The simplest way to build resilient applications

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Let’s start with a simple example…

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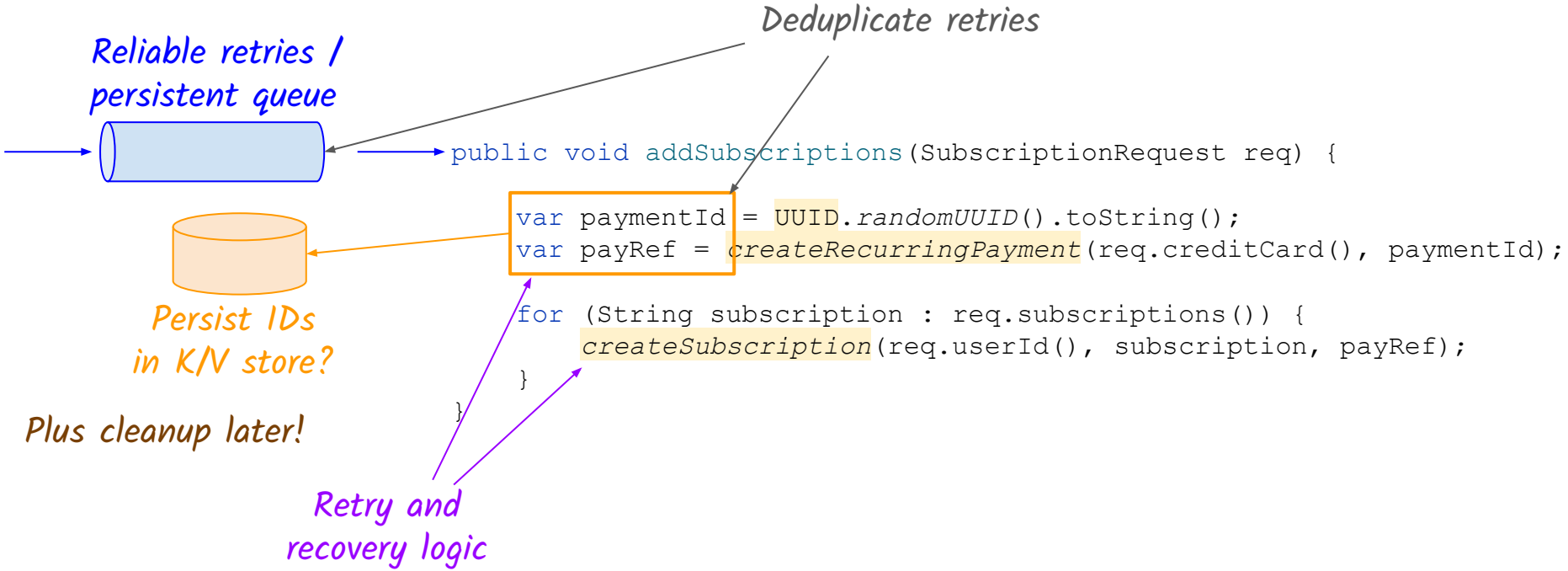
→ How can we make this really reliable?


Deduplicate retries
Reliable retries / persistent queue
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Persist IDs in K/V store?
Plus cleanup later!
Retry and recovery logic

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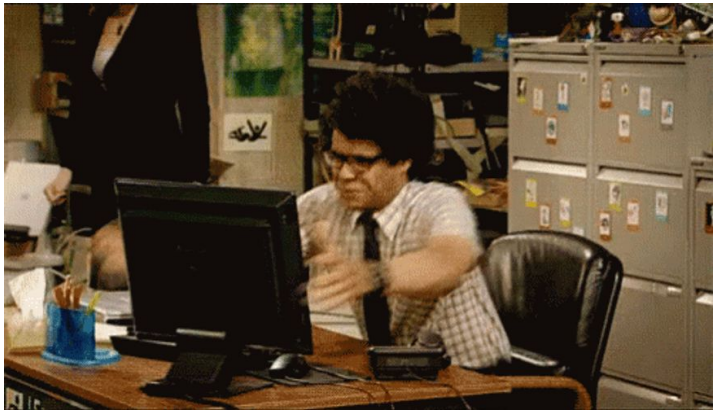

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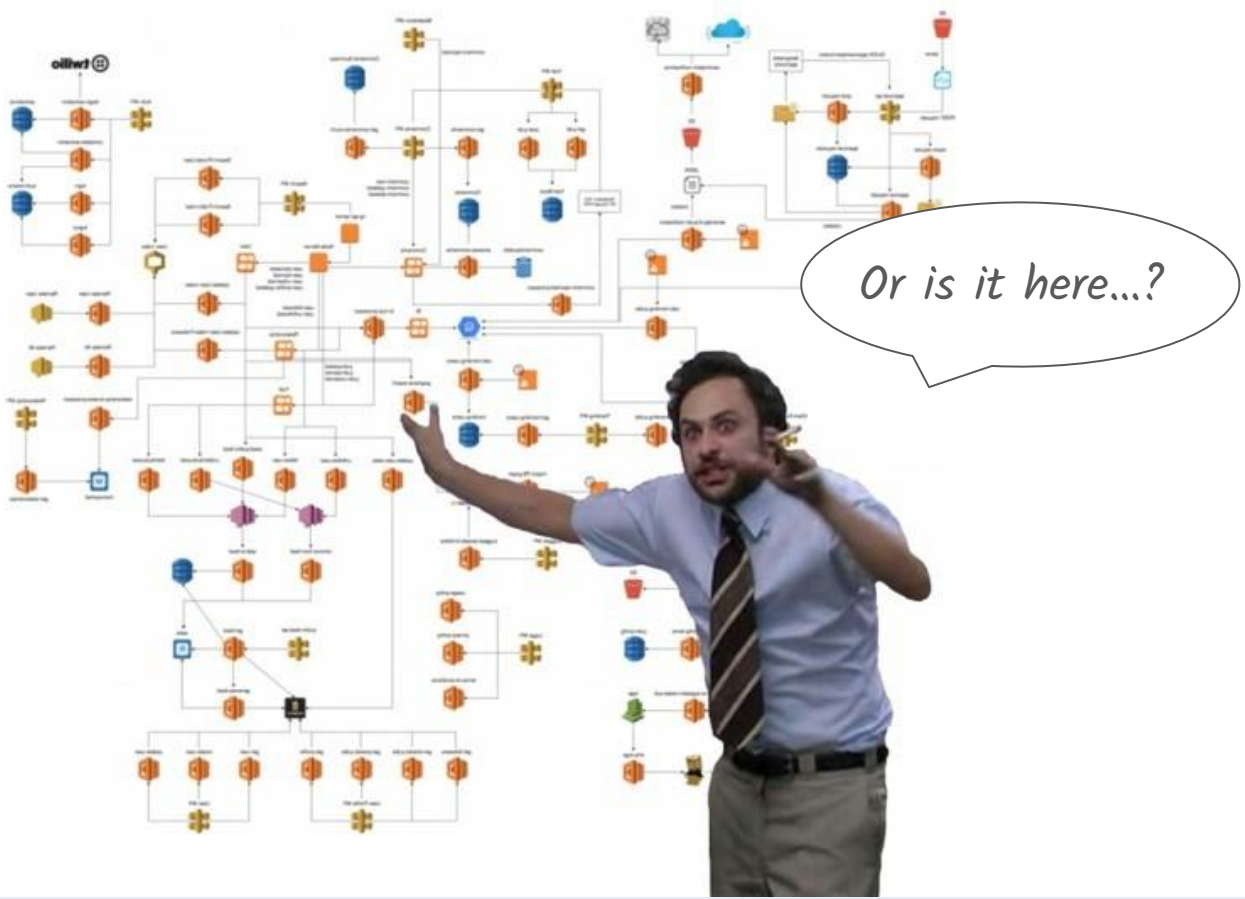

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amazon DynamoDB

redis

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kafka

SQS

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AWS StepFunctions

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QUARTZ + PostgreSQL

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Observability tooling

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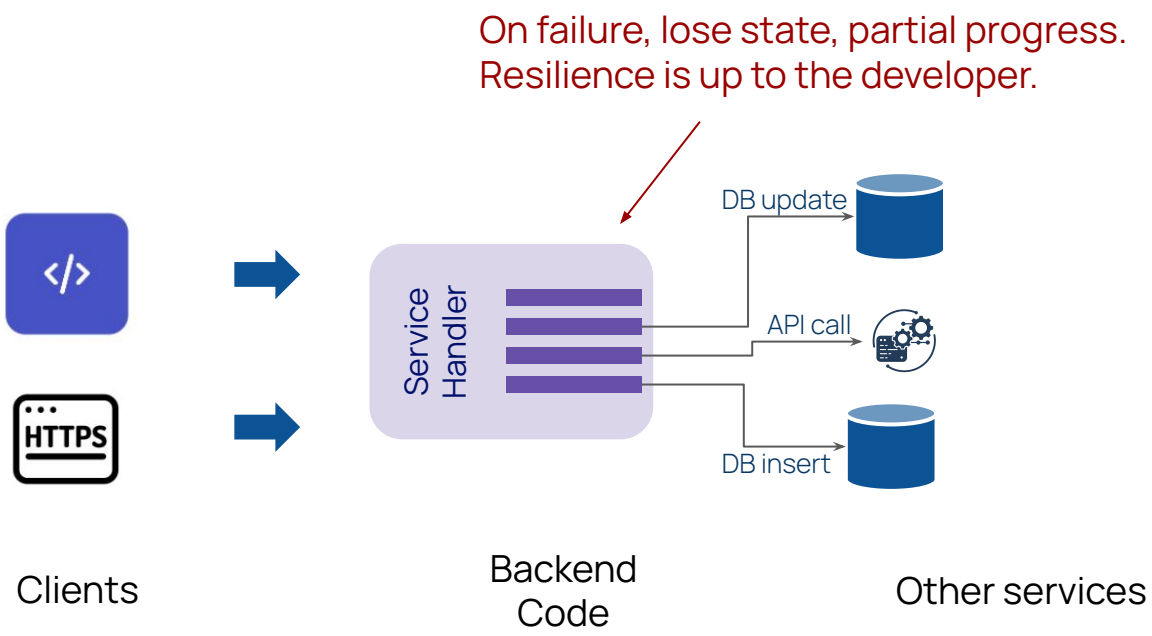
On failure, lose state, partial progress.
Resilience is up to the developer.
HTTPS
Service Handler
DB update
API call
DB insert
Clients
Backend Code
Other services

Restate makes applications innately resilient

Manages resiliency, state, and communication.

Stateful Durable Functions: Resilient without complex state management and recovery logic.

Clients | Restate Server | Backend Code | Other services

A hybrid between a workflow orchestrator and a message broker

Workflows
and sagas

Concurrent
async tasks

State machines,
agents, actors

Kafka event
processing

Durable Execution

💡 Built-in retries and recovery of progress

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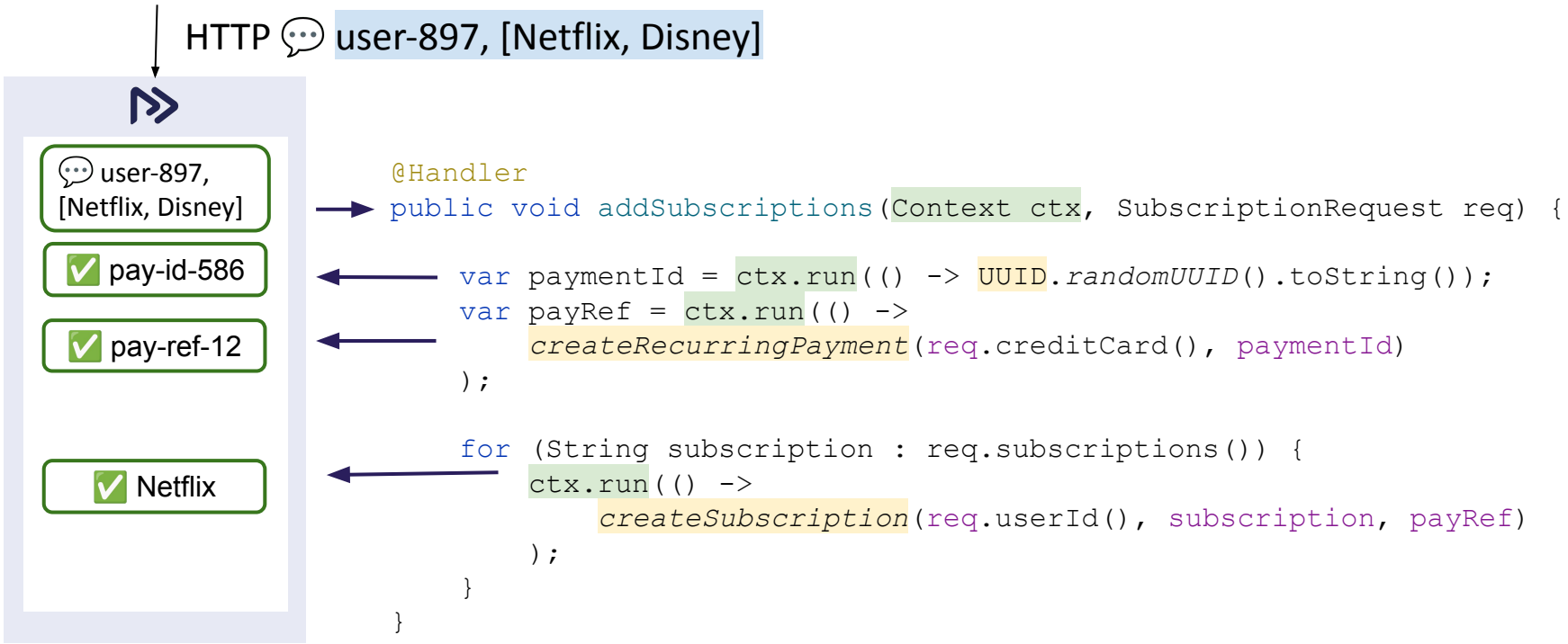
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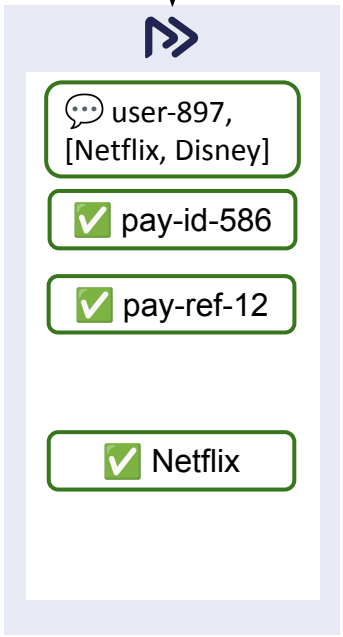


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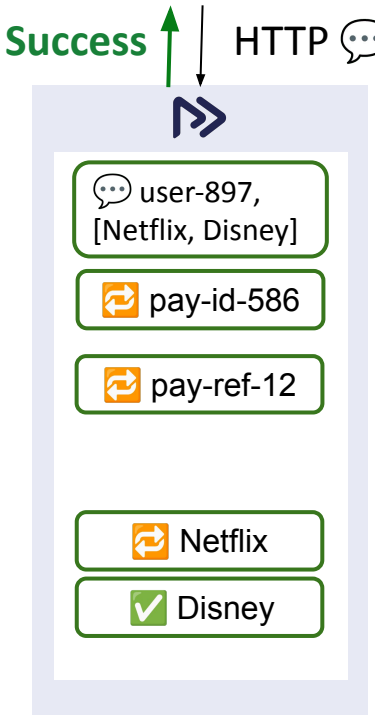


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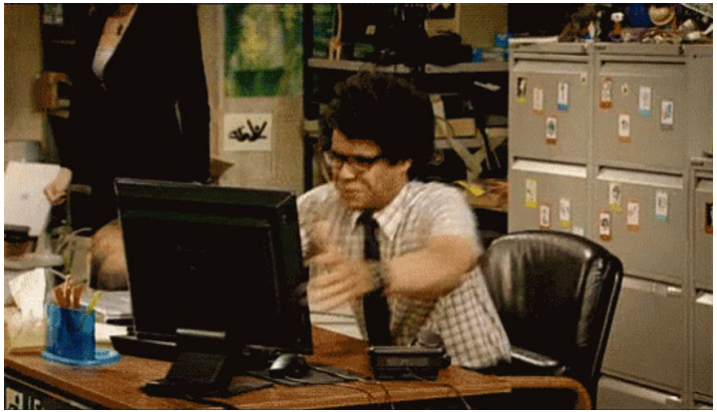

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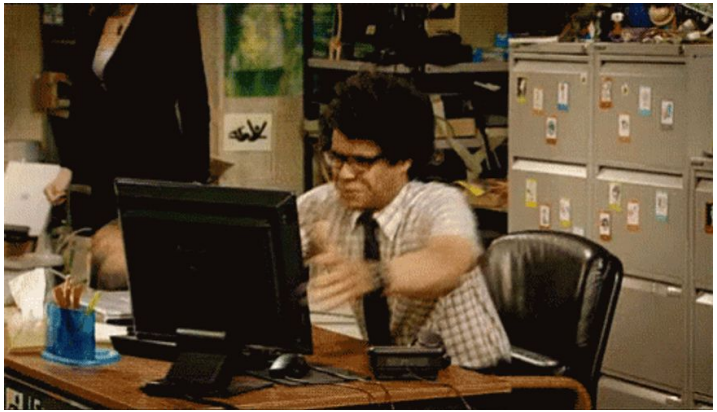

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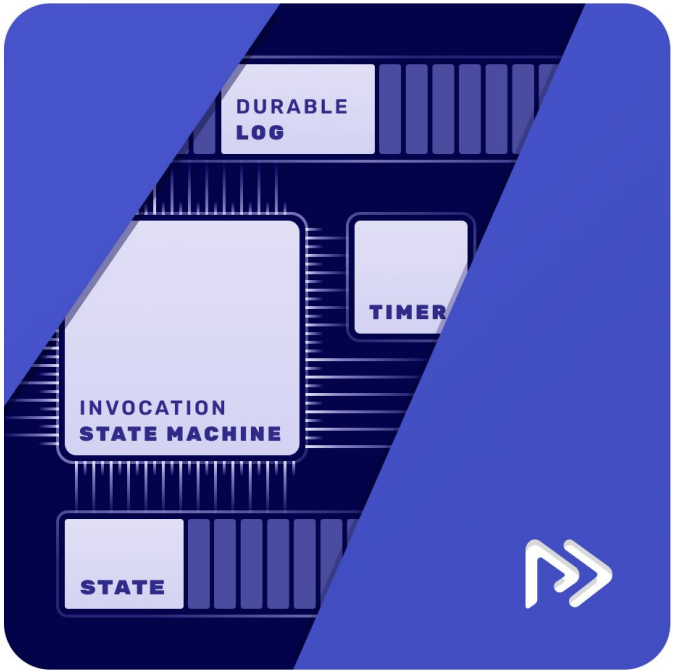
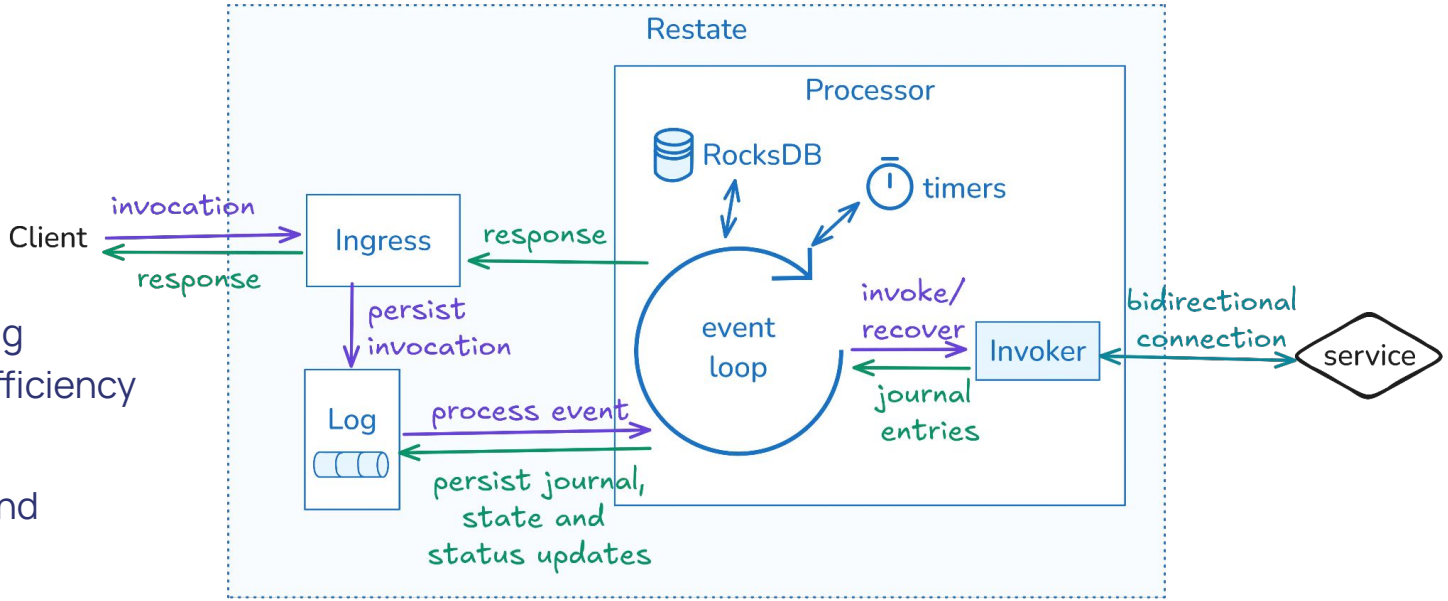
- Single binary, written in Rust
- No need for database, queues, ...
- Distributed setup with snapshots to S3
- Cloud-native failover support
- Open Source



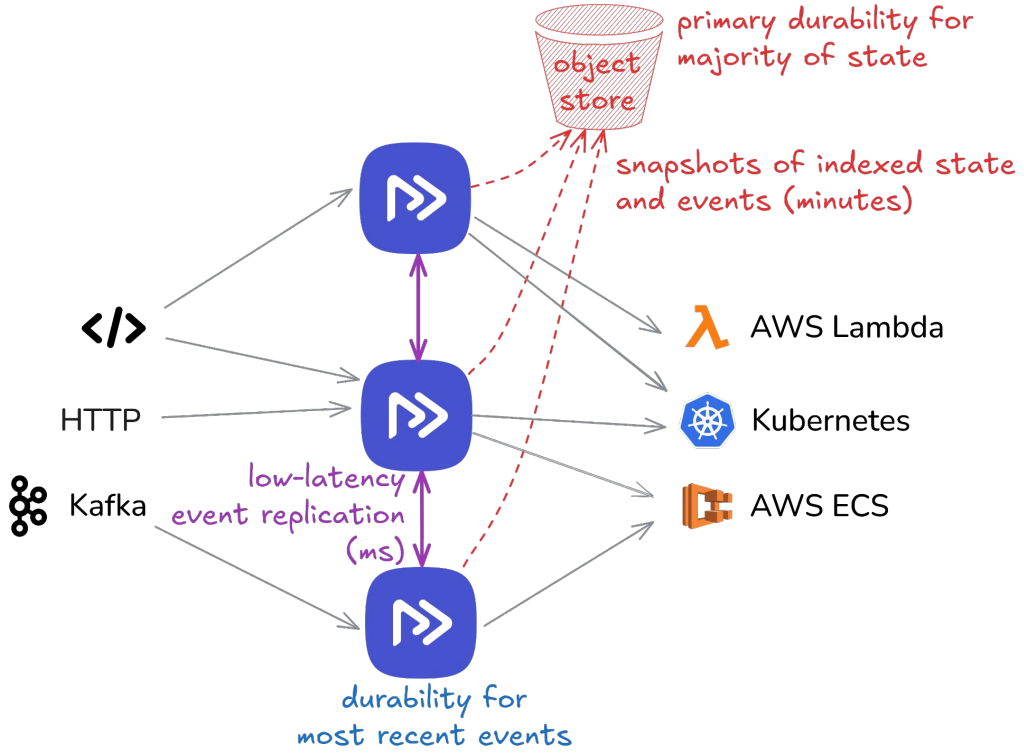
A transactional stateful stream processing engine

- Stream-processing architecture for efficiency and low latency
- Co-located logs and processors



Replication + object stores

- Restate clusters replicate events between nodes for low latency
- The majority of the data is stored on object store



Currently Supported Languages

TypeScript / JavaScript

Java

Kotlin

Python

Go

Rust

What our community builds with Restate

- Workflows/ SAGAs
- AI inference
- Event-driven Services
- Ledgers
- Service Orchestration
- Payment Processing
- Workflow interpreters
- AI Agents
- Webhook ingestion
- Distributed Transactions
- Control Planes
- Stateful Event Processing

A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history, with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila.

- Mitch Ratcliffe -

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