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Drive predictability through Software Design



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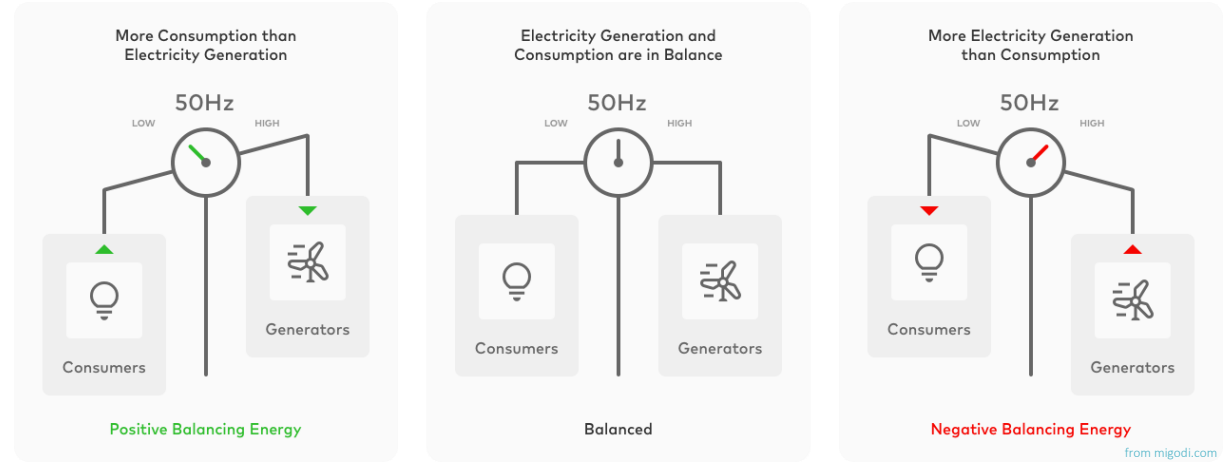


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# Context: Grid Balancing and Energy Trading



## Balancing the Grid

Transmission System Operators (TSOs) and Balance Responsible Partners have the critical task of maintaining balance in the power grid. This means balancing supply and demand every second of every day. Measured in Hertz (50hz in Europe), maintaining balance is crucial as significant deviations can lead to power outages and resulting damages to society and infrastructure

- Be Resilient, Reliability, High Availability, No Data Loss
- Security
- Deploy in any Public Cloud and on Prem Data Centres
- Granular Deployments
- .....

# Long Term Development



- 10 to 18 months to release the 1<sup>st</sup> version in Prod
  - > 3 years of actively development to “feature complete”
- ❖ invest in foundation vs deliver features
  - ❖ team volatility & team scale-up
  - ❖ adapt to changes in external systems APIs



# Team Scaleup + Volatility



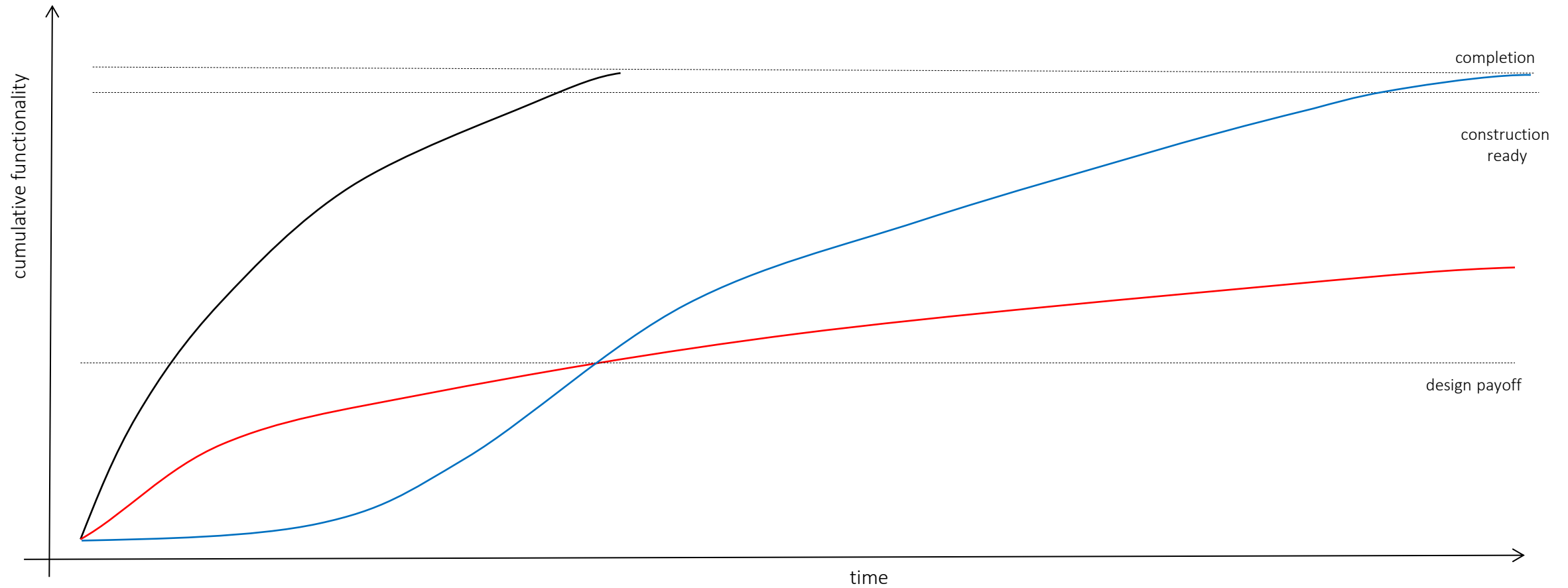
## ❖ Scale up the Team

- grow from ~2 – 3 developers to 12+

## ❖ Team Volatility

- people leaving and joining the team

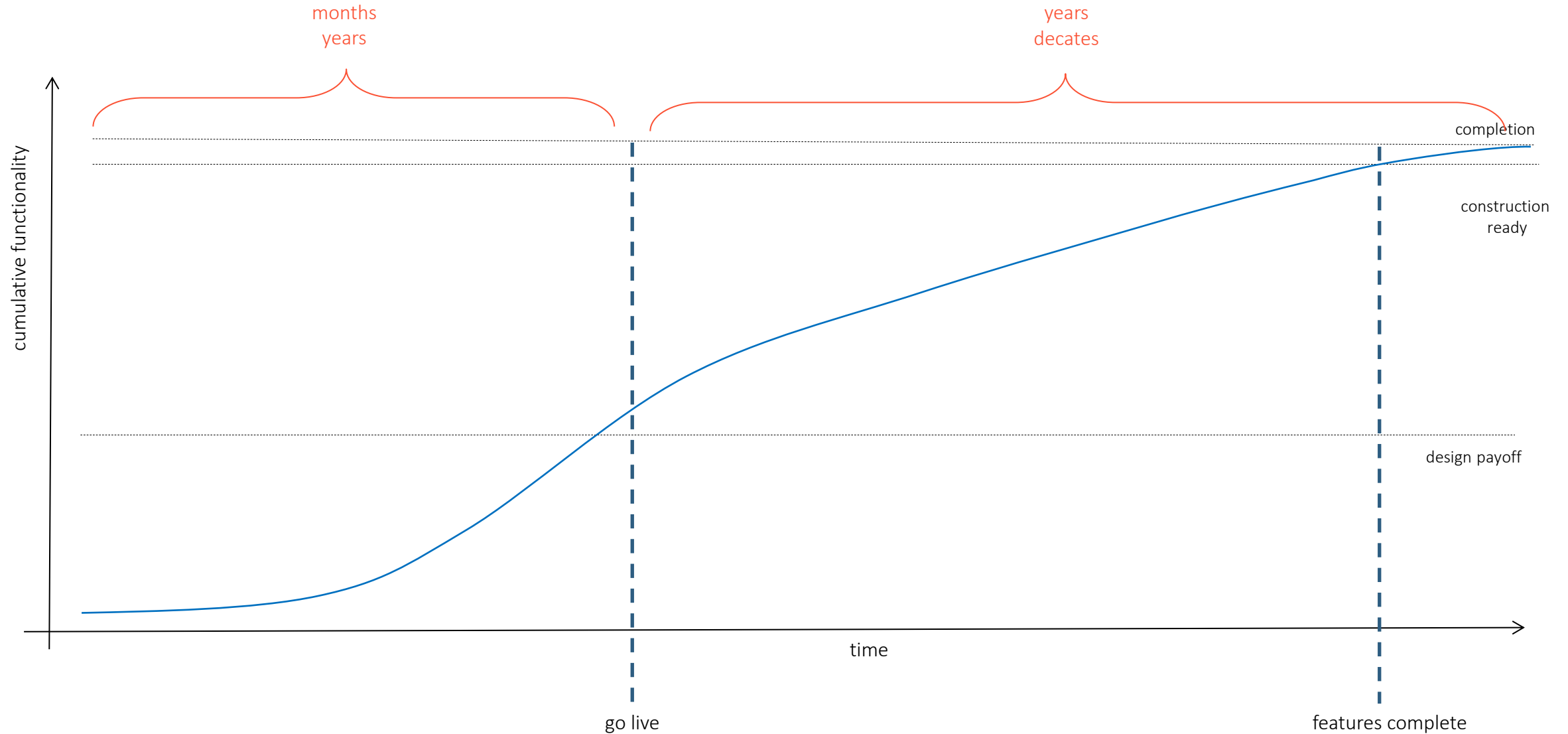
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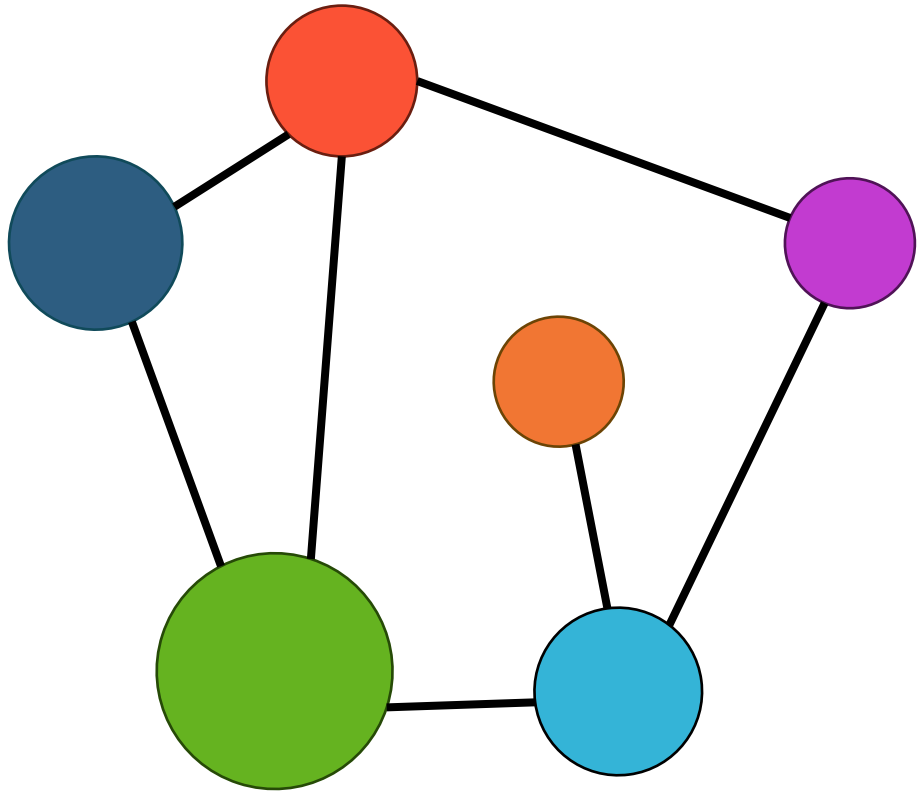
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<http://tinyurl.com/DesignPayoff>

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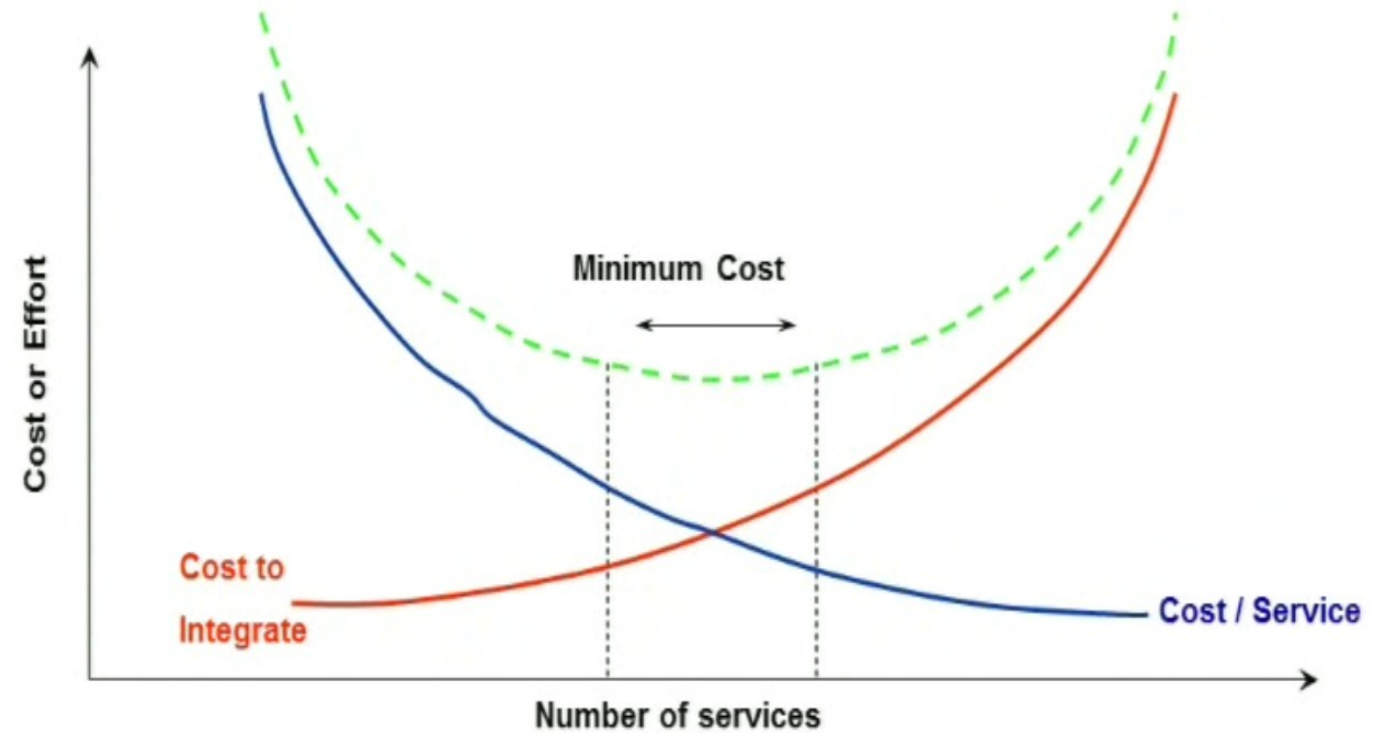
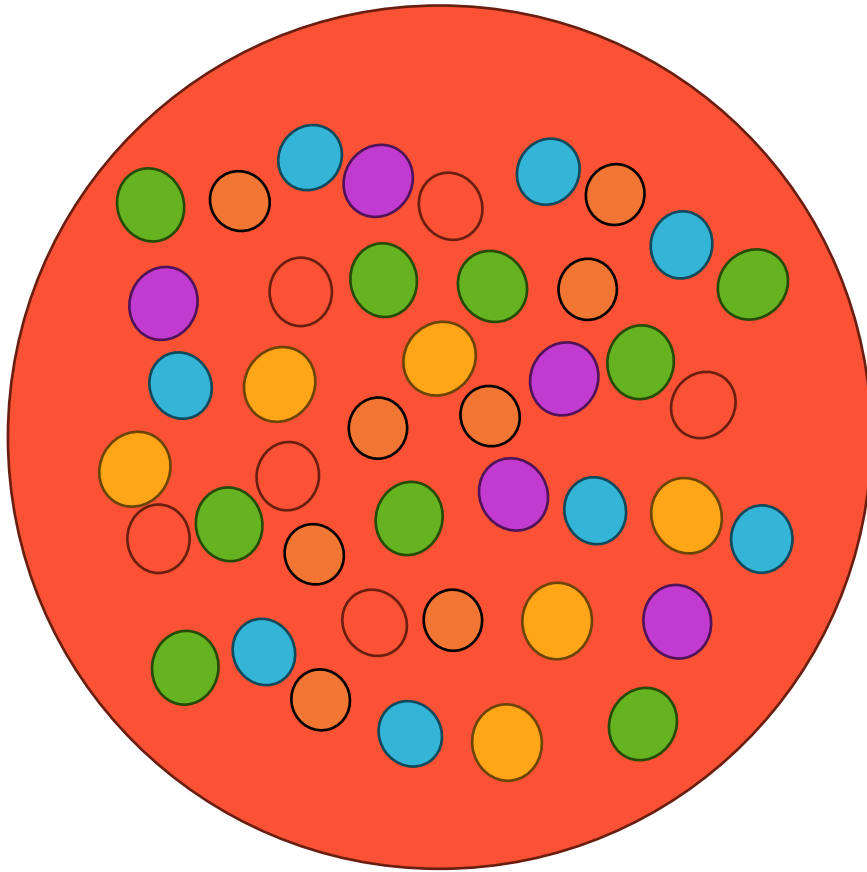
# Modular System - Concept



- Maintainability
- Extensibility
- Reusability

CHANGE  
PREDICTABILITY

# How many services?



# Contracts – Are Key in Modular Systems



Contracts

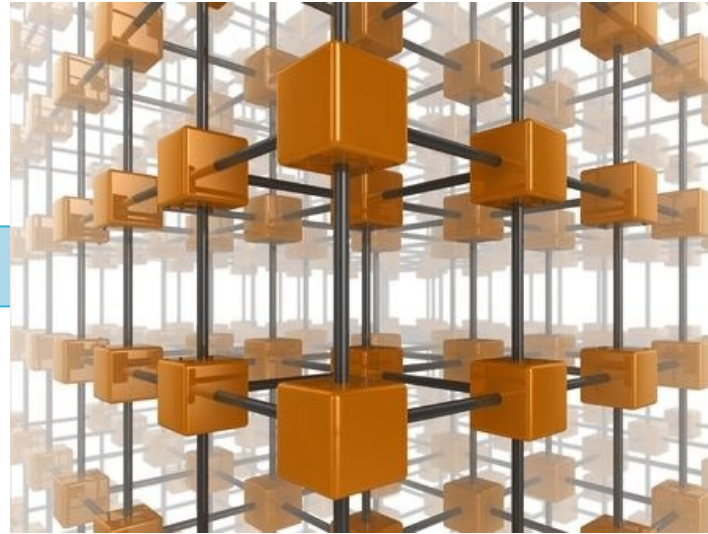
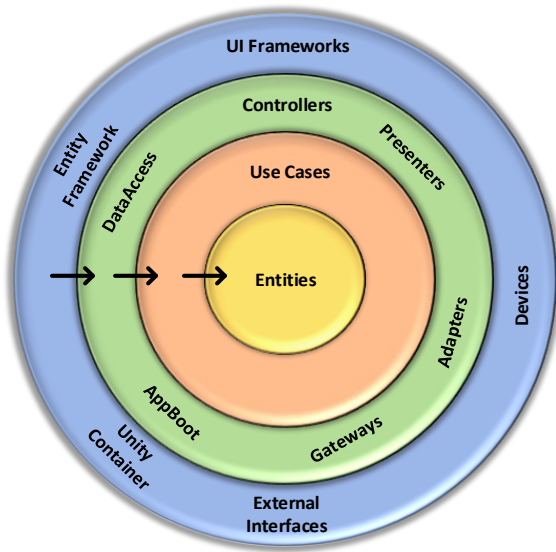
Services communicate through **Explicit Contracts**

- **Abstract** the functions it provides
- **Encapsulate** (hide) the implementation details

Contracts described with language constructs:

- Operation Contracts – functions the interfaces
- Data Contracts – DTOs (the in/out params)
- Fault Contracts - Exceptions

# Structure that Supports the Architecture

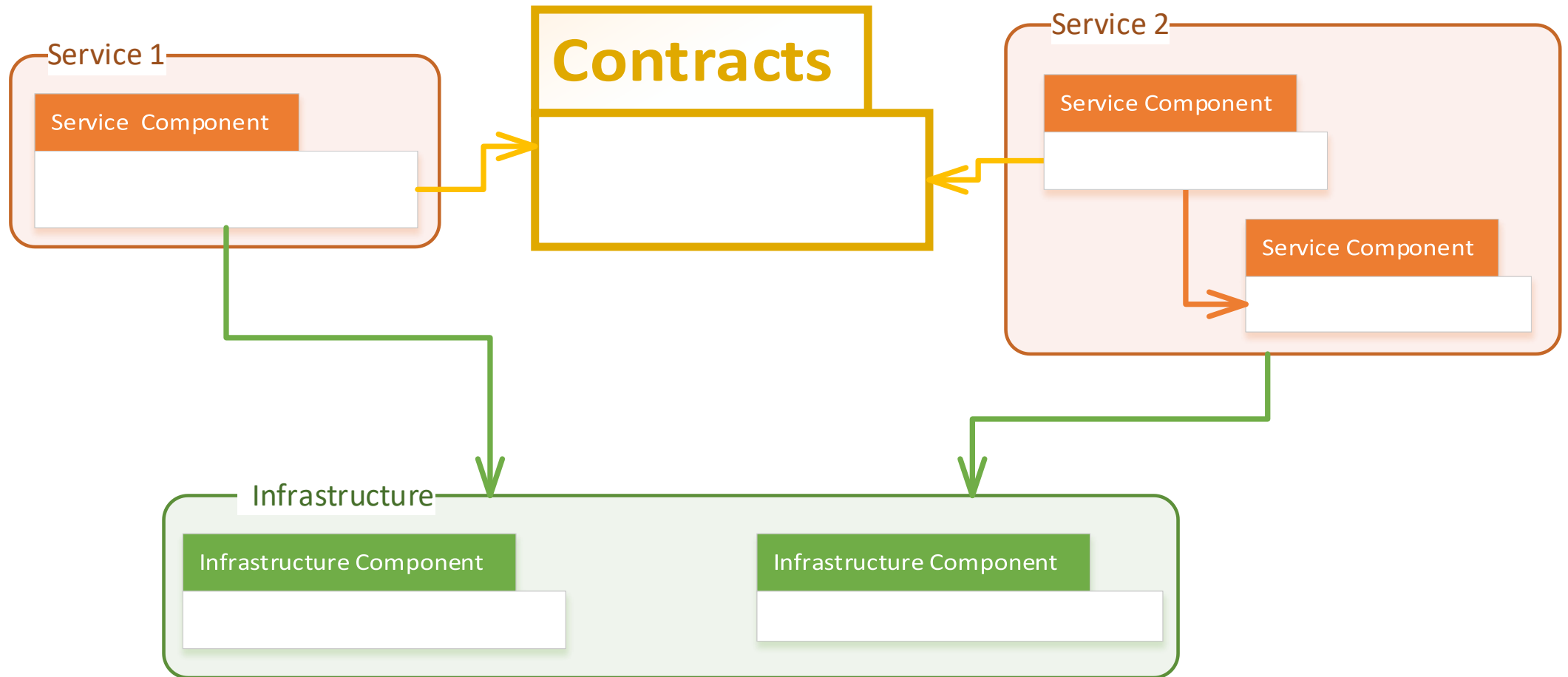


```
public void UpdateTaxStatus(TaxStatus item)
{
    // validations
    if (DateTimeUtils.IsStartDateBeforeEndDate(item.StartDate, item.EndDate) == false)
    {
        throw new ValidationAidaException(LocalizedResource("Start date cannot be 1
    }

    // check if some hotel period will overlap with another period
    List<Hotel> hotels = DB.TaxStatusesHotels.Where(c => c.TaxStatusID == item.ID).Select(c =>
    foreach (Hotel hotel in hotels)
    {
        TaxStatusesHotel taxStatusesHotel;
        bool isOverlapping = IsHotelHavingOverlappingTaxStatus(hotel.ID, item.ID, item.StartDate
        if (isOverlapping)
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                if (isOverlapping)
                {
                    string errorMessage = string.Format(LocalizedResource("The Hotel '{0}' ID), ScreenName
                    taxStatusesHotel.Hotel.Name,
                    taxStatusesHotel.TaxStatus.Name,
                    taxStatusesHotel.TaxStatus.StartDate.ToShortDateString(),
                    taxStatusesHotel.TaxStatus.EndDate.ToShortDateString());
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                    throw new ValidationAidaException(string.Format(errorMessage, item.ID), ScreenName
                }
            }
        }
        base.Update(item, true);
    }

    public void DeleteTaxStatus(long itemID)
    {
        TaxStatus item = DB.TaxStatuses.FirstOrDefault(c => c.ID == itemID);
        if (item == null)
        {
            throw new ValidationAidaException(
                string.Format(LocalizedResource("There is no object with such ID: {0}
            )
        }
        if (item.StartDate <= DateTime.Now)
        {
            throw new ValidationAidaException(
                LocalizedResource(LocalizedResource("You cannot delete a p
            )
        }
        base.Delete(DB.TaxStatuses, itemID, true);
        //DB.TaxStatuses.Remove(item);
        DB.SaveChanges();
    }
}
#endregion
```

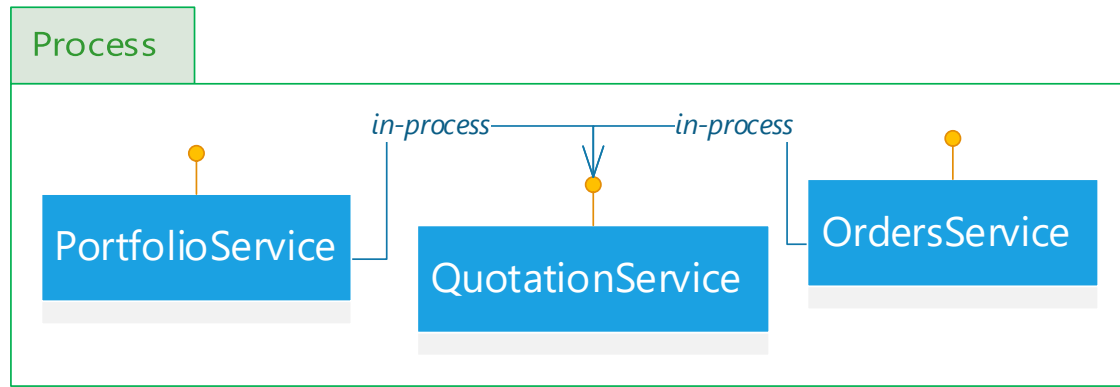
# Structure that Enforces Explicit Communication through Contracts



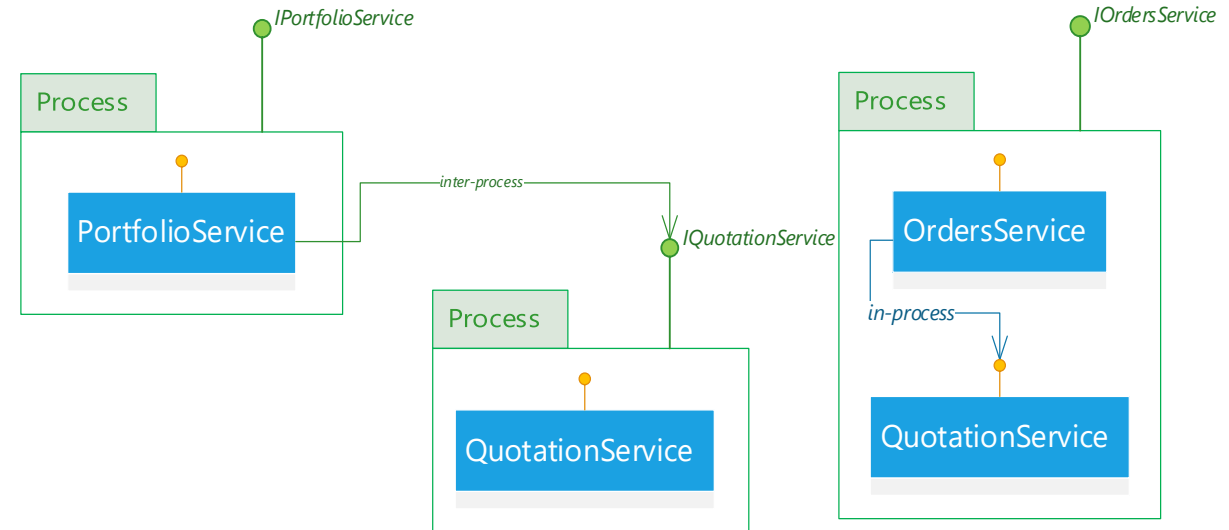
# Does it have to be DISTRIBUTED (micro-services)?



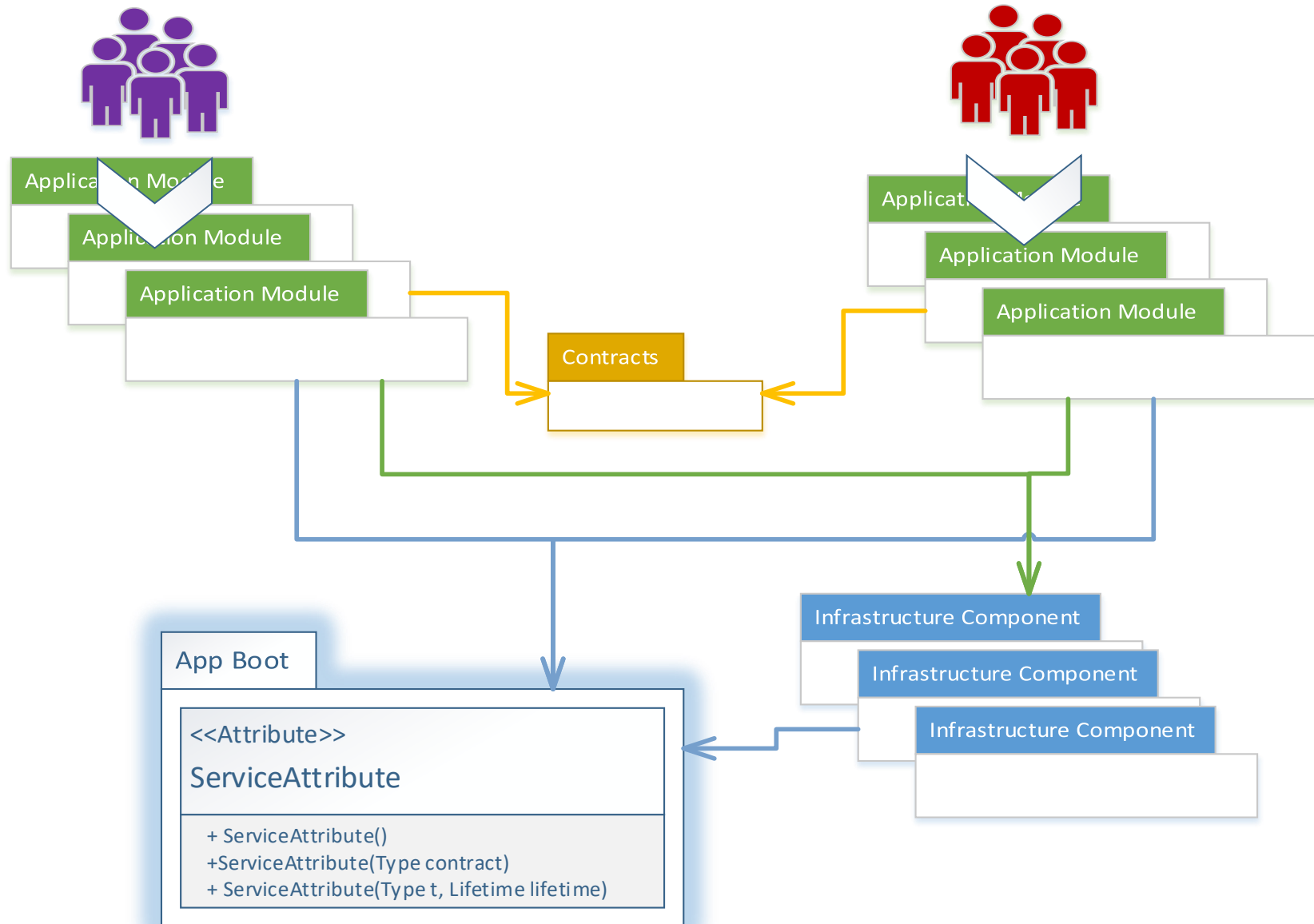
## Monolith



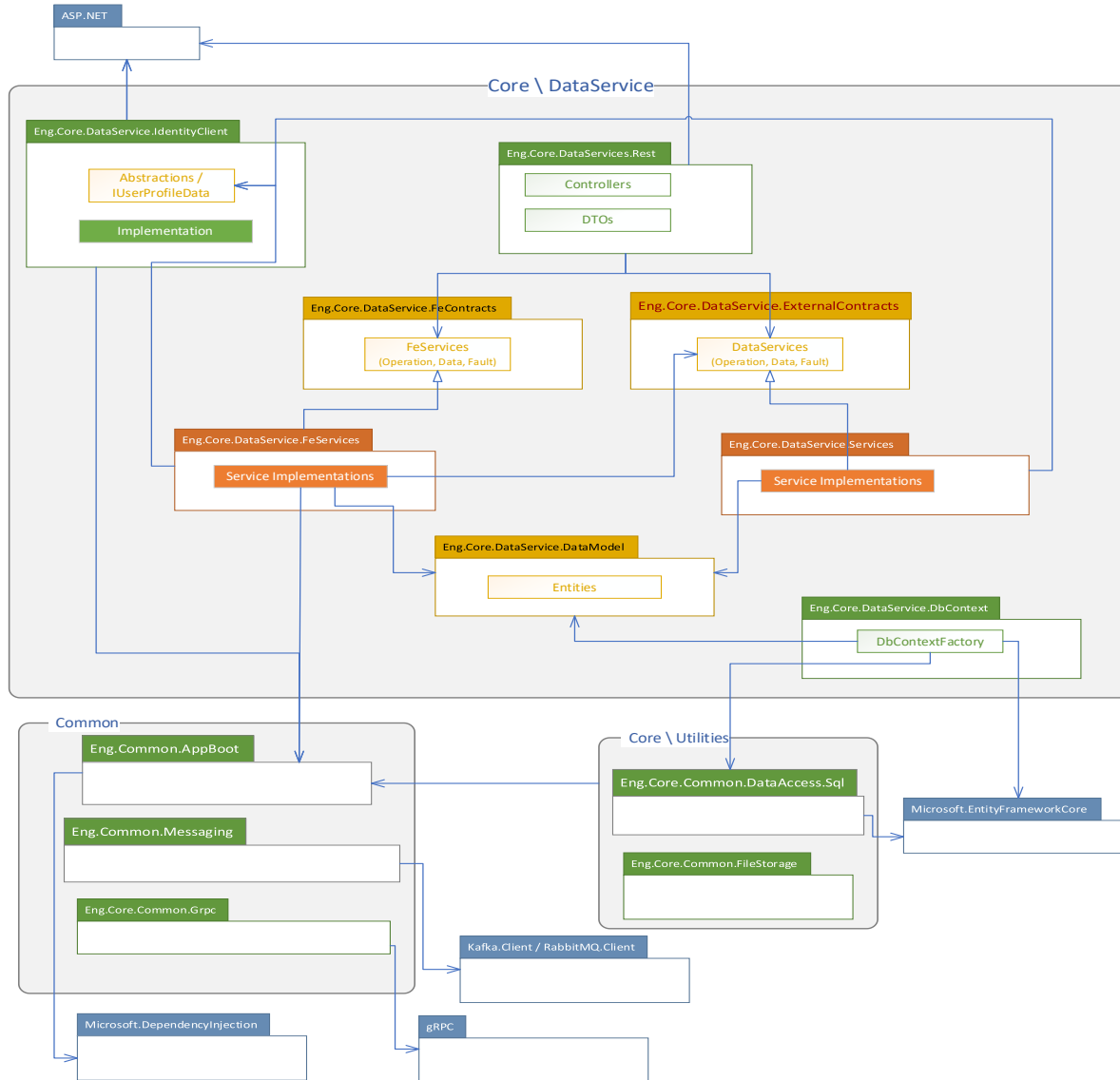
## Micro-services



# Team Scaleup – Code Ownership



# Common Structure and Conventions for ALL Services



Separation of **CONTRACTS** from **IMPLEMENTATION**

**ExternalContracts** by convention

Clean Architecture principles – colour codes

Conventions and mappings with folder structure

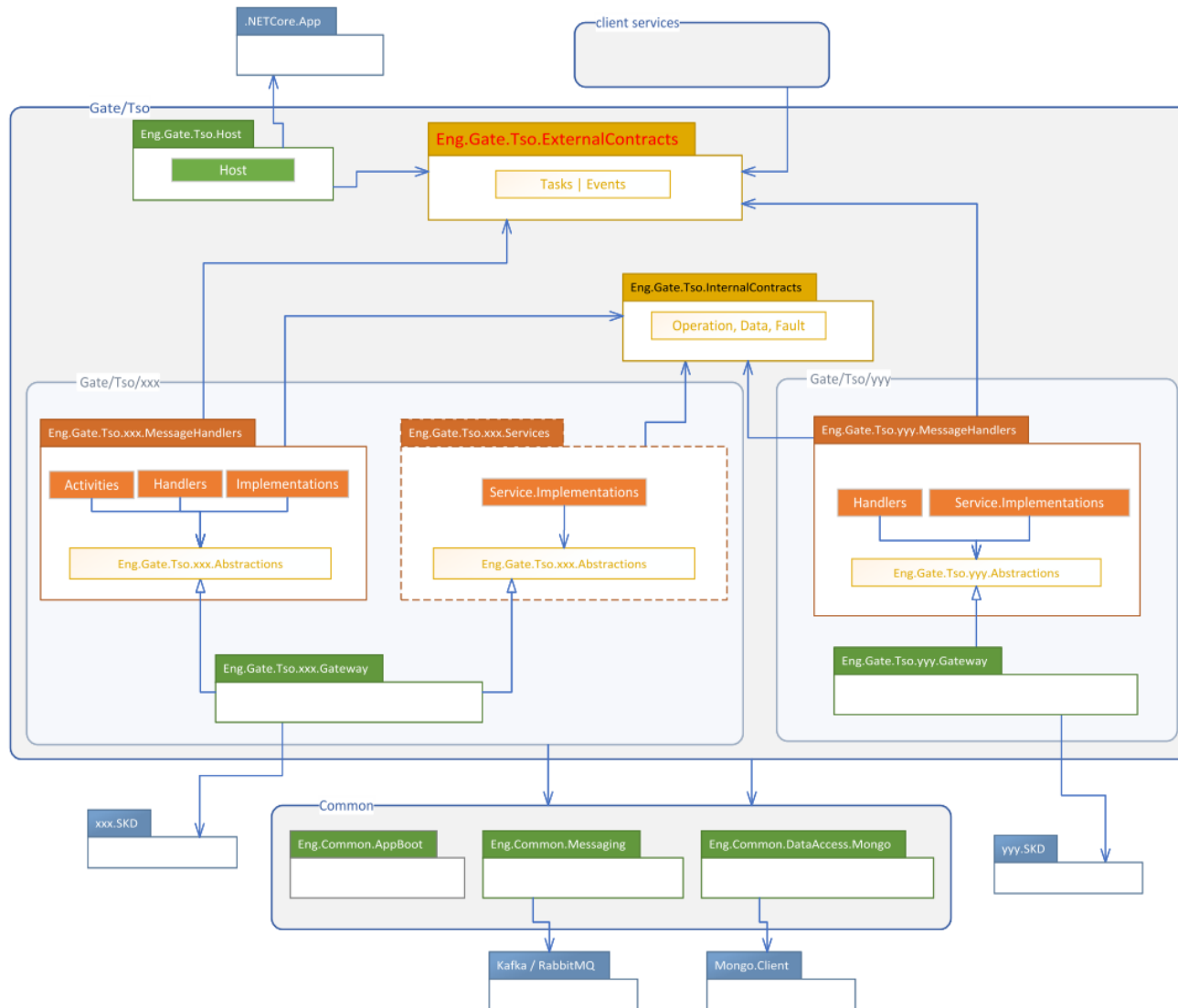
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Infrastructure categories

Services categories

Preferably same tech stack (.NET)

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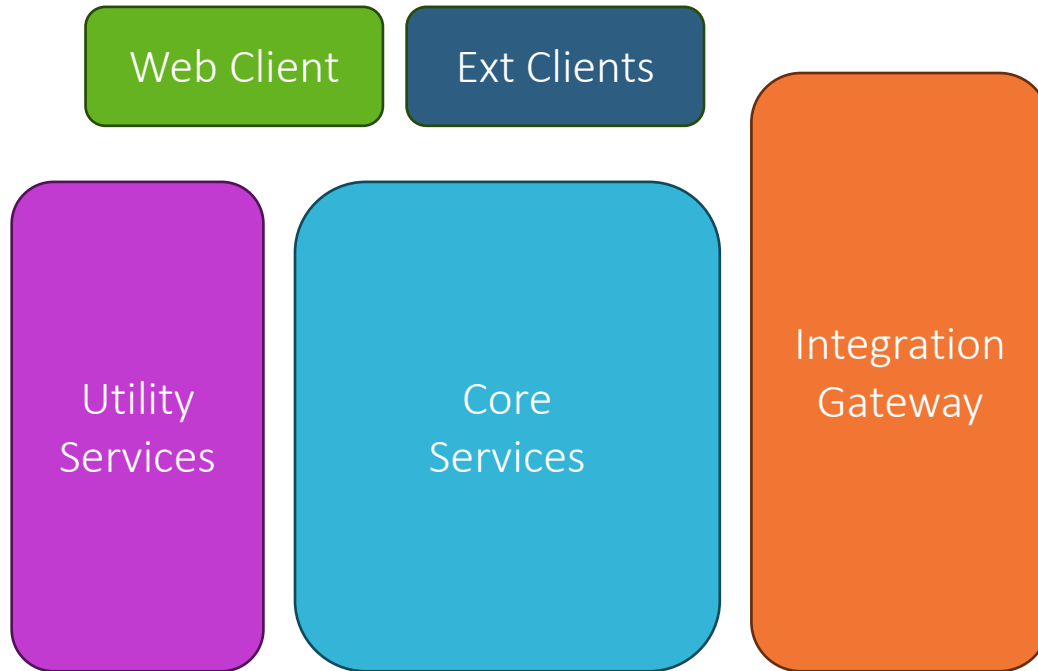
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# Categories of Services



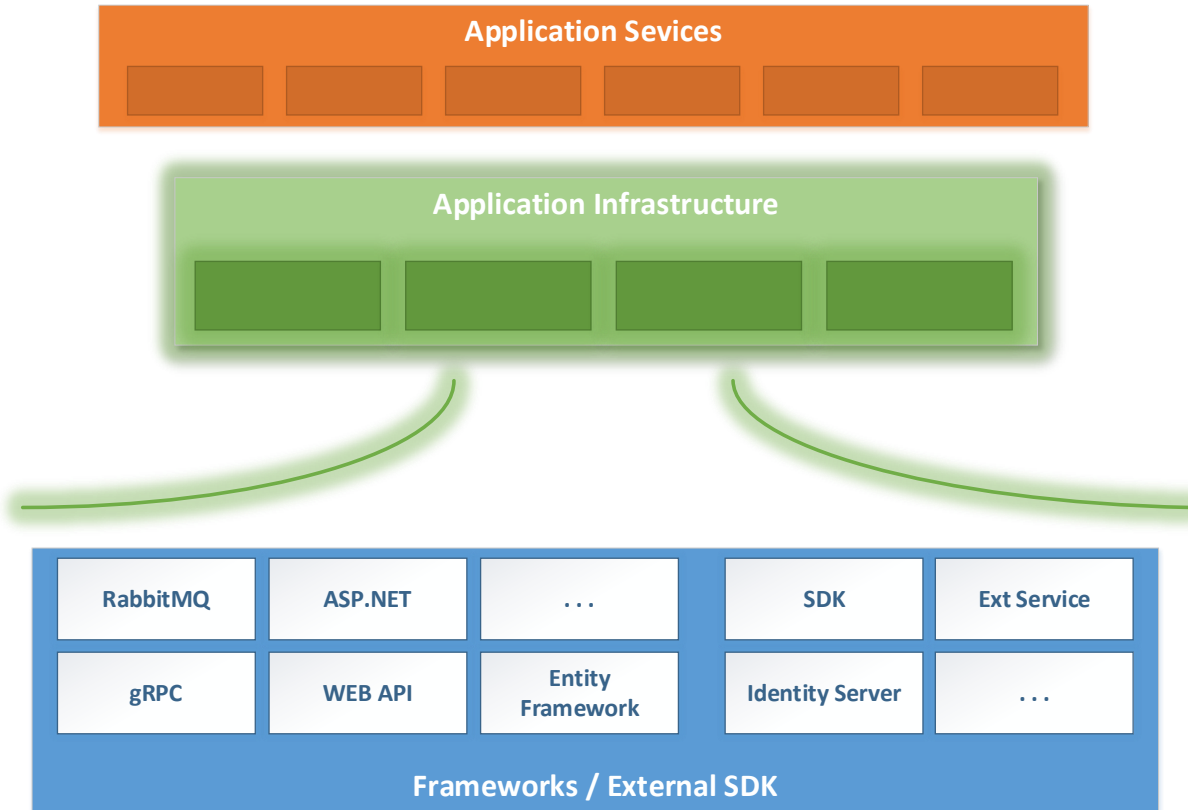
**Core Services** implement the core behaviour

**Integration Gateway Services** communication with  
External Systems

**Ext Clients** provide REST API to customer apps

**Utility Services** just utilities that have nothing  
specific to the business domain

# App Infrastructure (Framework) of Tech Components



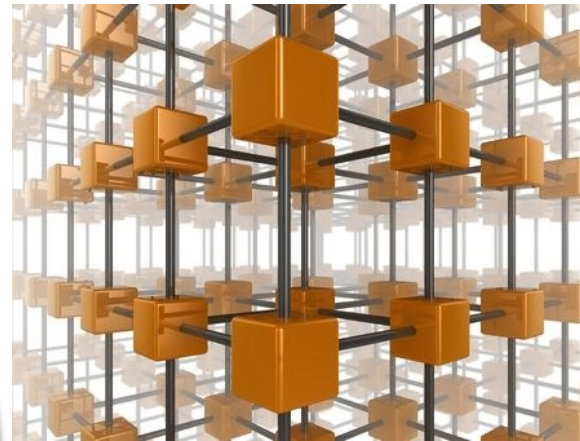
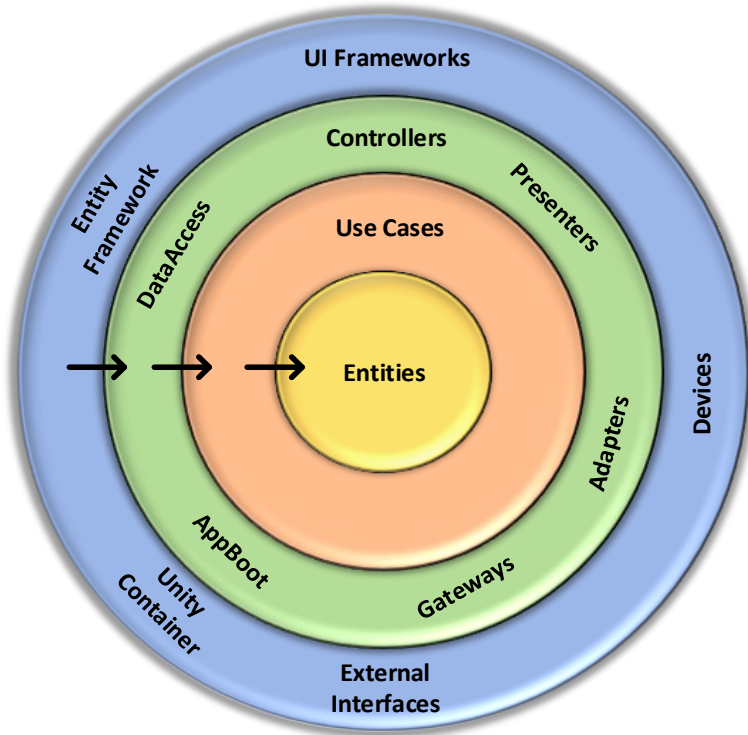
*do not depend on Frameworks*



CONSISTENCY + STRUCTURE

HIDE COMPLEXITY

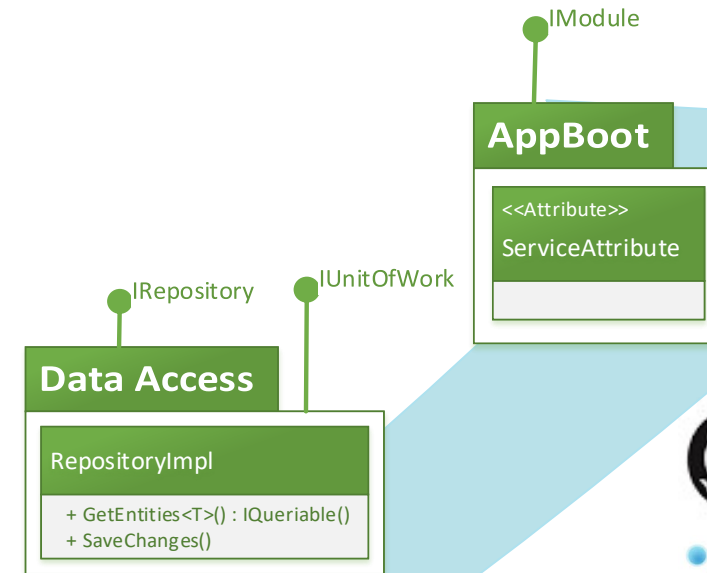
# Implementing Clean Architecture through Structure



Hide external frameworks to enforce the way they are used

Use assemblies and references among them to **enforce rules**

Enforce *Constructor Dependency Injection* that encourages *Programming Against Interfaces*

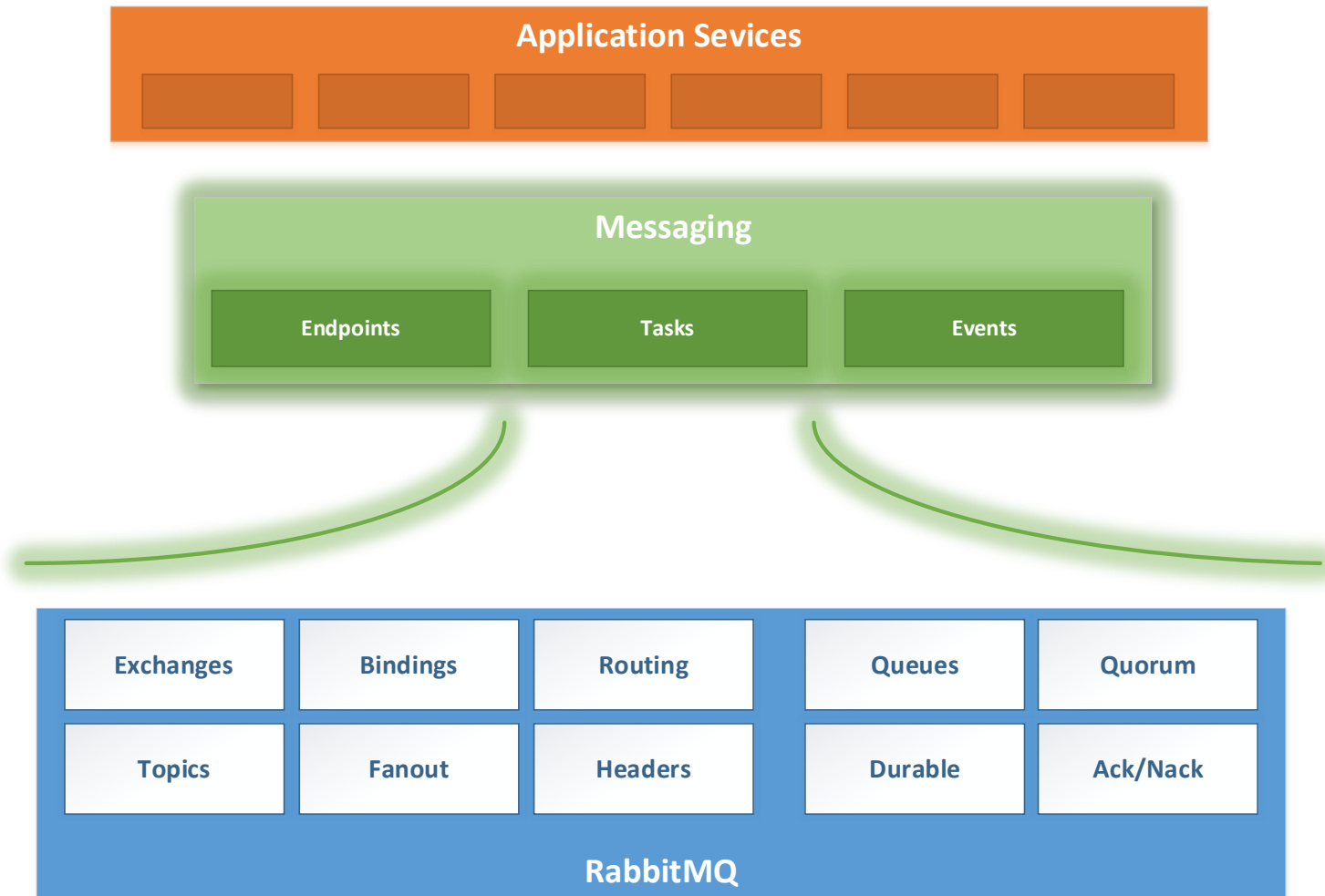


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# Messaging over RabbitMQ



Reliable Messaging across the system

The developers that work on application services do NOT need to know the details and complexity of RabbitMQ

- all types of Exchanges
- all types of Queues
- how construct the Routing Keys
- how to build the Headers
- Ack/Nack
- Transactions, Durability

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