Hexagonal Architecture

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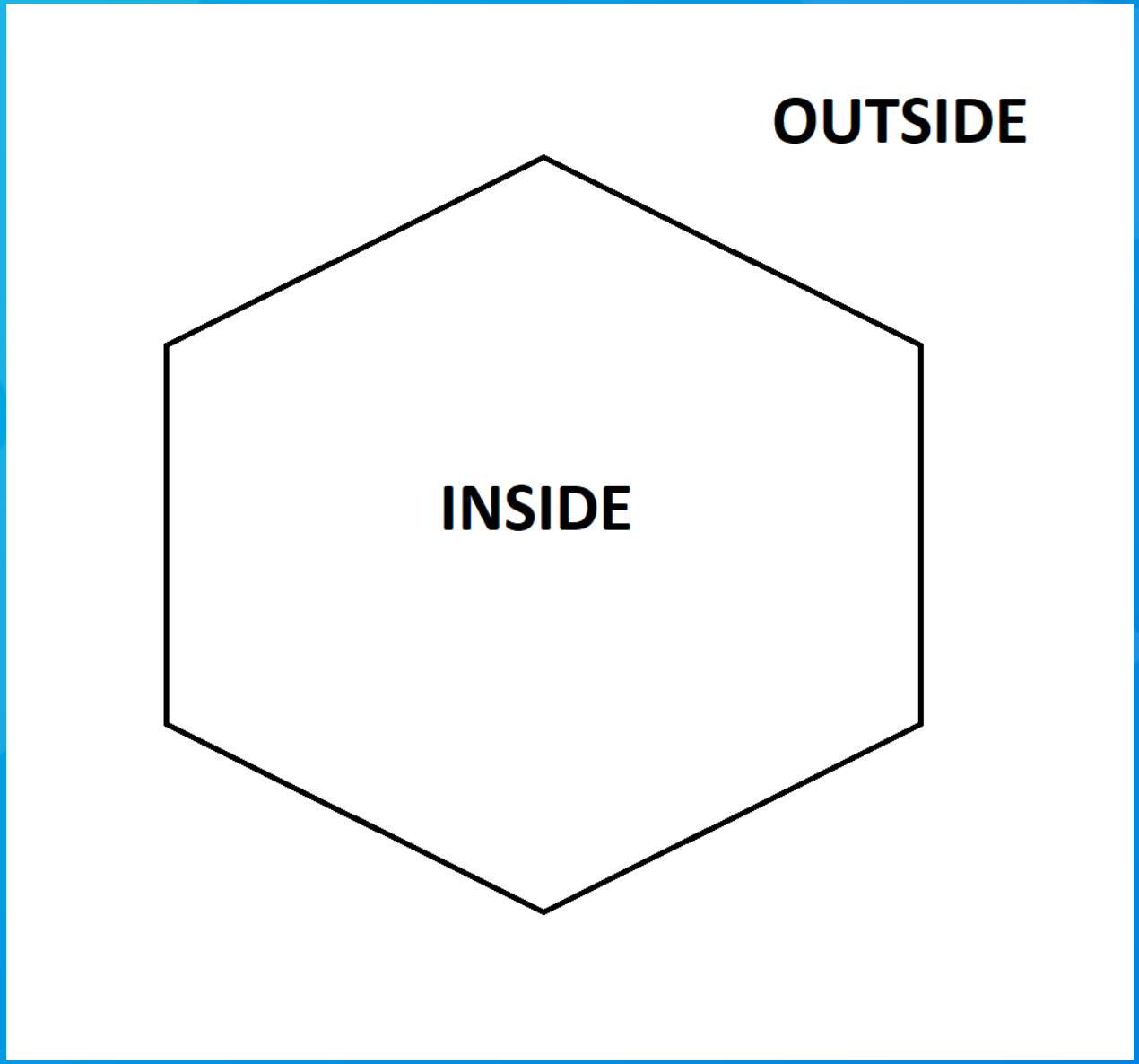
And sometimes we have

Hexagon



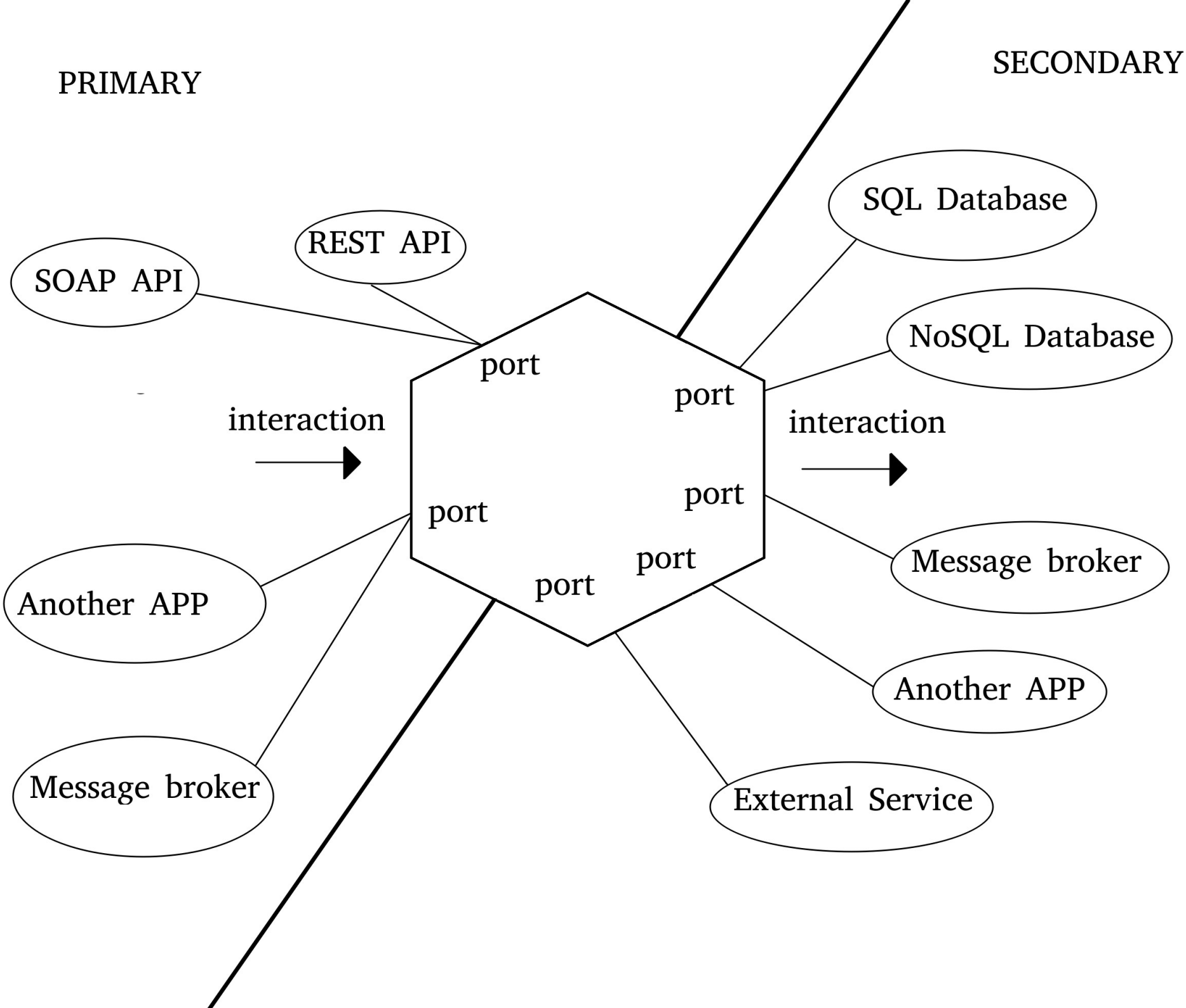
Hexagonal architecture aka Ports & Adapters

Inside

- **Domain**
- **Contracts (aka Ports)**
- Technology agnostic
- High isolation

Outside

- **Contracts implementations (aka Adapters)**
- Framework
- Environment
- Users
- Another hexagon?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Primary and secondary?

Port

Port

- **Contract**
- Defines how we can communicate with our domain (**primary**)
- Defines what our domain wants from the outside world (**secondary**)
- Should be named after interaction not by a technology behind
- Belongs to the domain

Primary port example

```
public interface PrimaryDomainPort {

    Person create(Person person);

    Person get(PersonId personId);

    PersonListProjection findAllByStreet(Street street);

}
```

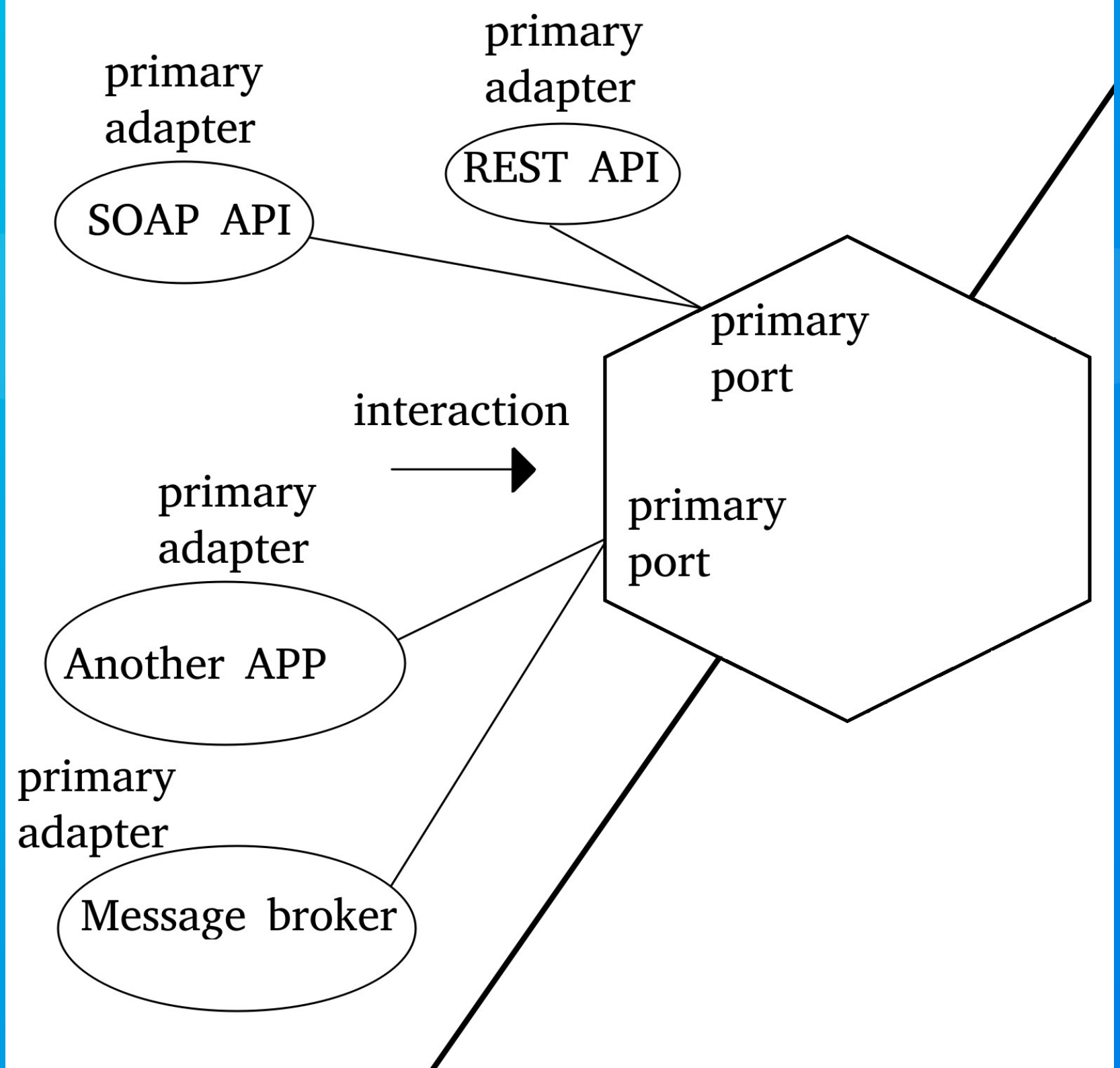
Secondary port example

```
public interface PersonRepository {

    Person create(Person person);

    void update(PersonId personId, Person person);

    Person findById(PersonId personId);

}
```

Adapter

Adapter

- Contract’s implementation
- Translating technology request to agnostic request which can communicate with hexagon port (**primary**)
- Translating technology agnostic methods of the port to technology specific request
- Belongs to outside world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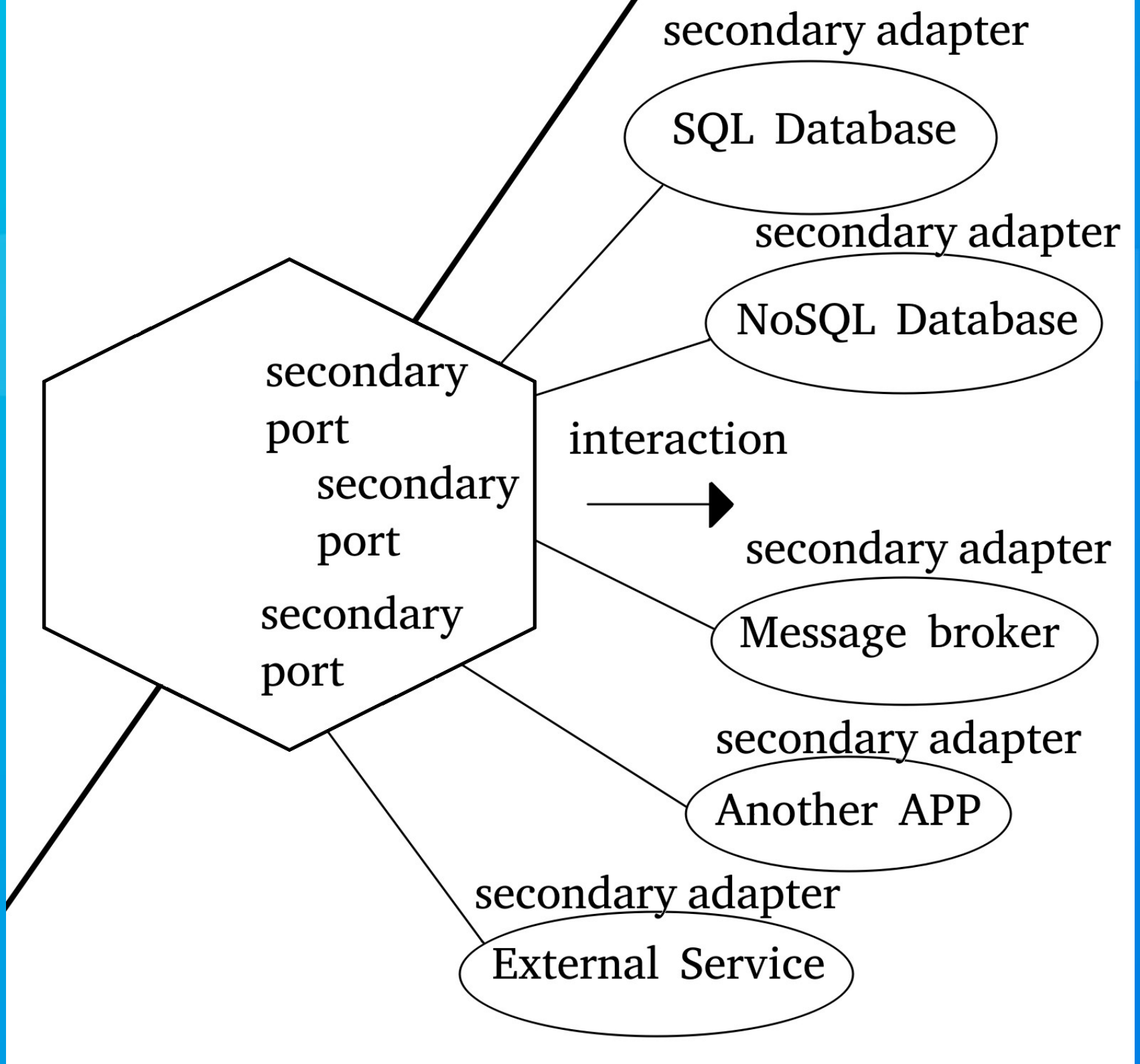
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Main component aka Composition Root

Let’s create hexagonal application! Recipe

1. Define what your domain will do – you will have your primary port (or ports)

```
public interface PrimaryDomainPort {

    Person create(Person person);

    Person get(PersonId personId);

    PersonListProjection findAllByStreet(Street street);

}
```

2. Define what your domain want – you will have your secondary ports (or one port)

```
public interface PersonRepository {

    Person create(Person person);

    void update(PersonId personId, Person person);

    Person findById(PersonId personId);

}
```

3. For each secondary port provide mock adapter

```
class PersonInMemoryRepository implements PersonRepository {

    private final Map<PersonId, Person> database;

    PersonInMemoryRepository() {
        this.database = new HashMap<>();
    }

    @Override
    public Person create(Person person) {
        PersonId personId = PersonId.generate();
        database.put(personId, person);
        return Person.withId(personId, person);
    }

    @Override
    public void update(PersonId personId, Person person) {
        database.put(personId, person);
    }

    @Override
    public Person findById(PersonId personId) {
        return database.get(personId);
    }

}
```

4. Use BDD/TDD to create your domain implementation with help of your mocked adapters

```java
@Test
public void personCreationWithNullNameShouldCauseException() {
    PrimaryDomainPort domain = new Domain(PersonRepositoryConfiguration.inMemoryDatabase());
    Person person = new Person( name: null);
    try {
        domain.create(person);
        fail();
    } catch (ValidationException ex) {
        // fine
    }
}

@Test
public void personCreationShouldGenerateNewId() {
    PrimaryDomainPort domain = new Domain(PersonRepositoryConfiguration.inMemoryDatabase());
    Person model = new Person( name: "Mateusz");

    Person firstPerson = domain.create(model);
    Person secondPerson = domain.create(model);

    assertNotEquals(firstPerson.getId(), secondPerson.getId());
}
```

5. Create real secondary adapters (create some unit/integration tests for them)

```
class PersonMySQLRepository implements PersonRepository {

    private DatabaseConnection databaseConnection;

    PersonMySQLRepository(DatabaseProperties properties) {
        this.databaseConnection = DatabaseConnection.connect(properties);
    }

    @Override
    public Person create(Person person) {
        OrmPerson ormPerson = OrmMapper.map(person);
        databaseConnection.insert(ormPerson);
        return OrmMapper.map(ormPerson);
    }
```

6. Create primary adapters

```
@RestController
class RestAdapter {

    private PrimaryDomainPort domain;
    private AccessAdapter access;

    @Autowired
    public RestAdapter(PrimaryDomainPort domain, AccessAdapter access) {
        this.domain = domain;
        this.access = access;
    }

    @PostMapping("/person")
    public PersonRestProjection greeting(UUID personId) {
        access.checkAccess(personId);

        Person person = domain.get(PersonId.fromUuid(personId));
        return PersonRestProjection.from(person);
    }
```

Benefits of hexagonal architecture?

Testability!

Maintability/ Technical Debt

Flexibility

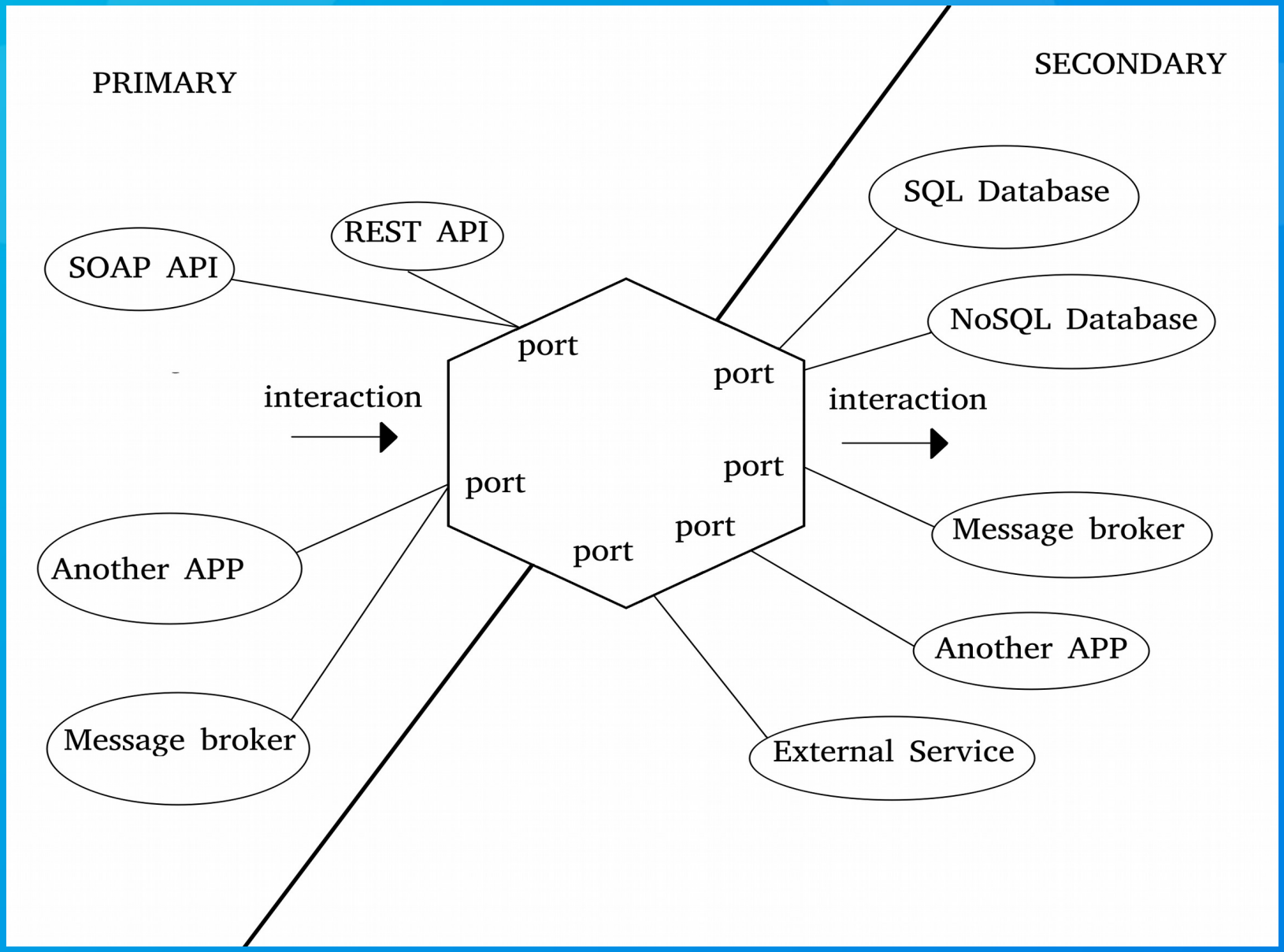
Downsides of hexagonal architecture?

Additional abstractions and complexity

Sometimes we lose framework power

When to go hexagonal?

Q&A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