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# **ARCHITECTURE @ SCALE**

**From prototype to the complex system**

Kanstantsin Slisenka | Software Architect



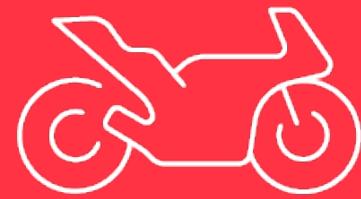
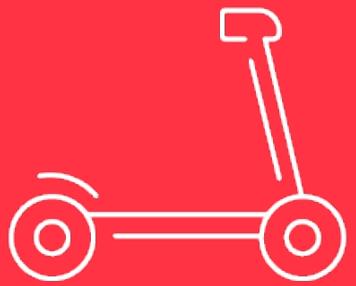
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SOFTWARE ARCHITECT



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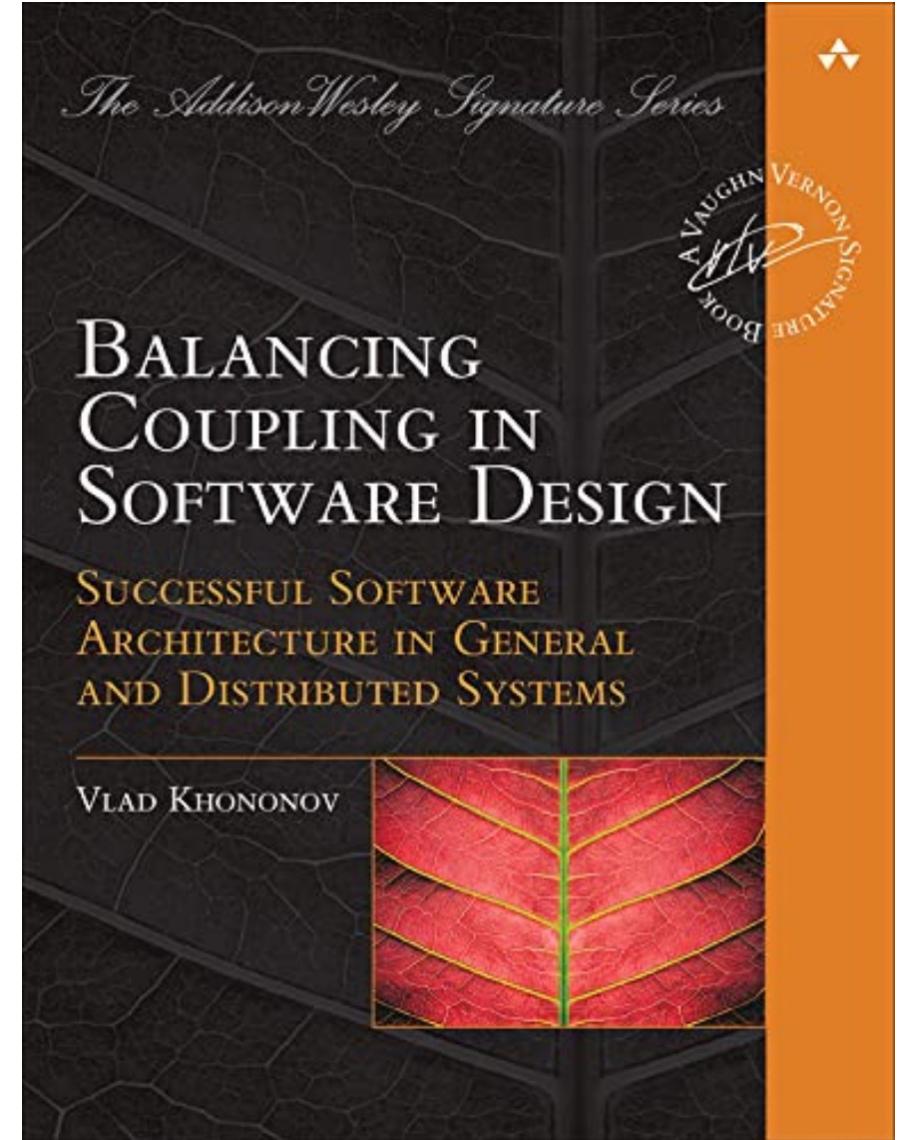


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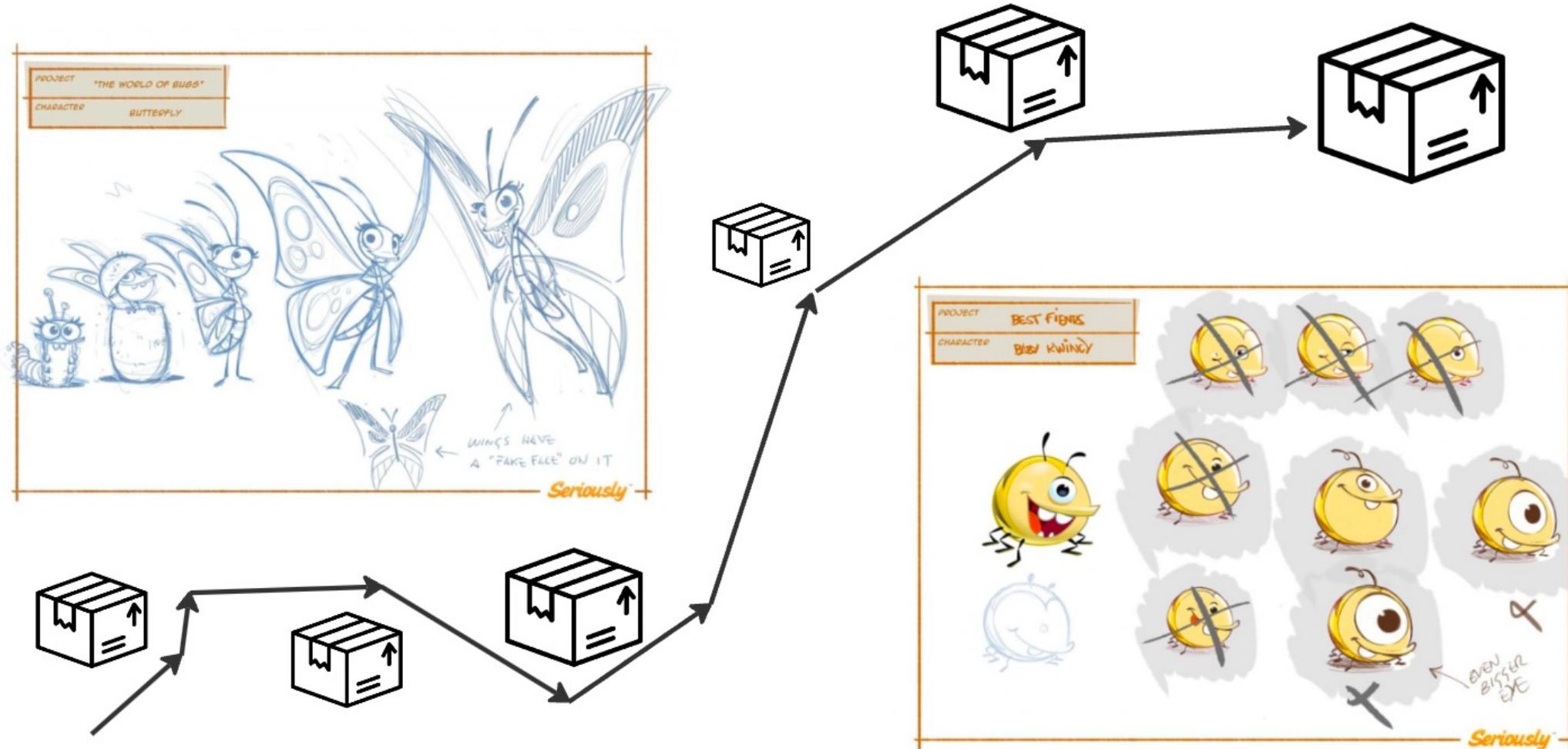
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**2.0**

The value of a software system is not merely a reflection of its current functionality but also its **ability to evolve, to grow, and to address future requirements**



# SOFTWARE OFTEN STARTS SMALL

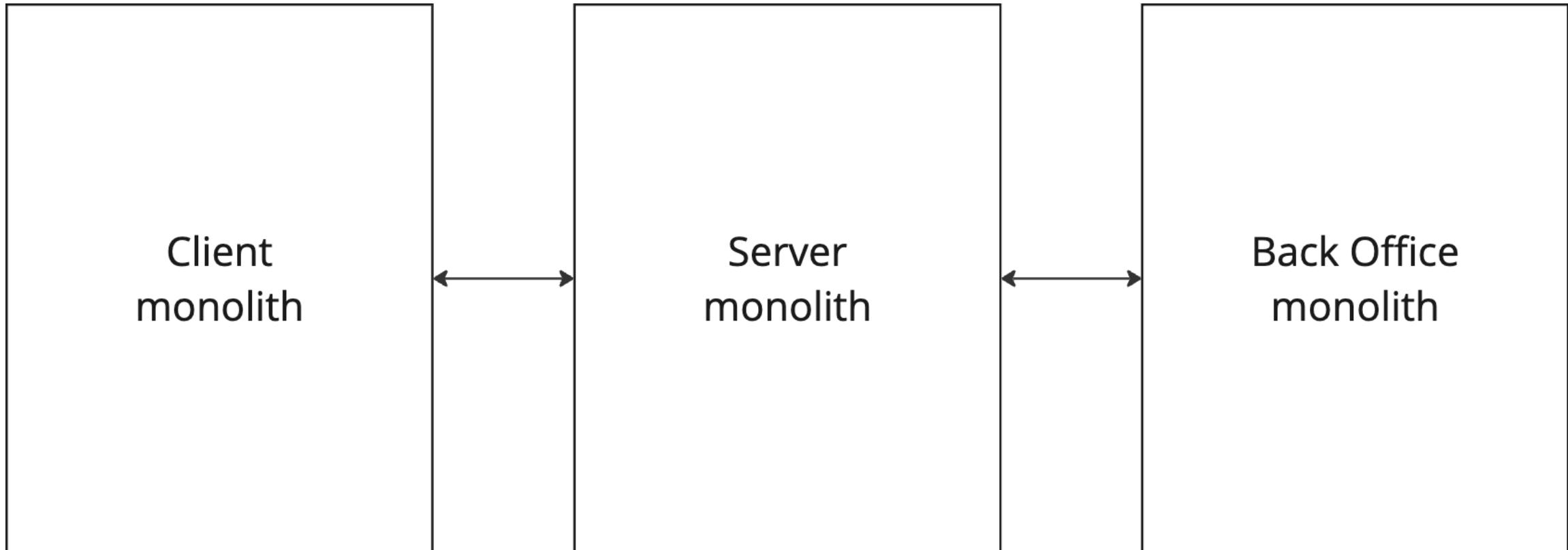


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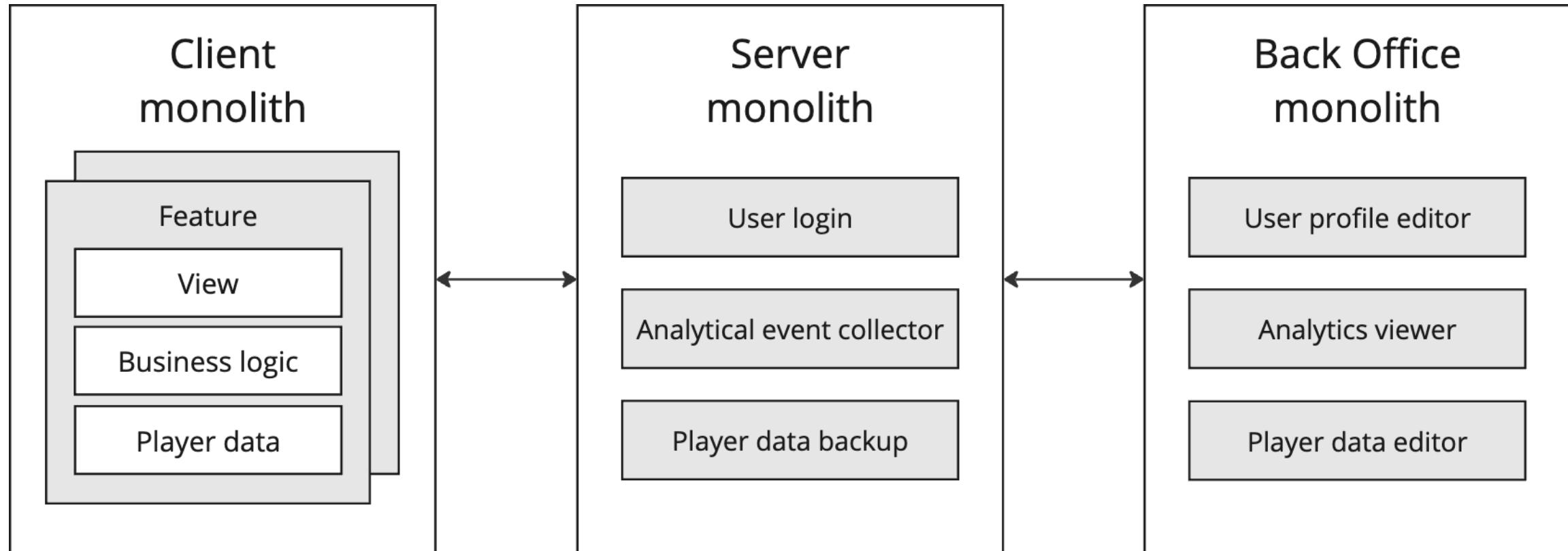
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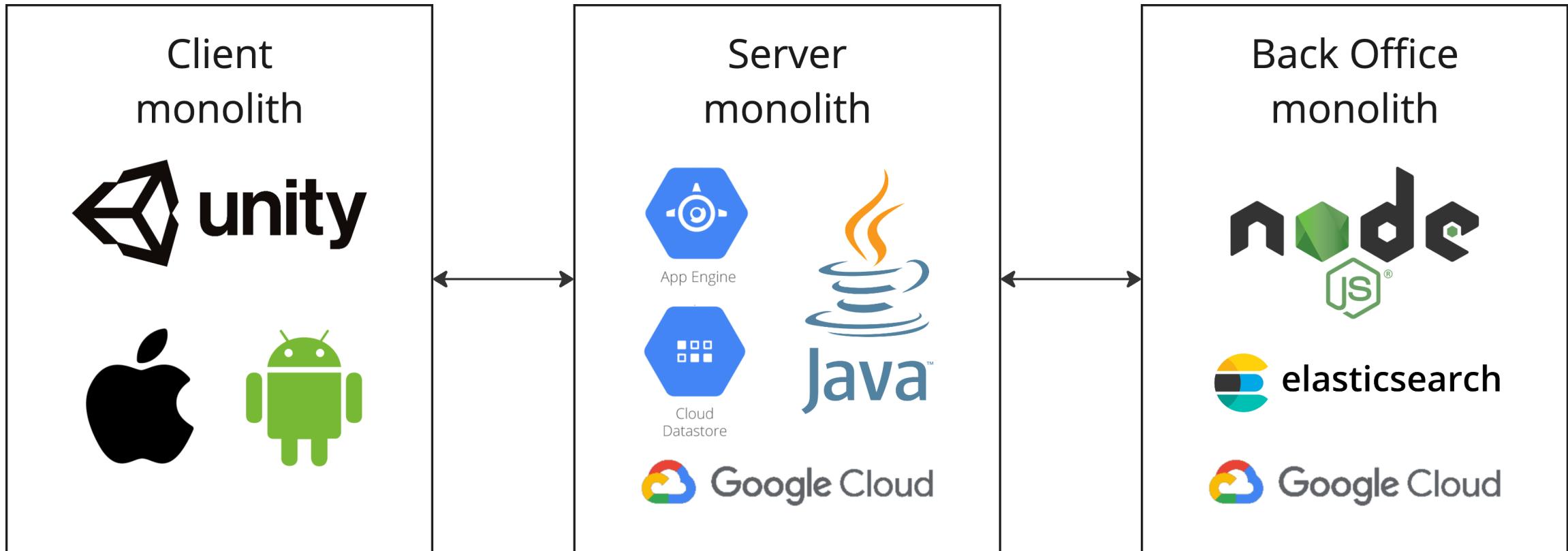
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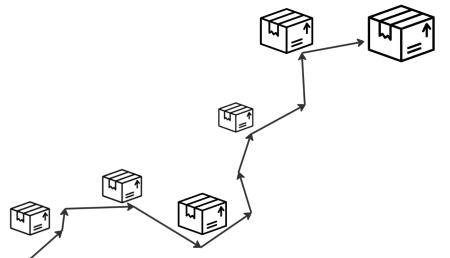


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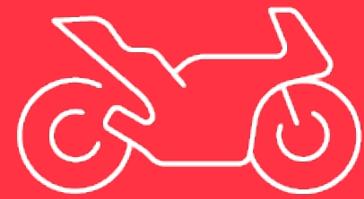
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LESS RESTRICTIONS

**1.0**

MONOLITH  
(NO BOUNDARIES)



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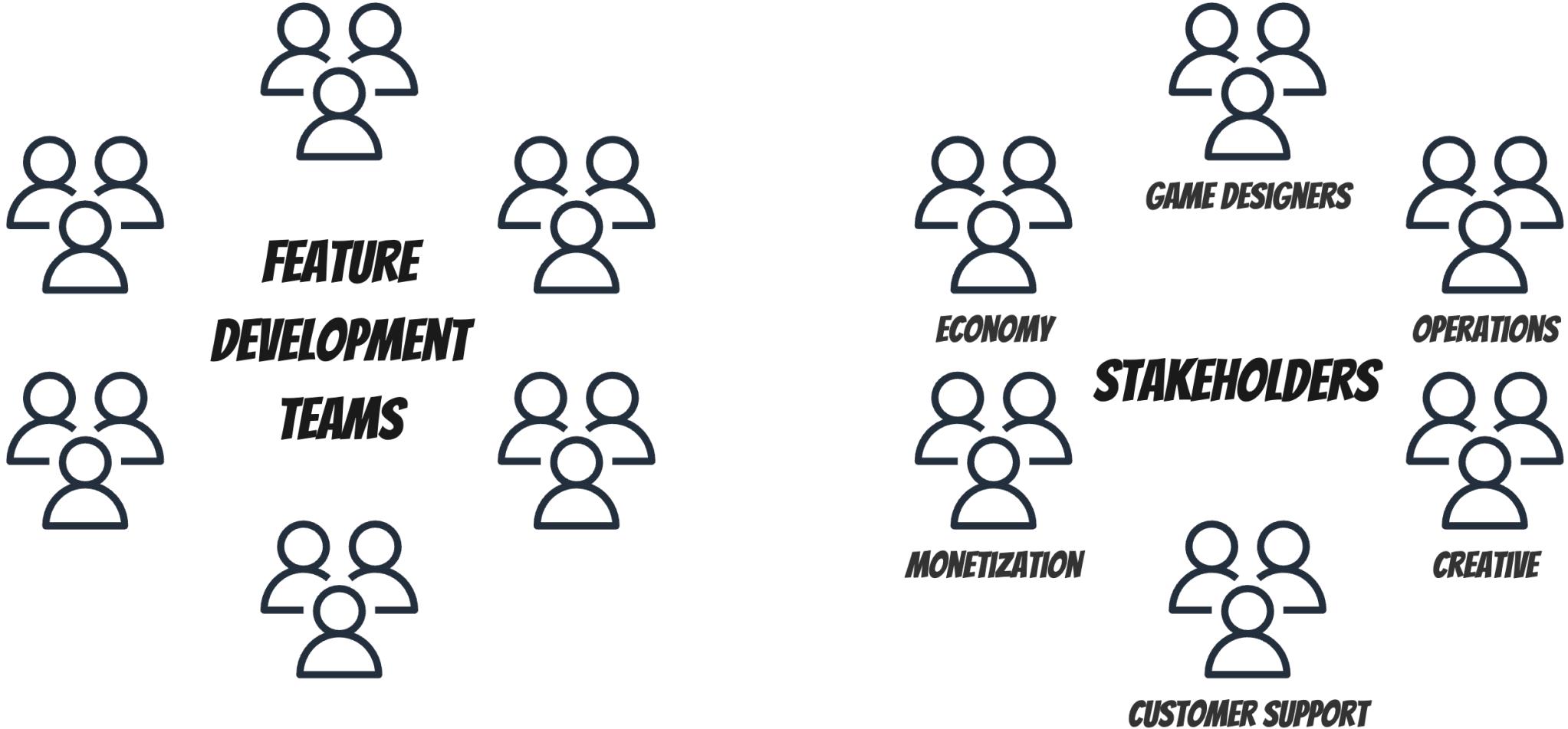


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**SOFTWARE  
EXPANDS  
WHEN  
THE VALUE  
IS PROVEN**



# **MORE TEAMS, STAKEHOLDERS, FEATURES**

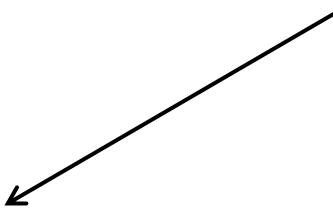


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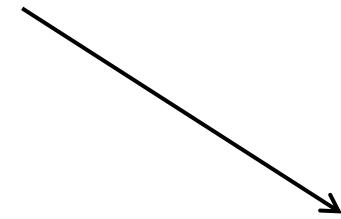
**GOAL**

**UNLOCKING PARALLEL  
DEVELOPMENT AND RELEASES**

# **COUPLING**

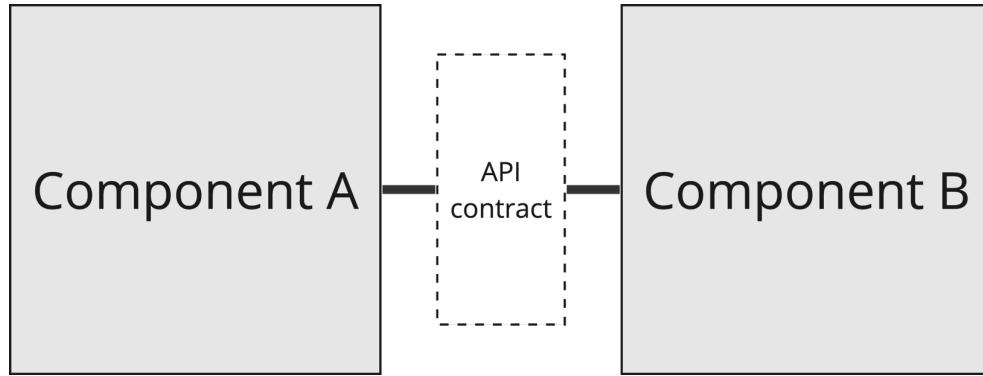


**SHARED  
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**SHARED  
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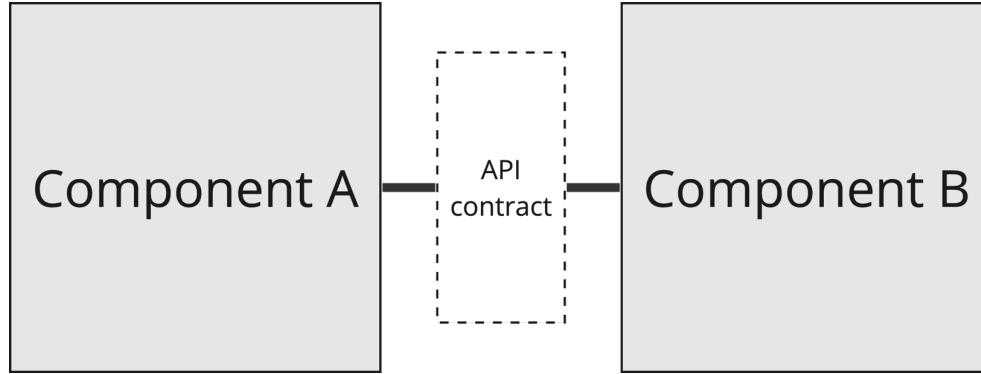
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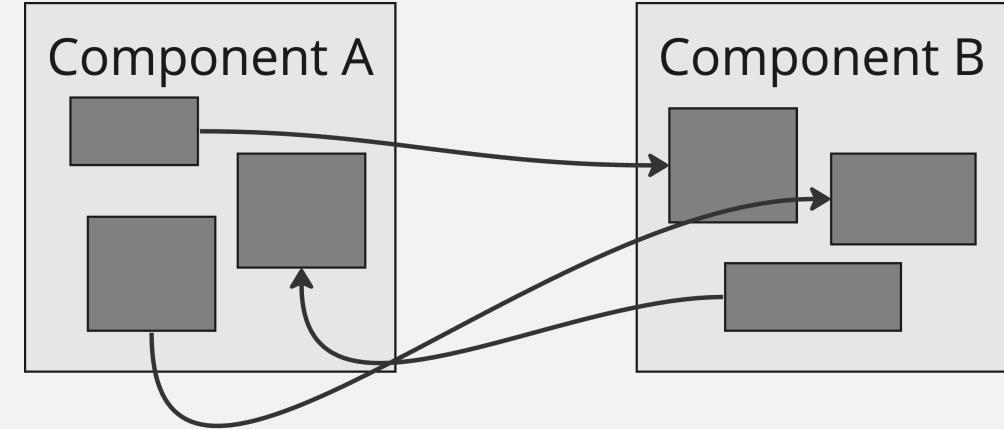
Minimum shared knowledge

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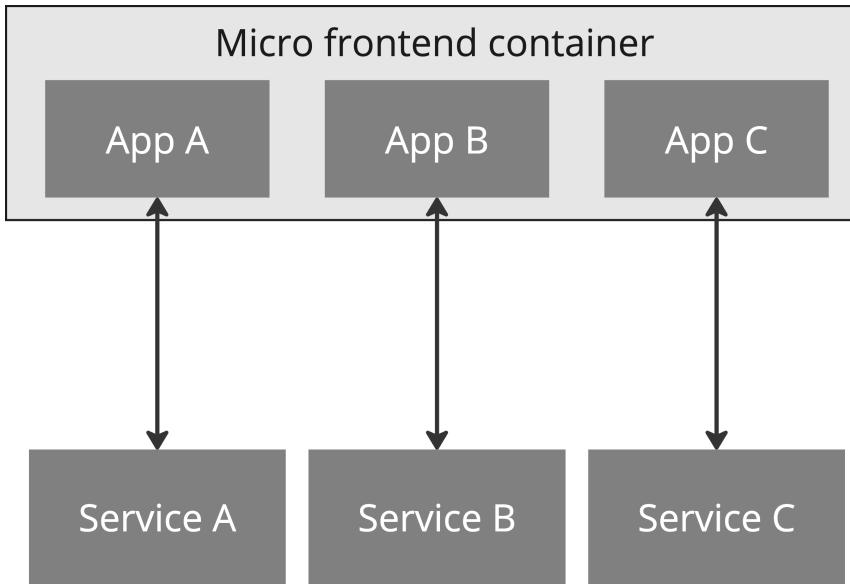
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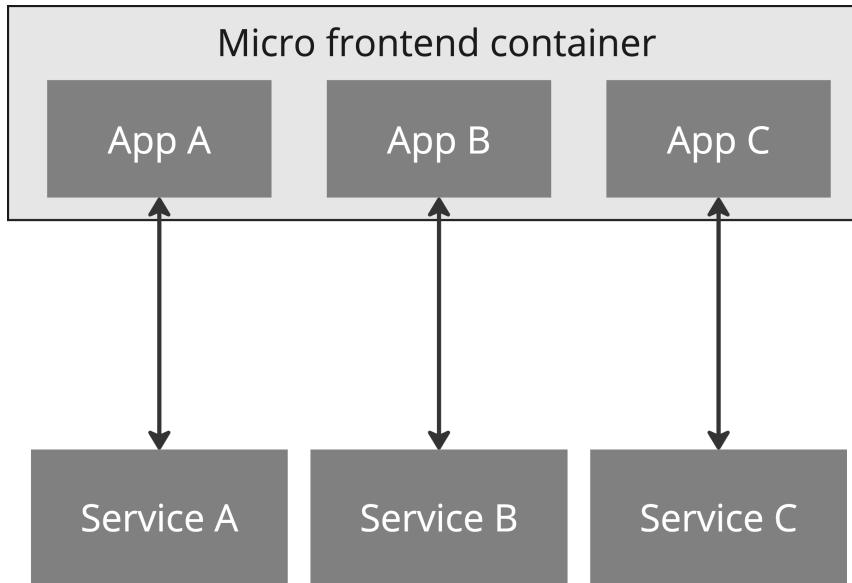
Changes in A trigger changes in B  
A lot of shared knowledge

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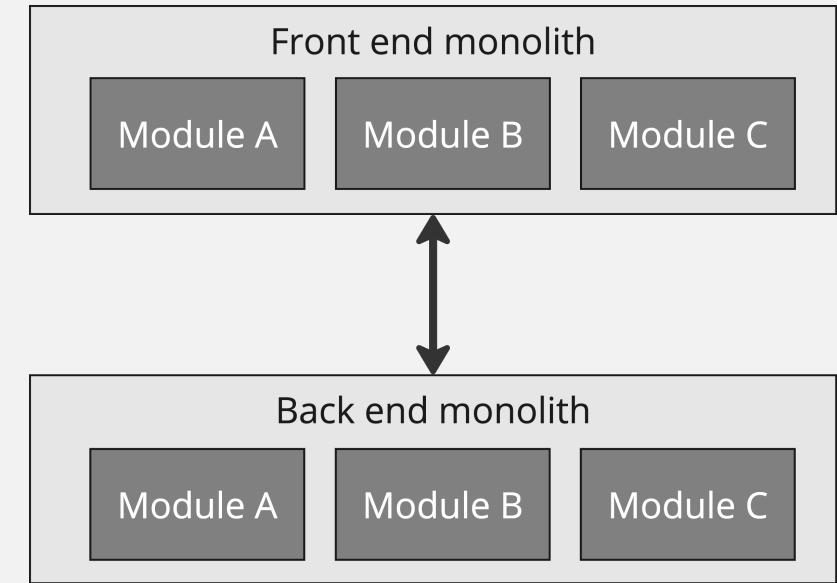
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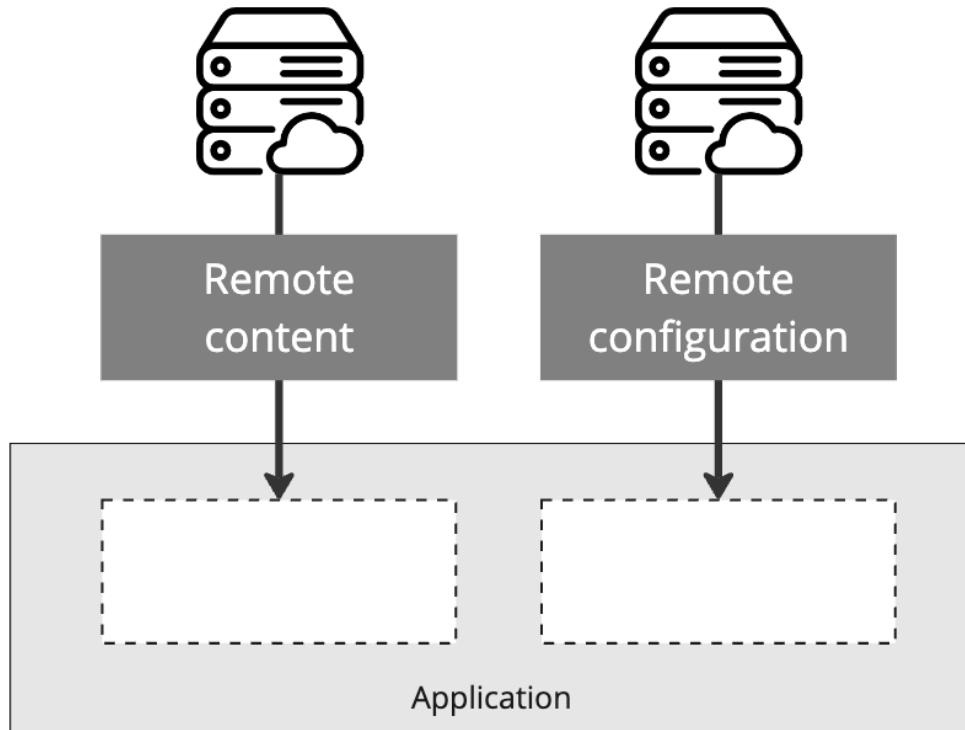
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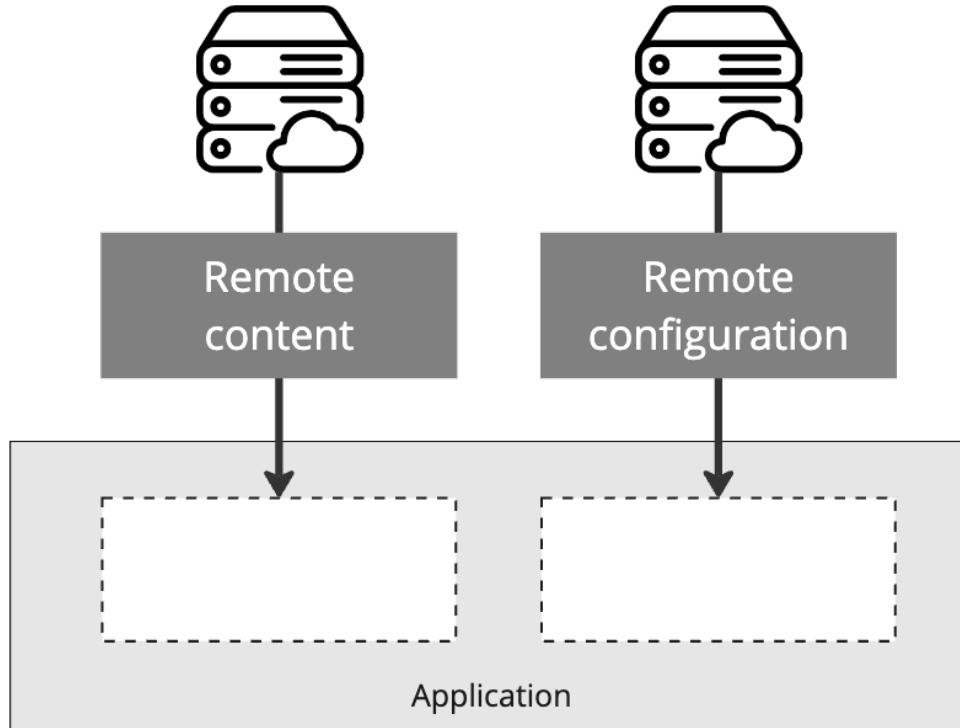
Released only together

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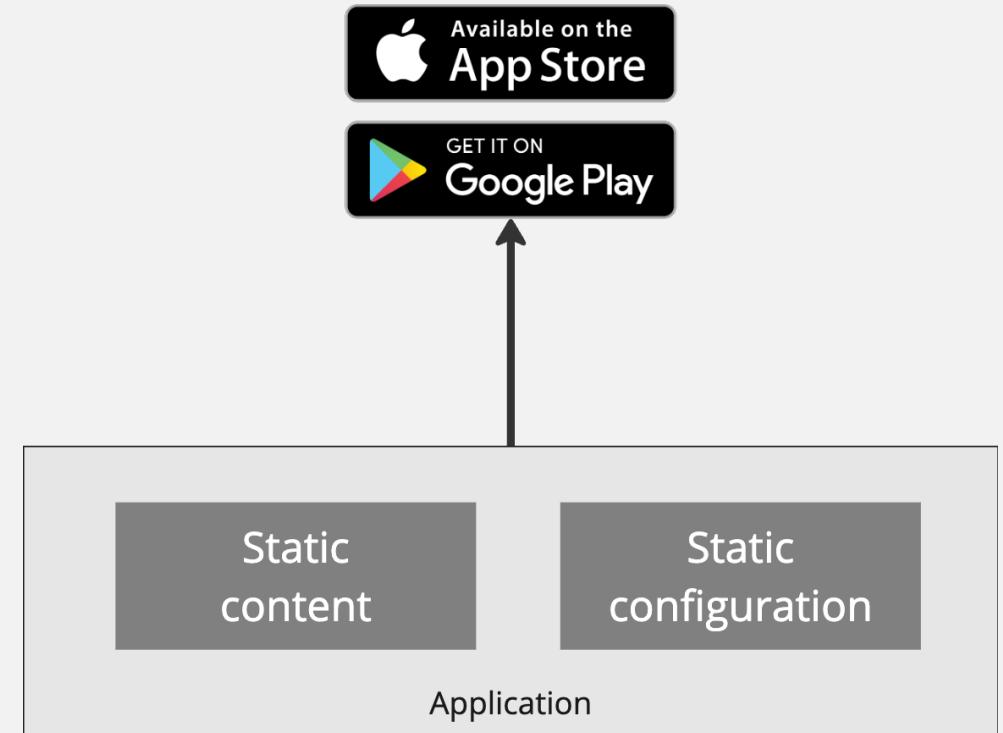


Remote content and application  
are released separately

# **REMOTE CONTENT**



# **STATIC CONTENT**



Remote content and application  
are released separately

Static content and application  
are released together

# **BUSINESS DRIVERS**



**MORE  
CONTENT**



**PLAYER  
SEGMENTATION**



**SOCIAL  
MECHANICS**



**INFRASTRUCTURE  
OPTIMIZATION**

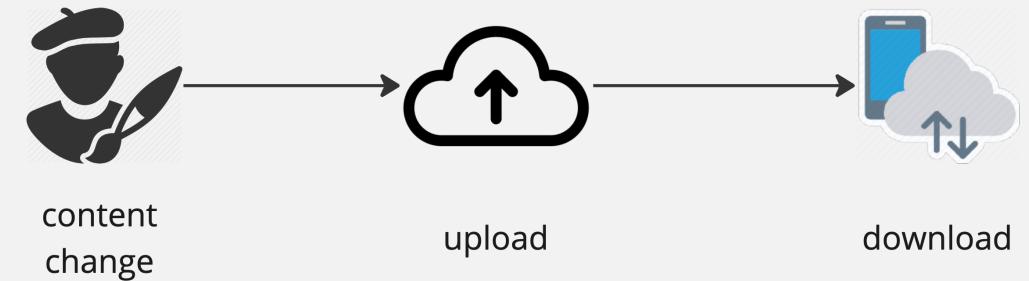
# CONTENT IN THE GAME



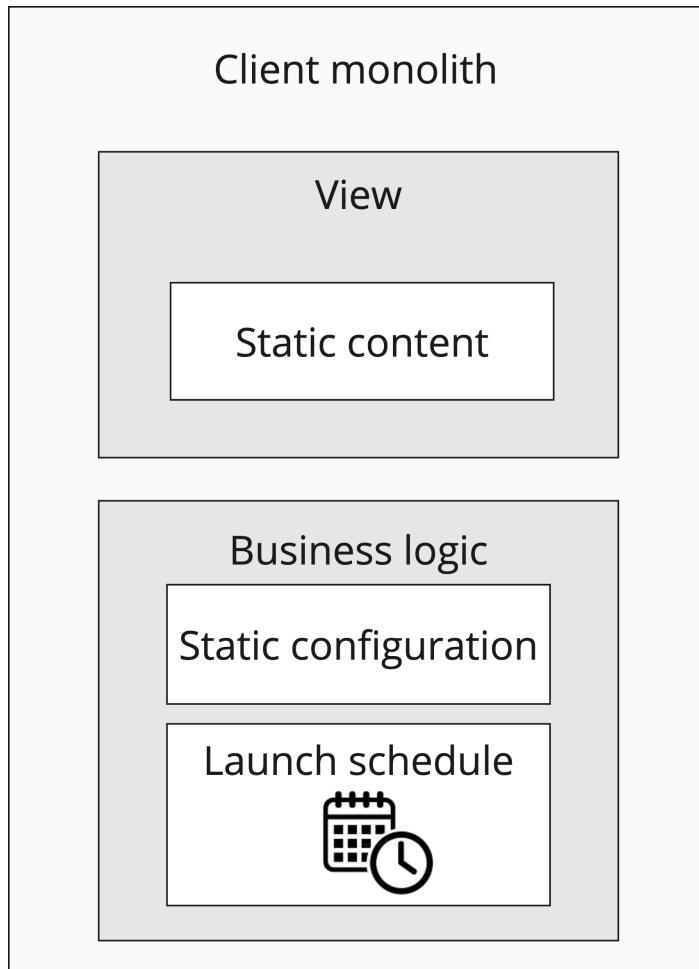
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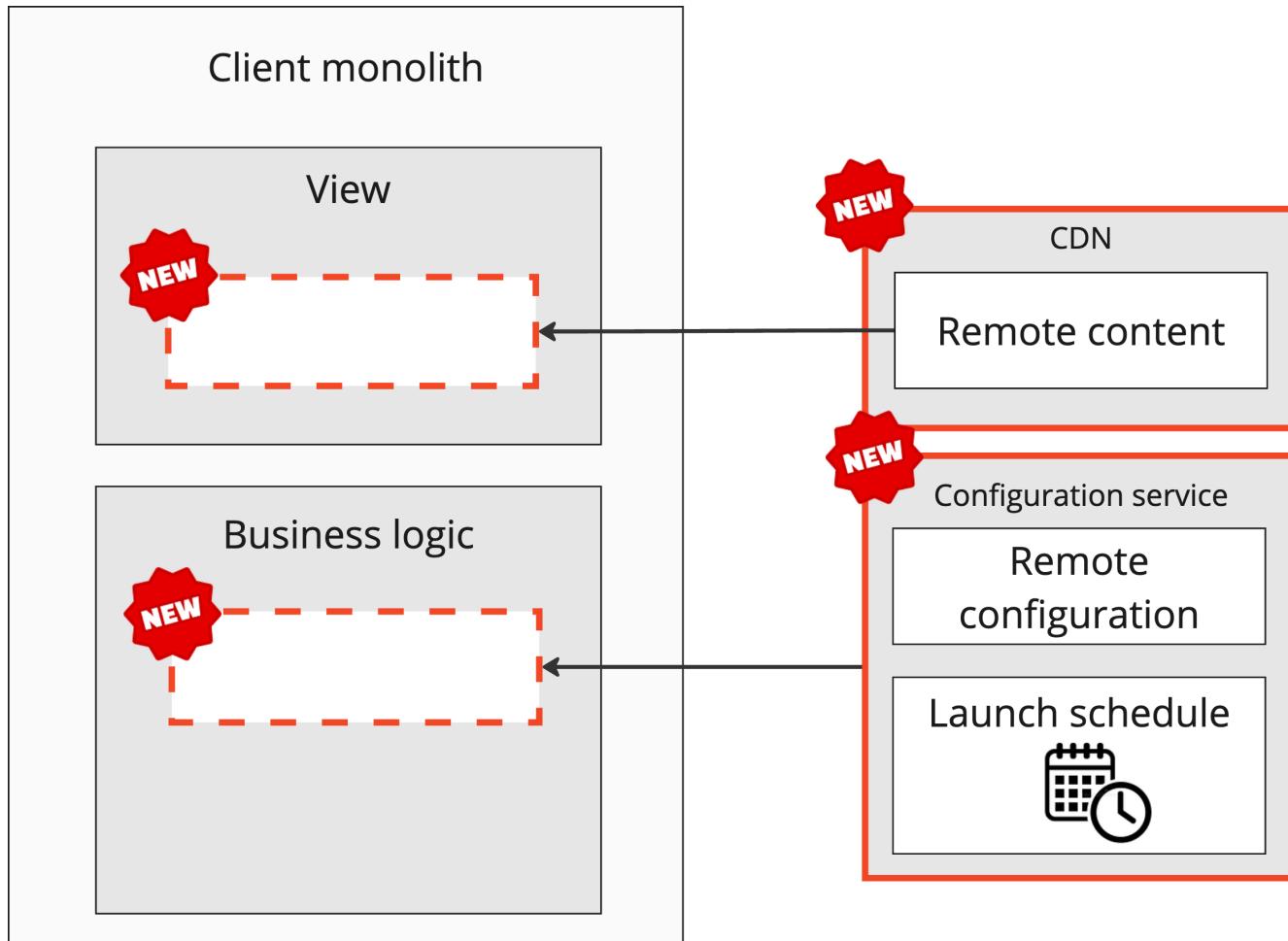
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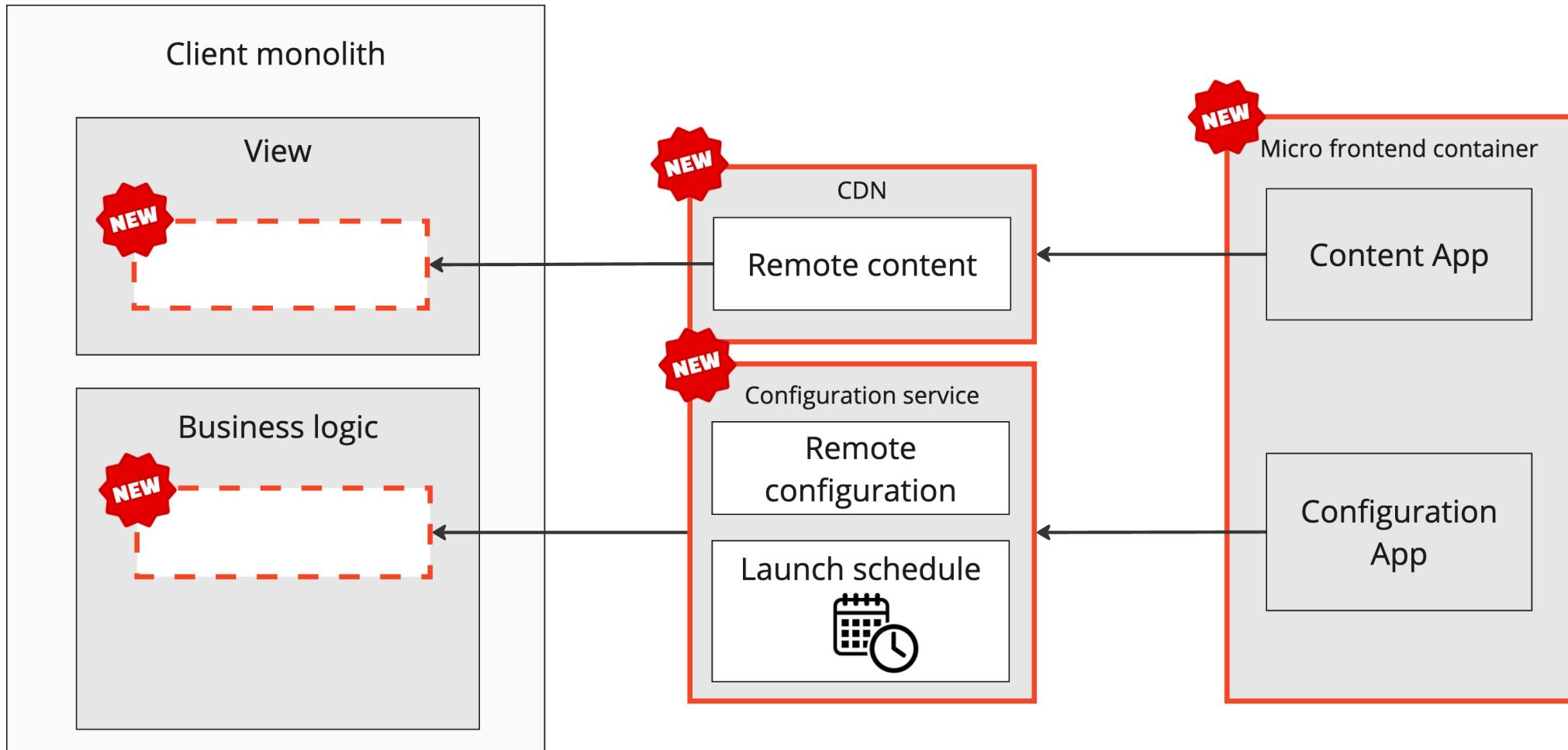
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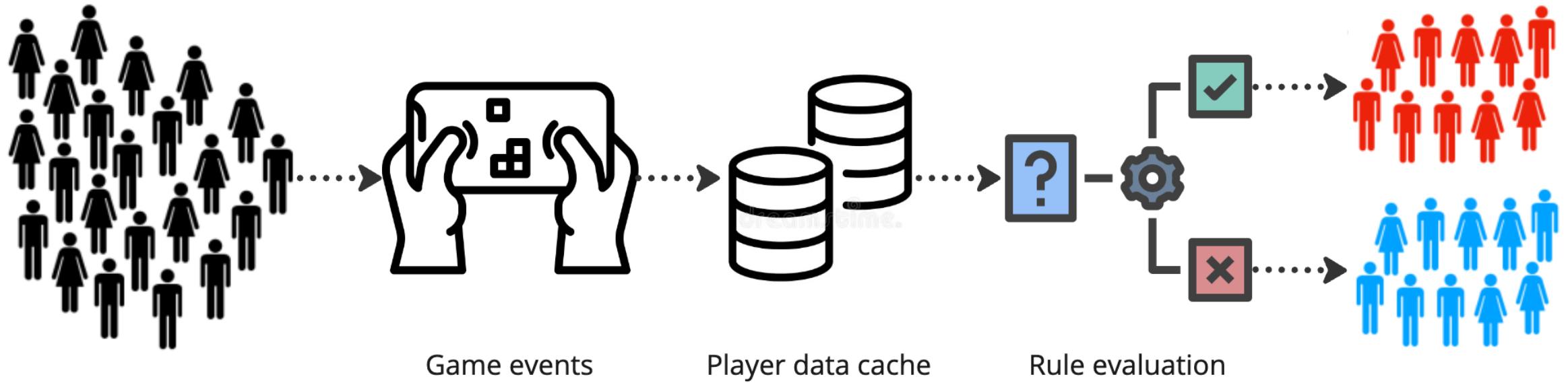


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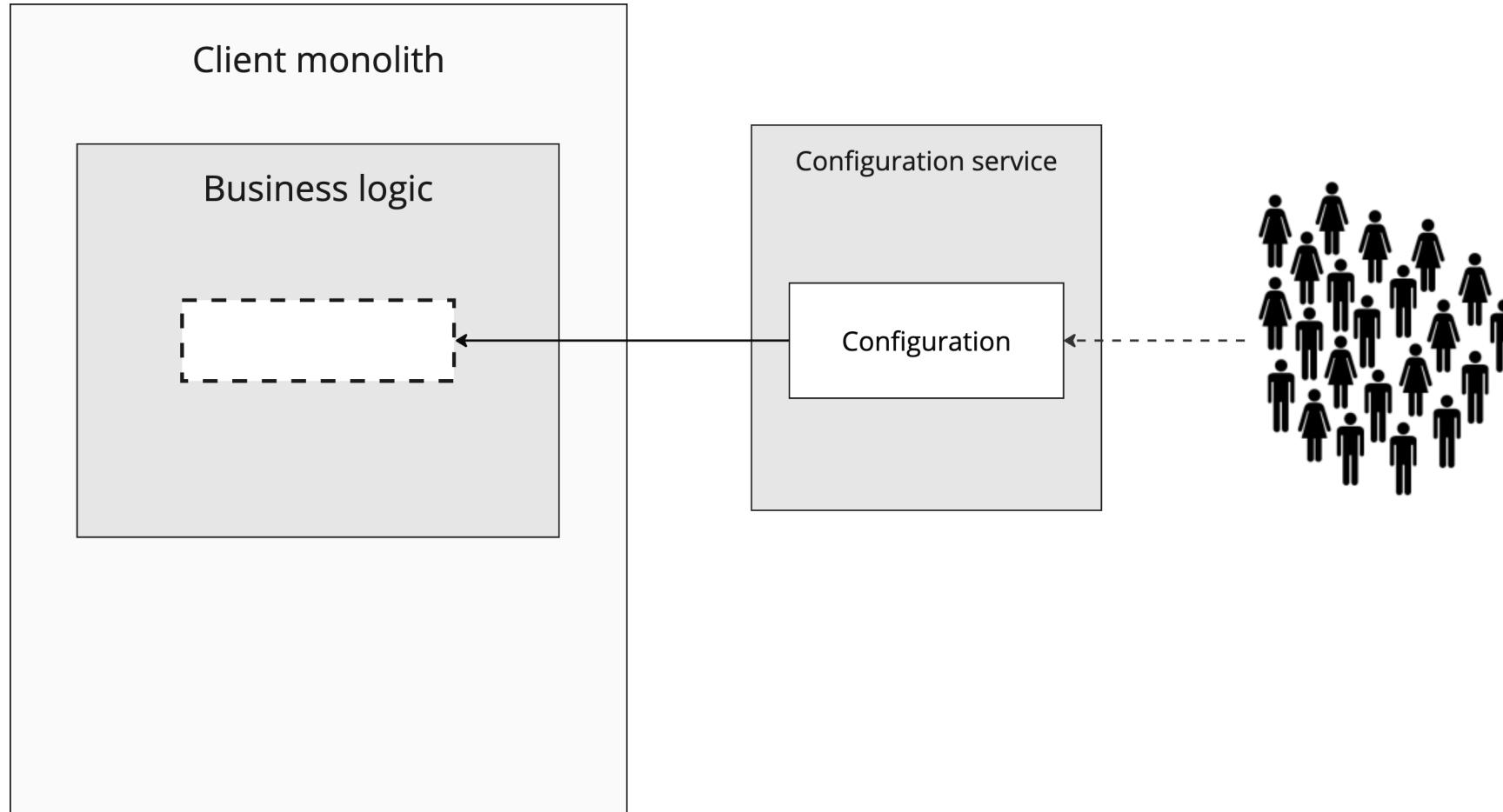
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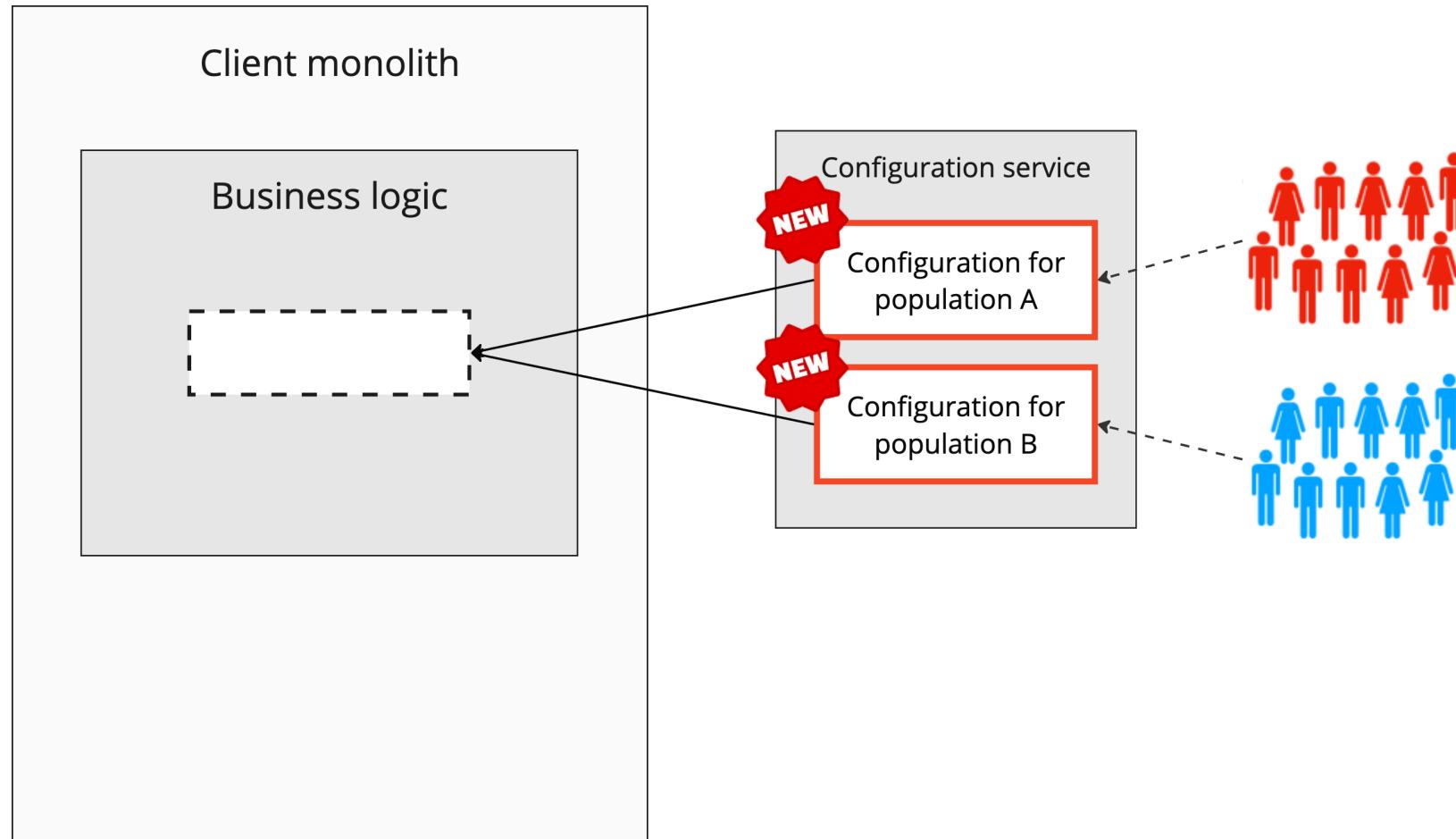
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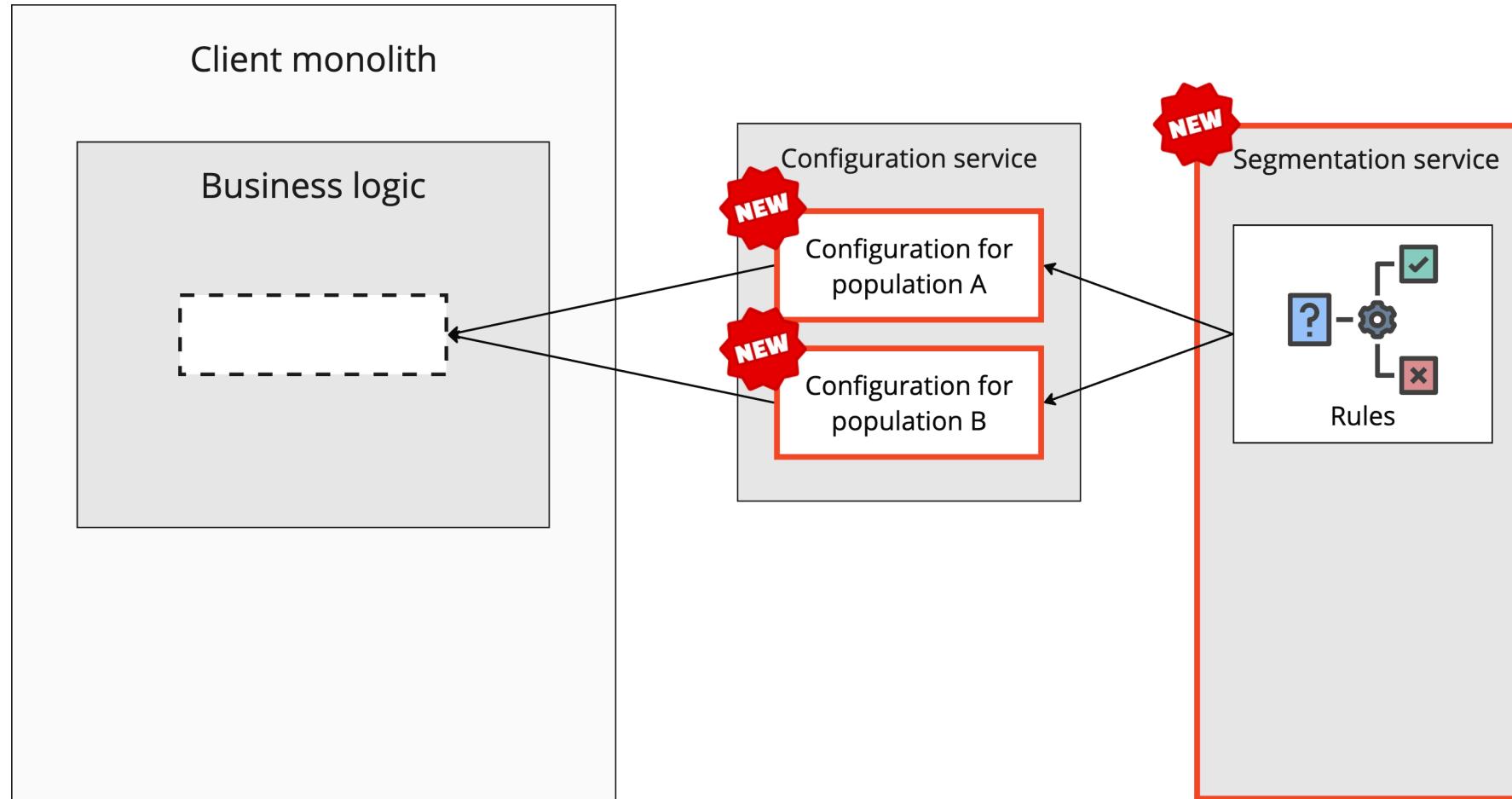
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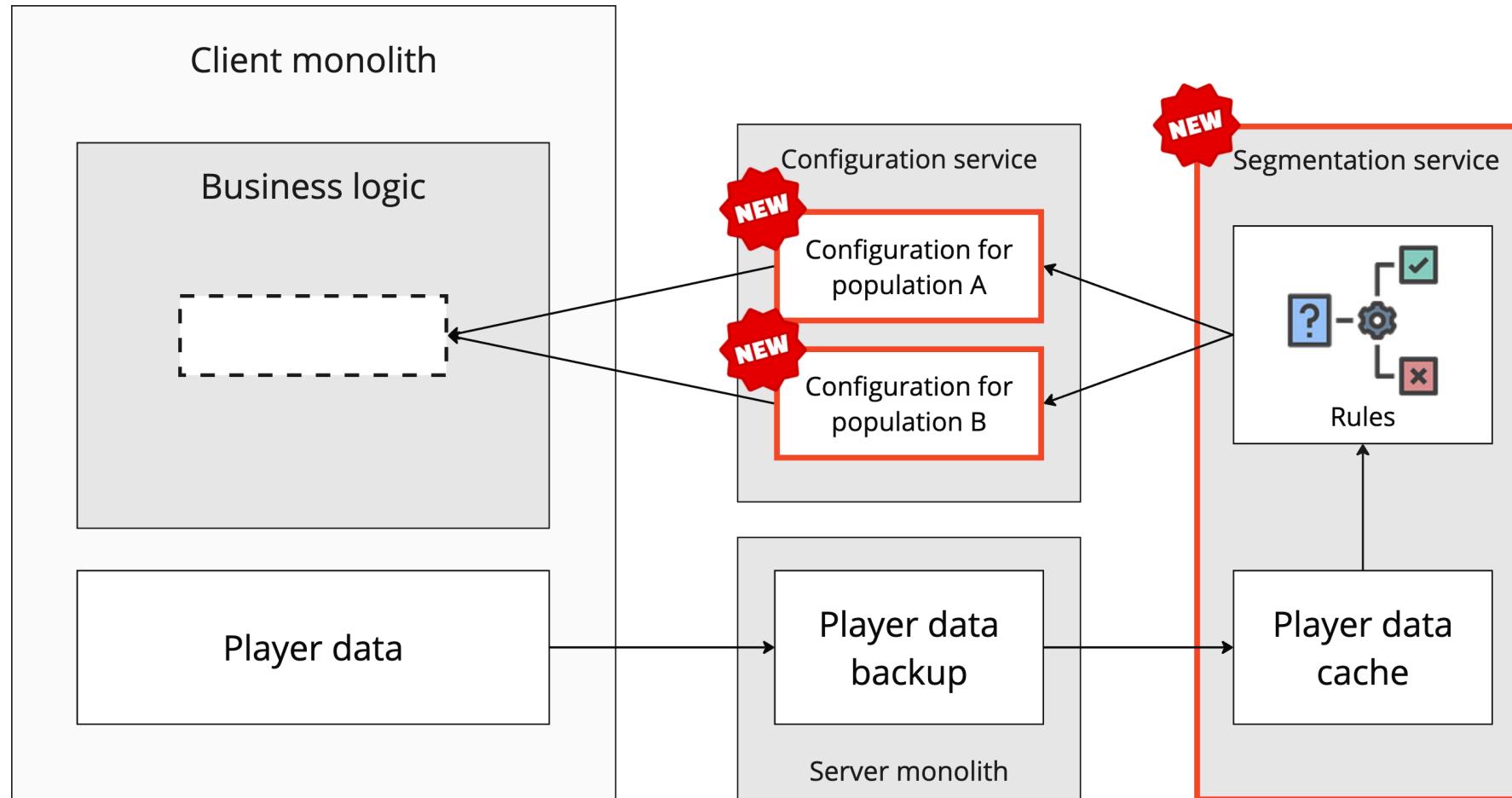
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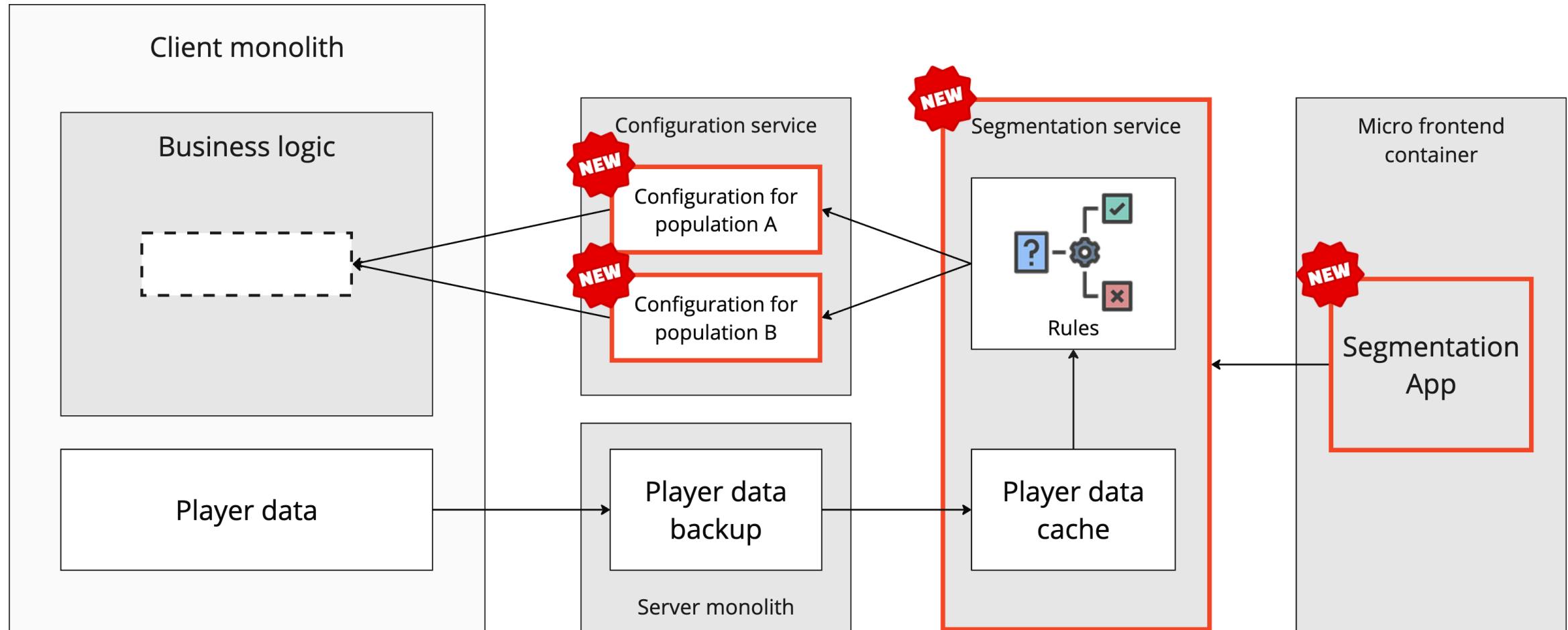
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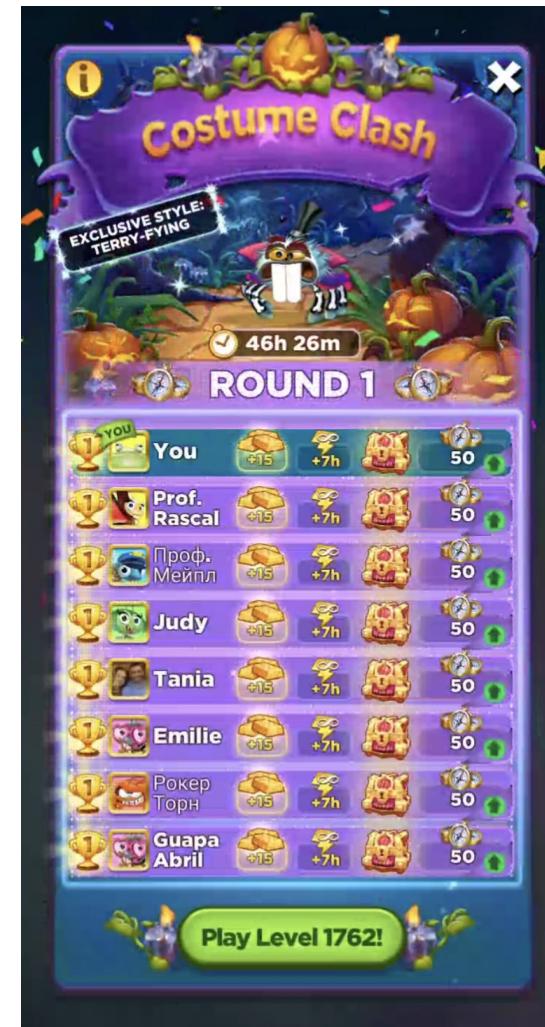


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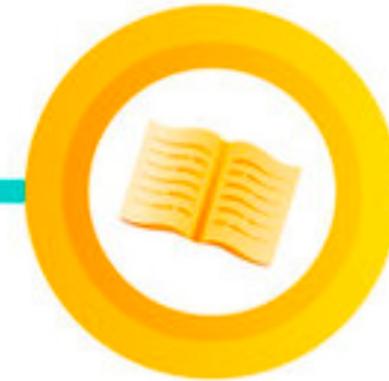
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# TOURNAMENT LEAGUES WITH SEGMENTATION



Newbie



Beginner



Skilled



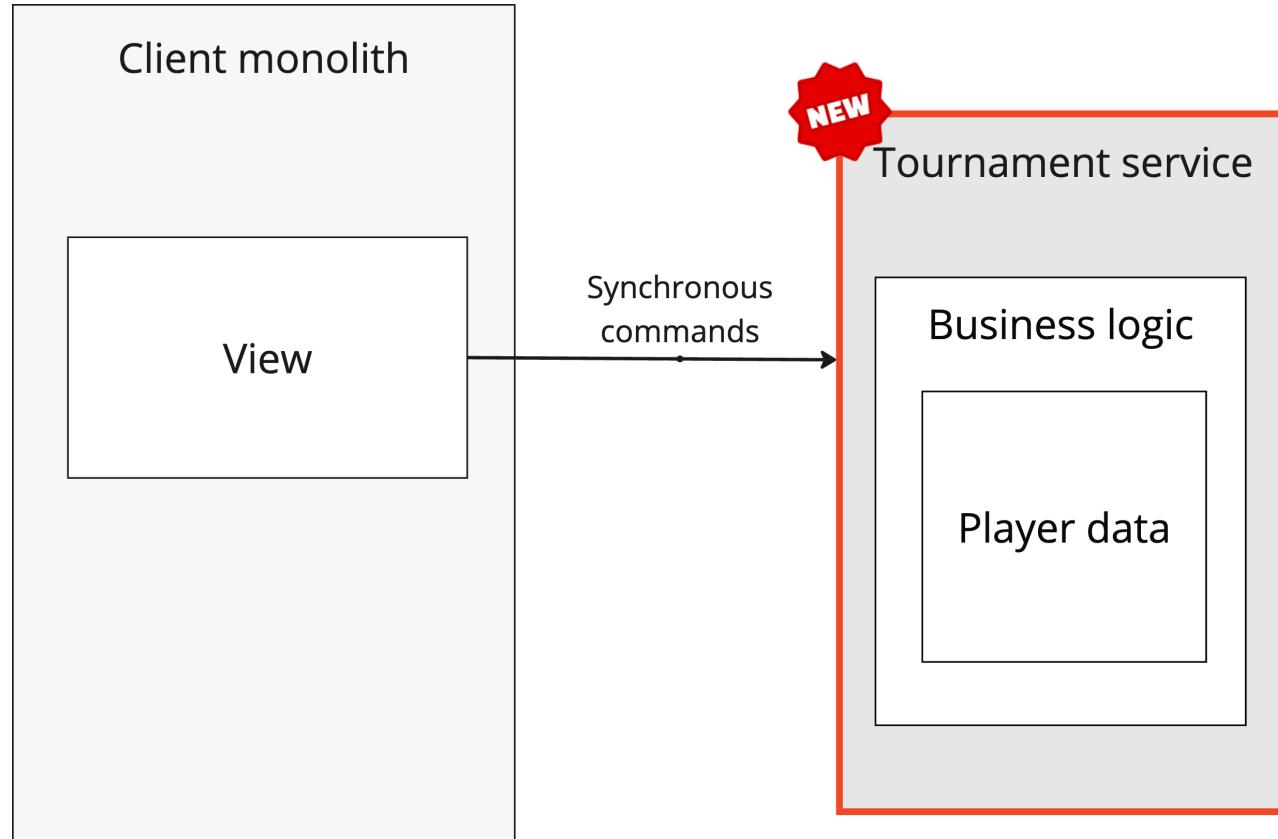
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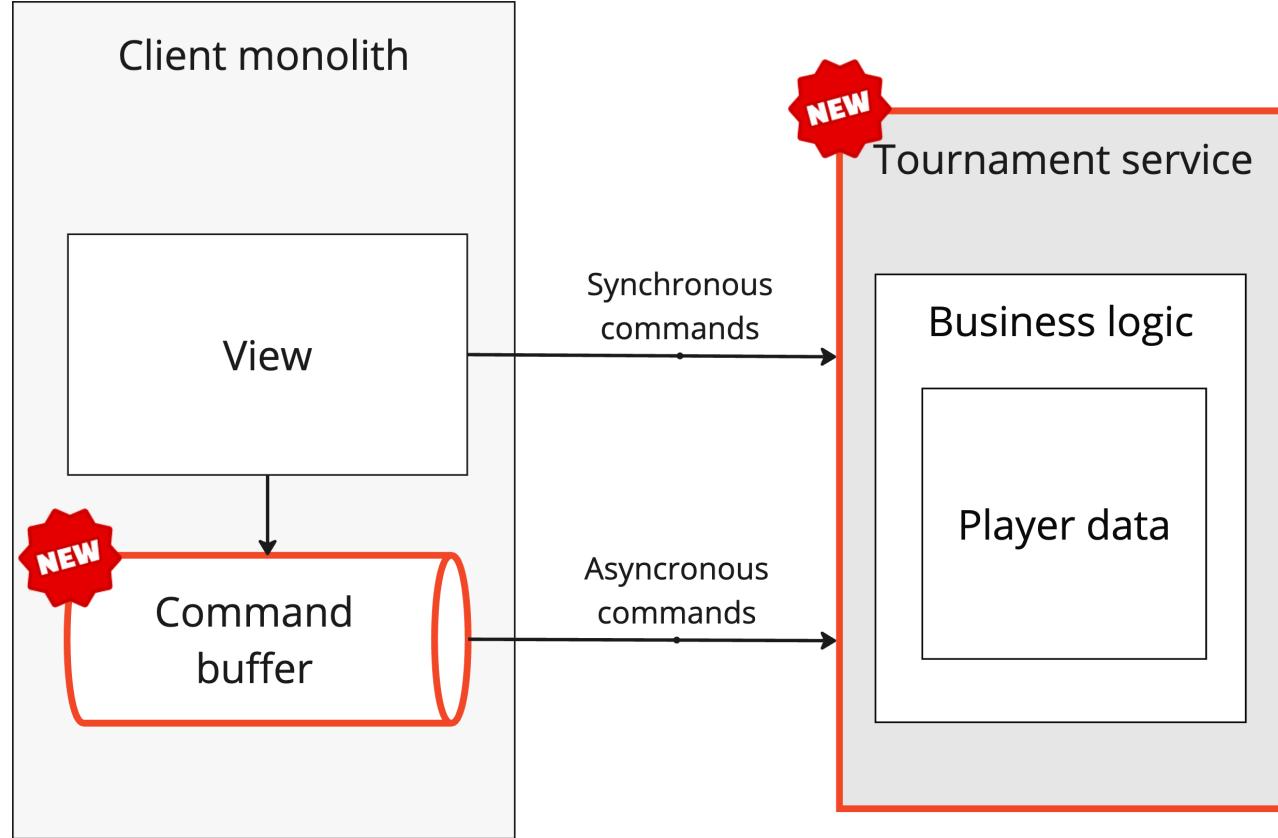
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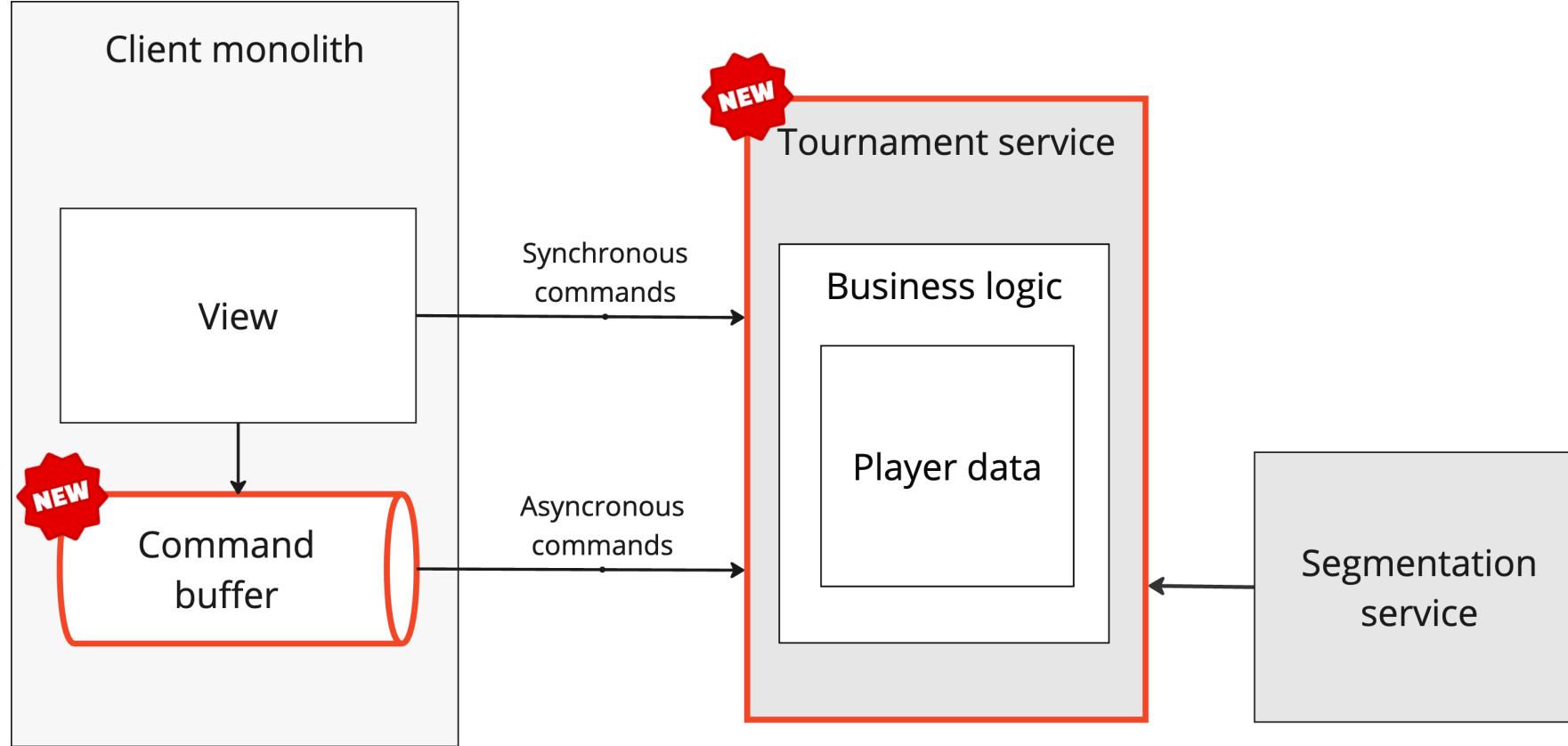
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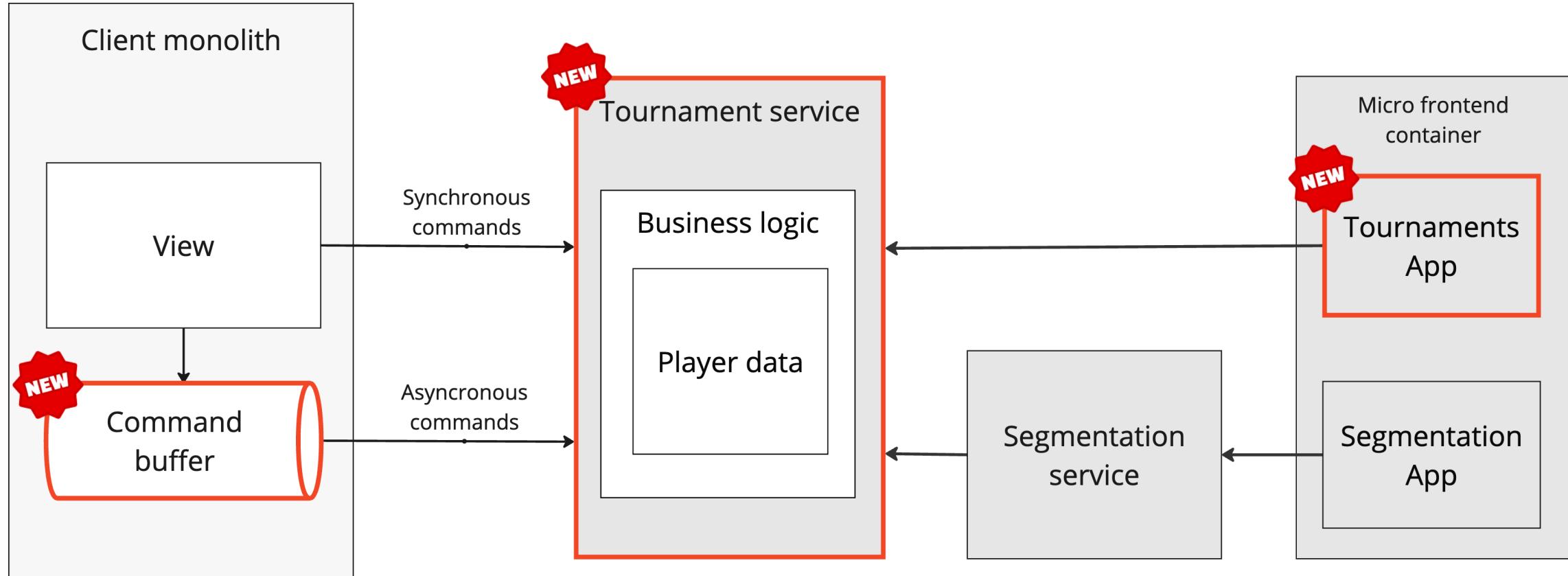
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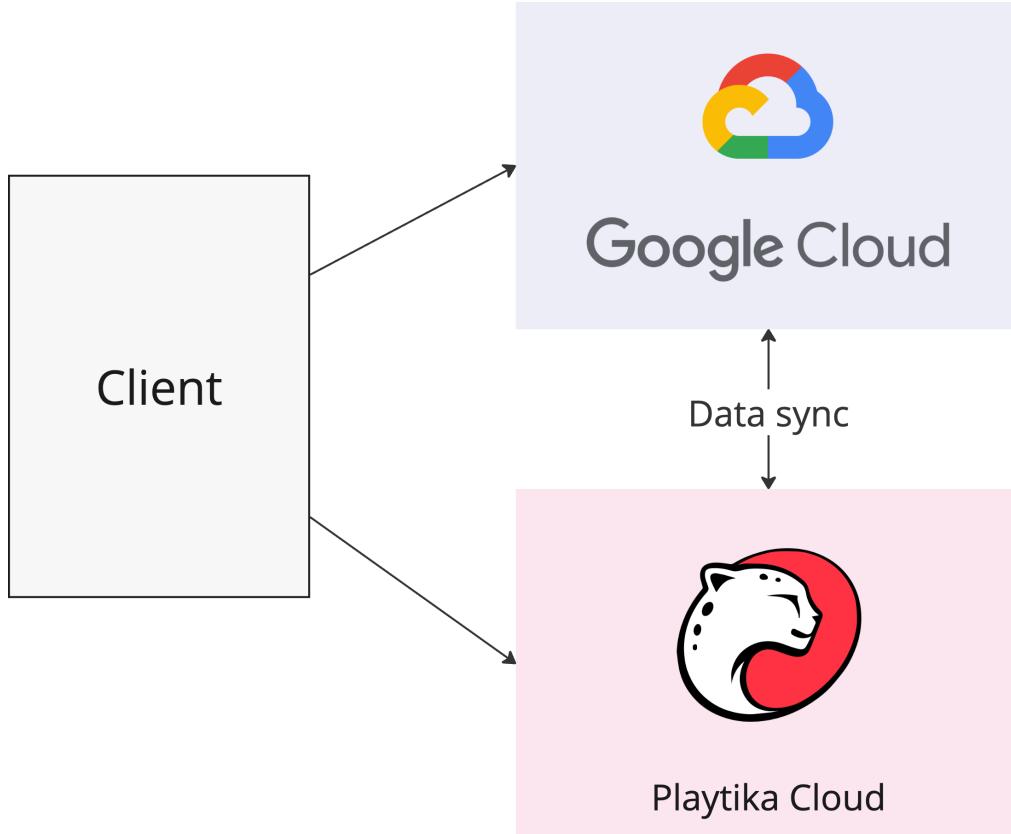


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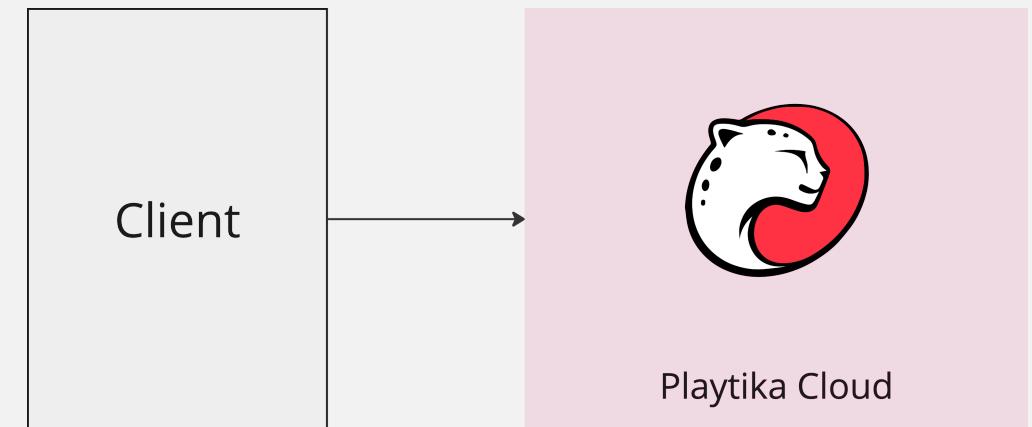


INFRASTRUCTURE  
OPTIMIZATION

# CURRENT



# TARGET



# **GOOGLE CLOUD**



App Engine



Cloud  
Datastore



Pub/Sub

# **PLAYTIKA**



Cloud



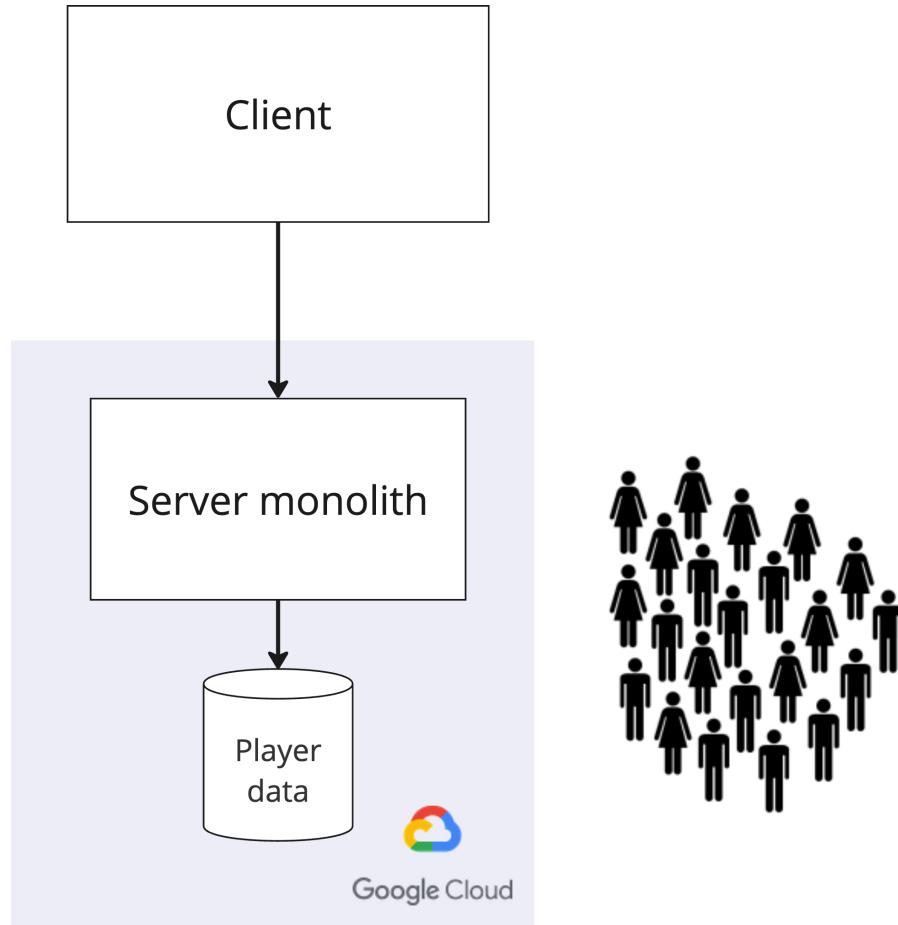
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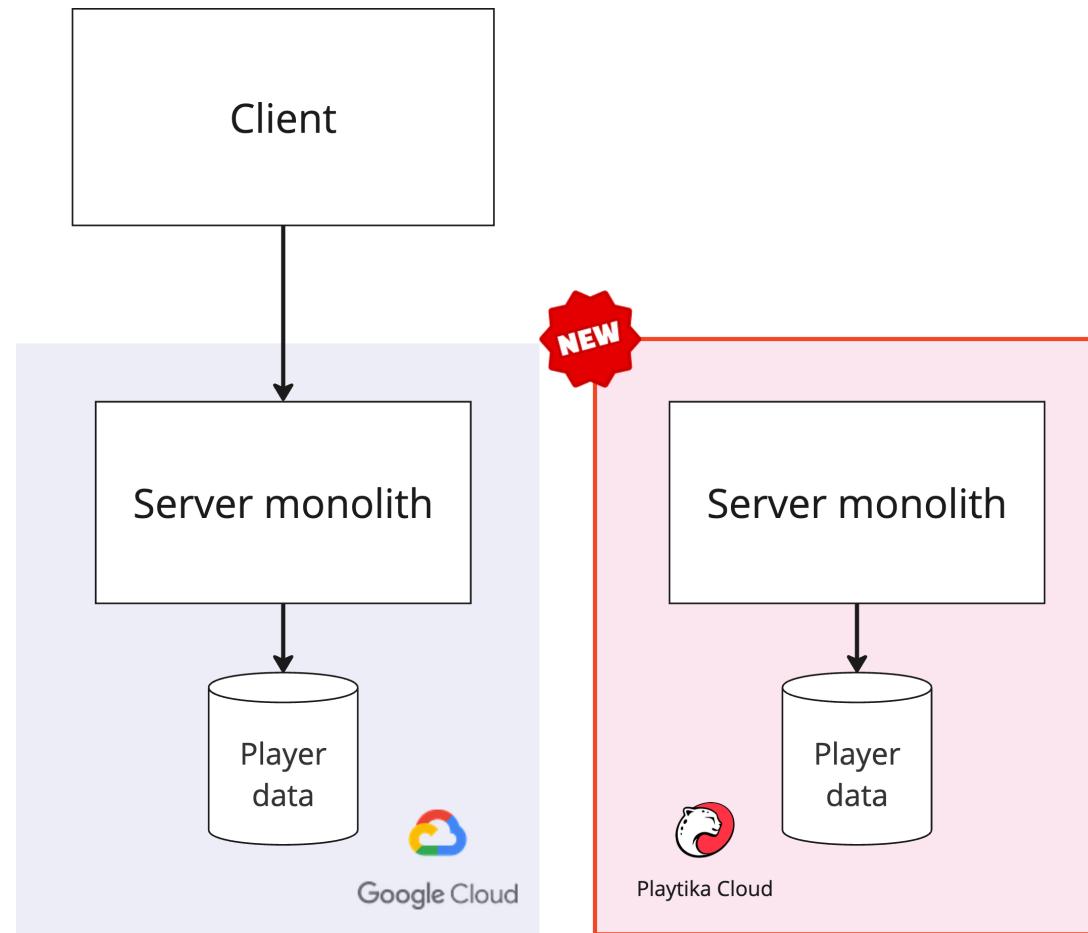


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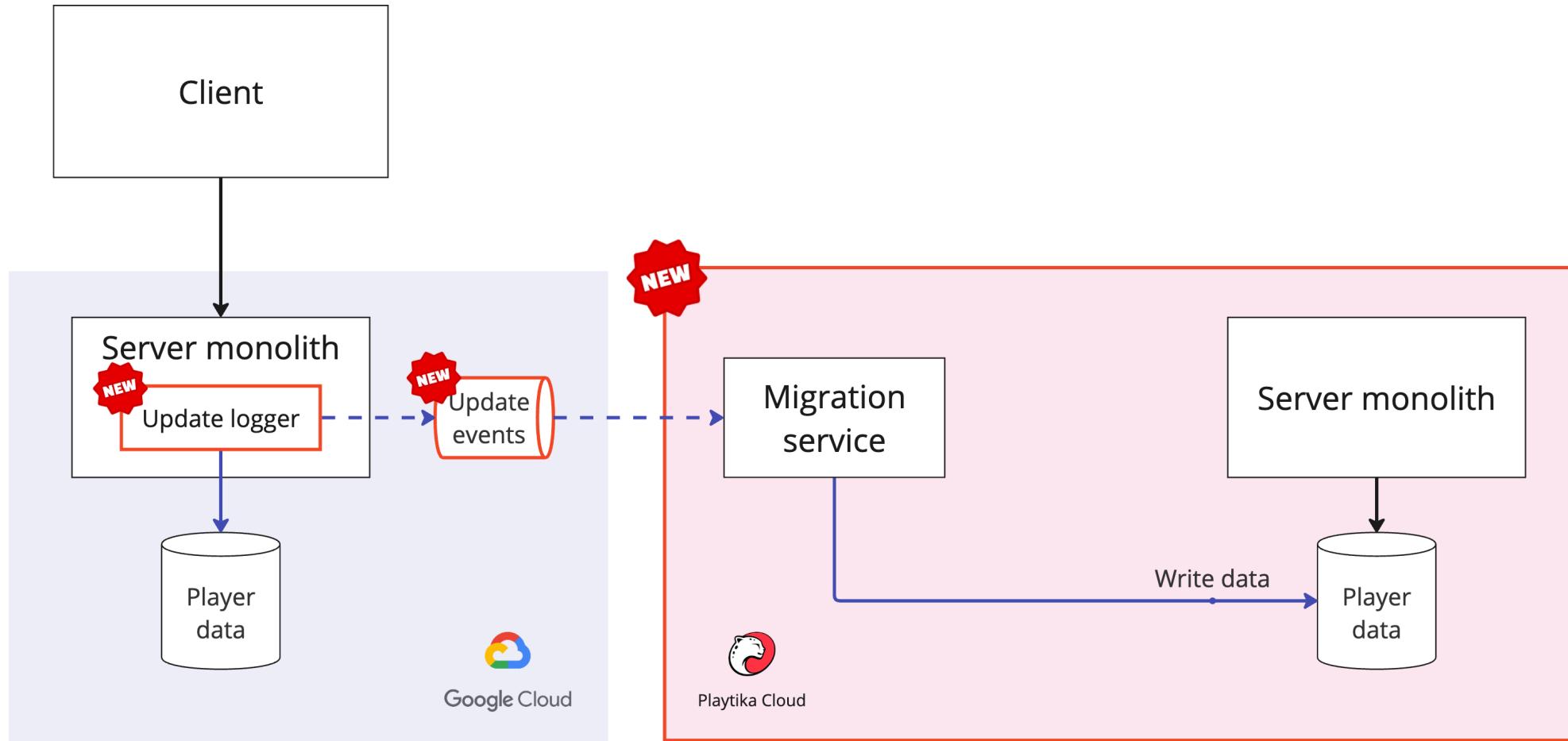
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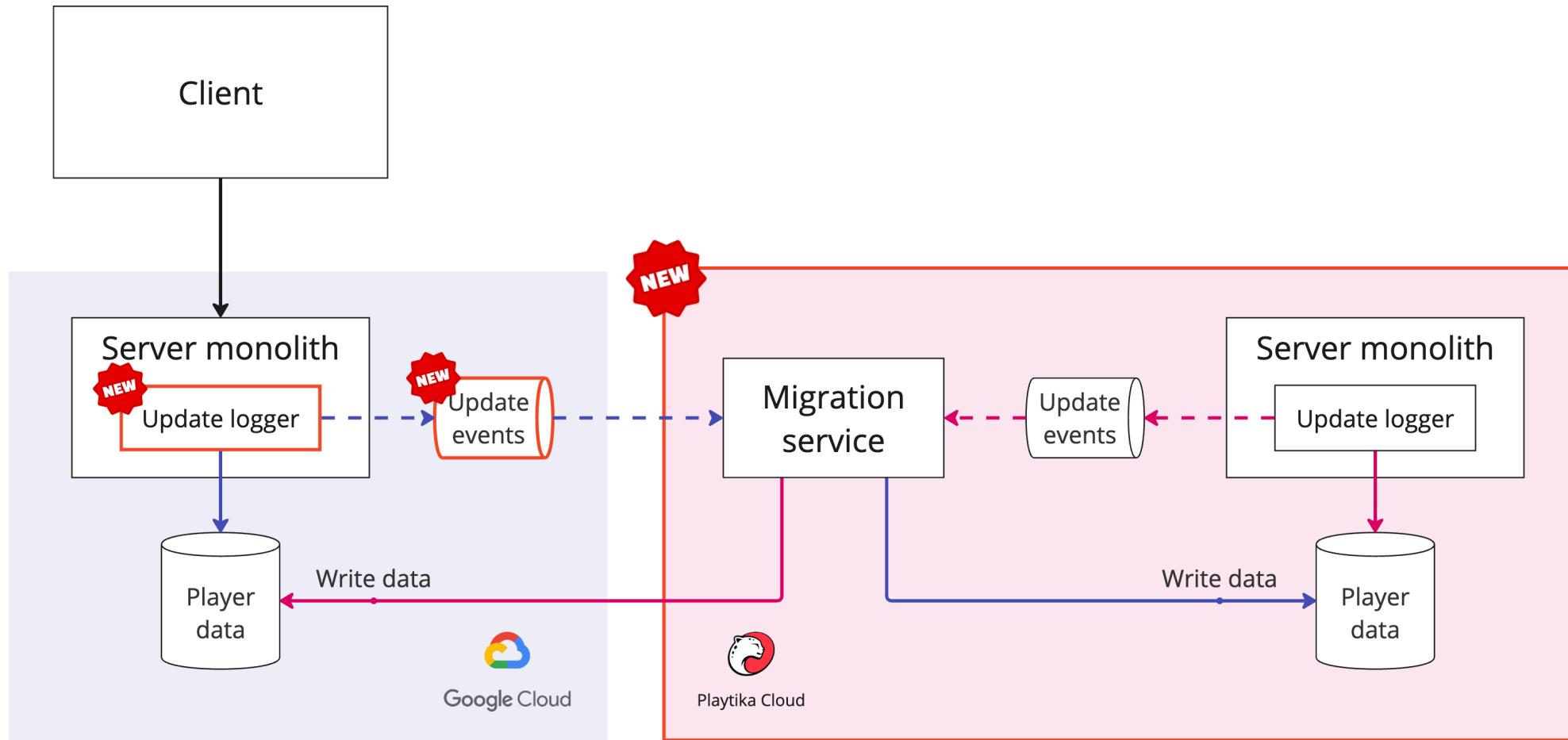
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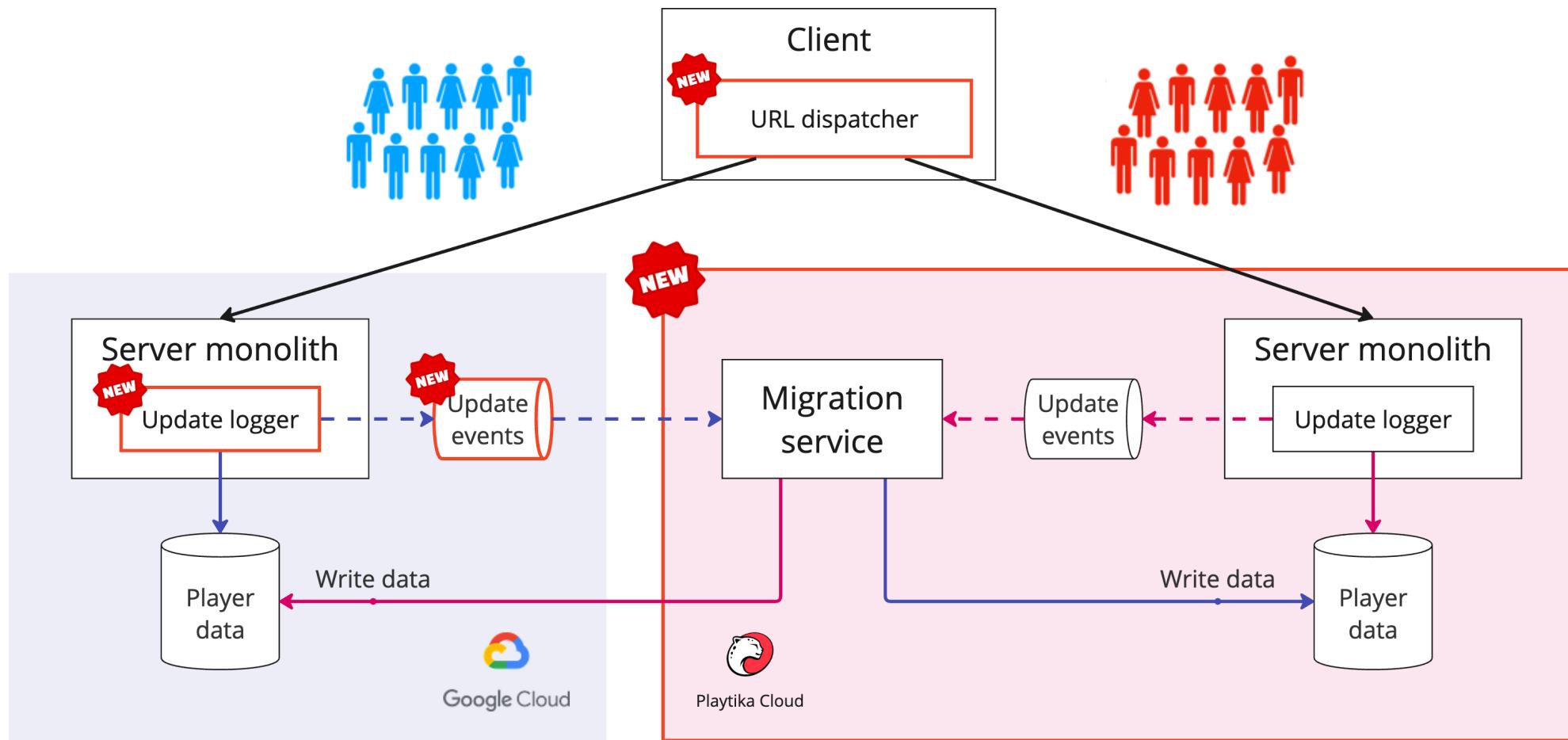
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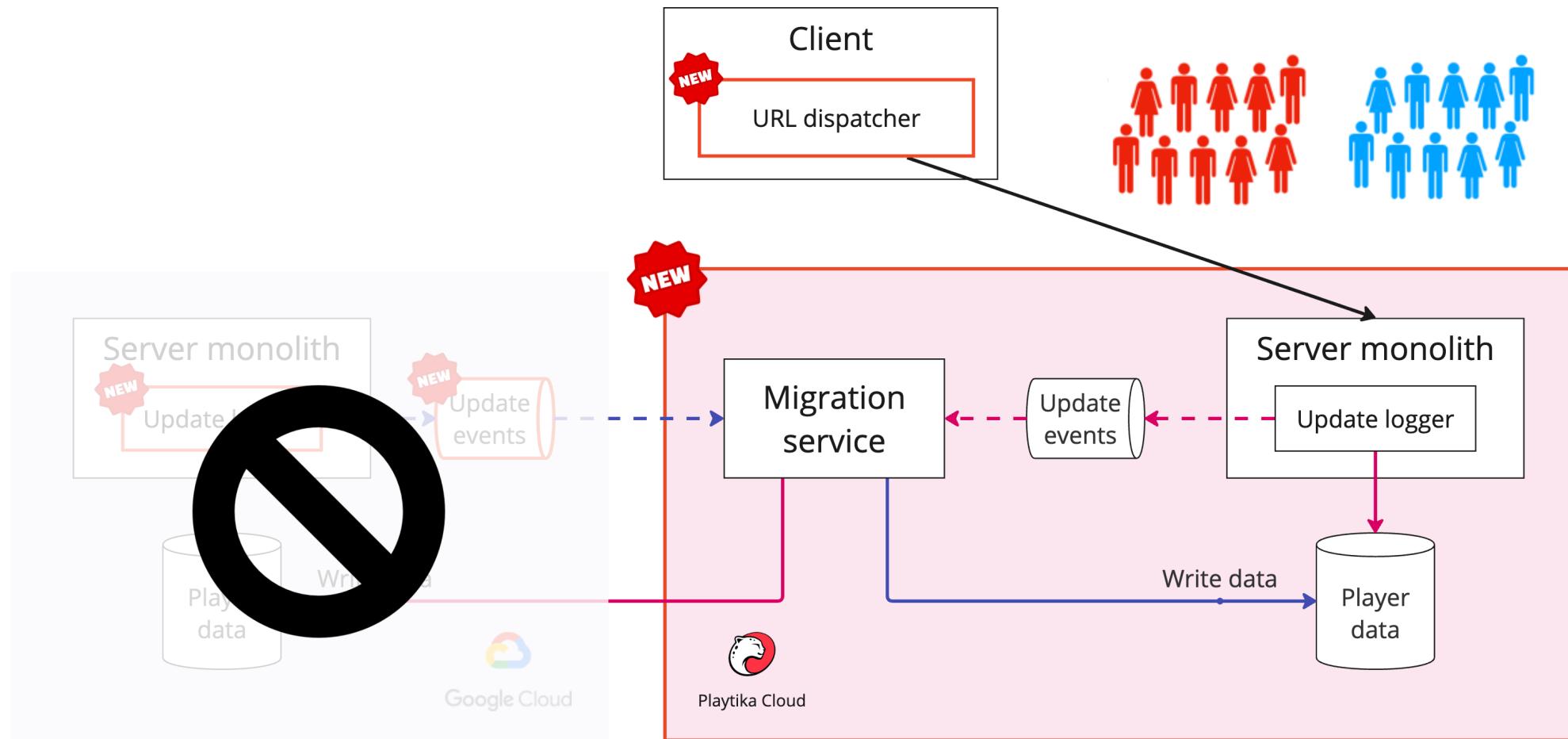
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# **Migration Approach**



# **Migration Statistics**

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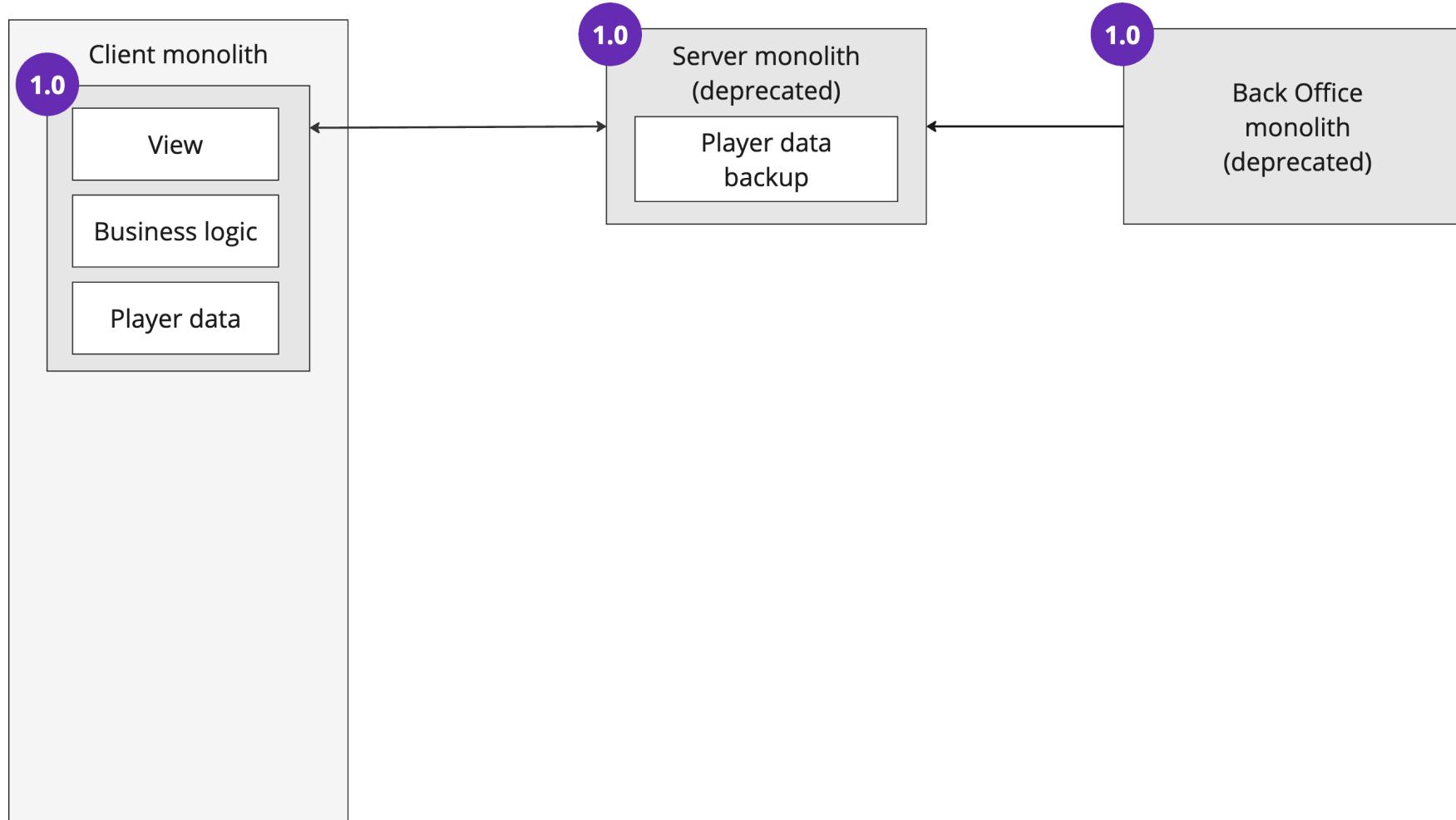
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Player data  
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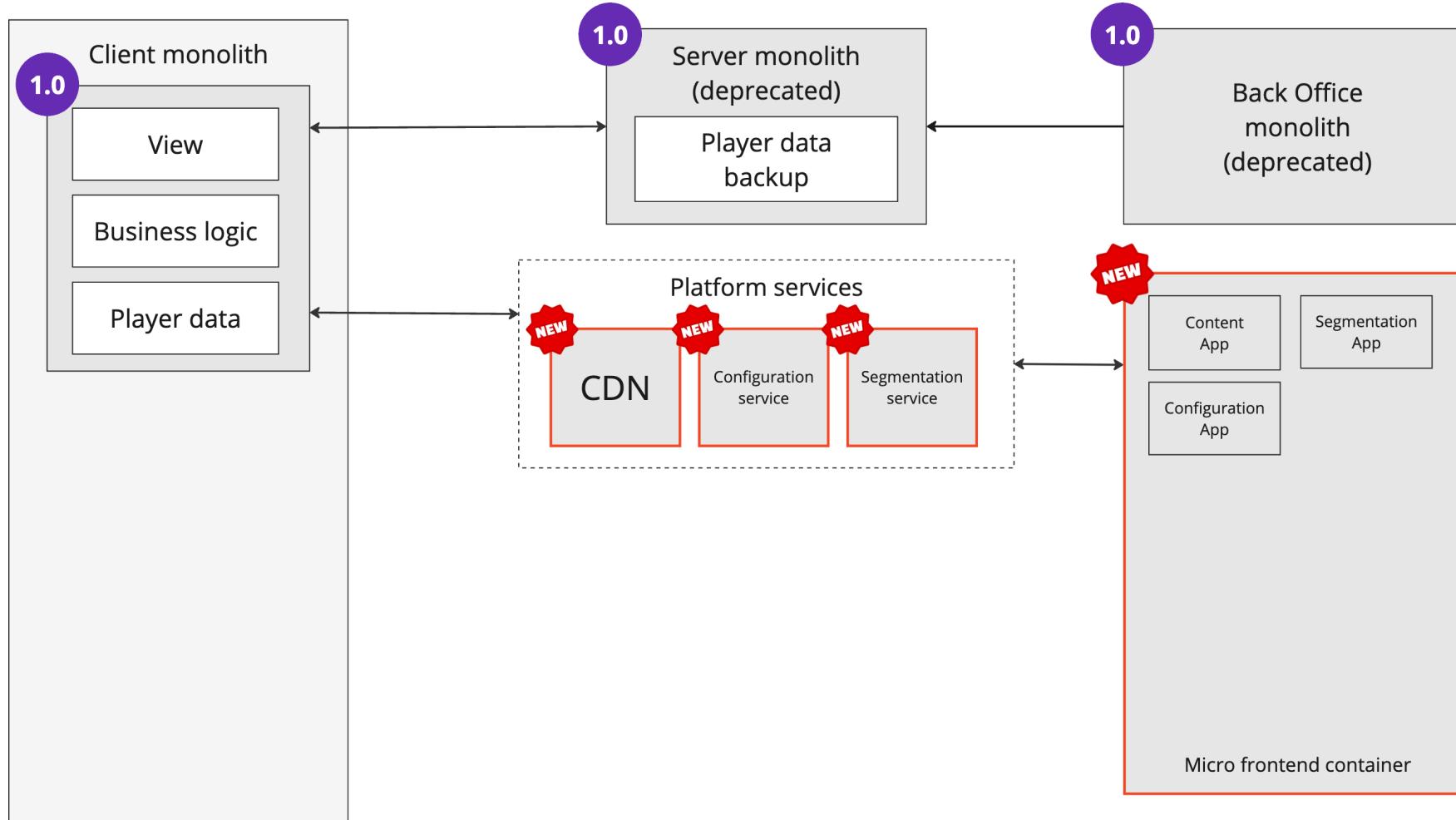


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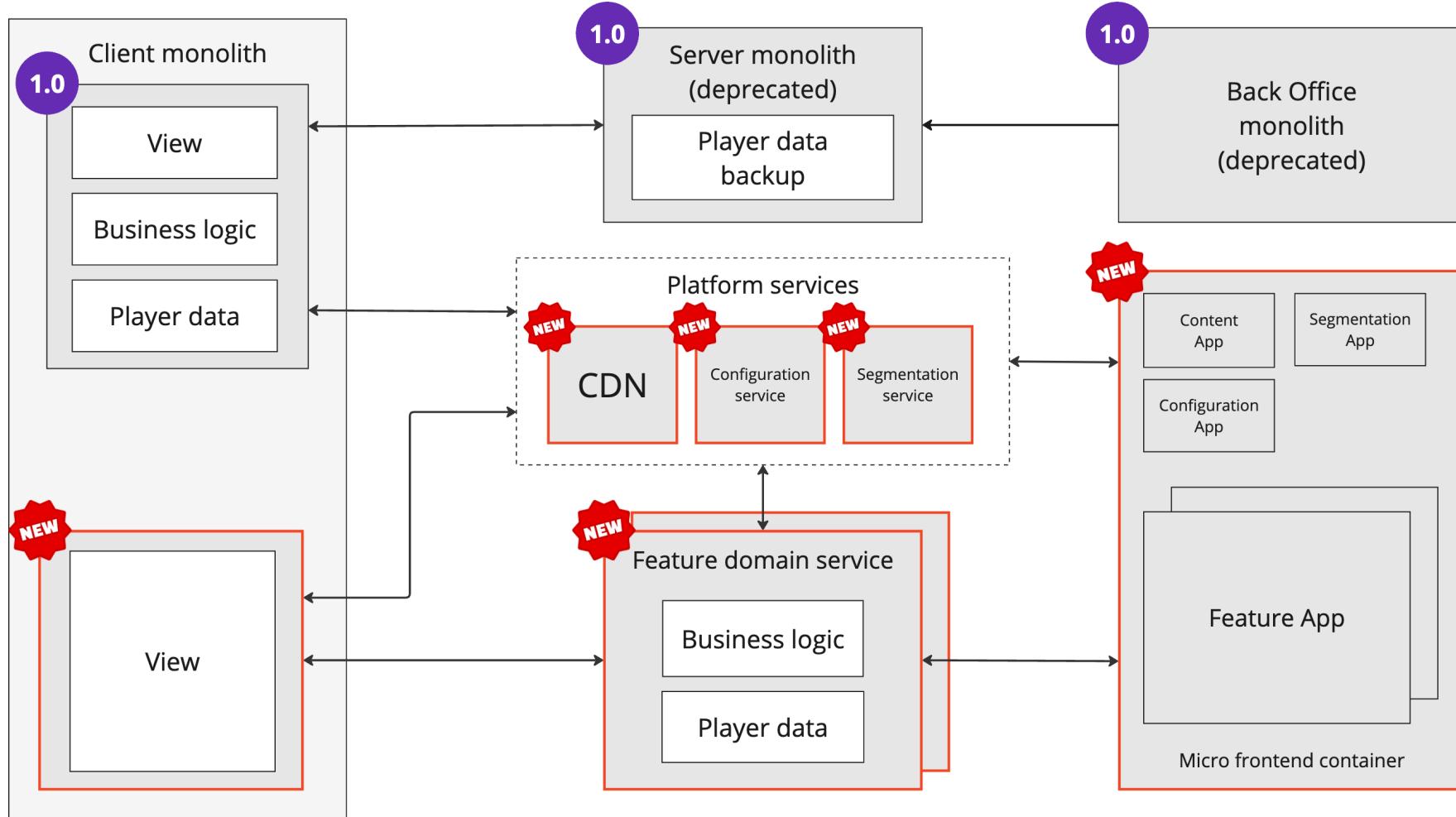
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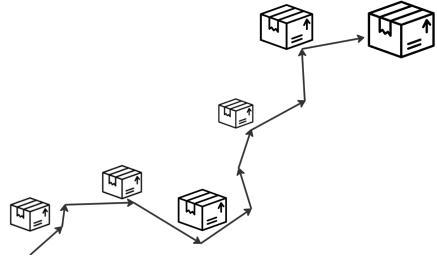


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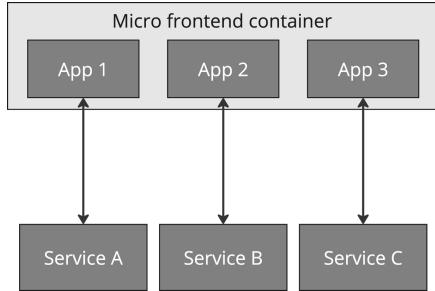


# ARCHITECTURE 1.5





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UNLOCKING PARALLEL  
DEVELOPMENT AND RELEASES

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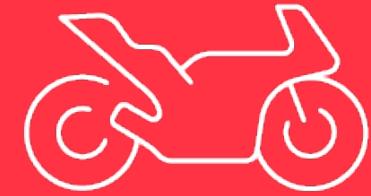
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APPLICATION AND CONTENT  
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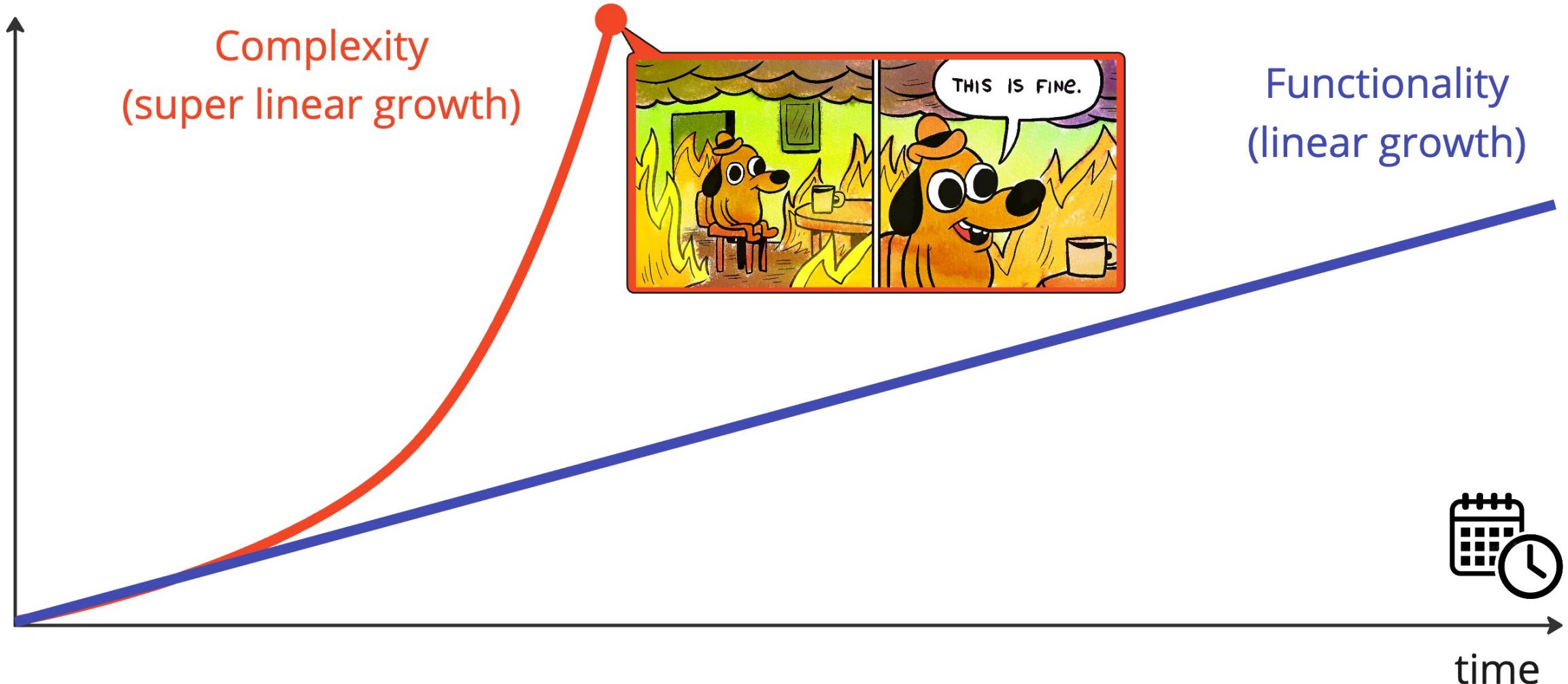
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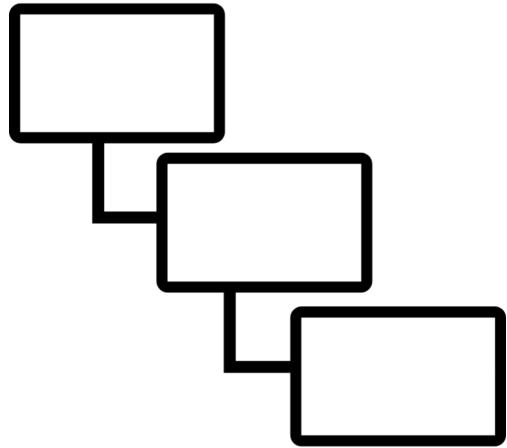
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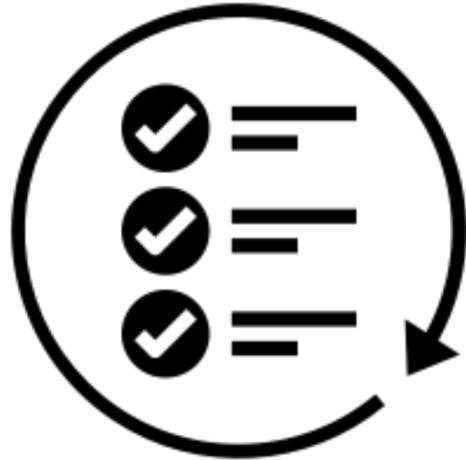
# DEVELOPMENT COMPLEXITY



# **SOURCES OF COMPLEXITY**



Cascading changes  
due to strong coupling



Developing similar  
solutions from scratch



High cognitive load

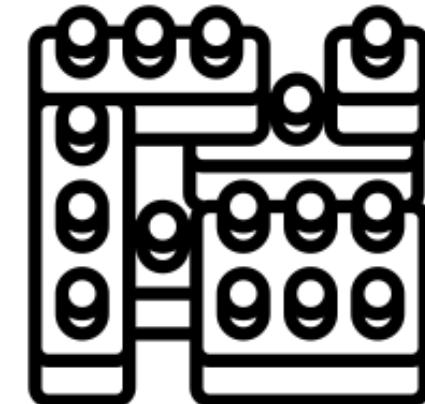
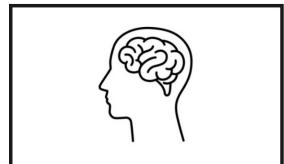
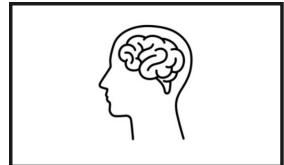


# **ARCHITECTURE 2.0**

# **GOAL**

**REDUCE DEVELOPMENT COMPLEXITY  
AND SCALE THE ORGANIZATION**

# **ARCHITECTURE 2.0 DEFINITION**

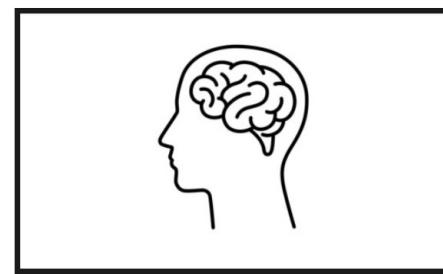
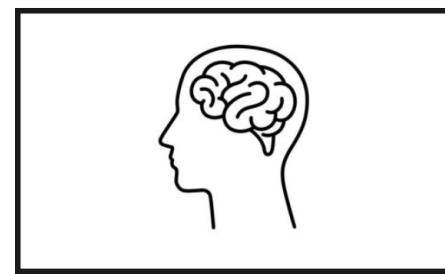


Revisit the system  
context boundaries

Define feature  
design standards

Build generic  
reusable solutions

# **CONTEXT BOUNDARIES**





**VisArch**

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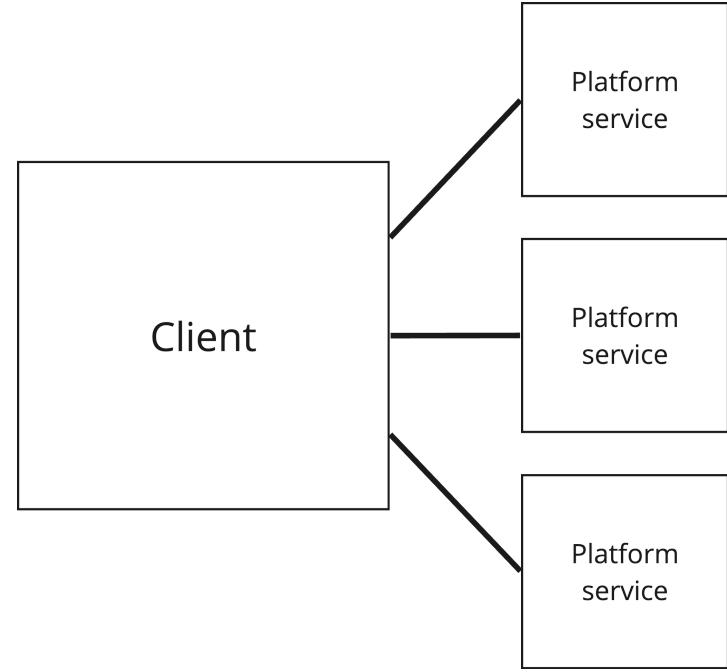
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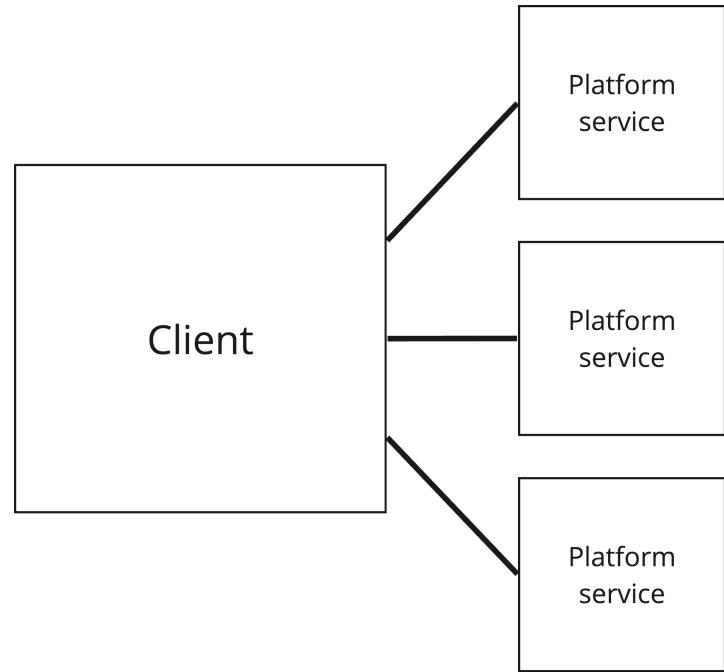
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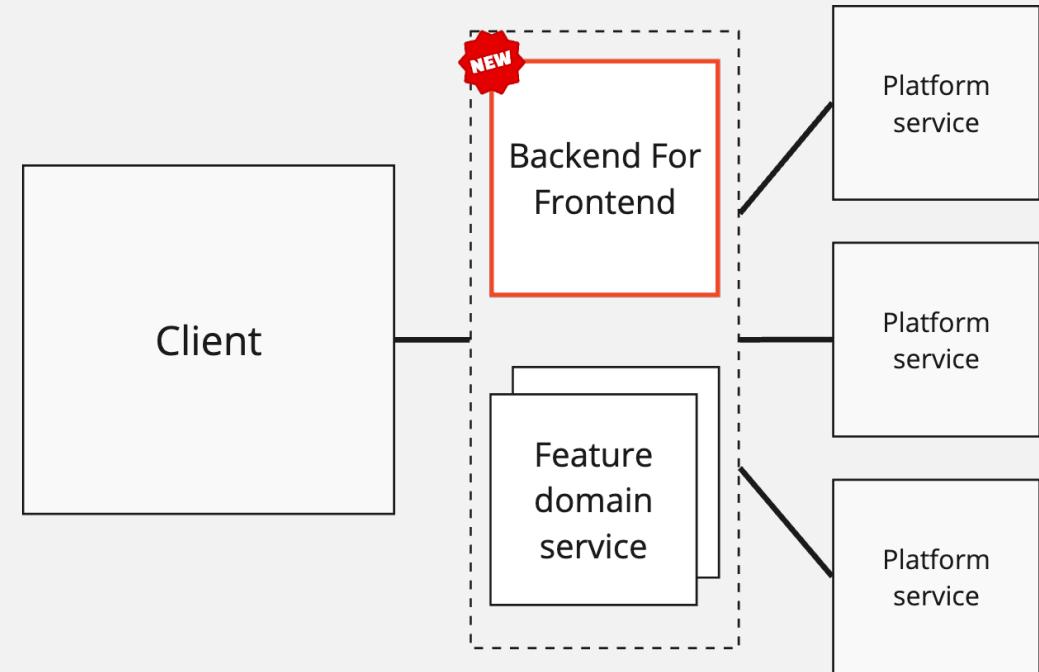


Client and platform  
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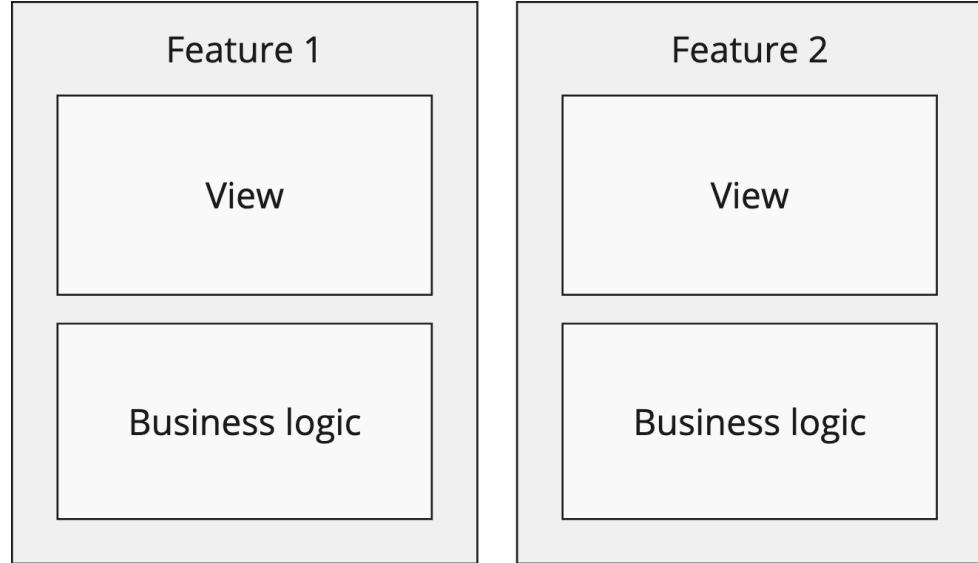
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Client and platform services share knowledge

Knowledge and changes are isolated

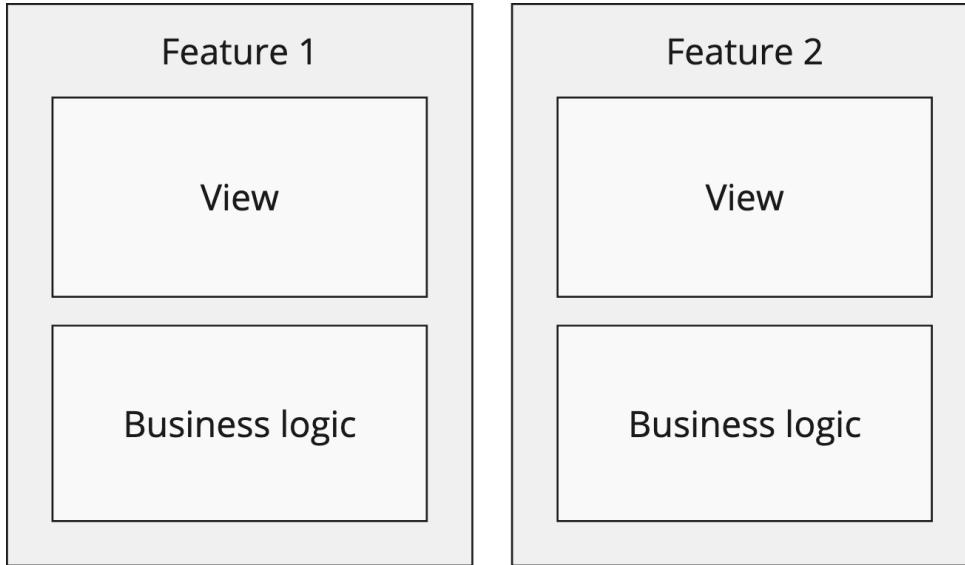
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Cross-feature changes requires  
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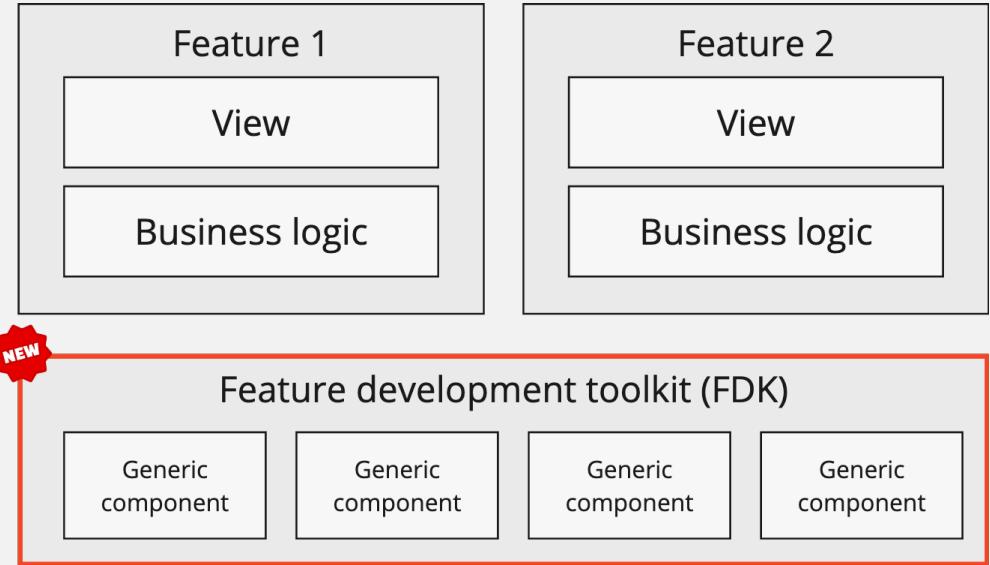
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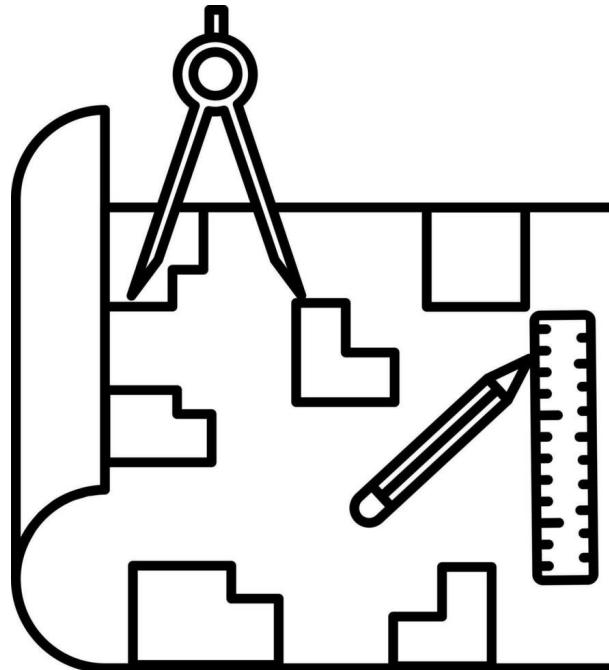
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Focus on features, not on tech decisions

Cross-feature changes require change in FDK only

# **FEATURE DESIGN STANDARDS**



# • ONLINE-FIRST

Meta or multiplayer games with no active user interaction



# • OFFLINE-FIRST

In level mechanics with active user interaction



# • ONLINE-FIRST

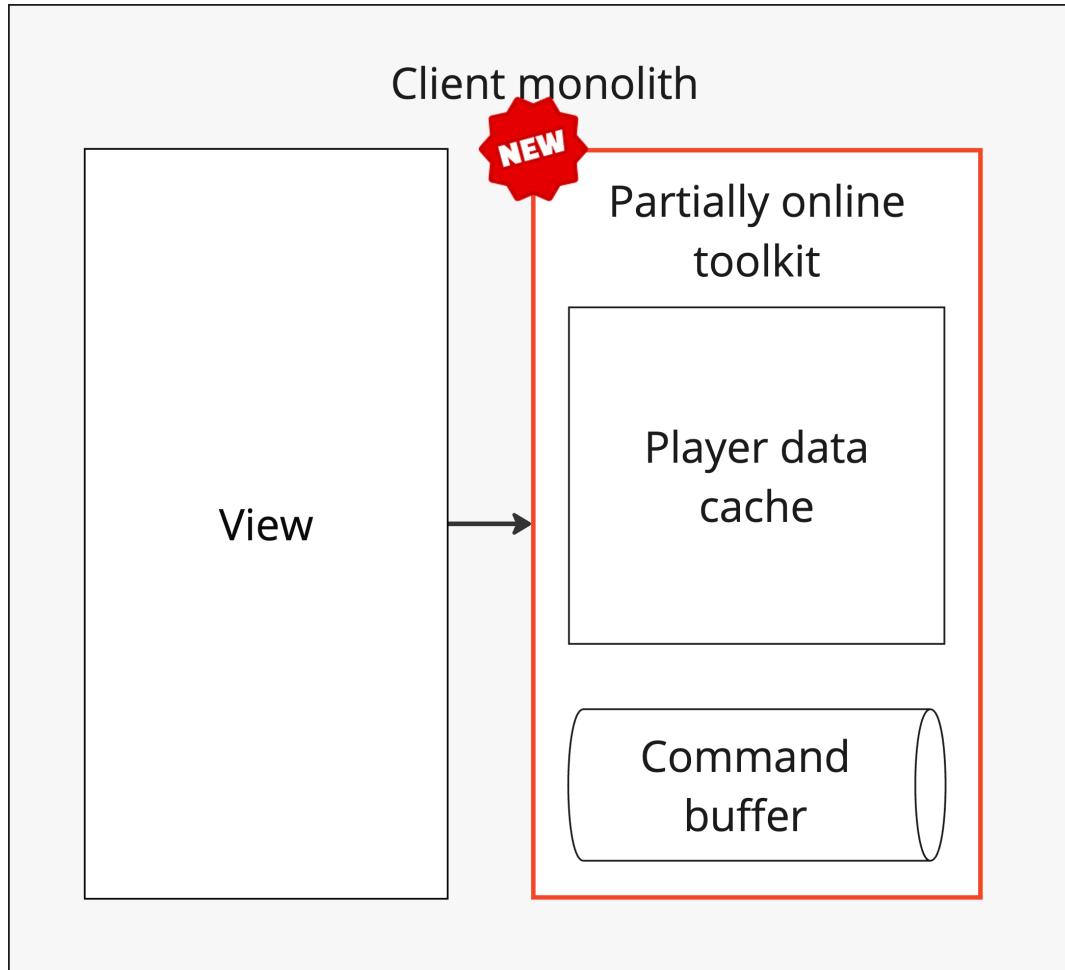
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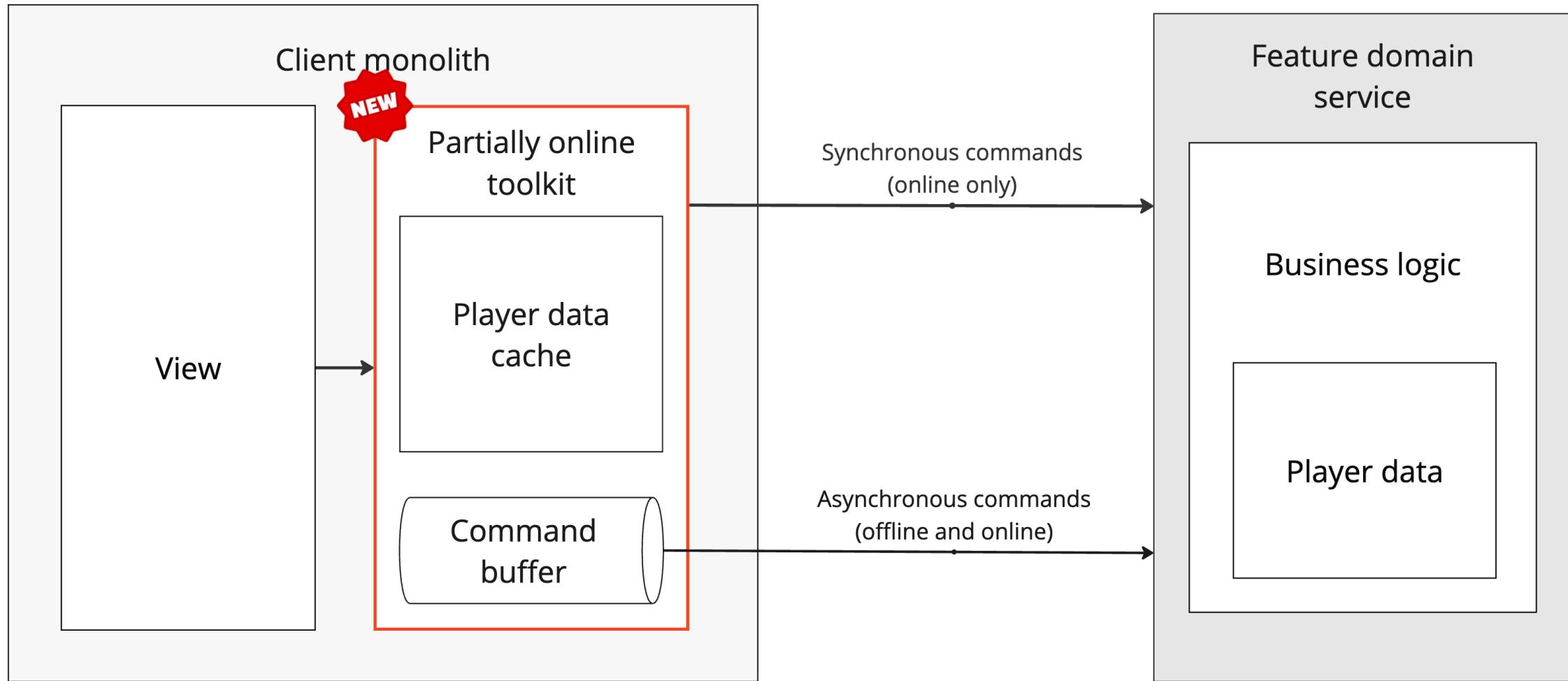
Require the Internet connection to play, limited functionality works offline

**Server is source of truth for the player state**

# • ONLINE-FIRST ARCHITECTURE



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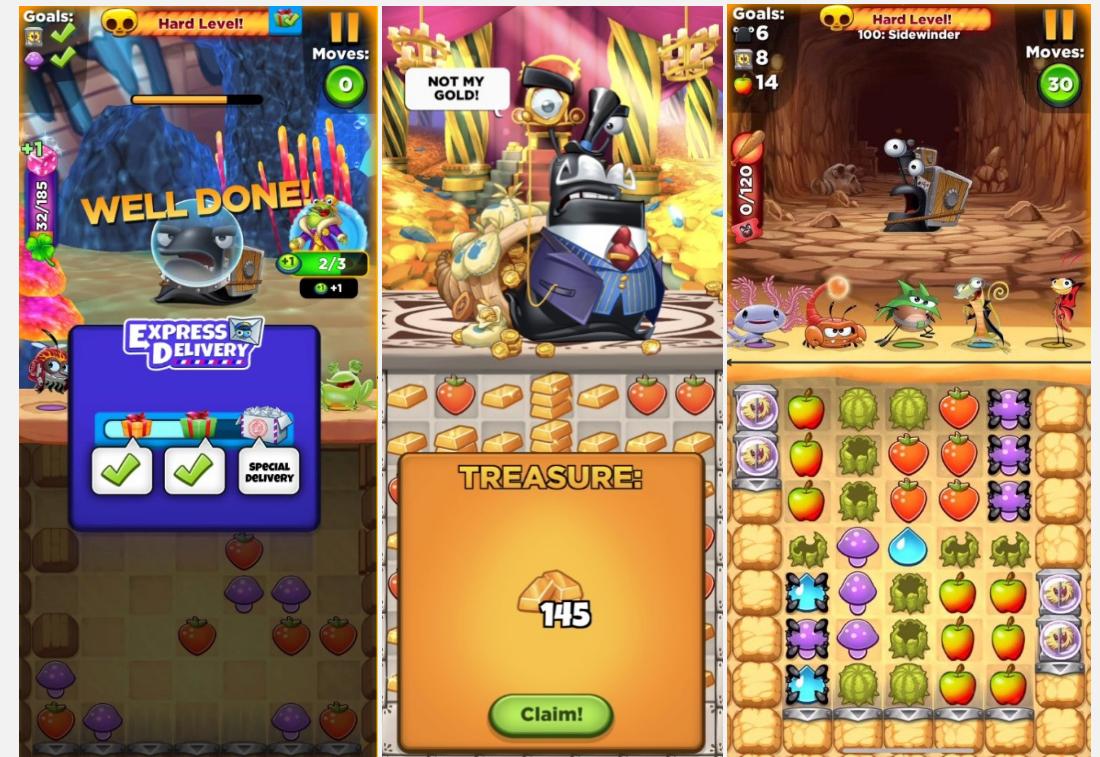


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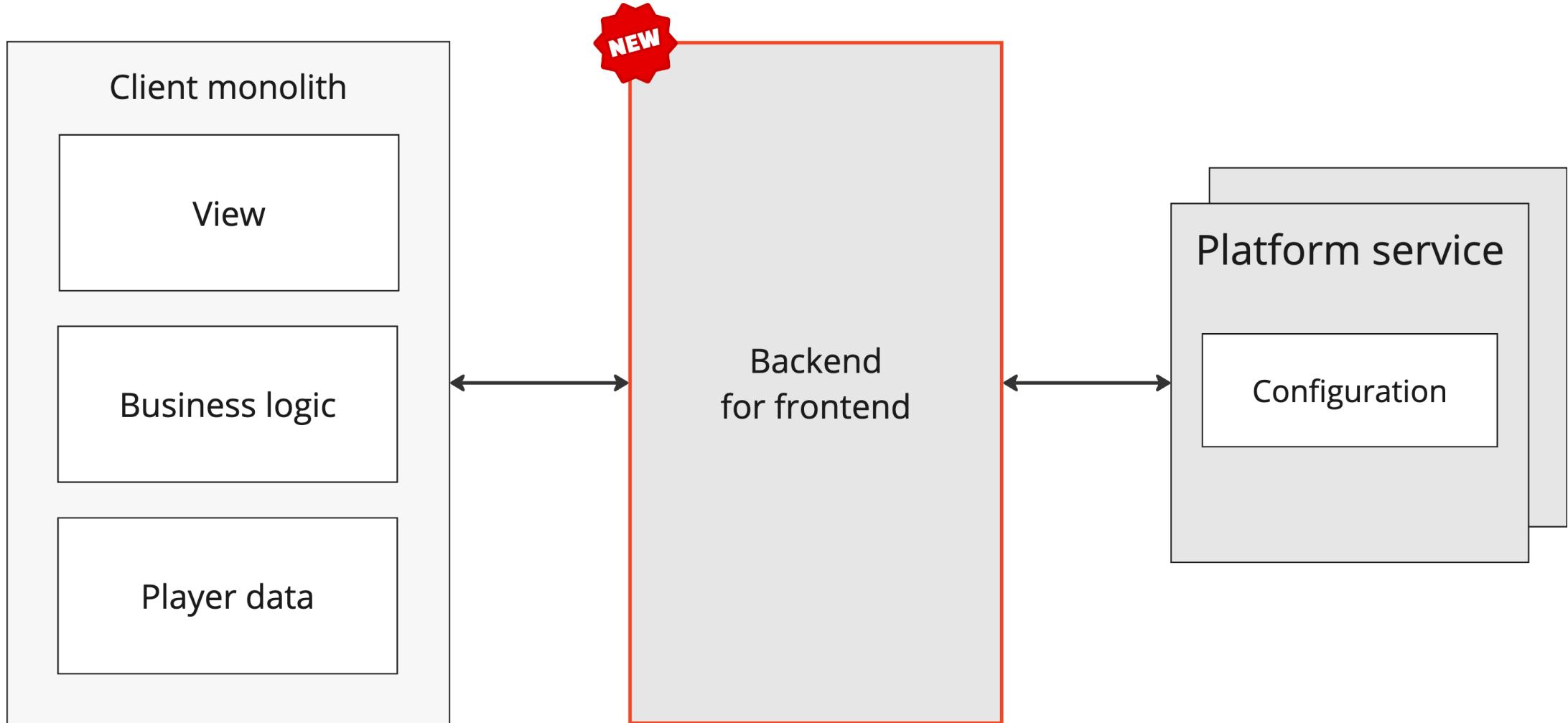
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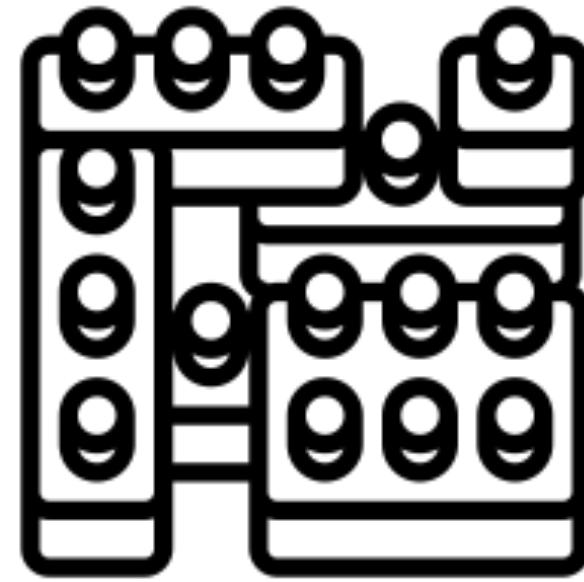
In level mechanics with active user interaction



# OFFLINE-FIRST ARCHITECTURE



# **FEATURE DEVELOPMENT TOOLKIT (FDK)**



# REWARDING FLOW



Earn resources

Spend resources

# **ARCHITECTURE**

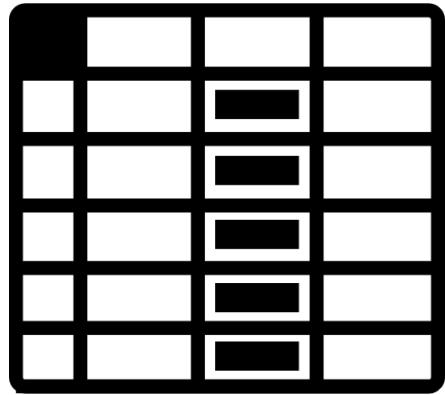
Each feature has specific implementation of the “rewarding flow”



# **CONSEQUENCES**

- Adding new game resource type requires patching all features
- Each feature requires own ETL pipelines to process analytical events
- Extra efforts for supporting multiple implementations

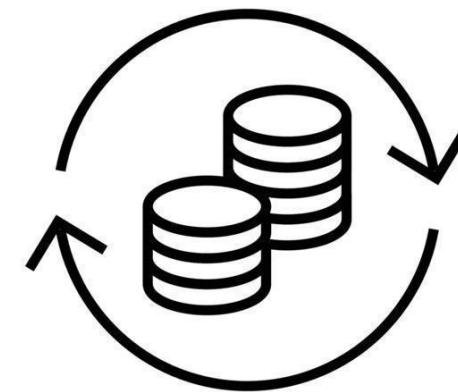
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Configuration  
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UI components

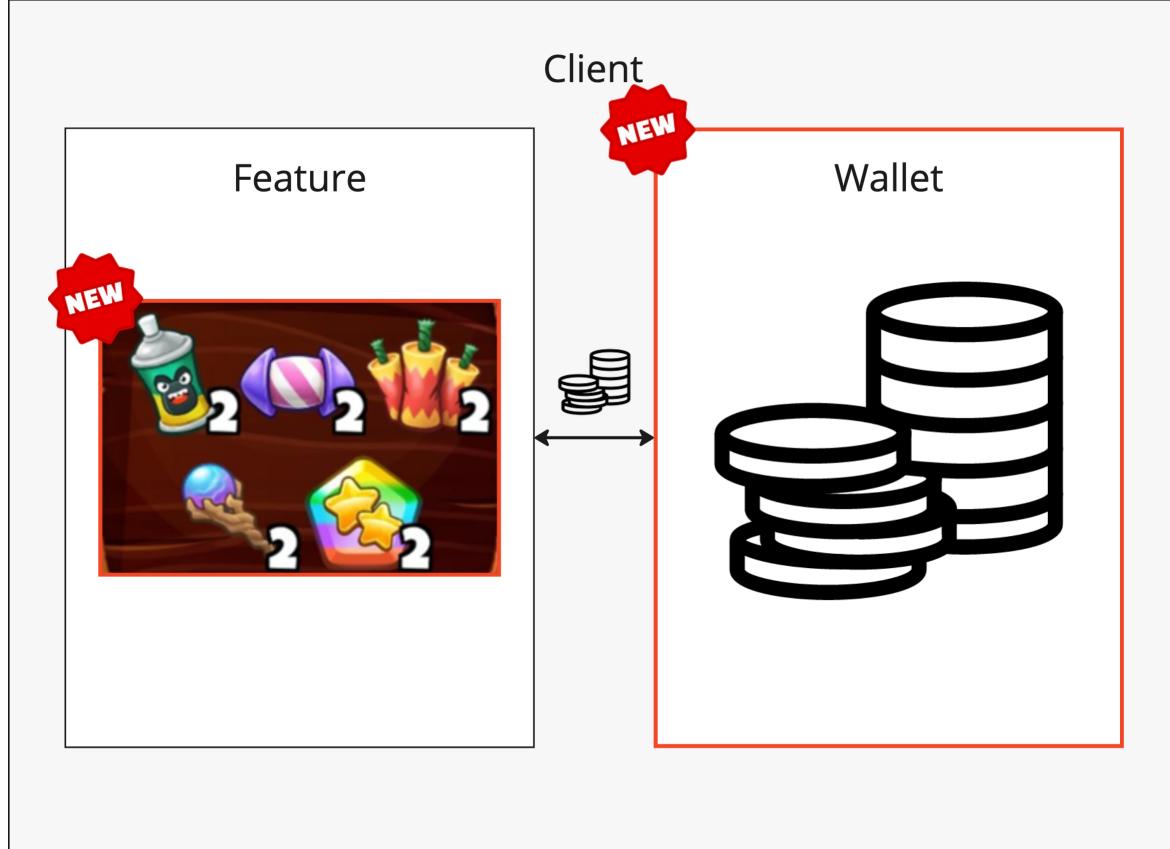


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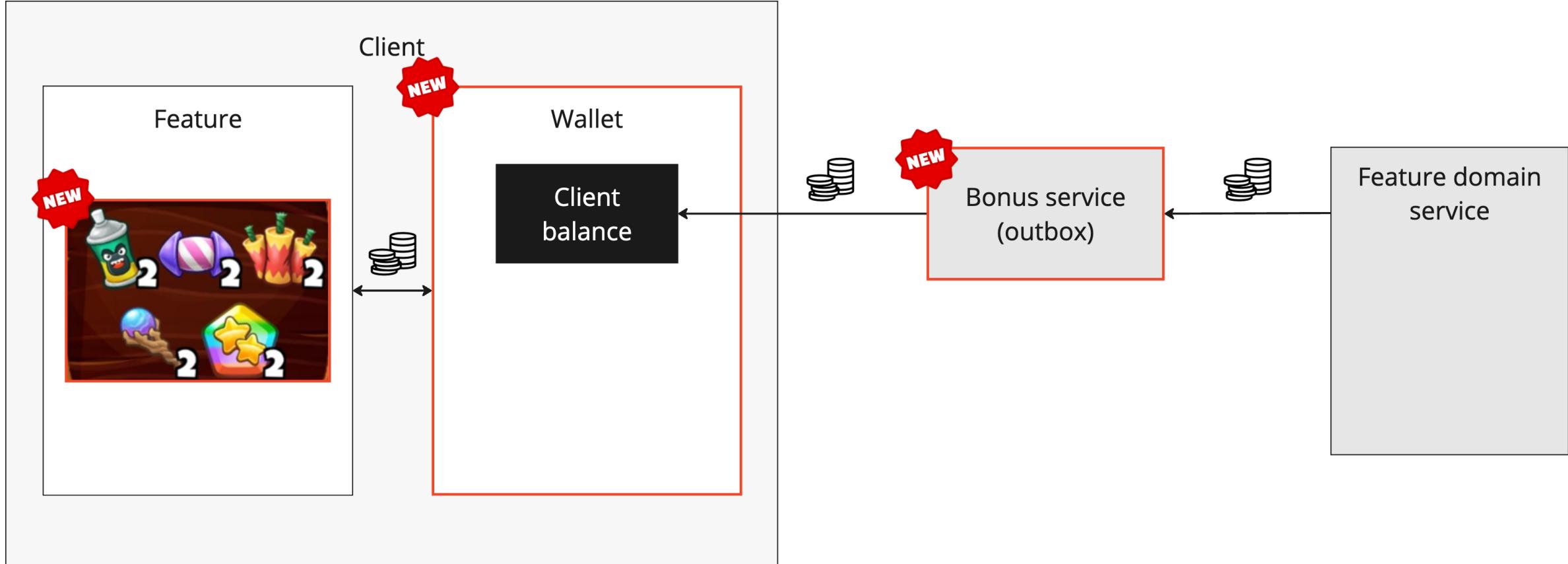


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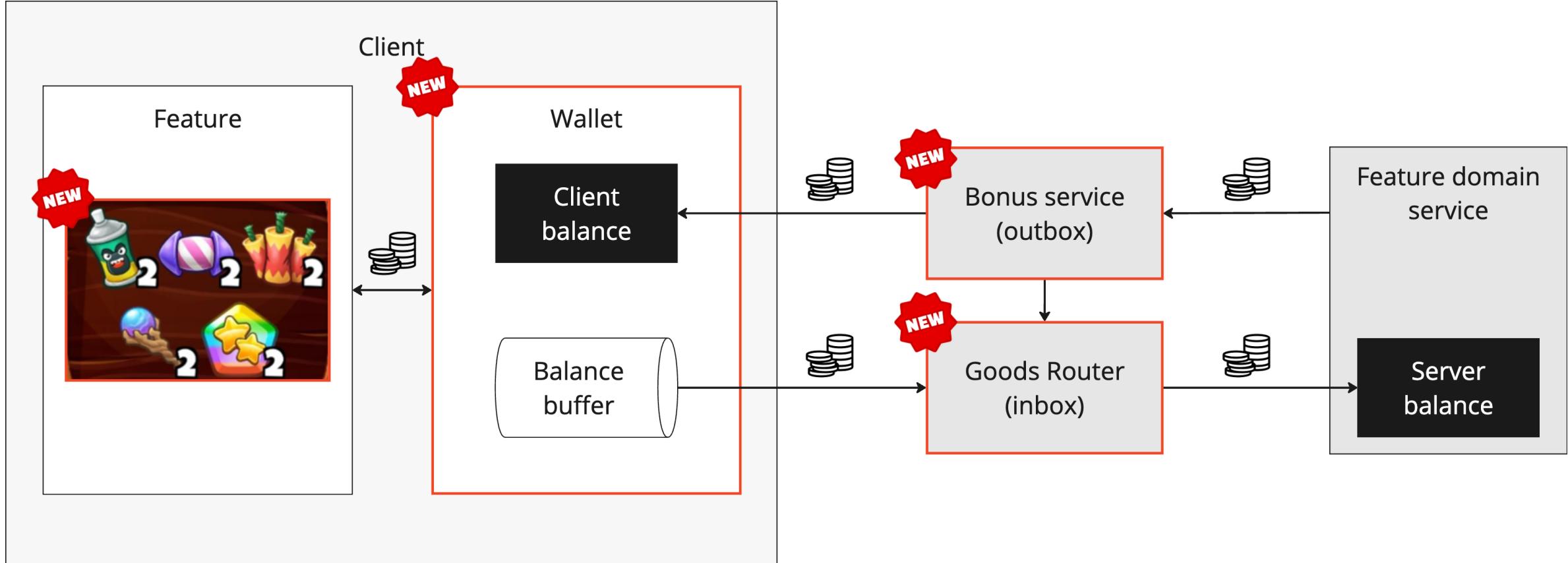
# **REWARDING FLOW ARCHITECTURE**



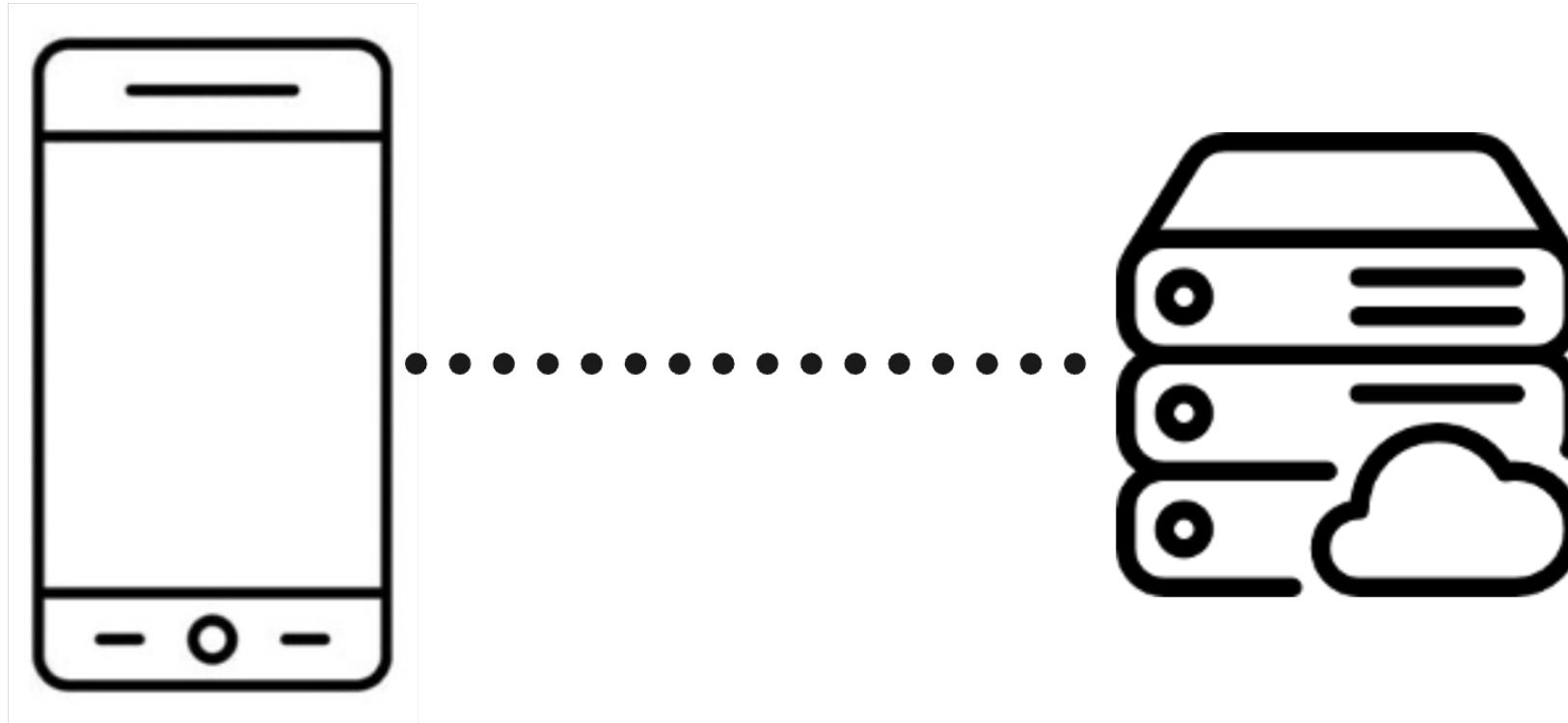
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# REWARDING FLOW ARCHITECTURE



# **PLAYER STATE SYNCHRONIZATION**



# **ARCHITECTURE**

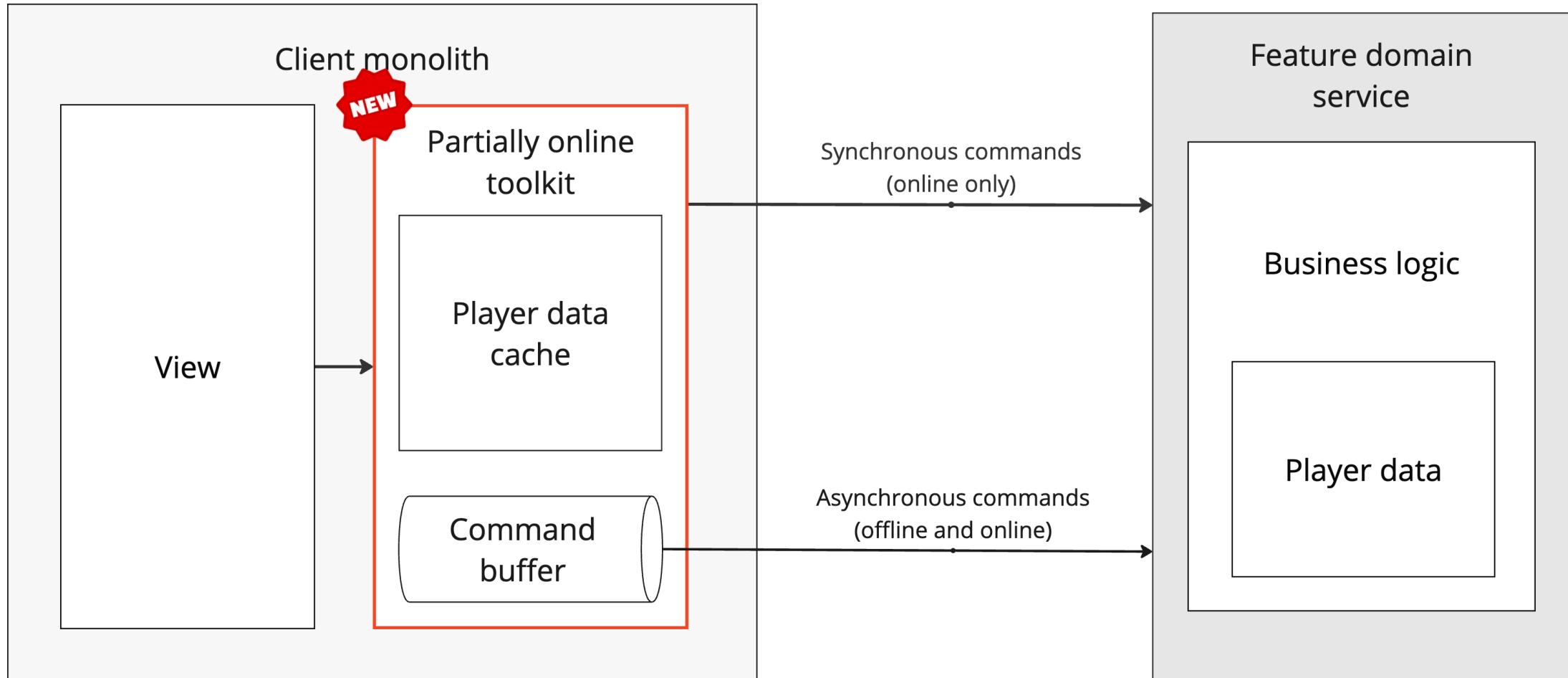
Each feature has specific implementation of the  
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# **CONSEQUENCES**

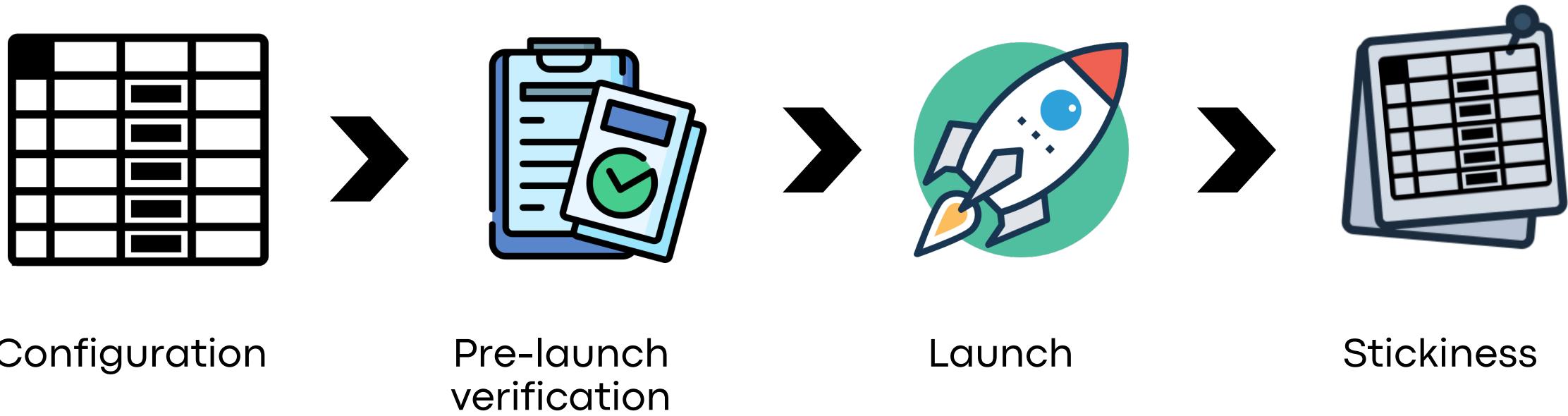
- Game freezes
- Data discrepancies
- Extra efforts for supporting multiple implementations



# PARTIALLY ONLINE TOOLKIT (FDK)



# **GAME OPERATIONS FLOW**



# **ARCHITECTURE**

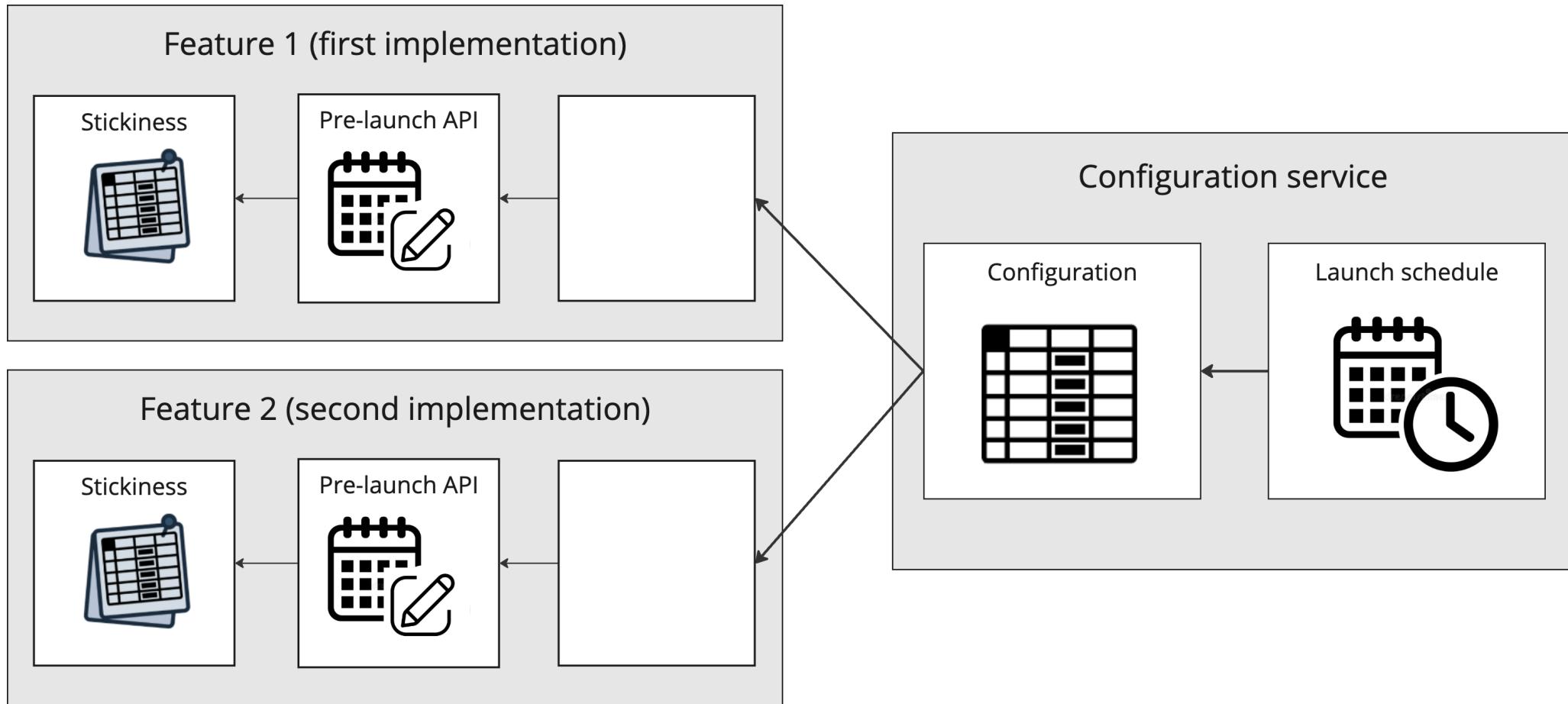
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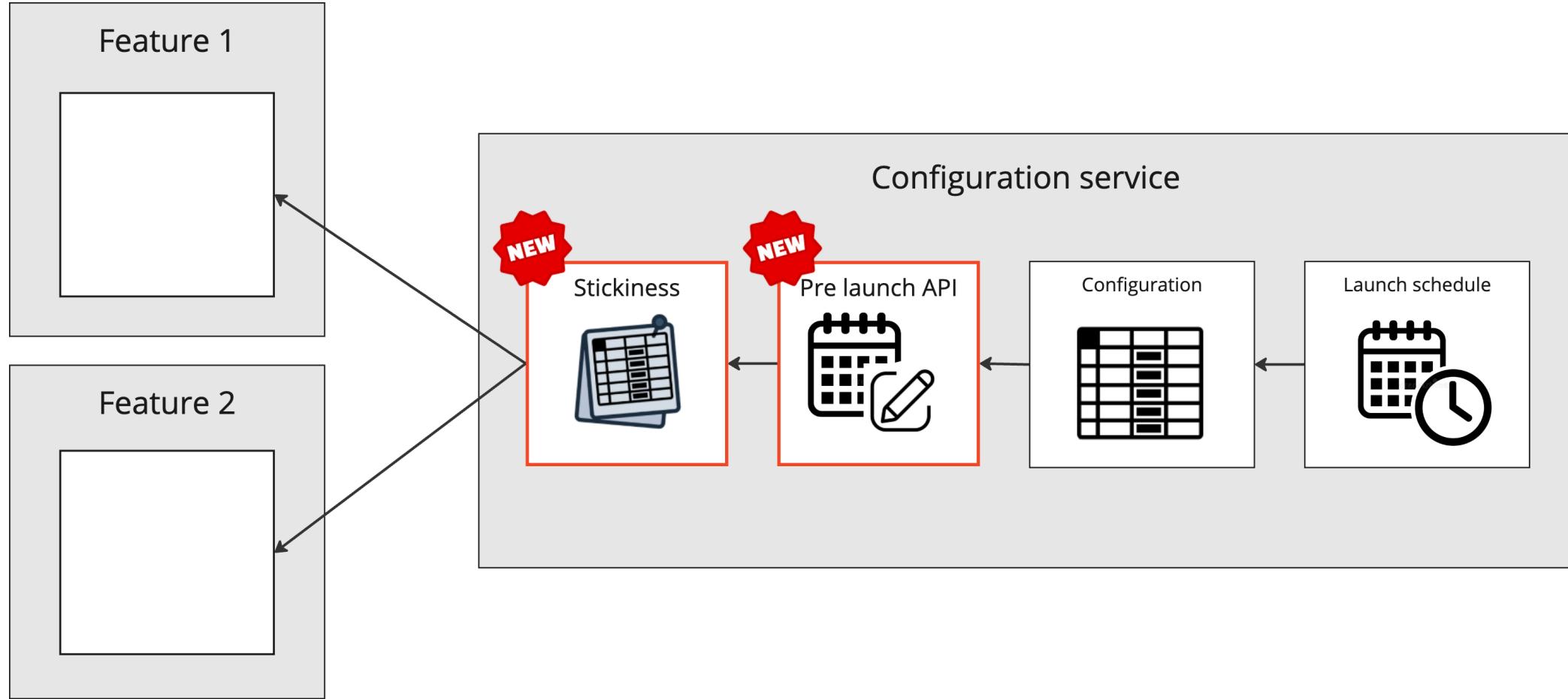
# **CONSEQUENCES**

- Some features have no stickiness or pre-launch mode
- Extra efforts for supporting multiple implementations

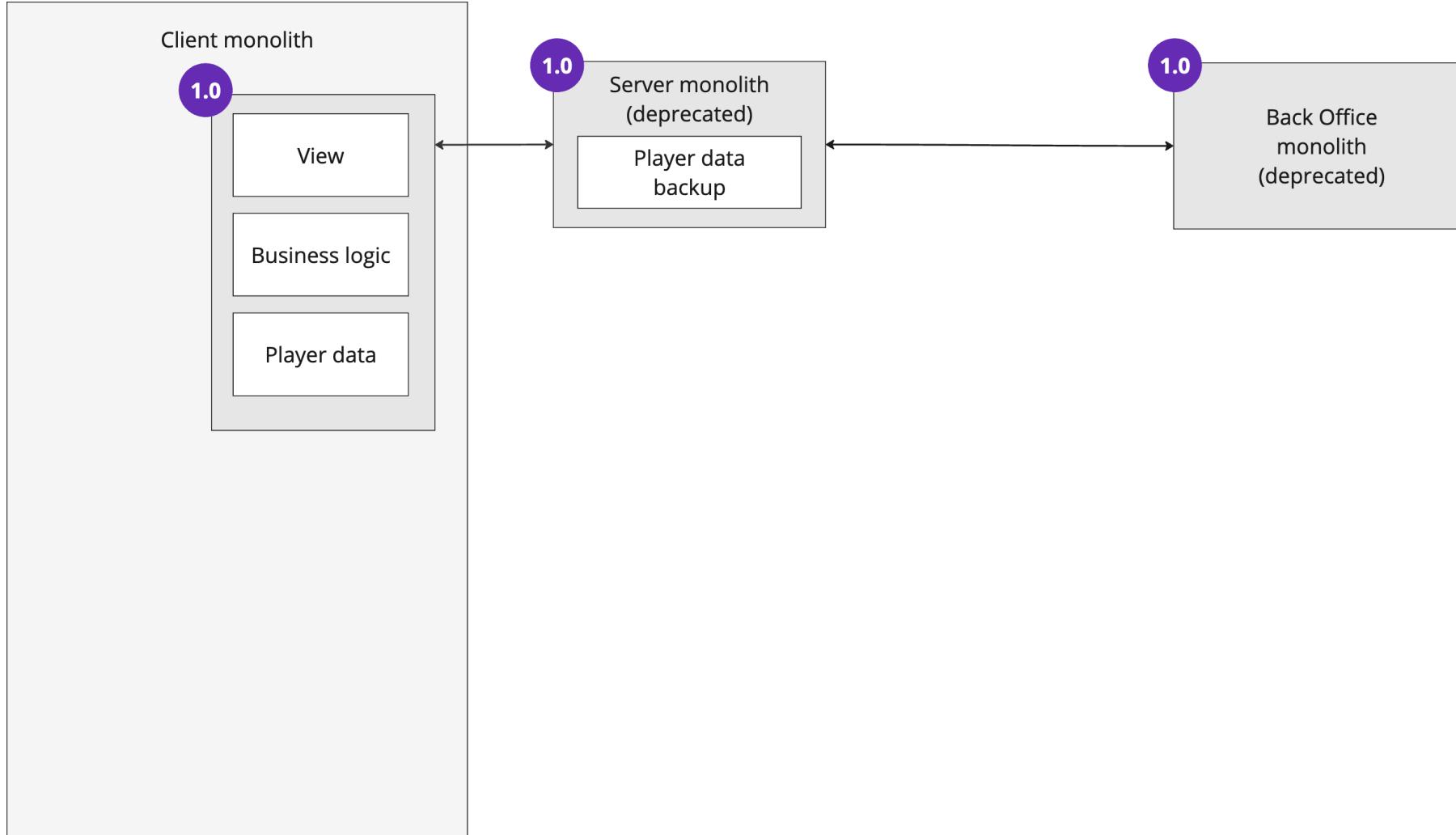
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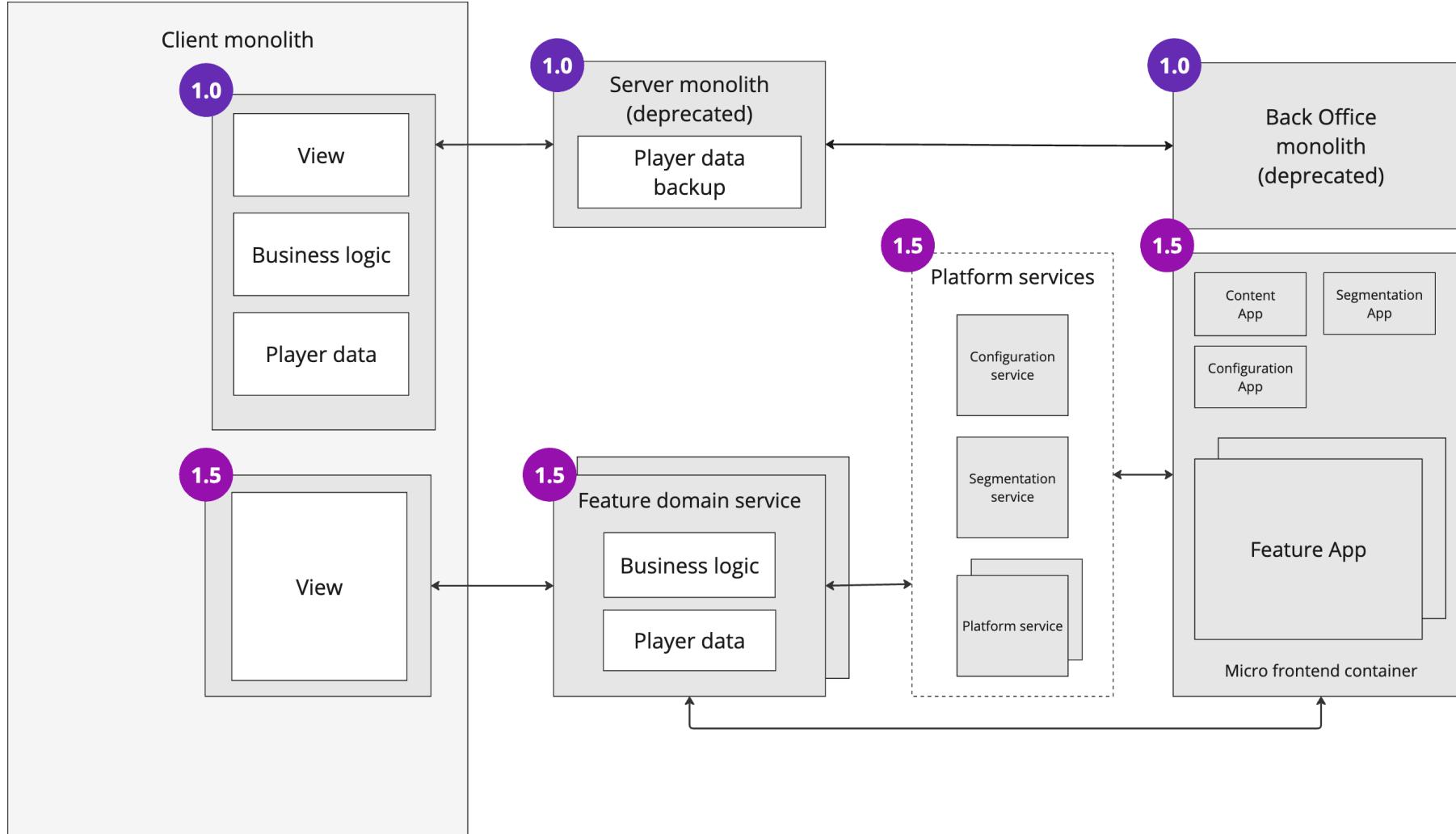
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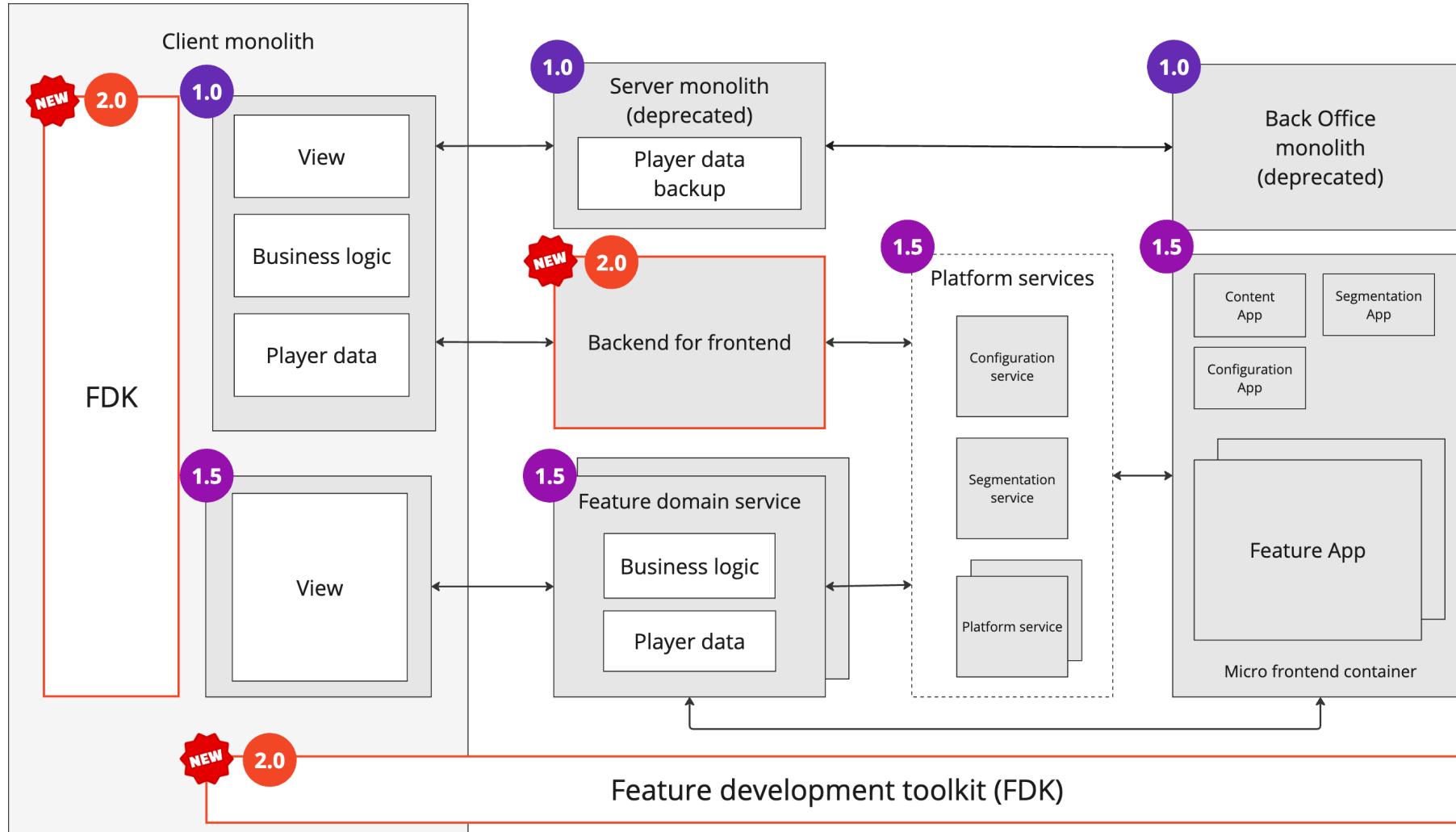
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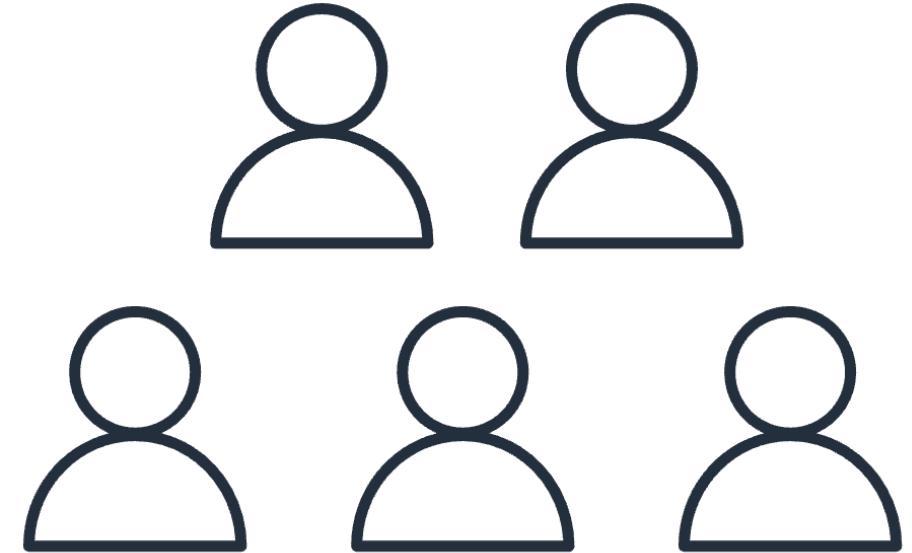
## **BUILDING A SOCIO-TECHNICAL SYSTEM**

# **CONWAY'S LAW**

"An organization's system design will  
be a copy of the organization's  
communication structure"

Melvin Conway  
"How do committees invent?" (1968)

# **COBOL**



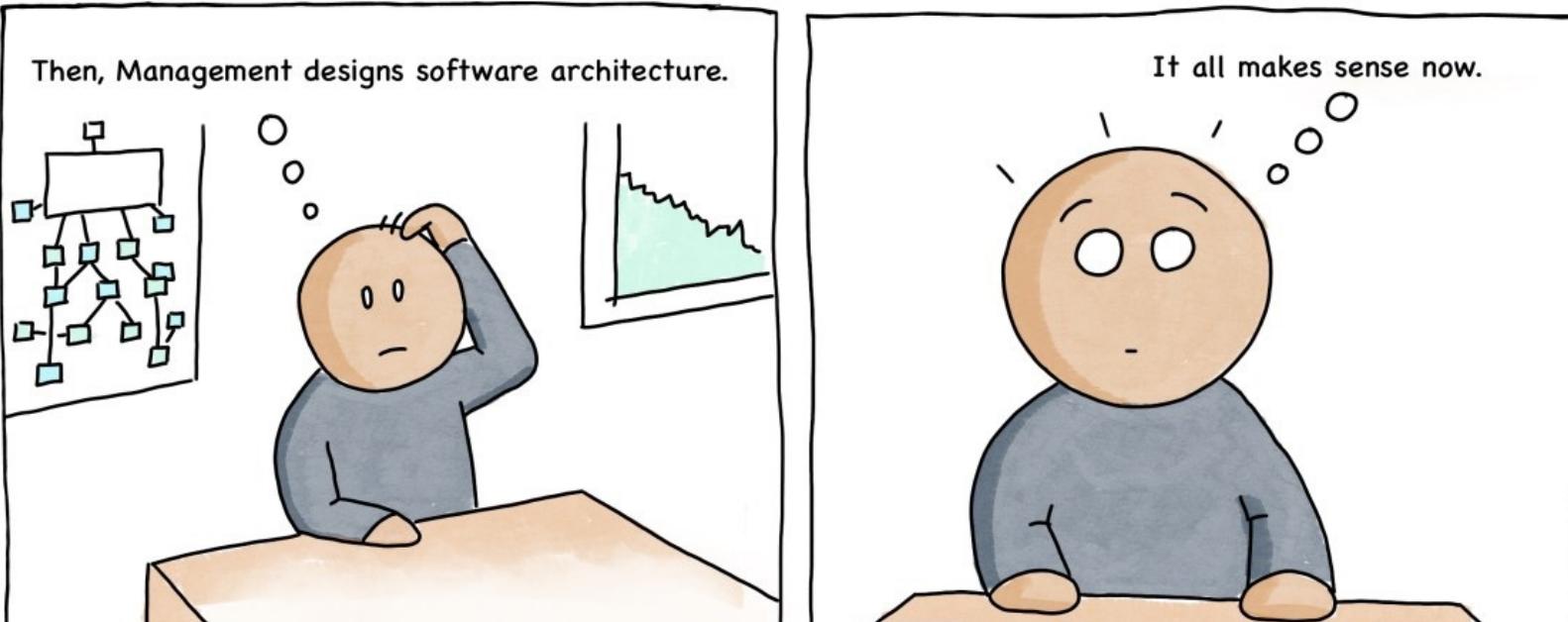
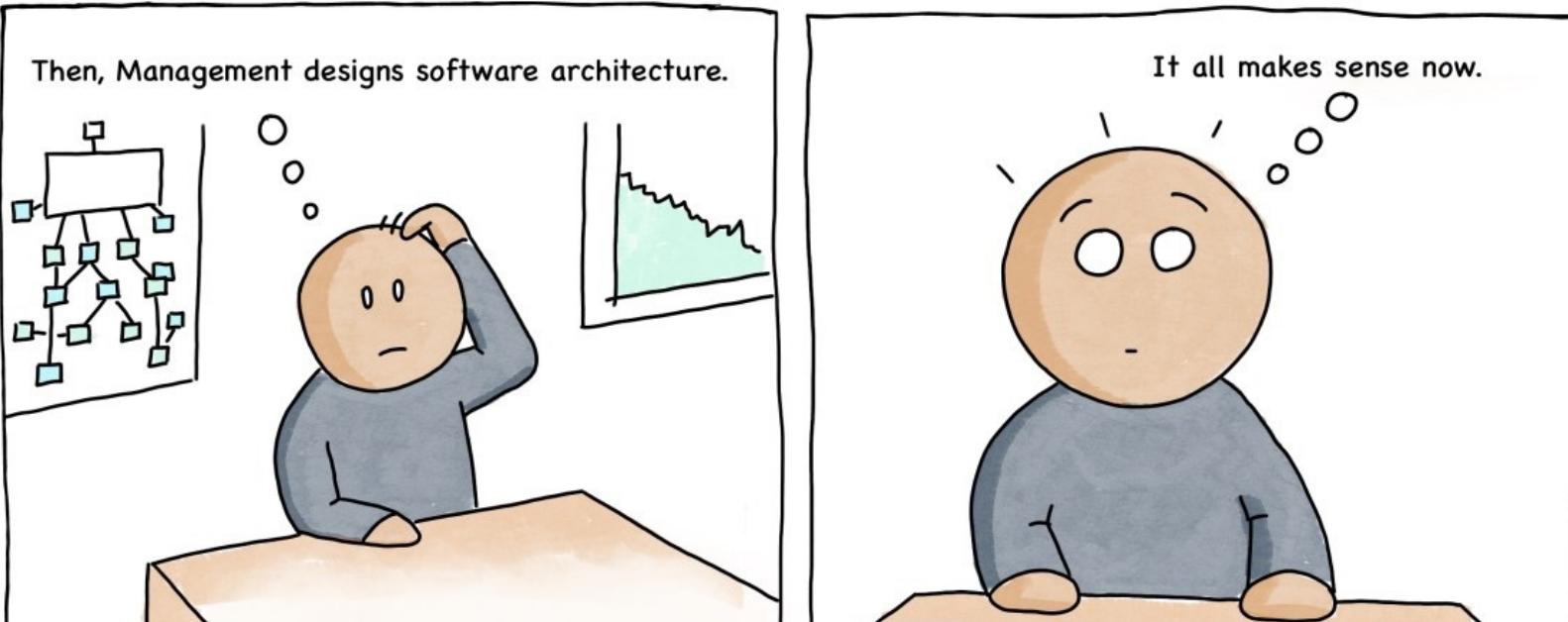
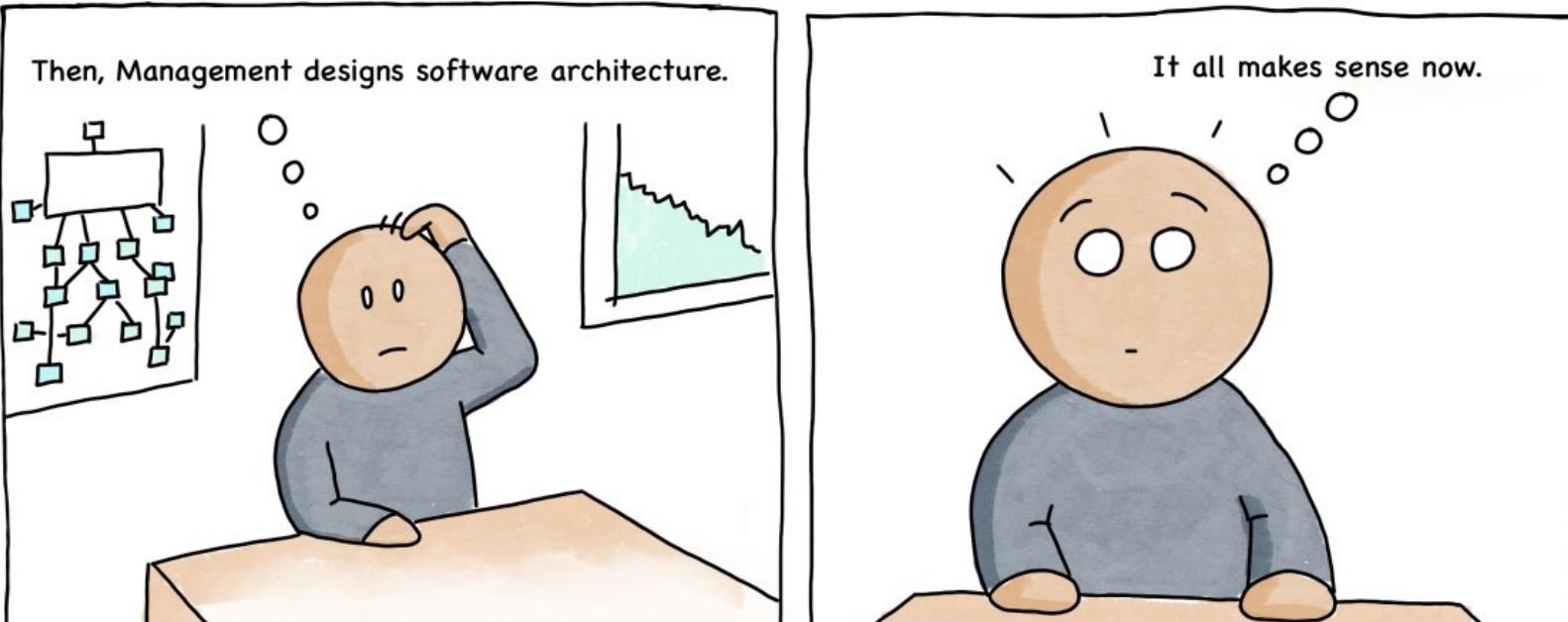
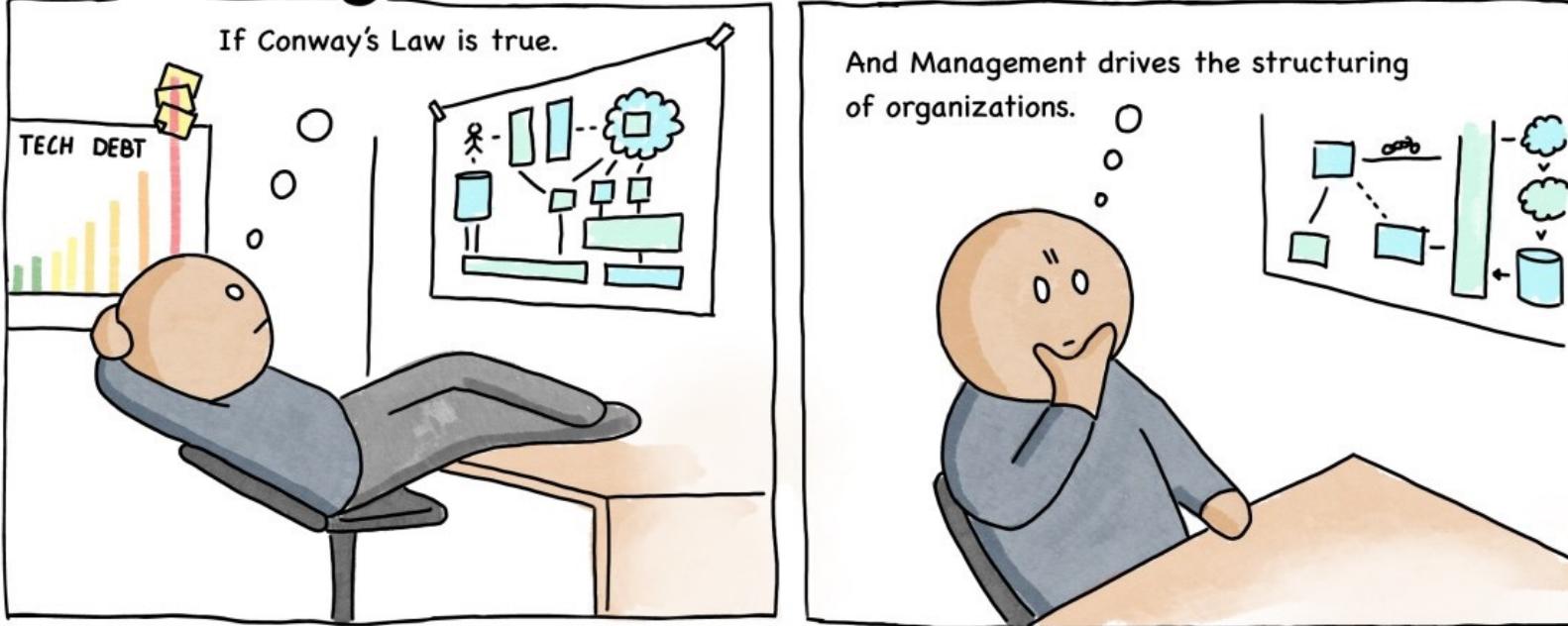
**5 phases** of compilation\*

# **ALGOL**



**3 phases** of compilation\*

# Comic Agilé



# **TEAM TOPOLOGY**



# **CONSEQUENCES**

Each feature has a custom implementation of <...>

Extra efforts for supporting multiple implementations of <...>



# **INVERSE CONWAY MANEUVER**

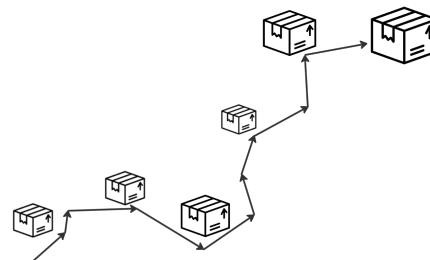


Architecture  
transformation team

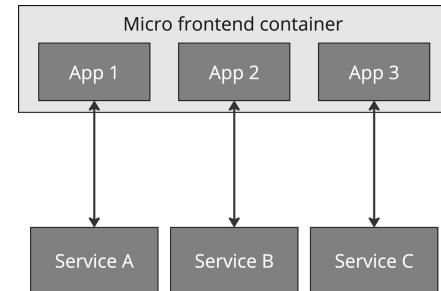


Autonomous  
feature teams

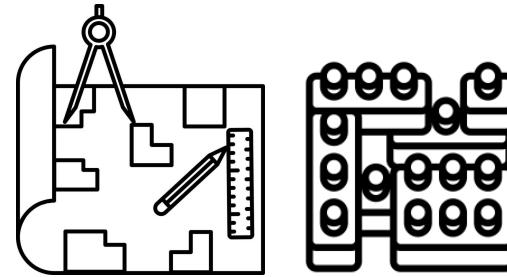
Evolving your  
team and  
organizational  
structure to  
promote your  
desired  
architecture



QUICK PROTOTYPING  
LESS RESTRICTIONS



UNLOCKING PARALLEL  
DEVELOPMENT AND RELEASES



REDUCE COMPLEXITY  
AND SCALE THE ORGANIZATION

**1.0**

MONOLITH  
(NO BOUNDARIES)

**1.5**

APPLICATION AND CONTENT  
RELEASE SEPARATION

MICRO  
SERVICES

MICRO  
FRONTENDS

**2.0**

FEATURE  
DESIGN  
STANDARDS

FEATURE  
DEVELOPMENT  
TOOLKIT

INVERSE  
CONWAY  
MANEUVER

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