

CMPT 373  
Software Development Methods

# Design

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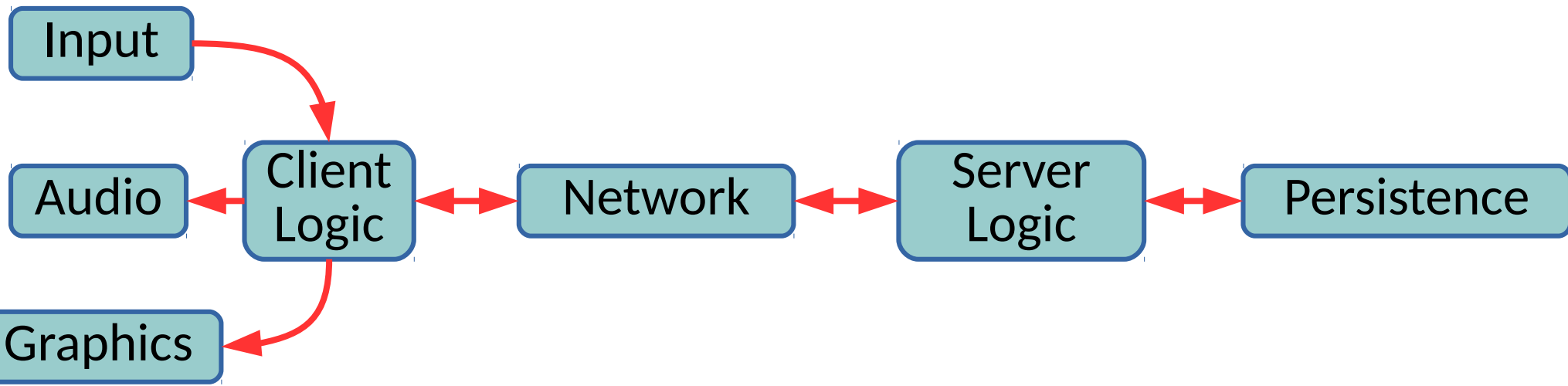
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    server.send(outgoing);  
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What does the networking library that I gave to you expose/hide?

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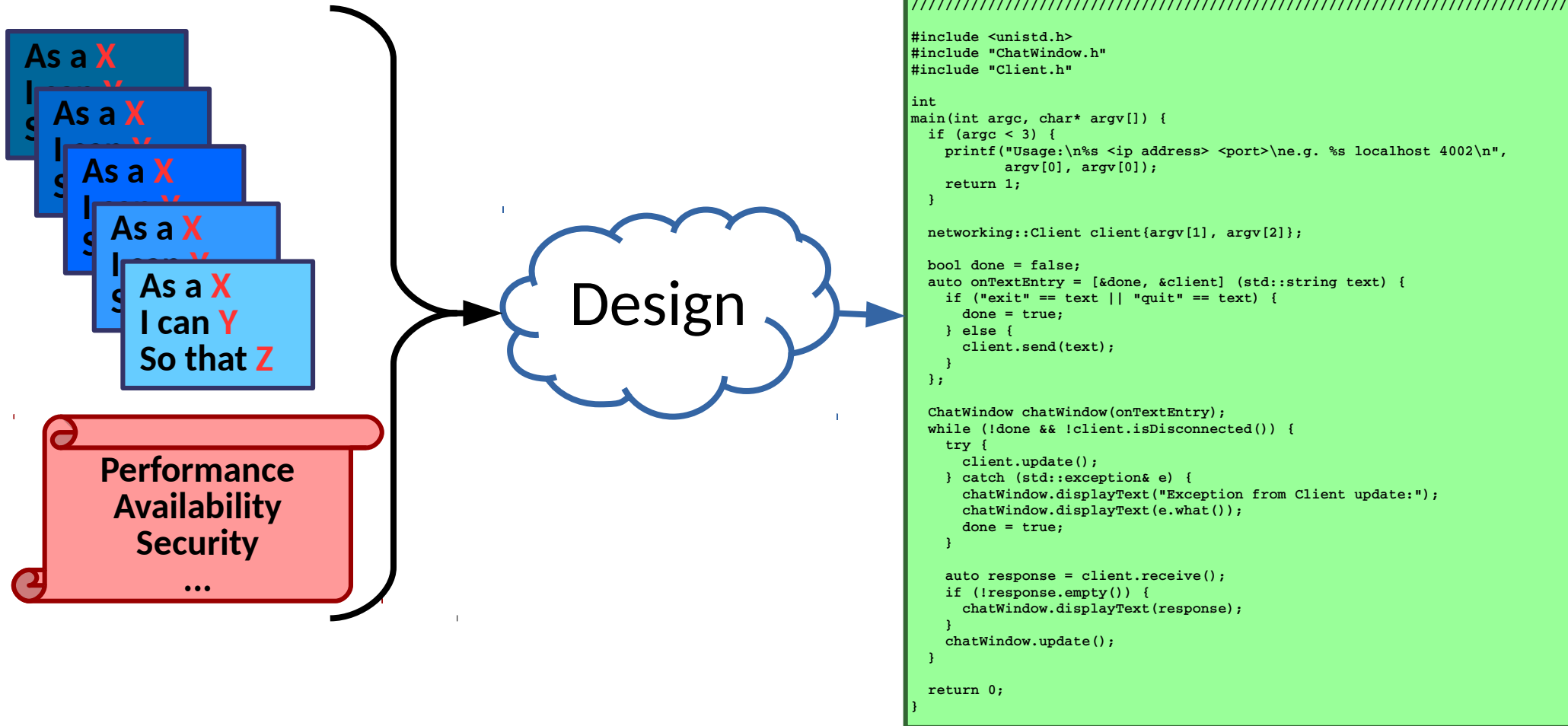
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How much time do professional programmers spend reading code?



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- **Once software is too complex to reason about, it is too late**

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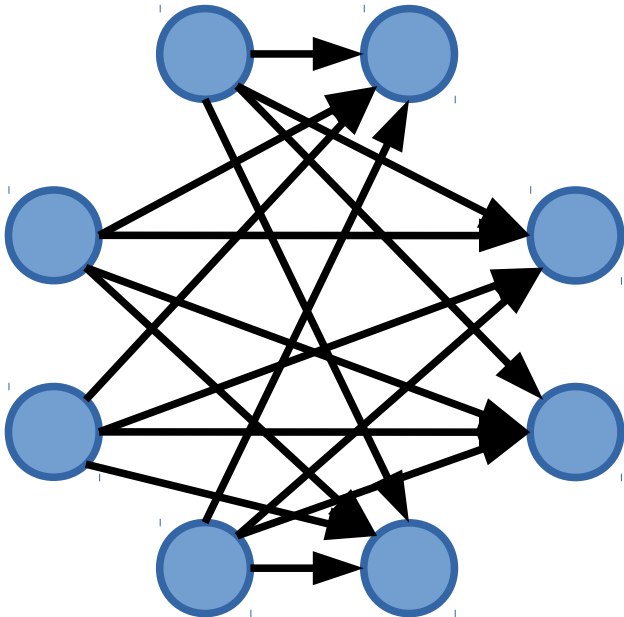
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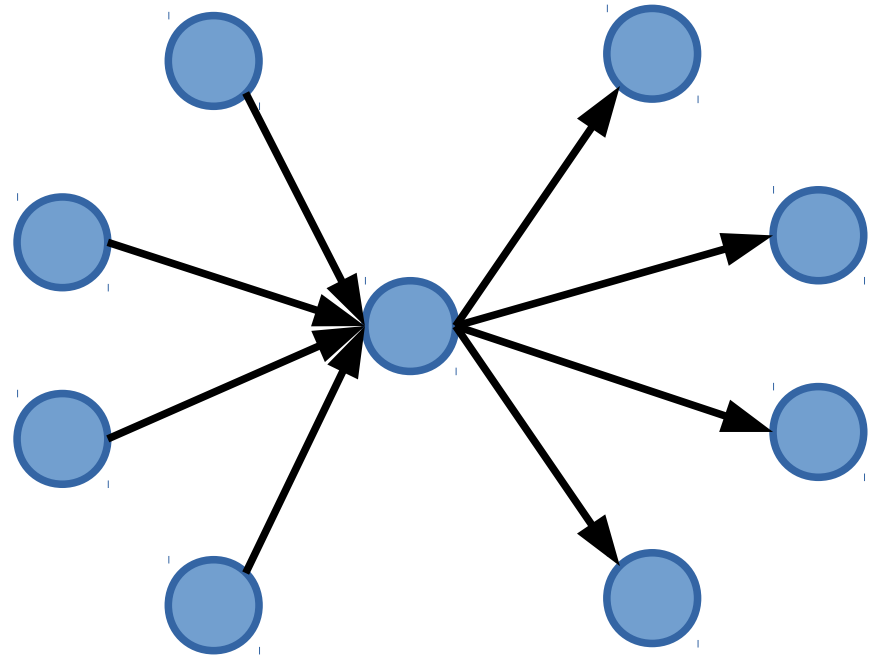
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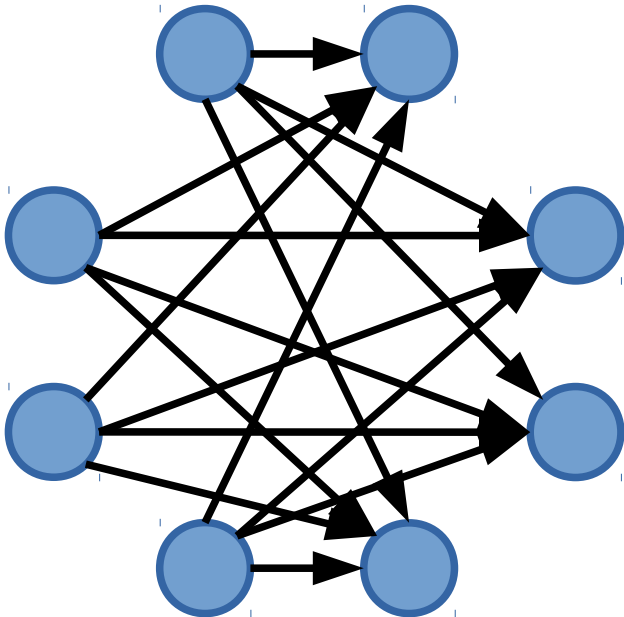


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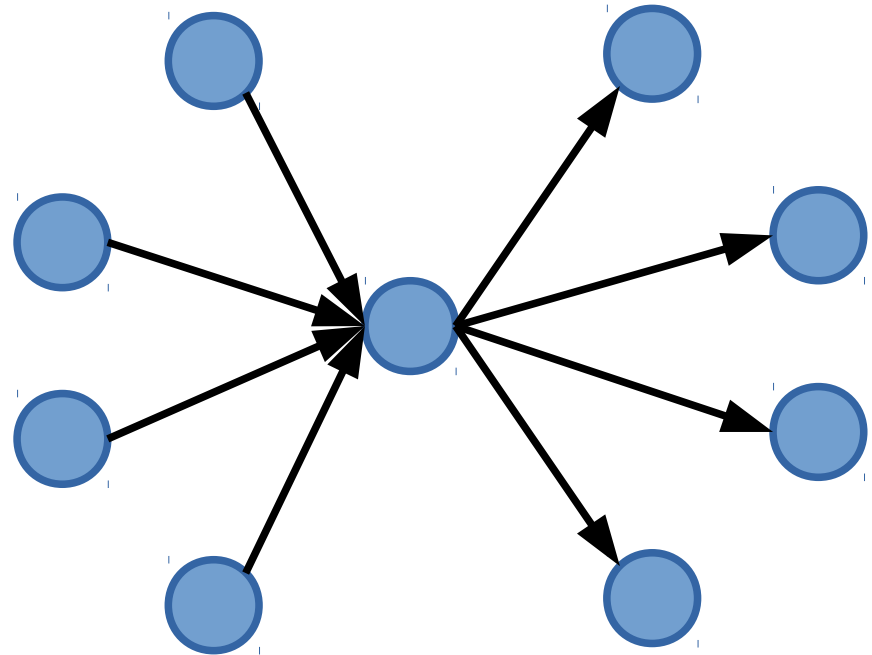


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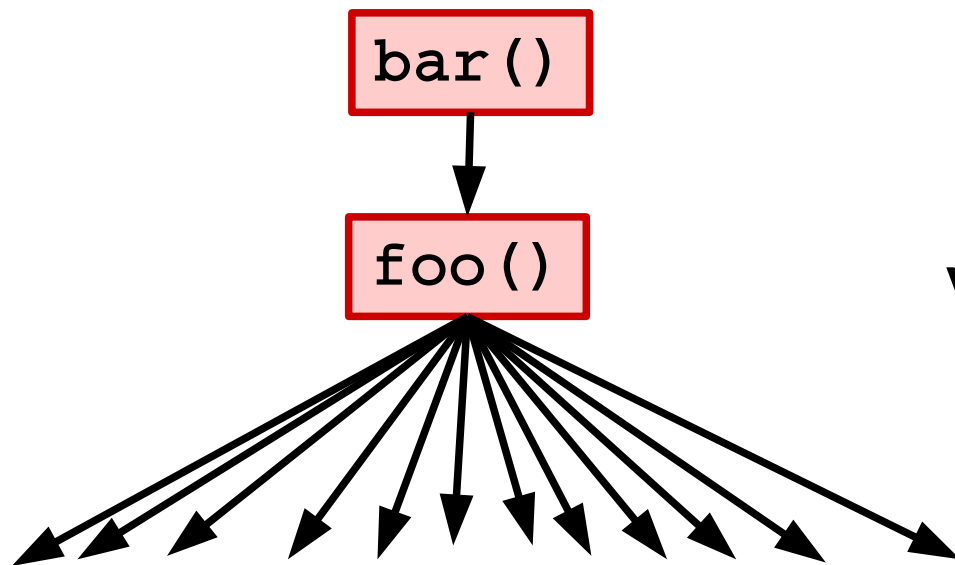
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  - Content (accessing implementation of another component)
  - Common global data
  - Subclassing
  - Temporal
  - Passing data to/from each other
  - Independence

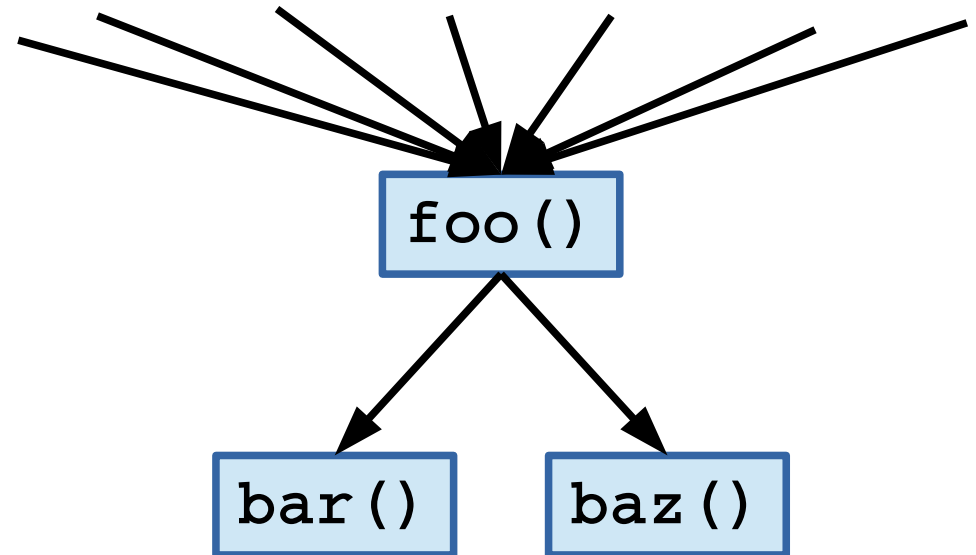


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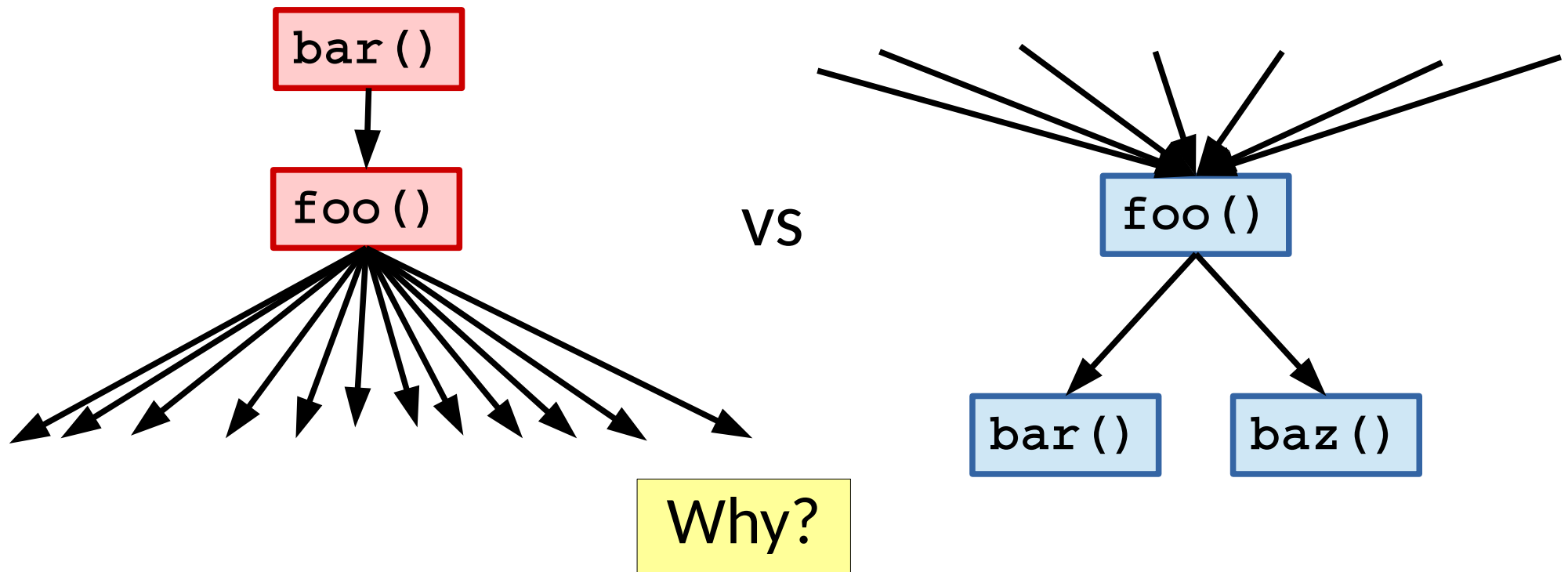


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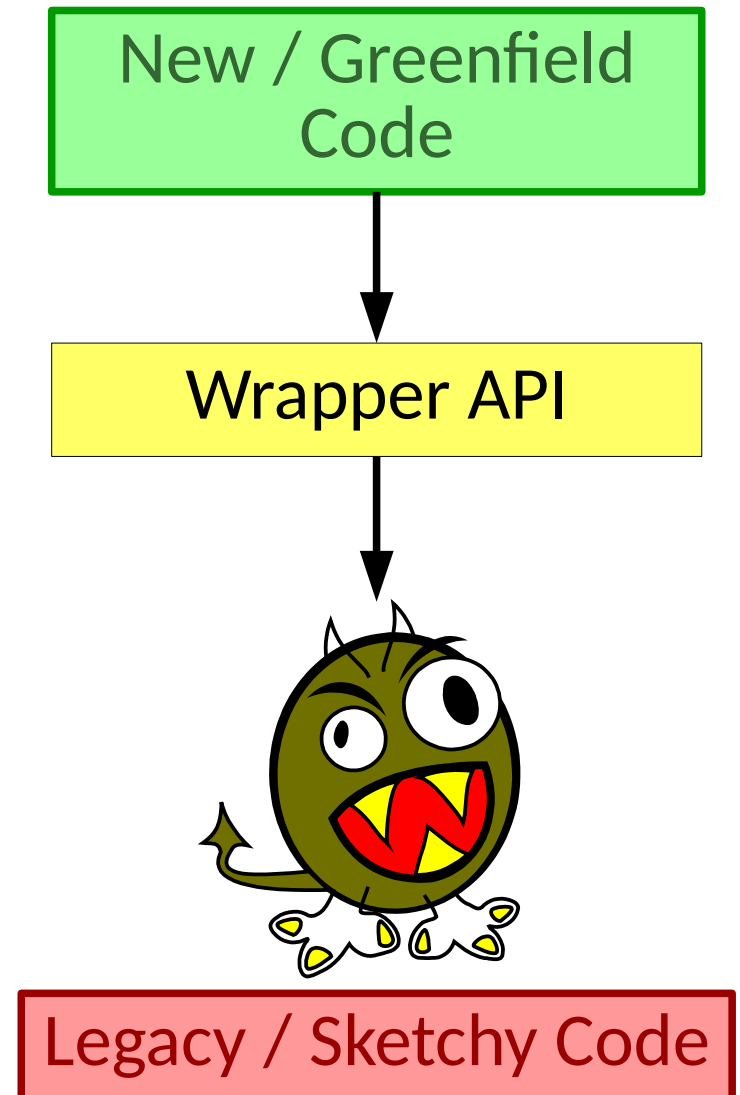
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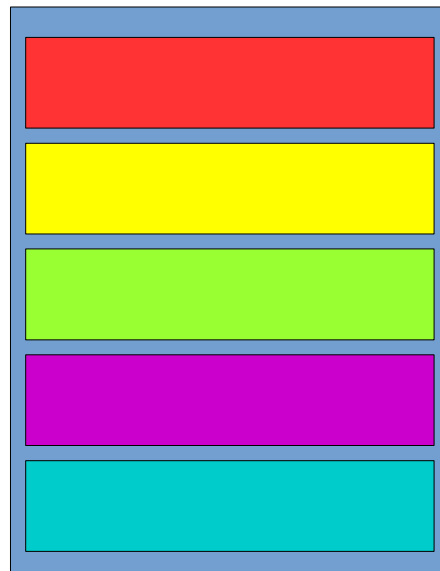
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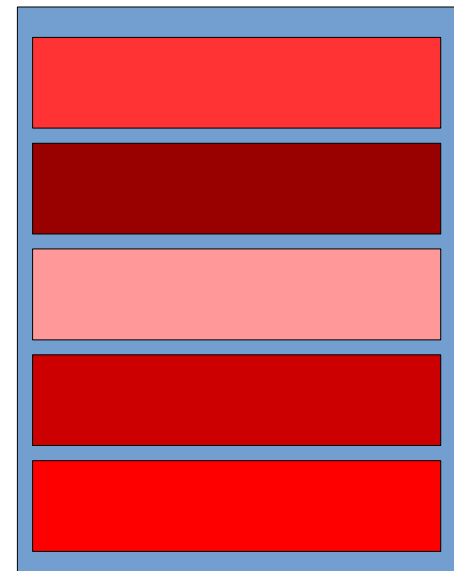


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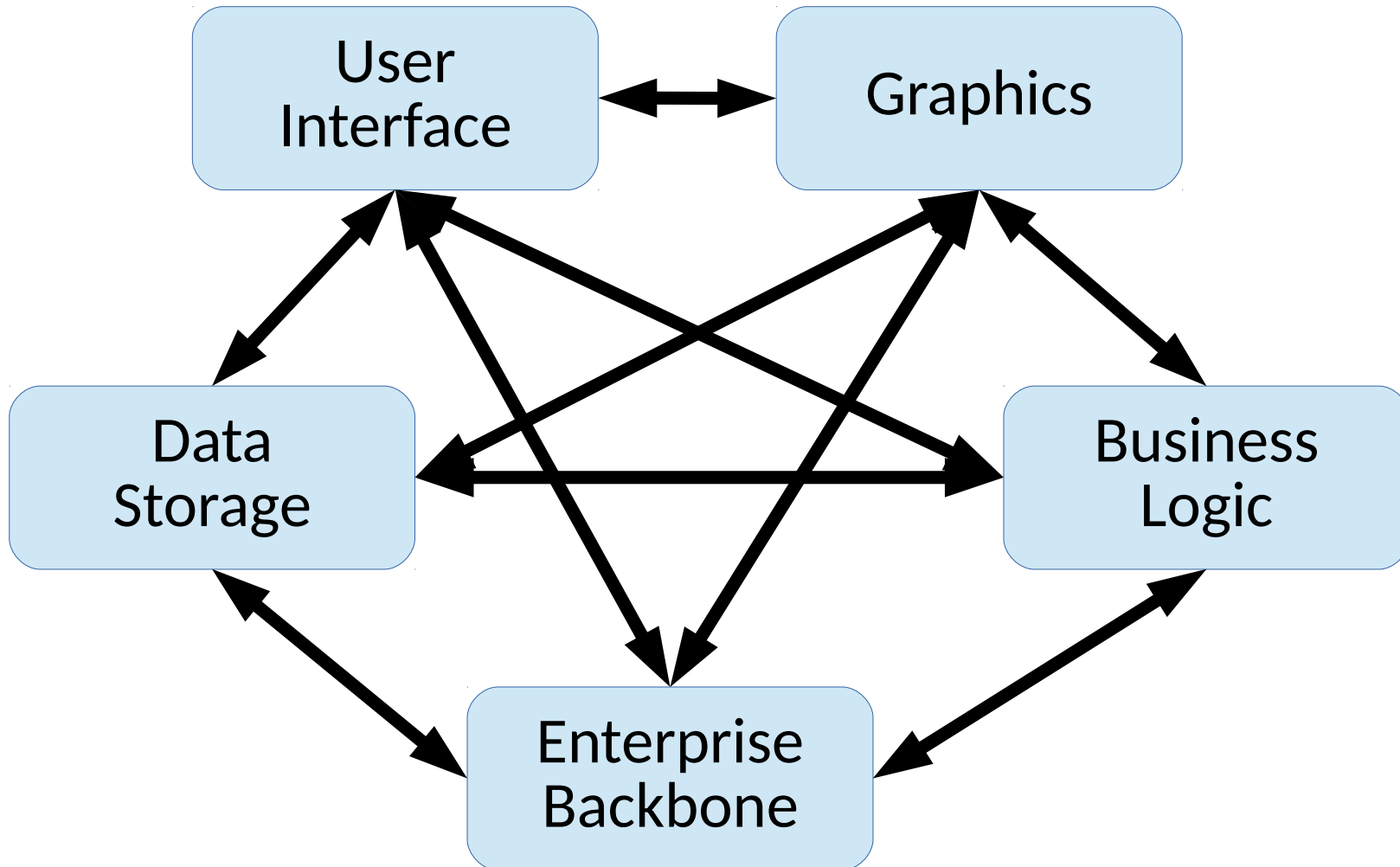
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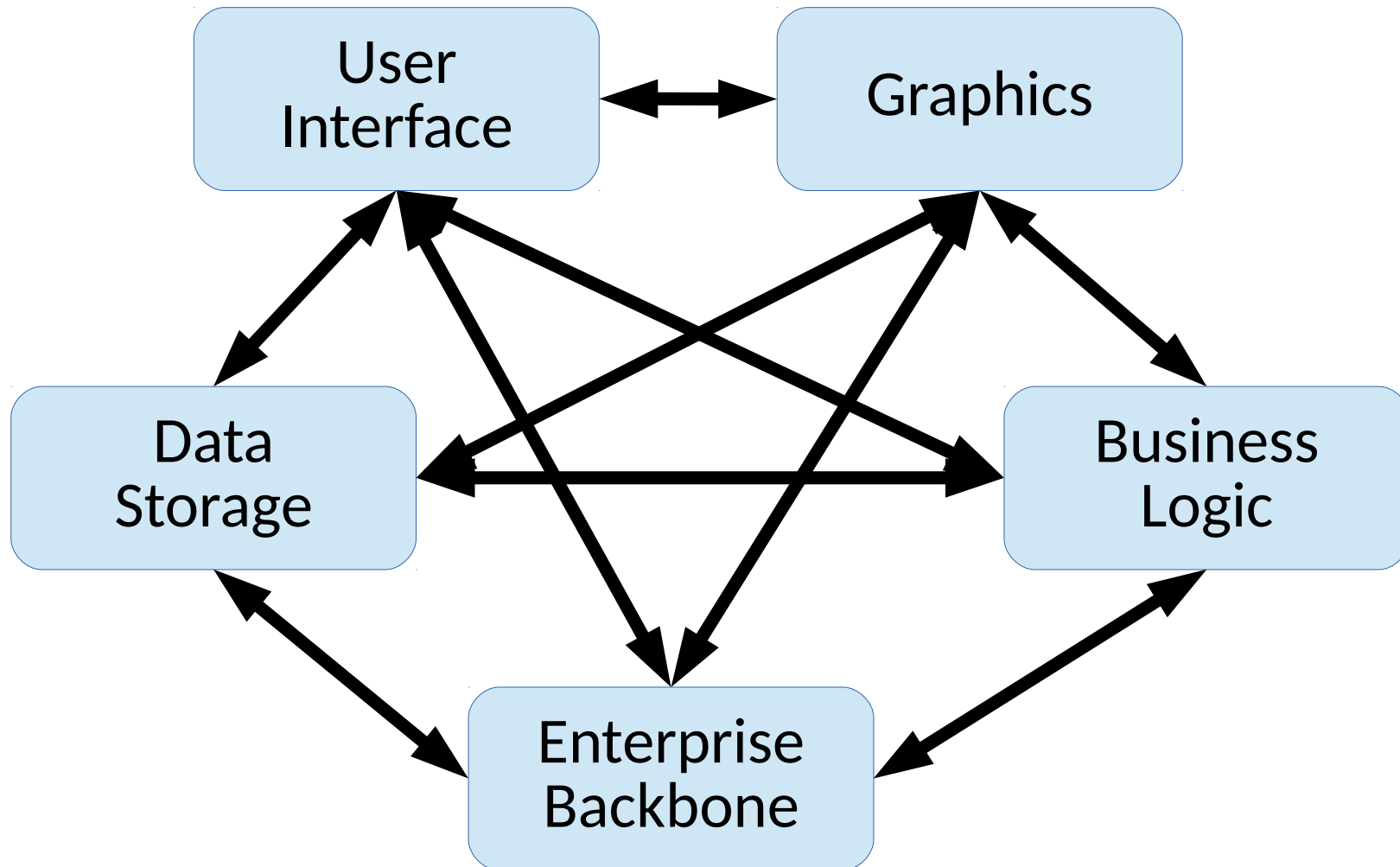
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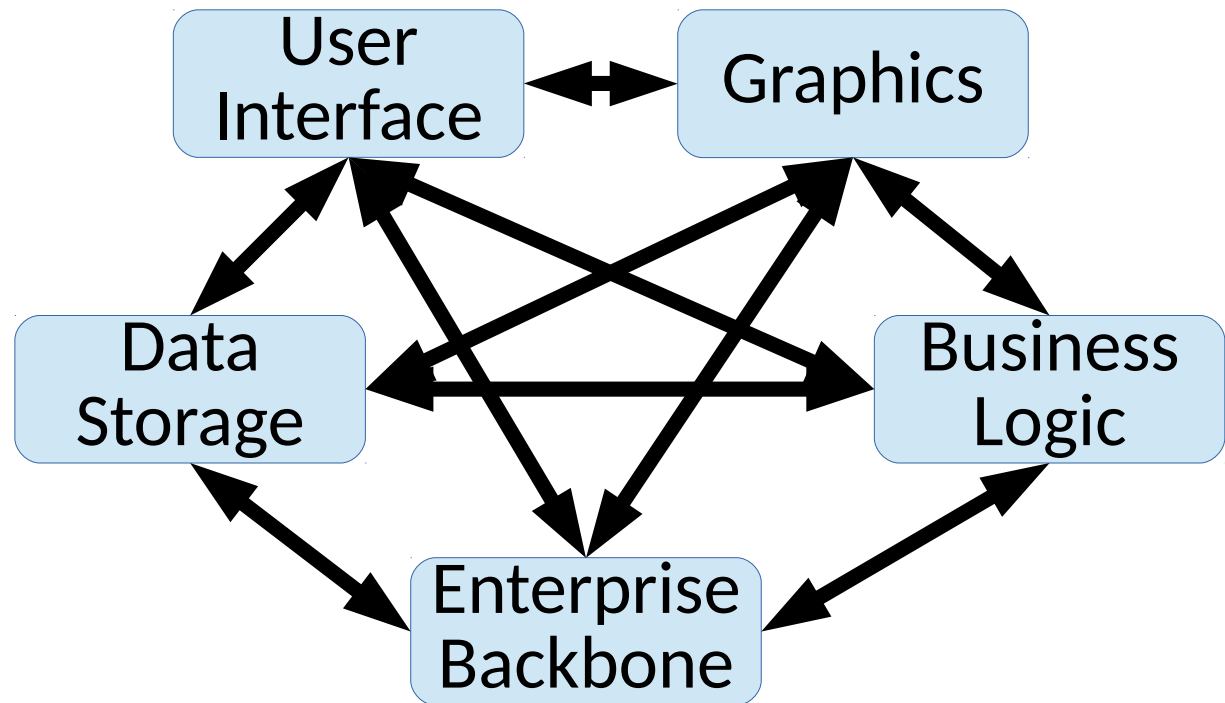


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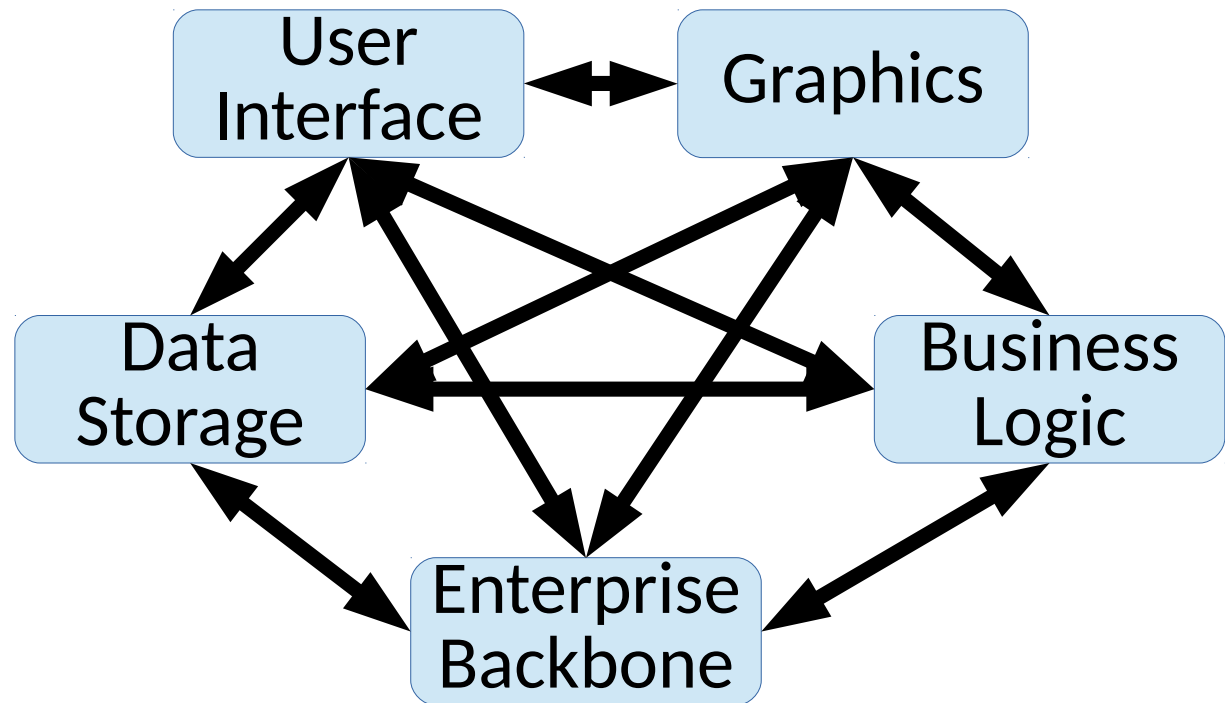
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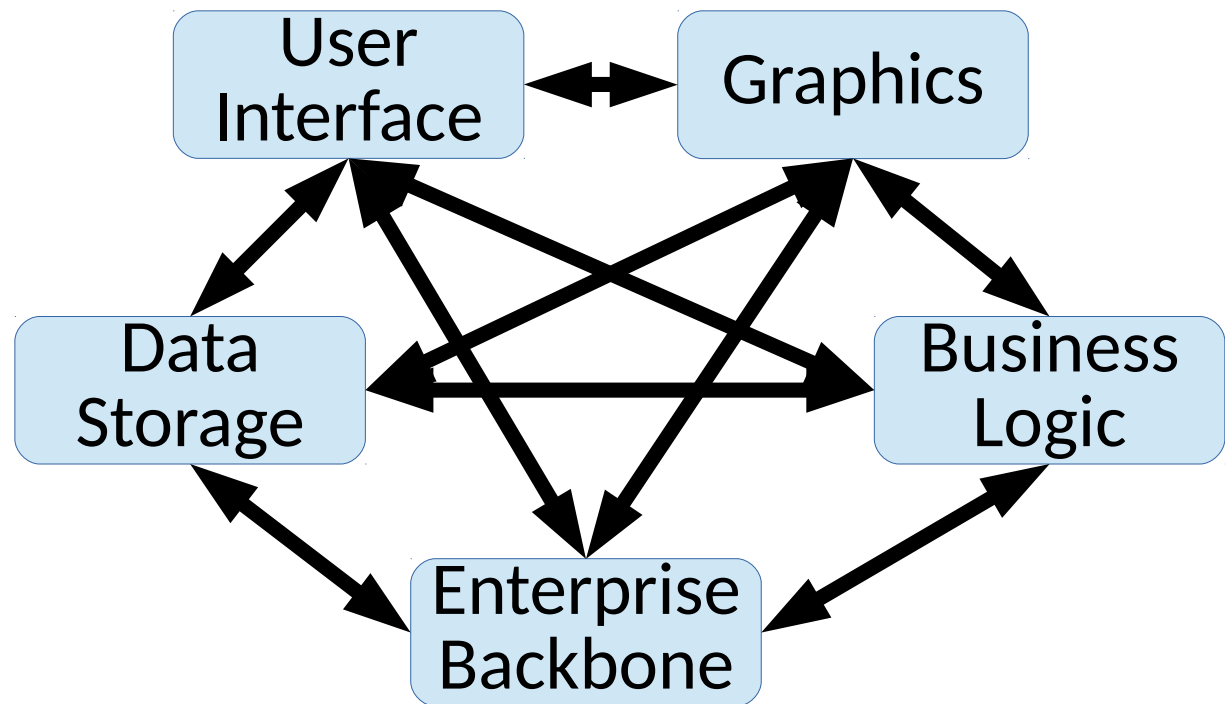
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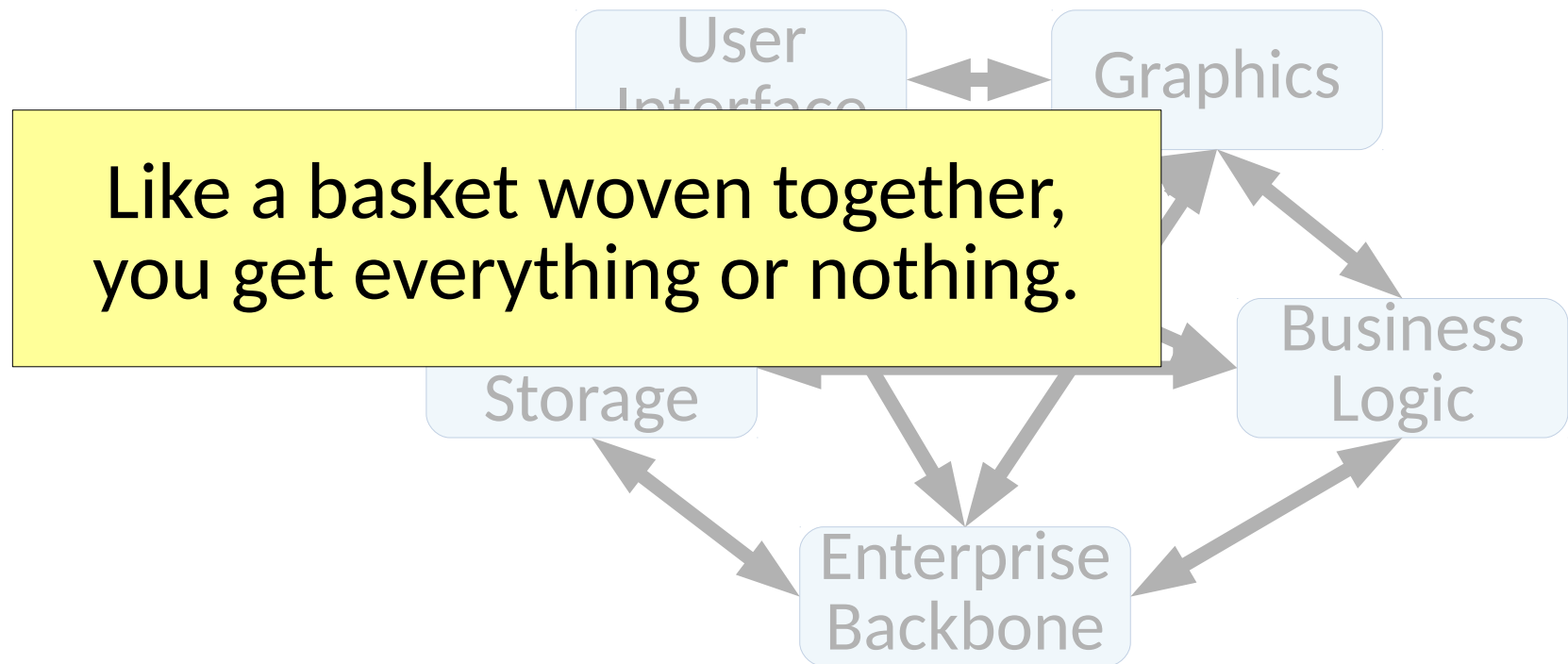
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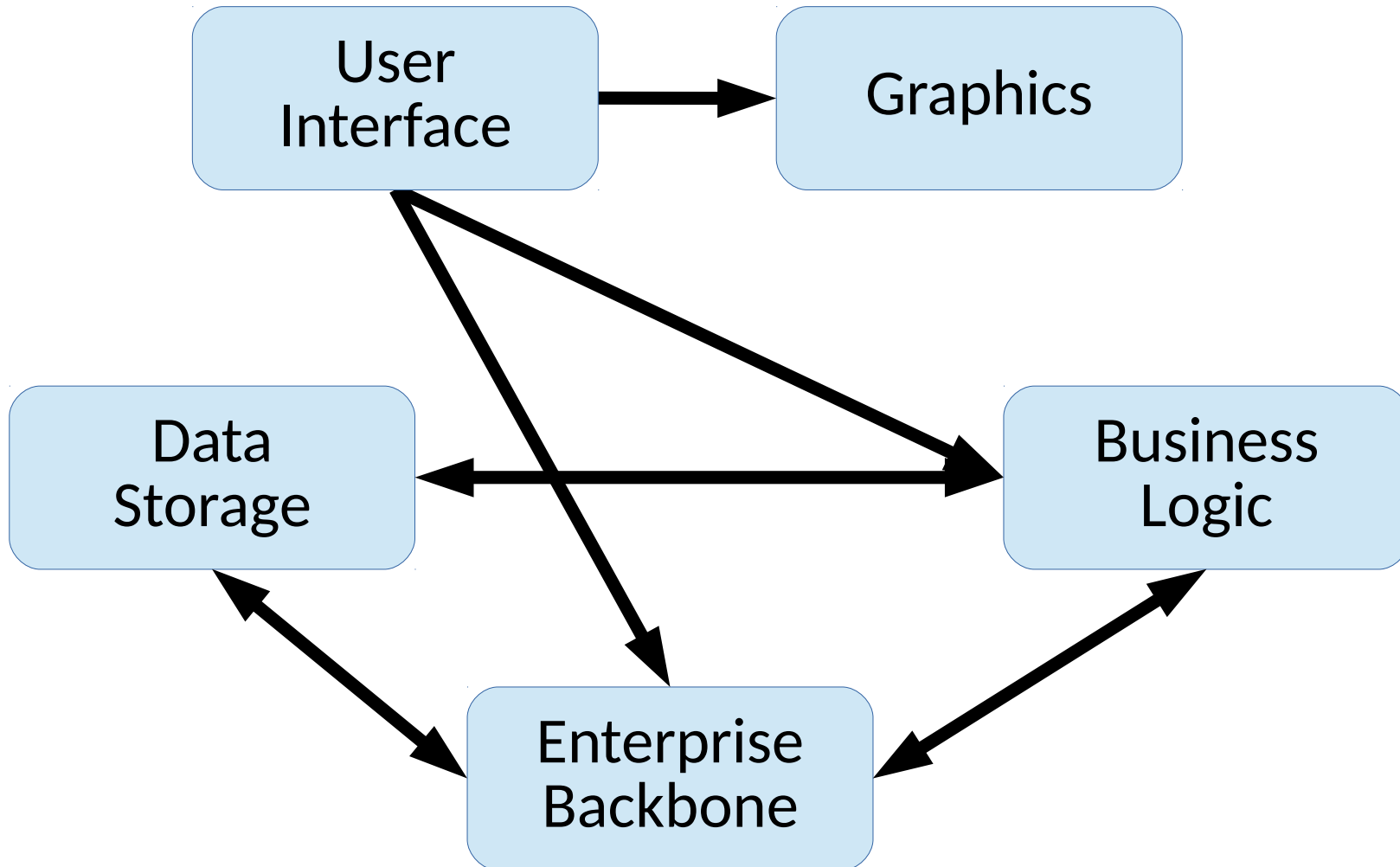


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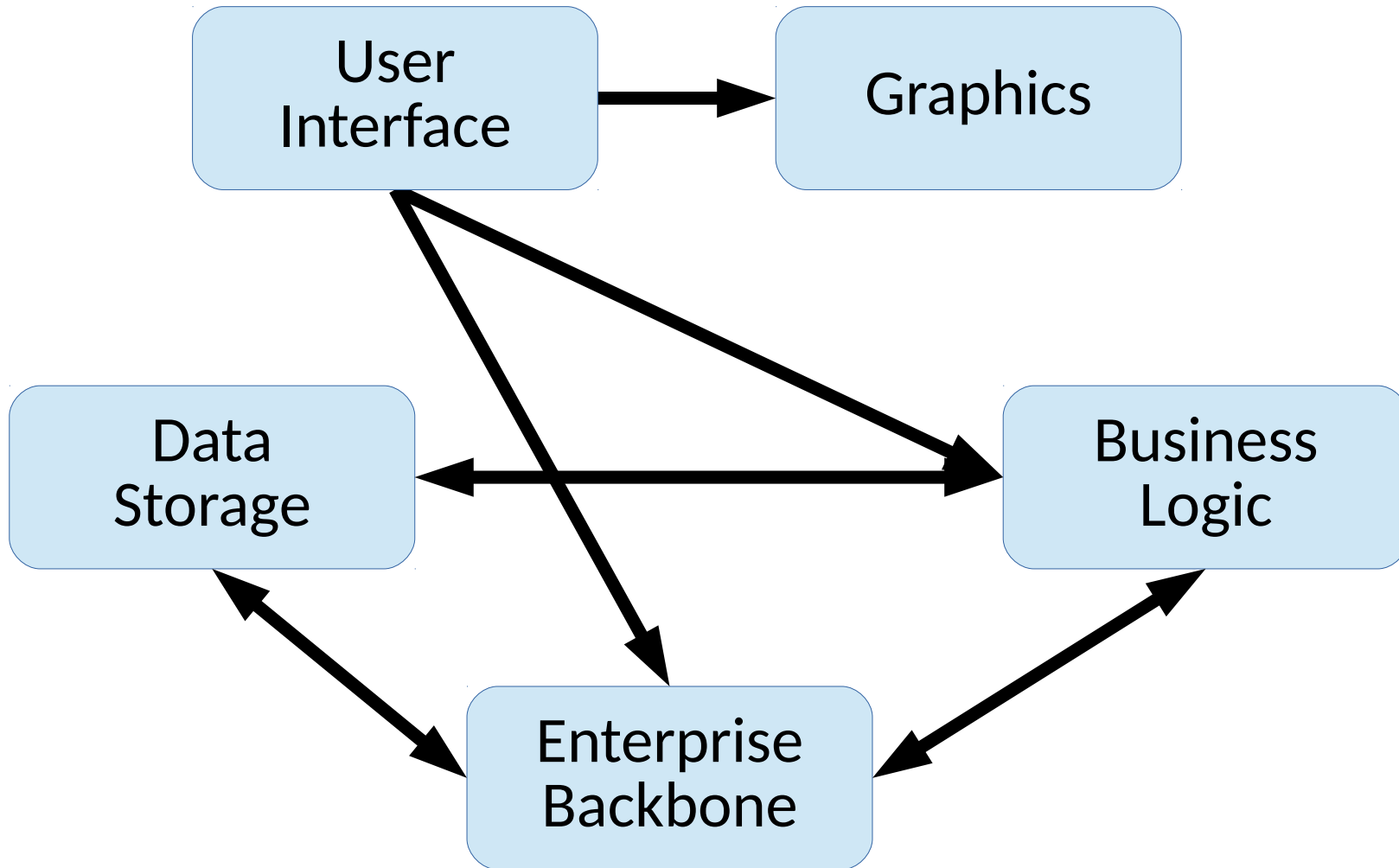
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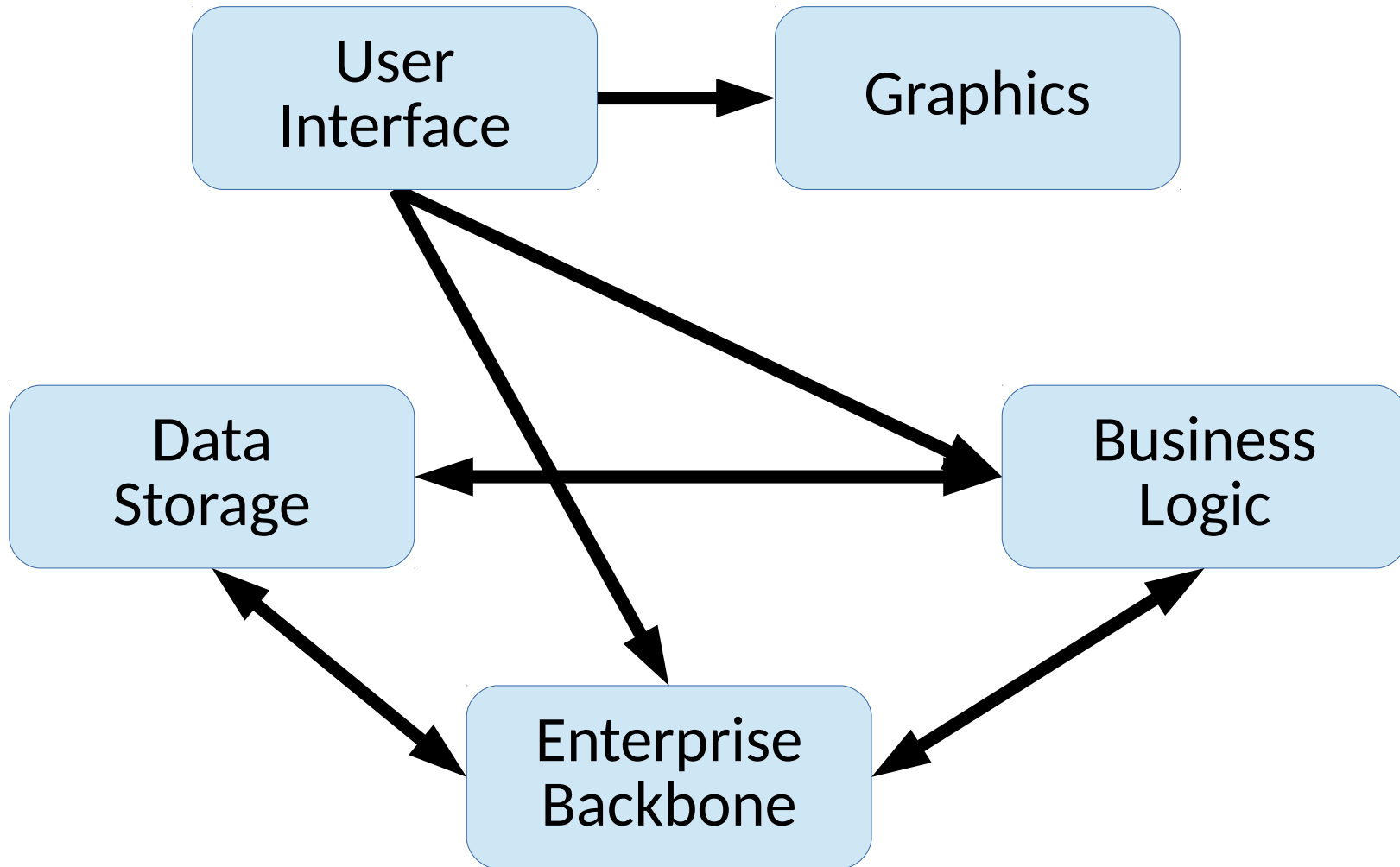


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A good design should be ***hard to misuse***

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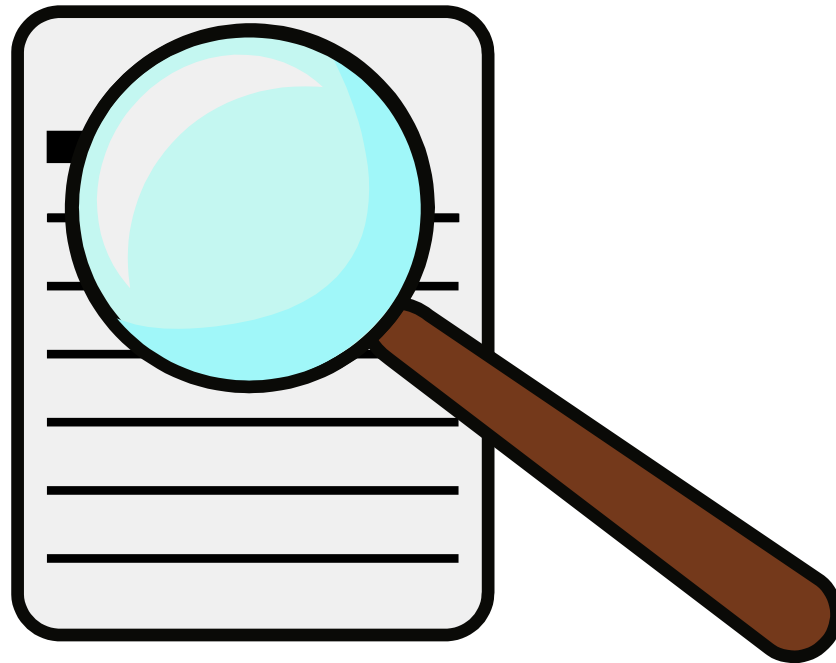
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  - **Difficulty making a change**

# Experience

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- Experience hones your sense of design.
  - Hopefully, our discussions this semester will help you be aware of it.