Designing Microservices

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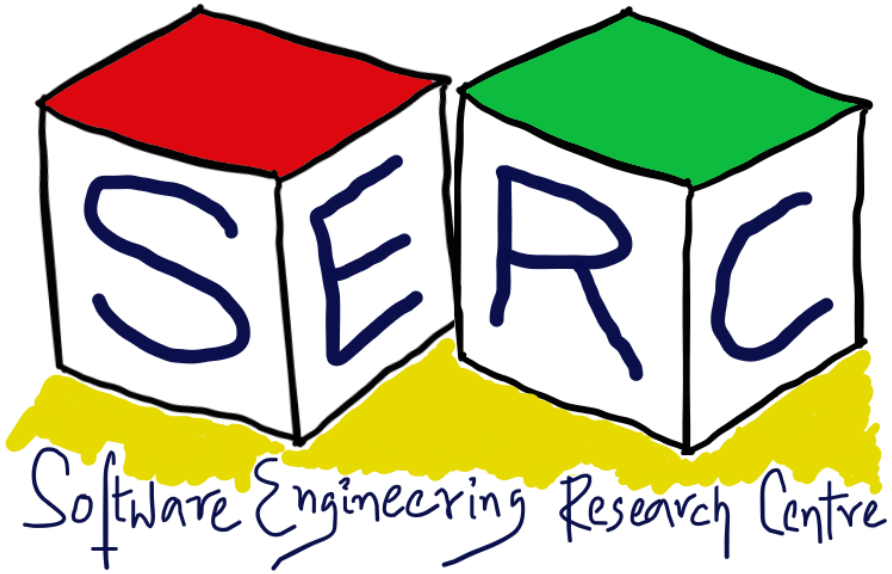

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Sources:

1. Building Microservices, Sam Newman, 2nd edition
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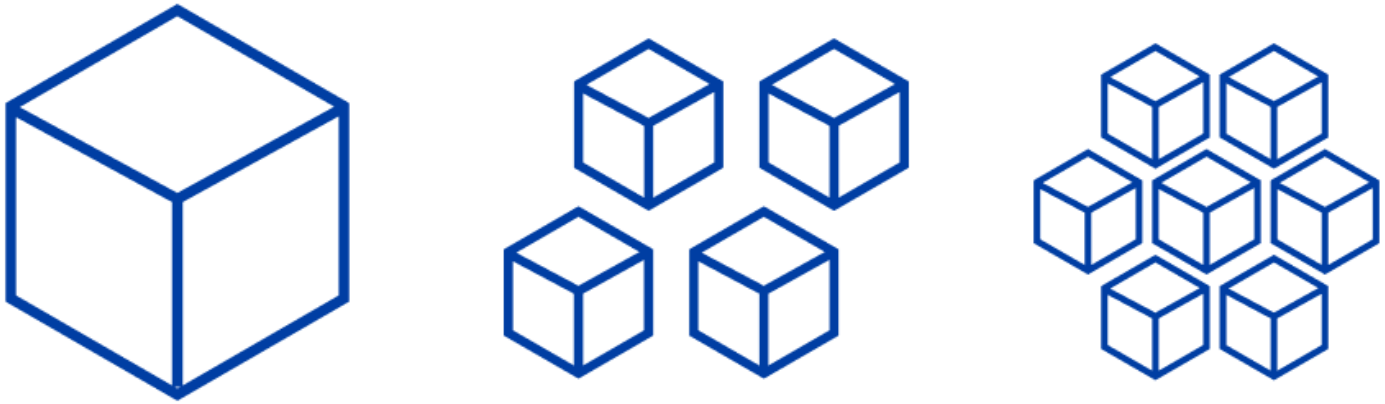
Microservices: Quick Recap

Moving Towards Microservices



MONOLITHIC
Single unit

SOA
Coarse-grained

MICROSERVICES
Fine-grained

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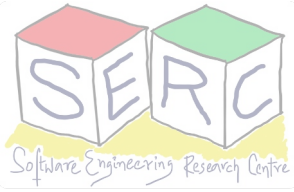
Microservices: What does it Mean?

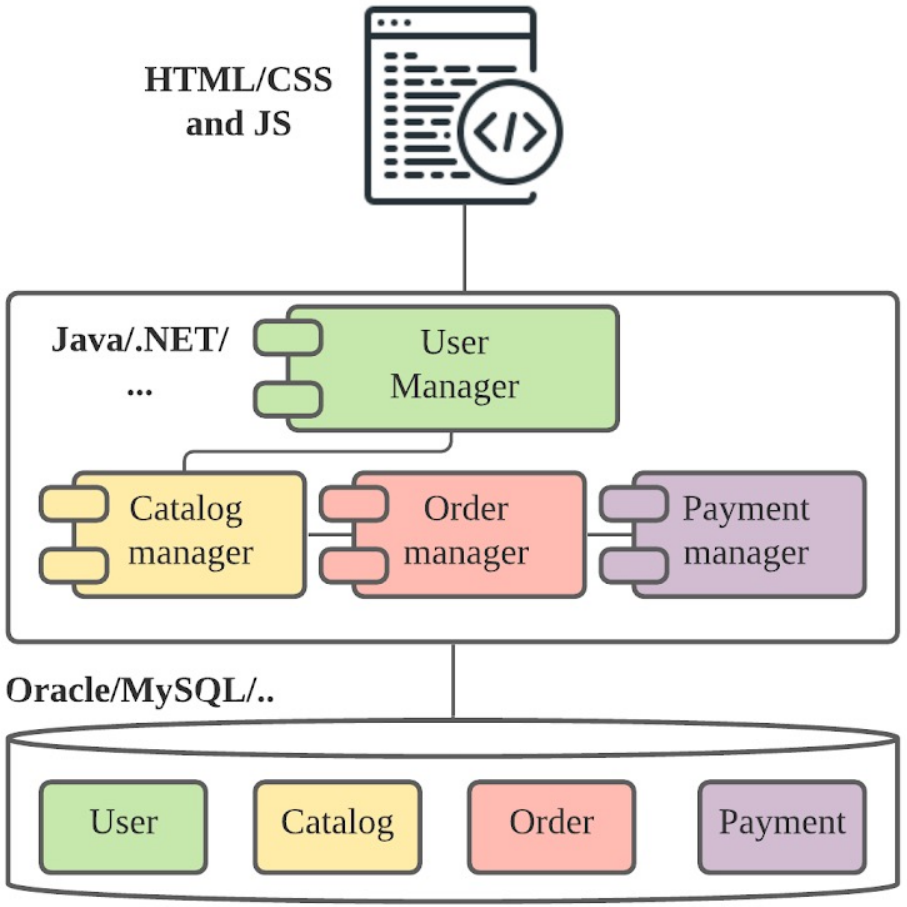
"Small autonomous services that work together" -- Sam Newman

"It is an approach to developing a single application as a suite of small services, each running in its own process and communicating with lightweight mechanisms, often an HTTP resource API" -- Martin Fowler

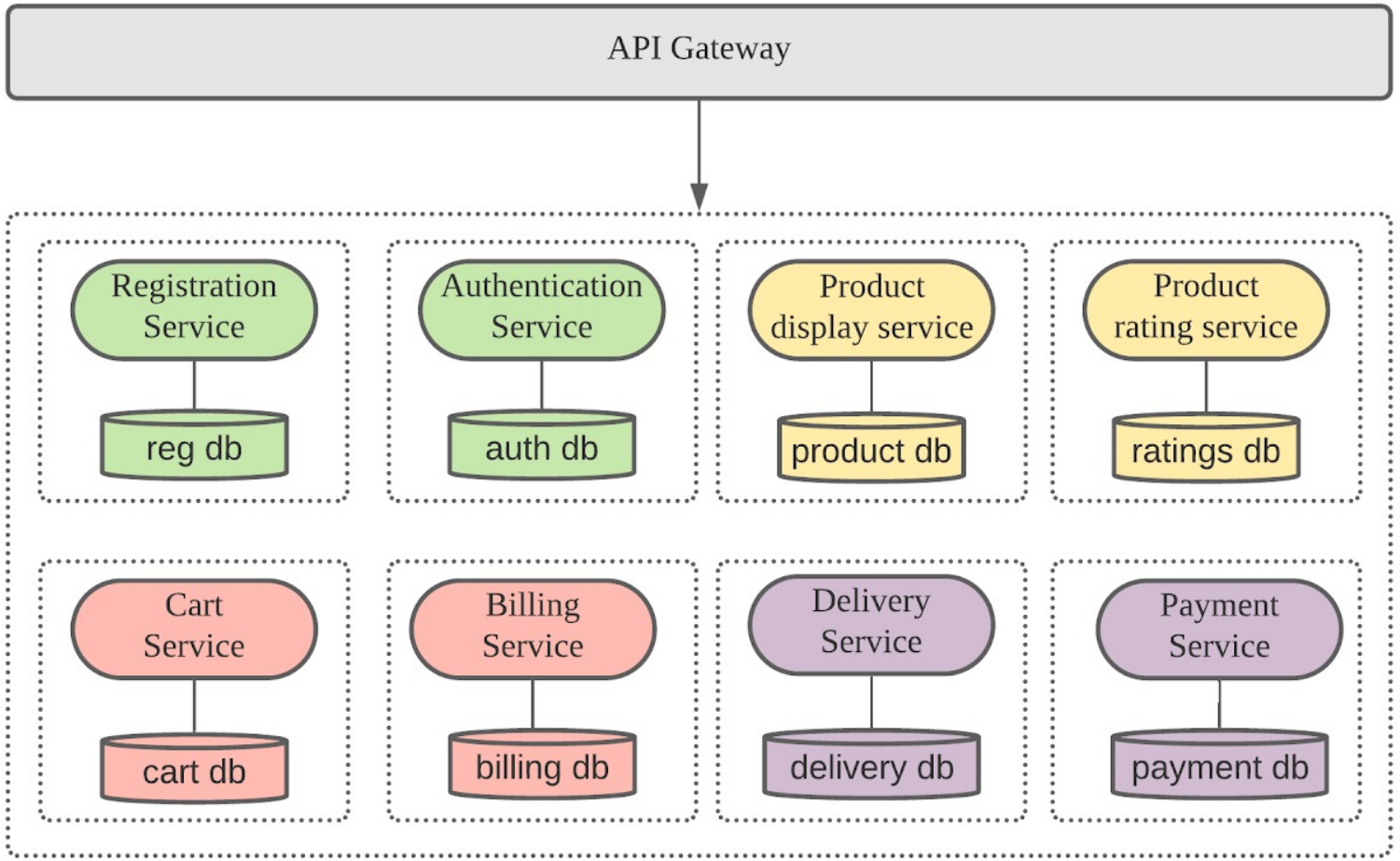


Microservices: What does it Mean?

Monolithic Version



Microservices Version



Microservices: Key Advantages

Scaling is Easy

- Scale only the required microservices
- Adding a new feature can be just adding one another microservice

Heterogeneity

- Each microservice can be developed in different technologies
- Experimenting with new technology is easy

Resilience

- Only specific microservices goes down
- Grouping microservices as critical and non-critical can be done to add more resilience

Microservices: Key Advantages

Organizational Alignment

- Easily distribute teams around microservices - eg: Amazon 2 pizza rule
- Minimize people working on one less codebase

Composability

- Easily compose microservices to get new functionality

Replaceability

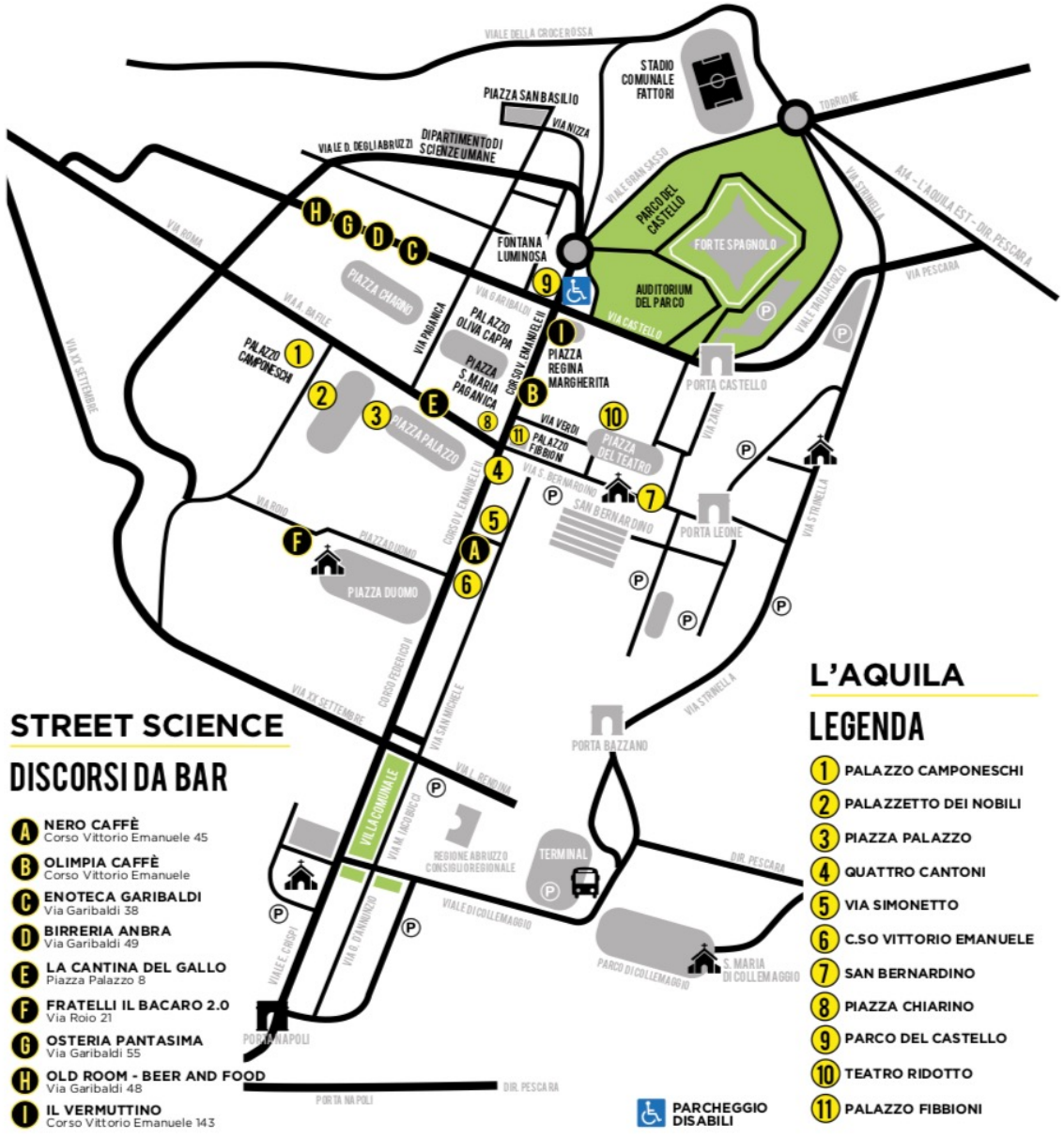
- Cost of replacement is small - should not take more than 2 weeks
- Imagine replacing a 25 year old legacy system !!

Ease of Deployment

- Check and rollback easily
- Continuous integration and deployment is easier - DevOps!!!

How to identify Microservices? – Lets go back to NdR Case

NdR Case Study



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NdR Case Study

Goal: Develop a microservice based AI-powered event management system for NdR

Features: User registration, book venues, book parking lots, provide venue and parking lot recommendation, priority booking based on small payment, check weather

Data Sources:

- Parking mats at entrances and exits of parking lot to get count of cars
- Handheld RFID readers to capture the count of people entering venue
- Cameras at different locations to provide real-time video feed
- People counter at venue exits to count people exiting venue

Microservices – How to Design?

How to design?

Follow the principle of bounded contexts

- Identify different contexts inside the main domain [organizational boundary]
- Only share what is important rest remains within context

Ensure loose coupling

- Minimize coupling between microservices
- Should be easy to change and deploy one without affecting others
- Each microservice needs to know as little as possible about others

Maintain high cohesion

- Bundle one end to end feature or complete part of it inside one microservice
- Promotes robustness and reliability
- One change should never require change in 10 different places

What are the contexts in NdR?

Contexts within NdR

IoT

User

Booking

Weather

Intelligence

Financial

Hidden and Shared Models

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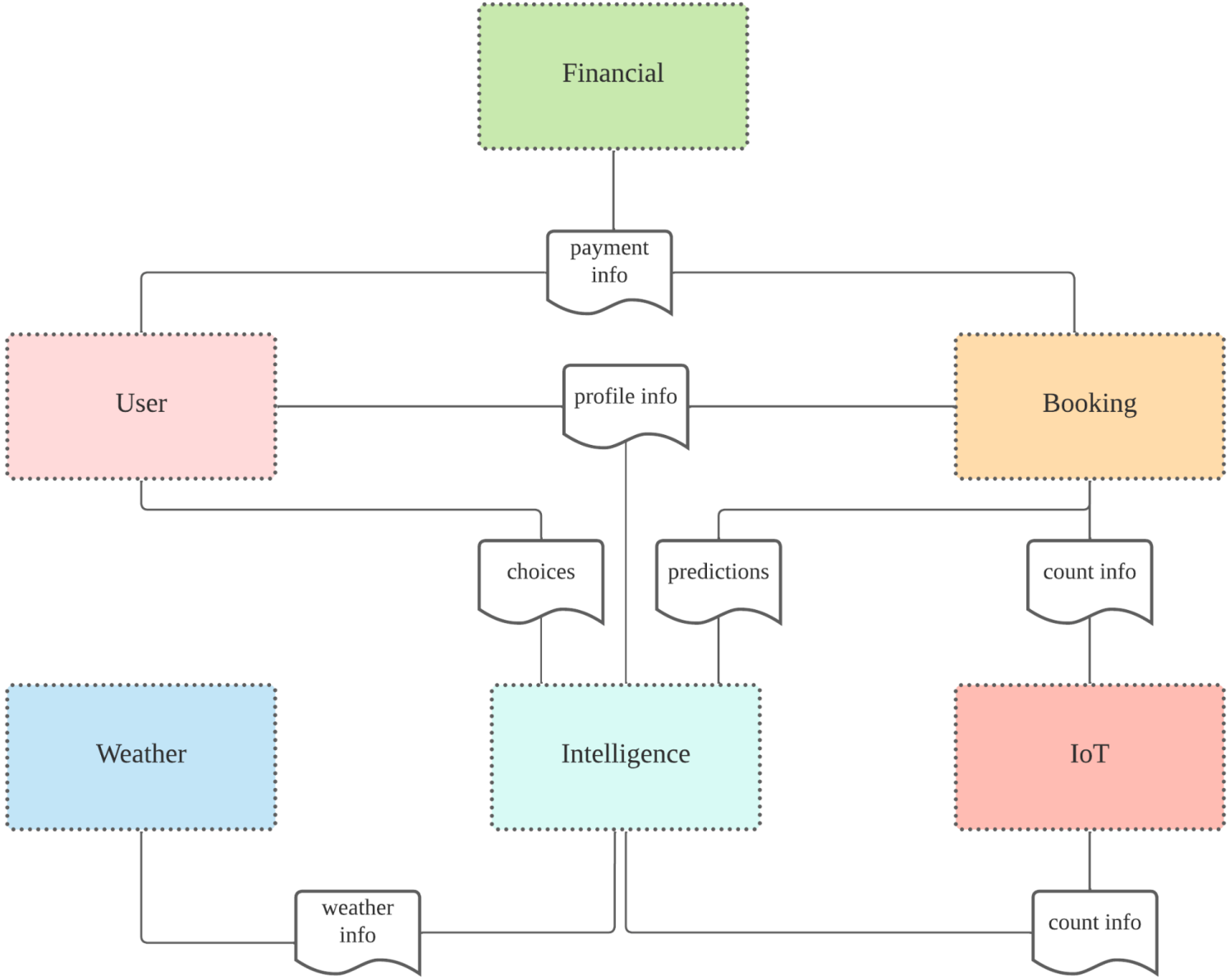


Shared and Hidden Models

- Identify what needs to be shared
  - Eg: Sharing of information on people and car count to booking context

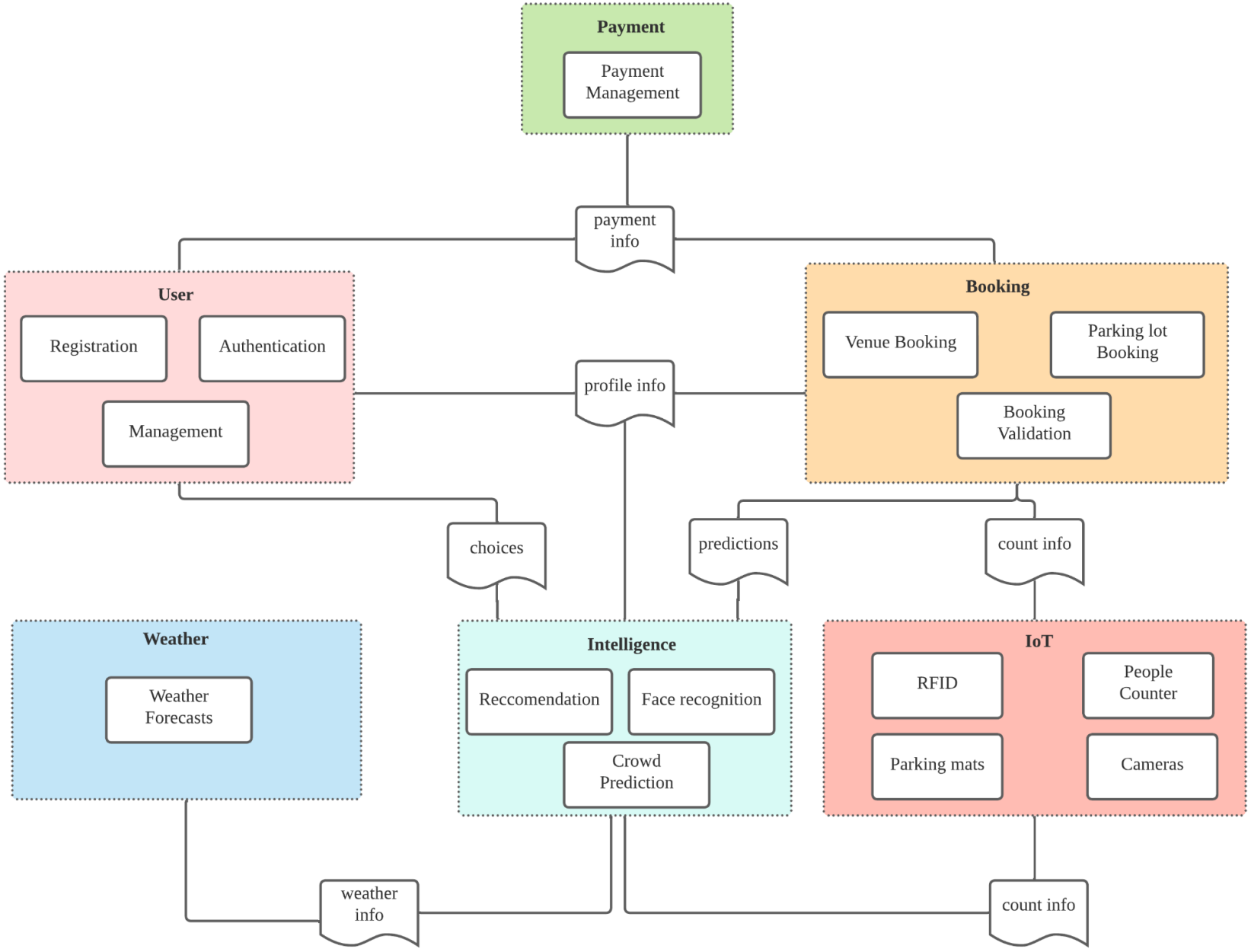
- Same things may have different meaning in different contexts
  - Eg: Sensor data in IoT context and booking context

- This process will facilitate avoiding of high coupling (Pitfall !!)

- Microservices should never be chatty!
  - Adds to performance issues
  - Lack of cohesion
  - Eg: too many back and forth communication between two microservices

Modules and Services

Modules and Services in NdR

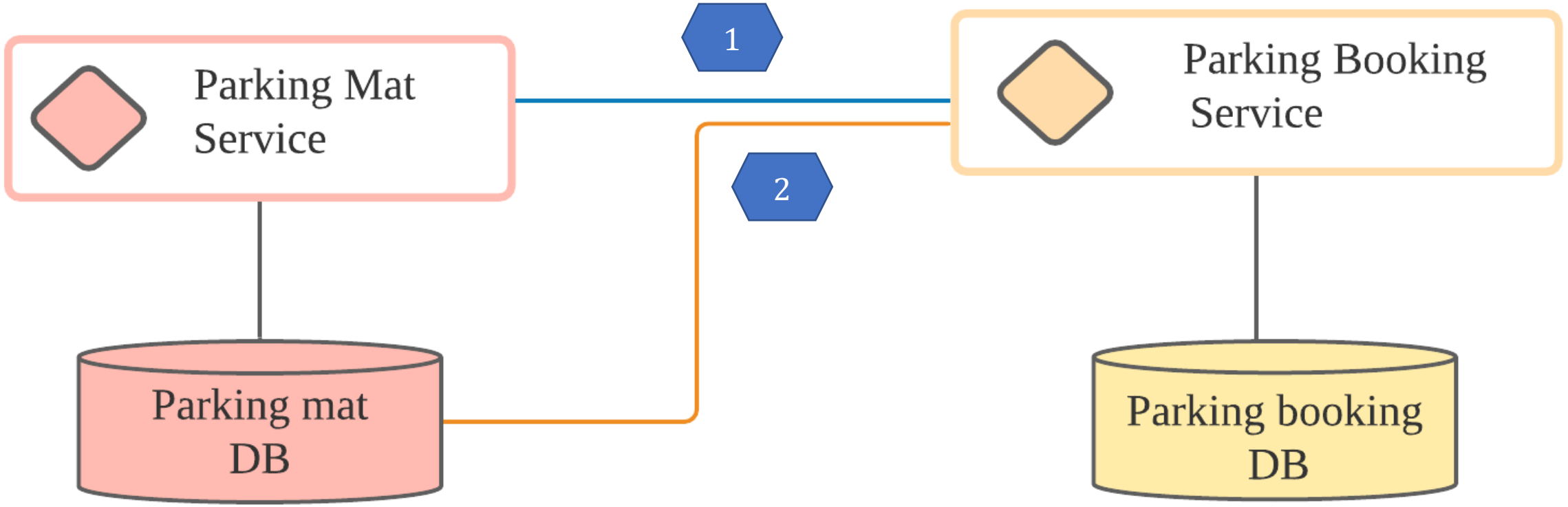


Shared and Hidden Models

- Seperate the contexts into modules
  - Eg: Recommendation and prediction inside intelligence
- Use the help of hidden and shared models
  - Shared becomes the bridge and hidden becomes the separation points
- The modules becomes candidates for microservices
  - High Cohesion - Everything stays within context and modules are independant
  - Loose Coupling - Only what is needed is shared
- Avoid premature decomposition
  - Early decisions can be costly (eg: entire IoT as one module)
  - Re-decomposition may take time, effort and expenditure

Microservices Integration: Overview

Integration with Shared DB?



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Shared DB Integration?

Avoid integration with shared db as much as possible:

- Changing DB schema based on one microservice need affects others
- Affects evolution of system eg: changing from relational to non-relational
- Choice of DB might constrain the choice of language for implementing microservice eg: Java might have more db driver available for MySQL
- Goodbye high cohesion and loose coupling !!!

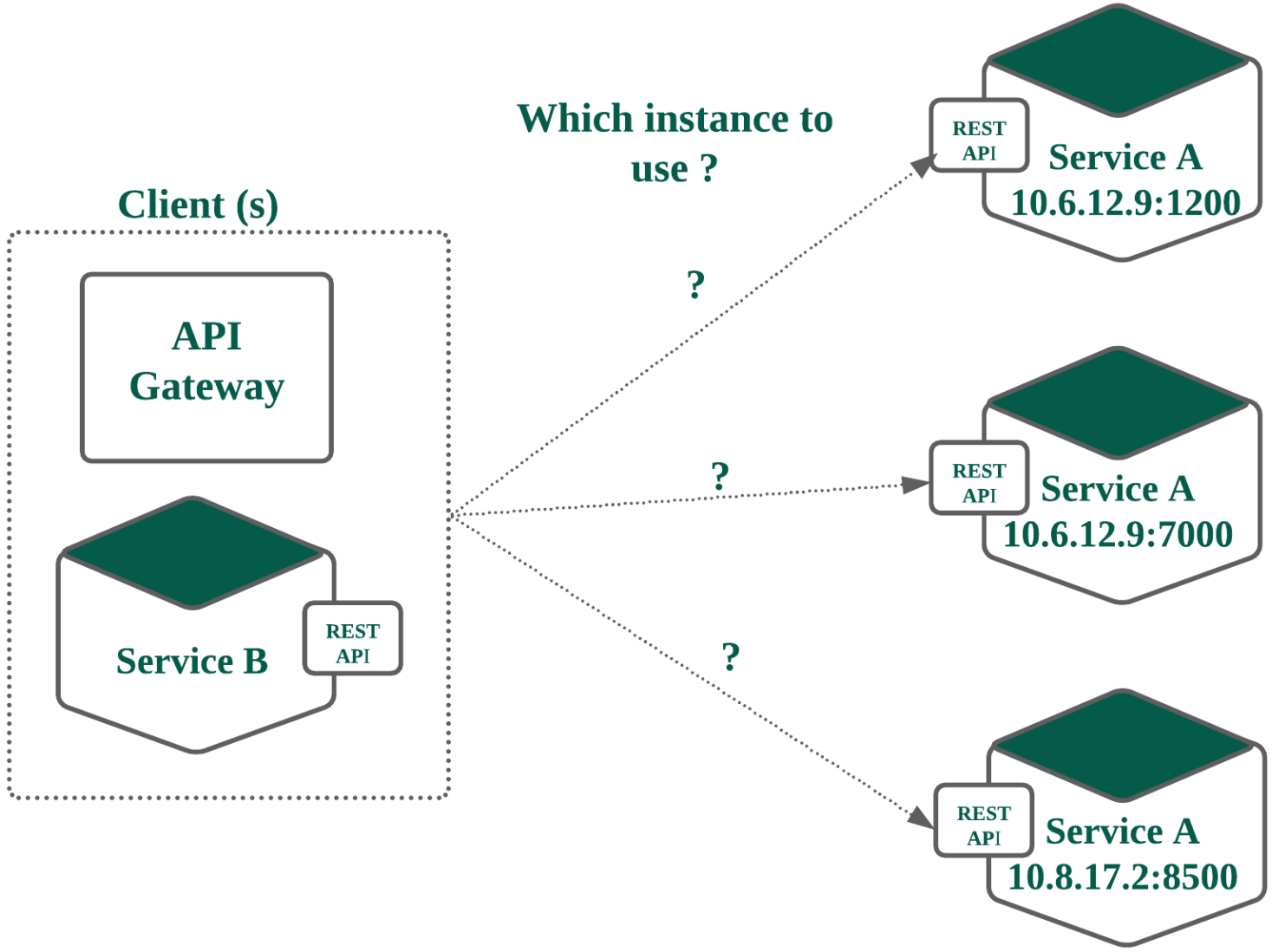
Microservices Communication

Many things to Consider

- Synchronous Vs Asynchronous
- Orchestration v Choreography
- REST vs GraphQL
  - JSON vs XML vs Protobuf
- Communication Patterns exist

How do services discover other service instances?

Service Discovery

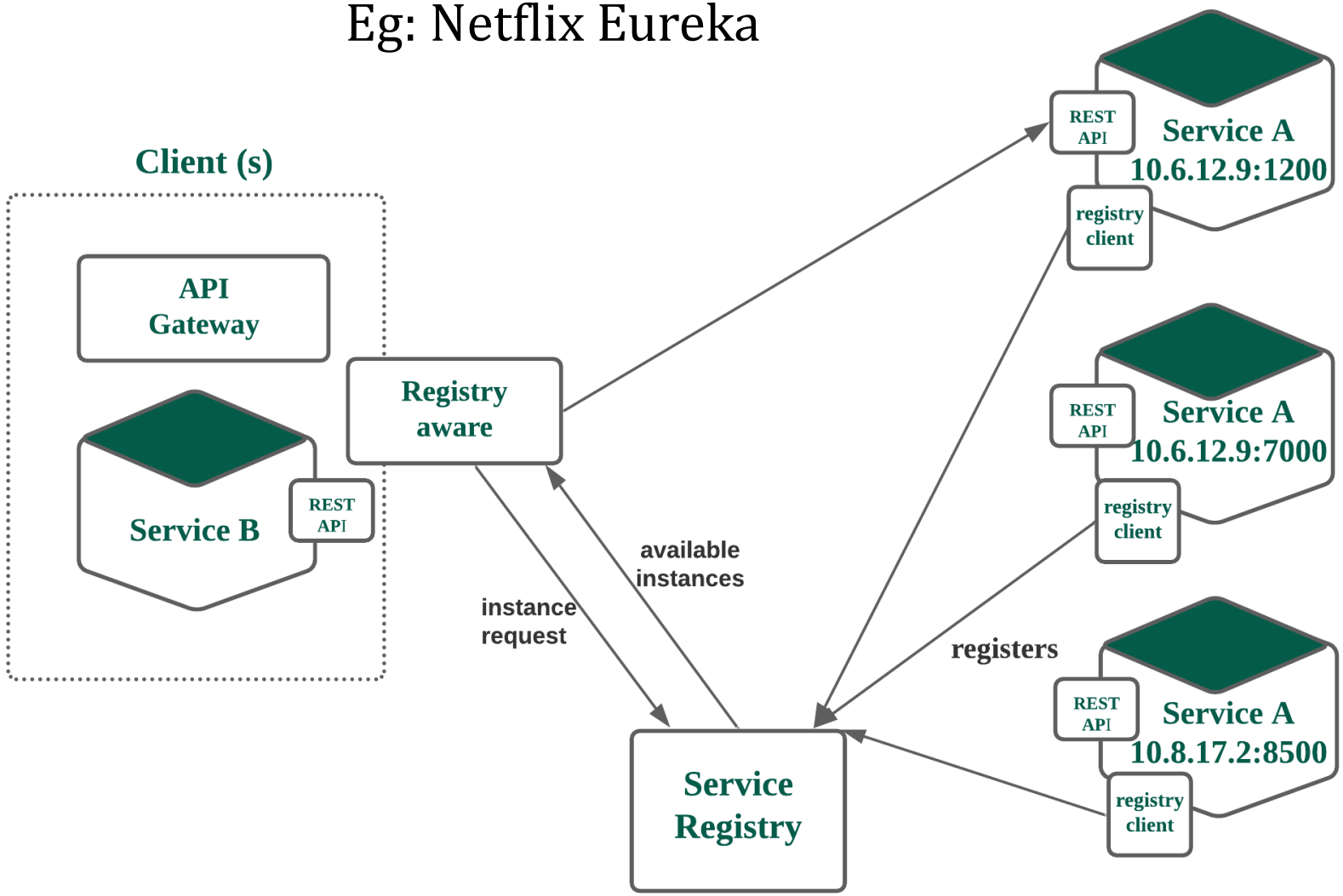


Use Service Registry!!

Client-side Service Discovery

- Each microservice registers itself to service registry (as and when they are available)
- Service registry responds with the instance of the requested service to client
- Fewer network calls (just query service registry)
- Coupling between client and service registry

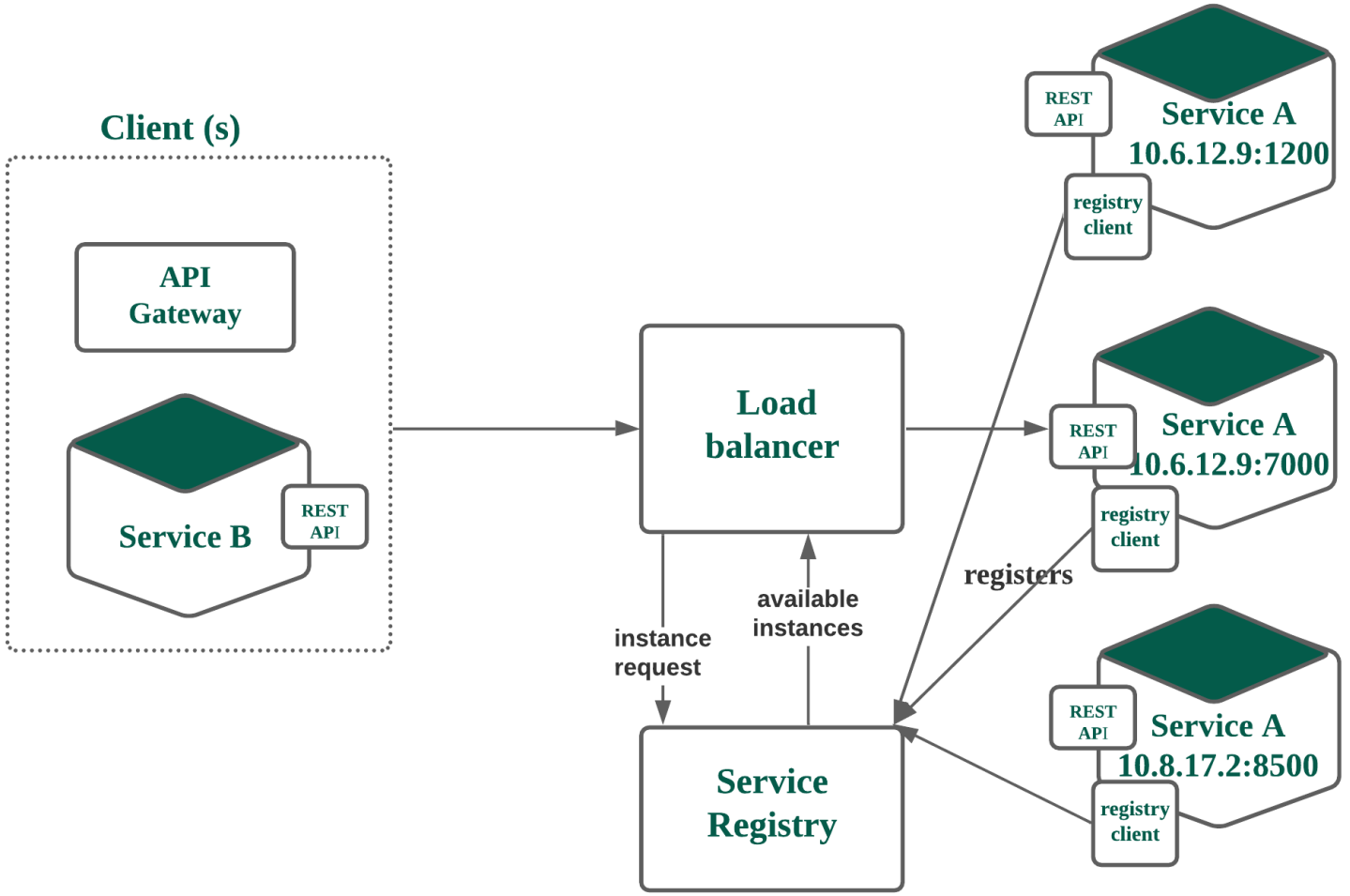
Eg: Netflix Eureka



Server-side Service Discovery

- Client (s) sends request to API gateway or load balancer
- The load balancer or API gateway uses Service registry to discover services
- Separation of logic from client
- Load balancer needs to be managed and replicated
- Additional network hop

Eg: Amazon ELB, Zookeeper



Is Microservice the holy grail?

Some Funny Quotes but makes sense

Honest Status Page @honest_update · Oct 8, 2015

We replaced our monolith with micro services so that every outage could be more like a murder mystery.

21 3K 2.6K

Gert de Pagter @BackEndTea · Jan 7

Thanks to **microservices**, our JOINS are now over HTTP.

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Monolith -> microservice but then we need docker, kubernetes, monitoring and what not !!!!

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Thank You

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