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Architecting Cloud-Native Applications



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Agenda

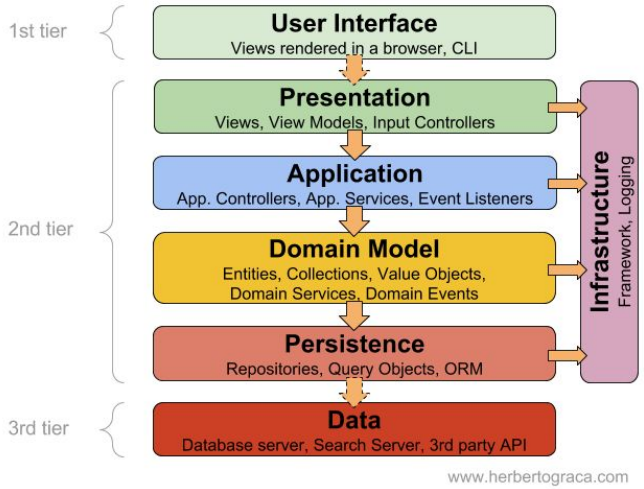
- Application architecture patterns - monolith/distributed/microservices
- Developing and managing microservices
- Cloud-native application architecture
- Brownfield/Greenfield app transformation to microservices
- Analyzing architecture trade-offs
- Practical cloud-native app example with Choreo

Background: Architecture Patterns

Architecture patterns

- Monolithic
  - Layered
  - Pipes and filters
  - Microkernel
- Distributed
  - Service Oriented (SOA)
  - Event-driven
  - Space based architecture
  - Microservices

Architecture patterns > Monolithic > Layered



Pros
Easy to get started for simple projects
Separation of concerns
Lower complexity and cost at the beginning
Cons
Harder to scale
Deployments and modifications are complex and expensive
HA and fault tolerance is harder

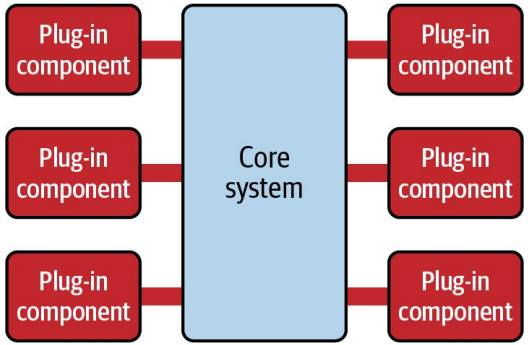
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Architecture patterns > Monolithic > Pipes and filters



Pros
Easy and simple to get started
Comparatively higher modularity
Easy to reuse components
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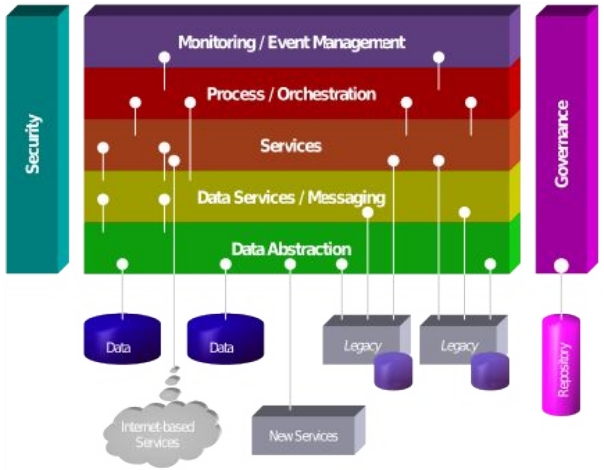
Architecture patterns > Monolithic > Microkernel



Pros
Flexibility in adding dynamic functionality through plugins
Plugins can have their own DB / schema (decoupled data architecture)
Reduced scope in testing, can be isolated to each plugin
Cons
The core is still a monolith, harder to scale
Deployments and modifications are complex and expensive
HA and fault tolerance is harder

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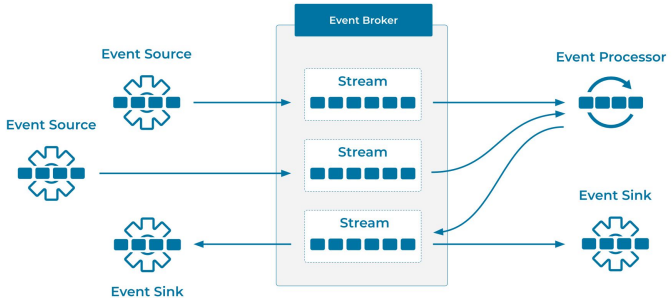
Architecture patterns > Distributed > SOA



Pros
One of the easiest and simplest distributed architecture models
Functionality is isolated and can be dev., test, deploy separately
Easy to scale
Cons
Typically a lot more complexity due to standards
A lot more error conditions due to services over network hops
Interdependent services can be hard to debug

Image - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Service-oriented_architecture

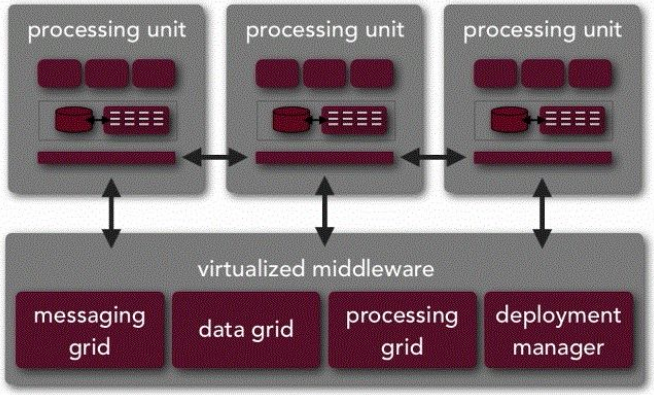
Architecture patterns > Distributed > Event-driven



Pros
Asynchronous comms give higher perf. and overall responsiveness
Higher flexibility and extensibility
Higher reliability - guaranteed delivery patterns
Cons
Harder to test
HA and scalability of brokers are not simple
Handling dynamic events is complex

Image - https://developer.confluent.io/patterns/event-stream/event-broker/

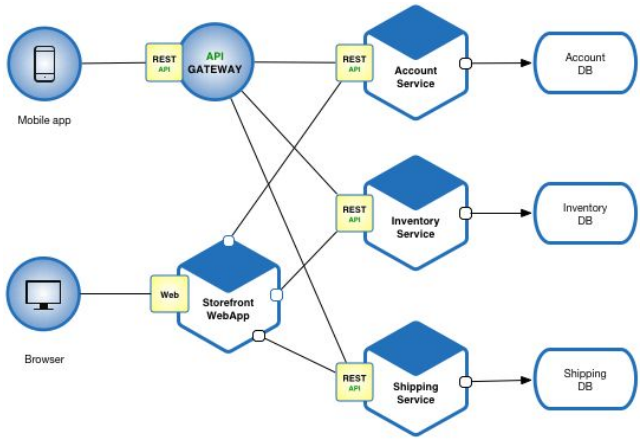
Architecture patterns > Distributed > Spaced based architecture



Pros
Can scale to handle high performance
More responsive - Reads/Writes driven off of a cache
Decoupled components
Cons
Complex and difficult testing process
Complicated architecture
Higher costs to maintain a system with this high complexity

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Architecture patterns > Distributed > Microservices

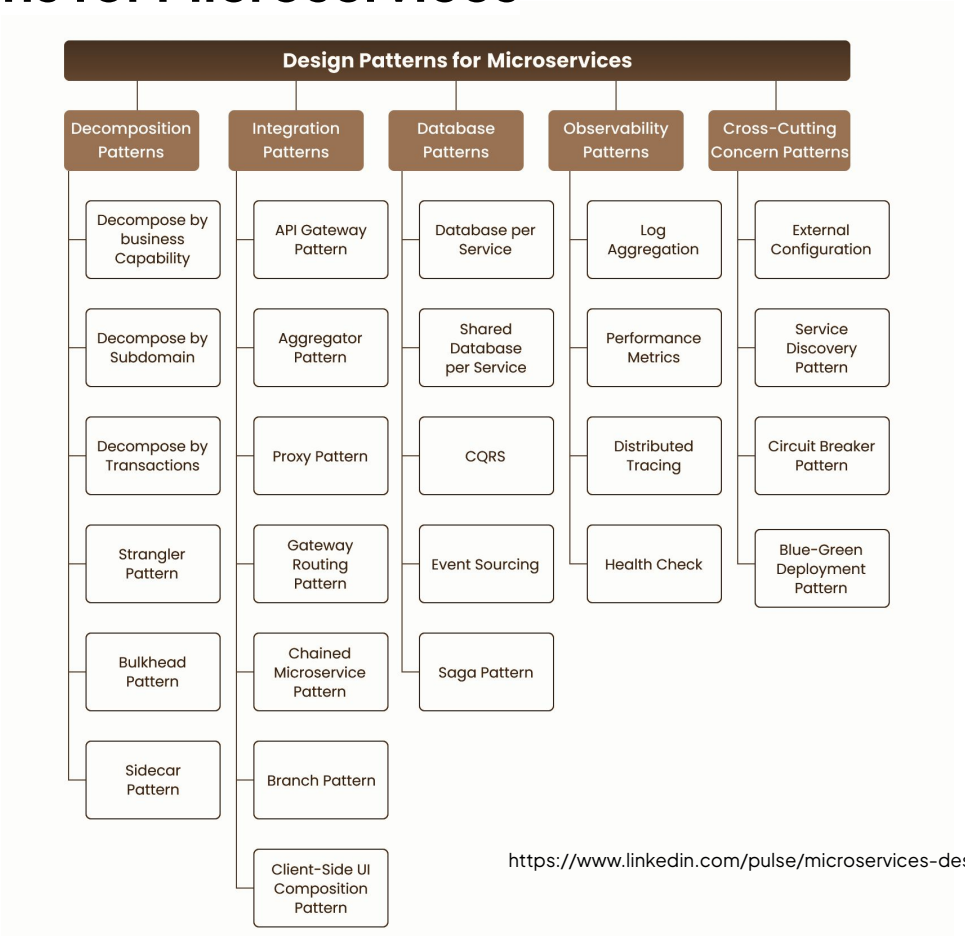


Pros
Often with bounded contexts, clear separation of concerns
Data isolation
Easy to scale
Cons
Testing and debugging is harder
Integration points between services can become harder to manage
Increased cost and communication overhead

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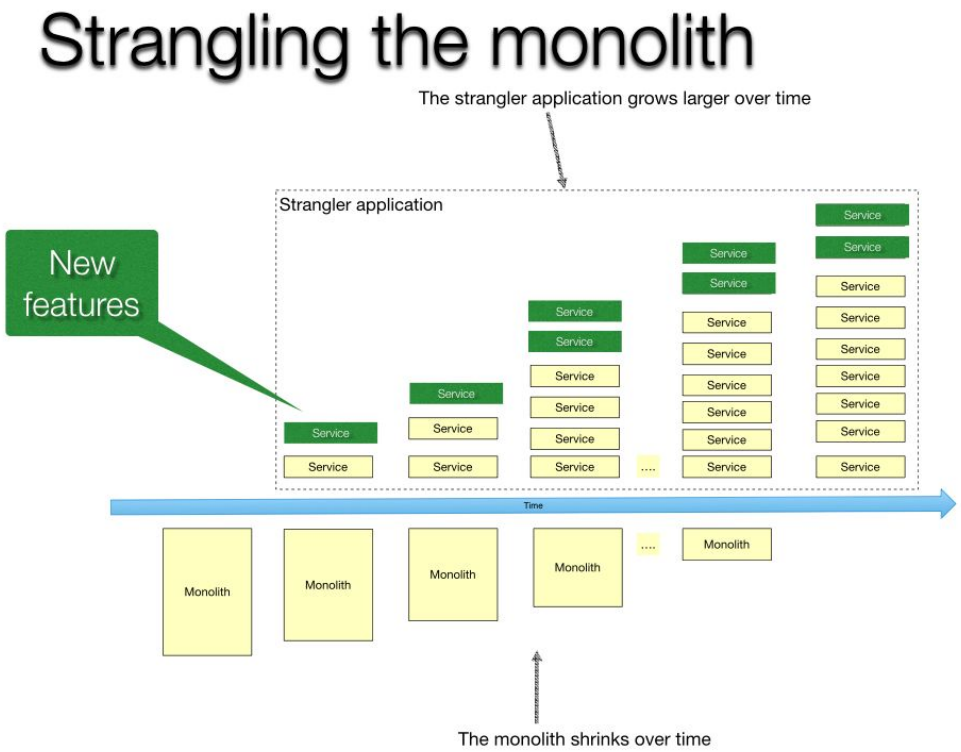
Fundamentals of developing and managing microservices

Design Patterns for Microservices



https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/microservices-design-patterns-pranav-kumar-dwivedi/

Microservices: Strangler pattern



https://microservices.io/patterns/refactoring/strangler-application.html

Challenges in managing microservices

- Packaging microservices - Containers
- Testing - A/B, Blue-Green, Canary
- Version management
- Configuration management
- Scaling
- Discovering services and endpoints
- Monitoring

Cloud Native era

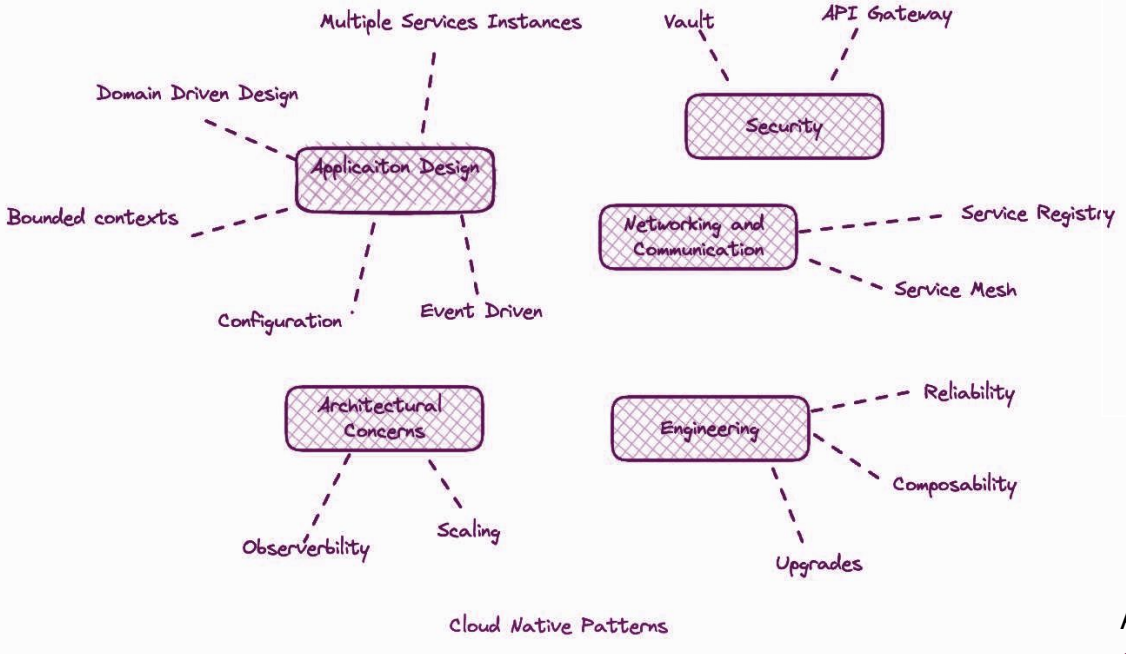
What is Cloud Native?

"Cloud-native architecture and technologies are an approach to designing, constructing, and operating workloads that are built in the cloud and take full advantage of the cloud computing model."

Source: https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/architecture/cloud-native/definition

https://wso2.com/choreo/resources/building-a-cloud-native-twelve-factor-app-on-choreo-just-write-the-code/

Cloud Native Application Design



Cloud-native architecture harnesses cloud benefits through key practices:

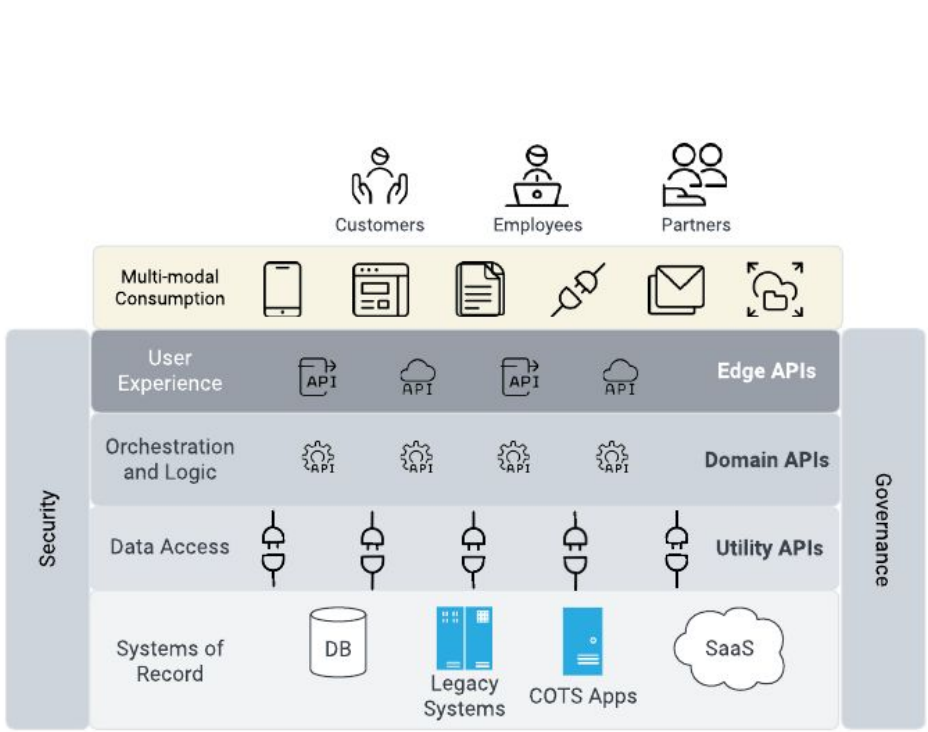
- **Microservices:** Splits apps into small services for flexible scaling and maintenance.
- **Containers/Orchestration:** Ensures consistent environments and automates operations with tools like Kubernetes.
- **Immutable Infrastructure:** Uses replaceable components for reliability, avoiding direct changes.
- **Declarative APIs:** Defines desired states, ensuring consistent application behavior.
- **Stateless Design:** Improves scalability and fault tolerance; stores state externally for better load management.

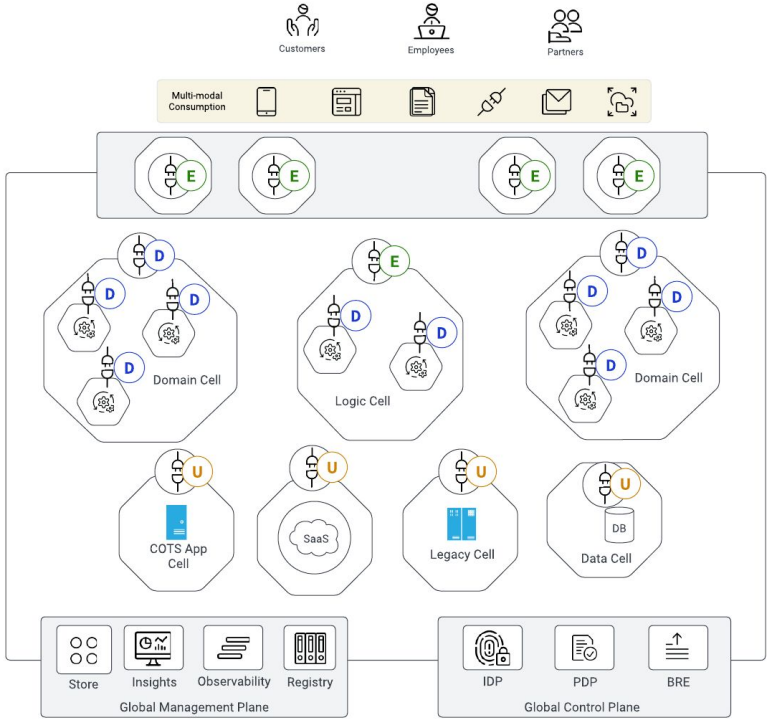
Above practices enable ***resilient, scalable, and manageable*** cloud applications, optimizing deployment and operations.

What is a cloud native application and what are the benefits?

- Cloud native apps are specifically designed and built to run on cloud computing platforms by using technologies that are optimized for the cloud environment.
- These apps gain benefits of the cloud including
  - Scalability: Ability to scale up and down as needed
  - Resiliency: Can continue to function event if individual components fail
  - Flexibility: Can be deployed in any environment and easily integrated with other services and apps
  - Faster time-to-market: Modular, containerized architecture makes it easier to develop, test, and deploy new features.
  - Cost-effective: You only have to pay for resources that you use

Typical brown field app transformation

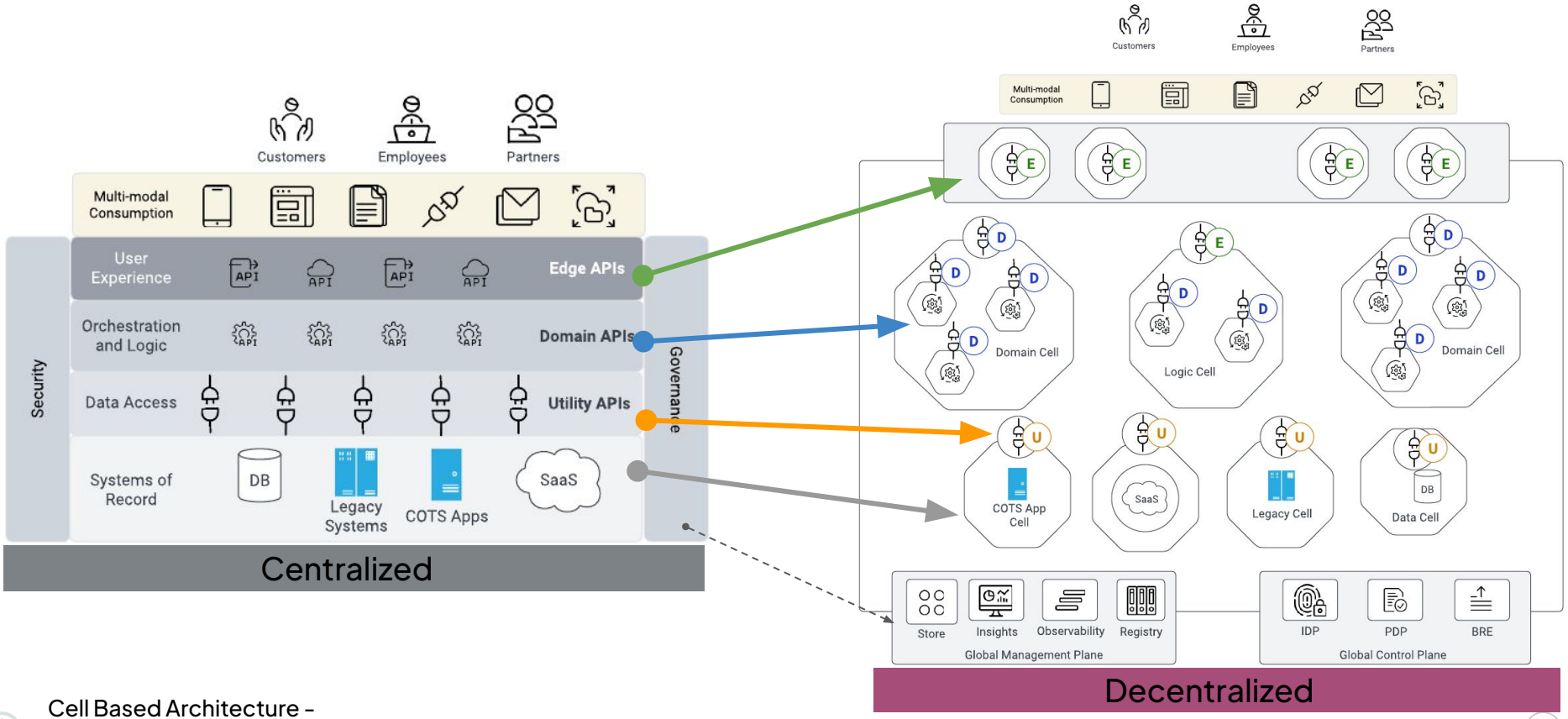




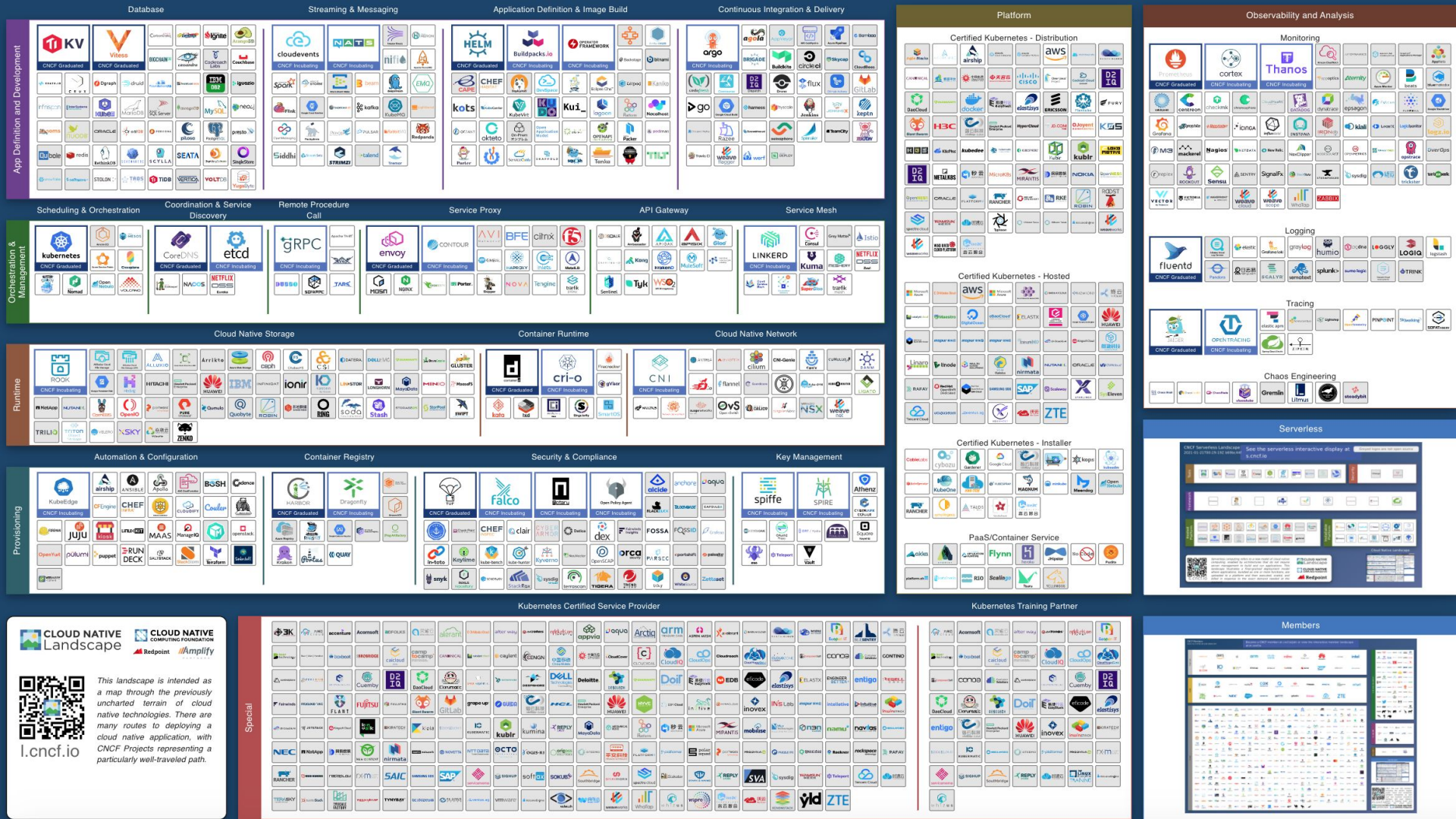
Centralized

Decentralized

Typical brown field app transformation



Cell Based Architecture - https://github.com/wso2/reference-architecture/blob/master/reference-architecture-cell-based.md


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Streaming & Messaging
Application Definition & Image Build
Continuous Integration & Delivery
Orchestration & Management
Scheduling & Orchestration
Coordination & Service Discovery
Remote Procedure Call
Service Proxy
API Gateway
Service Mesh
Runtime
Cloud Native Storage
Container Runtime
Cloud Native Network
Provisioning
Automation & Configuration
Container Registry
Security & Compliance
Key Management
Platform
Certified Kubernetes - Distribution
Certified Kubernetes - Hosted
Certified Kubernetes - Installer
PaaS/Container Service
Observability and Analysis
Monitoring
Logging
Tracing
Chaos Engineering
Serverless
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Special
Kubernetes Training Partner
Members
CLOUD NATIVE Landscape
CLOUD NATIVE COMPUTING FOUNDATION
Redpoint
Amplify
This landscape is intended as a map through the previously uncharted terrain of cloud native technologies. There are many routes to deploying a cloud native application, with CNCF Projects representing a particularly well-traveled path.
l.cncf.io

A typical path of a cloud native application

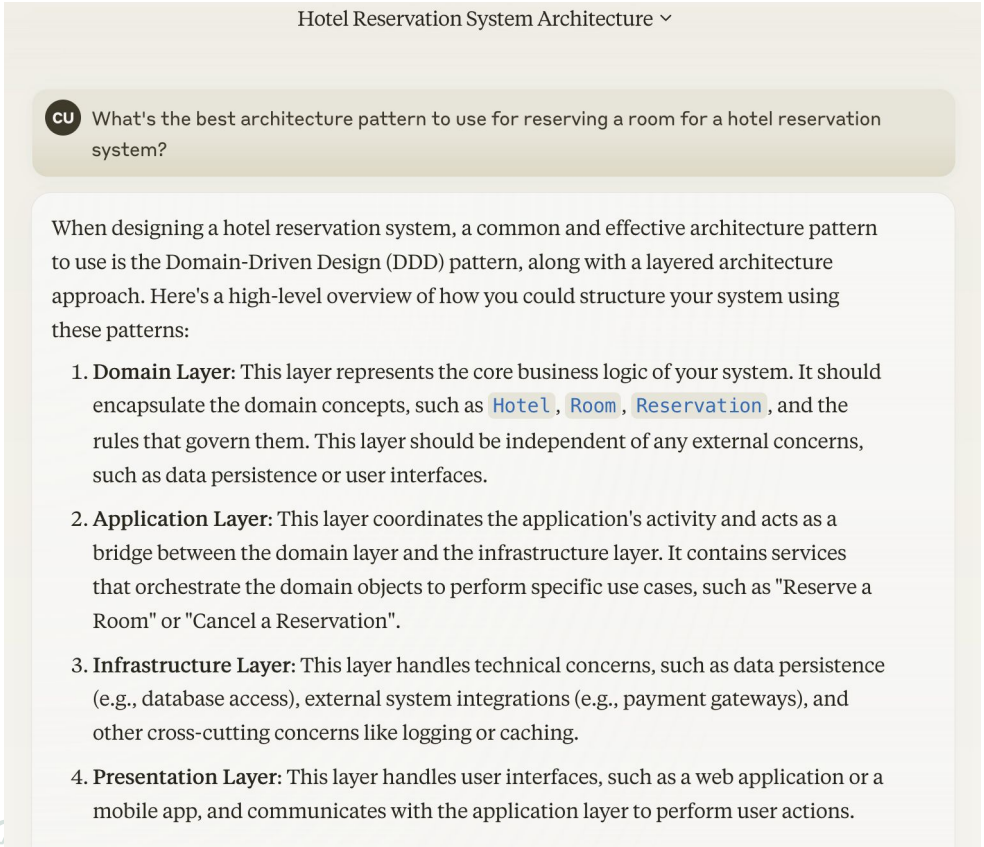
- They face several challenges along the way:
  - **Challenge 1:** Technology complexity
  - **Challenge 2:** Hard to find technical resources
  - **Challenge 3:** Slow to go-to-market
- **The organization must now make a decision**
  - Continue to build a platform on their own
  - Buy a ready made platform with all the tools they need

Analyzing architecture trade-offs

Application Architecture – Analyzing trade-offs

- Use case - Hotel Reservation System
  - Room reservation
  - Room search
  - Cancel reservation

Analyzing trade-offs > Room reservation



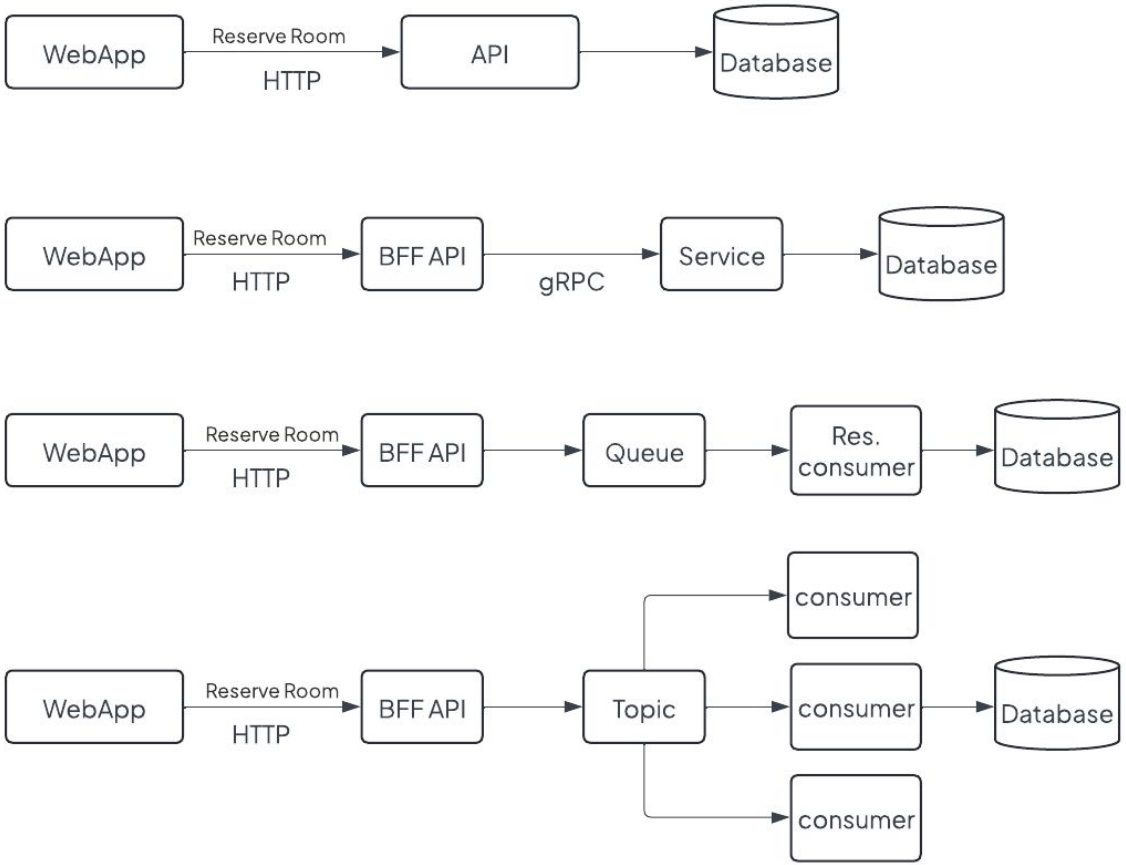
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What's the best architecture pattern to use for reserving a room for a hotel reservation system?

ChatGPT
The best architecture pattern for reserving a room in a hotel reservation system often depends on various factors such as scalability, flexibility, and the specific requirements of the system. However, a commonly used pattern for this scenario is the "Repository Pattern" along with the "Unit of Work" pattern, often implemented within a layered architecture such as the "Clean Architecture" or "Hexagonal Architecture".

Here's a breakdown of how these patterns could be applied:

1. **Repository Pattern**: This pattern abstracts the data access layer, providing a clean separation between the domain logic and the data storage mechanism. You would typically have a repository interface defining methods like `reserveRoom()`, `cancelReservation()`, `getRoomAvailability()`, etc. Multiple implementations (e.g., for different databases) can exist behind these interfaces without affecting the rest of the system.
2. **Unit of Work Pattern**: This pattern helps in managing transactions and ensuring consistency across multiple repository operations. It's particularly useful when you need to coordinate multiple data operations within a single transaction, such as reserving a room and updating inventory

Analyzing trade-offs > Room reservation



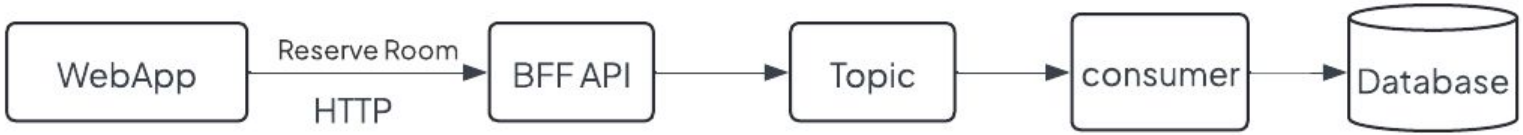
Trade off analysis at a granular level

- REST vs GraphQL vs gRPC
- Choosing data storage options
  - MySQL, MongoDB, Cassandra
  - GCP - Bigtable, Datastore, Firestore, Spanner, AlloyDB
- Federated GraphQL API for all services of my enterprise

Still a lot of things left to think about as a architect/developer

- Endpoint management
- Secret management
- Endpoint/API credentials / authentication
- User authentication and authorization
- ...

Tooling make life easy … or does it?



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frontend-src.yaml

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  labels:
    run: frontend
  name: frontend
spec:
  ports:
  - port: 80
    protocol: TCP
    targetPort: 8
  selector:
    run: frontend
  type: LoadBalanc
status:
  loadBalancer: {}
```

bff-api.yaml

```yaml
apiVersion: apps
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  labels:
    run: bff
  name: bff
spec:
  replicas: 2
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      run: bff
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consumer.yaml

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    run: consume
  name: consumer
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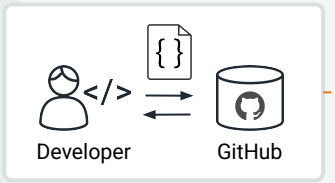
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  name: mysql
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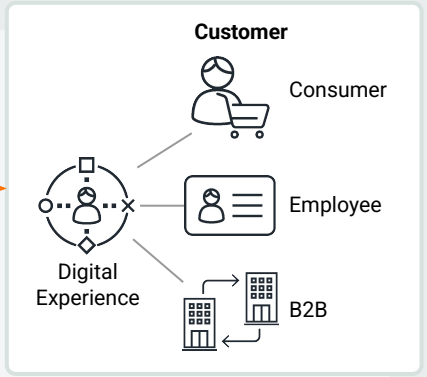
Focusing on adding business value

Because manufacturing software in the cloud-native era is very hard



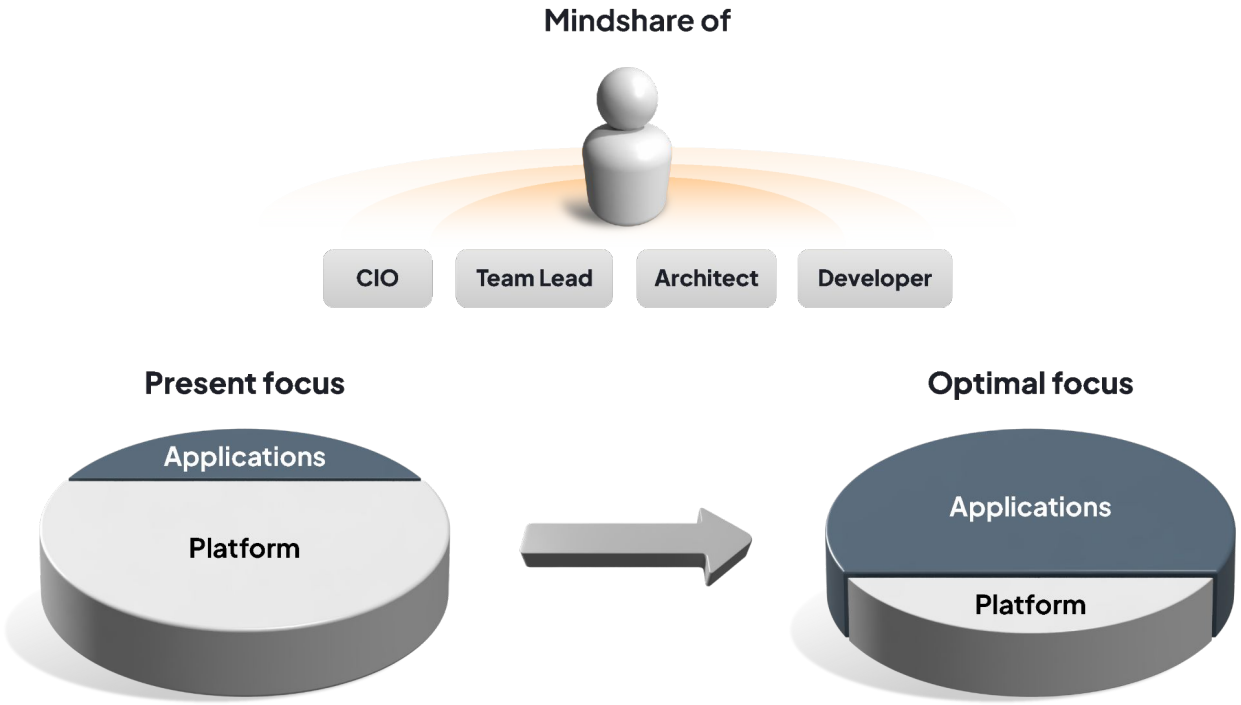
You write code. You want to get it to the hands of the customer ASAP.

- Runtime architecture, CI/CD, DevOps, environments, SecOps, configuration management, version management, testing, observability, analytics, and SRE
- New features in development needs re-use of existing code/libs/APIs
- DevOps goes to Blue/Green, etc.
- Self-service and policy-driven
- Zero-trust environment

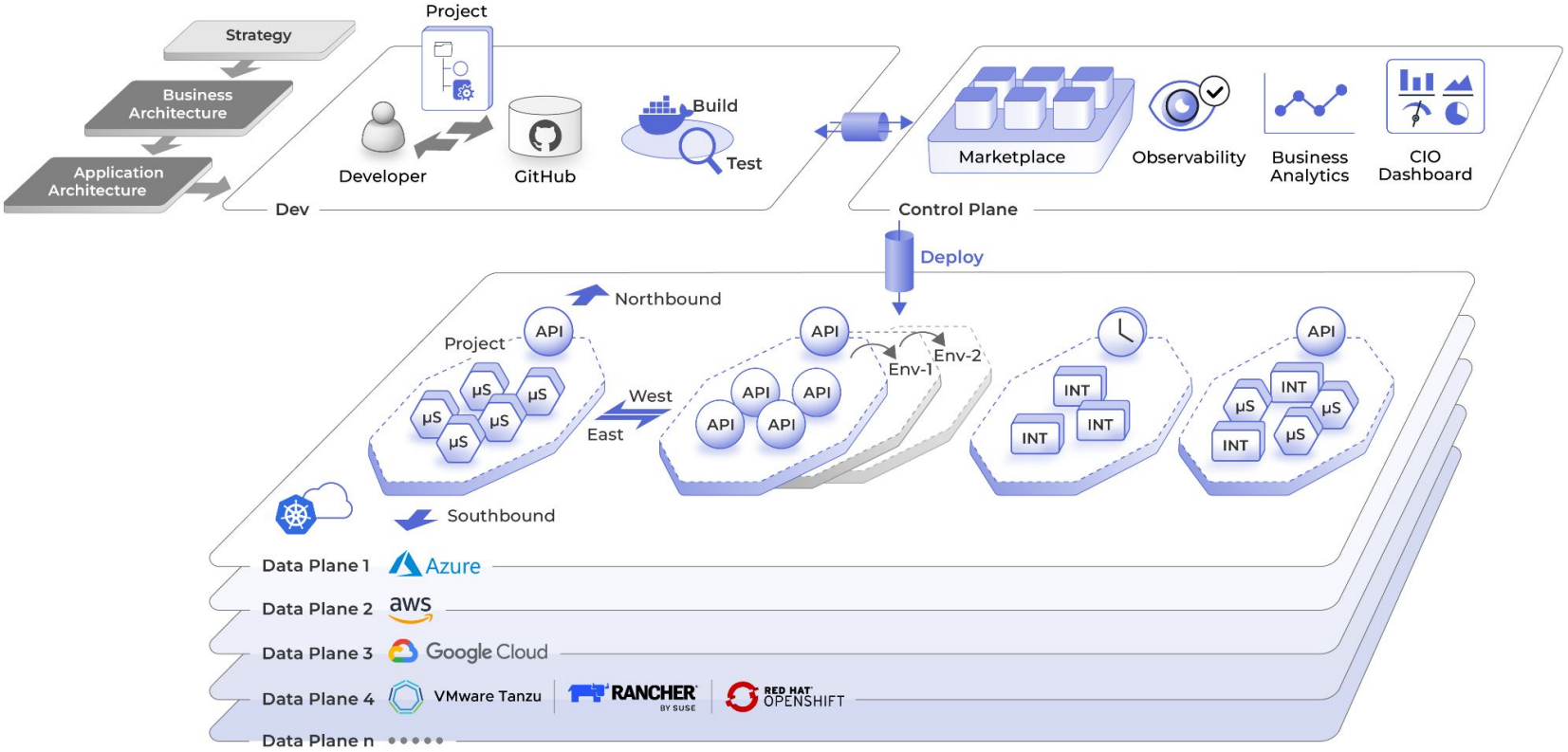


Only digital natives have software manufacturing down to a science; all others are struggling.

Enterprises should focus on engineering applications, not platforms



What is Choreo?



Let’s build it (practical session)

Demo: Building Hotel Reservation System

Use case

"The Luxury Hotel wants to build a reservation system for the public website"

Room Search: Users can find rooms by entering check-in and check-out dates and can apply filters based on the guest count.

Room Reservation: With requires entering personal details (full name, contact number, email)

Update Reservations: Users can change their booking dates

Cancel Reservations: Offers an easy option for users to cancel their bookings at any time.

Please refer to the instructions guide for more details.
https://github.com/wso2con/2025-BCN-choreo-tutorial-1





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Login, Smooth onboarding Experience.

"Browse available rooms based on requirement or preferences criteria"

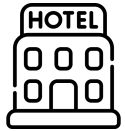
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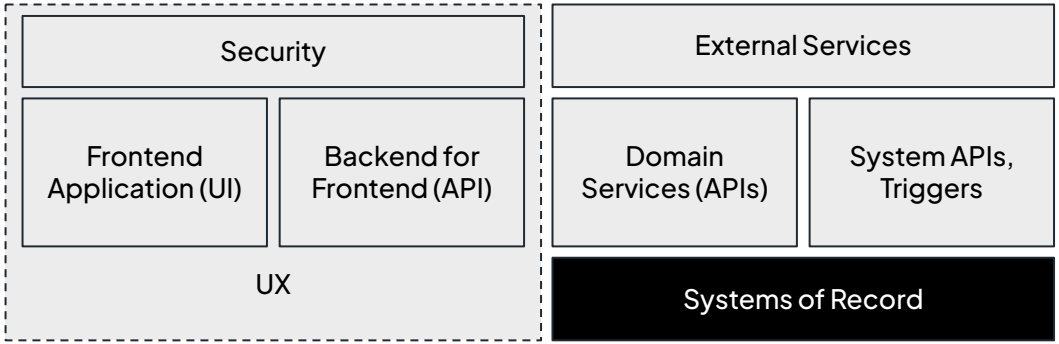
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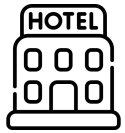
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Our example:

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ReactJS (Frontend Application (UI))

GraphQL (Backend for Frontend (API))

UX

Azure Comm' Services. Kafka (External Services)

SpringBoot Domain Services (APIs)

Python (Triggers)

MySQL Database (Systems of Record)

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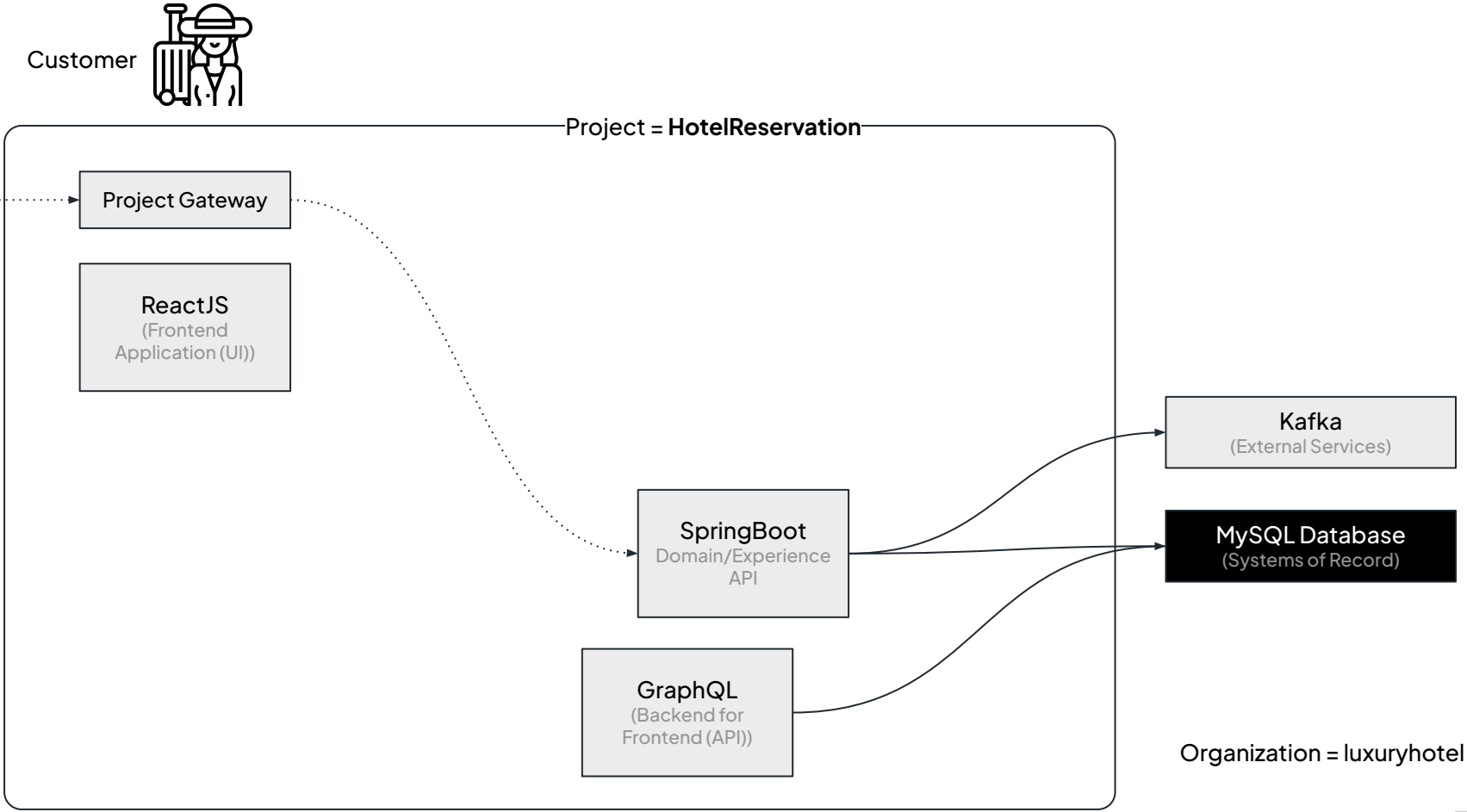
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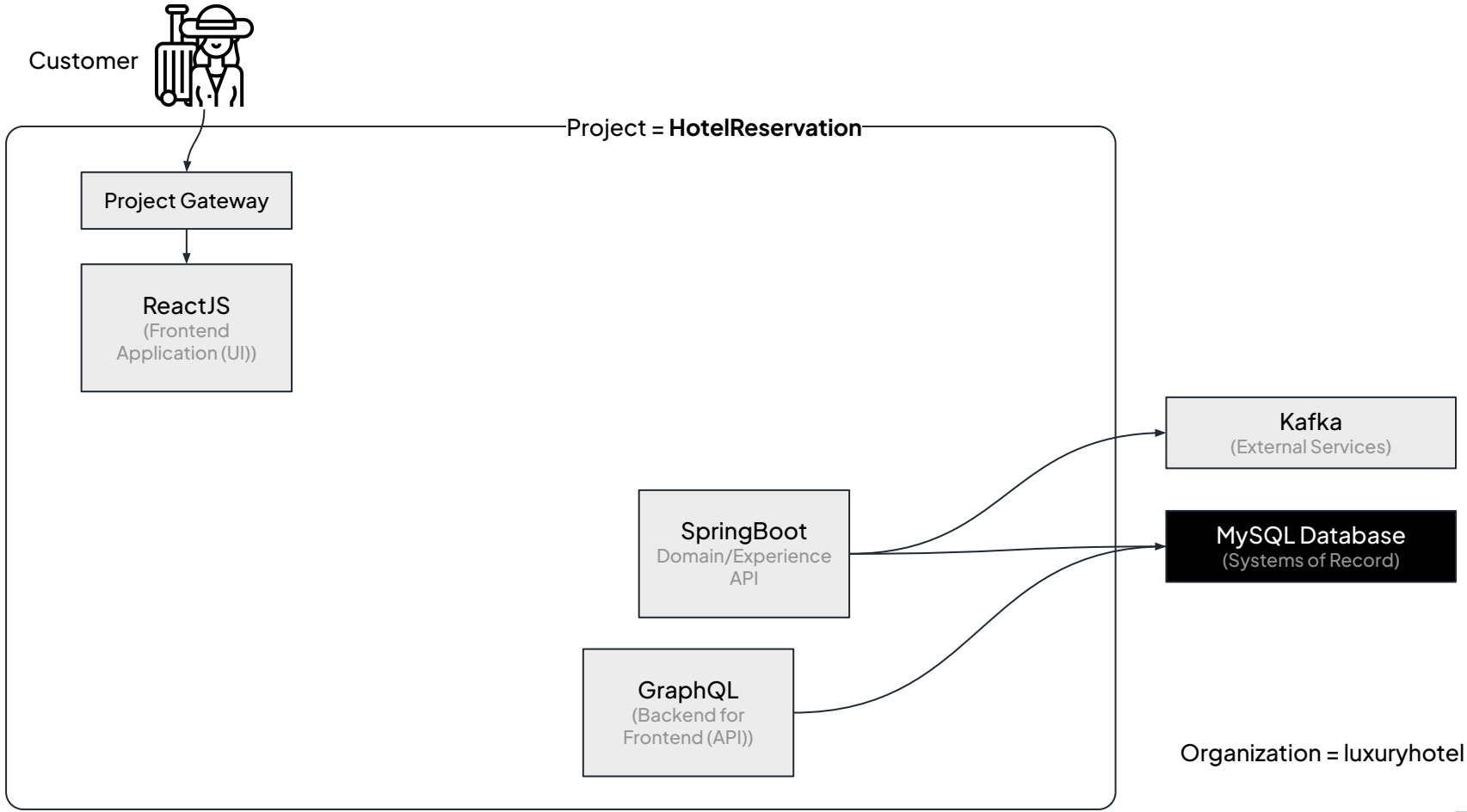
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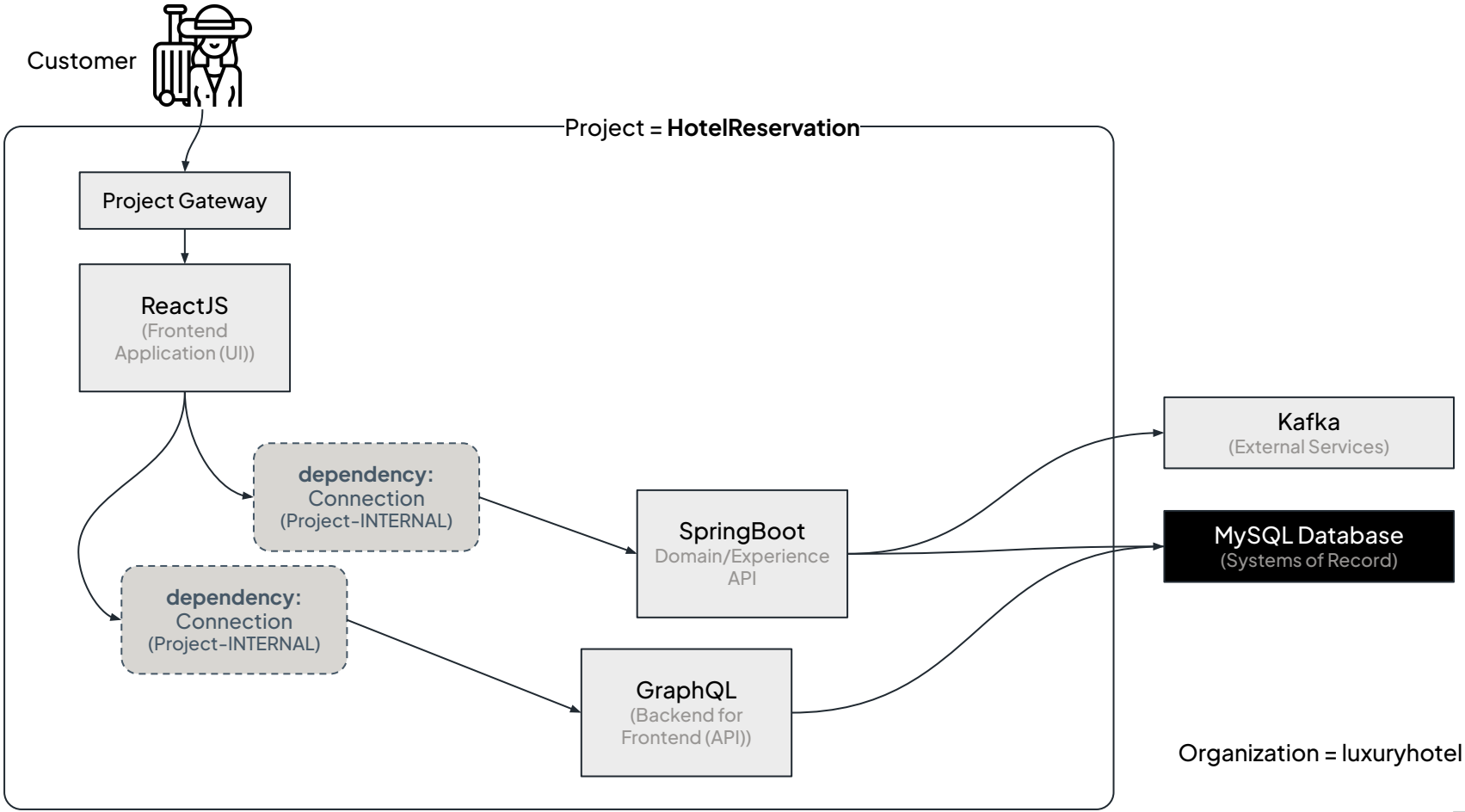
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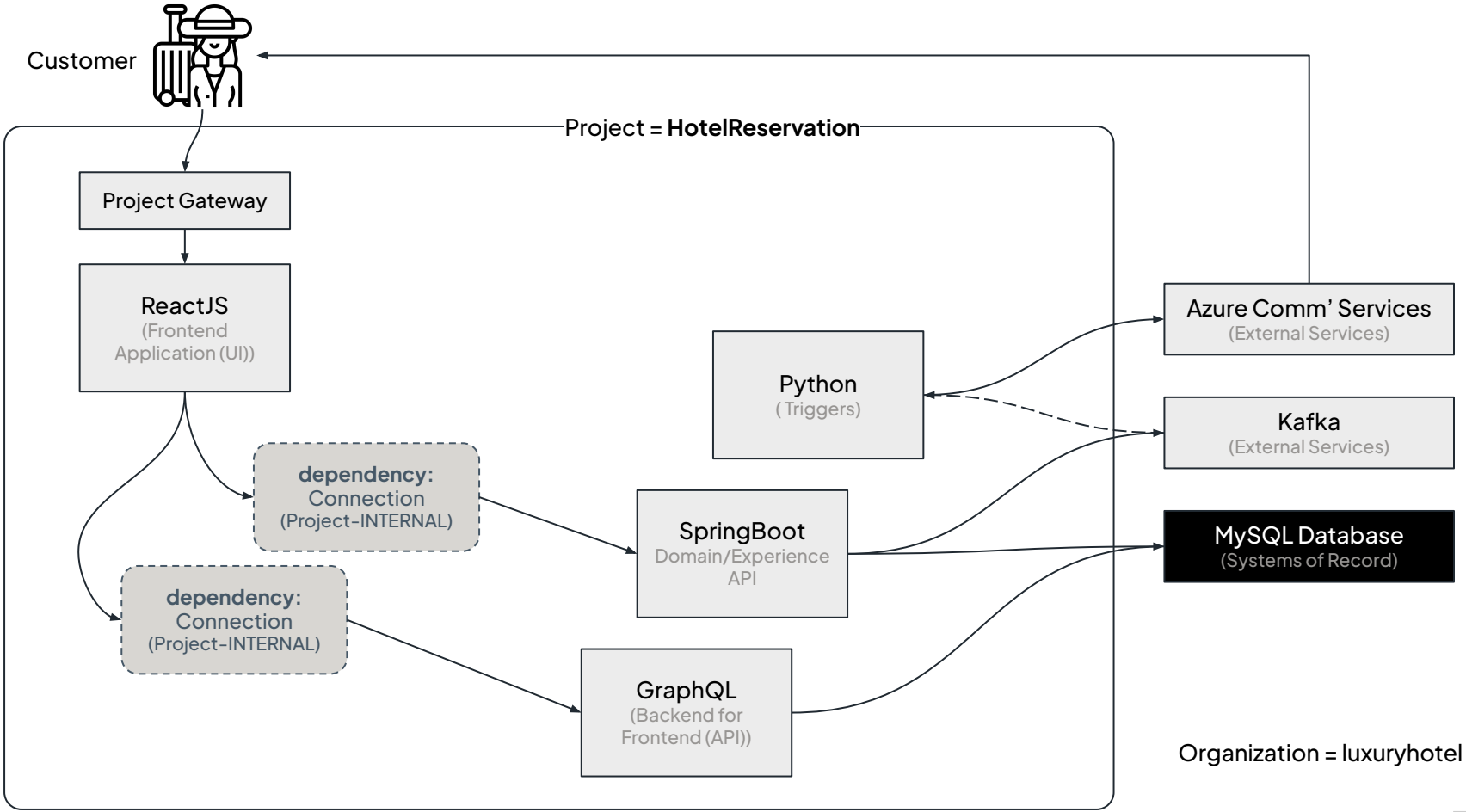
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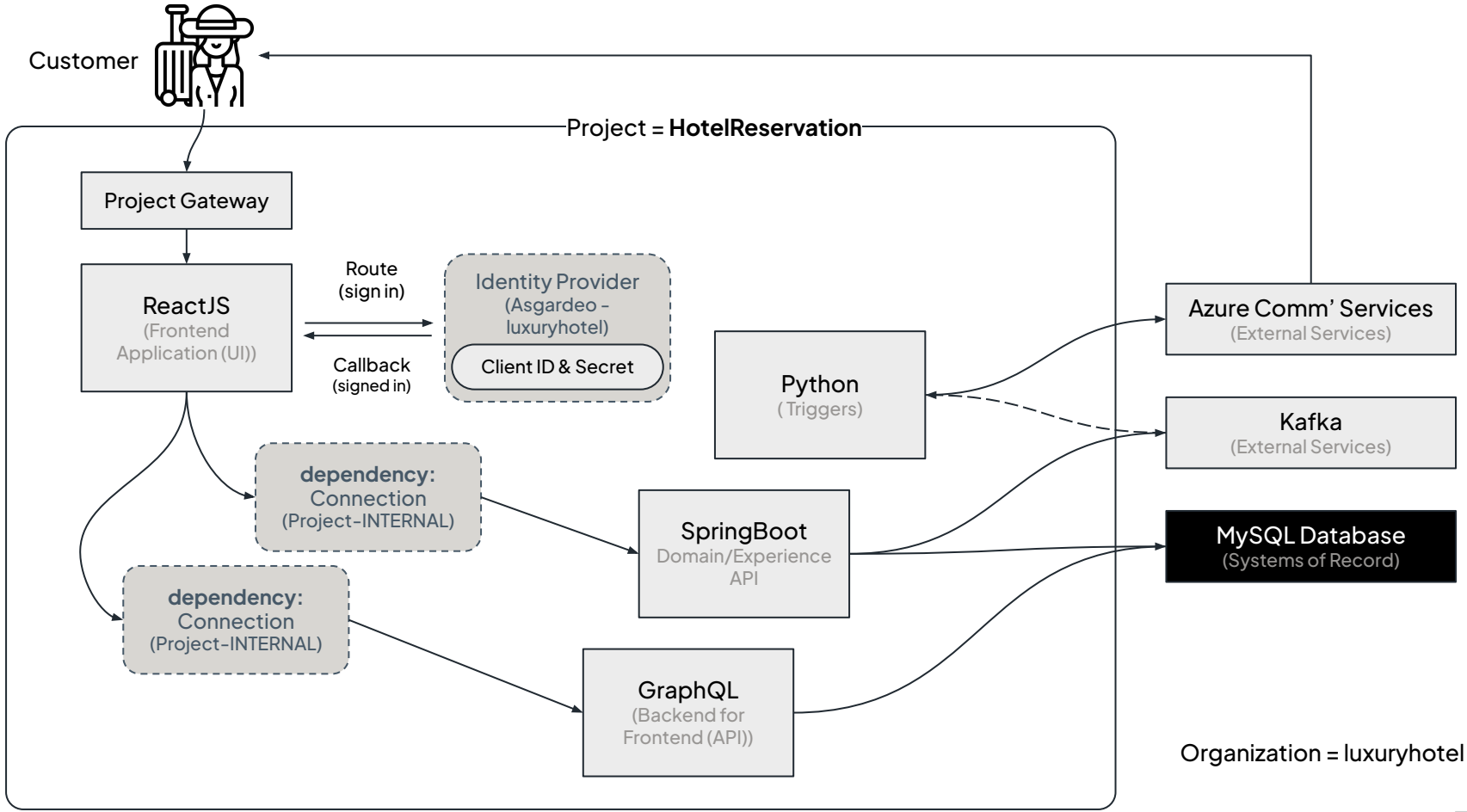
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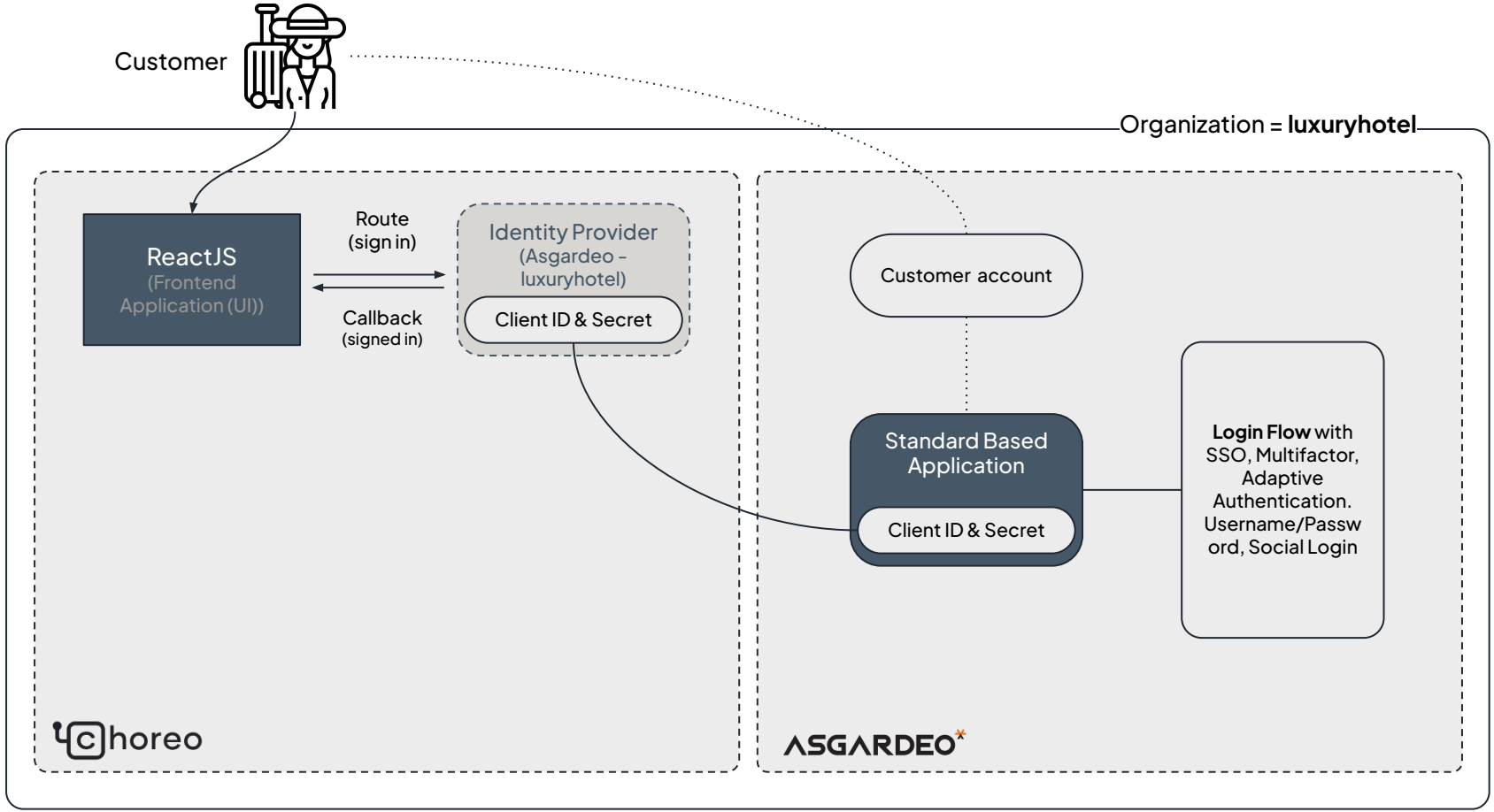

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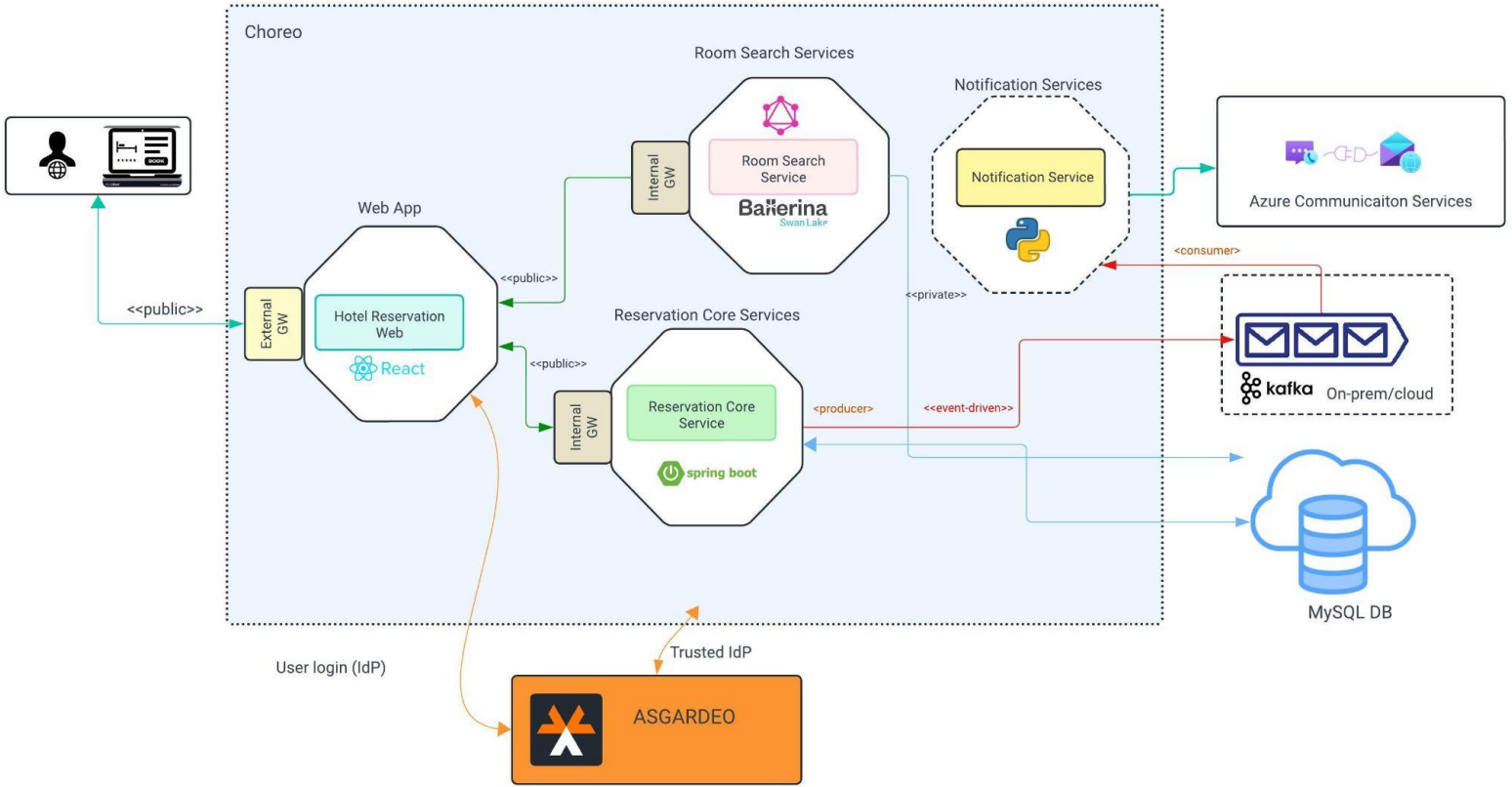

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Project Gateway
ReactJS
(Frontend Application (UI))
Route
(sign in)
Callback
(signed in)
Identity Provider
(Asgardeo - luxuryhotel)
Client ID & Secret
dependency:
Connection
(Project-INTERNAL)
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Python
(Triggers)
SpringBoot
Domain/Experience API
GraphQL
(Backend for Frontend (API))
Azure Comm' Services
(External Services)
Kafka
(External Services)
MySQL Database
(Systems of Record)
Organization = luxuryhotel


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Customer account
Standard Based Application
Client ID & Secret
Login Flow with SSO, Multifactor, Adaptive Authentication. Username/Password, Social Login
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Solution architecture view



Question Time!




Thank you!
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