Microservices – Awesome, as long as they are neither “micro” nor “services”?

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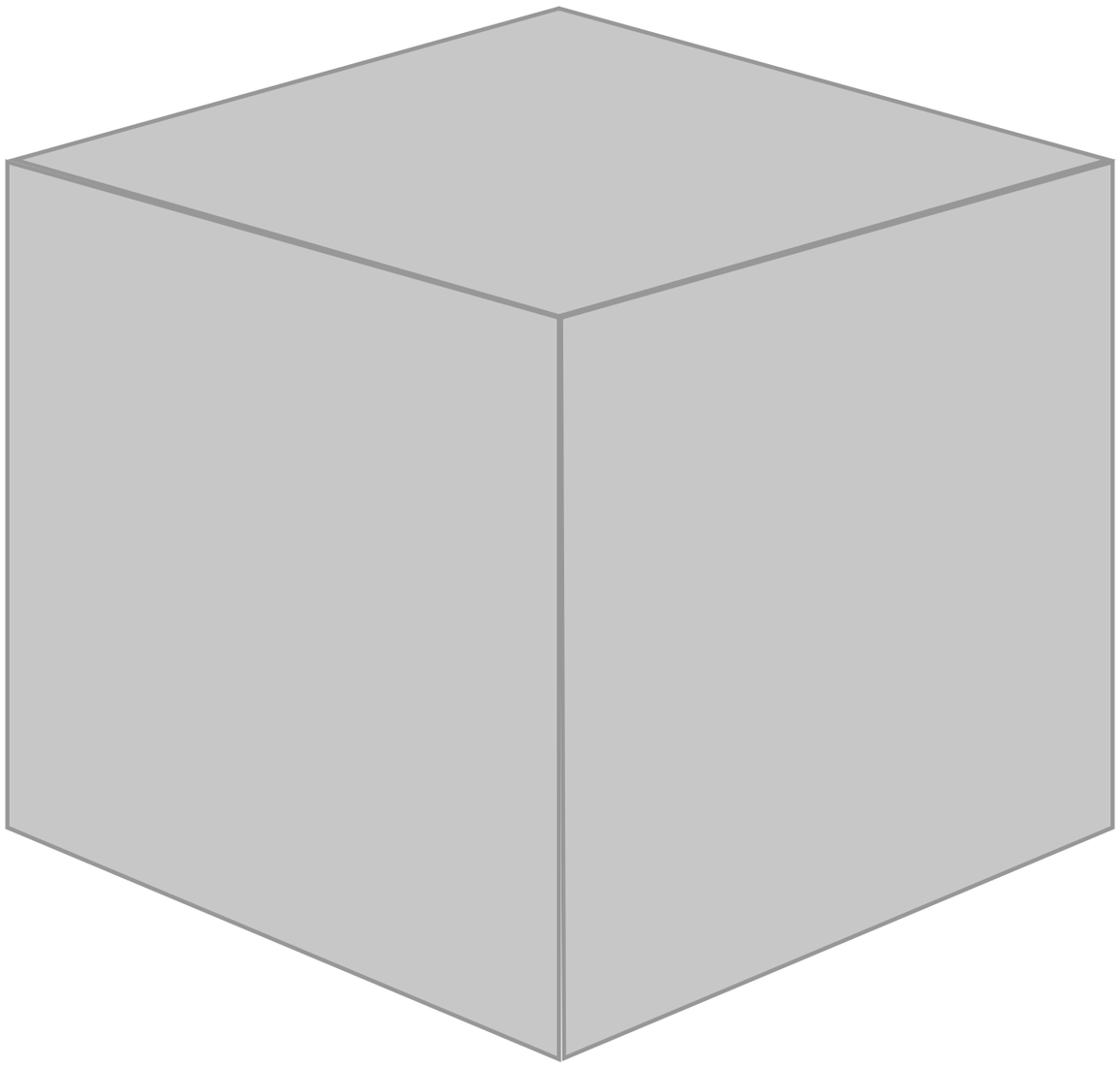
Yet another intro

A monolith …



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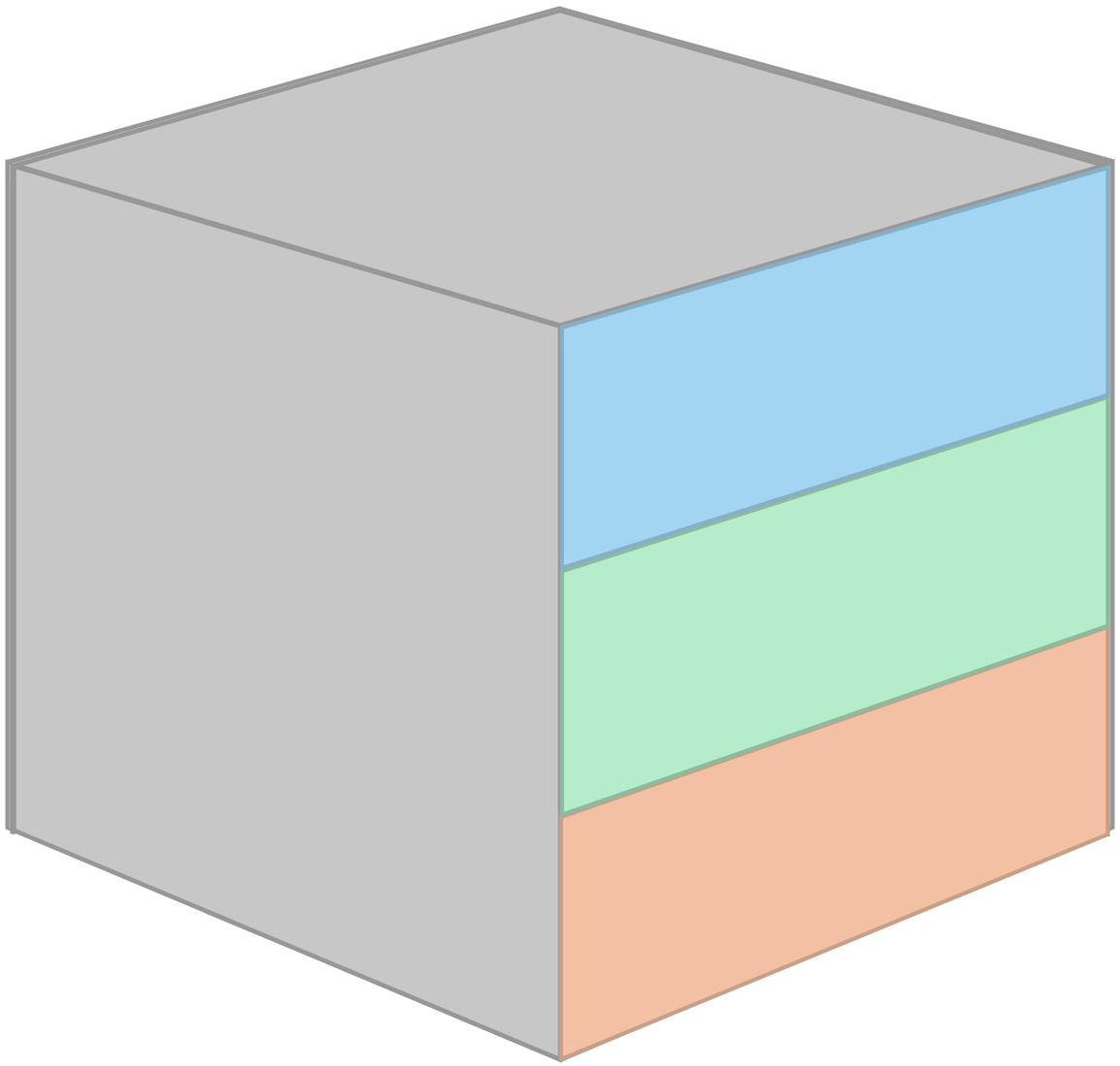

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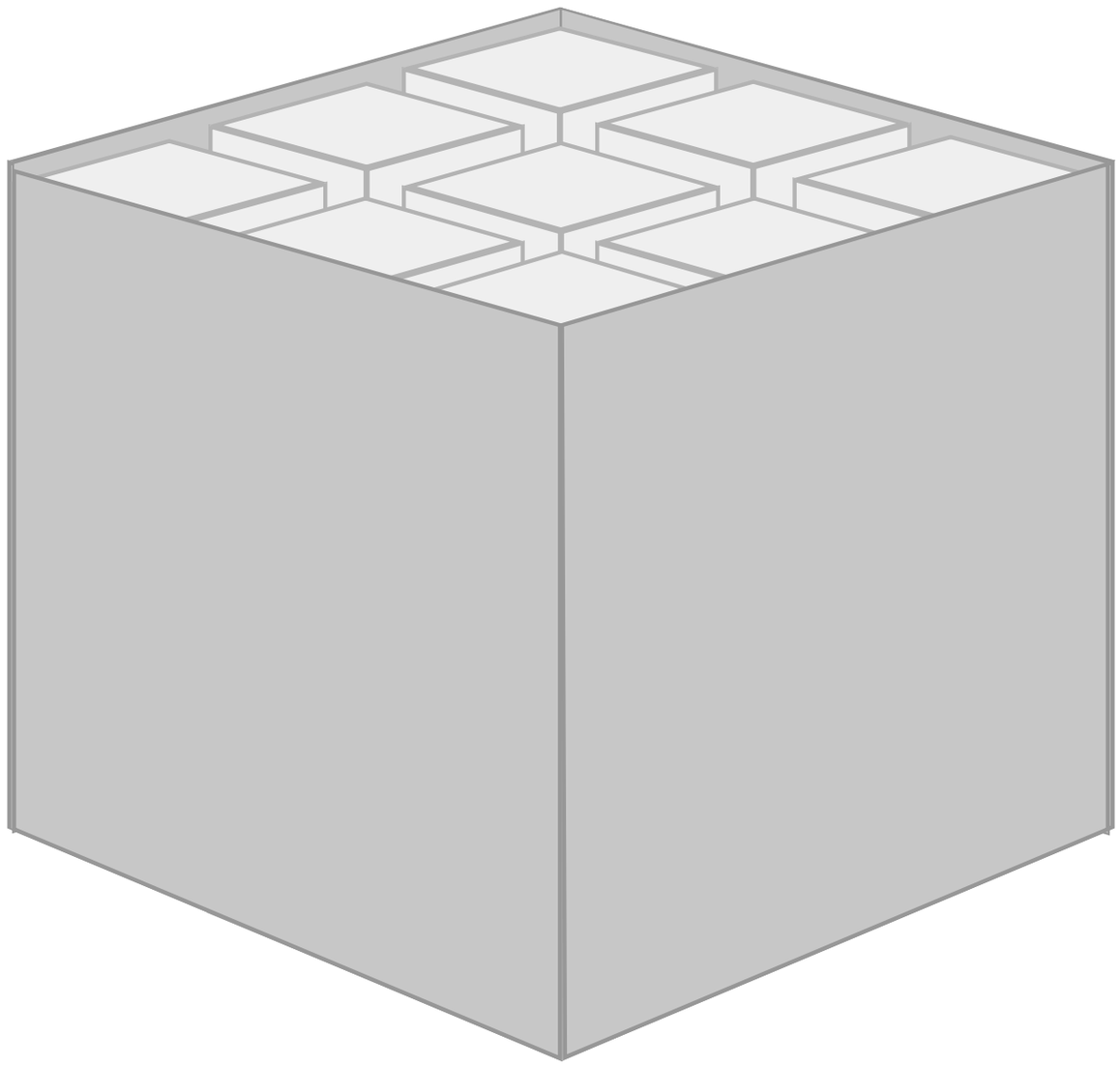

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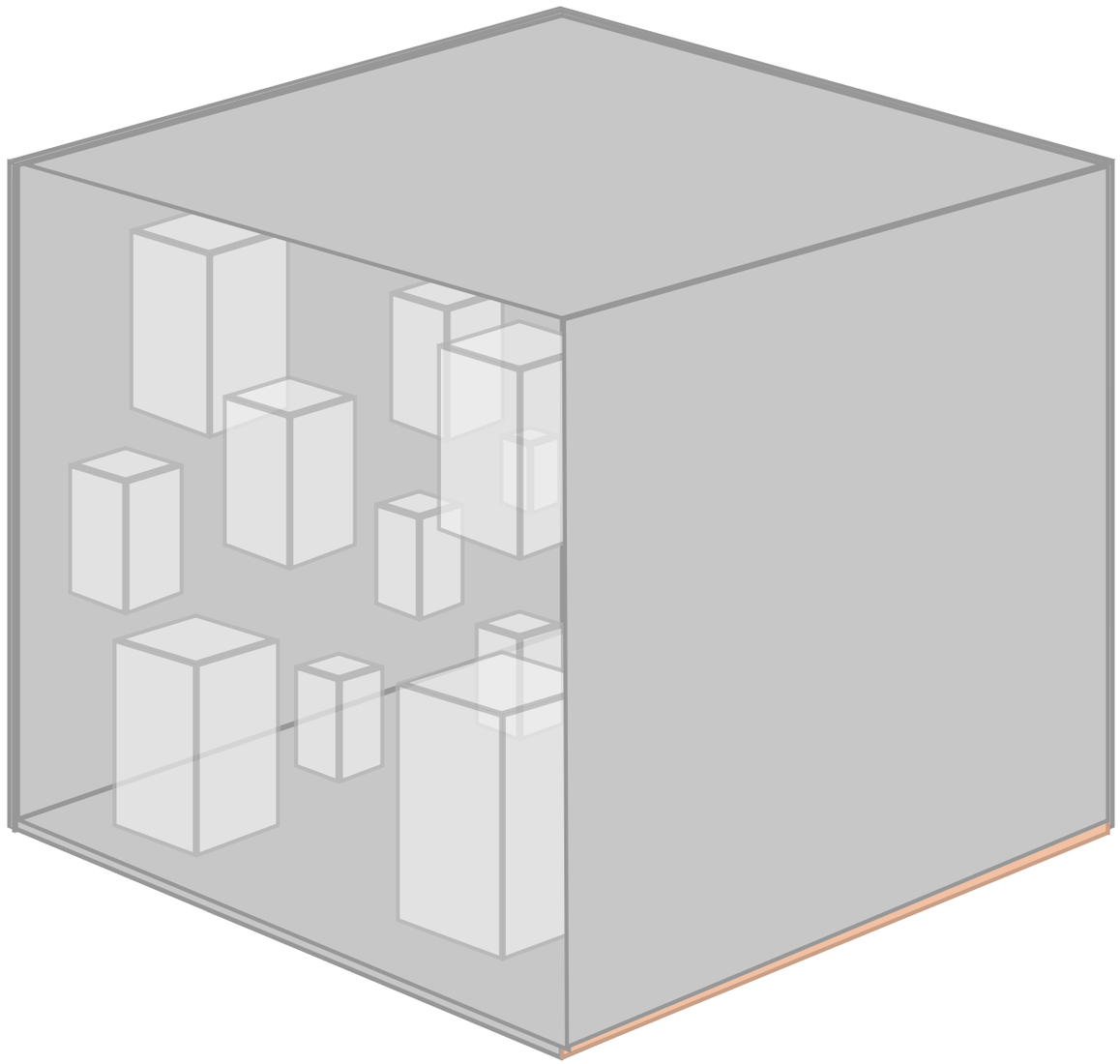

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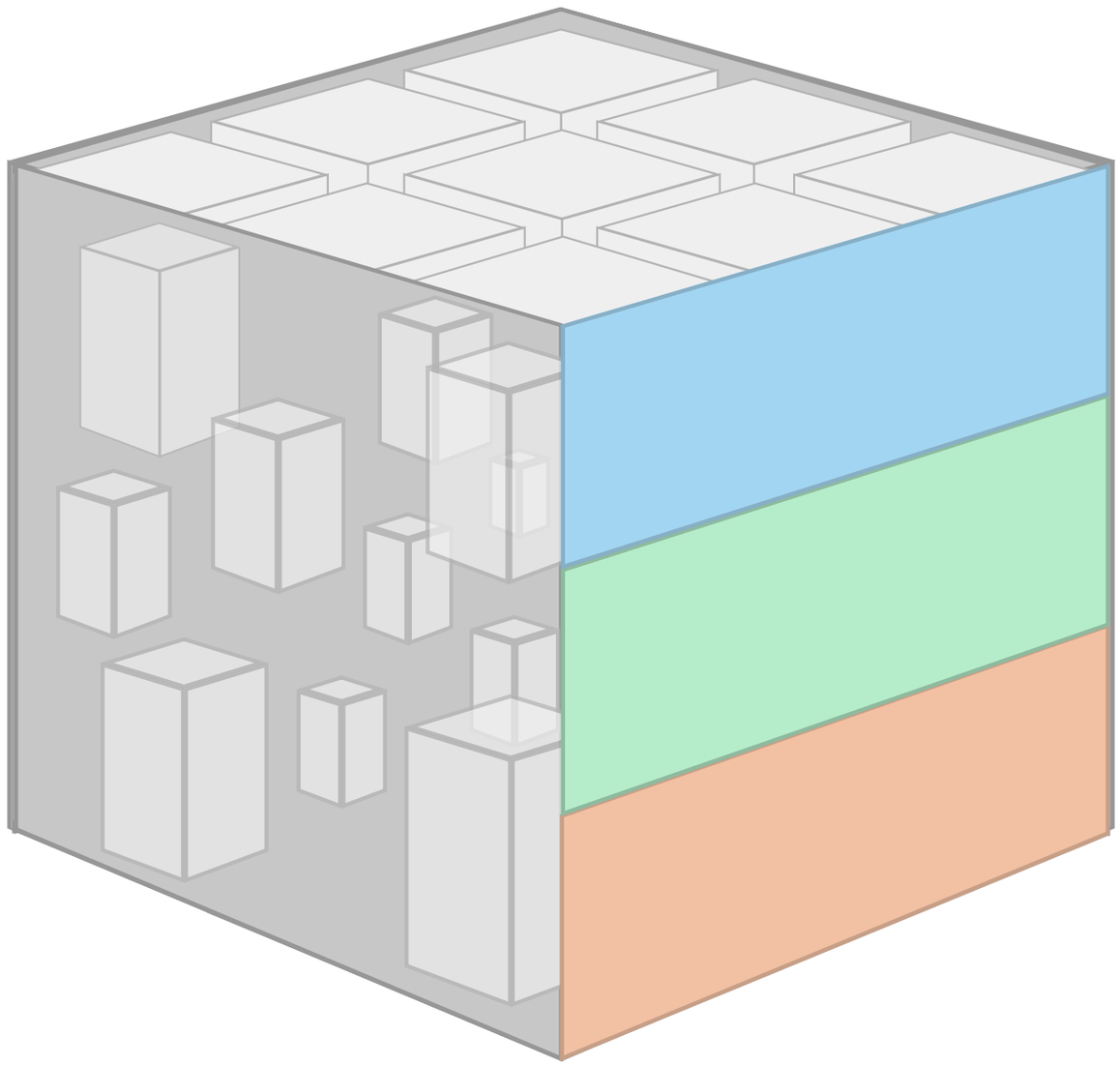

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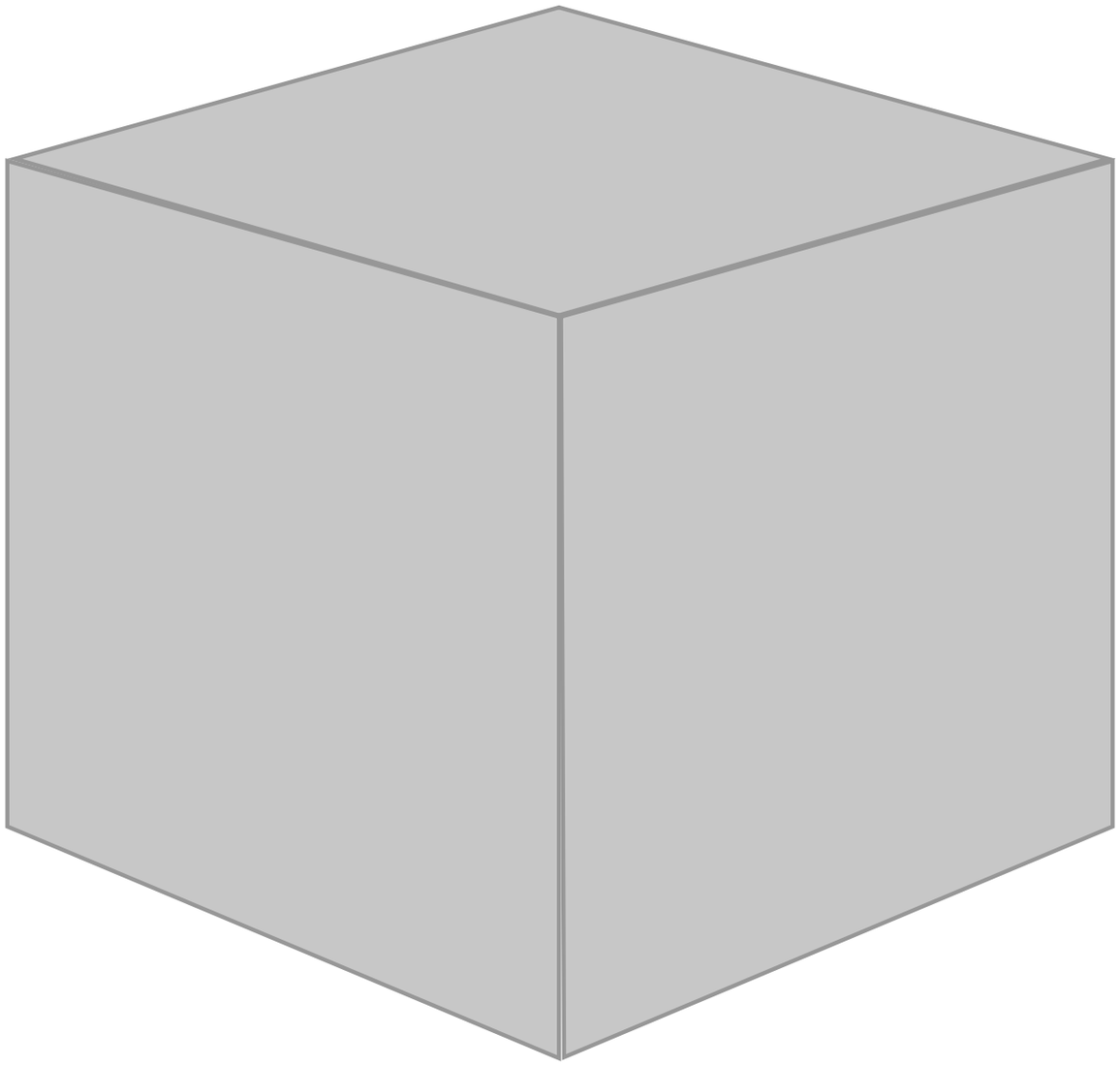

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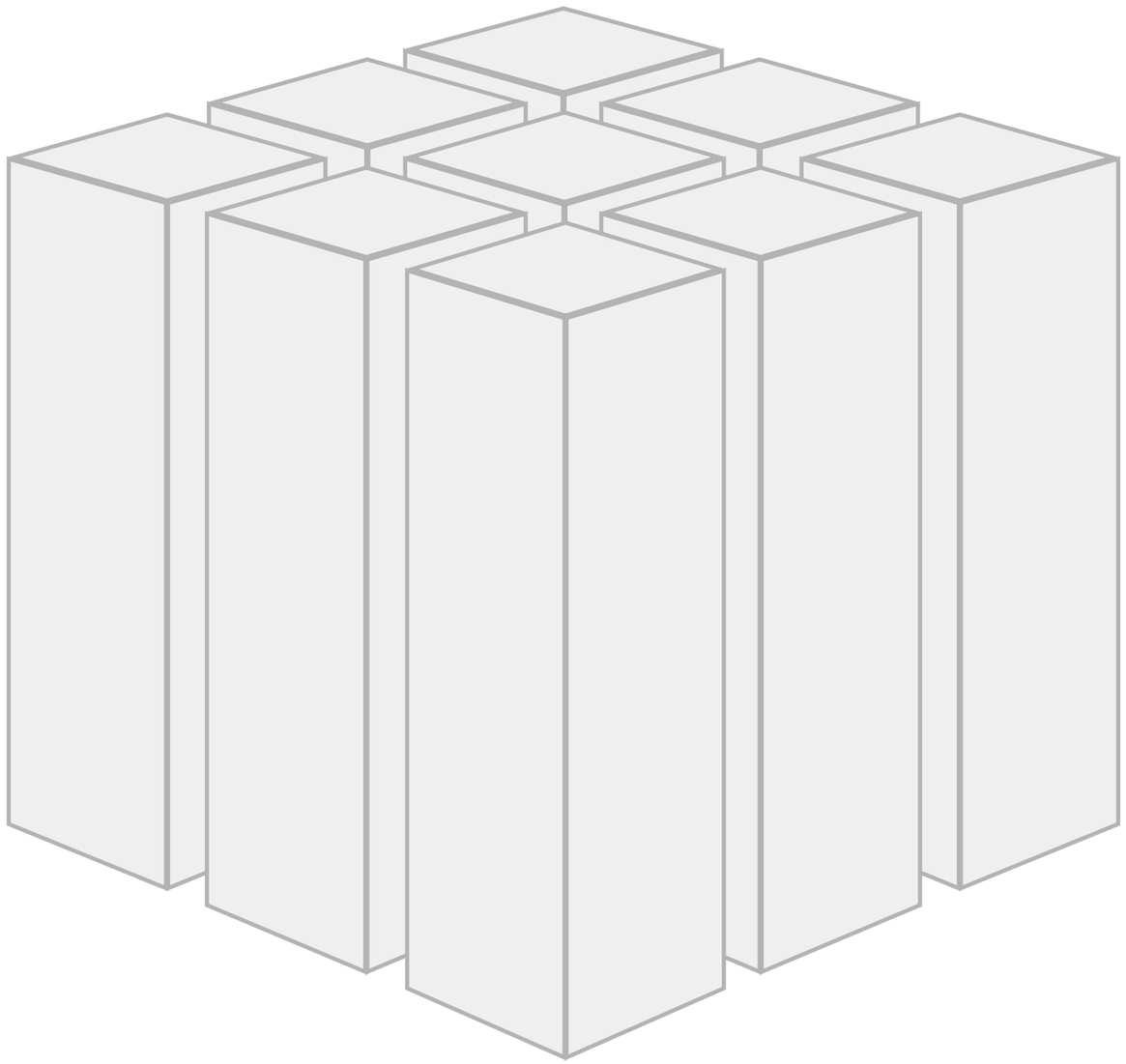
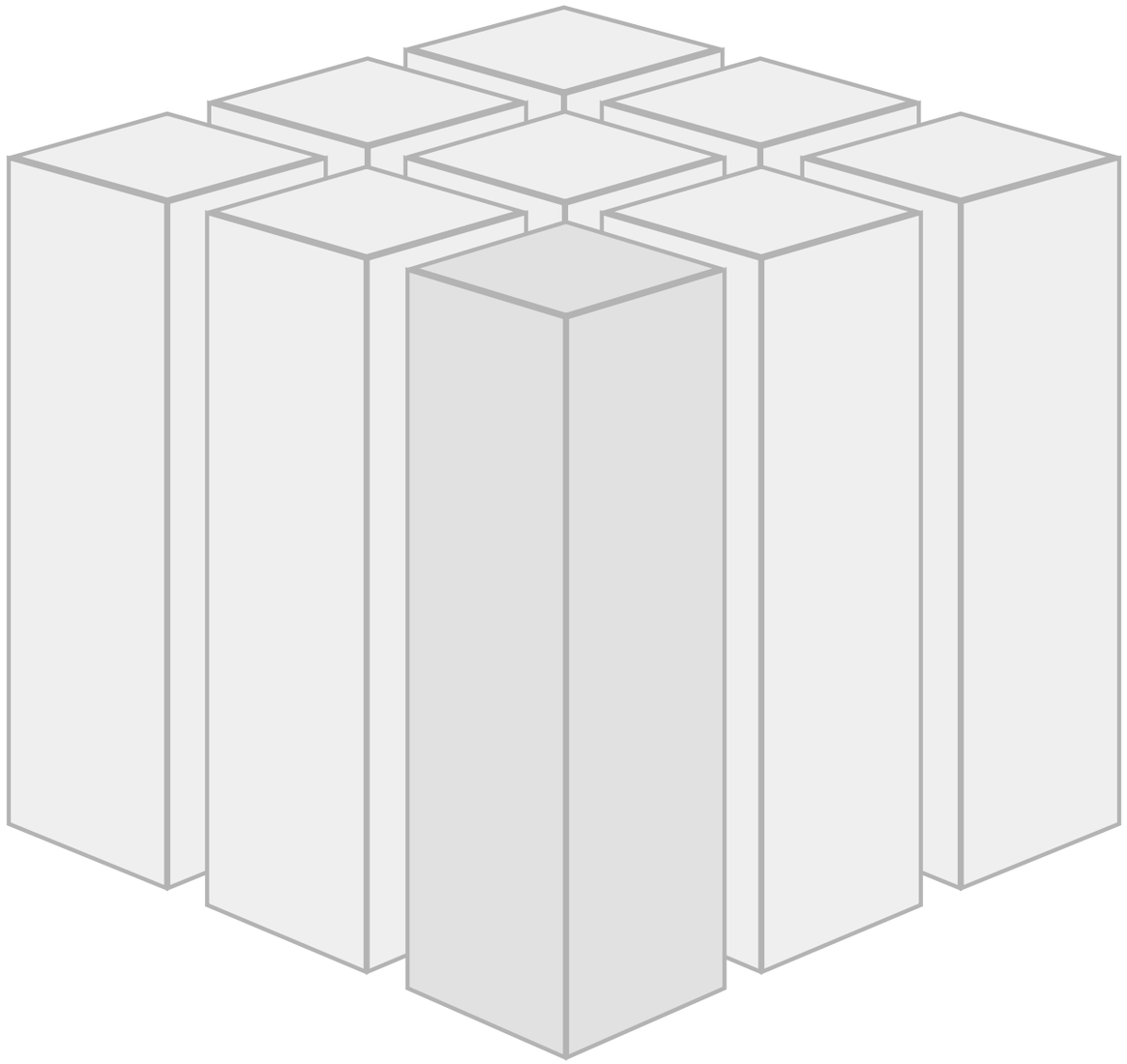
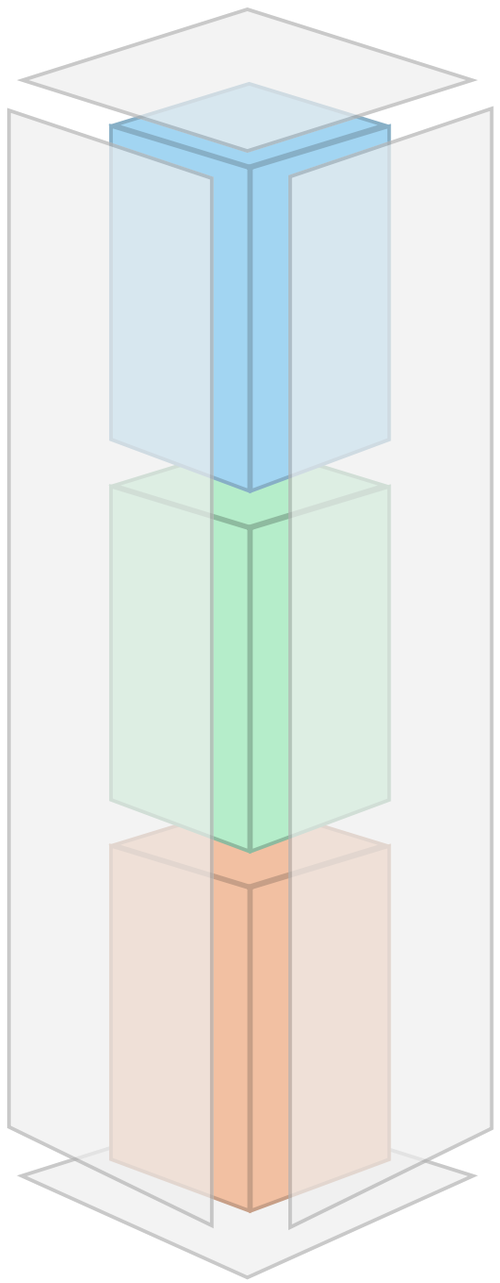


Voilà, Microservices!



Wait.

This raises questions.



- Each service with its own UI?
- Autonomous business logic?
- Data ownership?

Benefits first.

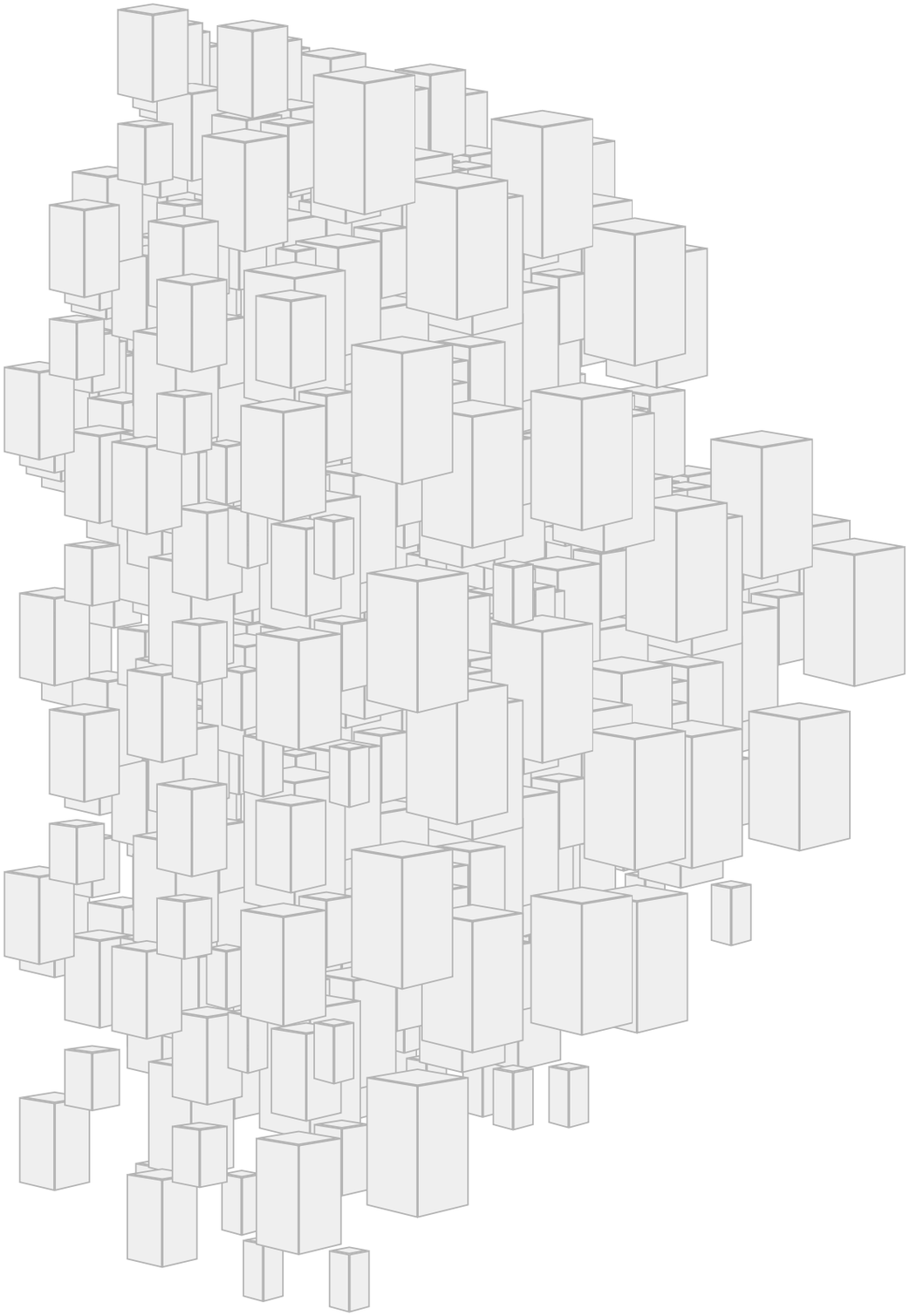
1. Isolation
2. Autonomy
3. Experimentation
4. Replacability
5. Rapid Feedback

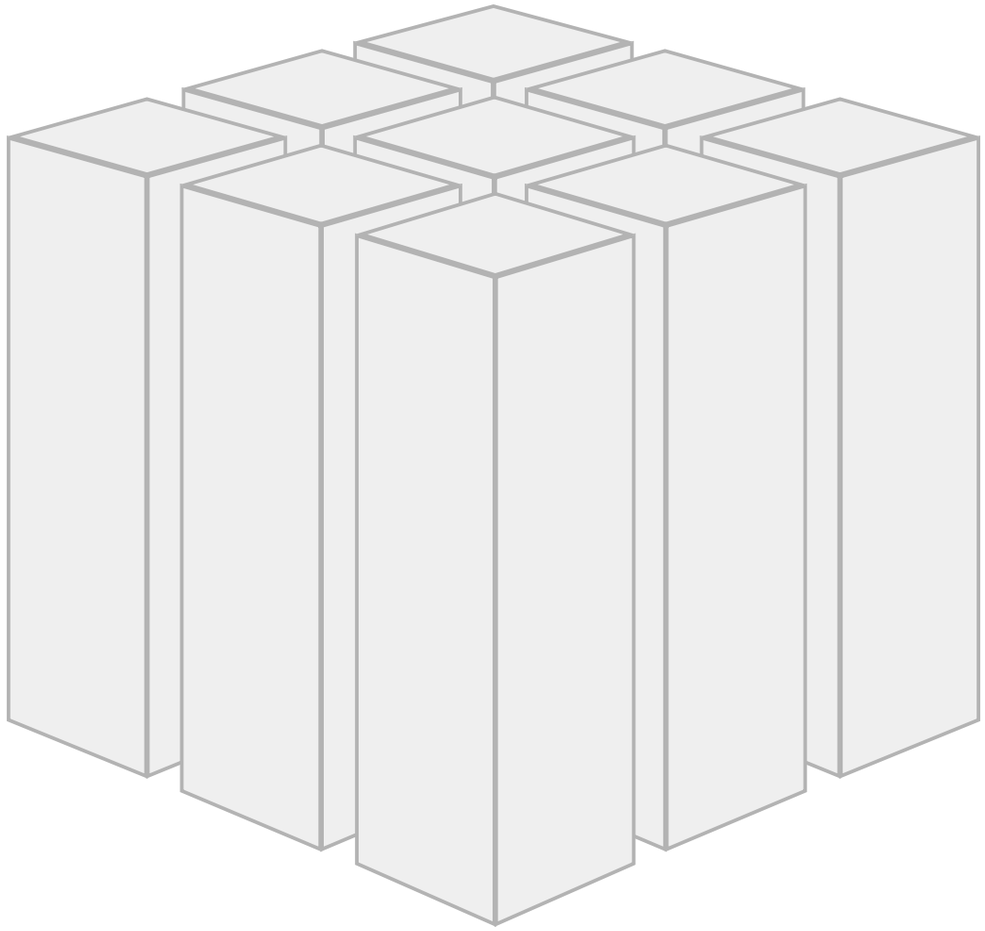
Problems

Challenges

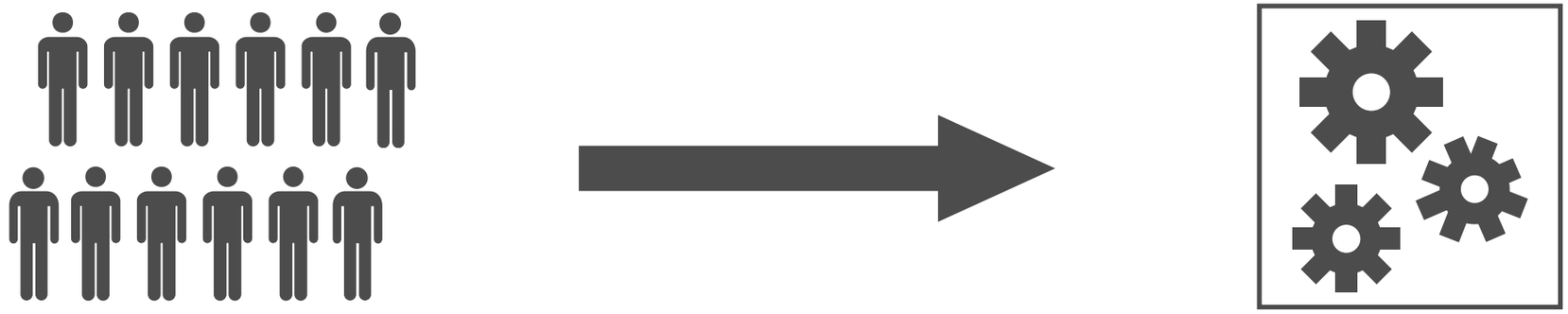
1. Size
2. Orchestration & UI
3. Platform
4. Process
5. Hype

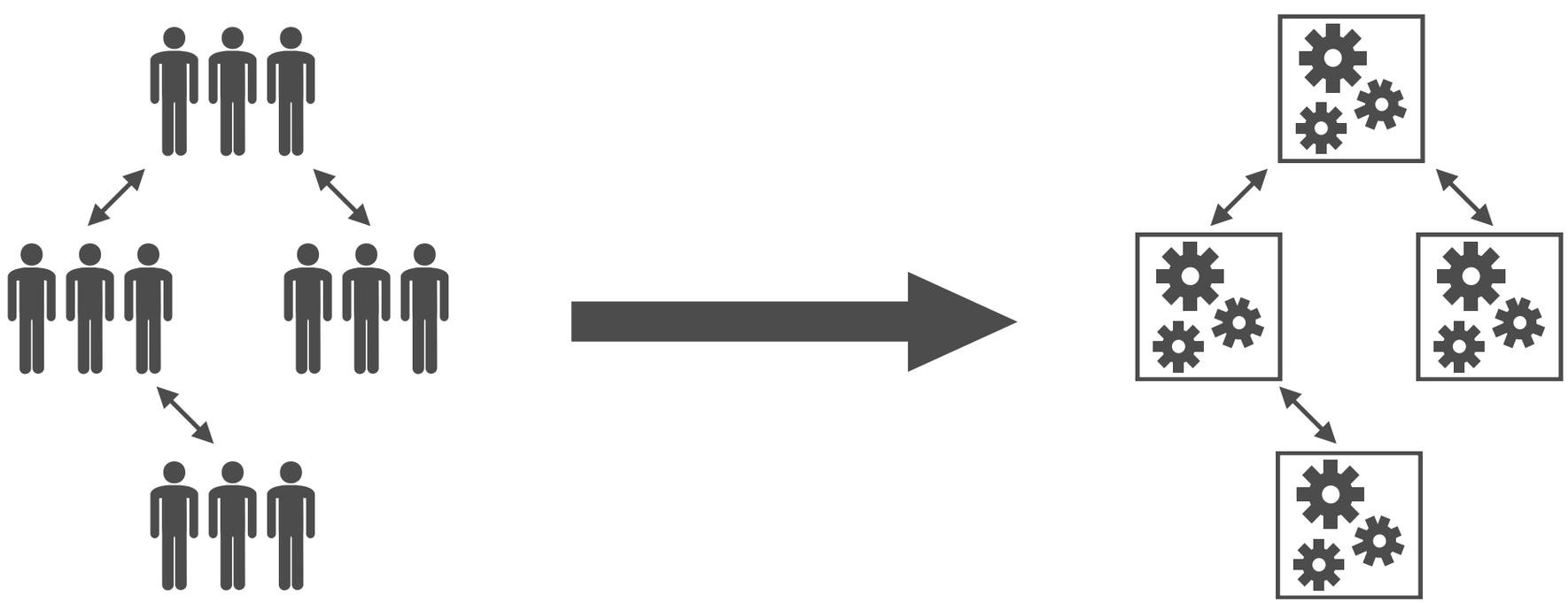
1. Size





Yet another slide about Conway's law

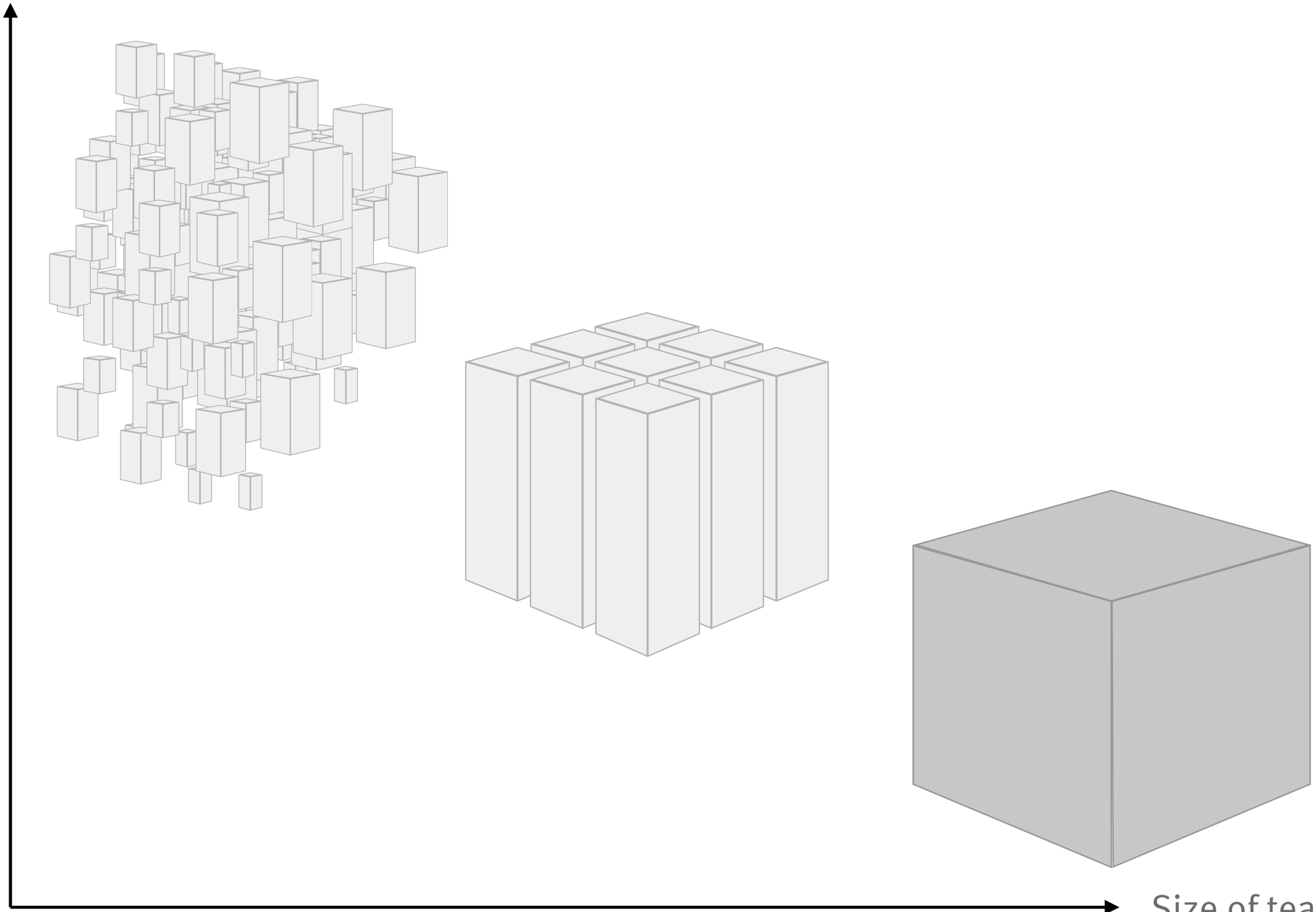




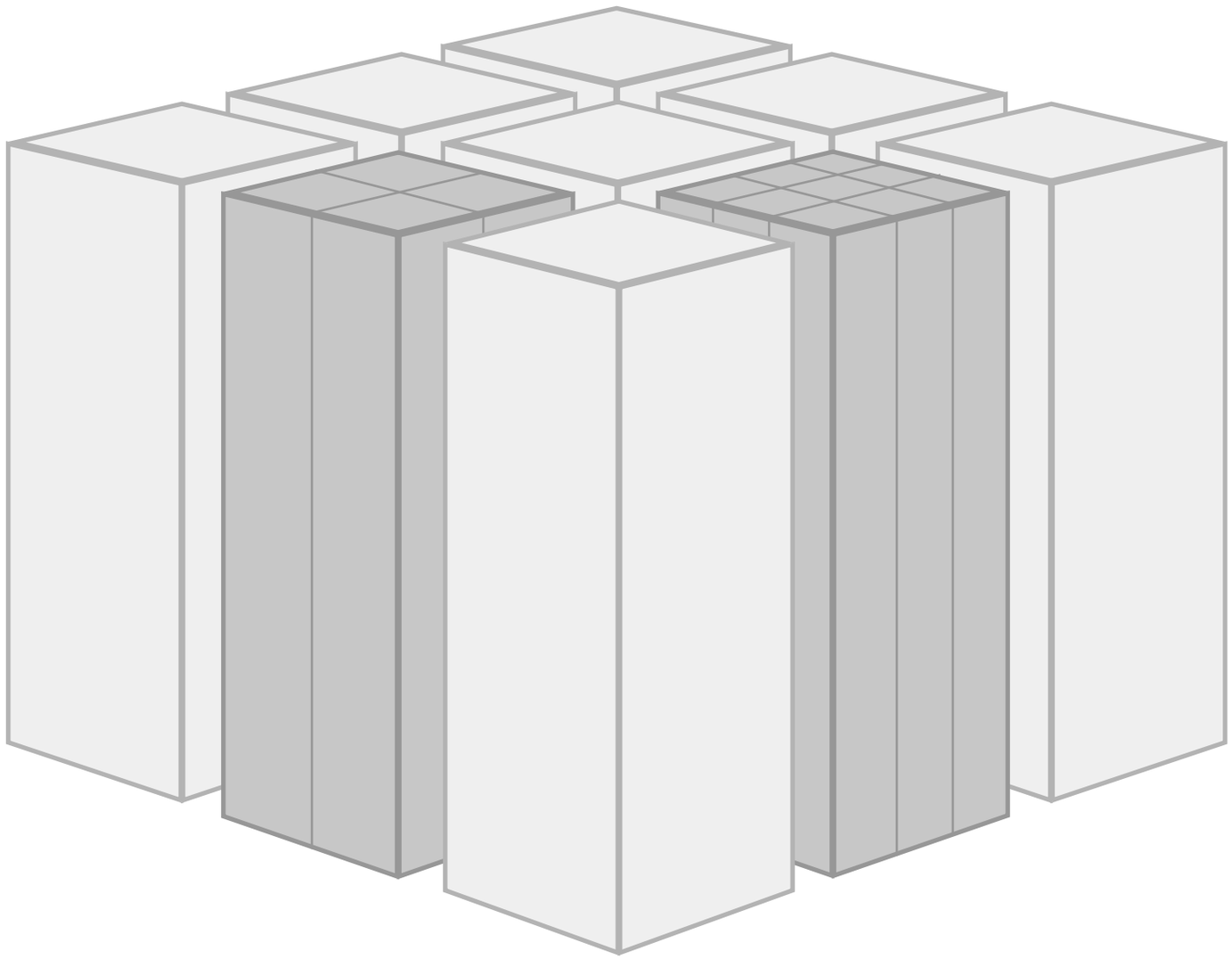
The smaller,

the better?

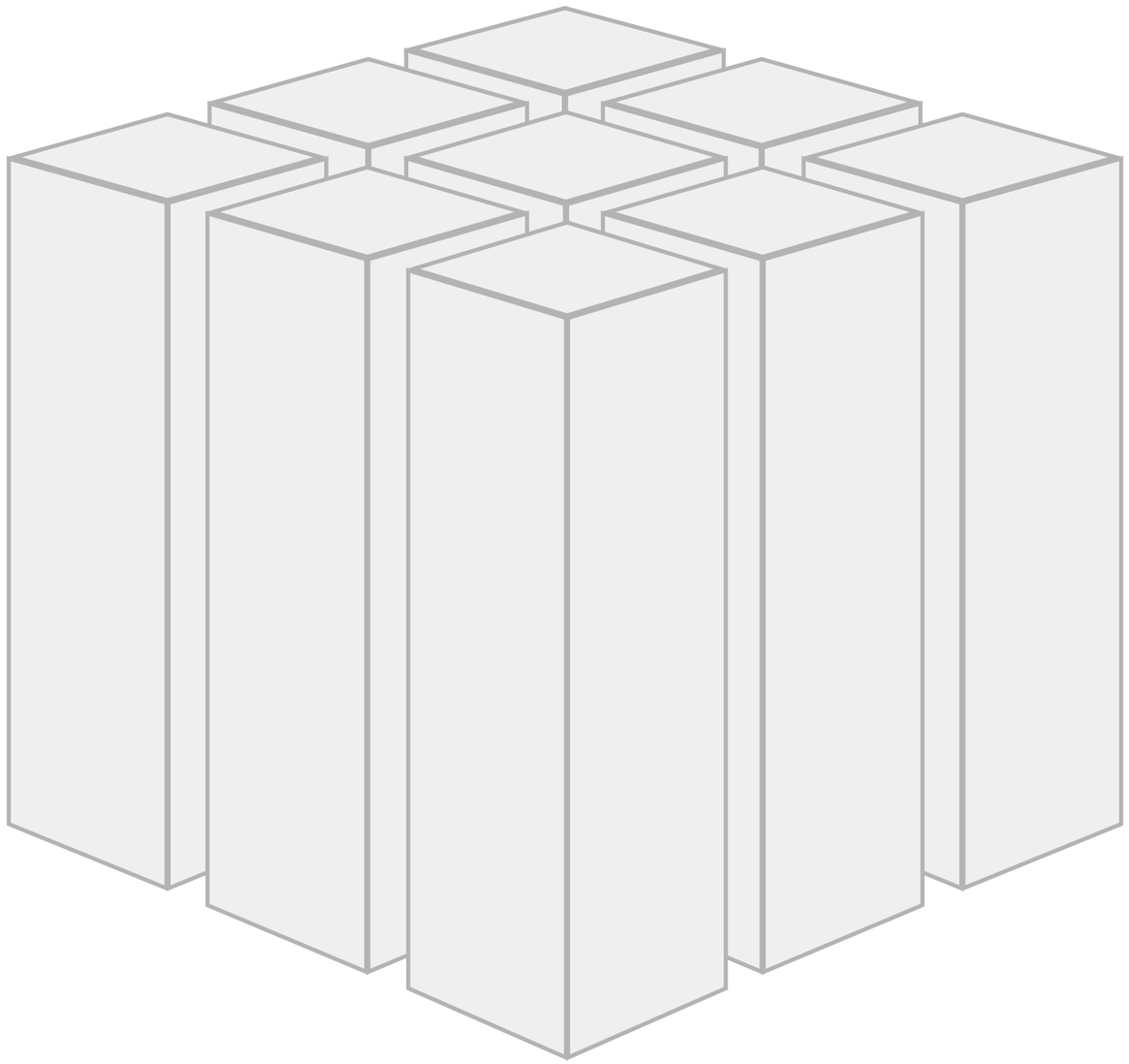
# of meetings



Size of team



We love monoliths – so let’s build a lot of them



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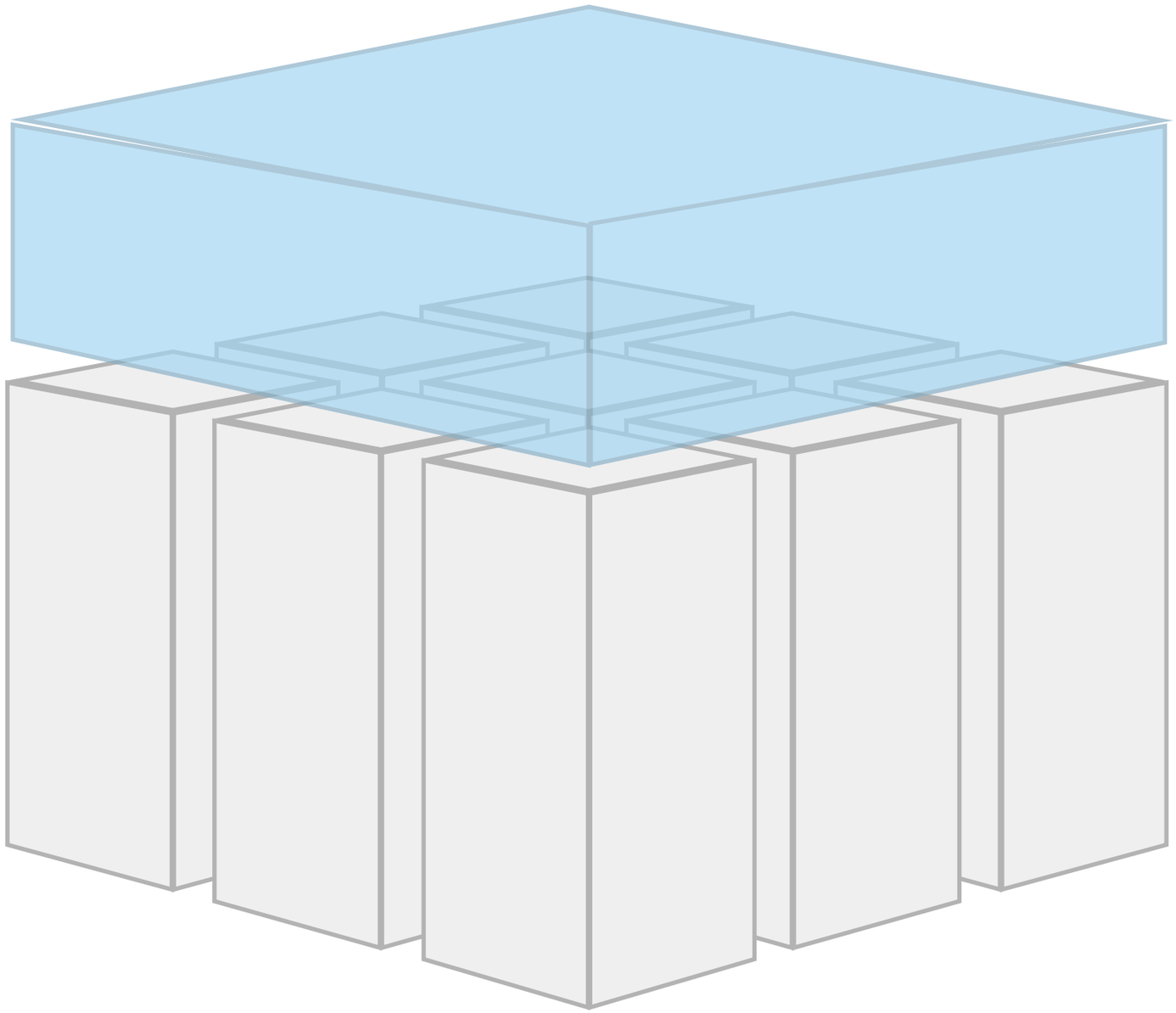

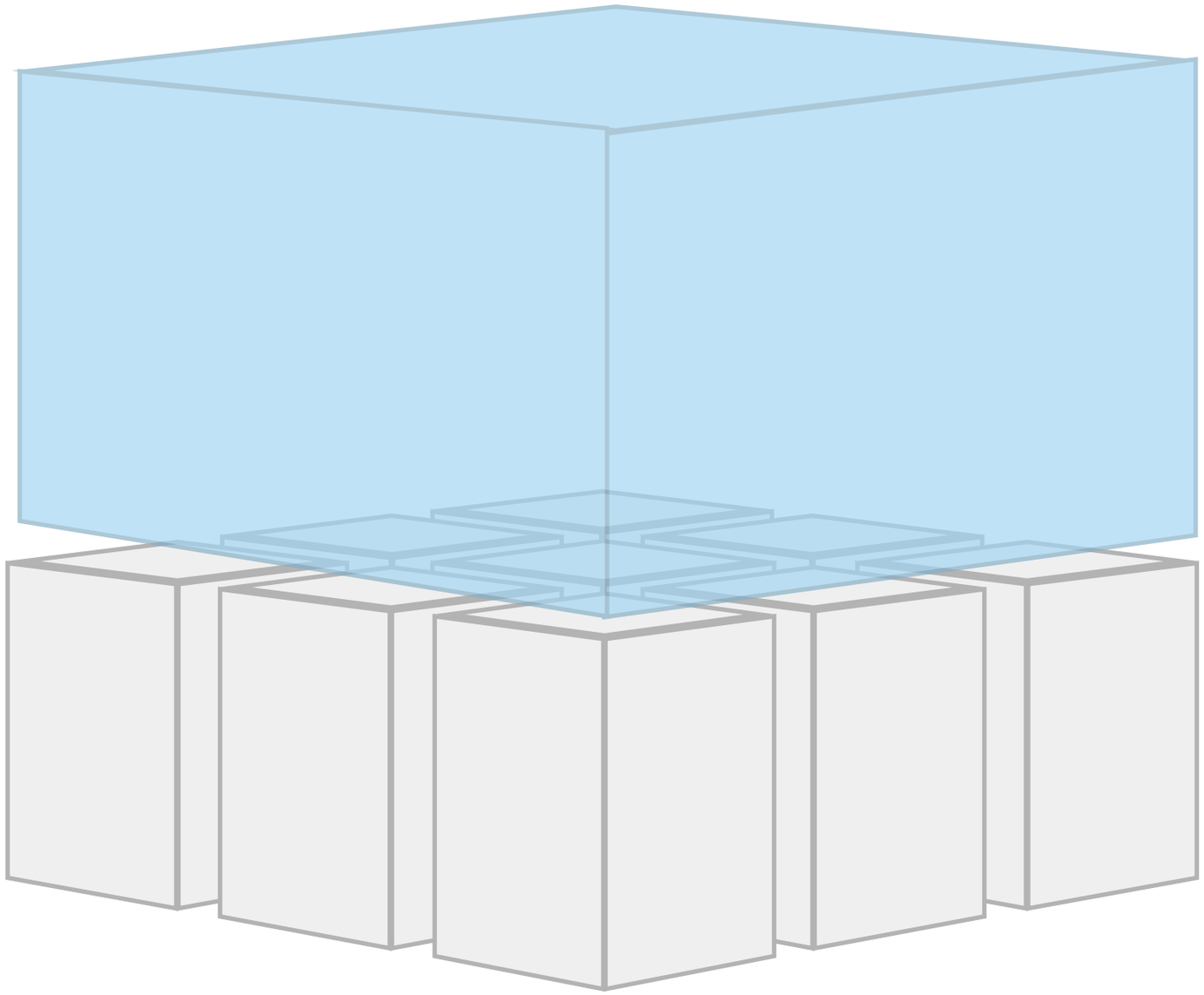

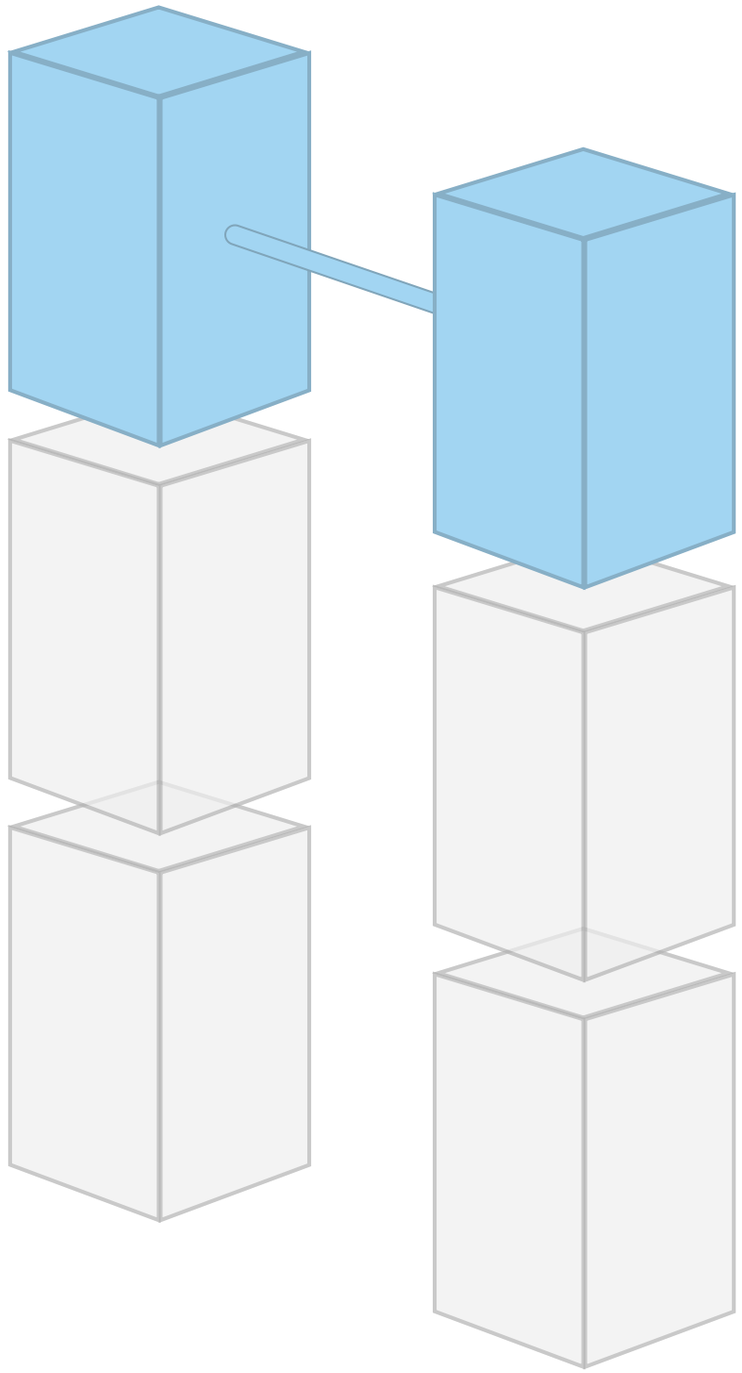

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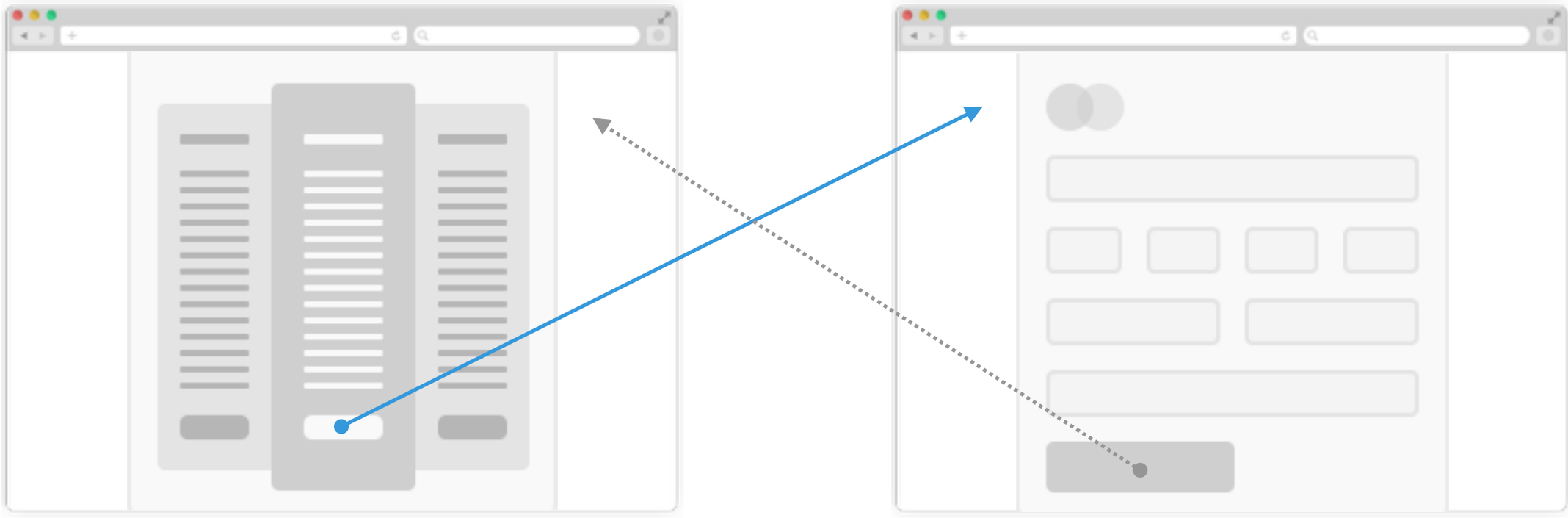
System 2



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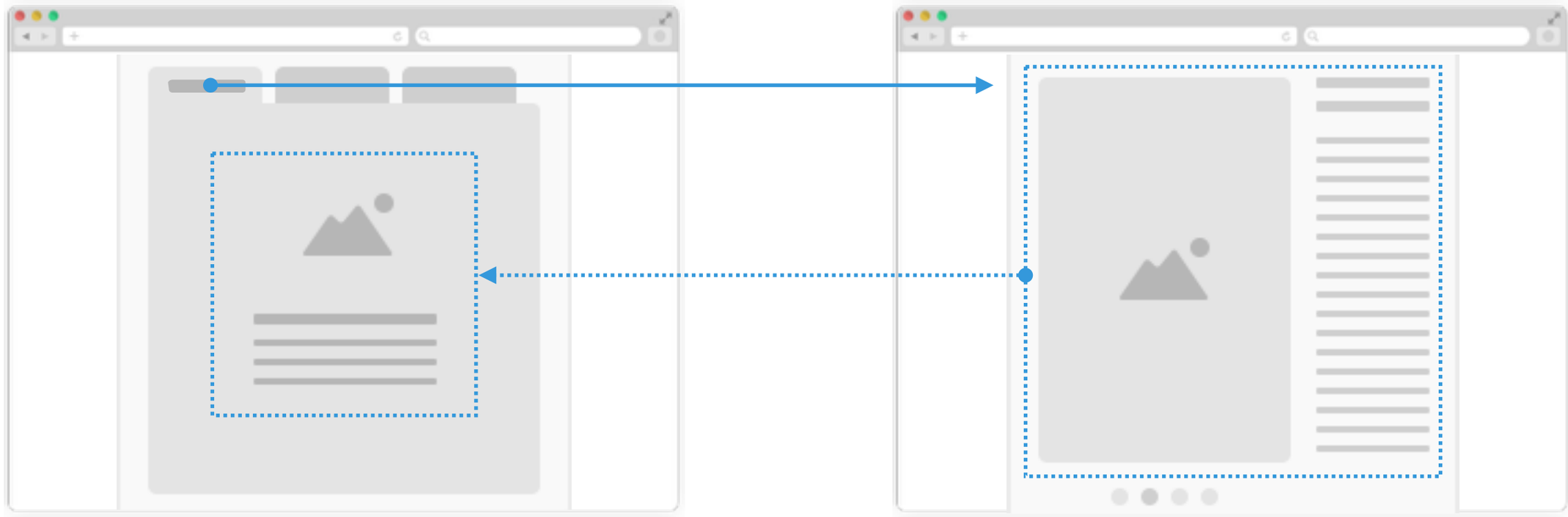

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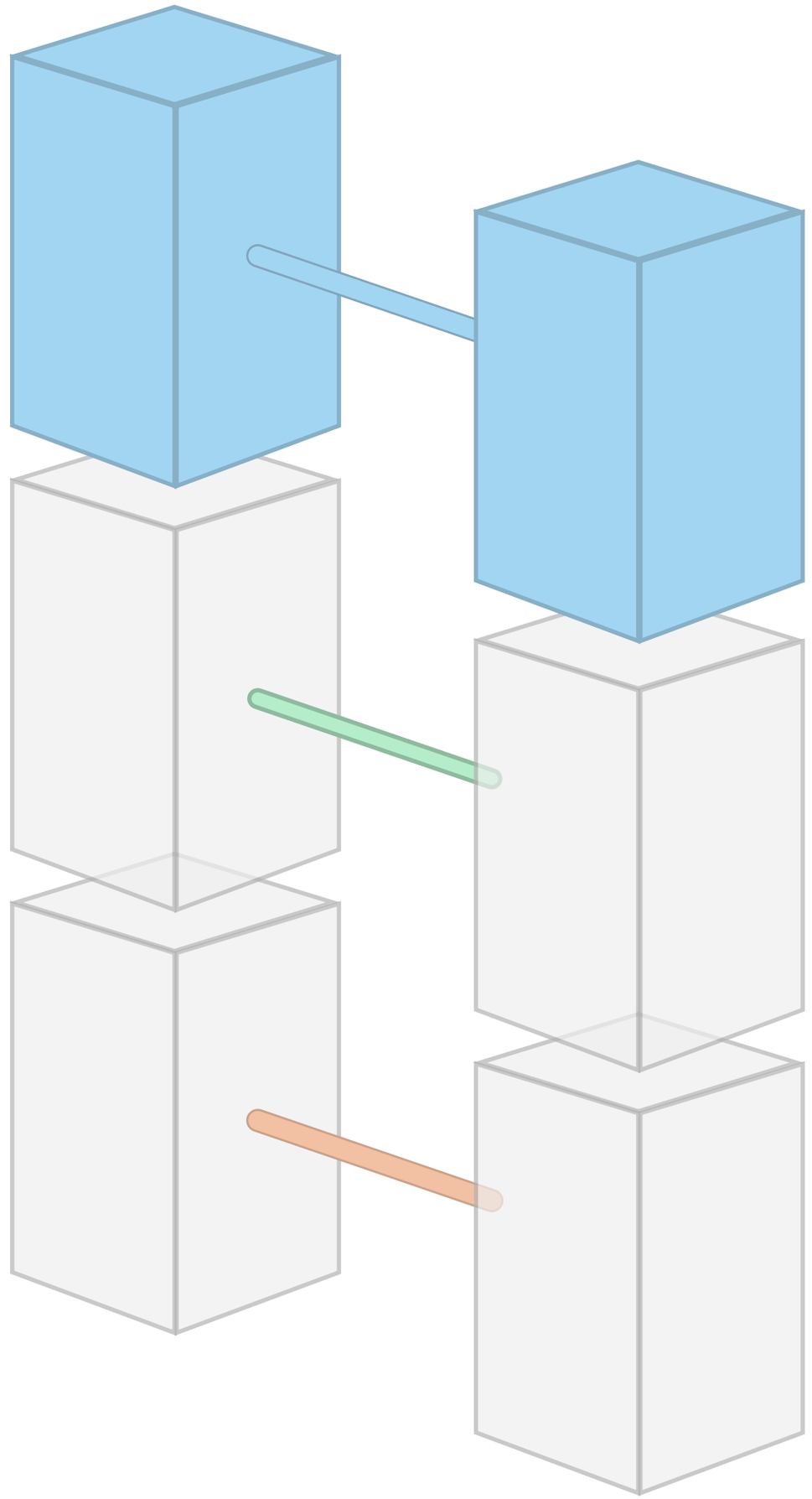
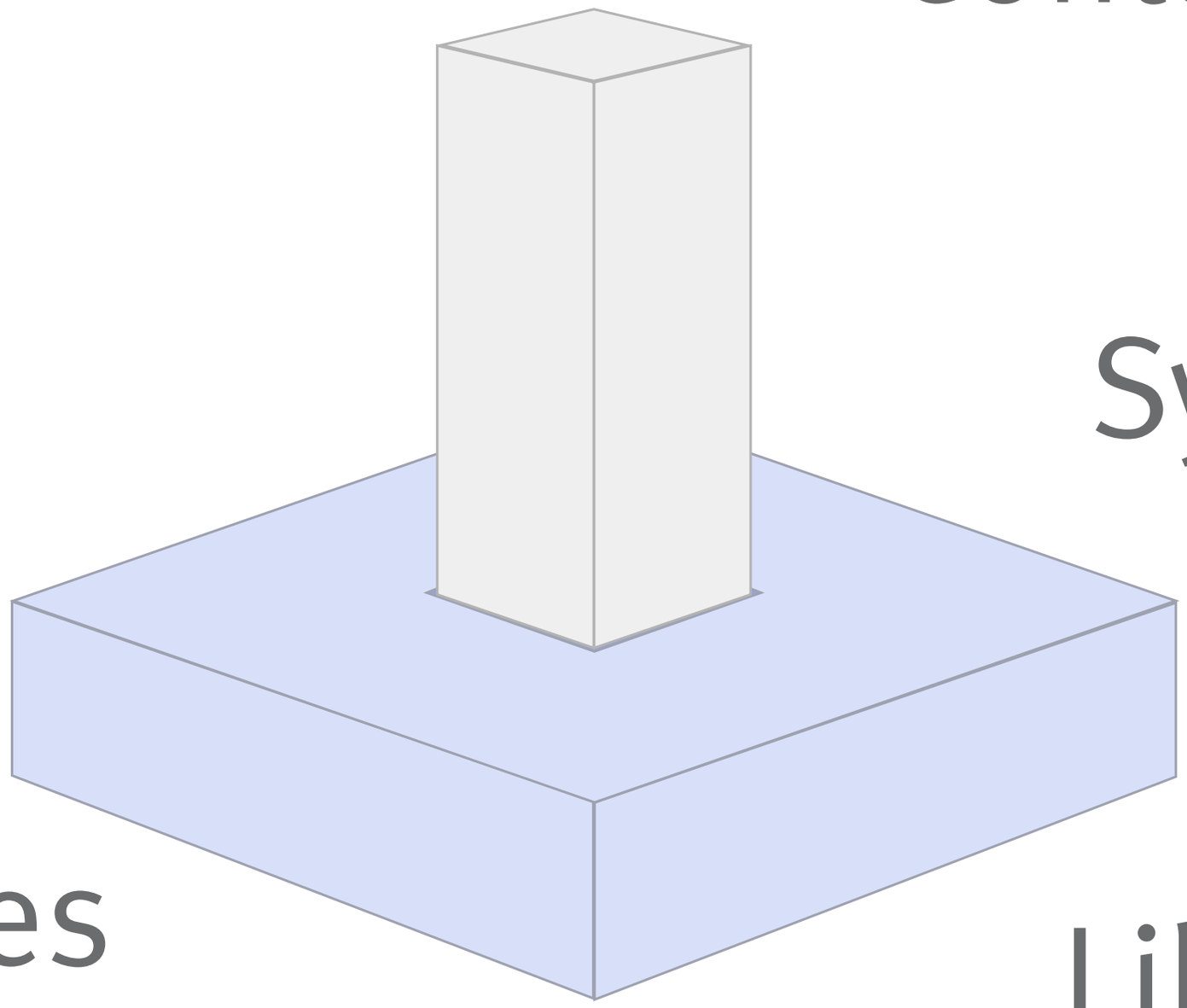


3. Platform

Modules

Containers

Jars



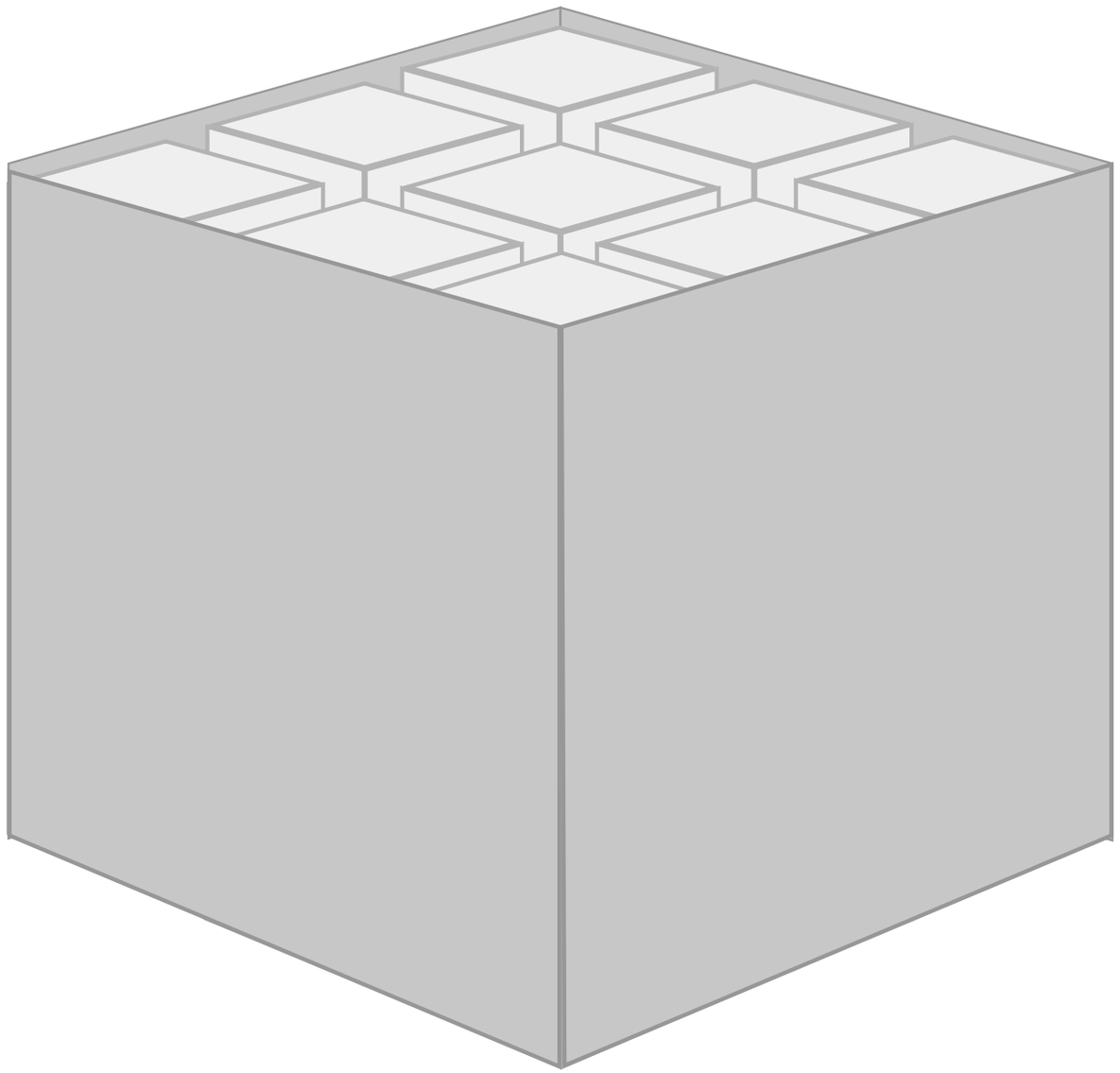
Systems

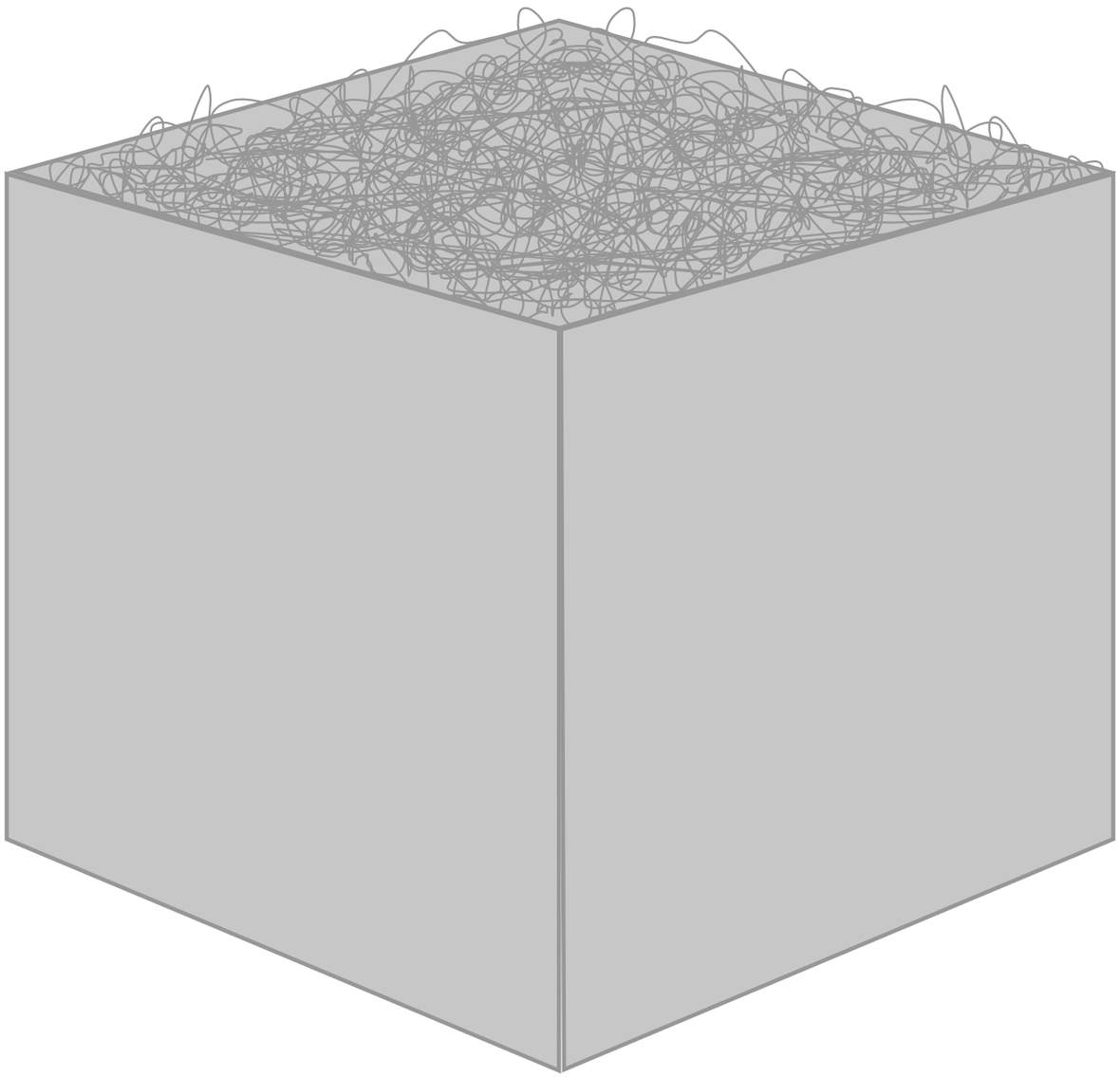
Services

Libraries

Bundles

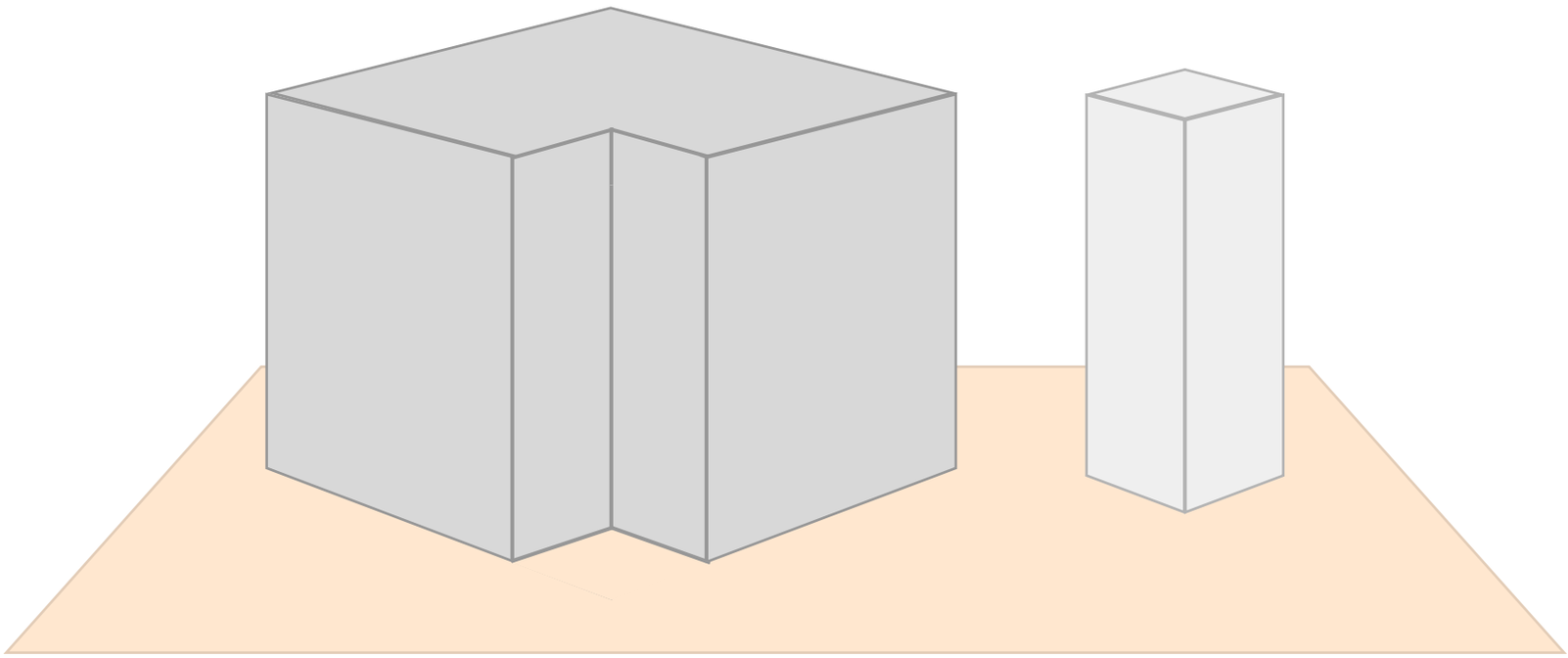
4. Process





Monolith first

http://martinfowler.com/bliki/MonolithFirst.html



Don’t start with a monolith

http://martinfowler.com/articles/dont-start-monolith.html

System #2

5. Hype

Hype

“Every Unix command line tool qualifies as a microservice”

“The only modern architecture style there is”

“Always use microservices”

– no-one, ever

Anti-Hype

“If you can't build a monolith, what makes you think microservic

are the answer?”

– Simon Brown

http://www.codingthearchitecture.com/2014/07/06/distributed_big_balls_of_mud.html

Summary

TANSTAAFL

Use sparingly

Prefer large(r) chunks

Consider UI integration

Profit

Thank you.

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