



Microservices Lessons Learned

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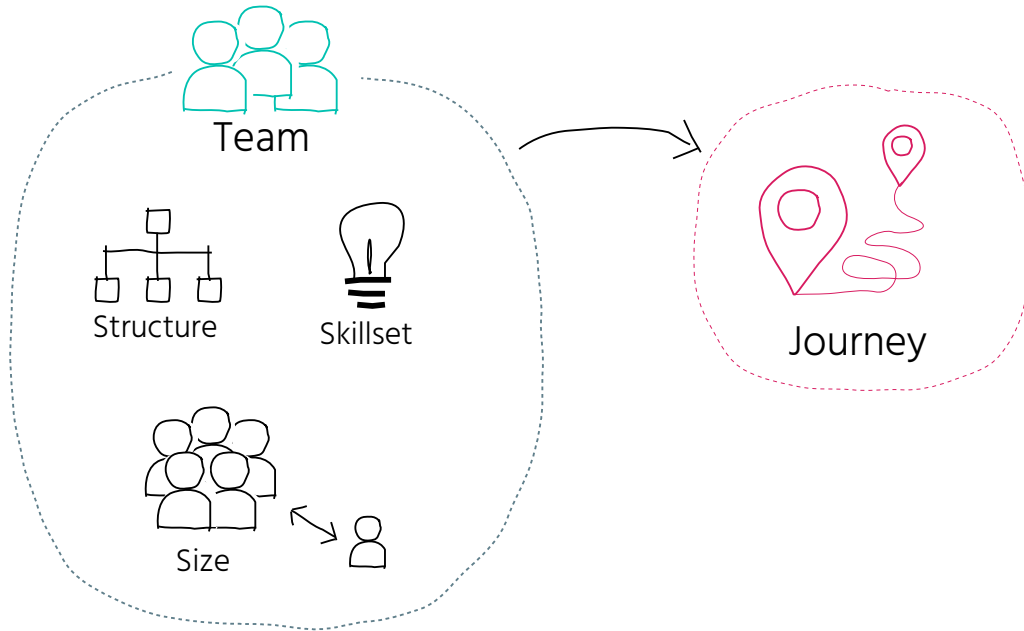
“People try to copy Netflix,
but they can only copy what they see.
They copy the results, not the process.”

Adrian Cockcroft, AWS VP Cloud Architect,
former Netflix Chief Cloud Architect



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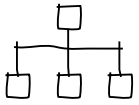


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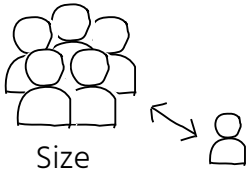
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Skillset



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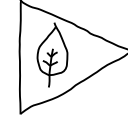
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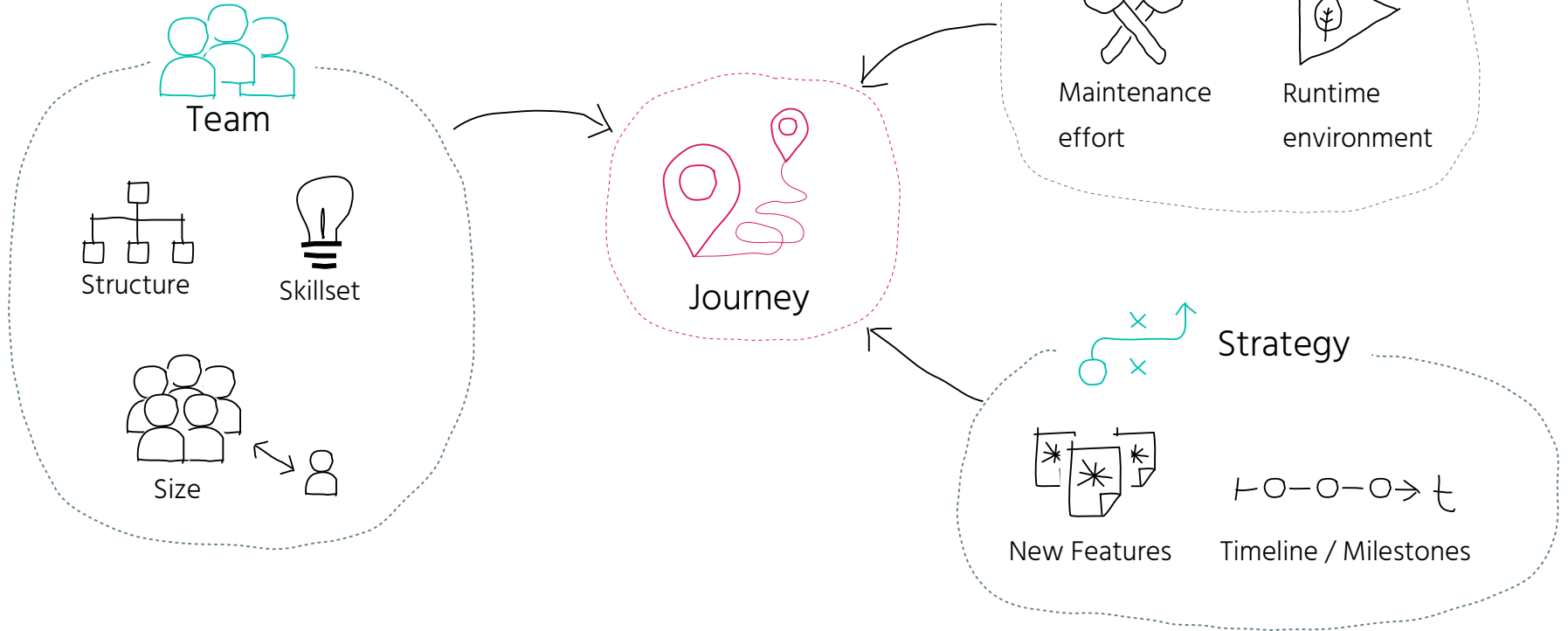


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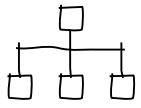


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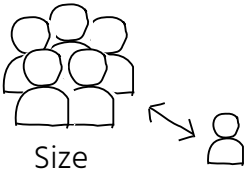
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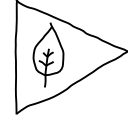
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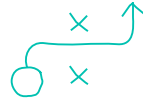
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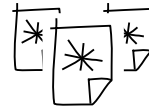
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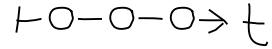
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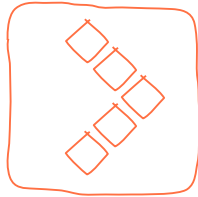
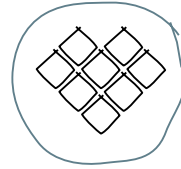
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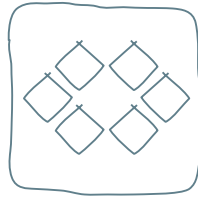
Timeline / Milestones

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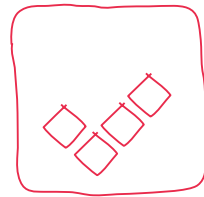
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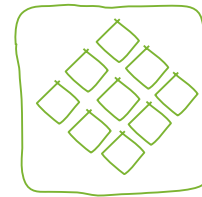
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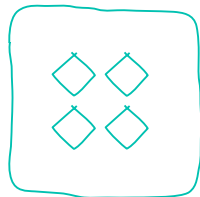
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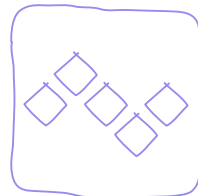
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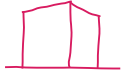


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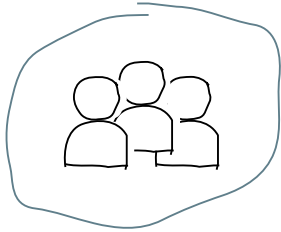


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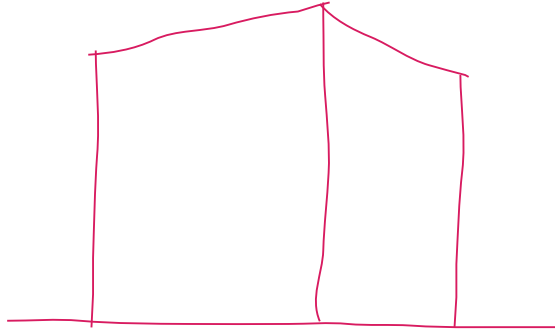
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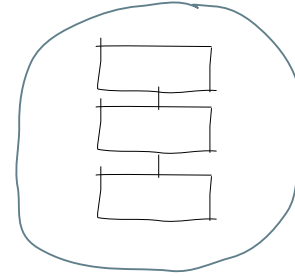
A Monolith in Every Aspect



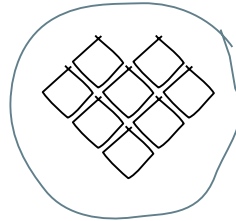
One team



Single Unit



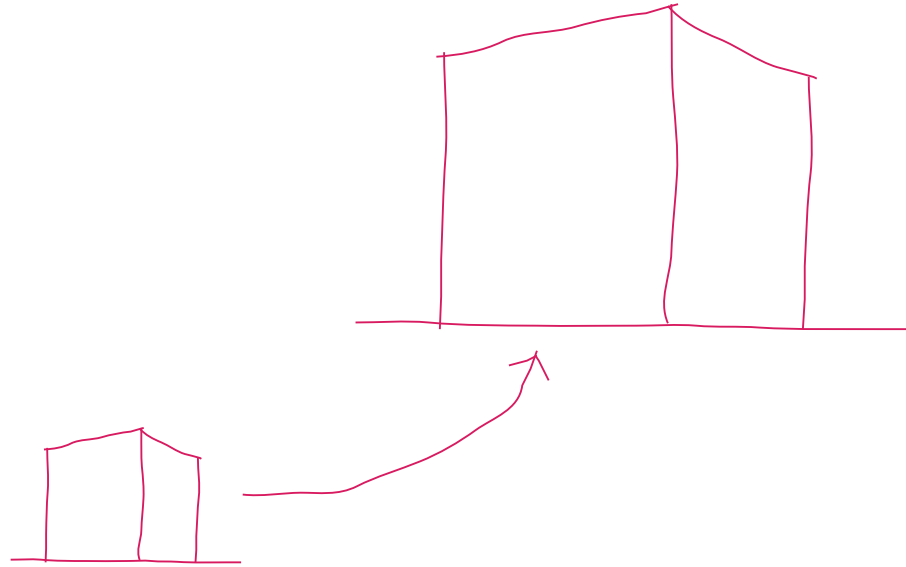
One technology stack



One collaboration product

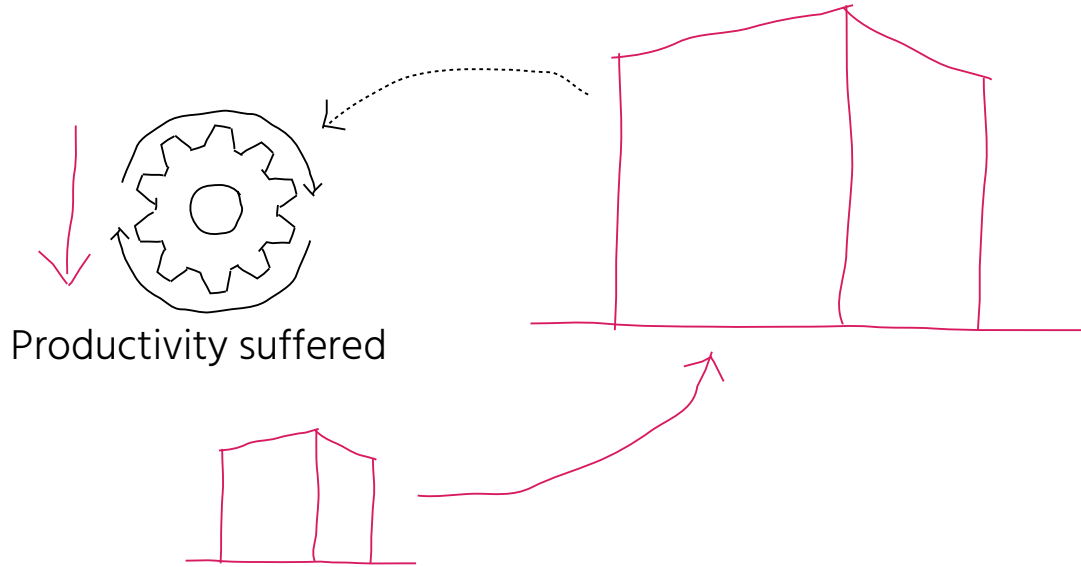
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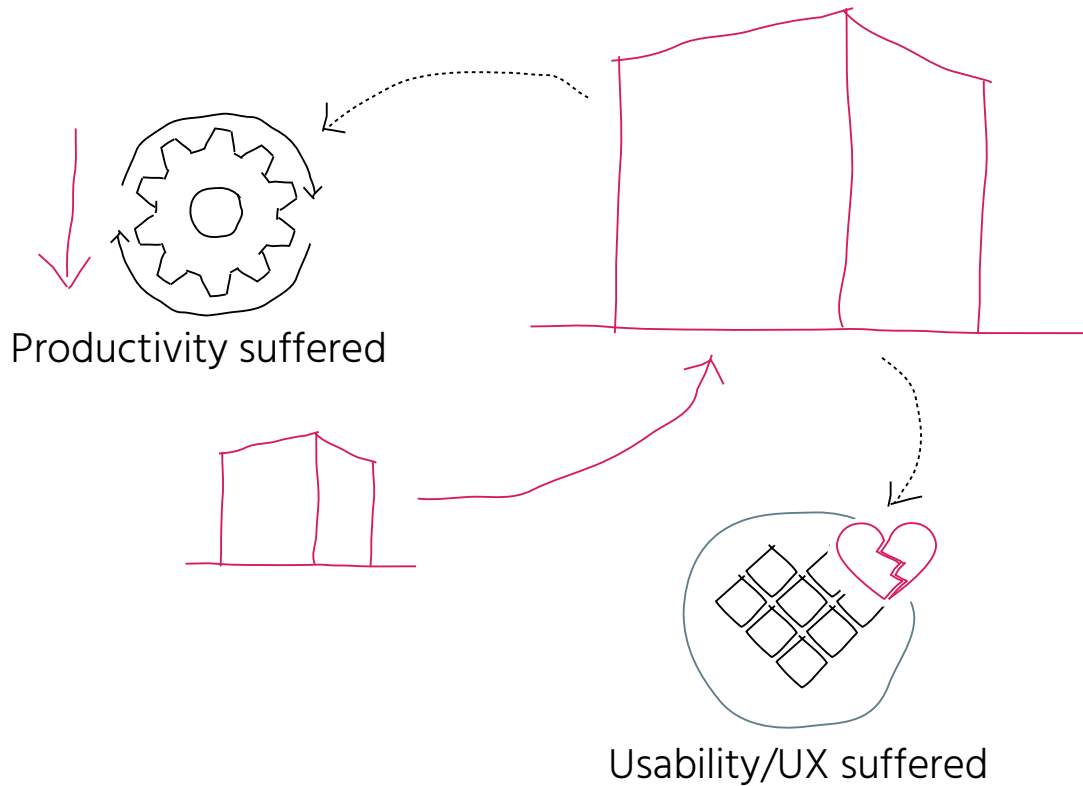
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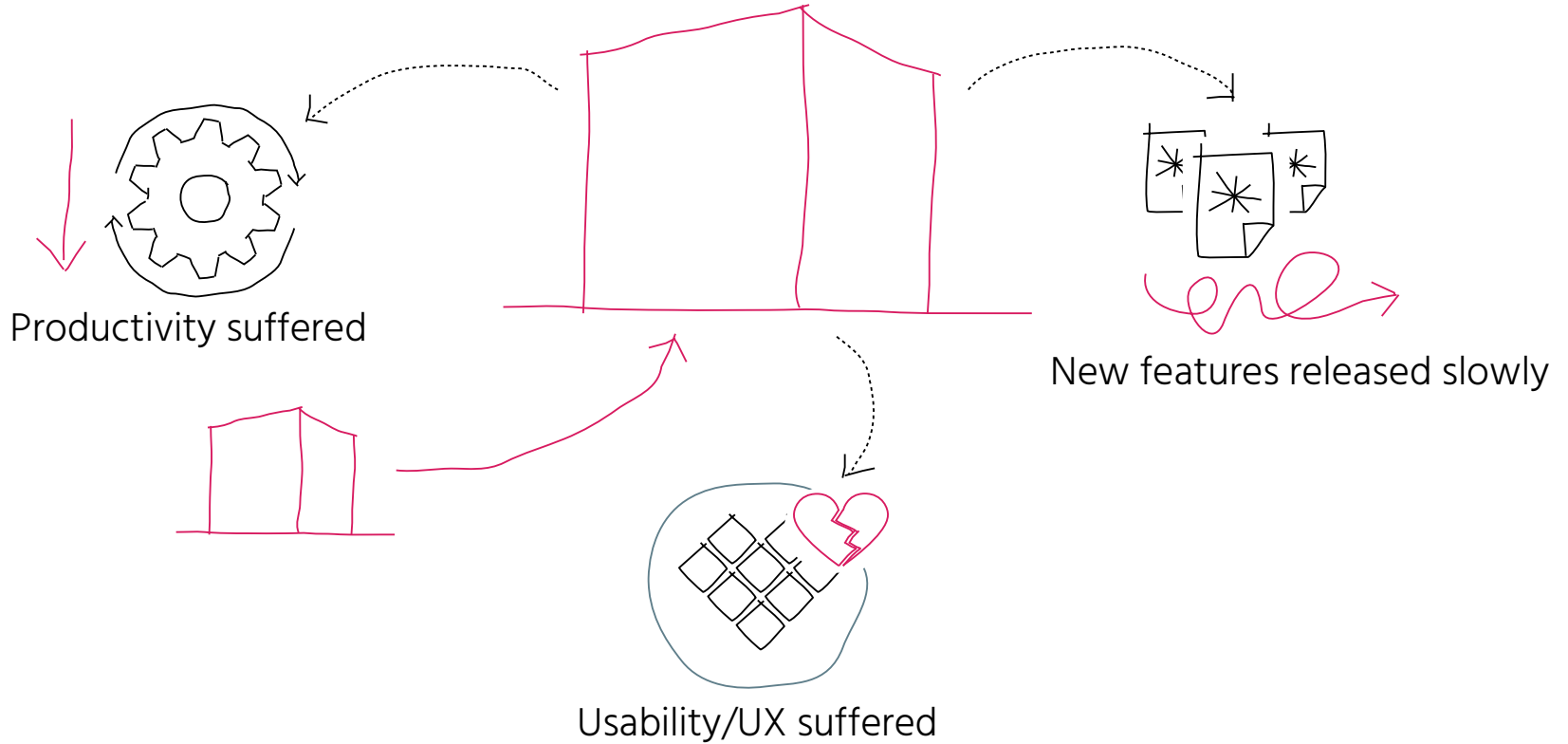
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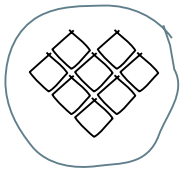
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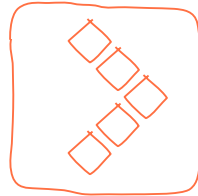


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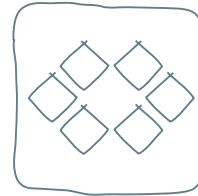
Separate Collaboration Apps



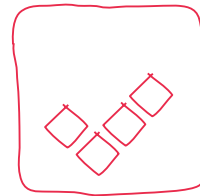
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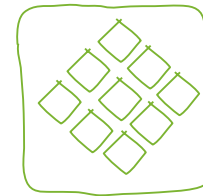
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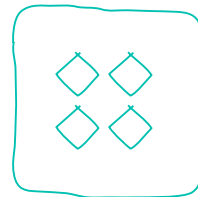
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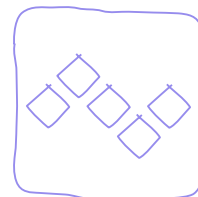
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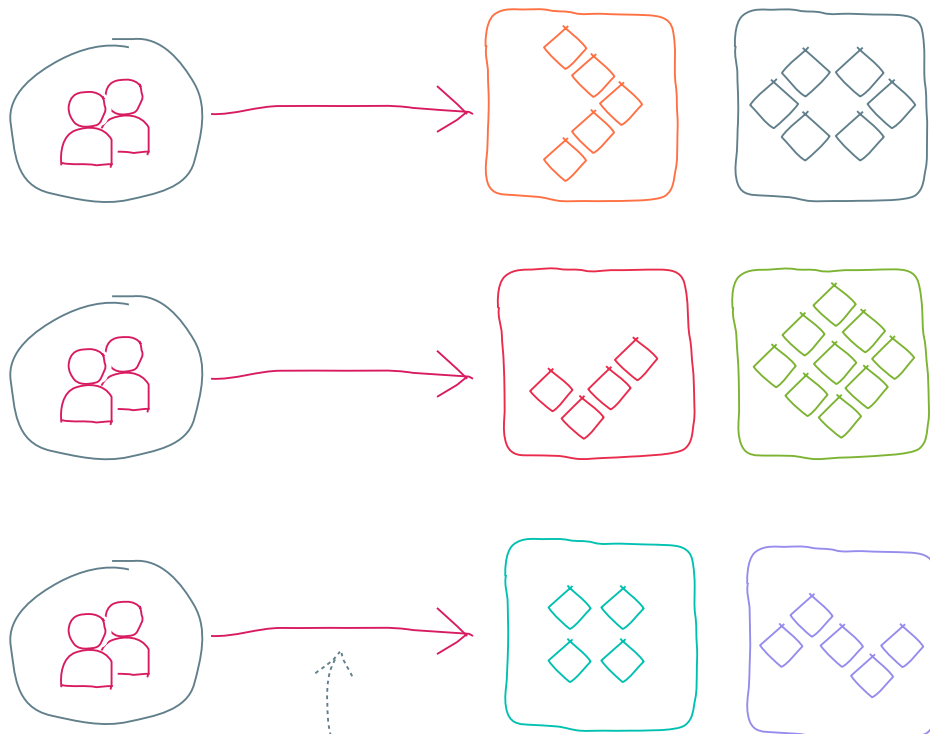
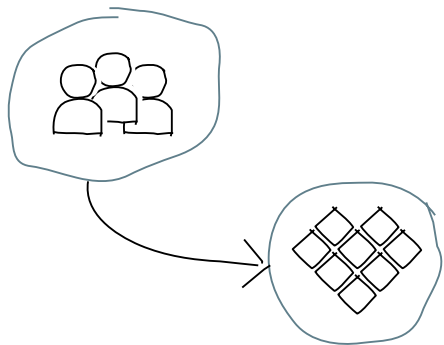
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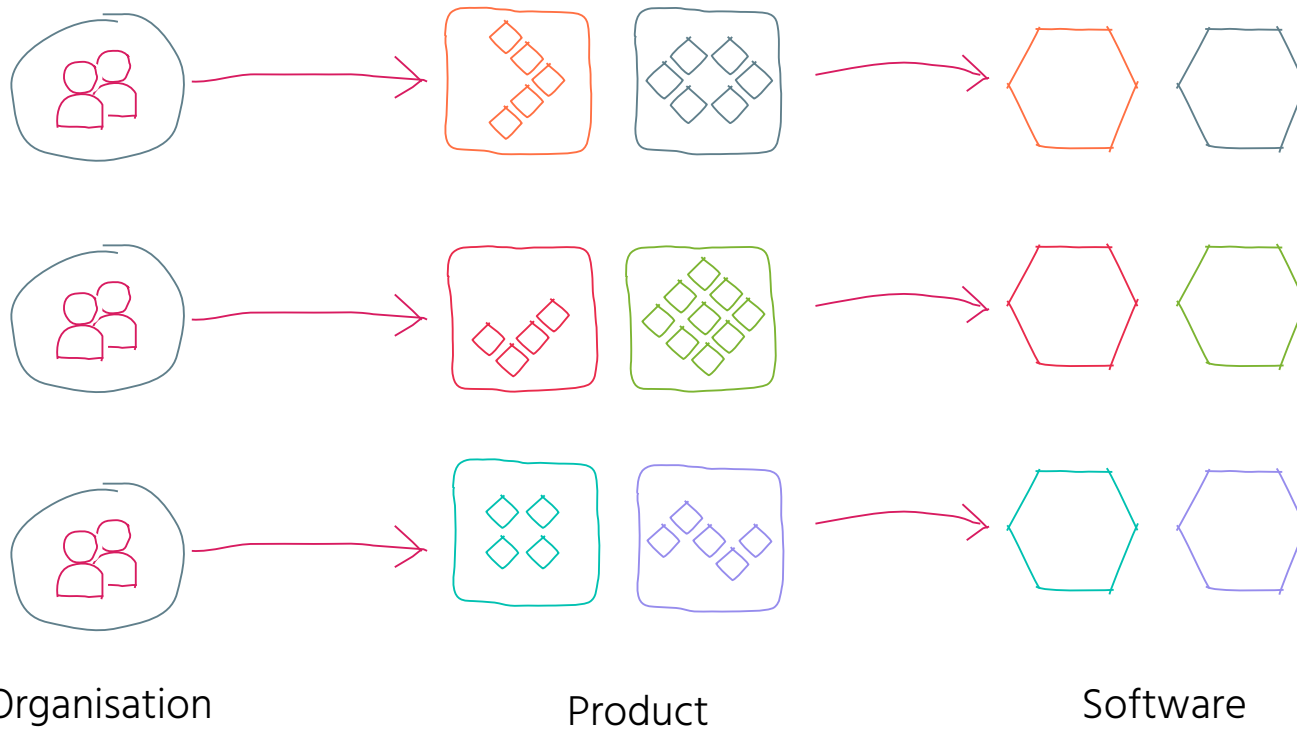
Separate, Autonomous Teams



Well-defined responsibilities

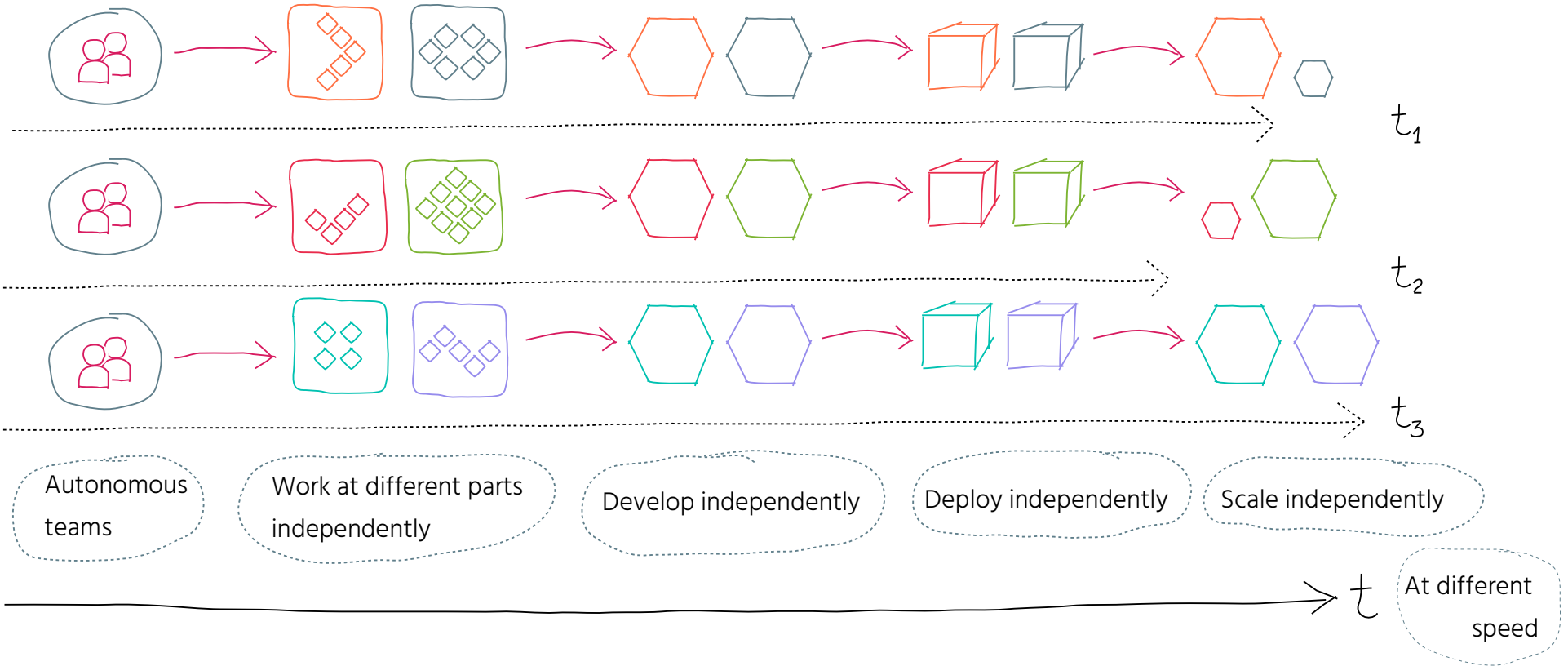
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In The Long Run



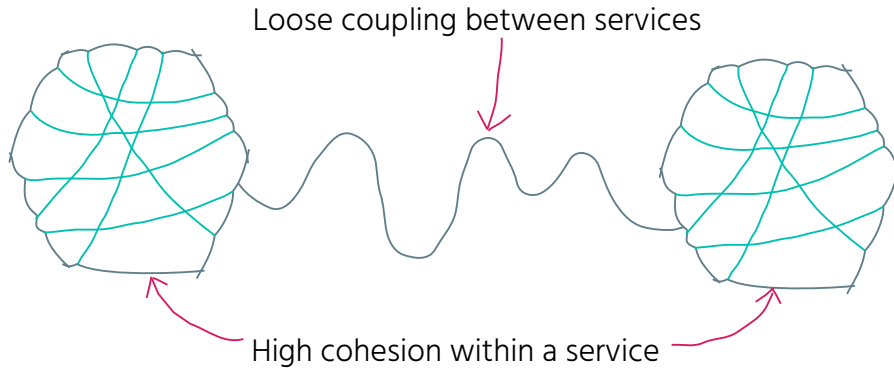
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Our Motivation for Microservices



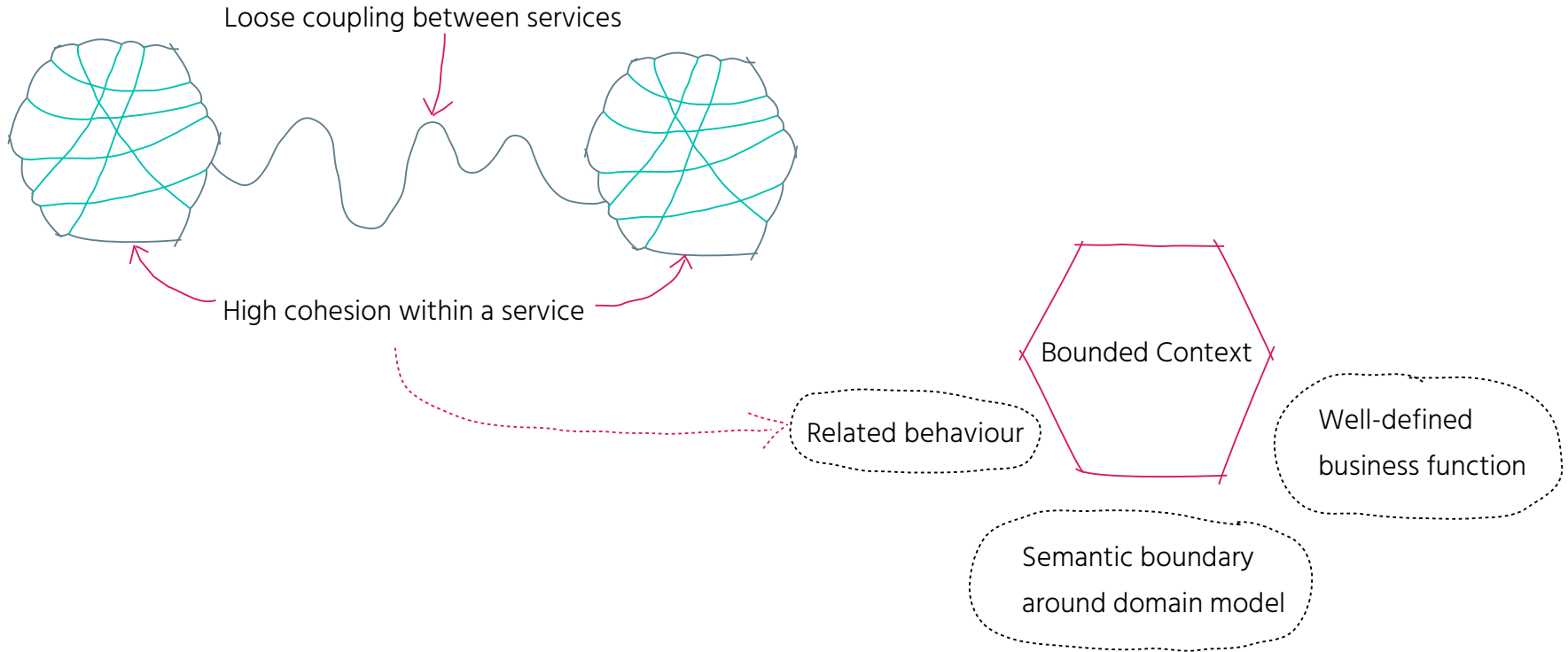
Decomposition Strategy

Identify Bounded Contexts



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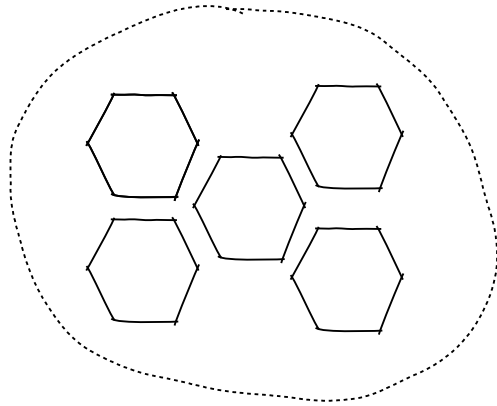
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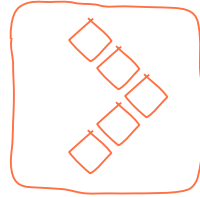
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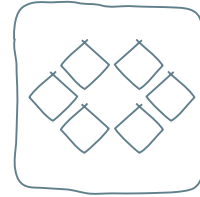
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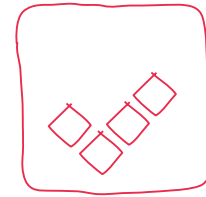
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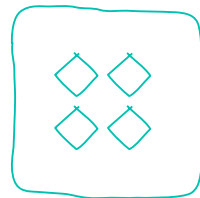
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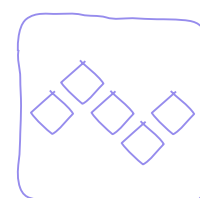
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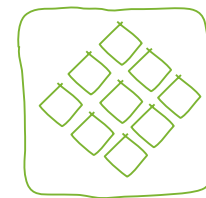
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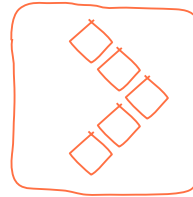


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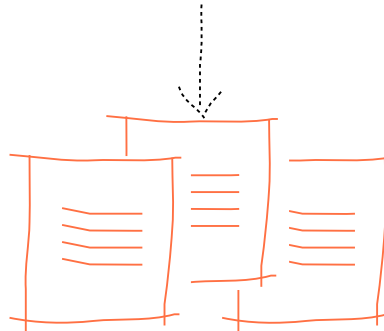
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Co-Existing Service From Scratch

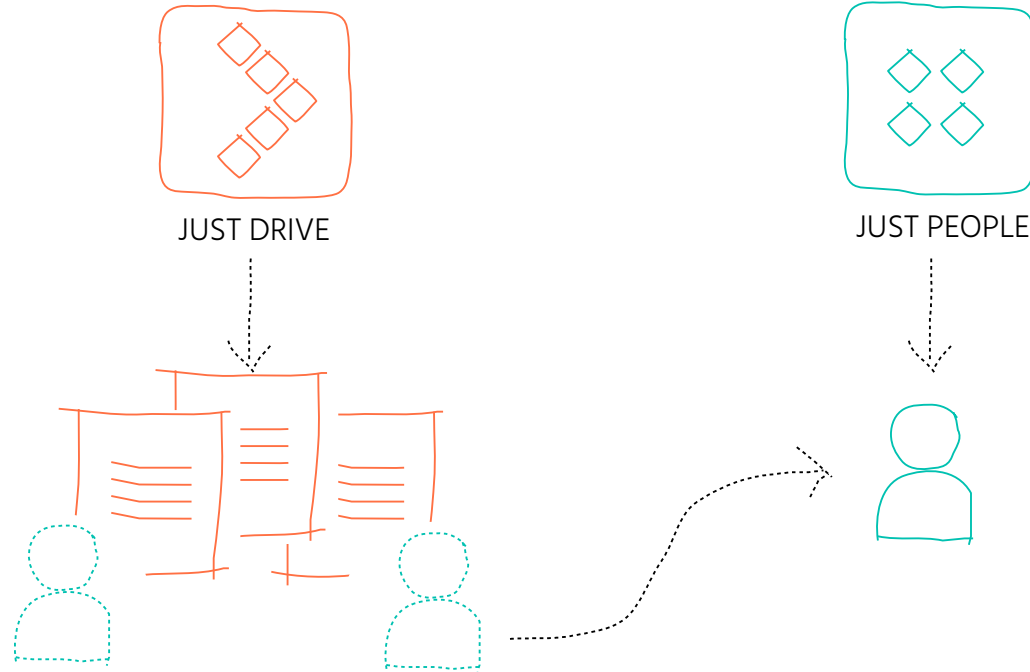


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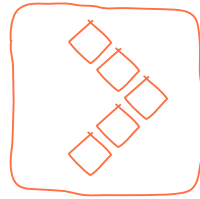
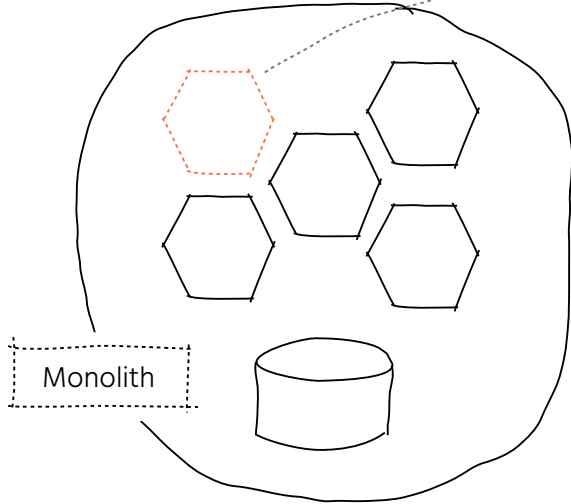
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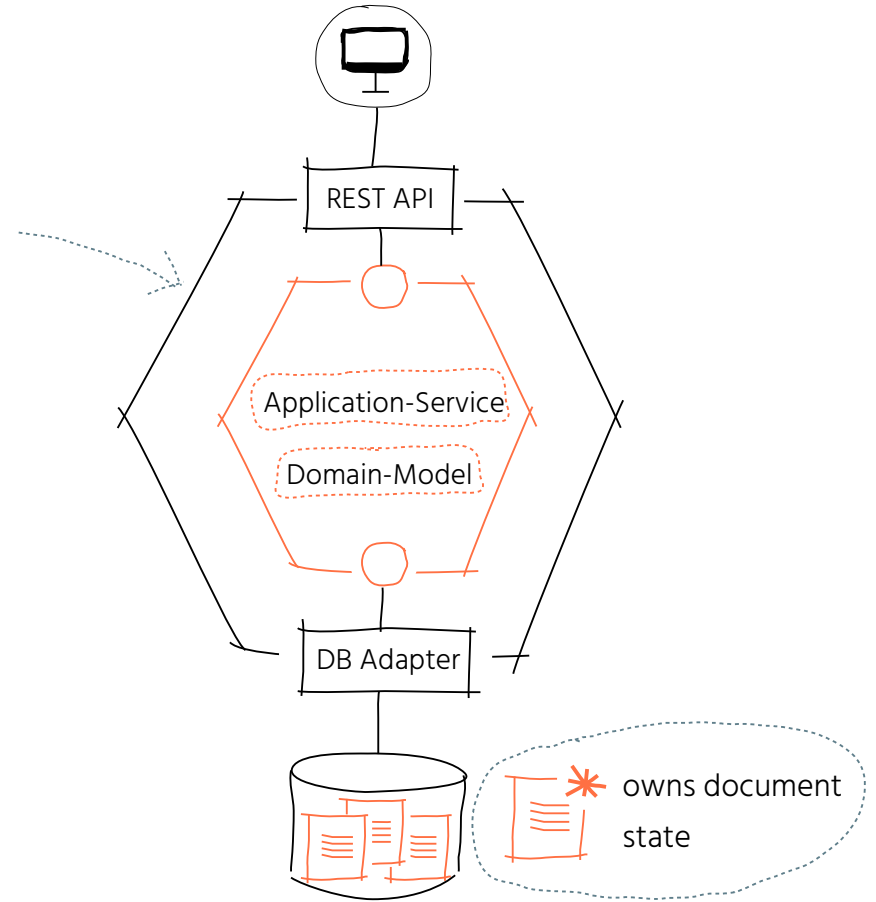


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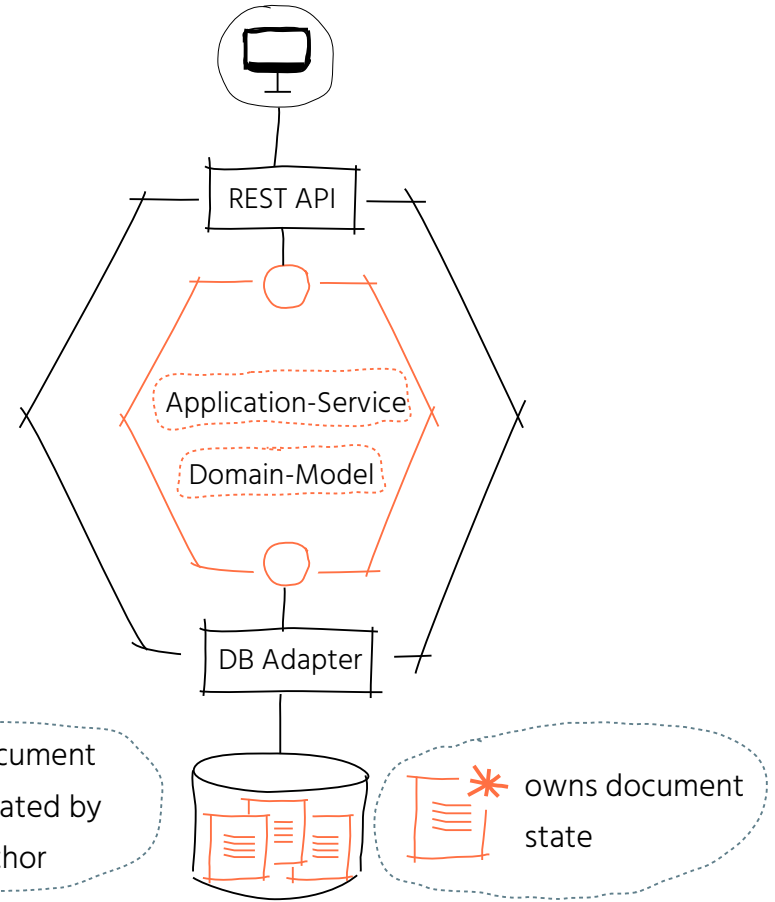
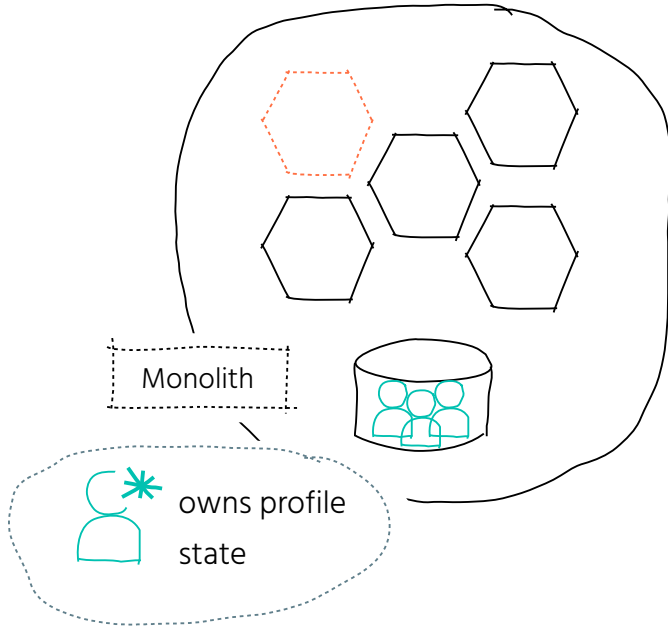


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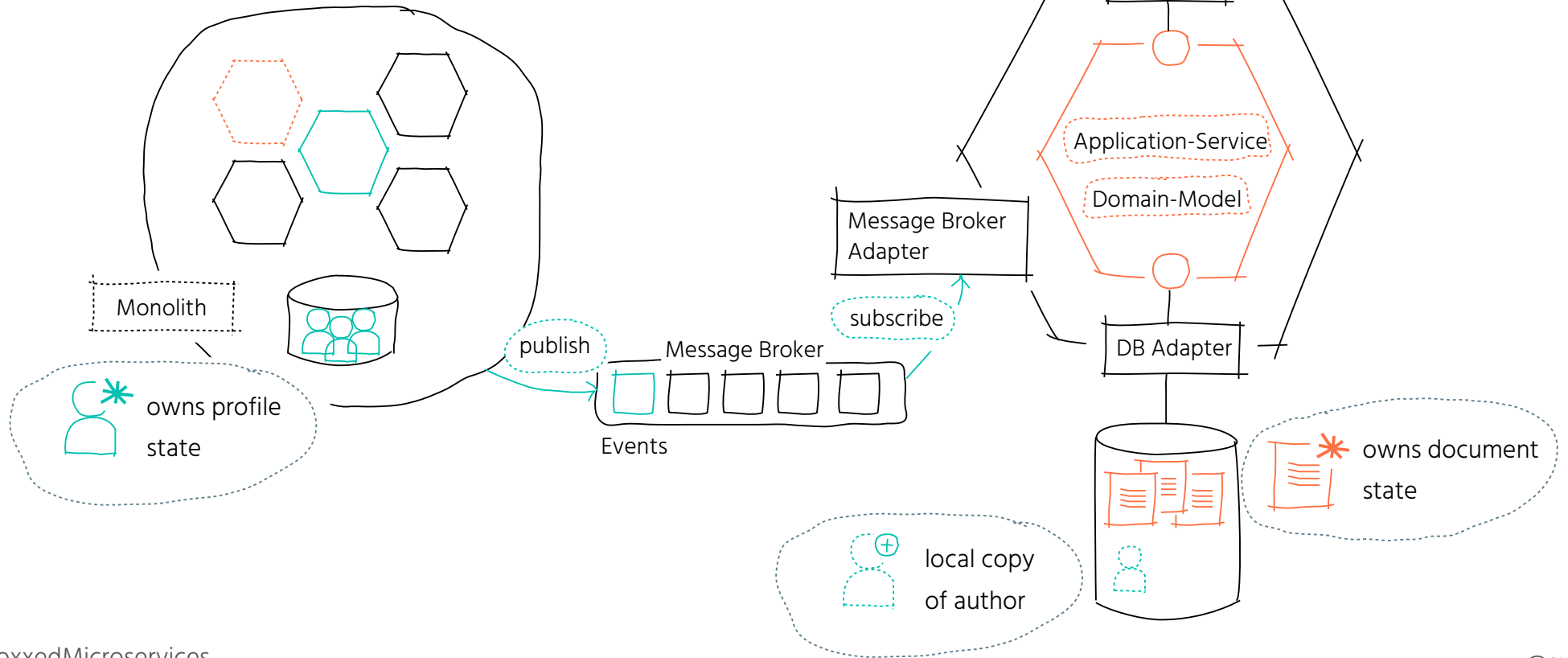
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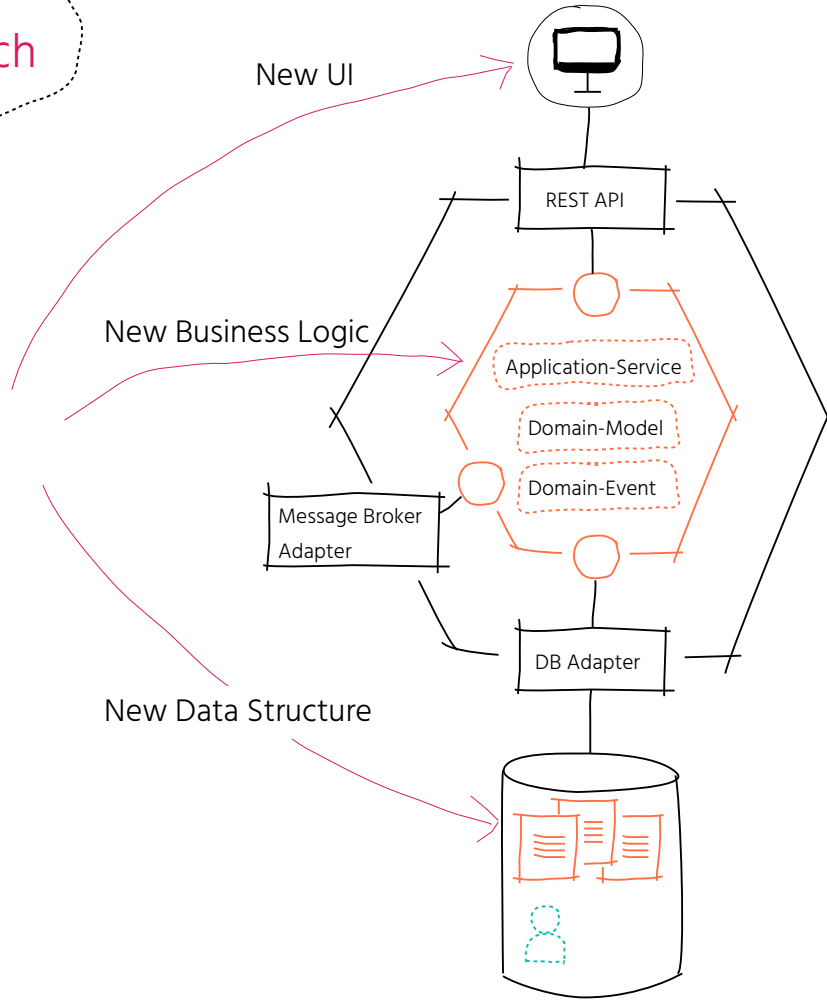
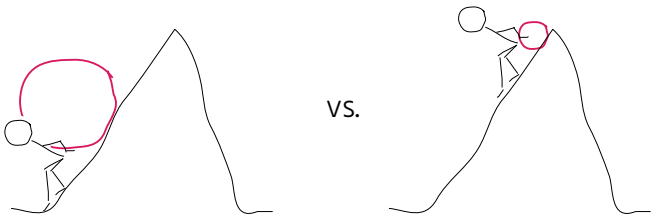


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 Co-Existing Service From Scratch

Good approach in general,
but we did **too many steps at once**

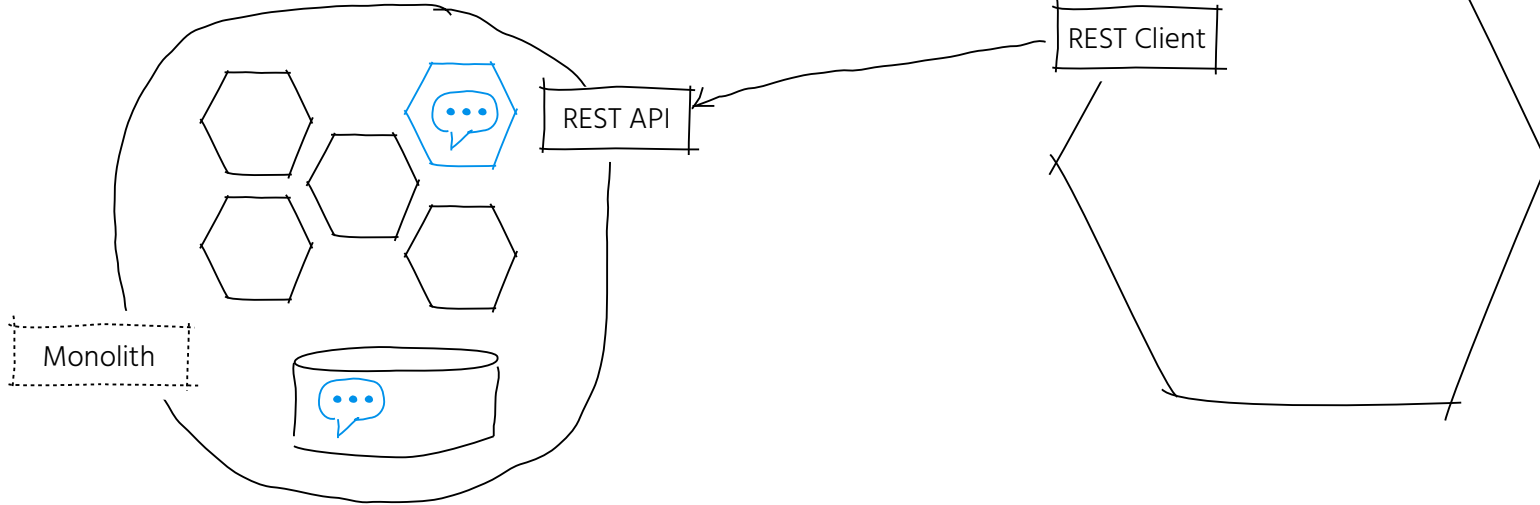
=> Not optimal to start with



Decomposition Strategy



Incremental Top Down



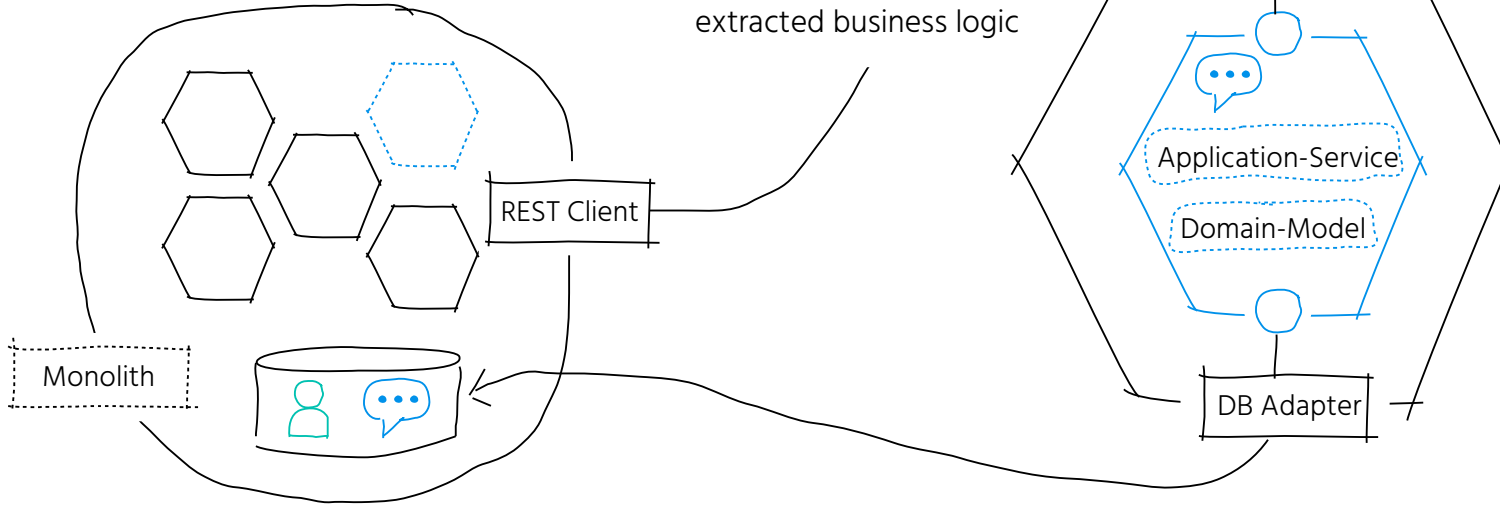
1.

Extracting Web App

Decomposition Strategy



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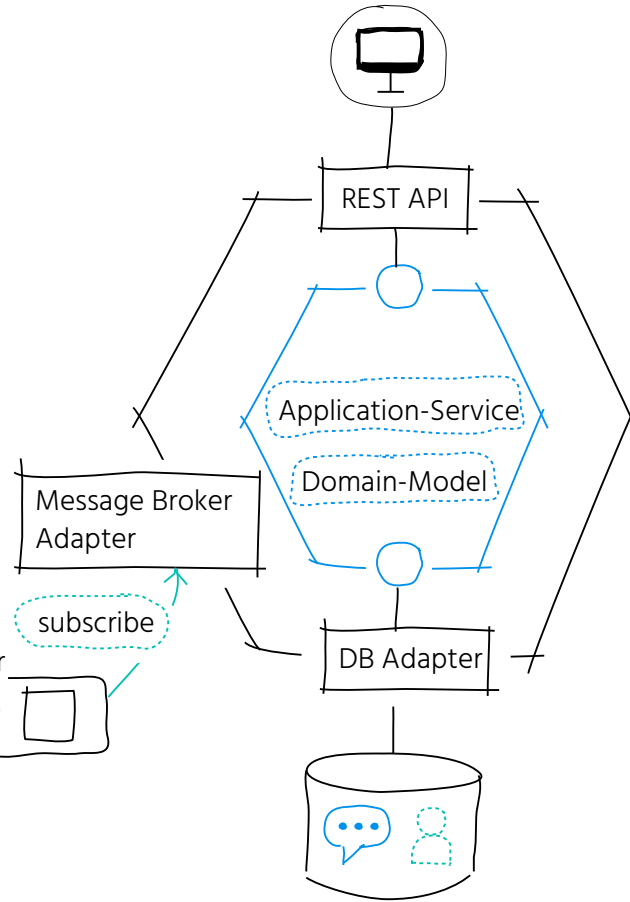
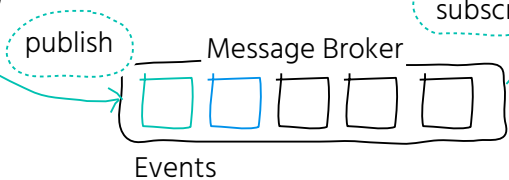
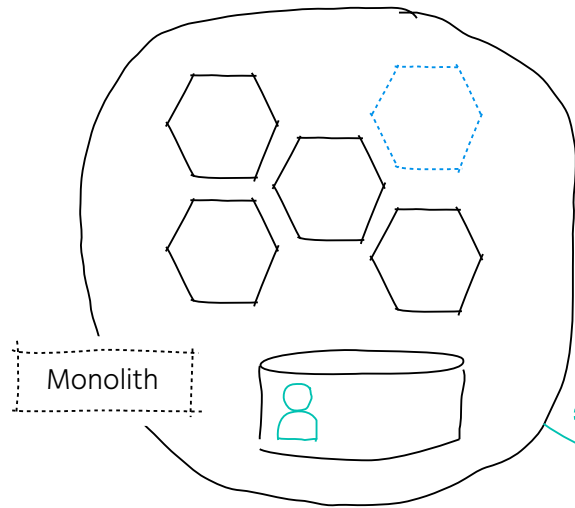
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Extracting Business Logic

Decomposition Strategy



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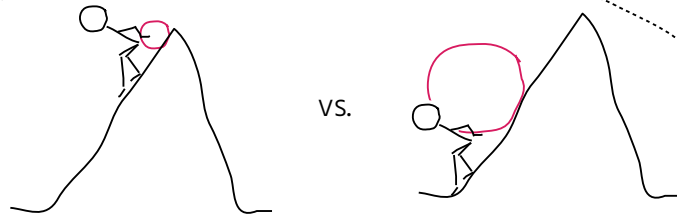


3.

Splitting Data Storage

Decomposition Strategy

1. —
 2. —
 3. —
- Which One First?



Easy to Extract

Early experiences w/ Microservices

Changing Frequently

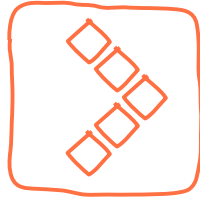
Greatest benefit after extraction

Different Resource Consumption

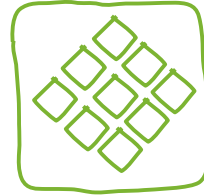
Cross-Cutting Concerns



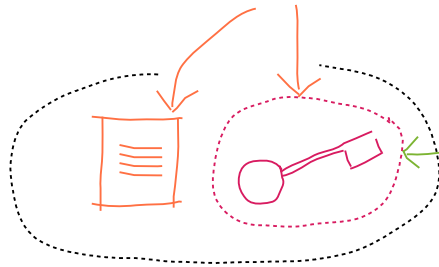
Authorization



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Fine-grained authorization

Inter-service dependency

Cross-Cutting Concerns



Authorization

I have a new service that needs authorization. Where is the authz service I could use?

Not there, yet. Sorry!

Ok, then I am putting my code to the place where authz handling exists ... to the monolith.



Feeding the monolith

Ok, then I am implementing authz in my local service.



Re-implementing authz w/ every new service

Cross-Cutting Concerns



Handle Them Early



Feeding the monolith

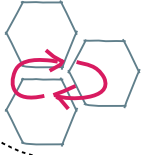


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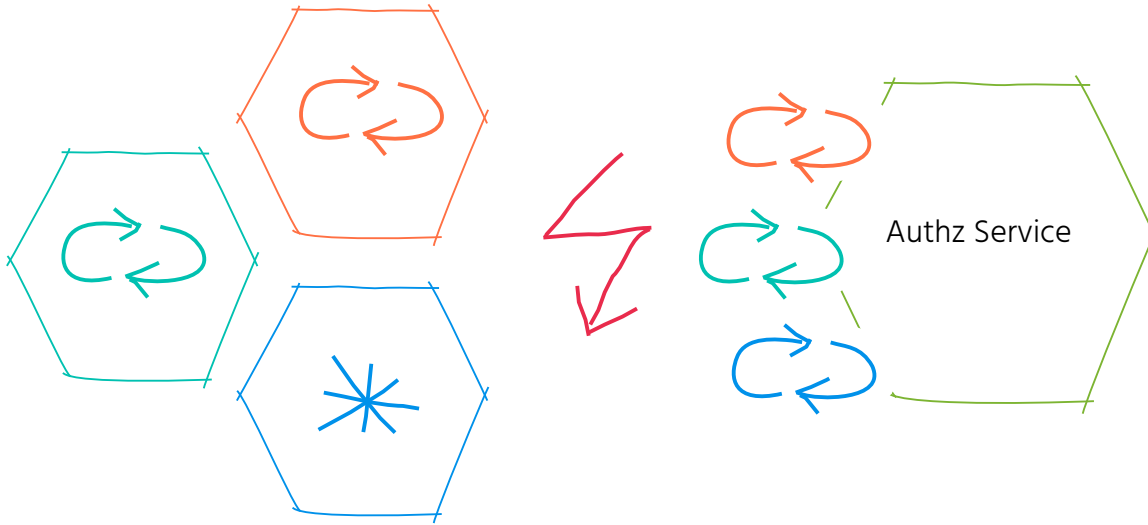


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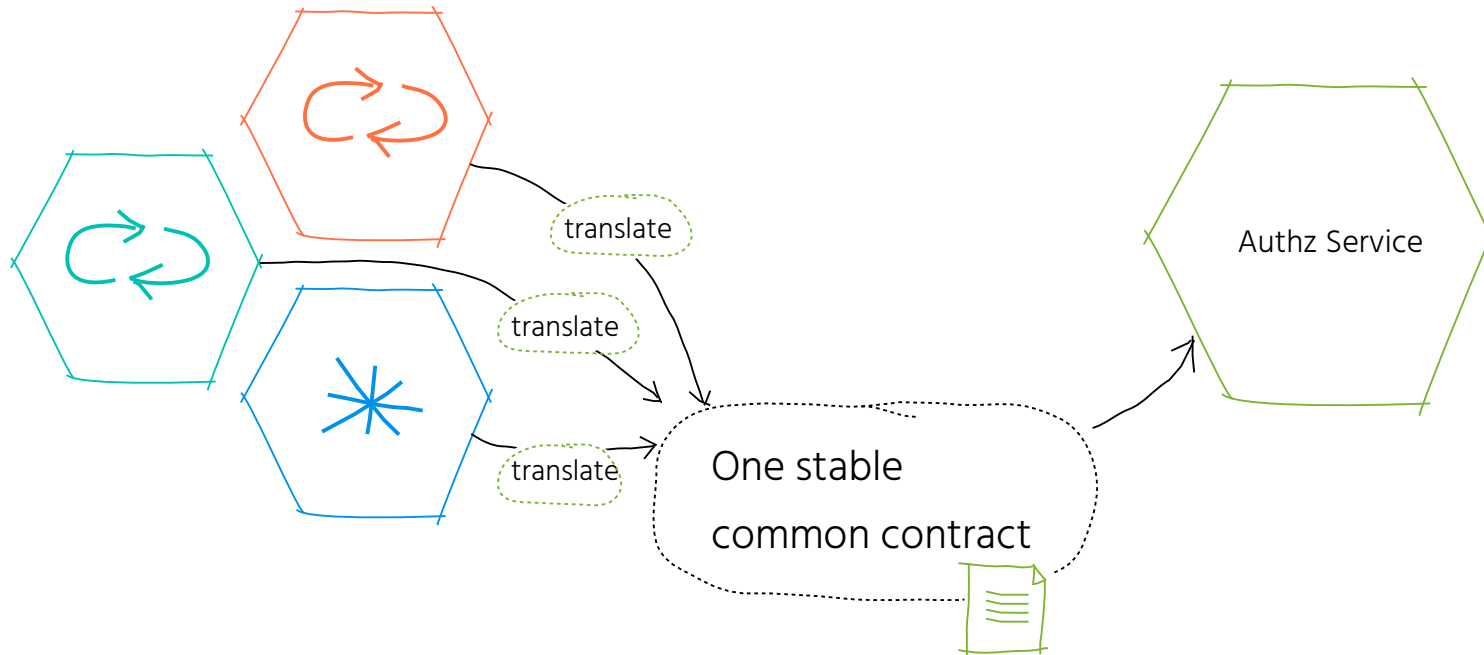
Avoid A Distributed Monolith



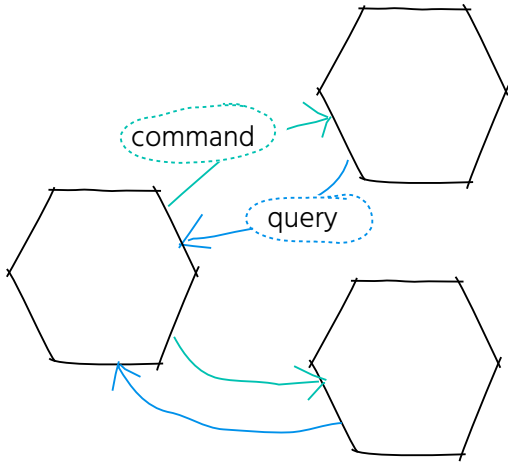
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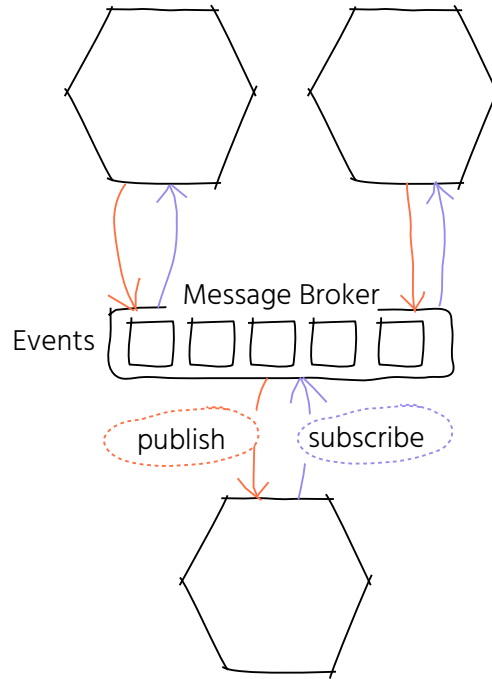
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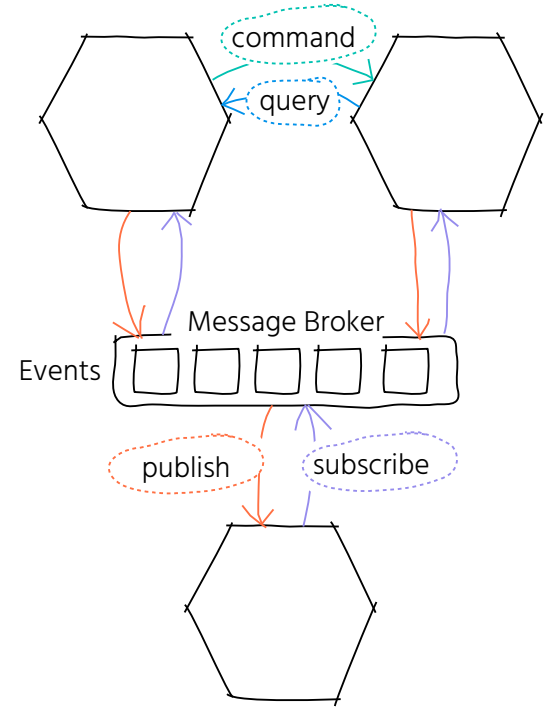
Service Interaction



Request-Driven

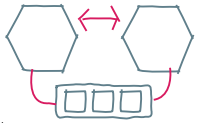


Event-Driven

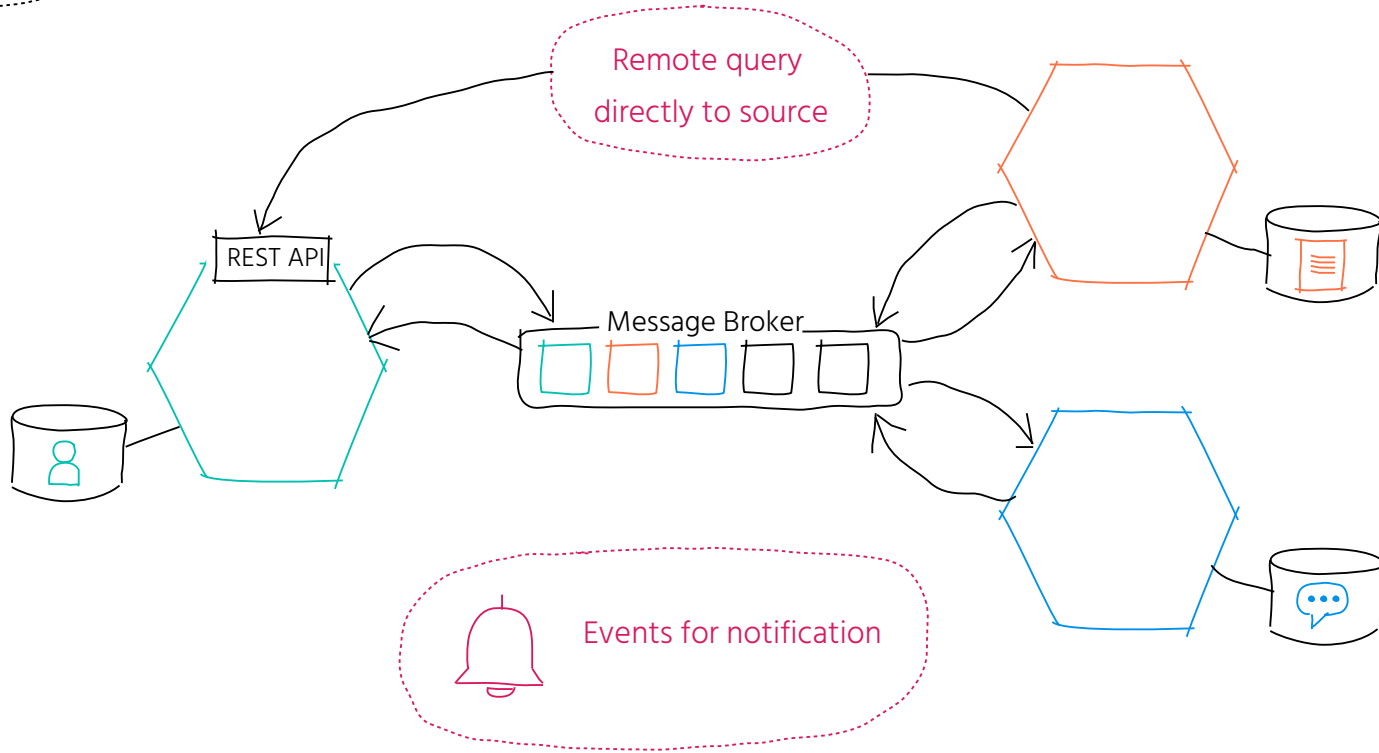


Hybrid

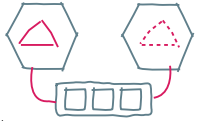
How To Manage Shared Data?



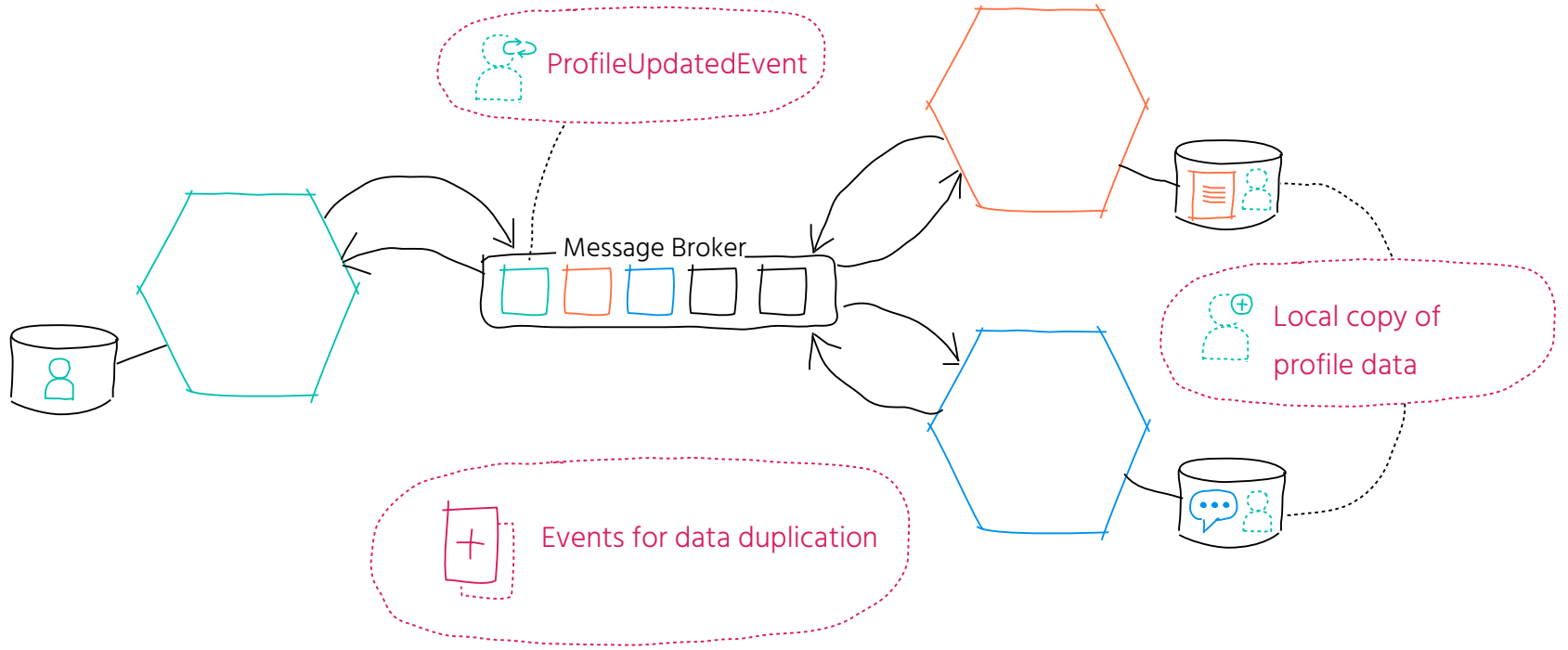
Hybrid Model



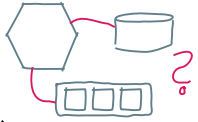
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Event Driven State Transfer

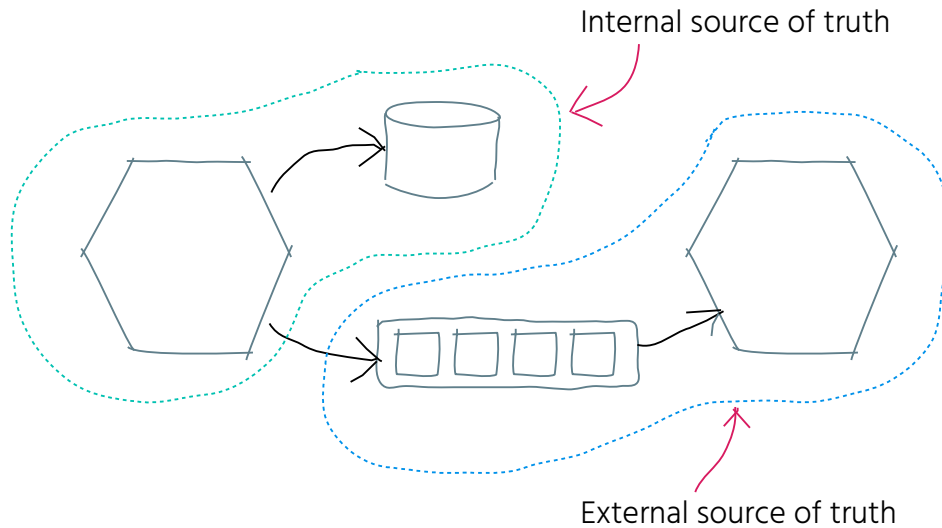


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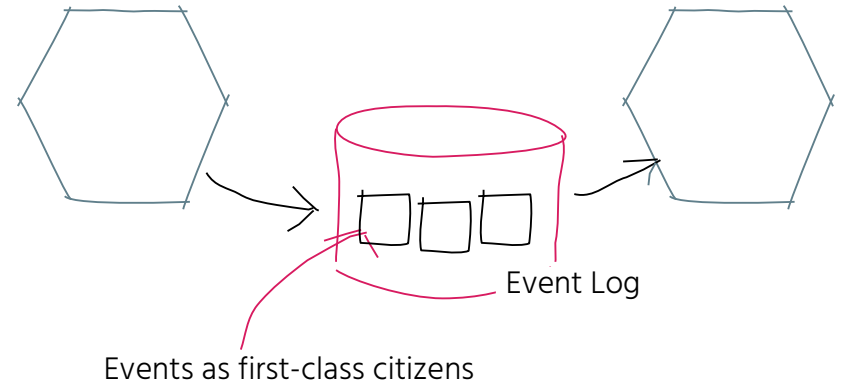
Source Of Truth

Multiple sources of truth

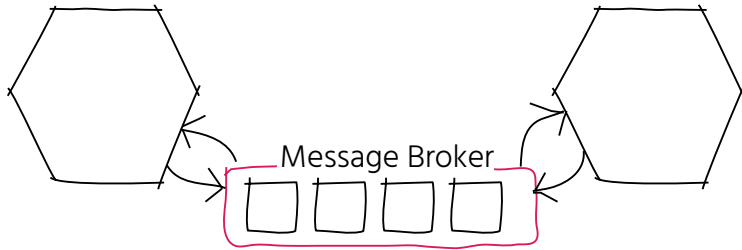


"Traditional" Event-Driven System

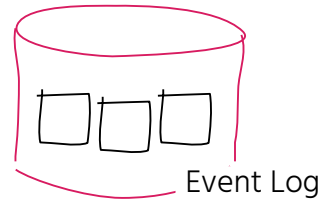
Single source of truth



Event Store



Messaging System



Storage System



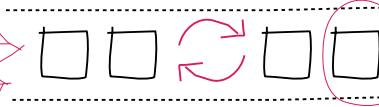
Streaming Platform

How To Manage Shared Data?



Kafka Streams

Unbounded, ordered sequence
of data records

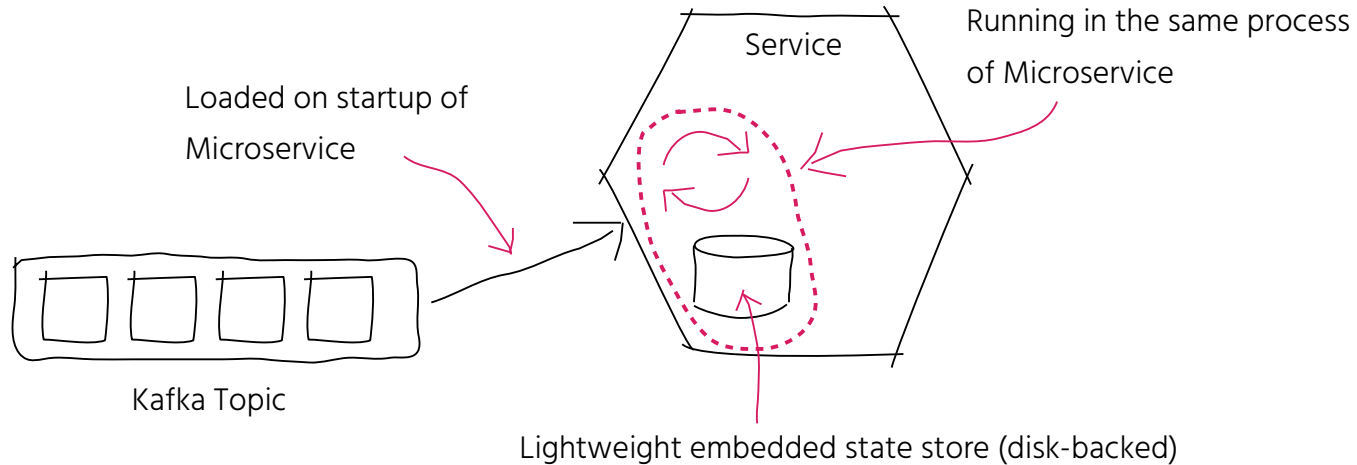


Continuously
updating

Key-value pair

How To Manage Shared Data?

 Kafka Streams



Streams make data available wherever it's needed



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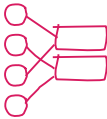
Kafka Streams API



join



filter



group by



aggregate

etc.

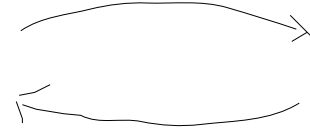
Kafka Stream-Table Duality



KStream

Changelog of state changes

(key1, value1), (key2, value2), (key 1, value 3)



KTable

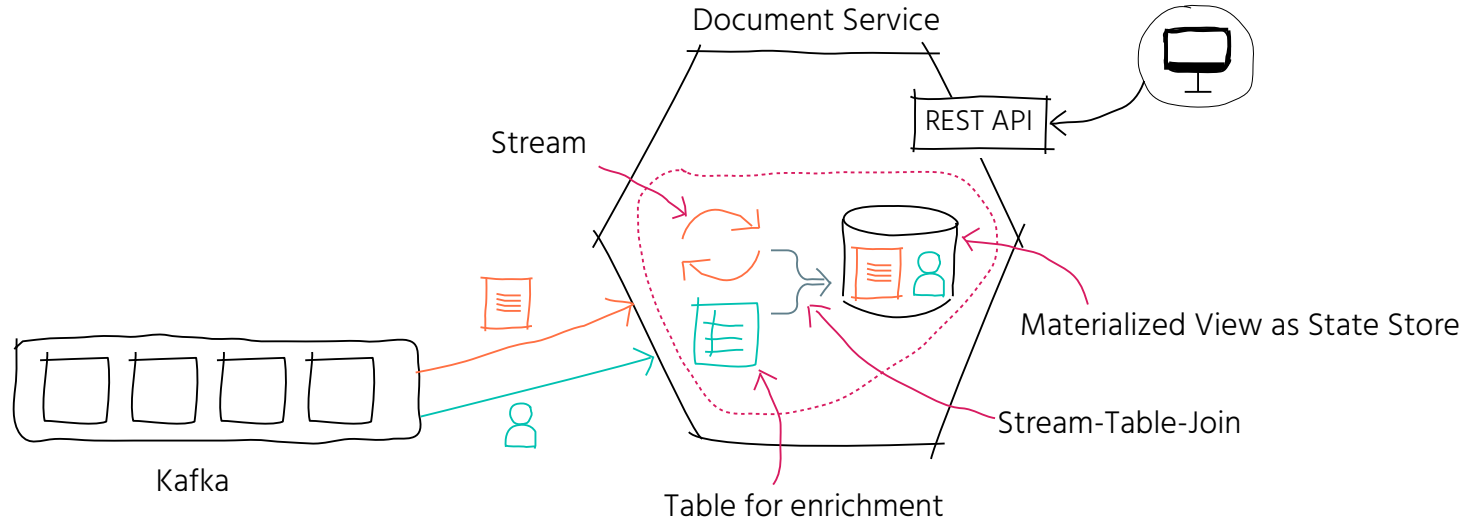
Snapshot of the latest value for each key

key1 → value3

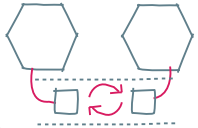
key2 → value2

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Materialized Views w/ Kafka Streams



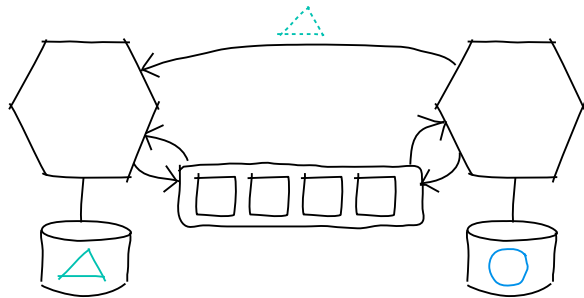
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Event Streams as a Shared Source of Truth



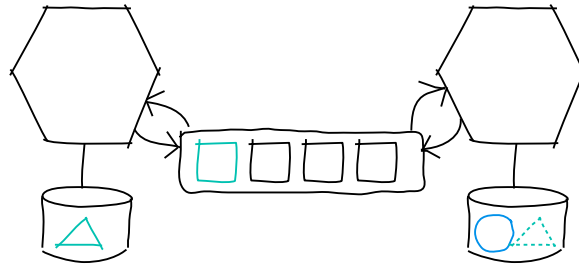
Events for notification



- Simple integration
- Remote query => increasing coupling



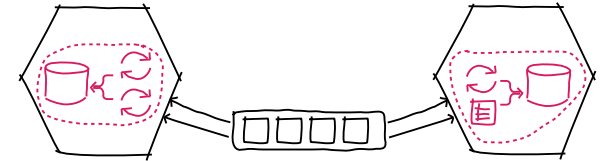
Events for data duplication



- Eliminating remote query => better decoupling
- Local copy => better autonomy
- Duplicating effort to maintain local dataset

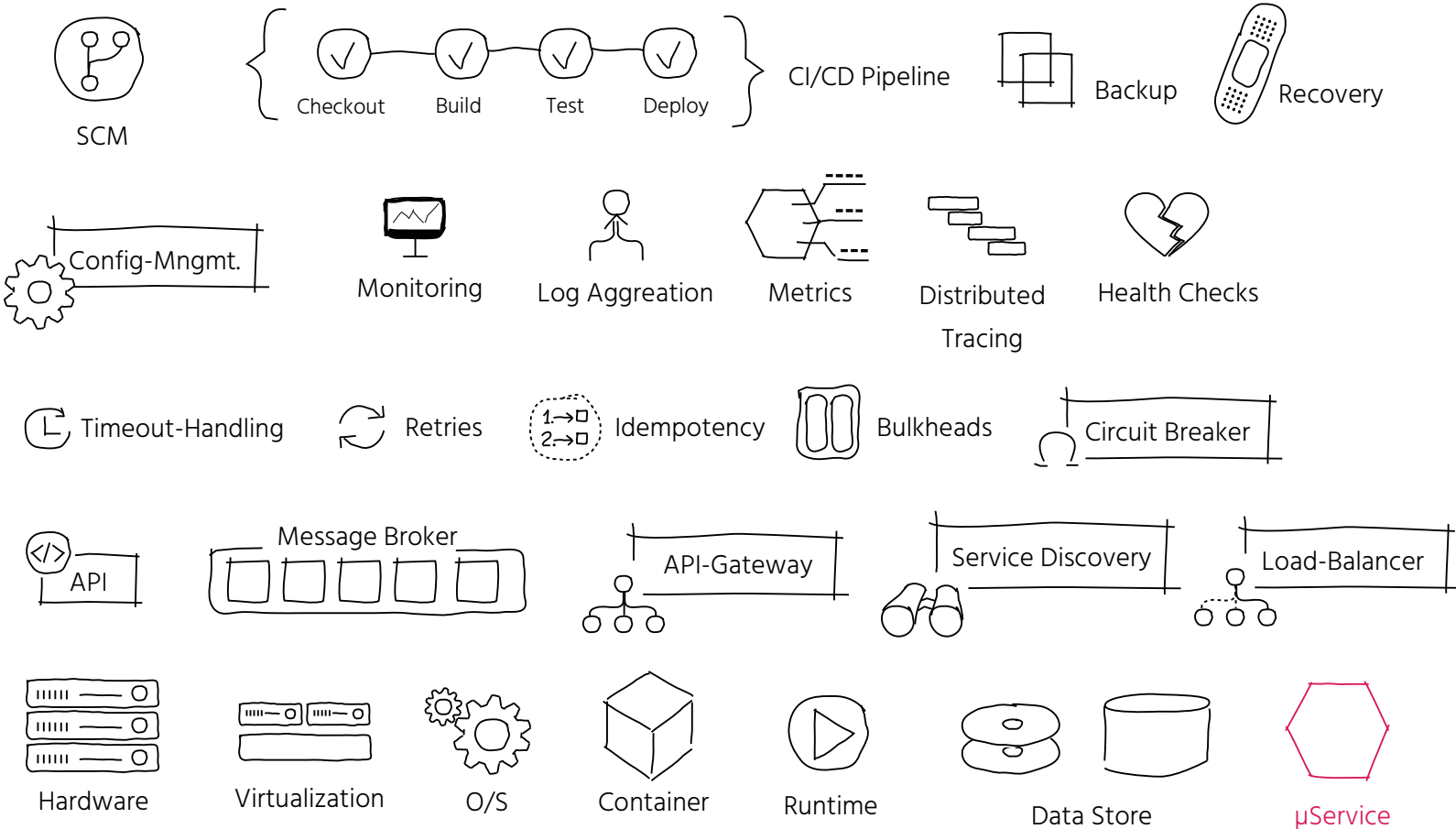


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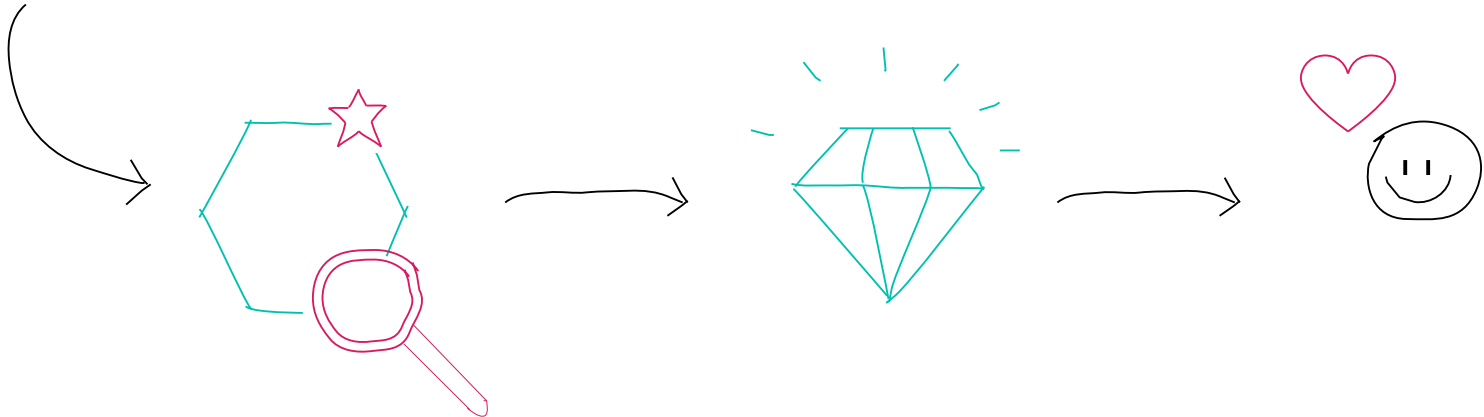


- Eliminating local copy => reduces duplicating effort
- Pushes data to where it's needed
- Increases pluggability
- Low barrier to entry for new service

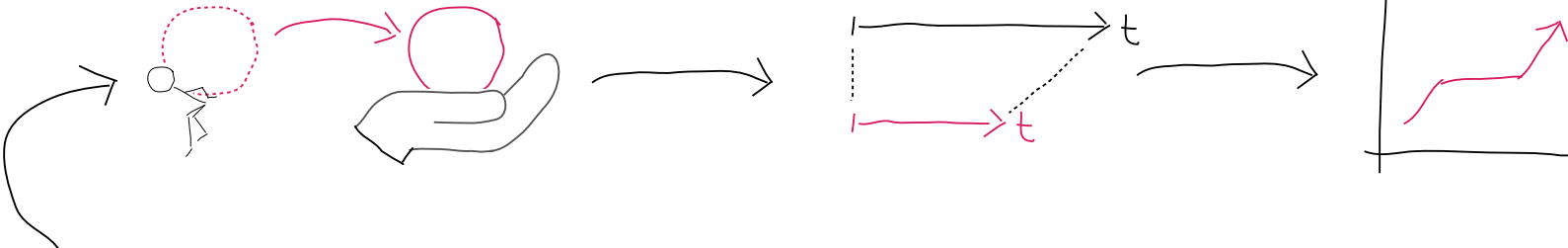
Infrastructure Complexities



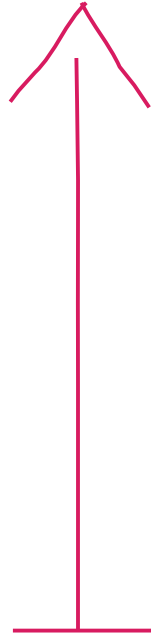
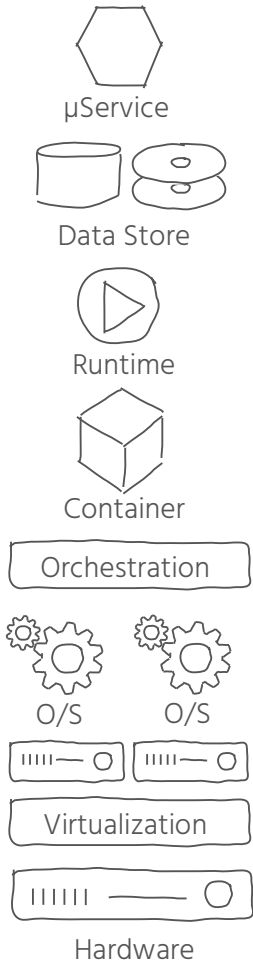
Build the things that differentiate you



Offload the things that don't



Managed Services



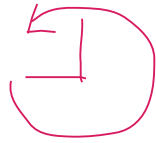
Offload by getting common building blocks managed by cloud providers



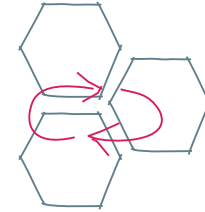
Lessons Learned



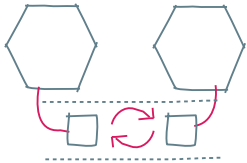
Start small



Handle cross-cutting concerns early



Avoid a distributed monolith



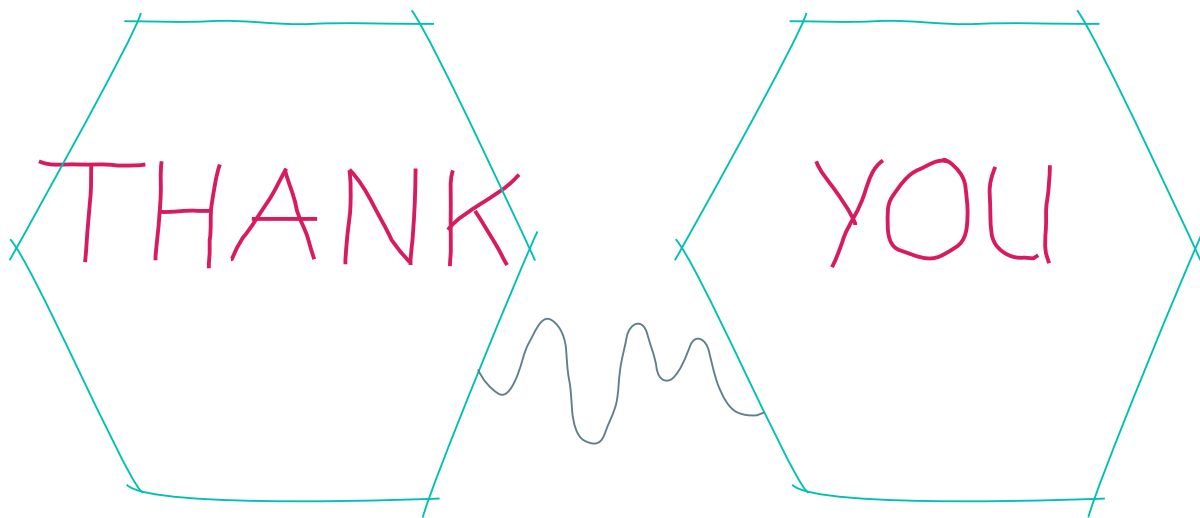
Design event-driven & consider event streams as shared source of truth



Consider managed services to offload infrastructure complexities



Be aware of affecting circumstances
&
Each journey is different :)



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