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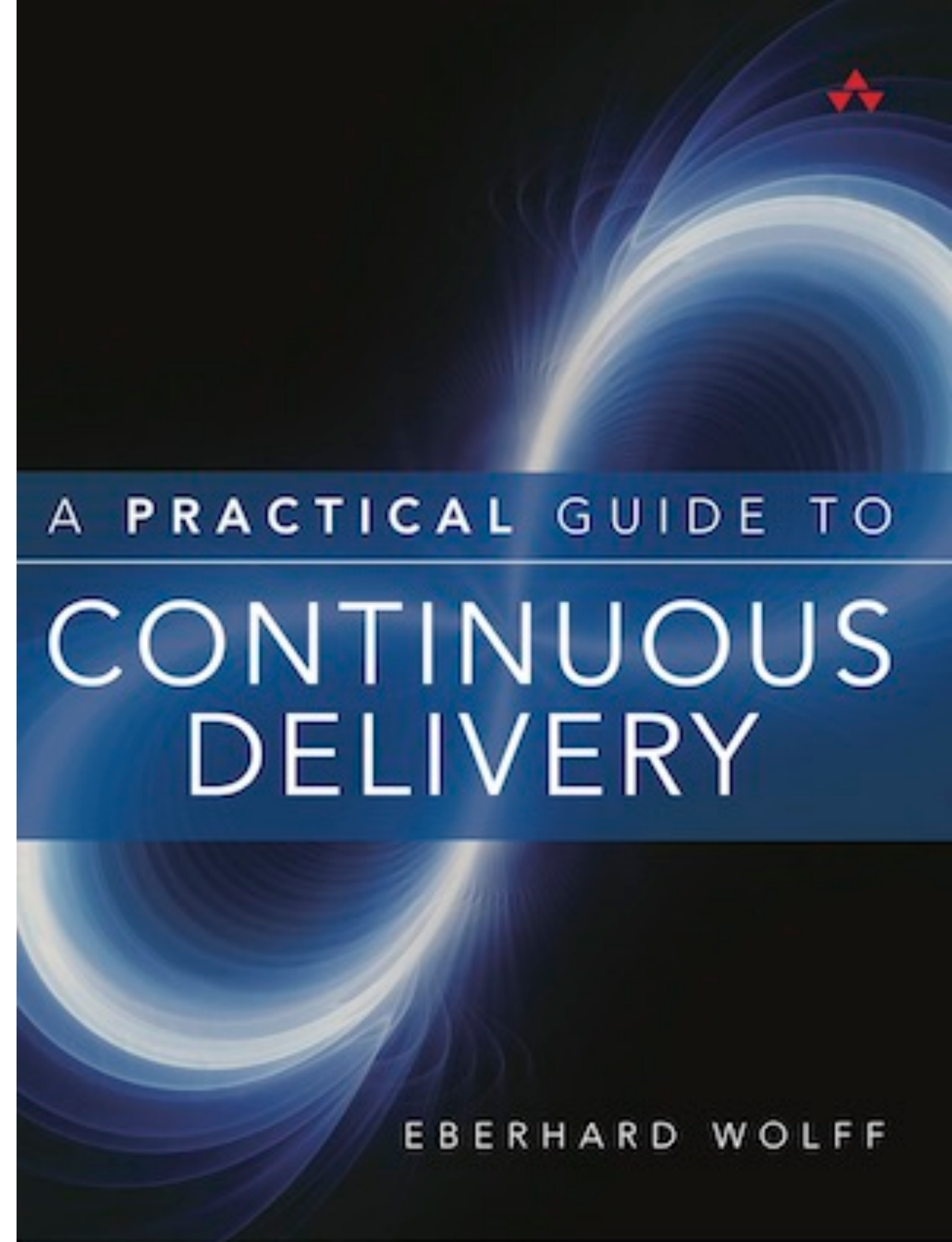
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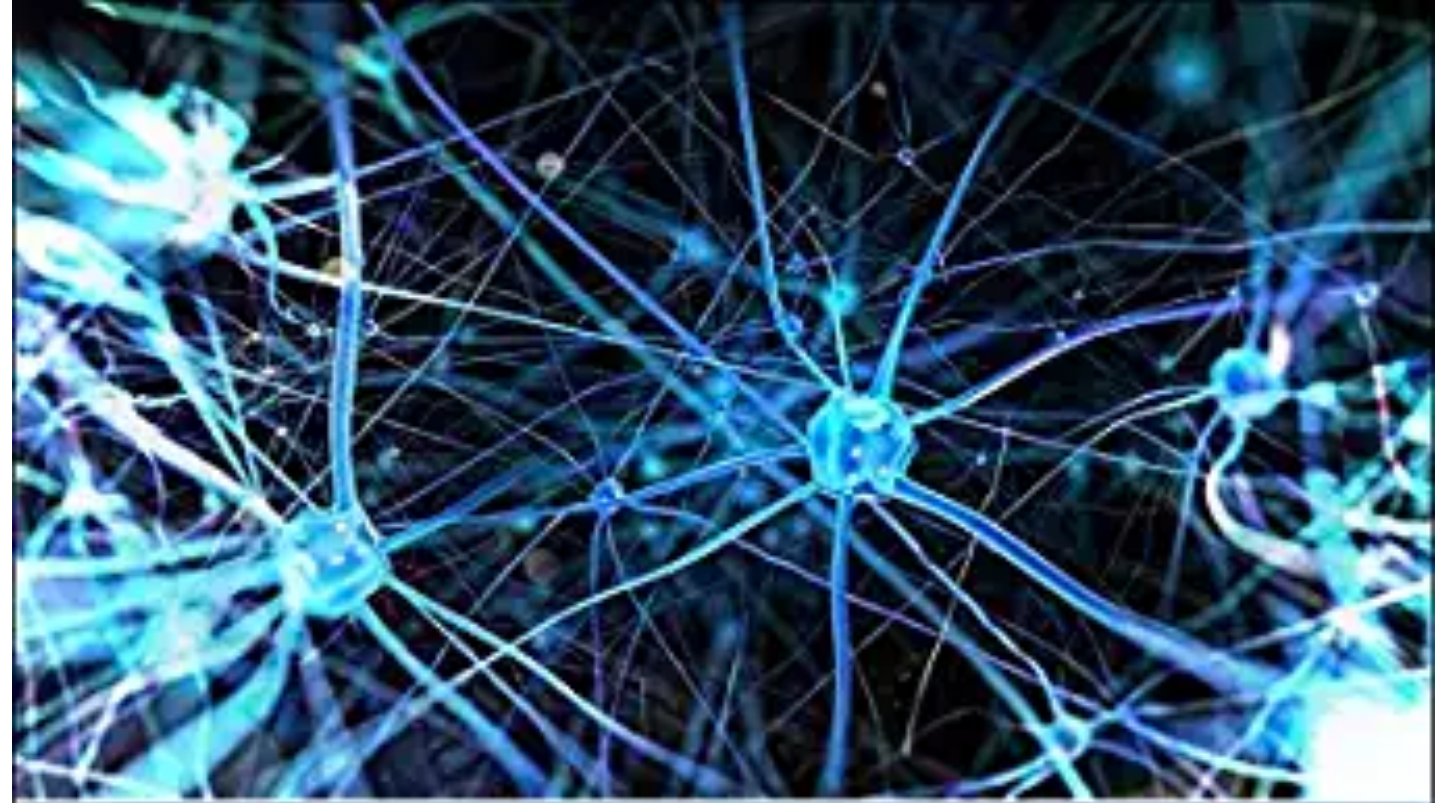
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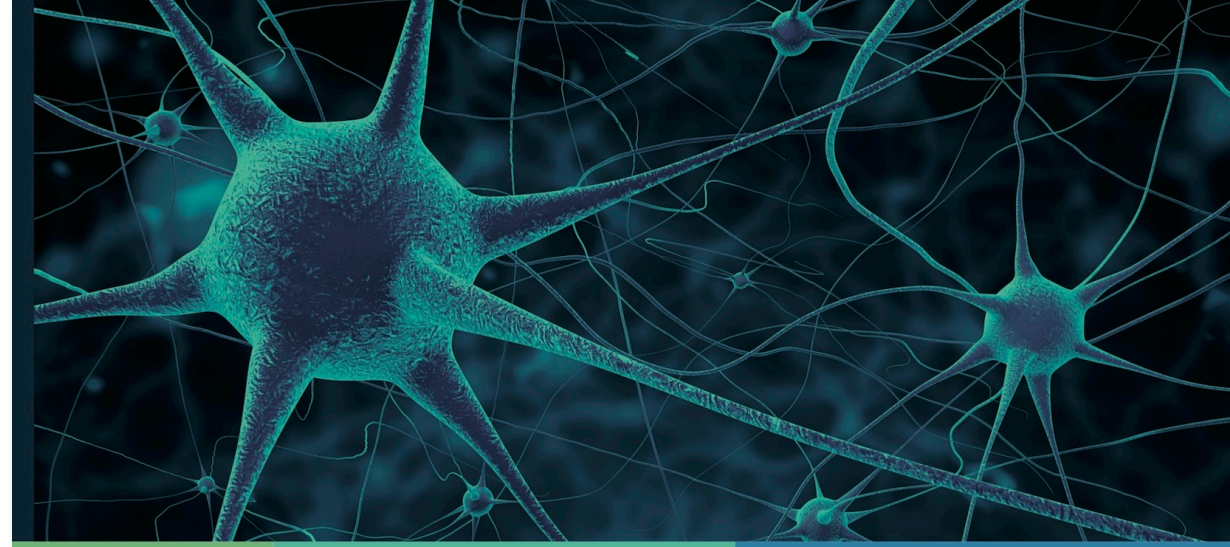


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# Microservices Primer

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# MICROSERVICES

## DIE ANDERE ART DER MODULARISIERUNG

### ARCHITEKTUR

Die Vor- und Nachteile  
von Microservices

### TECHNOLOGIEN

Serverlose Microservices  
mit Lambda

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Unternehmen verändern

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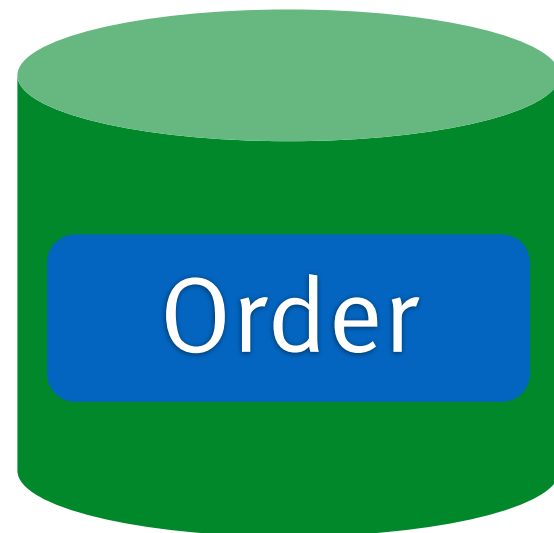
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# Classic Data Architecture

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- › Centralized databases
- › ...or services that provide data
- › Ensures consistency across systems
- › ...for data model
- › ...and updates to data
- › Reuse

# Classic Data Architecture



Who is using a  
centralized database?



Who likes the  
centralized database?

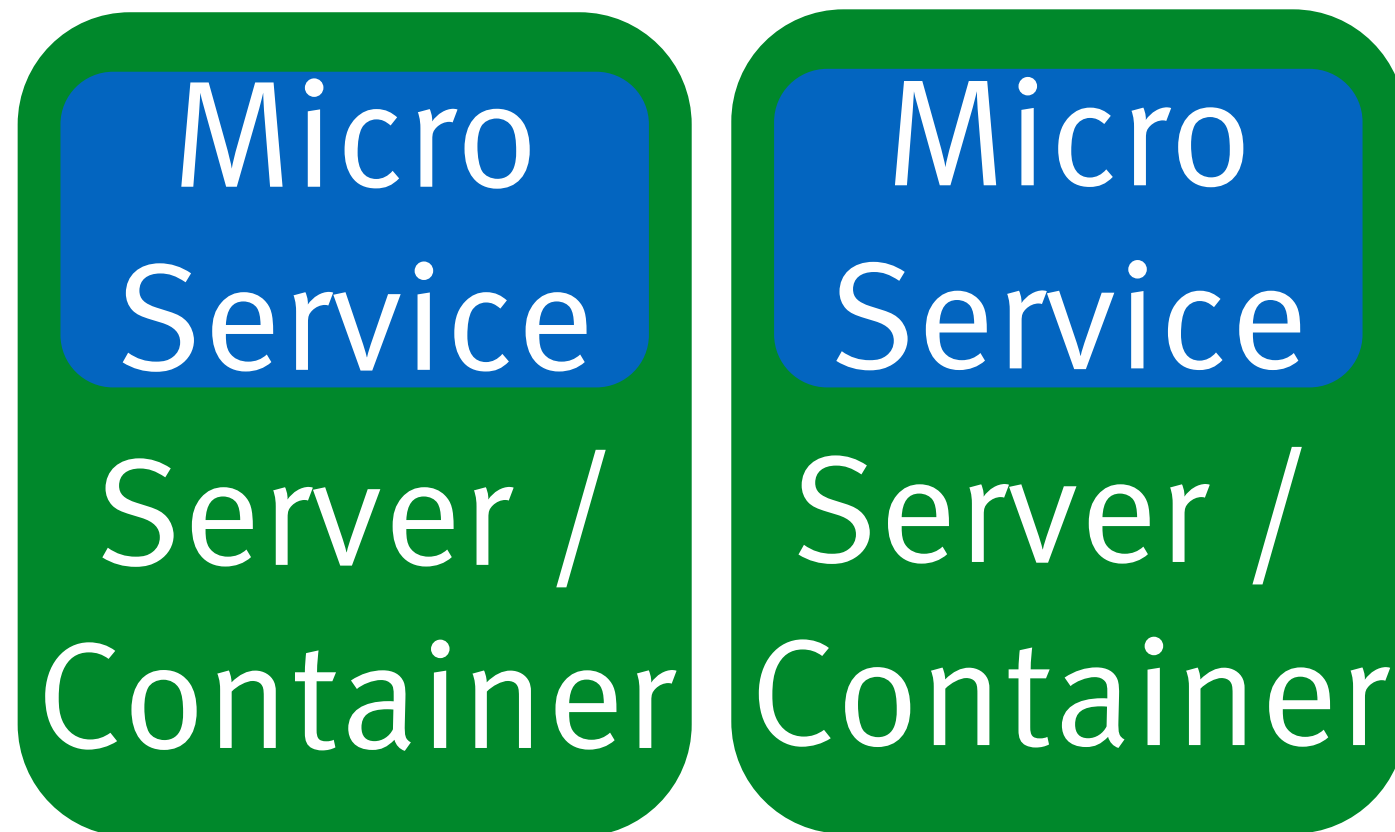
# Microservices: Definition

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- › No consistent definition
- › Microservices are modules
- › Independent deployment units
- › E.g. processes, Docker container
- › Microservice owned by one team

# Microservices: Definition


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# Why Microservices?

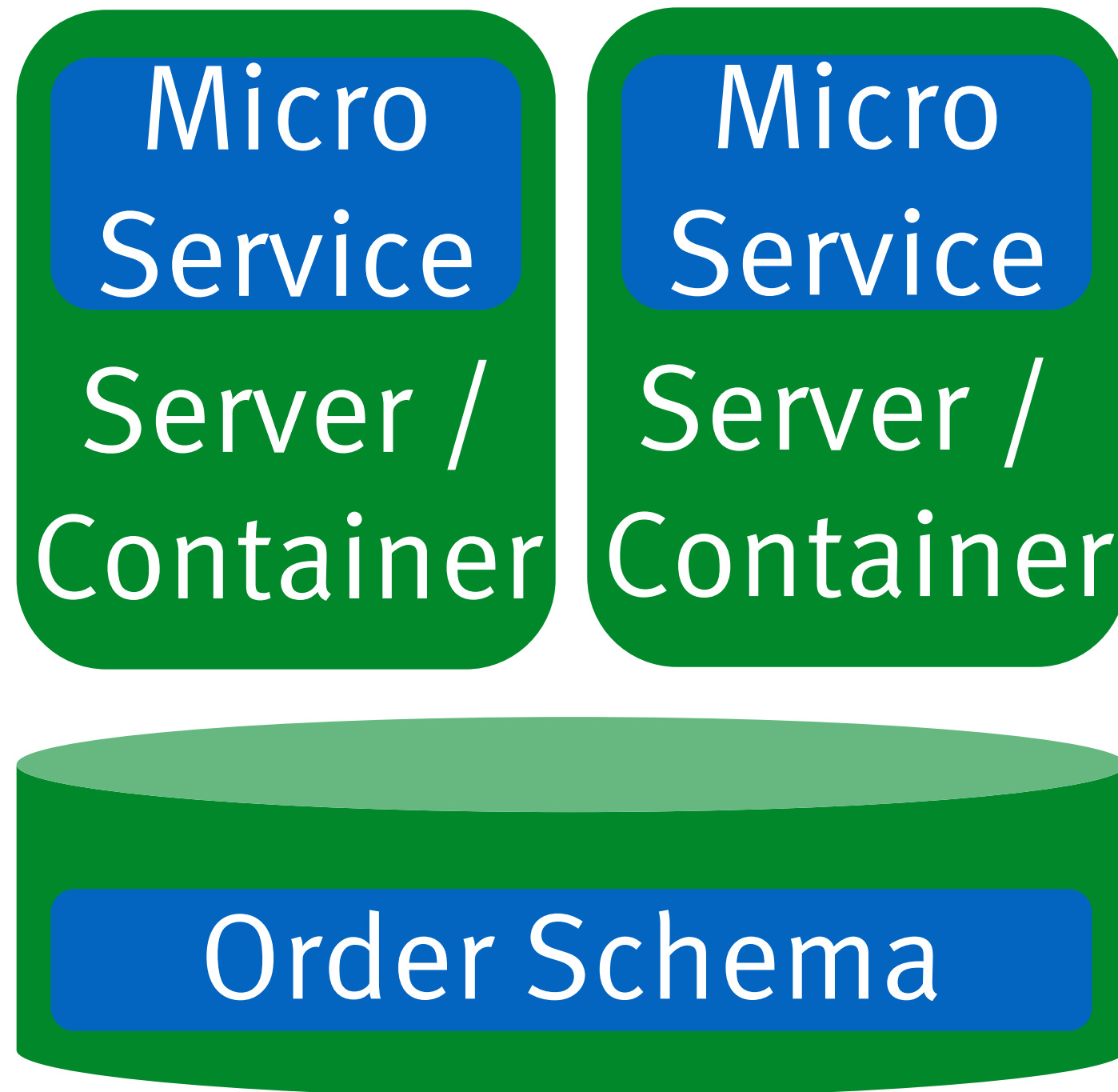
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- › Develop a feature
  - › ...bring it into production
  - › ...with no coordination
  - › Independent scaling
  - › Free choice of technology
  - › Robustness
  - › Security
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Microservices aim for  
decoupling

# Microservices & Data

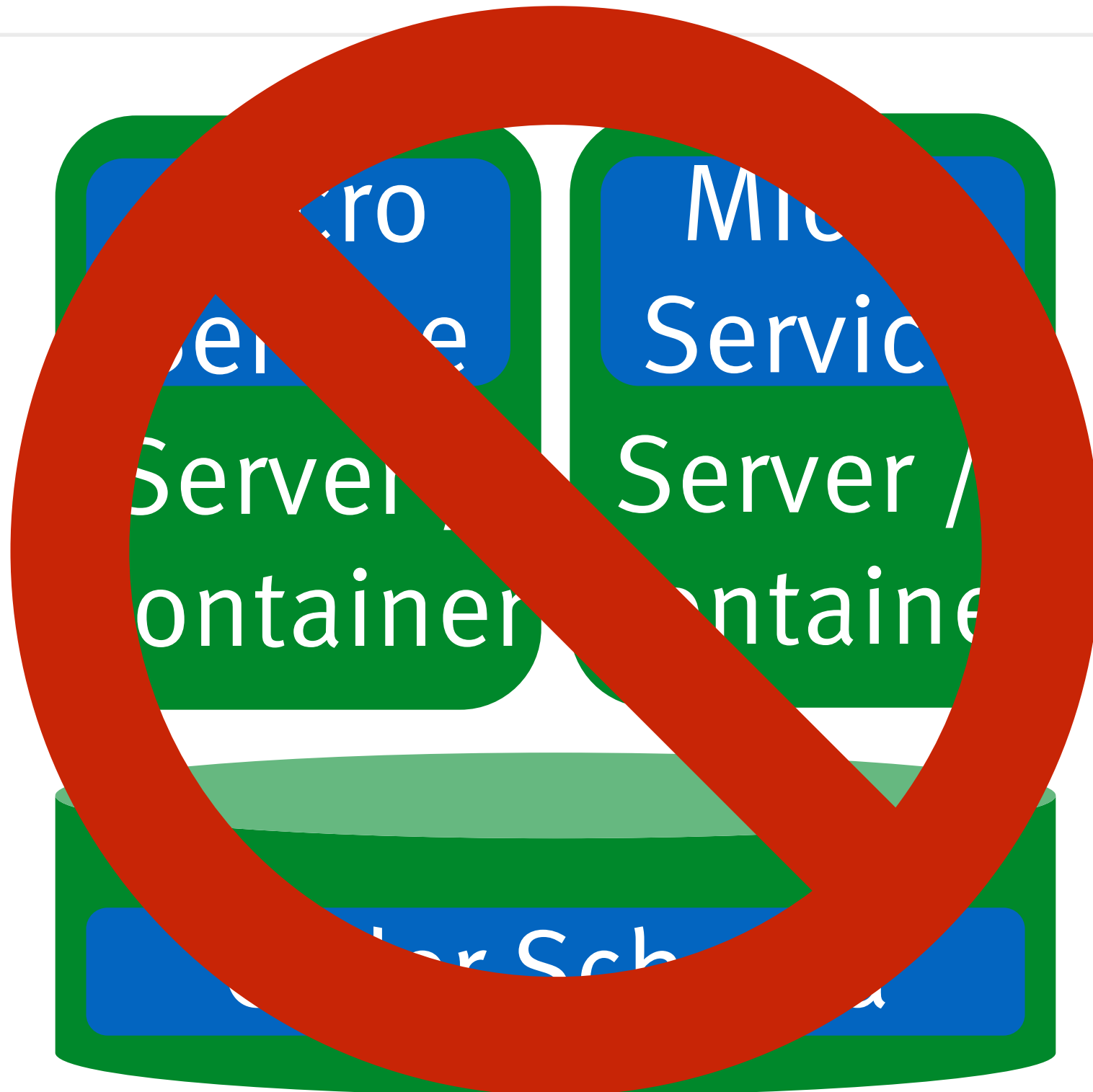
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# Microservices & Data

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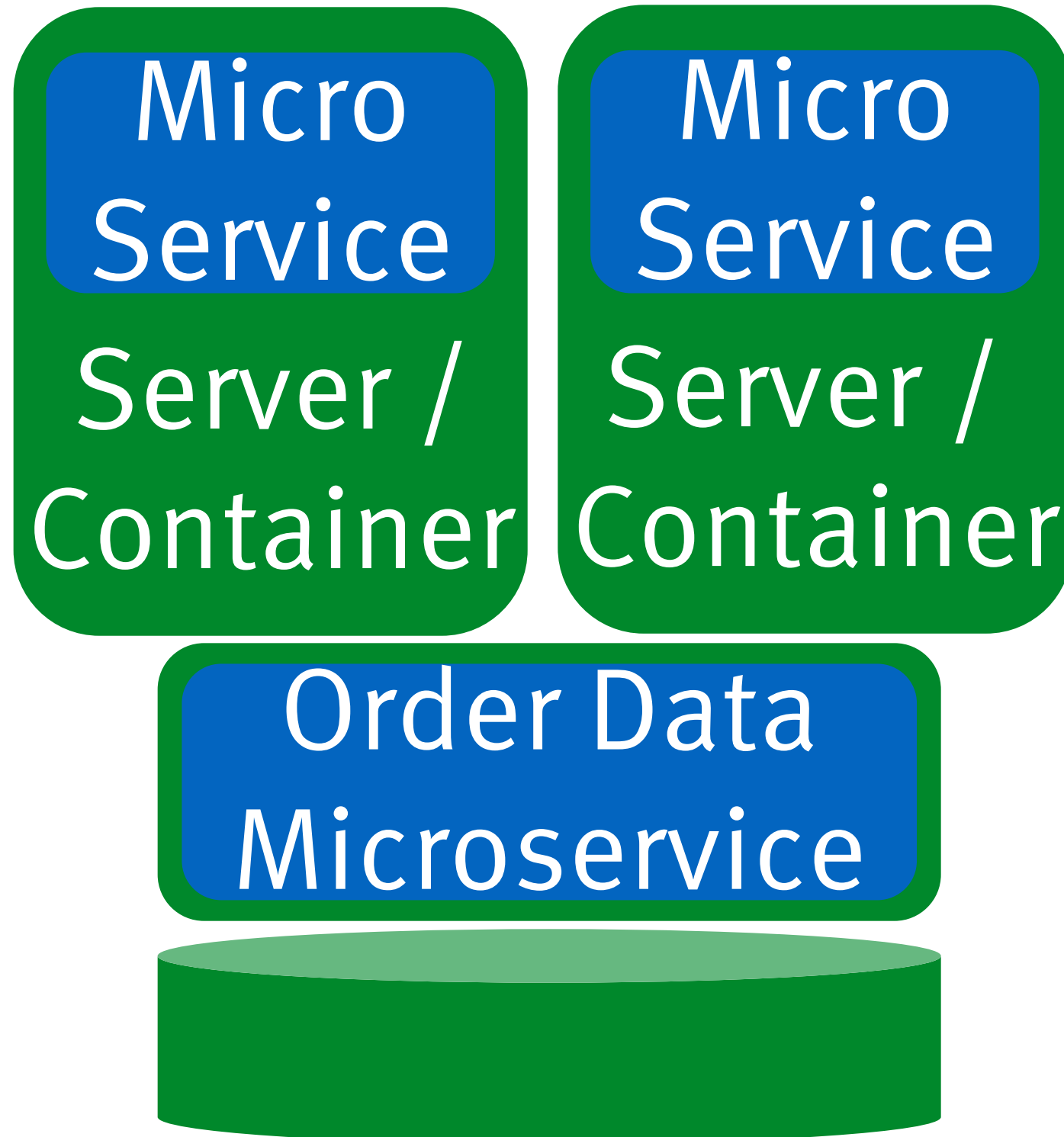


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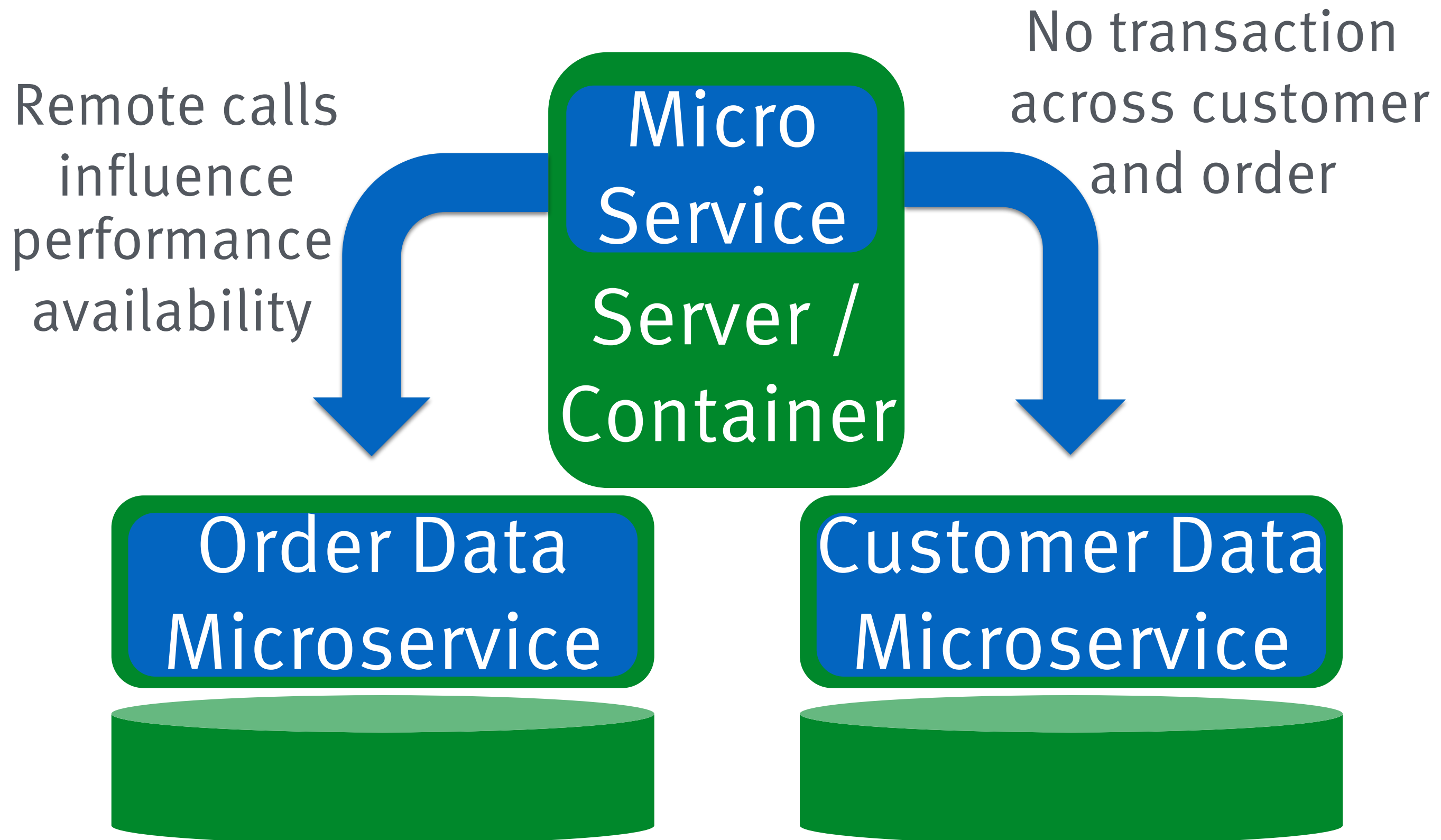
- › Decoupling for data, too
- › Separate data storage

# Data Microservices





# Data Microservices



# Data Microservice

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- › Change two microservices if new feature requires change to data schema
- › Transactions?
- › But: data in one place
- › No consistency issues

Data microservice  
limits decoupling.

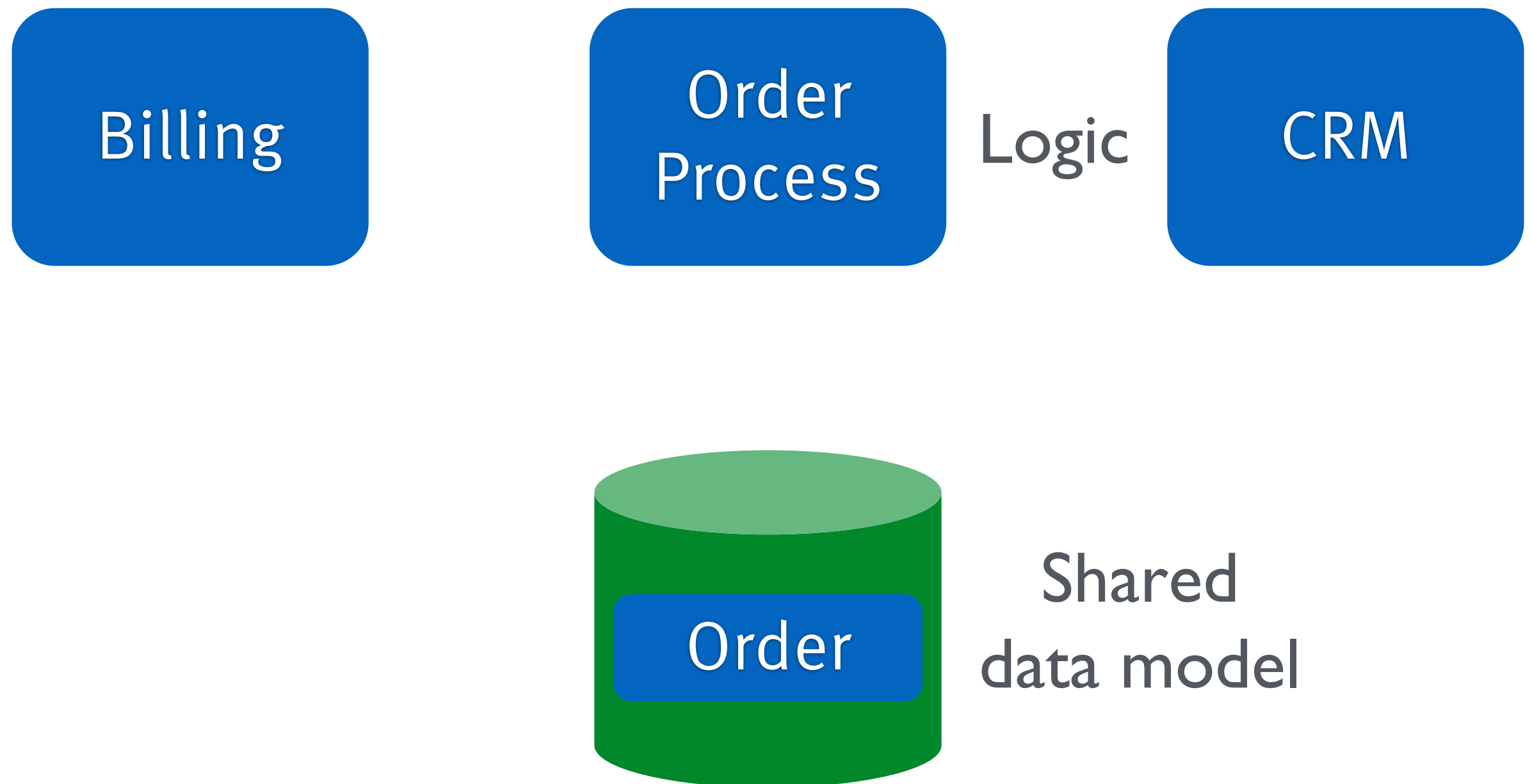
# Encapsulation

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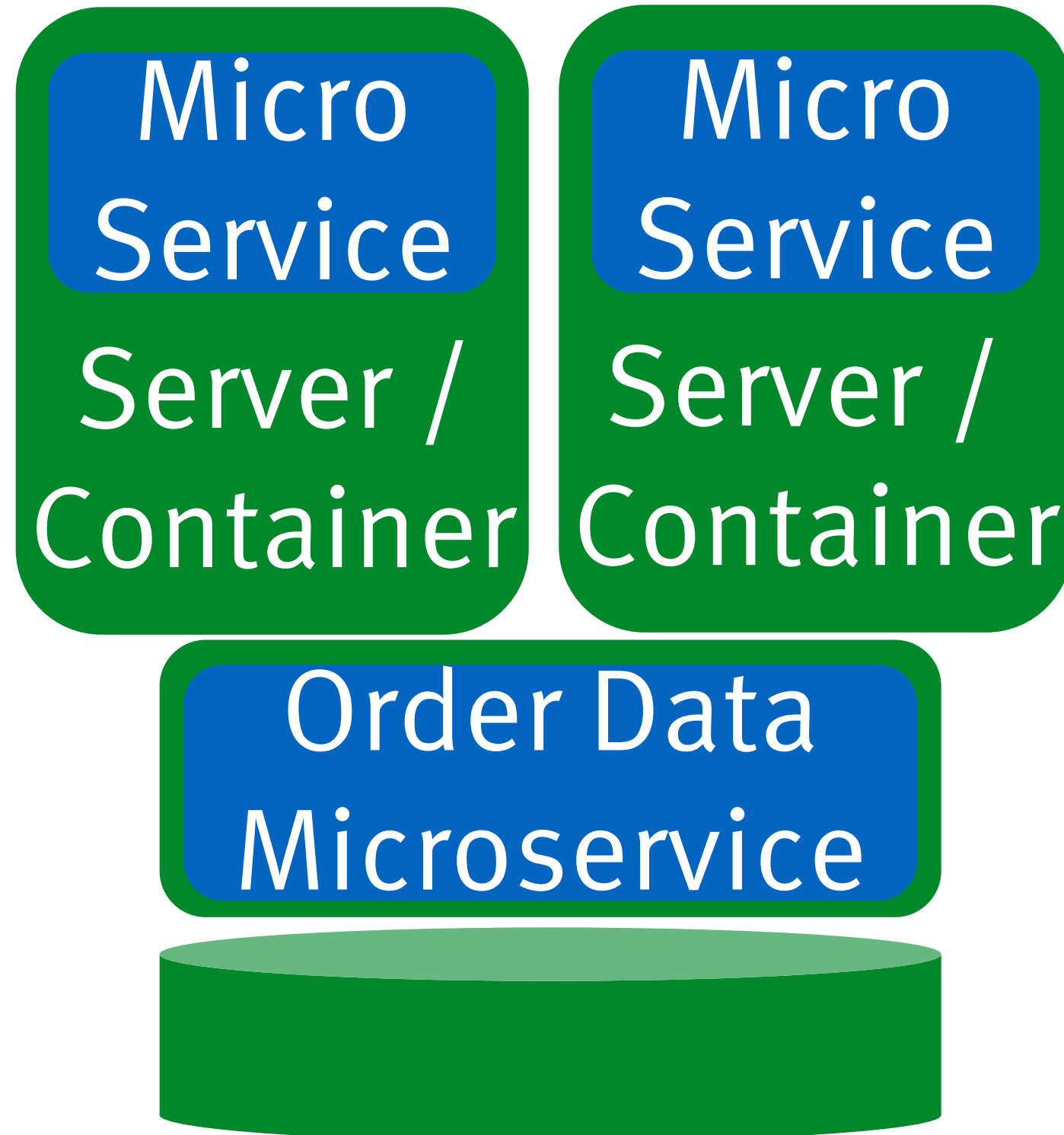
- › Information hiding
- › Hide the internal data structure
- › Provide access only through a well defined interface
- › Data and databases should not be exported



# Violates Encapsulation



# Violates Encapsulation

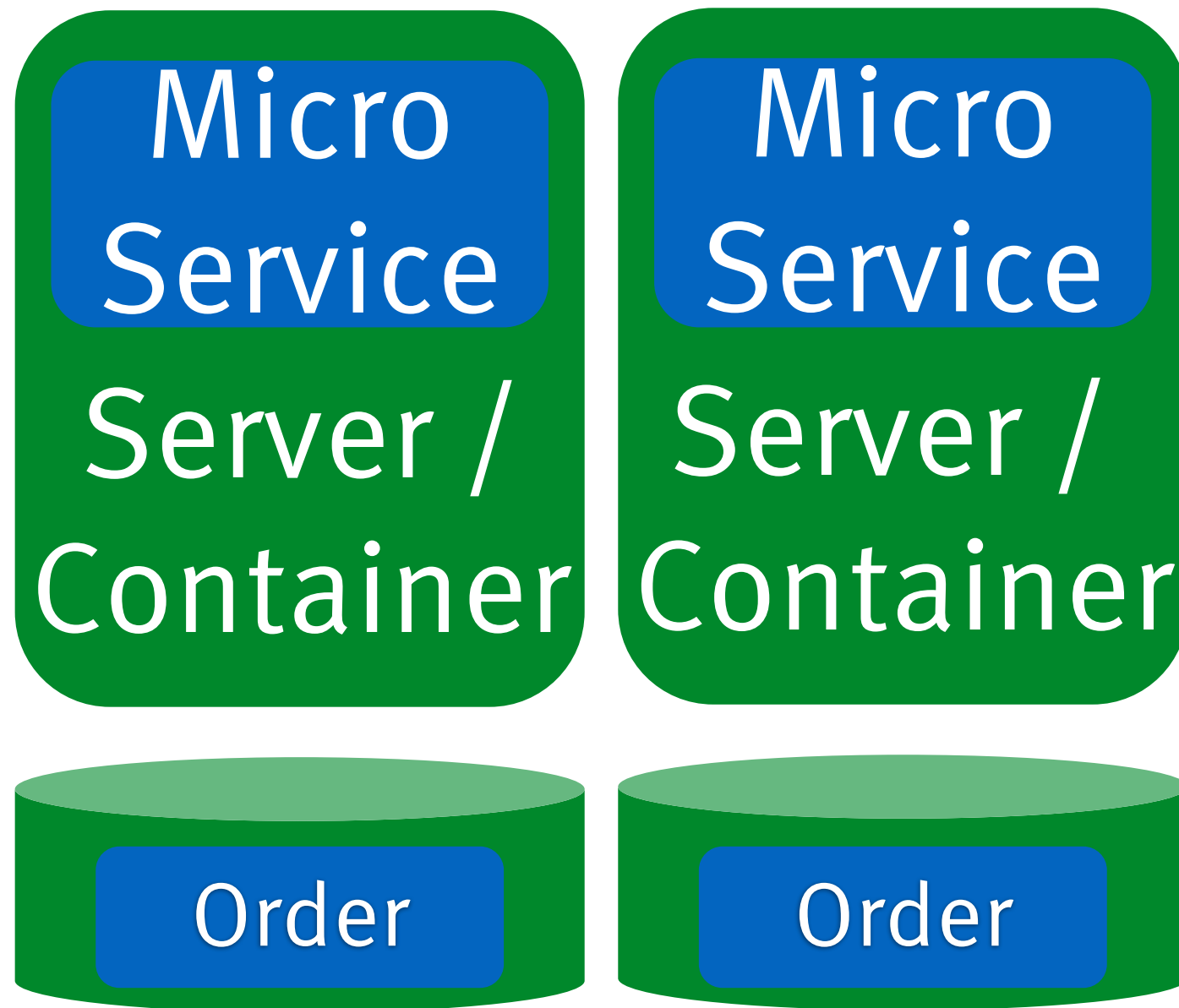


Logic

Shared  
data model

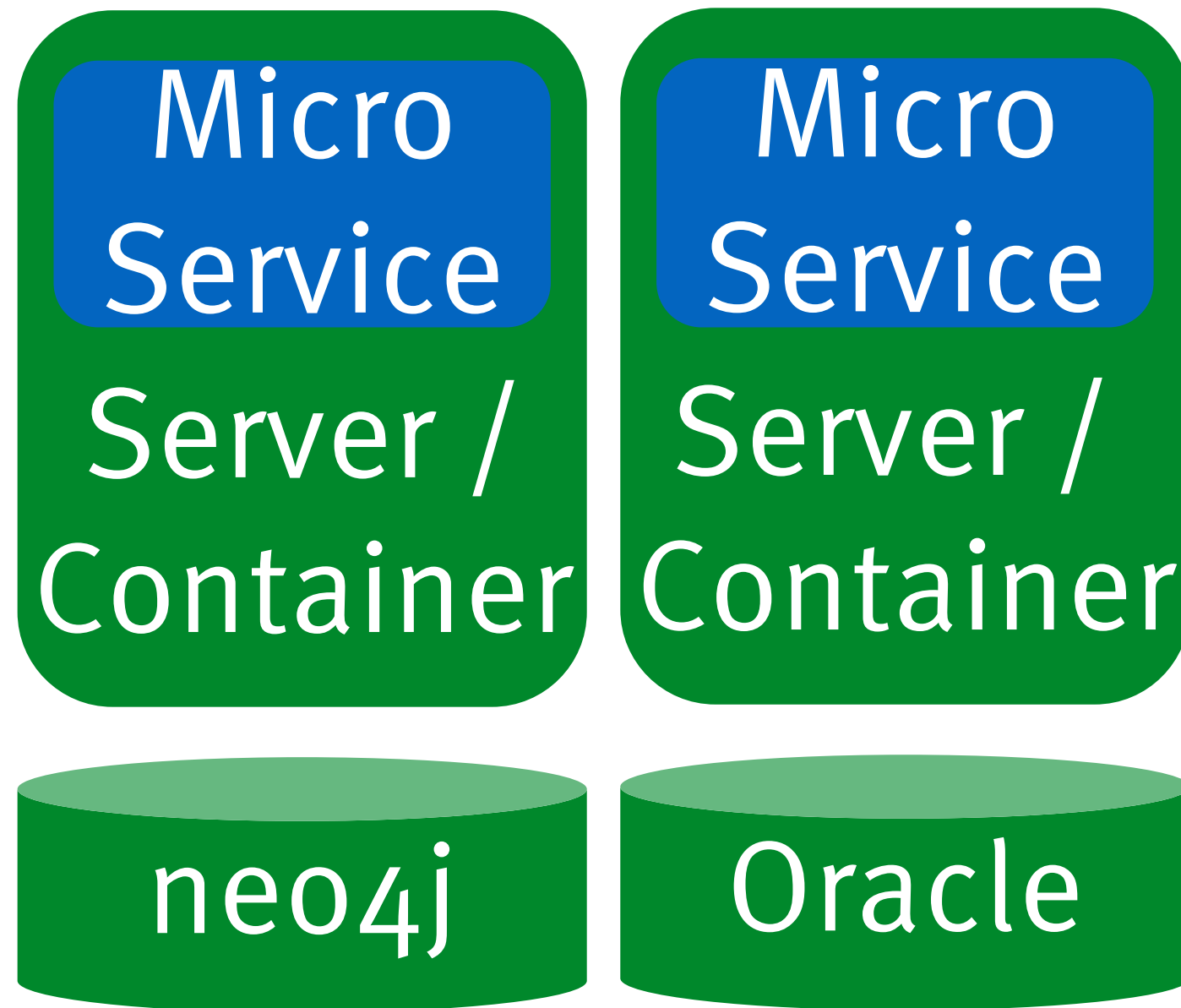
# Separate Databases

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# Different Databases

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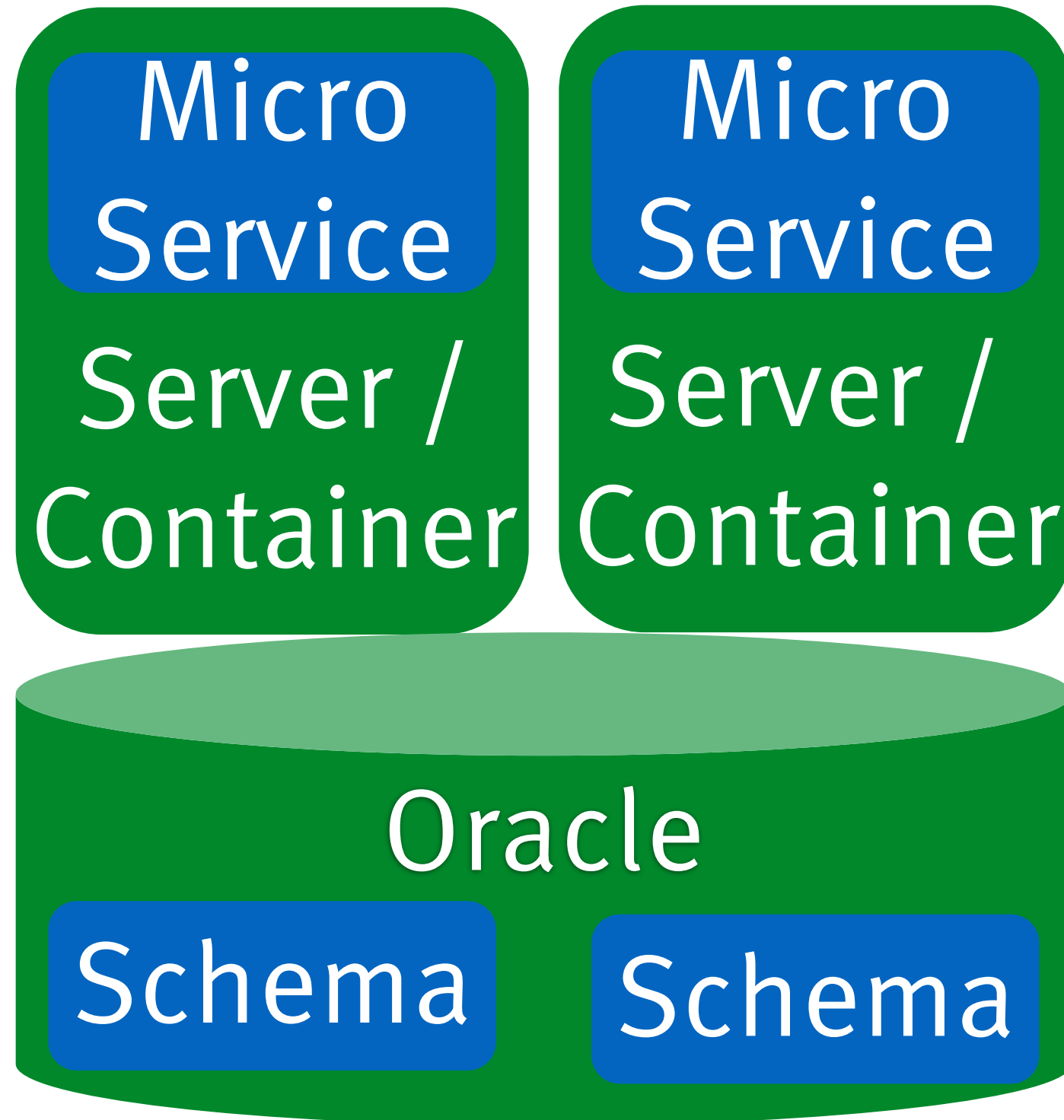
# Different Databases

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- › “Polyglot persistence”
- › Use the best tool for the job
- › Technology freedom
  - advantage of microservices
- › ...but extra effort
- › Backup, disaster recovery etc.
- › Not as easy as e.g. different frameworks

# Separate Schema

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# Separate Schemas

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- › Less effort
- › Decoupled data models
- › ...but limited independent scaling and robustness

Billing

Order  
Process

CRM

Order

Order

Order

Redundancy!!!

# THE END IS

# NEAR





**WHAT IF I TOLD  
YOU**

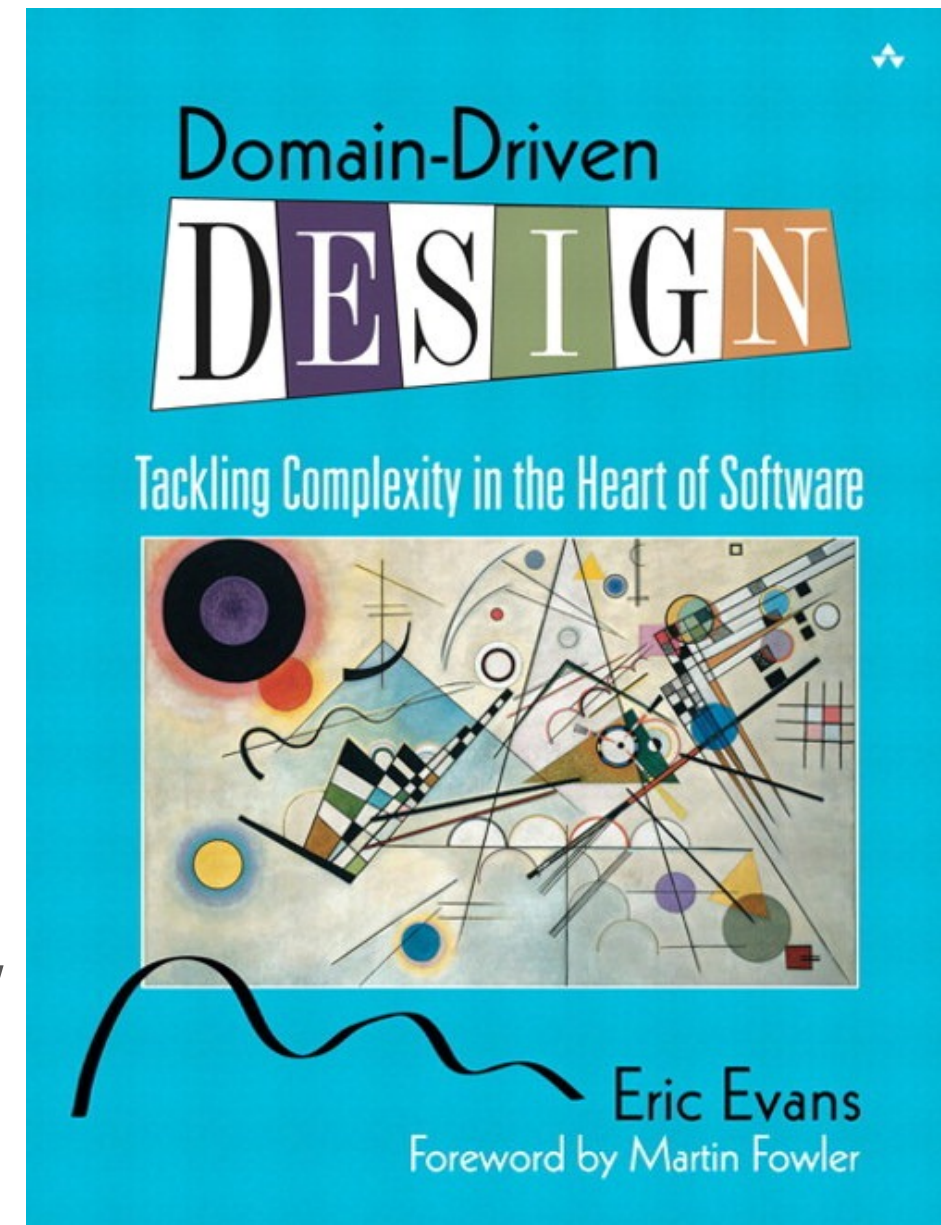
**THERE IS NO REDUNDANT DATA  
HERE?**

# Domain-driven Design

# Domain-driven Design

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- › 2004
- › Still very relevant
- › By Eric Evans
- › Focus on part IV
- › Free reference:  
<http://domainlanguage.com/dd/reference/>

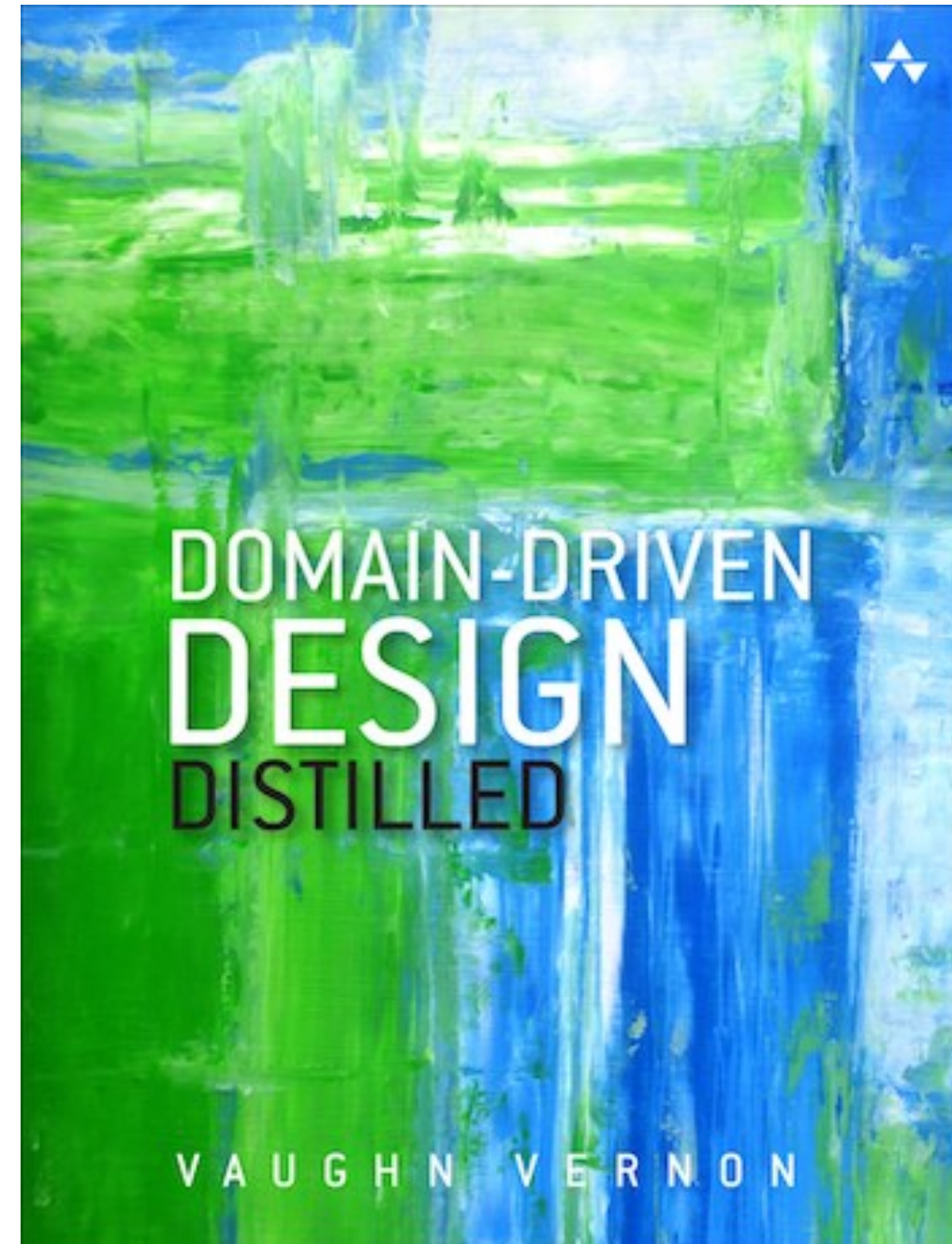




# Domain-driven Design

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- › Domain-driven Design Distilled
- › Vaughn Vernon
- › Compact
- › Book focuses on content of next slides
- › Soon: German translation



Order

Order #

Shipping address

Tracking #

Items

Item Categories

Priority shipping

Customs #

Account #

Credit card #

...

My Domain Model  
is a mess!



# Bounded Context

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- › Domain model is only valid for one context
- › There is no universal data model!
- › See all failed SOA attempts

## Tracking

Order

Shipping  
address

Tracking #

Priority  
shipping

## Order

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...

## Recommen- dations

Order

Item

Categories

## Payment

Order

Account #

Credit card #

## Customs

Order

Customs #

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# Bounded Context

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- › Microservice =  
BOUNDED CONTEXTS
- › Changes for new features are local
- › ...even if data models need to be changed

Billing

Order  
Process

CRM

Order

Order

Order

# Redundancy?

Redundancy?  
Not really



# Bounded Context

What about  
basic data of an  
order?

# Strategic Design

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- › How do BOUNDED CONTEXTS relate to each other?
- › Context can have relationships
- › DDD defines several relationship patterns

# Shared Kernel

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- › Subset of a model
- › ...that two teams share
- › Eric Evans: Including code and database
- › Microservices: Just sharing a model

# Anti-corruption Layer

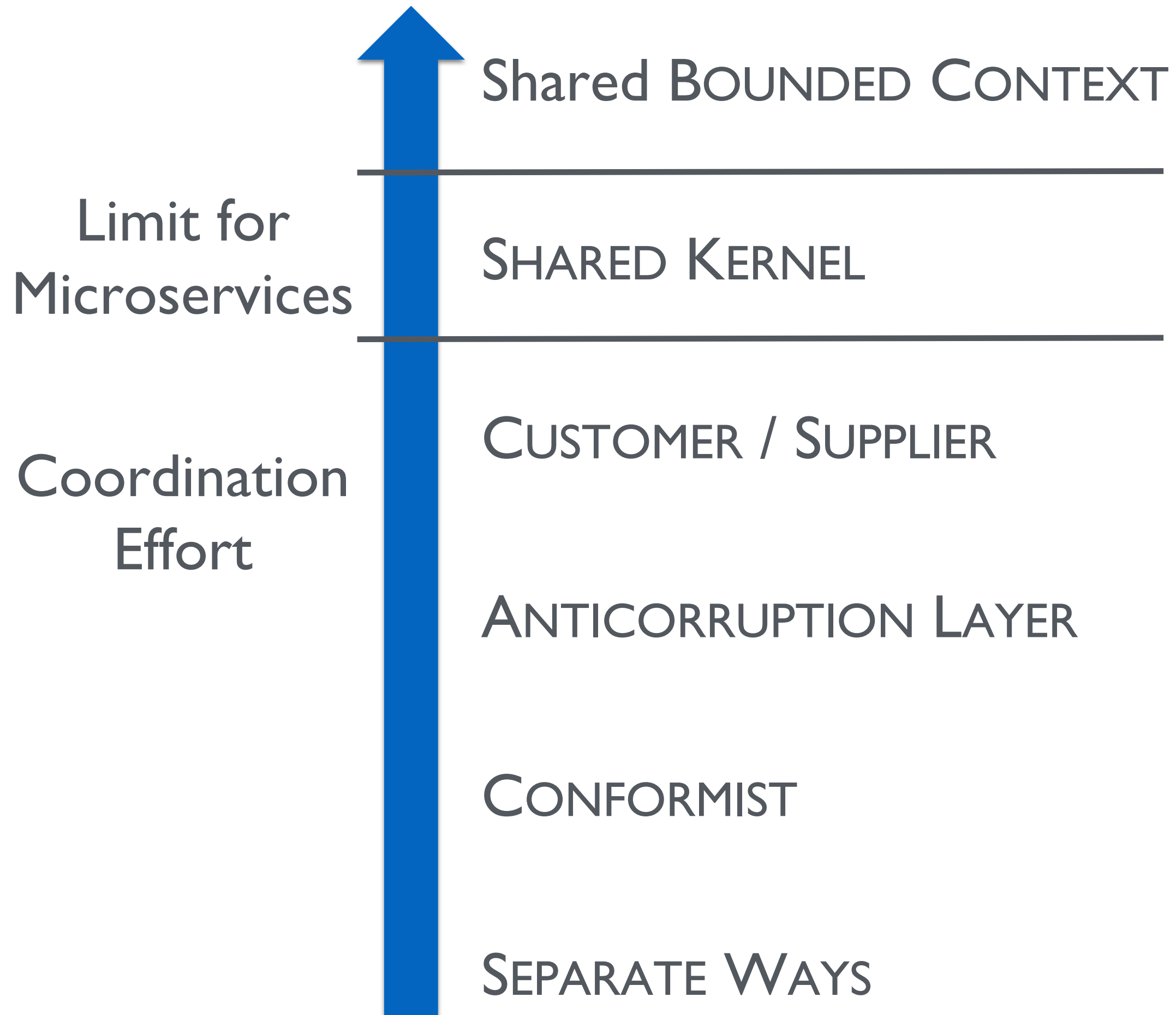
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- › Don't let e.g. a legacy model influence a new model
- › Isolate model by additional layer
- › No need to modify the old system

# Context Relationships

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- › Team = Deployment Unit = BOUNDED CONTEXT
- › Context Relationships define how BOUNDED CONTEXT are used...
- › ...and how much teams need to collaborate



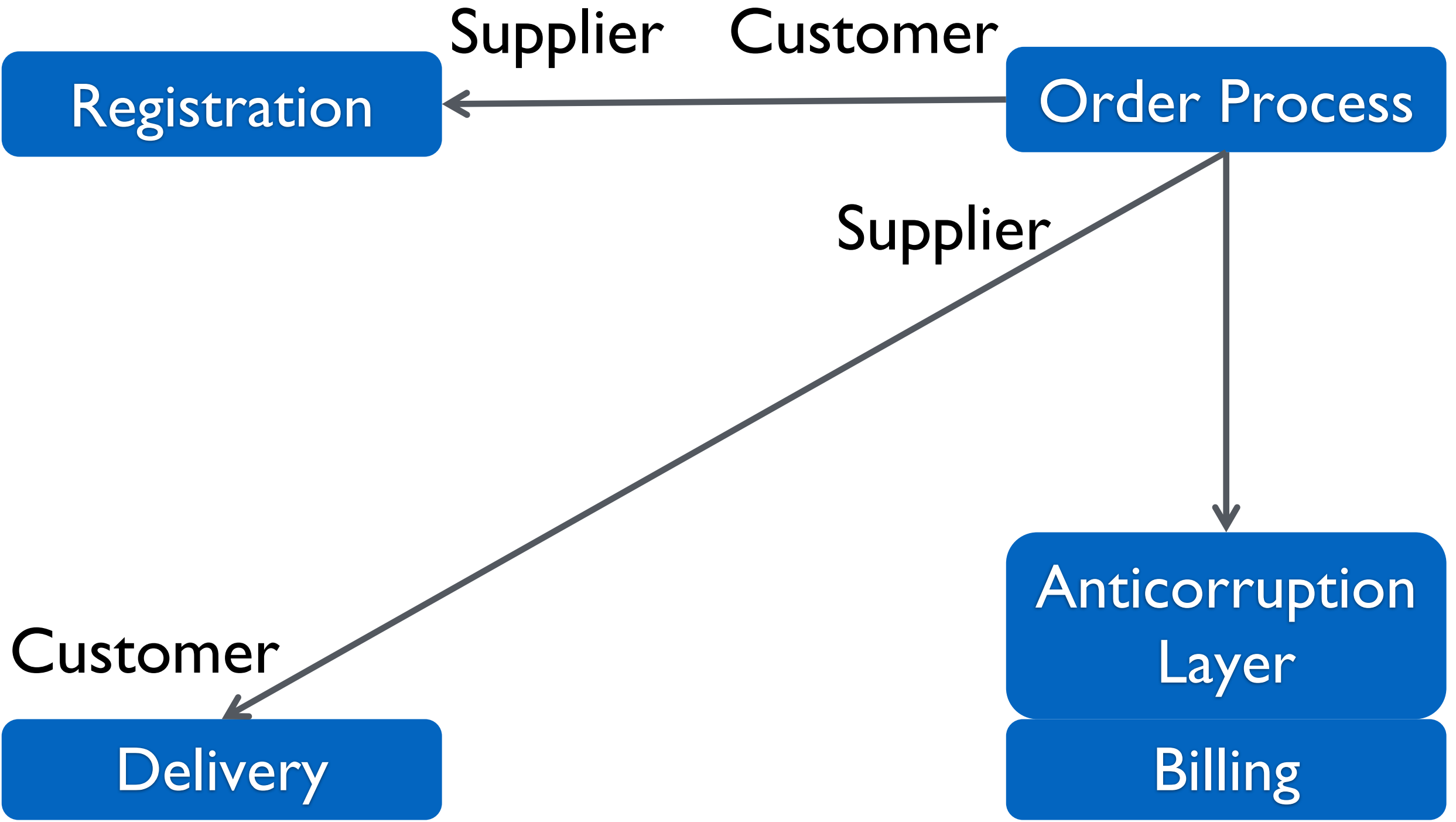
# Context Map



# Context Map

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- › Show the different BOUNDED CONTEXT
- › ...and the relation to each other
- › BOUNDED CONTEXT might be microservices
- › ...or communication links



Billing

Order  
Process

CRM

Additional  
data

Additional  
data

Additional  
data

Order  
Data

Shared  
Kernel  
Order

# Centralized Shared Kernel

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- › Ensures consistency
- › ...but needs to be called for a lot of operations
- › Resilience / performance / transactions
- › Have one master as the source of truth

Billing

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Order

Additional  
data

Shared  
Kernel  
Order

# Decentralized Shared Kernel

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- › Might be inconsistent
- › ...but all data for all requests is available in the local database
- › Better resilience...
- › ...and performance

# How to Replicate Data?



# Database Replication

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- › Built into the database
- › Replicate schema across database instances
- › But: Microservices have separated schemas
- › Every Microservice might have different data
- › ...so database replication is not a good fit



# Replication with Events

# Events

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- › Later addition to Domain-driven Design
- › Events with a business meaning
- › Decouple time:  
Asynchronous
- › Decouple logic:  
System can handle event as it pleases

New Order Event

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graph TD; A[New Order Event] --> B[Billing]; A --> C[Order Process]; A --> D[CRM]; B --> E[(Additional data<br/>Shared Kernel Order)]; C --> F[(Additional data<br/>Shared Kernel Order)]; D --> G[(Additional data<br/>Shared Kernel Order)];
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# Events & Data Replication

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- › Events lead to data replication
- › i.e. each system stores information it received in an event
- › Data stored in separate schema
- › Very decoupled
- › Hard to repair inconsistencies

# Batch Replication

# Batch

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- › Get all data
- › Provide API
- › ...to decouple schema
- › Copy interesting data into local database

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Additional  
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Shared  
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Batch

API

API

Batch

# Batch & Data Replication

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- › Easy to repair inconsistencies
- › Batch run at specific points
- › i.e. updates take time
- › Data not consistent across microservices

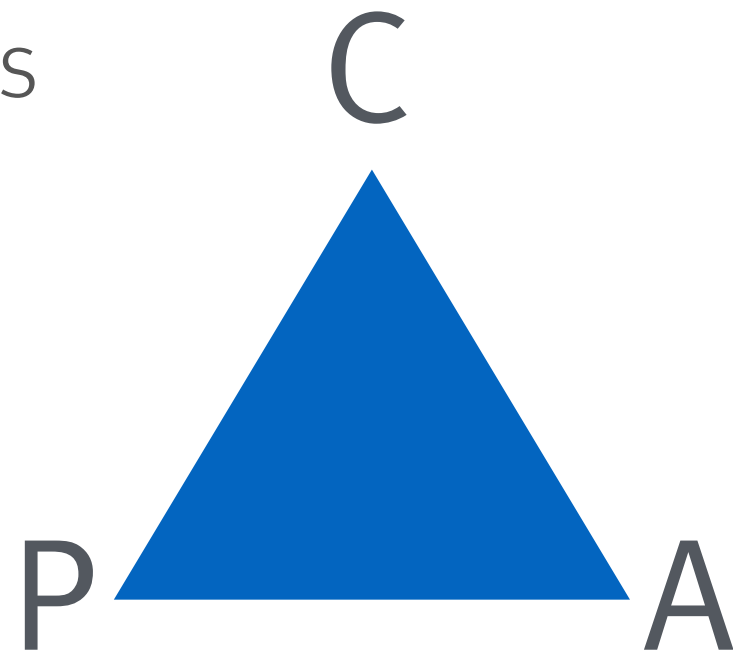


# CAP: Challenge for Replication

# CAP Theorem

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- › Consistency
  - › All nodes see the same data
- › Availability
  - › Node failures do not prevent survivors from operating
- › Partition Tolerance
  - › System continues to operate despite arbitrary message loss



# CAP Theorem: P

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- › Network partitions do occur
- › Even with highly available network hardware
- › Also: very slow response = partition
- › Need to deal with P

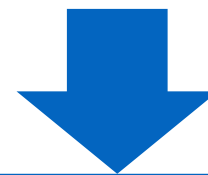
# CAP Theorem: C or A?

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- › Node cannot access other nodes
- › Might have missed updates
- › A, not C:  
Answer with a potentially wrong answer
- › C, not A:  
Don't answer – the answer might be wrong



New Order Event



Billing



Order  
Process



CRM



inconsistent

or unavailable

Additional  
data

Shared  
Kernel  
Order

Additional  
data

Shared  
Kernel  
Order

Additional  
data

Shared  
Kernel  
Order



# Conclusion

Classic:  
Centralized  
Database

Microservices:  
private  
database  
decoupling

Data Microservices:  
Consistent but  
resilience / performance  
/ transactions / decoupling?

Schema per  
Microservice:  
Simple infrastructure

Database per  
Microservice:  
Polyglot Persistence

# Redundancy?

Redundant Data or  
Bounded Context?

Context Map and  
Context Relations

Replication

e.g. Shared  
Kernel

Database  
Replication

Batch

Events

CAP



Decentralize data!