

High Level Design

CAP and Data Stores

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Contents

- Questions across HLD paradigms (~ 1 hour 15 minutes)
- 1 detailed design of a real-life system (~ 1 hour 15 minutes)
- Duration - ~ 2 hours 30 minutes

CAP Theorem

Primer

Consistency

A query **Q** will produce the same answer **A** regardless the node that handles the request.
In order to guarantee full consistency we need to ensure that all nodes agree on the same value at all times.

Related topic -

- Eventual consistency

CAP Theorem

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Availability

If the distributed system receives query **Q** it will always produce an answer for that query.

Related topic -

- High availability (**HA**)

CAP Theorem

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Partition Tolerance

- The system continues to function despite the existence of a partition.
- This is not about having mechanisms to "fix" the partition.
- It is about tolerating the partition, i.e. continuing despite the partition.

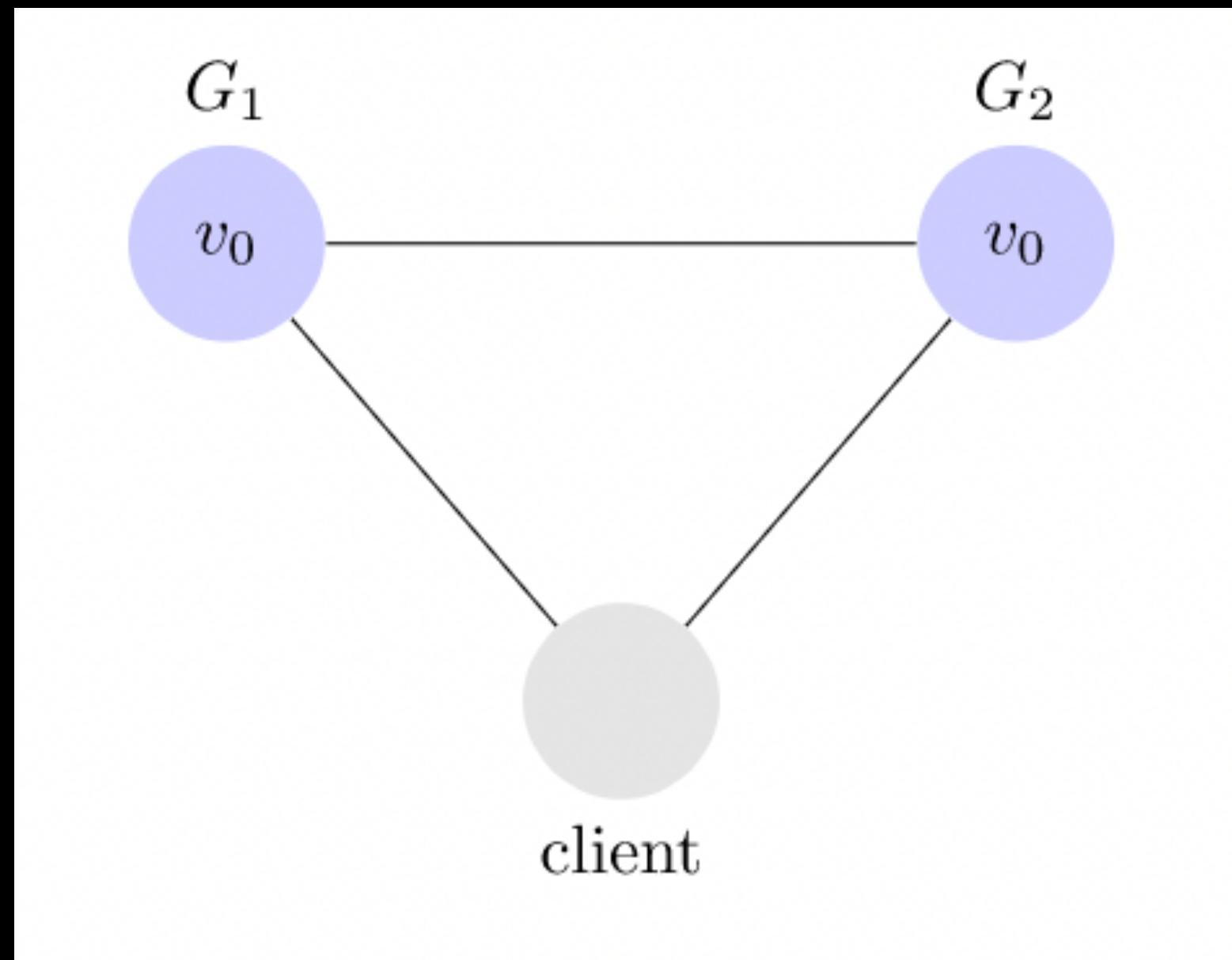
CAP Theorem

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The **CAP Theorem** states than any distributed system can have at most two of above properties.

CAP Theorem

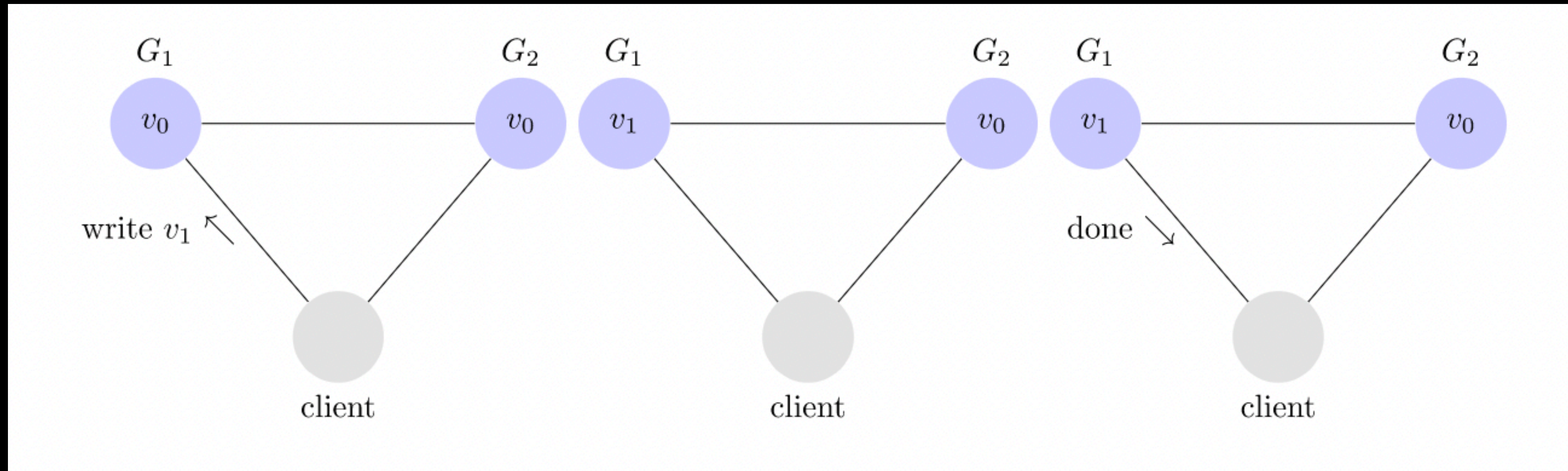
Question 0 - Setup



- Servers - G_1 , G_2
- Client
- Initial variable - v_0

CAP Theorem

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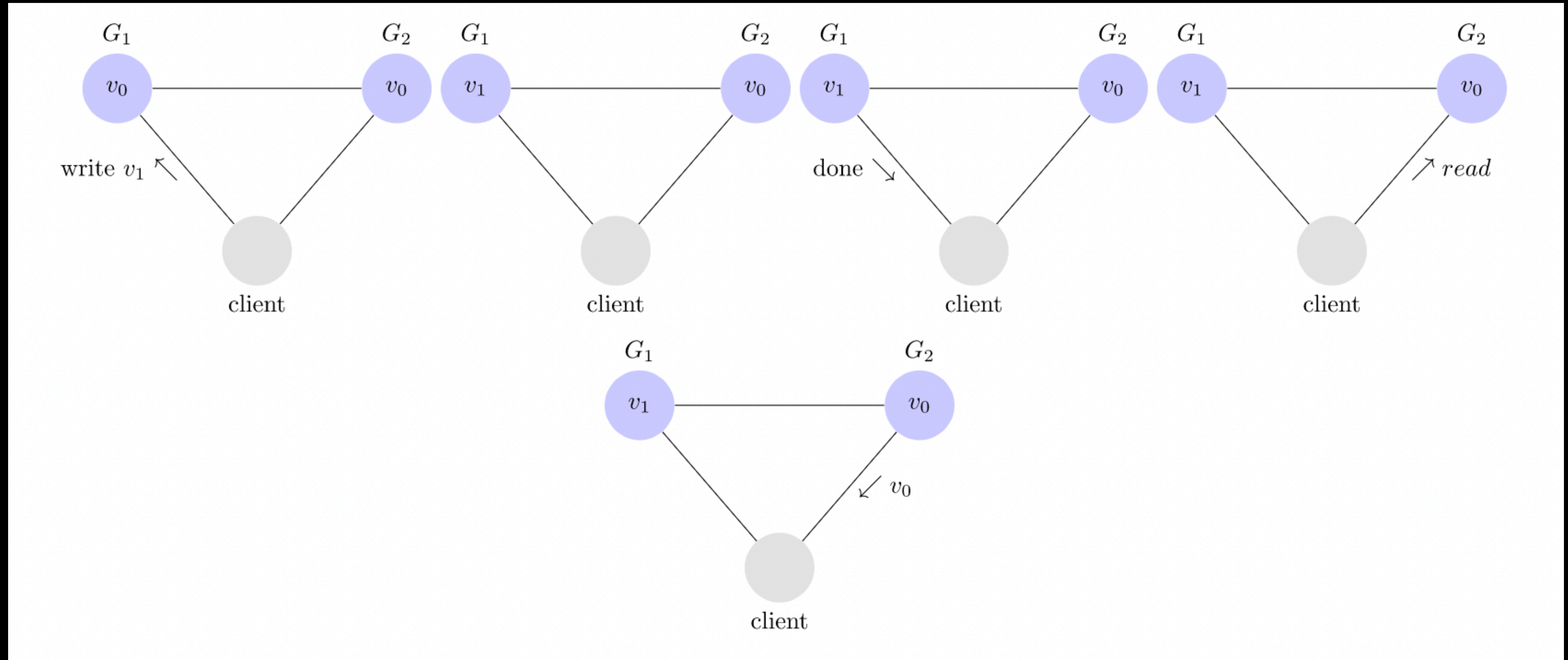


Example write

$C \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow C$

CAP Theorem

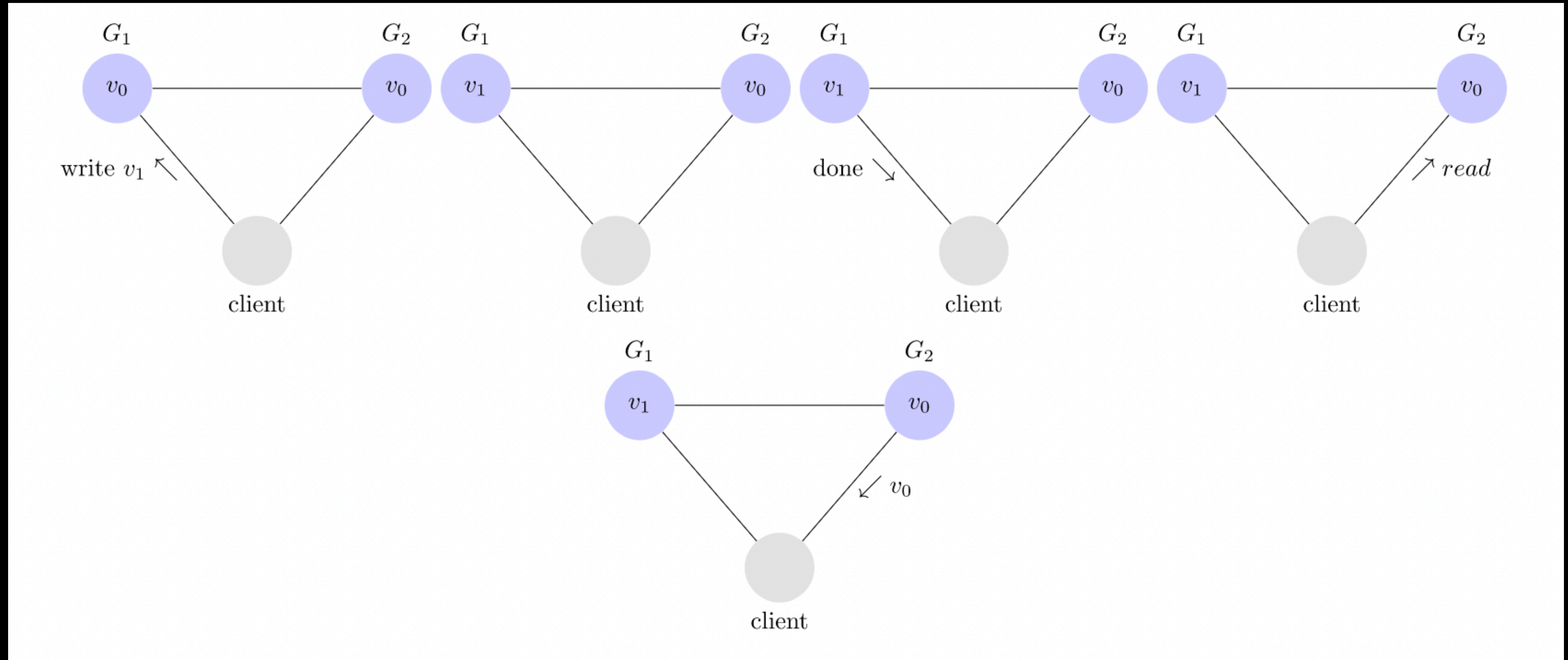
Question 0



Identify which property out of CAP is being violated

CAP Theorem

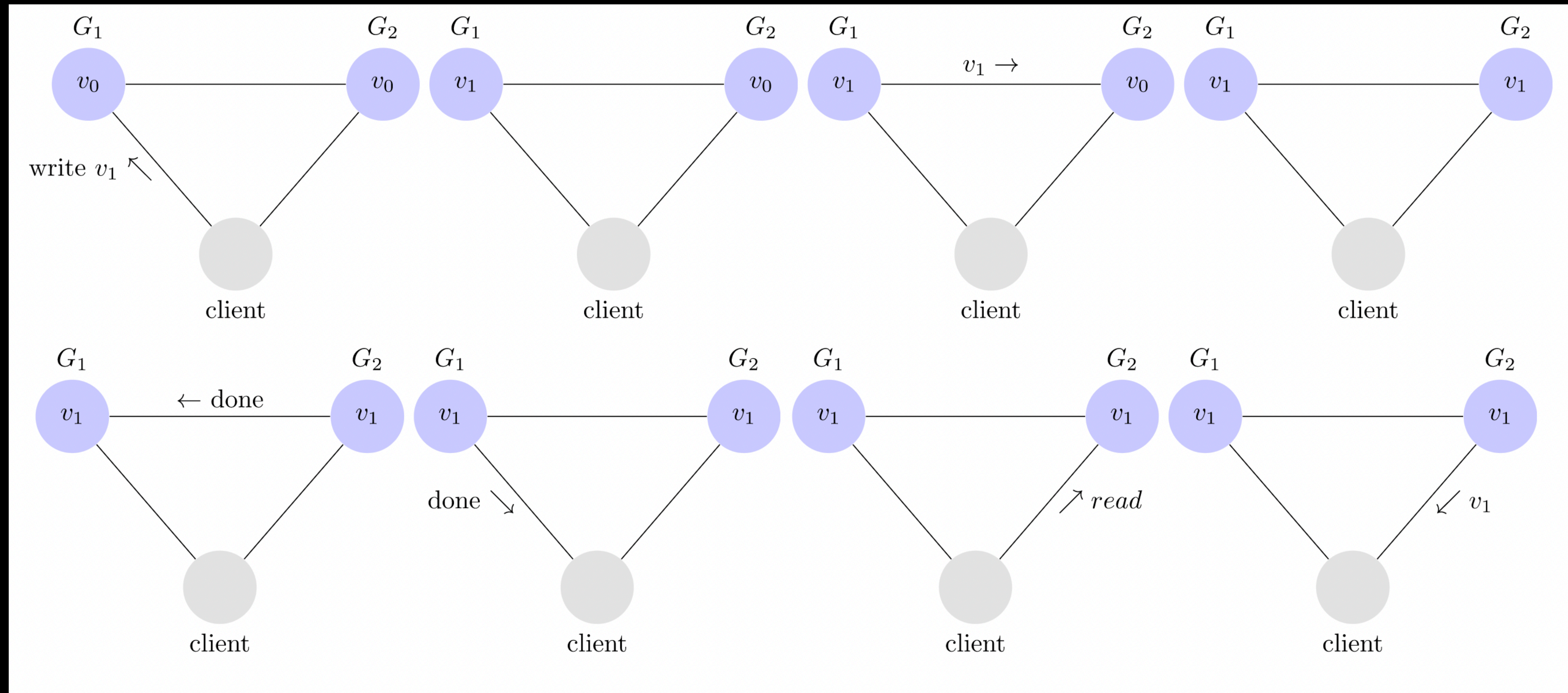
Question 0 - Answer



The system is **inconsistent** since v_0 was returned

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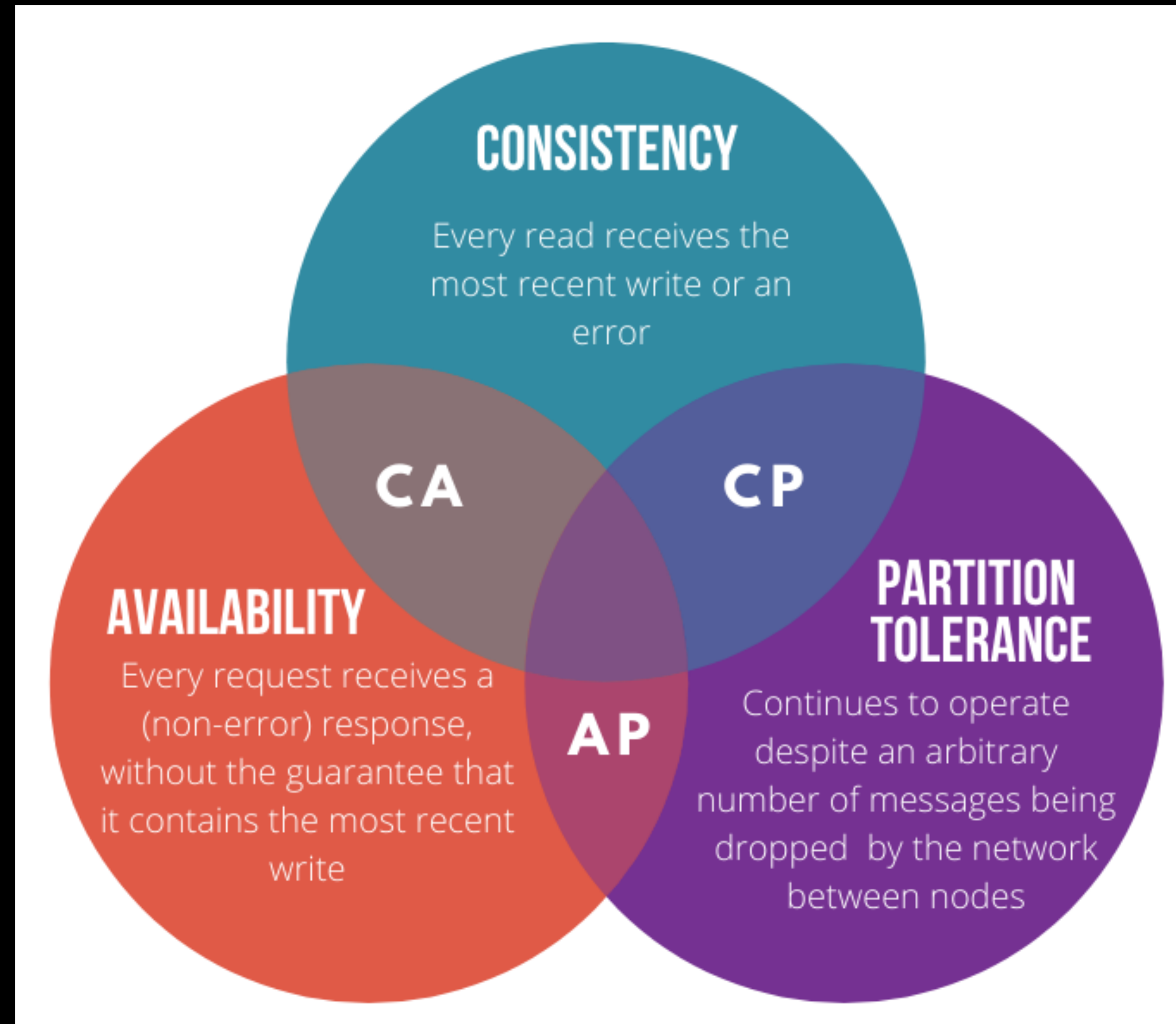
Question 0 - Solution



... $\rightarrow v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow$...

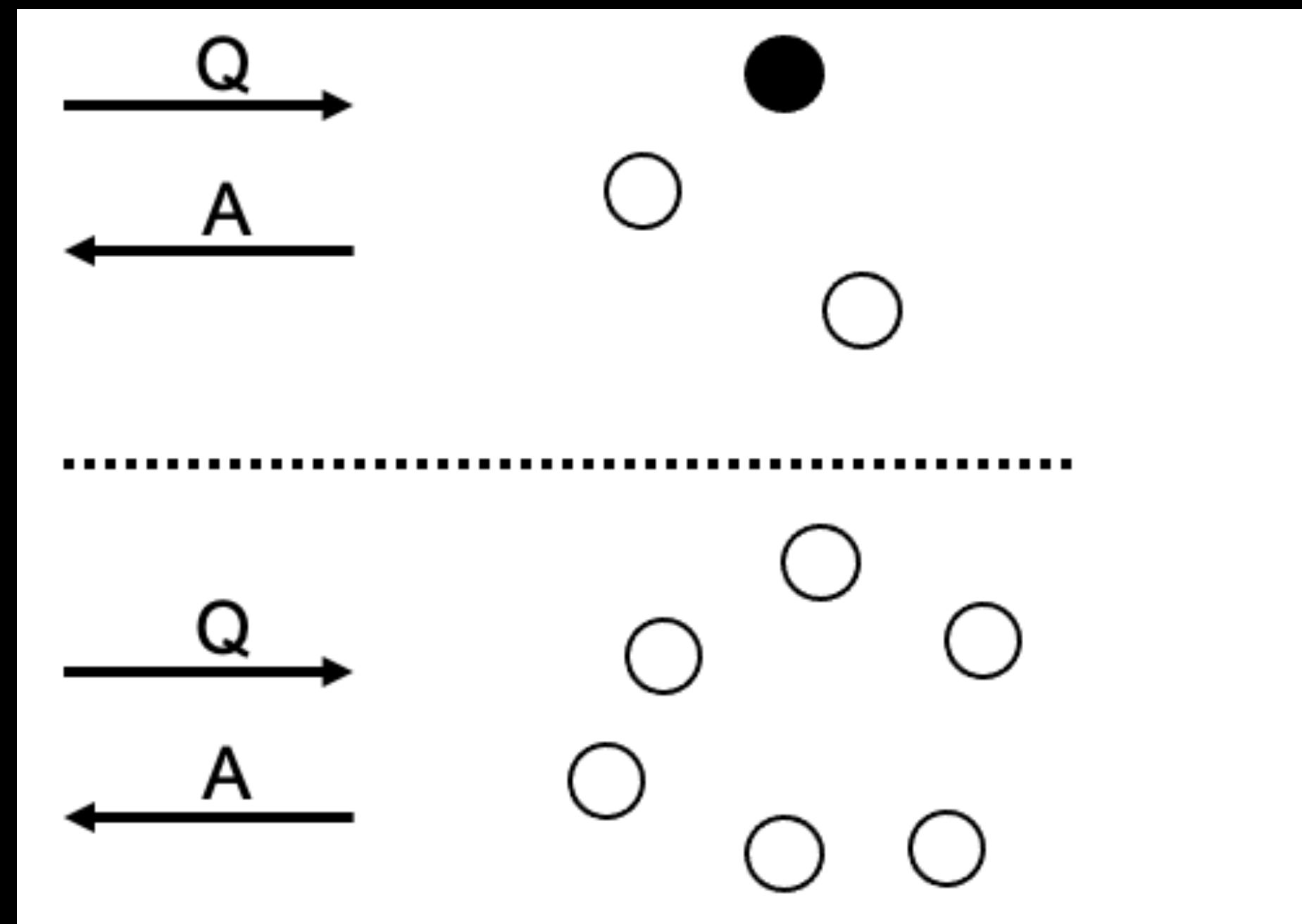
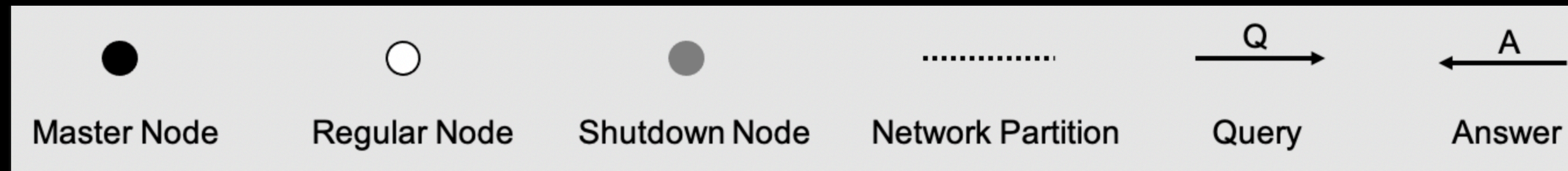
CAP Theorem

System classifications



CAP Theorem

Question 1 - Setup

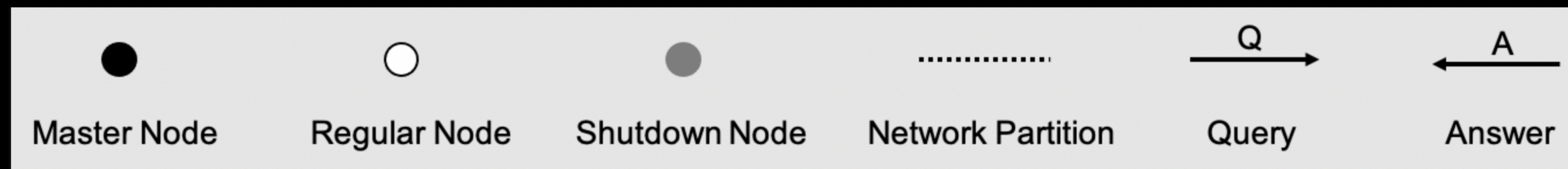
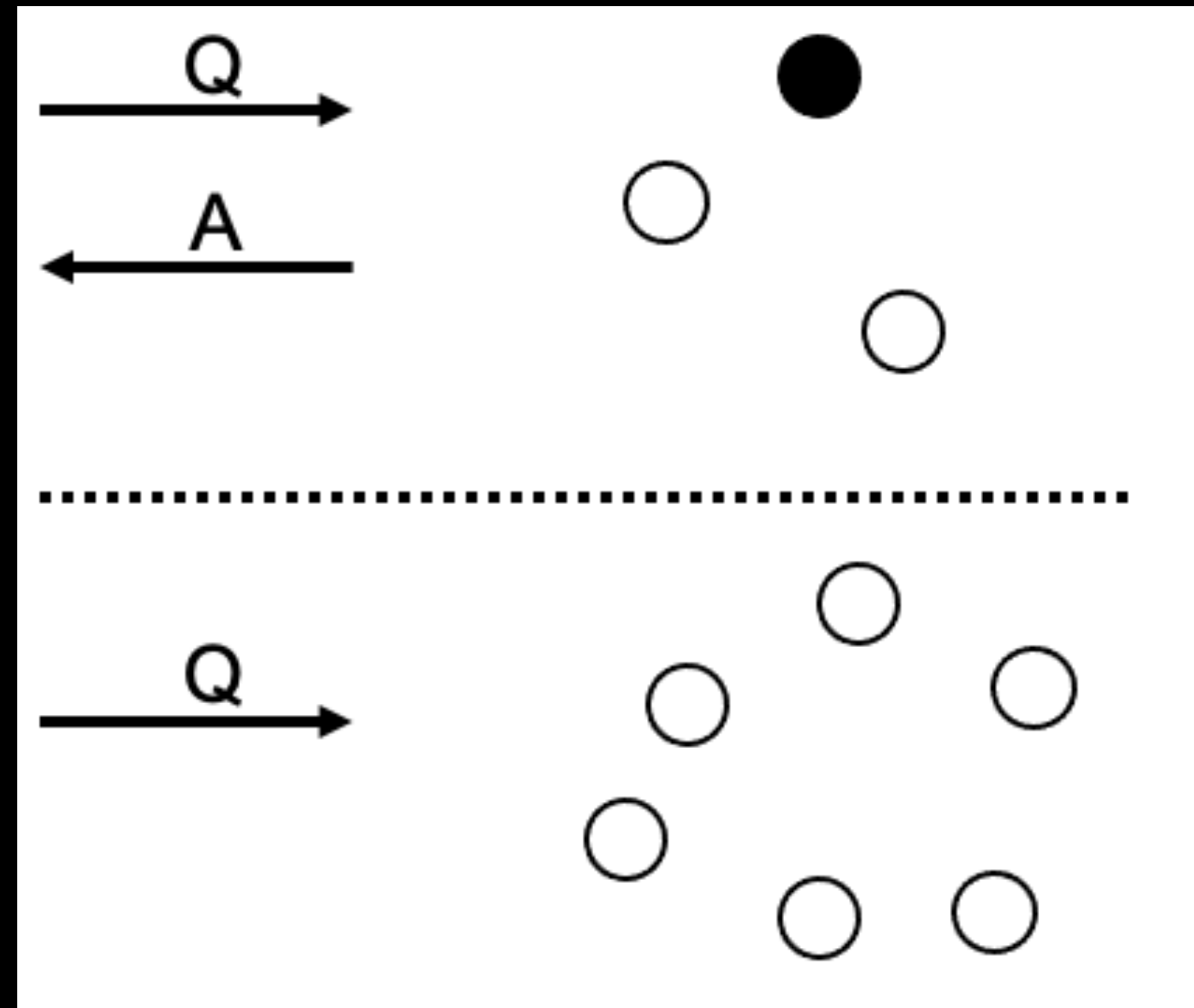


- Survived partition tolerance (**P**)
- Both partitions are responsive (**A**)
- **AP System**
- Why not consistent?

Consistency is lost since both partitions individually update the state i.e. mutation

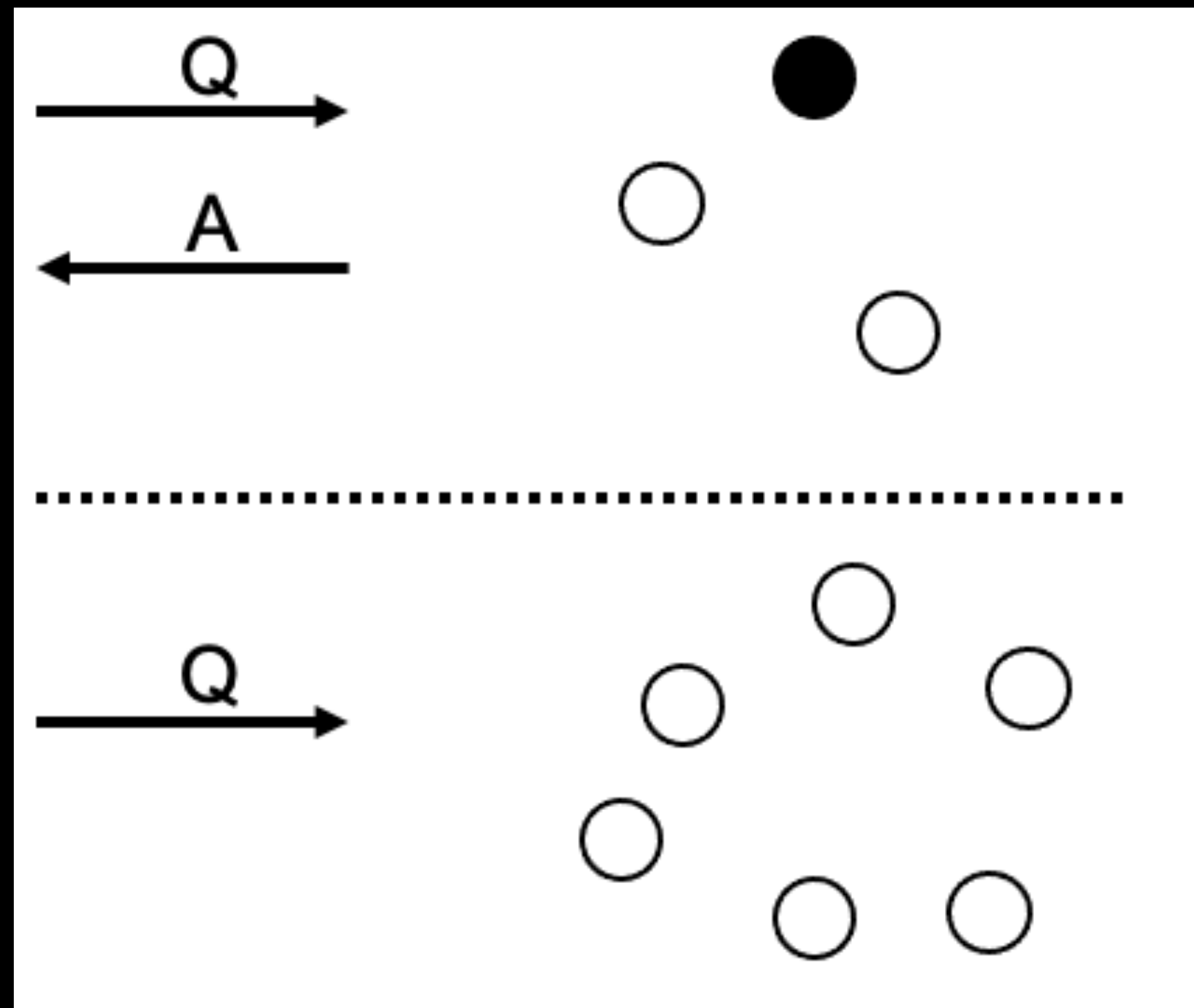
CAP Theorem

Question 1



CAP Theorem

Question 1 - Answer

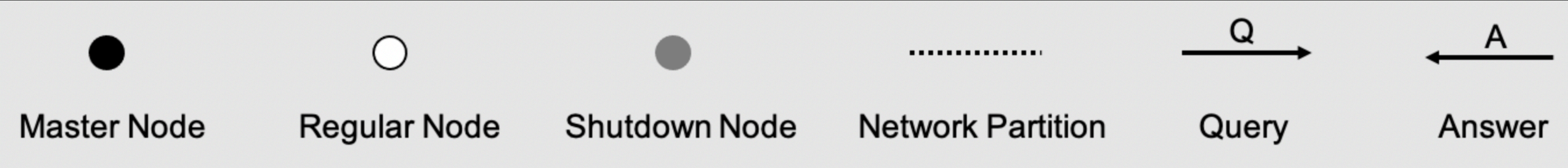
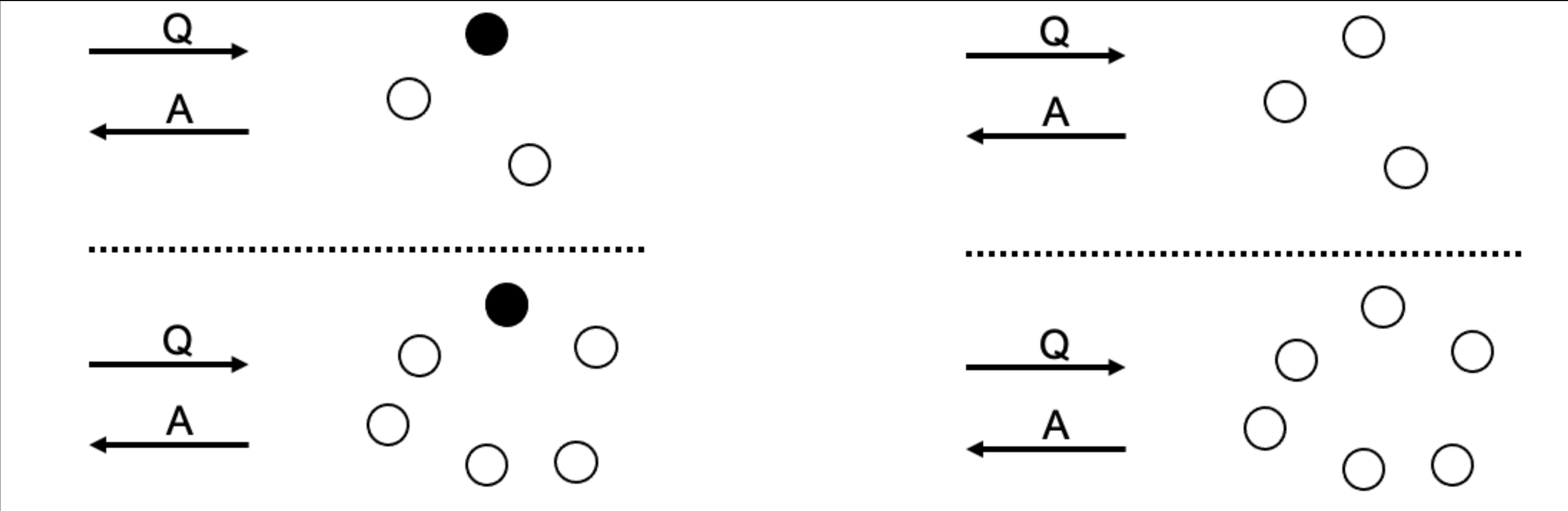


- Survived partition tolerance (**P**)
- Only one partition is responsive (**C**)
- **CP System**
- Why not available?

Second partition does not provide an answer to queries coming to it i.e. unavailable

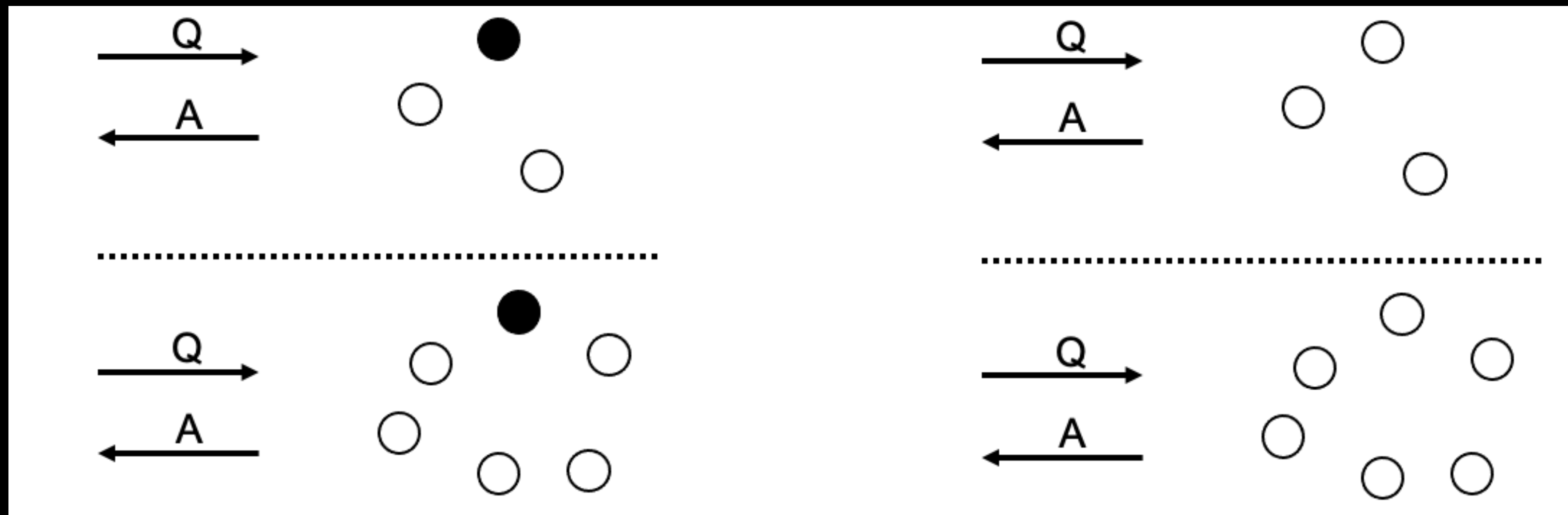
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CAP Theorem

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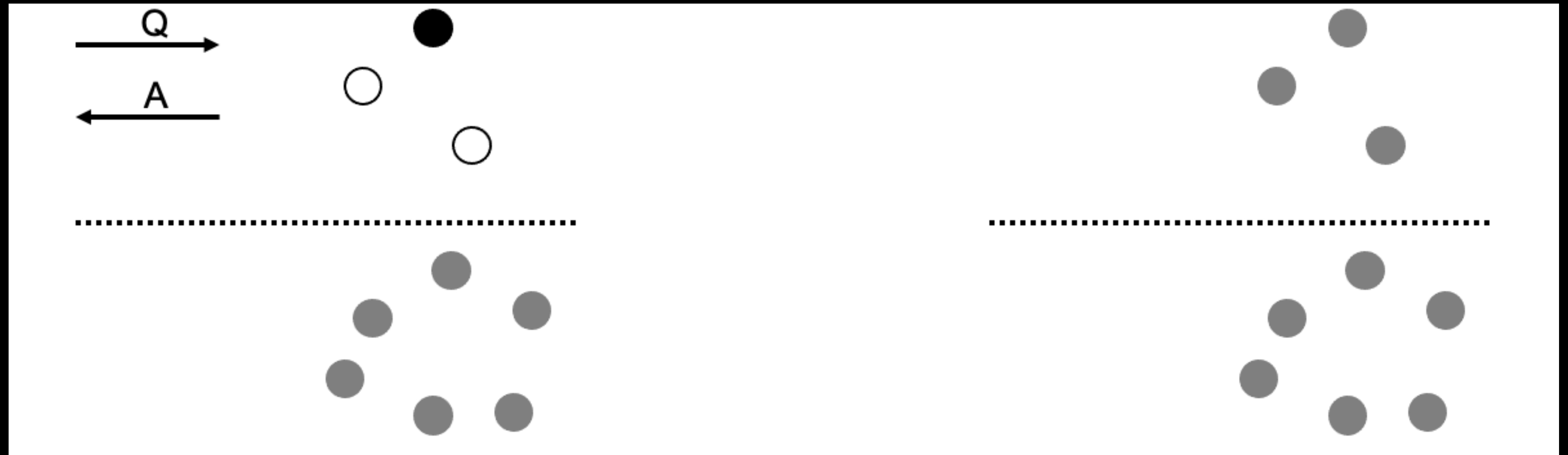
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New master vs masterless cluster

CAP Theorem

Question 1



- All requests have responses **(A)**
- Only one partition updates the state **(C)**
- **CA System**
- Network could not tolerate a partition

CAP Theorem

Question 1 - Bonus

Data stores	CAP classification
RDBMS e.g MySQL	
MongoDB, Redis	
Cassandra, Dynamo	

CAP Theorem

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Data stores	CAP classification
RDBMS e.g MySQL	CA
MongoDB, Redis	CP
Cassandra, Dynamo	AP

Further reading

CAP Theorem

- [A plain english introduction to CAP Theorem](#)
- [Please stop calling databases CP or AP](#)
- [Notes on Distributed Systems for Young Bloods](#)
- [You Can't Sacrifice Partition Tolerance](#)
- [PACELC theorem](#)

References

- CAP Theorem - 1
- CAP Theorem - 2
- CAP Theorem - 3
- CAP Theorem - 4

Data stores

Primer - Types of NoSQL databases

- Key-value
- Document store
- Graph
- Wide-column

Data stores

Primer - Types of NoSQL databases

Key-value

- Simplest
- Every single item in the database is stored as an attribute name or key
- A hash table where there is a unique key and a pointer to a particular item of data

Data stores

Primer - Types of NoSQL databases

Key-value

Key	Value
Name	Joe Bloggs
Age	42
Occupation	Stunt Double
Height	175cm
Weight	77kg

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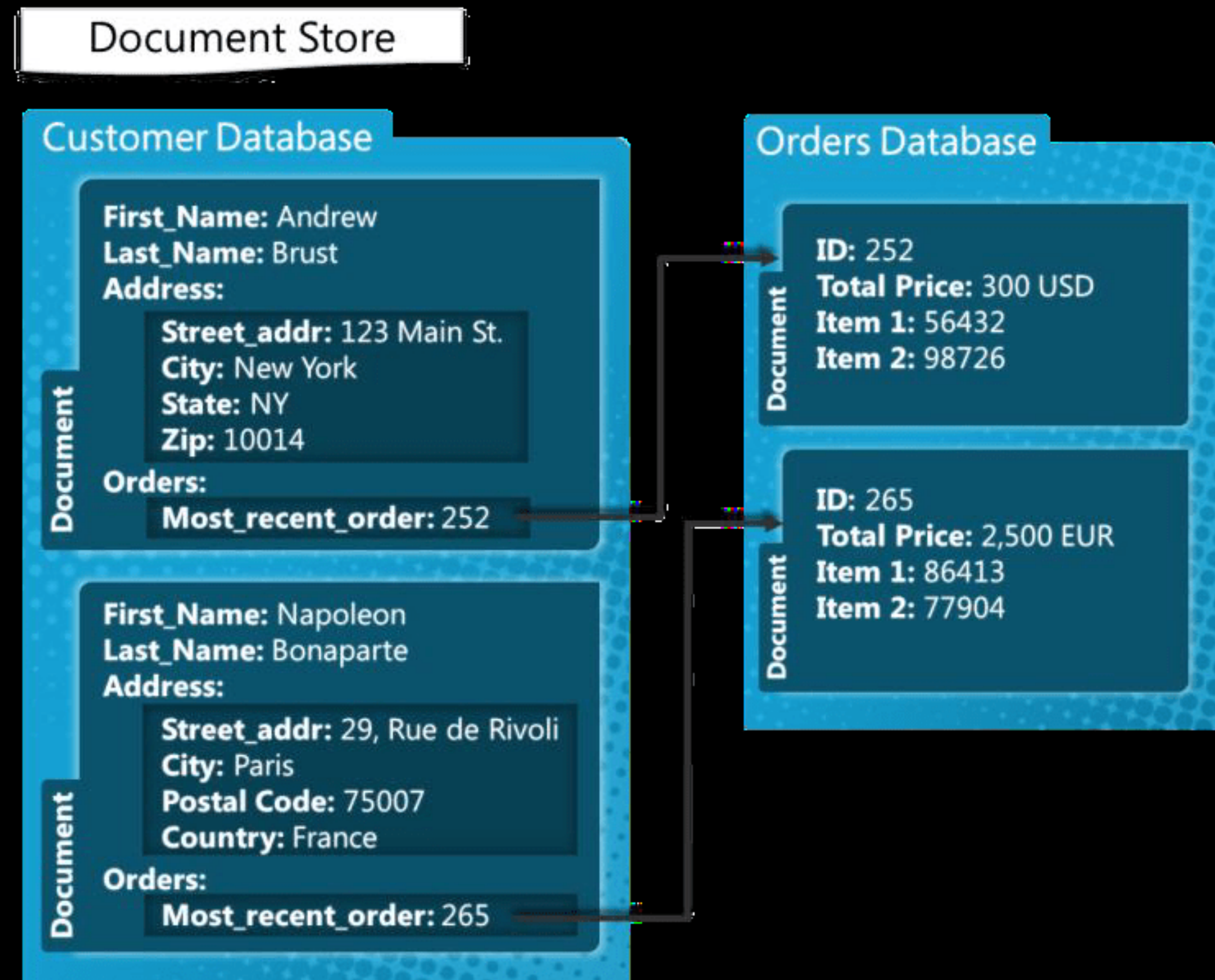
Document store

- Stores data in documents similar to JSON objects
- Pairs each key with a complex data structure known as a document
- Documents can contain many different key-value pairs, or key-array pairs, or even nested documents

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Document store



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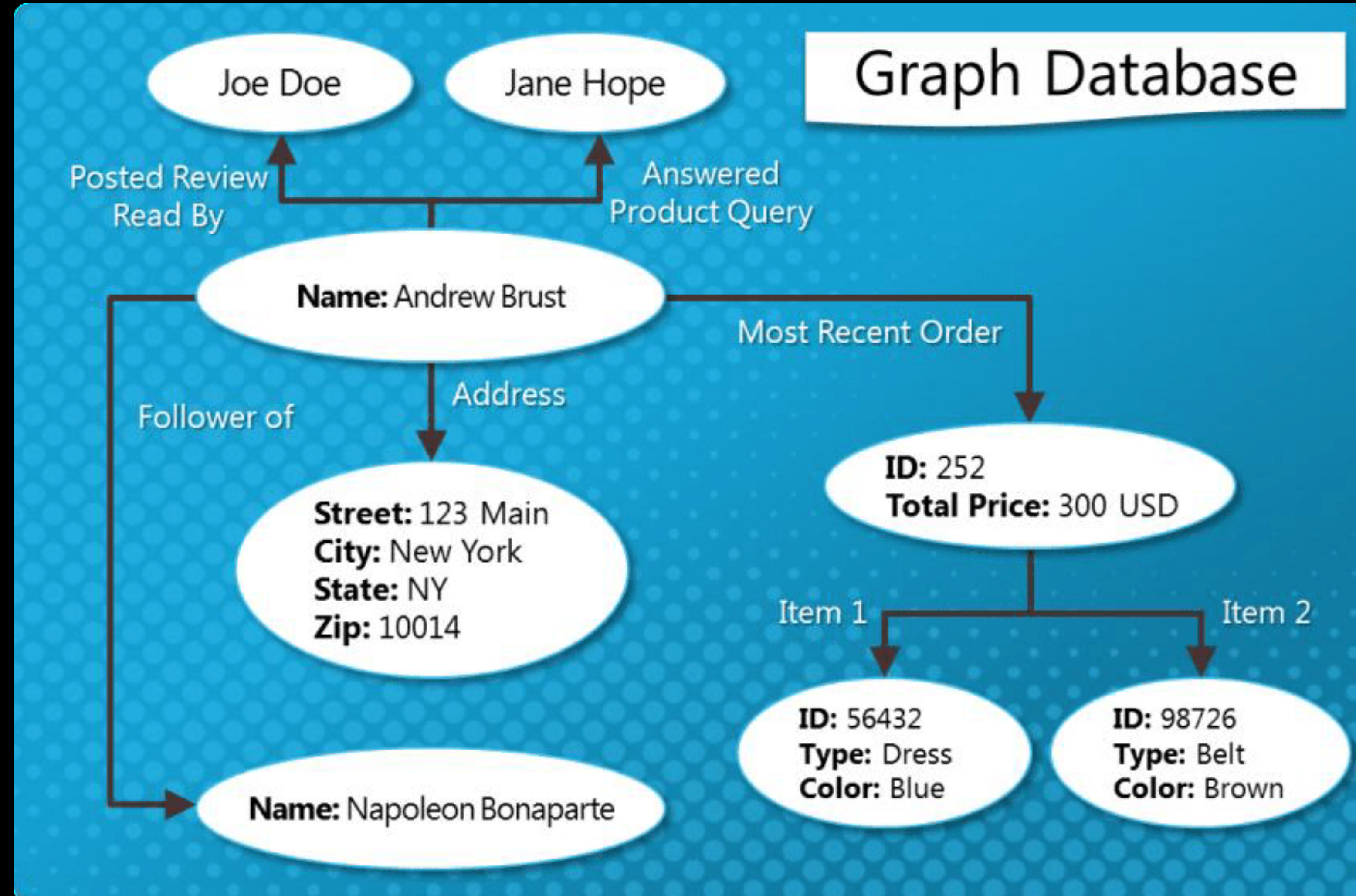
Graph

- Stores data in nodes and edges
- Nodes typically store information about people, places, and things
- Edges store information about the relationships between the nodes.

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Graph



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Wide-column stores

- Similar to relational databases
- Stores data in tables, rows, and dynamic columns
- Names and format of the columns can vary across rows

Data stores

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Wide-column stores

ColumnFamily			
Row Key	Column Name		
	Key	Key	Key
	Value	Value	Value
	Column Name		
	Key	Key	Key
	Value	Value	Value
	Column Name		
	Key	Key	Key

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Question 0 - Match each database to its type

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Redis	
Cassandra	

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- Fast reads and writes
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Data stores

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Choice - Key-value store

Data stores

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Choice - Document store

Data stores

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- Complex queries to determine relationships between data points

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Choice - Graph Database

Data stores

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- Fetch specific attribute for number for rows
- Need to use for analytics
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Choice - Wide-column store

Further reading

NoSQL data stores

- Choosing the right NoSQL database
- What is NoSQL
- Scaling databases
- CQRS

References

Data Stores

- NoSQL database types
- Choose the right NoSQL Database

System Design





- Spotify is a digital music, podcast, and video service.
- Spotify gives you access to millions of songs and other content from creators all over the world.



Devices

App Finder

YOUR MUSIC

Songs

Albums

Artists

Local Files

MORNING COMMUTE

YOUR FAVORITE Coffee HOUSE

READY FOR THE DAY

Feelin Good

ON WHEELS TO WORK

Spotify

PLAYLISTS SONGS ALBUMS ARTISTS

SEARCH

BROWSE

RADIO

YOUR MUSIC

FOLLOW

SARA

2 1

ARTIST - VIEW PROFILE

PAUSE

FOLLOWING

OVERVIEW

RELATED ARTISTS

BIOGRAPHY

POPULAR

RELATED ARTISTS

SHOW 5 MORE

ALBUMS

Spotify SPOTLIGHT

FOSTER™ PEOPLE SUPERMODEL

Best Friend

Foster The People

1:57 4:27

RELATED MUSIC

9:41 AM 100%

FOSTER™ PEOPLE SUPERMODEL

Best Friend

Foster The People

1 079 908 FOLLOWERS

SHUFFLE PLAY

POPULAR

1 Pumped up Kicks 92 077 824

2 Helena Beat 34 493 970

Best Friend Foster The People

PLAYING FROM ARTIST Calvin Harris

CALVIN HARRIS

BLAME

FEAT. JOHN NEWMAN

Blame Calvin Harris

0:54 3:34

Spotify

Numbers



Subscribers:
96 million



Monthly active users:
207 million



Tracks:
40+ million

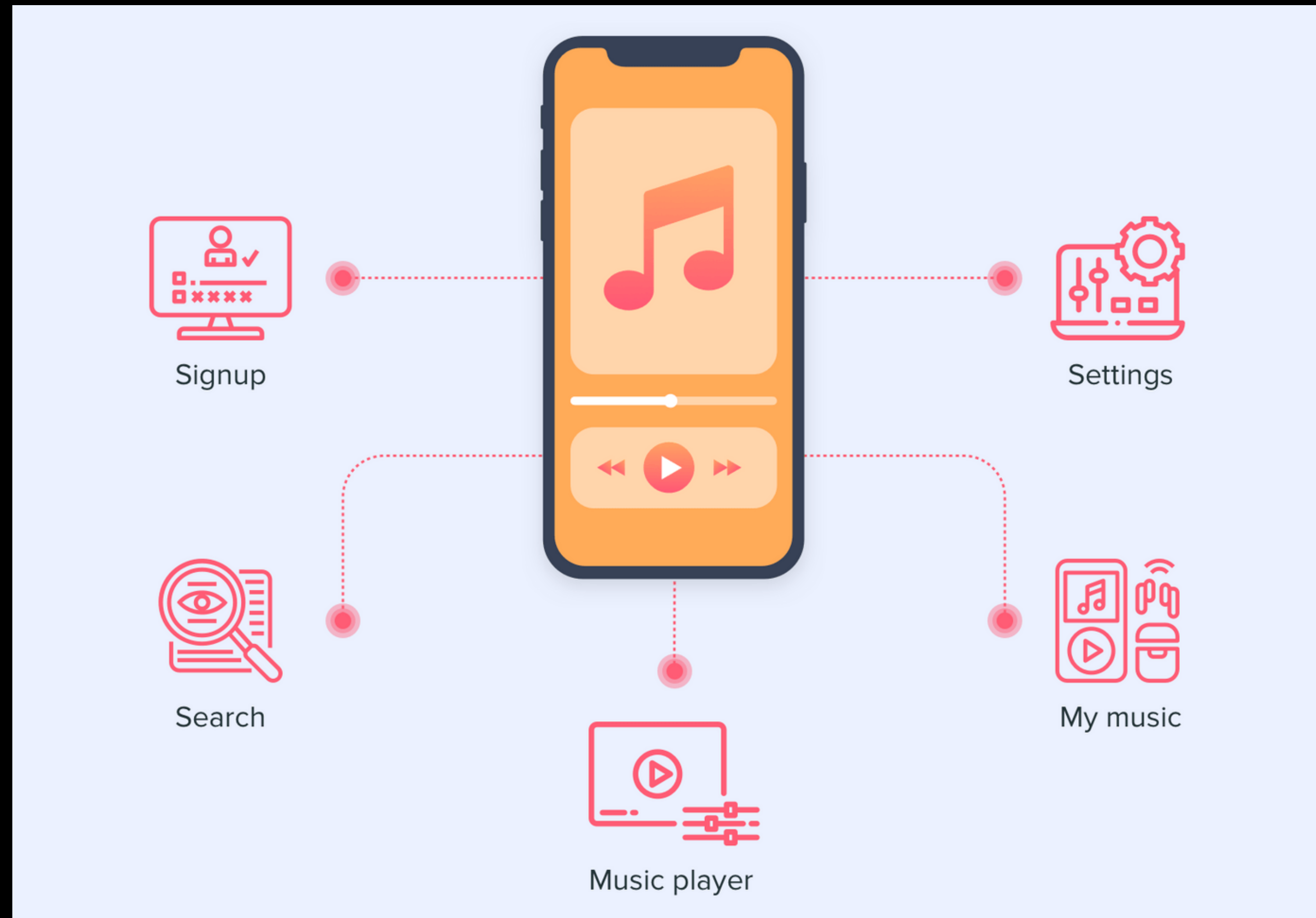


Available in:
78 markets

Source <https://investors.spotify.com/home/default.aspx>

Spotify

Requirements



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Scope

- Requirements
- Data flow
- Artist to Spotify architecture
- Spotify to user architecture
- Event delivery system

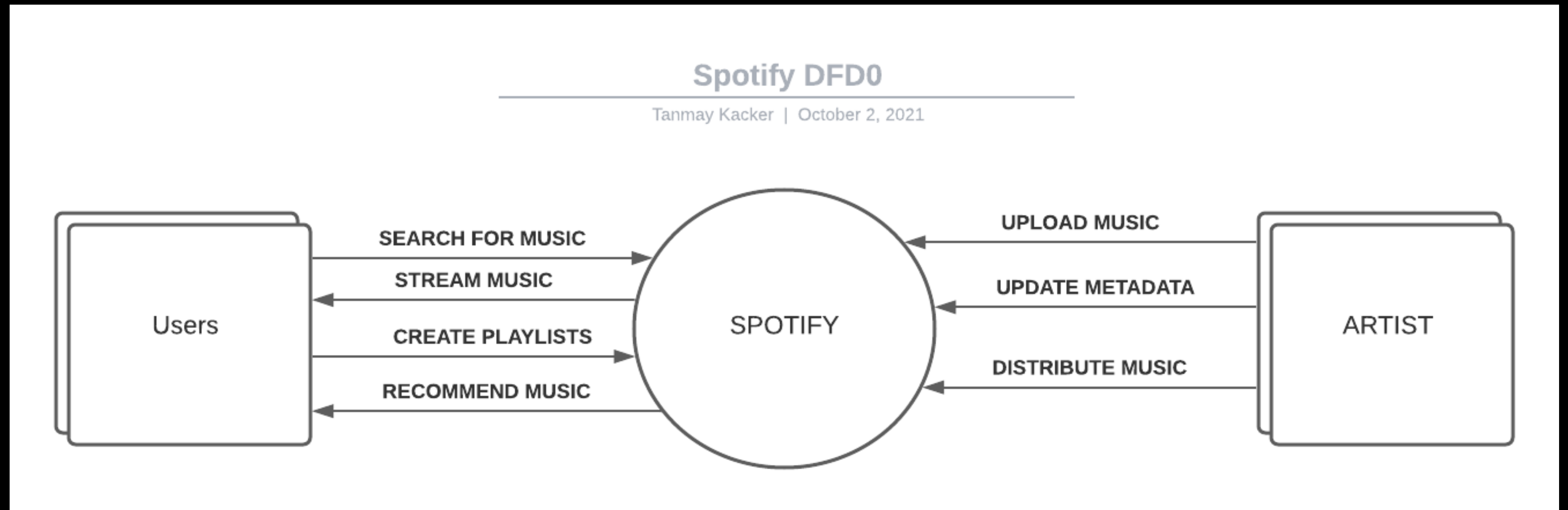
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Requirements

- Search for music
- Listen to music
- Add music to playlist
- Upload music
- Distribute music

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Data Flow (DFD0)



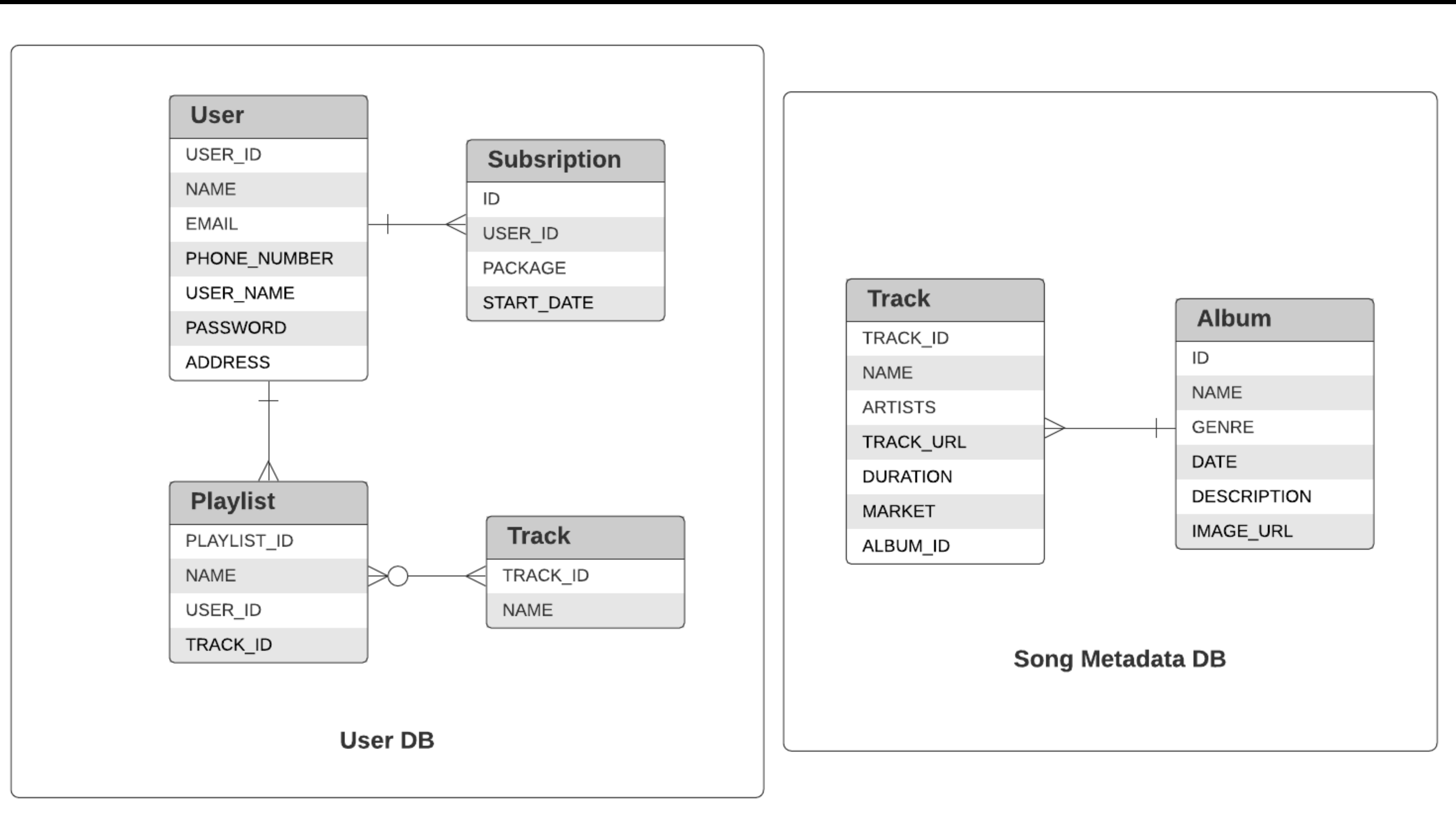
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Sample Microservices

- Account service (username, password)
- Search service (song name, album name, lyrics)
- Song service (song ID)
- Playlist service (song ID, playlist ID)
- Publisher service (genre, artists, market, labels, name, tracks, restrictions)

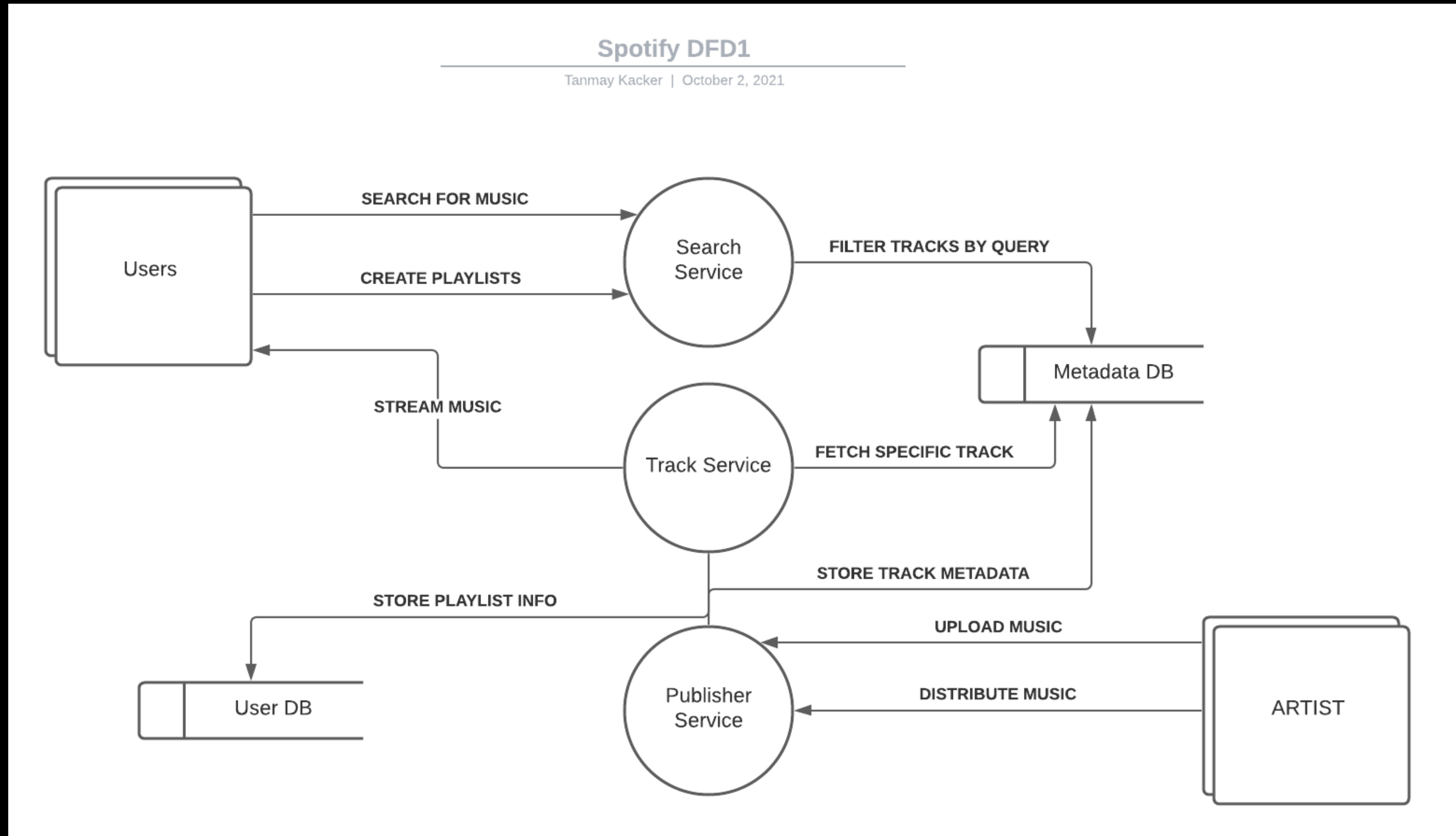
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Data Models



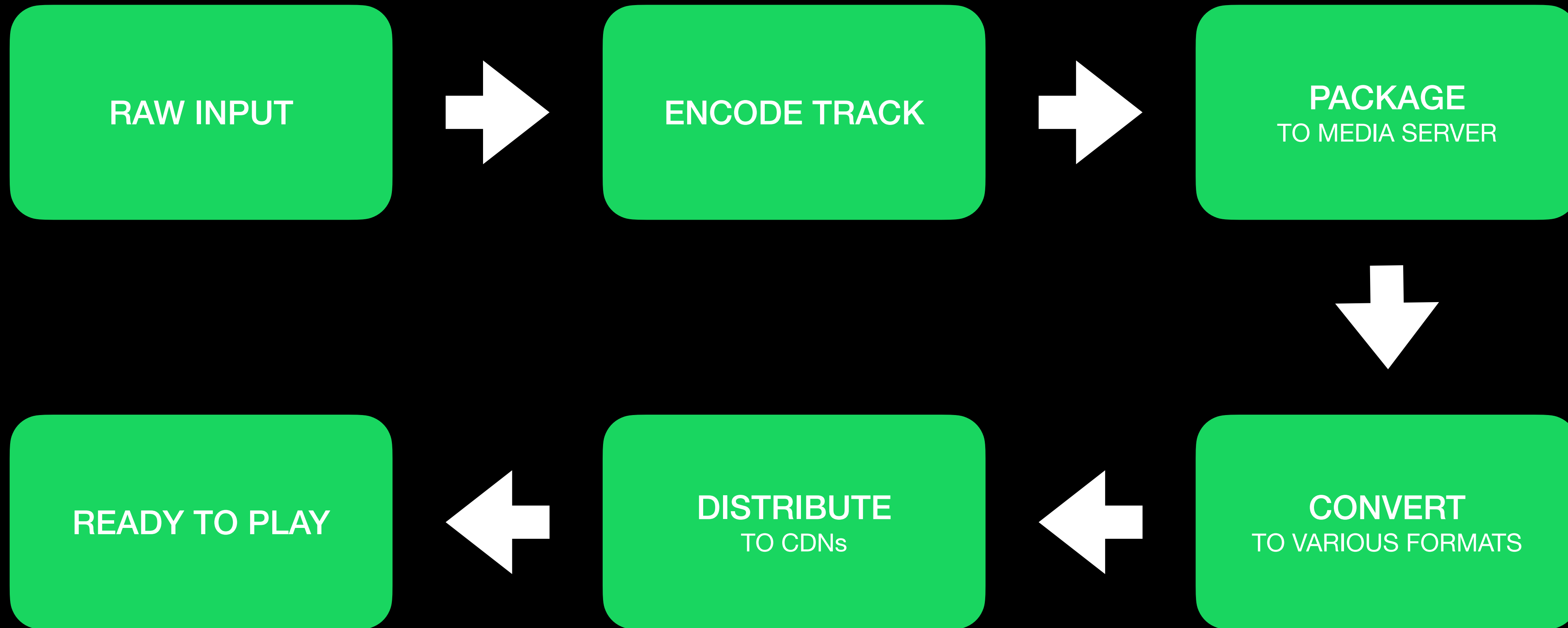
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Data Flow (DFD1)



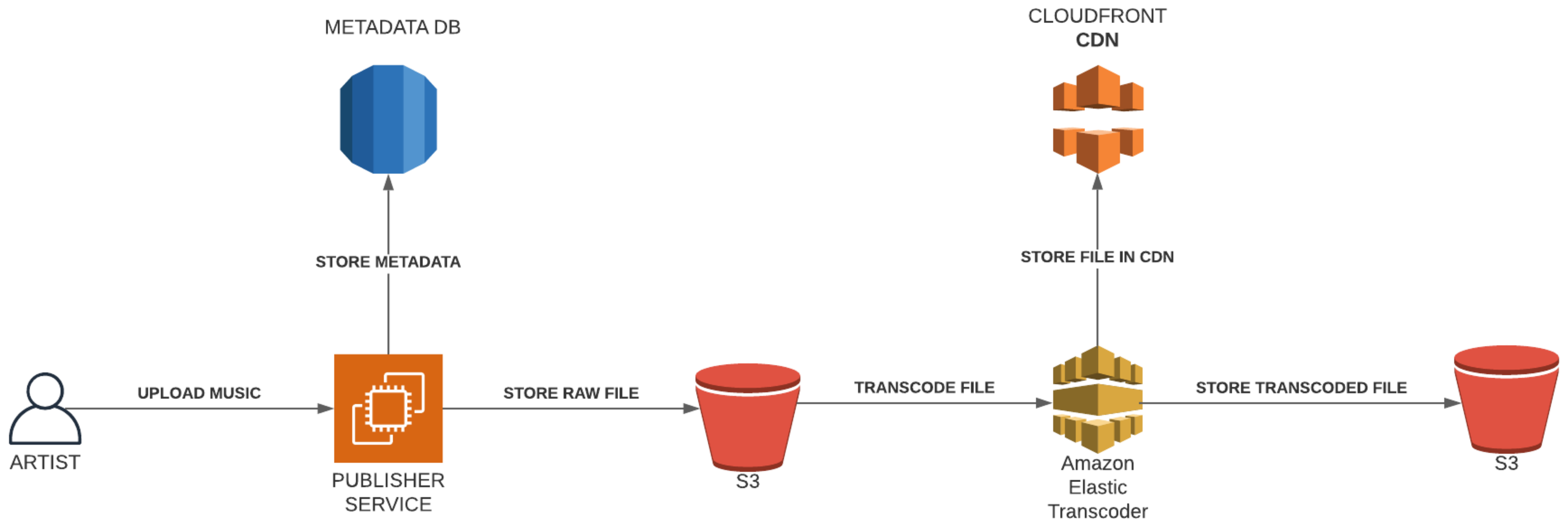
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Artist to Listener



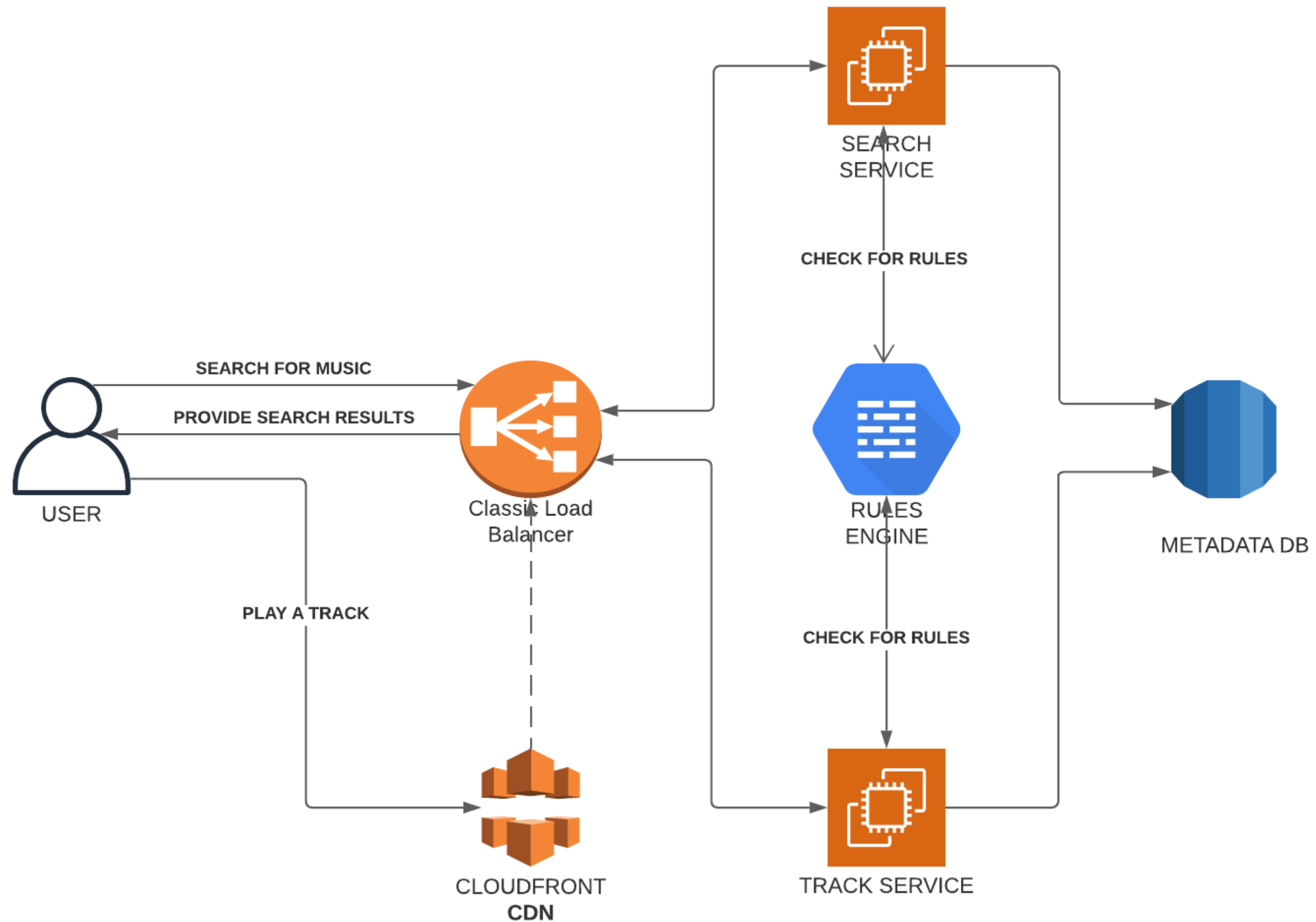
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Artist to Spotify



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Server to Listener



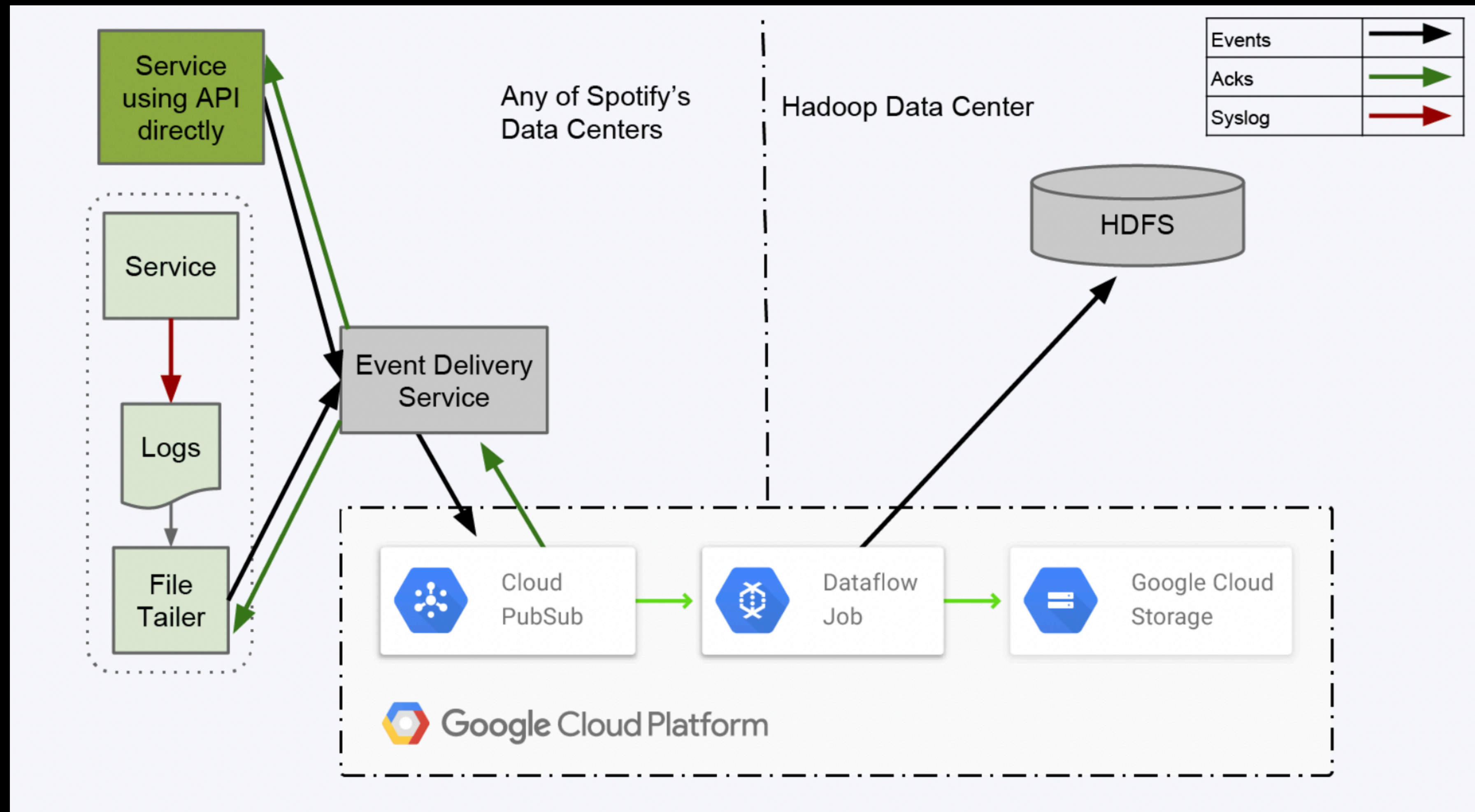
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X-factor

- Spotify stores music on various servers
- To stream a random track on your mobile, Spotify finds it on one of the millions of servers and sends it to your device
- Servers, in this case, are computers and all other gadgets of Spotify's subscribers. P2P
- Reduces playback latency

Spotify

Bonus - Event delivery system



Further reading

Spotify

- What is a data flow diagram
- Rules engine
- Spotify's peer to peer
- Streaming protocols

References

Spotify

- [System Design: Spotify](#)
- [Spotify's Event Delivery - I](#)
- [Spotify's Event Delivery - II](#)