

Software Application Engineering

Software Application Architecture & Integration

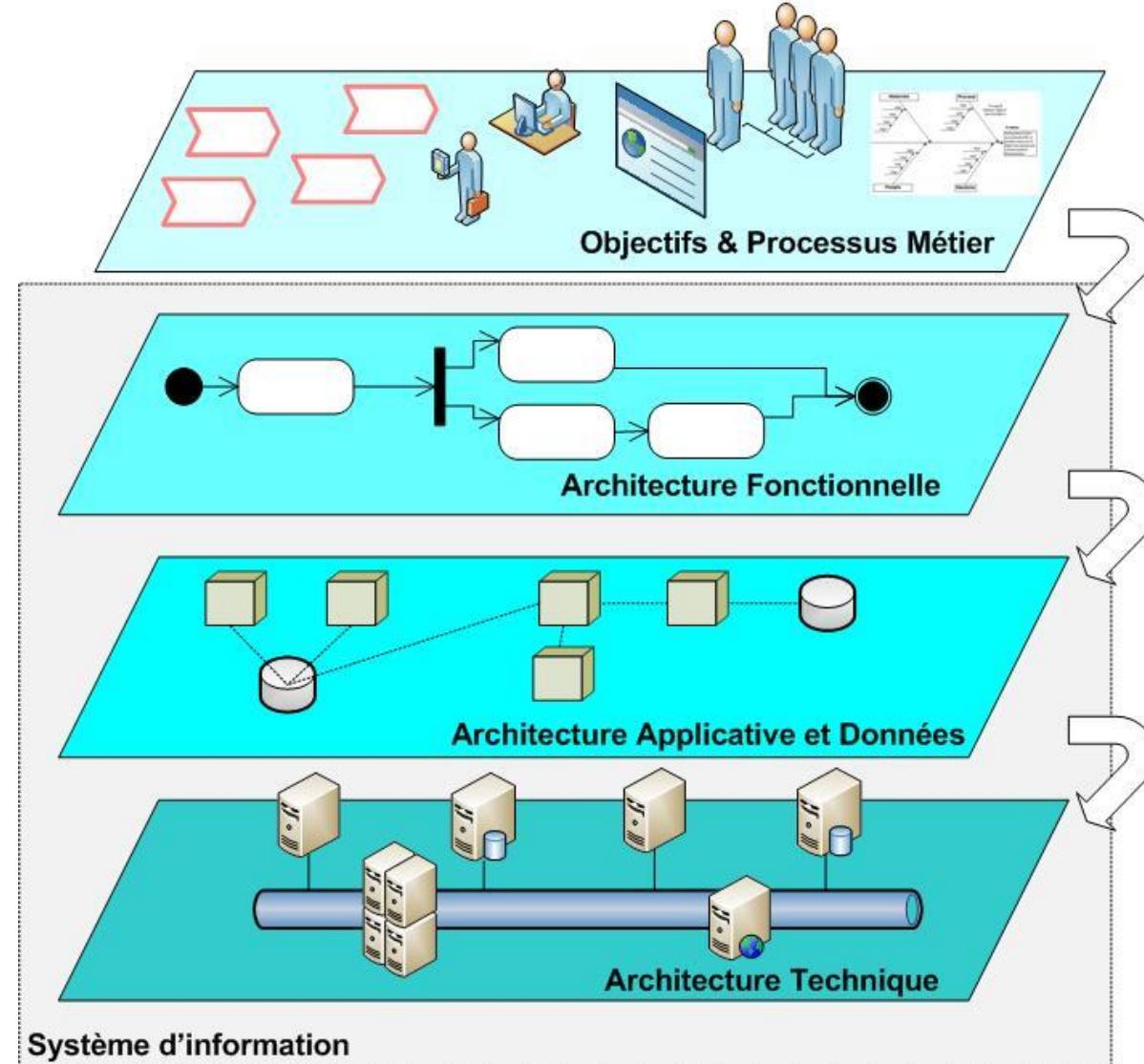


Introduction

Application architecture

- *arrangement of functions/processes, of information/data and of their interaction patterns*
- representation of the Information System as
 - **communicating** (exchanging messages, a/synchronous flows)
 - **application blocks** (software components / executable modules offering a service via an interface), highlighting choices made to ensure
 - scalability of the IS in the face of changes in the business
 - reuse and overall consistency of the components
- and definition of the **implementation on the technical infrastructure**, taking into account:
 - the technical architectures and the existence of software packages
 - non-functional constraints (QoS, load...)
 - organizational constraints and the level of competence of internal teams

The 4 levels of IS urbanization



Objective of this chapter

- Providing a panorama of the different families of application architectures (they are all still met!)
- Discovering the principles of the basic mechanisms for application integration

Layered application structure (“tiers”)

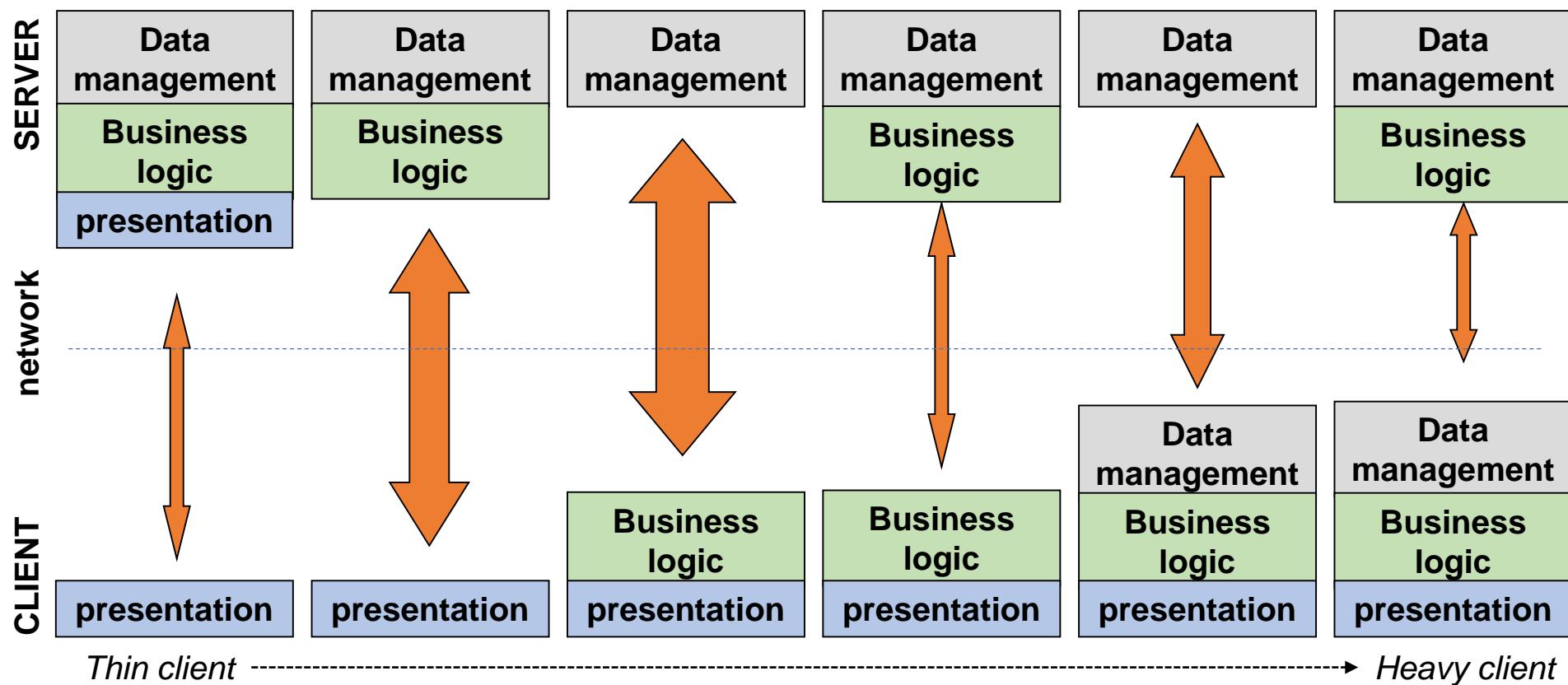
Division of an application into 3 general functions, which can evolve independently:

- **Presentation:**
user inputs and commands, and display
- **Business logic:**
business objects, rules, processing logic, processes
- **Data:**
 - Data access logic:
data model and query language
 - Data storage :
read/write, persistence mechanism, distribution system, replication system



Application architectures

Several strategies for distributing functions between terminals and servers:



Agenda



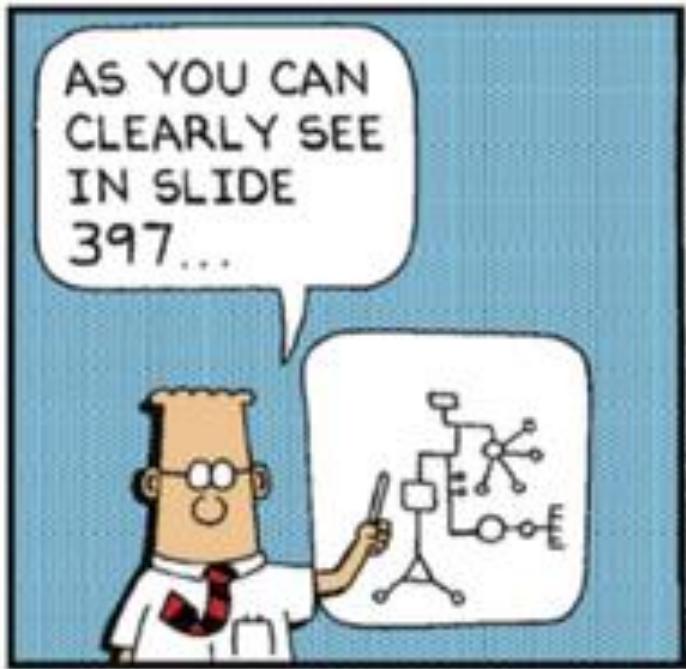
monolithic

modular
& distributed

- I. Typology of application architectures
 - A. Autonomous applications
 - 1. Mainframes
 - 2. Variation et evolutions: Web Applications
 - 3. Mobile terminals
 - B. Multi-tier architecture
 - 1. 2-tier architecture
 - 2. 3-5-tier architecture
 - 3. Application Servers
 - C. Service-oriented architecture

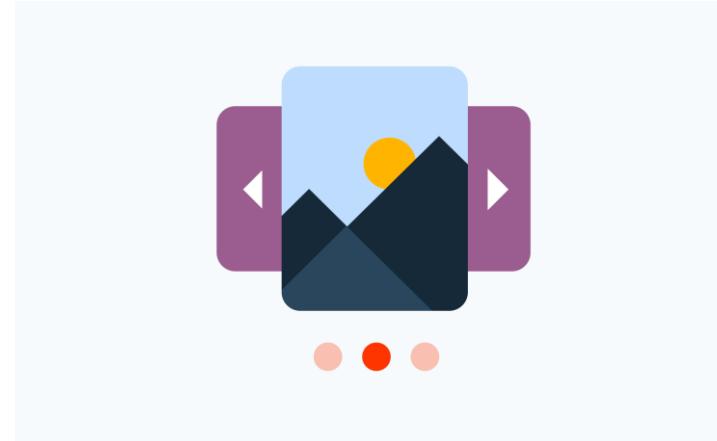
- II. Deployment on the technical architecture
 - 1. Peer-to-peer architecture
 - 2. n-tier architecture
 - 3. Deployment in the cloud
 - 4. Virtualization and containers
- III. Application Integration
 - 1. ICP
 - 2. RPC and ORB
 - 3. MOM
 - 4. orchestration

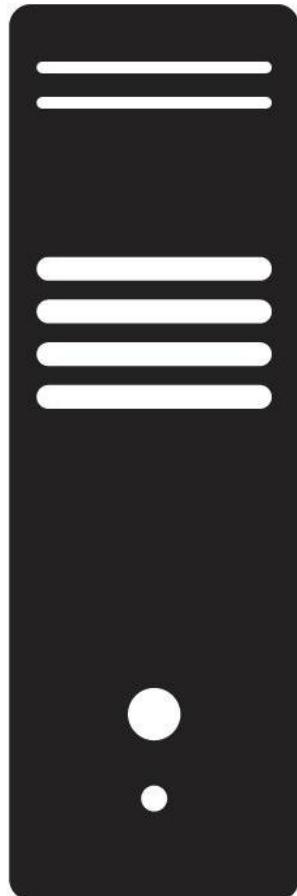
A lot to cover today!



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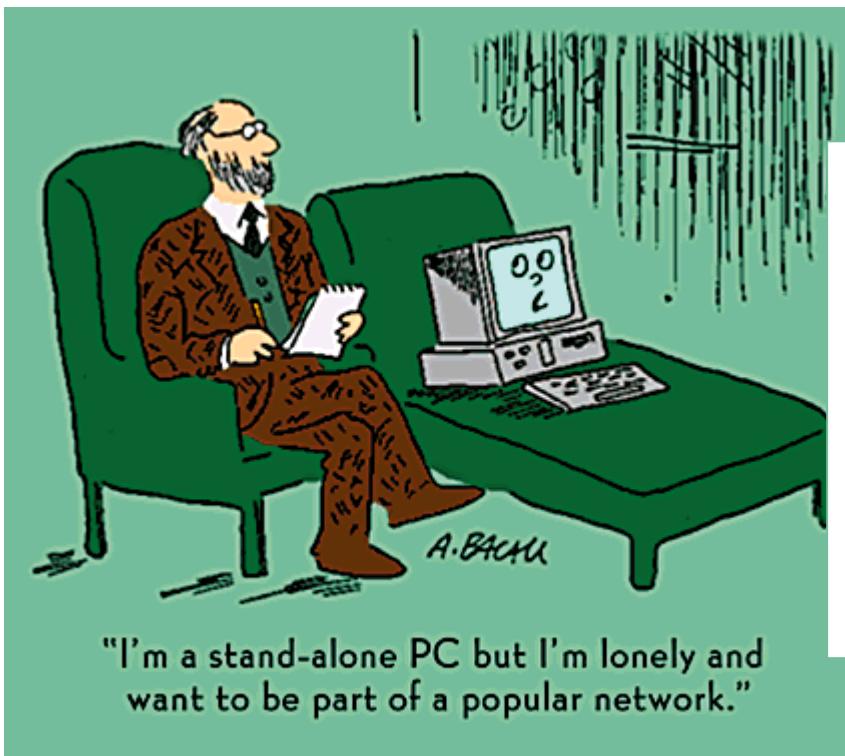
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Single tier

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Autonomous
applications

Autonomous application

The 3 application layers are tightly coupled and run on the same computer.



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import java.io.*;
public class ReadFromFile {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        File file = new File("C:\\\\Users\\\\galtier\\\\Desktop\\\\test.txt");
        BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(file));
        String st;
        while ((st = br.readLine()) != null)
            System.out.println(st.toUpperCase());
        encrypt(file, "mySecretKey");
    }
}
```

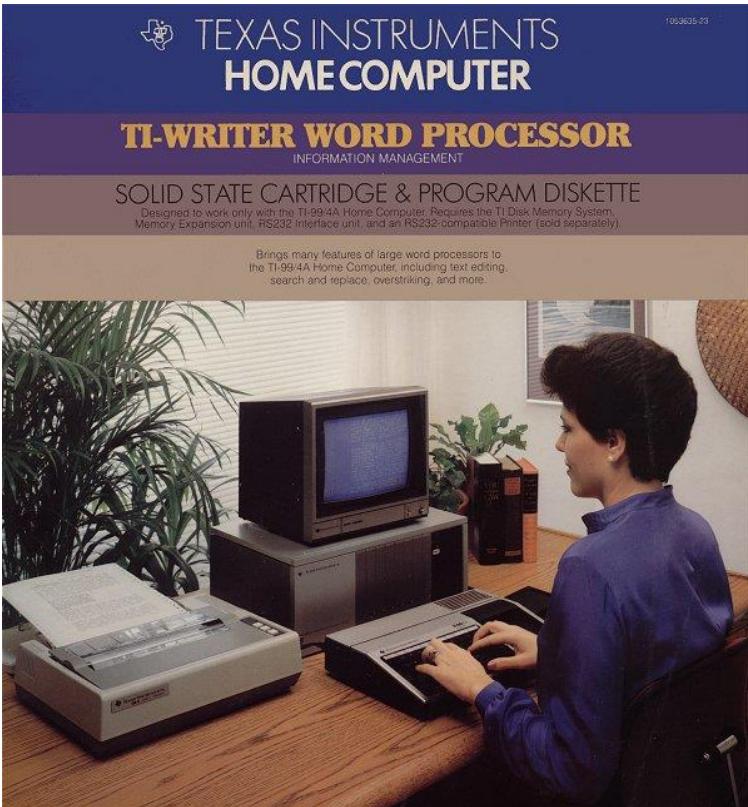
data

processing

presentation

2 “eras”

- “pre-network” PC (and 70’s – mid 80’s)
- Powerful mobile terminals



Advantages

- Performance
 - 0 latency
- Ergonomics
 - application developed specifically for a machine, exploiting its I/O interface specificities
- Offline operation
- Isolation
 - no attack without physical access to the machine
- Simplicity
 - Well... it depends...

Disadvantages

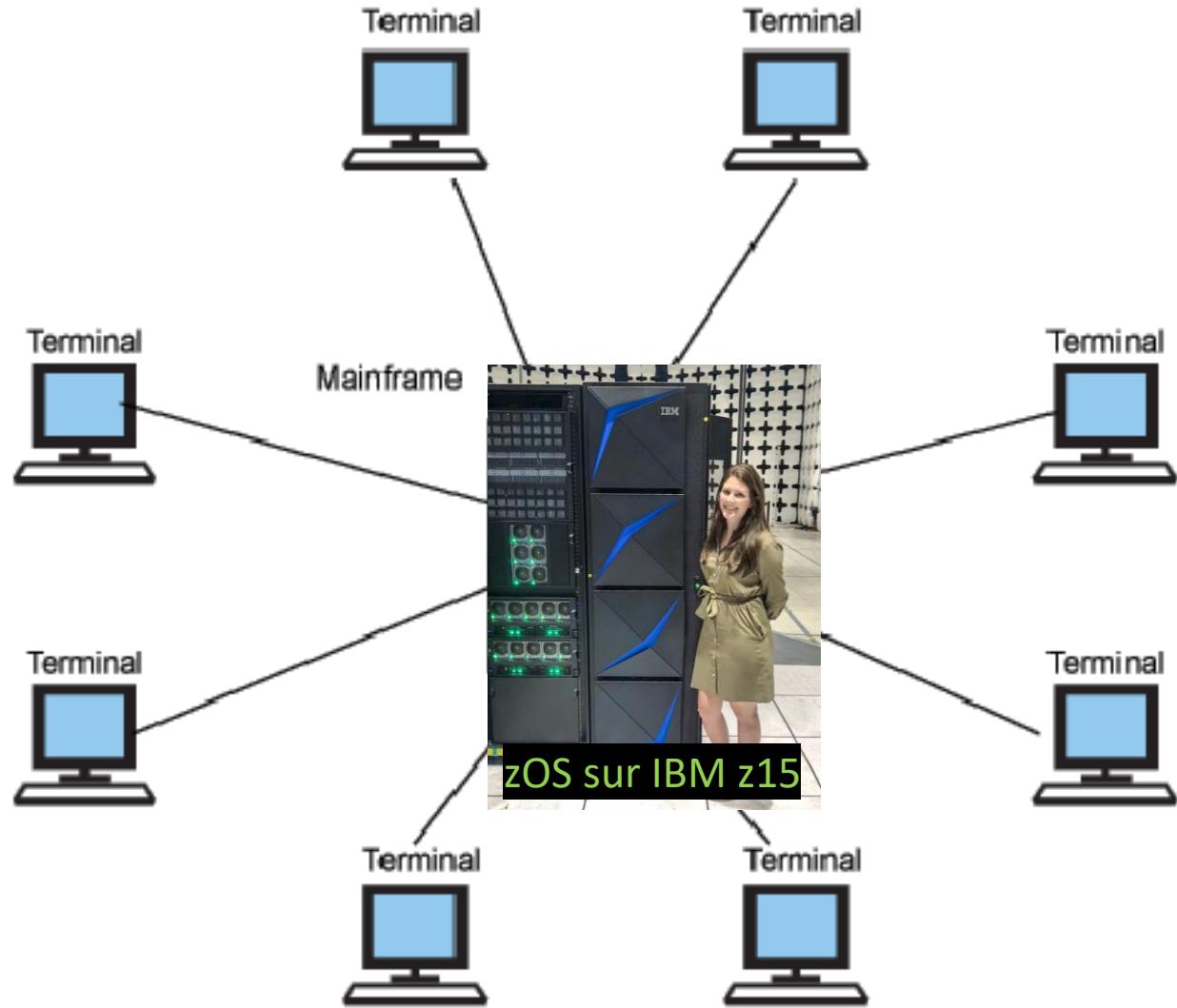
- Difficult deployment:
 - broadcast and maintain on each terminal
 - reinstall if the underlying system needs to be reinstalled
- Difficult nomadism:
 - access limited to physically connected users
 - more difficult (if not impossible) to resume a task from a different location/machine
- Isolation: same data stored several times →
 - no economy of scale (in storage resources)
 - duplications → risk of inconsistencies



I. A. 1. Mainframe architectures

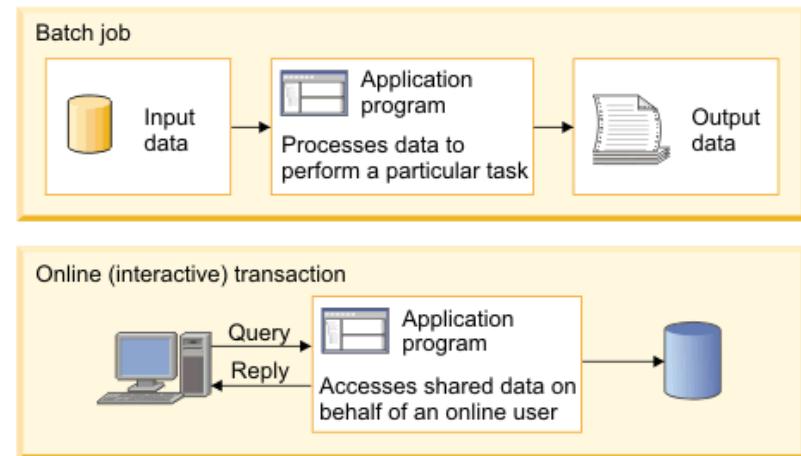
Principle

- Logics for persistence, treatment, and presentation remain aggregated into an indissociable “monolithic” whole.
- Mainframe server: proprietary hardware and OS
- Supercomputer + passive clients (lightweight visualization application)



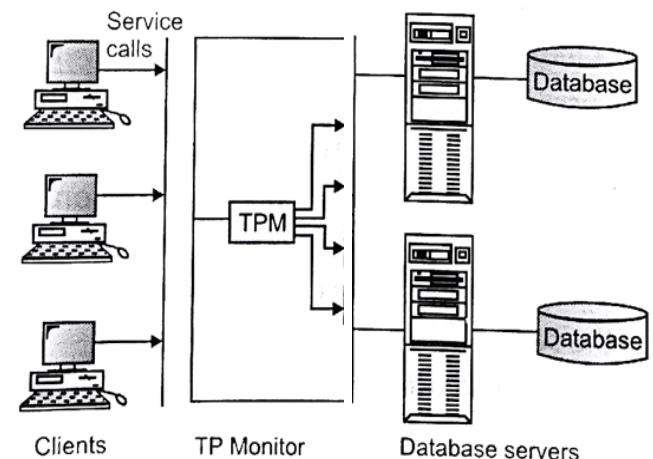
Fast and Many

- Industrial sectors :
 - banks, insurances, airlines...
- Ability to handle a very large number of simultaneous queries on very large databases
 - batch or real time operation:
 - batch back-office
 - offline processing of queued jobs
 - manipulation (and creation) of terabytes of data
 - transactional
 - customer interaction
 - in competition with a very large number of other transactions



Transactions

- *Program accessing and/or modifying persistent data*
- A good transaction is
 - **Atomic**: all changes on the state are executed or none is (return to the initial state)
 - **Consistent**: leaves the system in a valid state (respect of the constraints defined on the data)
 - **Isolated**: if transactions are executed simultaneously, it appears with each transaction that the others have been executed either before or after; during its execution the changes made to the data are invisible to the others.
 - **Durable**: changes performed by the transaction survive failures
- Transactional monitor ("TP monitor")
 - Orders transactions executed in parallel
 - Multiplexing of queries on system resources
 - Transaction management (ACID properties compliance)



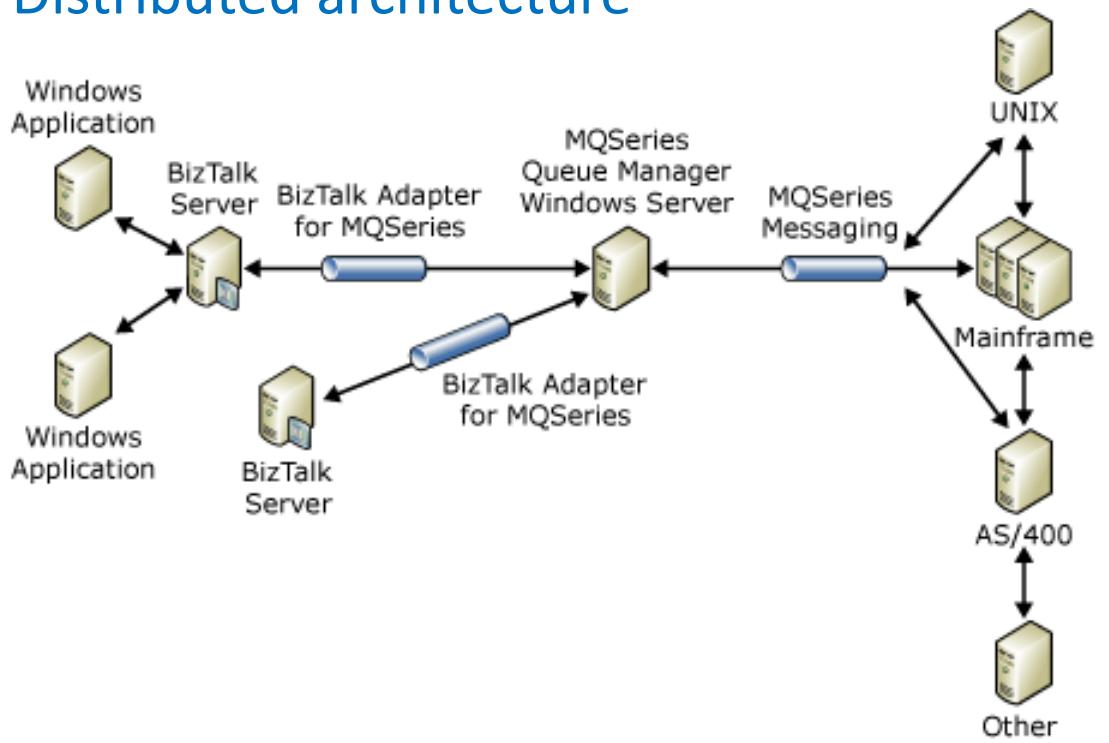
Advantages

- Ability to handle a very large number of simultaneous queries on very large databases
 - specialized technology, nb cores++, memory++
- Reliability (IBM Z customers: 99.9999% uptime)
 - redundancy+++
 - robustness
- Consistency, stability and long-term support
- Security
 - very restricted access (but less than it used to)
 - hardware encryption

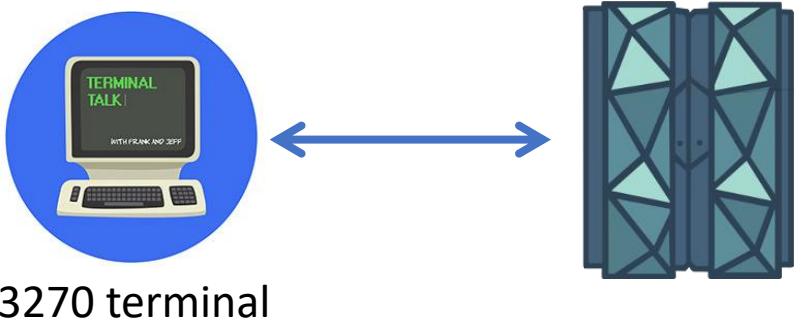


Mainframe in IS architectures

Distributed architecture



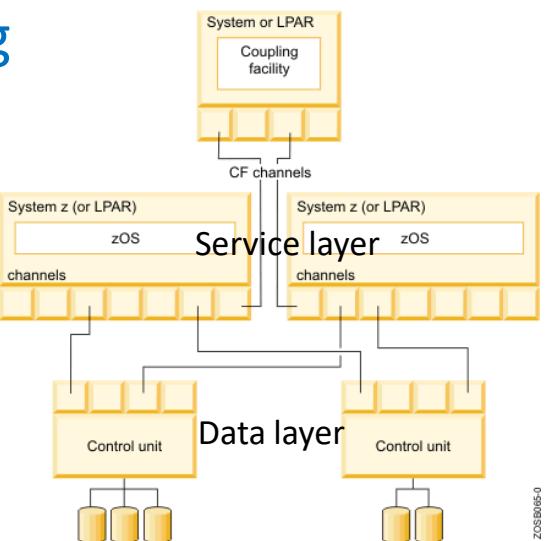
Host architecture



3270 terminal

Clustering

link of
up to 32 servers

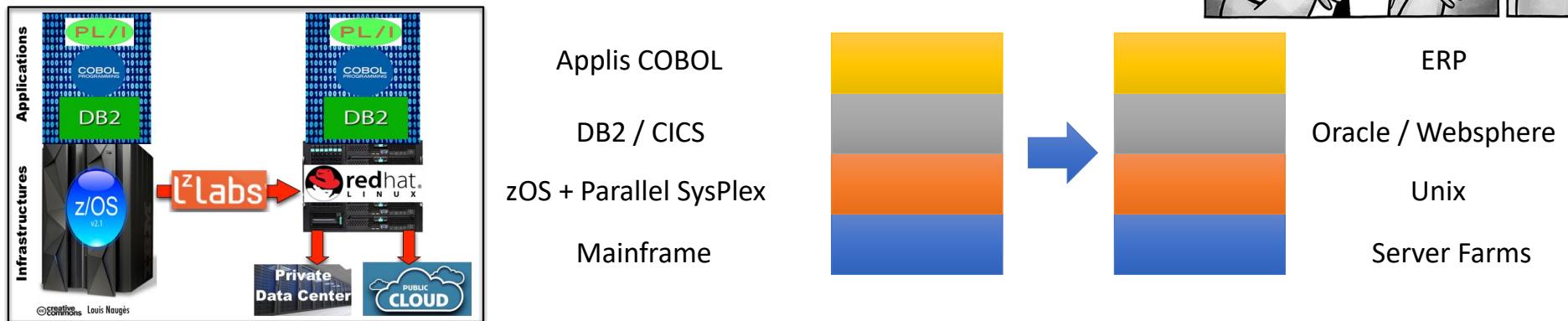


Massively used

- 71% of the Fortune 500, 96 of the 100 largest banks use mainframes
- Process 30 billion commercial transactions per day, 87% of credit card transactions
- 250 billion lines of COBOL code, and another 5 new billion each year

Perspectives

- Closed world, proprietary solutions
- Costs:
 - Licenses: high (consensus!)
 - Maintenance: low, designed for robustness
 - Energy consumption? (contradictory figures)
- Mainframe skills that will become rare
 - "mainframe academy": little success
 - but Cobol simple to understand
- Credible alternatives + migration experience





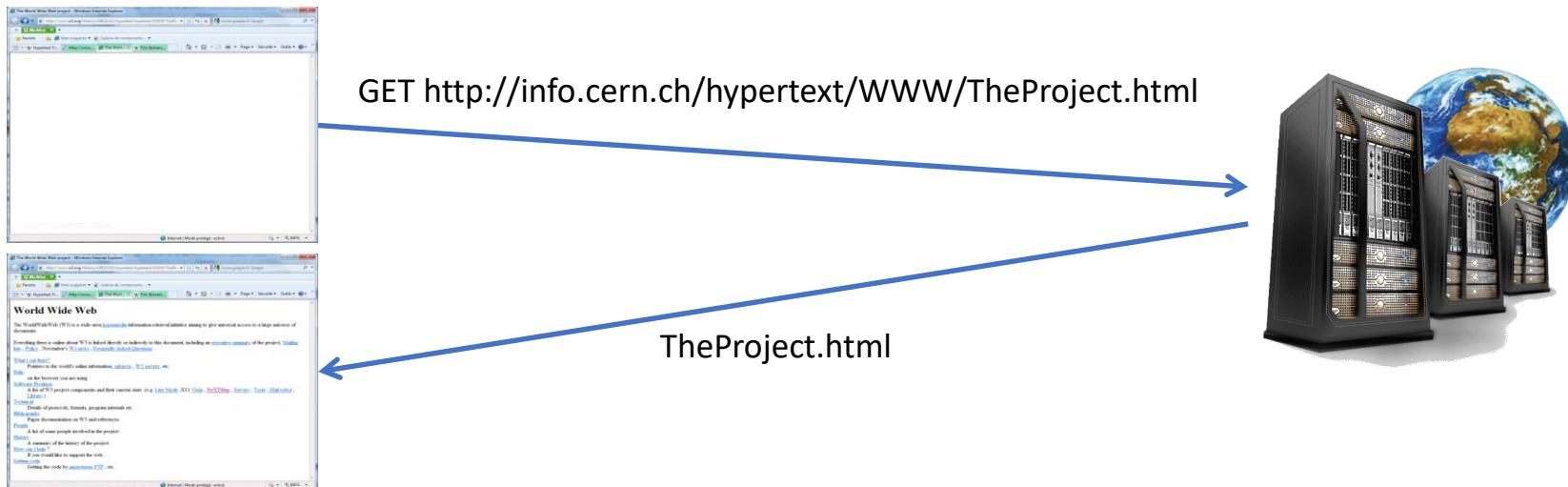
Variations et evolutions

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Web Applications

A particular case of the host model

- Client terminal: generic and simple
browser merely displays pages as-is (presentation)
- Server performs all the computations
provides pages/files (data storage and processing, some presentation)



A basic model

- Technologies:
 - HTTP request/response communication protocol
 - content description with HTML
- Open and standardized context: RFC, W3C
- Easy to implement
 - Client is generic and without advanced functions (browser)
 - Anyone can develop a web server

HTTP: a very simple yet robust and pervasive protocol

- 2 main commands: GET/POST (+6 others)
- stateless: no “session” concept
 - + ease clustering
 - sessions must be managed another way
- able to benefit from cache/proxy

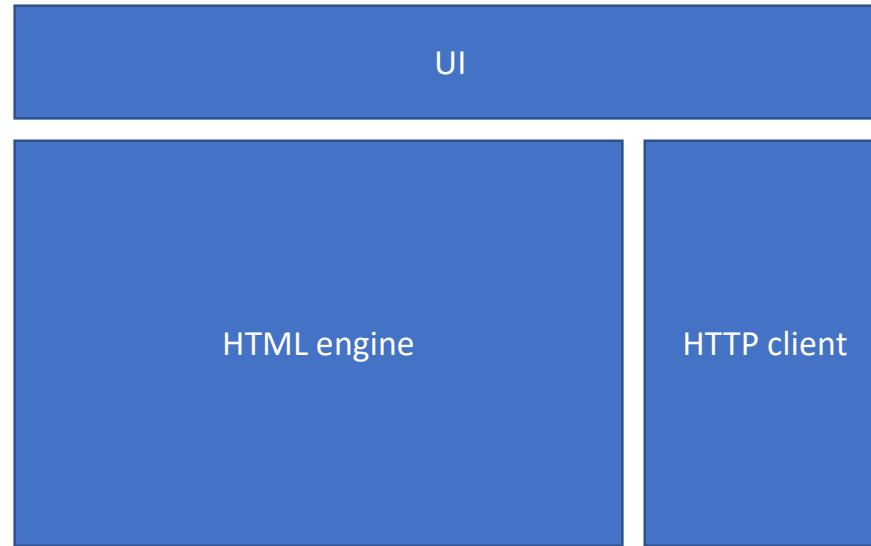
HTML

```
<HEADER>
  <TITLE>The World Wide Web project</TITLE>
</HEADER>
<BODY>
  <H1>World Wide Web</H1>

  <P>The WorldWideWeb (W3) is a wide-area <A HREF="WhatIs.html">hypermedia</A> information
  retrieval initiative aiming to give universal access to a large universe of documents.</P>

  <P>Everything there is online about W3 is linked directly or indirectly to this document, including an <A
  HREF="Summary.html">executive summary</A> of the project, <A
  HREF="Administration/Mailing/Overview.html">Mailing lists</A>, <A HREF="Policy.html">Policy</A>,
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</BODY>
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The early browser

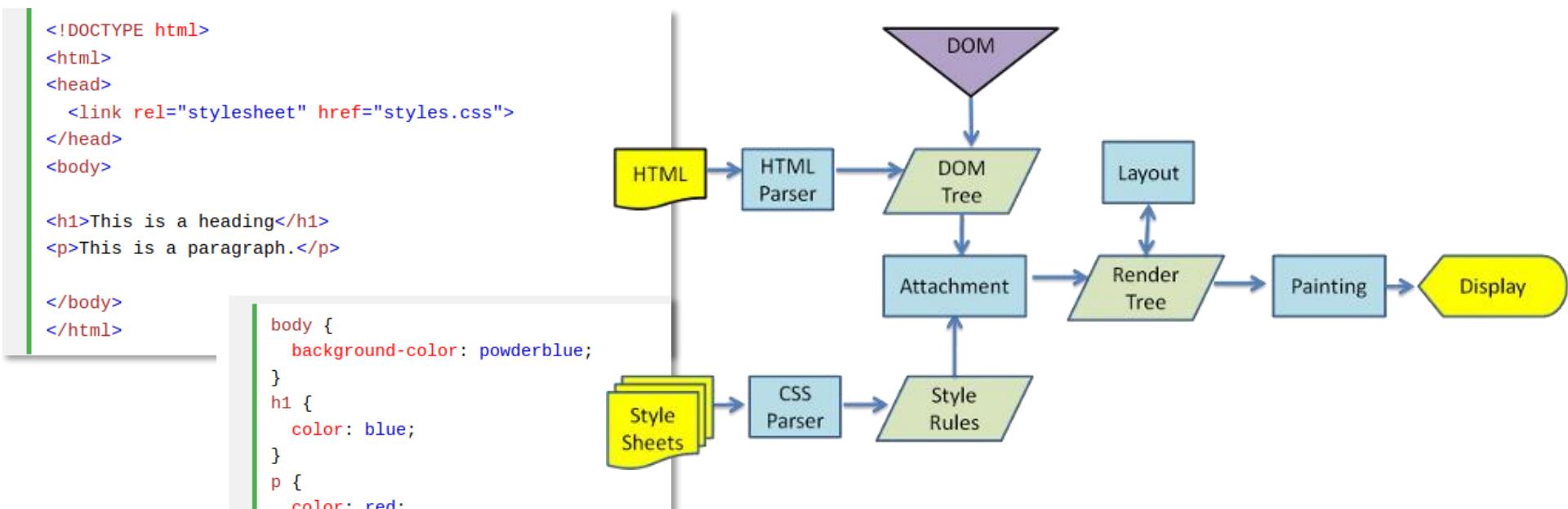
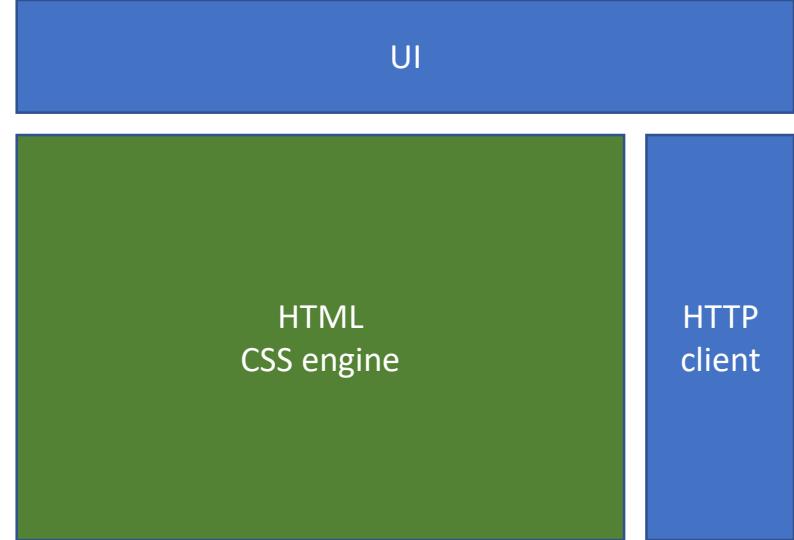


A basic model...
that has been able to evolve

- Towards more security: HTTPS
- Towards more dynamic and interactive pages (Rich Internet/Web Application): the application is partially animated by the browser rather than by the remote server

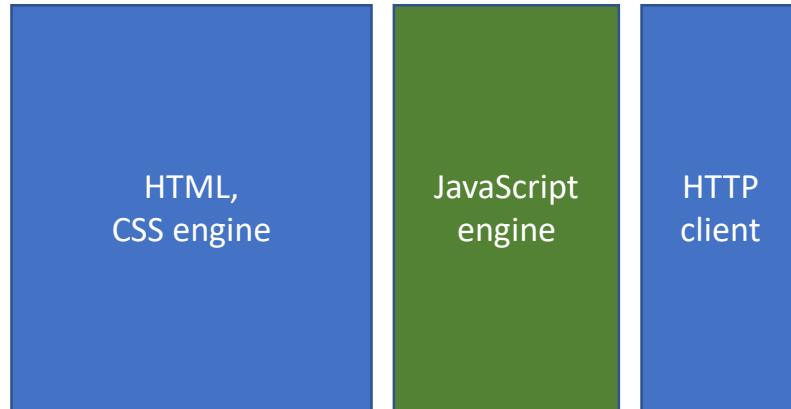
Separation of the content from the style/presentation

- CSS: Cascading Style Sheet
 - Multiple possible presentation for a content
 - Homogeneous presentation of multiple contents



Integration of scripts on the client side

- <script> tag within the HTML
- Interpreted by the browser
→ Dynamic HTML (DHTML)



```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h1>My First JavaScript</h1>

<p>JavaScript can change the content of an HTML element:</p>
<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Click Me!</button>

<p id="demo">This is a demonstration.</p>

<script>
function myFunction() {
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Hello JavaScript!";
}
</script>

</body>
</html>
  
```

My First JavaScript

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Javascript

- Interpreted language
- Created in 1995 by Netscape
- Originally interpreted on the client side (now also used on the server side, in mobile app, on desktop applications, IoT... « *any application that can be written in JavaScript, will eventually be written in JavaScript* »)

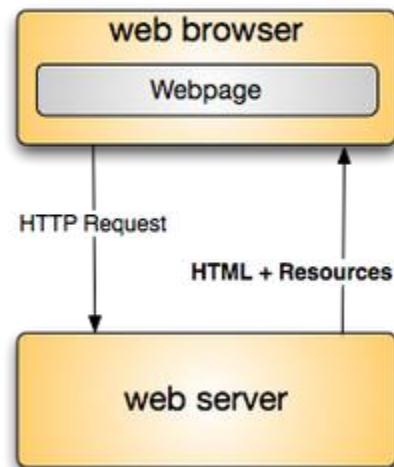
DHTML

- Principle:
Interact with the DOM to change appearance or content in response to user actions (click...)
- Usage:
 - Validate (or indicate errors to the user) a form before sending the data to the server
 - Create presentation animations (modal windows, image carousels...)
 - Facilitate navigation (drop-down menus...)

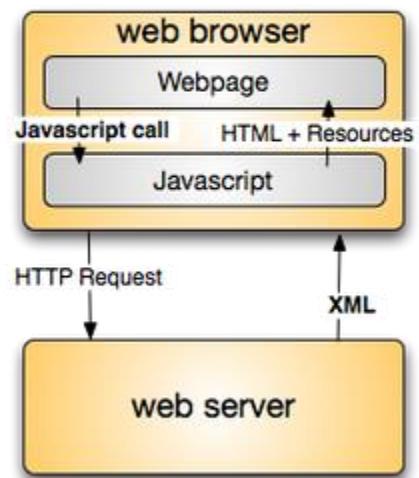
AJAX

- *Asynchronous JavaScript + XML* ([XML] → most often replaced by JSON for structuring transported data)
- Requests the HTTP server in the background
- Allows you to change part of the page content without reloading the whole page.
 - Less latency for the user
 - Less traffic and server load
- Aggregates data from different HTTP servers before presentation

Traditional web model



AJAX web model

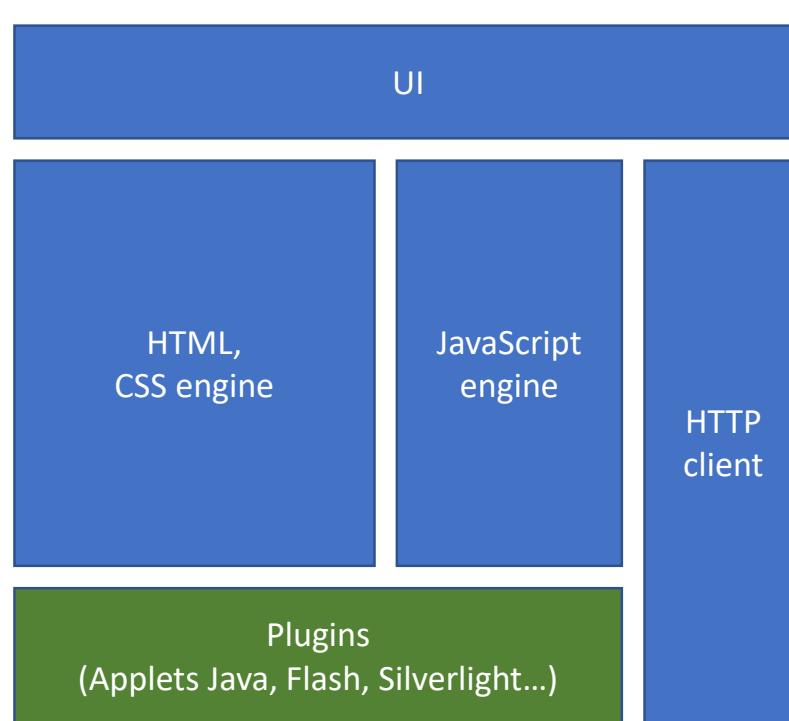


Drawbacks

- Code is visible
- It's difficult to index the pages
- Web caches are not used as much
- It's difficult to navigate back (navigation history points to the original page)

Applets

- Tag (object, embed, [applet]) or script referencing a small compiled application
- Executed by the browser in a dedicated space



```
<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
  swfobject.embedSWF("myContent.swf", "myContent", "300", "120", "9.0.0");
</script>
</head>
<body>
  <div id="myContent"> <p>Alternative content</p> </div>
  <object width="400" height="50" data="bookmark.swf"></object>
  <embed width="400" height="50" src="bookmark.swf">
  <applet code="Bubbles.class" width="350" height="350">
    Java applet that draws animated bubbles.
  </applet>
  <object width="300" height="300"
    data="data:application/x-silverlight-2,"
    type="application/x-silverlight-2" >
    <param name="source" value="SilverlightApplication1.xap"/>
  </object>
</body>
```

Evolution doesn't stop: HTML5

- does not only focus on the contents of web pages but also on interactivity (web application oriented)
- Introduction of new types for the input tag : tel, email...
- Introduction of new tags video, track, canvas...
- New Javascript APIs:
 - 2D drawing (with canvas), 3D content (third-party WebGL API), multimedia
 - local persistence, local SQL database
 - content editing, drag-and-drop
 - browsing history
 - geolocation
 - ...



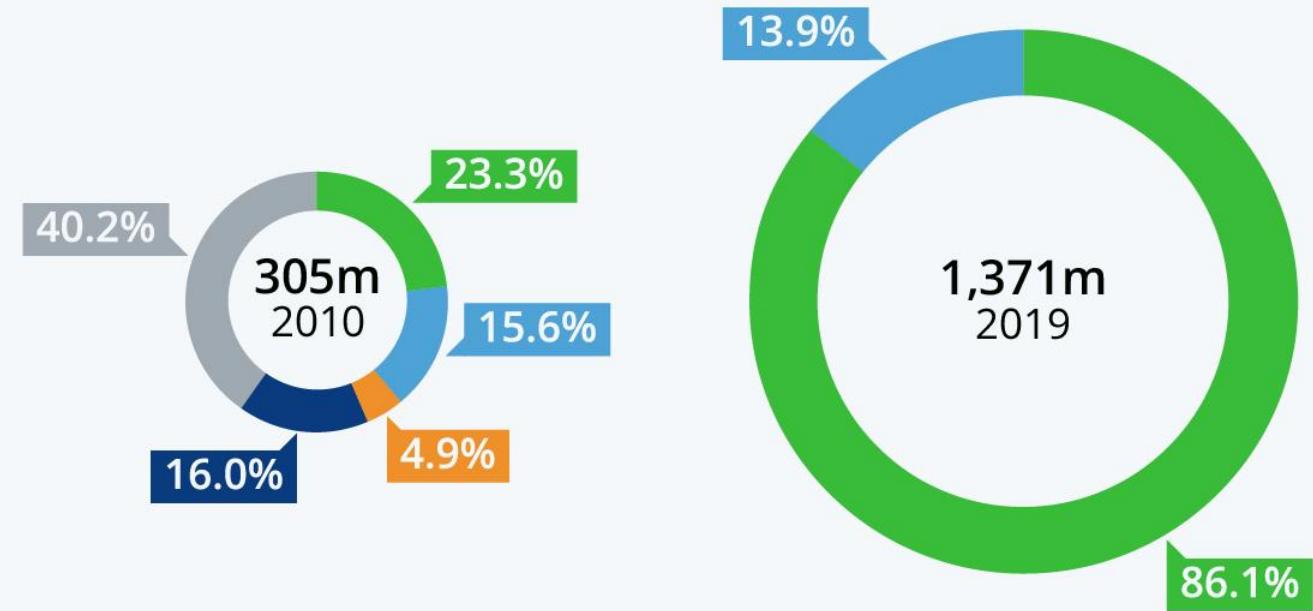
Special case
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Mobile Terminals

Market for mobile terminals

The Smartphone Duopoly

Worldwide smartphone market share by operating system (based on unit shipments)

● Android ● iOS ● Windows Phone ● BlackBerry ● Others



Source: IDC



The specificities

- Intermittent, variable capacity connection
- More limited resources
- Different OSes and development environments, that evolve very quickly

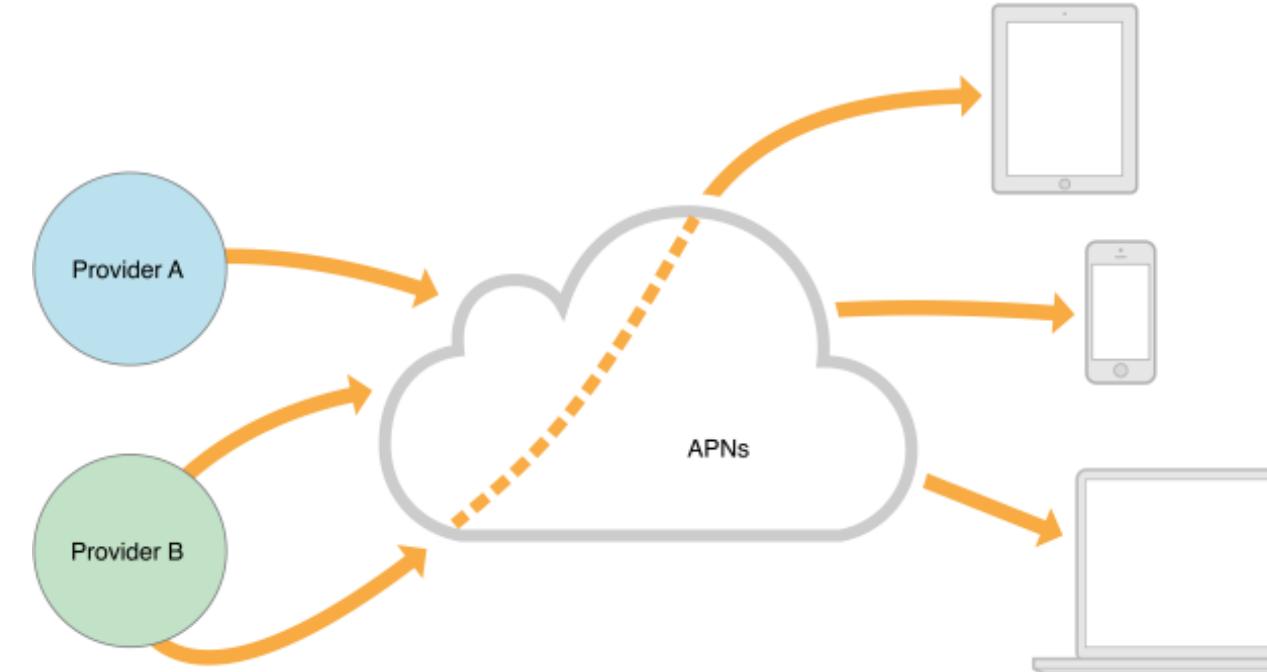
What are the consequences for the application architecture?

Not always connected

- Exploit the "disconnected" capabilities of HTML5
Web Storage API
- Reduce traffic:
 - Lighten the payload (JSON, less verbose than XML)
 - Cache implementation
- Proactively take advantage of login periods:
API to transfer data / update in the background, even when the app is not in use or not even started

Push services

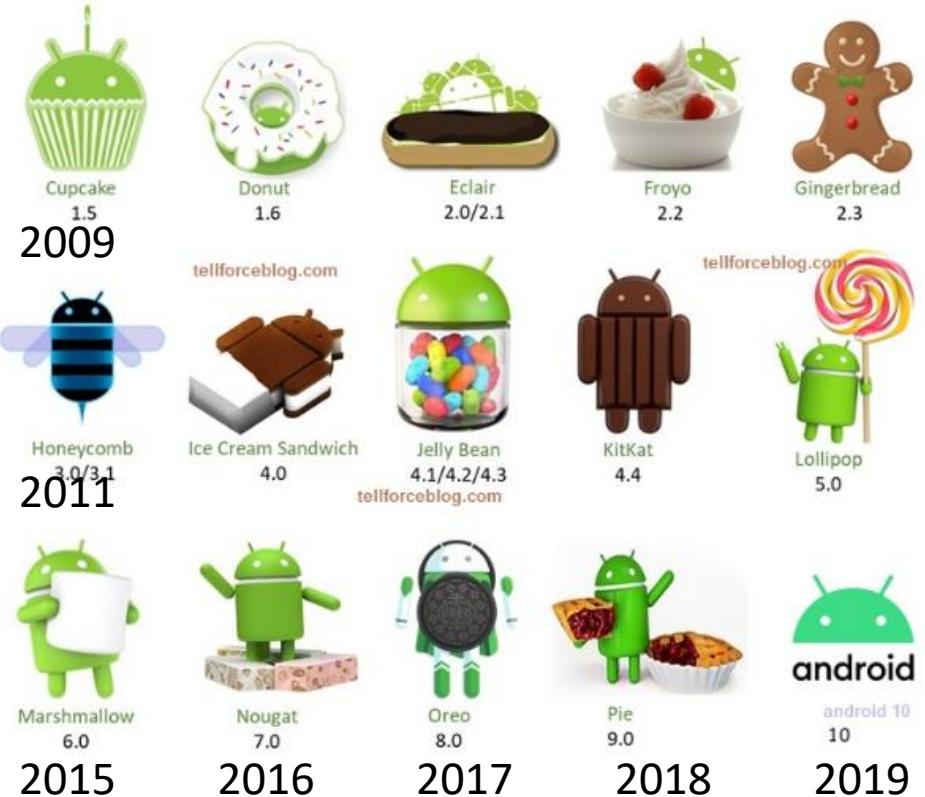
- Notification / message pushed by the server to a (previously registered) client interface
- Destination:
 - A single user
 - A group
 - A topic
- No guarantee of delivery
- Main notification services:
 - Apple Push Notification service
 - Google Firebase Cloud Messaging service



Scarce resources

- Carefully handle the life cycle of the app which can be interrupted at any time
- JSON parsing requires less resources than XML
- Restrict the App to simple functions where REST is sufficient vs SOAP that's more rich (transactions...) but not natively supported and difficult to integrate in Javascript (vs native JSON support in Javascript)

OS... a frantic pace



Version	iPhone OS 2	iPhone OS 3	iOS 4	iOS 5	iOS 6	Innsbruck	Okemo
Codename	Big Bear	Kirkwood	Apex	Telluride	Sundance	1500	4000
New APIs	n/a	1000	1500	1500	n/a		
New Features	n/a	100	100	200	200		

<https://www.imore.com/ios-8-review>

Native App Solution

- developed specifically for a platform
- installed via a store

Advantages:

- can use all the capabilities of the equipment (microphone, camera, GPS...)
- operates offline
- great performances

Limitations:

- development effort x 2
- developed using the specific technology for the platform
 - iOS :
 - proprietary system, Xcode IDE, Objective-C and Swift languages
 - impossible de restrict or customize the OS
 - no inter-app communication
 - no shared files
 - Android
 - open system, Android Studio IDE, Java or Kotlin languages

Cross-platform solution

- “generated native code”: one source code → two built apps (one for each platform)
- Popular solutions: React Native, Google Flutter...

Web App Solution

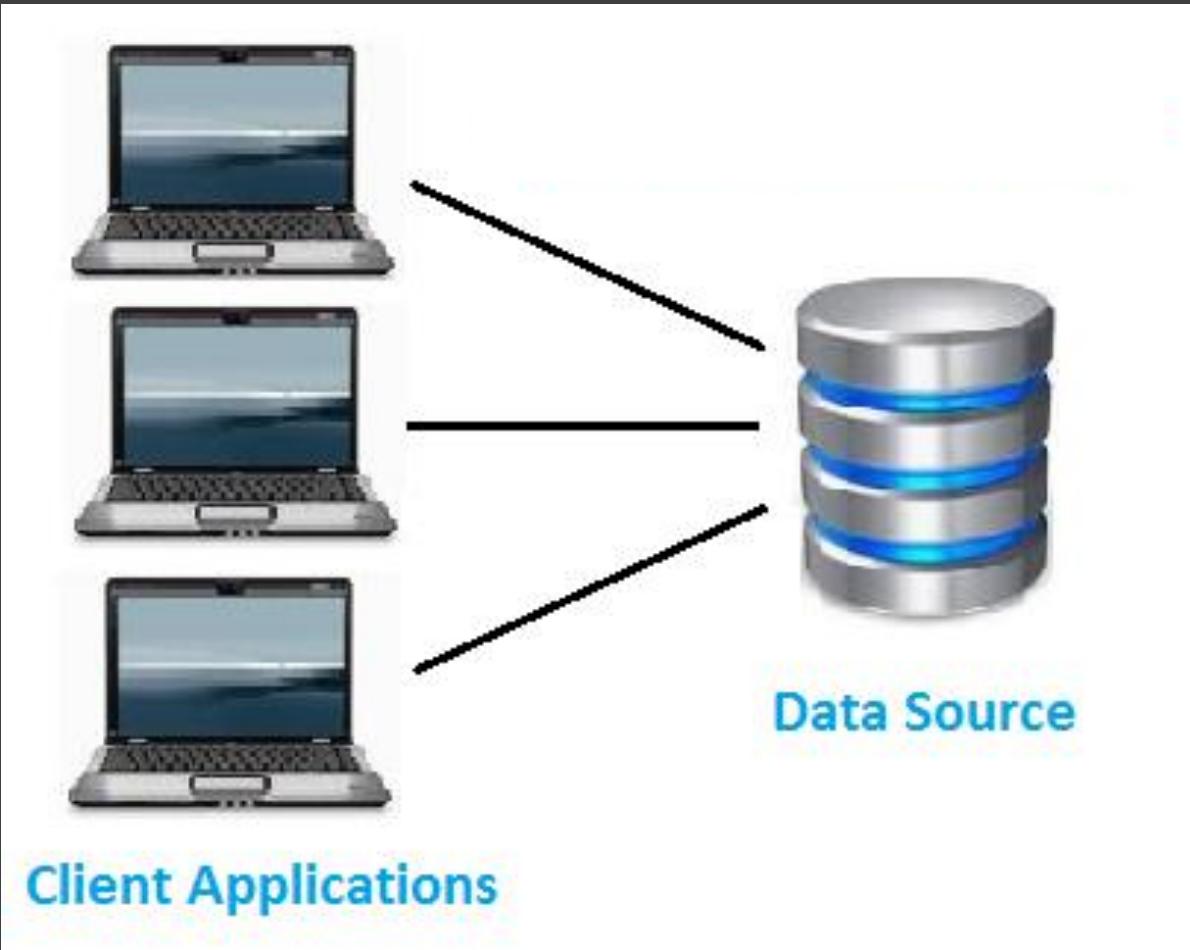
Web site intended to be browsed from a mobile terminal

Advantages:

- available directly via the browser
- only one version for 2 OS
- web techno mastered by a lot of developers

Limitations:

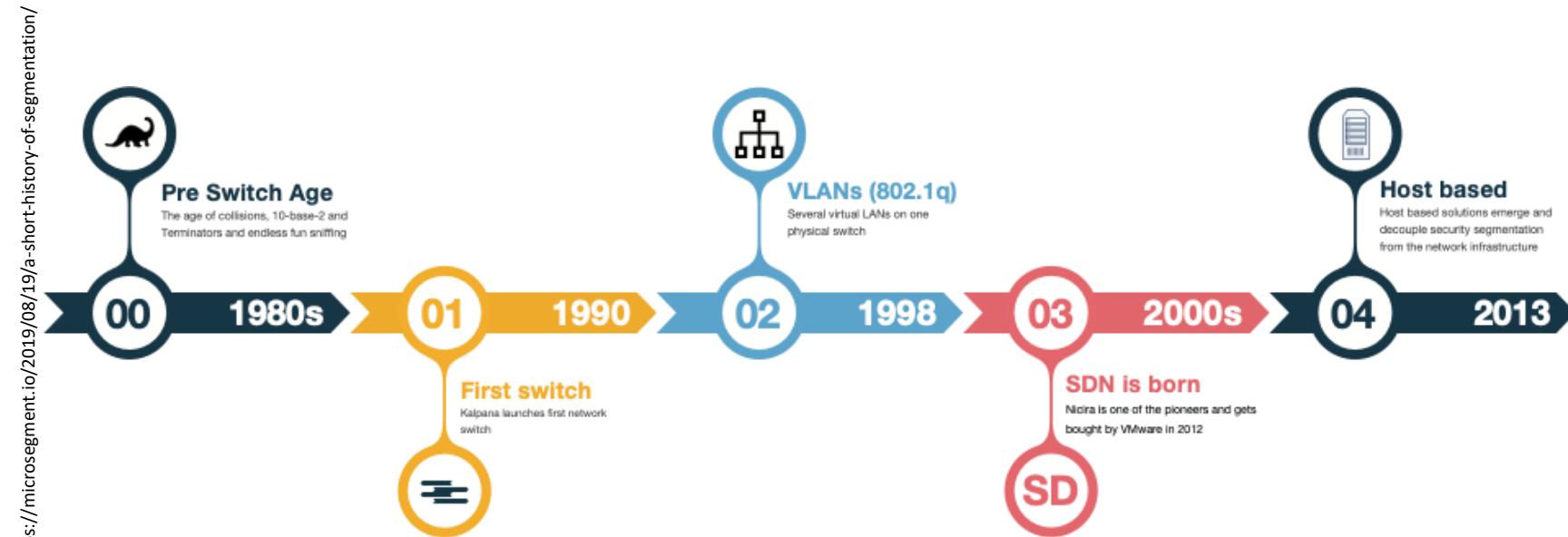
- requires a connection (unless assets are cached, some storage possibilities via HTML5)
- interactions with the underlying device are limited



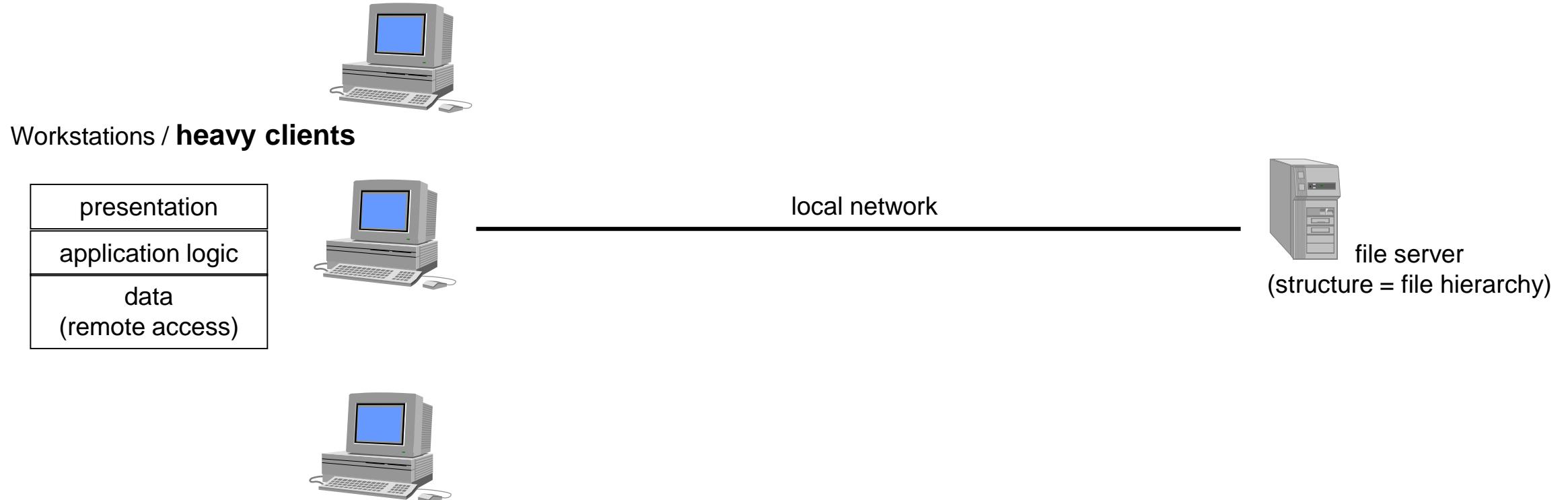
I. B. 1. 2-tier Architecture

Emergence in the 90s

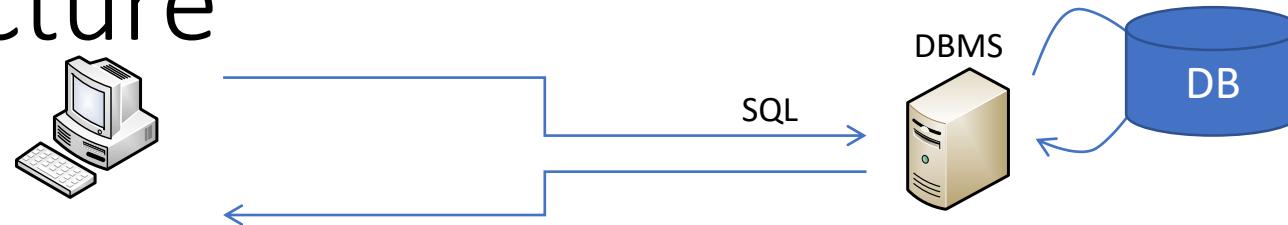
- More and more LAN (Local Area Networks), connecting more and more PCs
- Advances in DBMS (Database Management Systems)



1,5-tier architecture



2-tier Architecture



- Heavy client workstation
- Local installation of the software mixing the presentation and business logic, with a thin data access layer
- Technologies :
 - Windows or Unix station
 - Lg:
 - Fortran, Cobol, C++, Java...
 - SQL, Prolog
- Central DBMS
 - Logical access to data
 - Additional services: security, transactions
 - Optimized for fast request processing
- Technologies:
 - Unix or Windows servers
 - Relational DBMS (Oracle, SQL Server, Informix)

Roles of the DBMS

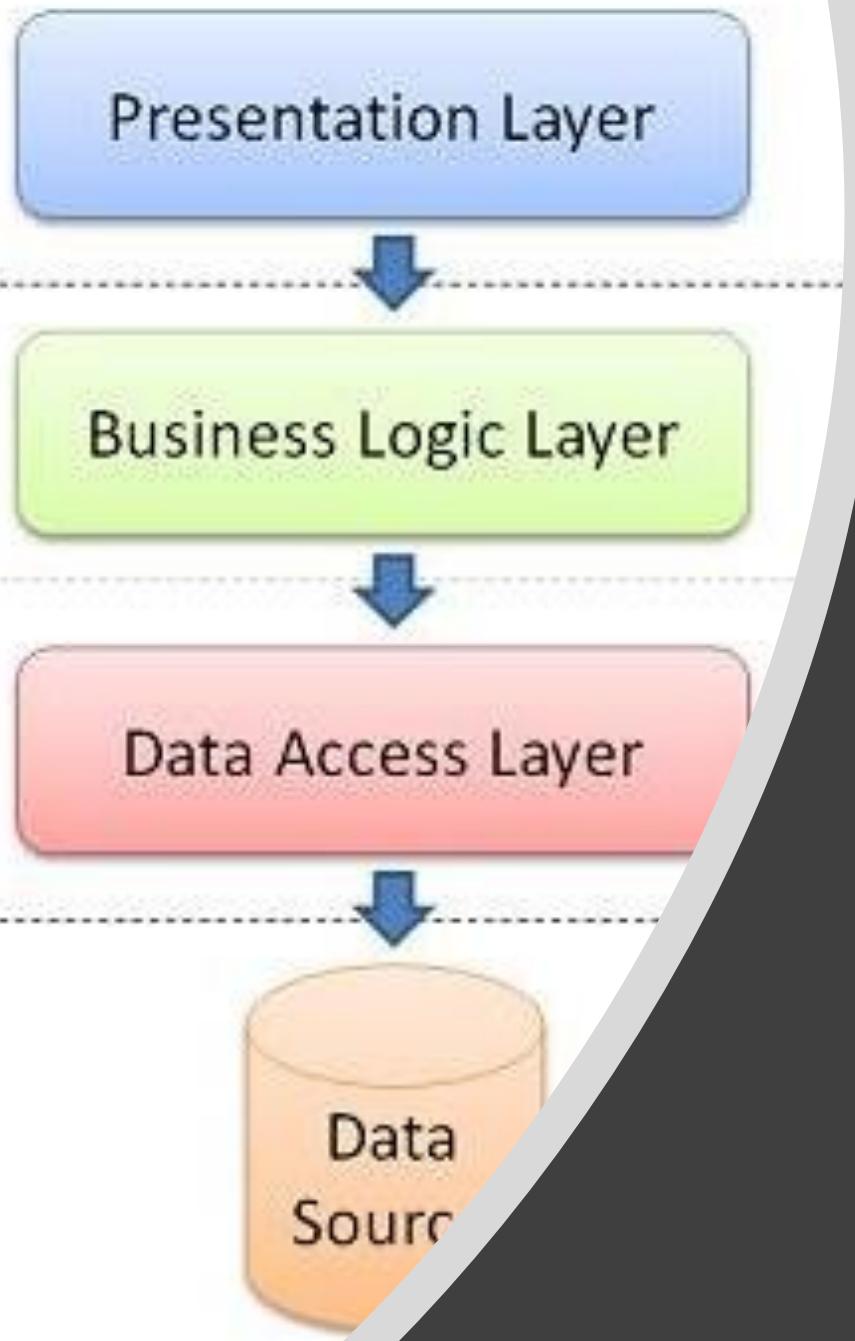
- Manages R/W on the physical disk
- Provides a logical language for data description and manipulation, checks data integrity and consistency
- Secures access to data
- Optimizes access to data
- Manages concurrent access to data

Issues

- Deployment
 - requires the installation of a not-so-simple application on each client workstation:
 - time consuming/costly/tedious process (to be repeated at each upgrade)
 - heterogenous workstations → compatibility problems
- Maintainability
 - complex client code mixing GUI, business logic, and some data access
 - inclination to over-rely on stored procedures:
 - complex to maintain
 - adherence to the physical model
- Reliability
 - FT mechanisms need to be implemented on both sides
 - few clustering / replication solutions
- Performance and scalability
 - Server = bottleneck

Conclusion and perspectives

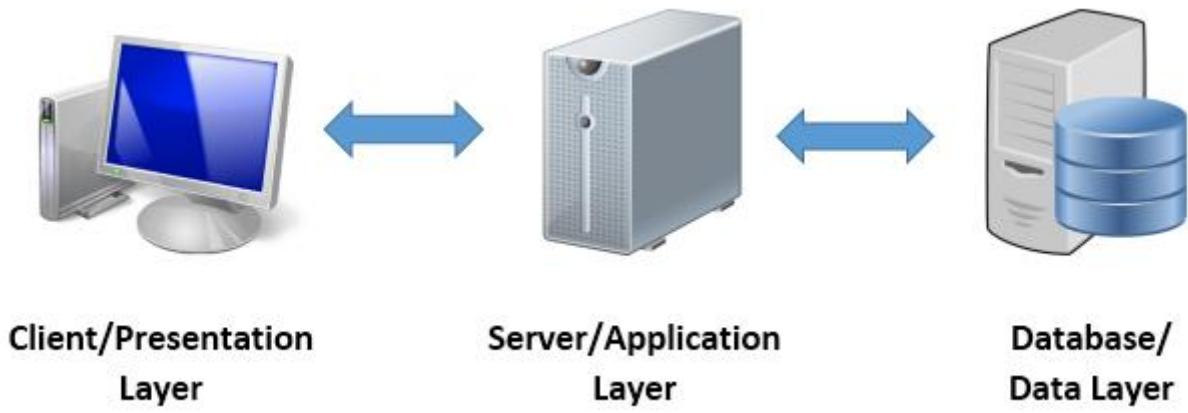
- led to the development of new tools, the acceleration of the development of RDBMS and SQL, the development of LANs
- triggered an evolution towards more flexible architectural proposals
- but is no longer relevant
 - except maybe for very simple applications (forms...)



I. B. 2.

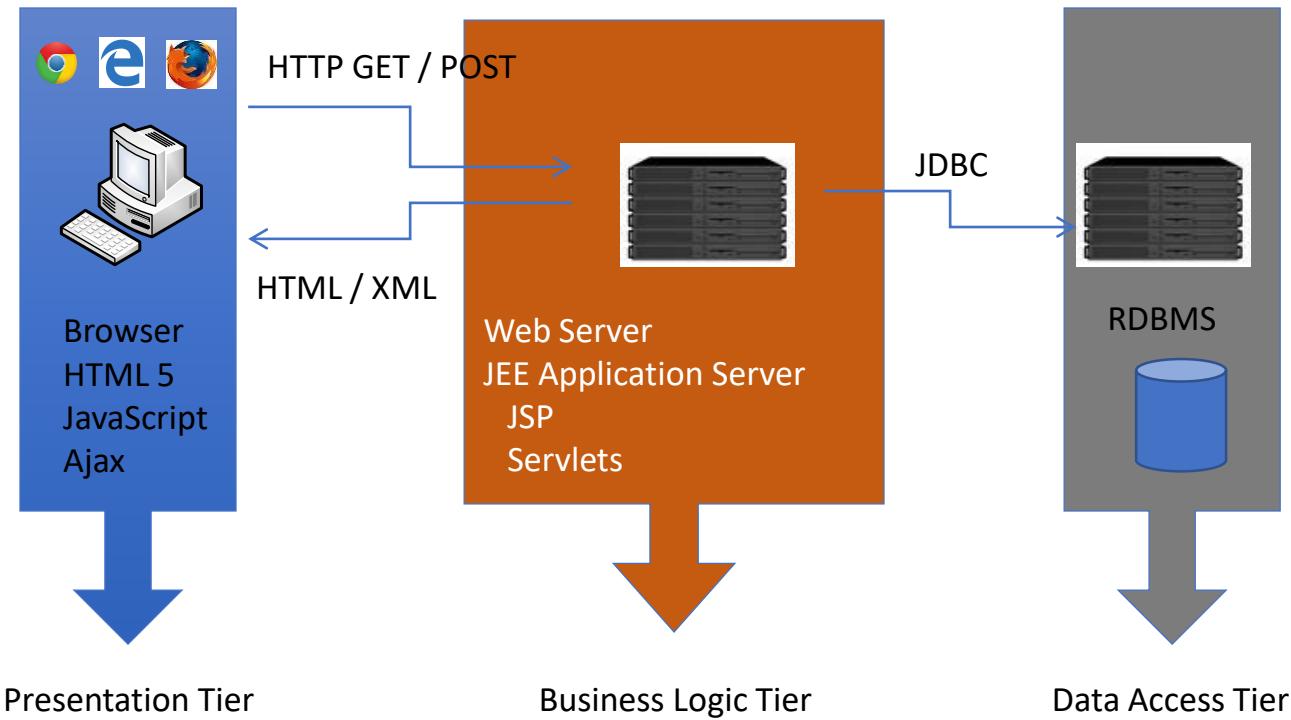
3-tier to 5-tier Architectures

3-tier

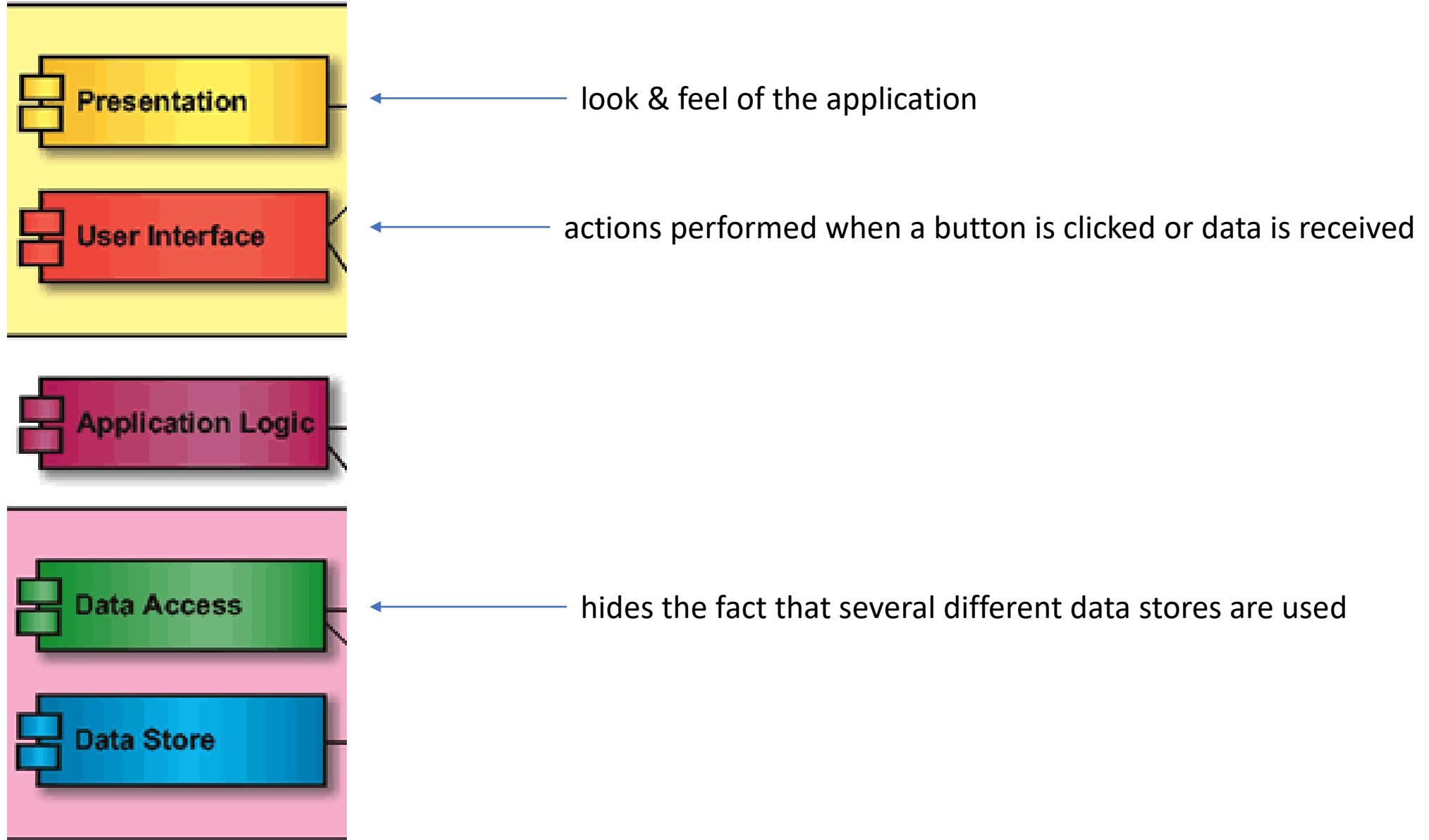


Example:

A typical JEE Web Architecture



5-tier



Perspectives

- Most widespread architecture
- Easier to maintain and evolve than the 2-tier architecture
- Remaining challenges to face: reliability, performance, scalability



I. B. 3. Application Server

Business layer: kind of stuck...

A lot of technical work to manage

- access to other applications of the IS
- fault tolerance
- load management
- security
- logging
- etc...

instead of concentrating on... the business process!

Developers are looking for :

- more simplicity
- reuse
- interoperability
- standard APIs

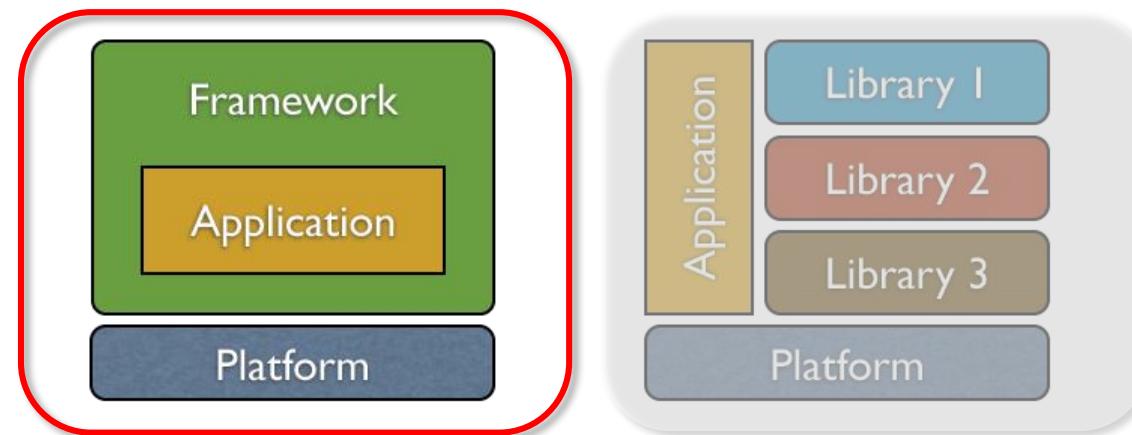
From middleware to application server

These "architecture services" can be provided by **middleware**

- either internal
 - rarely address all problems
 - complex to develop, not very efficient, expensive to maintain
- either commercial
 - Oracle, IBM, Microsoft... have been offering middleware for several years...

Application server

- a standard, integrated and consistent middleware stack
- infrastructure software providing execution context to application components
- Framework (as opposed to library)

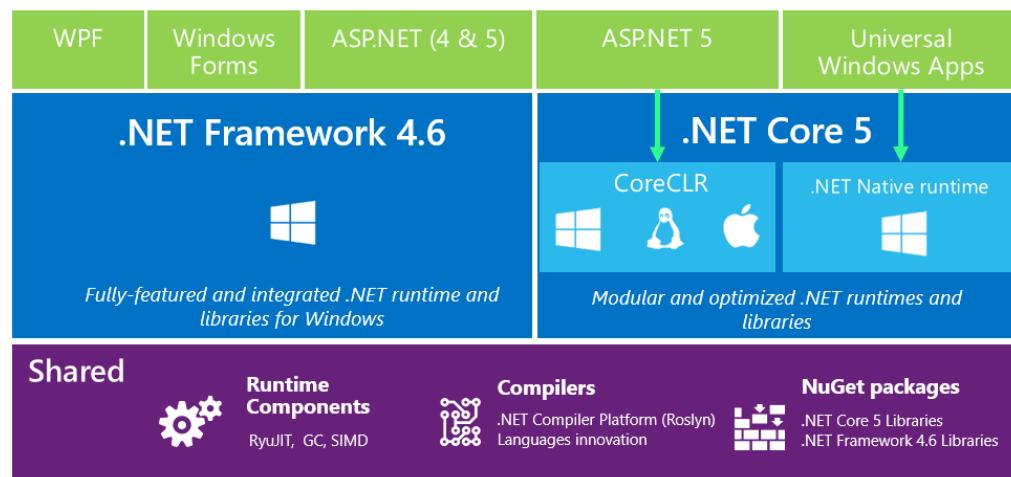
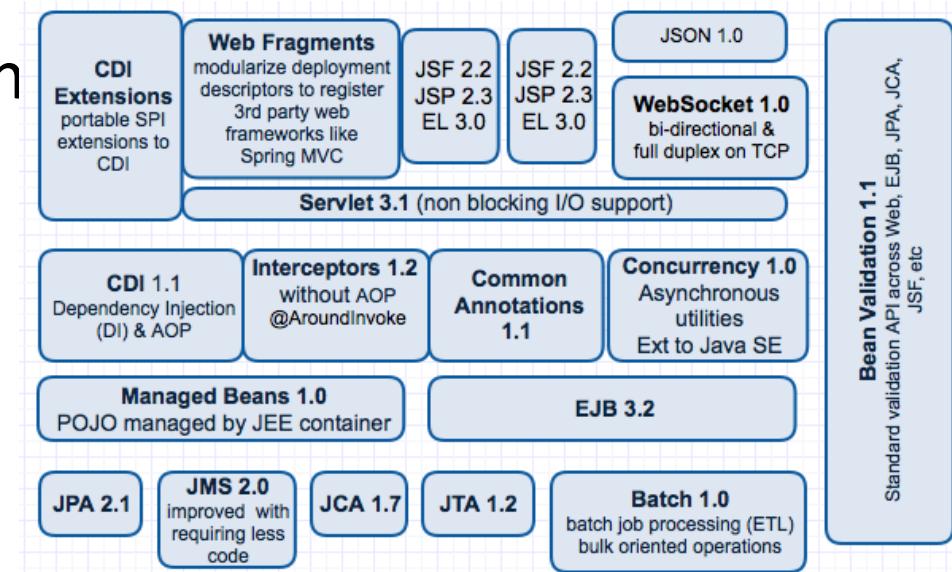


Main services offered to applications

- Access to DBs (connection pool)
- Connection to the IS, to business applications via suitable connectors
- Synchronous (DCOM, Corba...) or asynchronous (MOM) communication with other applications
- Management of transactions, sessions, recovery on failure
- Security (authentication)
- High availability and scalability (clustering, load balancing, failover)
- Management via unified management console
- ...

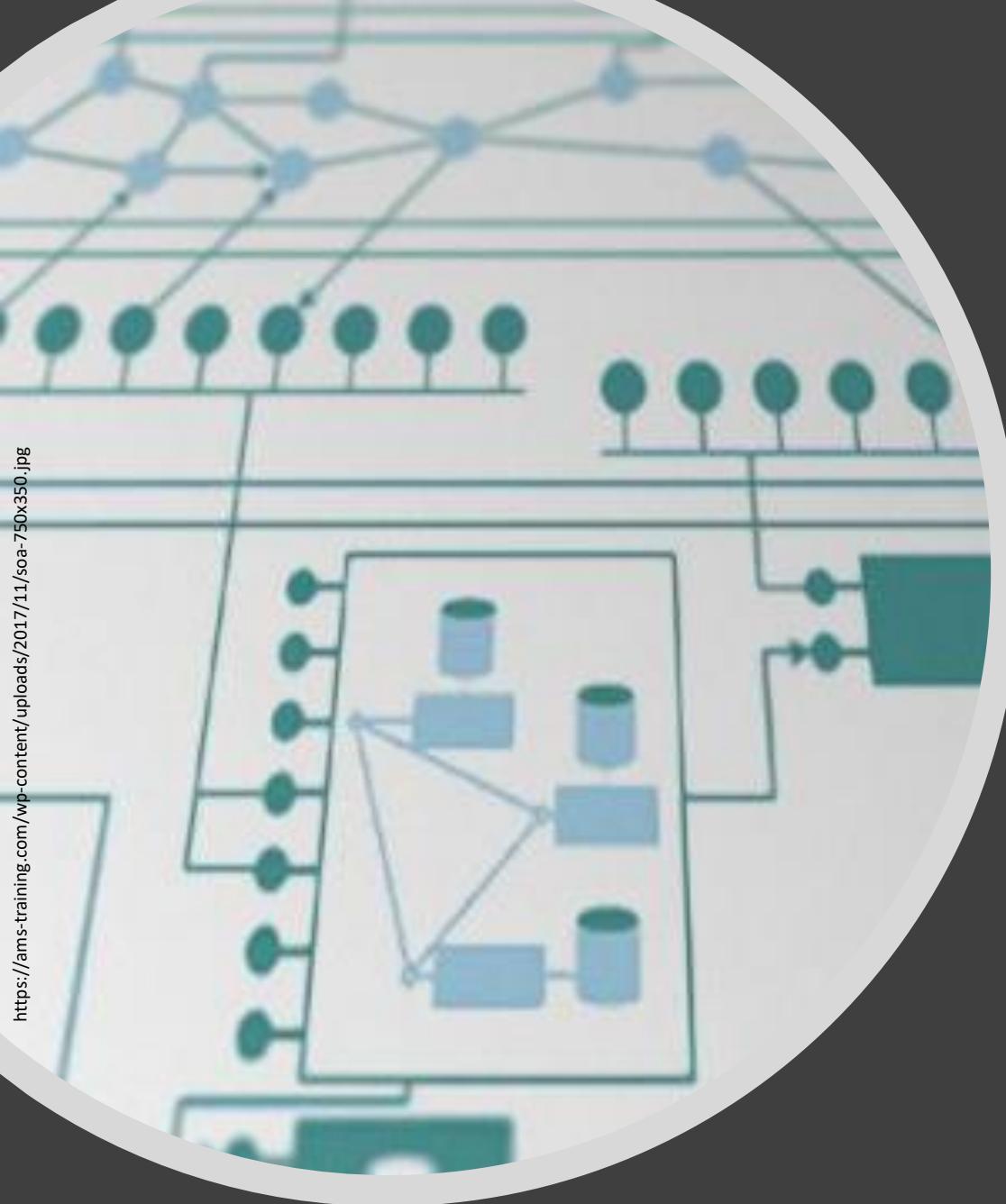
JEE and .NET frameworks

- A collection of services to develop an application
- Virtual Machine (JVM or CLR) → OS isolation
- JEE stack
 - Multi platform
 - Mono language (Java)
- .NET stack
 - Single platform (Windows)
 - Multi language (VB, C#, C++ etc.)



Independence above all!

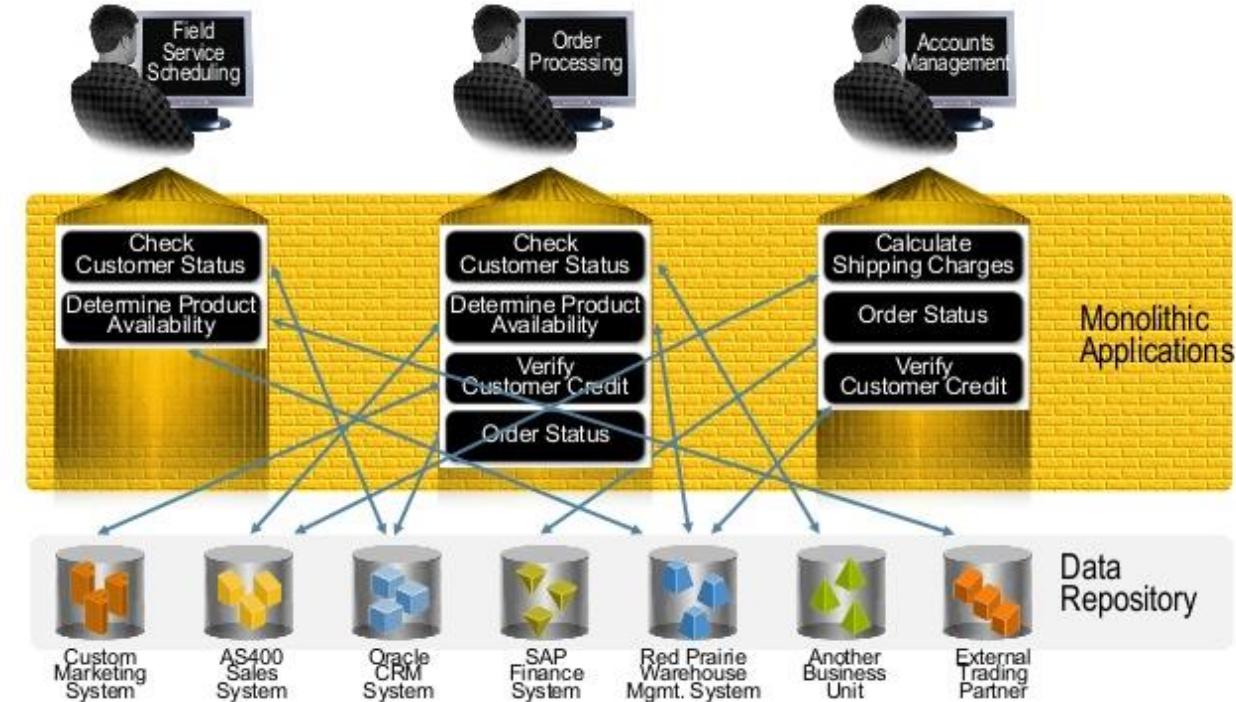
- Objective: maximum independence of the application code
 - No static link between application code elements (components)
 - No static link between application code elements and platform services
 - Avoid the use of "technical" code in the application code
- Component deployment support
 - Installation of applications and libraries (.ear, .war, .rar, .par archives)
 - Activation of applications and libraries
- Distinction between the development part (business) and the technical part (administration)
- Important step towards more reusable application code!



I. C. Service Oriented Architecture

Entropy and silos

- Entropy is part of the IS.
- The evolution of information technology has led to heterogeneous IS that are difficult to maintain:
 - Lack of internal communication
 - Data duplications and synchronization problems
 - Duplicate code
 - Technological heterogeneity
 - Maintenance cost
 - Low reuse of legacy
 - Difficulties to open to business partners (consumers, suppliers, resellers, regulators...)
 - ...
- Users expect more and more from the IS.
→ How can we better manage and homogenize the IS, which grows and changes naturally?



Opposite trends

Get rid of silos

- Technical renovation
- Auditability and regulatory constraints
- Performances
- Fluidification of exchanges
- Secure access and availability
- Consistency of internal and external information

Create micro-silos

- Innovative organizations need to move faster than their competitors and make just-in-time adjustments to gain new markets.
 - Take advantage of new technologies
 - Push forward new products and services that can grow independently of each other
 - Adapt to the consumer/customer experience according to his expectations (price, lead time, quality, etc.)
- often involves vertical actions: do it fast, even if it means creating new silos

SOA to deal with entropy

In response to this antagonism:

- Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) and micro-services
- Methodology for designing software as a service (12-factor method, Antifragile)

What is a service?

- (usually remote) access to a business function (data, rules, process, batch)
- black box for its clients, accessed through a formalized API and a QoS contract: low coupling (clients do not need to understand or master the implementation technology, access through standards)
- software component managed (deployed, updated,...) as an independent unit with its own life cycle
- can access other services

An injunction

- All teams will henceforth expose their data and functionality through service interfaces.
- Teams must communicate with each other through these interfaces.
- There will be no other form of inter-process communication allowed: no direct linking, no direct reads of another team's data store, no shared-memory model, no back-doors whatsoever. The only communication allowed is via service interface calls over the network.
- It doesn't matter what technology they use. HTTP, Corba, Pubsub, custom protocols...
- All service interfaces, without exception, must be designed from the ground up to be externalizable. That is to say, the team must plan and design to be able to expose the interface to developers in the outside world. No exceptions.
- **Anyone who doesn't do this will be fired.**

Jeff BEZOS – AMAZON (2002)

Diagram illustrating the integration of various services on the Amazon.fr website:

- “search” Service**: Represented by a green box with an arrow pointing to the search bar at the top of the page.
- “Customer” Service**: Represented by a green box with an arrow pointing to the customer account area in the top right corner.
- “best sales” Service**: Represented by a green box with an arrow pointing to the price of a product (49€) and a “cliquez ici” button.
- “recommendations” Service**: Represented by a green box with an arrow pointing to the “À découvrir” section, which shows recommended products like CSS and Poker No-Limit Texas Hold'em.
- “similar” Service**: Represented by a green box with an arrow pointing to the “Vous apprécieriez peut-être également” section, which shows similar products like Architecture logicielle and Urbanisation, SOA et BPM.
- “shopping” Service**: Represented by a green box with an arrow pointing to the “LIVRAISON GRATUITE” banner on the right side of the page.

The diagram highlights how multiple services are integrated into a single user interface, such as the search bar, customer account management, product pricing, recommendations, similar products, and promotional offers.

Web service definition

generic definition for 2 families that have in common:

- software functionality
- accessible via the network
- provided to another computer program
- self-descriptive
- low dependency on technologies and protocols

WS: benefits for the client

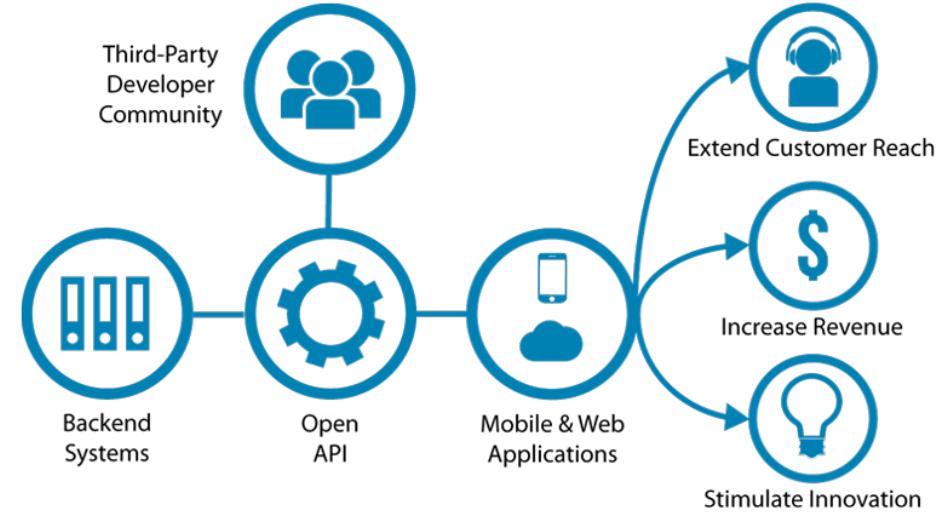
- take advantage of third party data or algorithms without having to develop, update, host etc.
- pool of composable and interchangeable bricks

WS: risks for the client

- service unavailability
- poor performance
- security issues
- uncertain sustainability
- a free service that becomes a paying service

motivations of WS providers

- revenues
- brand image
- increase its audience
- develop new usages
- outsource R&D and then buy the best startups



but potentially...

- lower advertising revenues
- loss of control over the final UX

2 “flavors”

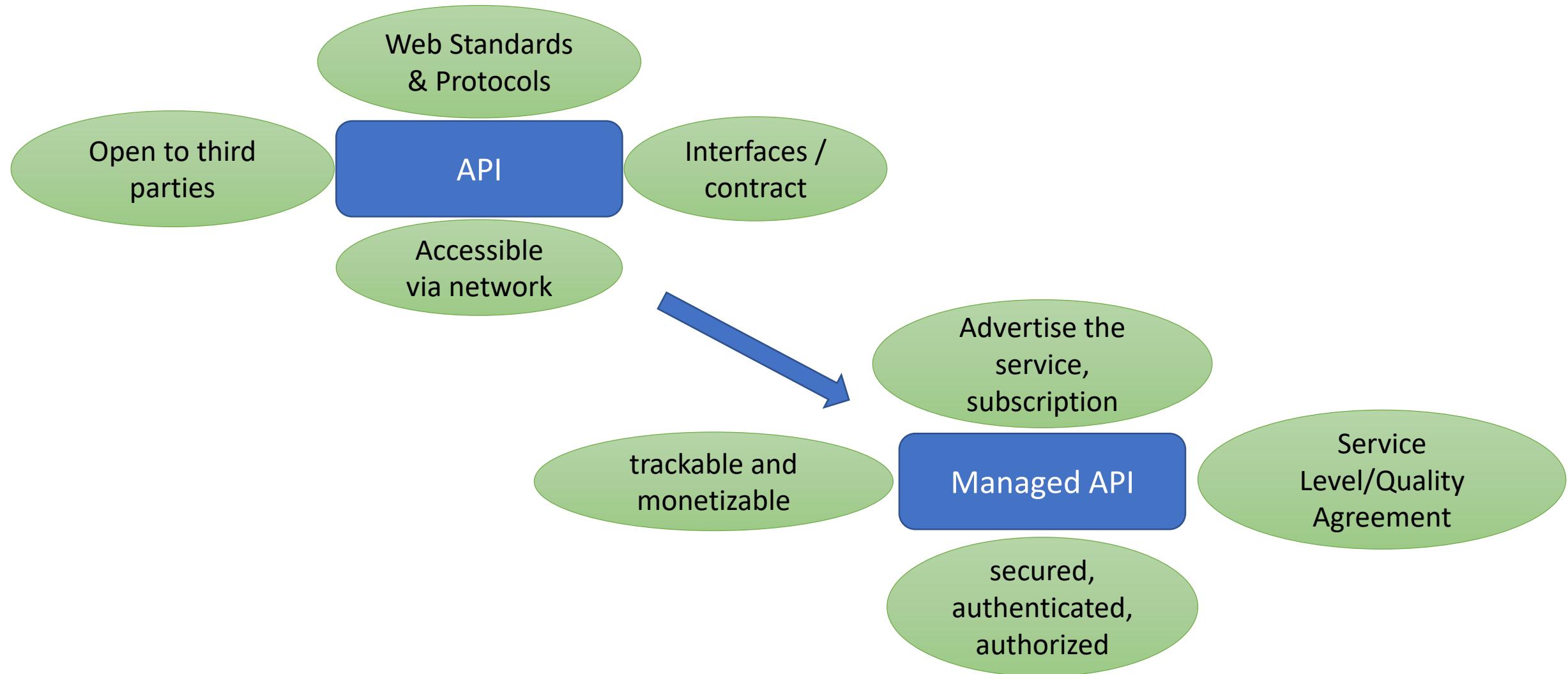
- Process-oriented web services
 - SOA in IS → remote procedure call
 - *WSDL, SOAP protocol*
- Resource-oriented web services
 - Web → access to remote resource
 - *JSON, HTTP, REST architectural style*

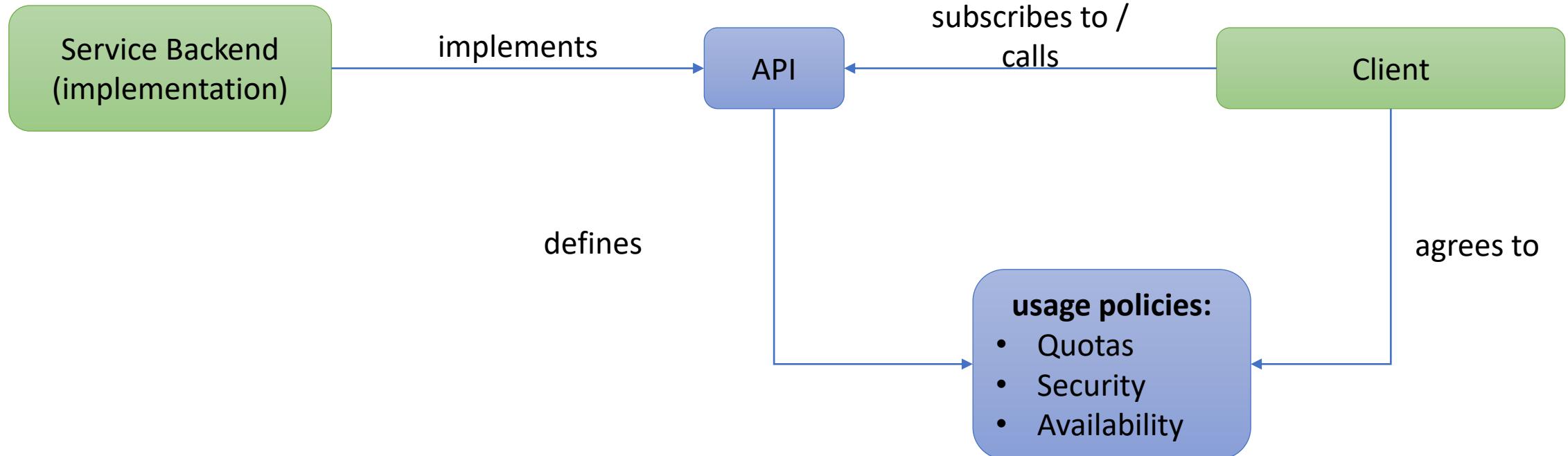
What is an API?

- a means of exposing company resources via the Internet to external or internal (software) consumers
 - Well-defined interface: contract
 - Easily accessible by third parties
 - Use of standard protocol(s)
- ≈ Web Service
- Programmatic access is considered at least as vital as human access, if not more so. API becomes more of a priority than IU :
January 2019: 83% of the WEB traffic goes through APIs (a result to be mitigated by the important role of streaming APIs such as Netflix)



From basic WS to managed API





Microservice

- delivers a complete business capability (anti-pattern: nano-service)
- designed, developed, deployed by a single team (Agile, DevOps)
- autonomous component, with own independent life cycle and own scalability goal
- synchronized with other capabilities through asynchronous data replication
- each team is free to select “best of breed” languages, tools, even cloud provider



From a monolith (2010) to 500+ microservices & 50+ independant engineering teams (2015)

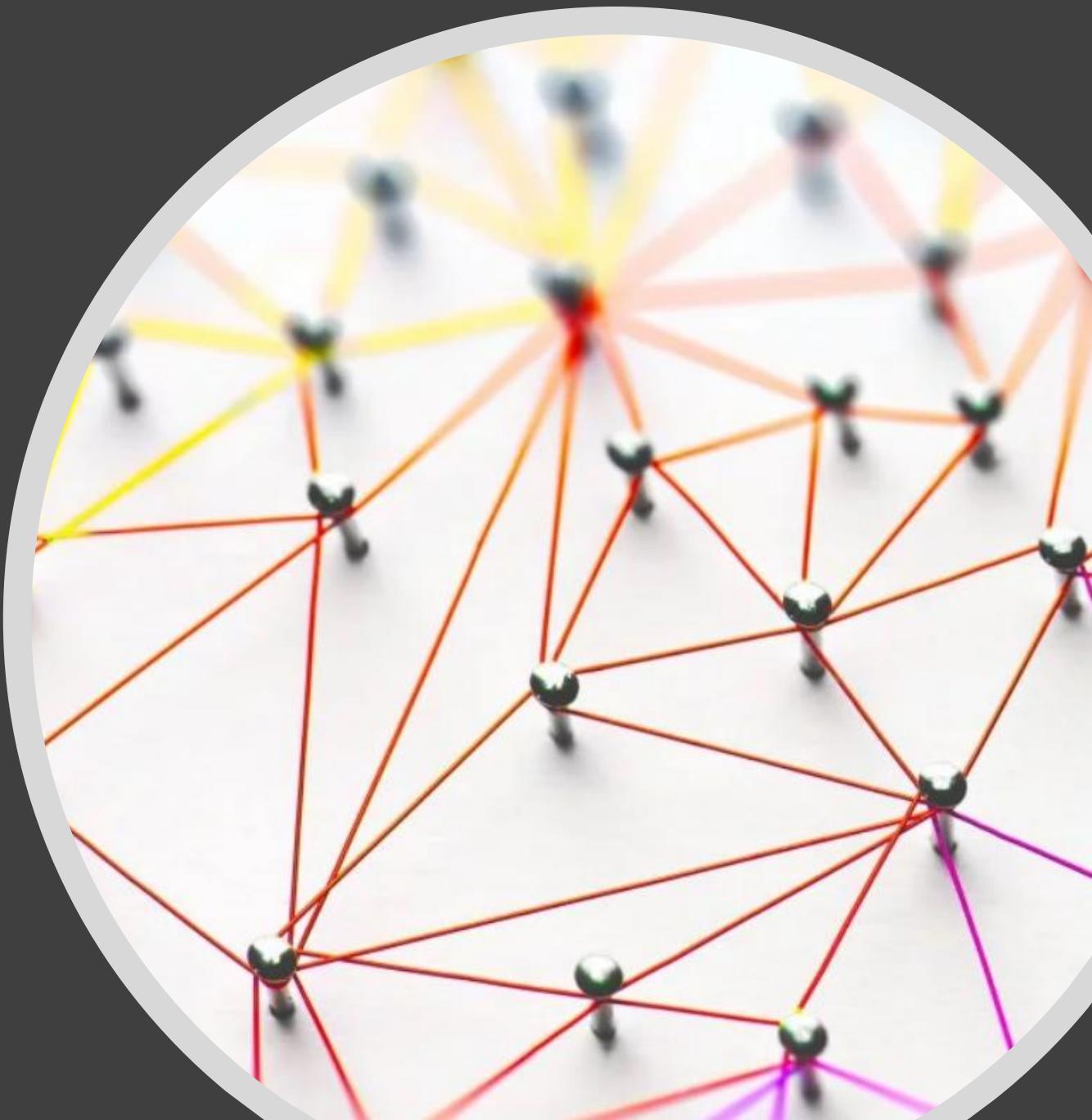


From 1 deployment a week (2001) to 50 millions a year (2017)



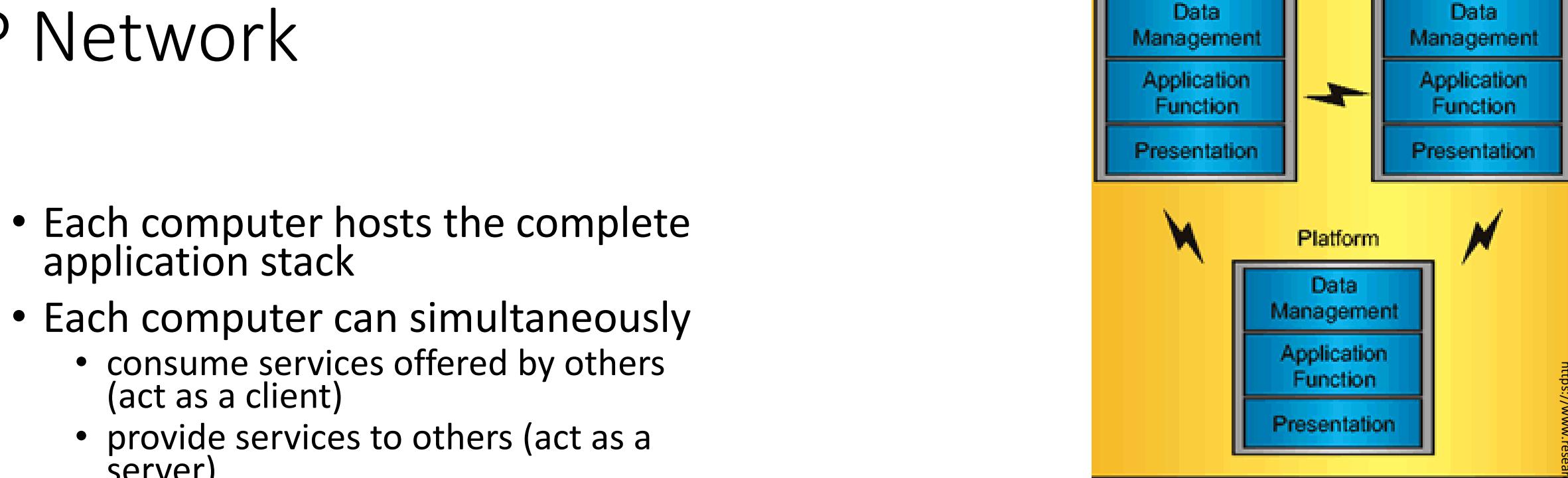
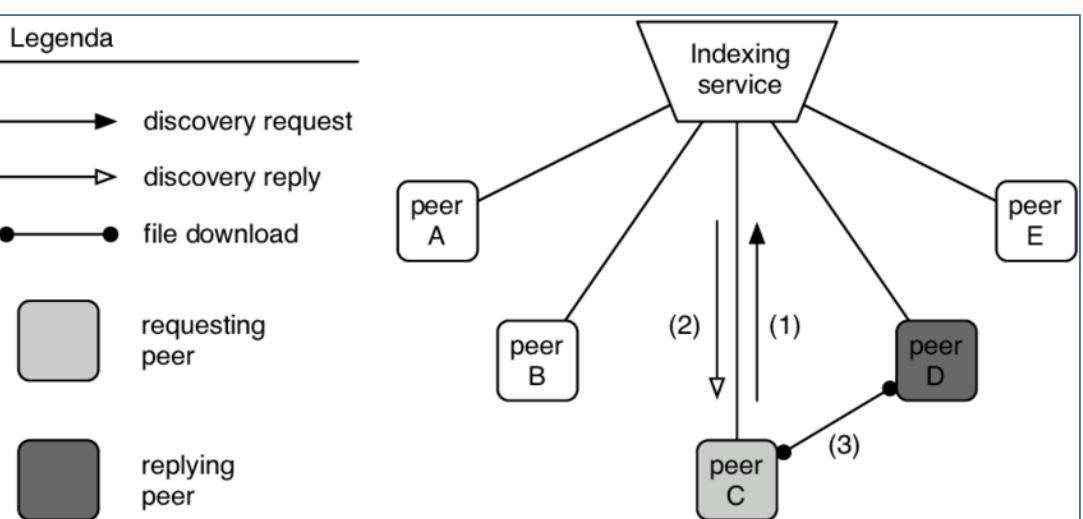
From 0 (2008) to 87 millions paying users (2018) with 800+ microservices & 90+ teams (600 devs)

II. 1. Peer-to-peer Architectures



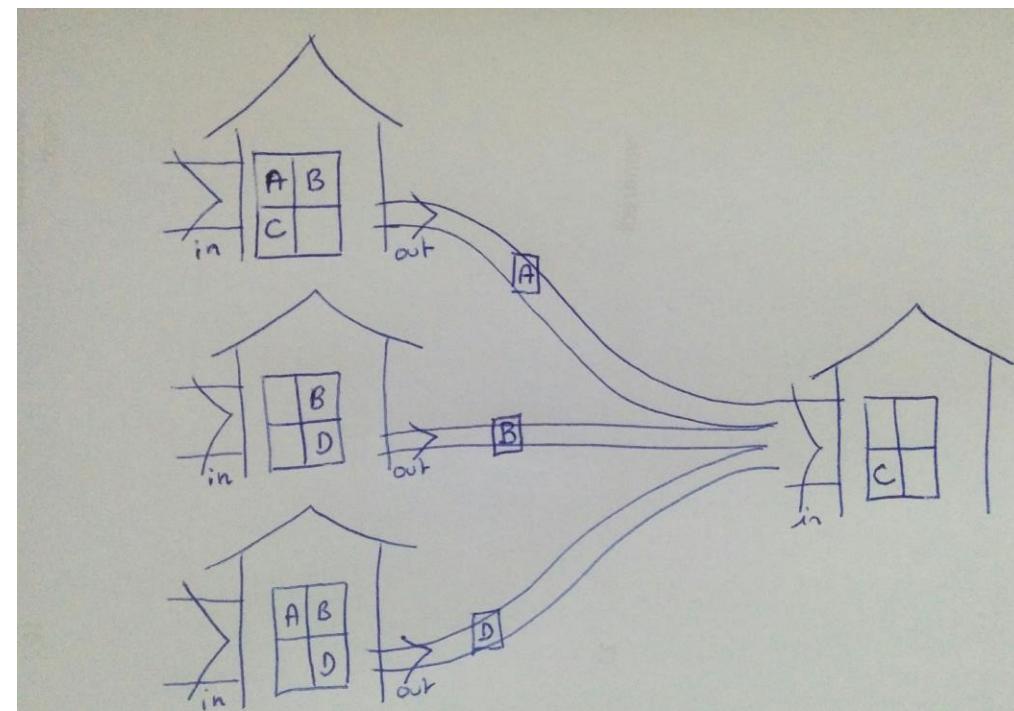
P2P Network

- Each computer hosts the complete application stack
- Each computer can simultaneously
 - consume services offered by others (act as a client)
 - provide services to others (act as a server)
- Variants:
 - "pure": equipotent peers
 - "hybrid":
 1. Register with a central server
 2. Find peers by asking to the central server
 3. Direct data exchanges between peers



Advantages: example of file sharing

- Scale-up
 - the more a file is requested, the more it is available
- Robustness
 - The only single point of failure is the central server in the hybrid variant case
- System of "chunks":
 - "erases" the asymmetry of ADSL
 - limits the effects of abrupt disconnections from the supplier
 - a file can be globally available without anyone having the whole file



Other usages

- Cryptocurrency transactions
- Distributed computing: BOINC

Difficulties

- Peer Discovery

solutions :

- central node
- Distributed Hash Table

- Free-riders

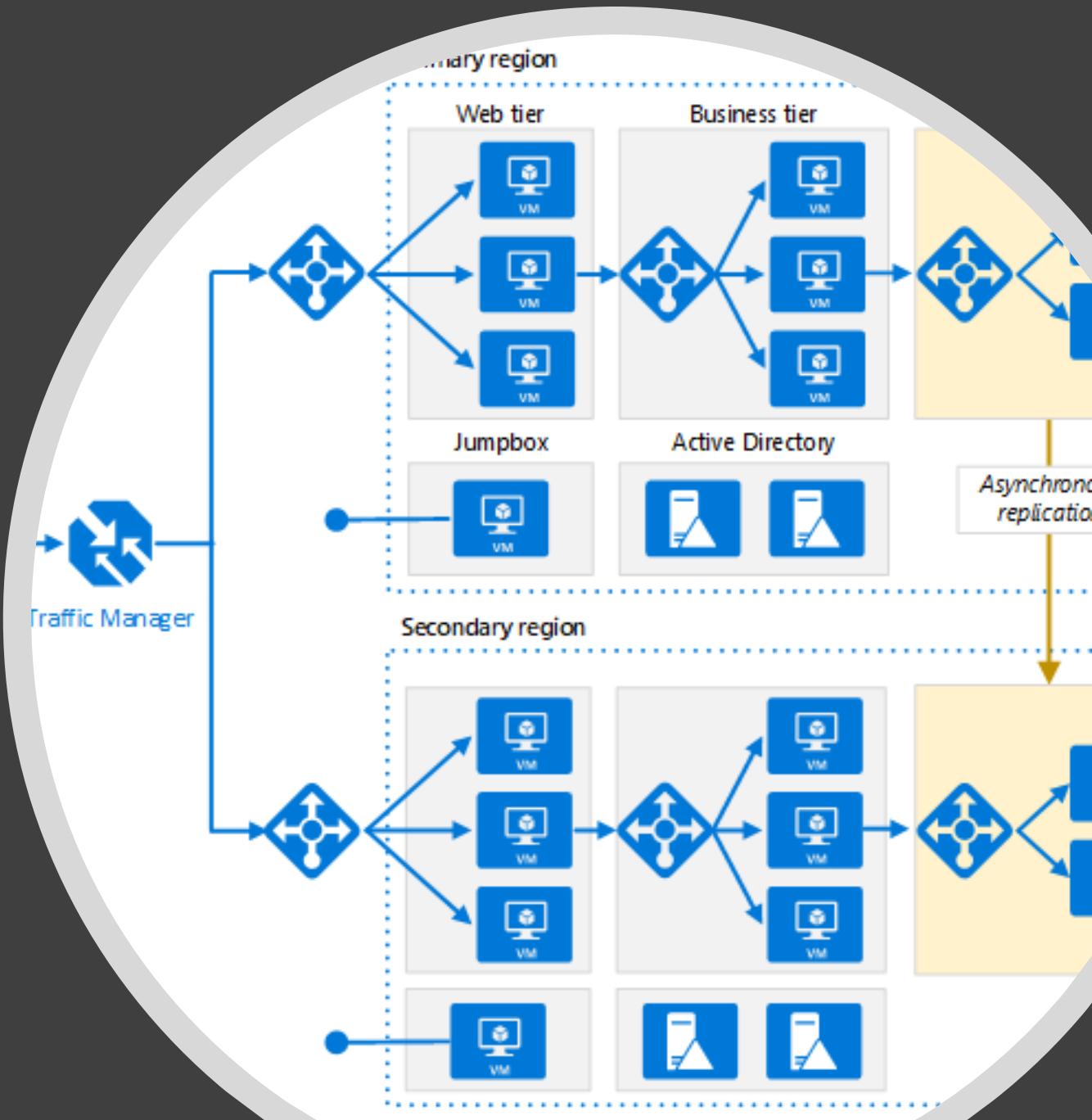
solution: incentive mechanisms

- Peer volatility

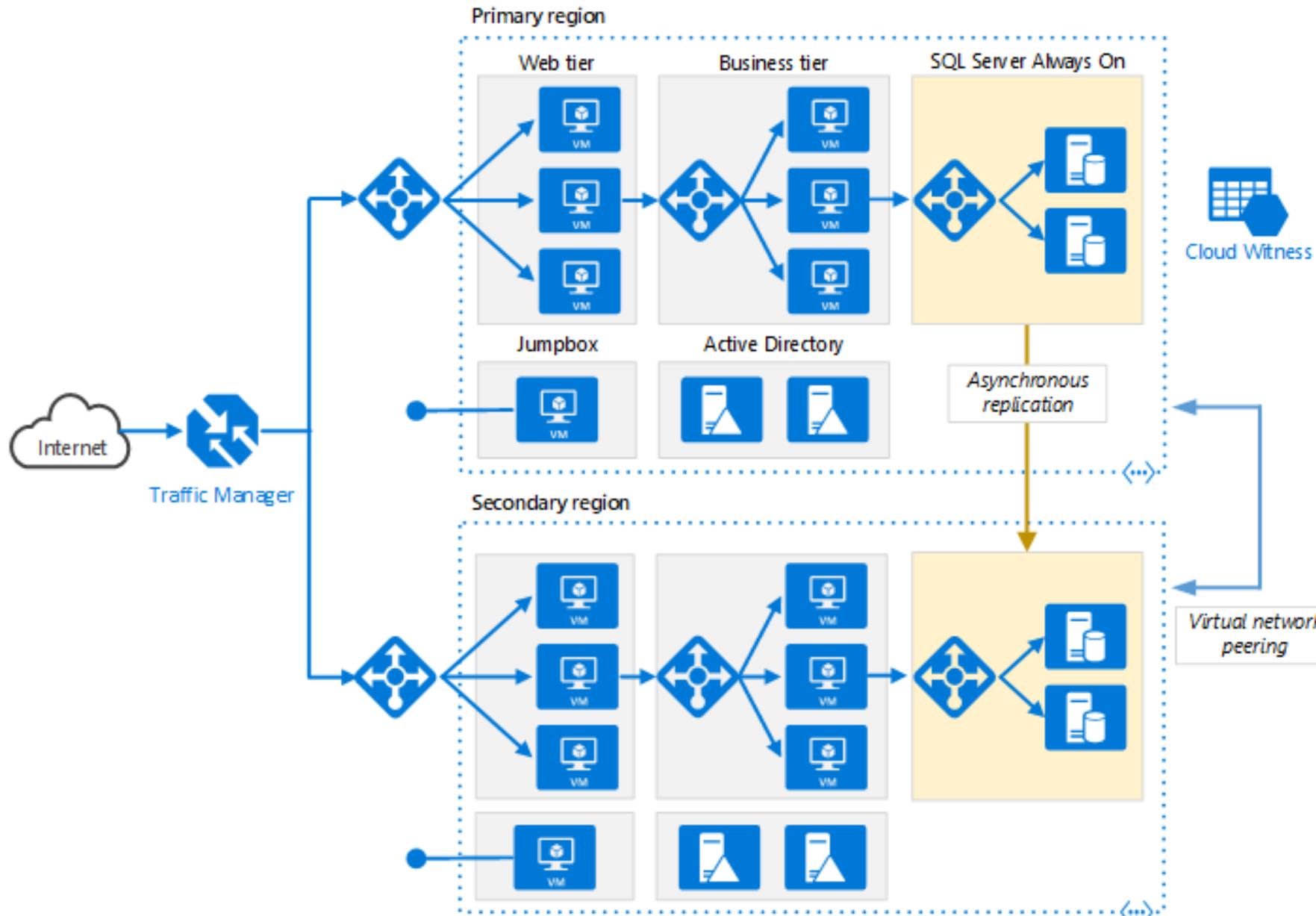
- Confidence

solution: redundancy and comparison

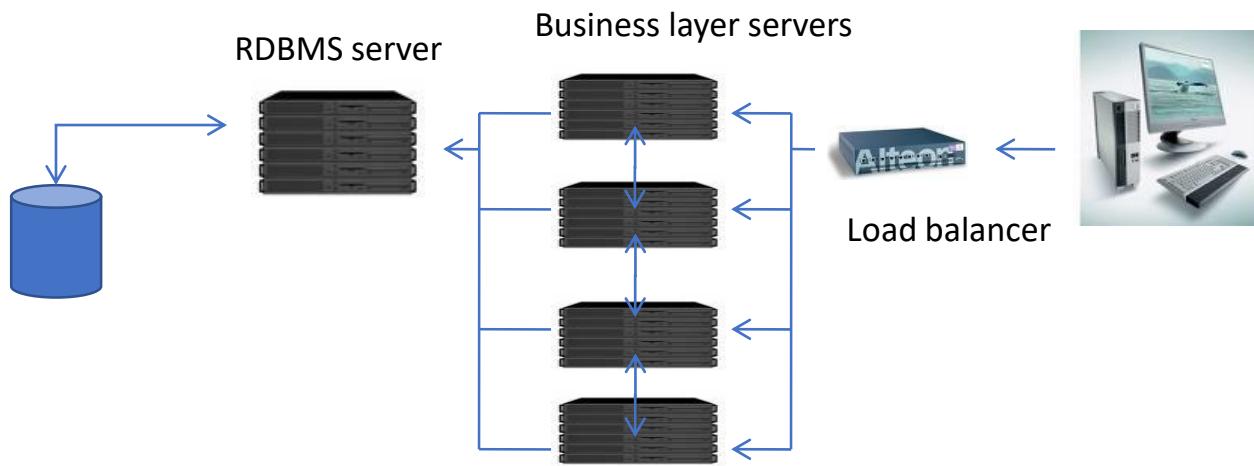
II. 2. n-tier Architecture



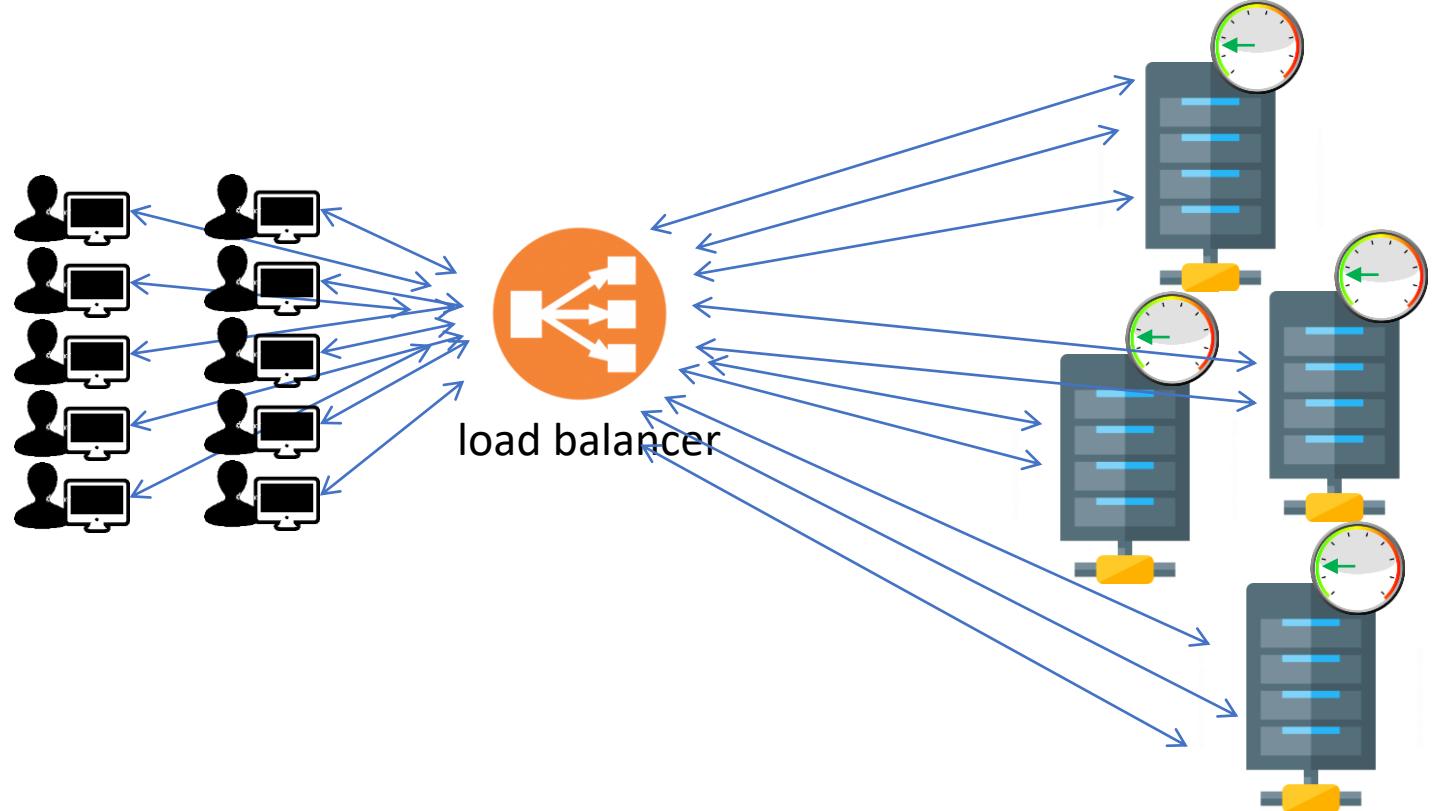
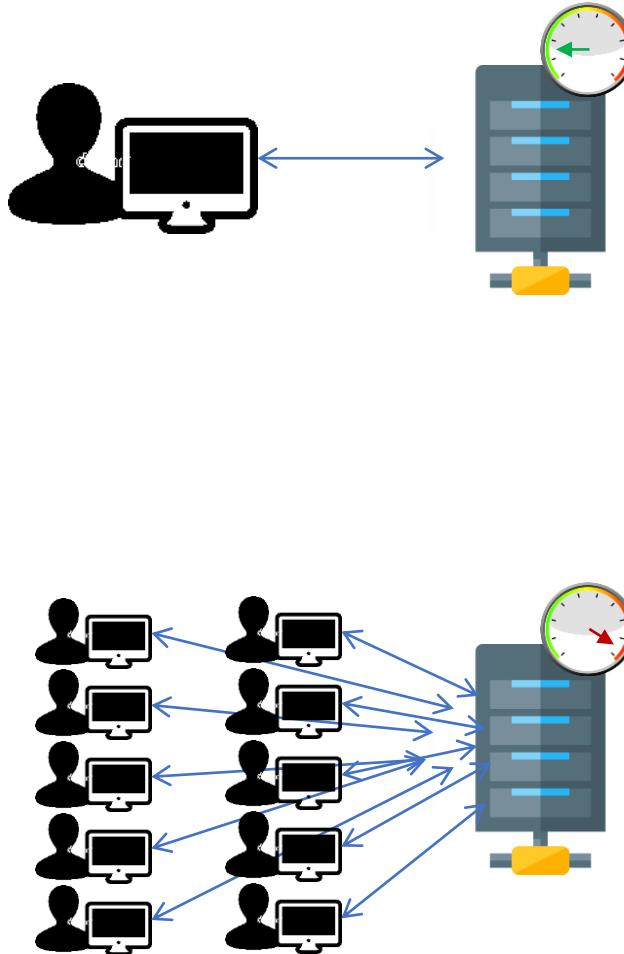
Multiplication of elements in a given layer



Scale-out

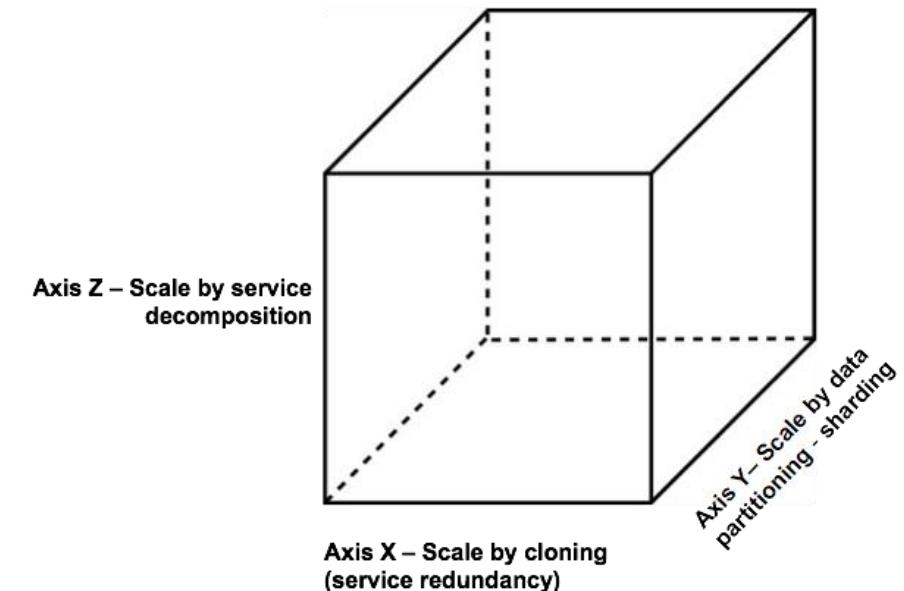


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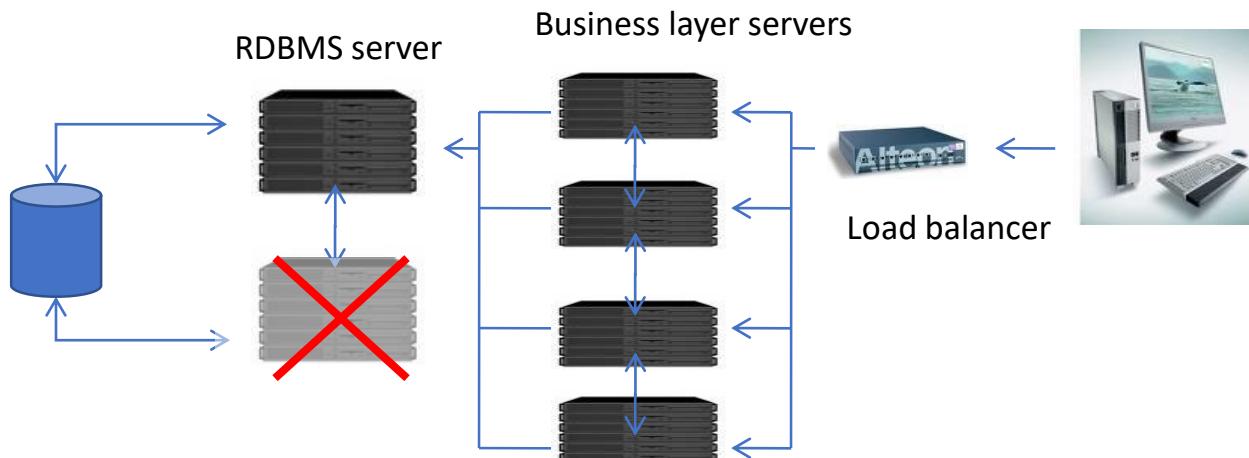


Scalability

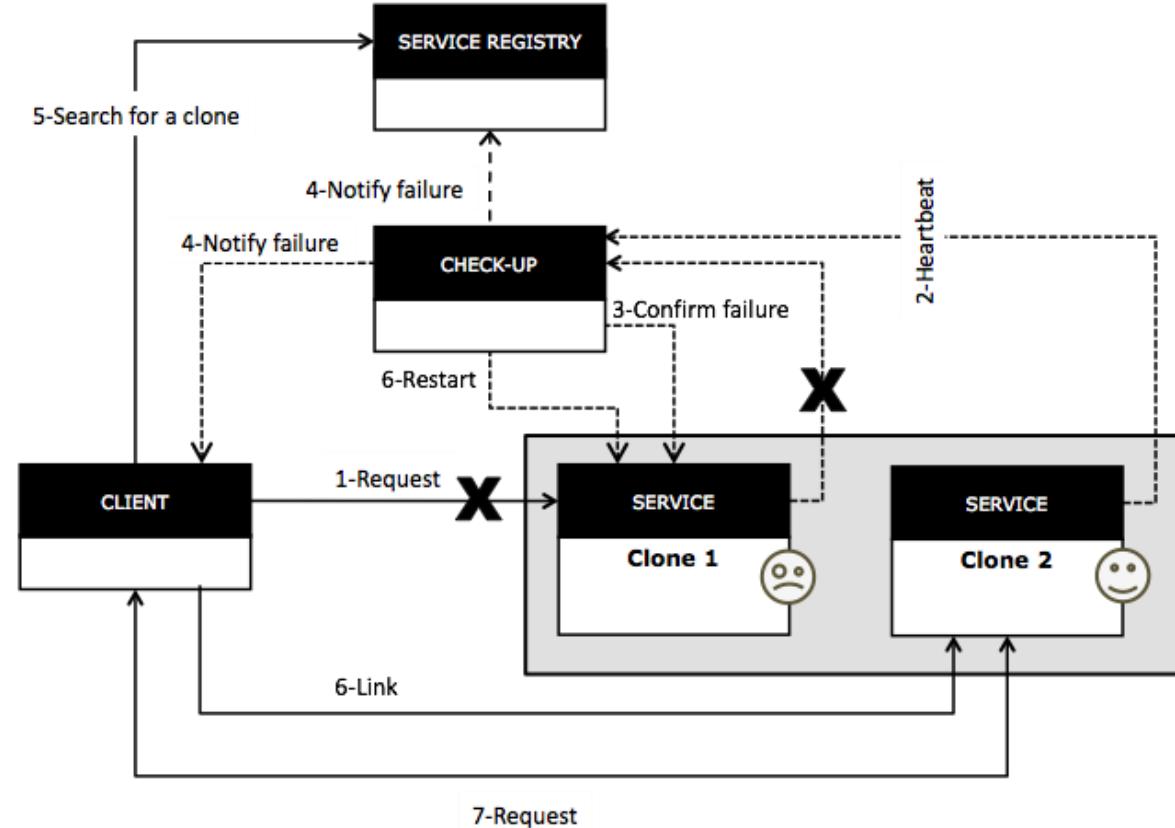
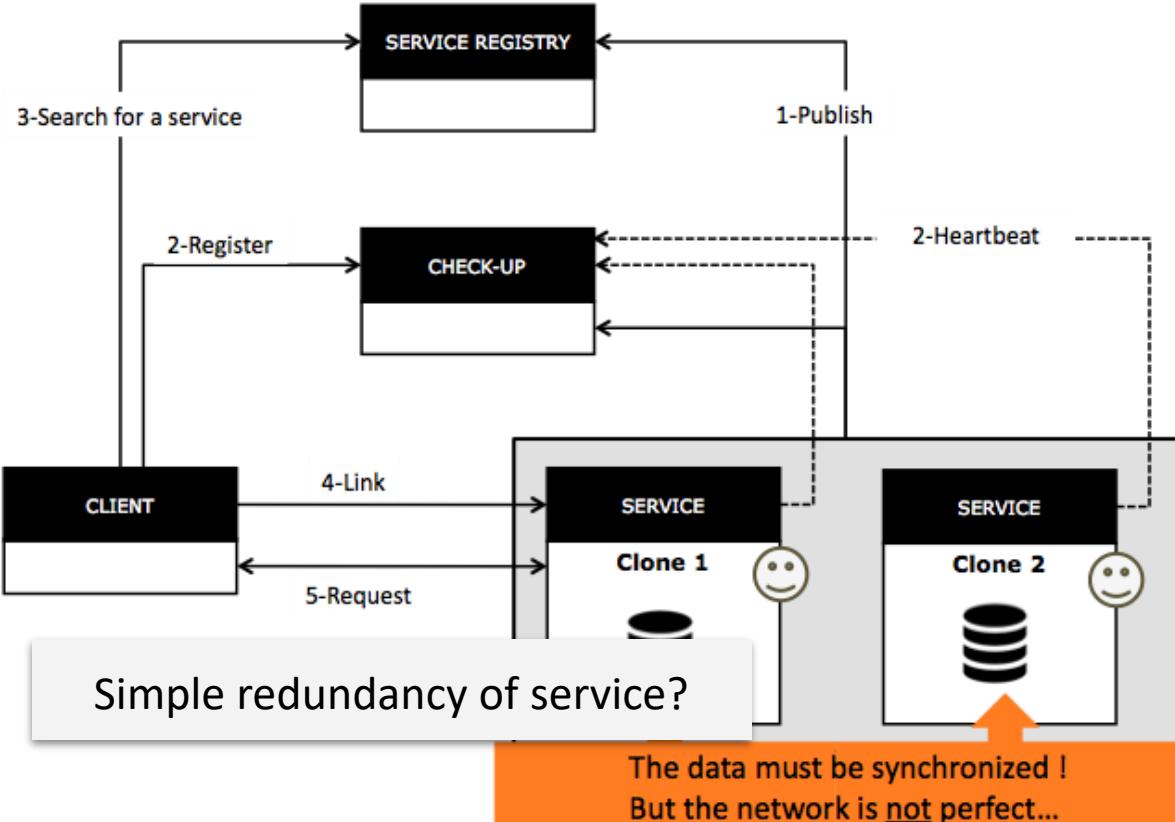
- Vertical vs. Horizontal Scalability
 - Vertical (scale up) = increase server power (CPU, memory, I/O)
 - Horizontal (scale out) = multiplication of resources + load balancing
- Pro-active vs. reactive scalability
 - Pro-active = planned in advance
 - Reactive = dynamically adapted to the demand



Fault tolerance

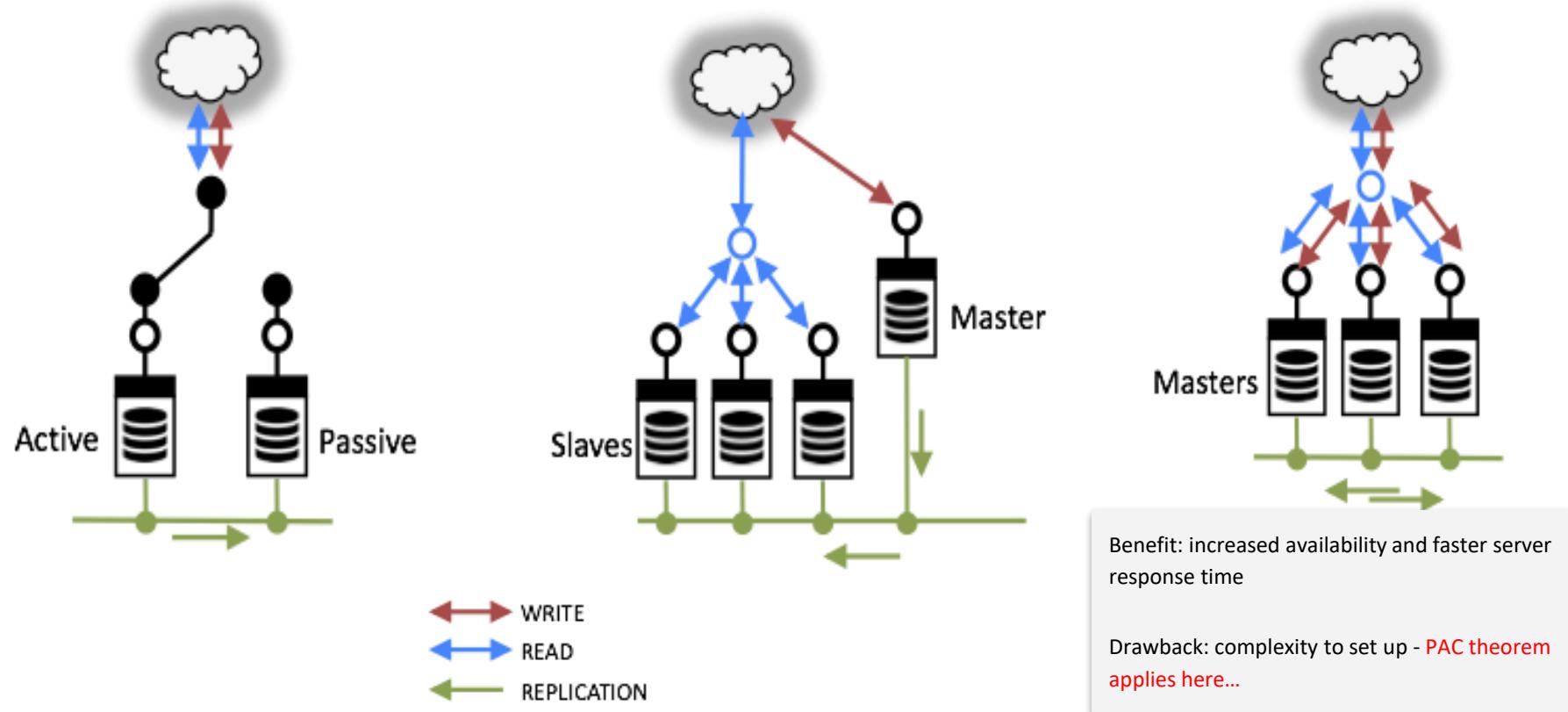


Robustness



Robustness and Performance

updates are performed on the master and requests are distributed among the slaves

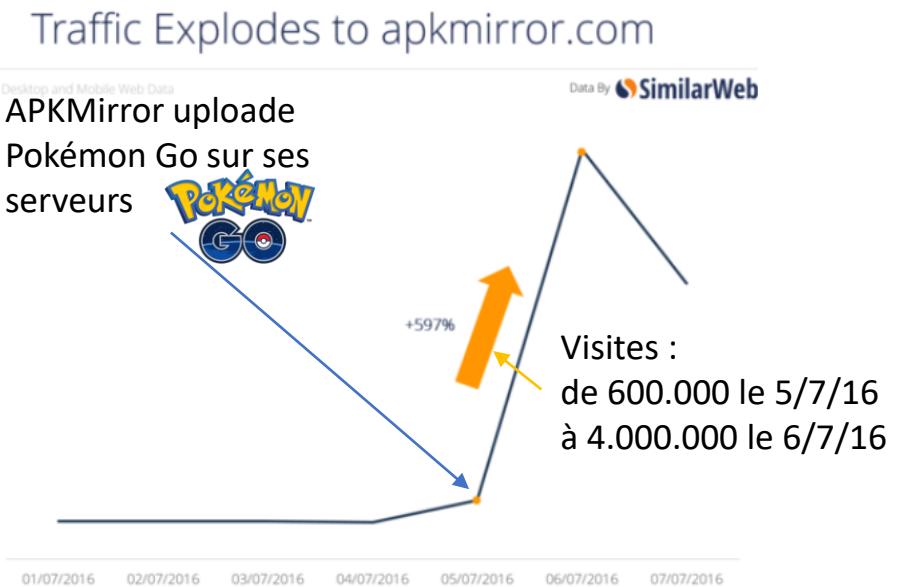
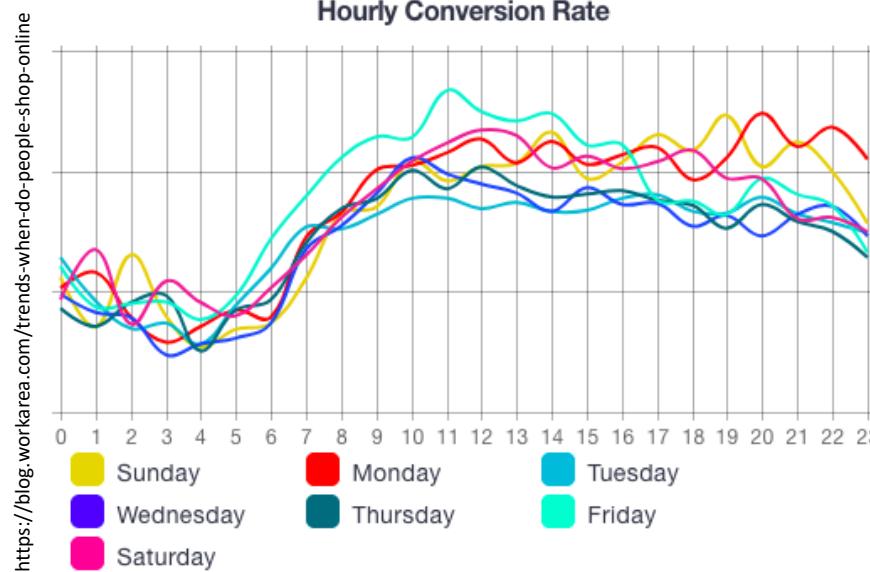


II. 3. Cloud



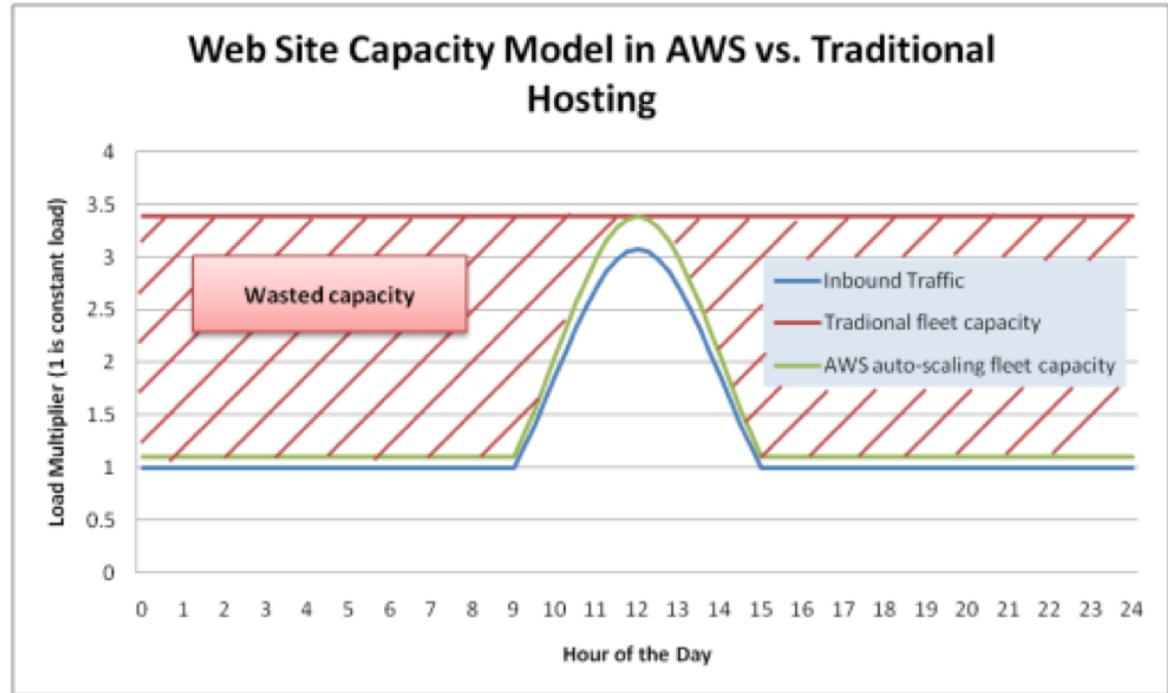
Unpredictable or irregular load

- Seasonal activity with foreseeable peaks of activity (daily, monthly, annual...)
- fast growth and/or with little visibility (marketing effects and buzz...)

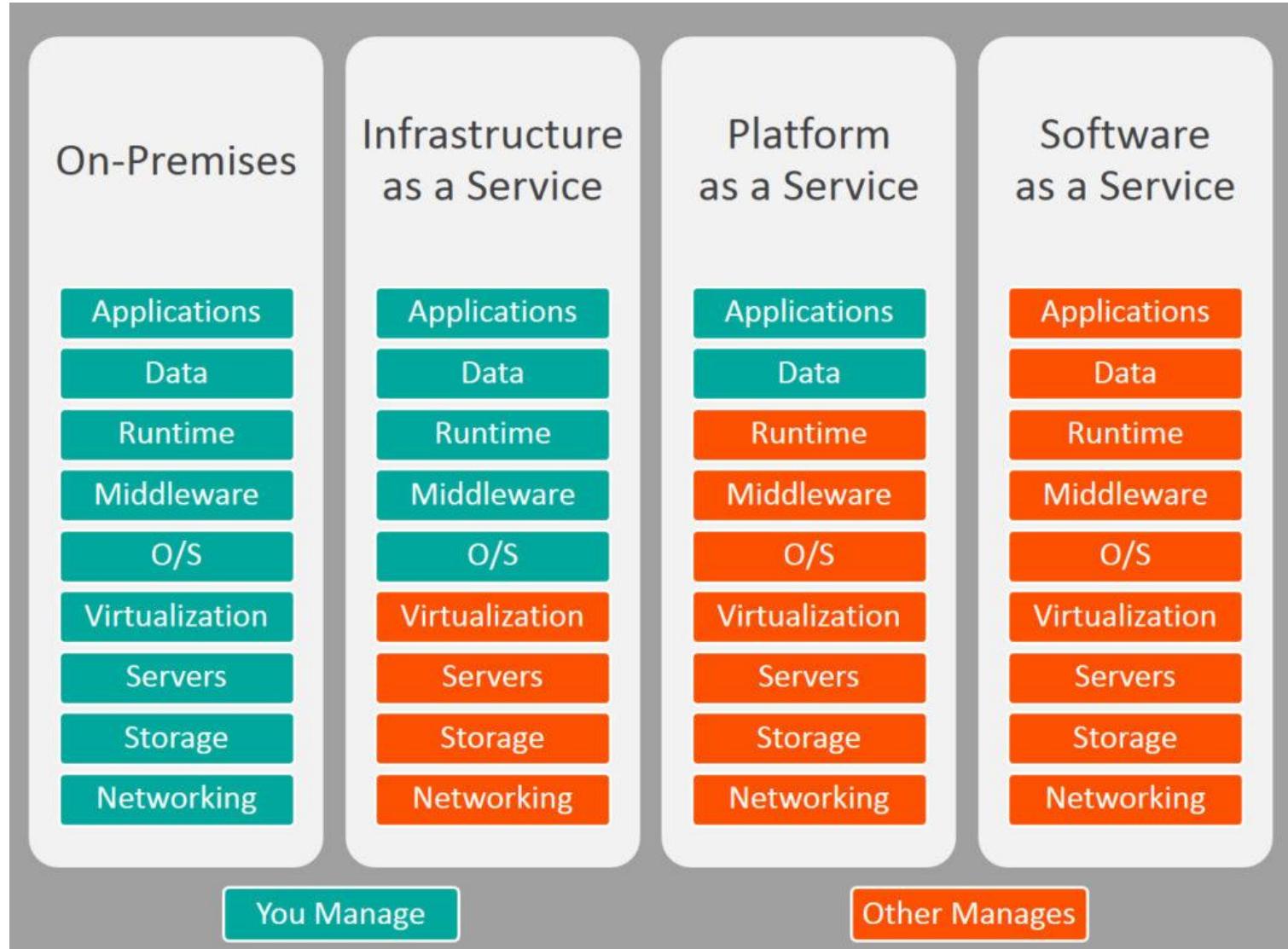


Tricky resources sizing

- infrastructures must be dimensioned according to the peaks
- How to absorb the load
 - quickly
 - easily
 - with flexibility (possibility of going back to the previous sizing)



Solution: rent resources in the cloud



Applications
Data
Runtime
Middleware
O/S
Virtualization
Servers
Storage
Networking

IaaS – Infrastructure cloud

- Provides the hardware/physical infrastructure:
 - File servers
 - CPU
 - network
- Main IaaS market players:



Worldwide IaaS Public Cloud Services Market Share, 2017-2018 (Millions of U.S. Dollars)

Company	2018 Revenue	2018 Market Share (%)	2017 Revenue	2017 Market Share (%)	2018-2017 Growth (%)
Amazon	15,495	47.8	12,221	49.4	26.8
Microsoft	5,038	15.5	3,130	12.7	60.9
Alibaba	2,499	7.7	1,298	5.3	92.6
Google	1,314	4.0	820	3.3	60.2
IBM	577	1.8	463	1.9	24.7
Others	7,519	23.2	6,768	27.4	11.1
Total	32,441	100.0	24,699	100.0	31.3

Source: Gartner (July 2019)

PaaS – Platform cloud

The diagram consists of eight horizontal rectangles stacked vertically, representing layers from top to bottom:

- Top layer (blue): Applications
- Second layer (teal): Data
- Third layer (orange): Runtime
- Fourth layer (light orange): Middleware
- Fifth layer (orange): O/S
- Sixth layer (light orange): Virtualization
- Seventh layer (orange): Servers
- Bottom layer (light orange): Storage

- Hardware infrastructure + OS, middleware and frameworks, RDBMS
 - AWS marketplace: thousands of pre-configured VM instances, with or without included licenses

<https://paasfinder.org>

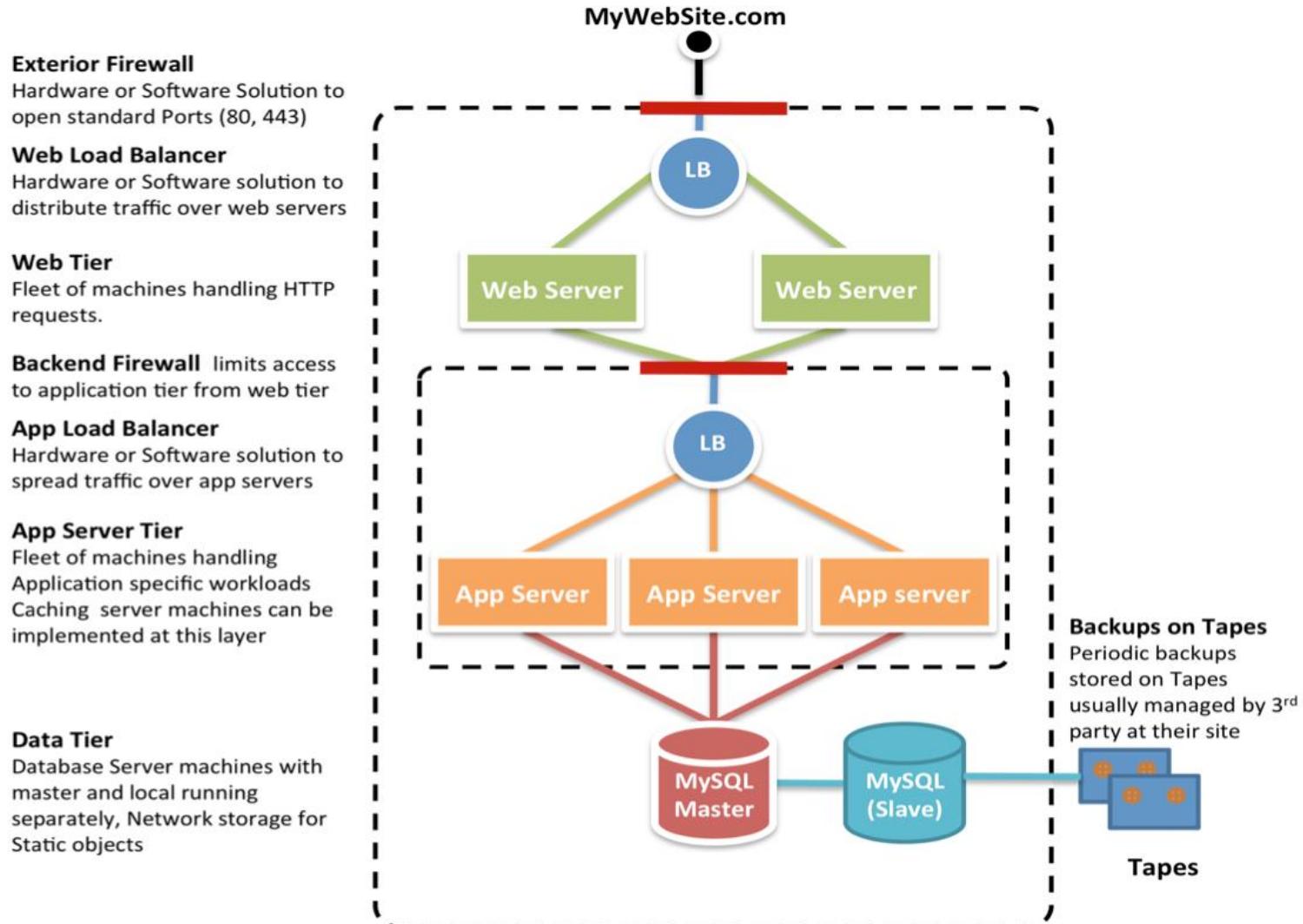
Name	Status	Runtimes	Scaling	Hosting	Infrastructures	Actions
Cloudn PaaS	Production	java node php python ruby	1 → 5	eye	AS NA	Details
Platformer.com	Production	dotnet php	1 → 5	eye lock	OC	Details
Pivotal Web Services	Production	go groovy java node ruby scala extensible	1 ←	eye	NA	Details
Bluemix	Production	go java node php python ruby extensible	1 → 5	eye lock	EU NA OC	Details

SaaS - Application Cloud

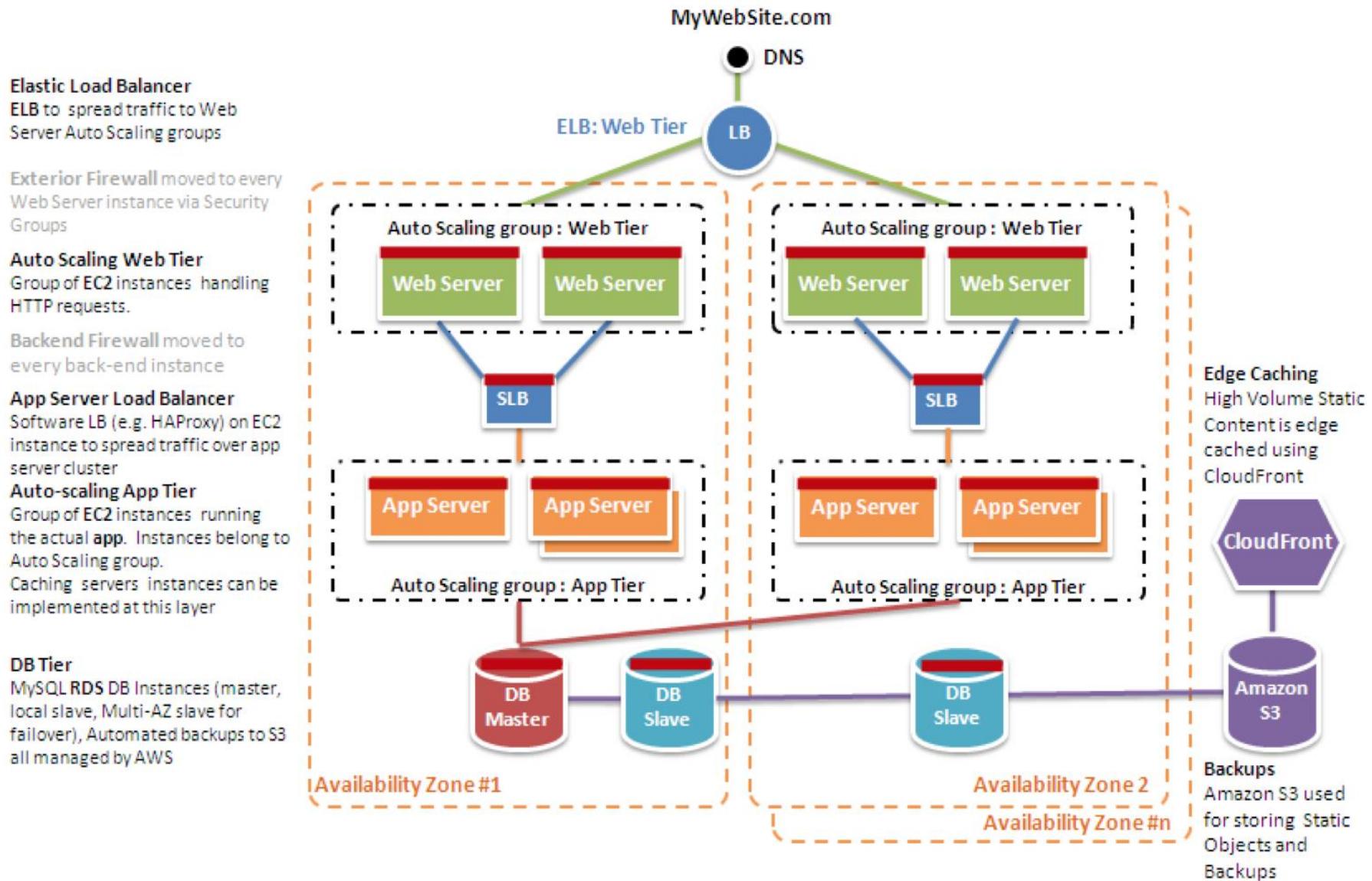
- Provides hosted applications, usually accessed from a browser
- Freemium model or subscription
- Examples :
 - Google Apps
 - Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Docs
 - Google Maps
 - Salesforce
 - CRM, Call Center Mgt, Radian 6
 - Microsoft
 - Office 365
 - Adobe
 - Creative Cloud

	Google Apps	Google Apps for Business	Google Apps for Business avec Vault
Calculez vos économies	Pour les particuliers et les petites équipes	Pour les entreprises	Avec des fonctionnalités de sécurité et d'e-Discovery avancées
Démarrer	Essai gratuit	Contacter le service commercial	
Gratuit	4 € par utilisateur et par mois ou 40 € par utilisateur et par an	8 € par utilisateur et par mois	
Principales fonctionnalités			
Nombre maximal d'utilisateurs	10 utilisateurs	Illimité	Illimité
Taille de la boîte de réception	10 Go	25 Go	25 Go
Included Drive storage (need more?)	5 GB	5 GB	5 GB
Adresse e-mail personnalisée	✓	✓	✓
Messagerie, agenda, création de documents et de sites d'équipe	✓	✓	✓
Auto-assistance en ligne	✓	✓	✓

Typical architecture



Elastic architecture



Conclusion... interesting

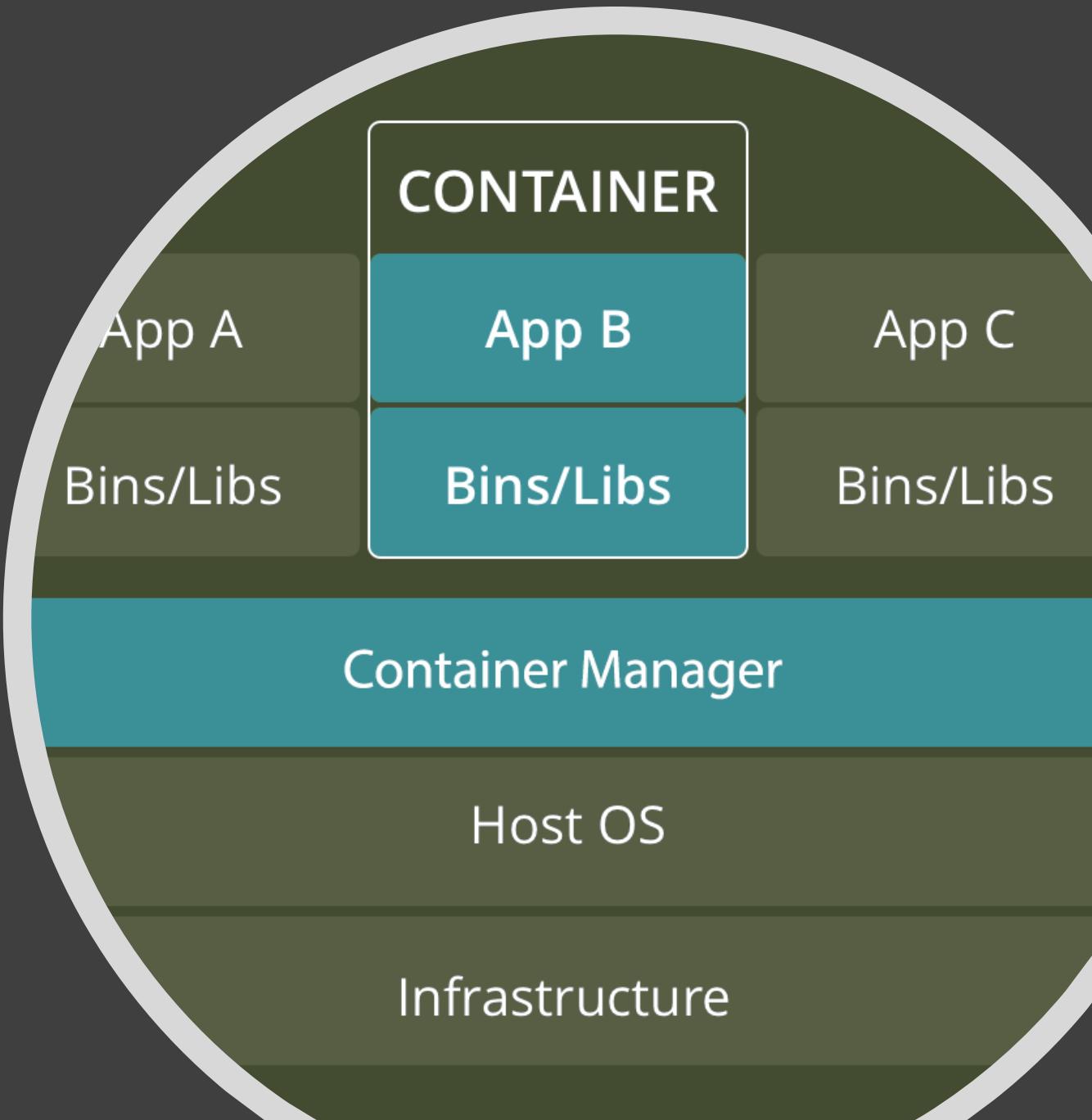
- An interesting model
 - automated management
 - quick set up
 - virtually no start-up costs
 - elasticity
 - high availability
- Able to respond to needs
 - variable load with peaks
 - rapid growth
 - growth with little visibility
- Offering a reduced adherence between infrastructure and applications

Conclusion... BUT...

- Not in all situations
 - probably not the most economical for predictable and constant loads
 - not suitable for applications that cannot withstand a start-up delay
- Requires additional skills
 - architecture, development, deployment
 - understanding the offer and APIs
 - real management to ensure financial gain

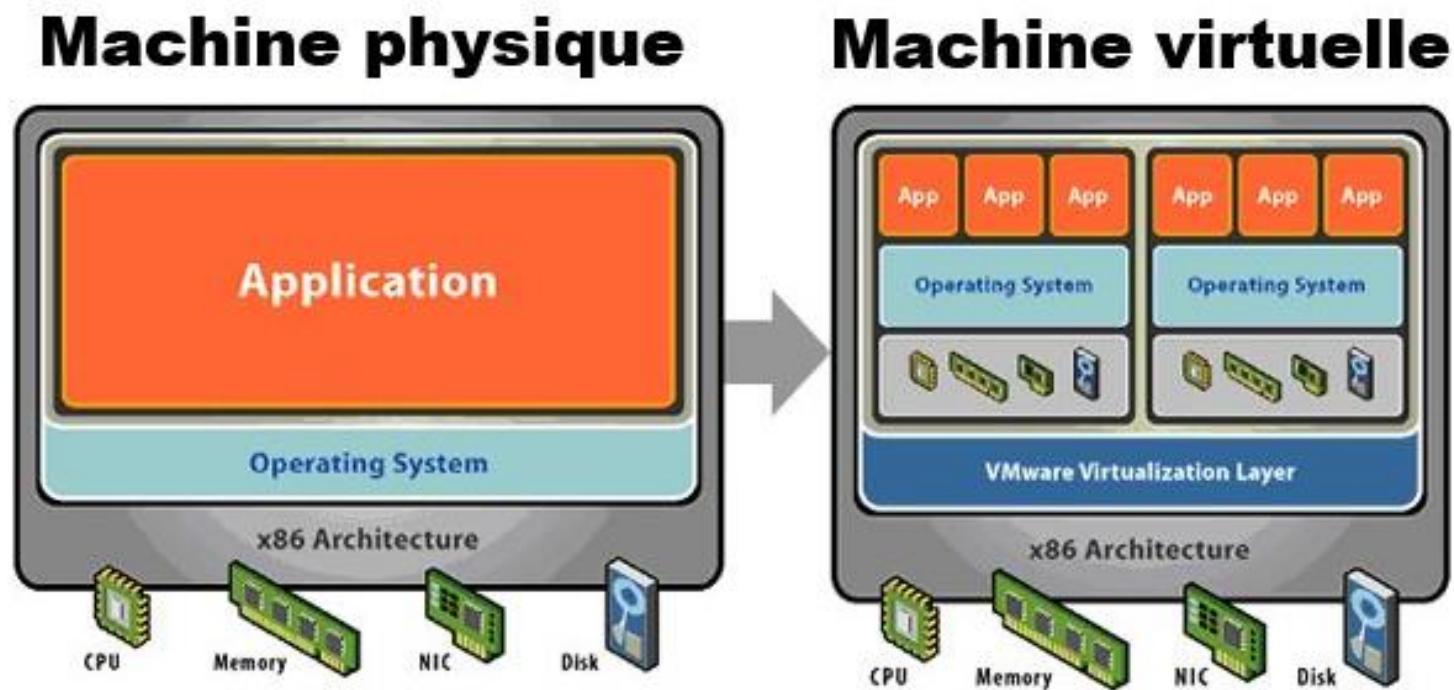
→ Get support from a Cloud Technology Partner
- Contributes to the entropy of the information system and the complexity of monitoring and debugging
 - possible data exchange between the IS and the cloud via Internet
 - need to secure these exchange flows
 - deal with Internet network latency
 - strive to unify authentication of users accessing internal and external IS services
 - etc.
- And other concerns
 - Golden handcuffs syndrome and all the eggs in the same basket
 - Not-so-reduced adherence, variable portability, what if the cloud service provider goes bankrupt or makes a major change to its product?
 - Reliability and service commitment
 - SLA at 99.5% but several major breakdowns
 - Data security
 - Can you trust a third party to preserve critical and/or confidential data?
 - Legal impacts of data location
 - The Cloud Act set the cats among the pigeons

II. 4. Virtual Machines Containers

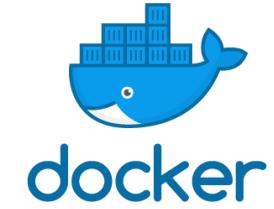


Virtualization

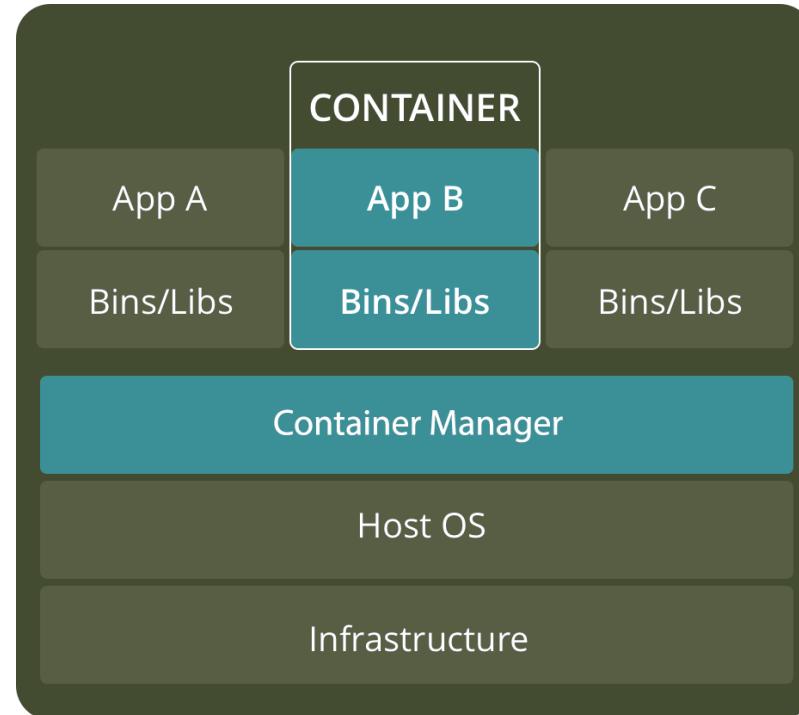
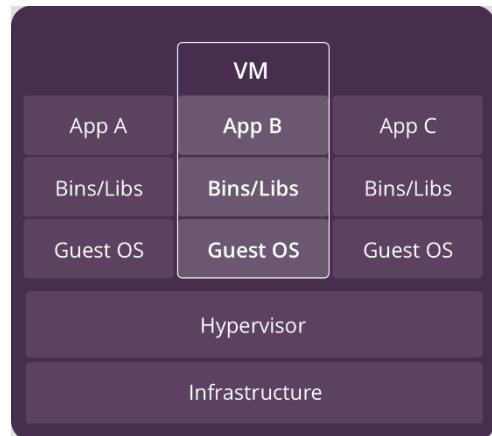
- Good for virtualizing the infrastructure
- But burdensome to follow the evolutions of an application



Container



- Lighter
- (Nearly) no start time
- Native performances (no hypervisor overhead)

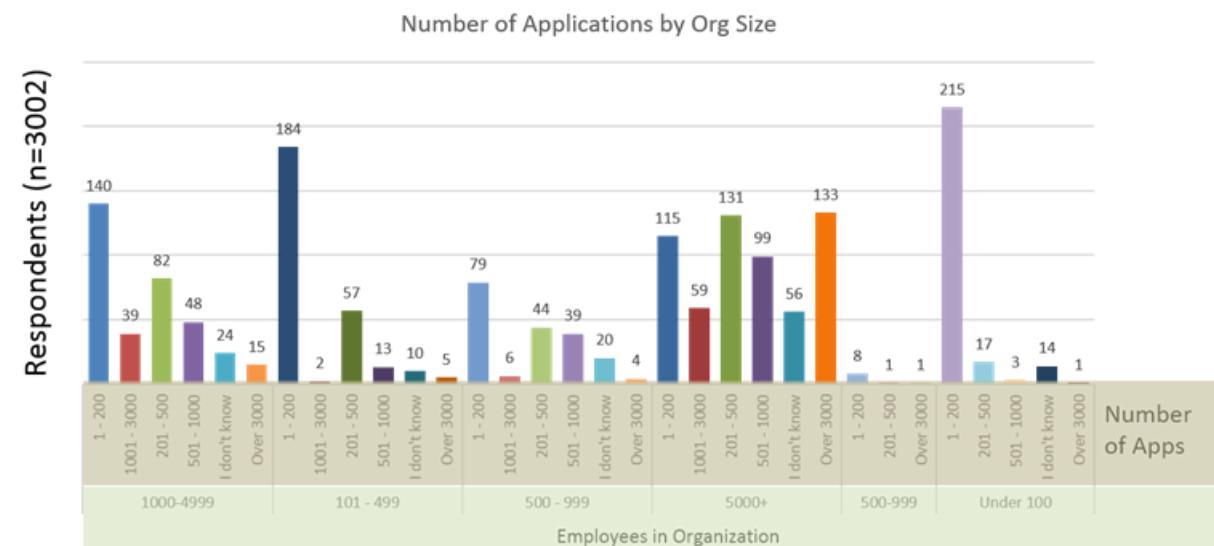




III. Application Integration

The inevitable disparity of applications

- Each organization is unique, universal software is a utopia.
- Willingness to take advantage of the best application on the market for a given task (best-of-breed)
- Willingness to limit dependence on a single technology or publisher
- IS merger following a merger/acquisition
- ...



What is heterogenic?

- Underlying operating system
- Programming language
- Database system
- Data format (structure, type, file format...)
- Versions of libraries
- Trends and History of Computer Science

Issues

- Operational: manage several applications (installation, with variable dependencies, updates, etc.)
- Architectural: each application has its own specialty but often cannot work in isolation, it needs input data, some of which is generated by other applications (and it is potentially a source of data for a downstream application in the business process).
 - manual propagation of information? Bad solution (time, errors...)
 - need an automated solution!

SOA also requires integration solutions

- SOA → application is built from services
 - Find the services
 - Adapt parameter data to service and send input to service
 - Wait for service responses, transform response to another format
 - etc

Application Integration

- Processes that allow independently designed applications (or services) to work together
- Merging of data and processing between two disparate software applications
- Software solution, architectural solution and governance solution

To expose an interface is not enough

- Hypothesis: each application exposes an API (web or not) allowing to interact with it from the outside
- Coupling between applications:
 - Ad-hoc
 - Manual programming of point-to-point interactions between two applications
 - Difficult to maintain and extend (adding an application to a group of n : n new couplings to be done)
 - Use of an application integration platform

Main components of application integration platforms

- Communication system for reliable transfer of messages/data between endpoints
- Synchronous and asynchronous call mechanisms
- Connectors to/from mainframe, ERP and other systems
- Dynamic linking system of supplier and customer endpoints
- Data conversion mechanism
- Message transformation, enrichment, mapping and validation mechanisms
- Orchestration
- Support for multiple interaction patterns
- Transaction management, security
- Administration: services directory, deployers, discovery protocol
- Supervision: monitoring console, alerts
- ...

Application Integration Solutions / Ecosystem

Integration is a jungle world!

A few basics on which the majority of solutions are based :

- Local: IPC
- Synchronous solution: RPC and ORB
- Asynchronous: messages
- Orchestration



III. 1.
IPC

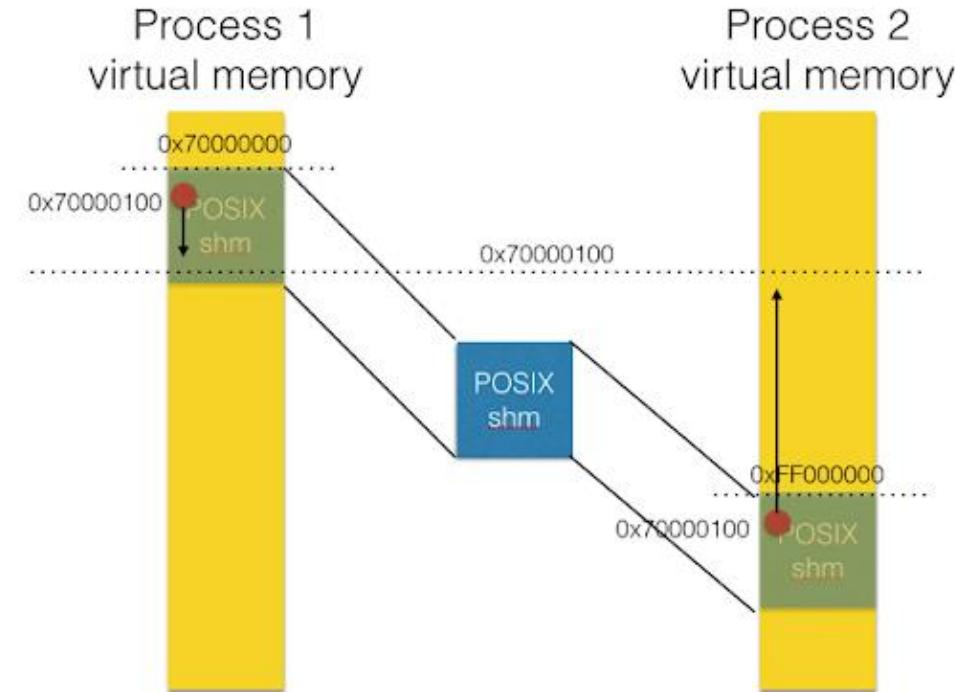
Inter Process Communication (IPC)

OS-provided mechanism allowing two concurrent processes

- to synchronize their actions
- and/or to exchange data

Shared memory

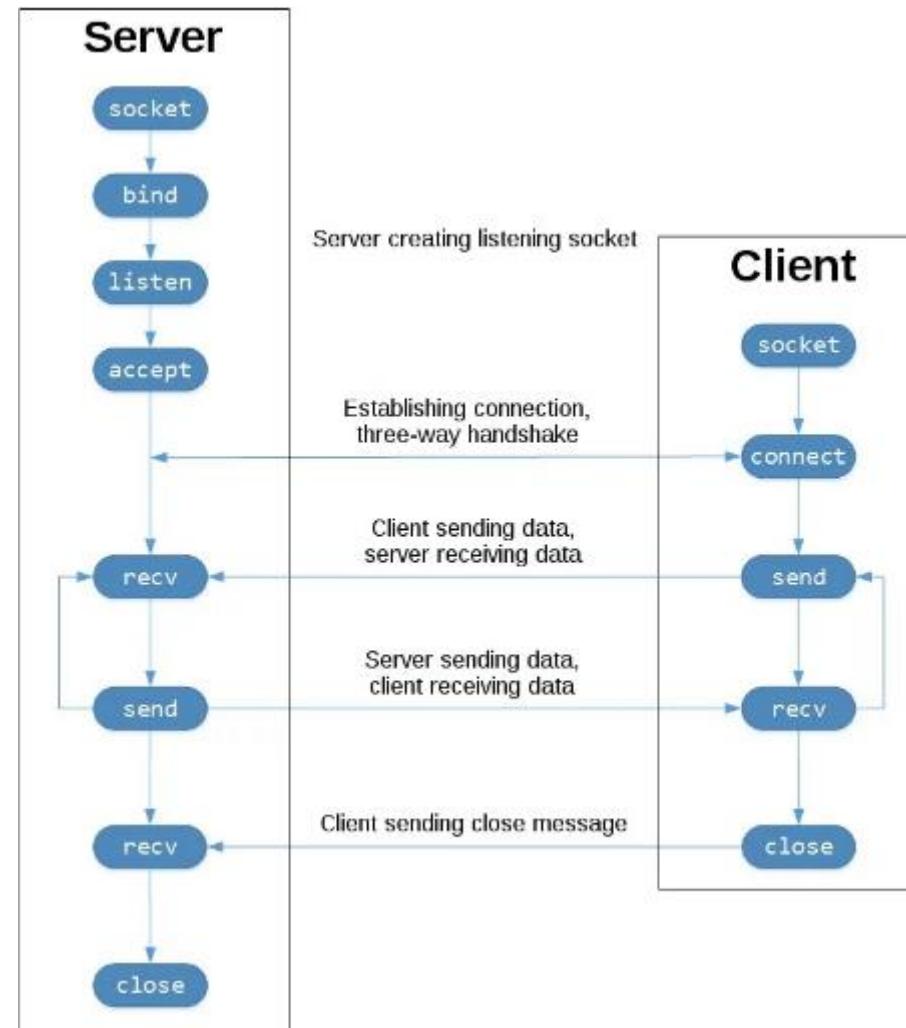
- Multiple processes can access the same memory block.



- Can be used for
 - Memory-mapped files shared between processes
 - Shared in-memory message queue

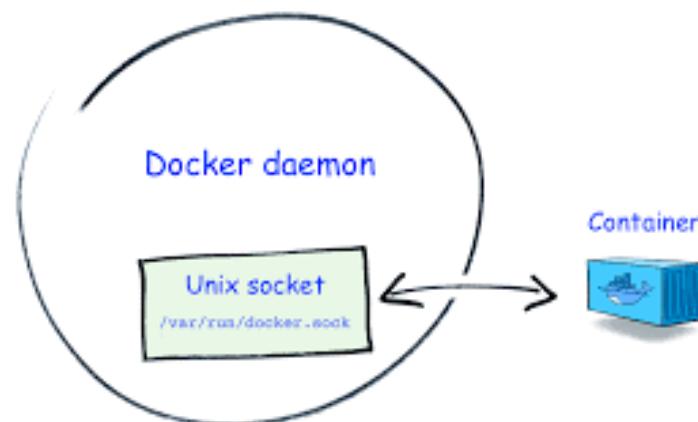
Network Socket

sends data through network interface



Unix Domain Socket

- sends data (or a file descriptor) to a process on the same machine (communication takes place in the OS kernel rather than via a network protocol)
- 2 interfaces :
 - Stream (comparable to TCP)
 - Datagram (comparable to UDP, but reliable and orderly)



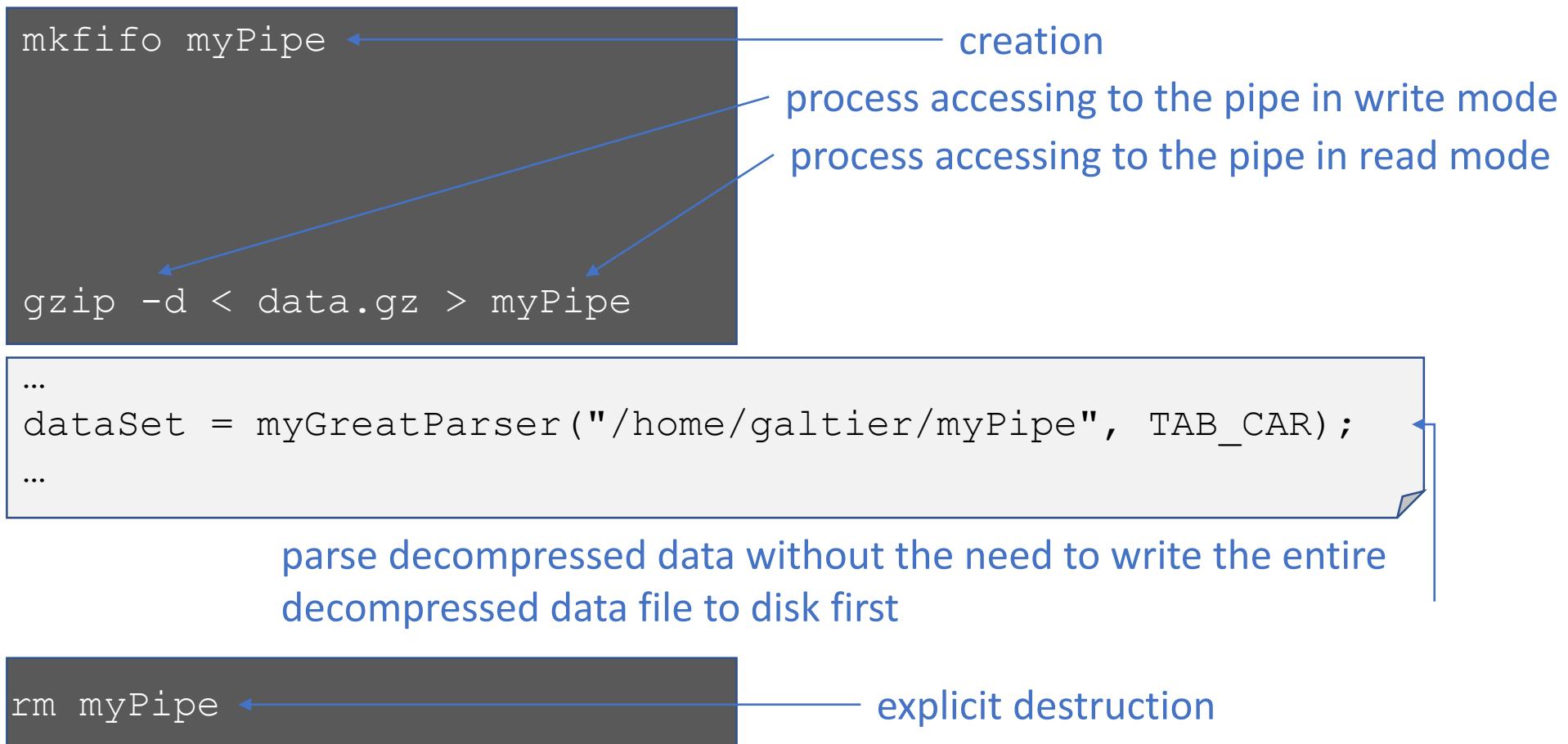
(Anonymous) Pipe

redirects the standard output of one program to the standard input of another program

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cat myfile | wc
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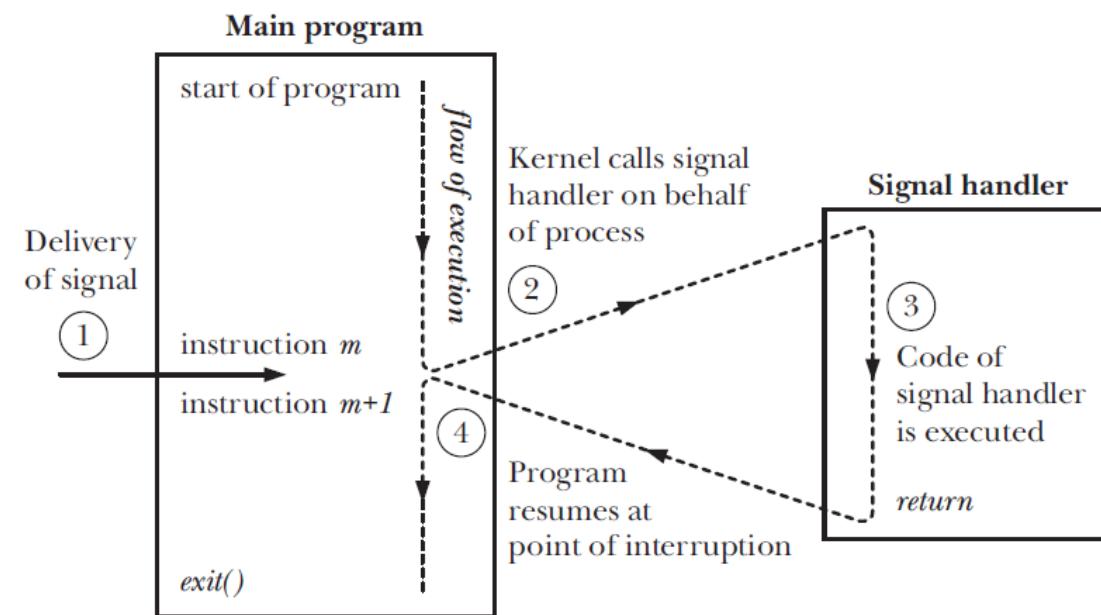
Named pipe

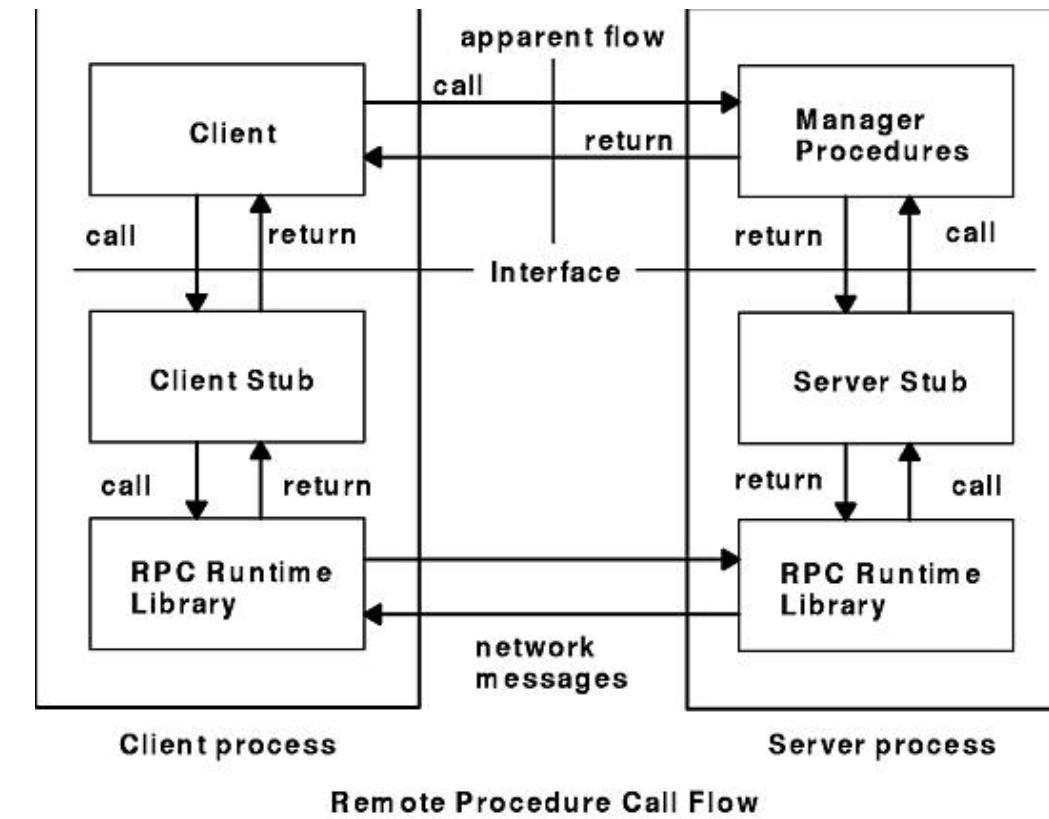
persistent, appears as a file but does not need to be written to disk



Interrupt signal

asynchronous notification sent to a process to notify it of an event; if the notification is not “masked”, the OS interrupts the execution of the process and starts its processing routine

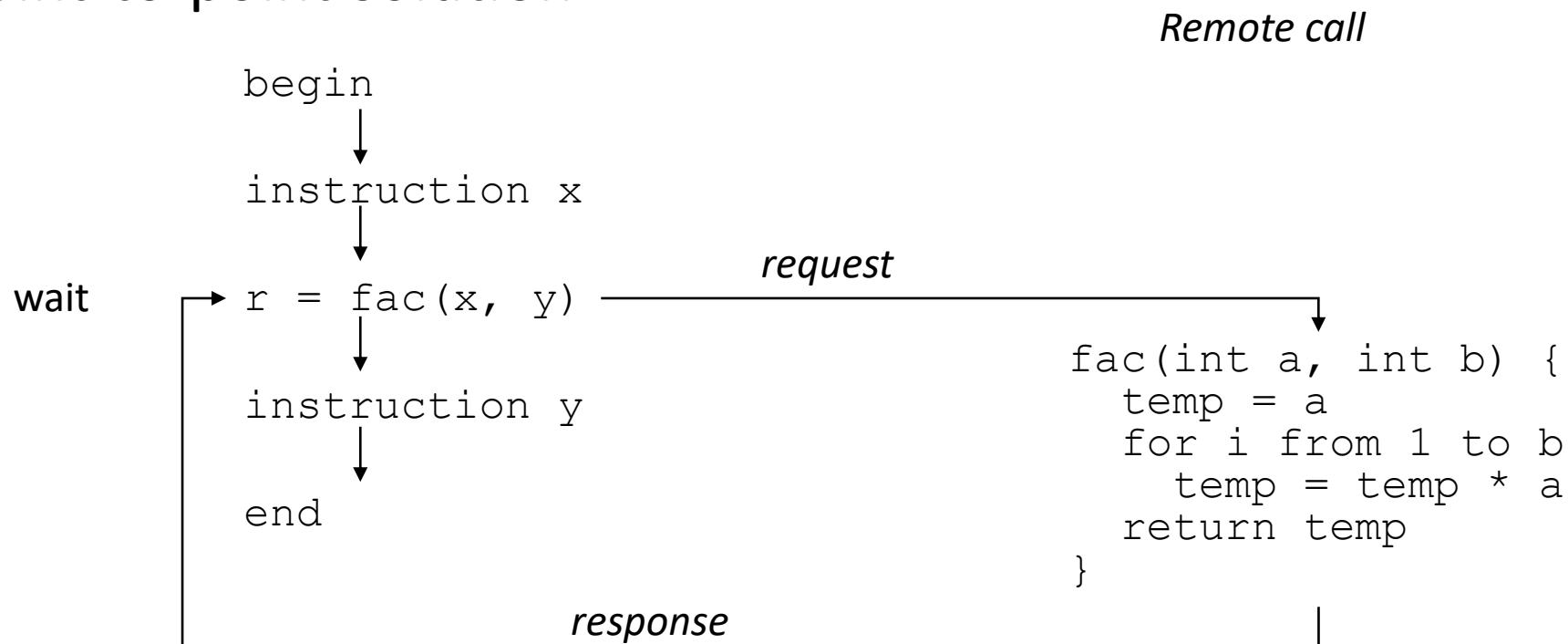




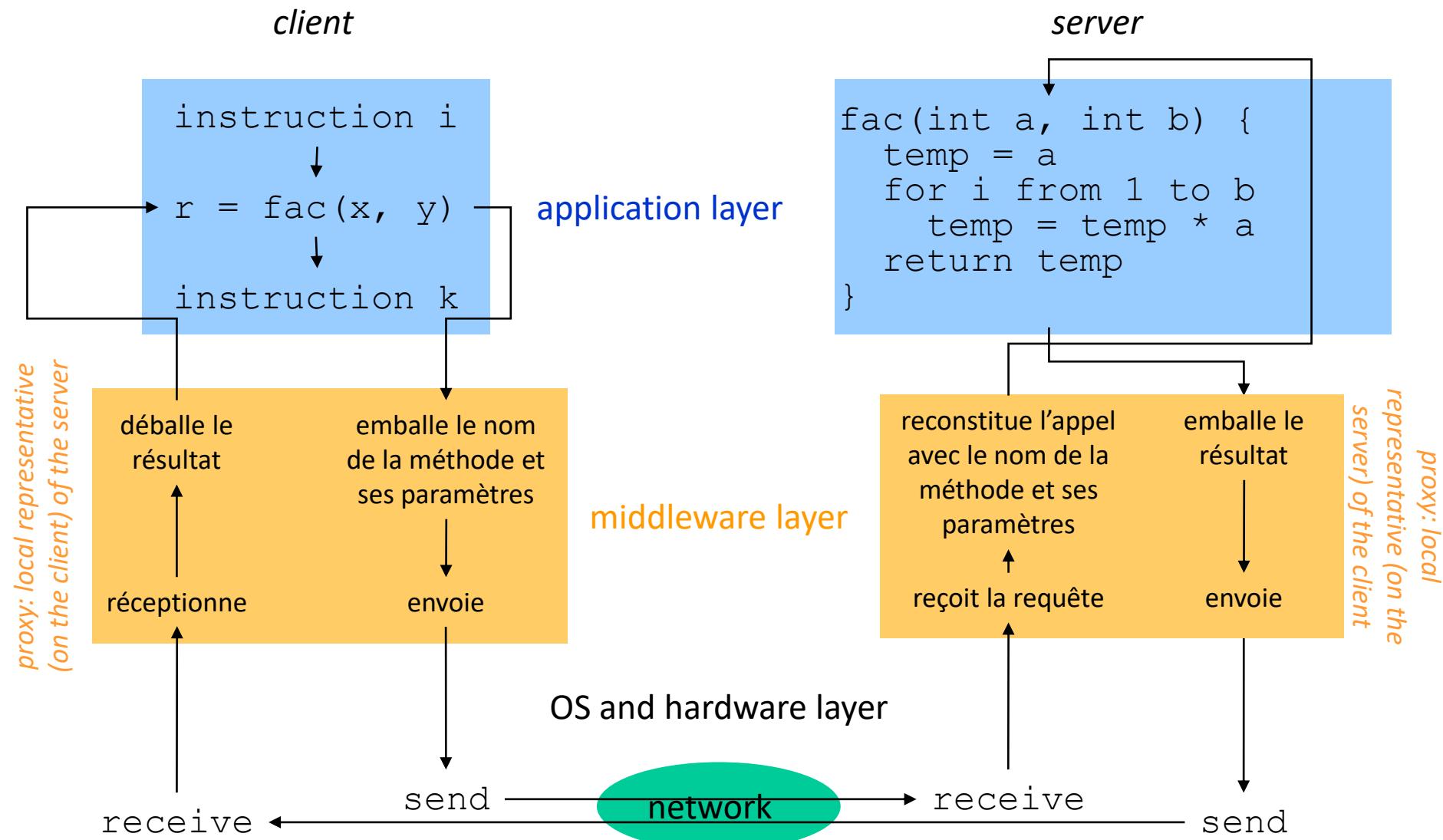
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RPC

RPC Remote Procedure Call

- Oldest solution (70's)
- Client/server architecture
- Call a remote service synchronously (mostly)
(almost) as if it were local
- Point-to-point solution



Key elements: proxies



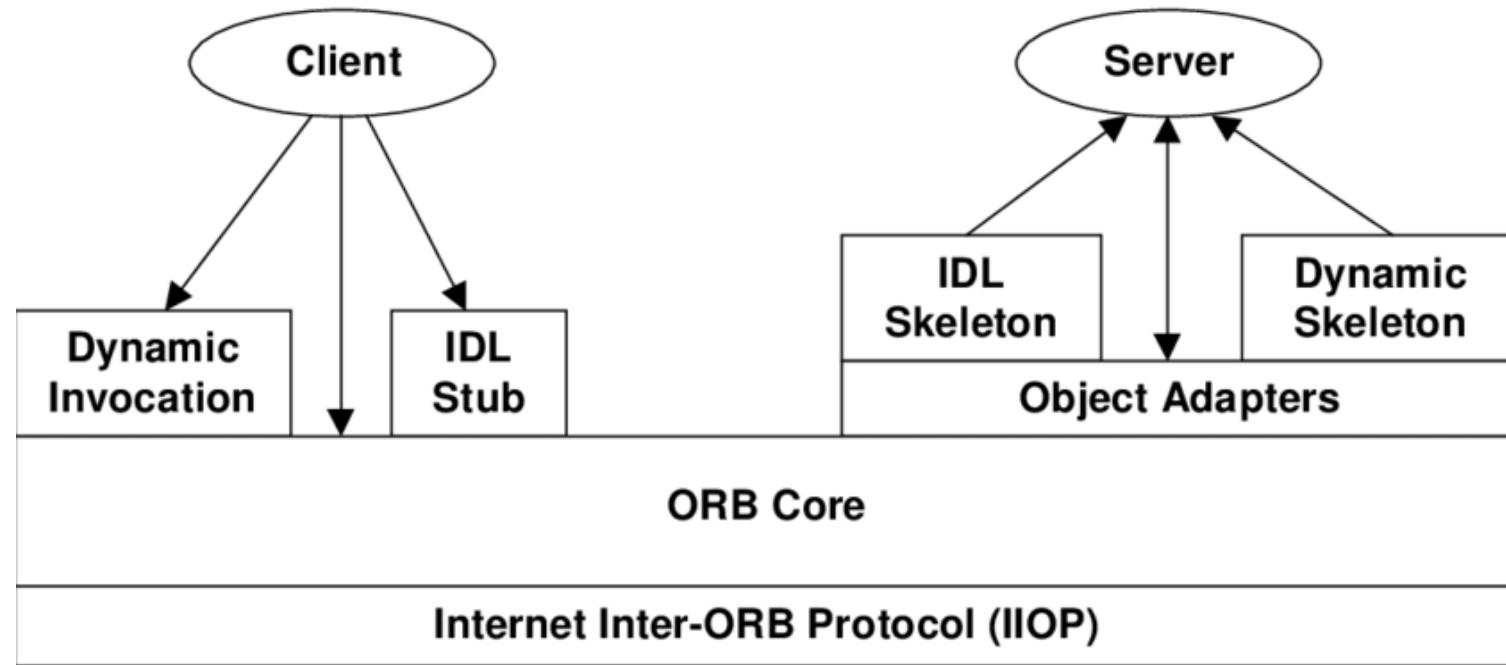
transparency

Proxies take care of:

- network operations
 - transformations between client and server formats
- loose client / server coupling

Main players of RPC middleware

- early 90s, dominant until 1995:
 - DCE RPC (Apollo/HP then Open Group)
 - Sun RPC (used by NFS)
- 1998: XML RPC (led to SOAP)



III. 2. b.
ORB

Object Request Broker

RPC for Object-Oriented: method calls on remote objects

- Heterogeneous objects:
 - CORBA (Common Object Request Broker Architecture) (1991)
 - DCOM (Distributed Component Object Model) (1995), .Net Remoting : Microsoft equivalent of CORBA, possible bridge with CORBA (COM objects can appear as CORBA objects)
- Java objects: Java RMI (Remote Method Invocation) (1998)

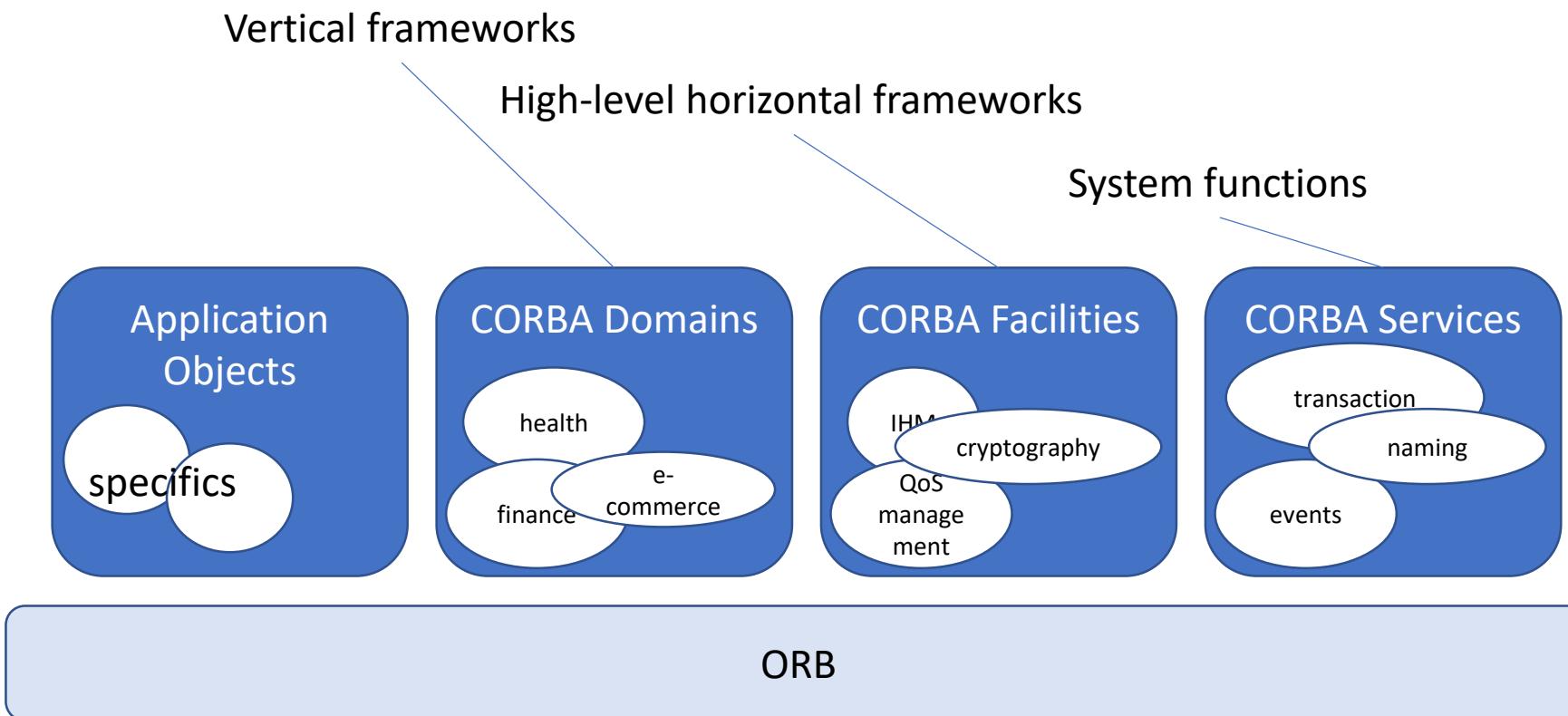


Object Management Architecture

CORBA: “OO-RPC”

but also

a **set of services**:





Limitations

- Local calls are treated exactly the same as remote calls → inefficient
- Standard designed without governance between proposals → complex, ambiguous
- Difficult to make different versions of a service co-exist
- Not easy to learn, fewer and fewer experts
- In the past:
 - Incompatibility between first implementations
 - Failed or partial implementations
 - Difficulties getting through firewalls

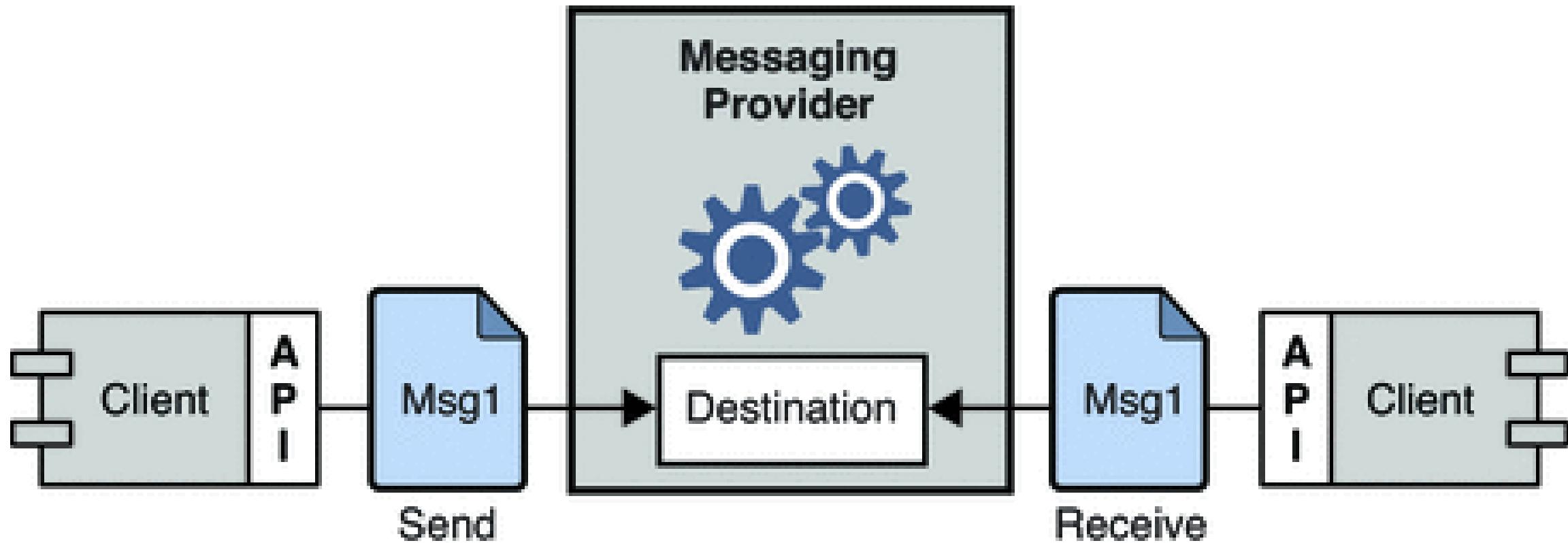


Perspectives

- Legacy still important (especially as one of the first)
 3G telephony base stations, air traffic control, Hubble telescope...
- One of the few candidates (with DDS) when there are hard real-time constraints
- But few new developments
 - Java.corba module deprecated since Java SE 9
 - Little taught

RMI vs. CORBA

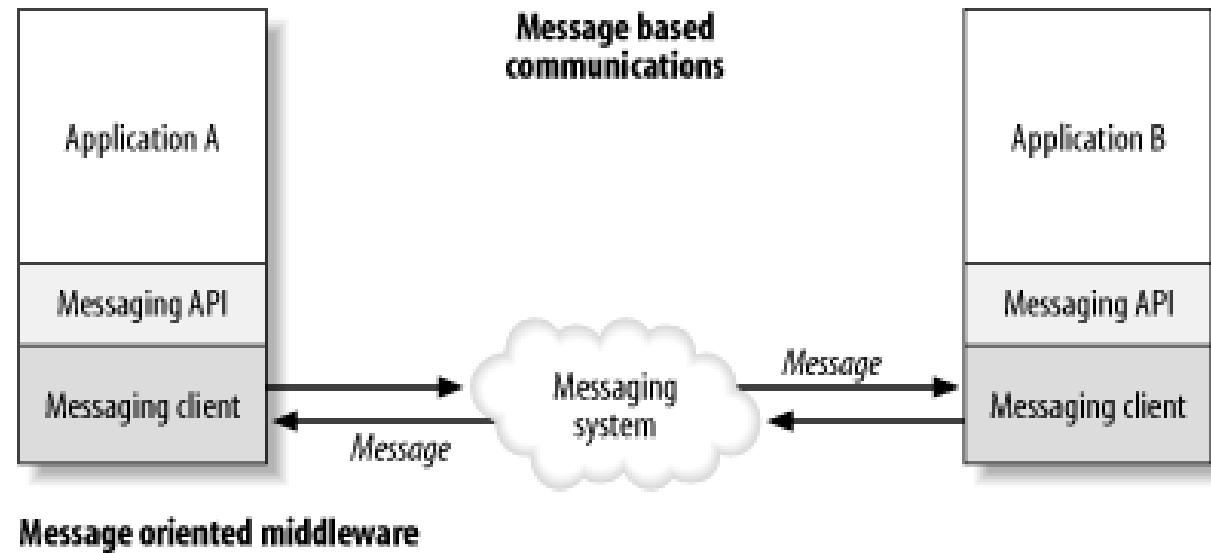
- All java (go through JNI if not)
- Part of the JDK and JRE
- Easier to implement
- Few services
- Depending on the scenario, slower than CORBA



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MOM

Message Oriented Middleware

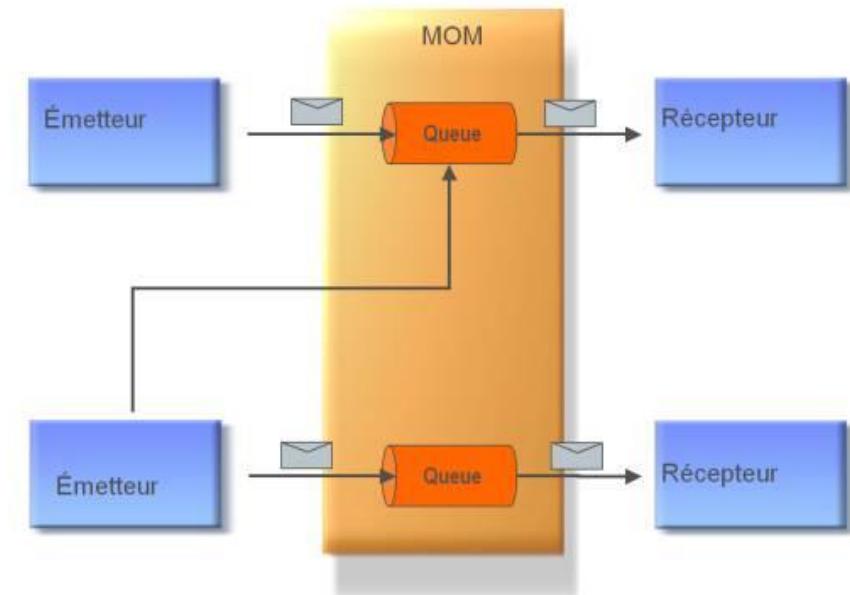
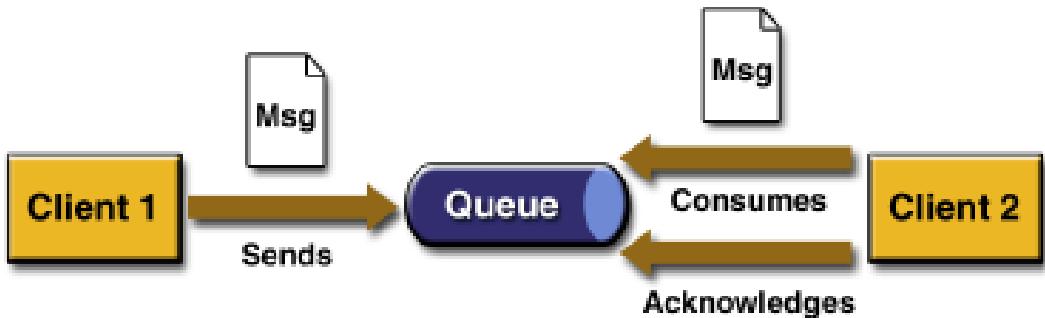
- Principle :
communication of data by messages written into a queue



- Characteristics:
 - Asynchronous: transmitter and receiver do not need to be active at the same time
 - Reliable: messages cannot be lost
 - Causal: the messages are delivered in the order they were written

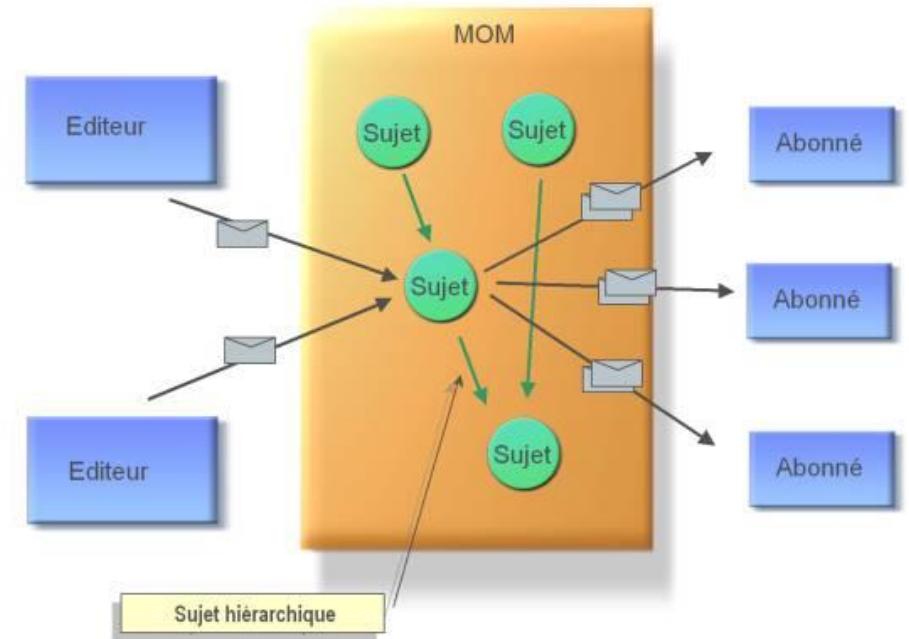
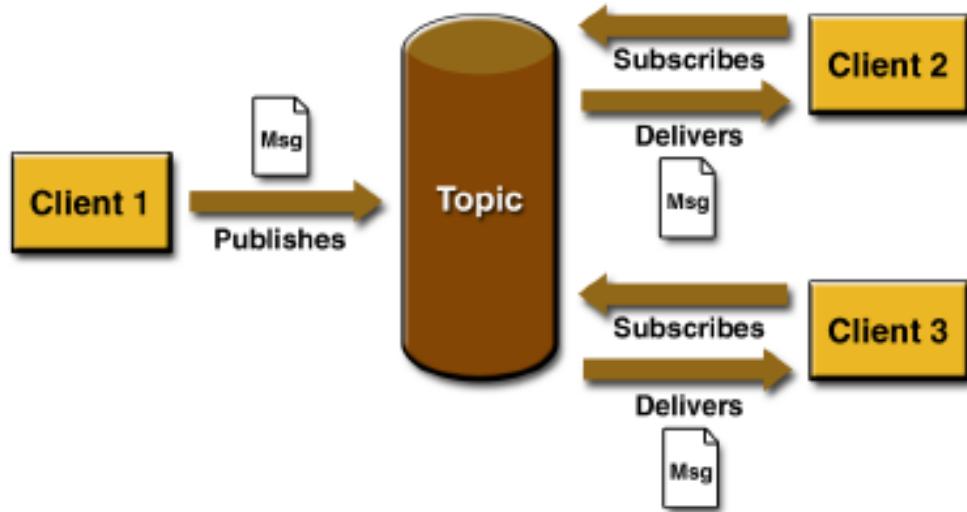
Point-to-point mode

- one producer – one consumer
- read operation removes the message (analogy: physical mailbox)



Publish/subscribe mode

- Definition of a "topic"
- Consumer subscribes to a topic
- Message is maintained until all subscribers have read the message
- analogy: bulletin board



Optional Services

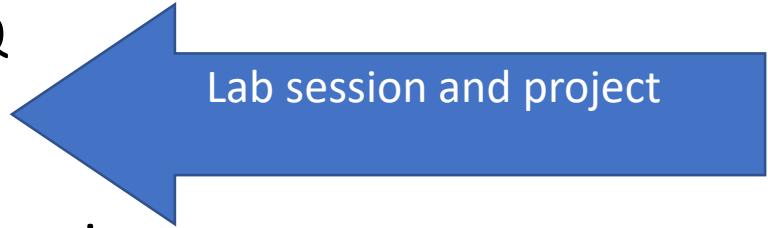
- message filtering
- safety / security functions
- hierarchical organization of messages
- messages retention for offline consumers
- priority between messages
- expiration or validity date on messages
- notification
- compression/decompression functions
- functions for transforming messages from the sender's native format into one or more other formats
- persistent file (on physical support)
- reliability (Ack from MOM to transmitter and Ack from receiver to MOM)
- guarantee of delivery: at least once or exactly once
- guaranteed delivery of messages in the right order
- transactions
- ring or blocking queue management
- ...

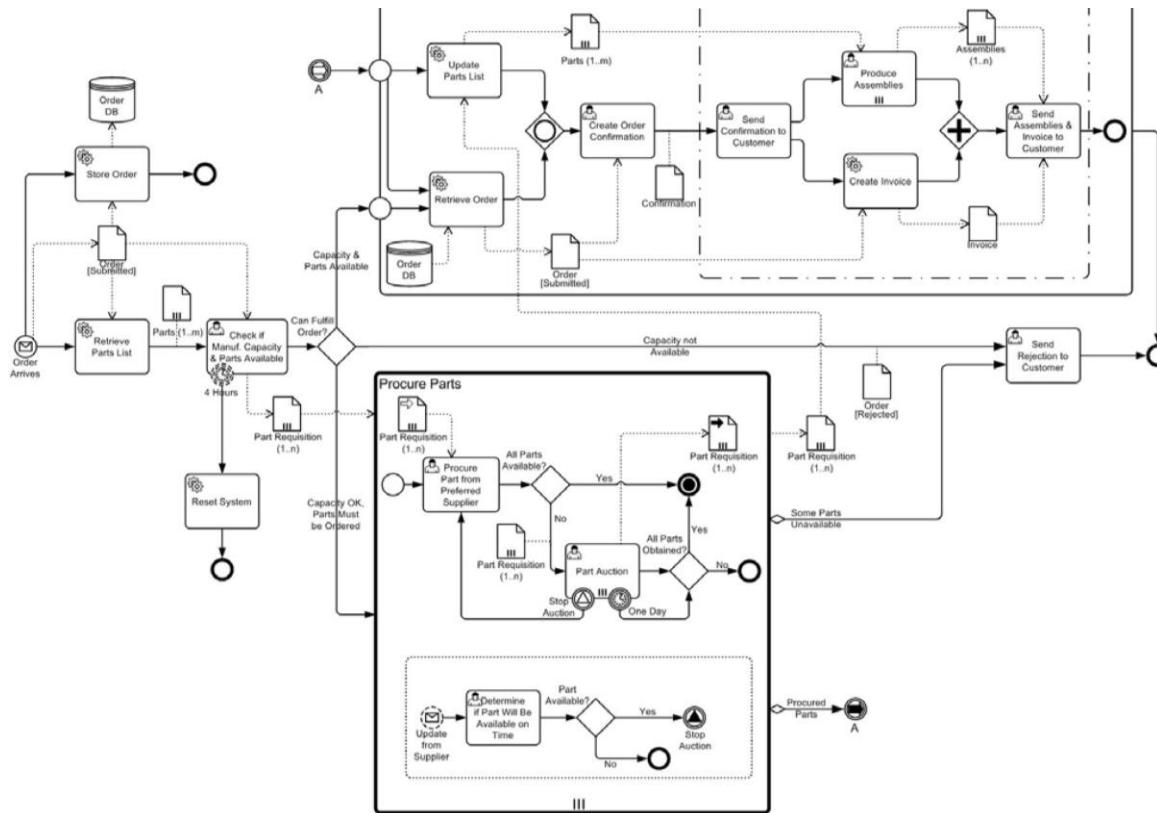
Standards

- Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP): OASIS and ISO, quite exhaustive
- MQ Telemetry Transport (MQTT): OASIS and ISO, lightweight publish/subscribe protocol over TCP
- Simple/Streaming Text Oriented Message Protocol (STOMP): similar to HTTP, writing a client is really easy
- Data Distribution Service (DDS): OMG : real-time, large-scale, and FT publish/subscribe
- HLA: simulation interoperability (military)
- eXtensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (XMPP): IETF
- API Java Message Service (JMS): Java standard

Examples of MOM

- Open-source:
 - ActiveMQ
 - RabbitMQ
 - **Kafka**
 - ZeroMQ
 - Jboss Messaging
 - Joram
 - ...
- Proprietary:
 - IBM WebSphere MQ/Series
 - Tibco RendezVous
 - Microsoft Message Queuing (MSMQ)
 - Amazon SQS (Simple Queue Service)
 - ...

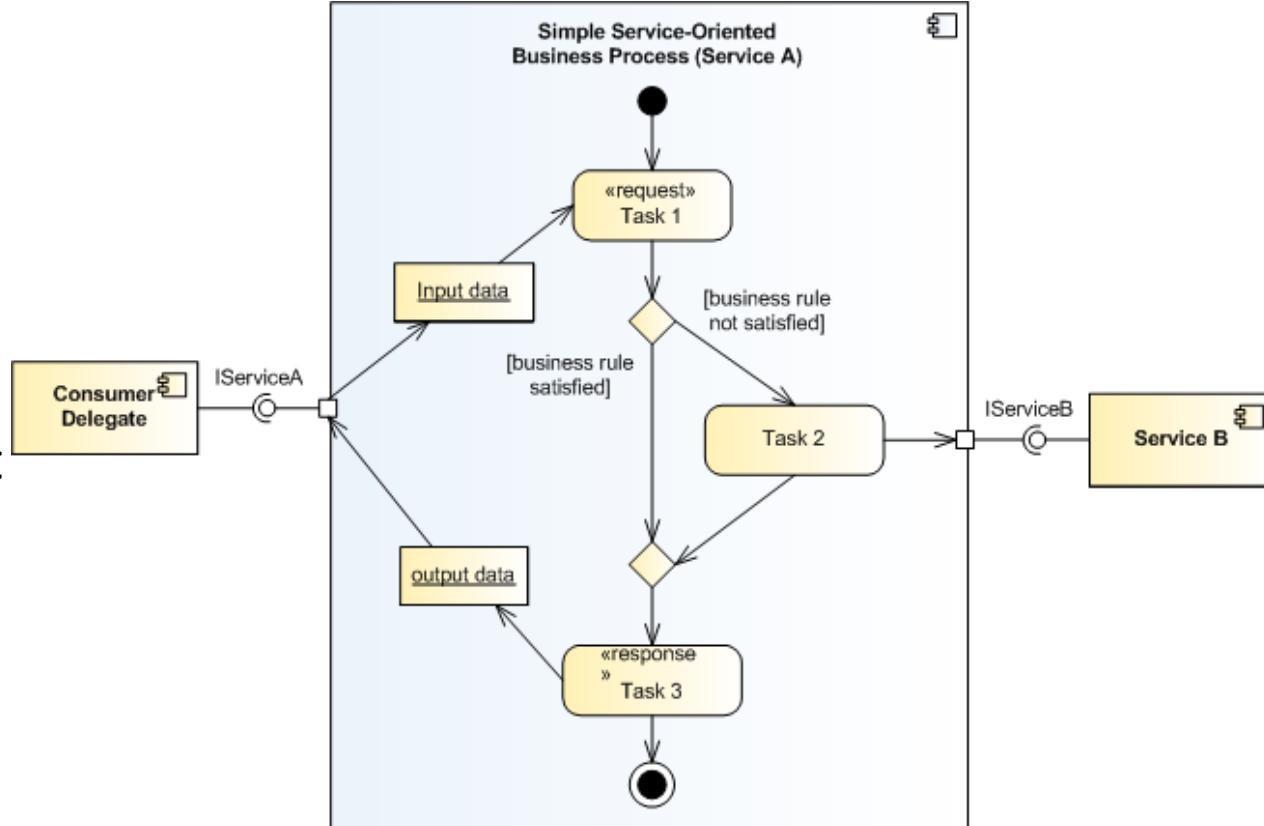




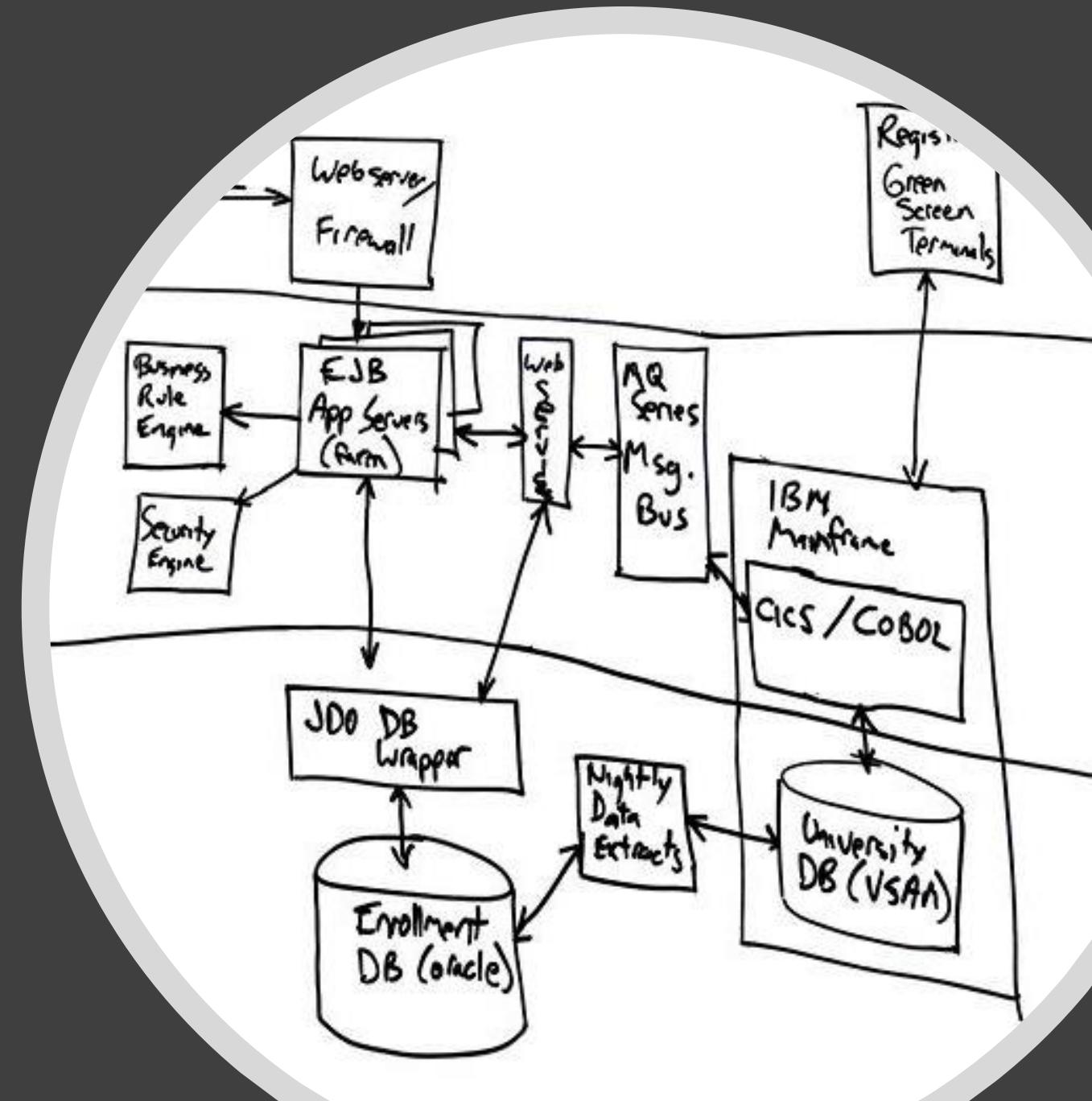
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Orchestration

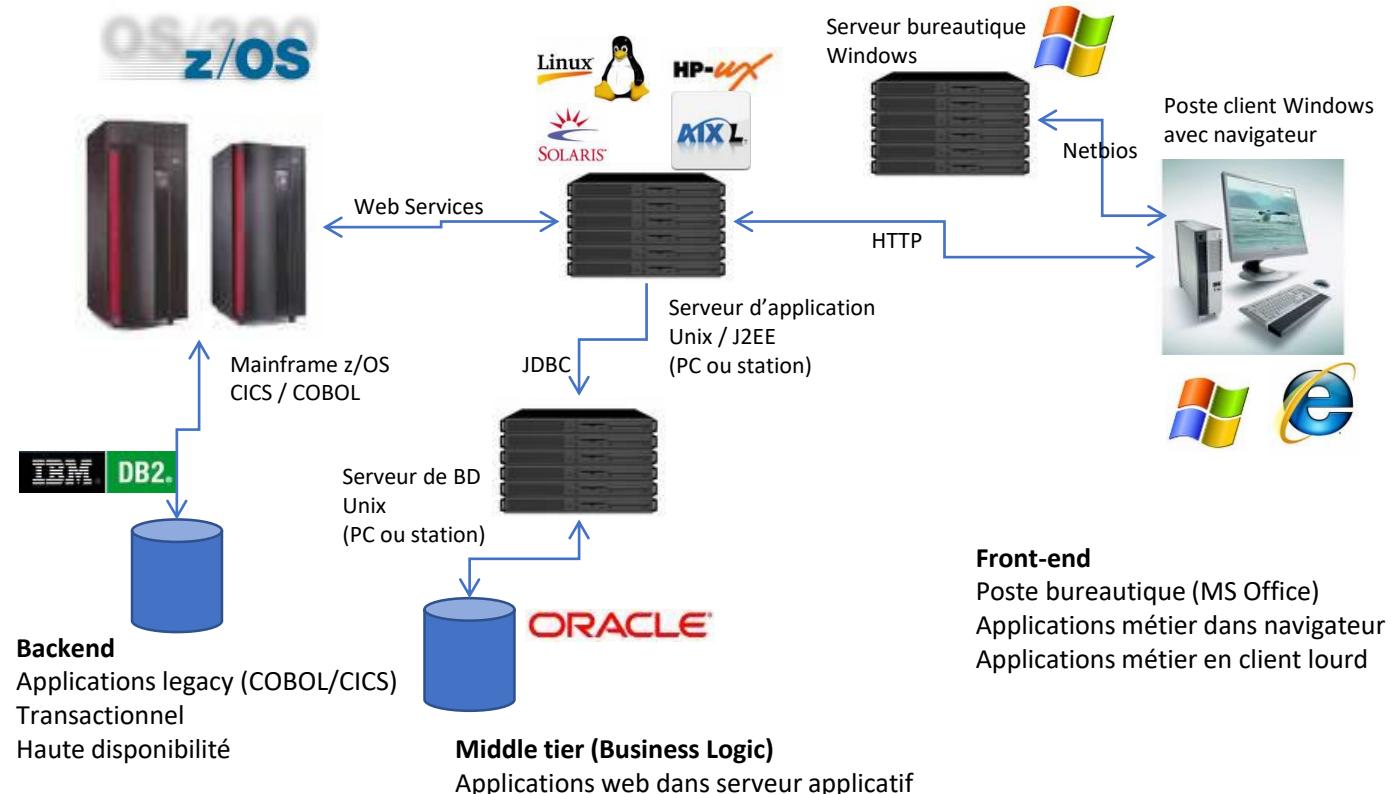
- Example: BPEL (Business Process Execution Language)
- High level programming language for orchestrating web services
 - Loops, switch, if-then-else, repeatUntil...
 - Invocation: invoke, receive, reply, wait
 - Sequential or parallel invocation of services
 - Possibility to use code snippets expressed in classical languages
- + runtime engine interpreting the BPEL



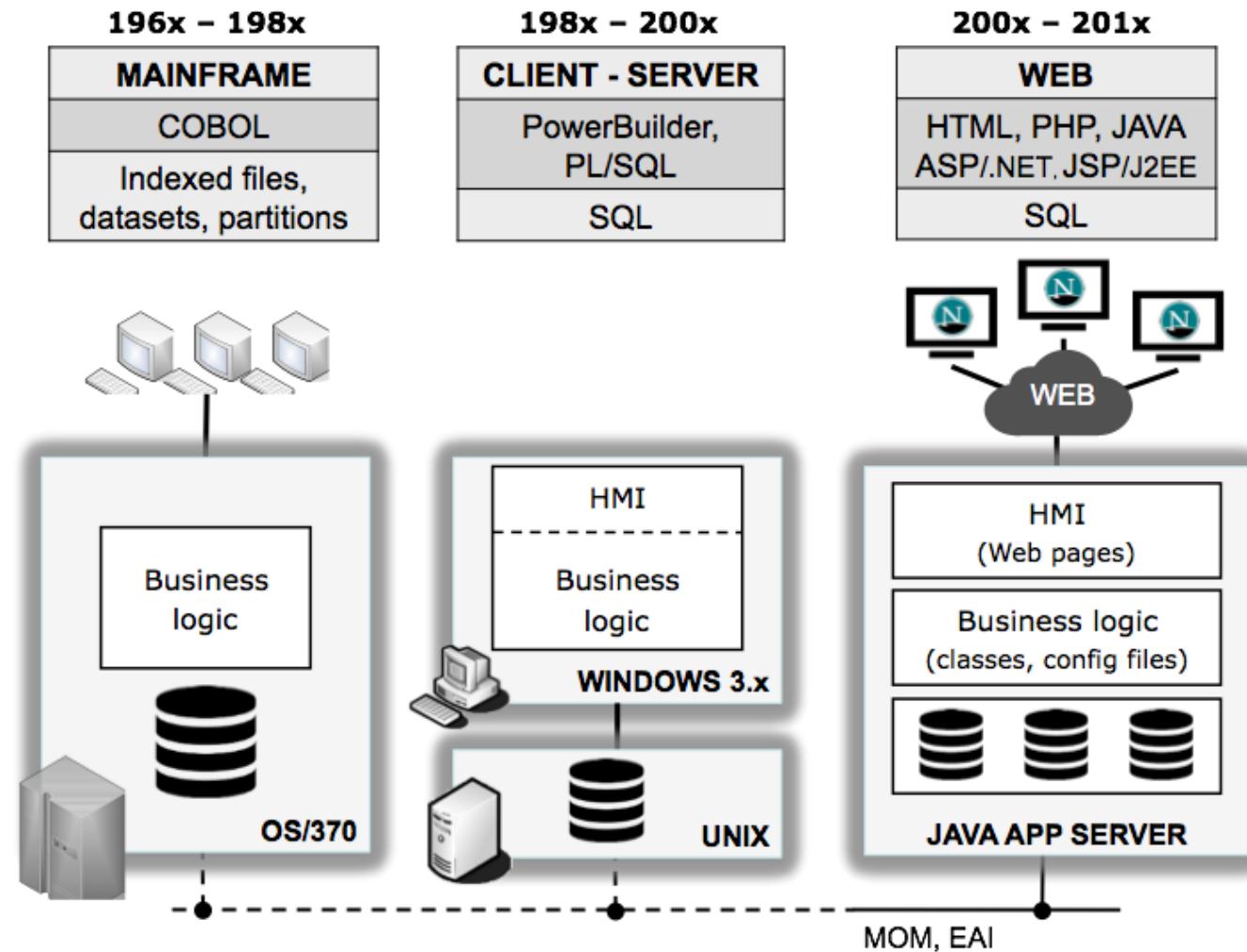
Perspectives & Conclusion (temporary)



A typical architecture...



Evolution is not over yet

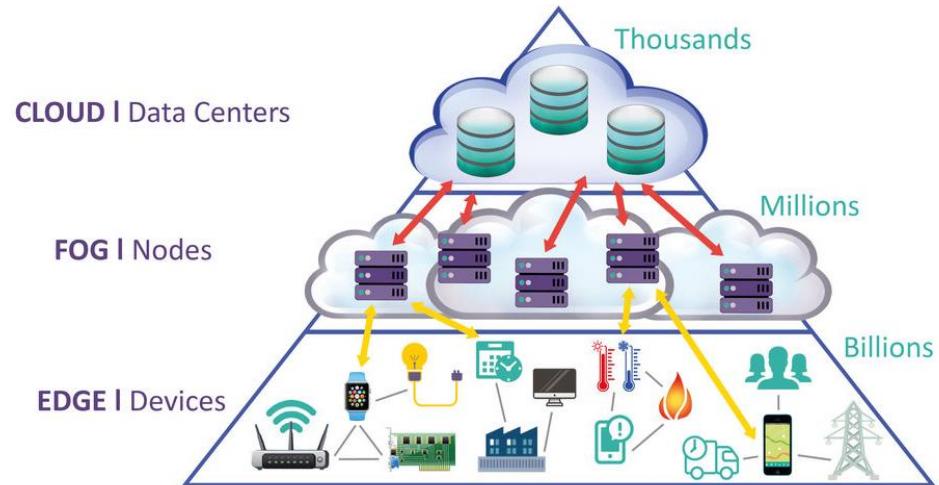


Ongoing evolution... Fog computing

- IoT objects generate a lot of data
- Sending them to the cloud for processing and storage is problematic.

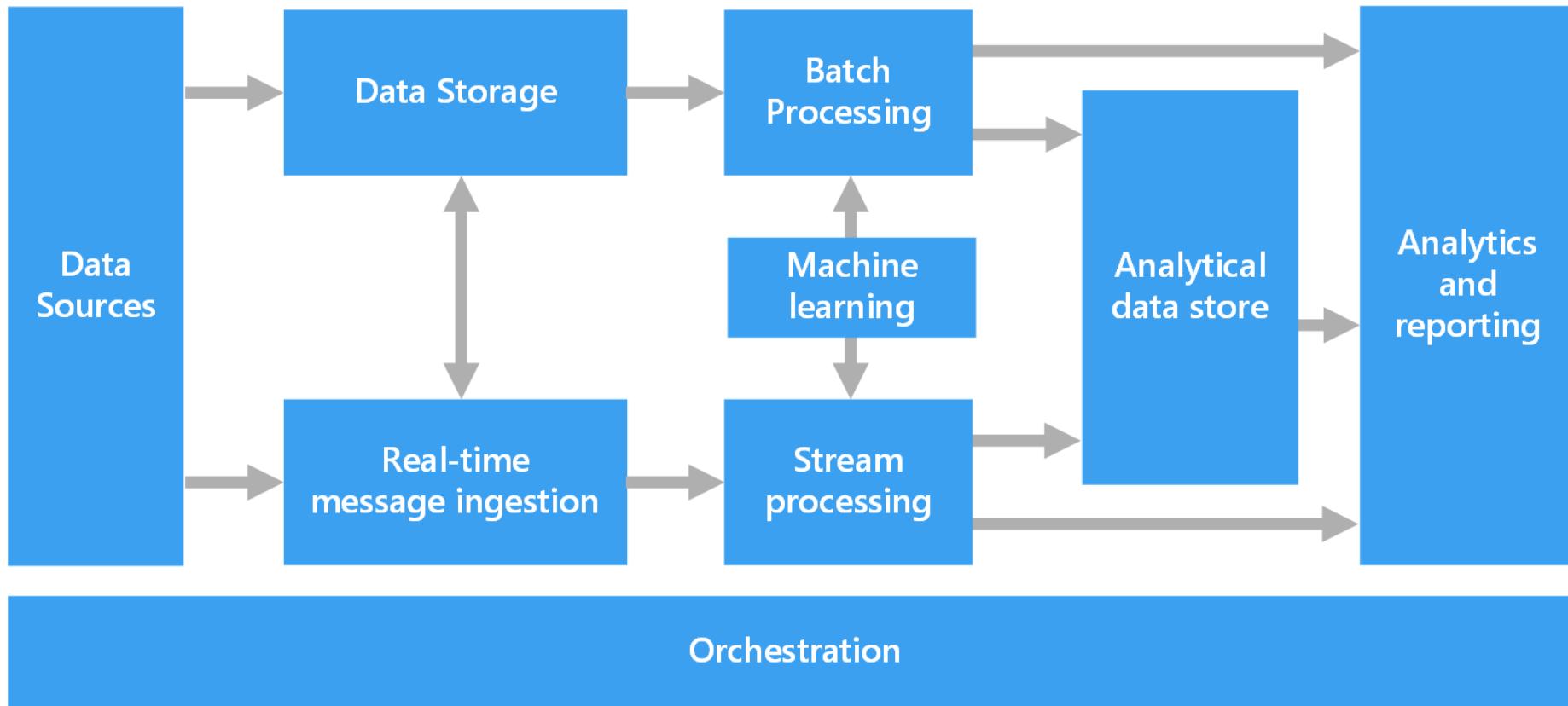
- Too much traffic
- Too much latency

- idea: add an intermediate layer (the fog) between the cloud and the objects, closer to the objects

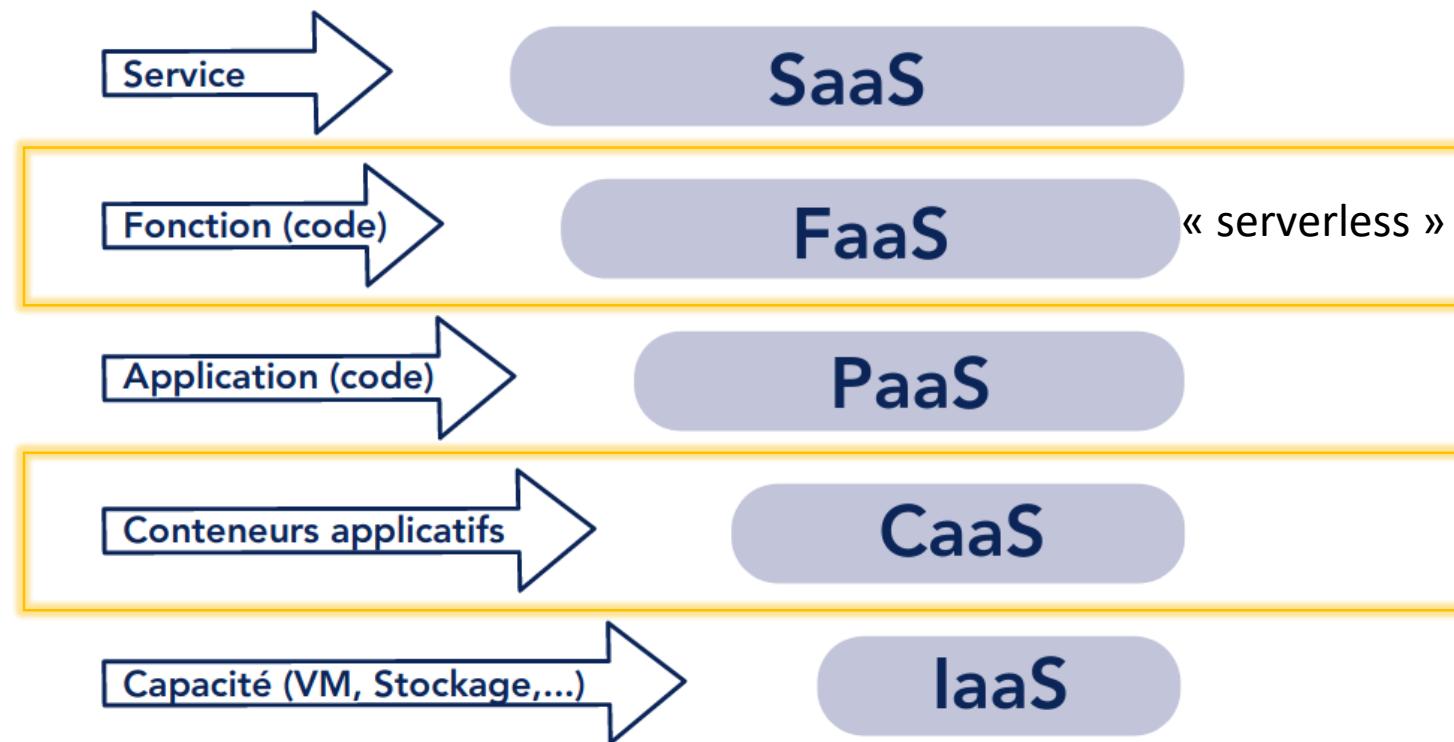


- Reinforces the entropy even more :)

Ongoing evolution... Big Data



Ongoing evolution... new “aaS”



Ongoing evolution...

Startups

- Companies not quite like the others
 - Agility / Simplicity
 - Lack of financial resources
 - Strong technical competence / very keen on innovation
 - Strong growth
- Faster and lighter development methods
 - Agility and fast iterations are favored
 - Minimum Viable Product
 - Agile methods: Scrum, Kanban...
 - Full stack developers
 - Shorten production cycles
 - Devops trend
 - Languages/tools that allow rapid prototyping are preferred
 - Interpreted languages
 - Schema-less databases

Startups : solutions privilégiées

- Mobile First strategy
 - Mobiles applications
 - one-page-app websites
 - REST Architectures, API, lightweight middleware
- Open Source solutions
 - Linux, PostgreSQL ...
- Cloud solutions
 - Virtualization and containers
 - Amazon Web Services, Azure, Google
- New DB models
 - NoSQL
 - Big Data

