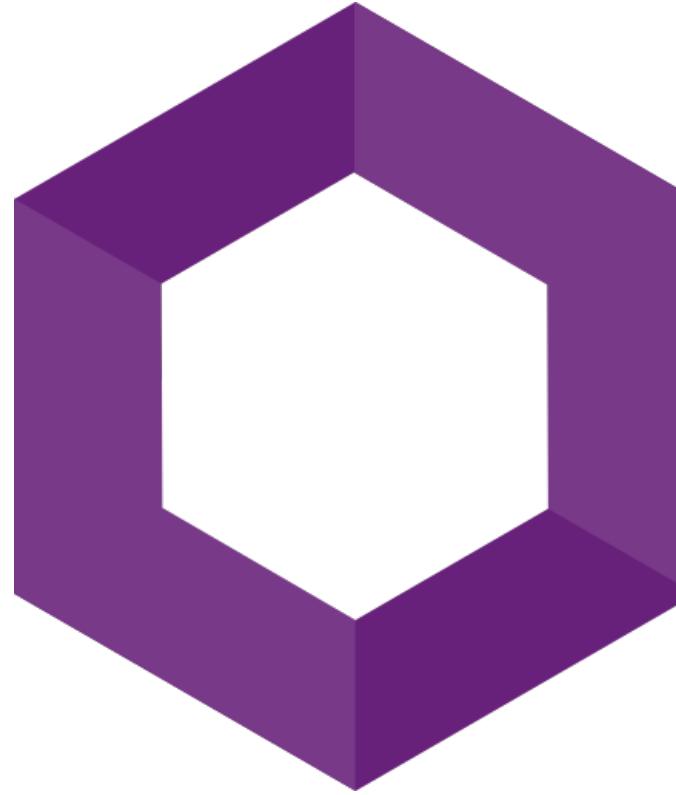


Orleans

ROBUST, SCALABLE, DISTRIBUTED APPS

GETTING STARTED

<https://github.com/andreabalducci/orleans-quickstart>



Orleans

**Cross-platform framework for
building robust, scalable
distributed applications**

<https://github.com/dotnet/orleans>

FRAMEWORK

One of the primary design objectives
is to **simplify** the complexities of
distributed application development
by providing a common set of
patterns and APIs

FRAMEWORK

Developers familiar with single-server application development can easily transition to building resilient, scalable cloud-native services and other distributed applications using Orleans

Azure
PlayFab

Skype

Xbox Game
Studios

Azure
Quantum

Orleans

Azure
Machine Learning

Azure IoT
Digital Twins

Azure Active
Directory

Dynamics 365
Fraud Protection

Azure PlayFab

Multiplayer Server Hosting

Elastic scale dedicated
multiplayer game servers

Digital Economy

Process payments, manage
virtual currency, sell catalog
items, and guard against fraud

Telemetry Processing

Programmatic event stream
ingestion & processing



**KNOWLEDGE
& WORK HUB**



IOT

SCADA

WMS

MES

Choose an Orleans version

Orleans 7.0

Orleans 3.x

VIRTUAL ACTOR MODEL

Actors are purely logical entities that *always exist*, virtually. An actor cannot be explicitly created nor destroyed, and its virtual existence is unaffected by the failure of a server that executes it.

Grain

Grains are **lightweight**, entities comprising user-defined identity, behavior, and state.

Grains implicitly partition application states, enabling **automatic scalability** and simplifying recovery from failures. The grain state is kept in memory while the grain is active, leading to **lower latency** and less load on data stores.

Azure PlayFab Multiplayer Servers

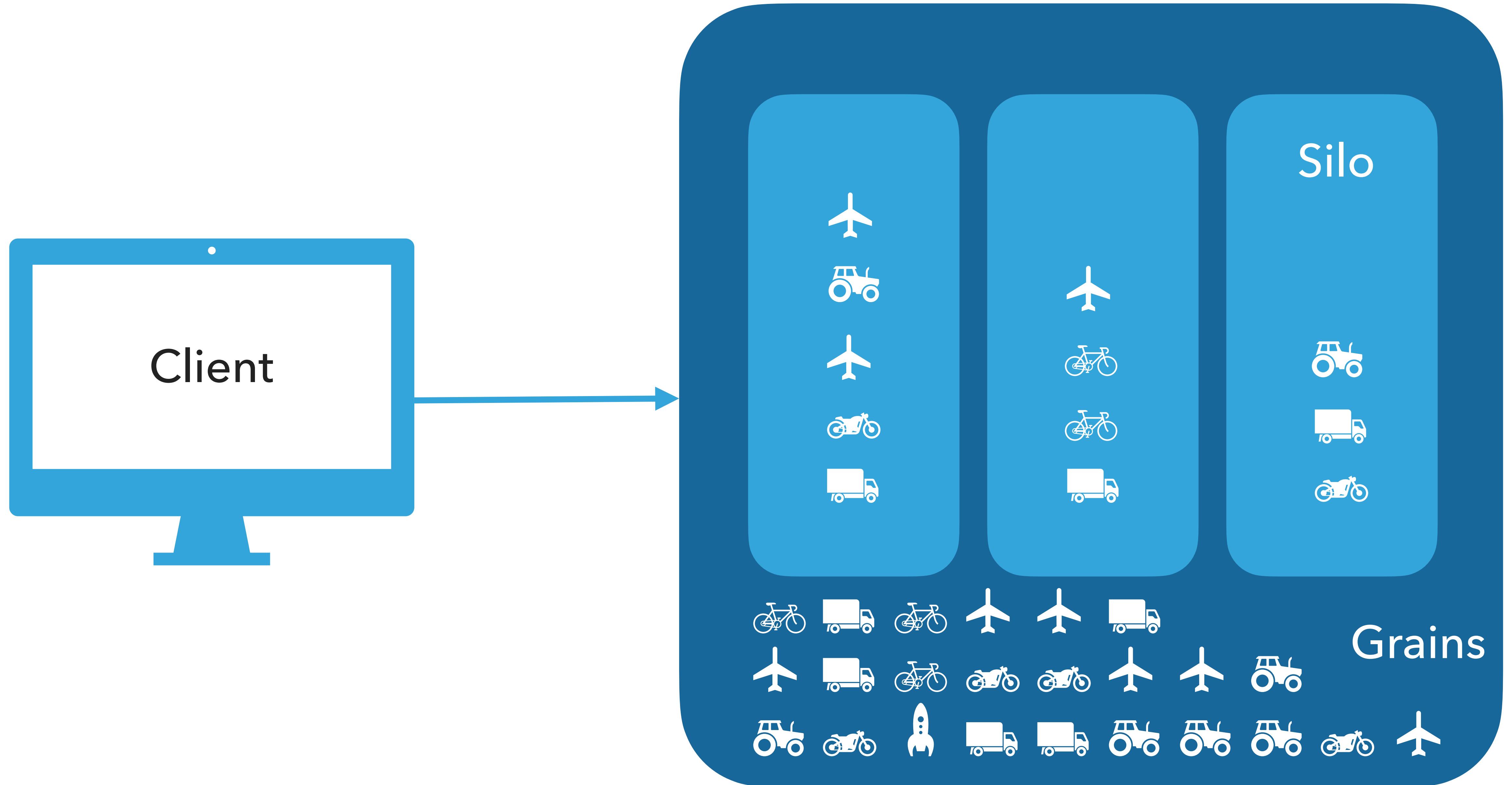
- Control plane for hundreds of thousands of VMs running game servers across many regions to optimize player experience
- Ensures that a sufficient pool of VMs is always ready to handle new game sessions for each game configuration
- Multiple control plane clusters for resiliency
- Grains represent tenants, titles, deployments, pools, allocators, monitors, individual VMs
- VMs send status heartbeats to control plane, control plane sends instructions to VMs
- Co-host ASP.NET Core and Orleans for simplicity and improved performance & reliability, using .NET Generic Host

Silo

A silo hosts one or more grains.

Typically, a group of silos runs as a cluster for scalability and fault tolerance. When run as a cluster, silos coordinate with each other to **distribute work** and detect and **recover from failures**.

The runtime enables **grains** hosted in the cluster to communicate with each other **as if they are within a single process**.



Dashboard

Provides some **simple metrics** and **insights** into what is happening inside your Orleans application. The dashboard is simple to set up and is designed as a convenience for **developers** to use whilst building Orleans applications. It is not designed as a replacement for a production monitoring system.

GrainService

Grain Services exist to support cases where responsibility for servicing grains should be distributed around the Orleans cluster. Grain Services are configured on silos and are initialized when the silo starts, before the silo completes initialization. They are not collected when idle and instead have lifetimes which extend for the lifetime of the silo itself.

Stateless Worker

Requests made to stateless worker grains are always executed locally, that is on the same silo where the request originated, either made by a grain running on the silo or received by the silo's client gateway. Hence, calls to stateless worker grains from other grains or client gateways never incur a remote message.

Request Context

Metadata and other information can be passed with a series of requests using the request context. Request context can be used for holding distributed tracing information or any other user-defined values.

Reminders

Reminders are a durable scheduling mechanism for grains. They can be used to ensure that some action is completed at a future point even if the grain isn't currently activated at that time.

Timers

Timers are the **non-durable** counterpart to reminders and can be used for **high-frequency events**, which don't require reliability.

Persistence

Orleans provides a simple persistence model that ensures the state is available **before** processing a request, and that its **consistency** is maintained.

Grains can have **multiple** named persistent data objects.

Distributed ACID Transactions

Multiple grains can participate in ACID transactions together regardless of where their state is ultimately stored. Transactions in Orleans are distributed and decentralized (there is no central transaction manager or transaction coordinator) and have serializable isolation.

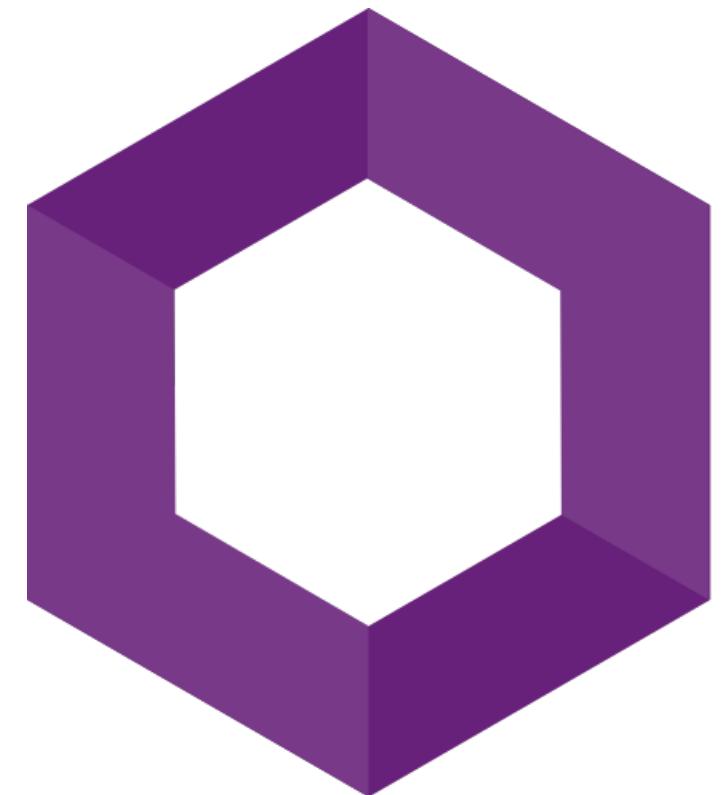
Testing

The `Microsoft.Orleans.TestingHost` NuGet package contains `TestCluster` which can be used to create an `in-memory cluster`, comprised of two silos by default, which can be used to test grains.

Streaming

A stream is a logical entity that **always exists** and can never fail.

Streams allow the generation of data to be decoupled from its processing, both in **time and space**

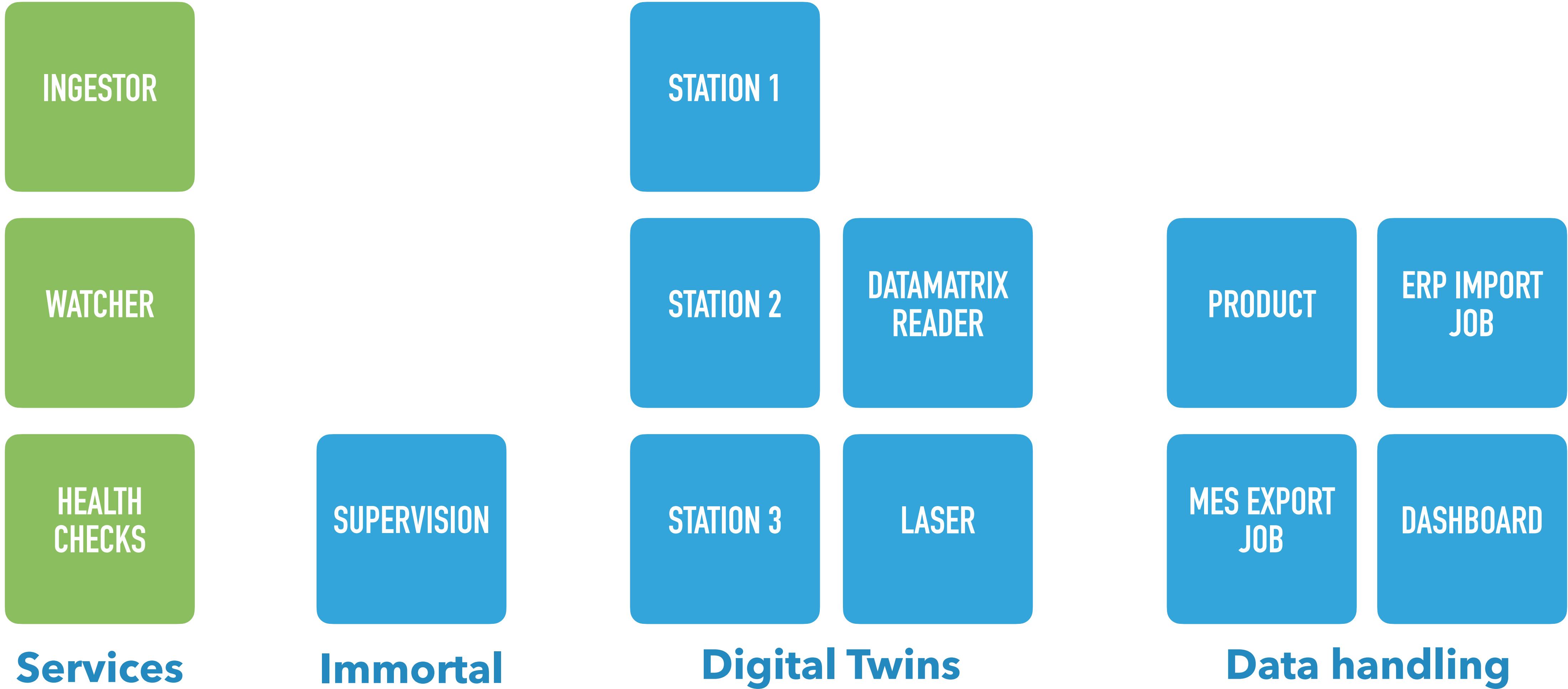


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CASE STUDY

SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION

ASSEMBLY LINE GRAINS (SIMPLIFIED)



ARCHITECTURAL OVERVIEW

