Types of Client

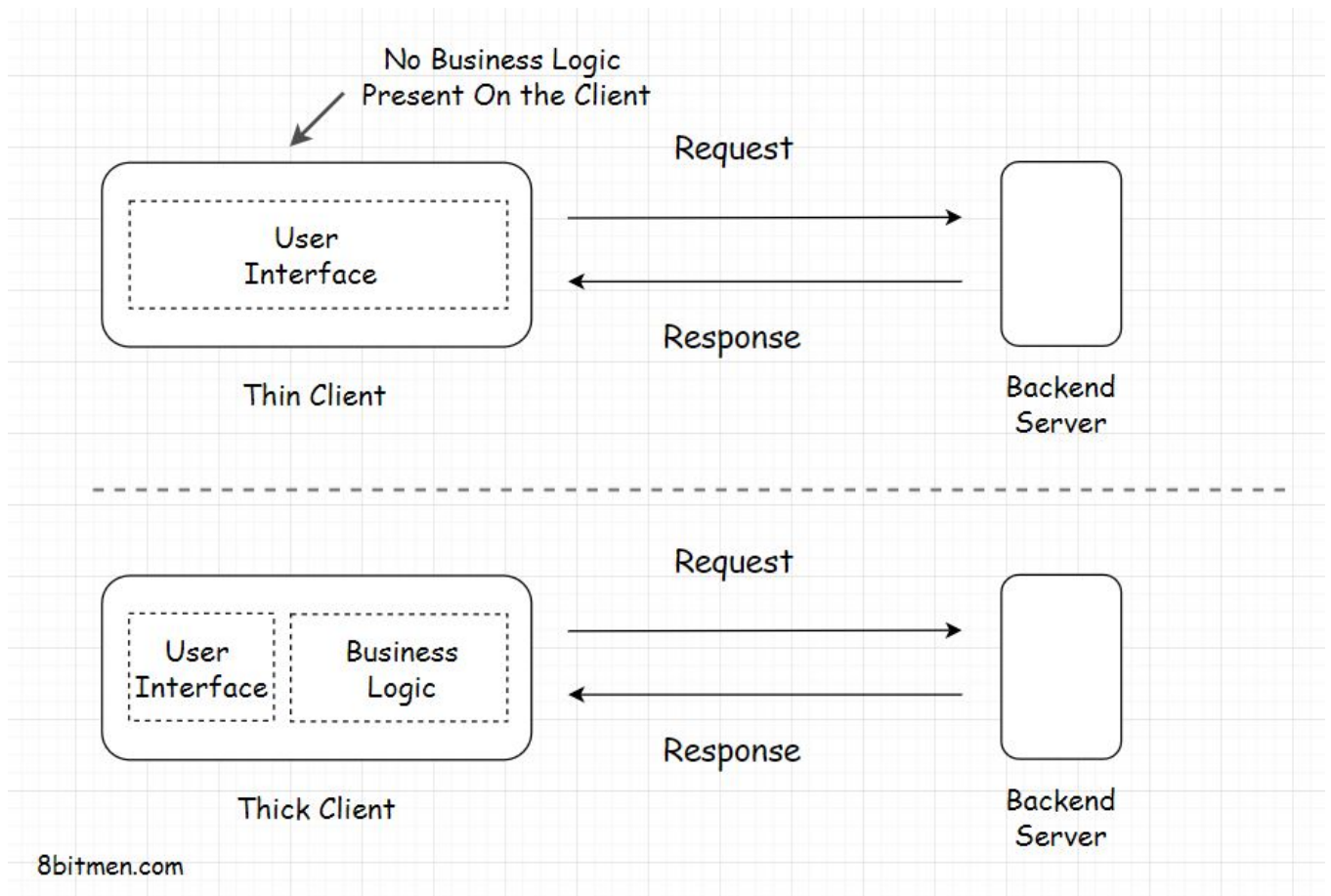In this lesson, we will learn about the two types of client: the Thin Client and the Thick Client (sometimes also called the Fat Client).

There are primarily two types of clients:

1. *Thin Client*
2. *Thick Client* (sometimes also called the *Fat client*)

Thin Client

Thin Client is the client which holds just the user interface of the application. It has no business logic of any sort. For every action, the client sends a request to the backend server. Just like in a *three-tier* application.

No Business Logic
Present On the Client

Request

Response

User
Interface

Thin Client

Backend
Server

Request

Response

User
Interface

Business
Logic

Thick Client

Backend
Server

Thick Client

On the contrary, the thick client holds all or some part of the business logic. These are the two-tier applications. We've already gone through this if you remember.

The typical examples of Fat clients are utility apps, online games etc.