

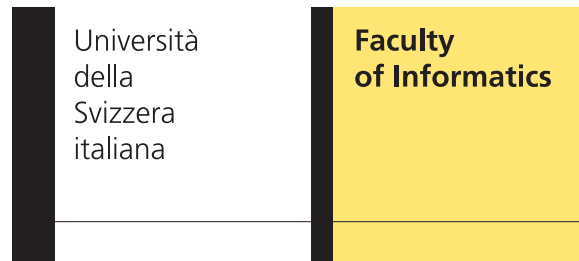


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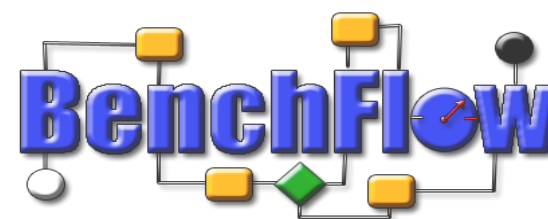
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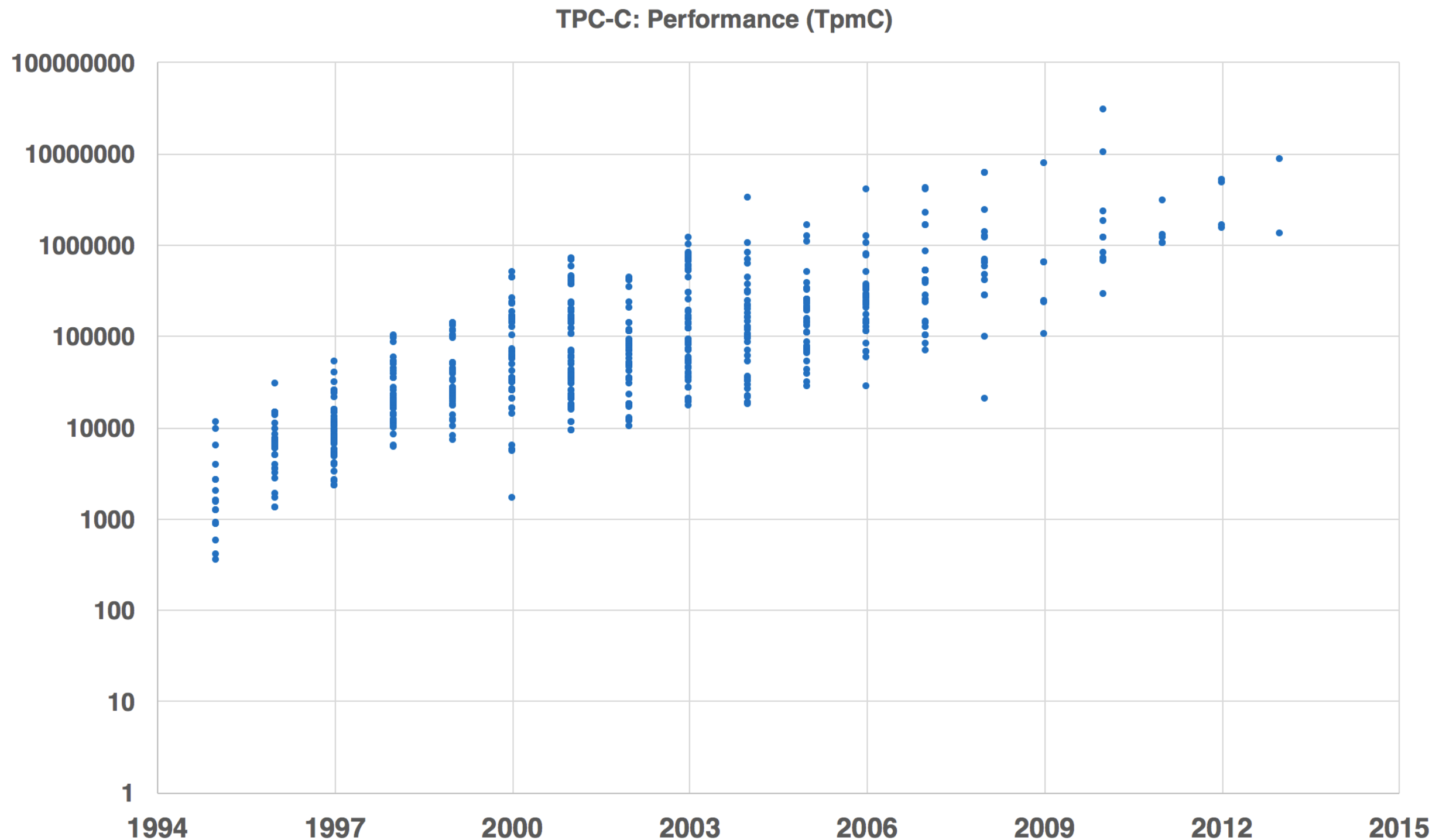
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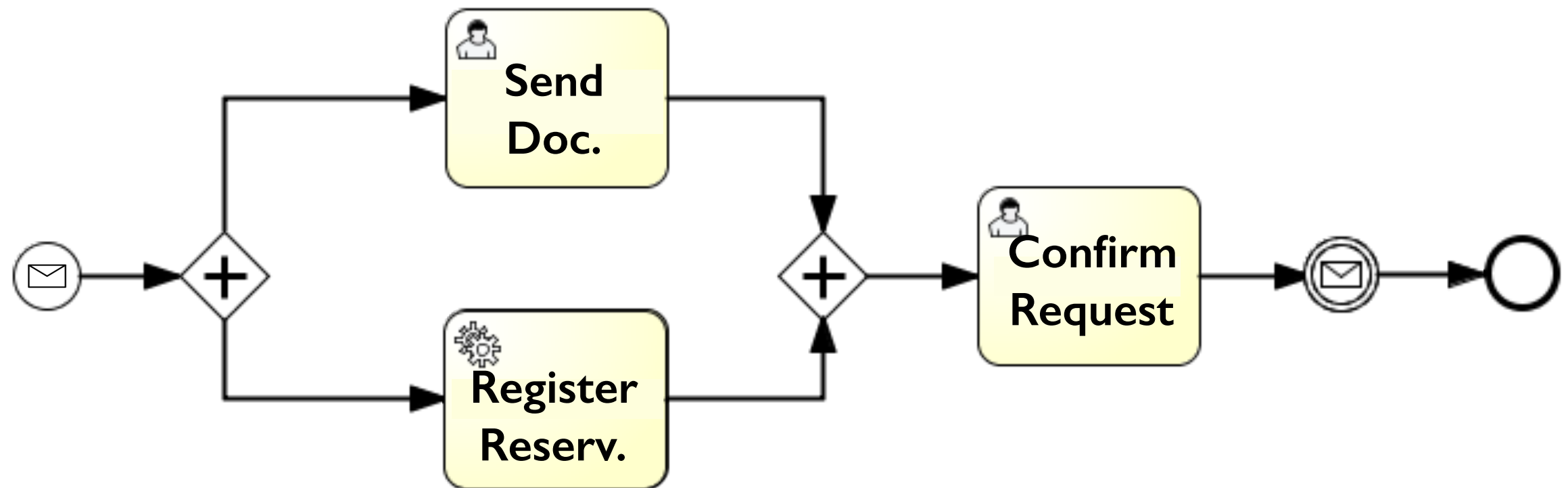
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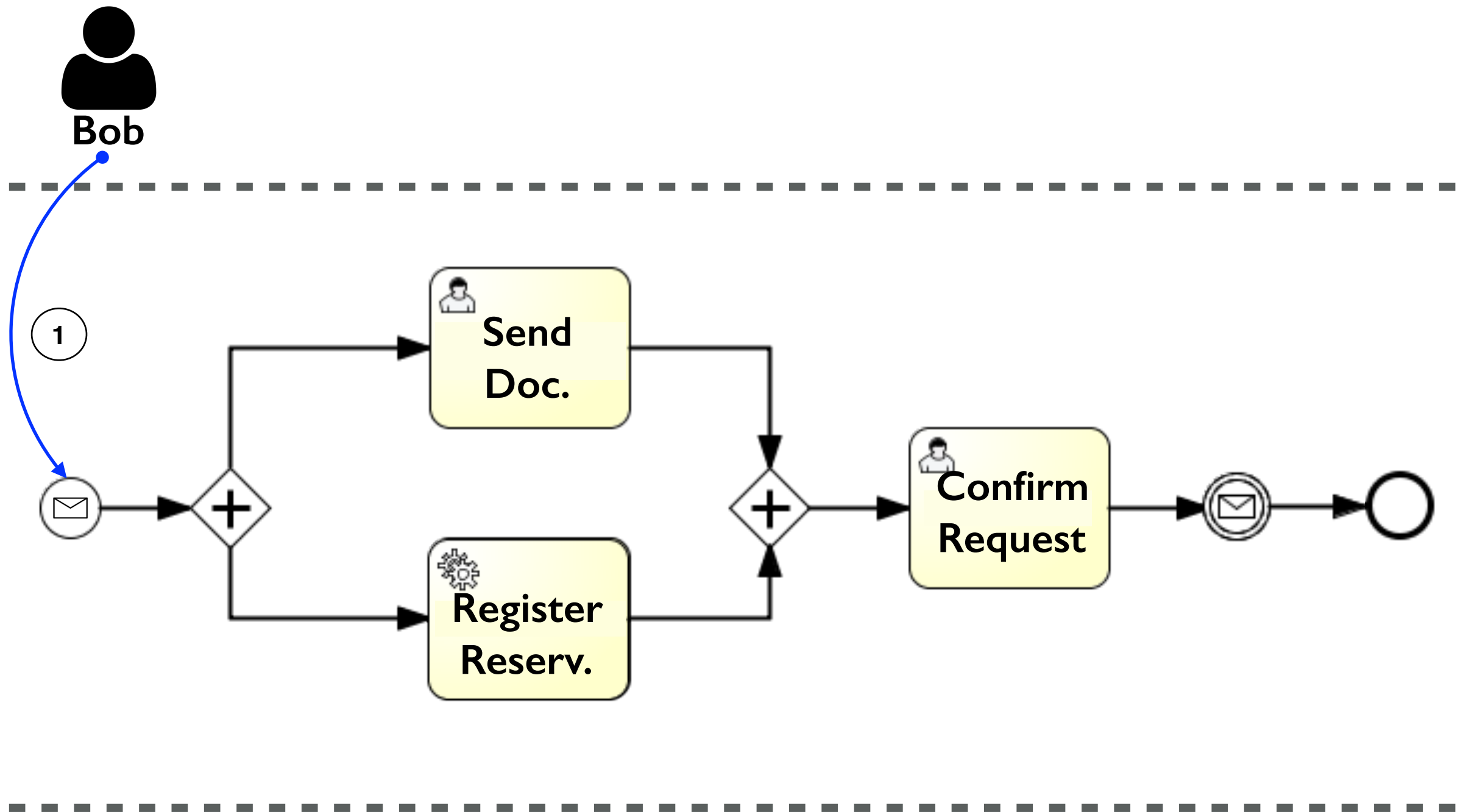
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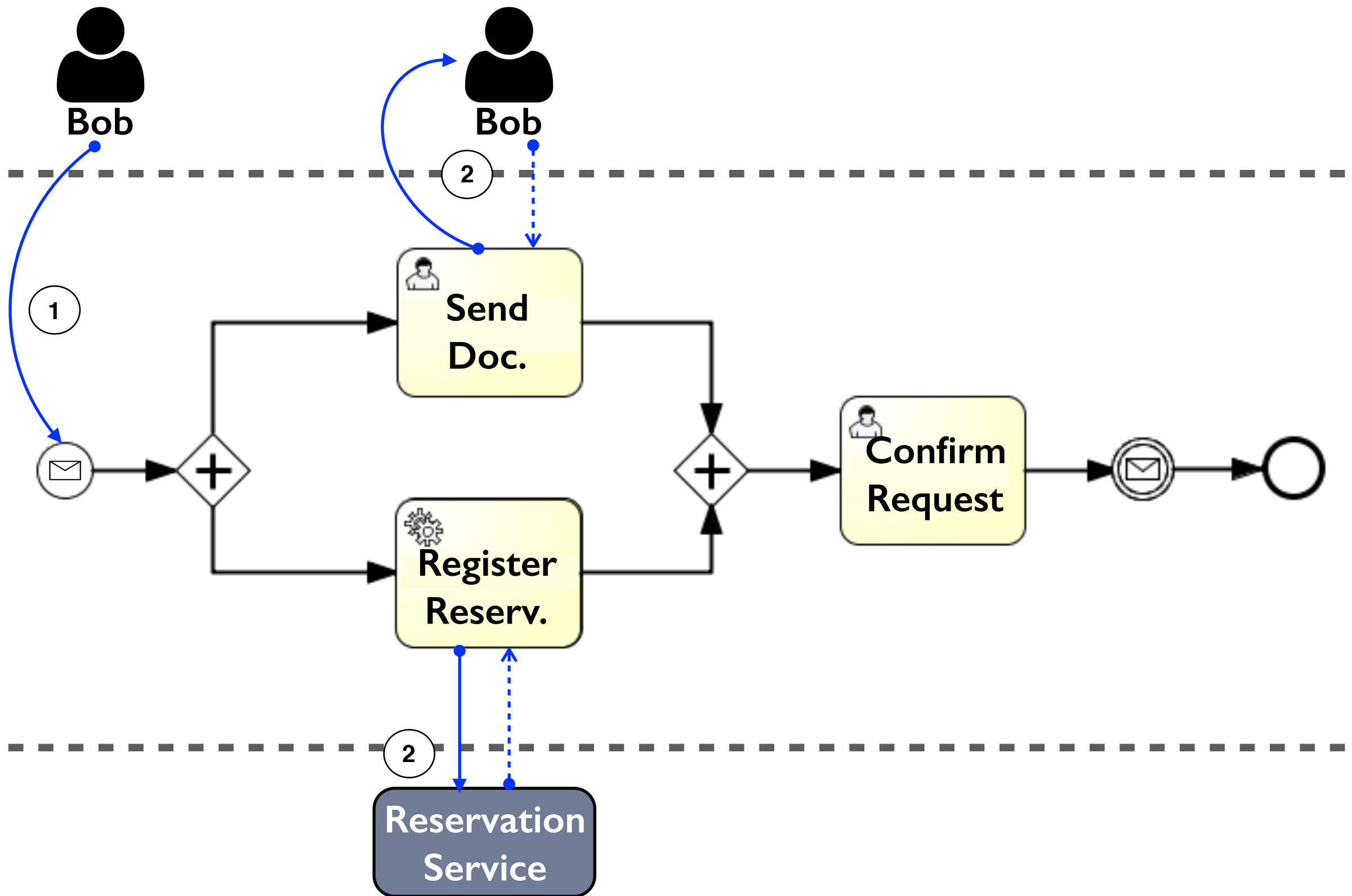




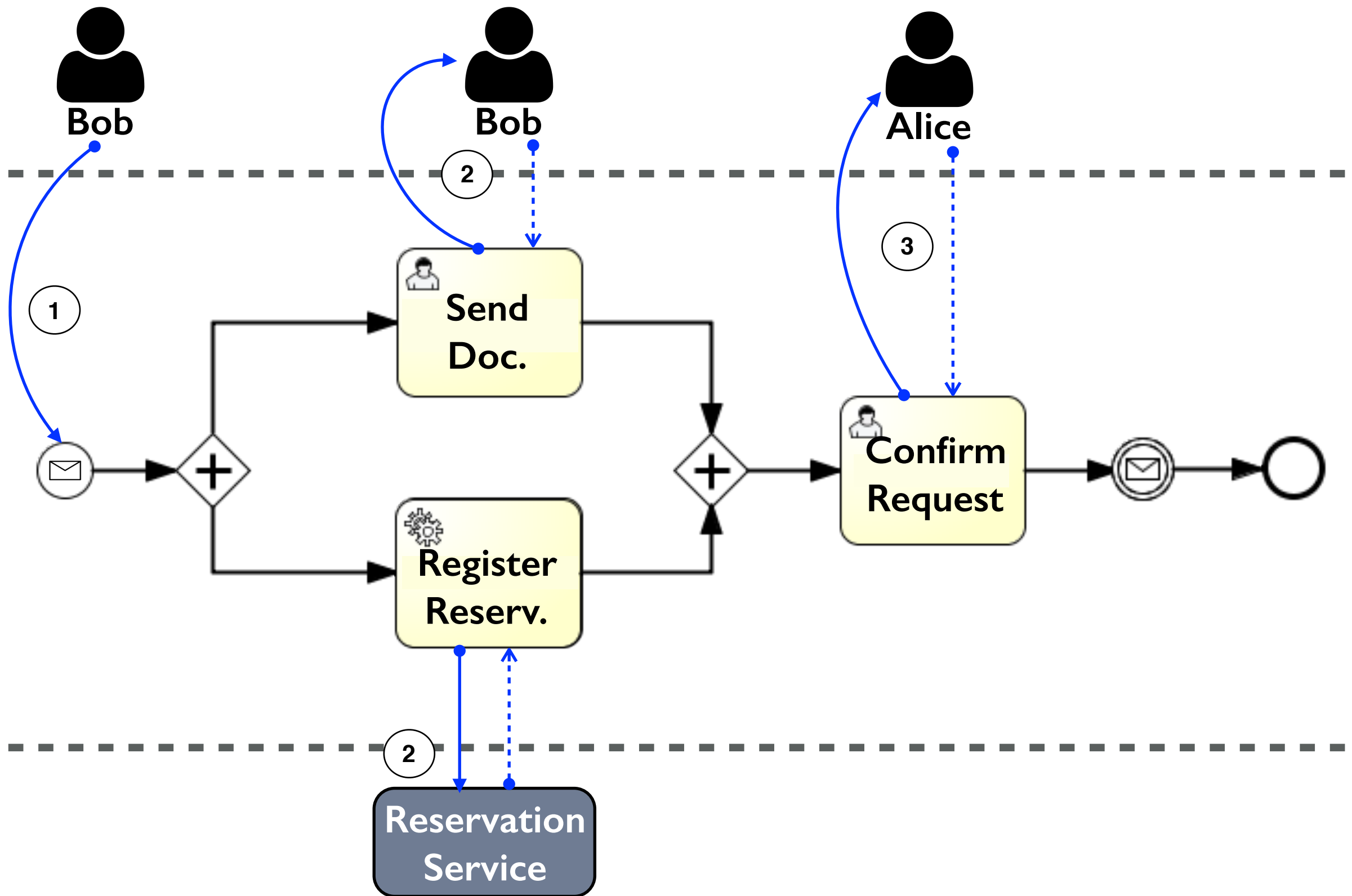
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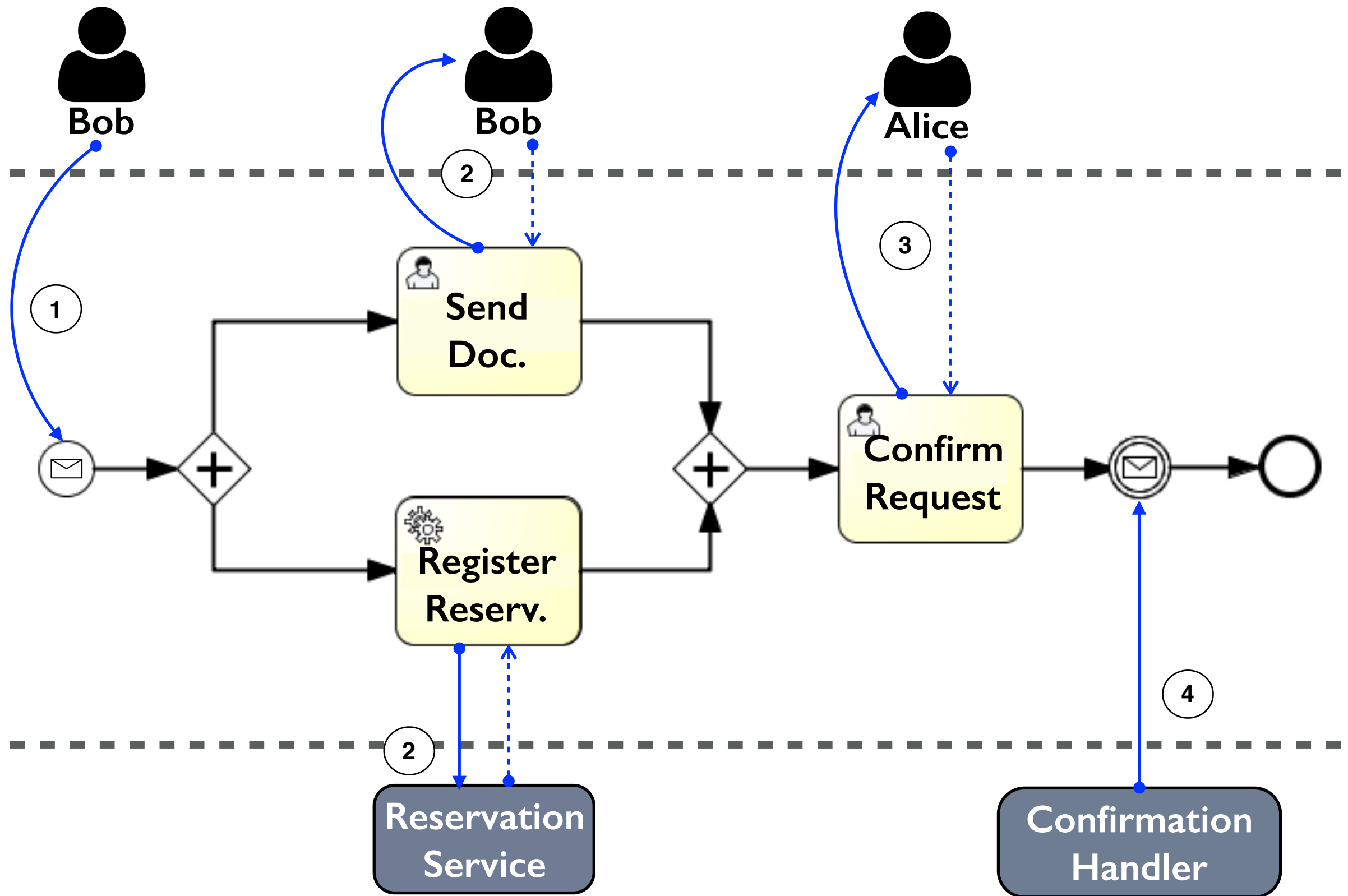
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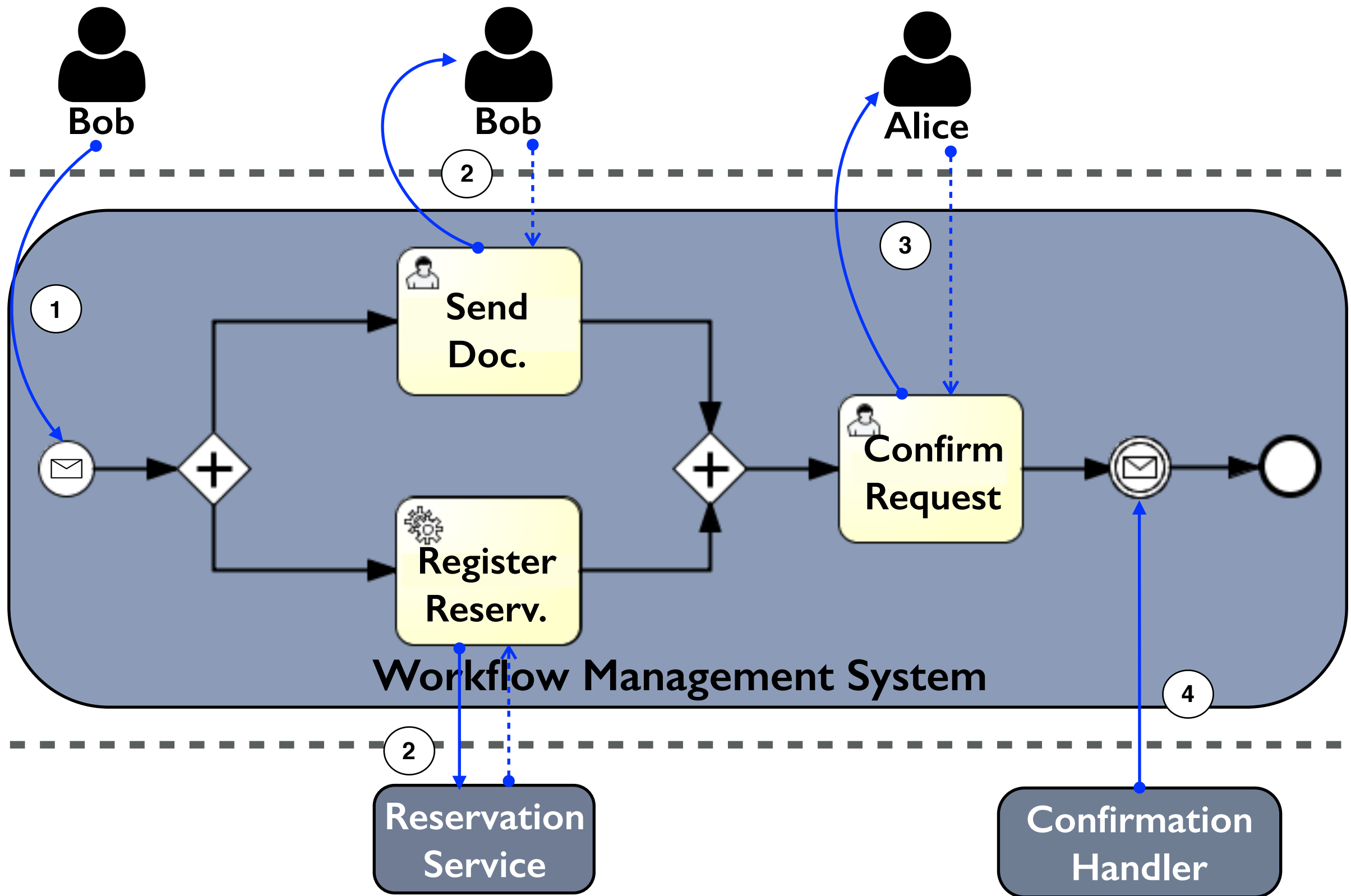
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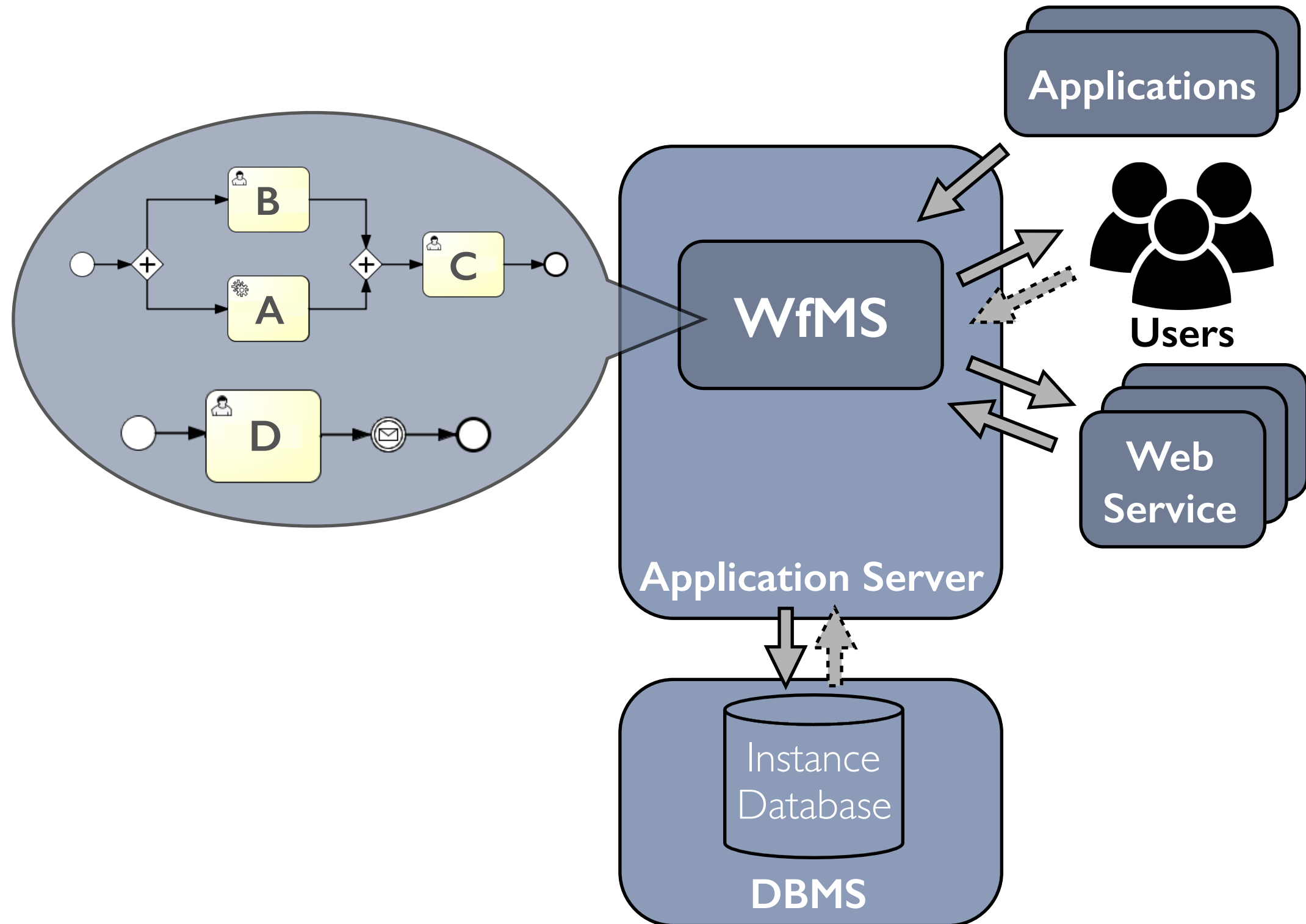
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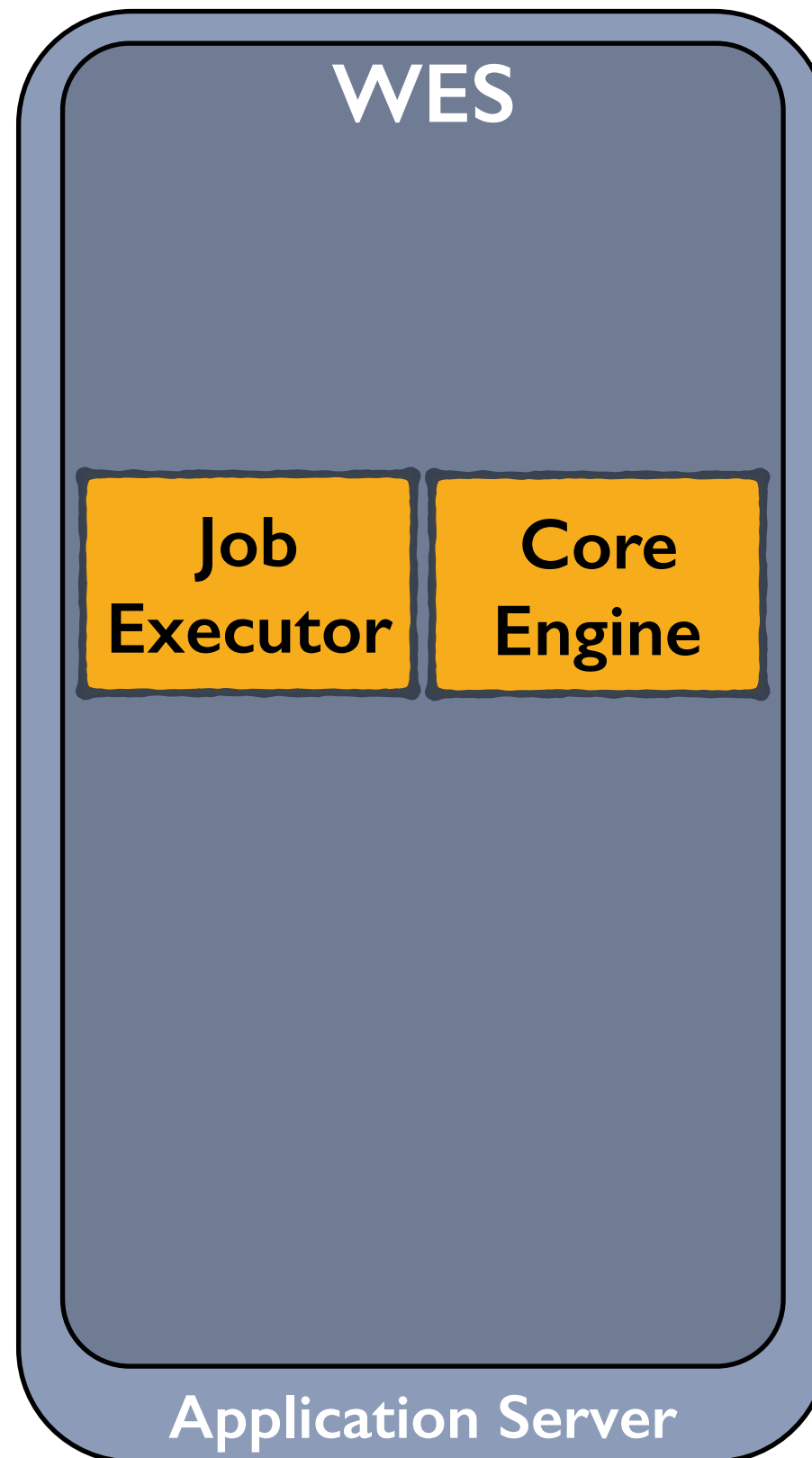
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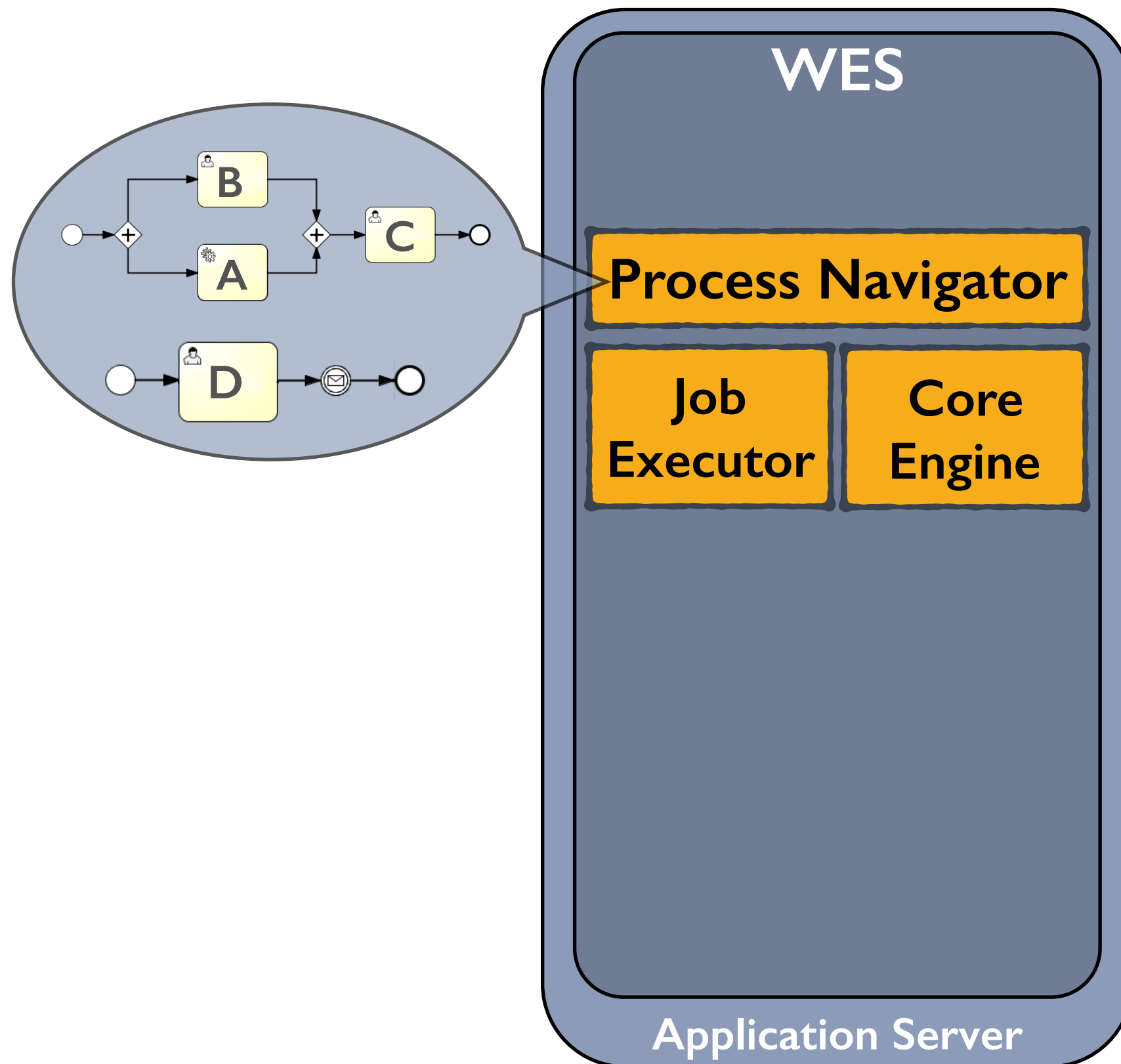
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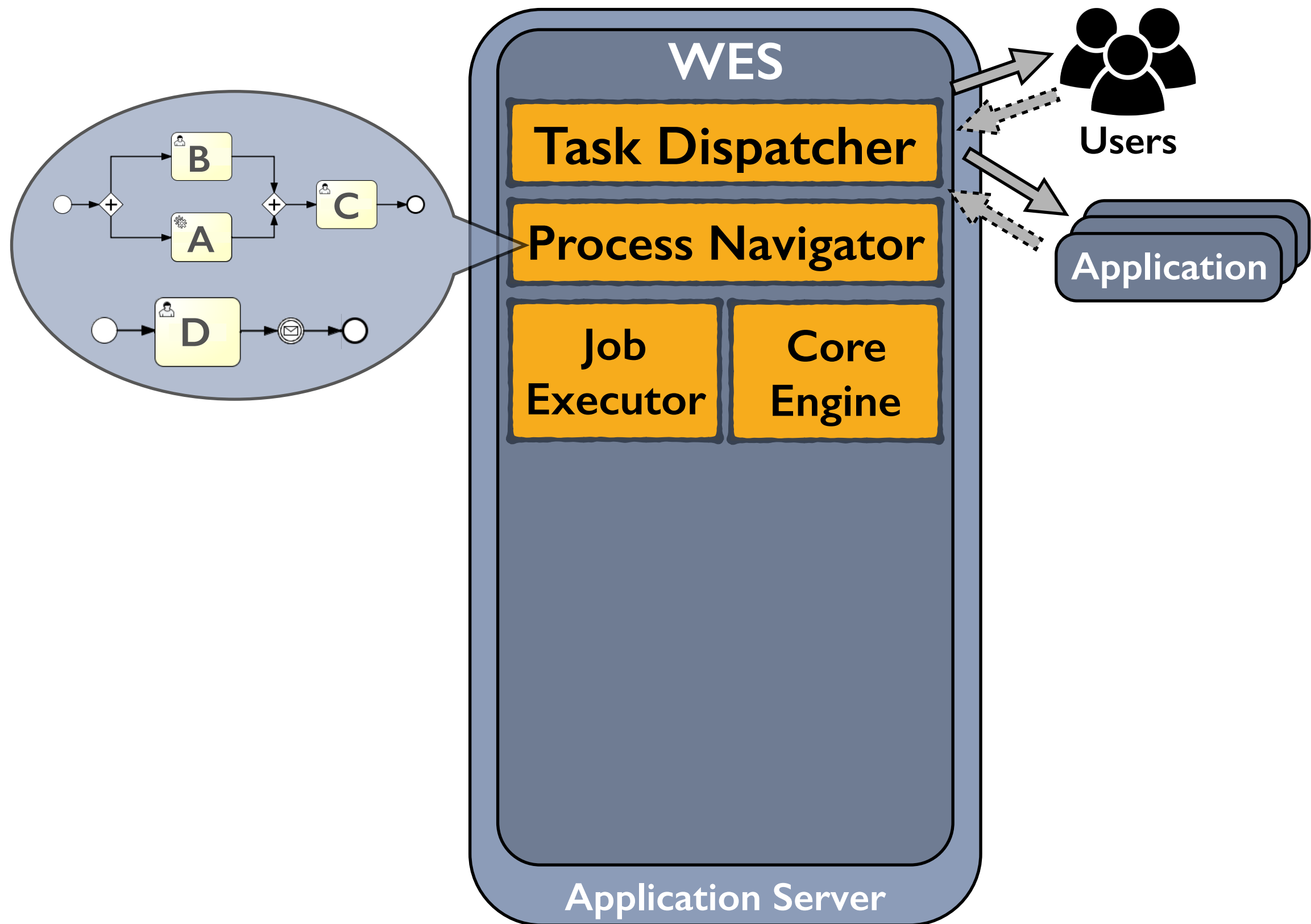


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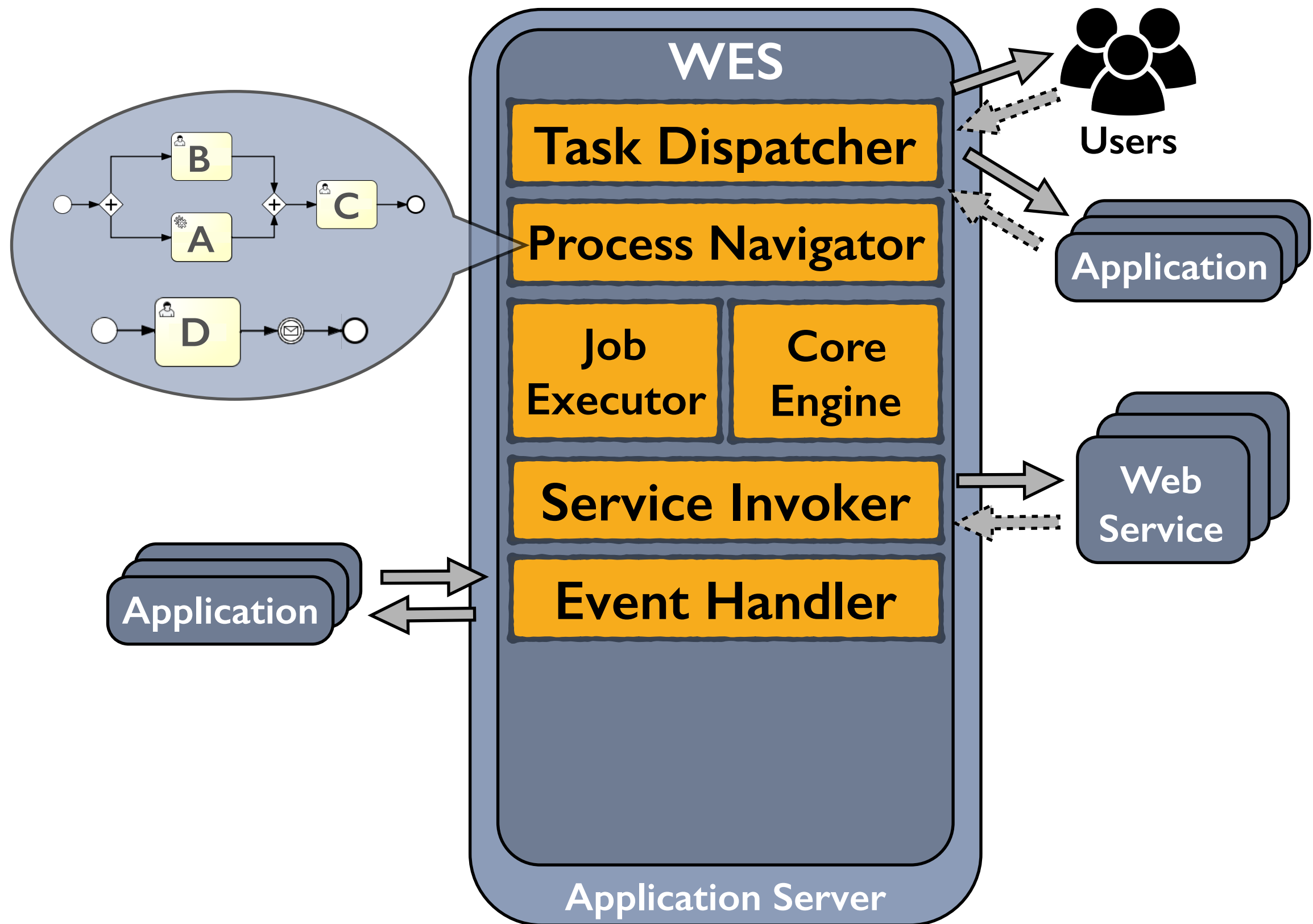




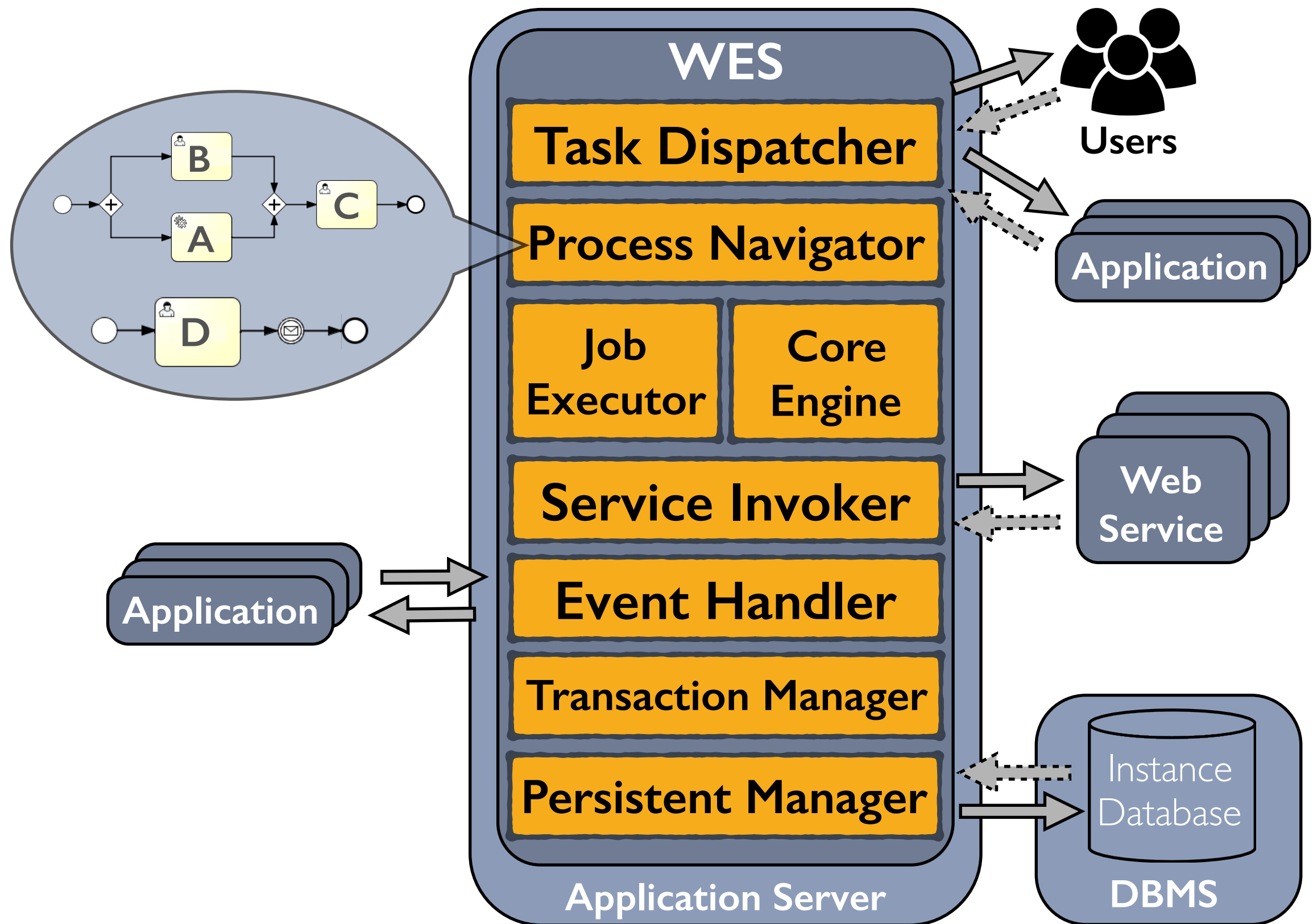
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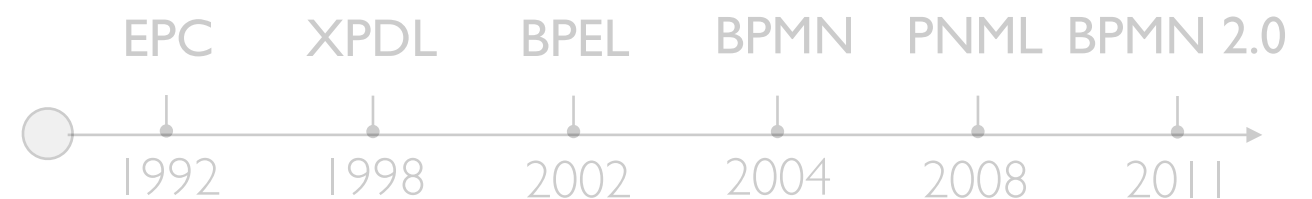
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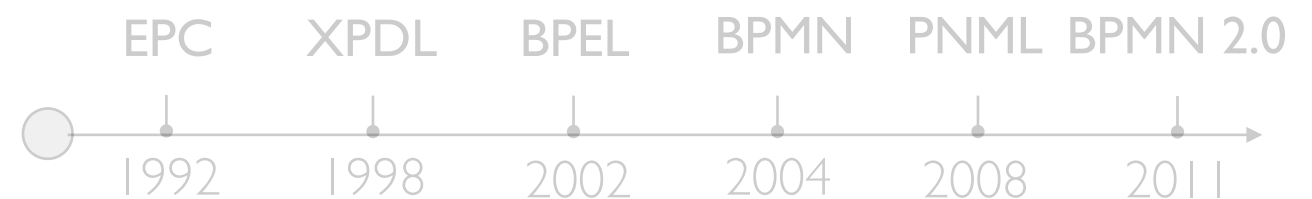
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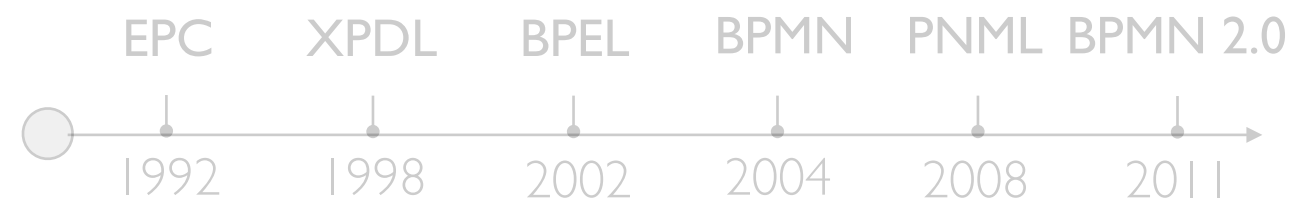
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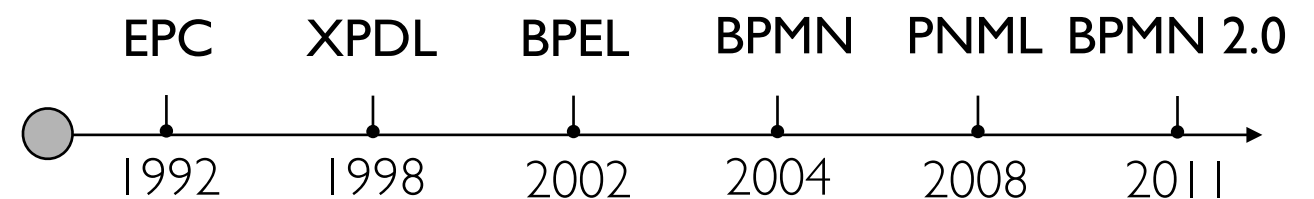
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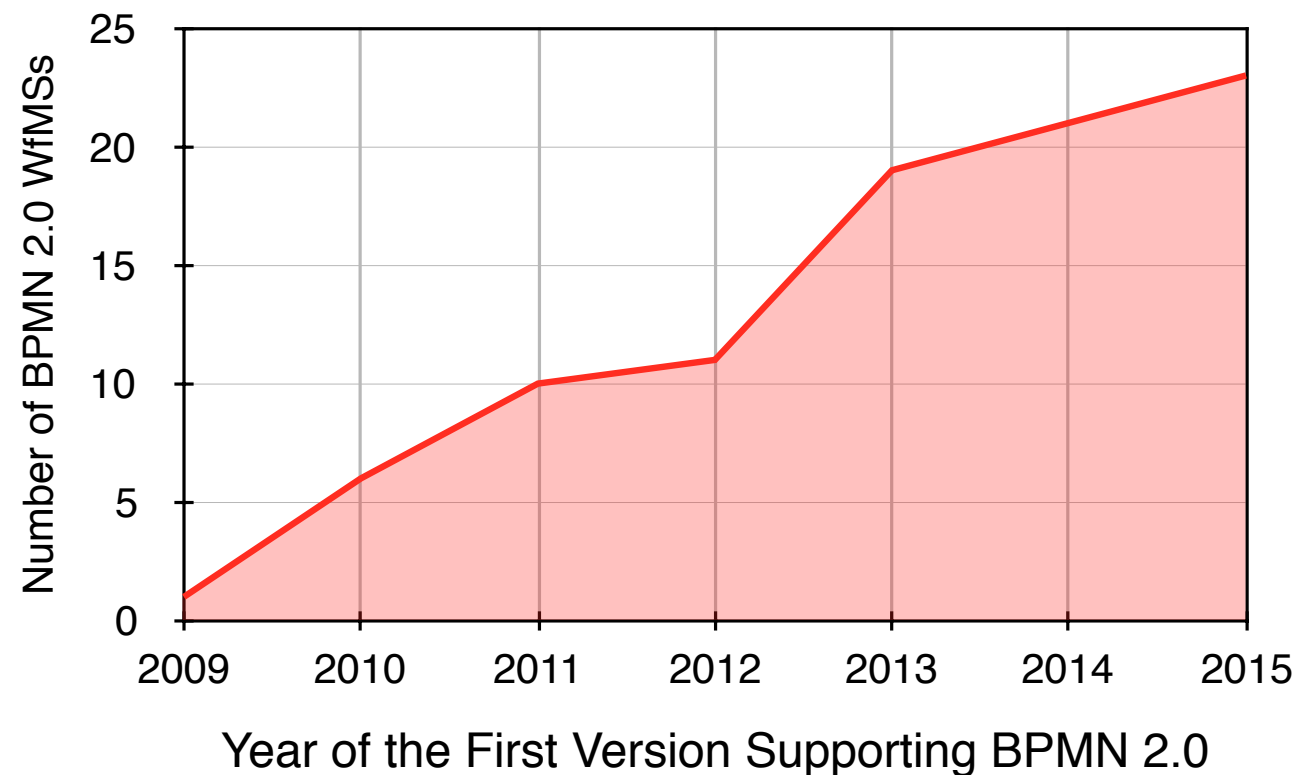
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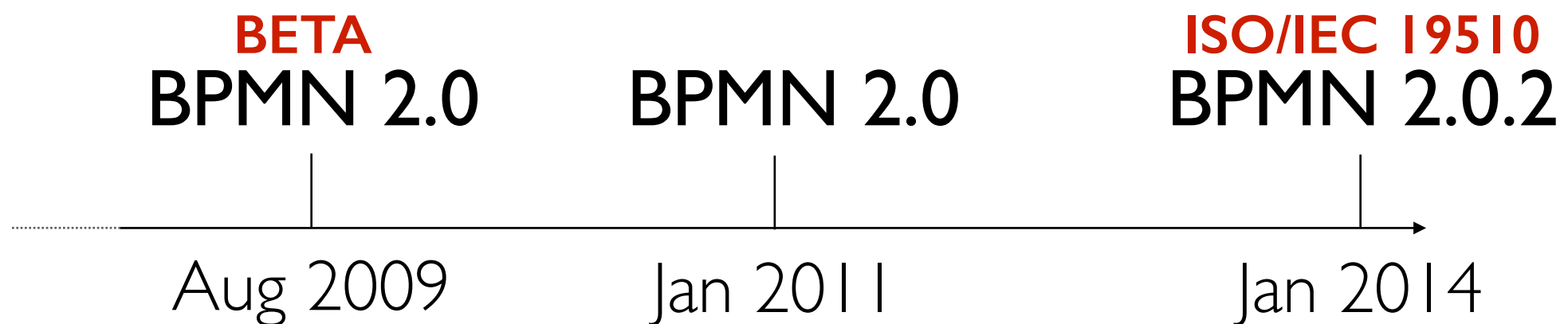
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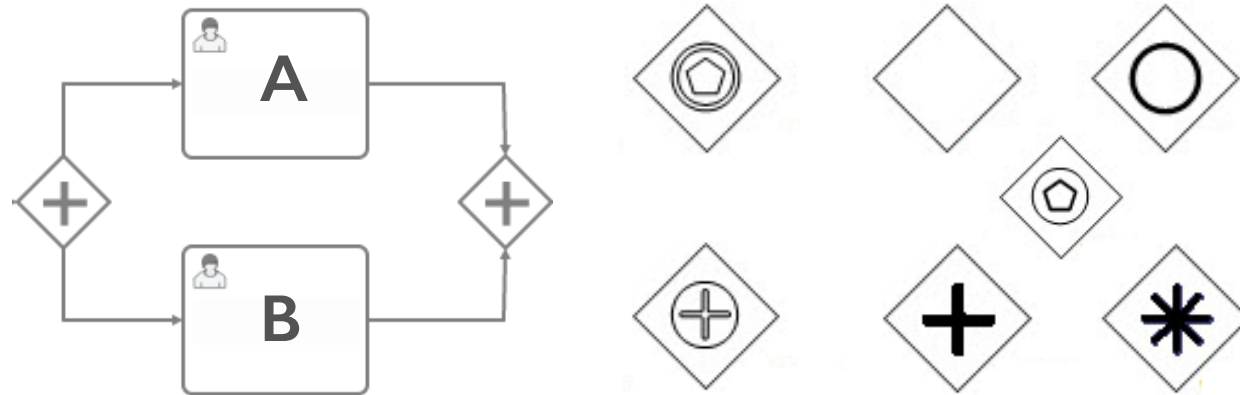
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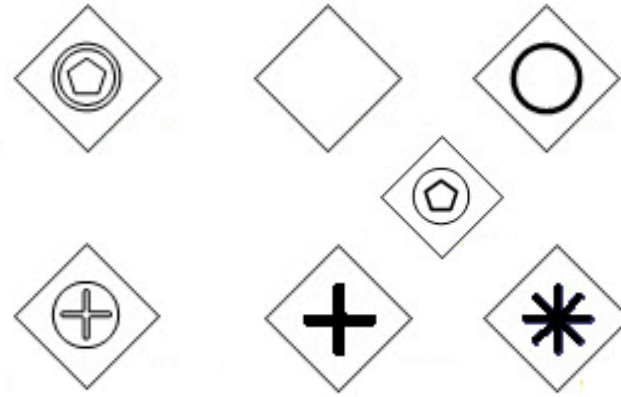
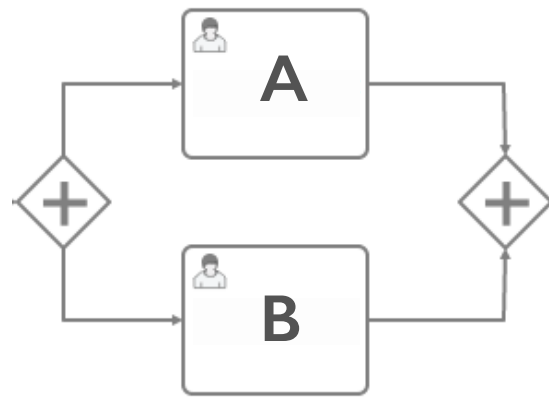
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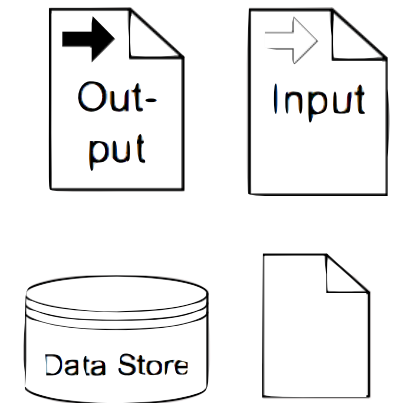
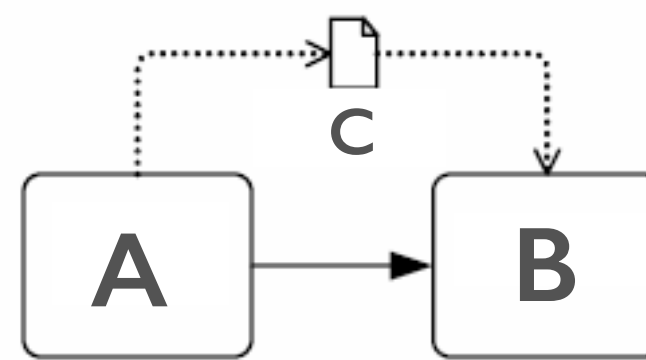


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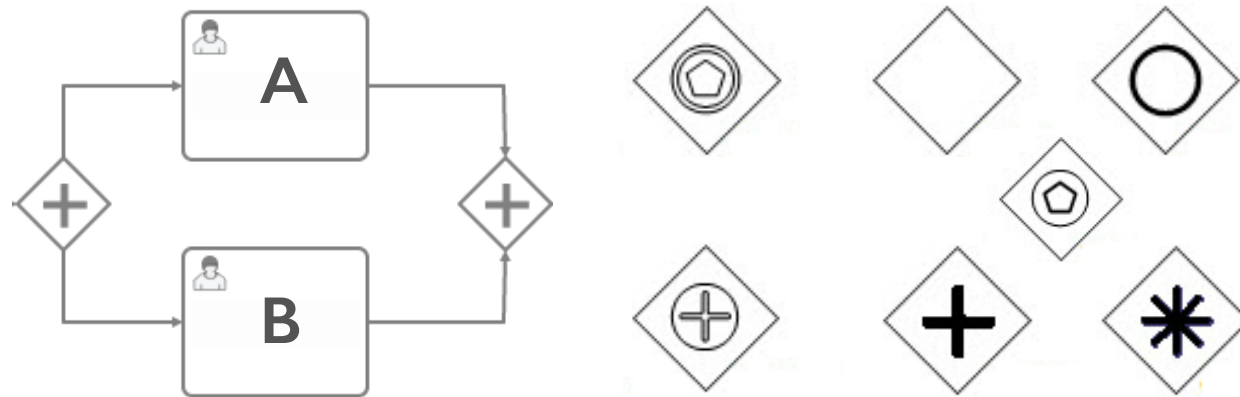


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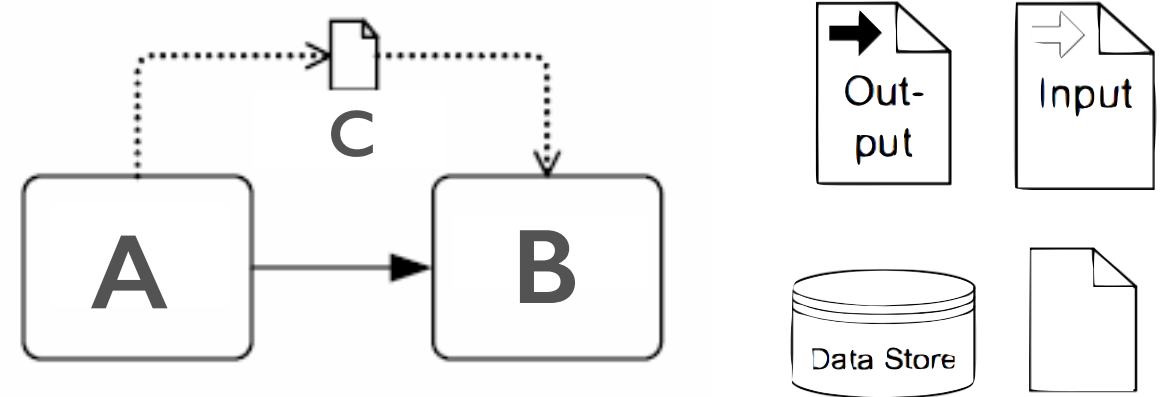


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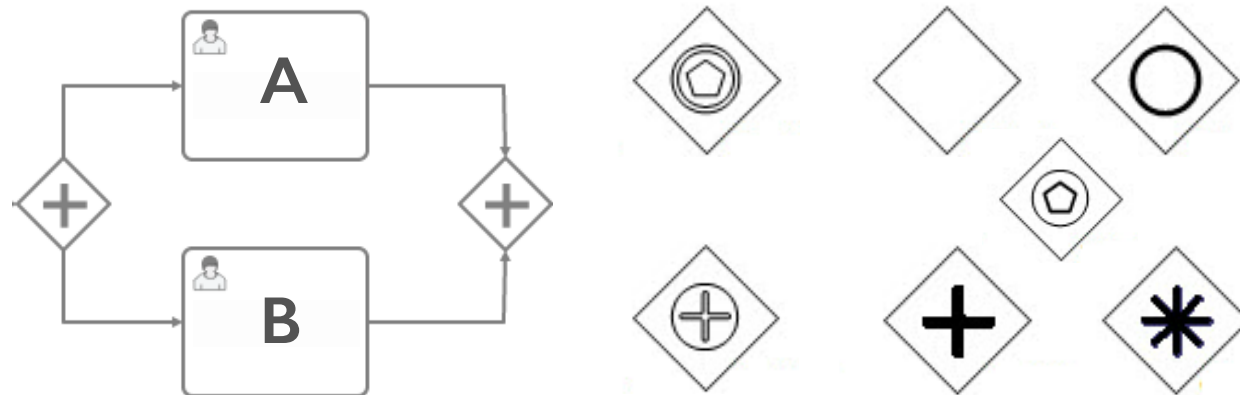


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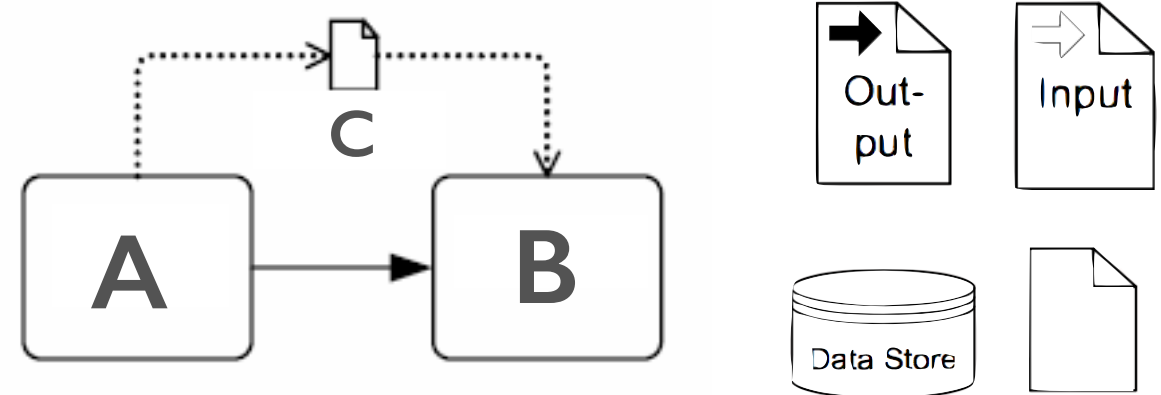


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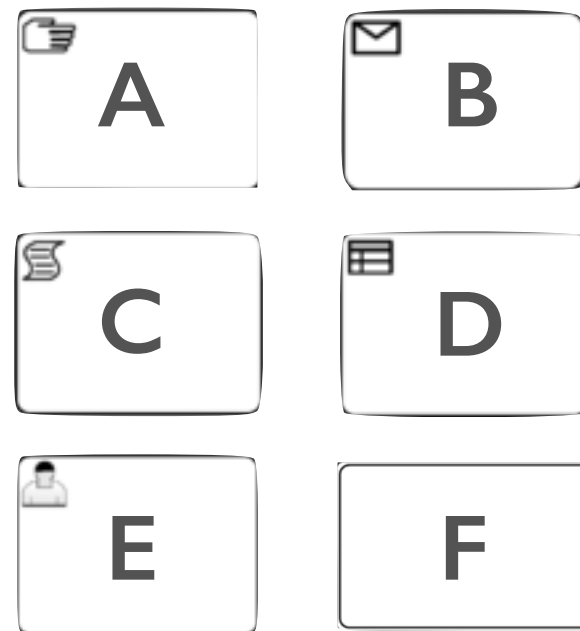
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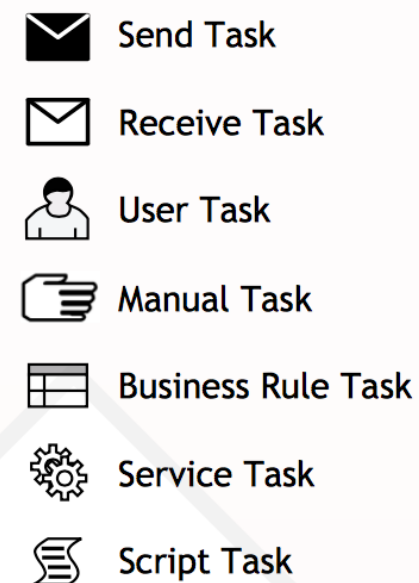
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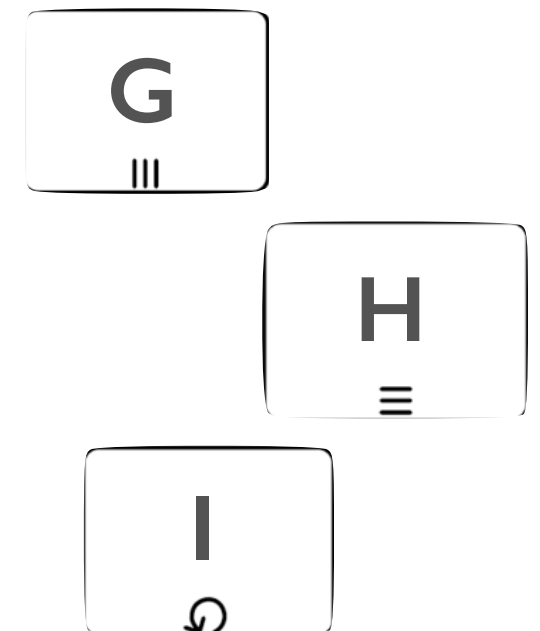
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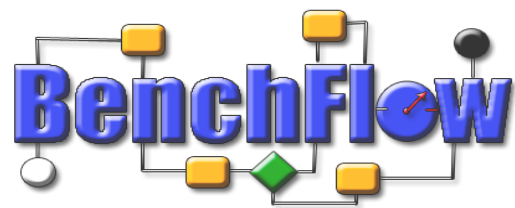
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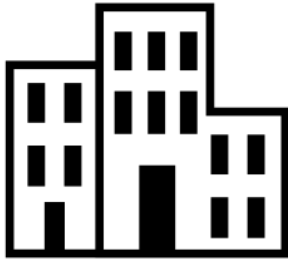
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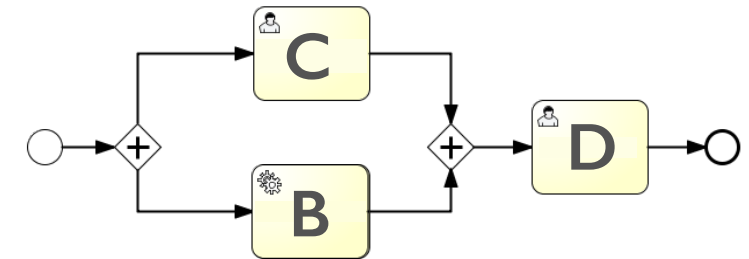
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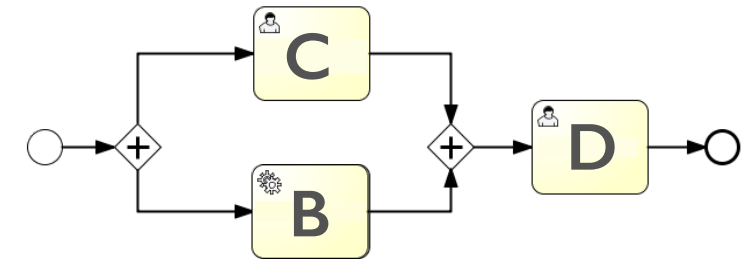
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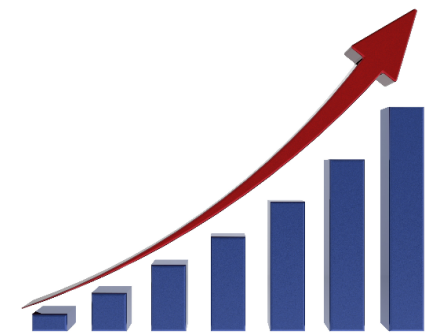
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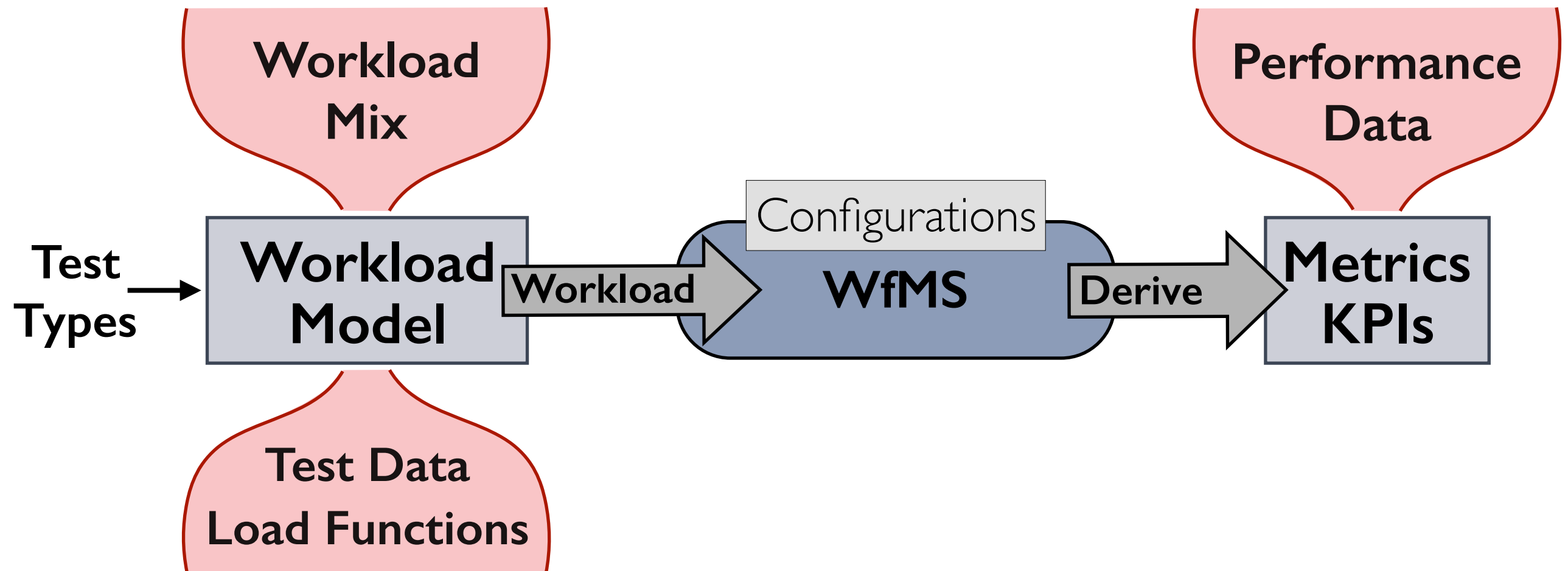
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# Benchmarking Requirements

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- Portable
- Scalable
- Simple
- Repeatable
- Vendor-neutral
- Accessible
- Efficient
- Affordable

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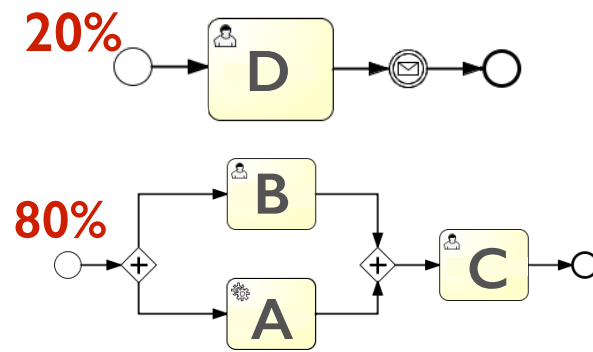


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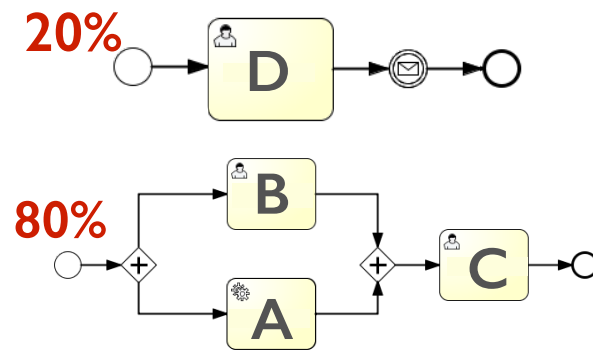


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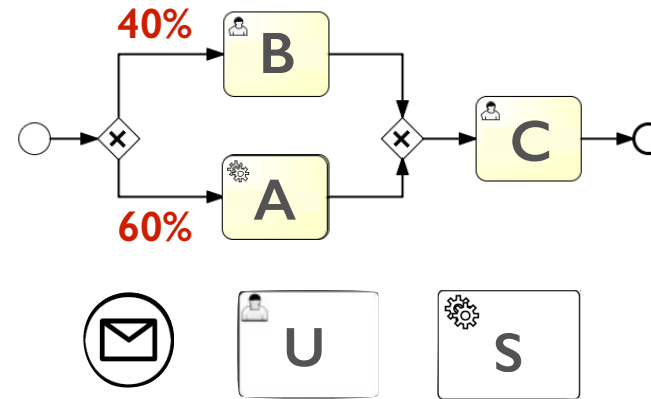
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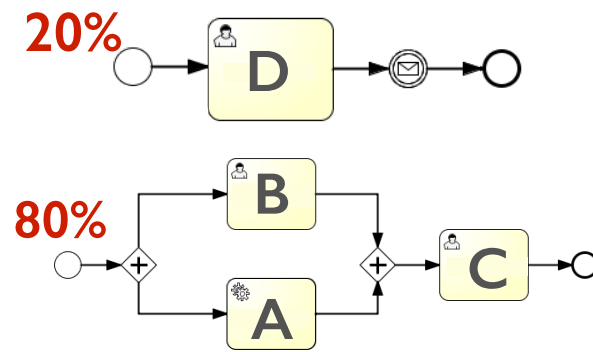


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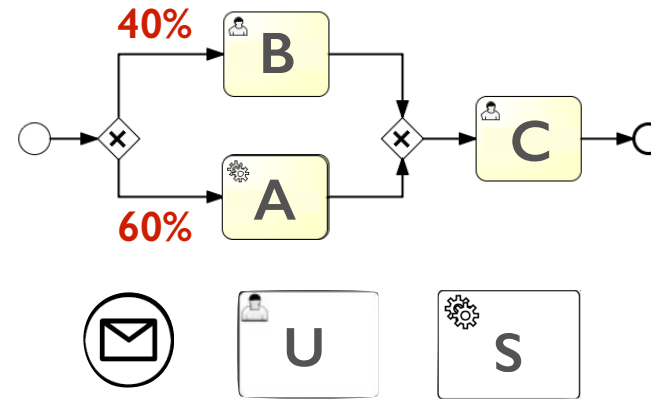
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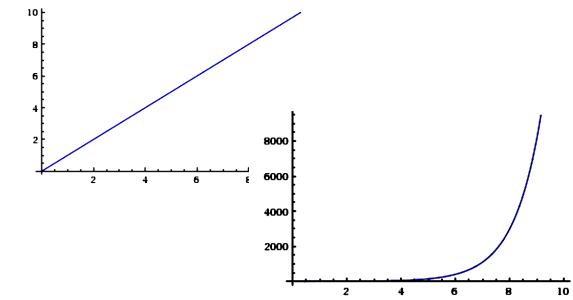
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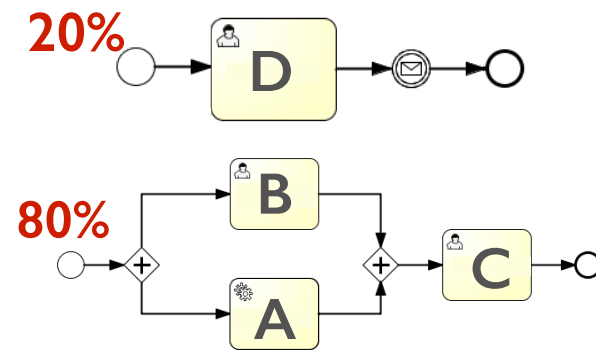


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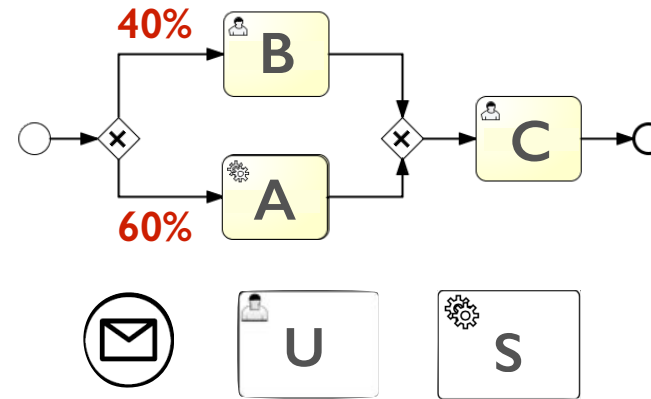
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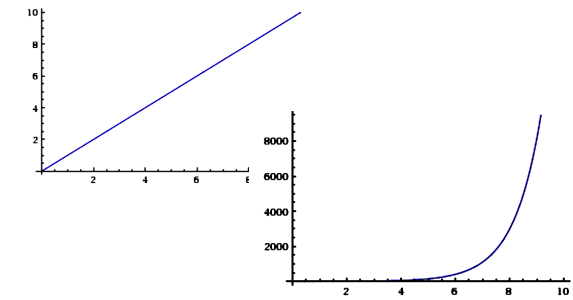
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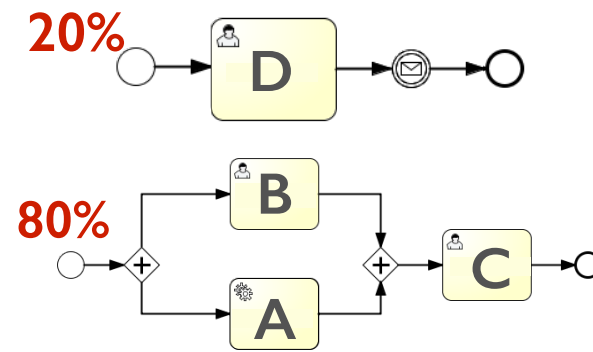
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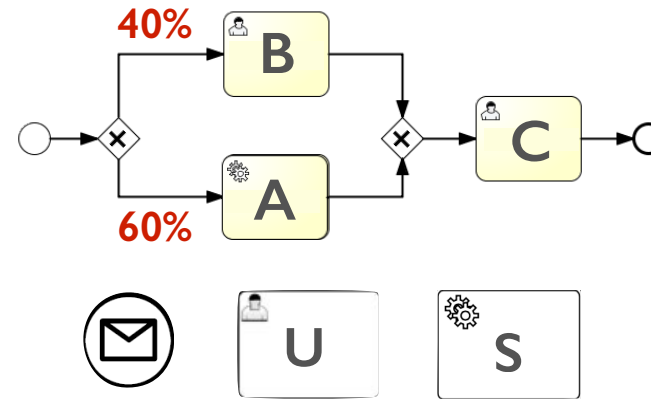
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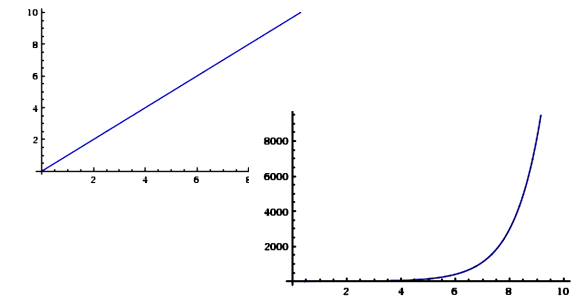
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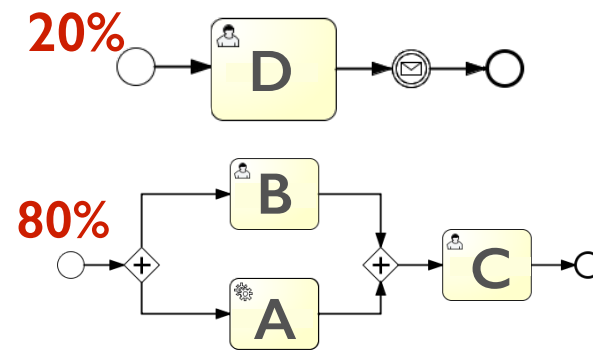
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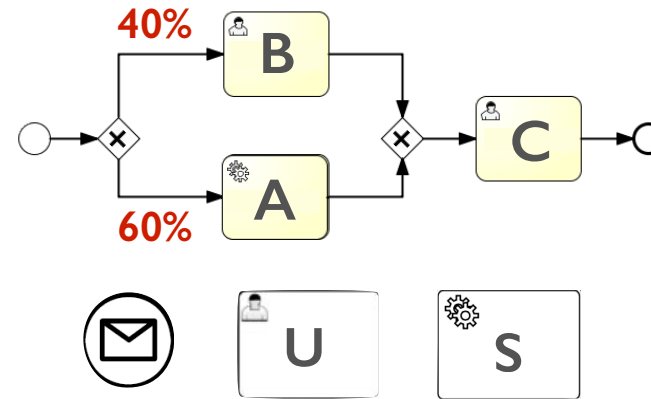
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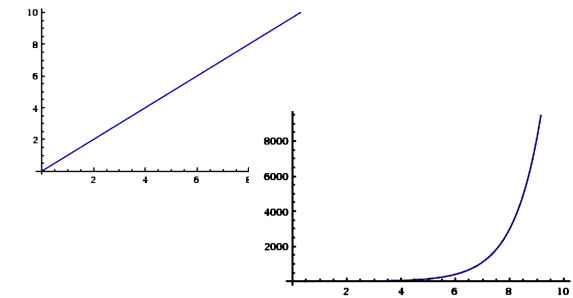
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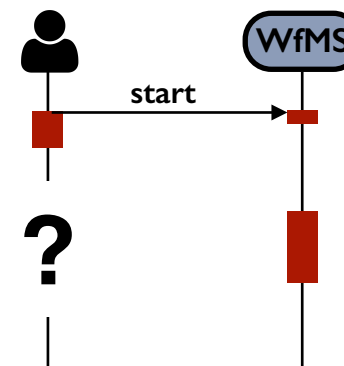


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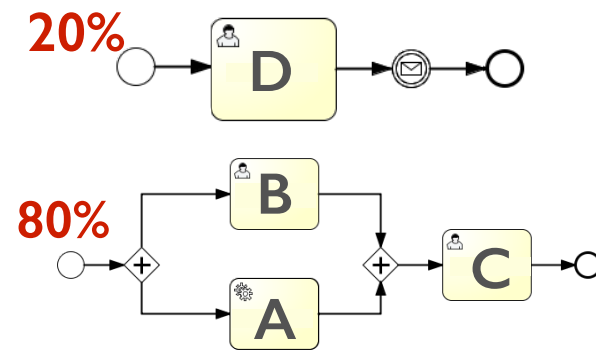
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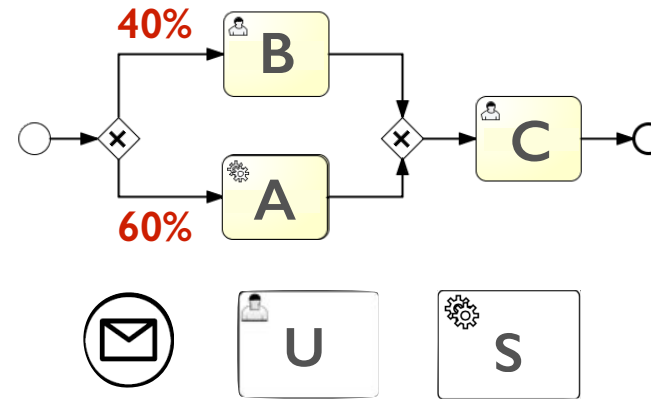
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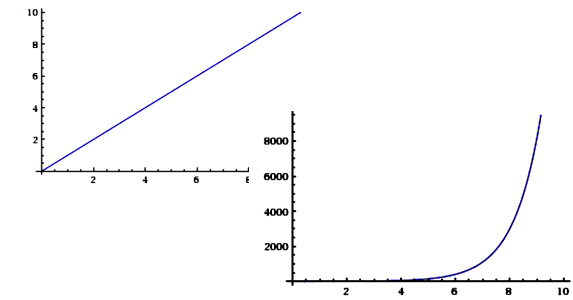
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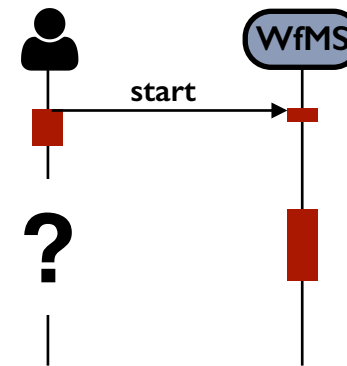


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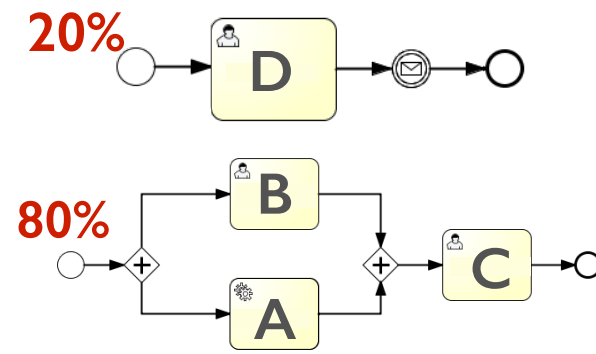
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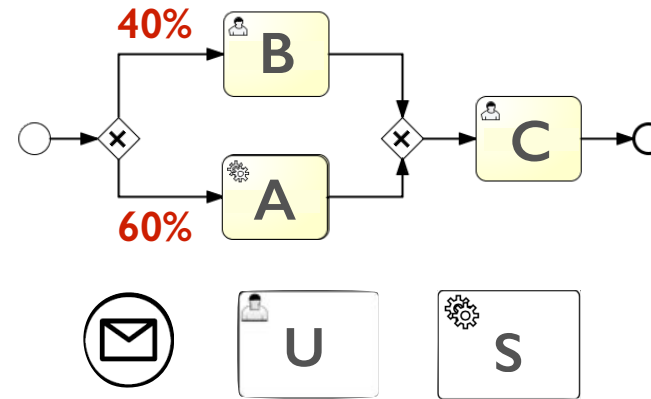
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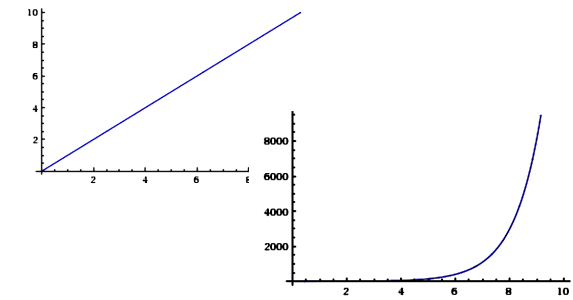
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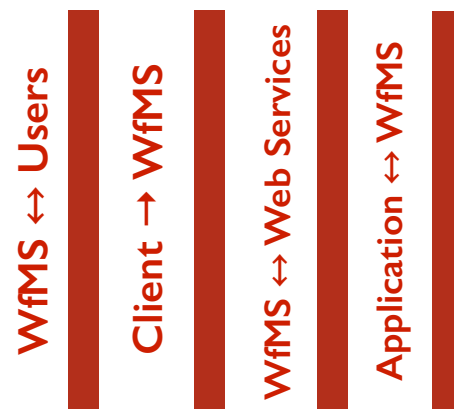


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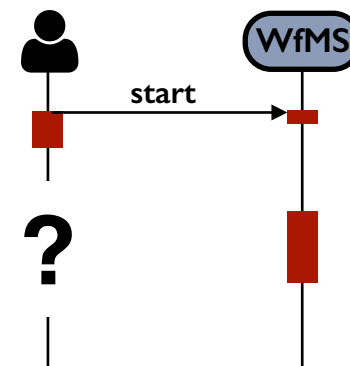


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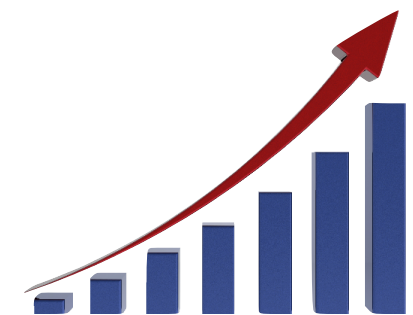
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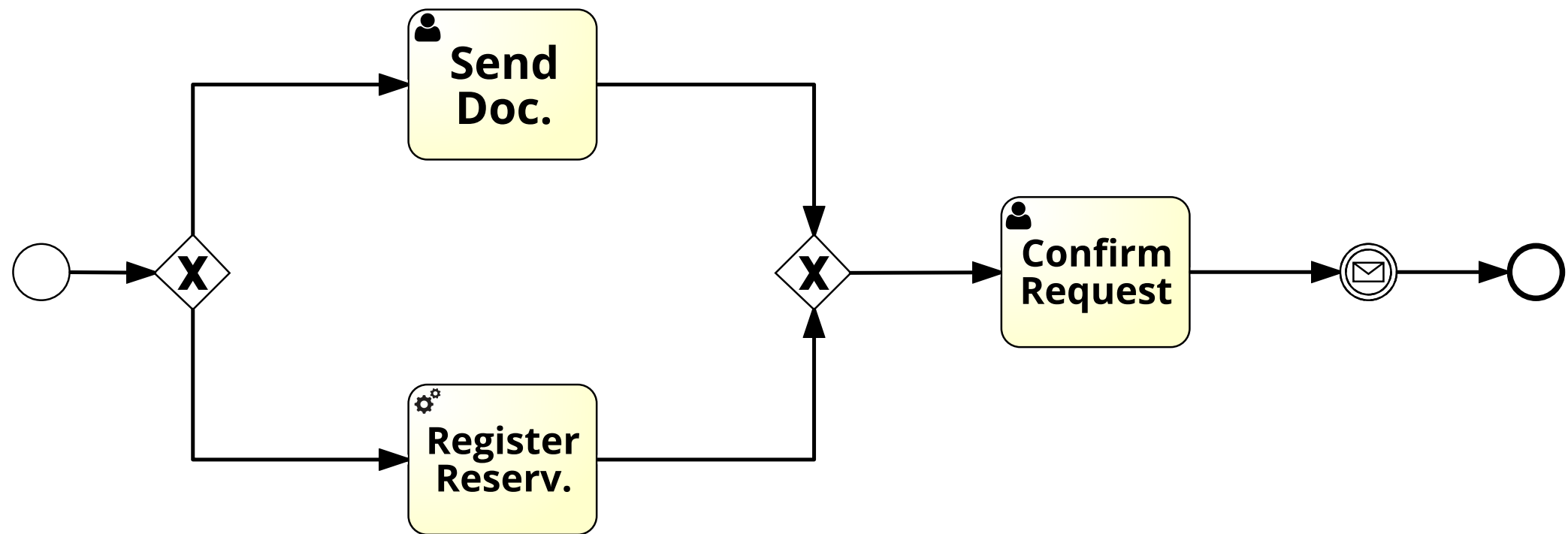
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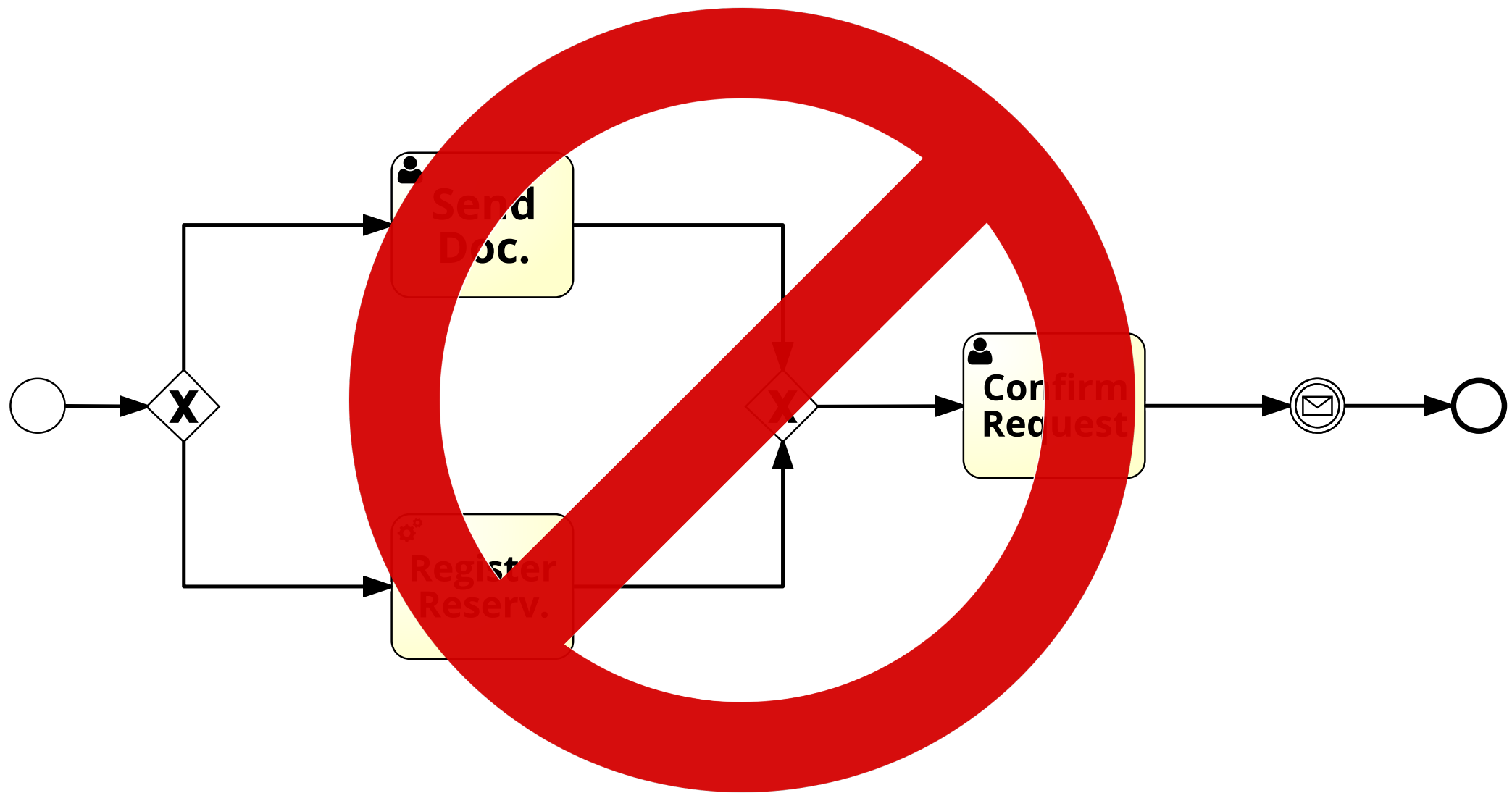
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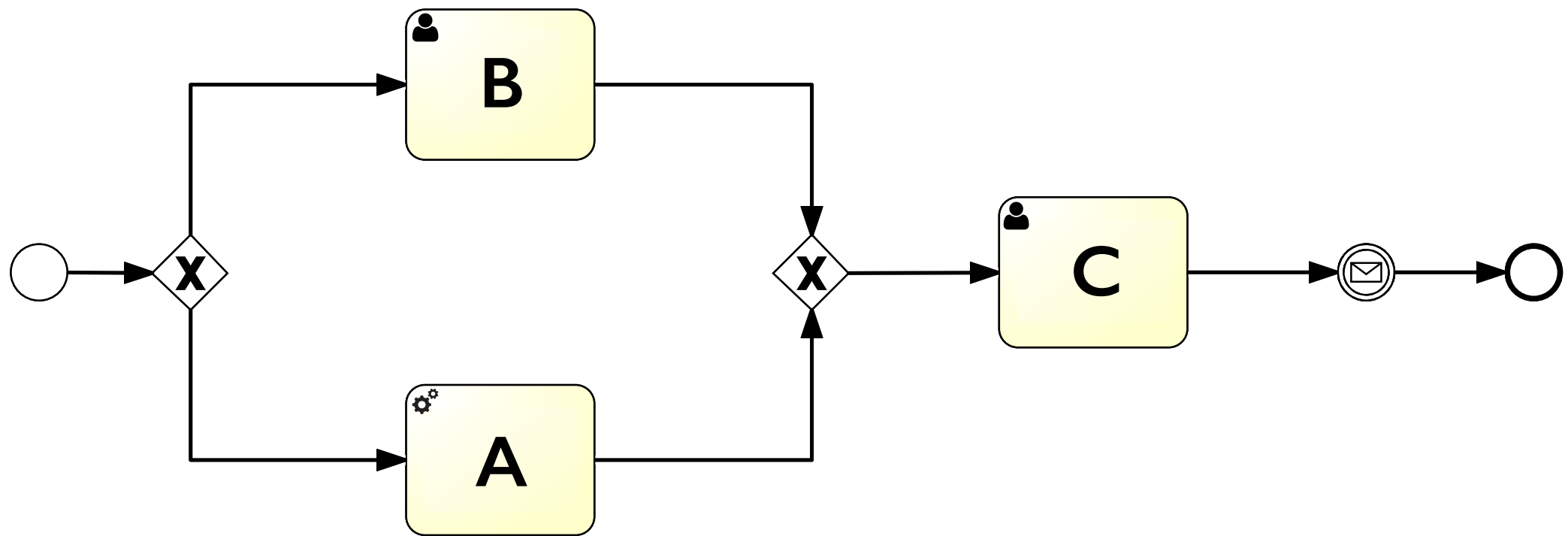


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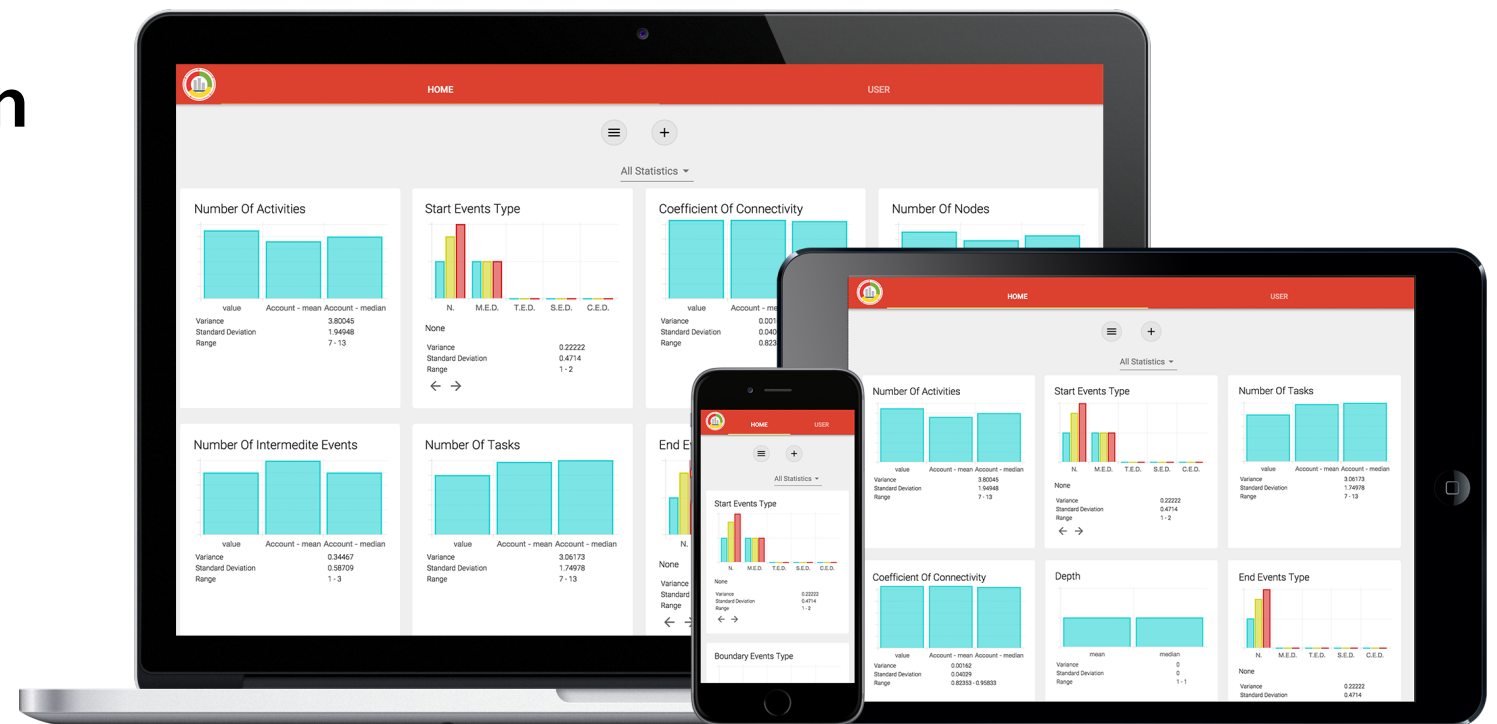
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Web Service and application  
for static analysis of BPMN  
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### > 100 METRICS:

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<http://benchflow.inf.usi.ch/bpmeter>

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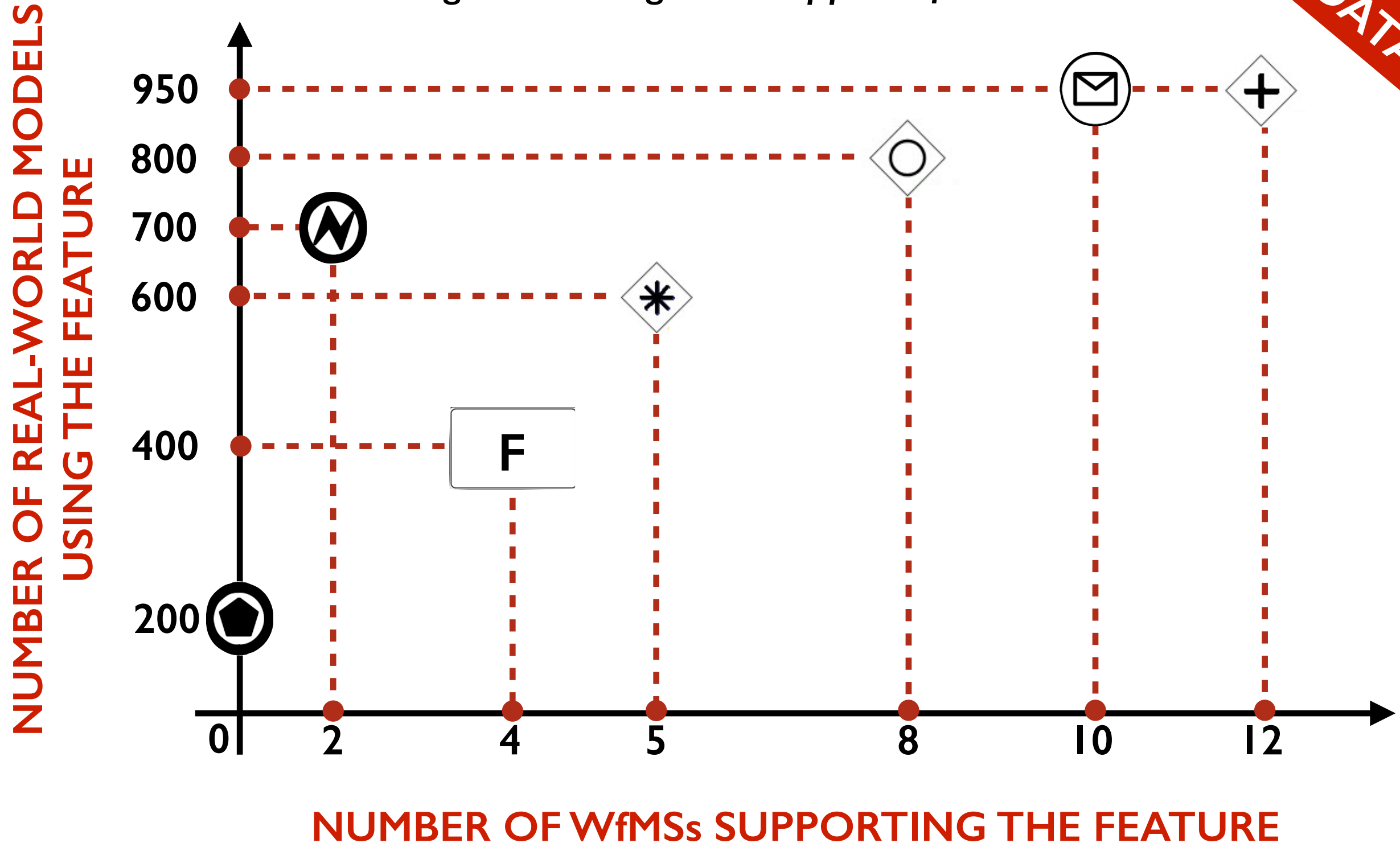


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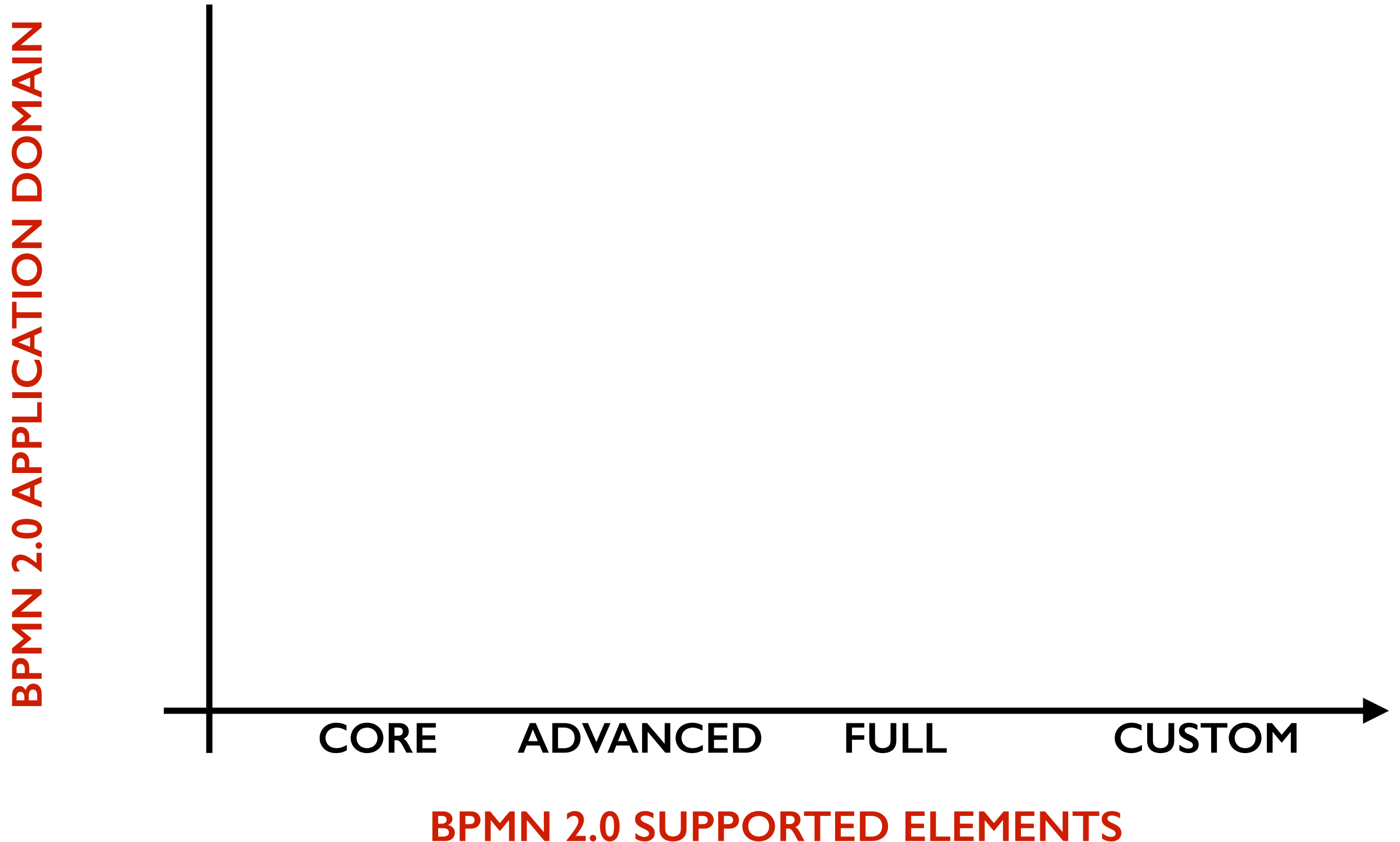
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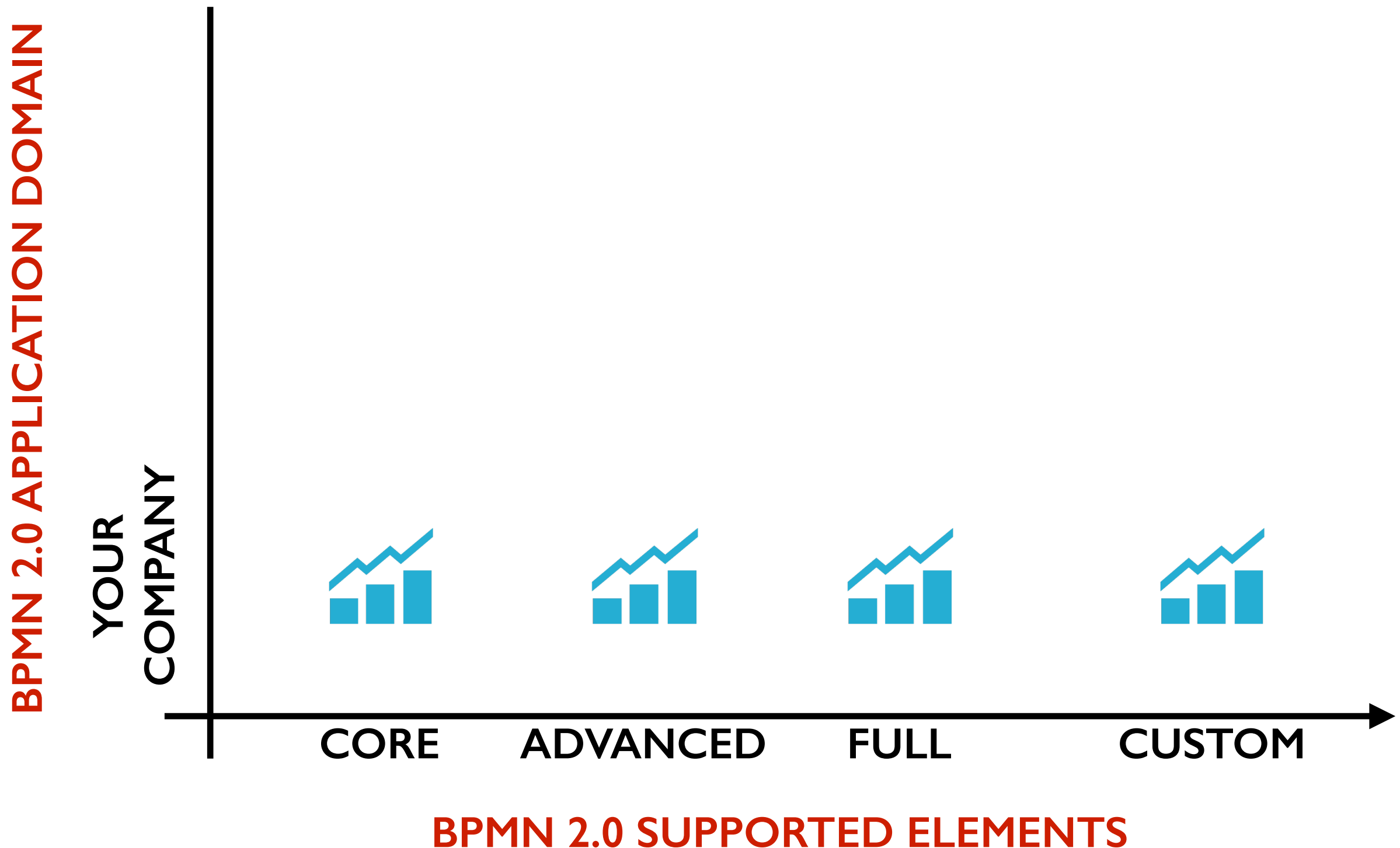
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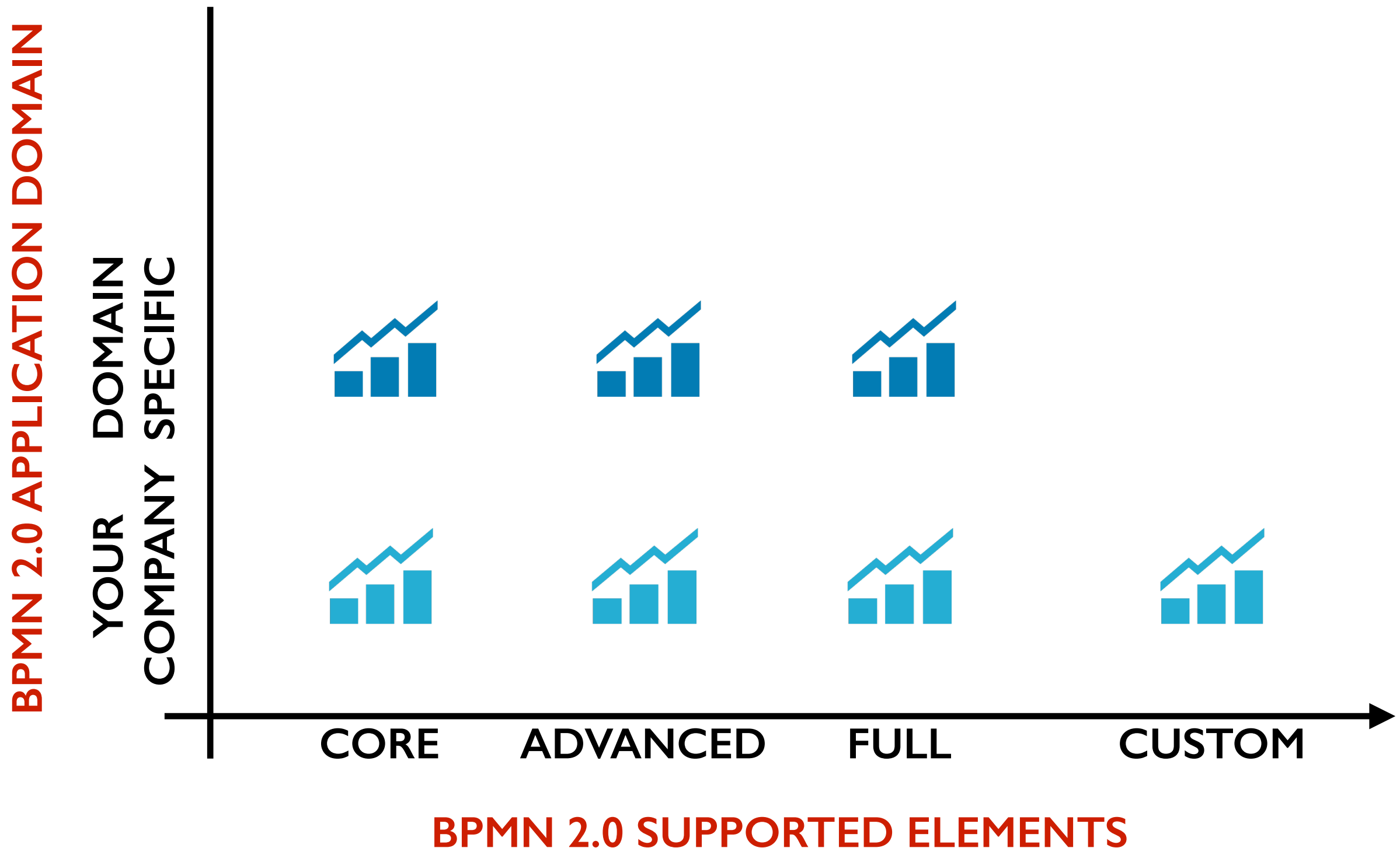
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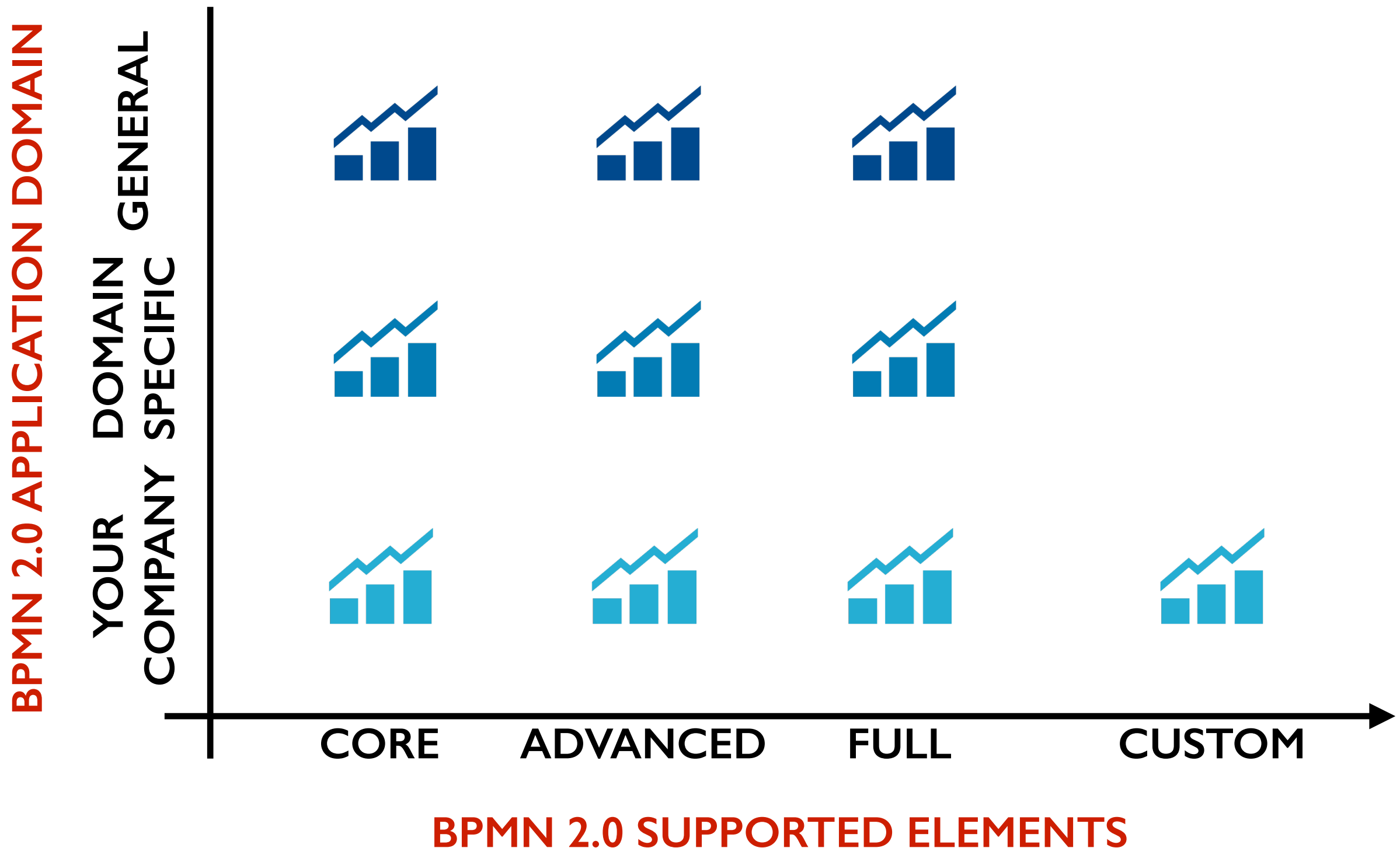
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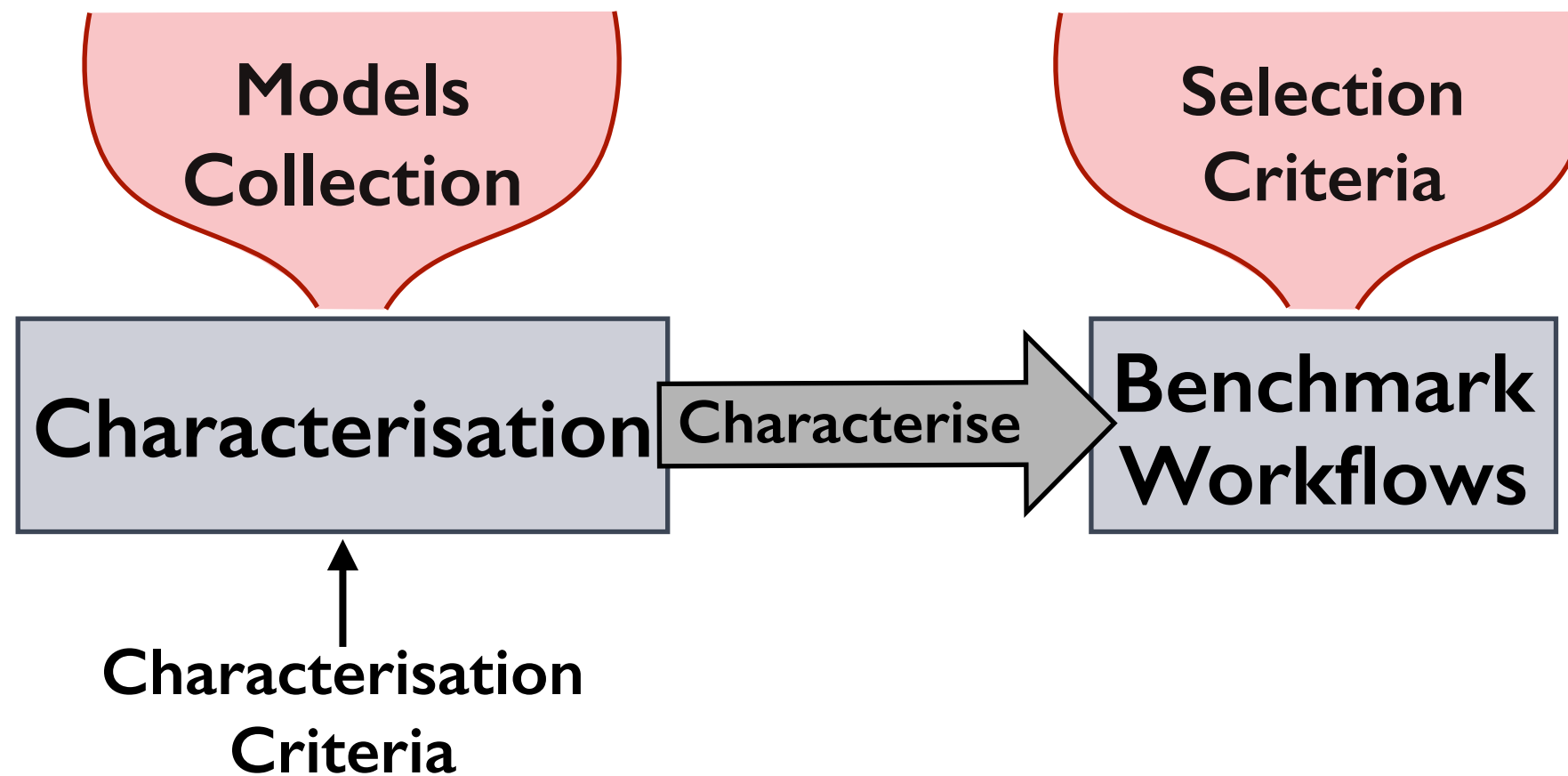


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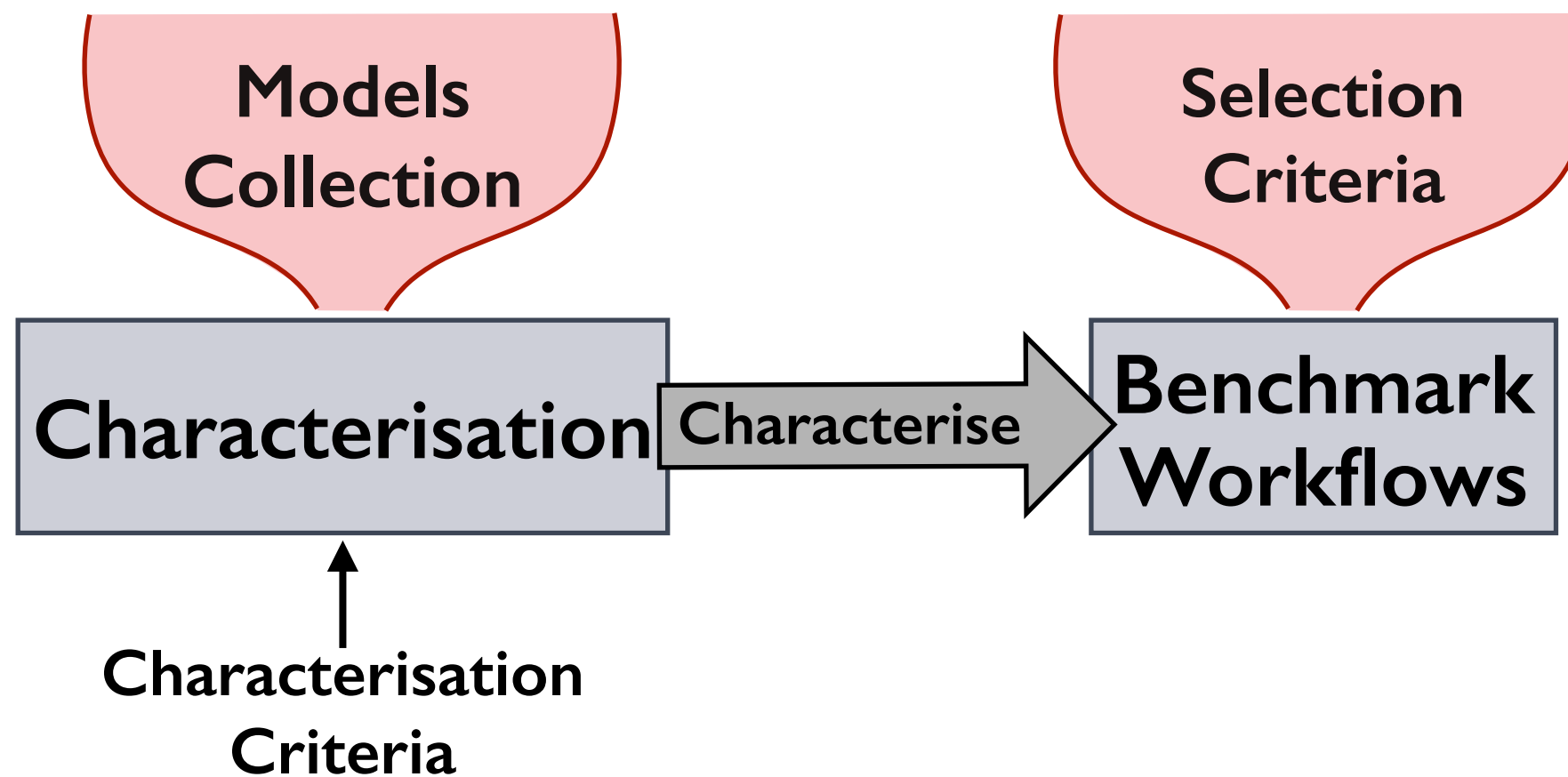
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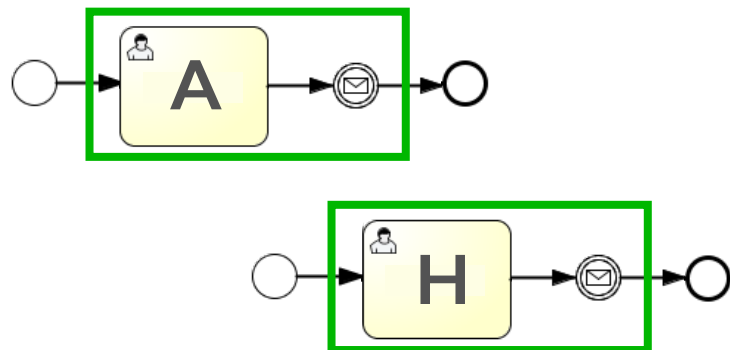
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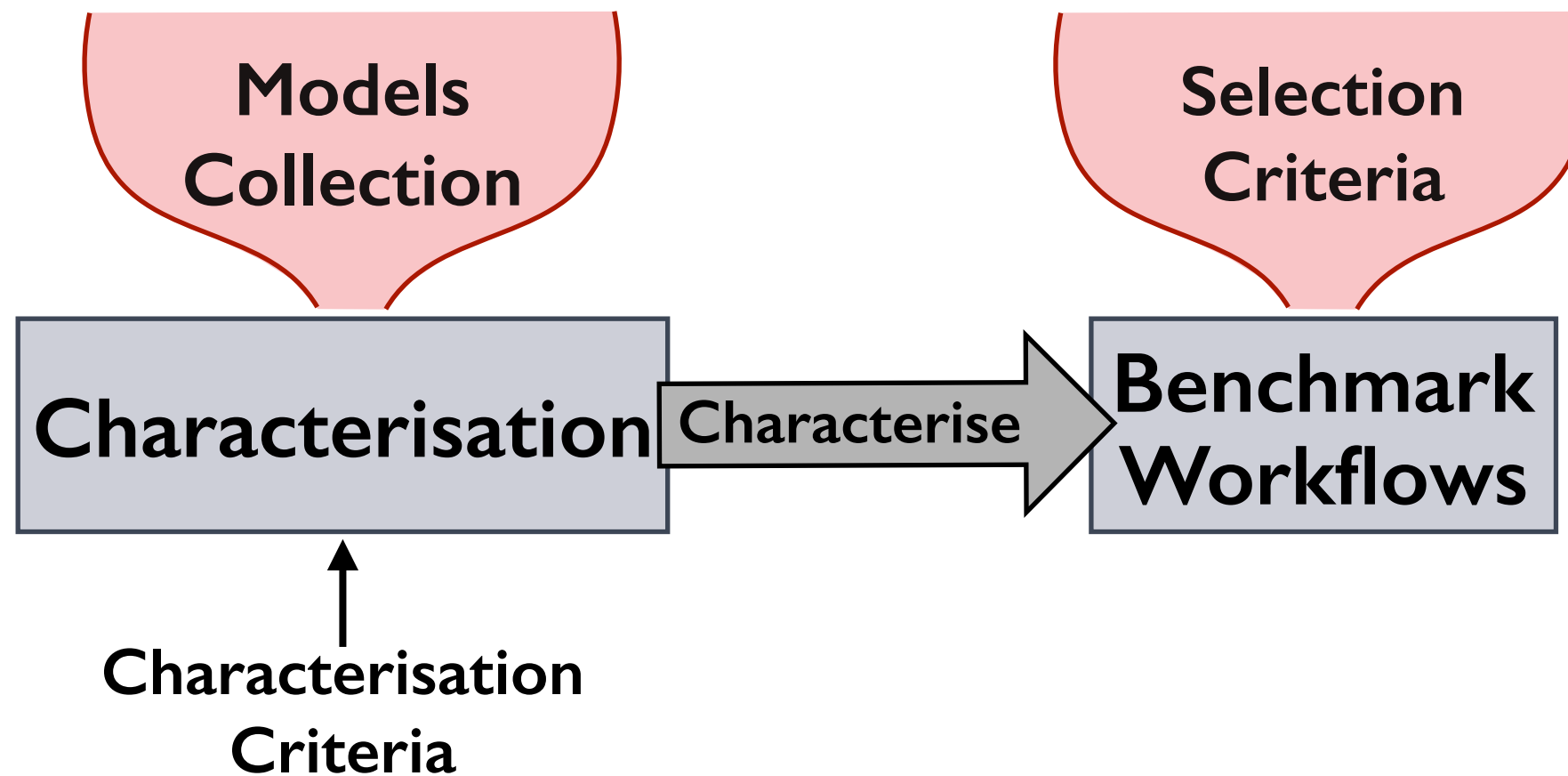
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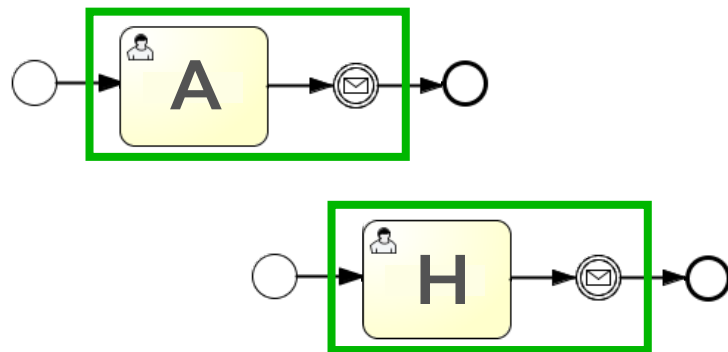
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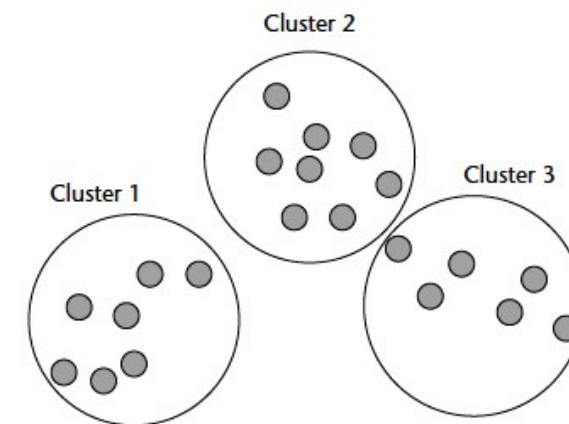
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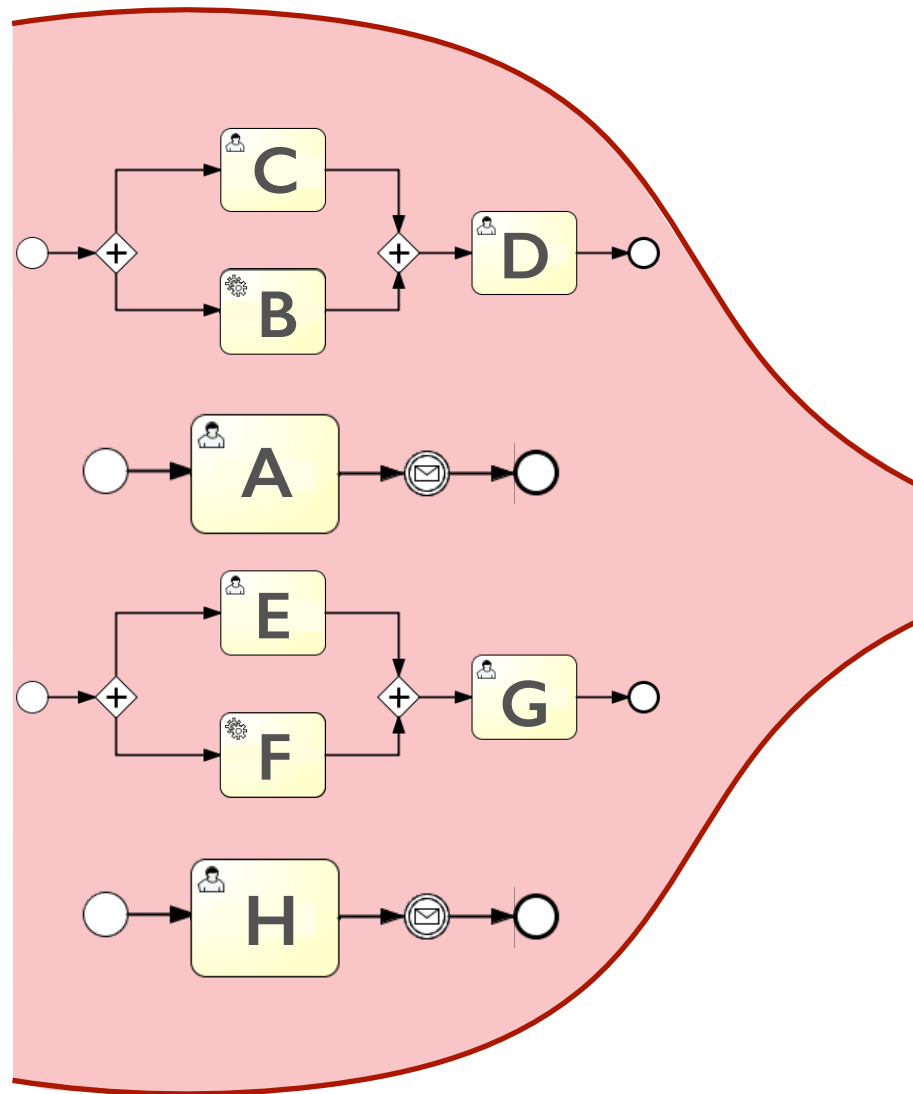


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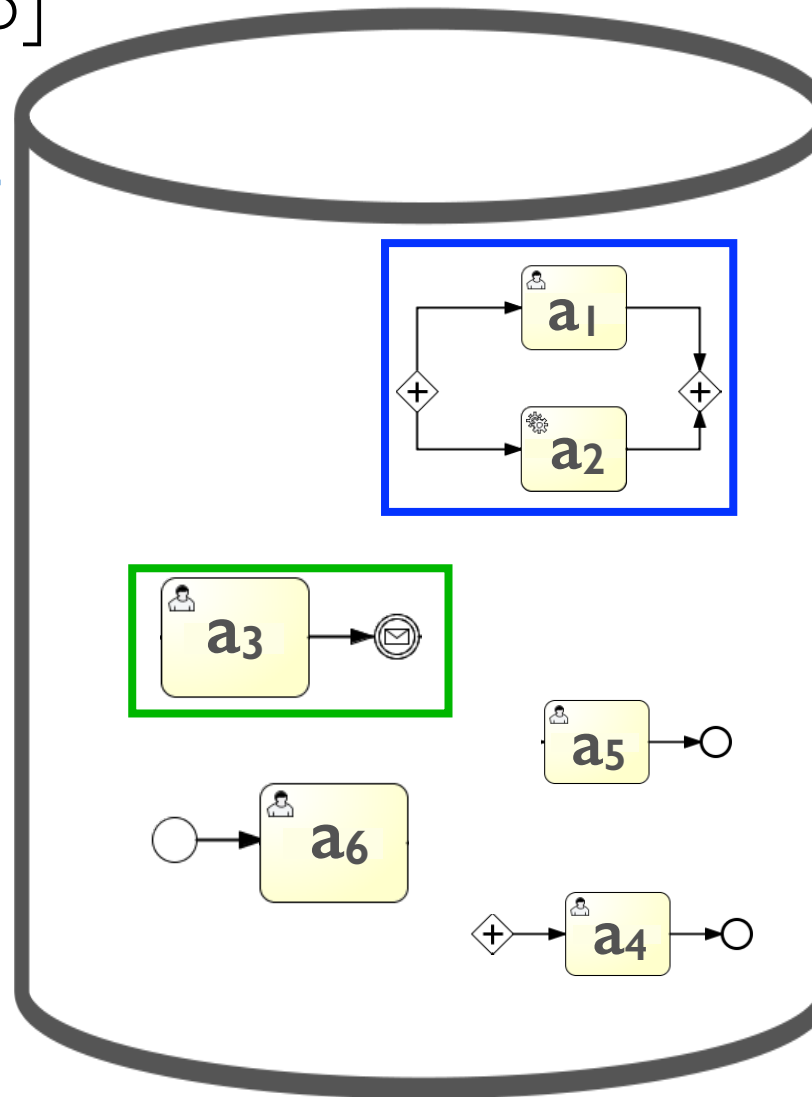
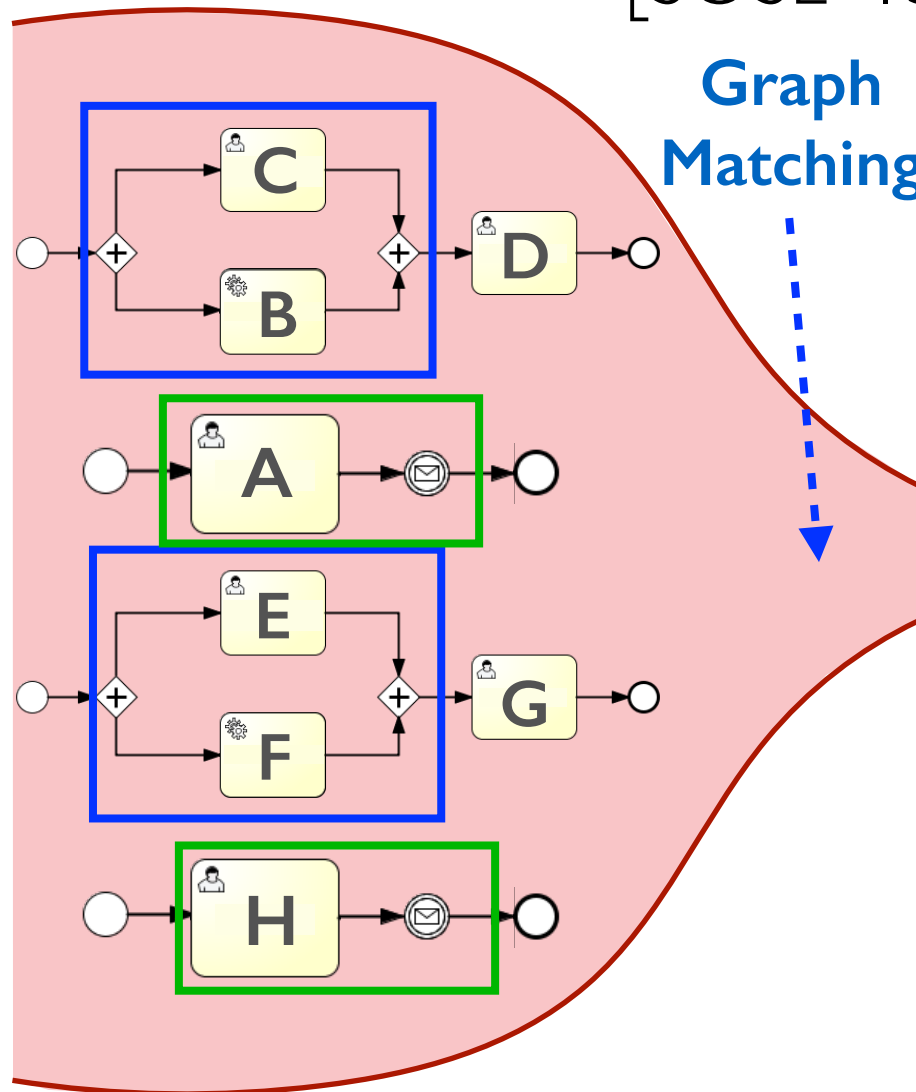
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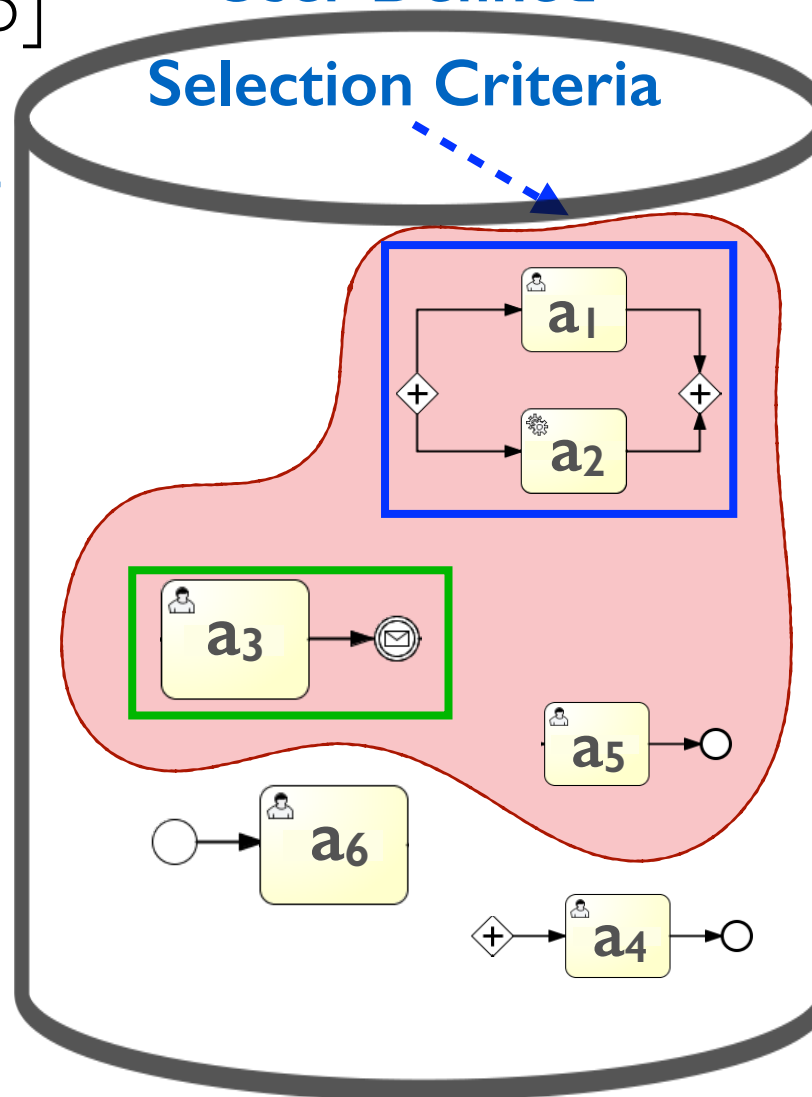
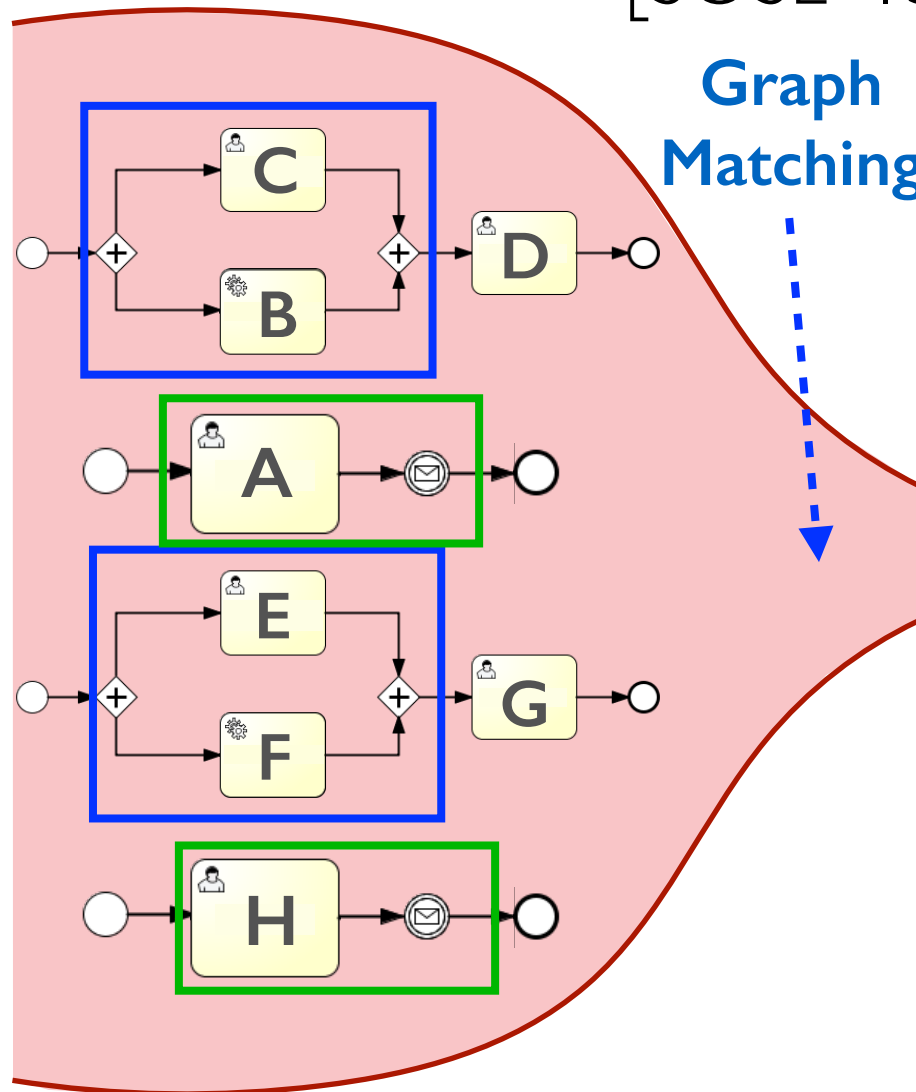
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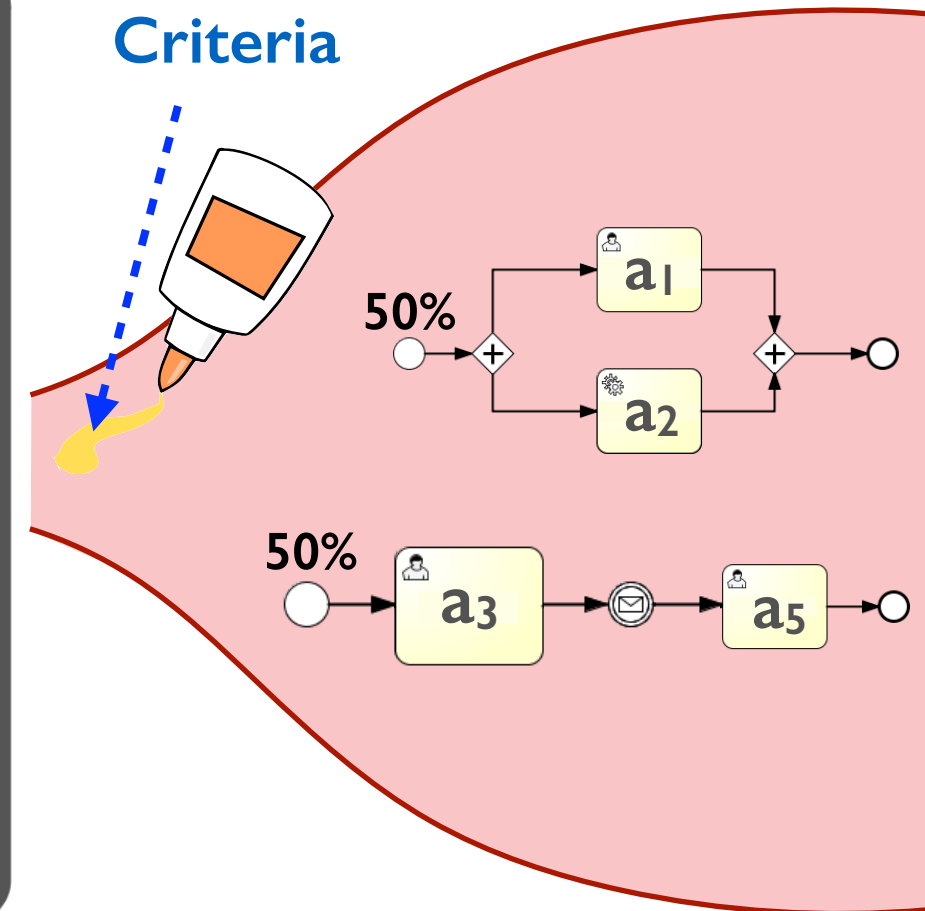
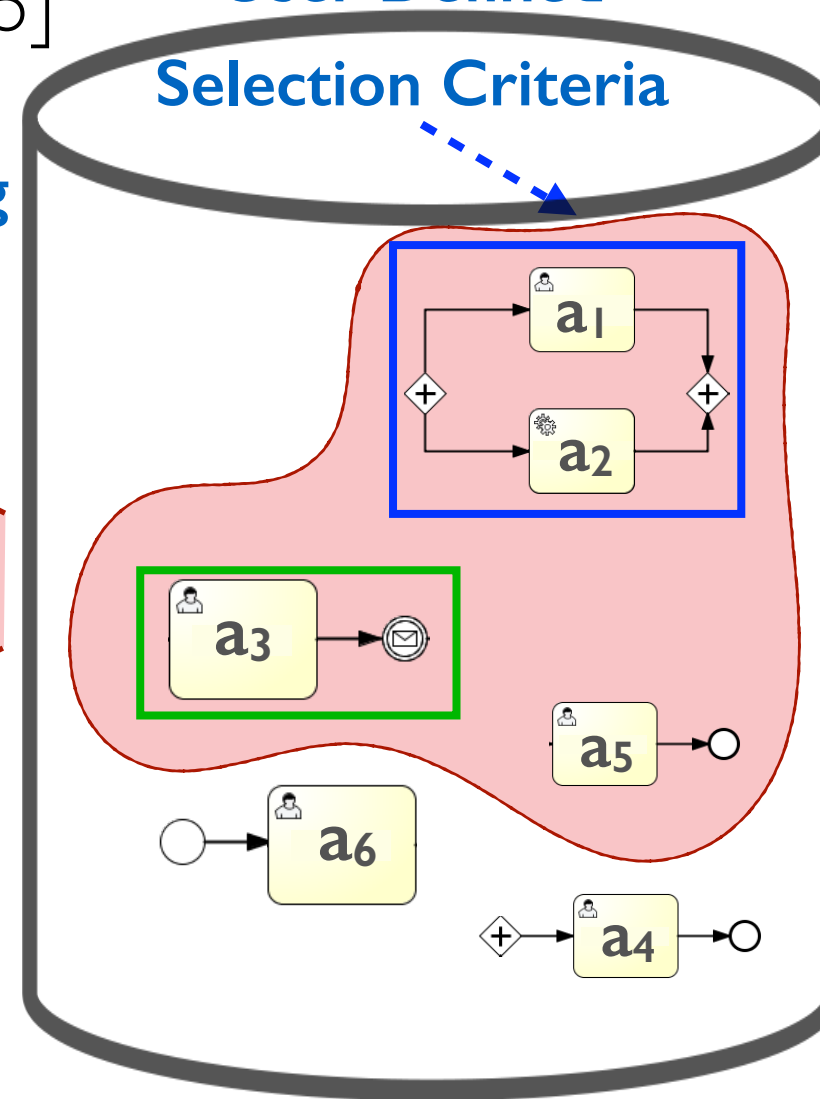
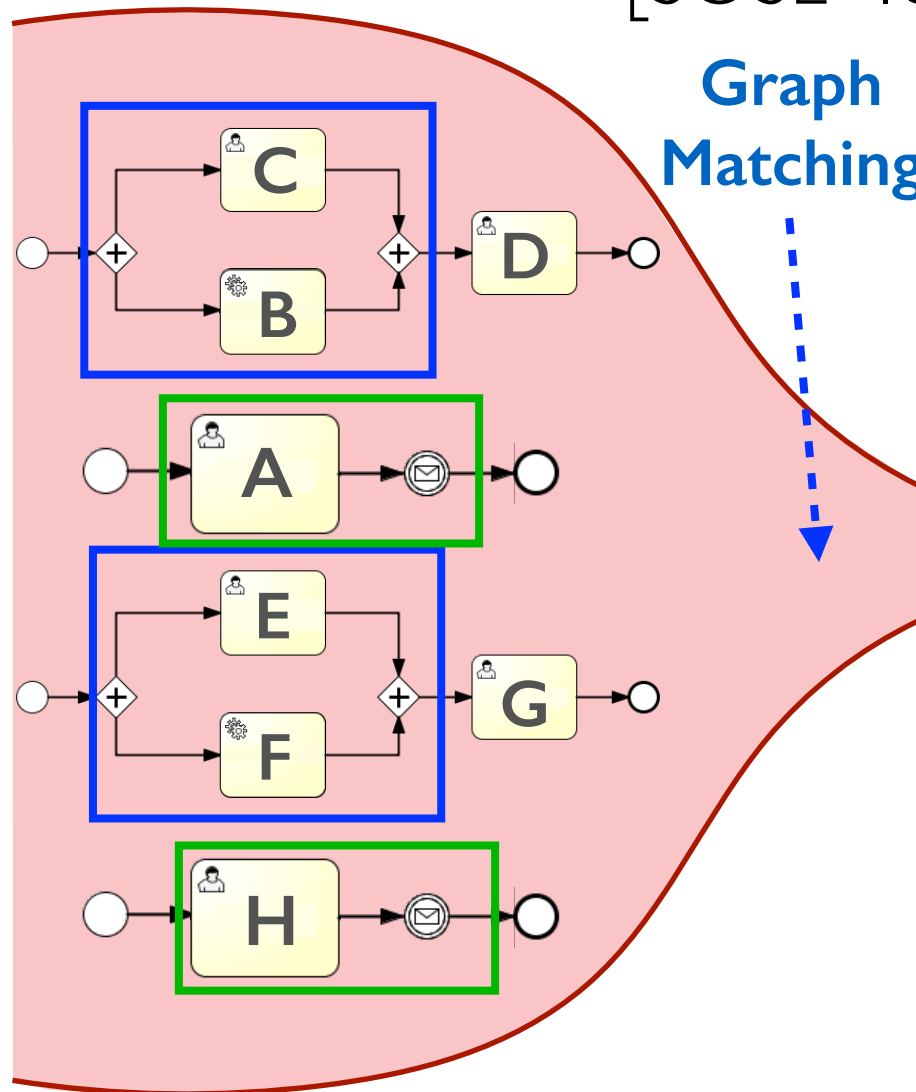
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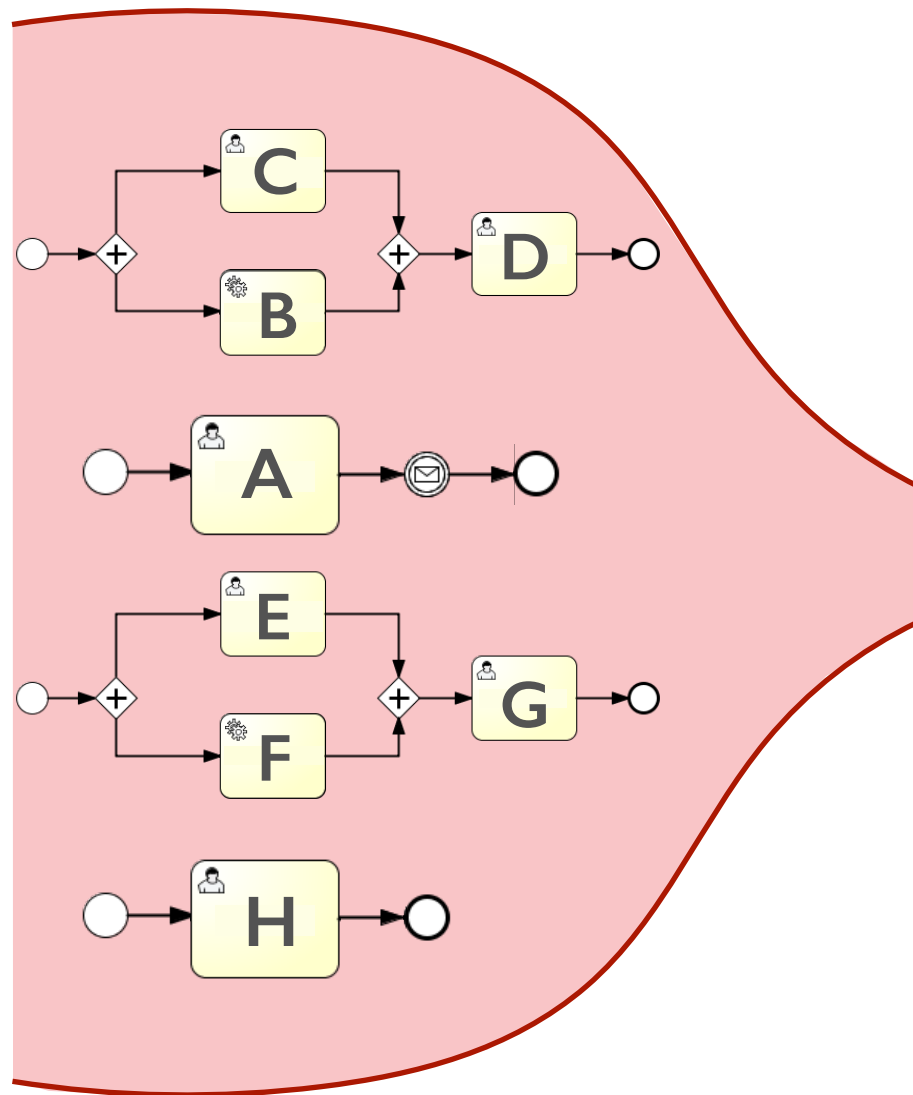
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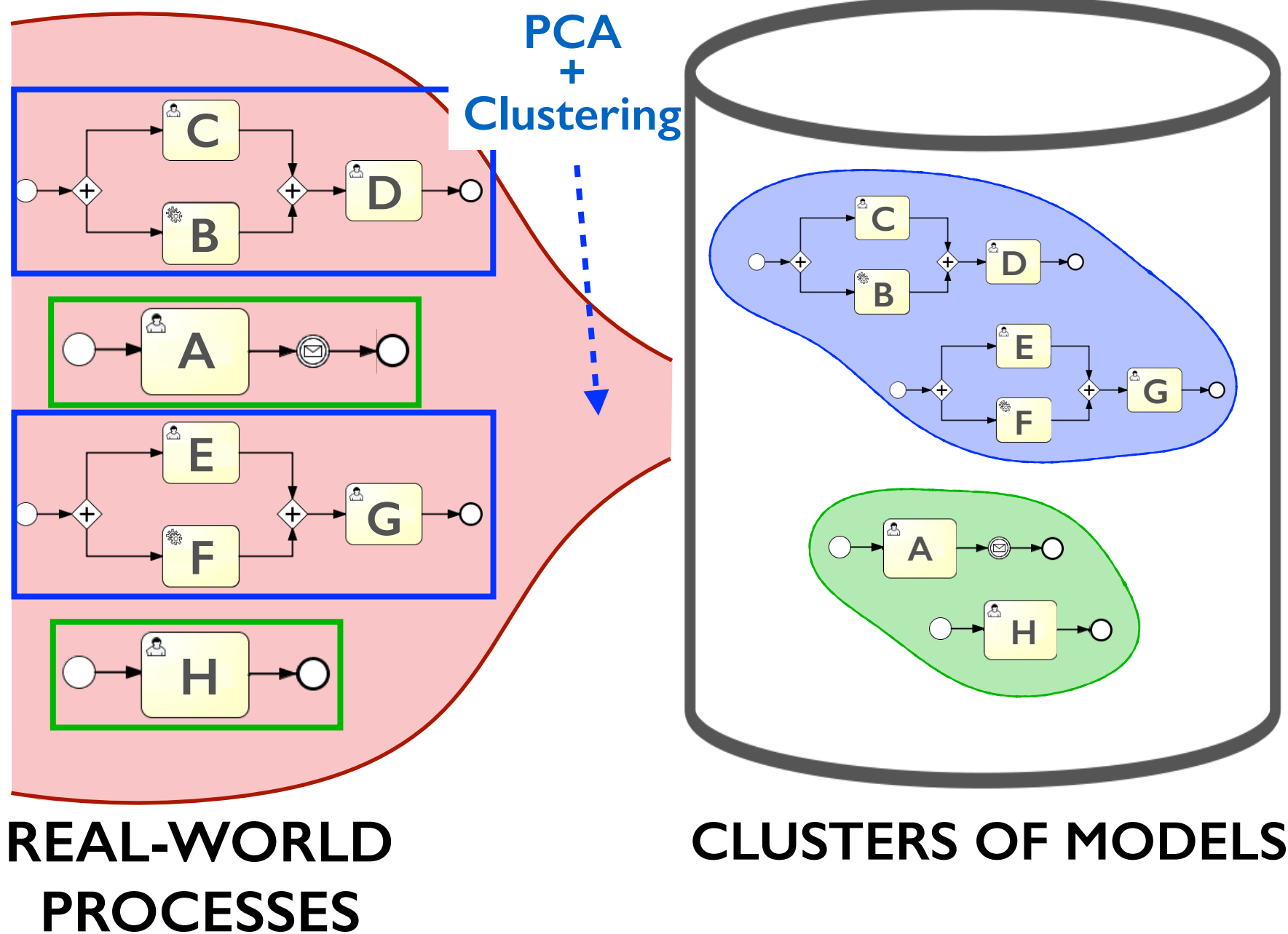
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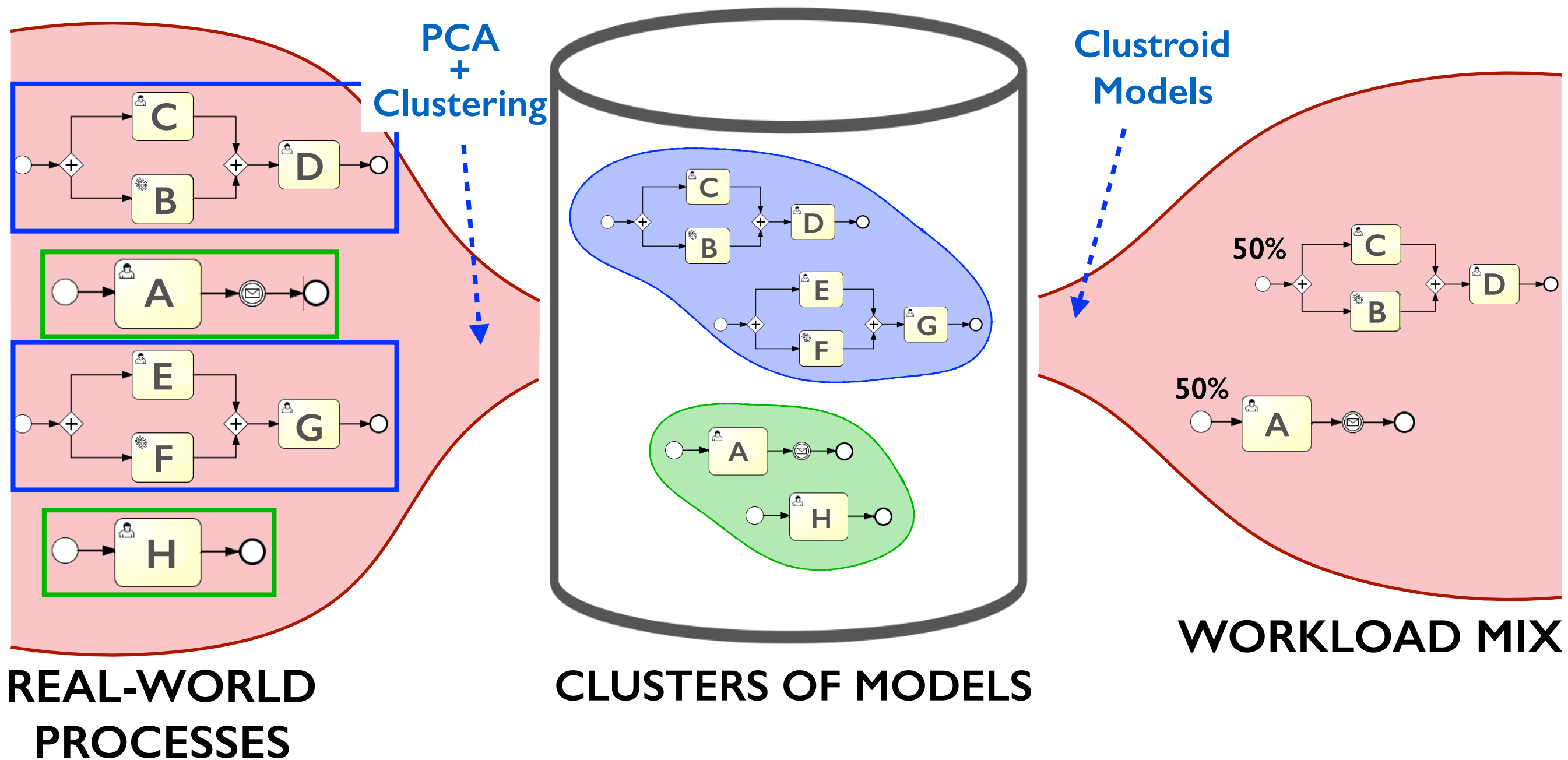


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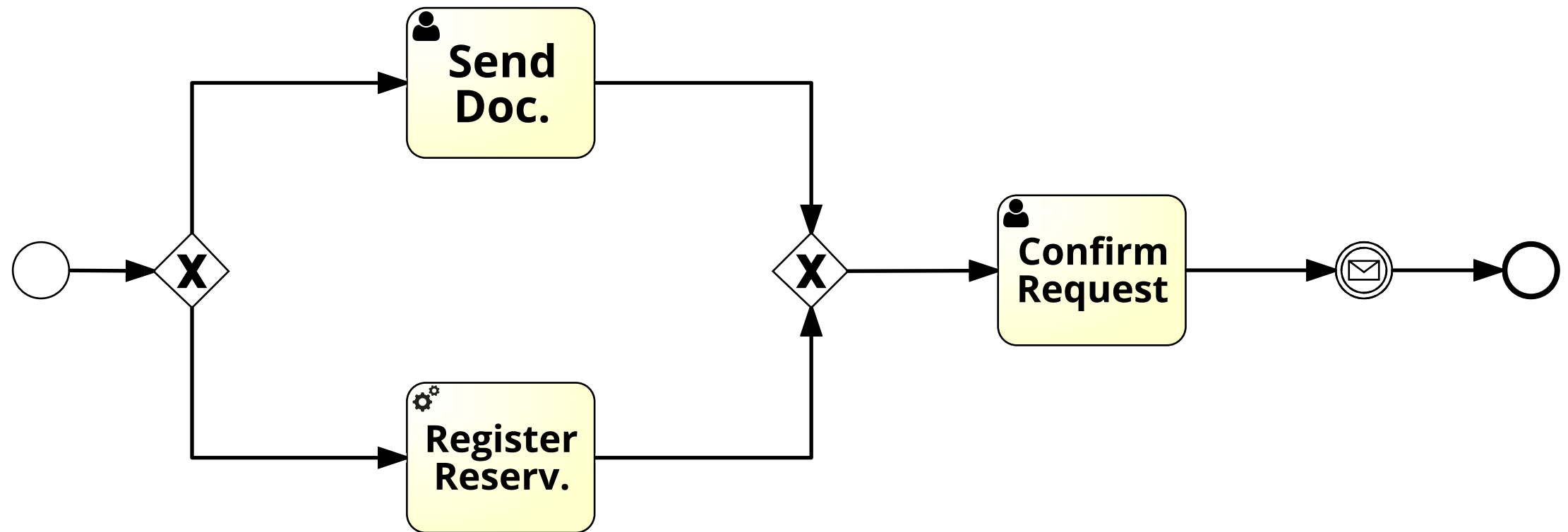


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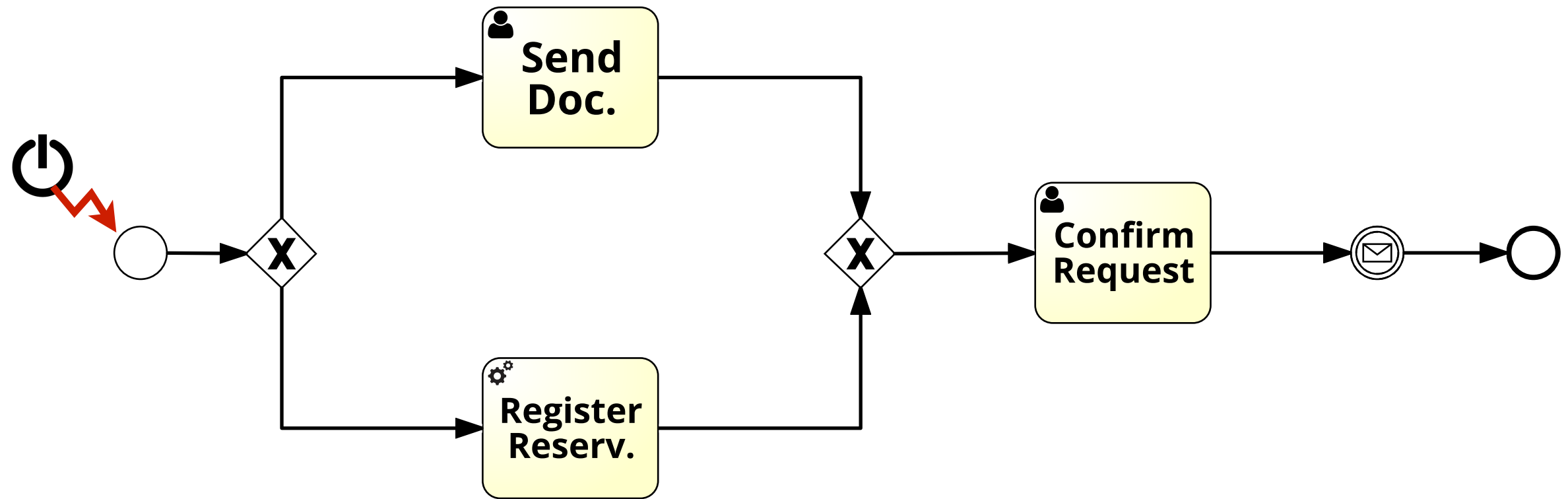
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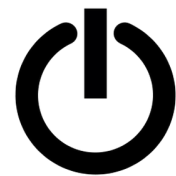


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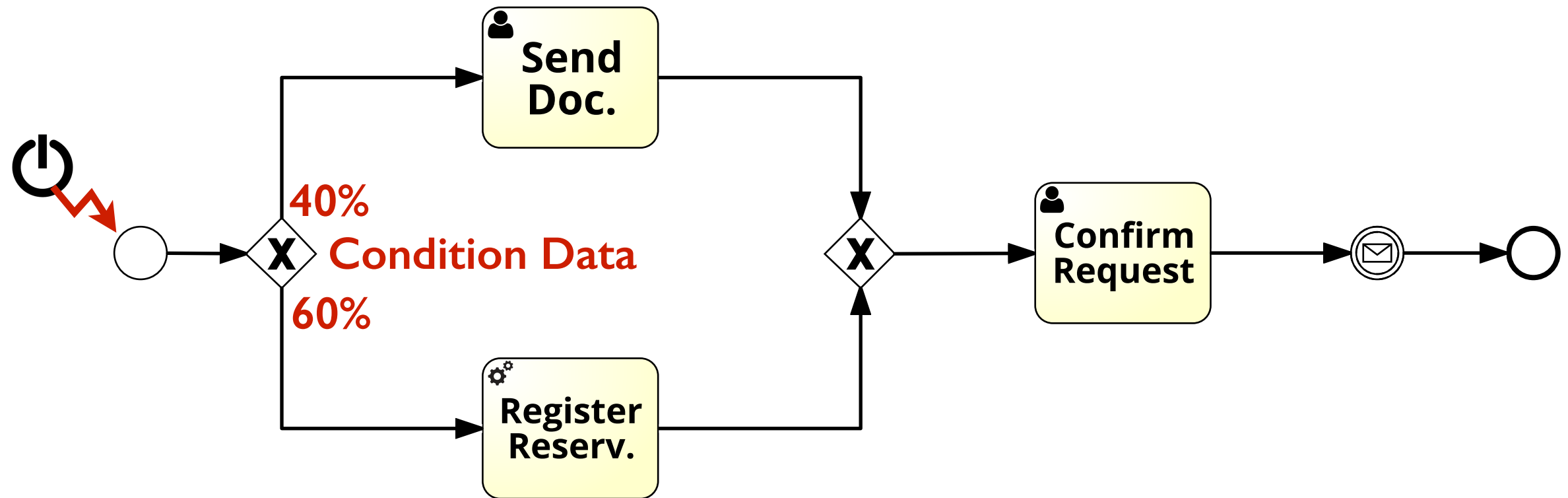


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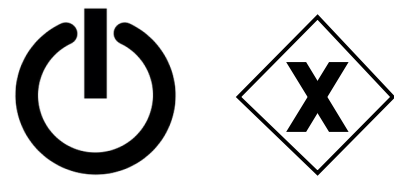


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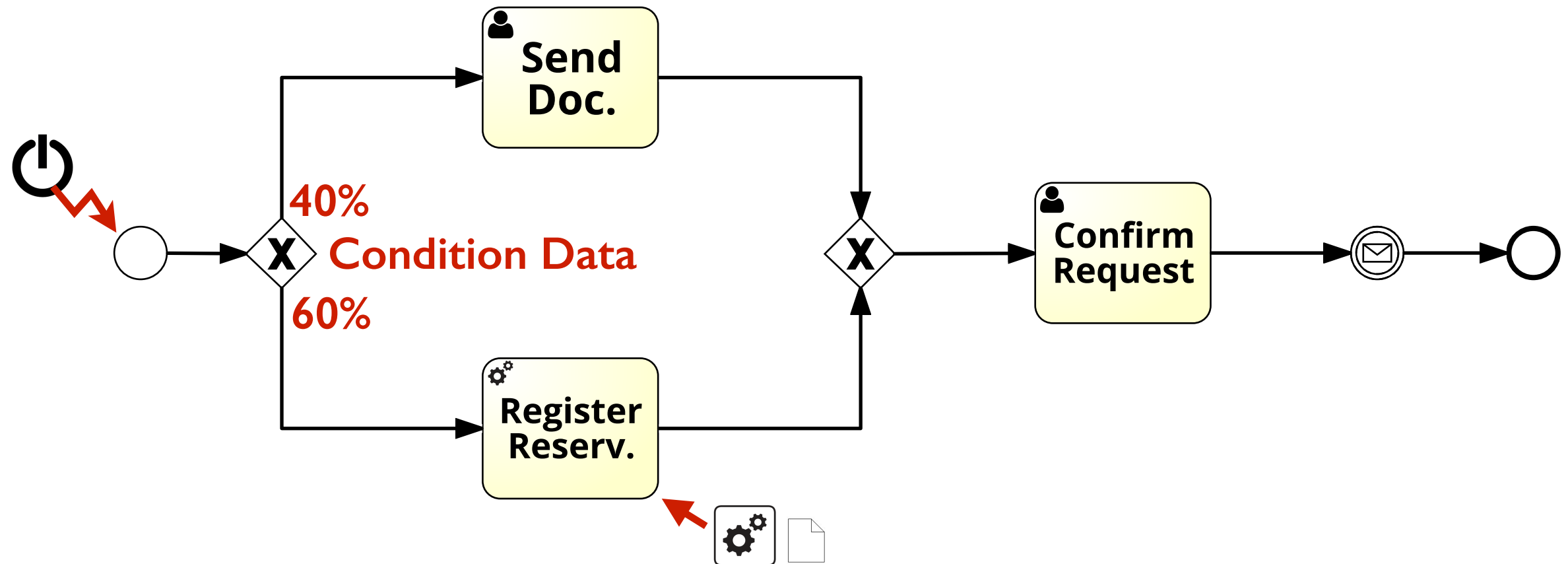
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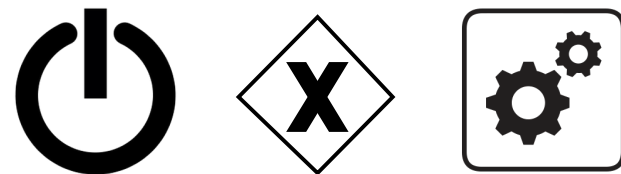


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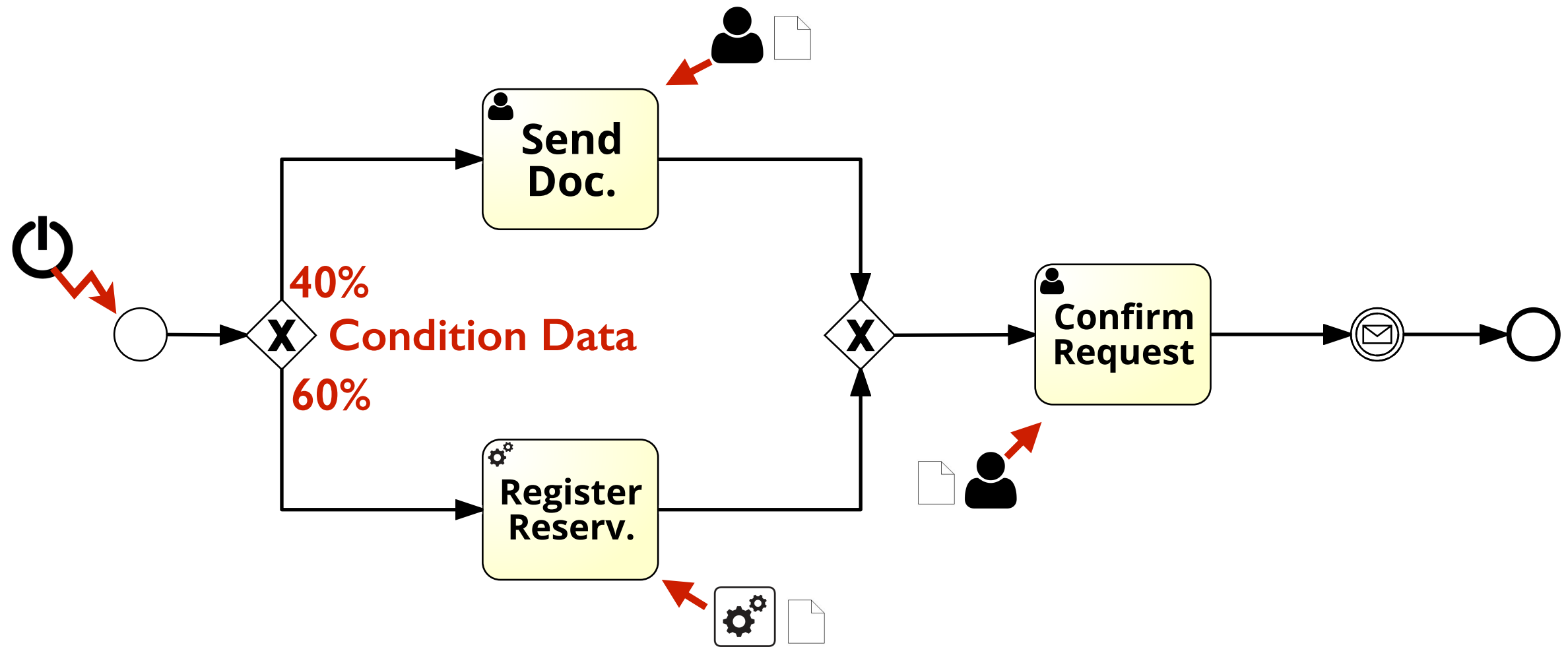


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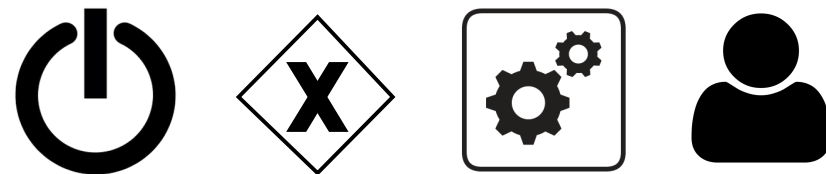


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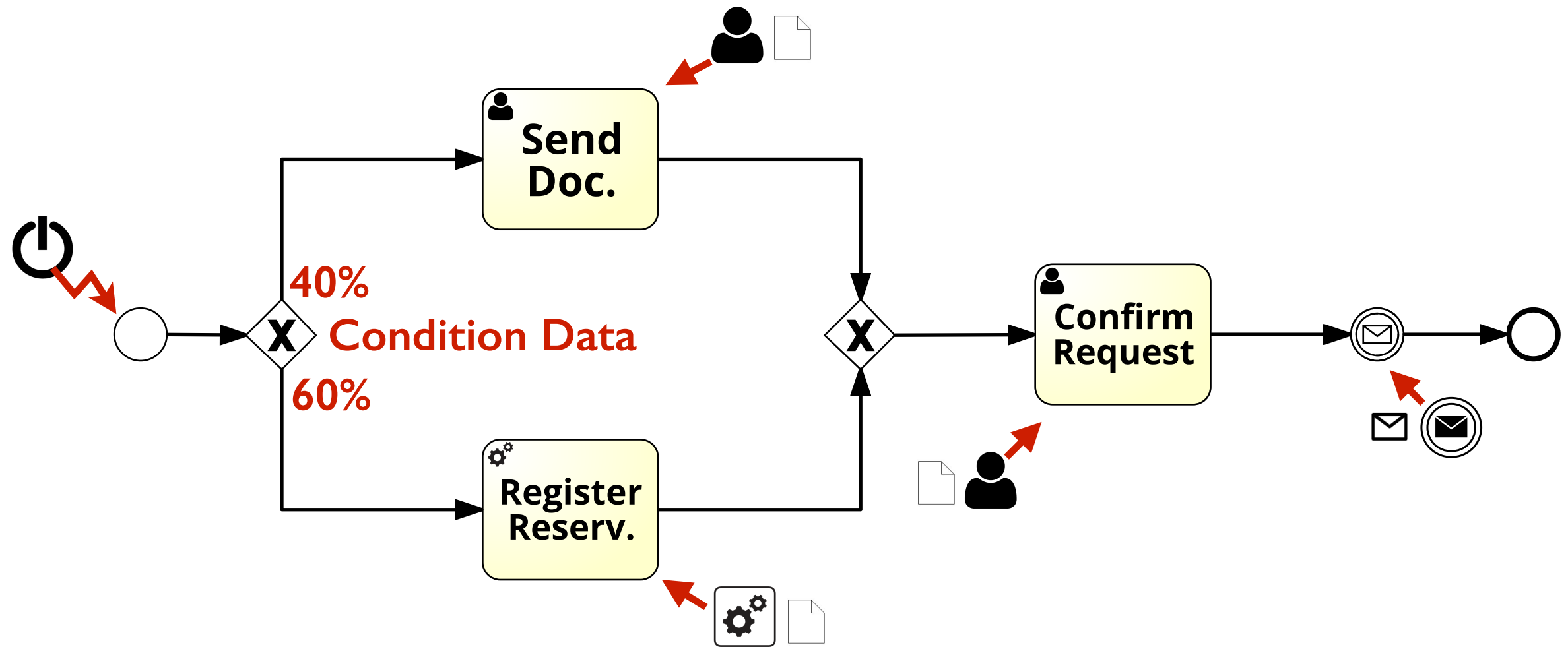


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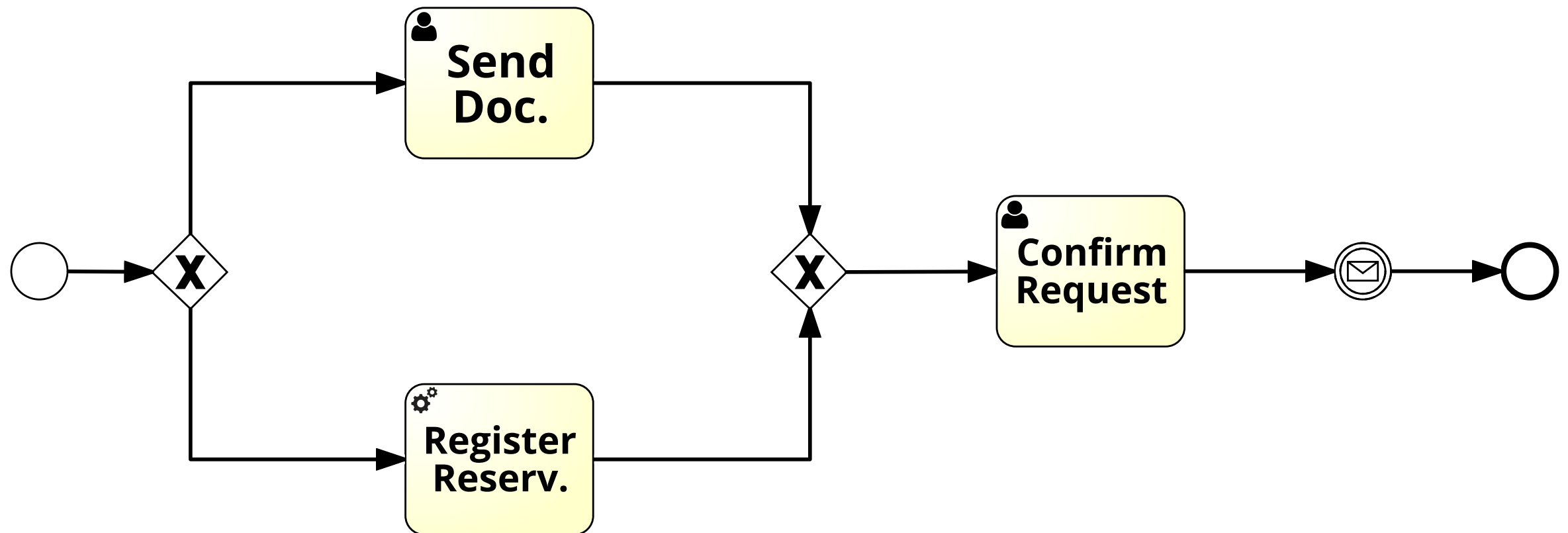


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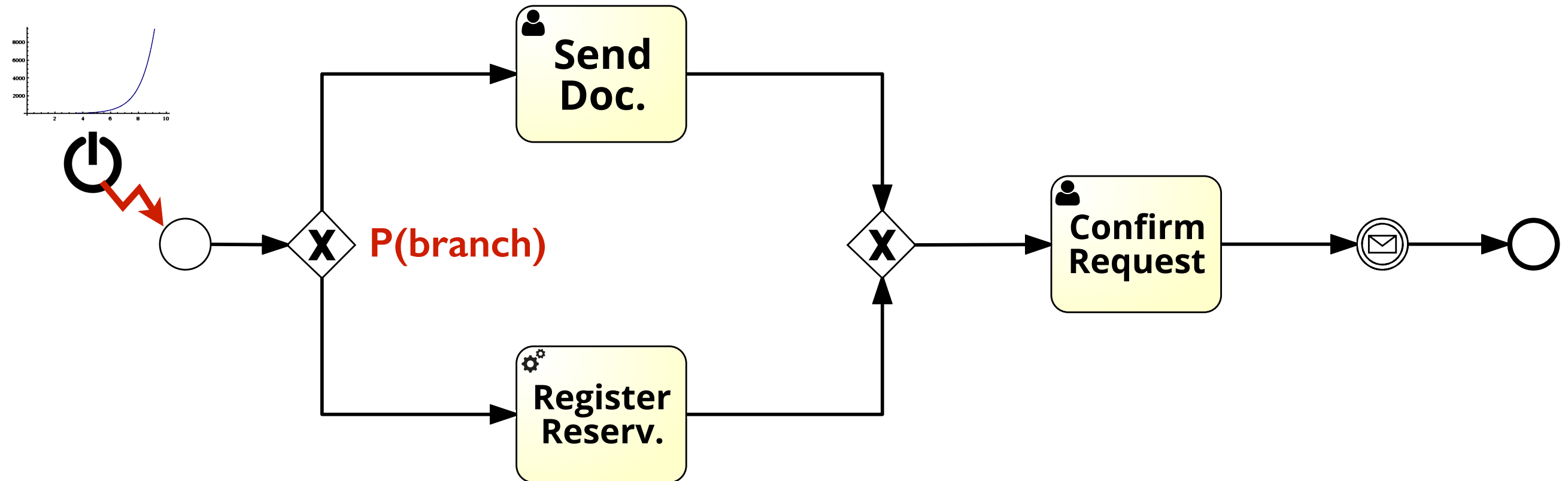
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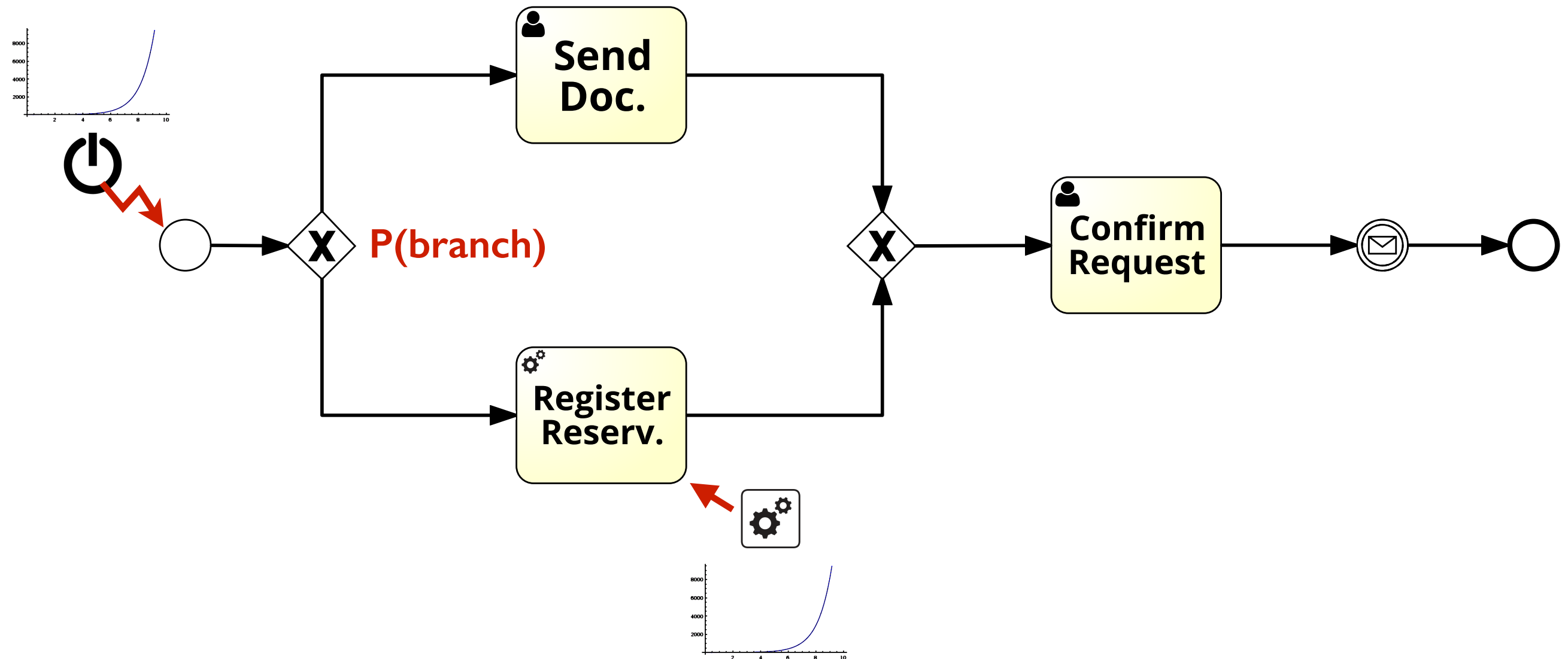
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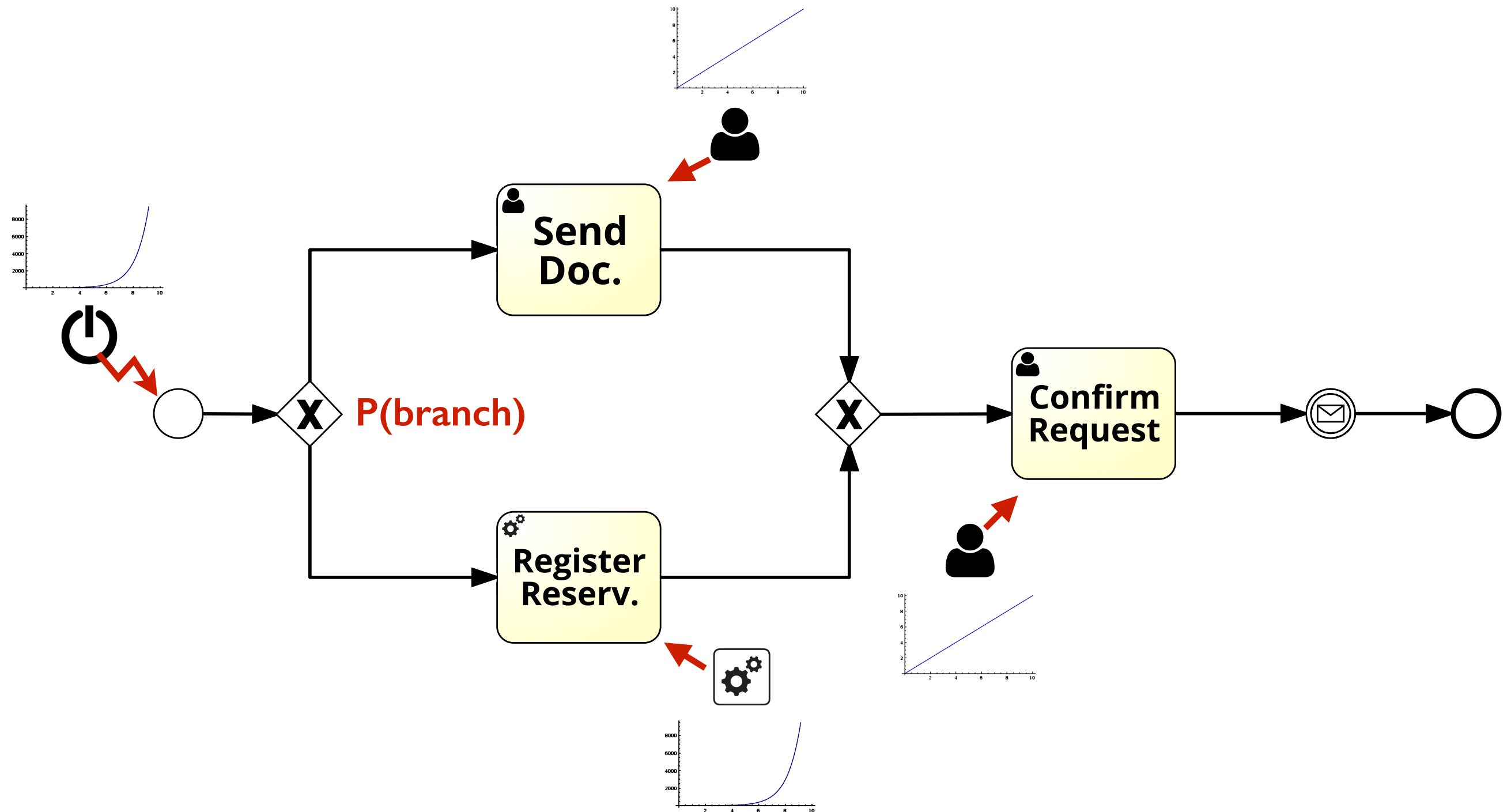
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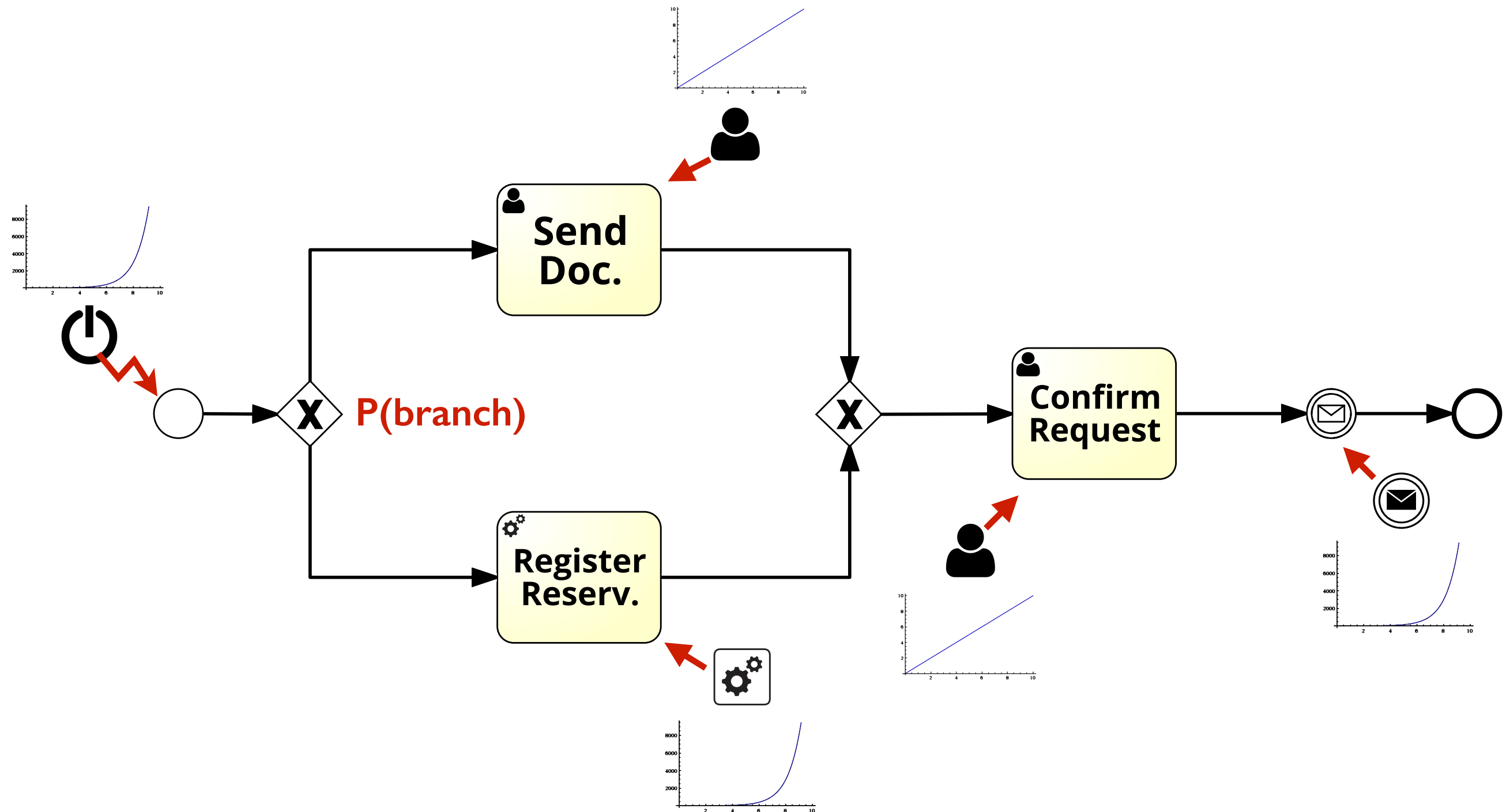
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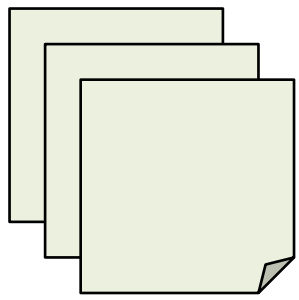
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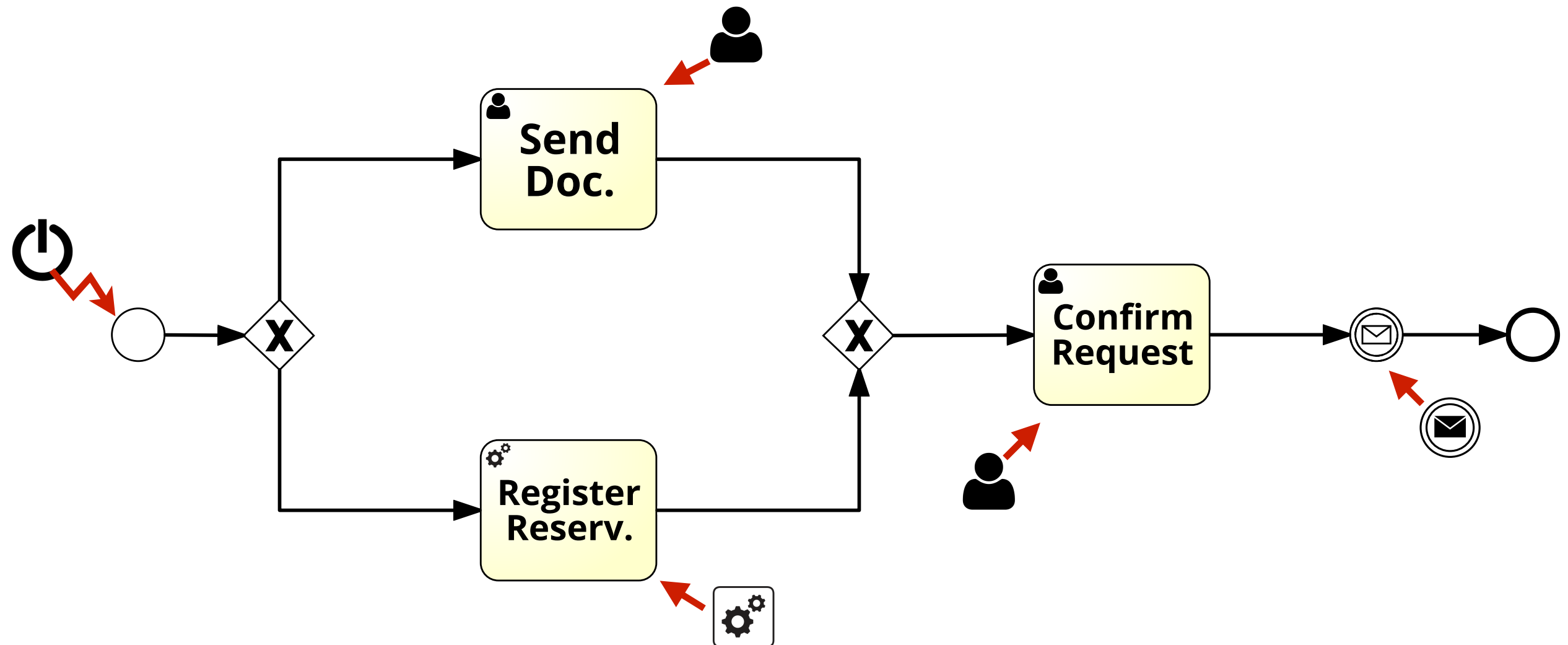


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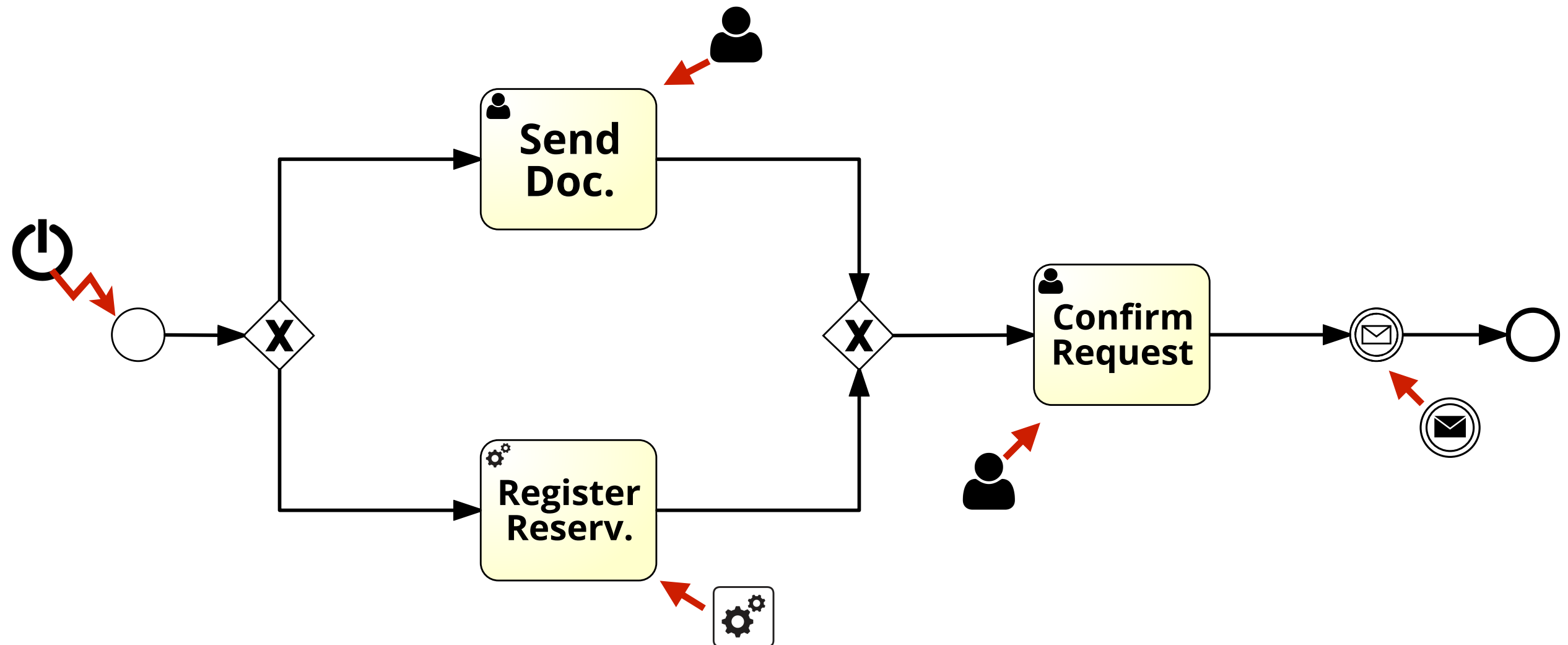
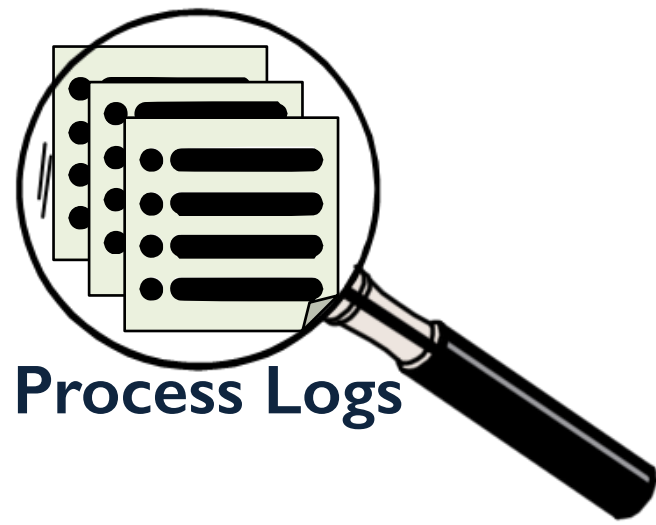


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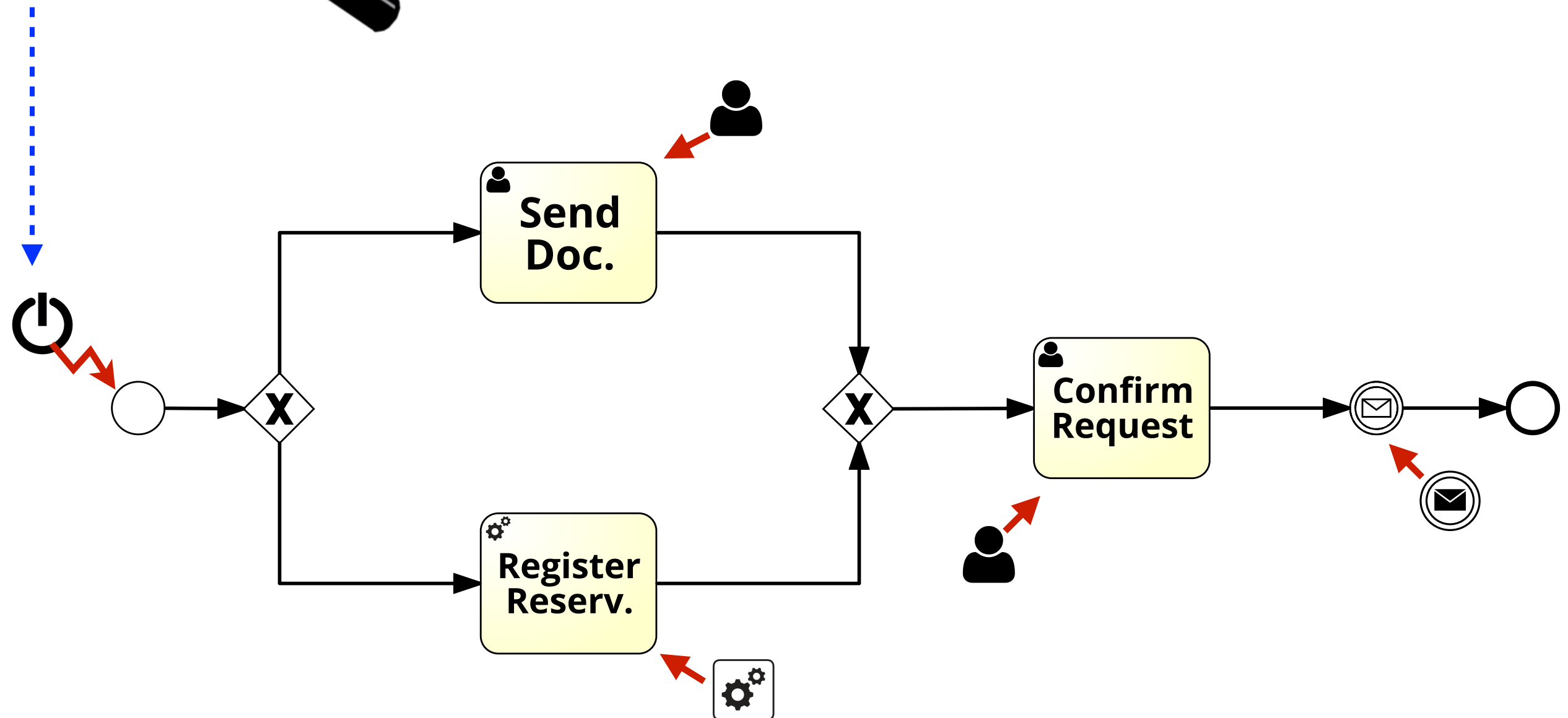
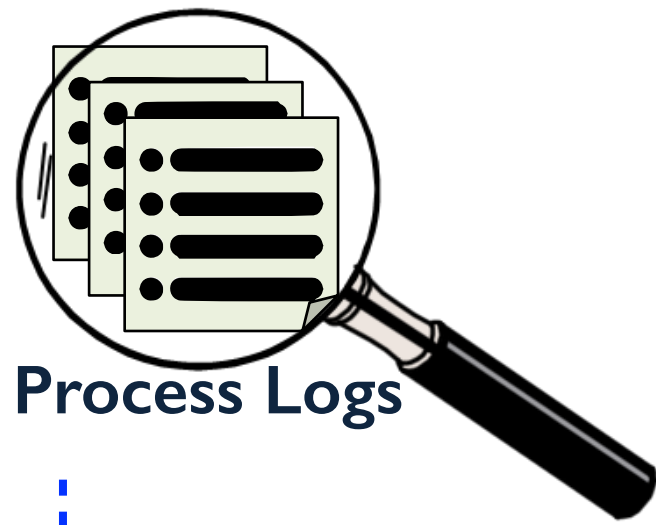
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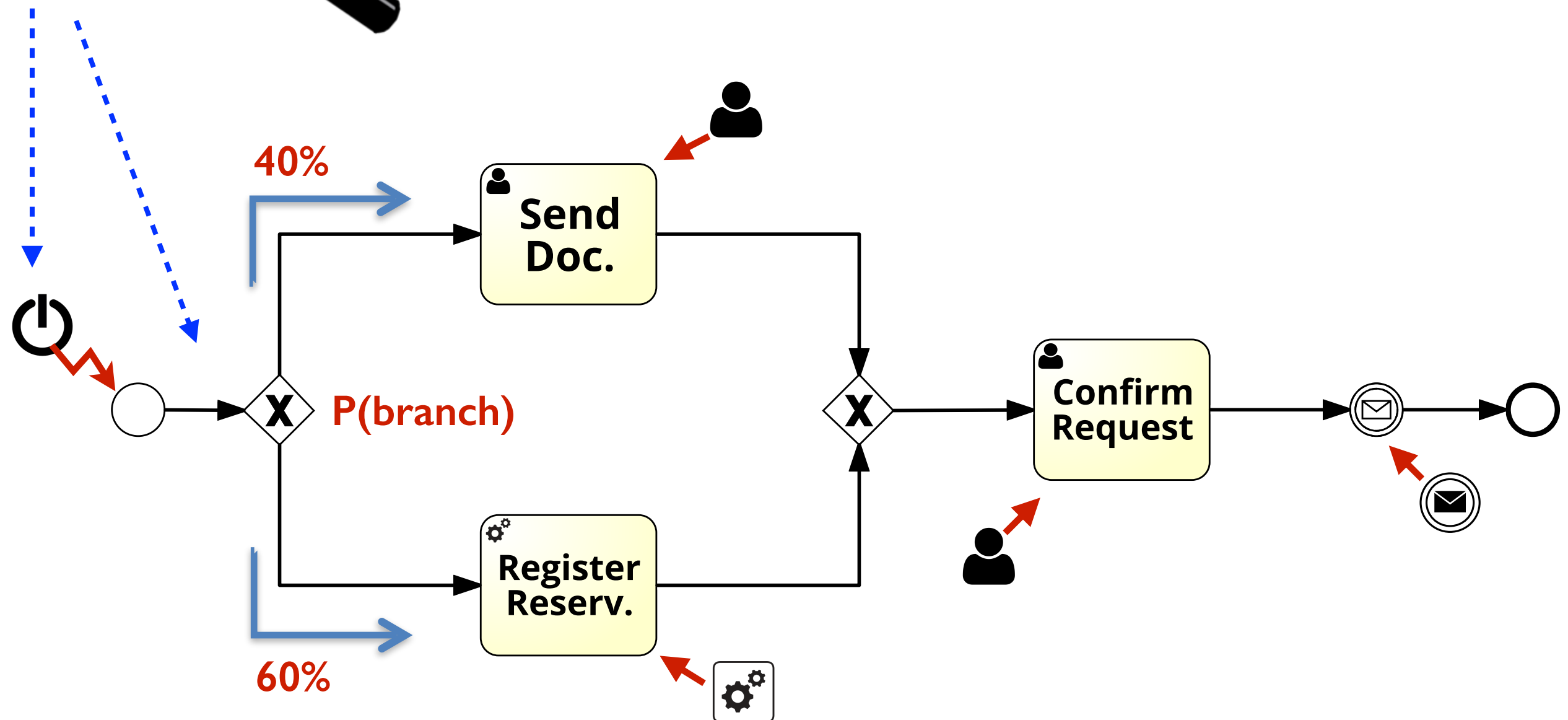
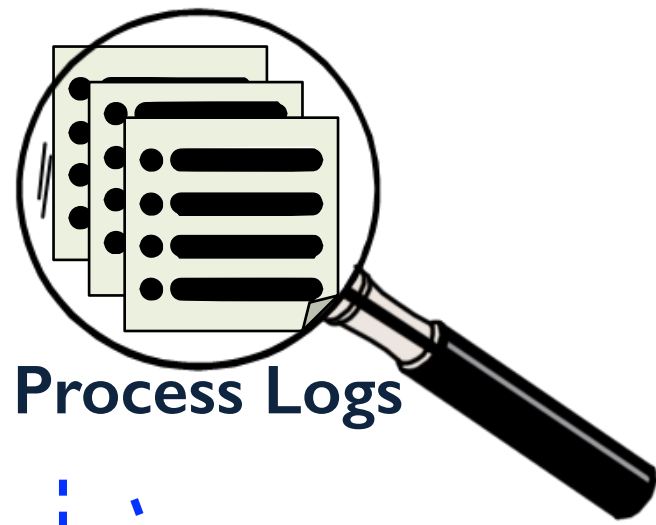
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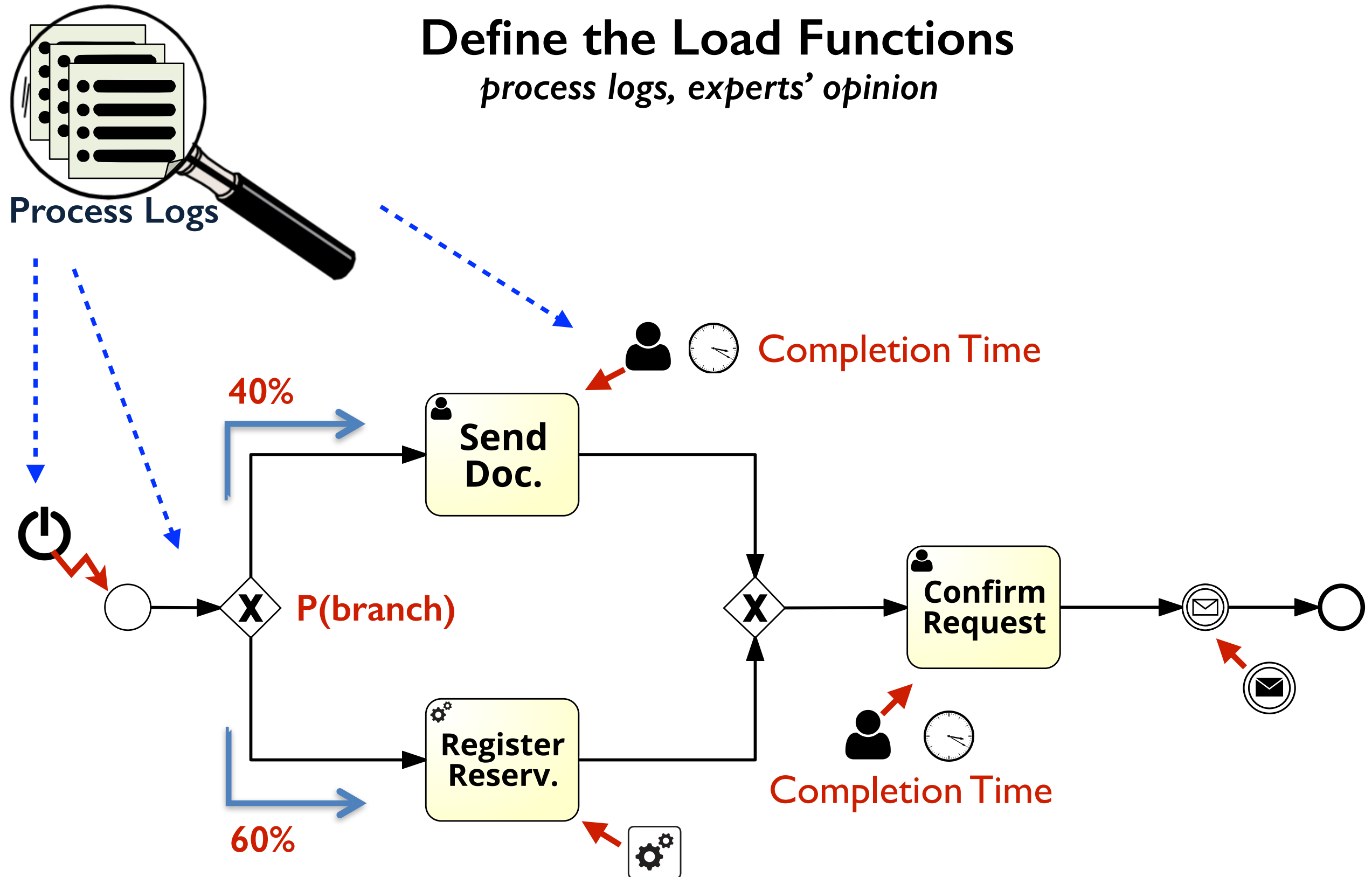
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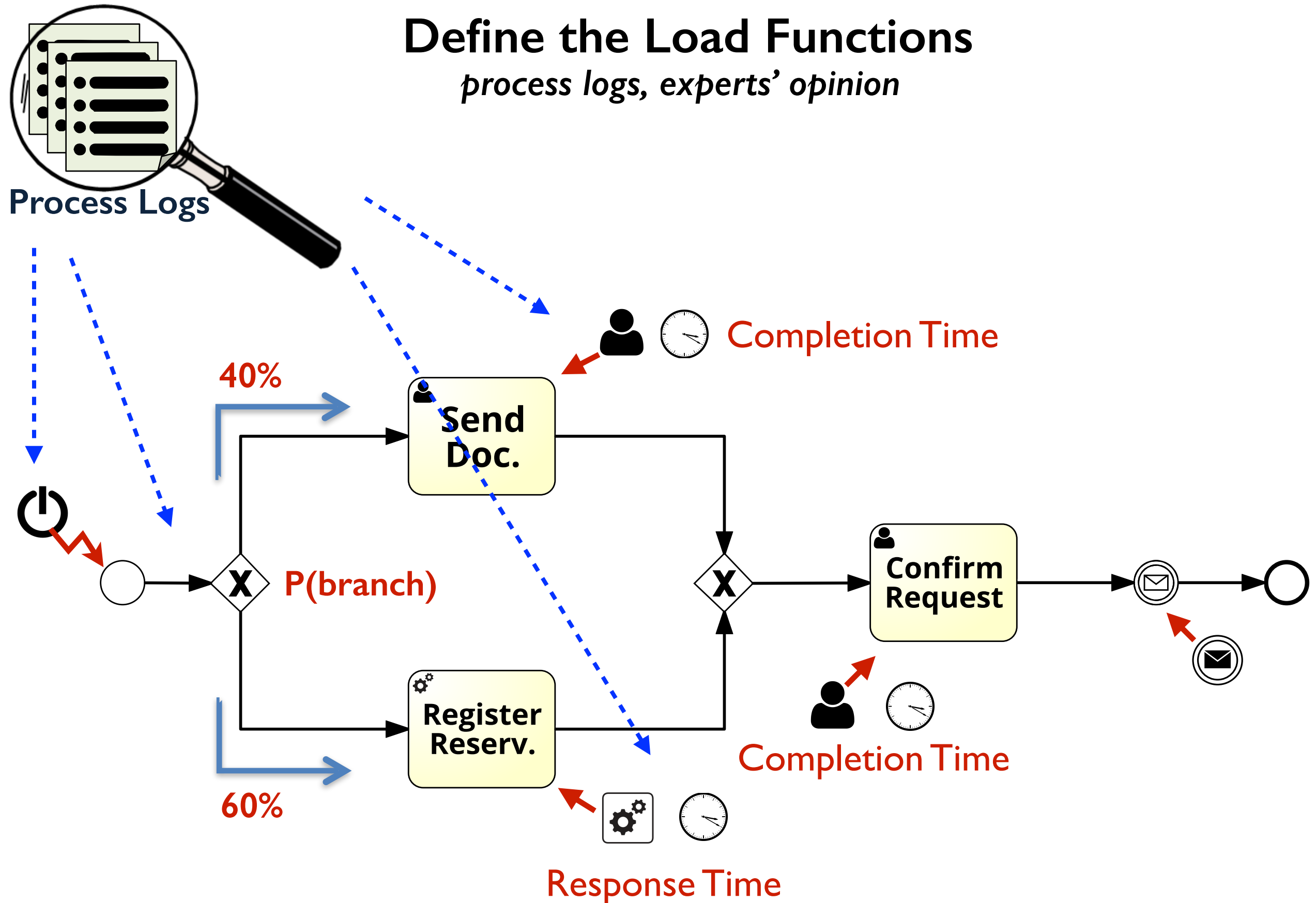
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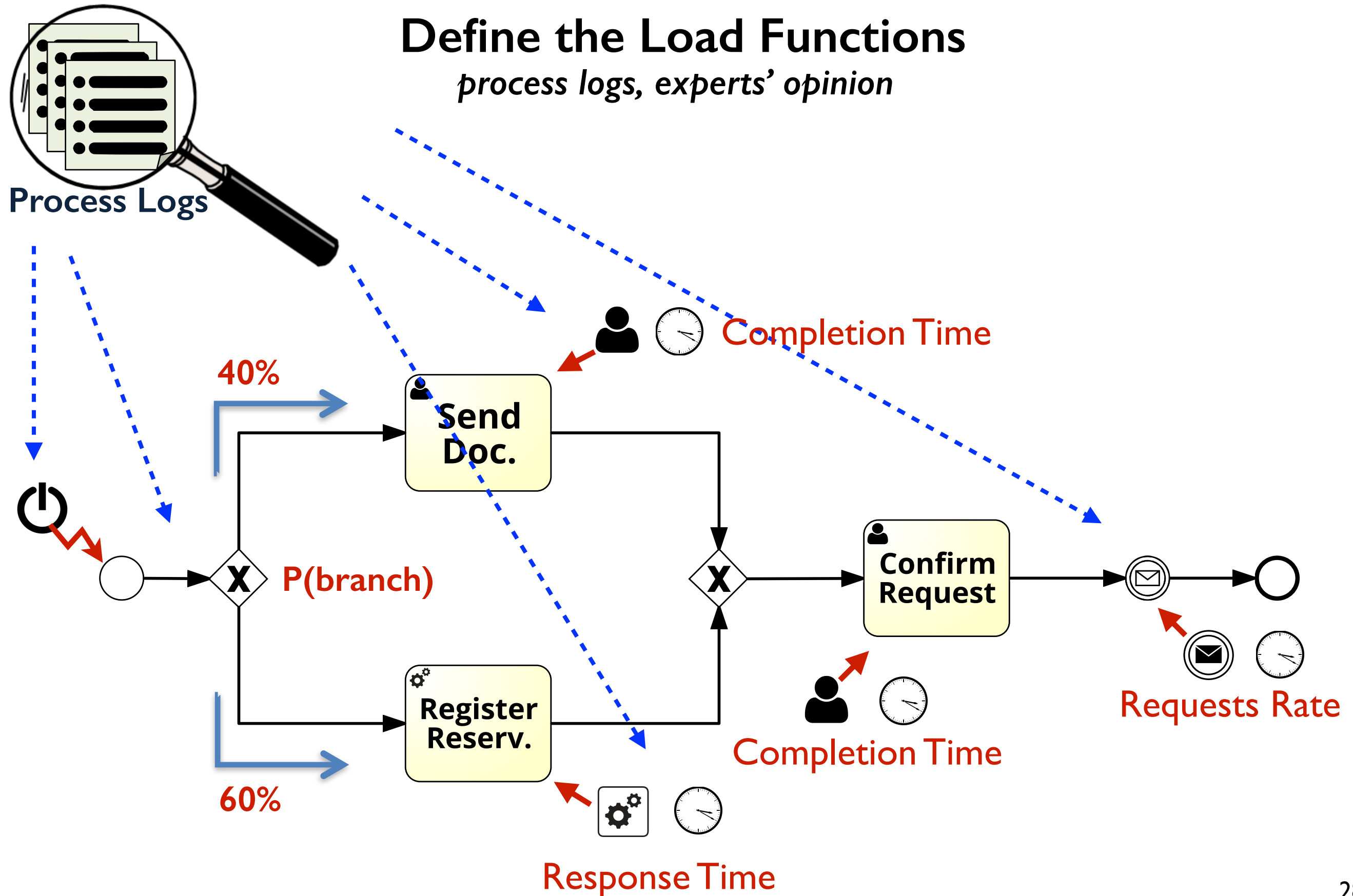
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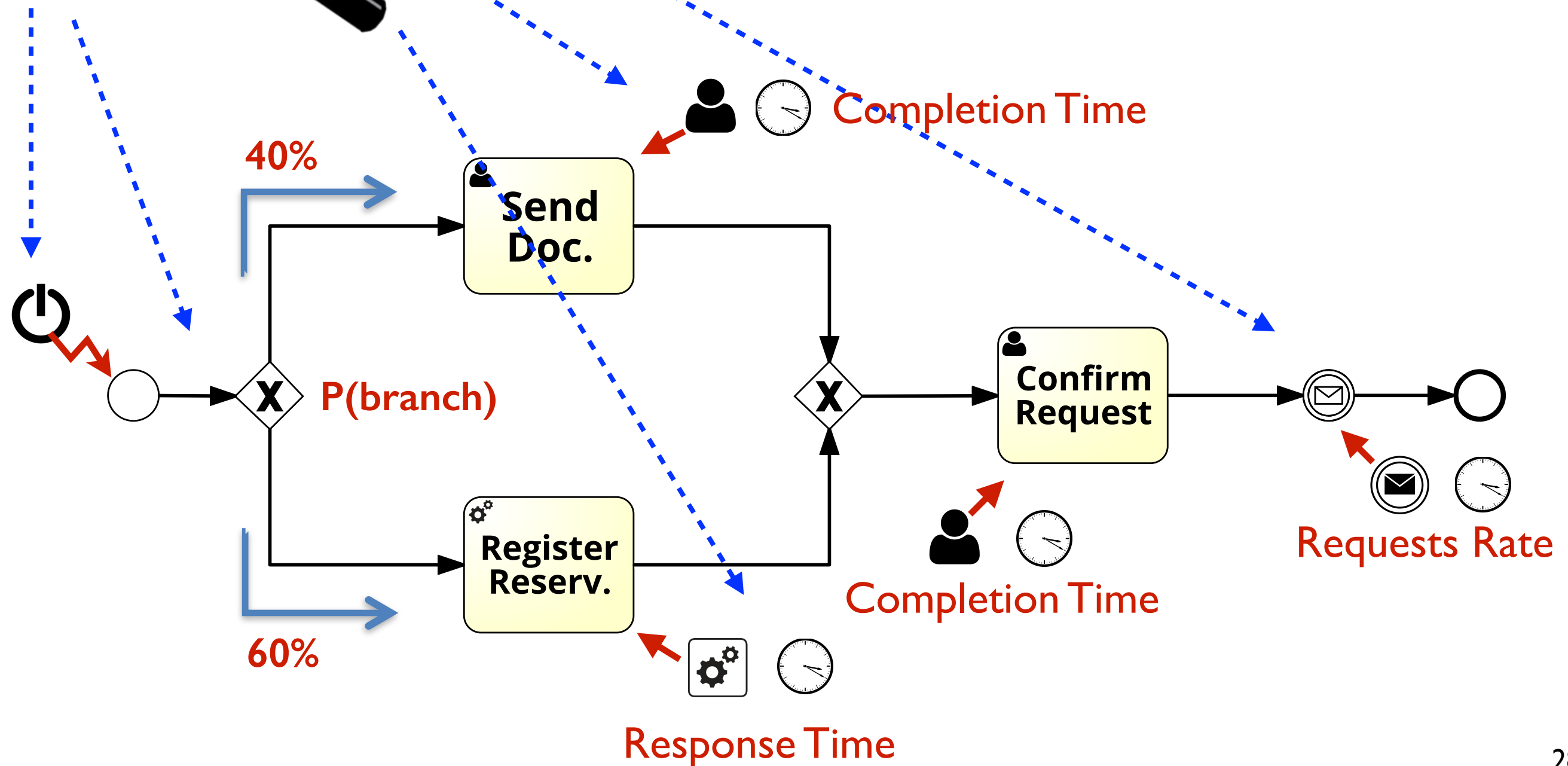
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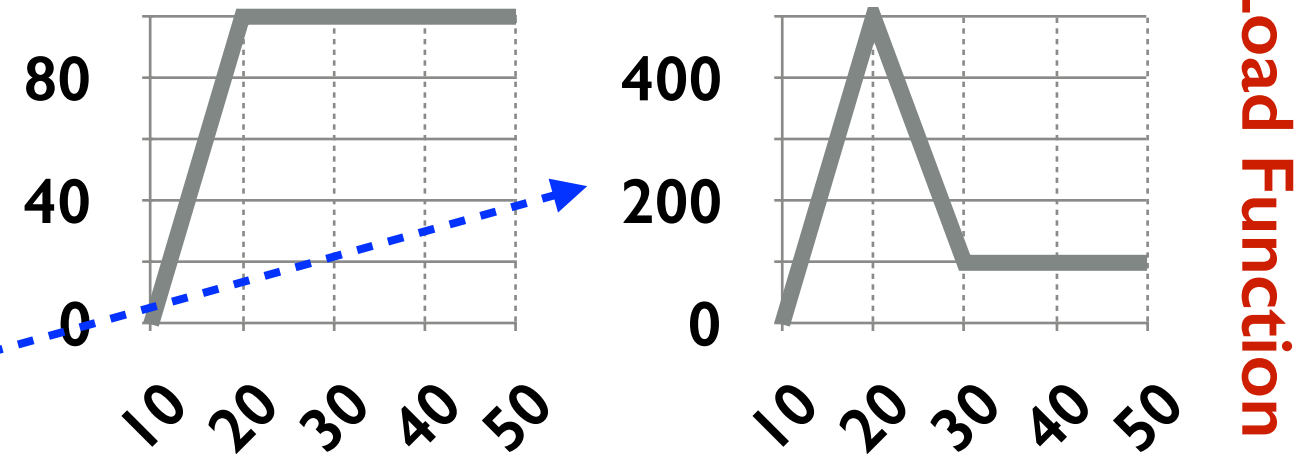
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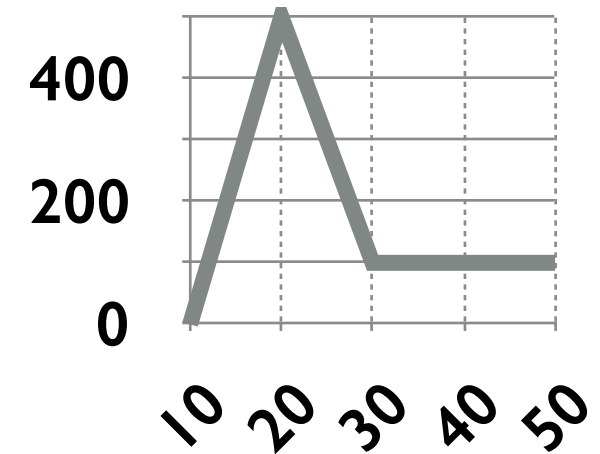
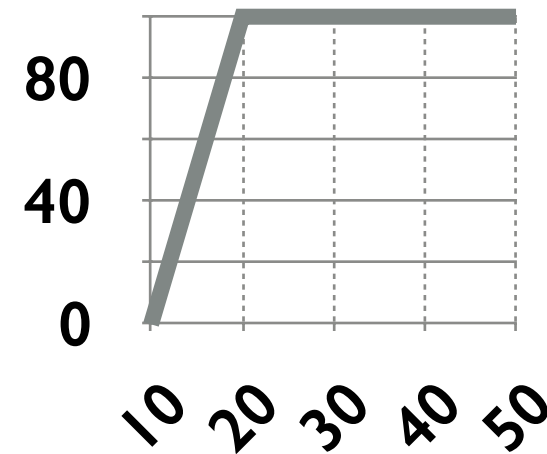


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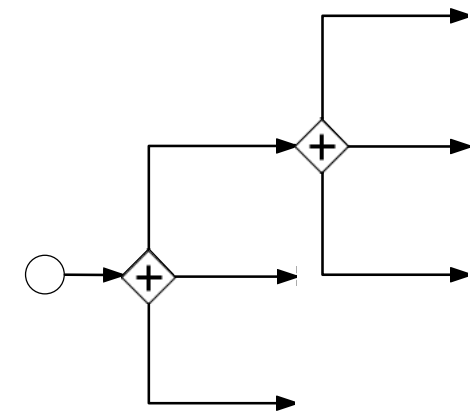
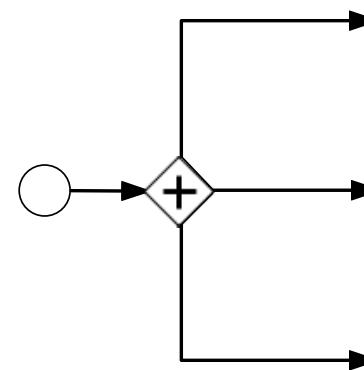
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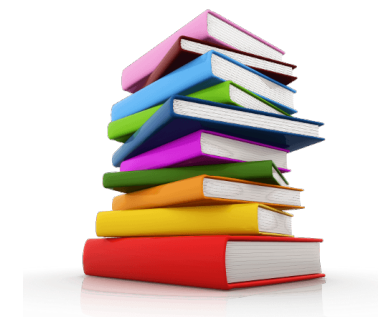
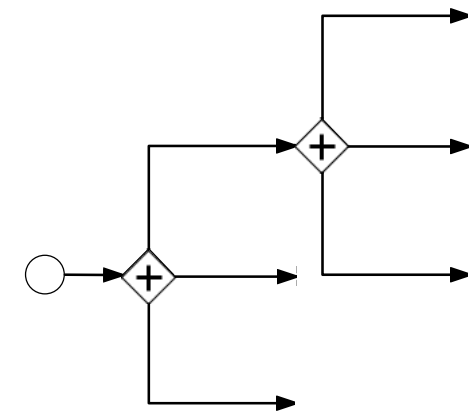
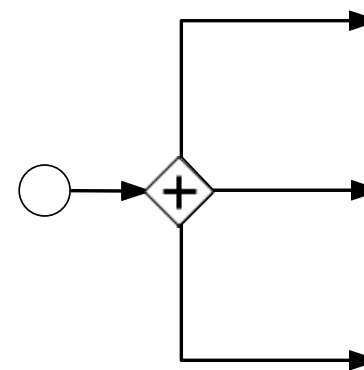
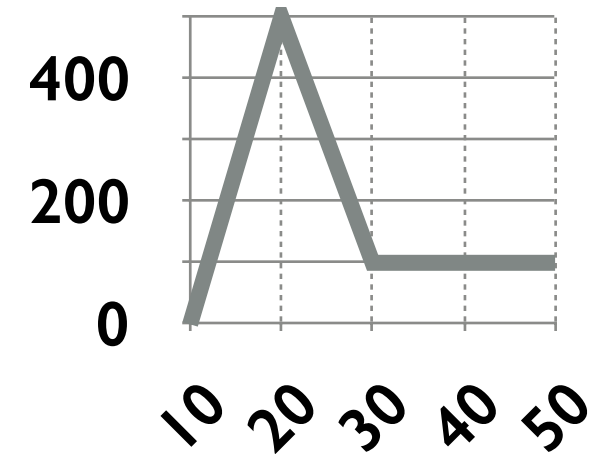
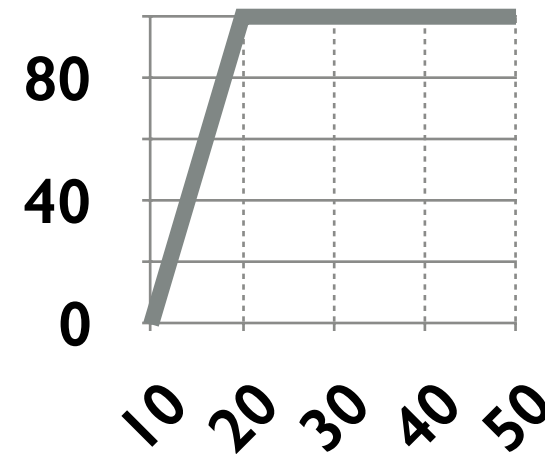


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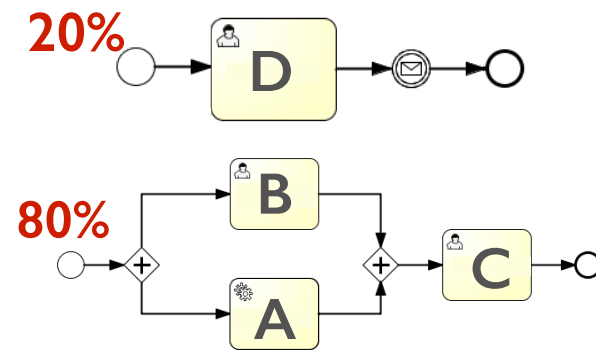
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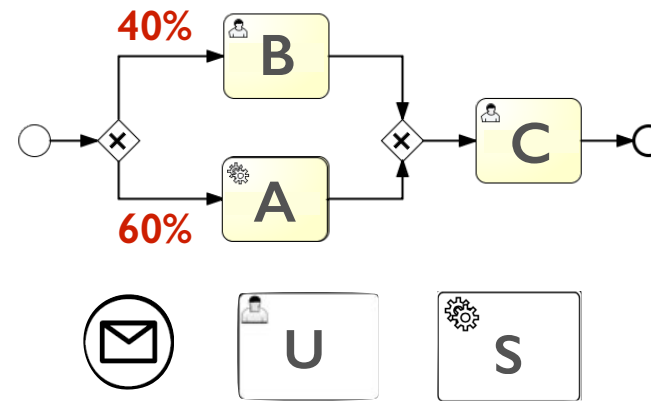


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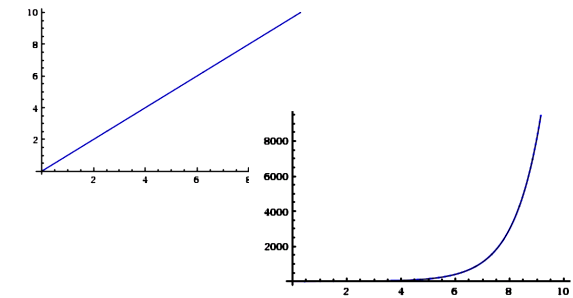
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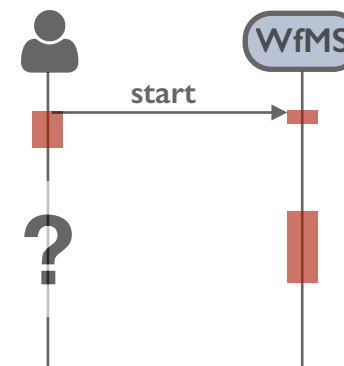


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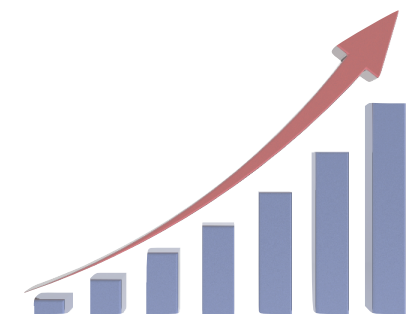
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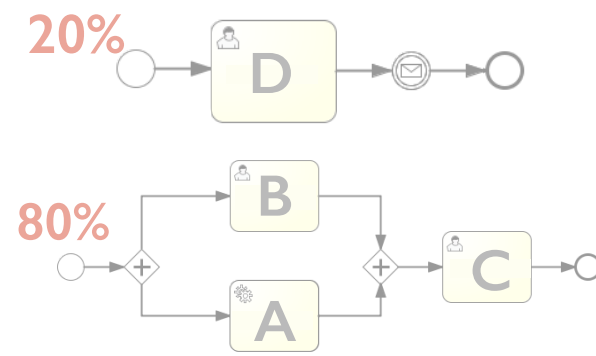


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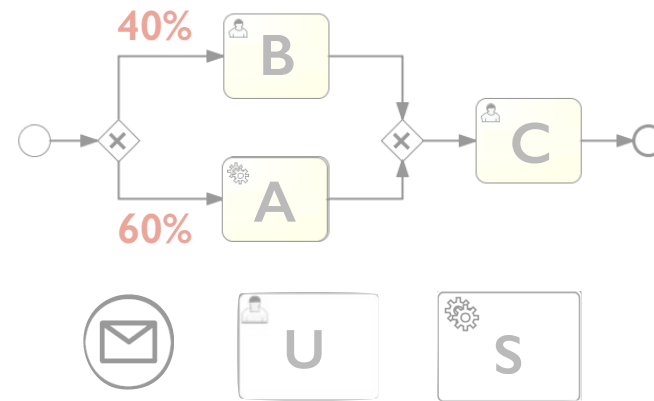
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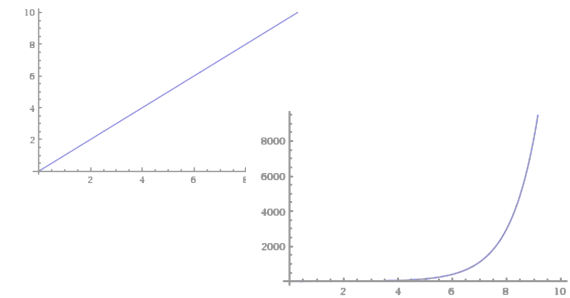
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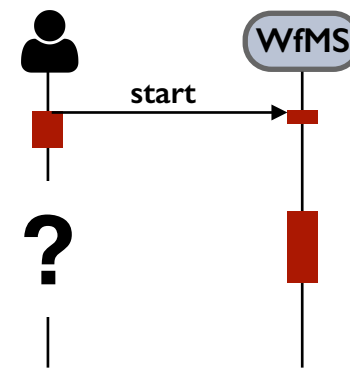


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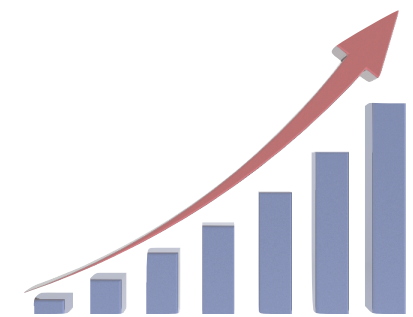
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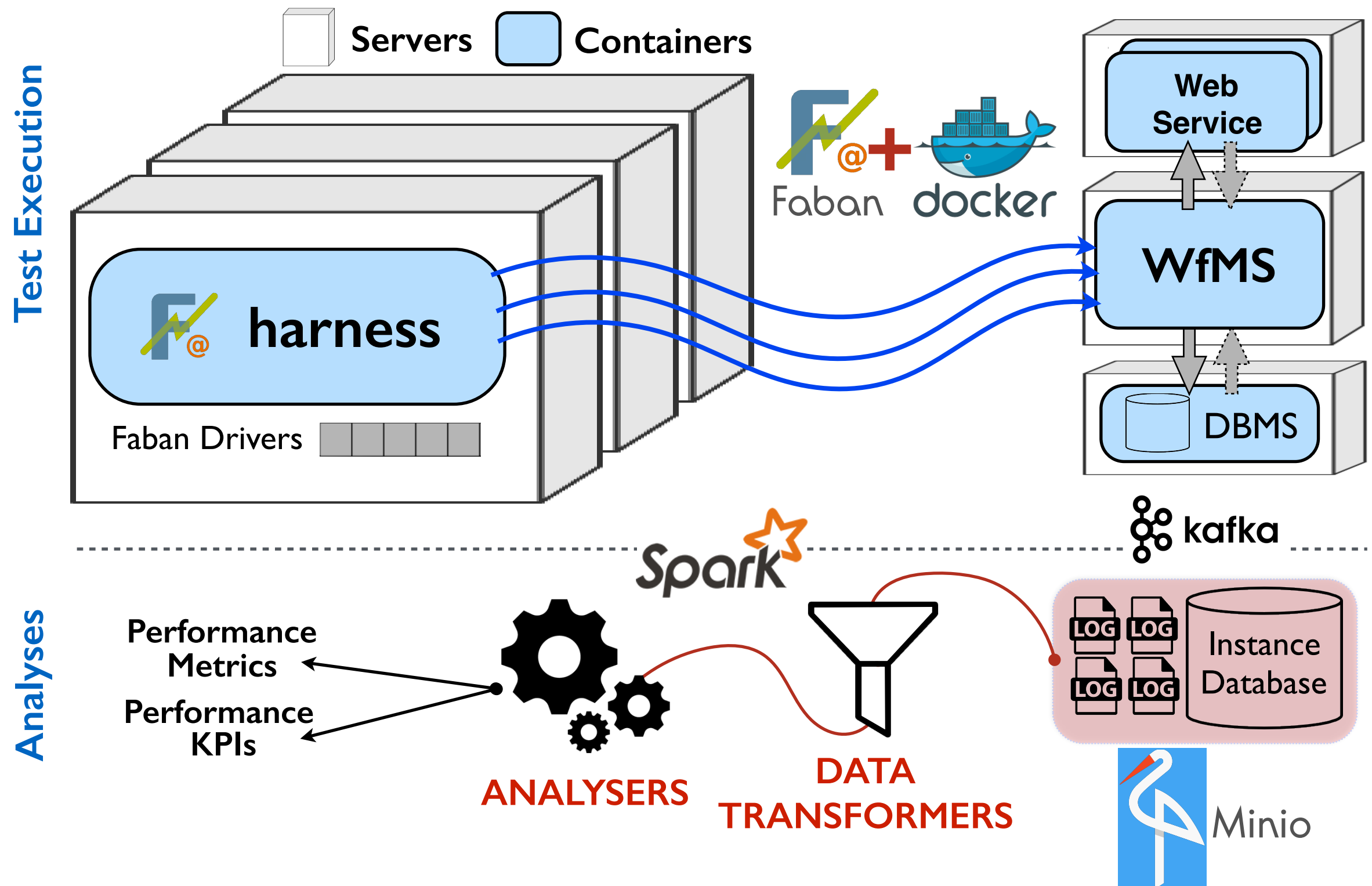
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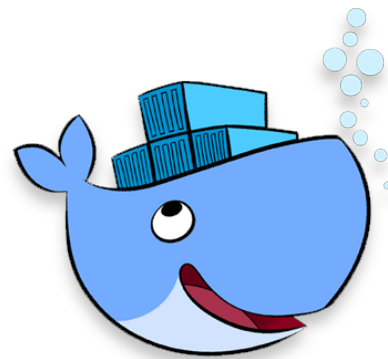
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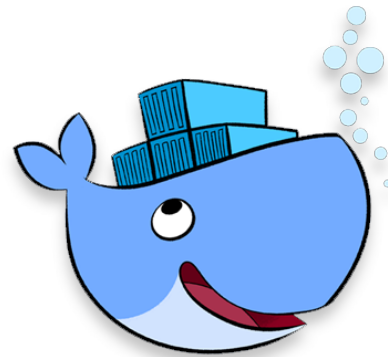
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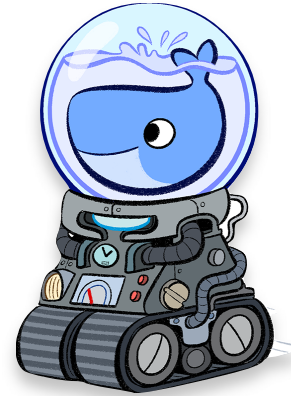


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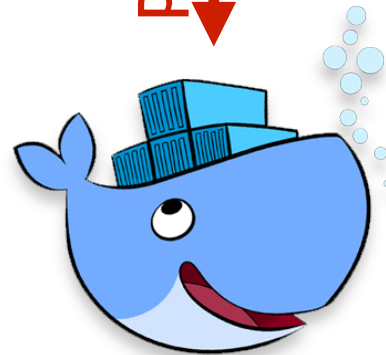
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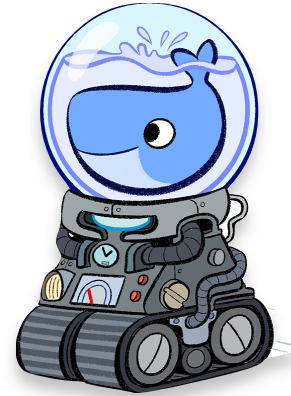


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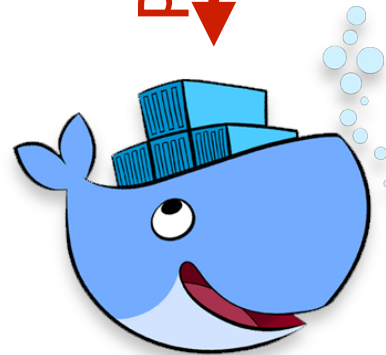
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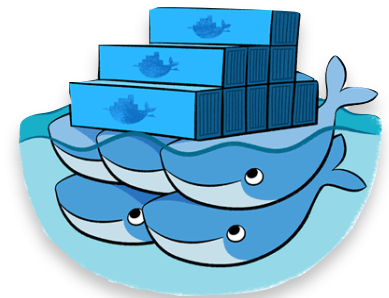
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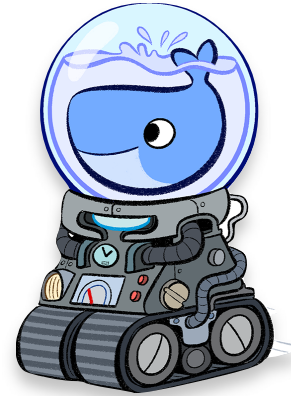
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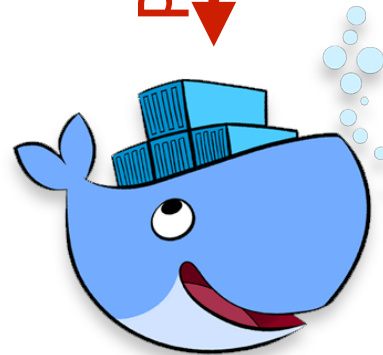
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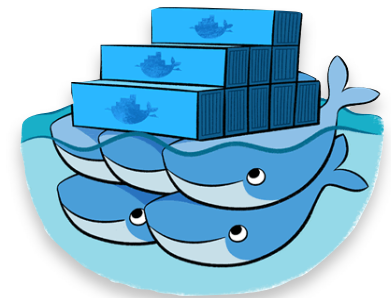
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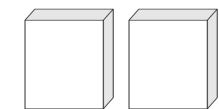
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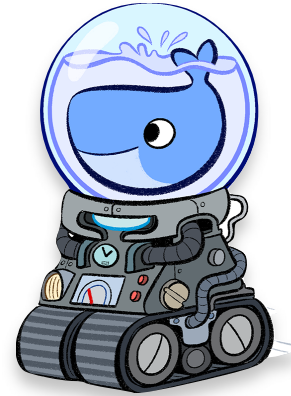
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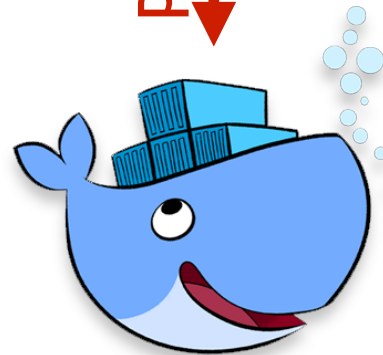
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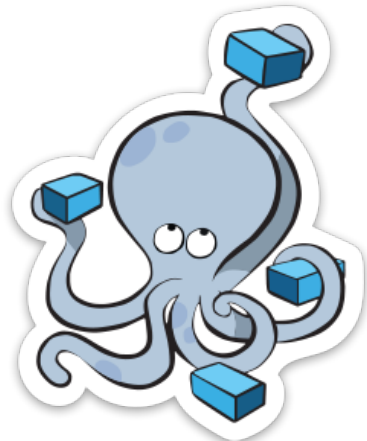
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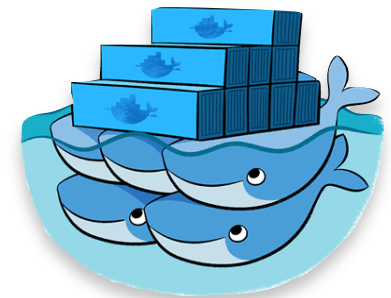


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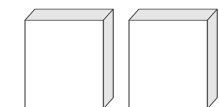


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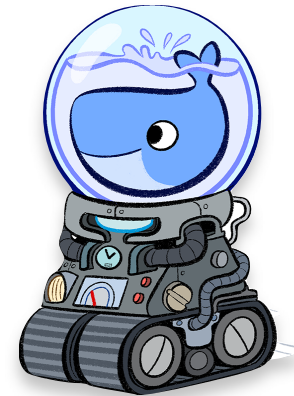


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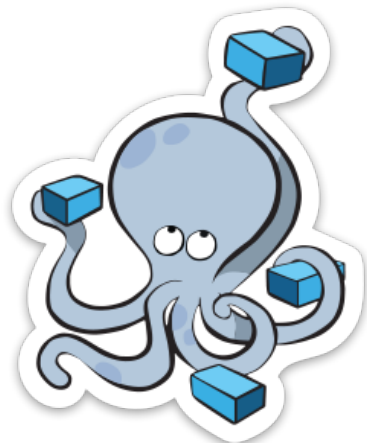


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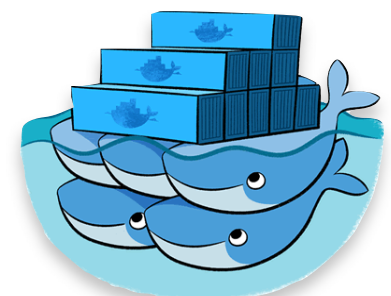
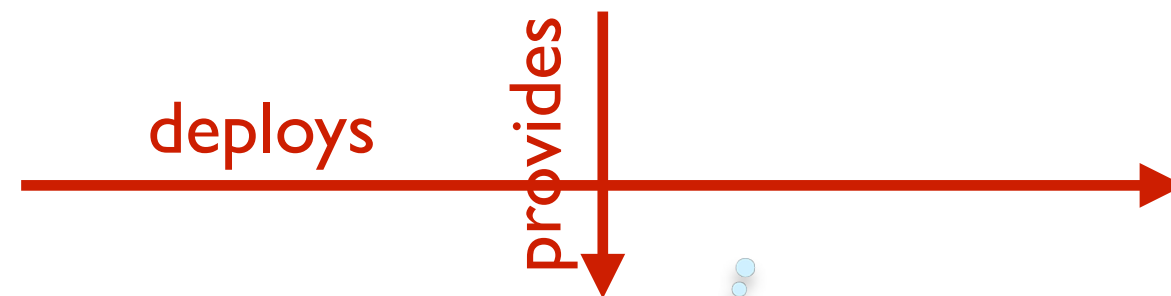


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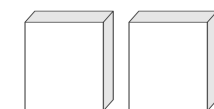


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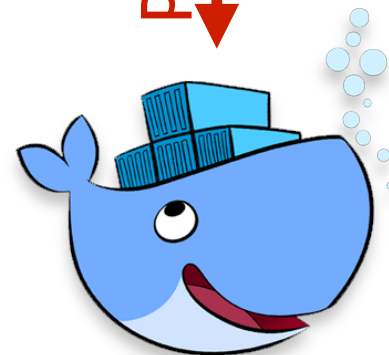
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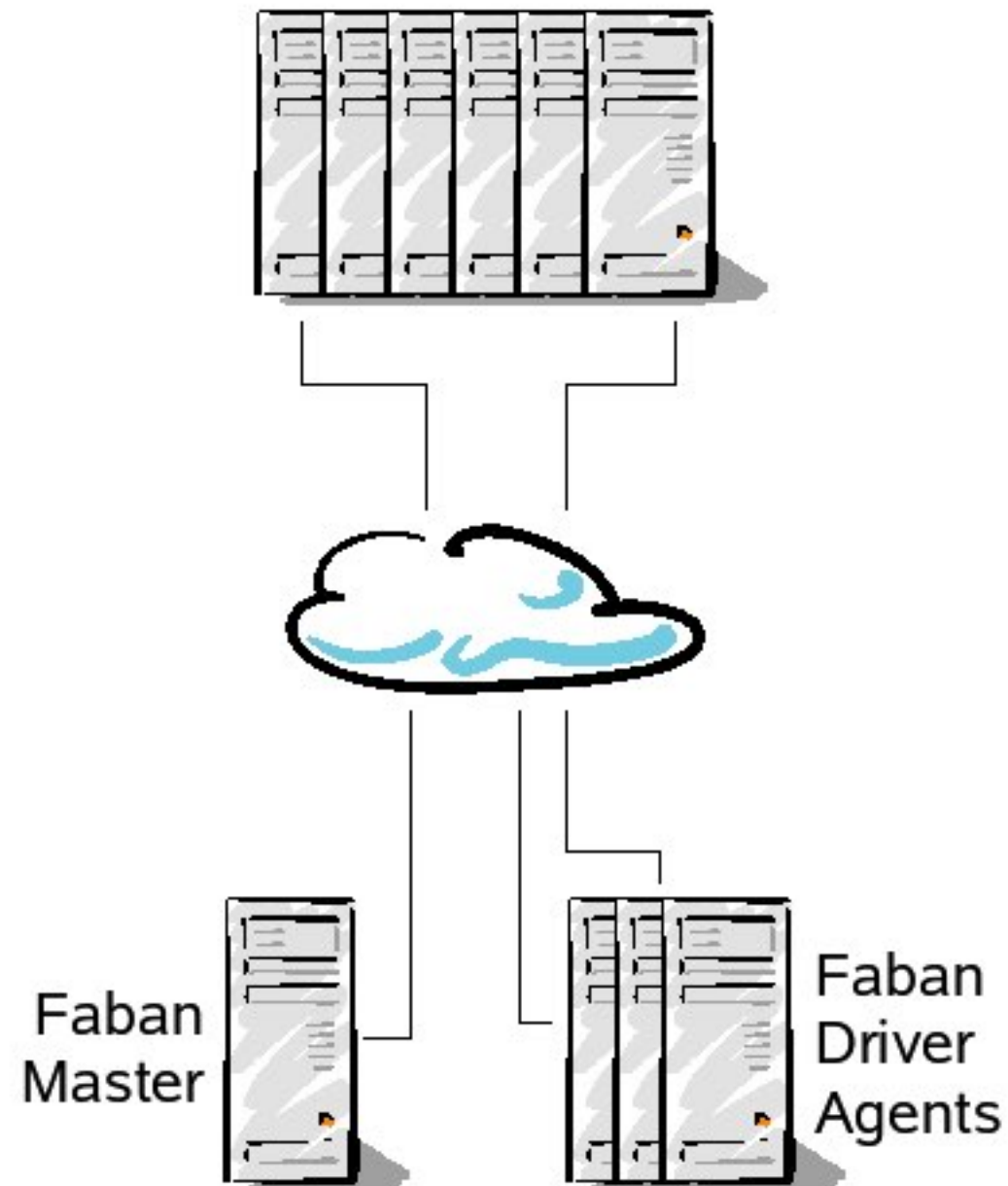
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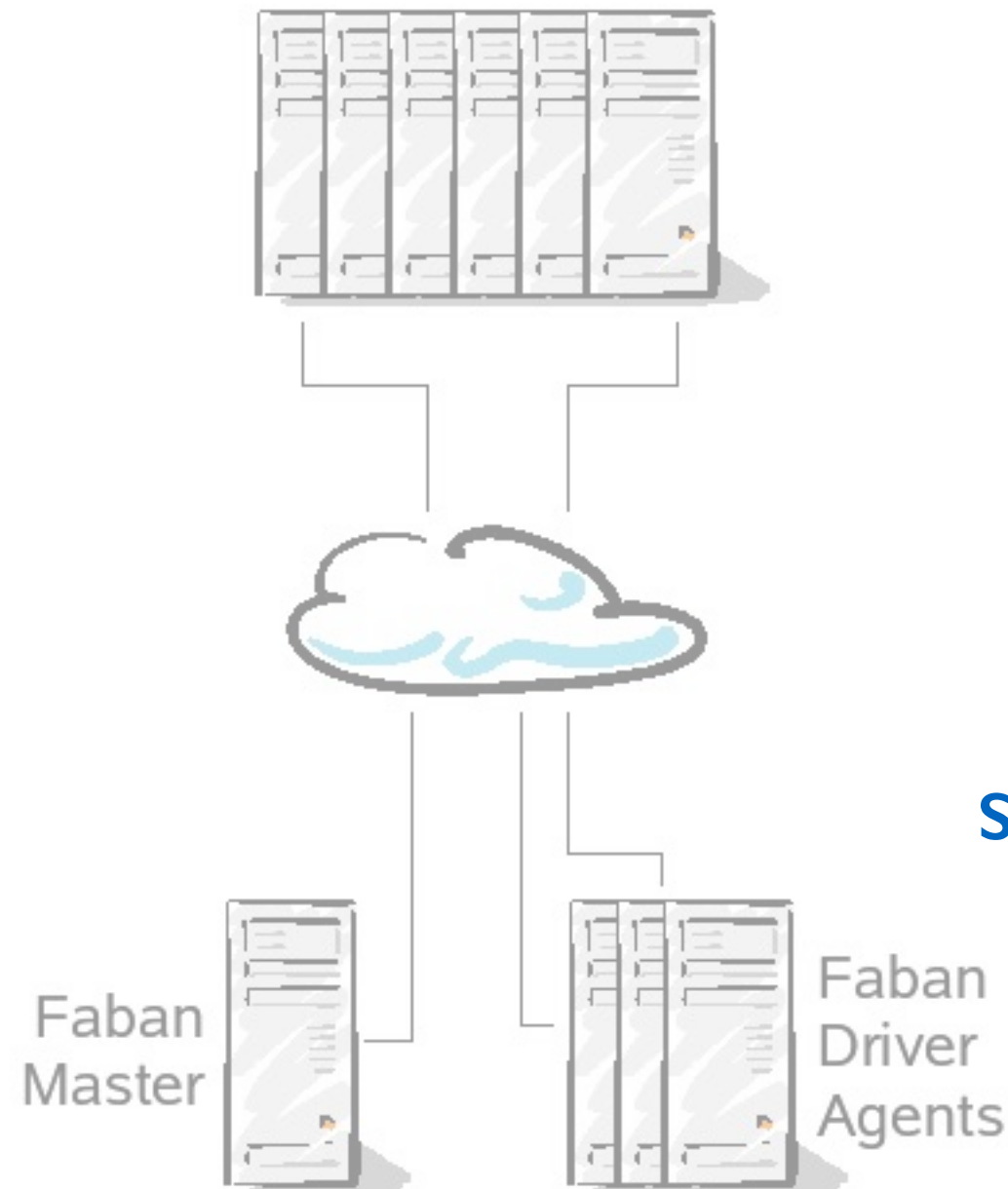


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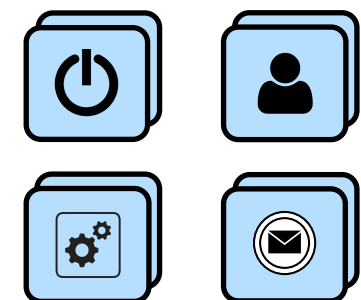
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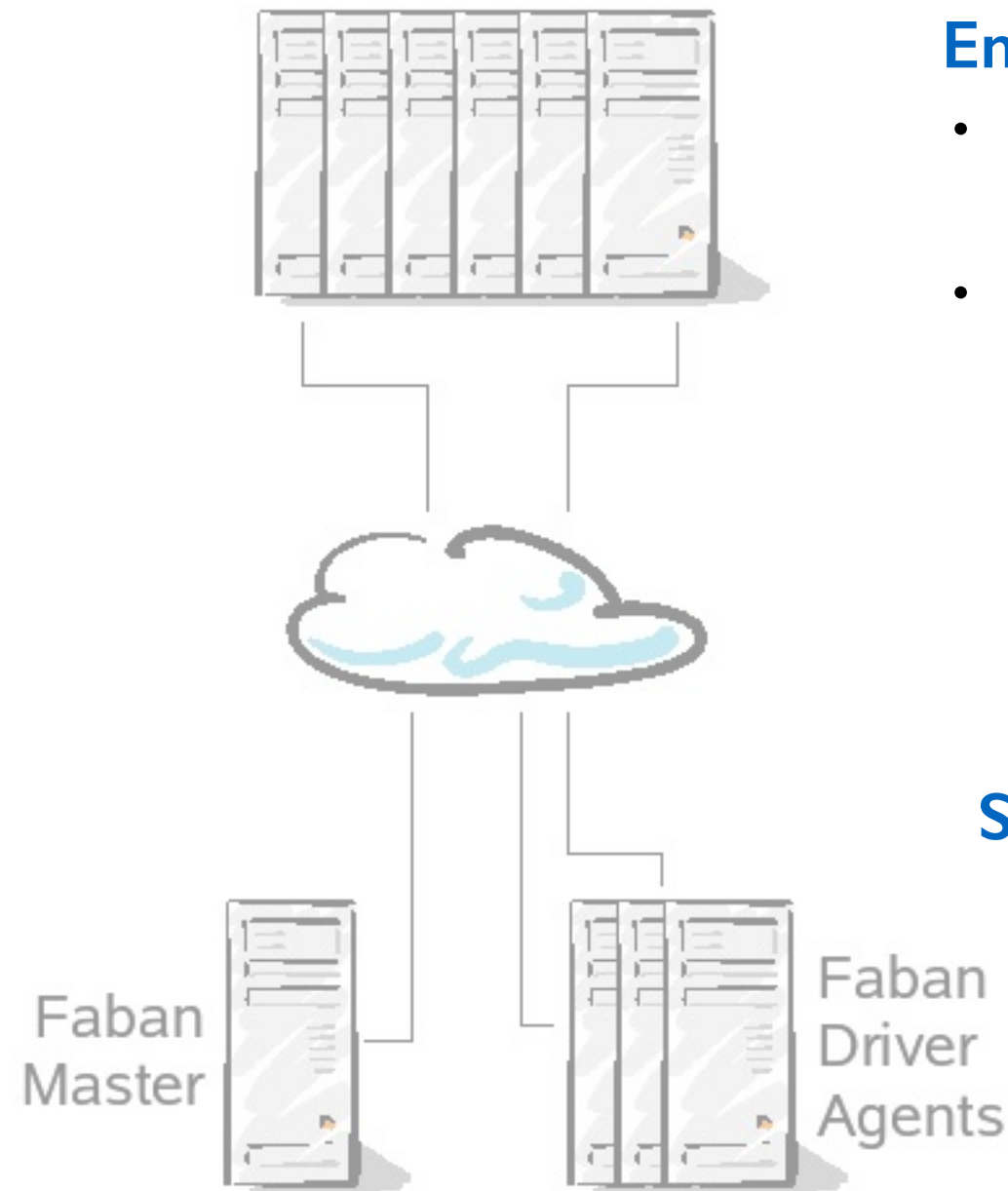


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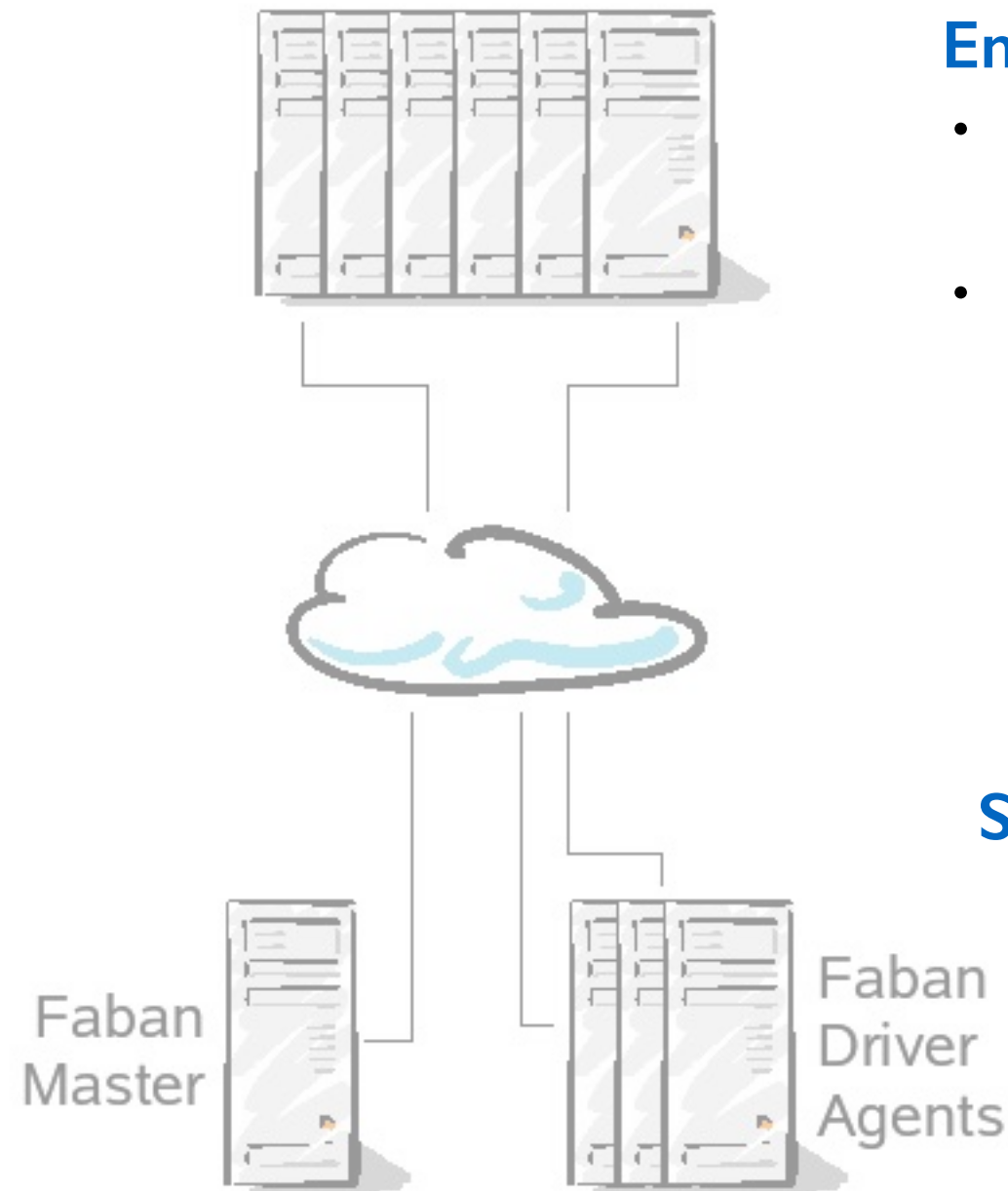


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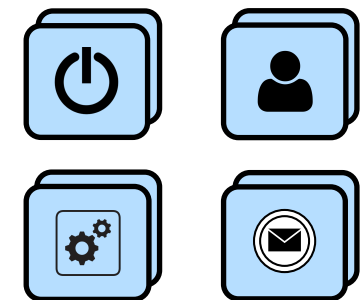


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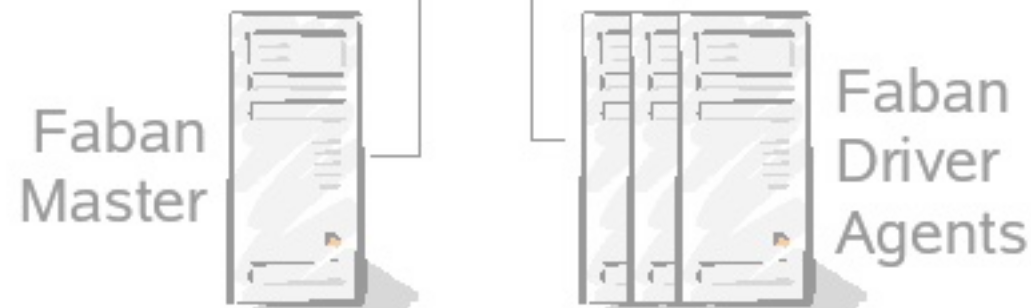


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Faban Master



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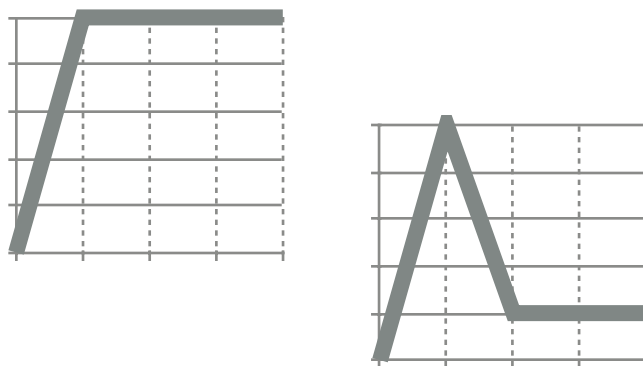


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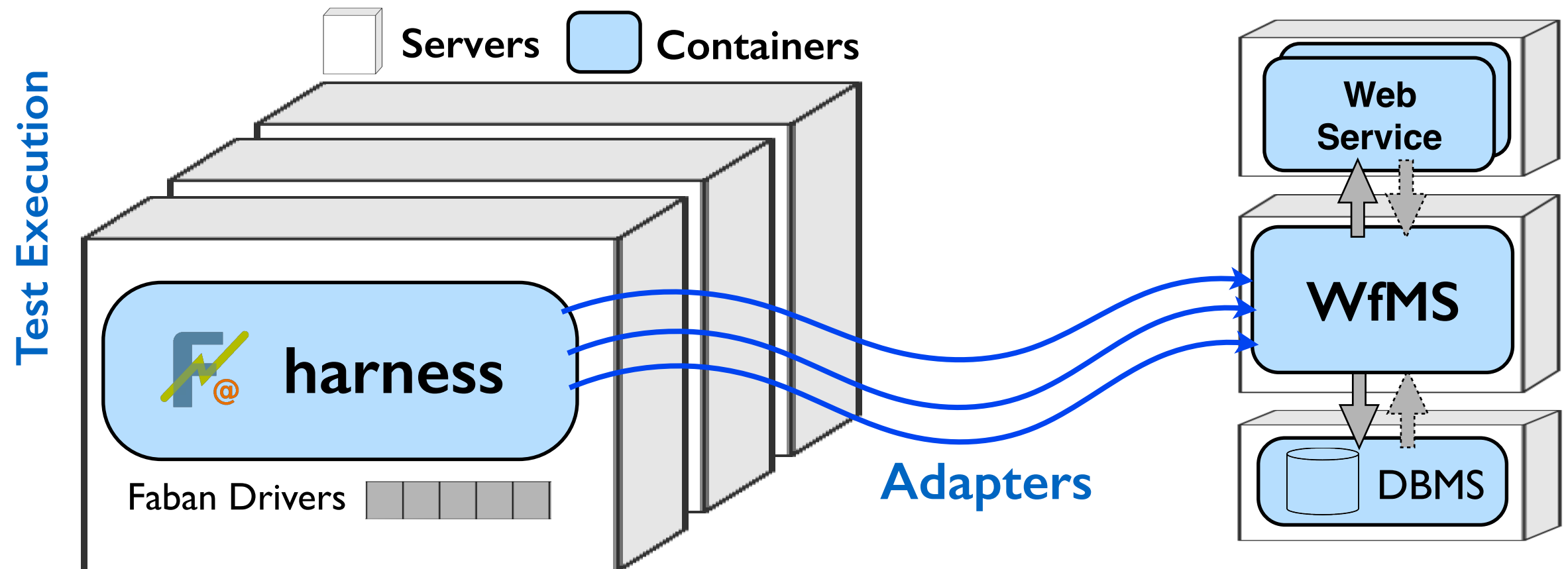
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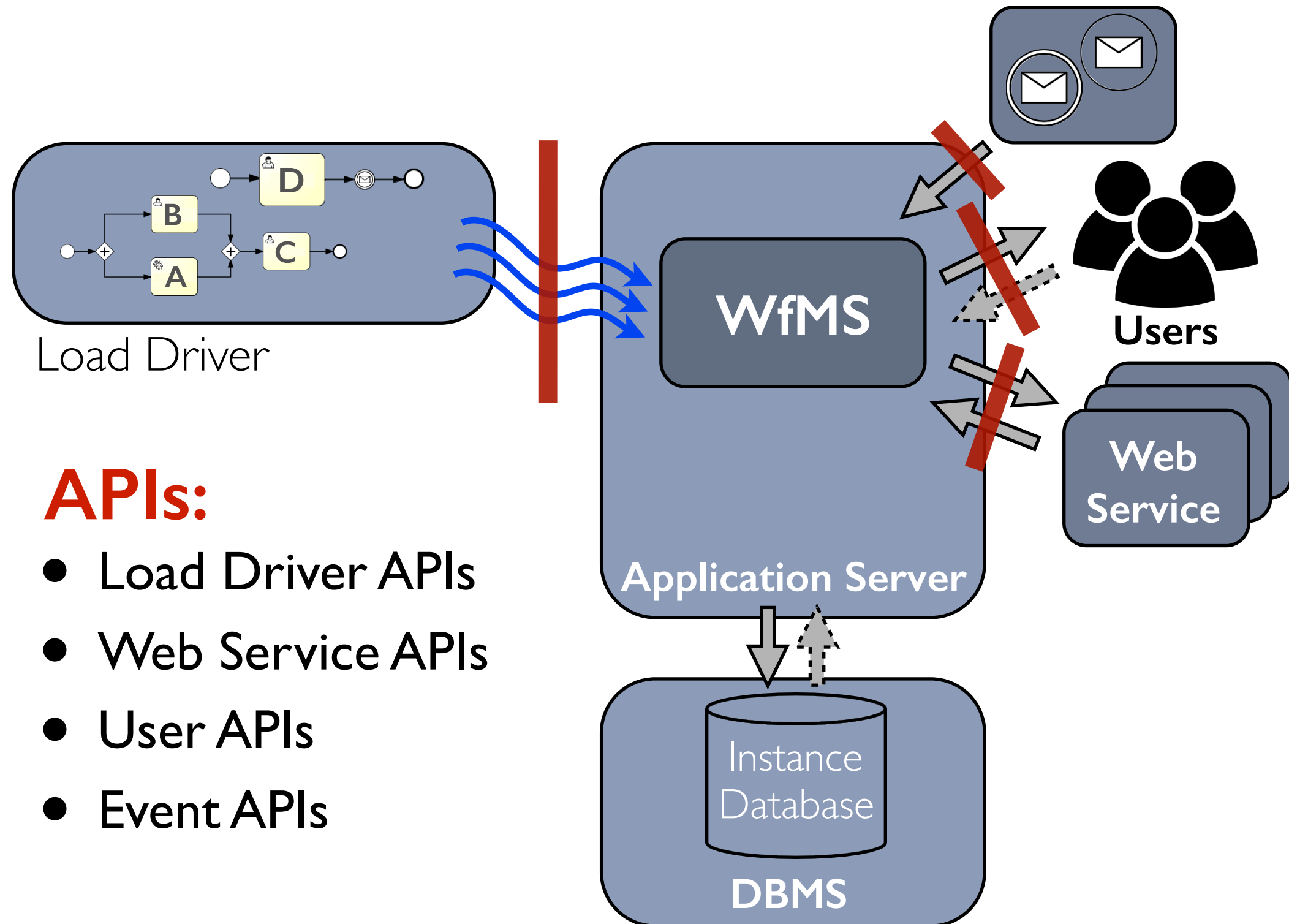
*software adapters*





# WfMS-specific APIs

*custom APIs*



## APIs:

- Load Driver APIs
- Web Service APIs
- User APIs
- Event APIs

# WfMS-specific APIs

*requirements from the WfMS*

CORE

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*models deployment version*

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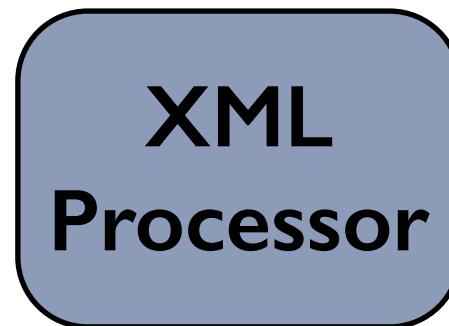


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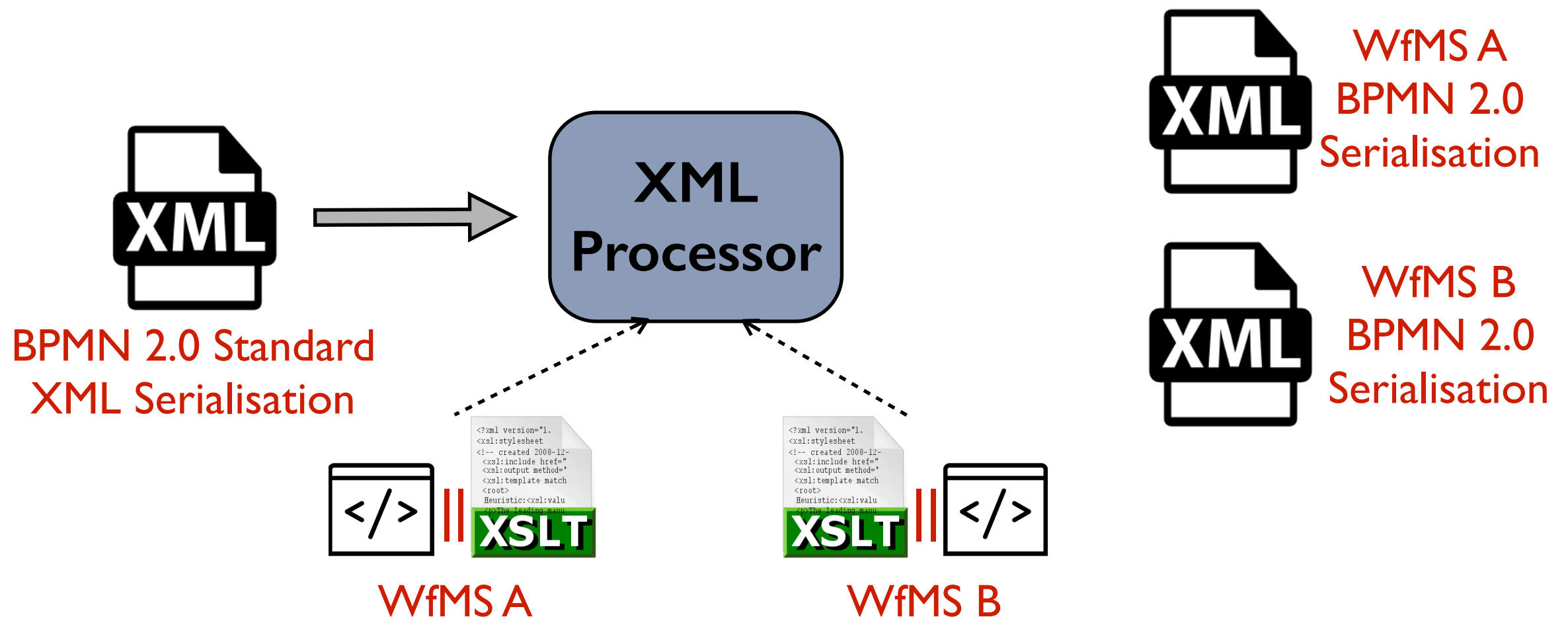


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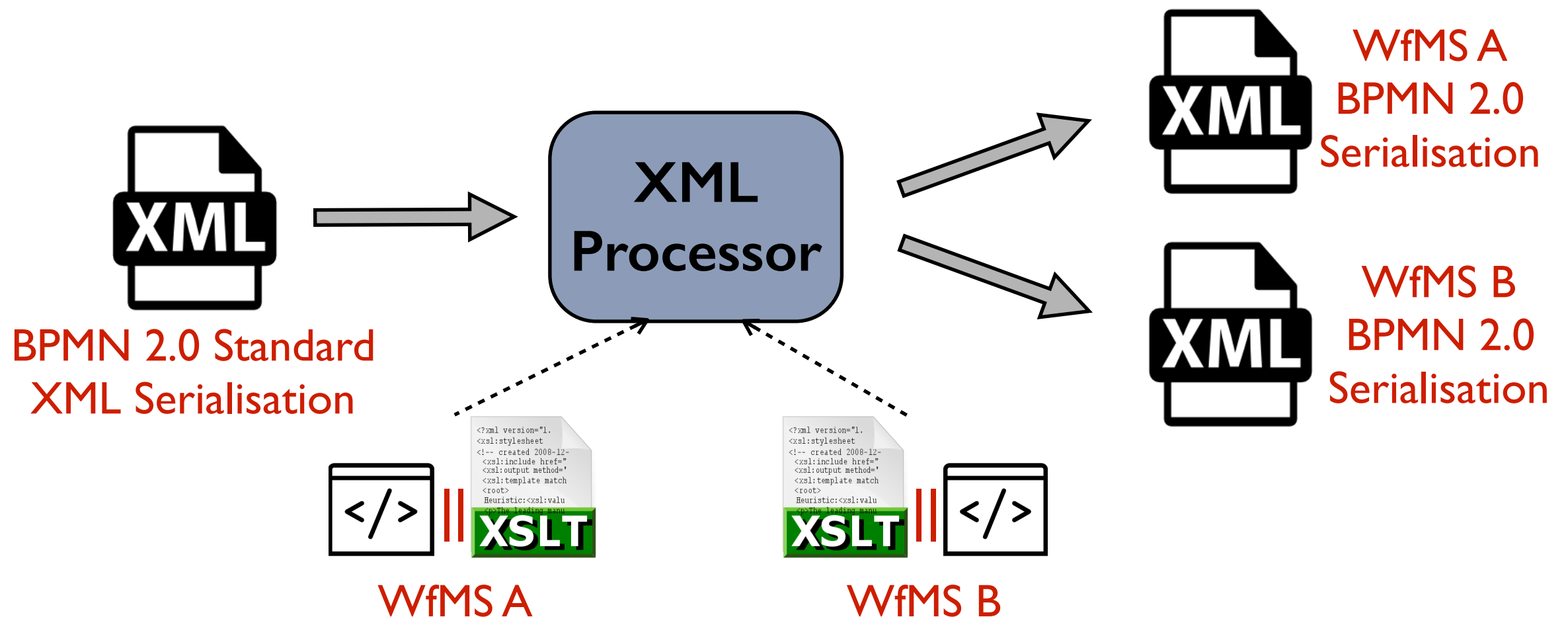


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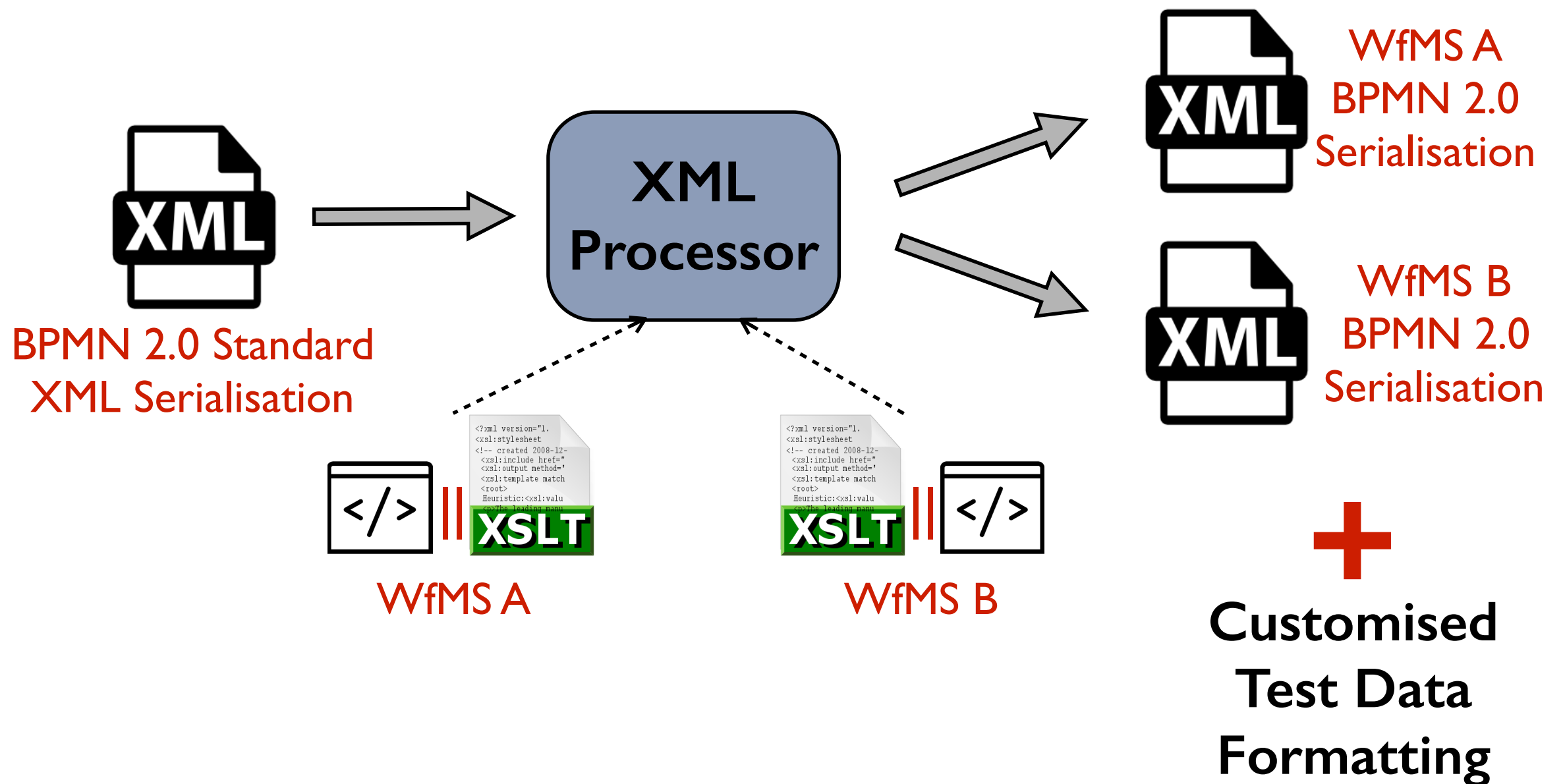


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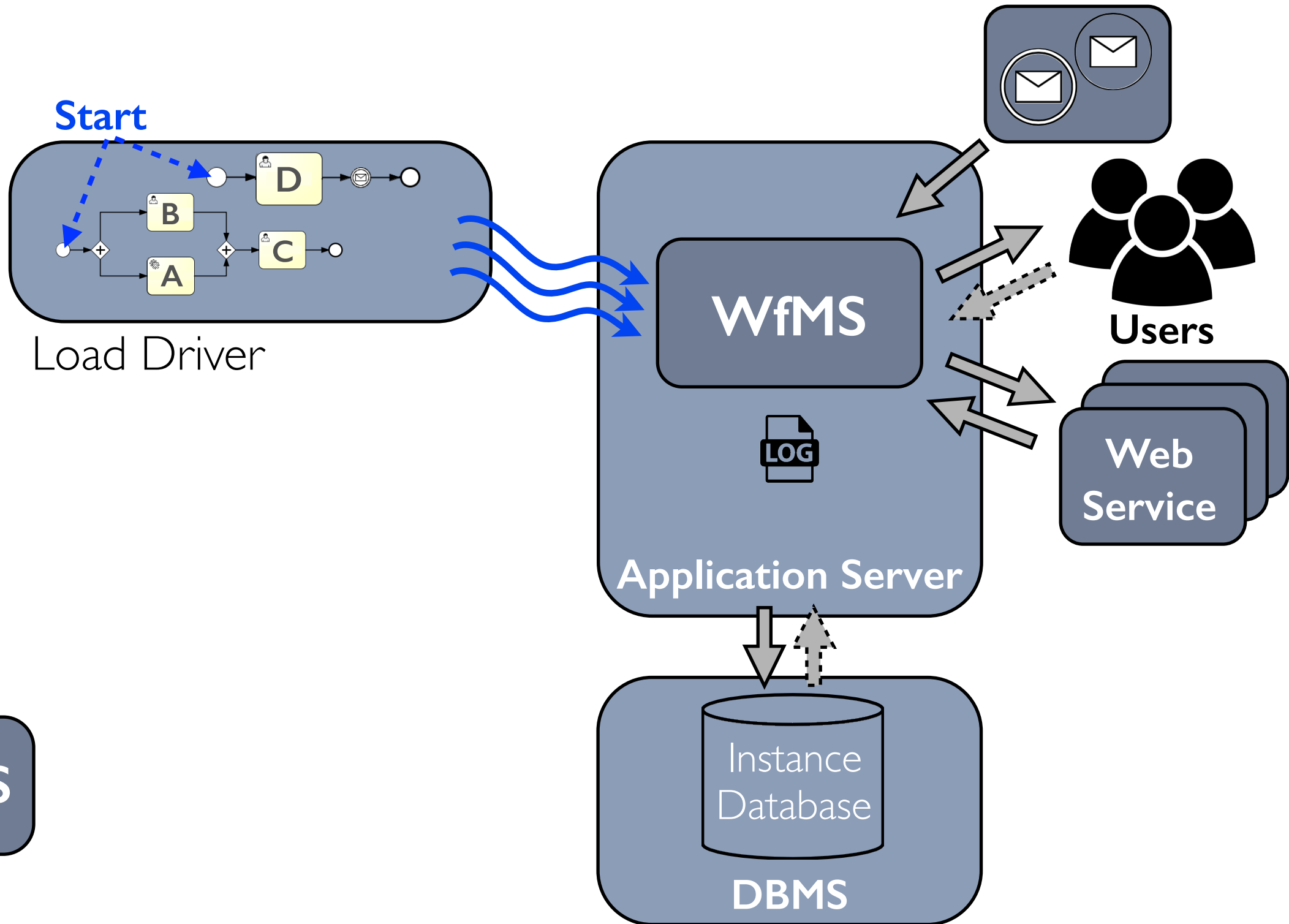


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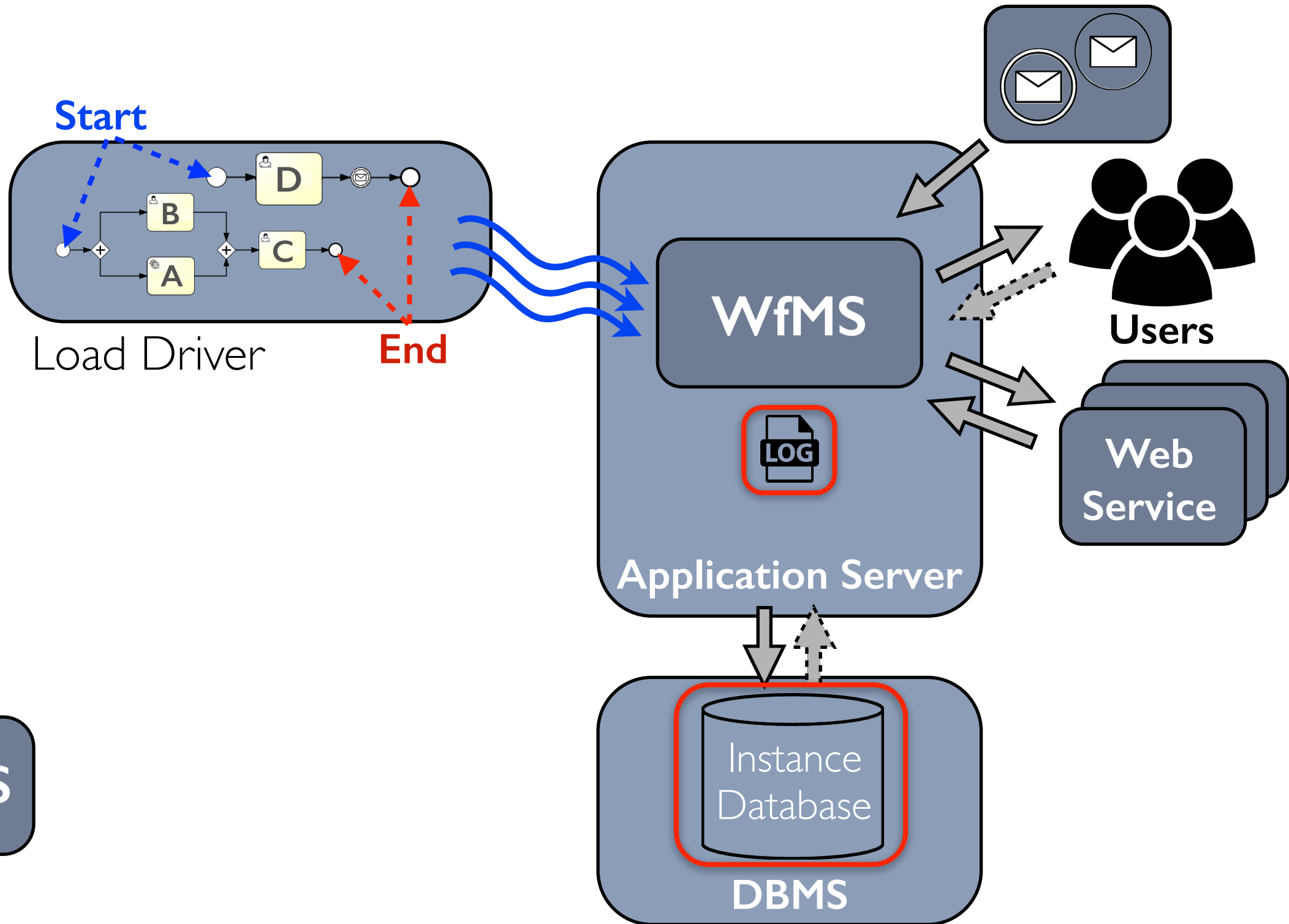


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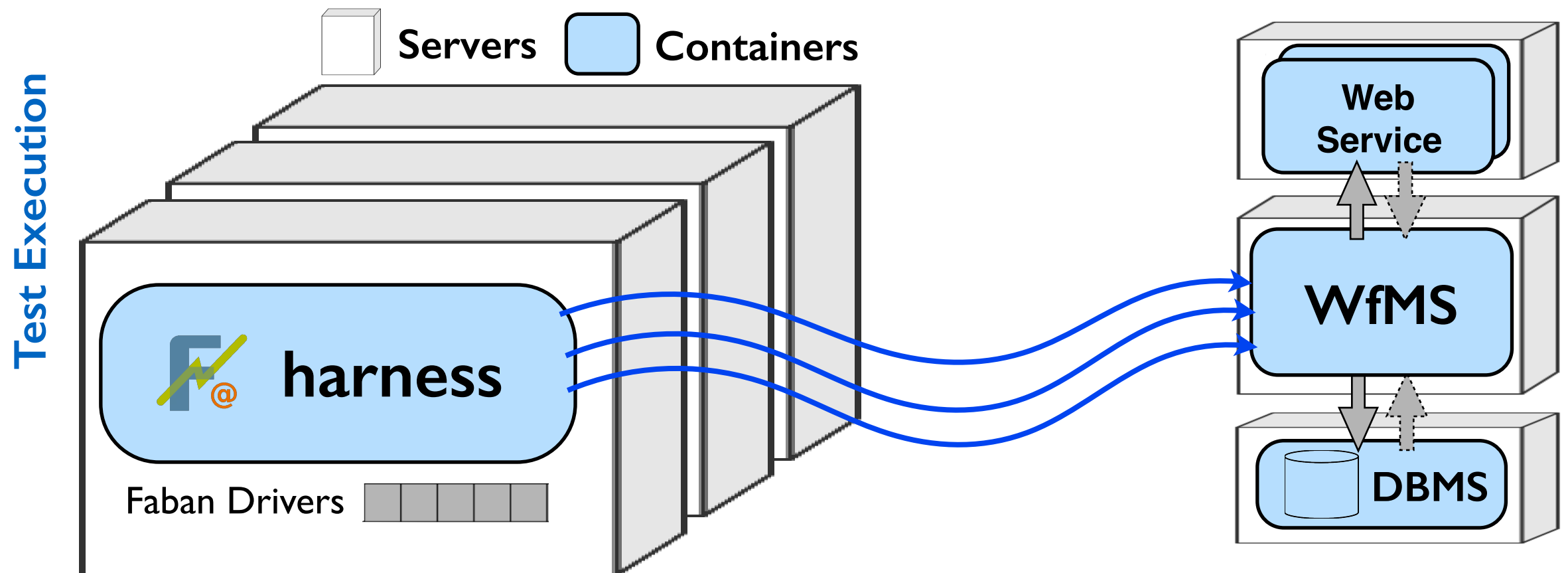
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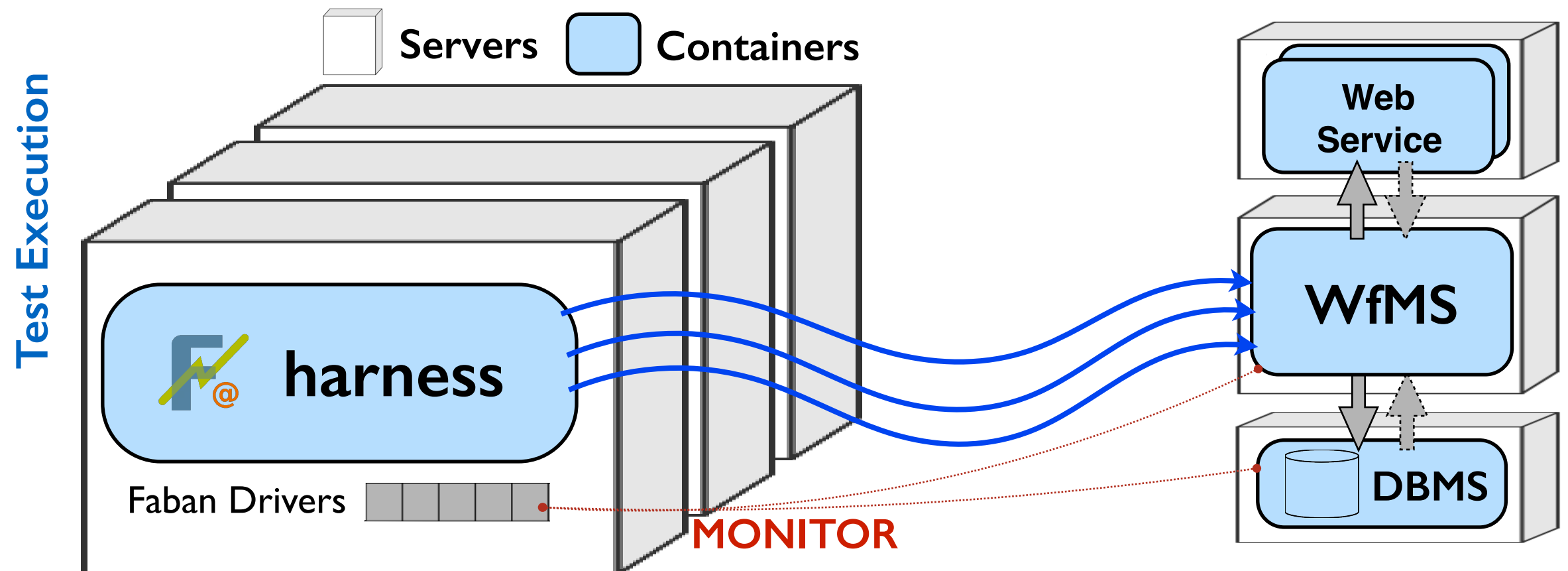
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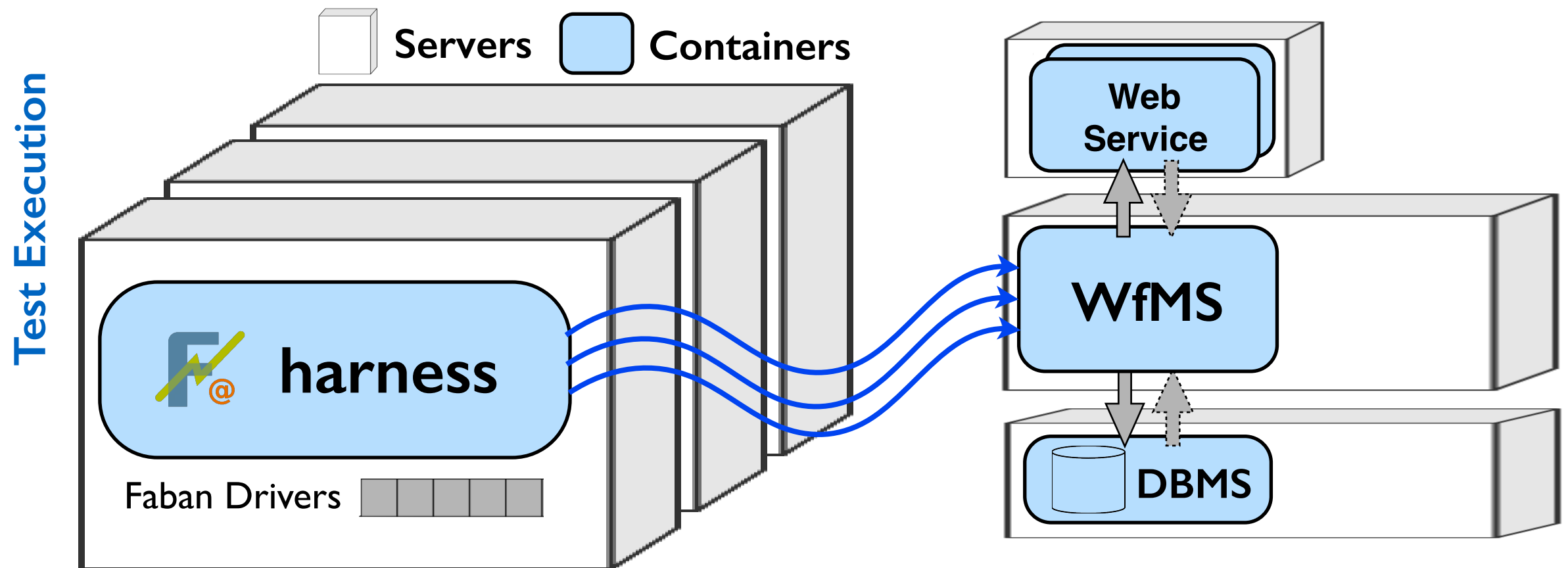
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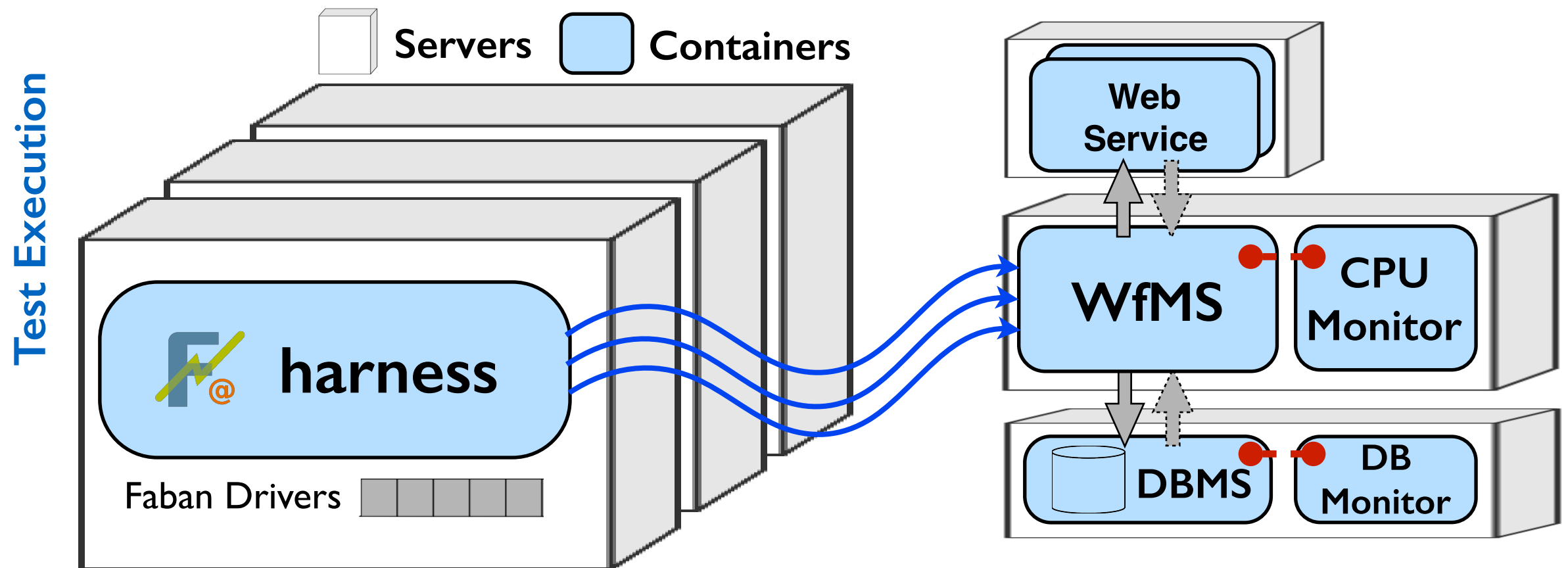
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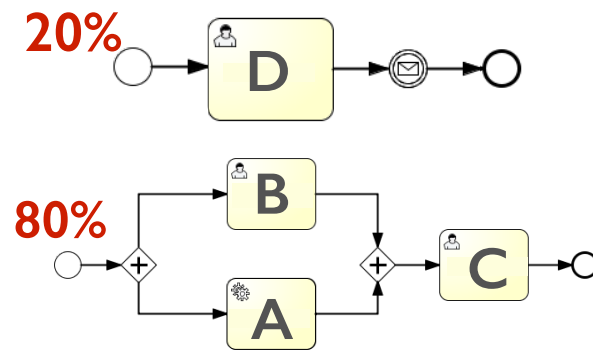
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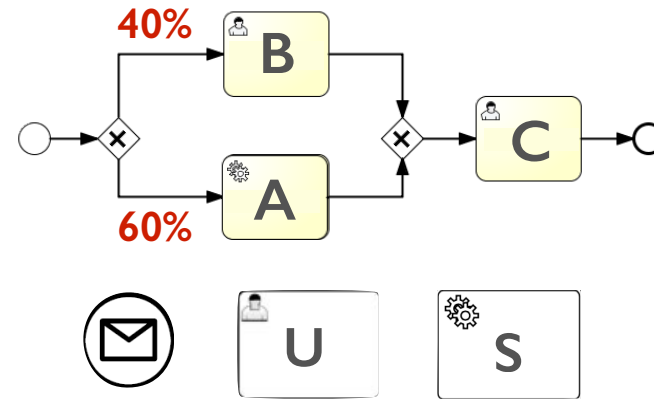
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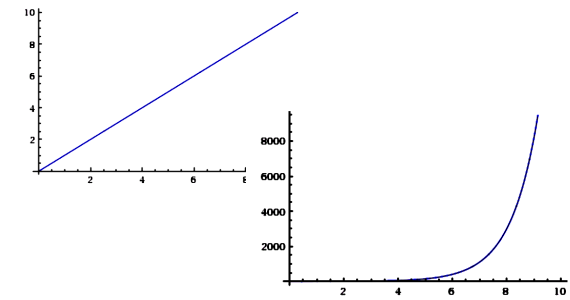
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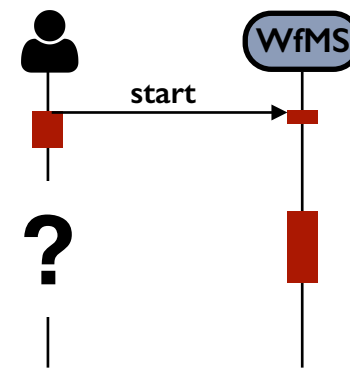


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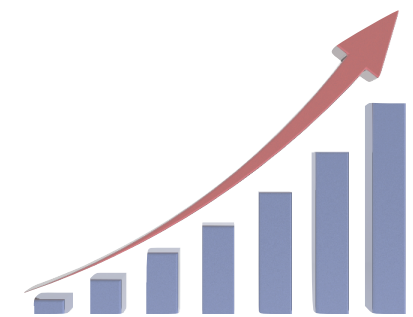
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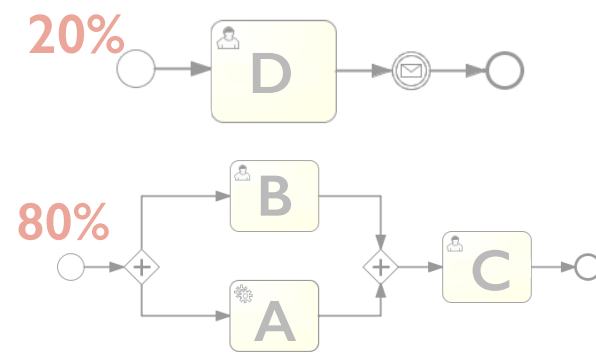


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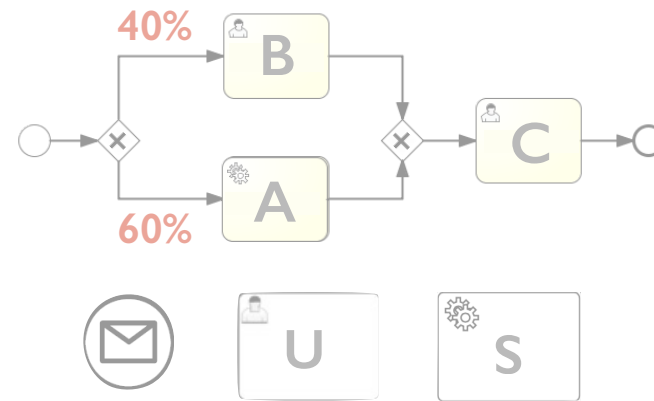
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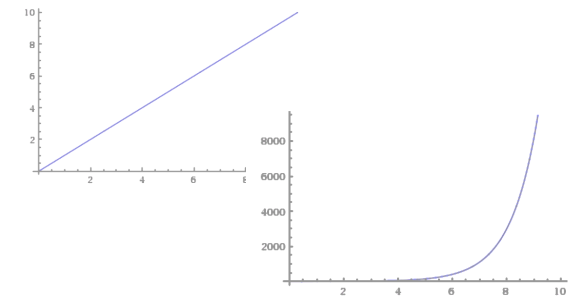
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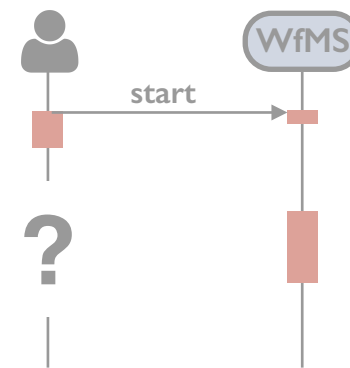


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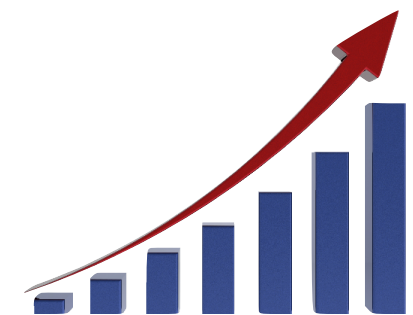
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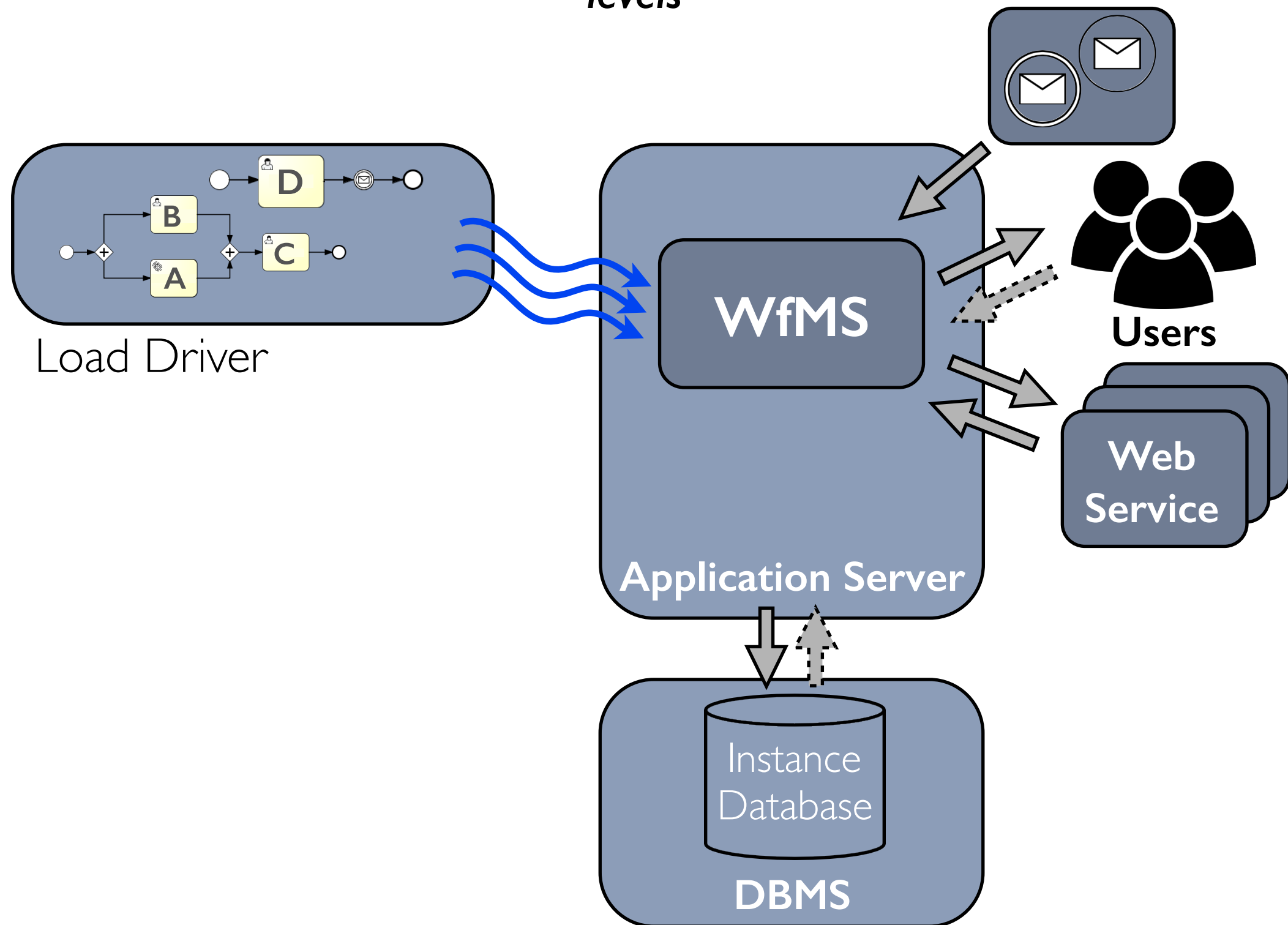
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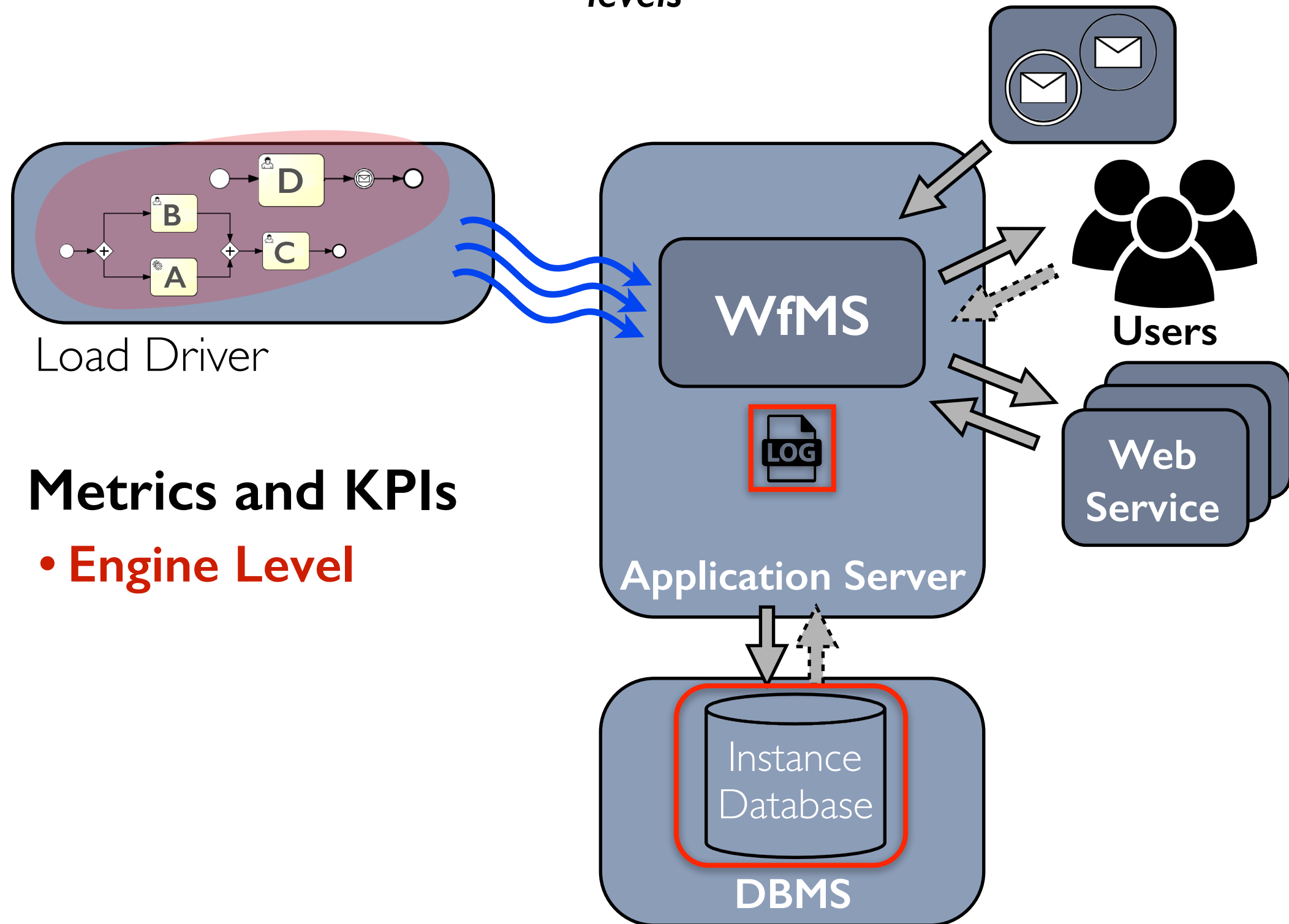
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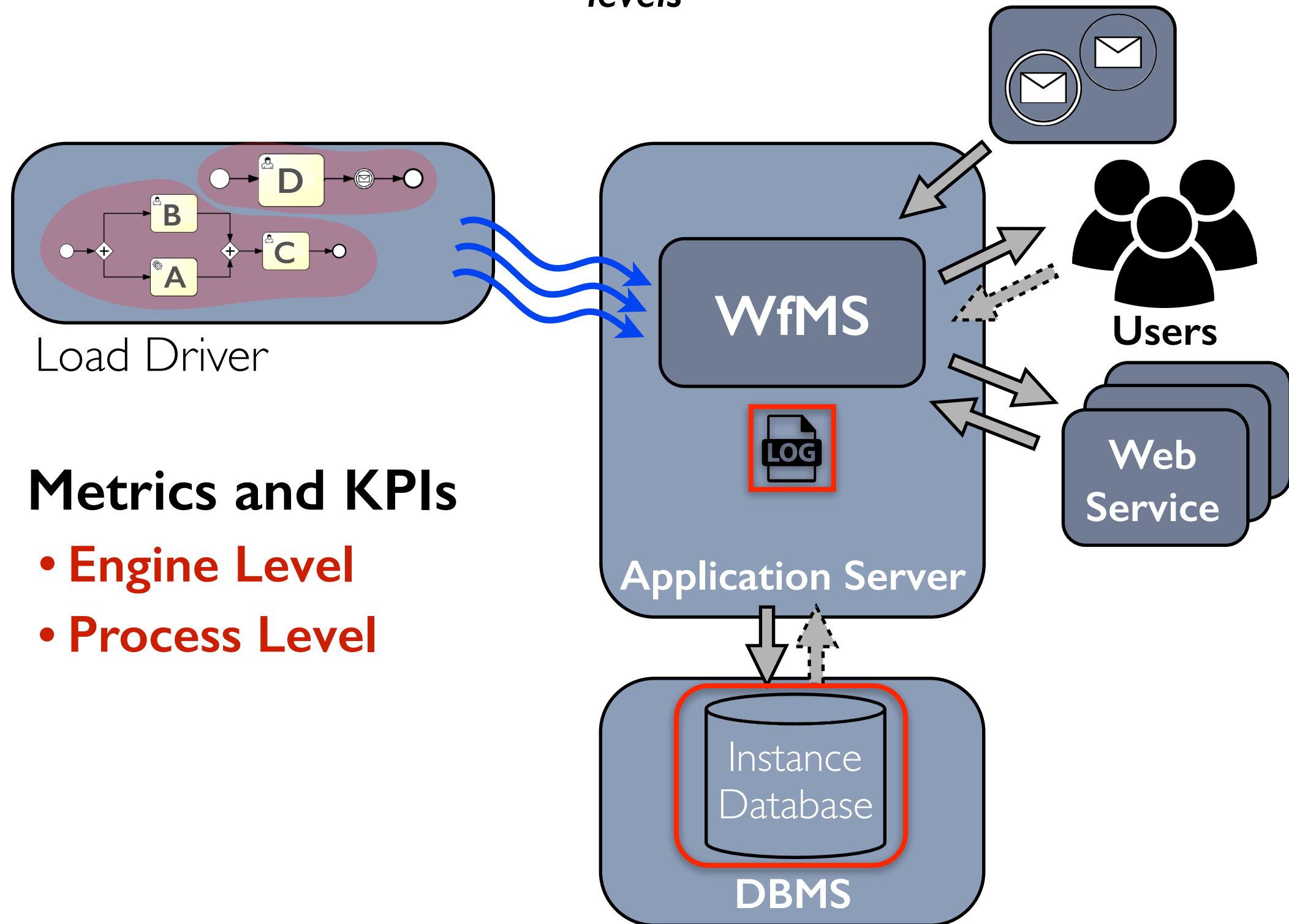
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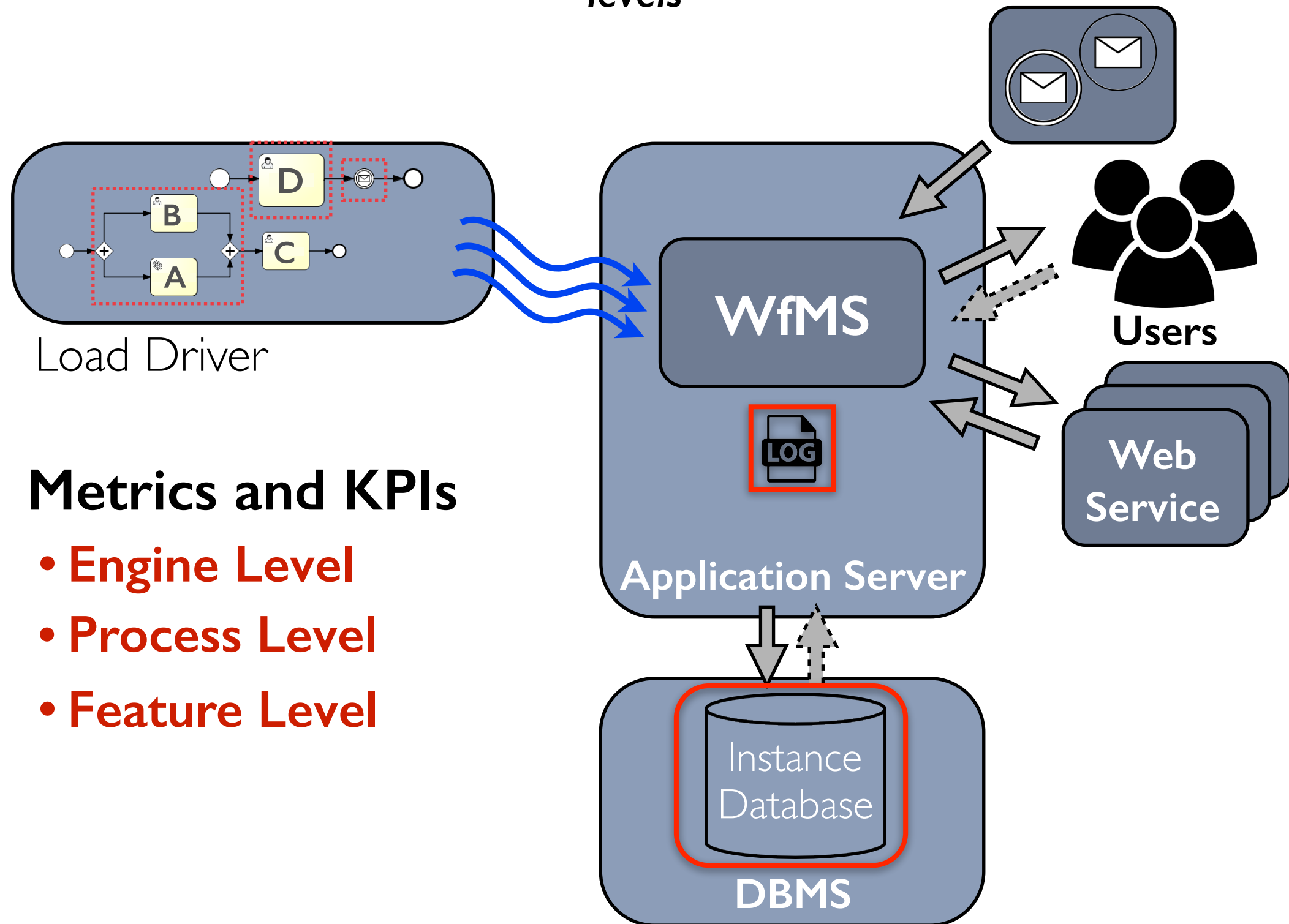
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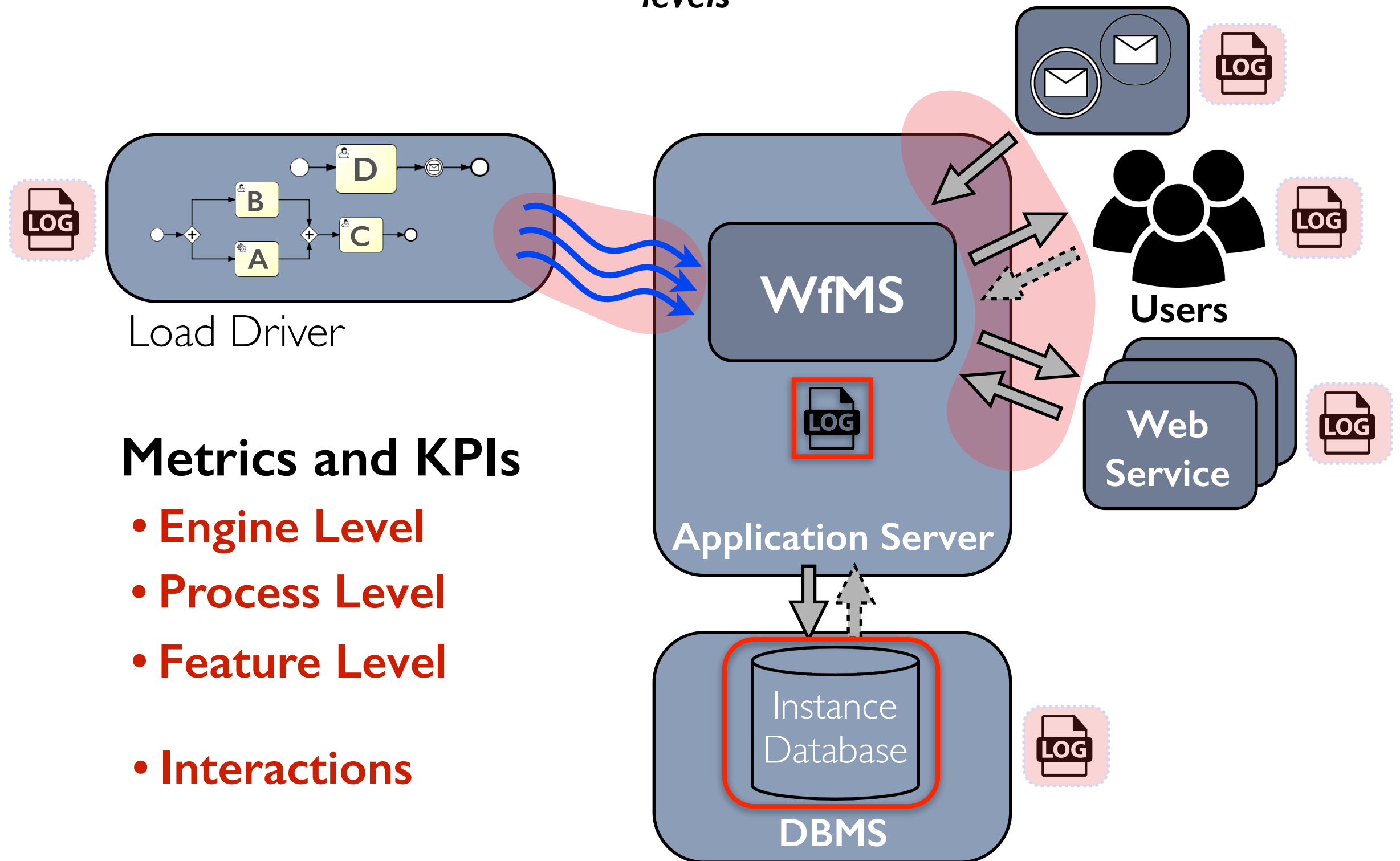
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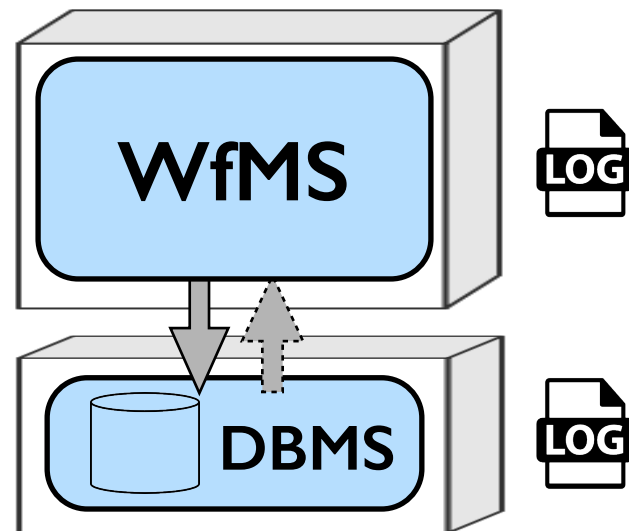
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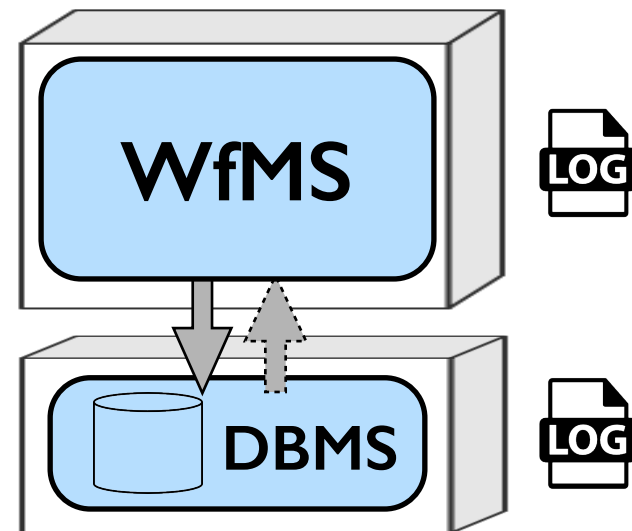




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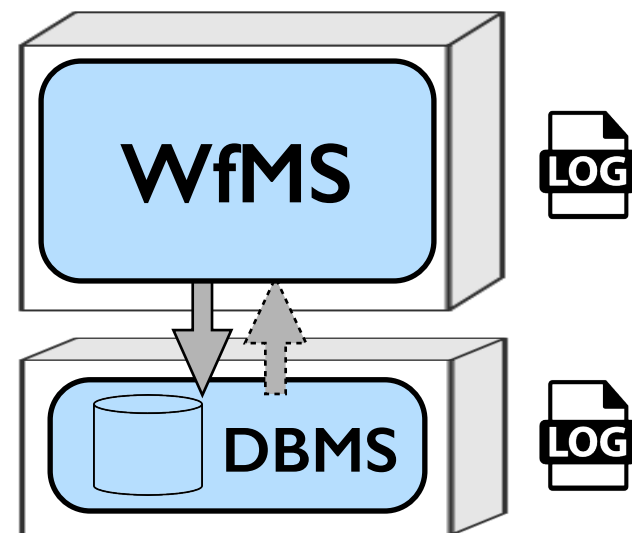
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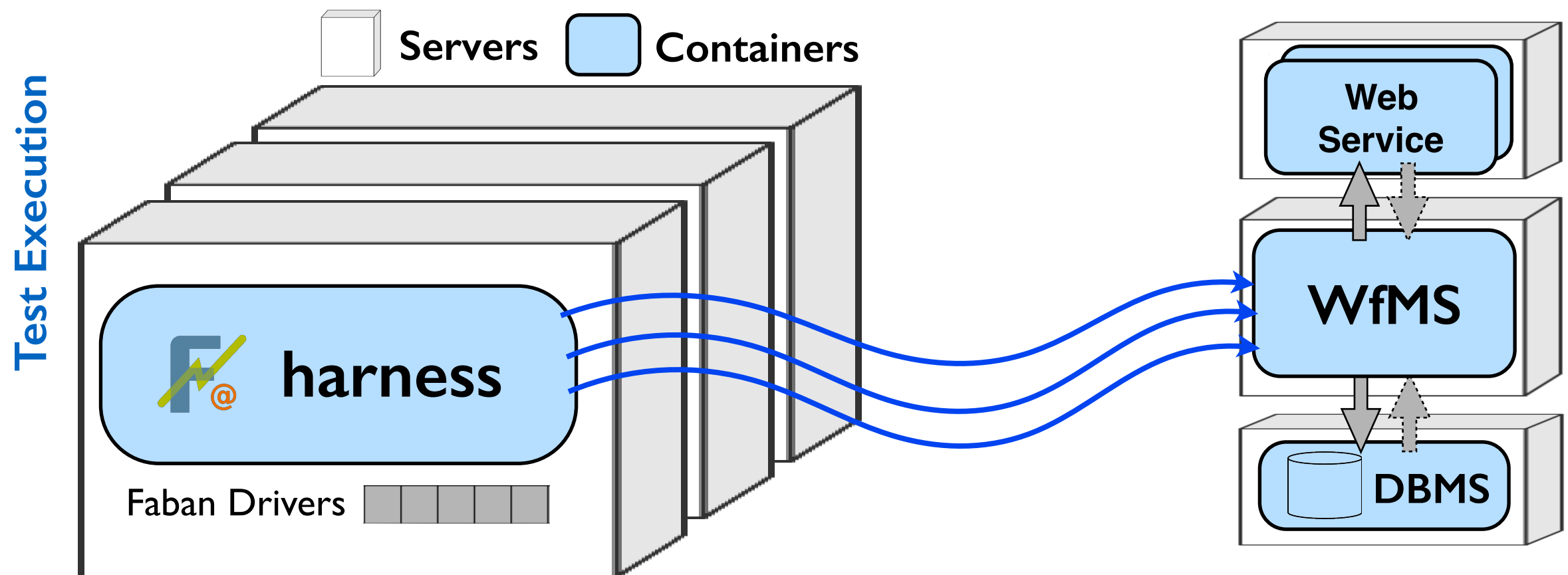
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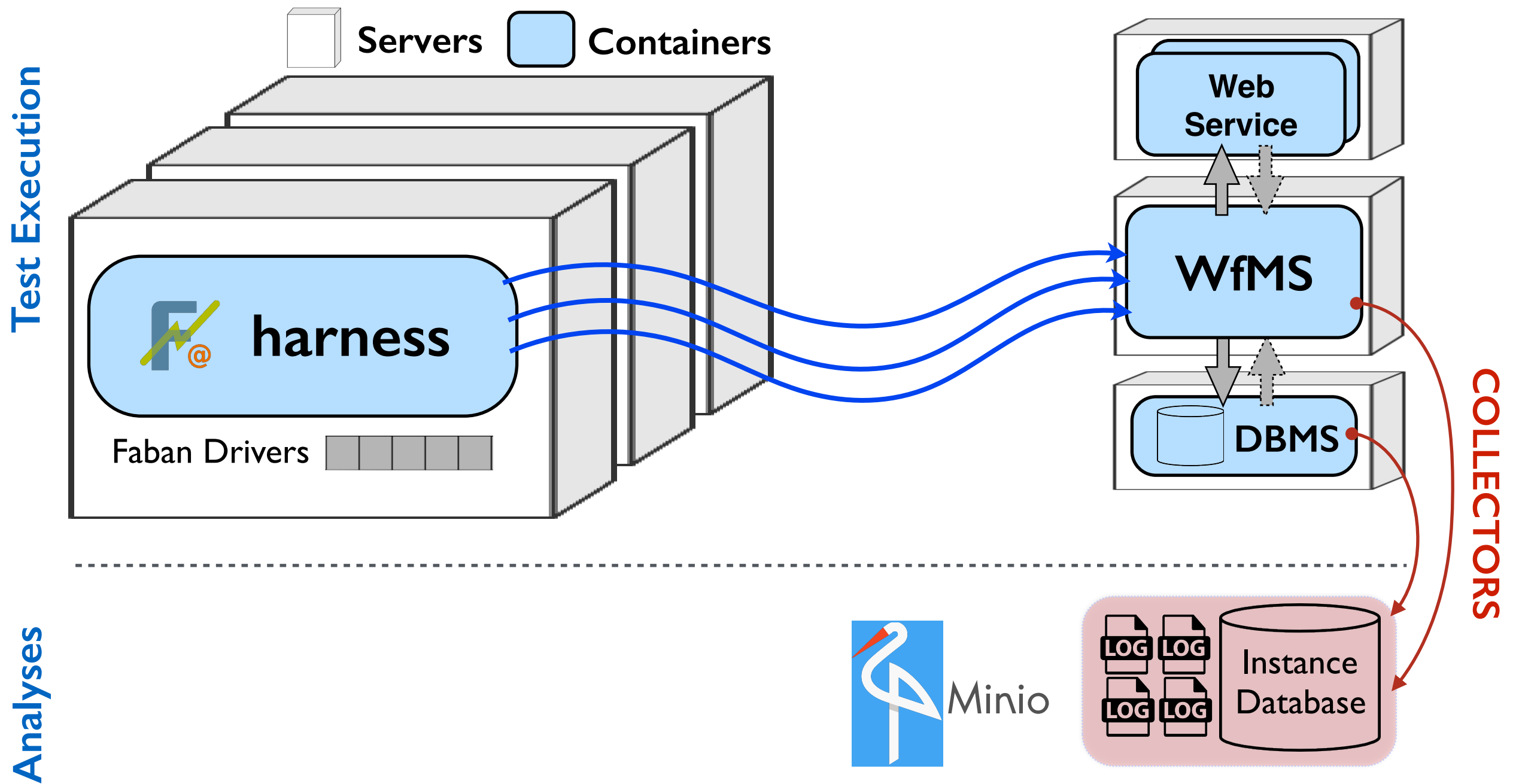
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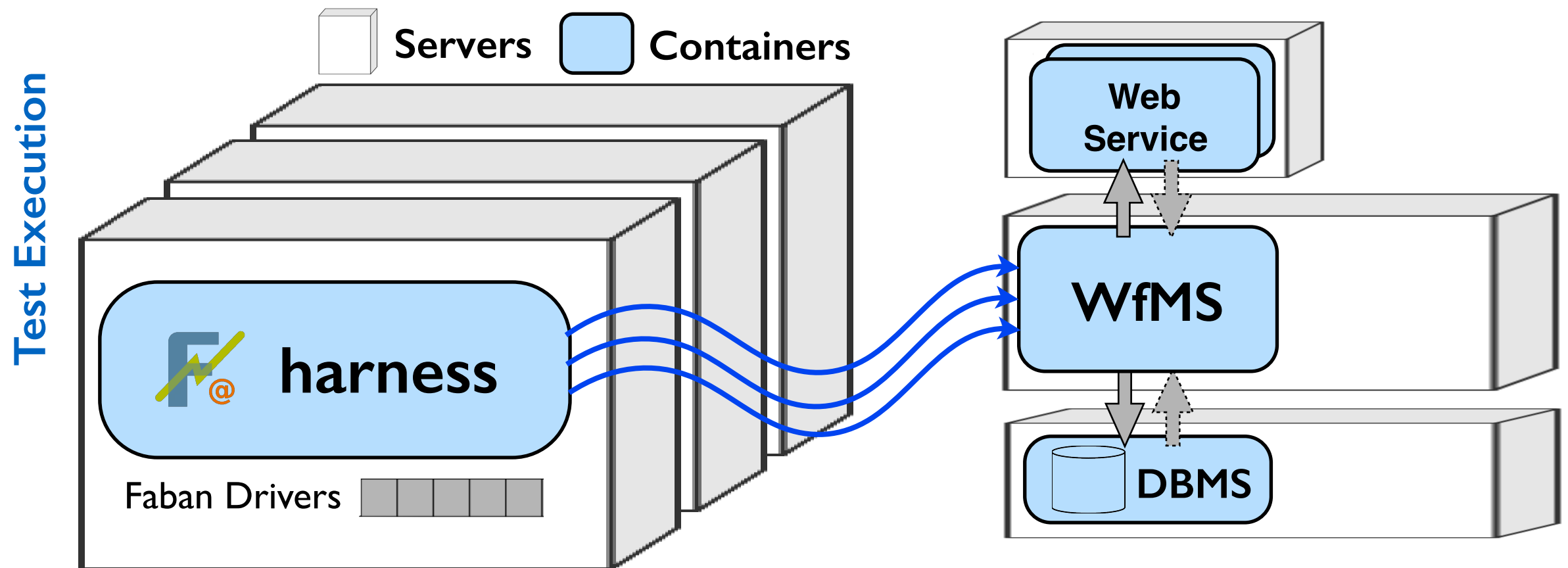
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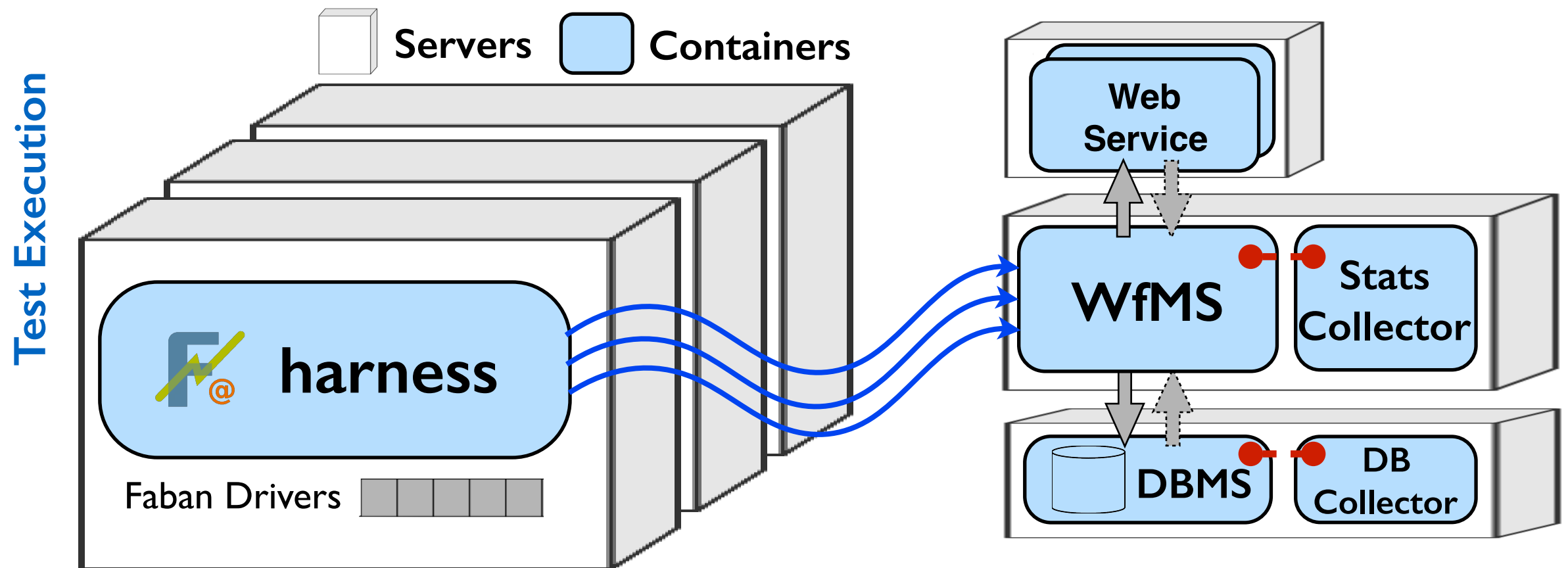
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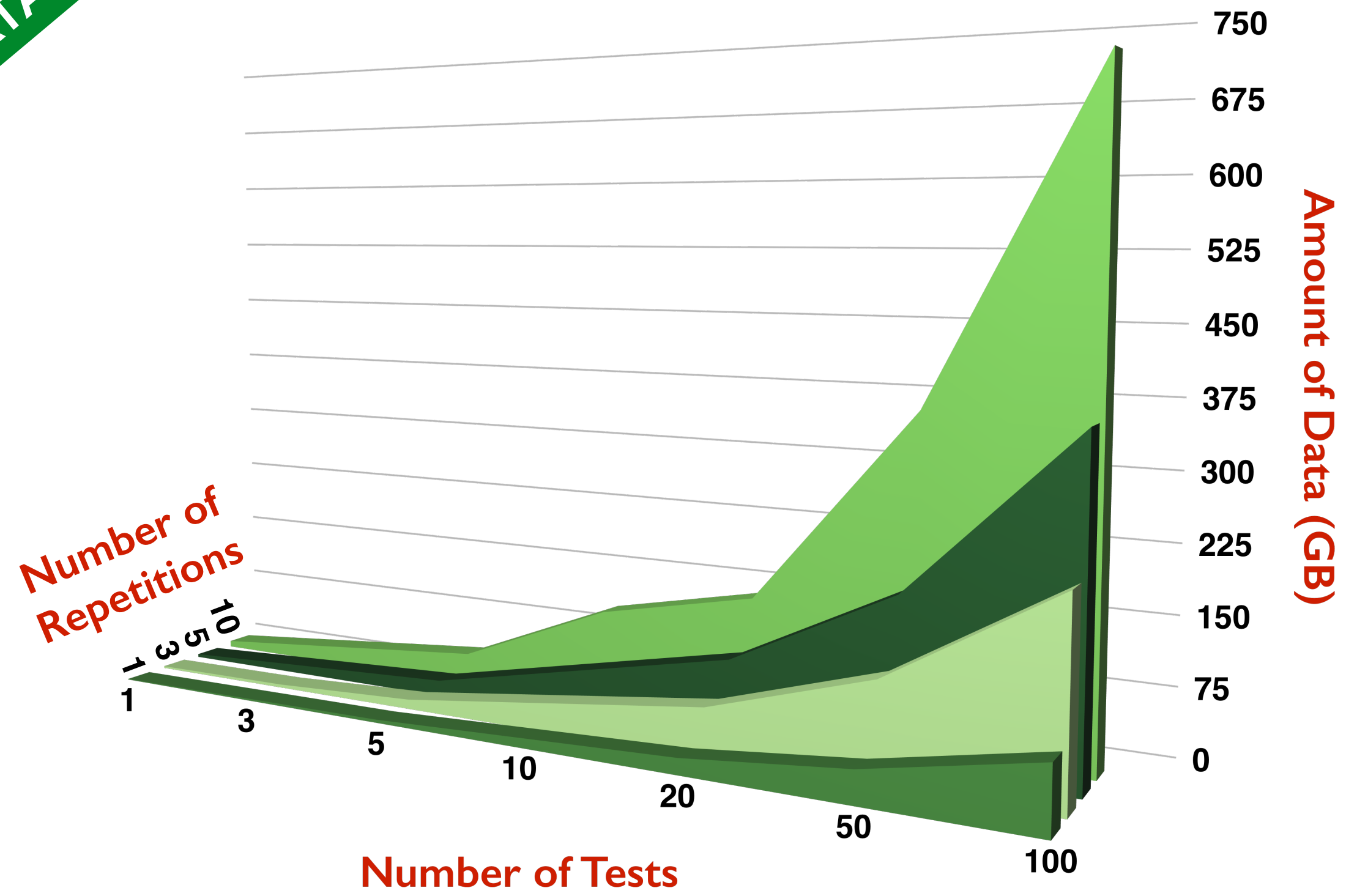
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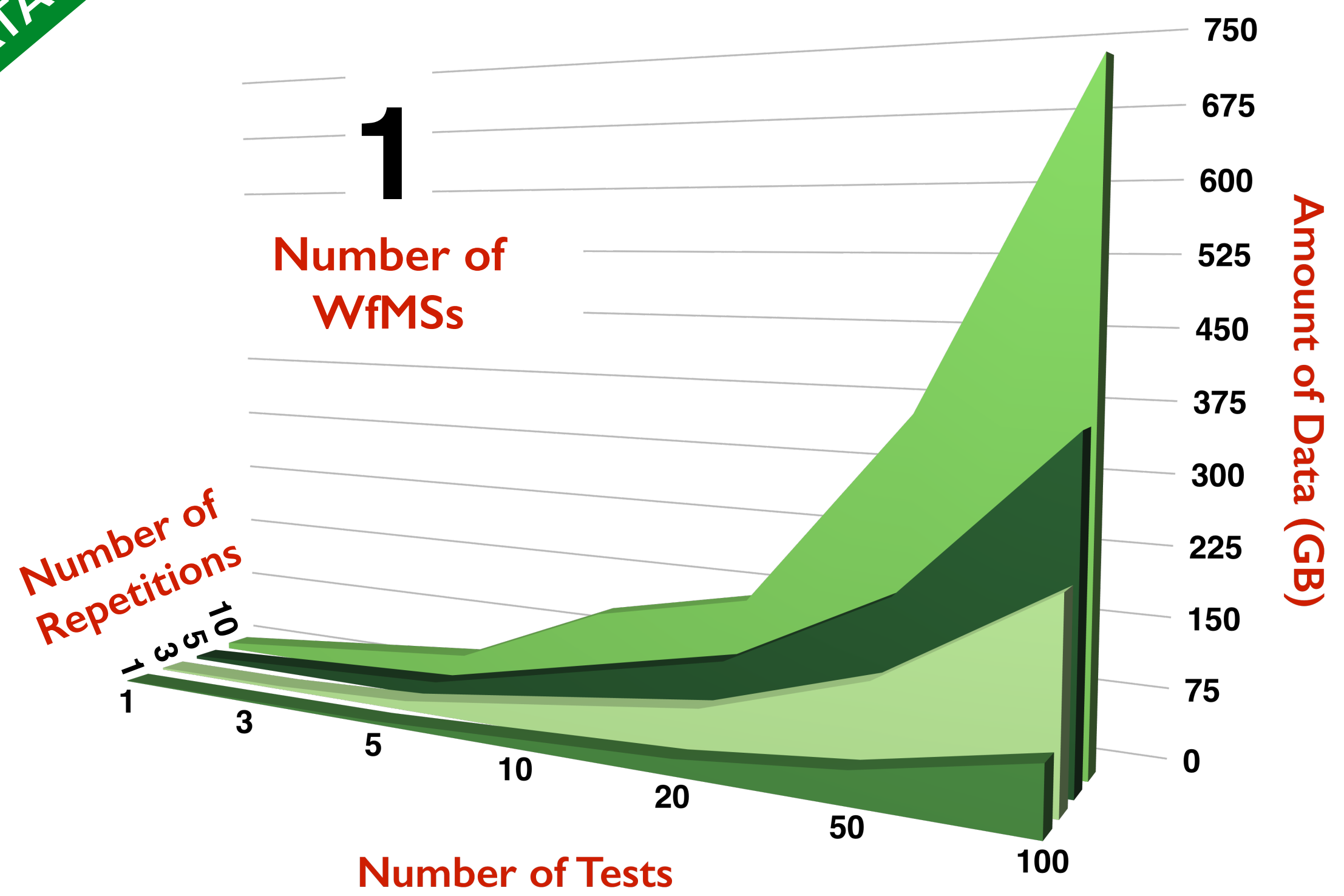
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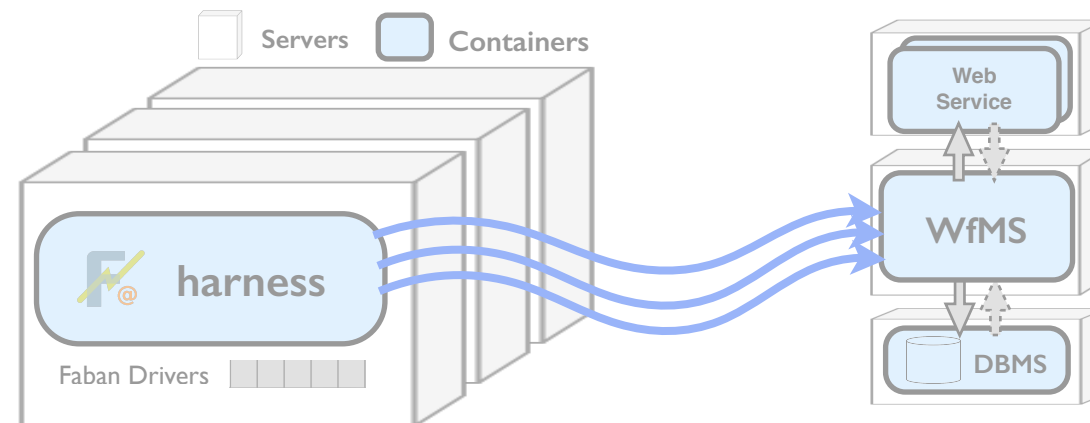




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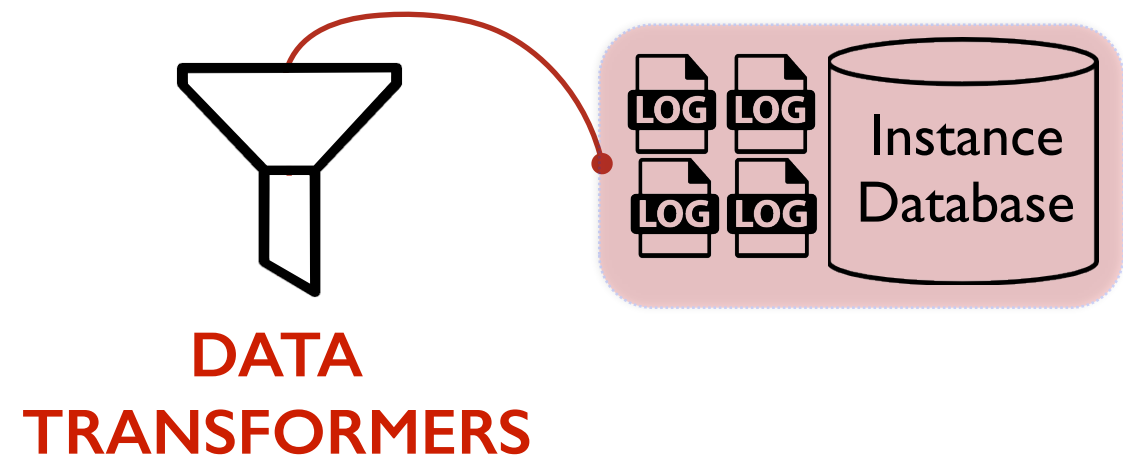
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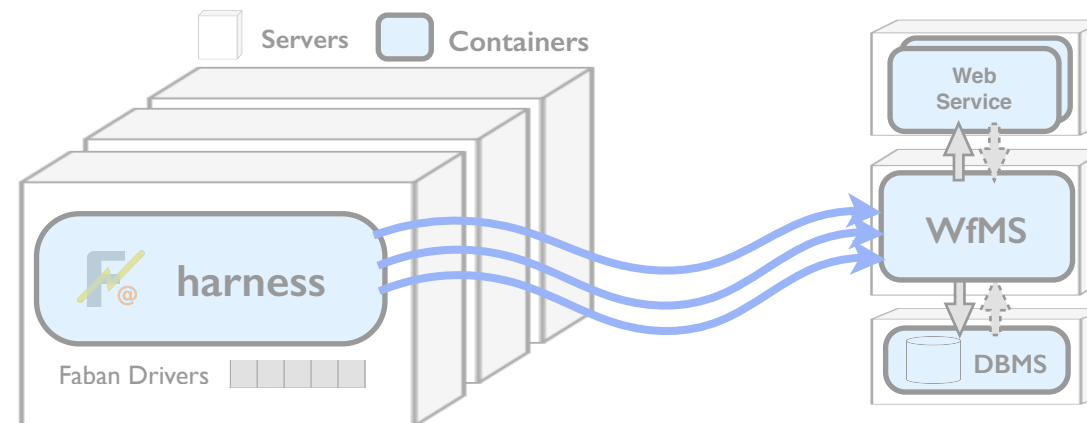
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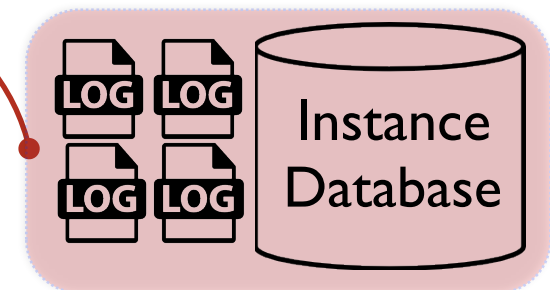
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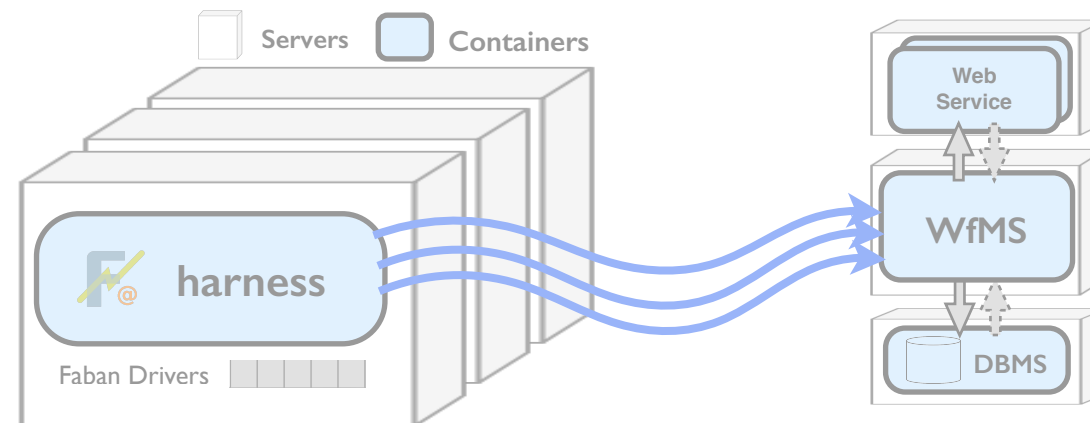
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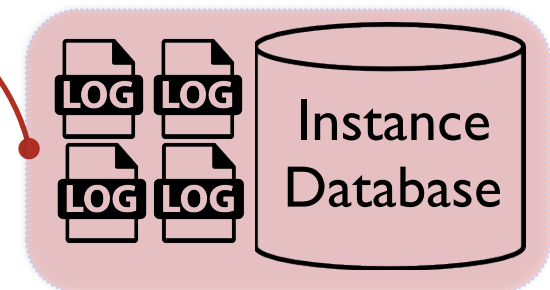


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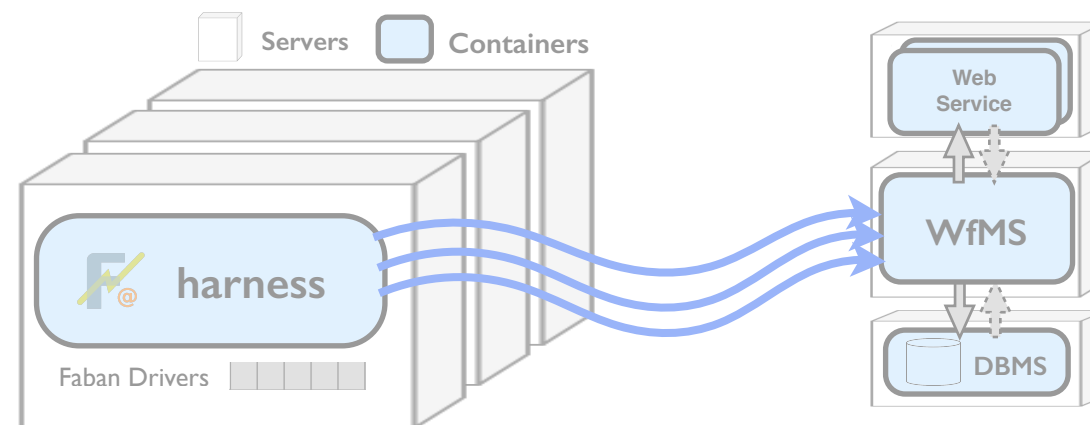
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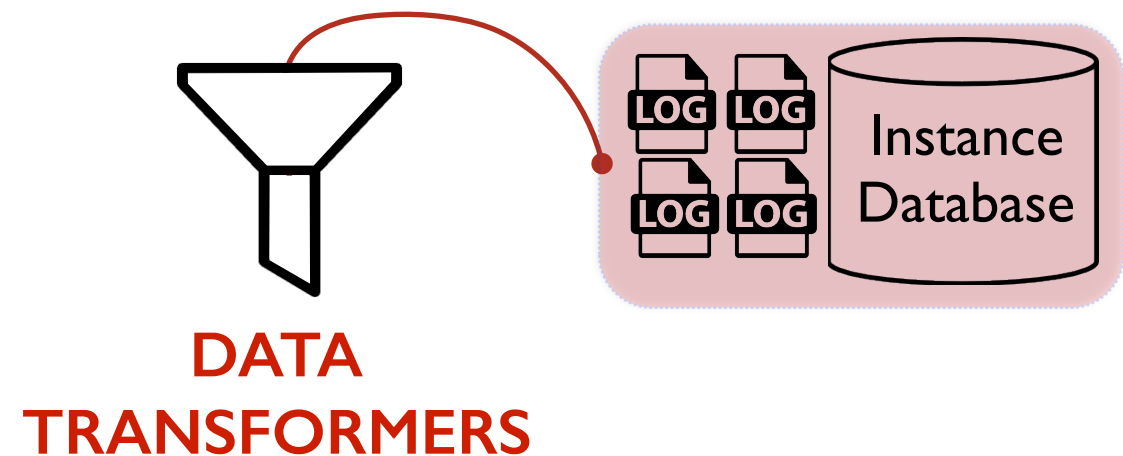
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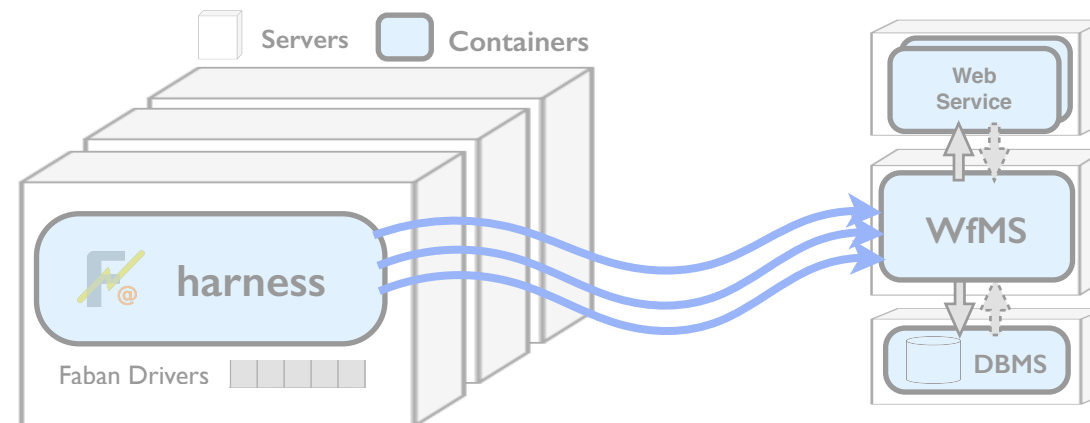
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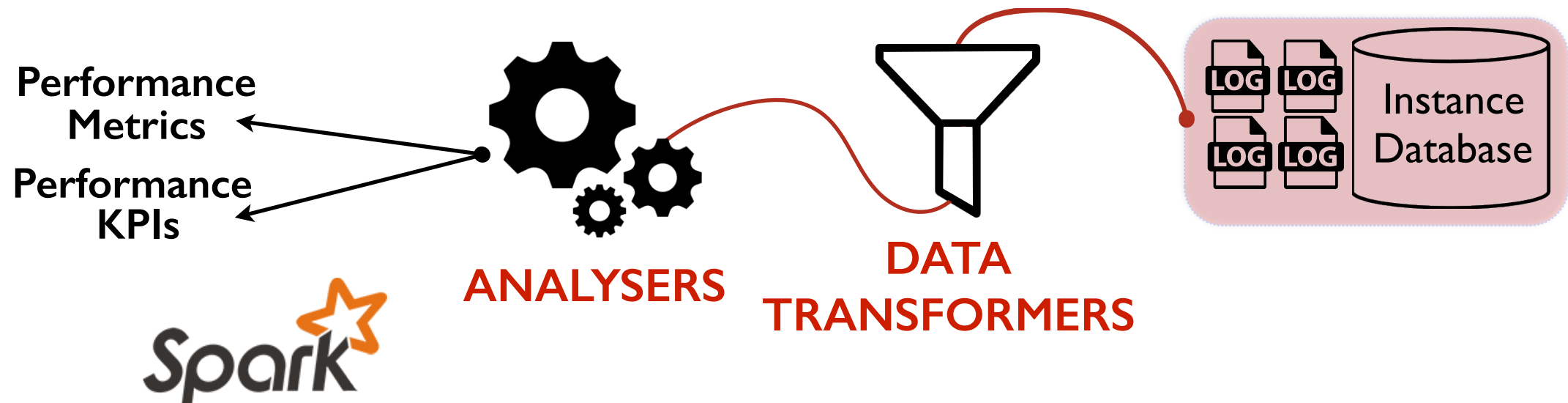
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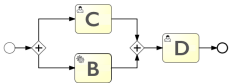
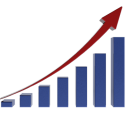


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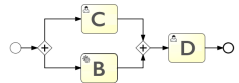
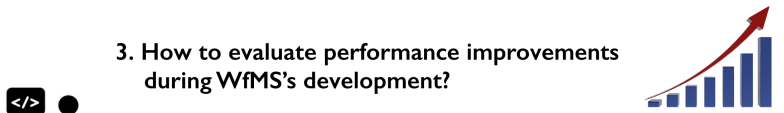

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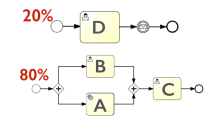
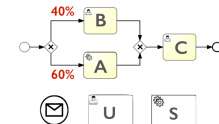
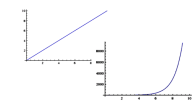
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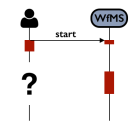
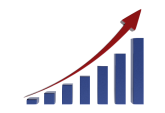
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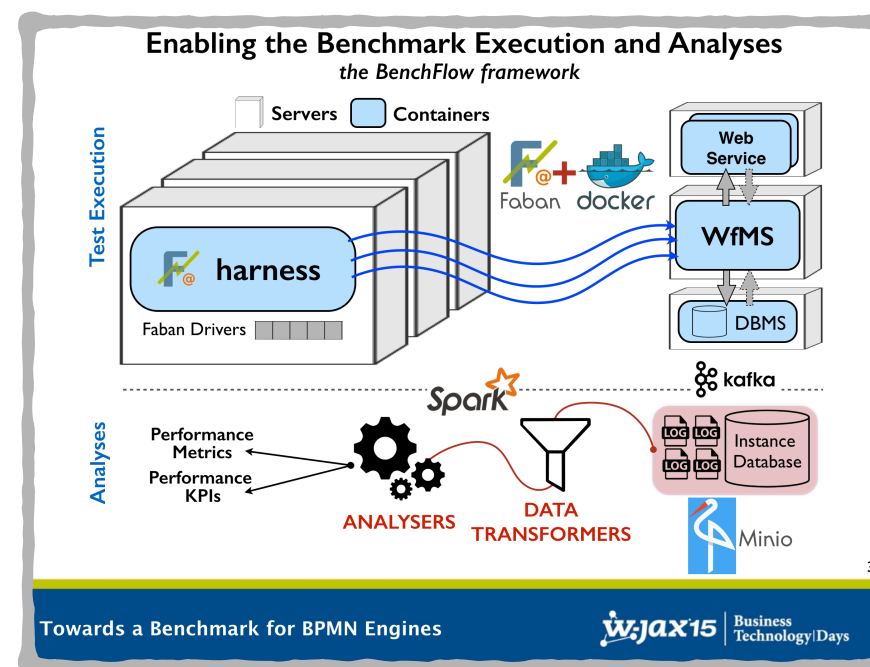
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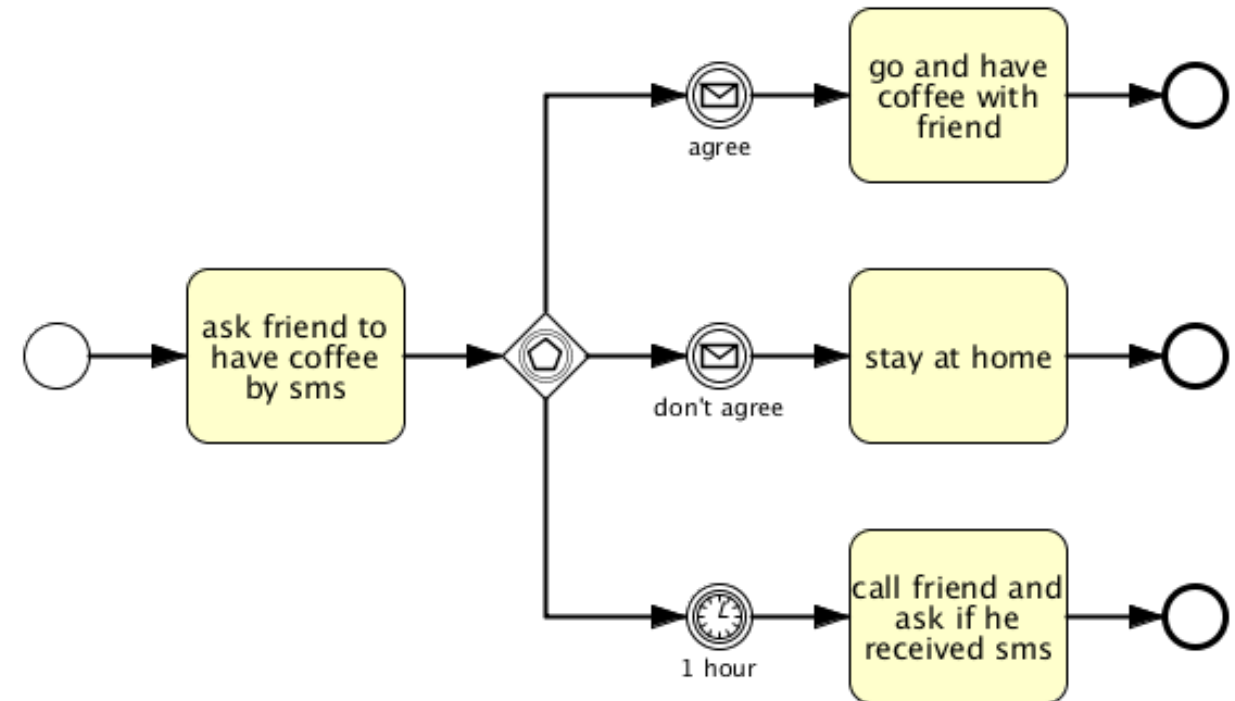
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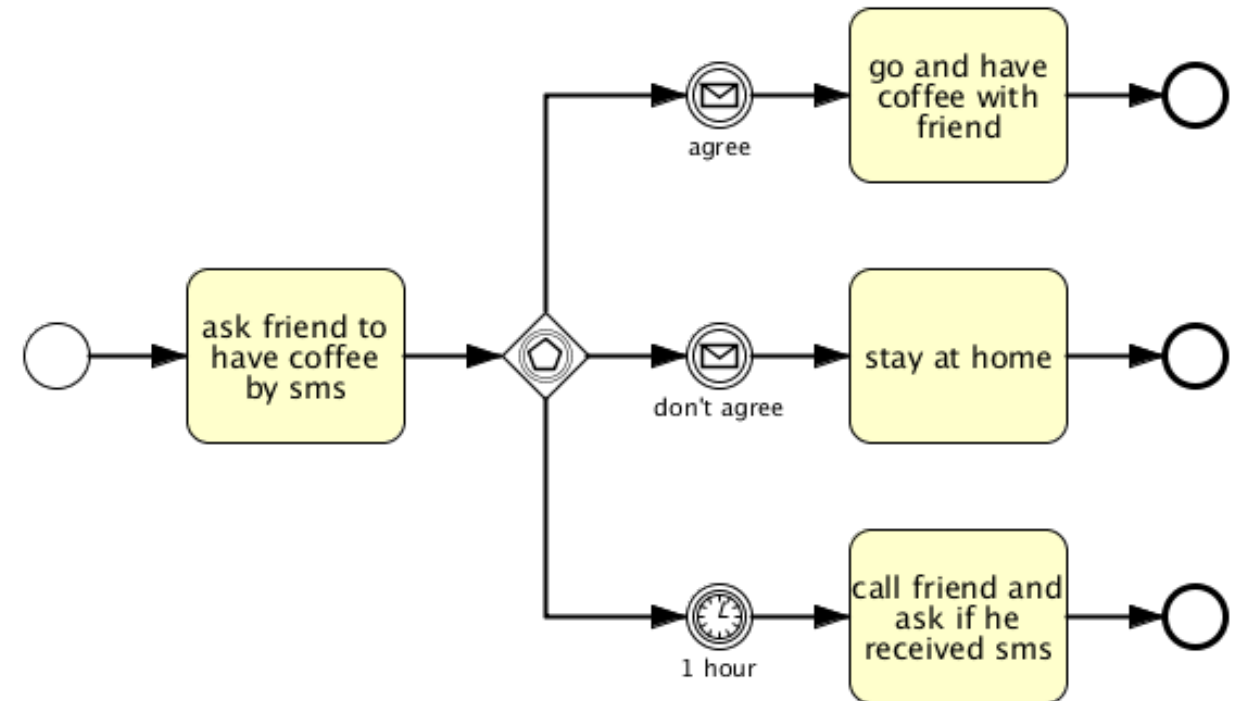
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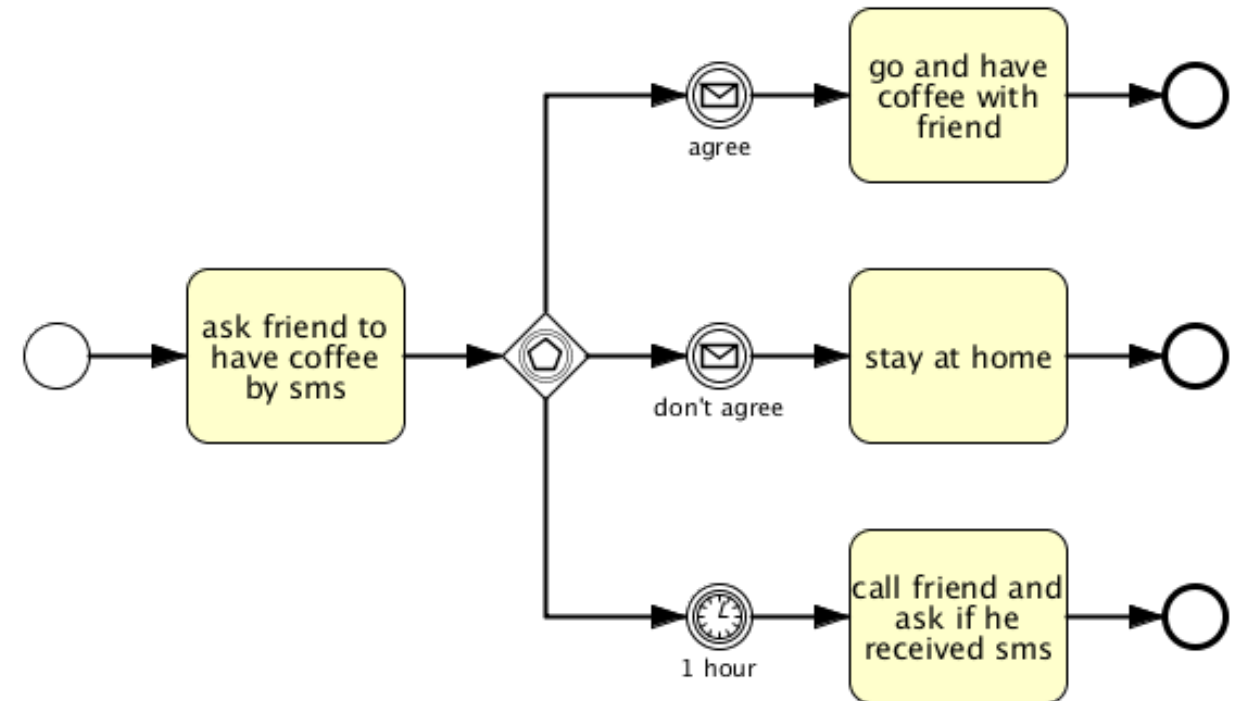
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# Call for Collaboration

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- **Contact us for collaboration, and BenchFlow framework support**

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