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# Decoupled microservices: Building scalable applications

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# Agenda

Introduction

Application integration patterns

Concrete use cases – Our labs today

Choose your own adventure – Work on your most relevant labs

# Related breakouts

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# Introduction

“If your application is cloud-native,  
or large-scale, or distributed, and  
doesn’t include a messaging  
component, that’s probably a bug.”

**Tim Bray**

Distinguished Engineer  
AWS Messaging, Workflow Management

# Potential drawbacks of synchronous systems

Synchronous systems are tightly coupled

A problem in a synchronous downstream dependency has immediate impact on upstream callers

Retries from upstream callers can all too easily fan out and amplify problems



# Application integration patterns

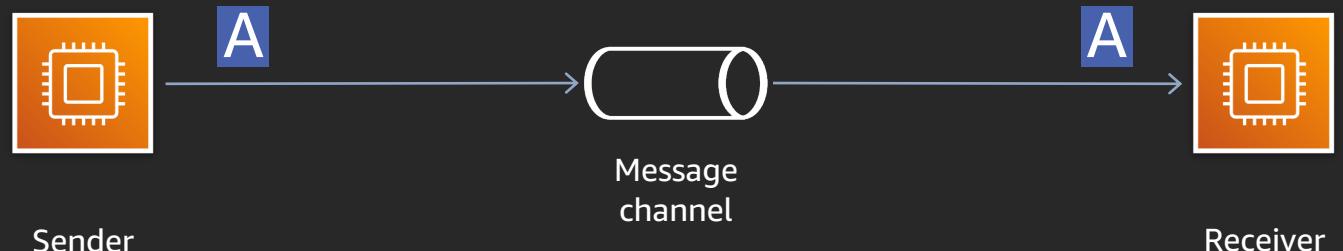
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One-way

Request-response

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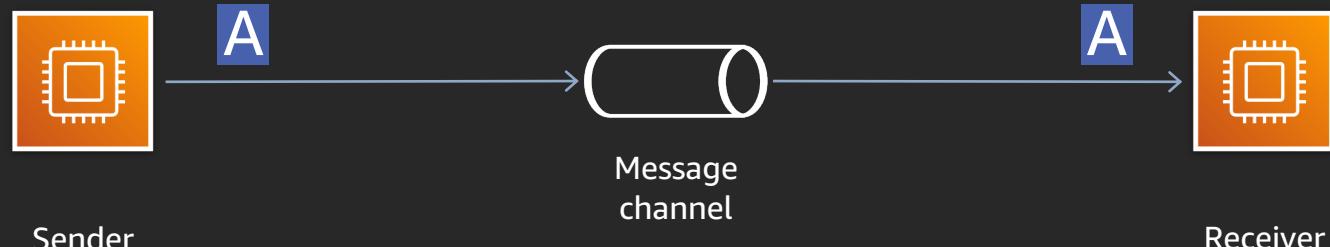
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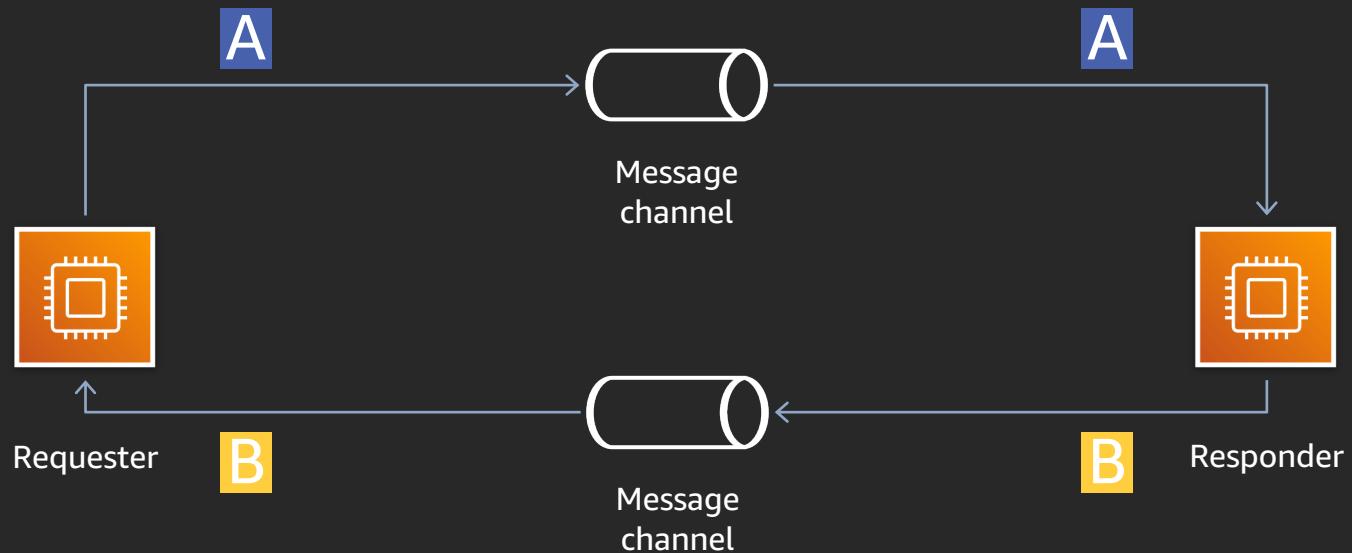
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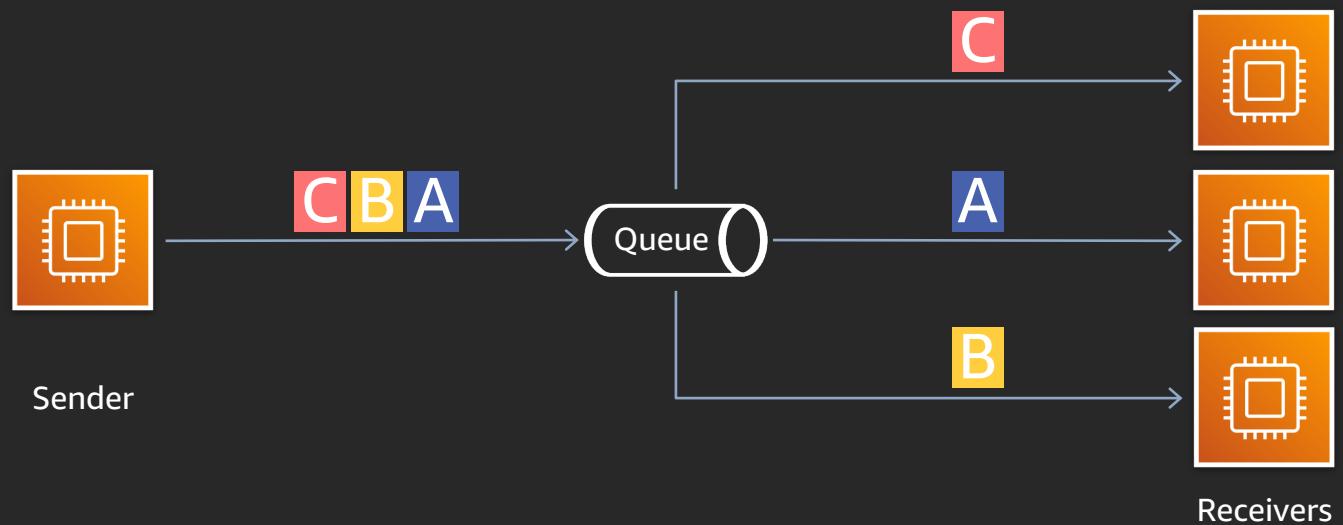
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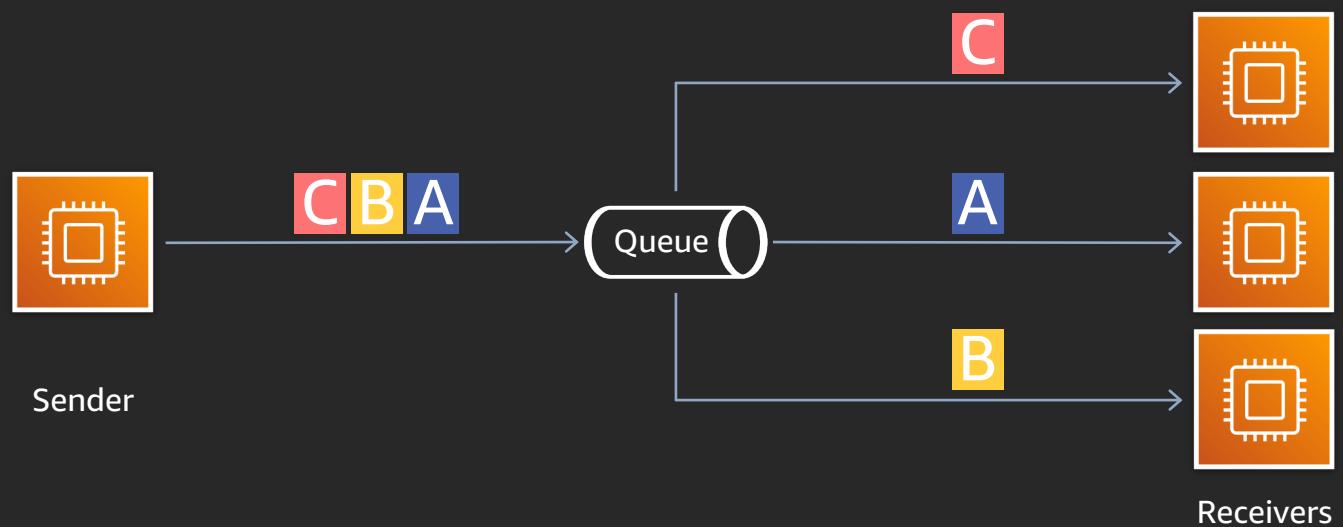
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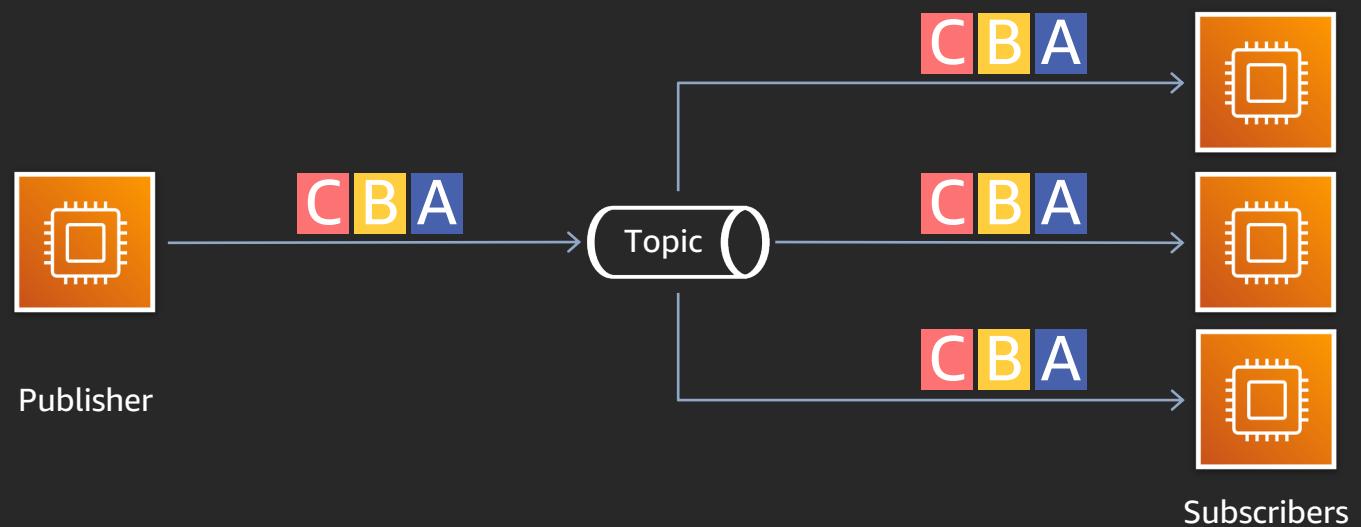


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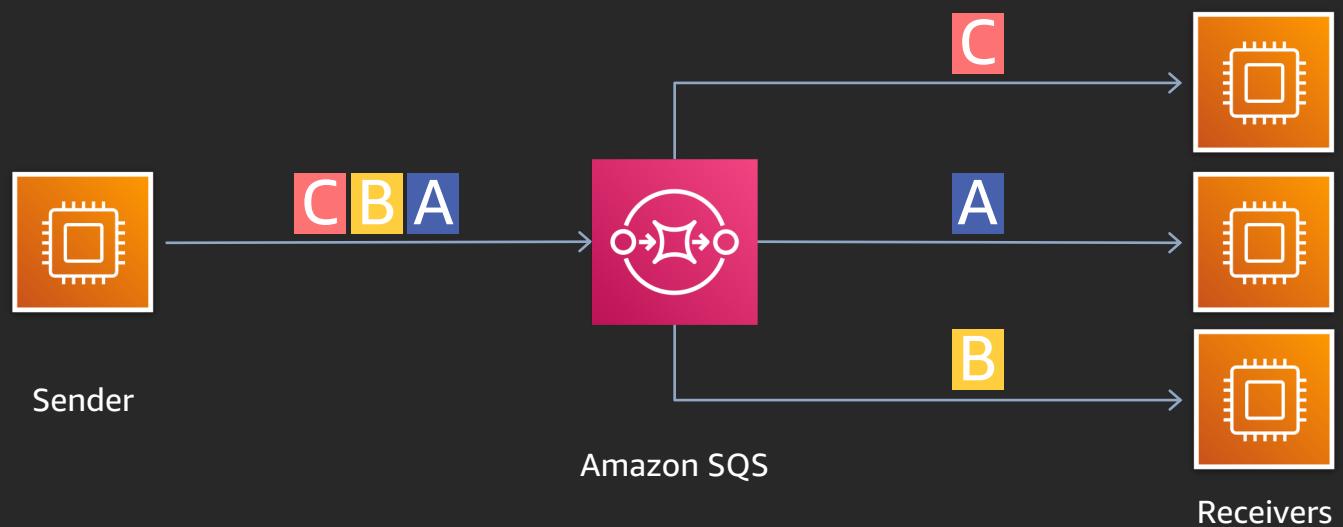


Consumed by all subscribers

Durable subscriber

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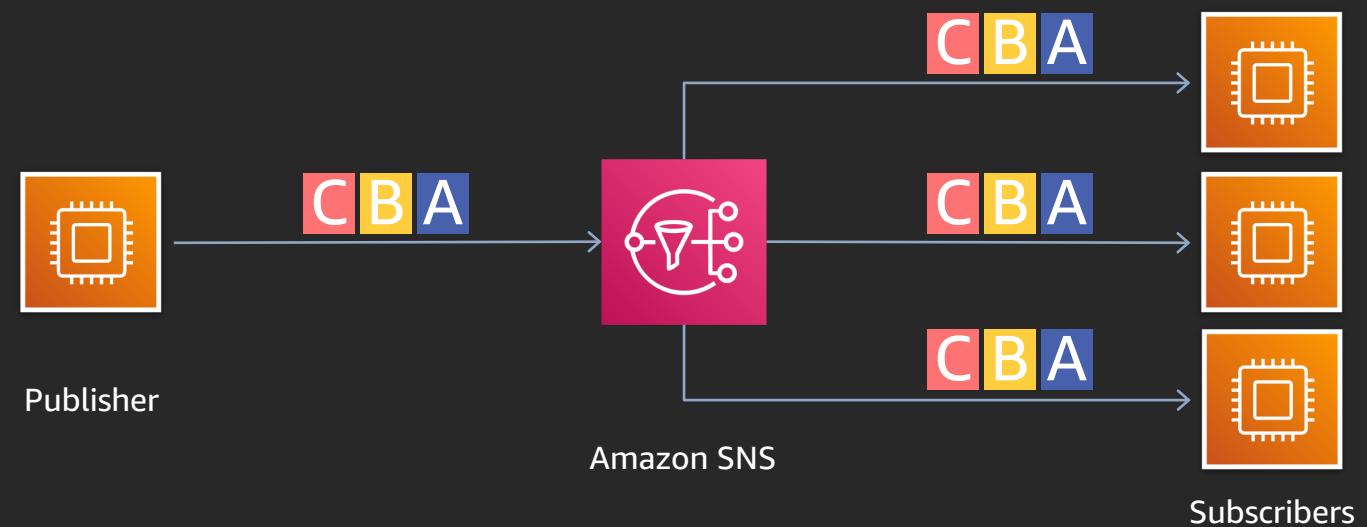


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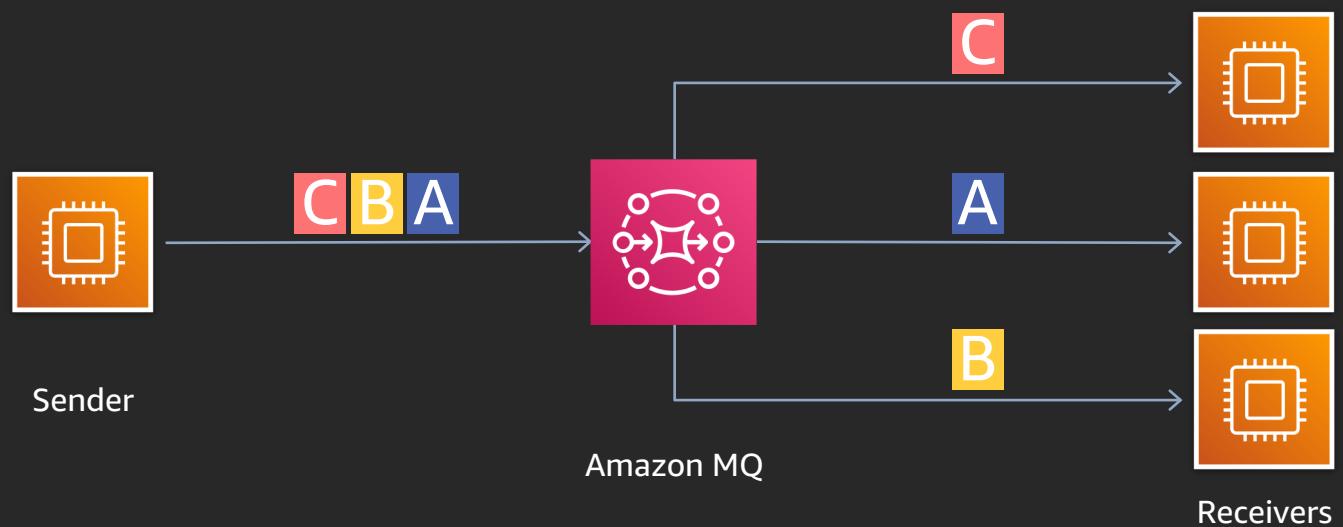
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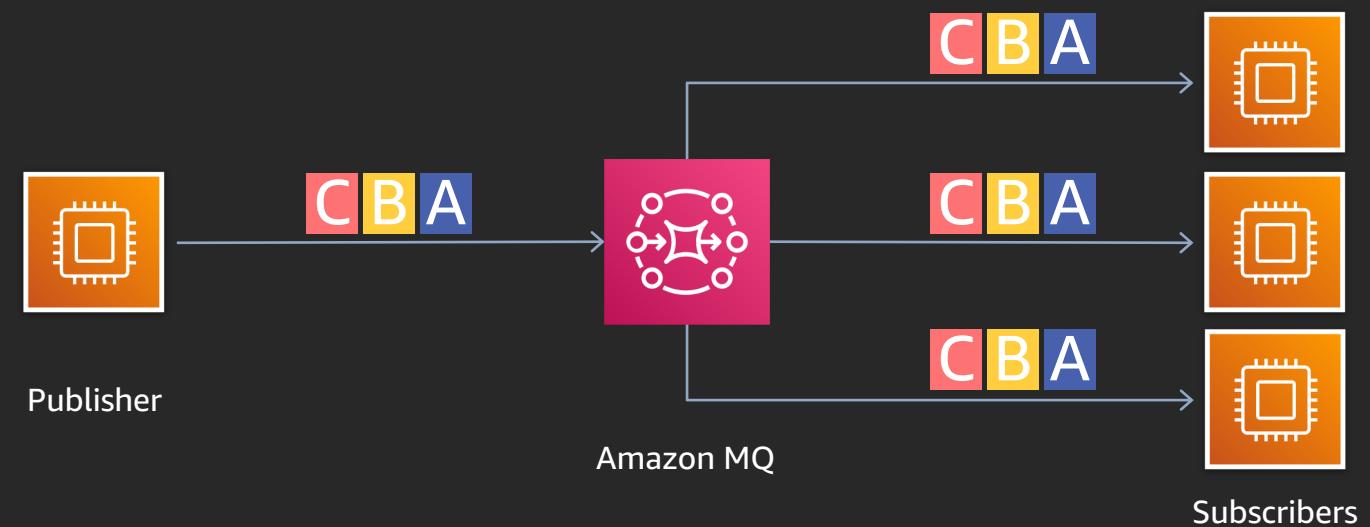


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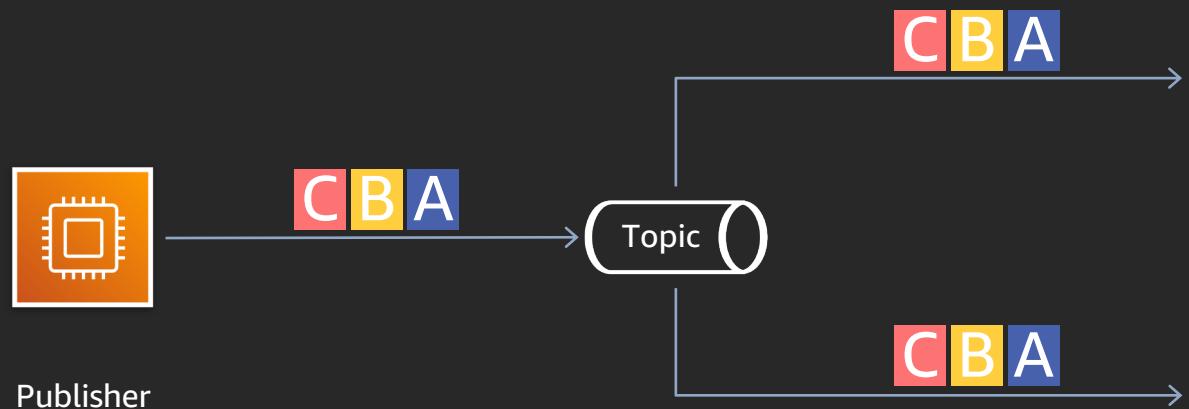
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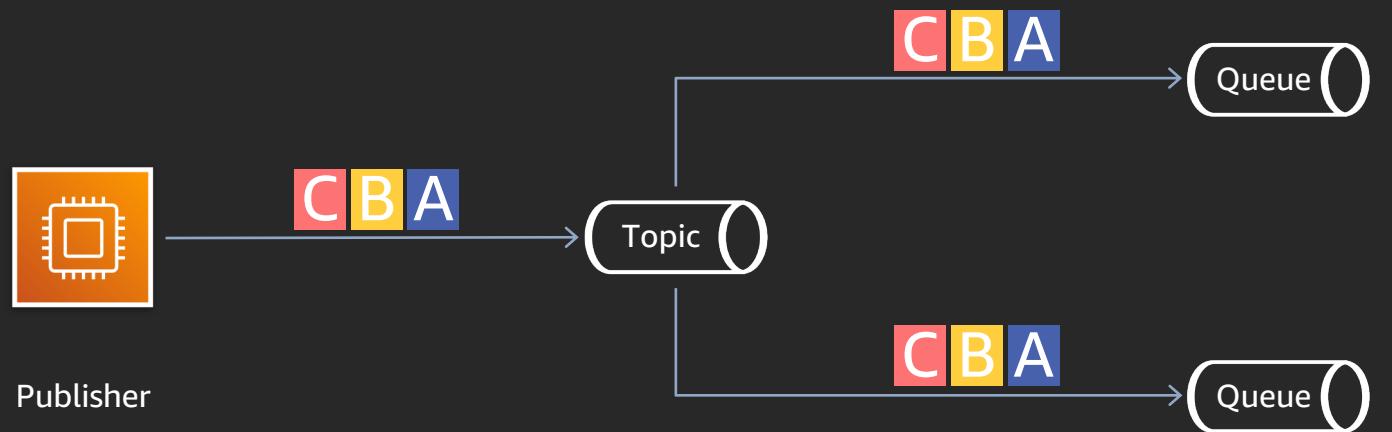
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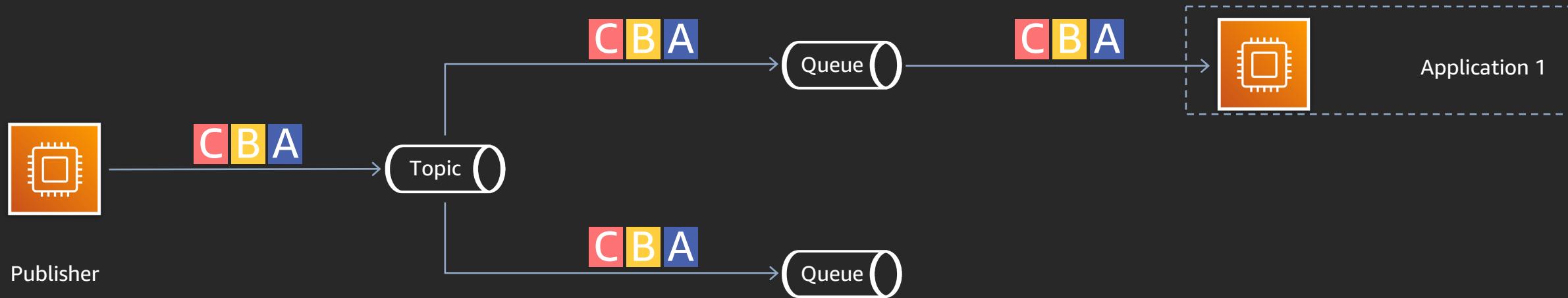
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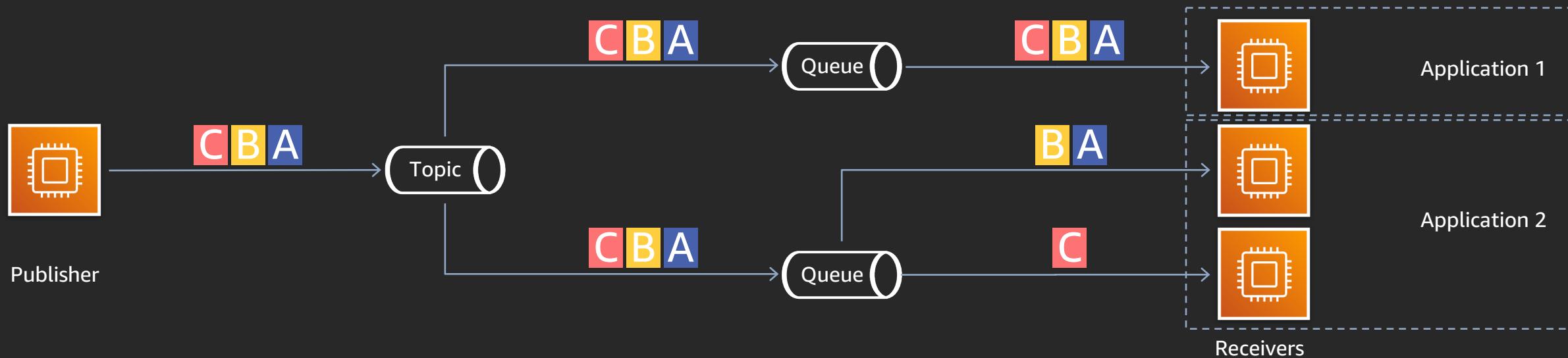
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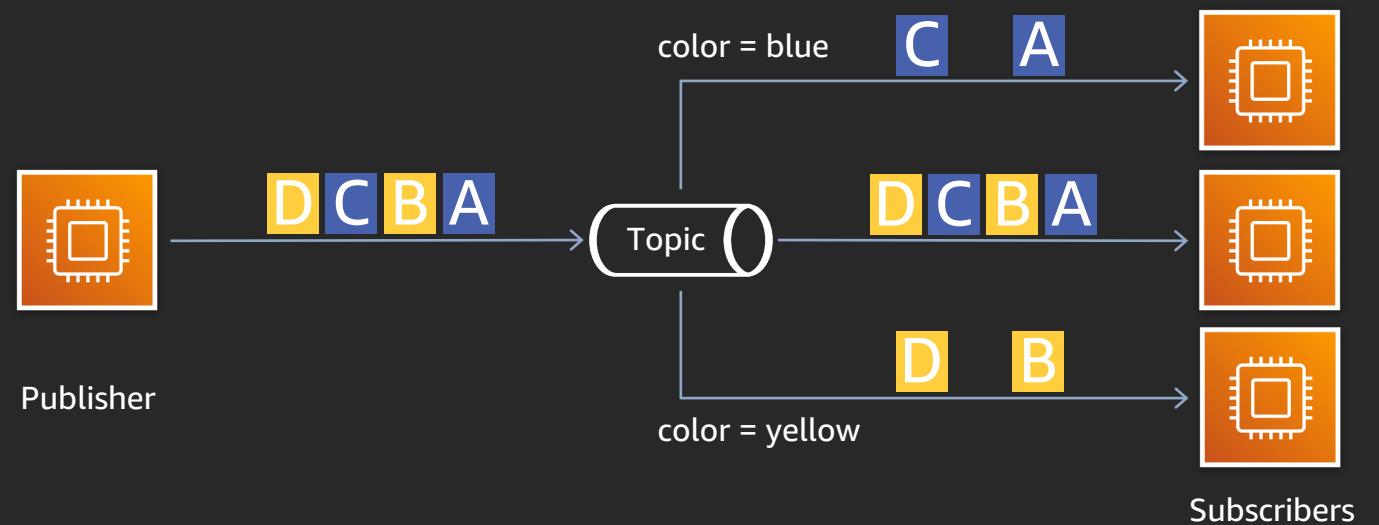
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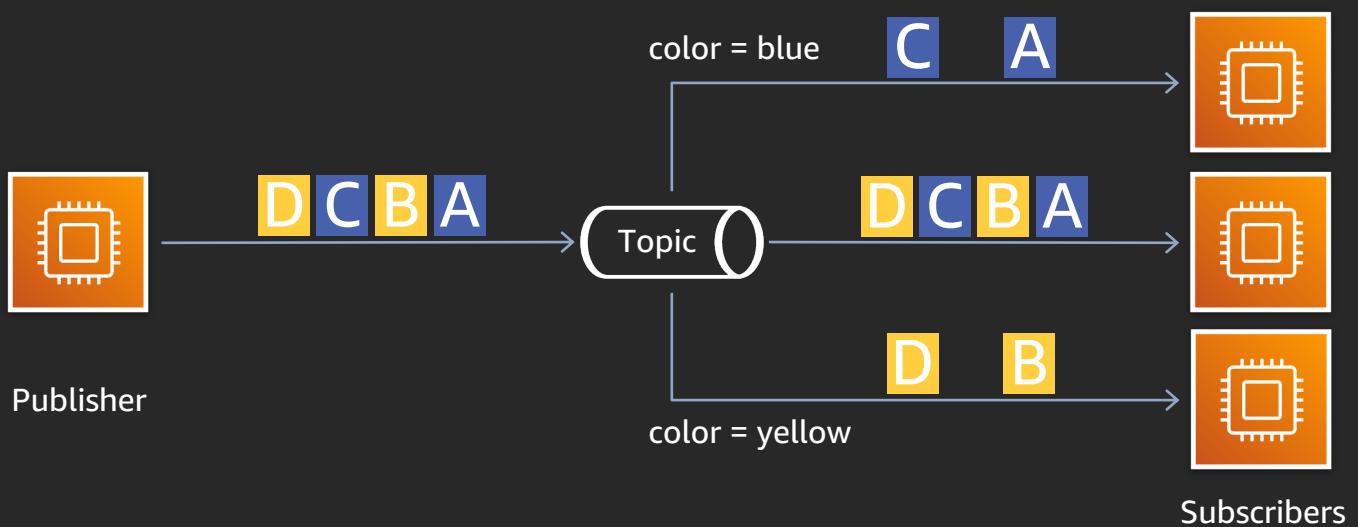
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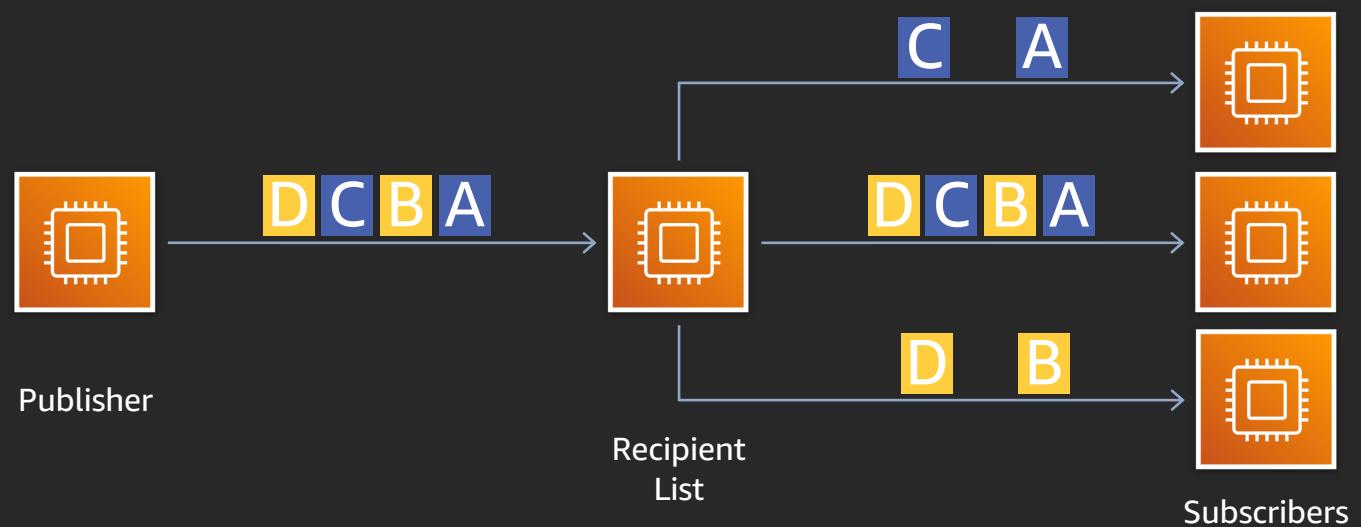


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Send only a relevant subset of messages to a subscriber

Controlled by publisher or separate component

Potentially adds coupling

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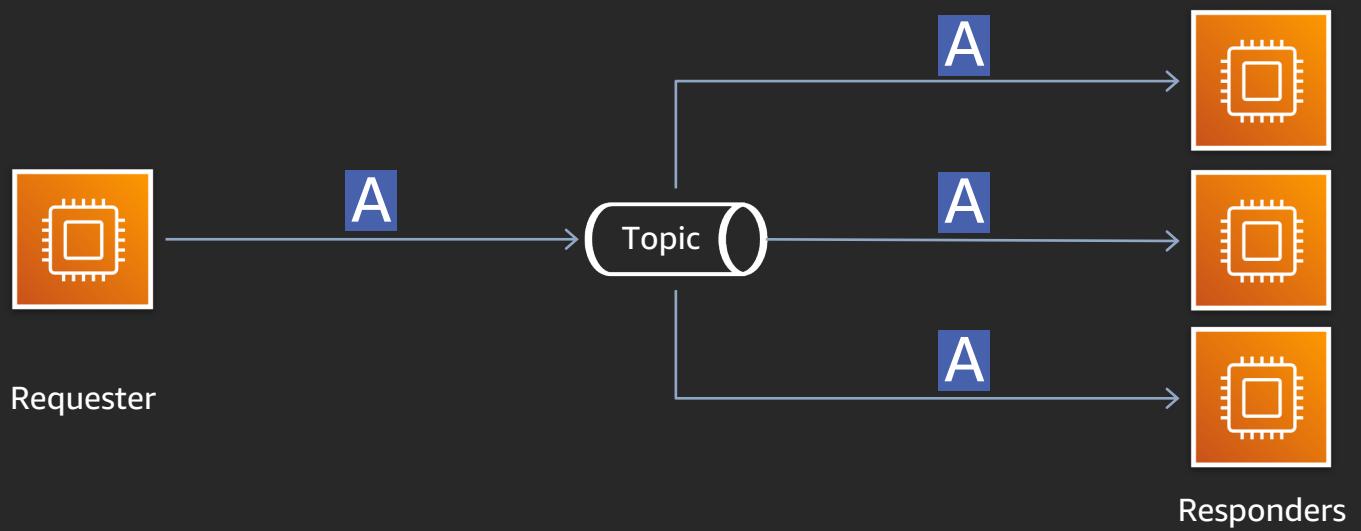
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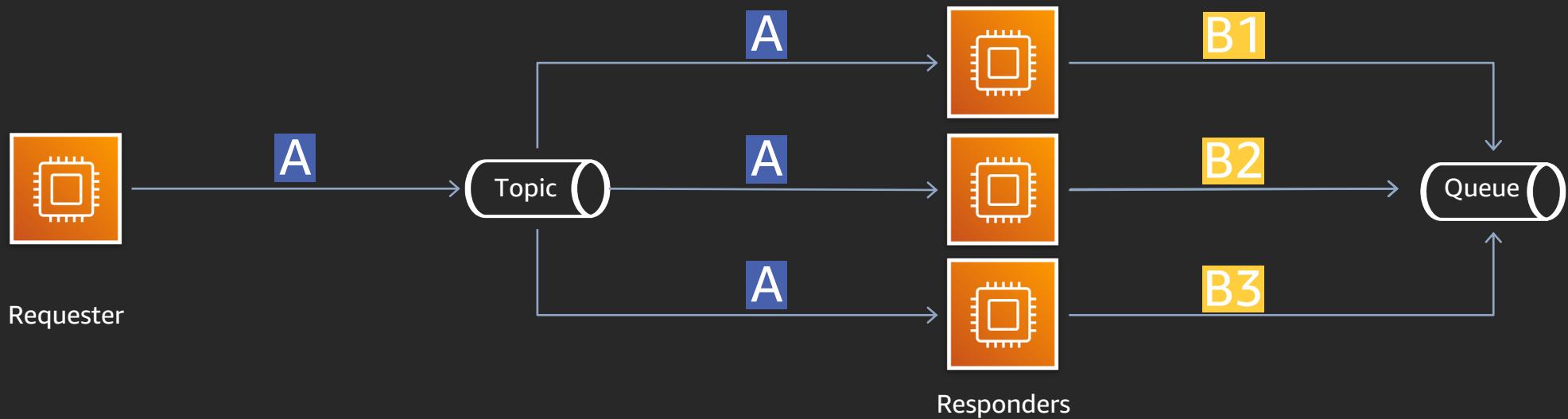


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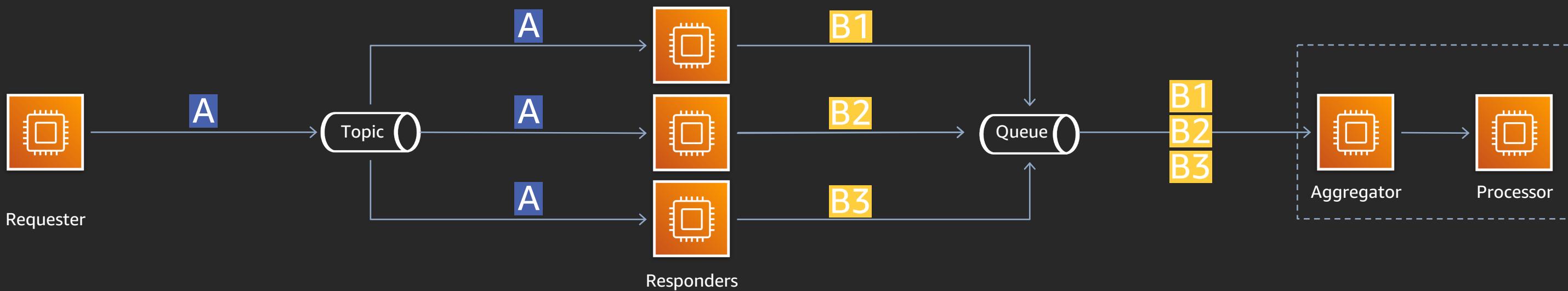


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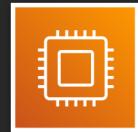
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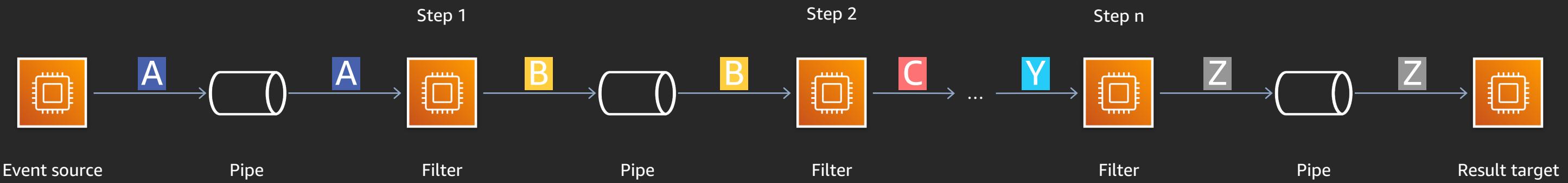
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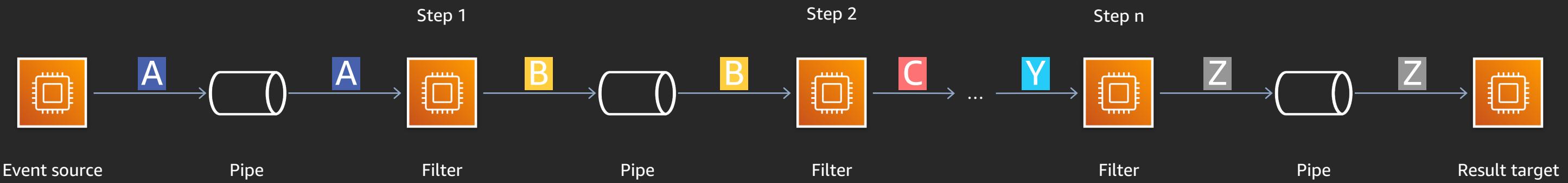


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Similar patterns: Chain of responsibility, processing pipeline, saga choreography

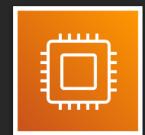
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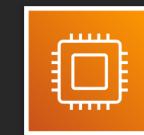
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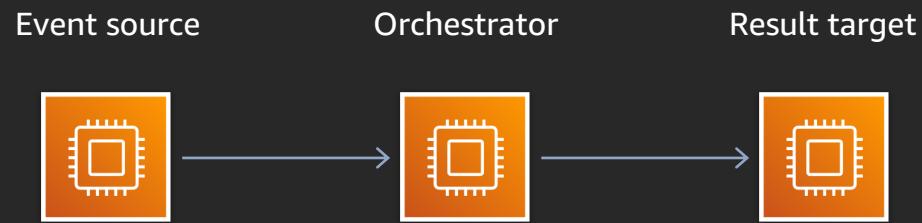


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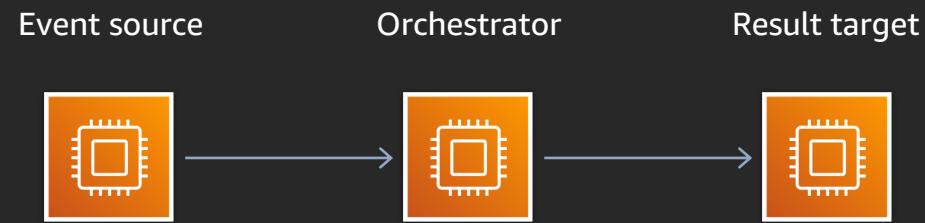
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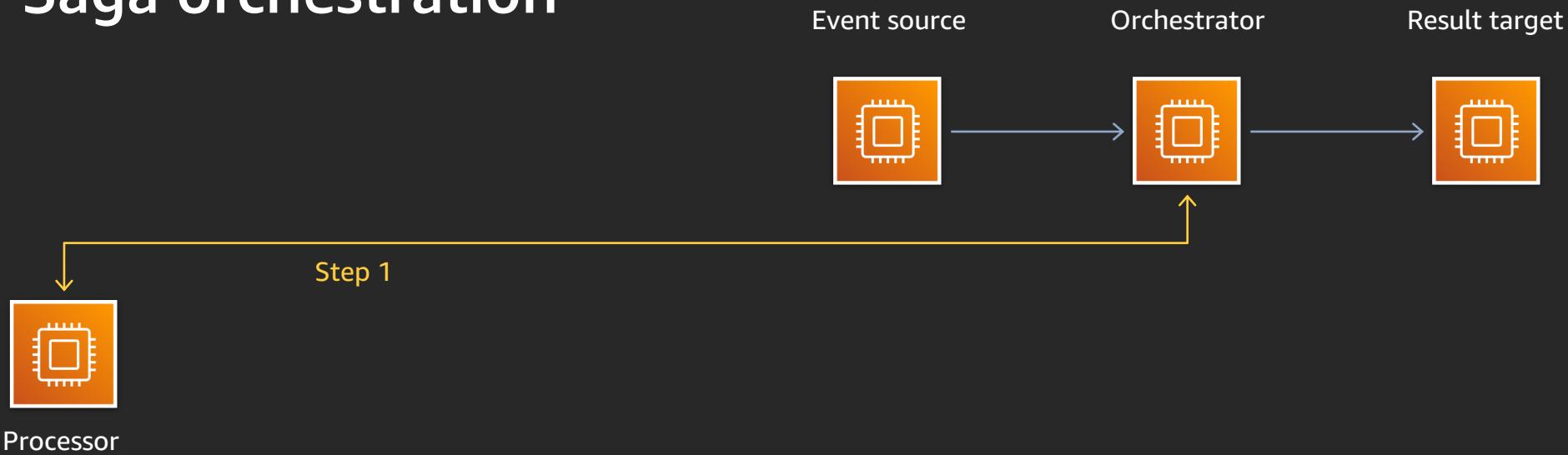


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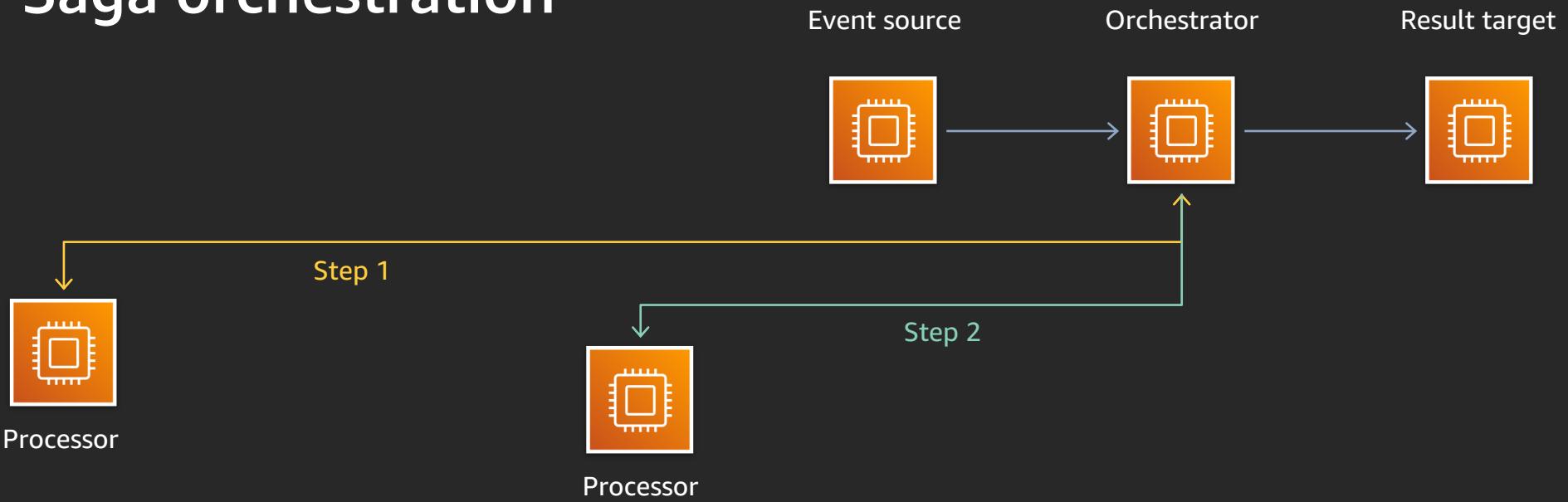
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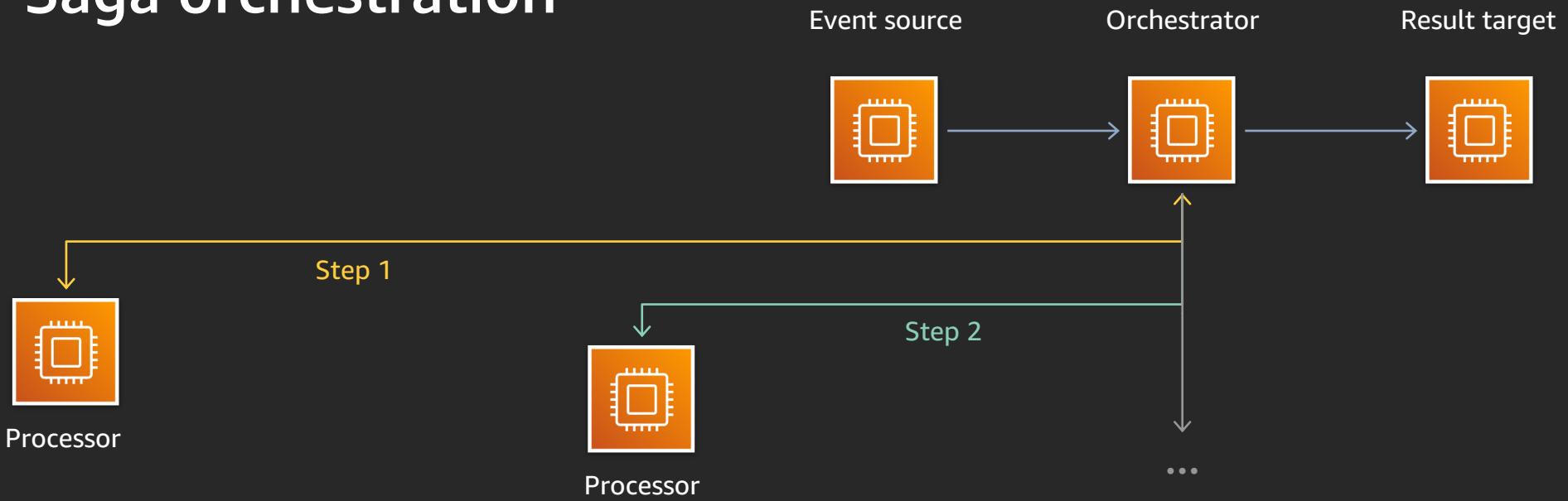
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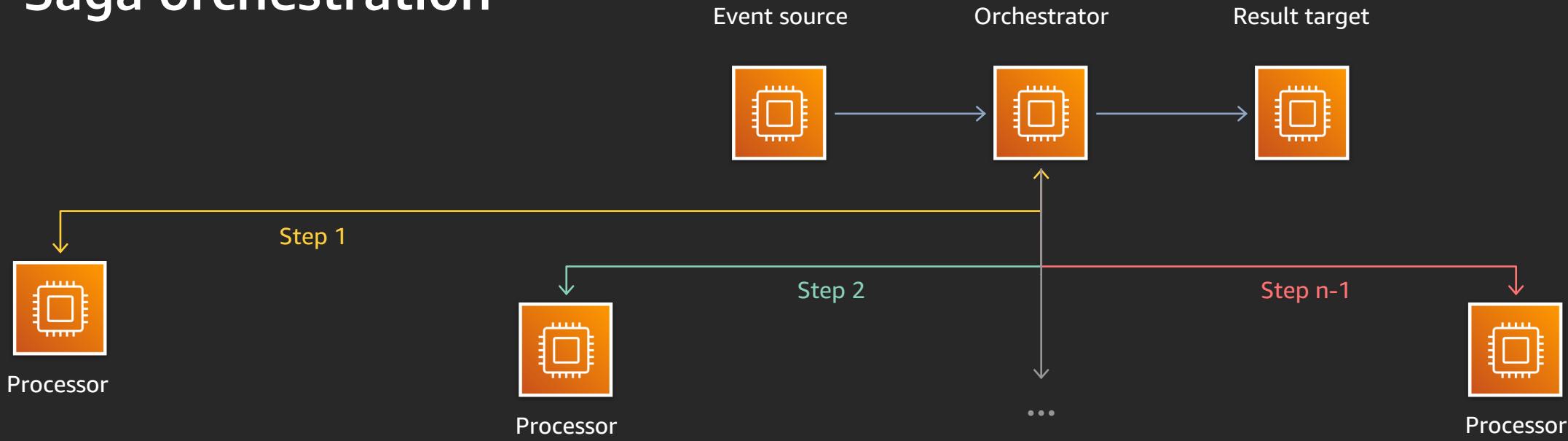
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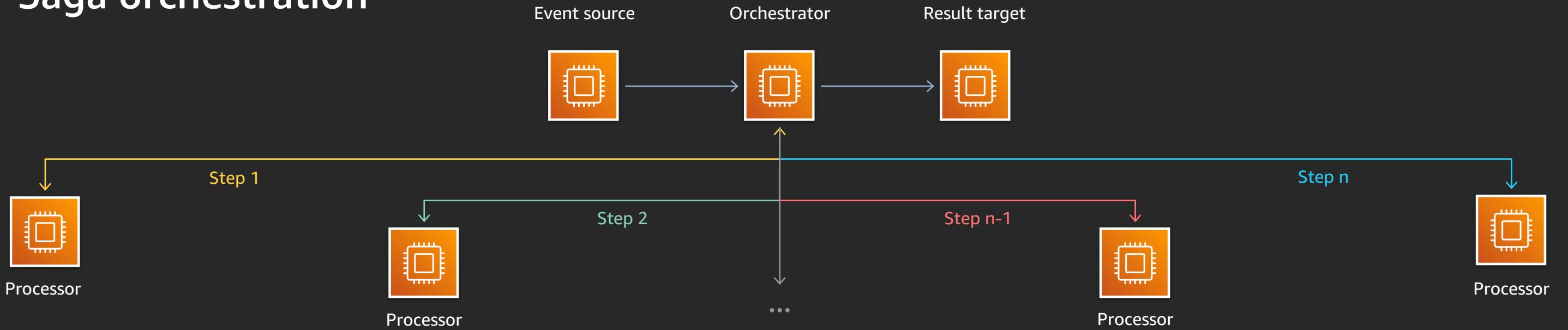
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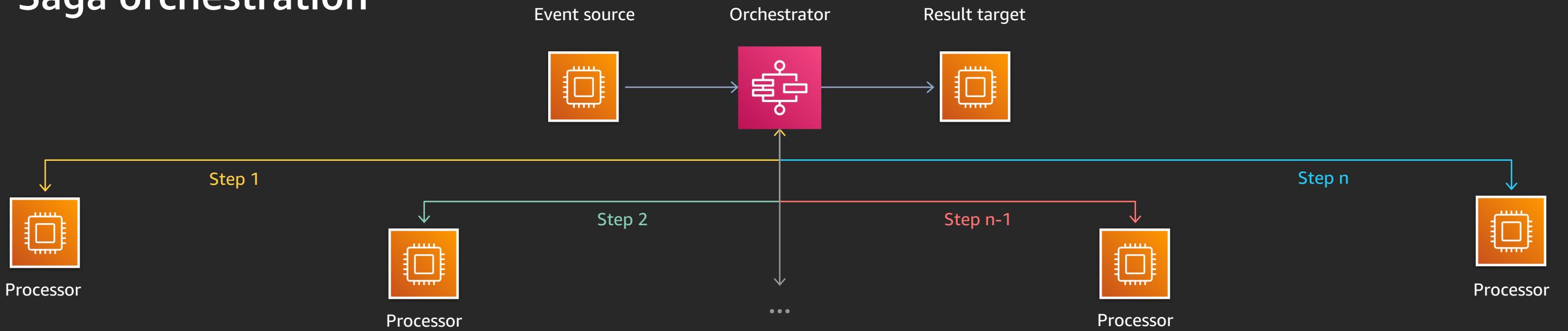
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AWS service for saga orchestration (serverless):

AWS Step Functions

# Concrete use cases and labs for today

Context: Wild Rydes, Inc.



# Choose your path

We have four labs for you today,  
plus a common foundation lab

After intro of use cases, context, and  
patterns, you can pick the most  
relevant labs for you

We will summarize the labs again  
for you afterward



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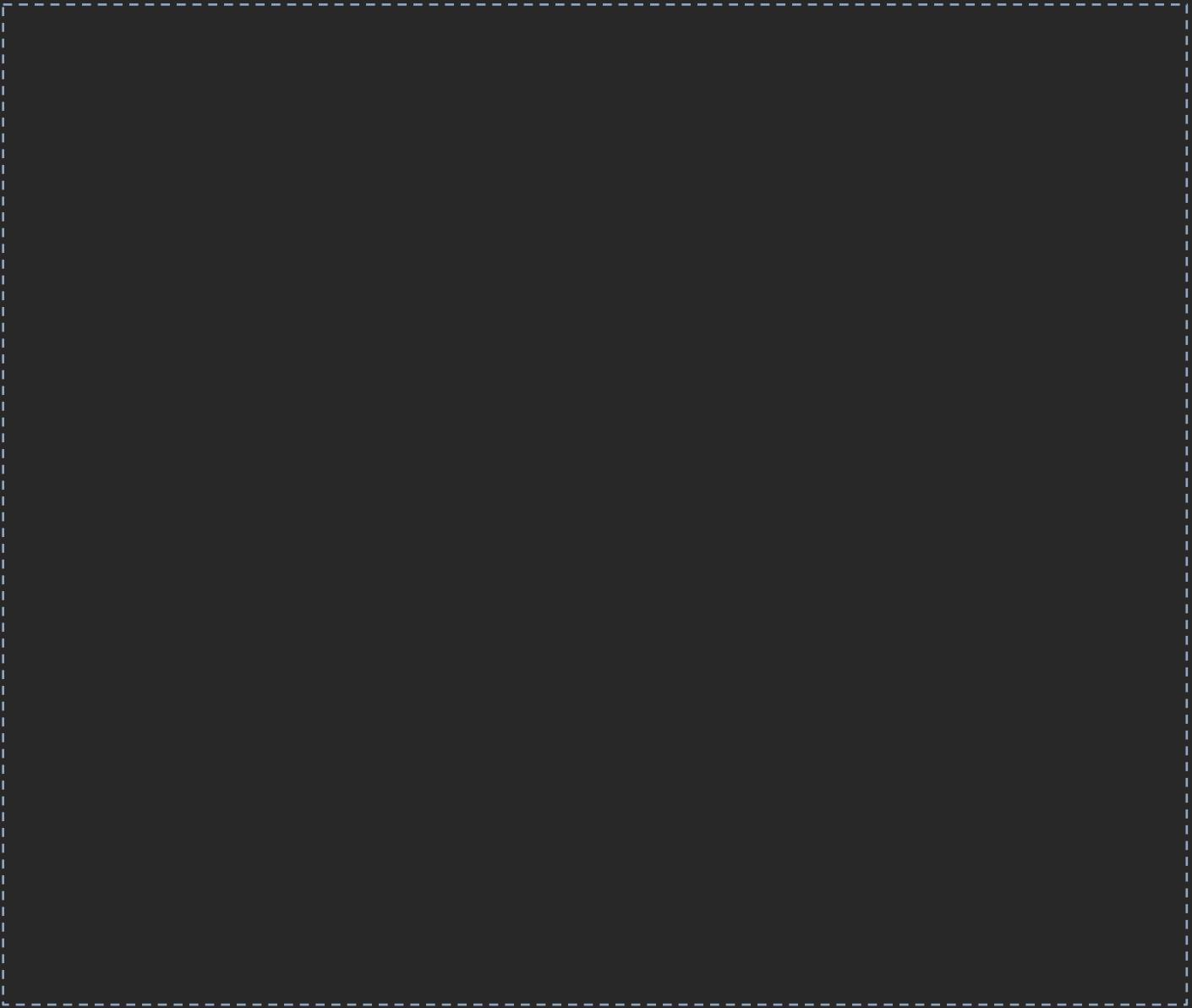


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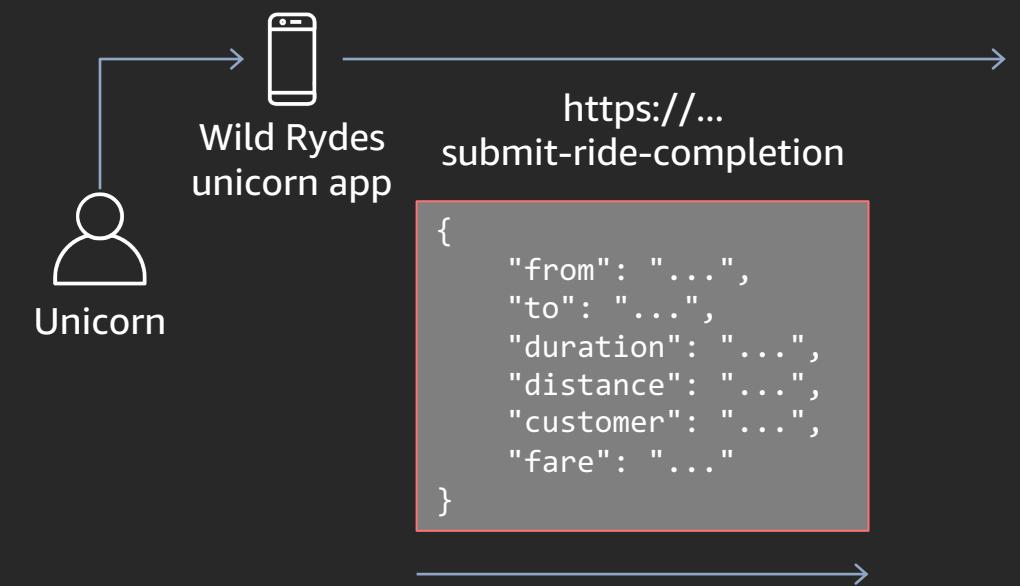


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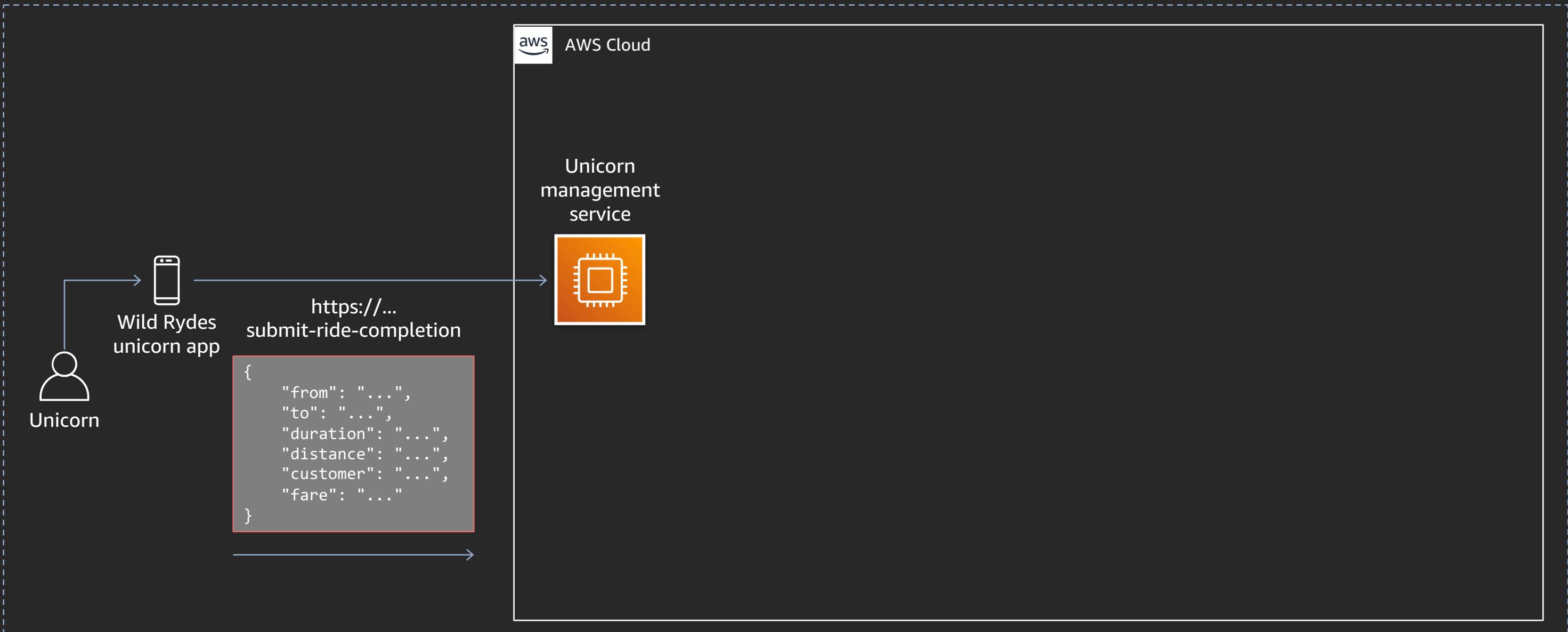
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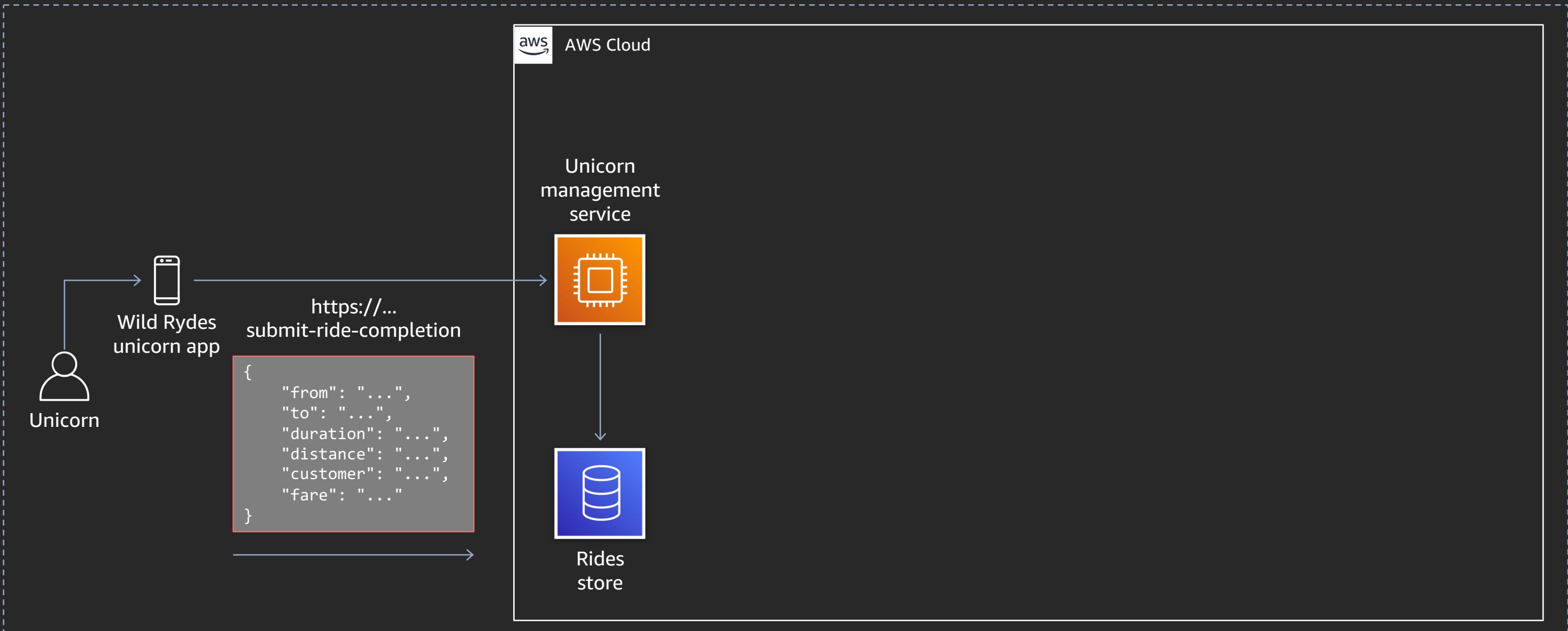
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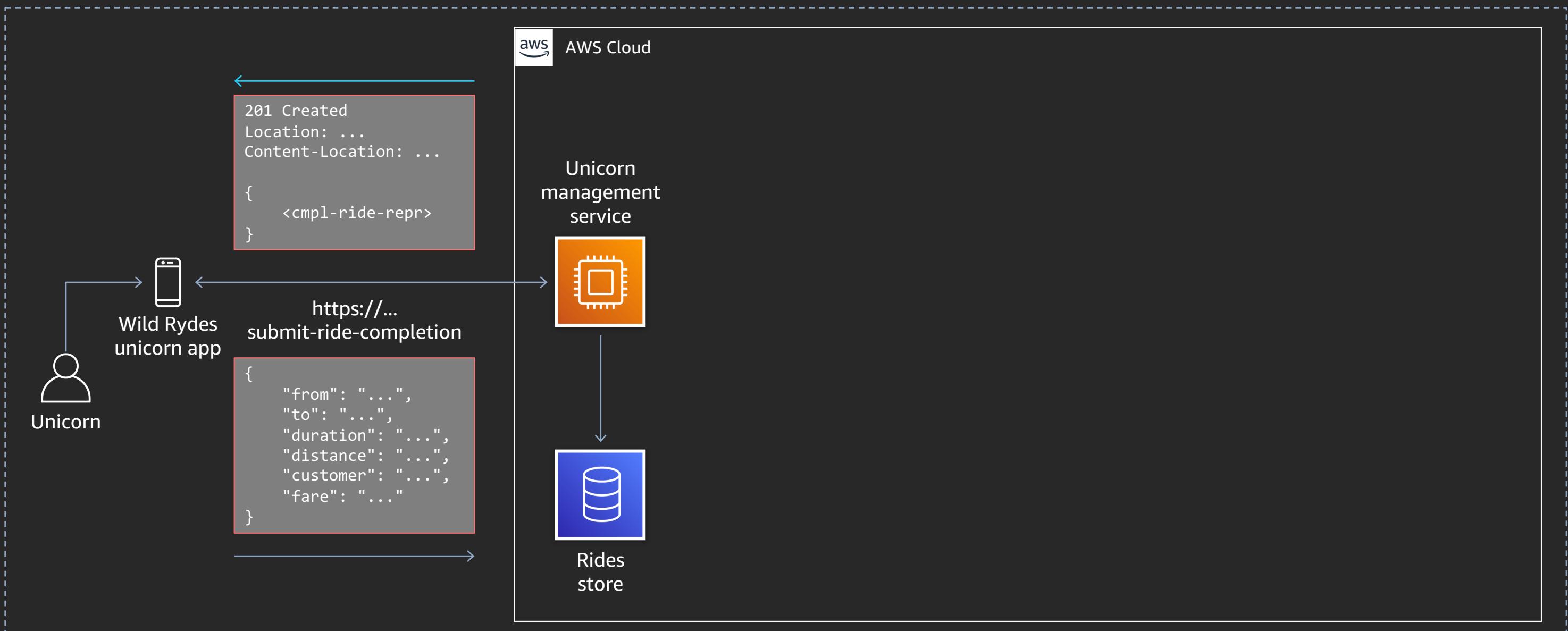
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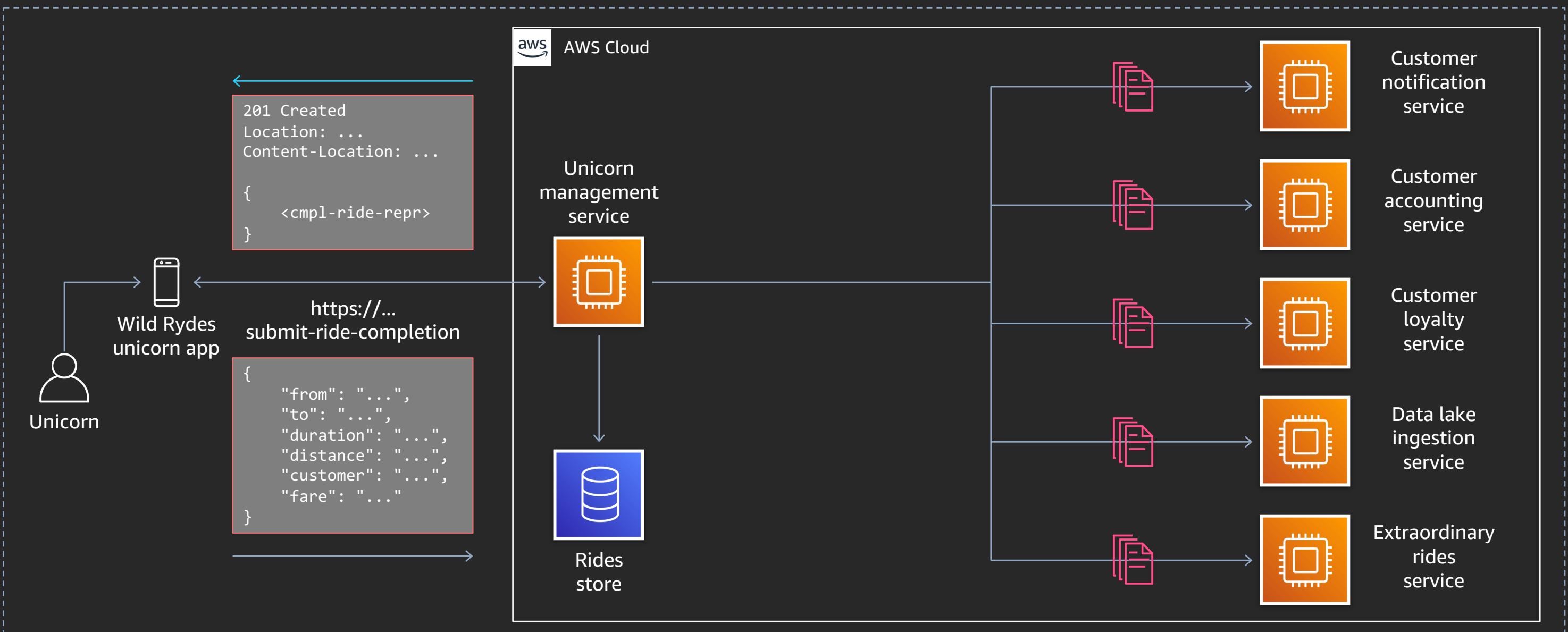
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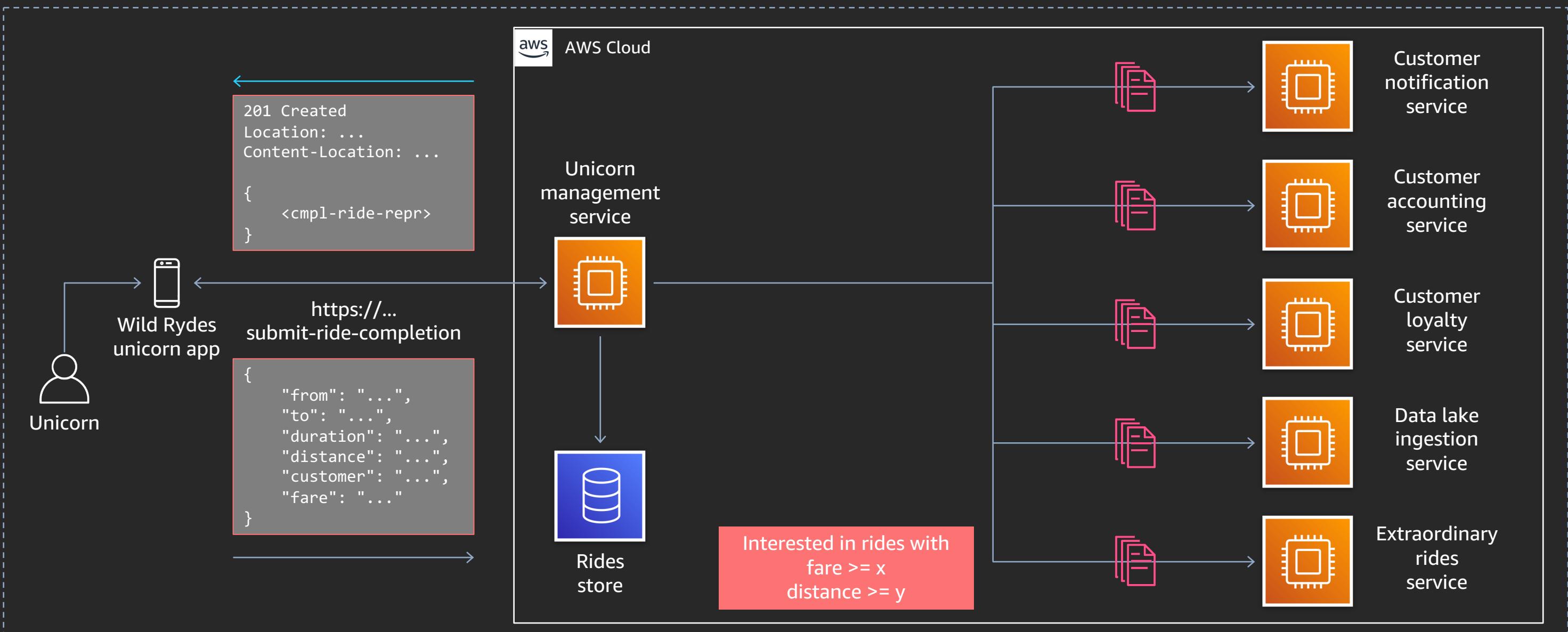
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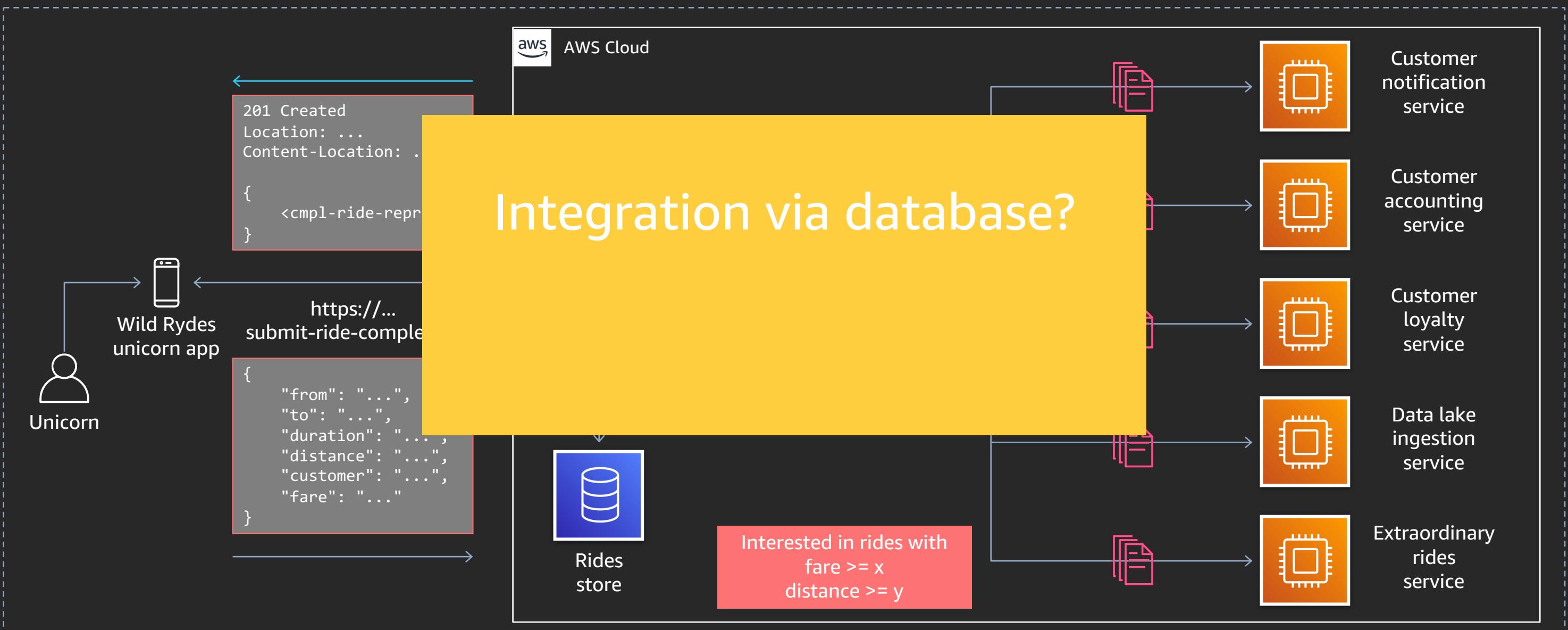
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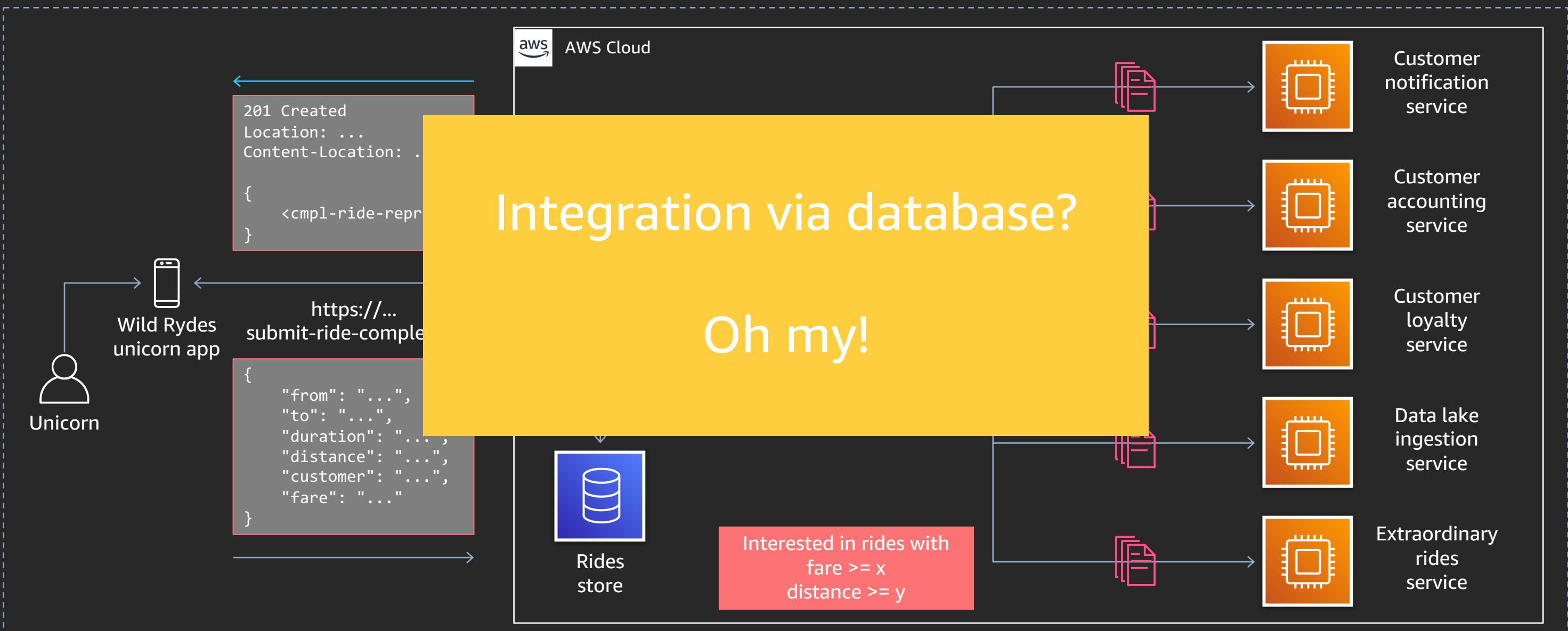
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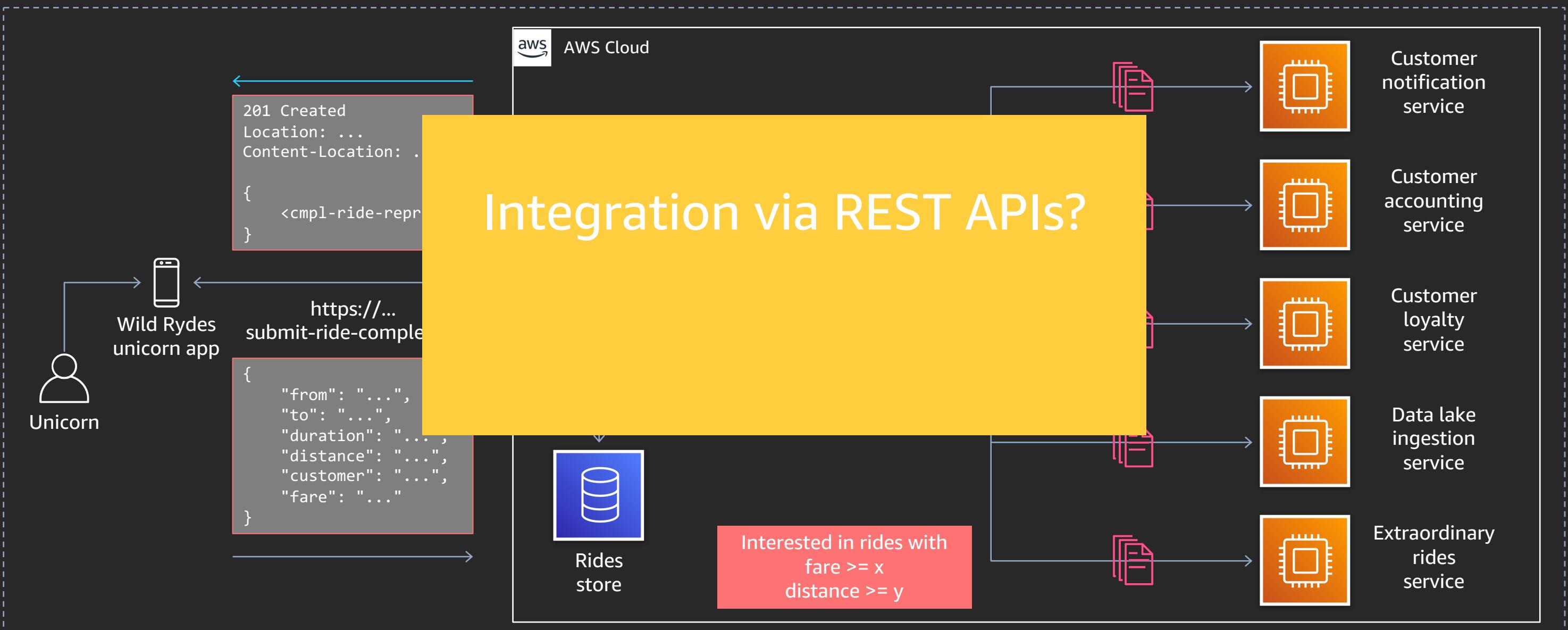
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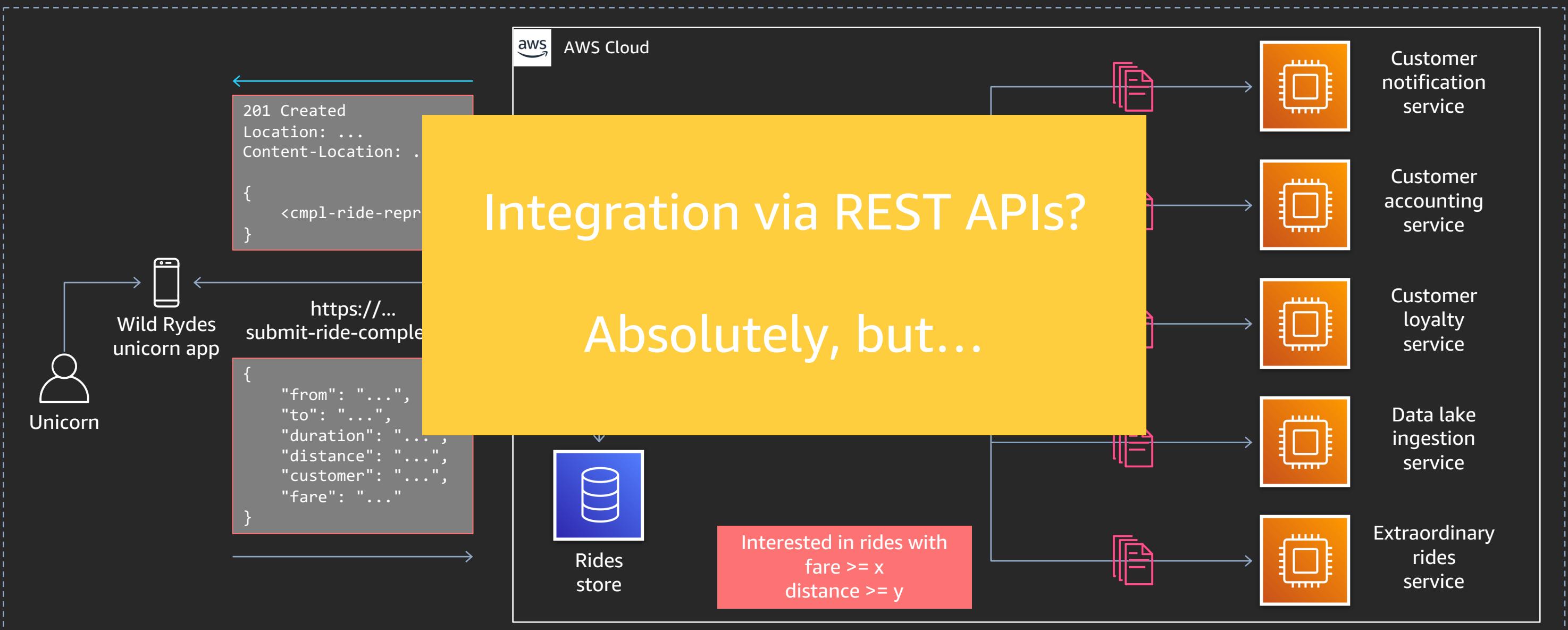
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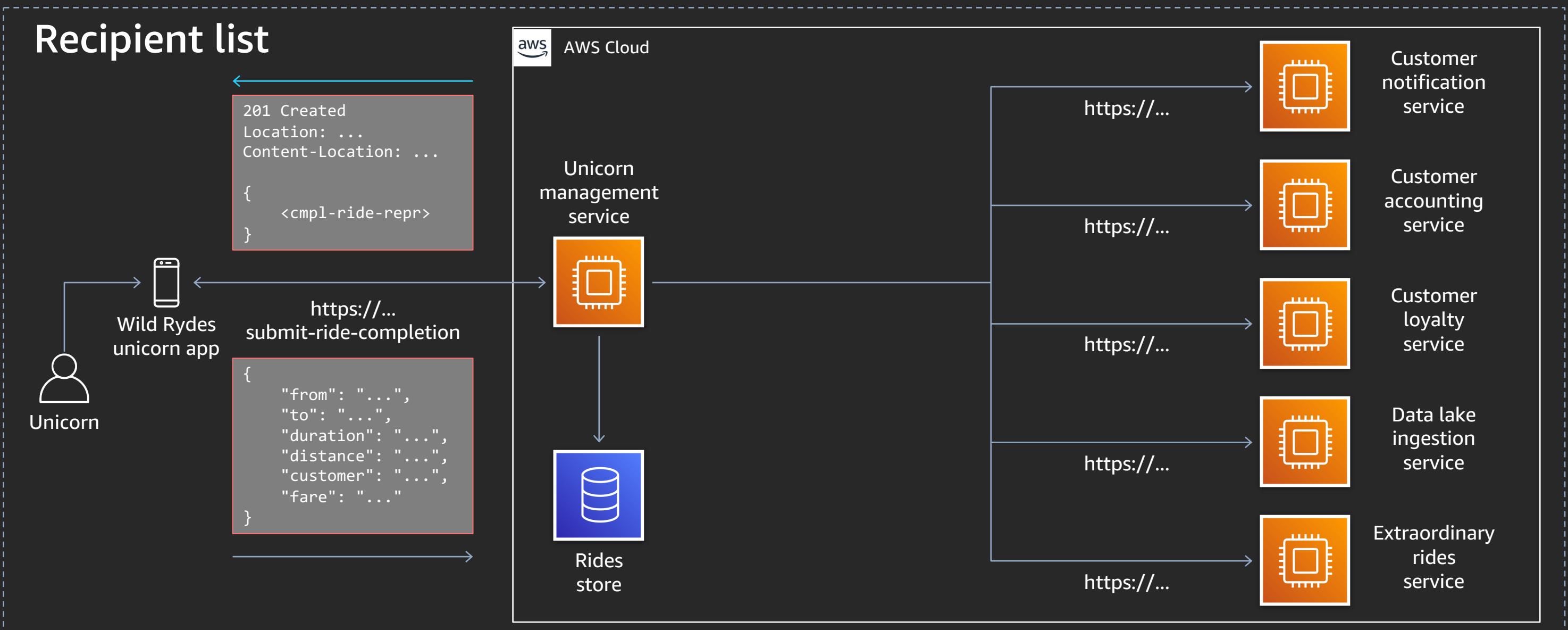
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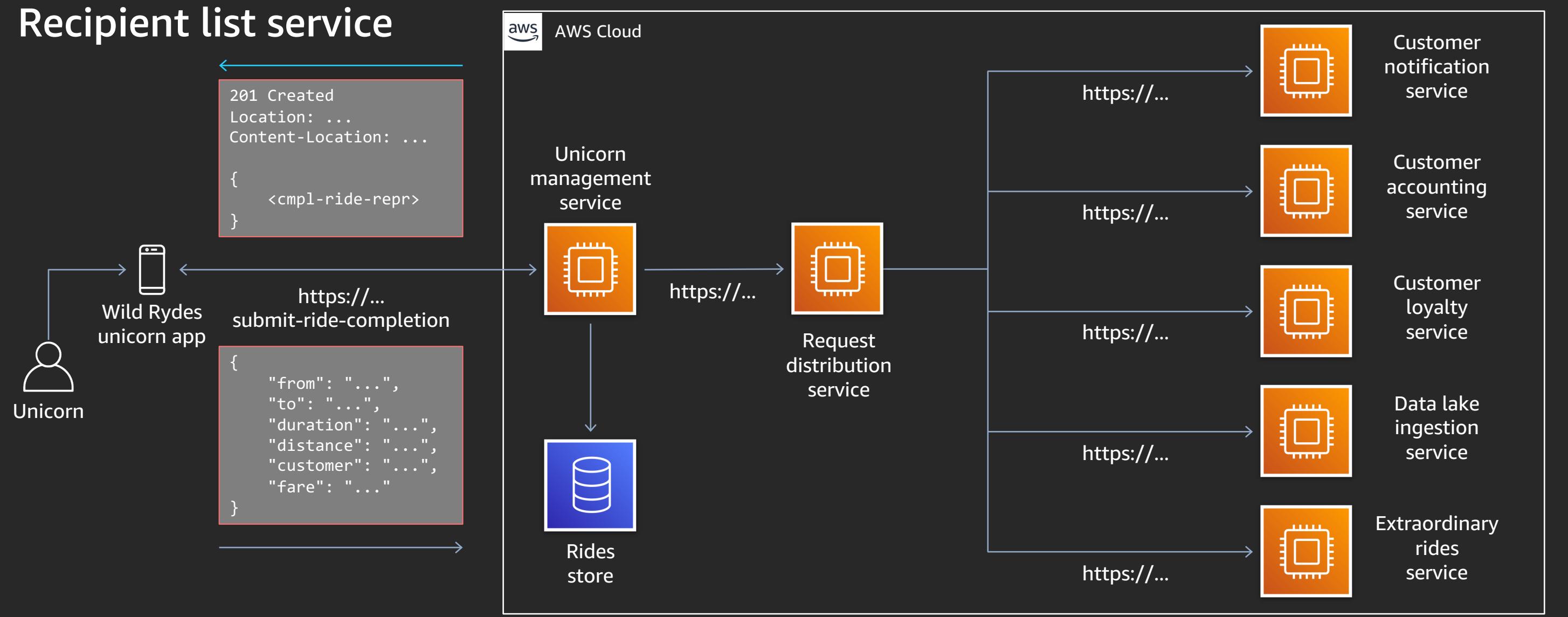
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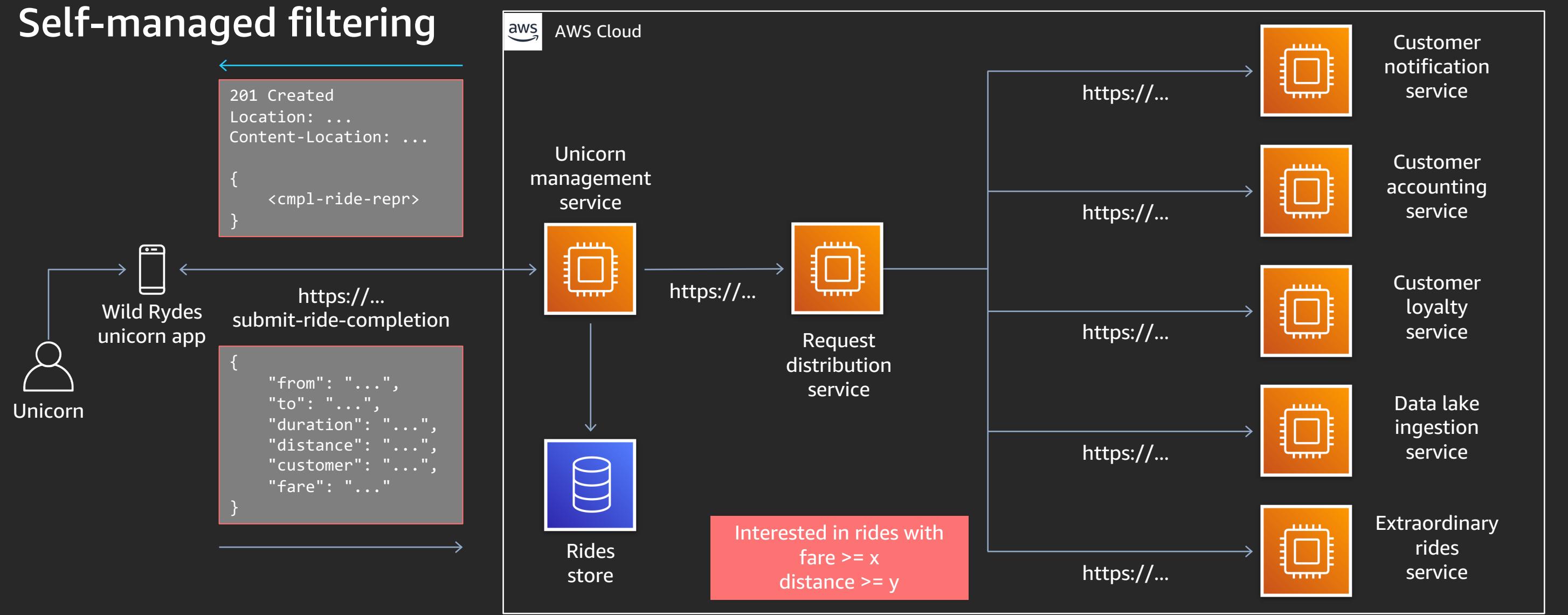
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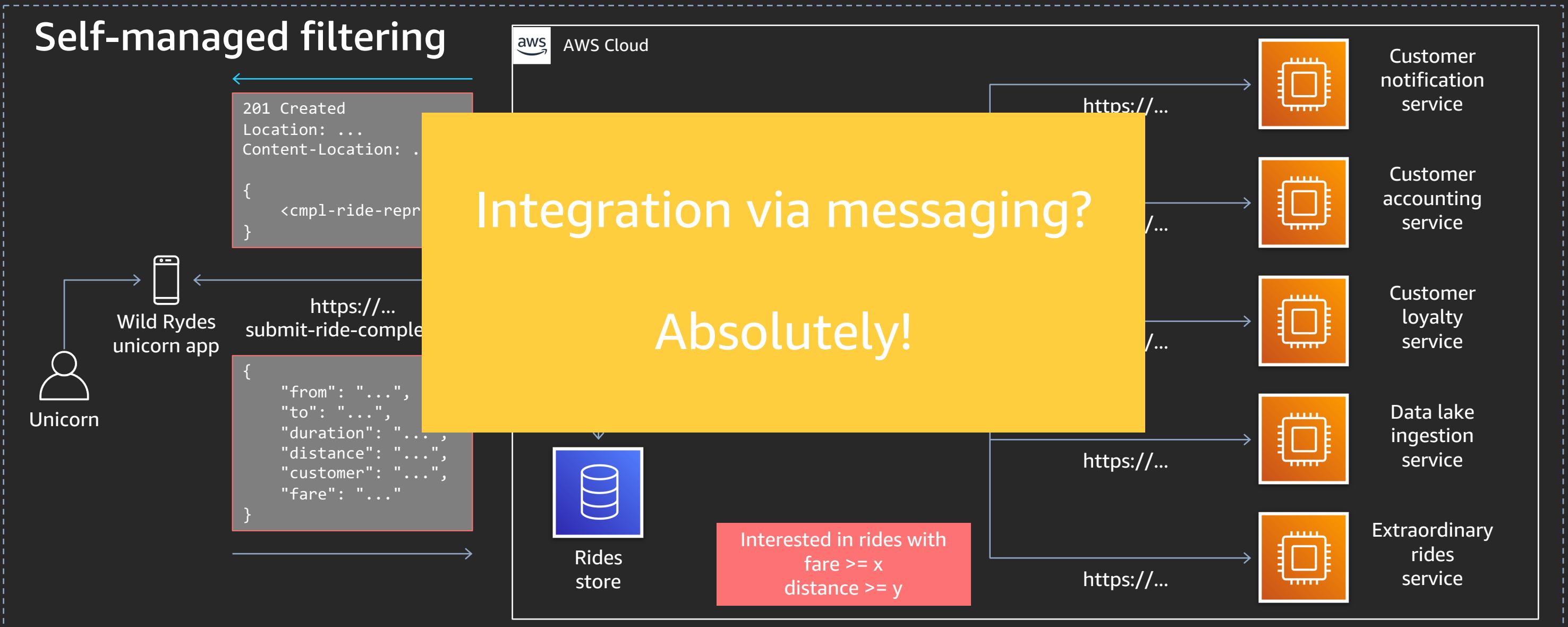
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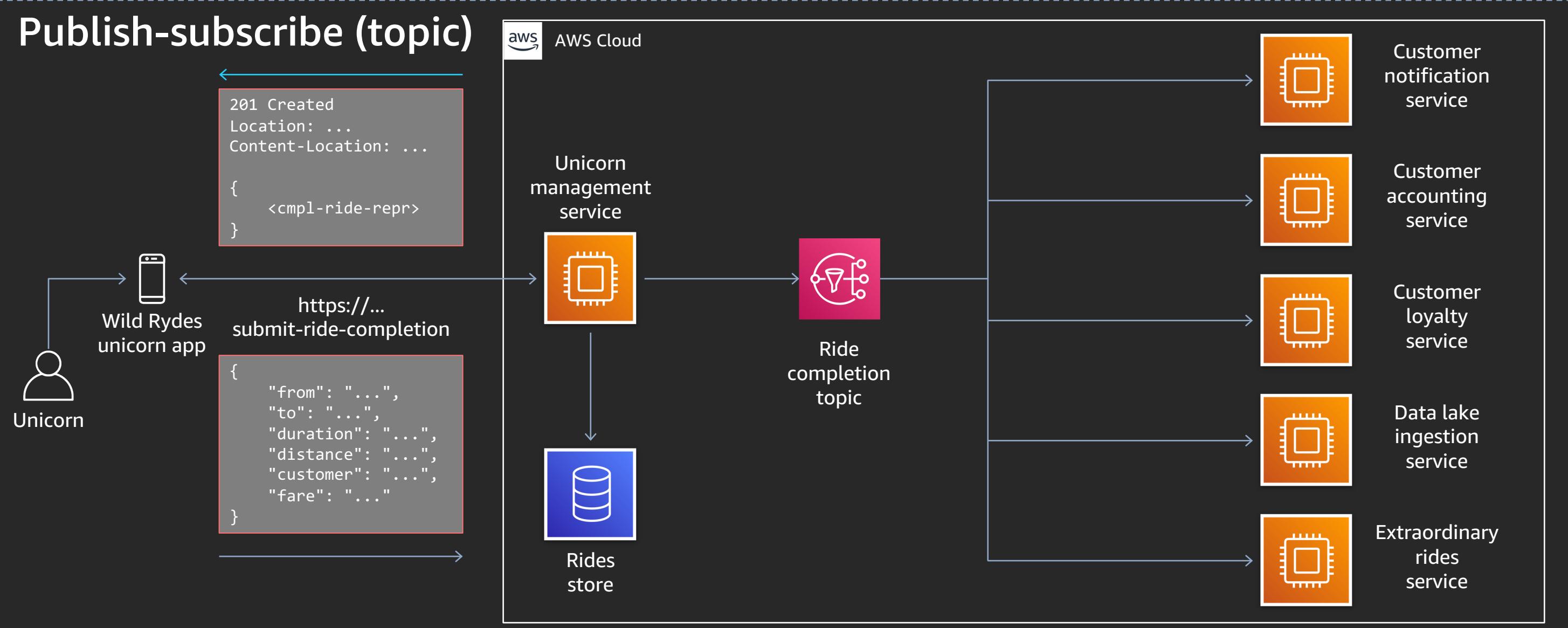
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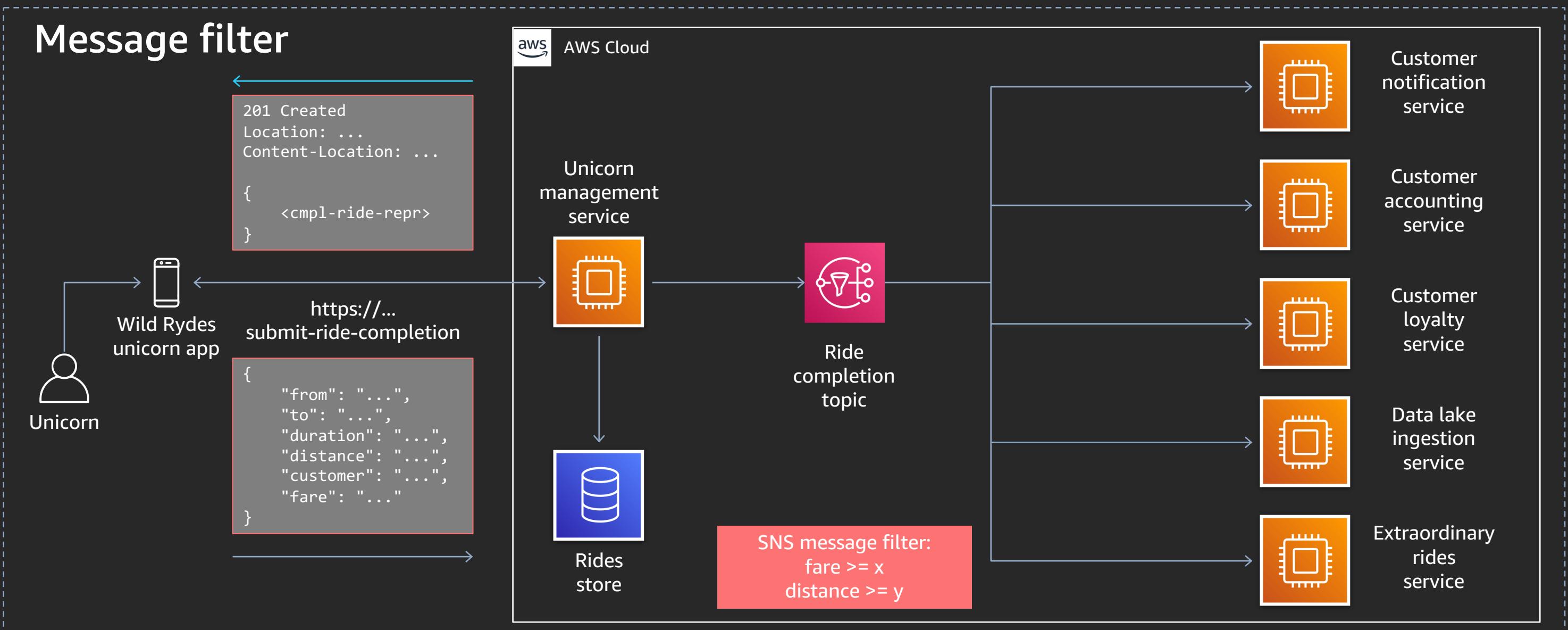
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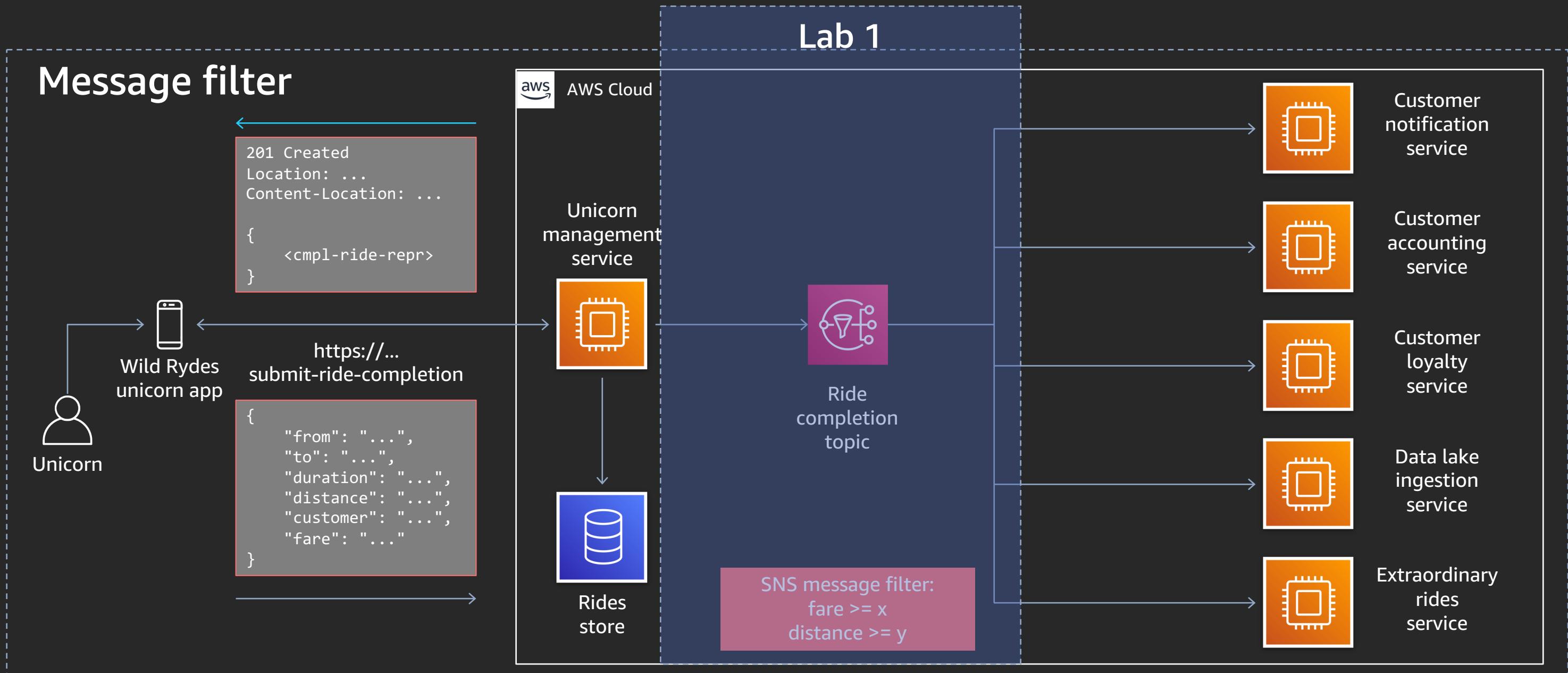
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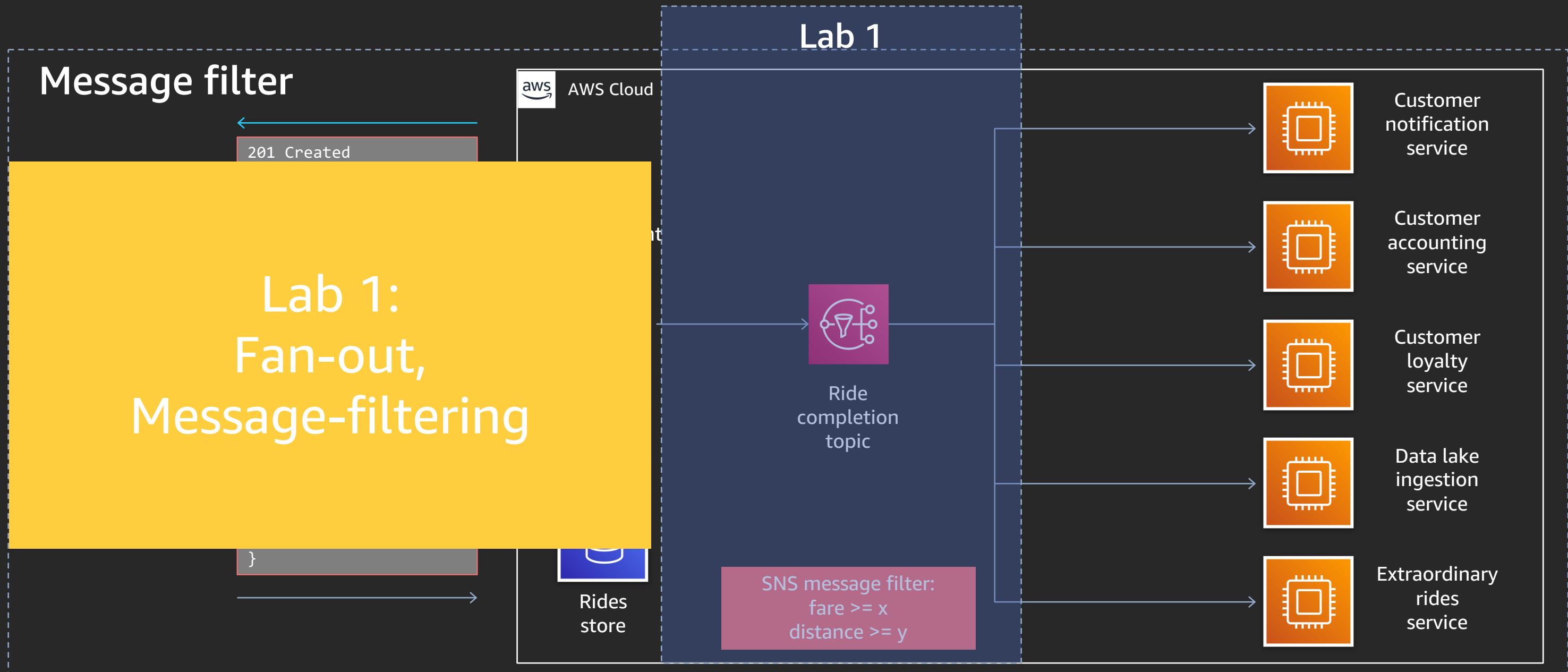
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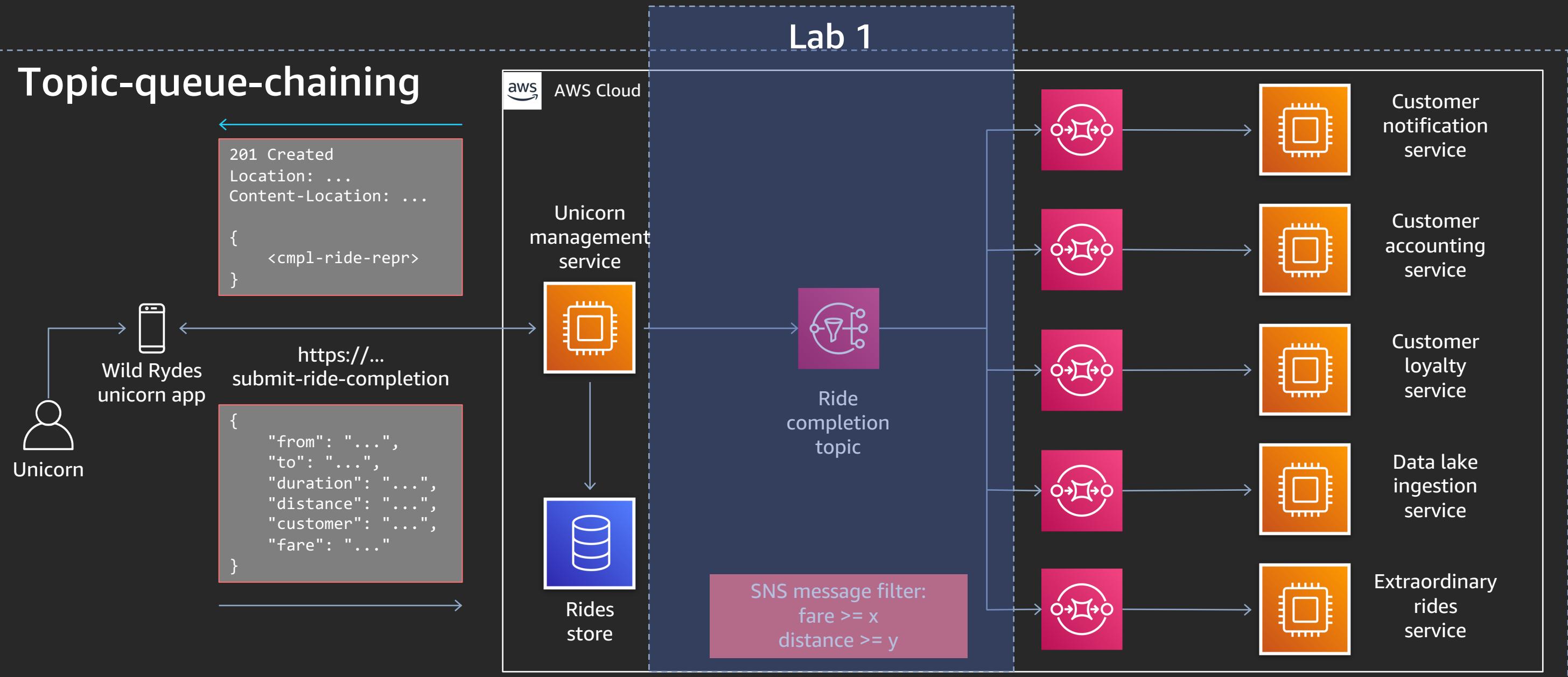
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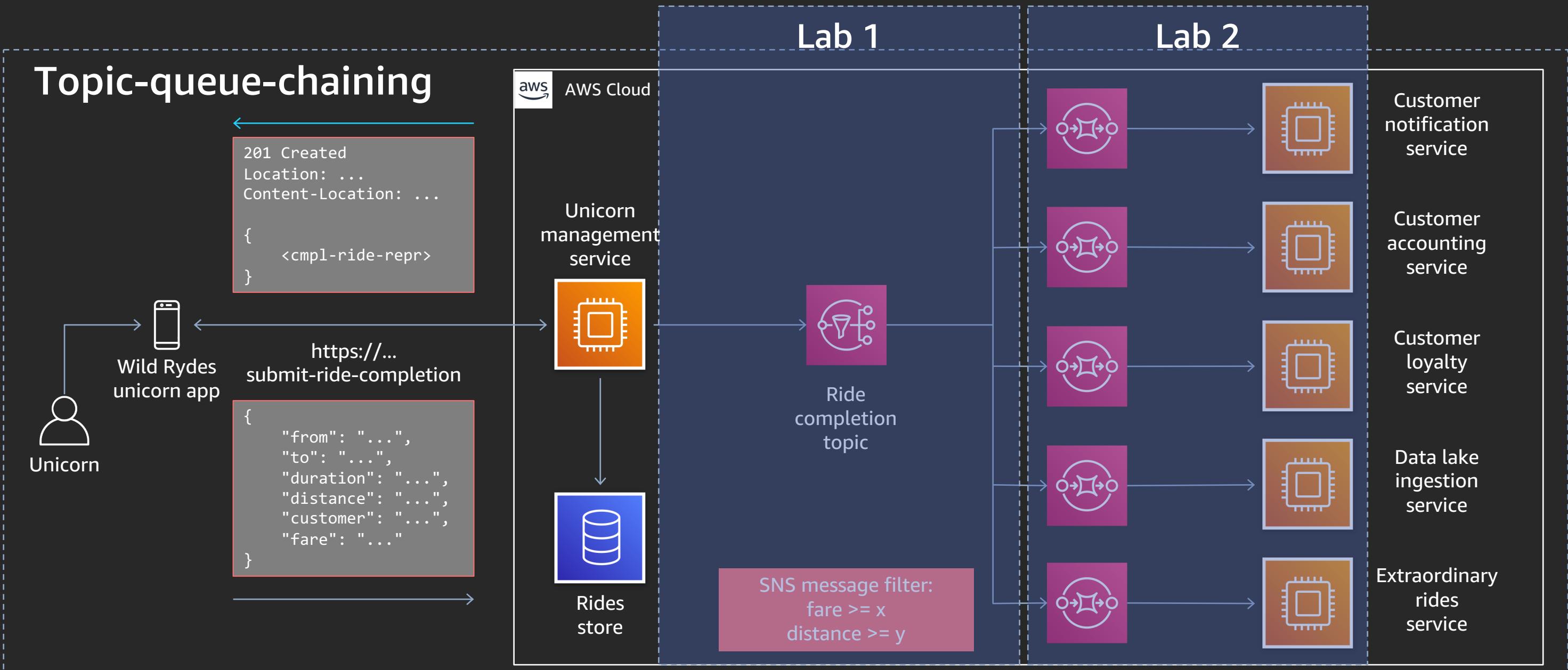
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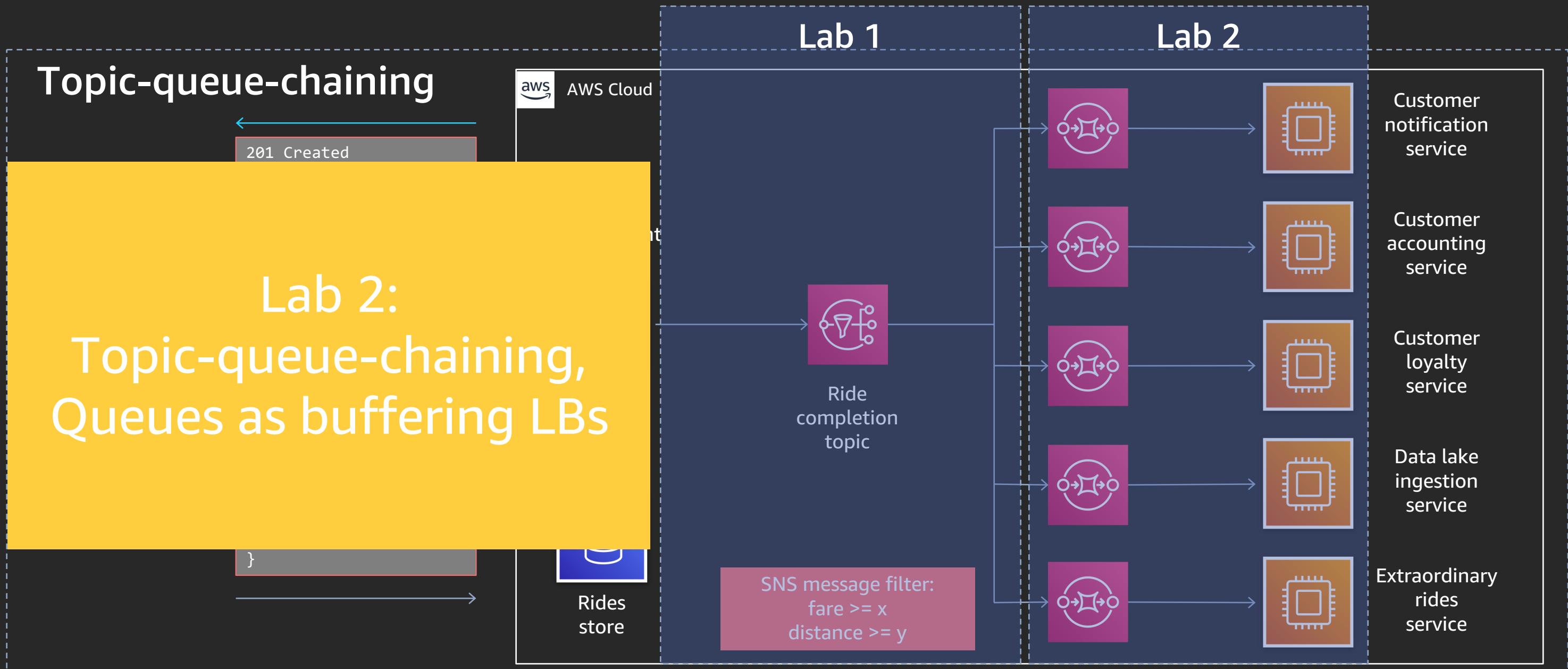
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# **Use case: Instant ride RFQ**

## **Context for lab 3**

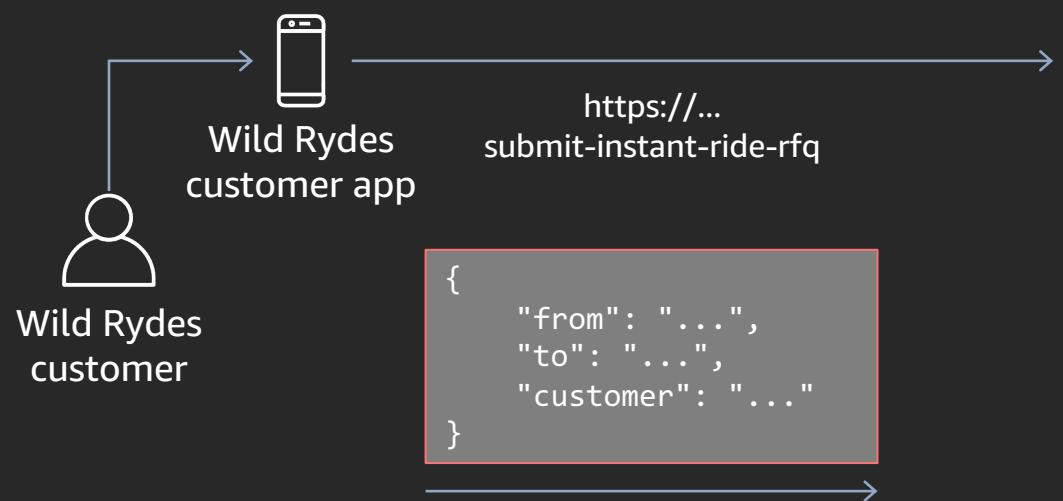
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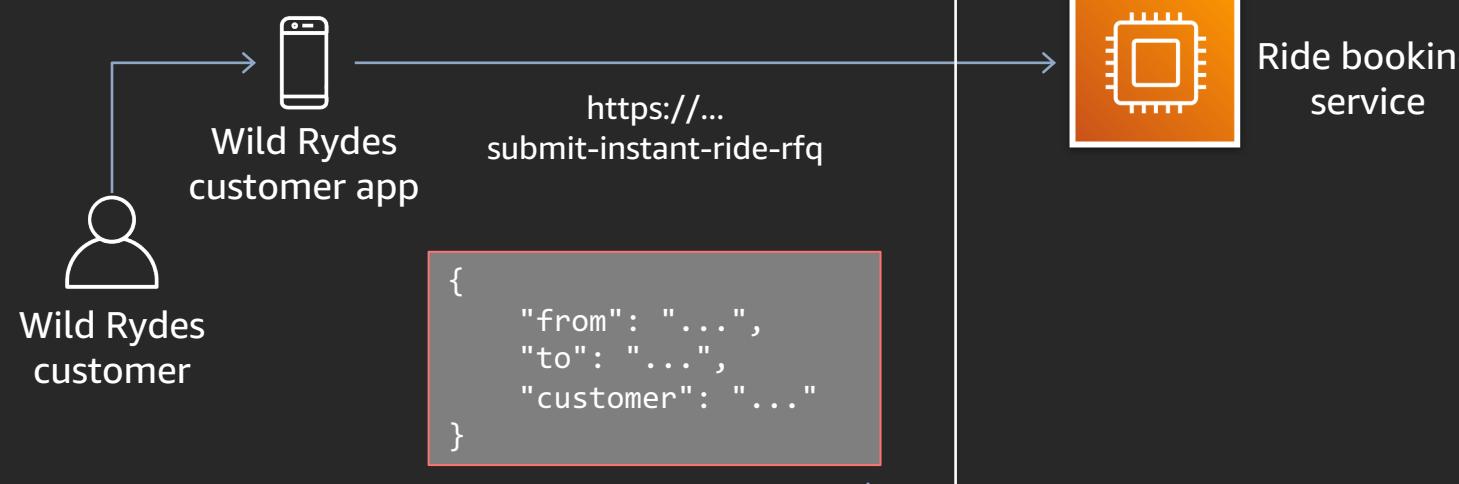
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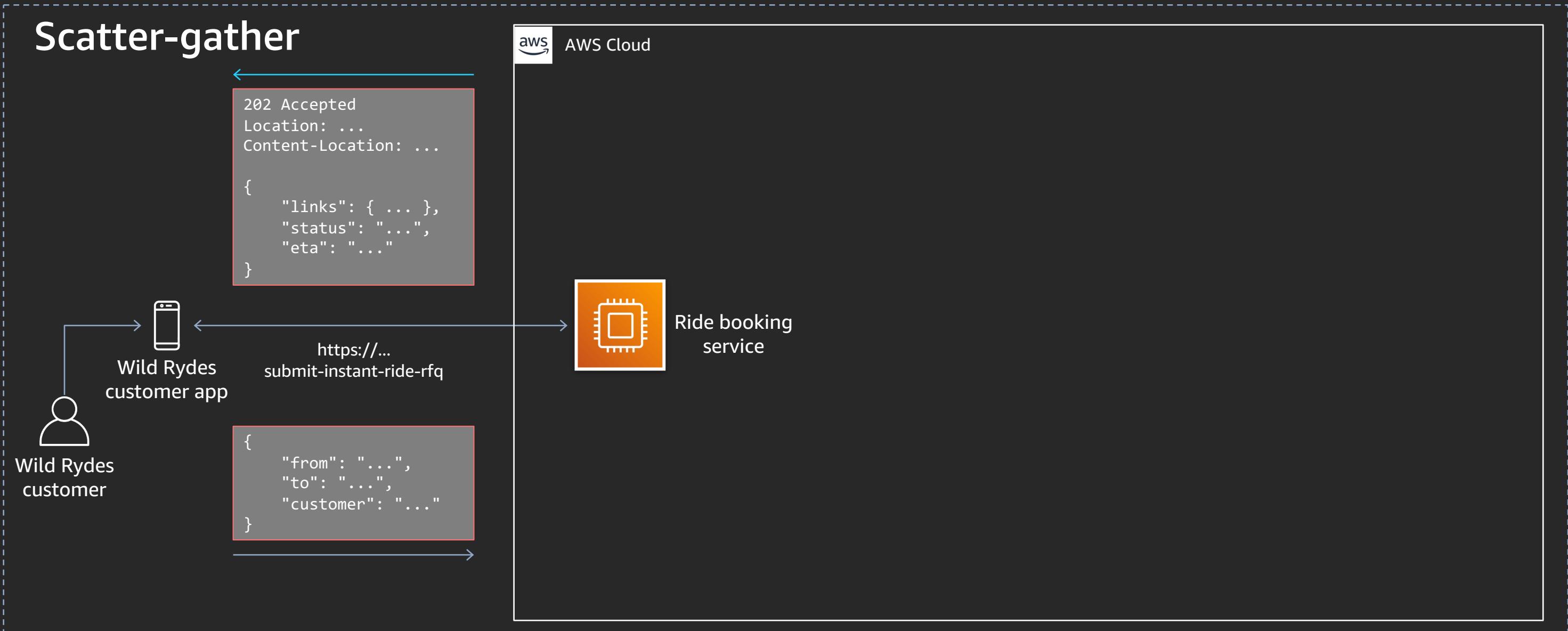


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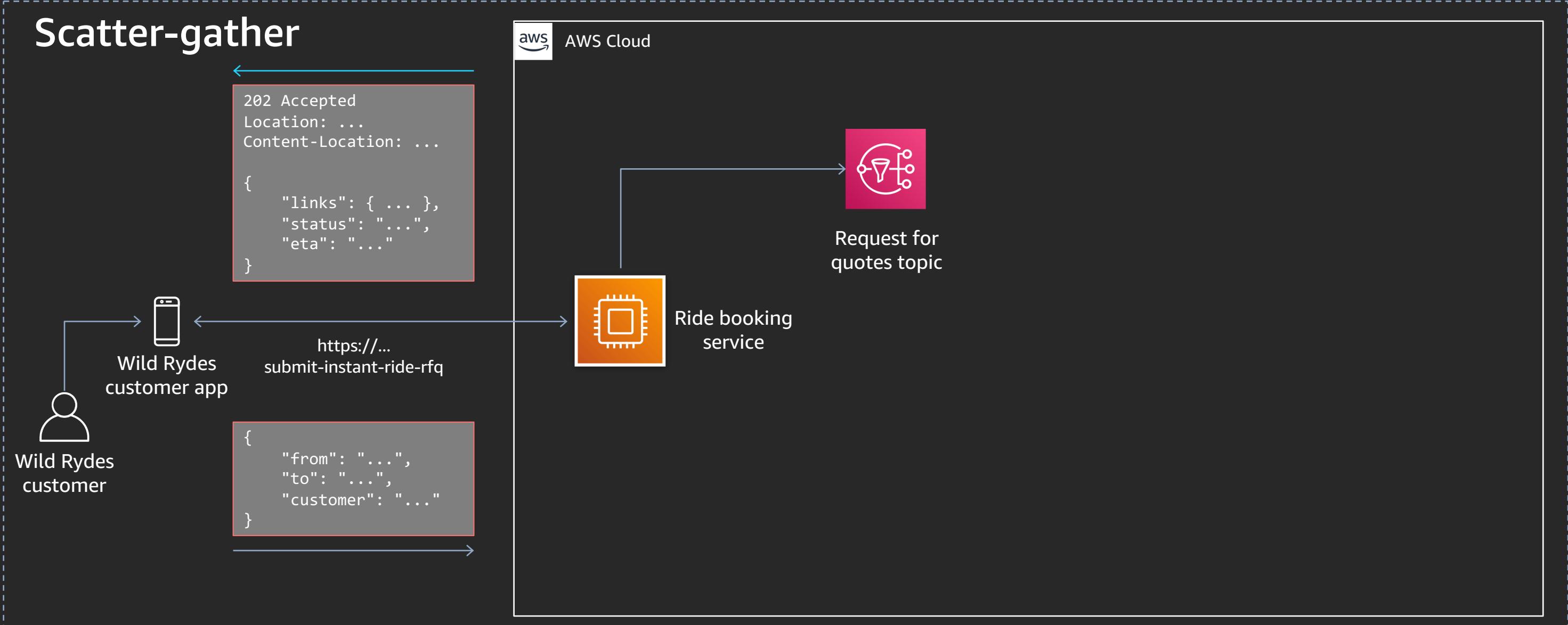
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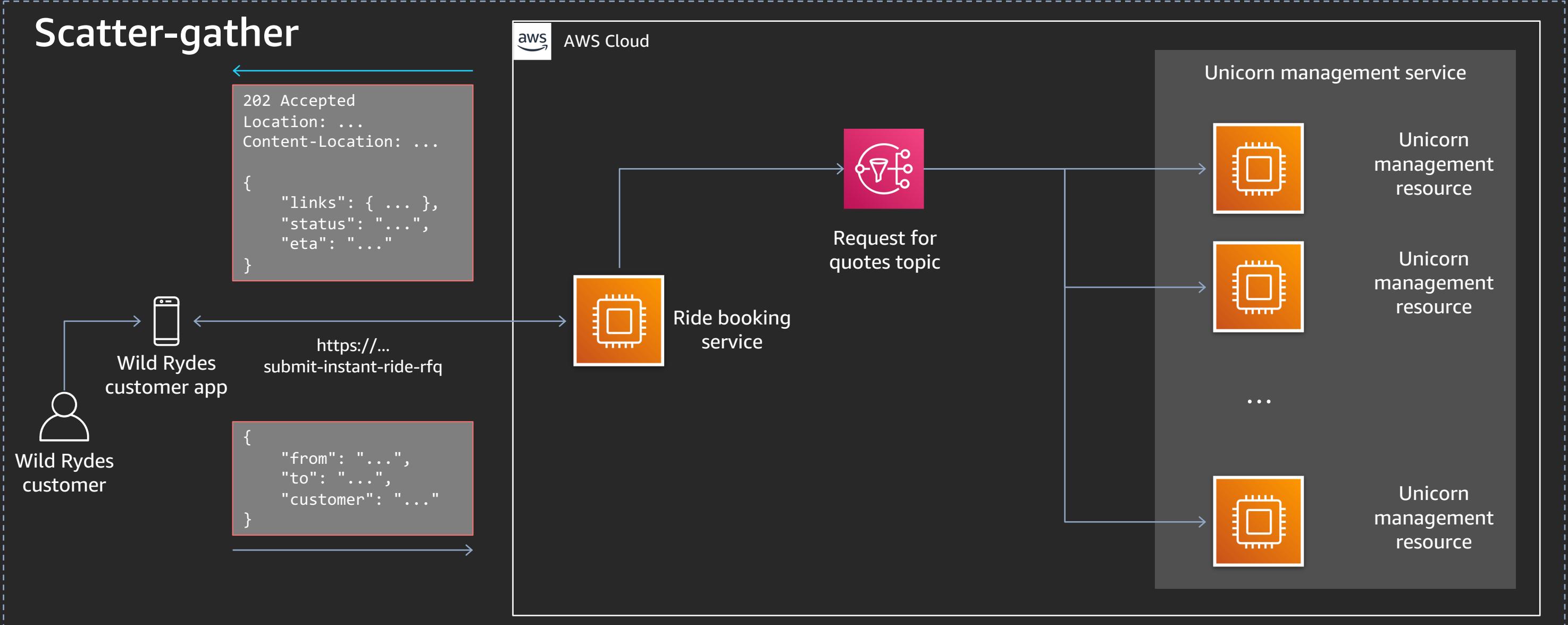
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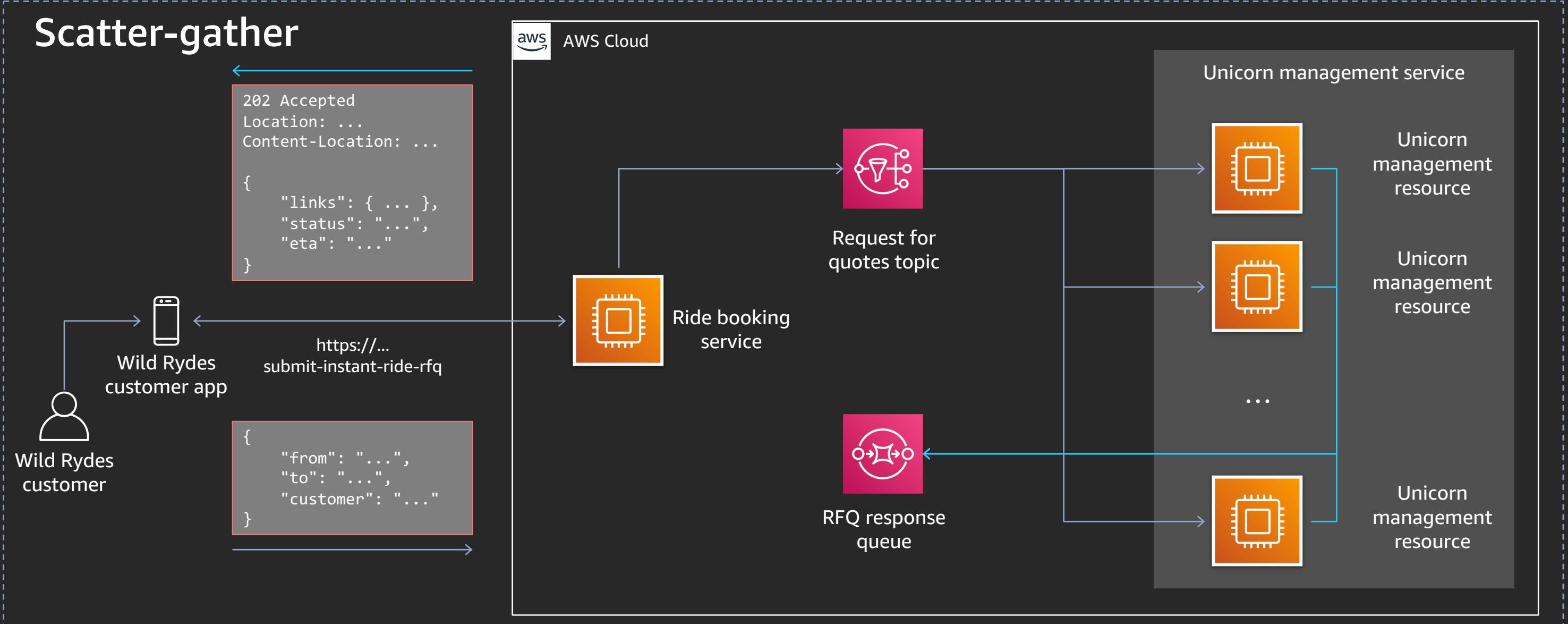
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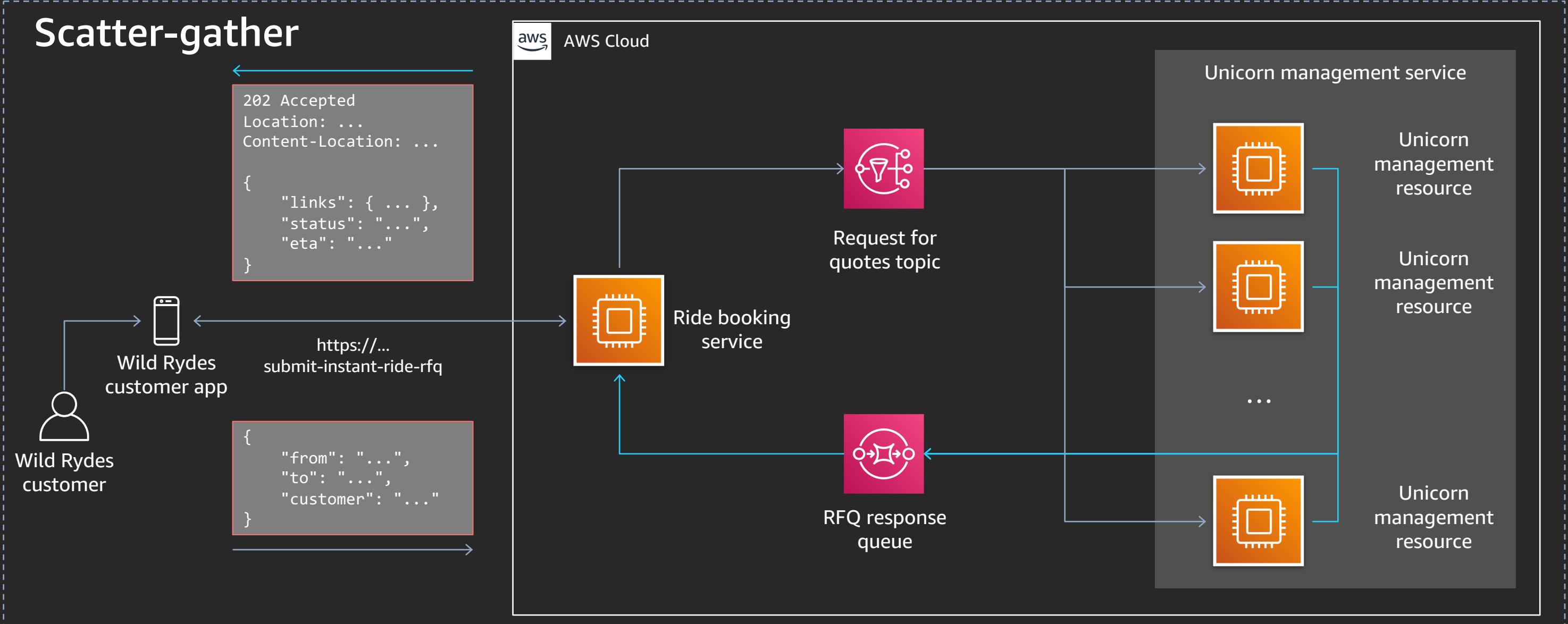
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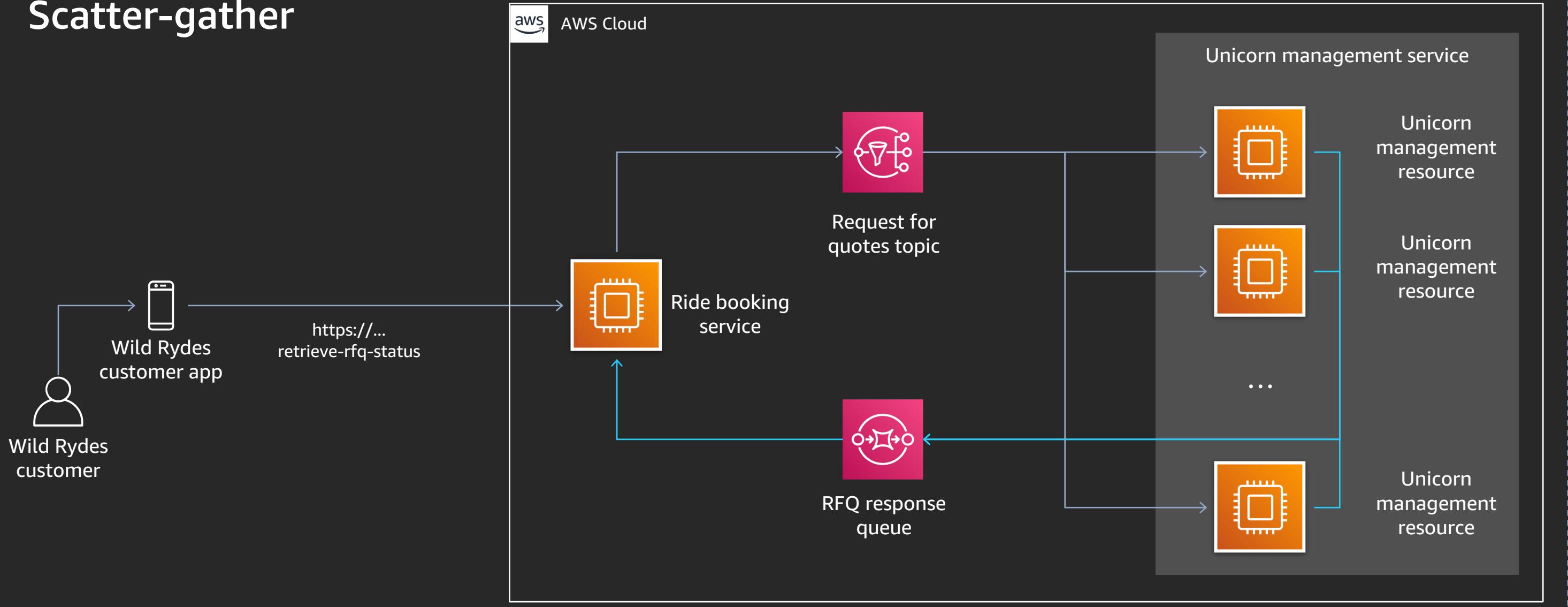


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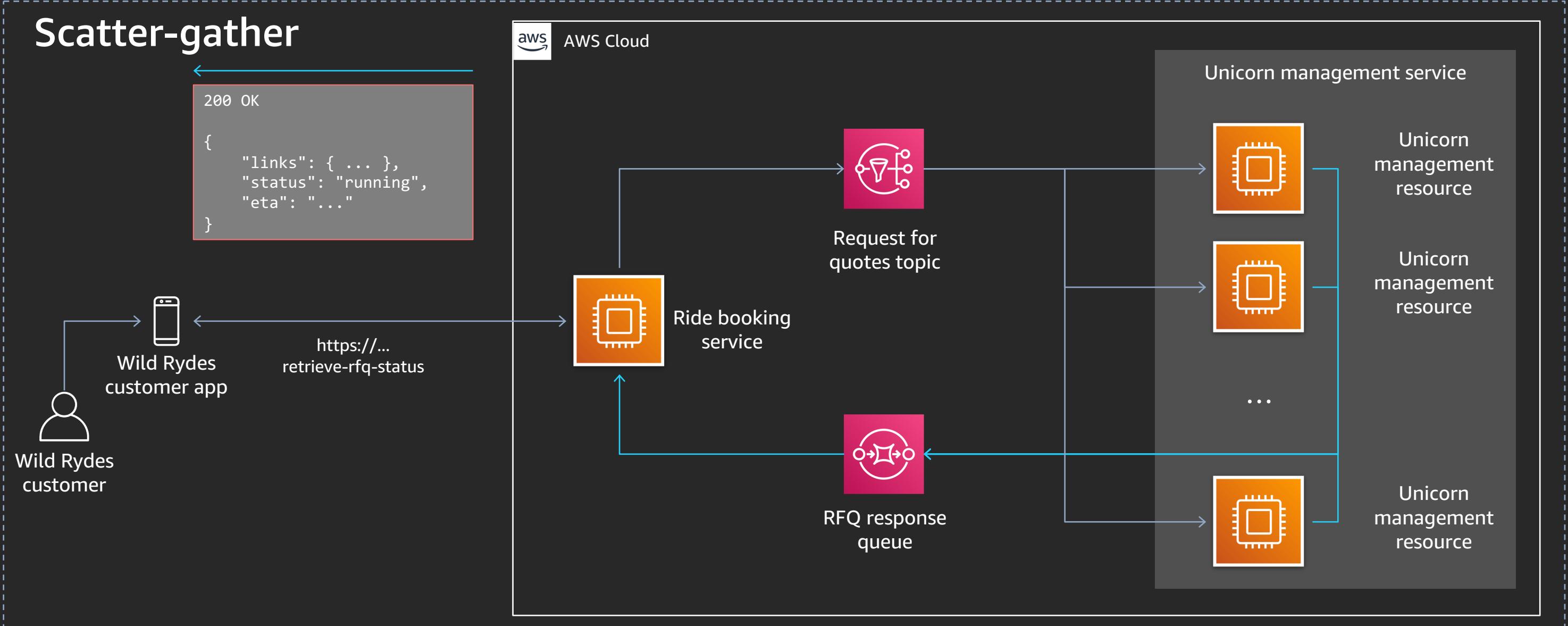


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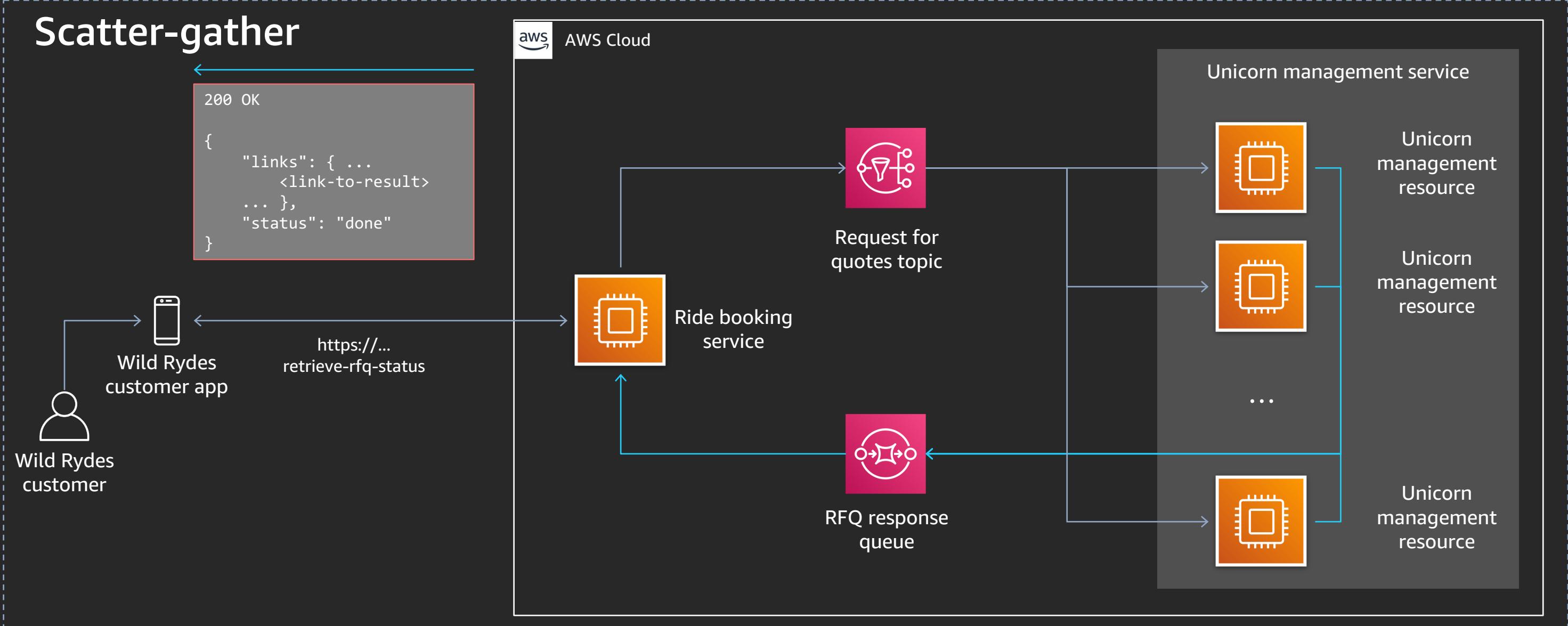
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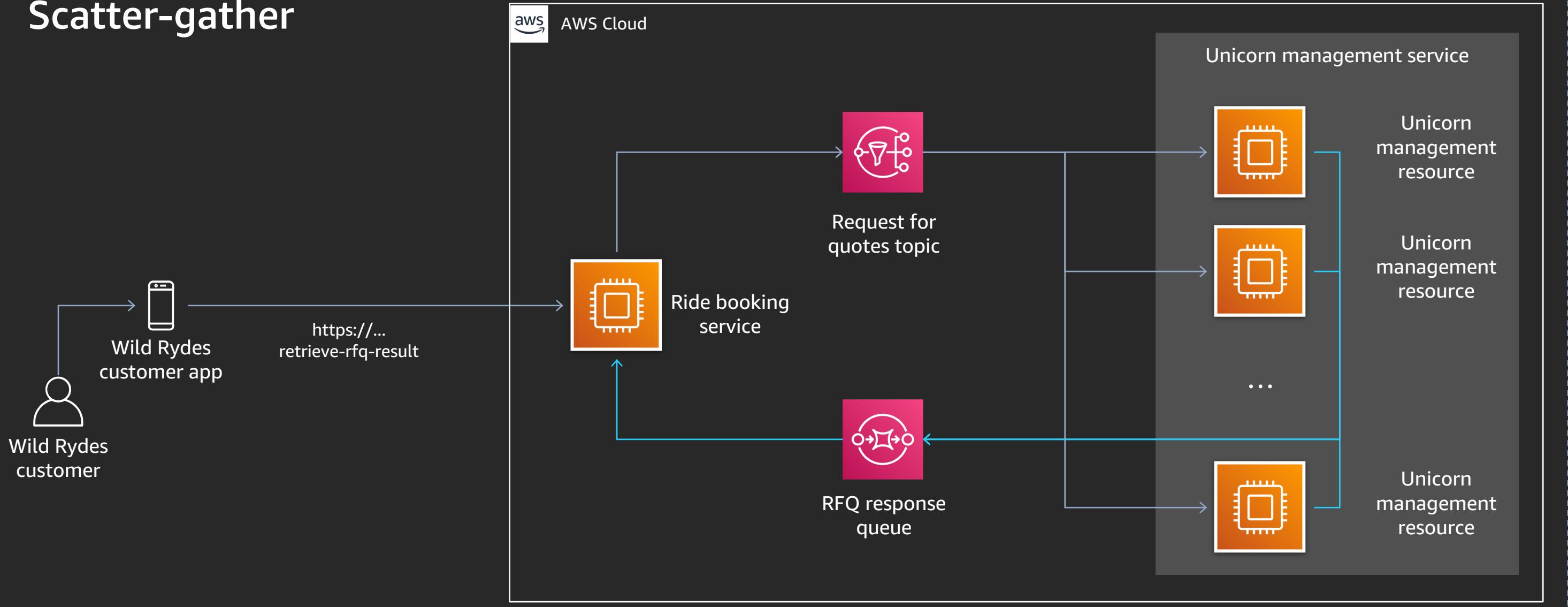


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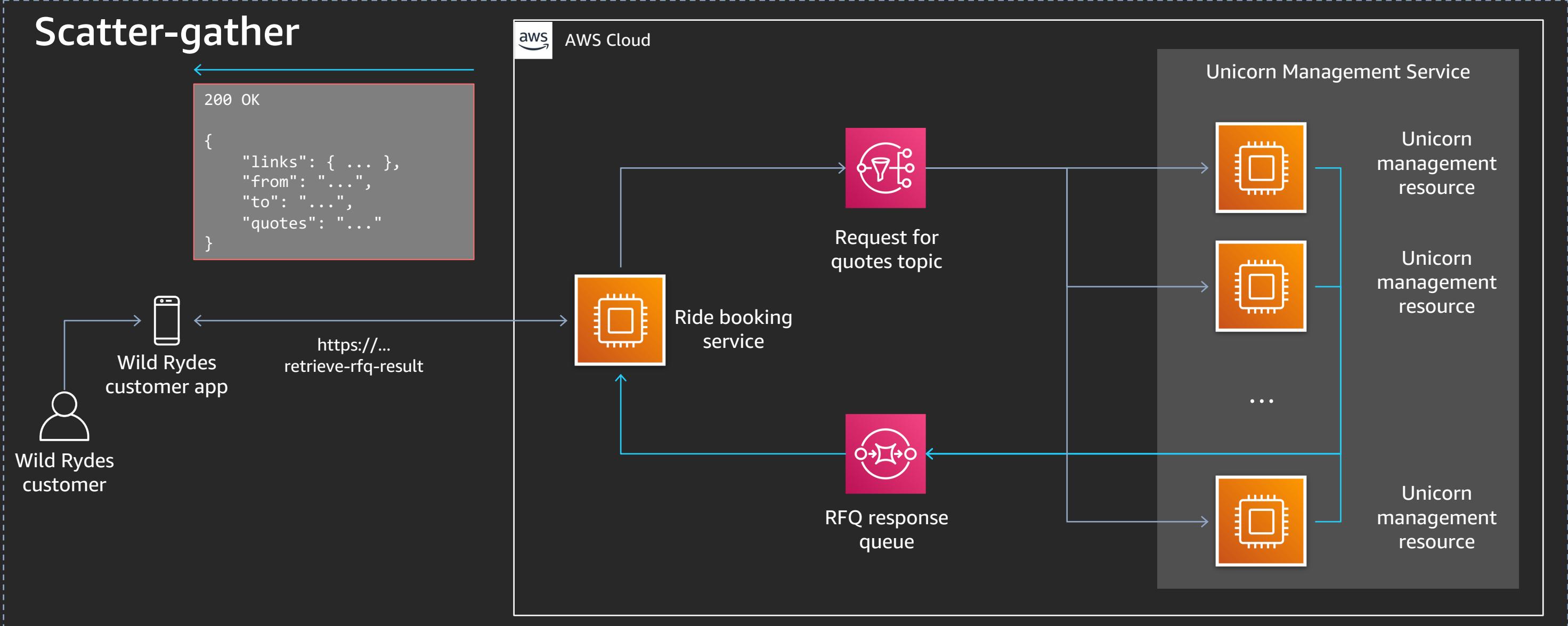


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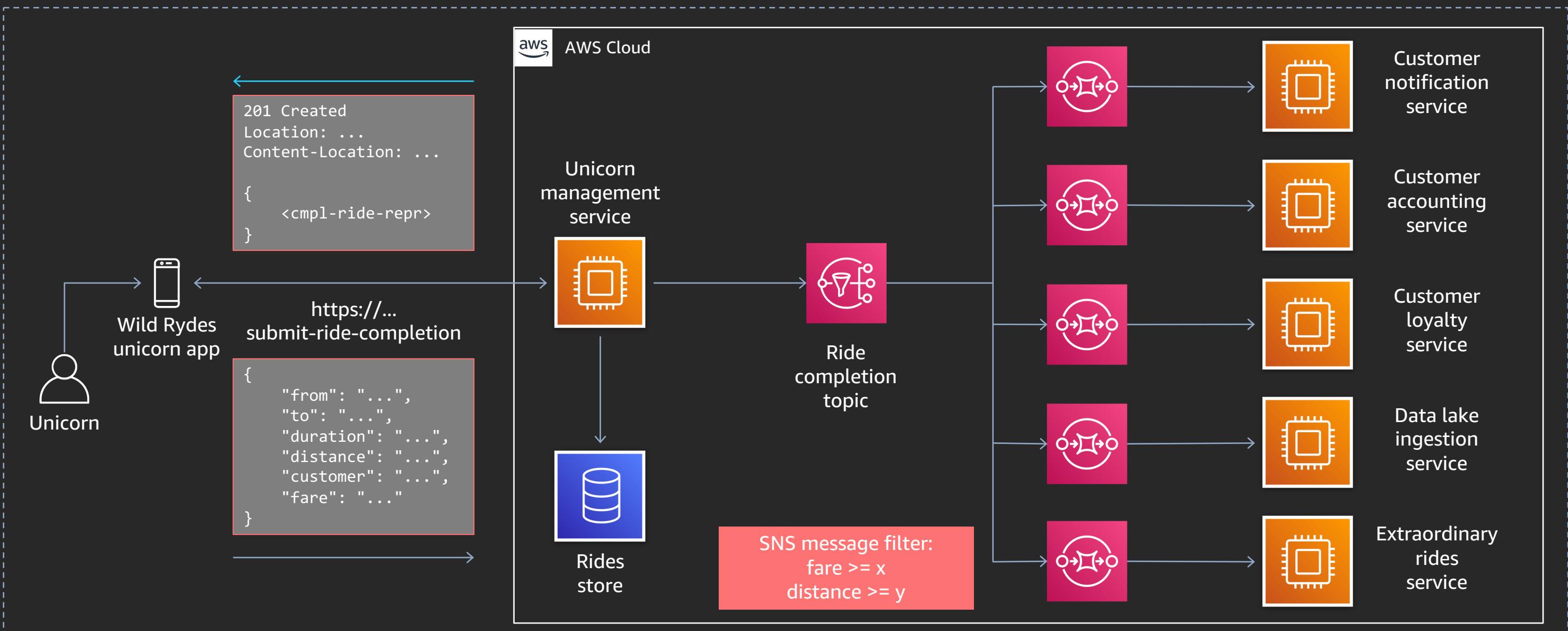


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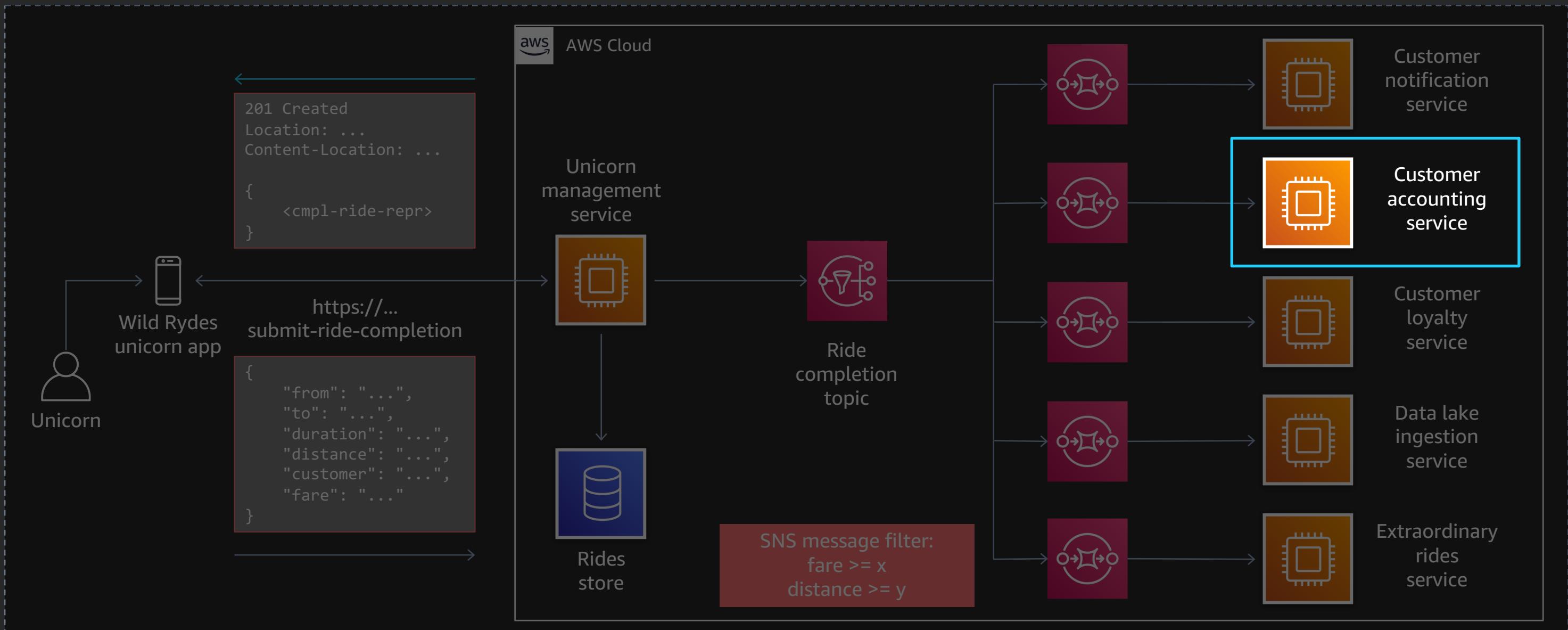


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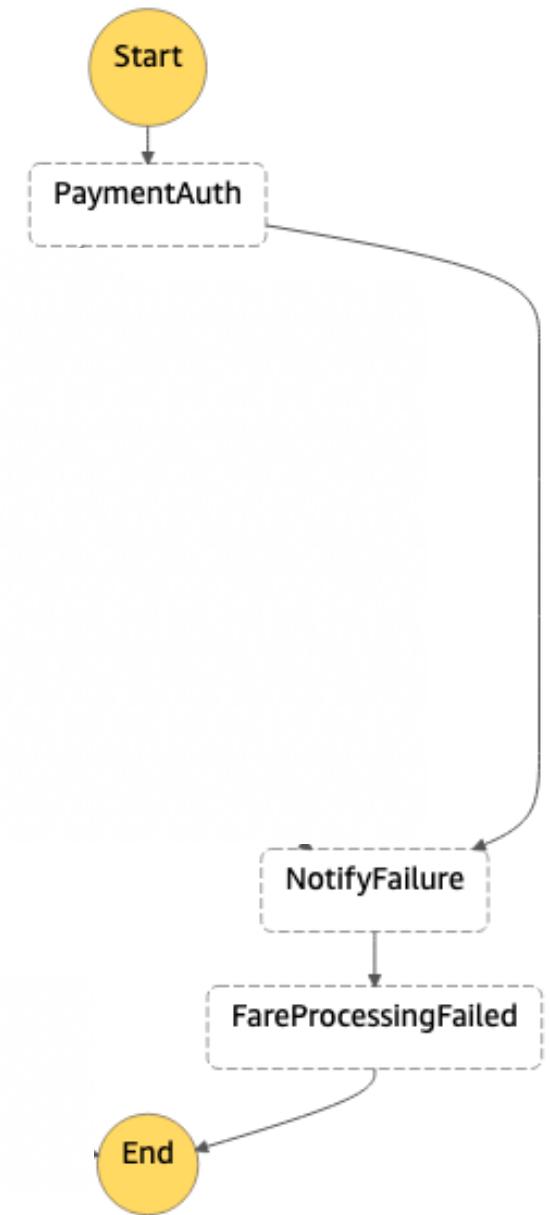


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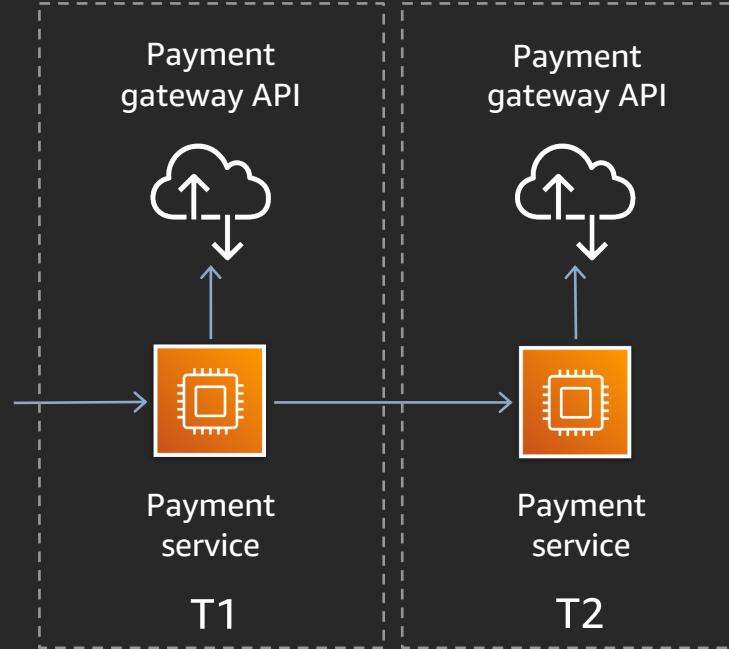
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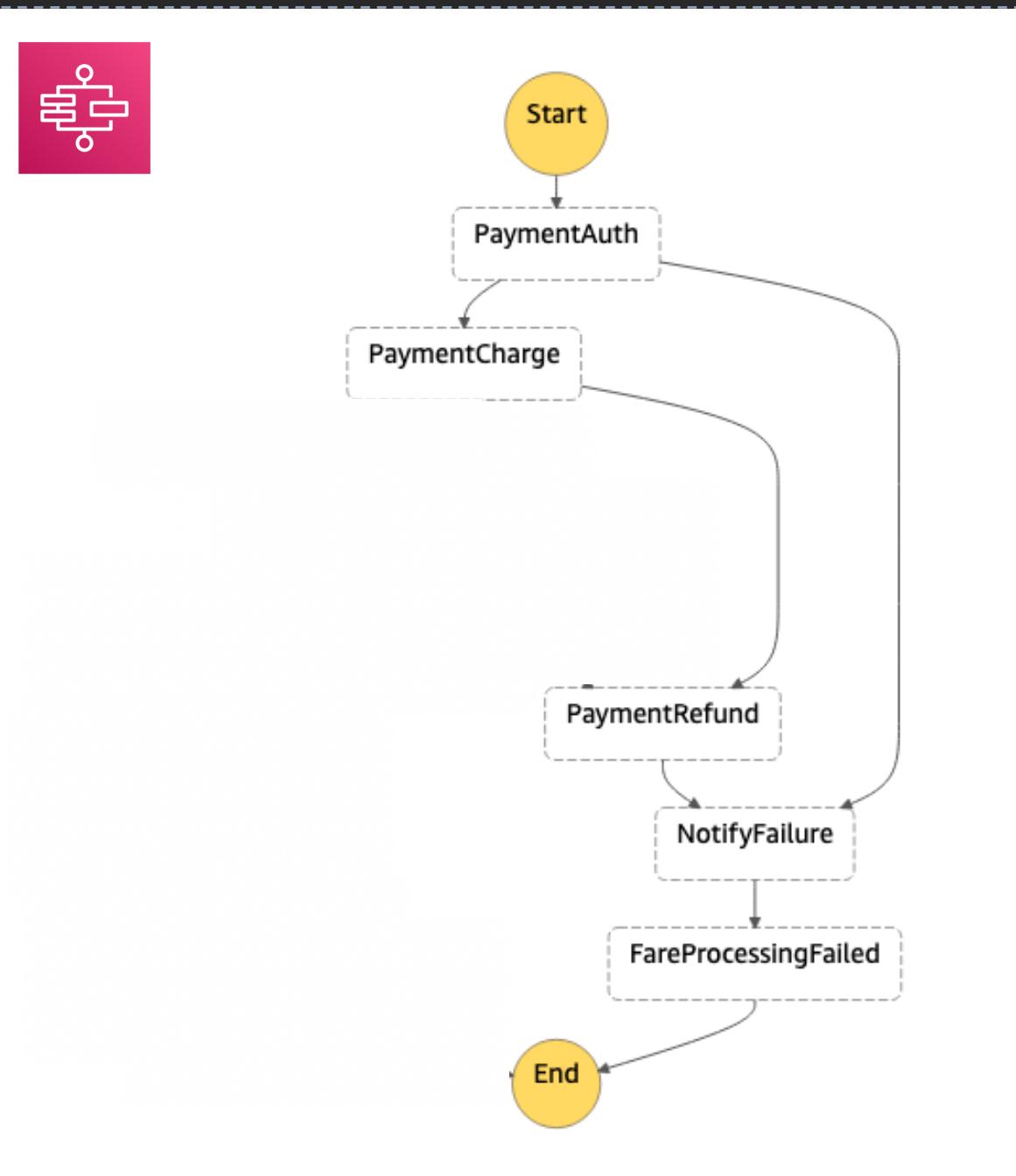
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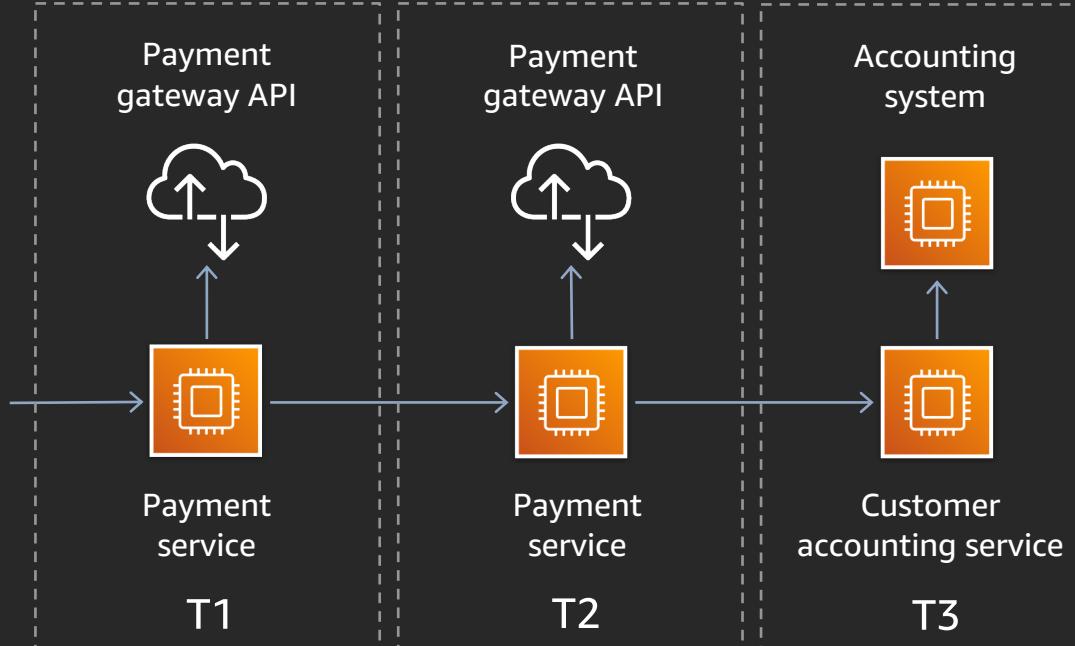
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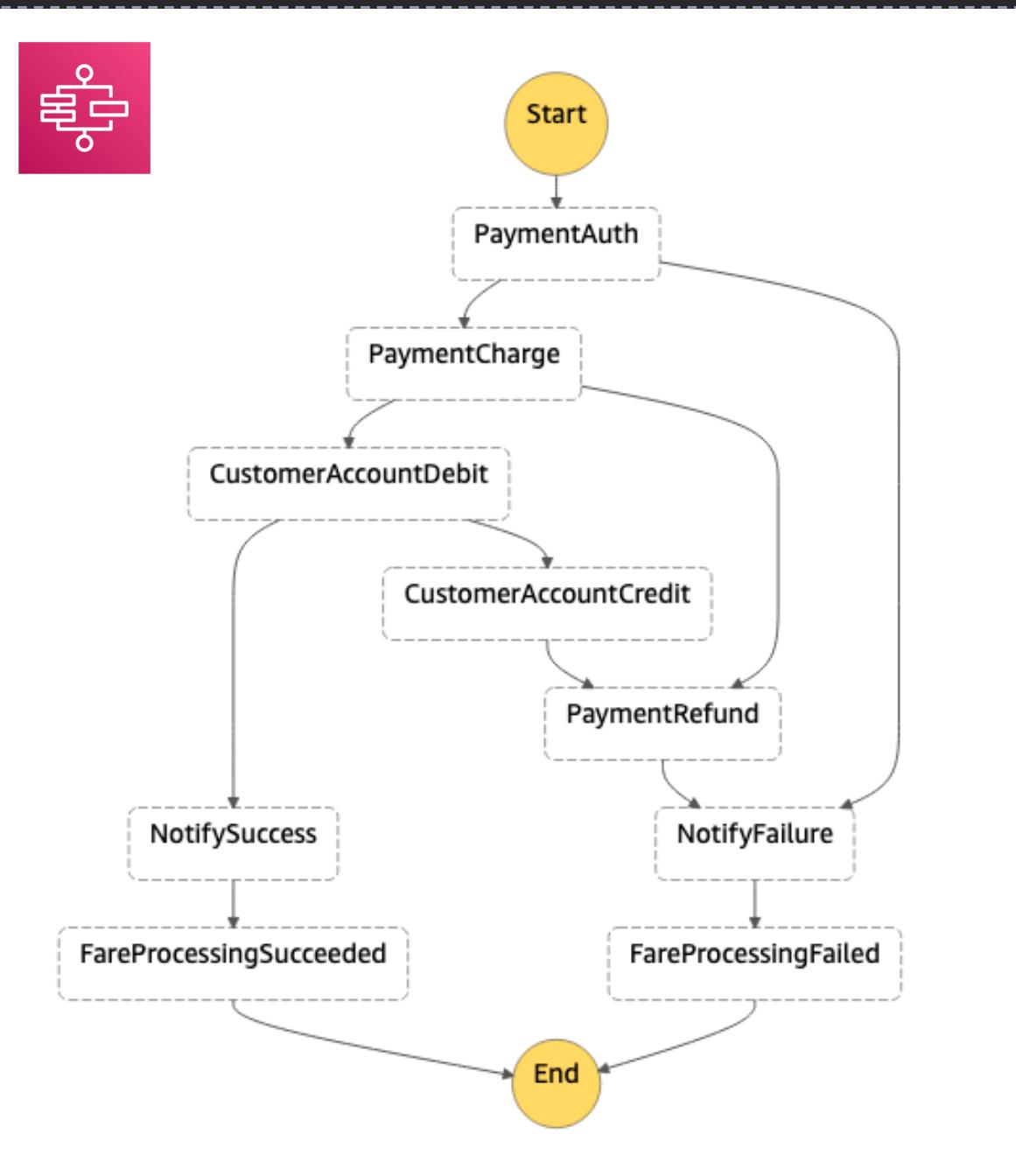
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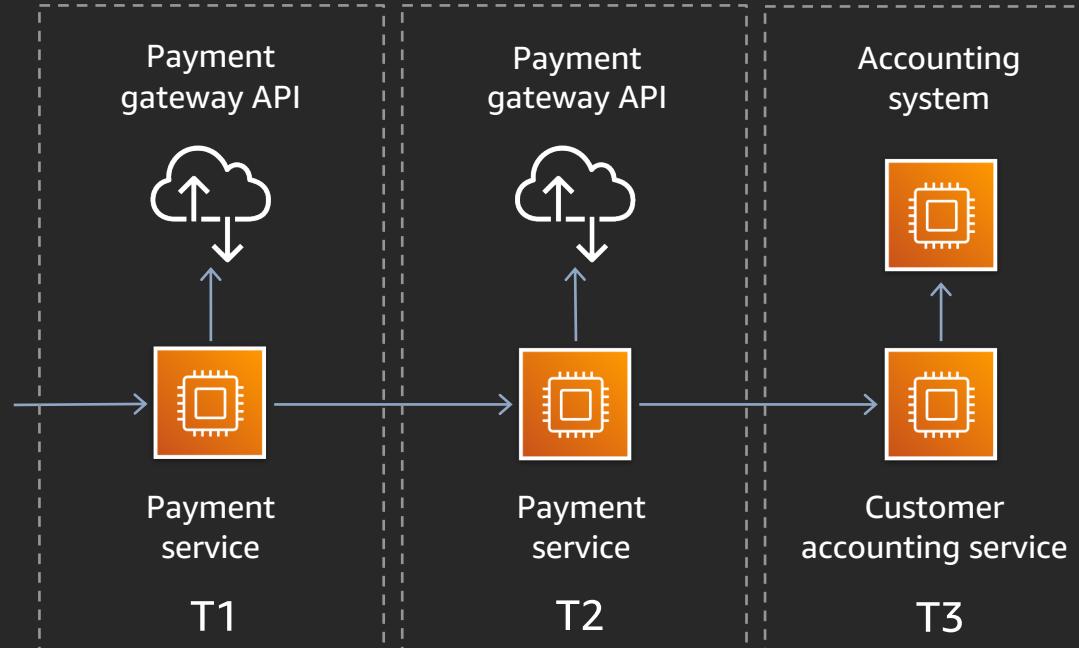
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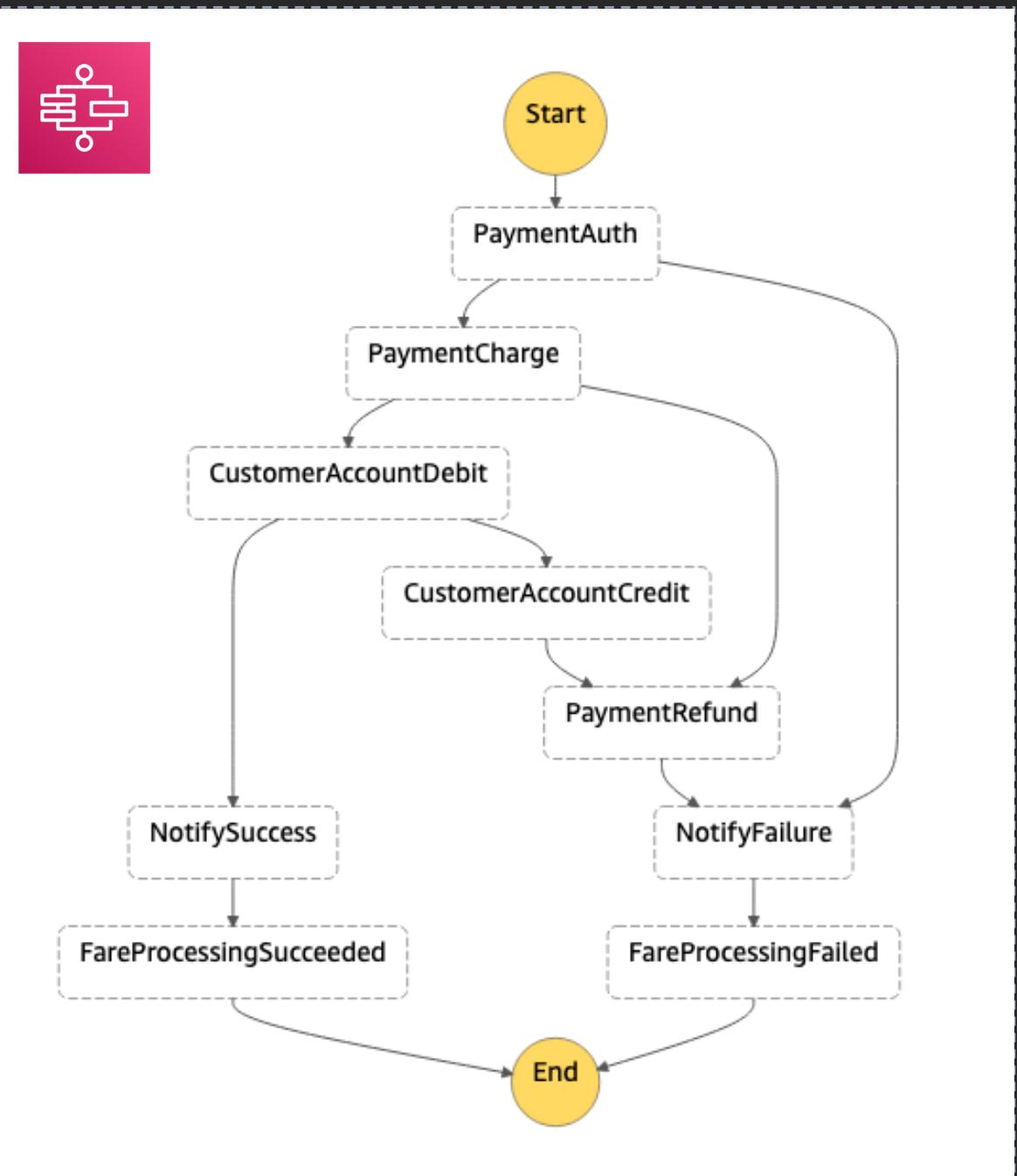
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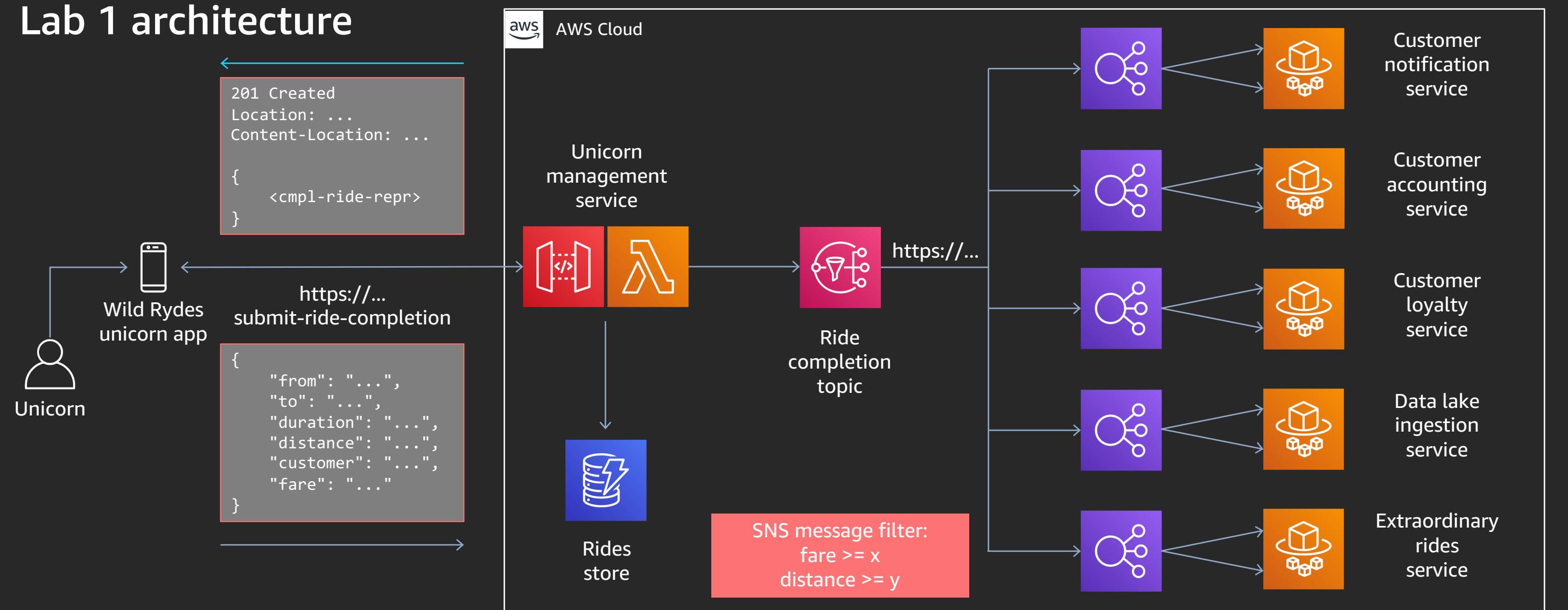


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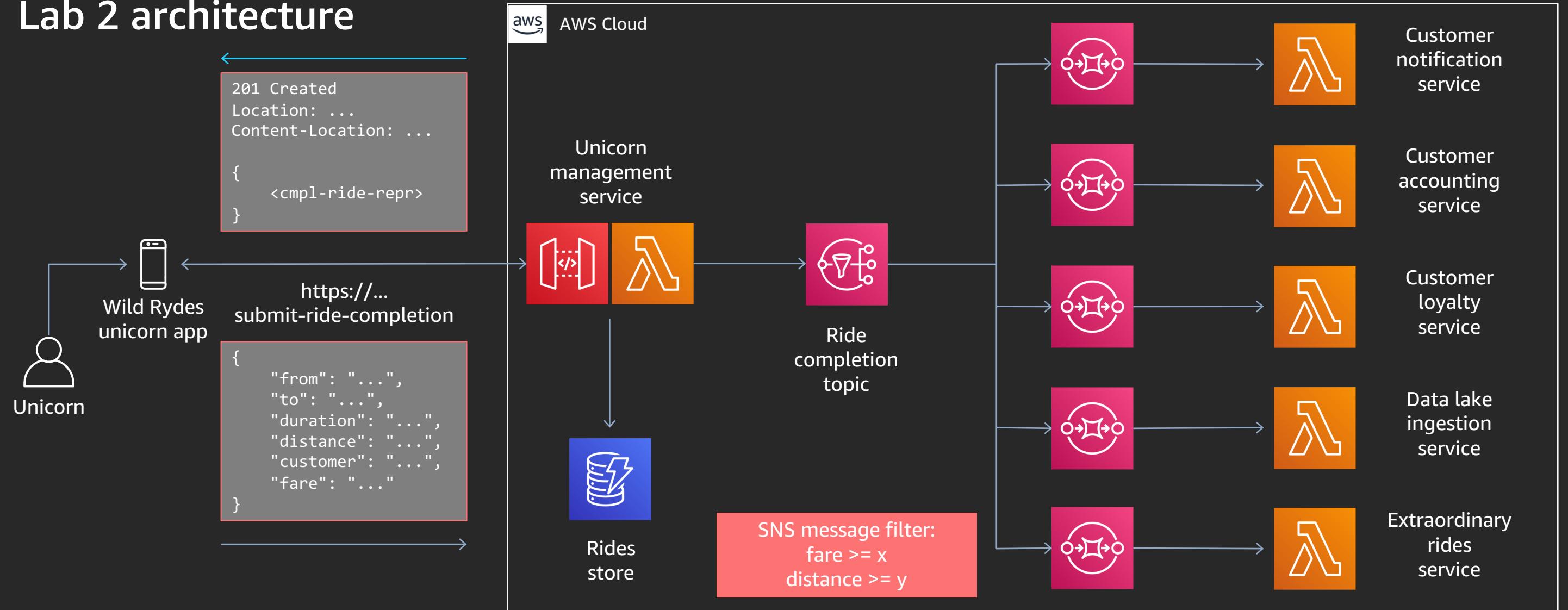
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Topic-queue-chaining, queues as buffering LBs

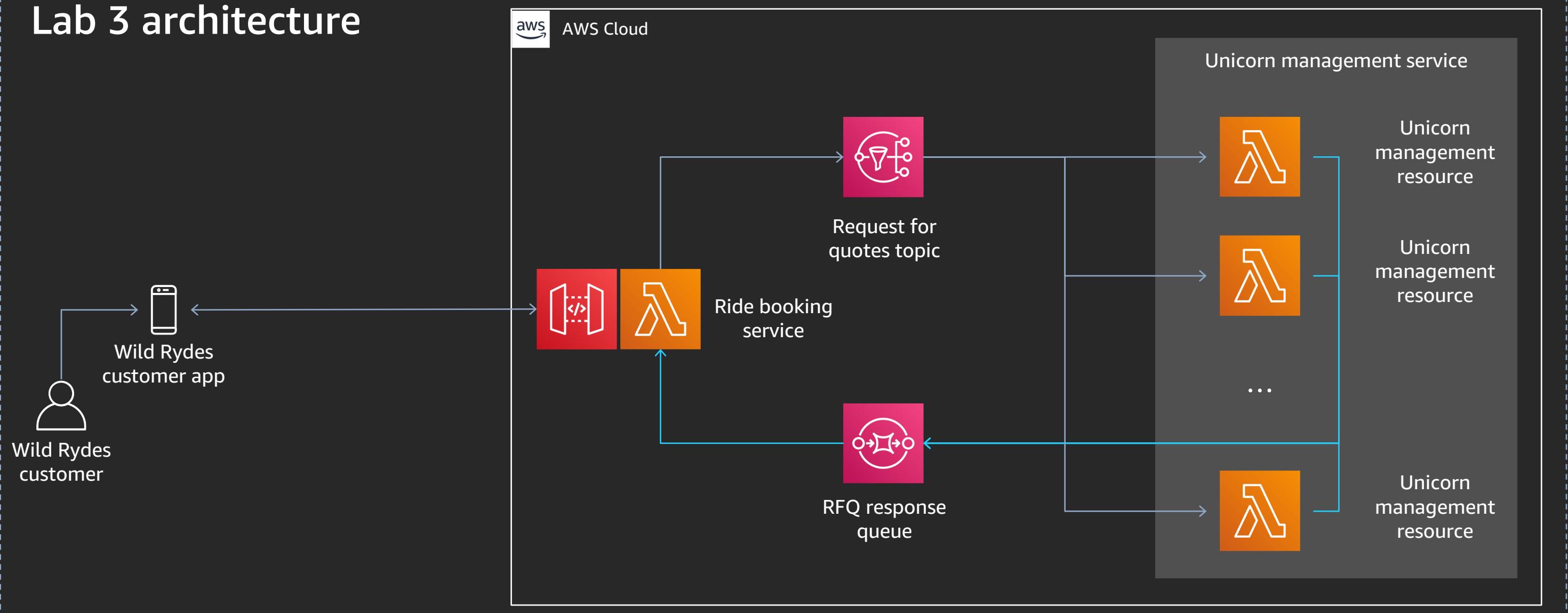
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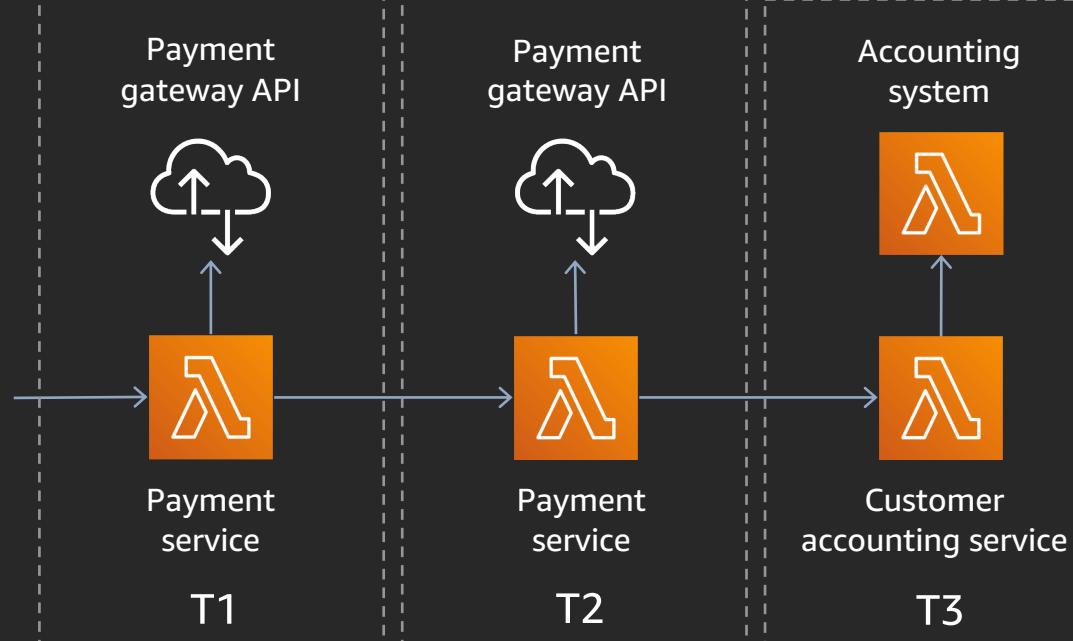
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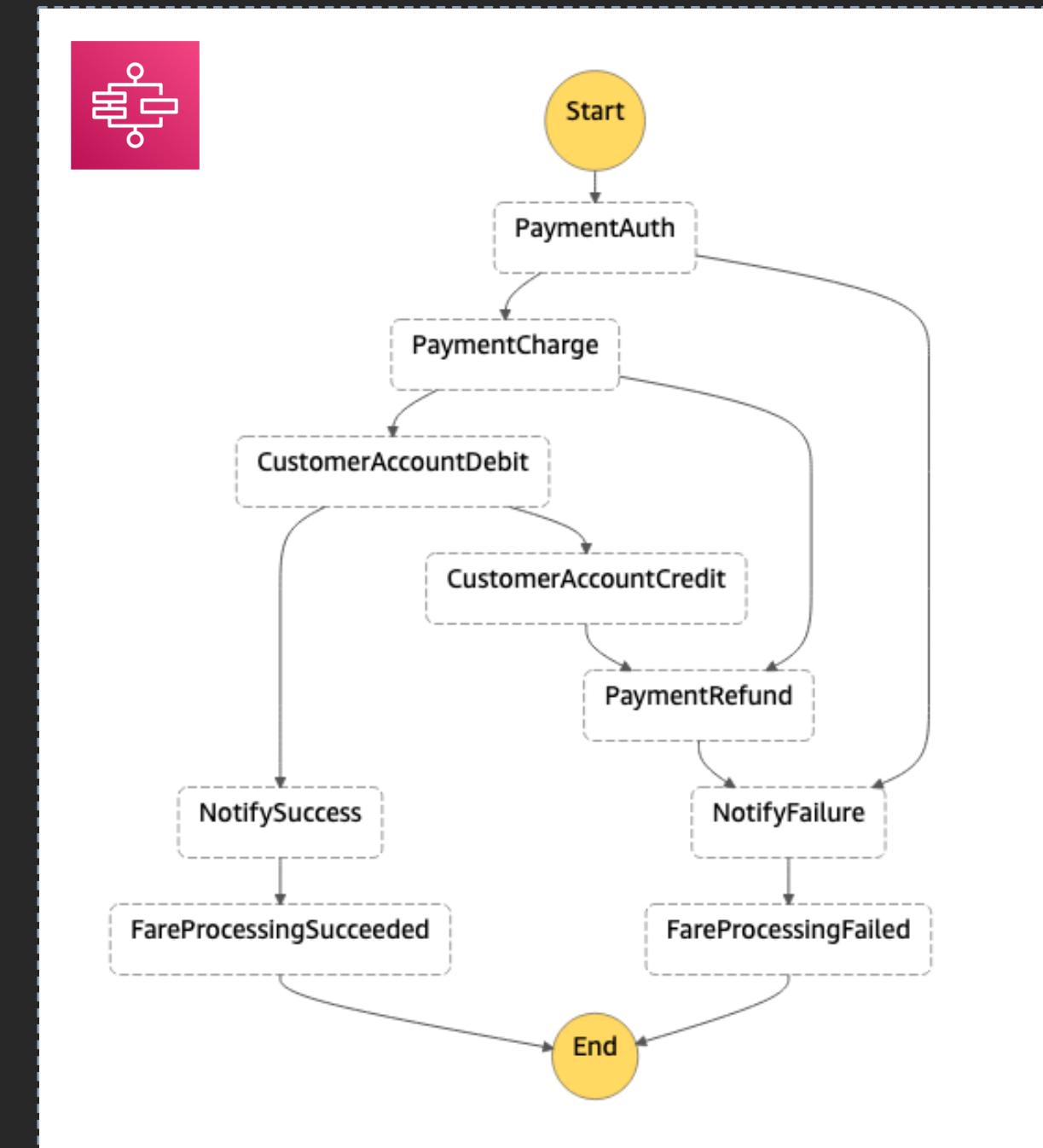
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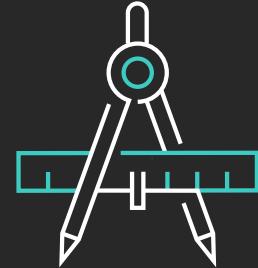
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