

Forging a Functional Enterprise

How thinking functionally transforms line-of-business applications

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What we'll talk about

Functional principles

System design & architecture

Benefits (DevOps and more!)

Principles of functional programming

Immutability

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- *Isolate computations from the real world*
- *Computations and data are interchangeable*
- *No dual writes*

Introducing “Panther”



Panther

Inventory tracking

Reservation management



Panther functional goals

- *Maximize availability*
- *Minimize reject rates*
- *Improve customer experience*
- *Enhance insights*
- *Unify inventory mgmt*

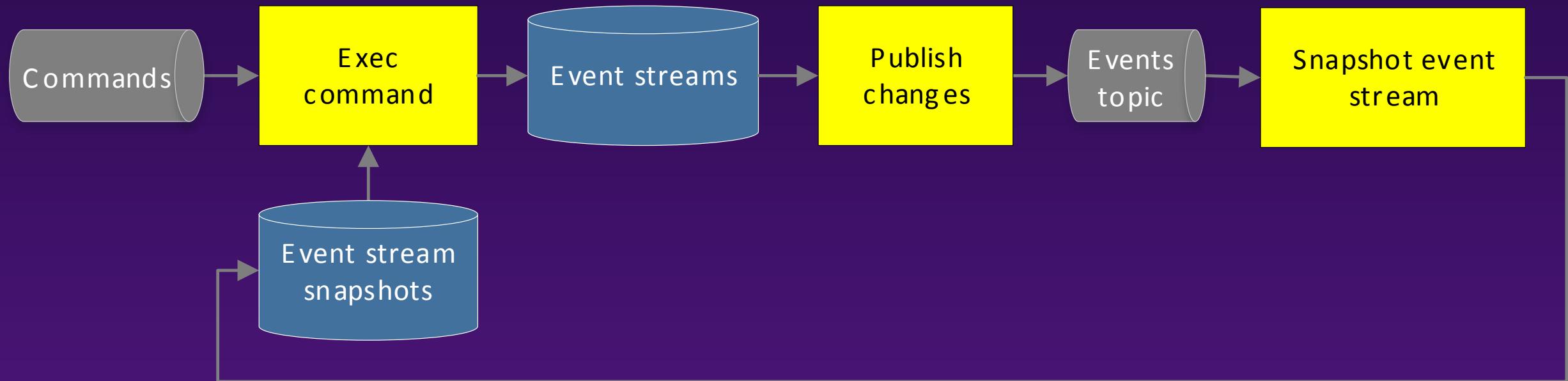


Panther nonfunctional goals

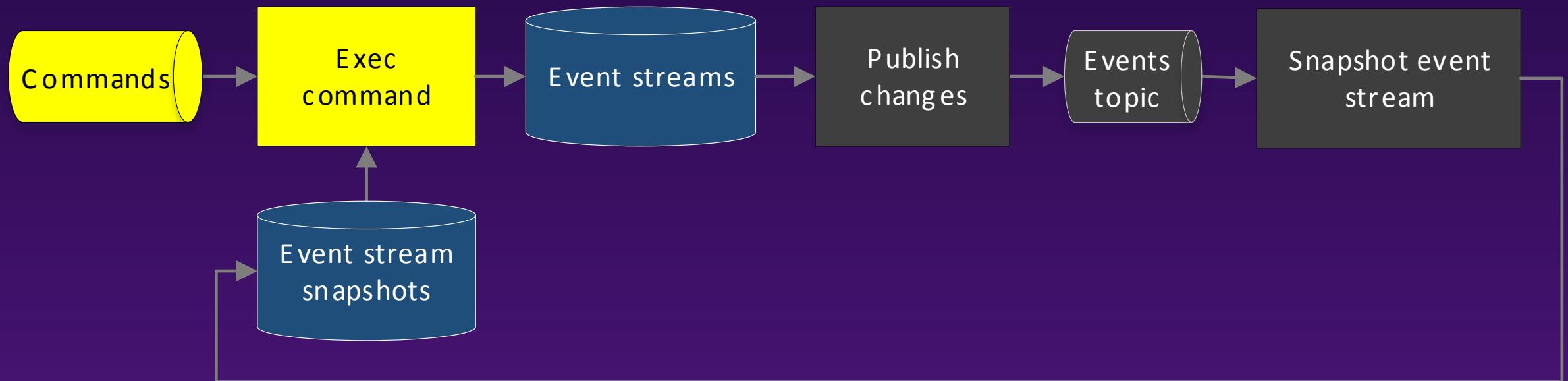
- *High availability*
- *Georedundancy*
- *SLA-backed performance*



Core flow



Core flow – executing commands, producing events



1. **Ingest message**
2. **Deserialize strongly typed command**
3. Retrieve current state from database
4. Execute command
5. Commit output event

Commands

UpdateInventory

ReserveInventory

CancelReservation

ShipOrder

ArchiveItem

Strongly typed commands

```
type ReserveInventory
```

```
{
```

```
    id : CommandId
```

```
    itemId : ItemId
```

```
    warehouseId : WarehouseId
```

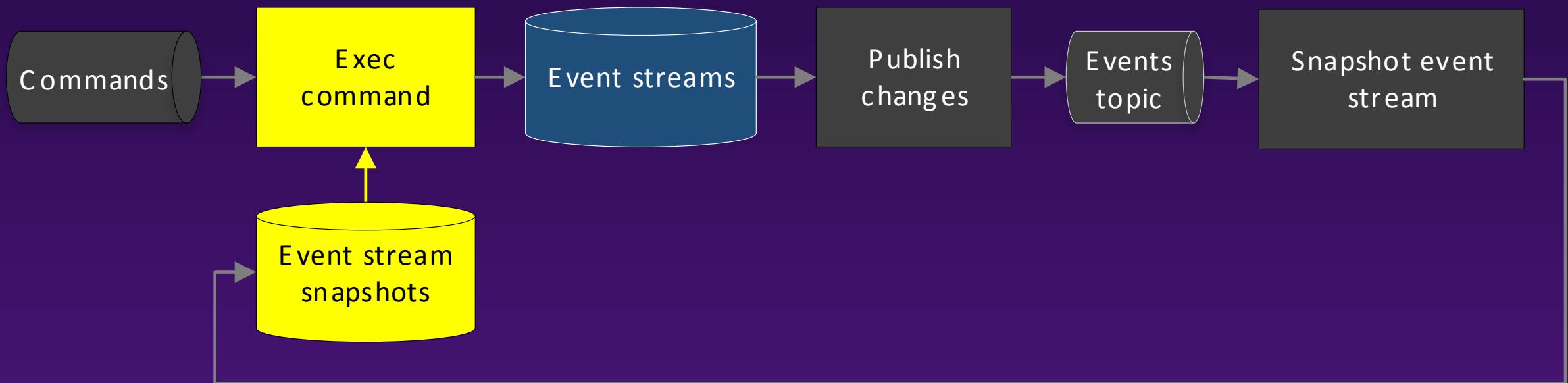
```
    quantity : Quantity
```

```
    orderId : CustomerOrderId
```

```
    at : DateTime
```

```
}
```

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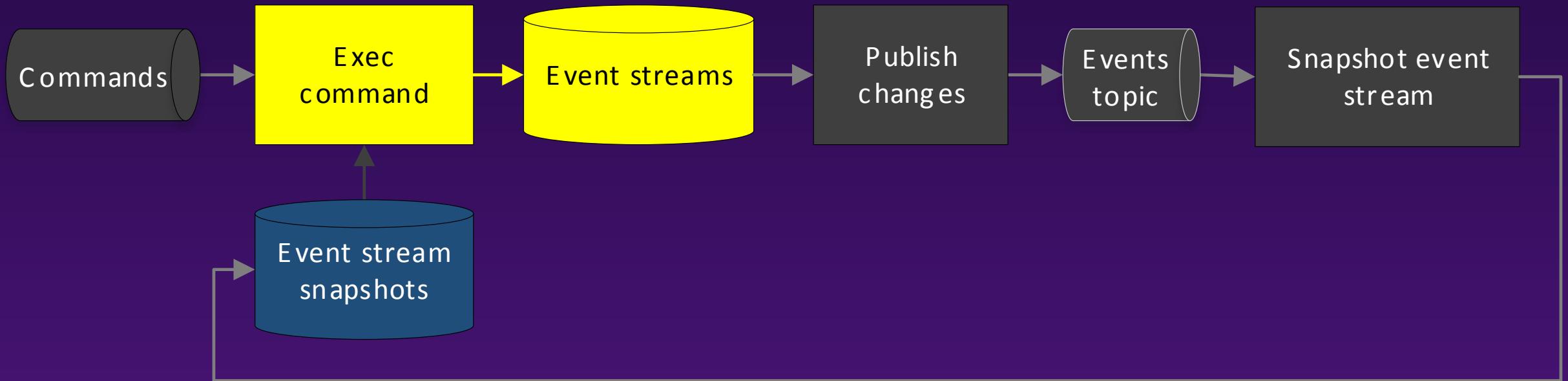
Events represent the changed state



Validation failures still produce events

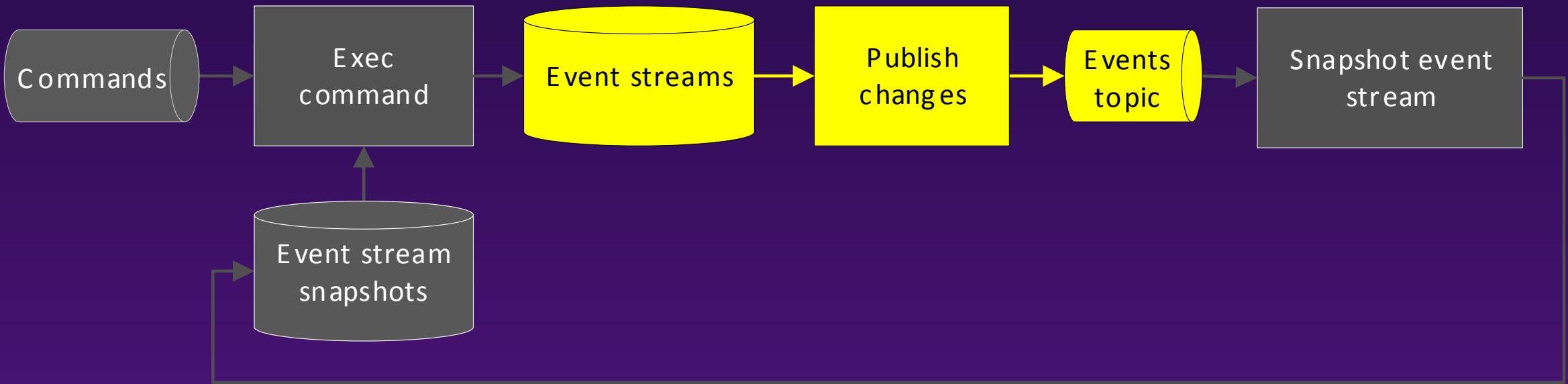
Command Validation Failure Event
ReserveInventory → ReserveInventoryFailed

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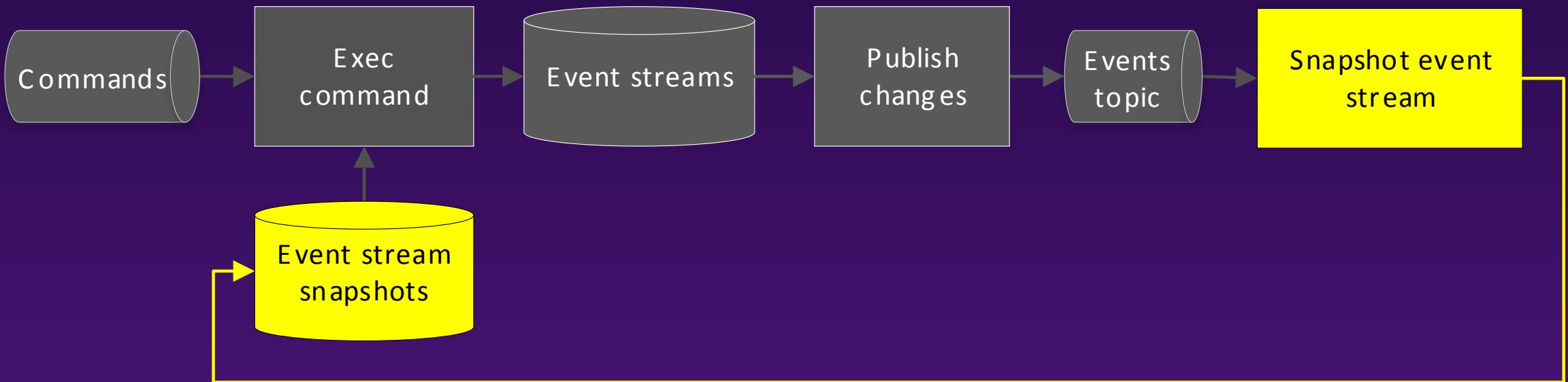


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Core flow – publishing changes via Change Data Capture

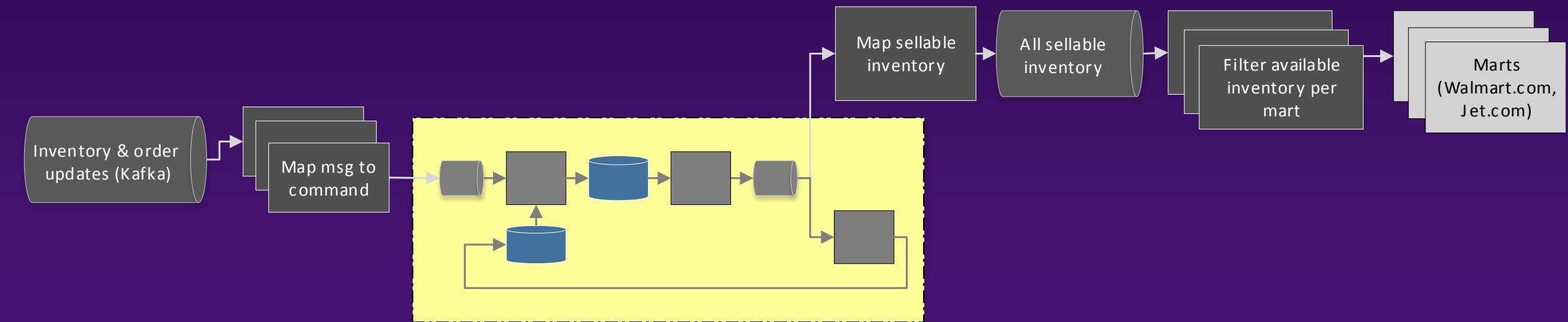


Core flow – building state from events



1. Receive batch of events for stream
2. Get latest snapshot for stream
3. Apply sequence of events to snapshot
4. Save up-to-date snapshot

Panther architecture



Benefits

Resiliency



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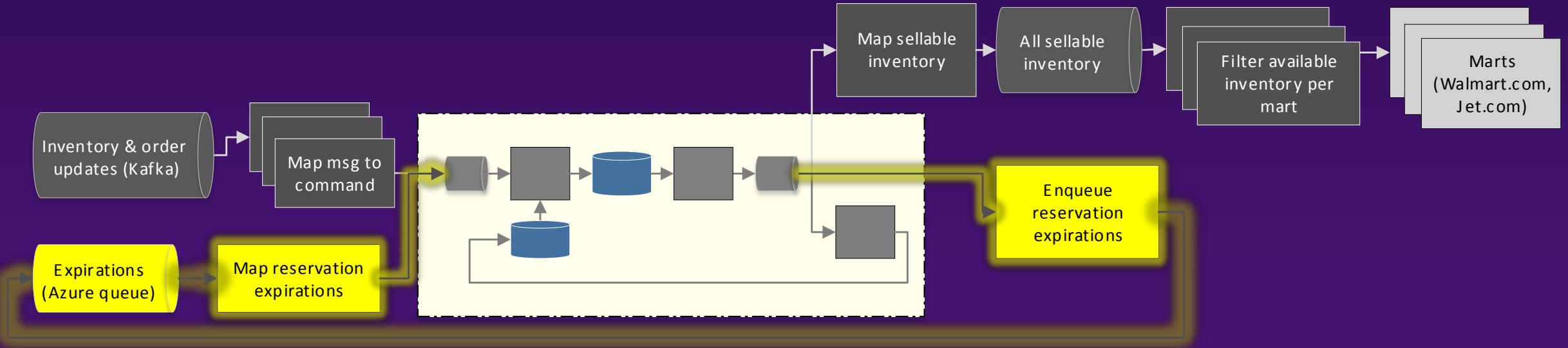
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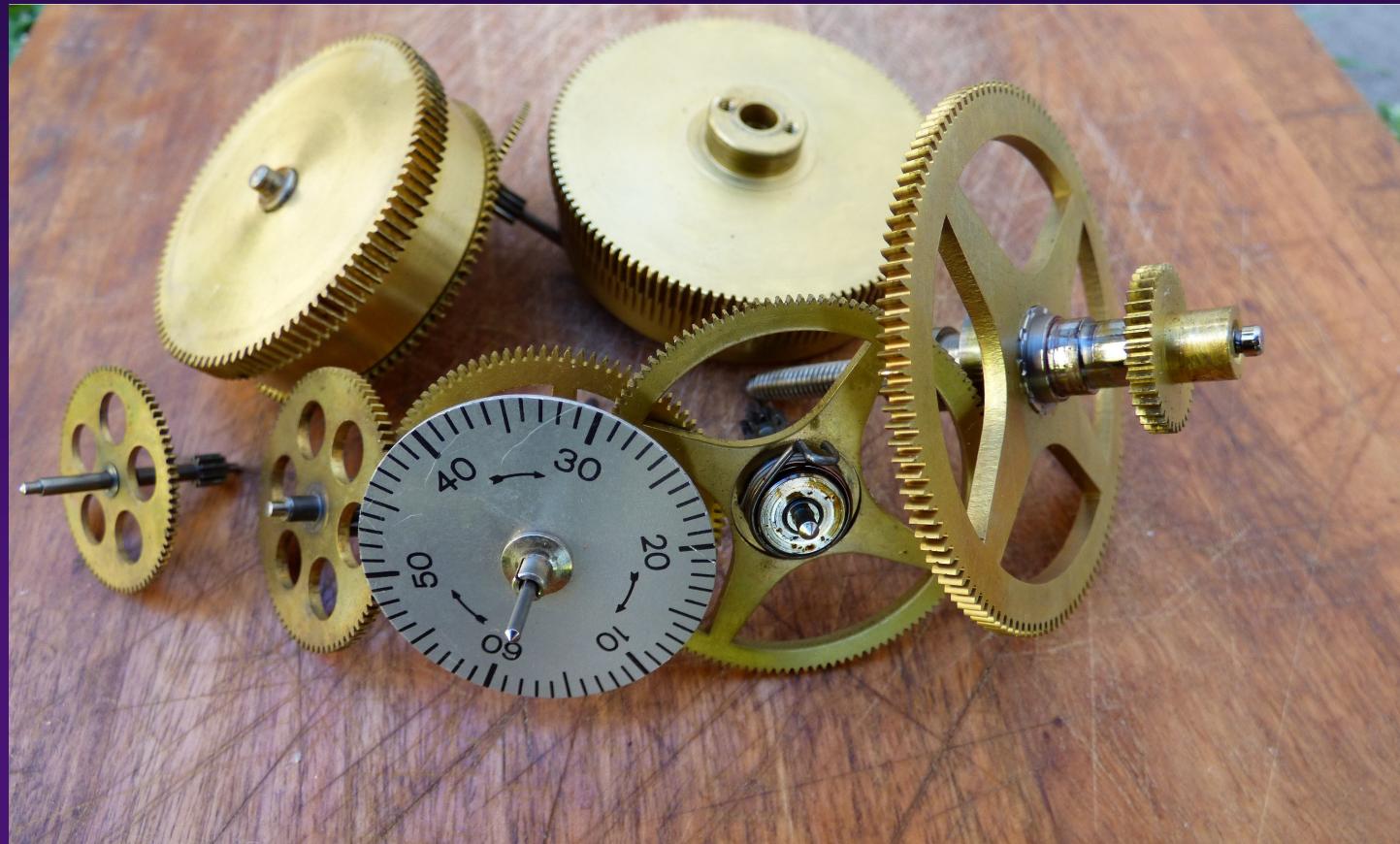
Random restarts



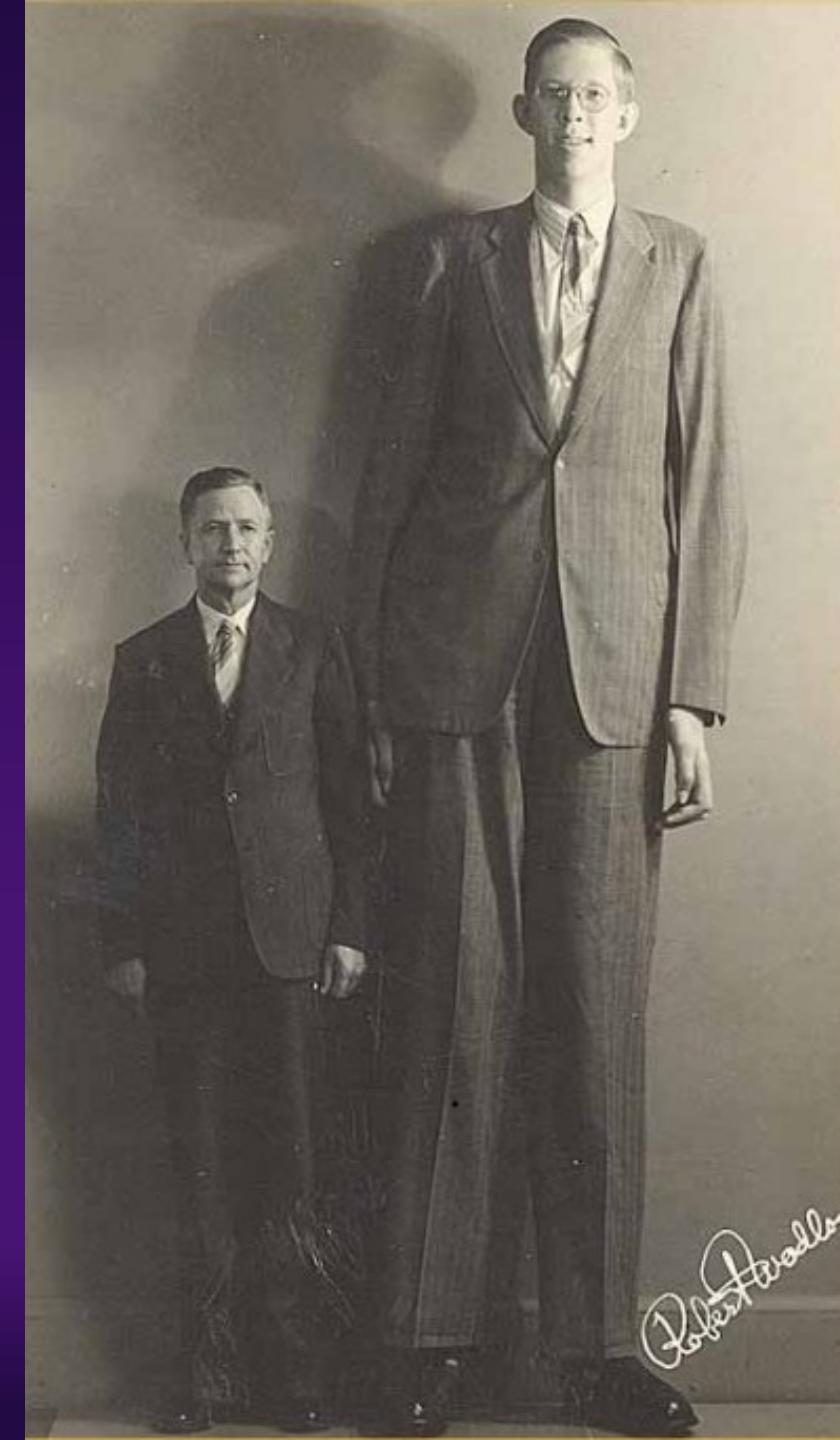
Easy to add features



Time machine



Scaling



Testability



Operational costs

SLA: **99.98%** uptime @ 300ms

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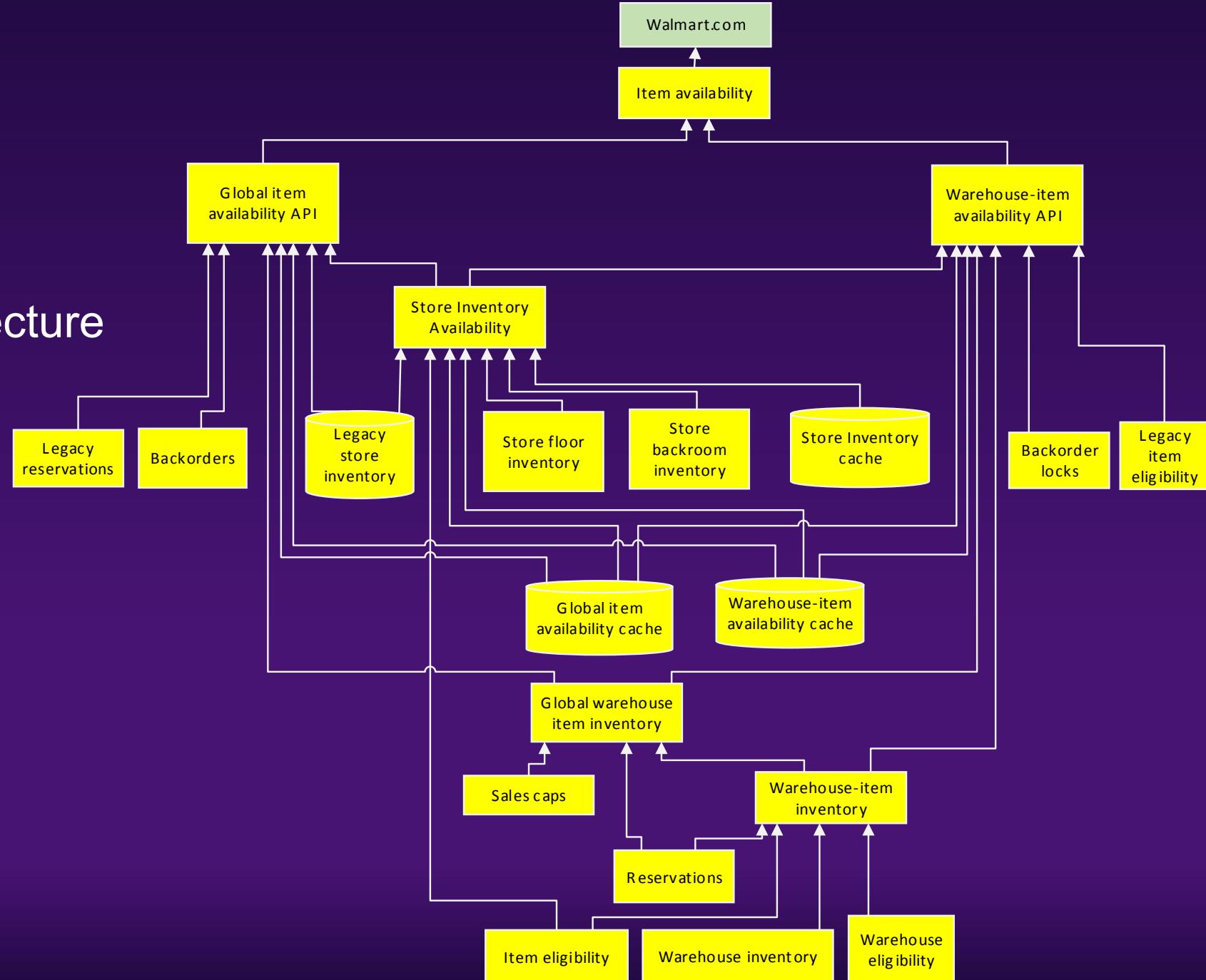
- Warehouse inventory
- Reservations & orders
- Store floor inventory
- Store backroom inventory
- Item eligibility
- Warehouse eligibility
- Sales caps
- Backorders
- Legacy systems

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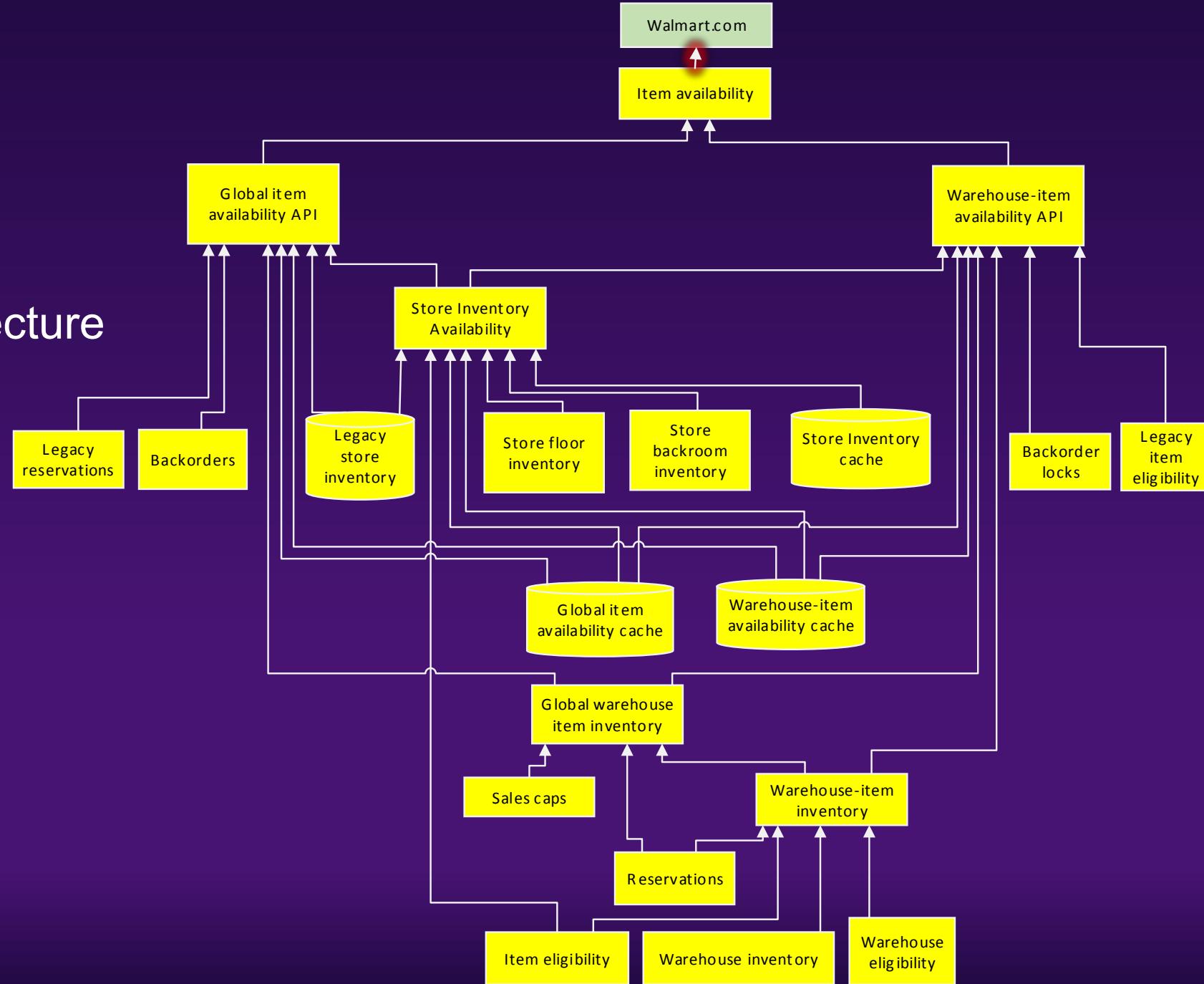
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Item availability via
Service-oriented architecture



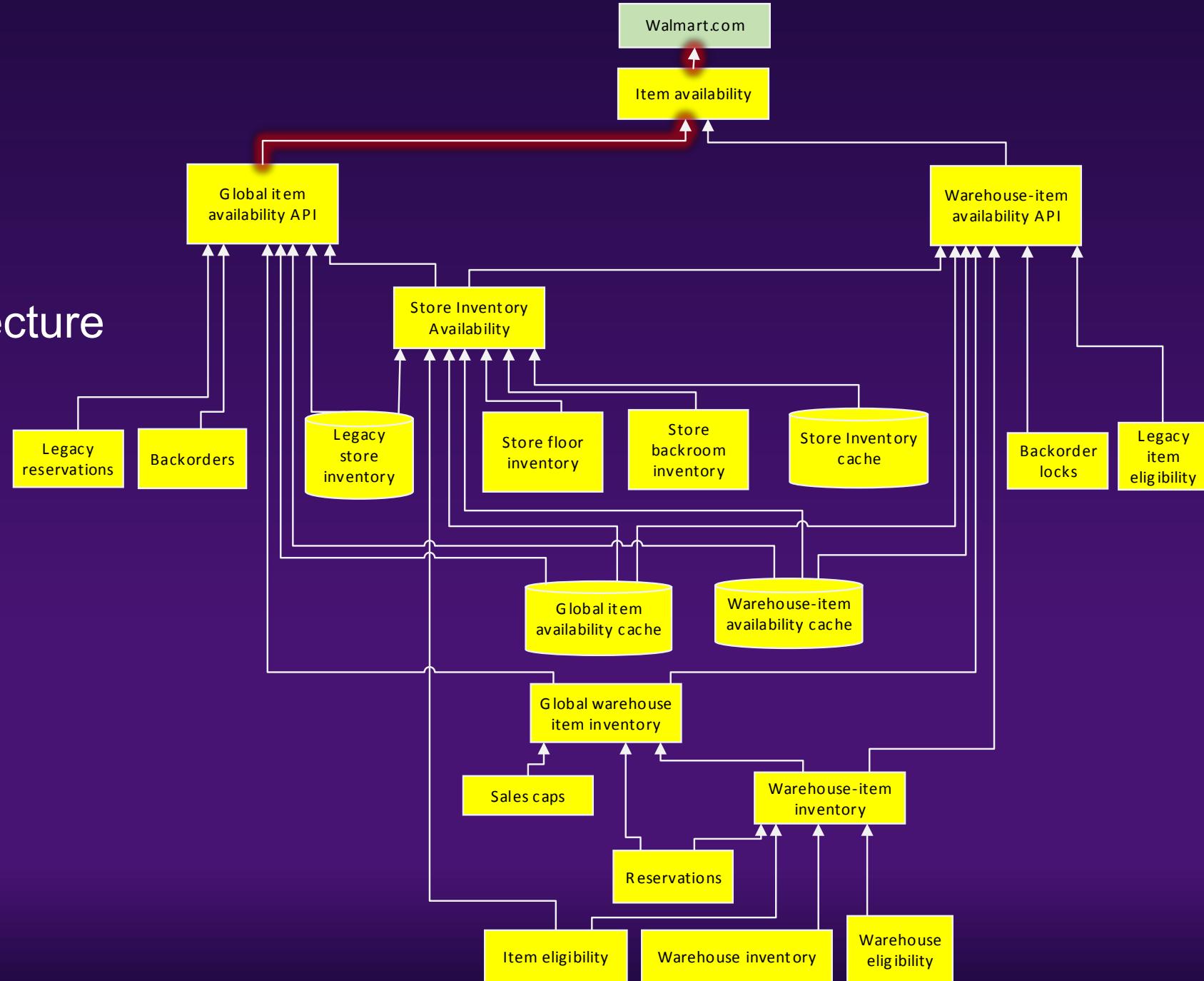
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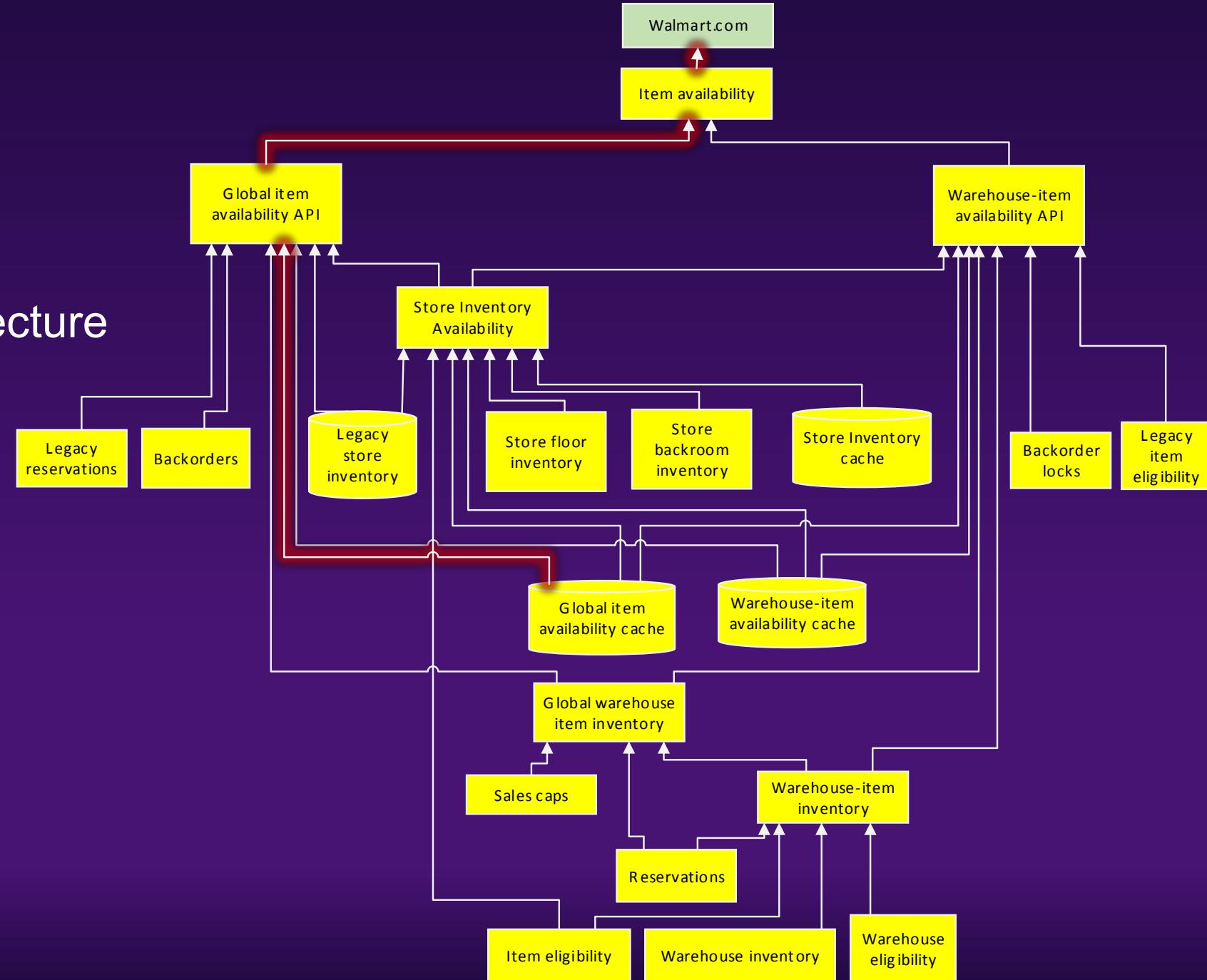
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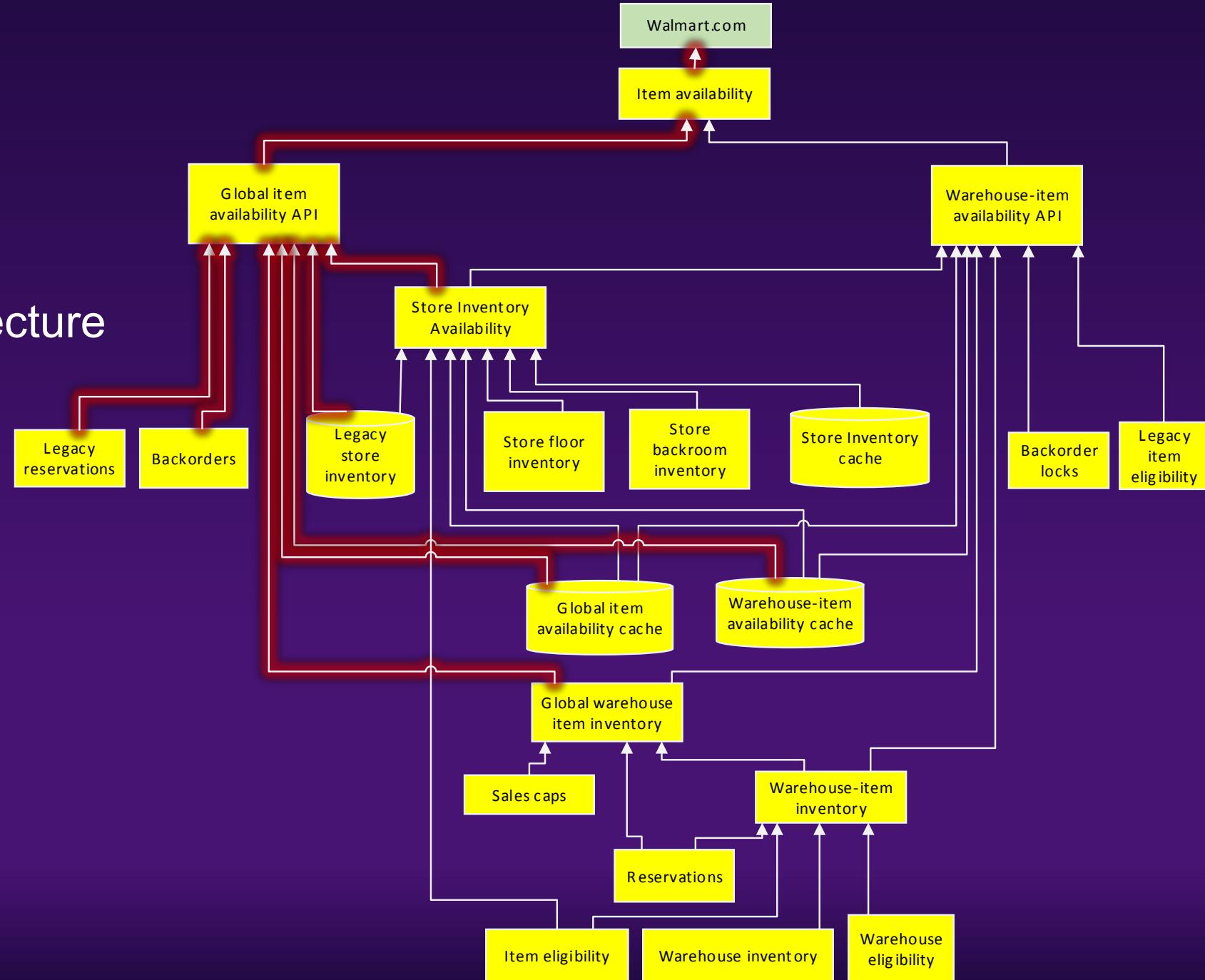
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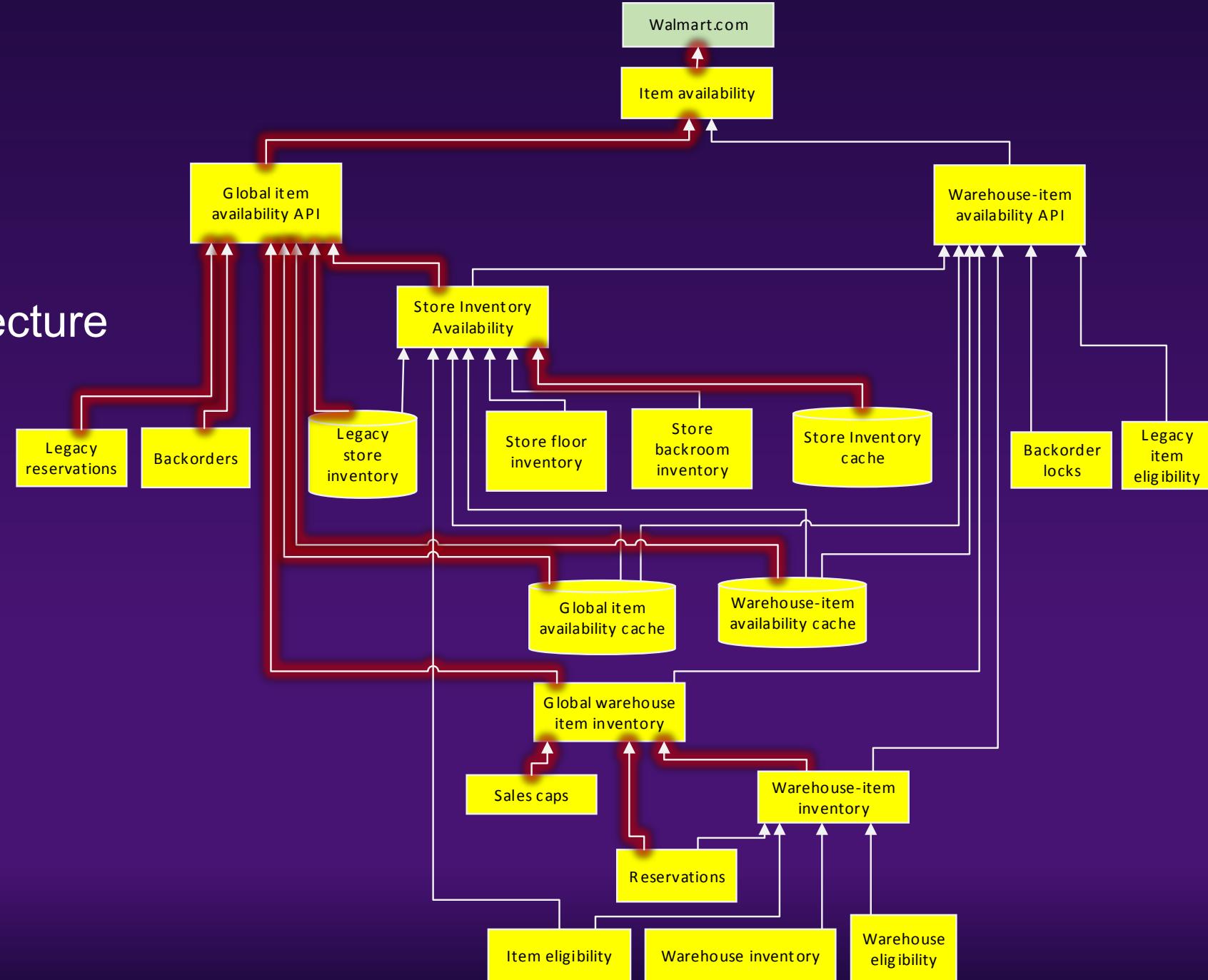
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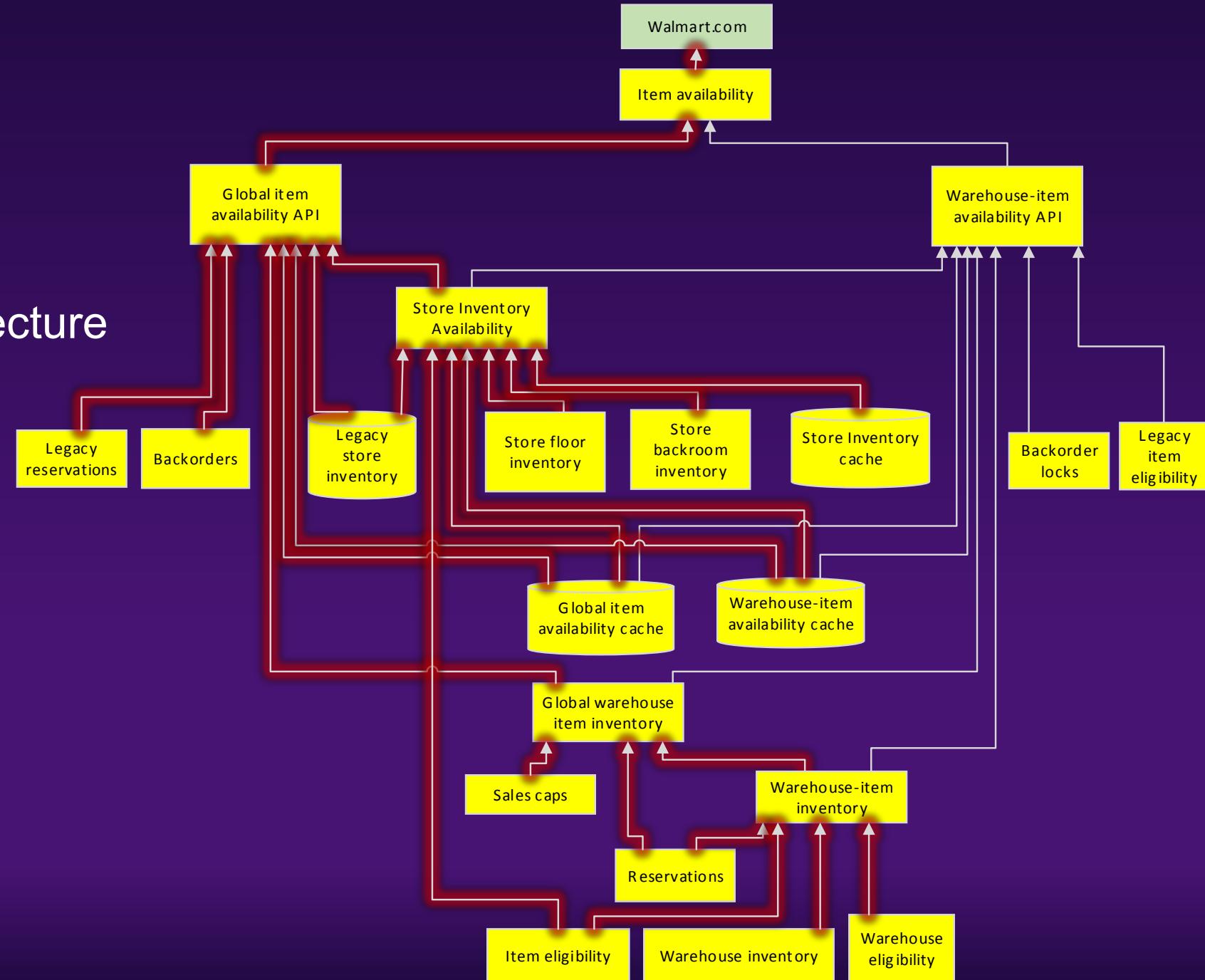
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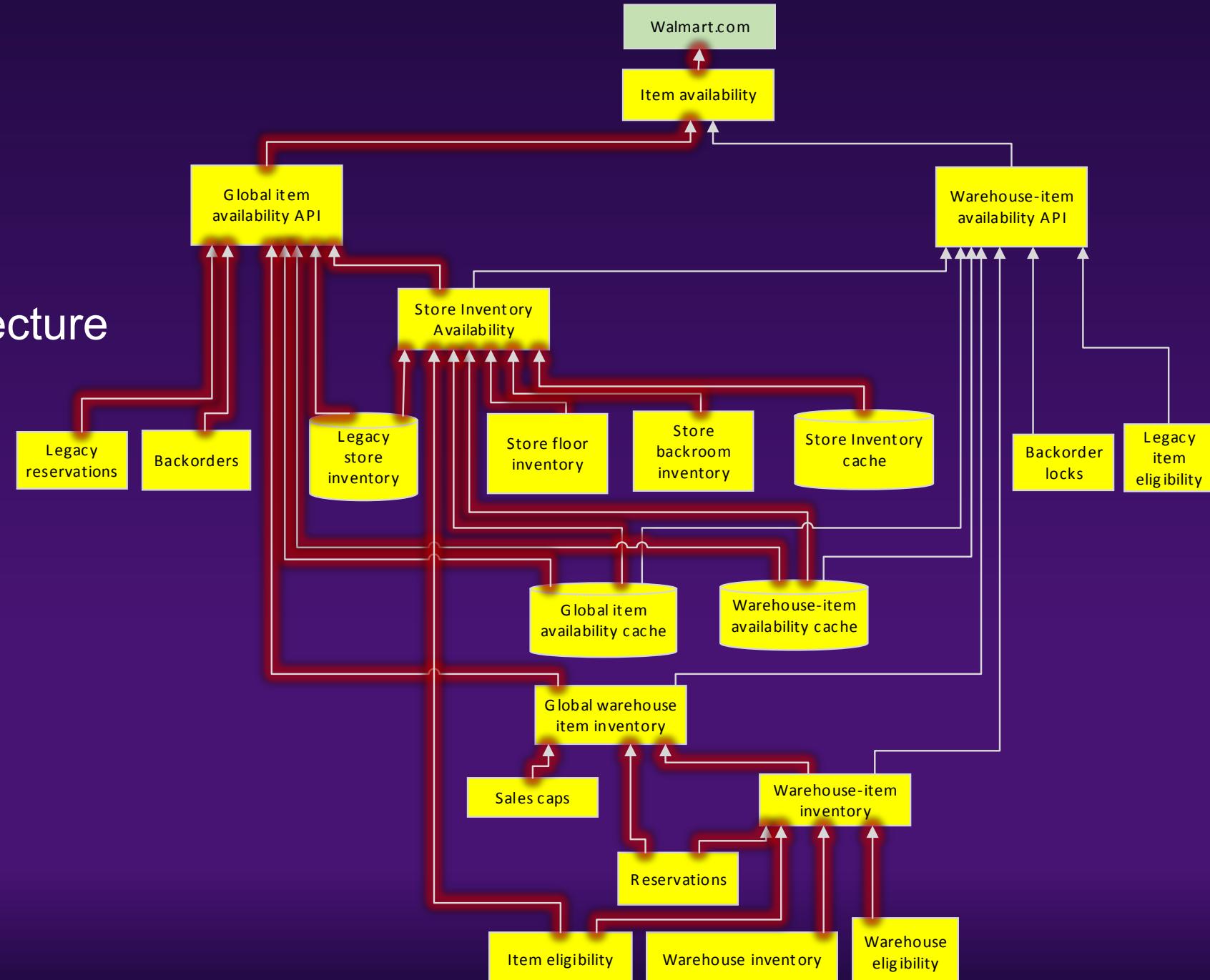
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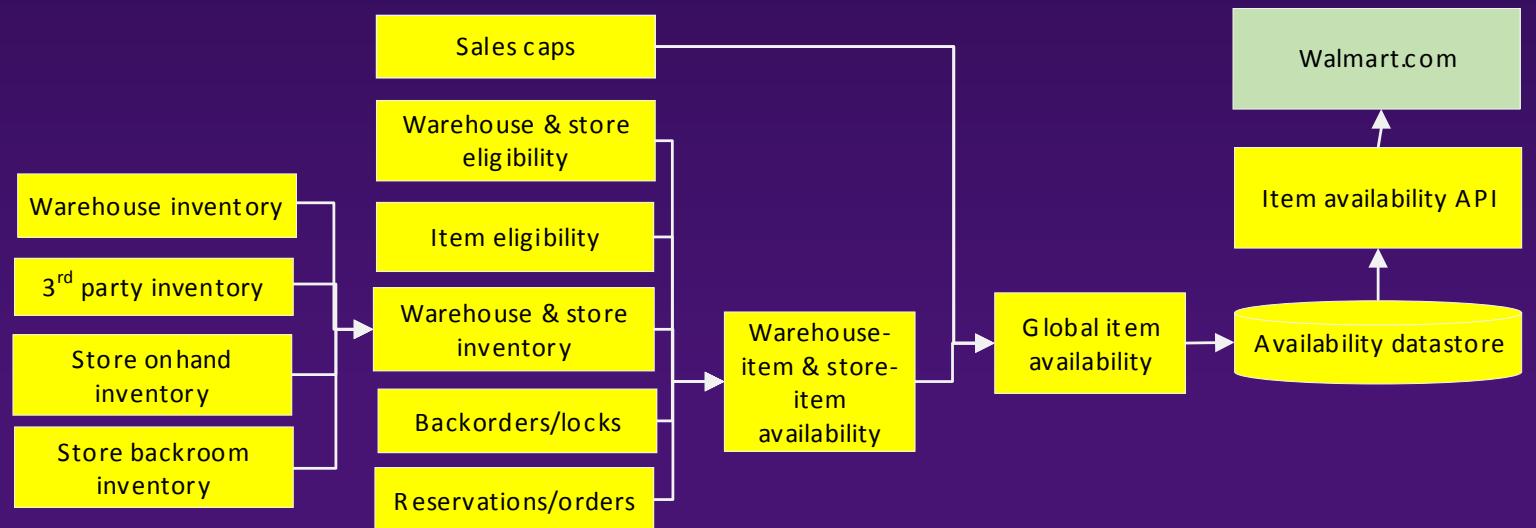
requires

23 service calls
99.999% uptime
@ 50ms mean processing SLO



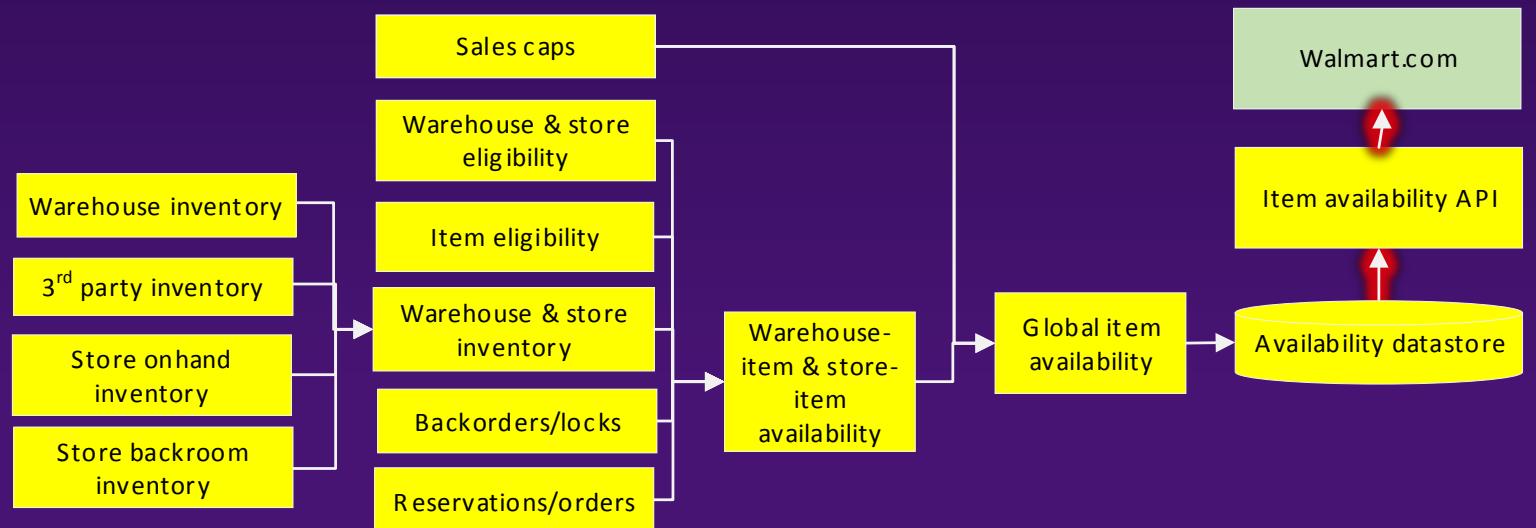
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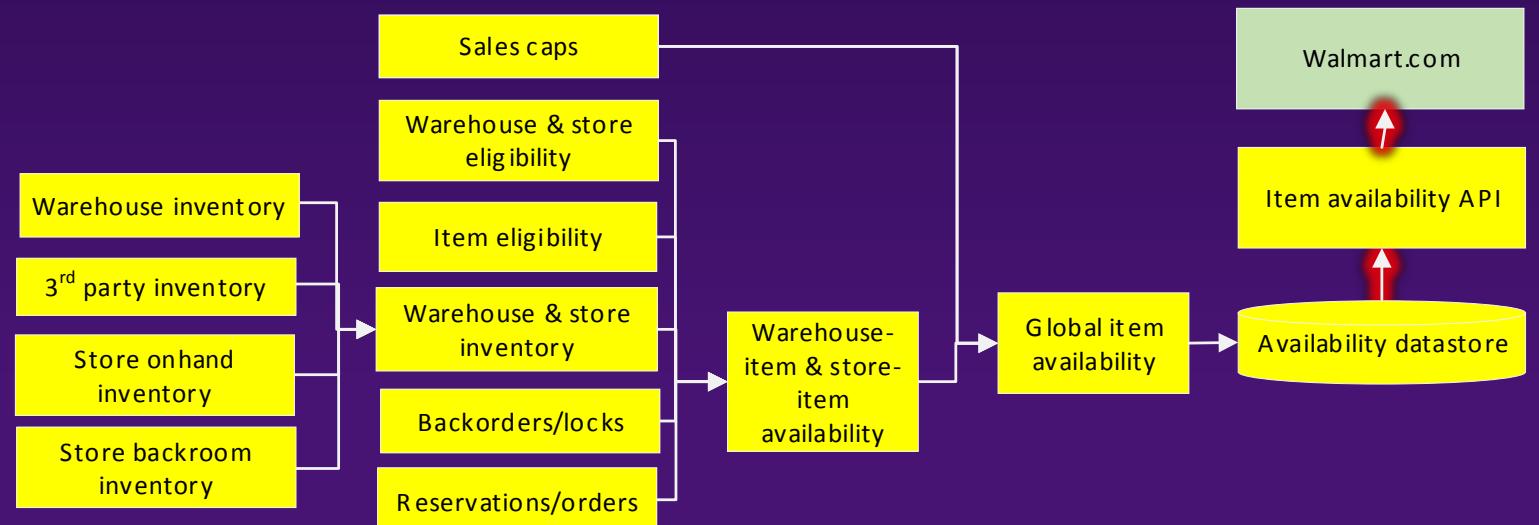
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Item availability via
Event-driven architecture

SLA: **99.98% uptime @ 300ms**

requires

2 service calls
99.99% uptime
@ 150ms mean processing SLO



Operational costs

Service uptime	Processing latency	Operational cost
99.9%	1 min	\$

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Item availability via
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