CloudStack & Ansible

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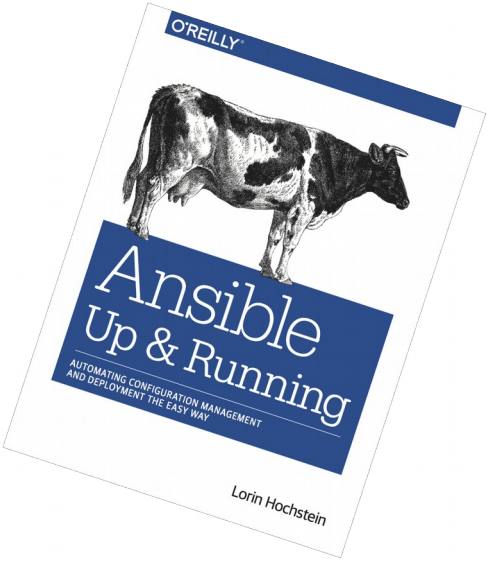
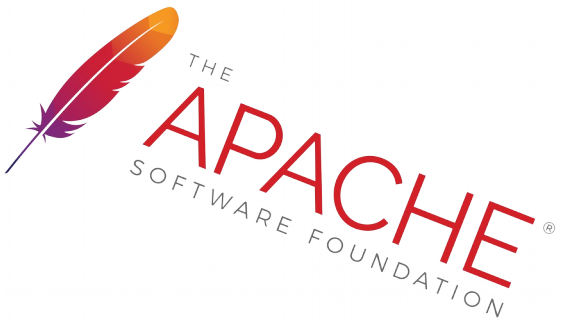


- Linux **System Engineer** @ SWISS TXT
- **Ansible** Community **Core Member**
- Apache **CloudStack Committer**
- **Author** of Ansible CloudStack modules
- Co-Author O'Reilly "Ansible Up and Running" 2nd

What is CloudStack?

- **Apache** Software Foundation TLP
- **Java** based **IaaS** cloud software
- Extensive **API**
- Major hypervisors supported

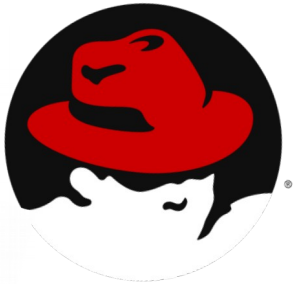


What is Ansible?

- **Command line** tool in Python
- **Simple** but powerful
- Uses **SSH** for connection
- No **agents**
- **Push** based, pull possible

Ansible

- License **GPLv3**
- Started **~2012** (~2400 contributors)
- Division of **RedHat** (2016)



Inventory

```
# file:production
[production:children]
webserver
db

[webservers]
web01.example.com
web02.example.com
web03.example.com

[db]
db01.example.com
db02.example.com
db03.example.com
```

Inventory

- Static as INI-file
- Dynamic as JSON
  - LDAP
  - Database
  - CloudStack

Playbook

```
---
- name: install and start apache
  remote_user: root
  tasks:
    - name: install httpd
      yum: name=httpd state=latest

    - name: start httpd
      service: name=httpd state=running
```

Playbook | Play | Tasks

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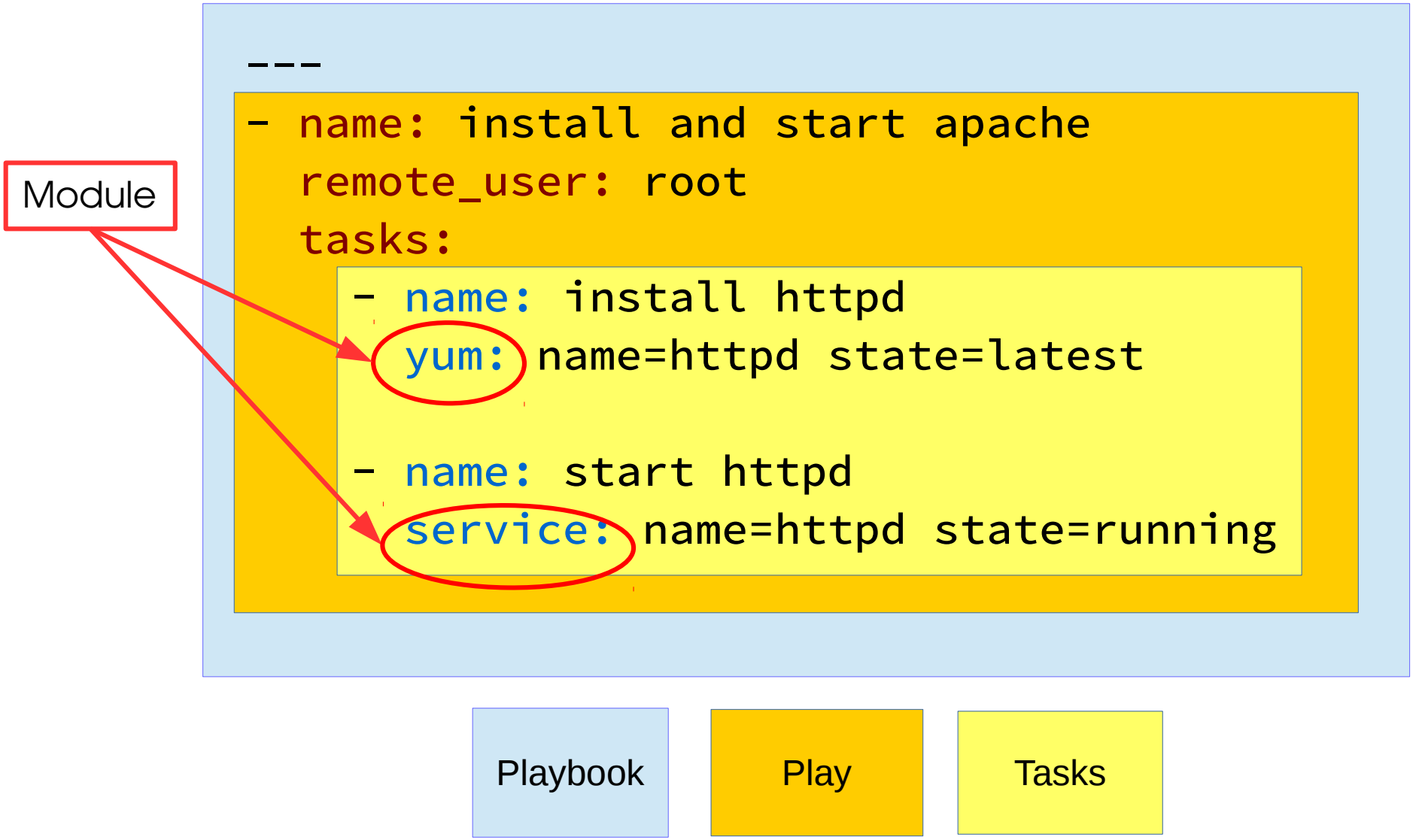

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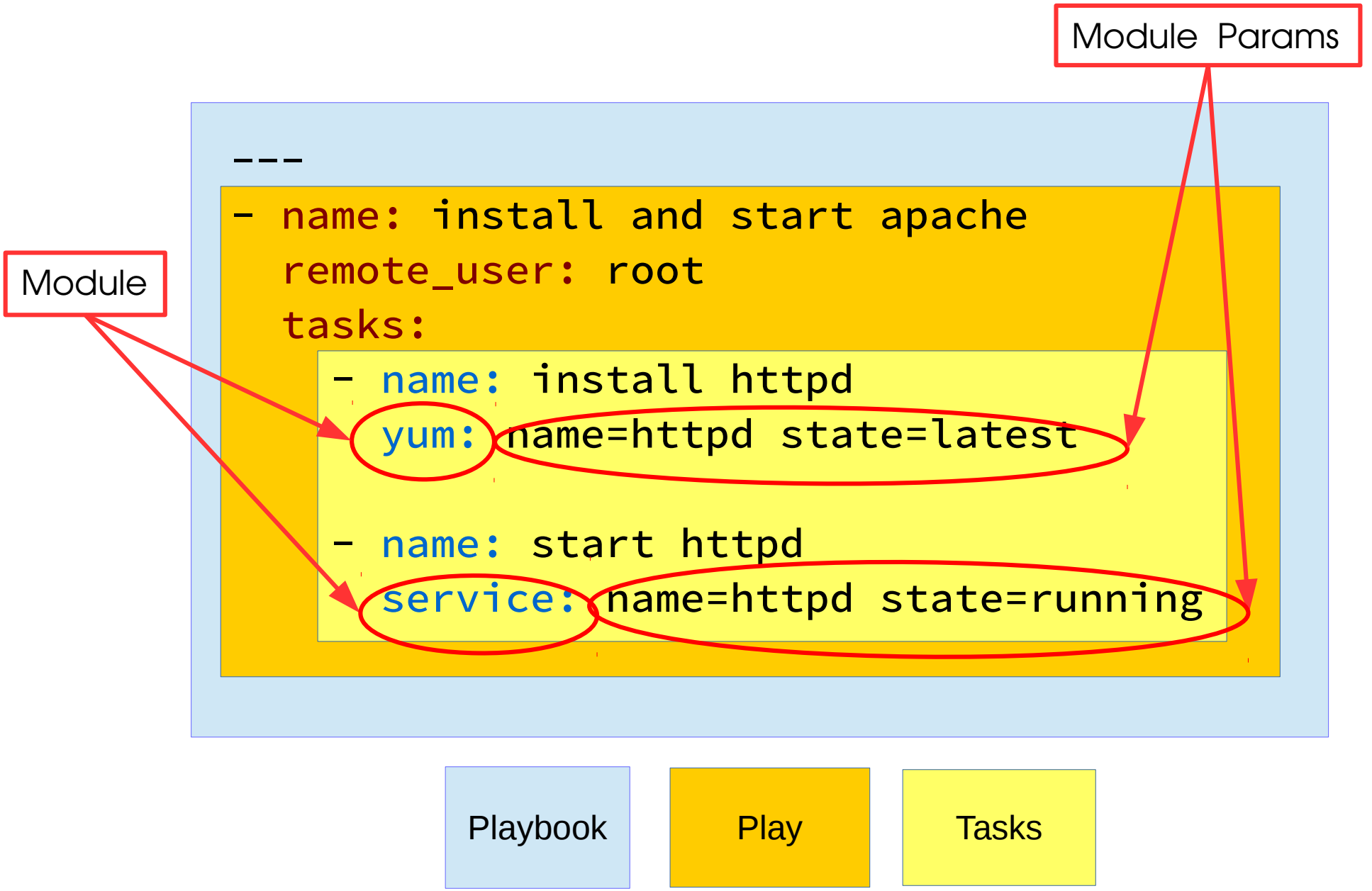
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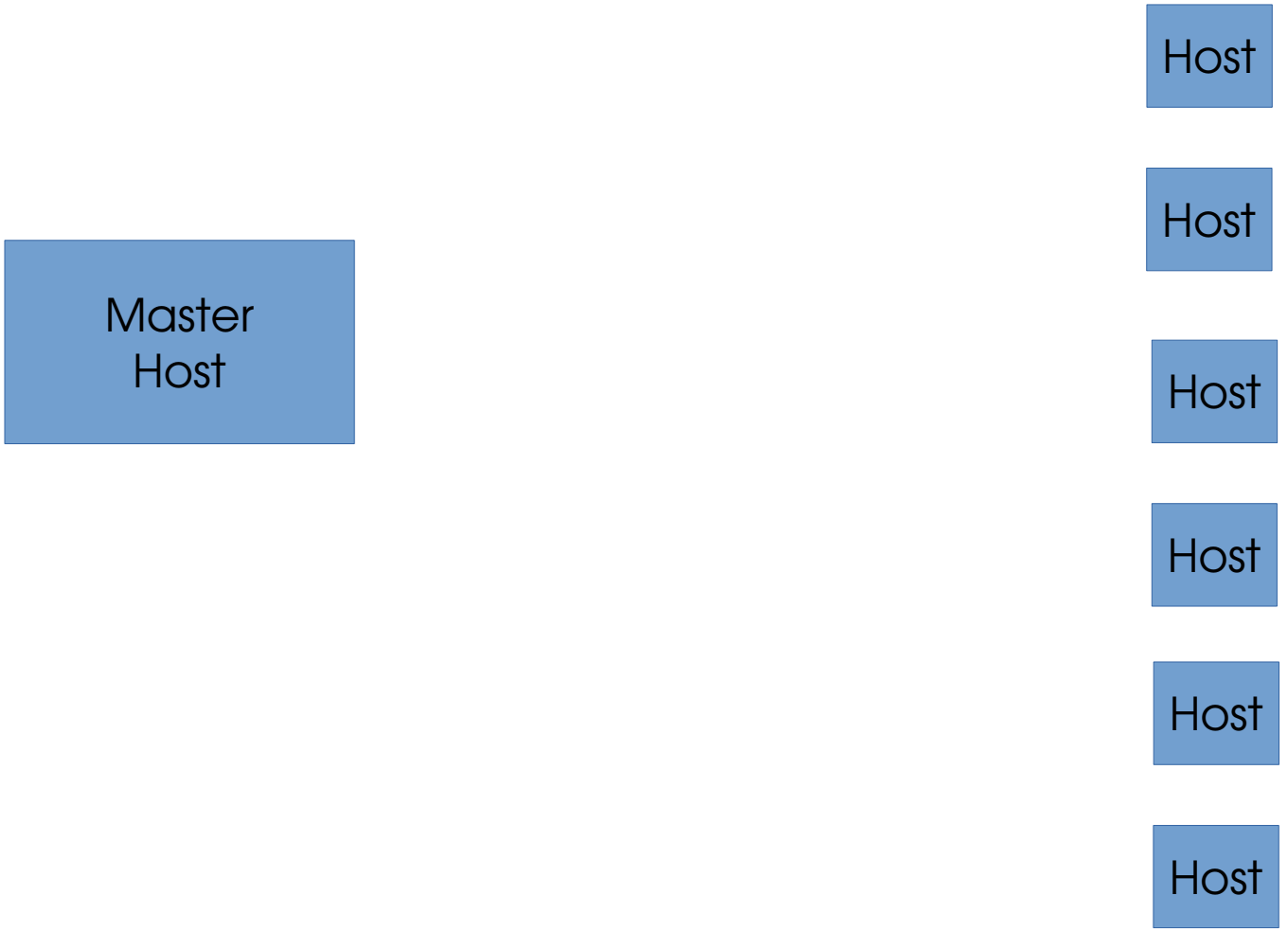

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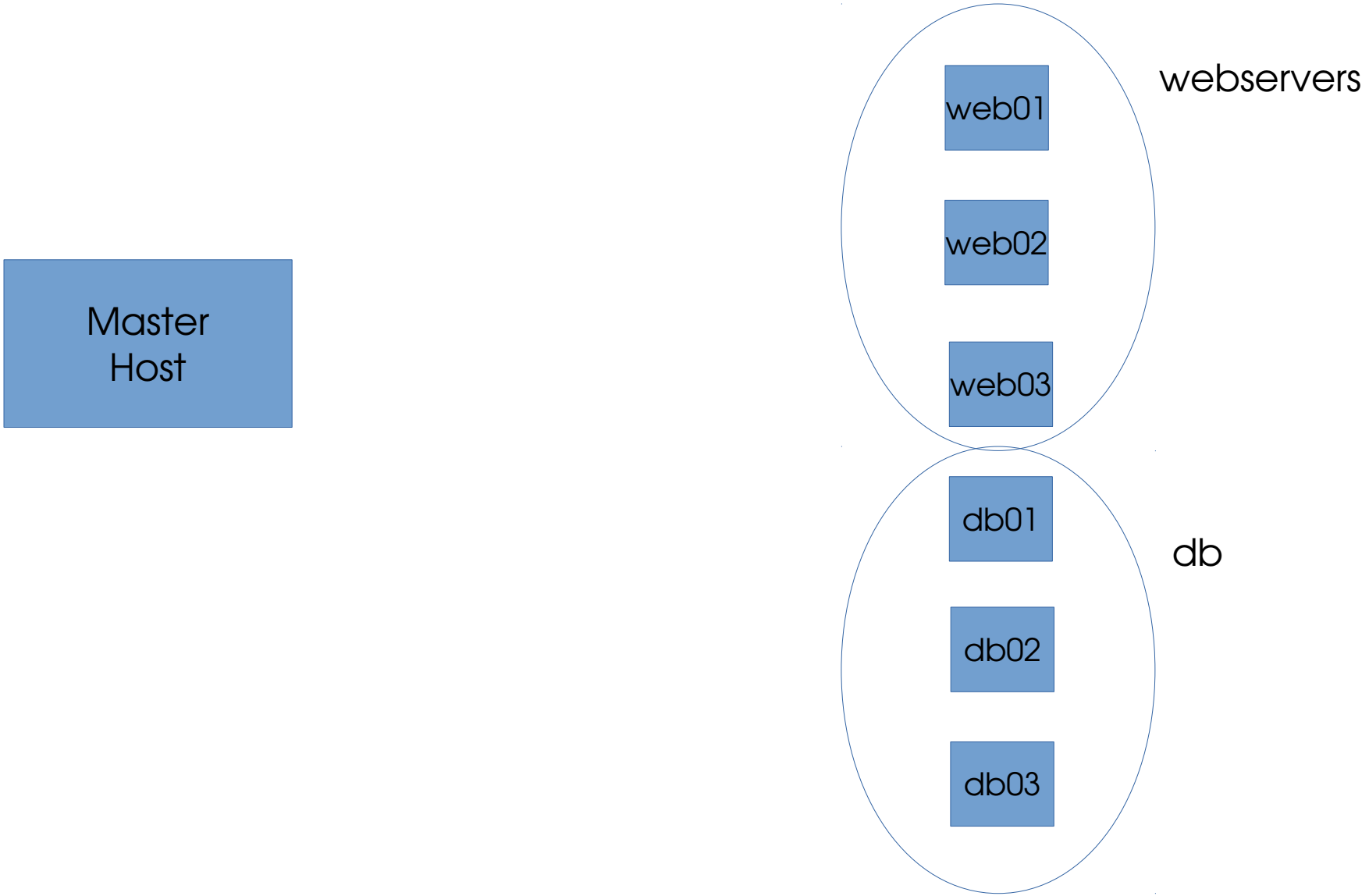

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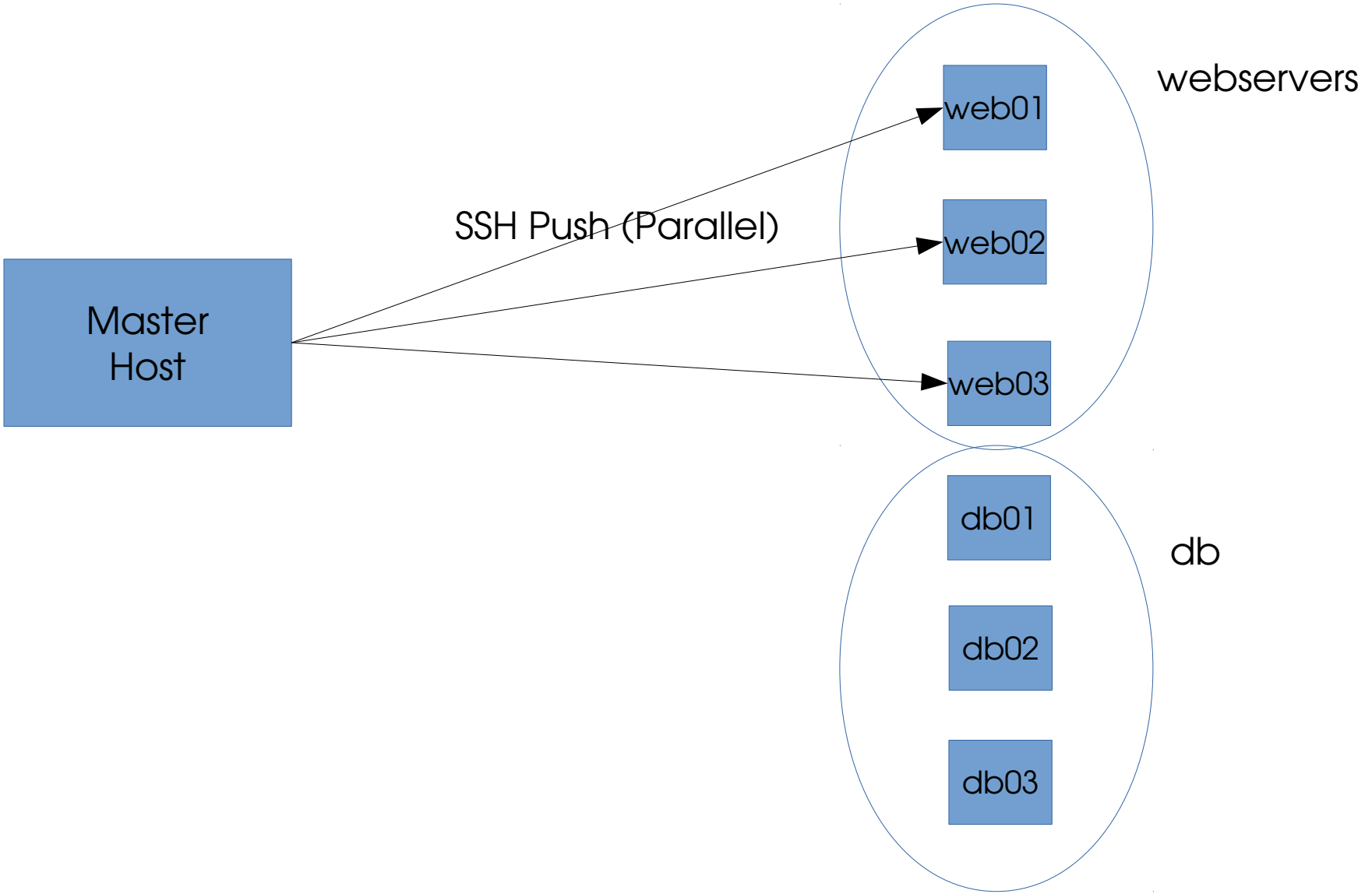

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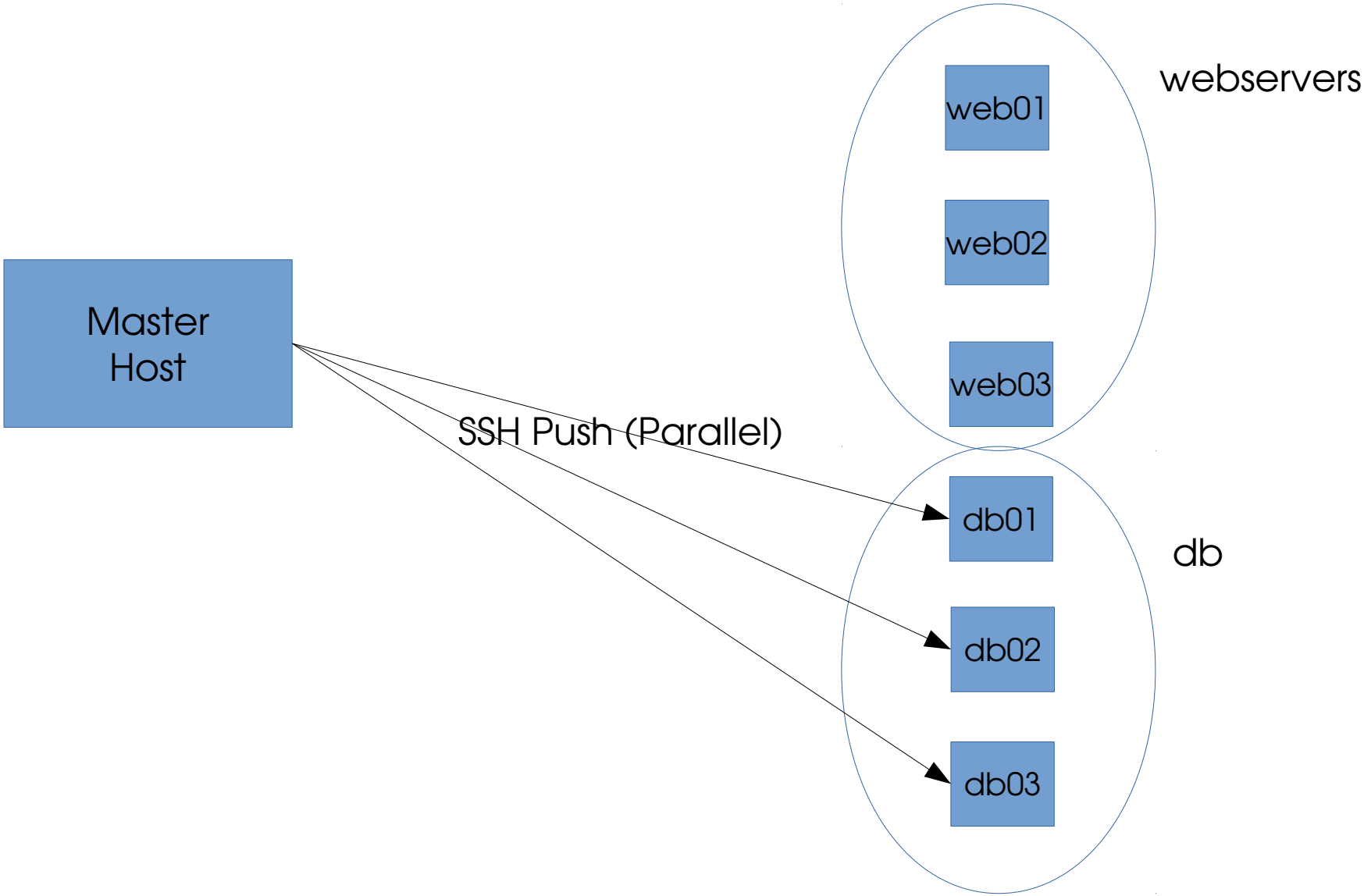

CloudStack Modules

- ~35 CloudStack modules in Ansible 2.2
- Goal: "*Manage every lifecycle of CloudStack by Ansible: install, configure, use, extend, upgrade.*"
- Known users:
  - SWISS TXT
  - ShapeBlue Inc.
  - BIT.group
  - SafeSwissCloud
  - Skippbox

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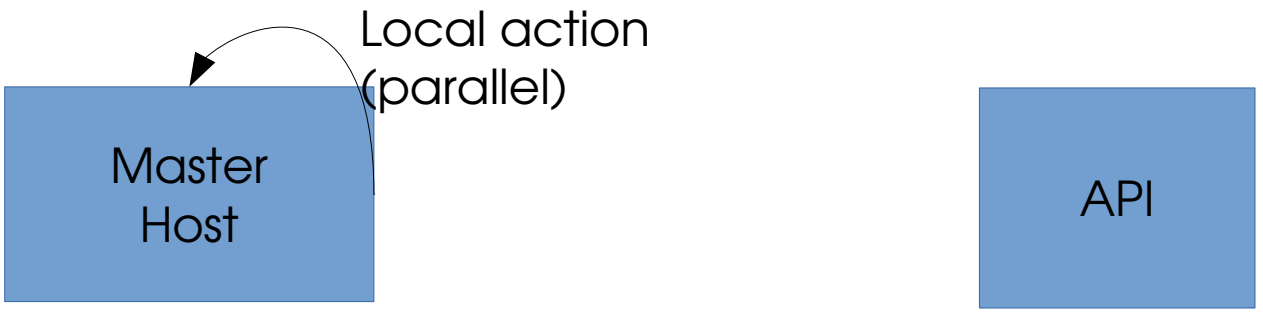

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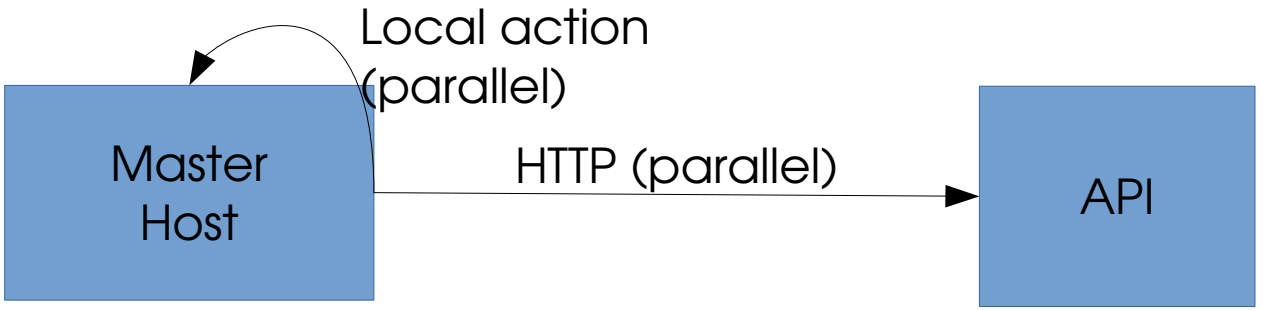

Deploying VMs

cs_instance

```
- name: ensure VM is present
  cs_instance:
    name: “{{ inventory_hostname_short }}”
    template: CentOS-7-x86_64
    project: RTS_PROD
    zone: ZUERICH_IX
    service_offering: 1cpu_1gb
    networks:
      - Server ZRH_RTS_PROD
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    state: started
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    project: RTS_PROD
    zone: ZUERICH_IX
    service_offering: 2cpu_2gb
    force: “{{ cs_force | default(false) }}”
    networks:
      - Server ZRH_RTS_PROD
      - Sync ZRH_RTS_PROD
      - Storage ZRH_RTS_PROD
    state: started
```

```
$ ansible-playbook cloud.yml -e “cs_force=true”
```

Why CloudStack with Ansible

- Deploy from zero to hero
- Multi-Cloud / Mixed Cloud
- Rolling upgrades

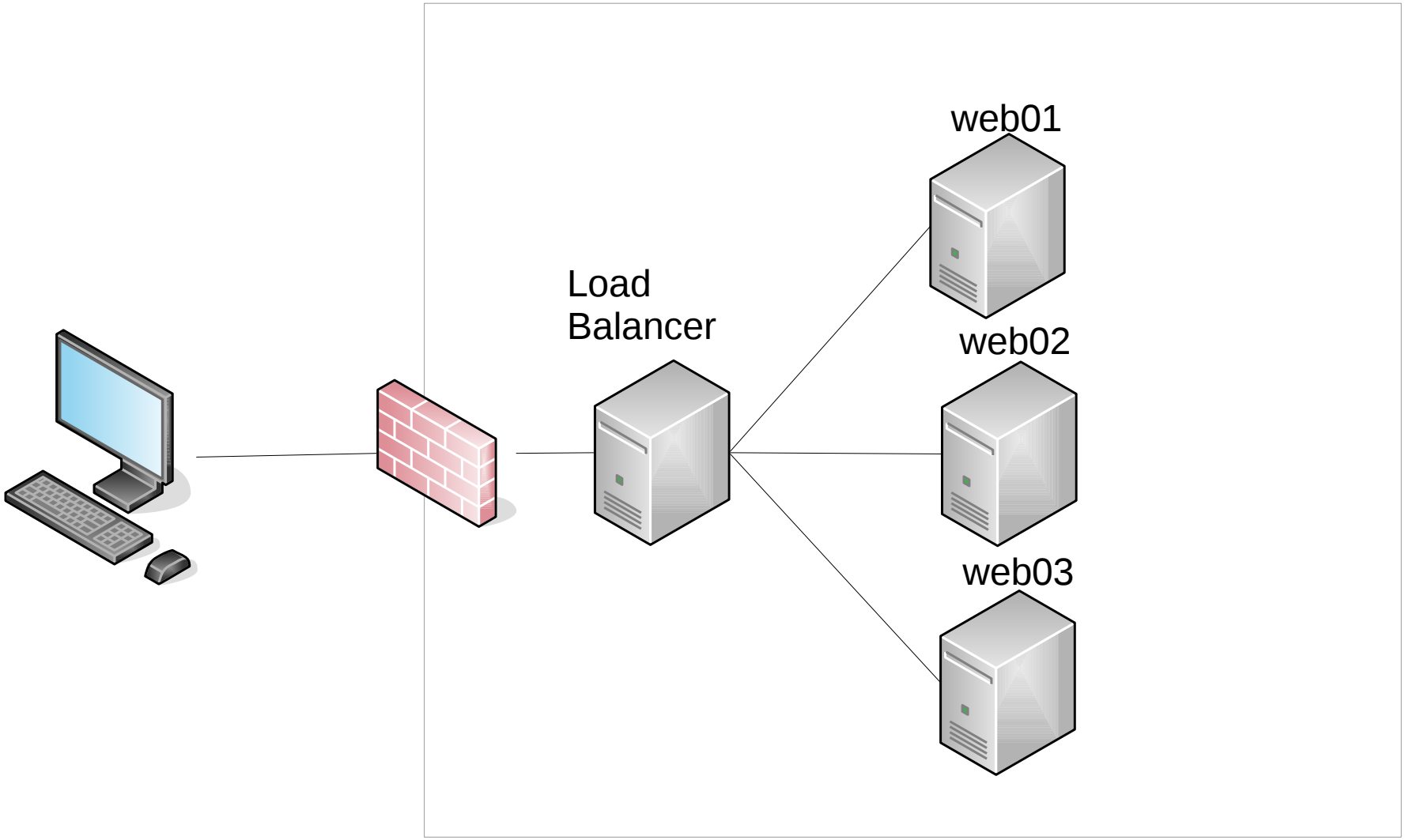
Success Story @ SWISS TXT

- Kaltura Video Platform
- MPC like cloud project setup
- HA (active/active) over 2 zones
- 38 hosts
- Production deployment within 3 weeks

Demo Rolling Upgrade

1. Create new VMs
2. Deploy updated app
3. Run smoke tests
4. Replace LB Members to new VMs
5. Stop old VMs

Existing Infra



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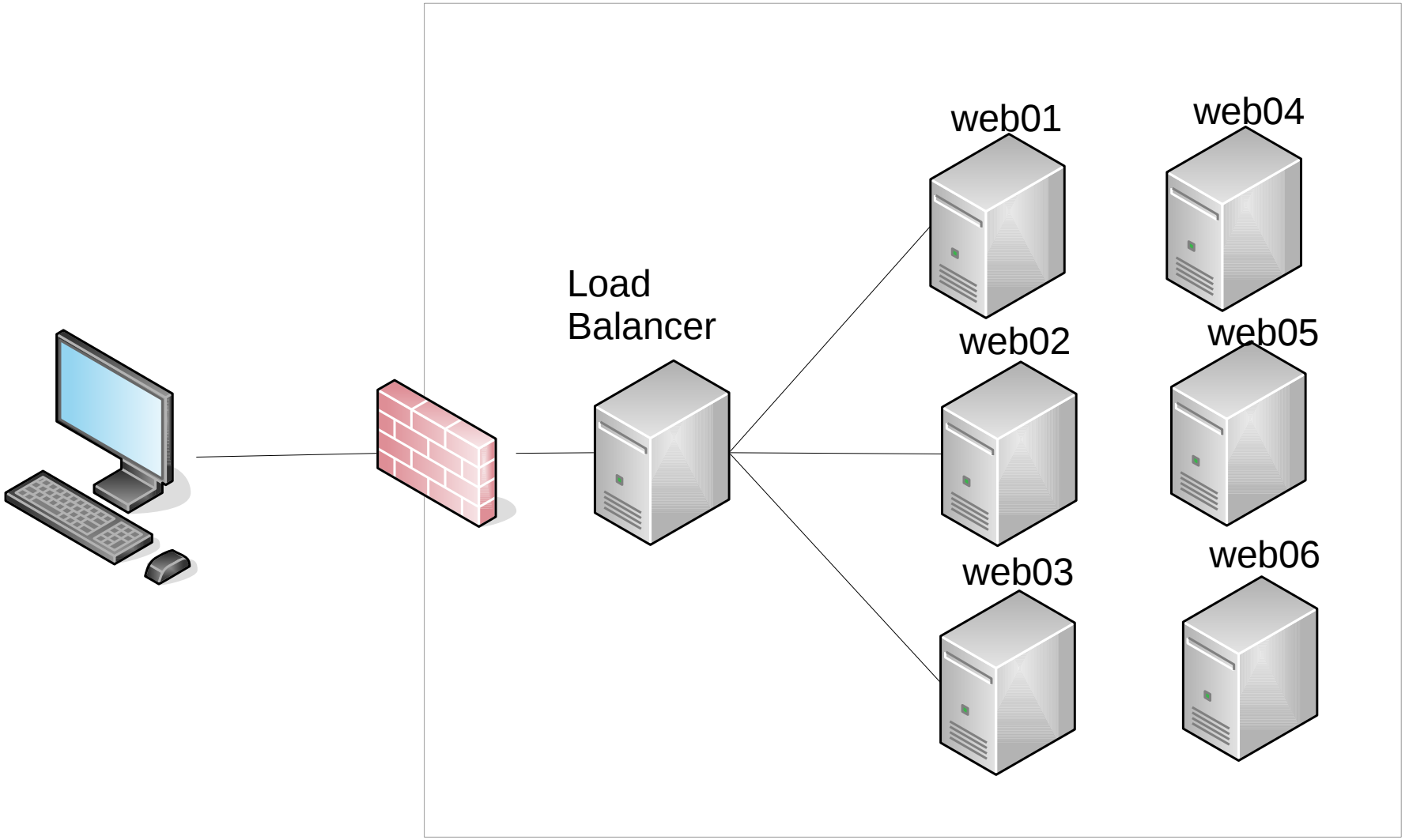
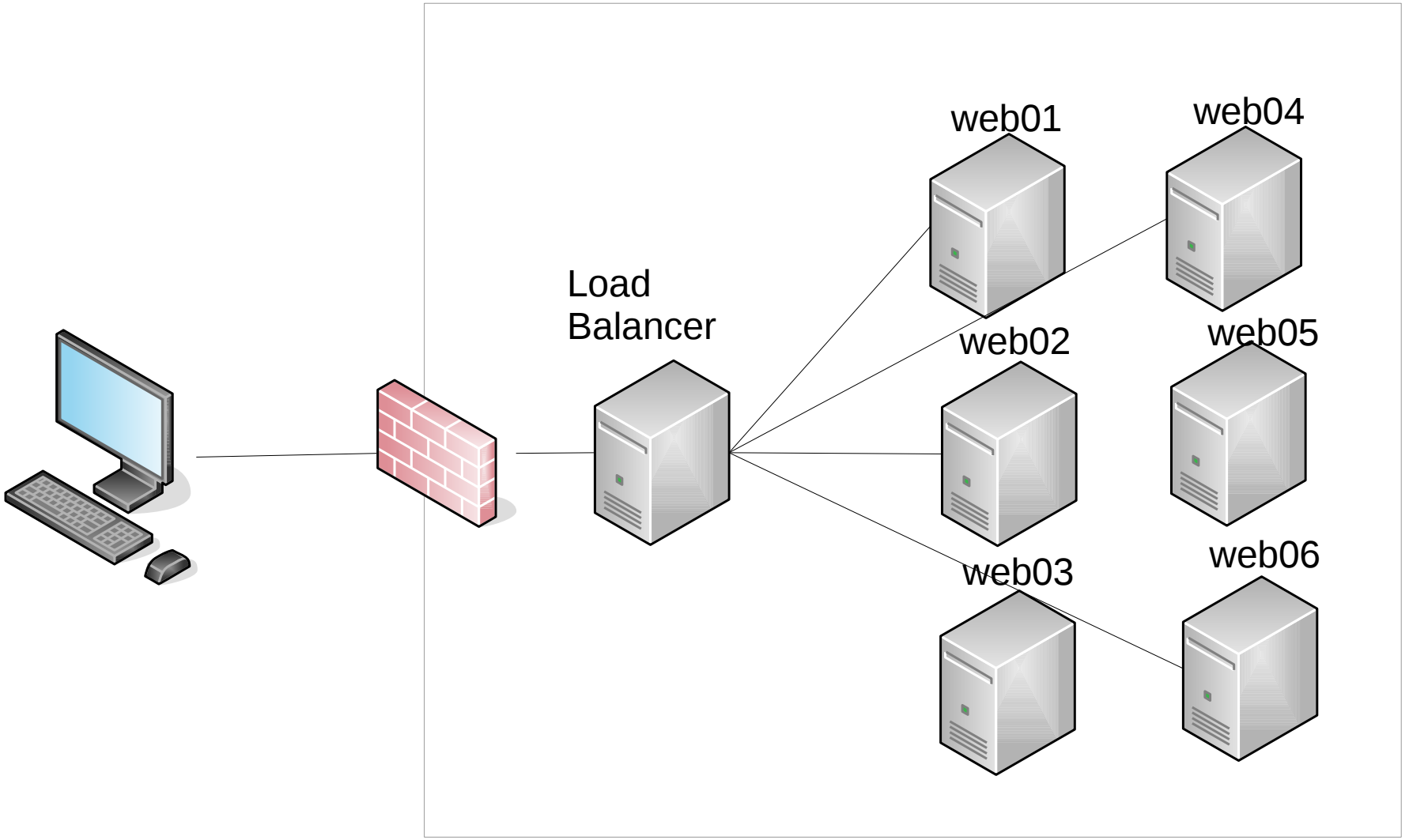


Replacing LB Members



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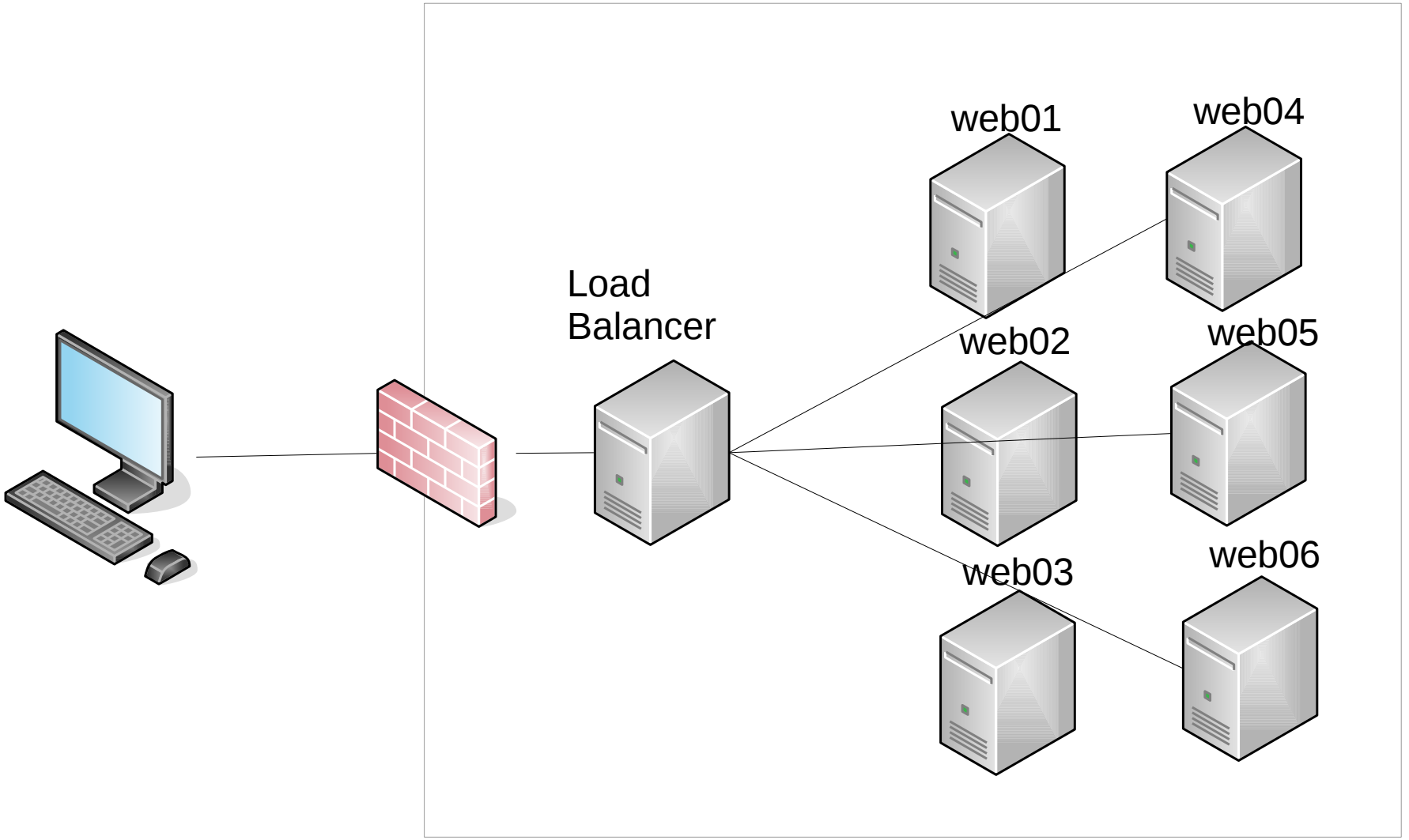

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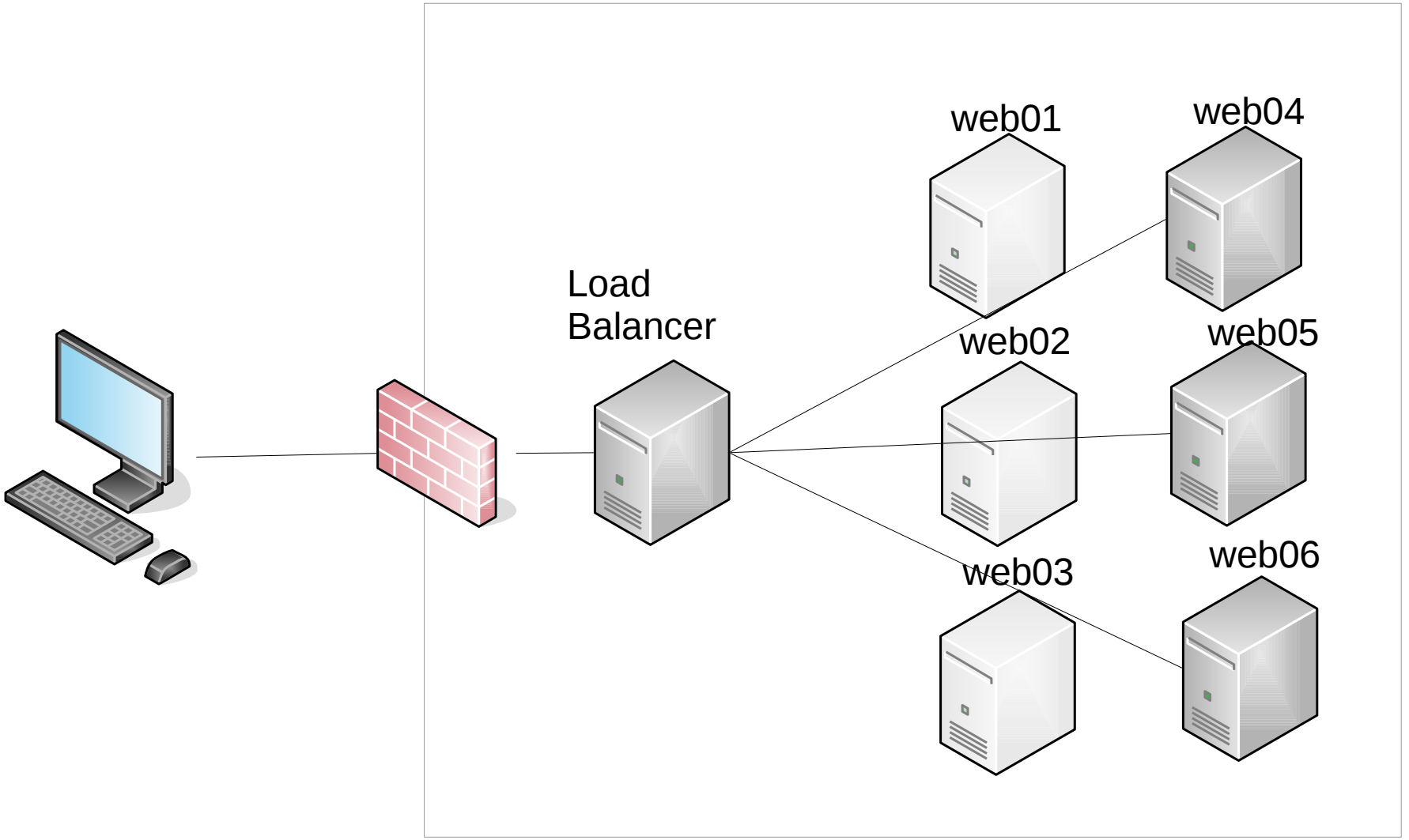

Demo

Questions?

- Ansible CloudStack Guide
  http://docs.ansible.com/ansible/guide_cloudstack.html
- Modules Docs:
  http://docs.ansible.com/ansible/list_of_cloud_modules.html#cloudstack
- Generic Cloud Infra Ansible Role
  https://github.com/swisstxt/ansible-role-cloud-infra
- Demo Playbooks and slides
  https://github.com/swisstxt/mpc-tech-2017

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