Microservices Design



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Module Overview



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Microservices Design: Principles

High Cohesion

Single thing done well
Single focus

Autonomous

Independently changeable
Independently deployable

Business Domain Centric

Represent business function or represent a business domain

Resilience

Embrace Failure

Default or degrade functionality

Observable

See system health

Centralized logging and monitoring

Automation

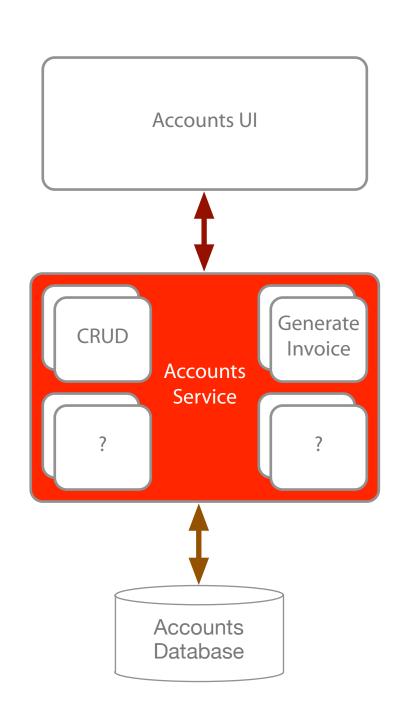
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Tools for deployment

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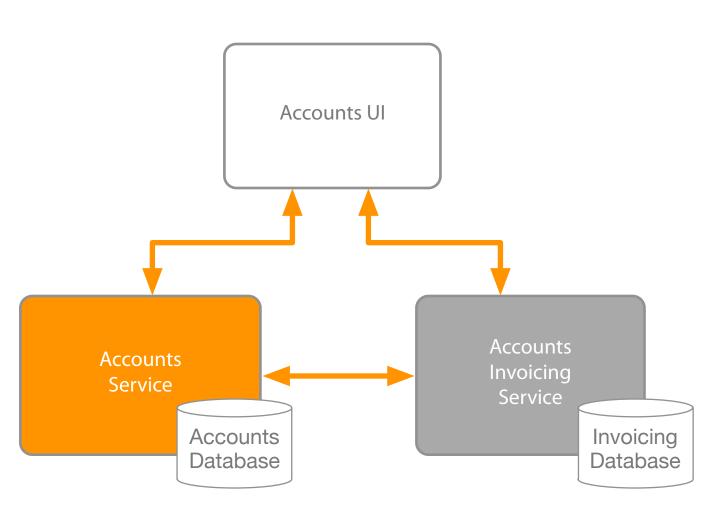
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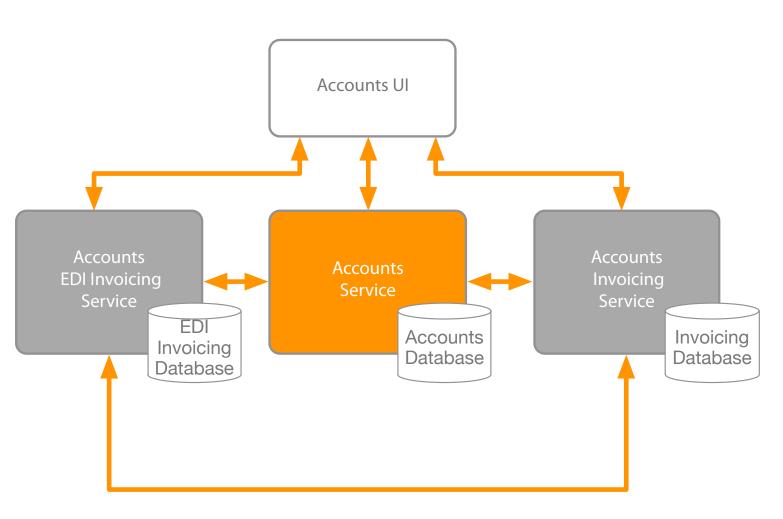
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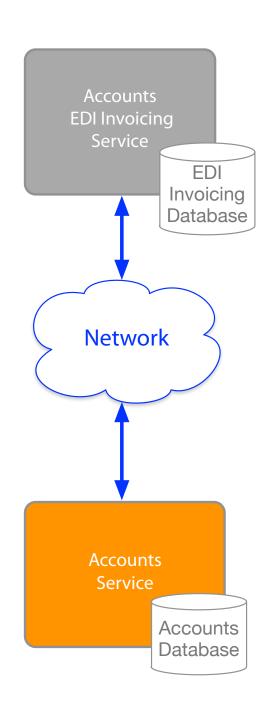
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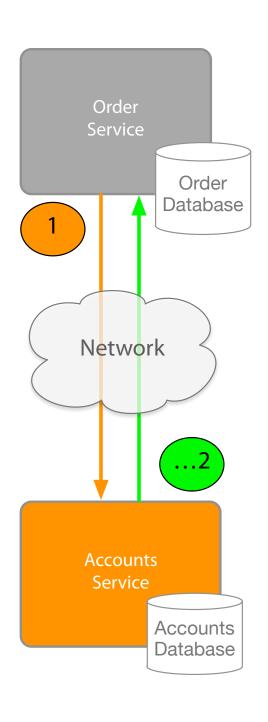
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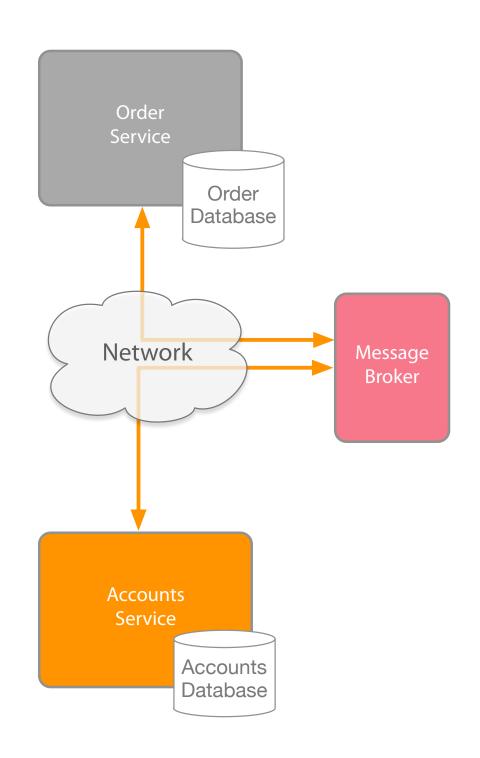
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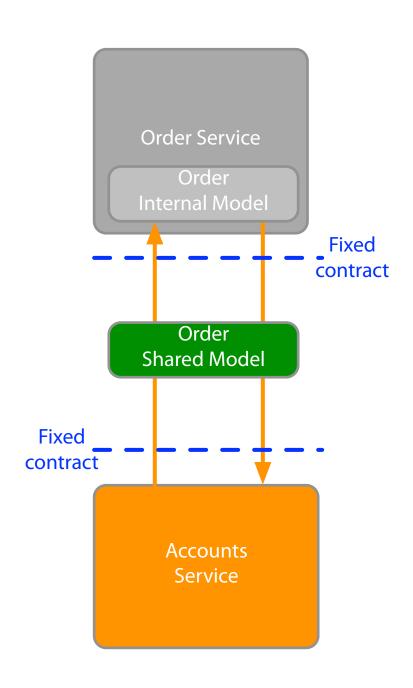
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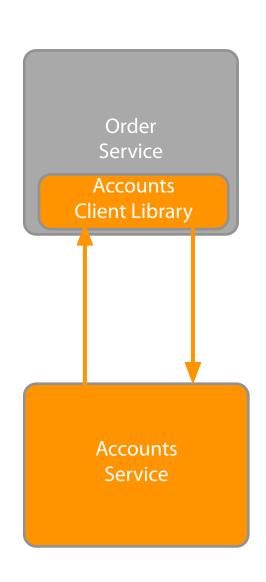
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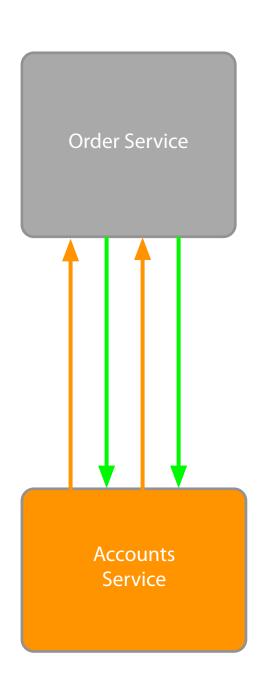
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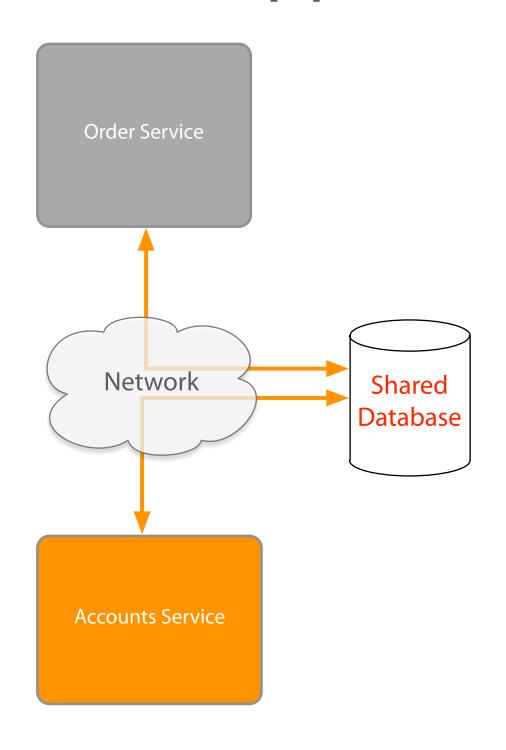
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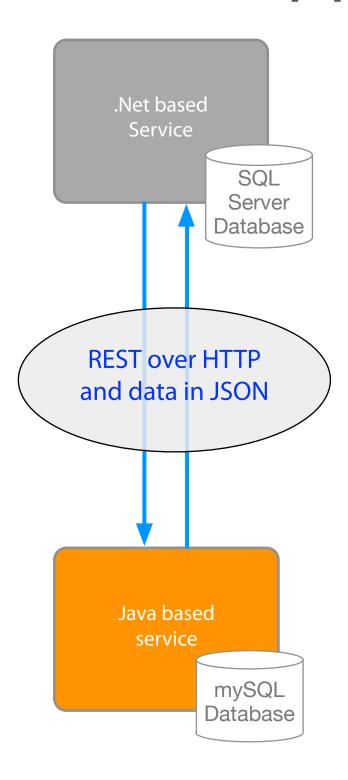
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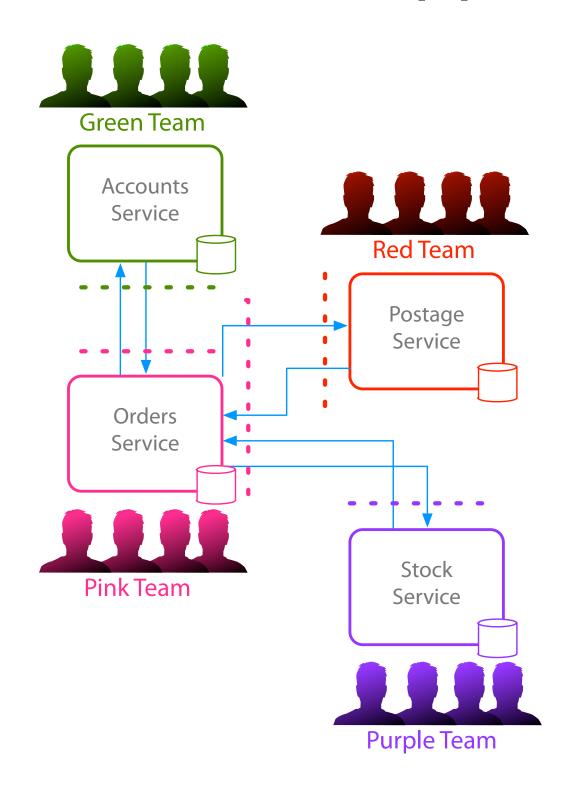
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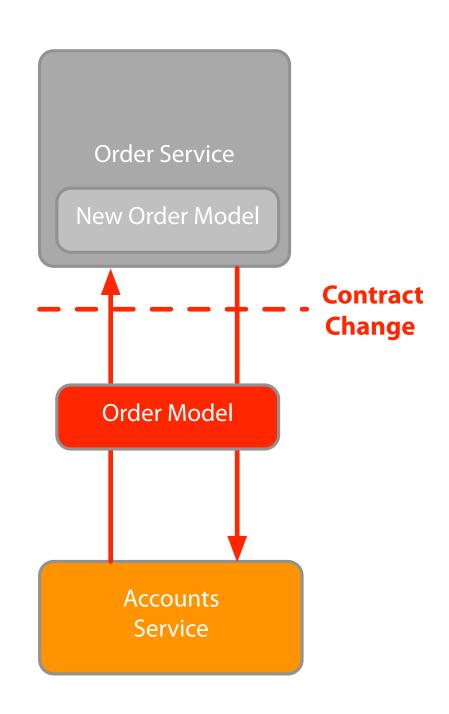
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Accounts Domain

Marketing Domain

Sales Domain Sales Domain Business function or business domain

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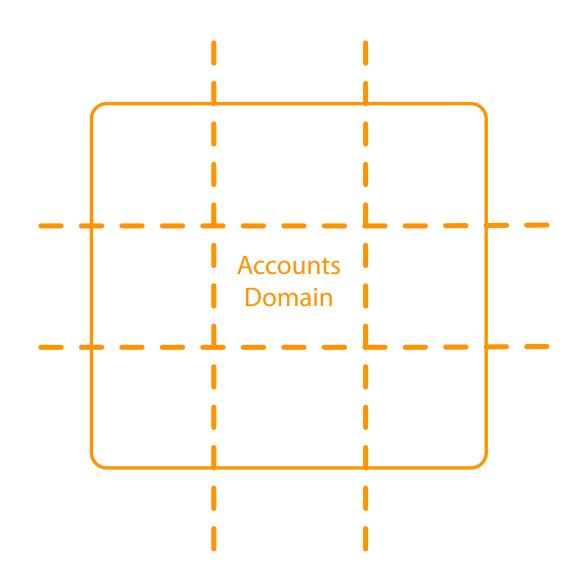
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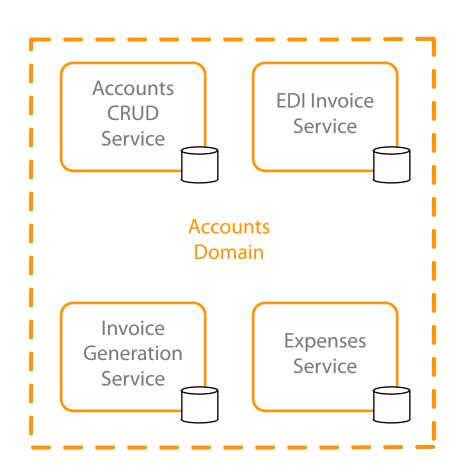
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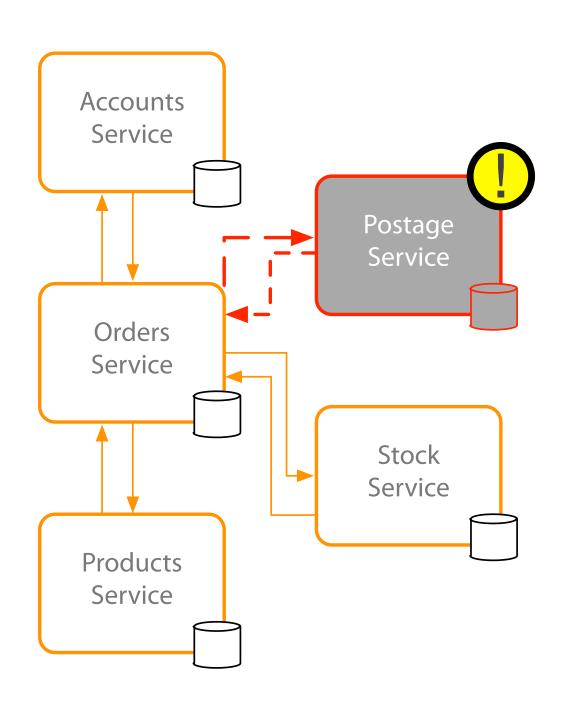
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Approach: Resilience



Design for known failures

Failure of downstream systems

Other services internal or external

Degrade functionality on failure detection

Default functionality on failure detection

Design system to fail fast

Use timeouts

Use for connected systems

Timeout our requests after a threshold

Service to service

Service to other systems

Standard timeout length

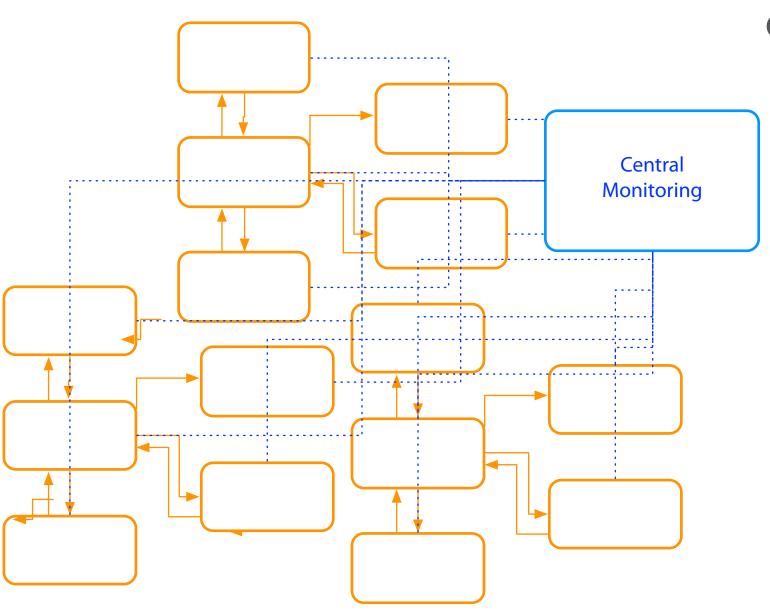
Adjust length on a case by case basis

Network outages and latency

Monitor timeouts

Log timeouts

Approach: Observable



Centralized monitoring

Real-time monitoring

Monitor the host

CPU, memory, disk usage, etc.

Expose metrics within the services

Response times

Timeouts

Exceptions and errors

Business data related metrics

Number of orders

Average time from basket to checkout

Collect and aggregate monitoring data

Monitoring tools that provide aggregation

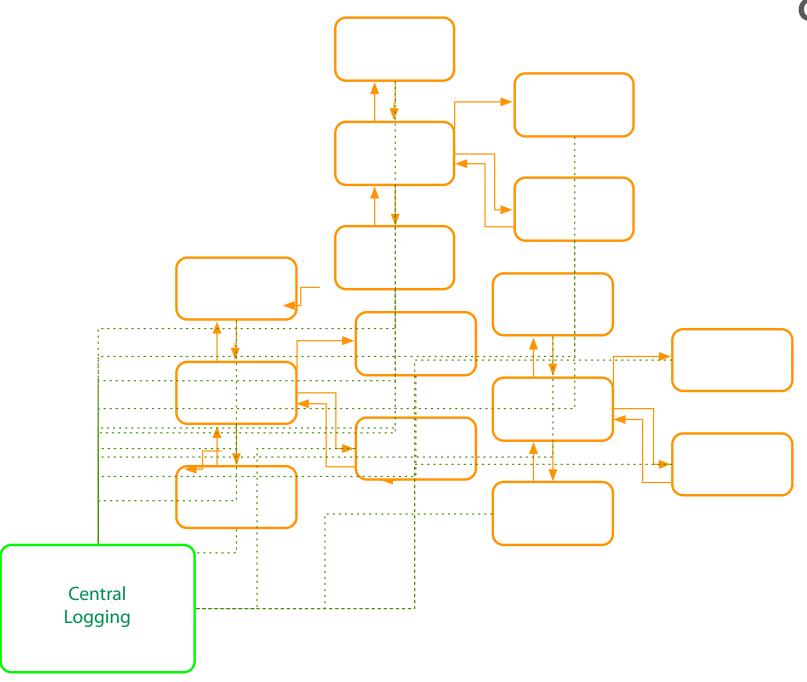
Monitoring tools that provide drill down options

Monitoring tool that can help visualise trends

Monitoring tool that can compare data across servers

Monitoring tool that can trigger alerts

Approach: Observable



Centralized Logging

When to log

Startup or shutdown

Code path milestones

Requests, responses and decisions

Timeouts, exceptions and errors

Structured logging

Level

- Information
- Error
- Debug
- Statistic

Date and time

Correlation ID

Host name

Service name and service instance

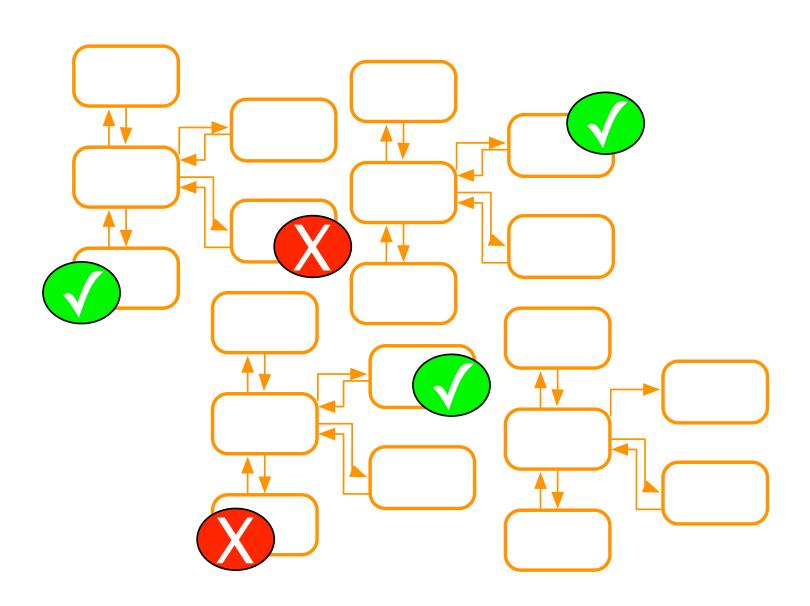
Message

Traceable distributed transactions

Correlation ID

Passed service to service

Approach: Automation



Continuous Integration Tools

Work with source control systems

Automatic after check-in

Unit tests and integration tests required

Ensure quality of check-in

Code compiles

Tests pass

Changes integrate

Quick feedback

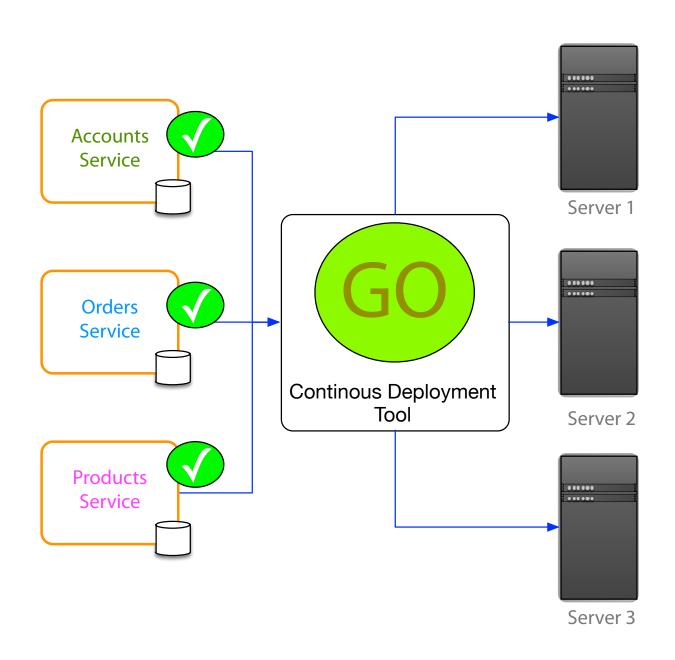
Urgency to fix quickly

Creation of build

Build ready for test team

Build ready for deployment

Approach: Automation



Continuous Deployment Tools

Automate software deployment

Configure once

Works with CI tools

Deployable after check in

Reliably released at anytime

Benefits

Quick to market

Reliable deployment

Better customer experience

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Tools for centralized structured logging

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