Search

Under the Hood

Agenda

- basic introduction to Elasticsearch
- the pre-work needed to prepare the search index
- capabilities and limitations of Elasticsearch

What is Elasticsearch ?

Document Storage

- stores data as JSON
- row = document
- table = index
- column = field

```
PUT candidates_demo/_doc/CN_10003
{
  "fullName": "Nero Newbie",
  "summary": "A newbie in the IT Industry",
  "location": [40.71, 74.00],
  "currentFunction": "FN_100001",
  "likelyToJump": false,
  "yearsOfExperience": 3,
  "jobHistories": [
    {
      "jobTitle": "Jr. Software Engineer",
      "industry": "IND_100001",
      "industryName": "IT Engineering",
      "yearsOfExperience": 2,
      "current": true
    },
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      "industry": "IND_100001",
      "industryName": "IT Engineering",
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Search Engine

- indexes the document during insert
- uses this index during search to optimize the results

Building the Search Database

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JH_10004	CN_10002	Jr. Software Engineer	IND_100001	FALSE	4
JH_10005	CN_10002	Intern	IND_100001	FALSE	1
JH_10006	CN_10003	Jr. Software Engineer	IND_100001	TRUE	2
JH_10007	CN_10003	Intern	IND_100001	FALSE	1

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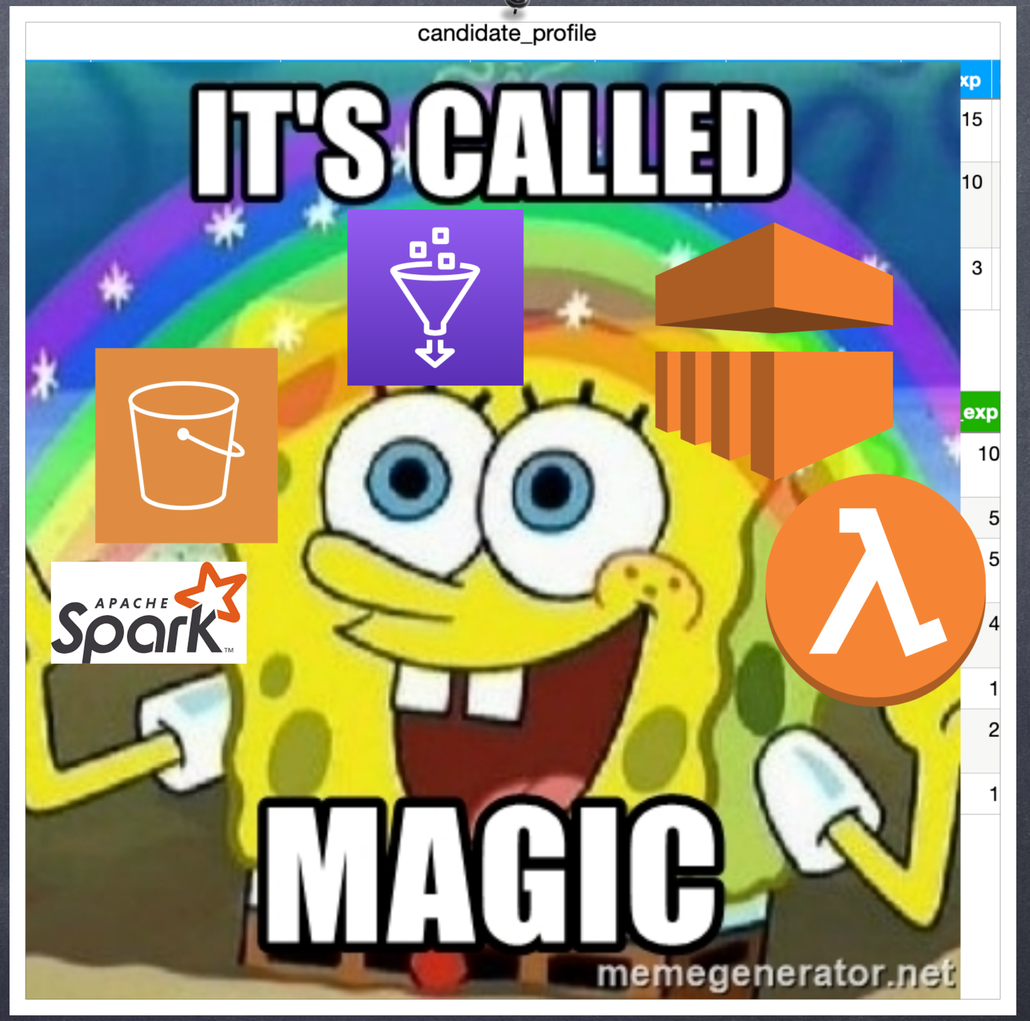

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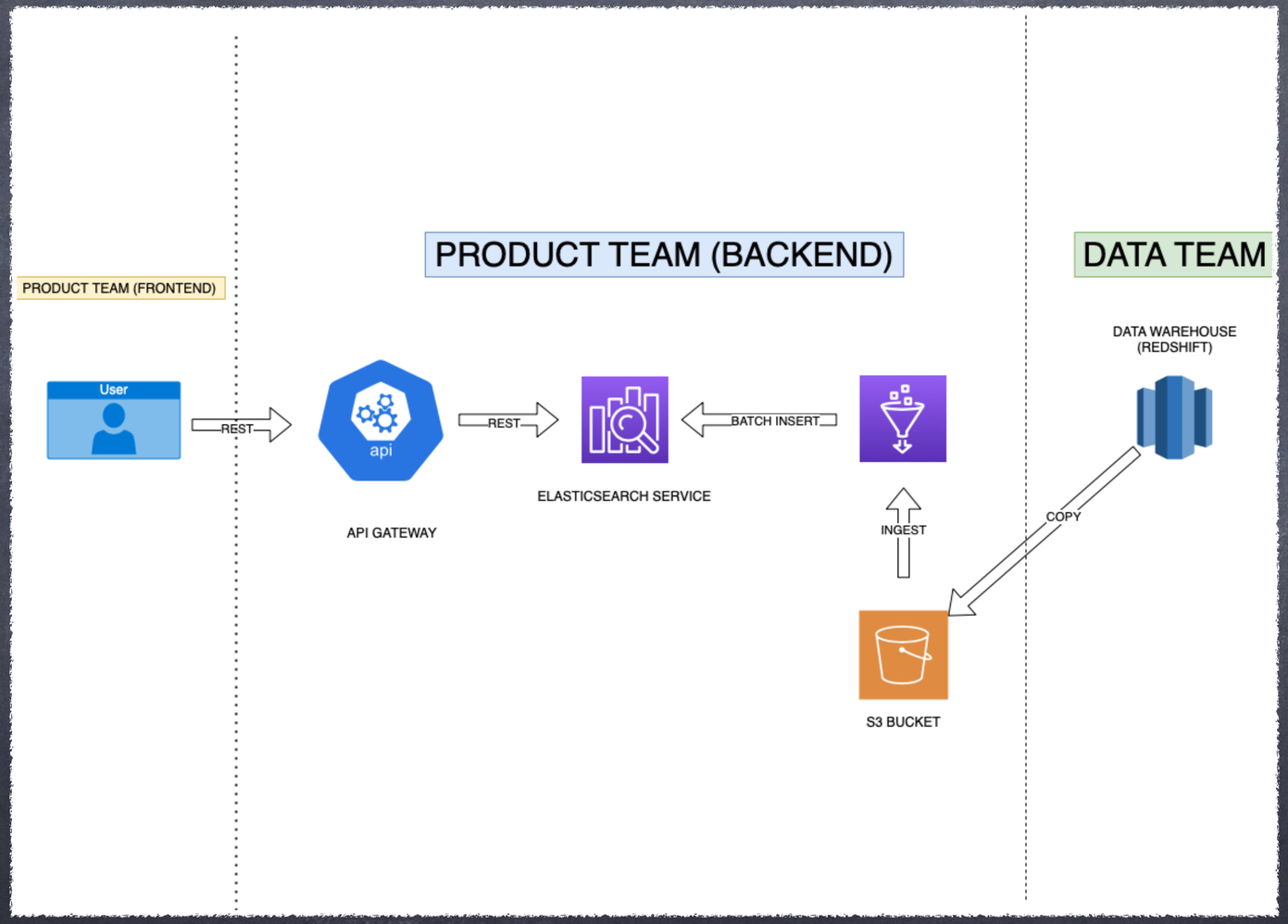
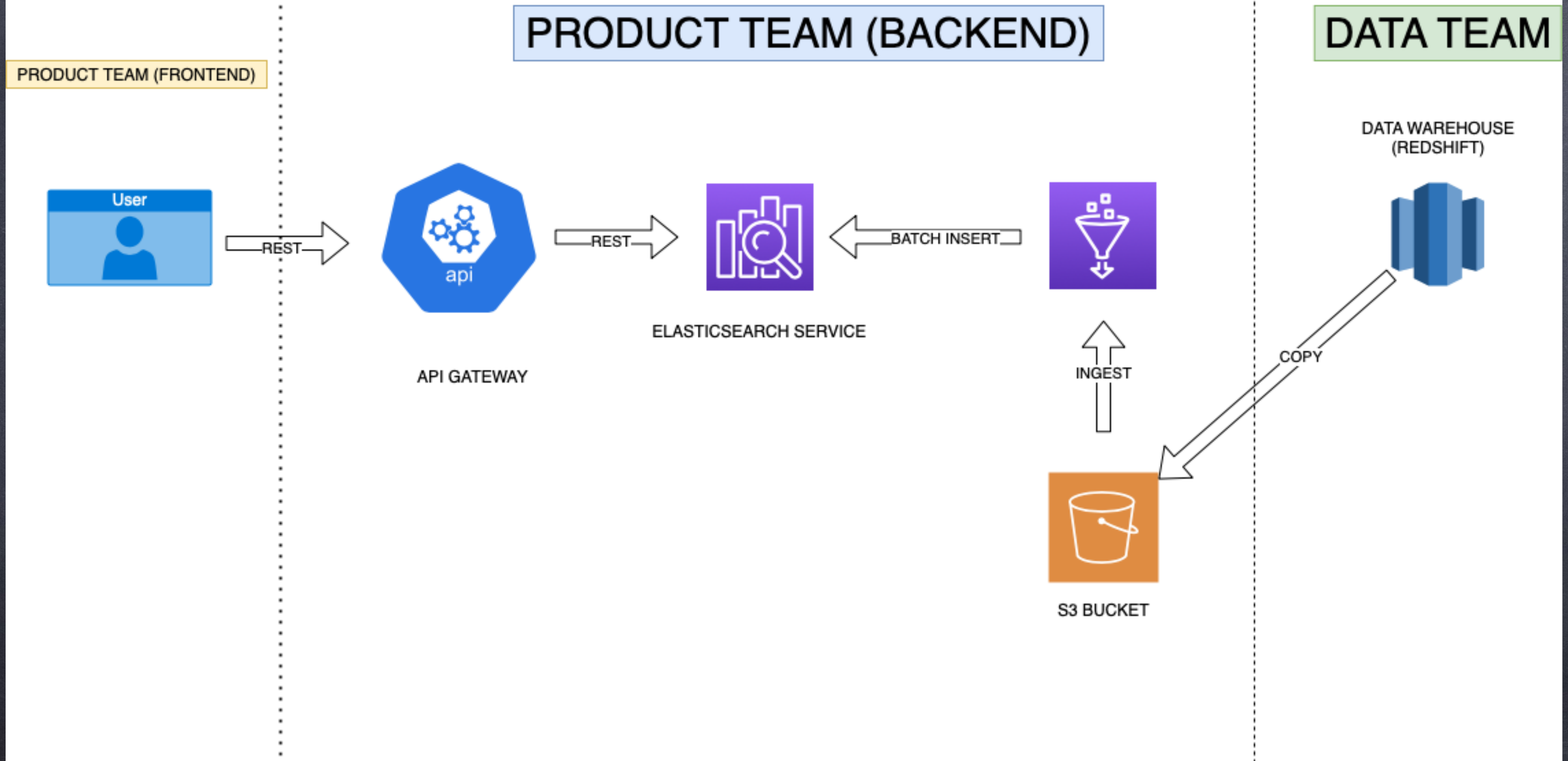
Overall Architecture




PRODUCT TEAM (BACKEND)
DATA TEAM
PRODUCT TEAM (FRONTEND)
DATA WAREHOUSE
(REDSHIFT)
User
REST
api
REST
BATCH INSERT
ELASTICSEARCH SERVICE
API GATEWAY
INGEST
COPY
S3 BUCKET

Capabilities and Limitations

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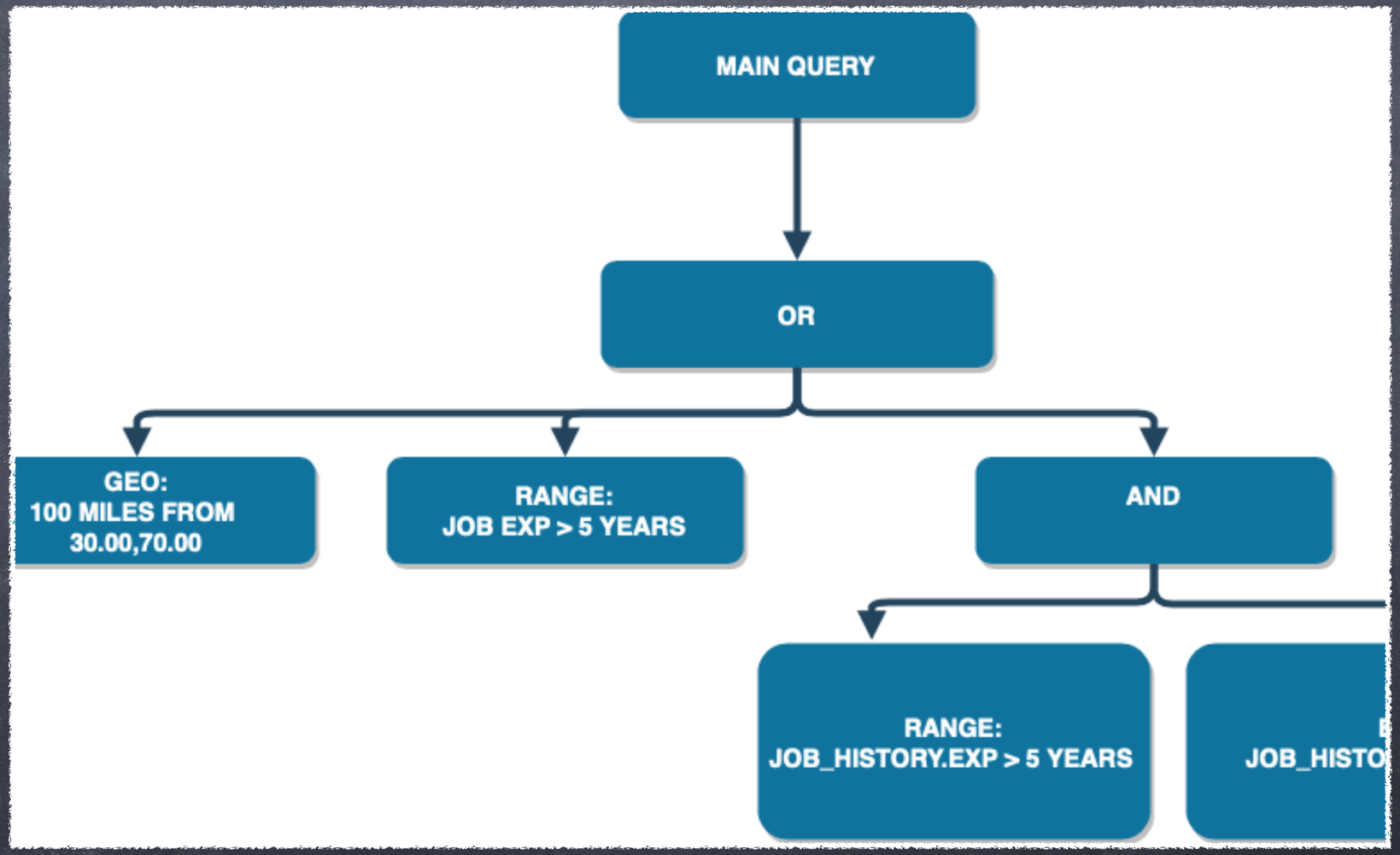

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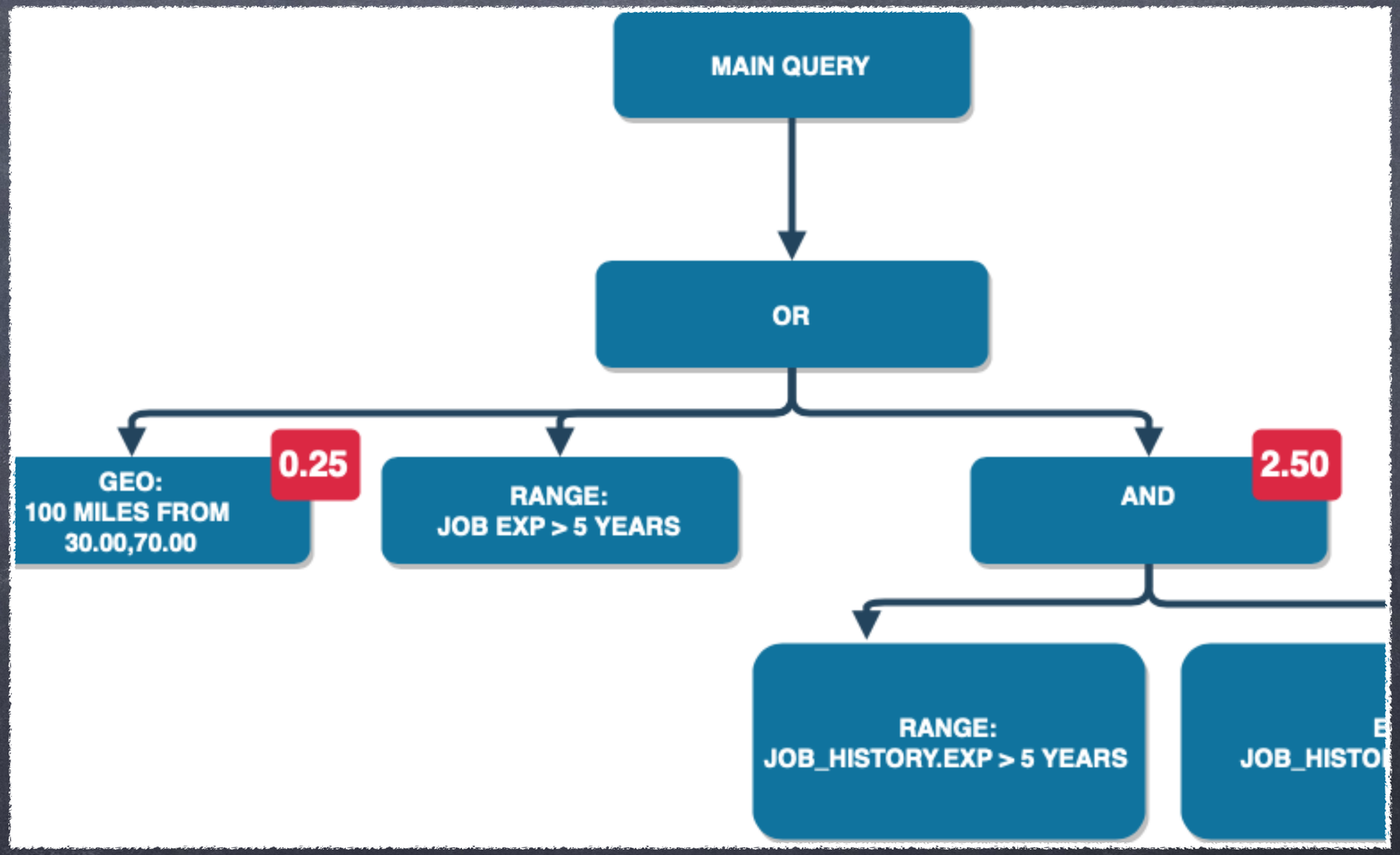

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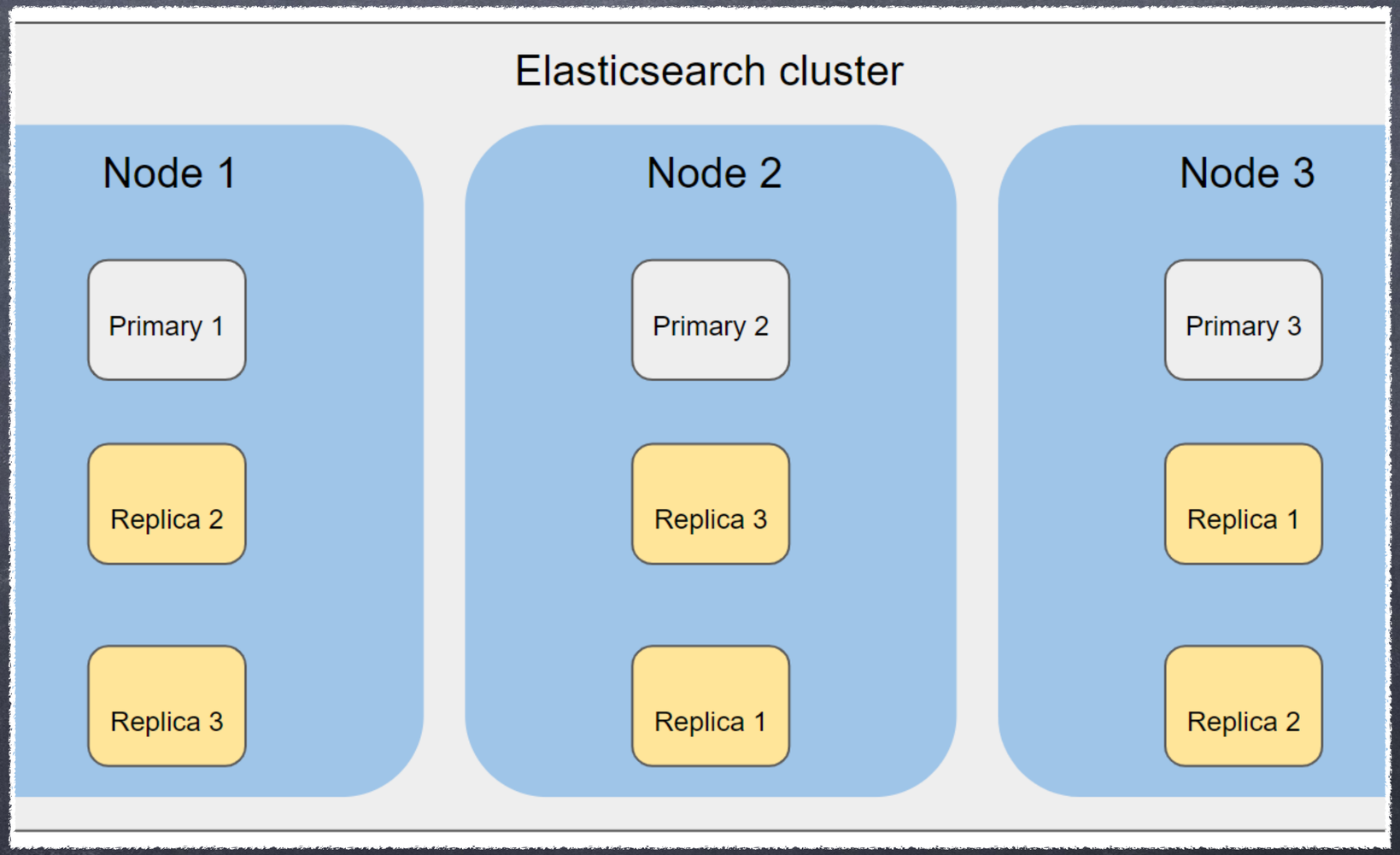
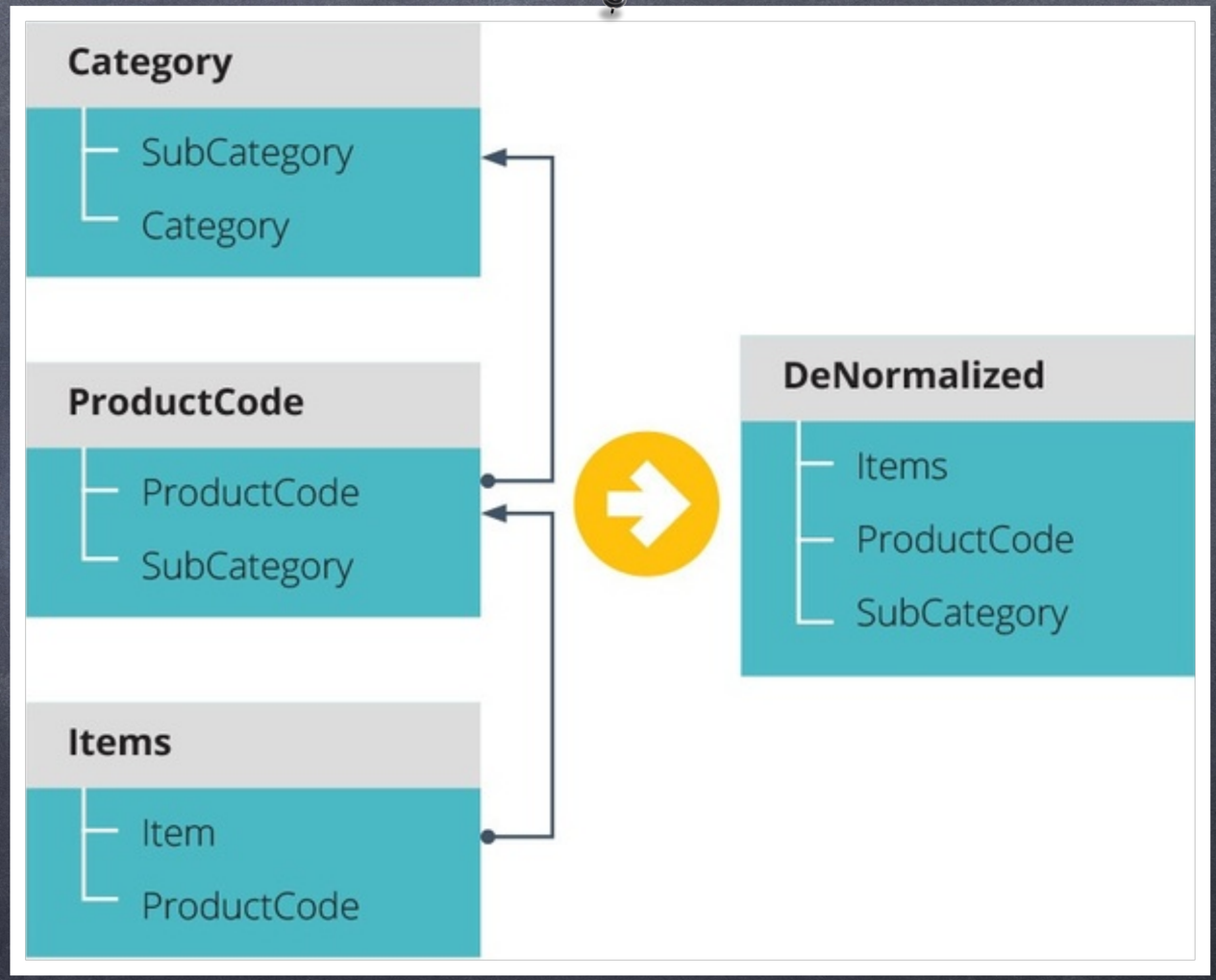
- add weights to influence the score
- infinite scalability



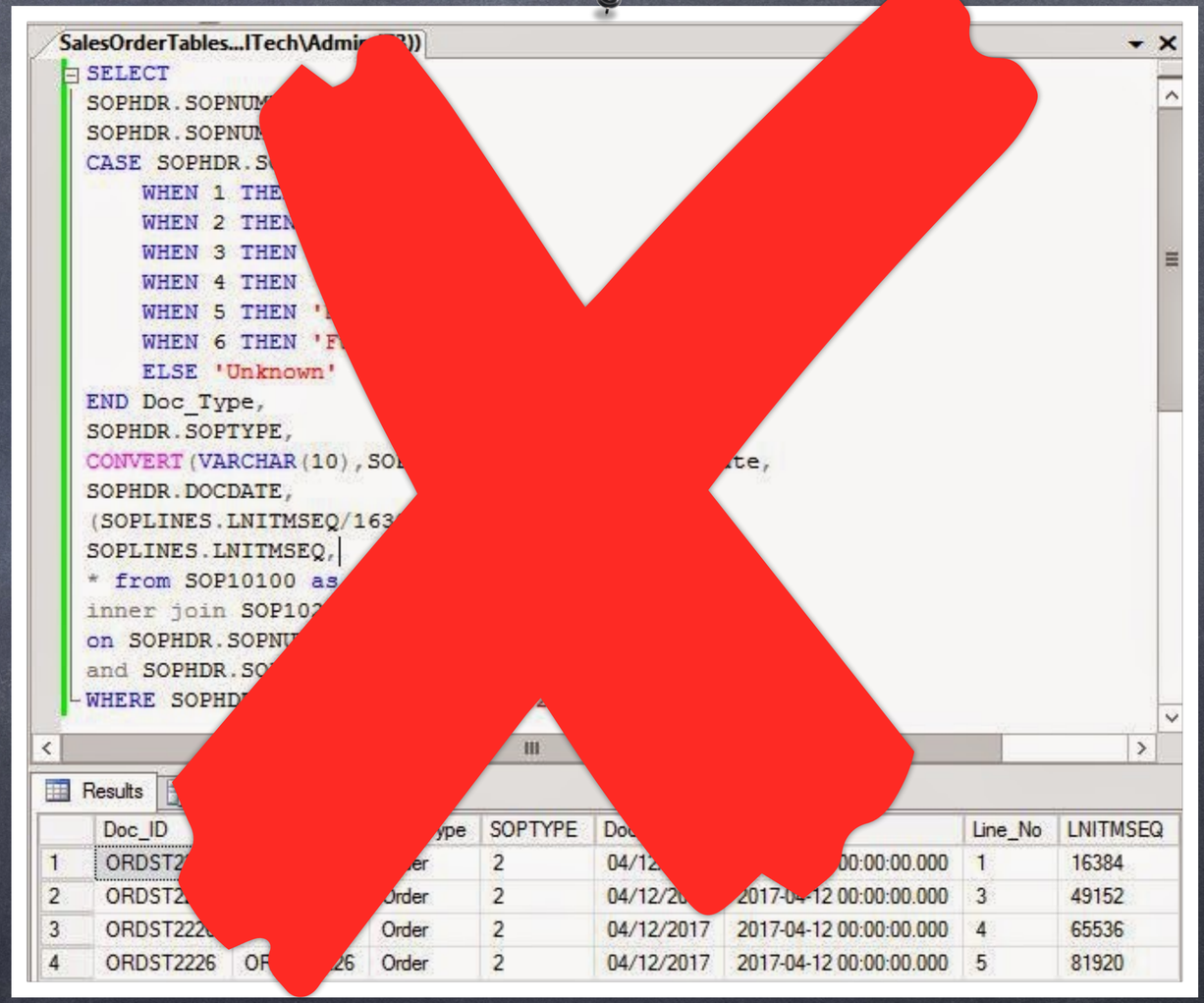
Limitations

- joins (denormalization)



Limitations

- ad hoc queries (update, recreate and re-insert the index every time we have a new query to support)



"The End."

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