clojure@runa

a somewhat non-technical talk

a tale of two e-tailers

a (really) large online auction site

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5000 requests/sec

1 ms response times

5 ms with network

1 (+9) machines

averaging 30 million calls a day

up to 500 million calls a day

single developer

nearly 100% Clojure

thanks, Clojure!

1.5% site coverage

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a (cool) billion dollars of offers a day

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early days, 5% lift

tale #2

large online shoes retailer

~40% coverage

18% lift

Whee!

behind the scenes

DSLs for fun and profit

for dynamic pricing

instant personal deals

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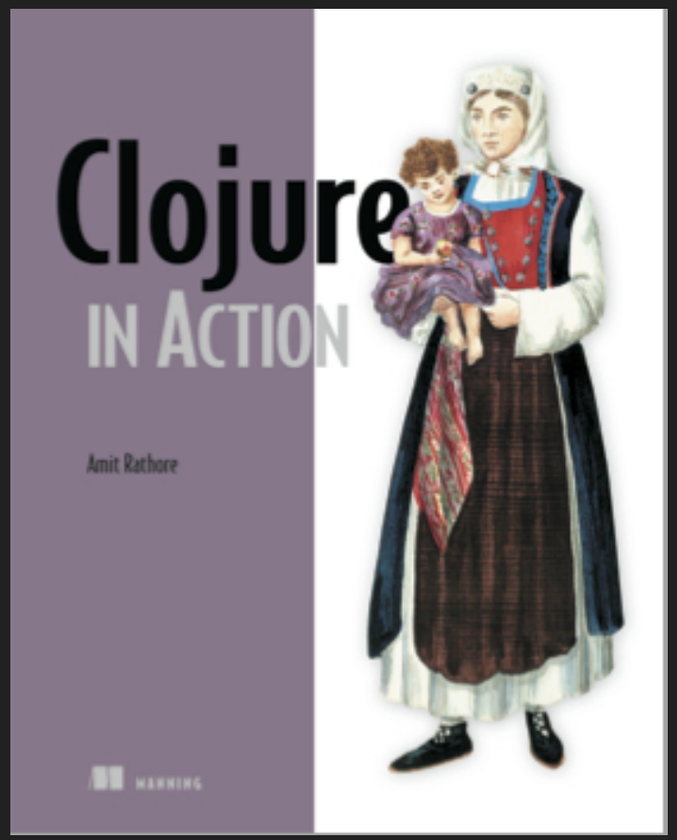
Amit Rathore

VP of Engineering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Amit Rathore
MANNING

DSLs

many talks

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this talk

not how

but why

not for developers

but for non-developers

business people

yes, s-expressions

what this talk is really about

empowering non-technical folks

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What is Runa?

Runa starts where Google stops

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eCommerce 2.0

SaaS

click-stream

SKU-level

user behavior

big data

machine learning

statistical models

predict purchase intent

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Smart Deals

instant personal deals

right shopper

right product

right offer

right time

artificial intelligence

math reborn

decision trees

support vector machines

agent-based modeling
logistic regression
hidden-markov models
hinged planes
...

more sale dollars

less discount dollars

bottom line impact

more sales, profitably

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big data
+ machine learning
+ predictive modeling
+ instant personal deals
= **profitable sales lift**

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DSLs

business rules

margin management

promotions management

free shipping perimeters

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traffic segmentation

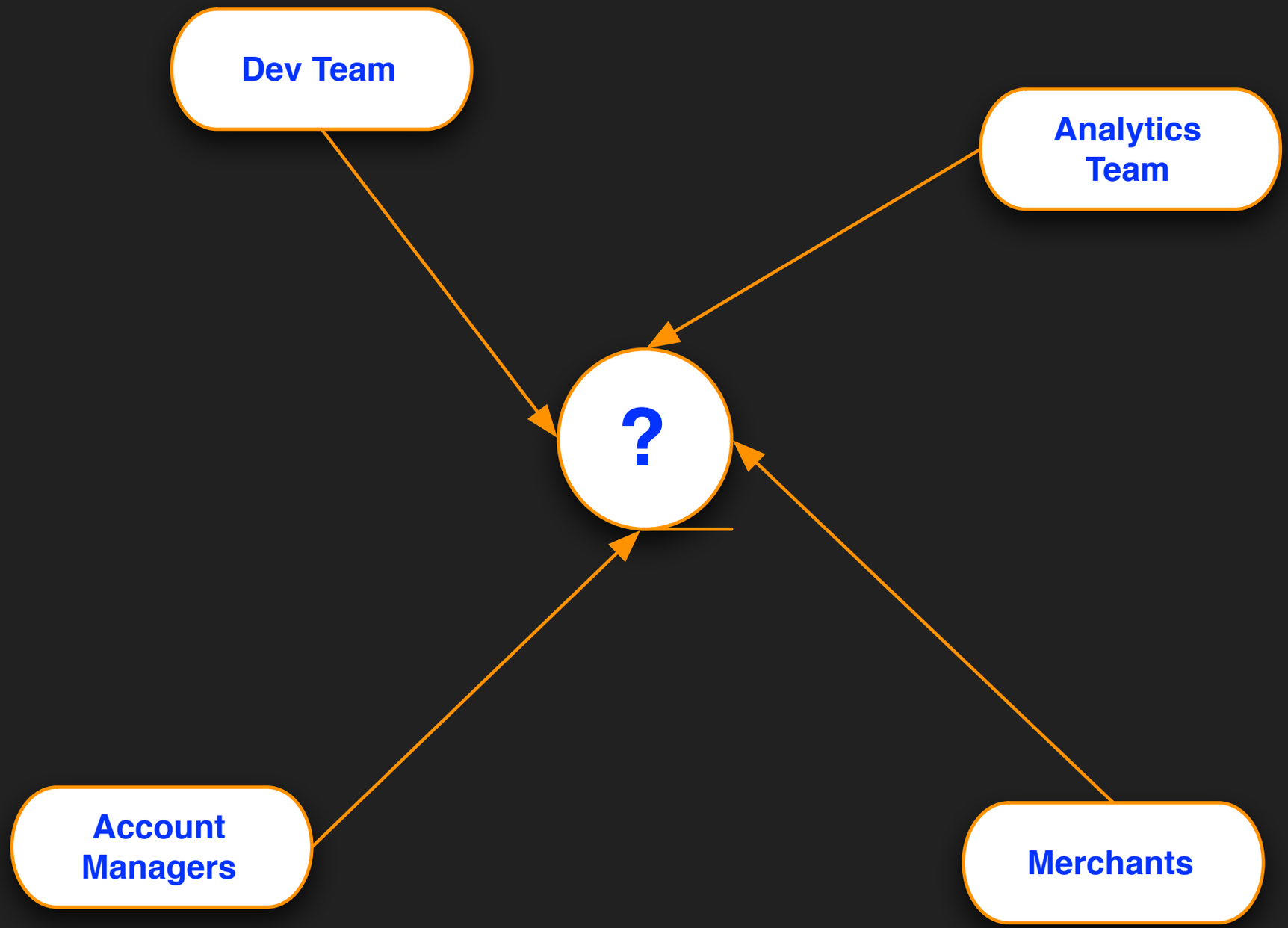
rules management

account managers

analytics team

merchants

loosely coupled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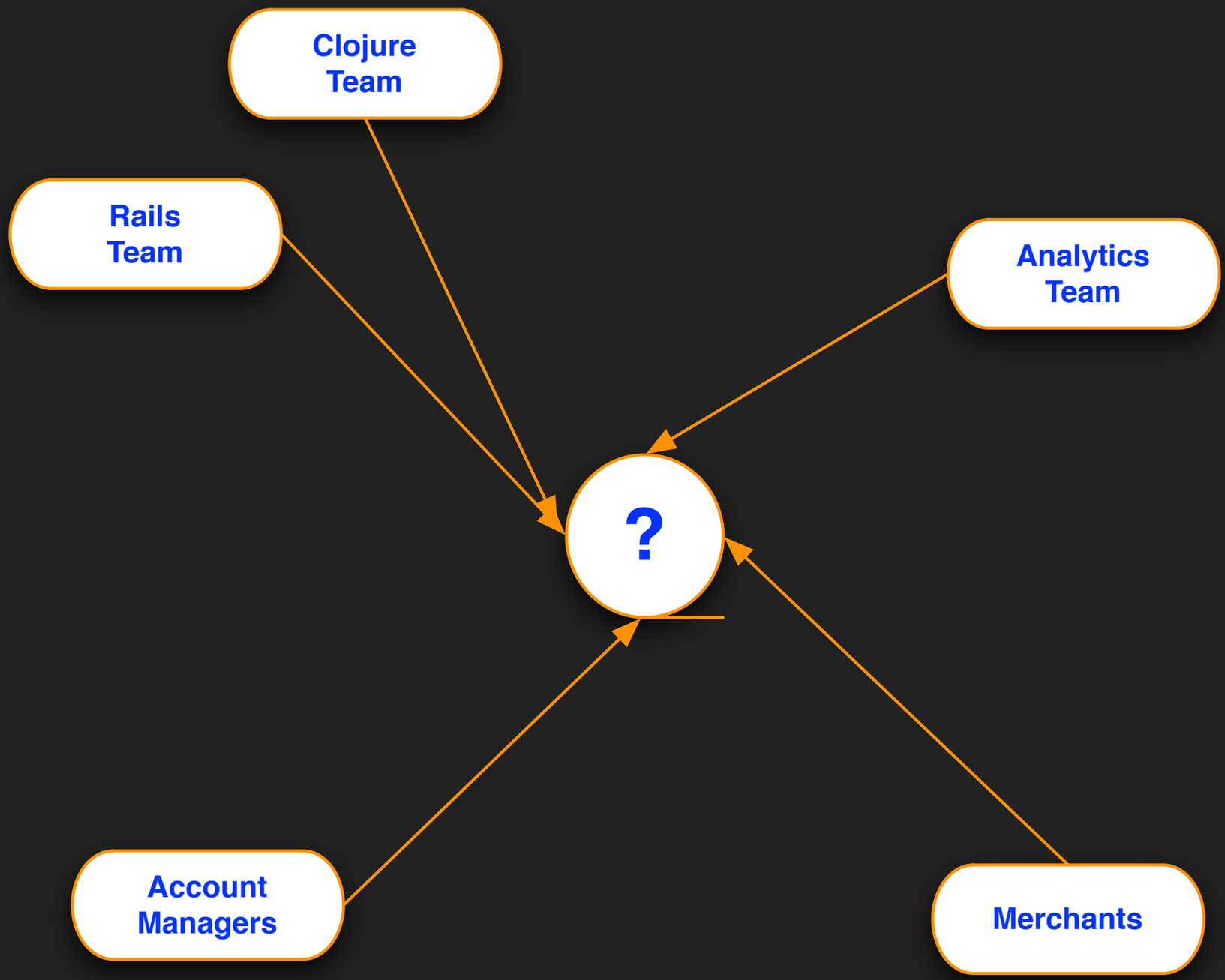
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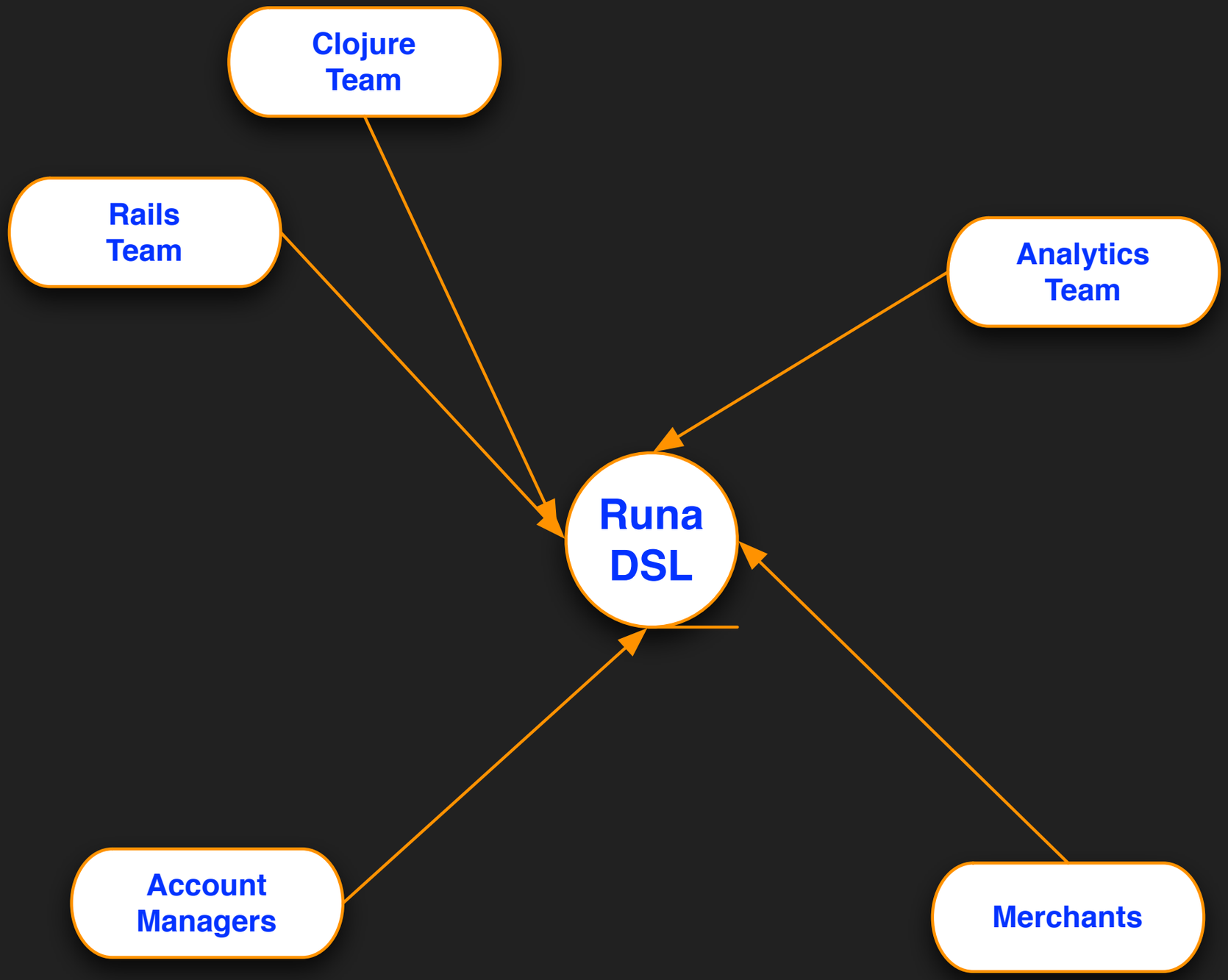
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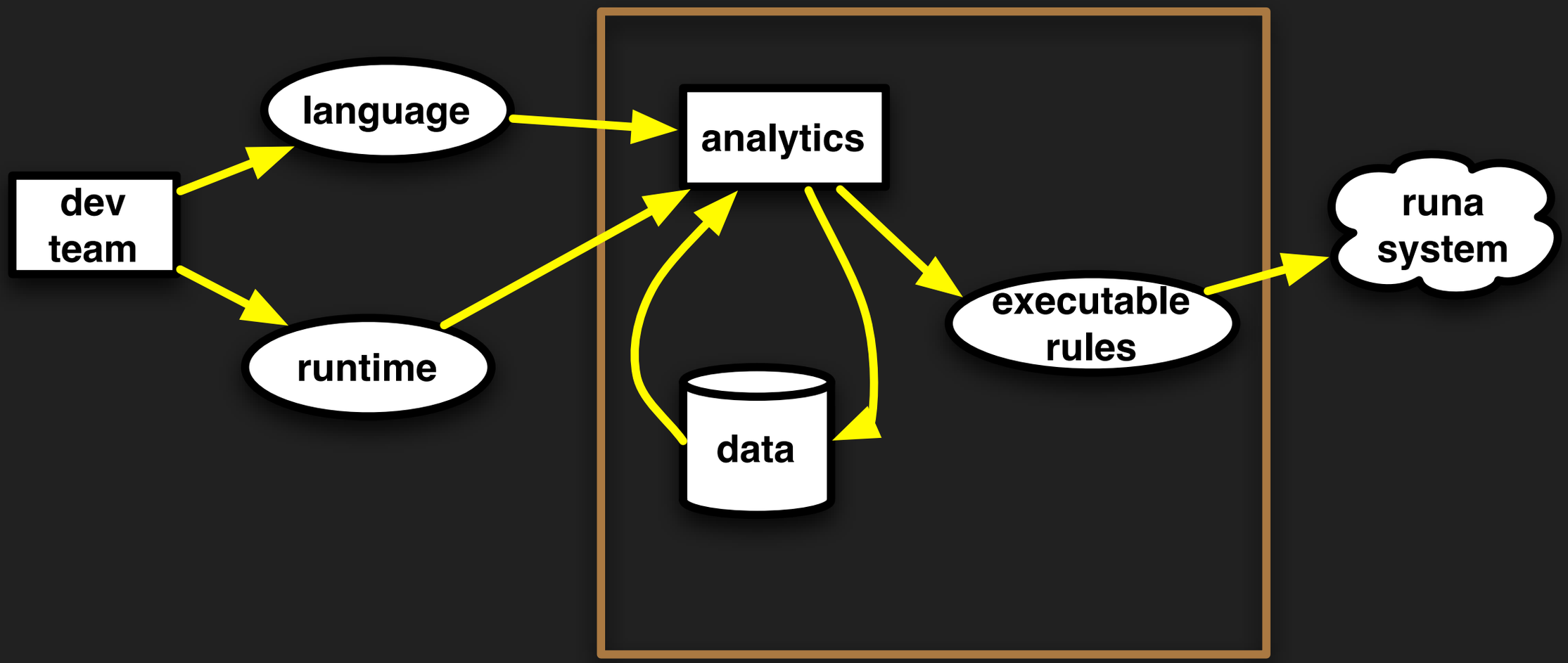

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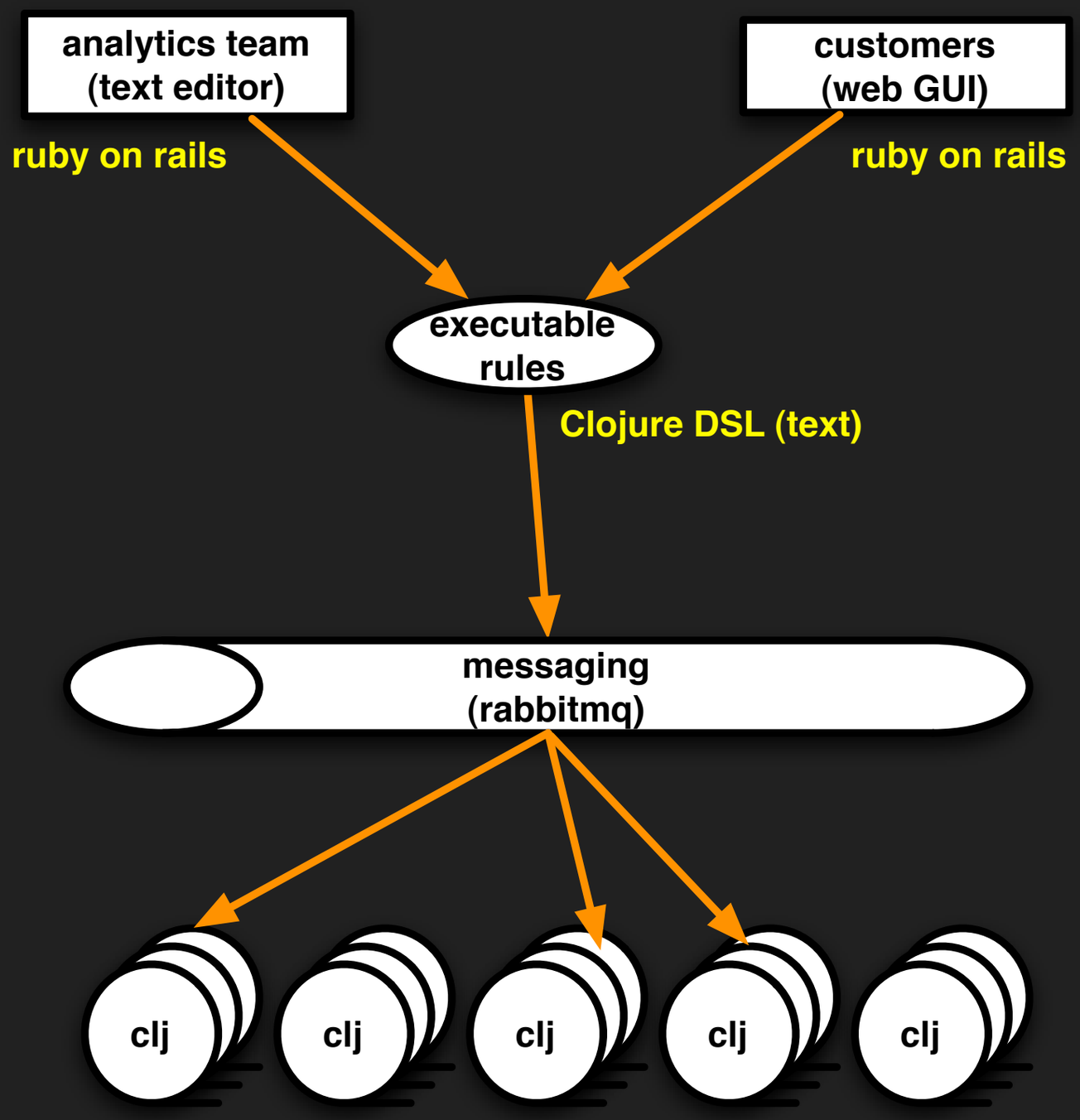
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dozens of EC2 nodes

examples

segmentation

```
(def-segment :arts-merchant seg-c
  (runa-abandonment-index 99.5)
  (criteria
  (and
   (< $time-to-first-cart 30)
   (contains? $search-terms "masters"))))
```

```
(def-segment :carving-blocks seg-a
  (runa-abandonment-index 98.5)
  (criteria
    (and
      (empty? $url-referrer)
      (> $purchases:all:amount 400))))
```

```
(def-segment :carving-blocks seg-a
  (runa-abandonment-index 98.5)
  (criteria
    (and
      (empty? $url-referrer)
      (> $runa-purchases:30-days:count 10))))
```

promotions

```
(def-special-promo :shoes-merchant coupon7
  (type :coupon)
  (scope :item)
  (sticky true)
  (code "RCOM7")
(criteria
  (not (matches? $product-name ["ugg"])))
(description "Runa Coupon")
(cost
   (amount 7)
   (denomination "%" )))
```

```
(def-promo :mangotree-hotels free-breakfast
  (type :coupon)
  (code "FBF100")
  (description "Free Breakfast")
  (overlay-lightbox-text "Have breakfast on us!")
 (cost
  (amount 15)
  (denomination :money)
  (frequency :daily)))
```

exclusions

```
(consumer-filters :mangotree-hotels
  (ip-addresses "10.1.4.5" "10.1.4.16")
  (ip-address-range "10.1.4.0 - 10.1.4.255")
  (referrer-containing "nextag.com"))
```

deal delivery

```
(delivery-rule :carving-blocks blanket-rule
  (segments
   (none-of? :DirectTraffic :SearchTraffic))
  (pages *)
  (methods *))
```

```
(delivery-rule :rambo-inc recapture-rule
  (segments
    (not seg-c))
 (pages
  (not :home :detail))
 (methods
  (or :pre-abandonment :recapture)))
```

UI customization

```
(def-template-rule :shoes-merchant pre-ui
  (templates :ugg-pre-abandonment)
  (segments *)
  (methods :pre-abandonment)
  (pages *)
(promo-type :coupon)
(map-status *)
(criteria
  (empty? (sticky-incentive)))
(promos :coupon-ugg))
```

controlling features

```
(feature-bit :baseline-sampling true)

(feature-bit :pre-abandonment-2g-ui true)

(feature-bit :back-button
  (is-not-in? $merchant-id ["arts-merchant" "shoes-merchant"]))
```

systems integration

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Ruby on Rails -> Clojure

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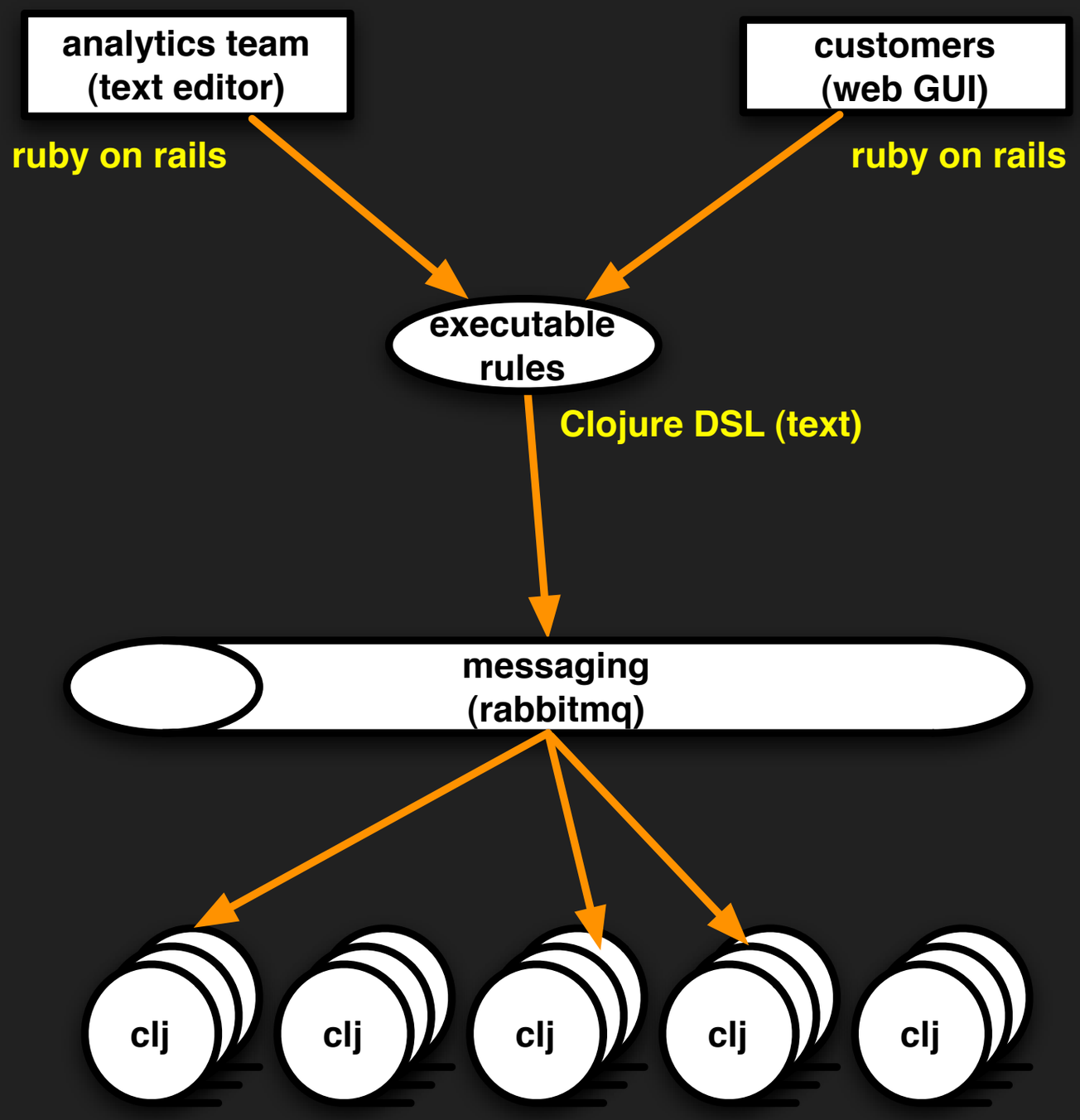
code-generation

Rails-side

benefits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high-level language

version control

rule change vs. impact

bottom-up

domain-driven design

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formal specifications

distributed teams

concerns

parenthesis and normals

live code updates

syntactic checks

semantic checks

trial runs

live-code updates

Alan J. Perlis

“I think that it's extraordinarily important that we in computer science keep fun in computing. When it started out, it was an awful lot of fun. Of course, the paying customers got shafted every now and then, and after a while we began to take their complaints seriously. We began to feel as if we really were responsible for the successful, error-free perfect use of these machines. I don't think we are. I think we're responsible for stretching them, setting them off in new directions, and keeping fun in the house...”

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