

Declare, verify and execute microservices-based process flows with Baker

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Symptoms of a Failing Application Architecture

A woman with long dark hair is shown from the chest up, set against a dark background. She has her hands raised to her face, with her fingers partially covering her eyes. Her expression is one of distress or despair. The lighting is low, highlighting the contours of her face and hands.

Afraid to change the application code



Functionality breaks unexpectedly



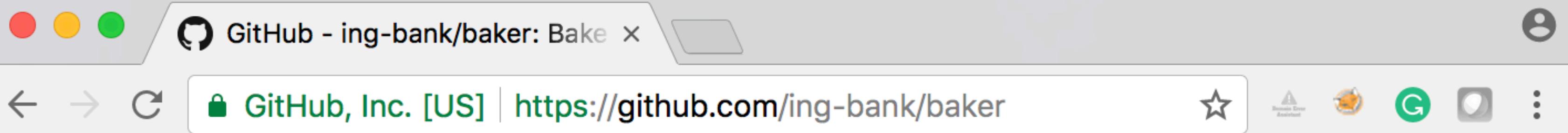
Slow time to market

How to turn this around?









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Bake (micro)service-based process flows

petri-net

akka

akka-cluster

282 commits

8 branches

40 releases

6 contrib



Simplify

Domain Specific Language for
orchestration flows

Declarative

Easy to change



Reuse

Recipes

Interactions

Ingredients

Events



Communicate

Visualize your code

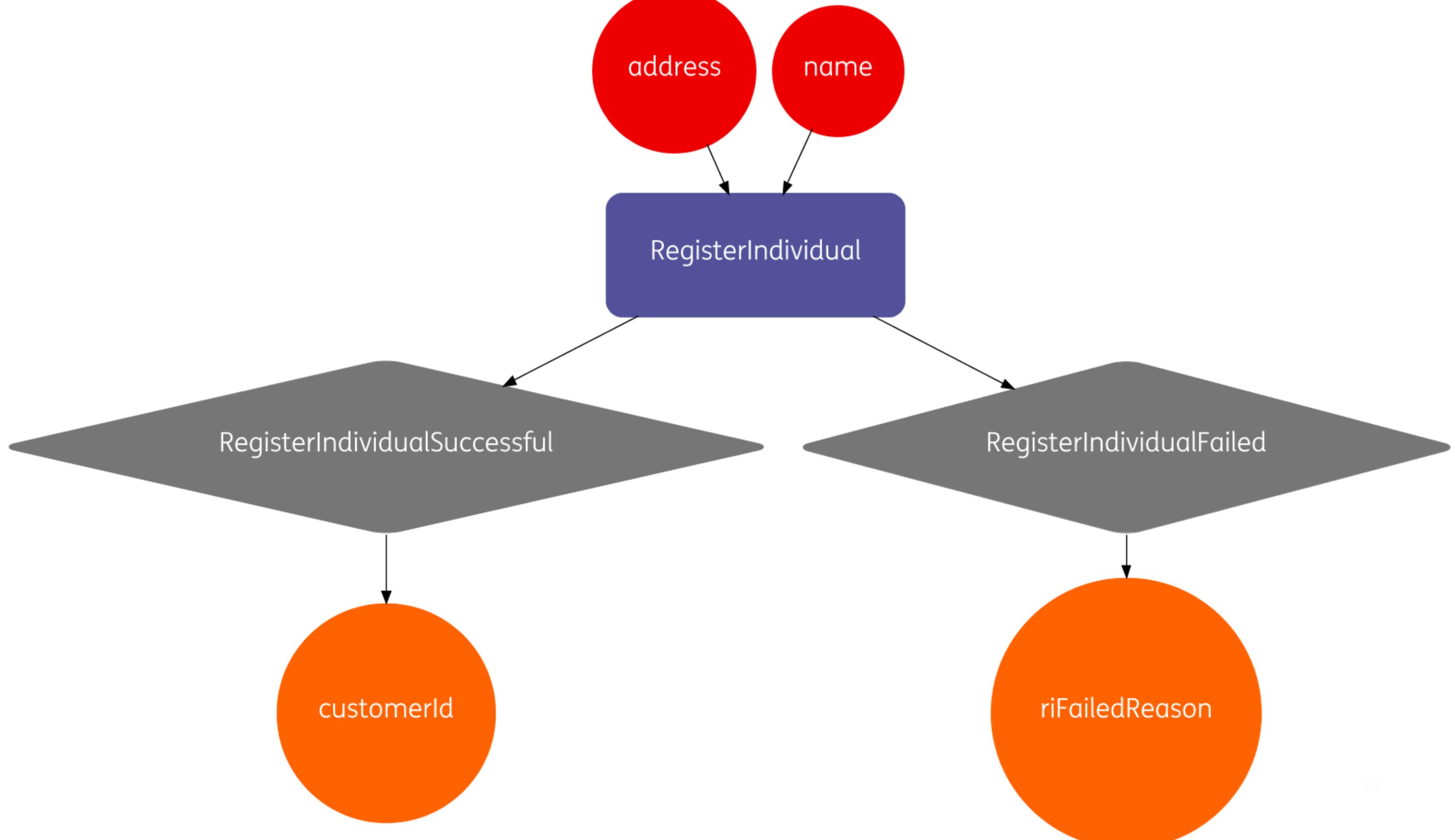
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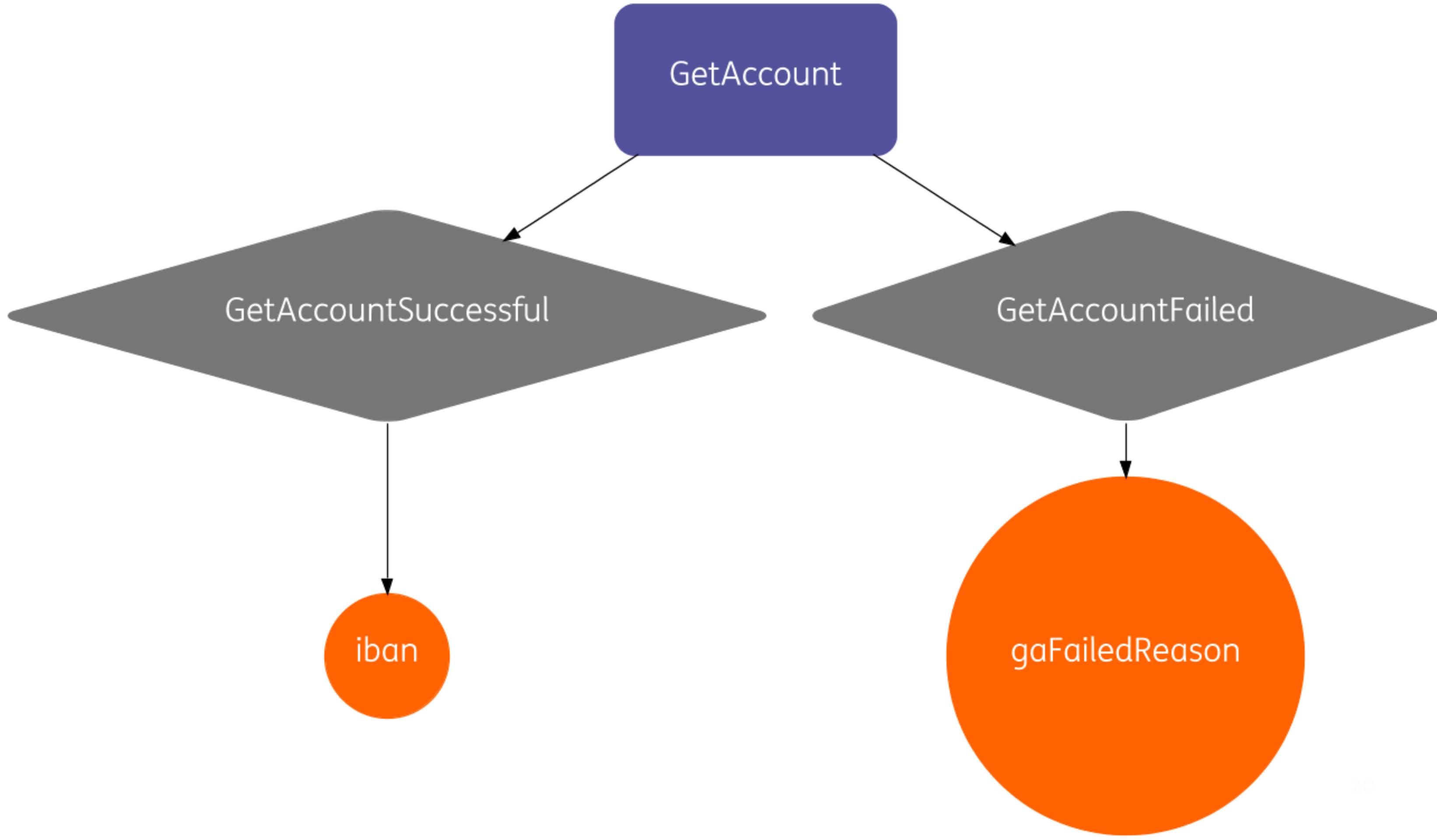
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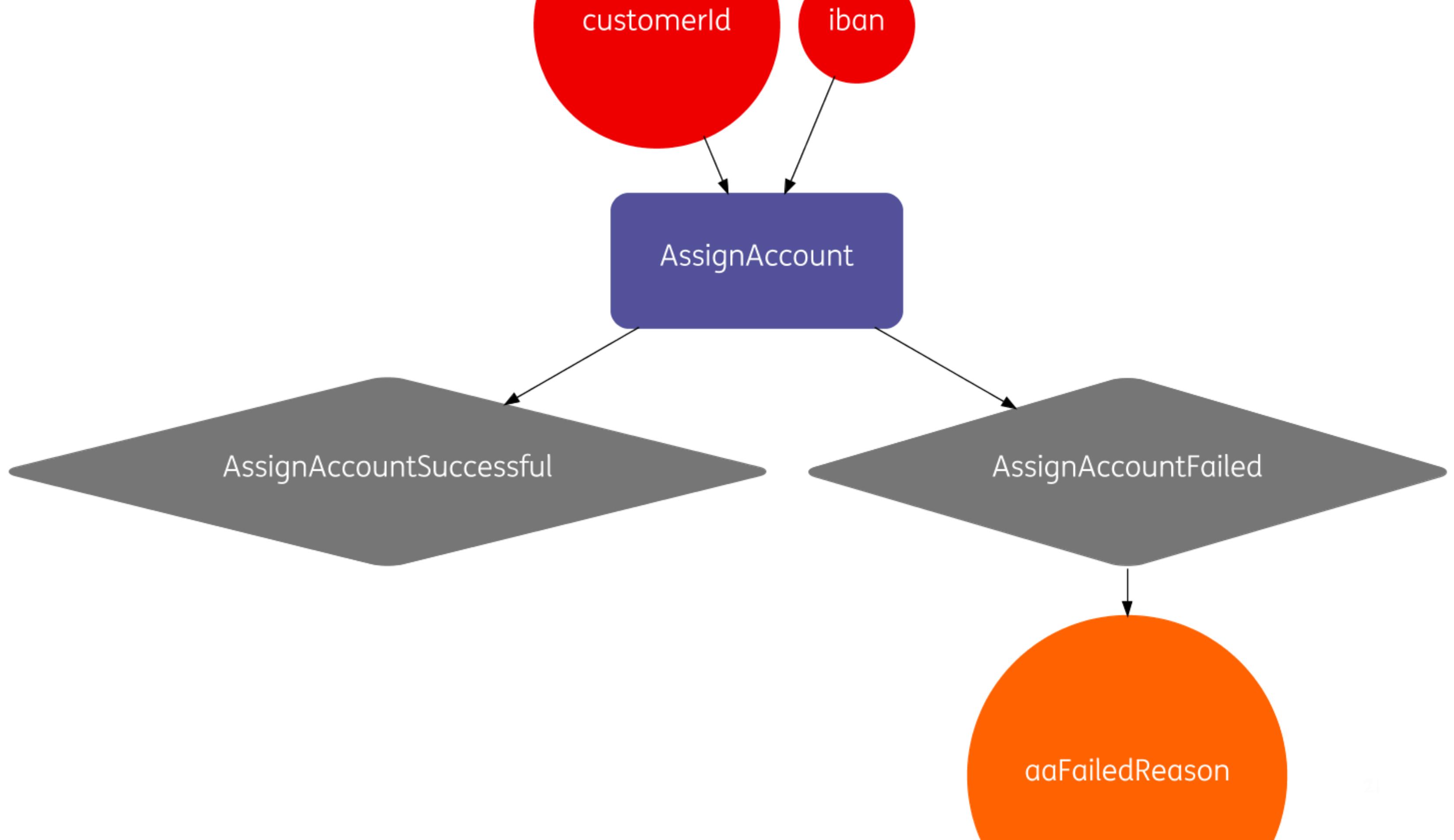
Design-time

```
public interface RegisterIndividual extends Interaction {  
    @FiresEvent(oneOf = {RegisterIndividualSuccessful.class,  
                         RegisterIndividualFailed.class})  
    RegisterIndividualOutcome apply(  
        @ProcessId String processId,  
        @RequiresIngredient("name") String name,  
        @RequiresIngredient("address") String address  
    );  
}
```

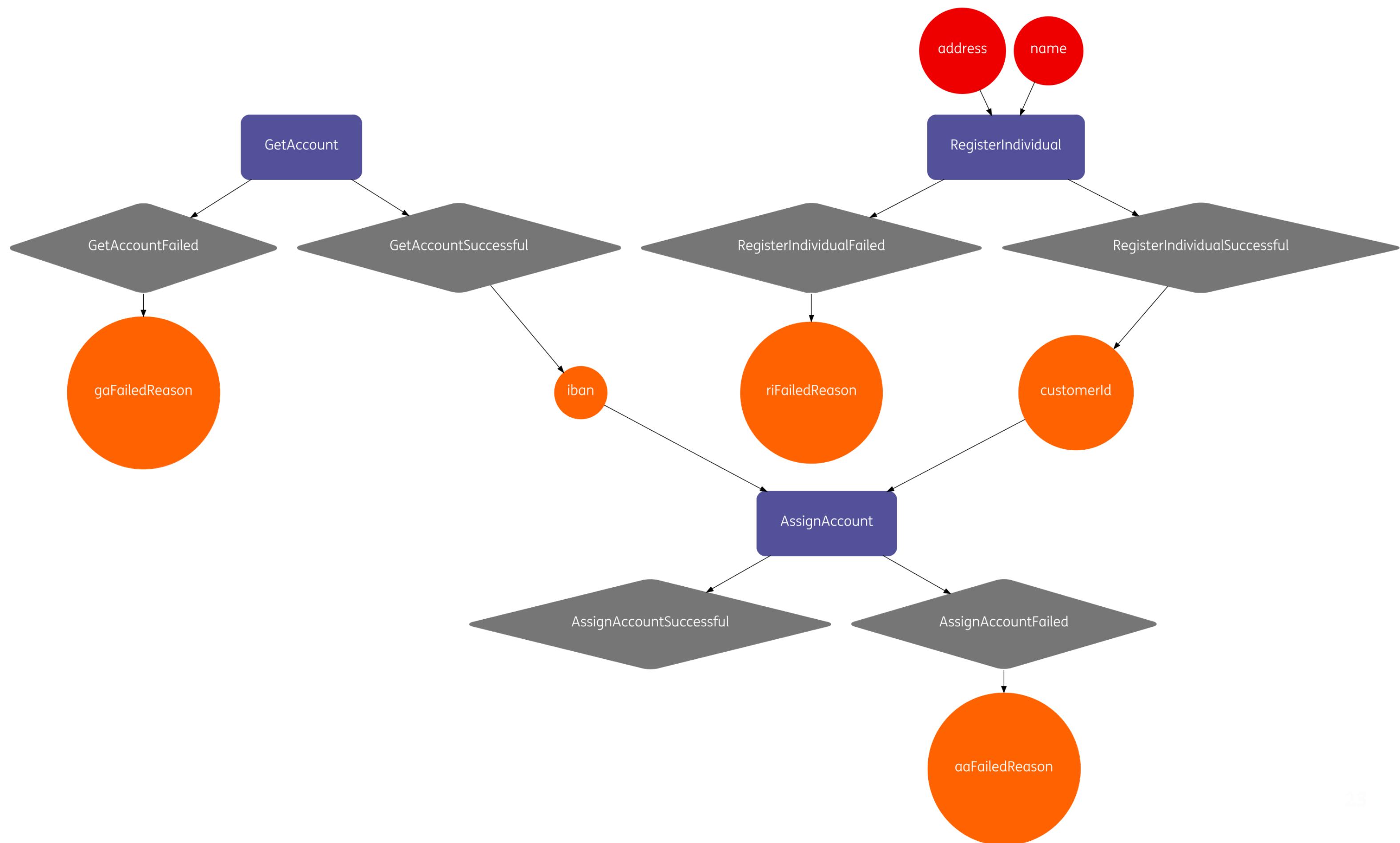
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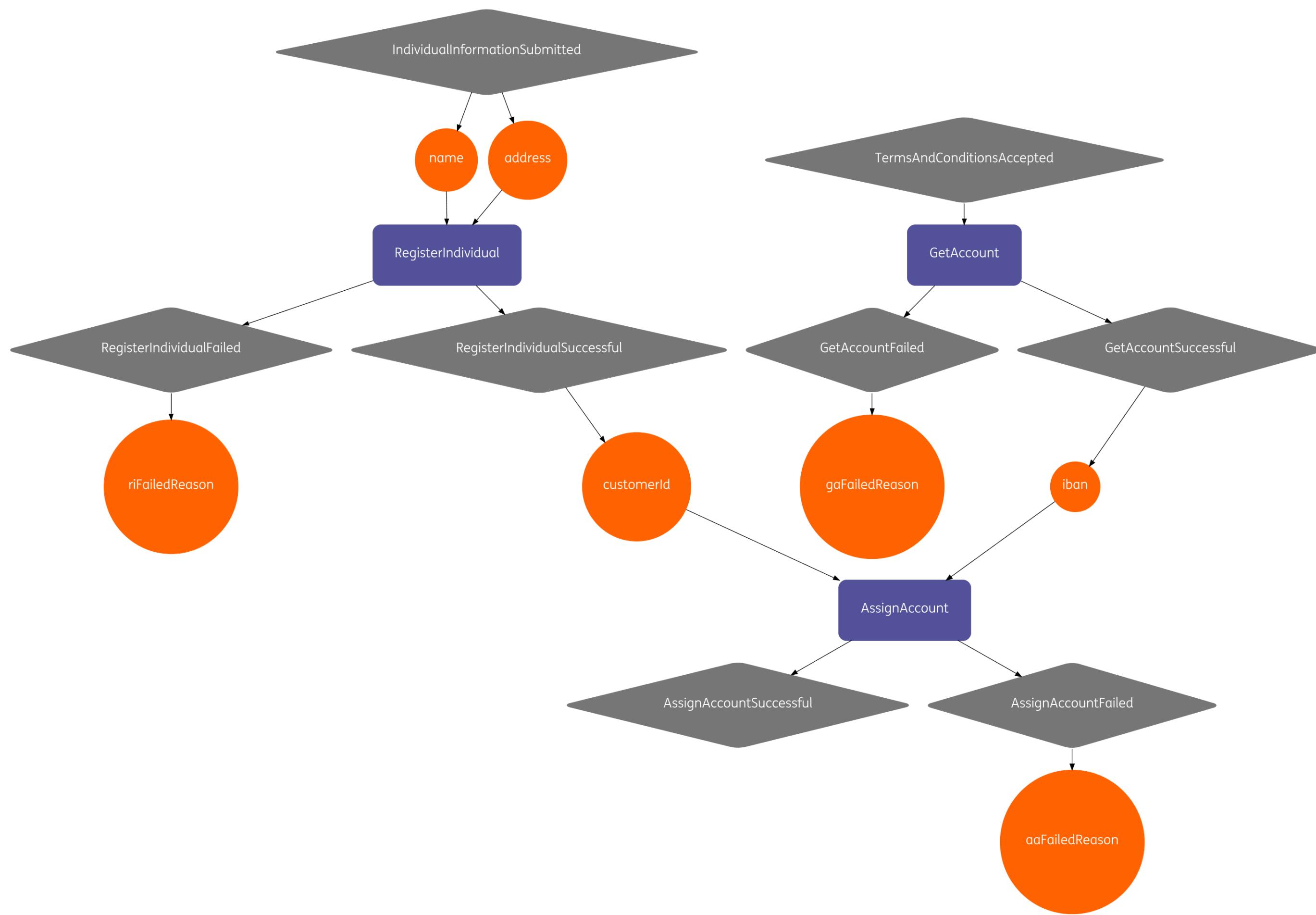




```
public Recipe get(){
    return new Recipe("Demo").
        withInteractions(
            of(AssignAccount.class),
            of(GetAccount.class),
            of(RegisterIndividual.class));
}
```



```
return new Recipe("Demo").  
    withInteractions(  
        of(AssignAccount.class),  
        of(GetAccount.class).  
            withRequiredEvent(TermsAndConditionsAccepted.class),  
        of(RegisterIndividual.class)).  
    withSensoryEvents(  
        TermsAndConditionsAccepted.class,  
        IndividualInformationSubmitted.class);  
}
```

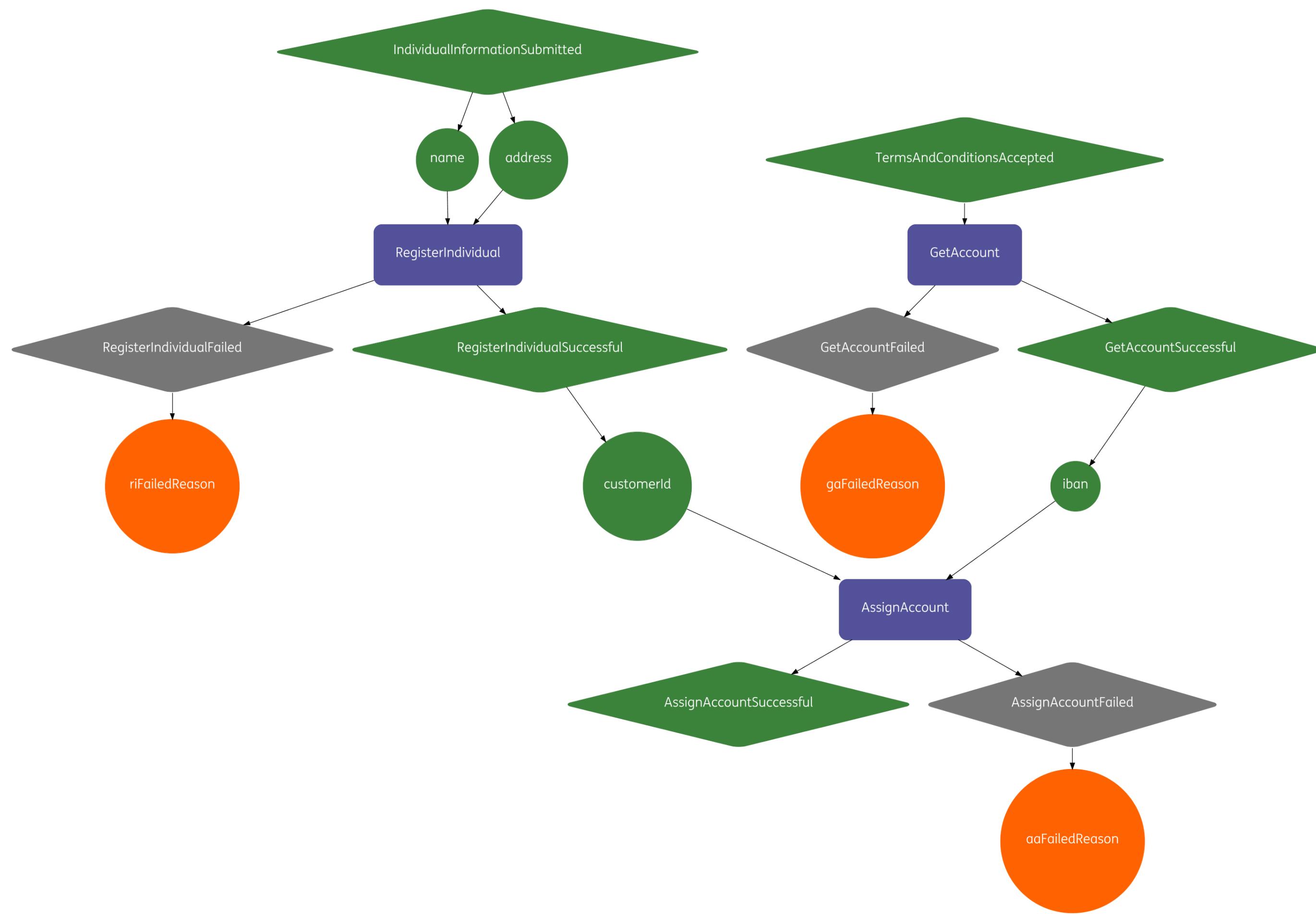


Run-time

```
//for each process instance, bake the recipe
baker.bake(processId);
//notify Baker when events occur
baker.processEvent(processId, new SensoryEvents.IndividualInformationSubmitted(name, address));
baker.processEvent(processId, new SensoryEvents.TermsAndConditionsAccepted());

//retrieve ingredients stored in the accumulated state
assert(baker.getIngredients(processId).get("customerId").equals(customerId));
assert(baker.getIngredients(processId).get("iban").equals(iban));

//retrieve all events that have occurred
Set<String> occurredEvents = new HashSet<>(
    baker.getEvents(processId).getEventNameList()
);
```



Under the Hood

Why Scala?

- Best fit for developing DSLs¹ on the JVM
- Compile-time recipe validation
- Type safety

¹ <https://martinfowler.com/books/dsl.html>

Why Akka?

- Event Sourcing² (events can be replayed)
- Persistent actors (with Cassandra)
- Distributed actors across machines (with cluster sharding)

² <http://martinfowler.com/eaaDev/EventSourcing.html>

Best Practices

Short-lived vs. long-running flows

State is taken care of:

- Cassandra for persistent storage
- Ingredients encrypted by default
- State recovered automatically

Run Baker inside of your API

"Smart endpoints and dumb pipes"

When failure occurs:

- Baker retries technical failures with exponential backoff
- Works well with idempotent services
- Deal with functional failure in your recipe

Baker Capability Matrix:

- Investigate not one, not two, but **all business processes** in your company
- Where do you see re-use?
- Map using MoSCoW⁴ to give importance (M = 10, S = 5, C = 2, W = 1)

⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MoSCoW_method

Checking Account

Verify Identity

Register Individual

Open Checking Account

Issue Debit Card

Send Message

Register Product

Owner

Savings Account

Verify Identity

Register Individual

Open Savings Account

n/a

Send Message

Register Product

Owner

Customer Onboarding

Verify Identity

Register Individual

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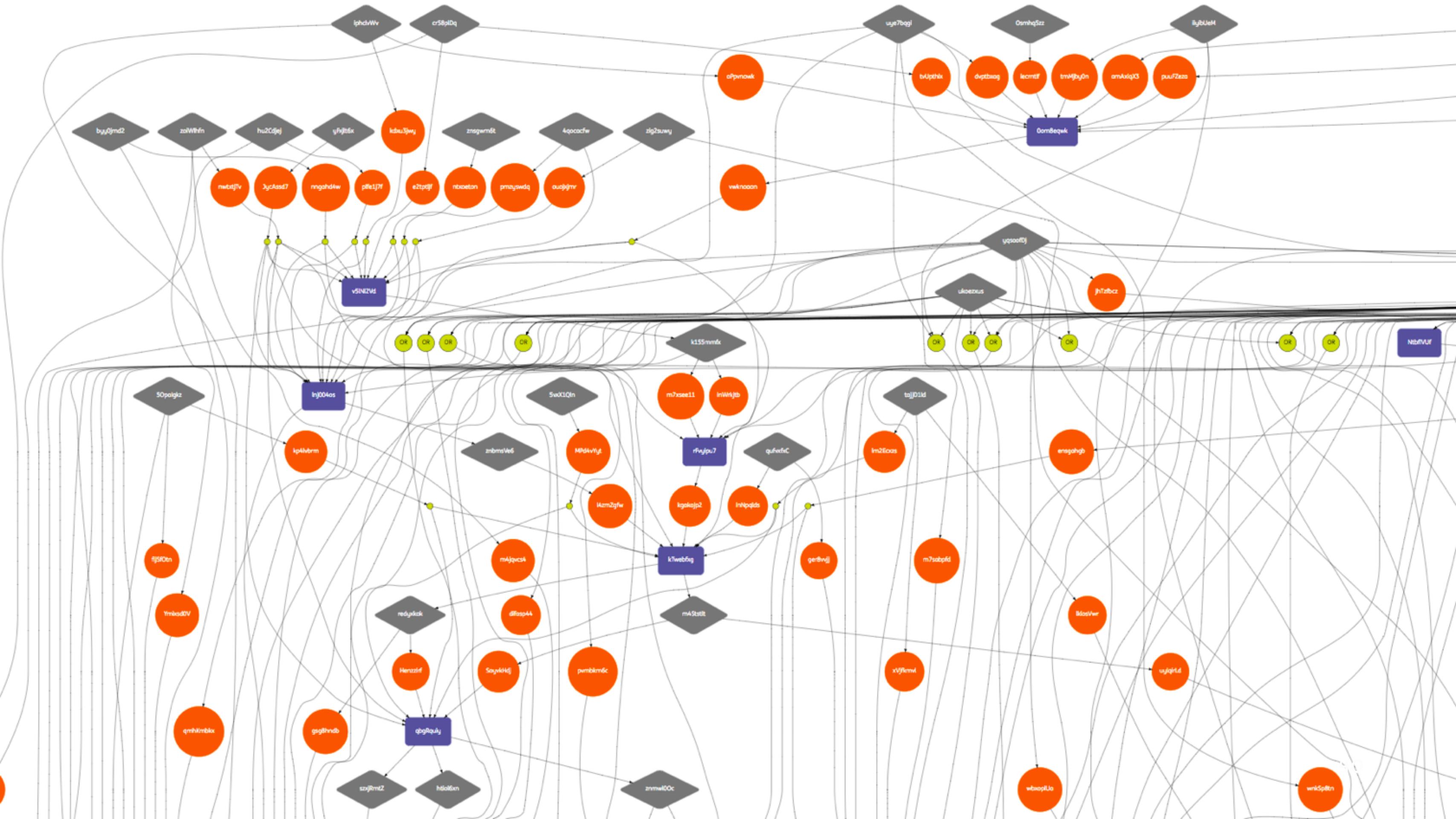
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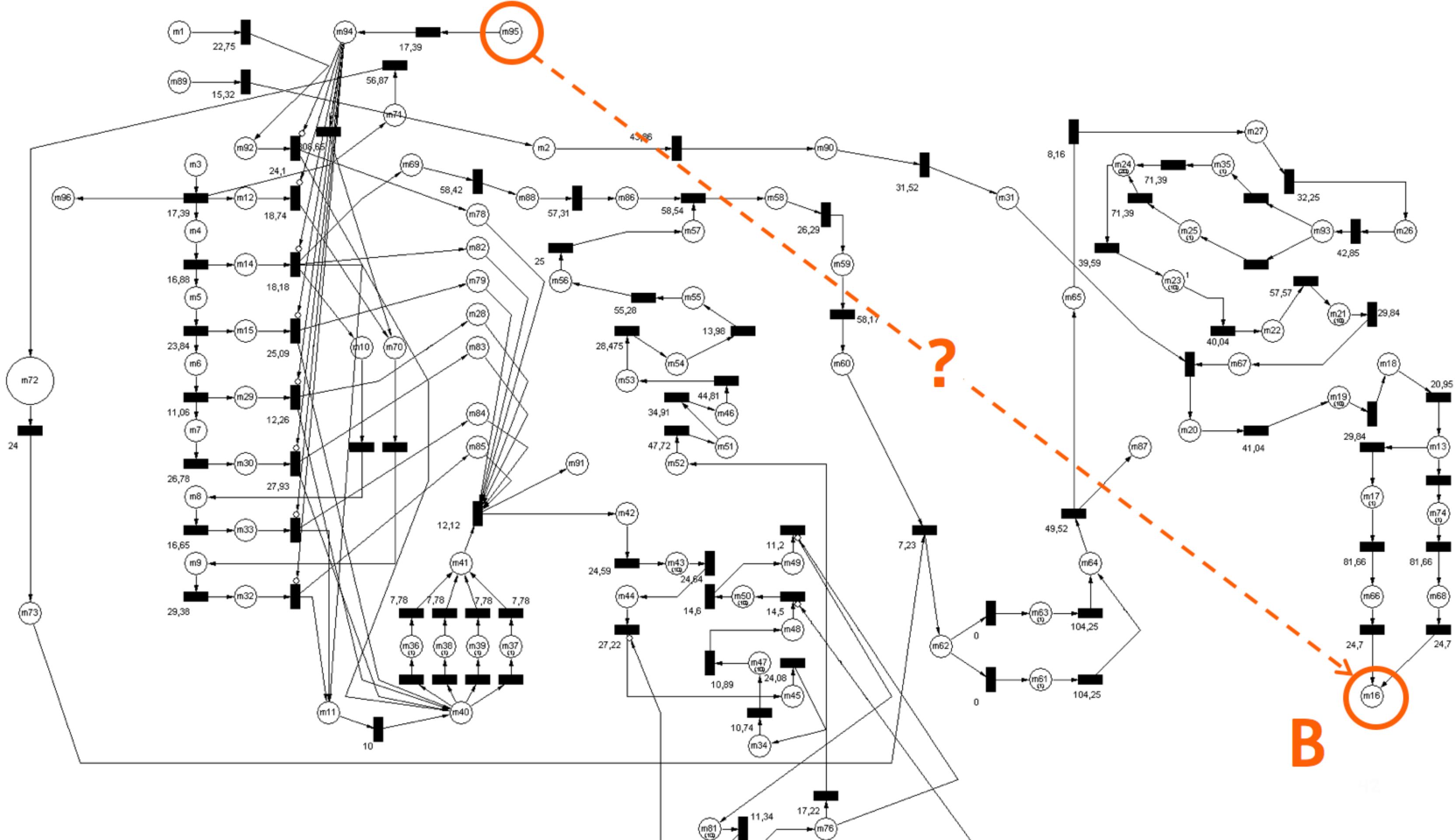
A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a large, round, brown loaf of bread. The bread has a textured, slightly cracked surface. The hands are wearing light-colored, ribbed sleeves, possibly from an apron. The background is dark and out of focus.

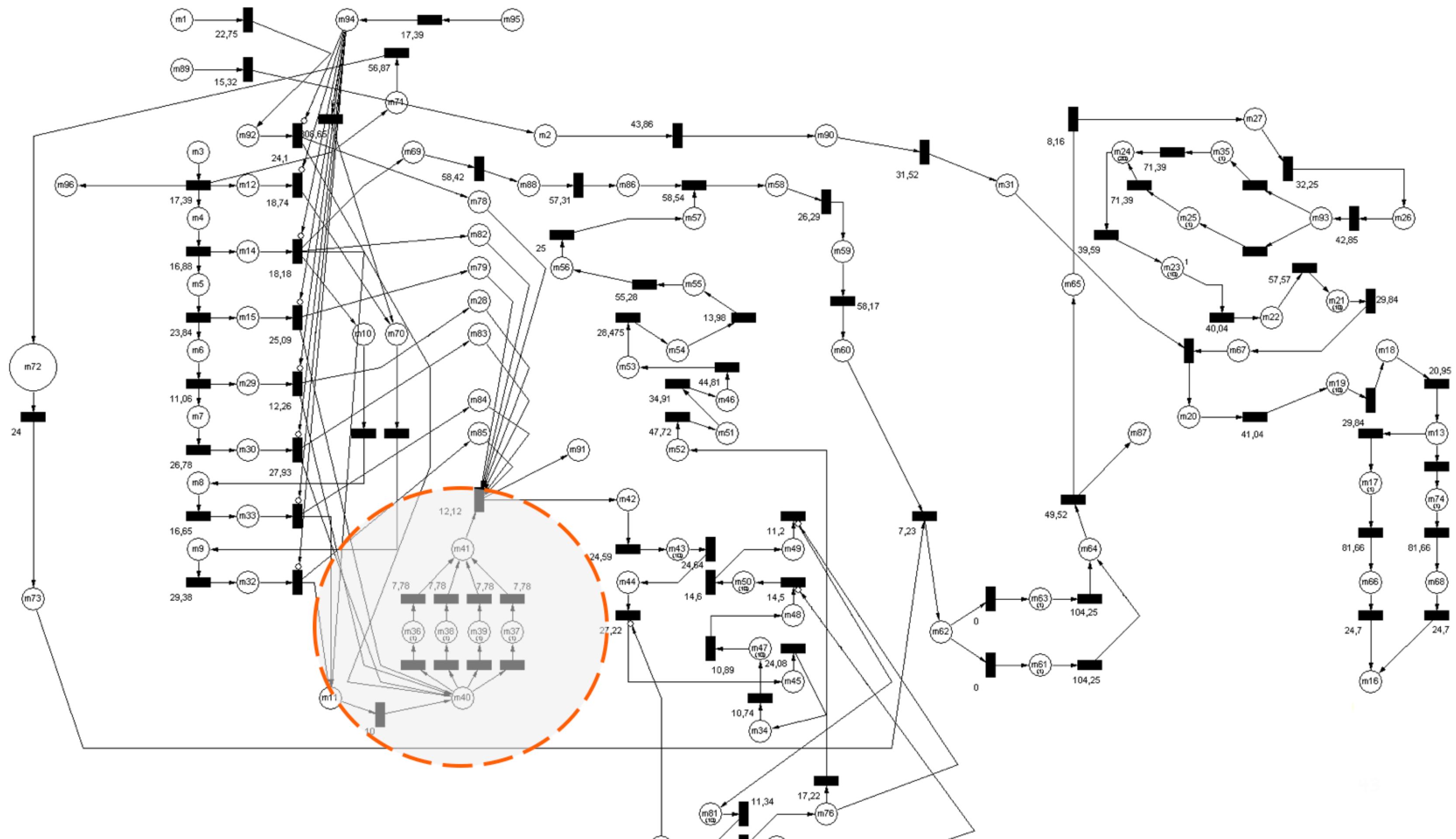
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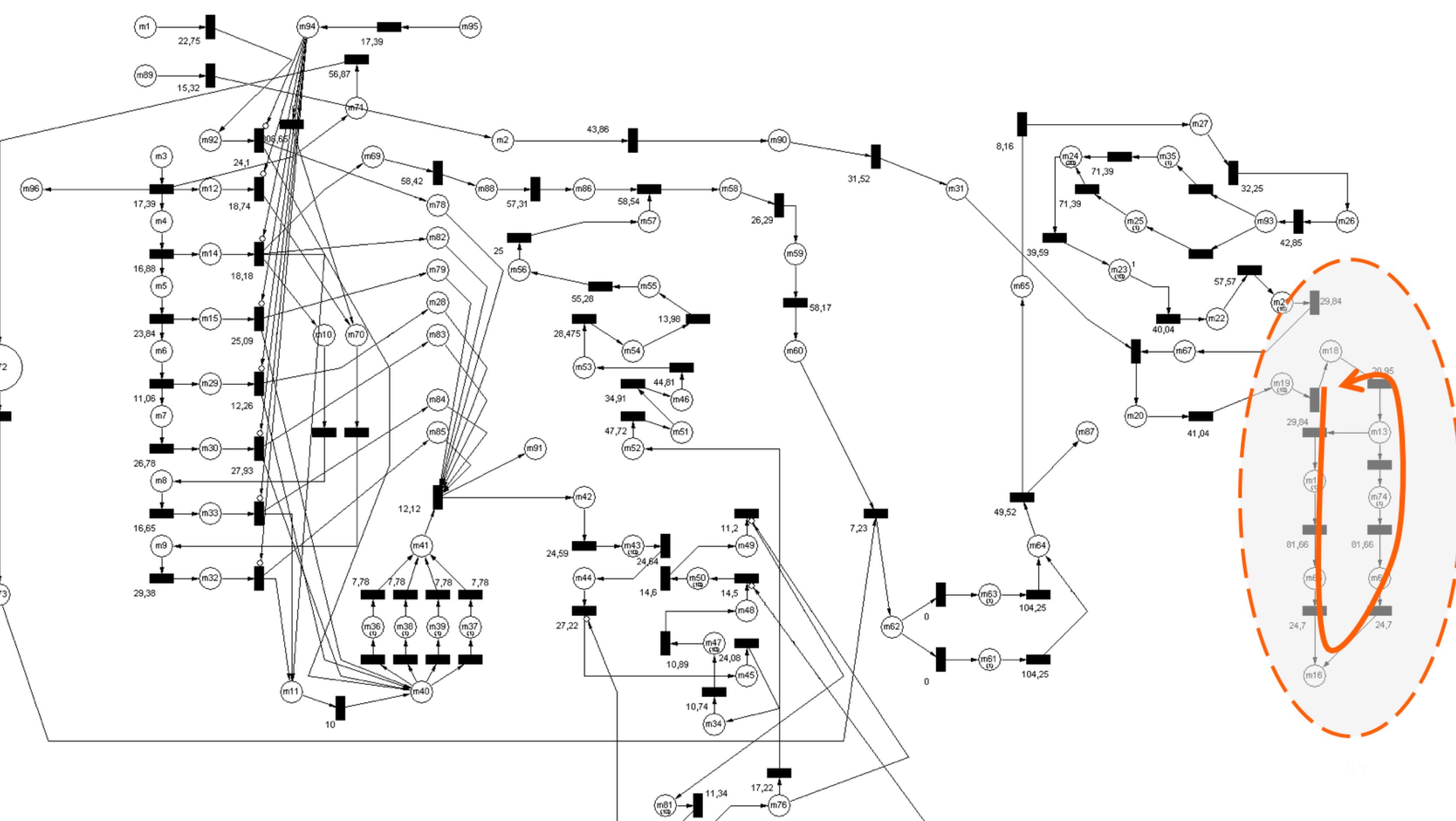


Why Petri net?³

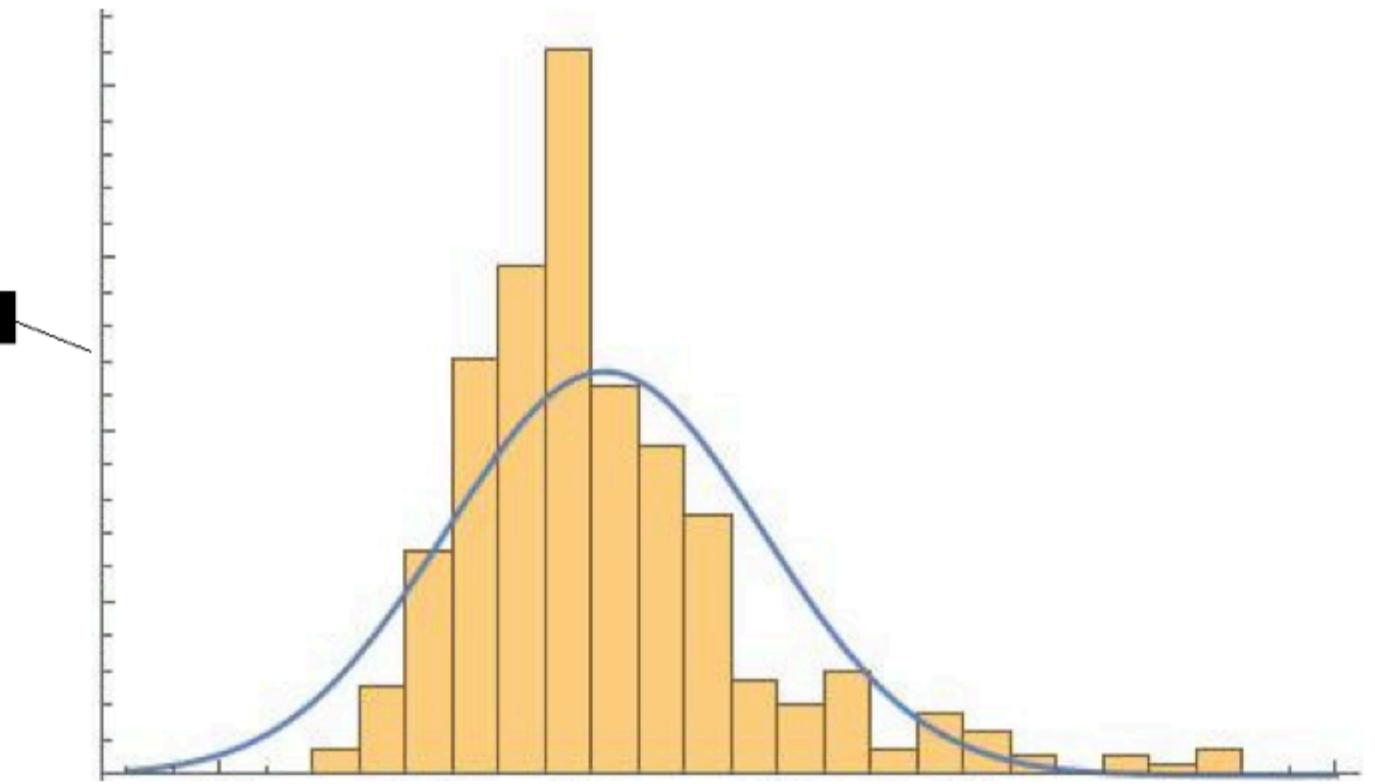
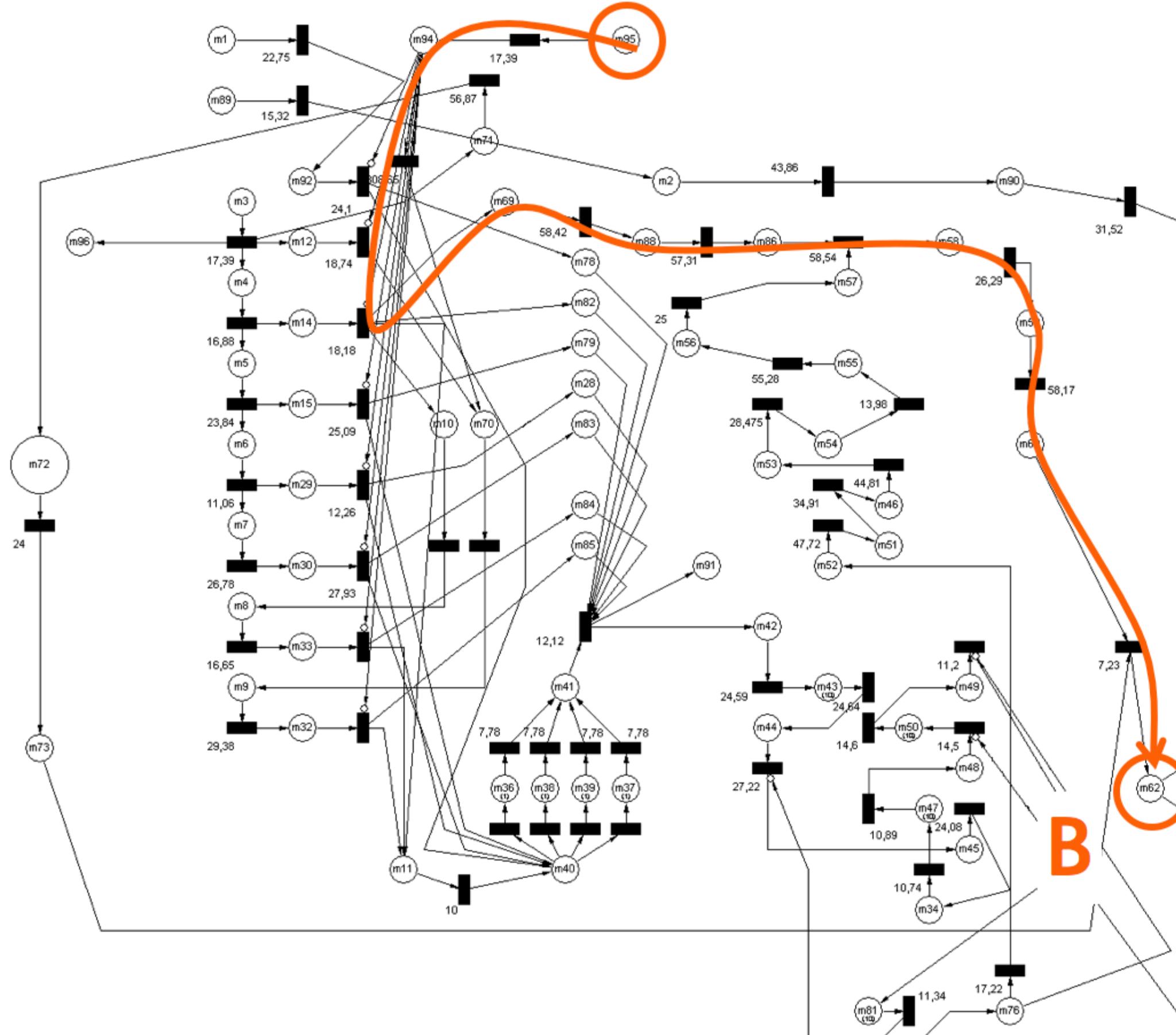
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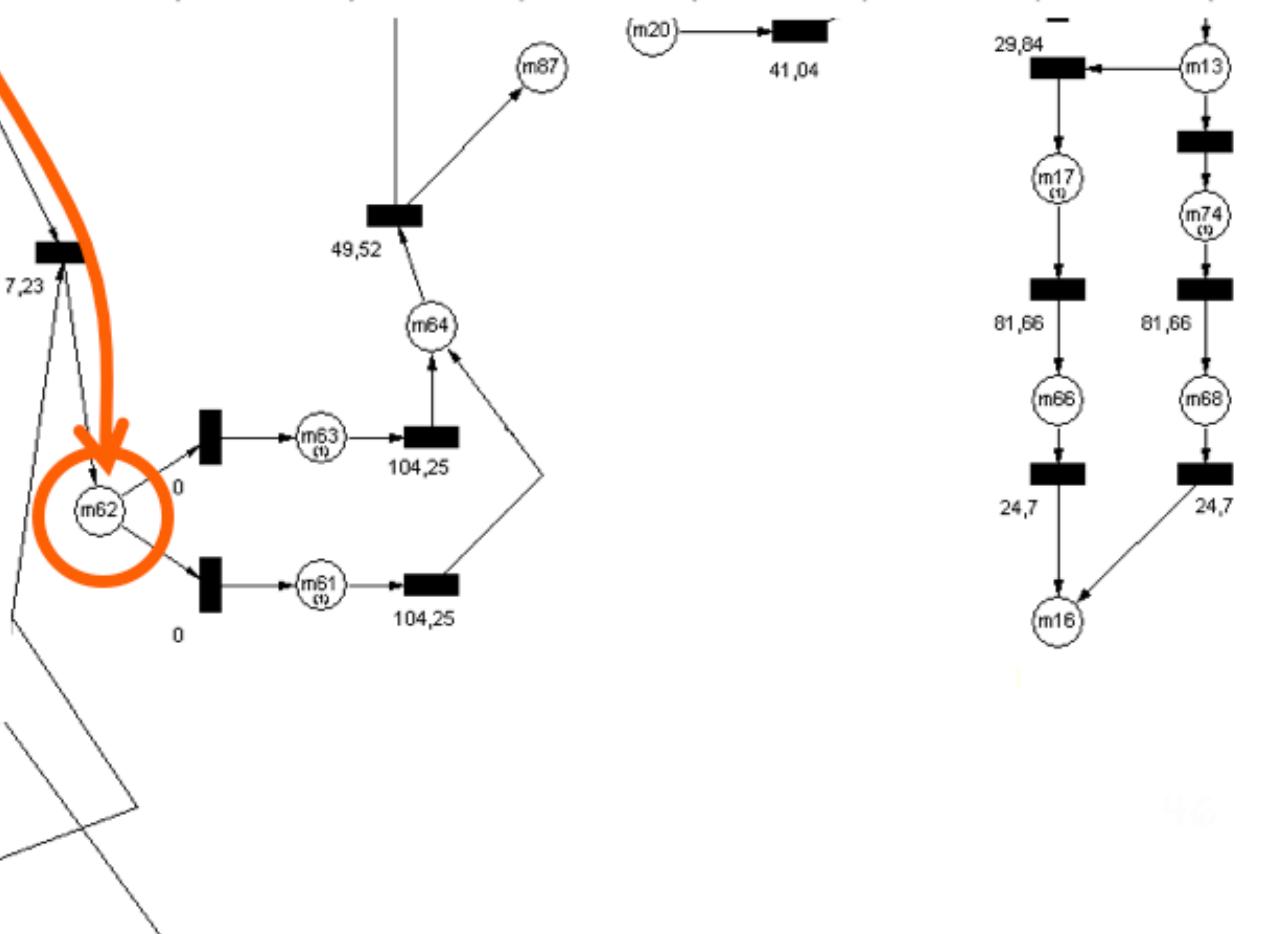
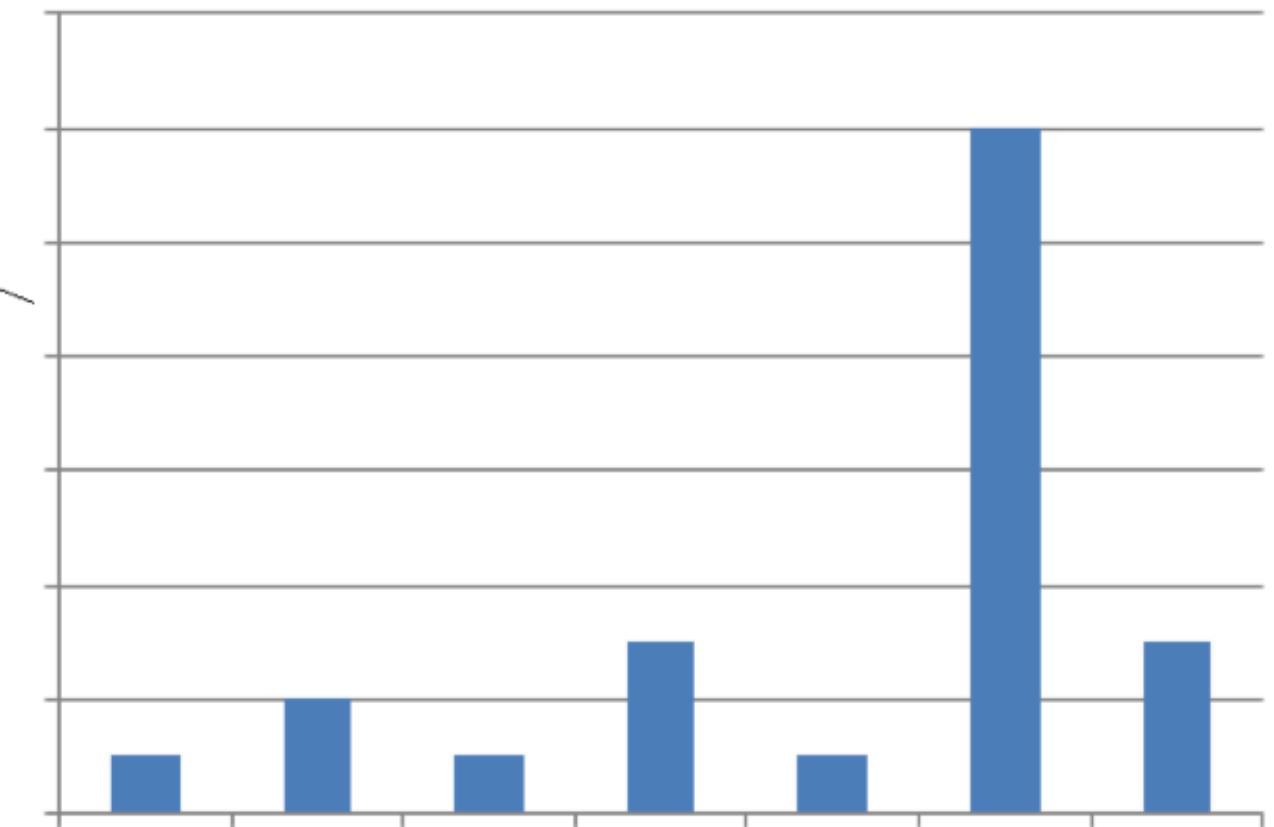
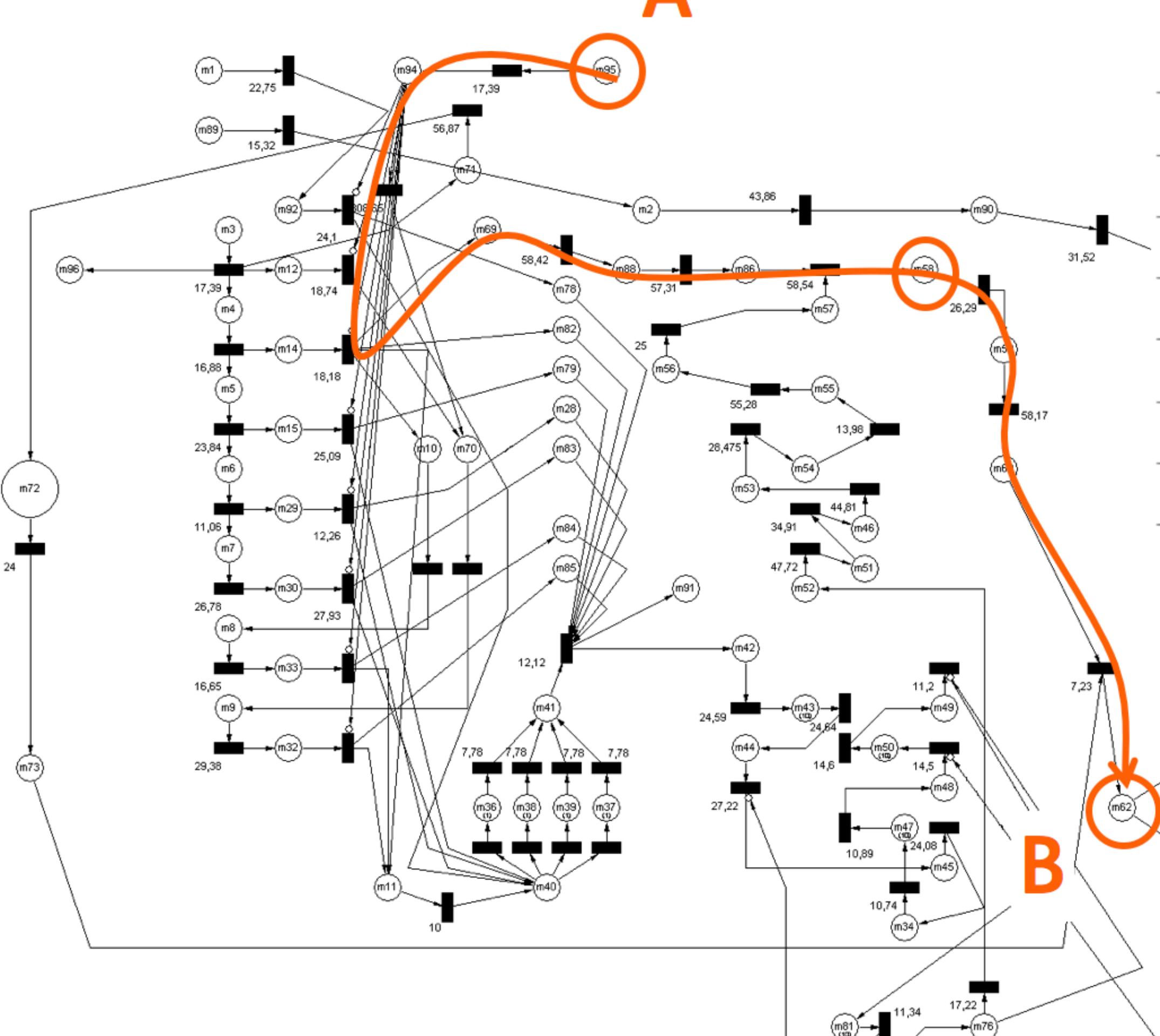
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Average traversal time: 10 seconds

B

Takes 70% of the time



I love cooking food and for the rest of the talk I'll be using analogies from there. It's very similar to our industry: long hours, hard work, and delivering experiences to our customers.

Have you been woken up at 3 o'clock in the morning on a Saturday morning after a night of partying, having to go to the war room and resolve an application incident. I've been there. When I remember the cold of the airconditioners, it still makes me shiver.

If we are building microservices or a monolith or any type of application in general we are serving business logic to our clients. So no matter what, we cannot escape the architectural discussion. If we are not careful of how we architect our applications we end up serving a bad meal to our clients.