



# Secure by Design

*A novel industry practice*

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This presentation is purely anecdotal.  
But, we would welcome rigorous studies.





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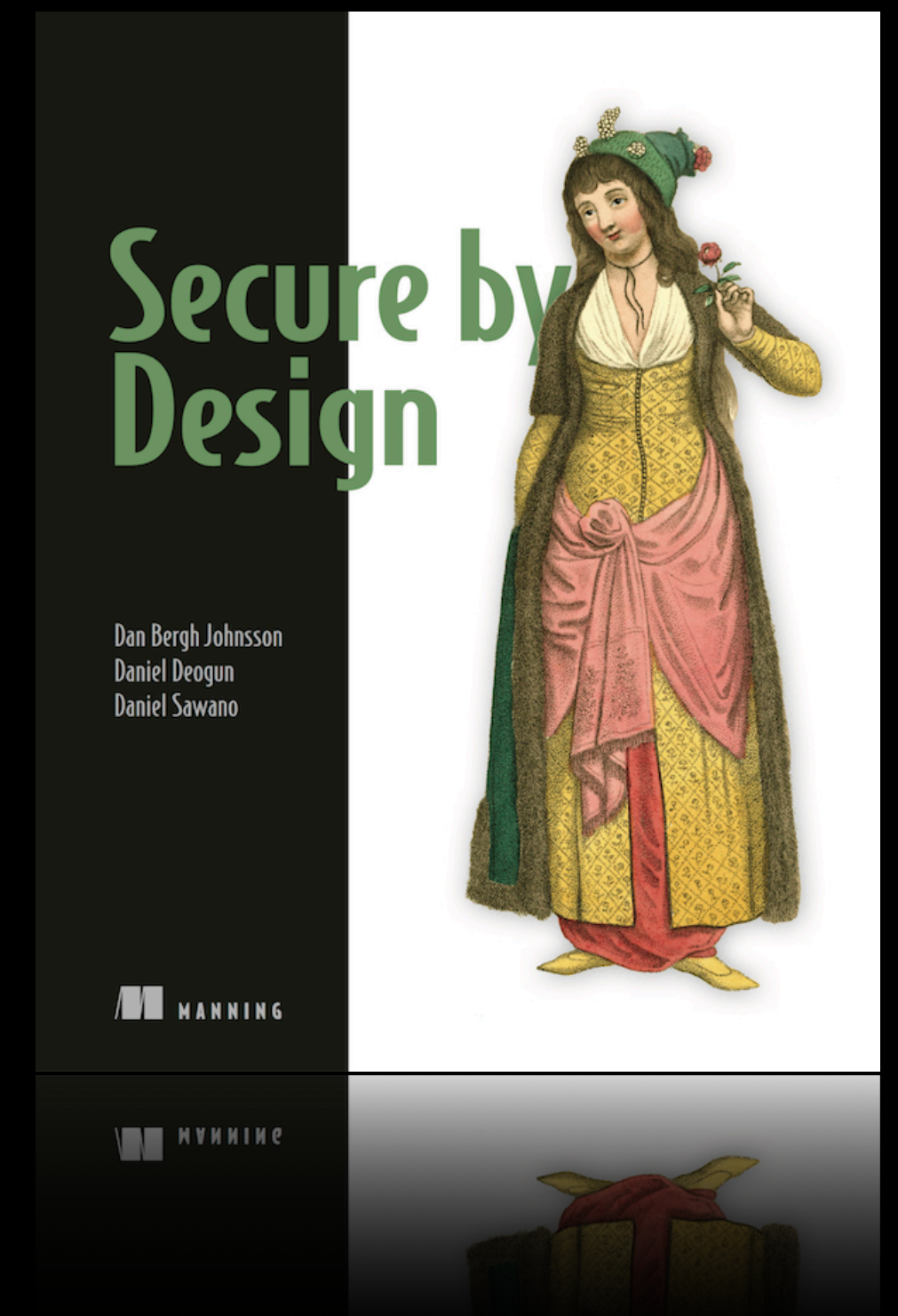


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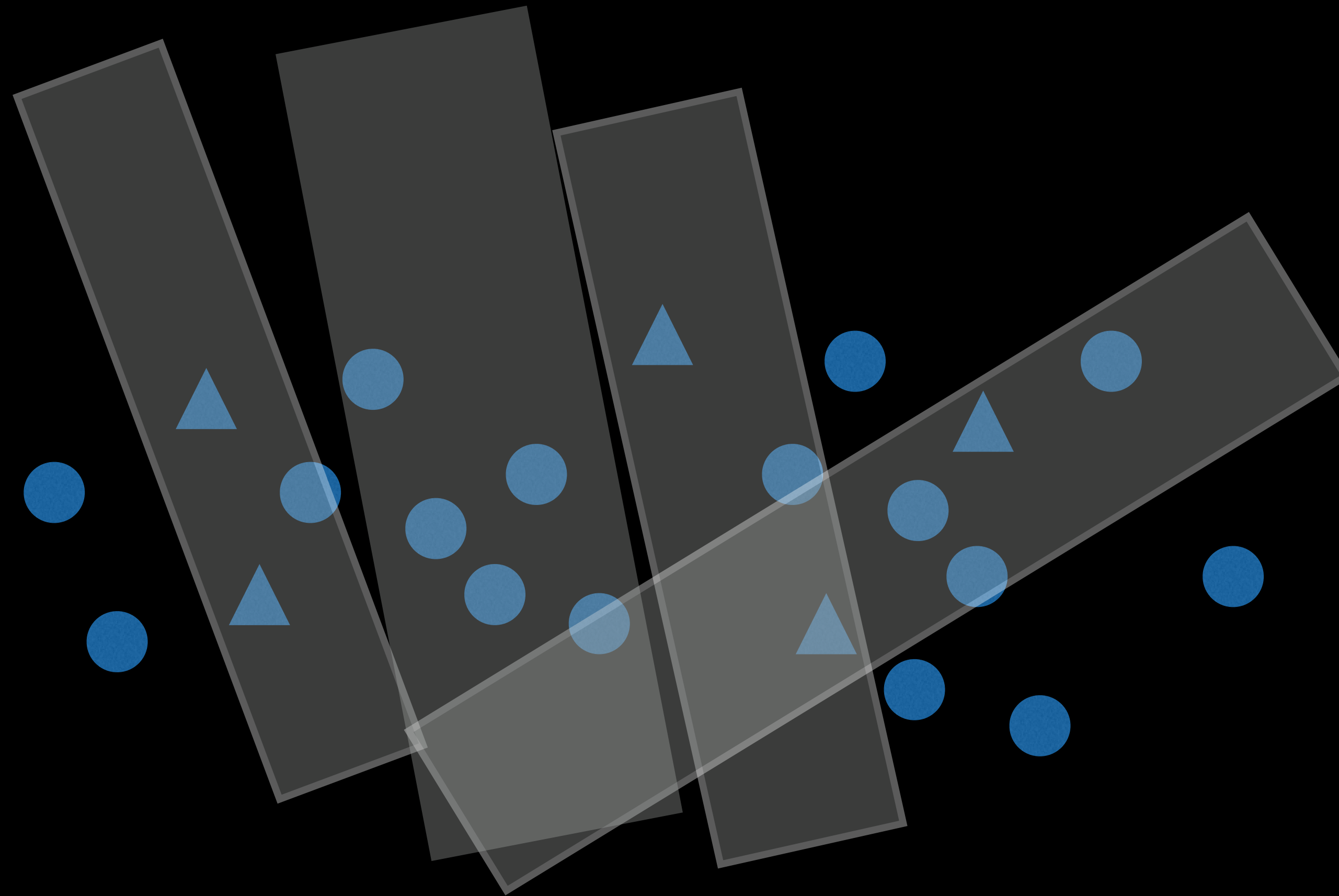
# Some security vulnerabilities

- SQL Injection is often a confidentiality problem
- Business integrity problems
- Patch management

Observation: It is hard to think about security all the time - especially when you have work to do.



# Secure by Design - as method





# Examples of interesting designs

- *Domain Primitives*
- Consistent upon Creation
- Immutability of Objects
- Entity Snapshot
- Testing of extremes
- Taint analysis
- Faults as normal results
- Immutable builds
- Seamless deploy
- Stateless components
- Externalization of configuration
- *3 R's of Enterprise Security*



# Domain Primitives

*“A value object so precise in its definition that it, by its mere existence, manifests its validity is called a Domain Primitive.”*

- Secure by Design

Can only exist if its value is **valid**

Building block that's native to **your domain**

Valid in the **current context**

**Immutable** and resemble a value object in DDD





# Quantity as a Domain Primitive

```
public final class Quantity {  
    private final int value;  
  
    public Quantity(final int value) {  
        inclusiveBetween(1, 99, value);  
  
        this.value = value;  
    }  
  
    //Domain specific quantity operations...  
}
```



# Untangle Inside - Cluttered Entity

```
class Order {  
    private ArrayList<Object> items;  
    private boolean paid;  
  
    public void addItem(String isbn, int qty) {  
        if(this.paid == false) {  
            notNull(isbn);  
            inclusiveBetween(10, 10, isbn.length());  
            isTrue(isbn.matches("[0-9X]*"));  
            isTrue(isbn.matches("[0-9]{9}[0-9X]"));  
  
            Book book = bookCatalogue.findByISBN(isbn);  
  
            if (inventory.availableBooks(isbn) >= qty) {  
                items.add(new OrderLine(book, qty));  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    //Other logic...  
}
```



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# De-Cluttered Entity

```
class Order {  
    private ArrayList<Object> items;  
    private boolean paid;  
  
    public void addItem(ISBN isbn, Quantity qty) {  
        notNull(isbn);  
        notNull(qty);  
  
        if(this.paid == false) {  
            Book book = bookCatalogue.findByISBN(isbn);  
  
            if (inventory.availableBooks(isbn).greaterThanOrEqualTo(qty)) {  
                items.add(new OrderLine(book, qty));  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    //Other logic...  
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# The R's of Enterprise Security



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# Advanced Persistent Threat (APT)

- APT is a type of attack that often result in significant data loss or damage.
- Performed over a long period of time & involves advanced techniques
- Several vulnerabilities in combination are often used to exploit the system
- Exploiting the fact that things seldom change
  - servers
  - credentials
  - ip-addresses
  - non-patched bugs tend to open up for attacks, e.g.
    - Baltimore City Ransomware
    - NotPetya attack on Ukraine
    - Heartbleed in OpenSSL



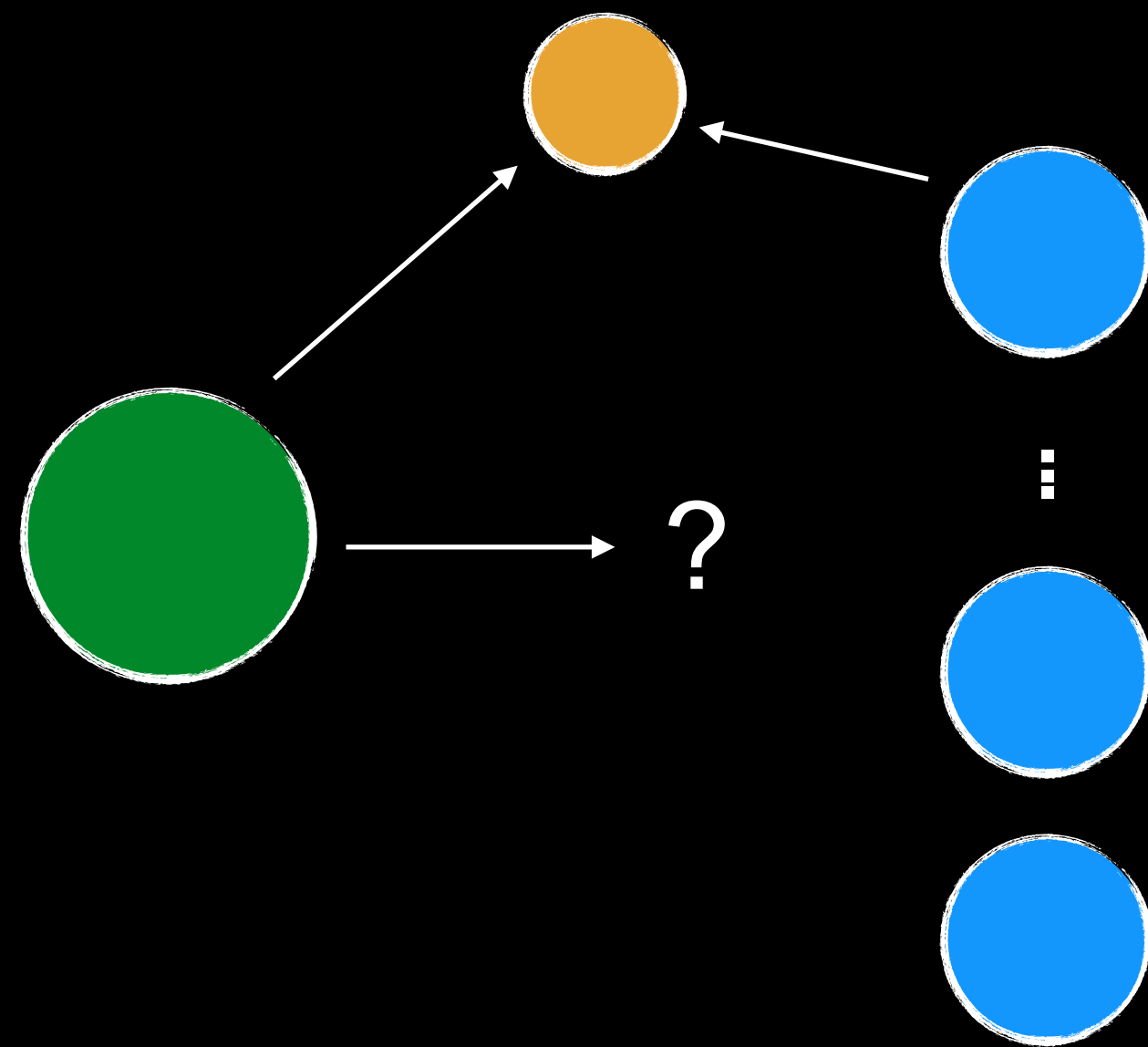
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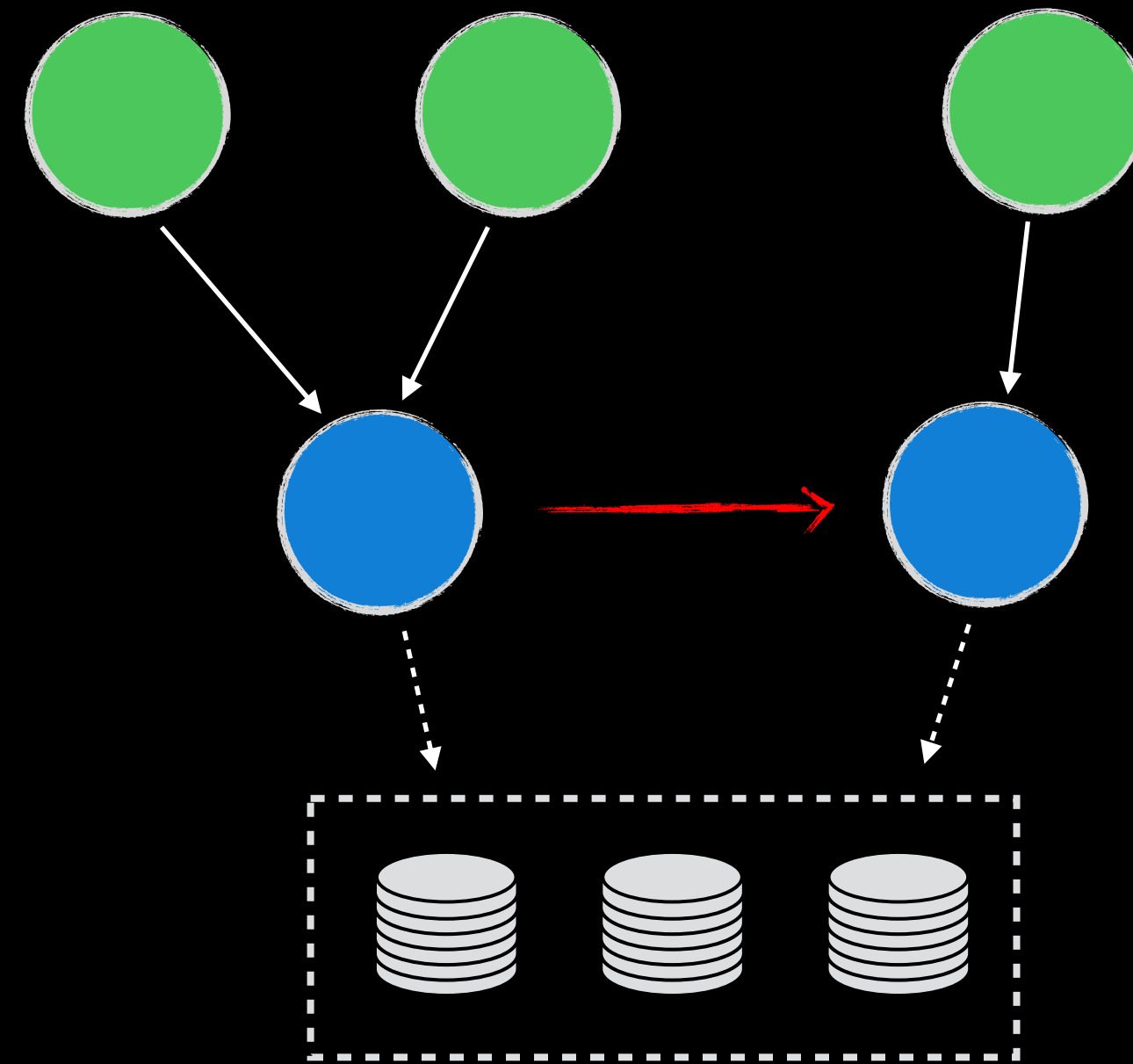
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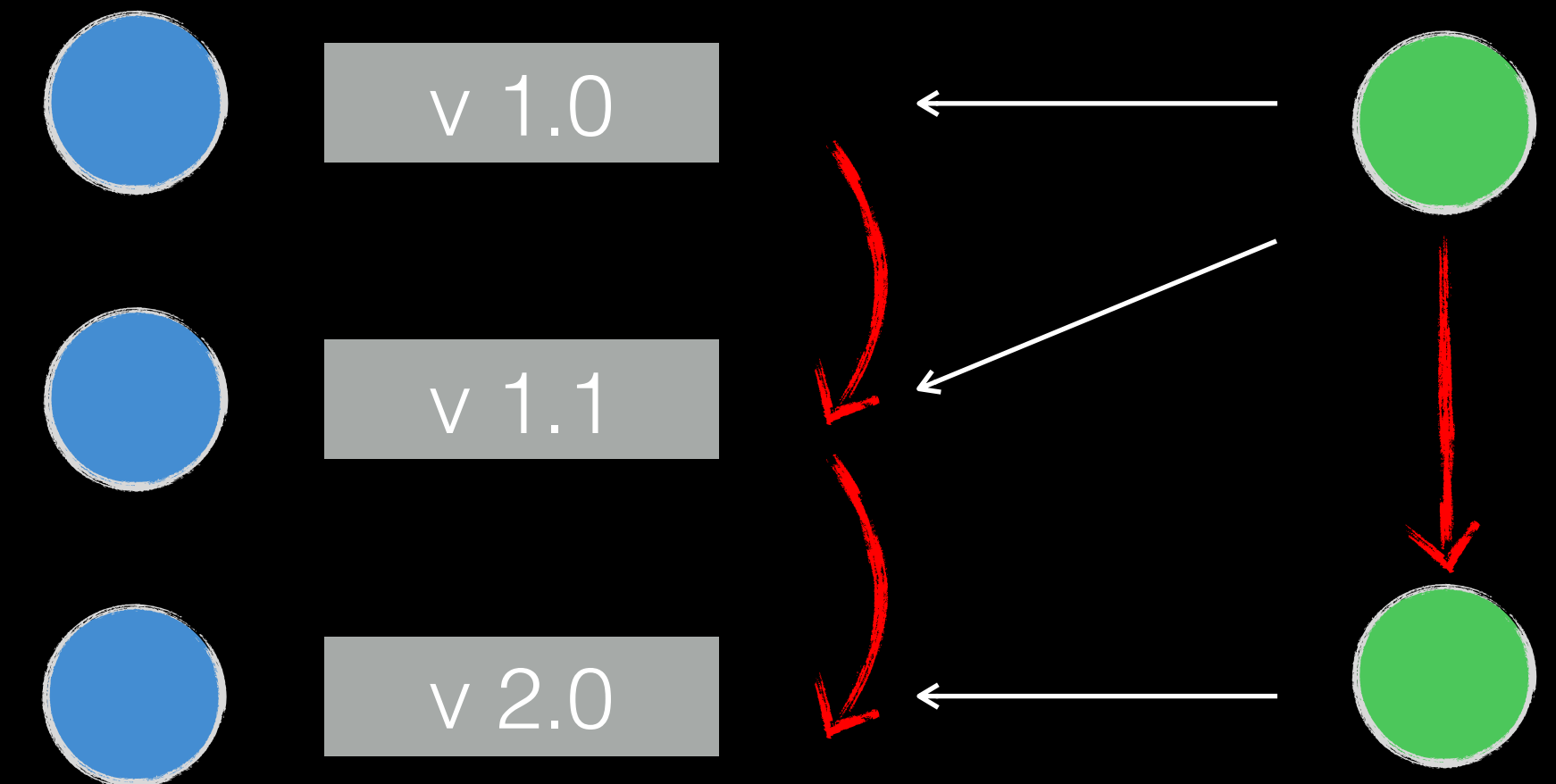
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Service Discovery



Stateless Services



Expand / Contract APIs



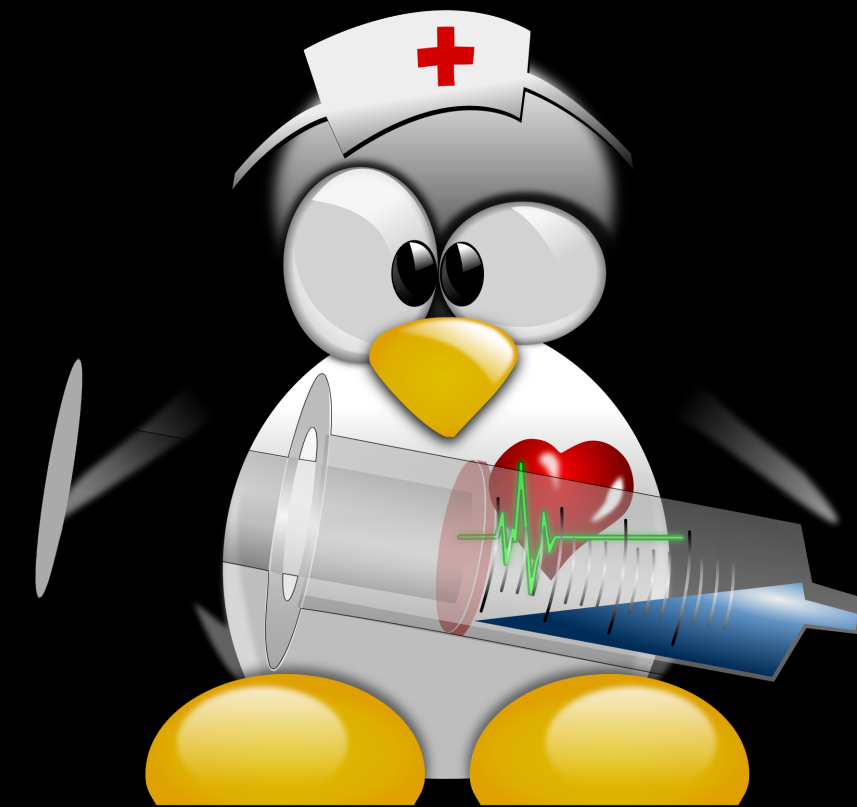
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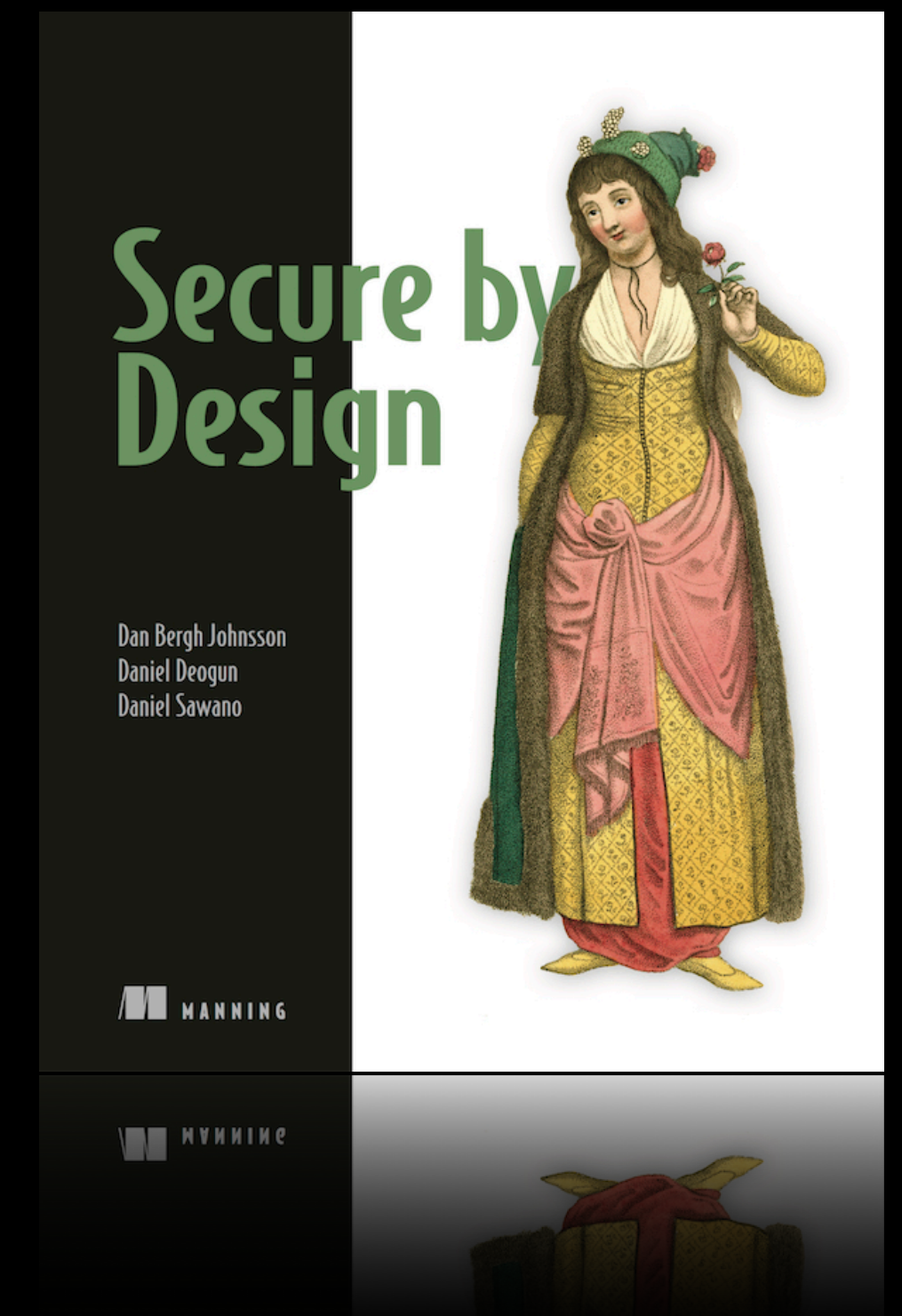
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