



Open Labs Share



Next-Gen Learning Platform:
Microservices Meets Education

The Problem & Our Vision

Current challenges in tech education:

-  Fragmented Learning Resources
-  Weak Industry-Education Bridge

Our solution - Open Labs Share:

-  Structured Feedback System
-  Peer-to-Peer Platform



Meet the team

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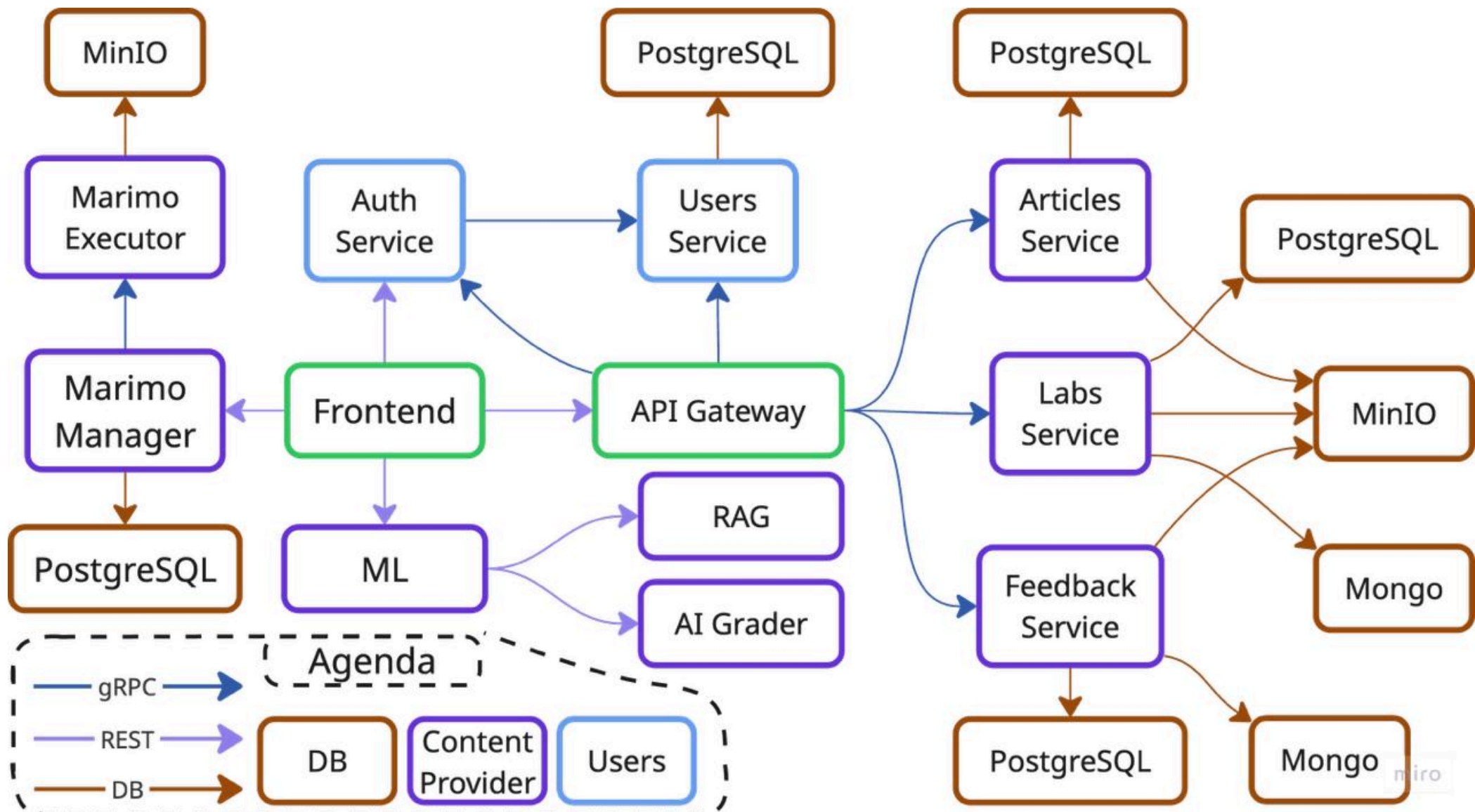
Live Technical Demo:

ЗДЕСЬ ДОЛЖНО БЫТЬ ДЕМО



Frontend: Tech Stack & Connections

- 🌞 **Frontend:** React, Vite, Tailwind CSS, React Router
- 🌱 **Component Libraries:** React PDF Viewer, Markdown/KaTeX
- 🌐 **API Integration:**
 - Communicates with backend via REST API through the API Gateway
 - Auth, Labs, Articles, Submissions, Feedback, and ML services
 - Real-time and file download support from MinIO





Authentication & Users Service



Mikhail Trifonov (Backend Engineer)



Authentication Service

Handles all authentication flows and token lifecycle management for secure access control 🔑



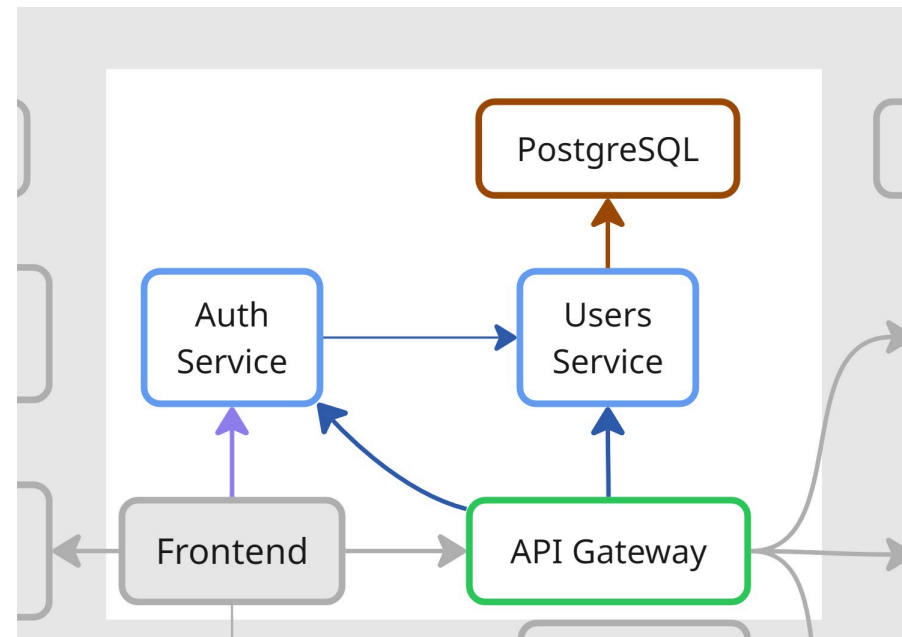
Users Service

Manages all user data, credentials, and points for solving & reviewing labs 📄

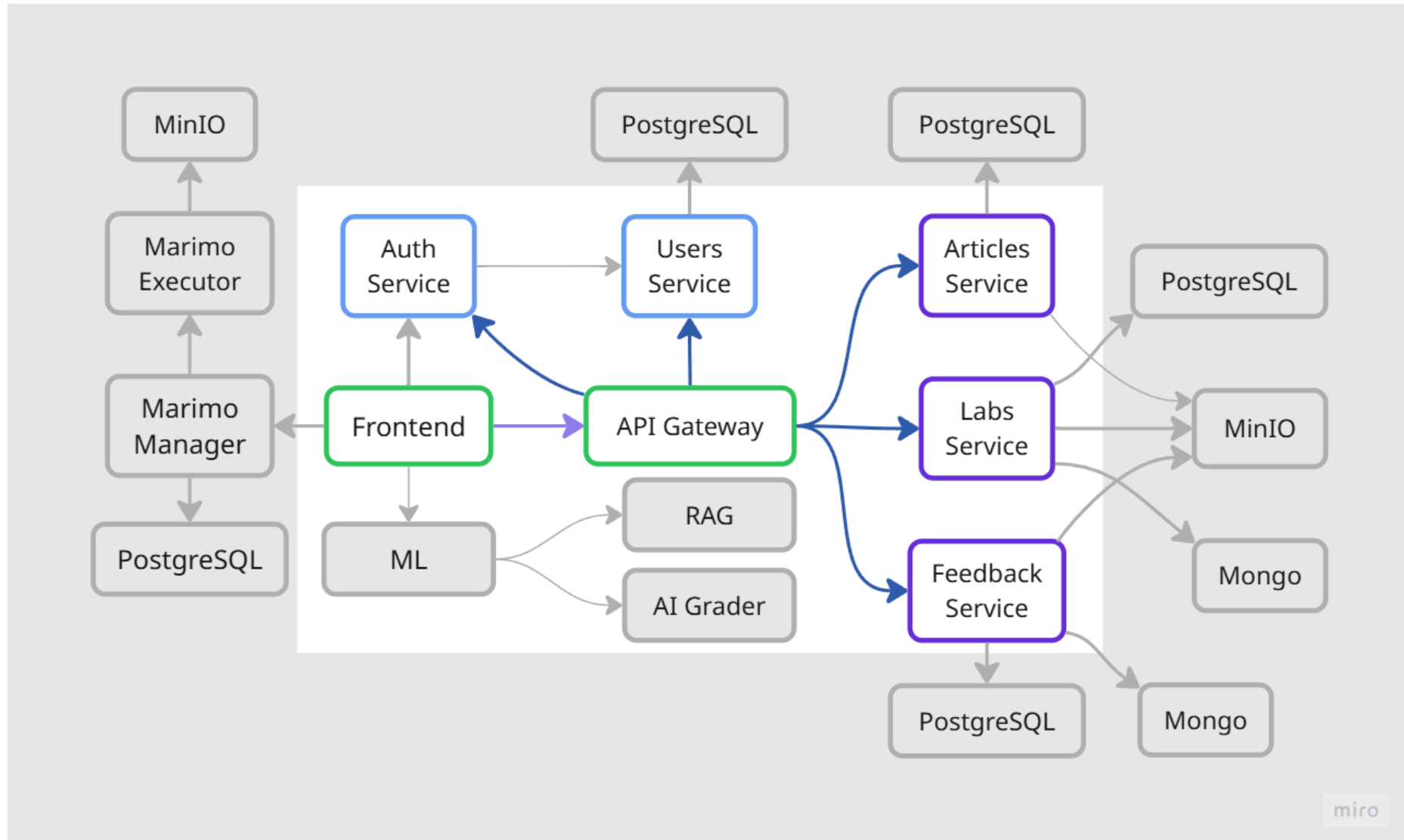


Tech Stack:

Java 21 + Spring Boot 3.5, Spring Security + JWT, Flyway



API Gateway



API Gateway: Primary Use Case

Centralized entry point and request orchestration for all client interactions 🌐

- 🌐 **Centralized Entry Point:** Serves as the unified access layer for all client REST API requests
- 🔄 **Request Routing:** Directs incoming requests to the appropriate microservice (`auth` , `user` , `article` , `lab`) via gRPC
- 🔒 **Authentication & Security:** Validates JWT tokens and user's permissions
- 📝 **Cross-Cutting Concerns:** Handles logging, request tracing, and error handling for all API traffic
- 🧠 **Business Logic Execution:** Aggregating data and enforcing business rules beyond simple routing

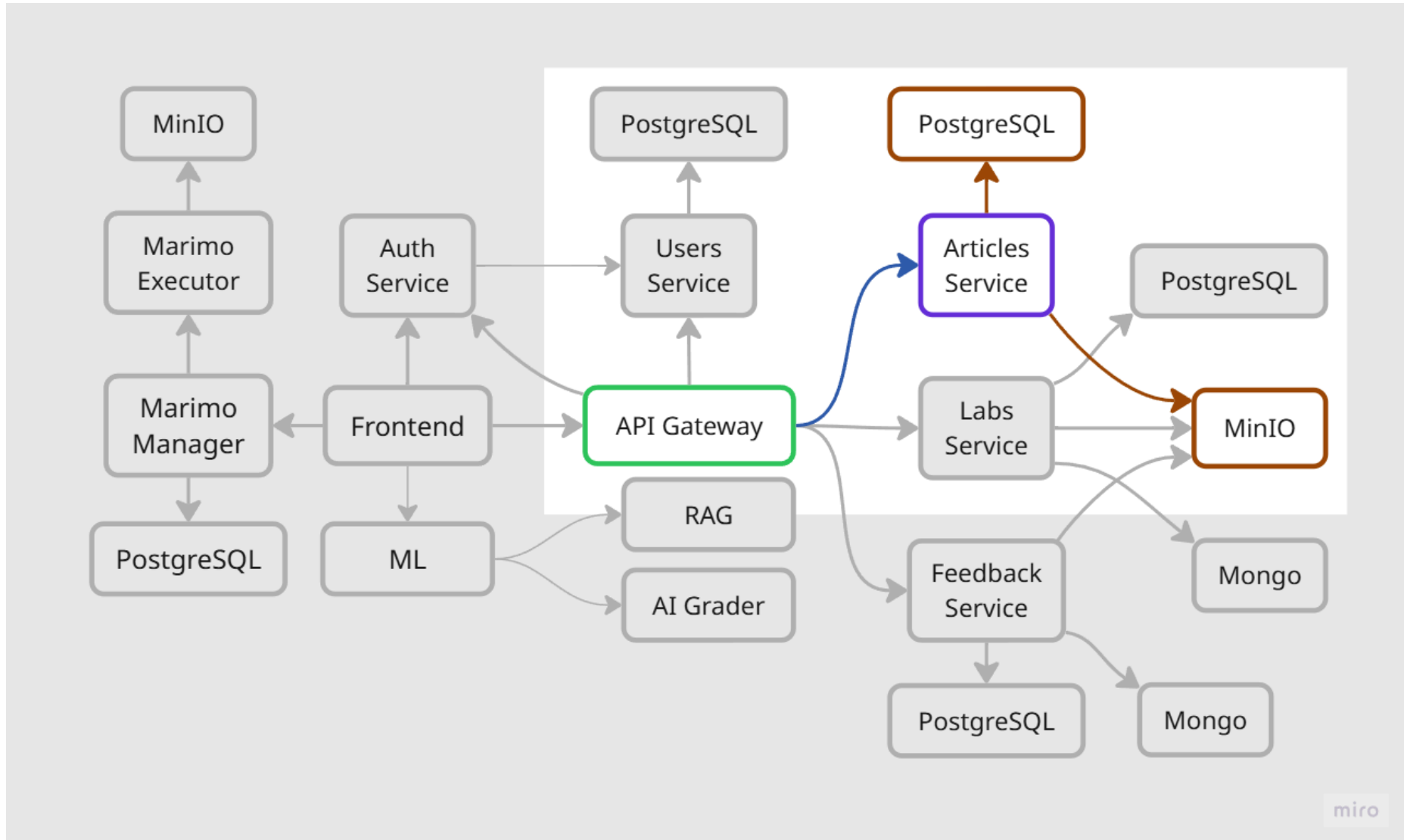
API Gateway: Tech Stack & Connections

Java Spring Boot with REST-to-gRPC translation ☕️🔄

- 🧑 Java 21 + Spring Framework:
 - ↳ REST API, gRPC, Jackson Validators, Spring AOP
- 📥 REST API:
 - ↳ REST is the simplest and most widely supported method for web communication
- 🛡 Security Layer:
 - ↳ Intercept incoming REST requests for authentication and authorization
- 🔄 gRPC Client:
 - ↳ gRPC provides high-speed, type-safe, and scalable service-to-service communication







Articles Service




Articles Service: Primary Use Case

Manages all articles & assets metadata 




-  **Articles Operations:** Provides CRUD for articles details
-  **Content Management:** Handles articles assets in independent storage system
-  **Metadata Management:** Organizes and updates metadata for articles and its assets
-  **Searching:** Provides articles searching based on its title and abstract

Articles Service: Tech Stack & Connections

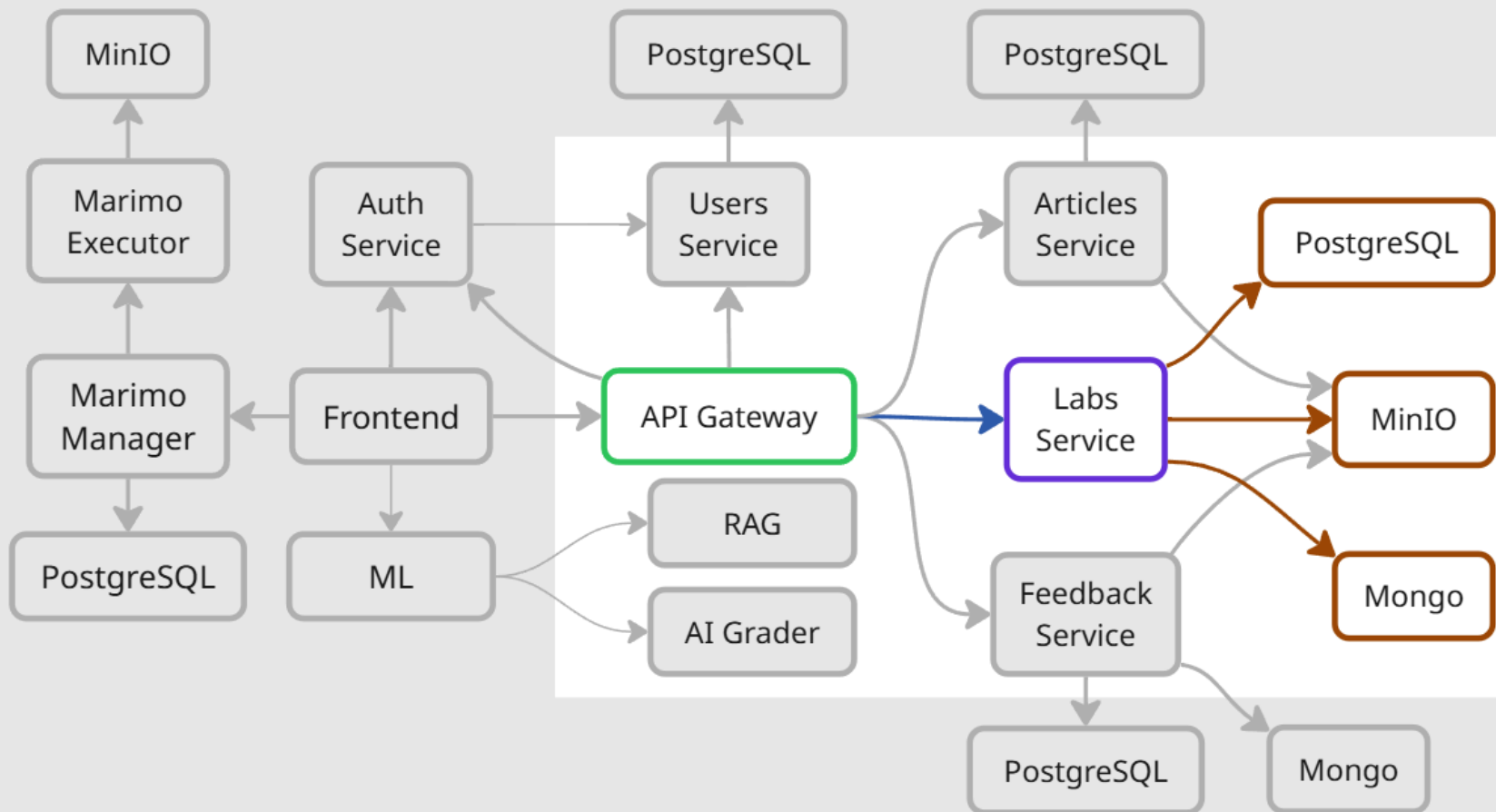
Python-based microservice with PostgreSQL and MinIO storage 

-  Programming Language: Python 3.12
-  Inter-service Communication: gRPC

Service Integrations:

-  API Gateway: Receive and return data in gRPC format
-  PostgreSQL Database: Store all articles and its assets metadata
-  MinIO Storage System: Store all articles assets

Labs Service



Labs Service: Primary Use Case

Manages all labs, submissions & educational content 📁

- 📖 **Labs Operations:** Provides CRUD for lab assignments with tags
- 📁 **Submissions Management:** Handles submissions with text content and file assets
- 🏷️ **Tag System:** Organizes labs with flexible tagging and search capabilities
- 📊 **Grading System:** Tracks submission status and grade workflow

Labs Service: Tech Stack & Connections

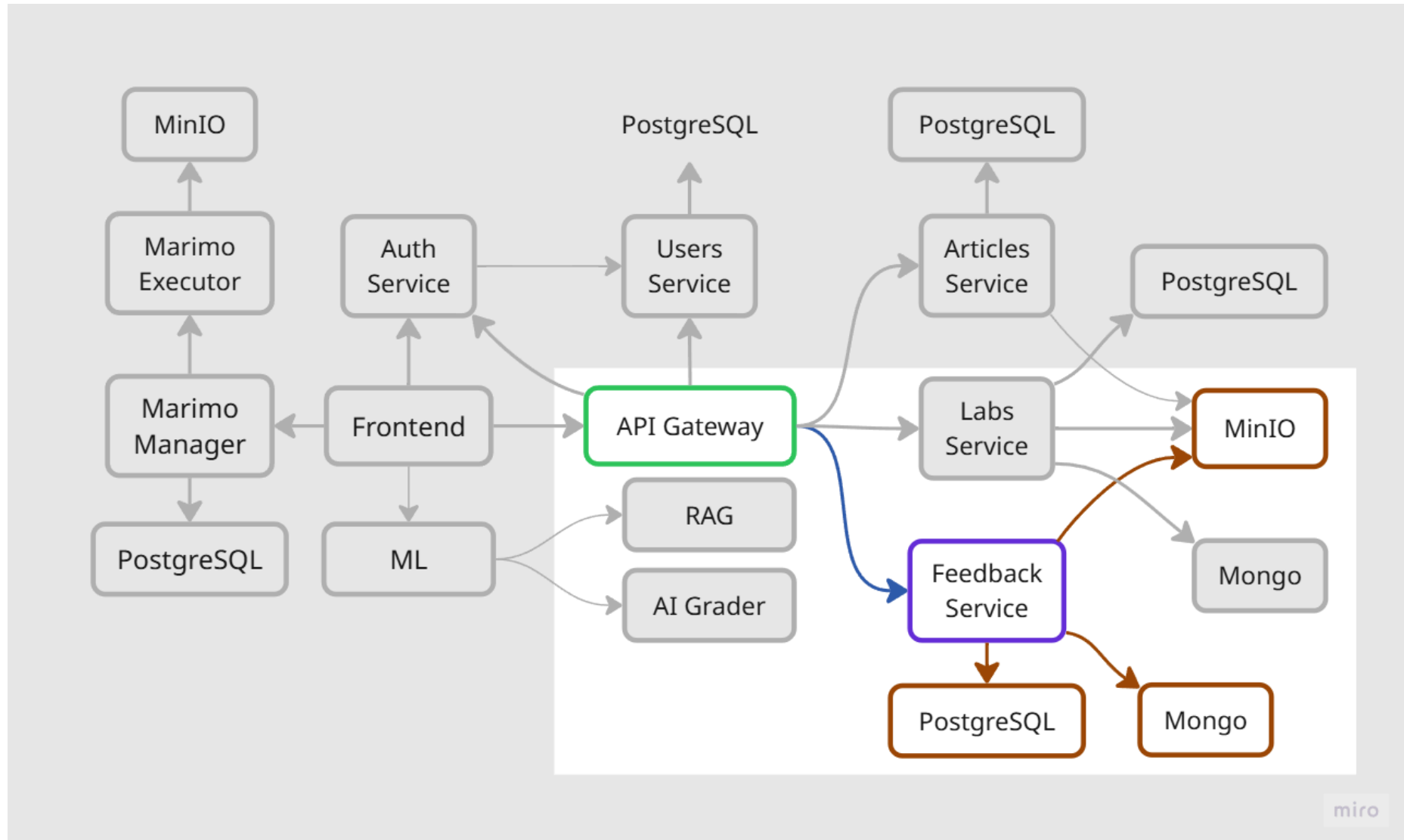
Python with hybrid database architecture and MinIO storage 🐍

- 🐍 Programming Language: Python 3.12
- 🔁 Inter-service Communication: gRPC

Service Integrations:




- 📄 API Gateway: Single entry point for all requests
- 🗄️ PostgreSQL Database: Store labs, submissions, tags, and assets metadata
- 📄 MongoDB Database: Store submission text content for flexible storage
- ☁️ MinIO Storage System: Store lab and submission assets in organized buckets

Feedback Service



Feedback Service: Primary Use Case

Comprehensive feedback and discussion management system 

-  **Comprehensive Feedback System:** Enables reviewers to create, update, and delete detailed feedback on submissions using Markdown for text and code formatting
-  **Organized Discussion Section:** Powers a threaded commenting system for both labs and articles. Nested replies keep conversations structured and easy to follow
-  **Attachment Handling:** Allows multiple file attachments per feedback entry, using efficient gRPC streaming to handle large uploads and downloads without high memory usage

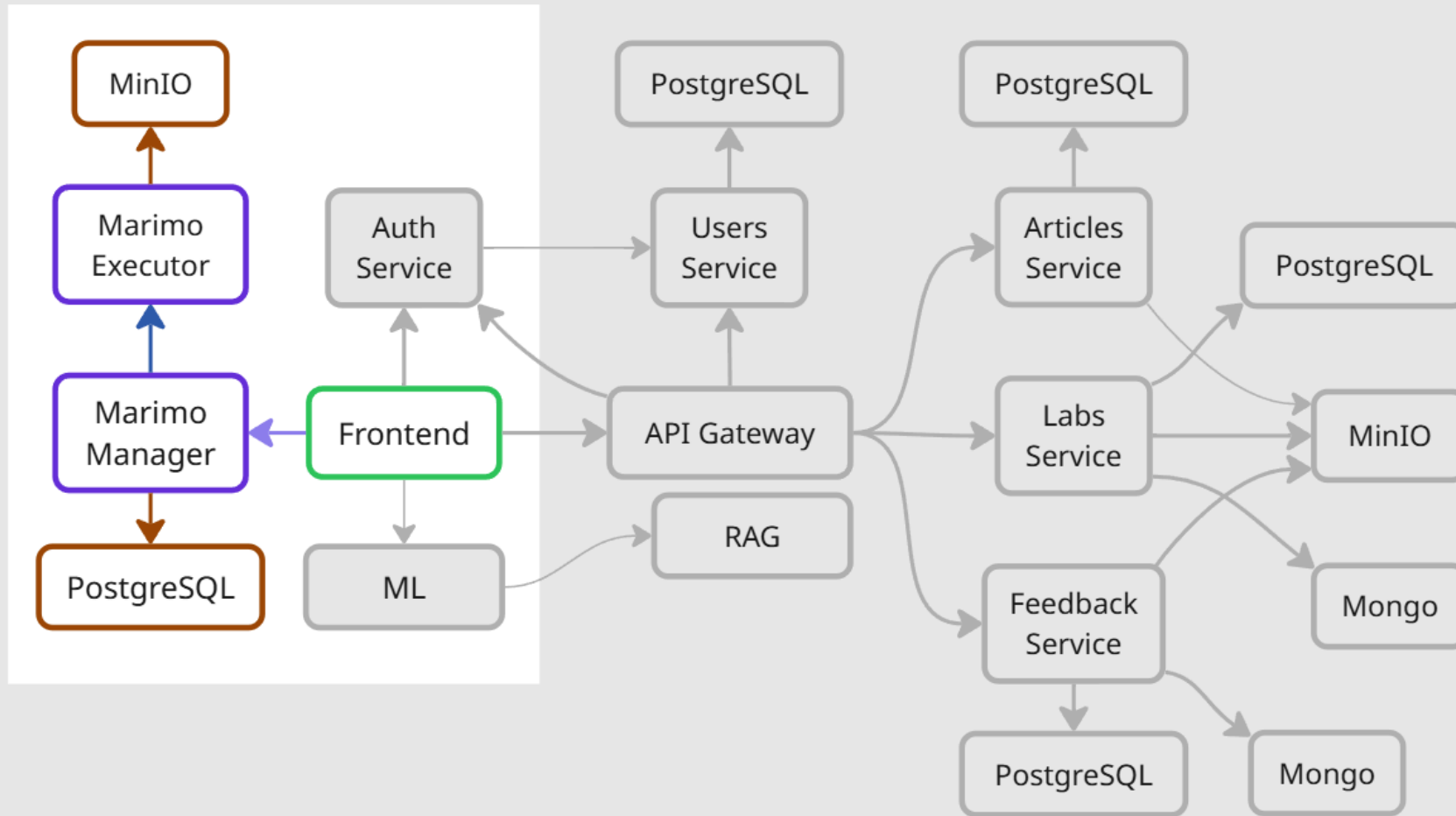
Feedback Service: Tech Stack & Connections

Go with a multi-storage backend and gRPC API 🐱💾









- 🐱 Go 1.24:
 - ↳ High-performance, concurrent service ideal for I/O-heavy tasks
- 🗣️ gRPC Server:
 - ↳ Provides a typed API for feedback, comments, and file streaming
- 💾 Multi-Storage Backend:
 - ↳ PostgreSQL: Stores structured feedback metadata
 - ↳ MongoDB: Stores unstructured comments and feedback content
 - ↳ MinIO: Object storage for all file attachments










Marimo Service



Marimo Service: Primary Use Case

-  **Code Execution:** Real-time cell execution with output capture and error handling 
-  **Asset Management:** Upload/download datasets and files for notebook use 
-  **Interactive Widgets:** Set of basic Marimo input widgets which value can be used in code (sliders, switchers, text fields, etc.) 
-  **Cross-cells state memory:** Variables and modules from executed cells are available in other cells 

Marimo Service: Tech Stack & Connections

-  **Java Manager + Python Executor:**
 - ↳ Java handles `REST API` and `metadata` while Python `executes` notebooks
-  **PostgreSQL:**
 - ↳ Tracks notebook metadata, user sessions, and execution trails with TTL cleanup
-  **MinIO:**
 - ↳ Object storage for notebook `files` and user-uploaded `assets`
-  **gRPC:**
 - ↳ Java Manager \leftarrow `execute requests, session management` \rightarrow Python Executor
-  **Marimo:** Interactive notebook execution with widgets
 - ↳ Interactive notebook execution with  `widgets` 

ML Service: Primary Use Case

Two powerful AI enhancements for the learning platform 🧠

- 🔍 **AI RAG Assistant:** Context-aware code and documentation helper, leveraging Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) to deliver accurate, real-time support to students
- ✅ **Autograding:** Automated code assessment system for evaluating submissions instantly — ideal for learning platforms

ML Service: Tech Stack & Connections

FastAPI backend with specialized AI models and infrastructure 🐍🤖

🤖 AI RAG Assistant

- Qwen2.5-Coder-1.5B-Instruct (local inference)
- Qdrant vector store
- BAAI/bge-small-en-v1.5 embeddings

✅ Autograding

- deepseek-r1-distill-llama-70b (groq inference)
- Menagerie dataset: Graded CS1 Assignments for evaluation

Core Architecture:

🐍 FastAPI-based backend with three-layer structure

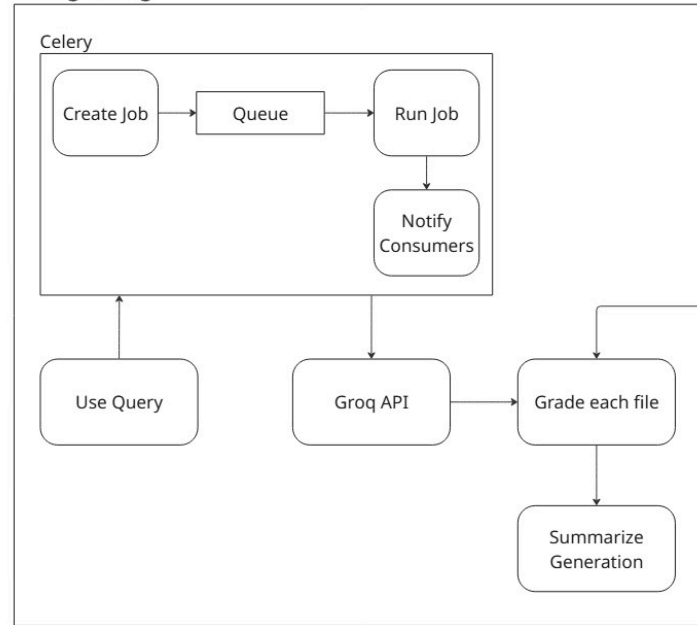
🌿 Celery for asynchronous tasks

📦 Redis for caching and message broker

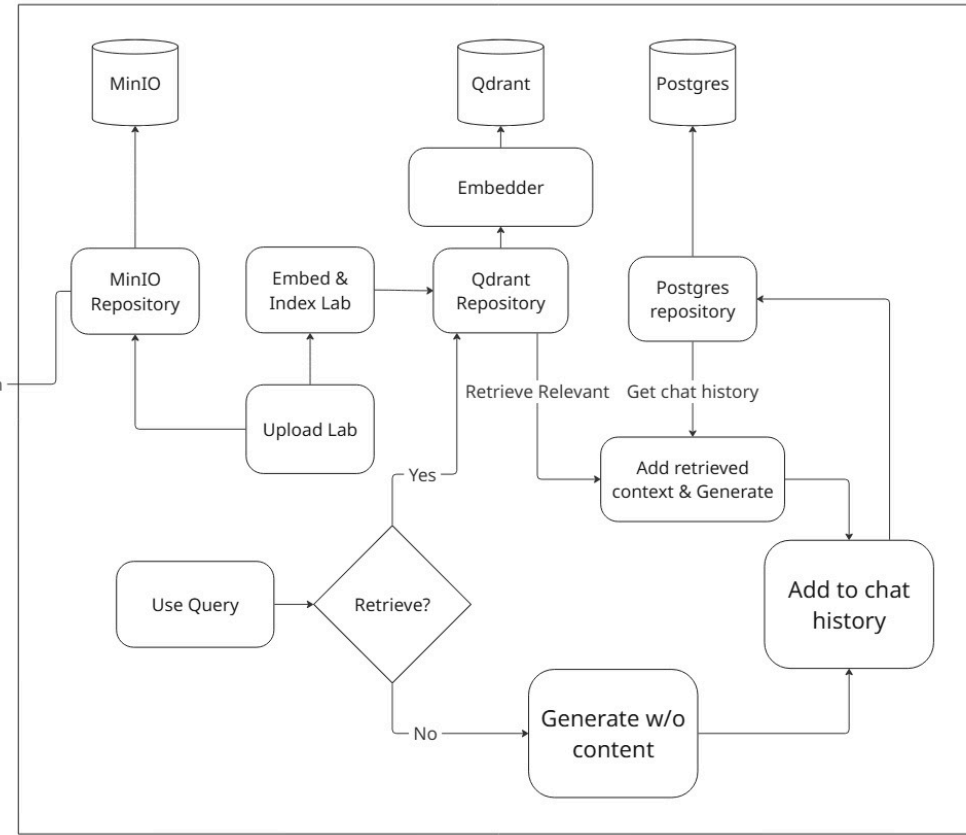


ML Service Architecture

Autograding

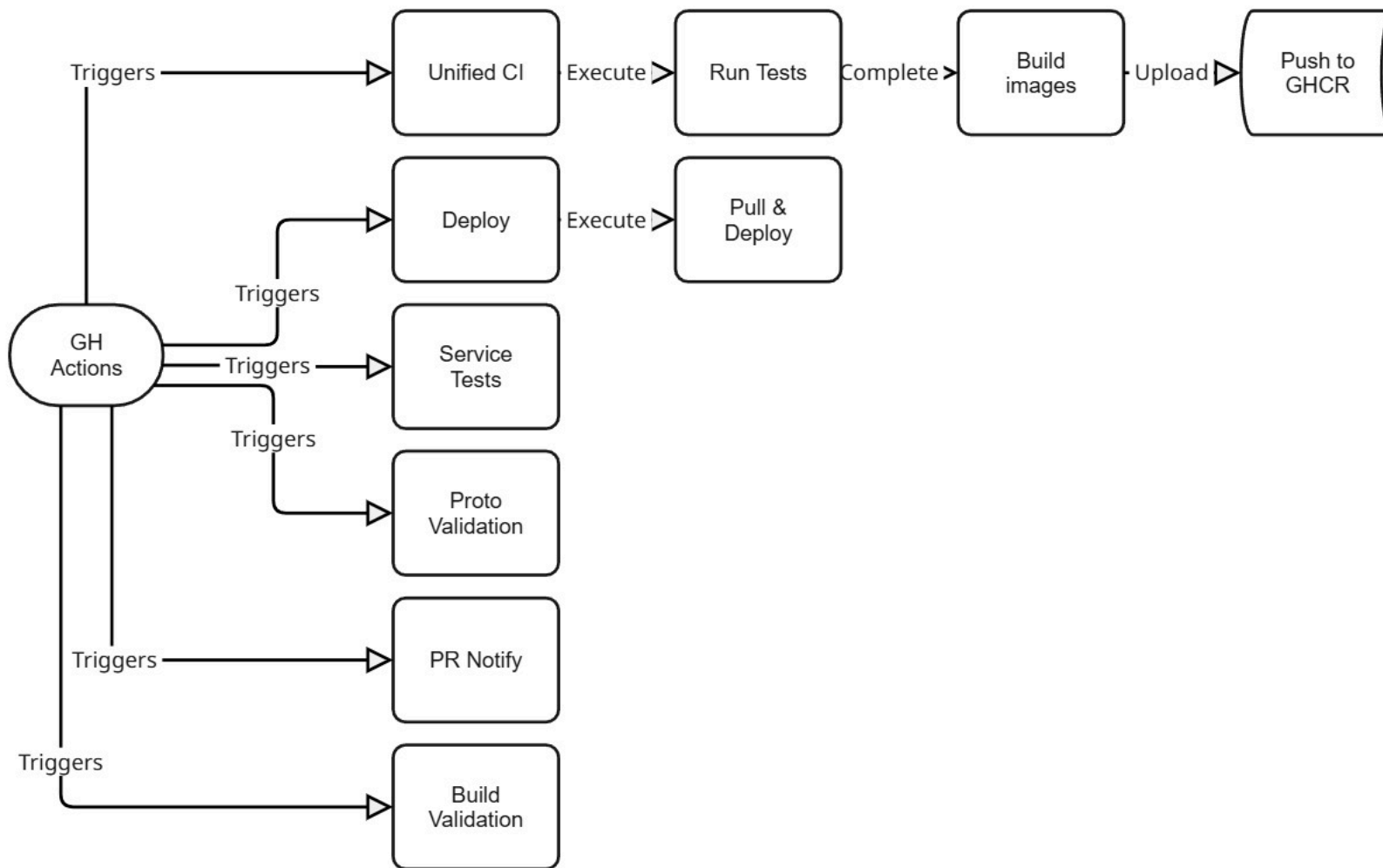


AI Assistant





DevOps & Infrastructure





DevOps: Primary Use Case



Key GitHub Actions Workflows: 🌟

- 🛠️ **Compilation Validation:** Ensures all services compile
- 🔪 **Test Execution:** Runs unit & integration tests
- 🐳 **Docker Build Validation:** Builds, validates and pushes images to GHCR
- ✈️ **Deployment Automation:** Handles the Blue-Green deployment logic
- 🔗 **Team help tools:** to automate issues managing and PR notifiers to keep the team perfectly synchronized



DevOps: Infrastructure

Green-Blue Strategy

-  **Zero Downtime:** Updates are seamless
-  **Workflow:**
 - i. Deploy new version (Green) alongside Production (Blue)
 - ii. Test Green environment internally
 - iii. Switch HAProxy to route traffic to Green
 - iv. Keep Blue for instant rollback



Server & Networking

- **Host:** Self-managed server on Ubuntu 24.04
- **Specs:** 6-Core CPU, 16GB RAM, 240GB SSD
- **Proxy:** NGINX & HAProxy
- **Access:** CloudPub for public NAT traversal
- **Monitoring:** cAdvisor for container metrics



Communication Problems

✗ Problems	✓ Solutions
✗ Problems in task setting and communication between people	✓ Create clear GitHub rules for issue creation, assignment workflows, and collaborative development processes
✗ Too many services that use the same data model	✓ Create scripts that automatically check data model consistency across all services



Implementation Problems

❌ Problems	✅ Solutions
❌ A single database was inefficient for managing varied data types.	✅ Used the best database for each job: PostgreSQL for metadata, MongoDB for comments, and MinIO for file attachments.
❌ University network NAT blocked access to self-hosted server.	✅ After issues with Cloudflare, we successfully used CloudPub to create a secure tunnel for public access.

Thank you!

We're glad to hear your questions! 🛒 😊 🎸