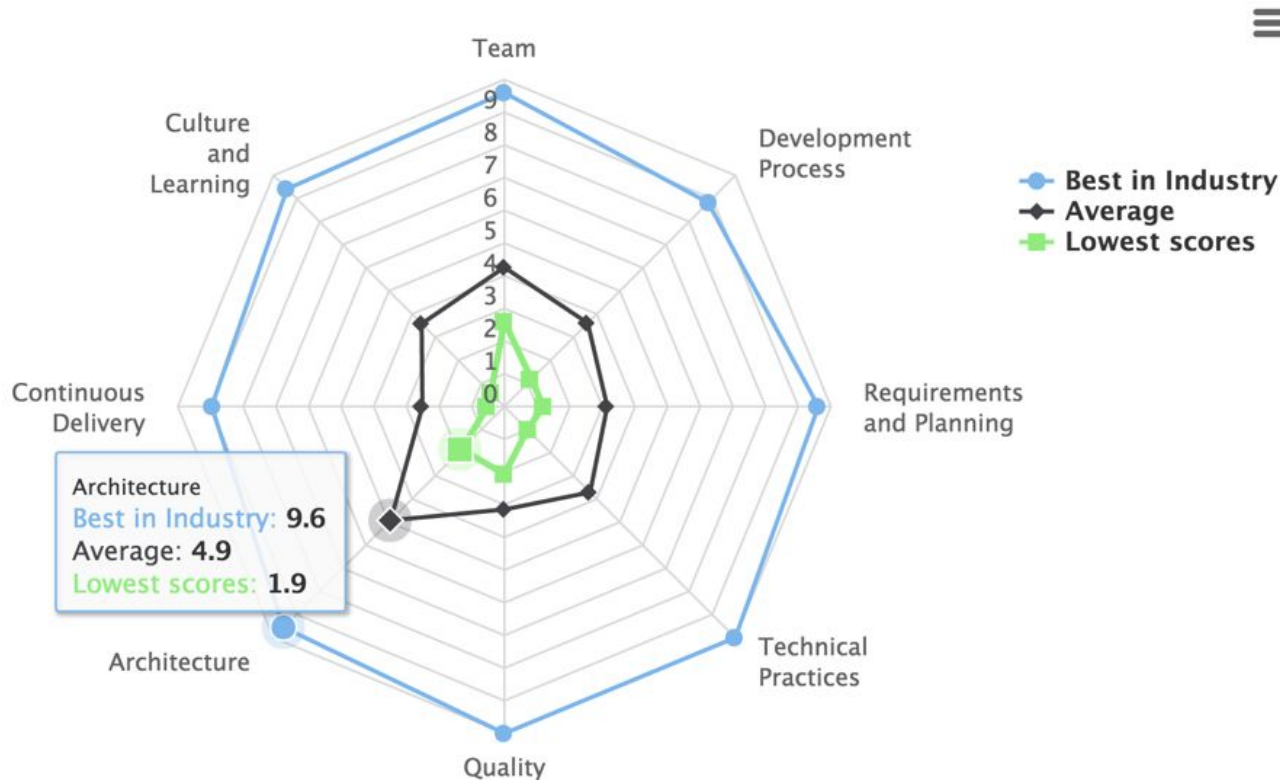


# Hypermedia API

Design Patterns

# Build for Speed with Callaghan Innovation



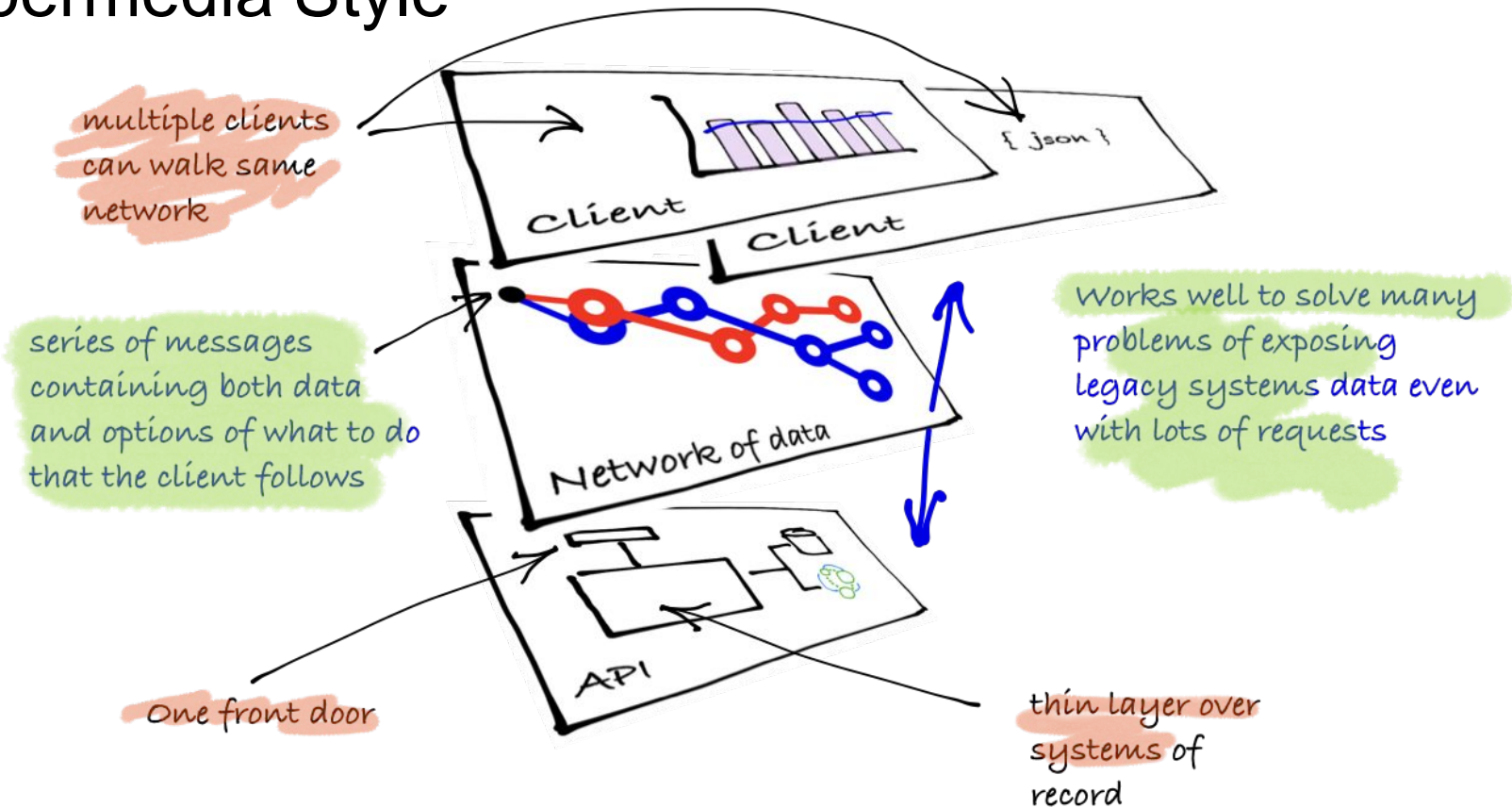
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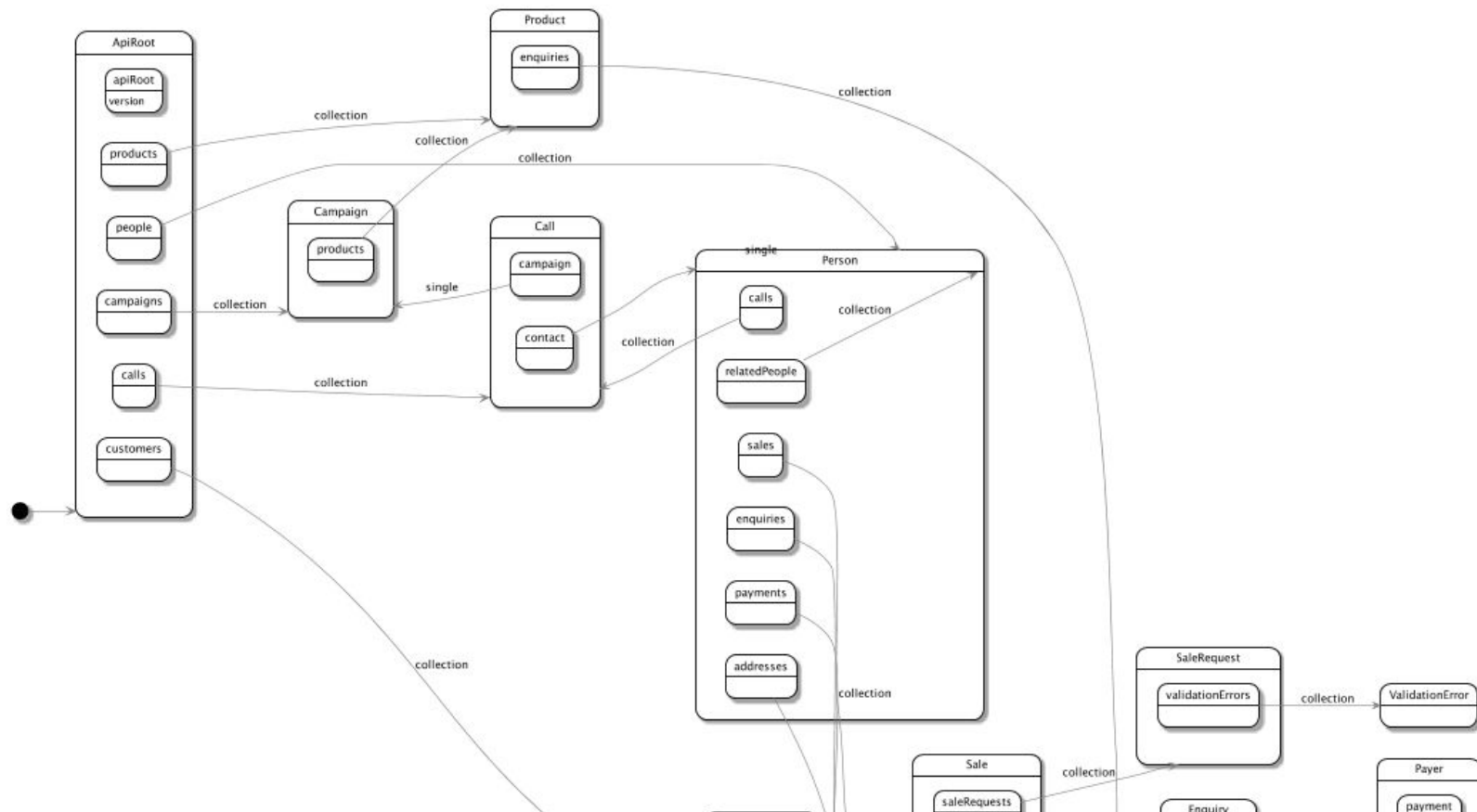
# Industry Issues We've Seen

- Trying to Scale: Heavy load on server and database
  - But hard to make progress
  - Monolithic persistence, database as point of integration
- Slow down in getting features done
- Technical debt
  - Tangled code, ui state, business logic, persistence
  - Hard to evolve
  - Untestable or untested architecture
- Version 2 -> problems

# Hypermedia Style



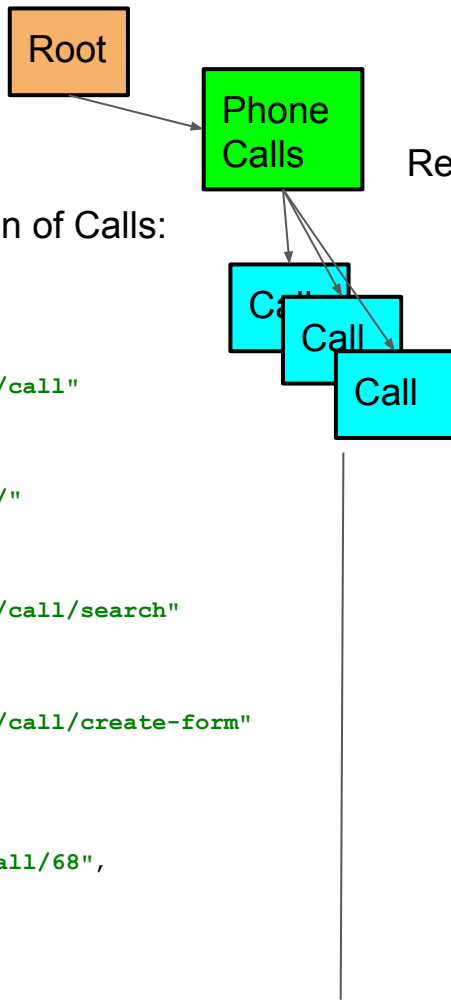
# Network of Data - A Domain Graph



# Micro Format

Representation of a Collection of Calls:

```
{
  "links": [
    {
      "rel": "self",
      "href": "https://example.com/call"
    },
    {
      "rel": "up",
      "href": "https://example.com/"
    },
    {
      "rel": "search",
      "href": "https://example.com/call/search"
    },
    {
      "rel": "create-form",
      "href": "https://example.com/call/create-form"
    }
  ],
  "items": [
    {
      "id": "https://example.com/call/68",
      "title": "Complete"
    }
  ]
}
```



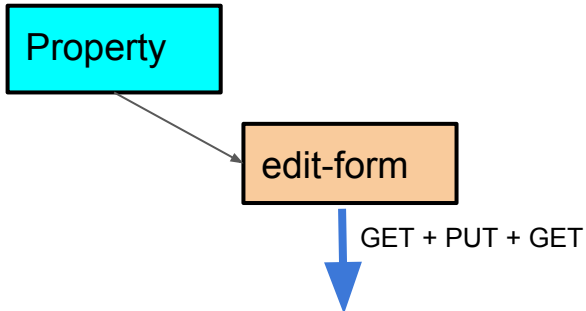
Representation of a Single Call Resource:

```
{
  "links": [
    {
      "rel": "self",
      "href": "https://example.com/call/68"
    },
    {
      "rel": "up",
      "href": "https://example.com/"
    },
    {
      "rel": "edit-form",
      "href": "https://example.com/call/68/edit-form"
    },
    {
      "rel": "contact",
      "href": "https://example.com/person/117"
    },
    {
      "rel": "campaign",
      "href": "https://example.com/campaign/0"
    }
  ],
  "start": "2016-03-18T09:37:02.827",
  "end": "2016-03-18T09:38:30.98",
  "state": "Complete",
  "outcome": "AnswerMachine",
  "moreInformationPreference": "NotSet"
}
```

# Micro Format

## FormRepresentation in JSON:

```
{
  "links": [
    {
      "rel": "self",
      "href": "https://example.com/property/2/edit-form"
    },
    {
      "rel": "up",
      "href": "https://example.com/property/2"
    }
  ],
  "items": [
    { "id": "titleNumber", "type": "string" },
    { "id": "legalDescription", "type": "string" }
  ]
}
```



## FormRepresentation in HTML:

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Form</title>
    <link rel="self"
          href="https://example.com/property/2/edit-form" />
    <link rel="up"
          href="https://example.com/property/2" />
  </head>
  <body>
    <form action='https://example.com/property/2/edit-form'
          method='POST'
          enctype='application/x-www-form-urlencoded'>
      <label for='titleNumber'>TitleNumber:</label>
      <input id='titleNumber'
            type='text'
            name='TitleNumber'></input>
      <label for='legalDescription'>LegalDescription:</label>
      <input id='legalDescription'
            type='text'
            name='LegalDescription'></input>

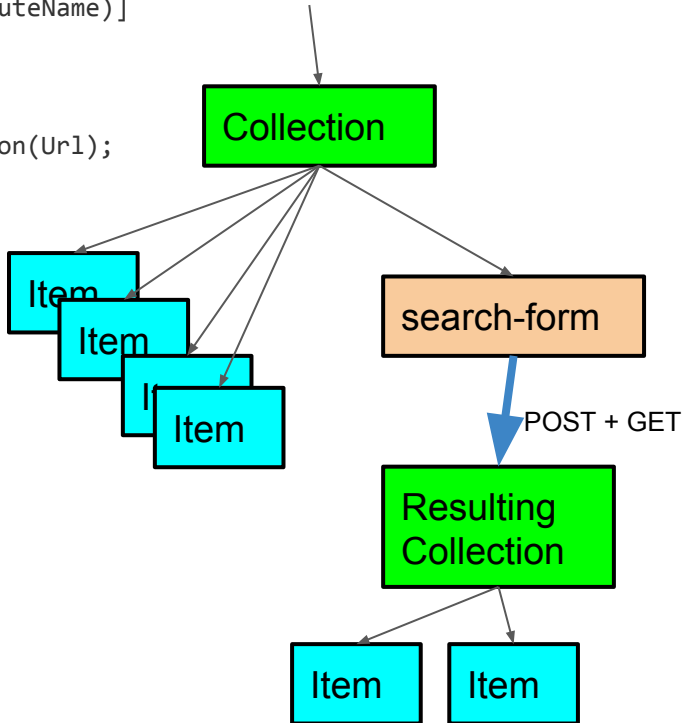
      <input type="submit" value="Submit">
    </form>
  </body>
</html>
```



# 1. Small Scale Patterns

# 1.1 Search

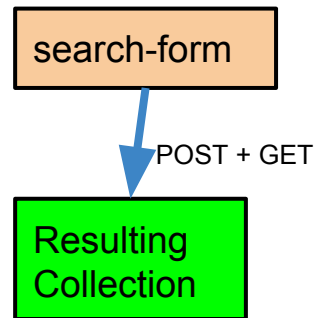
```
[GET("stockLowNotification/search", RouteName = StockLowNotificationSearchRouteName)]  
public FormRepresentation GetSearchForm()  
{  
    return new StockLowNotificationRepresentation().ToSearchFormRepresentation(Url);  
}  
  
[POST("stockLowNotification/search")]  
public HttpResponseMessage Search([FromBody] SearchRepresentation criteria)  
{  
    return Url  
        .MakeStockLowNotificationListUri(criteria.Search)  
        .MakeCreated(Request, "Search resource created");  
}
```



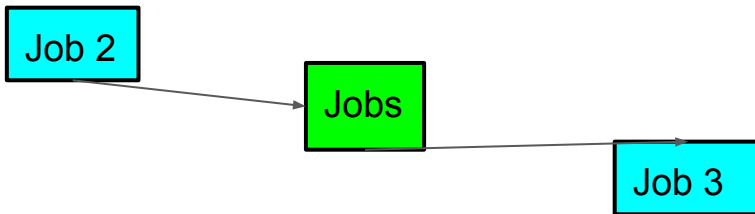
# Search

```
{  
  "message": "The resource has been created",  
  "status": "Search resource created",  
  "id": "https://example.com/stockLowNotification/searchresult?q=a"  
}
```

```
[GET("stockLowNotification/searchresult", RouteName = StockLowNotificationListRouteName)]  
public FeedRepresentation GetSearchResults([FromUri(Name = "q")] string search)  
{  
    return _stockLowNotificationRepository  
        .GetByName(search)  
        .ToSearchResultRepresentation(Url, search);  
}
```



## 1.2 Recursion



```
{
  "links": [
    {
      "rel": "self",
      "href": "https://example.com/job/2"
    },
    {
      "rel": "up",
      "href": "https://example.com/product/2/job"
    },
    {
      "rel": "edit-form",
      "href": "https://example.com/job/2/edit-form"
    },
    {
      "rel": "jobs",
      "href": "https://example.com/job/2/job"
    }
  ],
  "description": "An endless job..."
}
```

```
{
  "links": [
    {
      "rel": "self",
      "href": "https://example.com/job/3"
    },
    {
      "rel": "up",
      "href": "https://example.com/job/2/job"
    },
    {
      "rel": "edit-form",
      "href": "https://example.com/job/3/edit-form"
    },
    {
      "rel": "jobs",
      "href": "https://example.com/job/4/job"
    }
  ],
  "description": "One job after another..."
}
```

# Recursion

```
[GET("job/{jobId:int}/job", RouteName = JobsUriFactory.JobsOnJobRouteName)]  
public FeedRepresentation GetJobsOnJob(int jobId)  
{  
    return __jobRepository  
        .GetByJob(jobId)  
        .ToRepresentationOnJob(Url, jobId);  
}
```

```
[GET("job/{jobId:int}/job/create-form", RouteName = JobsUriFactory.JobOnJobCreateFormRouteName)]  
public FormRepresentation GetJobCreateForm(int jobId)  
{  
    return new JobRepresentation().ToCreateFormRepresentationOnJob(Url, jobId);  
}
```

## 2. Medium Scale Patterns

## 2.1 Network of Data as an Anti-Corruption Layer

- Clean domain model
- API maps between that model and the ugly backend
- A single change through the front-end could led to several databases being changed
- The mappings evolve as the backend is cleaned up

## 2.2 Client-Side Hydration Strategies

- UI needs certain data to be loaded
  - Some eagerly, some lazy
- ORM approach
- We hydrate the required subgraph of the network of data
  - Recursively



# Client-side Hydration

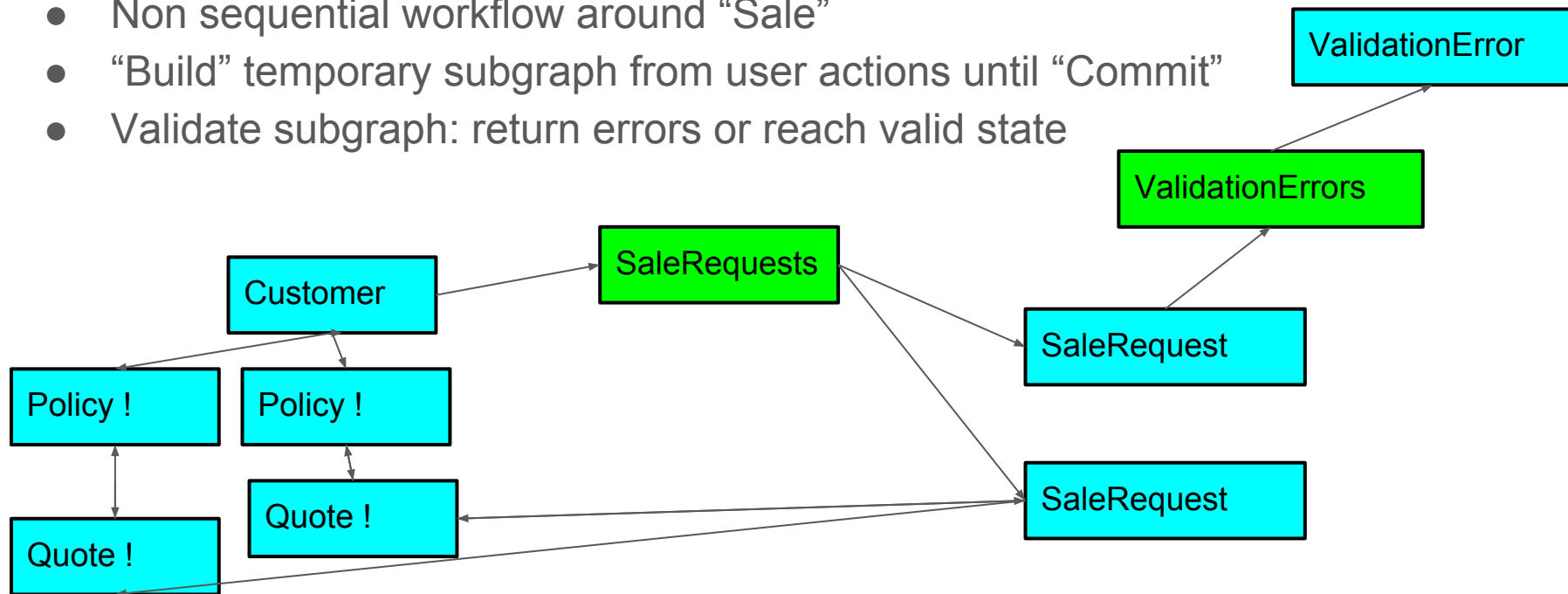
```
export class Person extends RestDomain {  
  @mobx calls: CollectionRepresentation<Call>;  
  @mobx relatedParties: CollectionRepresentation<Party>;  
  ....  
  hydrateTransitively() {  
    return this  
      .hydrateRelationships([addresses_, notes_], {alsoHydrateChildren: true})  
      .then(() => this.hydrateRelationships([relatedParties_, calls_, sales_, policyEnquiries_],  
        {transitiveHydrate: true}));  
  }  
}
```

```
const calls_ = {name: 'calls', toMany: true, optional: true, make: () => Call.make};  
const relatedParties_ = {...};  
const addresses_ = {...};  
...
```

## 2.3 Business Transactions in REST

Network of data contains data and state (**R**epresentational **S**tate **T**ransfer)

- Non sequential workflow around “Sale”
- “Build” temporary subgraph from user actions until “Commit”
- Validate subgraph: return errors or reach valid state



# 3. Large Scale Patterns

# 3.1 Hypermedia & Microservices

1990s and earlier

**Coupling**

**Pre-SOA (monolithic)**  
Tight coupling



2000s

**Traditional SOA**  
Looser coupling



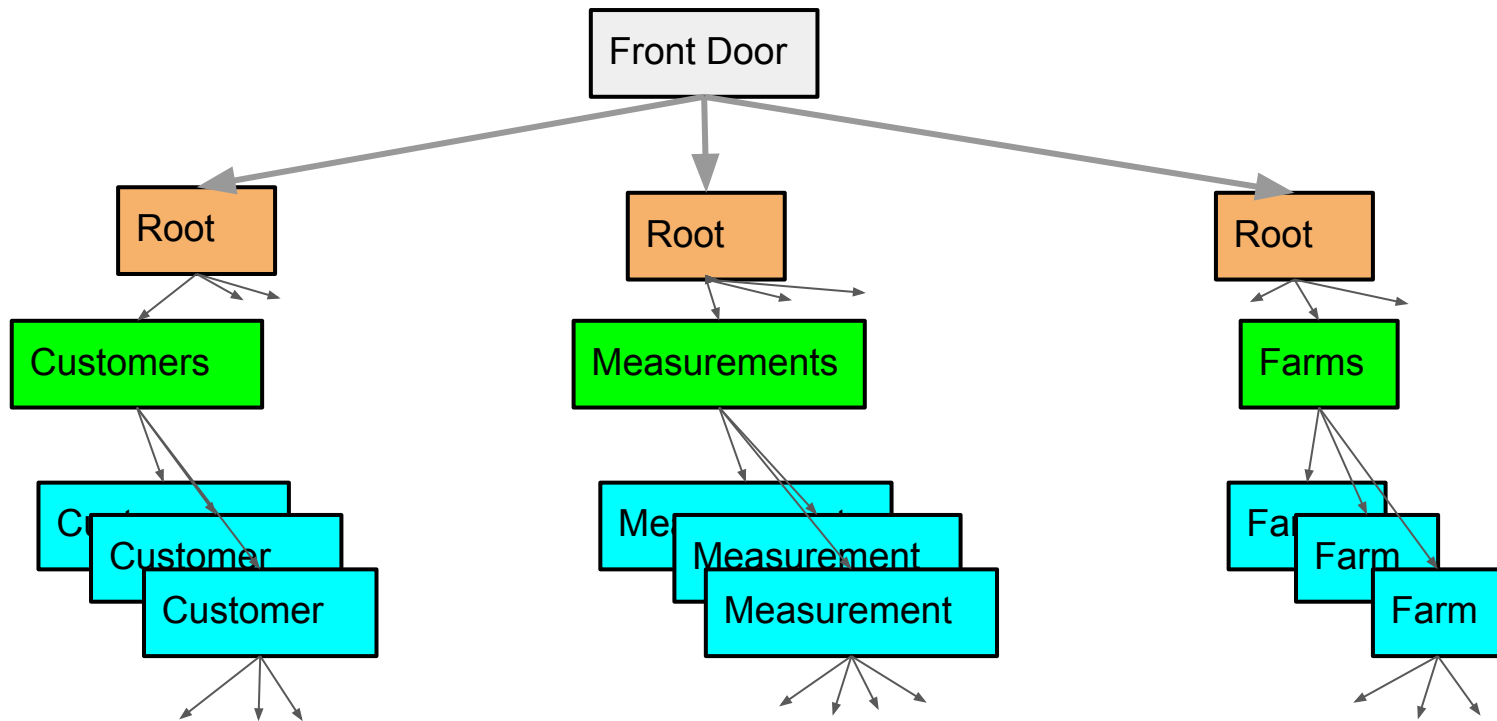
2010s

**Microservices**  
Decoupled



This looks like a graph!

Its graphs all the way down...



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# Hypermedia Pros

- Secure - one front door
- Workflow and data means smaller clients
- Simple - typically 80% less code
- Fast - async loading
- Scaleable - clients do more work, caching
- Microformat - more general/simpler clients
- Version resilience
- Separation of concerns (front and back end)
- Encourages composition (small reusable components)
- Refactoring strategy