

Engineering Solutions Using Associative Collections



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Transparent
object cache

Demo 2

Domain-oriented
class

Utility class

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Common
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Caching solution 1

Use a `HashSet<T>`

Test if an object is a duplicate

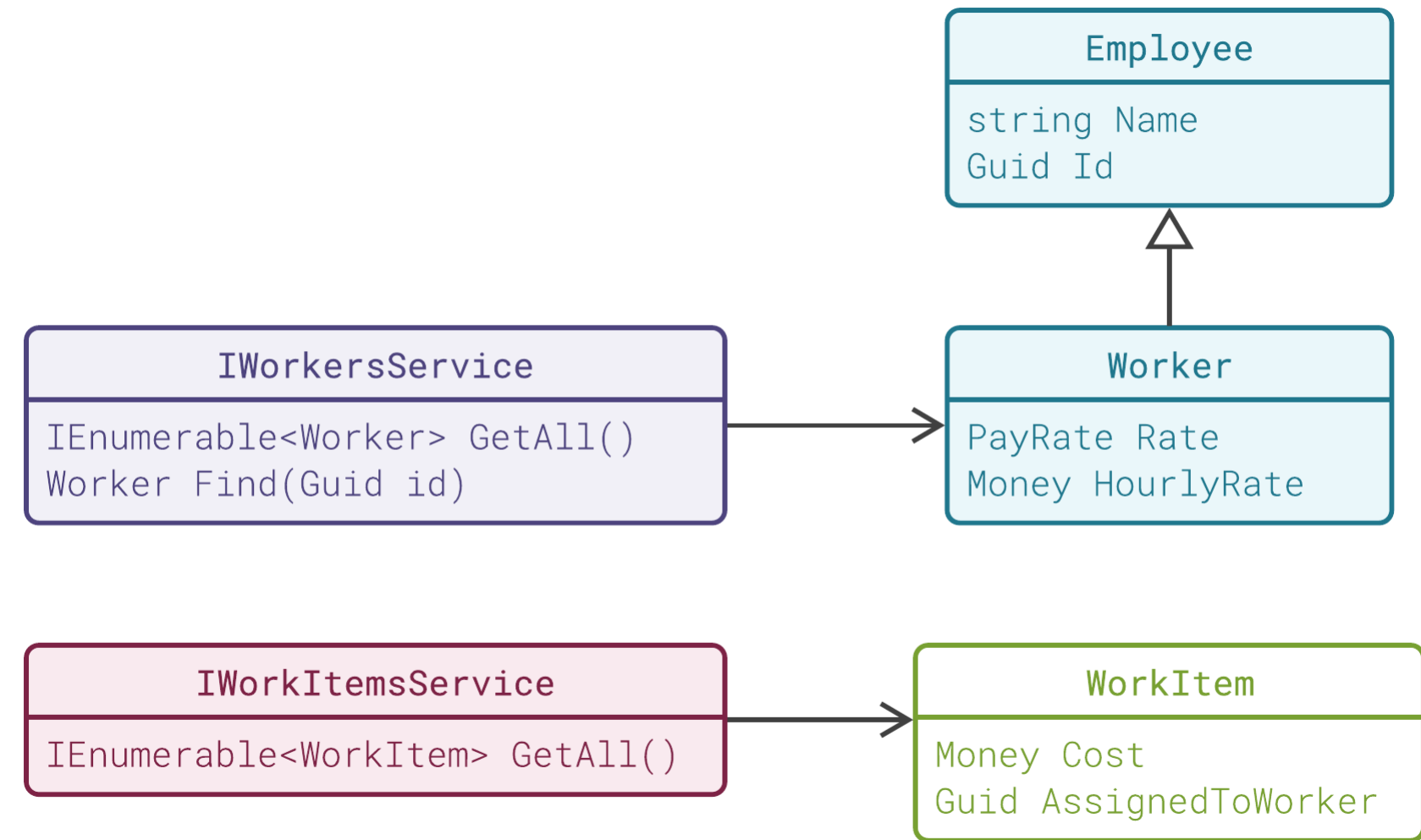
Caching solution 2

Use a `Dictionary<TKey, TValue>`

Use constructor arguments as the key



Demo

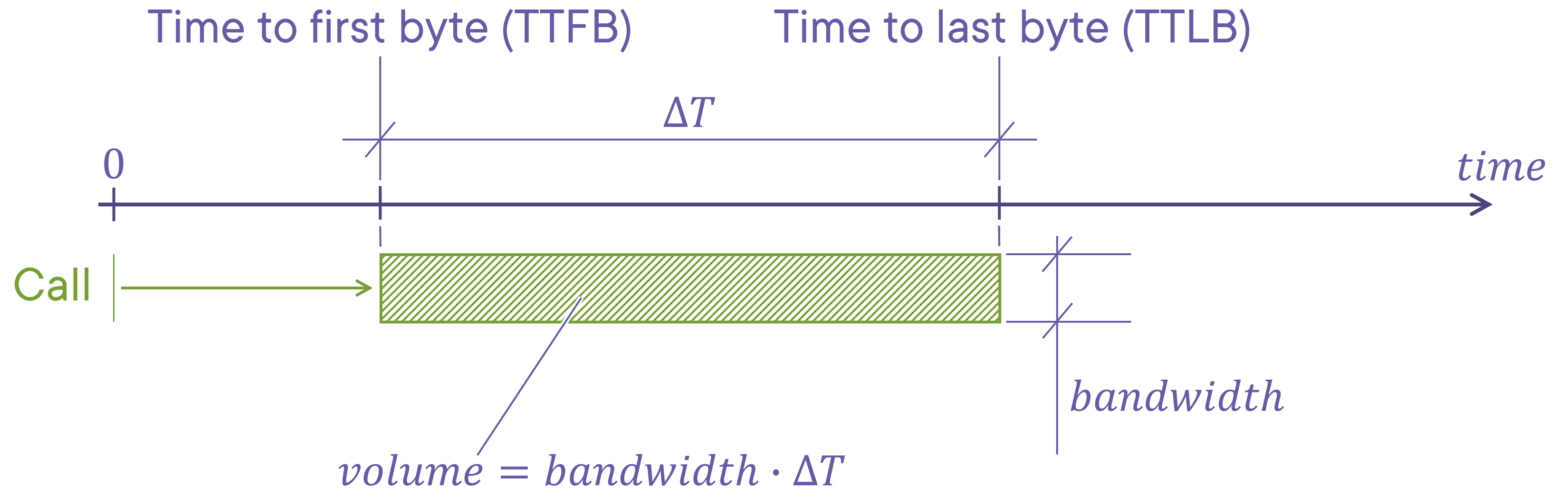


Use the IWorkItemsService to fetch work items

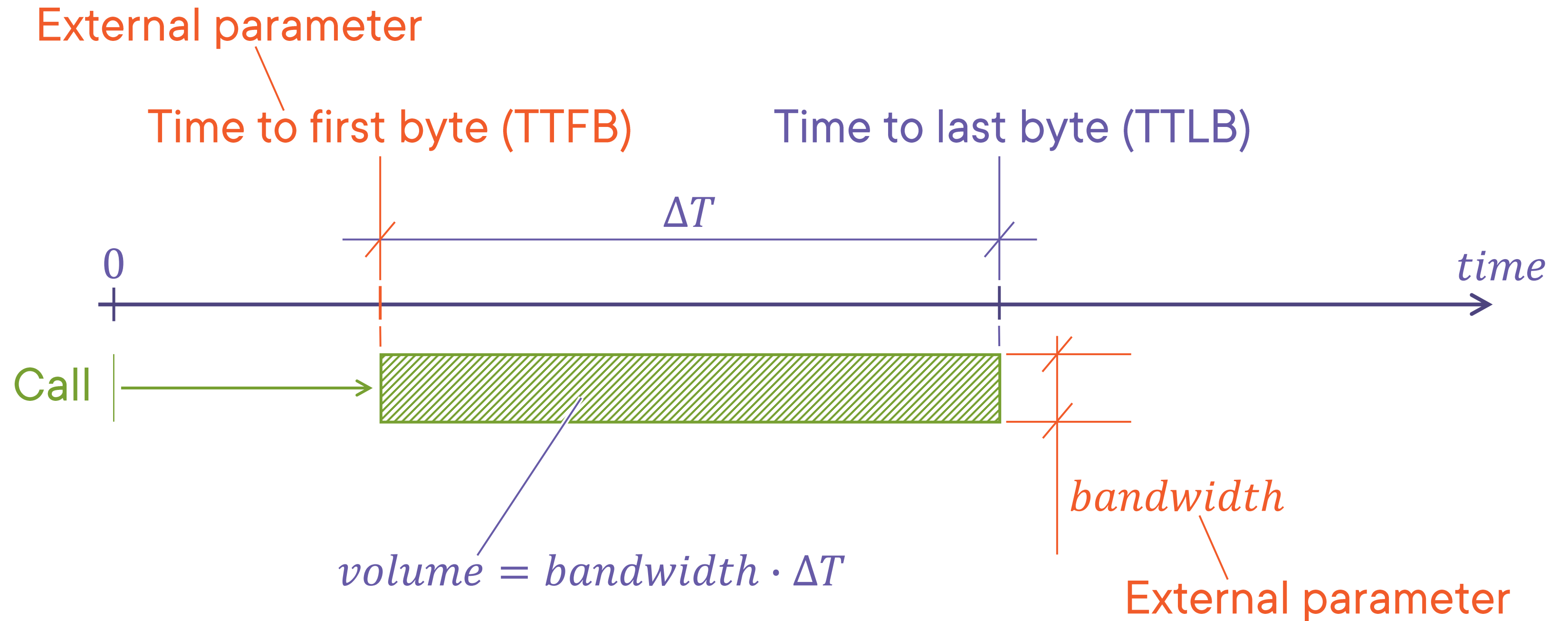
Use the IWorkersService to fetch the worker for each work item



Service Communication Metrics



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Chunky communication

Large volume implies $\Delta T \gg TTFB$

$$effective\ bandwidth \approx \frac{volume}{\Delta T} = bandwidth$$

Chatty communication

Small volume implies $TTFB \gg \Delta T$

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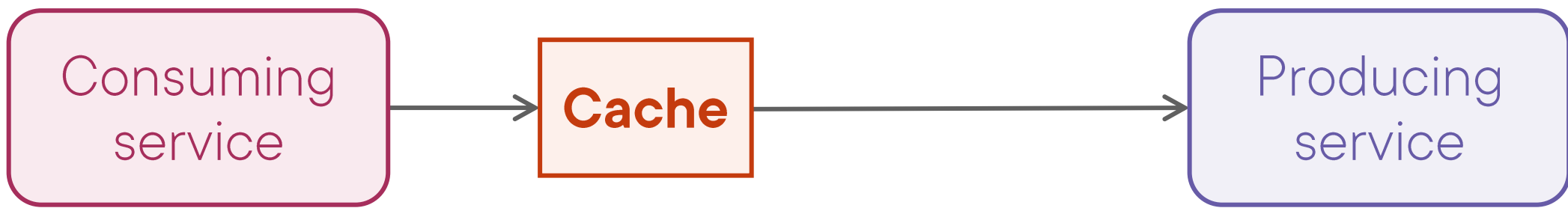
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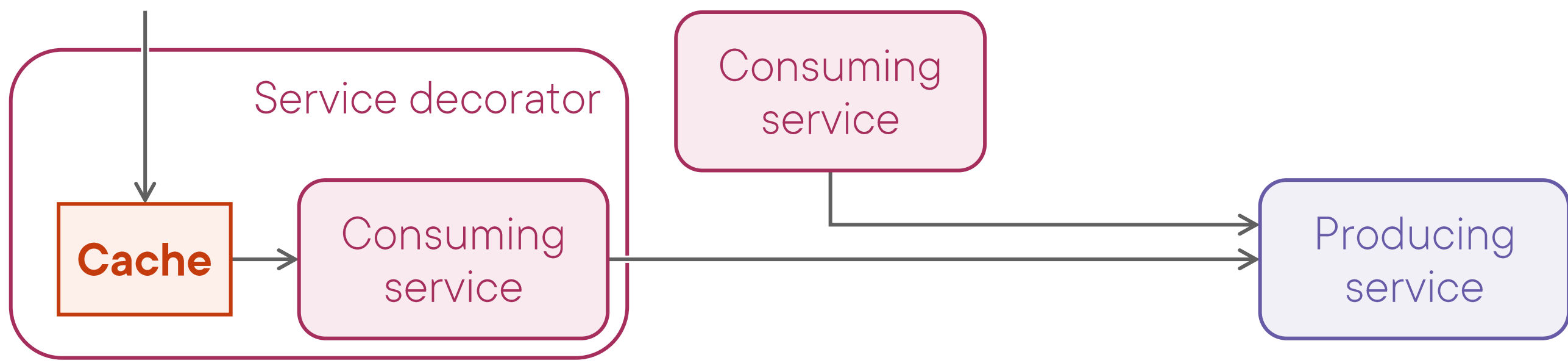
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Access an item

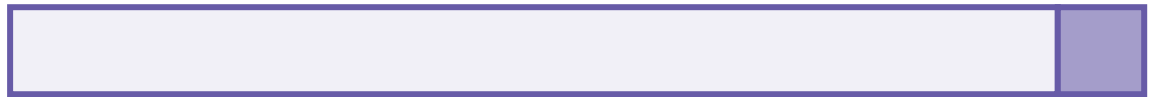


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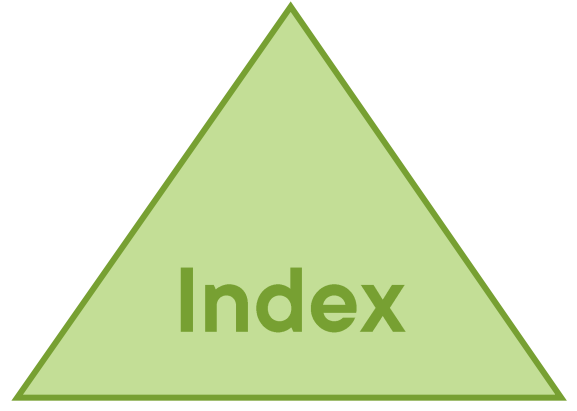


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↓ Maps key to location



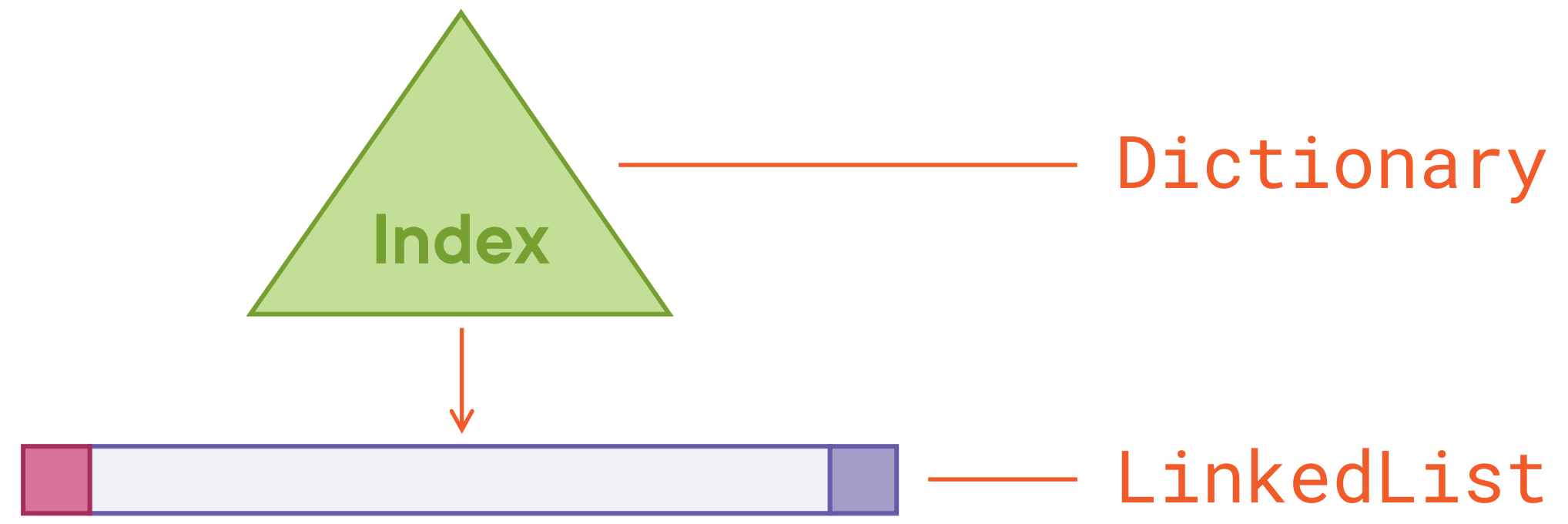
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Summary



Applied OOD to associative collections

Used a HashSet to share equatable objects

- Caused lower memory footprint
- Caused shorter execution time
- Designed a cache based on a HashSet

Designed a general-purpose LRU cache

- Cache keeps record of costly objects
- Used LRU cache as a private component



Summary



Caching is a matter of configuration

- Used object composition to inject a cache
- Consumer never depends on a collection

A digression on communication protocols

- Identified chatty as a problem
- Applied a local cache



Summary



Is Dictionary **only** a cache?

- Promises $O(1)$ time for operations
- Outperforms any linear collection
- Its unique ability is to *seek* by the key
- Try to view dictionary as a temporary cache



Up Next: Engineering Custom
Linear Collections

