Building a Medical Device with R

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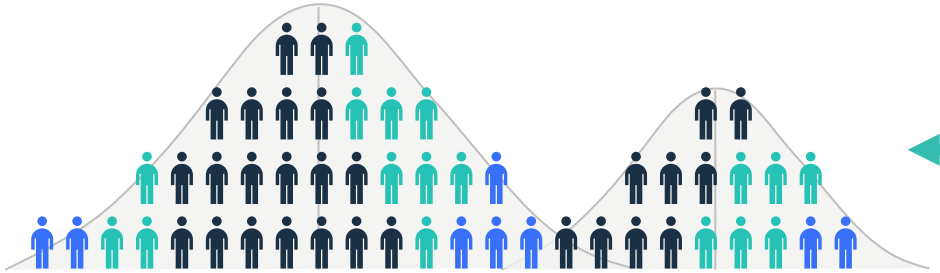
What do we build?

Population



Drug dose

Individual

Drugs
Antibiotics
Chemotherapy
Transplantation

Populations
Neonates / children
Elderly
Critically ill

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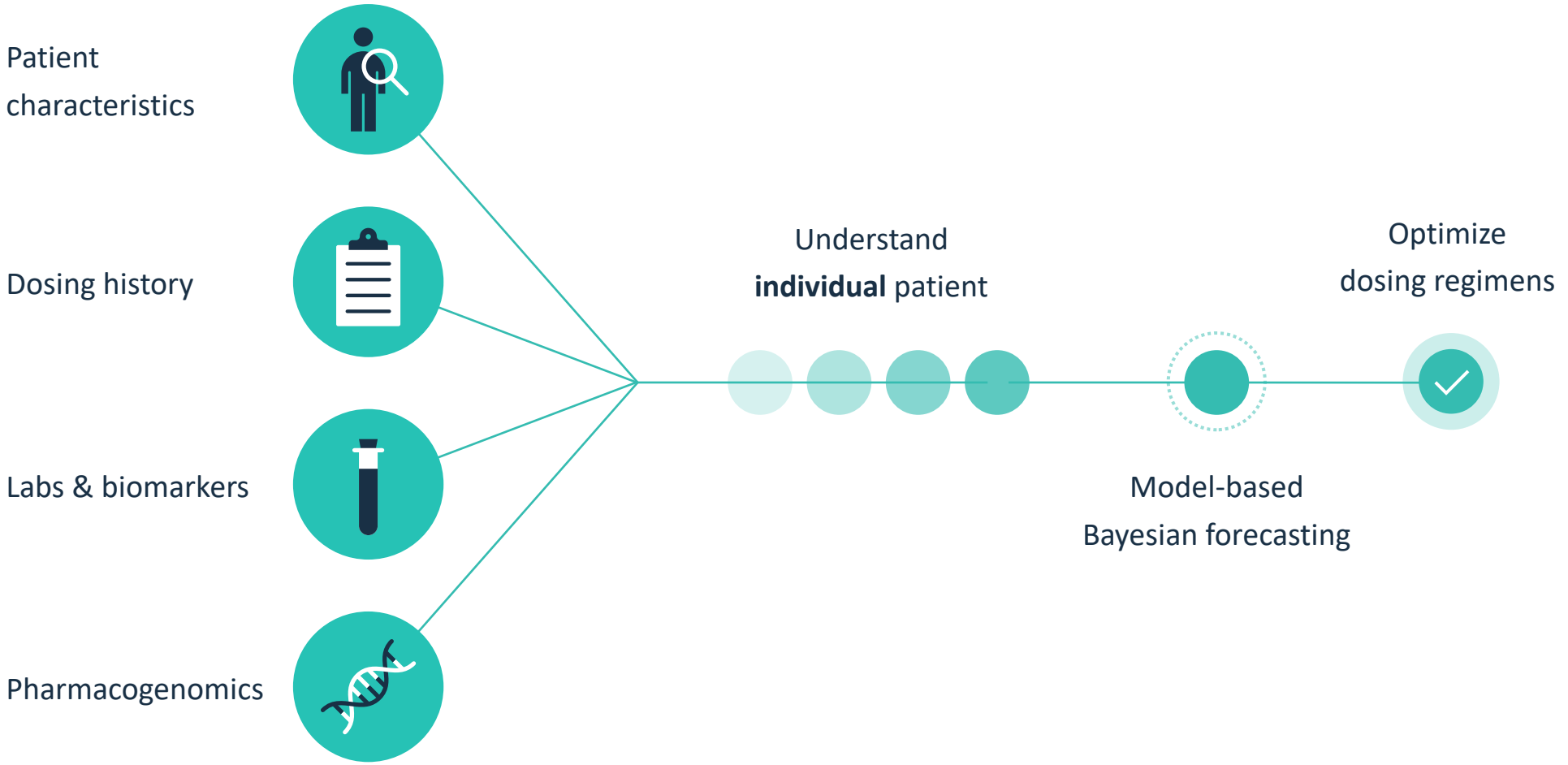
Patient characteristics
Dosing history
Labs & biomarkers
Pharmacogenomics
Understand **individual** patient
Model-based Bayesian forecasting
Optimize dosing regimens

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- cloud-based web-application
- based on pharmacology models
- integrated clinical workflow

What is a medical device?

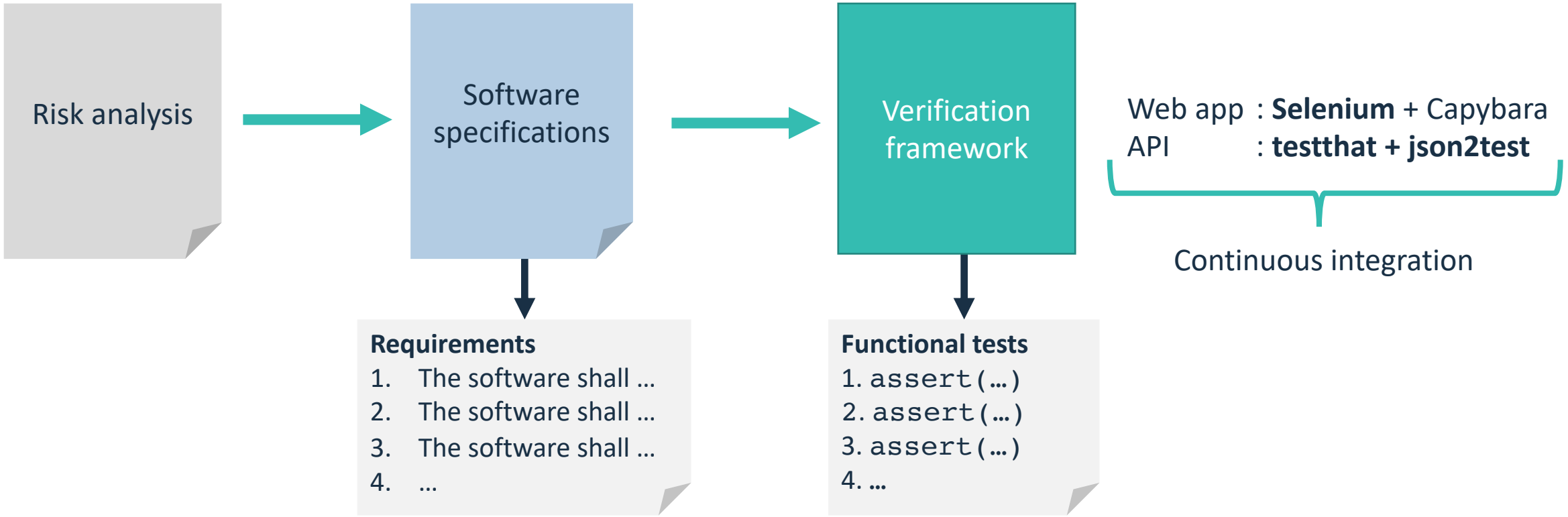
What is software as a medical device?

Clinical Decision Support (**CDS**)

Regulatory process: stages

1. **pre-development**
    - decide which class medical device
        - what claims are you making?
        - what are the risks involved?
    - set up quality system (US: 21 CFR 820, EU: 93/42/EC)
2. **product development**
    - under design controls
3. **verification**
    - Applying test framework
4. **validation**
    - File with FDA (510k)
5. **release**

Regulatory process: documents



See also talk Ellis Hughes: https://thebioengineer.github.io/validation/

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json2test package

API payload

```
{
    "drug": "vancomycin",
    “doses_given: [ ... ],
    “patient_chars: [ ... ],
    “conc_measured: [ ... ],
    ...
}
```

Reference JSON

```
{
    ”dose.value": 500,
    ”dose.unit": “mg”,
    “conc.value”: {
      “value”: 15,
      ”delta”: 0.01
    }
}
```

json2test

API output

```
{
    ”dose.value": 500,
    ”dose.unit": ”mg”,
    “conc.value”: 15,
    “conc.unit”: “mg/L”,
    ...
}
```

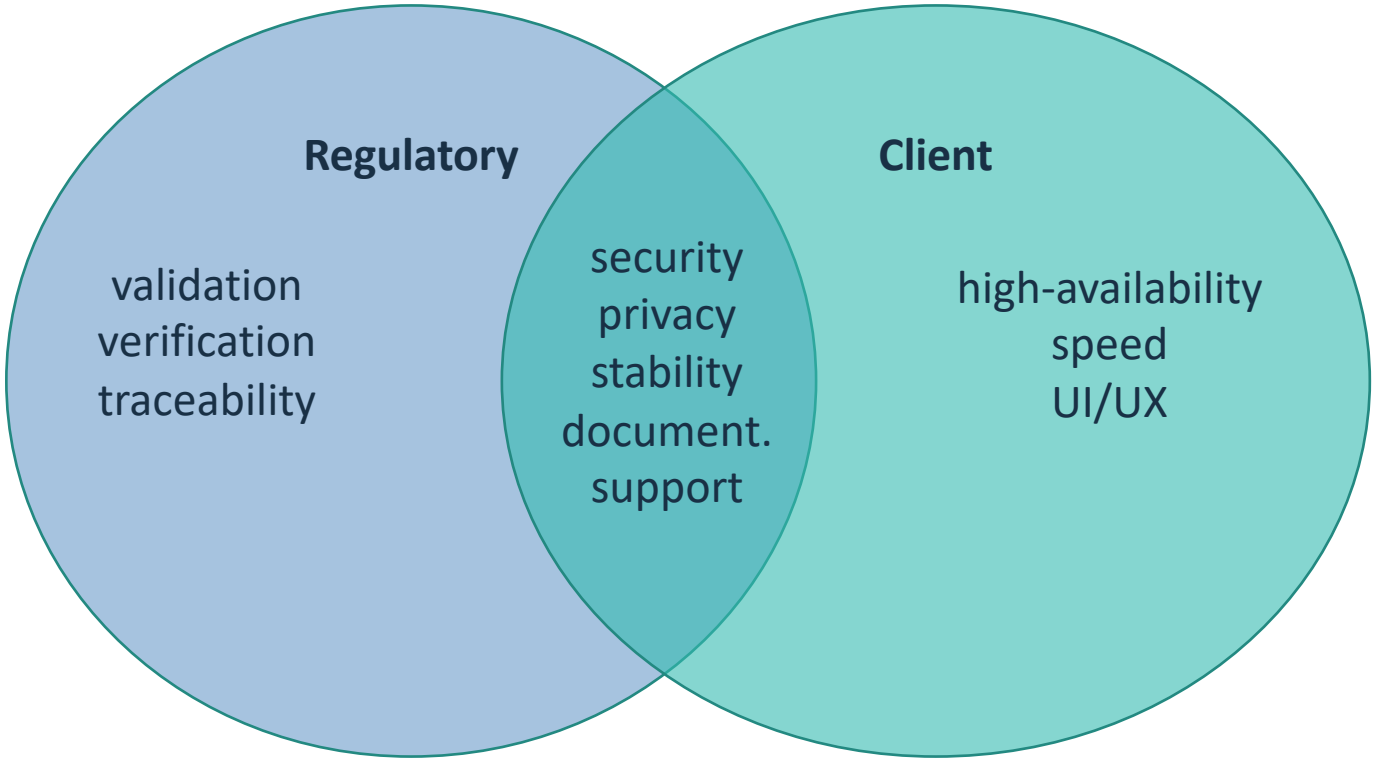
Benefits

- no writing test scenarios, just specify relevant reference values
- faster implementation

https://github.com/InsightRX/json2test

Other requirements

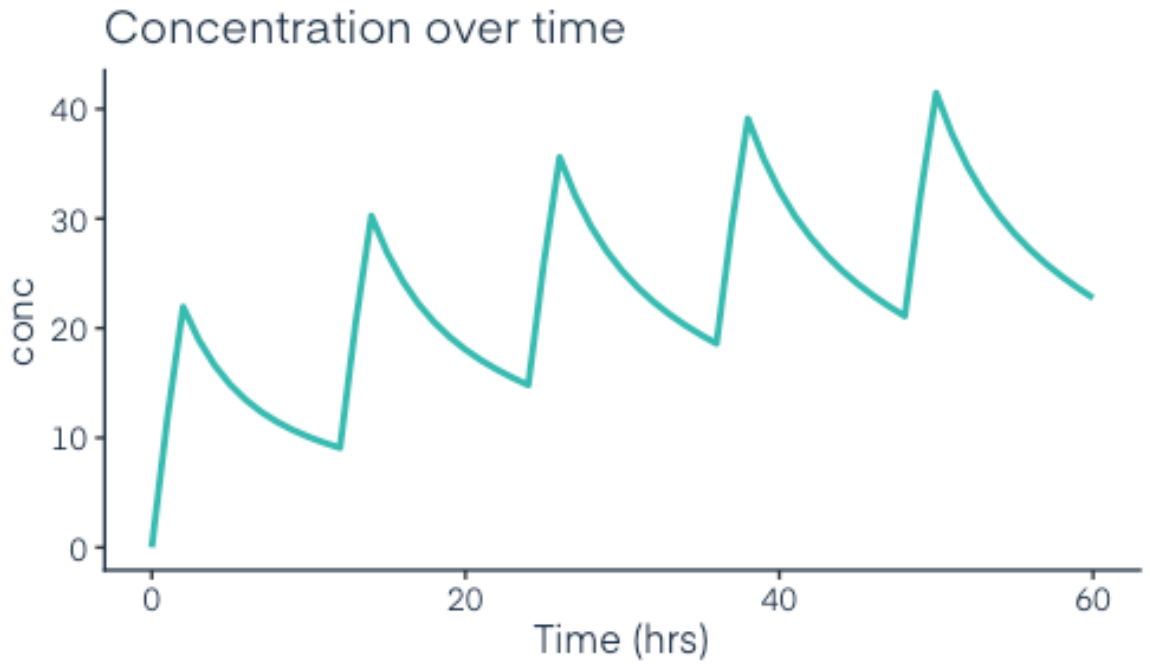
Client requirements



Computations
Architecture
Scaleability
API frameworks

Computations

- Models are systems of differential equations
- Open source package PKPDsim
- Compiled code (Rcpp)
- In-house developed: beneficial for regulatory



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PKPDsim package: models as packages

Metadata (JSON)

```
{
    "drug": "vancomycin",
    "category": "antibacterial",
    "age_cat": ["adults"],
    ”model_eqs": ”
       CLi = CL * (WT/70.0)
       ...
    ",
    “etc”: “...”
}
```

R package template

R package

Validate → **Deploy**

Benefits

- Easy to add / update models
- Generate documentation from metadata

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Architecture

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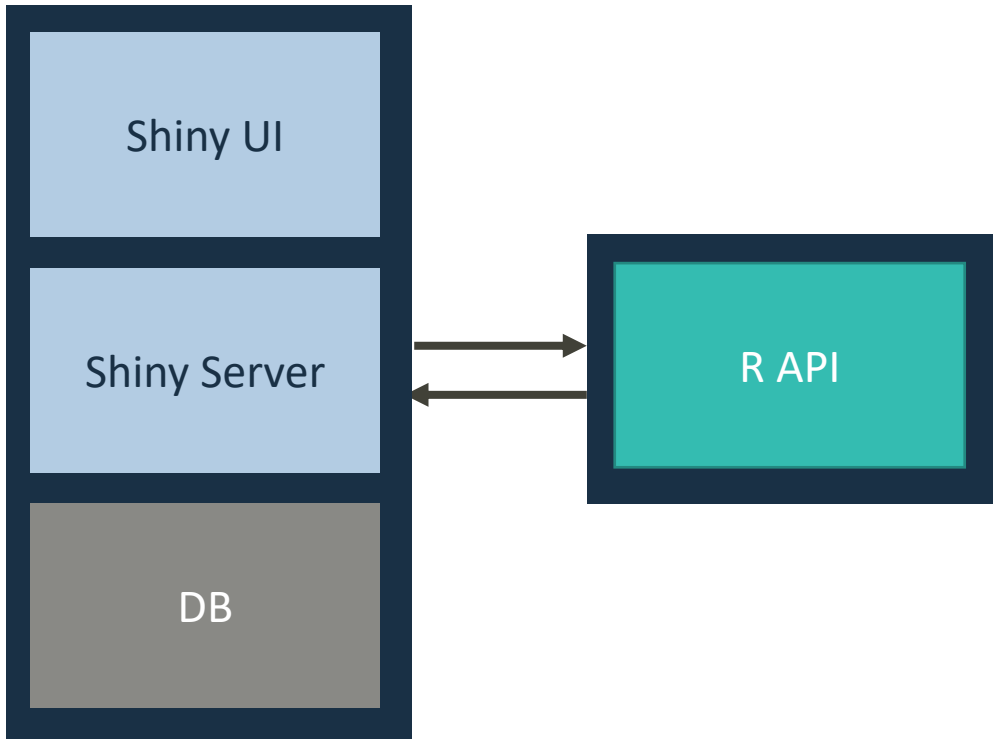
UI framework

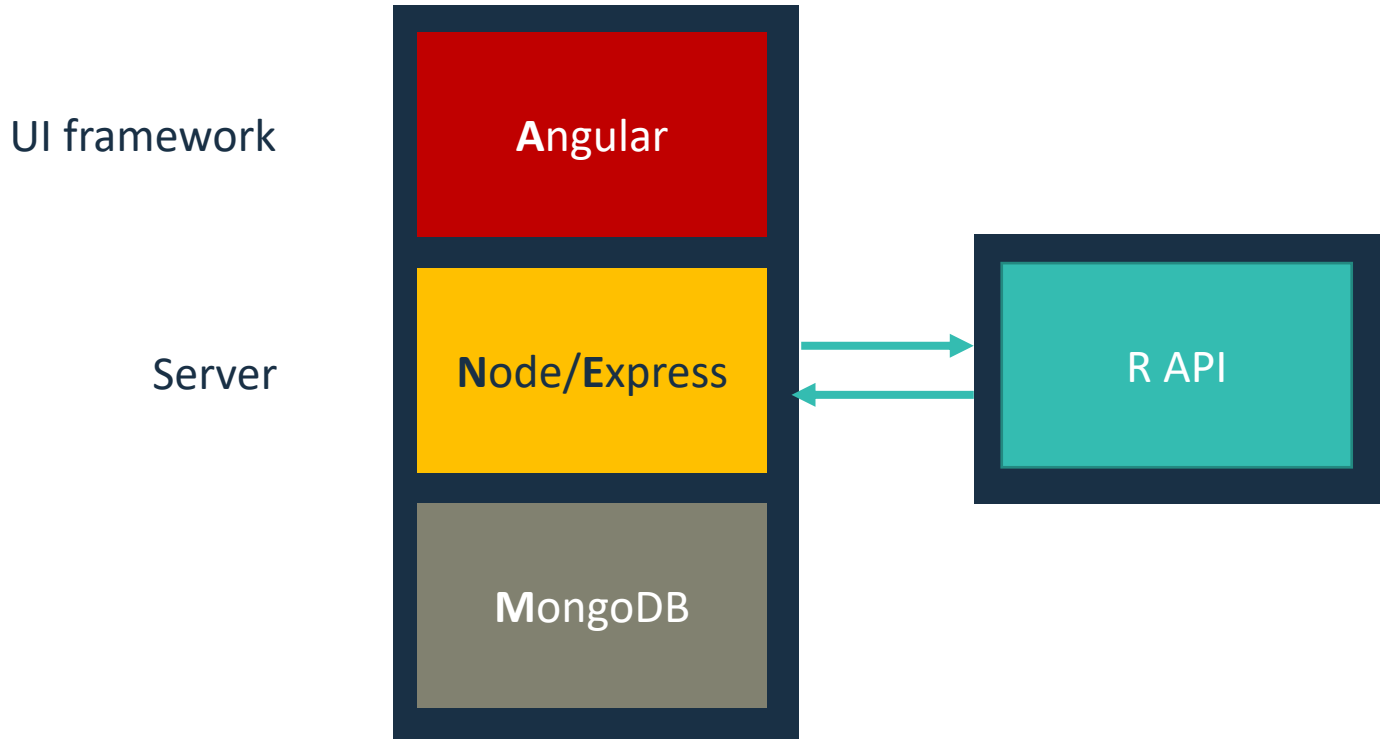
Server



Considerations

- Complexity
- Future
- Know-how
- Personnel
- Funds

Architecture



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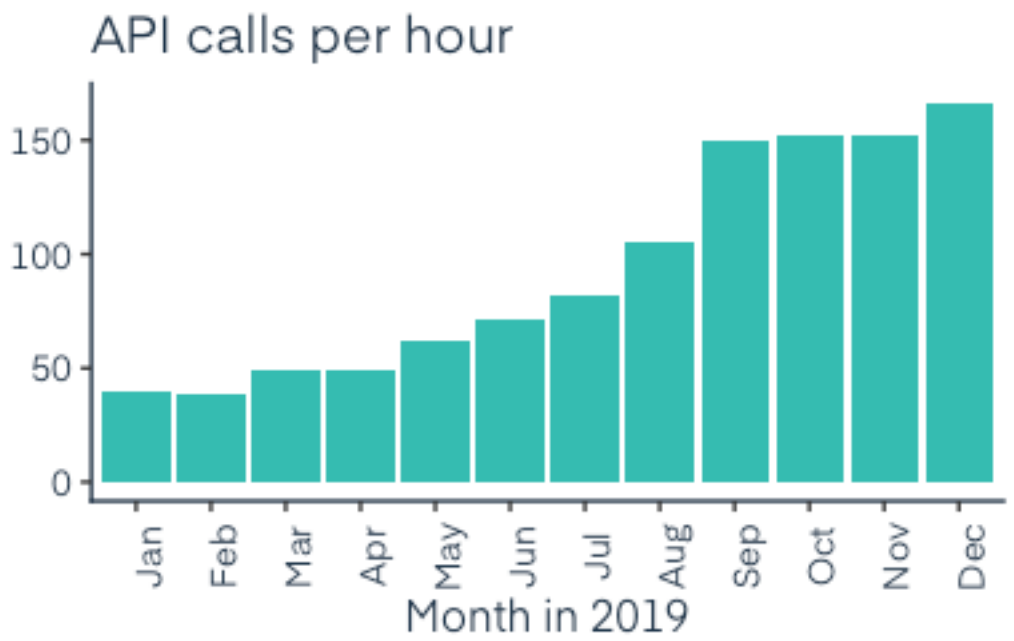
API requirements



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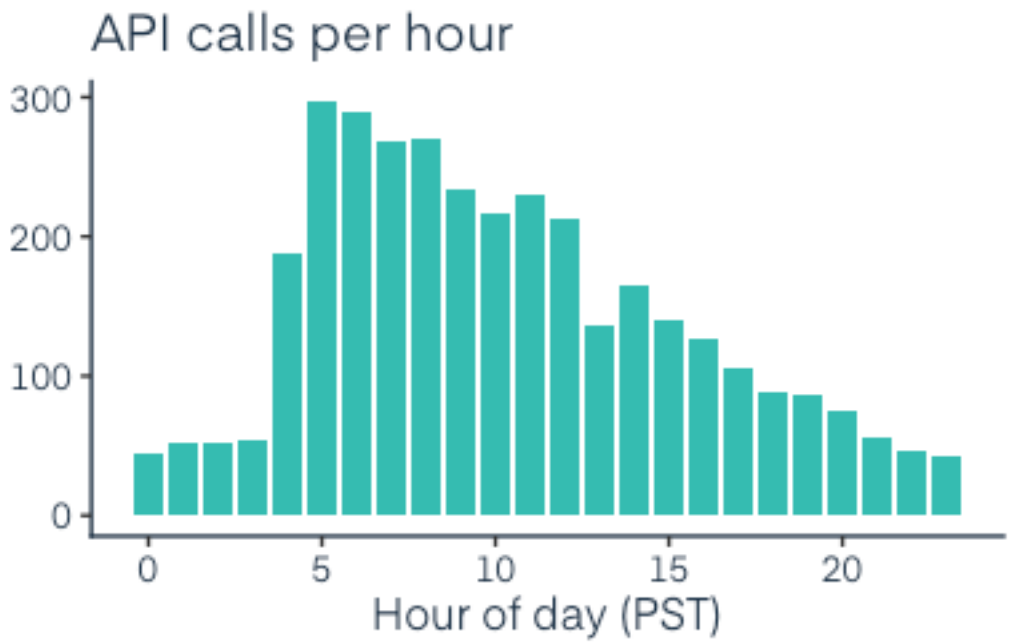

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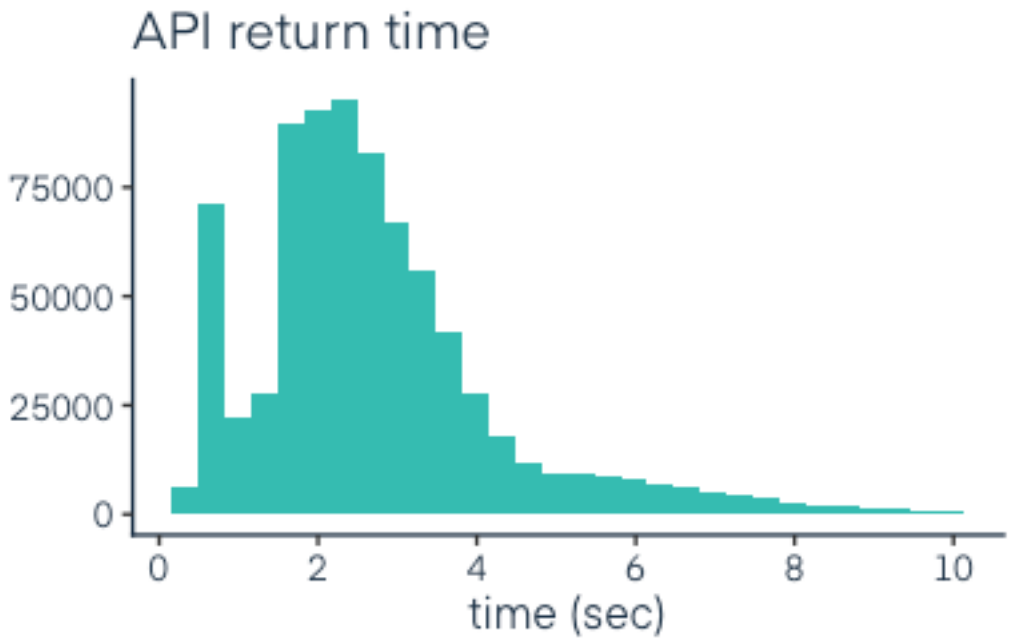

API frameworks

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1. **Custom**, written in NodeJS
2. **OpenCPU**, exposes R packages as APIs
    - initially AWS::EC2
    - later using AWS::Fargate (Docker, “infrastructure-as-code”)
3. **Plumber**
    - use inline comments to expose functions as API calls
    - deploy to cloud server / docker, or to RStudio **Connect**
4. **AWS::Lambda**
5. **…**

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Take-home messages

- Medical device in R? Yes!
- Functional testing is important
- Store as much in metadata (vs code) as possible
- Write your own (core) code!

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