Question

You are tasked with merging two existing systems:

- Alerts Service generates alerts whenever suspicious activity occurs in customer transactions.
- Cases Service groups related alerts and transactions under a single investigation case.

Currently, these are separate products with separate databases and APIs, but they are meant to belong to the same ecosystem.

Each case can contain multiple alerts and customer transactions, while each alert can belong to only one case.

Design a high-level **software architecture** to unify these systems into one cohesive project while ensuring:

- 1. Data consistency between alerts and cases.
- 2. Scalability for future integrations.
- 3. Clear ownership and boundaries between modules.
- 4. Ability to evolve features independently.