

Beyond Microservices: Streams, State and Scalability

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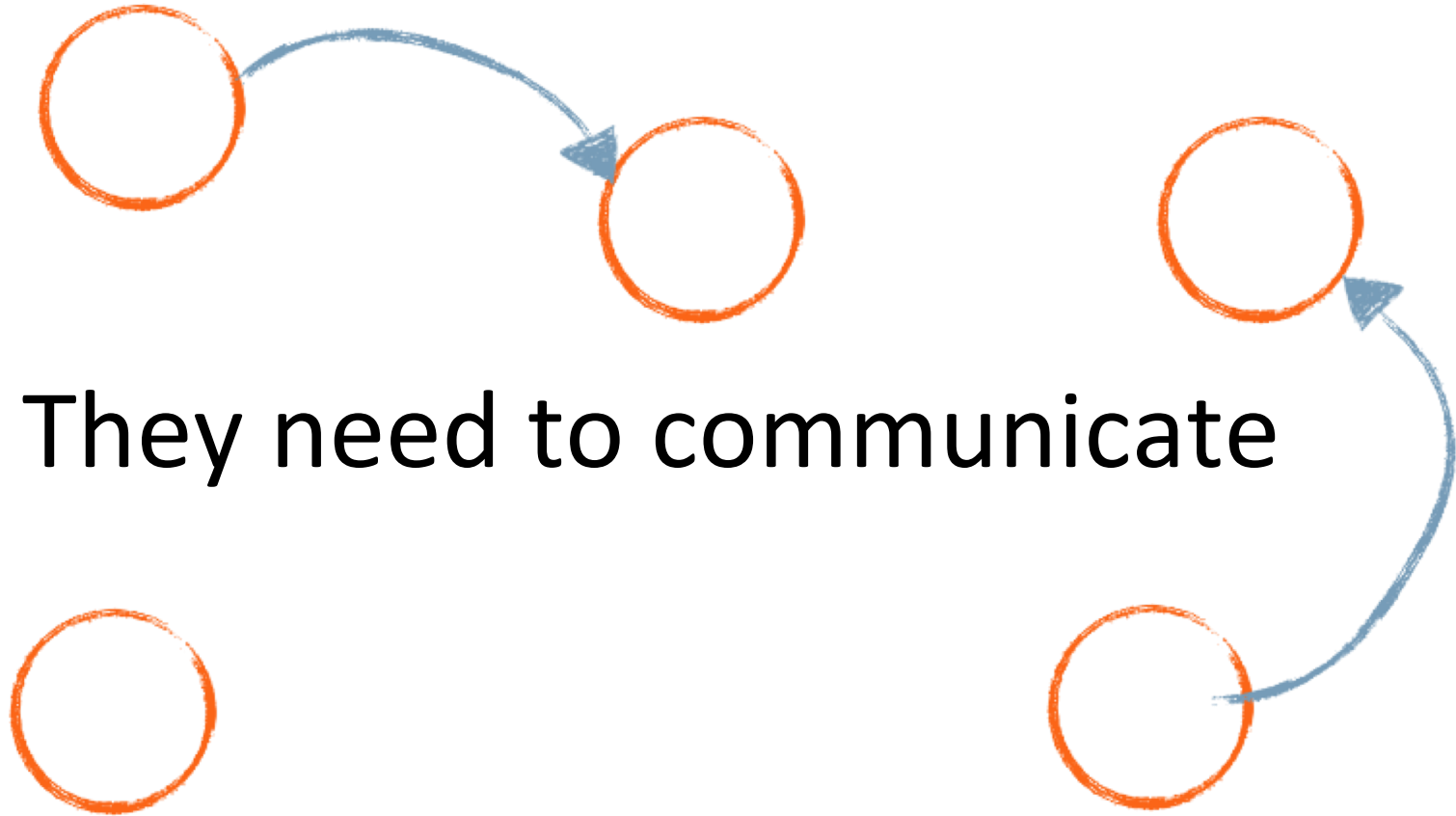
In the beginning...



We Have Microservices

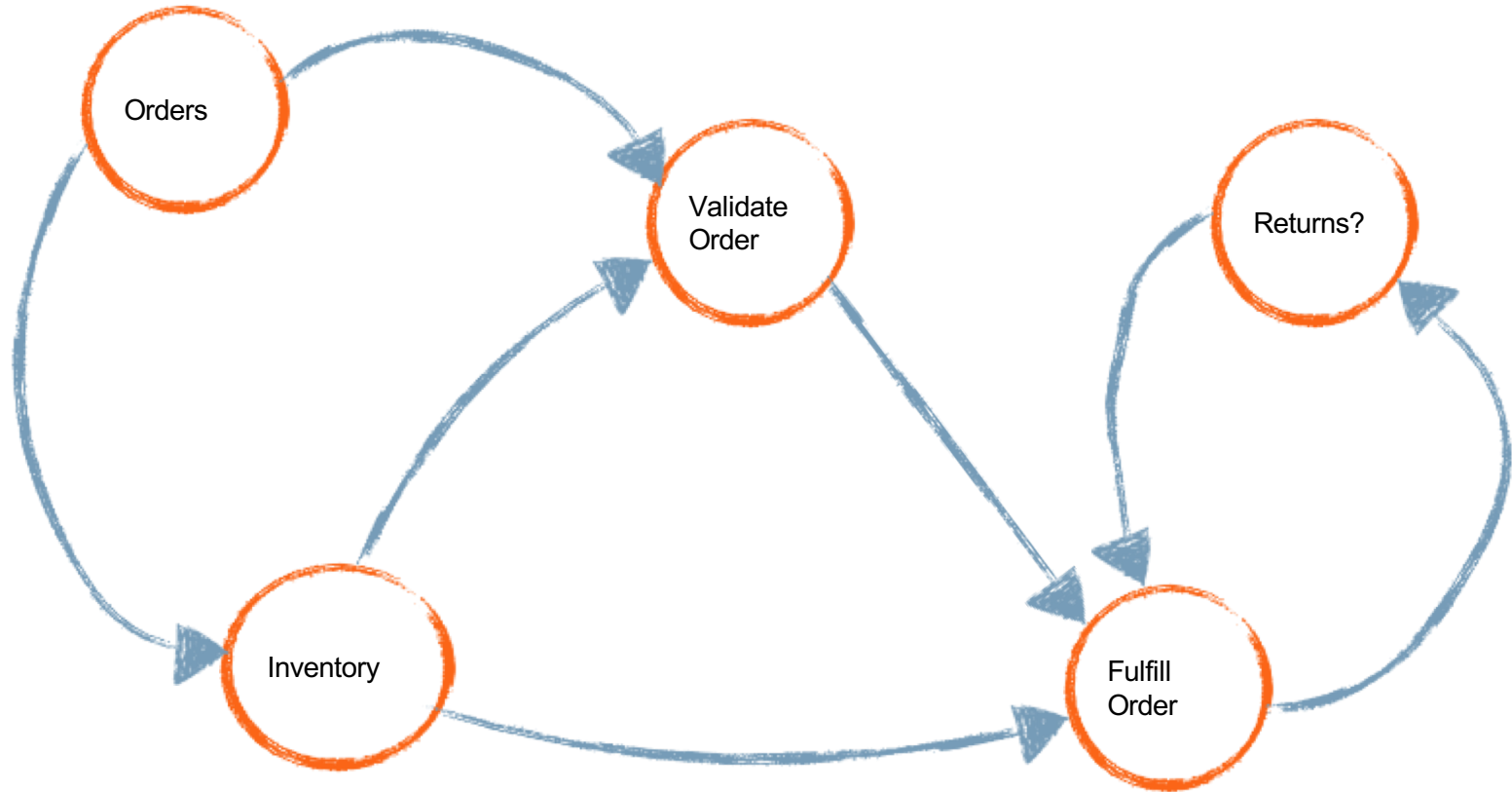


Microservices



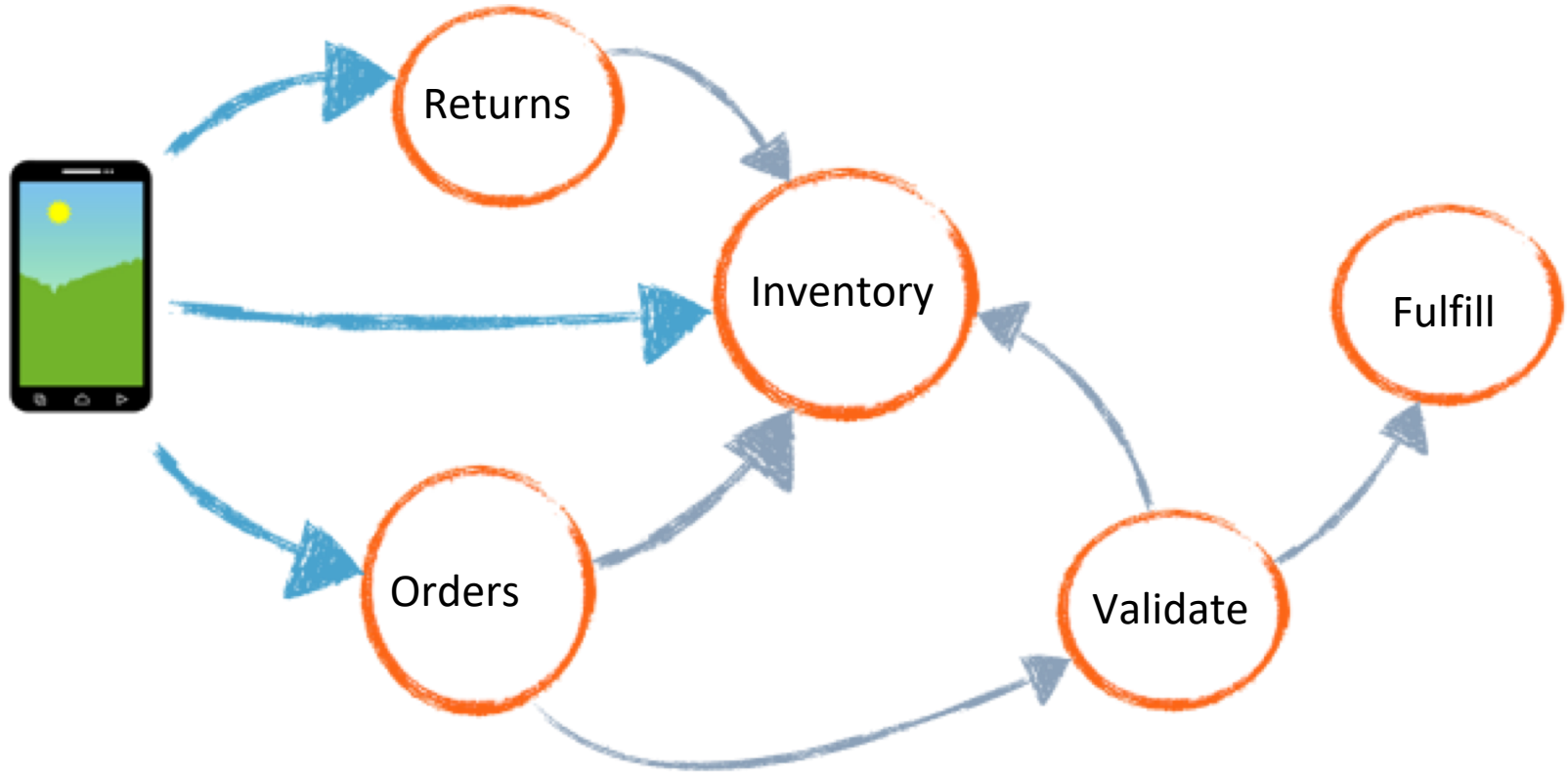
They need to communicate

I know! I'll use REST APIs

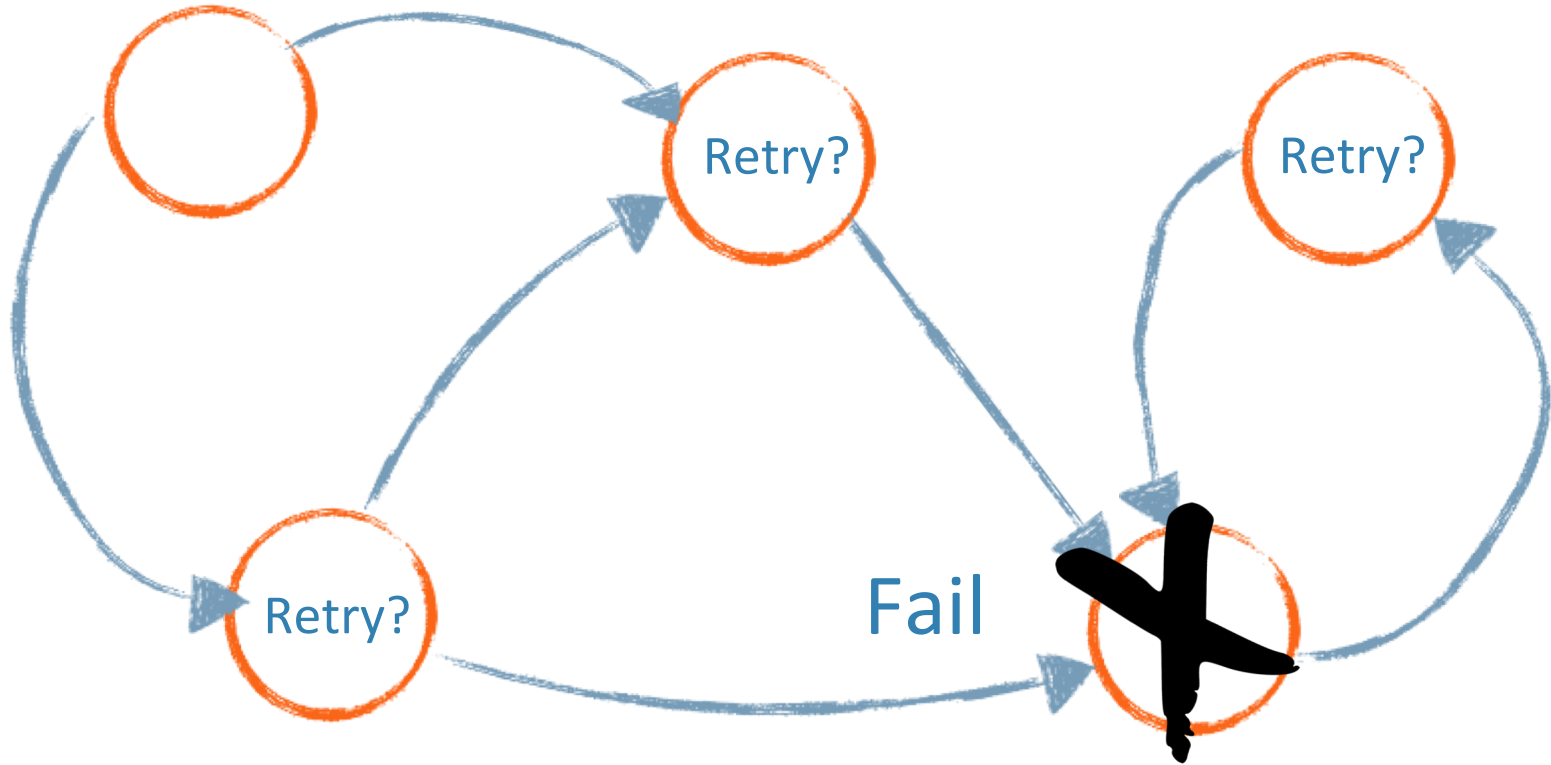


Synchronous request-response communication
Leads to
Tight point-to-point coupling

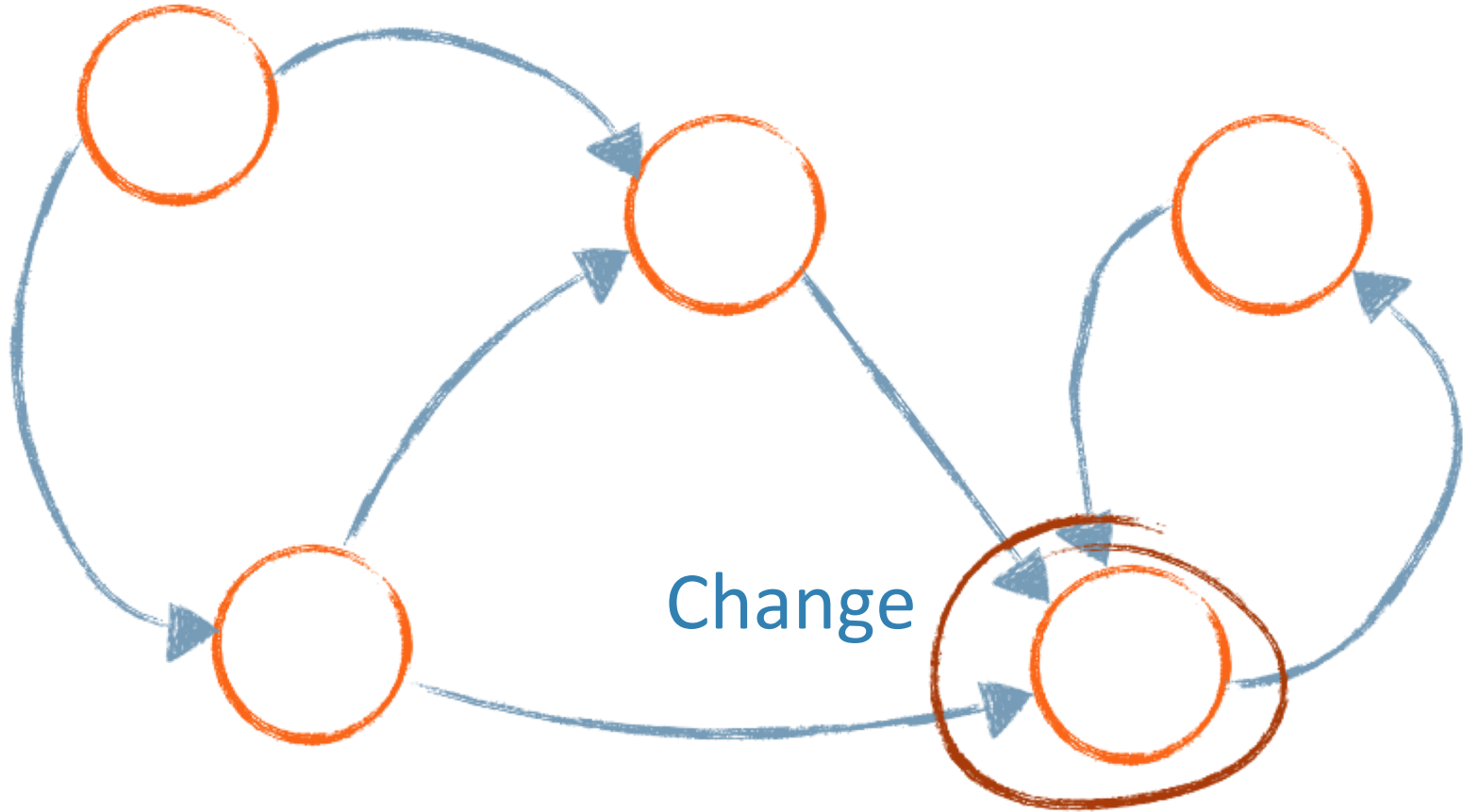
Clients know too much



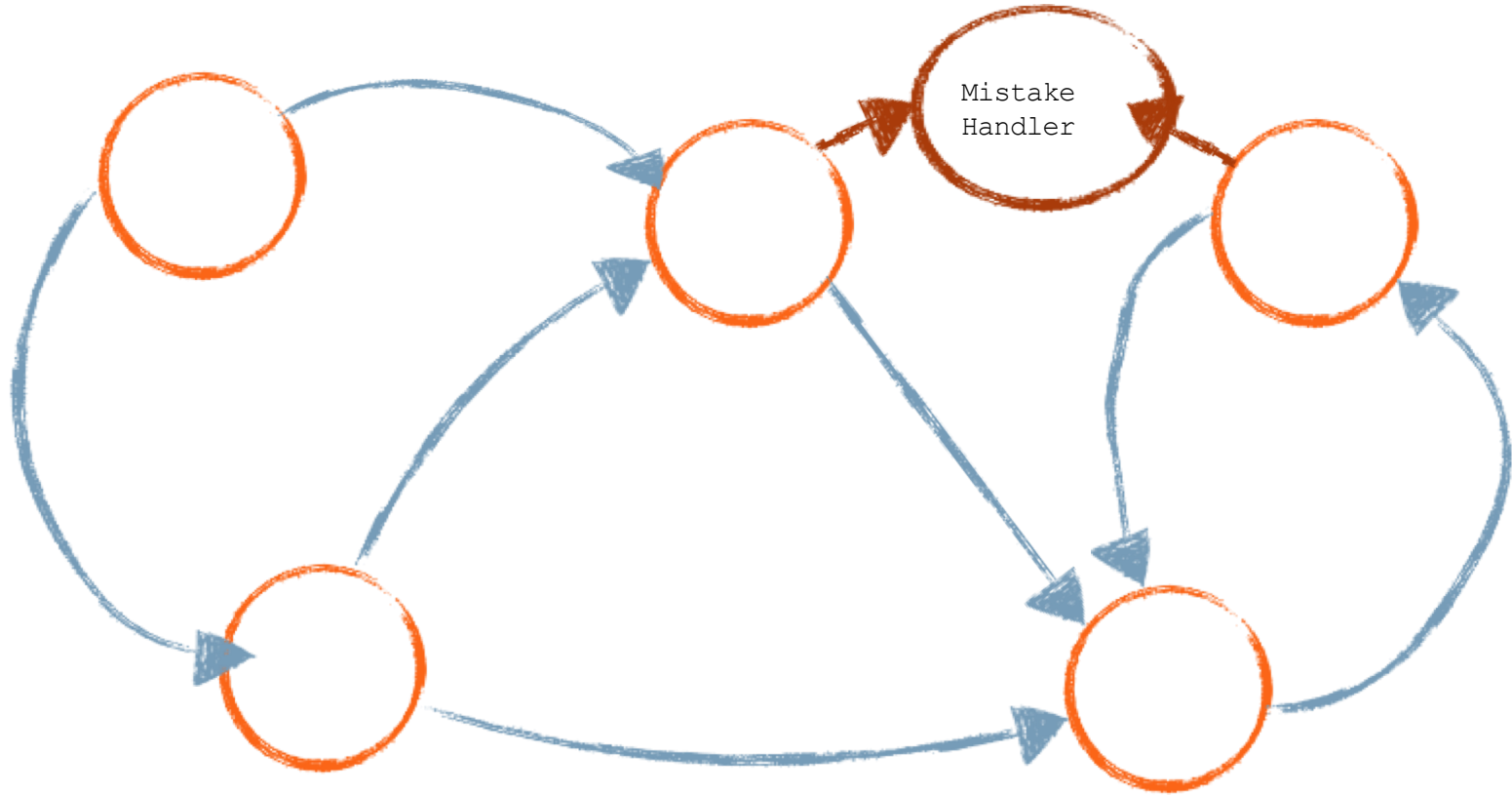
shifts in responsibility, redundancy



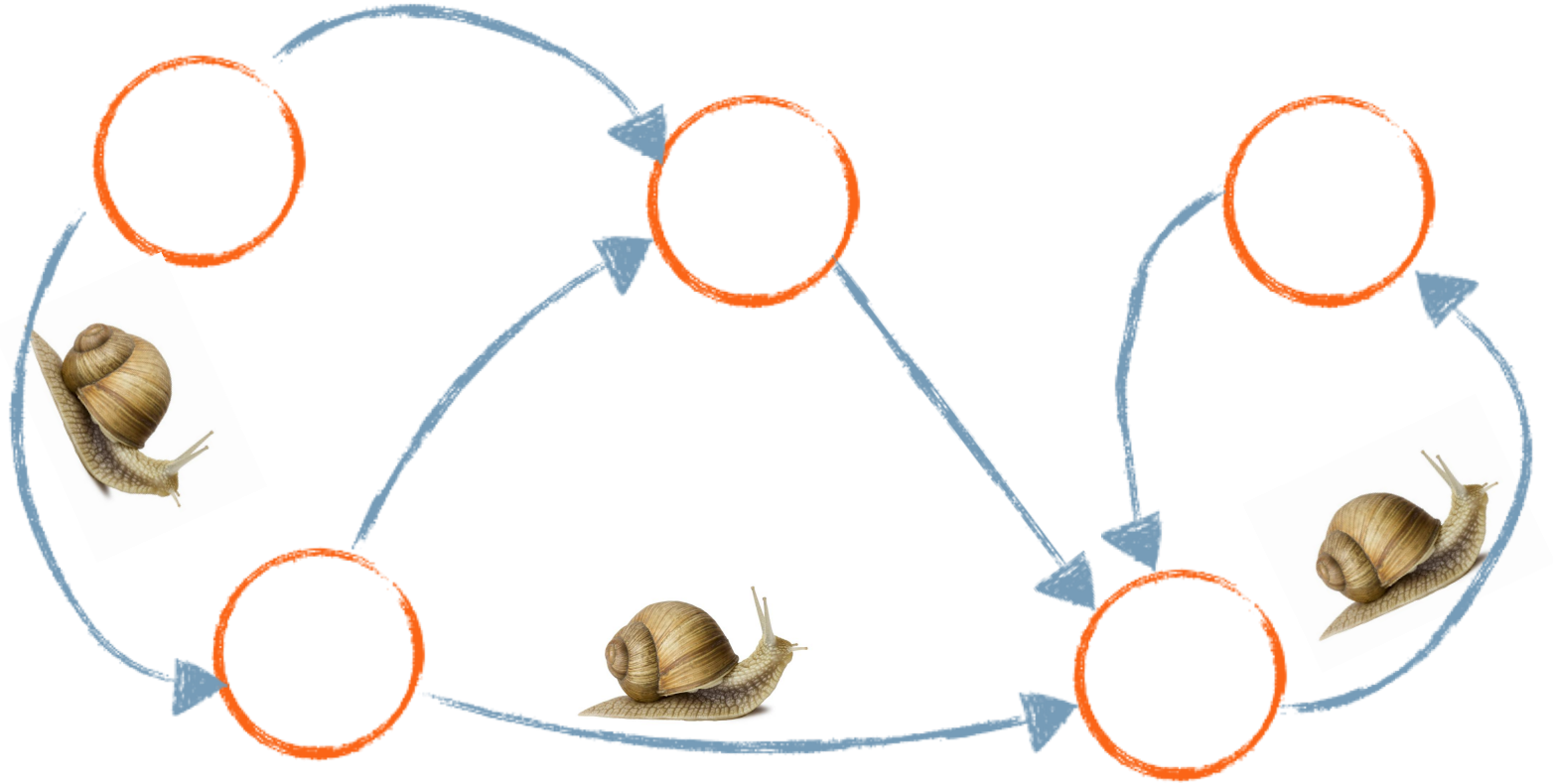
Making Changes is Risky



Adding Services Requires Explicit Calls



REST = HTTP + JSON = SLOW



We can do better.

Nice to meet you!

- Moving data around for 20 years
- Engineering Manager at Confluent
- Apache Kafka Committer
- Wrote a book or two
- Tweets a lot - @gwenshap



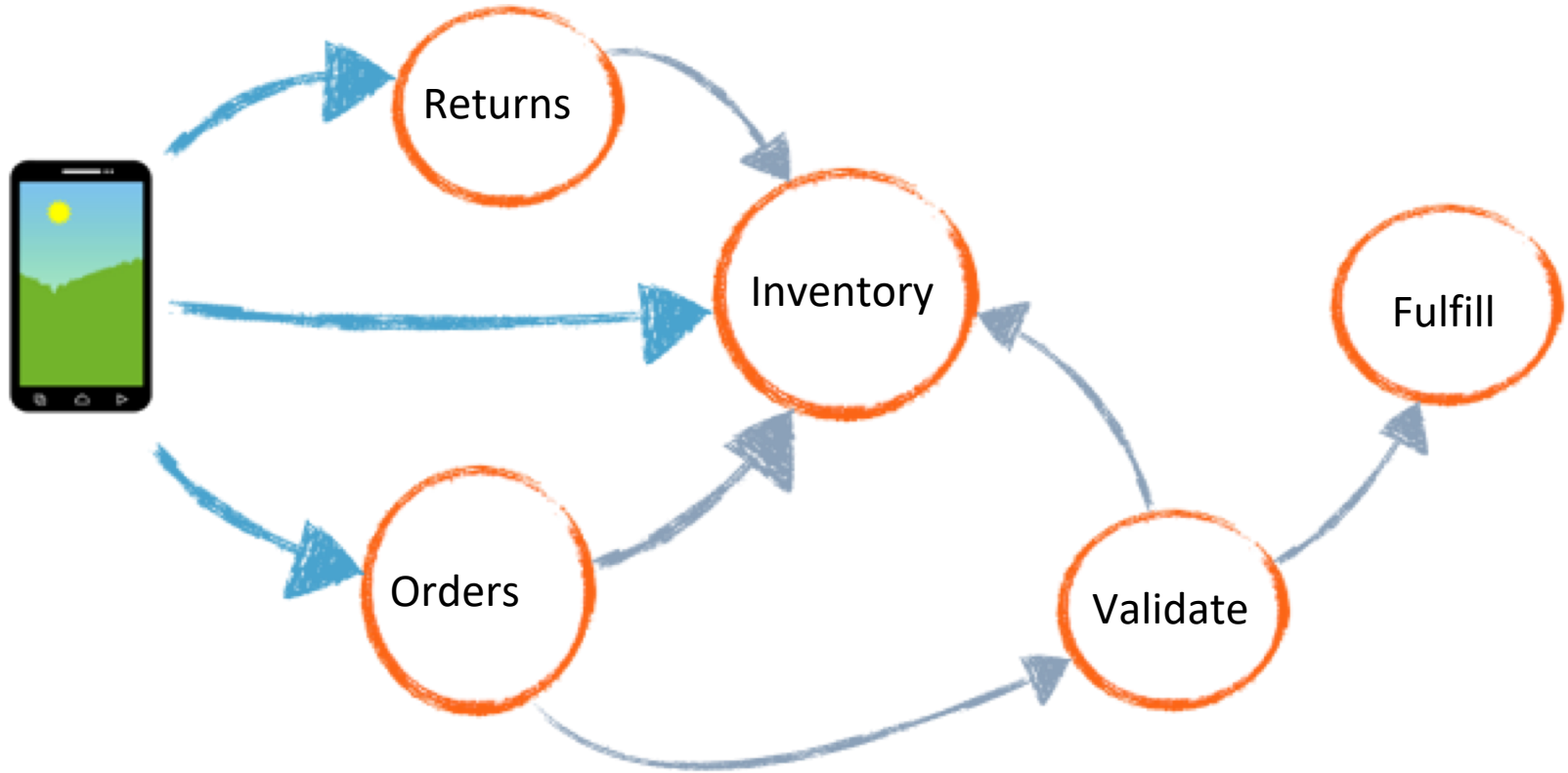
Kafka The Definitive Guide

REAL-TIME DATA AND STREAM PROCESSING AT SCALE

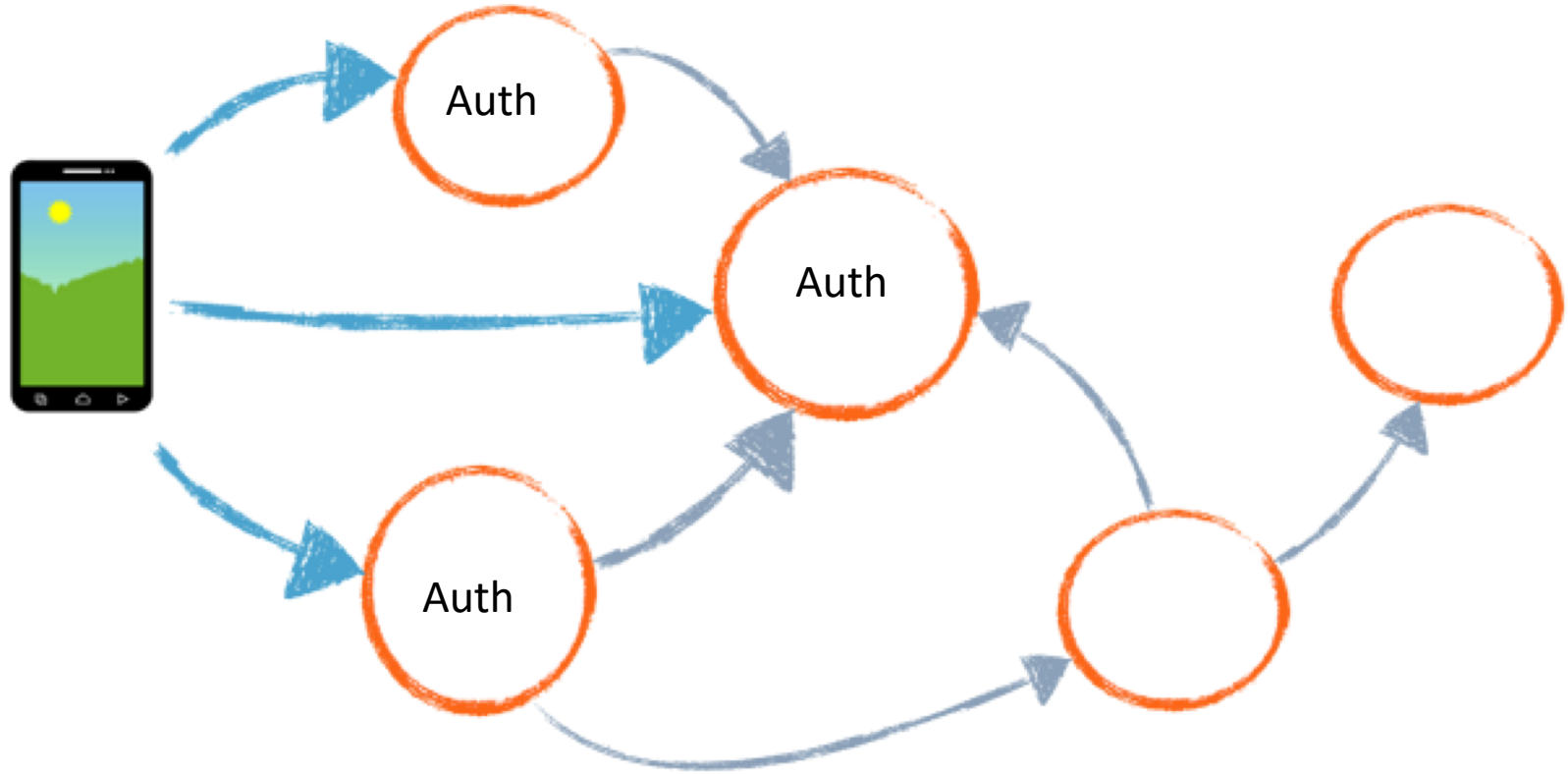
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API Gateway

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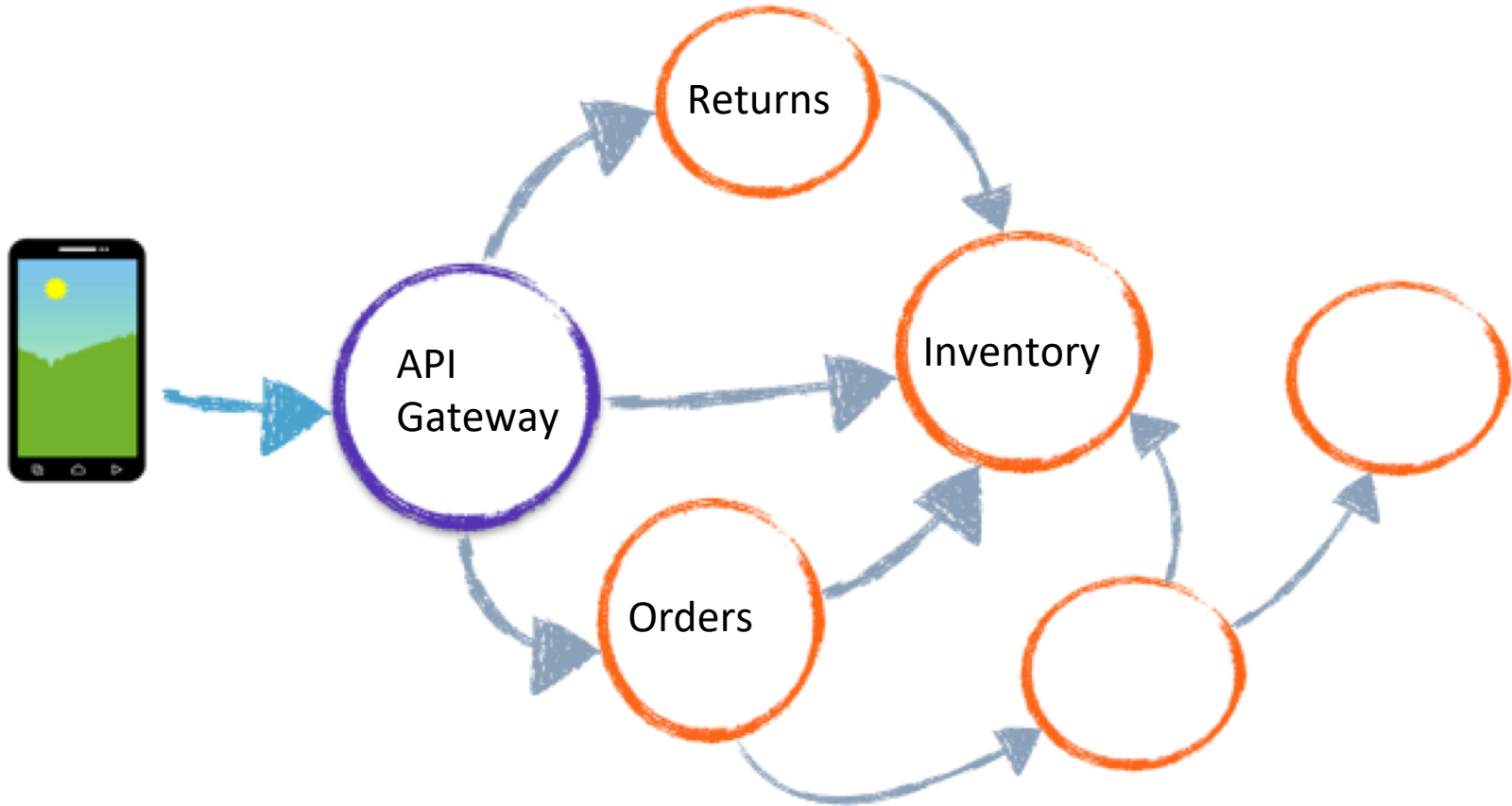


Shift in responsibility, redundancy



API Gateway

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API Gateway Responsibility



- Authentication



- Routing

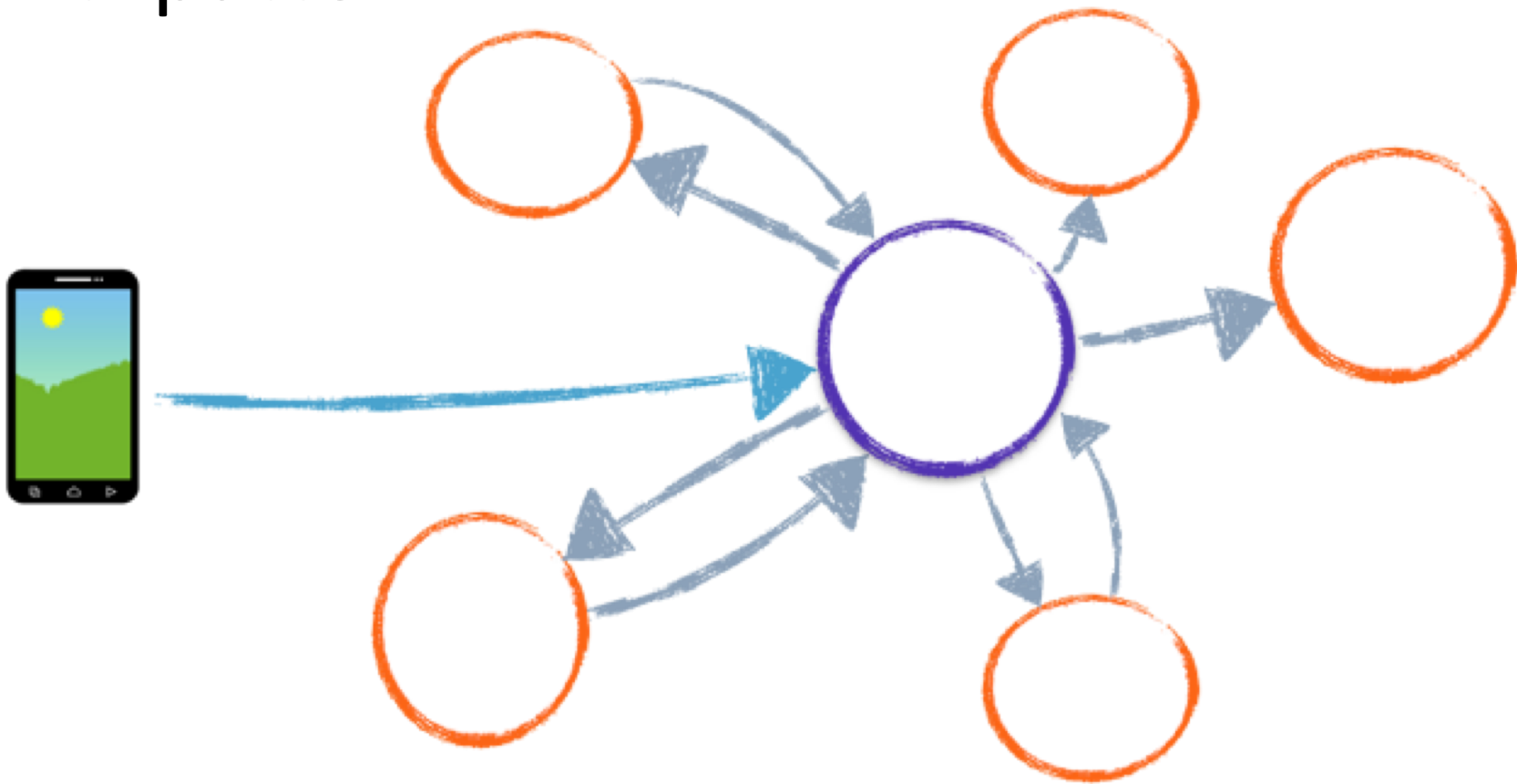


- Rate Limiting



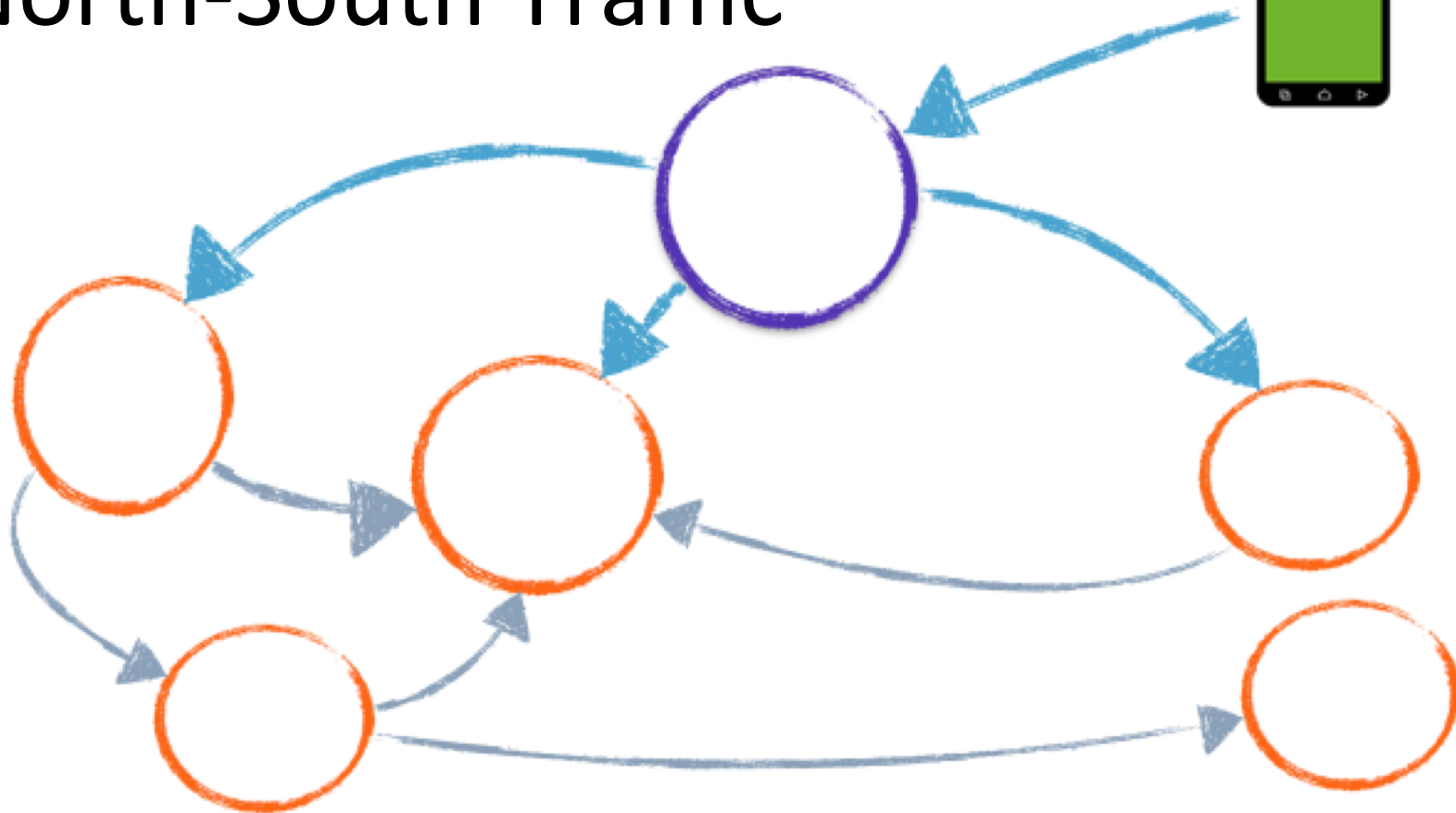
- Logging and analytics

Anti-pattern

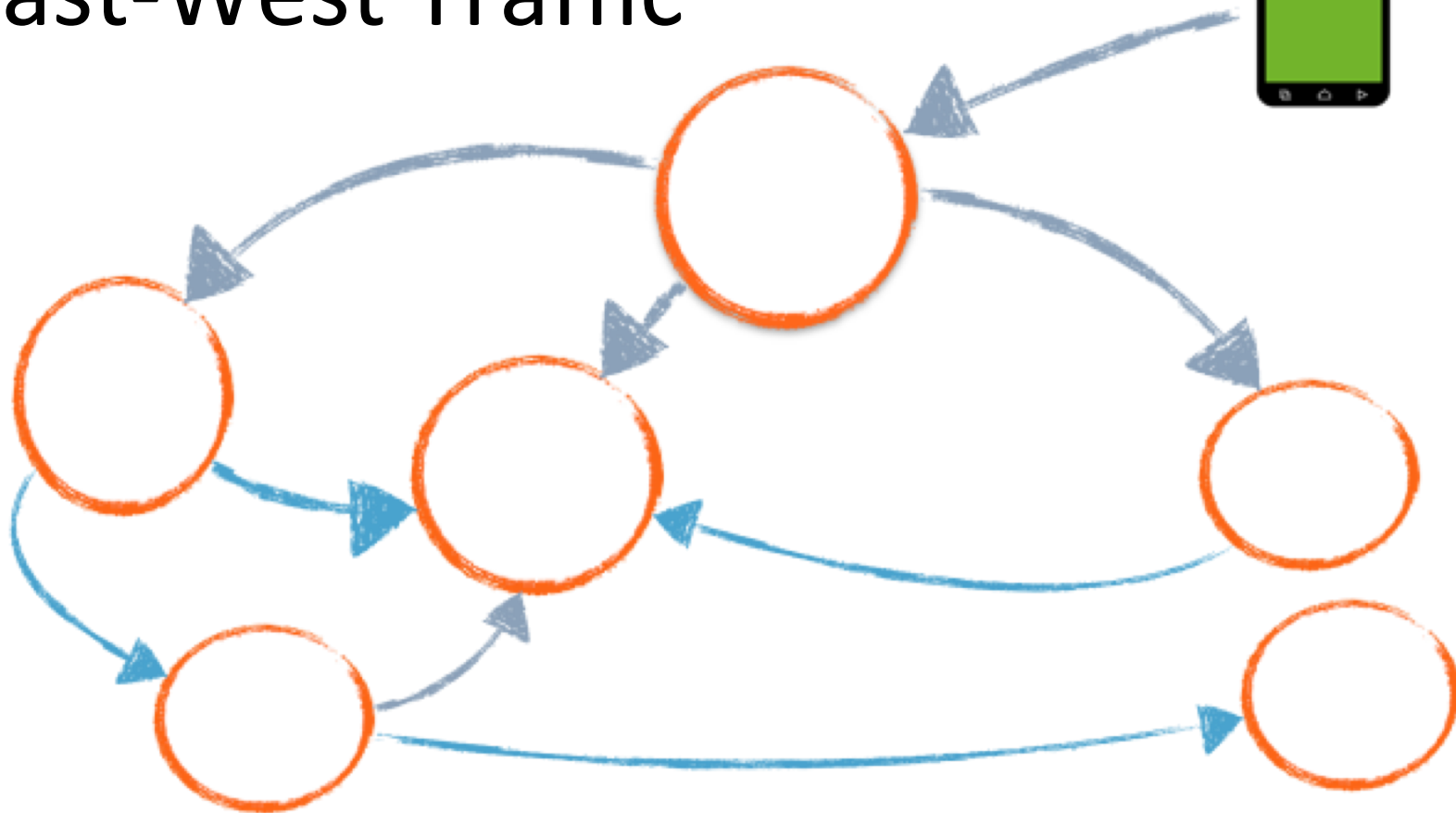


Service Mesh

North-South Traffic



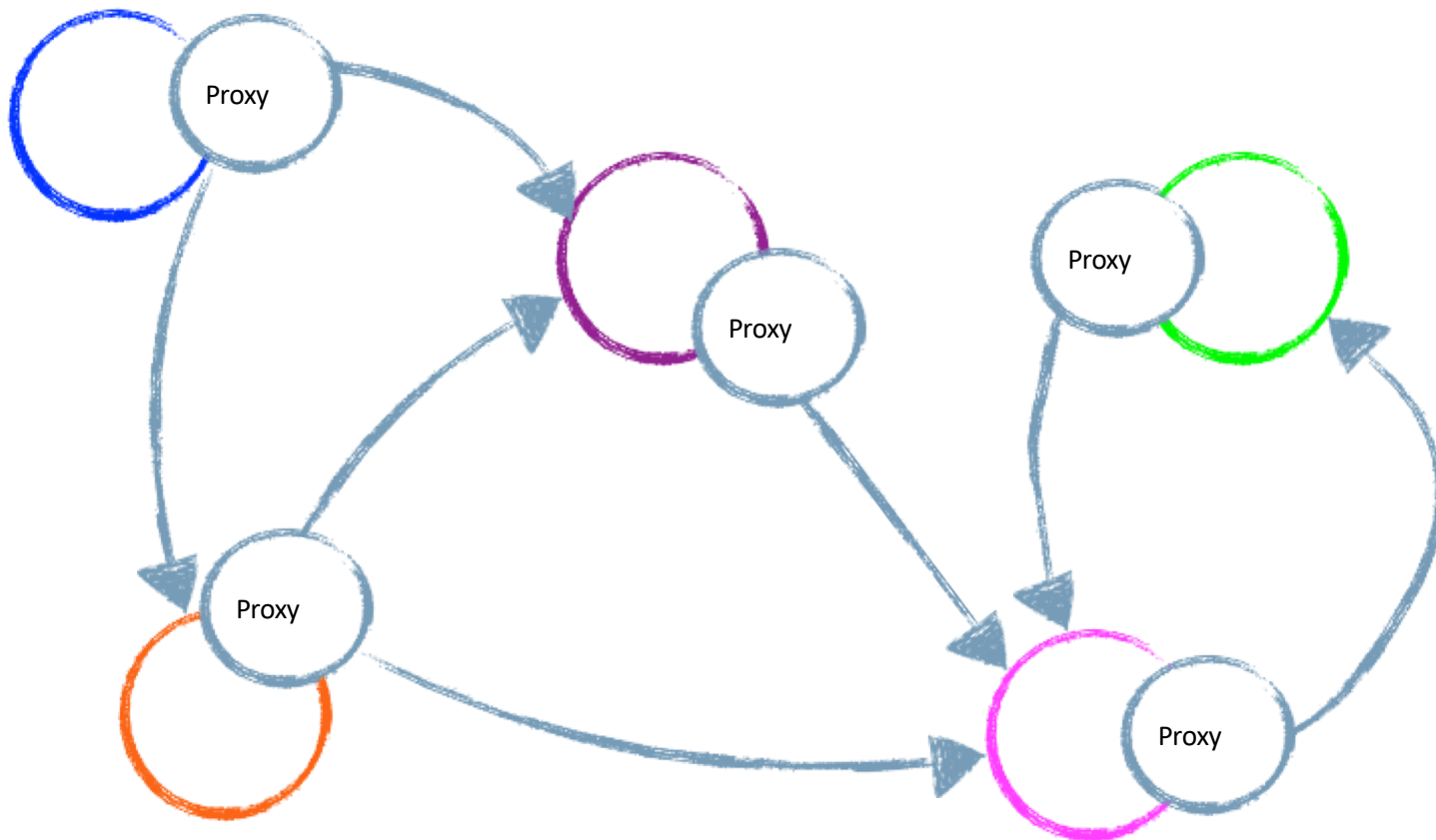
East-West Traffic

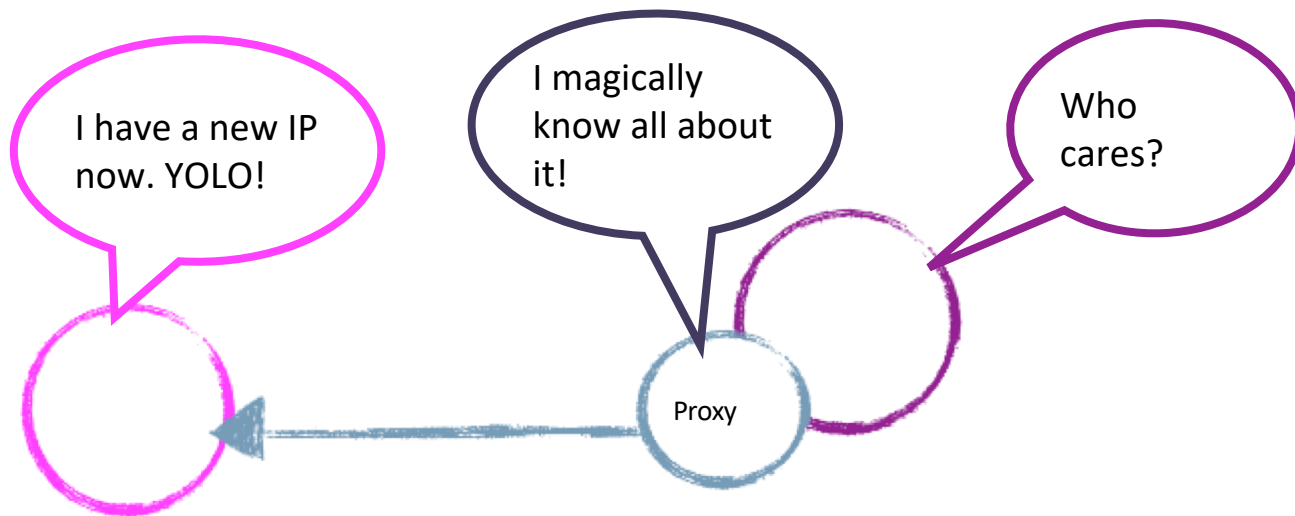


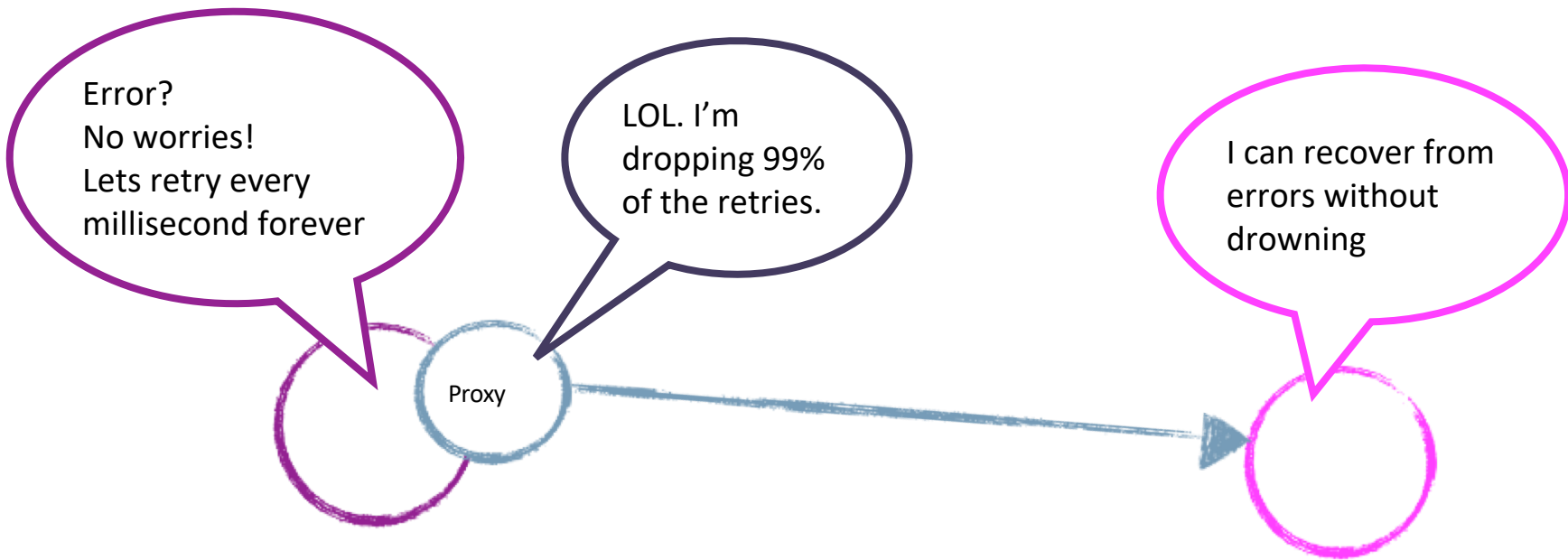
Side-car



Proxy as sidecar:

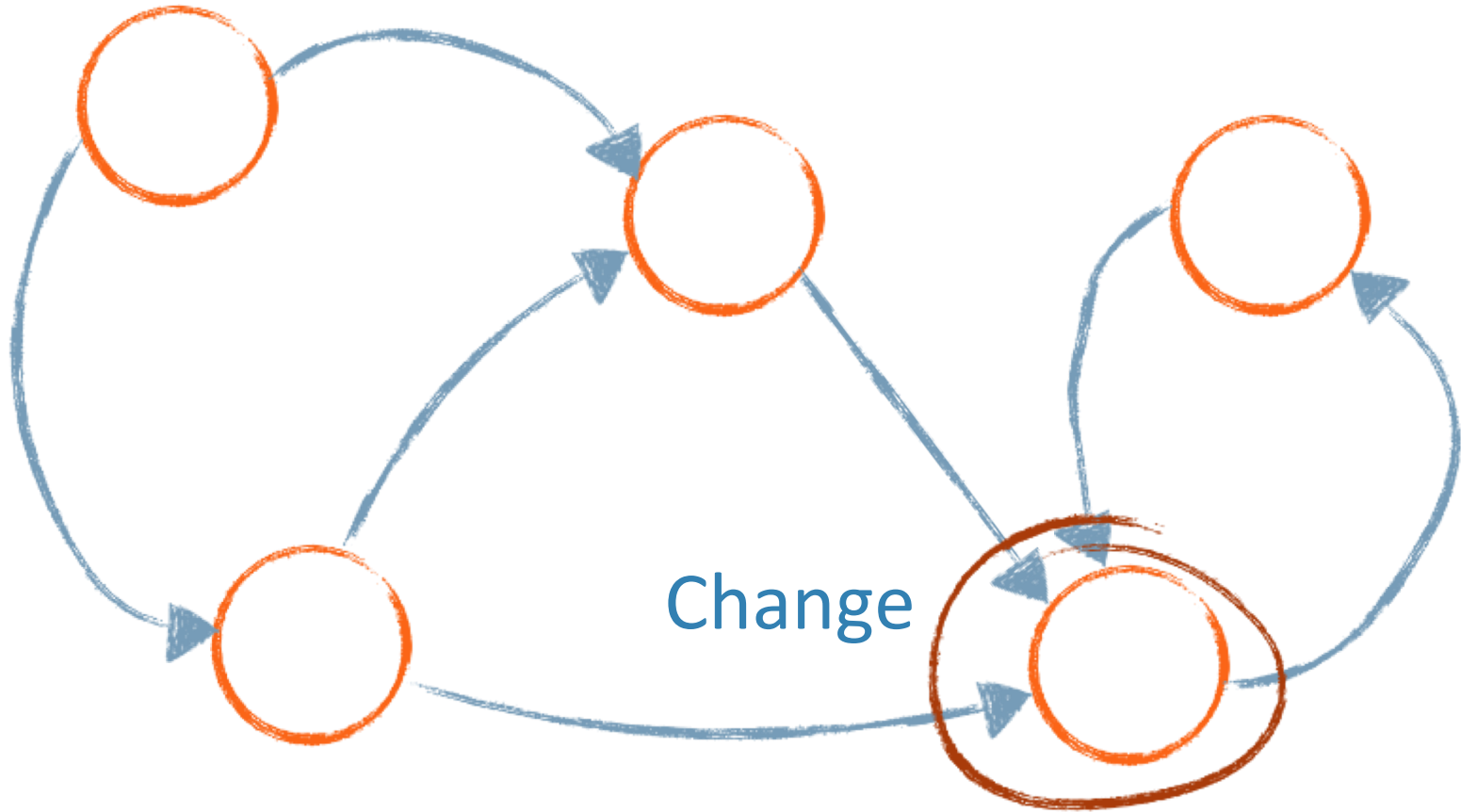




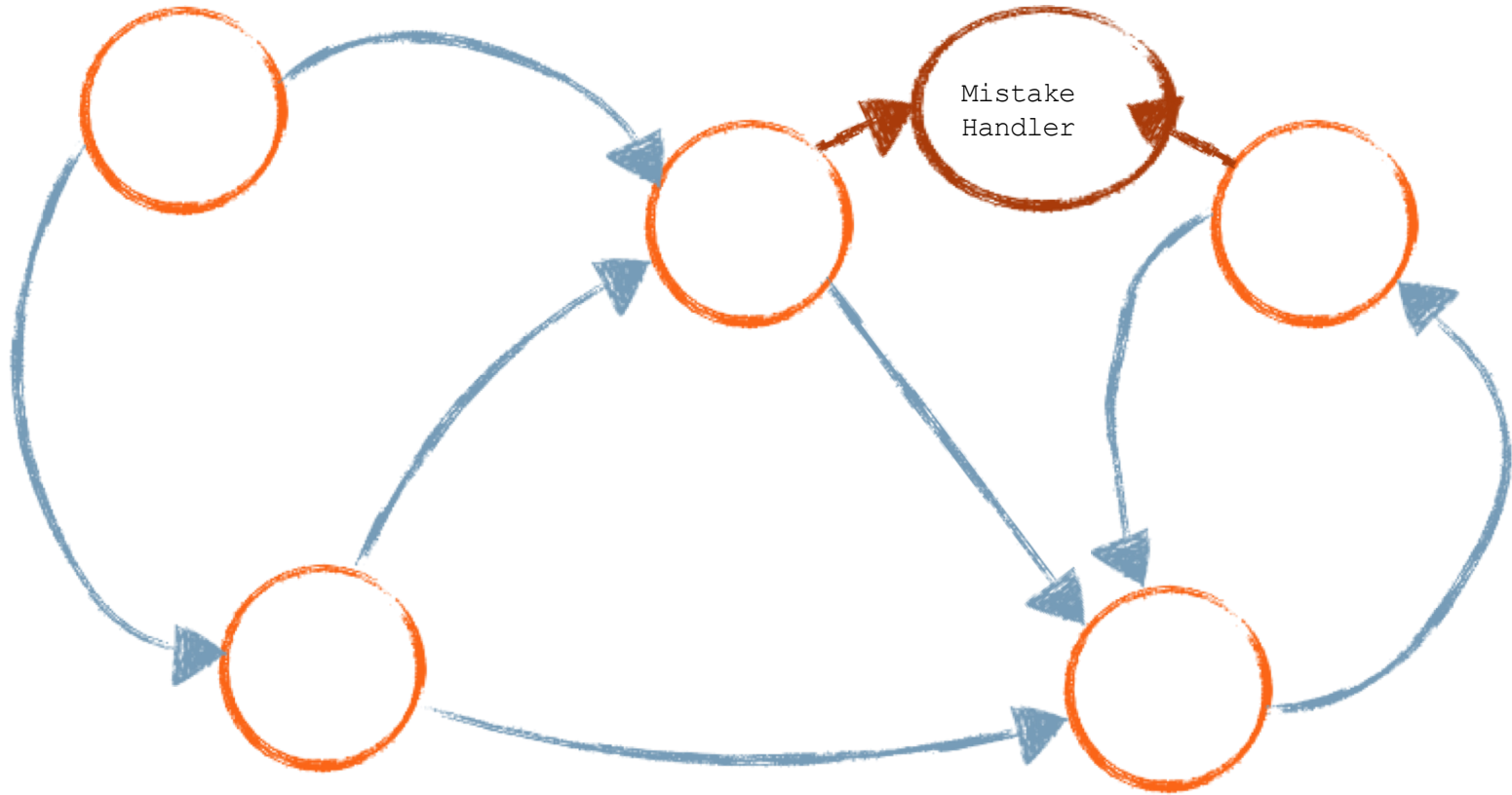


Event Driven

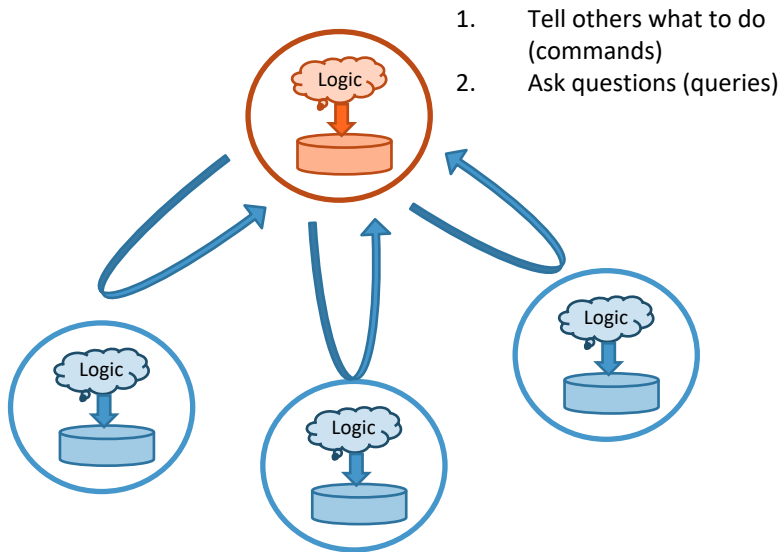
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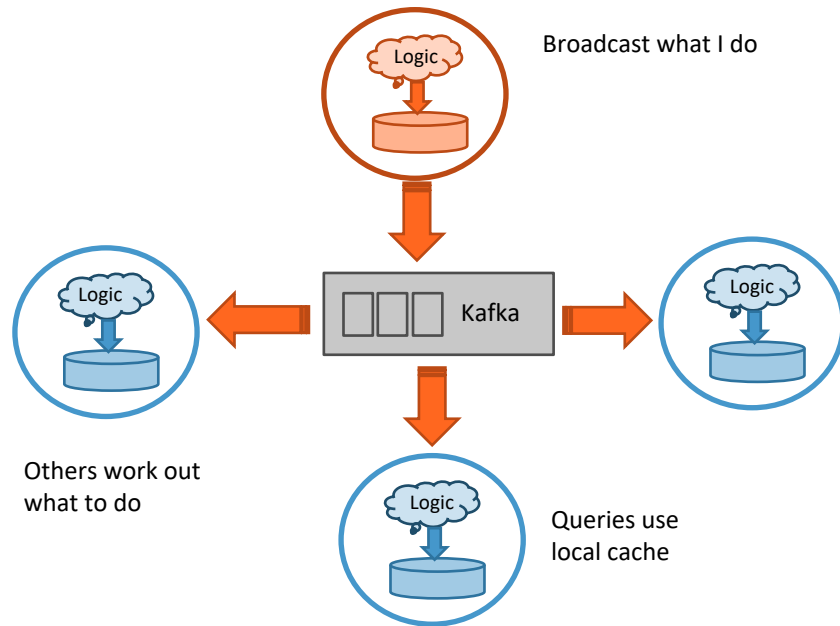
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Request Driven



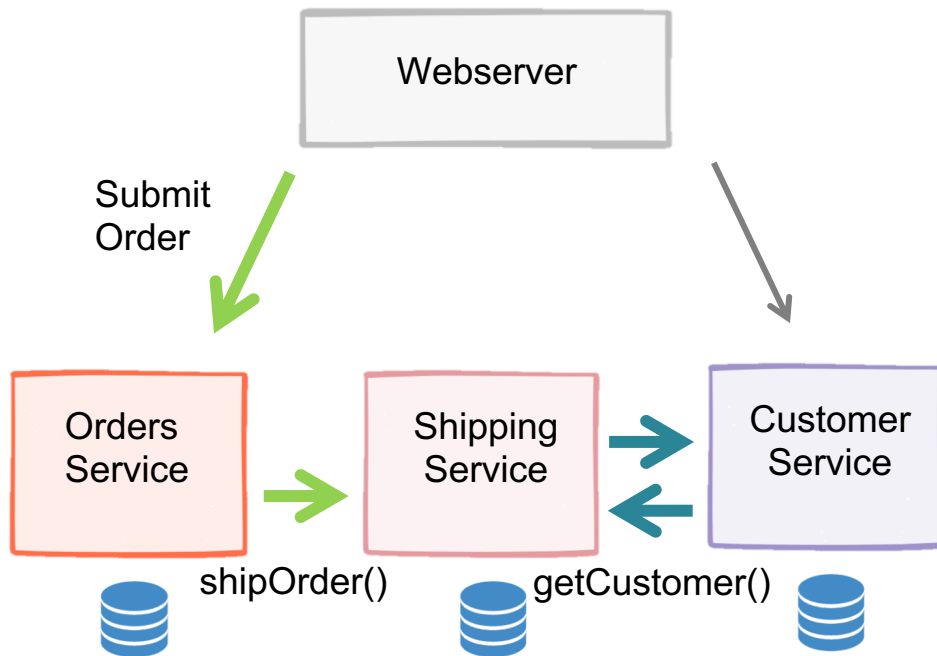
Event Driven



Events are both facts and triggers

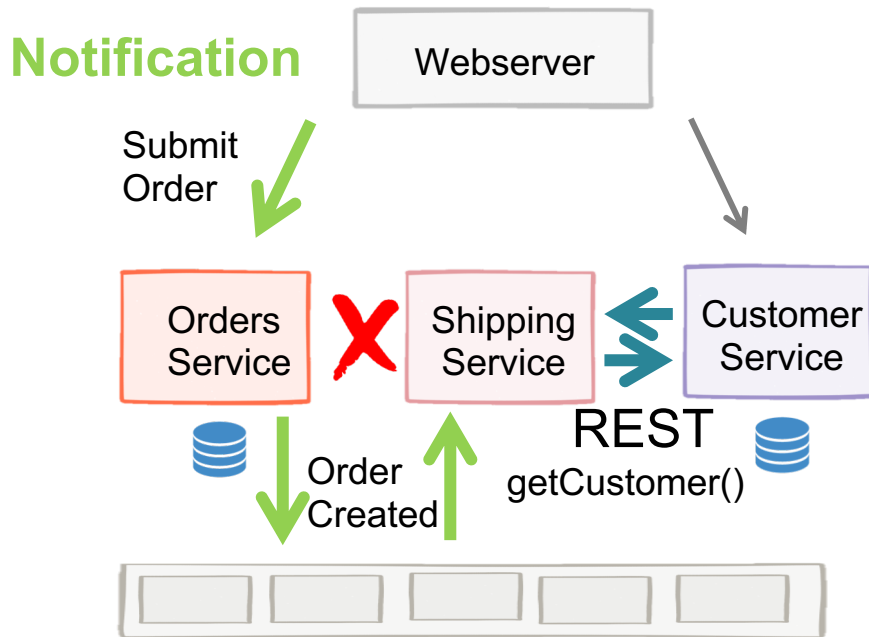
Buying an iPad (with REST)

- Orders Service calls Shipping Service to tell it to ship item.
- Shipping service looks up address to ship to (from Customer Service)



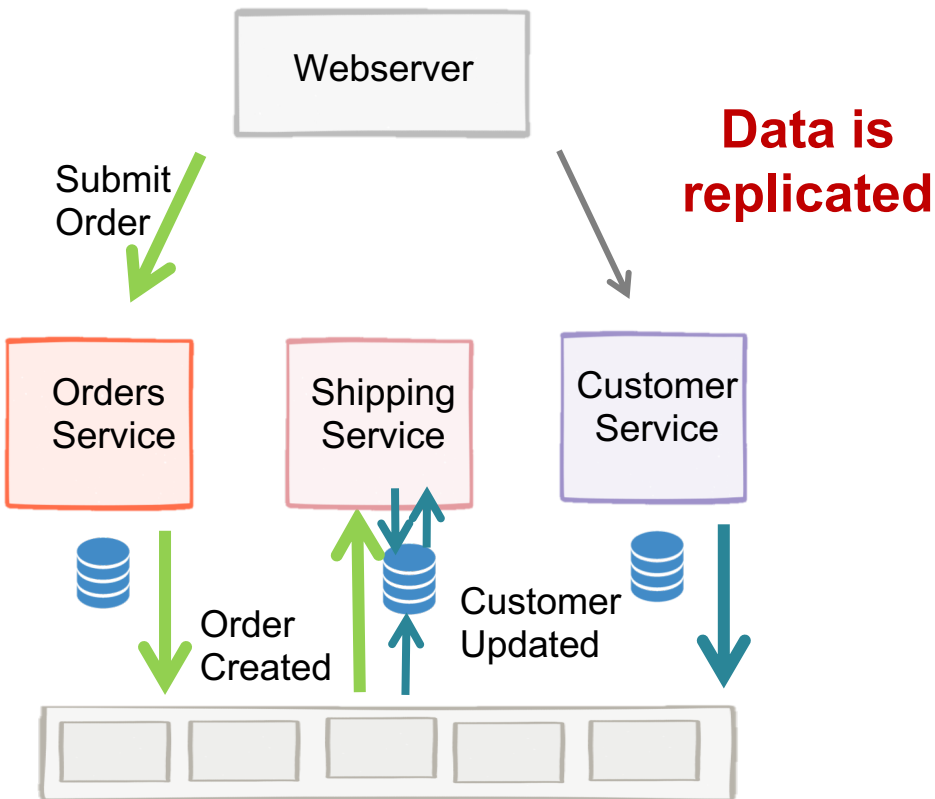
Using events for Notification

- Orders Service no longer knows about the Shipping service (or any other service). Events are fire and forget.

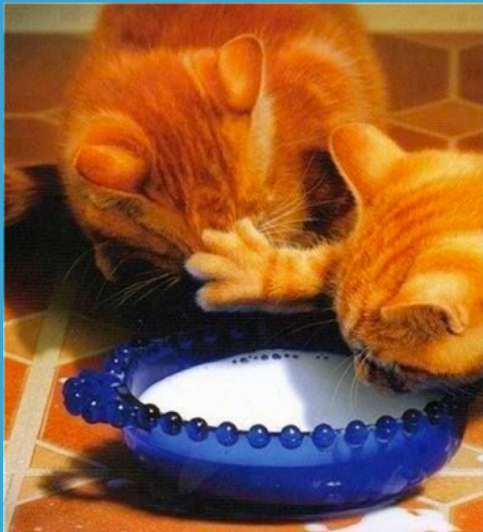


Using events to share facts

- Call to Customer service is gone.
- Instead data is replicated, as events, into the shipping service, where it is queried locally. .



DB for Each Microservice?



- **It is safe:**

They are all derived from same stream of events

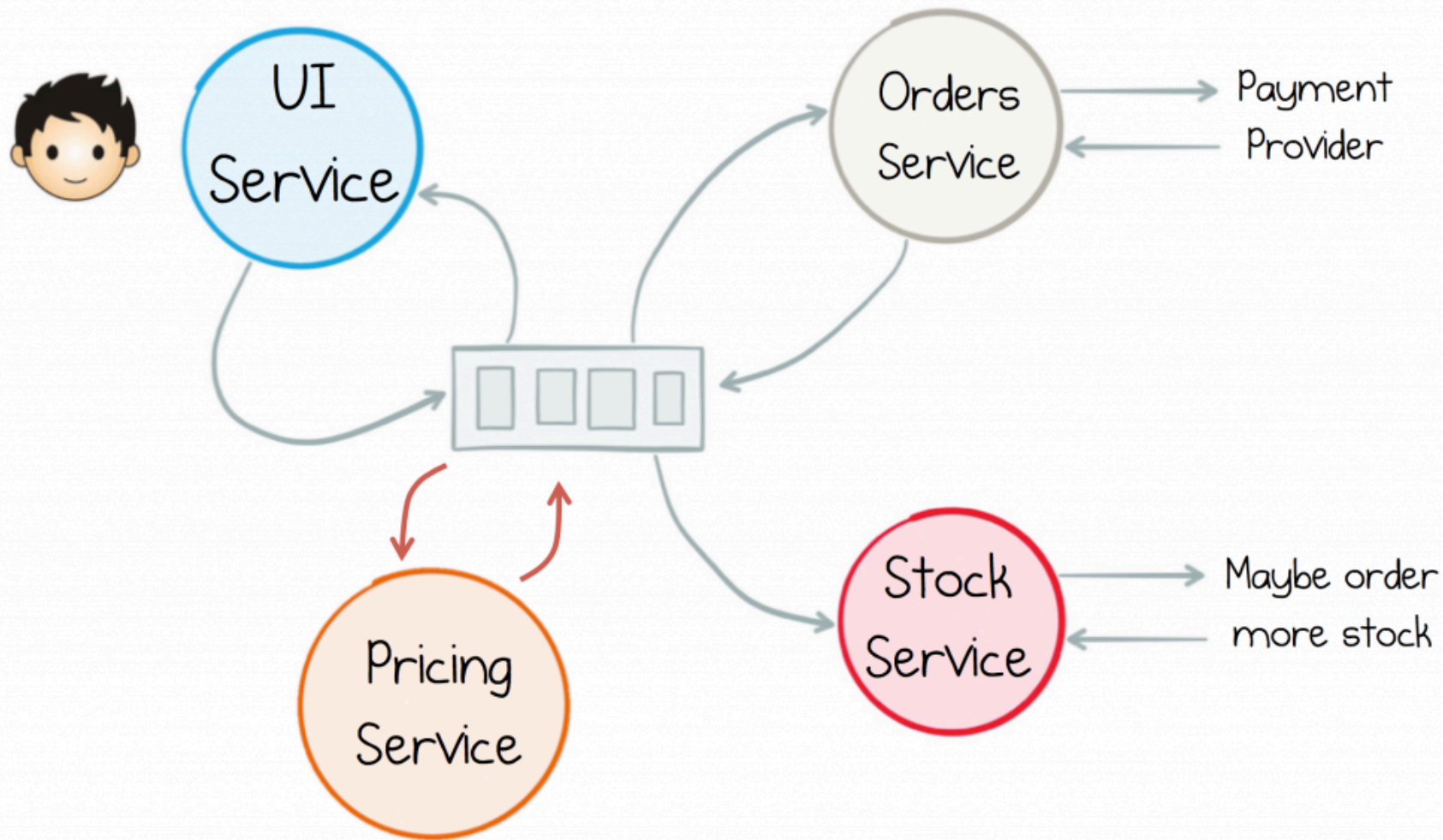
- **Custom**

projection just the data each service needs.

- Reduced dependencies

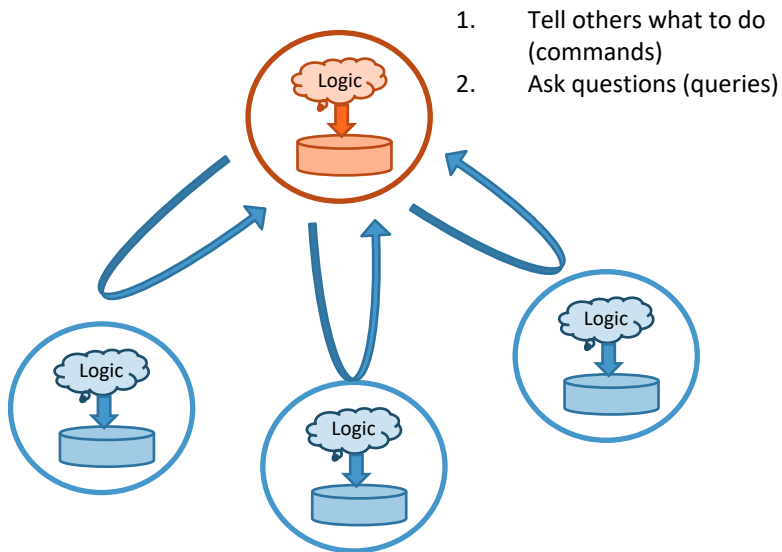
- Low latency

**Event Driven Microservices are
Stateful**

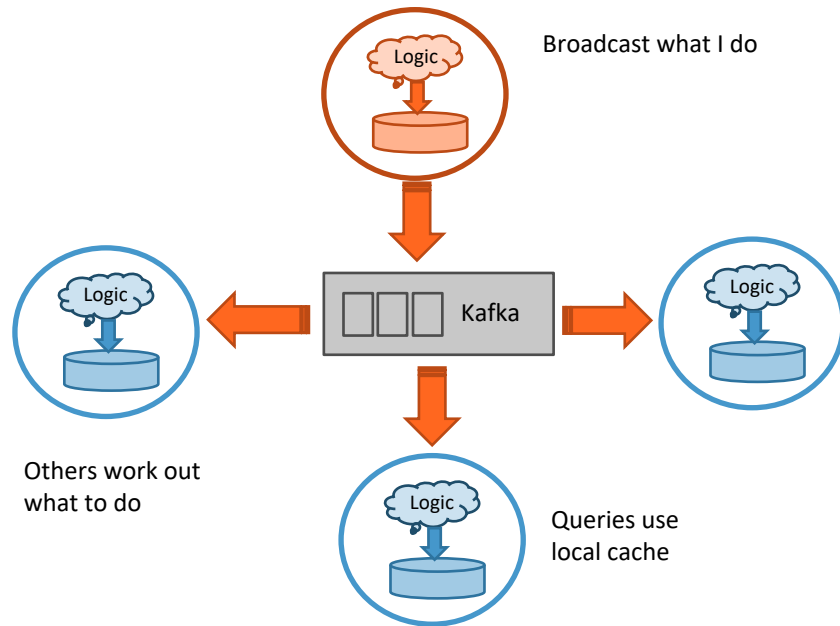


Schema

Request Driven



Event Driven

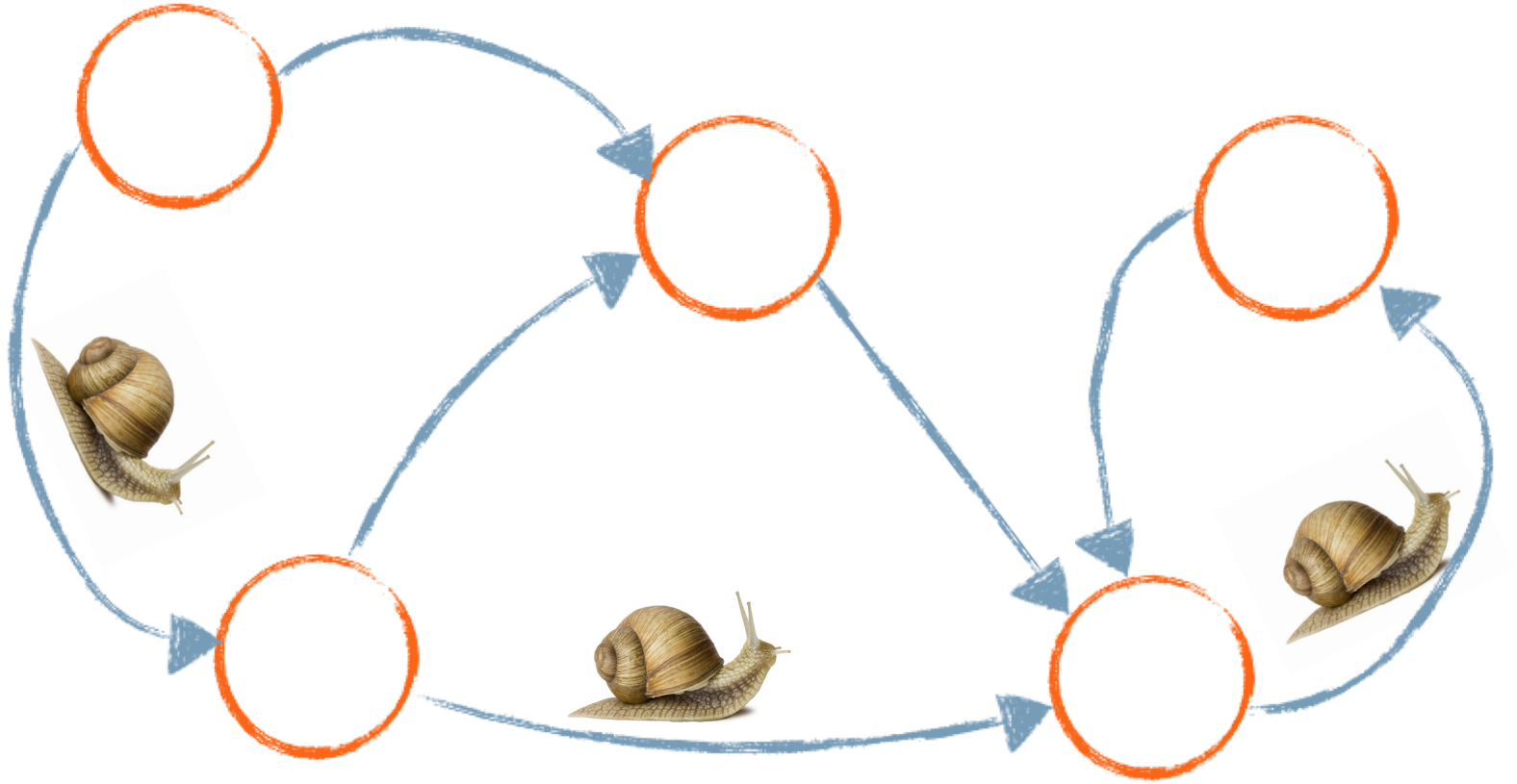


The medium is not the message.

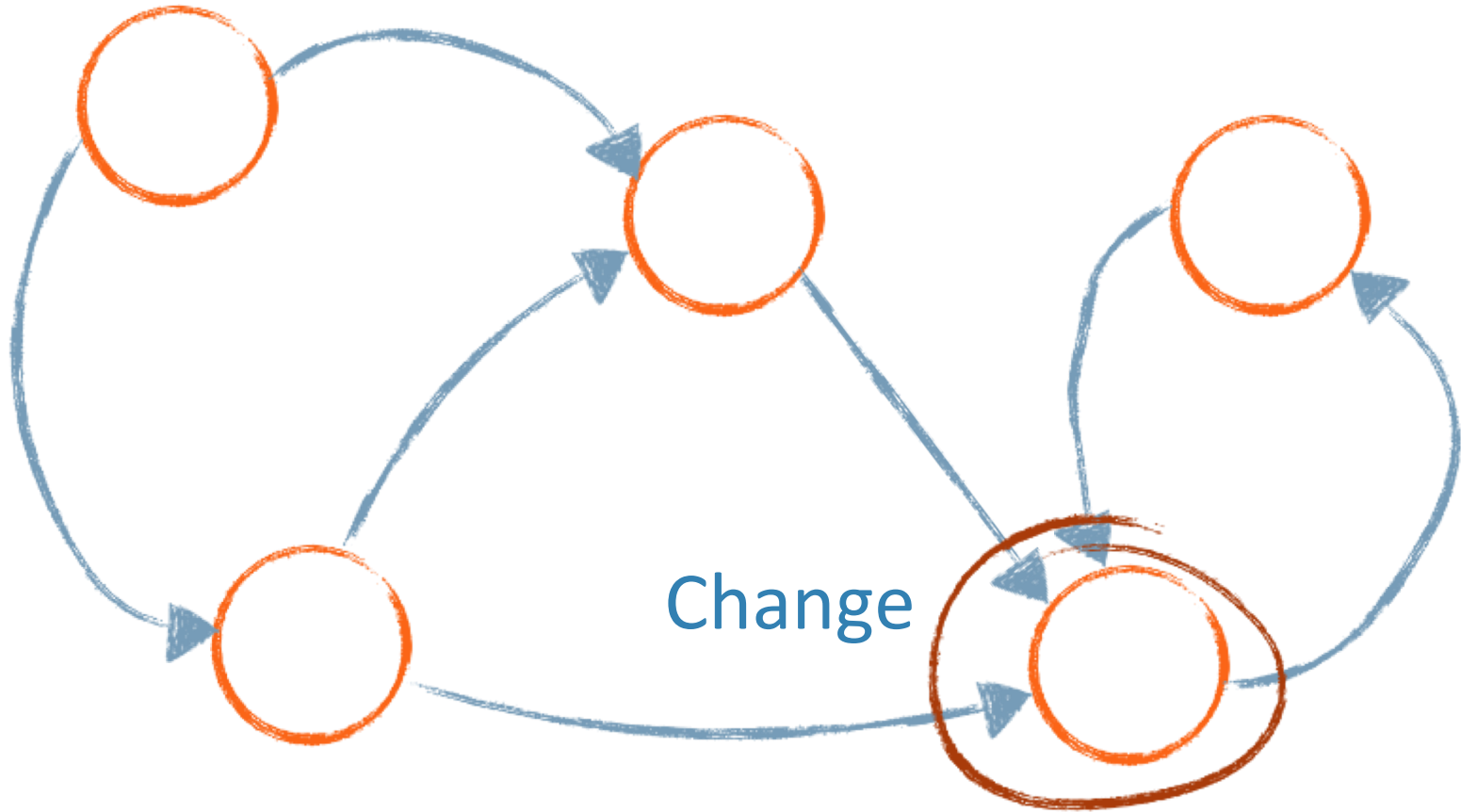
This is a message

```
{  
  sessionId: 676fc8983gu563,  
  timestamp: 1413215458,  
  viewType: "propertyView",  
  propertyId: 7879,  
  loyaltyId: 6764532  
  origin: "promotion",  
  ..... lots of metadata....  
}
```

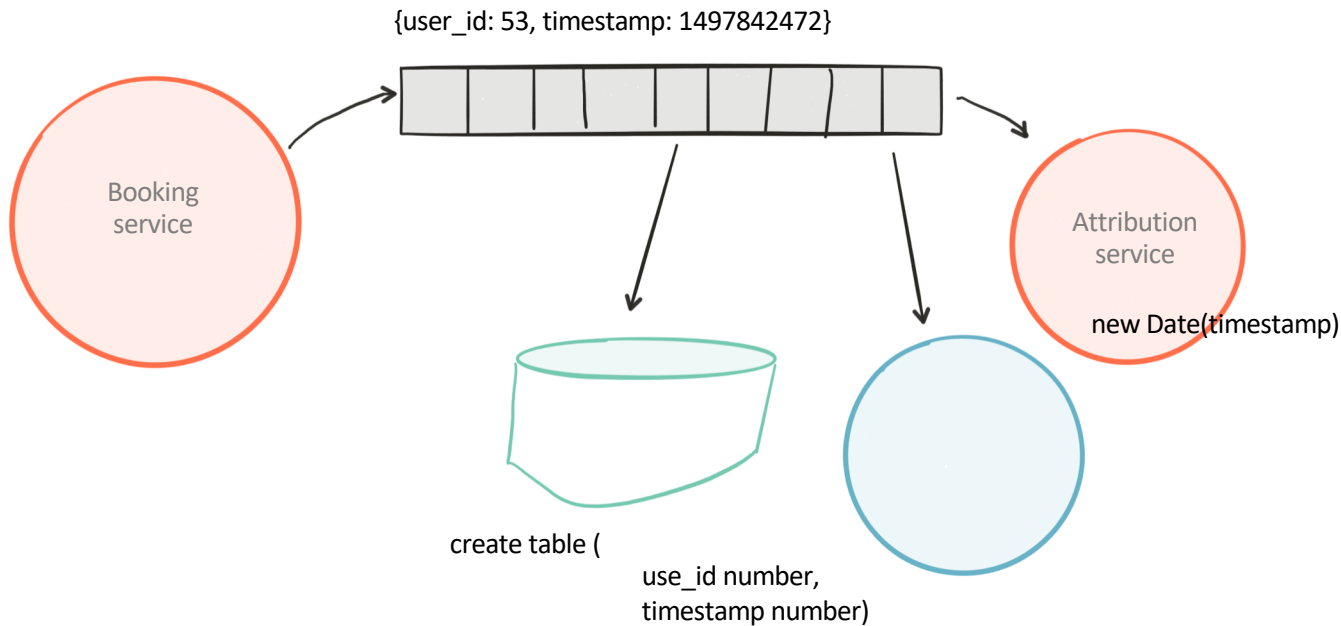
REST = HTTP + JSON = SLOW

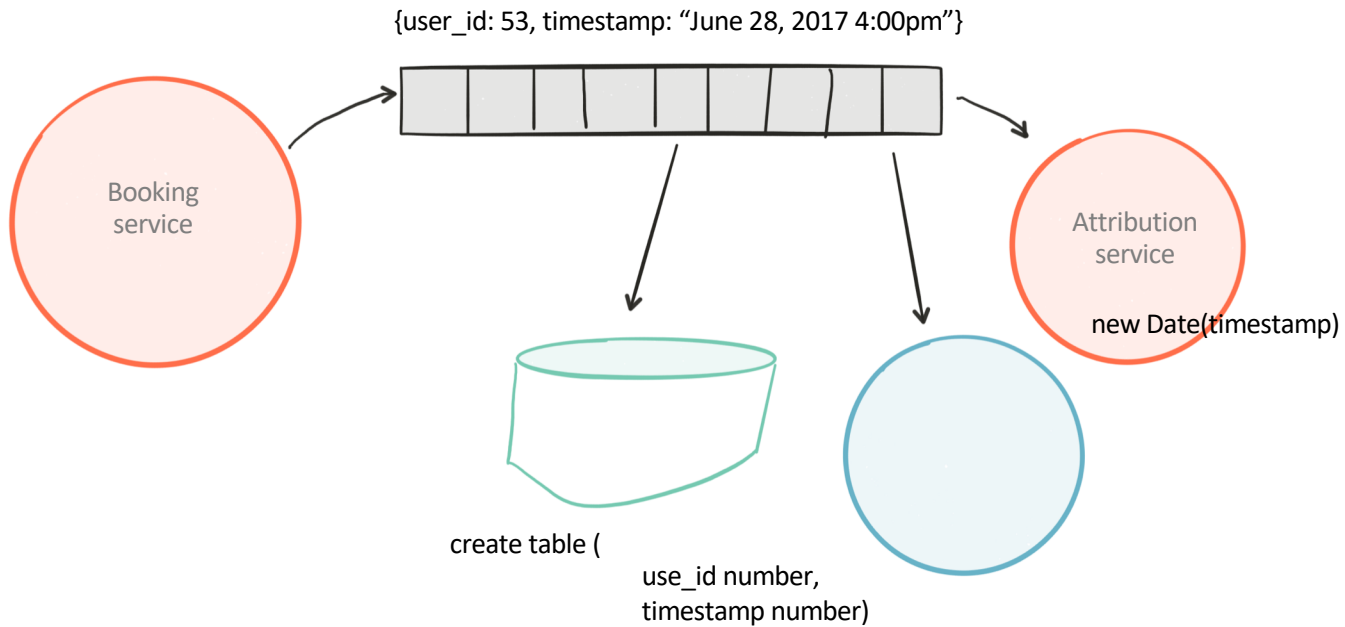


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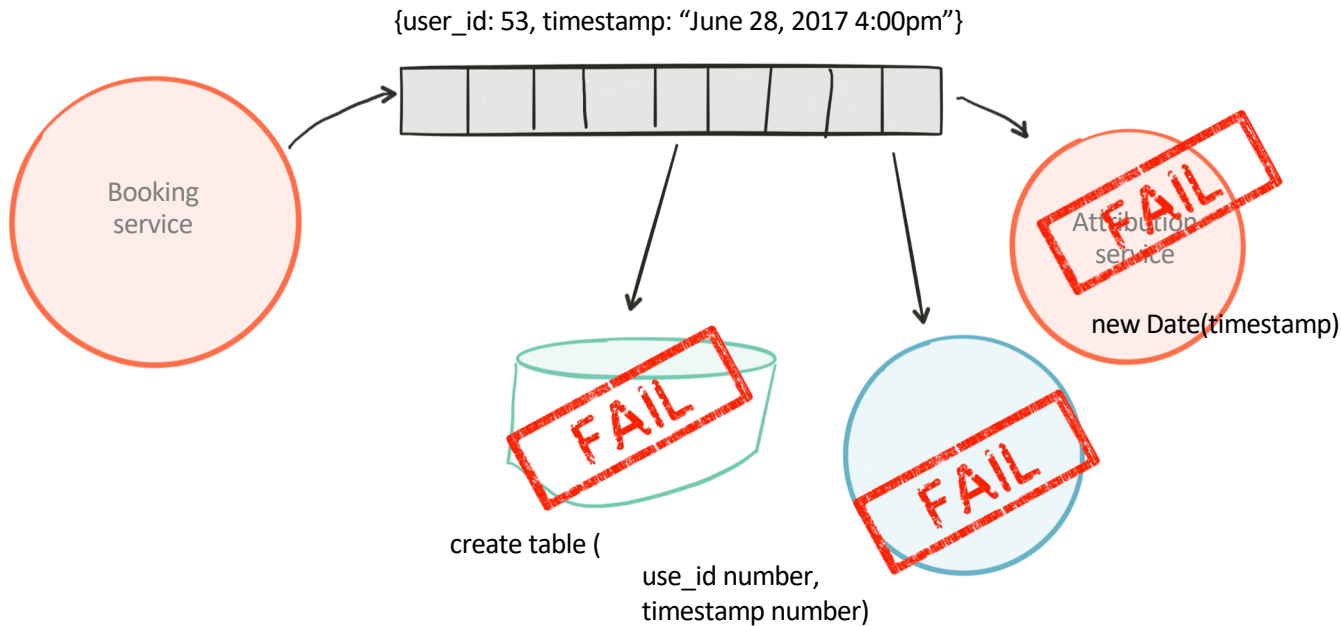


There are lots of dependencies



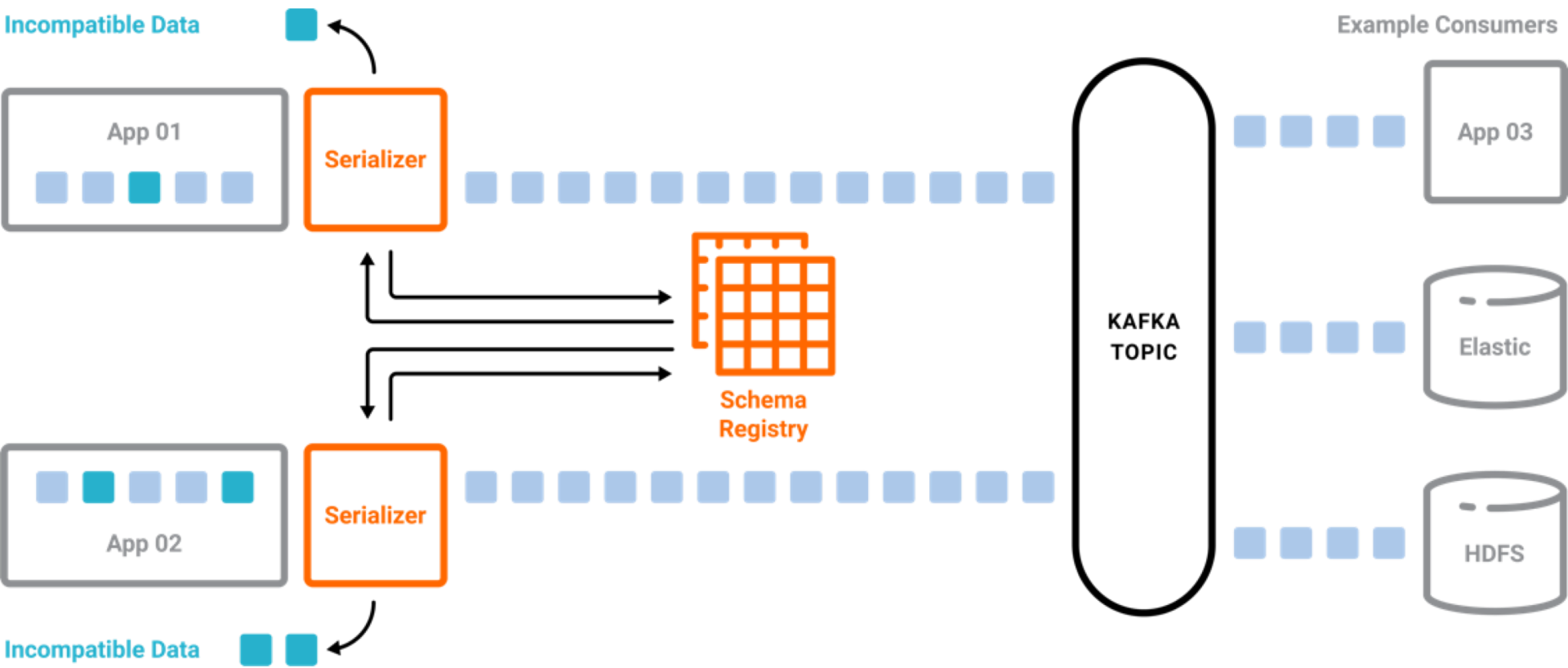


Moving fast and breaking things

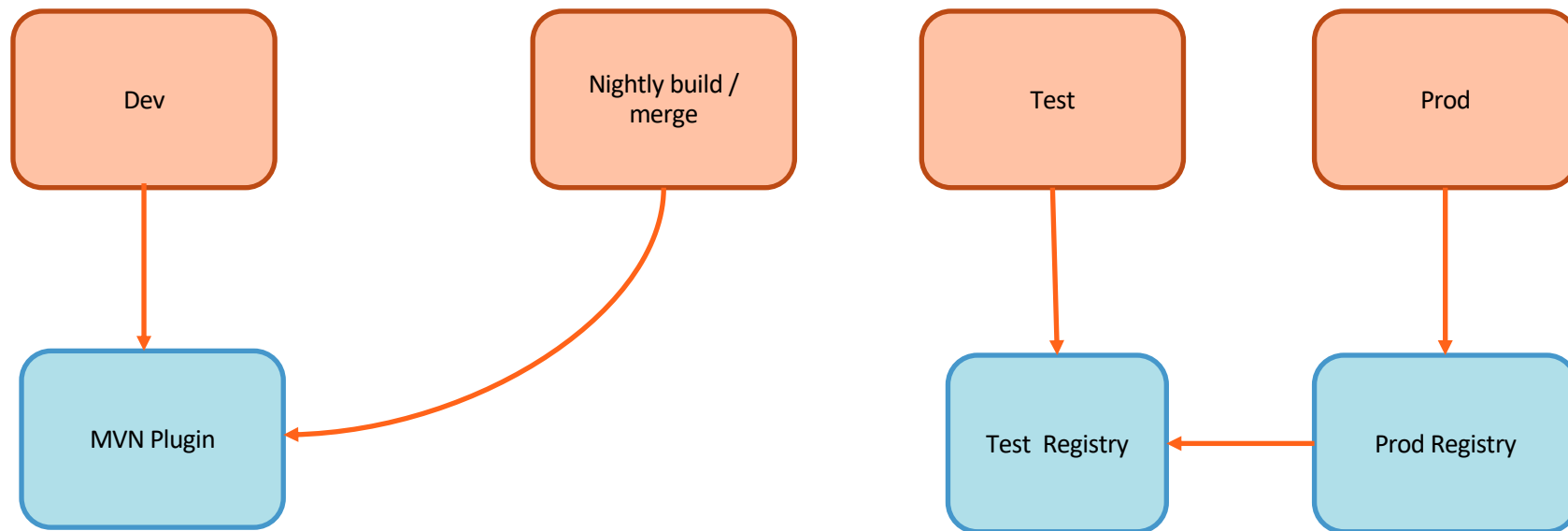


APIs between services are Contracts
In Event Driven World – Event Schemas ARE the API

Incompatible Data

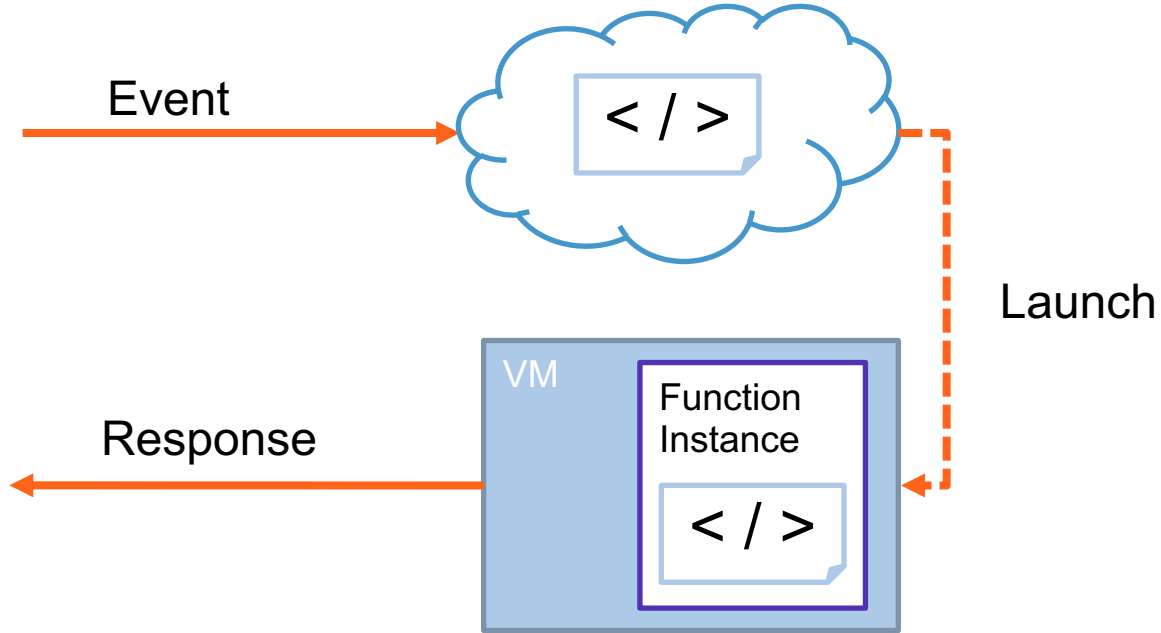


So the flow is...

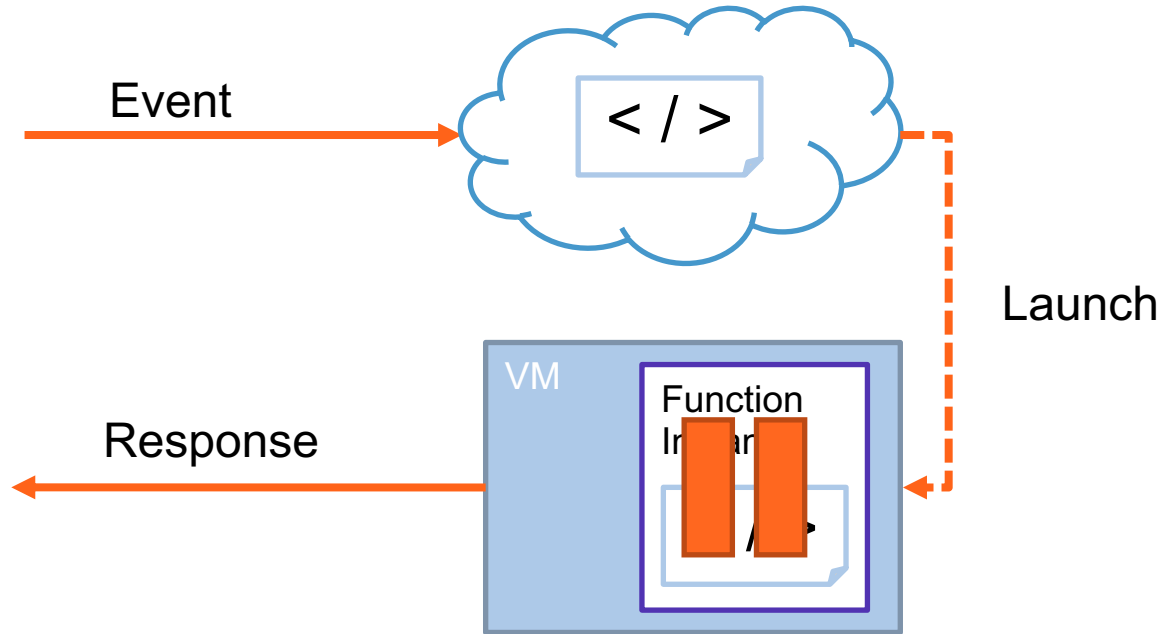


Serverless

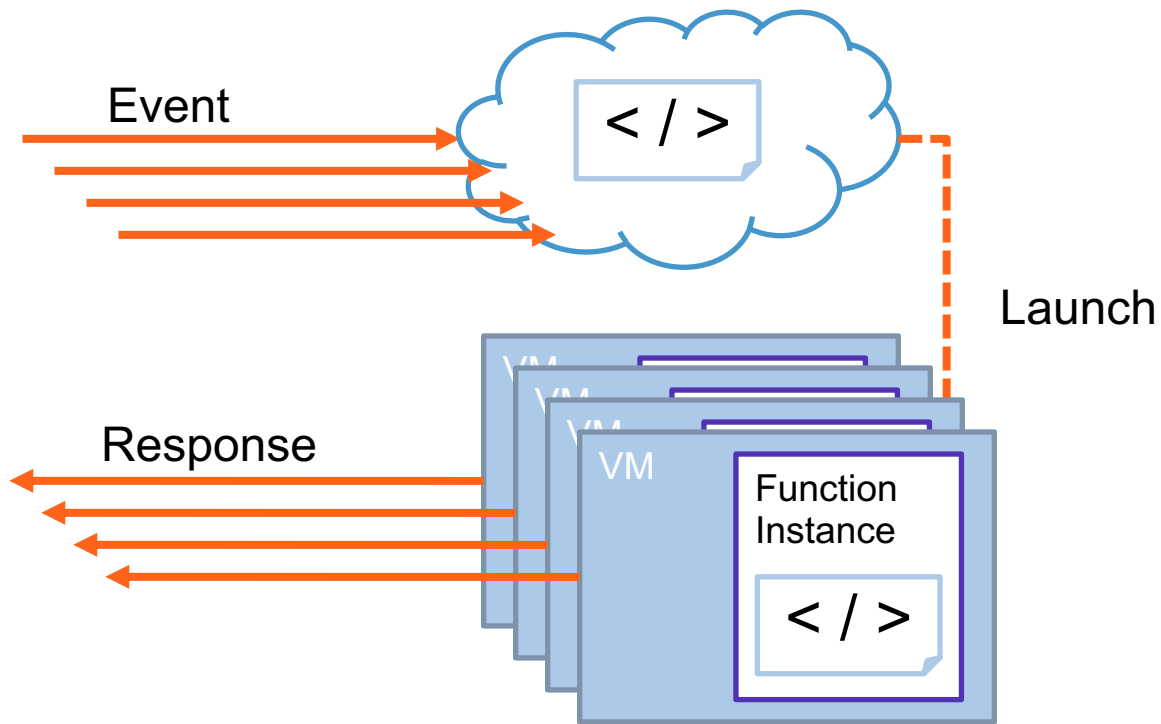
Function as a Service



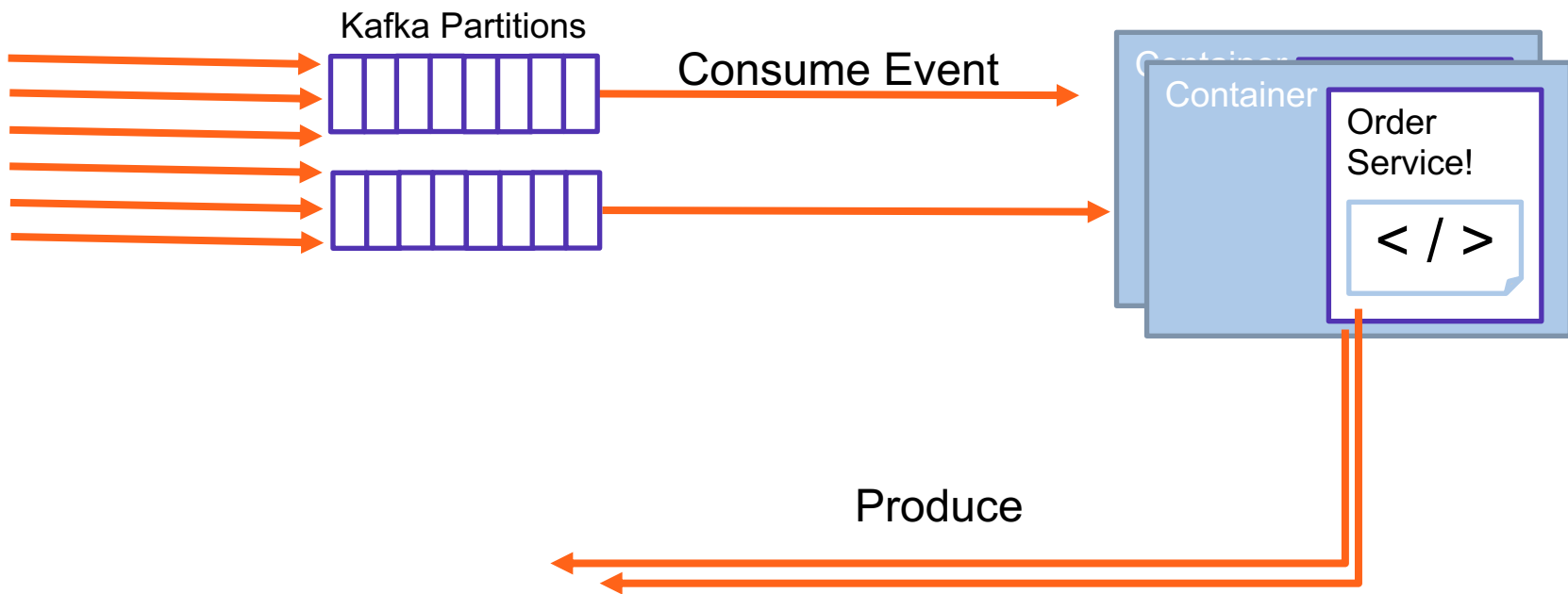
When nothing happens



At scale



Wait, this is super familiar



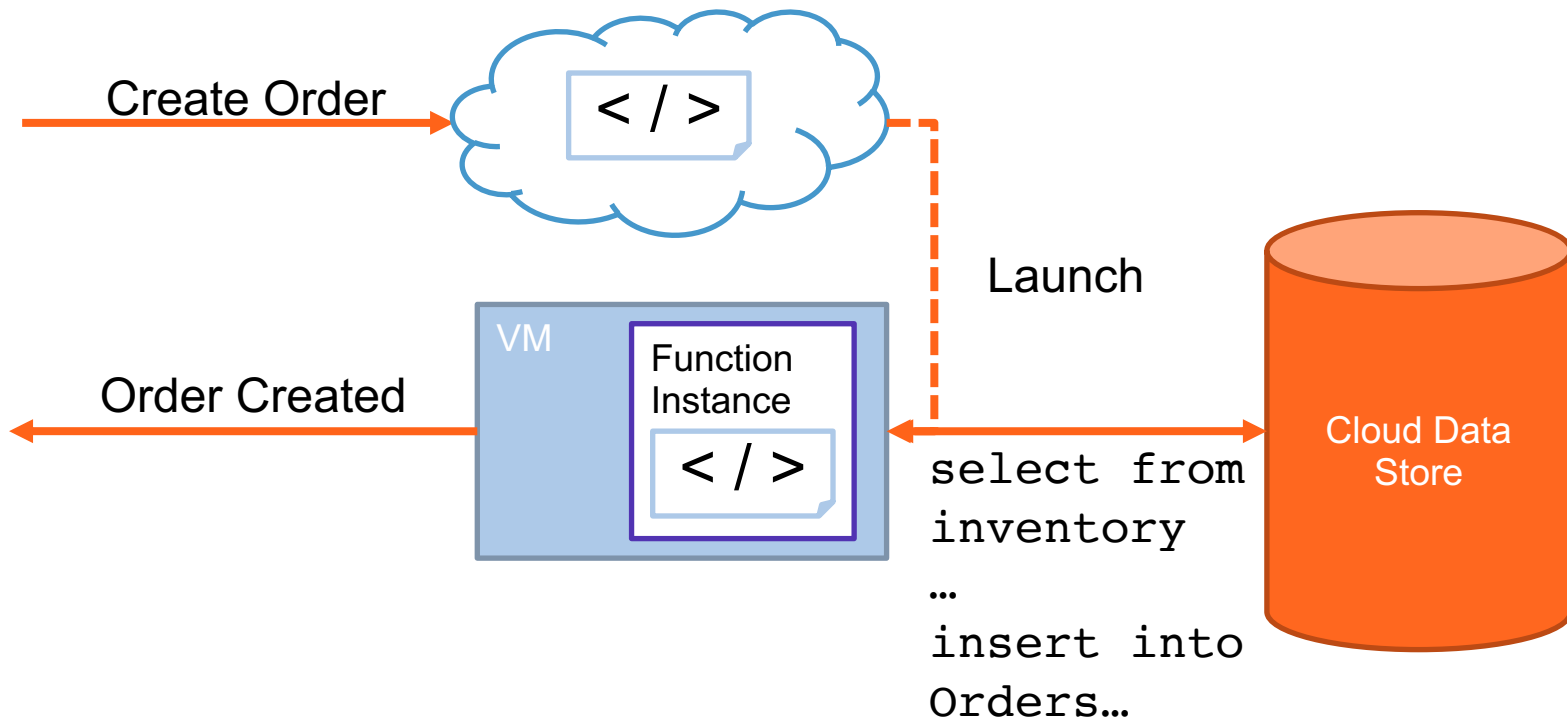
Up Next: Stateful Serverless

State is required

- Dynamic Rules
- Event enrichment
- Joining multiple events
- Aggregation

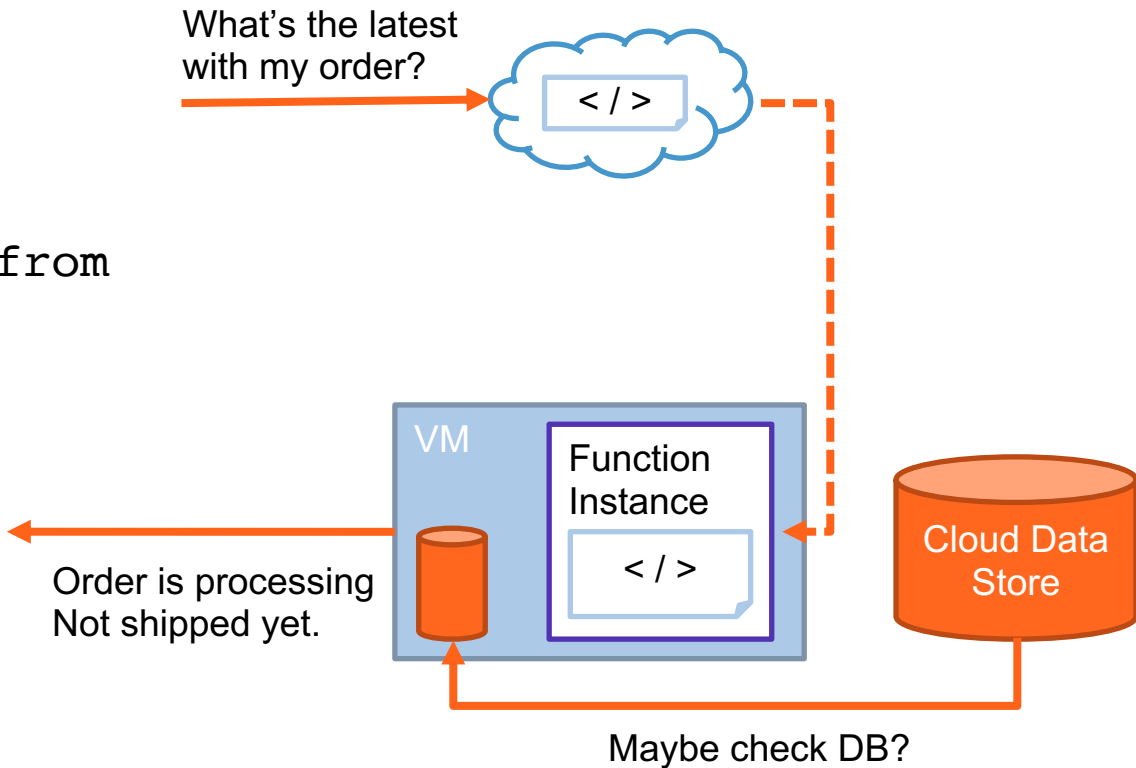


How You Probably Do State

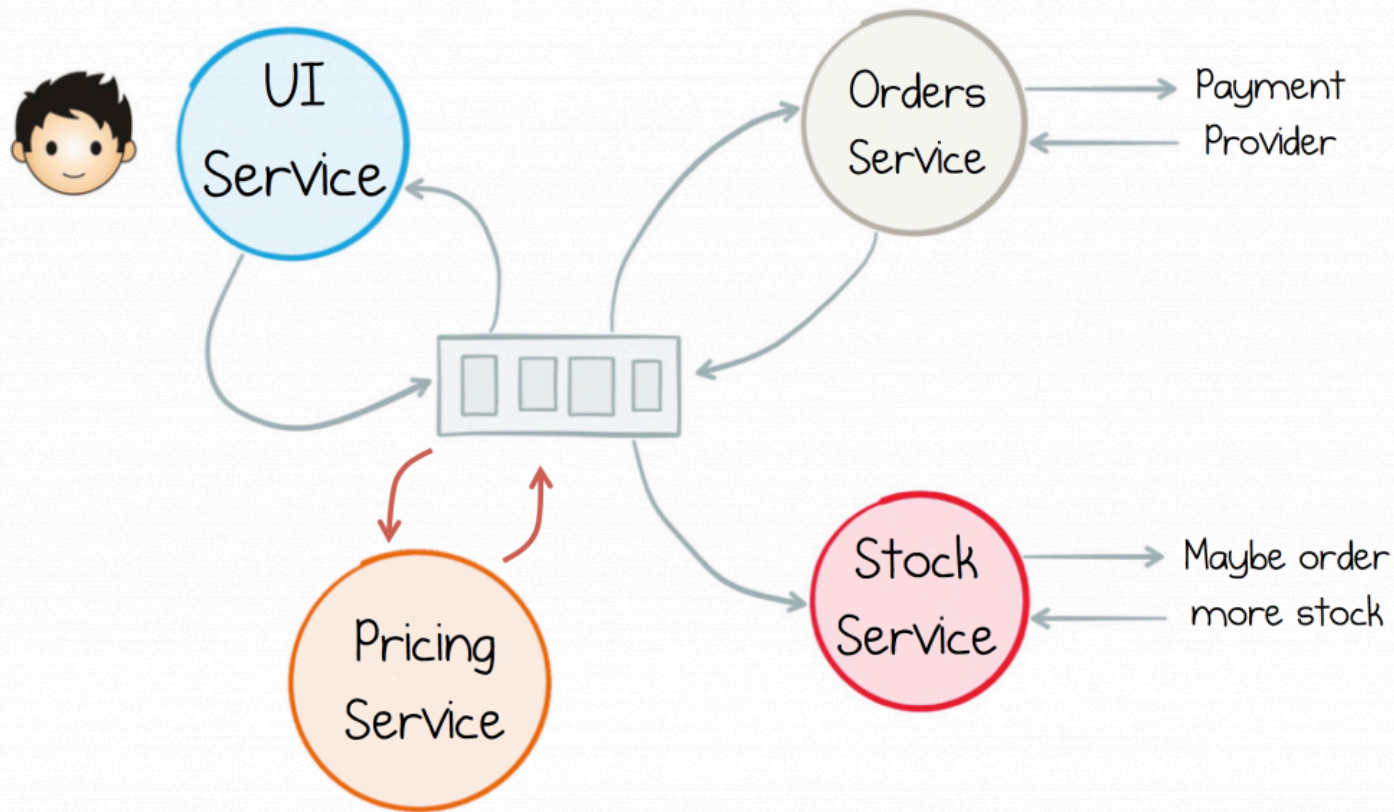


We can do a bit better

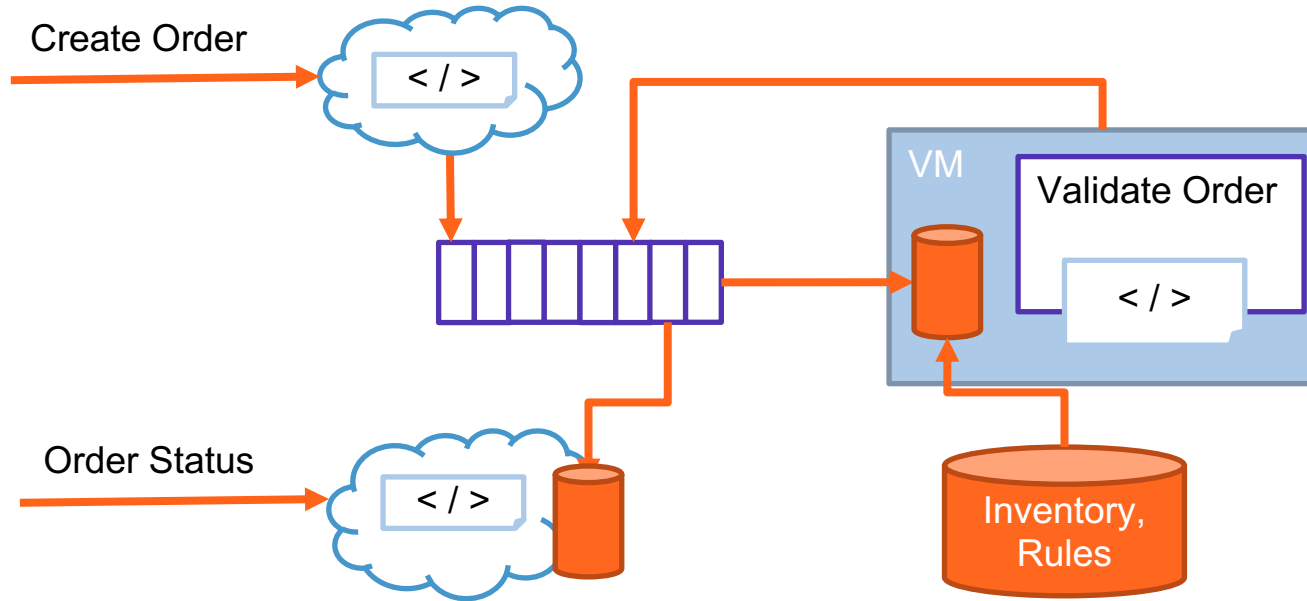
```
Select order_id,  
customer_name, product,  
quantity, price, state from  
orders  
where state != "CLOSED"
```




But I really want this back:





Stateful Serverless



What's Still missing?

- 
- Durable functions everywhere

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- Triggers and data from data stores to functions

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- Unified view of current state



Resources

- <http://christophermeiklejohn.com/serverless/2019/05/25/stateful-serverless-bank-example.html>
- <https://www.infoq.com/articles/service-mesh-promise-peril/>
- <https://blog.getambassador.io/api-gateway-vs-service-mesh-104c01fa4784>
- <https://www.nginx.com/blog/building-microservices-using-an-api-gateway/>
- <https://wecode.wepay.com/posts/migrating-apis-from-rest-to-grpc-at-wepay>
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