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# Microservices: A Taxonomy

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**Kingdom**  
Animalia



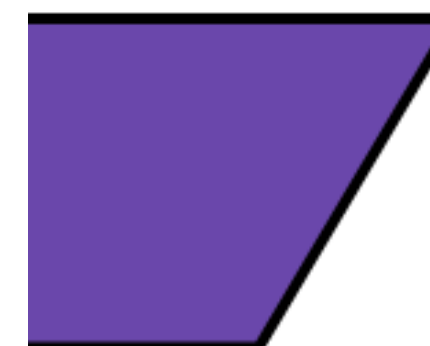
**Phylum**  
Chordata



**Class**  
Mammalia



**Order**  
Carnivora

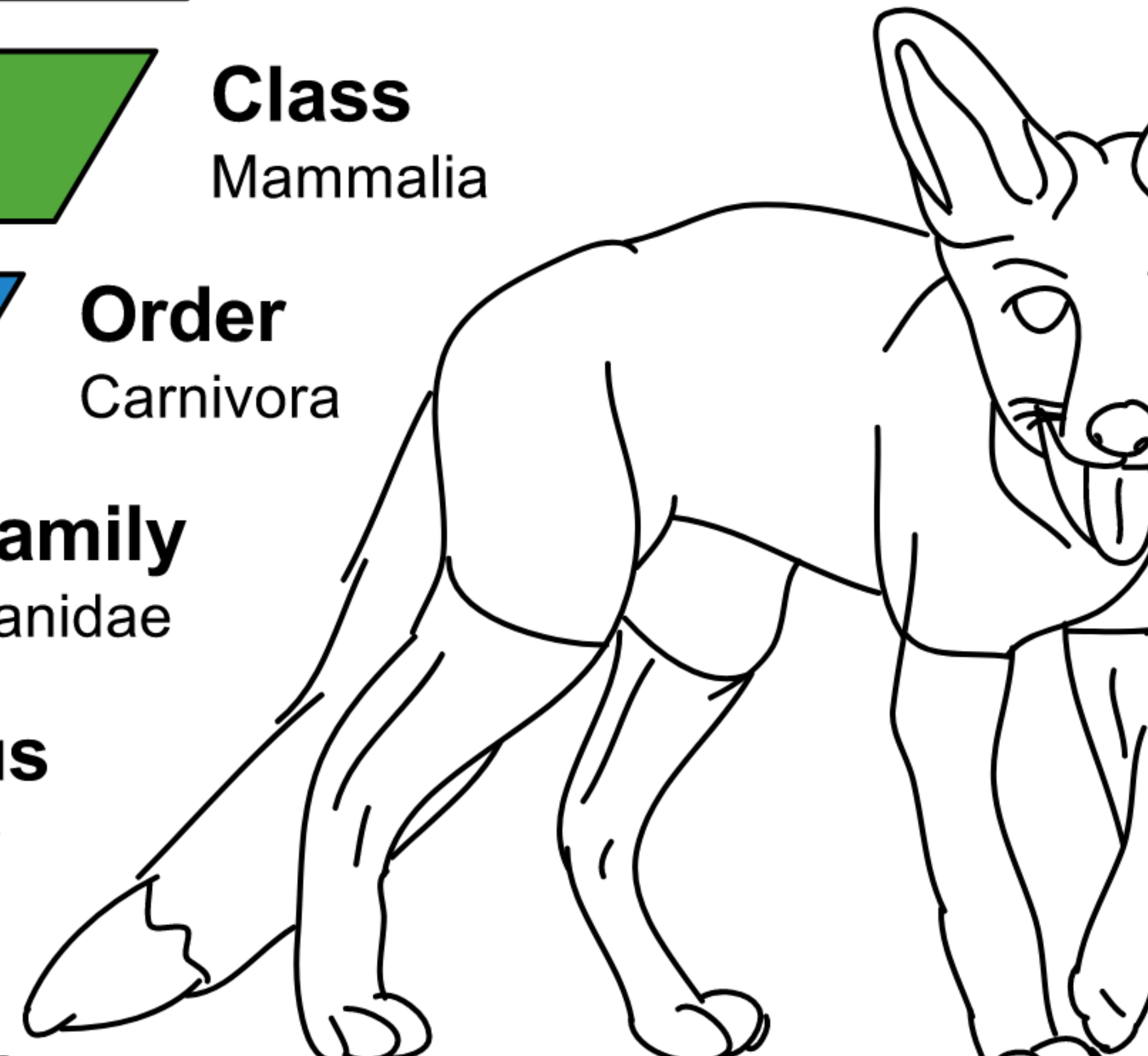


**Family**  
Canidae



**Genus**  
*Vulpes*

**Species**



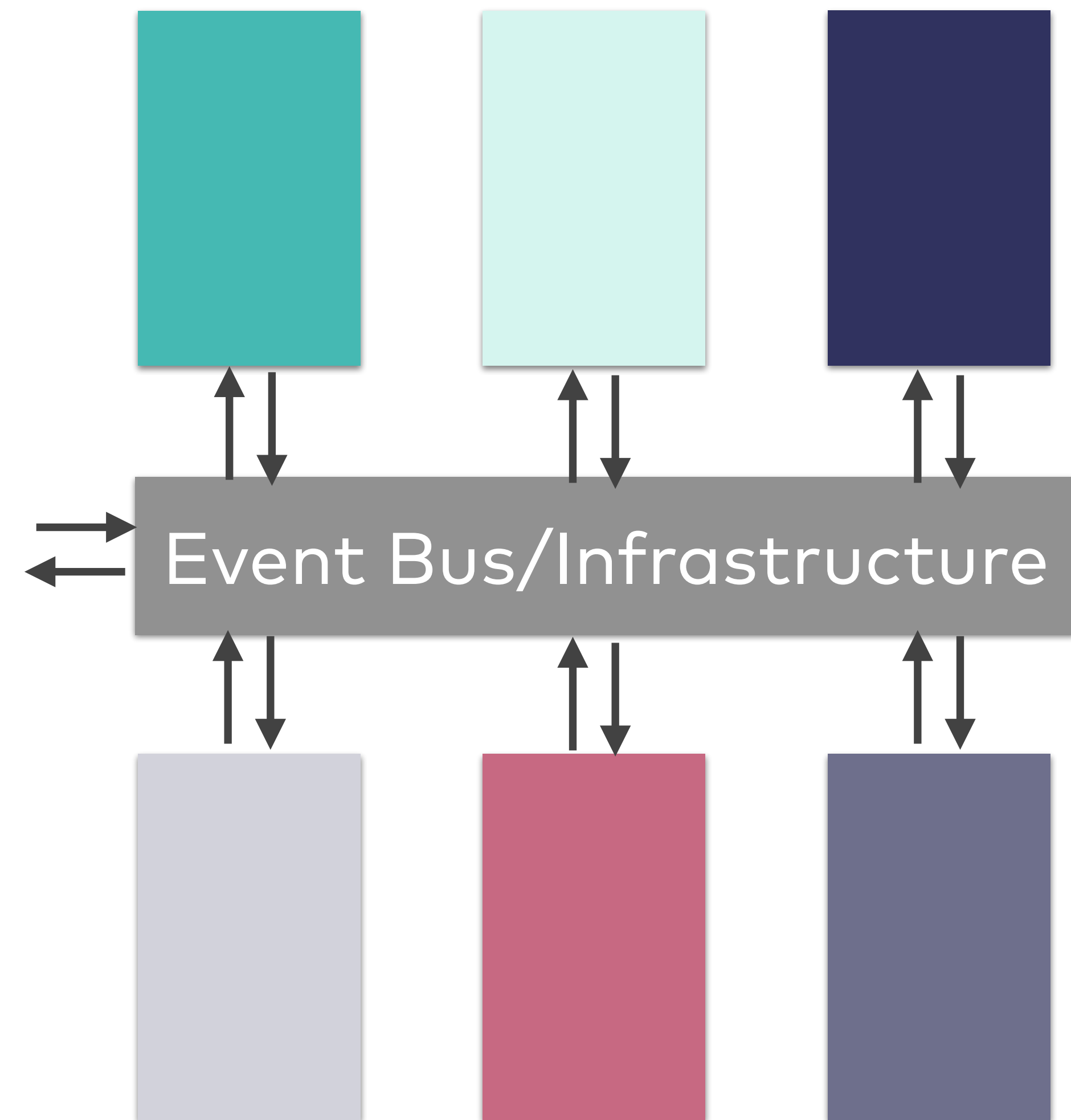
# Microservices – Common Traits

- **Focused on "one thing"**
- **Autonomous operation**
- **Isolated development**
- **Independent deployment**
- **Localized decisions**

# Example: Device Event Handling

- Incoming event validation
- Format transformation
- Fan-out event generation
- Aggregation
- Storage

→ FaaS





# **Pattern: FaaS (Function as a Service)**

## **Description:**

- **As small as possible**
- **A few hundred lines of code or less**
- **Triggered by events**
- **Communicating asynchronously**

## **As seen on:**

- **Any recent Fred George talk**
- **Serverless Architecture**
- **AWS Lambda**



# **Pattern: FaaS (Function as a Service)**

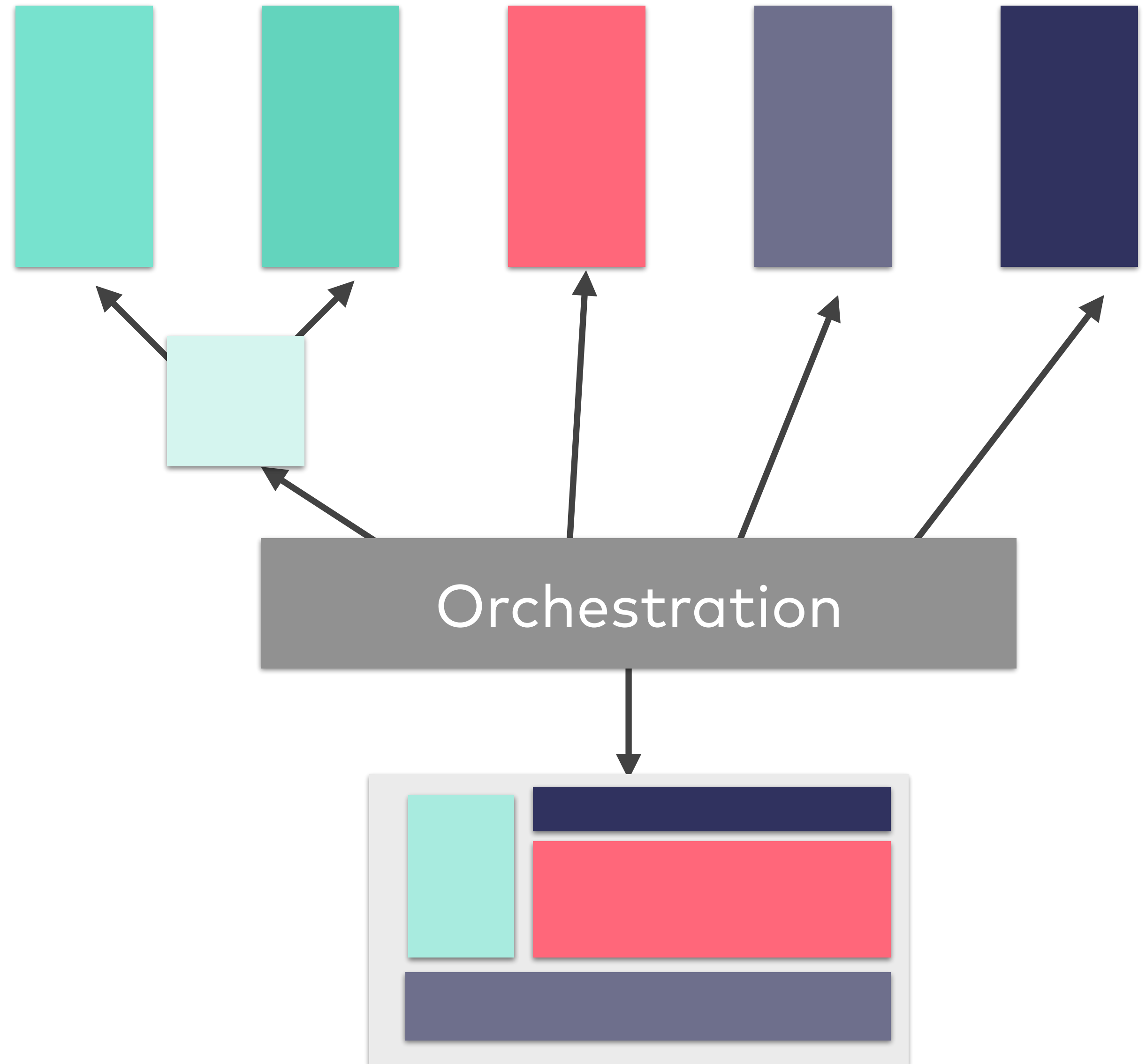
## **Consequences:**

- **Shared strong infrastructure dependency**
- **Common interfaces, multiple invocations**
- **Application logic in event handler configuration**
- **Emerging behavior (a.k.a. "what the hell just happened?")**
- **(Possibly) billed per request**
- **(Possibly) unpredictable response times**

# Example: Product Detail Page

- Core product data
- Prose description
- Images
- Reviews
- Related content

→  $\mu$ SOA



# Pattern: $\mu$ SOA (Microservice-SOA)

## Description:

- Small, self-hosted
- Communicating synchronously
- Cascaded/streaming
- Containerized

## As seen on:

- Netflix
- Twitter
- Gilt

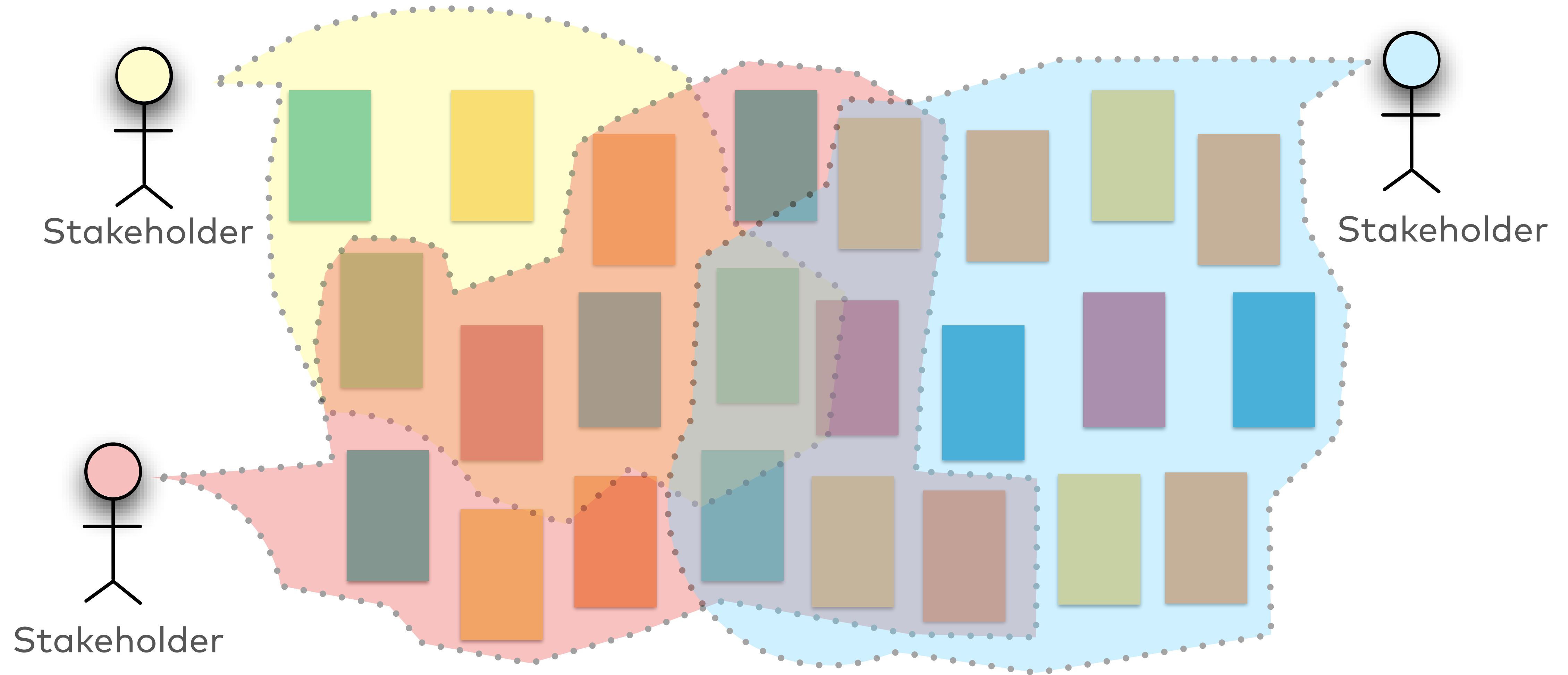


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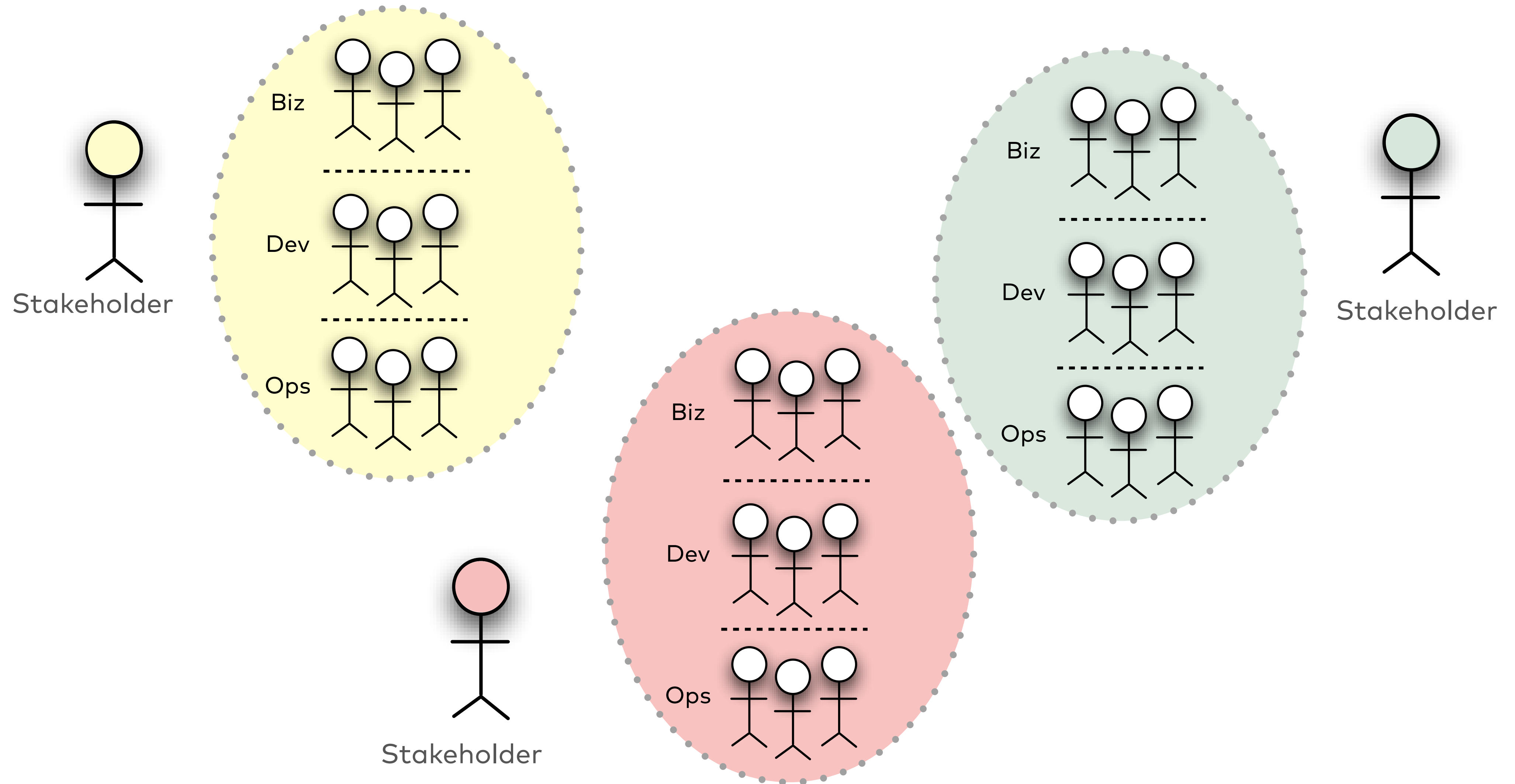
## **Consequences:**

- **Close collaboration – common goal**
- **Need for resilience/stability patterns for invocations**
- **High cost of coordination (versioning, compatibility, ...)**
- **High infrastructure demand**
- **Often combined with parallel/streaming approach**
- **Well suited to environments with extreme scalability requirements**

# Antipattern: Decoupling Illusion

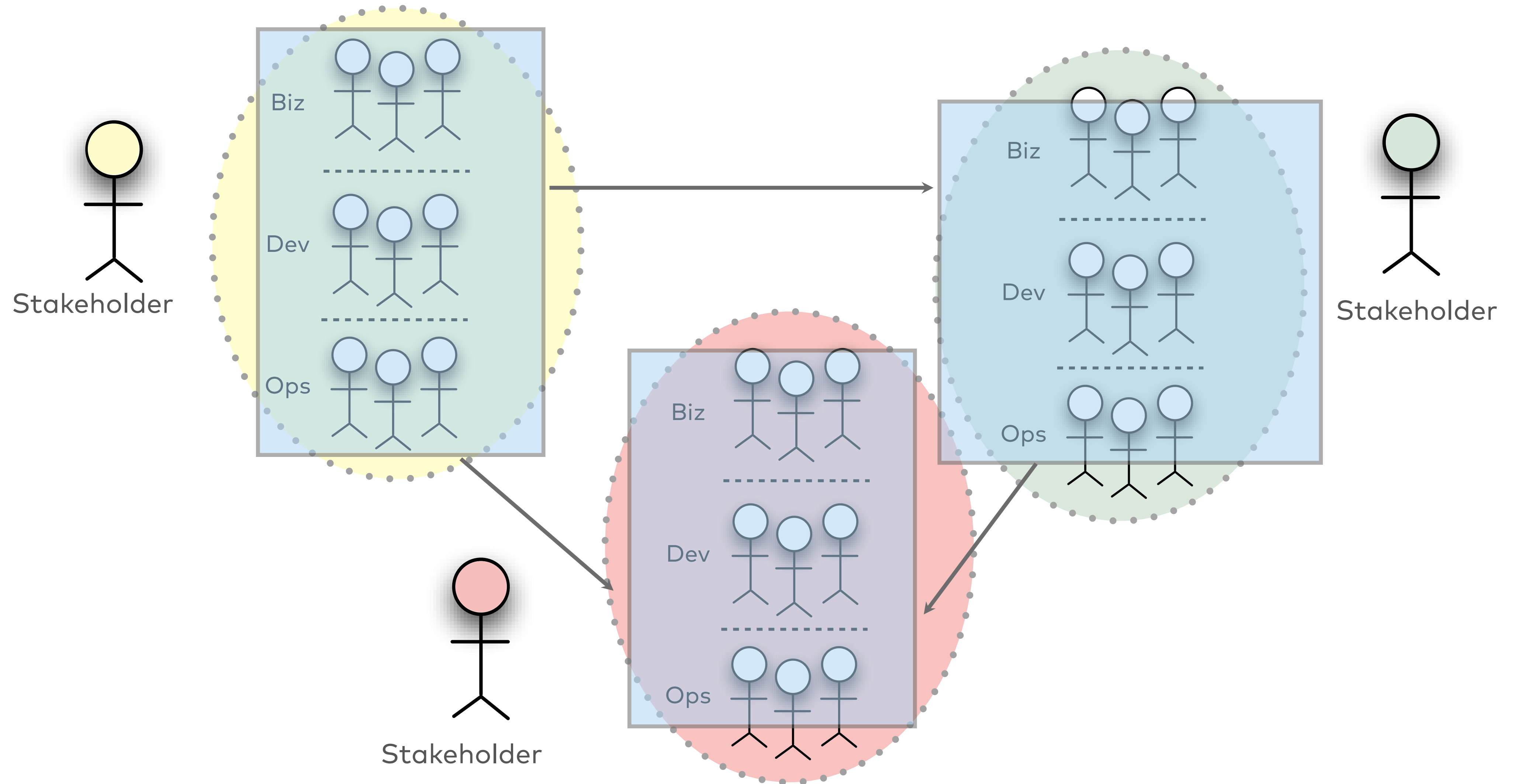


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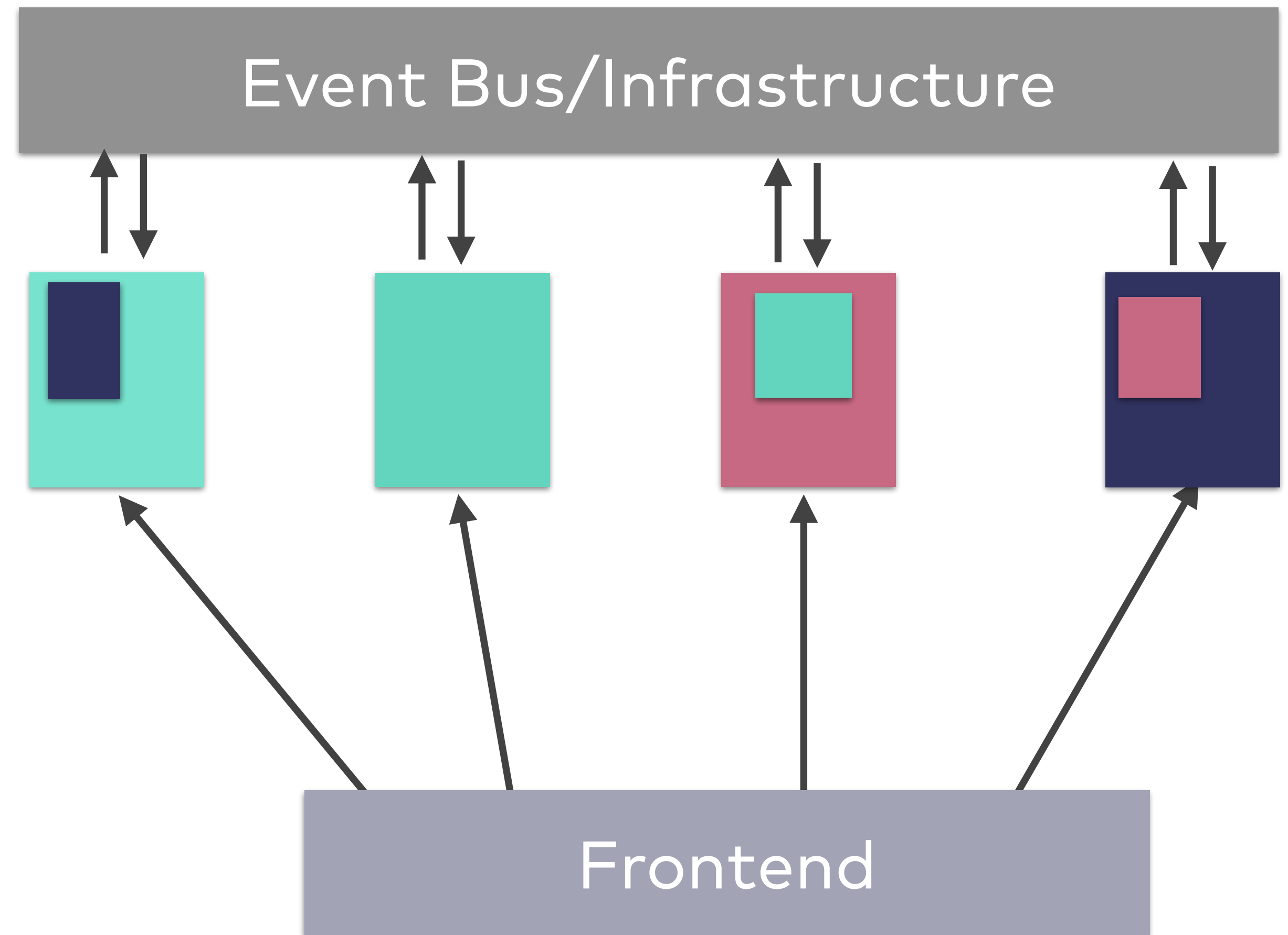




# Example: Logistics Application

- Order management
- Shipping
- Route planning
- Invoicing

→ DDDD



# Pattern: DDDD (Distributed Domain-driven Design)

## Description:

- Small, self-hosted
- Bounded contexts
- Redundant data/CQRS
- Business events
- Containerized

## As seen on:

- (undisclosed)

# **Pattern: DDDD (Distributed Domain-driven Design)**

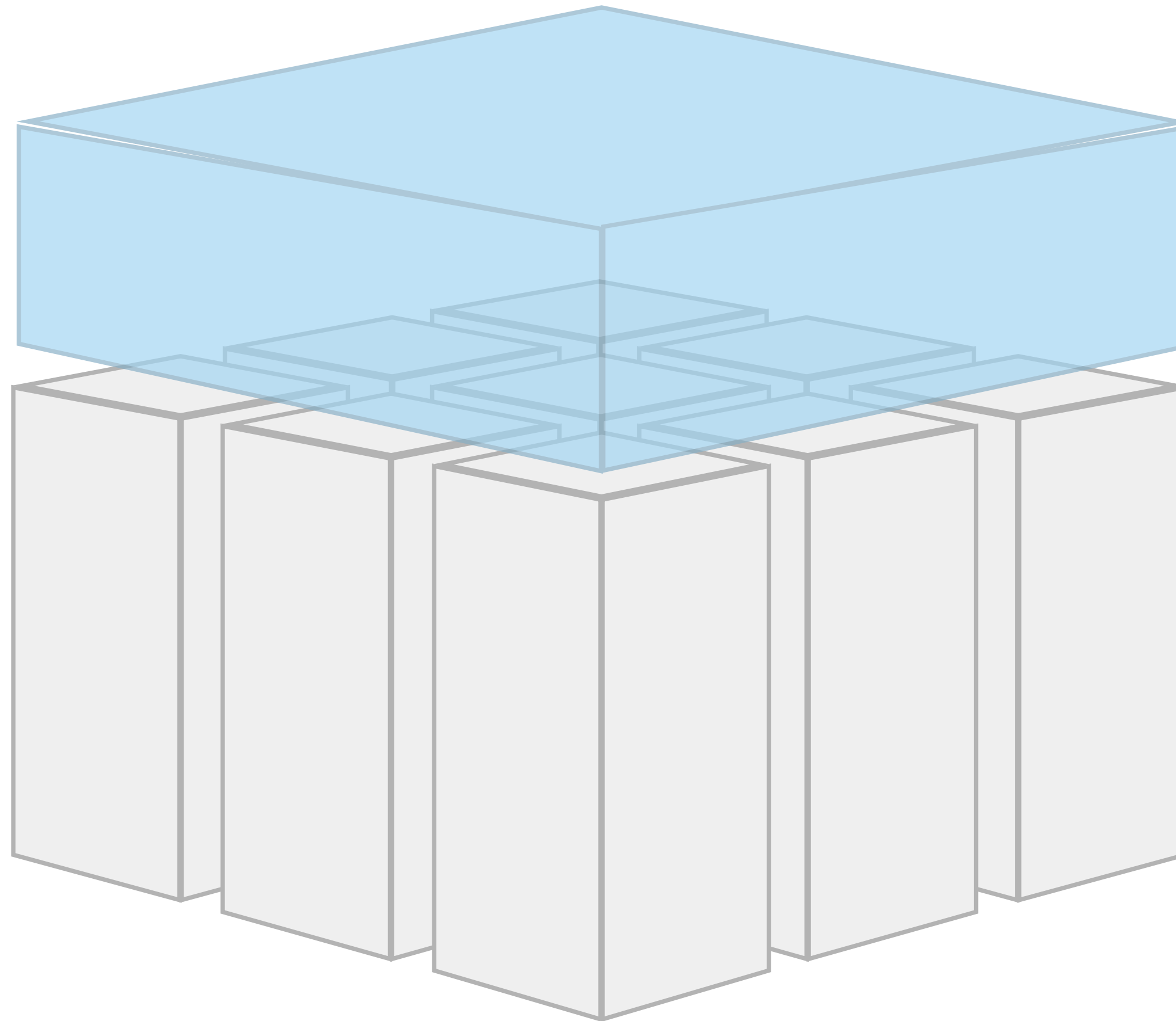
## **Consequences:**

- **Loose coupling between context**
- **Acknowledges separate evolution of contexts**
- **Asynchronicity increases stability**
- **Well-suited for to support parallel development**

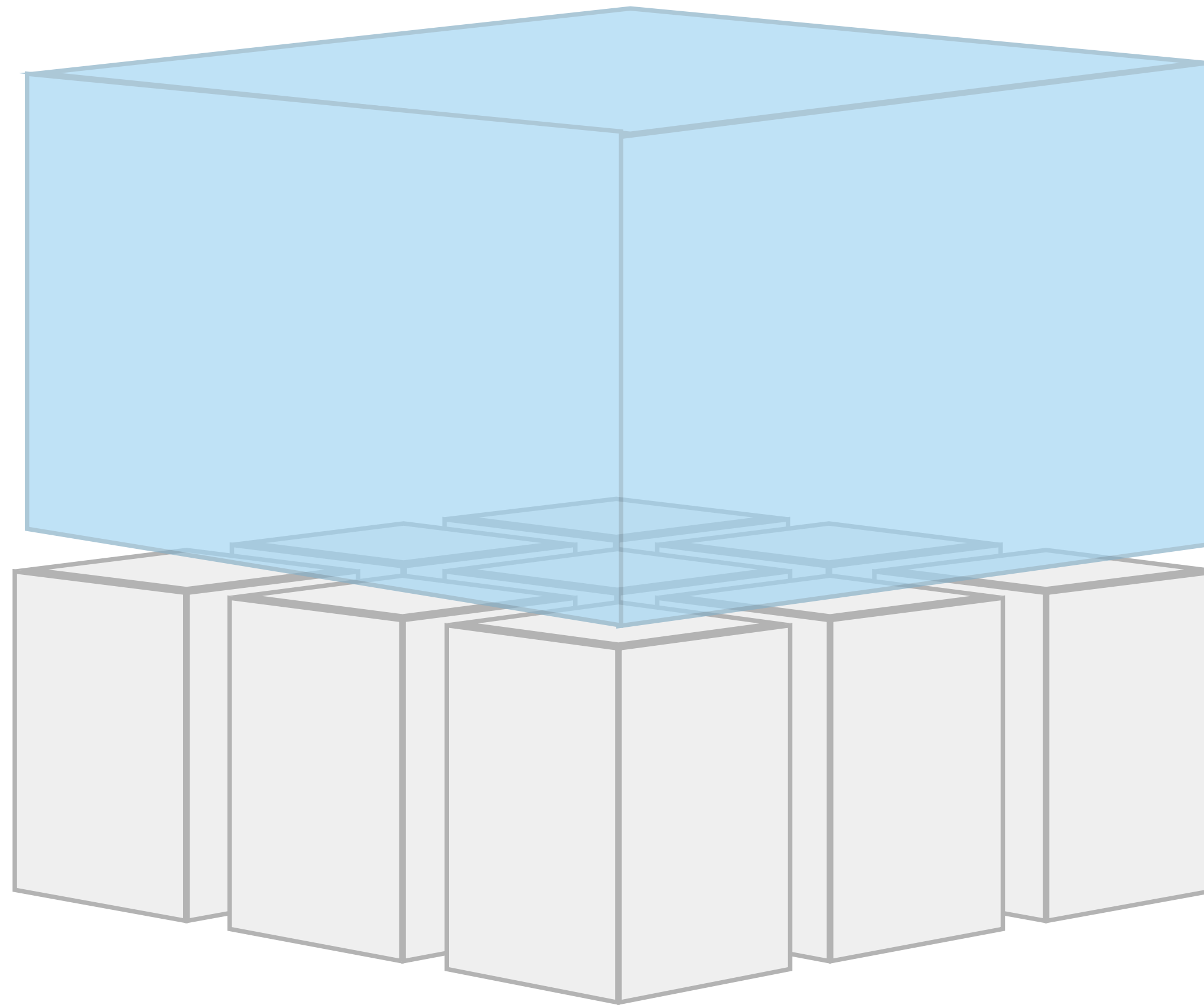


**That UI thing? Easy!**

# Assumption



# Reality – Antipattern: Frontend Monolith

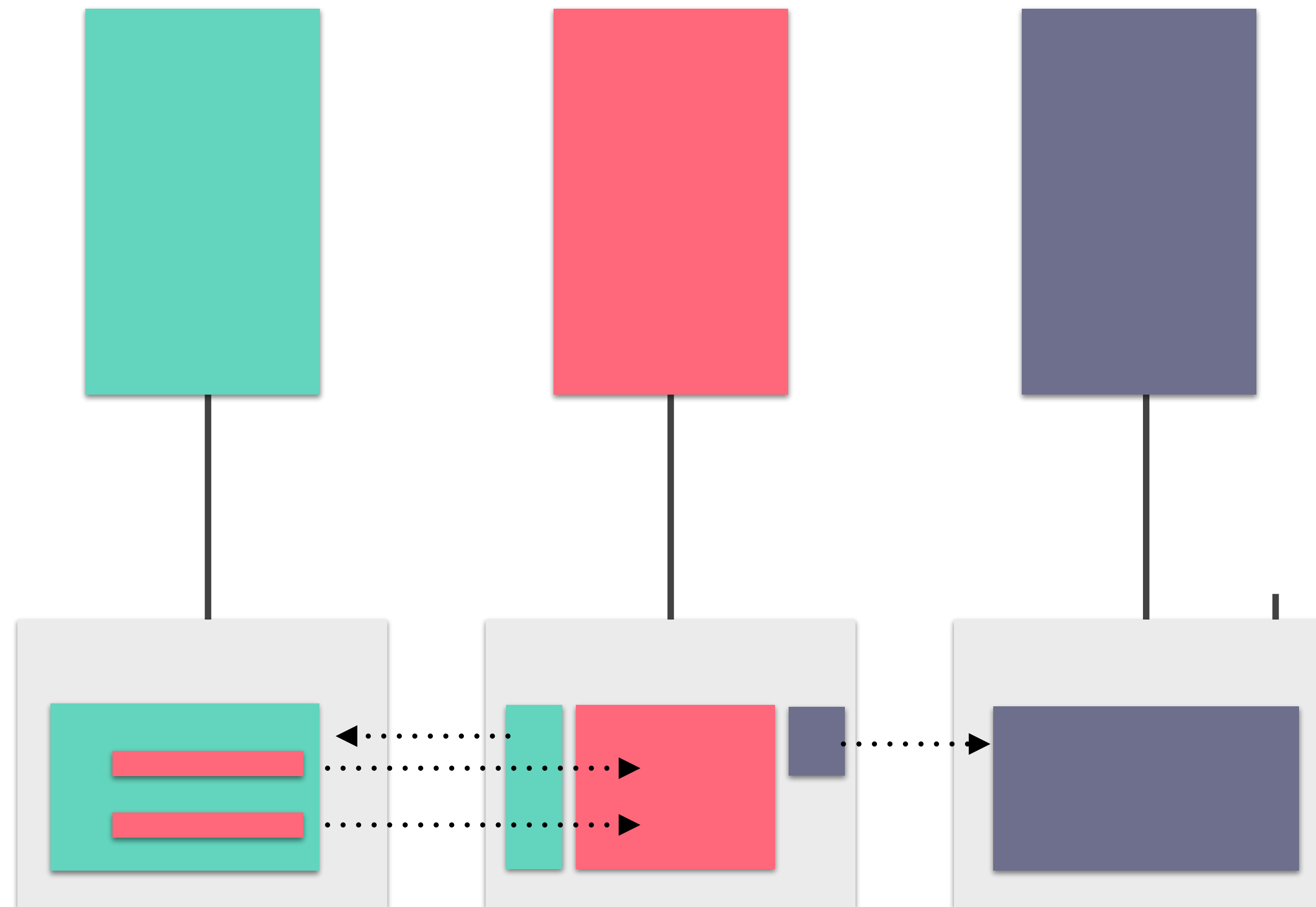




# Example: E-Commerce Site

- Register & maintain account
- Browse catalog
- See product details
- Checkout
- Track status

→ SCS



# Pattern: SCS (Self-contained Systems)

## Description:

- Self-contained, autonomous
- Including UI + DB
- Possibly composed of smaller microservices

## As seen on:

- Amazon
- Groupon
- Otto.de
- <https://scs-architecture.org>



# **Pattern: SCS (Self-contained Systems)**

## **Consequences:**

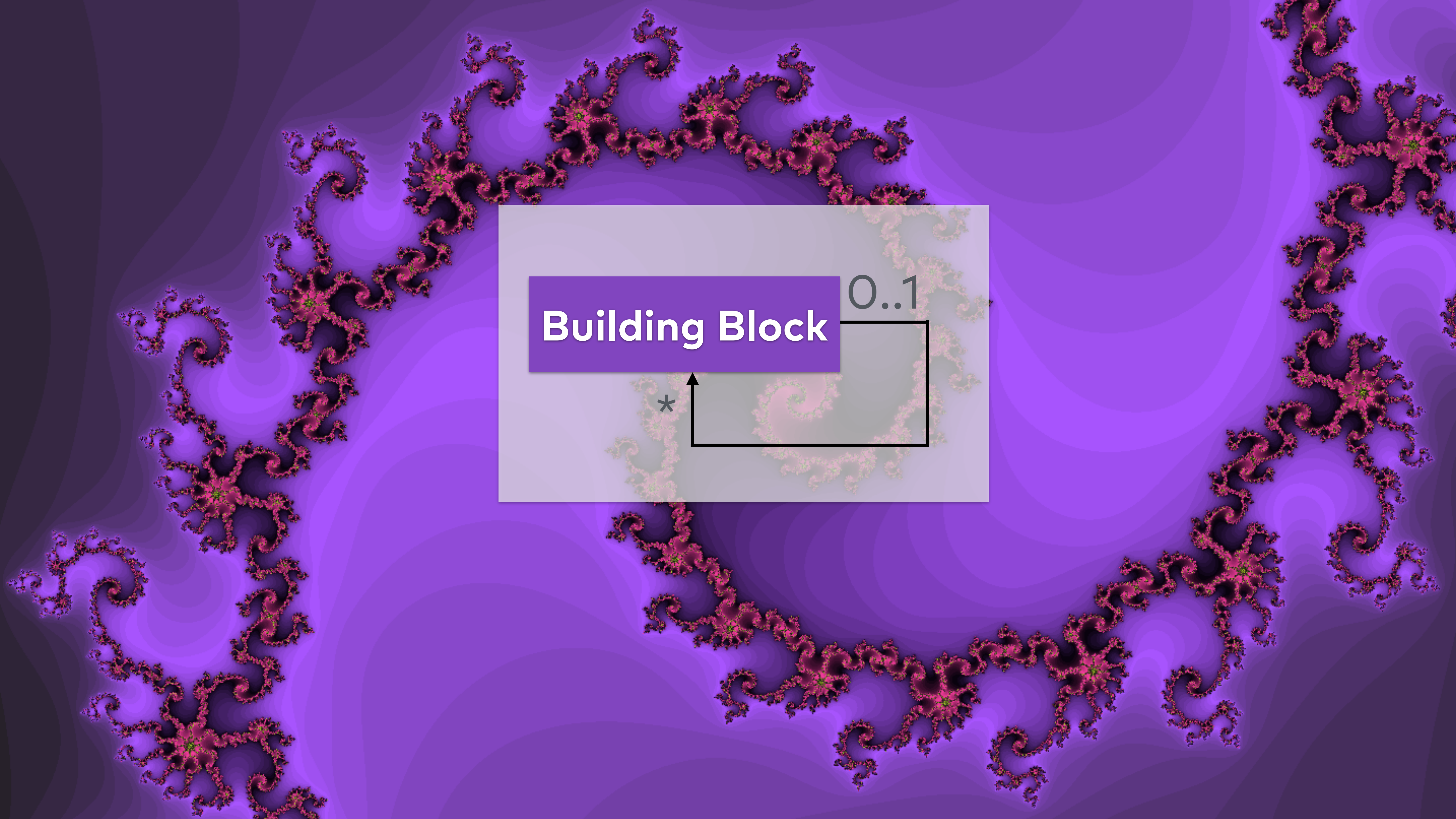
- **Larger, independent systems, including data + UI (if present)**
- **Able to autonomously serve requests**
- **Light-weight integration, ideally via front-end**
- **No extra infrastructure needed**
- **Well suited if goal is decoupling of development teams**



**Building Block**

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**One more thing ...**





**We love monoliths –  
so let's build a lot of them!**



**Separate  
separate  
things**

**Join things  
that belong  
together**

# That's all I have. Thanks for listening!

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