

# Building/Running Distributed Systems with Apache Mesos



Philly ETE

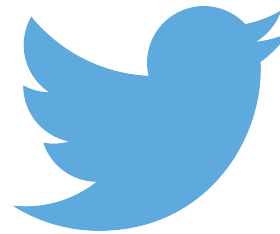
April 8, 2015

Benjamin Hindman – @benh



# \$ whoami

Berkeley  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



2007 - 2012

2009 -

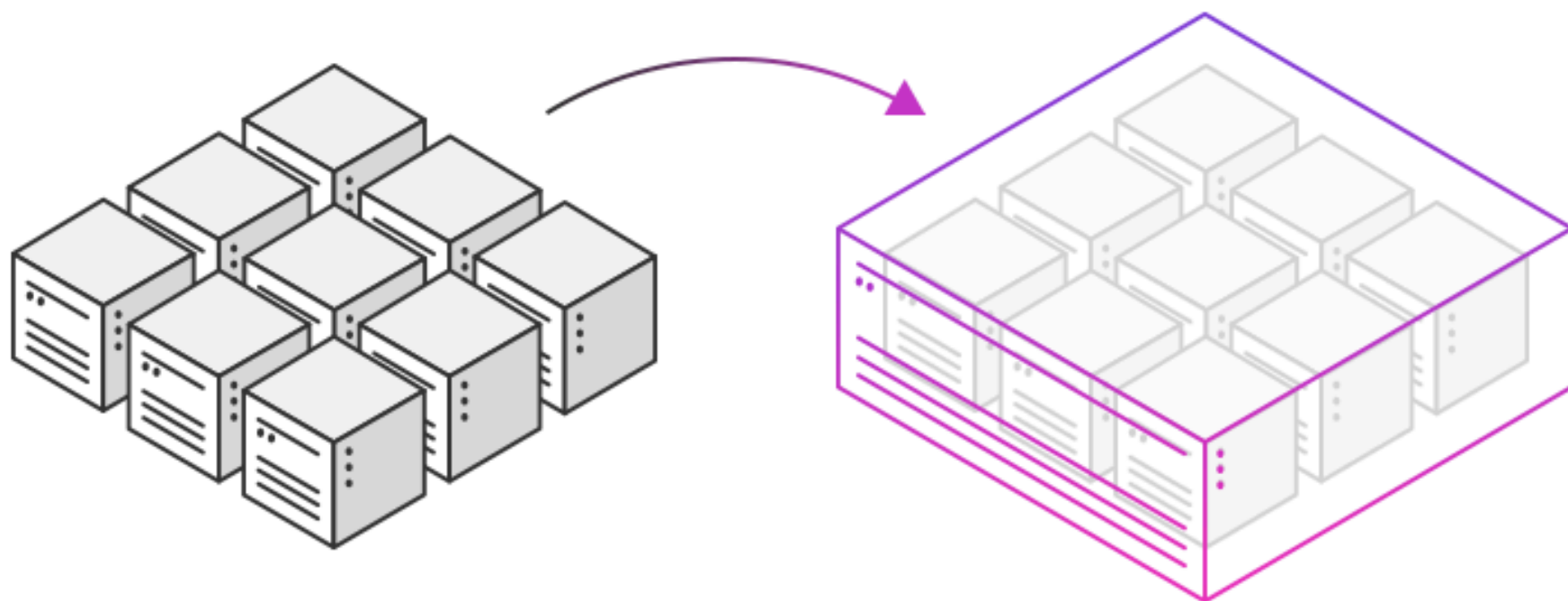
2010 - 2014

**my other computer**

**my other computer  
is a datacenter**

**my other computer  
is a datacenter\***

**\* collection of physical and/or virtual machines**



**how should we run  
applications on the  
datacenter computer?**

**how do we program  
applications for the  
datacenter computer?**

**what are  
datacenter applications?**

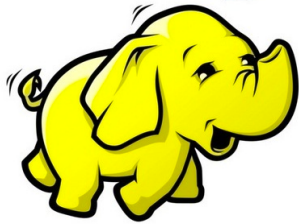
# agenda

- ① what are datacenter applications?
- ② how should we run datacenter applications?
- ③ how should we program datacenter applications?

# agenda

- ① what are datacenter applications?
- ② how should we run datacenter applications?
- ③ how should we program datacenter applications?

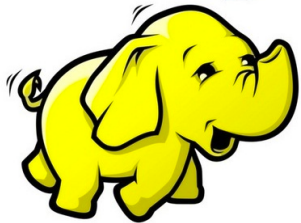
**distributed systems!**



elasticsearch.



stateless



stateful



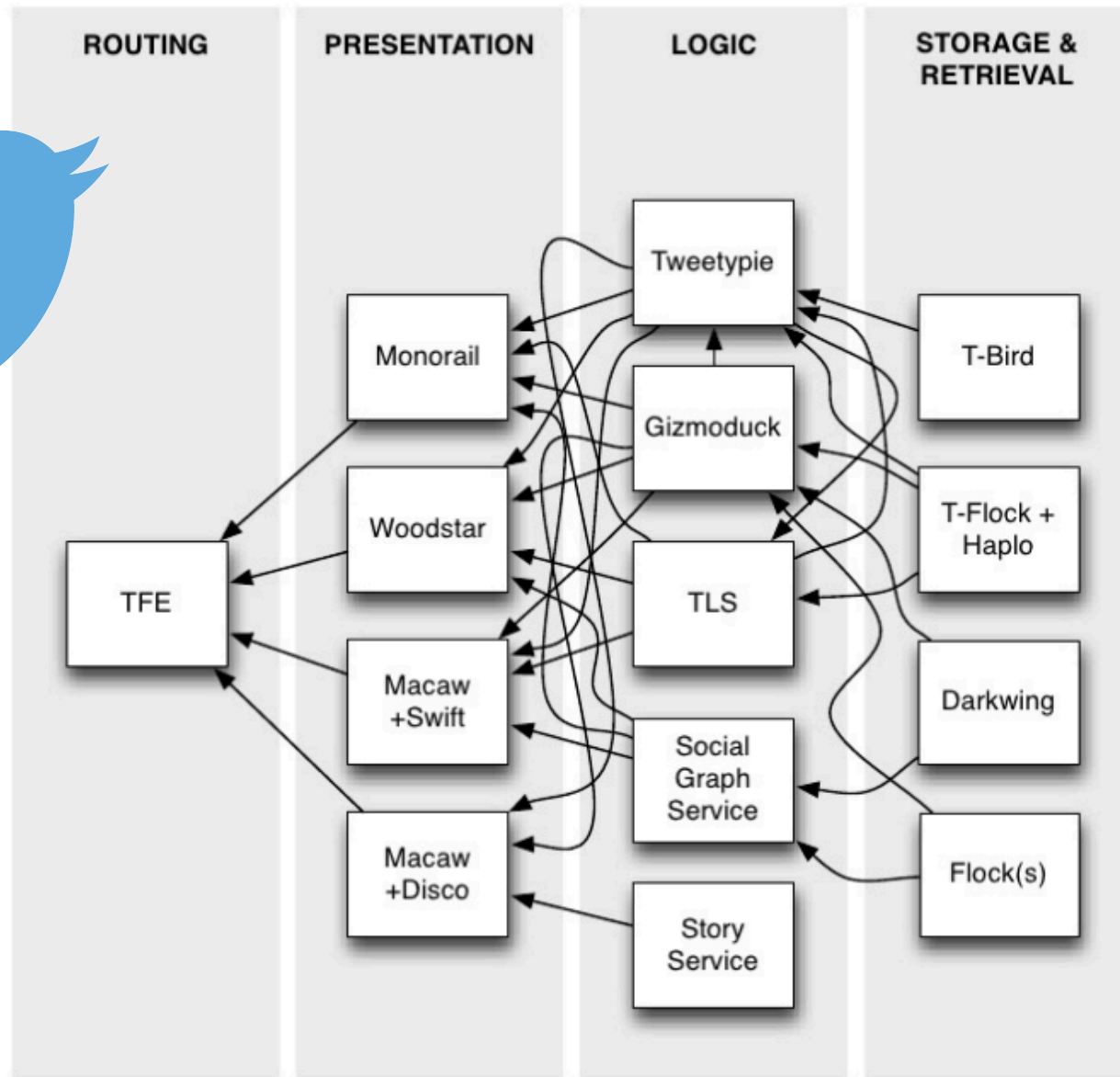
**HDFS**

elasticsearch.

APACHE  
**HBASE**

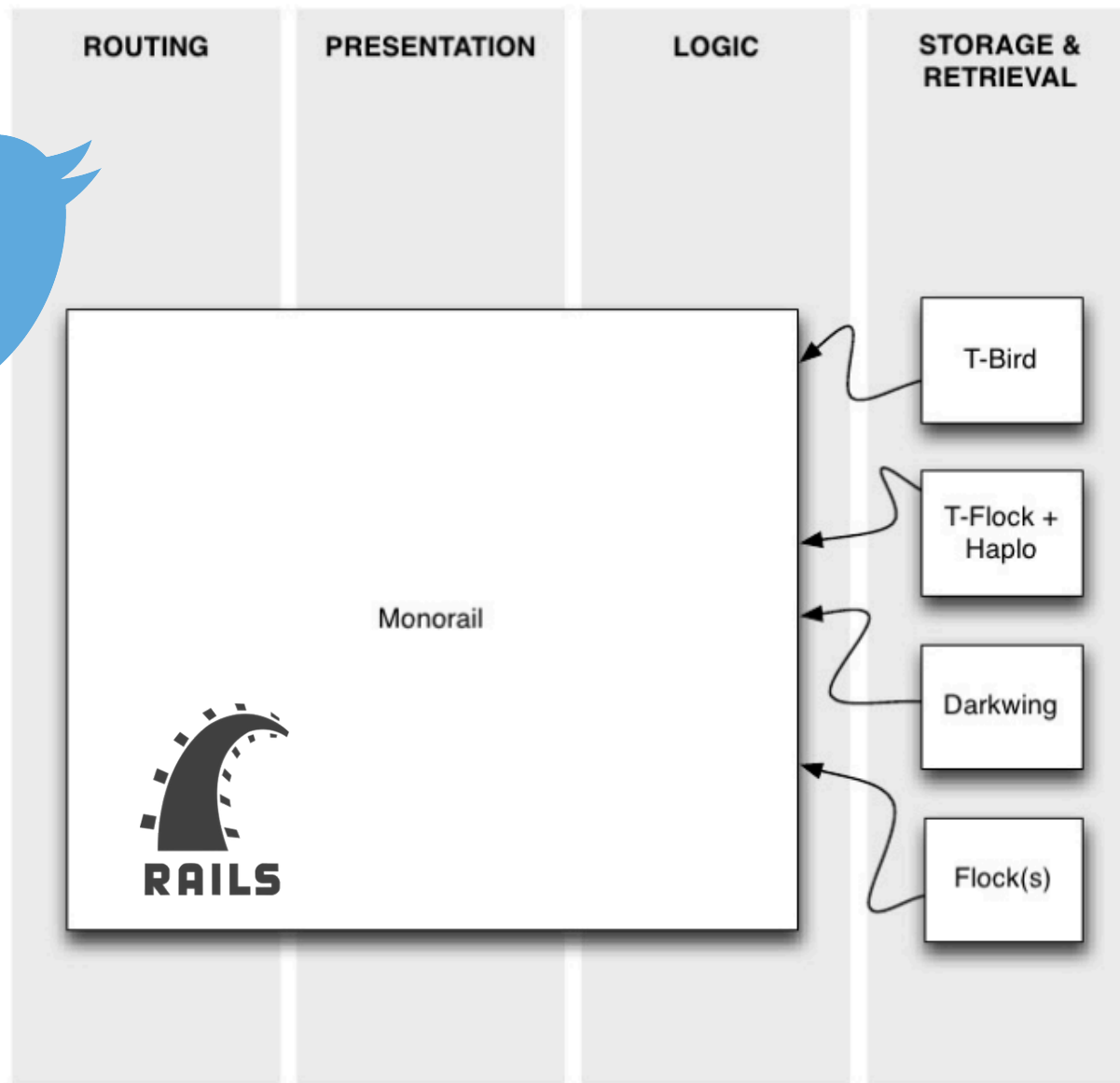


**other distributed systems?**



# (micro)services

- ① do one thing and do it well (UNIX)
- ② compose!
- ③ build/commit in isolation, test in isolation, deploy in isolation (with easy rollback)
- ④ captures organizational structure (many teams working in parallel)



***There's Just No Getting Around It:  
You're Building a Distributed System***



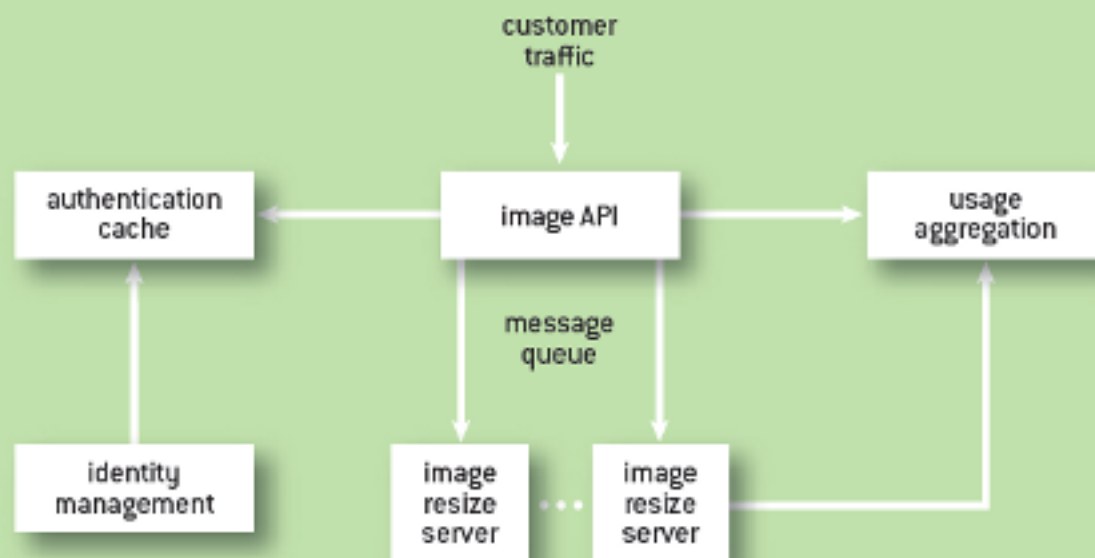
# ***There's Just No Getting Around It: You're Building a Distributed System***

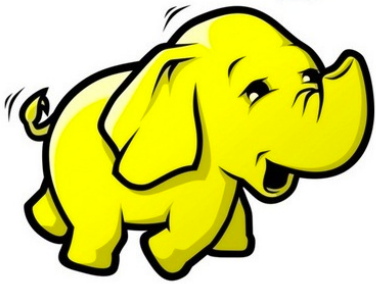
**by Mark Cavage | May 3, 2013**

**<https://queue.acm.org/detail.cfm?id=2482856>**

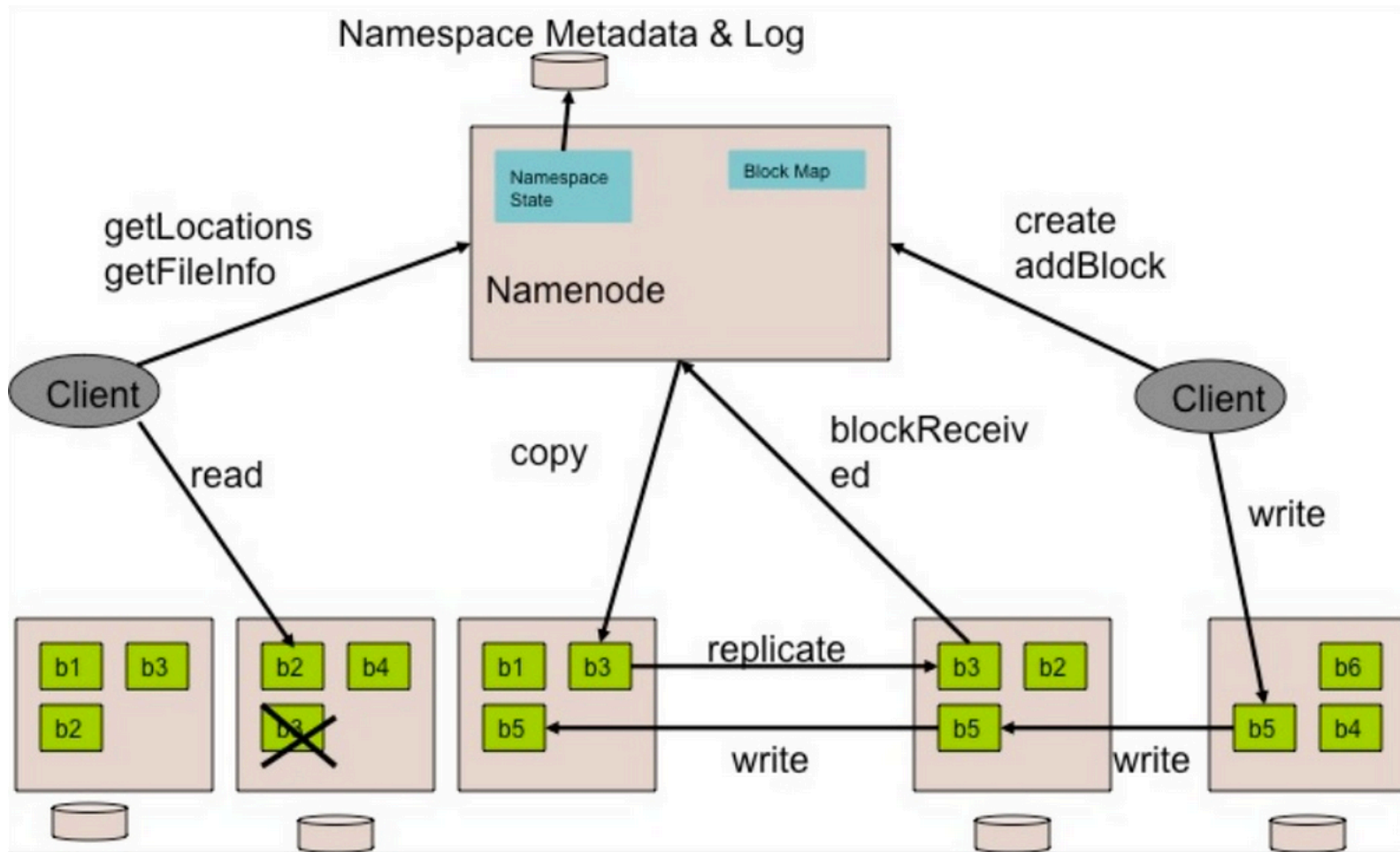
FIGURE 1

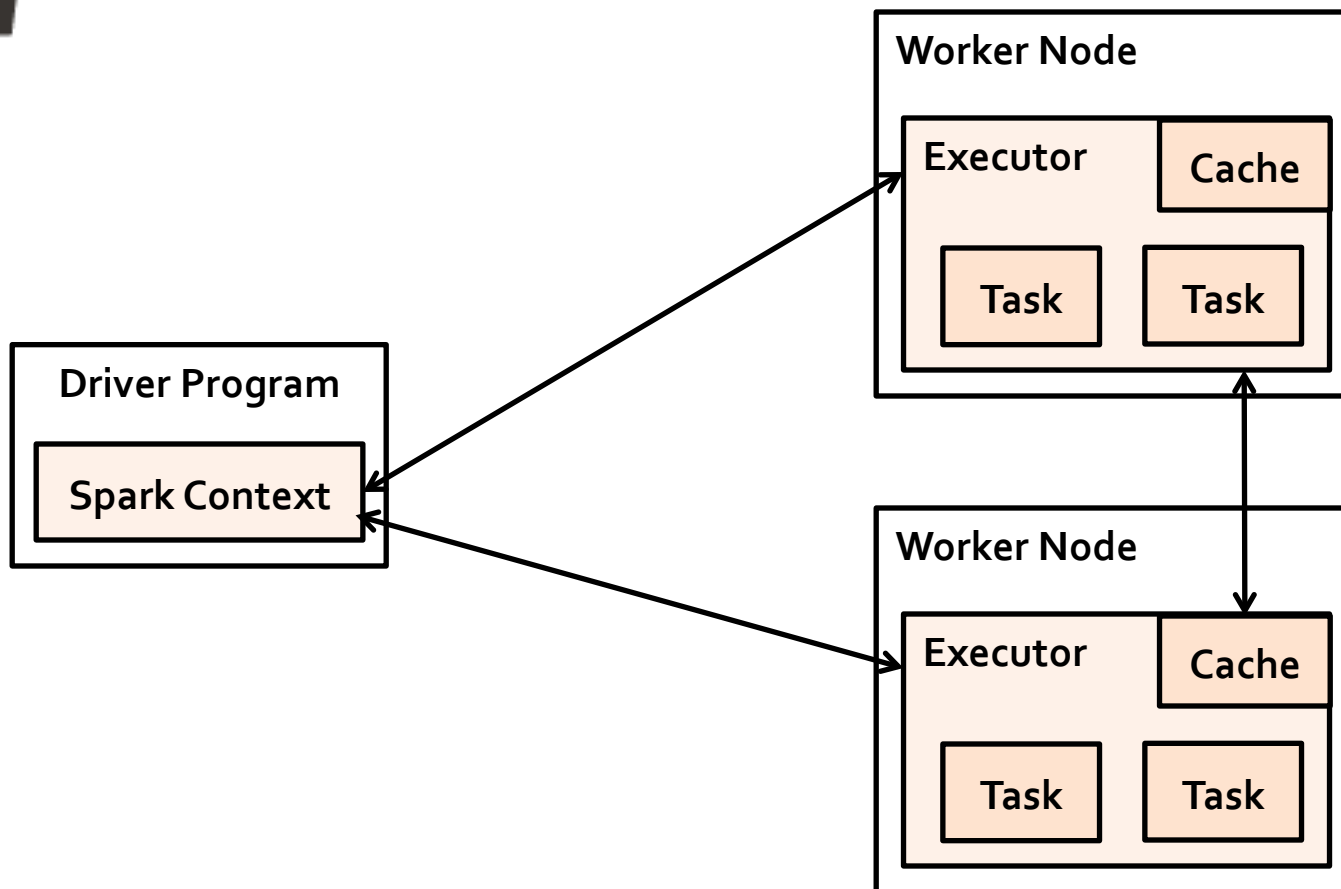
## The Distributed Services of an Image Resize Service

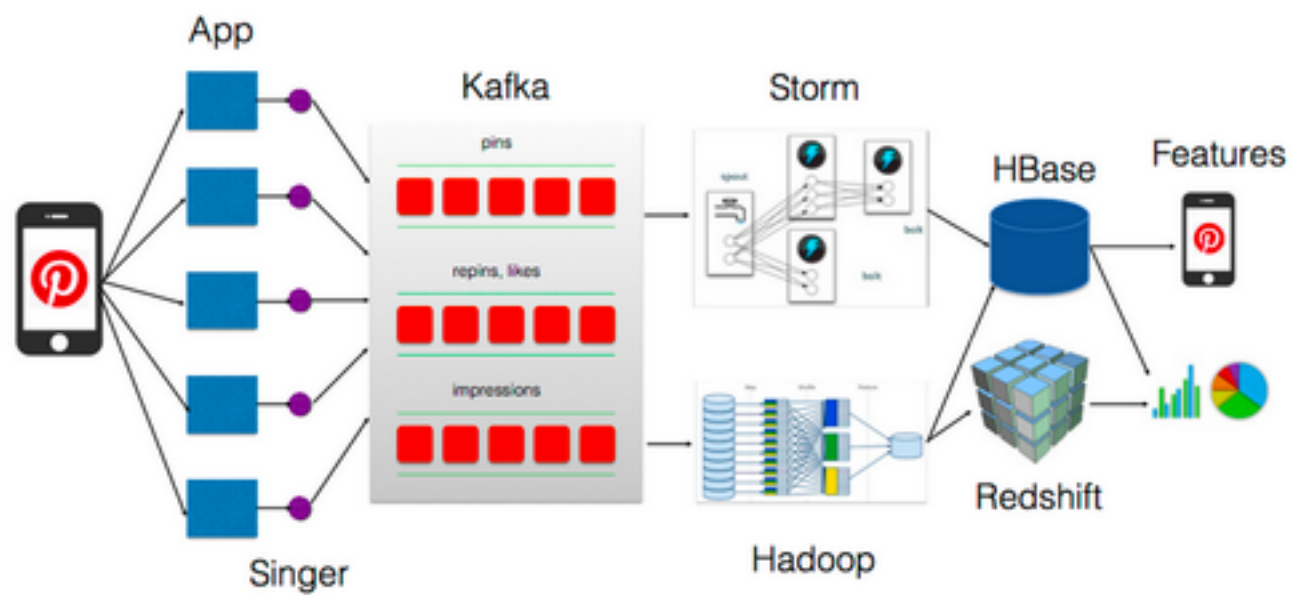




# HDFS







*Data Architecture overview*

# agenda

- ① what are datacenter applications?
- ② how should we run datacenter applications?
- ③ how should we program datacenter applications?

# considerations

- ① configuration/package management
- ② deployment
- ③ service discovery

# considerations

- ① configuration/package management
- ② deployment
- ③ service discovery
- ④ monitoring

# considerations

- ① configuration/package management
- ② deployment
- ③ service discovery
- ④ monitoring



ops

# considerations

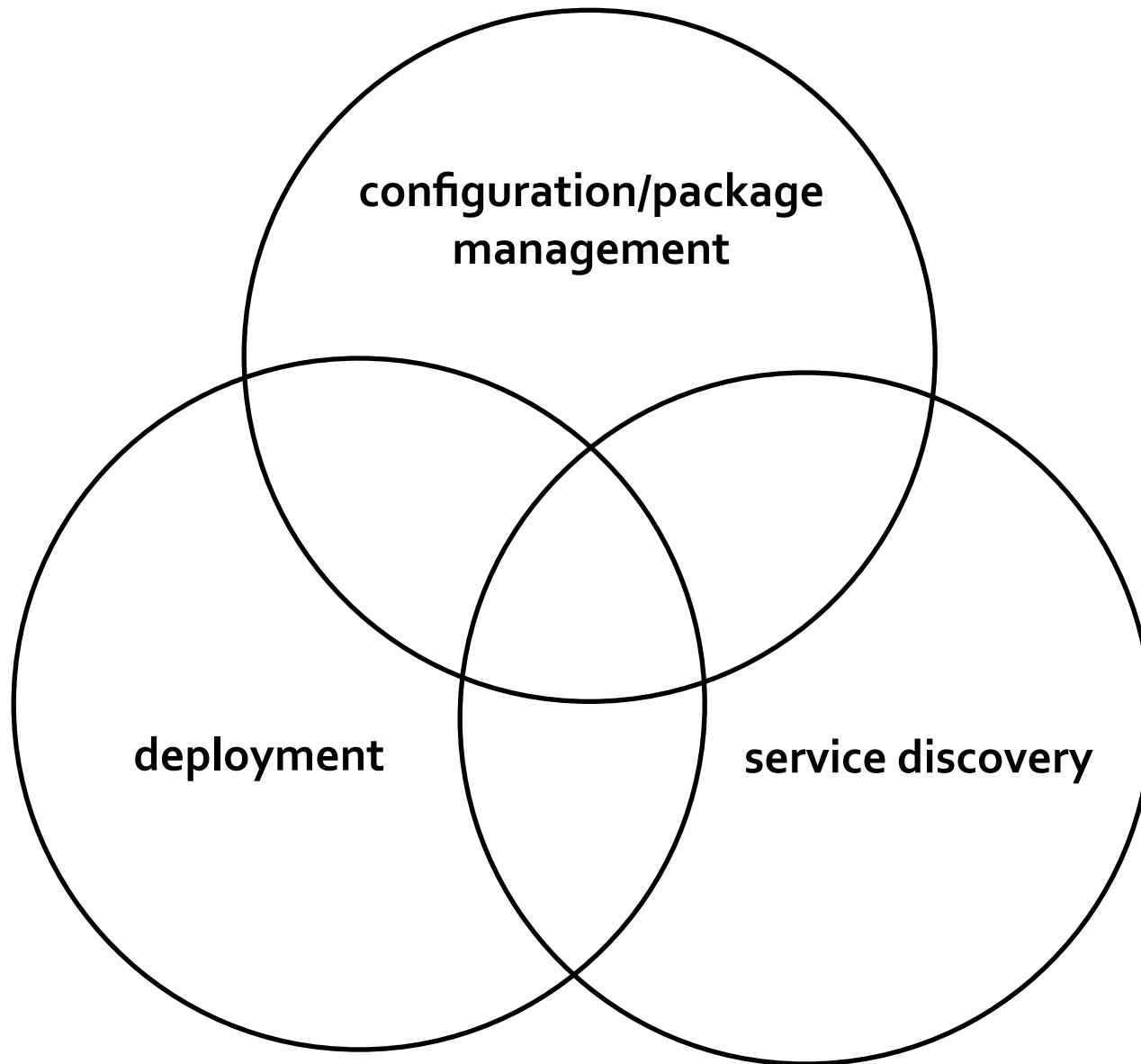
- ① configuration/package management
- ② deployment
- ③ service discovery
- ④ monitoring



developers

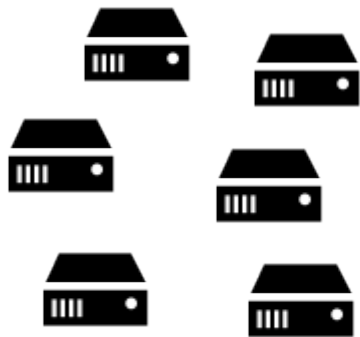


ops



# configuration/package management

*"what/how do things get installed?"*



(10's of machines)



web1.twttr.com  
web2.twttr.com  
web3.twttr.com  
web4.twttr.com

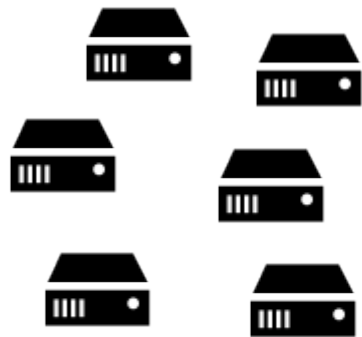


hosts.txt

```
$ ssh host ./configure && make install
```

# configuration/package management

*"what/how do things get installed?"*



(10's of machines)



web1.twttr.com  
web2.twttr.com  
web3.twttr.com  
web4.twttr.com



hosts.txt

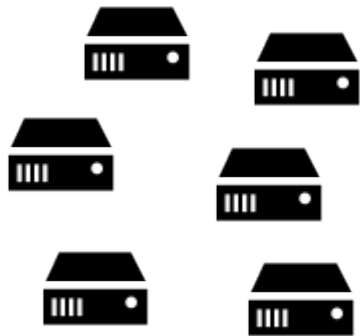


```
$ ssh host rpm -ivh pkg-x.y.z.rpm
```

# deployment

*"what should run where?"*

*"how should it be started/stopped?"*



(10's of machines)



web1.twttr.com  
web2.twttr.com  
web3.twttr.com  
web4.twttr.com



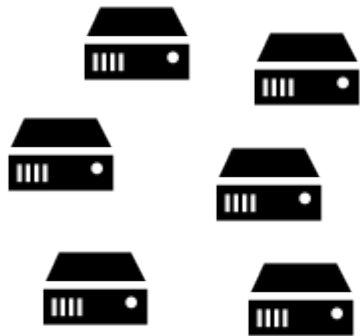
hosts.txt

```
$ ssh host nohup myapp
```

# deployment

*"what should run where?"*

*"how should it be started/stopped?"*



(10's of machines)



web1.twttr.com  
web2.twttr.com  
web3.twttr.com  
web4.twttr.com



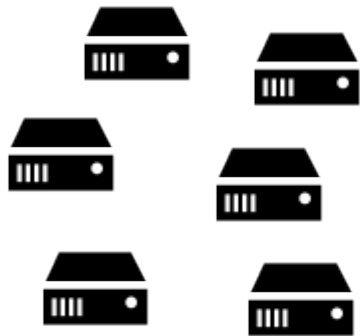
hosts.txt

`$ ssh host monit start myapp`

# deployment

*"what should run where?"*

*"how should it be started/stopped?"*



(10's of machines)



web1.twttr.com  
web2.twttr.com  
web3.twttr.com  
web4.twttr.com



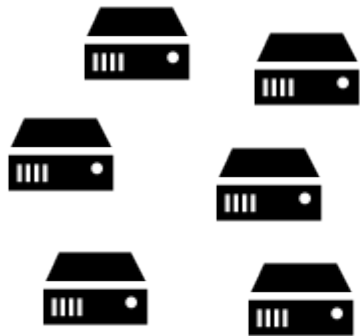
hosts.txt

```
$ scp myapp host  
$ ssh host monit myapp
```

# deployment

*"what should run where?"*

*"how should it be started/stopped?"*



(10's of machines)



web1.twttr.com  
web2.twttr.com  
web3.twttr.com  
web4.twttr.com



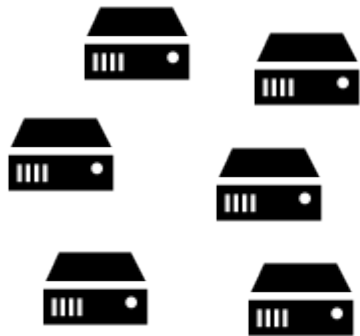
hosts.txt



```
$ ssh host git pull && \  
  monit myapp
```

# service discovery

*"how should apps find each other?"*



(10's of machines)



web1.twttr.com  
web2.twttr.com  
web3.twttr.com  
web4.twttr.com



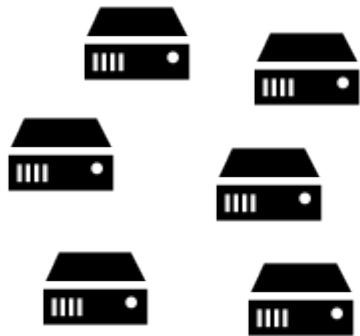
webhosts.txt

db1.twttr.com  
db2.twttr.com  
db3.twttr.com  
db4.twttr.com

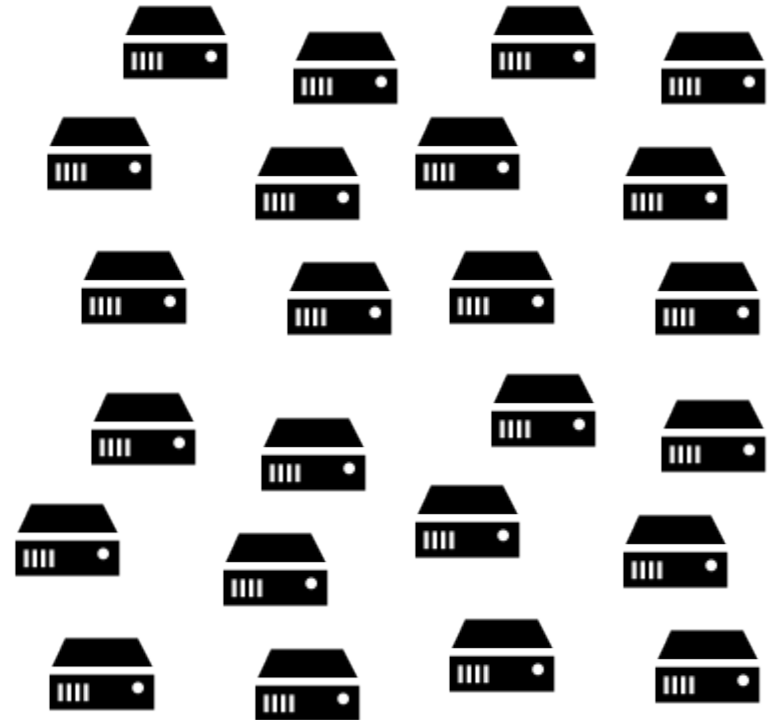
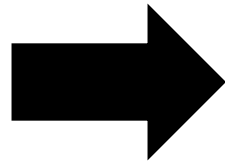


dbhosts.txt

**to scale,  
need less moving parts,  
more automation**



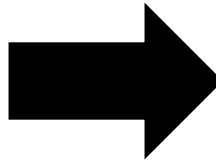
**(10's of machines)**



**(100's -> 1000's of machines)**

# Twitter, circa 2010

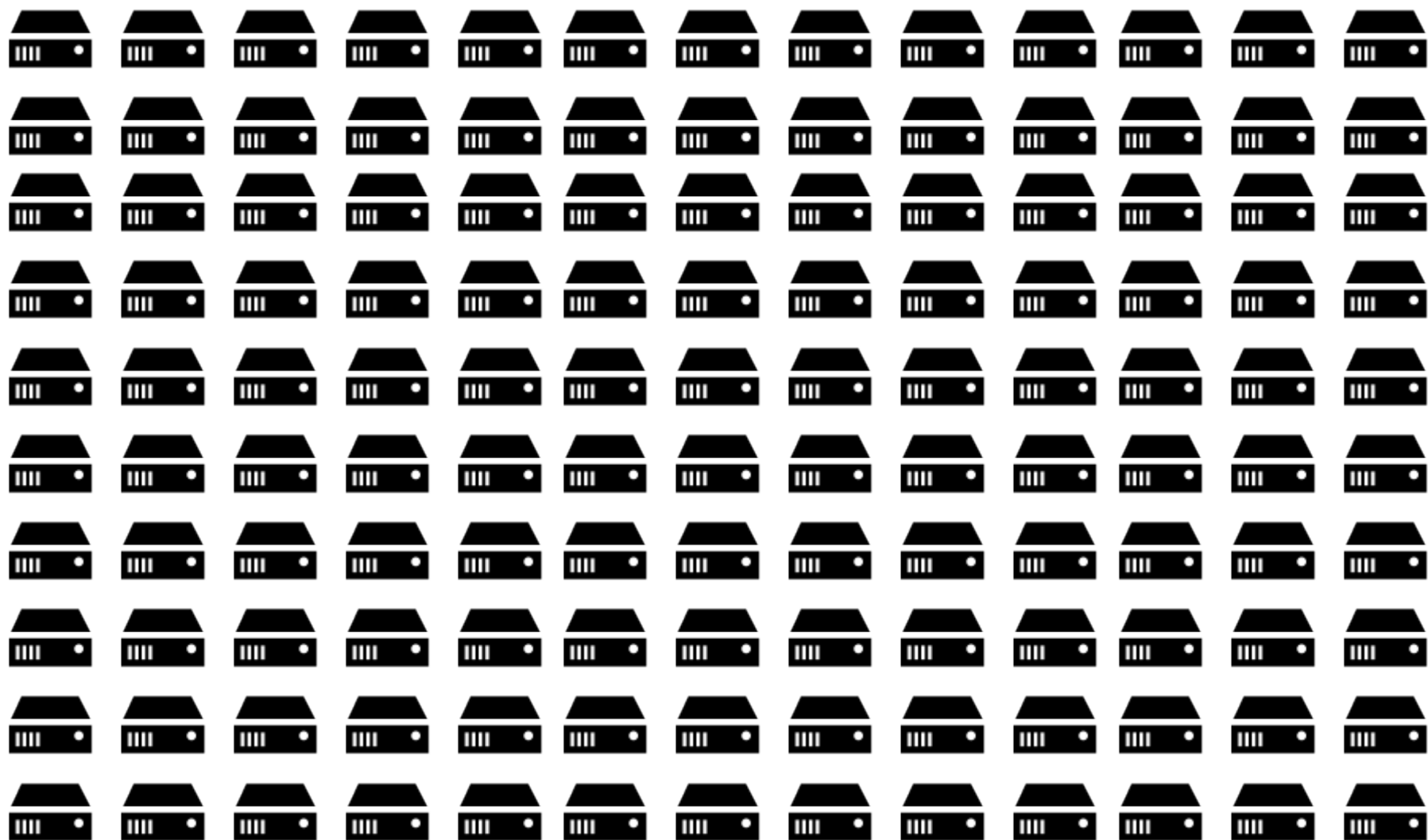
   
dbhosts.txt webhosts.txt  
\$ ssh host ...



(configuration/package management)

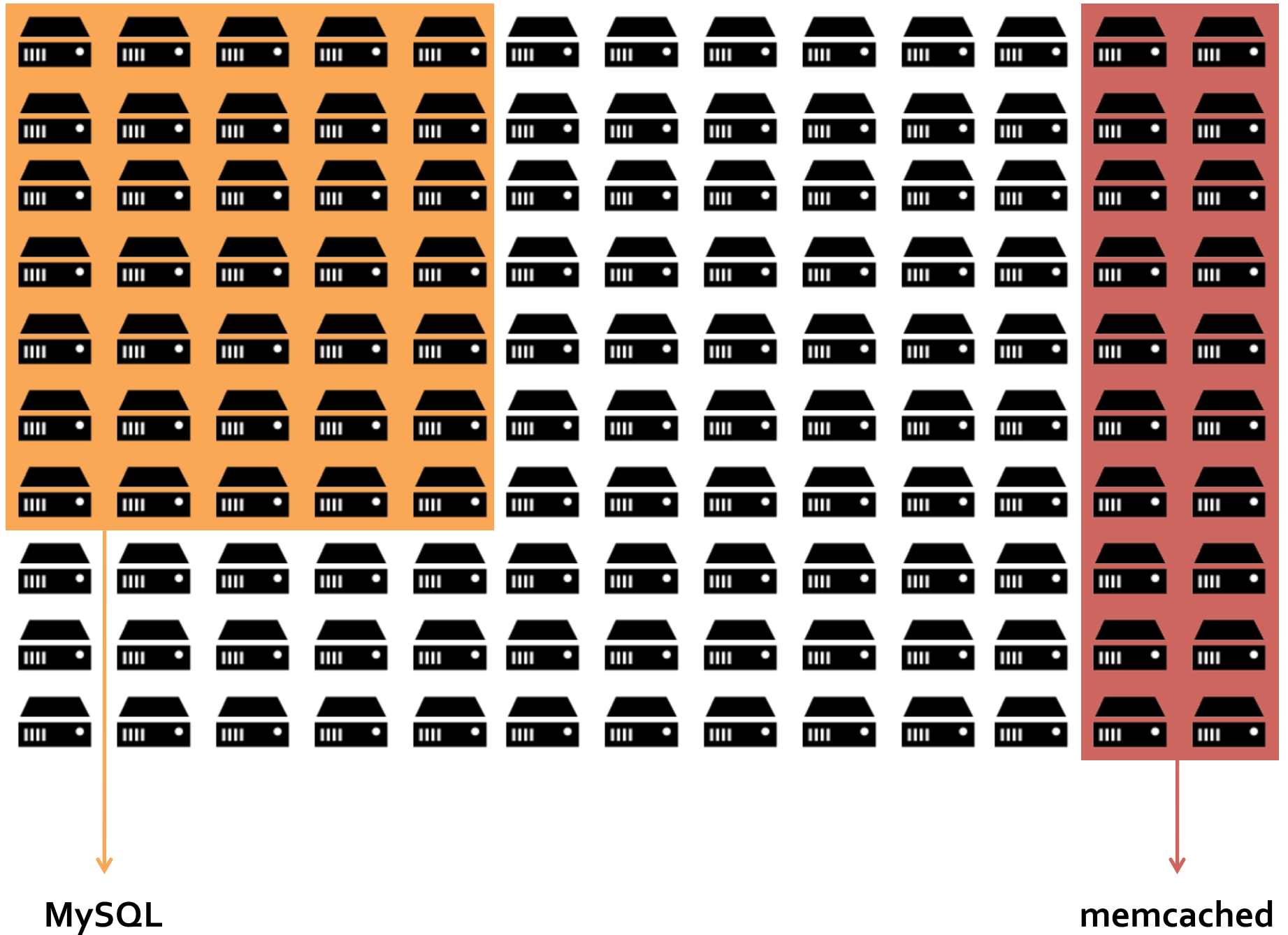


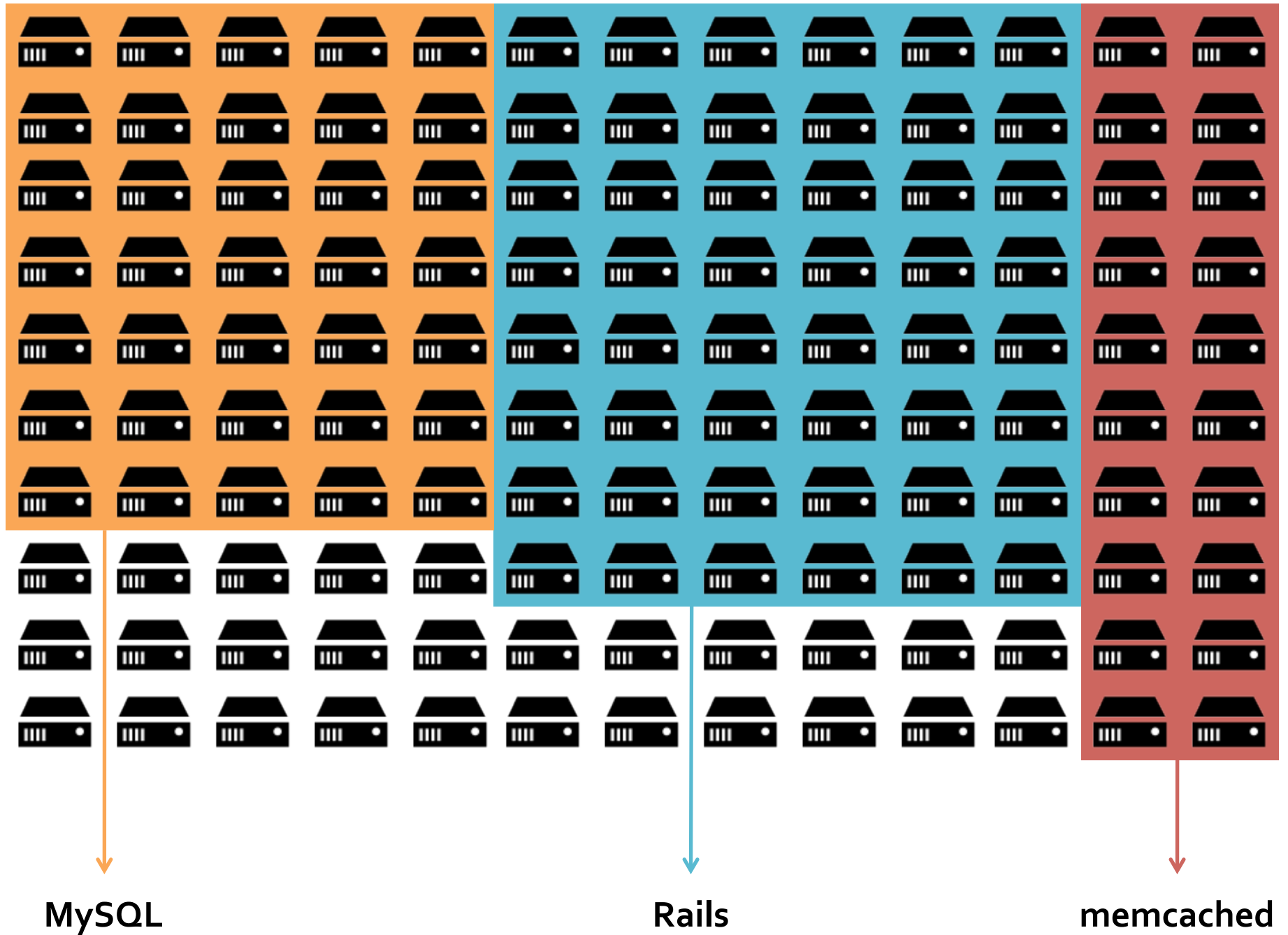
(deployment)

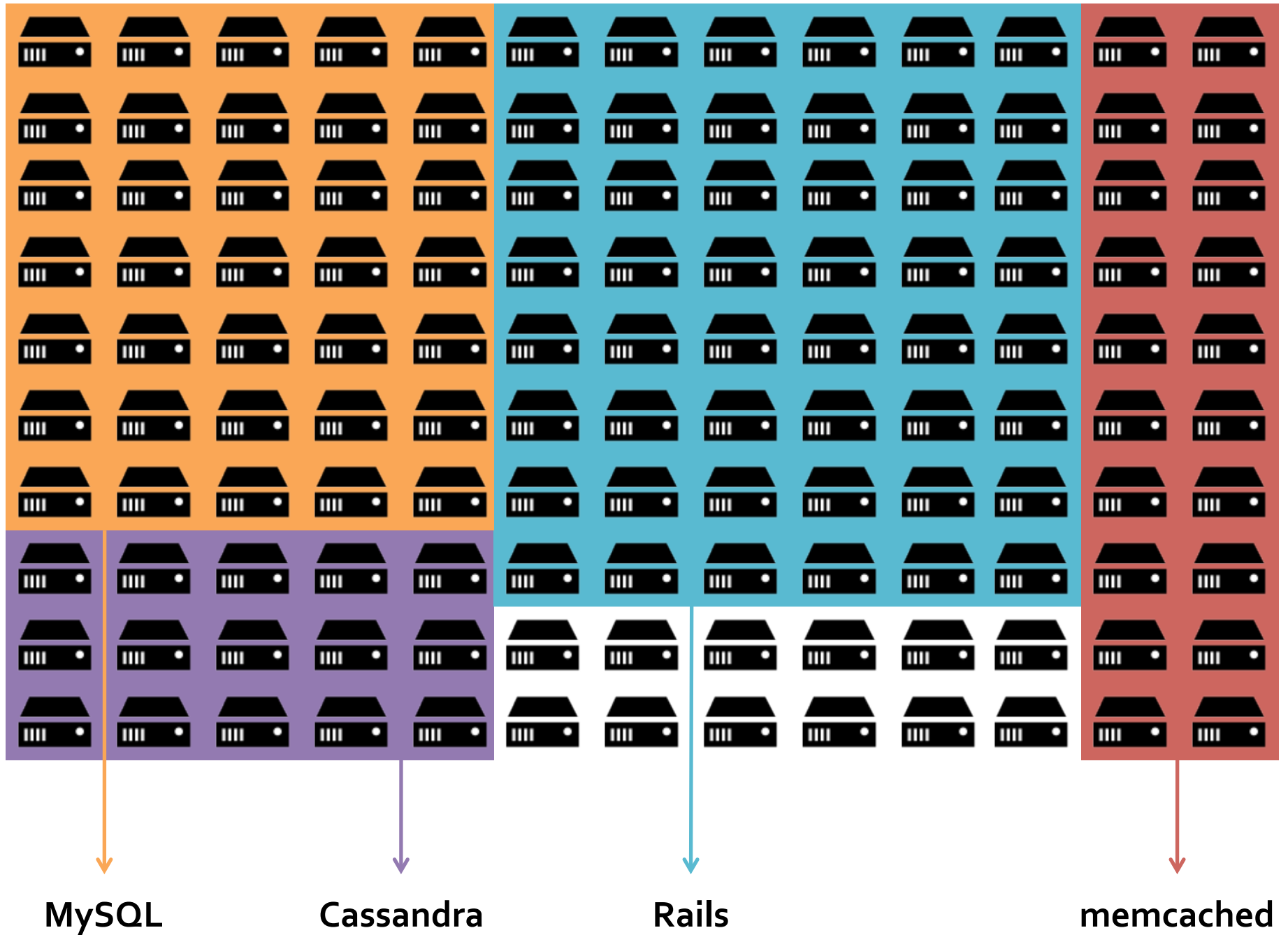


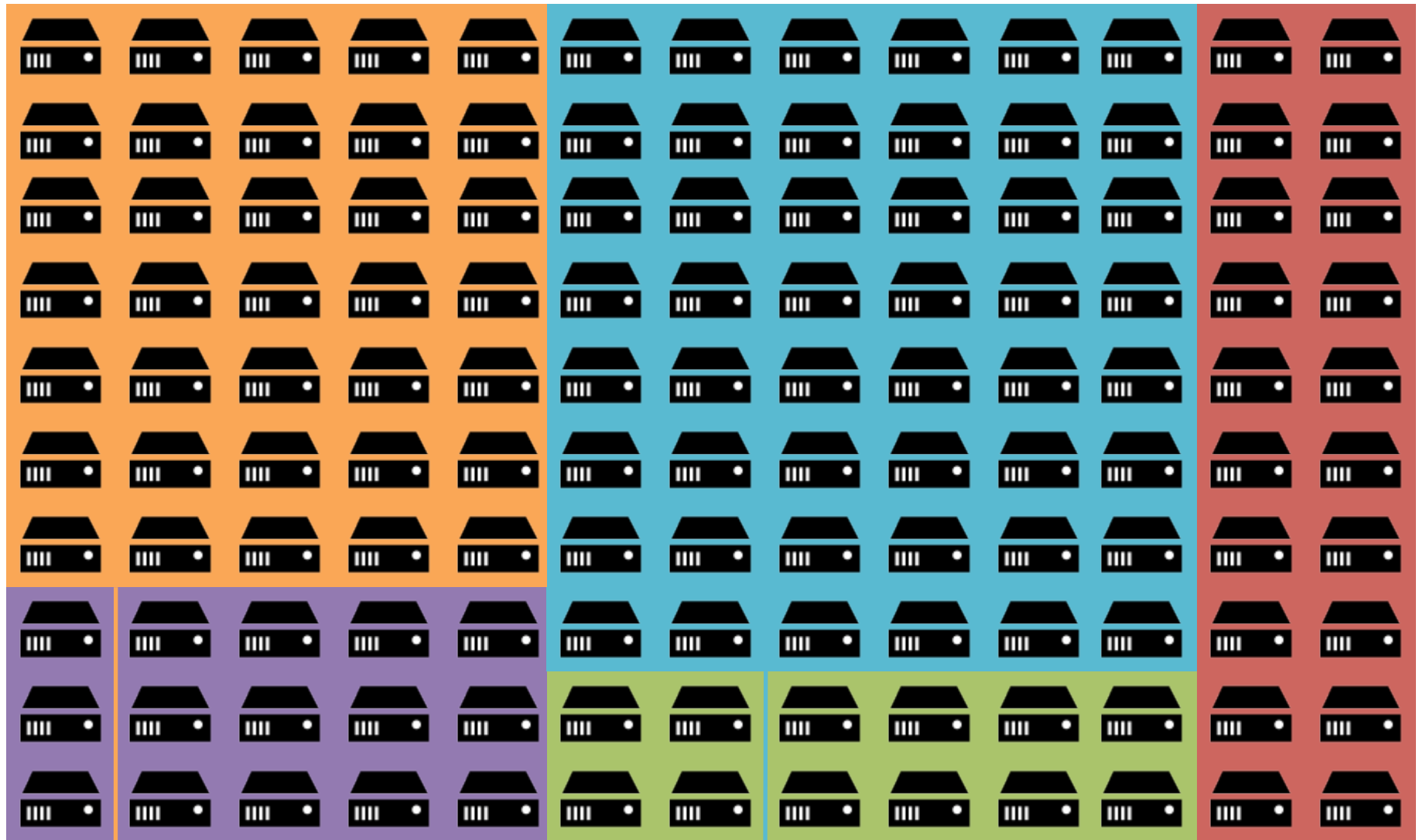


MySQL









MySQL

Cassandra

Rails

Hadoop

memcached

**challenges**

# challenges

① failures

# failures

sjc1a249 rebooted

Inbox x



**Roger Rabbit** <rrabbit@twitter.com>

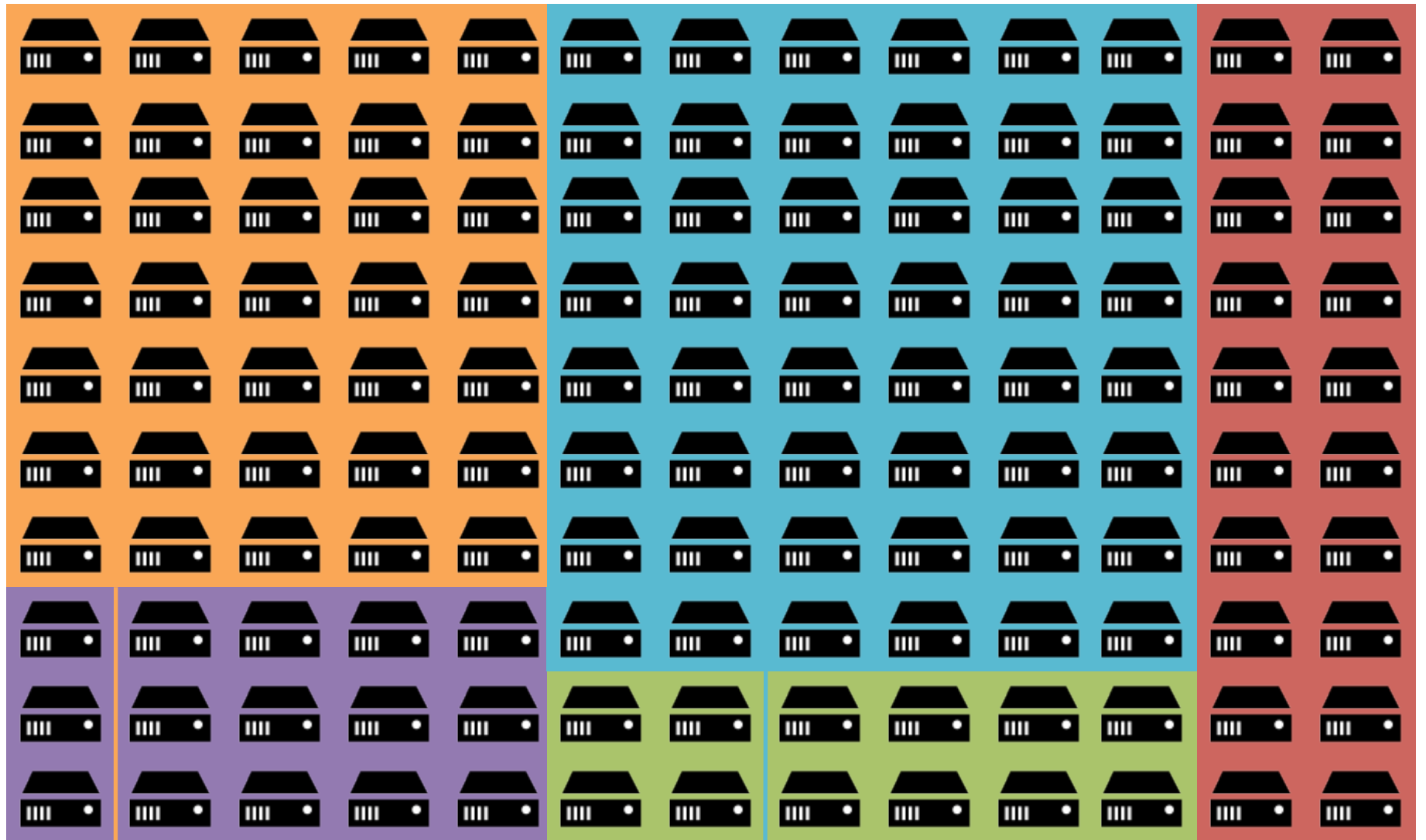
6/13/10 ☆

⏪ Reply to all



to research, Rion, Abdur, Operations ▾

FYI, sjc1a249 had to be rebooted by NTTA. Were there any production services running on this machine?



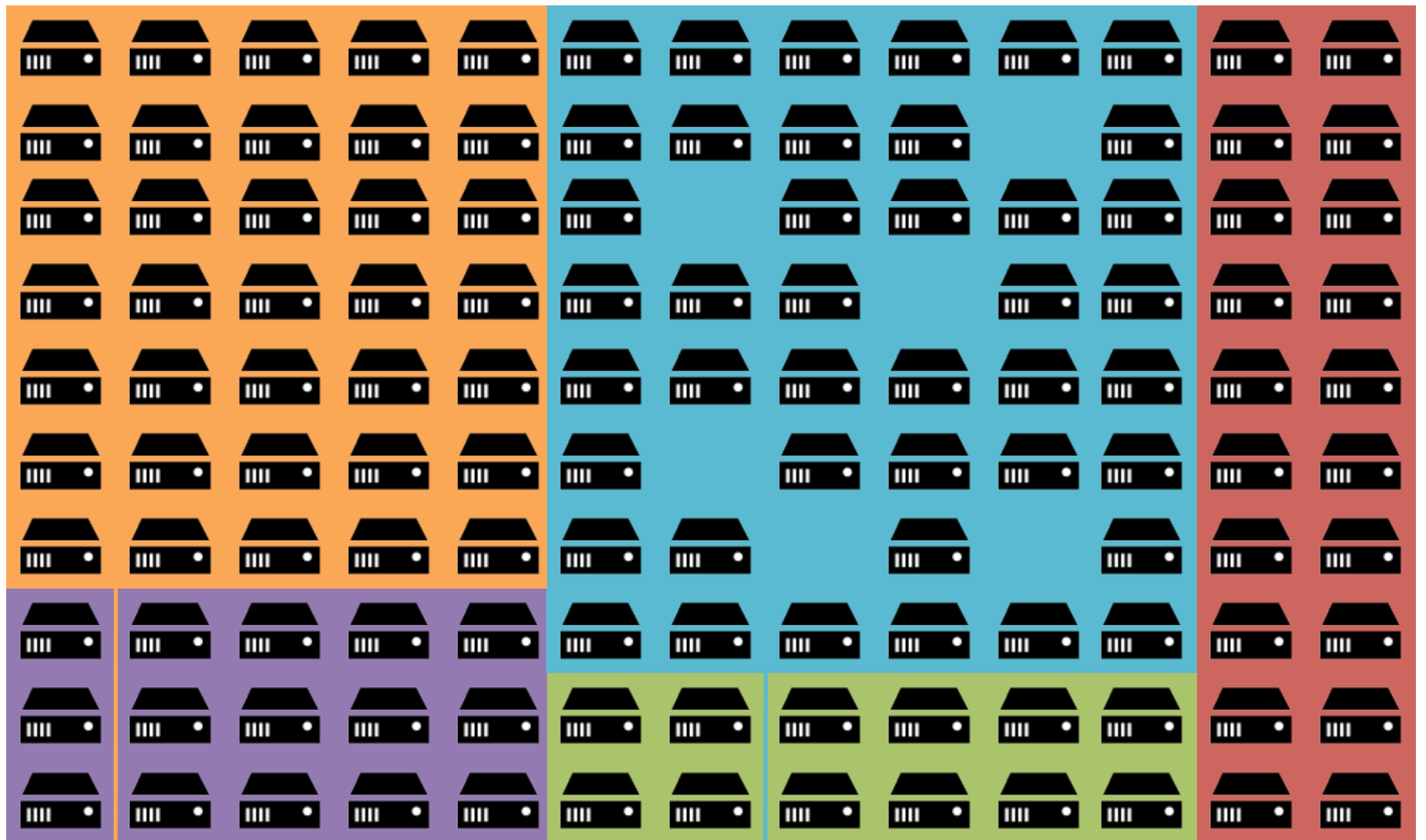
MySQL

Cassandra

Rails

Hadoop

memcached



MySQL

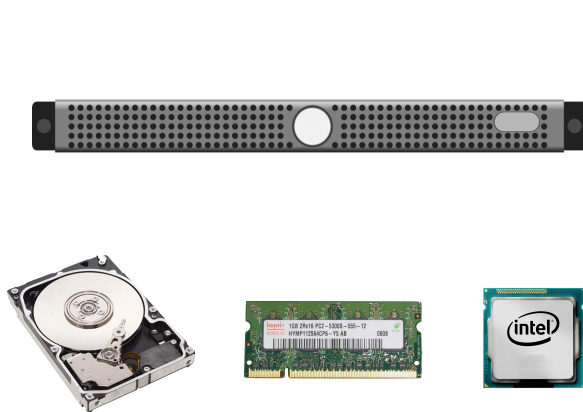
Cassandra

Rails

Hadoop

memcached

# types of failure: fault domains



machine  
(disk, memory, CPU, etc)



rack  
(switch, PDU)



datacenter

# challenges

② maintenance

(aka “planned failures”)

# maintenance

- ① upgrading software (i.e., the kernel)



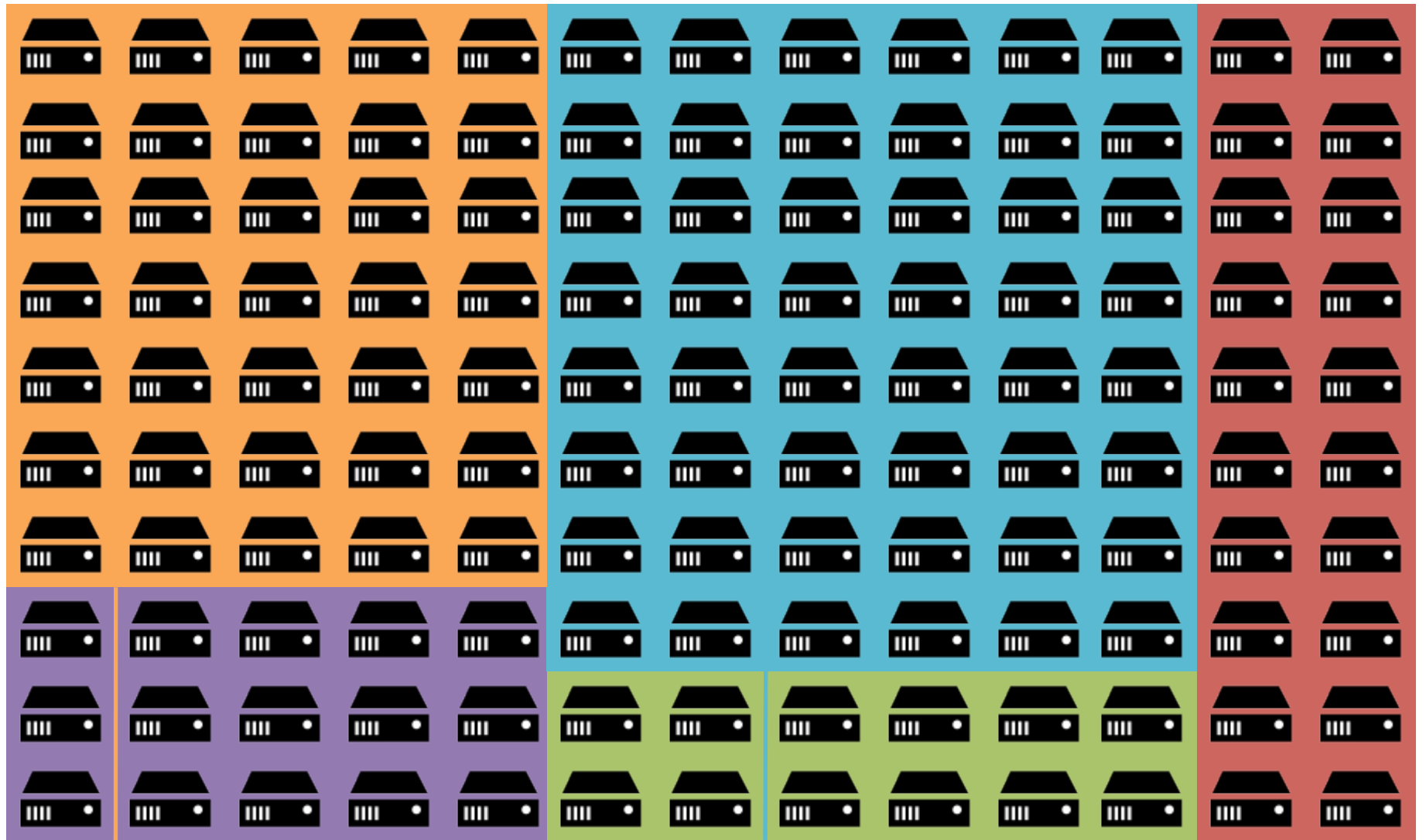
developers



ops

# **maintenance**

- ① upgrading software (i.e., the kernel)
- ② replacing machines, switches, PDUs, etc



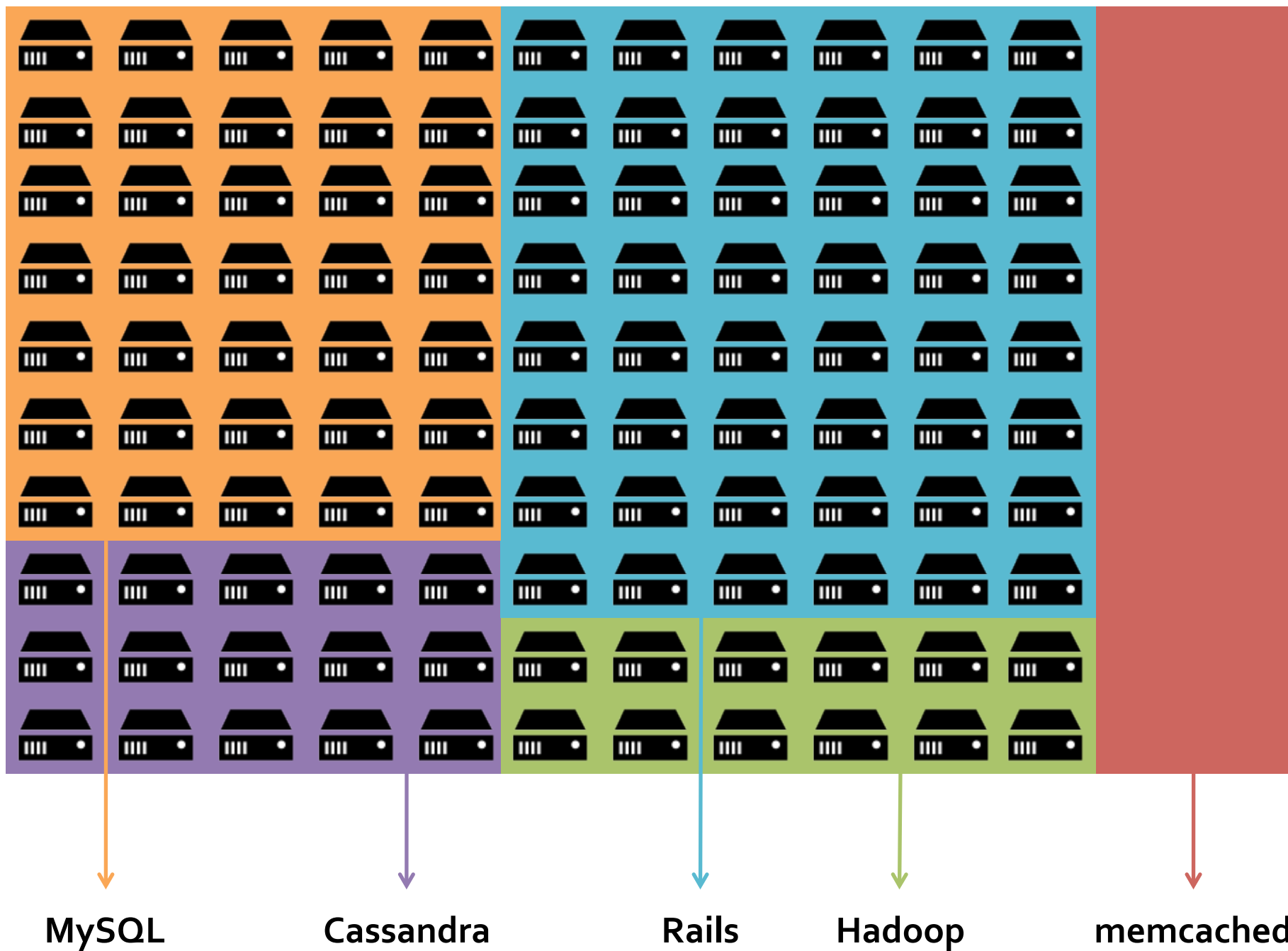
MySQL

Cassandra

Rails

Hadoop

memcached

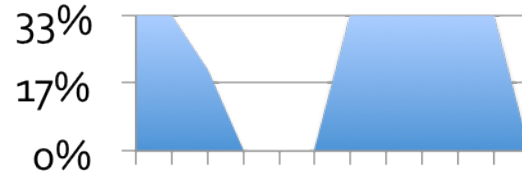


# challenges

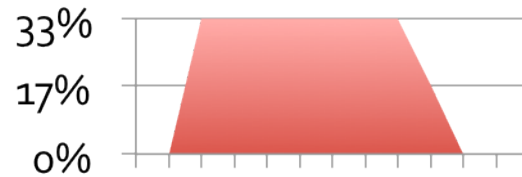
③ utilization

# utilization

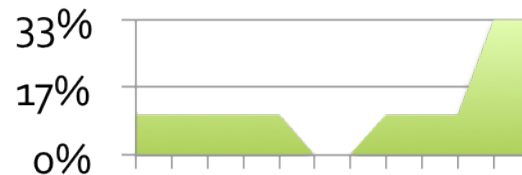
**Rails**



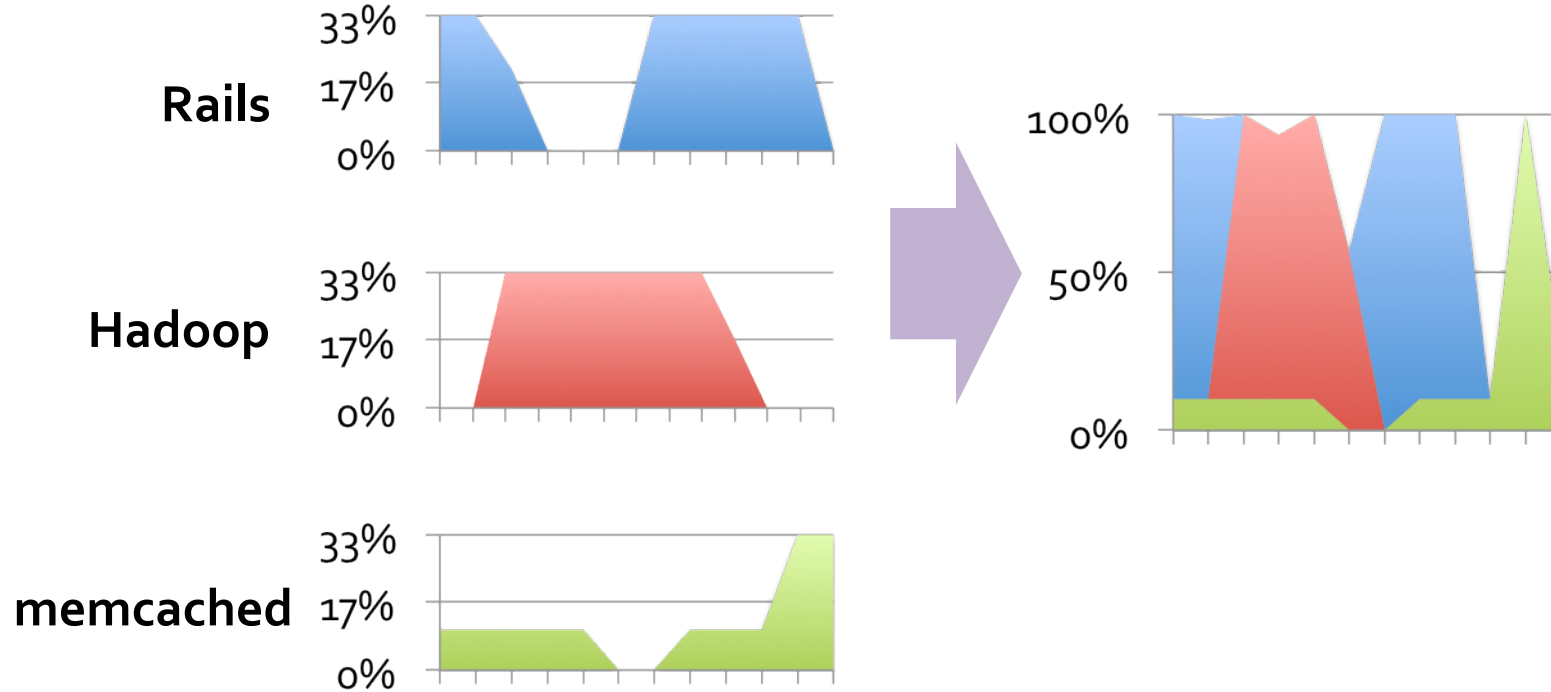
**Hadoop**



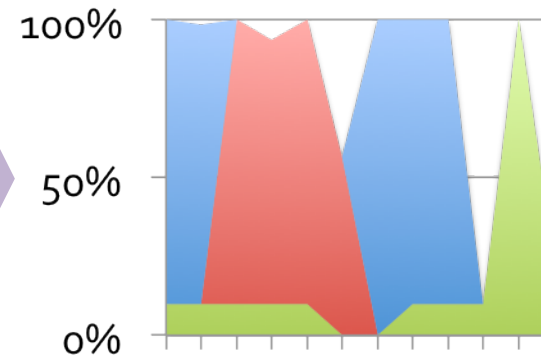
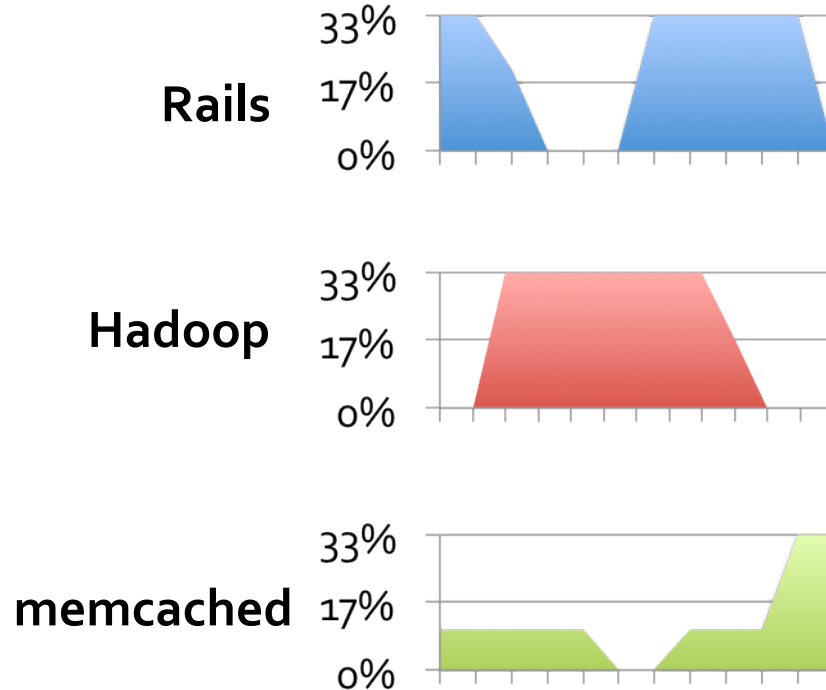
**memcached**



# utilization



# utilization



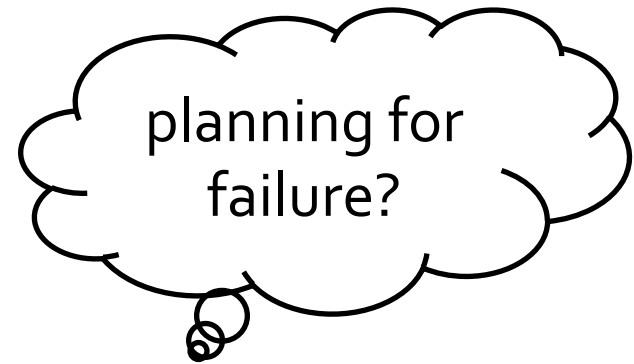
*buy less machines  
or  
run more applications!*

# challenges

- ① failures
- ② maintenance
- ③ utilization

# challenges

- ① failures
- ② maintenance
- ③ utilization



# planning for failure

Which rack are these devices on?

Inbox x

signal x



**George Washington** <gwash@twitter.com>

2/1/10



Reply to all



to Sandra, William

Sandra, we are setting up a couple of DB masters and we'd like to know what rack, Switch, and PDU these devices are on.

[db021.twitter.com](http://db021.twitter.com)

LFVSFCP29546

sjc1

twitter4

twitterdb

[db028.twitter.com](http://db028.twitter.com)

LFVSFCP29579

sjc1

twitter4

twitterdb

Preferably they are on different racks, switches, and power feeds, so that they are fully redundant.

# challenges

- ① failures
- ② maintenance
- ③ utilization



# planning for utilization

## **intra-machine resource sharing:**

*share a single machine's resources between multiple applications (multi-tenancy)*

## **intra-datacenter resource sharing:**

*share multiple machine's resources between multiple applications*

# Twitter, circa 2010



**cluster manager provides a  
level-of-indirection between  
hardware resources (machines)  
and applications/jobs**



MySQL

Cassandra

Rails

Hadoop

memcached

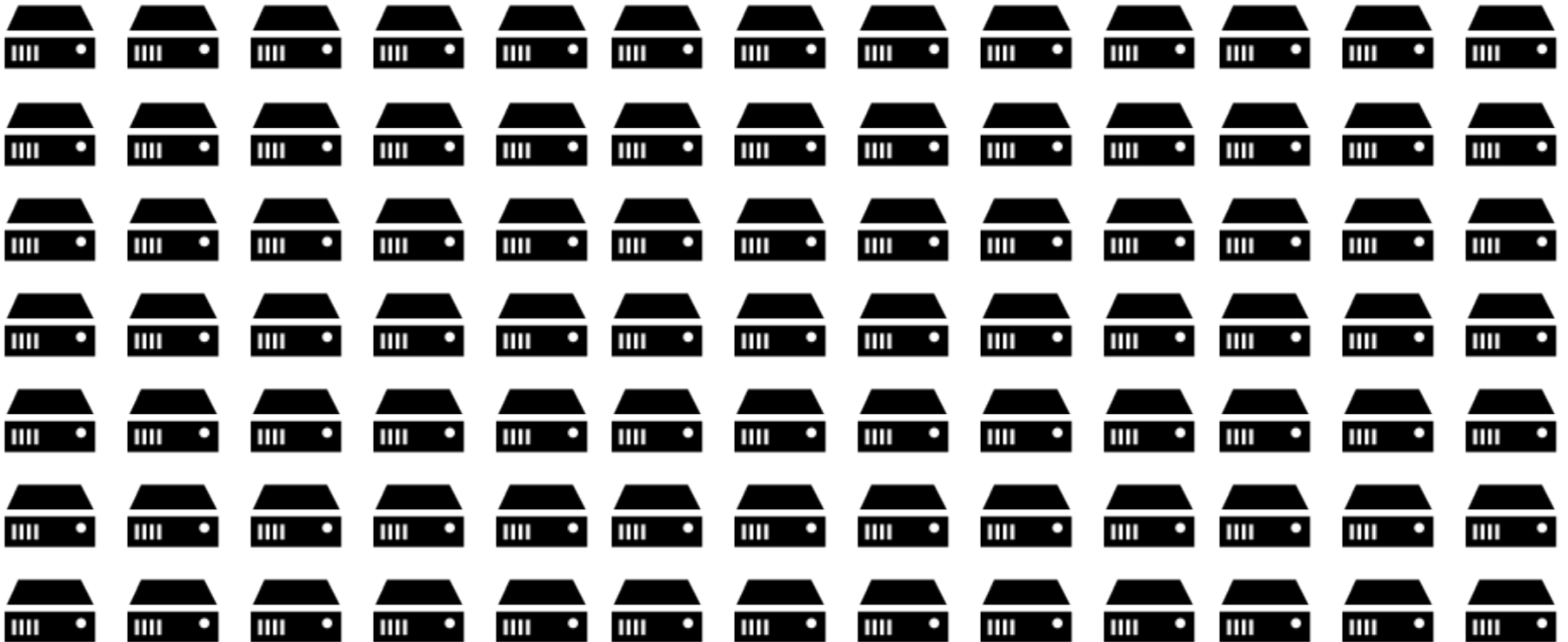
Rails

Hadoop

memcached

...

cluster manager



...

# Twitter, circa 2010

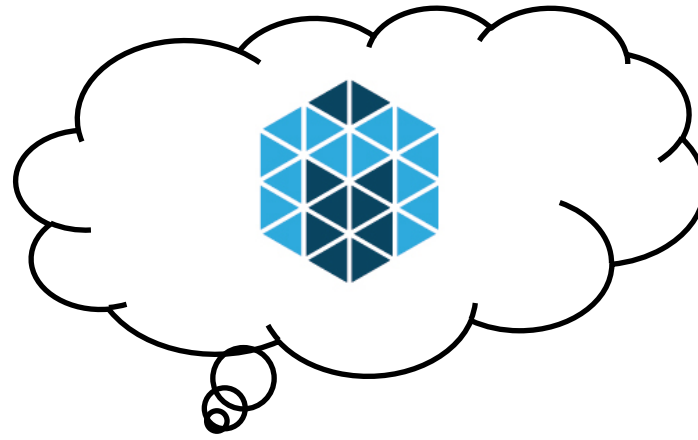


# Twitter, circa 2010



Xoogler

# Twitter, circa 2010



Xoogler



**Apache Mesos is a modern  
*general purpose* cluster manager  
(i.e., not just focused on  
batch scheduling)**

# cluster management



academia



industry

# different software



academia

- MPI (Message Passing Interface)



industry

- Apache (mod\_perl, mod\_php)
- web services (Java, Ruby, ...)

# different scale (at first)



academia

- 100's of machines



industry

- 10's of machines

# cluster management



academia

- PBS (Portable Batch System)
- TORQUE
- SGE (Sun Grid Engine)

cluster managers



industry

- ssh
- Puppet/Chef
- Capistrano/Ansible

# different scale (converging)



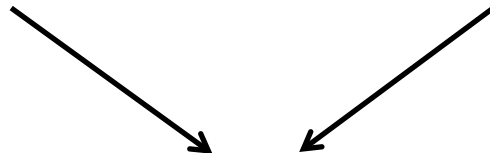
academia

• 100's of machines



industry

• 10's of machines



1,000's of machines

# cluster management



academia

- PBS (Portable Batch System)
- TORQUE
- SGE (Sun Grid Engine)

batch computation!



industry

- ssh
- Puppet/Chef
- Capistrano/Ansible

batch

service

storage

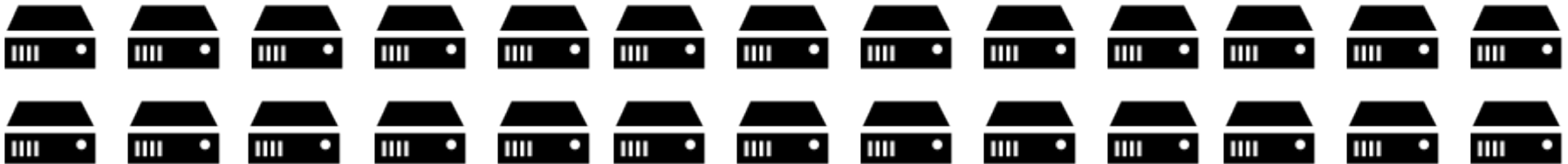
streaming

...

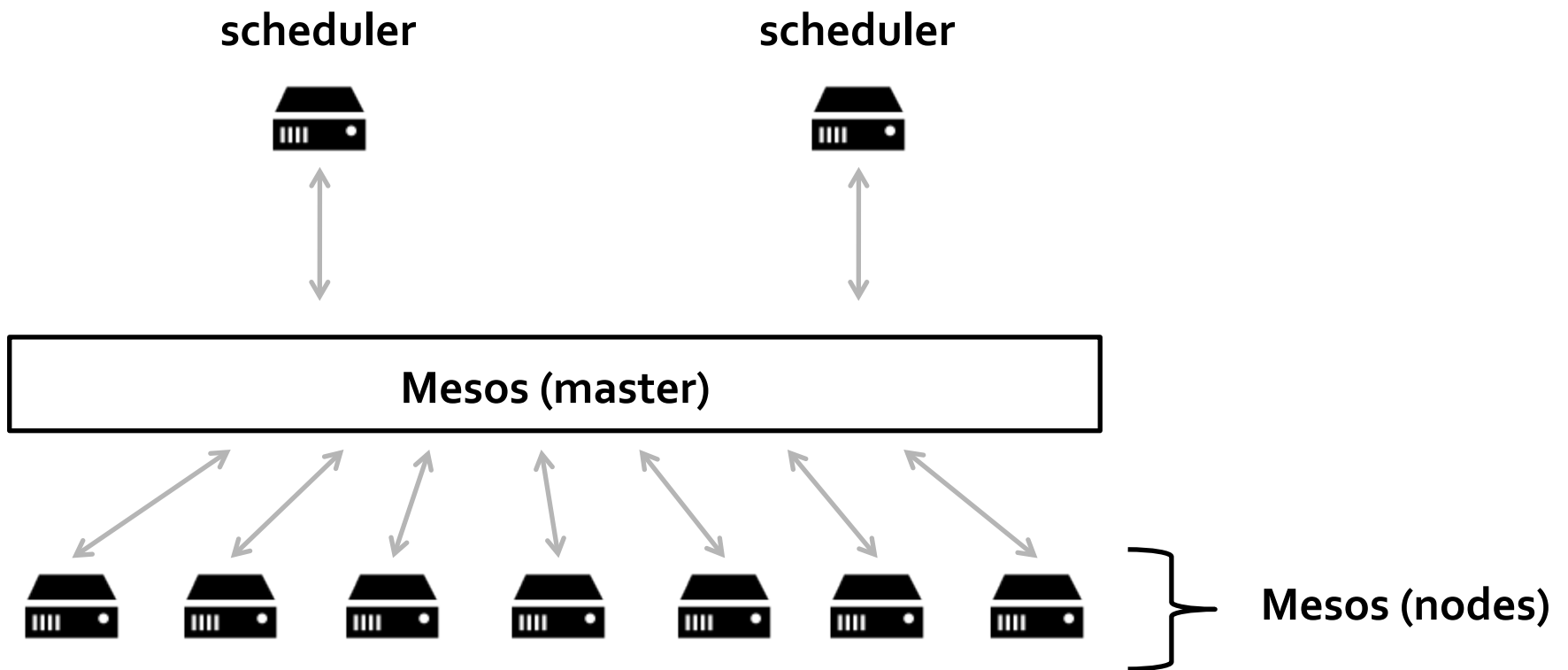
Mesos



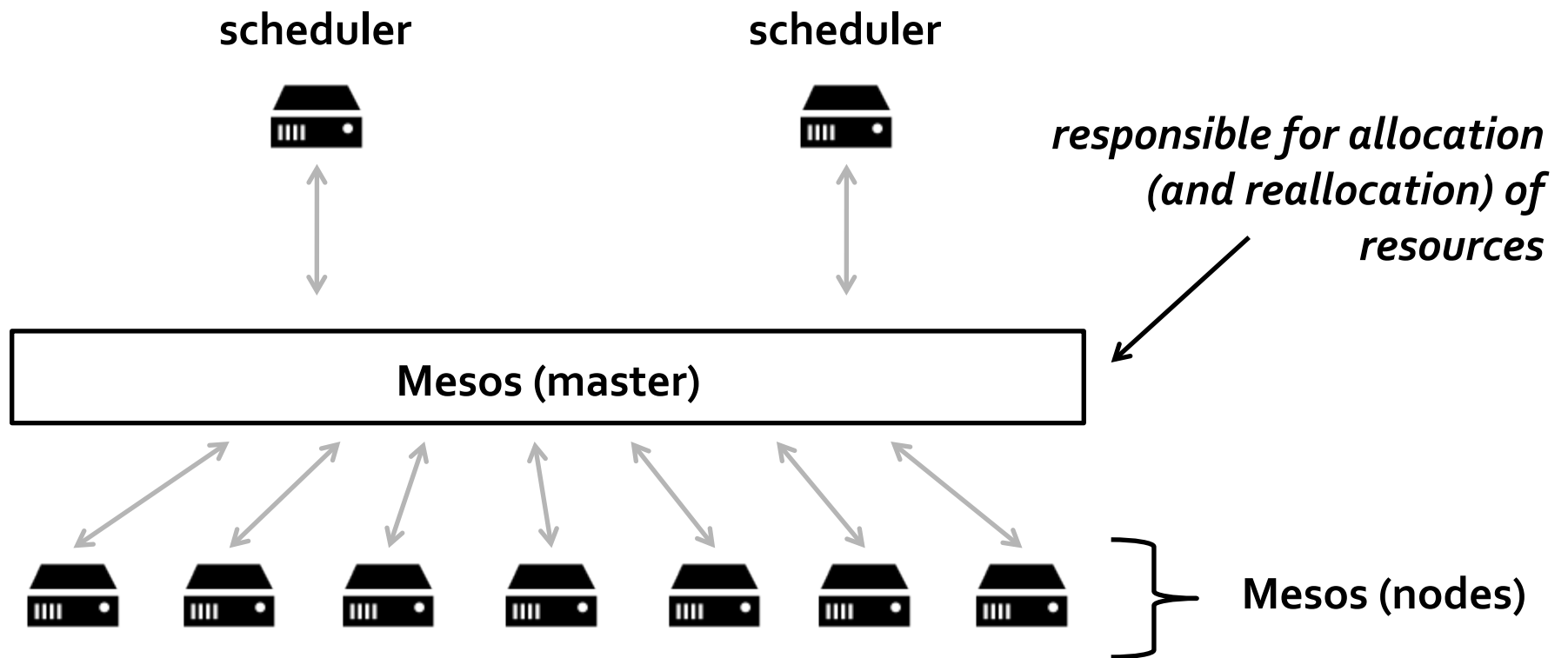
*schedulers*



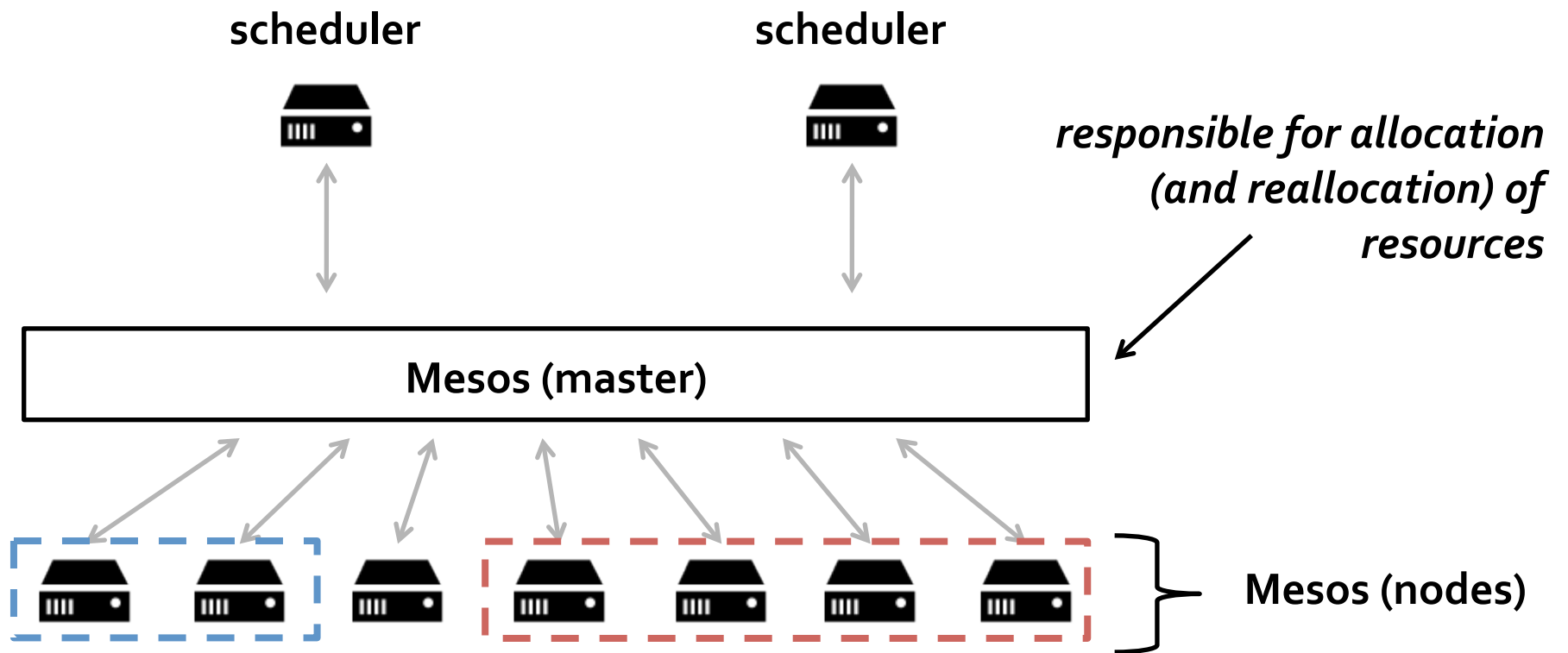
# Mesos: level of indirection



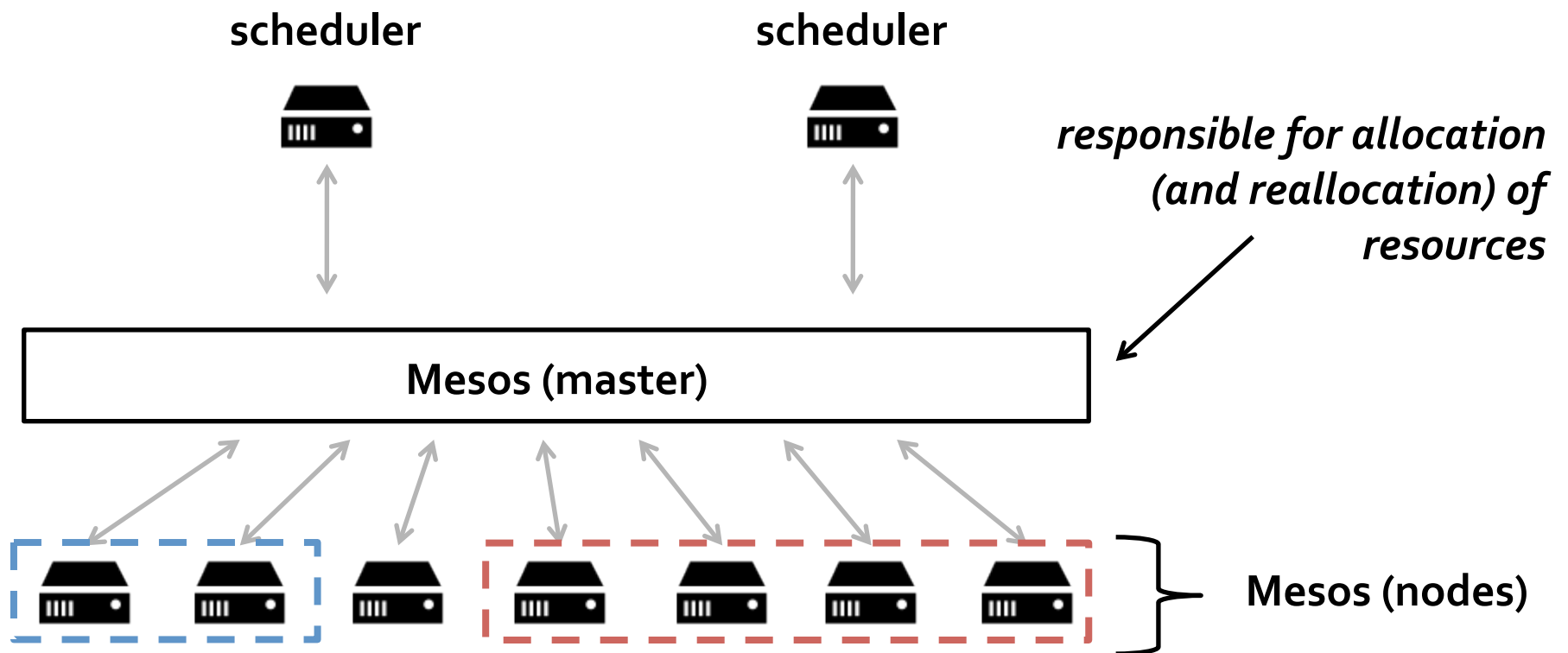
# Mesos: level of indirection



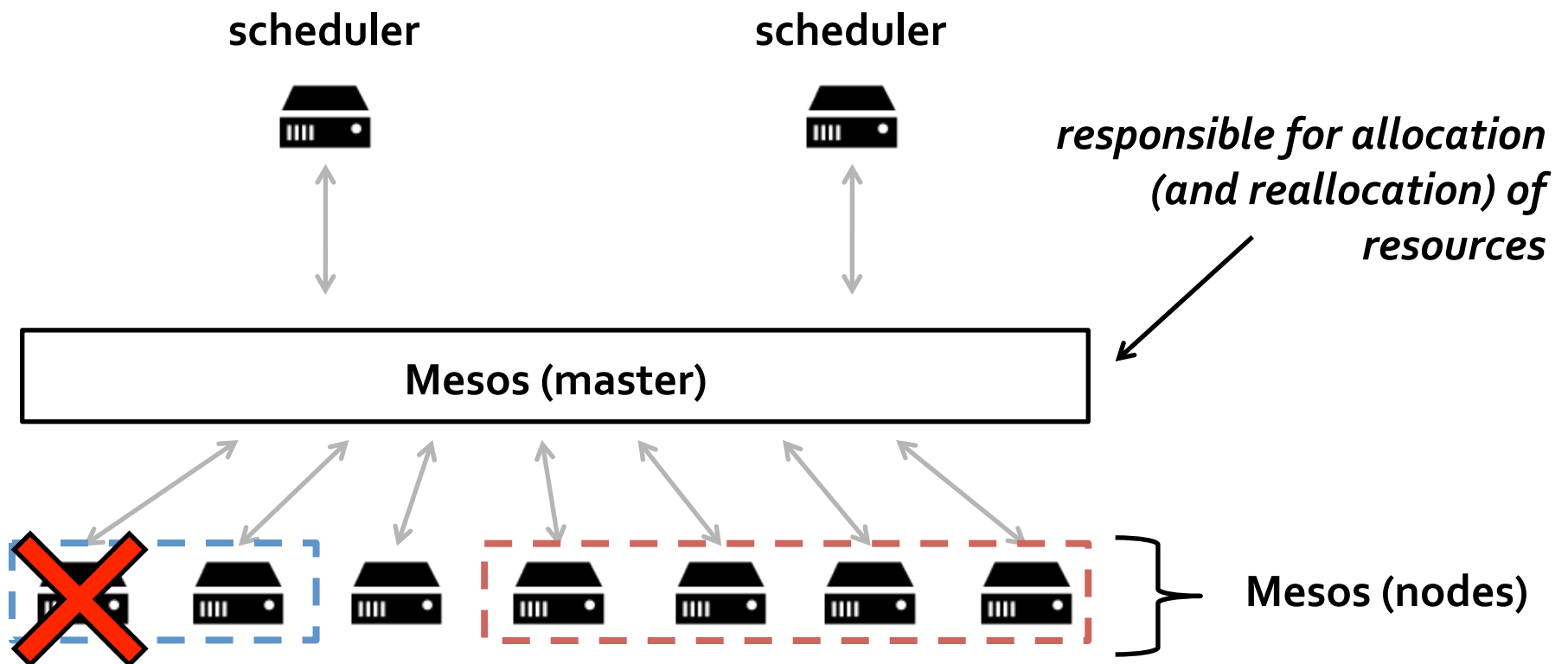
# Mesos: level of indirection



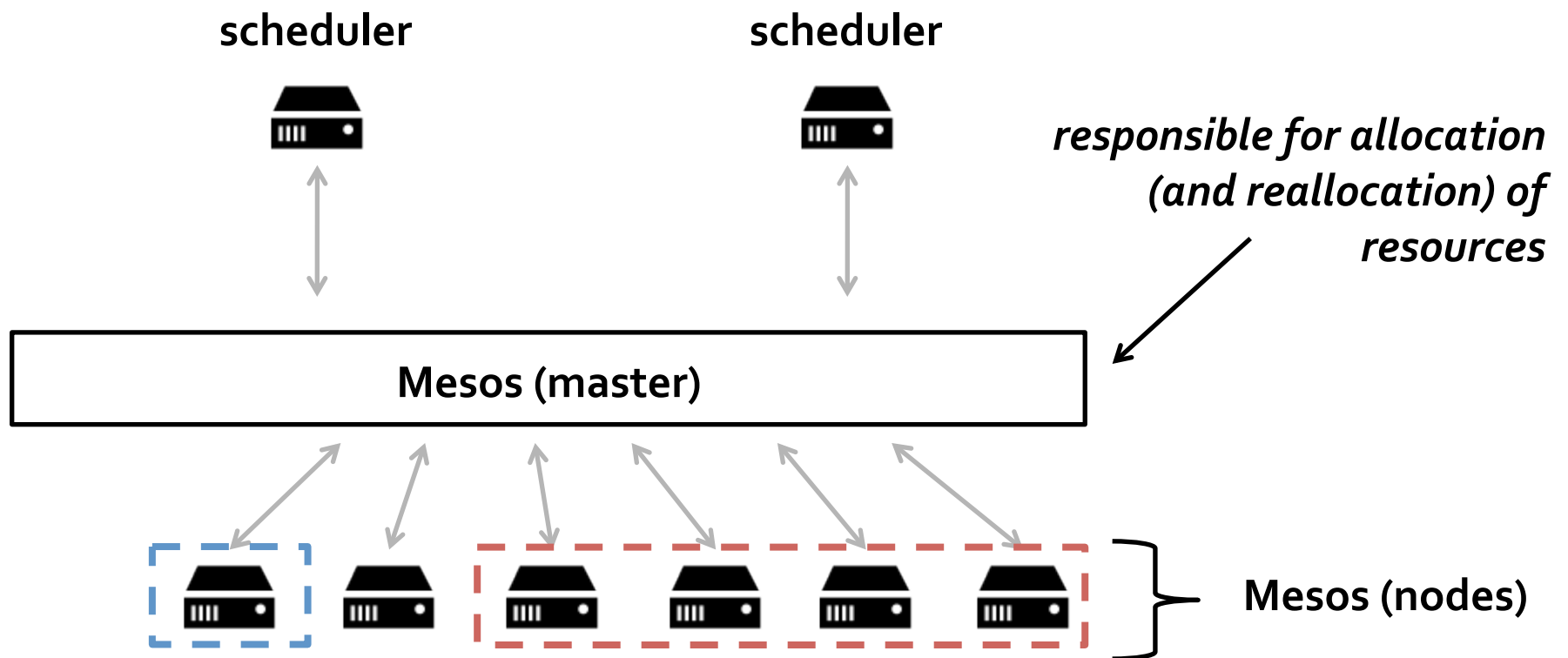
# challenges: failures/maintenance



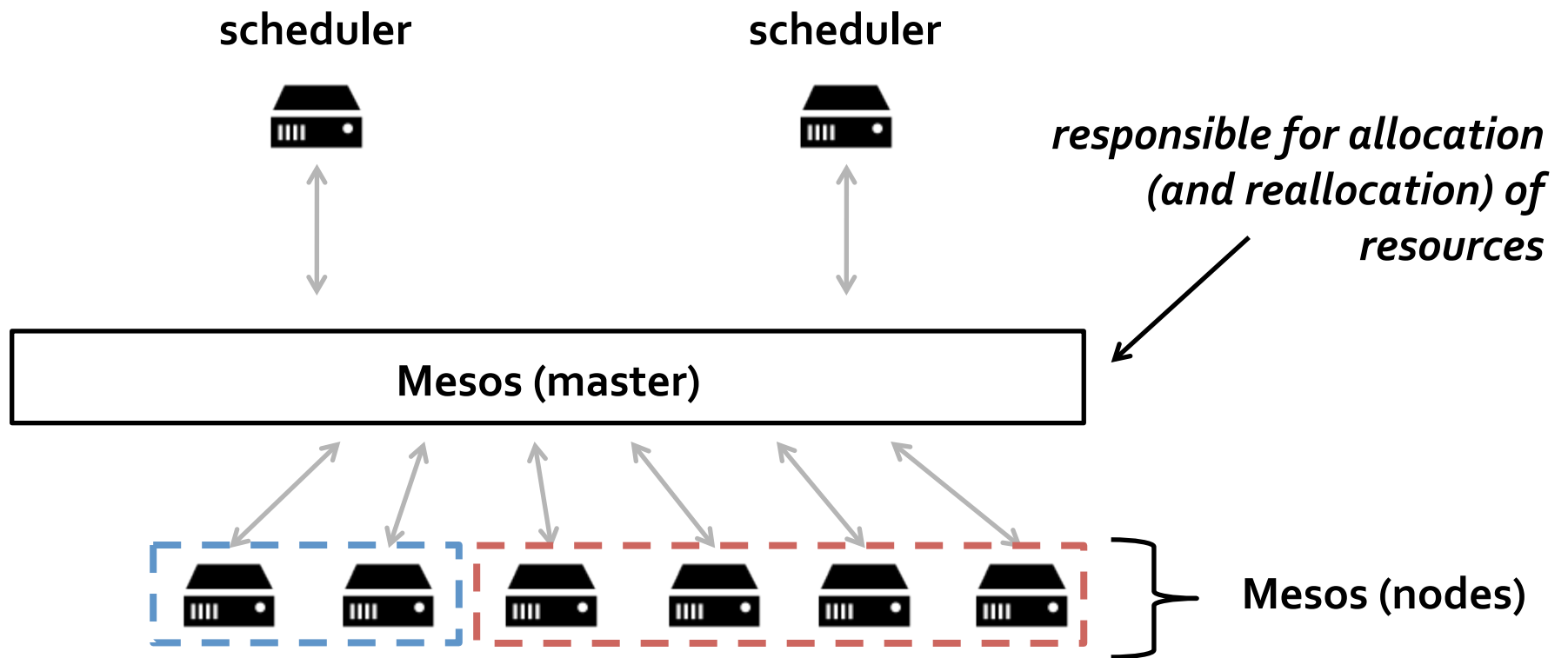
# challenges: failures/maintenance



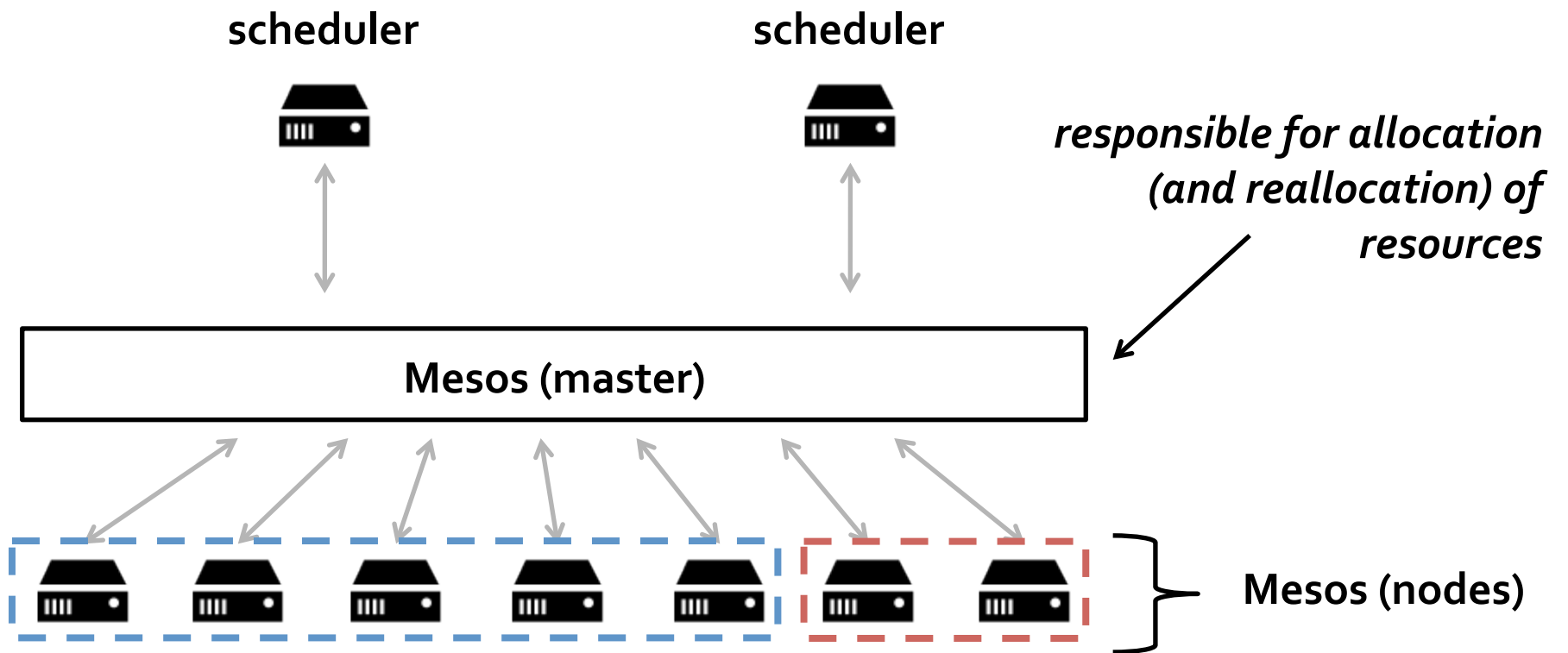
# challenges: failures/maintenance



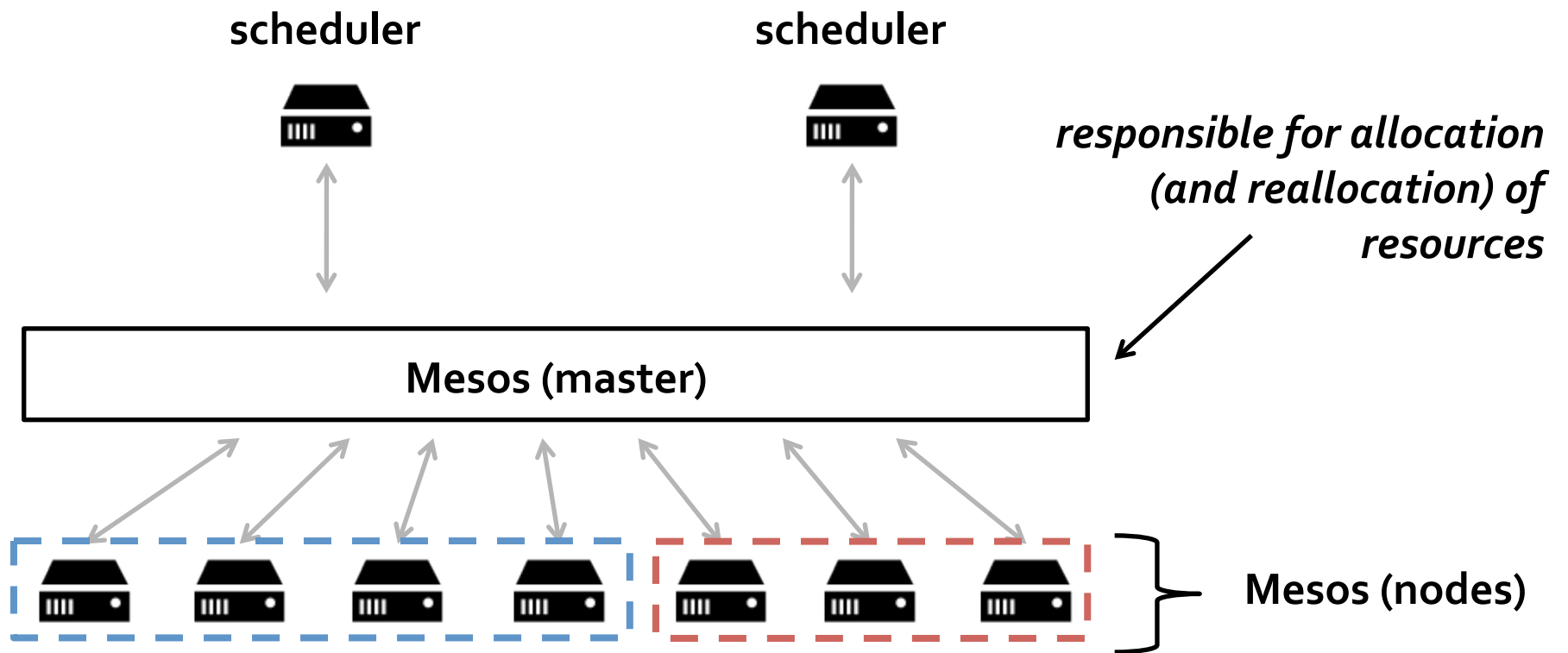
# challenges: failures/maintenance



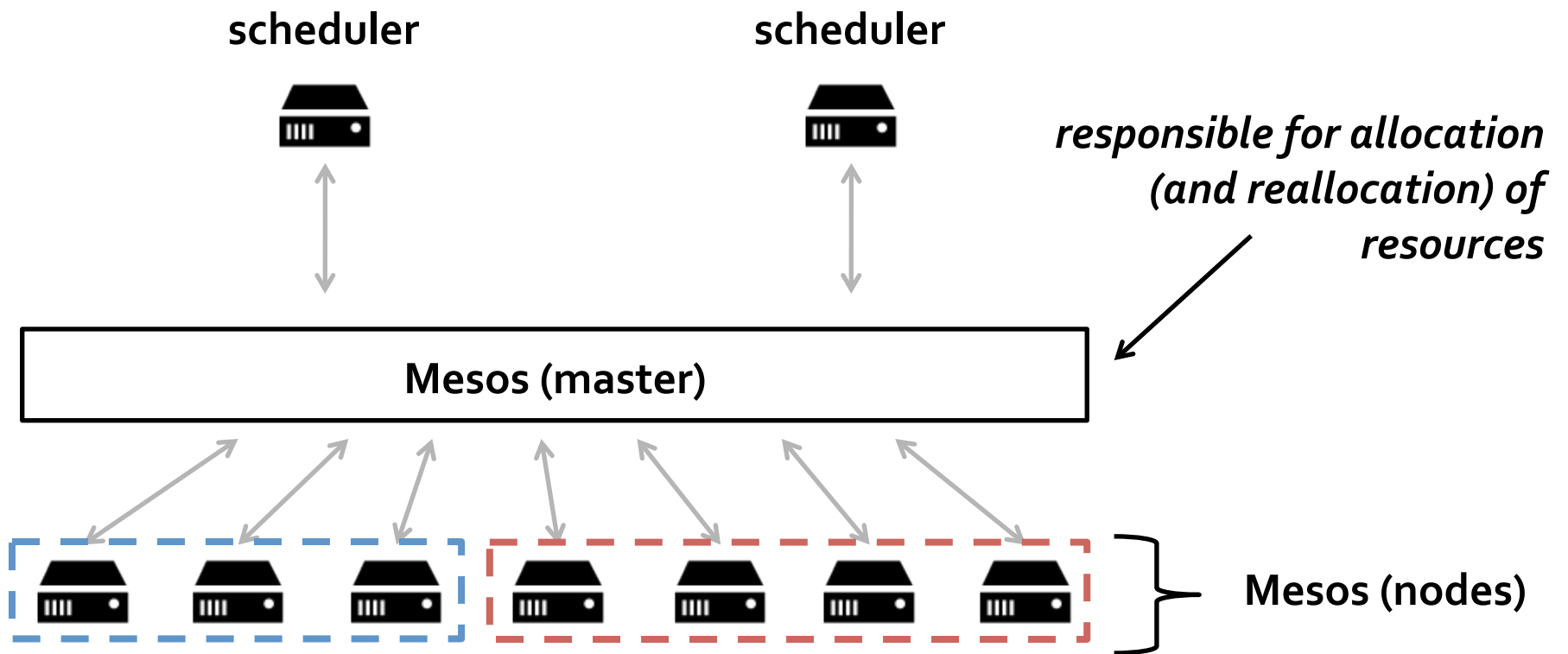
# challenges: utilization



# challenges: utilization



# challenges: utilization

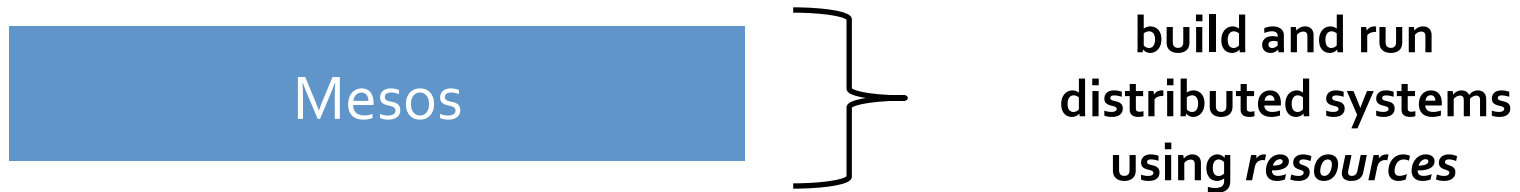


# two-level scheduling

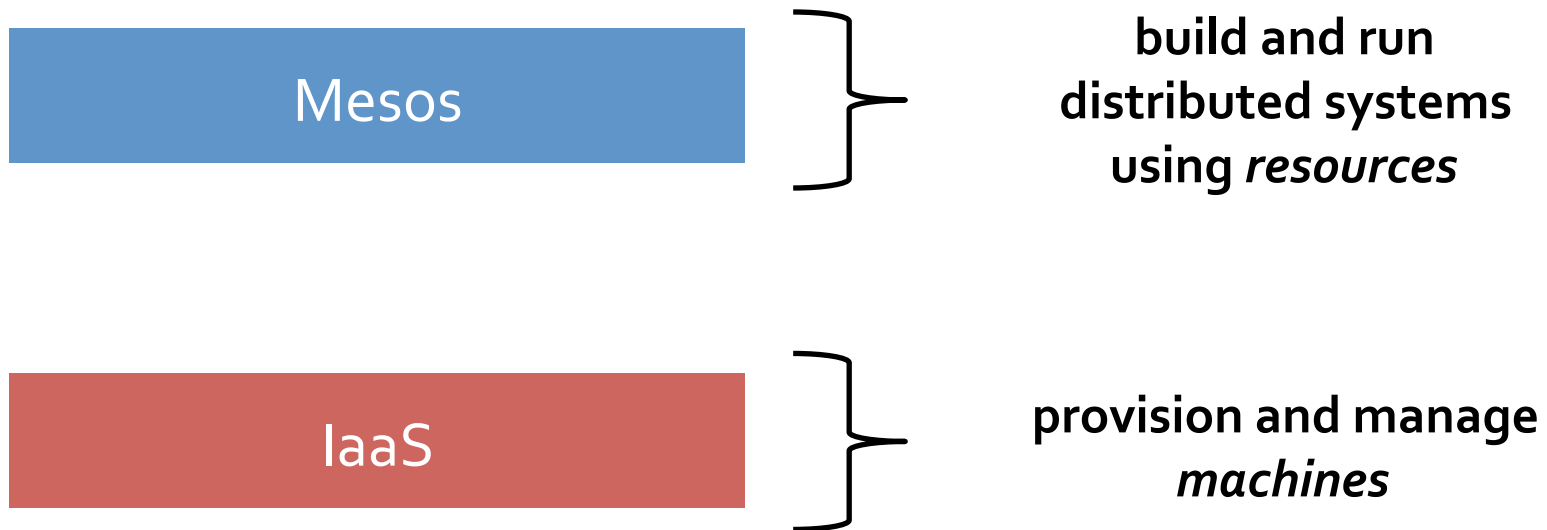
Mesos influenced by operating system supported *user-space scheduling* (and scheduler activations)

*Mesos is designed less like a “cluster manager” and more like an operating system kernel*

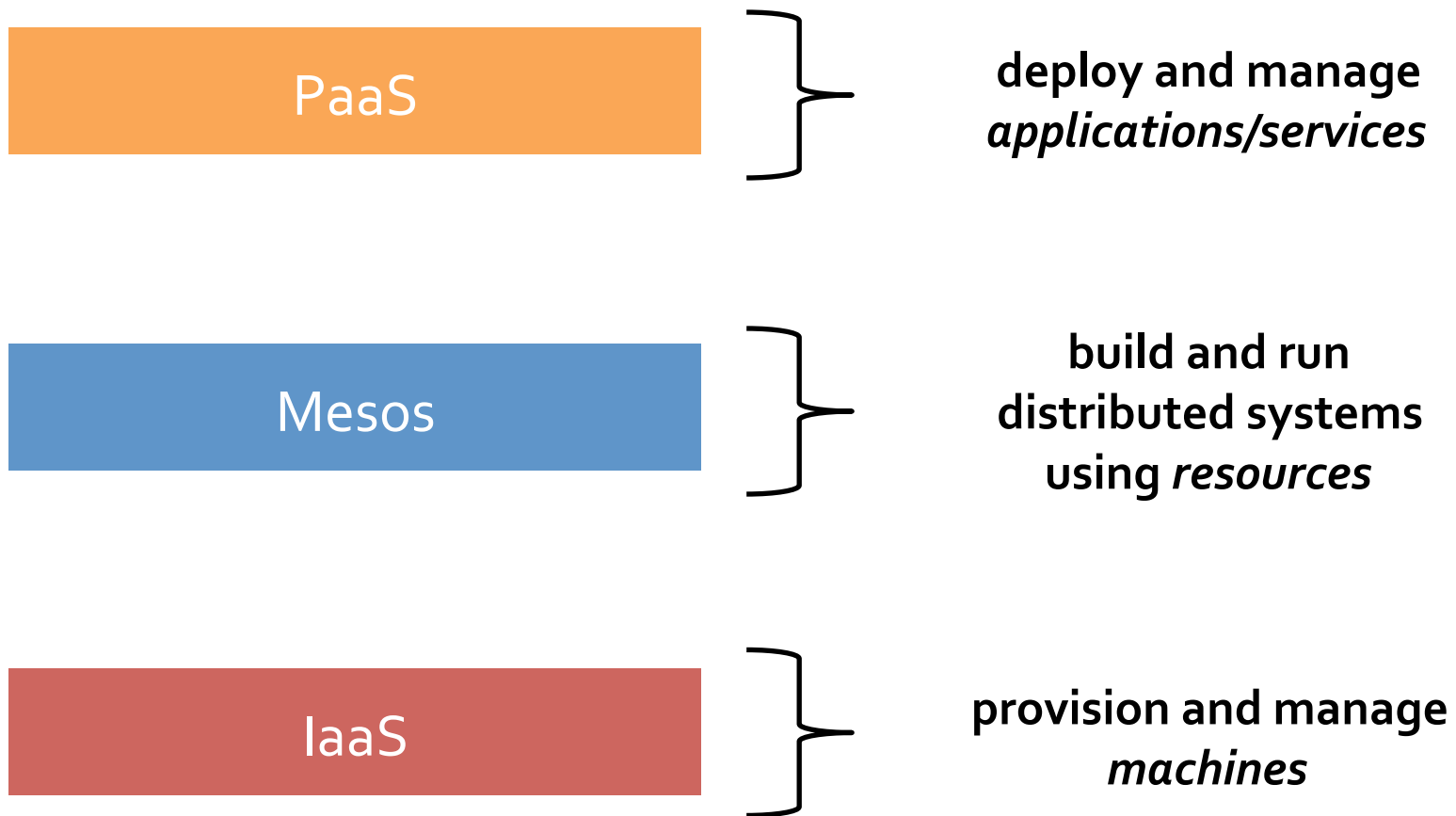
# Mesos: level of abstraction



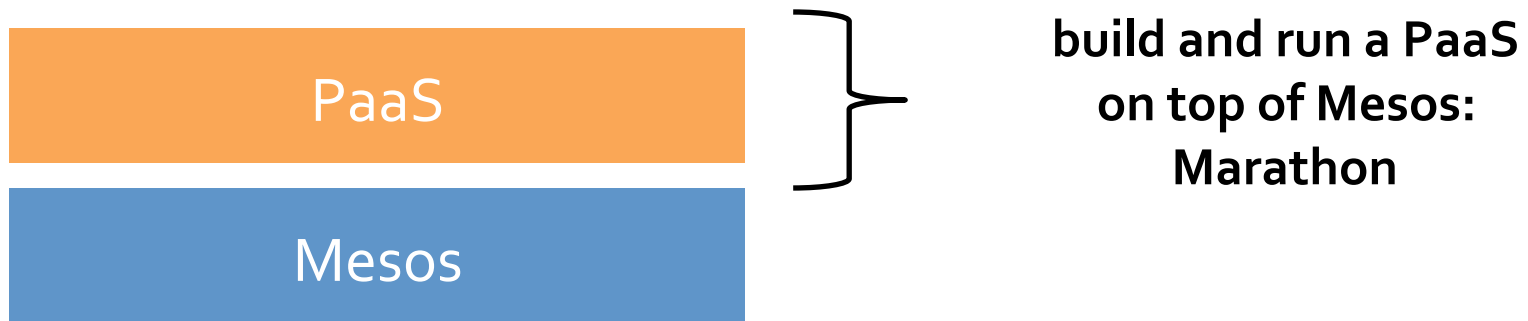
# Mesos: level of abstraction



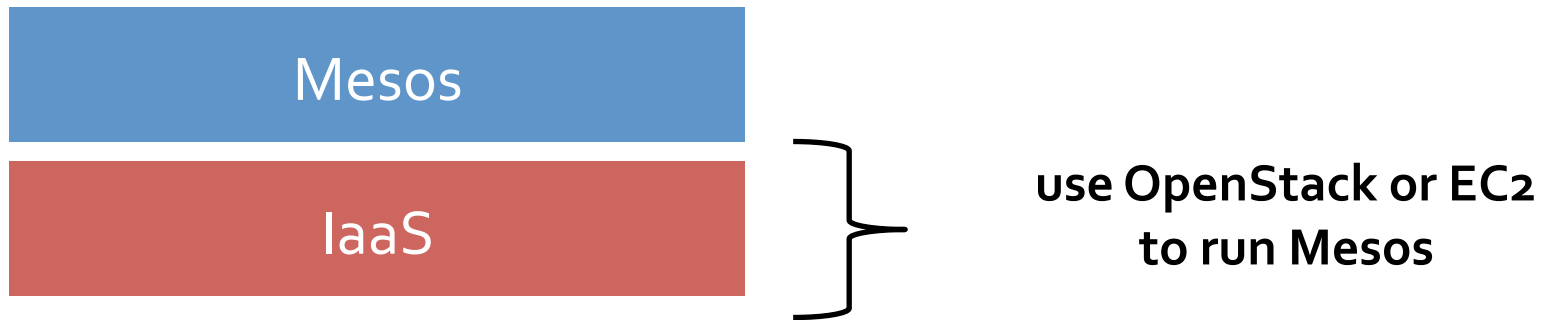
# Mesos: level of abstraction



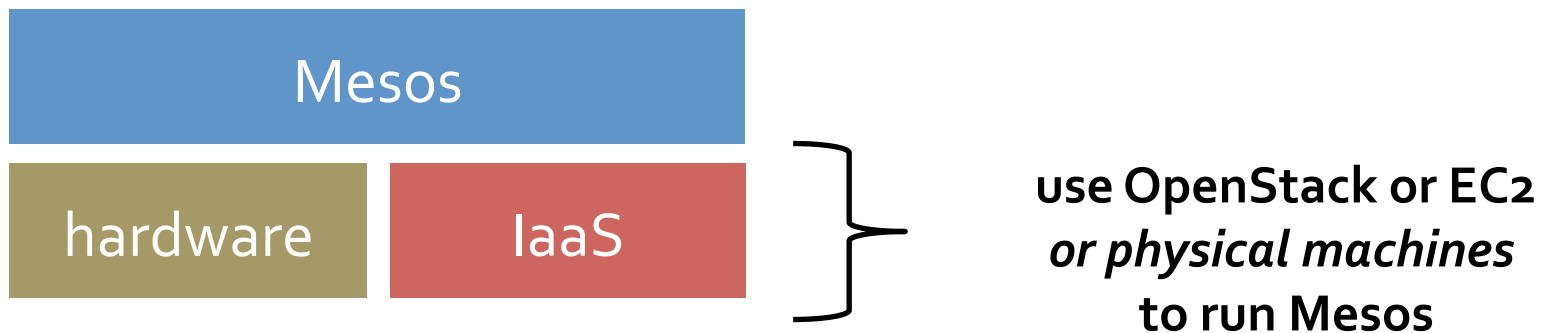
# PaaS on Mesos



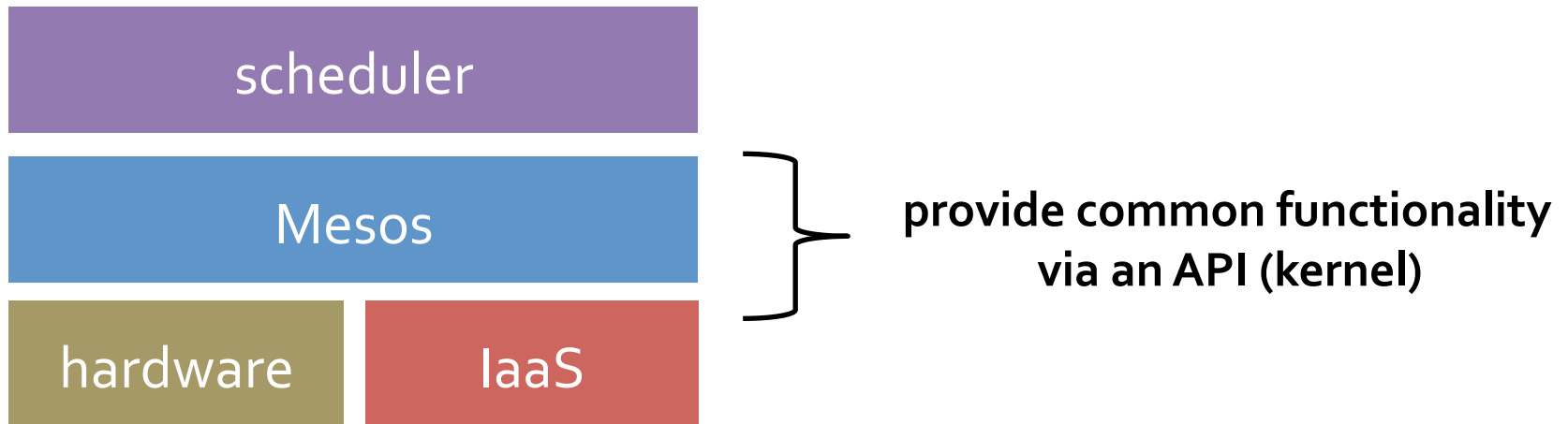
# Mesos on IaaS



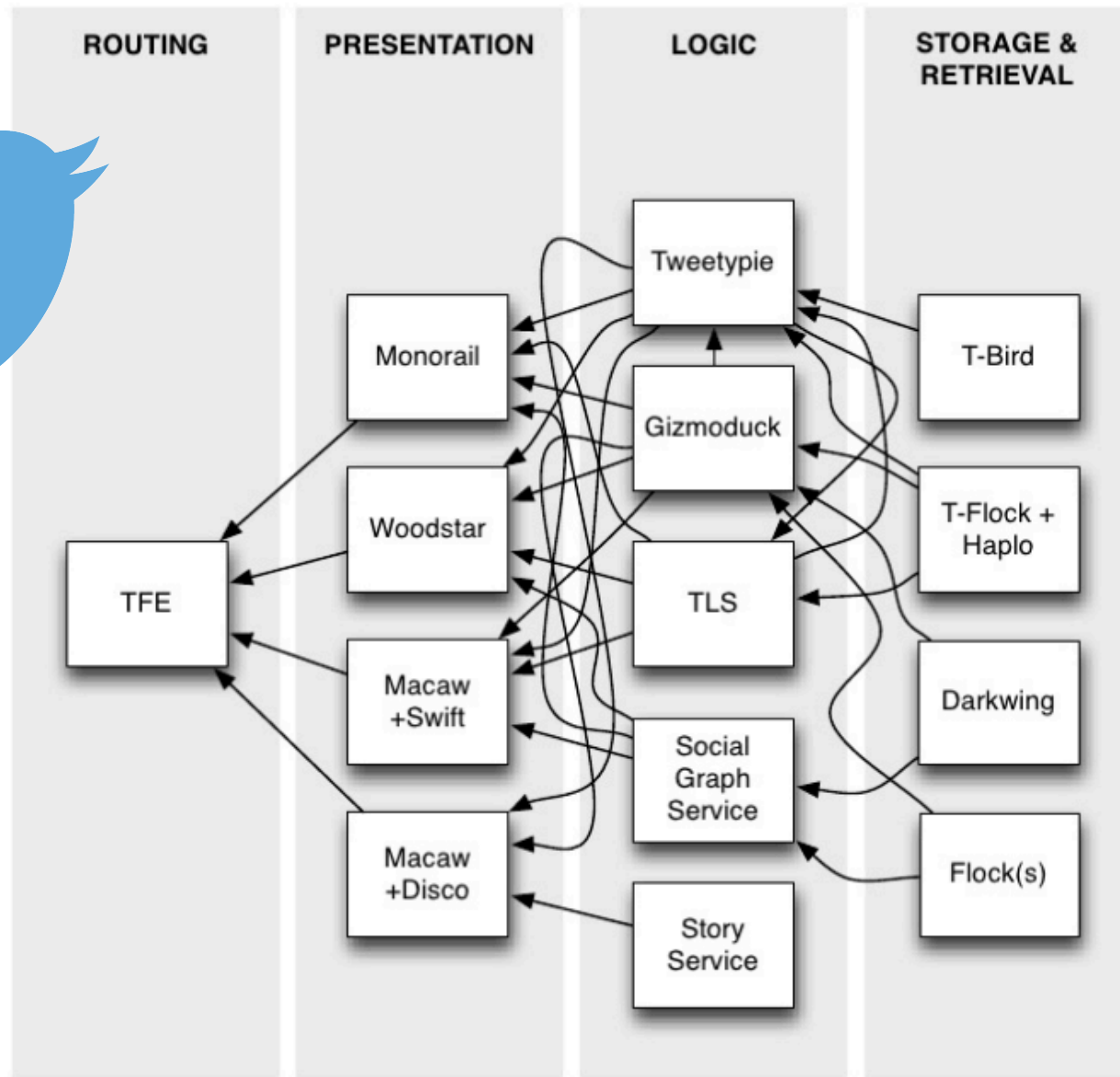
# Mesos on IaaS/bare metal

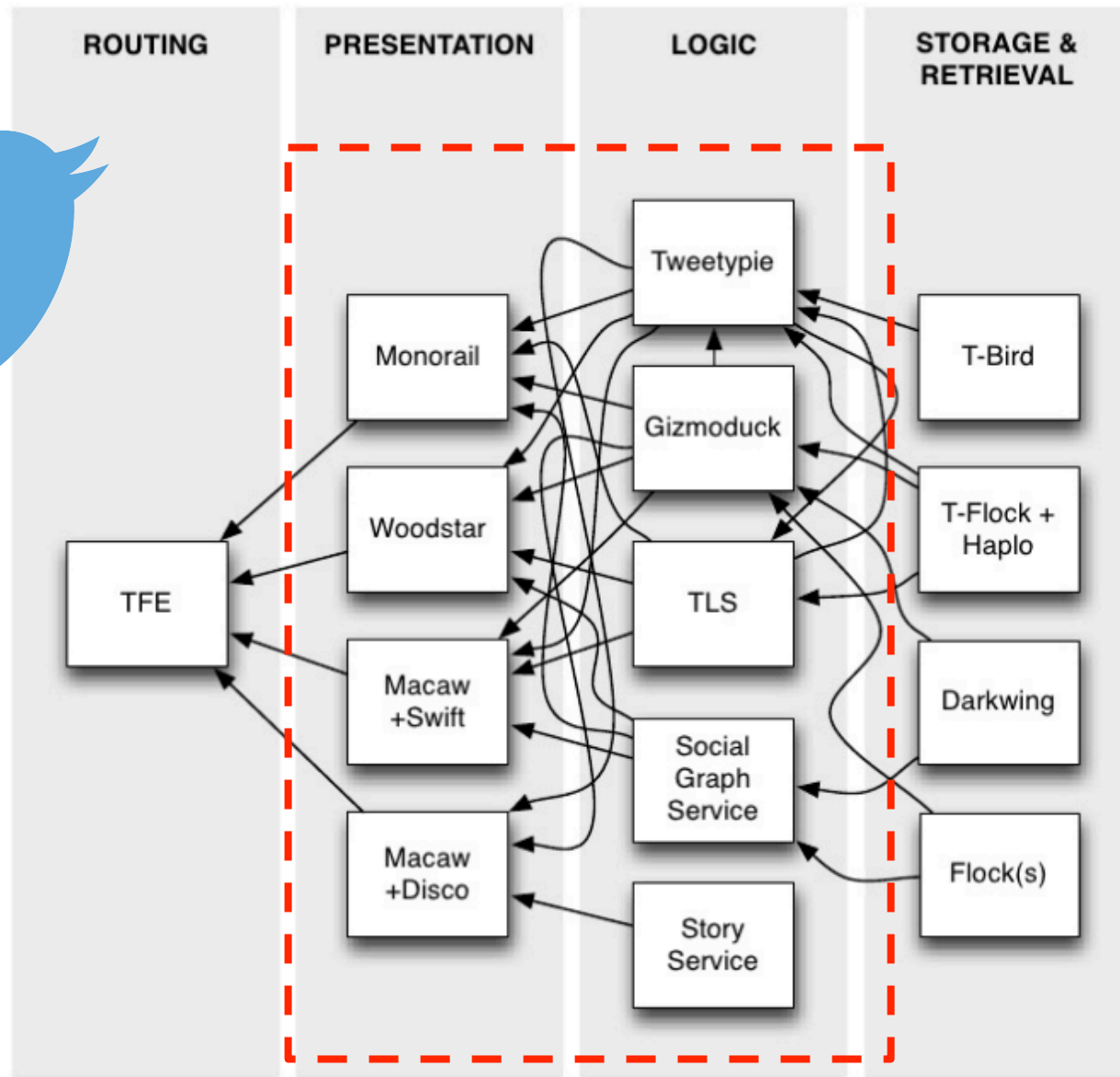


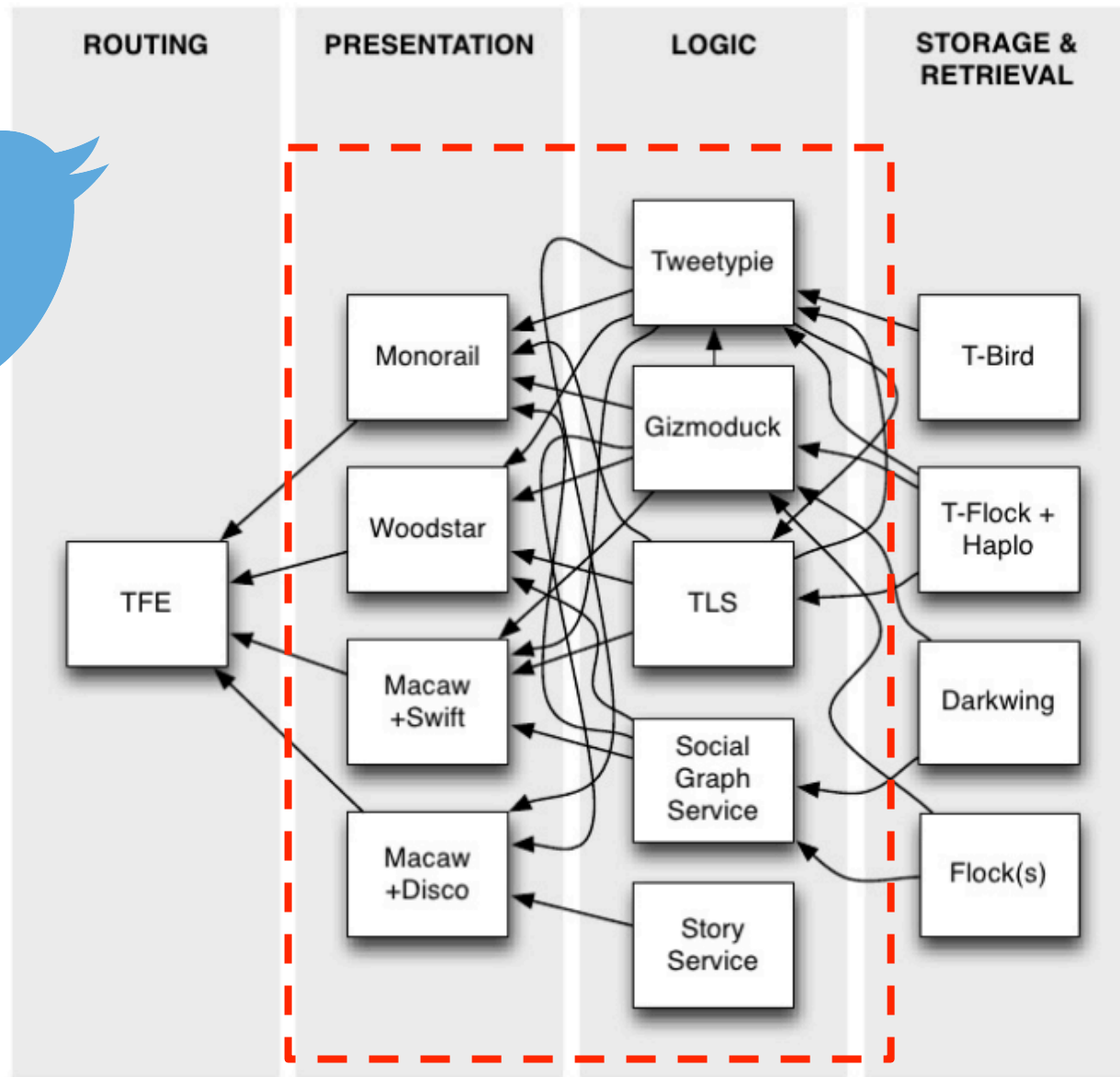
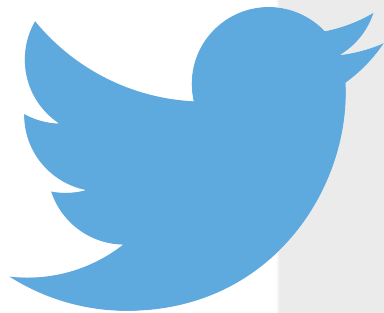
# Mesos: datacenter kernel



***but* how should we run  
datacenter applications?**







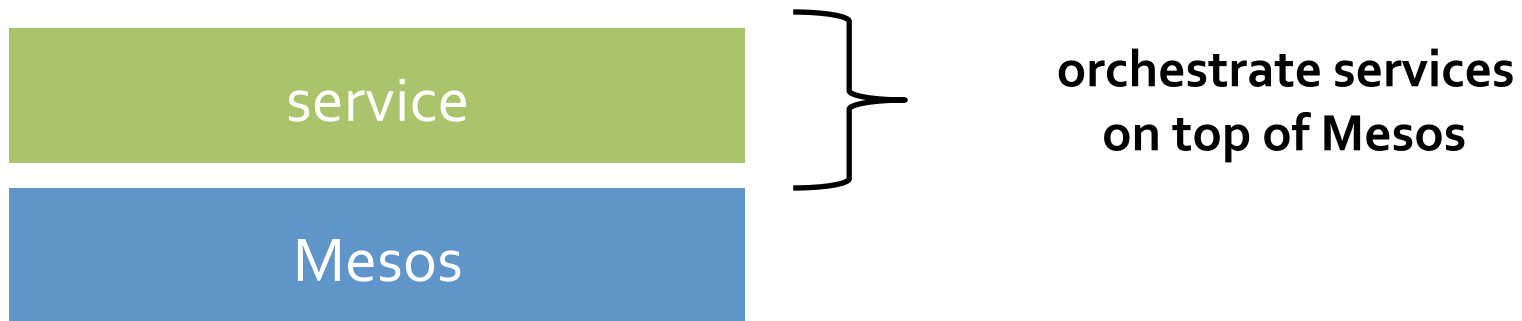
*stateless services!*

service

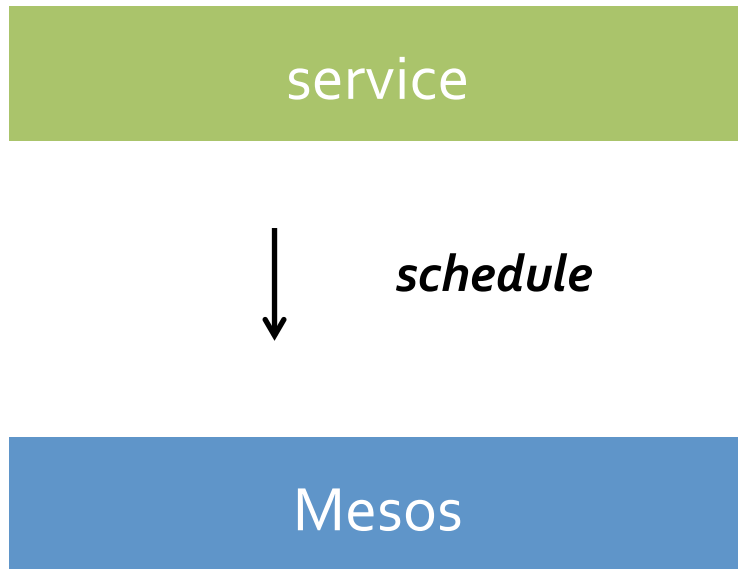
Mesos



# service scheduler (PaaS)



# orchestration vs scheduling



# orchestration vs scheduling



*orchestrate*

service



*schedule*

Mesos

# orchestration with Marathon

- ① configuration/package management



- ② deployment



- ③ service discovery

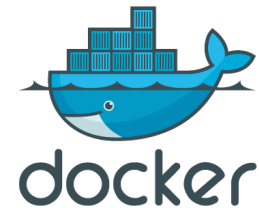


# configuration/package management



developers

(1) bundle services as jar, tar/gzip, or using Docker



(2) upload to HDFS (or use a Docker registry)



# deployment



developers

(1) describe services using JSON



(2) submit services to Marathon via REST

MARATHON/\_



MESOS



# example-docker.json



```
{
  "container": {
    "type": "DOCKER",
    "docker": {
      "image": "libmesos/ubuntu"
    },
    "volumes" : [
      {
        "containerPath": "/etc/a",
        "hostPath": "/var/data/a",
        "mode": "RO"
      },
      {
        "containerPath": "/etc/b",
        "hostPath": "/var/data/b",
        "mode": "RW"
      }
    ]
  },
  "id": "ubuntu",
  "instances": 1,
  "cpus": 0.5,
  "mem": 512,
  "cmd": "while sleep 10; do date -u +%T; done"
}
```

# service discovery

using Apache ZooKeeper and *server sets* ([github.com/twitter/commons](https://github.com/twitter/commons))



Apache ZooKeeper

# service discovery

using Apache ZooKeeper and *server sets* ([github.com/twitter/commons](https://github.com/twitter/commons))



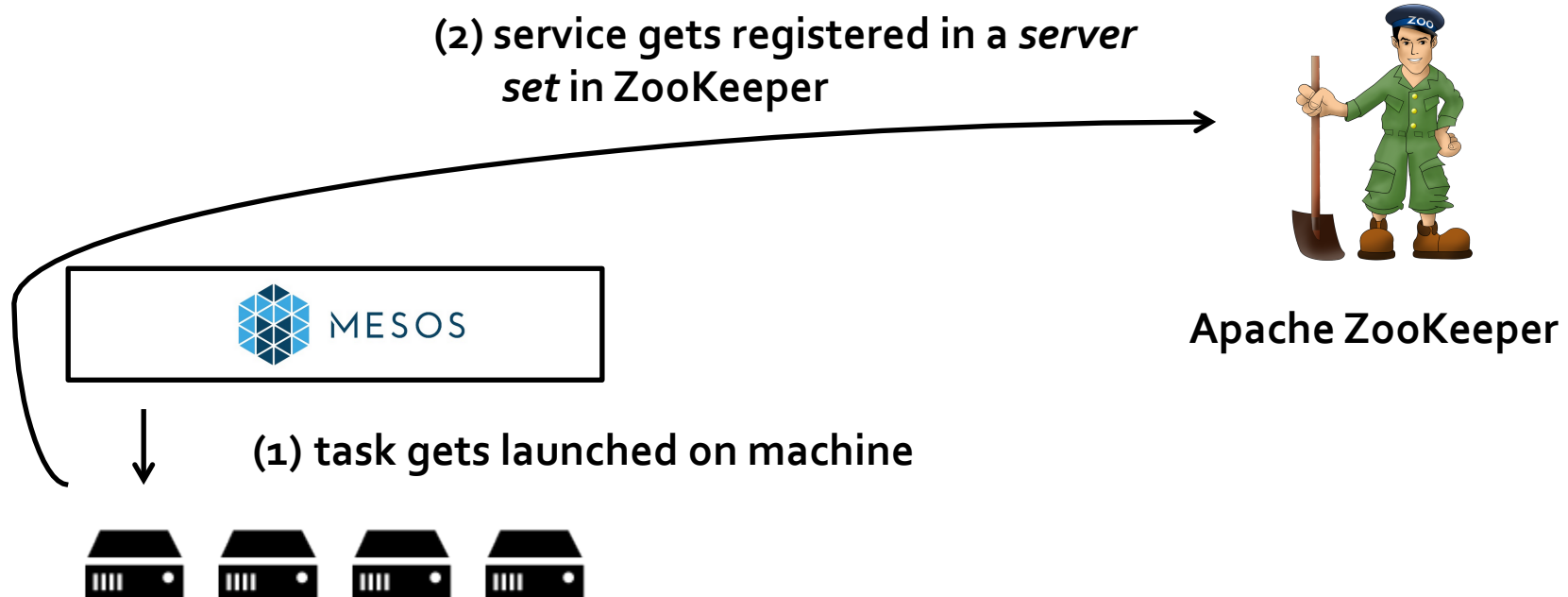
(1) task gets launched on machine



Apache ZooKeeper

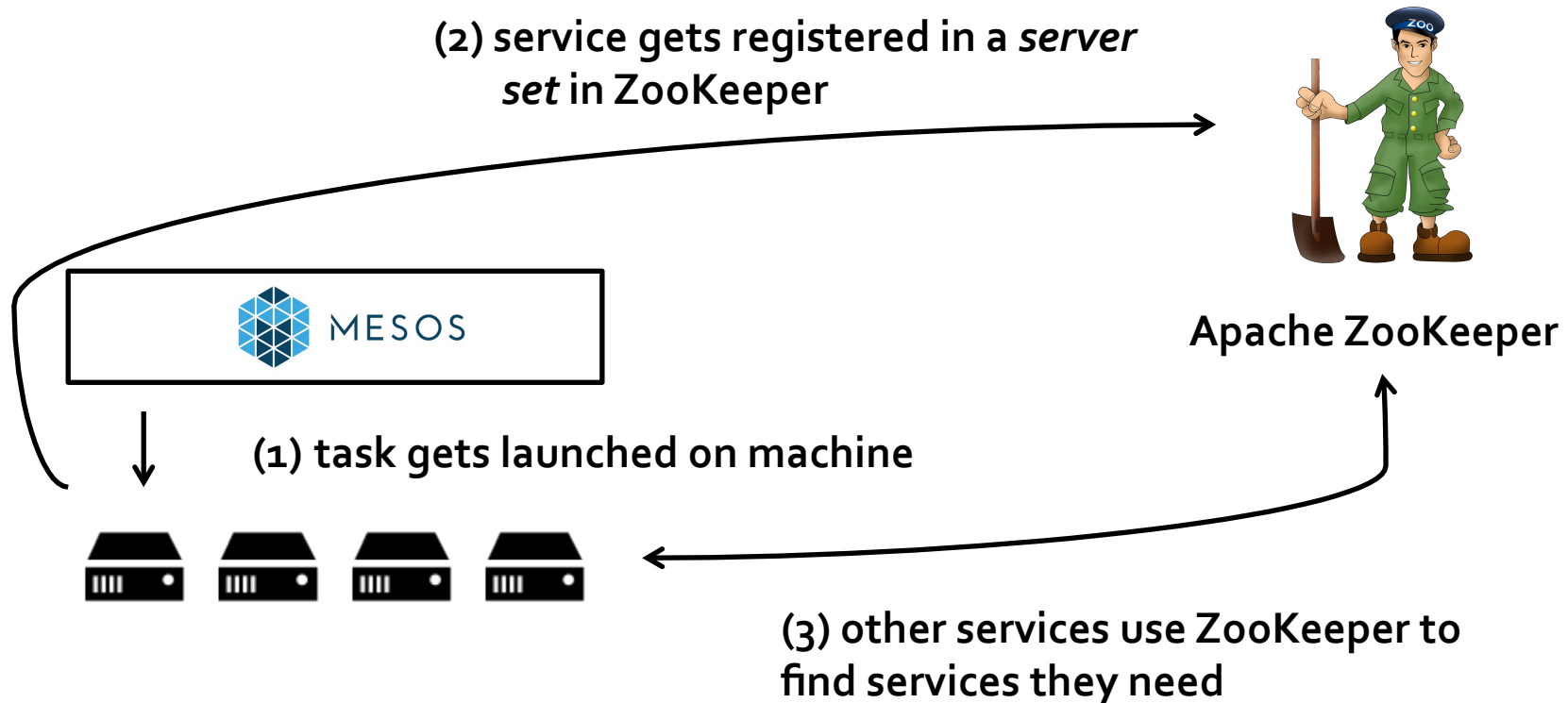
# service discovery

using Apache ZooKeeper and *server sets* ([github.com/twitter/commons](https://github.com/twitter/commons))



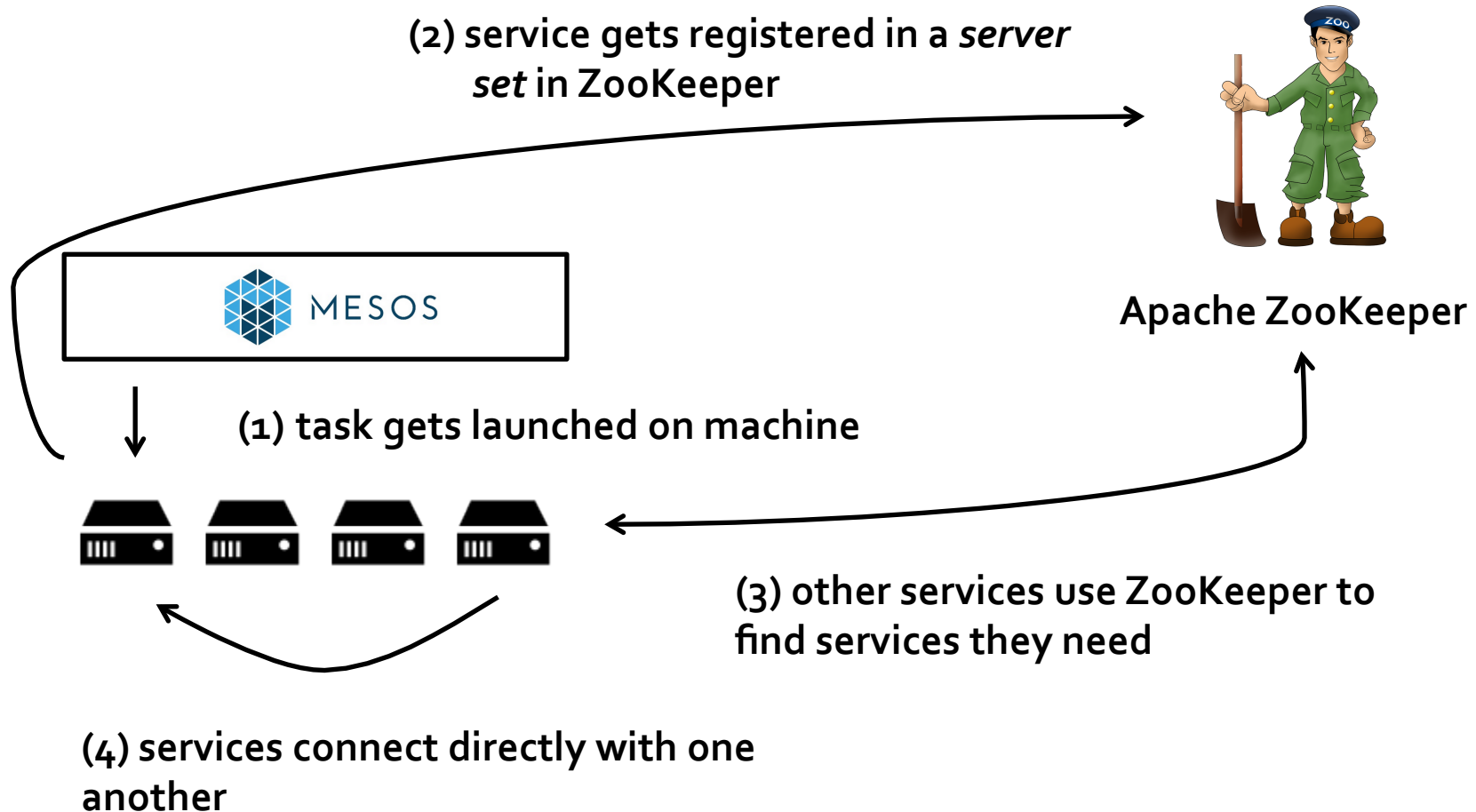
# service discovery

using Apache ZooKeeper and *server sets* ([github.com/twitter/commons](https://github.com/twitter/commons))



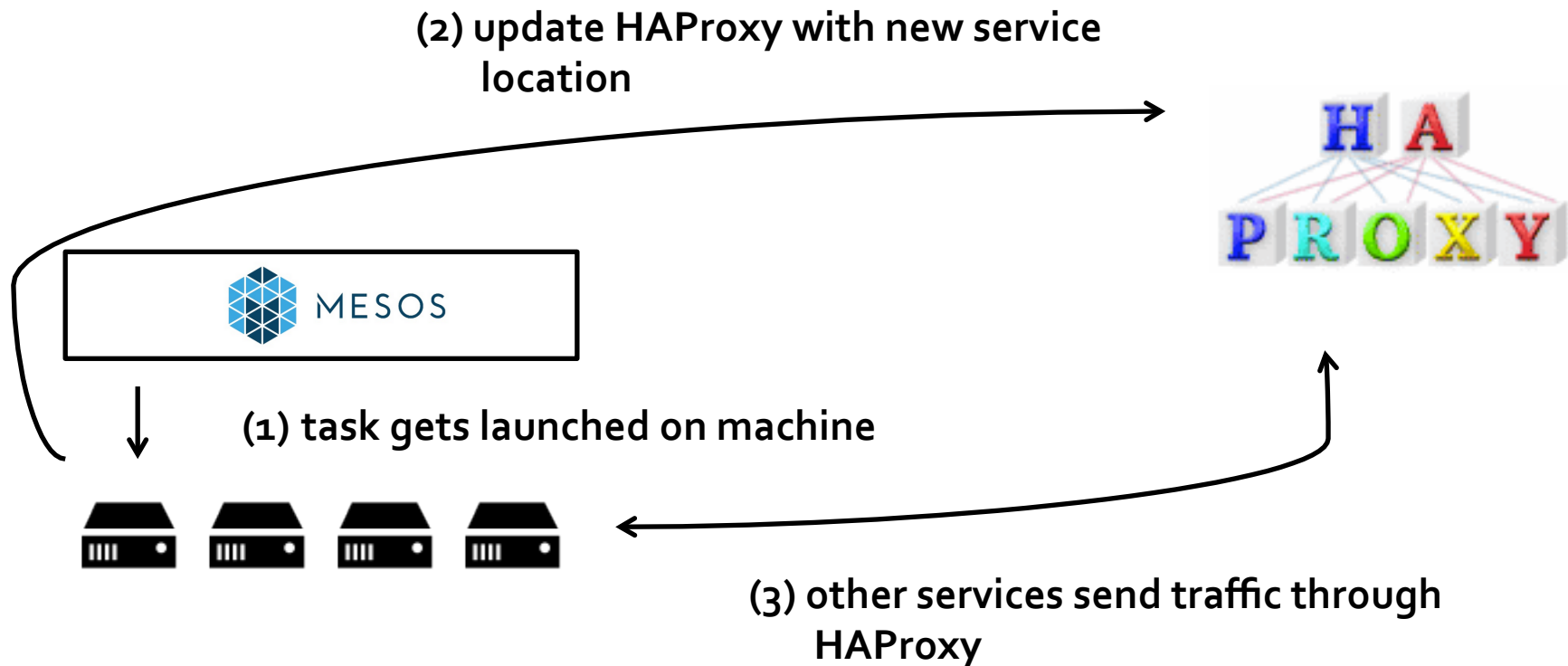
# service discovery

using Apache ZooKeeper and *server sets* ([github.com/twitter/commons](https://github.com/twitter/commons))



# service discovery alternative

ZooKeeper/server sets requires injecting code into your clients!

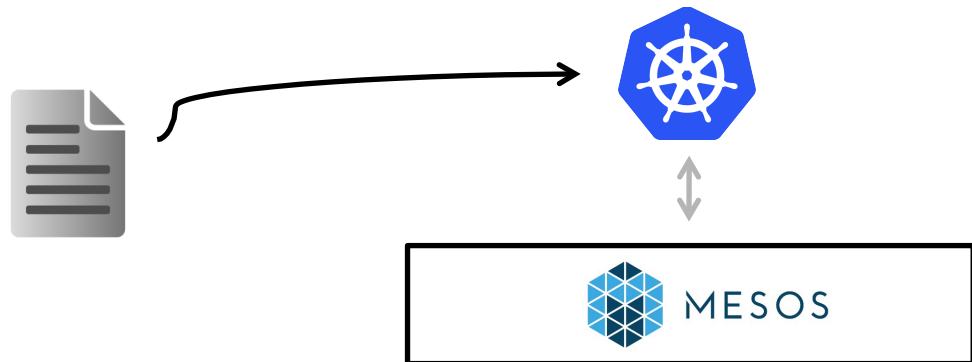


# orchestration w/ Kubernetes (on Mesos)

- ① configuration/package management



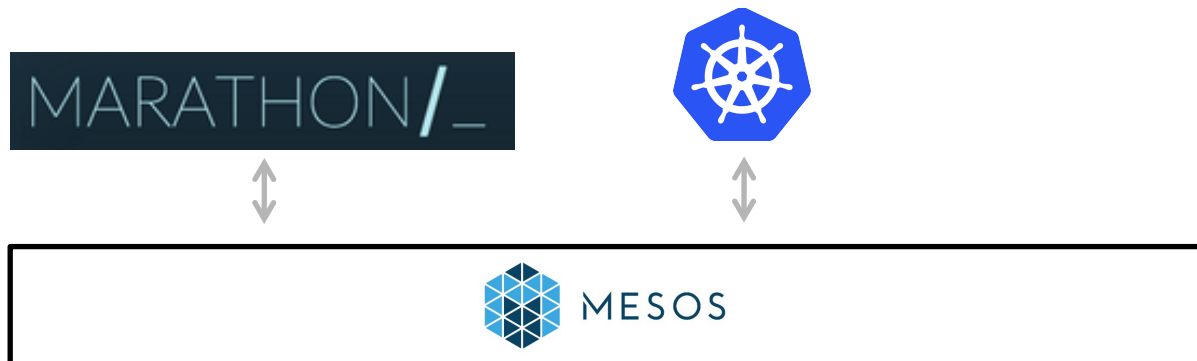
- ② deployment



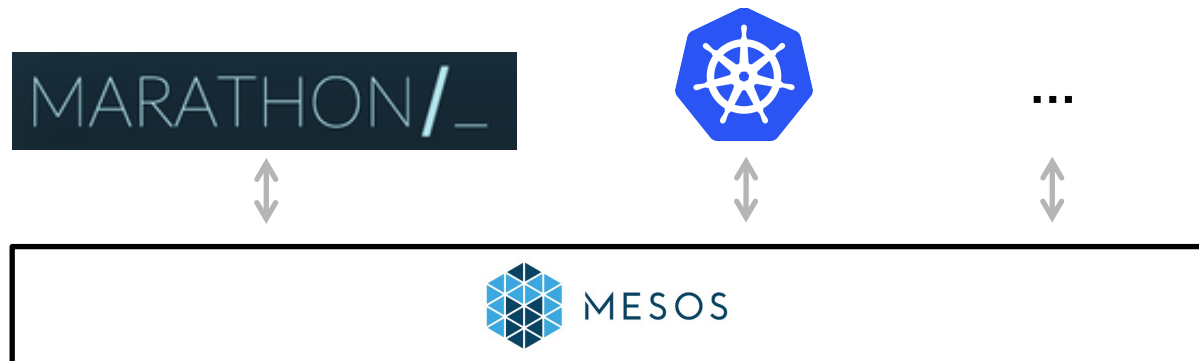
- ③ service discovery



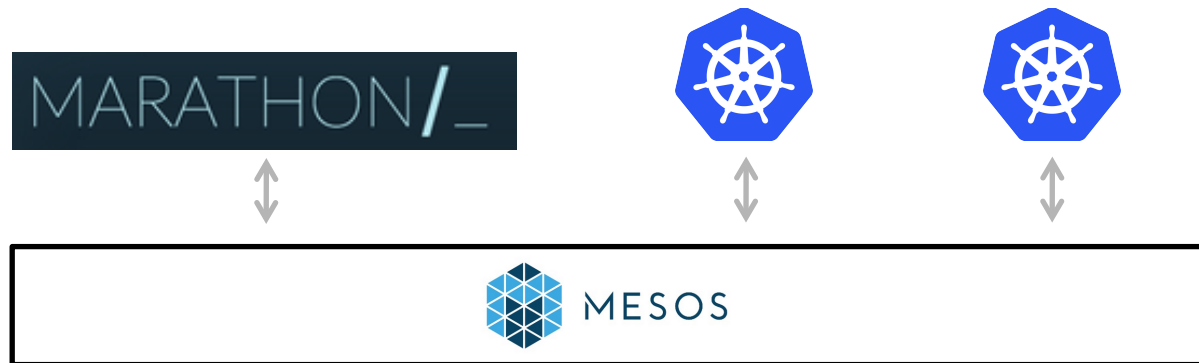
# multiple schedulers!



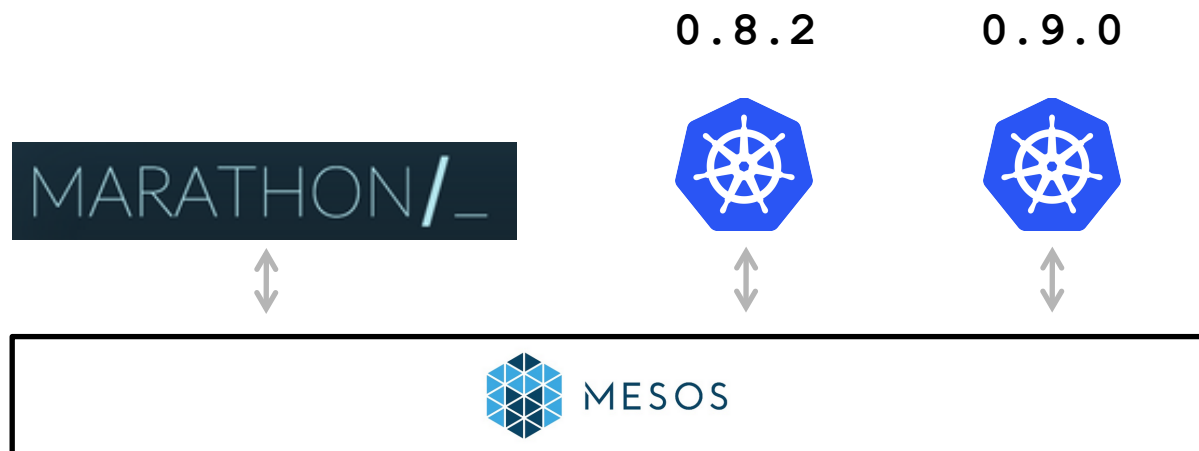
# multiple schedulers!



# multiple schedulers!



# multiple schedulers!



# agenda

- ① what are datacenter applications?
- ② how should we run datacenter applications?
- ③ how should we program datacenter applications?

# distributed systems: dev

- leader election
- state management (working set)
- task management (launch, isolate, kill, etc)
- machine management (monitoring)
- ...

# distributed systems: ops

- what to do if task/machine fails?
- what happens when more resources/tasks are needed? does everything scale proportionally? should tasks take on different or more specialized functions/roles?

# distributed systems: ops

- *what to do if task/machine fails?*
- what happens when more resources/tasks are needed? does everything scale proportionally? should tasks take on different or more specialized functions/roles?

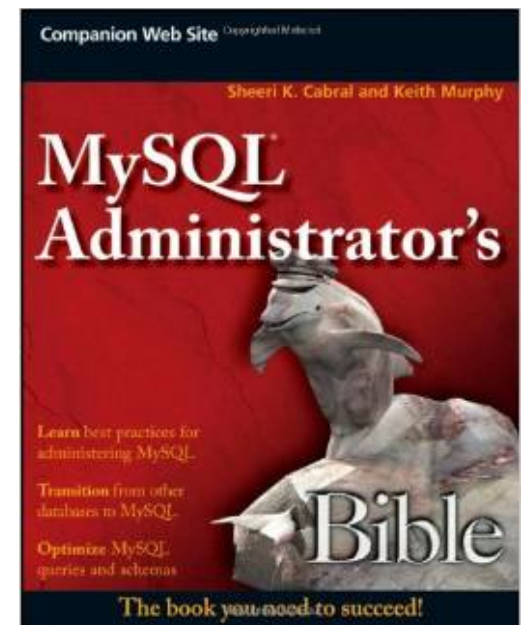
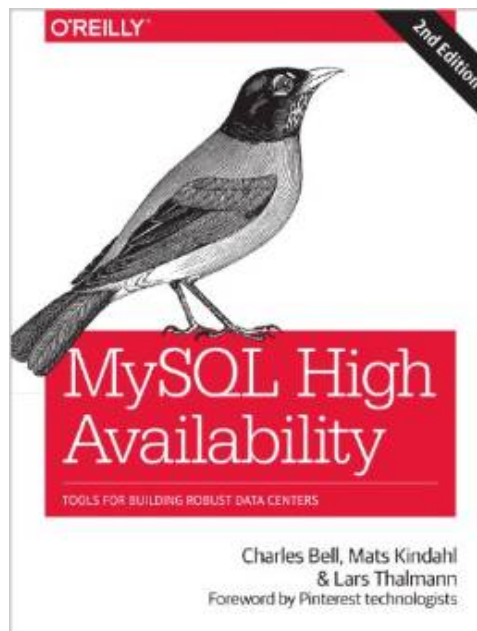
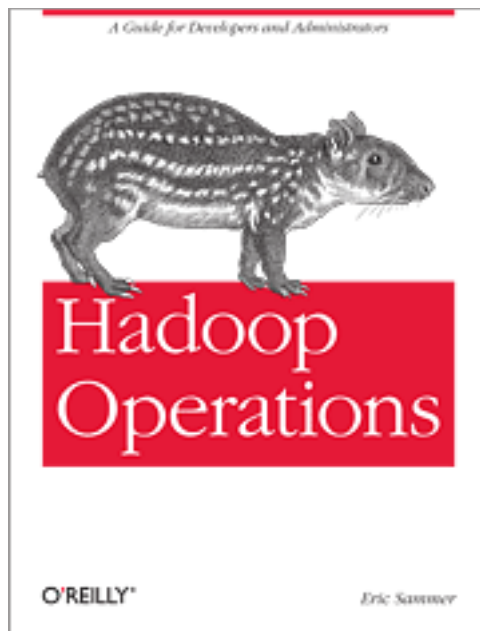
# distributed systems: dev

everybody keeps reinventing  
the wheel



# distributed systems: ops

UX of operating distributed systems is horrible



**① why does each  
distributed system  
have to implement the  
same things?**

**② why can't we build  
distributed systems  
that incorporate and  
automate operations?**

**thesis: we need a common  
abstraction layer upon  
which all distributed  
systems can be built and ...**

**we need to build  
distributed systems with  
*schedulers*  
(on top of said common  
abstraction layer)**

**Apache Mesos is a**  
**distributed system**  
**for running and building**  
**other distributed systems**

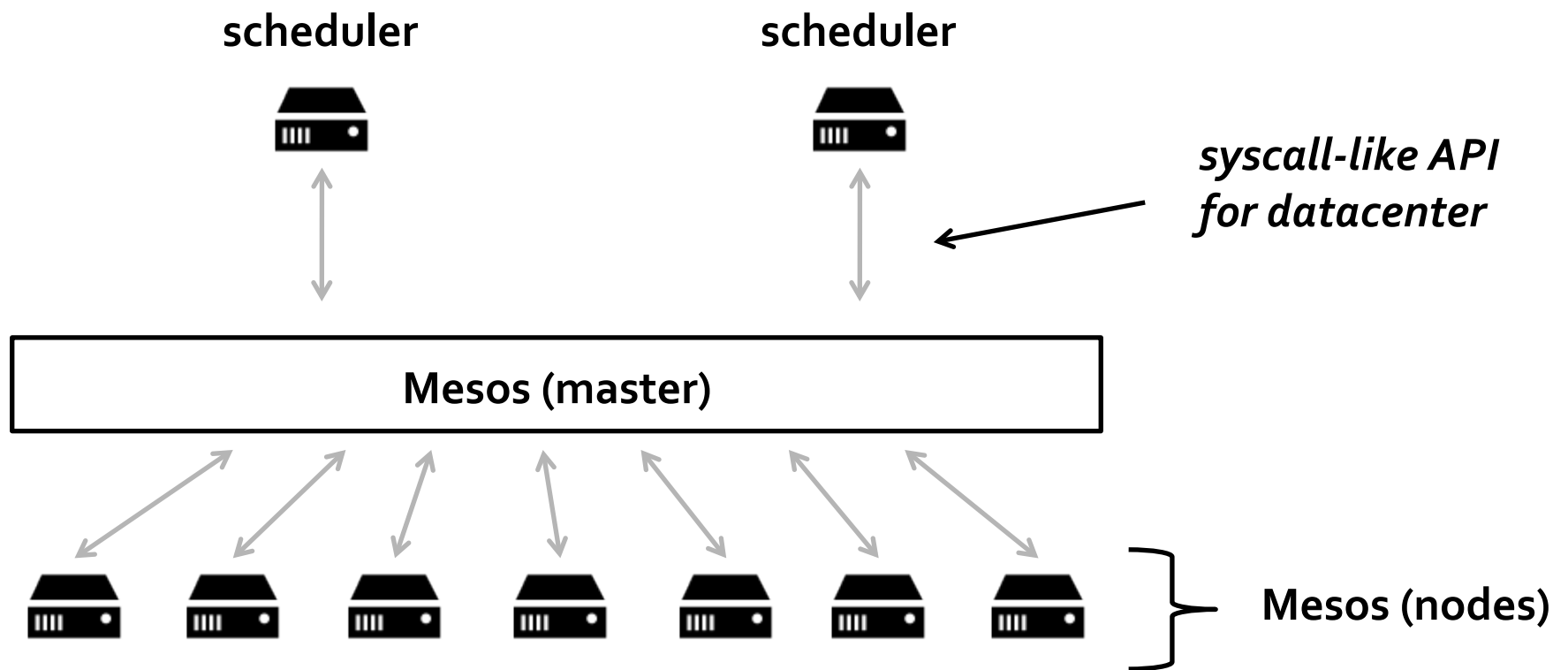
# Apache Mesos: distributed systems kernel



# Apache Mesos: datacenter kernel



# Mesos: datacenter kernel



# Mesos: datacenter kernel

+ provide common functionality every new distributed system *re-implements*

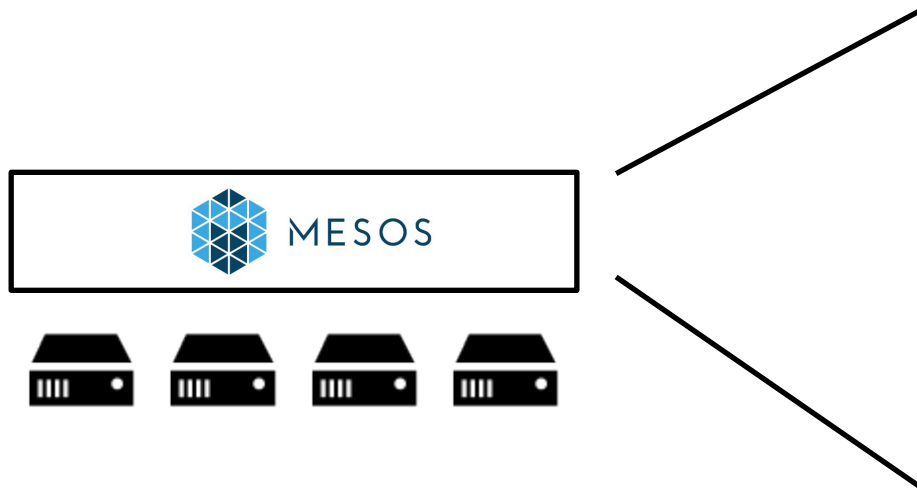
# Mesos: datacenter kernel

- + enable running multiple distributed systems on the same cluster of machines and dynamically share the resources more efficiently!

# build against Mesos:

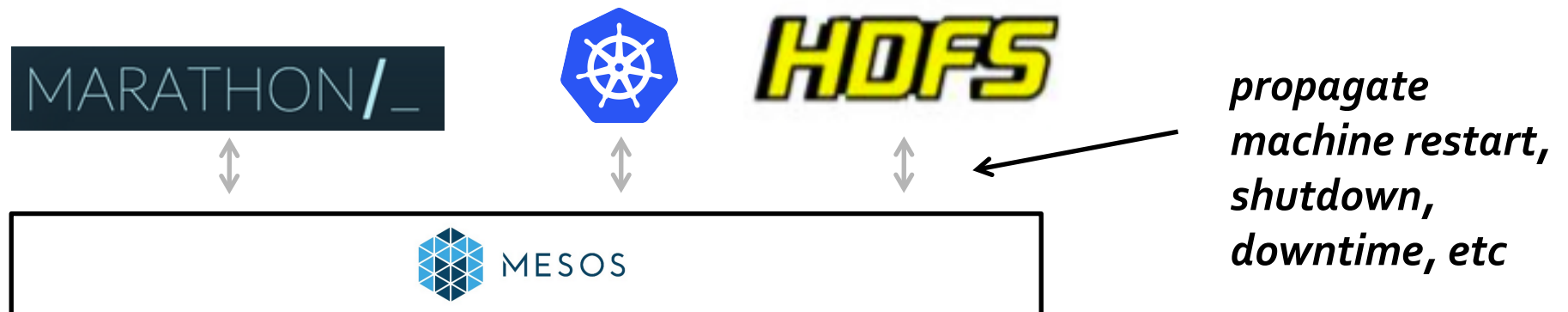
- ① abstract cloud, i.e., “hardware”
- ② leverage primitives to implement/automate failures, maintenance, etc.

# Mesos primitives



- principals, users, roles
- advanced fair-sharing allocation algorithms
- high-availability (even during upgrades)
- resource monitoring
- preemption/revocation
- volume management
- reservations (dynamic/static)
- ...

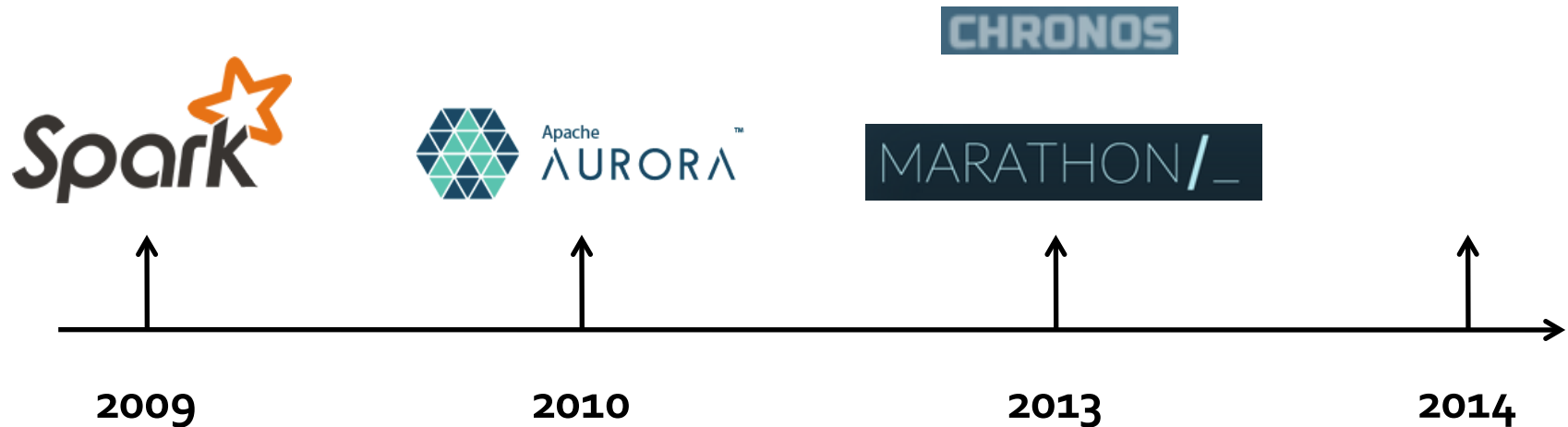
# maintenance via primitives



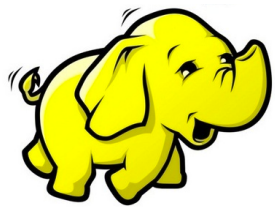
**there is a lot of stuff in a  
kernel**

**there is a lot of stuff in a  
datacenter kernel**

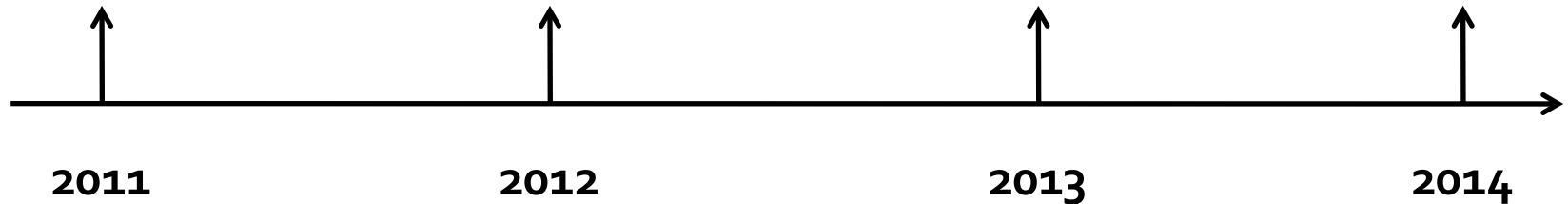
# built on Mesos:



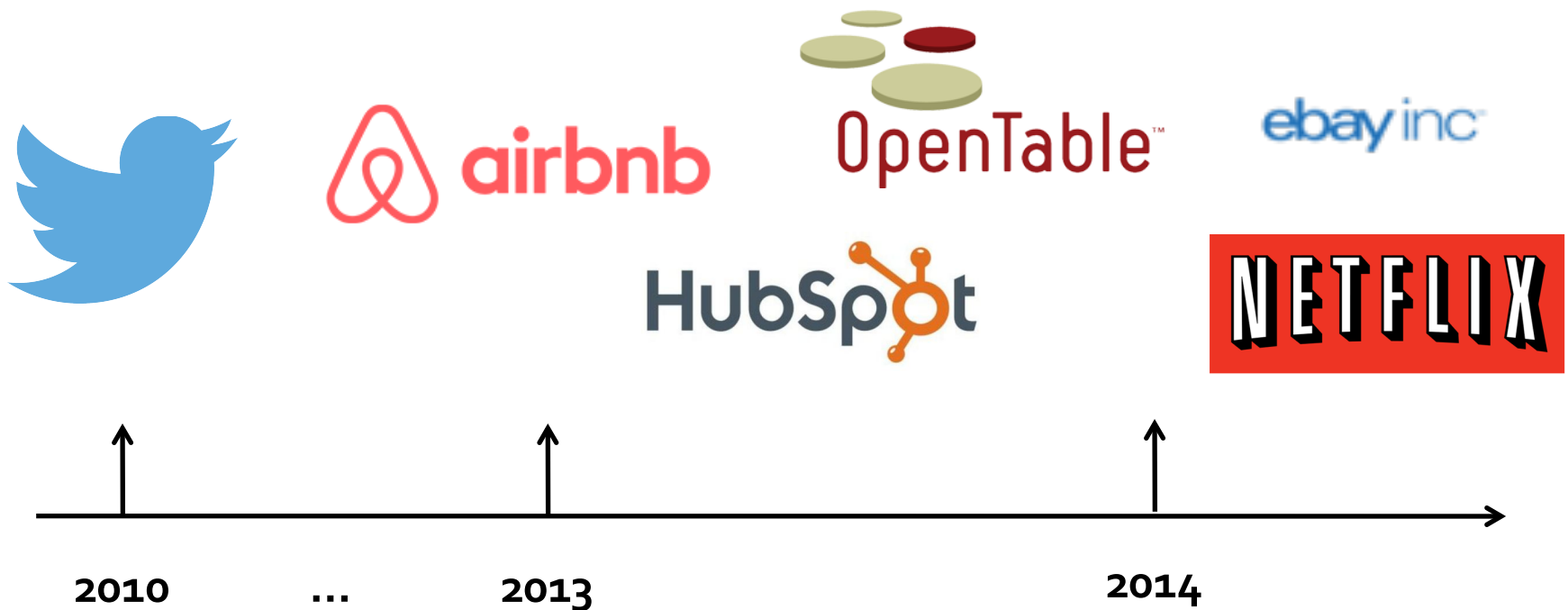
# ported to Mesos:



***HDFS***

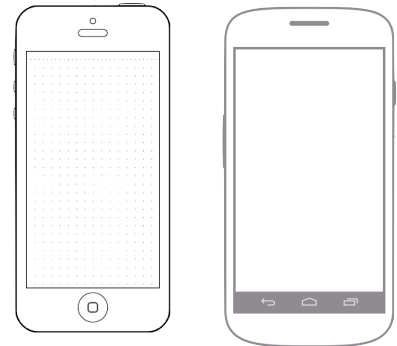
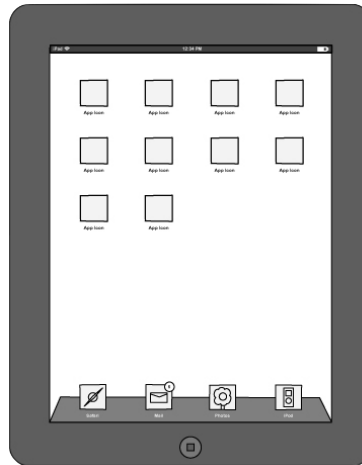
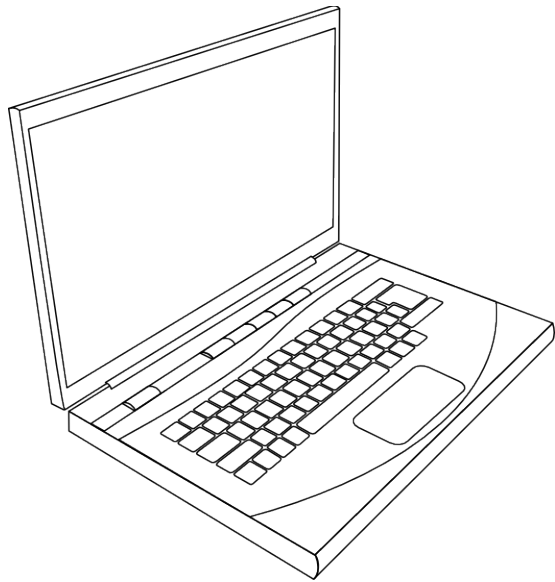


# some of our adopters ...



**conclusion**

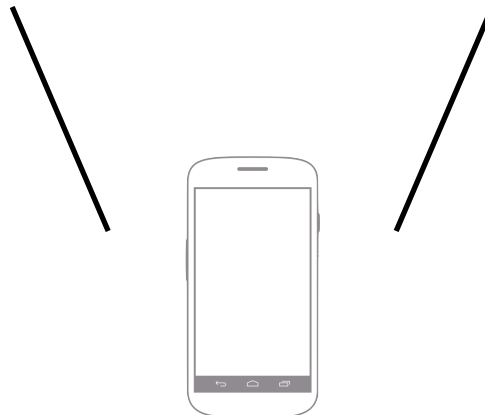
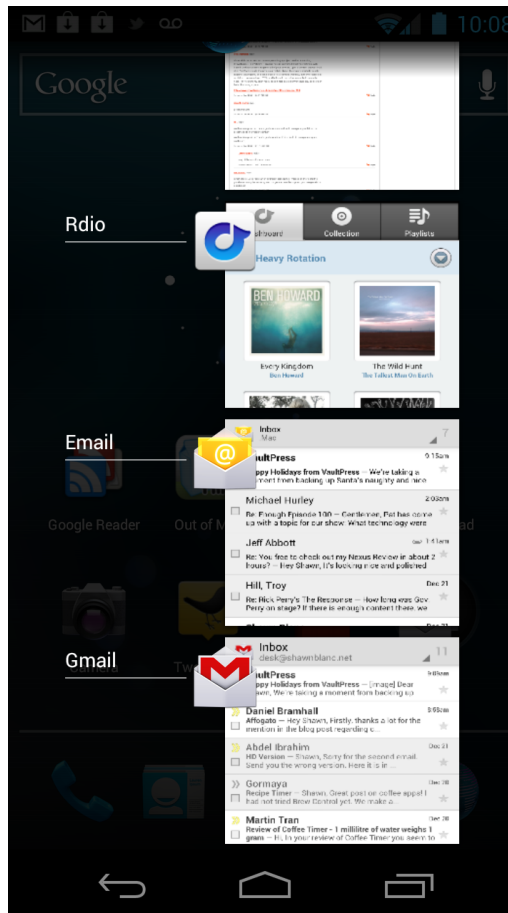
# the datacenter is just another form factor



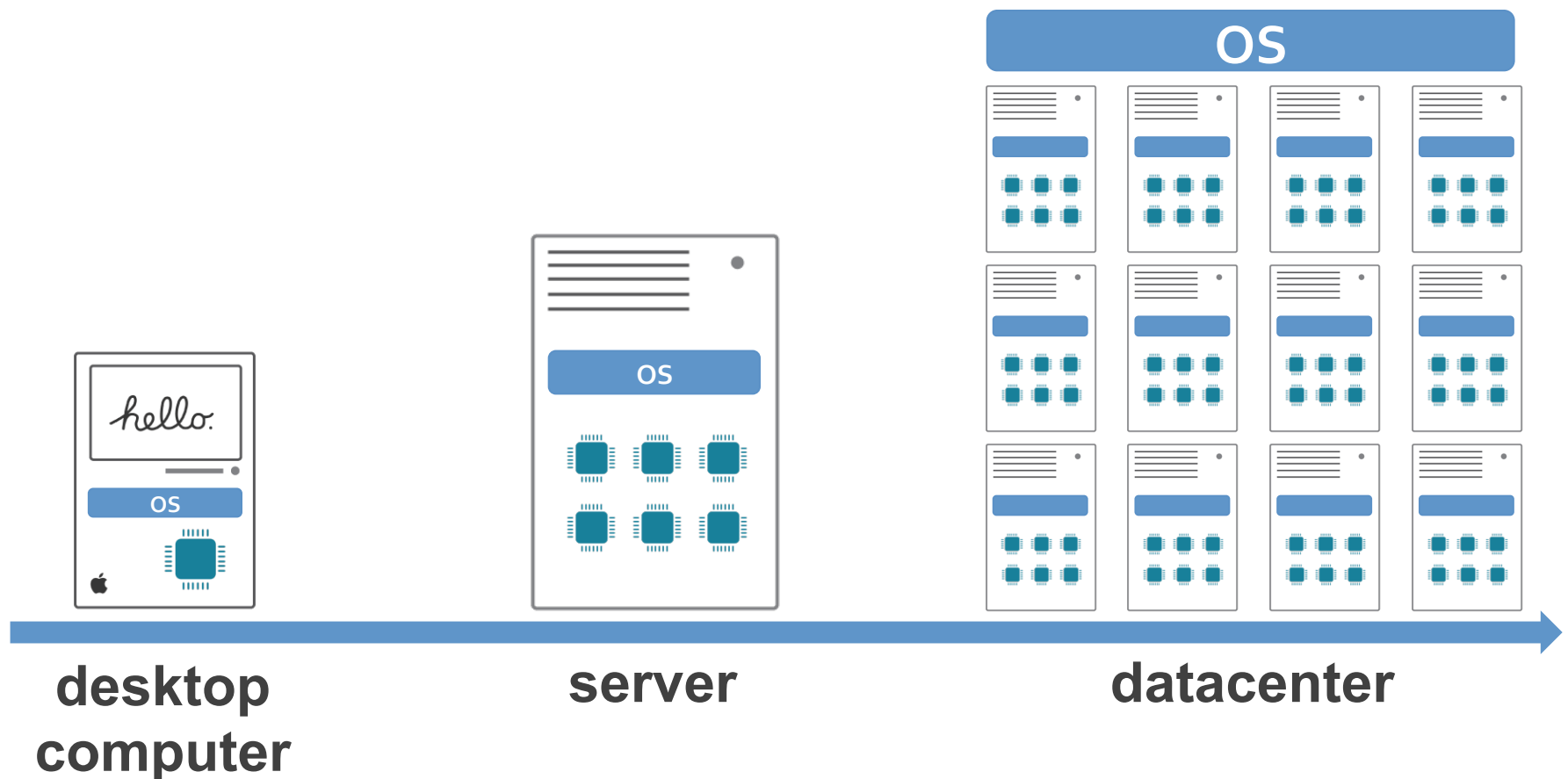
**the datacenter  
is just another form factor**



**why can't we run  
applications on our  
datacenters just like we  
run applications on our  
mobile phones?**



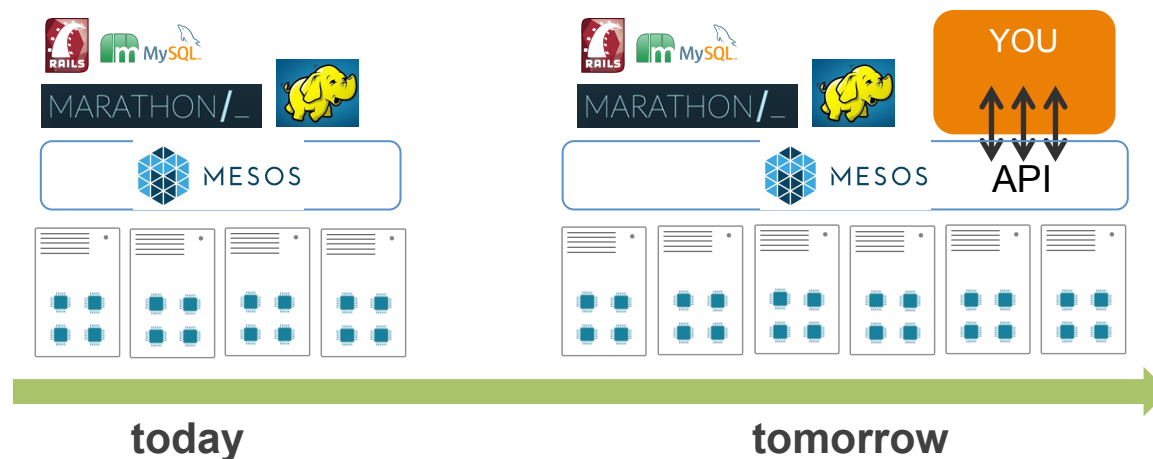
# the datacenter computer needs an operating system



# Mesos: datacenter kernel

provides common functionality every new distributed system *re-implements*:

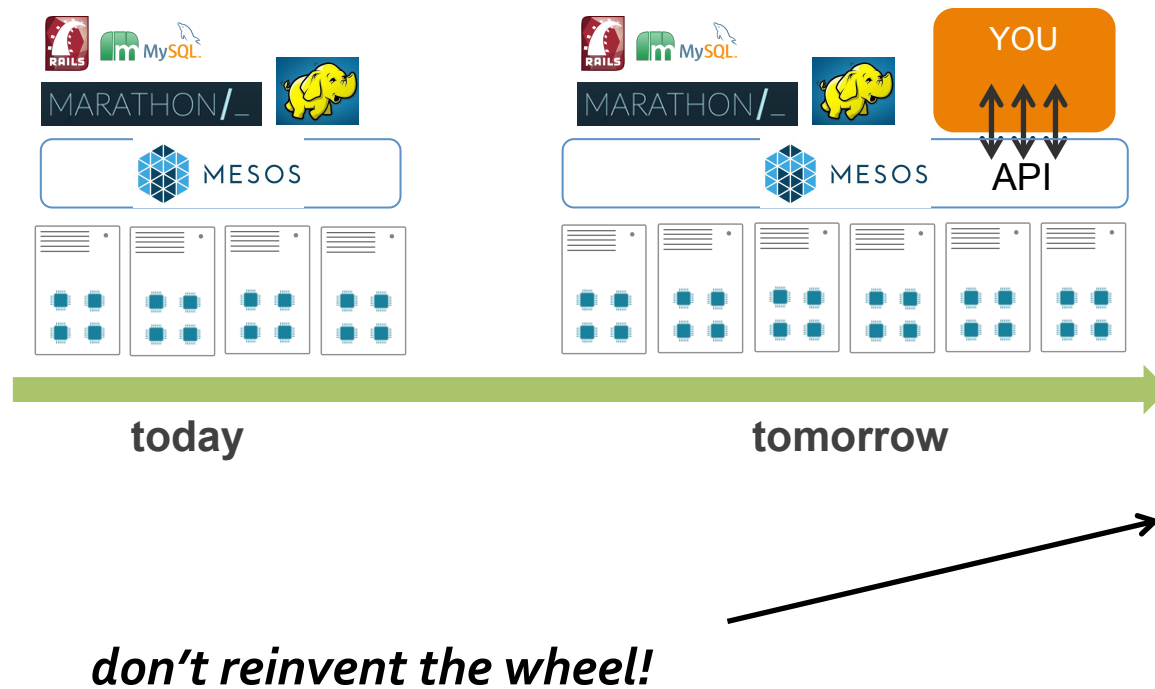
- failure detection
- package distribution
- task starting
- resource isolation
- resource monitoring
- task killing, cleanup
- ...



# Mesos: datacenter kernel

provides common functionality every new distributed system *re-implements*:

- failure detection
- package distribution
- task starting
- resource isolation
- resource monitoring
- task killing, cleanup
- ...



*don't reinvent the wheel!*

# Mesosphere DCOS

## Frameworks

Marathon

Chronos

...

**DCOS CLI**

**DCOS GUI**

**Repository**

**Kernel**

Mesos

**Modules**

mesos-dns

# Airbnb's Chronos

Chronos, a scheduler for running  
*cron jobs with dependencies* →



# Airbnb's Chronos

Chronos, a scheduler for running *cron jobs with dependencies* →



*cron for the datacenter operating system*

# Mesosphere's Marathon

Marathon, a scheduler for running *stateless services* written in any language



# Mesosphere's Marathon

Marathon, a scheduler for running *stateless services* written in any language



*init* for the datacenter operating system

# Q&A

[mesos.apache.org](https://mesos.apache.org)

@ApacheMesos



[mesosphere.com](https://mesosphere.com)

@mesosphere

