

CMPT 373  
Software Development Methods

# Design

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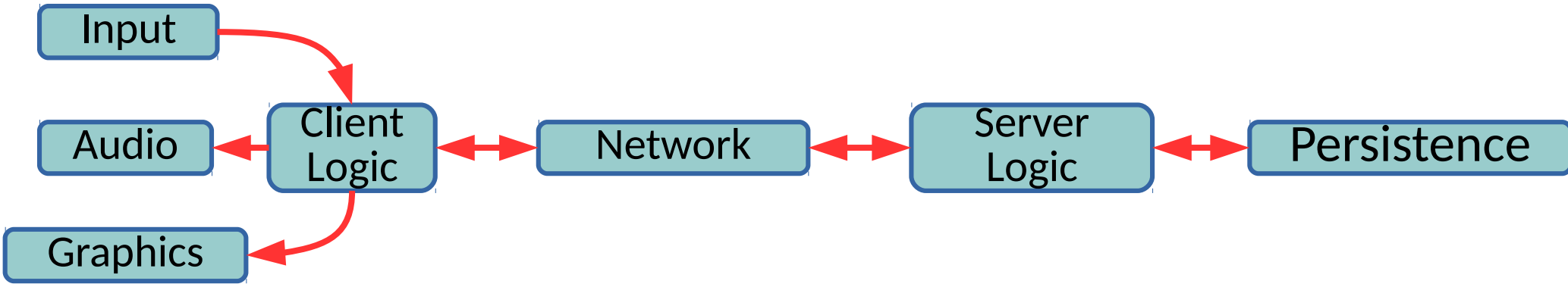
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while (true) {  
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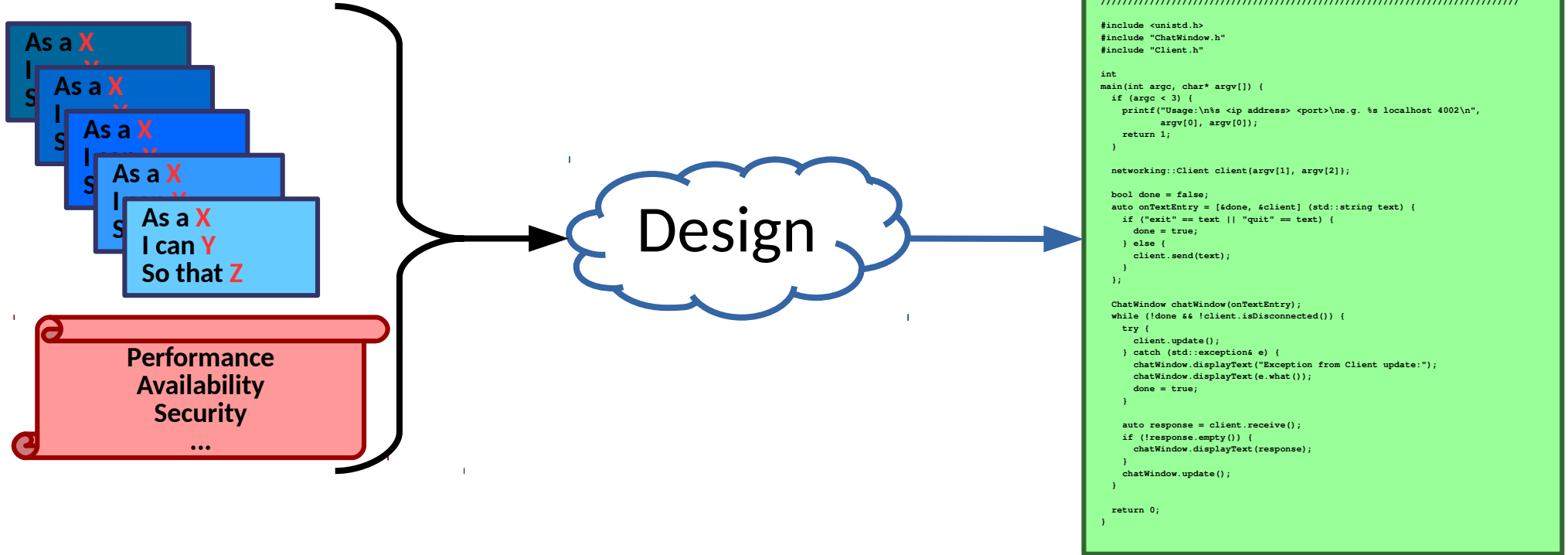
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// this subroutine is called thousands of times.  
// use longjmp instead of loops to increase speed.  
  
void  
calculate(struct salesinfo* sales){  
    jmp_buf buffer;  
    int i=setjmp(buffer);  
    if (!(i<sales->count)) RETURN_NOTHING;  
    addvaluetosubtotal(sales->values[i]);  
    if (i<sales->count) longjmp(buffer,i+1);  
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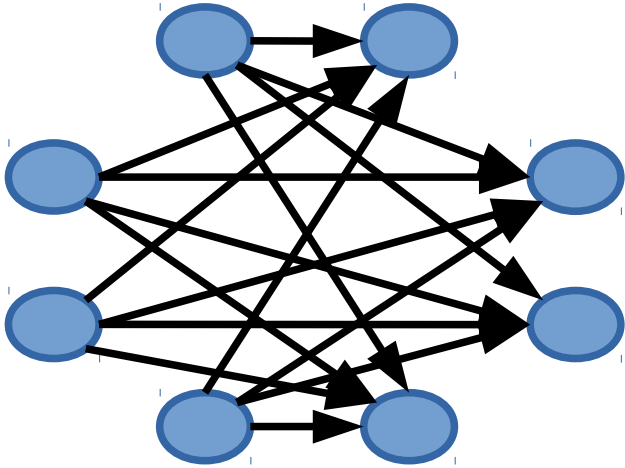


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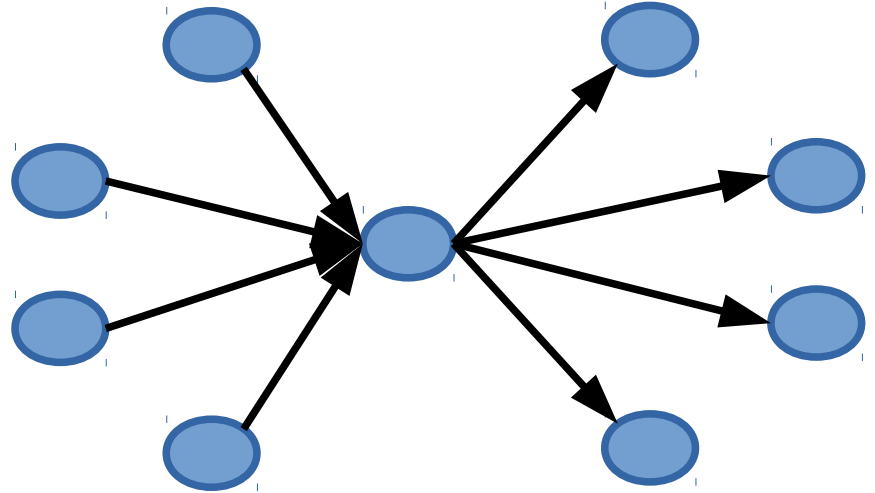
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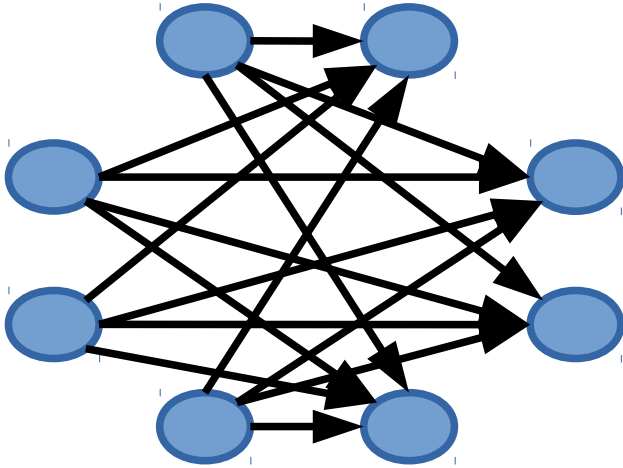


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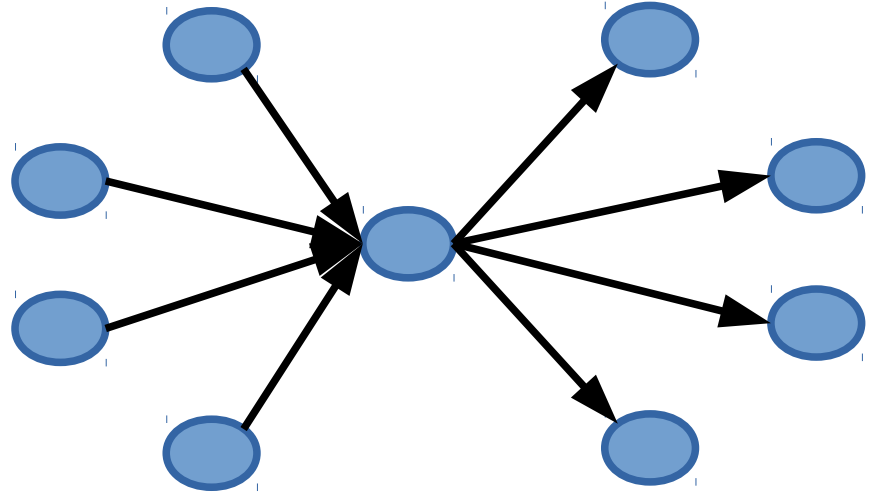


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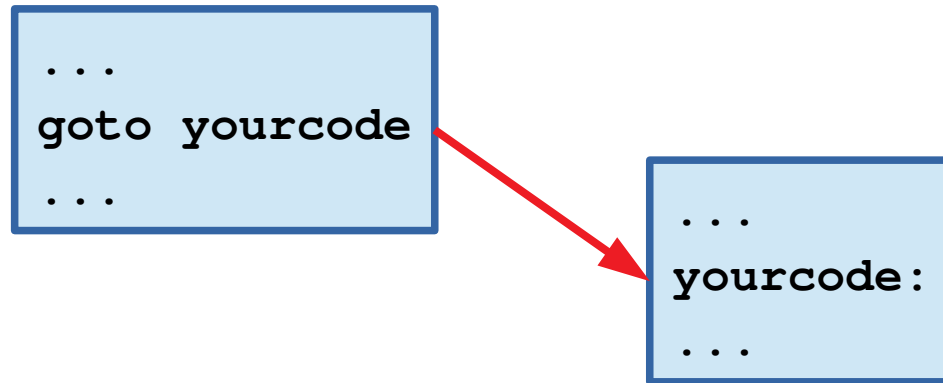
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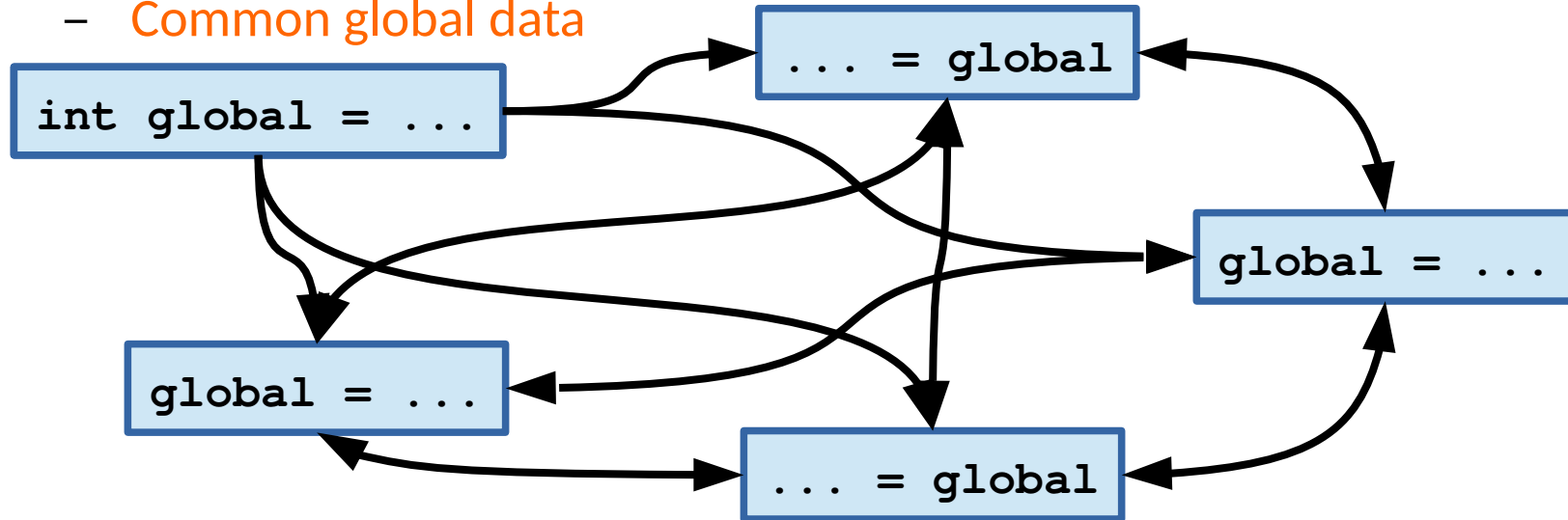
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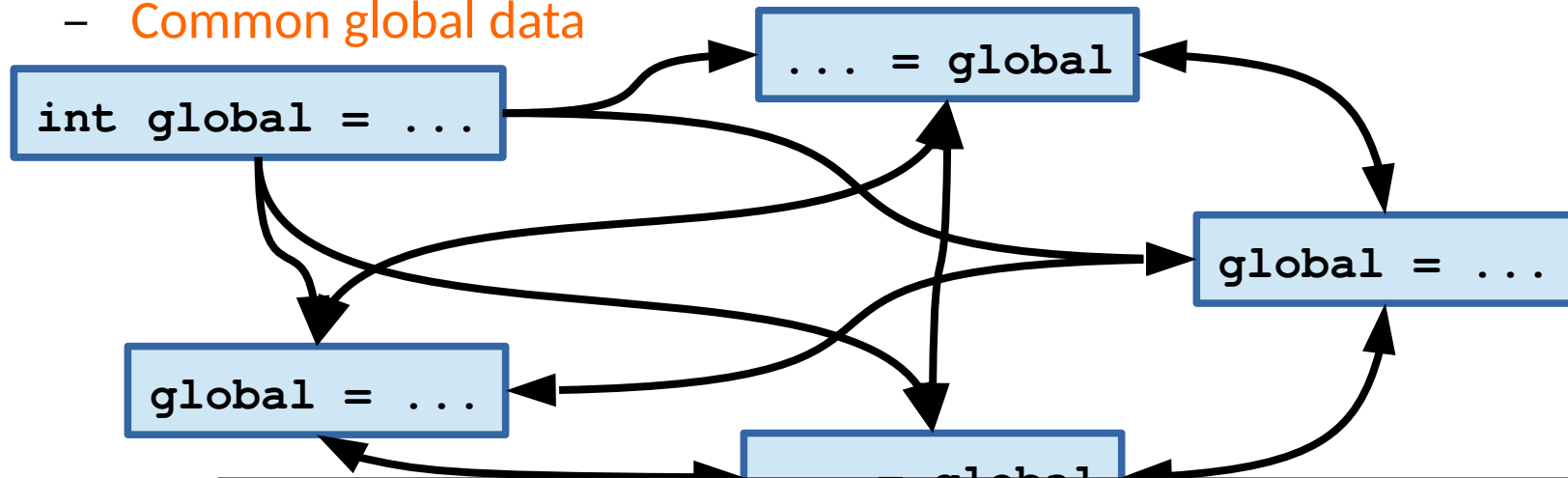
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Singletons have these constraints and worse.

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We will spend a day in the future on this.

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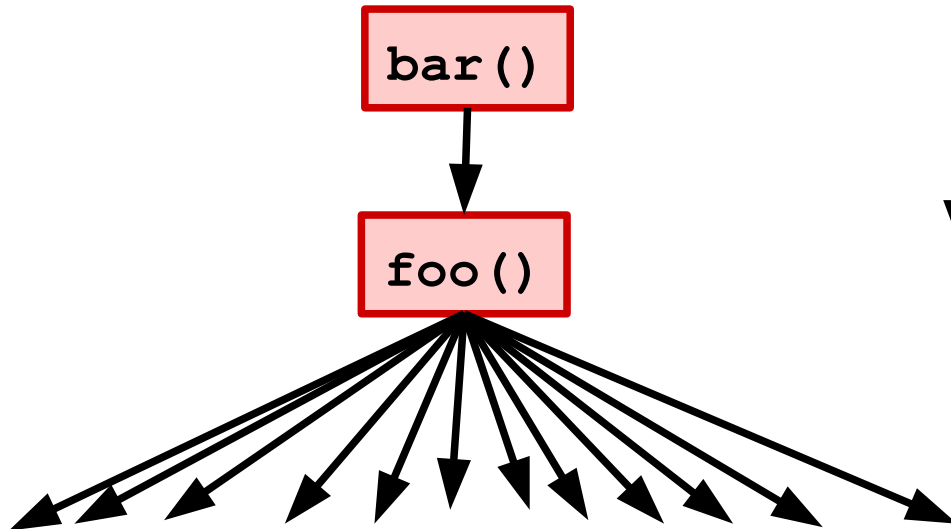
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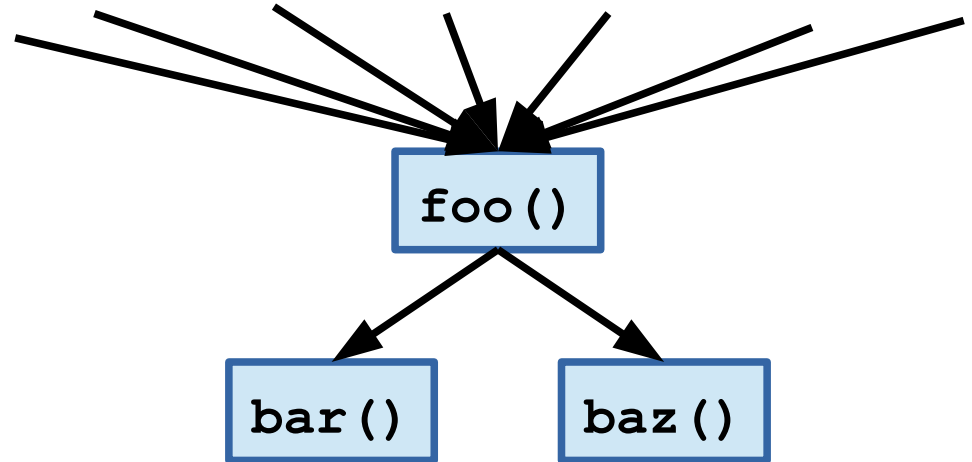
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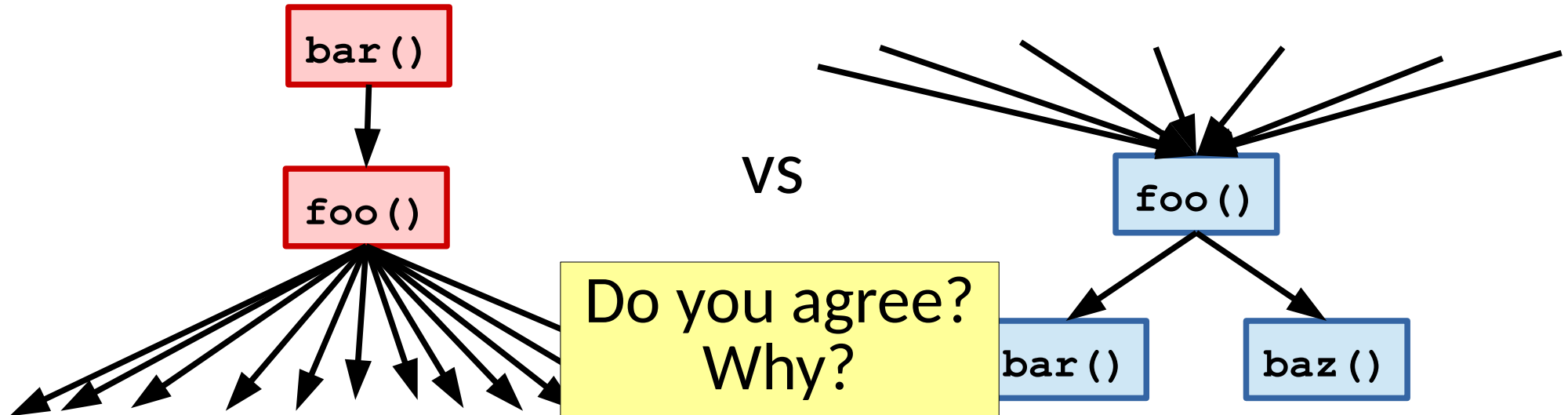


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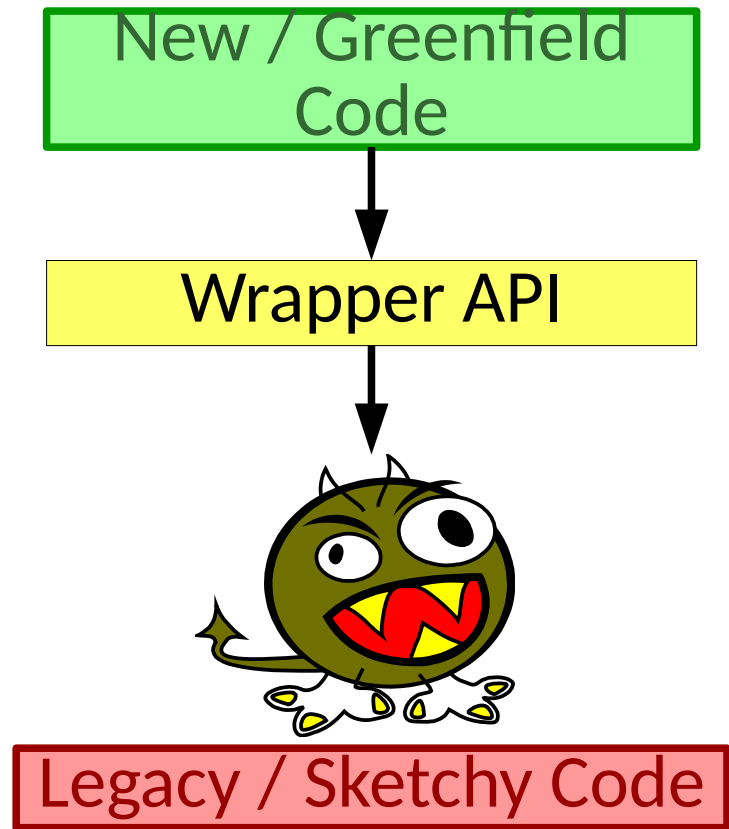
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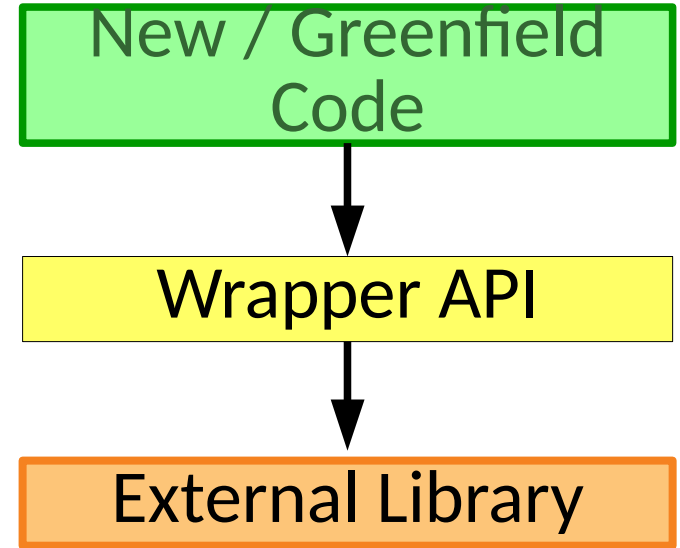
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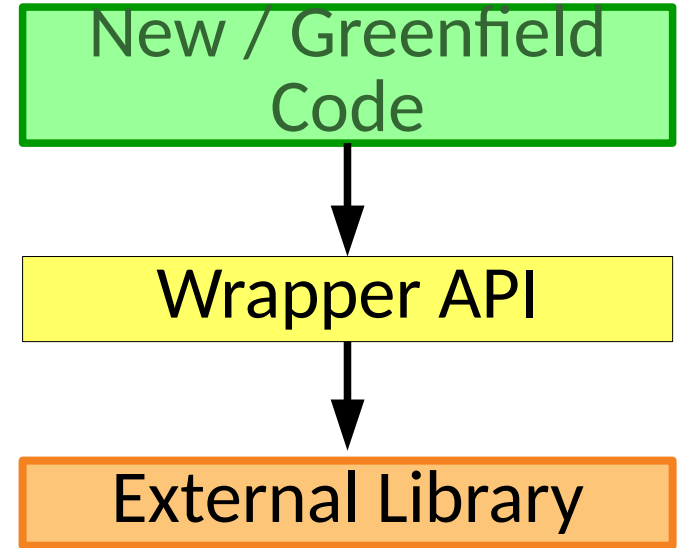
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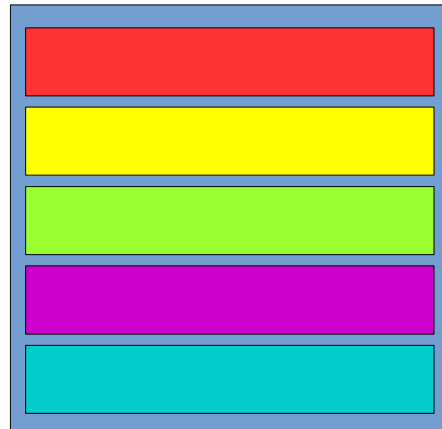
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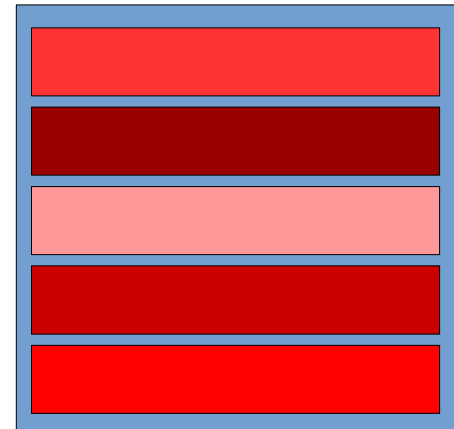
What impact does this have on  
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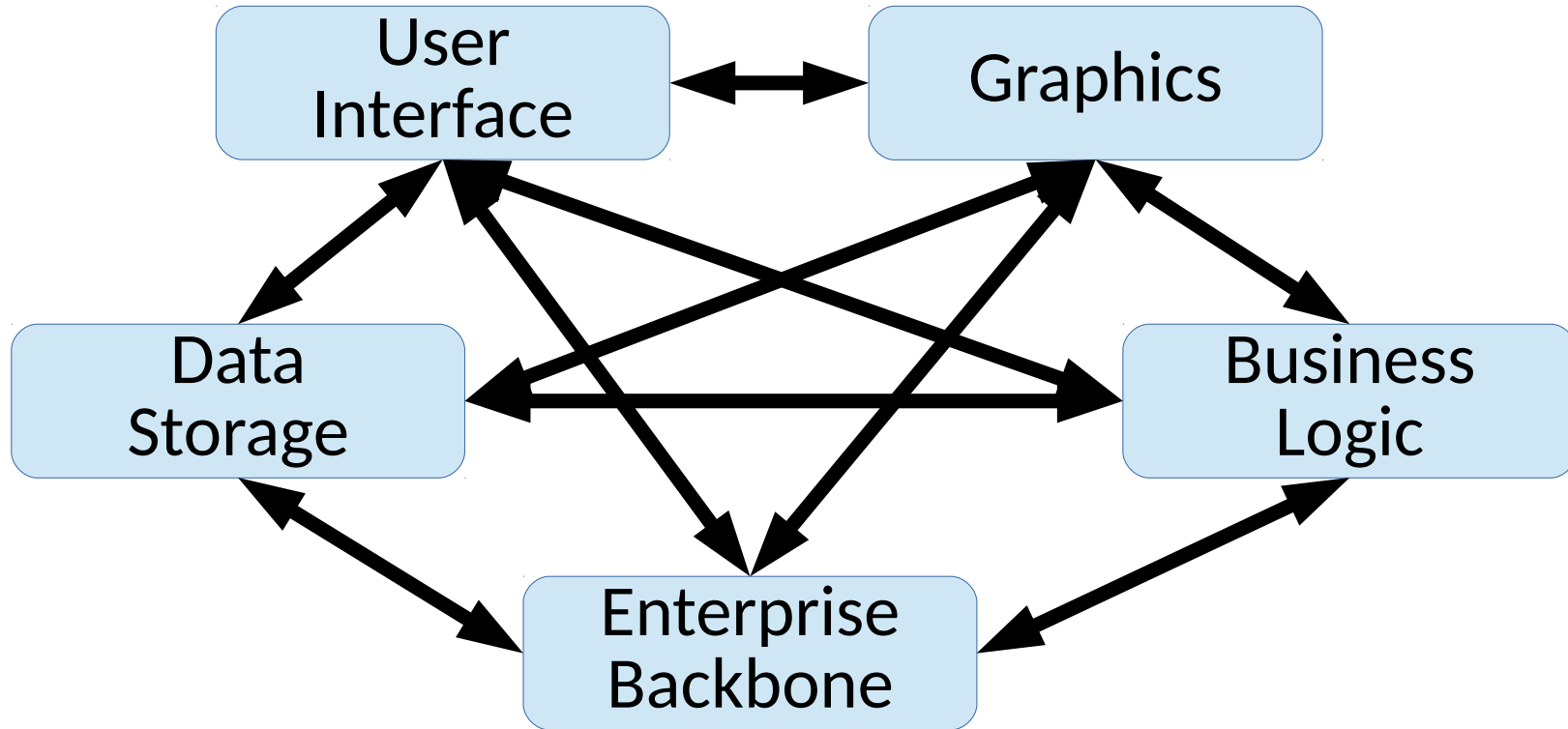
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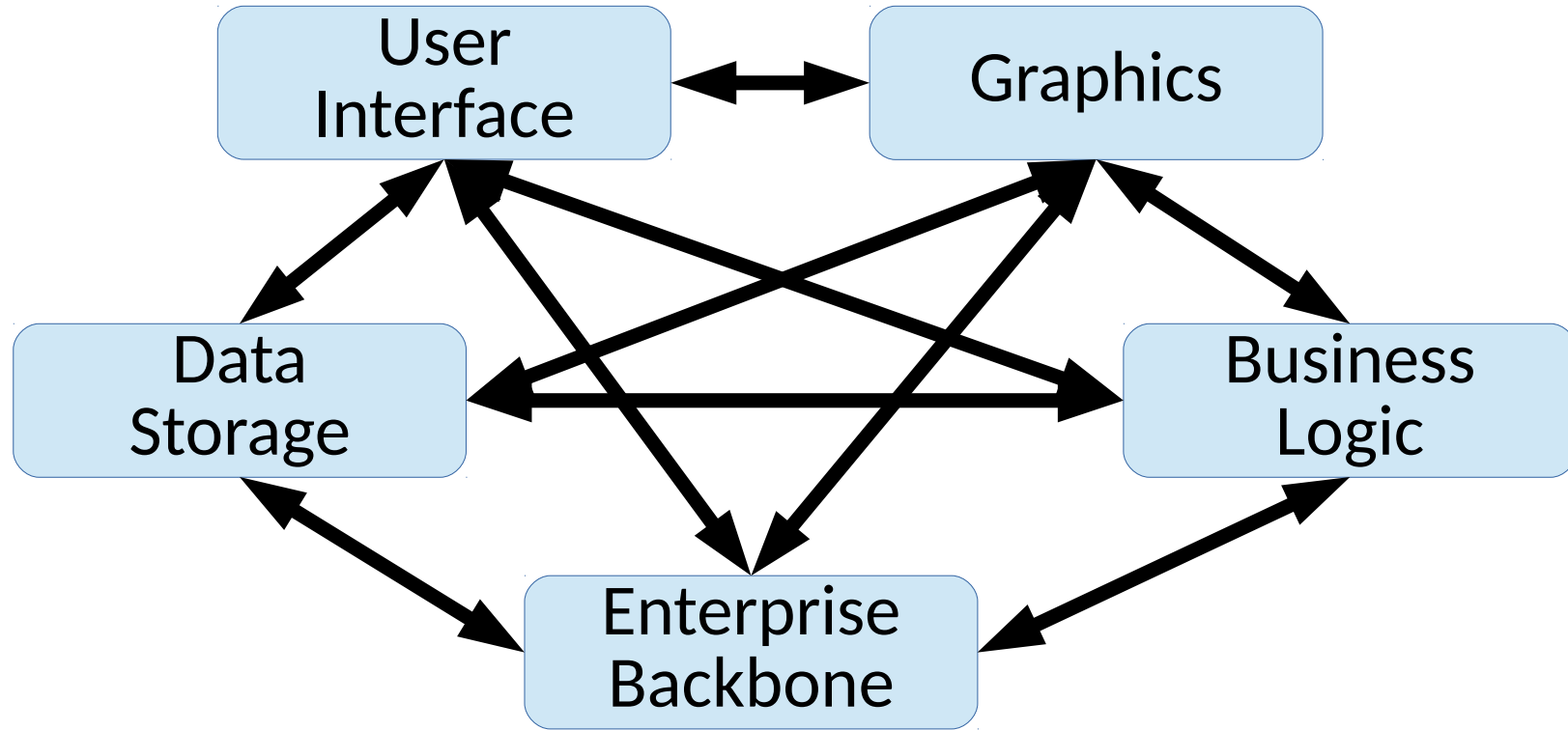
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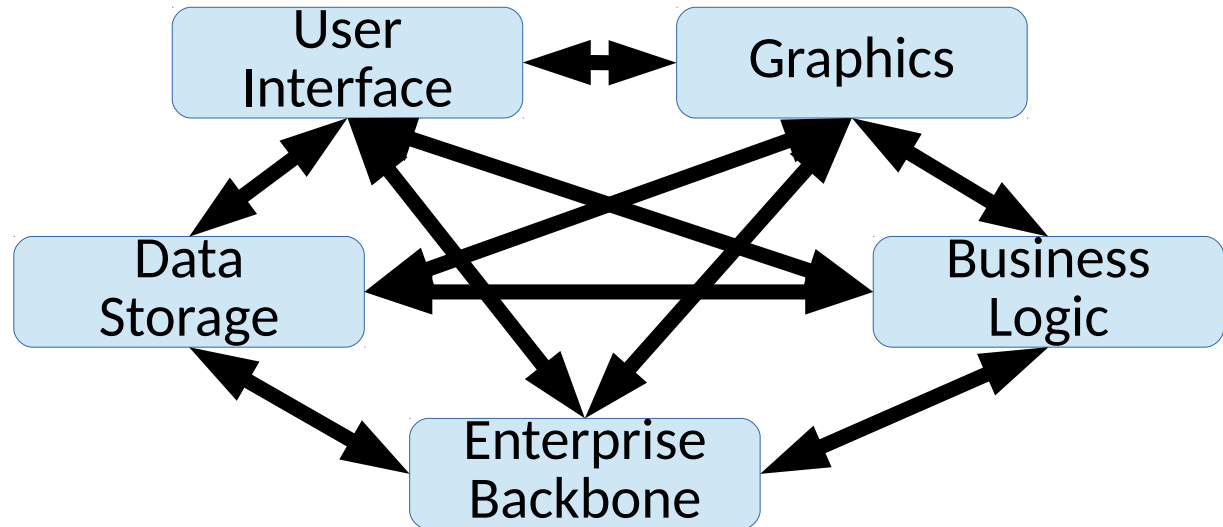


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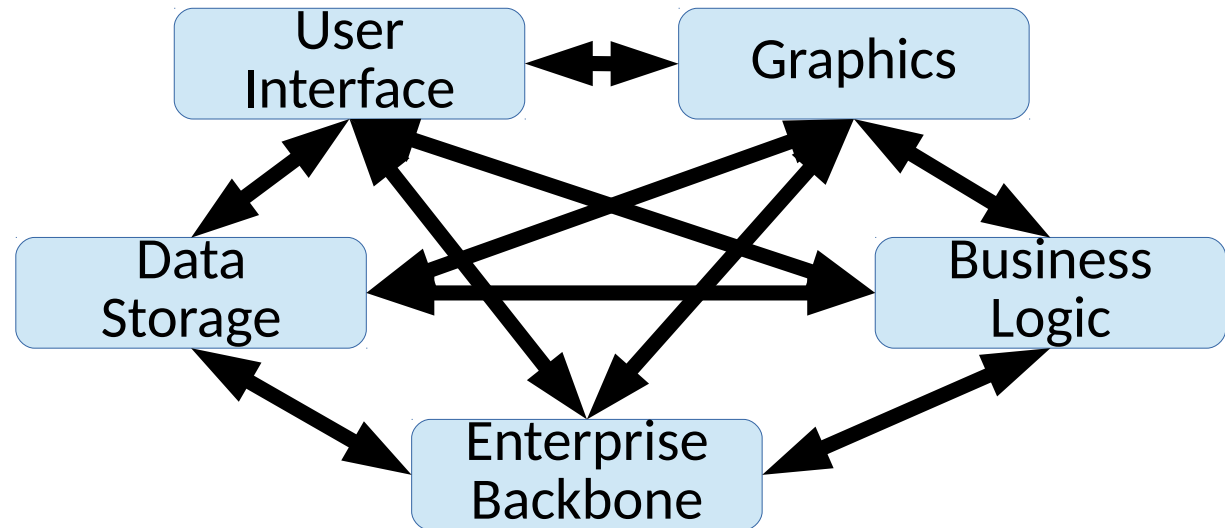
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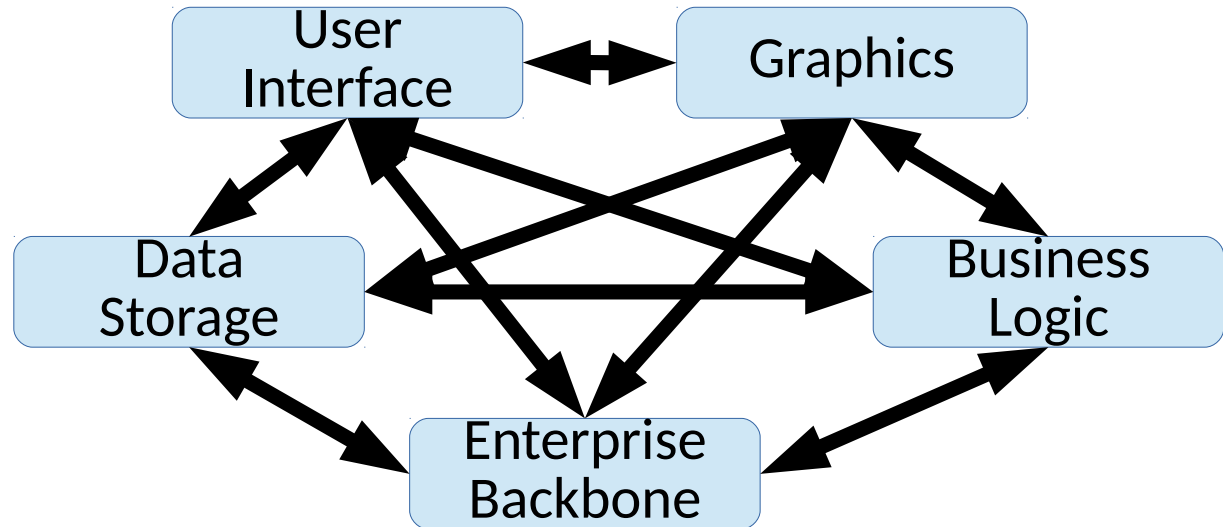
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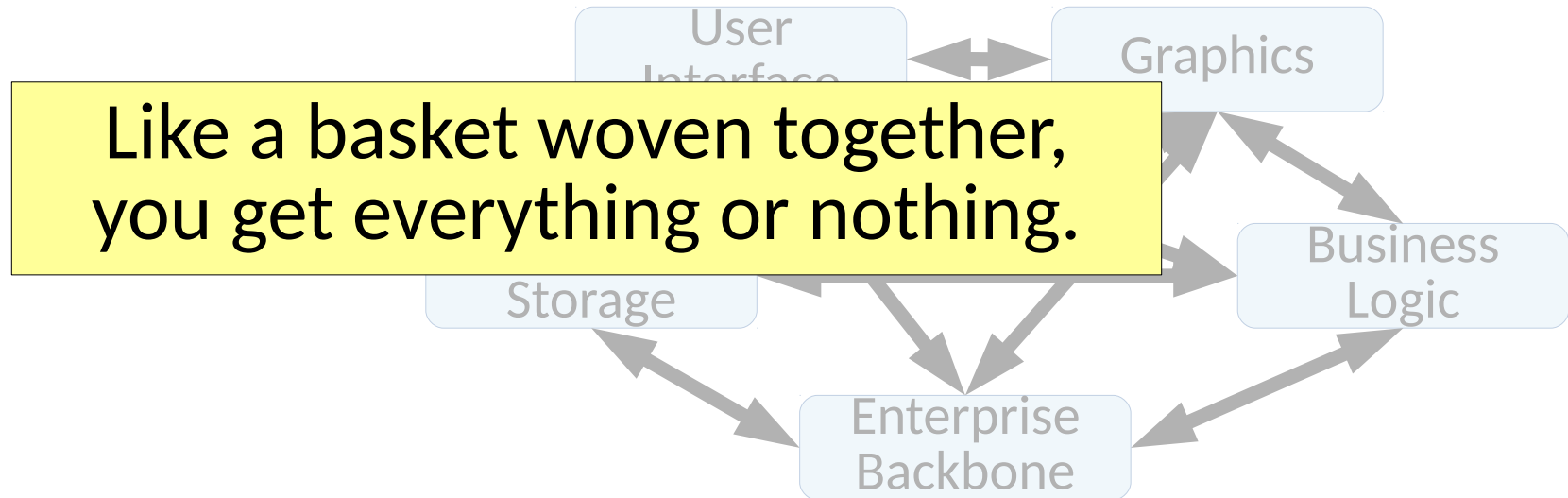
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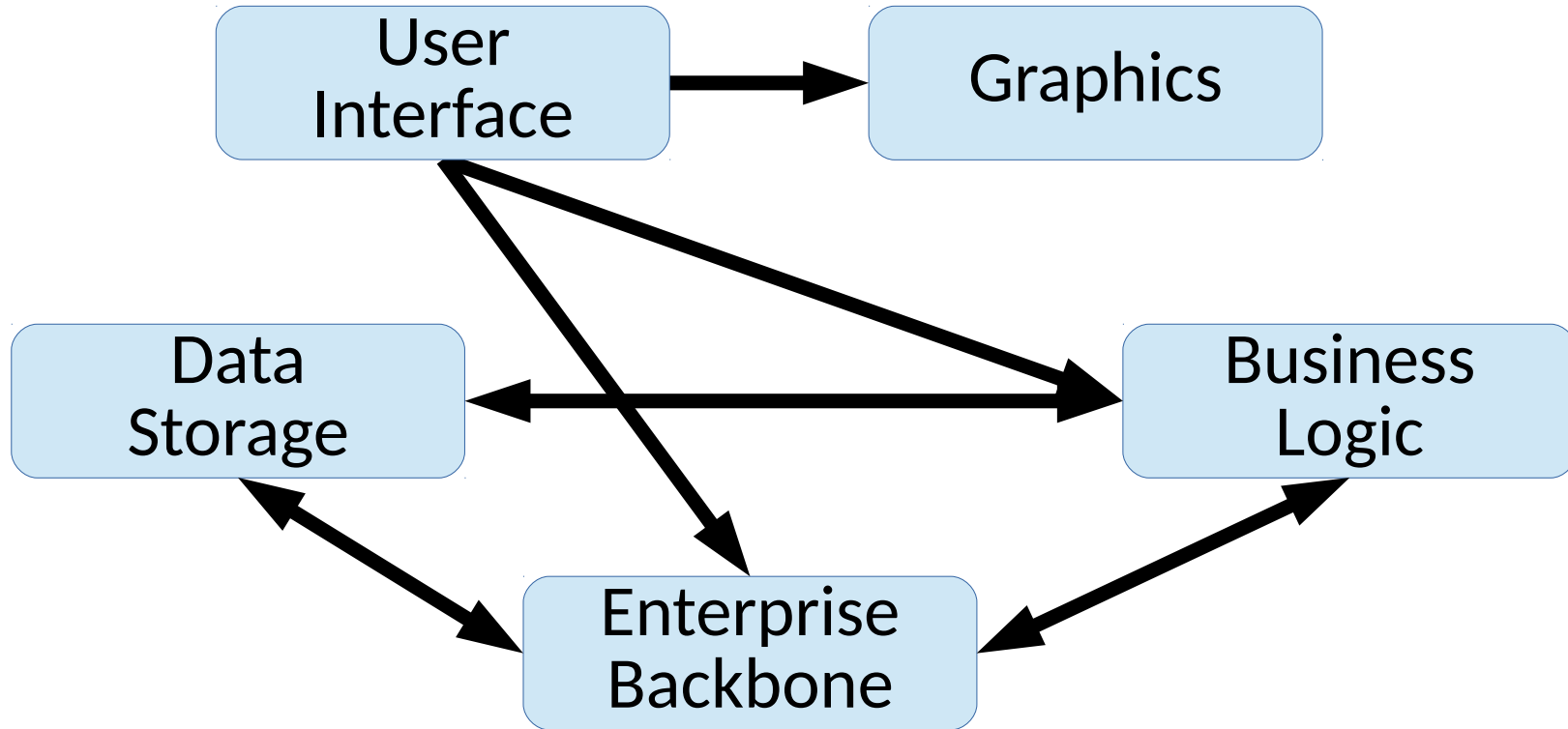
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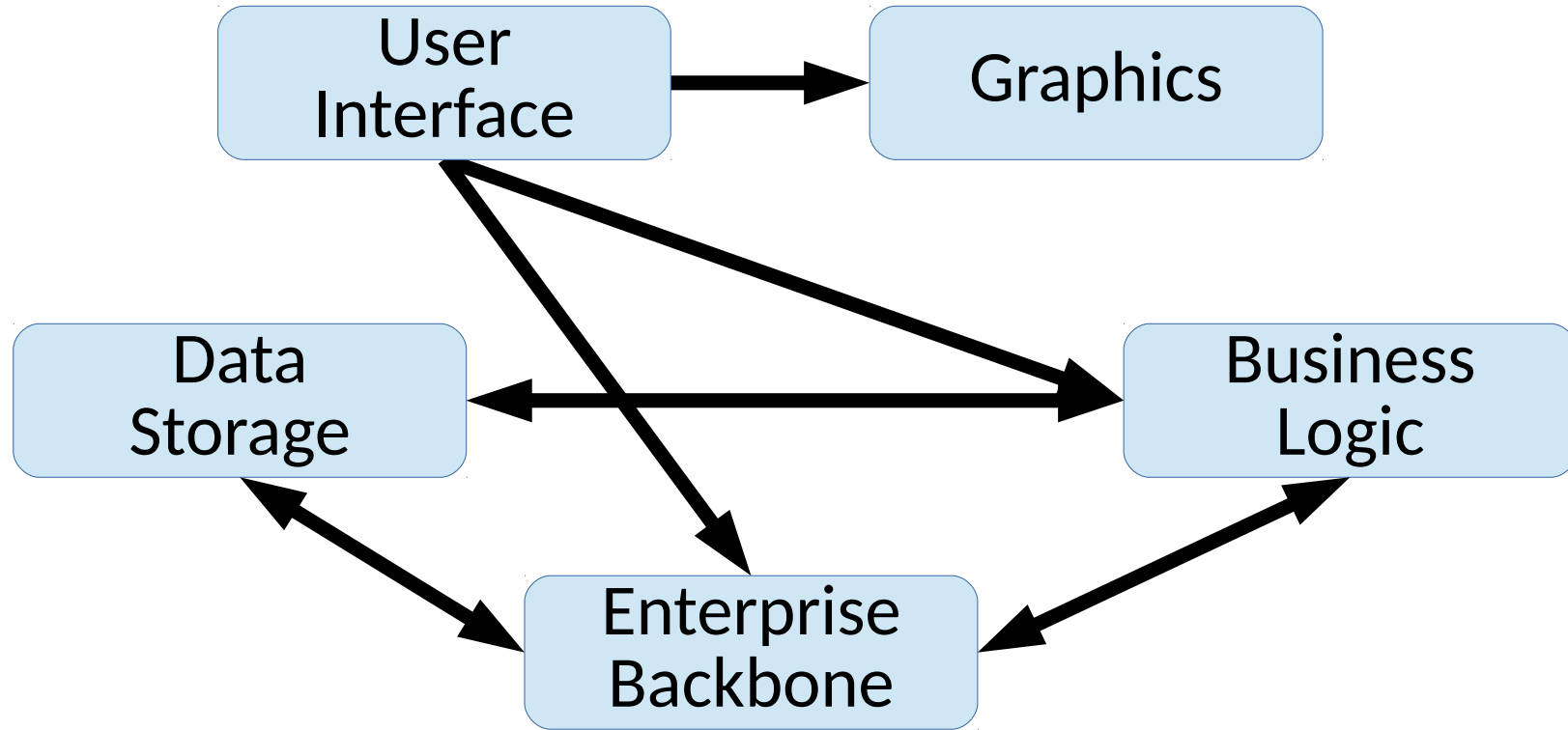
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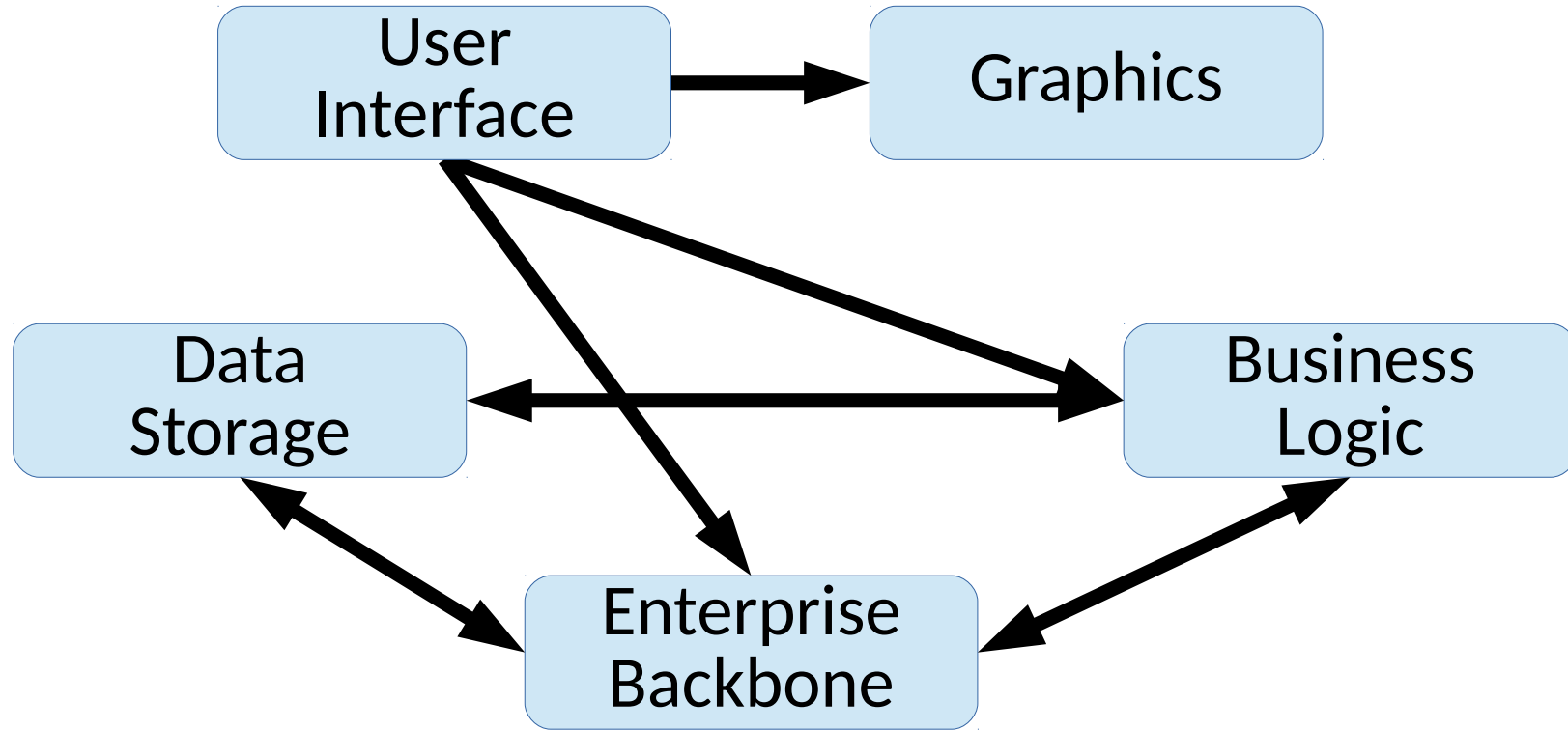
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What is still complex? Why?

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A good design should be *hard to misuse*

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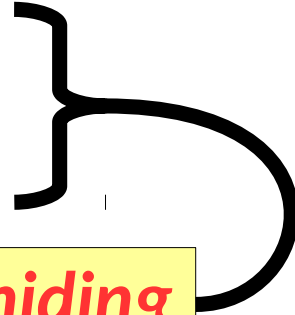
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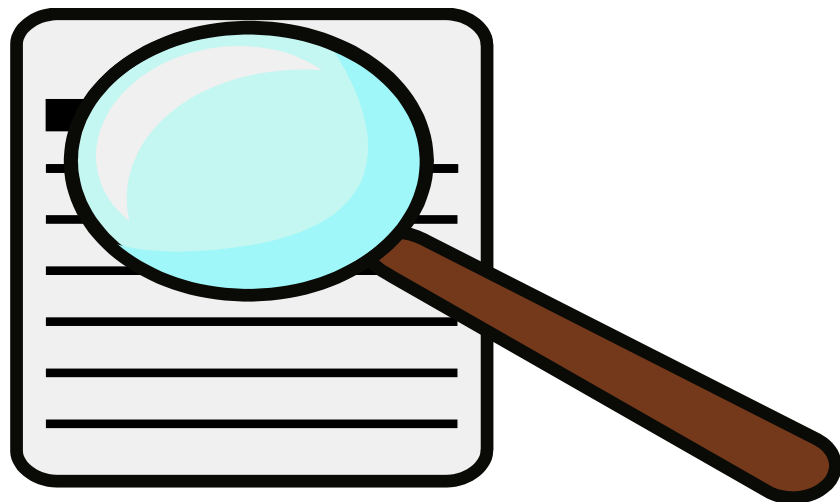
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