

Case Study #5

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SkyEye

- Security cameras system
- Installed in factories, public places etc.
- Sends video to the cloud
- Analyzes video and notifies client for suspicious data
- Privacy extremely important







Requirements

Functional

What the system should do

1. Receive stream of photos to be analyzed
2. Look for suspicious objects (mainly persons)
3. Notify client
4. Show dashboard with past events
5. Data should be stored separately for every client
6. Allow authorized access only
7. Show central management dashboard

Non-Functional

What the system should deal with



NFR - What We Ask

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. <i>"How many photos per day?"</i> | 17280 (1 in 5 sec) |
| 2. <i>"How large is each photo?"</i> | 1MB |
| 3. <i>"Can we tolerate data loss?"</i> | Yes |
| 4. <i>"What's the photos retention period?"</i> | 6 months |



Data Volume - Files

- 1 File = 1MB
- 17280 files / day = 17.3GB / day
 - => ~519GB / month
 - => ~3.1TB / 6 months



Requirements

Functional

What the system should do

1. Receive file to be processed
2. Validate and process the file
3. Work with various file formats
4. Performs various calculations on the file
5. Create bank payment file
6. Put the payment file in a designated folder
7. Keep log of all the activity for 7 years

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2. 3.1TB storage / client
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Cost Requirements

- Cost should be computed separately for:
 - The client tenant (what the client pays)
 - The company tenant (what the company pays)

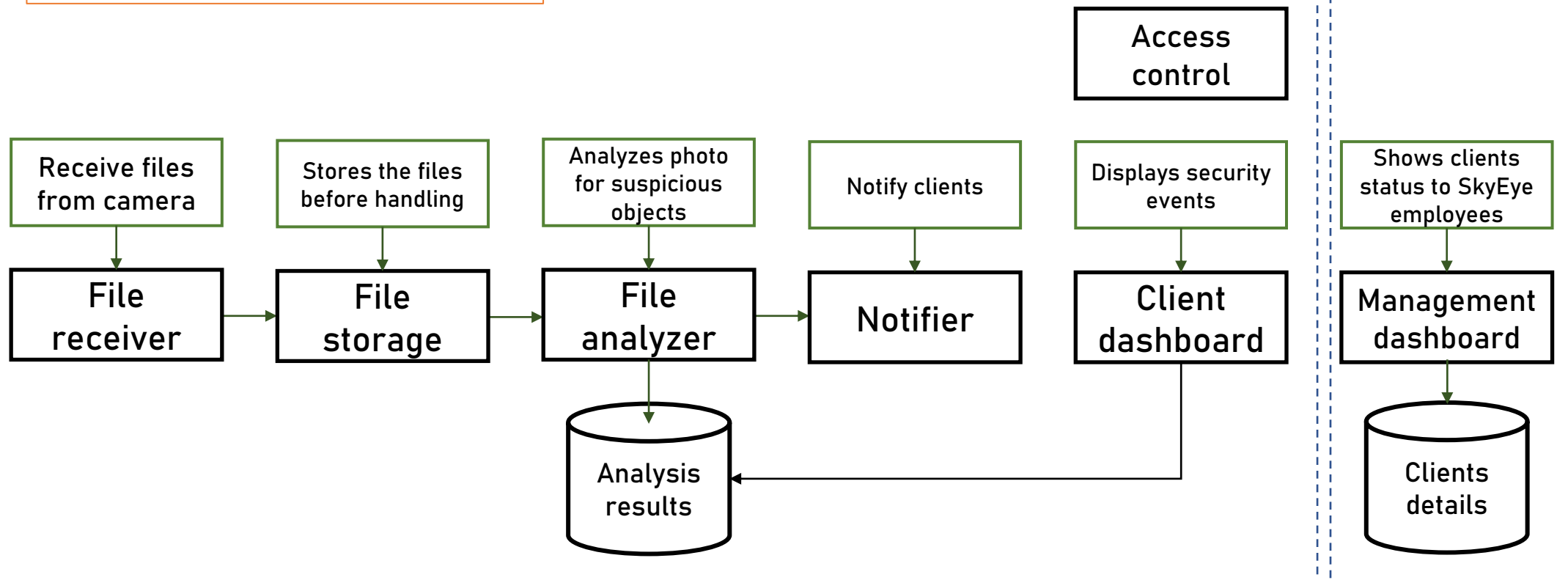


Components

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Client only

Central





Components

Client only

Central

Receive files
from camera

Stores the files
before handling

Analyzes photo
for suspicious
objects

Notify clients

Access
control

Displays security
events

Shows clients
status to SkyEye
employees

File
receiver

File
storage

File
analyzer

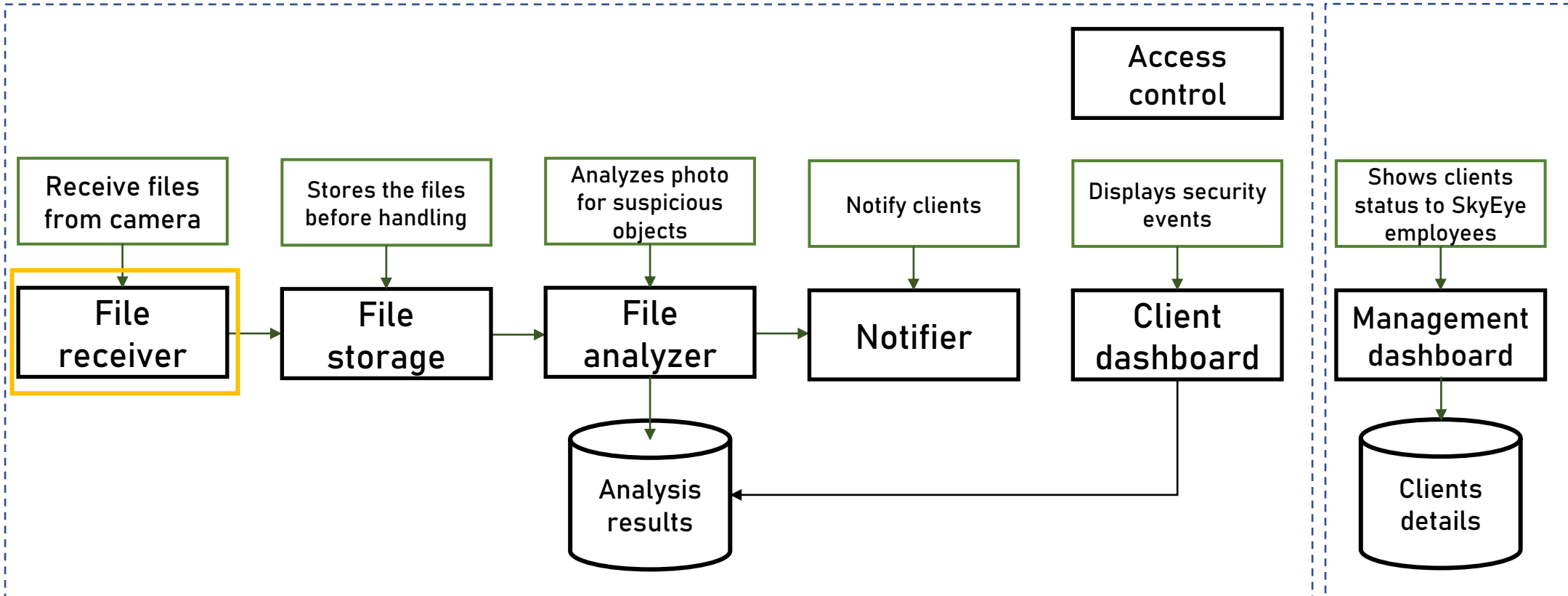
Notifier

Client
dashboard

Management
dashboard

Analysis
results

Clients
details





File Receiver

Two options:



IoT Hub

- Designed for communicating with IoT devices
- Can handle billions of devices
- Can handle a large amount of messages
- Validates the devices



Storage Account

- Dead simple to use
- Extremely cost effective
- Access control using SAS token
- Probably will be used anyway for storage...



File Receiver

Compare costs:

- Remember:
 - With IoT Hub 1 msg = 4KB
 - We'll send 17,280 files / day
 - Each file is 1MB (1000Kb)
 - So: $1000 / 4 = 250$
 - Total msgs / day: $250 \times 17,280 = 4,320,000$



Azure IoT Hub

REGION:

West Europe

▼

TIER:

Standard

▼

EDITION:

S2: Unlimited devices, 6,000,000 msgs/day, \$250.00/month

▼



ADD IOT HUB DEVICE PROVISIONING SERVICE



Features supported in Azure IoT Hub basic and standard tier differ. [Learn more about the capabilities of basic and standard tier.](#)

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IoT Hub Units



\$250.00

Per IoT Hub unit



\$250.00

Upfront cost

\$0.00

Monthly cost

\$250.00



Storage Accounts

REGION:

West Europe

TYPE:

Block Blob Storage

PERFORMANCE TIER:

Standard

STORAGE ACCOUNT TYPE:

General Purpose V2

ACCESS TIER:

Cool

REDUNDANCY:

LRS

Capacity

3100 GB



Early deletion fees may apply and are not included. [Learn more about early deletion fees.](#)

Savings Options

Save up to 38% on pay-as-you-go prices with 1-year or 3-year Azure Storage Reserved Capacity. [Learn more about Azure Storage Reserved Capacity pricing.](#)

☒ Pay as you go

☐ 1 year reserved

☐ 3 year reserved

\$31.00

Average per month
(\$0.00 charged upfront)

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Write Operations

52

x

\$0.100

x 10,000 operations

Per 10,000 operations

= \$5.20

Data Retrieval

3100

GB

v

x

\$0.010

Per GB

= \$31.00

Data write

3100

GB

v

x

\$0.000

Per GB

= \$0.00

Price includes storage!
(Compare apples to oranges...)

Upfront cost

\$0.00

Monthly cost

\$68.26



File Receiver

Two options:



IoT Hub



Storage Account

- No heavy load expected (1 msg / 5 sec)
- Not many devices
- Security is not a major issue
 - Worst case: A photo not belong to the system will be uploaded
- We want the customer to have as low cloud costs as possible
- So...



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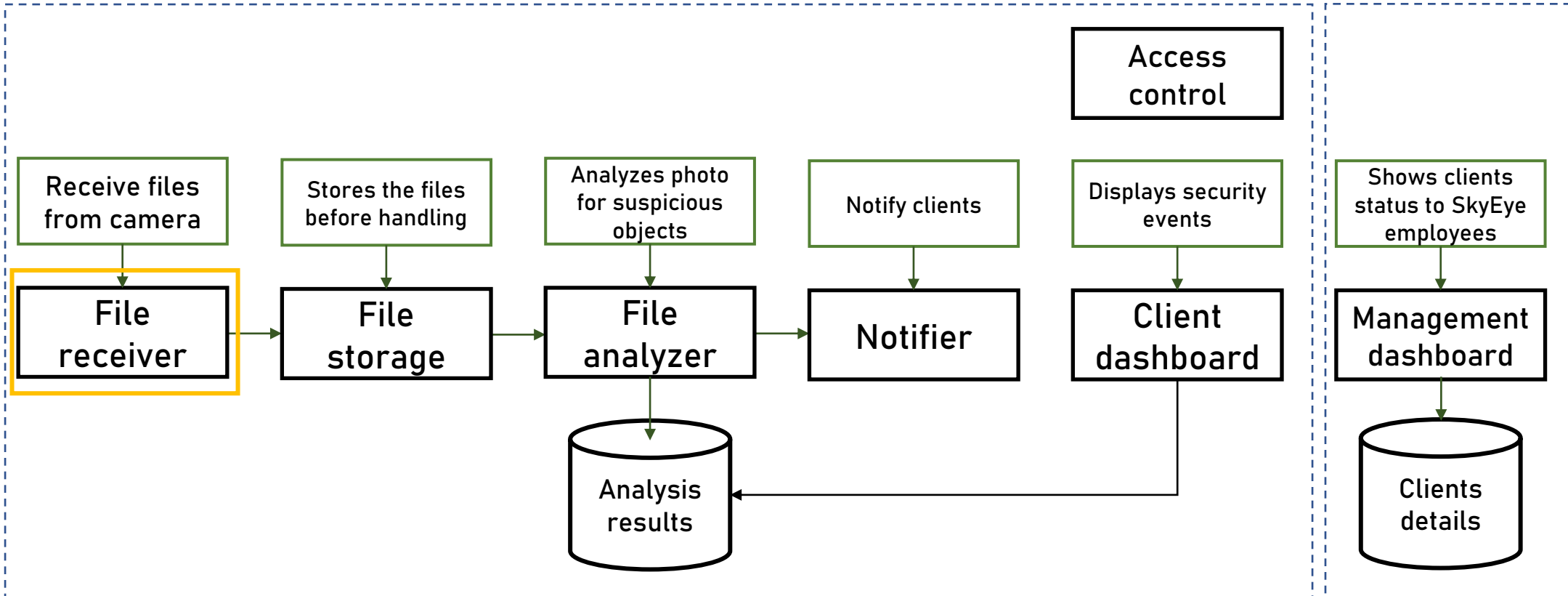
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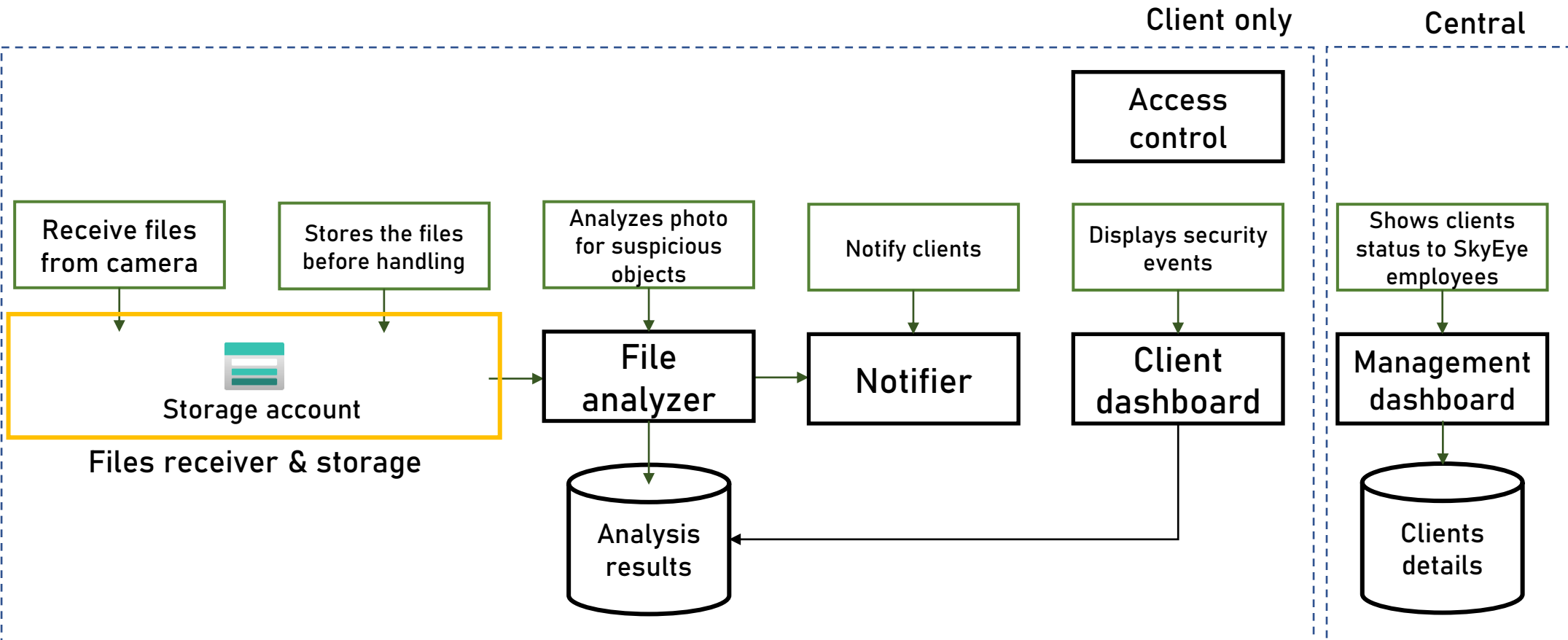
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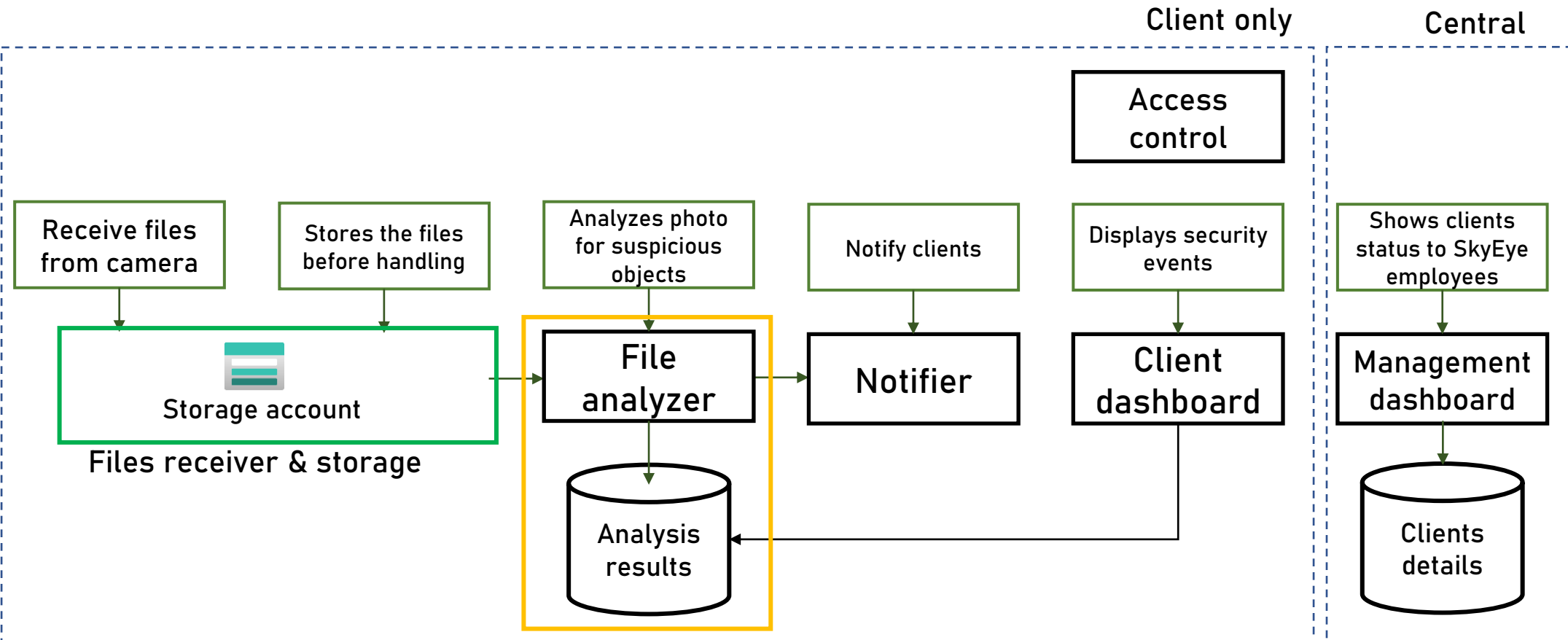


Components





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File Analyzer

What it does:

- Grabs photo from the storage account
- Analyzes the photo for suspicious objects
- Stores the results in a database



File Analyzer



Cognitive Services

- Fully managed AI + ML functionality
- Used using an SDK or a simple REST API
- Has computer vision capabilities
- The most relevant is the Analyze Image API
- Read more here:

<https://bit.ly/2XIVTQD>



Cognitive Services

API:

Computer Vision

REGION:

West Europe

INSTANCE:

S1



Up to 10 transactions per second.

Features

Tag, Face, GetThumbnail Color, Image Type

518400

Transactions

1 photo / 5 sec = 720 / hr
720 X 24 X 30 = 518,400

= \$519.00

OCR, Adult, Celebrity, and Landmark

0

Transactions

= \$0.00

Describe and Recognize Text

0

×

\$0.00

Per 1,000 transactions

= \$0.00

Upfront cost

\$0.00

Monthly cost

\$519.00



File Analyzer



Function App

- Gets triggered when a new photo is added to the storage account
- Calls the Cognitive Services with the photo
- Stores the results in the database
- Practically free



Azure Functions

REGION:

West Europe ▼

TIER:

Consumption ▼



The first 400,000 GB/s of execution and 1,000,000 executions are free.

Executions

Memory size:

×

100

×

518400

=

\$0.00

128 ▼

Execution time (in
milliseconds)

Executions per month

Requests

518,400

Execution count

=

\$0.00

Upfront cost

\$0.00

Monthly cost

\$0.00



File Analyzer DB

What it does:

- Stores the data about objects found in the photos
- Data include: photo reference, type of object, coordinates in the photo, etc.
- Allows querying based on various parameters
- Data is well defined
- Remember: database per client, not central



File Analyzer DB

SQL or NoSQL?

- Data is structured
- Not a lot of data
- Quite a lot of queries

SQL it is!



File Analyzer DB

Which SQL Database?



Azure SQL



Azure MySQL



Azure PostgreSQL

- All great databases
- Capable of handling the analyzer's data
- Decision mainly based on personal taste
- All things equal – Azure SQL offers better SLA and geo-replication capability



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REGION:

West Europe

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Single Database

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LRS

PURCHASE MODEL:

vCore

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General Purpose

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Compute

REDUNDANCY:

Local

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Instances

Savings Options

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Compute

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COMPUTE PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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Upfront cost

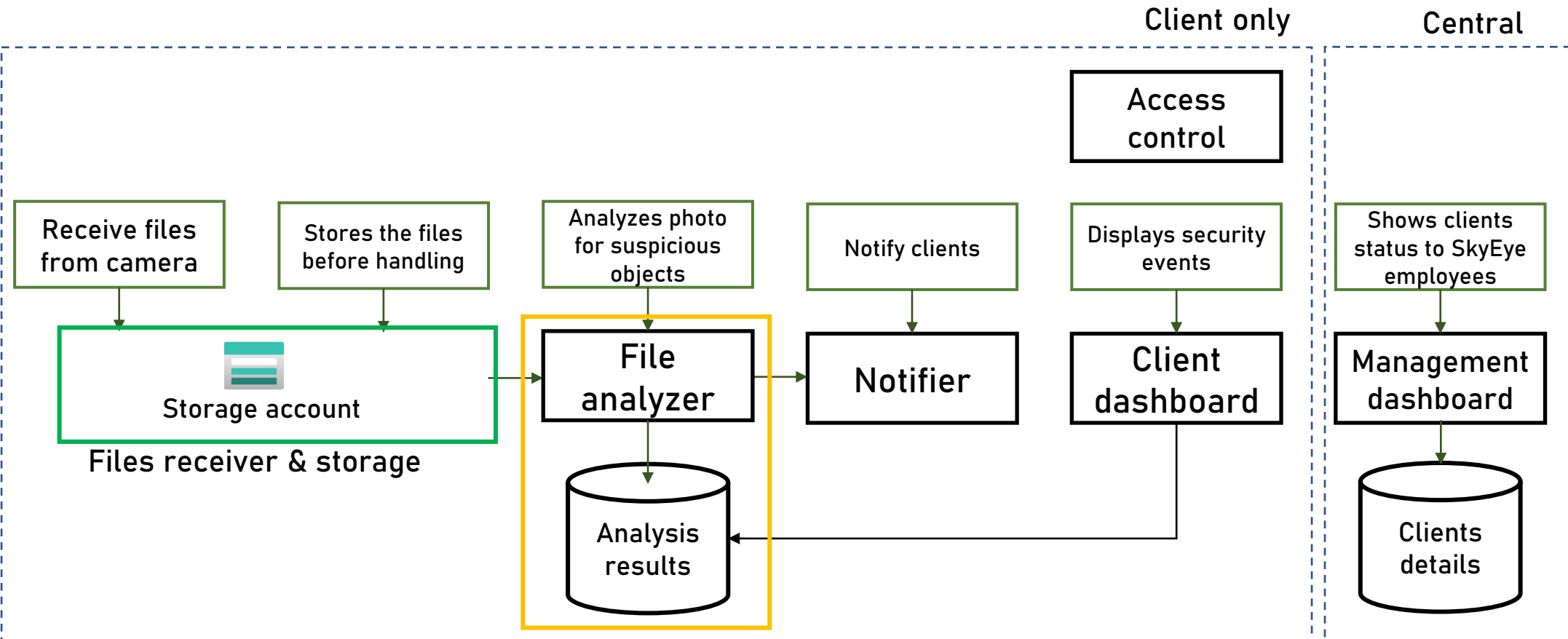
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Monthly cost

\$260.33

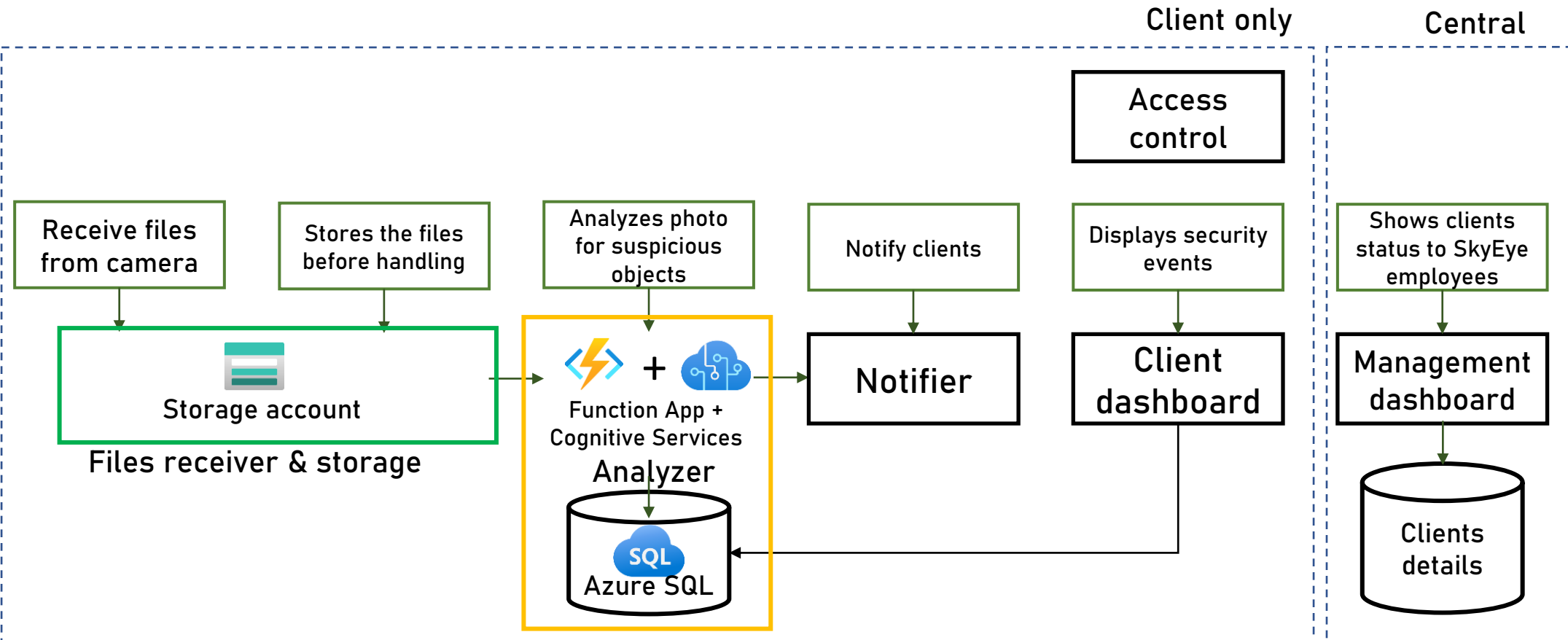


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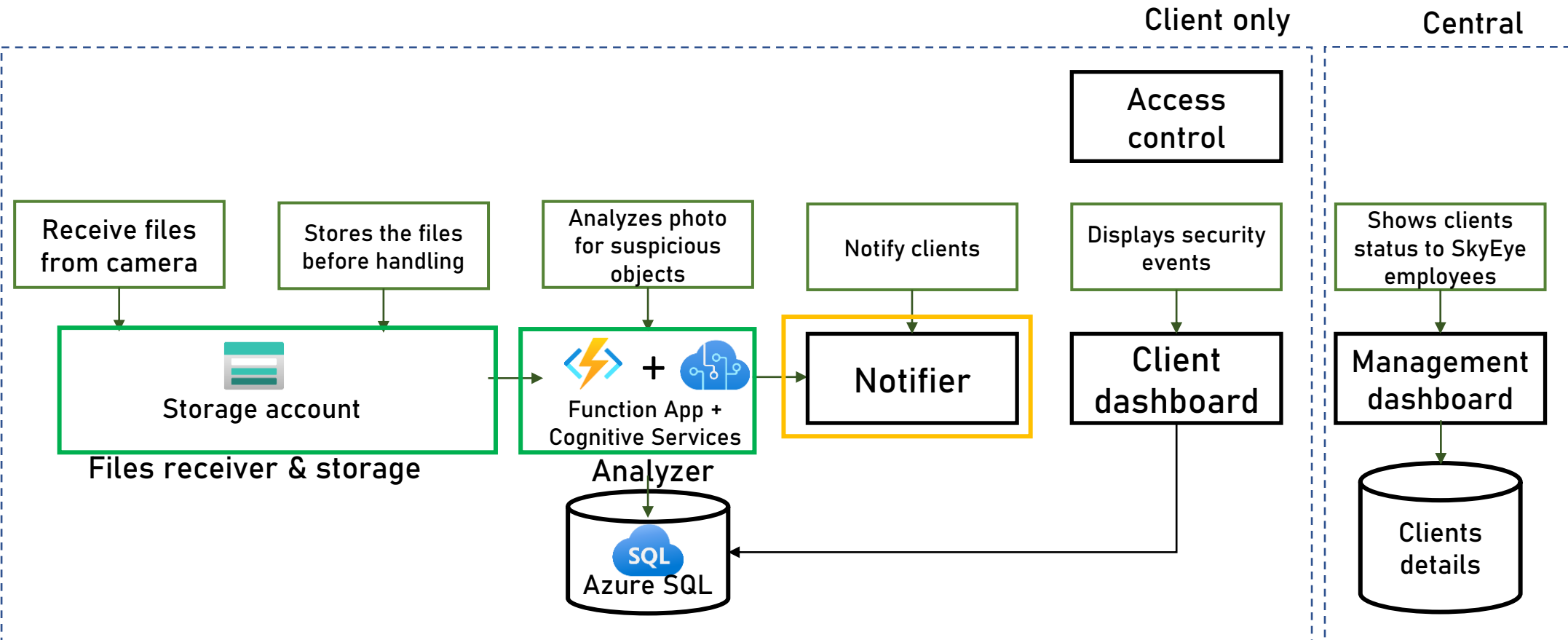


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Notifier

What it does:

- Notifies clients about suspicious activity
- Messages their mobile phone



Notifier



Notification Hub

- Fully managed push notification solution
- Cross-platform
- Handles millions of messages
- Cost effective



Notification Hubs

REGION:
West Europe

TIER:
Basic

Enough for our needs

The first 10 million pushes are included for 200,000 active devices and 10K broadcast (tag size).

Additional pushes

1 Millions

+

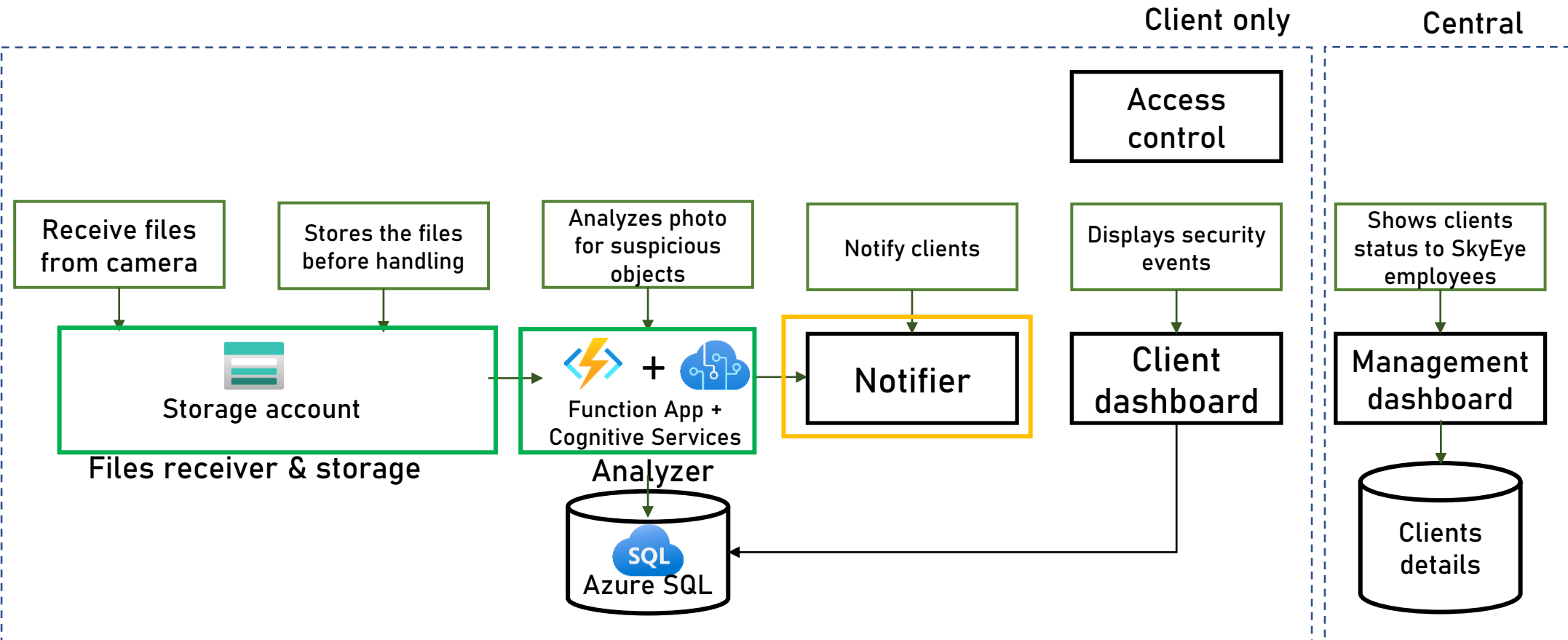
\$10.00 Per month

= \$10.00

Upfront cost	\$0.00
Monthly cost	\$10.00

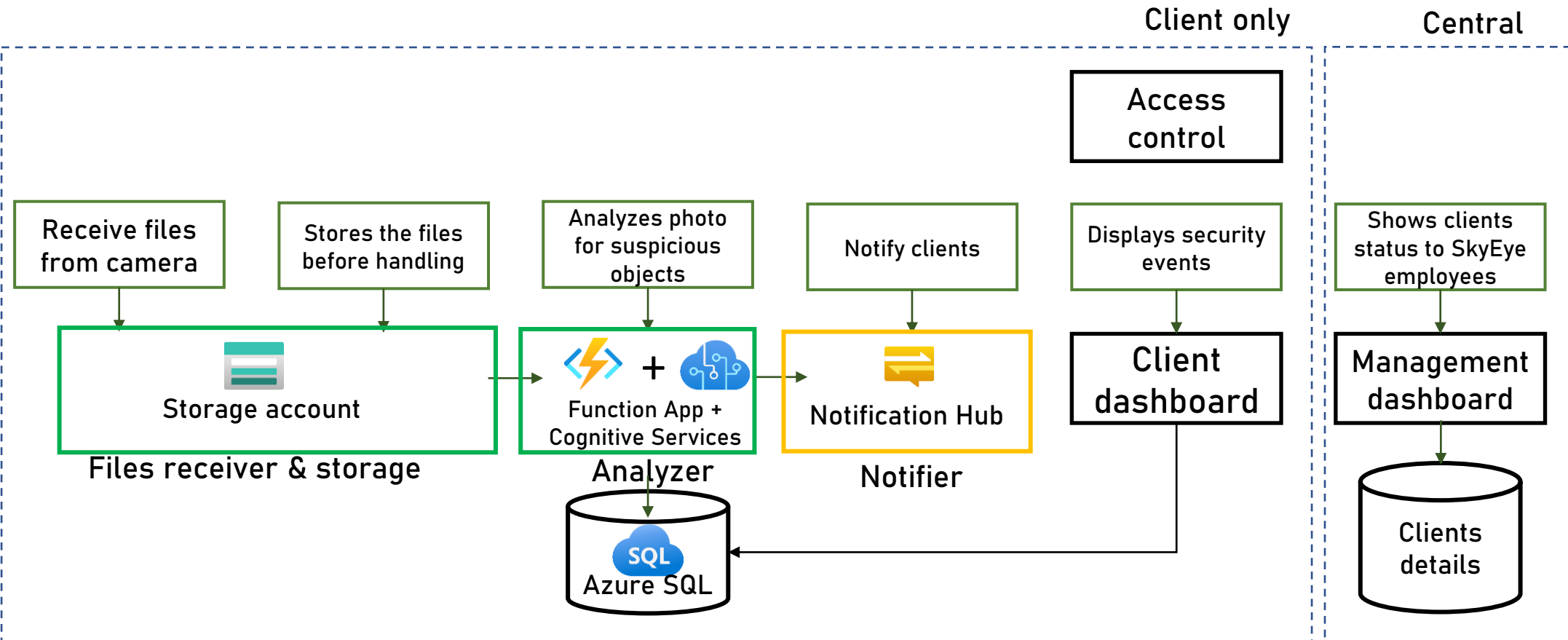


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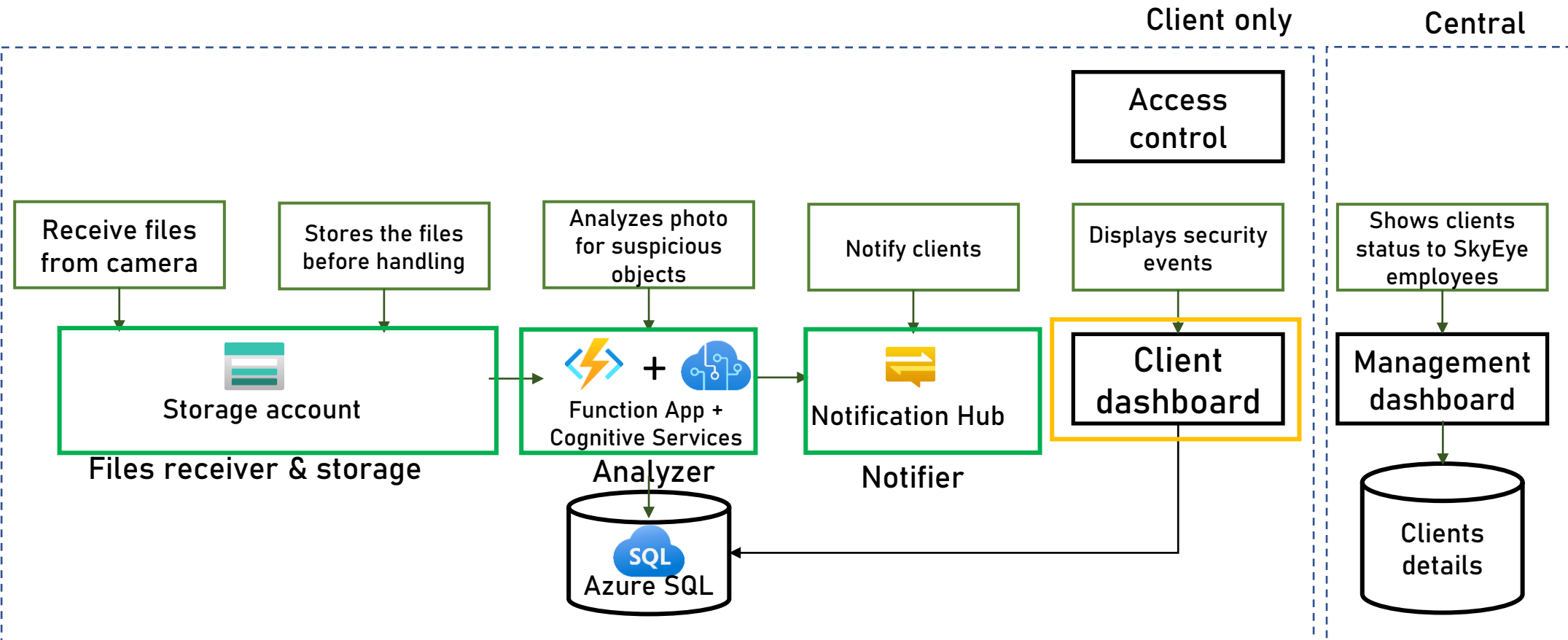


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Client Dashboard

What it does:

- Displays data about security events
- Allows basic querying



Client Dashboard



App Service

- Fully managed web app & API
- Supports many platforms
- Autoscale
- Support for WebJobs



App Service

REGION:

West Europe



OPERATING SYSTEM:

Windows



TIER:

Standard



Standard

INSTANCE:

S1: 1 Cores(s), 1.75 GB RAM, 50 GB Storage, \$0.100



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730

Hours



Instances

= \$73.00

SSL Connections

Upfront cost

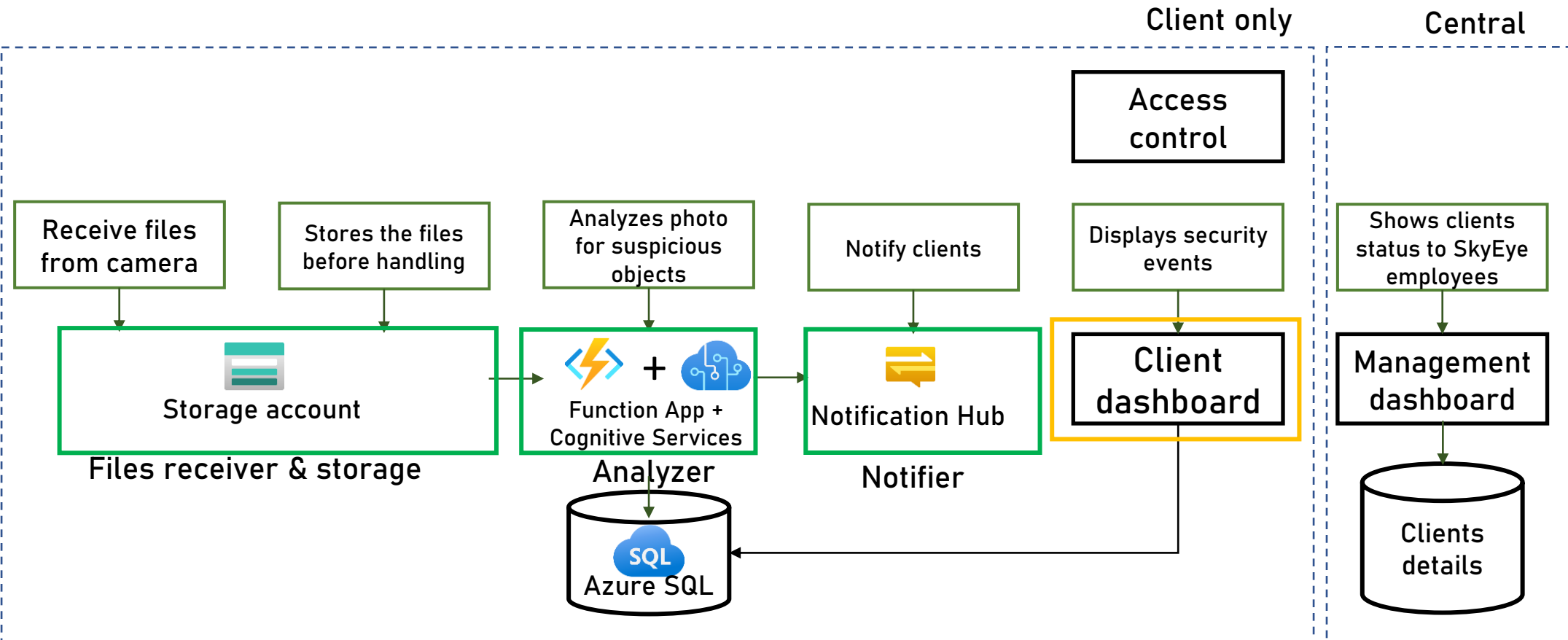
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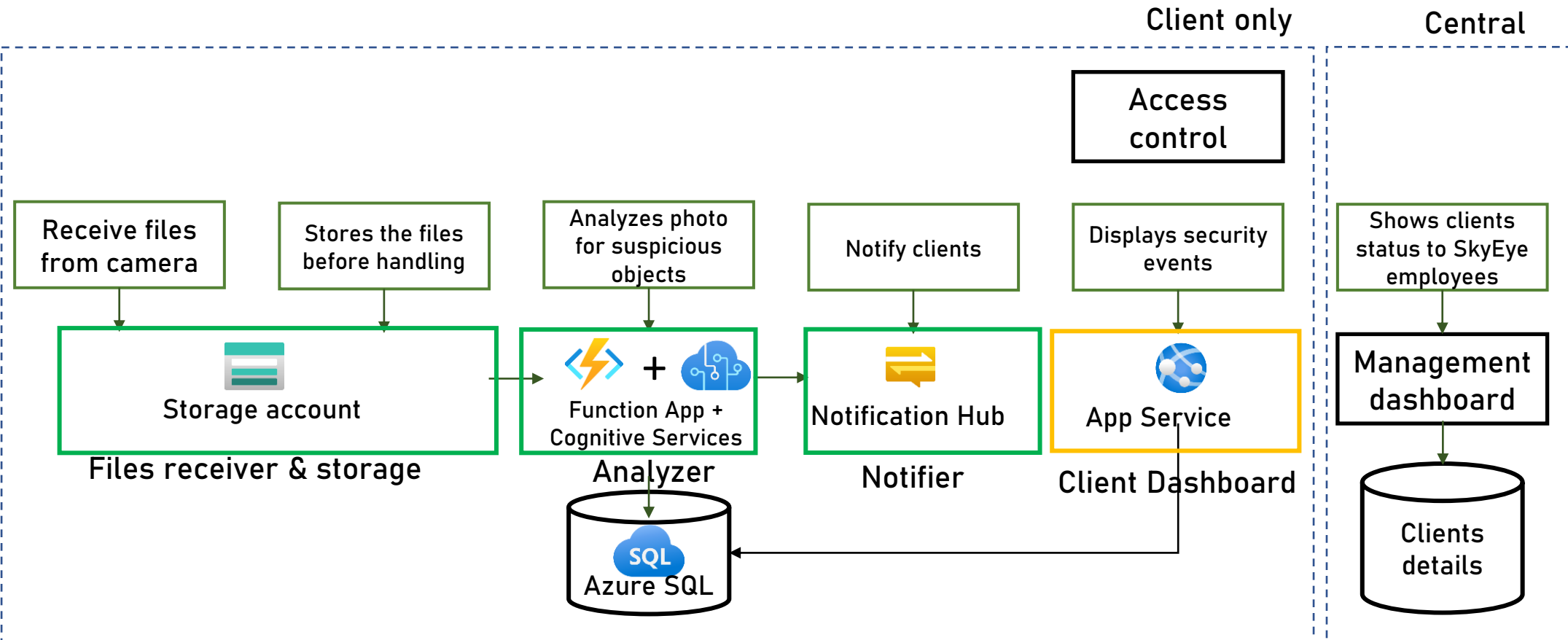


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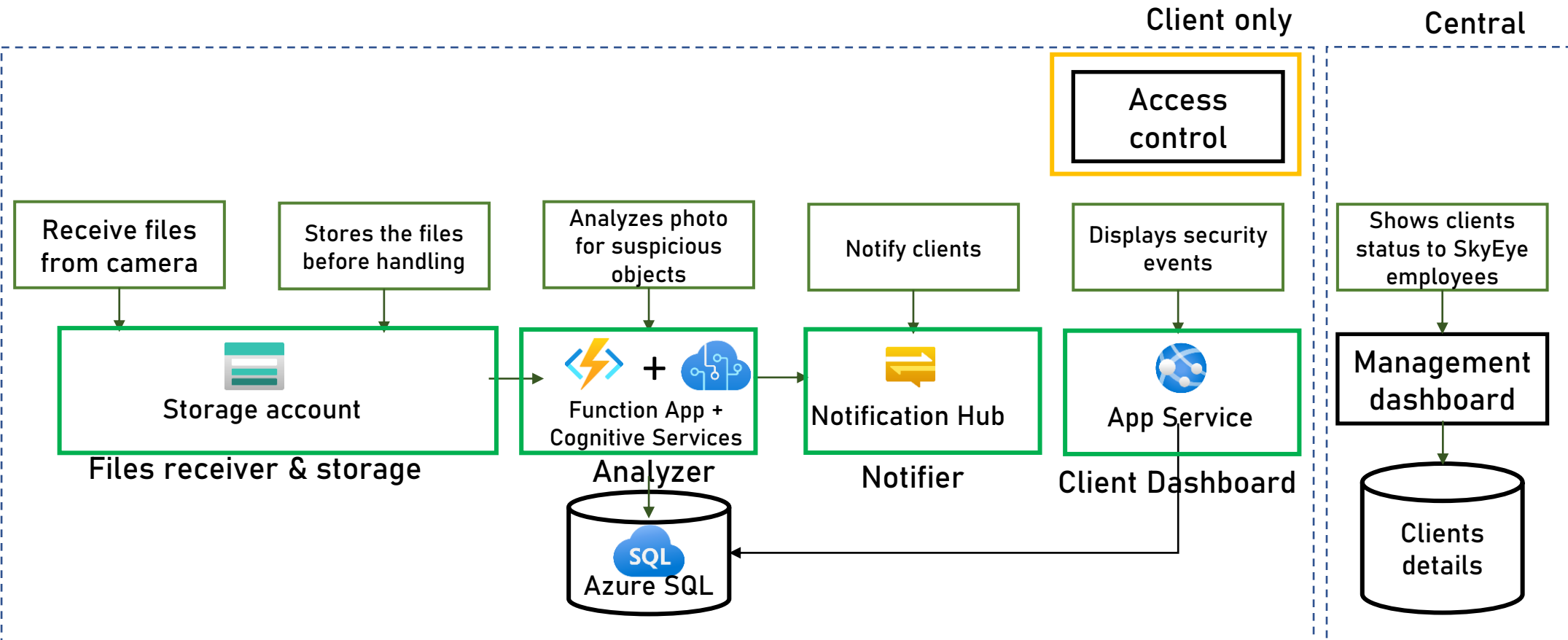


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Access Control

What it does:

- Authenticates users for accessing the client's tenant
- Provides advanced authentication techniques



Access Control



Azure AD

- Fully managed identity provider & service
- Supports advanced authentication scenarios
- Full integration with App Service



Access Control



Azure AD Cost:

- Depends on two factors:
 - Number of users
 - License (Free, P1, P2)



Access Control

	Free	Premium 1	Premium 2
Max Objects	500,000	Unlimited	Unlimited
Users & Groups	X	X	X
MFA	X (All or nothing)	X (With Conditional Access)	X (With Conditional Access)
Dynamic Groups		X	X
Conditional Access		X	X
Risk Detention			X
Risk based Conditional Access			X
Privileged Identity Management (PIM)			X
Price	Free	6\$ user / month	9\$ user / month



Active Directory

REGION:

West Europe

Free tier

Includes 500K Directory Objects, SSO for SaaS Apps 10 Apps/User

Premium P1

0

Users

×

\$6.00

Per user

=

\$0.00

Premium P2

0

Users

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✓ Azure Active Directory Domain Services

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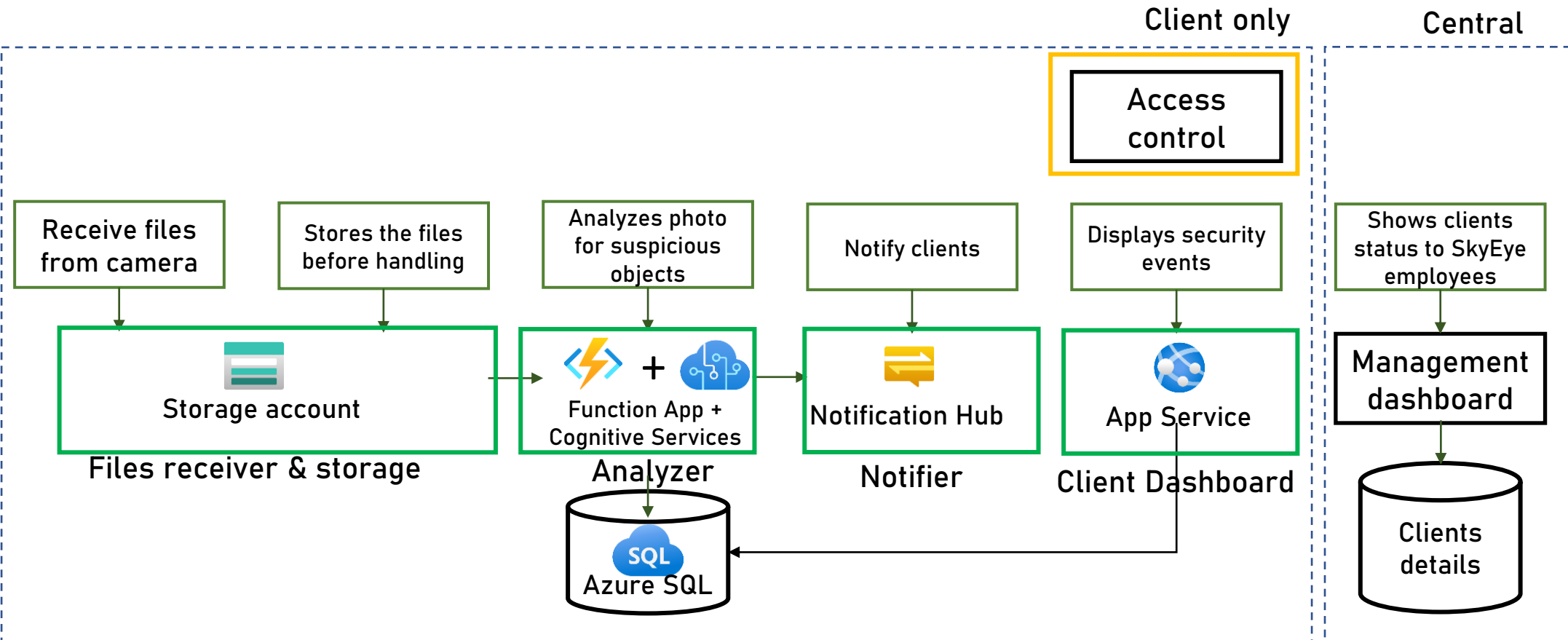


Azure AD Tenant:

- Remember: Azure AD = Tenant
- The Tenant contains the client's subscription
- Client's system will be in a different subscription than the company's subscription

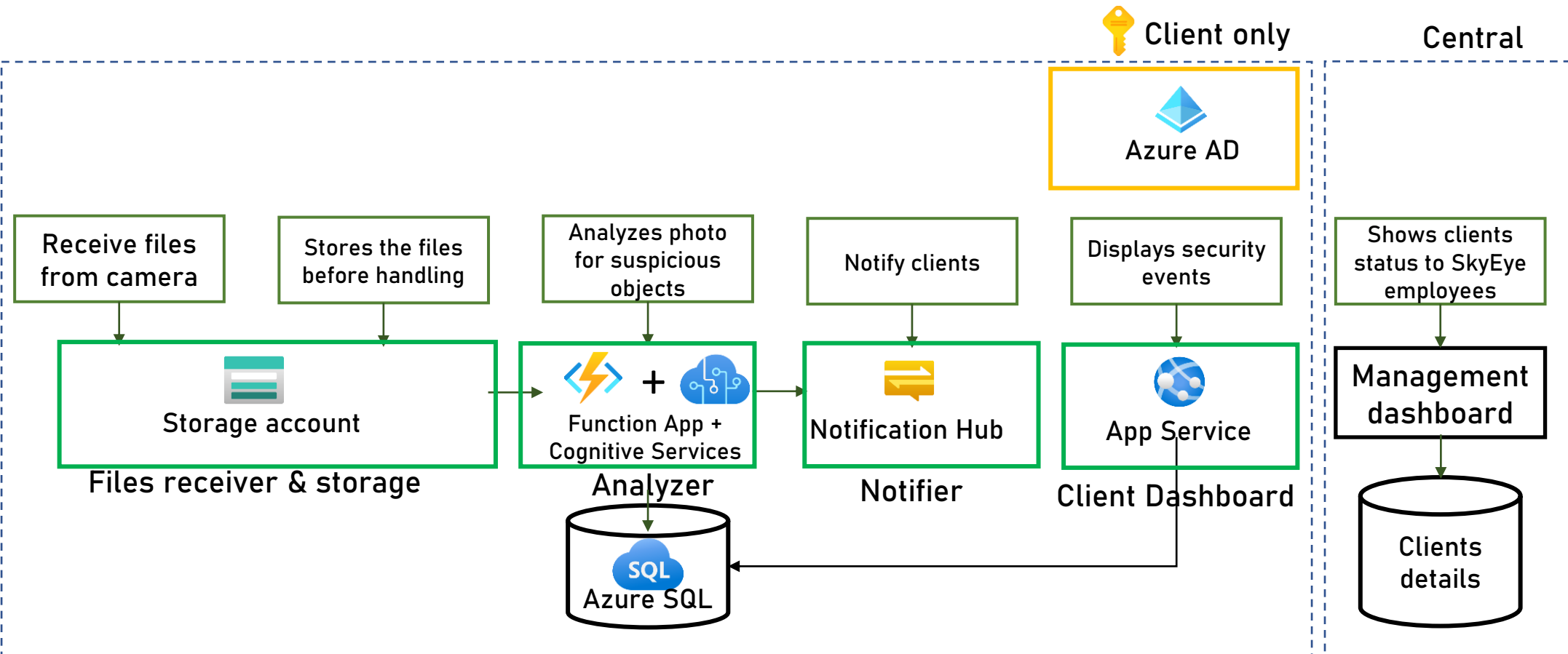


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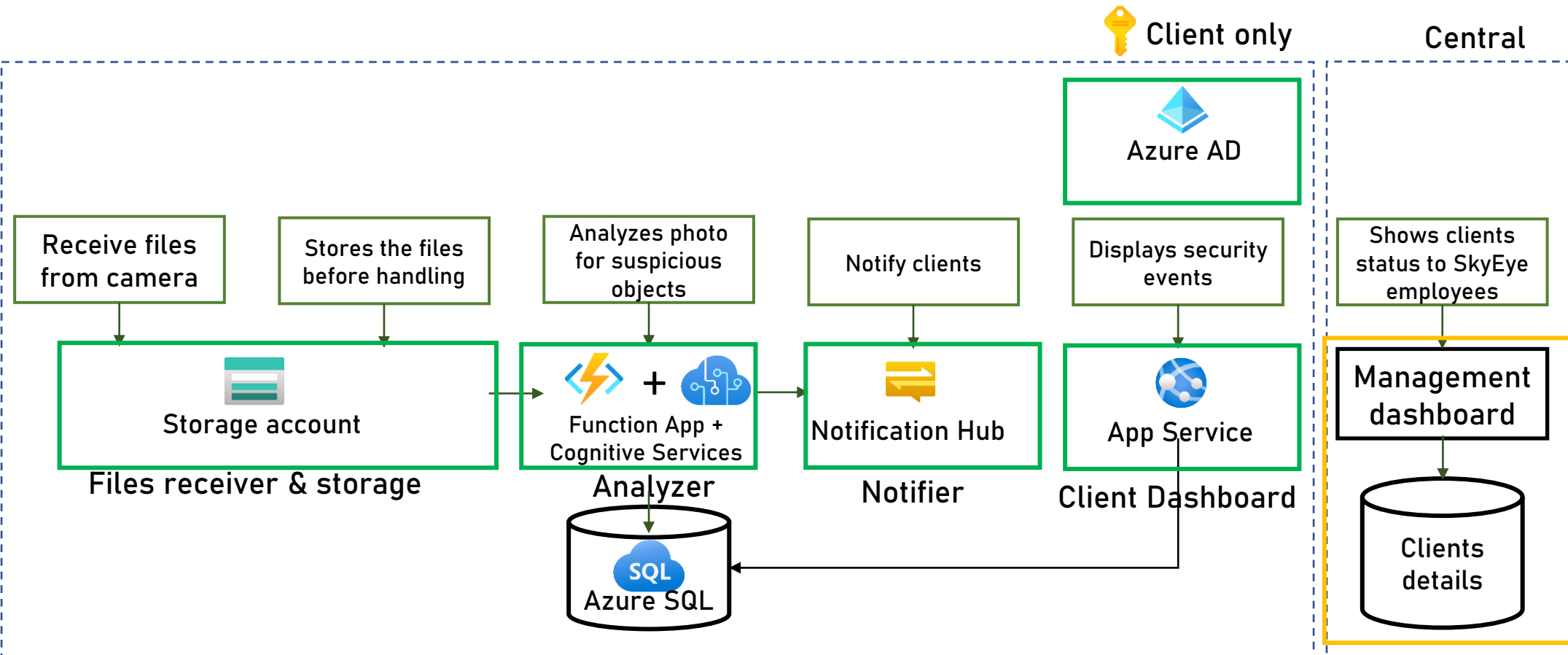


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Management Dashboard

What it does:

- Shows data about clients
 - Contact details, payment info etc.
- Does not show analysis data



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Management Dashboard DB



Azure SQL

- Fully managed SQL Server in the cloud
- Allows geo-replication
- High SLA (up to 99.995%)
- We already use it...



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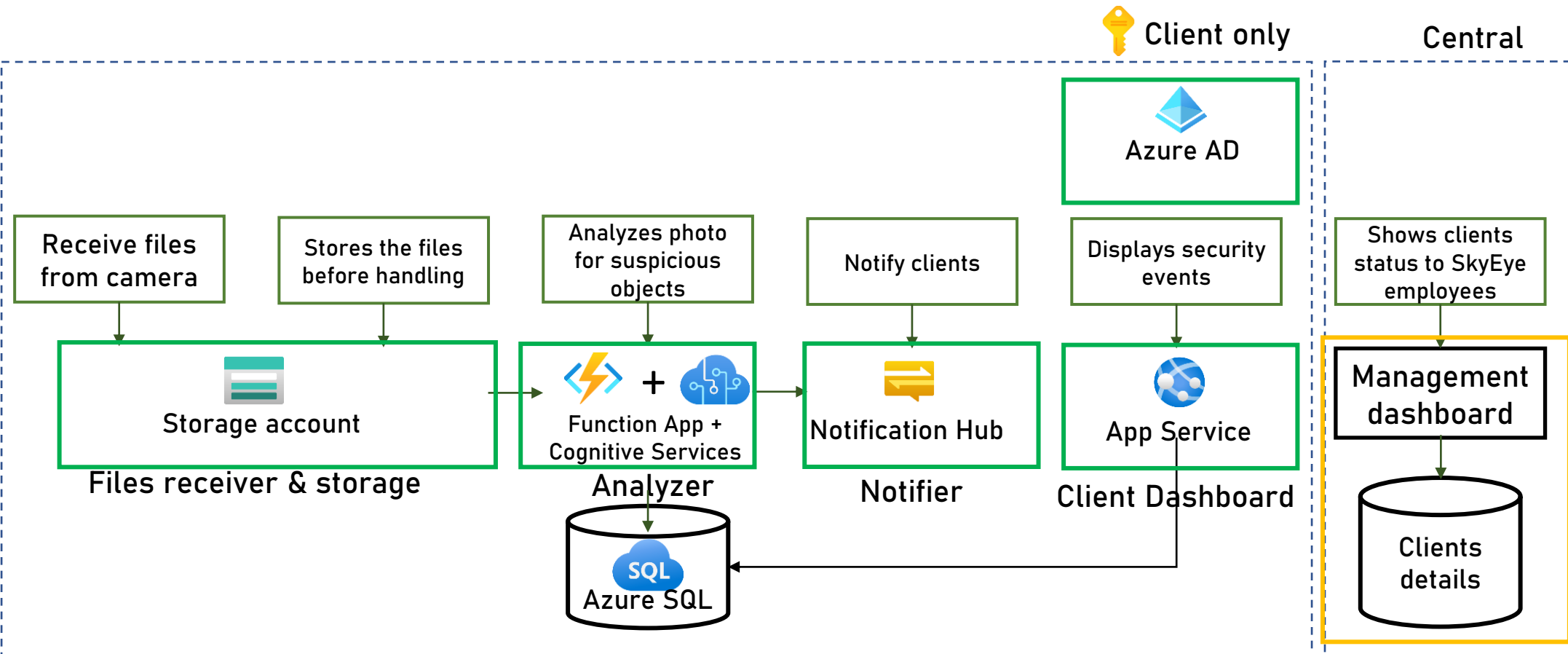
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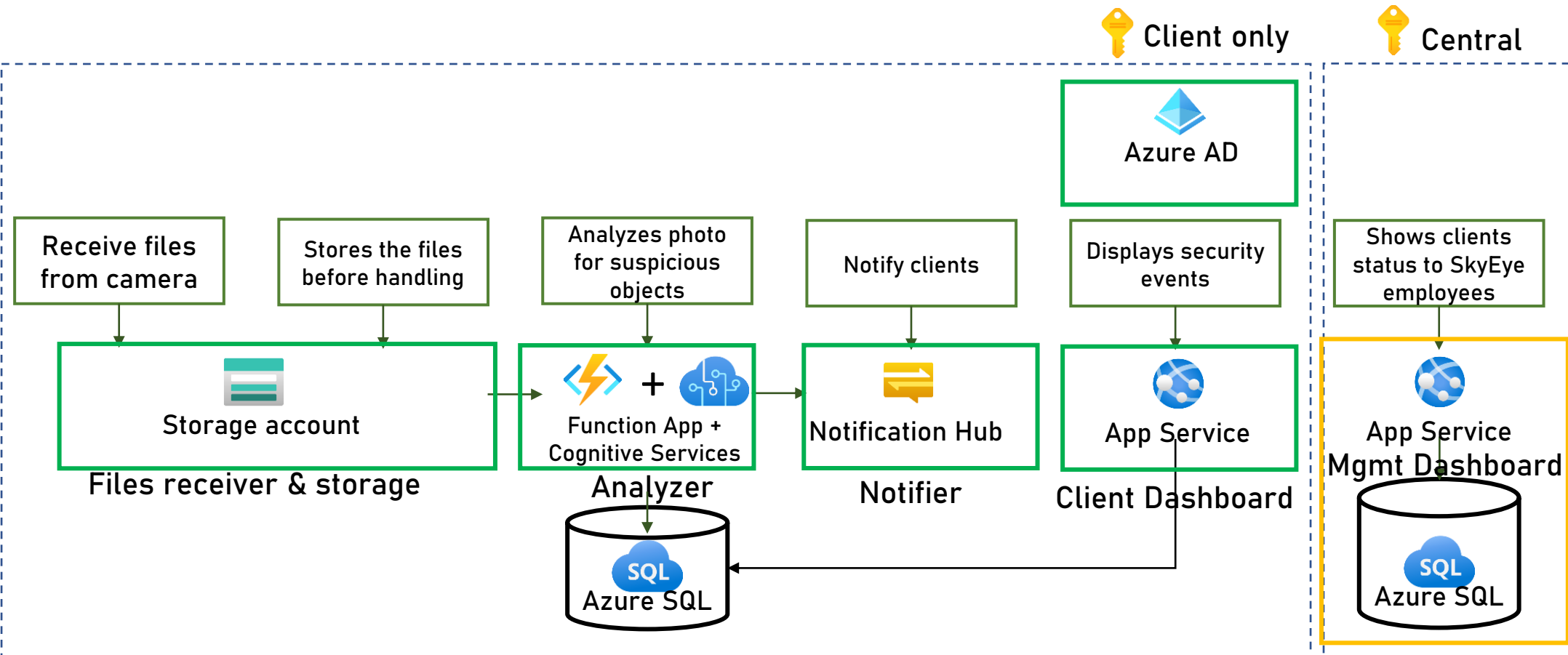


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Security

- Pay attention to:
 - Data encryption
 - Access to web apps
 - Authentication



Security

- To-Do:
 - Make sure database encryption is on (should be the default)
 - Make sure Azure AD is correctly configured



Security

- To think:
 - Should we add WAF in front of the client dashboard?
 - Apparently no need for that. Data is read only, and not used a lot.
 - Even if dashboard goes down, no long-term harm done

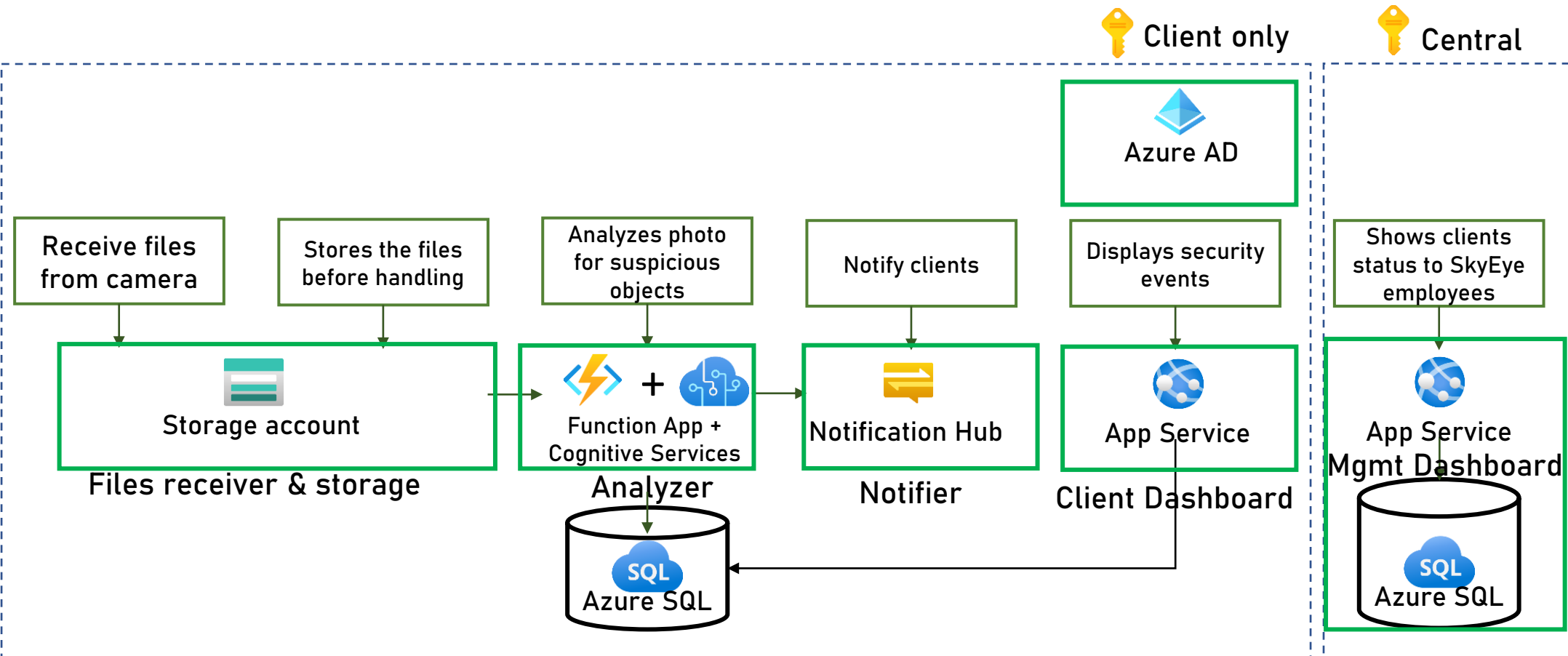


Security

- To think:
 - Should we add WAF in front of the management dashboard?
 - Apparently yes. Data is quite sensitive and is not read-only
 - The company decided to wait with b/c cost implications



Architecture Diagram





Cost

Client:

Estimated upfront cost	\$0.00
Estimated monthly cost	\$930.59

Management:

Estimated upfront cost	\$0.00
Estimated monthly cost	\$333.33

Download detailed cost estimations
from the lecture's resources