

# Microservices Technology Stack

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# Microservices

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# Microservices



Flexible Software Architectures

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<http://microservices-book.com/>



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# Microservices Primer

A Short Overview

**FREE!!!!**

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<http://microservices-book.com/primer.html>

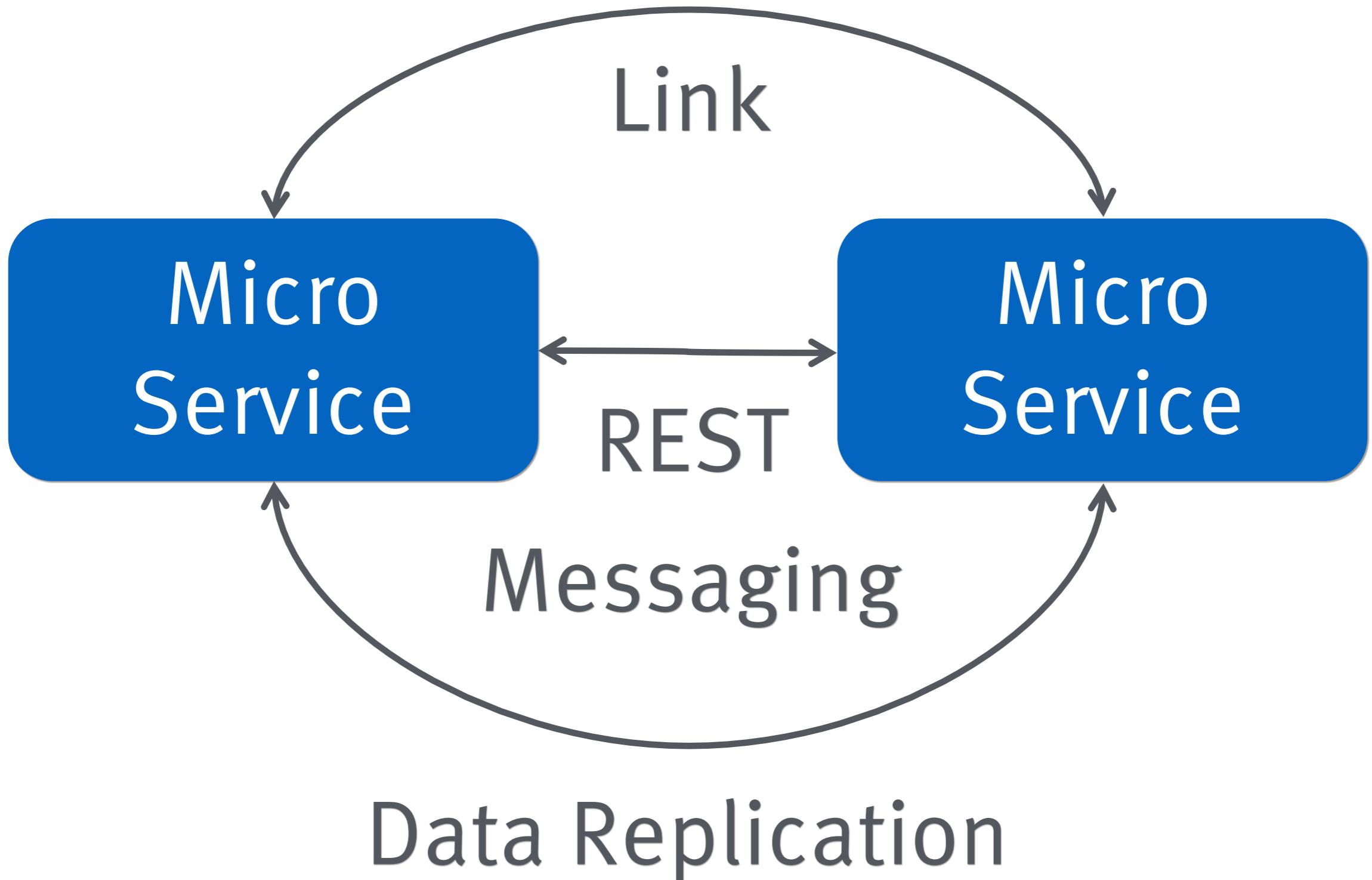
Microservices =  
Independent  
Deployment Units

Why can't I just  
deploy Microservices  
on an Java EE server?

Microservices are just  
small REST services,  
right?

# Integration

# Components Collaborate



# UI Integration

# Browser

Order History

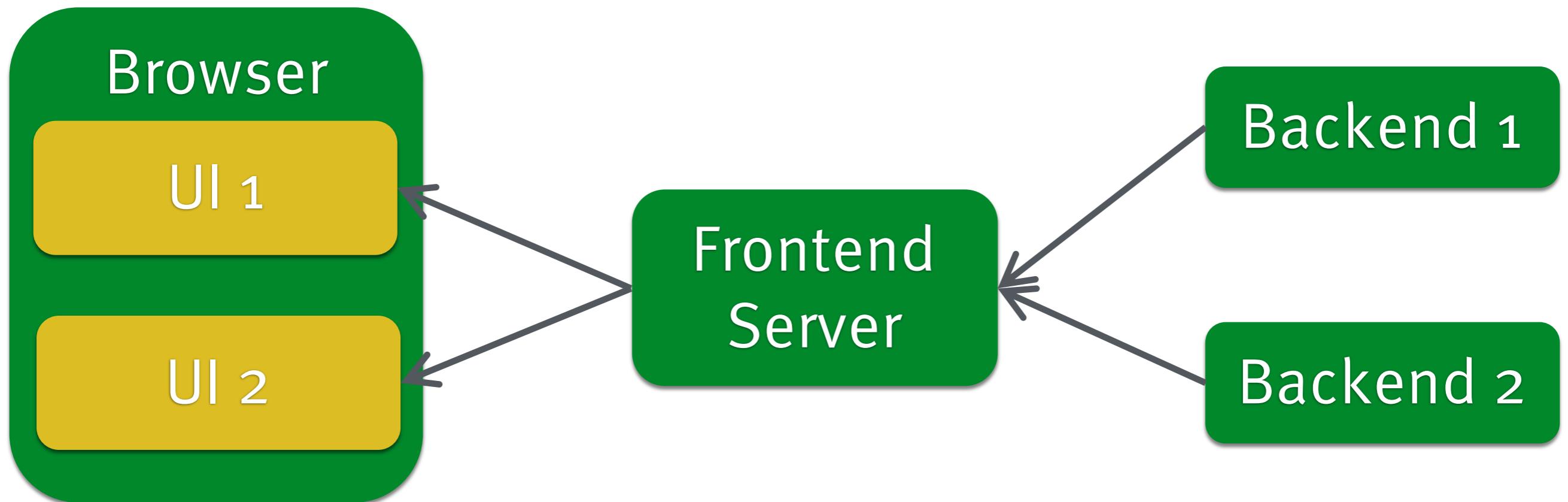
Order  
Microservice

Recommendation

Recommendation  
Microservice

# Server-side integration

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# Server-side Integration: Technologies

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- › ESI (Edge Side Include)
  - › E.g. Varnish cache
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- › SSI (Server Side Include)
  - › E.g. Apache httpd, nginx
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- › Portal Server + Portlets

# ESI (Edge Side Includes)

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```
...
<header>
... Logged in as: Ada Lovelace ...
</header>

...
<div>
... a lot of static content and images ...
</div>

...
<div>
  some dynamic content
</div>
```

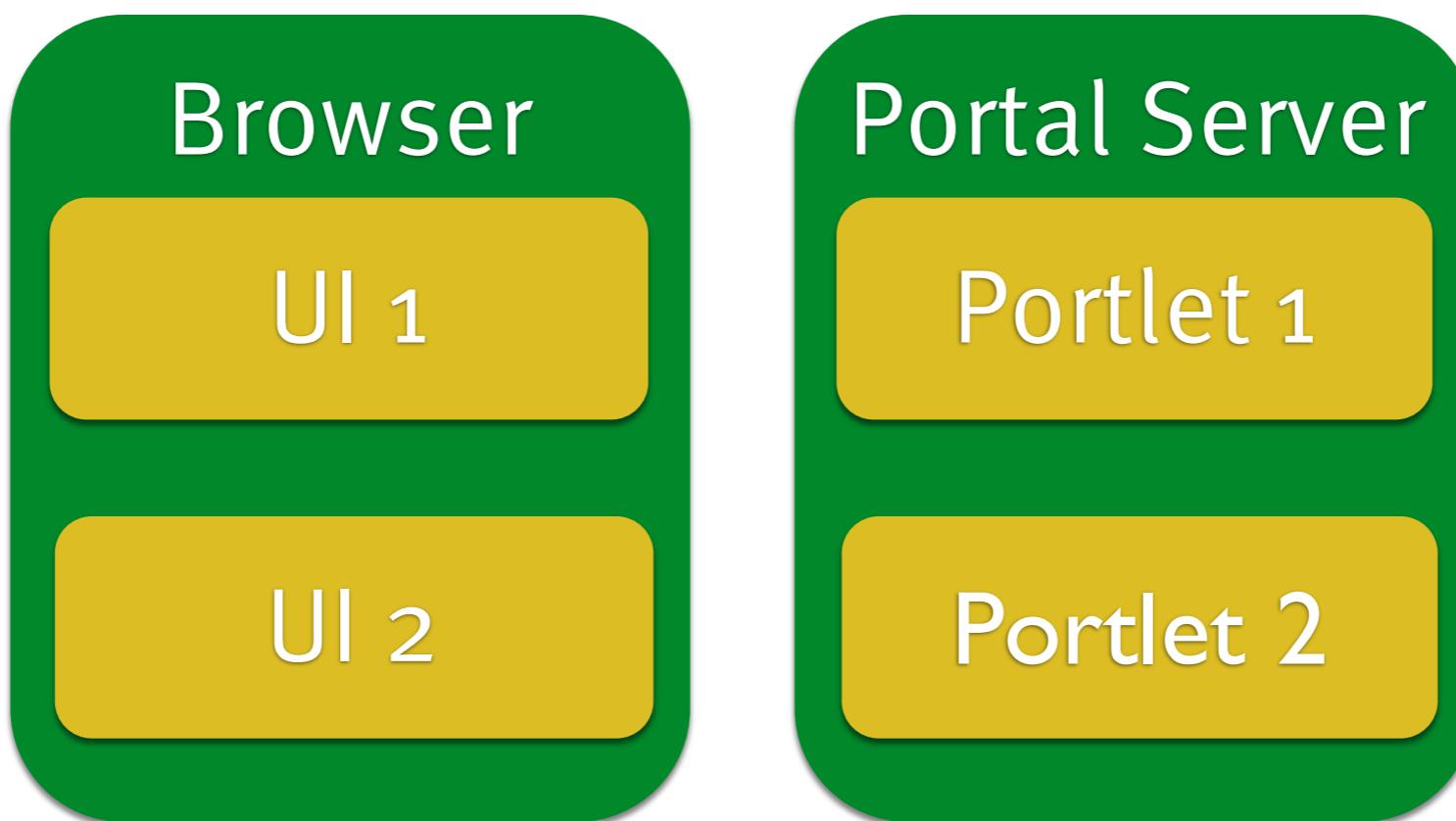
# ESI (Edge Side Includes)

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```
...
<esi:include src="http://example.com/header" />
...
<div>
    ... a lot of static content and images ...
</div>
...
<esi:include src="http://example.com/dynamic" />
```

# Portal Server

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- › Broad support and used in many projects
- › Compose web application of Portlets
- › Portlets might be deployed independently

# Portal Server: Challenges

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- › Do not really integrate diverse backends
- › Web Services for Remote Portlets (WSRP)  
still require Portlets
- › Portlets allow customization by user...
- › ...which make them very different from  
normal web applications

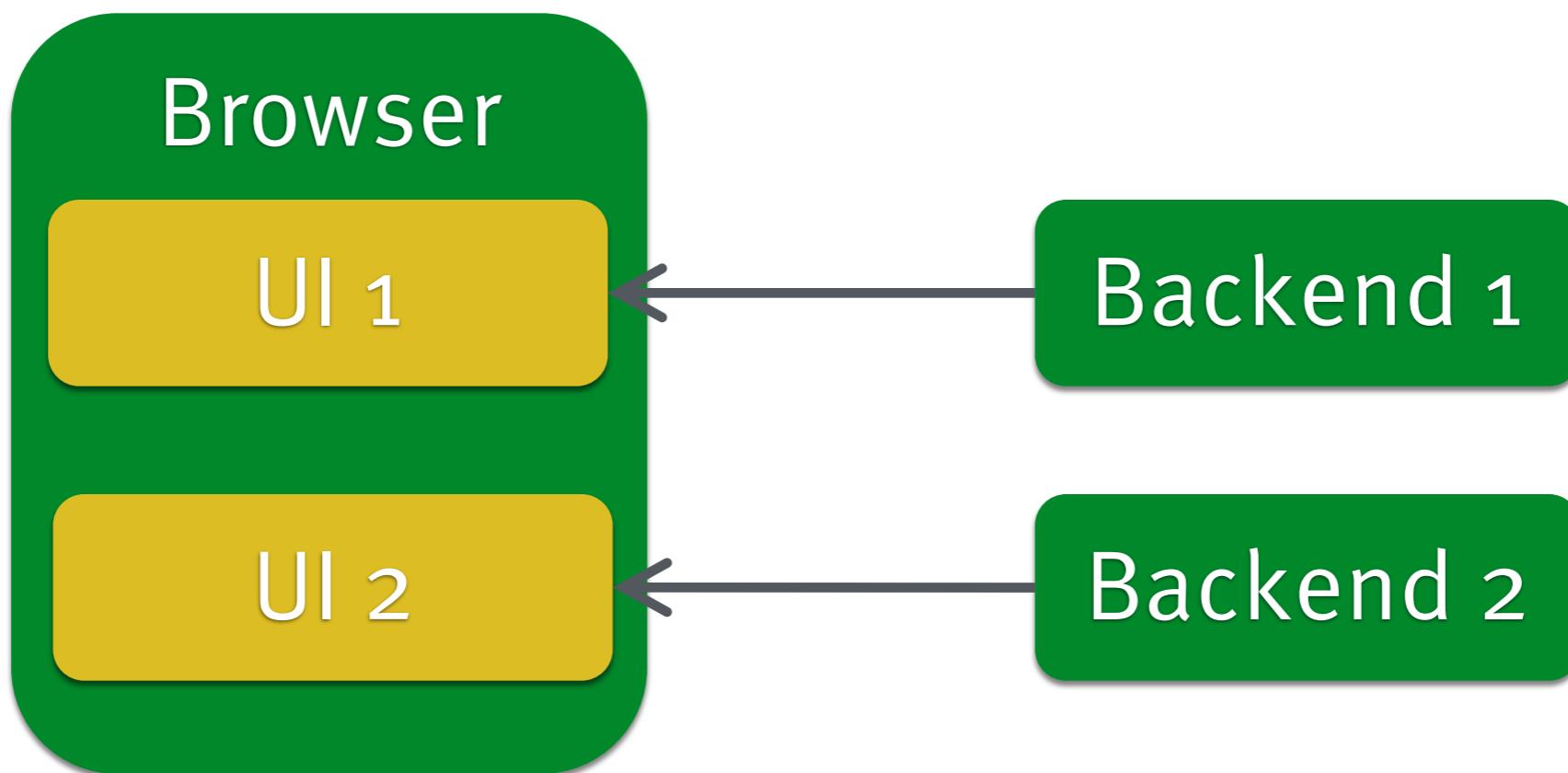
# Portal Server

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- › No support for non-Java technologies
- › Programming model very different from normal web applications
- › Why would you use Portal Servers?

# Client-side integration

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- › Client requirements (e.g. CORS, JS)
- › Upcoming: HTML Imports

# Client-side Integration: Code

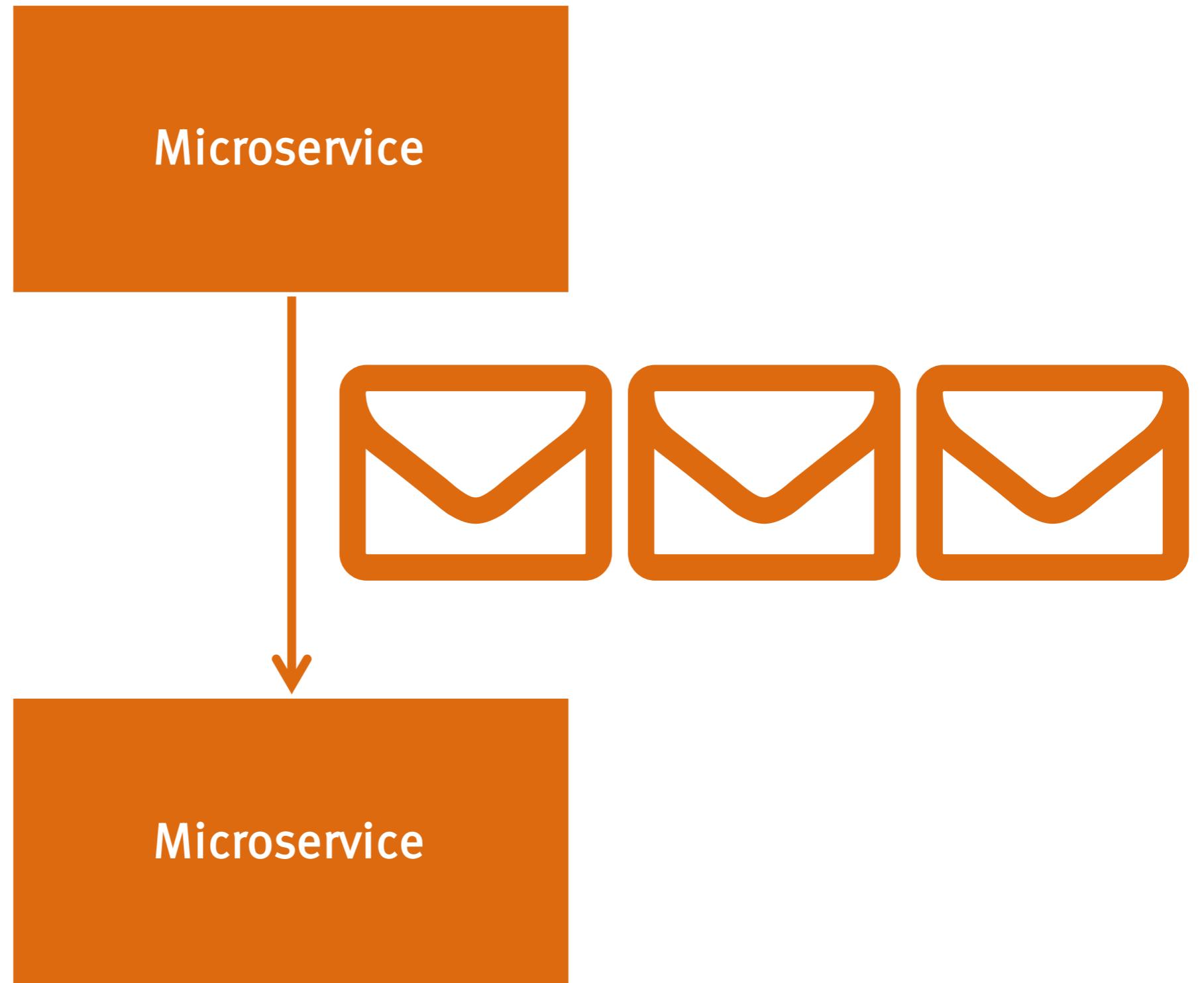
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- › Replace `<a href= " " class= "embeddable">`  
with content of document in a `<div>` (jQuery)

```
$("a.embeddable").each(function(i, link) {  
  
    $("<div />").load(link.href, function(data, status, xhr) {  
  
        $(link).replaceWith(this.children);  
  
    });  
  
});
```

# Logic Integration

# Messaging

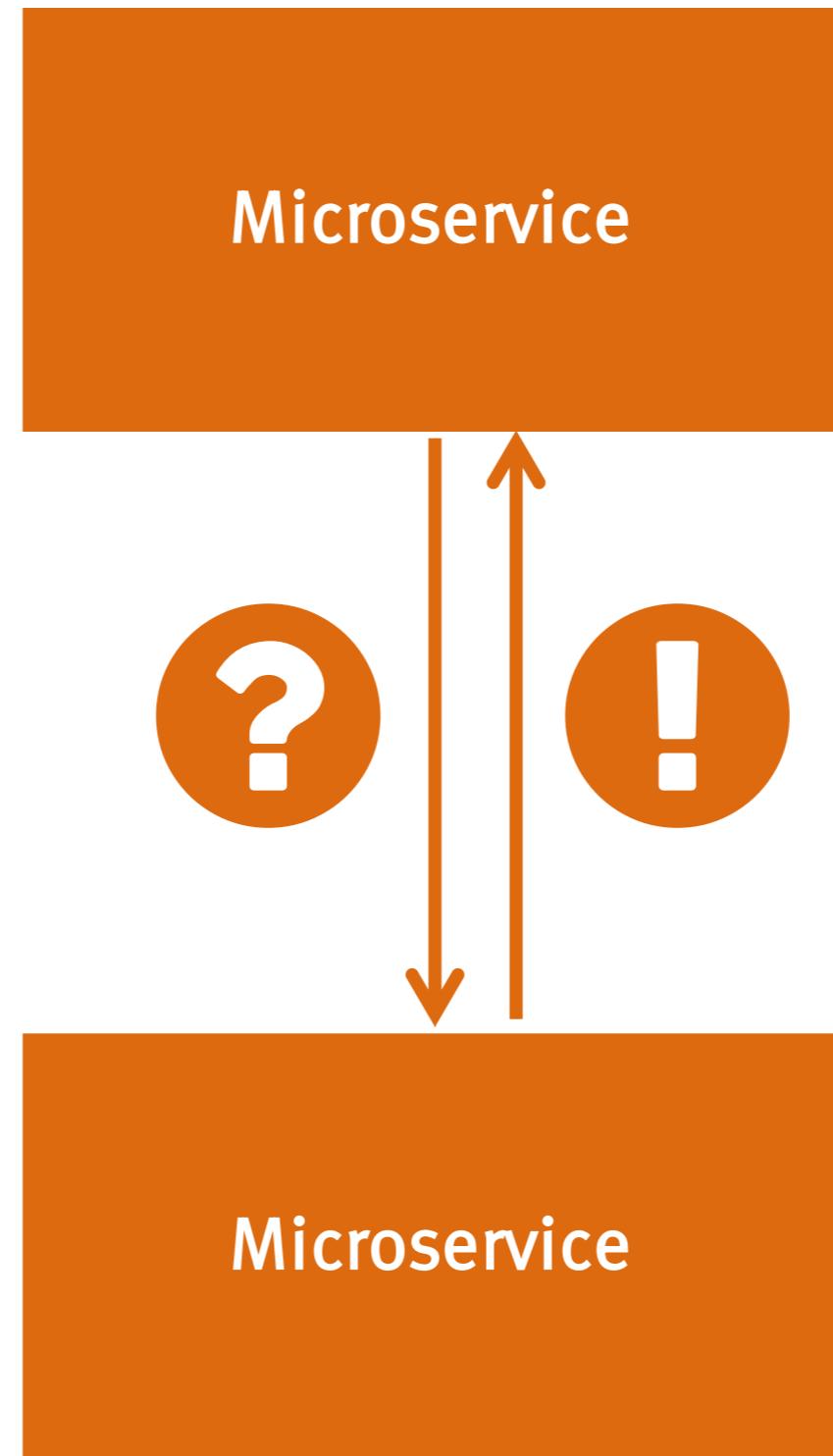


# Messaging

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- › Natural fit for asynchronous communications
- › E.g. event-driven
- › Decoupling: Sender and Receiver only know topic / queue
- › Re-submission for resilience
- › Not natural for synchronous communication

# REST



# REST

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- › Natural fit for synchronous communications
- › Evolvability with HATEOS
- › Content negotiation
- › Not natural for asynchronous communication

[https://jaxenter.de/  
microservices-rest-vs-  
messaging-29875](https://jaxenter.de/microservices-rest-vs-messaging-29875)

# Service Discovery

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- › Services need to find each other
- › Enables load balancing
- › For REST only
- › E.g. DNS

# Netflix Eureka

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- › Cache on the client
- › Quick
- › Proven
- › Support for non-Java systems with sidecar only
- › No DNS

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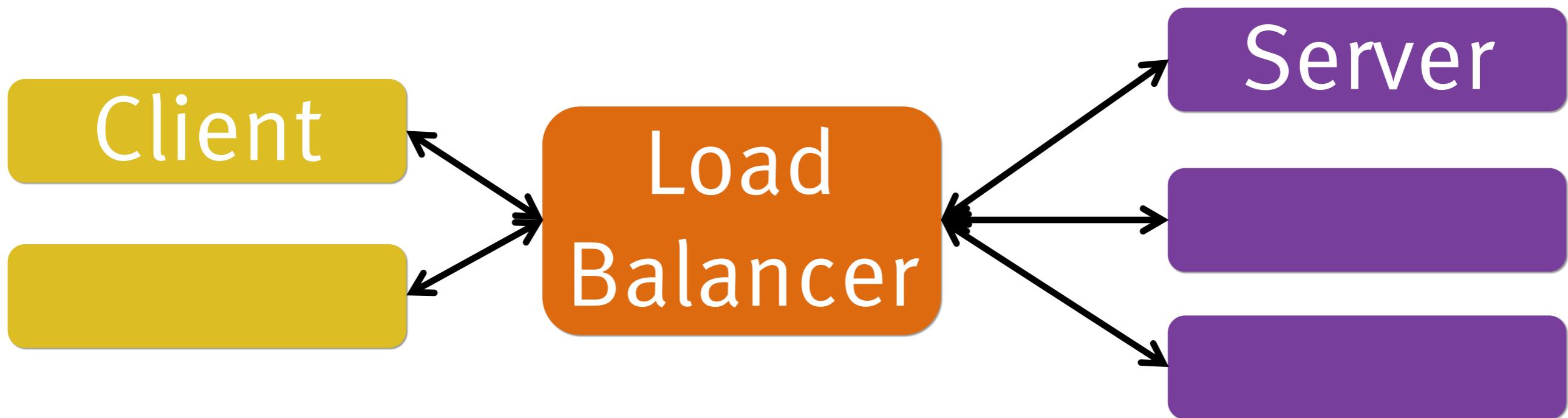
- › DNS interface
- › Supports storing configuration
- › Consul templates to create configuration files
- › Product

# Resilience

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- › Service not available?
- › Circuit breaker
- › Fail fast
- › Time out
- › Hystrix
- › DO NOT IMPLEMENT RESILIENCE YOURSELF!

# Proxy Load Balancing



- › Centralized Load Balancing
- › Can become bottle neck
- › Single point of failure

# Ribbon: Client Side Load Balancing



- › Decentralized Load Balancing
- › No bottle neck
- › Resilient
- › Can consider response time
- › Data might be inconsistent

# Alternative: External Load Balancer



- › Nginx, Apache httpd...
- › Probably for each used Microservices
- › Must each be configured

Load Balancing

Resilience

Service Discovery

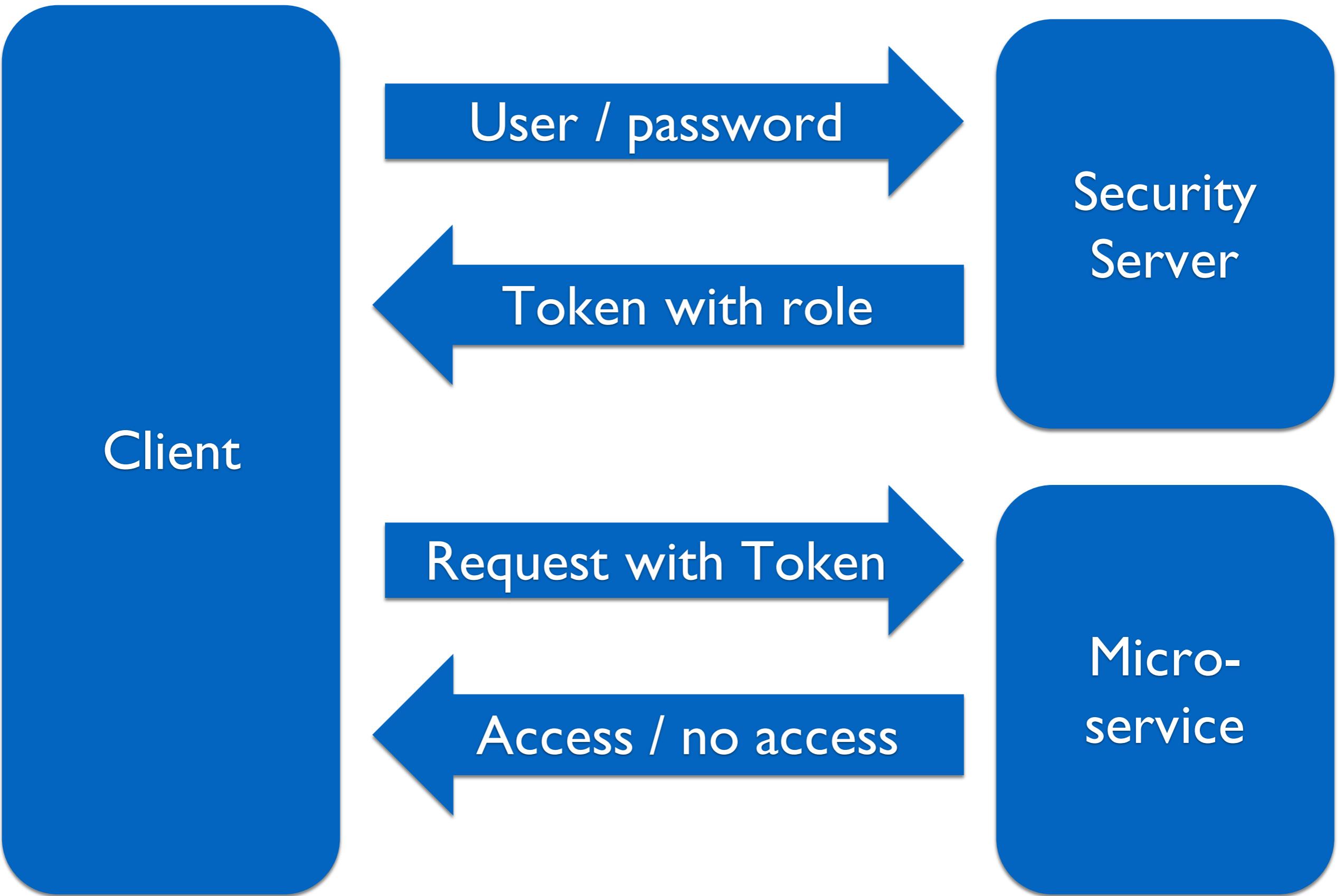
REST

Messaging

# Security

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- › Single Sign on for all Microservices
- › Each Microservice decides about access policy

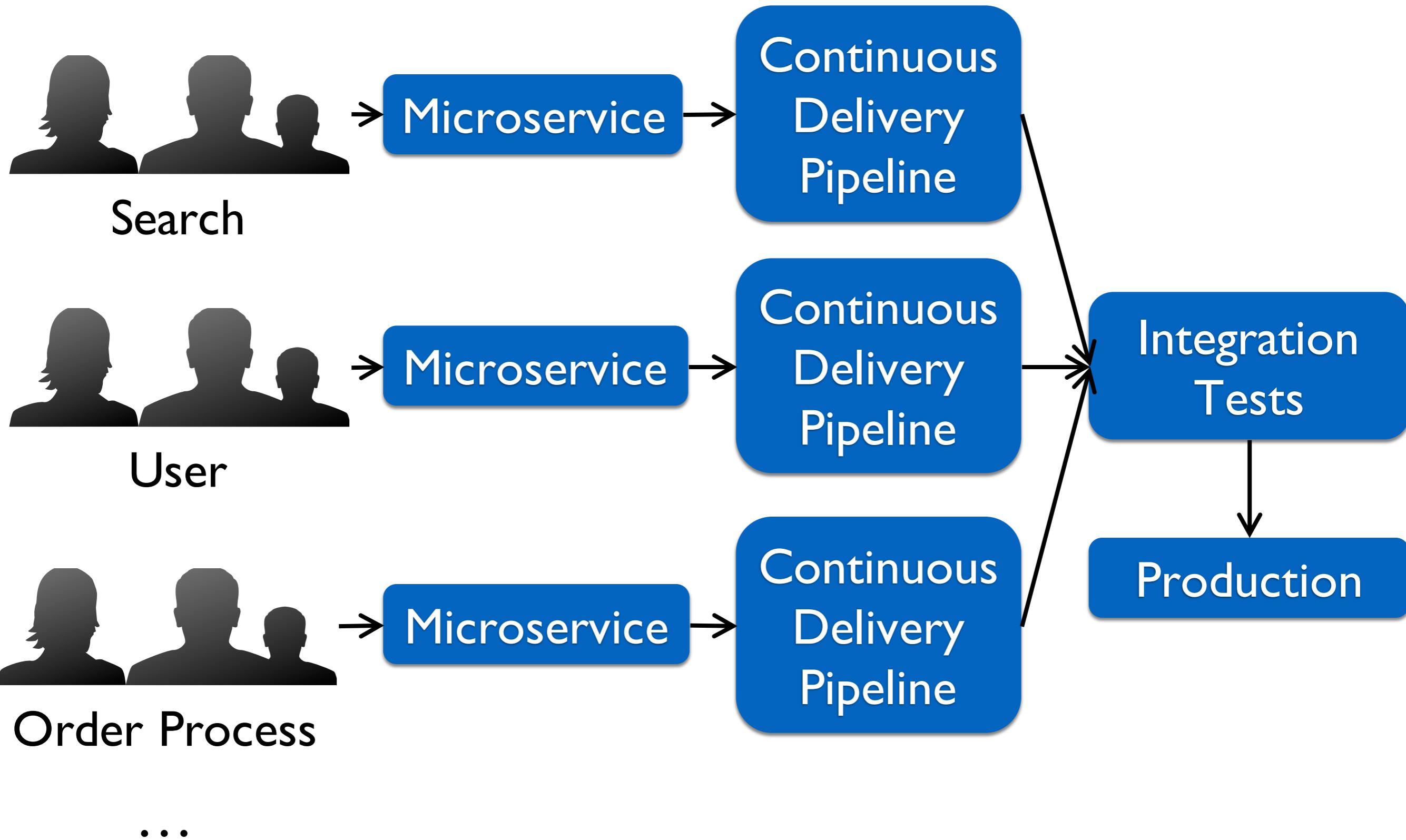


# Security

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- › JSON Web Token (JWT)
- › Define standard for tokens
- › Includes additional data
- › Can be stored in a cookie

# Testing



Microservices =  
Independent  
Deployment Units

No independent  
testing =  
no independent  
deployment

Integration Test =  
Bottleneck

Microservice

Request

Microservice

Reply

Microservice

Request

Stub

Reply

# Stubs

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- › Does the calling Microservice work as expected?
- › Use stubs to replace called Microservice

Microservice

Request

Microservice

Reply

Consumer-  
Driven  
Contract  
Test



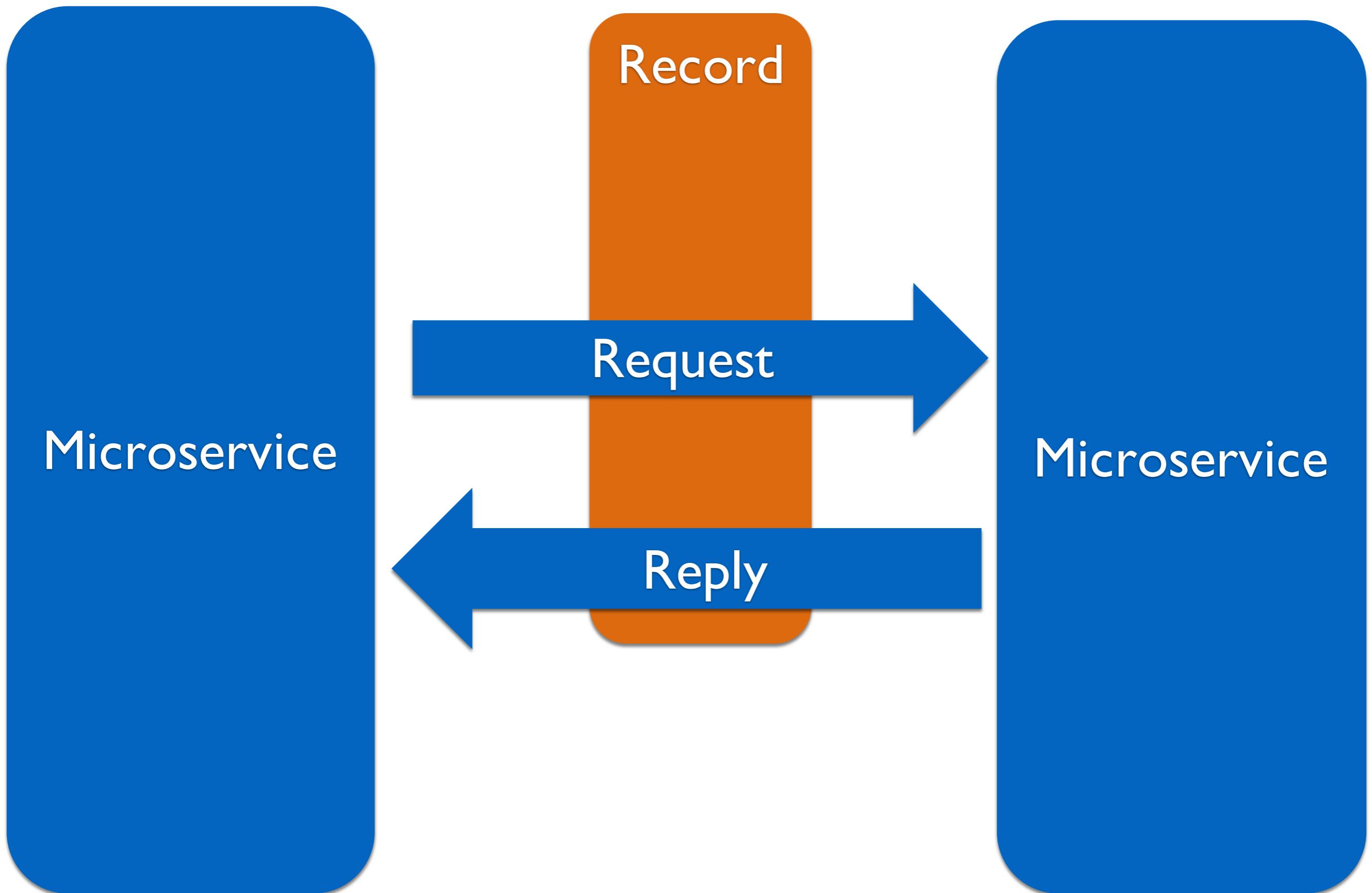
Microservice

Could just use some  
stub / test tool.

# Consumer-driven Contract Test

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- › Does the called Microservice work as expected?
- › Use consumer-driven contract test to replace calling Microservice
- › Easy to test changes to interfaces



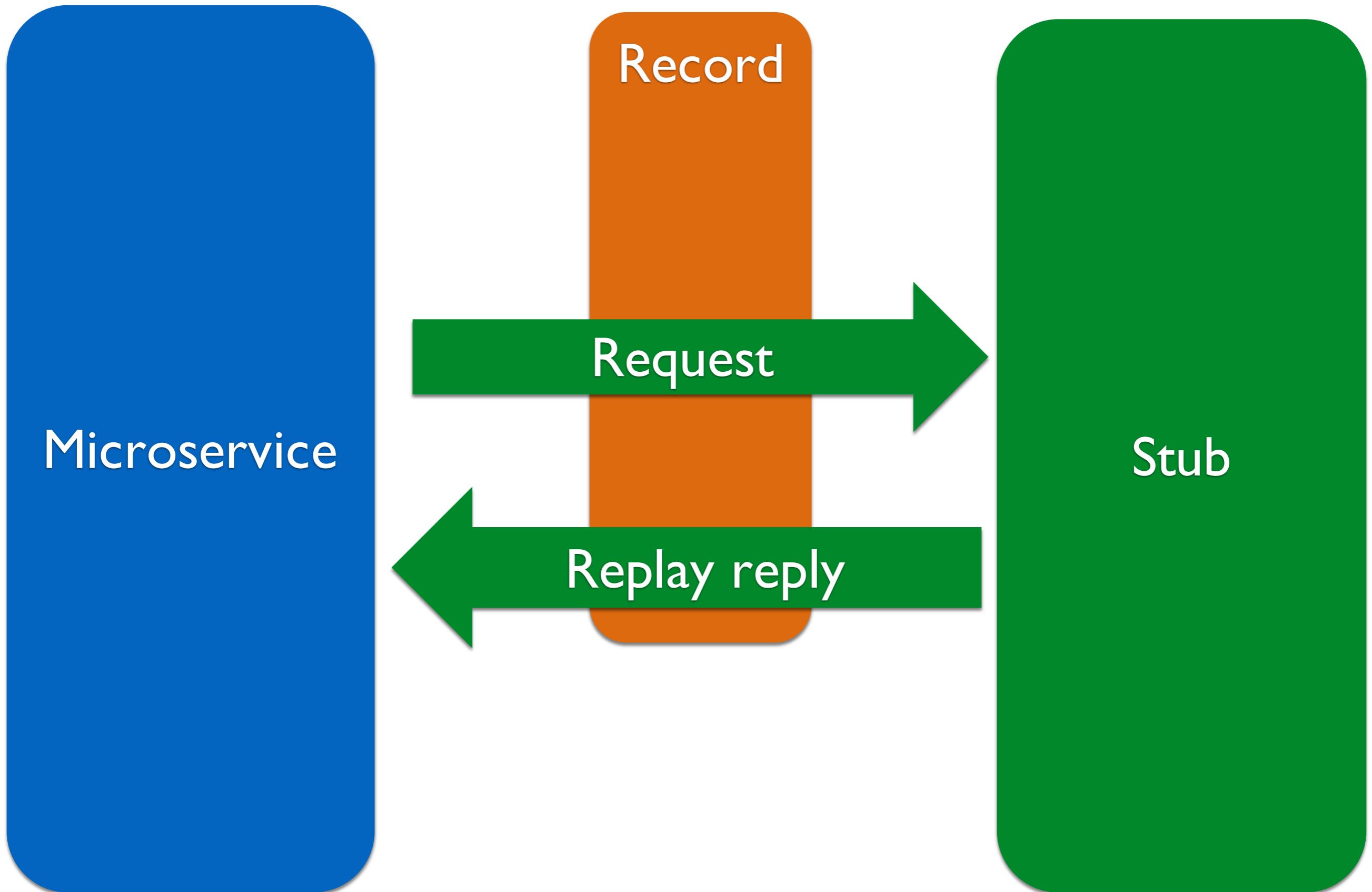
Consumer-  
driven  
contract test

Record

Replay request

Microservice

Validate reply



- › Pact  
<https://github.com/realestate-com-au/pact>
- › Pacto  
<https://github.com/thoughtworks/pacto>
- › Wiremock  
<http://wiremock.org/>

# Operations



Hold my orange  
juice while  
I deploy a  
Microservice!

# Deployment Not Easy

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- › Lots of microservices
- › Lots of stages
- › Deployment automation mandatory

# Order

Commit  
Stage

Automated  
Acceptance  
Testing

Automated  
Capacity  
Testing

Manual  
Explorative  
Testing

Release

# Billing

Commit  
Stage

Automated  
Acceptance  
Testing

Automated  
Capacity  
Testing

Manual  
Explorative  
Testing

Release

# Customer

Commit  
Stage

Automated  
Acceptance  
Testing

Automated  
Capacity  
Testing

Manual  
Explorative  
Testing

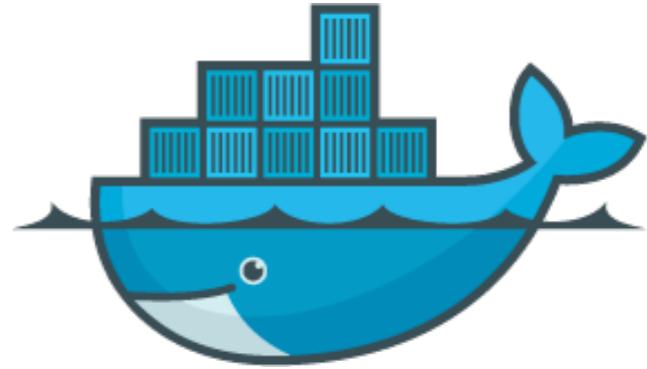
Release

# Deployment Automation

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- › Deployment automation mandatory
- › Significant investment
- › ...but worth it!!

# Docker Images



- › Easy to build
- › Dockerfile = shell script
- › Very efficient
- › ...even for small changes
- › Unfamiliar to Ops
- › Replace VMware with Kubernetes?

# CD Tools

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- › Puppet, Chef etc
- › Idempotent installation
- › E.g. easy update
- › Complex
- › Idempotent / updates not needed for Docker

# Linux Packages



- › Simple format
- › Centralized
- installation easy
- › Unfamiliar to devs



Hold my orange  
juice while I grep  
the logs for all  
Microservices!

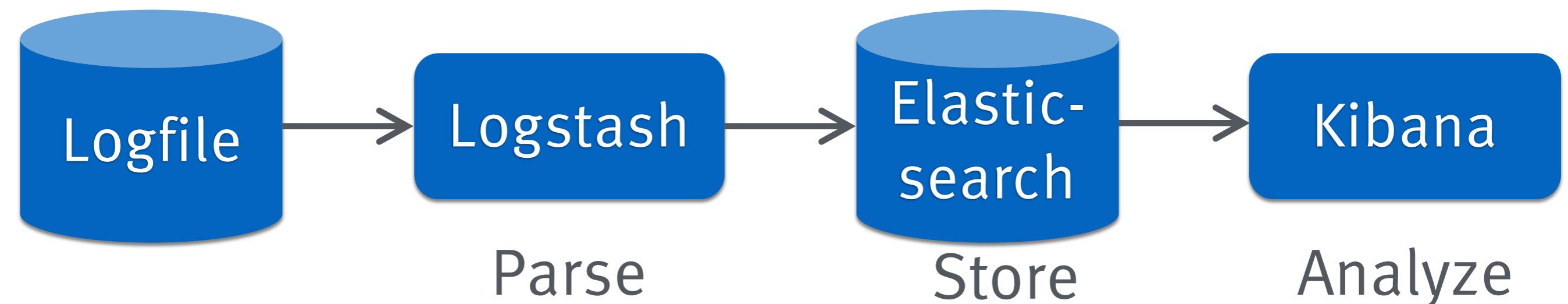
Far too many files on  
far too many logs!

# Centralized Logging

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- › Collect all logs on one server
- › No need for local logs
- › Read-only file system?

# ELK Stack



- › Logstash: JRuby
- › Inputs, Parser, Outputs
- › Elasticsearch: Storage, Java
- › Kibana: Analysis, JavaScript

# kibana

Discover

Visualize

Dashboard

Settings

Last 1 hour

logstash-\*



47 hits

Selected Fields

? \_source

Available Fields



Popular

t level

Quick Count 47 / 47 records

INFO



93.6%

ERROR



4.3%

WARN



2.1%

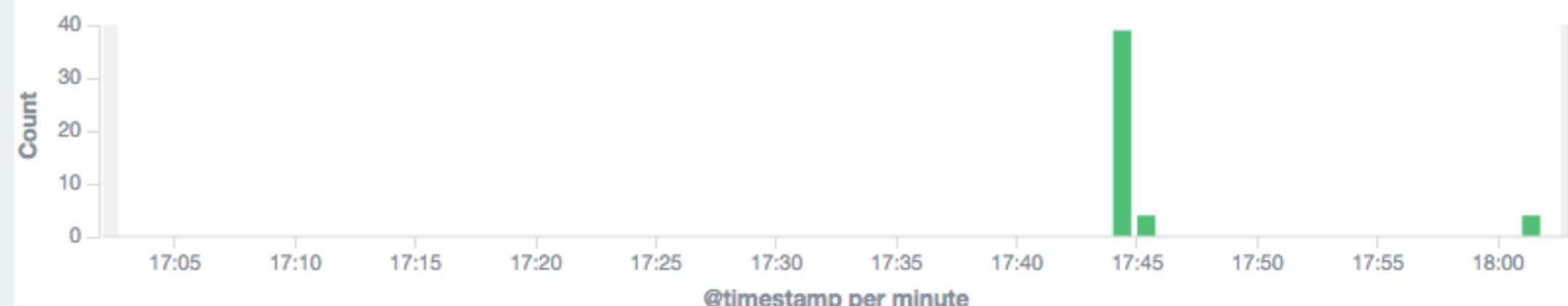
Visualize ( 1 warning ▲ )

t logmessage

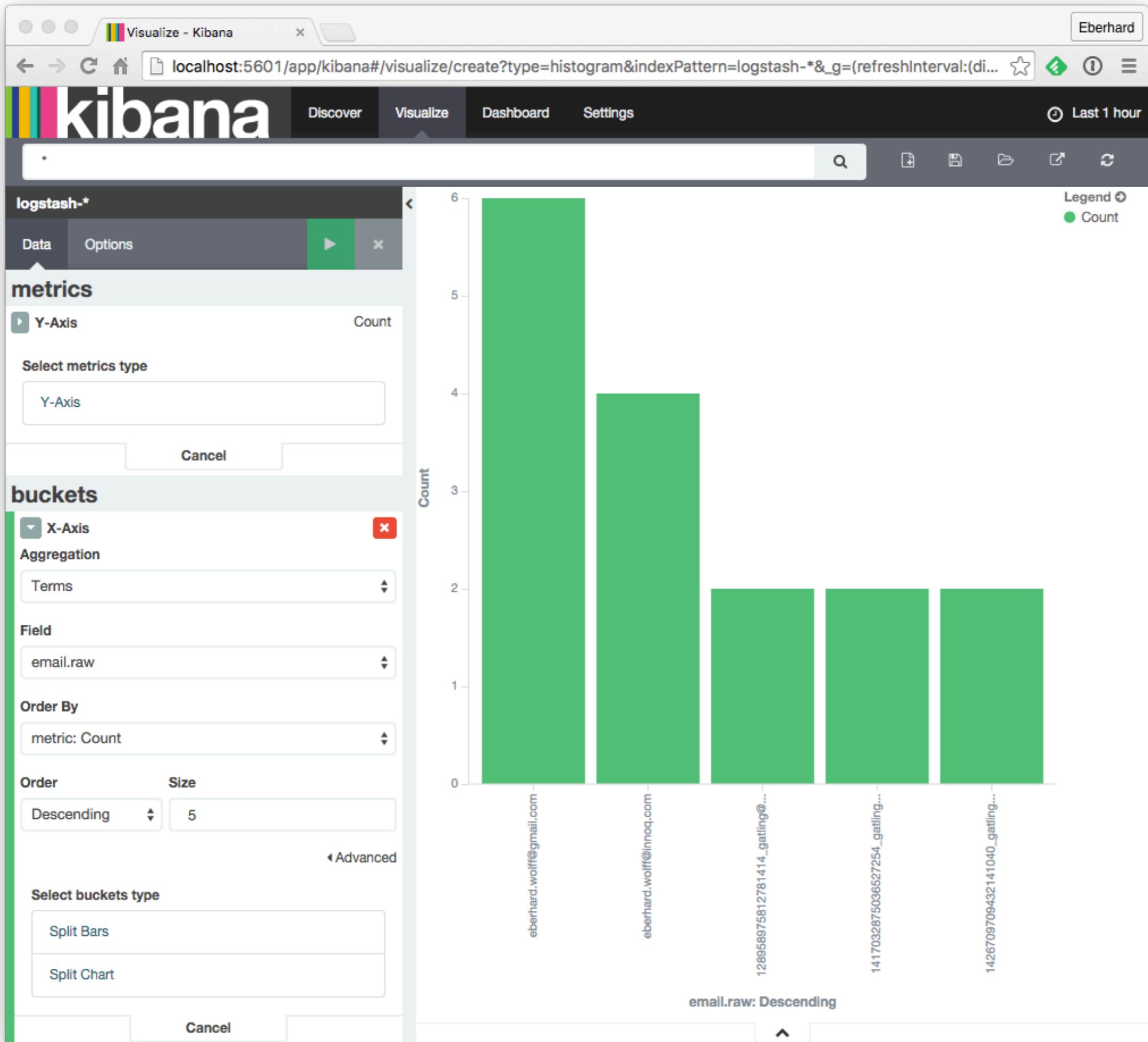
t "[/],methods

t "[/error],produces

t "[/user],methods



Time	_source
▶ January 3rd 2016, 18:01:17.480	<pre>message: 2016-01-03 17:01:17.465 ERROR 8 --- [http-nio-8080-exec-1] o.a.c.c.C.[..[.].dispatcherServlet] : Servlet.service() for servlet [di spatcherServlet] in context with path [] threw exception [Request process ing failed; nested exception is org.springframework.dao.DataIntegrityViol ationException: PreparedStatementCallback; SQL [INSERT INTO T_USER(firstn</pre>
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# Graylog

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- › Open Source
- › Elasticsearch for storage
- › MongoDB for Meta data
- › GELF format for log messages

# More Alternatives

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- › Splunk: commercial
- › +Cloud
- › Cloud : Loggly
- › Sumo Logic
- › Papertrail



Hold my orange  
juice while I do  
top on my server!

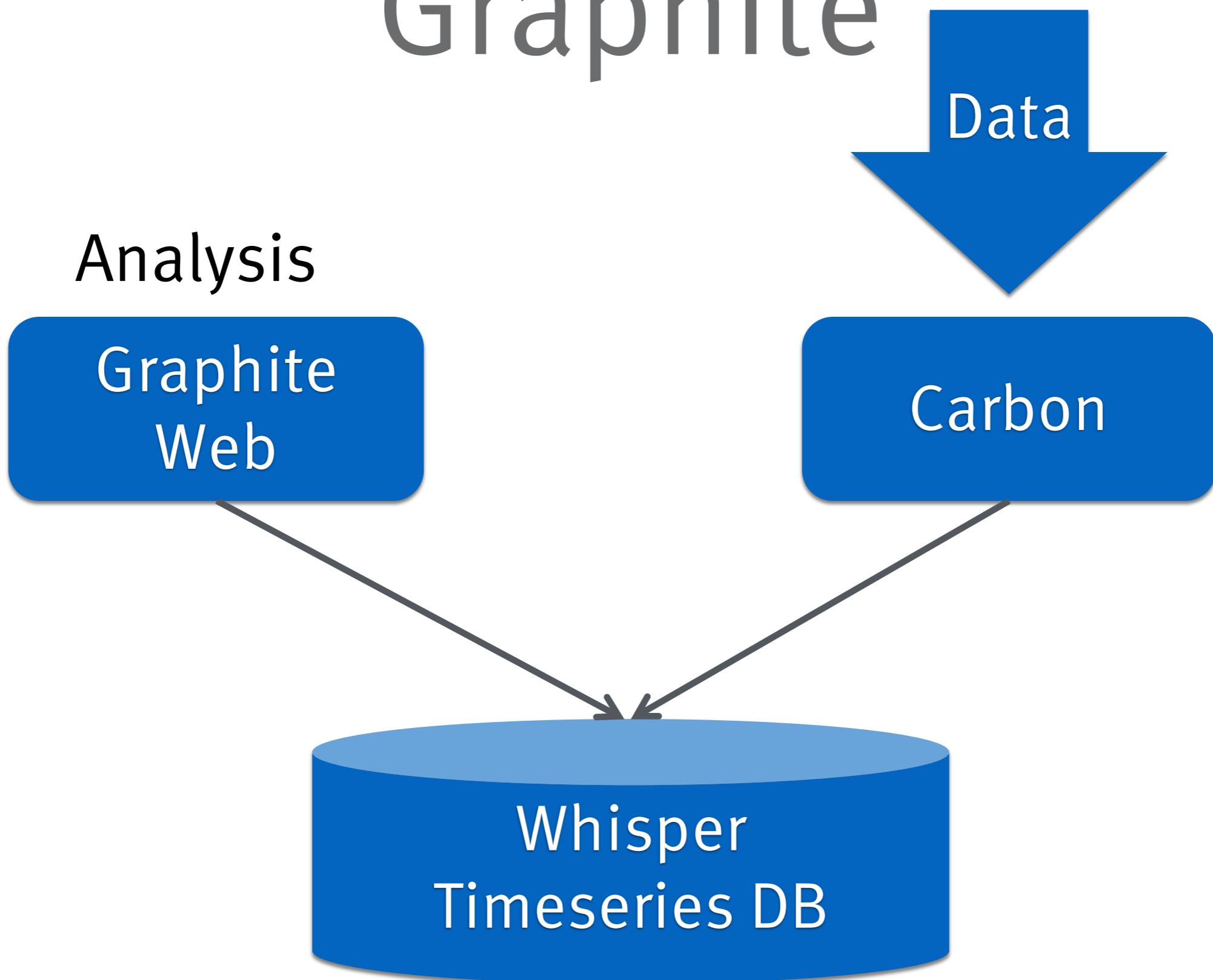
Far too many servers!

# Centralized Metrics

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- › Collect all metrics on one server
- › Not just operating system, network
- › ...but in particular application

# Graphite

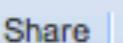


Library, writes / reads files



Dashboard ▾

Graphs ▾



Relative Time Range



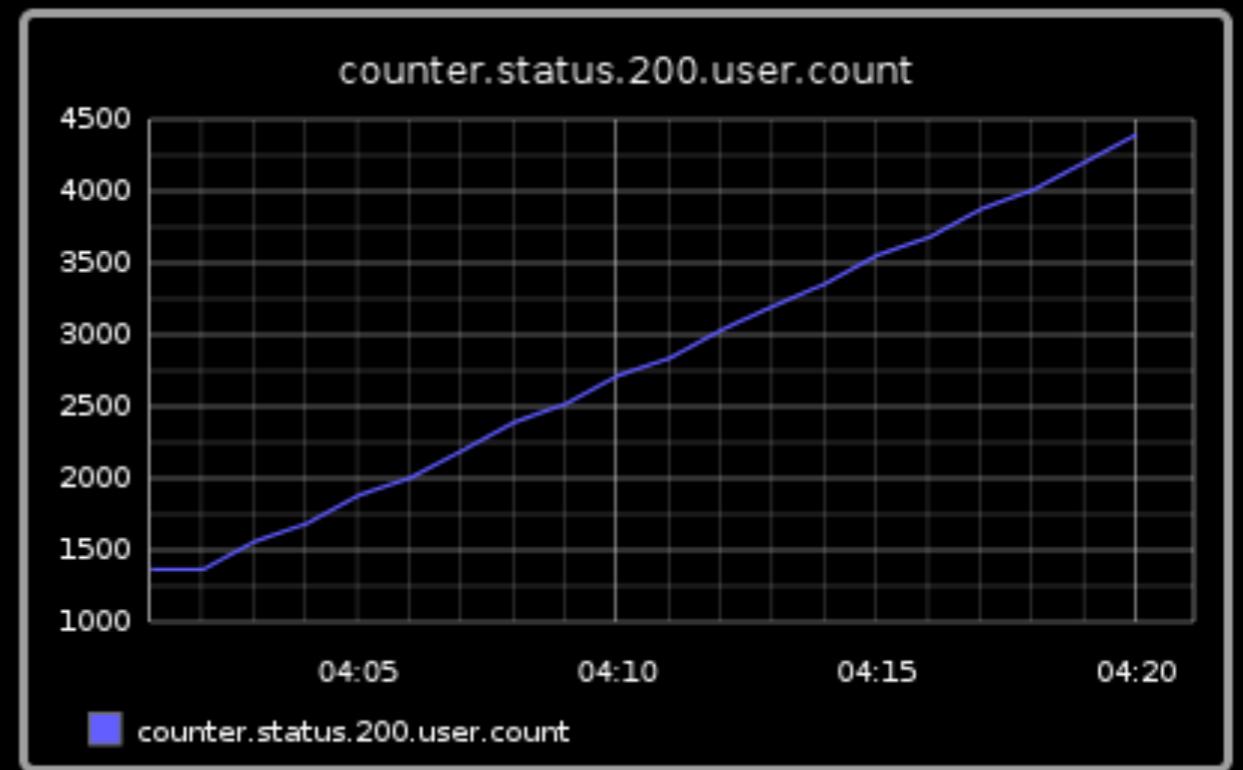
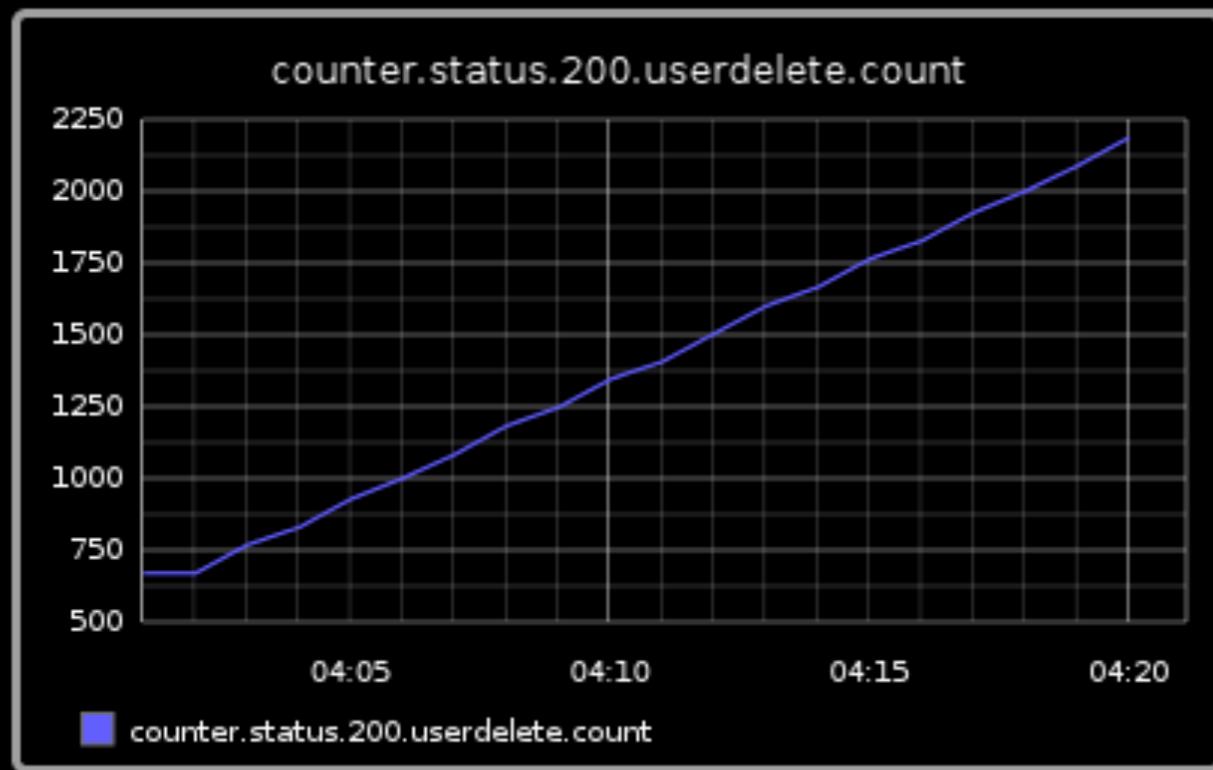
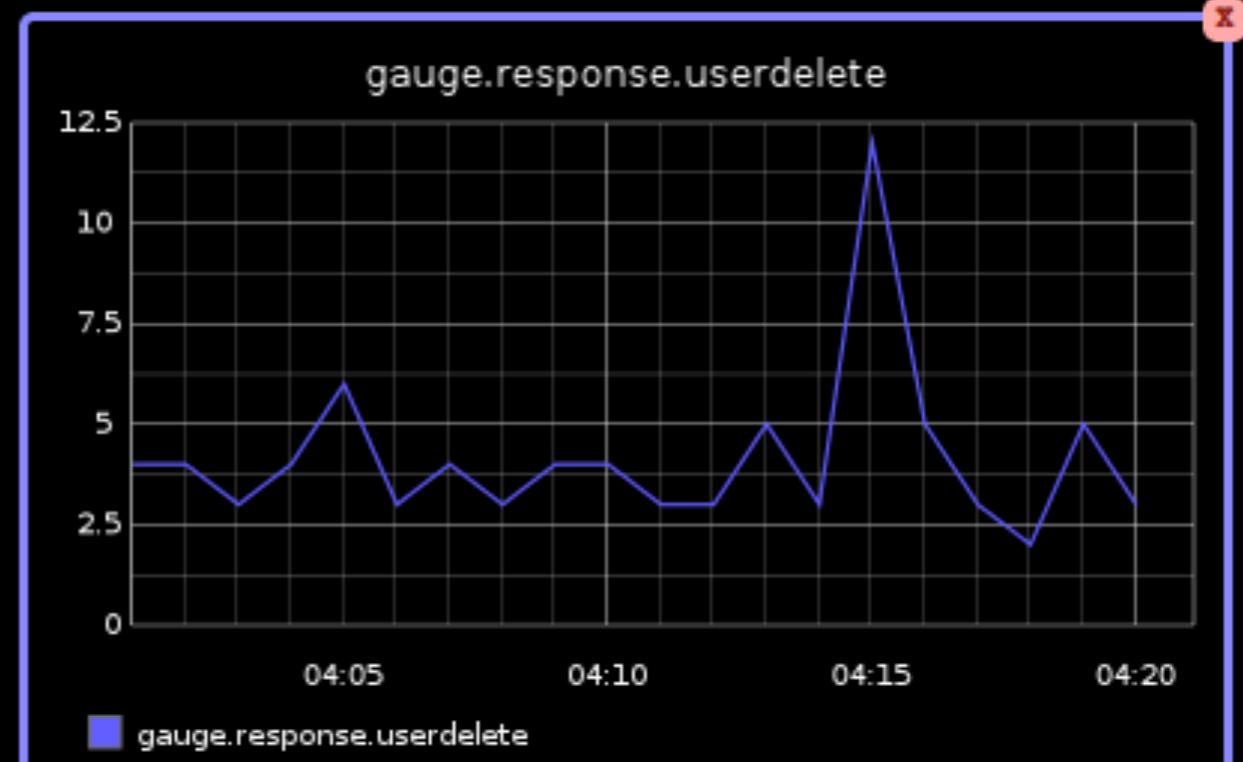
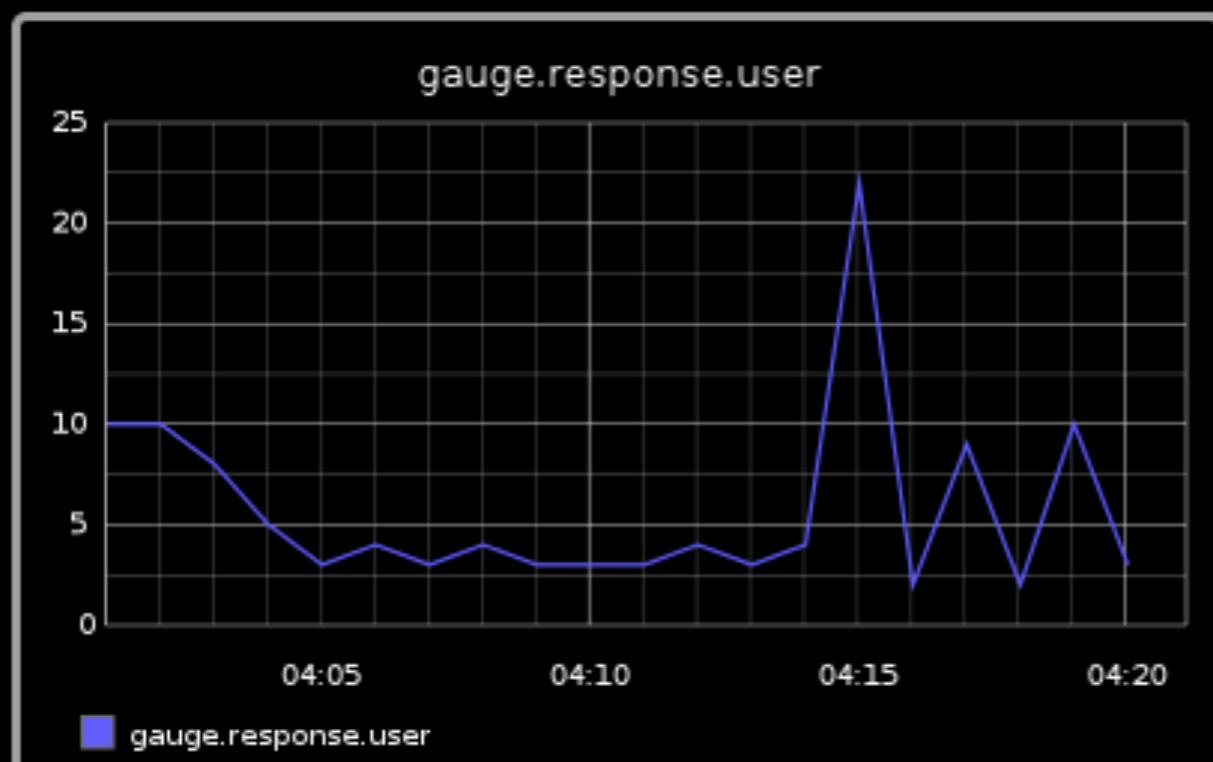
Absolute Time Range Now showing the past 20 minutes



Auto-Refresh every

60

seconds



# Alternatives

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- › Nagios: Open Source monitoring
- › Icinga: Originally Nagios fork
- › Many commercial tools (HP, IBM, CA, BMC)
- › Riemann: functional programming for event streams
- › New Relic: Example for cloud

# Alternatives

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- › TICK stack
- › InfluxDB: Time-Series Database, also useful for Graphite
- › Telegraf: Collects data
- › Chronograf: Visualization
- › Kapacitor: Alerts, anomaly detection

# Alternatives

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- › Packetbeat: uses Elasticsearch for storage
- › ...and Kibana for analysis



Hold my orange  
juice while  
I configure my  
server!

# Configuration Files

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- › Easy to create
- › Servers self-contained
- › No centralized update possible
- › Needed with canary releasing?

# Configuration Server

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- › Easy to push out changes to all servers
- › Can be the same server as for services discovery
- › Additional technology



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- › Managing secrets
  - › Lease secrets
  - › Revoke secrets
  - › Key rolling
  - › Audit logs

# Microservice Frameworks

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- › Lots and lots of them
- › Each Microservice might use a different
- › Not too much influence on the overall system

- › Deployment Automation
  - › Centralized Logging & Monitoring
  - › Configuration
  - › Messaging or
  - › REST + Service Discovery + Resilience + Load Balancing
  - › Stubs & Consumer-driven Contract tests
- Operations**
- Communication**
- Testing**

So much stuff!

Technologies solve  
problems.

Use a technology only  
if it solves a problem.

- › Deployment automation is great!

- › Maybe Microservices finally enforce deployment automation?

- › Operation & testing requires additional effort

- › Communication: No DNS? No Messaging?

**Operations**

**Testing**

**Communication**

Microservices are a  
trade-off!

Microservices create  
additional technical  
complexity!