

Evolutionary Architecture



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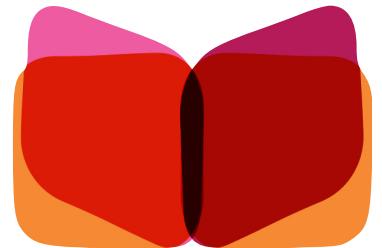
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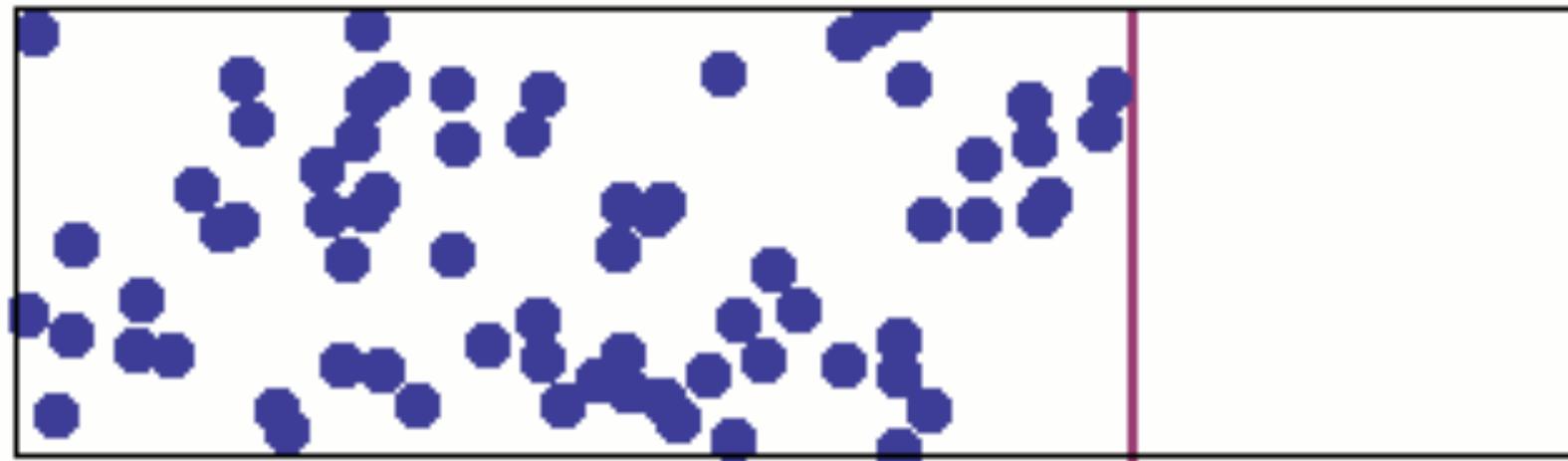


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Dynamic Equilibrium



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Dynamic Equilibrium



Docker

Definition :

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Types of Architecture:

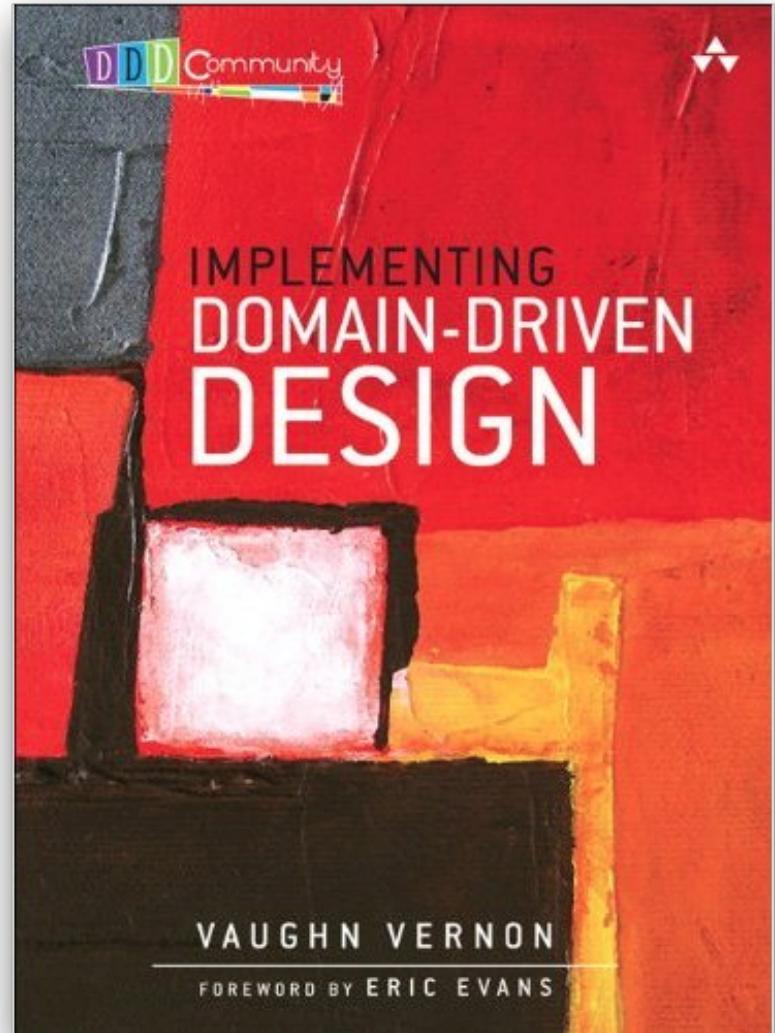
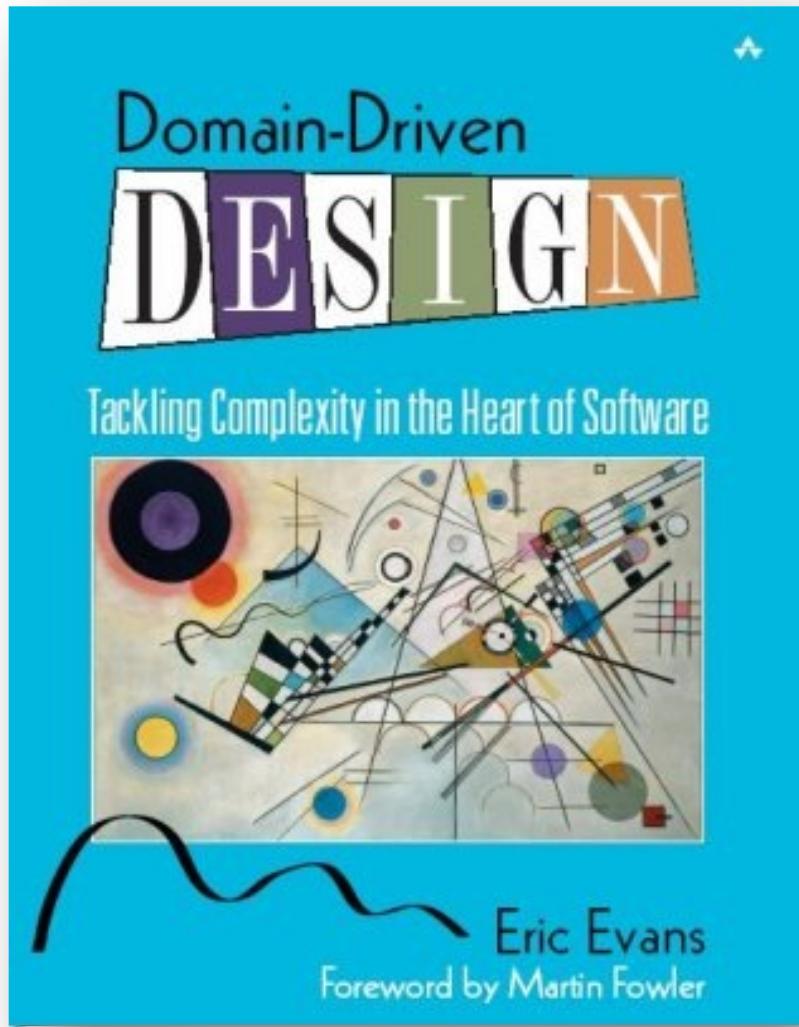
Technical: The implementation parts of the architecture

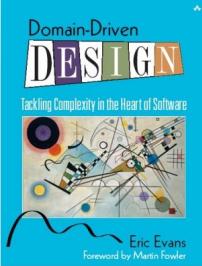
Data: Database schemas, table layouts, optimization planning, etc.

Security: Defines security policies, guidelines, and specifies tools to help uncover deficiencies.

Domain:

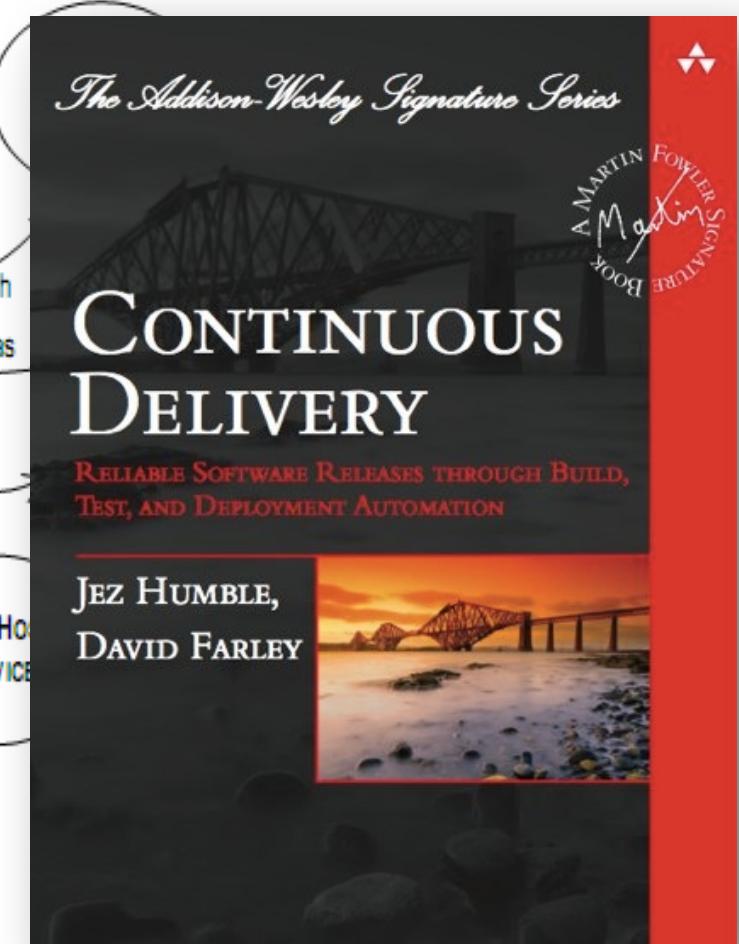
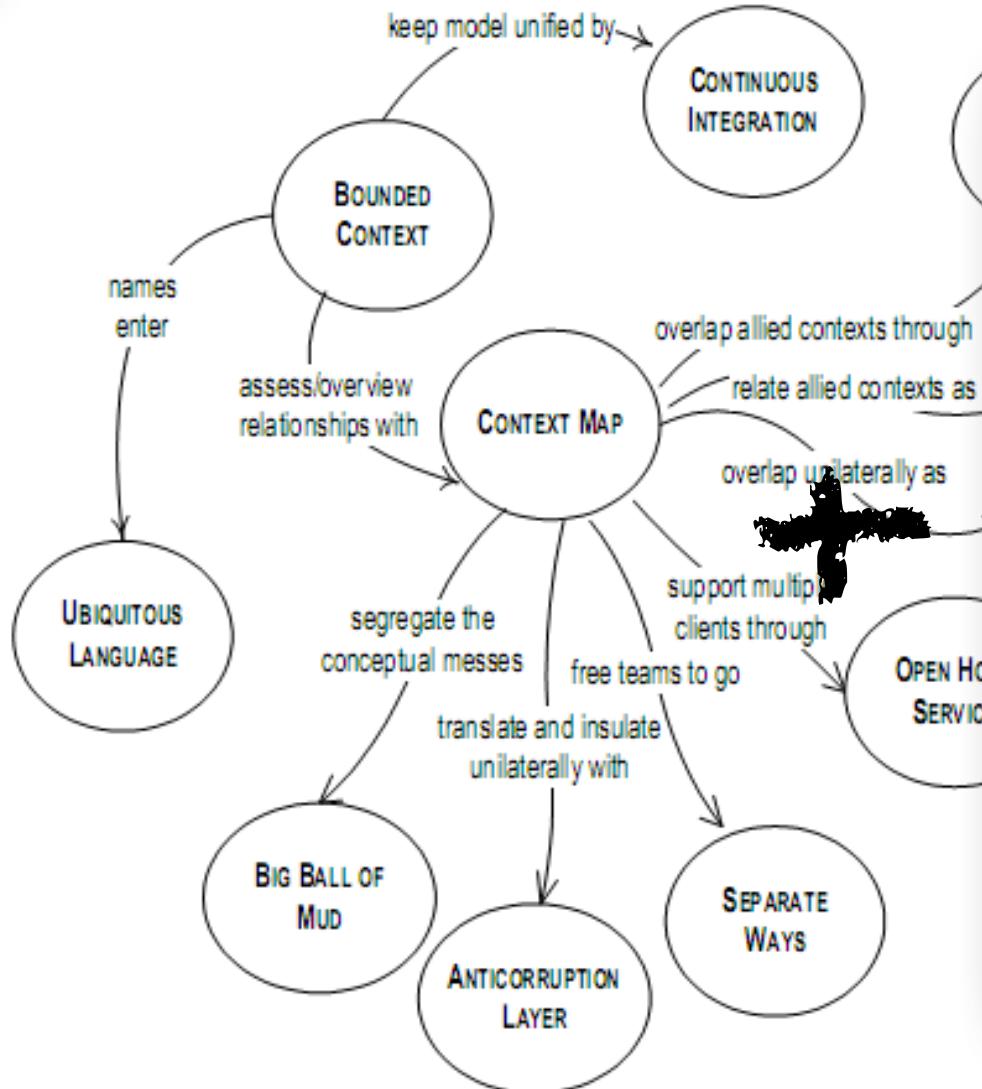
Domain Driven Design



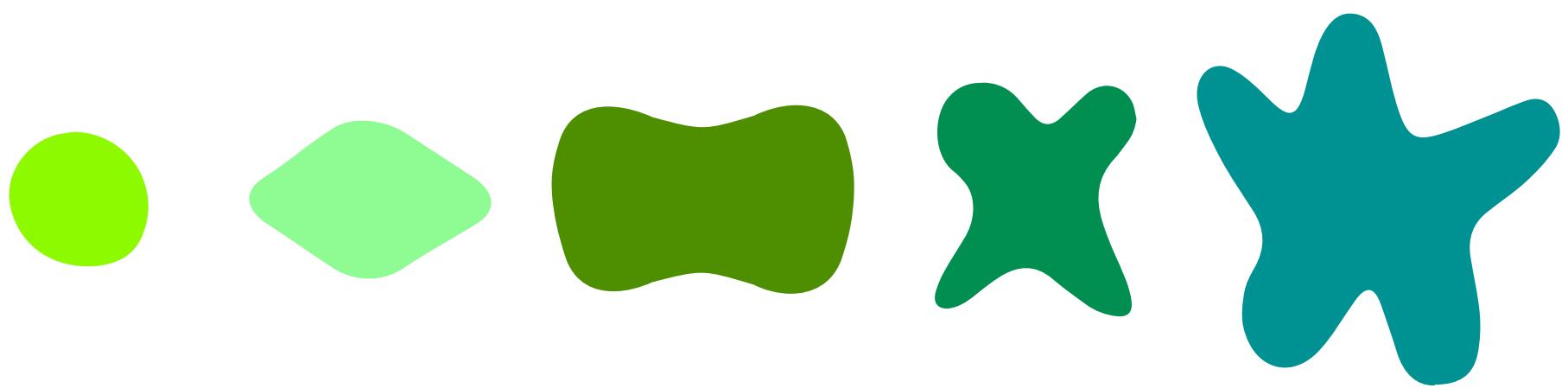


Bounded Context

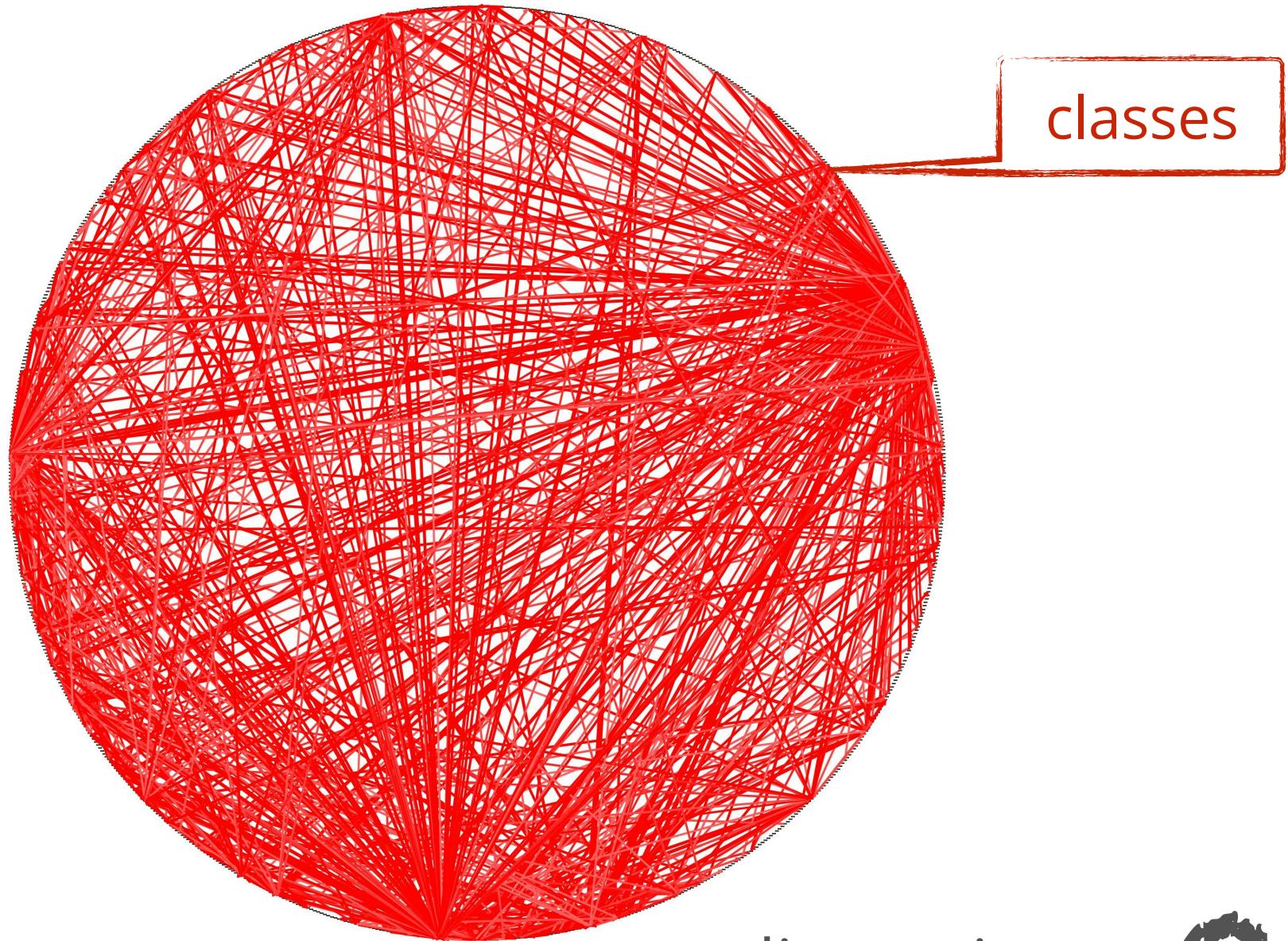
Maintaining Model Integrity



Evolvability of Architectures



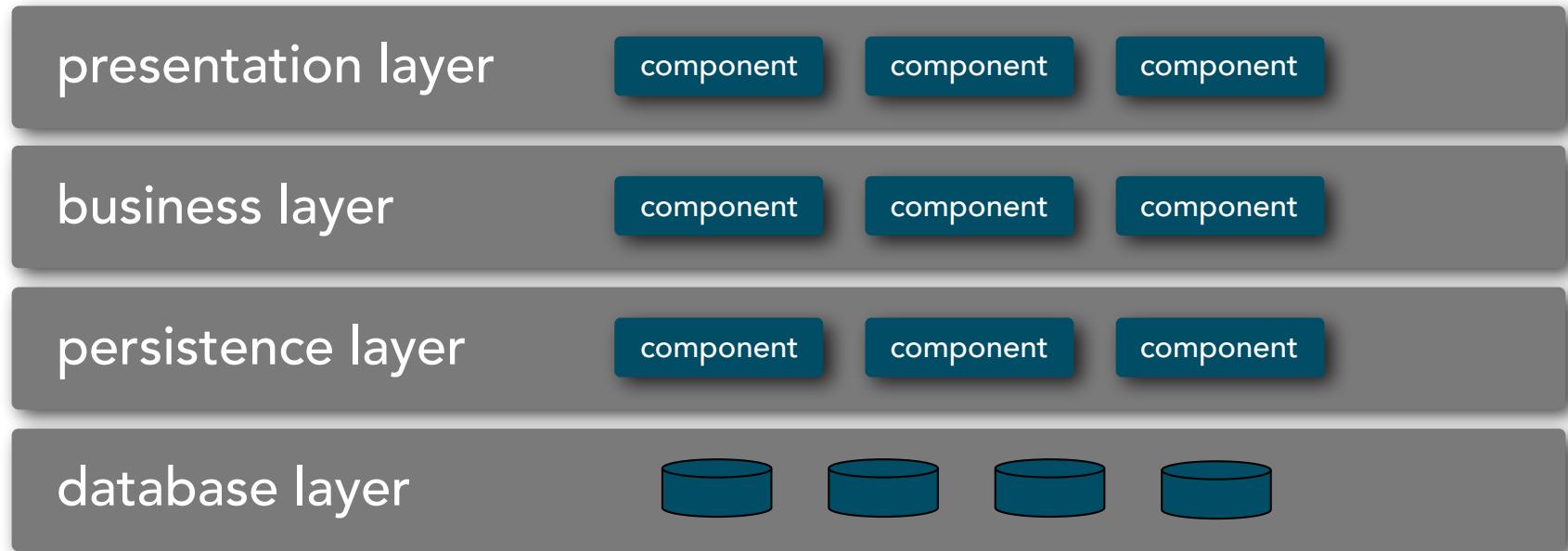
Big Ball of Mud



coupling connections

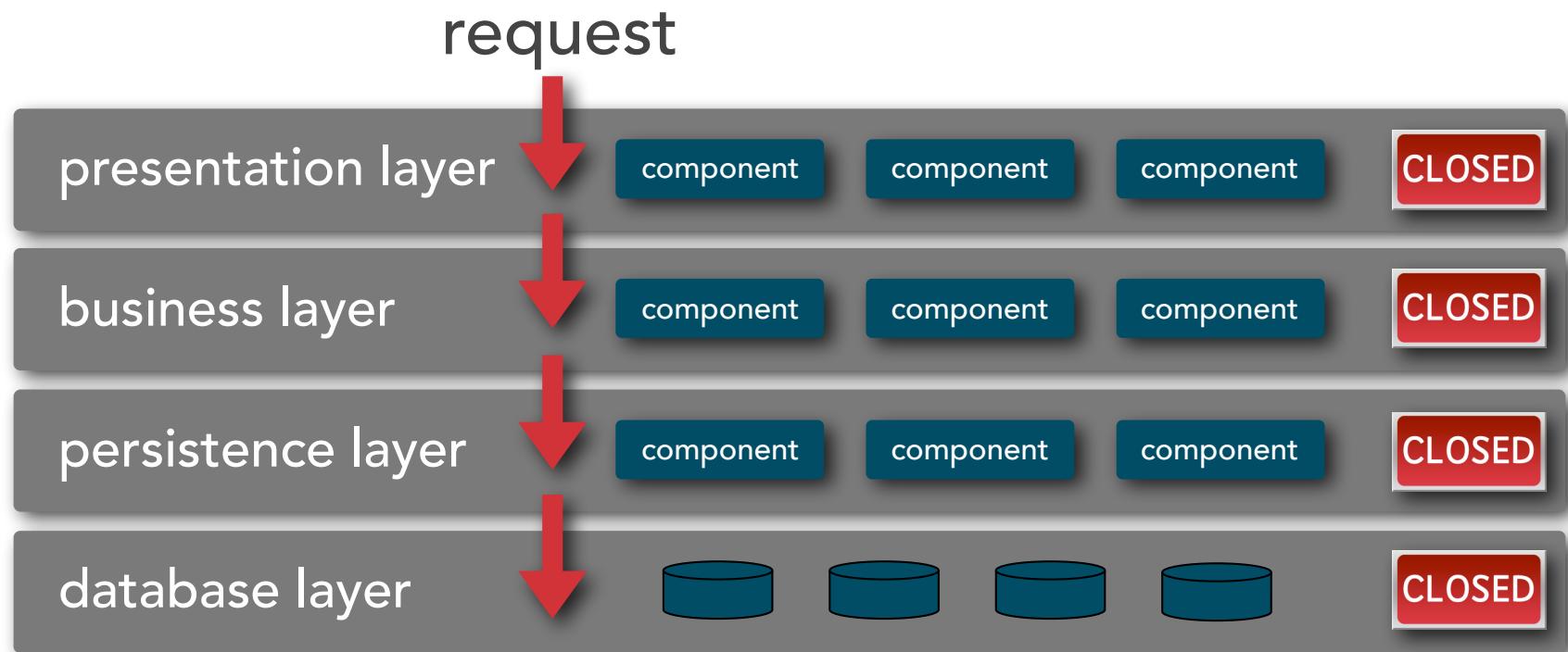
dimensions : 

Layered Architecture

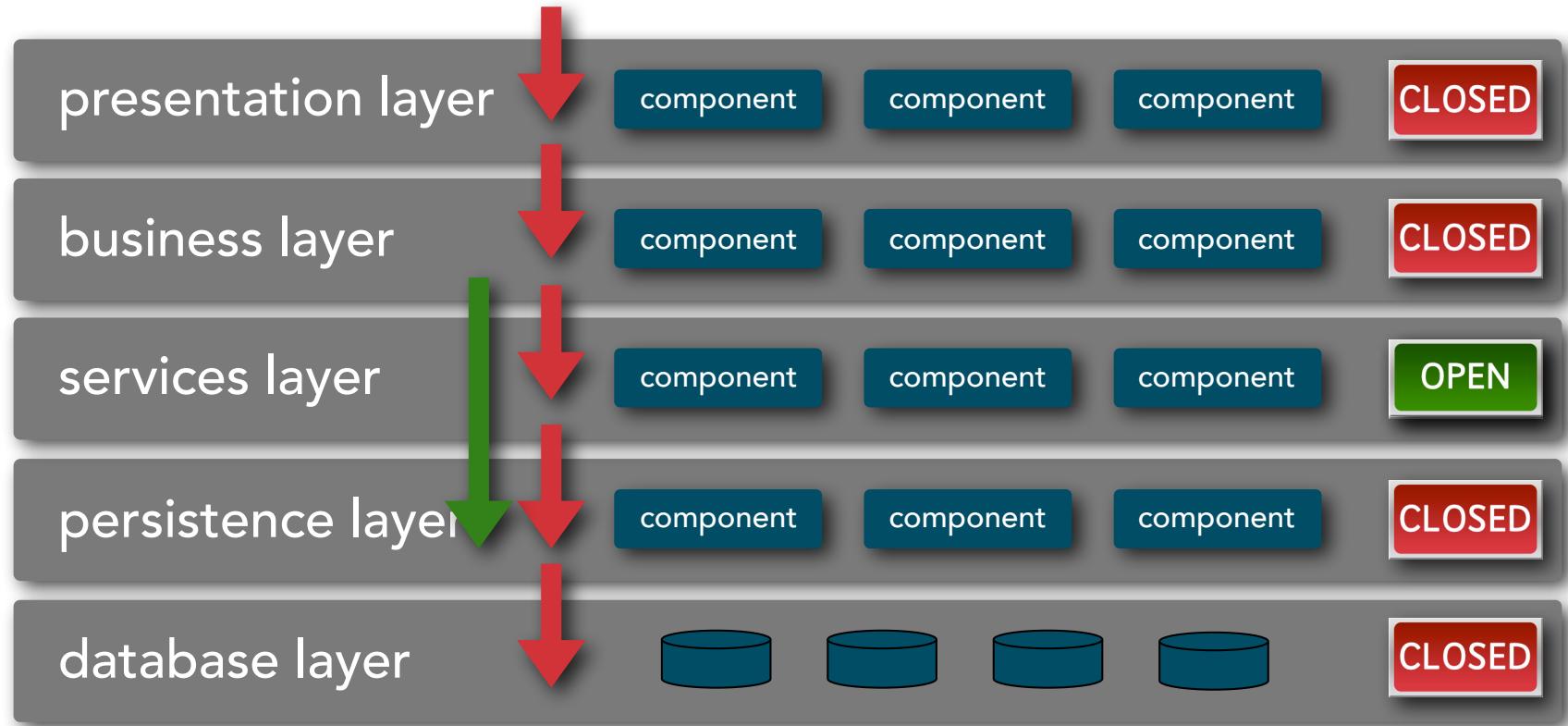


opportunities: 4
dimensions : 1

Layered Architecture



Layered Architecture



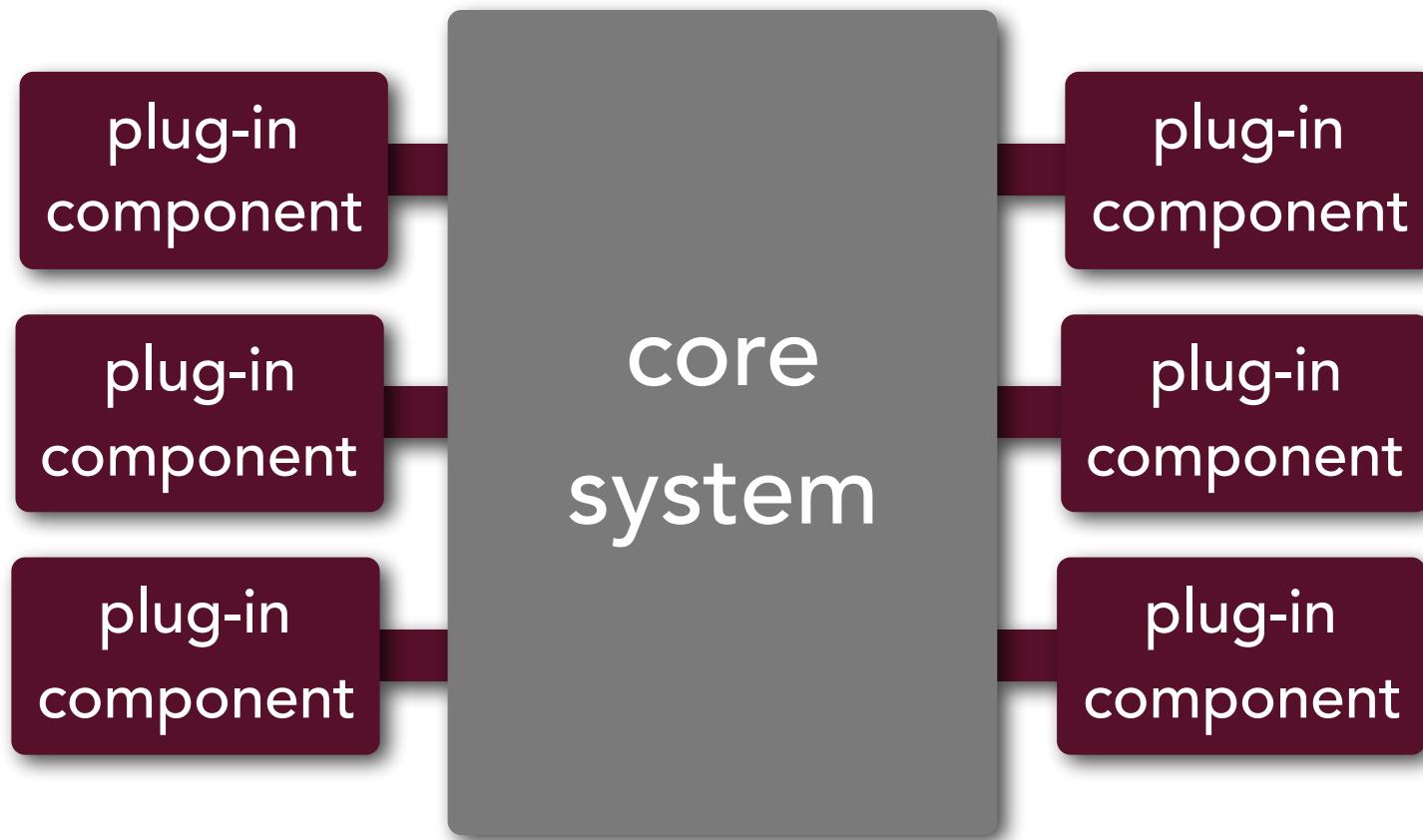
opportunities for evolution = $L - (2 \times L^o)$

L : # of layers

L^o : # of open layers

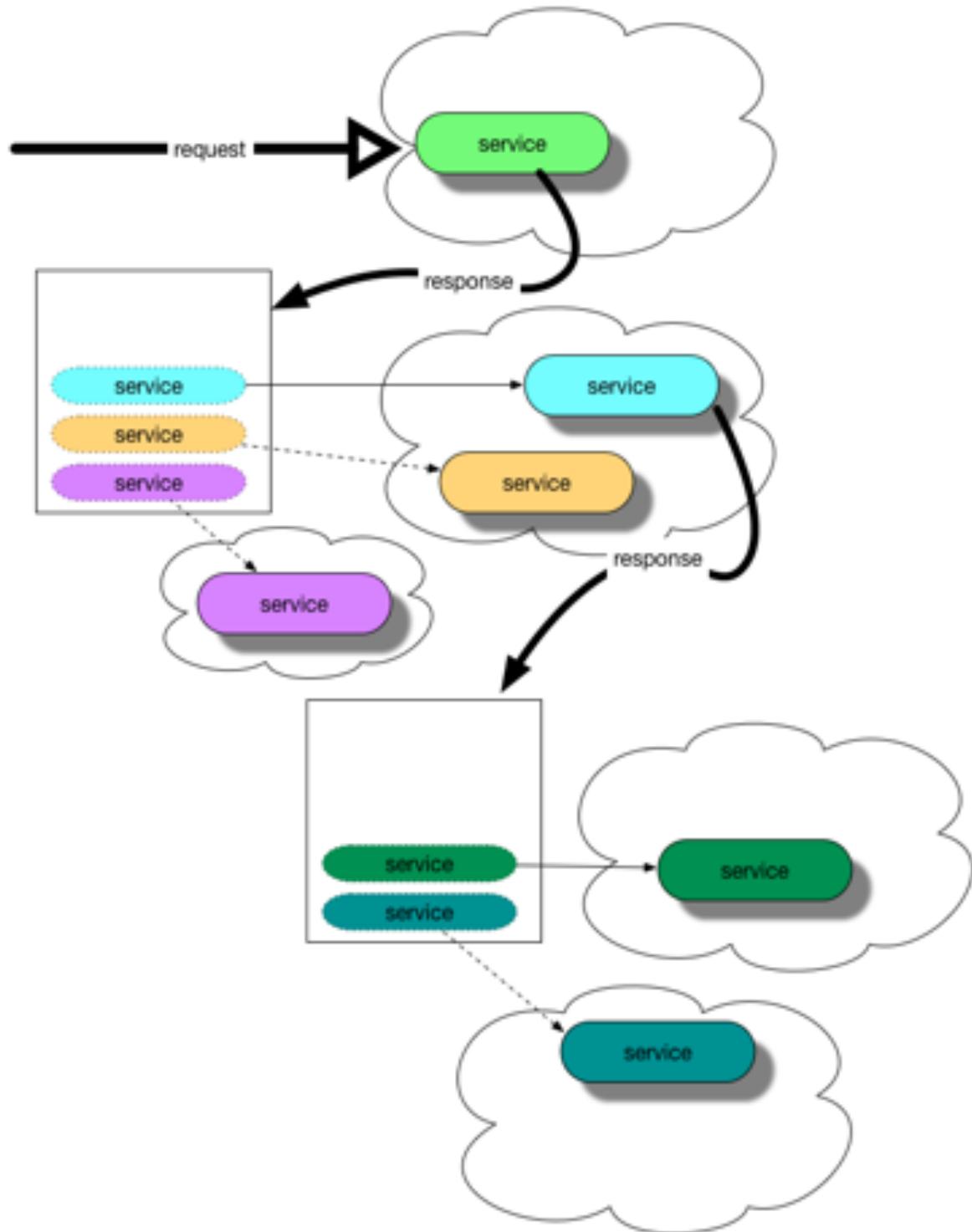
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Microkernel



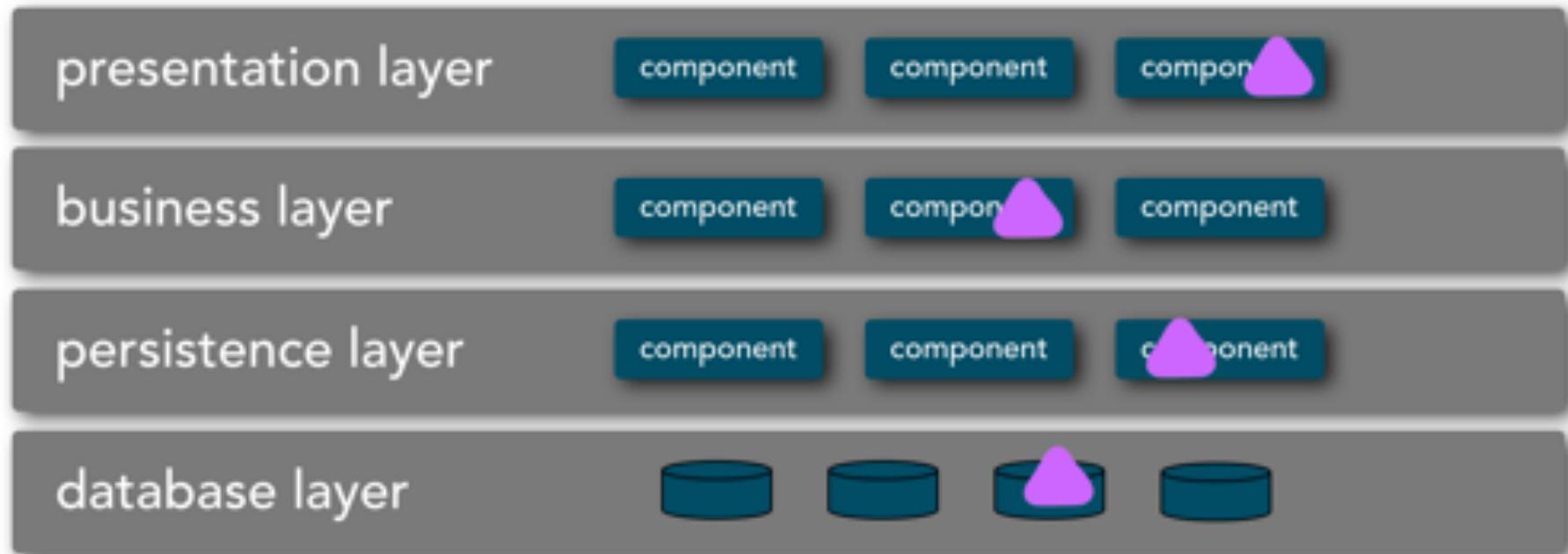
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REST + HATEOS



dimensions : 1

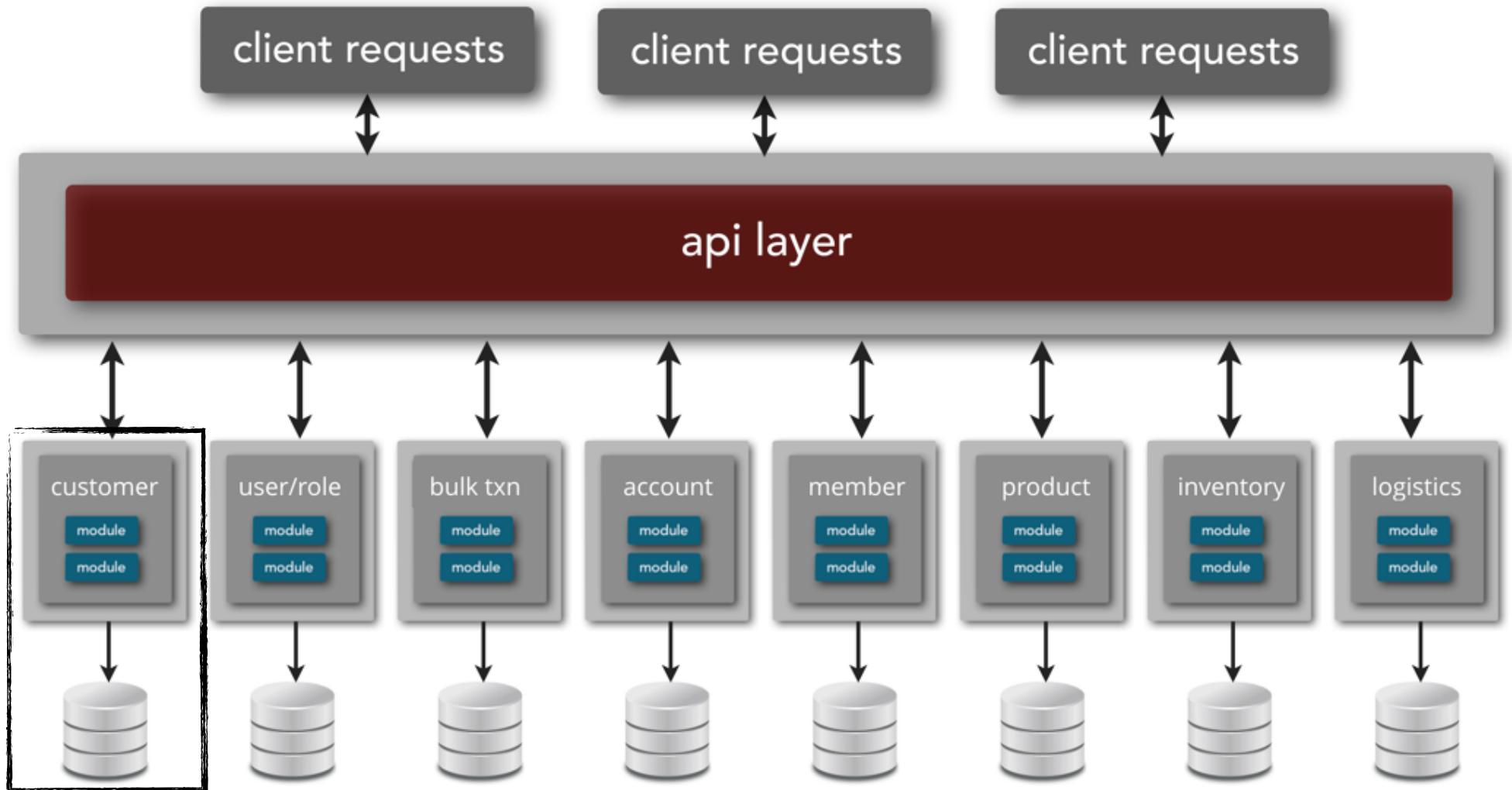
Domain Shift



domain dimensions :



Microservices



evolutionary architecture dimensions :

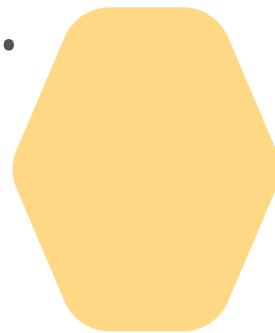
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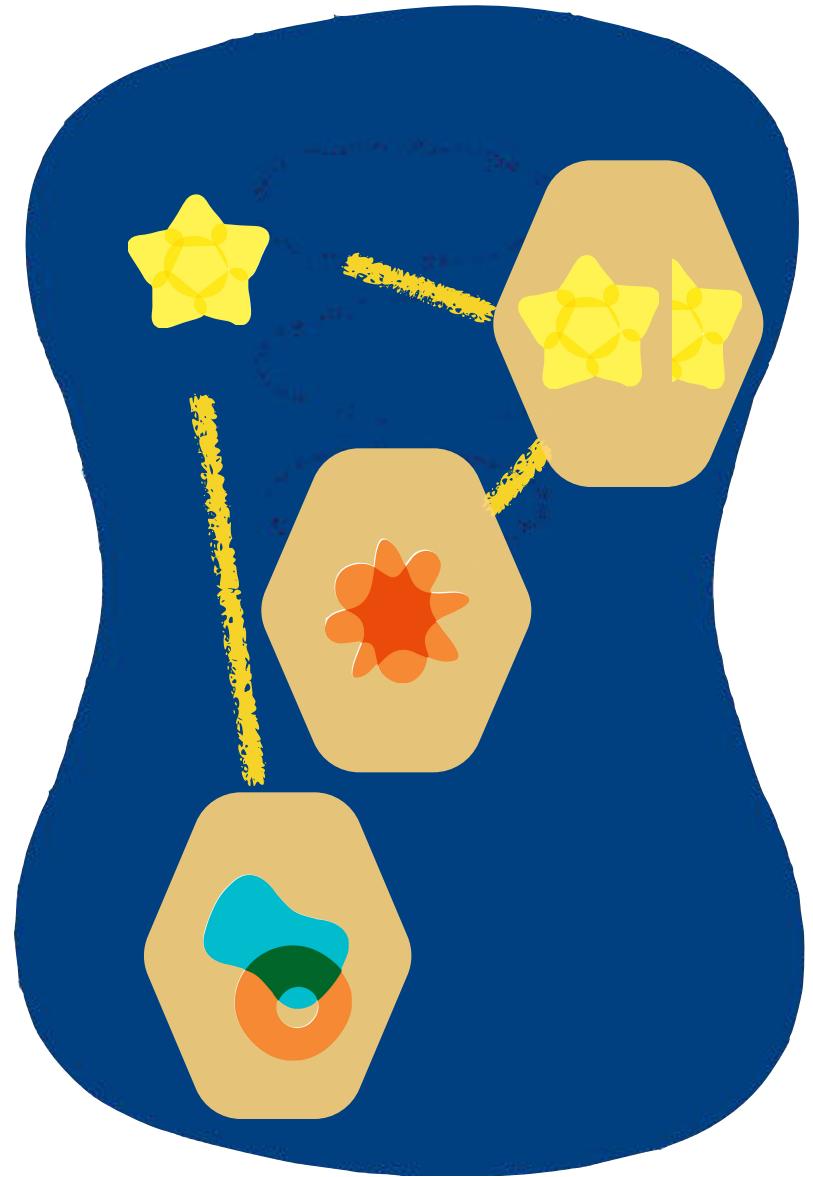
Incremental Change

Components are
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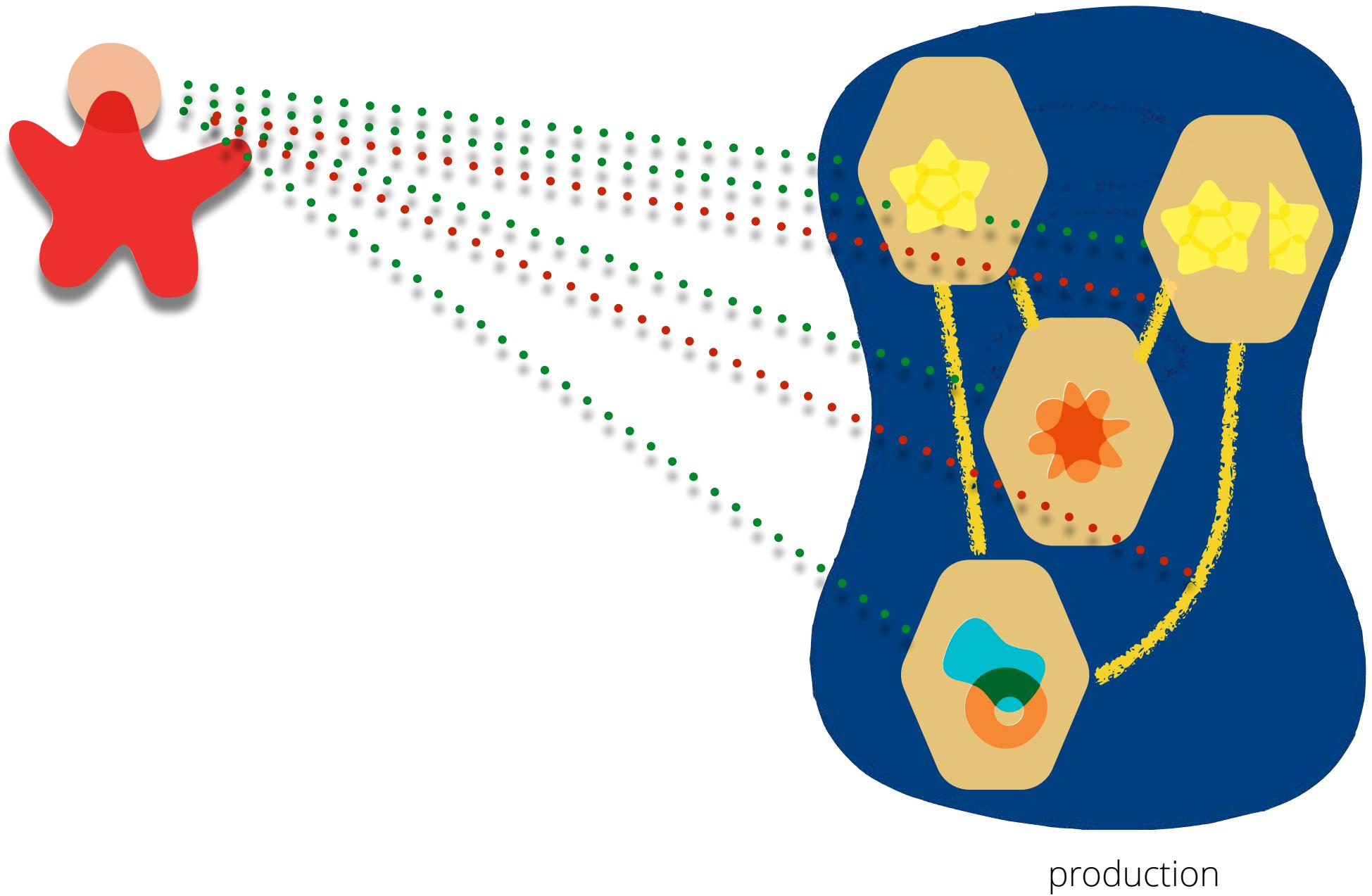
Features are *released.*

Applications consist
of *routing.*



production

Incremental Change

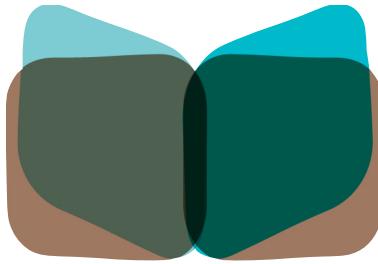


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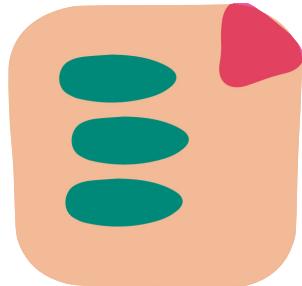
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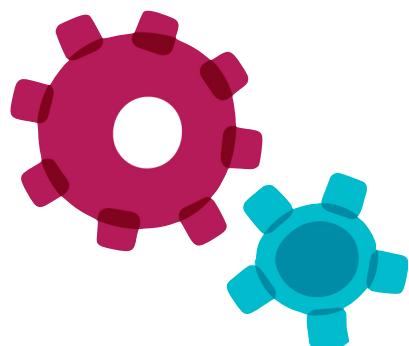
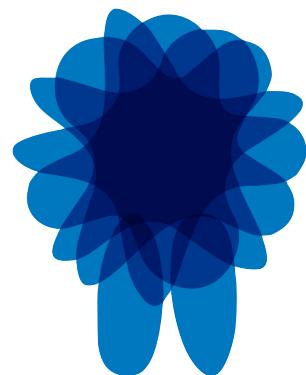


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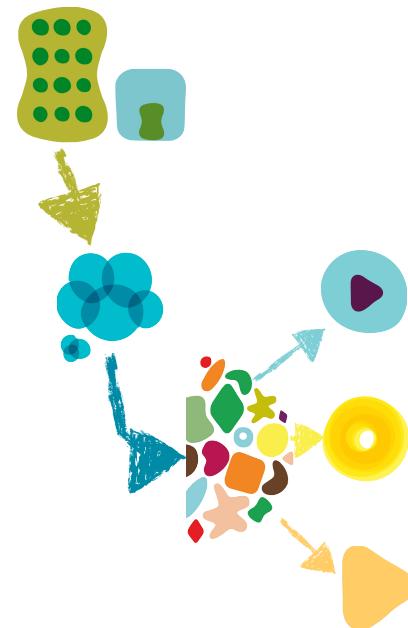
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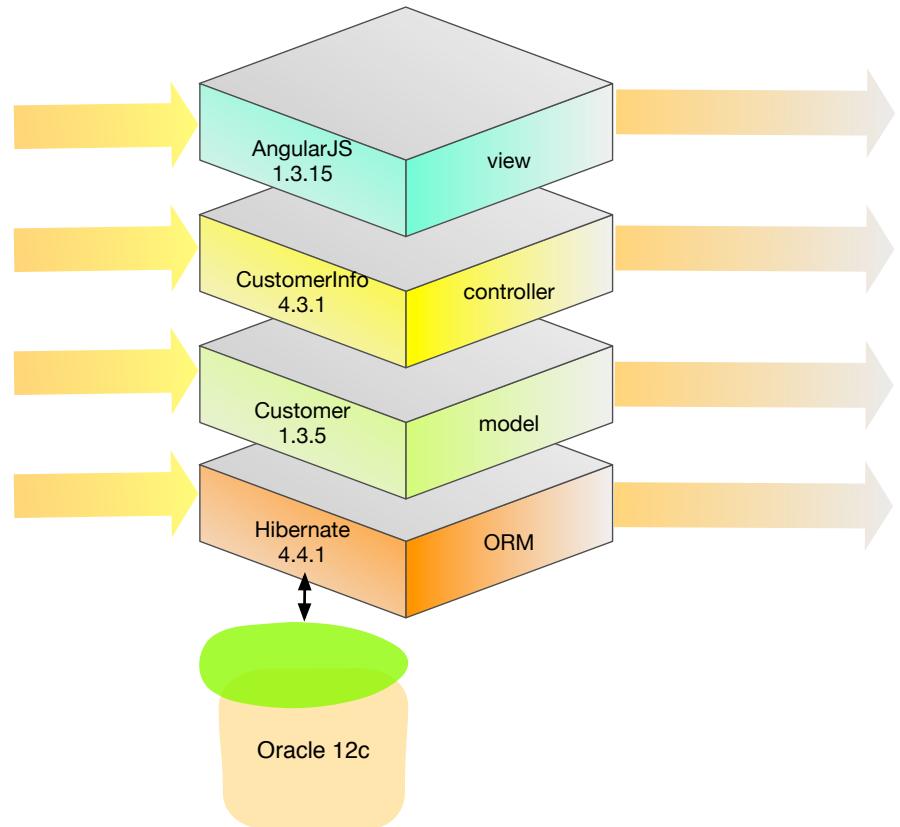
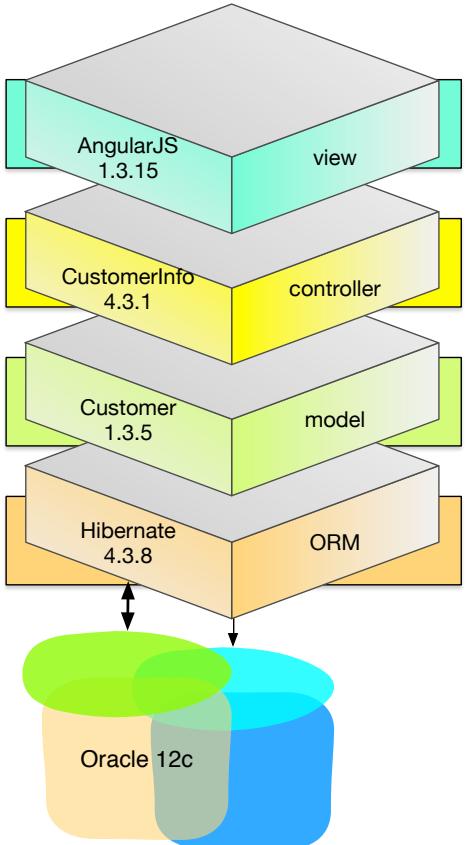




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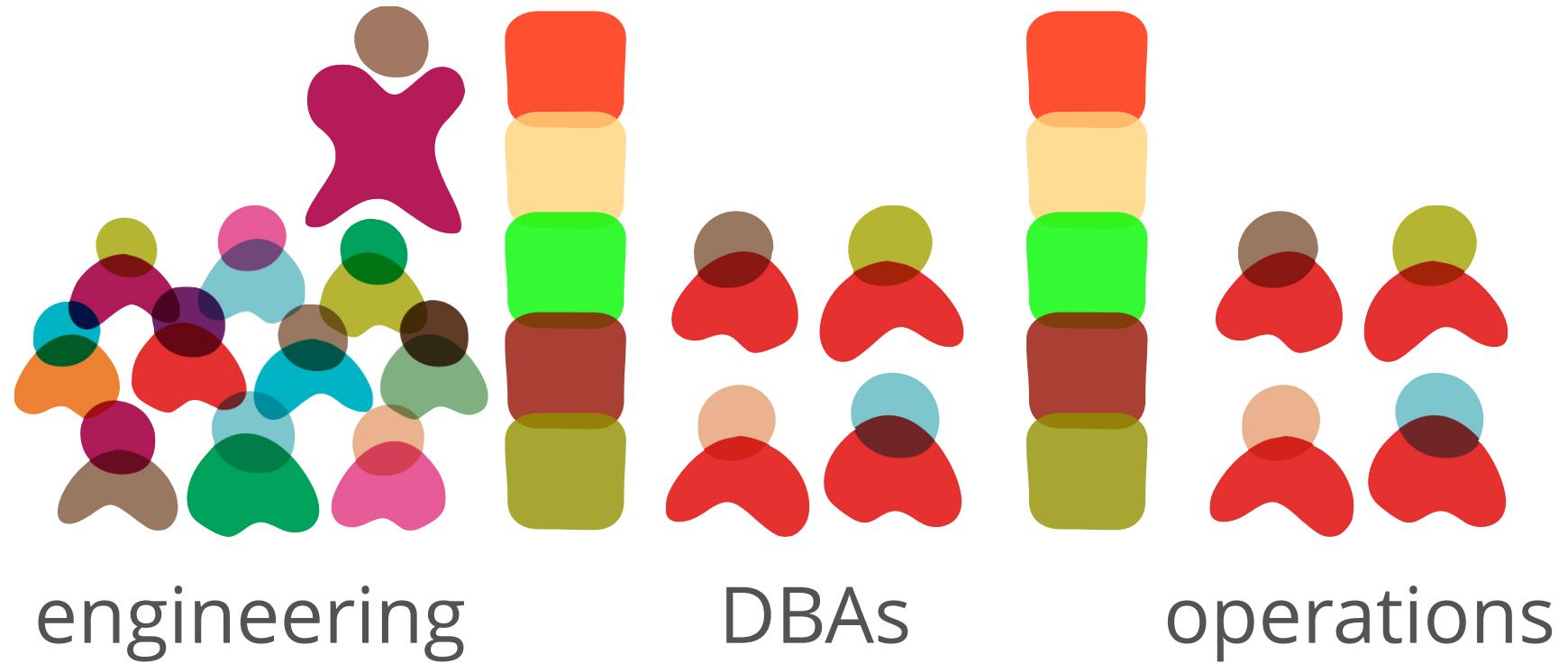


2D

3D

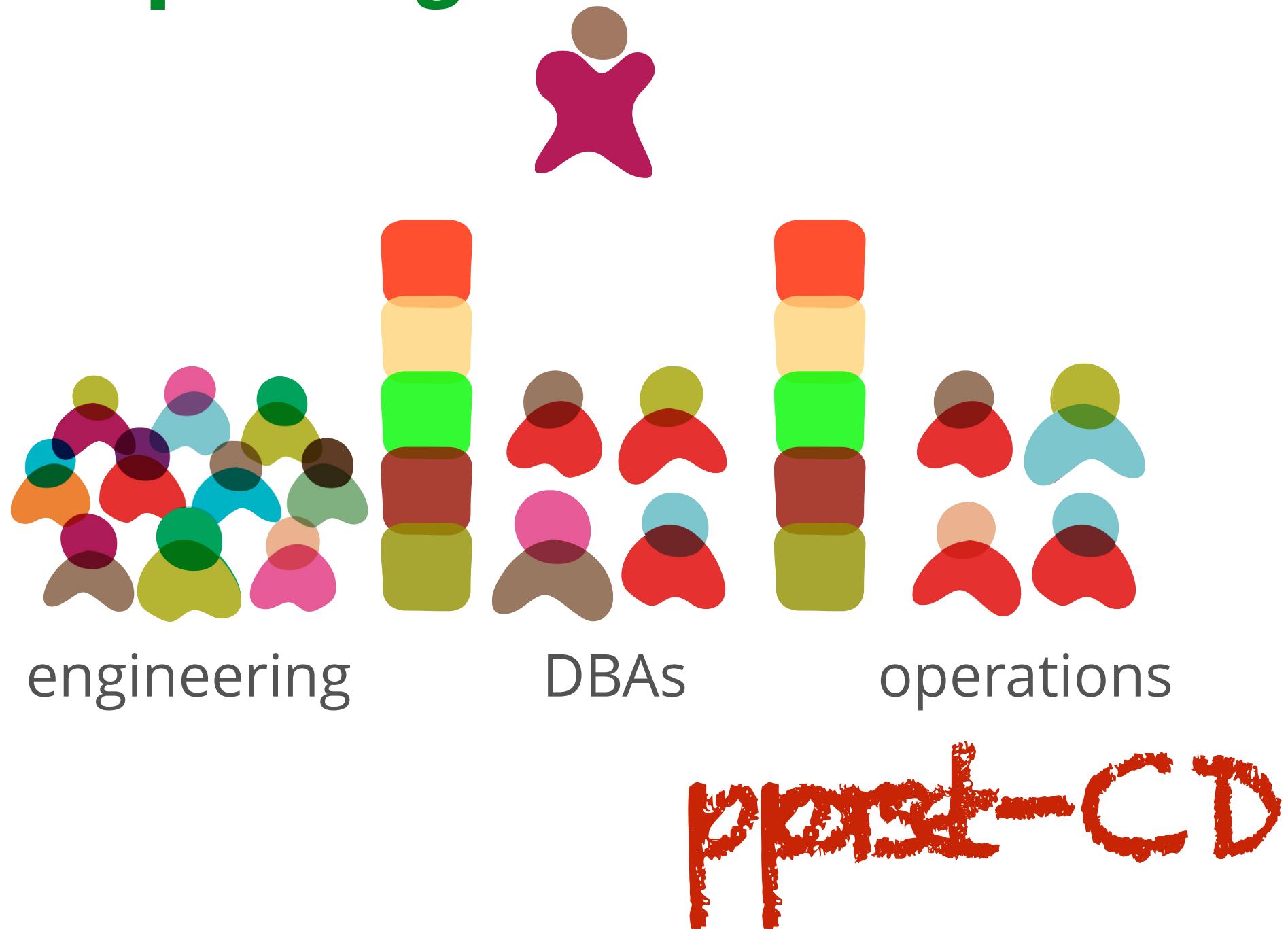
4D

Expanding Role of Architect

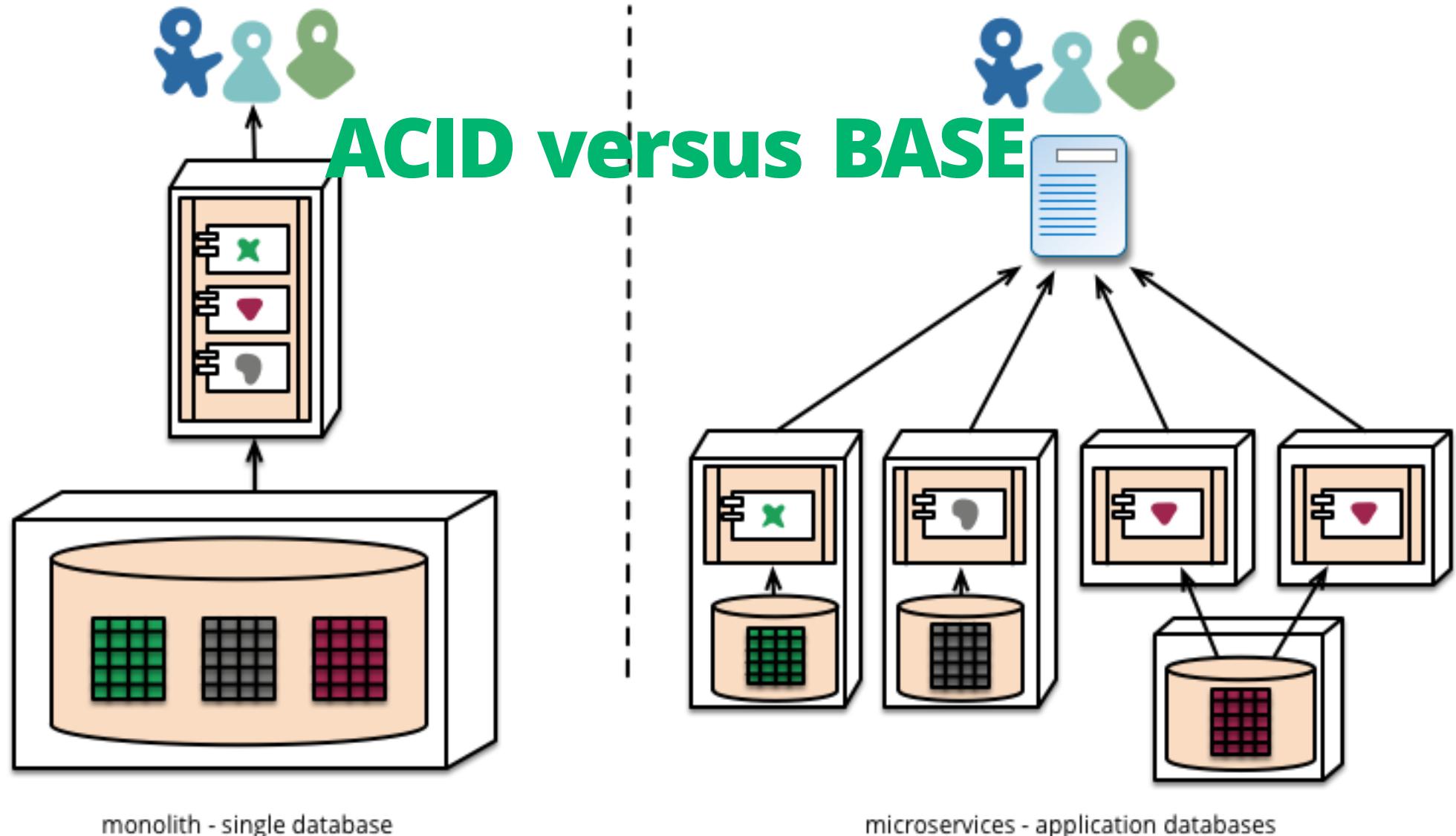


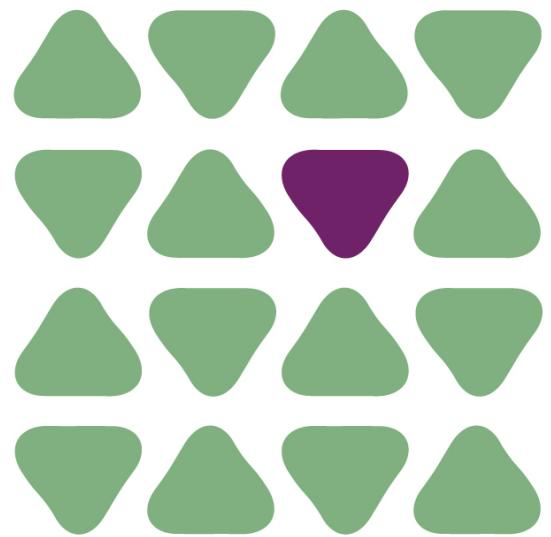
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Expanding Role of Architect



Decentralized Data Management





ACID versus BASE



ACID

- Atomic
- Consistent
- Isolated
- Durable

BASE

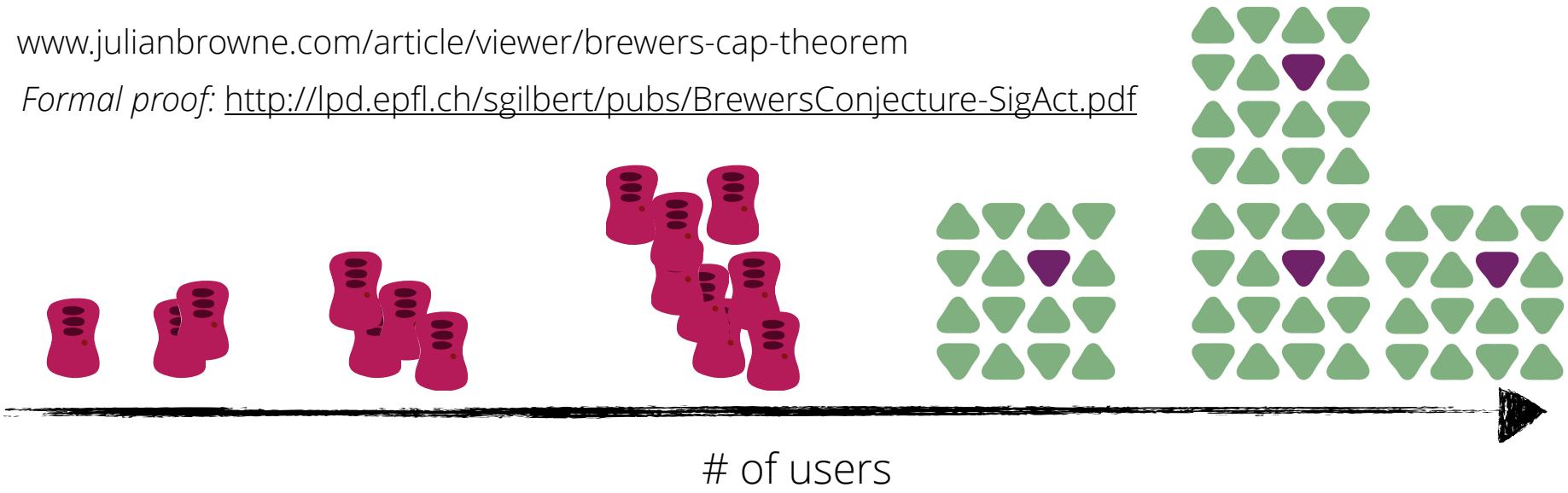
- Basic Availability
- Soft-state
- Eventual Consistency

As your system becomes more distributed,
prefer BASE to ACID...

...because CAP Theorem

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Formal proof: <http://lpd.epfl.ch/sgilbert/pubs/BrewersConjecture-SigAct.pdf>

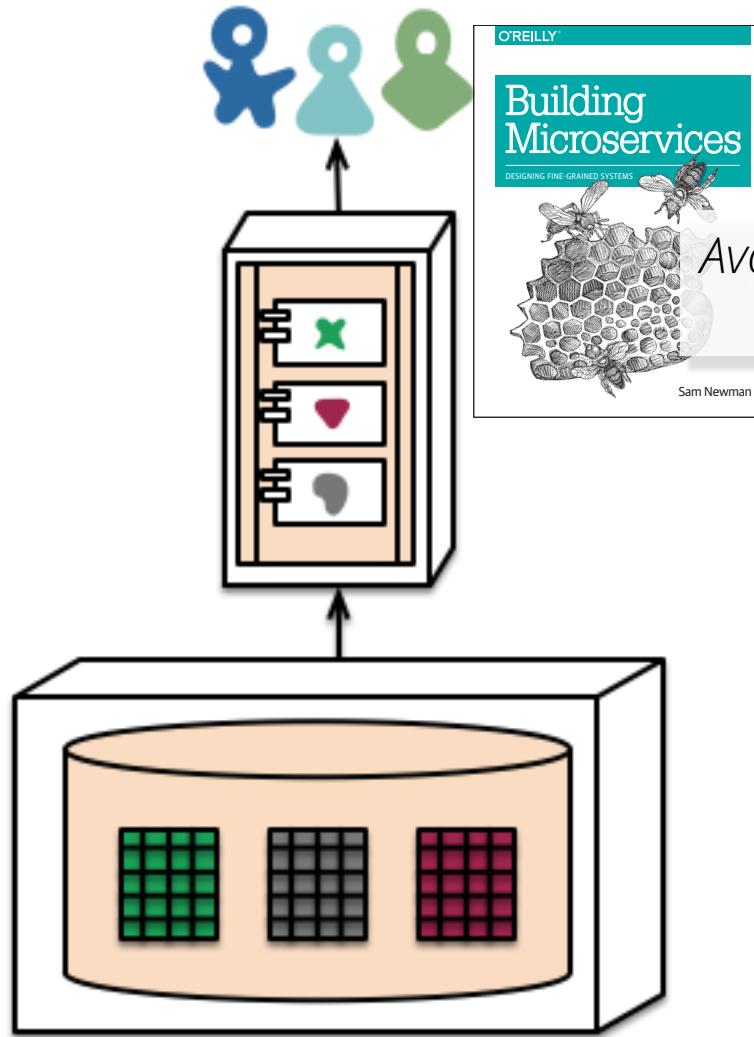




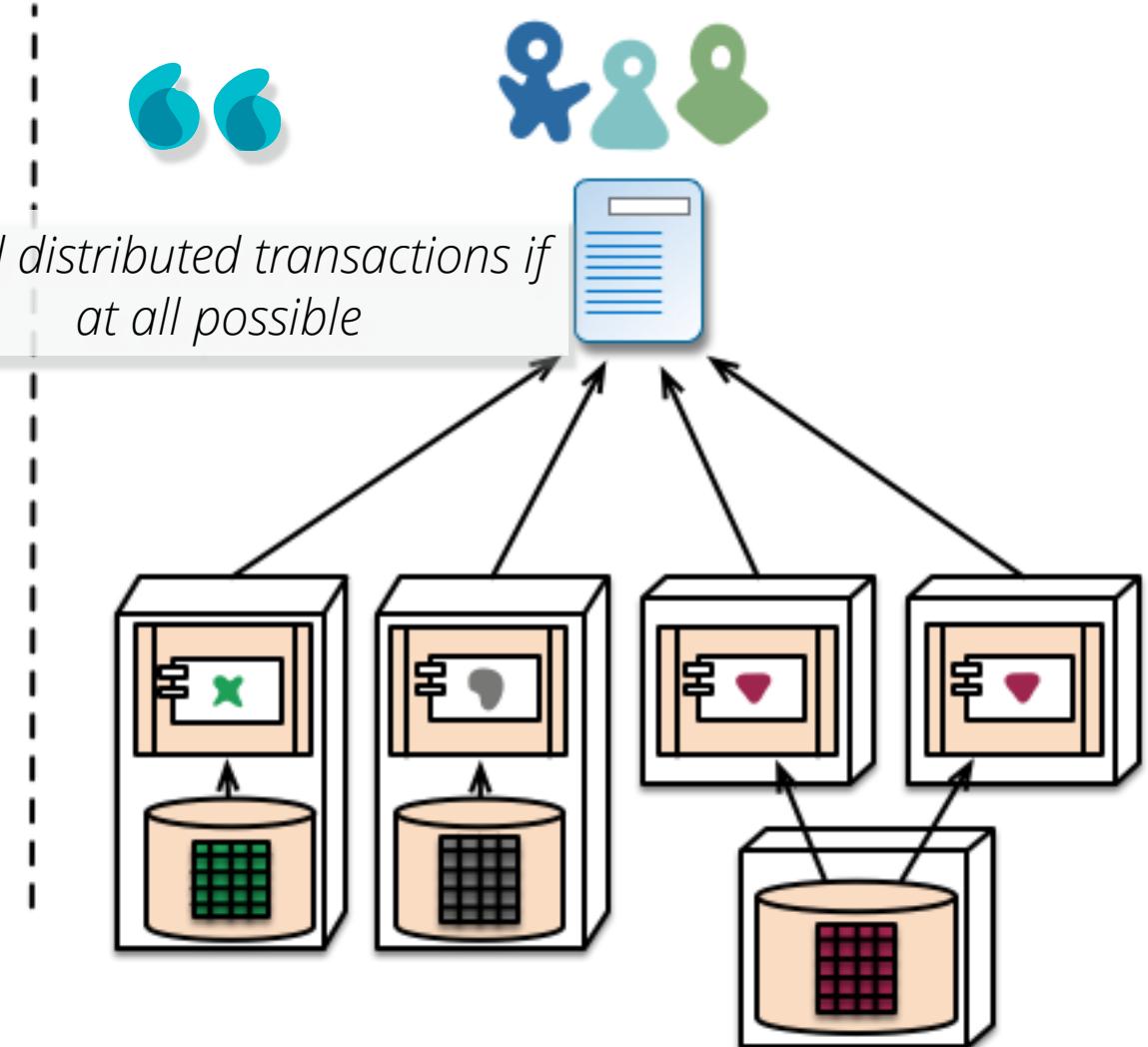
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Decentralized Data Management

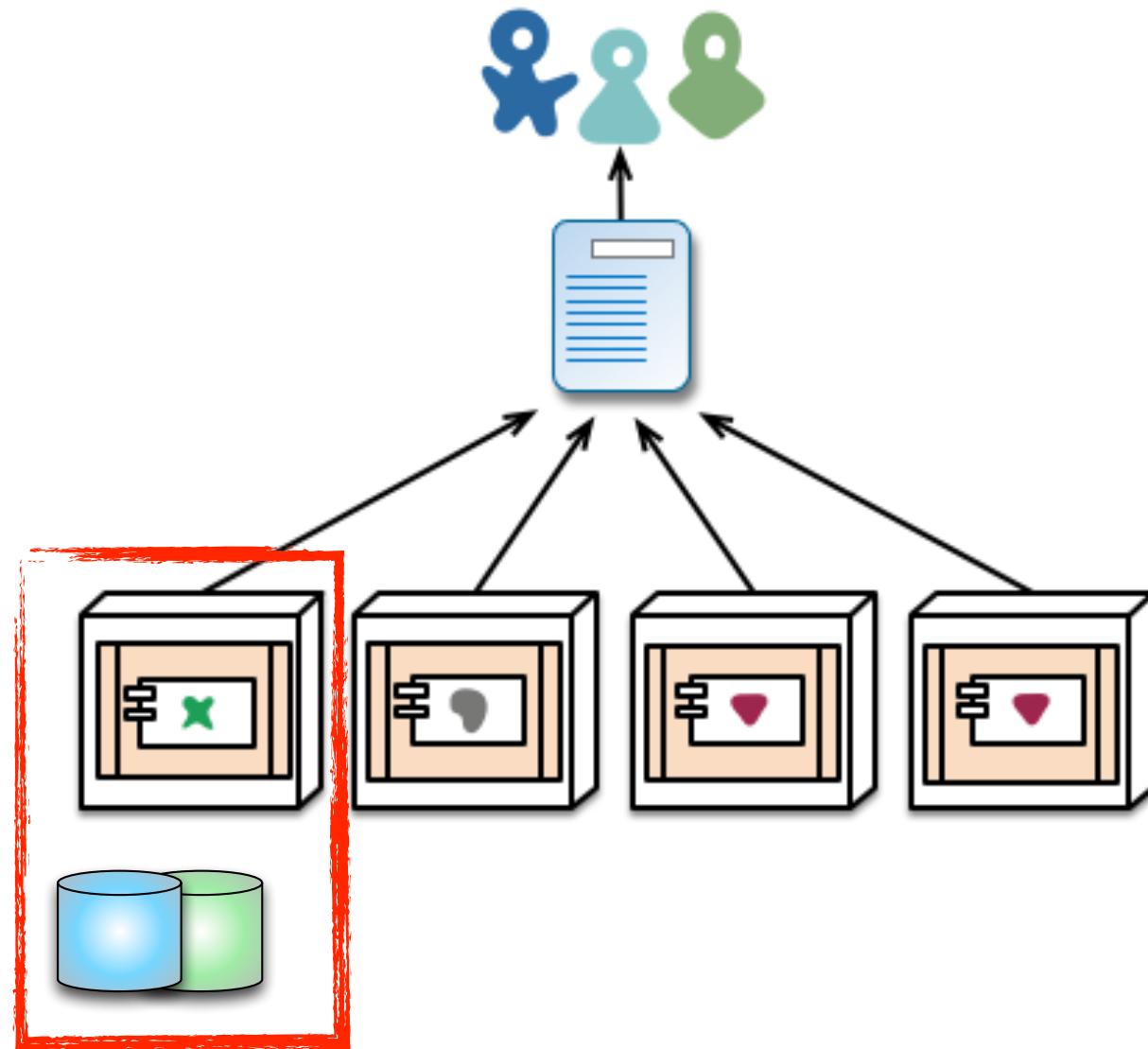


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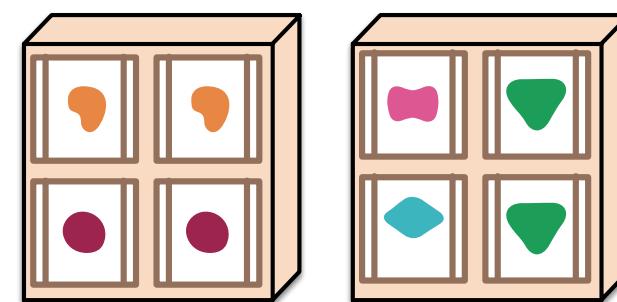
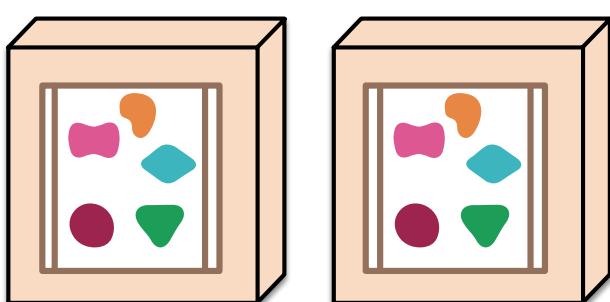
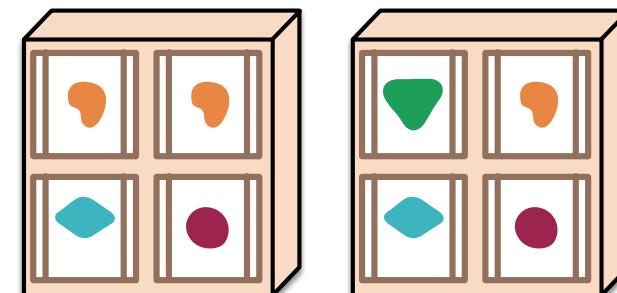
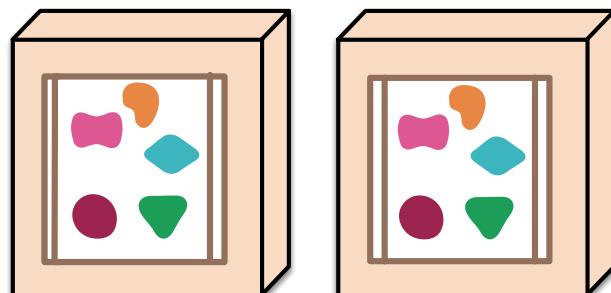
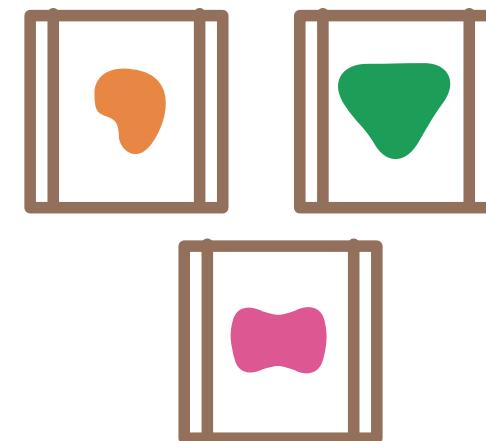
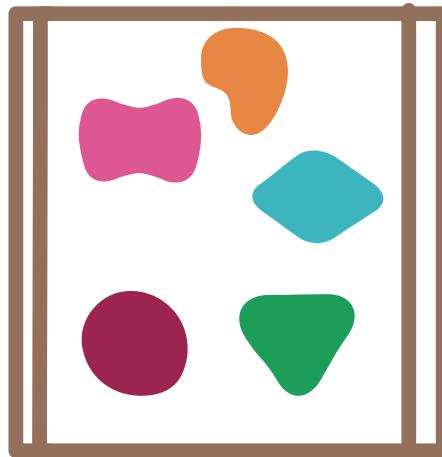


microservices - application databases

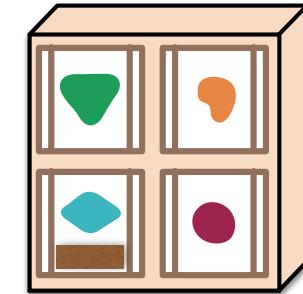
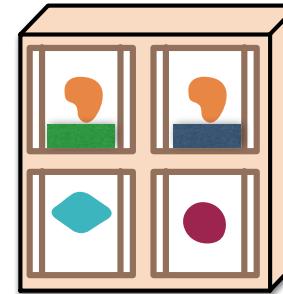
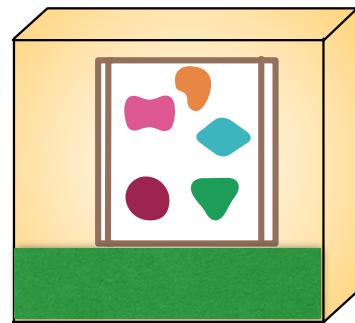
Decentralized Governance



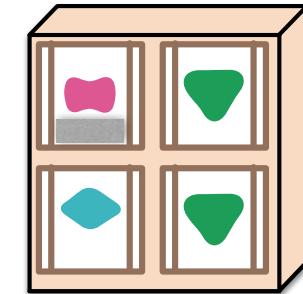
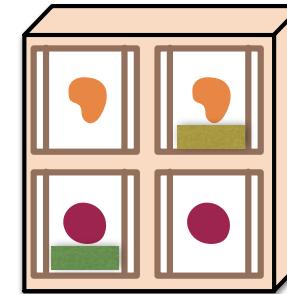
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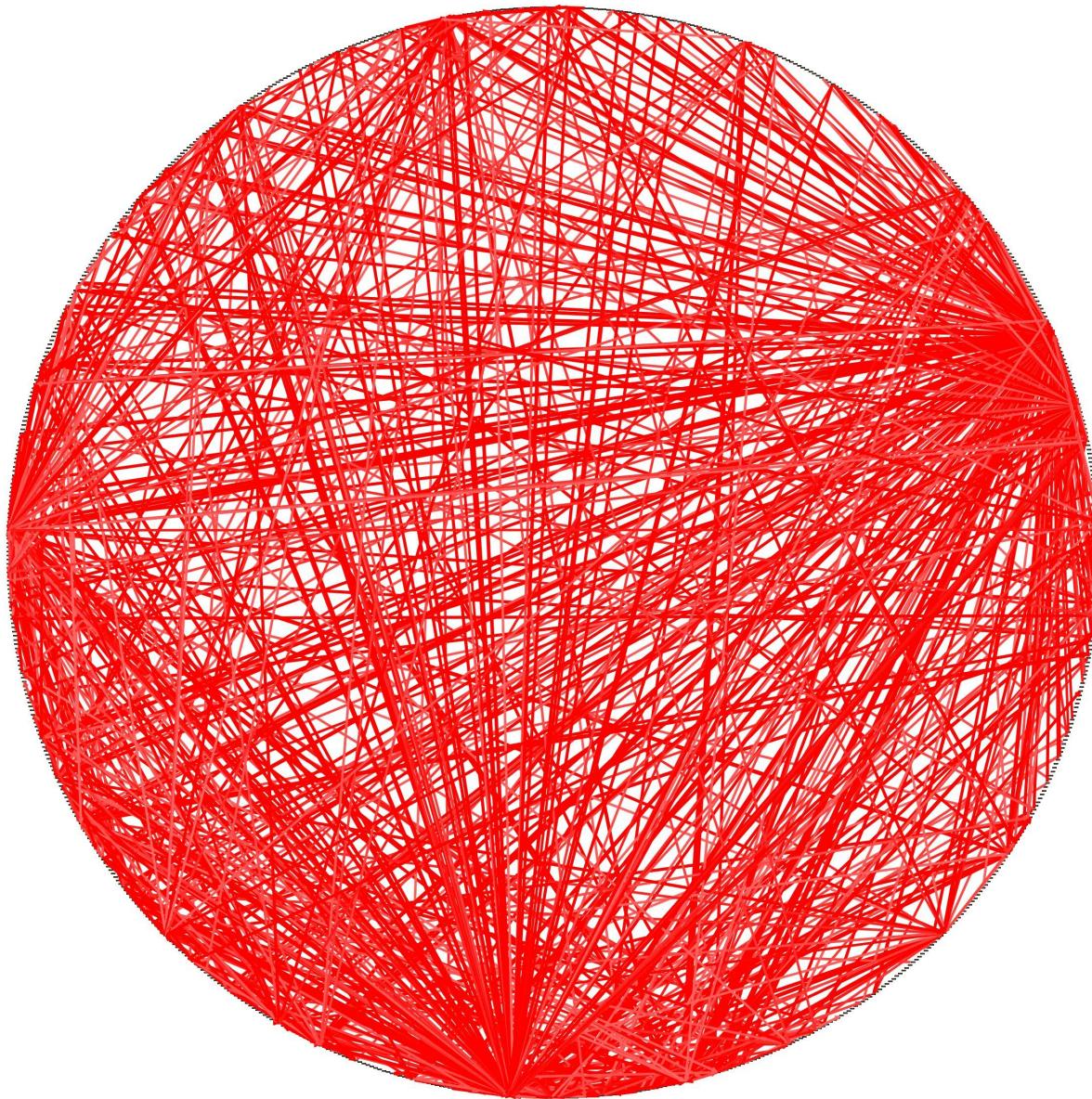


Enterprise architects suffer from less pressure to make the correct choice(s) in microservice architectures.

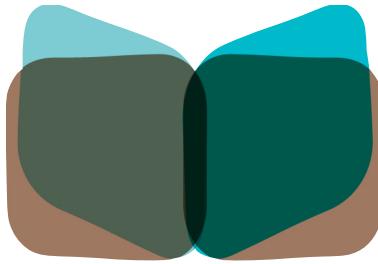




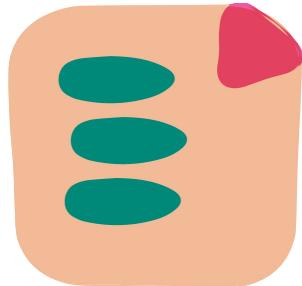
Coupling



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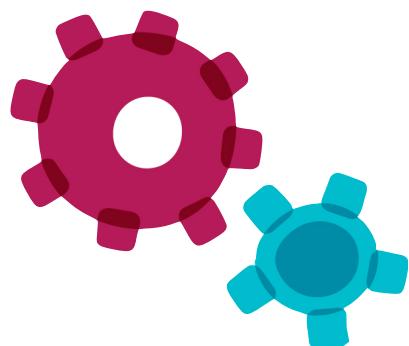
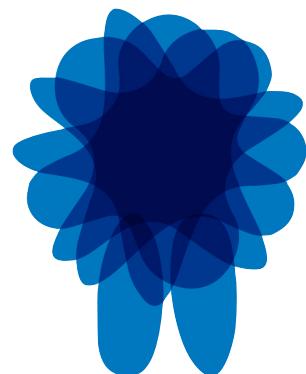


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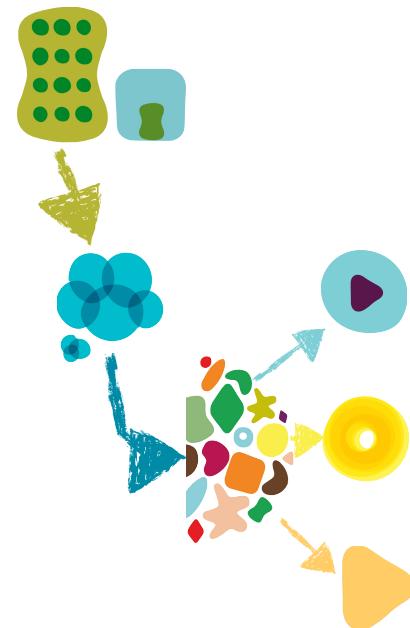
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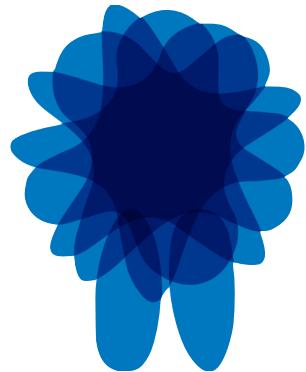


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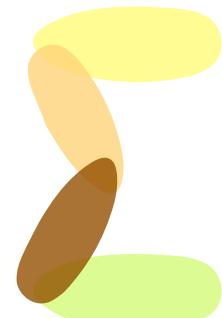
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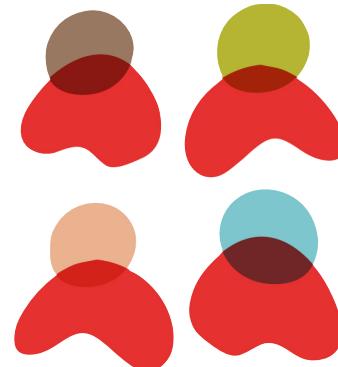
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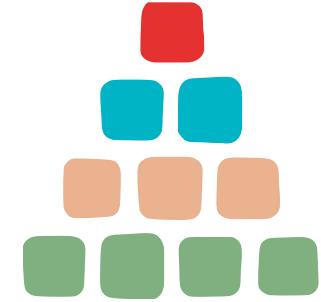
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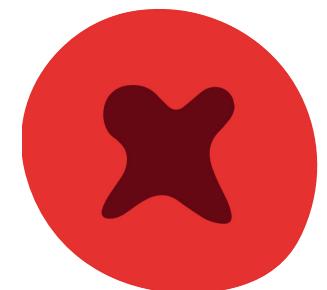
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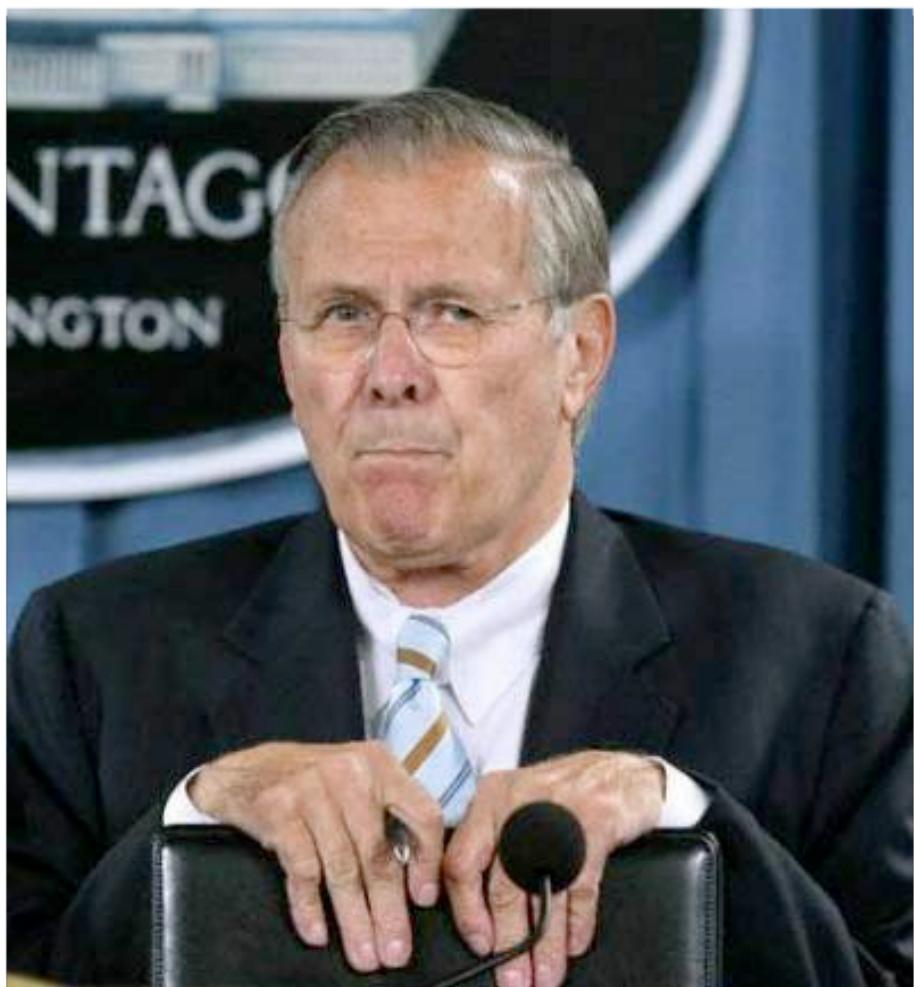
people



architecture



anti-principles



"There are known unknowns.

That is to say there are things that we now know we don't know.

But there are also unknown unknowns.

There are things we do not know we don't know."

There are things we do not know
we don't know."

Unknown
unknowns





prefer pro/reactive to
predictive

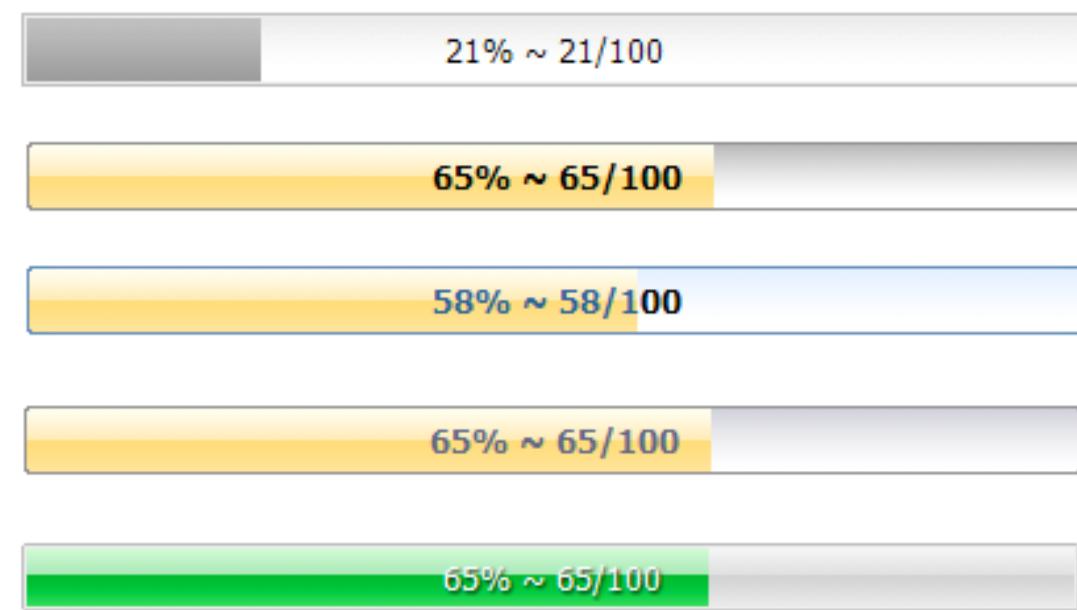
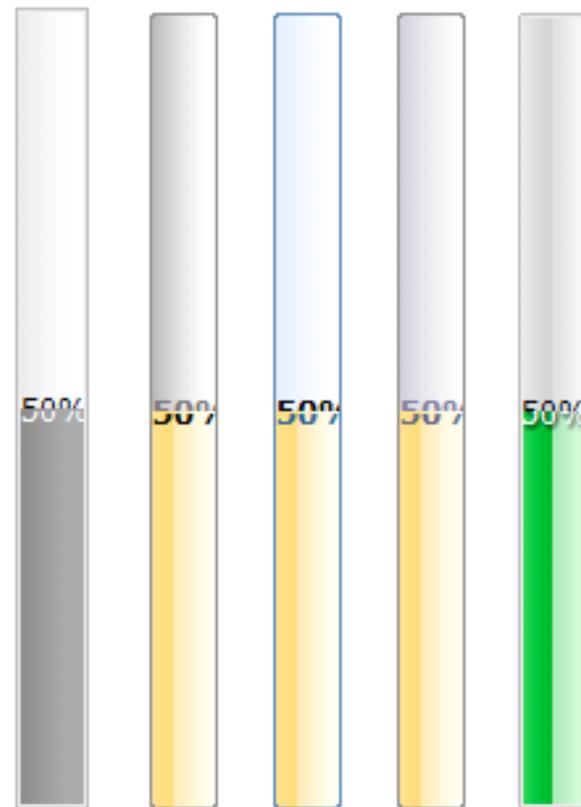




evolution
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messaging

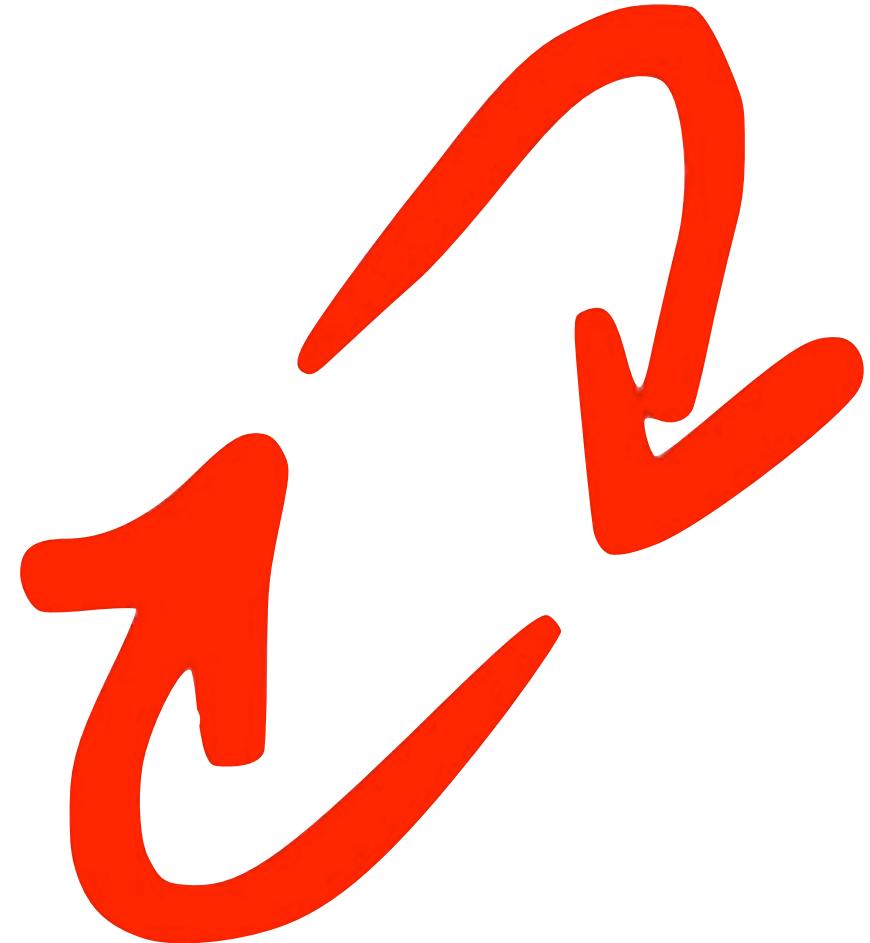
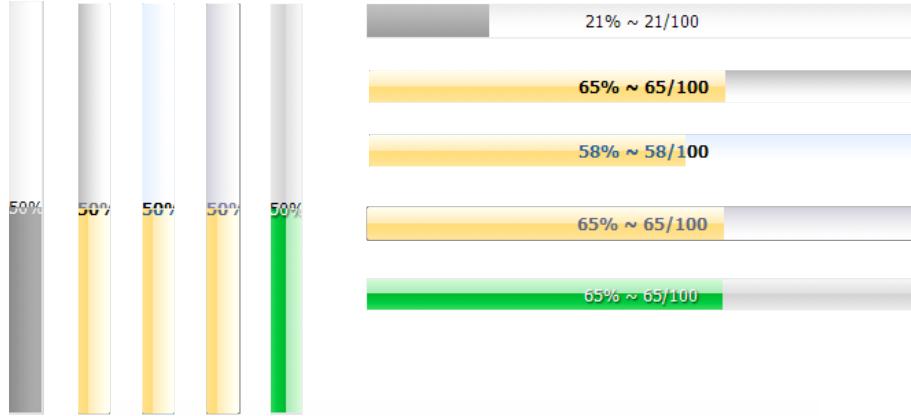
Progress Bars & Async Upload



backgroundDrb

<http://backgroundrb.rubyforge.org/>

3 Kinds:

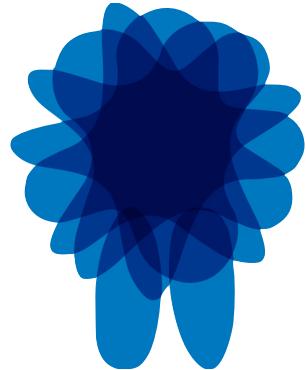


(Starlings)

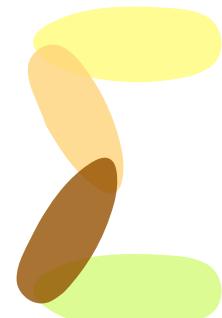
A black and white photograph capturing a massive flock of starlings in flight. The birds are densely packed, creating a dark, swirling mass against a lighter sky. They appear to be flying low over a body of water, with some birds visible on the surface. The sheer number of birds is overwhelming, illustrating the concept of a 'real messaging queue' mentioned in the text.

switch to a real
messaging queue

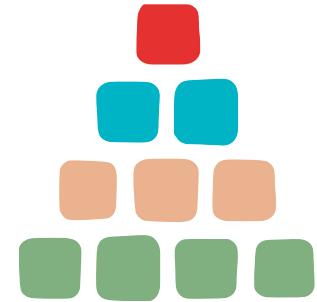
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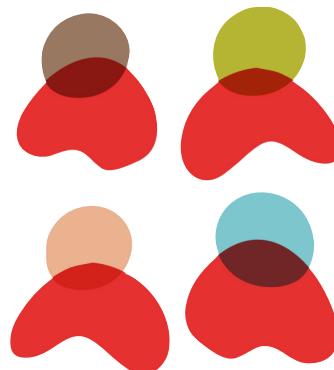
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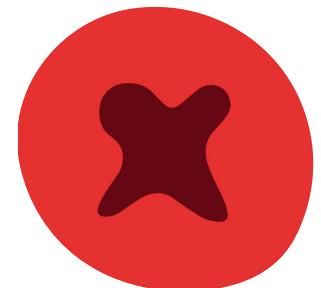
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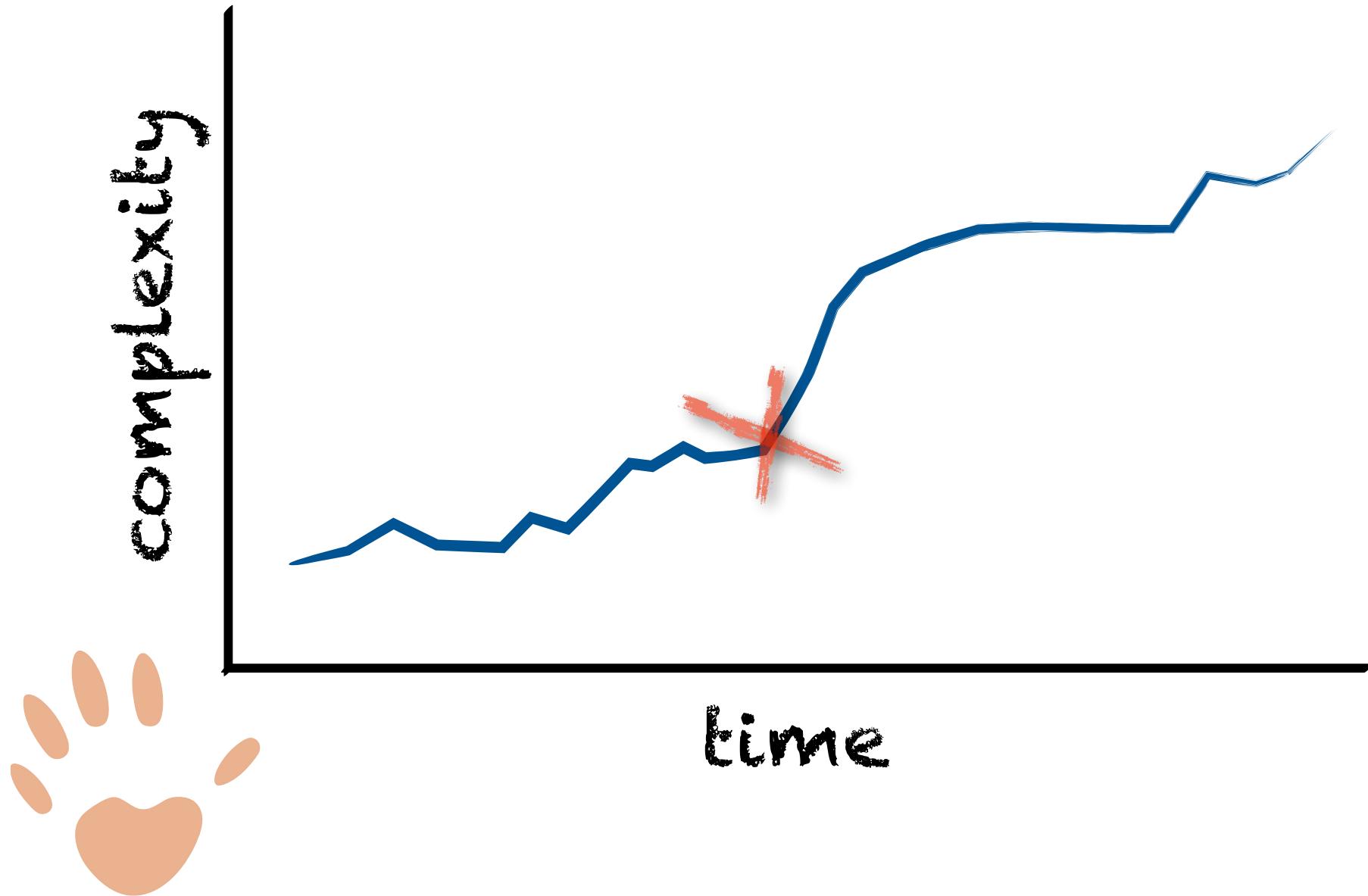


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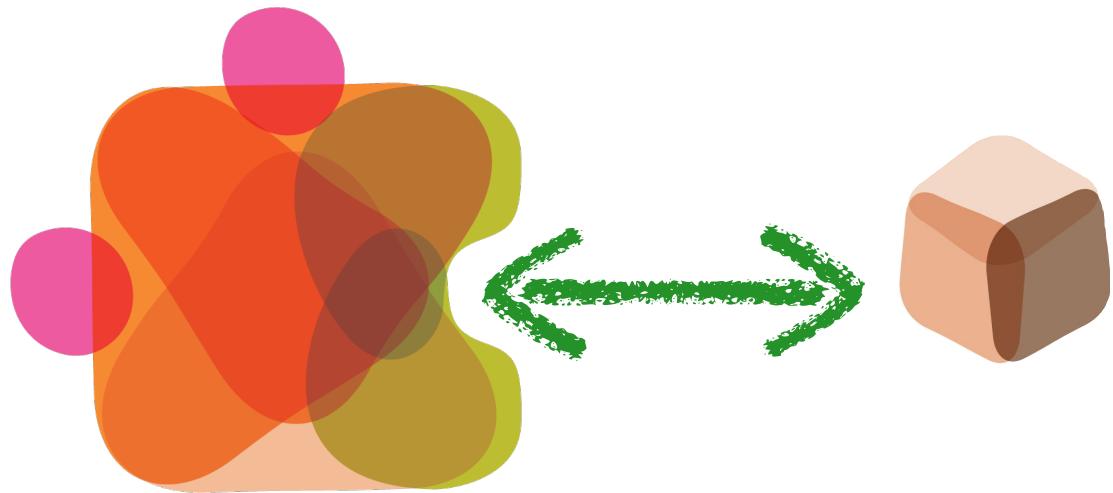


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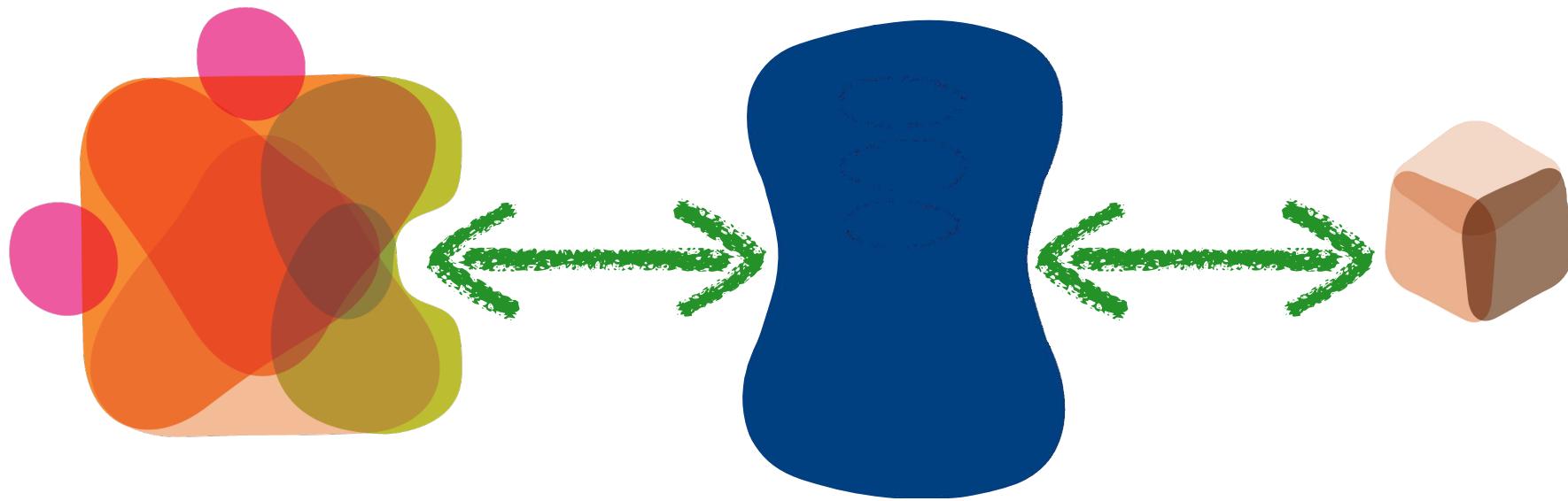
Last Responsible Moment



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DDD's “Anti-corruption Layer”

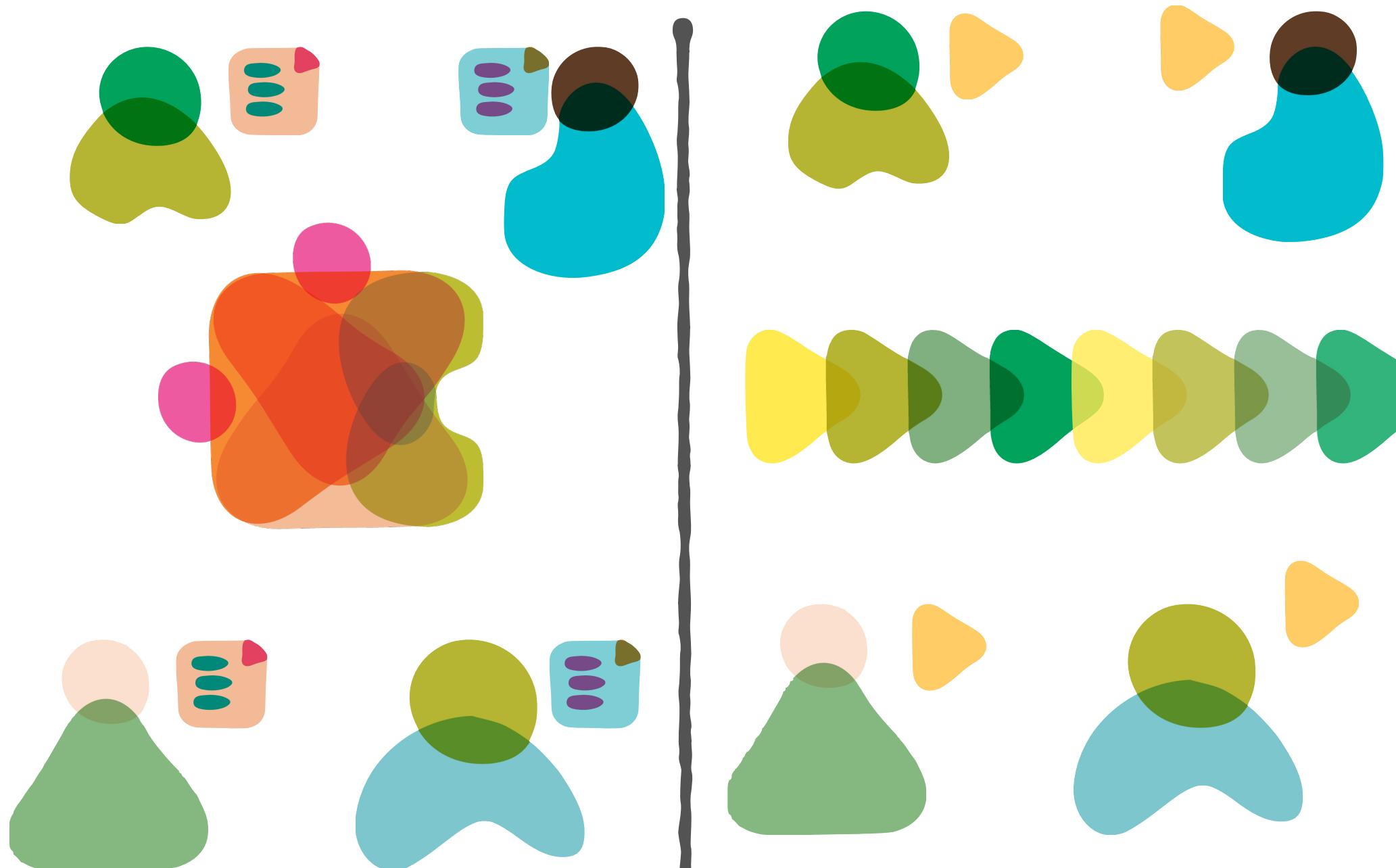
this is not an excuse to abstract all the things!



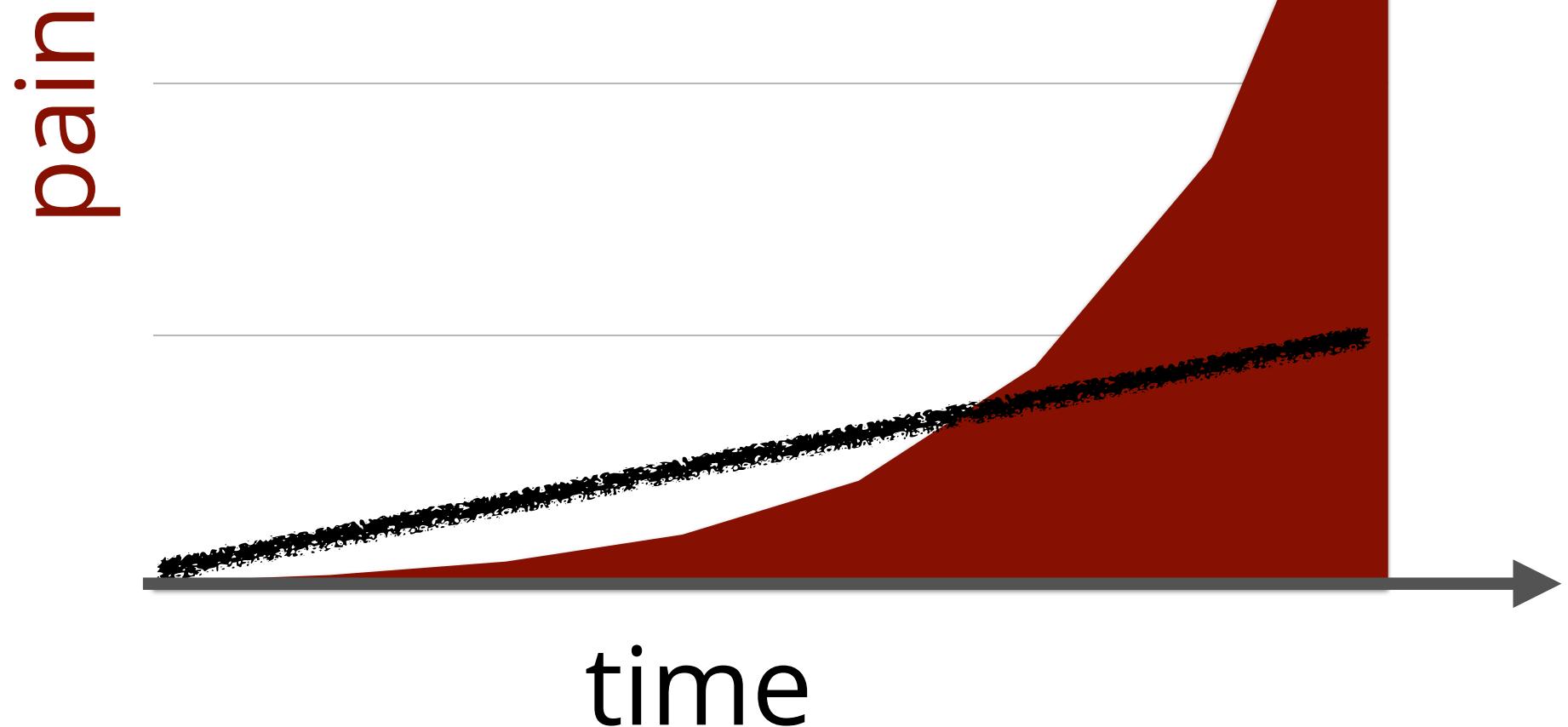
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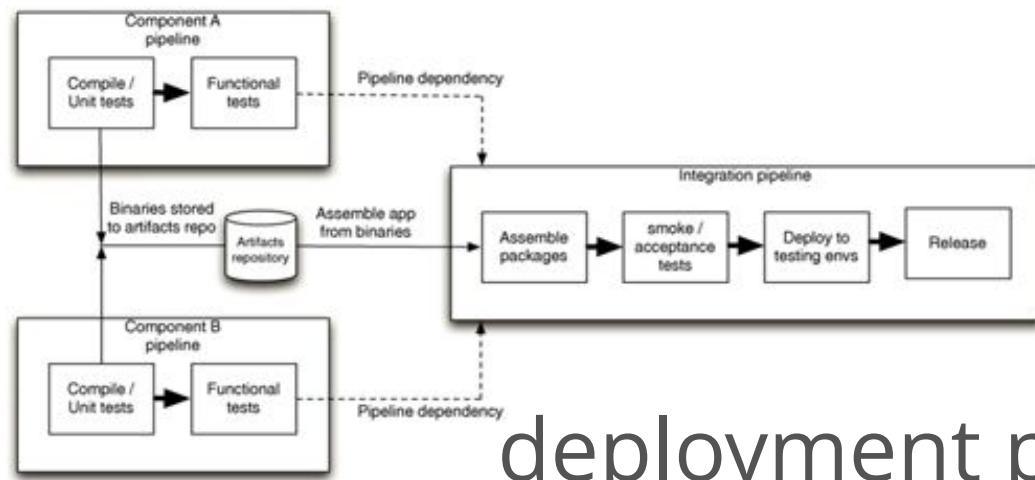
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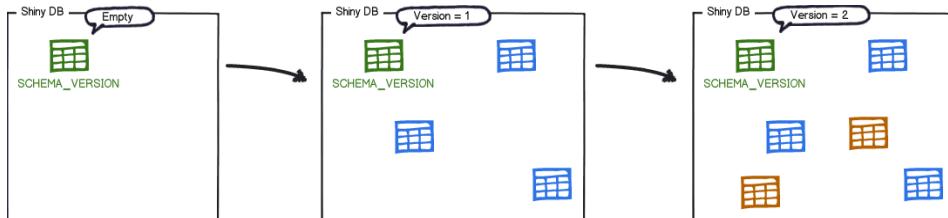
Bring the pain forward.



Bring the Pain Forward



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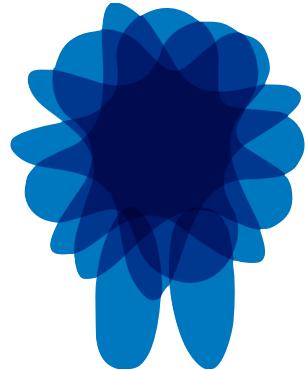


database migrations/
refactoring

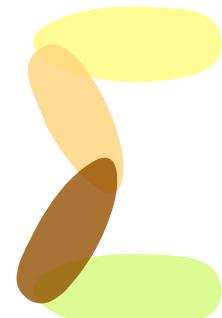
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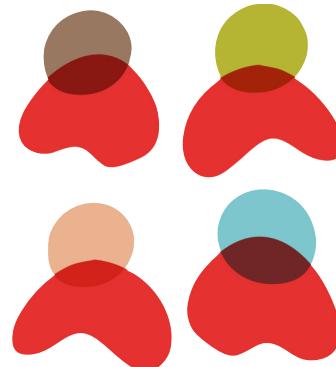
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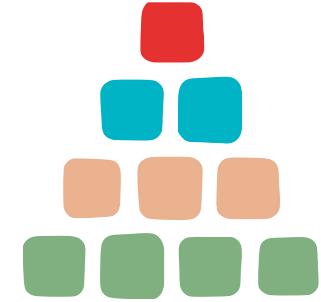
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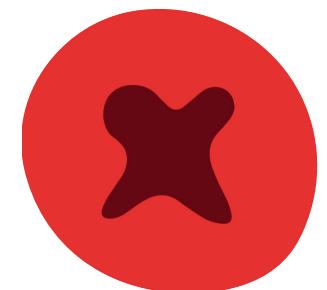
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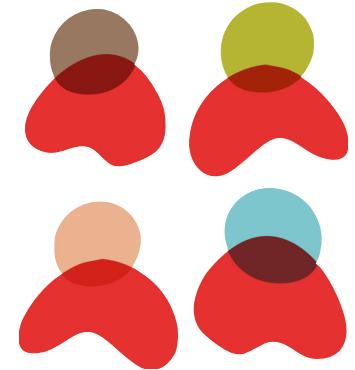


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Conway's Law

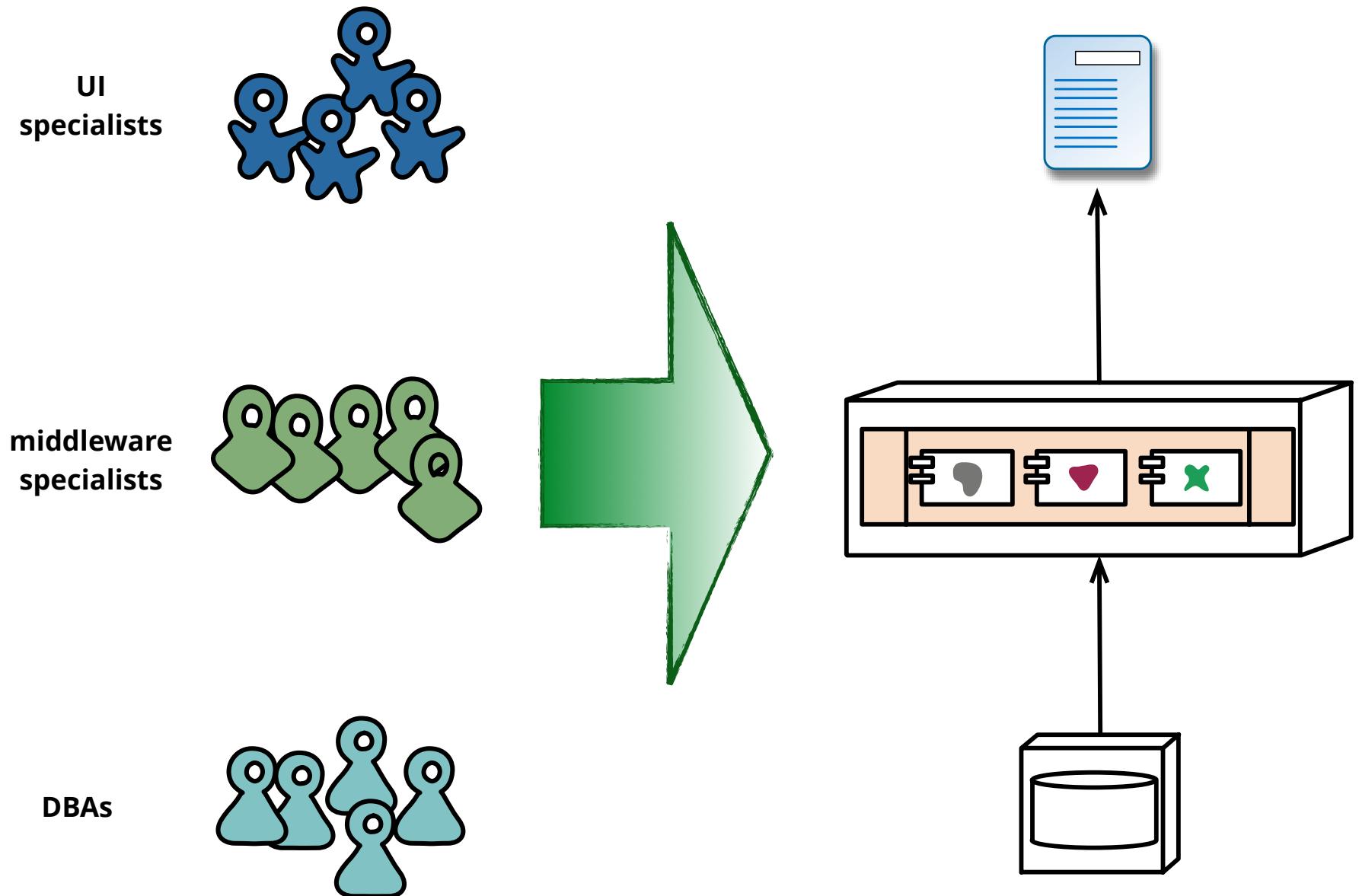


“organizations which design systems ...
are constrained to produce designs
which are copies of the communication
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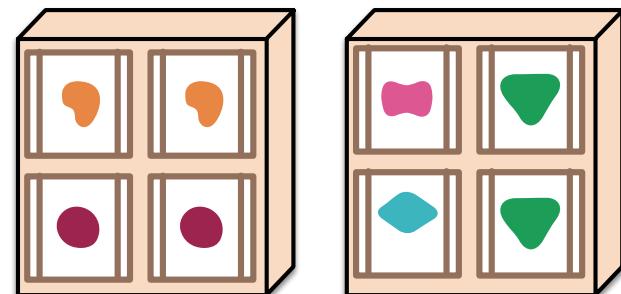
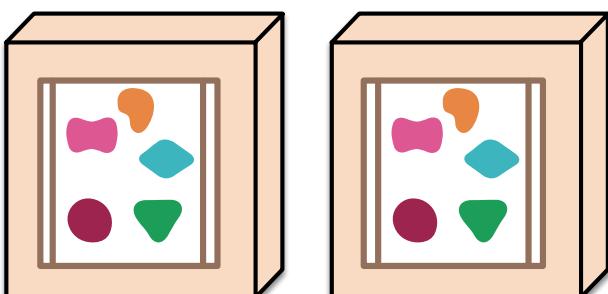
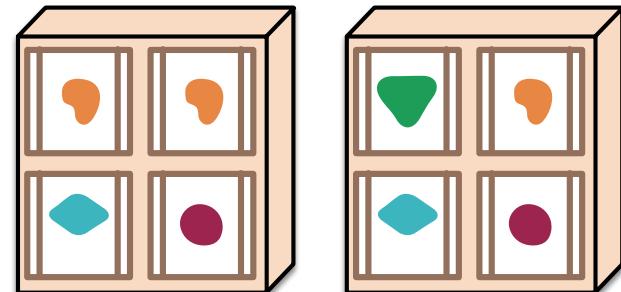
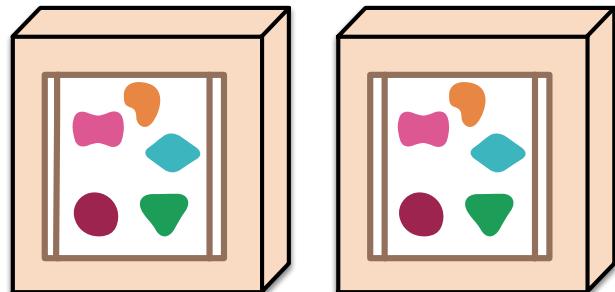
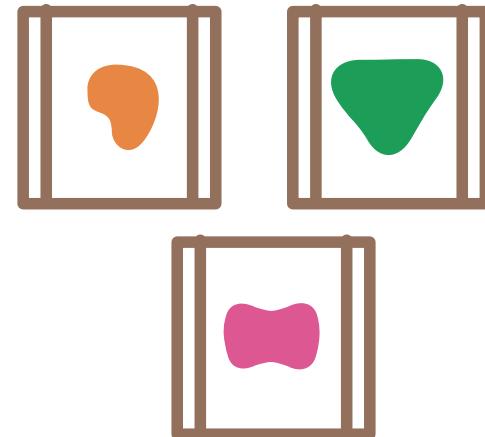
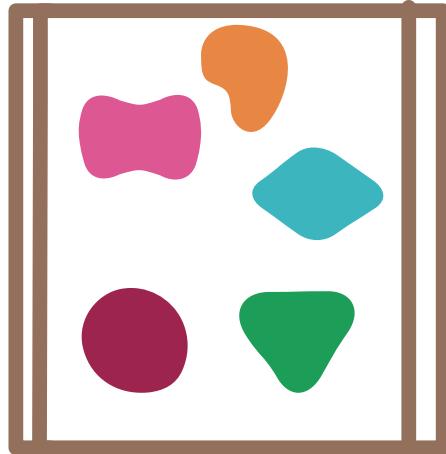
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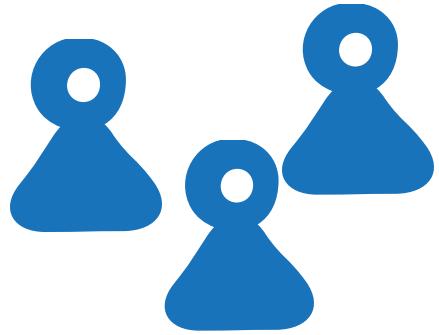
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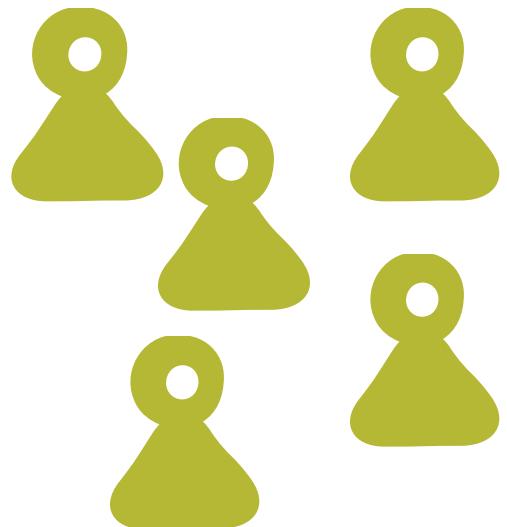


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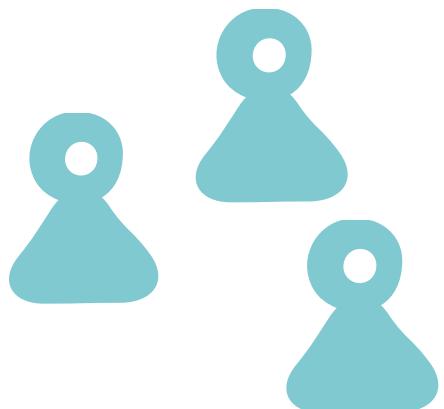




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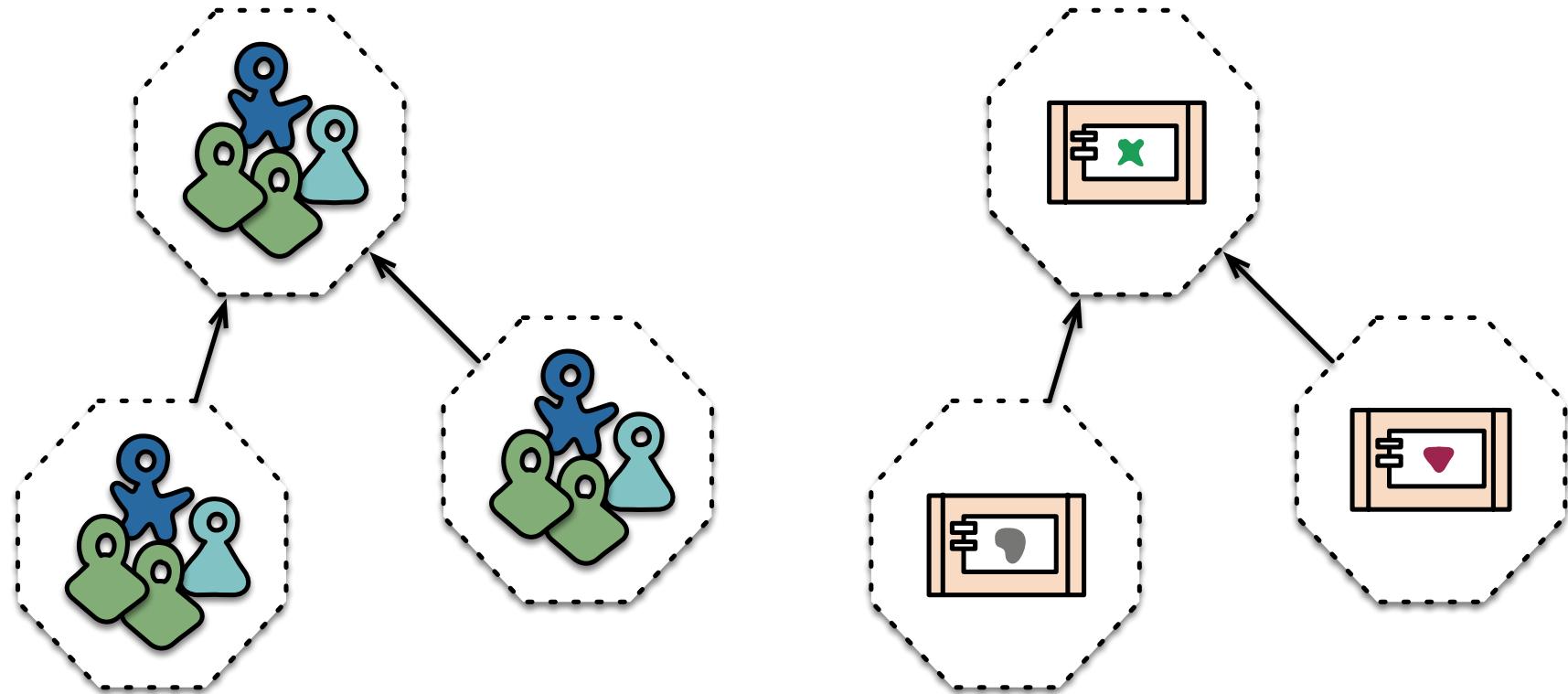
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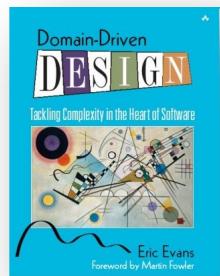
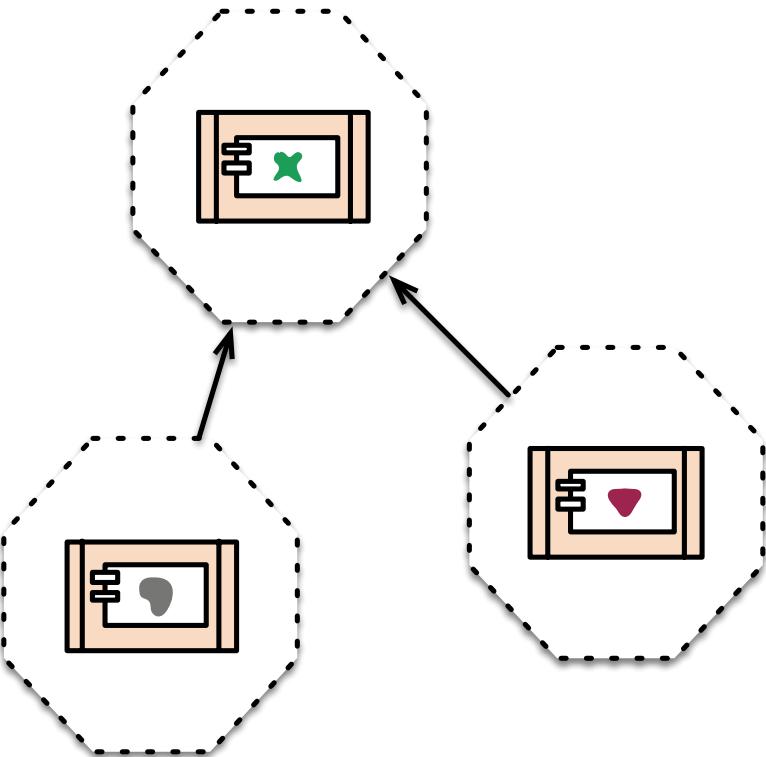
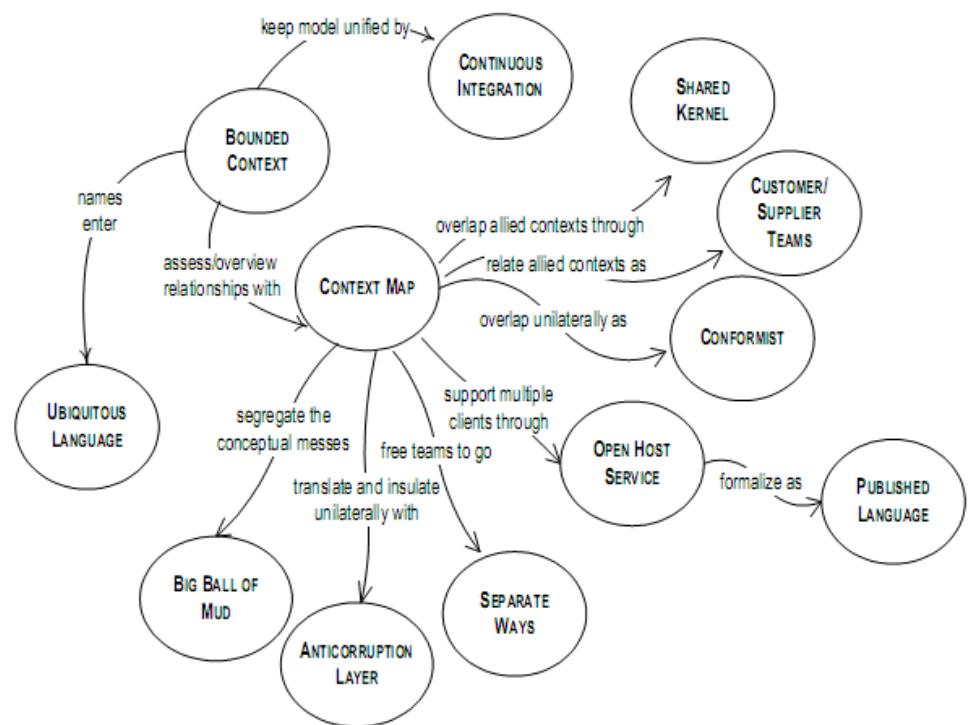
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...organized around business capabilities

Because Conway's Law!

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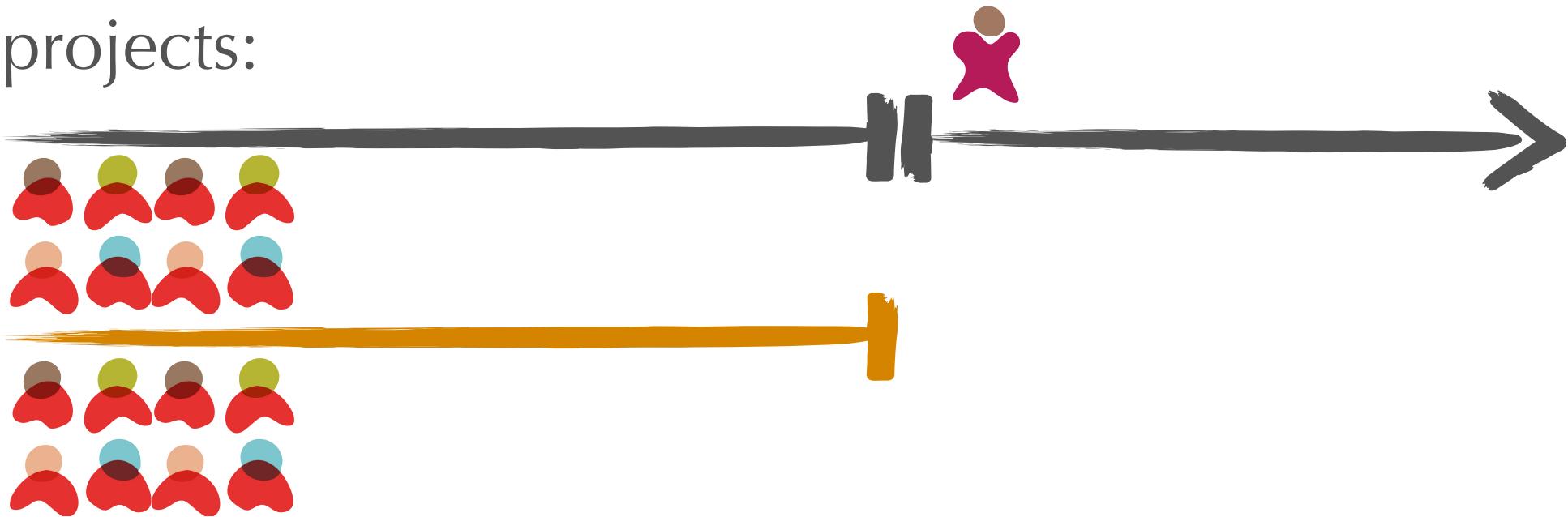
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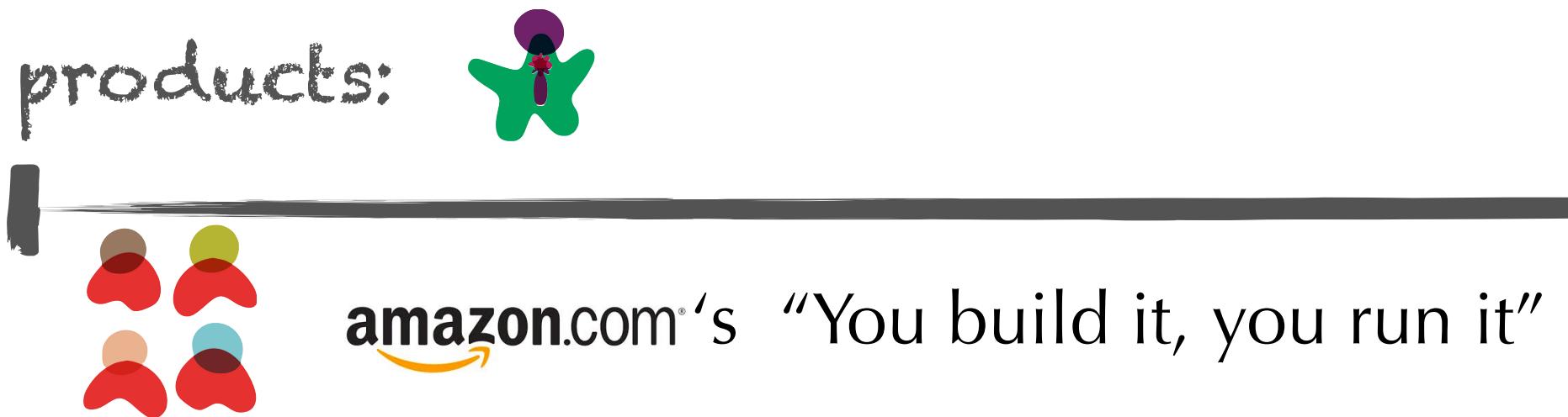
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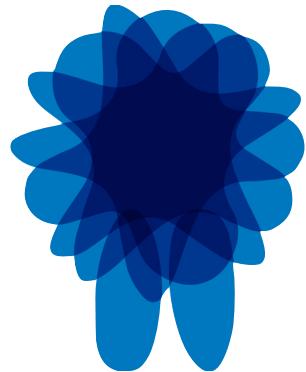
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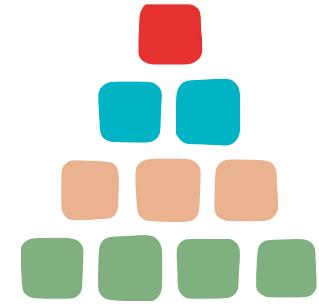
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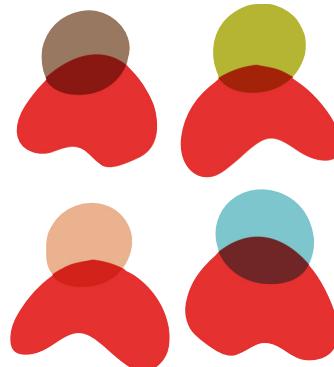
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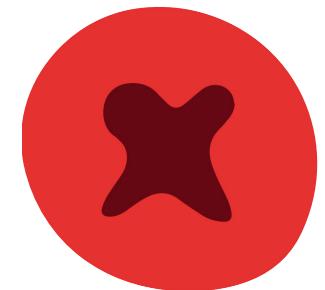
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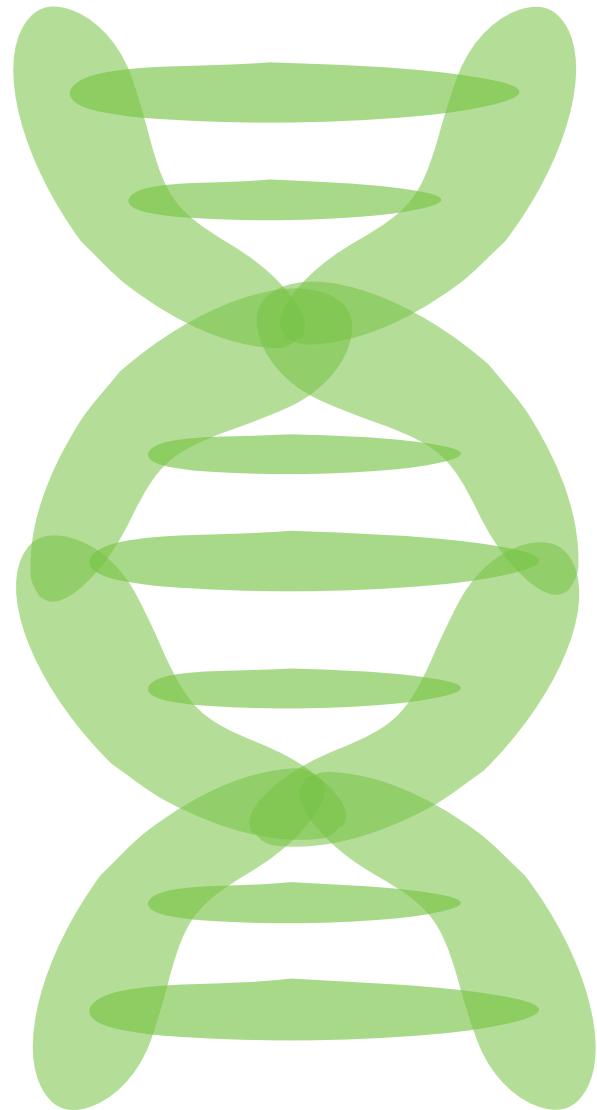
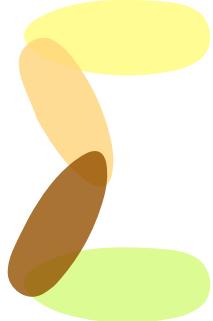


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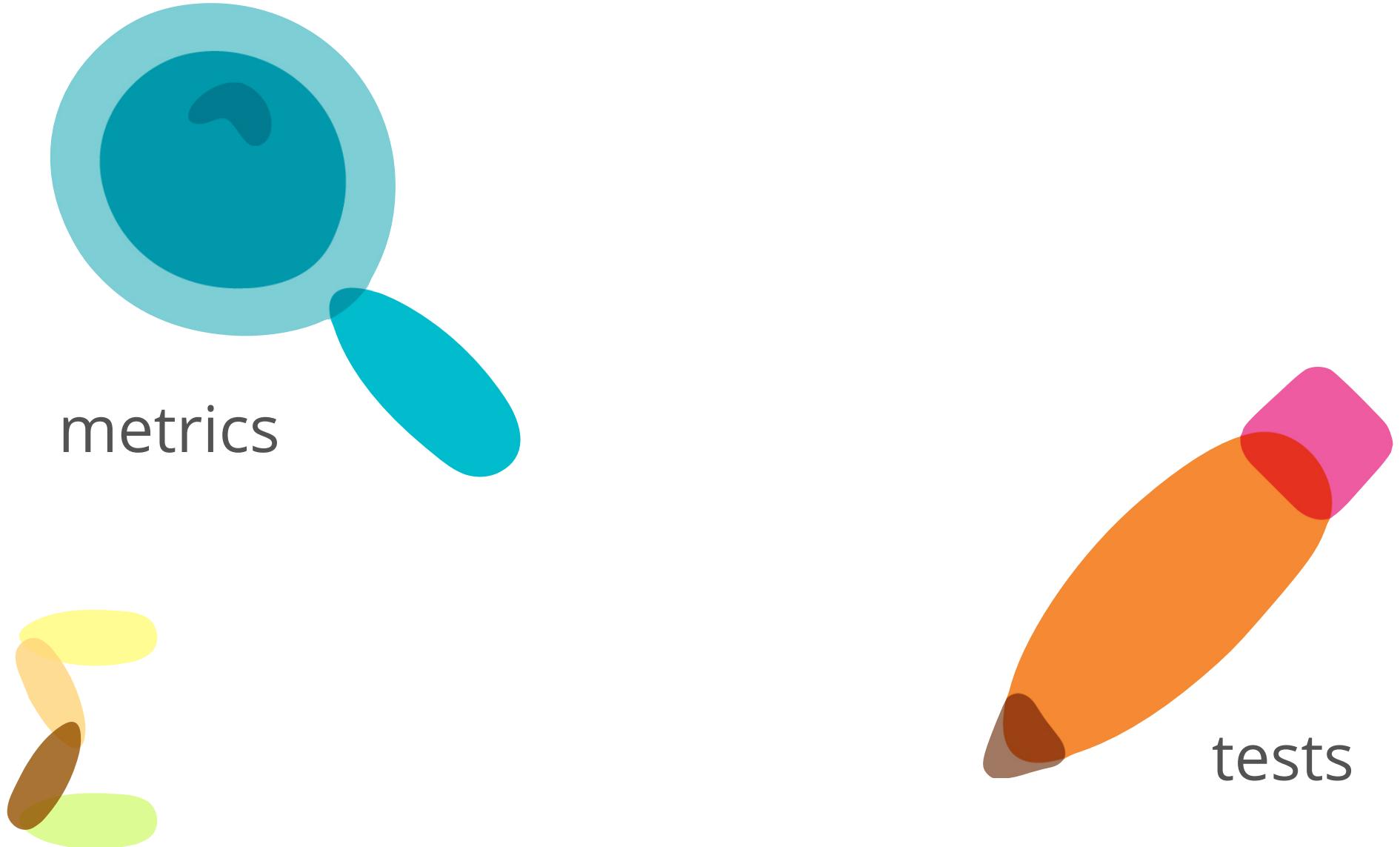


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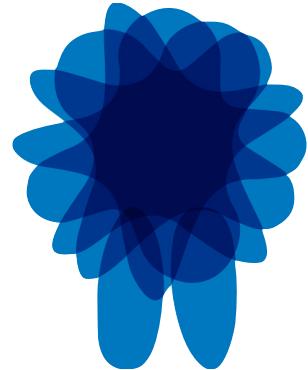
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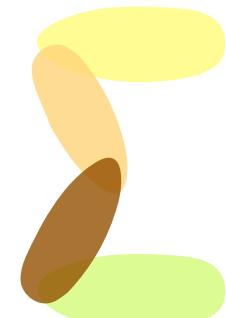
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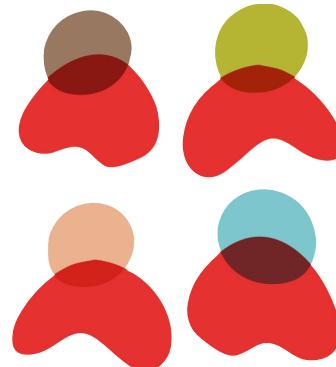
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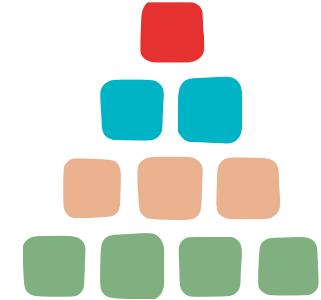
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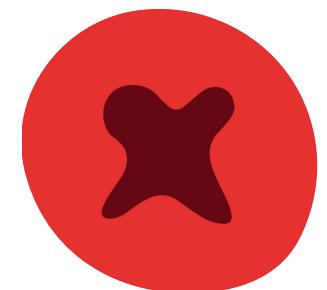
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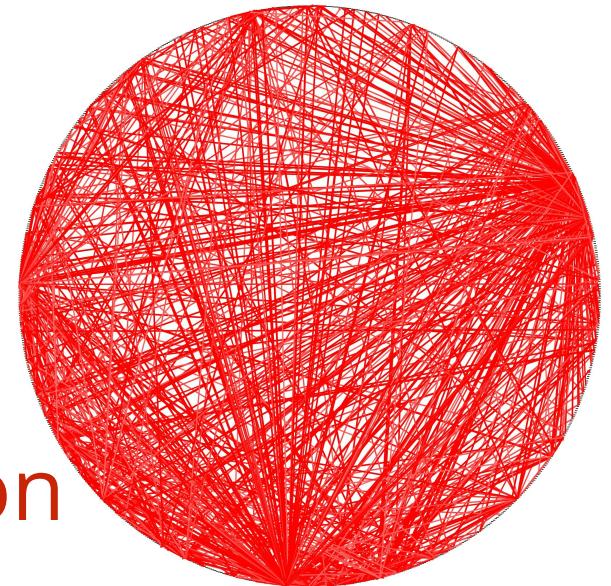
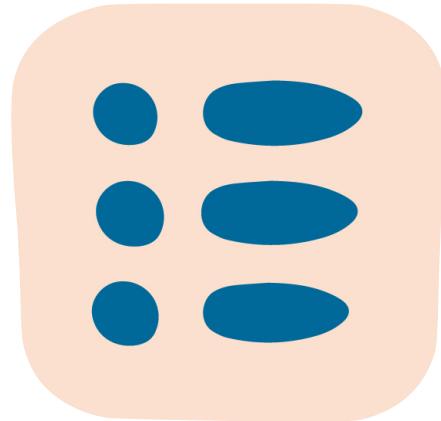
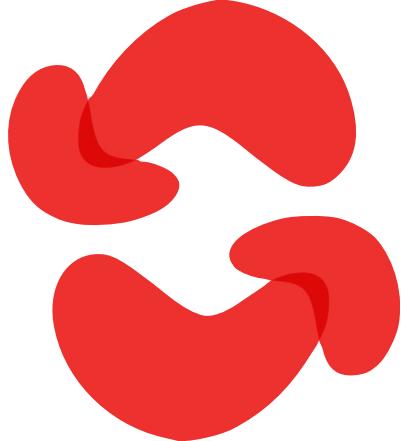


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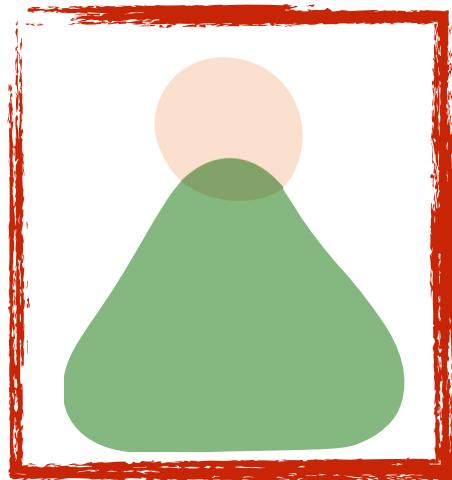
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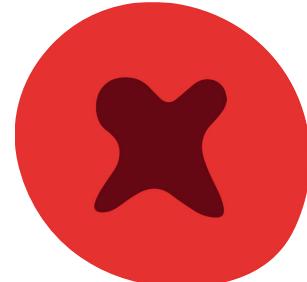


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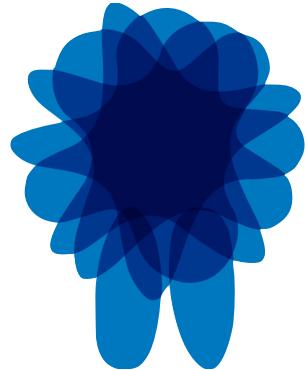
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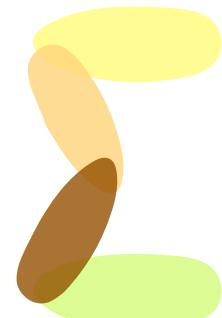
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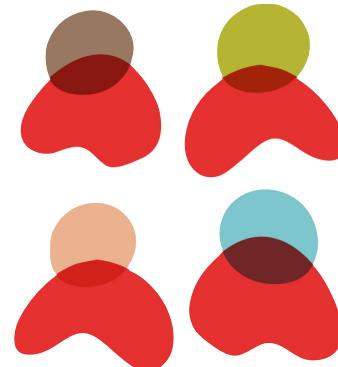
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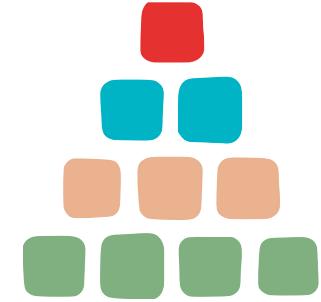
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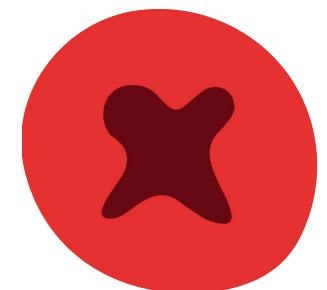
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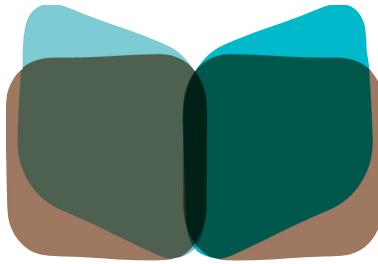


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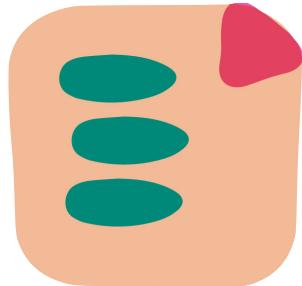


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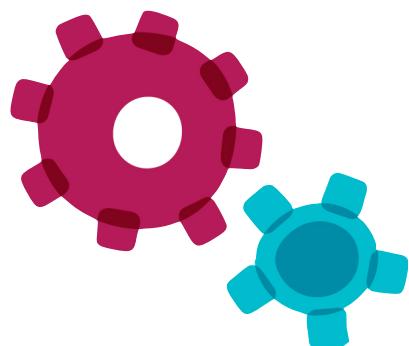


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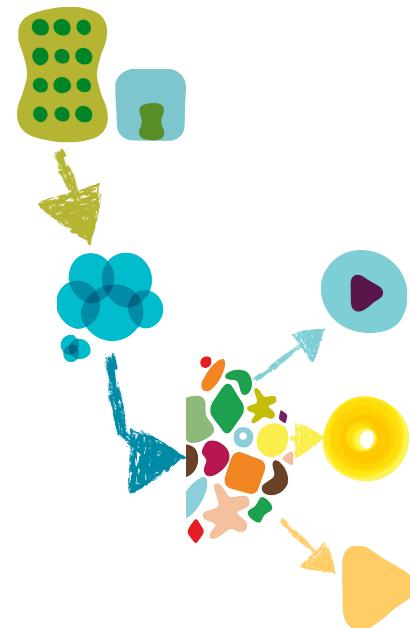
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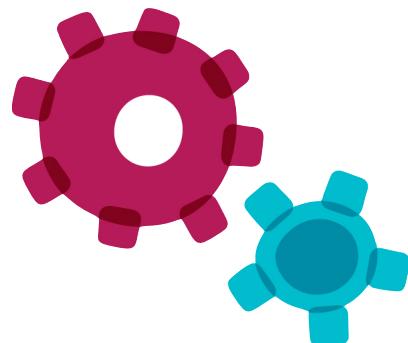
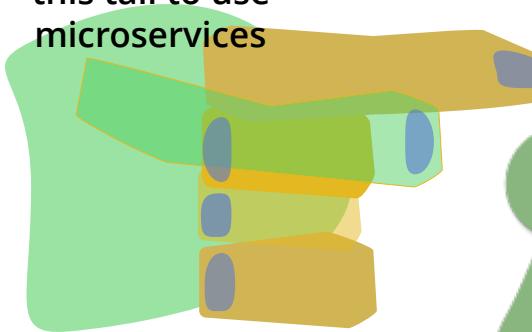
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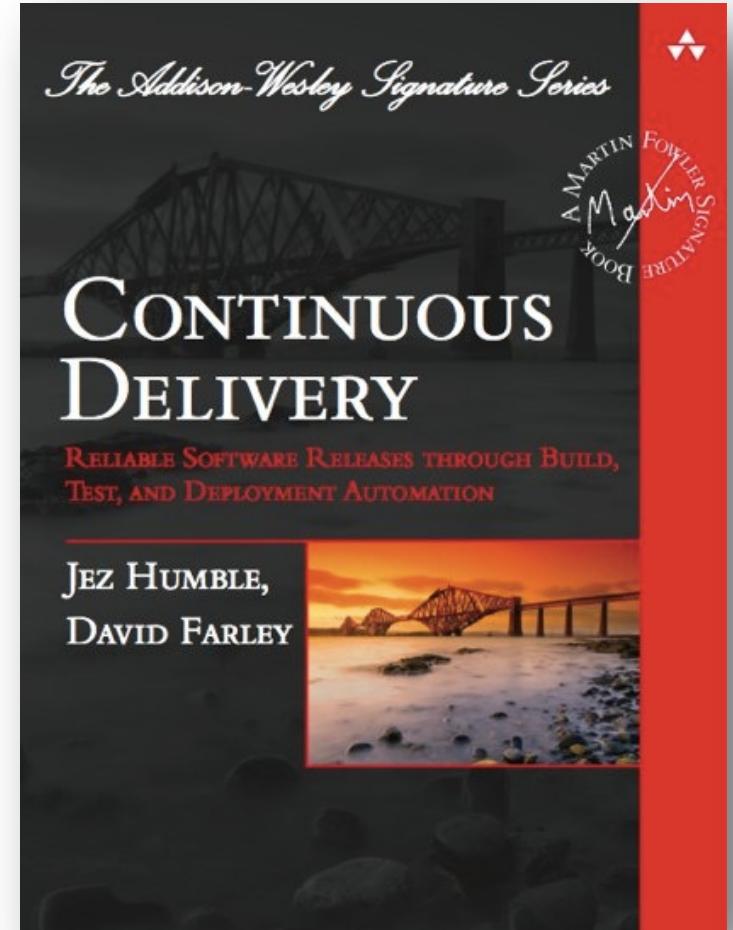


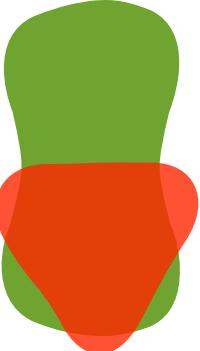
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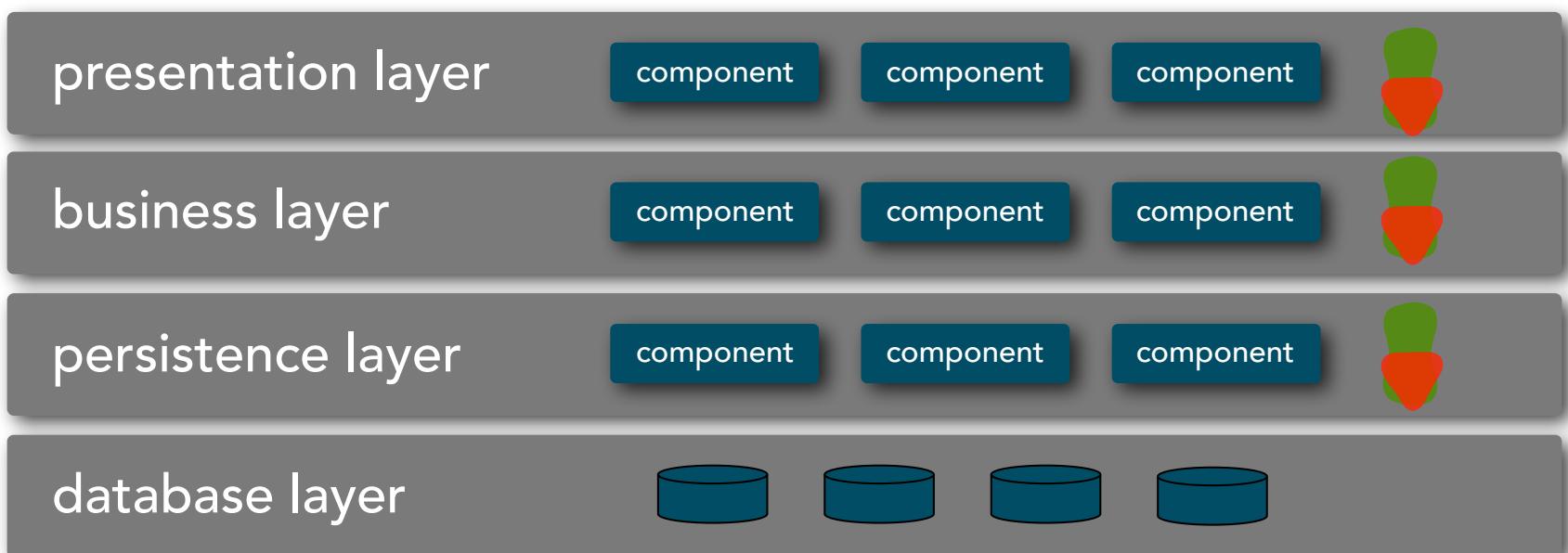
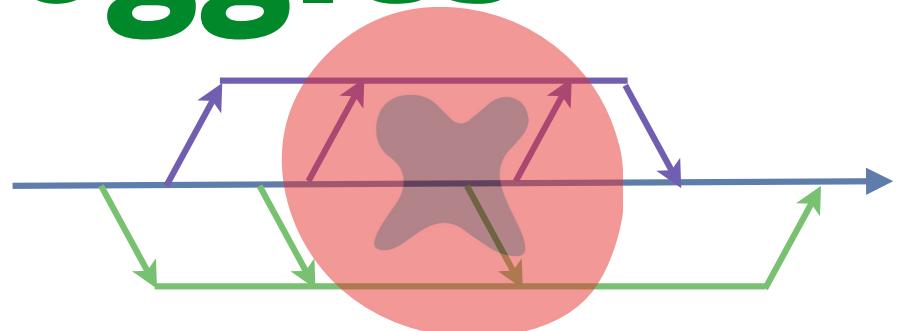


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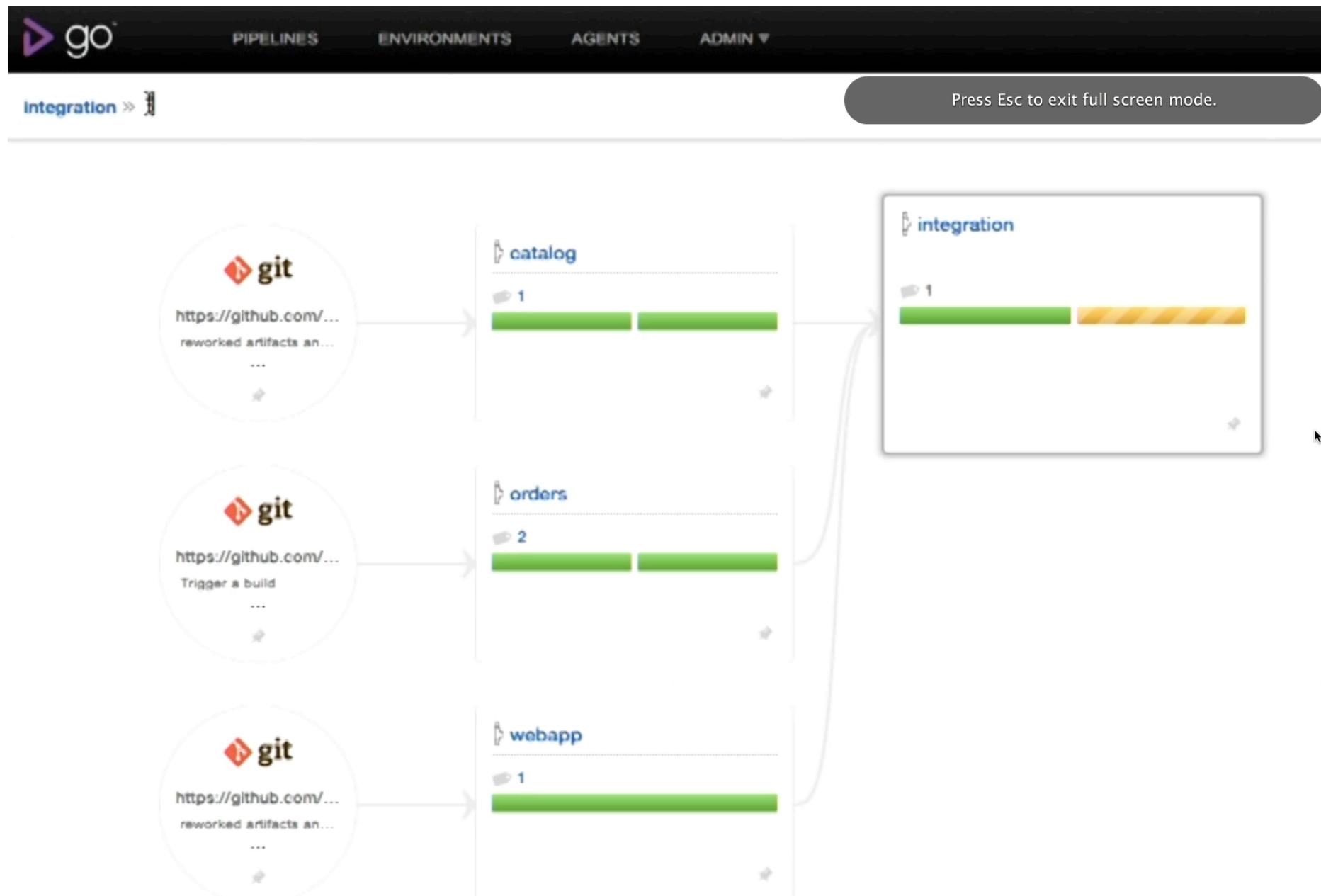




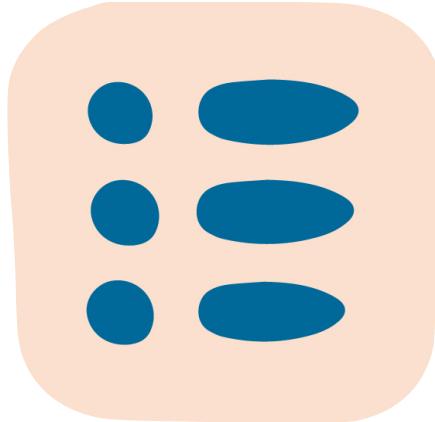
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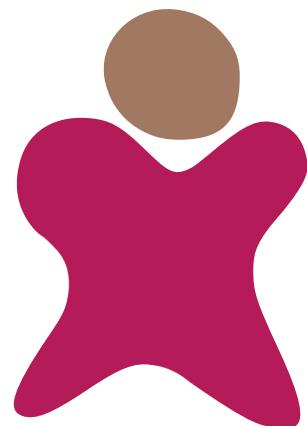
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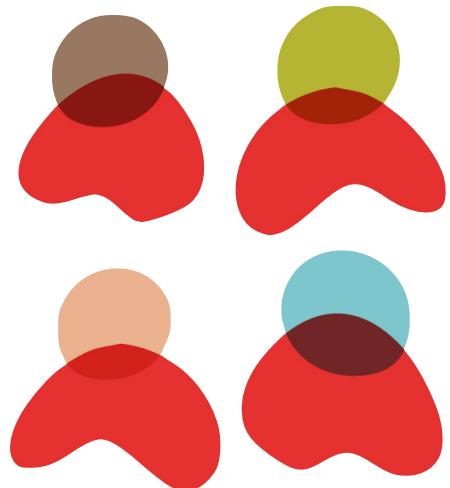
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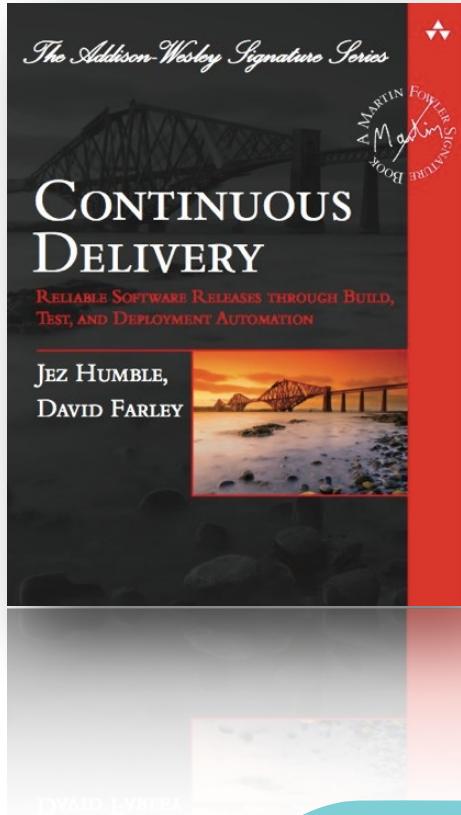


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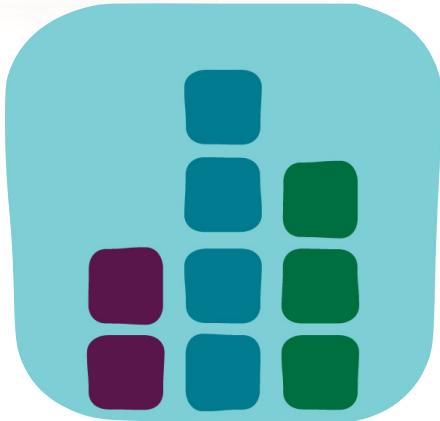


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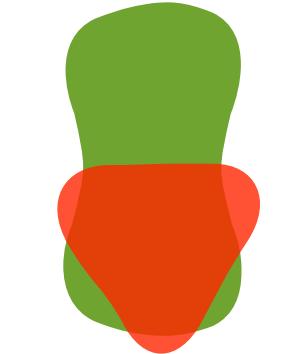
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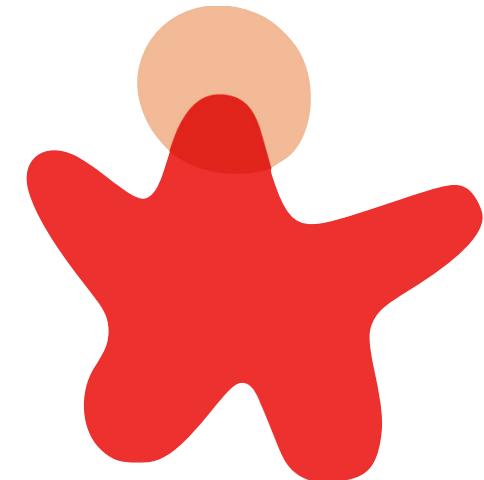
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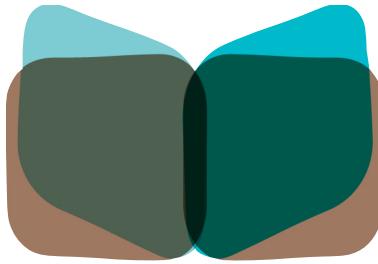


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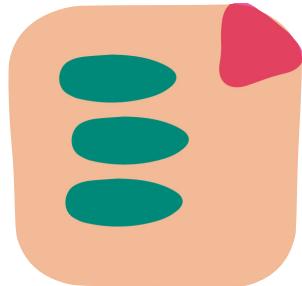
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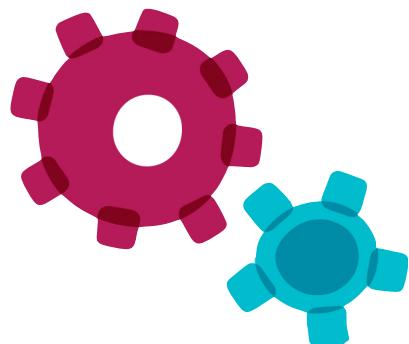
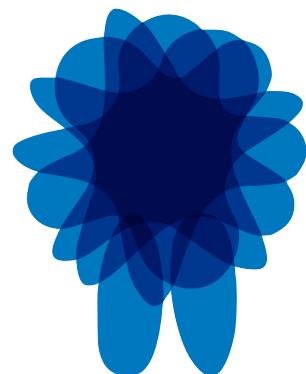


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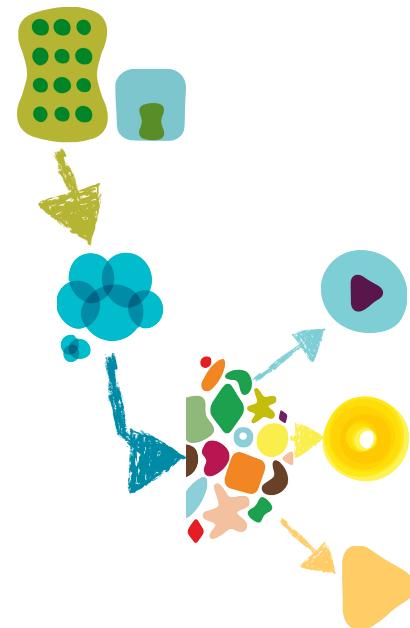
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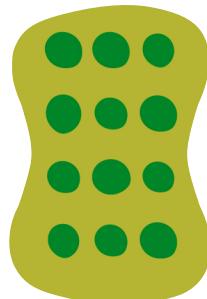
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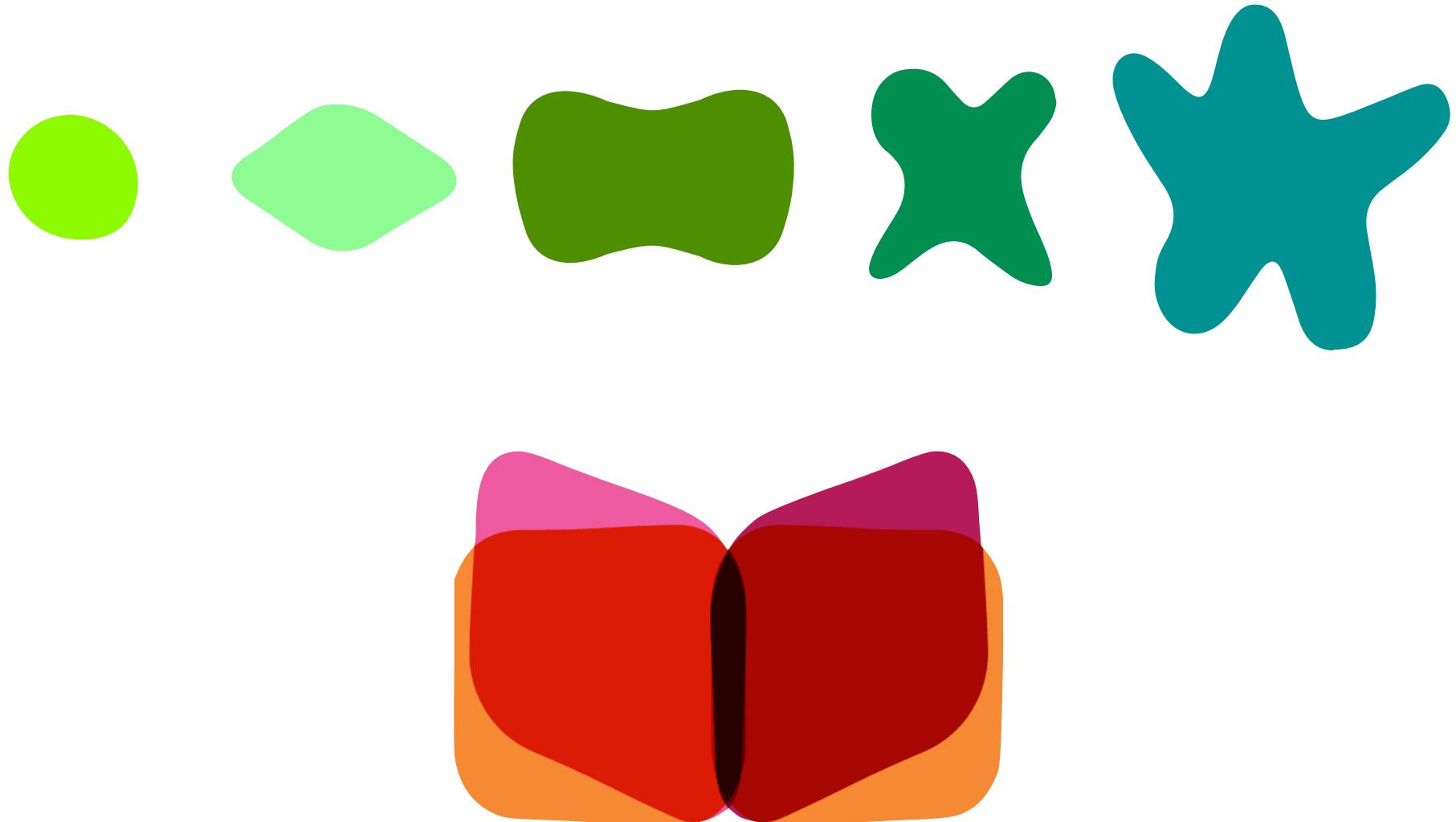
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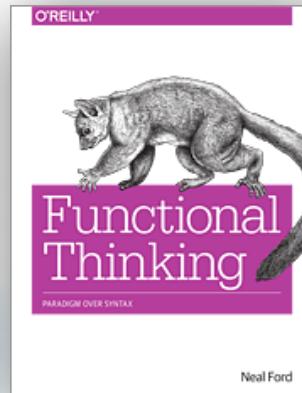
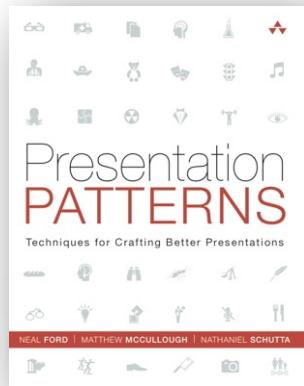
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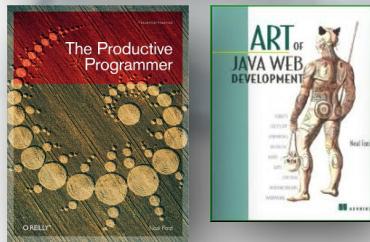
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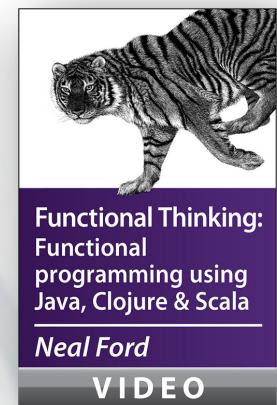
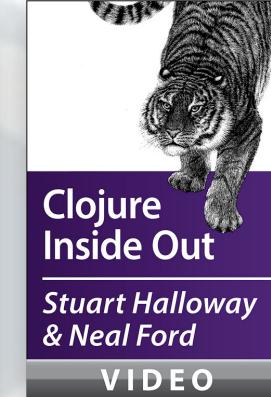
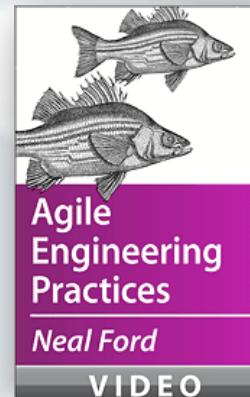
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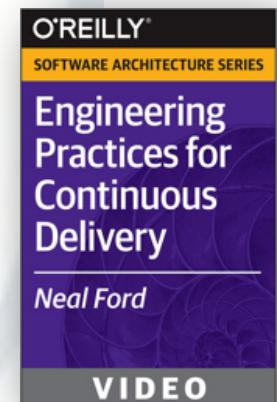
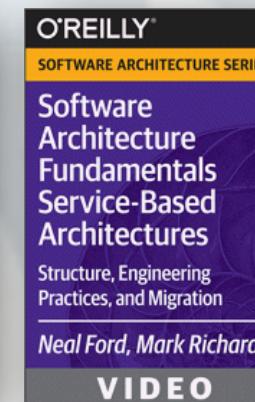
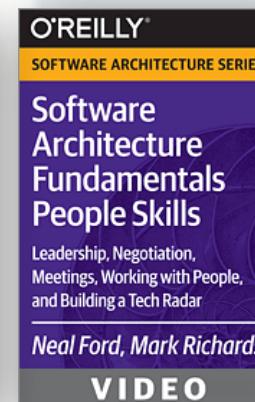
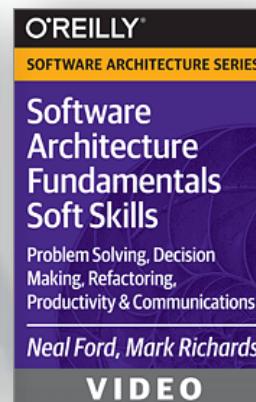
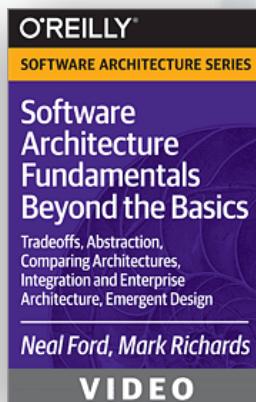
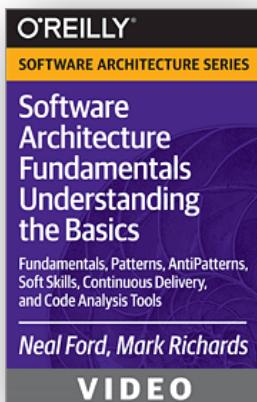
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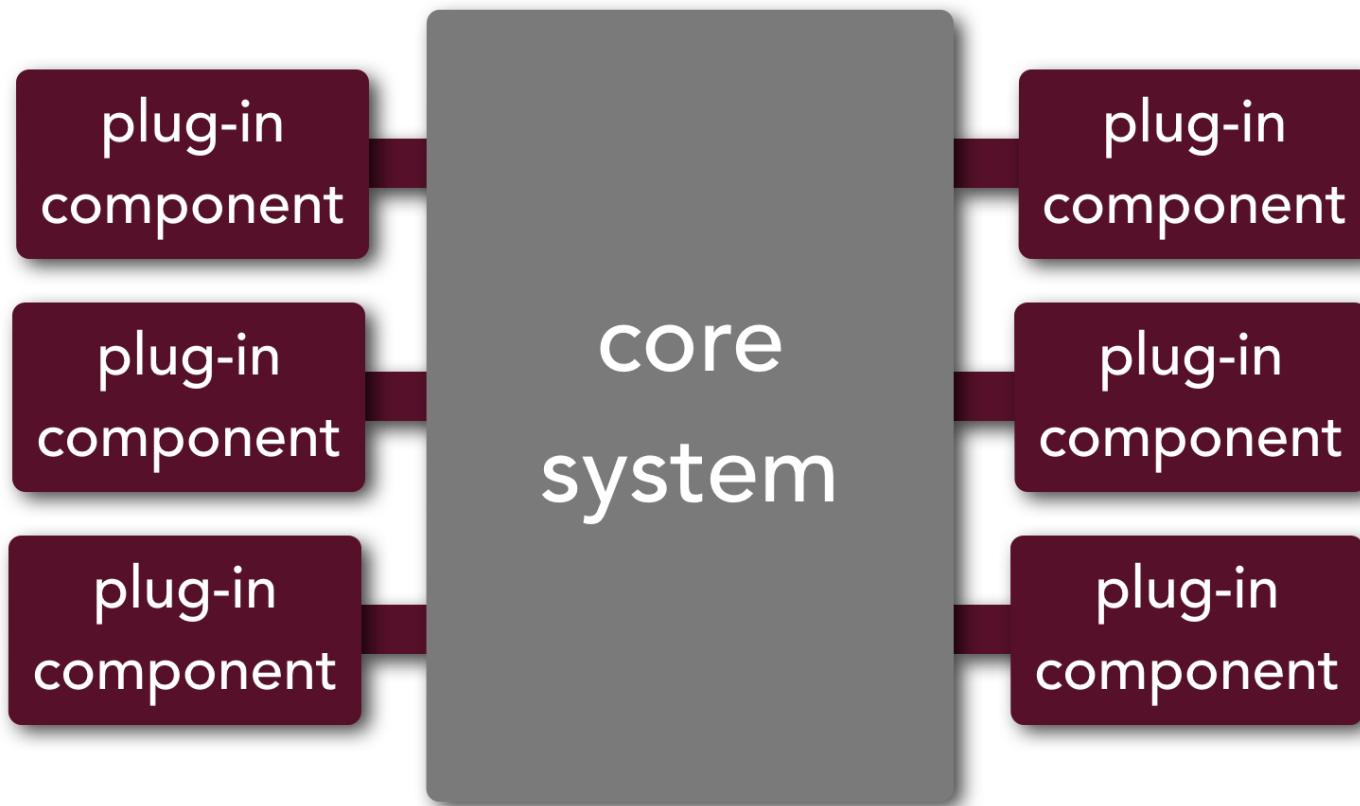
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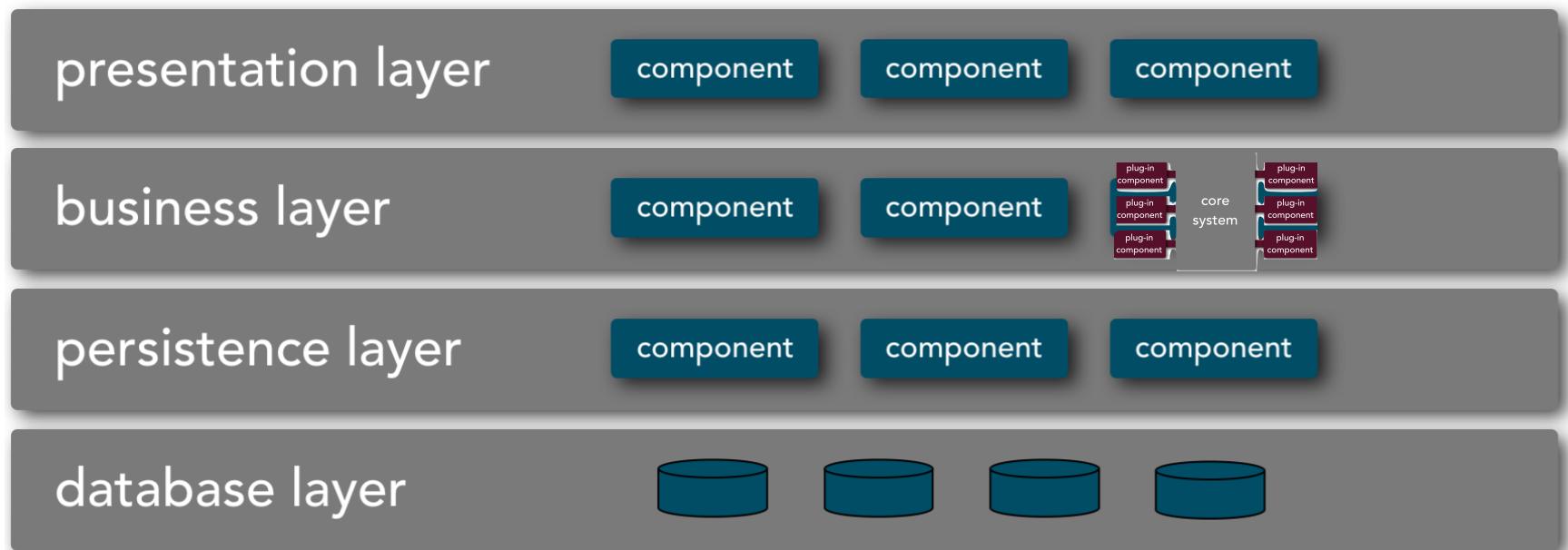
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