

Demo distributed computing

Monolithic architecture

Complete software product runs in one single application, on one machine.

Microservice architecture

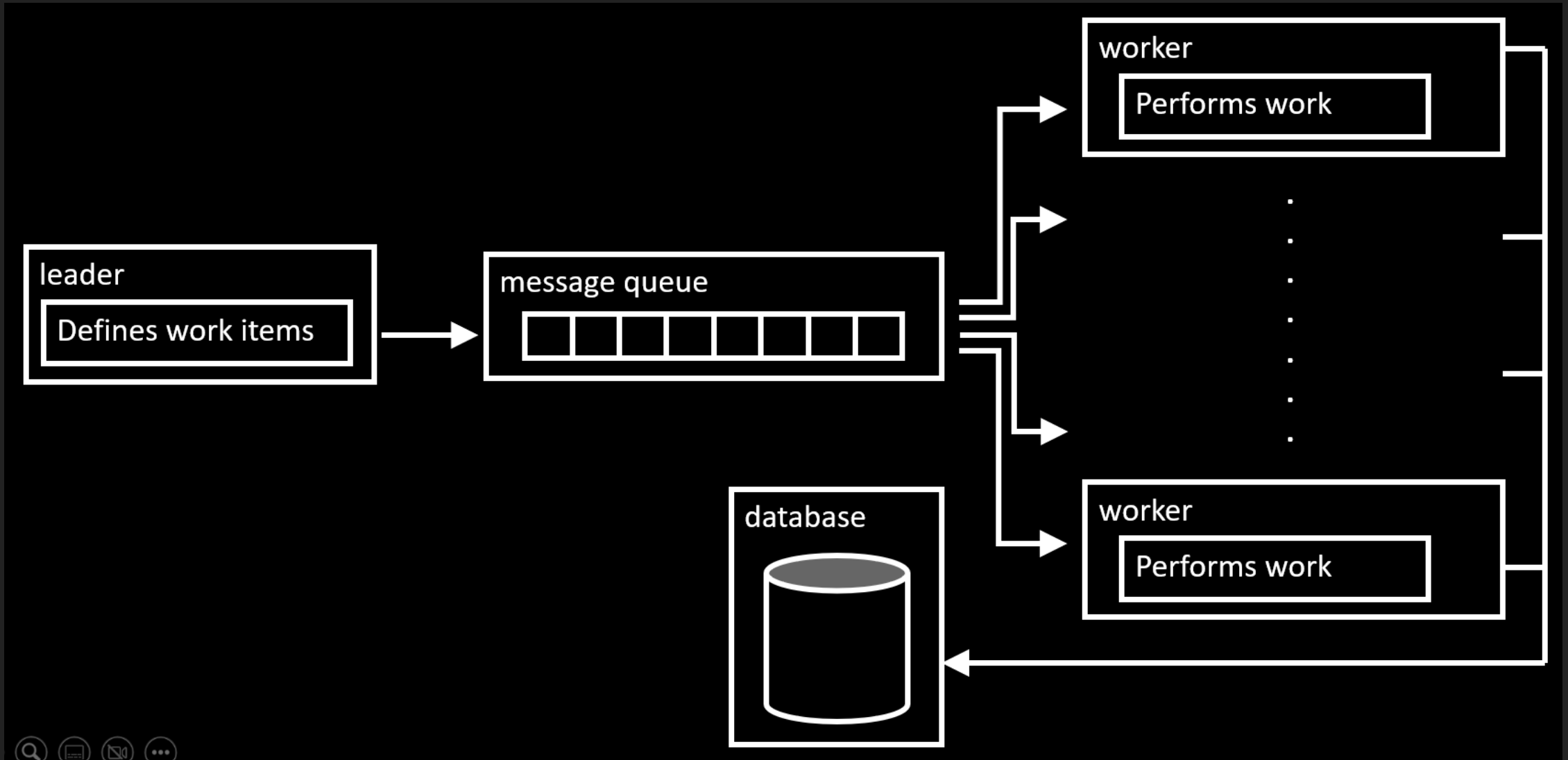
Software product is split into component, and can run across different machines.

Current situation

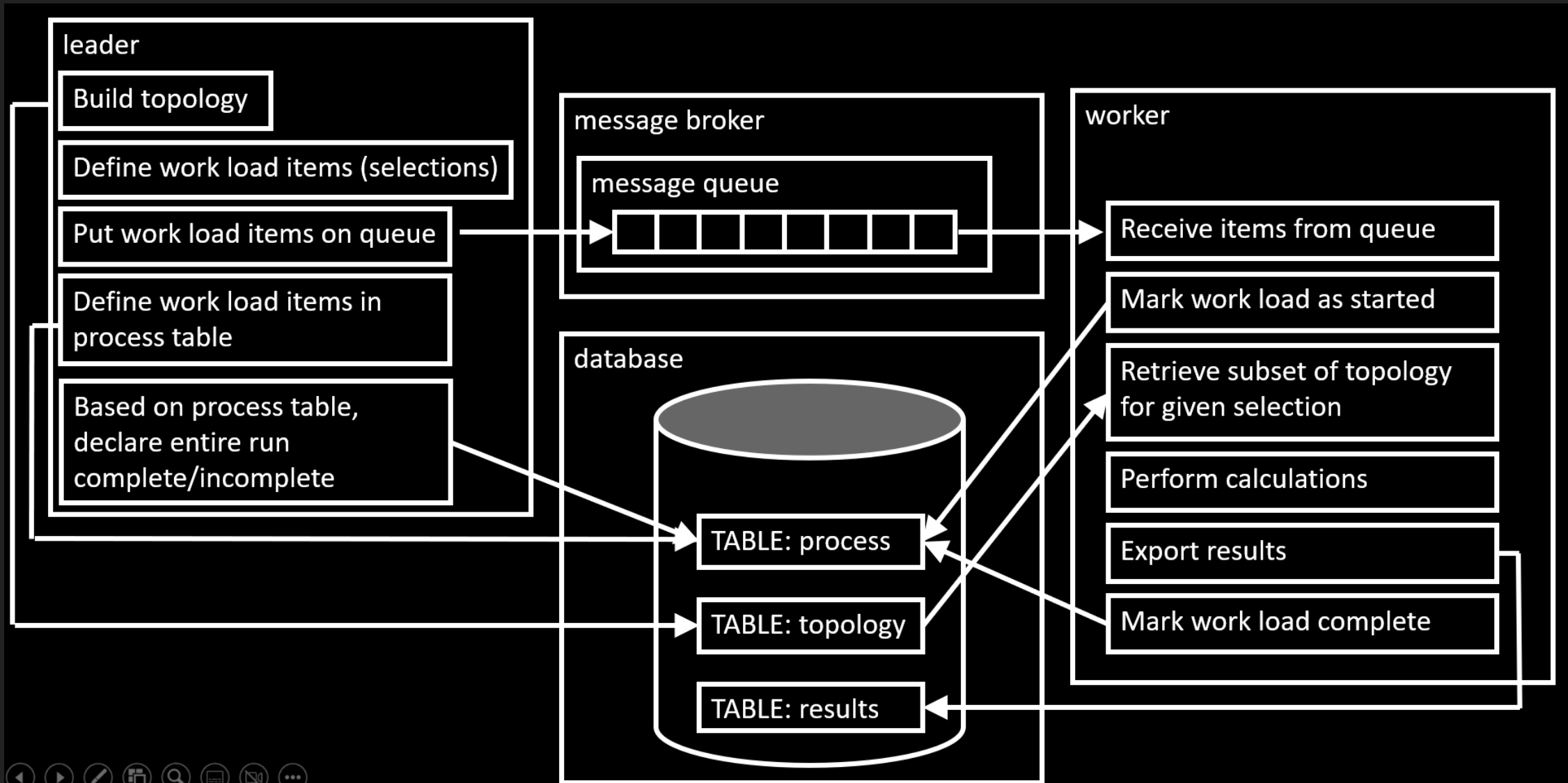
The following steps are performed in a single application

- Building topology
- Defining work load (selections)
- With a for loop, running the calculation per selection
- Exporting output data

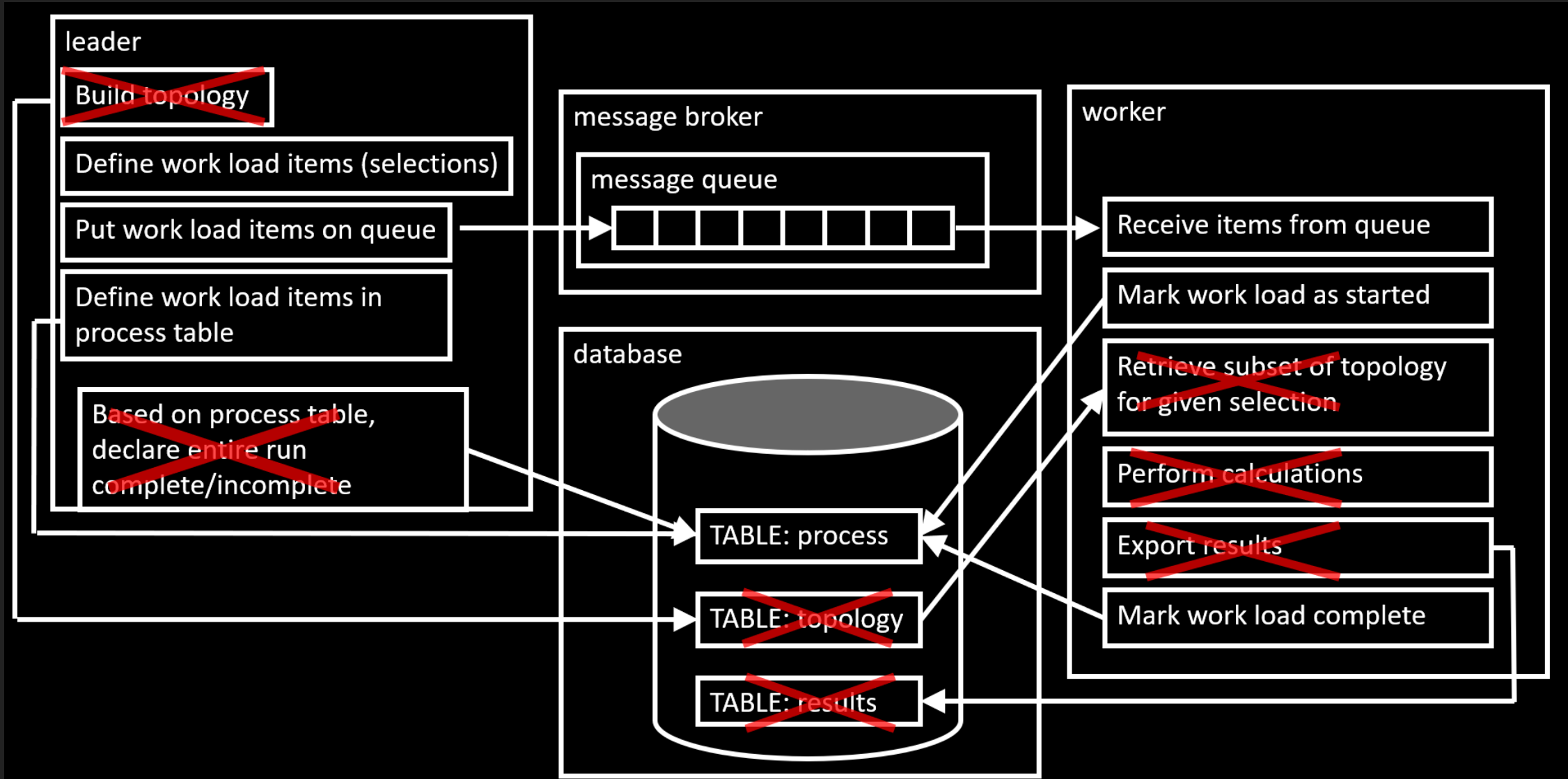
Architecture



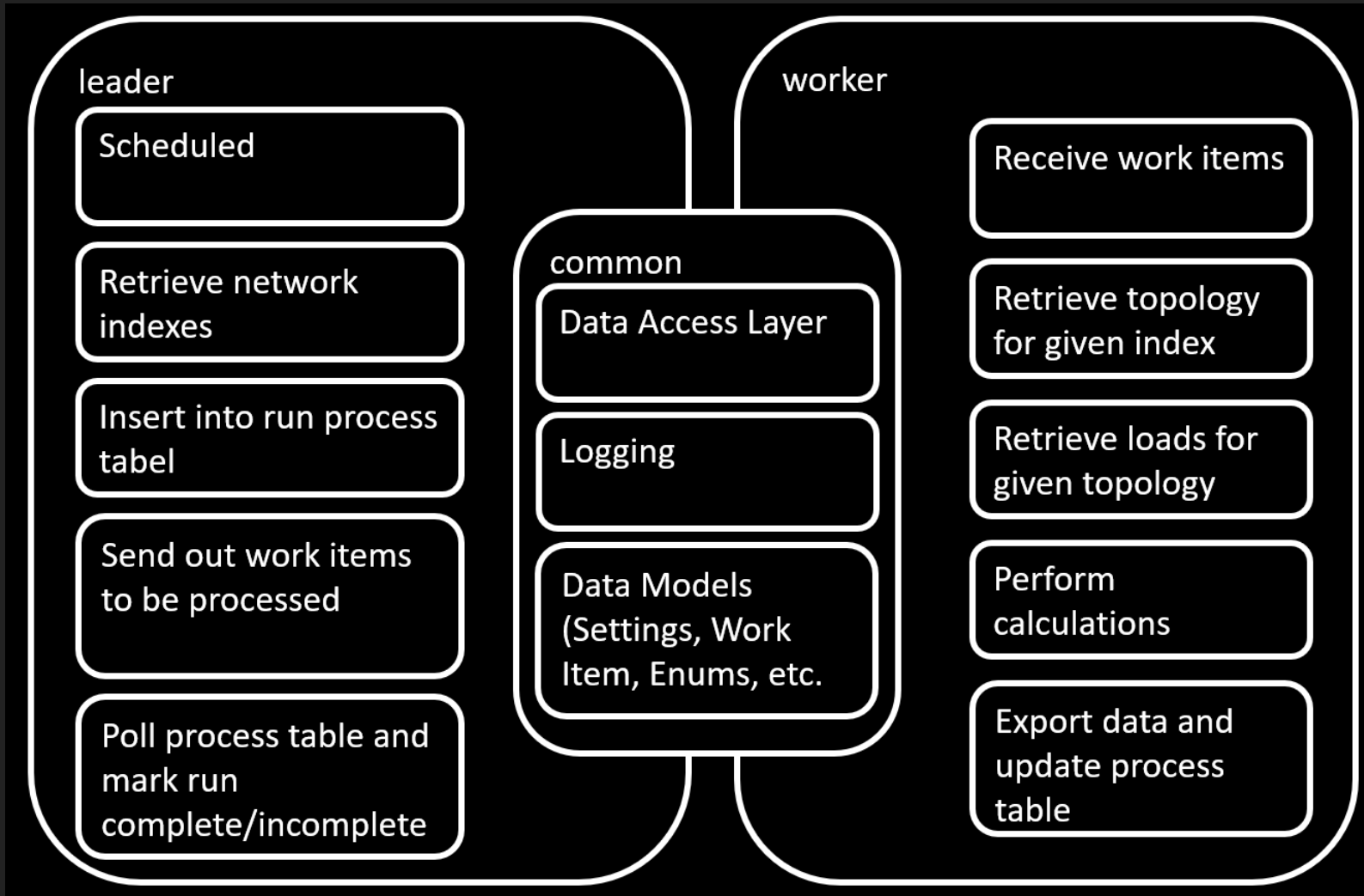
Process



In this demo



Code Structure



Message

- `run_id` is the id of the entire run
- `task_id` is the id of a single task or work item
- `selection`, `start_date`, `end_date` define the specifics of the work item

```
{  
  'run_id': 'c1ab55ca-27d5-40e7-9899-e475f906af1c',  
  'task_id': '0ce41899-a414-4920-9159-ccf223840634'  
  'selection': '1',  
  'start_date': '2023-01-01 00:00',  
  'end_date': '2023-01-31 23:59',  
}
```

Process Table

```
mysql> use local_db; select * from run_process;  
Database changed
```

id	run_id	task_id	task_status
1	2fe5a1d6-672d-4a53-b376-4591537b58e7	062b3ac2-154e-40d6-9ac7-a2c528bbe2e0	FINISHED
2	2fe5a1d6-672d-4a53-b376-4591537b58e7	183fe738-664e-42f1-846b-ada83bf50780	FINISHED
3	2fe5a1d6-672d-4a53-b376-4591537b58e7	c9593d67-b055-40aa-b177-d03f5a3fa503	FINISHED
4	2fe5a1d6-672d-4a53-b376-4591537b58e7	5d4c2da9-36a7-421a-90b8-3fa12b296f27	STARTED

Setup of demo

- Applications running in Docker containers
 - worker, leader
 - written in Python
 - RabbitMQ
 - open source message broker
 - base image rabbitmq
 - MySQL
 - Relational Database with 1 table

Setup of demo

- Orchestrated with Docker Compose
- Run the whole stack with `docker compose up`

Implementation on Openshift

- leader: like the original application, cronjob with the original schedule
- queue: deploymentconfig with constant instance of 1
- worker: deploymentconfig that scales instances based on items in the queue
 - <https://github.com/onfido/k8s-rabbit-pod-autoscaler>

First steps

- Openshift implementation with 'trivial' leader, message queue and current application as a single instance worker
- Implement handling of the process with the run process table
- Move building of topology into leader
- Manually scale up worker
- Implement autoscaling of workers

Further steps

- Building of topology in separate application
- Polling for process completion in separate application
- ...