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# THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK

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# Chapter 0

*The “London school of software engineering”*

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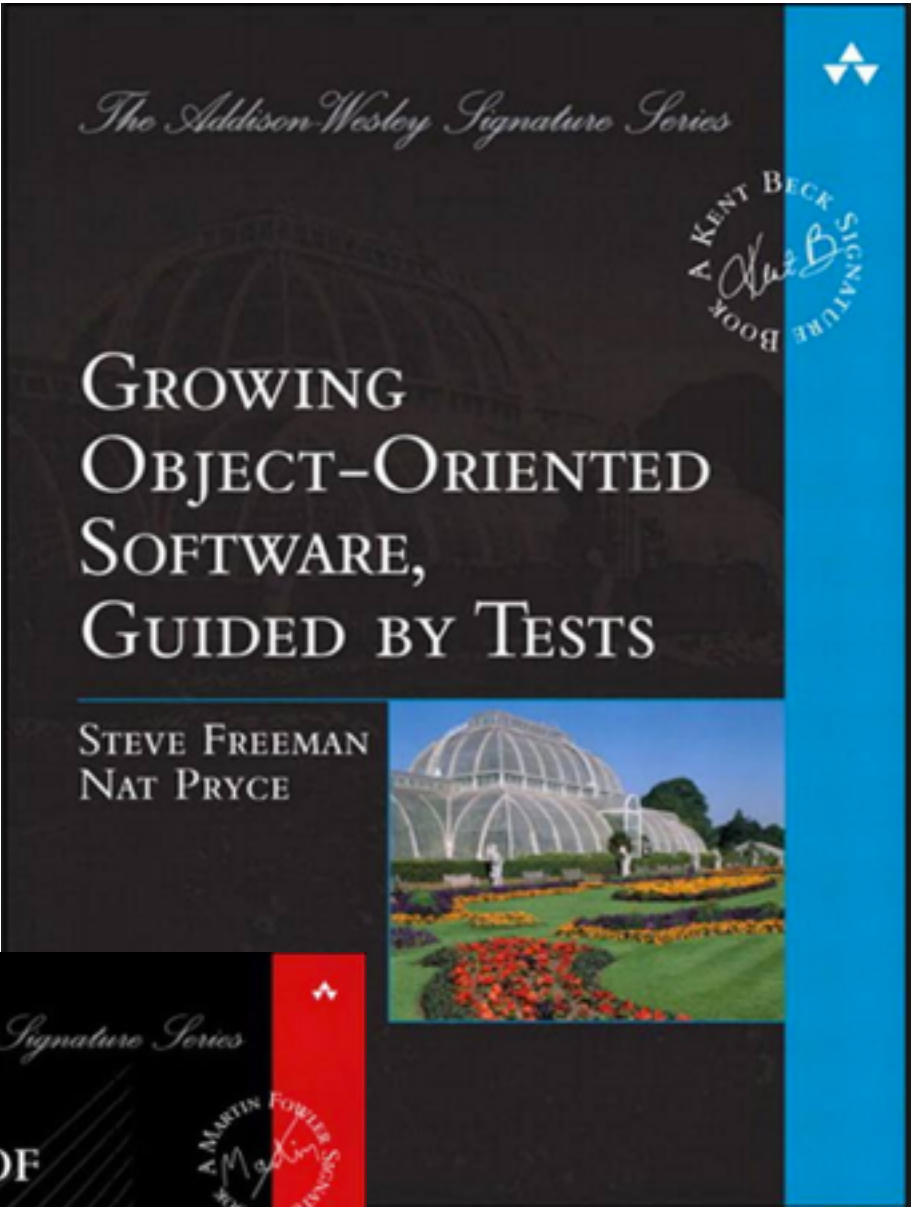
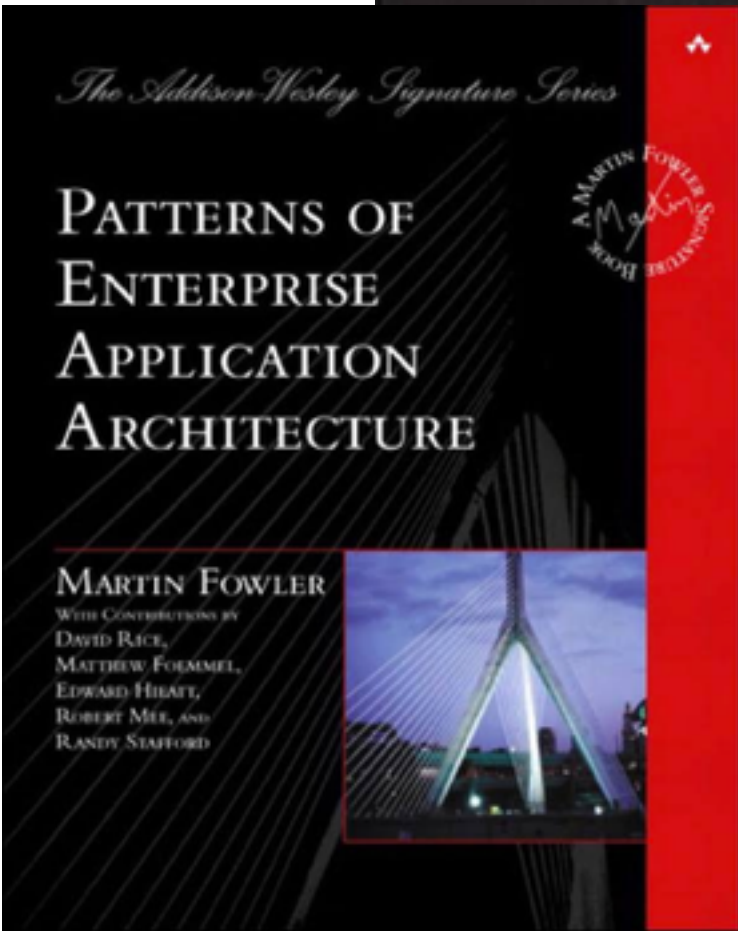
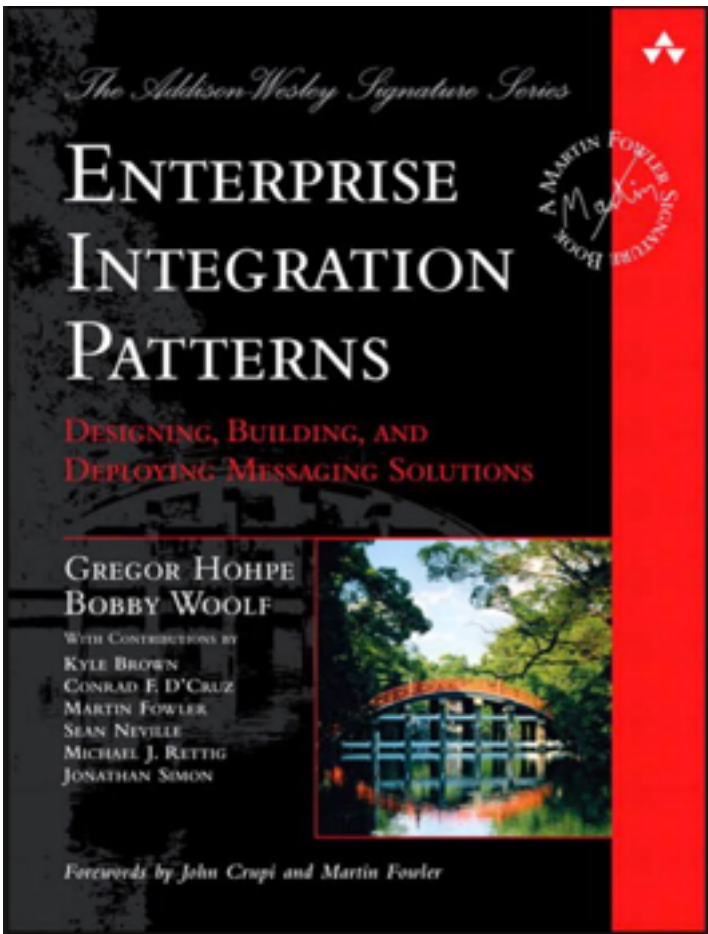
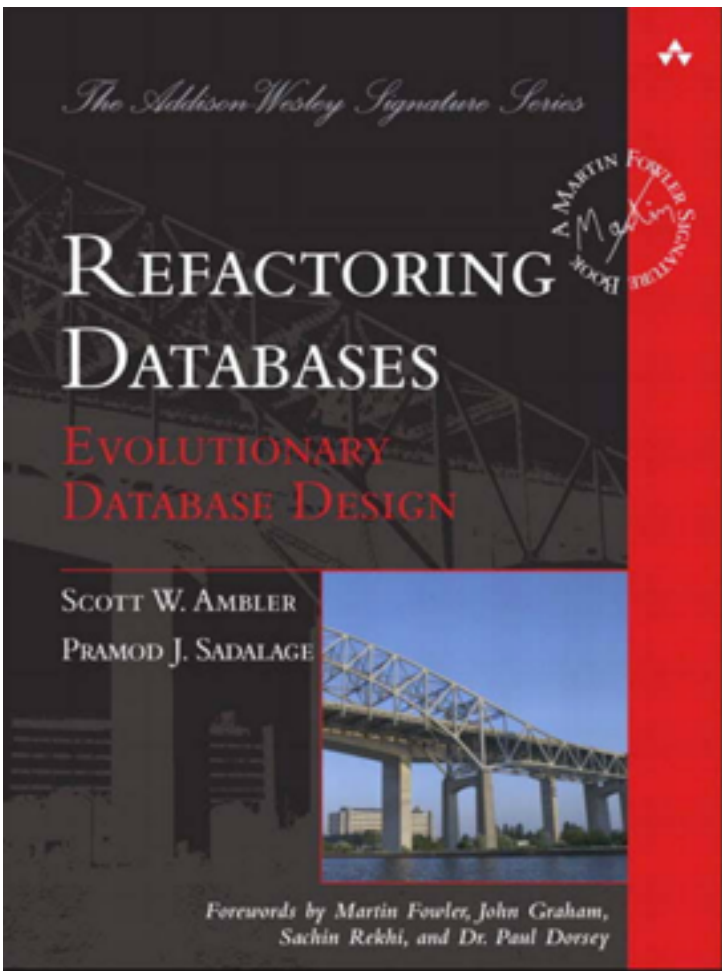
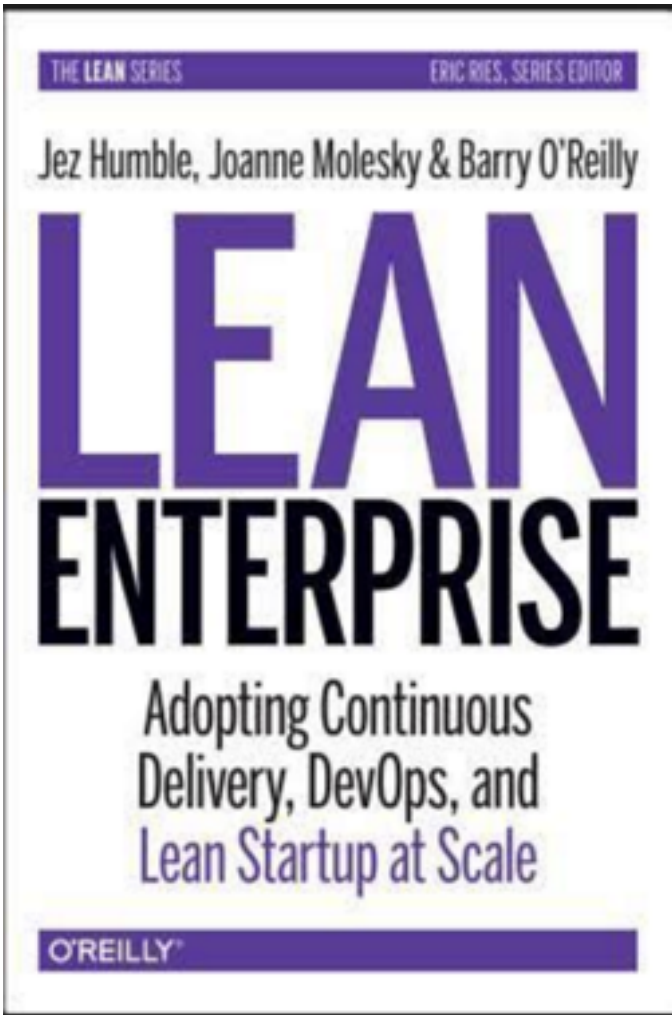
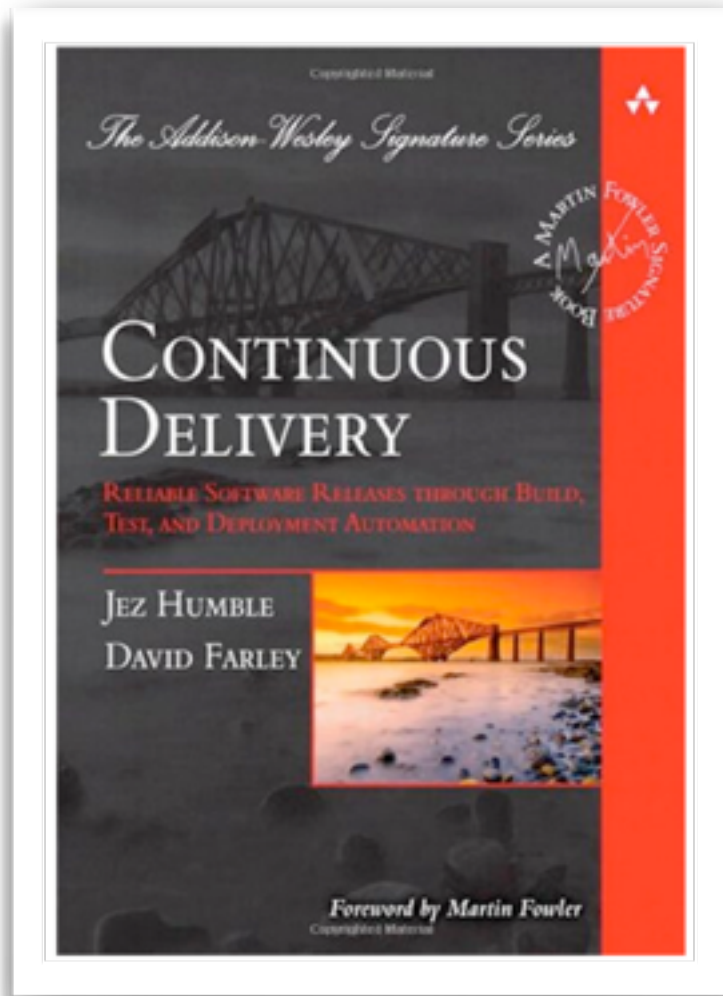
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# TECHNOLOGY RADAR

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## ADOPT ?

1. Decoupling deployment from release
2. Products over projects
3. Threat Modeling

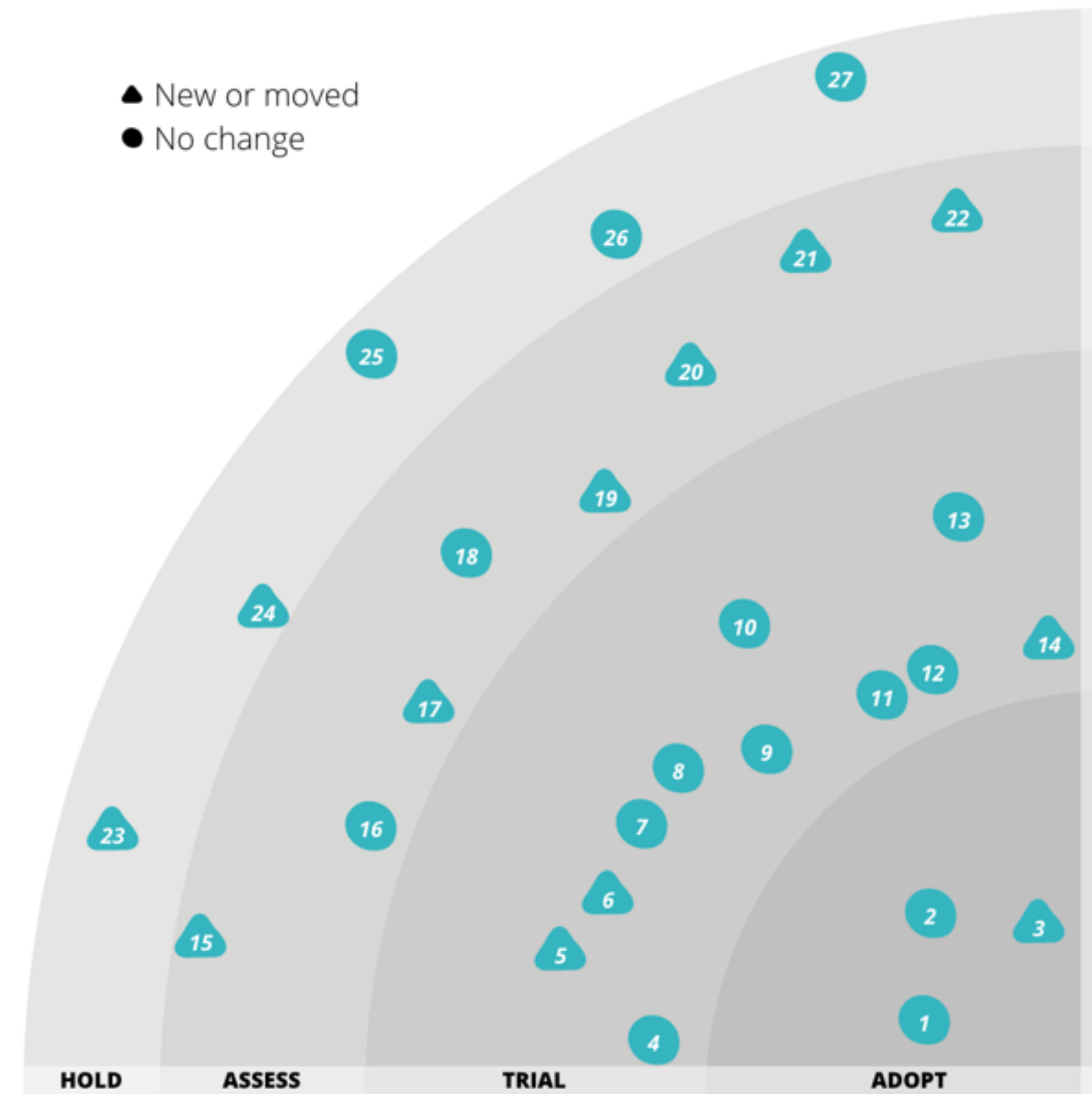
## TRIAL ?

4. BFF - Backend for frontends
5. Bug bounties
6. Data Lake
7. Event Storming
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10. iFrames for sandboxing
11. NPM for all the things
12. Phoenix Environments
13. QA in production
14. Reactive architectures

## ASSESS ?

15. Content Security Policies new
16. Hosted IDE's
17. Hosting PII data in the EU new
18. Monitoring of invariants
19. OWASP ASVS new
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21. Unikernels new
22. VR beyond gaming new

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- No change



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# Microservices

*The term "Microservice Architecture" has sprung up over the last few years to describe a particular way of designing software applications as suites of independently deployable services. While there is no precise definition of this architectural style, there are certain common characteristics around organization around business capability, automated deployment, intelligence in the endpoints, and decentralized control of languages and data.*

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25 March 2014



## James Lewis

James Lewis is a Principal Consultant at ThoughtWorks and member of the Technology Advisory

Board. James' interest in building applications out of small collaborating services stems from a background in integrating enterprise systems at scale. He's built a number of systems using microservices and has been an active participant in the growing community for a couple of years.



## Martin Fowler

Martin Fowler is an author, speaker, and general loud-mouth on software development. He's long been puzzled

by the problem of how to componentize

## Contents

### Characteristics of a Microservice Architecture

- Componentization via Services

- Organized around Business Capabilities

- Products not Projects

- Smart endpoints and dumb pipes

- Decentralized Governance

- Decentralized Data Management

- Infrastructure Automation

- Design for failure

- Evolutionary Design

Are Microservices the Future?

## Sidebars

How big is a microservice?

Microservices and SOA

Many languages, many options

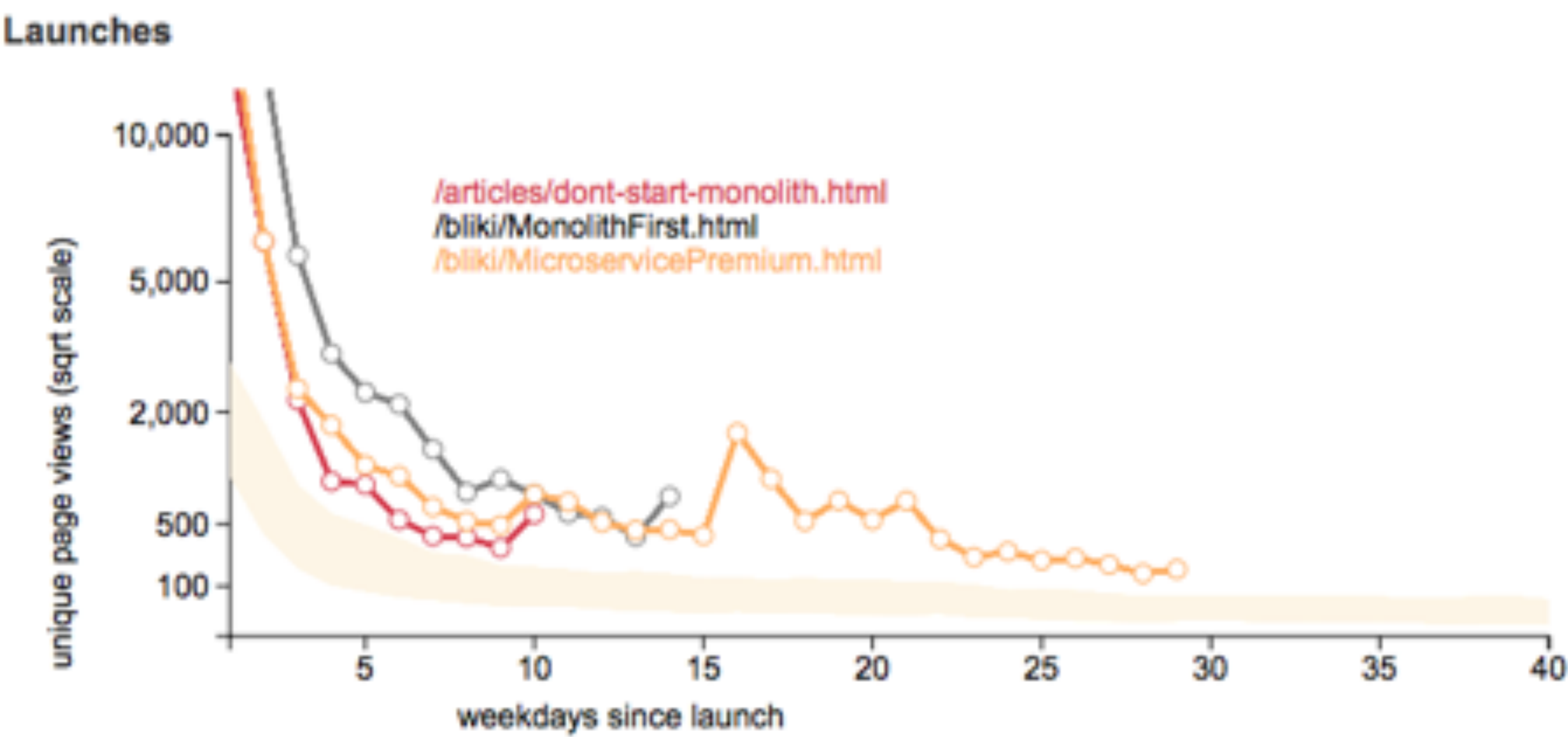
Battle-tested standards and enforced standards

Make it easy to do the right thing

The circuit breaker and production ready code

Synchronous calls considered harmful

“So our core microservice article got 45,144 unique page views last month, and is currently running at 1837 per day” @martin



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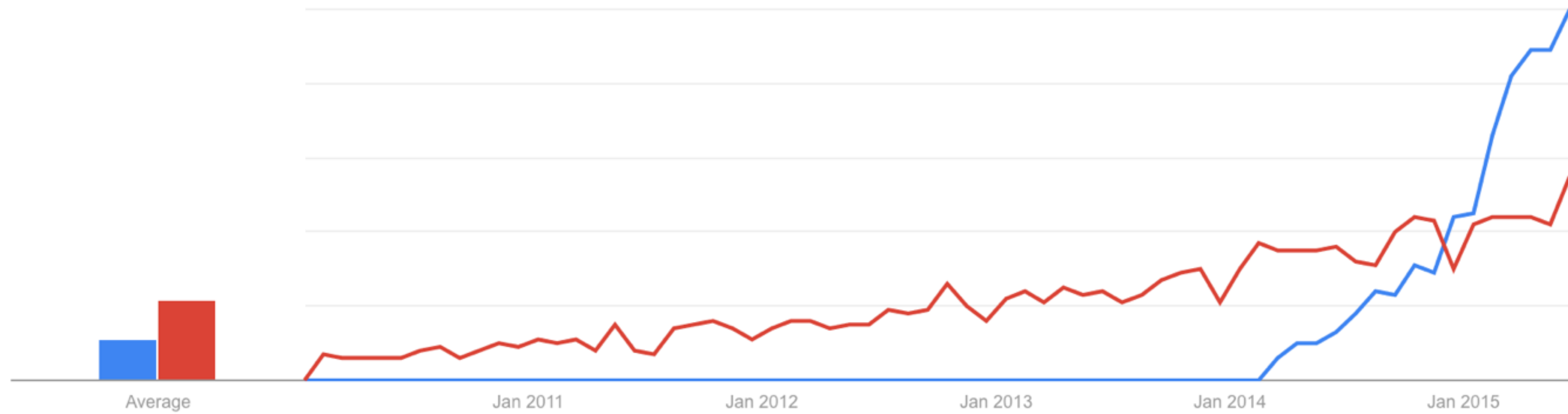
microservices  
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continuous delivery  
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Interest over time ?

☐ News headlines ☐ Forecast ?



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## 25. High performance envy/web scale envy new

We see many teams run into trouble because they have chosen complex tools, frameworks or architectures because they 'might need to scale'. Companies such as Twitter and Netflix need to be able to support extreme loads and so need these architectures, but they also have extremely skilled development teams able to handle the complexity. Most situations do not require these kinds of feats; teams should keep their **web scale envy** in favor of simpler solutions that still get the job done.

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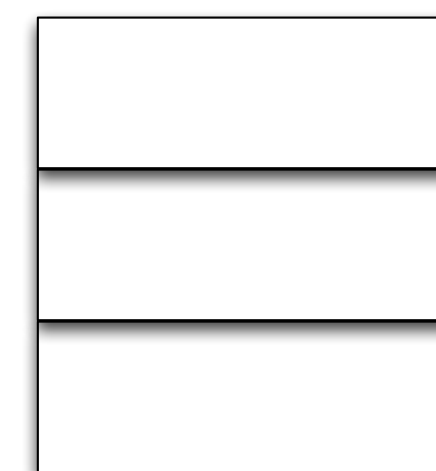
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*The architects dream*

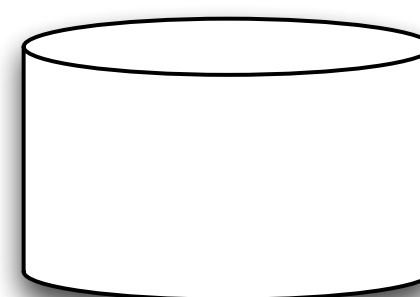
*Airline problems with: monolithic databases ~ 2010*



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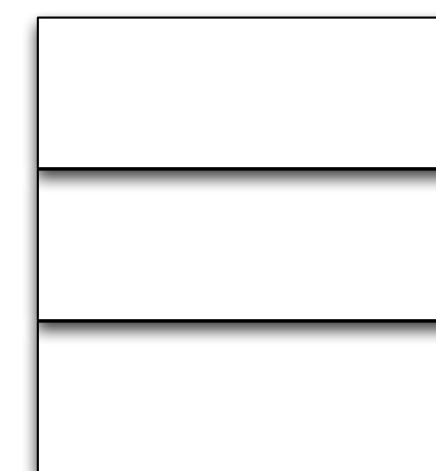


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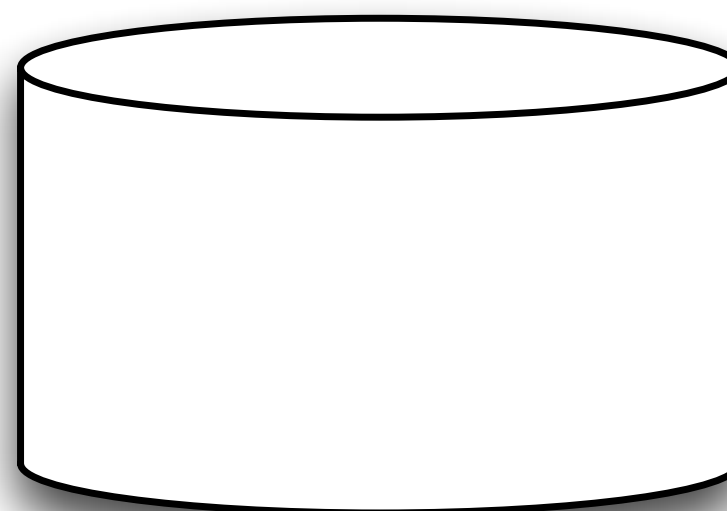




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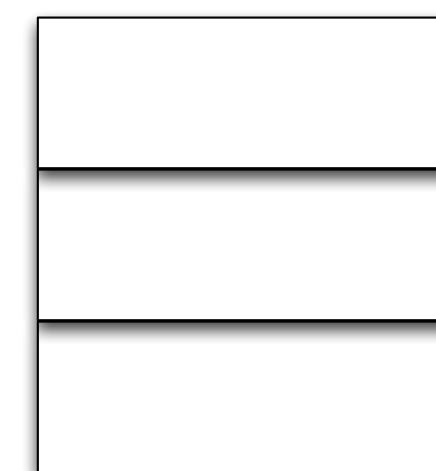


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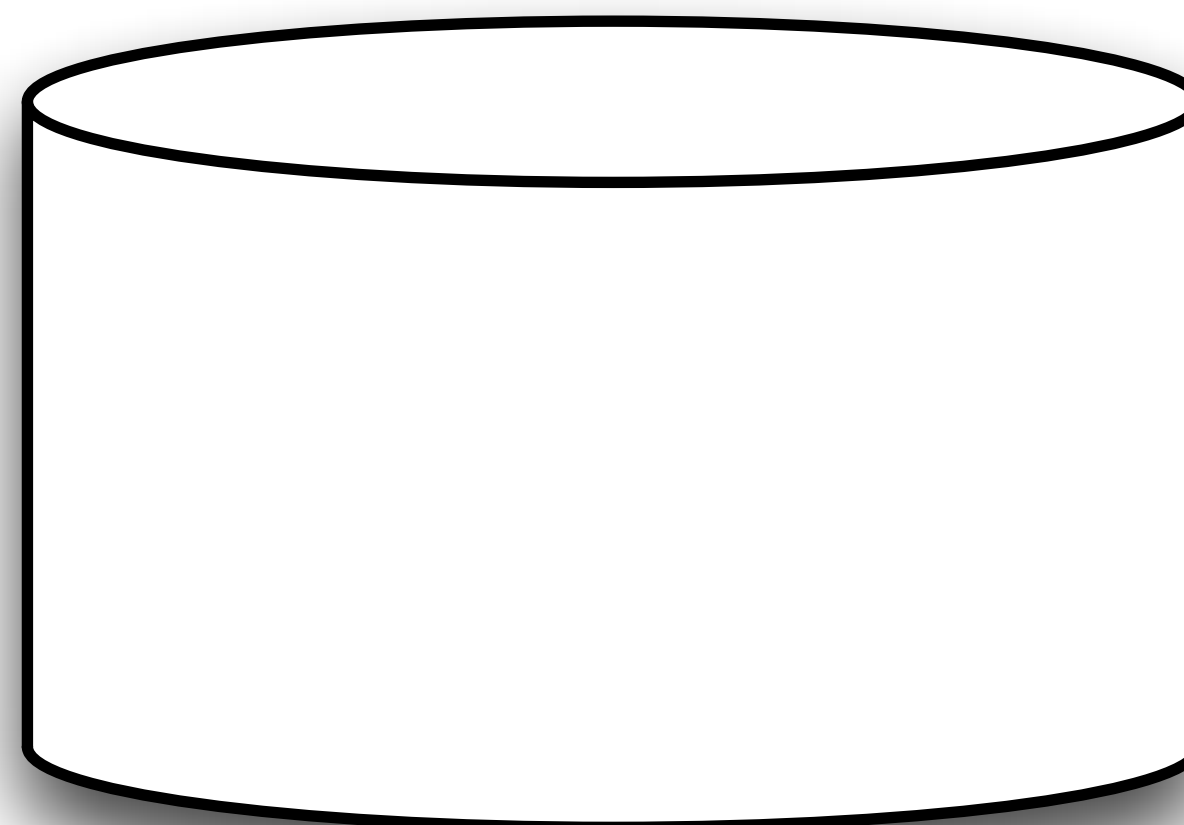




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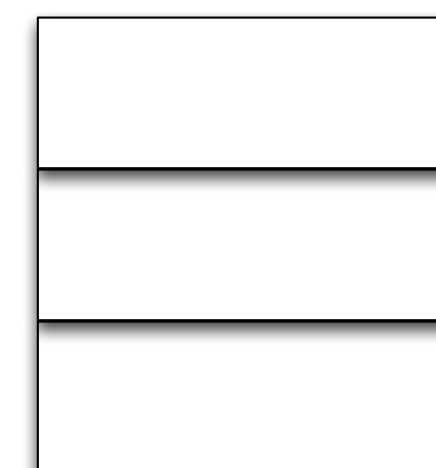
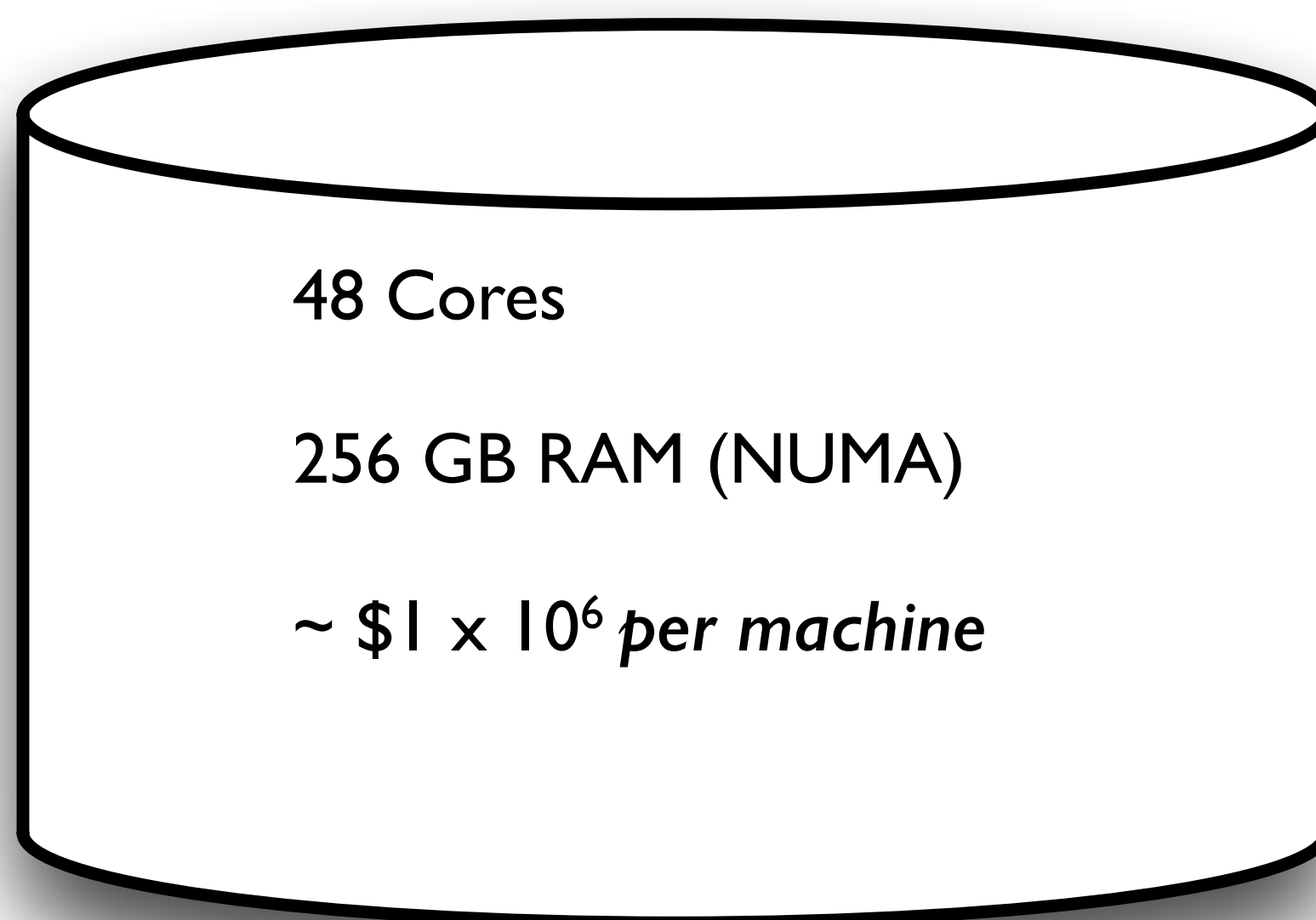


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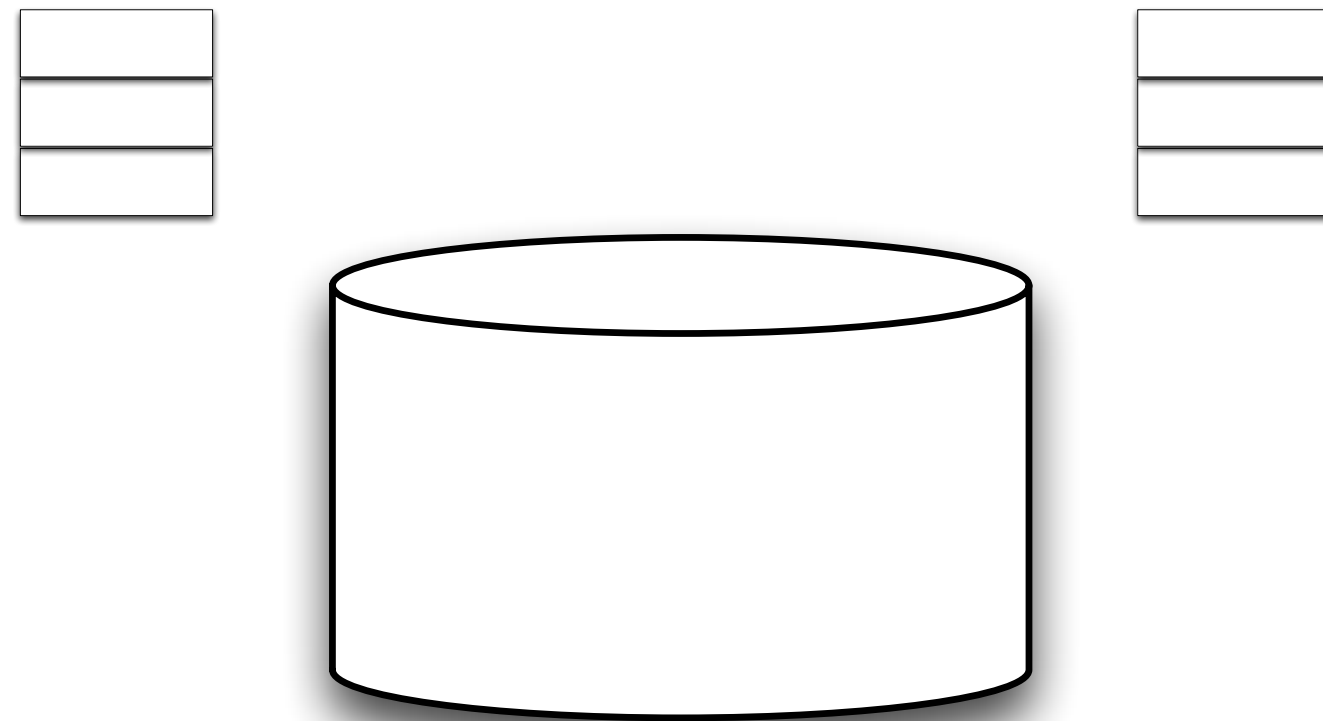
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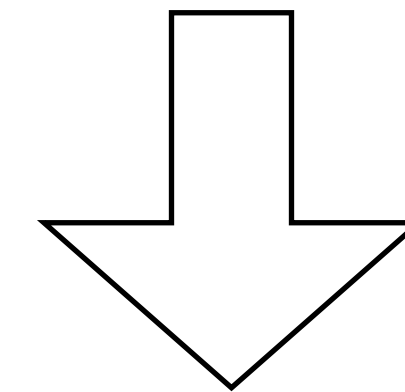
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Tightly coupled

Single point of scaling

Single point of failure



Expensive to change

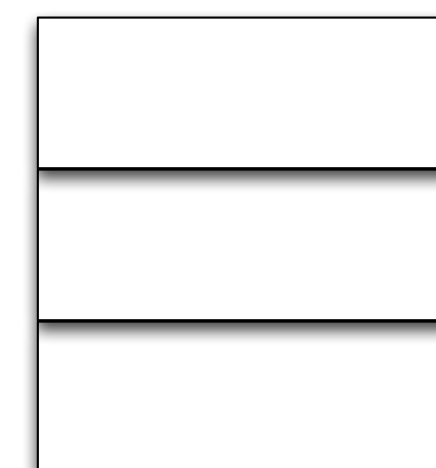
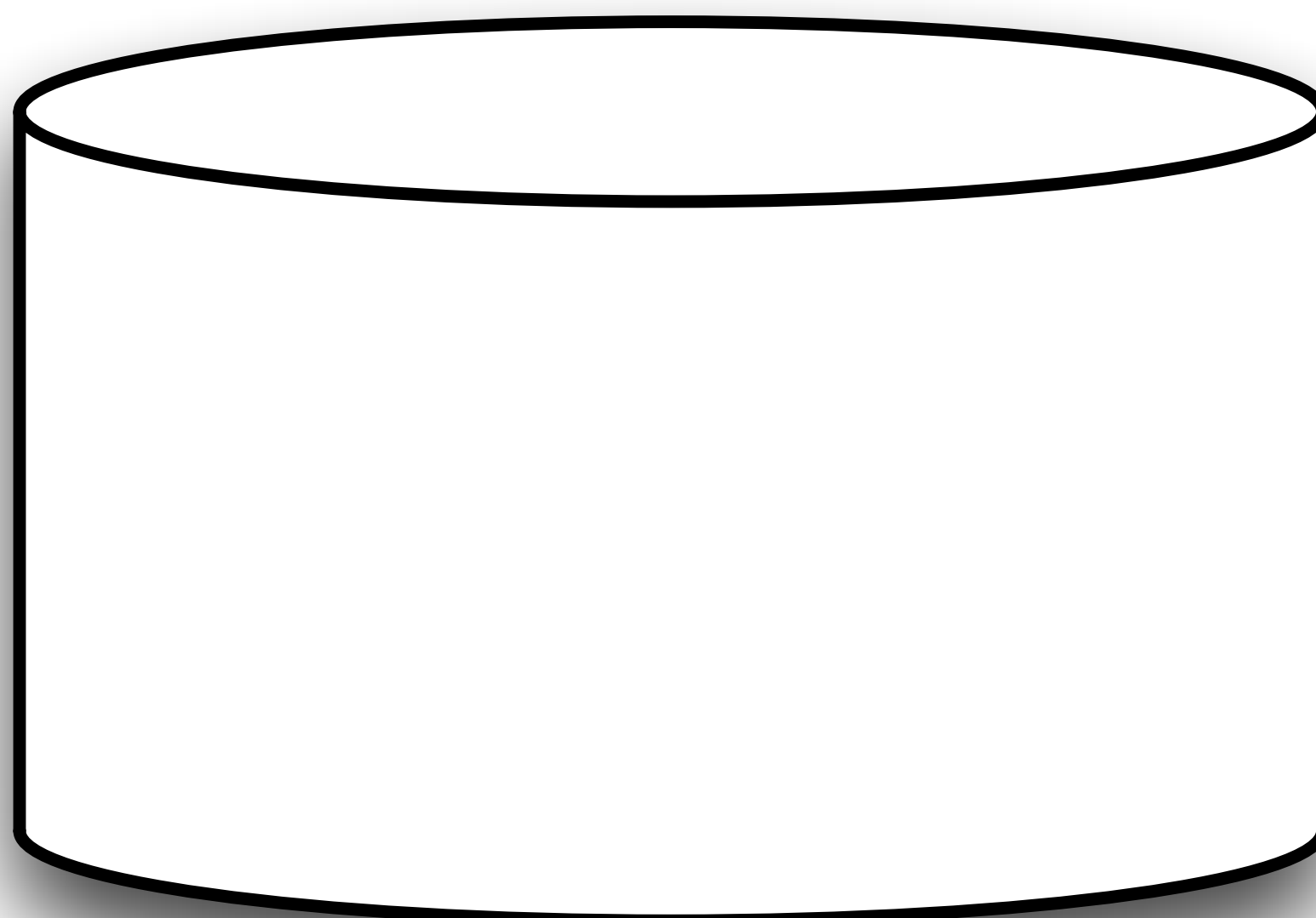
High operational cost

High cost of failure

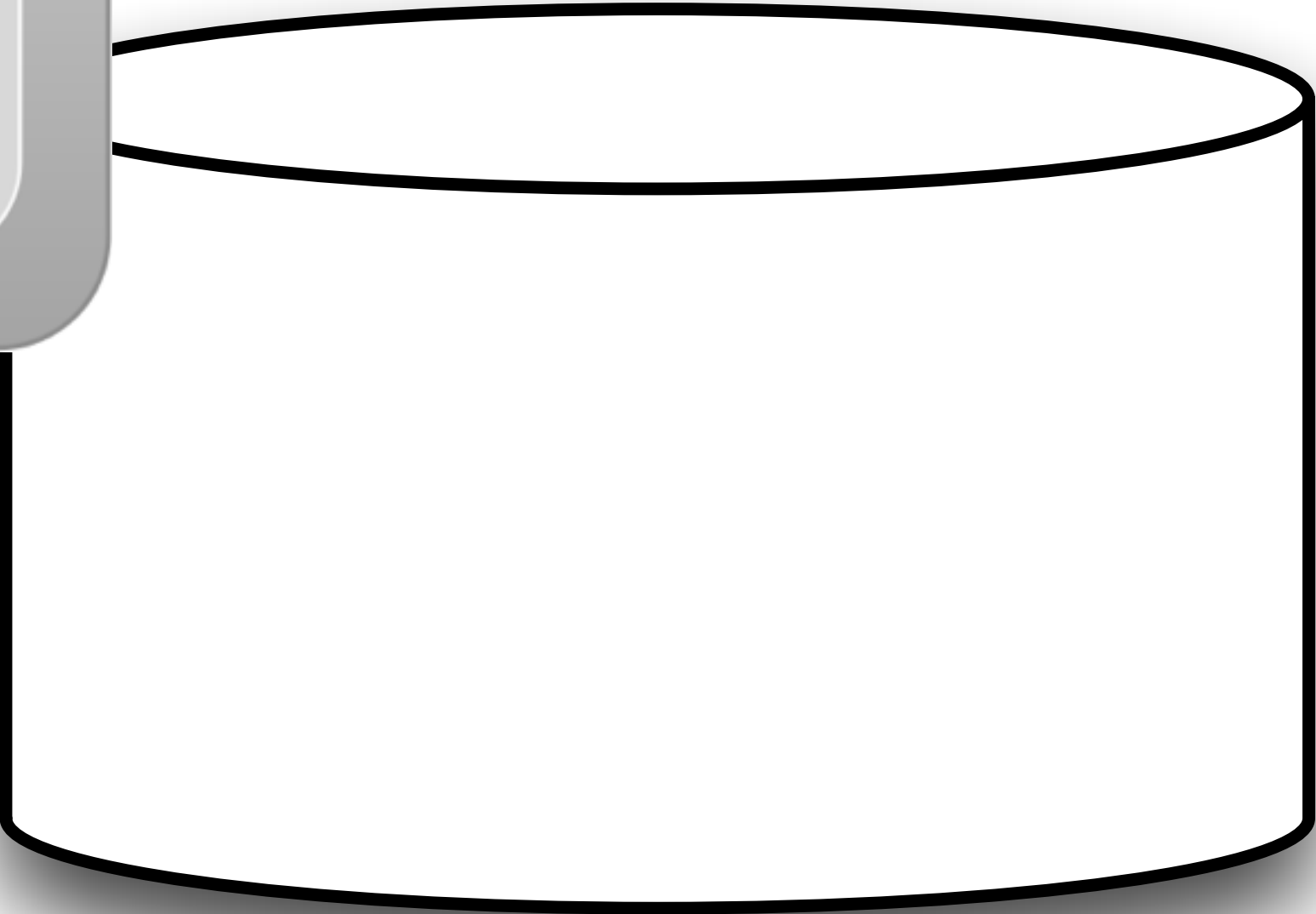




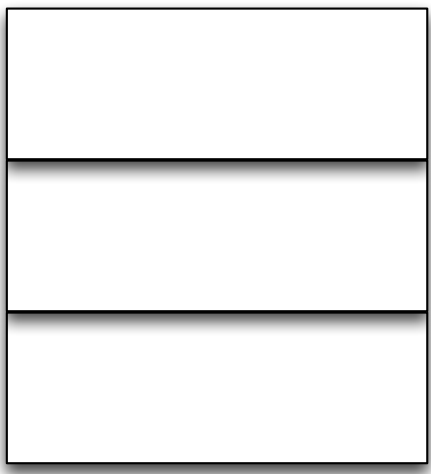
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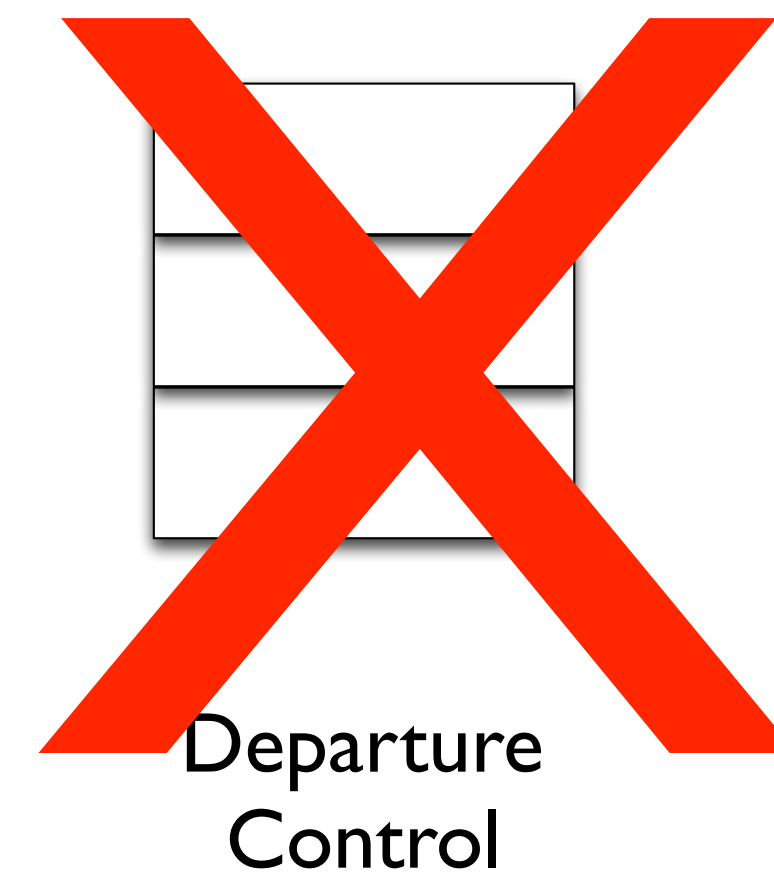
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**BACK IN 2004 (ISH)**

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**amazon.com<sup>®</sup>**

The Amazon logo, featuring a curved orange arrow pointing from the 'a' to the 'm'.

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# BACK IN 2004 (ISH)

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- All teams will henceforth expose their data and functionality through service interfaces.
- Teams must communicate with each other through these interfaces.
- There will be no other form of inter-process communication allowed: no direct linking, no direct reads of another team's data store, no shared-memory model, no back-doors whatsoever. The only communication allowed is via service interface calls over the network.
- It doesn't matter what technology they use.
- All service interfaces, without exception, must be designed from the ground up to be externalizable. That is to say, the team must plan and design to be able to expose the interface to developers in the outside world. No exceptions.

The mandate closed with:

*" Anyone who doesn't do this will be fired. Thank you; have a nice day! "*

Everyone got to work and over the next couple of years, Amazon transformed itself, internally into a service-oriented architecture (SOA), learning a tremendous amount along the way.



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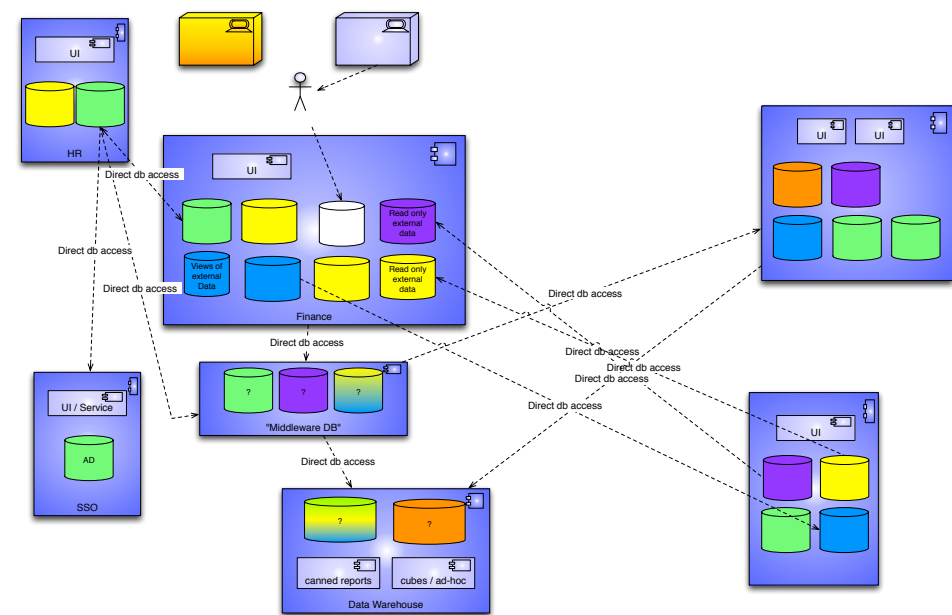
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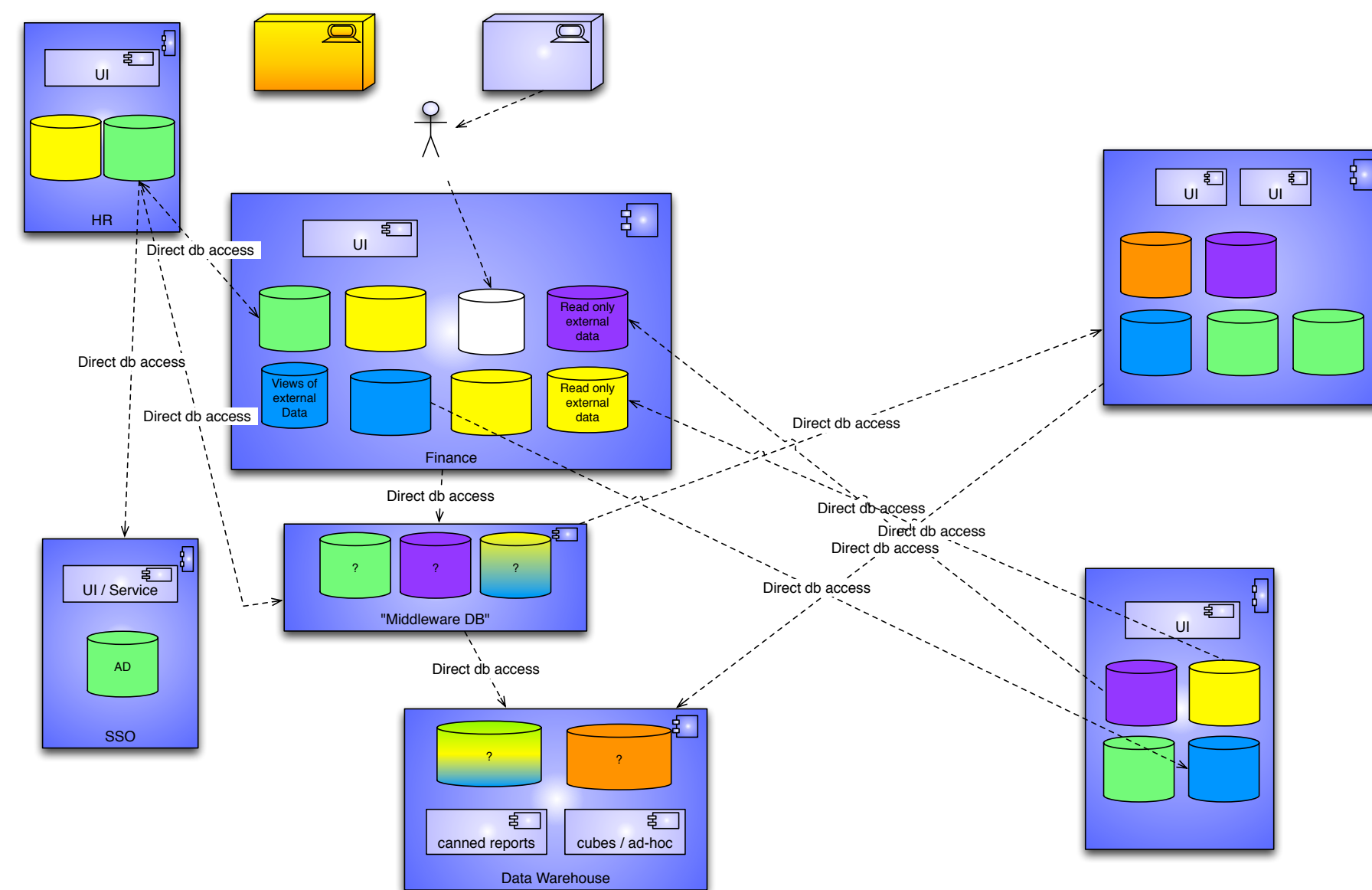
Stovepipes are “systems procured and developed to solve a specific problem, characterized by a limited focus and functionality, and containing data that cannot be easily shared with other systems.” (DOE 1999)

*DOE. Committee to Assess the Policies and Practices of the Department of Energy, Improving Project Management in the Department of Energy, National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 1999, page 133.*



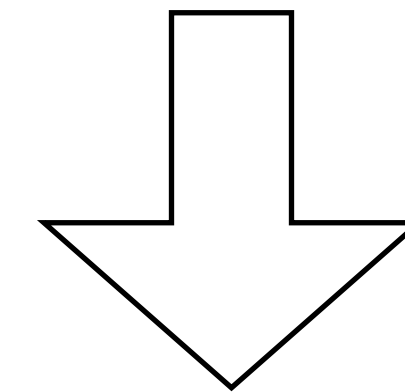






Logic scattered all over the place

Data scattered all over the place

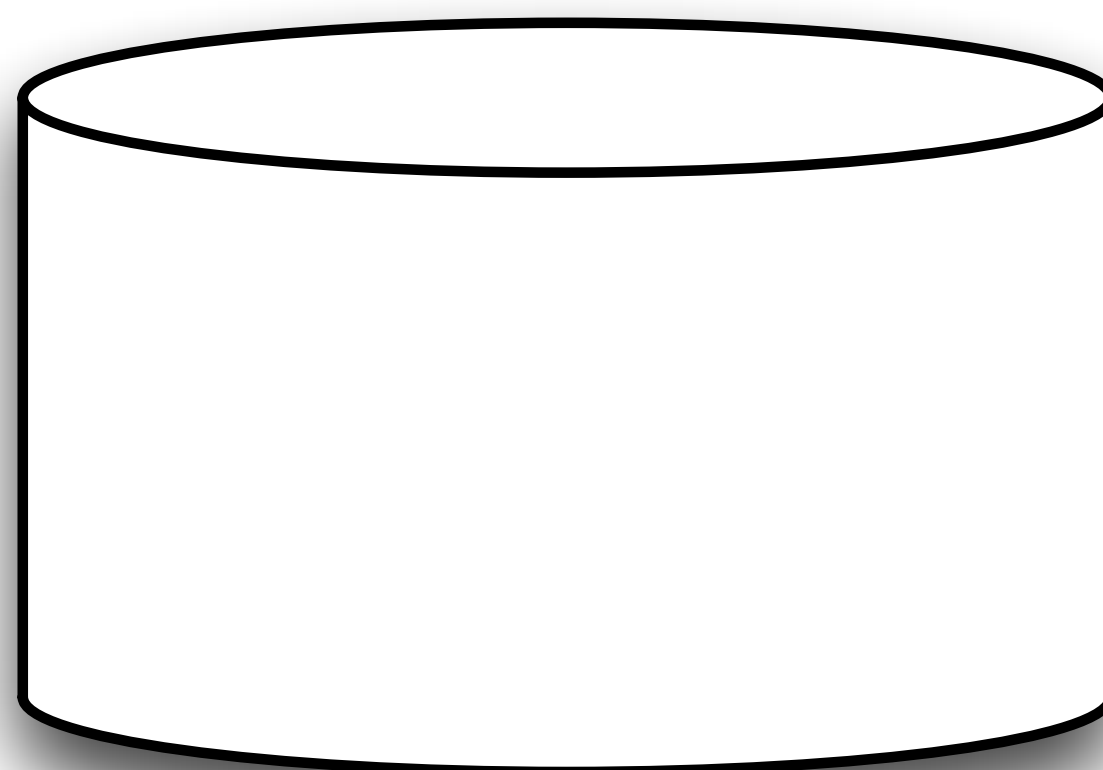
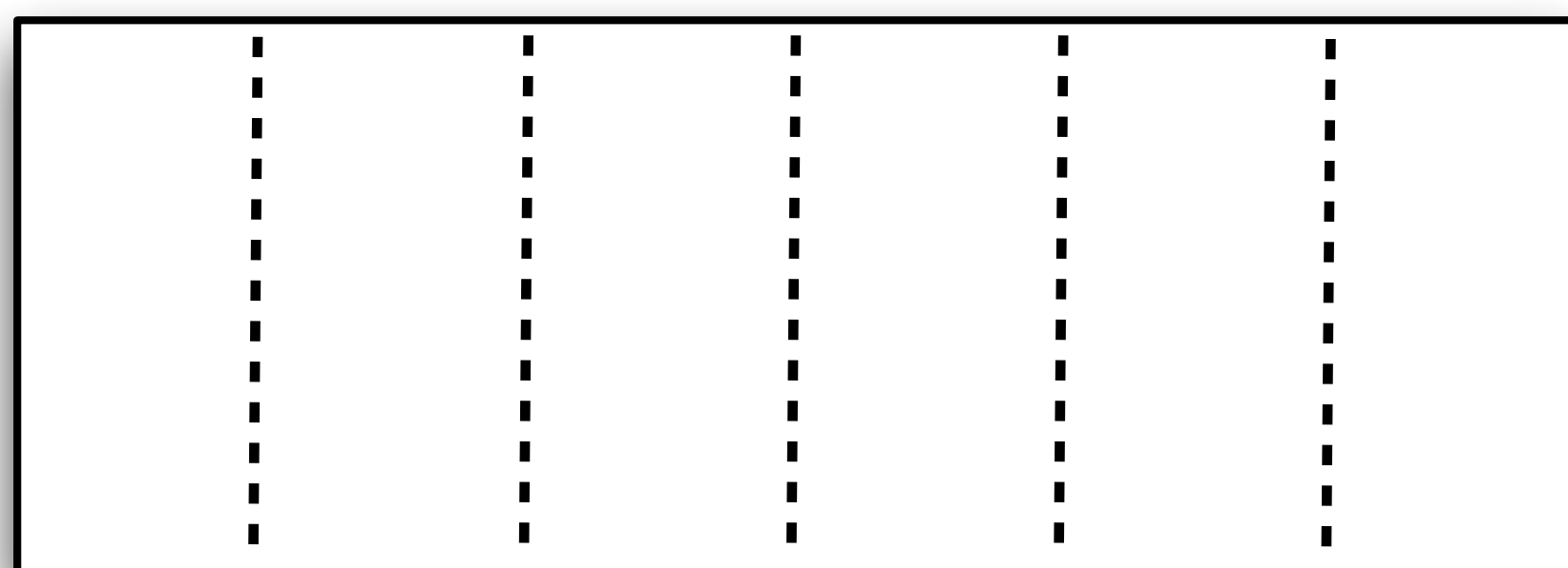


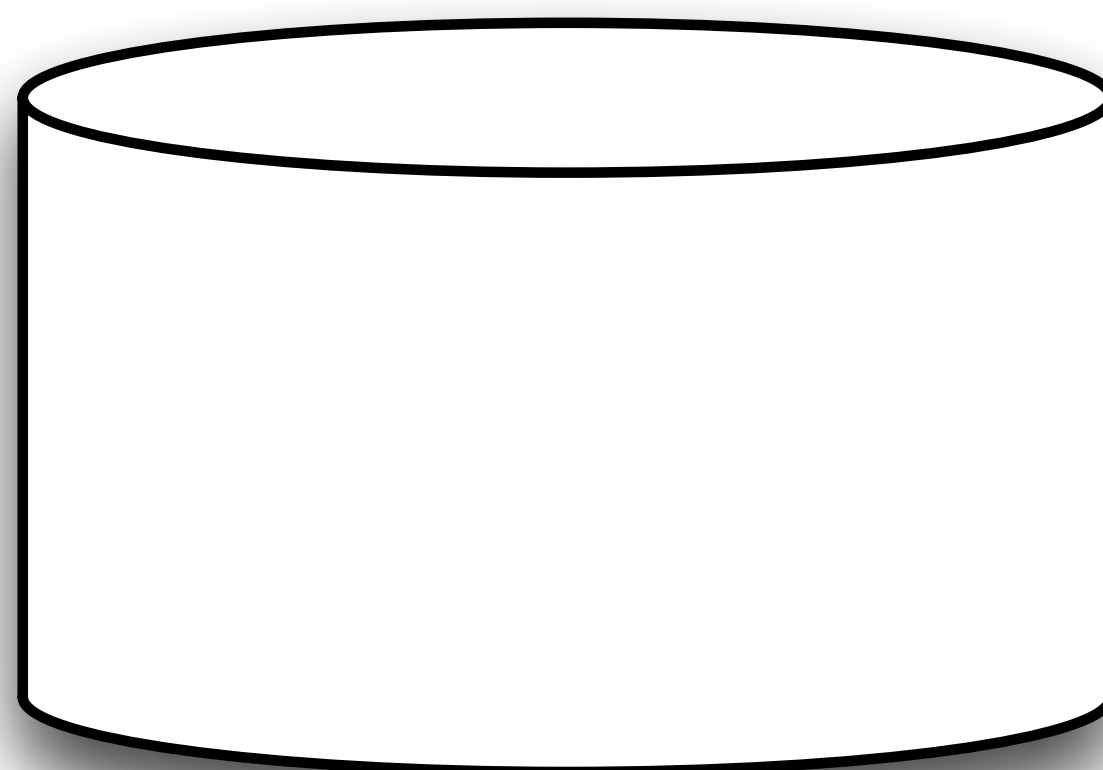
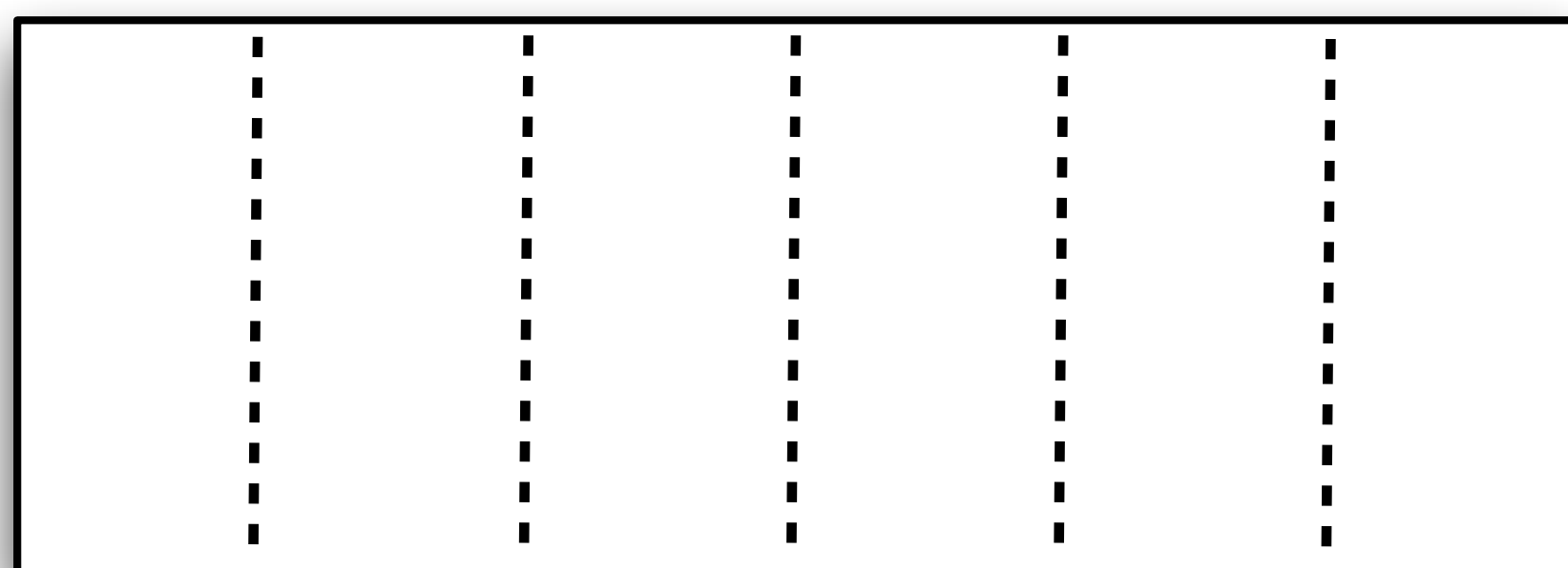
Difficult to predict the effect of changes

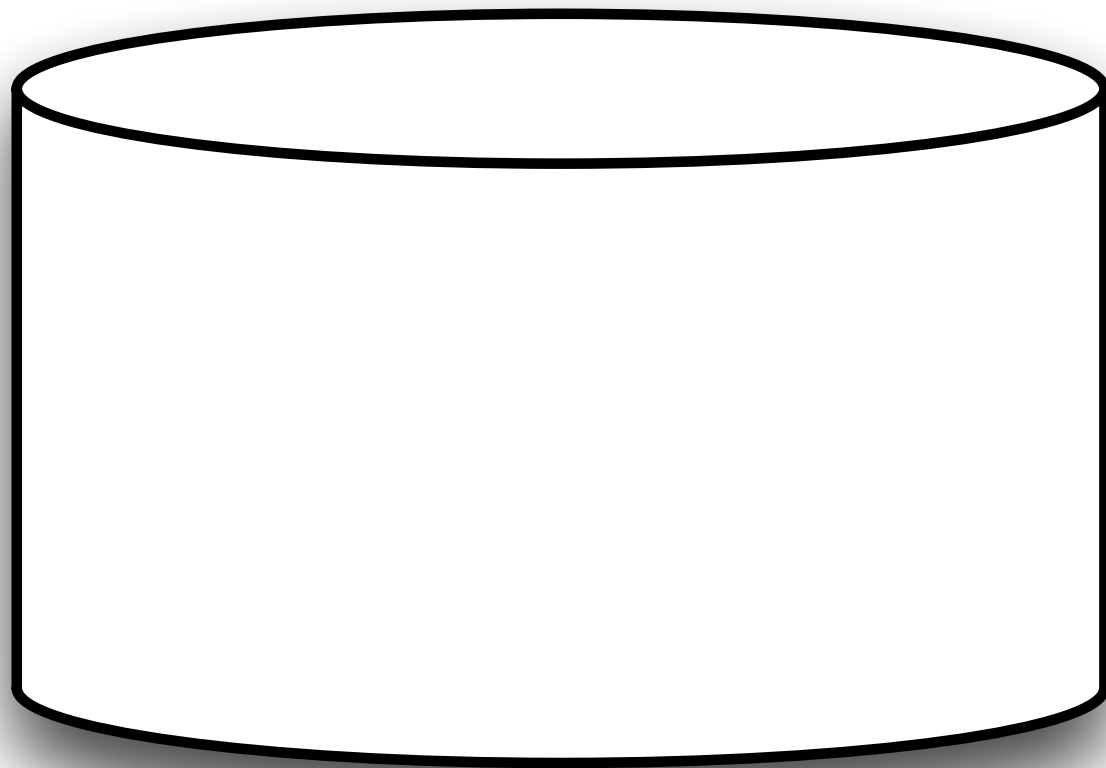
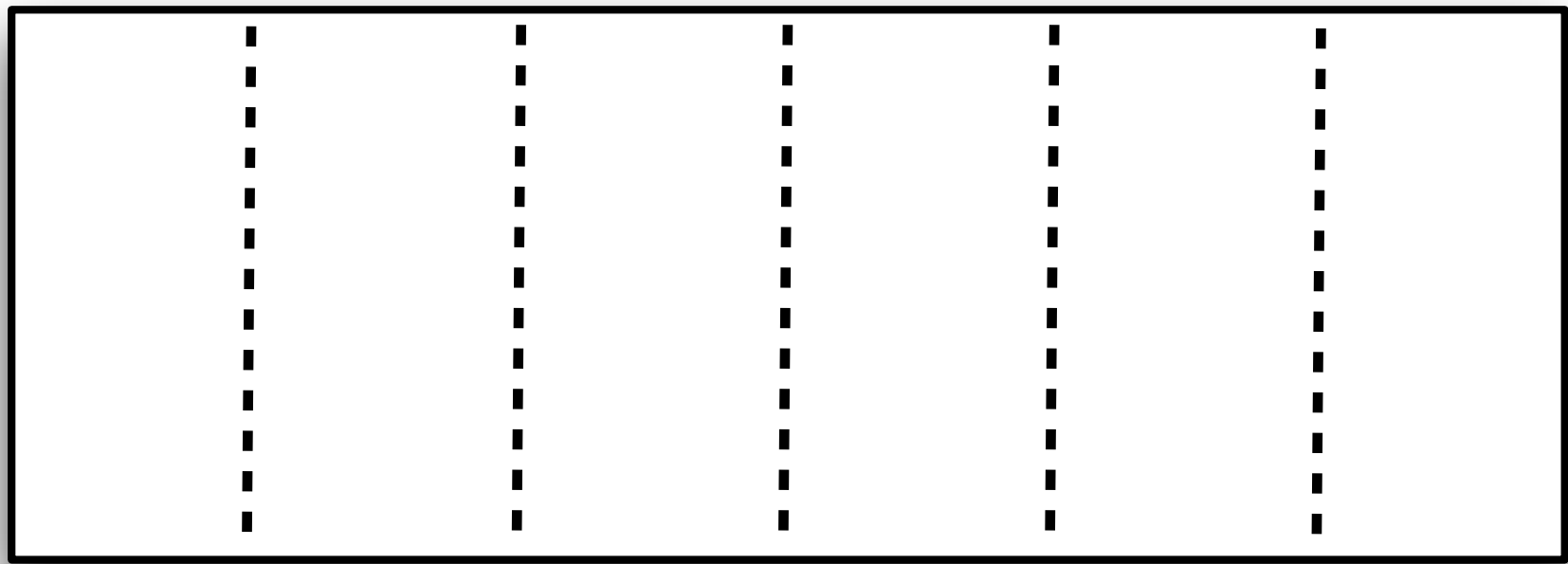
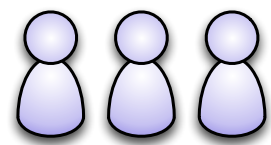
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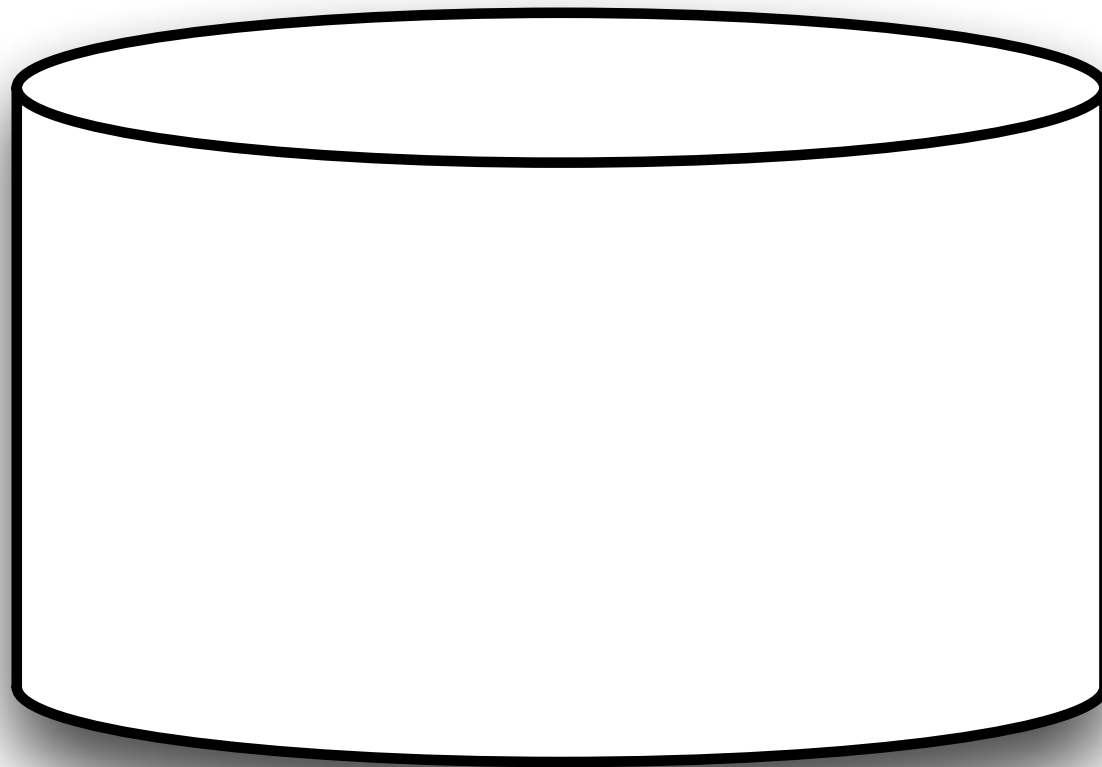
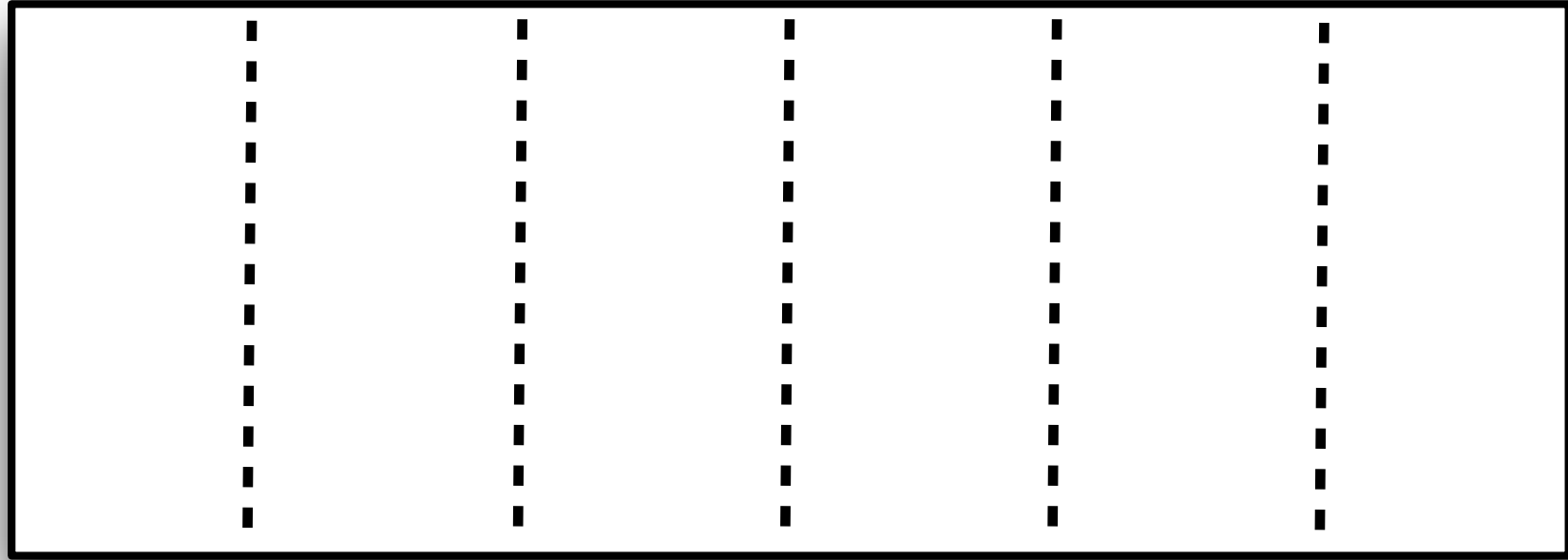
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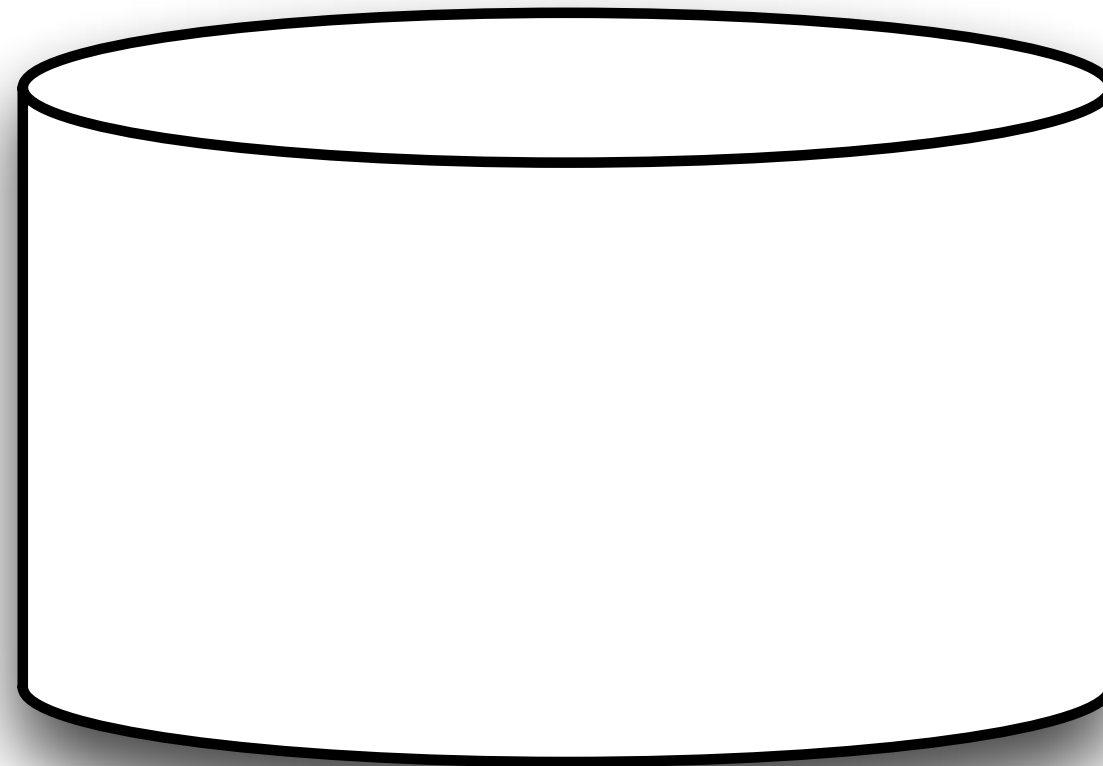
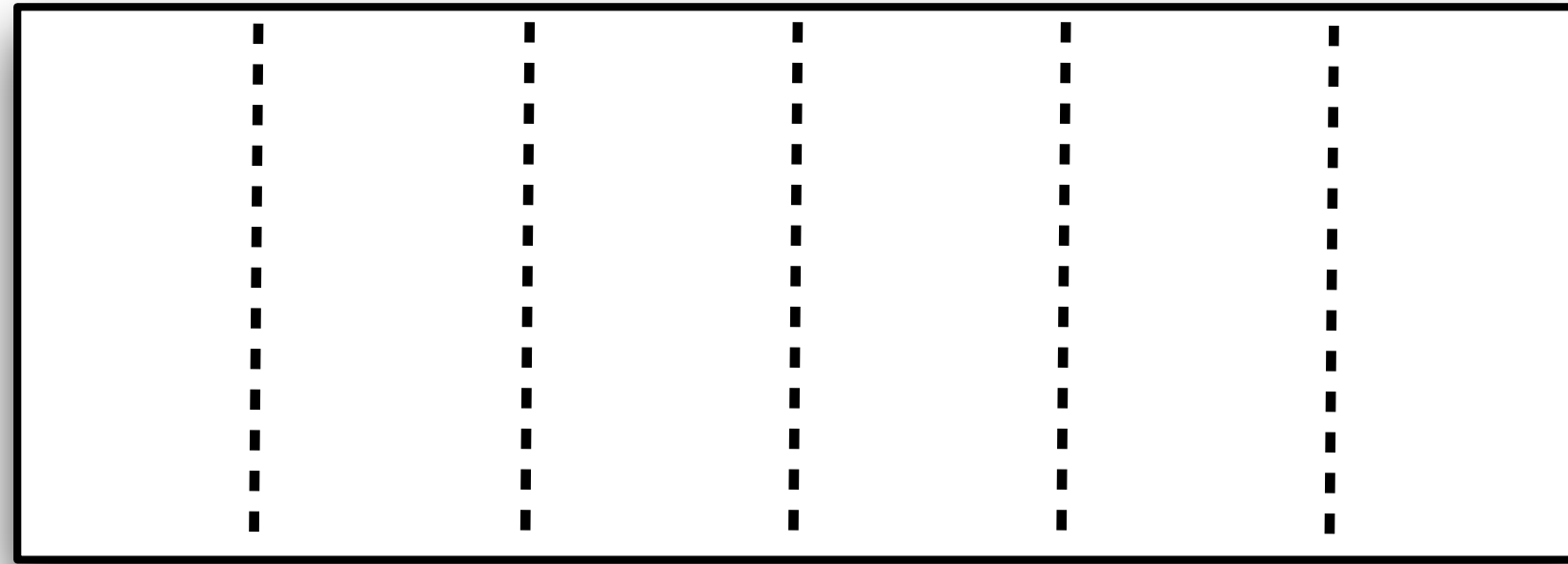
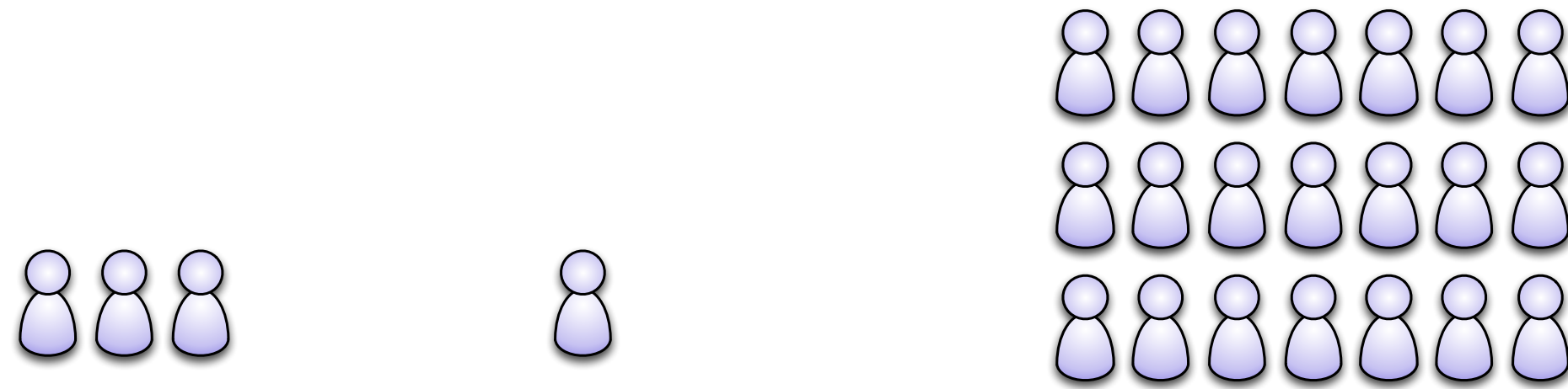
*Insurance - 2011*

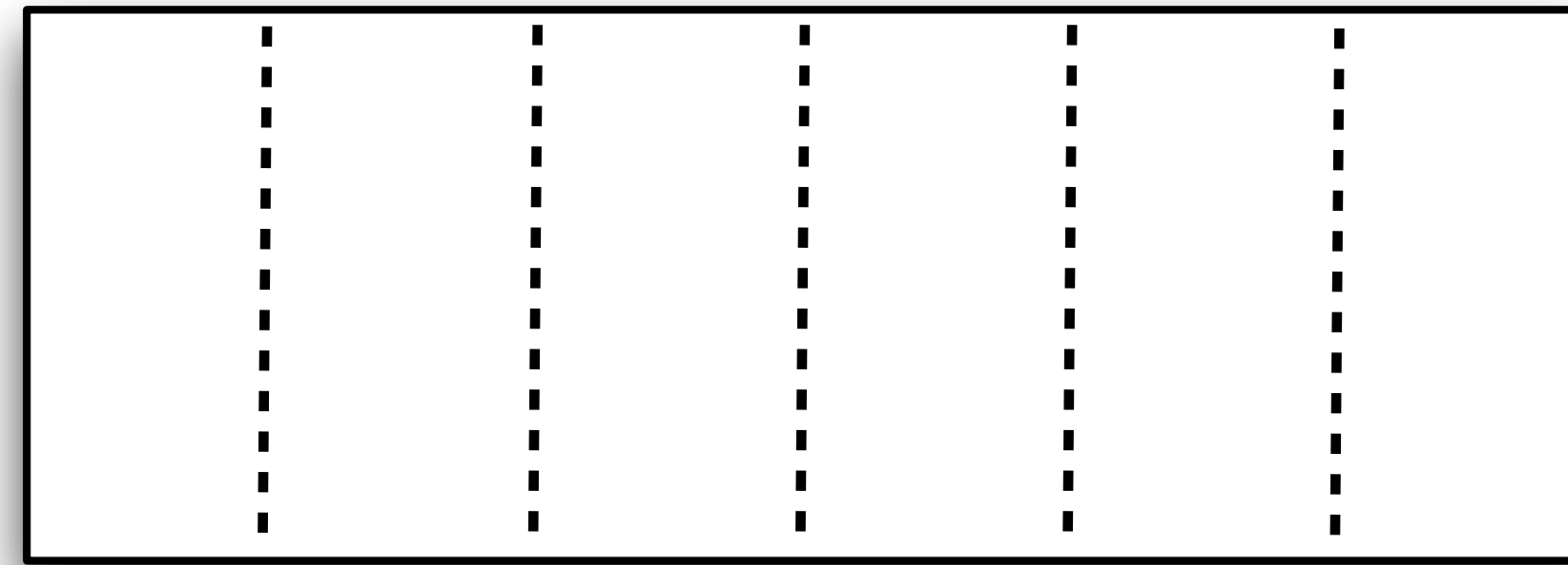
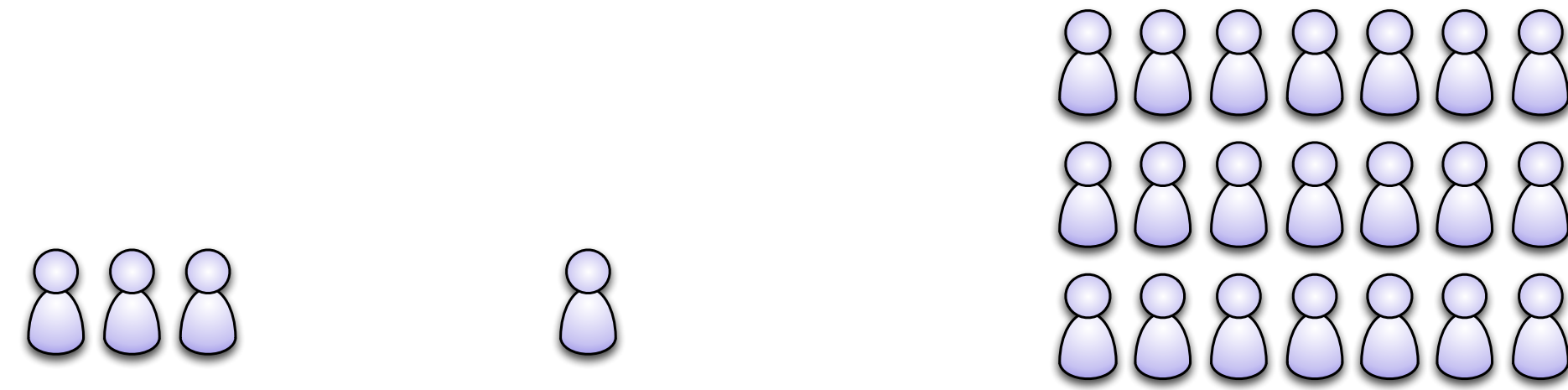






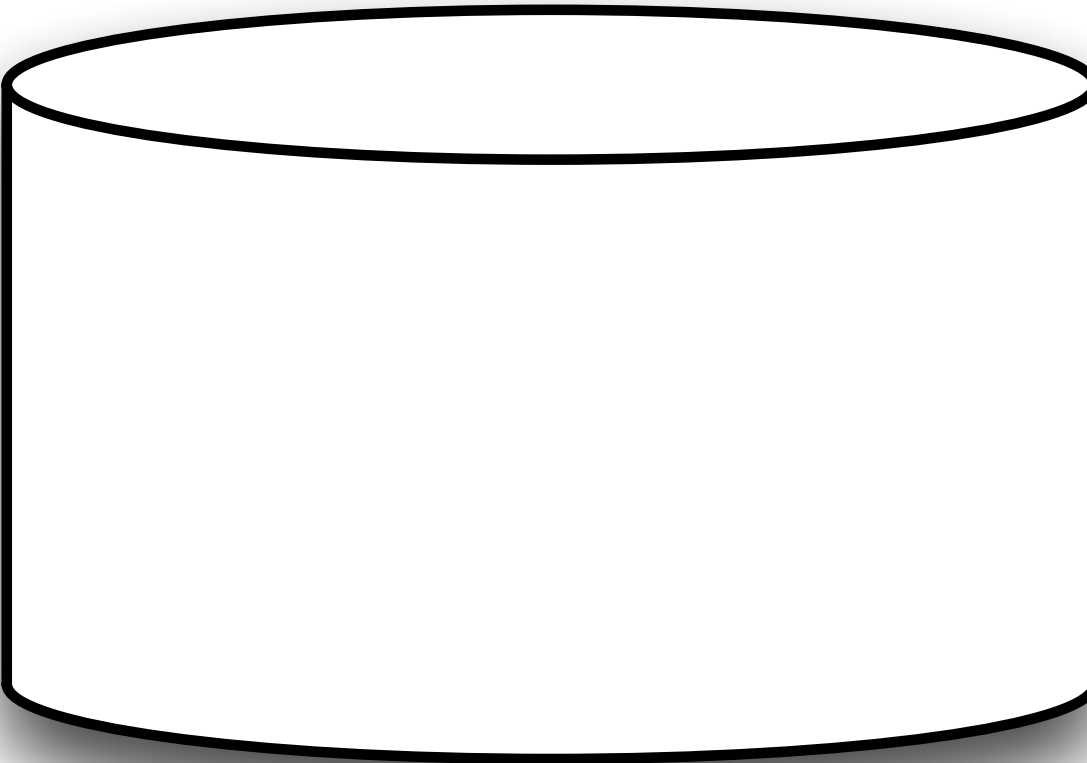
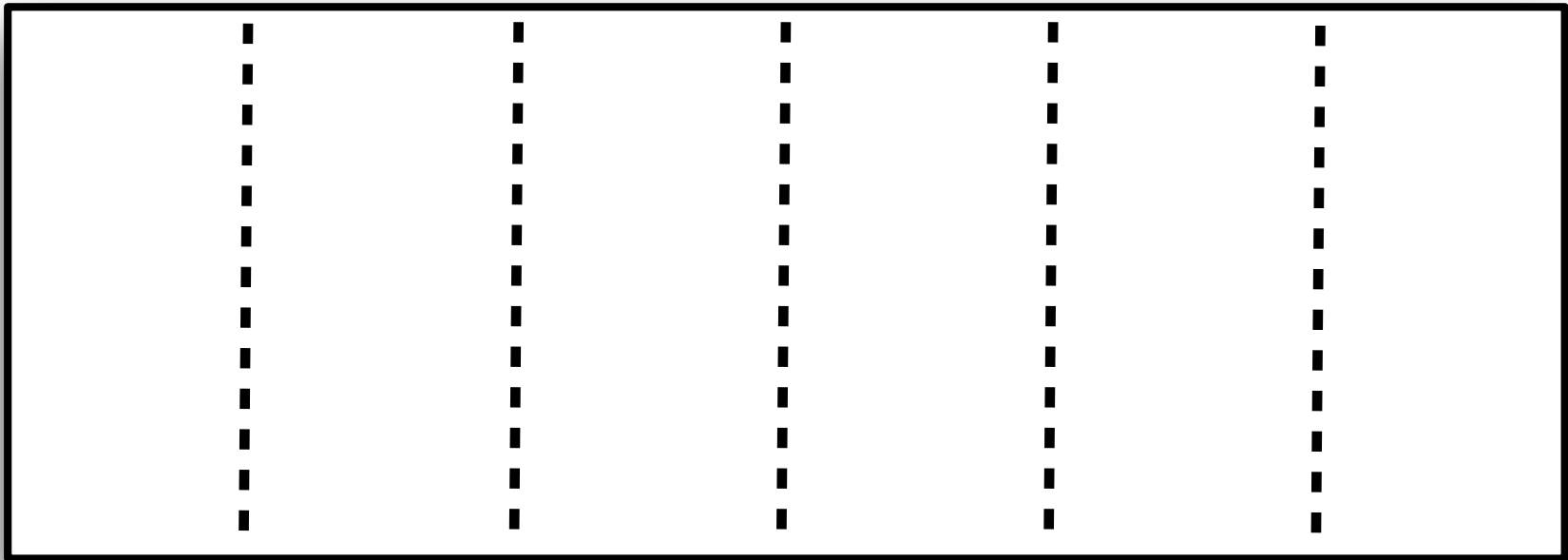




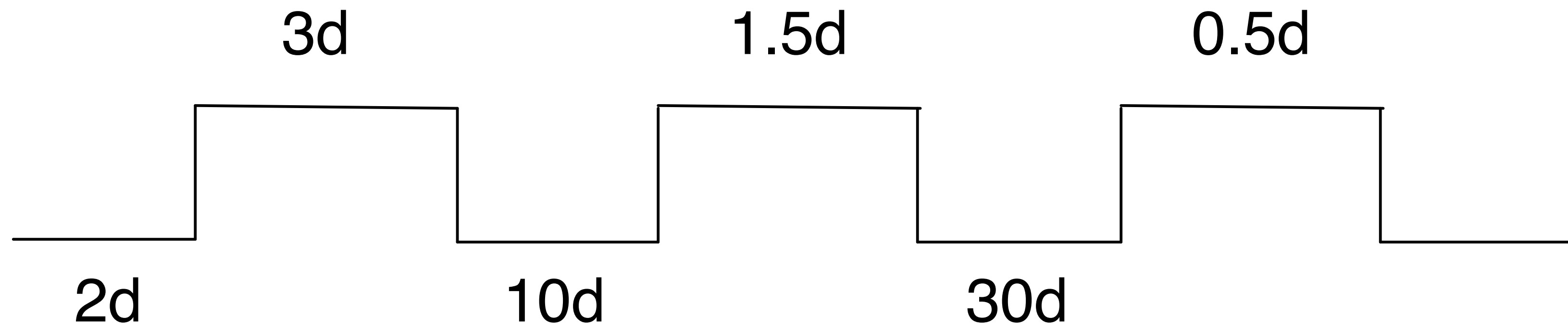


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*extremely high cost of delay*

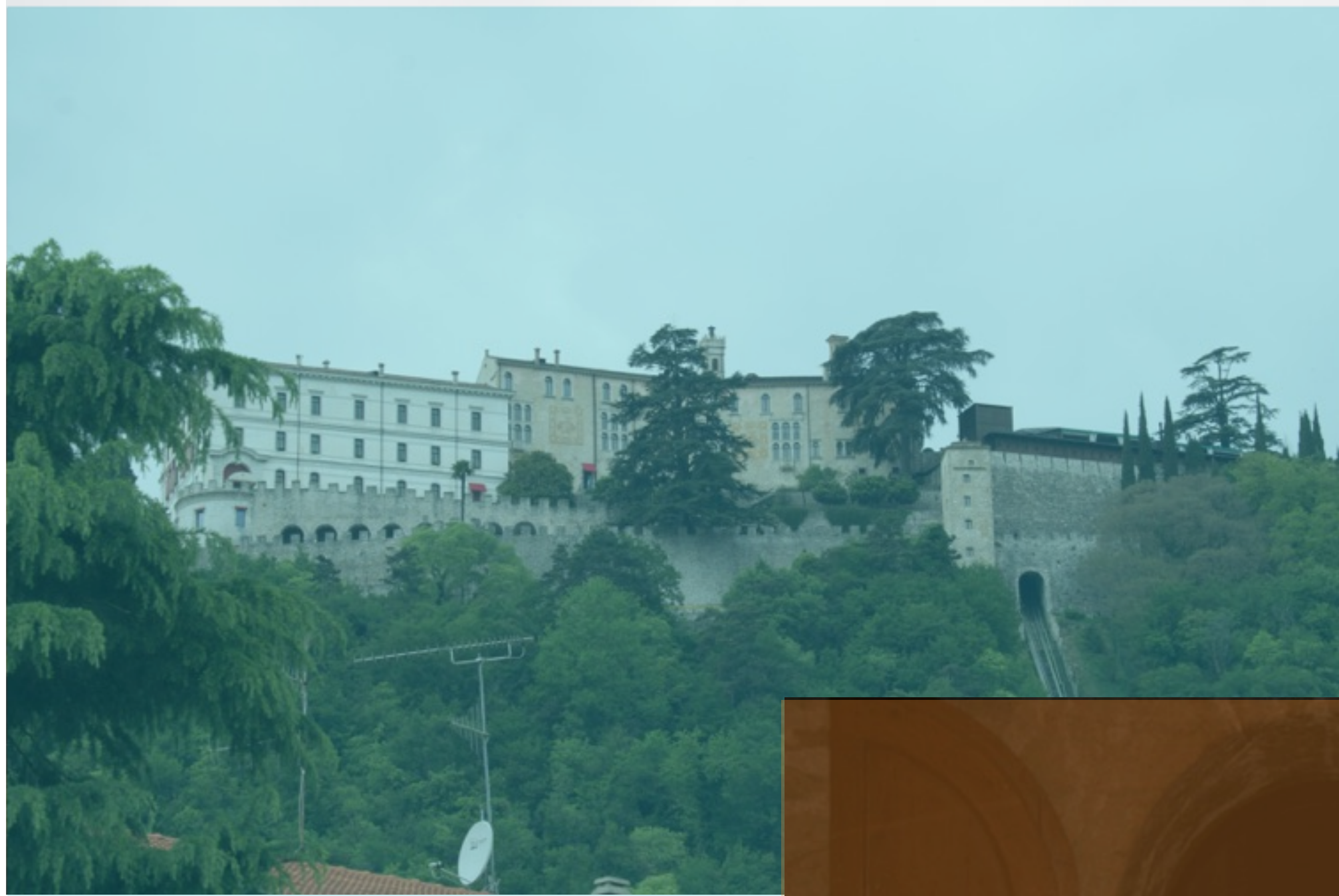


# Summary of CTM

- basically
  - High cost of delay:
    - long lead times
      - Project teams
      - Long lived branches and awful merges
- (very coupled so stamping over each others code)

# problems thereof

- High cost of change
  - sufficiently complex systems become more coupled over time
    - Martin's tech debt quadrant
- High operational cost
- Lead time to business impact



# ***SAW*** **2011**



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# TIME PASSES...

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*programmer  
anarchy*



*Java  
the UNIX way*



*fine-grained  
SOA*

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**MORE TIME PASSES...**

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# EVEN FINANCE IS NOT IMMUNE

Google Wallet

Sign in

Install now

Overview

Shop in Stores

Send Money

Buy Online

Stay Safe

Looking for Android Pay

An easier way to pay.

\$172.50

Wallet Balance

SEND MONEY

REQUEST MONEY

A white smartphone is shown vertically, displaying the Google Wallet app. The screen shows a balance of \$172.50 and a list of transactions for Monday 27 July and Sunday 26 July. A credit card is partially visible behind the phone.

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Sign up

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The Atom logo consists of three overlapping, rounded rectangular shapes in yellow, purple, and pink, arranged to form a stylized letter 'A'.

After months of work (and a bake-off or two) we're officially a bank. We're not open for business just yet, but it's a huge step forward. And we couldn't be happier.

More than skin deep

The Apple Pay logo features the iconic black Apple logo followed by the word 'Pay' in a large, black, sans-serif font.

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# Chapter 2

## *What are Microservices?*

***“loosely coupled service oriented  
architecture with bounded contexts”***

*Adrian Cockcroft, GOTO Aarhus 2014*

*“the first post-devops architectural style”*

*Neal Ford*

# *replaceable component architectures*

*Dan North*

# characteristics of microservices

*componentisation via services*

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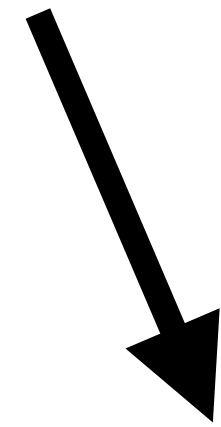
*smart endpoints and dumb pipes*

***evolutionary design***

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this is the problem



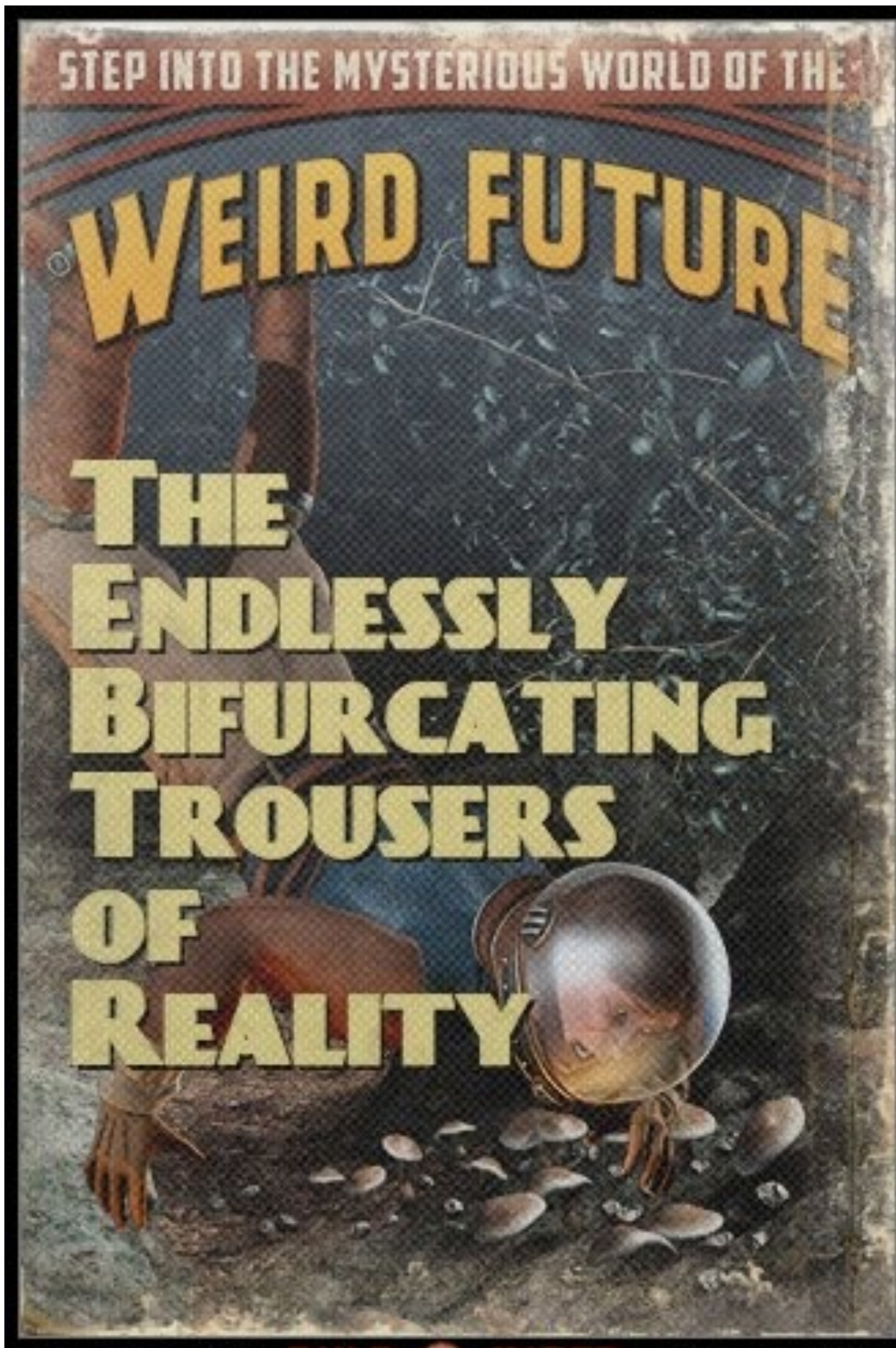
***“It is perfectly true, as philosophers say, that life must be **understood backwards**. But they forget the other proposition, that it must be **lived forwards**.”***

*Søren Kierkegaard*

STEP INTO THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD OF THE

# WEIRD FUTURE

THE  
ENDLESSLY  
BIFURCATING  
TROUSERS  
OF  
REALITY



# History

The lawful good product owners of the publishing house had long lived in awe and fear of their publishing systems.

In awe, for they had made a tremendous amount of Gold, but in fear of the time taken to change them, their slowness and their fragility.

A messenger was sent to fetch help from a distant land famed for it's mighty wizards. You have taken up the challenge...



# 1.

You must save the product owners by rebuilding their content delivery system. You start off the project. In the course of discussions you discover that your goals are three fold:

1. improve availability
2. improve performance
3. reduce the cost of delay

An Enterprise Architect approaches and addresses you.

You may use:

Summon Walking Skeleton      turn to 4

Analysis Paralysis              turn to 3

If you have none of these you will have to draw your sword and fight (turn to **178**)



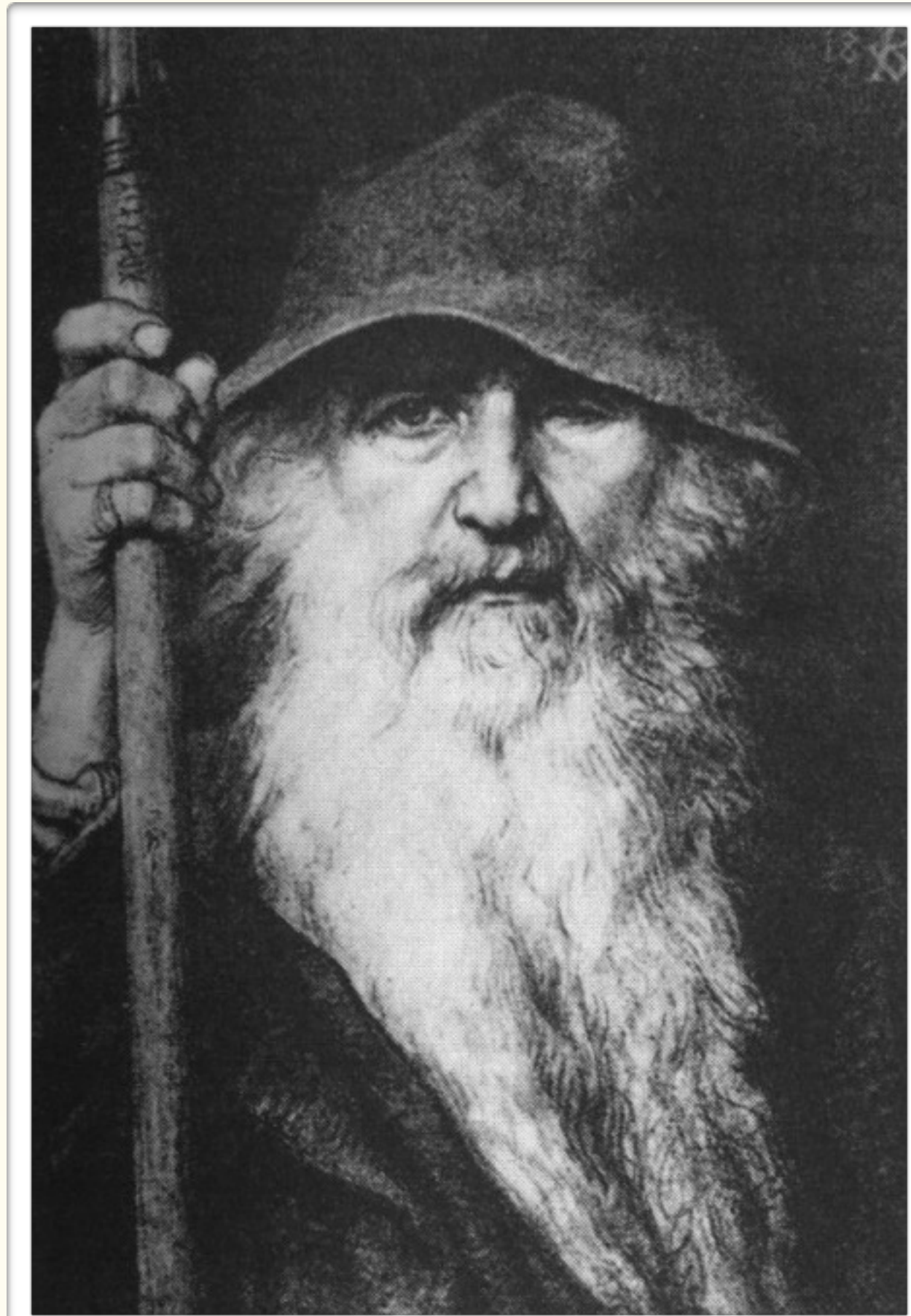
### 3.

You cast Analysis Paralysis at the Enterprise Architect.

“Foolish young adventurer” says the architect, “we follow the evolutionary school of architecture and we shall have none of the lawful-evil ways of waterfall”.

The last thing you see before everything goes dark is the architect incanting in a strange voice.

You have died. Turn to page 1.



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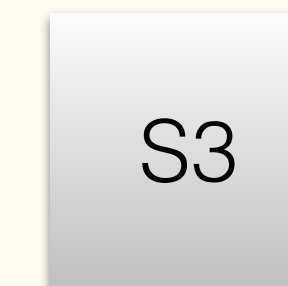
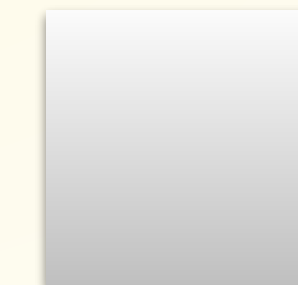
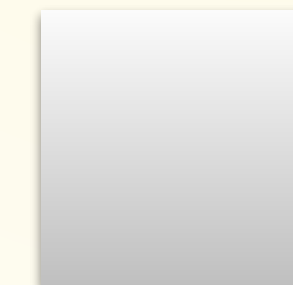
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## 4.

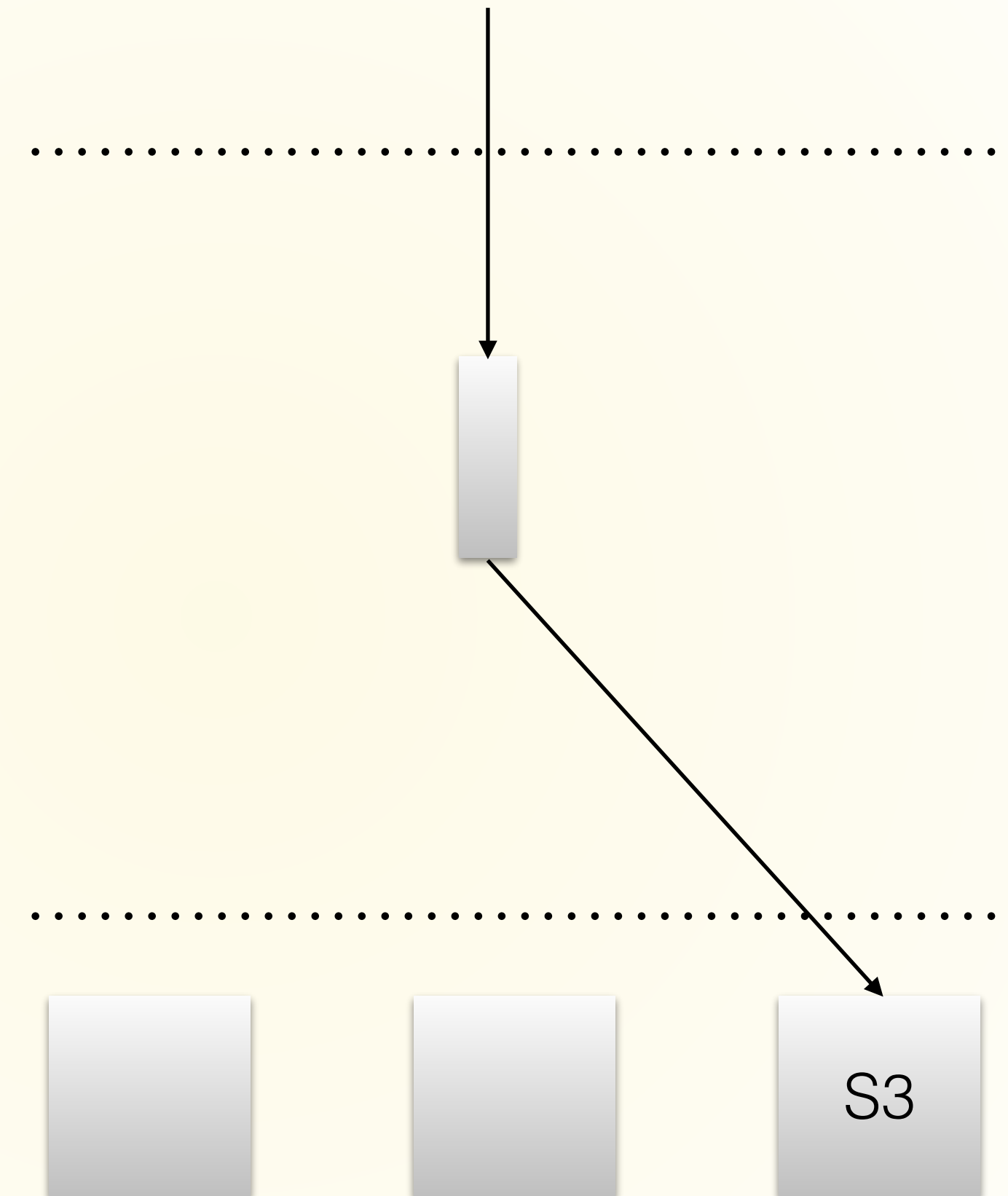
Your walking skeleton coalesces in a cloud of noxious gasses and solidifies as a java dropwizard application.

You reach into your backpack and deploy the content store. Your walking skeleton reaches out it's skeletal arms and grabs armfuls of raw xml.

Would you like to:

Transform the xml inside  
the skeleton [turn to 6](#)

Use a magic box [turn to 5](#)



# 5.

You throw the magic box in between the walking skeleton and the content store.

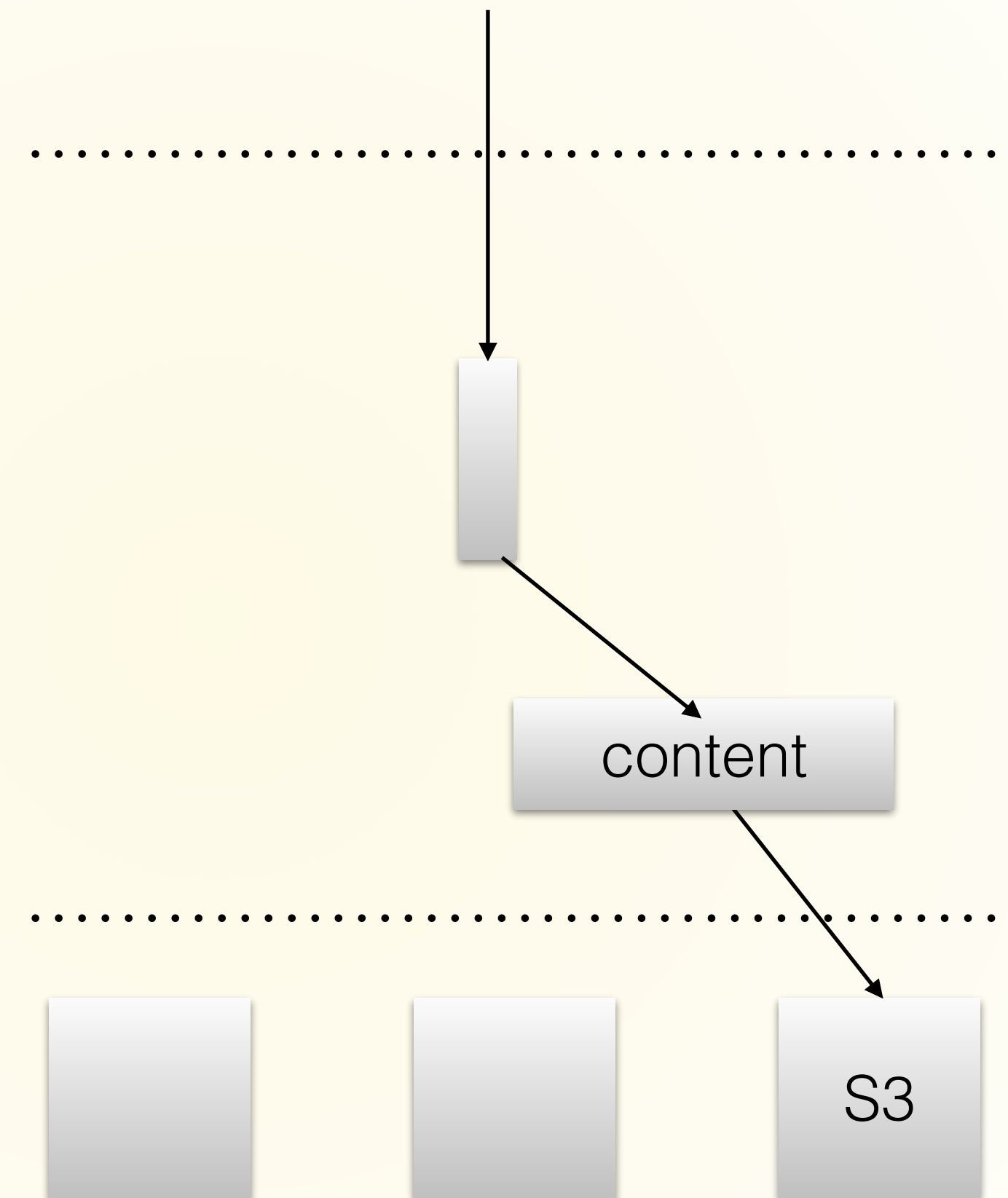
A villager approaches and exclaims: "this beautiful content I see in front of me seems to take an awful long time to get here"

You must somehow make the content arrive faster.

If you have a http cache in your inventory, you may use it now.

Cache in between S3  
and content turn to 10

Cache in between  
skeleton and content turn to 33



## 6.

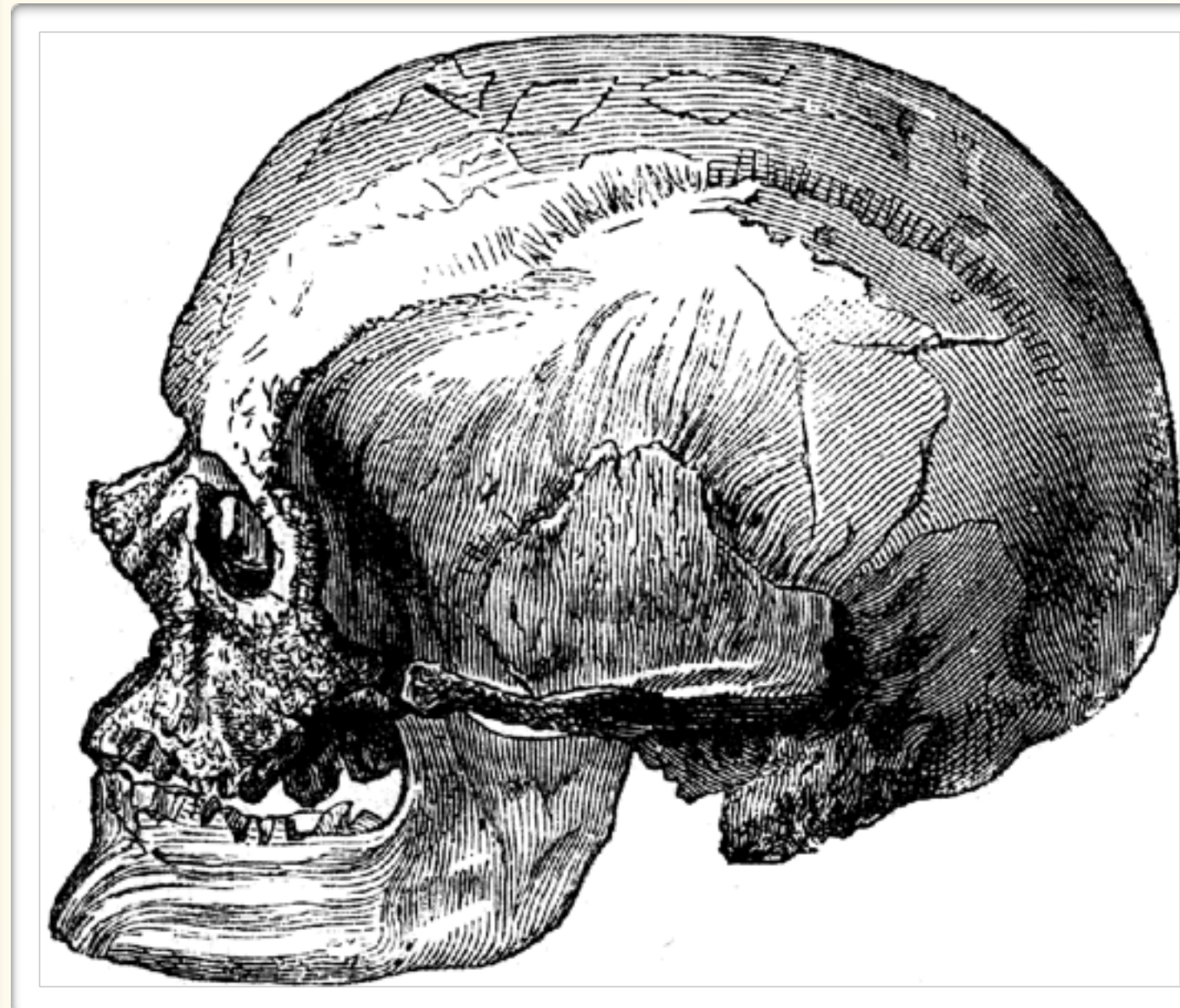
The skeleton gurgles, grunts and then doubles in size.

A villager approaches and exclaims: "this beautiful content I see in front of me seems to take an awful long time to get here"

You try to add a cache into the skeleton's bony skull. First you cast sticky sessions. With a splash it rebounds, soaking you in the stench of the unscalable.

Desperately, you try terracotta and then the oracle of coherence. Nothing seems to work. The murky substances overwhelm you.

You have died. turn to page 1.



## 10.

The cache causes the content load times to drop from 300ms to 150ms.

The villager says “this wonderful content is now arriving more swiftly than even the knight-messengers of the Empress”.

The villagers are happy but all too soon, all is not well for the content has a long tail. You must work out how to refresh the content when it changes.

You can either:

Refresh the content when  
it appears from the ether     turn to 150

Trust that it will be fast  
enough on first view     turn to 22

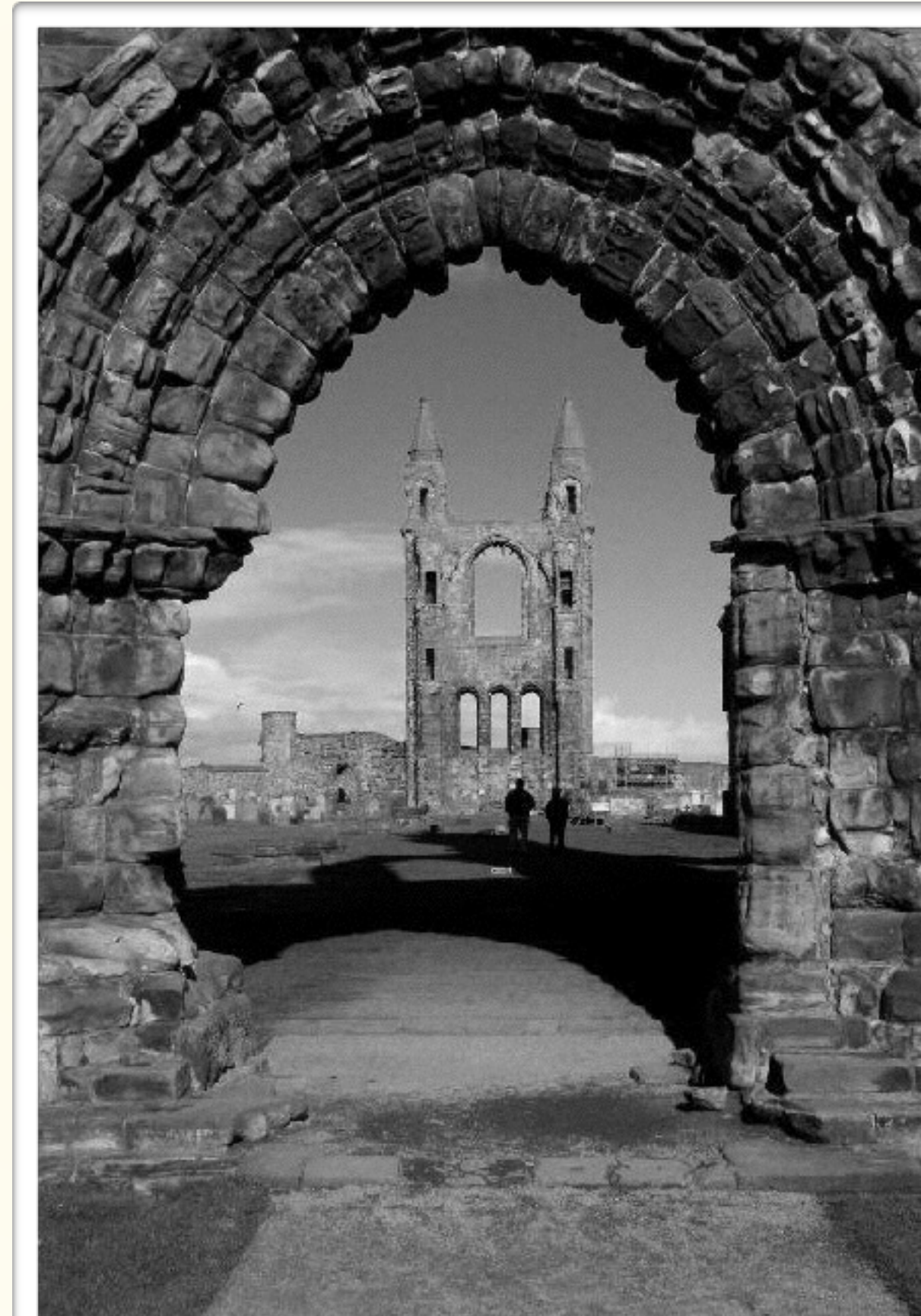


## 22.

The tail is just too long. When villagers or merchants try to use the content it is just too slow to arrive.

The amount of Gold diminishes and over the years the village fades into a forgotten hamlet, then to a legend and a myth.

You have died, turn to page 1.



## 150.

Content trickles into the store. You keep up by listening for the new content and casting “wget” on the cache to keep it refreshed.

New types of content appears - content the villagers have never seen before. Content the walking skeleton is unable to combat.

Fortunately, through Continuous Delivery you are able to keep up with the changed content but the cache doesn't. The cache becomes stale.

How will you keep your delivery continuous?

cast cache shards

turn to **255**

If you are unable to shard the cache  
turn to page **48**



# 33.

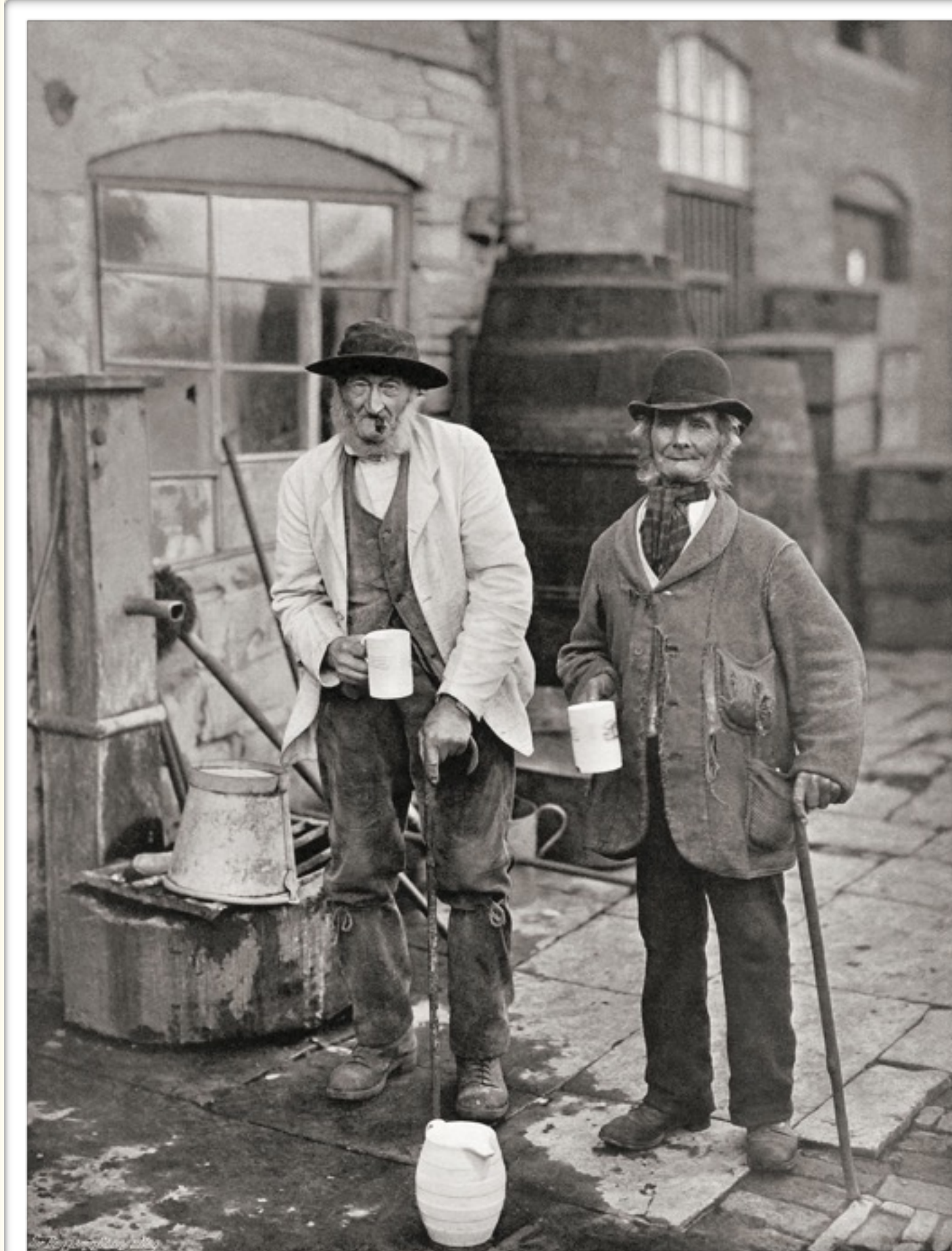
The HTTP cache has an instant effect.  
Latency drops from 300ms to 10ms.

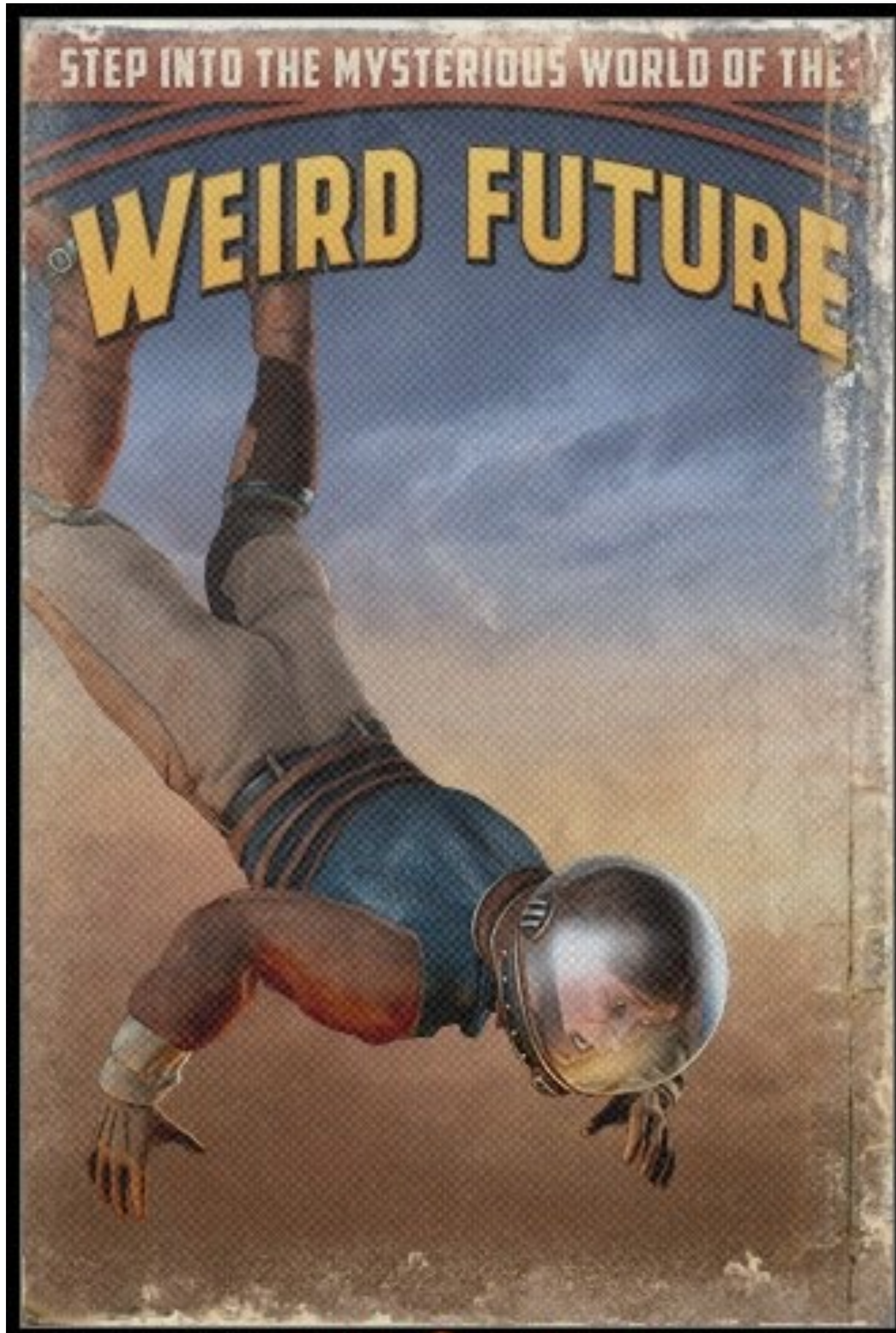
Changes to the content mount up.  
Every time one of the lawful-good  
researches publishes something, the  
cache must be refreshed. Every time  
the skeleton changes it's appearance,  
the cache must be refreshed.

The villagers need you to do  
something. Will you:

Suffer the long tail turn to 22

Refresh the cache on API  
and content changes turn to 150





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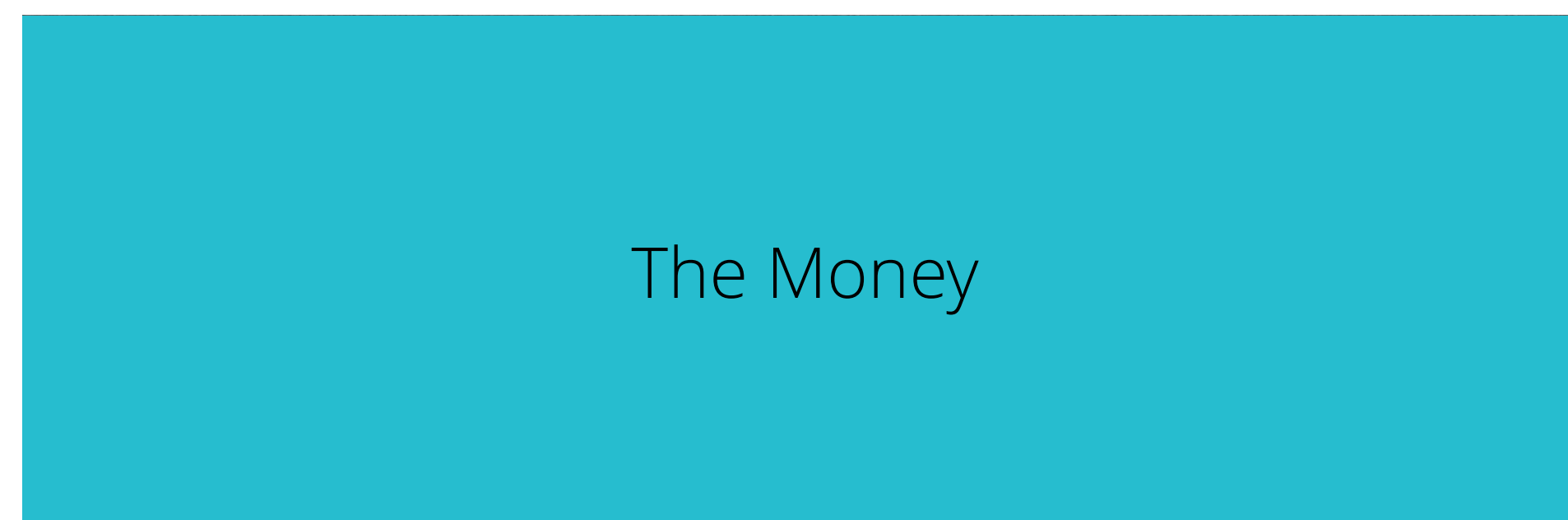
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A **capability** is a combination of people, processes, systems that provides value to customers (internal or external)

The **what** of the business, not the **how**

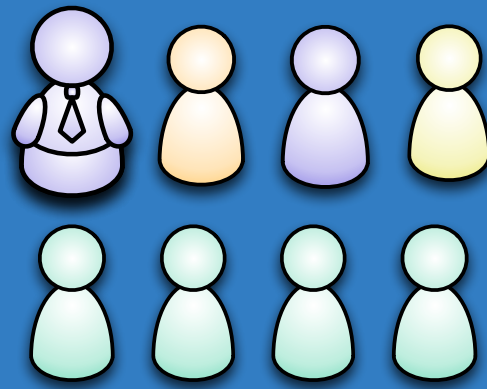
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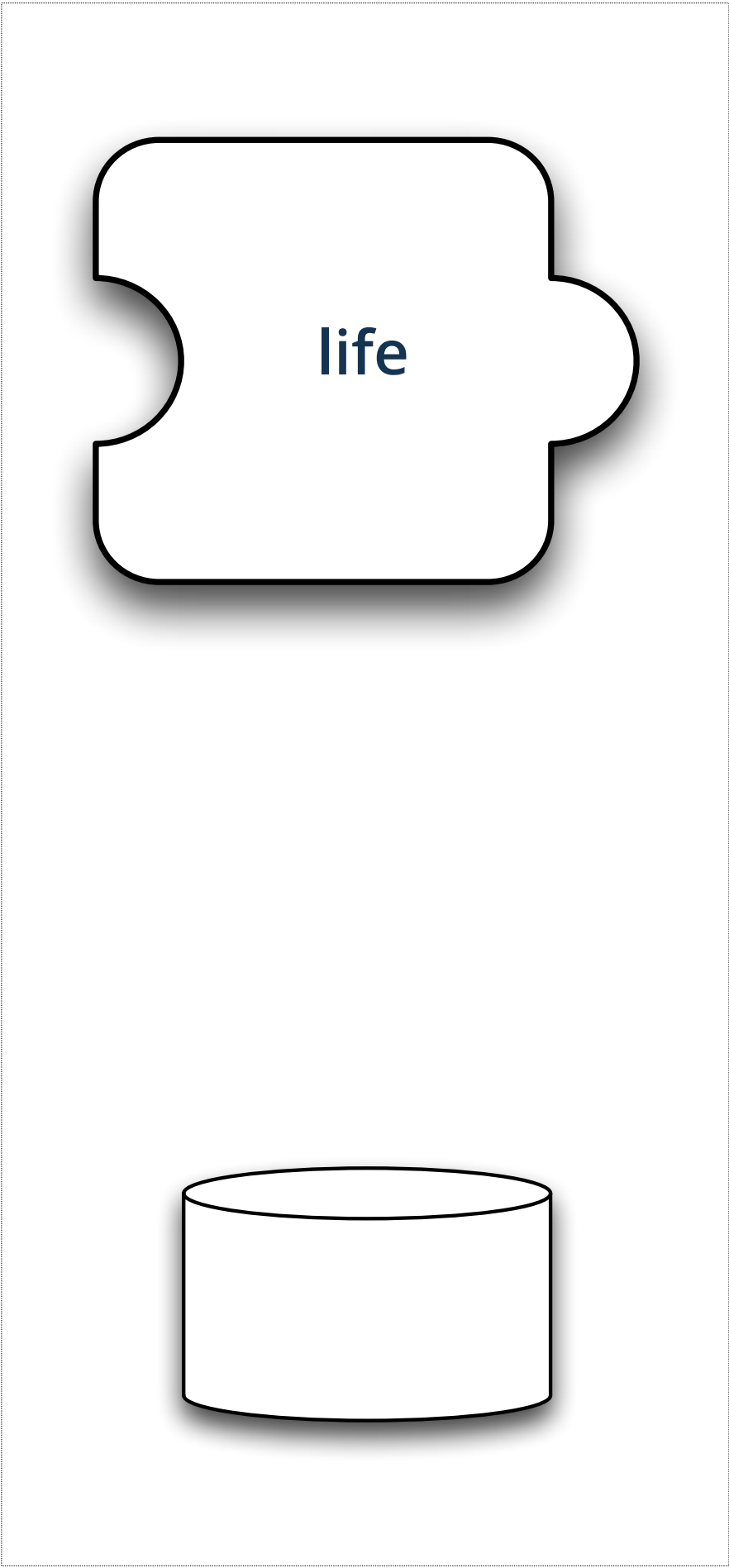
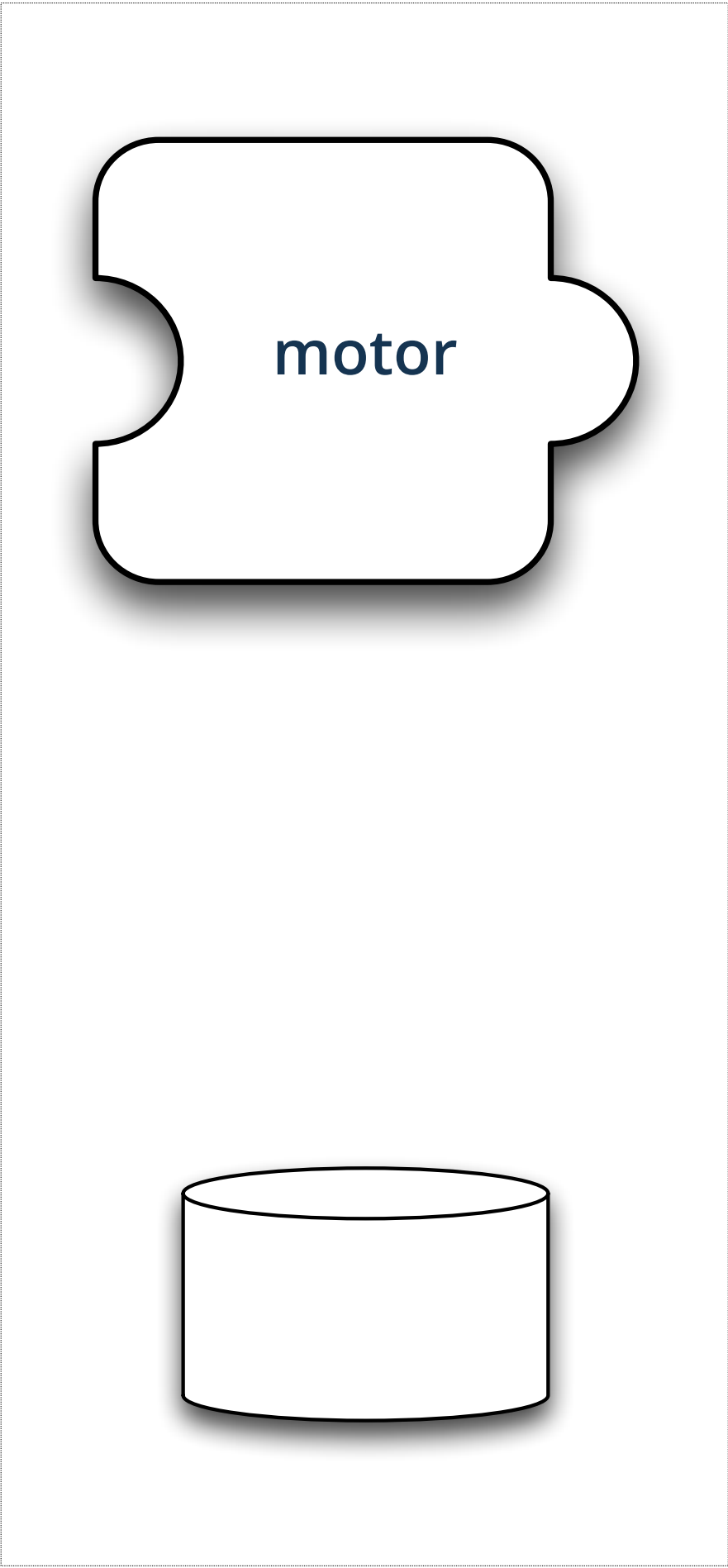
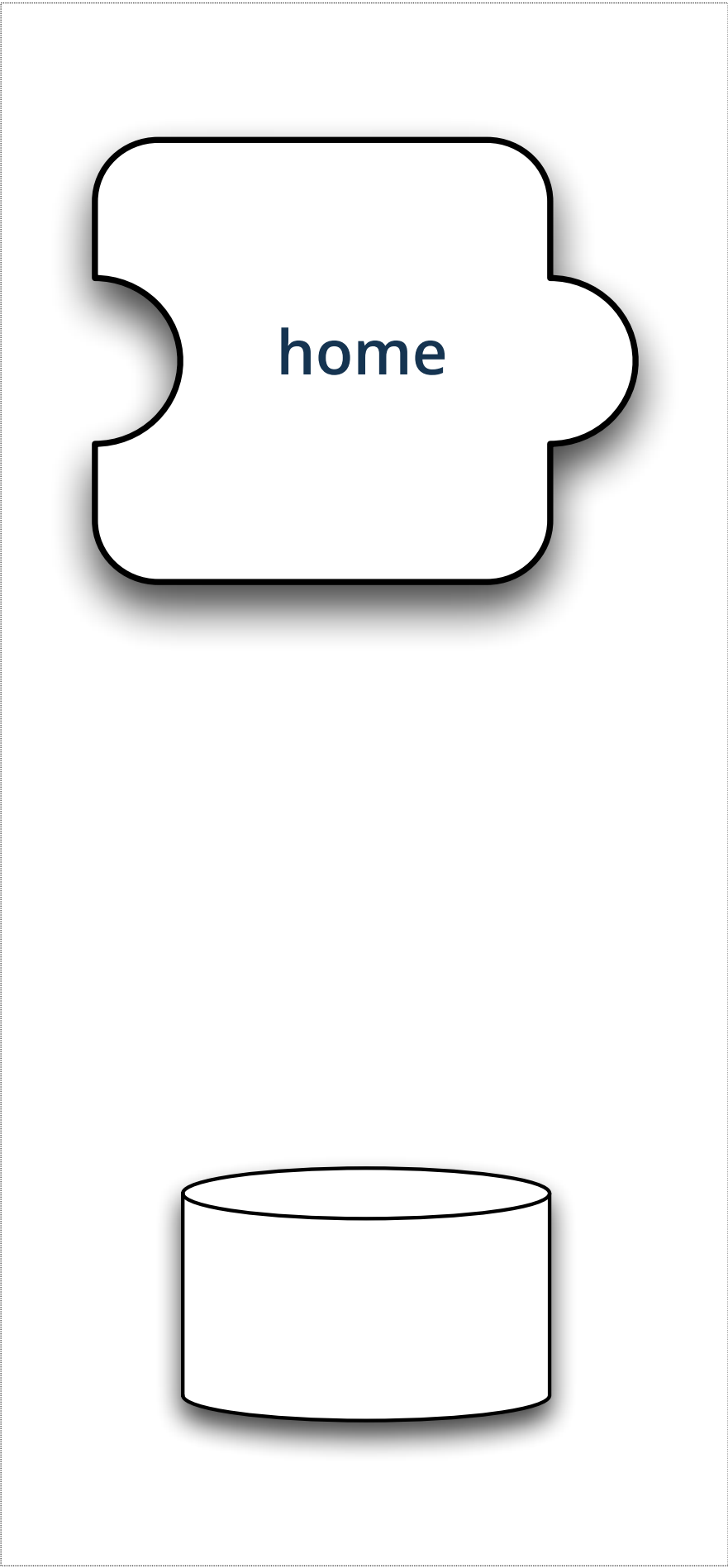
## *The Money*

Billing

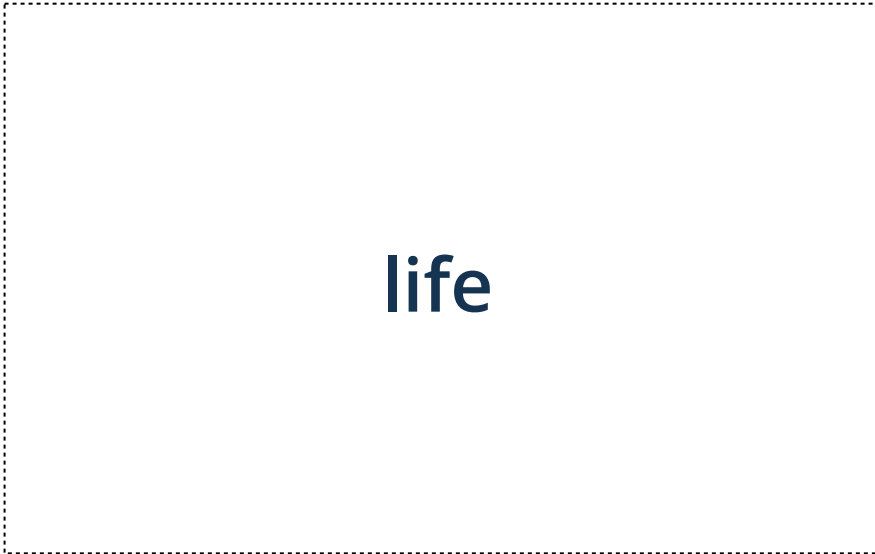
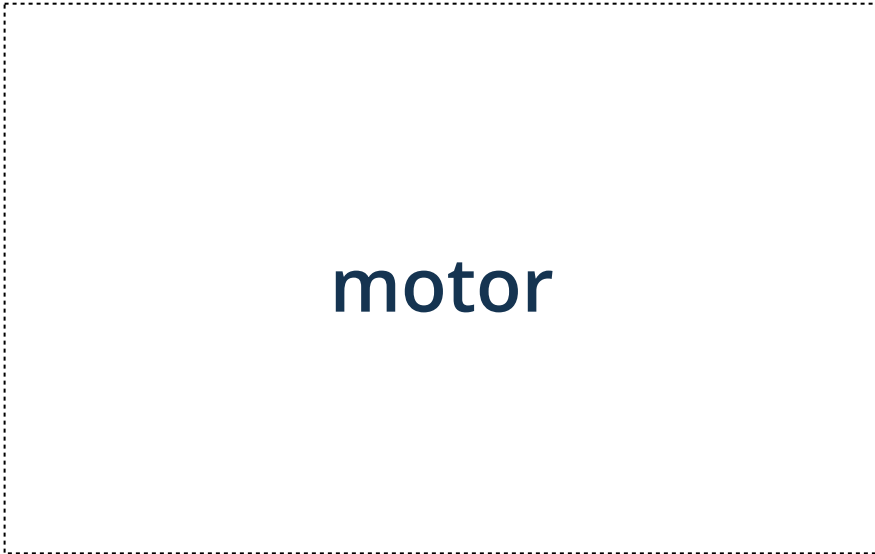
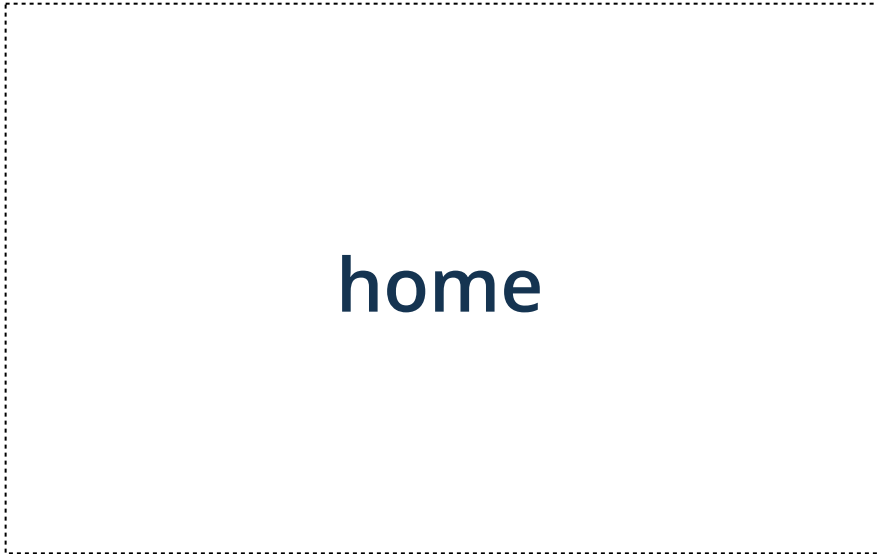
Forecasting



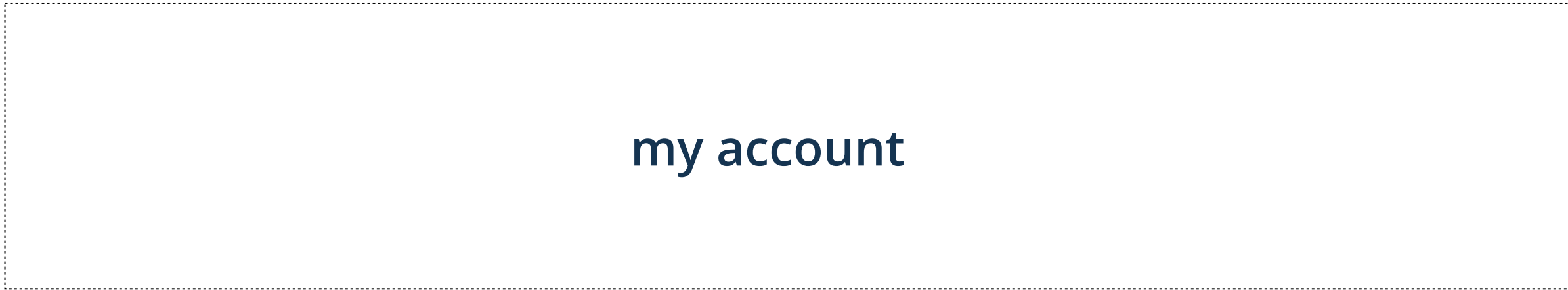
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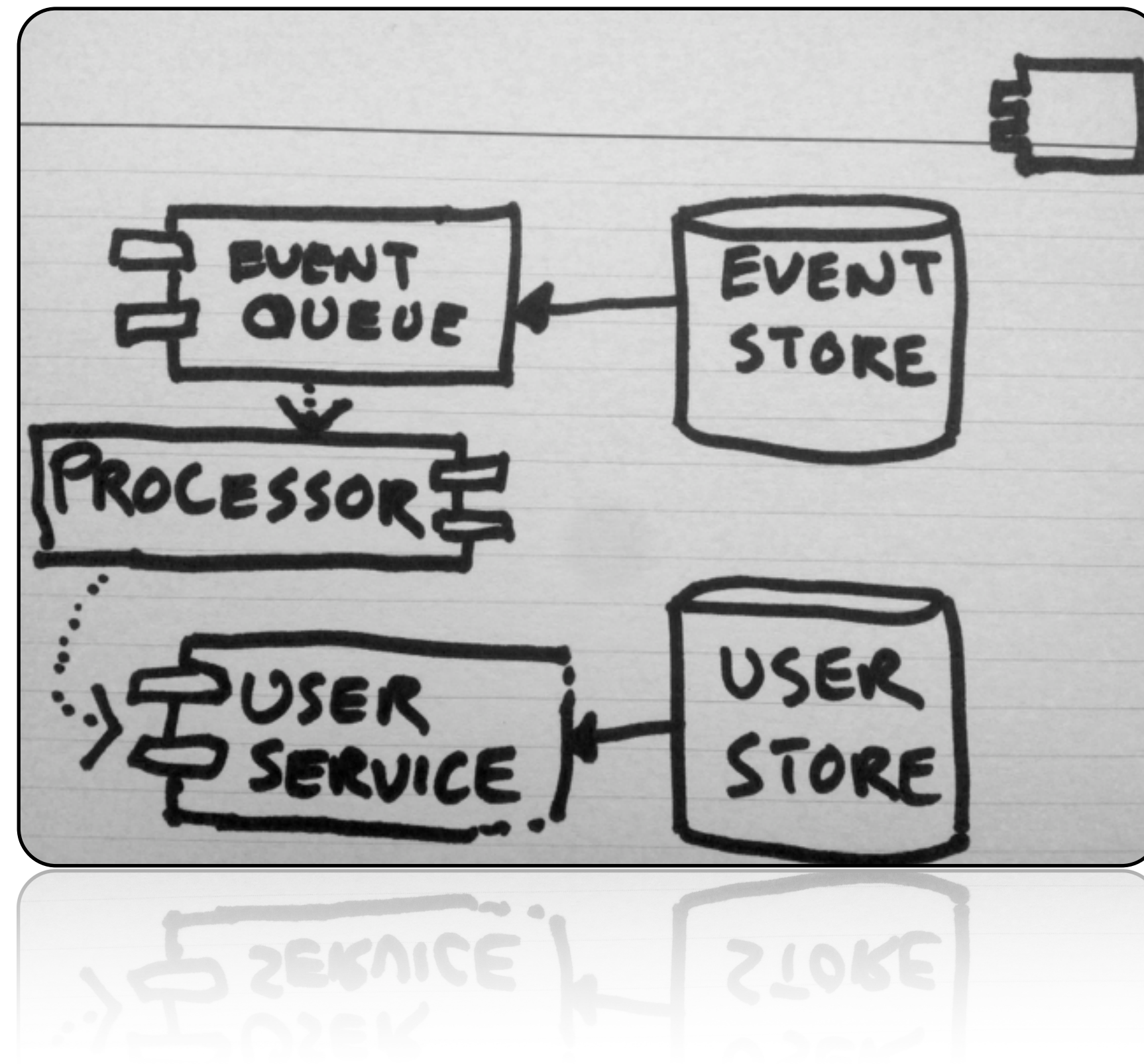
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and cross-cutting capabilities



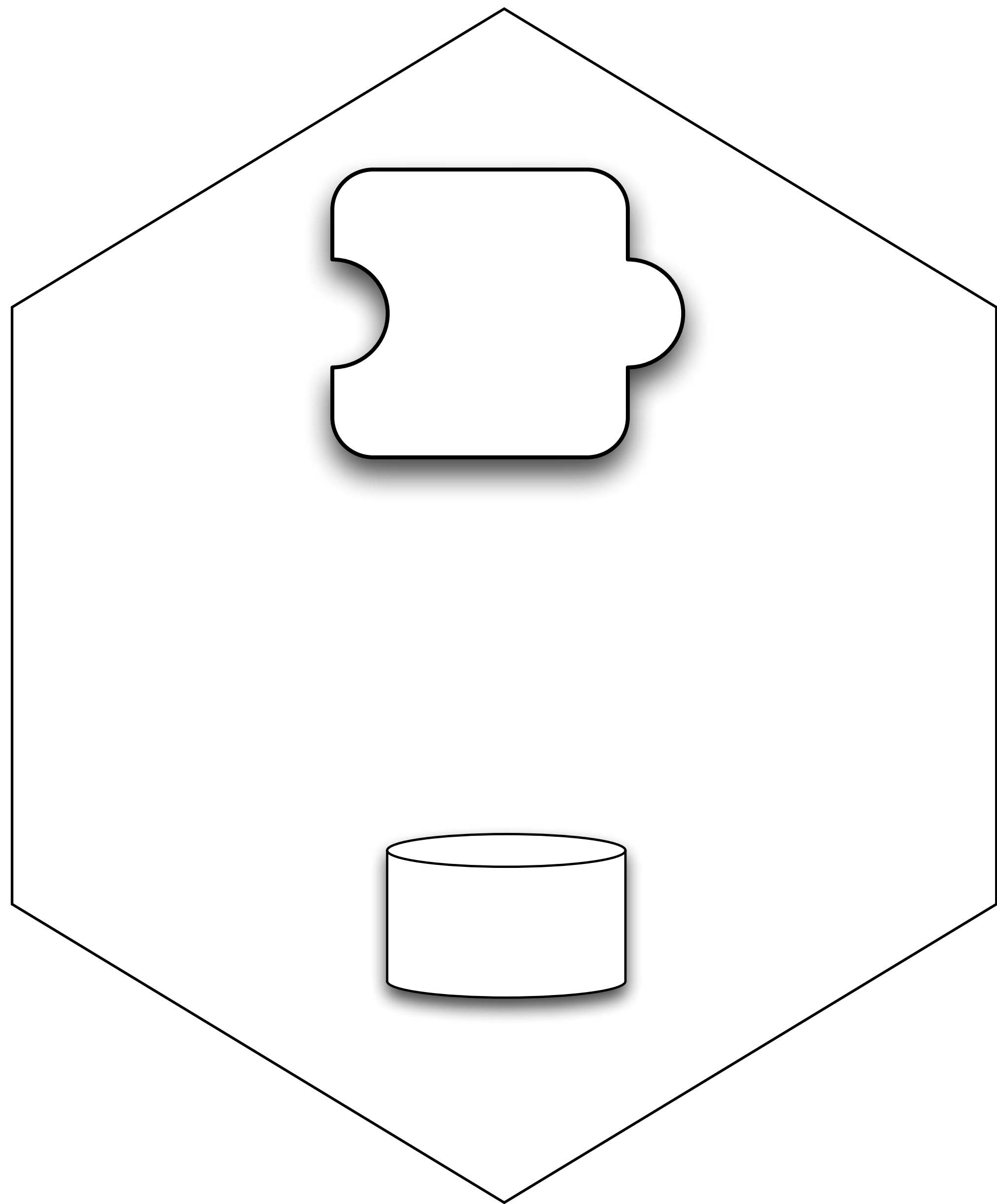
Each capability decomposed into smaller sub-domains based on your **functional** and **cross-functional** needs

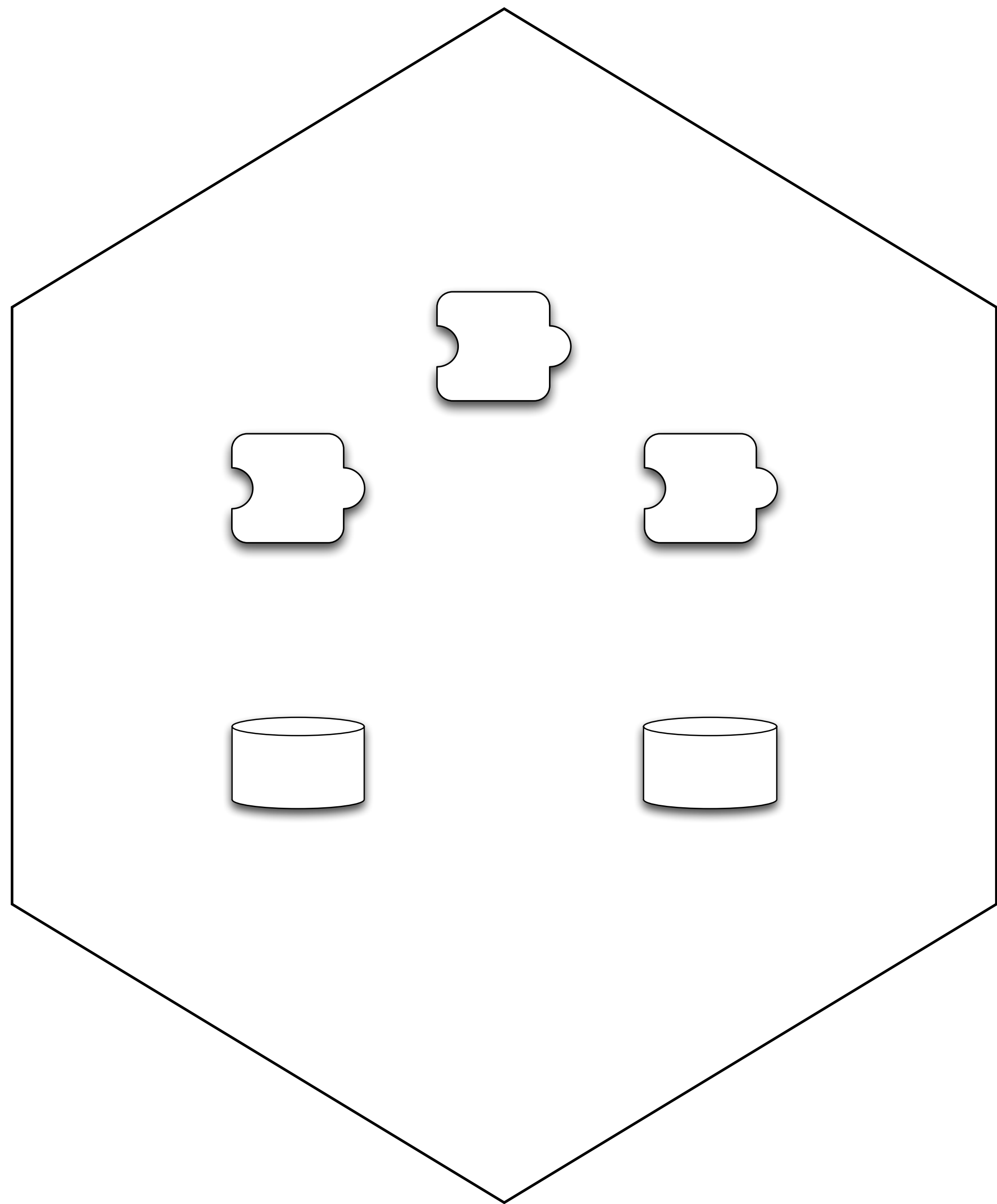


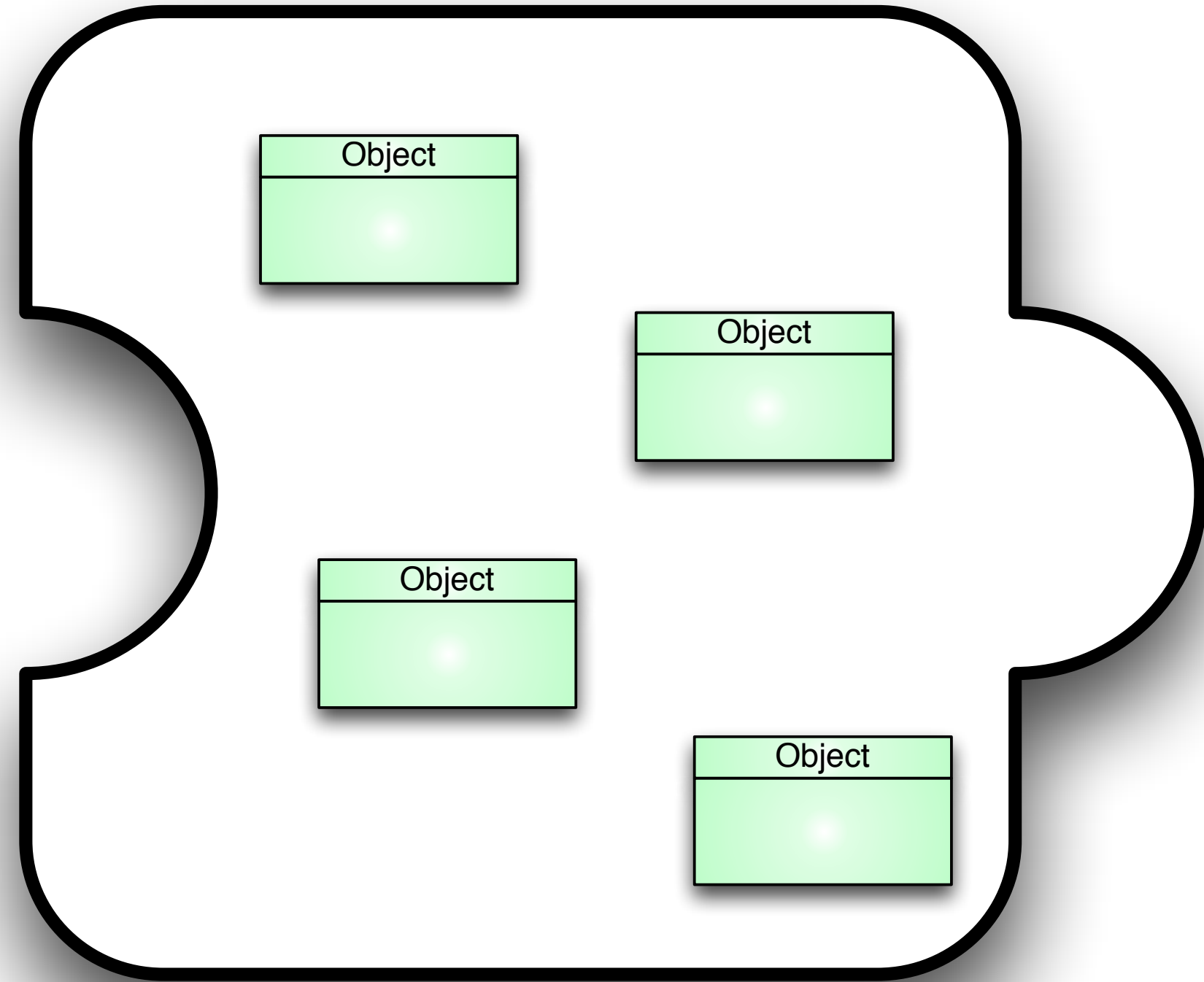
*How **big** are they?*

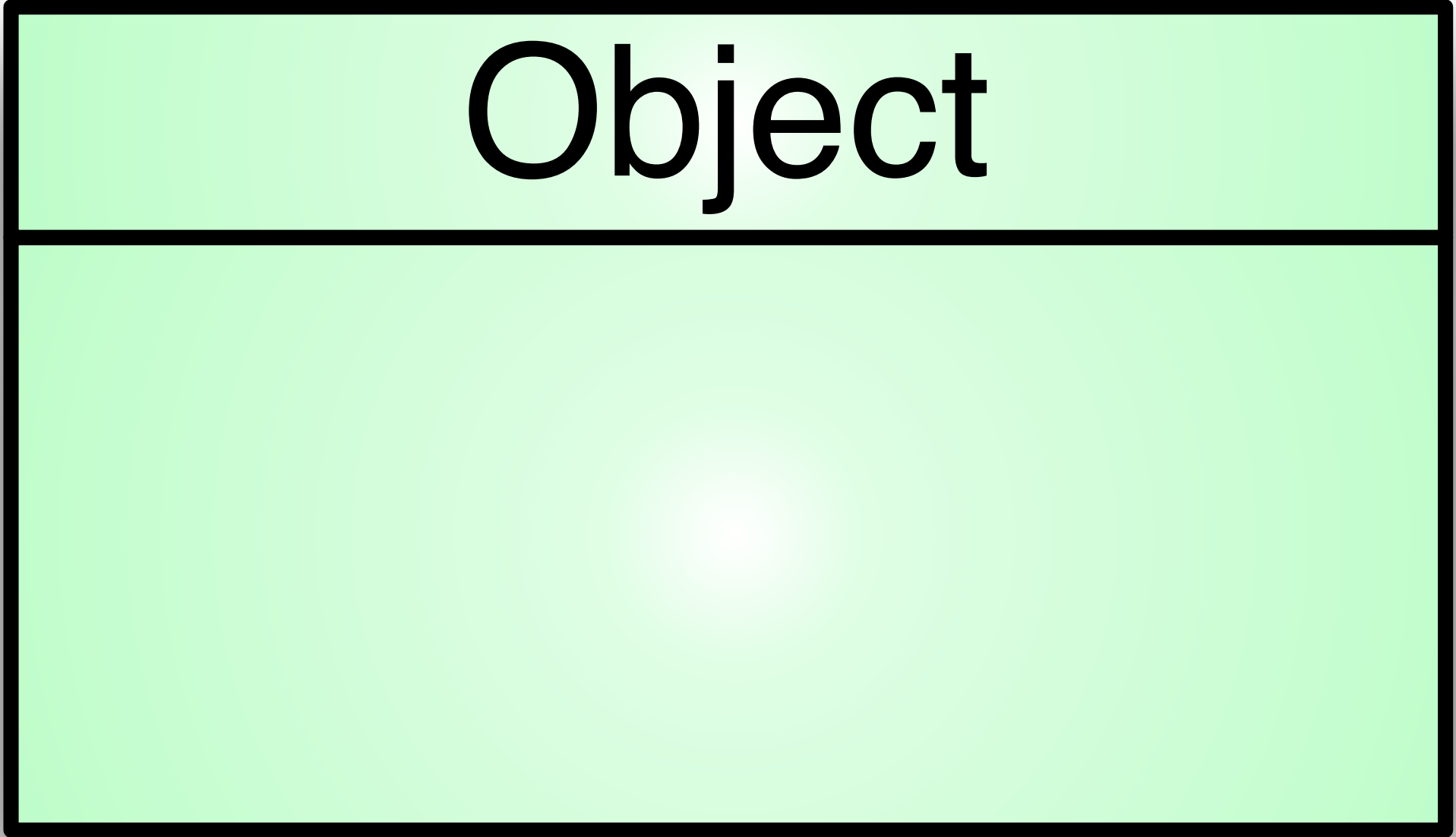






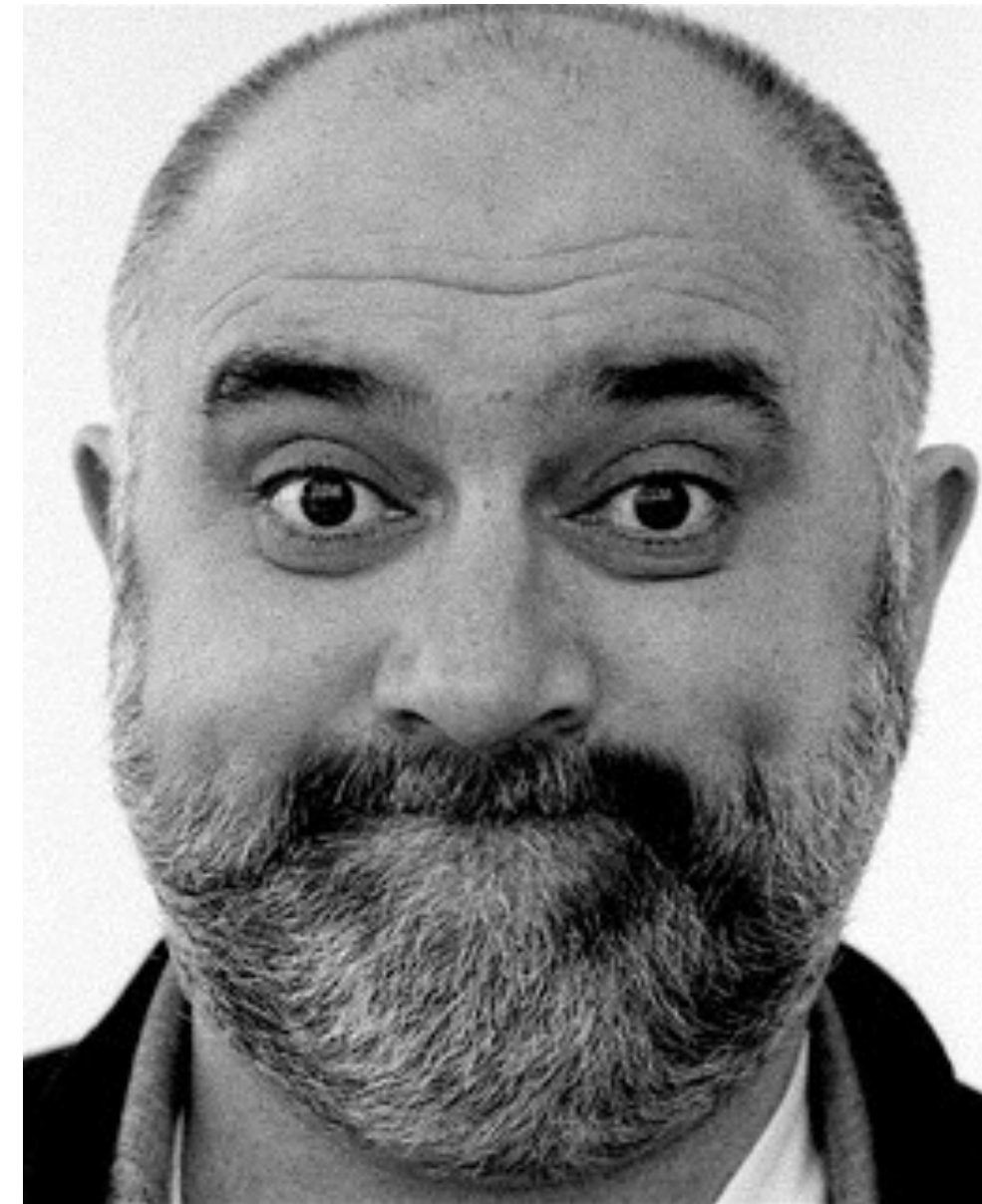






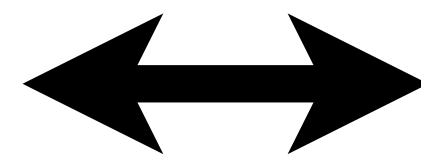
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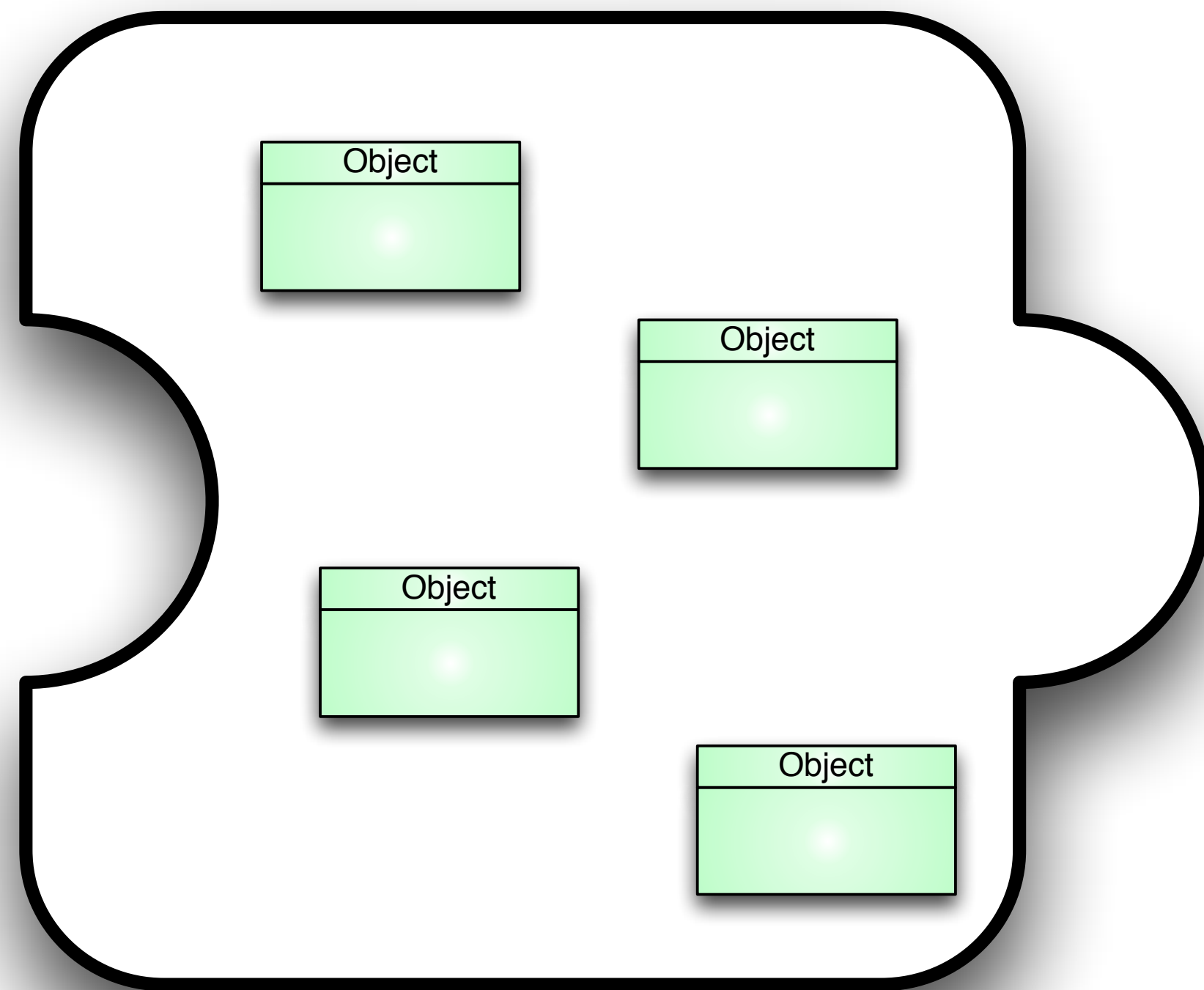
**“objects should be no bigger than my head”**

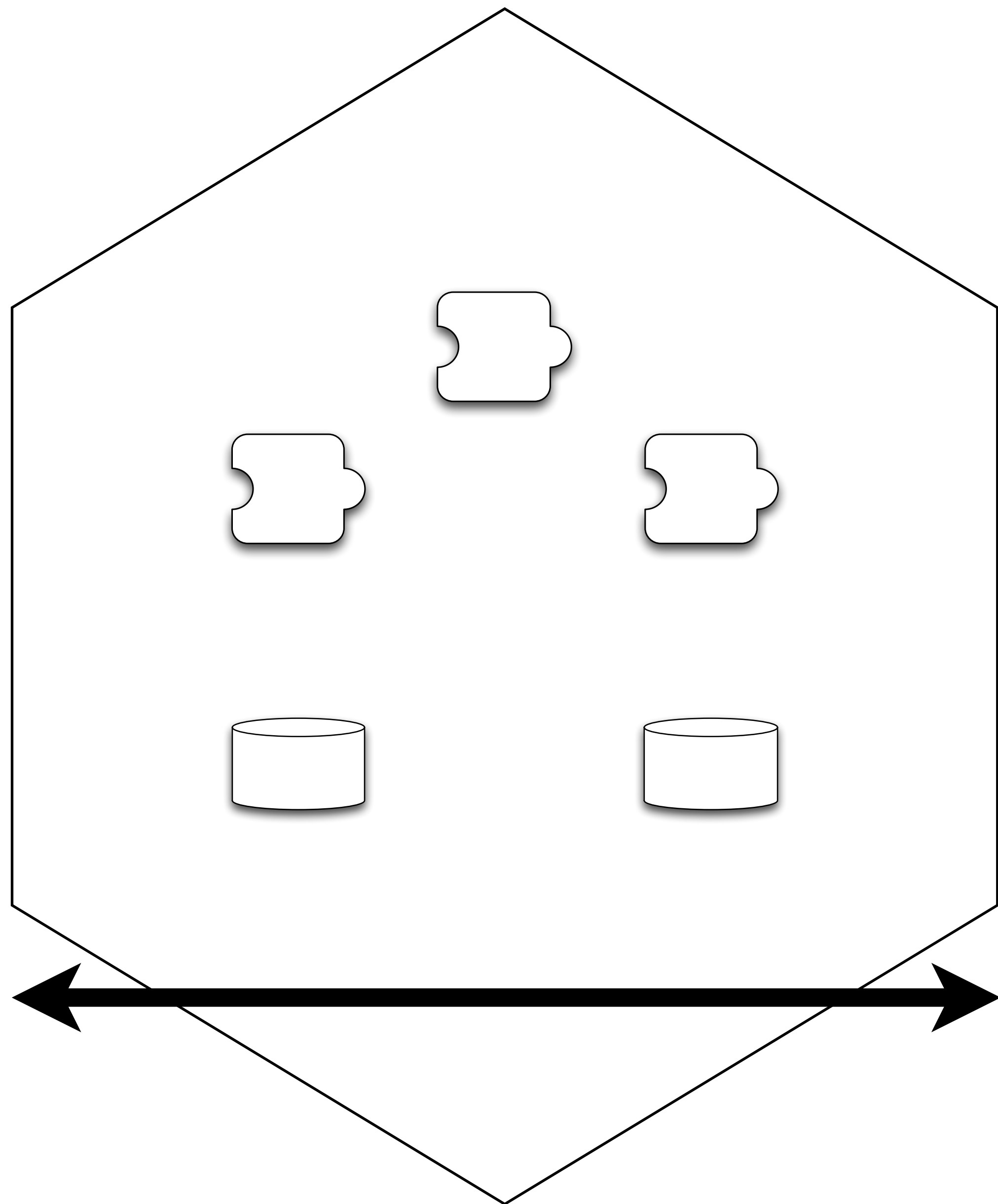


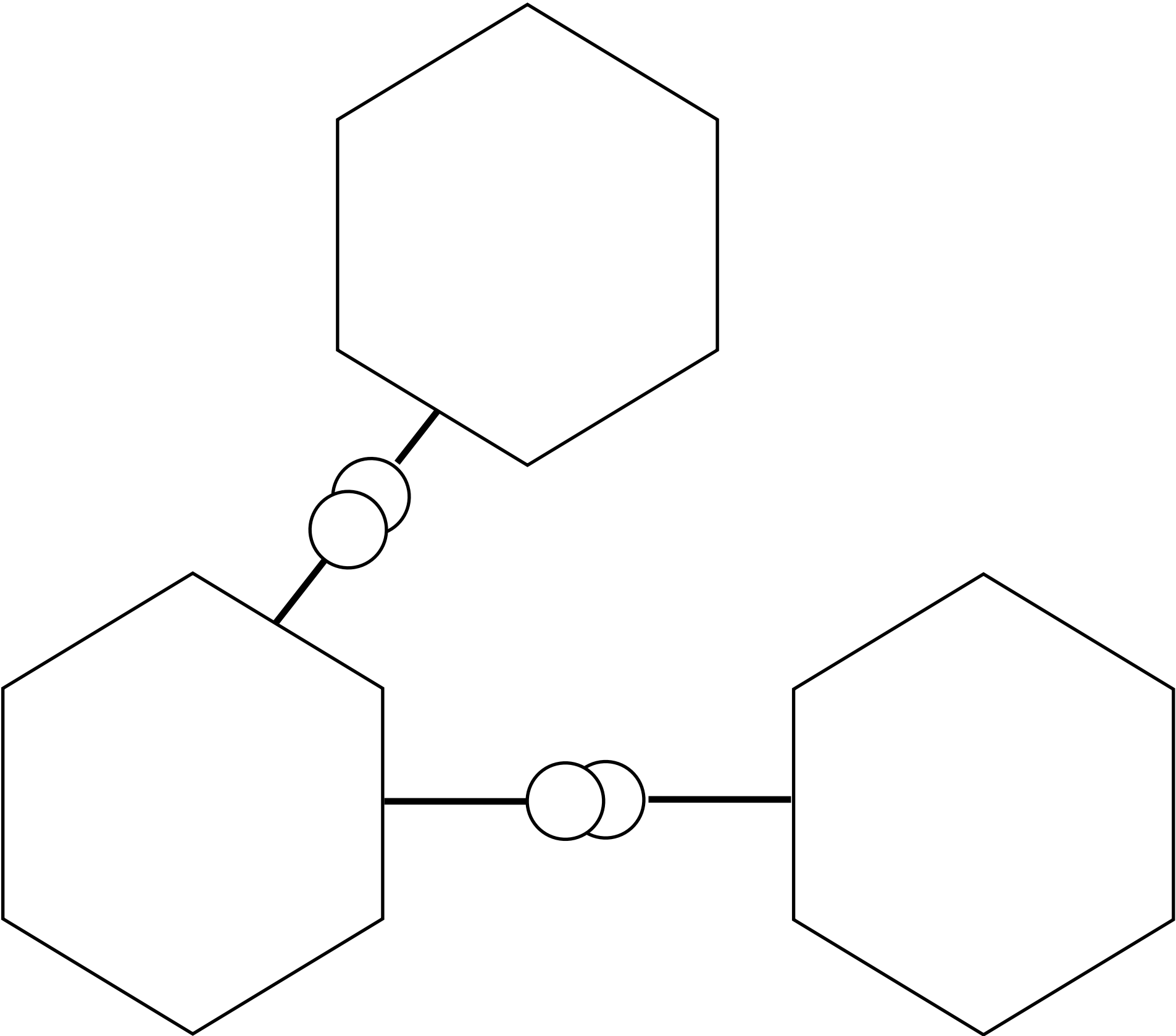
**AND WHILE I HAVE A GIANT HEAD, ITS NOT FULL OF MUCH  
STUFF SO THATS OK...**

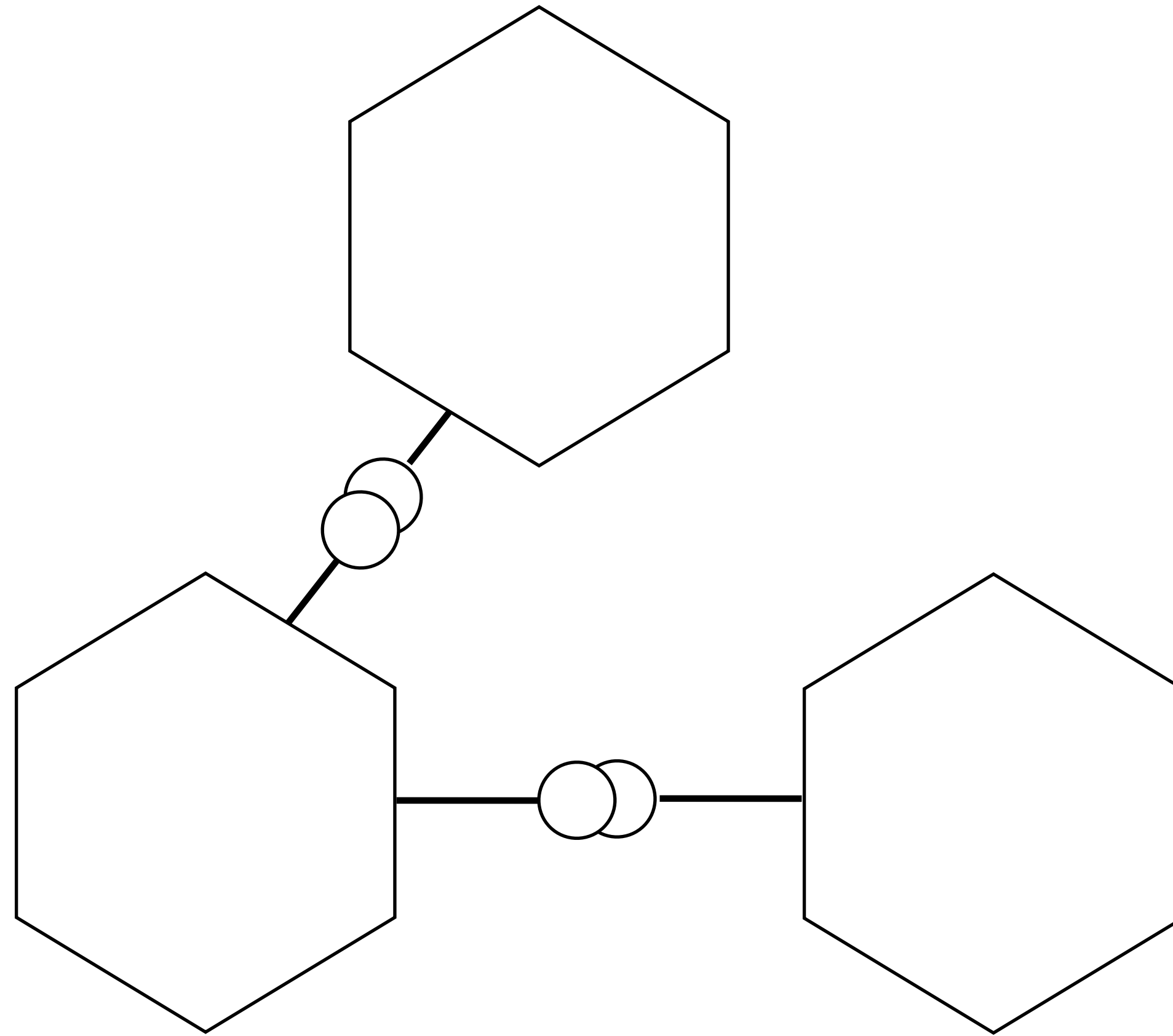
Object











**AS WE CHUNK UP DOMAINS, EACH DOMAIN SHOULD BE  
SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT IN MY HEAD**

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*“be of the web, not behind the web”*

*Ian Robinson, author, REST in Practice*

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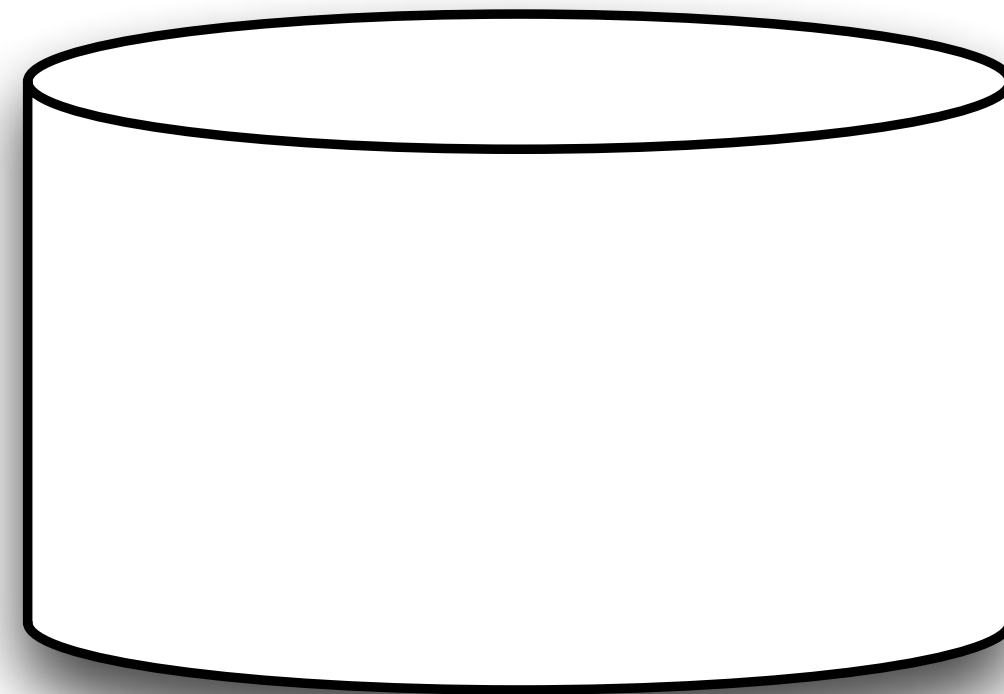
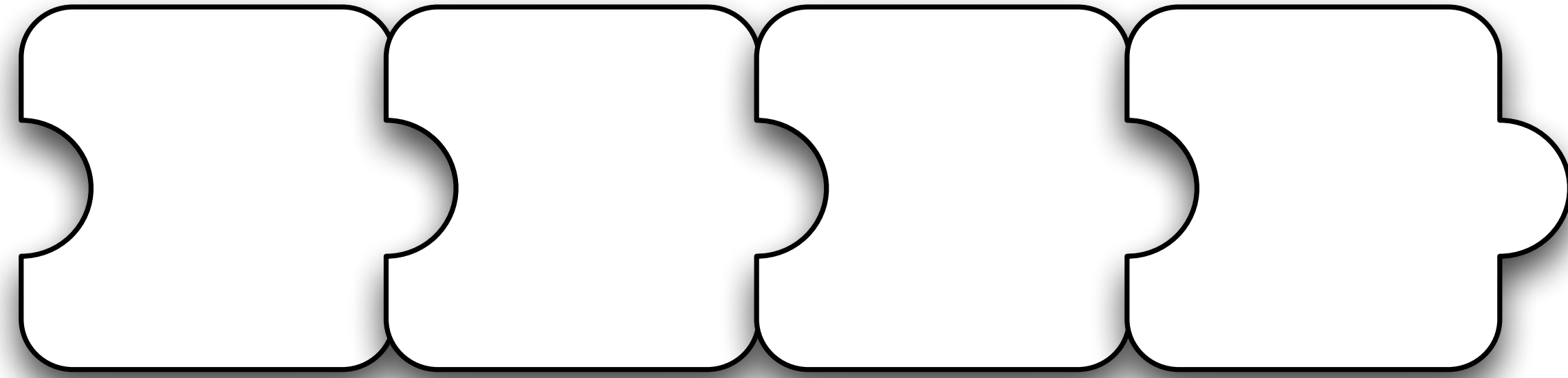
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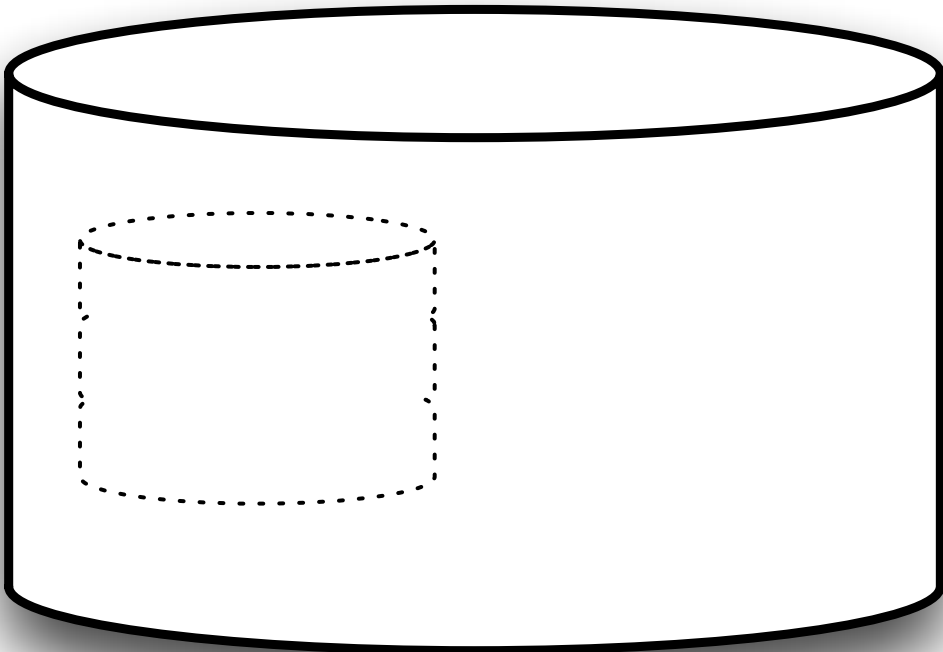
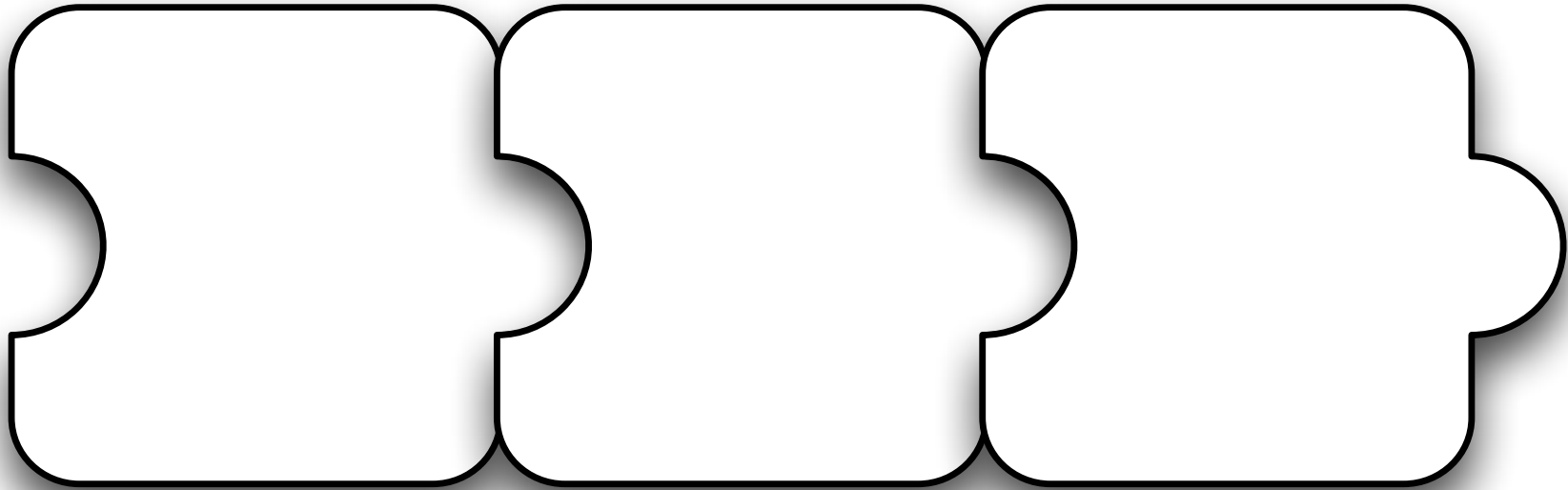
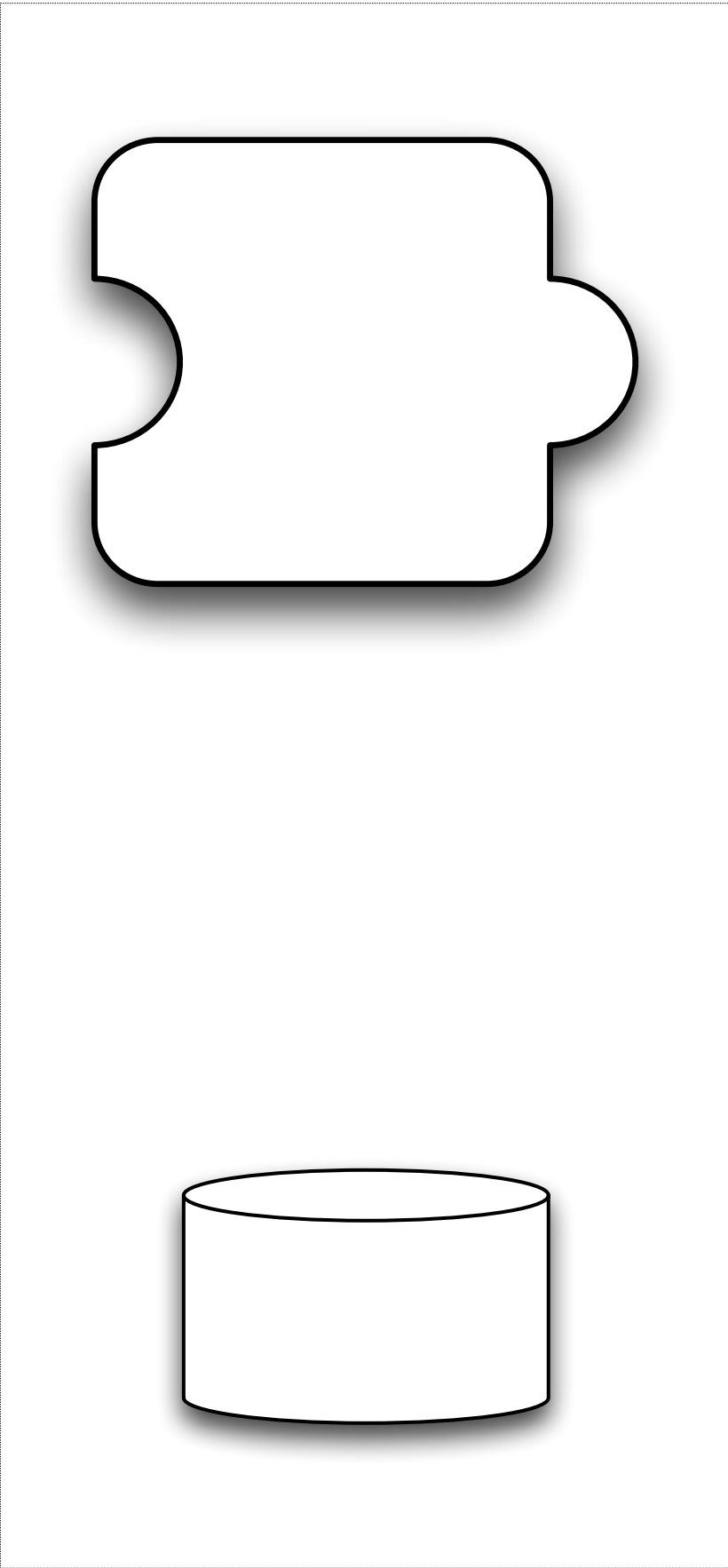




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*separate lines of business*

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