Abstracting Heavy Lifting: How Kubernetes Speeds Up Multi-Cloud Delivery

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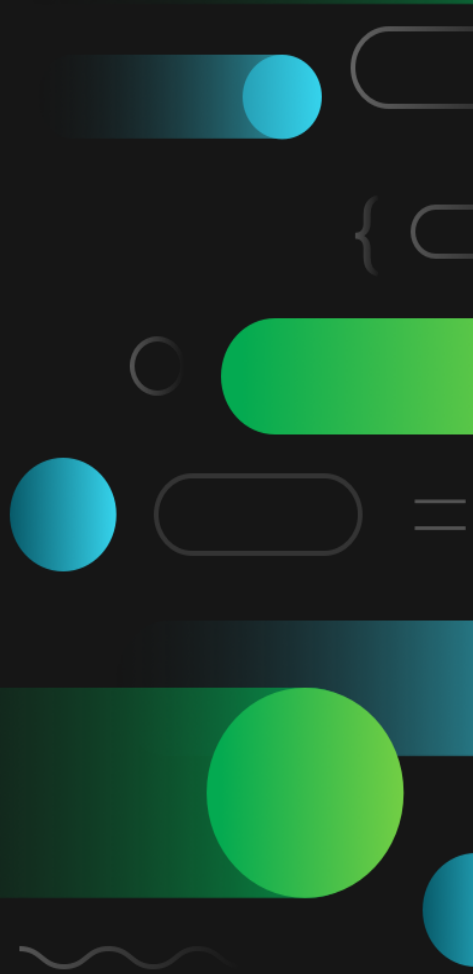

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300k developers
12+ million builds/month
25k+ organizations

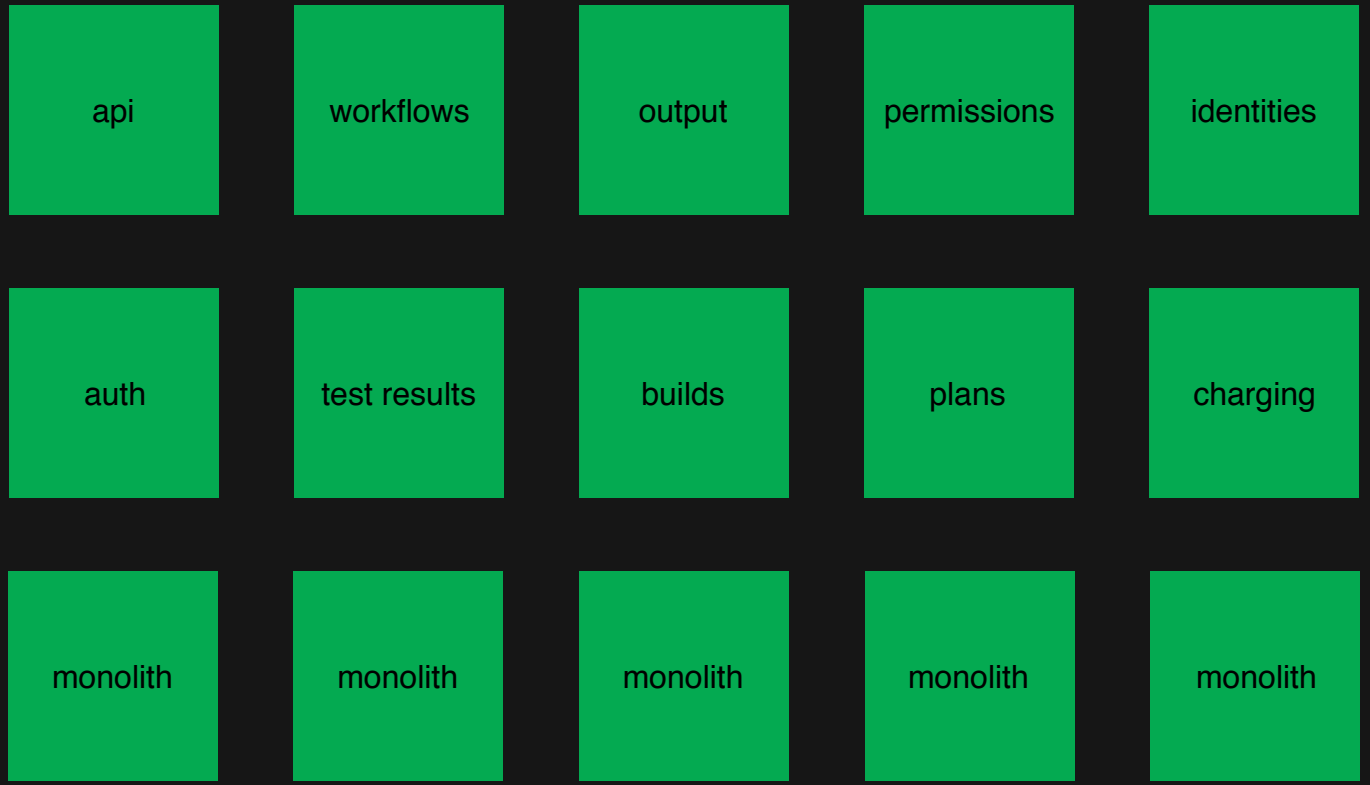
7 Years Earlier....

"Cloud"

"Cloud"

"Server"

REPLICATED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workflows
output
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"Now we've got 2 problems"

"Now we've got n^2 problems"

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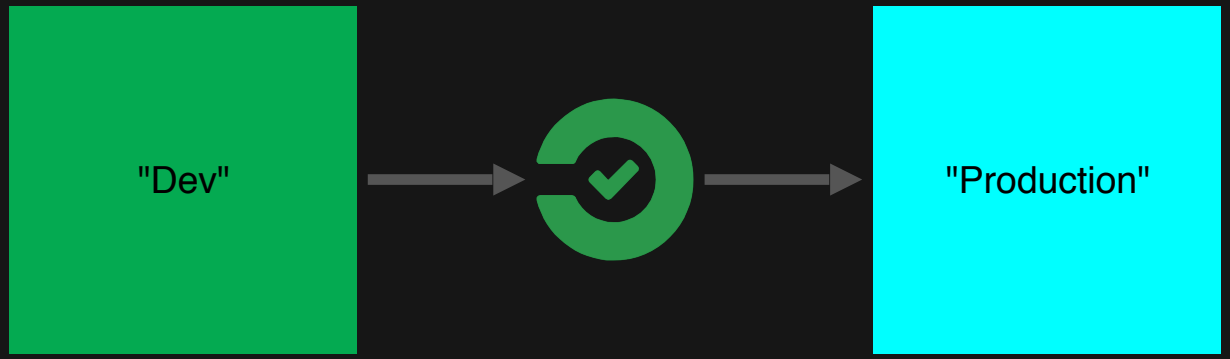
Operators



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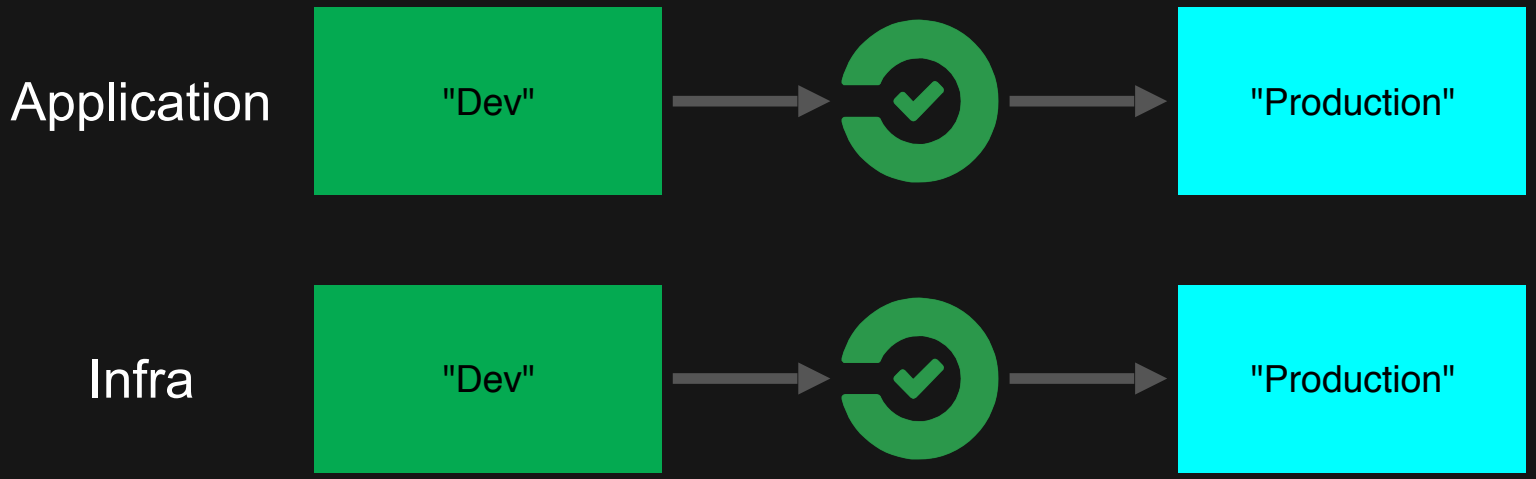
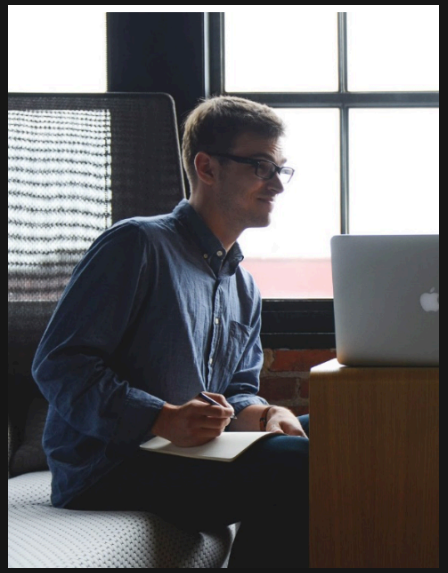

Application
"Dev"
"Production"
Infra
"Dev"
"Production"

IN RECOGNITION OF $1B+ IN VALUE CREATION
PTC
SOUNDVIEW
INTERWOVEN
selectica
CYRAS
TRADEX
CircleCI 完全に理解
"I completely understand
"I can do CircleCI a little"

What We've Learned

1. Understand your customer
2. Focus on your core competencies
3. Use abstractions to isolate change
4. Use abstractions to reduce complexity

Understand Your Customer



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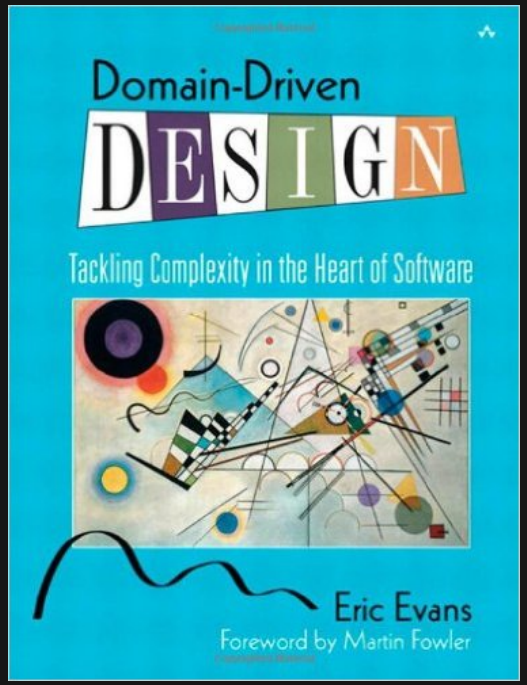
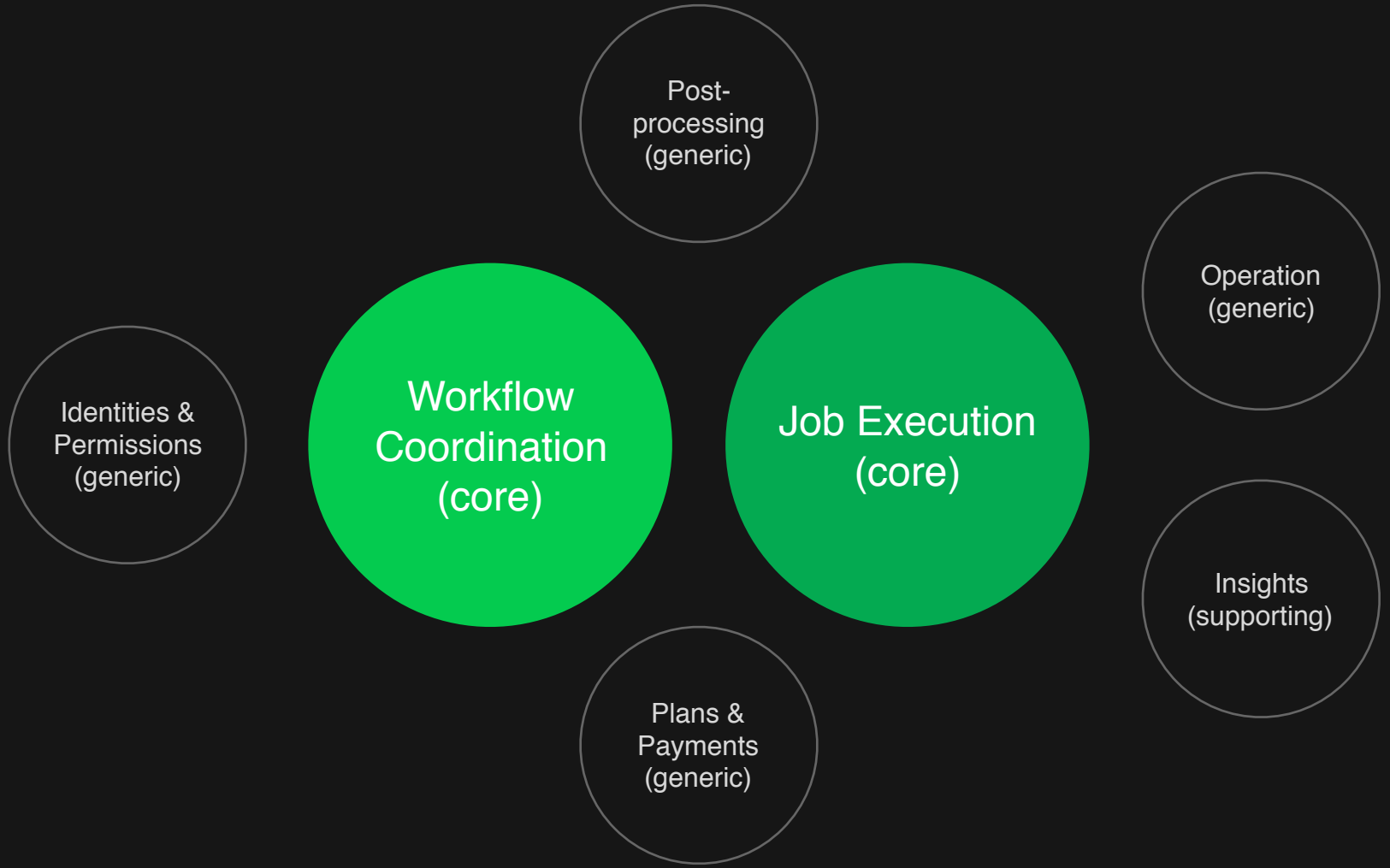
Focus on Your Core Competencies


Domain-Driven
DESIGN
Tackling Complexity in the Heart of Software
Eric Evans
Foreword by Martin Fowler


Post-processing (generic)
Operation (generic)
Identities & Permissions (generic)
Workflow Coordination (core)
Job Execution (core)
Insights (supporting)
Plans & Payments (generic)

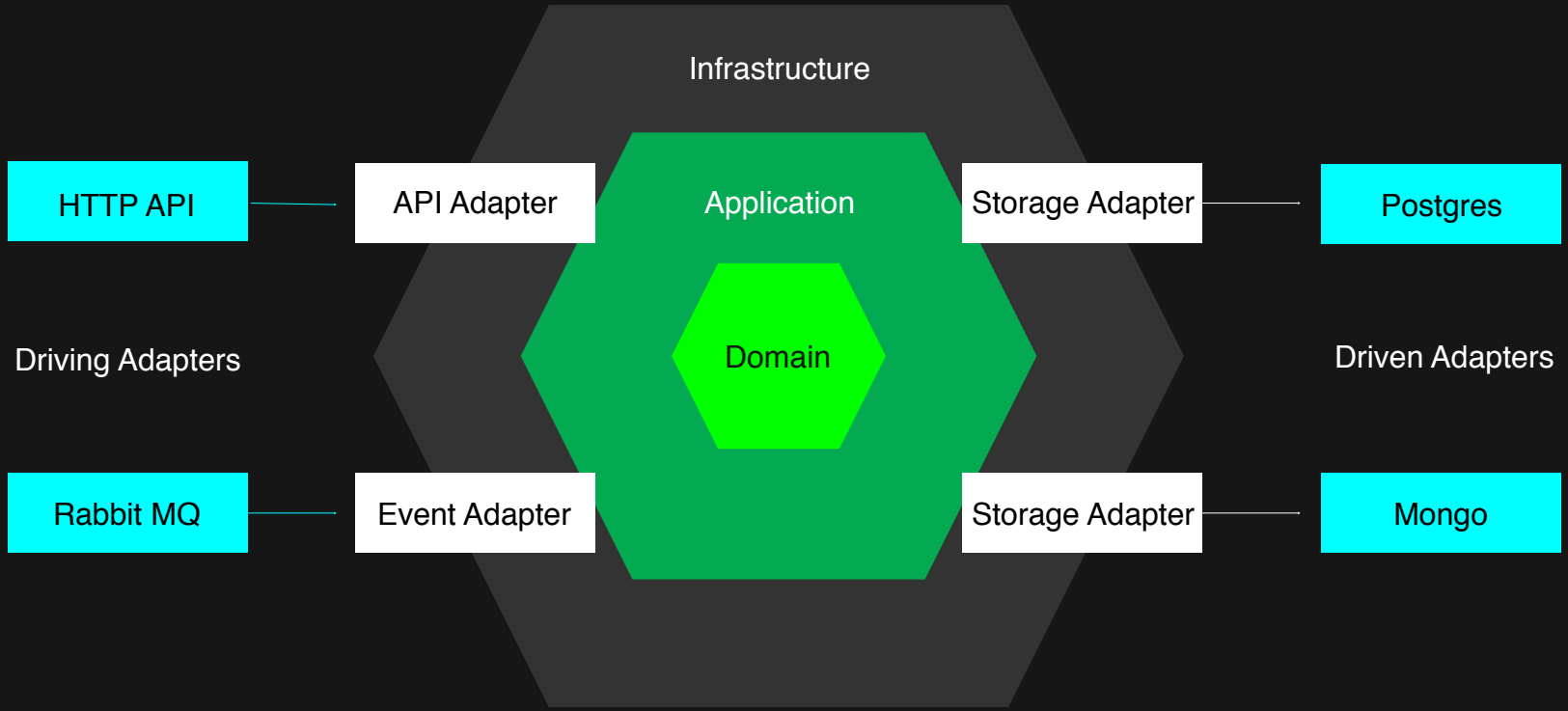
But what if we zoom in another level?

JOB EXECUTION

OPERATION

Container
Orchestration
(generic)
Upgrade
(core)
Observability
(generic)

Use Abstractions to Isolate Change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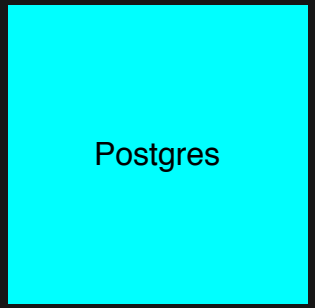
Event Adapter
Storage Adapter
Mongo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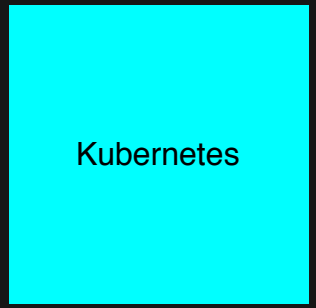
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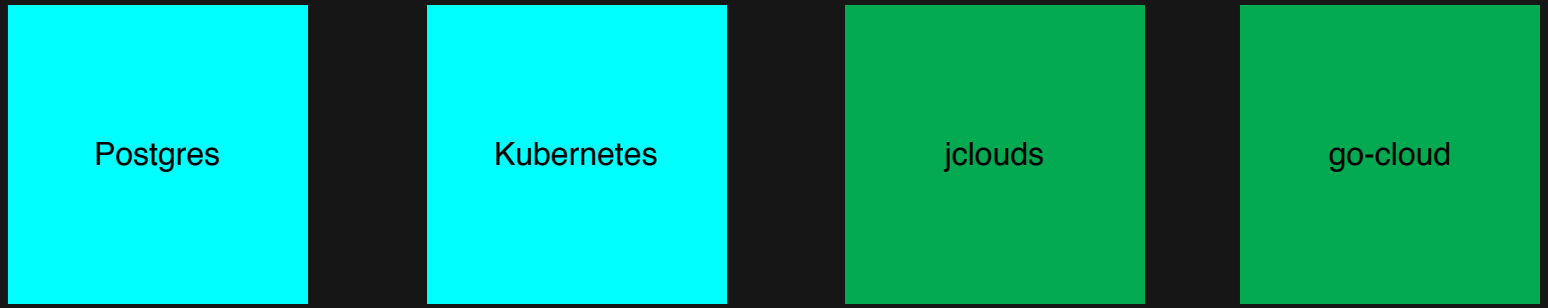
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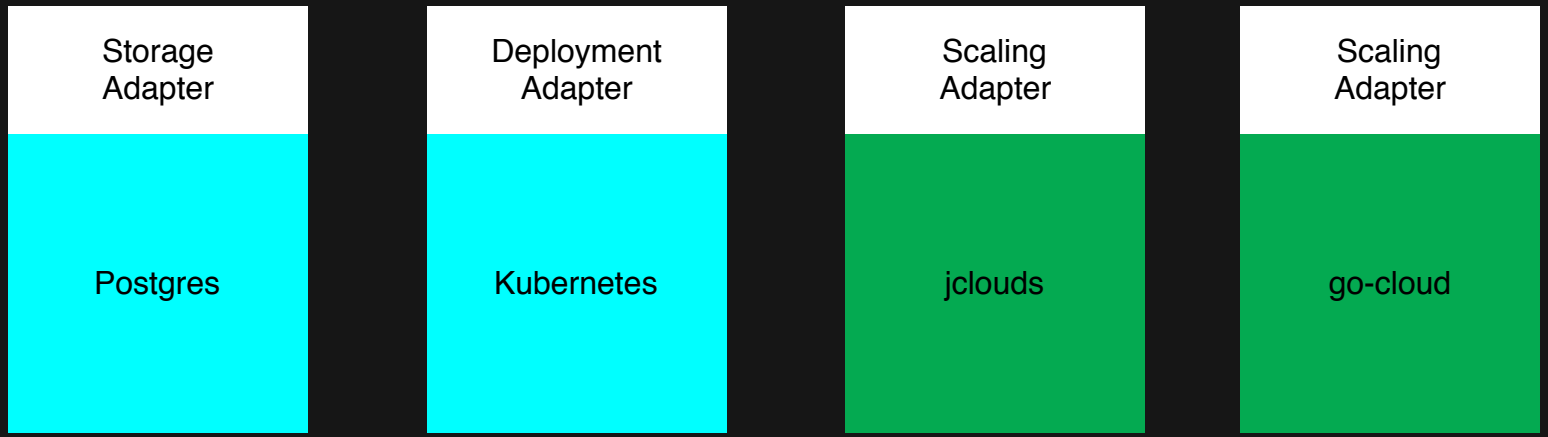
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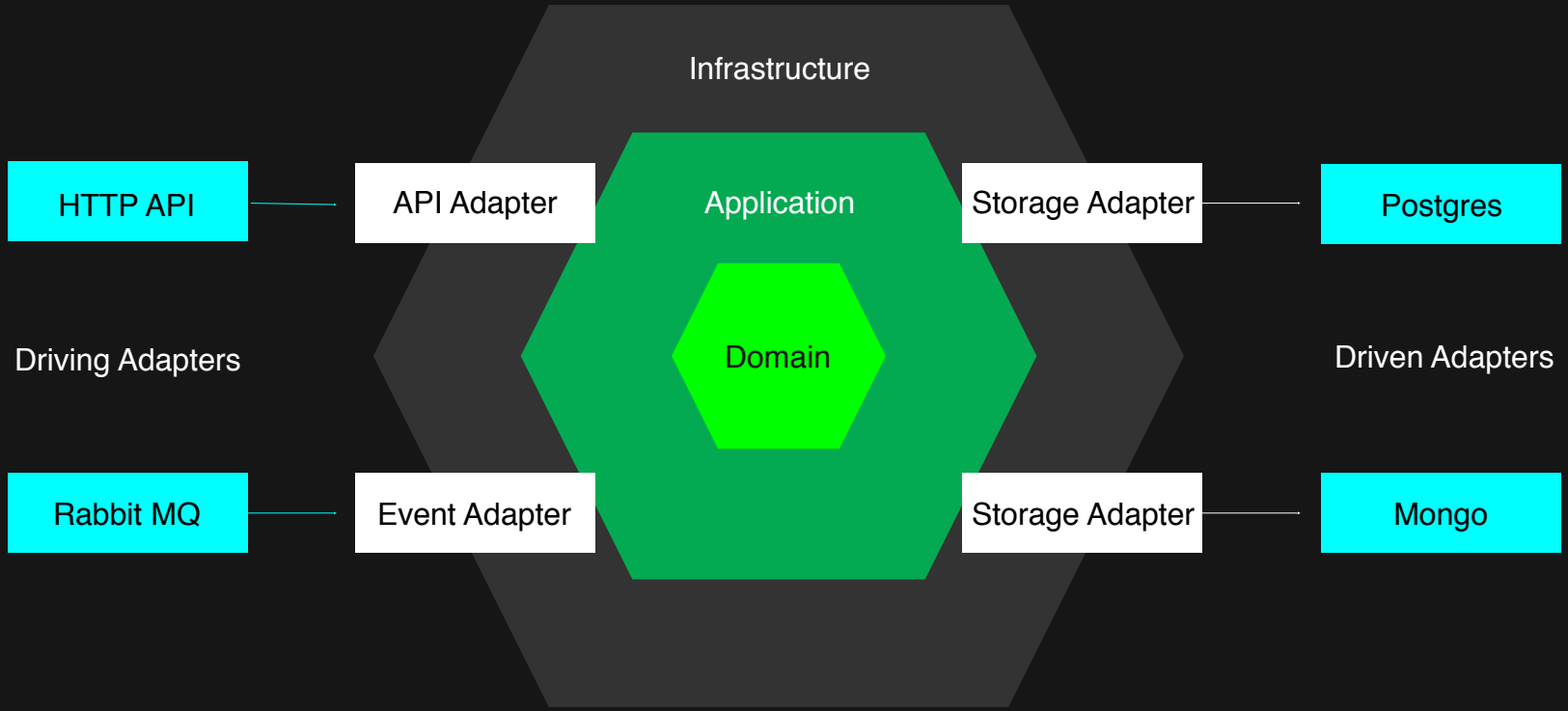
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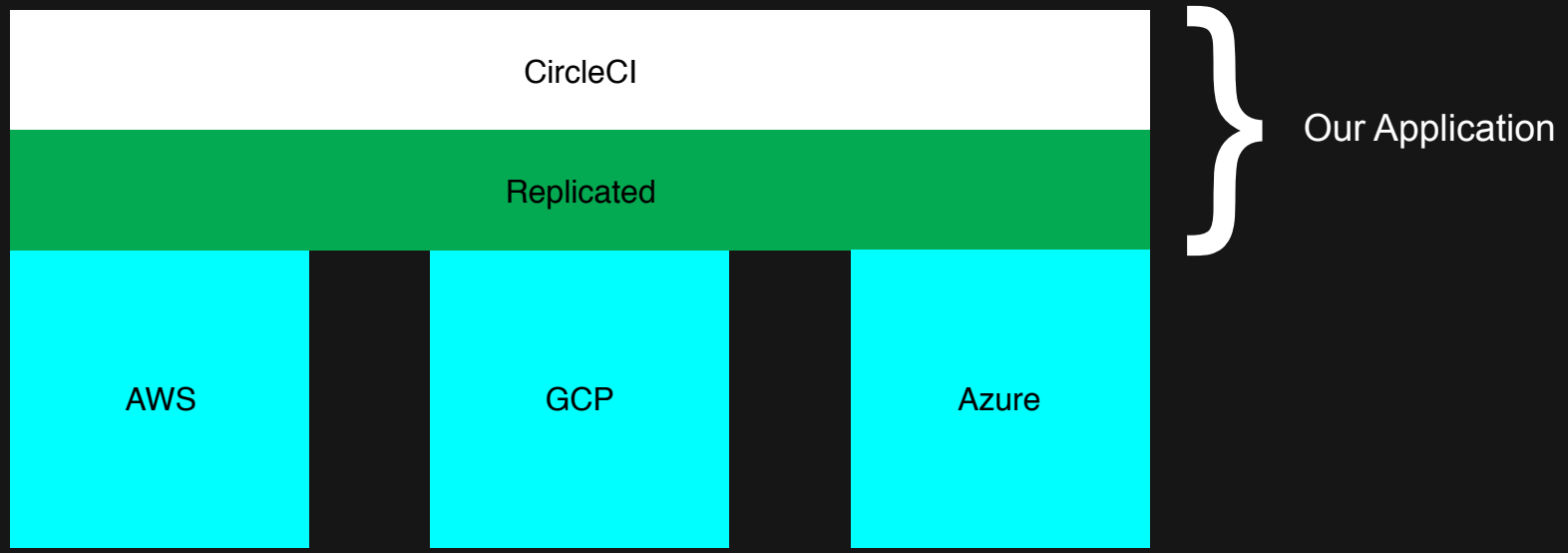
Use Abstractions to Reduce Complexity

"the greatest limitation in writing software is our ability to understand the systems we are creating"

John Ousterhout, *A Philosophy of Software Design*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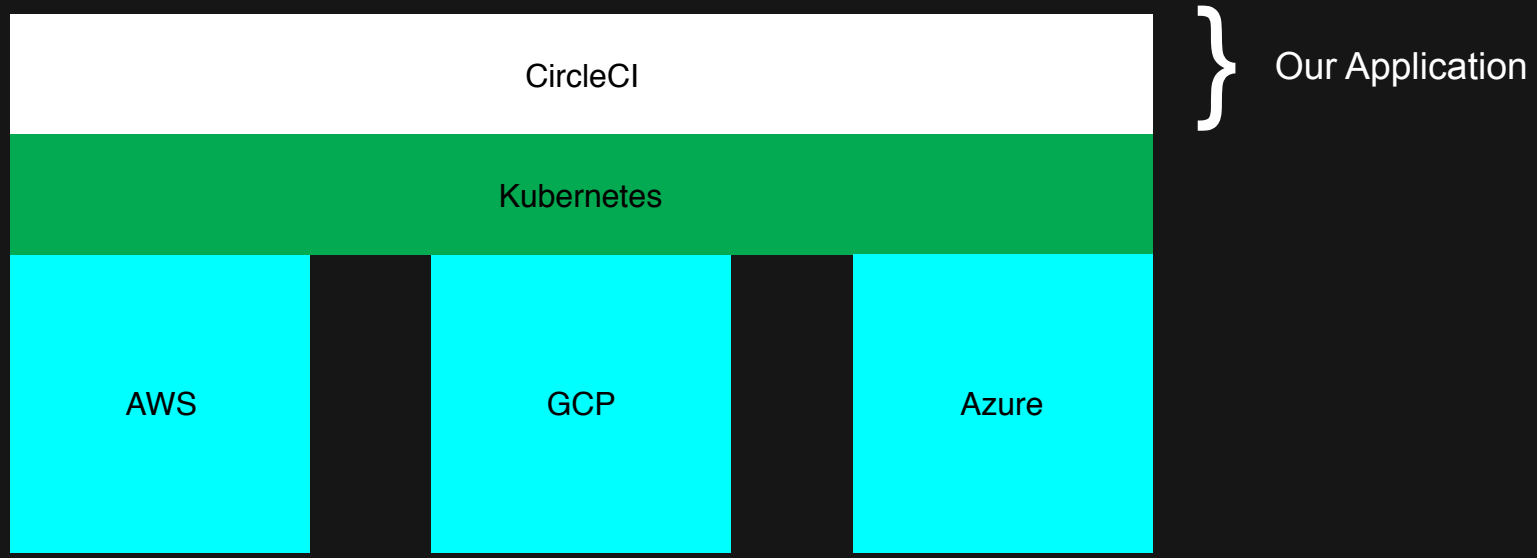
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Thank you.

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