

Resource Management and Fault Tolerant Principles for Supporting Distributed Real-time and Embedded Systems in the Cloud

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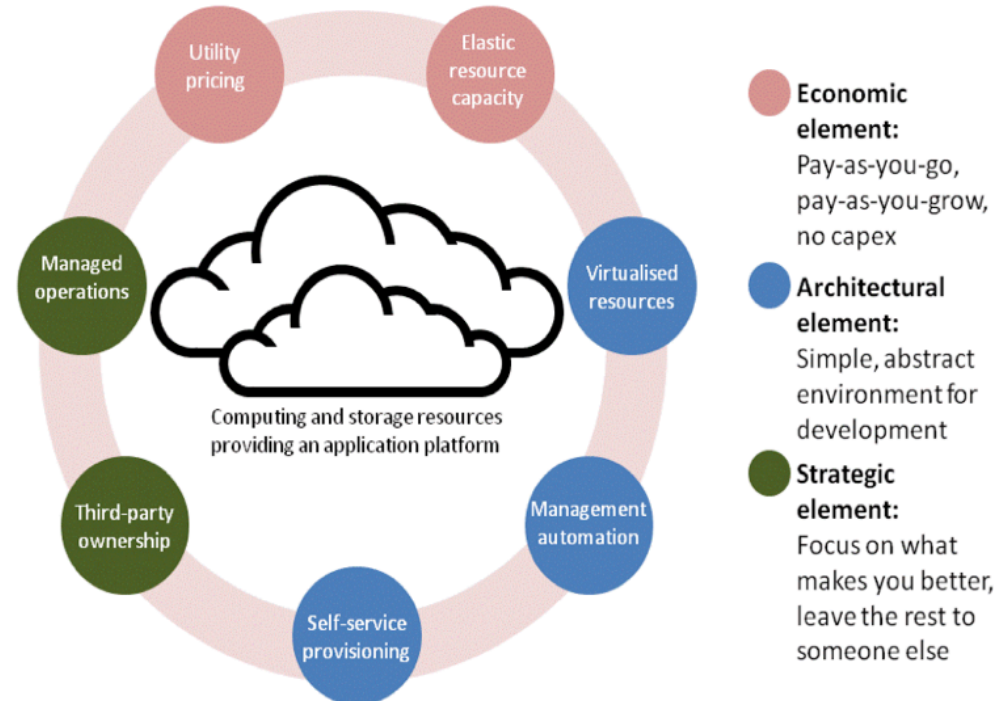


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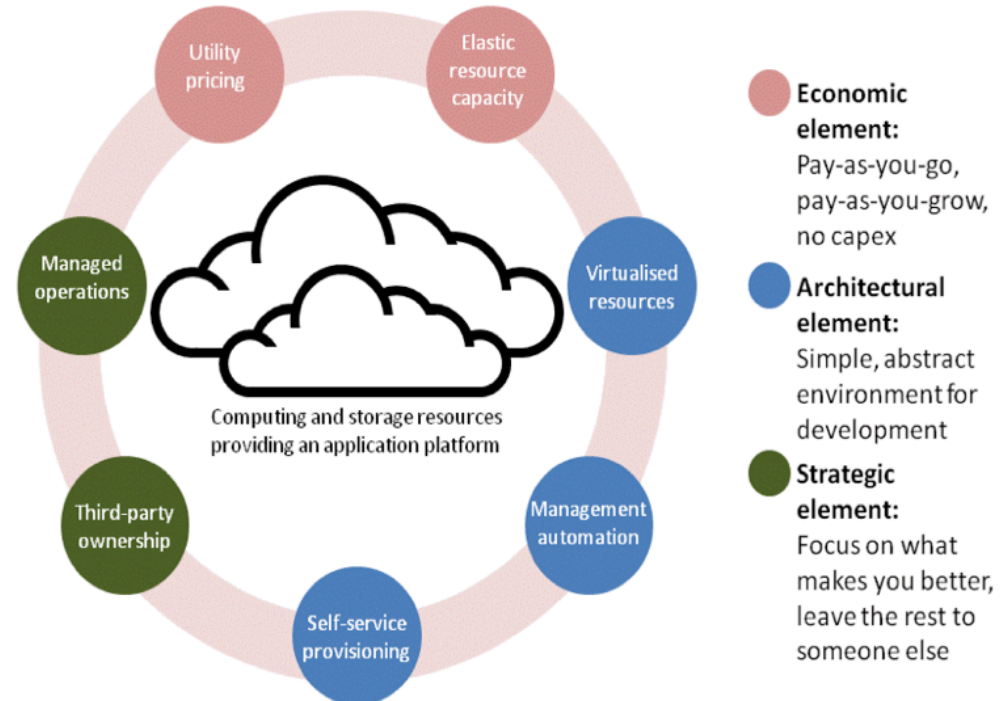


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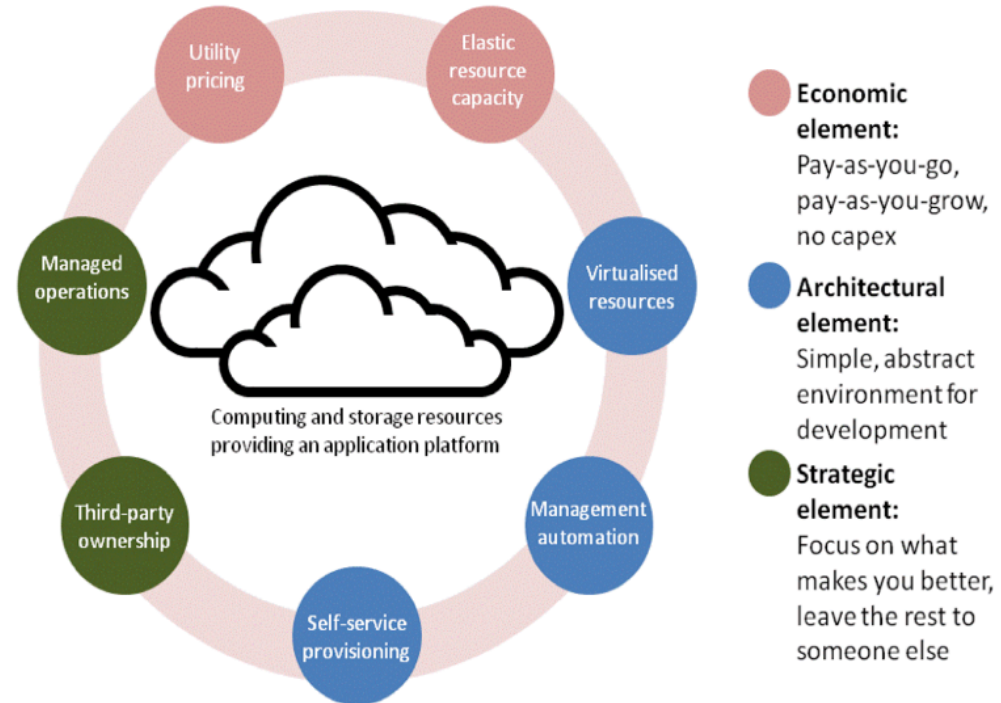
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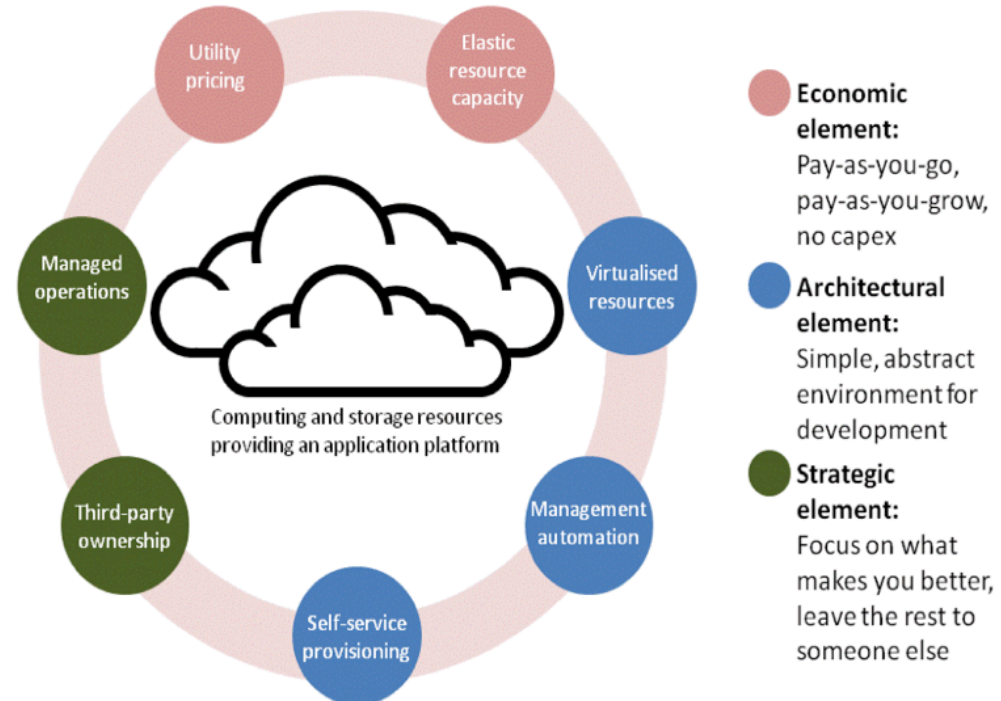
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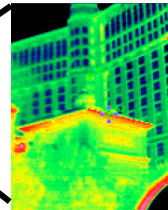
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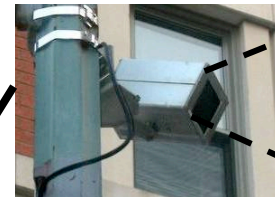


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Infrastructure camera
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Rescue helicopter



Disaster victims

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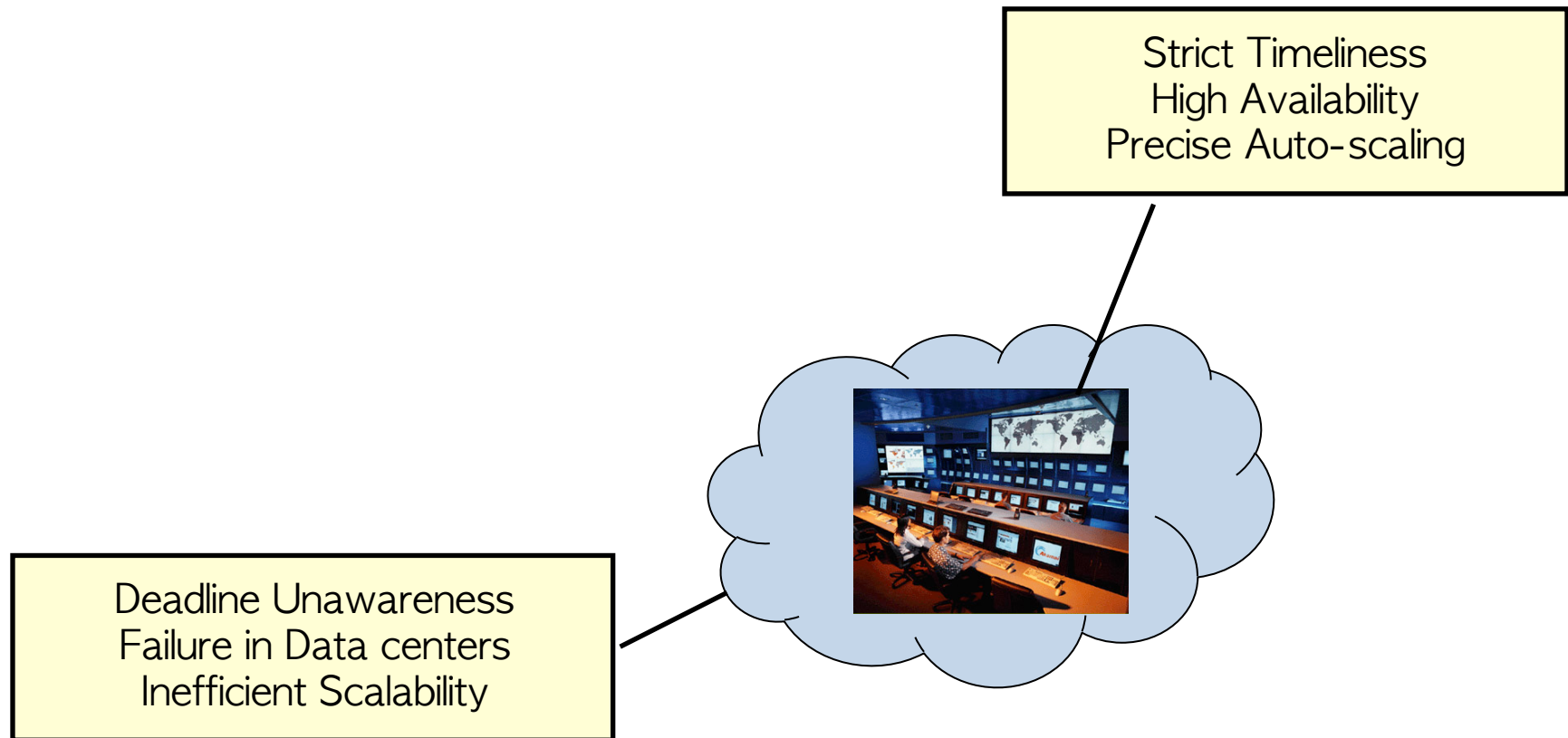


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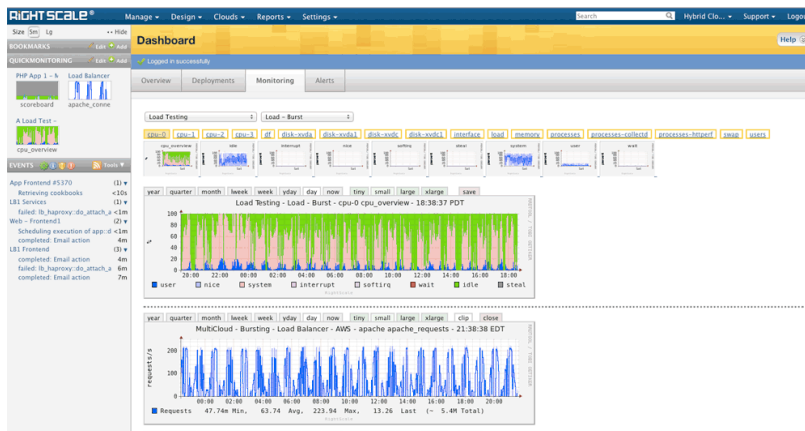
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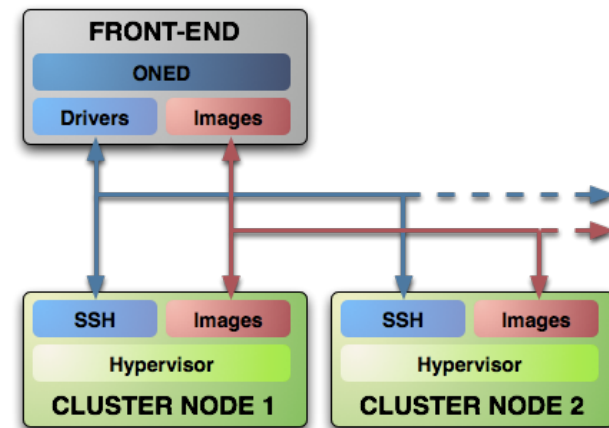
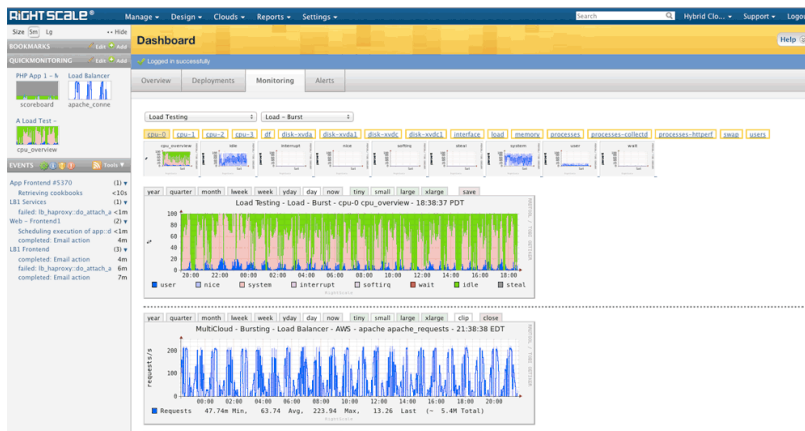
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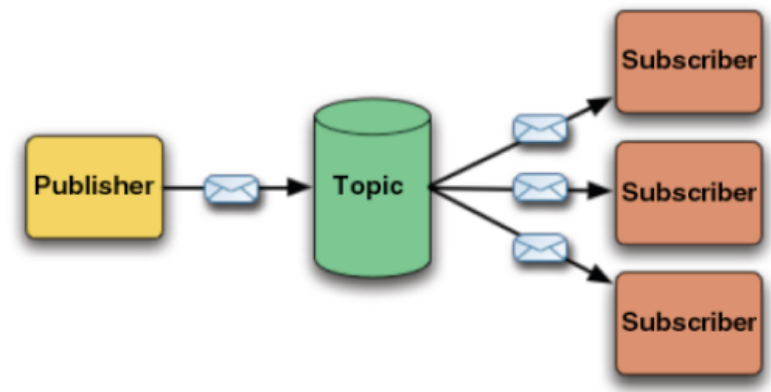
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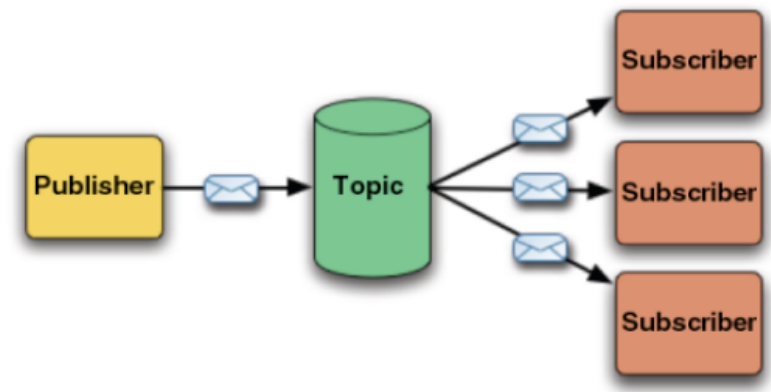


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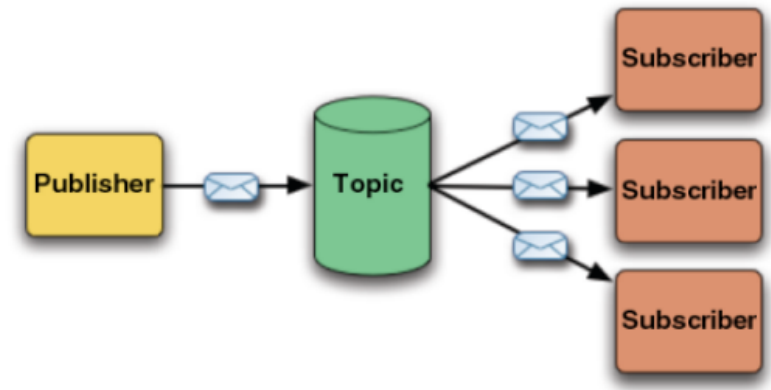
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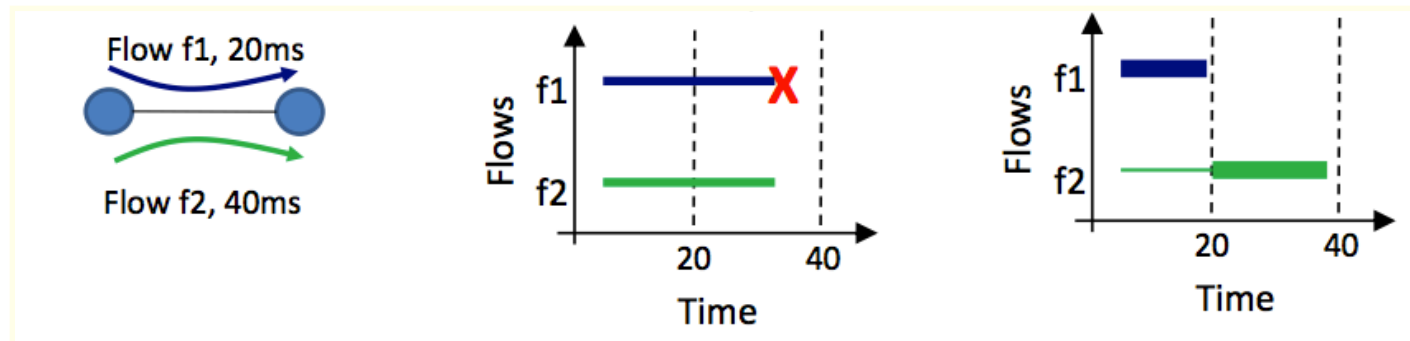
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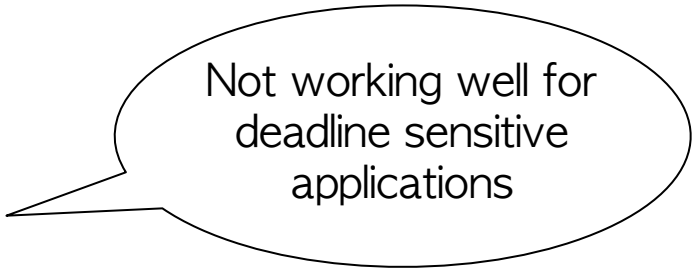
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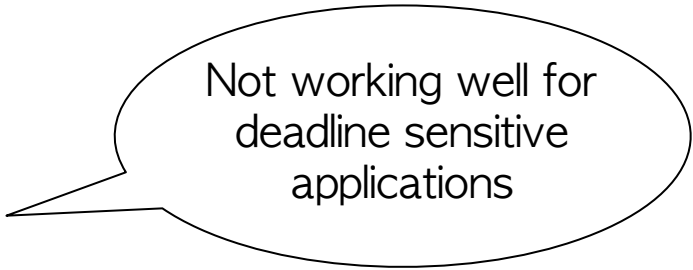


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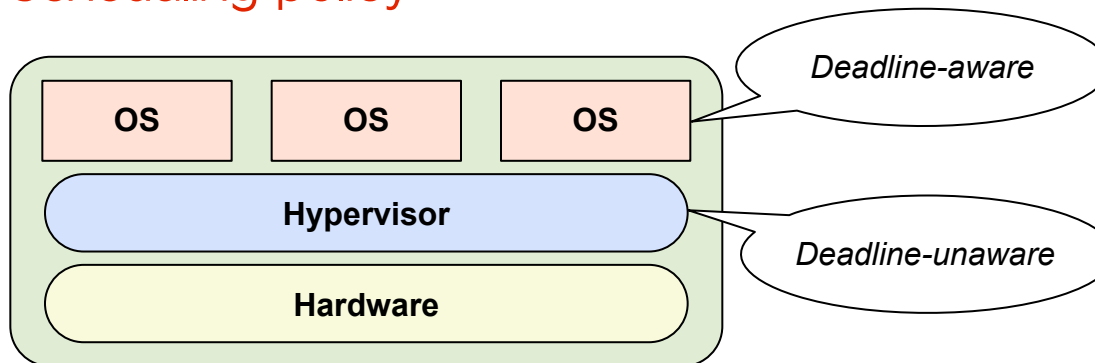
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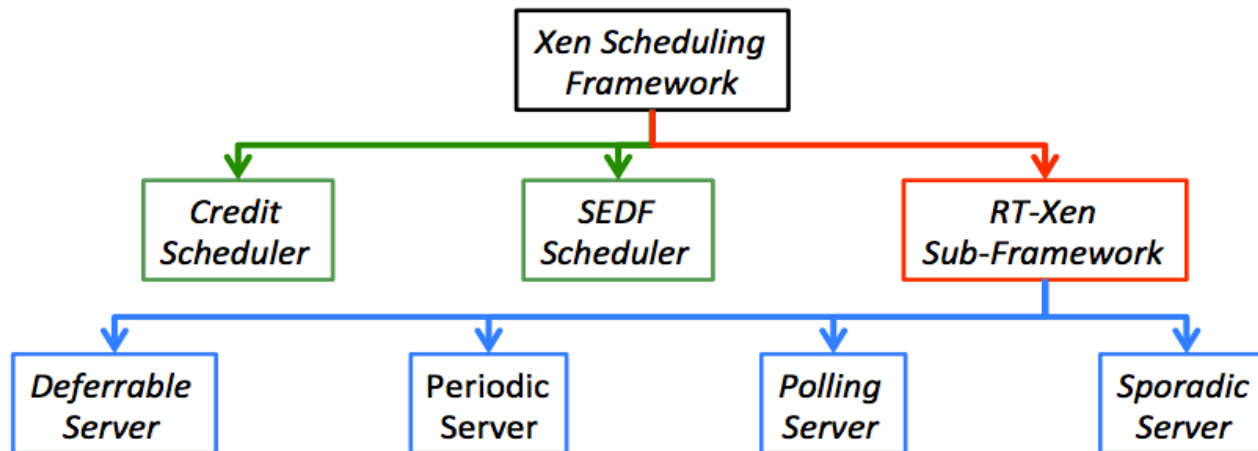
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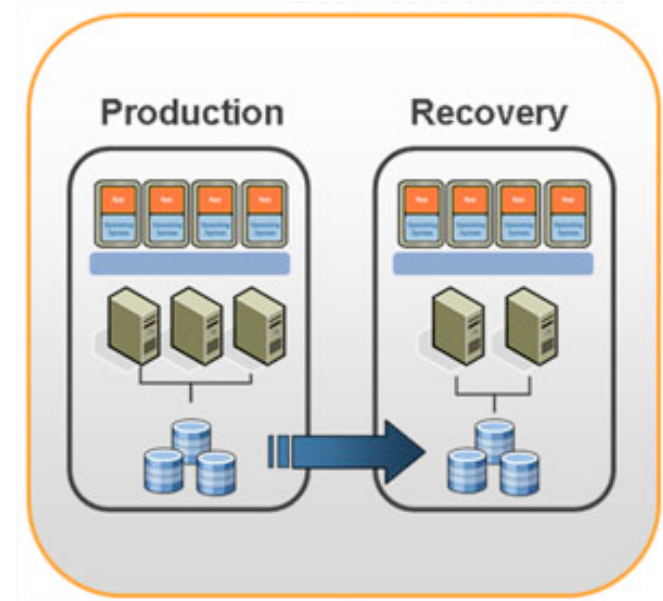


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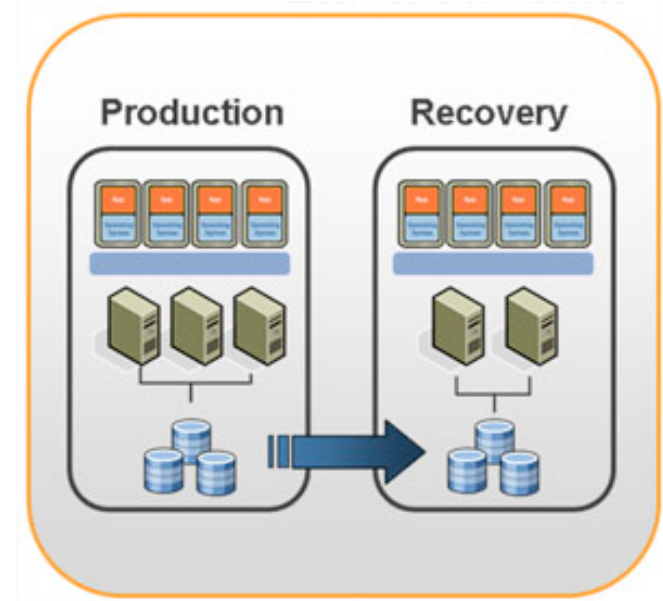


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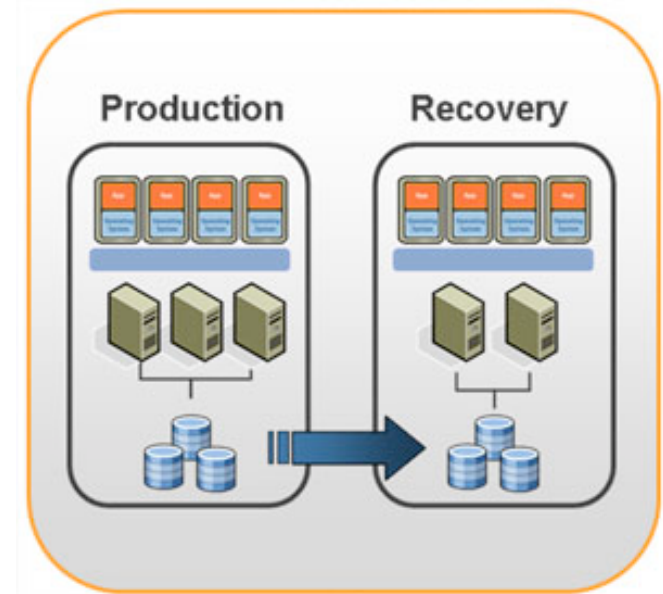
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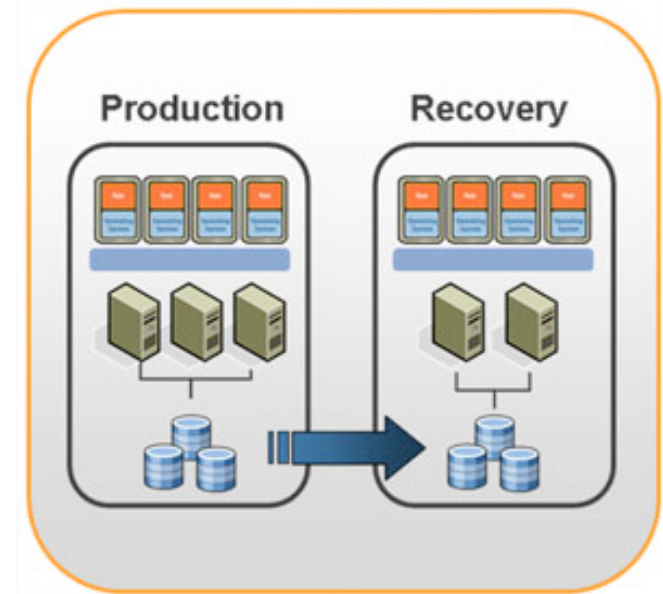
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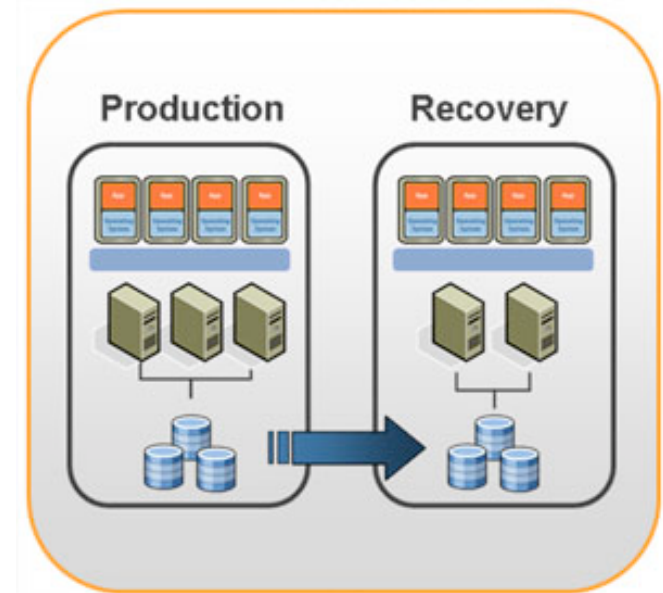
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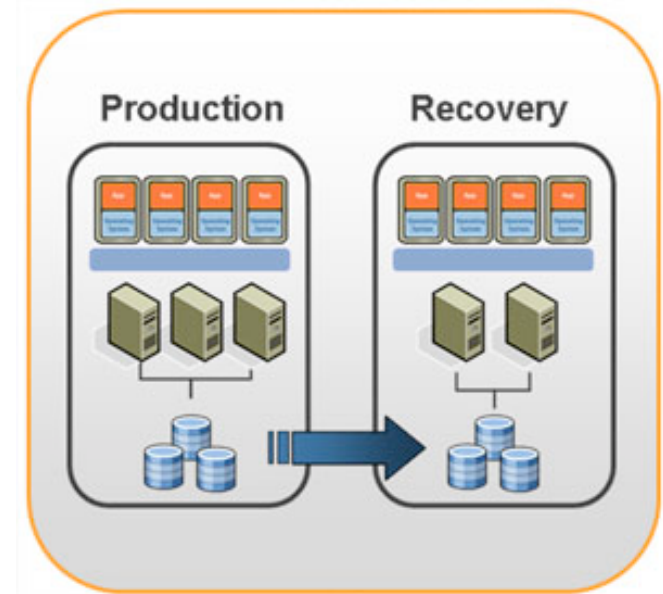
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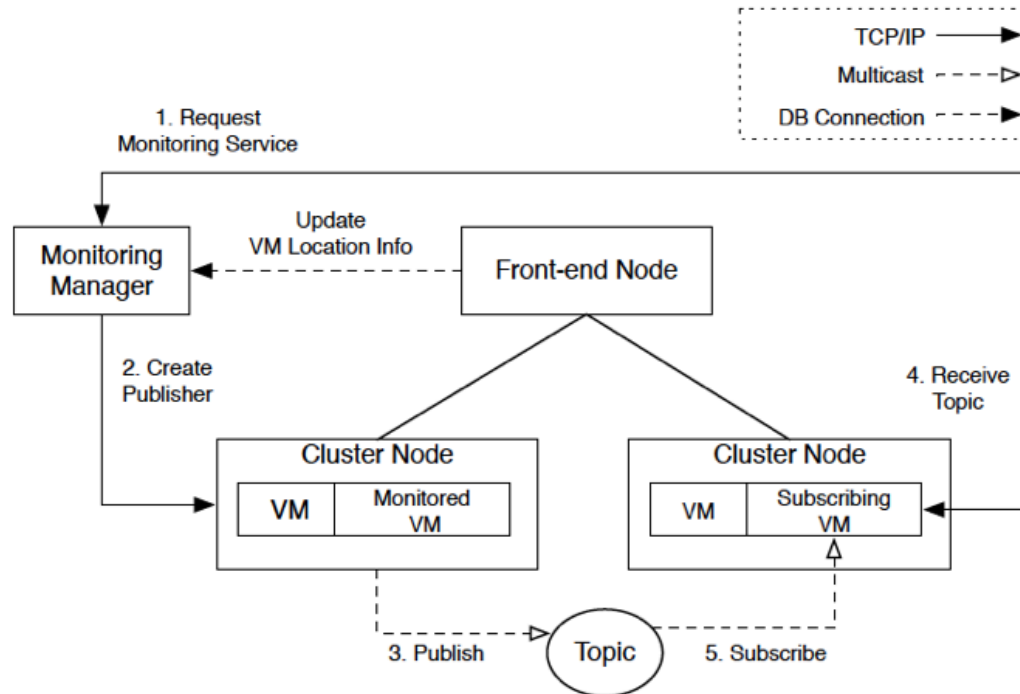
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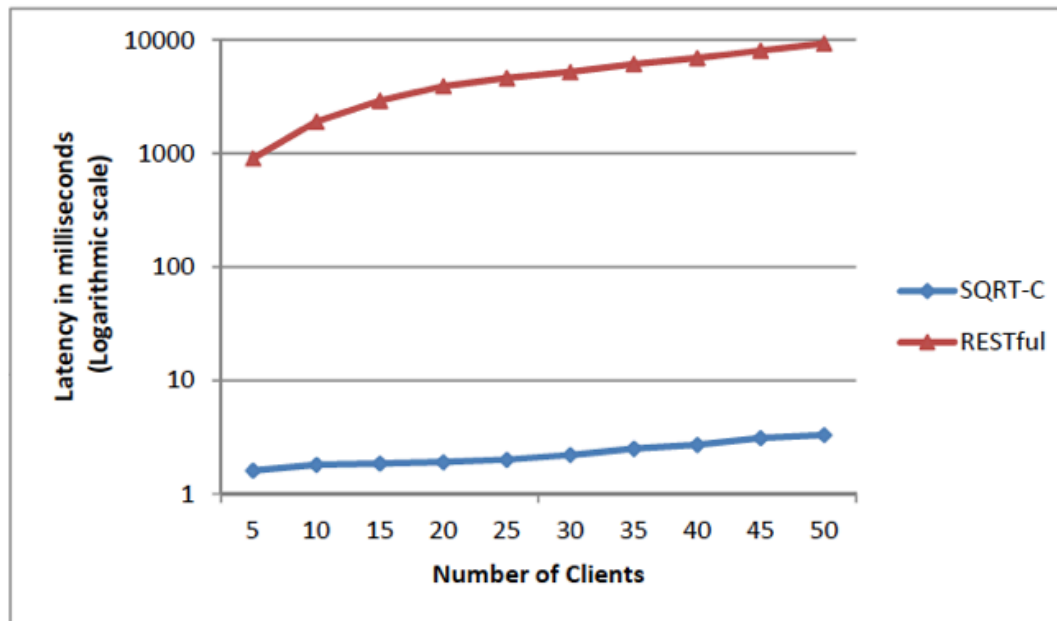
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