

Micro-frontends five years after

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**In 2019 I was on stage
with Luca Mezzalira to
introduce DAZN
approach to Micro-
frontends**

<https://bit.ly/talk-max-luca>

MICROFRONTENDS MANIFESTO



Independent implementation,
avoiding sharing logic



Modelled around
a Business Domain



Own by a single team



From Then to Now

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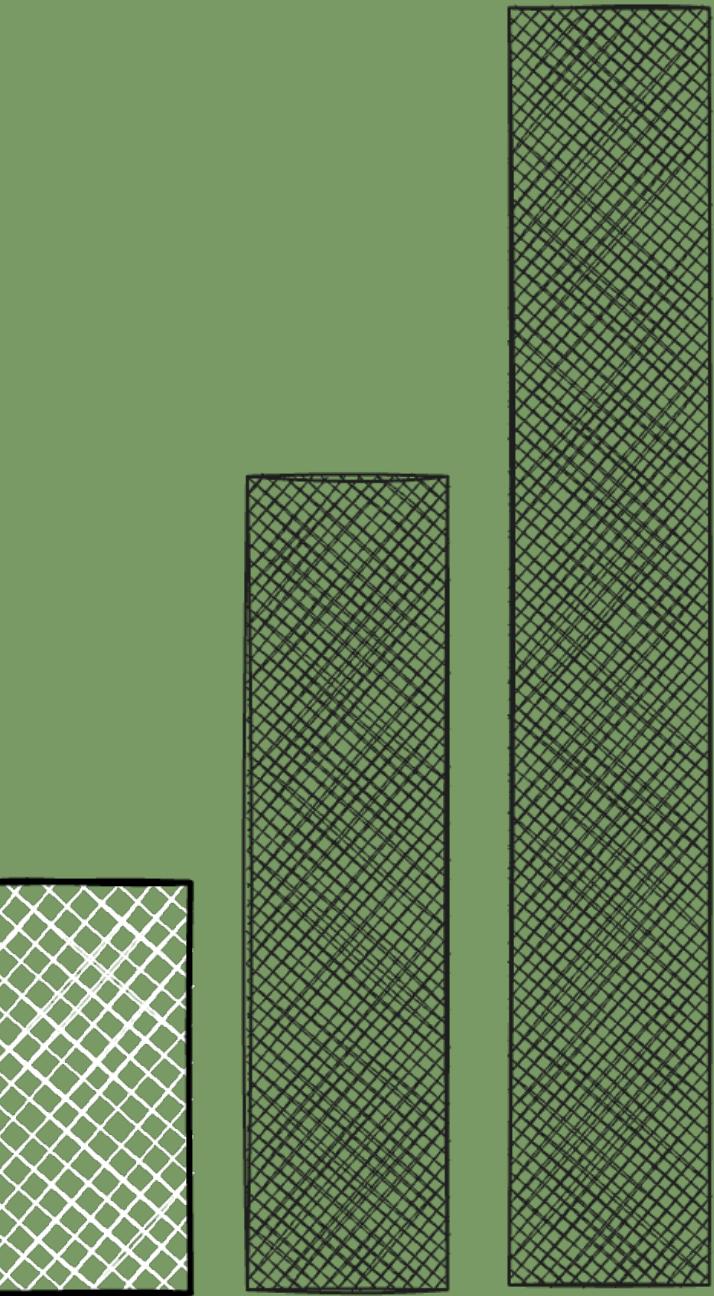


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Once Upon a Time

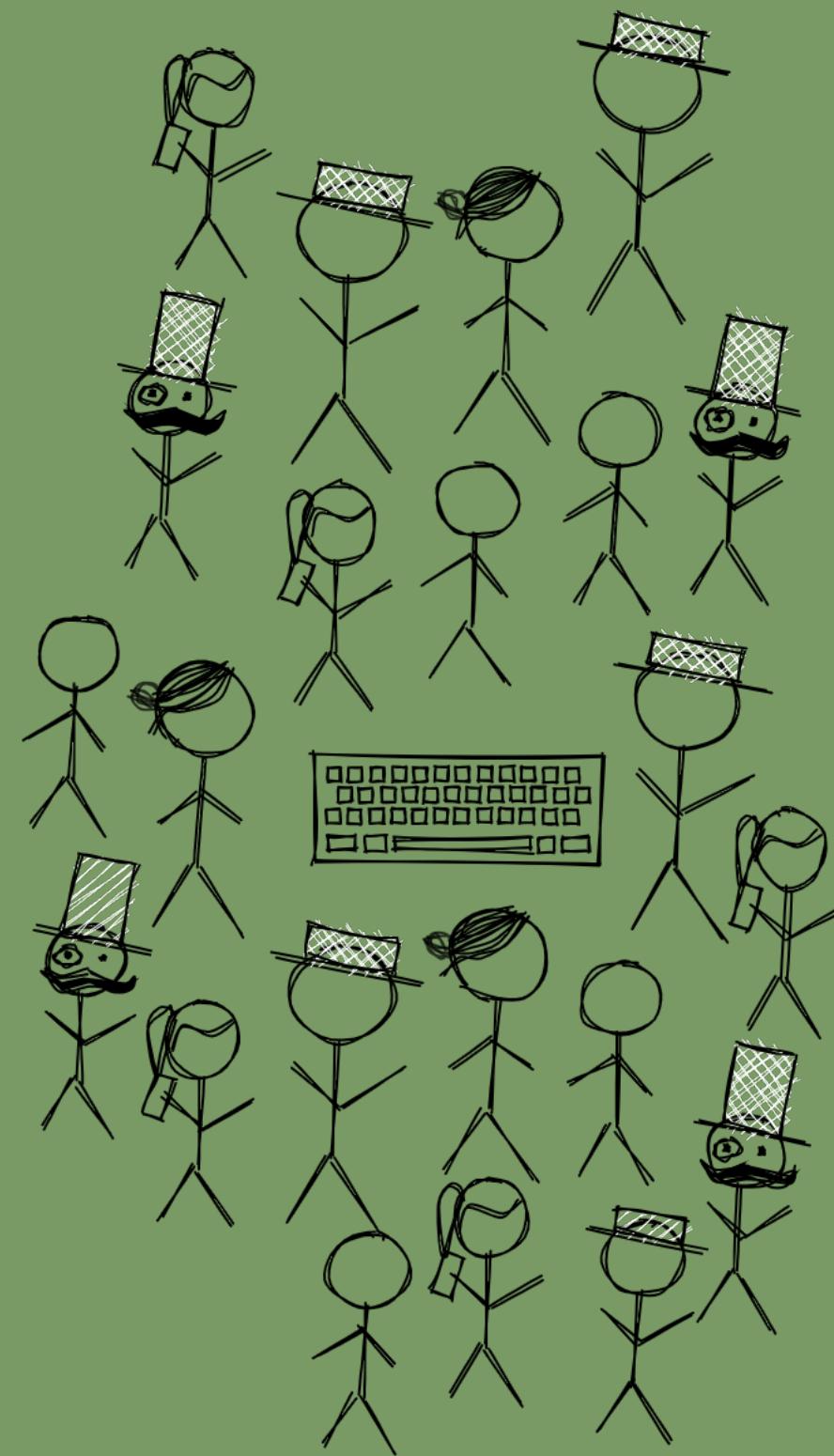
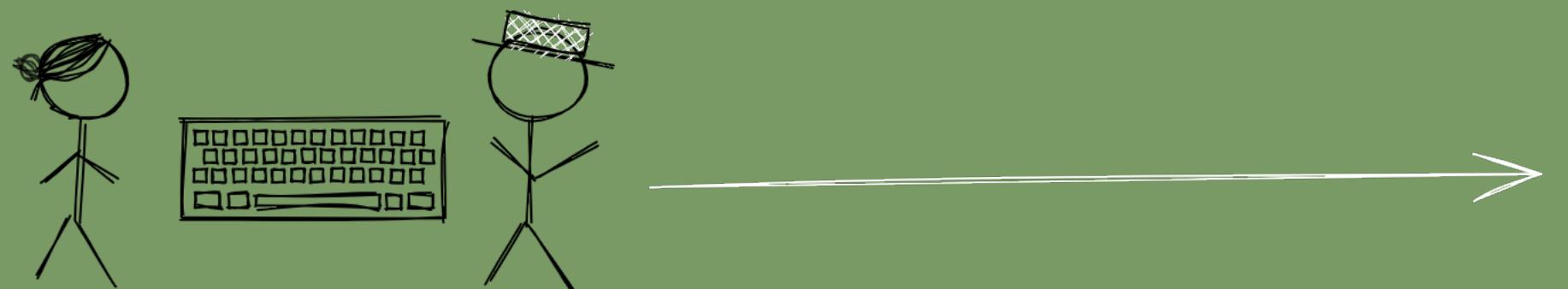
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**Once Upon a Time, there
was a Live Sport
Streaming Company
called DAZN**



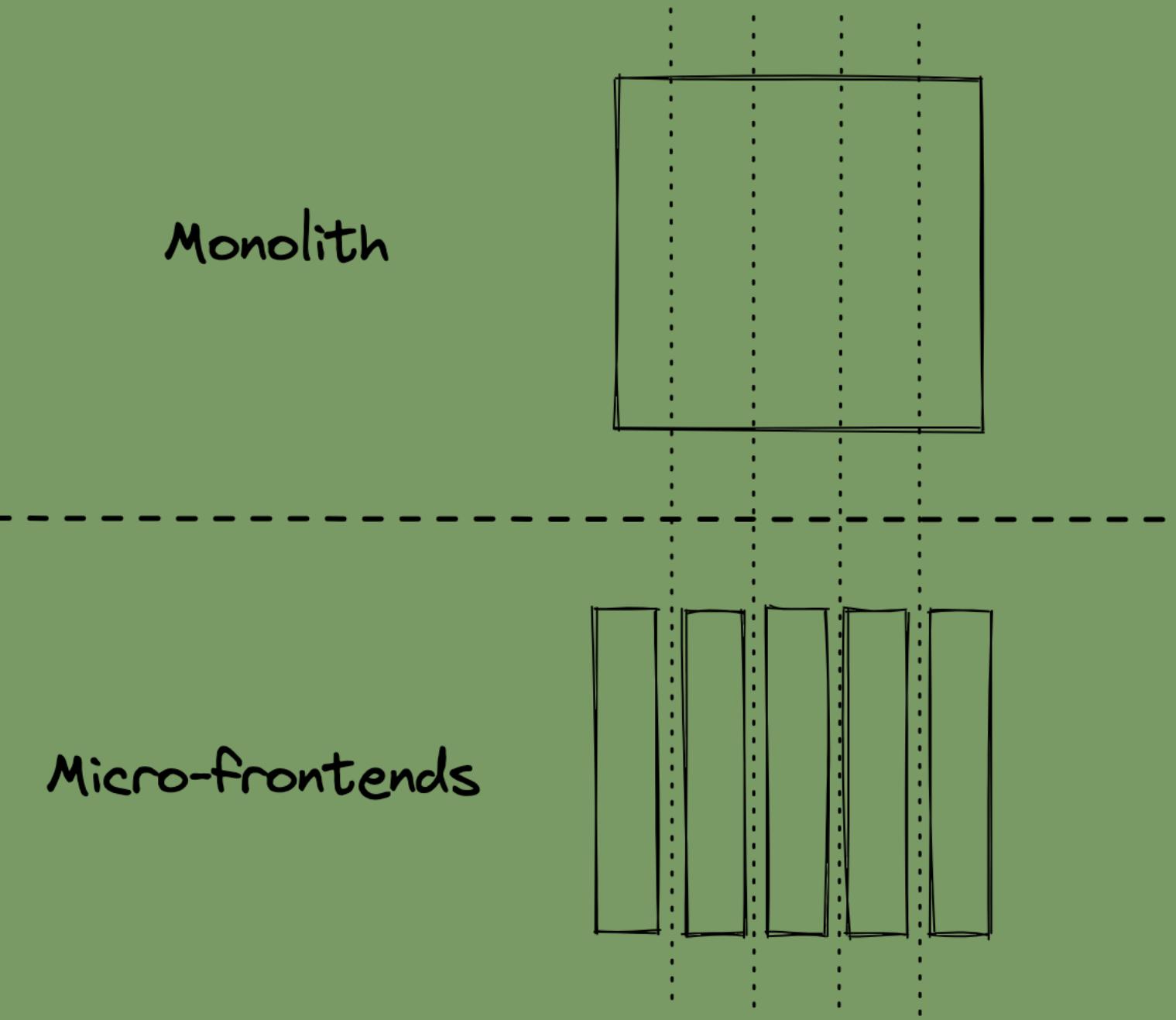
DAZN Engineering department was growing exponentially



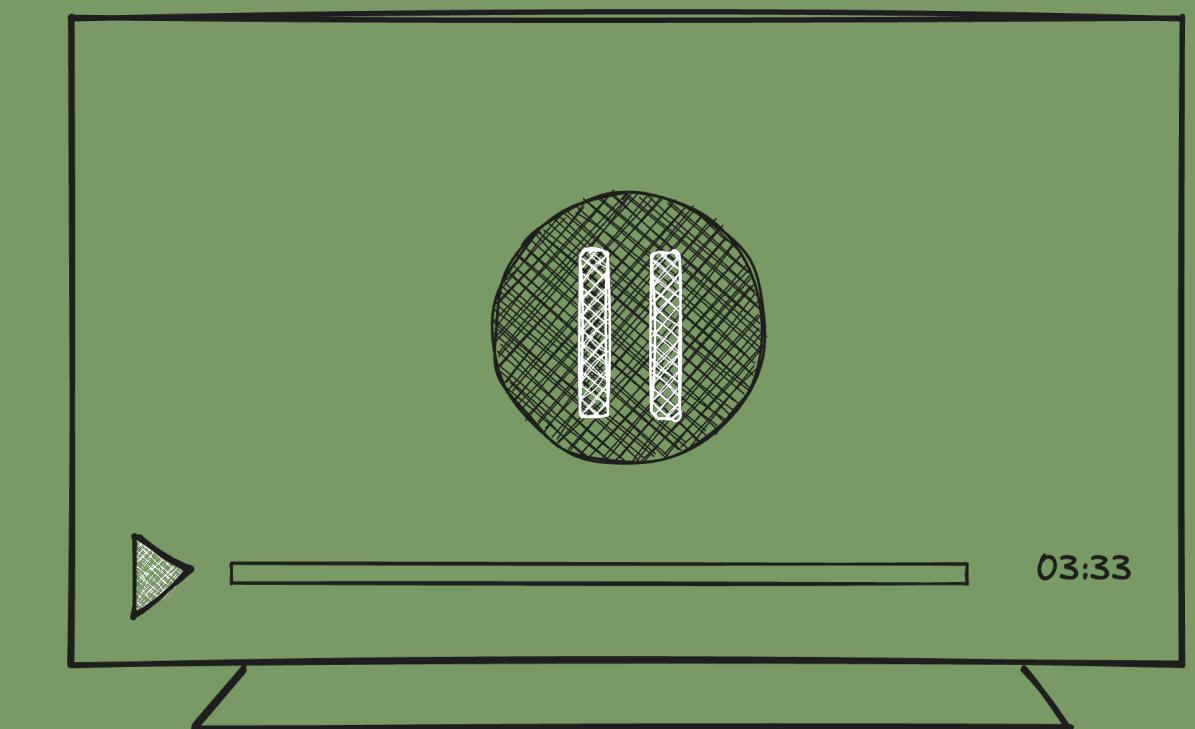
To sustain our teams
growth plans so we
introduced Micro-
frontends

Monolith

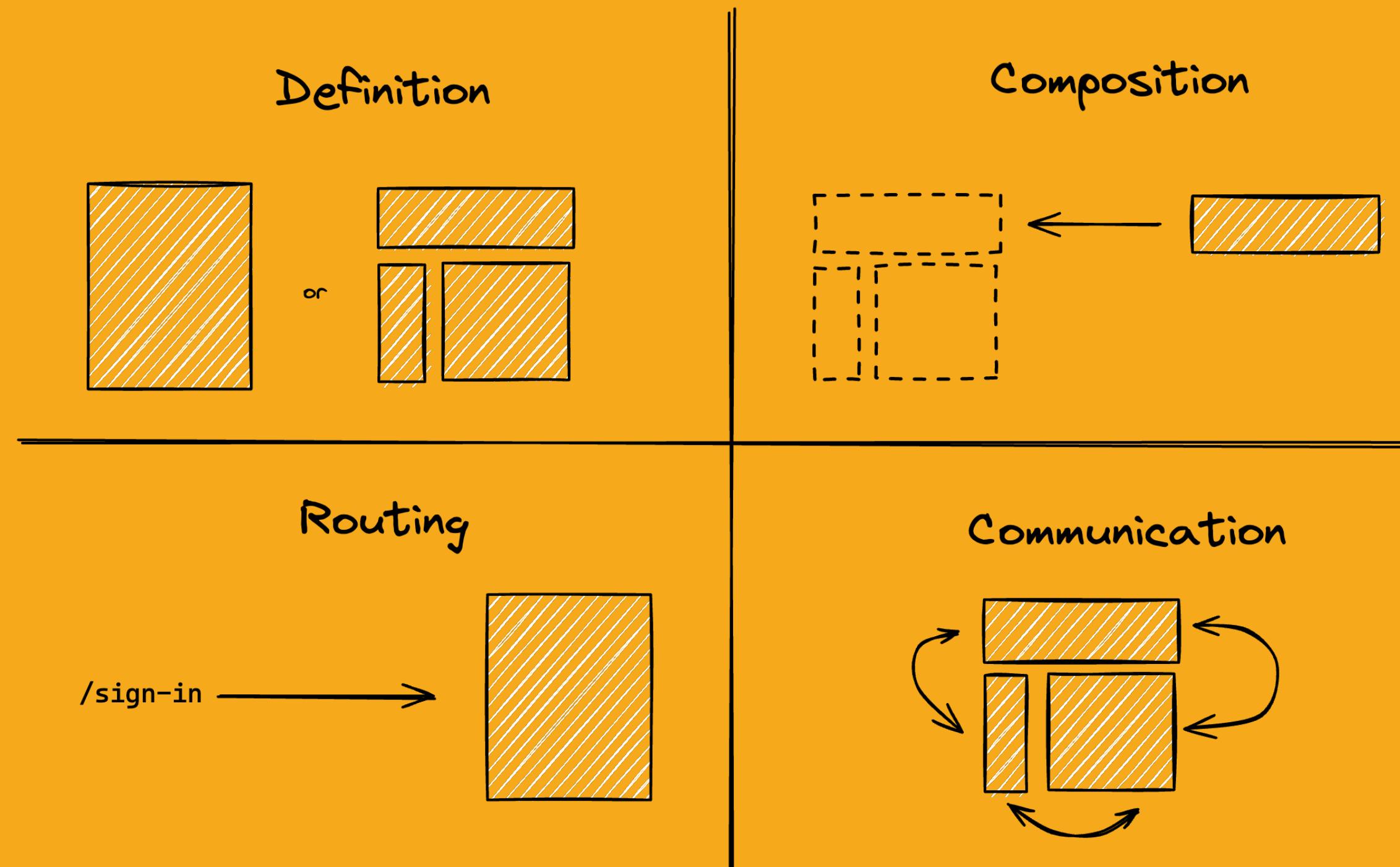
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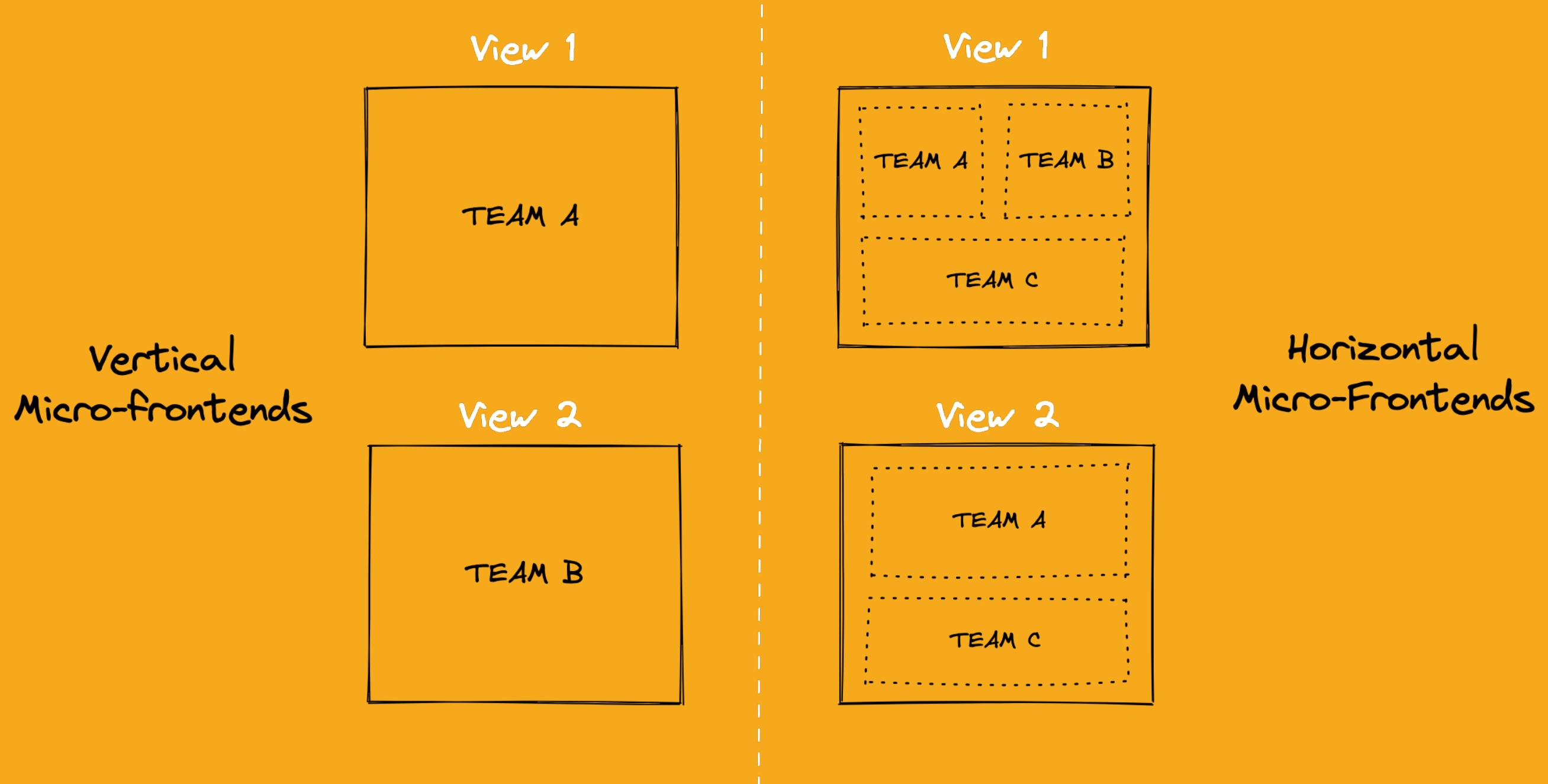
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Micro-Frontends Decision Framework



Decision Framework Definition



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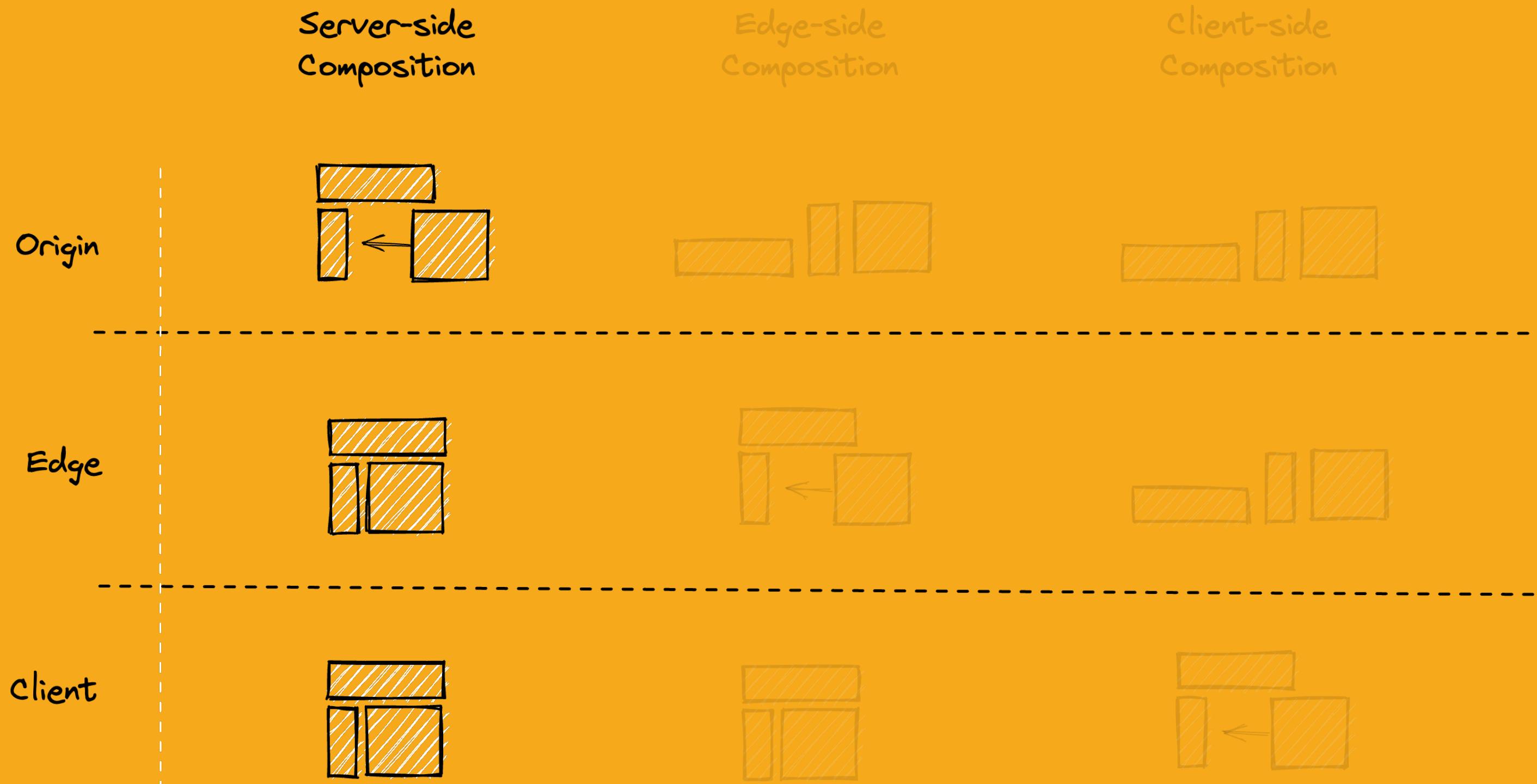
Vertical

- 👉 Ownership & Freedom End to End
- 👉 Easier to Support

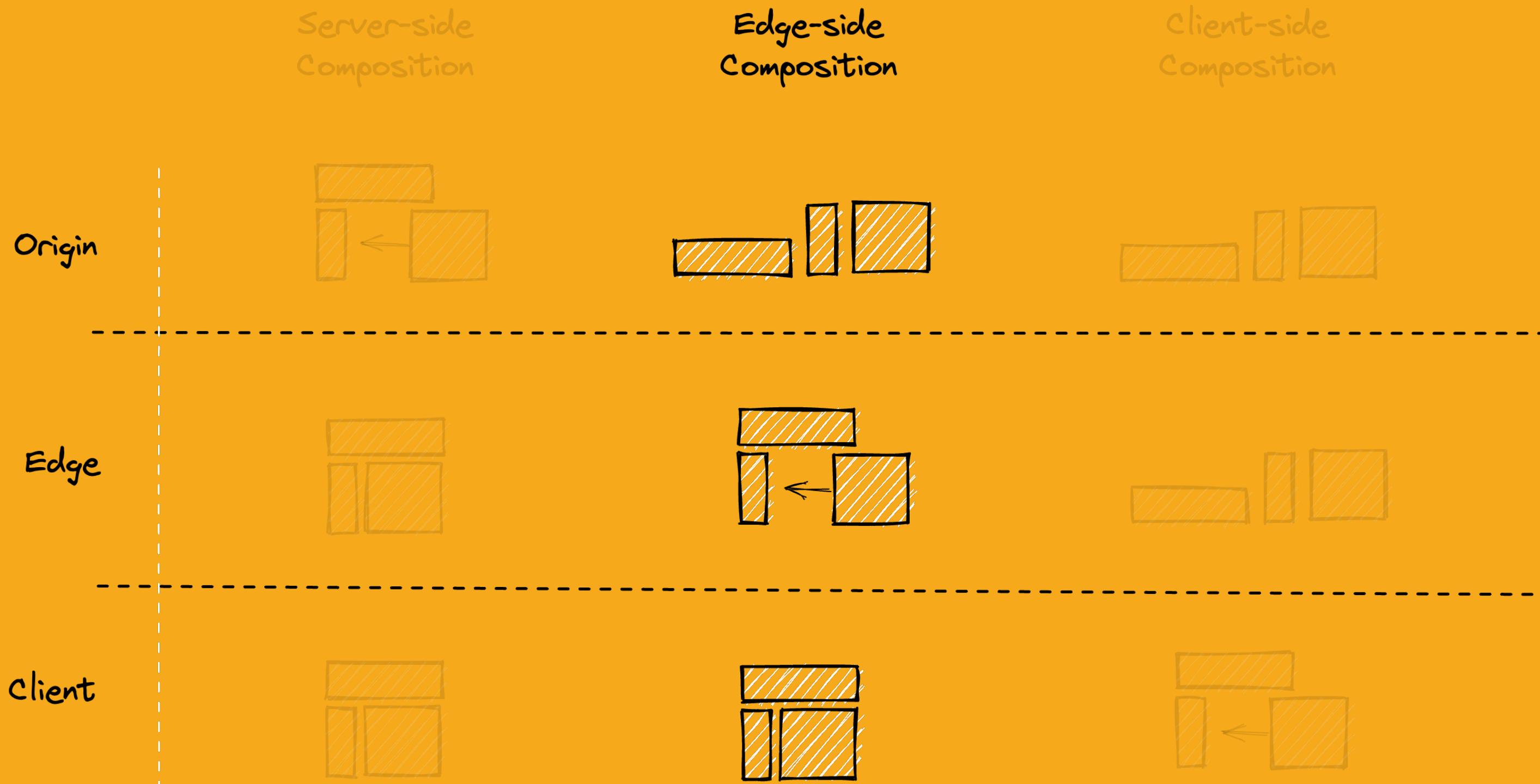
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- 👉 Release part of a view
- 👉 Favor Reusability
- 👉 Harder to orchestrate

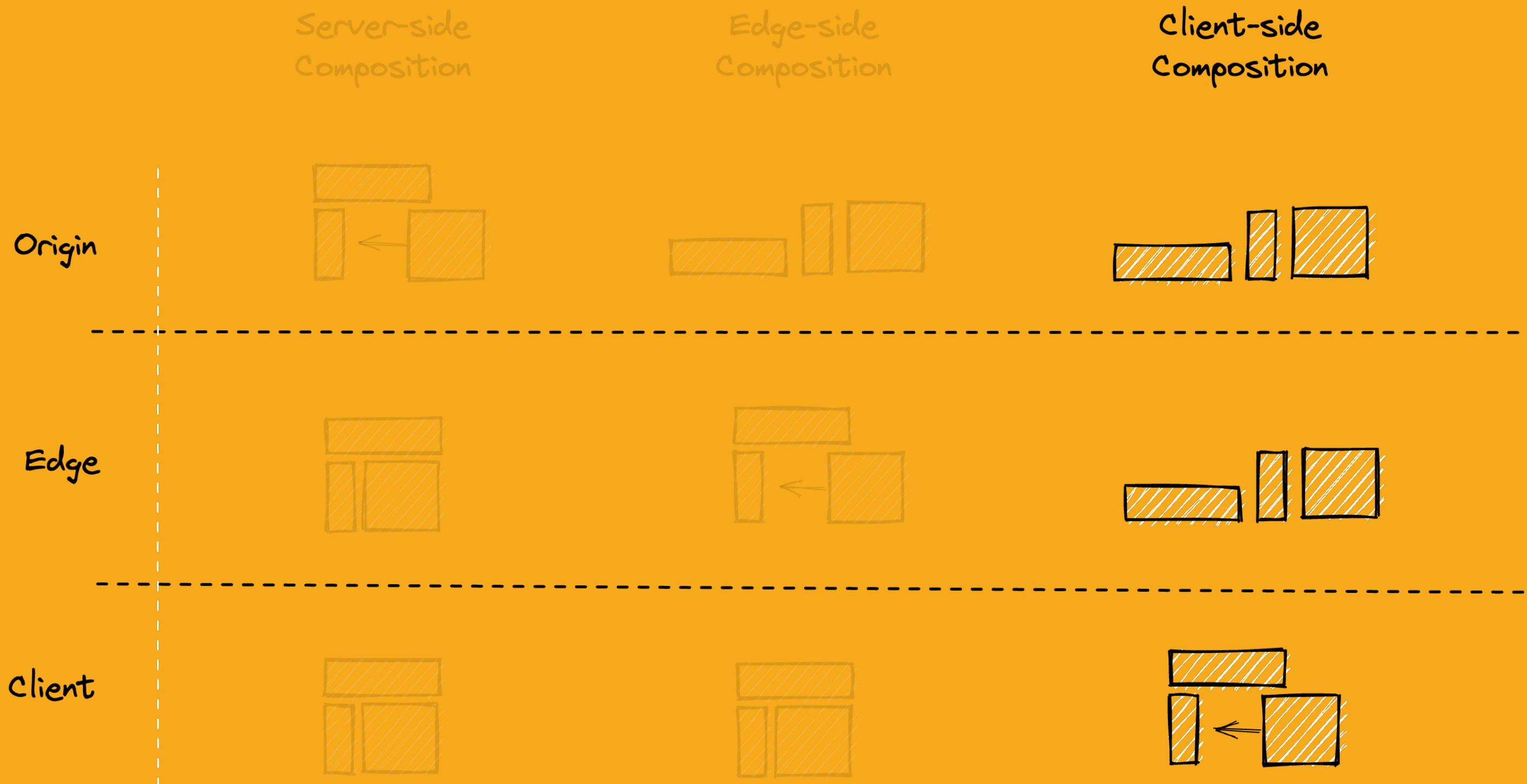
Decision Framework Composition



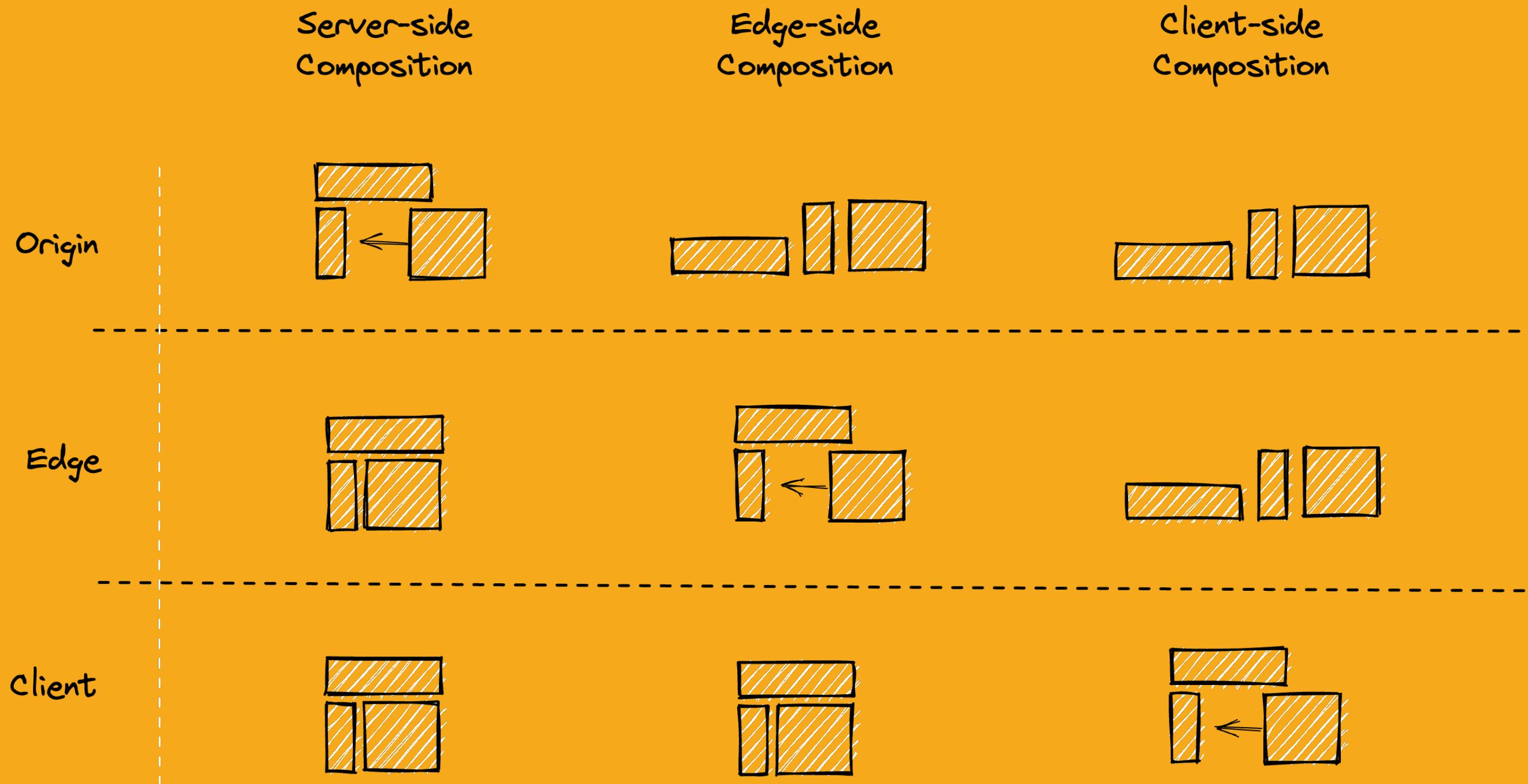
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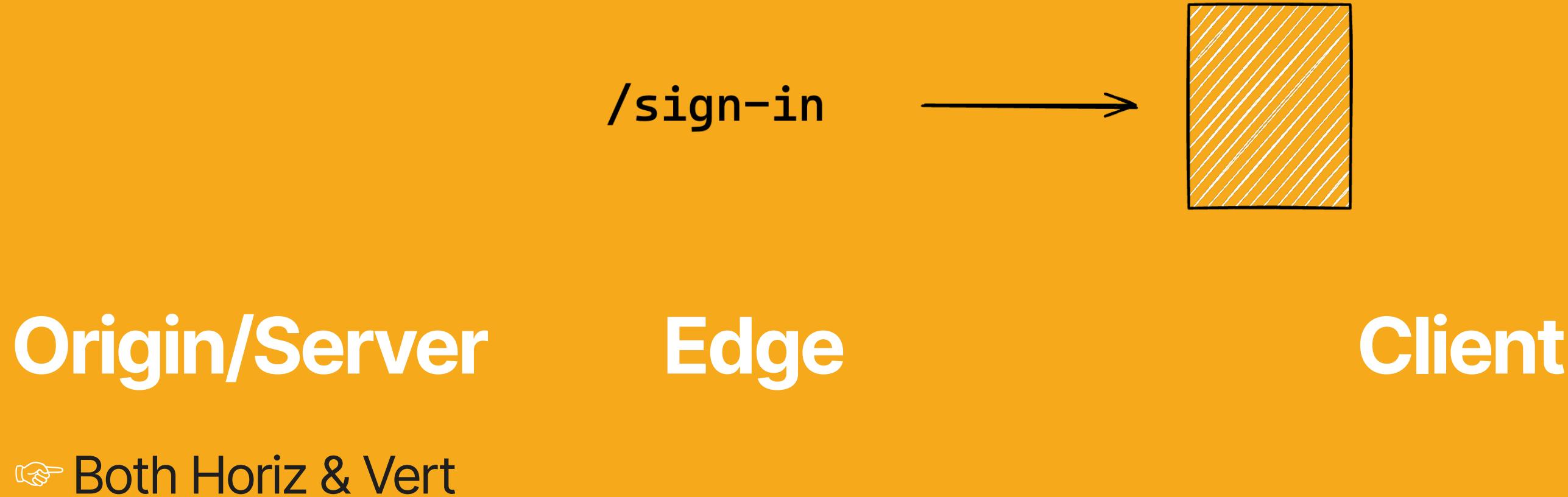
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Decision Framework Routing



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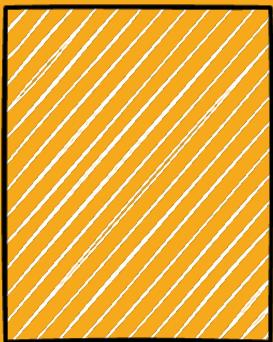
Origin/Server

👉 Both Horiz & Vert

Edge

👉 Not common

👉 Idea: canary releases &
AB testing



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Decision Framework Routing



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Client

- 👉 Always download app-shell first
- 👉 (Vertical) Routing Prefix ownership

Decision Framework Communication

Vertical

👉 Browser storage

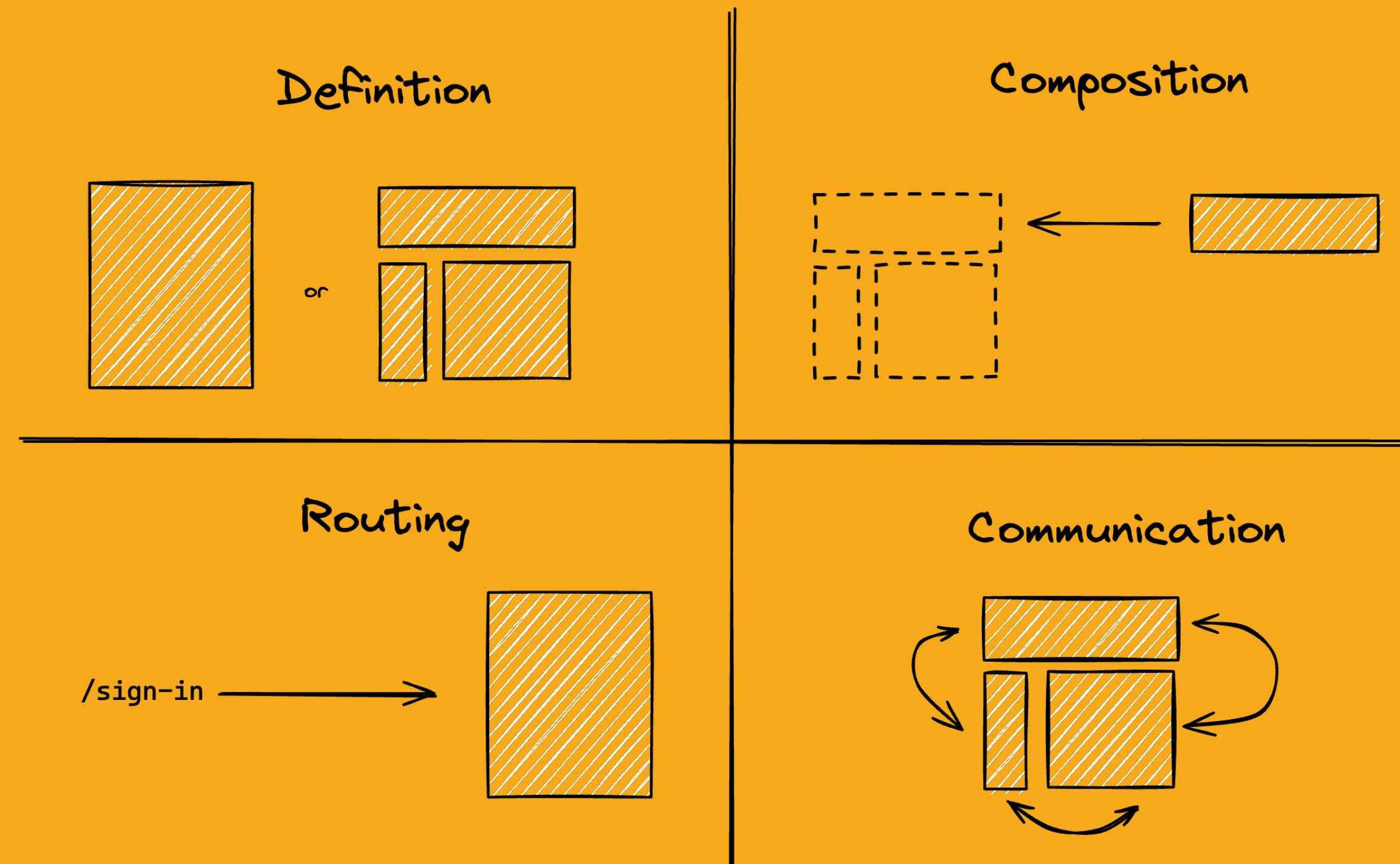
👉 Url params

Horizontal

👉 Event Bus (very popular)

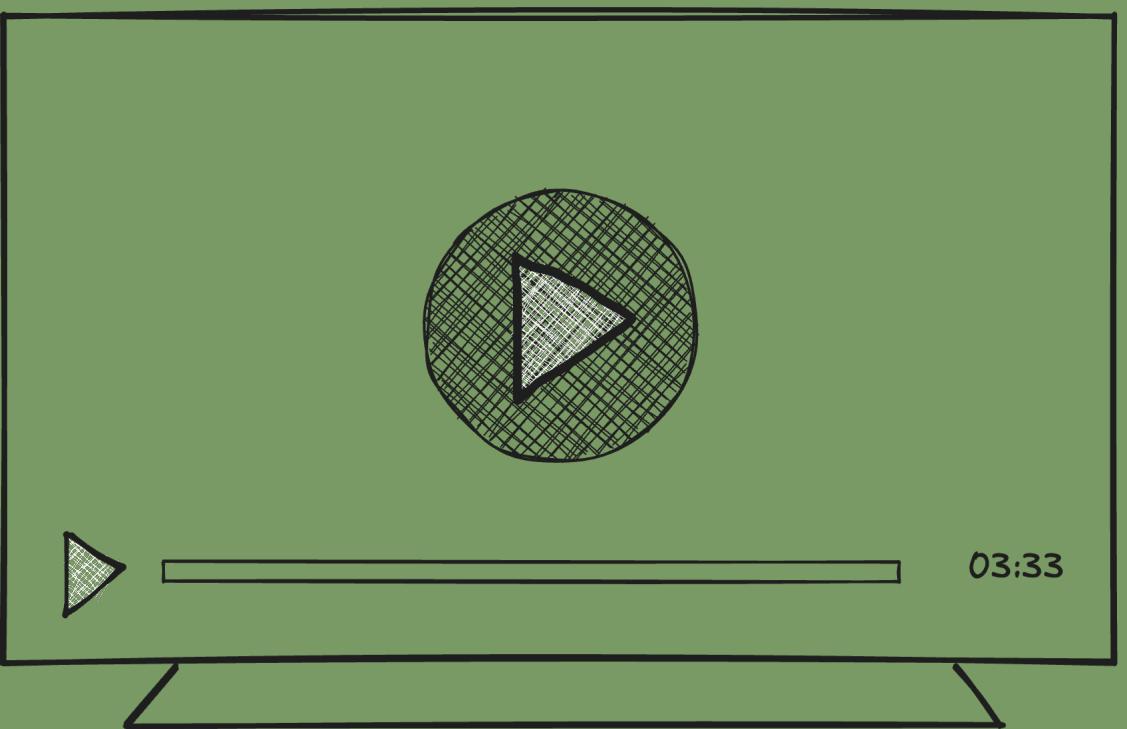
👉 Host config (eg. React Props)

Micro-Frontends Decision Framework

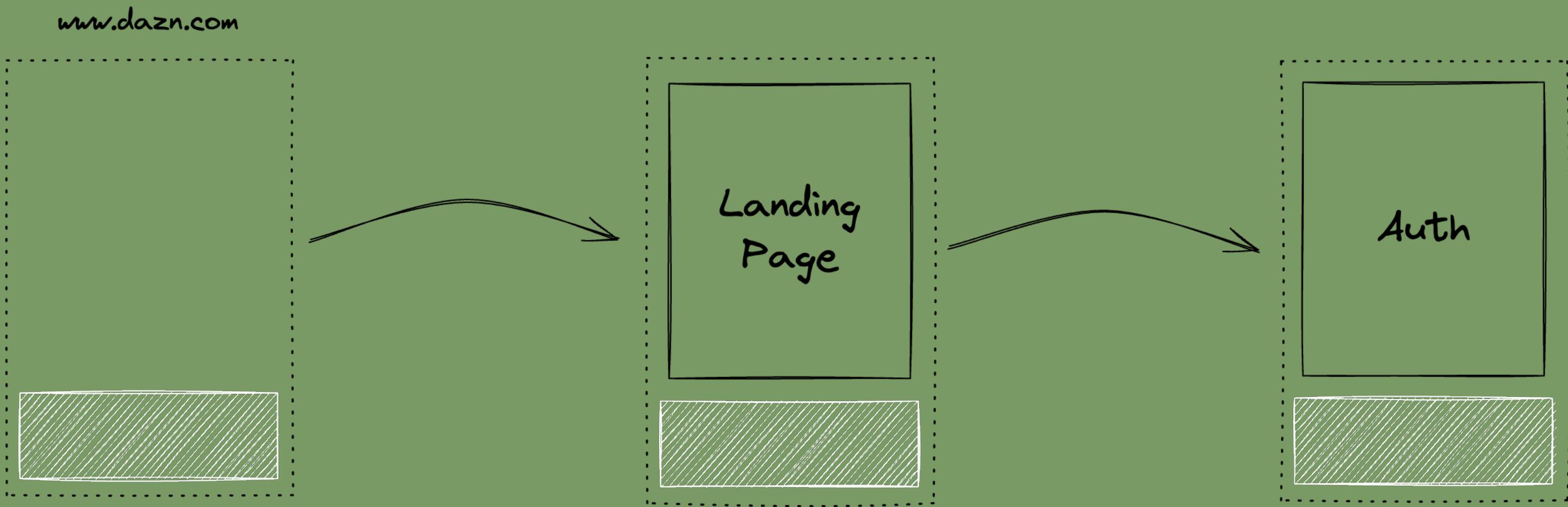


PLAY

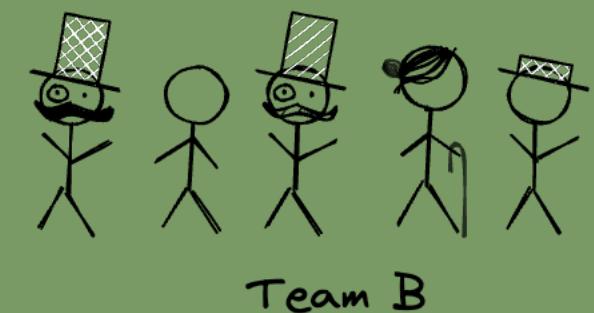
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DAZN Composition & Routing



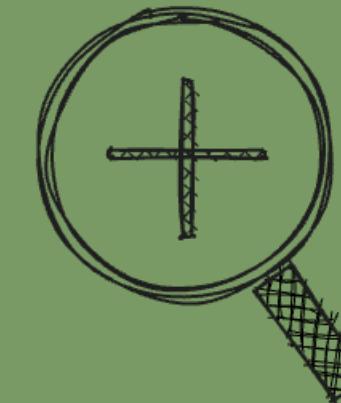
Client-side
Orchestrator
always in page



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Landing
Page

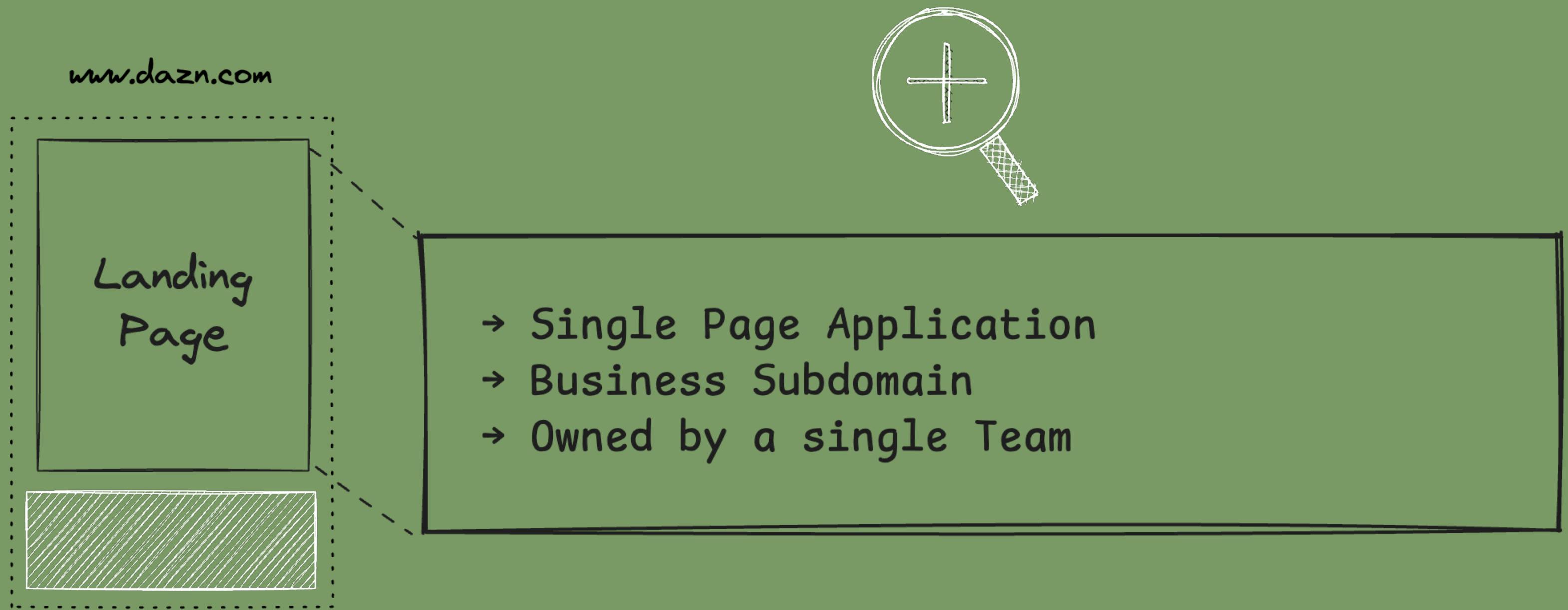


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const verticalMfe = await fetch('./landingpage/index.html')

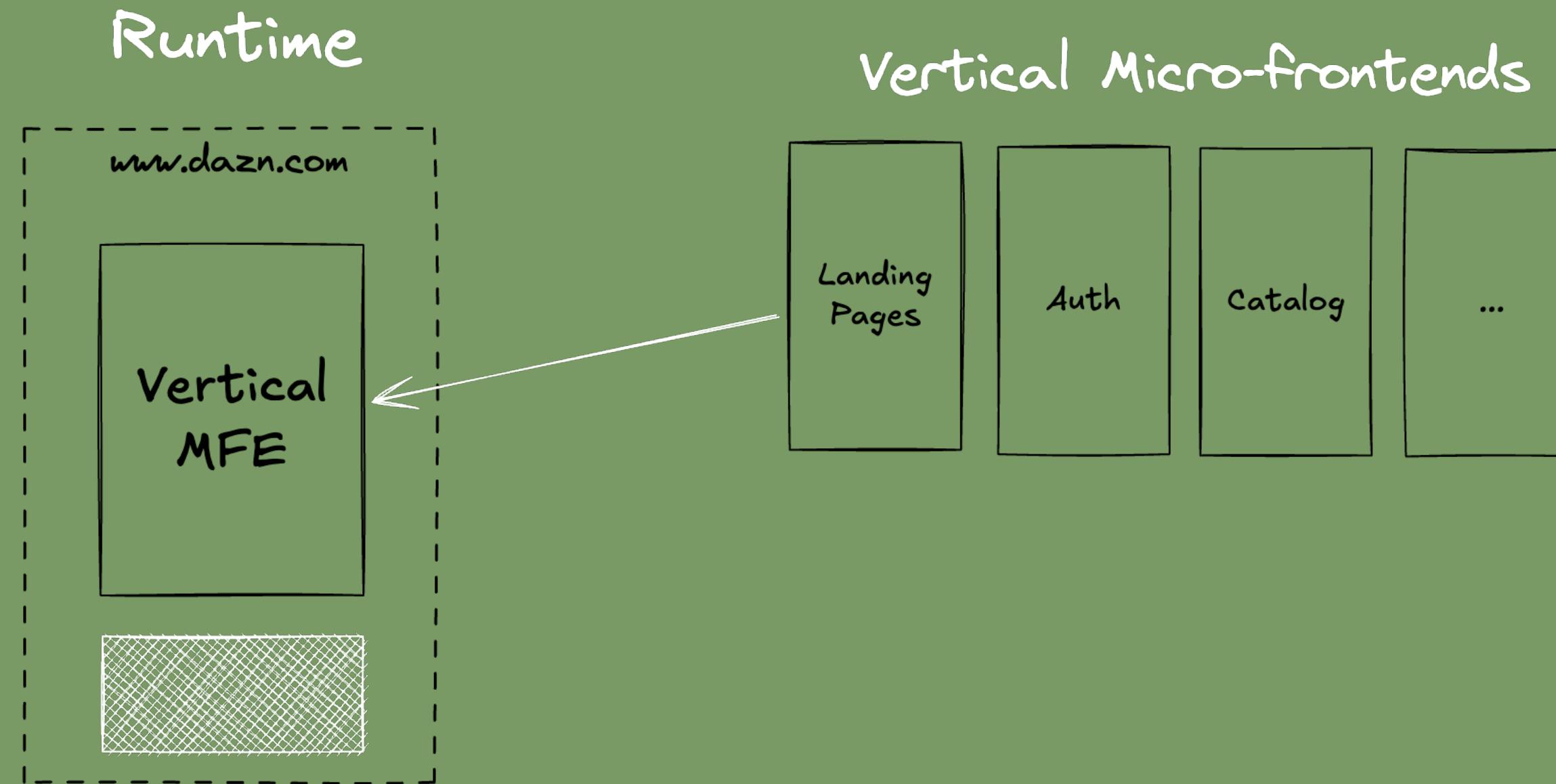
const elements = verticalMfe.querySelectorAll('body>*')

elements.forEach(mount(document.body, window.document));
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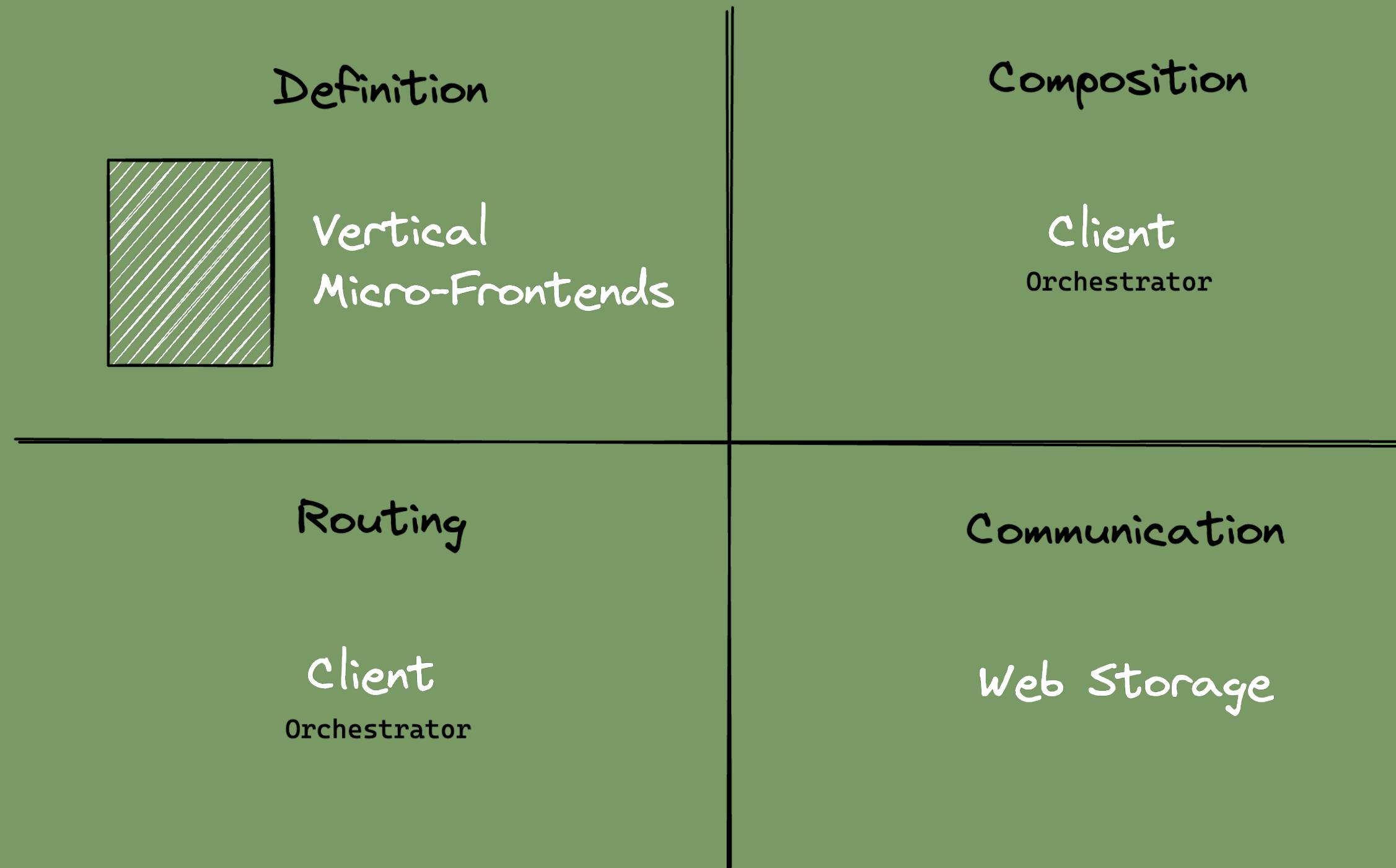
DAZN Vertical Micro-Frontend



DAZN 2019 Frontend Architecture



DAZN 2019 Decision Framework



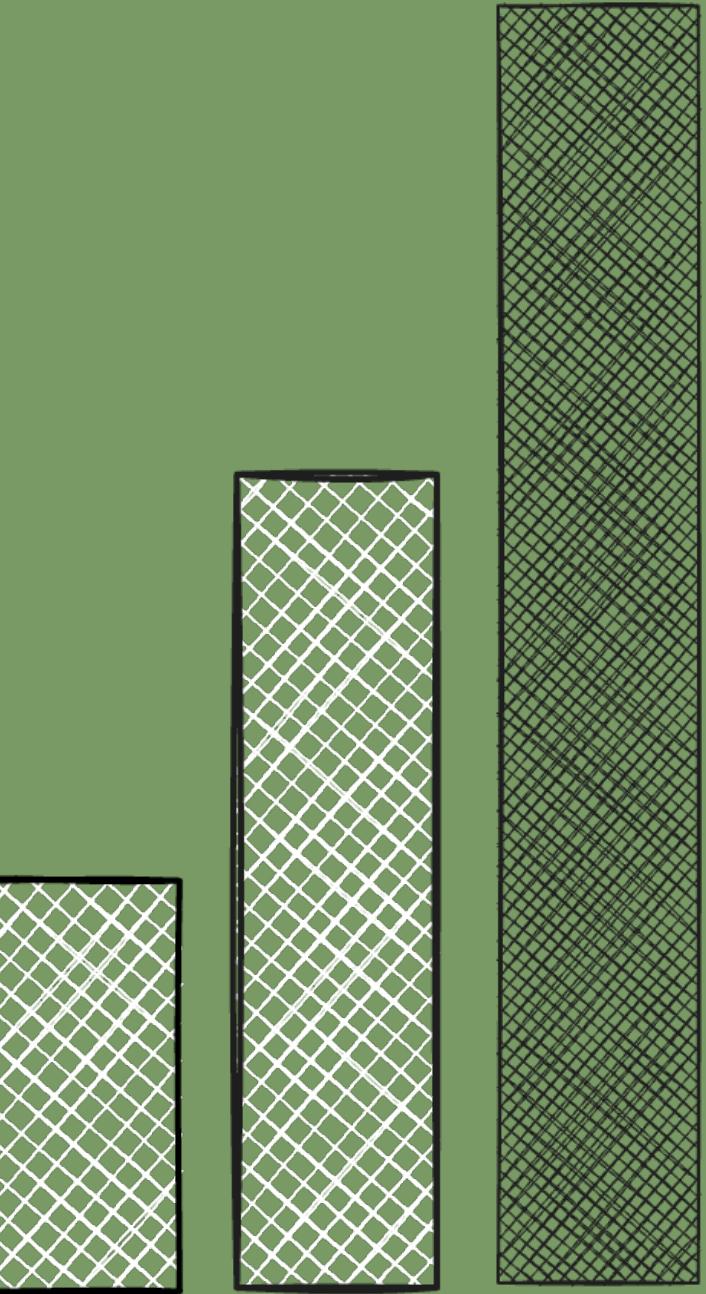
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No more! 

Adapting to Change

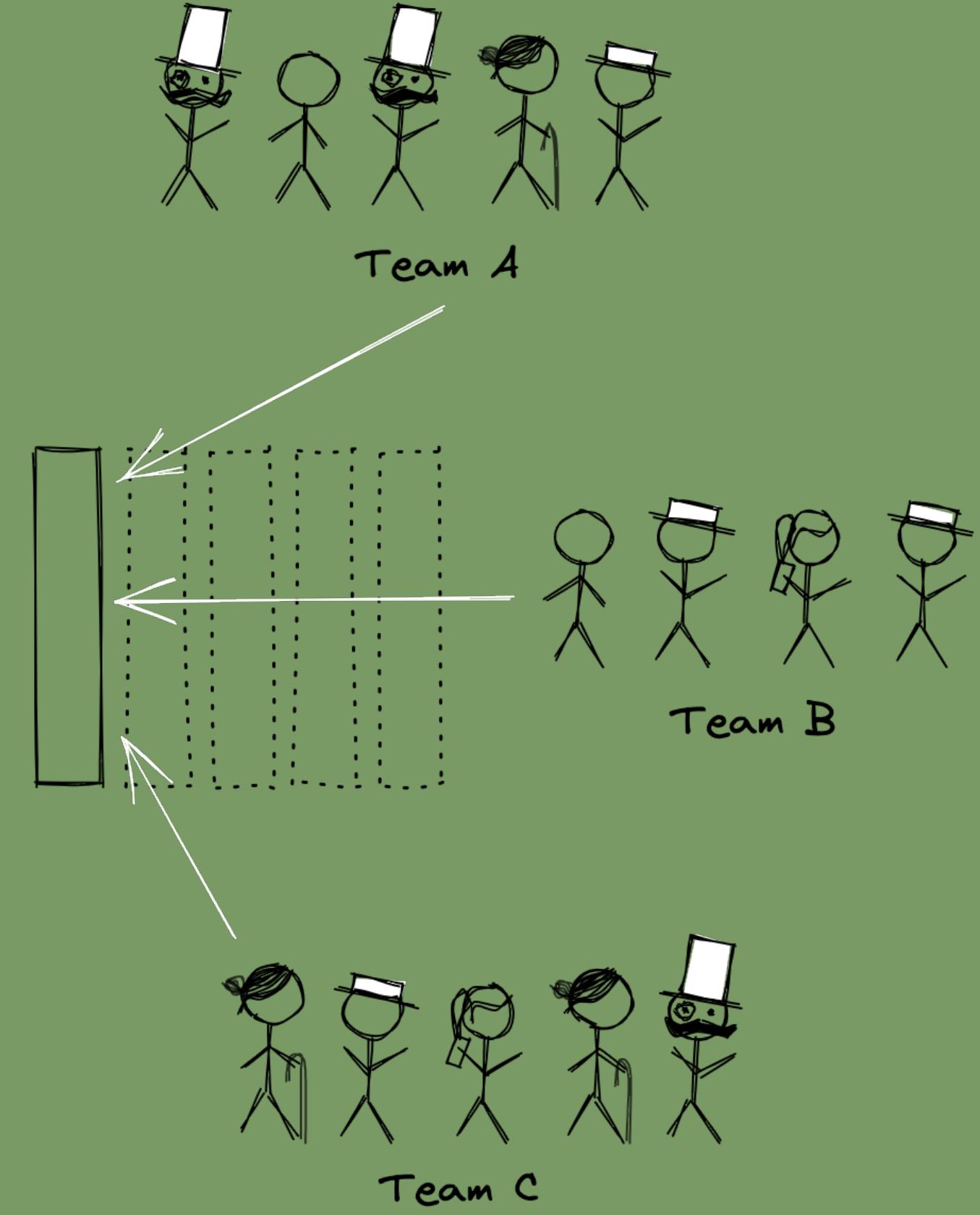
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It's not easy to define Domain Boundaries

Some vertical Micro-frontends were too big for a single team

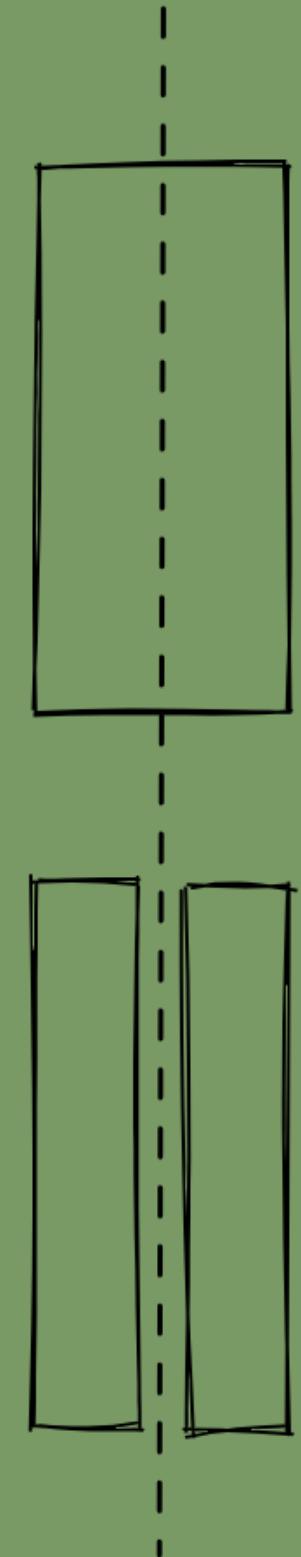
Micro-frontends



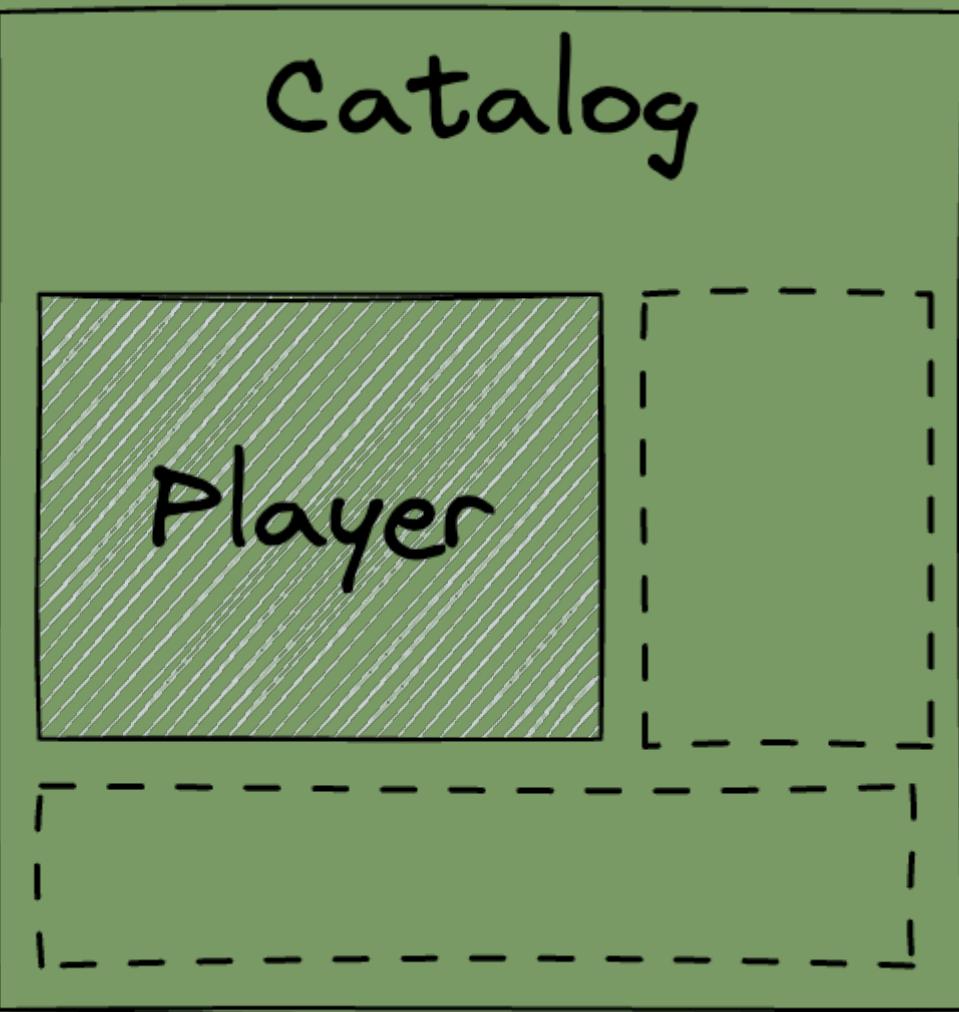
**Our business
subdomains are not
immutable so we re-
defined their boundaries**

Micro-frontend

Two
Micro-frontends

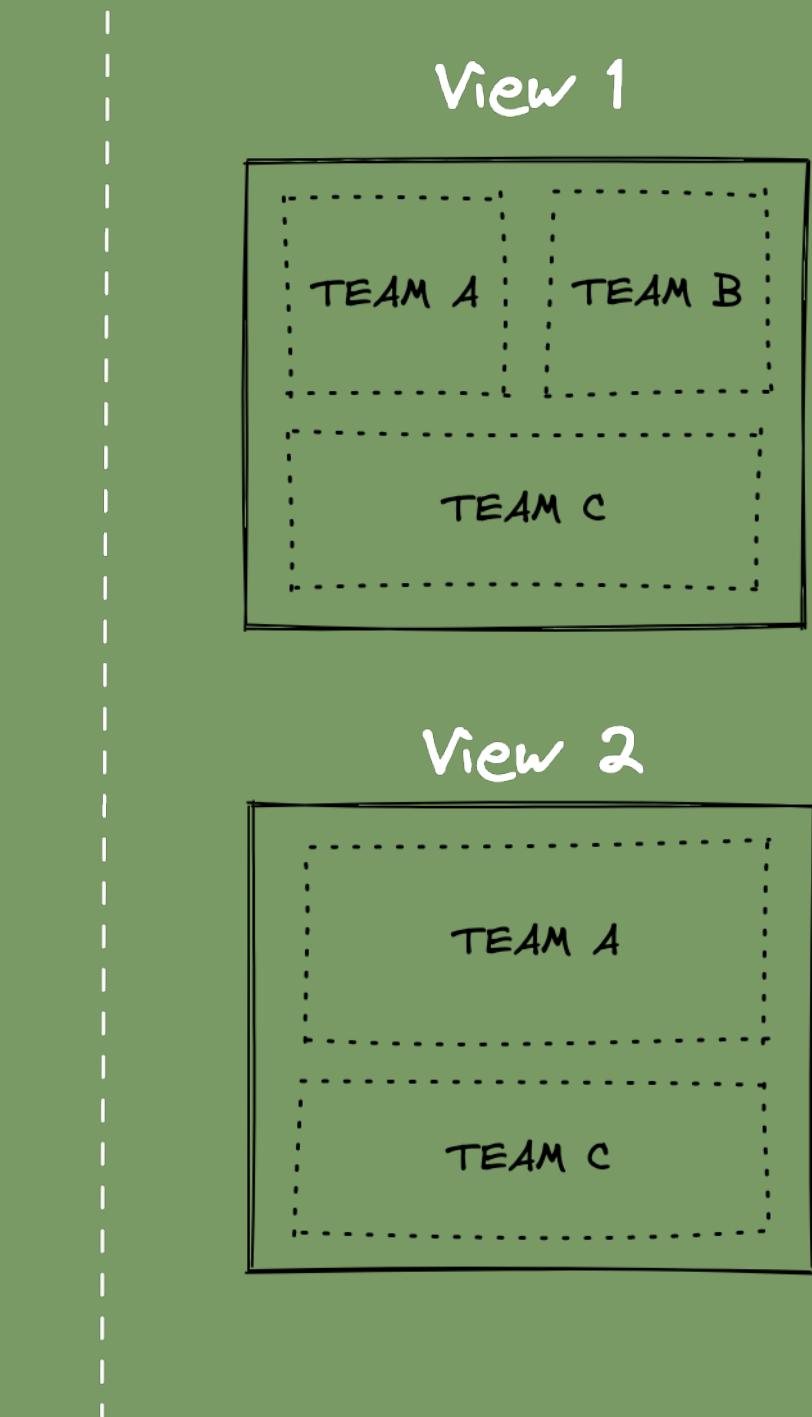
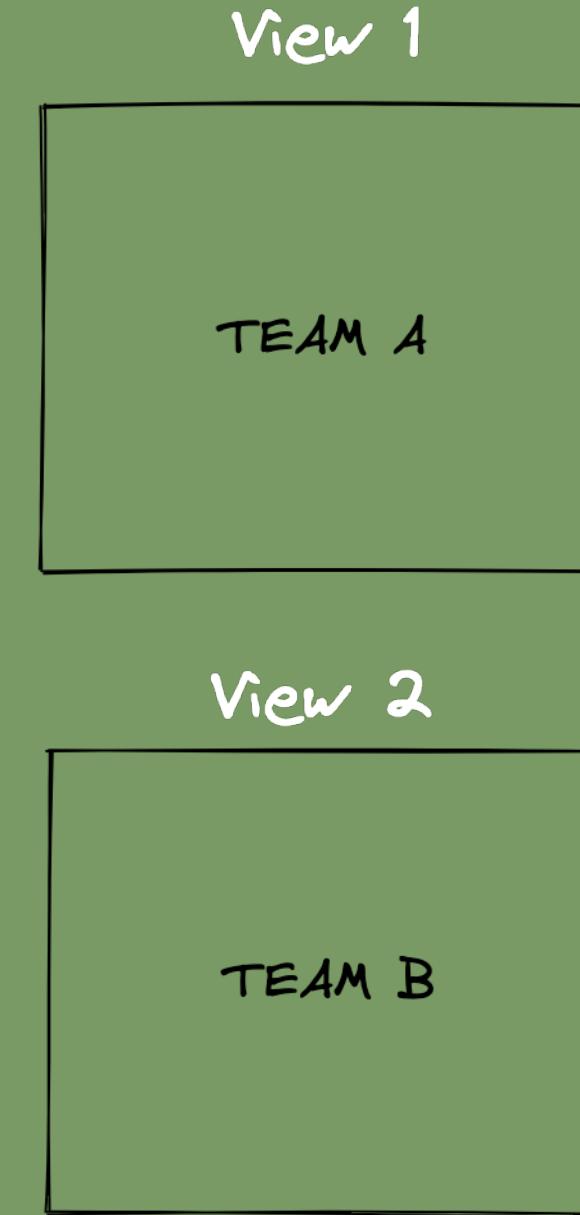


**A Subdomain did contain
a complex subsystem¹
that was not considered
a Micro-frontend**



¹From "Team Topologies"

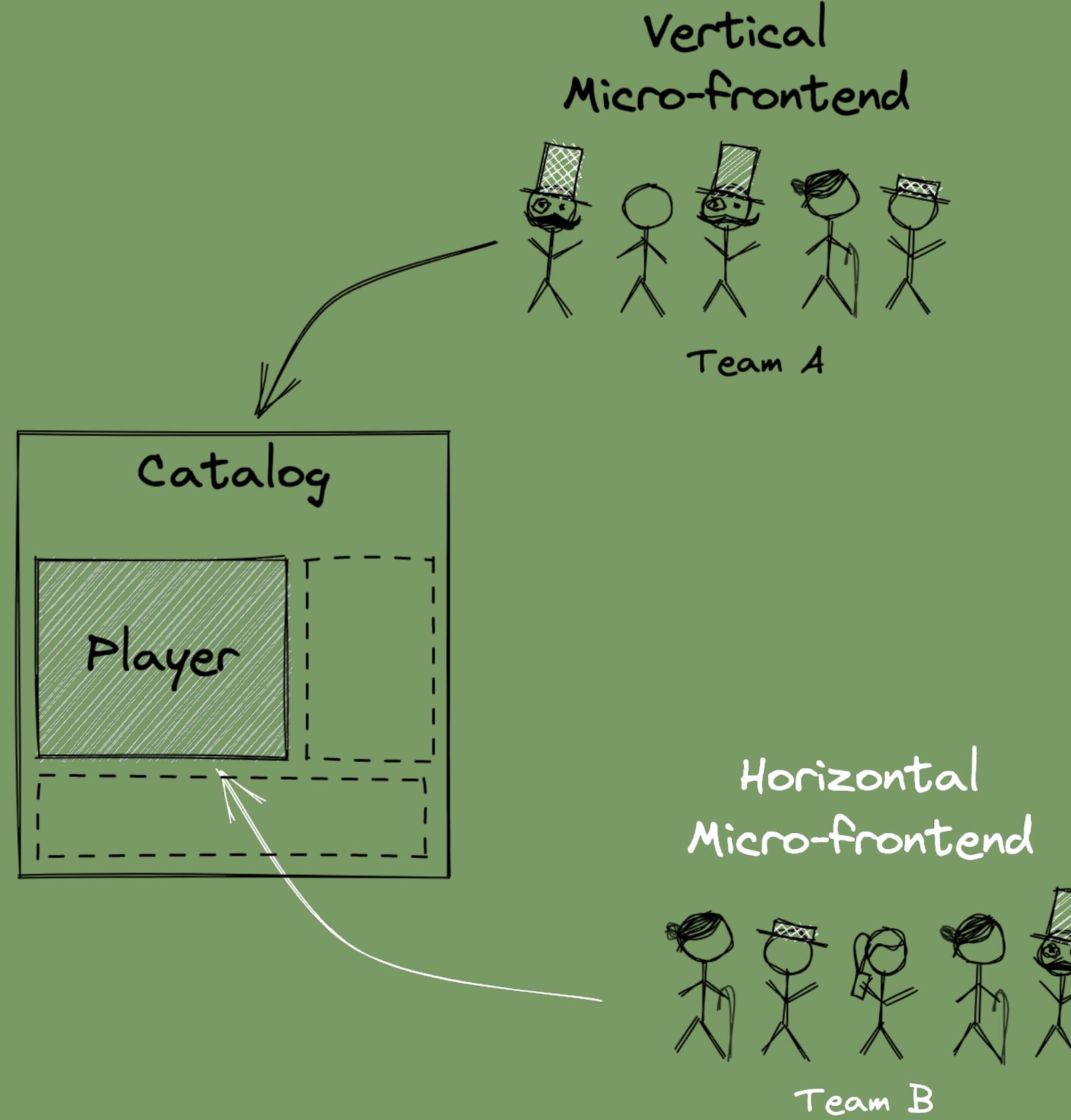
Micro-frontends Vertical & Horizontal² split



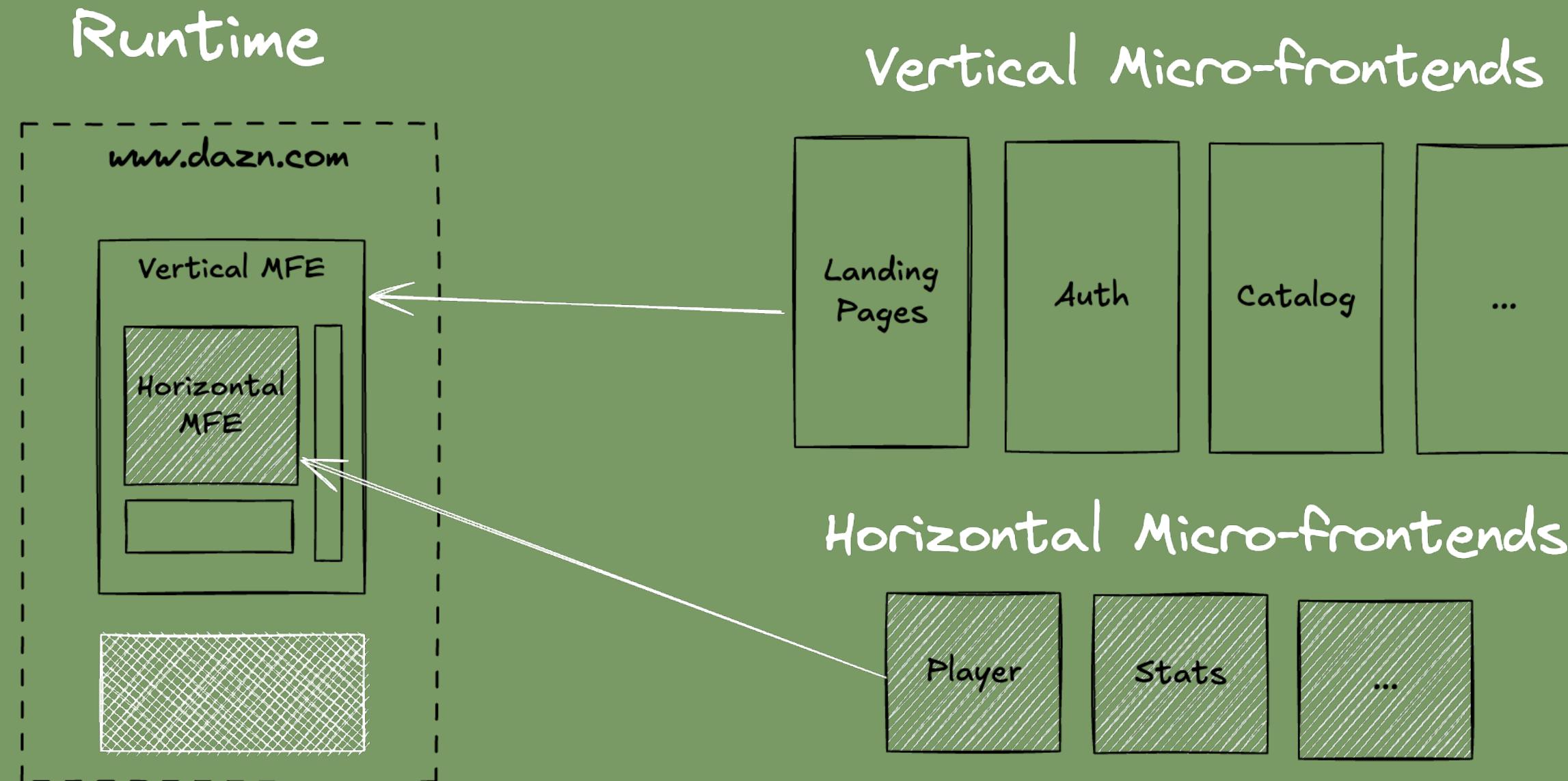
Horizontal
Micro-Frontends

Deep Dive into Horizontal Micro-frontends in DAZN

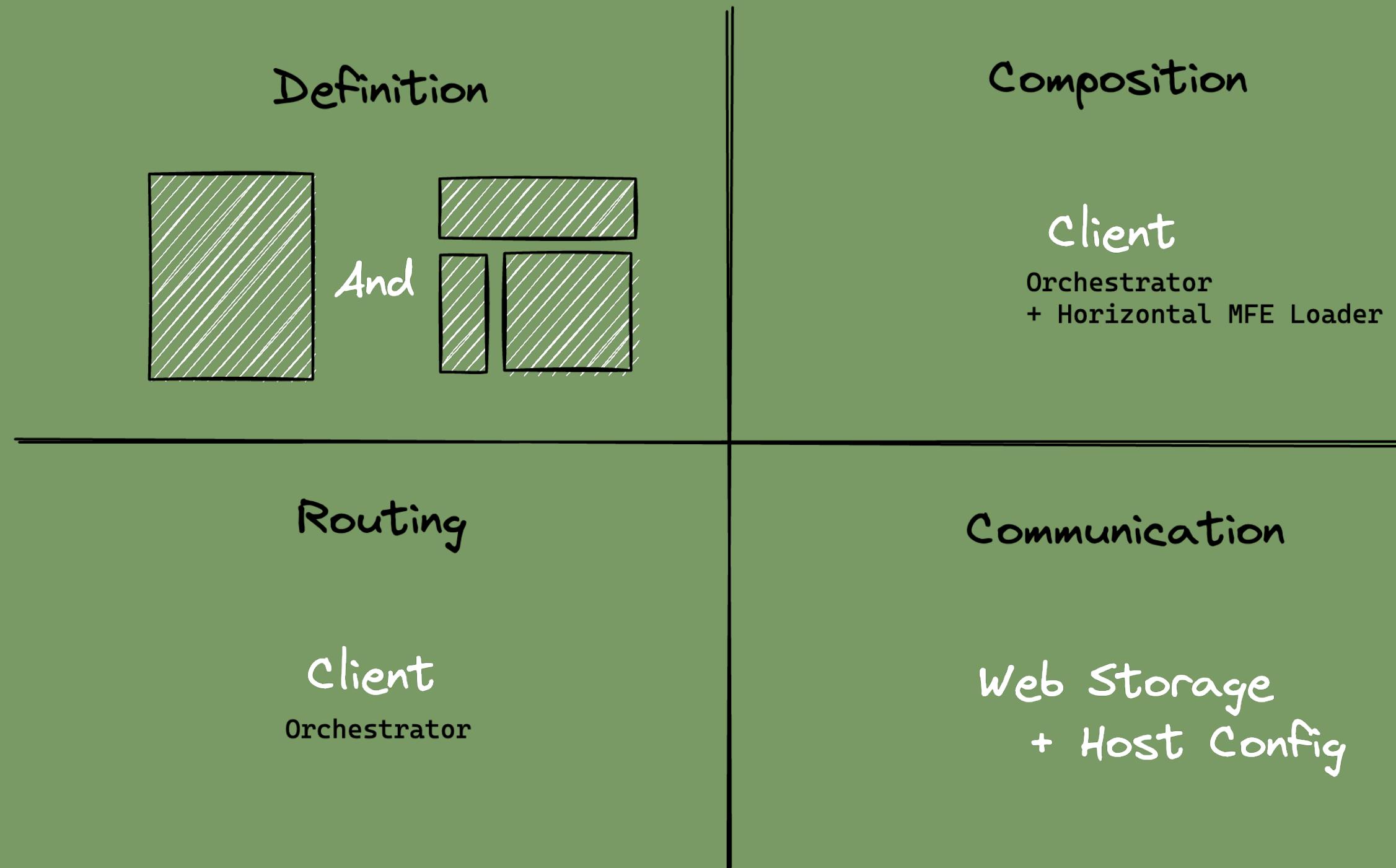
- 👉 SystemJS
- 👉 Relationship with host
- 👉 Autonomy in non-breaking changes



DAZN 2025 Frontend Architecture

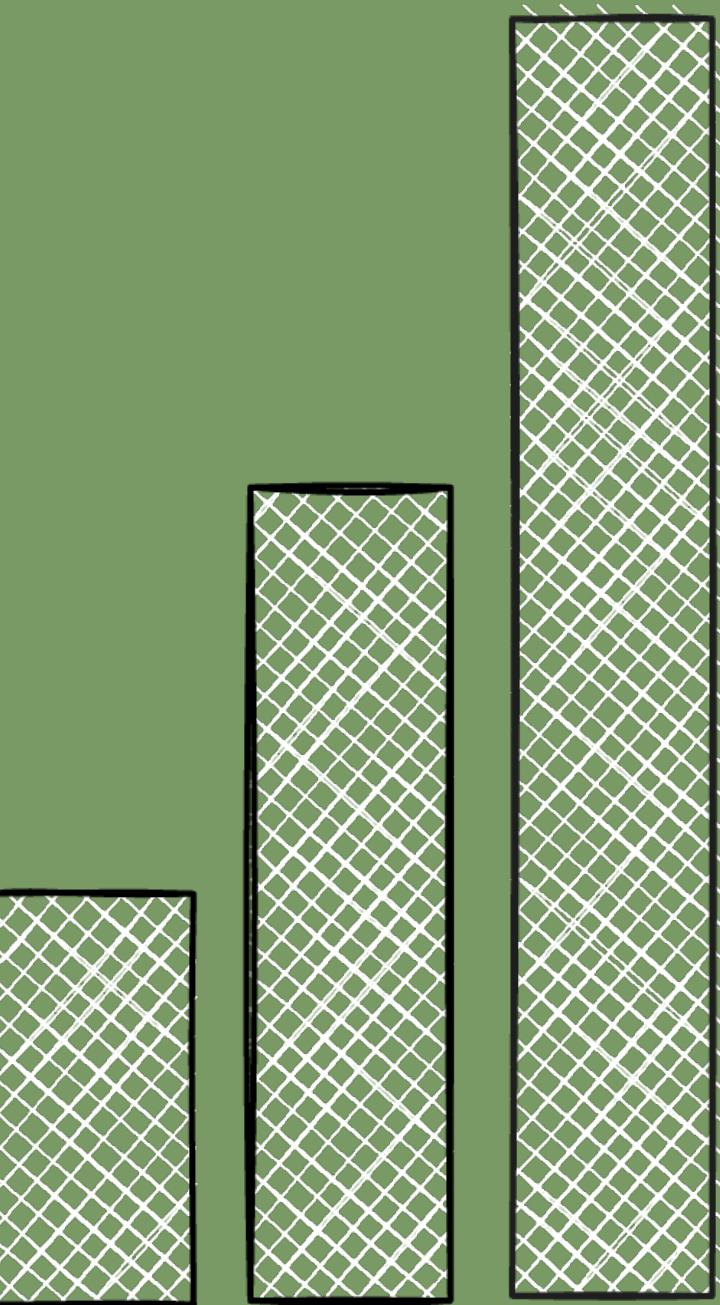


DAZN 2025 Decision Framework

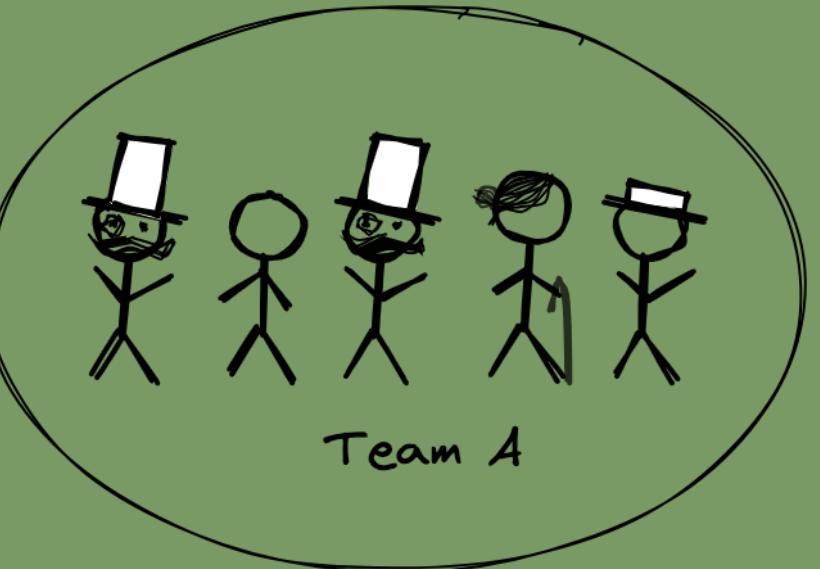


Sharing Ideas & Sharing Code

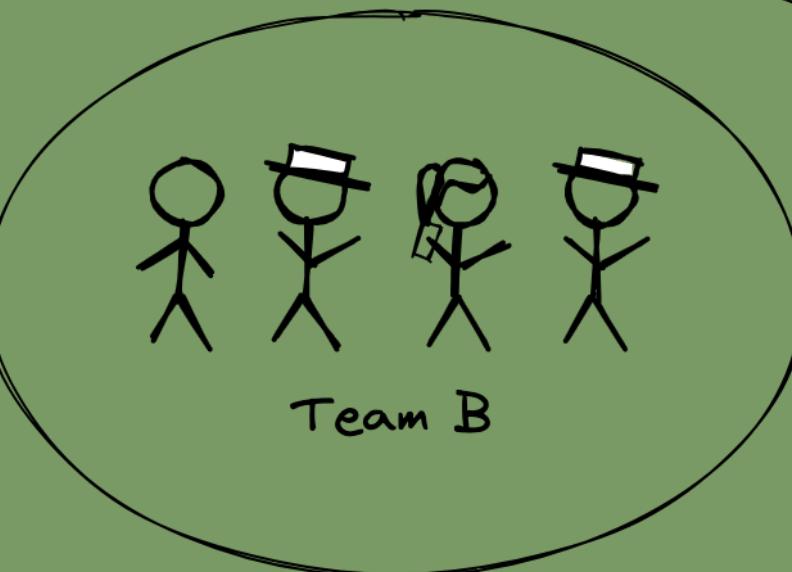
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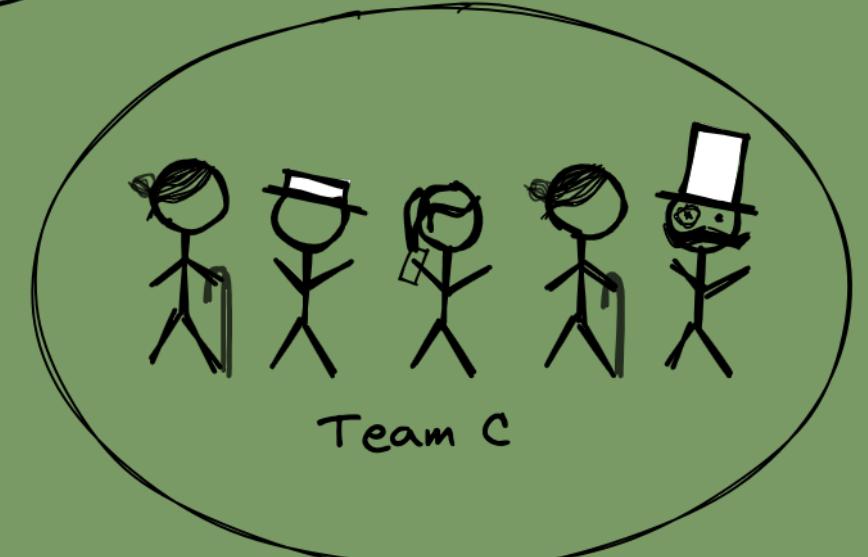
Autonomous Teams are at risk of creating Knowledge Silos



Team A



Team B



Team C

Share Knowledge across Teams

 **Internal Meetups**

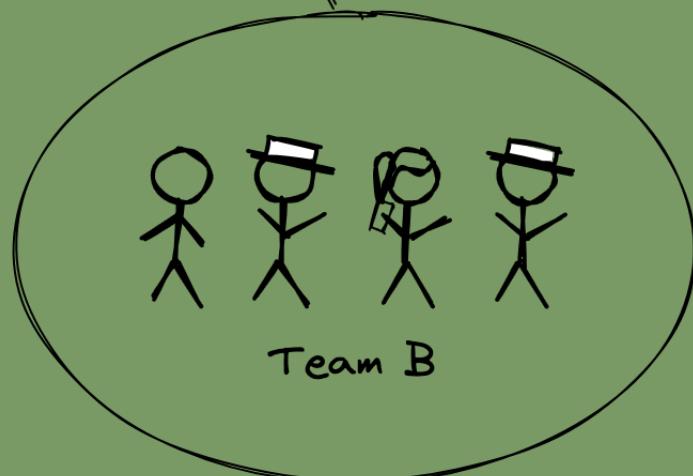
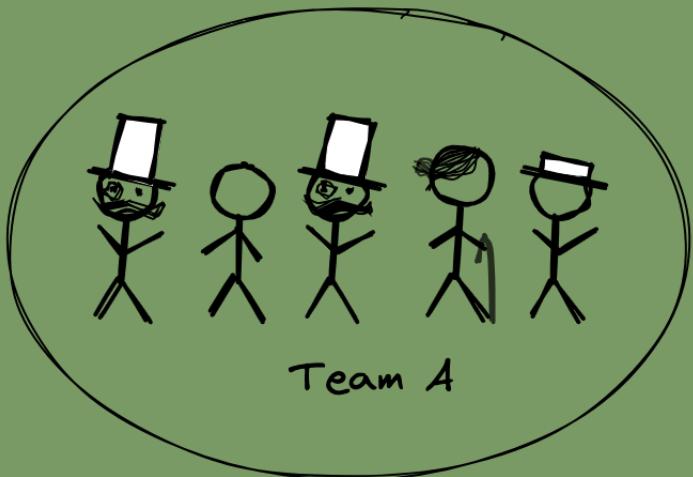
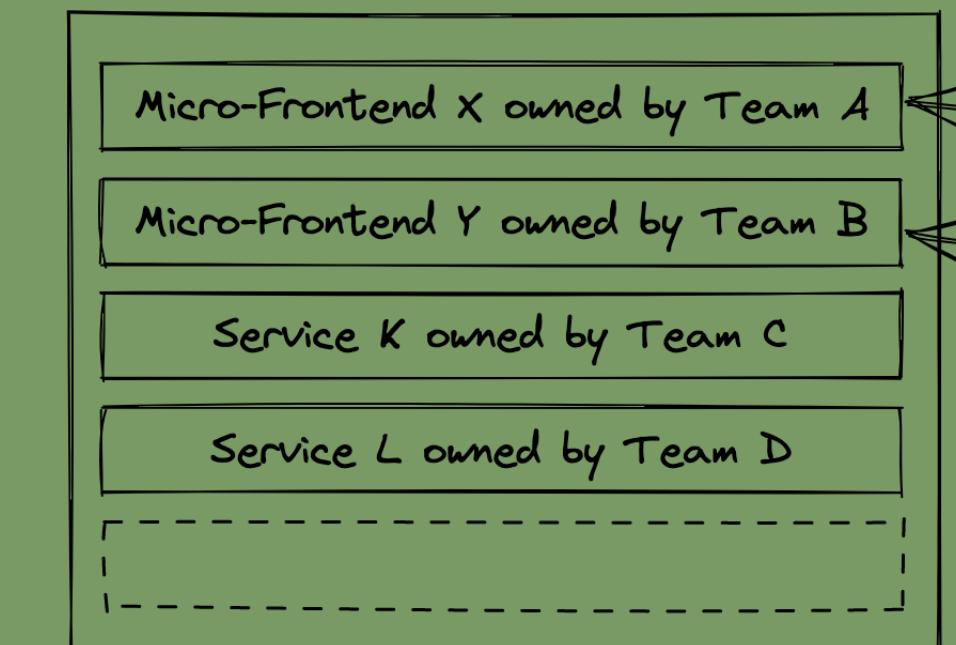
 **Principals & Staff Eng**

 **Plan it !f**

Enable Discovery beyond Teams

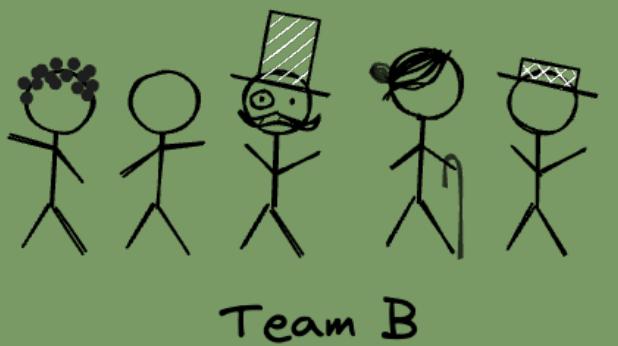
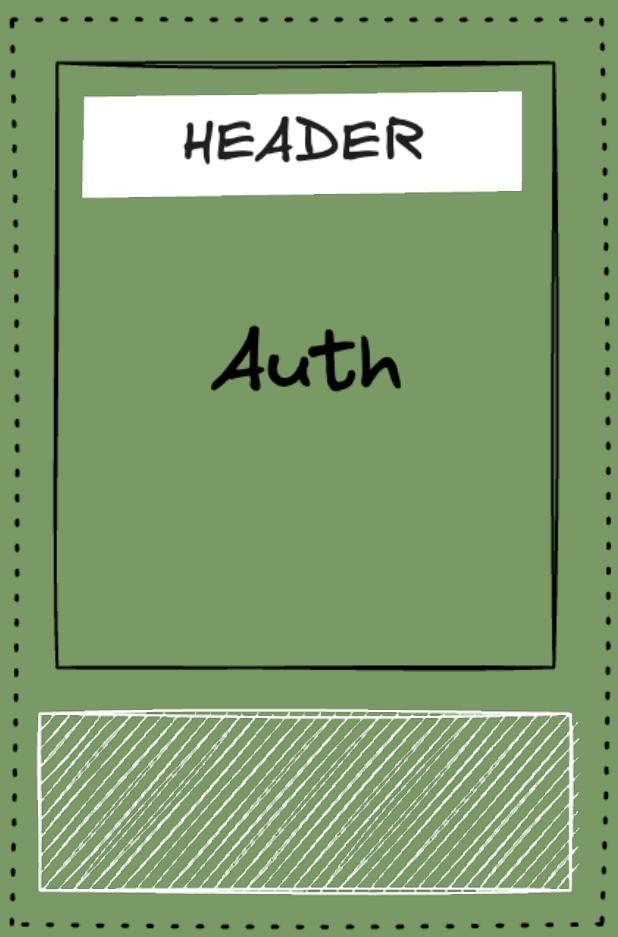
👉 **Developer Experience DX**

👉 **Backstage (Spotify)**

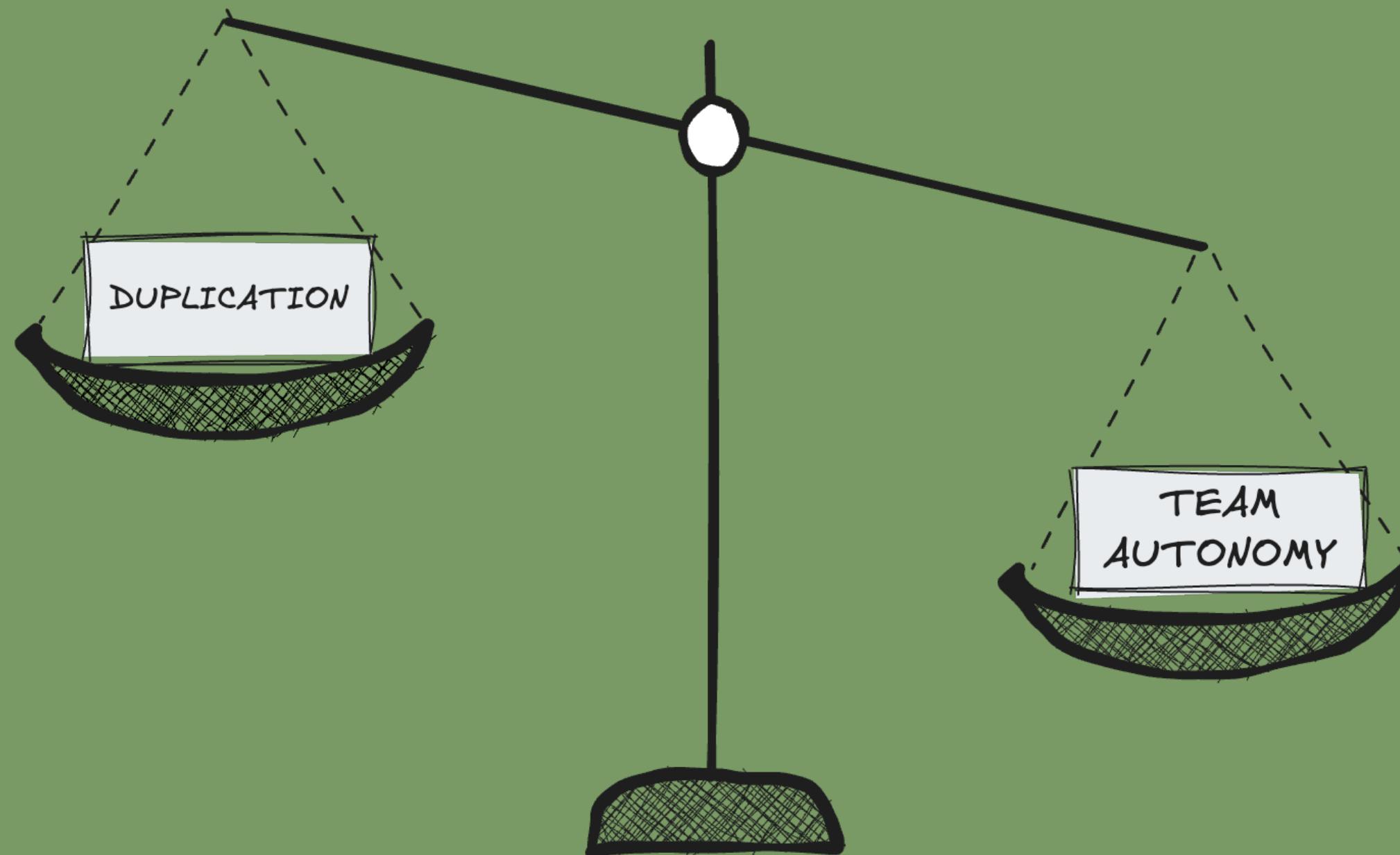


**We're now sharing
ideas Should we also
share code?**

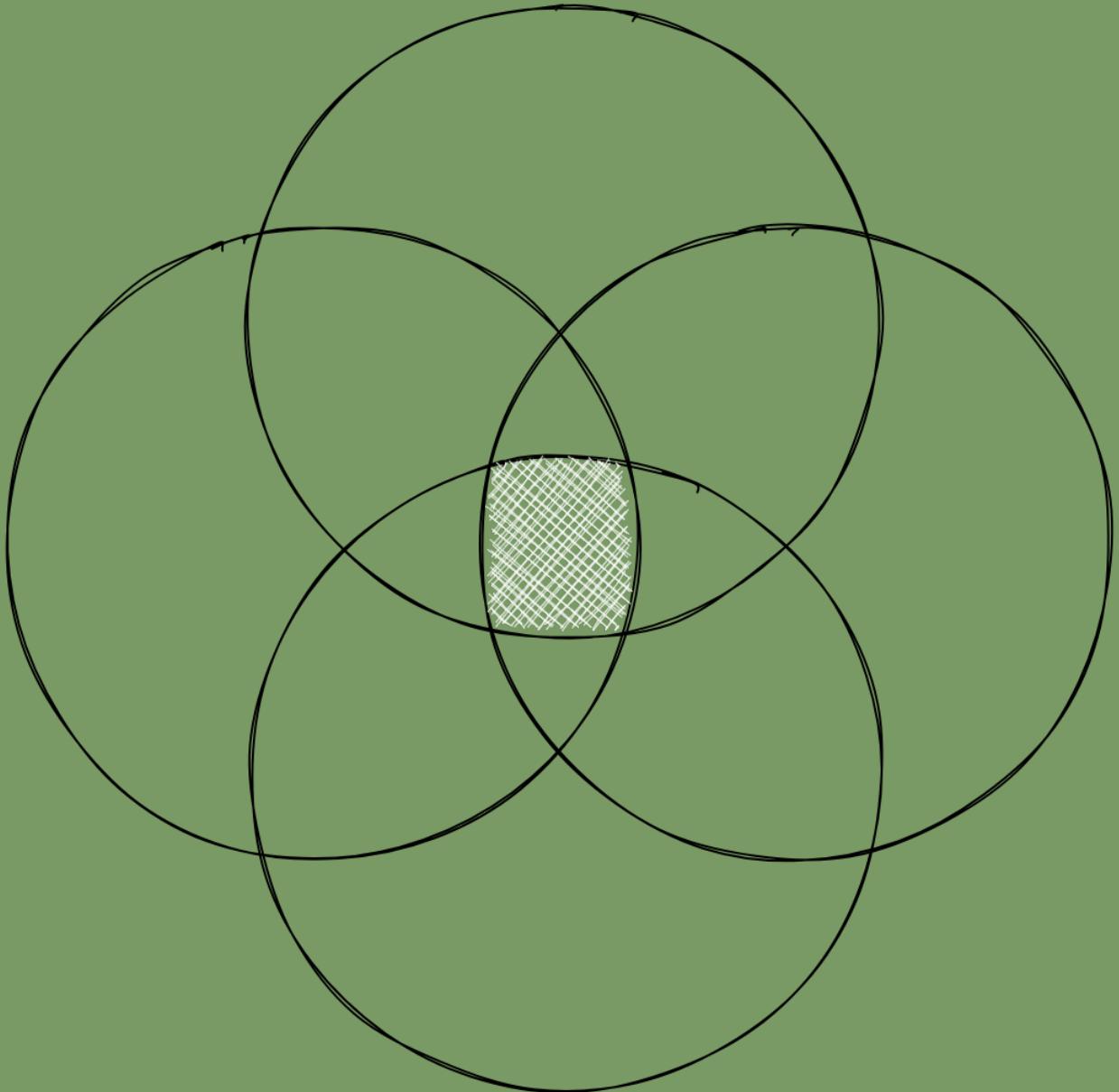
To favor teams independence, we duplicated by design



What's important for you ?



**Not a single visual
component has been
shared across all the
Micro-frontends, yet**



**In DAZN, we're sharing
some components to
reflect company
priorities**

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What are we sharing

Payments

Critical component

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 **Analytics**

Risks of Fragmentation

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Experiments

Hard to provide autonomy

takeaways

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- 👉 It's always about **People**

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thank you

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