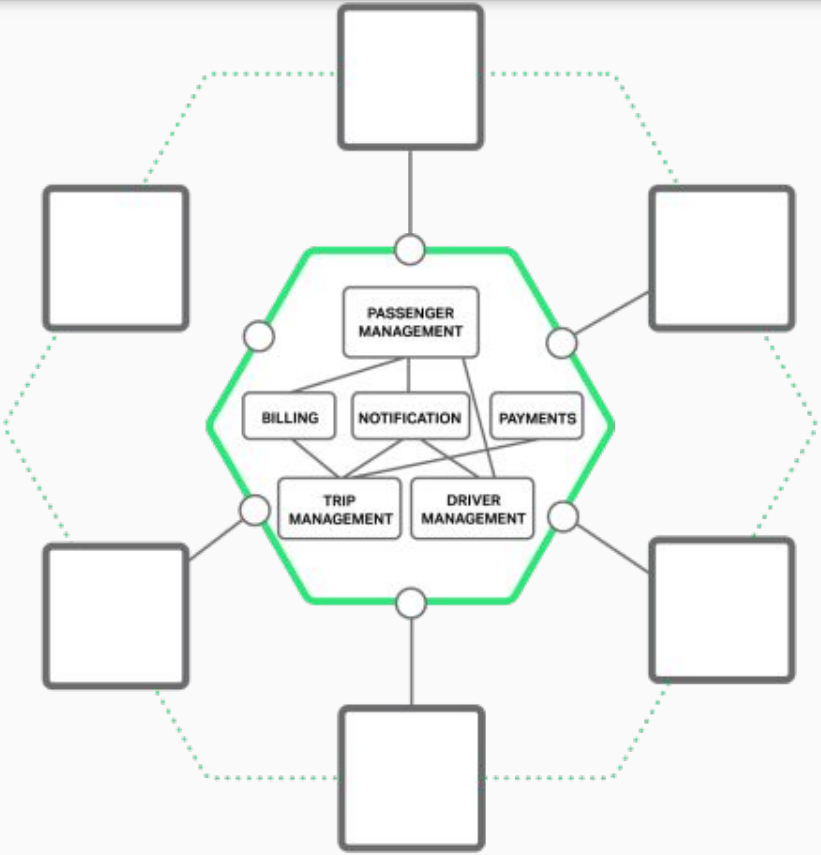
Defer state information to:

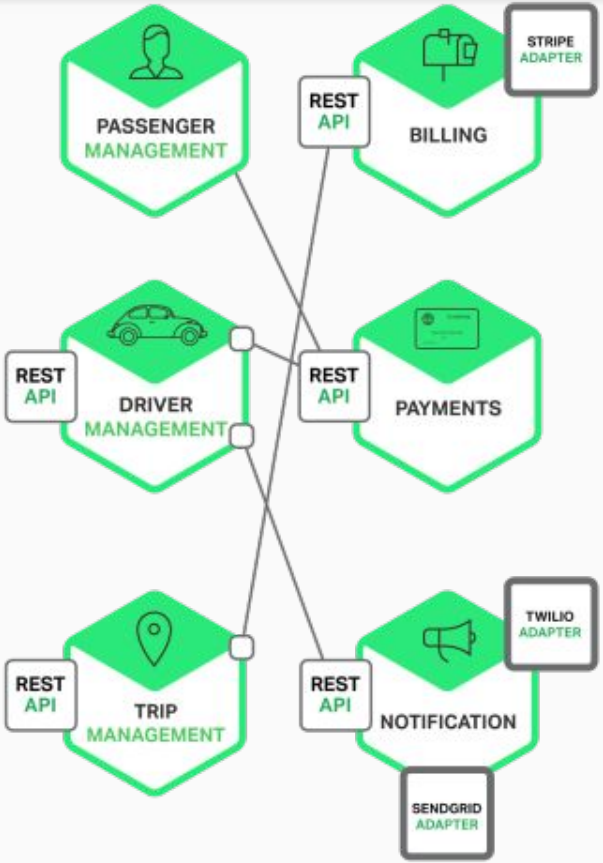
- Database
- Service consumer

Separating services from their data → Scalability++

Minimize In-memory data → Availability++

What do you think?





Microservices

Motivation

- New team members must quickly become productive
- The application must be easy to understand and modify
- Practice continuous deployment
- Run multiple copies of the application on multiple machines in order to satisfy scalability and availability
- Take advantage of emerging technologies (frameworks, programming languages, etc)

Microservices characteristics

- Loosely coupled
- Communicate with a lightweight protocol:
  - Synchronous protocols such as HTTP/REST
  - Asynchronous protocols such as AMQP
- Autonomous
- SRP

Monolithic issues

Hard to understand

Hard to maintain

Long Time to Ship

Hard to scale

Failure Cascade

Hard to monitor

Hard to figure out issues

Stuck in a Technology/Language

Microservices benefits

- Developed
- Deployed
- Run
- Scaled

Independently

& Quickly

By a small engineering team

With any technology

Resilient

More maintainable

Drawbacks

Needs communication mechanism implementation

Distributed transactions complexity

Increased memory consumption

Deployment, Management complexity

Decomposition

Identifying Service Boundaries

- Loosely coupled
- Highly cohesive
- Autonomous

Size

Small

enough that it serves a focused purpose.

Big

enough that it minimizes interservice communication

Decomposition

Verb-based

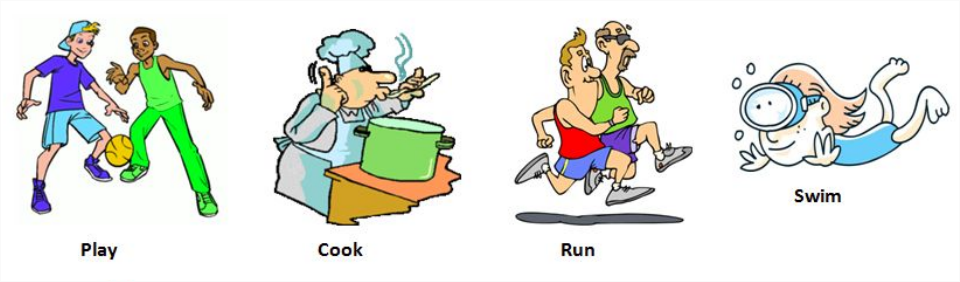
Use case

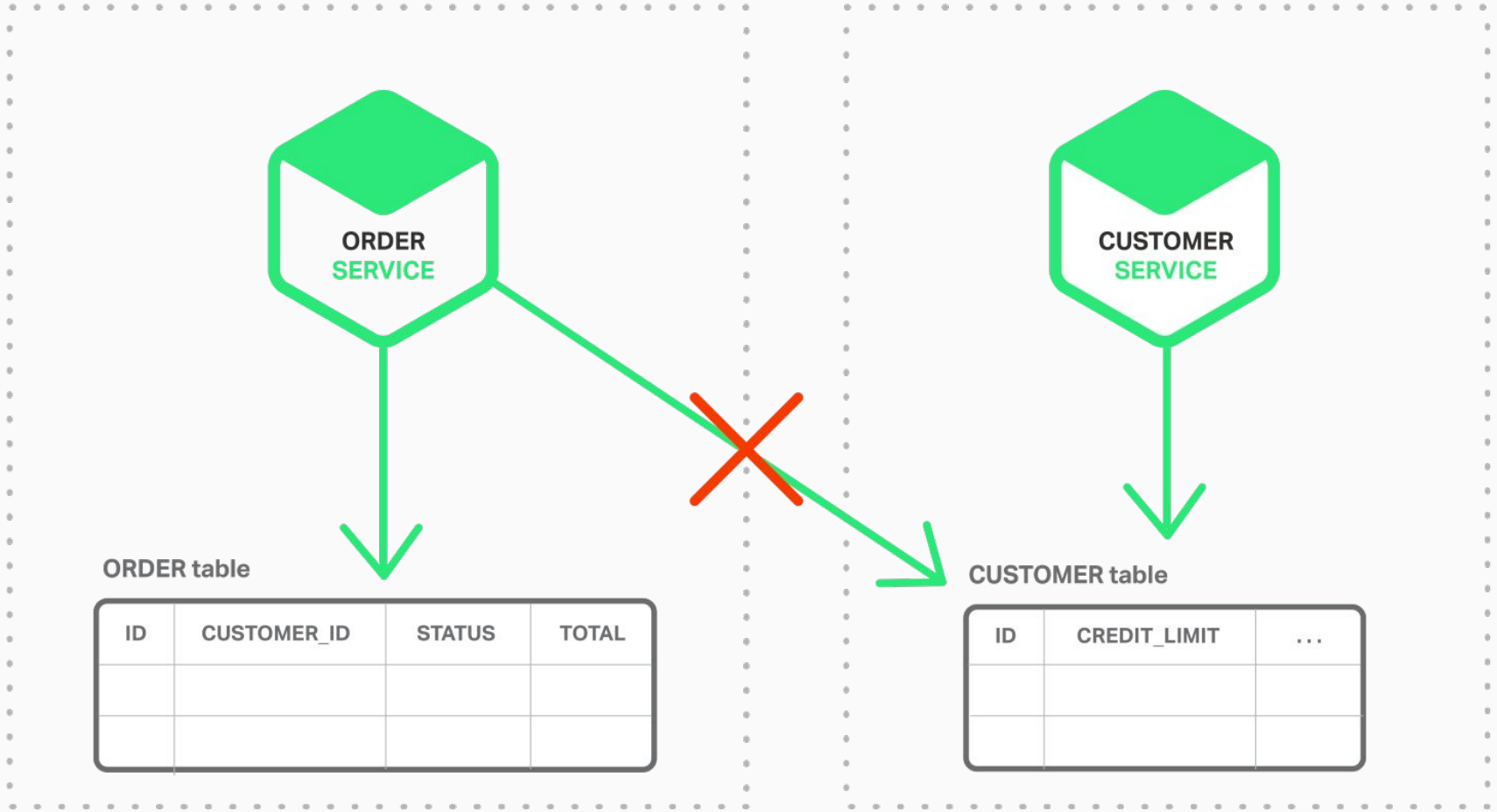
Business capability

Noun-based

Entity

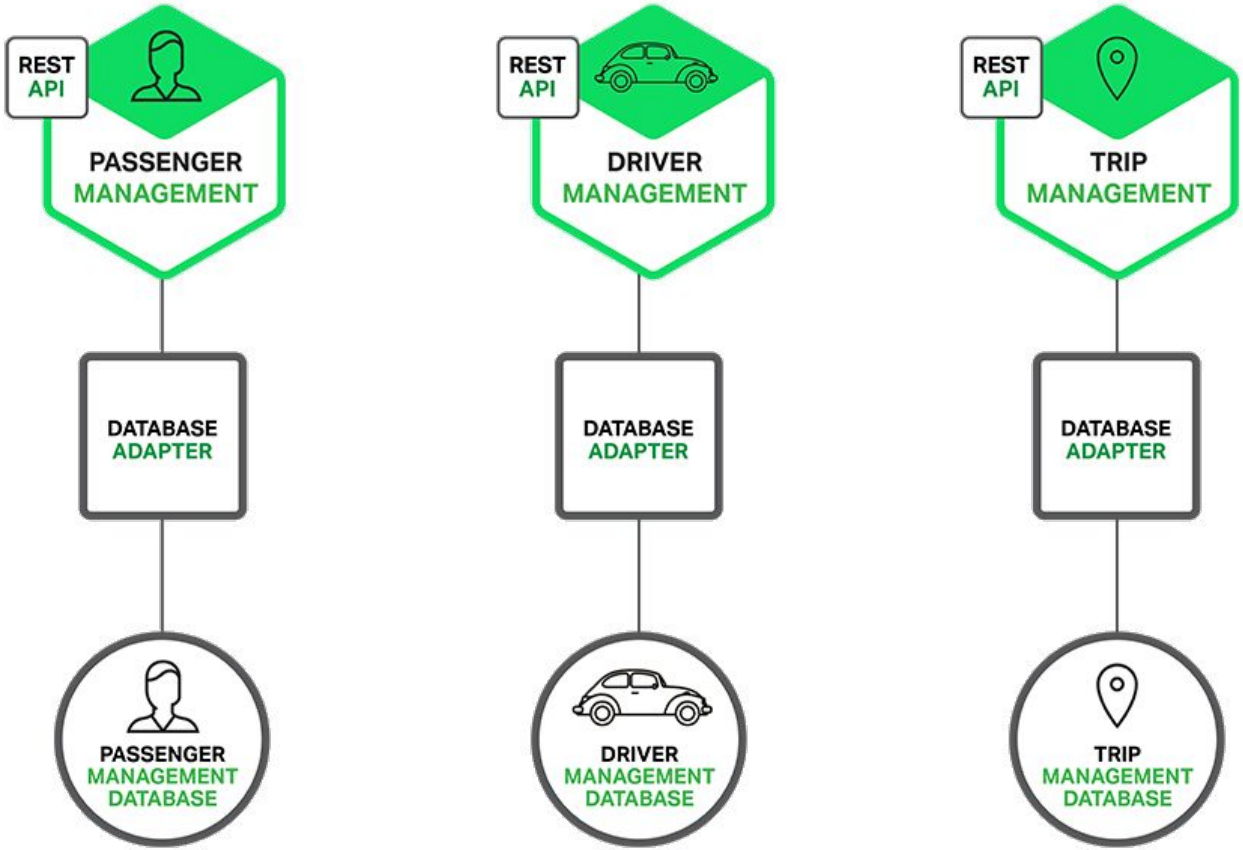
DDD




ORDER
SERVICE
CUSTOMER
SERVICE
ORDER table
ID
CUSTOMER_ID
STATUS
TOTAL
CUSTOMER table
ID
CREDIT_LIMIT
...

Pattern: Database per service ..

Database to a service is like Private variable to a class



Distributed Transactions Challenges

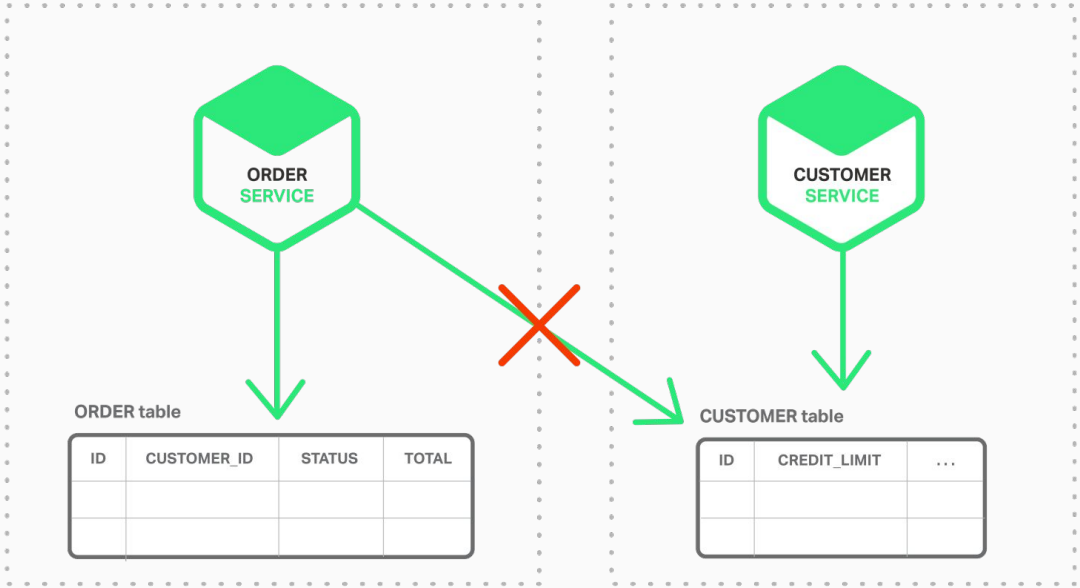
ACID

Atomicity

Consistency

Isolation

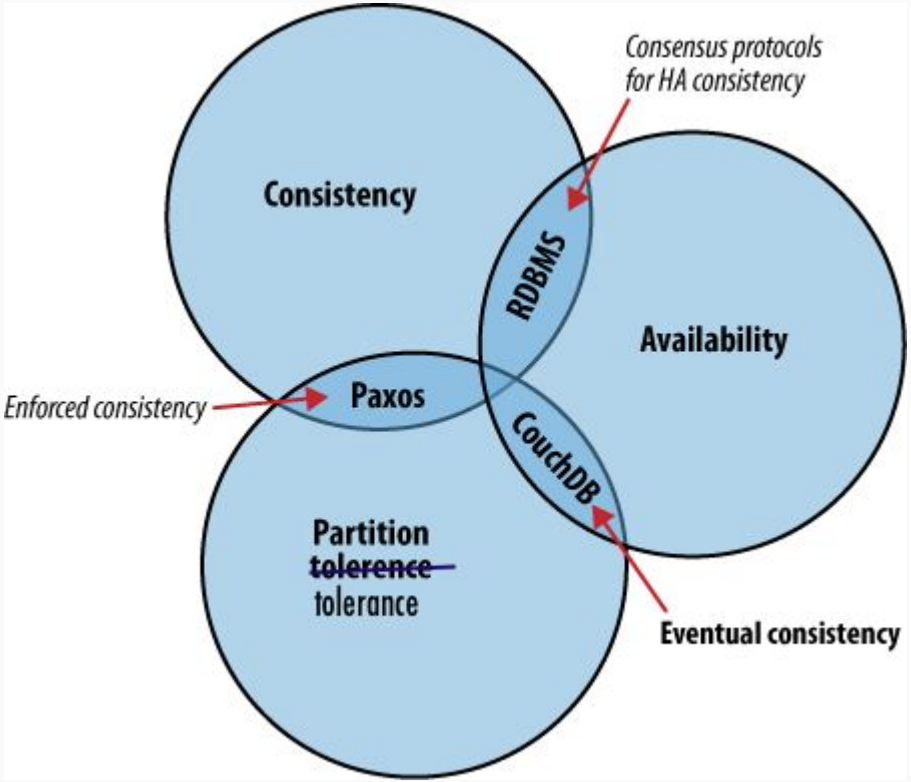
Durability



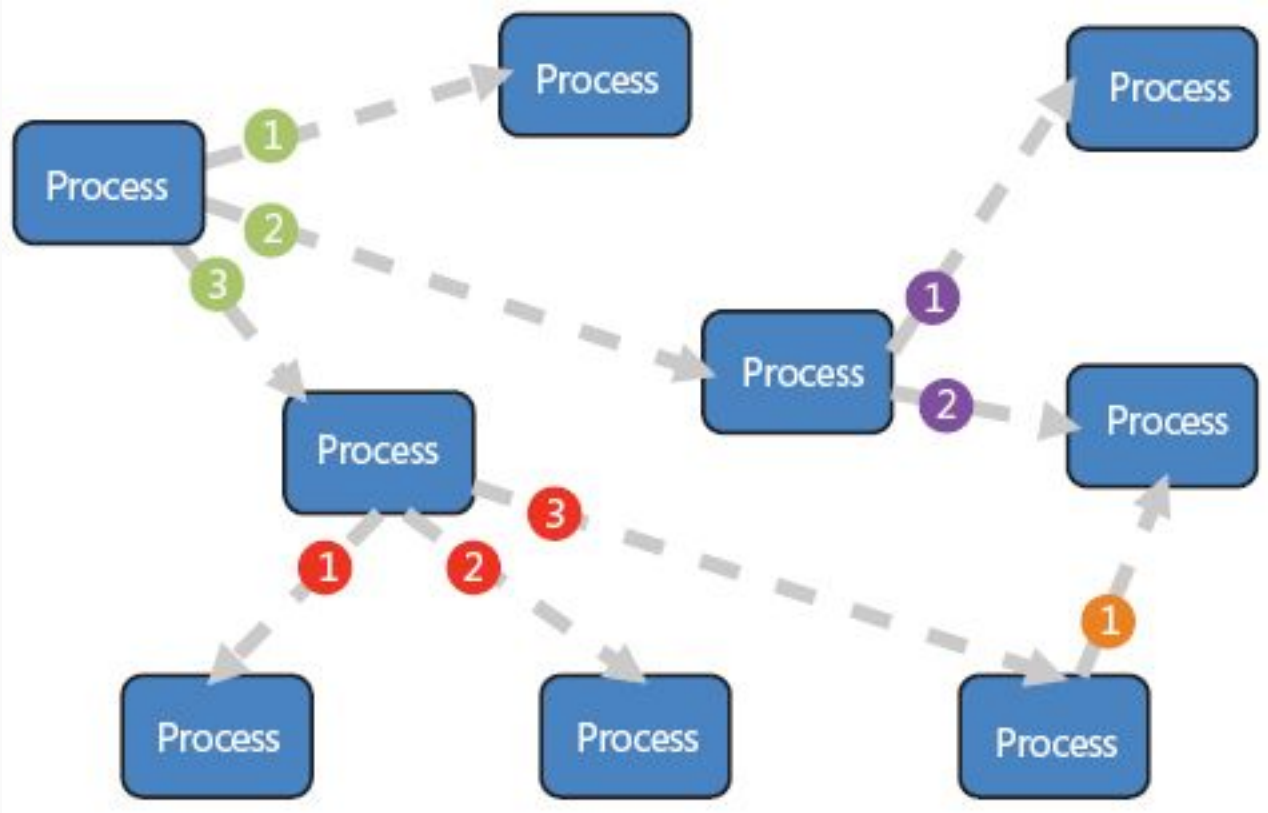
CAP theorem

It is impossible for a distributed data store to simultaneously provide more than two out of the following three guarantees:

- Consistency [2PC]
- Availability
- Partition tolerance



Event-Driven Architecture

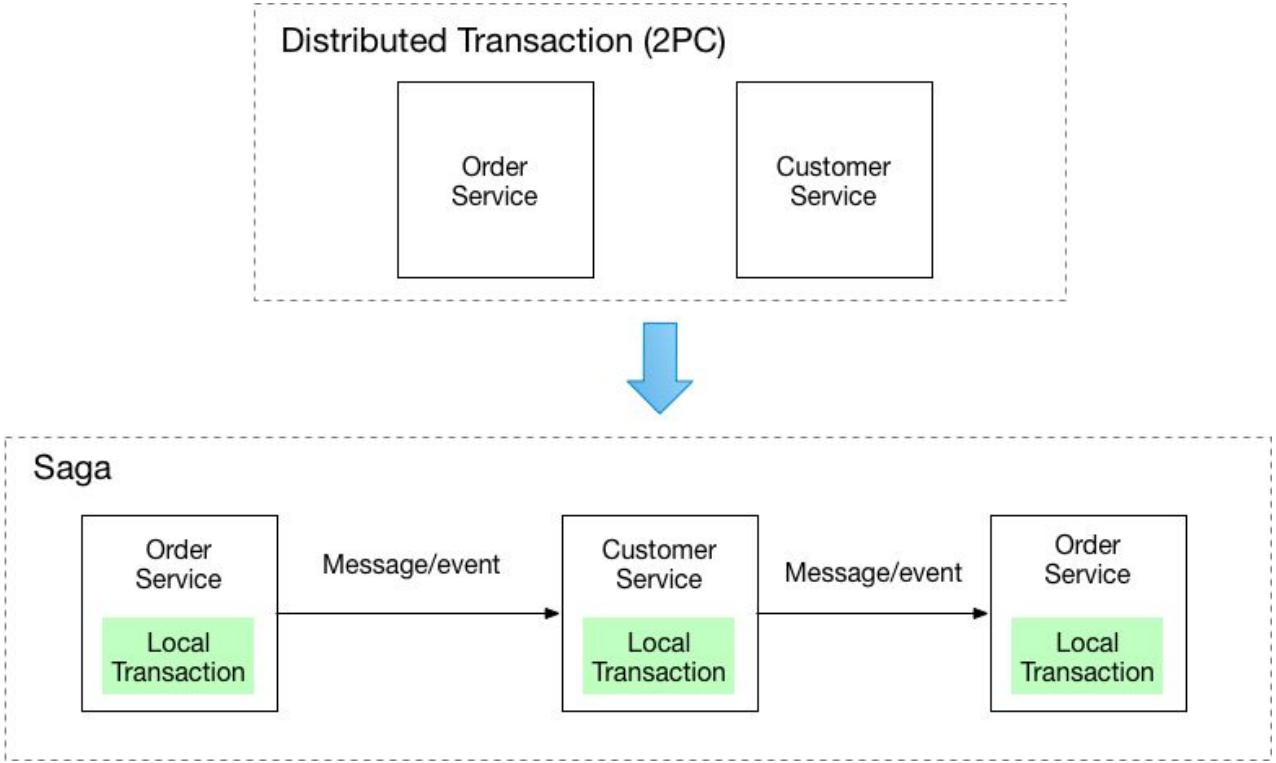


Pattern: Saga (=Story)

A sequence of local transactions

Each local transaction updates the database and publishes a message or event to trigger the next local transaction

If a local transaction fails then the saga executes a series of compensating transactions that undo the changes



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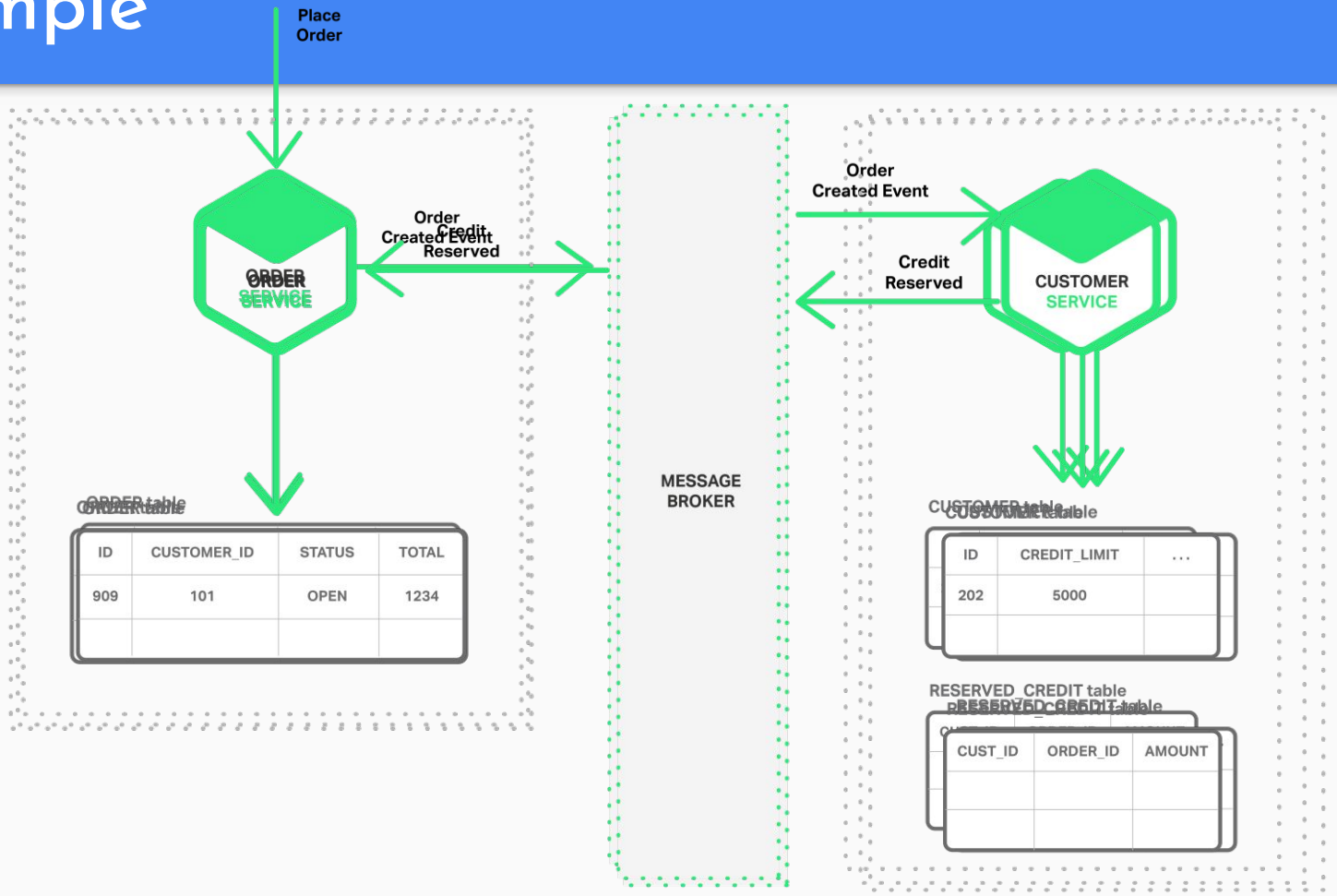
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ORDER table
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CUSTOMER_ID
STATUS
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MESSAGE BROKER
Order Created Event
Credit Reserved
CUSTOMER SERVICE
CUSTOMER table
ID
CREDIT_LIMIT
...
202
5000
RESERVED_CREDIT table
CUST_ID
ORDER_ID
AMOUNT

Eventual Consistency

Consistency is hard in a distributed system

Services may have a divergent view of the data at any point in time

They'll eventually converge to having a consistent view

Communication

Interprocess Communication (IPC)

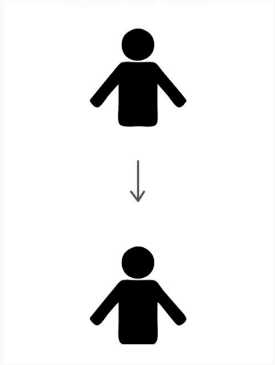
- **Monolithic** → services invoke one another through language-level method
- **Traditional distributed system** → services run at fixed, well known locations (hosts and ports)
- **Microservices** → runs in a virtualized or containerized environments where the number of instances of a service and their locations changes dynamically

Communication types

Request/response

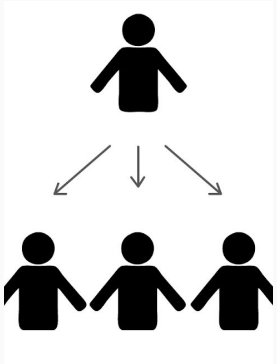
Request/async response

Notification



Publish/subscribe

Publish/async responses



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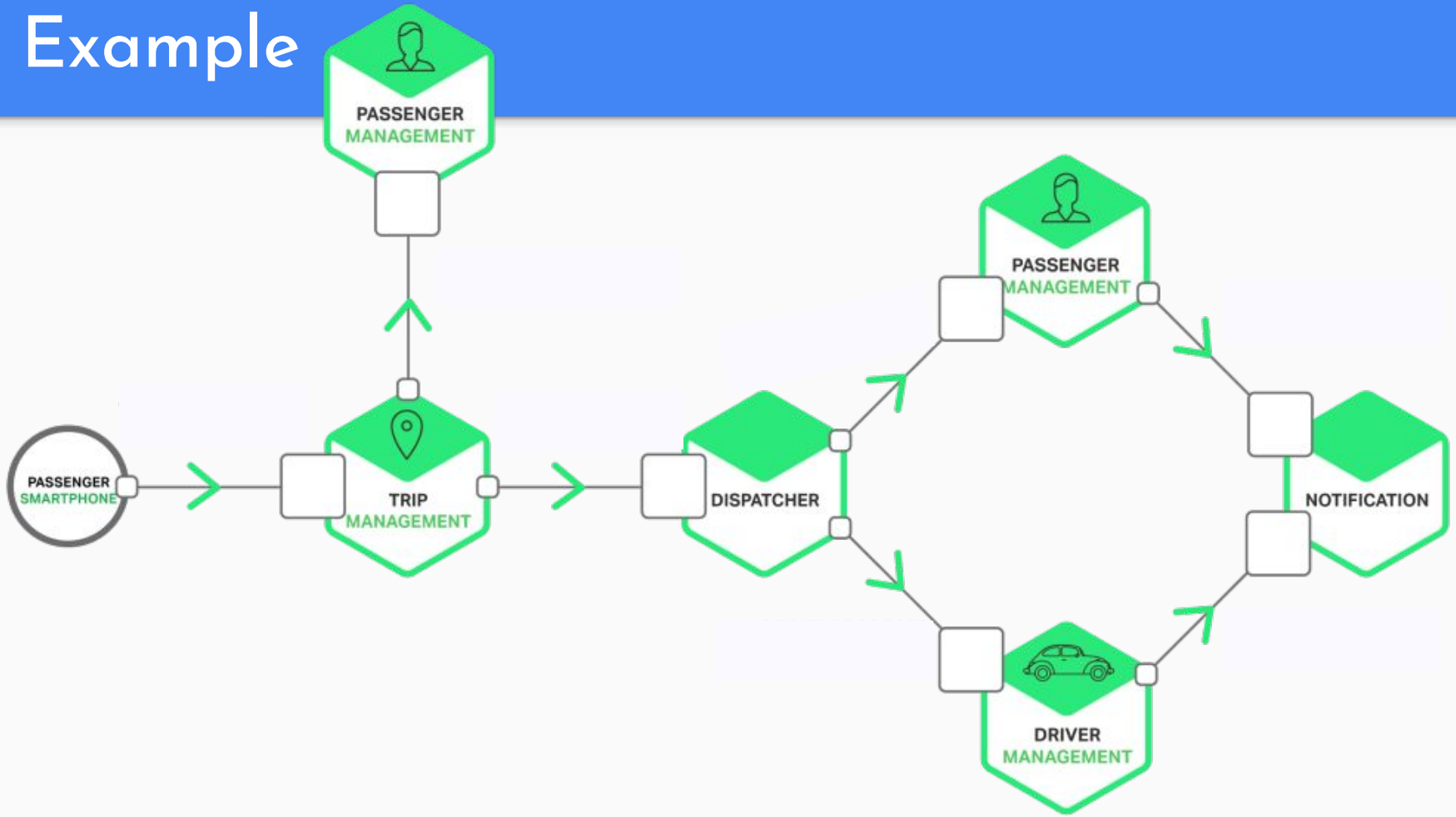
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SMARTPHONE
TRIP
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DISPATCHER
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NOTIFICATION
DRIVER
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REST


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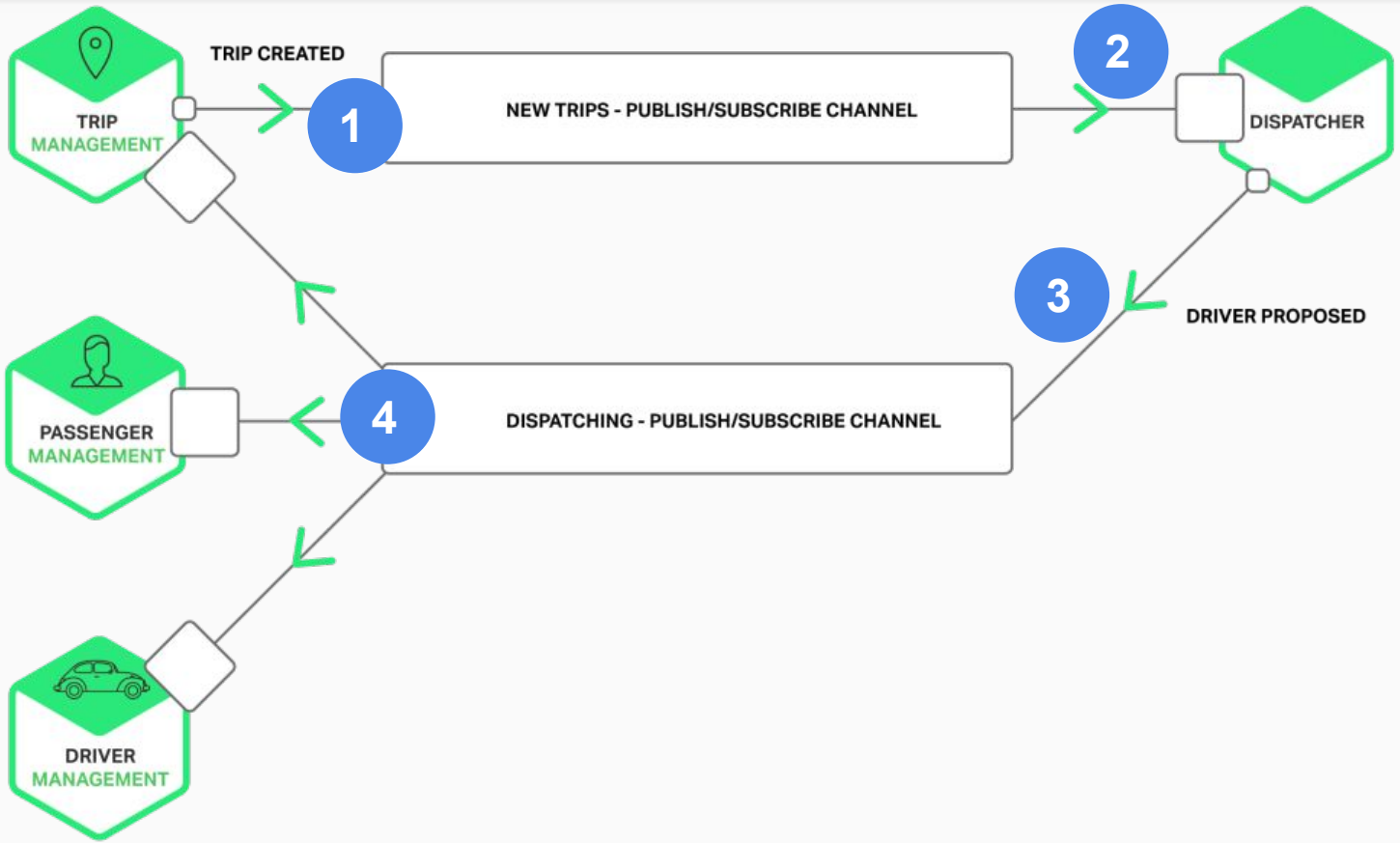
Messaging


TRIP
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TRIP CREATED
1
NEW TRIPS - PUBLISH/SUBSCRIBE CHANNEL
2
DISPATCHER
3
DRIVER PROPOSED
PASSENGER
MANAGEMENT
4
DISPATCHING - PUBLISH/SUBSCRIBE CHANNEL
DRIVER
MANAGEMENT

API Guidelines

API First approach

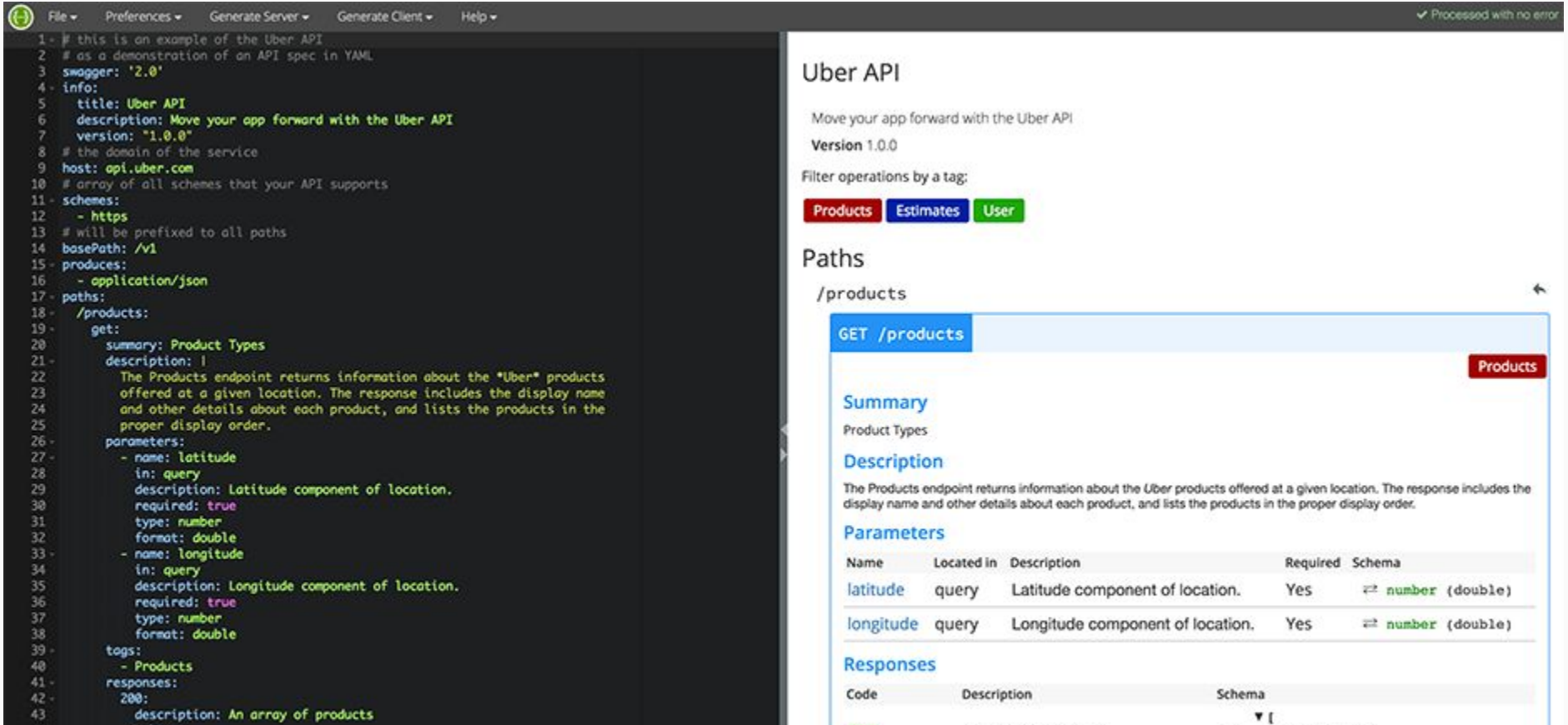
Evolving APIs

- Two versions running concurrently
  - Embed version in the url `/api/v2/trips`
- Robustness principle / Tolerate Unrelated Changes (minor changes)

Common ways for sync communication

Way	Protocol	Interaction Models	
REST	HTTP	Request/Response	
gRPC	HTTP2	Request/Response Request/Stream	Protobuf as content type
RSocket	WebSockets TCP Aeron	Request/Response Request/Stream Channel	Reactive

OpenApi/Swagger

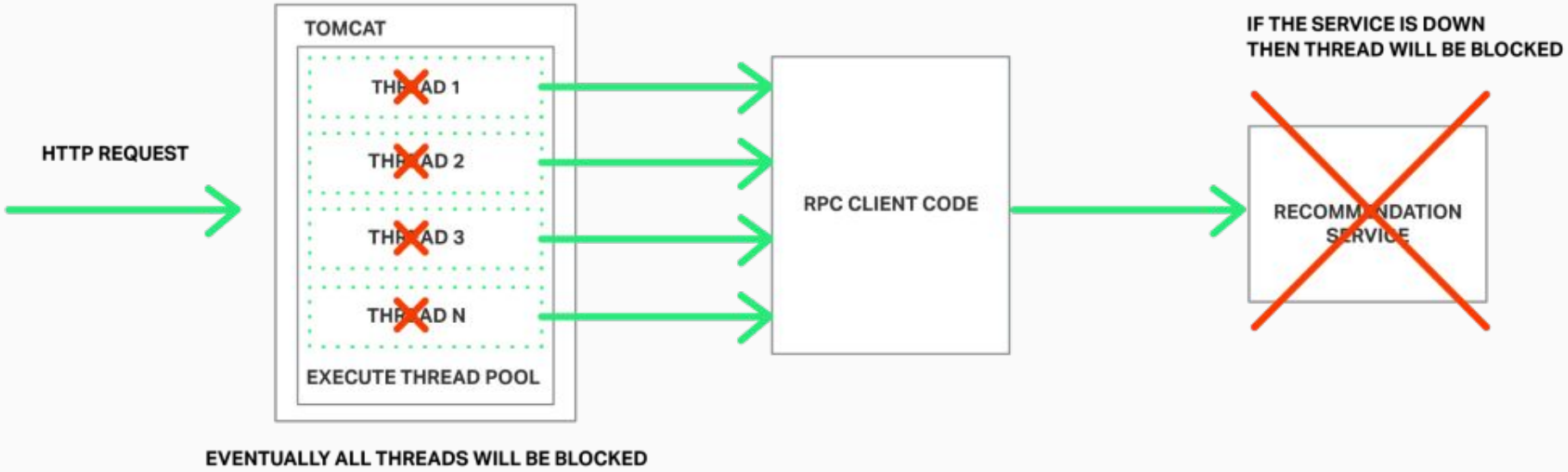


REST Maturity Levels

Level 0	Single URL for all requests
Level 1	Resources
Level 2	HTTP verbs
Level 3	HATEOAS

Communication challenges

Failure


HTTP REQUEST
TOMCAT
THREAD 1
THREAD 2
THREAD 3
THREAD N
EXECUTE THREAD POOL
EVENTUALLY ALL THREADS WILL BE BLOCKED
RPC CLIENT CODE
IF THE SERVICE IS DOWN
THEN THREAD WILL BE BLOCKED
RECOMMENDATION SERVICE

Resilience

Put network timeouts

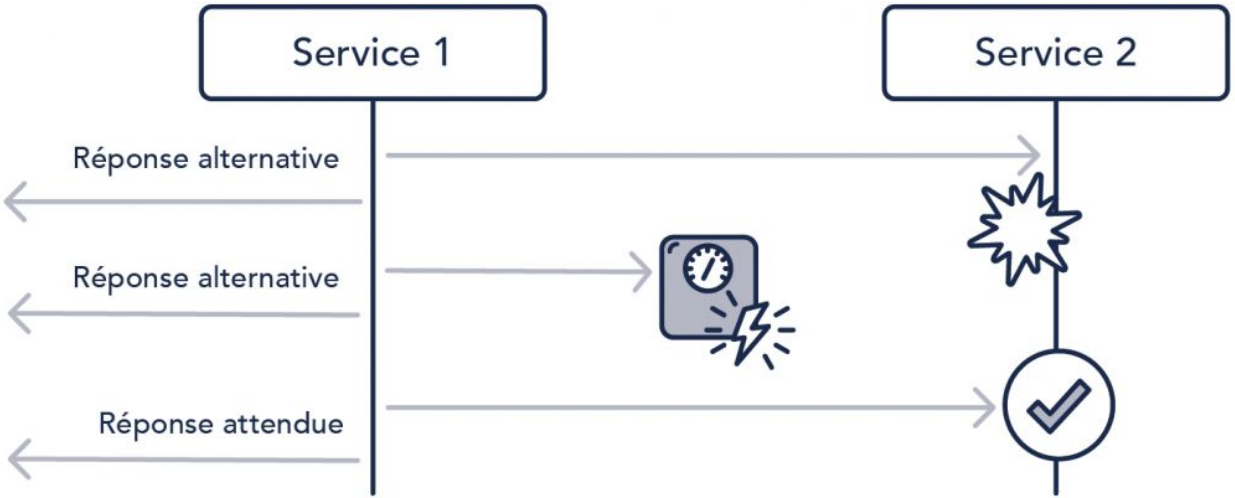
Limit the number of pending requests with a particular service

Provide fallbacks

Auto retry

Pattern: Circuit Breaker

- A proxy
- When the number of consecutive failures crosses a threshold, the circuit breaker trips, further attempts should fail immediately.



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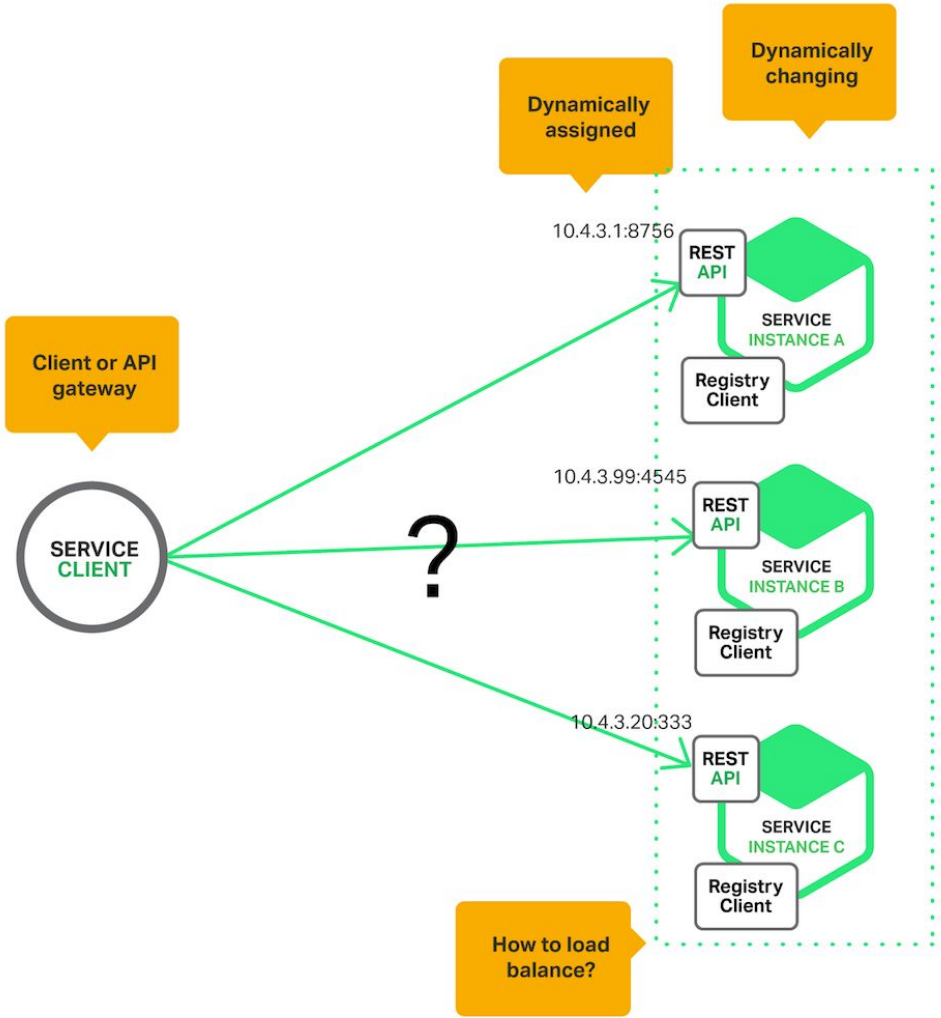
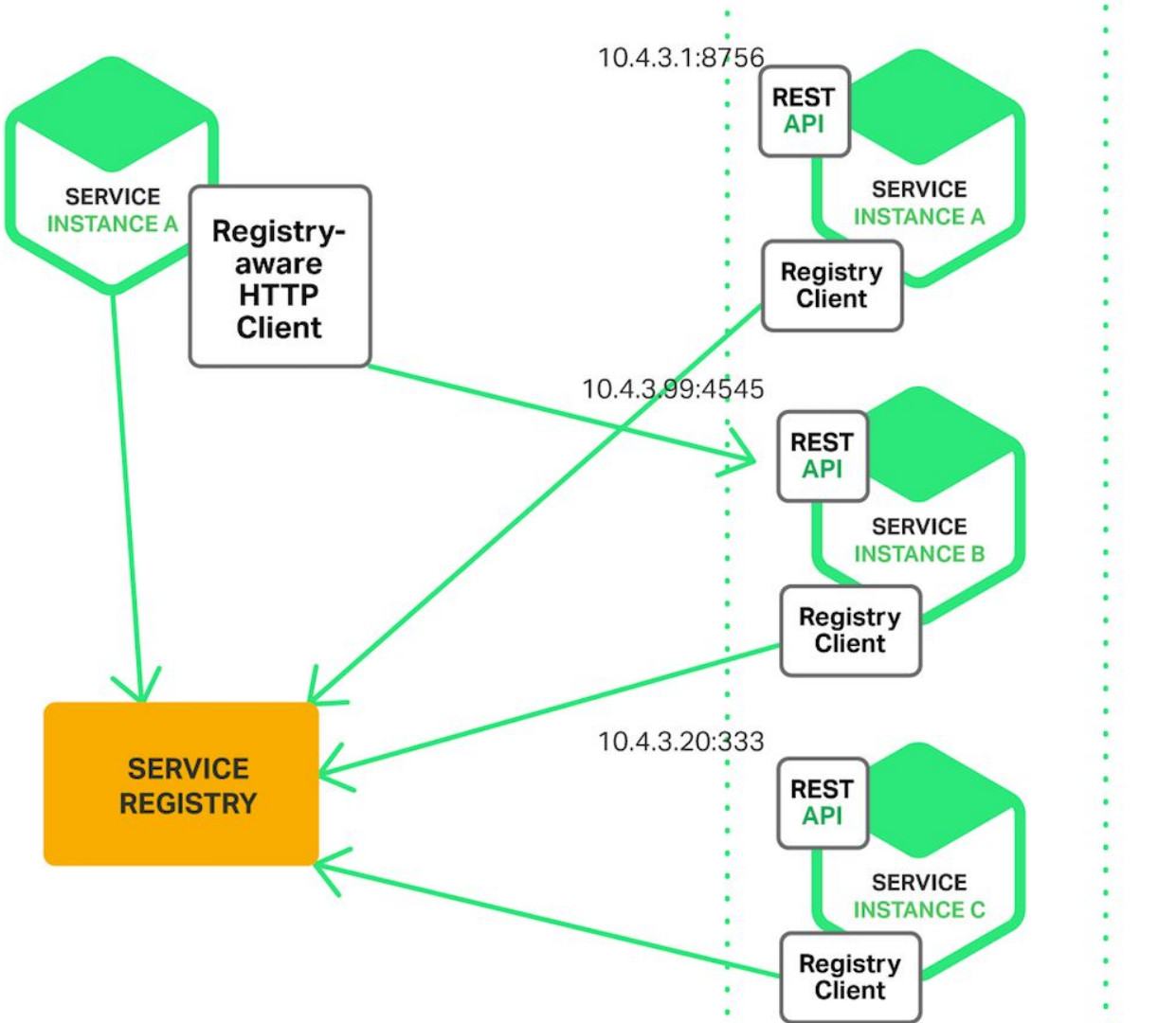


Pattern: Client-side service discovery

Service lookup

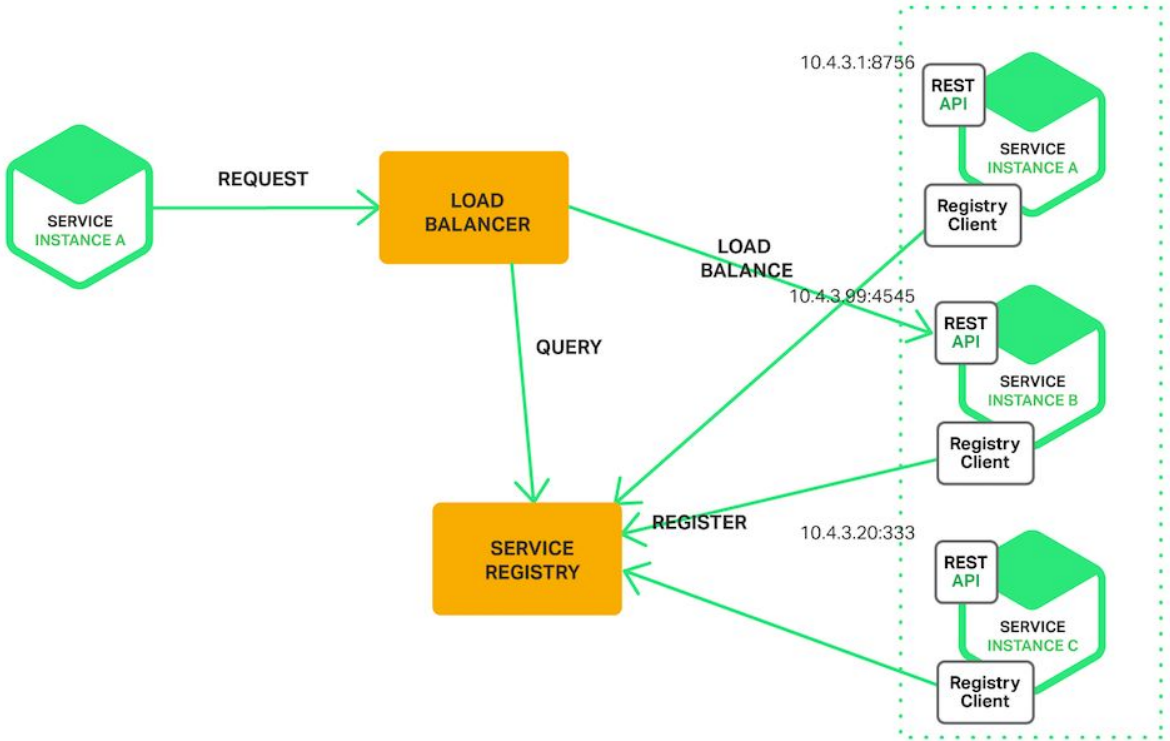
Heartbeat



Pattern: Server-side service discovery

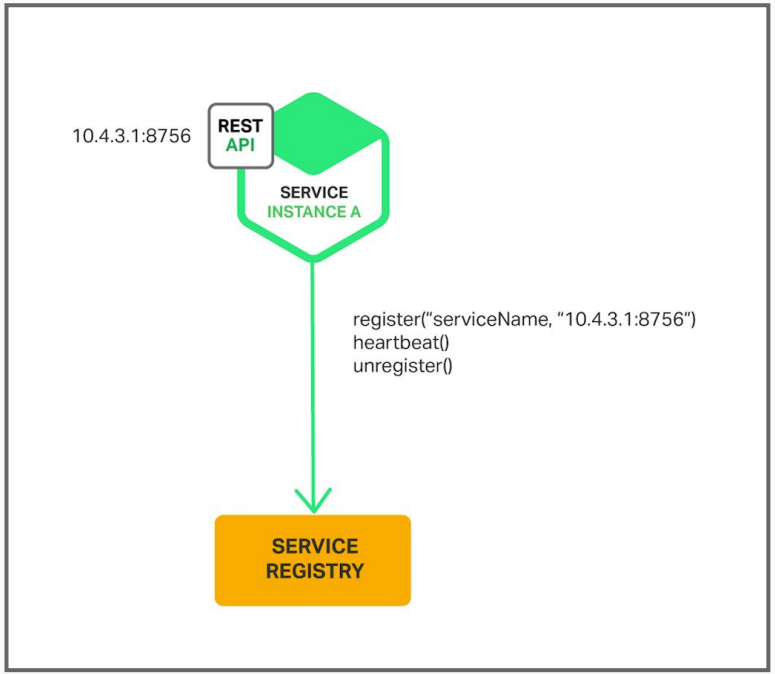
The client makes a request to a service via a load balancer.

The load balancer queries the service registry and routes each request to an available service instance

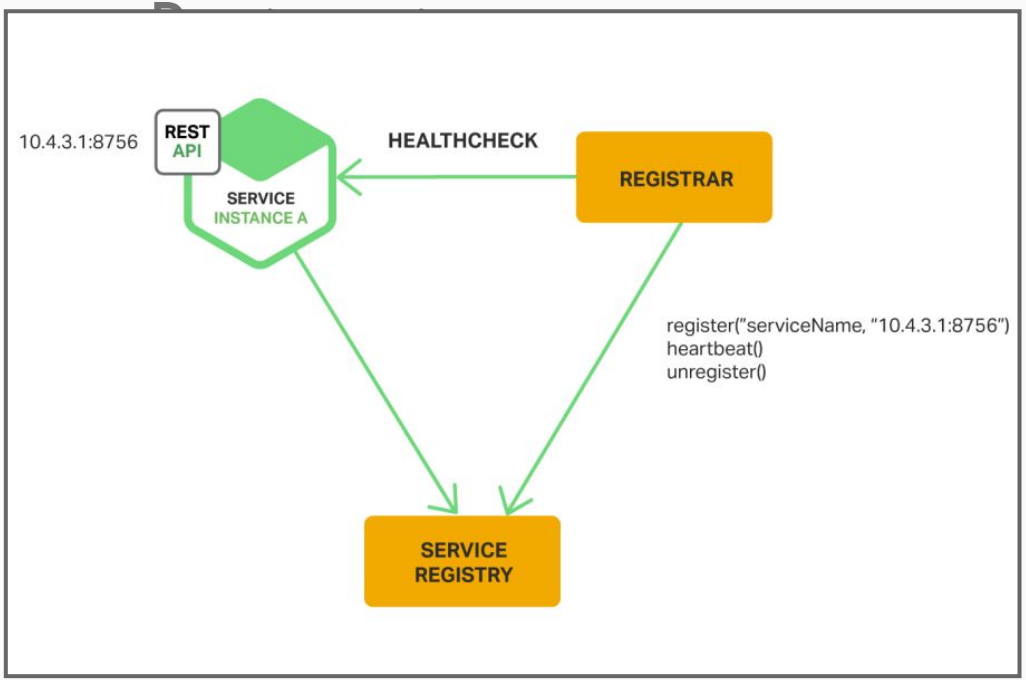


Service Registration Options

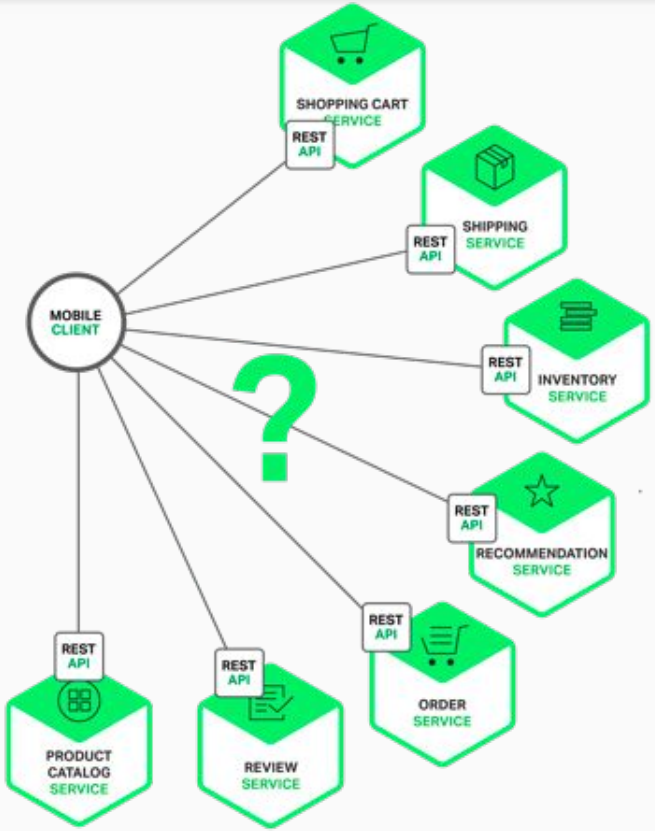
Pattern: Self-Registration

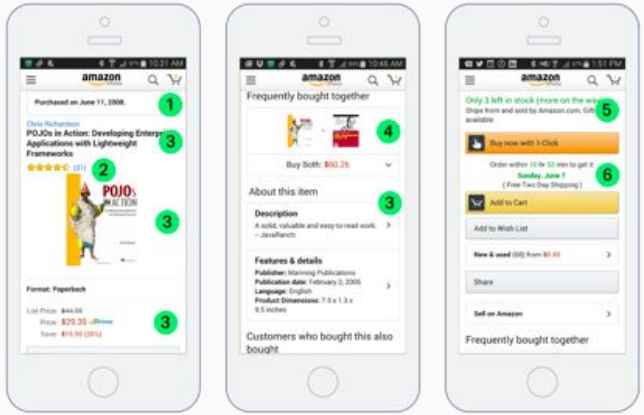


Pattern: Third-Party



Calling a lot of services





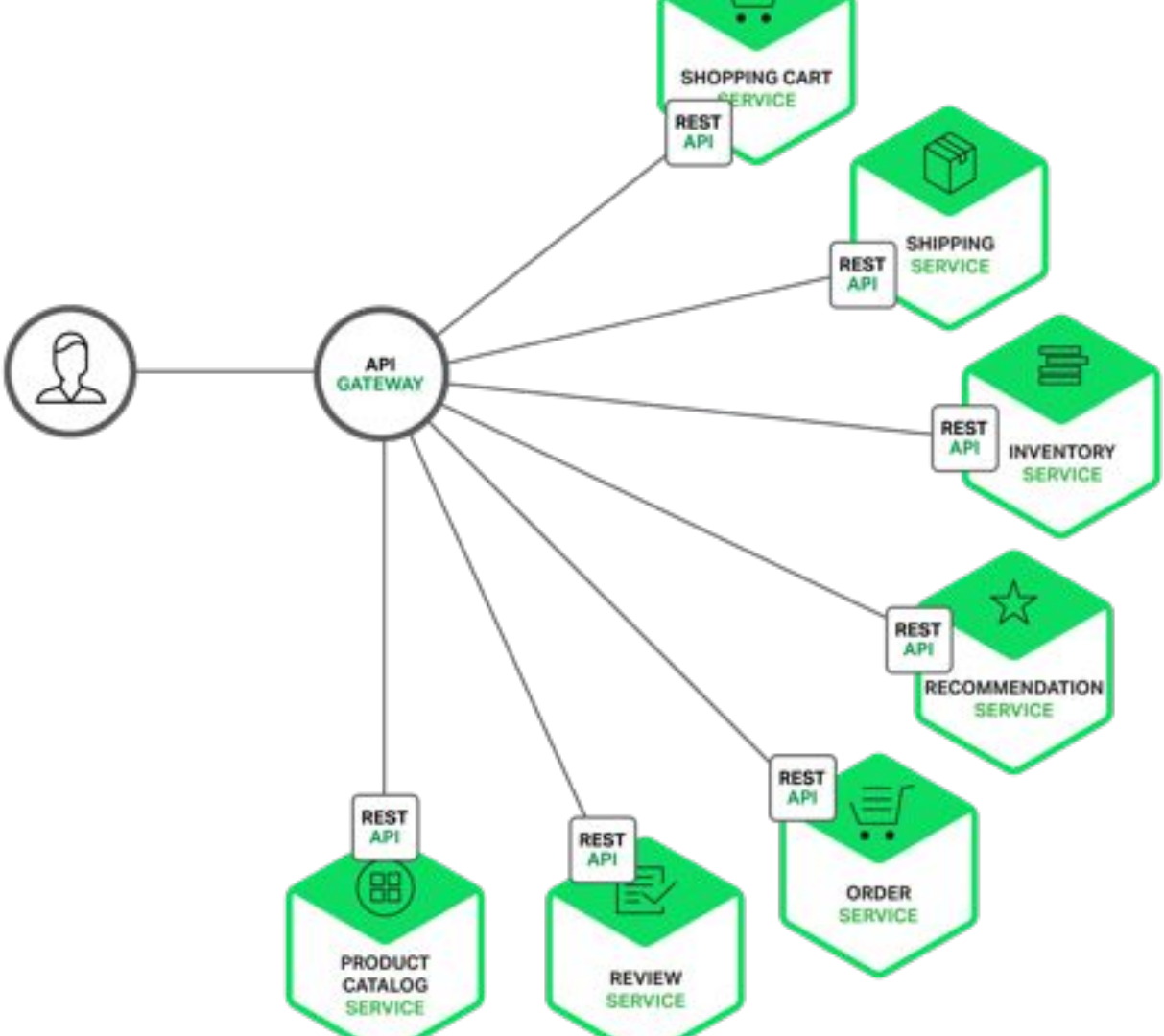
1. ORDER HISTORY
2. REVIEWS
3. BASIC PRODUCT INFO
4. RECOMMENDATION
5. INVENTORY
6. SHIPPING

Pattern: API Gateway

"Aggregation Service" (Facade)

Responsibilities: request routing, composition, and protocol translation

Other responsibilities: authentication, monitoring, load balancing, caching, request shaping



The Twelve factor app

I. Codebase

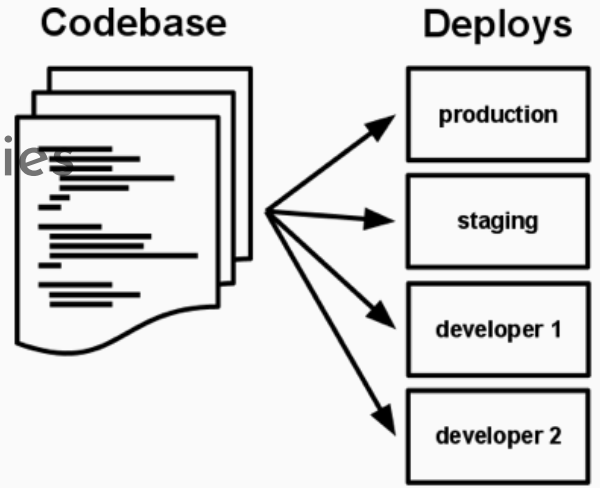
One codebase tracked in revision control, many deploys

II. Dependencies

Explicitly declare and isolate dependencies

III. Config

Store config in the environment



IV. Backing services

Treat backing services as attached resources

V. Build, release, run

Strictly separate build and run stages

VI. Processes

Execute the app as one or more stateless processes

VII. Port binding

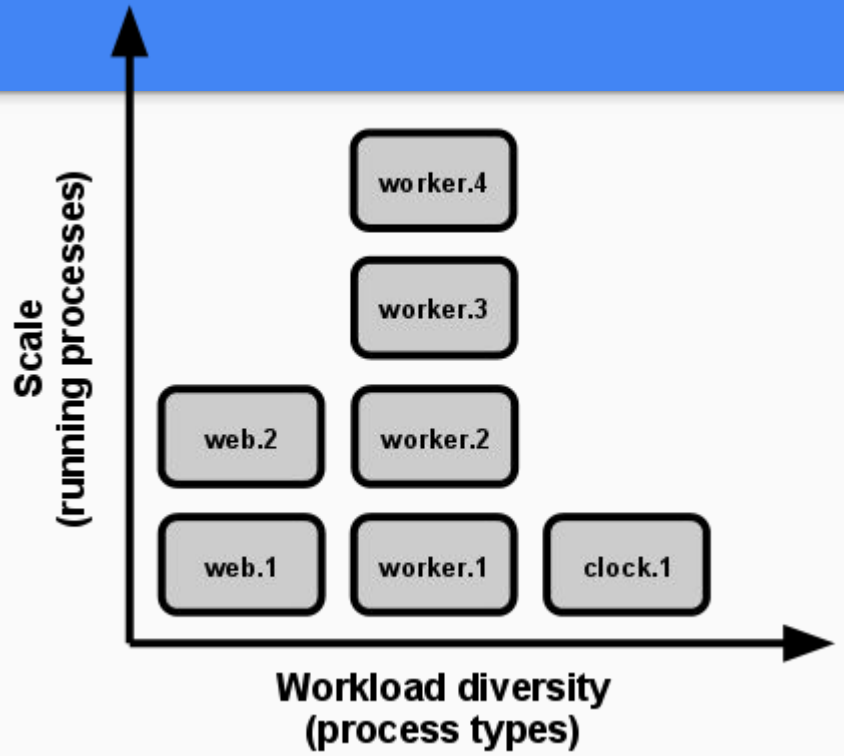
Export services via port binding

VIII. Concurrency

Scale out via the process model

IX. Disposability

Maximize robustness with fast startup and graceful shutdown



X. Dev/prod parity

Keep development, staging, and production as similar as possible

XI. Logs

Treat logs as event streams

XII. Admin processes

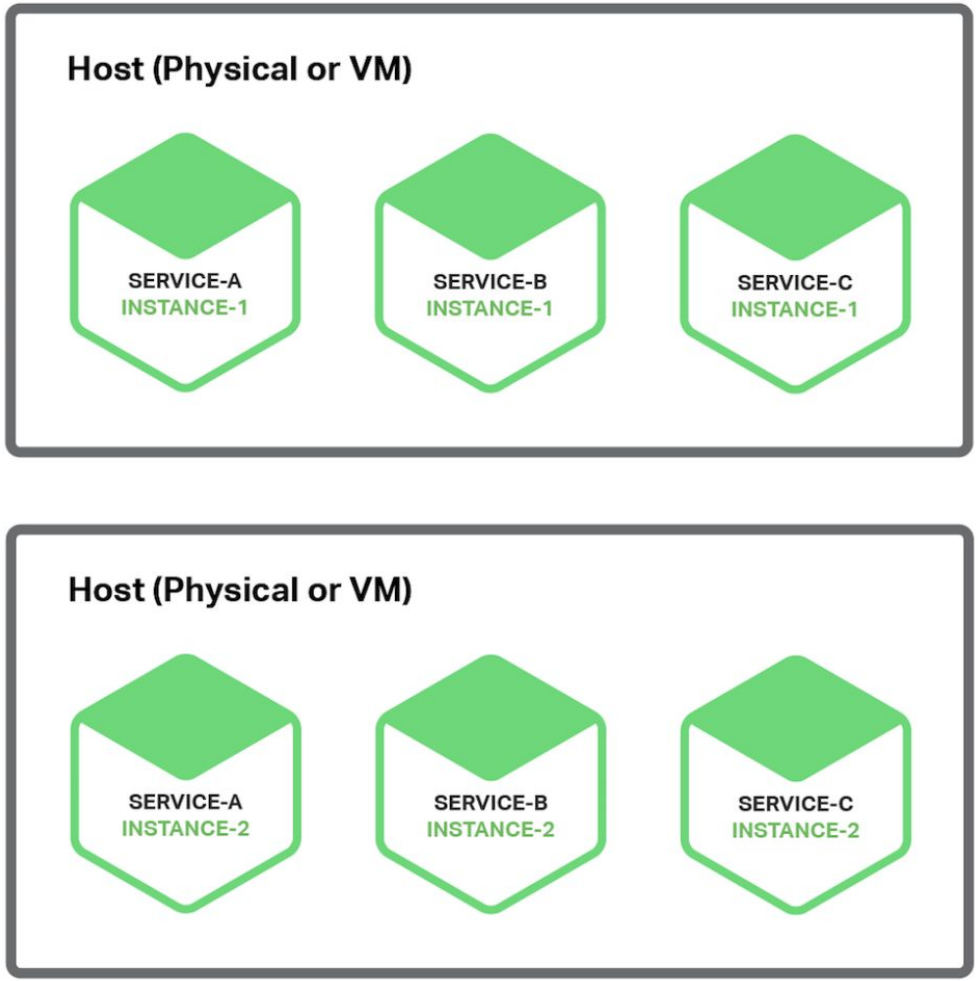
Run admin/management tasks as one-off processes

Deployment

Pattern: Multiple Service Instances per Host

More efficient, Better resources usage, Faster deployment

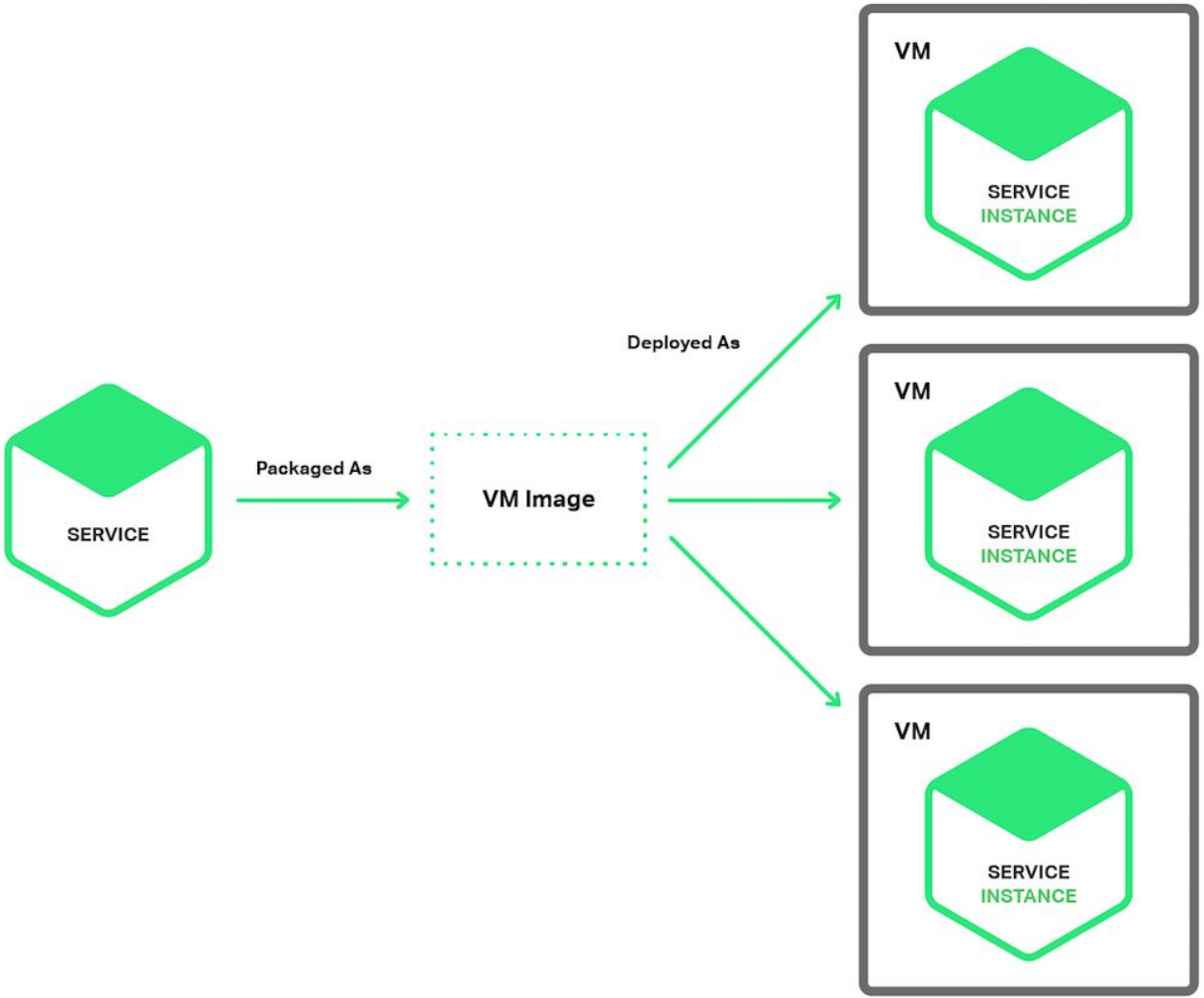
No Isolation



Pattern: Service Instance per Host

Service Instance per Virtual Machine

Service Instance per Container



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Seconds

to package a Spring Boot application as a Docker container

No lengthy OS boot mechanism

Pattern: Serverless Deployment

No IT infrastructure configuration needed

Like: AWS Lambda, Google Cloud Functions, Azure Functions

Deployment

Mobile

External configuration/secrets

Environment variables, Filesystem, Shared key/value store

Feature flag

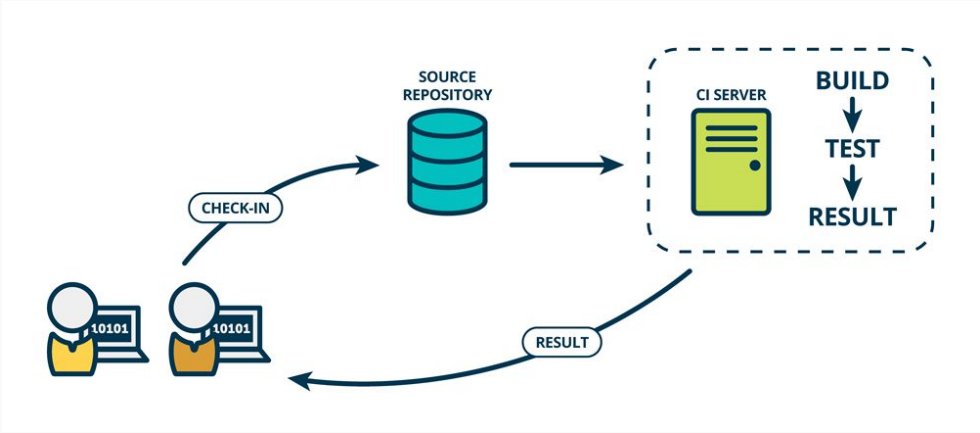
Zero-downtime updates

Continuous Integration & Delivery

Release smaller sets of changes faster, Rather than tackle a large piece of work in one go

Small changes in releases are

- Easy to test
- Simplifies code review
- Easier to release and deploy



Other concerns

Caching

Centralized Logging, Correlation IDs

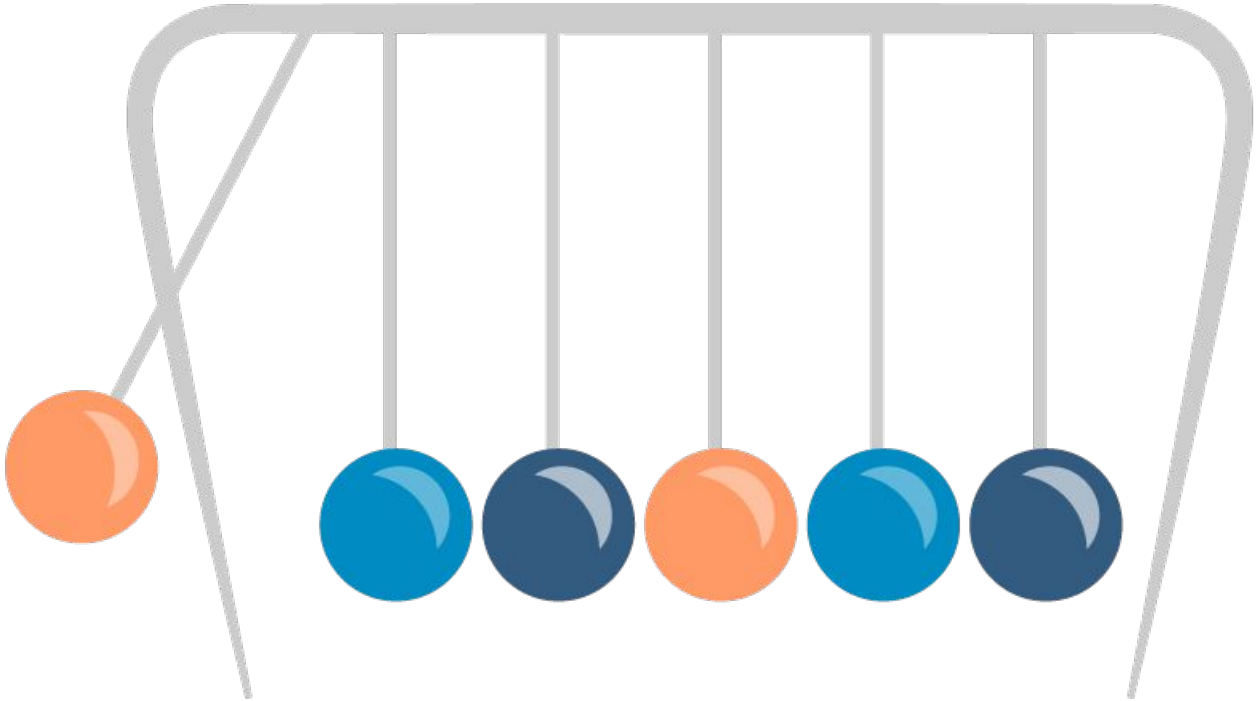
Centralized Monitoring

Shared libraries

Reactive manifesto

Reactive Systems are:

- Responsive
- Resilient
  - Isolation
  - Replication
- Elastic
- Message Driven
  - location transparency
  - back-pressur

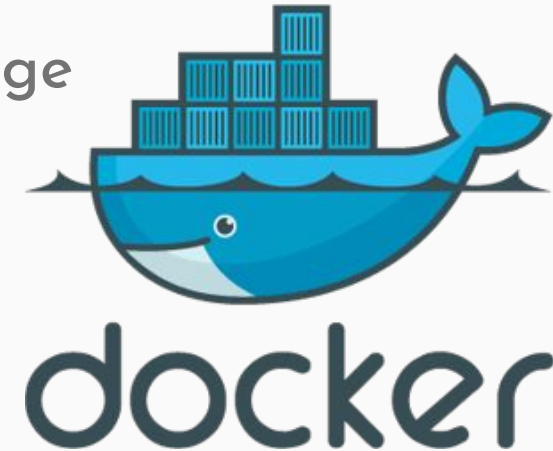


Tools

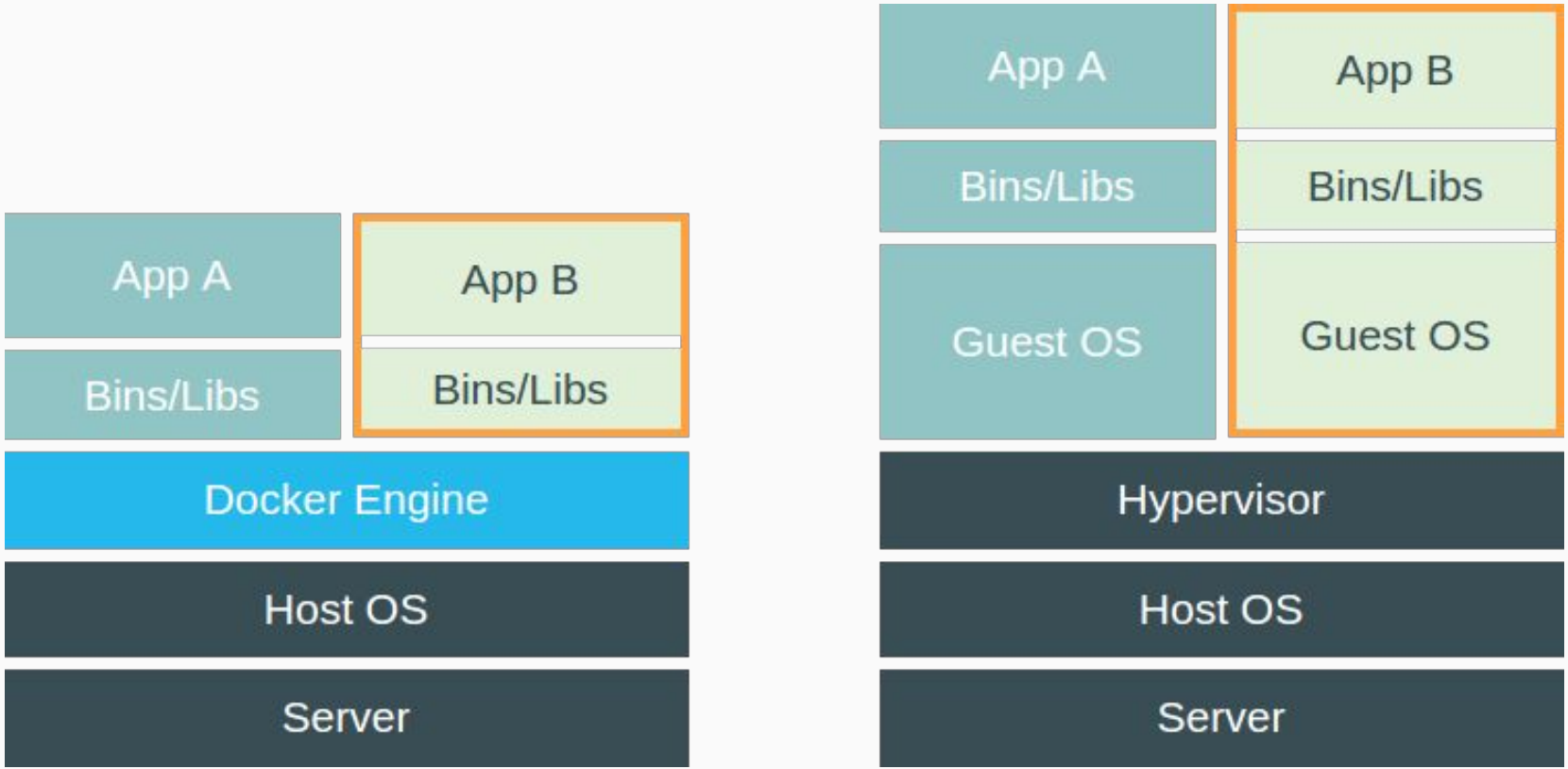
Docker

A tool designed to make it easier to create, deploy, and run applications by using containers

Containers allow a developer to package up an application with all of the parts it needs, such as libraries and other dependencies, and ship it all out as one package



Docker vs VM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App B
Bins/Libs
Bins/Libs
Docker Engine
Host OS
Server
App A
App B
Bins/Libs
Bins/Libs
Guest OS
Guest OS
Hypervisor
Host OS
Server

Simple dockerfile example

```
FROM java

MAINTAINER Bala

RUN curl -O
http://archive.apache.org/dist/tomcat/tomcat-7/v7.0.55/bin/apache-tomcat-7.
0.55.tar.gz

RUN tar xzf apache-tomcat-7.0.55.tar.gz

ADD sample.war apache-tomcat-7.0.55/webapps/

CMD apache-tomcat-7.0.55/bin/startup.sh && tail -f
apache-tomcat-7.0.55/logs/catalina.out

EXPOSE 8080
```

```
docker build -t tomcat .

docker run -p 8080:8080 tomcat
```

More simple one

```
FROM tomcat:8-jre8

MAINTAINER "xxx <xxx@gmail.com">

ADD sample.war /usr/local/tomcat/webapps/
```

Container Orchestration

Google Kubernetes

Docker Compose

Docker Swarm (integrated in Docker)

Kubernetes

A system for automating deployment, scaling, and management of containerized applications across multiple hosts

It groups containers that make up an application into logical units for easy management and discovery

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