Fundamentals of distributed systems

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The importance for you

- Information about the current “inflection point”
  - Mature
    - Mainframe, desktop, graphical user interface, client/server…
  - **Evolving**
    - **Devices, online services, distributed processing…**
  - Emerging
    - Quantum computing, biodevices…

The old times

```
10 PRINT "HELLO WORLD"
20 END
```

Windows “Hello World”

```
#include <windows.h>

LRESULT CALLBACK WndProc (HWND, UINT, WPARAM, LPARAM) ;

int WINAPI WinMain (HINSTANCE hInstance, HINSTANCE
        hPrevInstance,
                PSTR szCmdLine, int iCmdShow)
{
    static TCHAR szAppName[] = TEXT ("Hello World") ;
    HWND         hwnd ;
    MSG          msg ;
    WNDCLASS     wndclass ;

    wndclass.style         = CS_HREDRAW | CS_VREDRAW ;
    wndclass.lpfnWndProc   = WndProc ;
    wndclass.cbClsExtra    = 0 ;
    wndclass.cbWndExtra    = 0 ;
    wndclass.hInstance     = hInstance ;
    wndclass.hIcon         = LoadIcon (NULL, IDI_APPLICATION) ;
    wndclass.hCursor       = LoadCursor (NULL, IDC_ARROW) ;
    wndclass.hbrBackground = (HBRUSH) GetStockObject
        (WHITE_BRUSH) ;
    wndclass.lpszMenuName  = NULL ;
    wndclass.lpszClassName = szAppName ;

    if (!RegisterClass (&wndclass))
    {
        MessageBox (NULL, TEXT ("This program requires Windows
         NT!"),
                szAppName, MB_ICONERROR) ;
        return 0 ;
    }

hwnd = CreateWindow (szAppName,                 // window class name
                     TEXT ("Hooray its Hello World"), // window caption
                     WS_OVERLAPPEDWINDOW,       // window style
                     CW_USEDEFAULT,             // initial x position
                     CW_USEDEFAULT,             // initial y position
                     CW_USEDEFAULT,             // initial x size
                     CW_USEDEFAULT,             // initial y size
                     NULL,                    // parent window handle
                     NULL,                    // window menu handle
                     hInstance,                // program instance handle
                     NULL) ;                  // creation parameters

    ShowWindow (hwnd, iCmdShow) ;
    UpdateWindow (hwnd) ;

    while (GetMessage (&msg, NULL, 0, 0))
    {
        TranslateMessage (&msg) ;
        DispatchMessage (&msg) ;
    }
    return msg.wParam ;
}

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        lParam)
{
    HDC         hdc ;
    PAINTSTRUCT ps ;
    RECT        rect ;

    switch (message)
    {
case WM_PAINT:
        hdc = BeginPaint (hwnd, &ps) ;

        GetClientRect (hwnd, &rect) ;

        DrawText (hdc, TEXT ("Hello World , Windows
      style!"), -1, &rect,
                DT_SINGLELINE | DT_CENTER |
      DT_VCENTER) ;
        EndPaint (hwnd, &ps) ;
        return 0 ;

    case WM_DESTROY:
        PostQuitMessage (0) ;
        return 0 ;
    }
    return DefWindowProc (hwnd, message, wParam,
      lParam) ;
}
```

C# “Hello World”

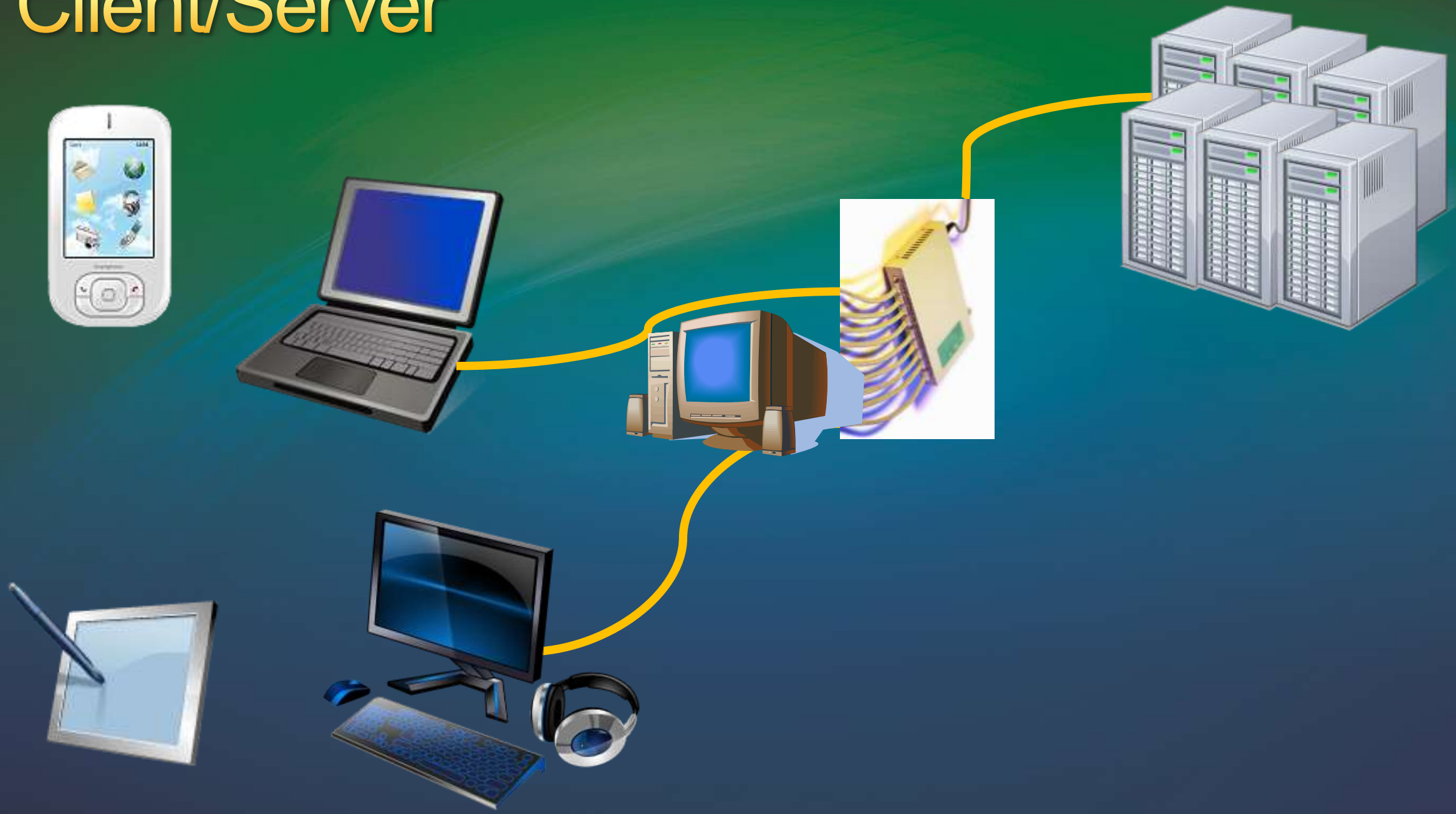
```
using System;

namespace HelloNameSpace
{
    public class HelloWorld
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            Console.WriteLine("Hello World!");
        }
    }
}
```

Mature programming technologies

- Mainframe, desktop, graphical user interface, client/server

Client/Server



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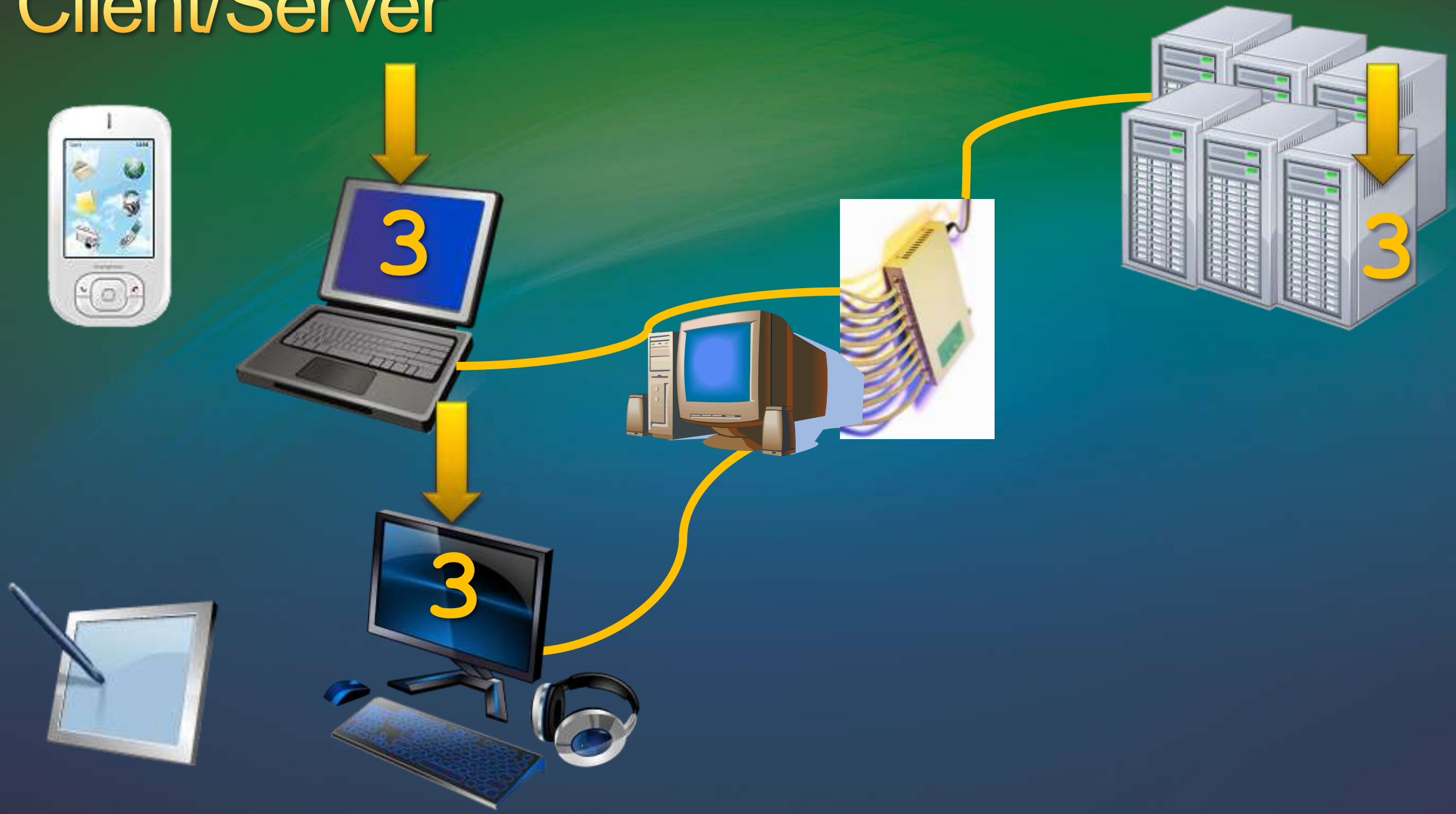

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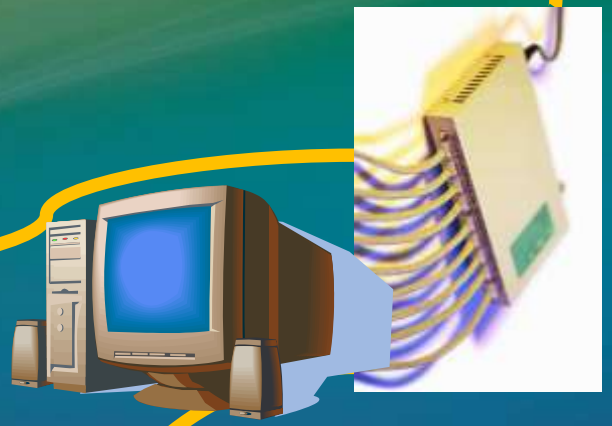

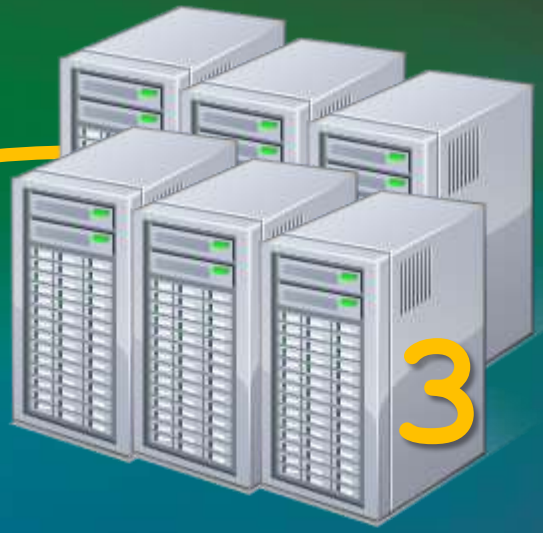

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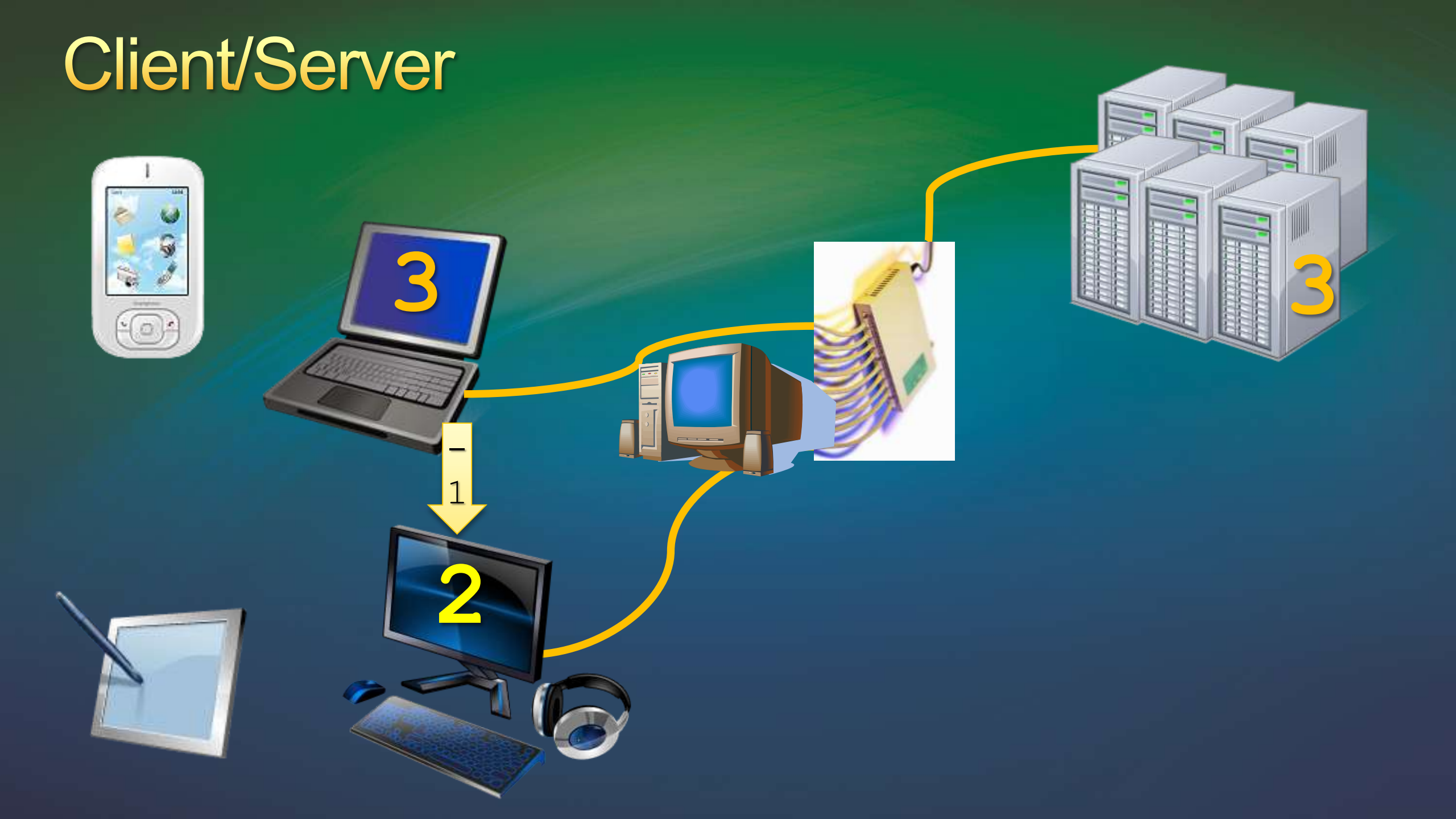

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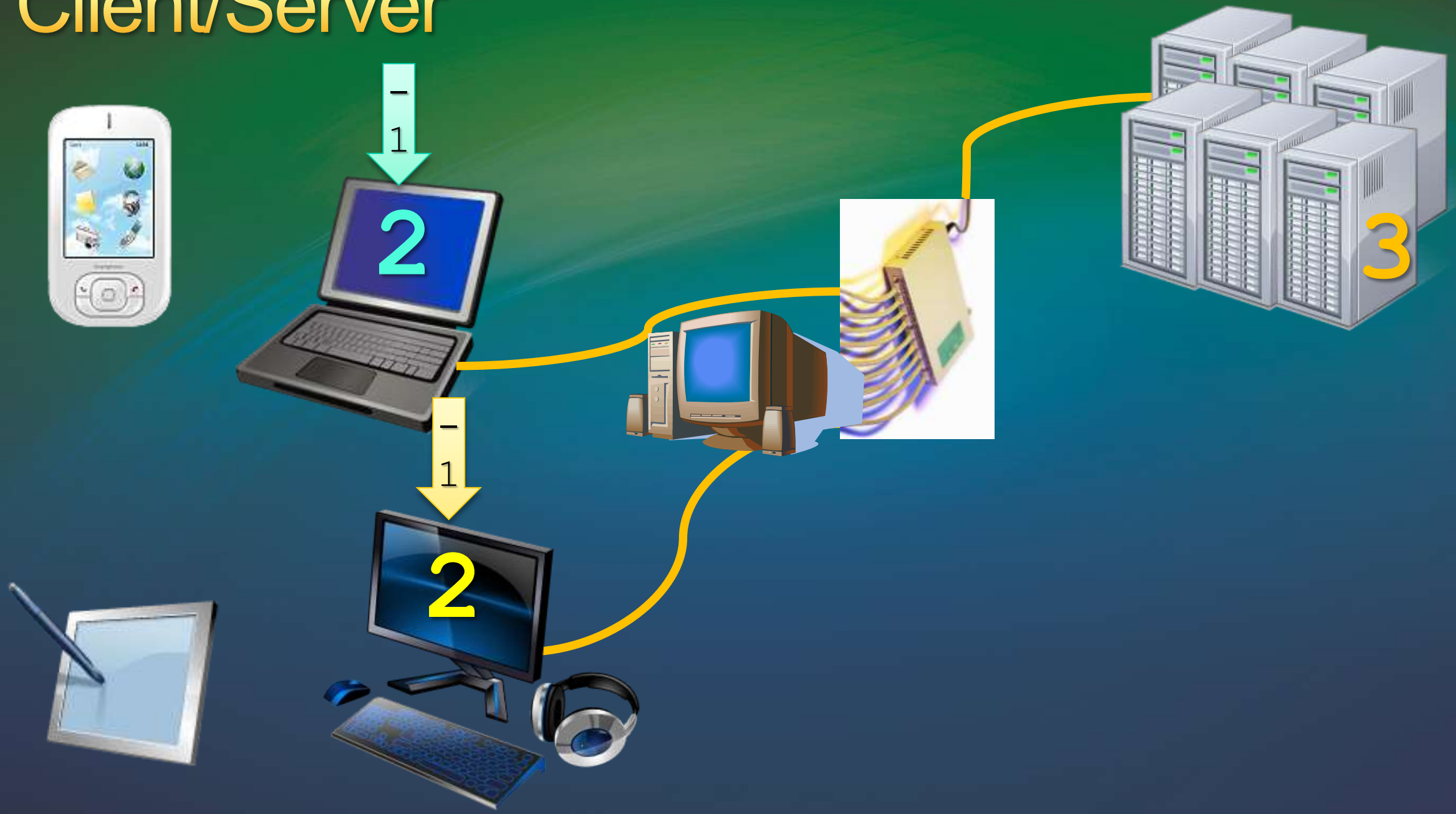

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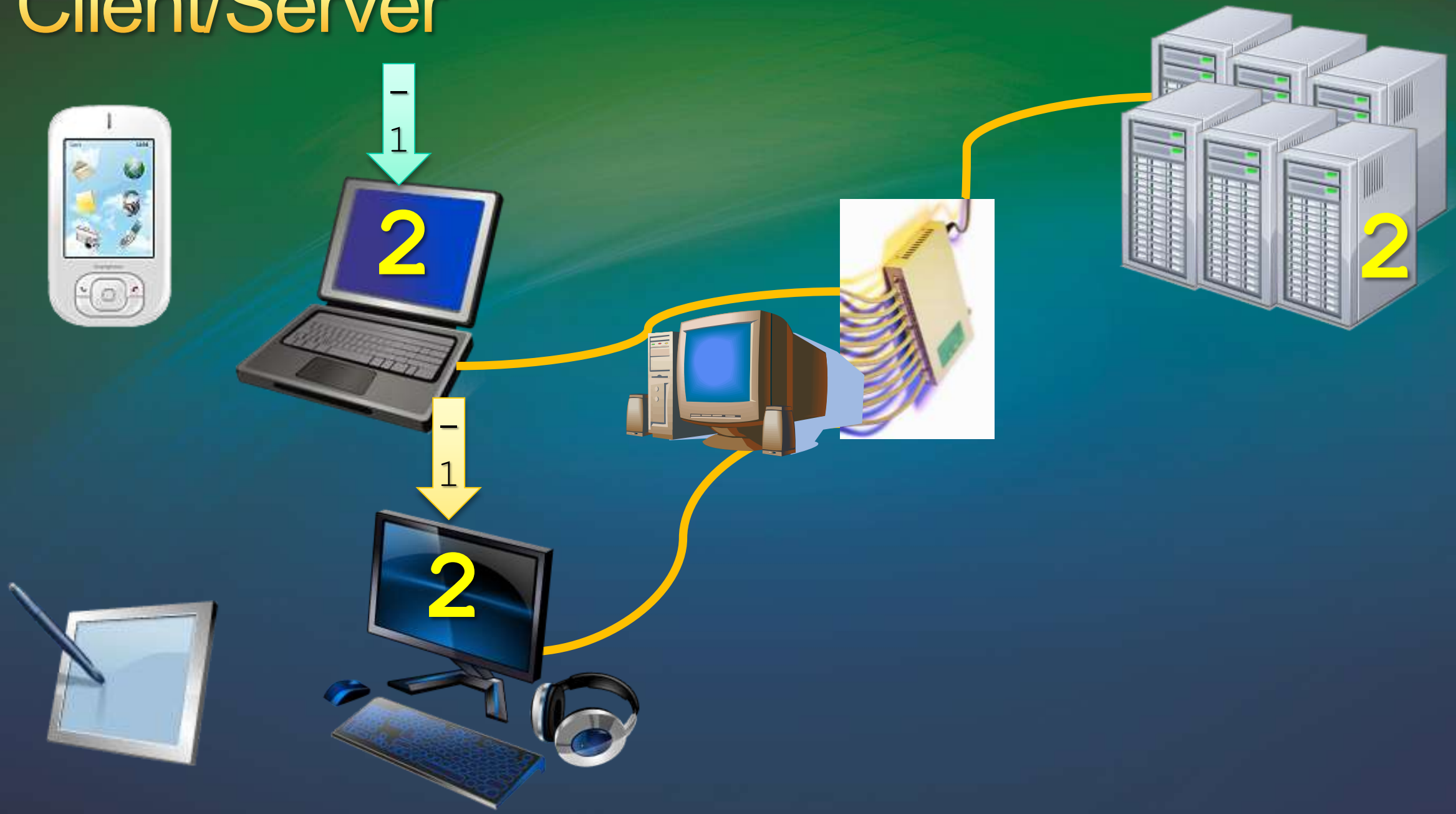

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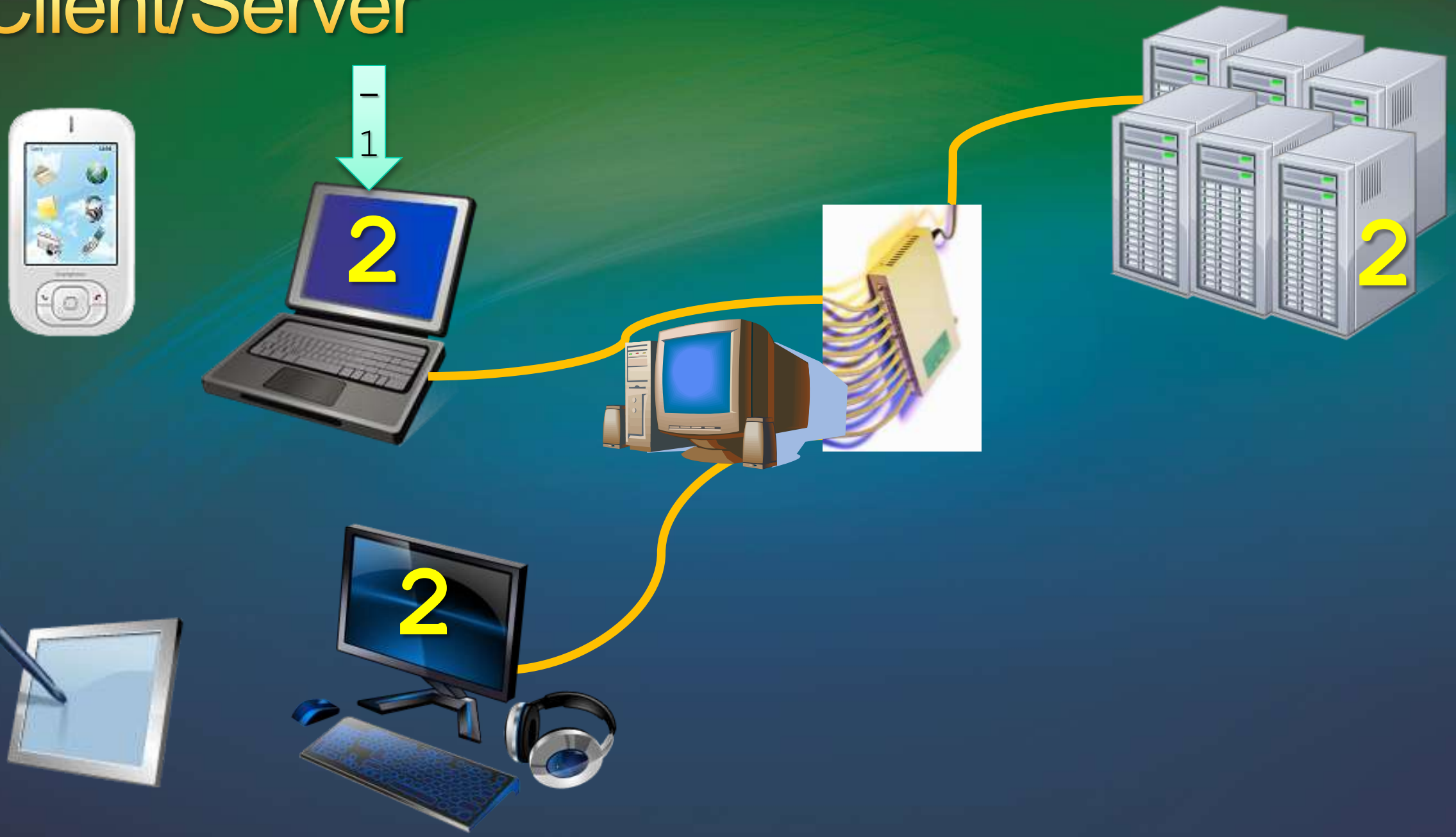

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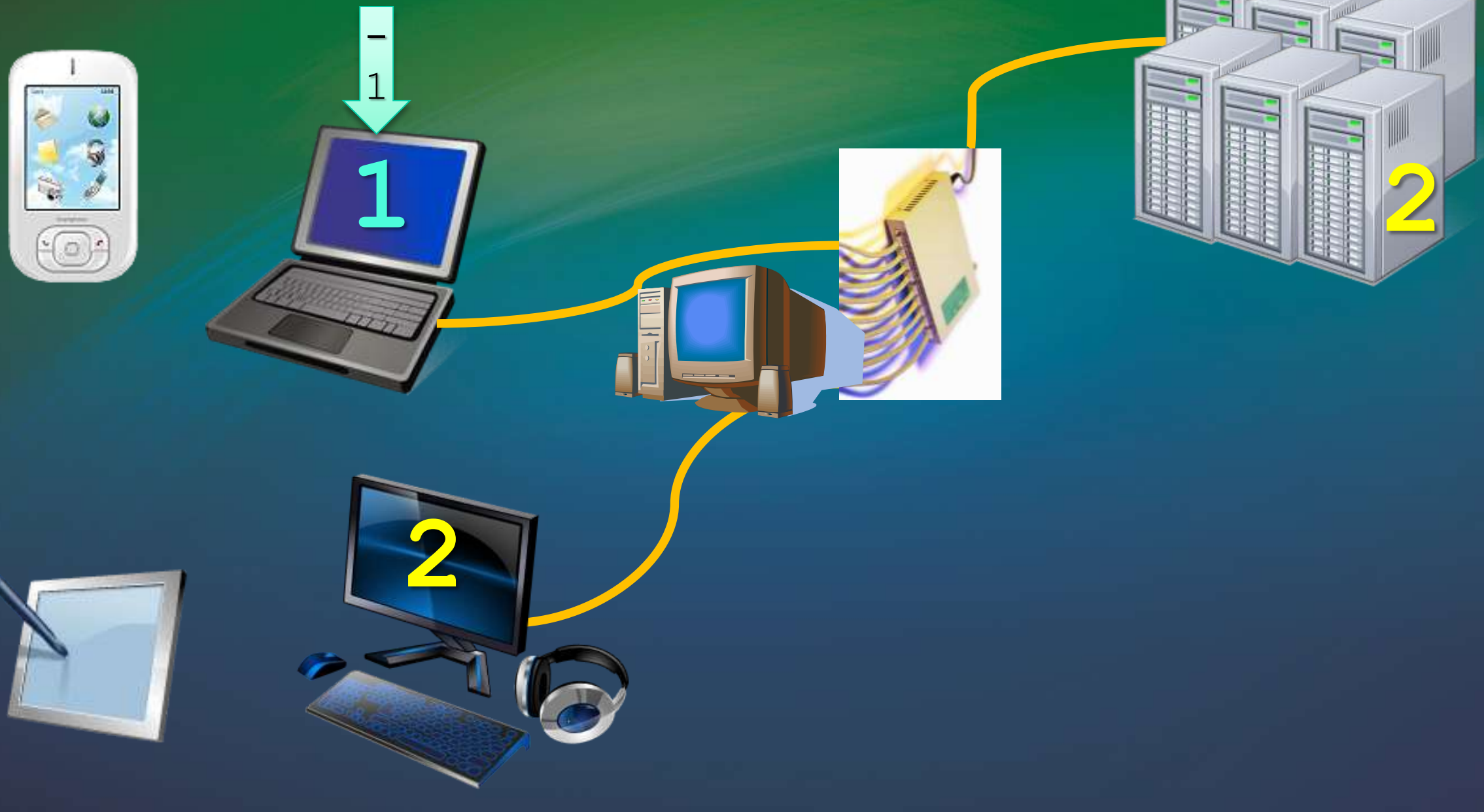

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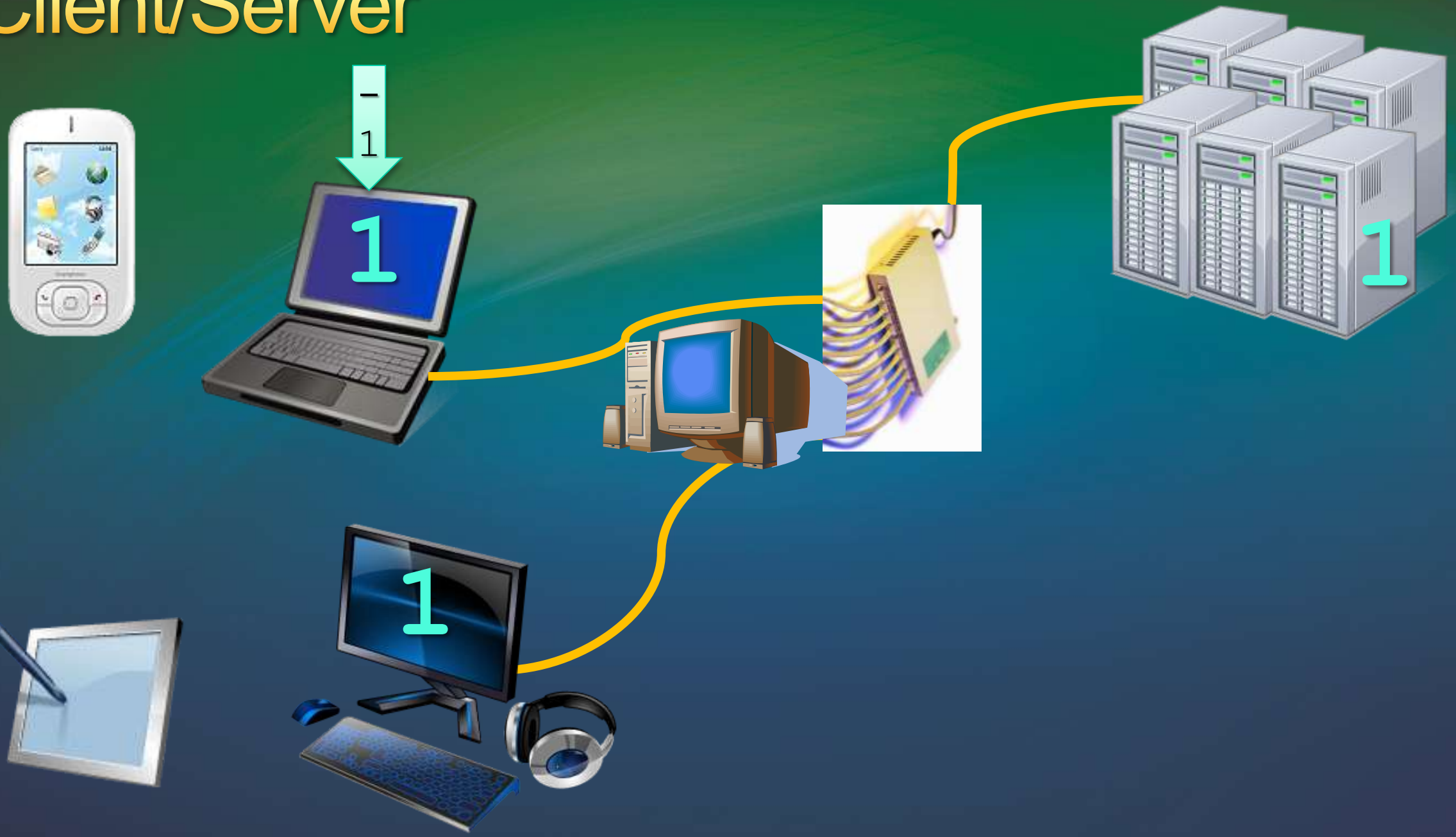

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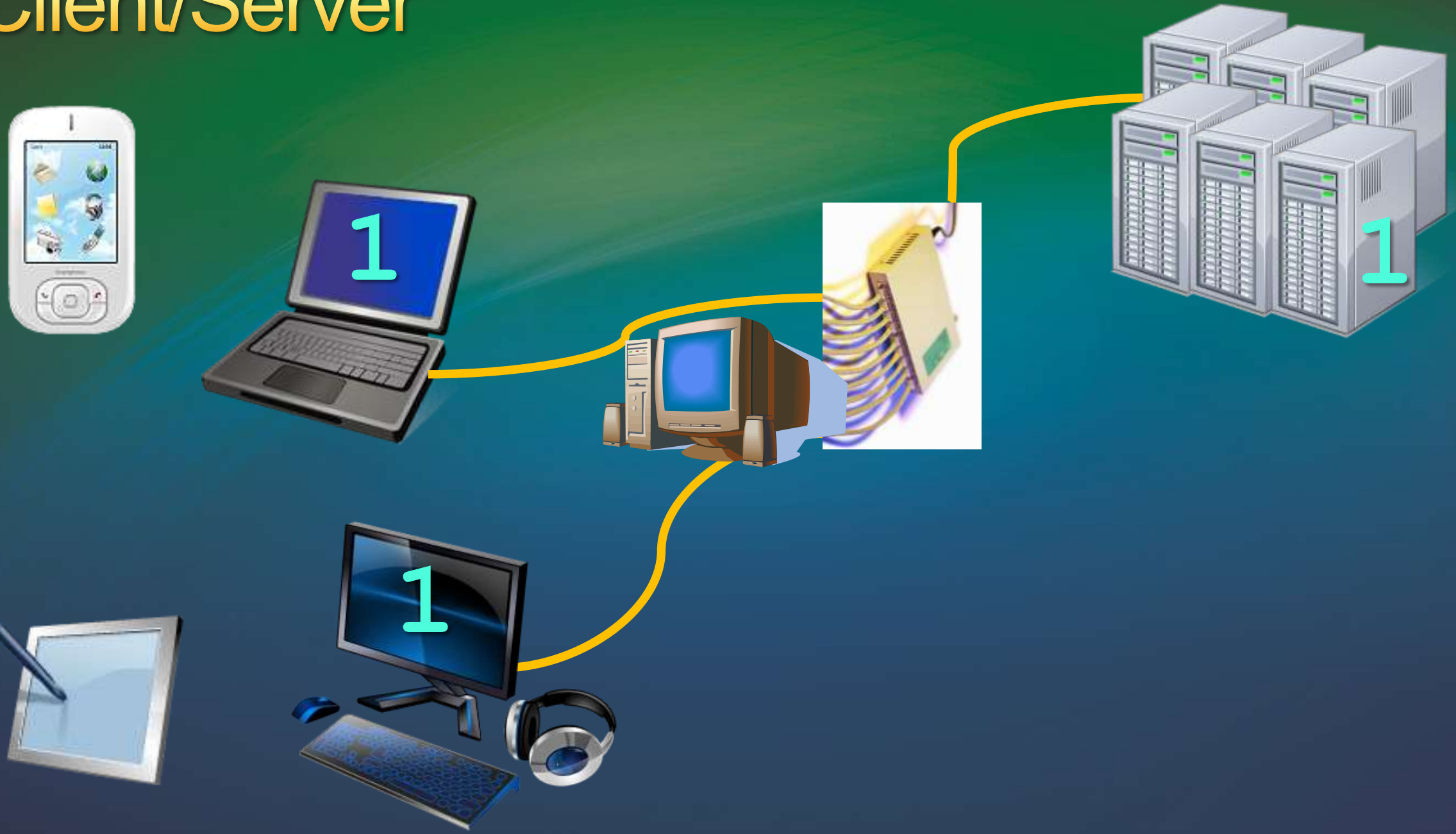

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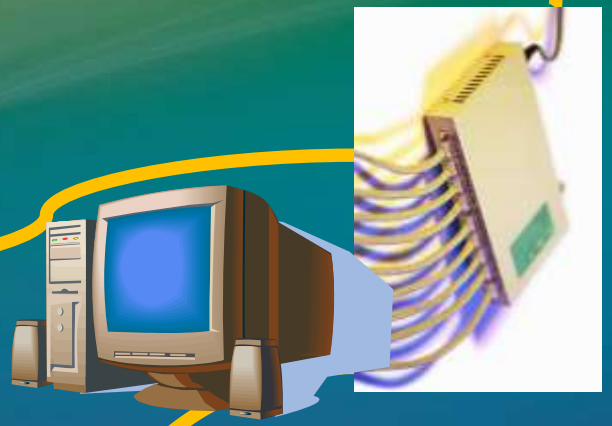

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Consistency
Isolation
Durability

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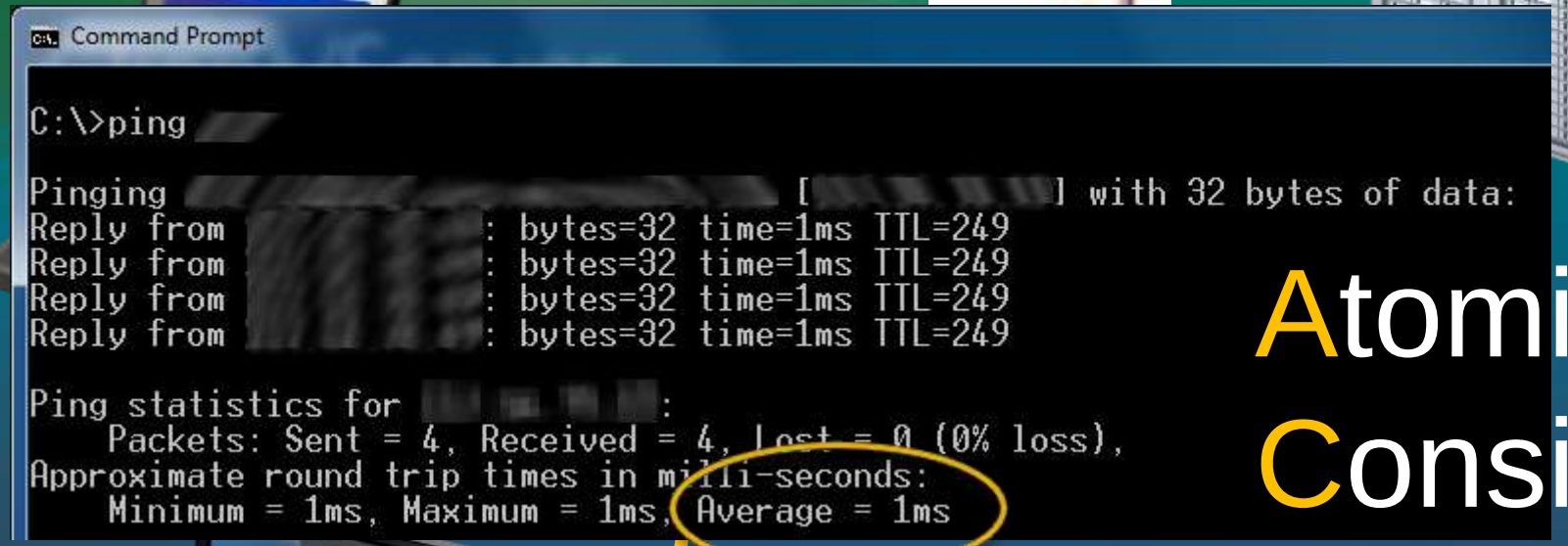

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Response time limit

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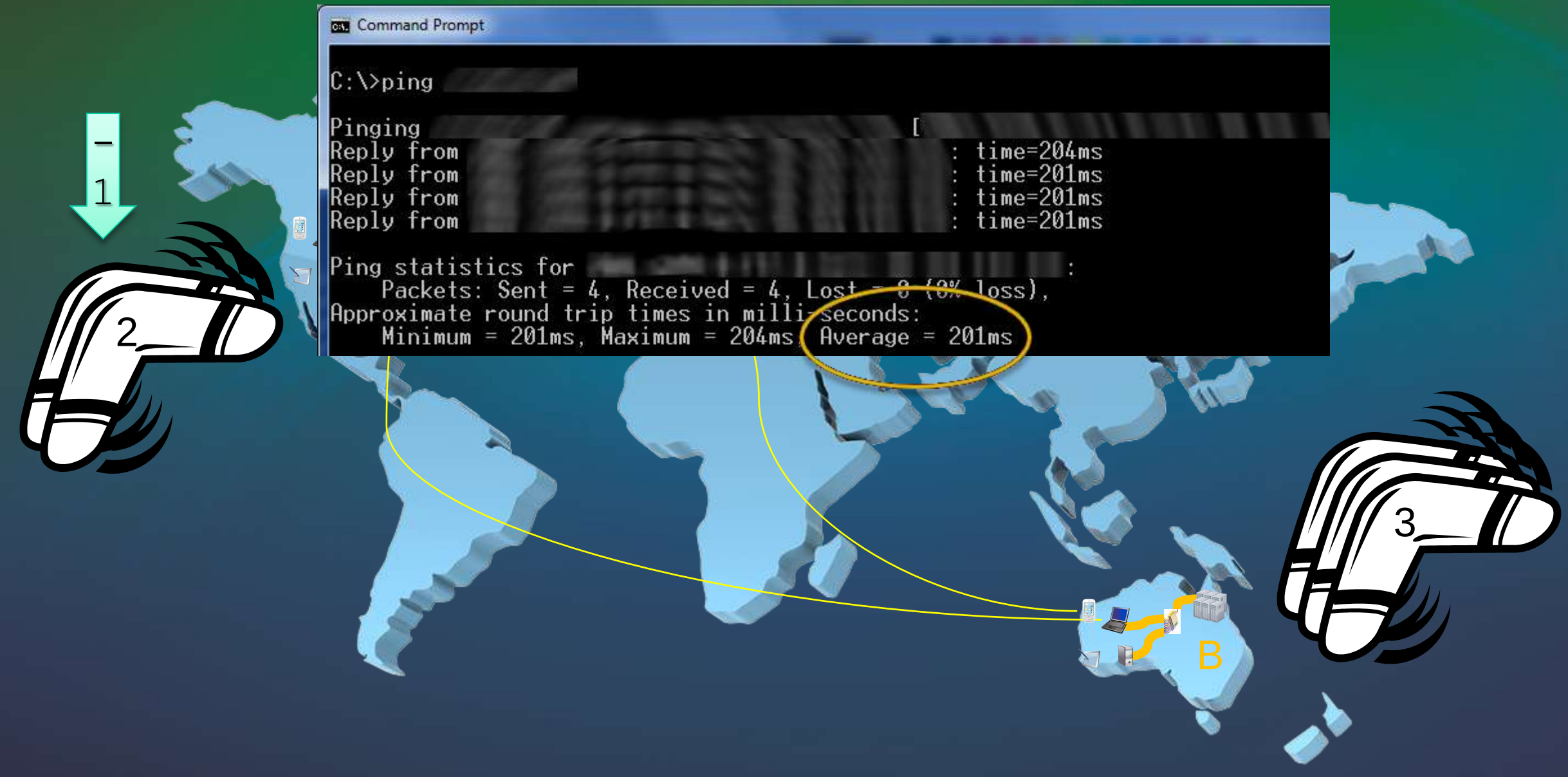

Internet-scale online systems

Consistency
Availability
Partition tolerance

Brewer's CAP Theorem

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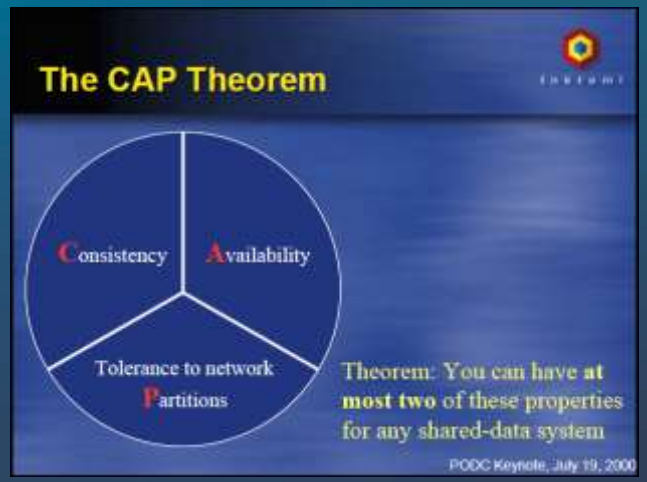


Coupling: System A depends on system B

Synchronous

- A is down if B is down
- A is slow if B is slow
- B must grow if A grows

Asynchronous

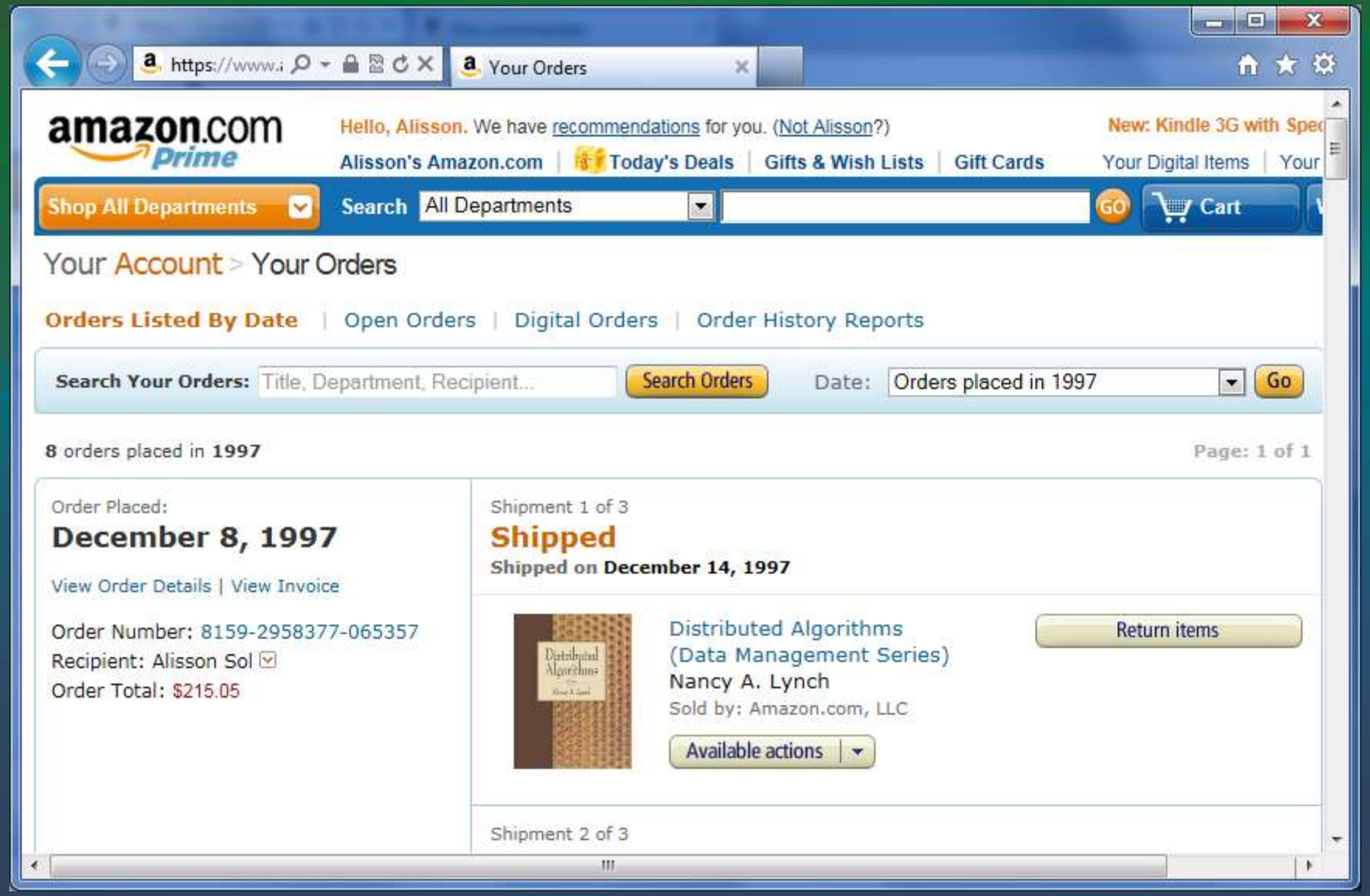
- A is available independently of B
  - Queue for B may grow
- A has performance independent of B
- A can scale independently of B
  - B must eventually manage the queue

Recommendation

- Conclusion from Brewer's presentation
  - "Winning solution is message-passing clusters"
- Queuing systems
  - Durability, security, delivery, routing, and other functionality
    - MSMQ, WebSphere MQ, Oracle Advanced Queuing, Java Message Service, JBoss Messaging, Kafka, Apache ZooKeeper, Amazon SQS, Azure AppFabric Service Bus, and others
- BASE
  - Basically Available, Soft-state, Eventual consistency

Why this is important for you?

- Architect new systems
  - With local redundancy
  - Using queuing systems when latency is high
- What is local or “atomic” (ACID)?
  - Depends on your problem
    - Create local user account
    - Add item to cart
    - Check out: Charge credit card plus create order
- And some things never need to be consistent...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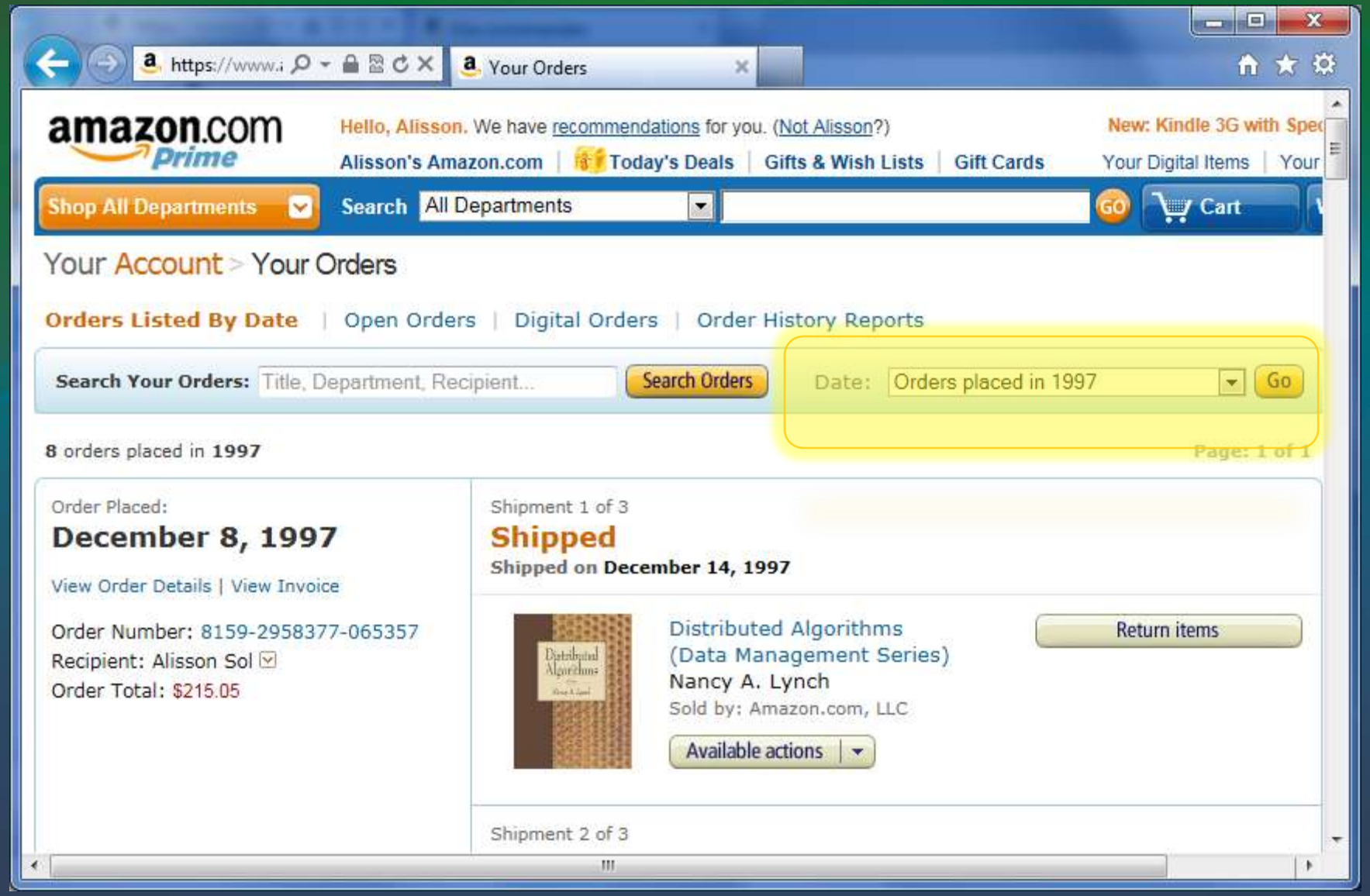
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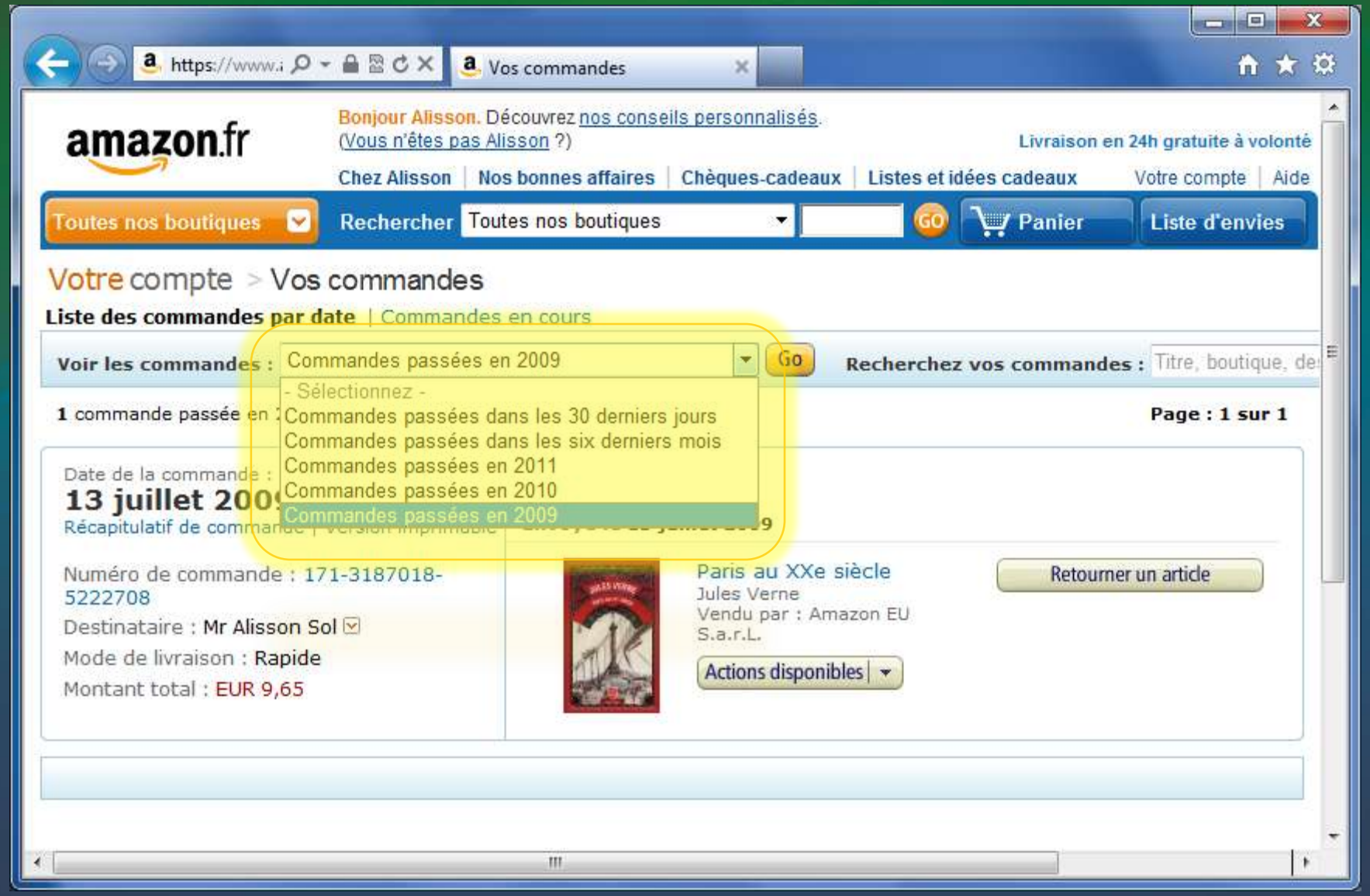
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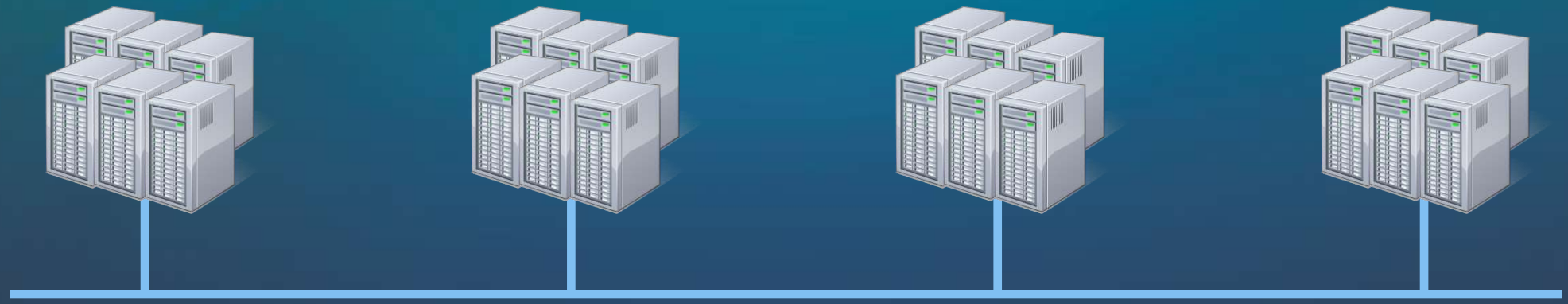

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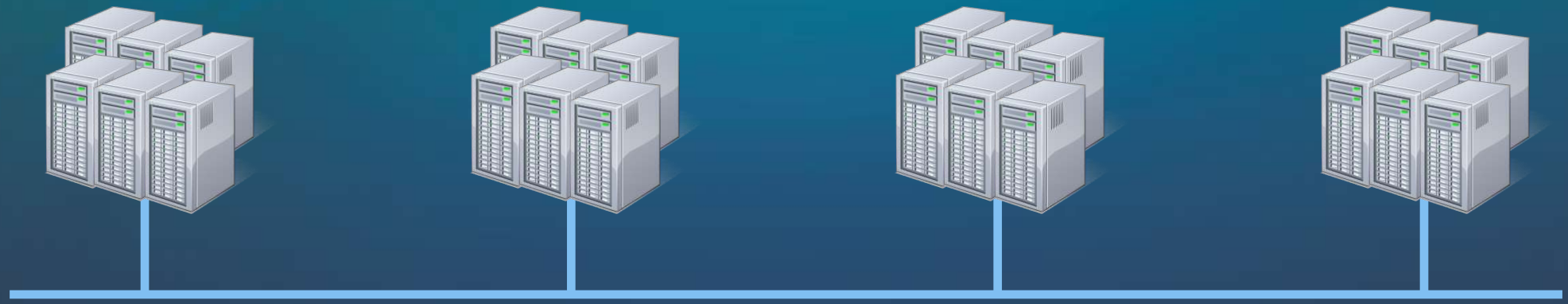

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Processing large datasets

- Which product is selling the most?
  - 10K stores
  - 1K customers/store/day, buying 20 items on average
  - One day
    - 1K customers *10K stores = 10 million receipts
    - 10M receipts * 20 items = 200 million line items
- Equivalent problems
  - Find which page has the most visits in a site, which candidate has the most votes in election, and other equivalent problems

Gray's laws: Database-centric computing

1. Scientific computing is becoming increasingly data intensive
2. The solution is in a "scale-out" architecture
3. Bring computations to the data, rather than data to the computations
4. Start the design with the "20 queries"
5. Go from "working to working"

From:
"Gray's Laws: Database-Centric Computing in Science"
by A.S. Szalay and J.A. Blakeley
In *The Fourth Paradigm–Data-Intensive Scientific Discovery*
edited by Tony Hey, Stewart Tansley, and Krintin Tolle
Microsoft Research, 2009

Reason: The bottleneck

- 1990: HD = 1GB, 4.4MB/s → Read in ~4 minutes
- 2010: HD = 1TB, 100MB/s → Read in ~3 hours

- My laptop (commodity hardware circa 2011)
  - HD Sequential: 42 MB/s
  - HD Random: 3 MB/s
  - Memory transfer: 1,340 MB/s
  - CPU floating point math: 1,093M operations/s
  - Network speed: 1Gbps ~ 100MB/s

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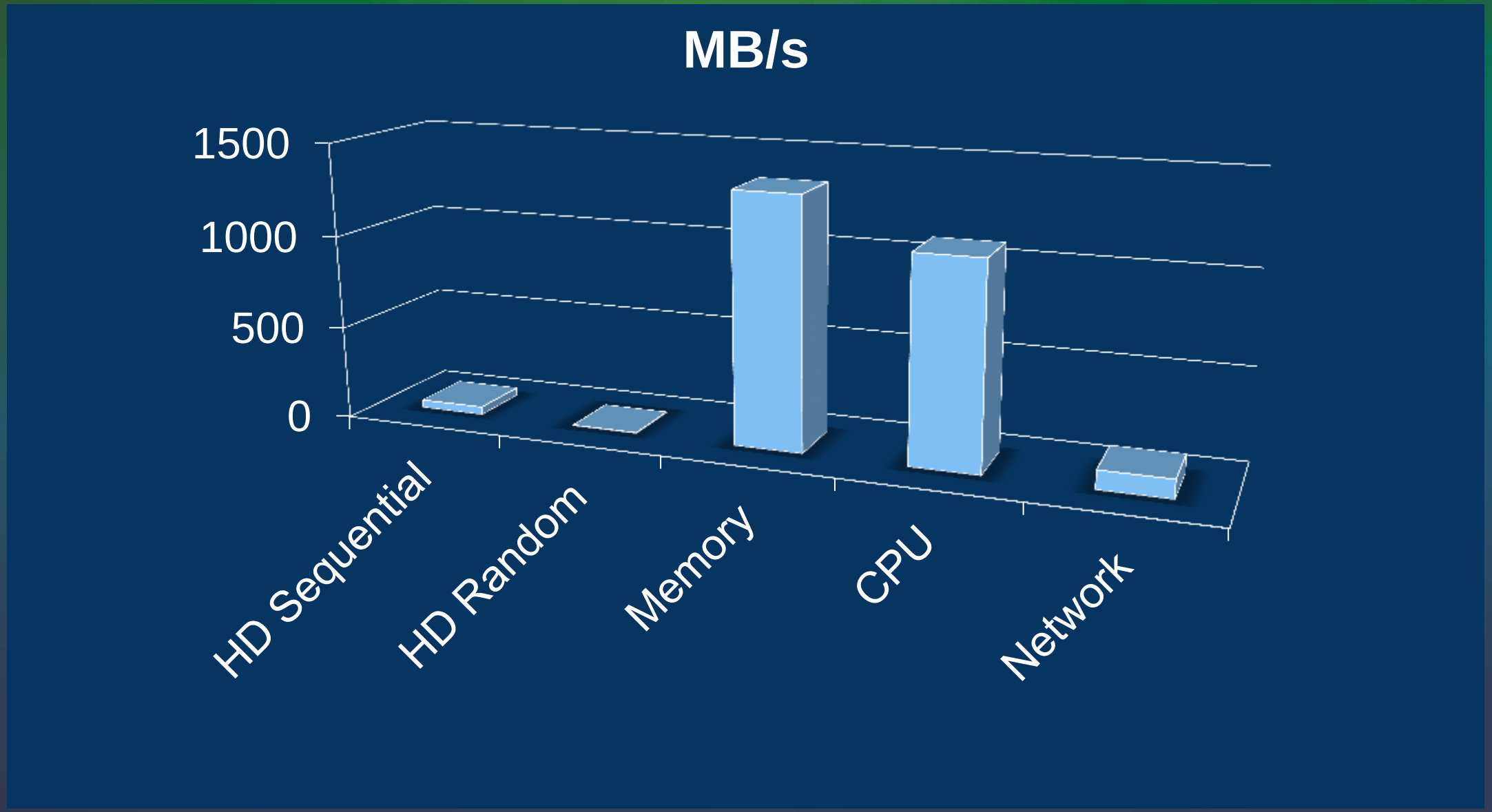

Distributed processing metamodel

1. Distribute data
2. Distribute processing tasks
3. Combine results

A sample big dataset

- ClueWeb09
  - 1,040,809,705 web pages (~ 10^9 ~= 1G), in 10 languages
  - 5 TB, compressed (25 TB, uncompressed)
    - Uncompressed at 100MB/s → Read in ~3 days
- Web size
  - ~15G pages (from http://www.worldwidewebsize.com/)
    - By extrapolation: Web at 100MB/s → Read in ~45 days

Processing the ClueWeb09 dataset

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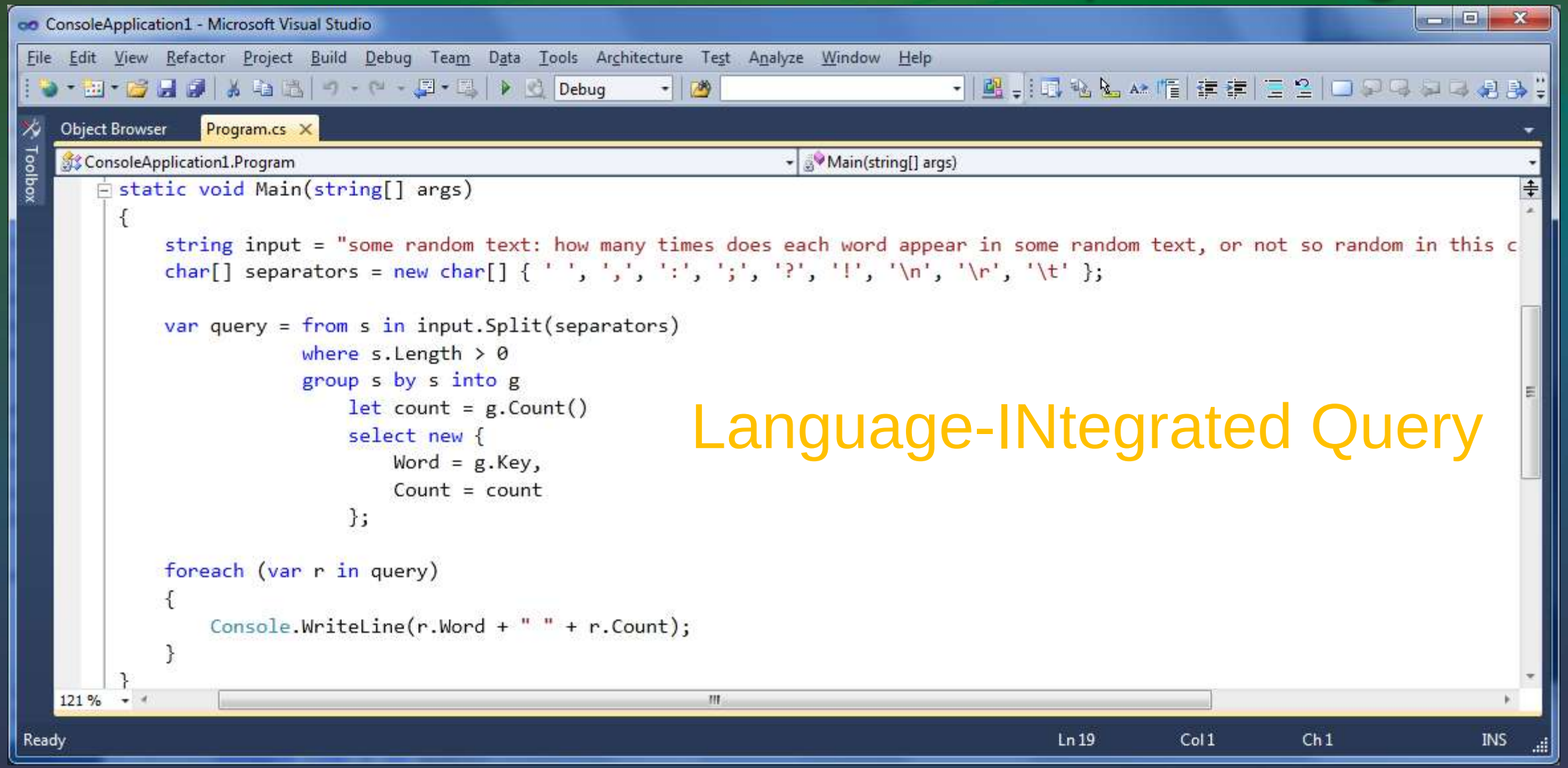

Language-INtegrated Query

Another option

- Functional programming concepts: Map, fold
- Easy to distribute

Map

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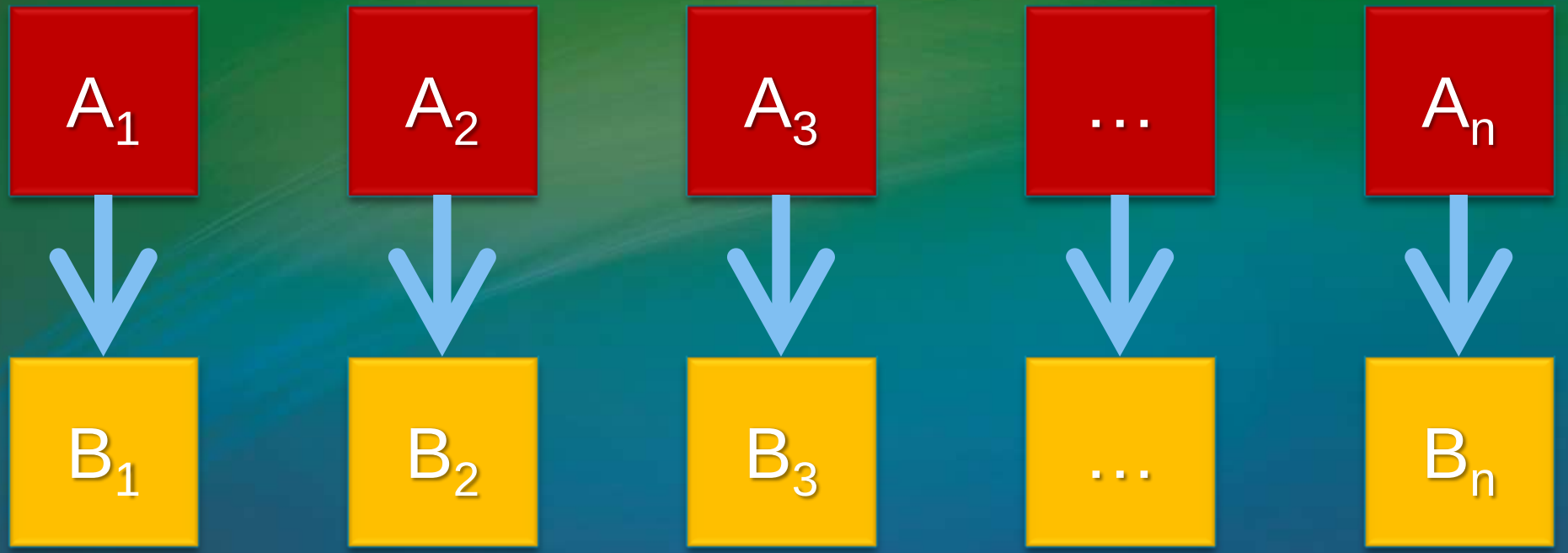

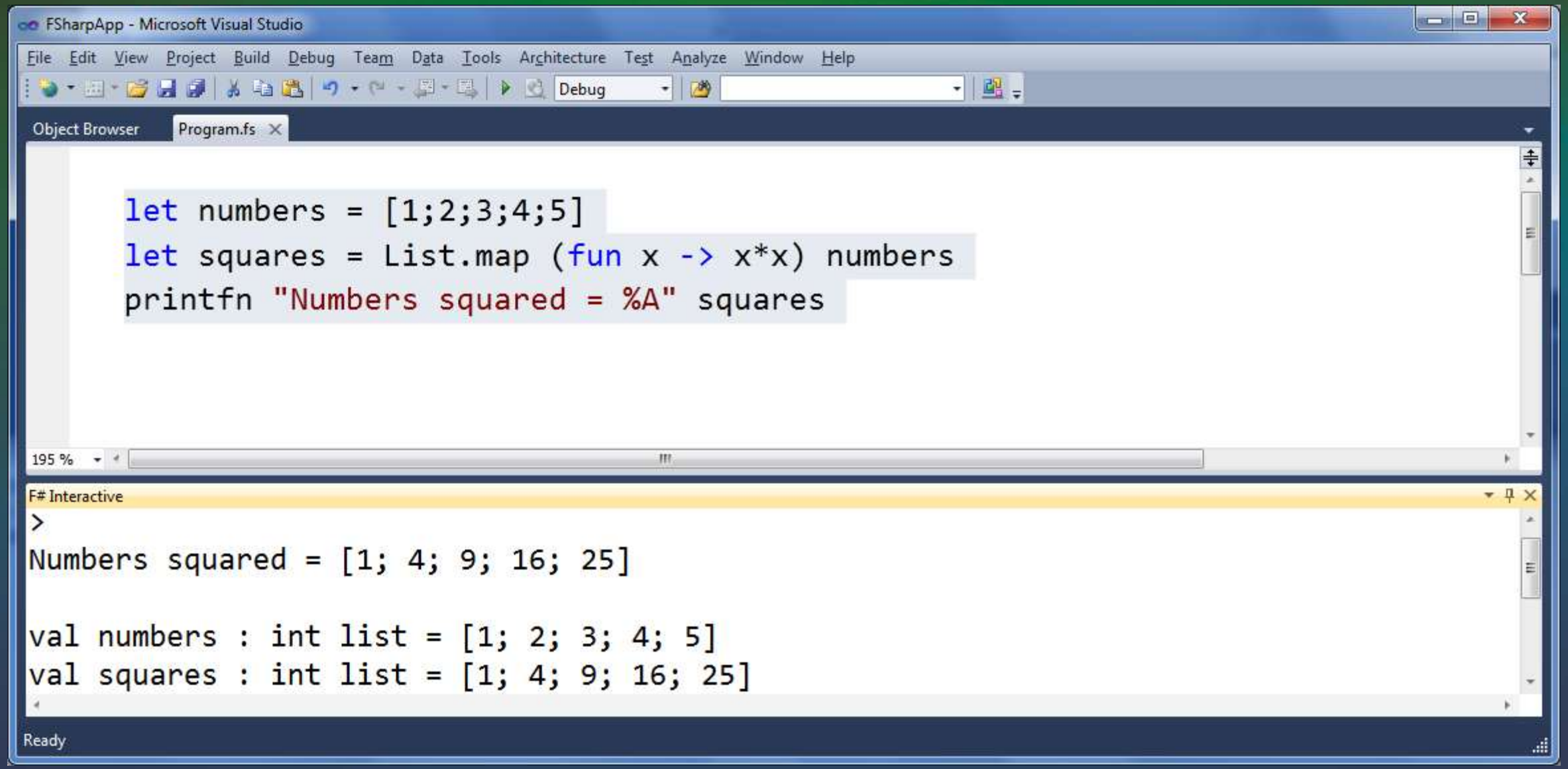
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printfn "Numbers squared = %A" squares
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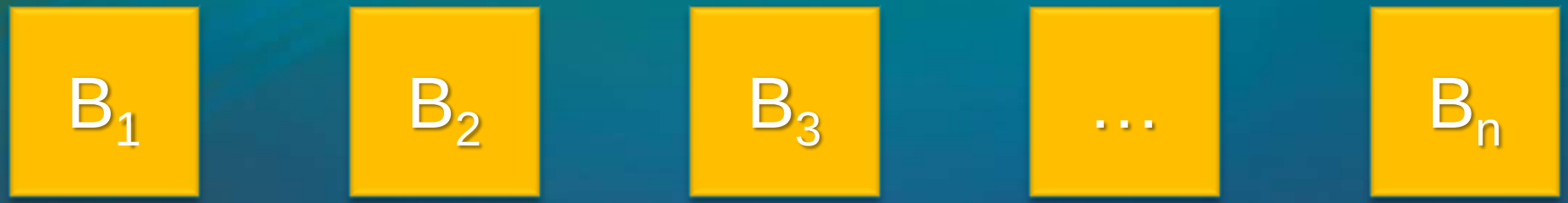
Fold (reduce)



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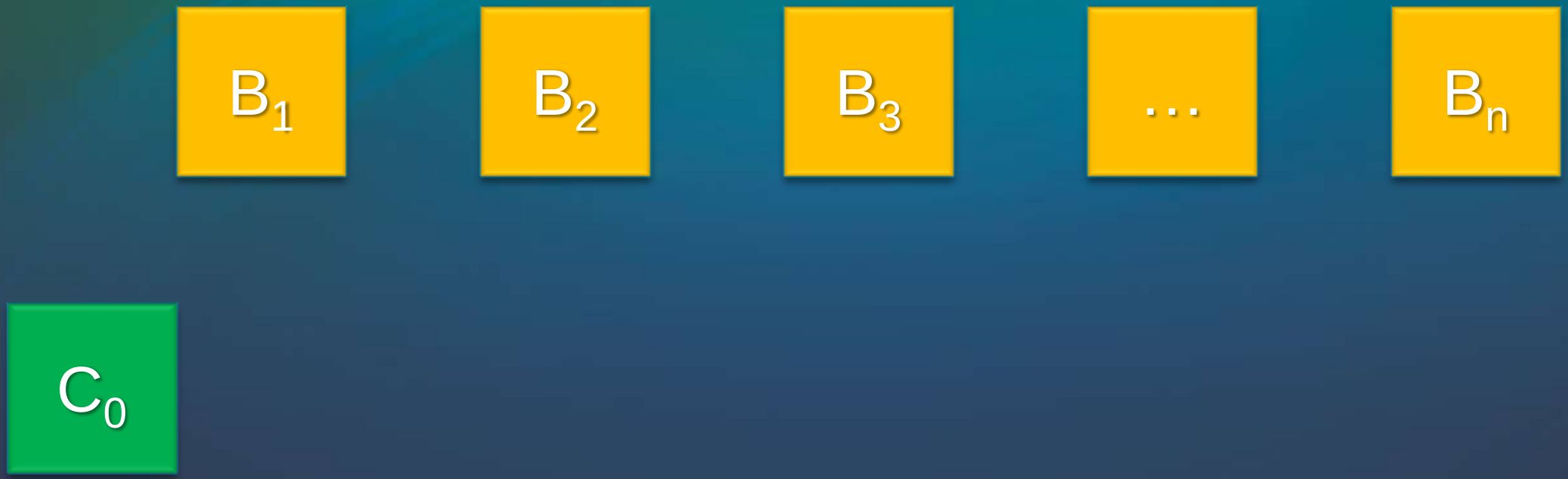

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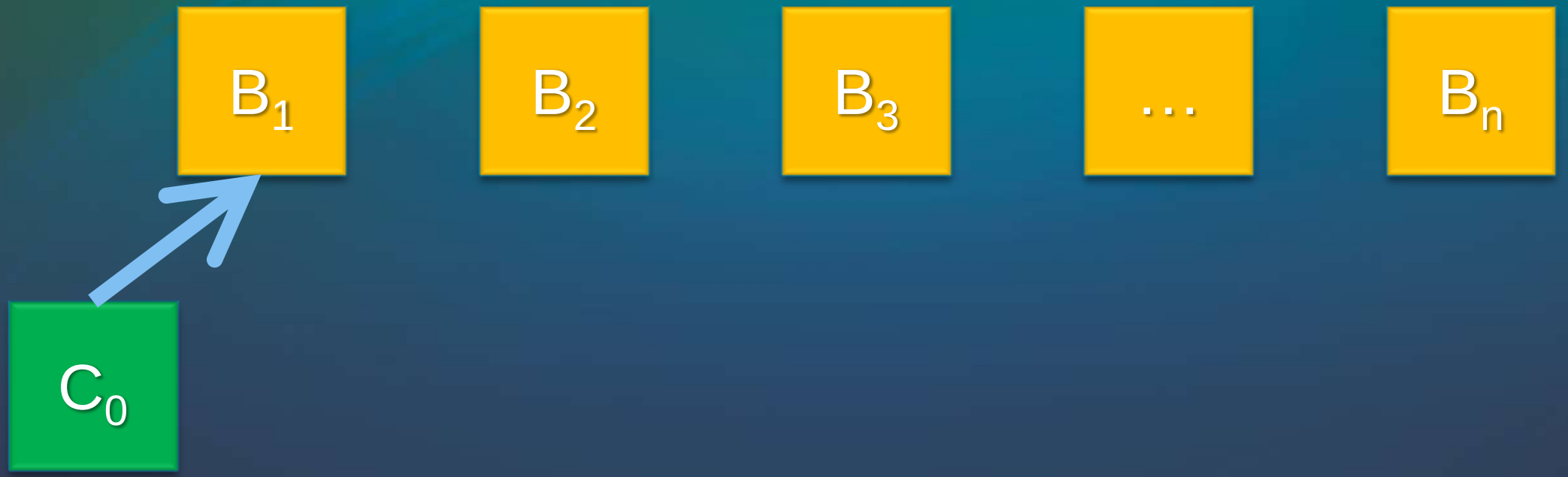

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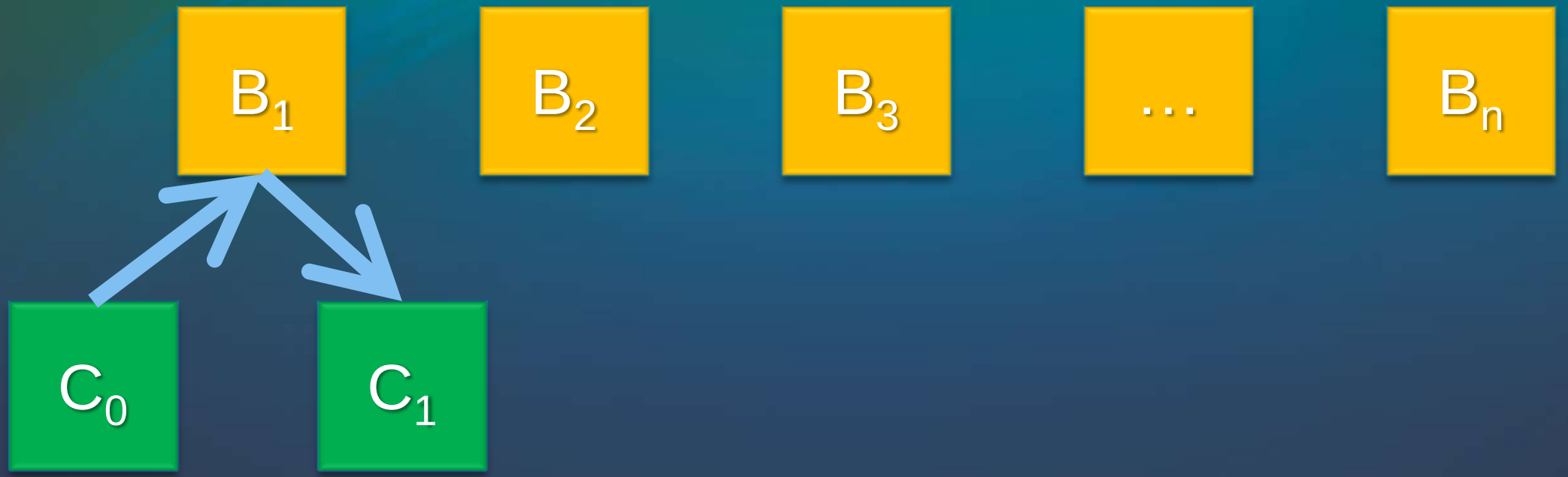

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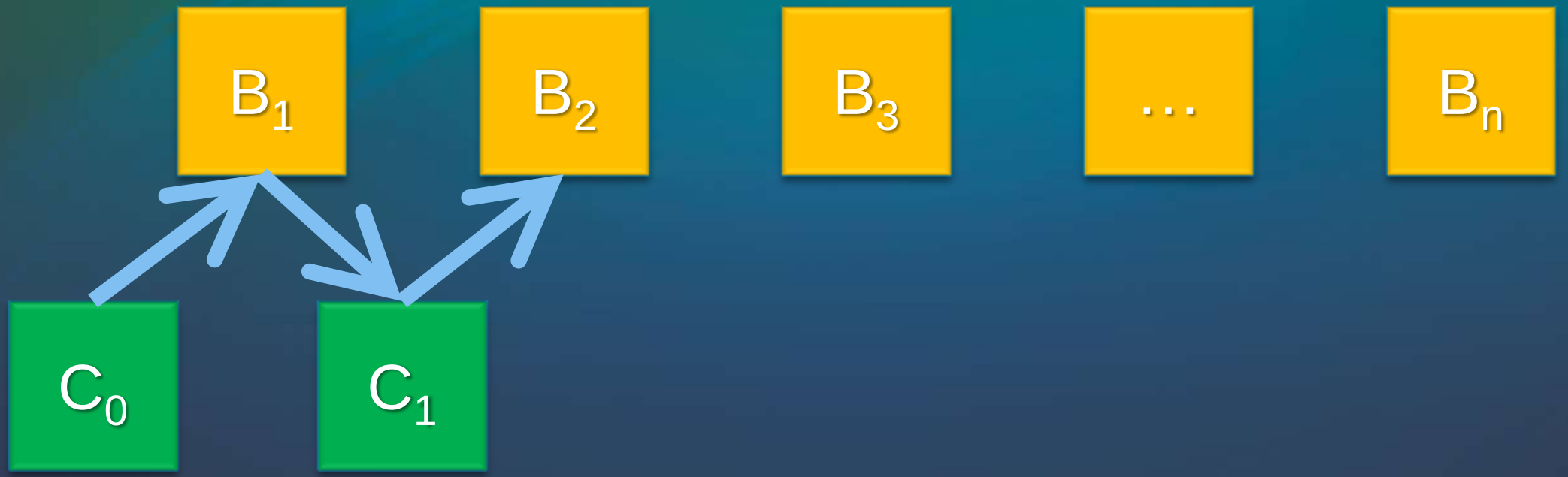

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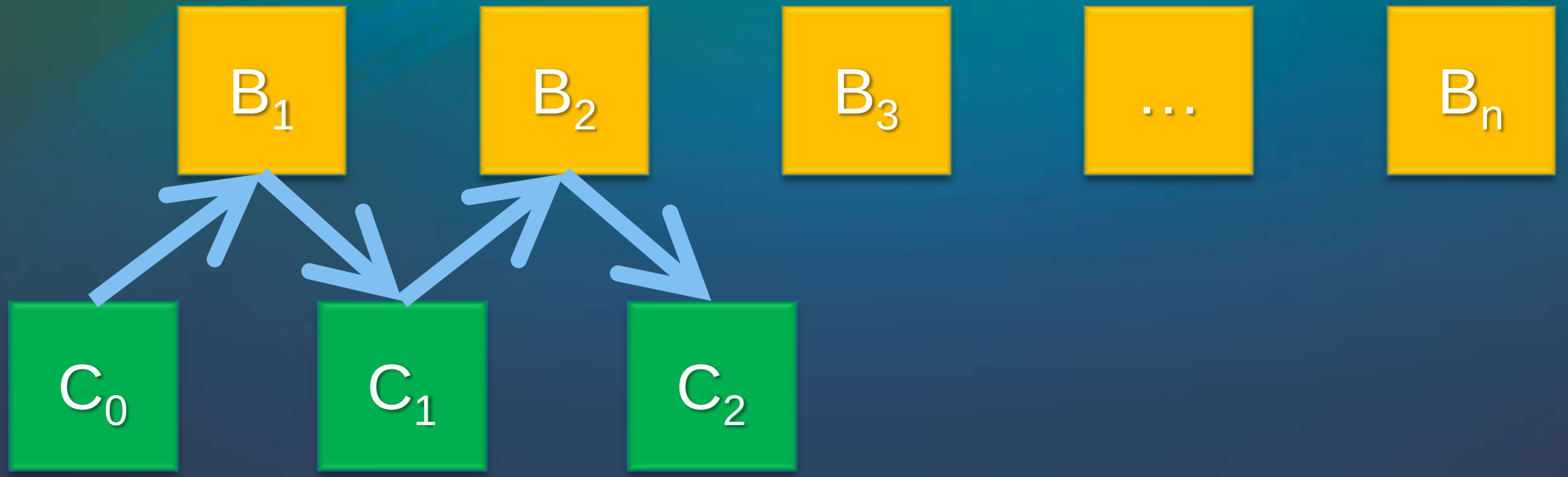

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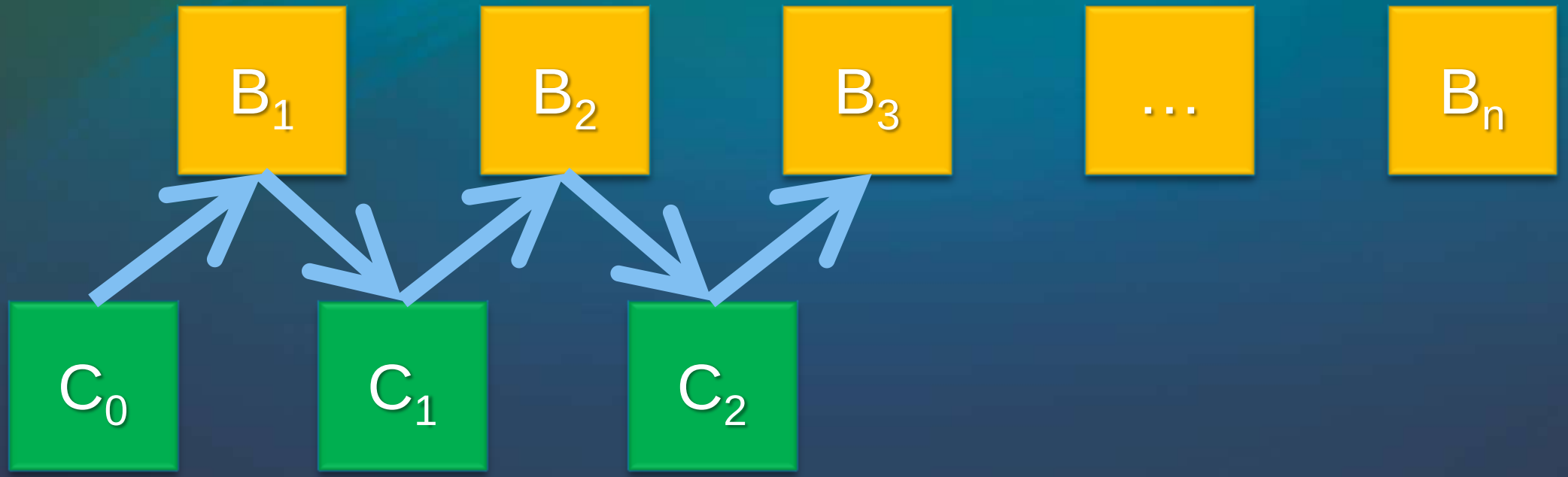

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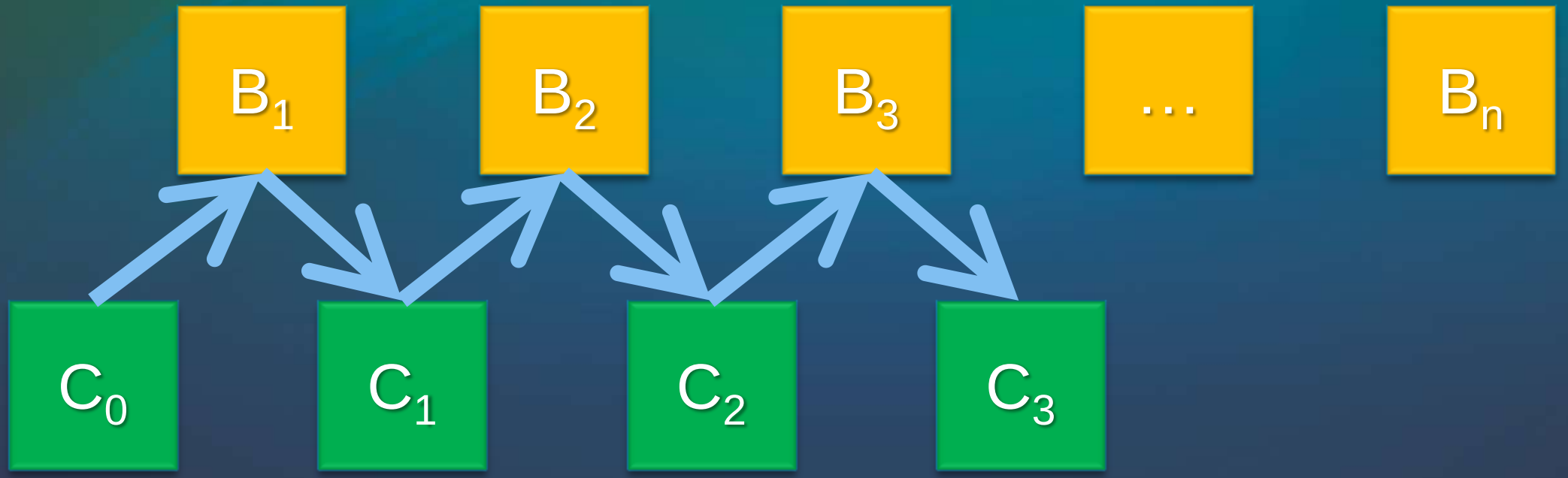

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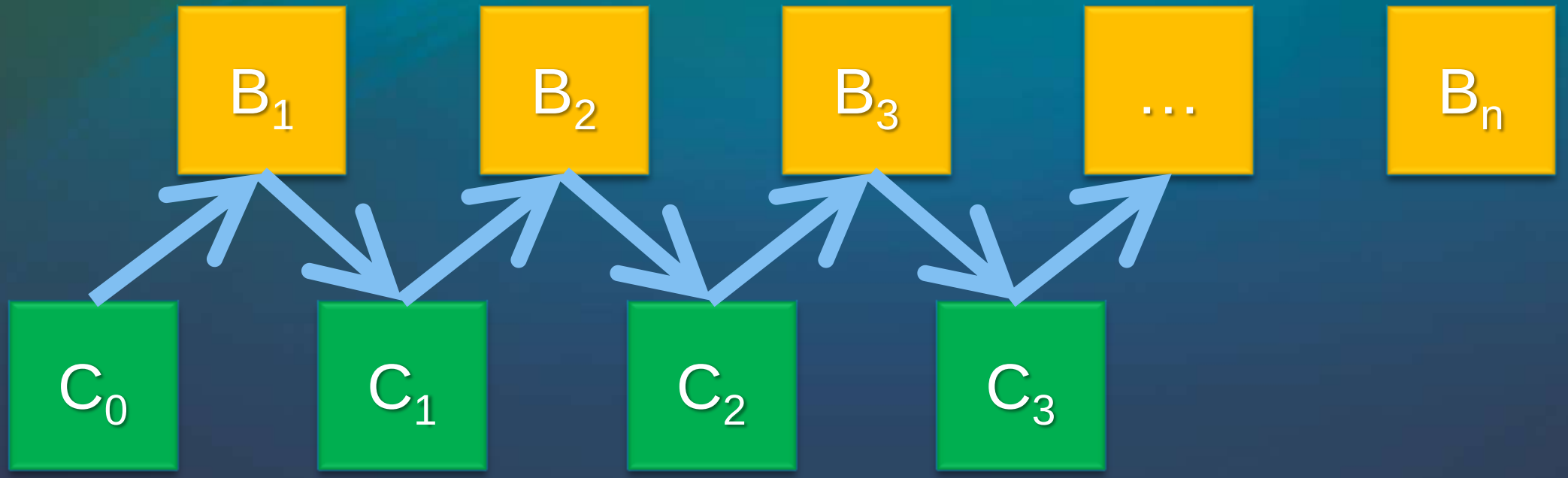

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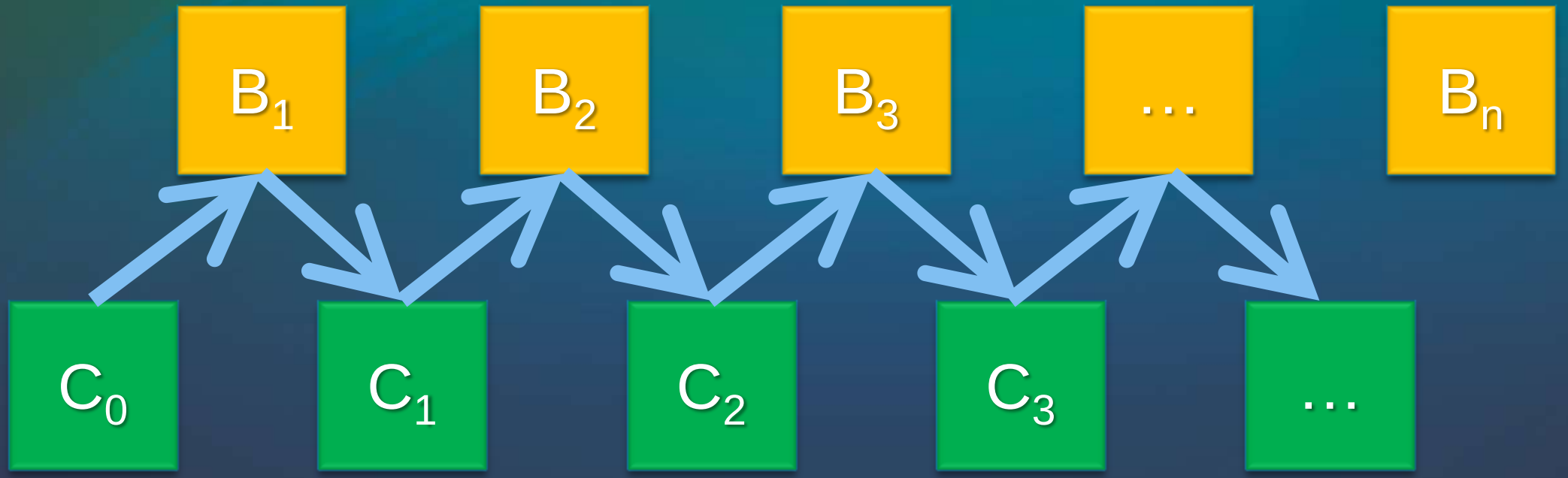

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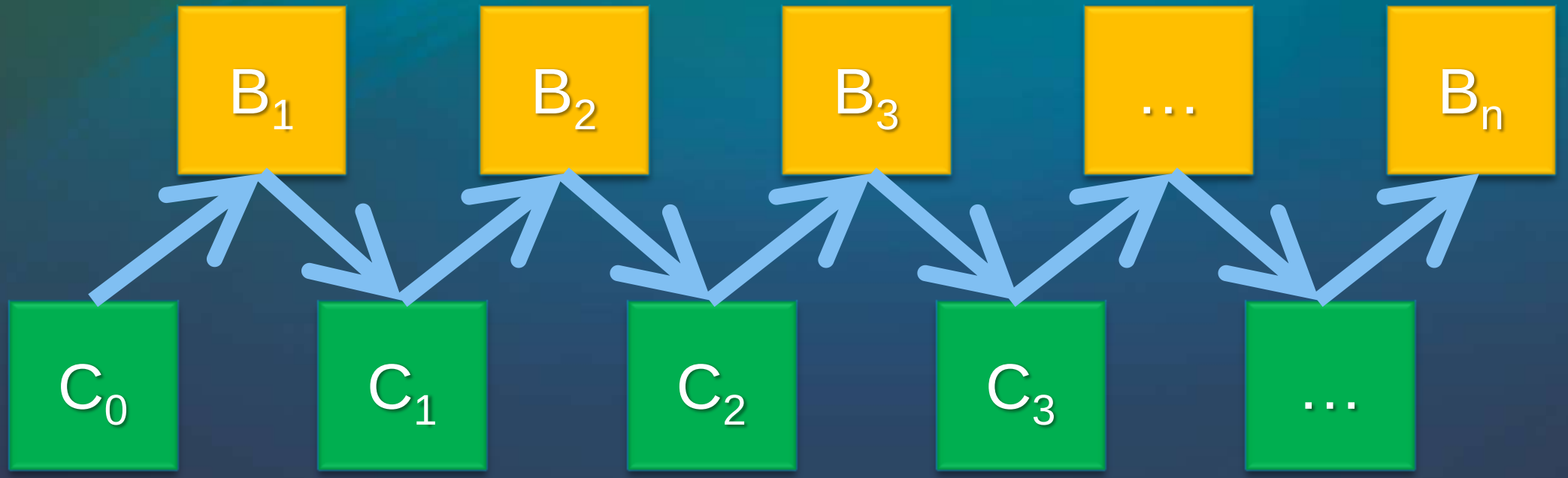

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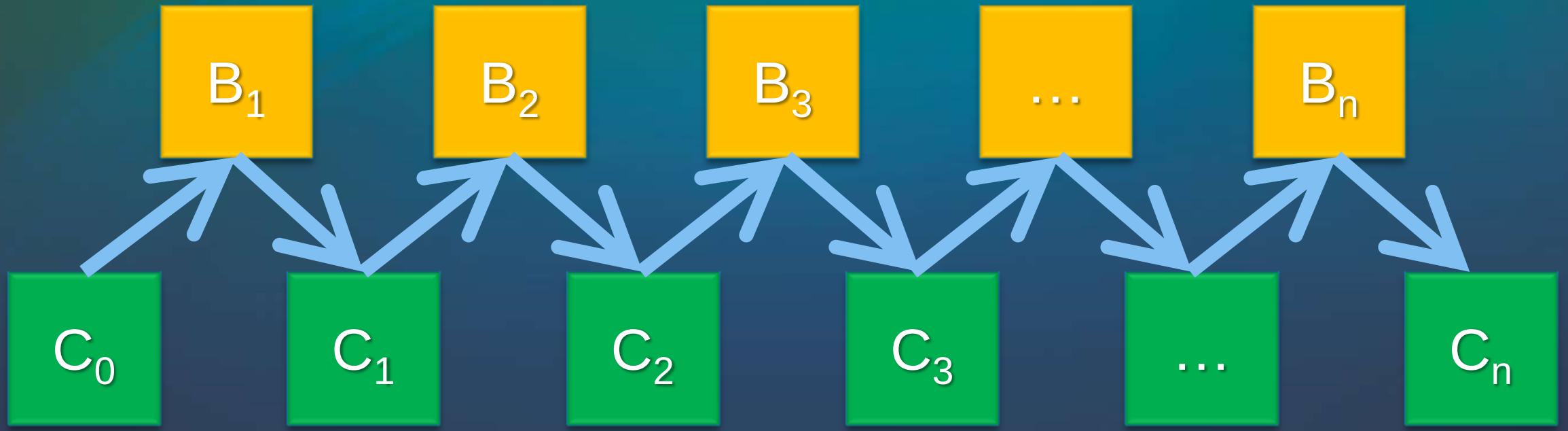

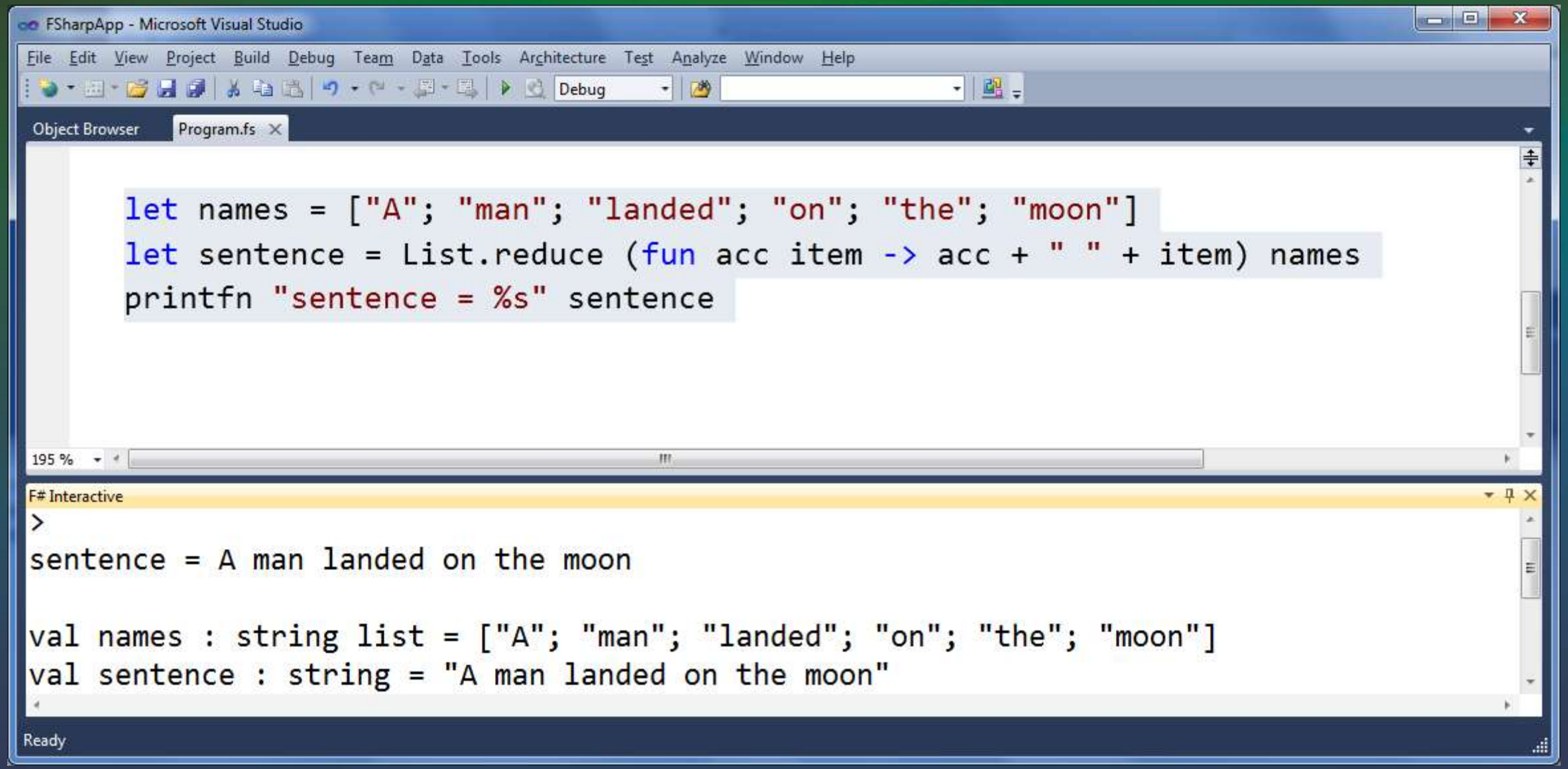
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printfn "sentence = %s" sentence
195 %
F# Interactive
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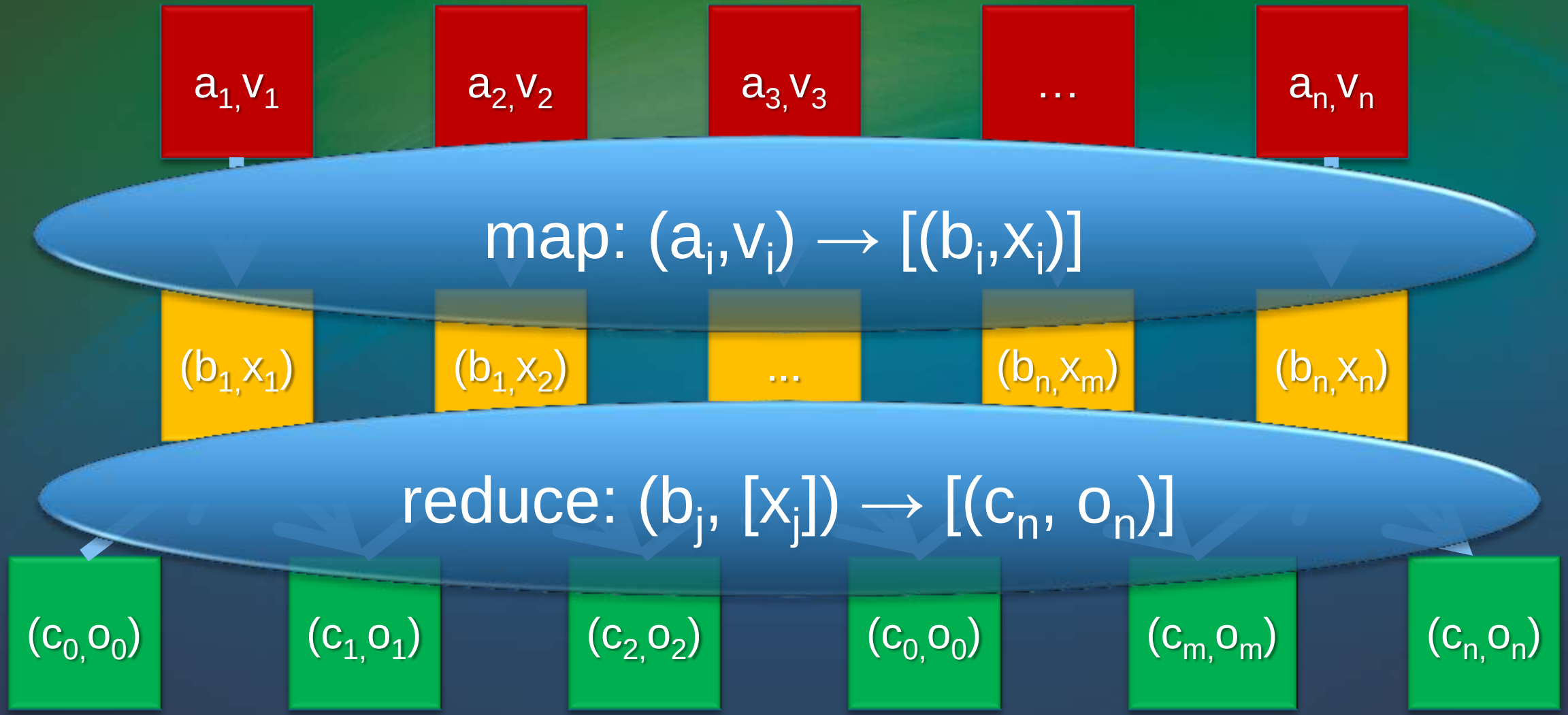
MapReduce as a framework



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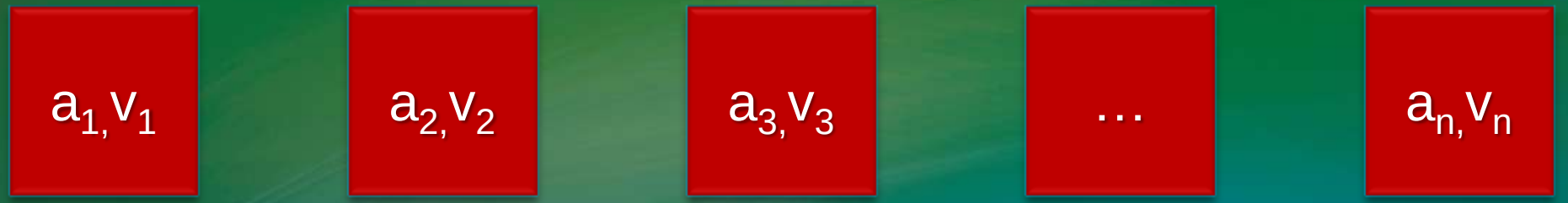

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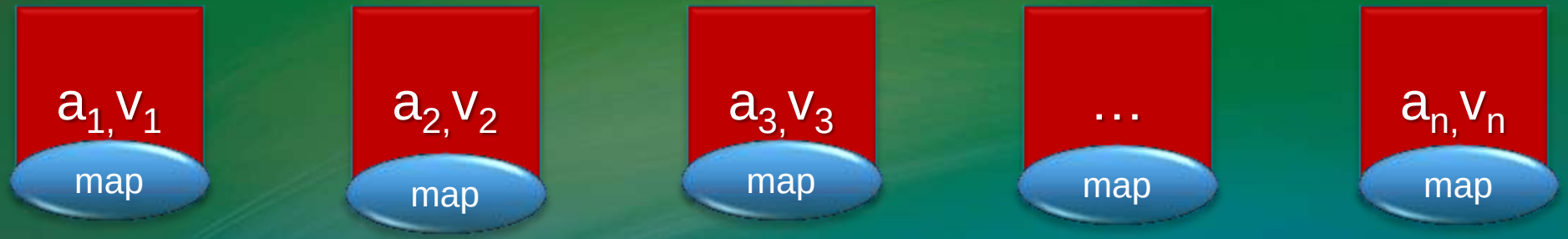

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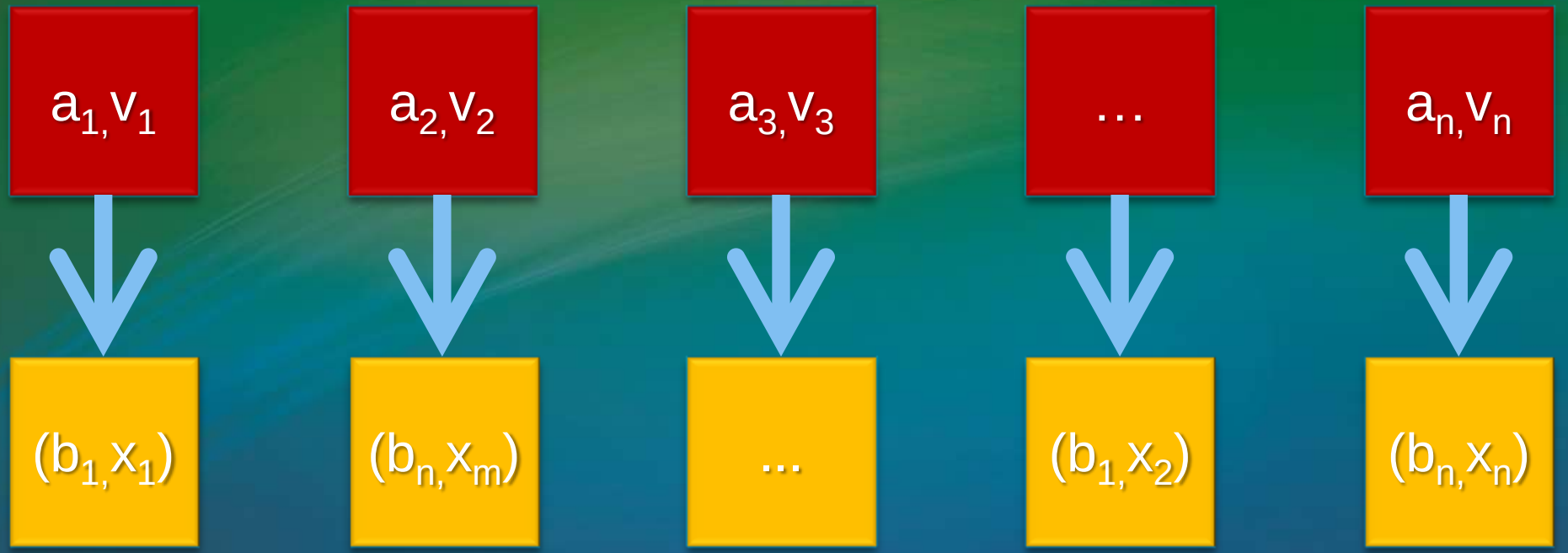

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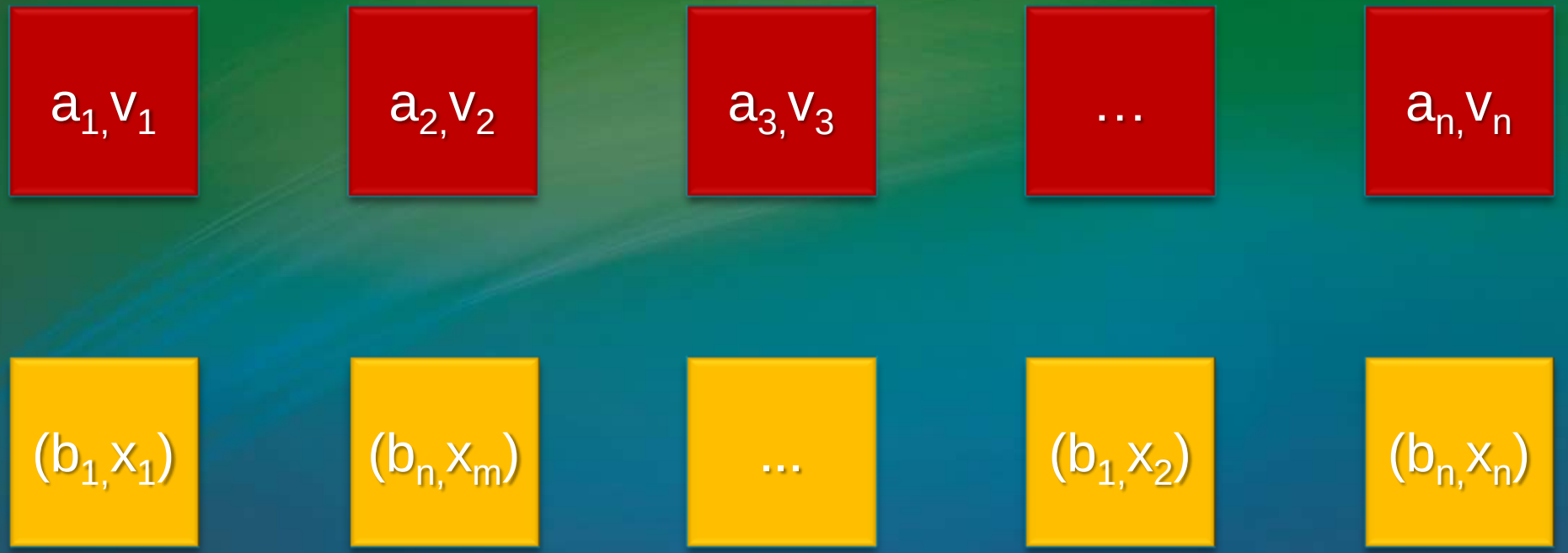

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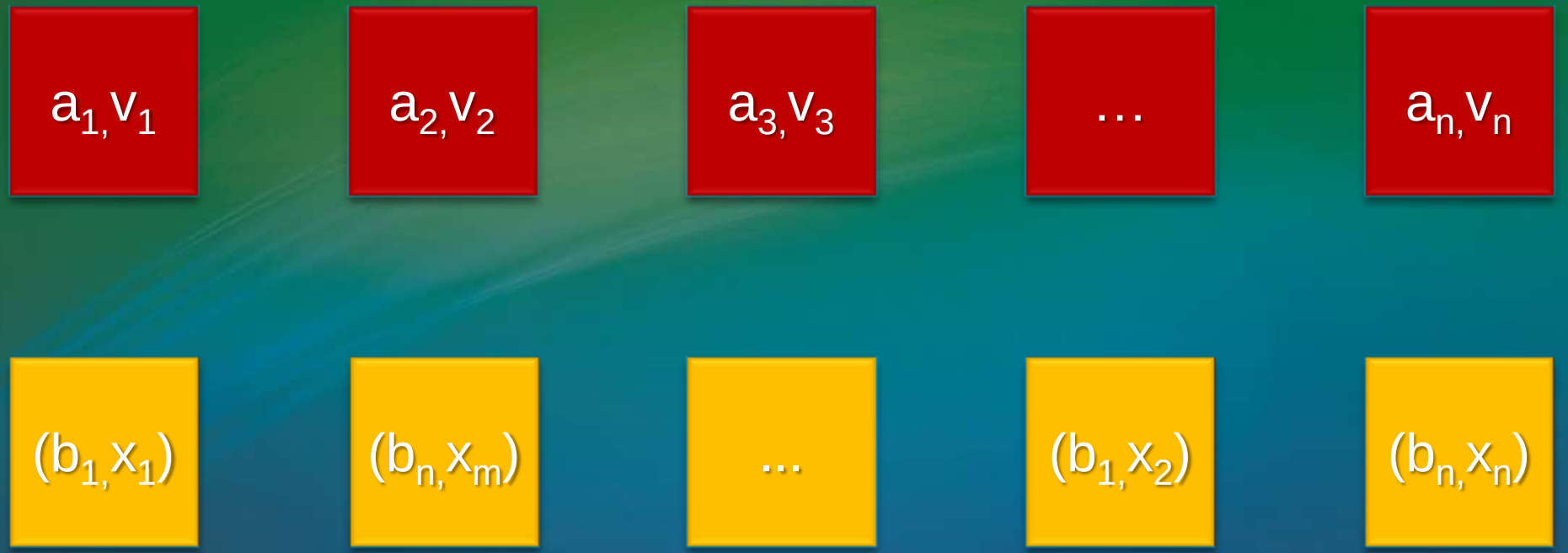

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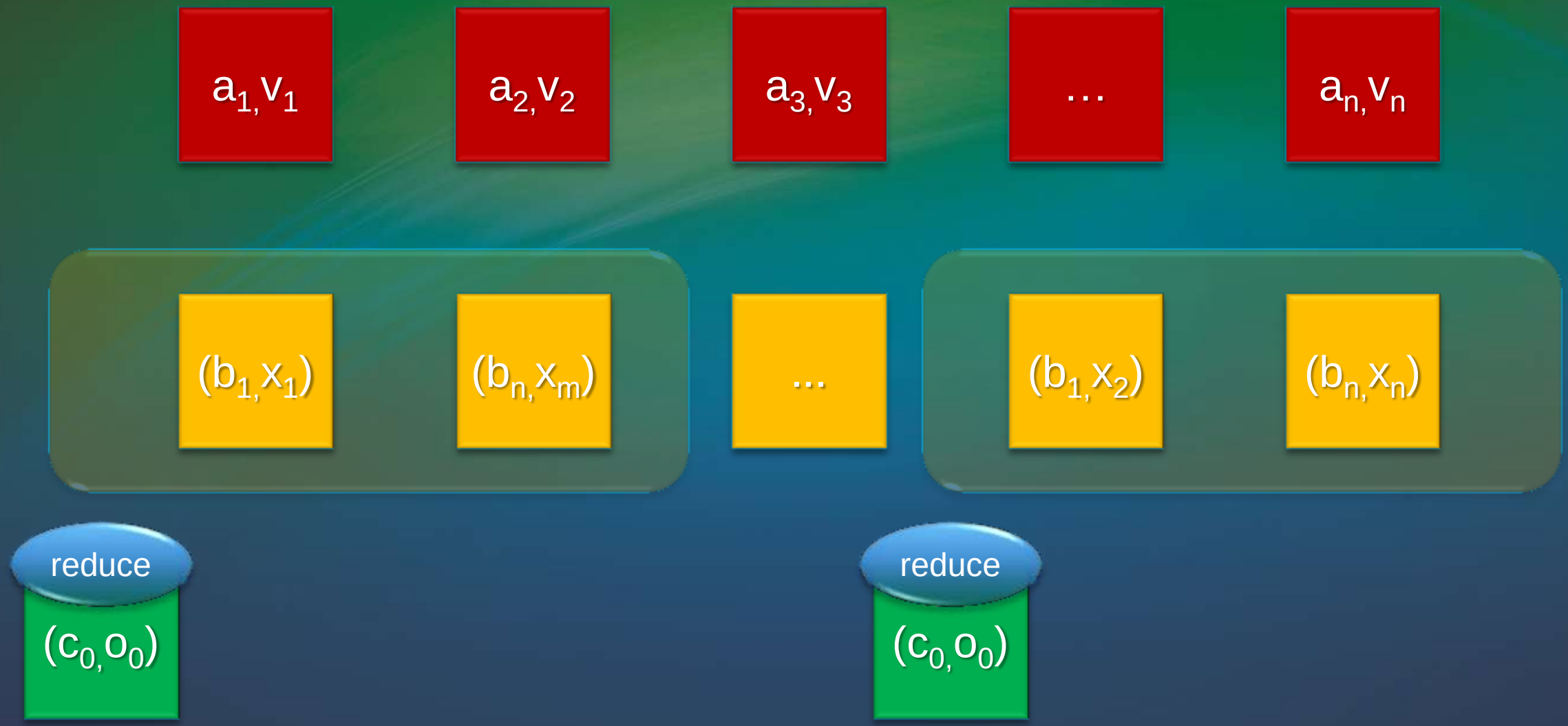

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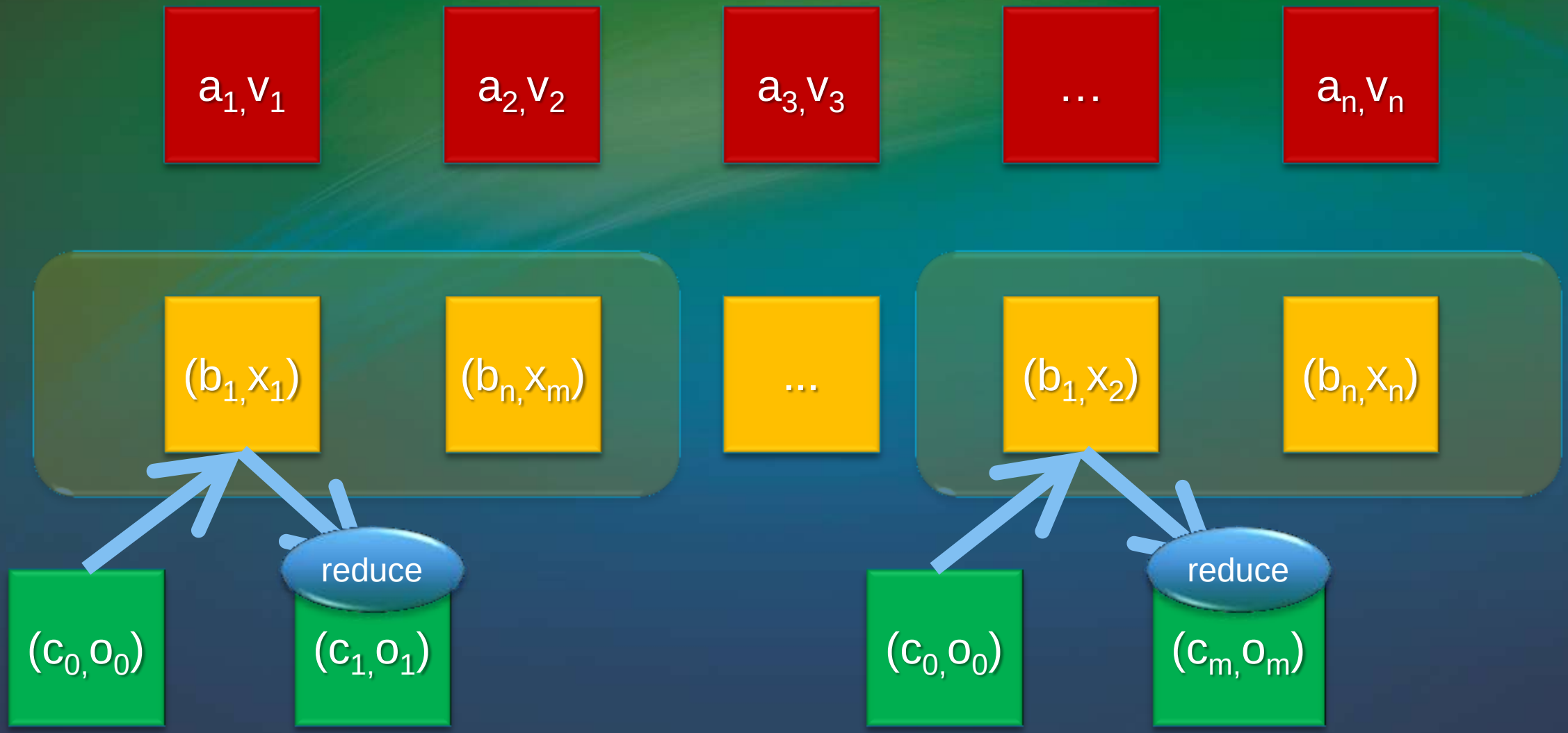

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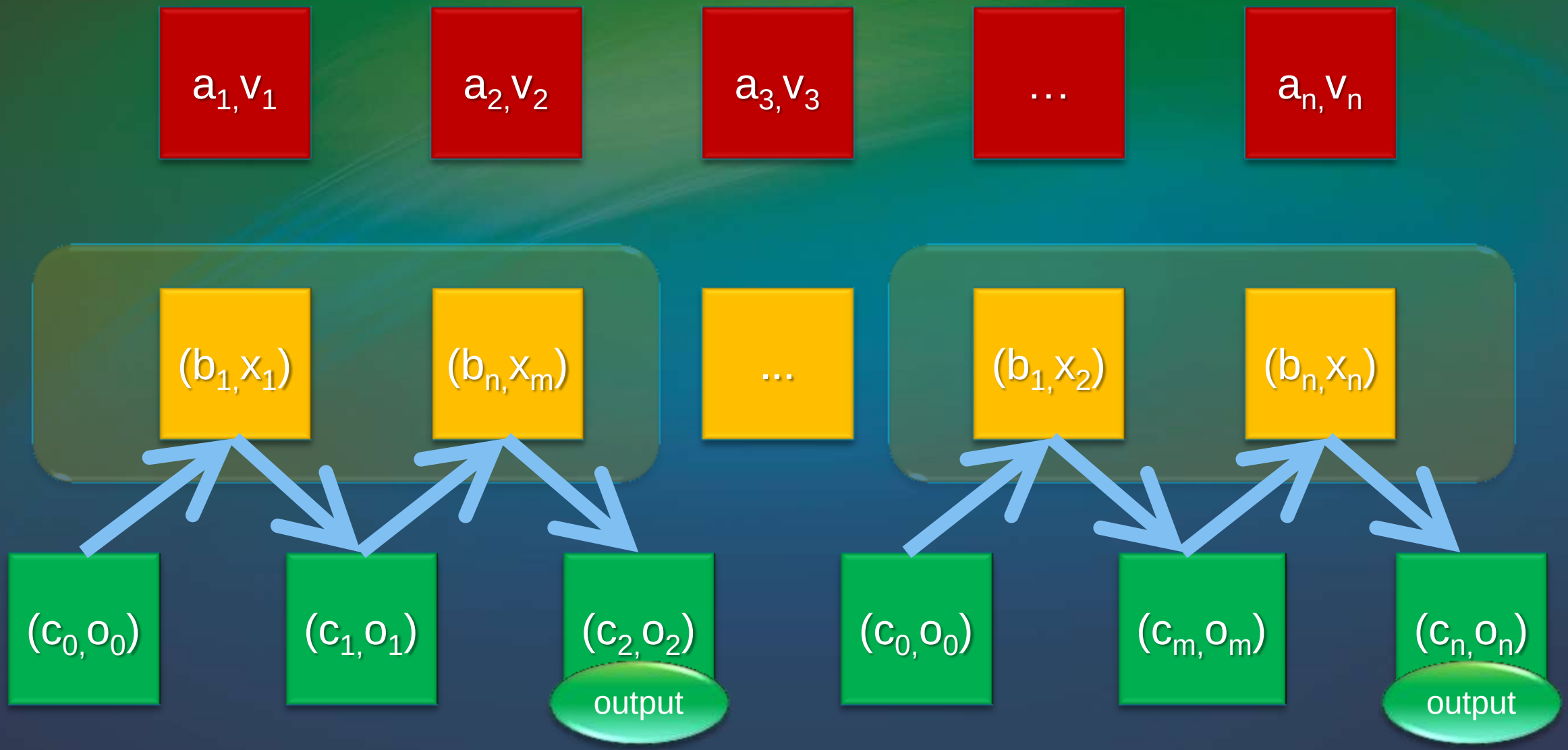

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   for each x in counts:
      sum += x
   Emit(string b, int sum)
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from	3

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is	4

there	4

Approach and importance

- Large-scale data processing
- Cloud computing
  - Virtualization of the worker/slaves
  - Hosted Hadoop in Amazon Elastic MapReduce

Beyond MapReduce: LINQ to HPC

- Generates an execution plan based on a LINQ query
  - Supports more than just MapReduce!
- Runs on Windows HPC Server 2008 R2
  - HPC: High performance computing
- Integrated with Visual Studio 2010

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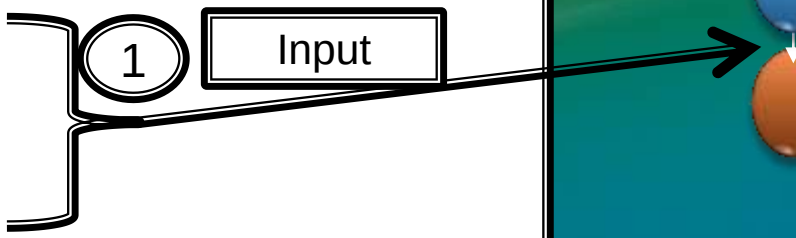

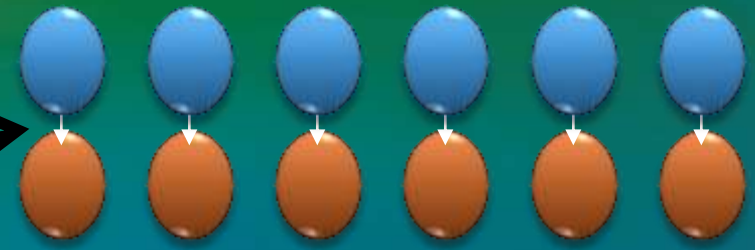

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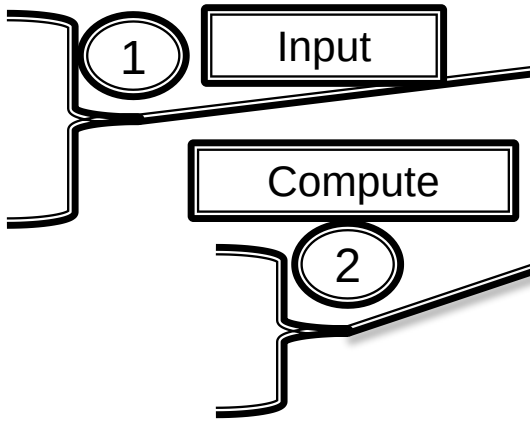

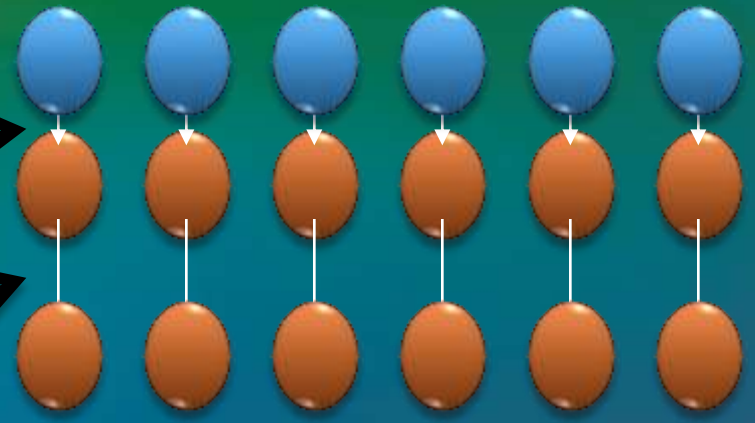

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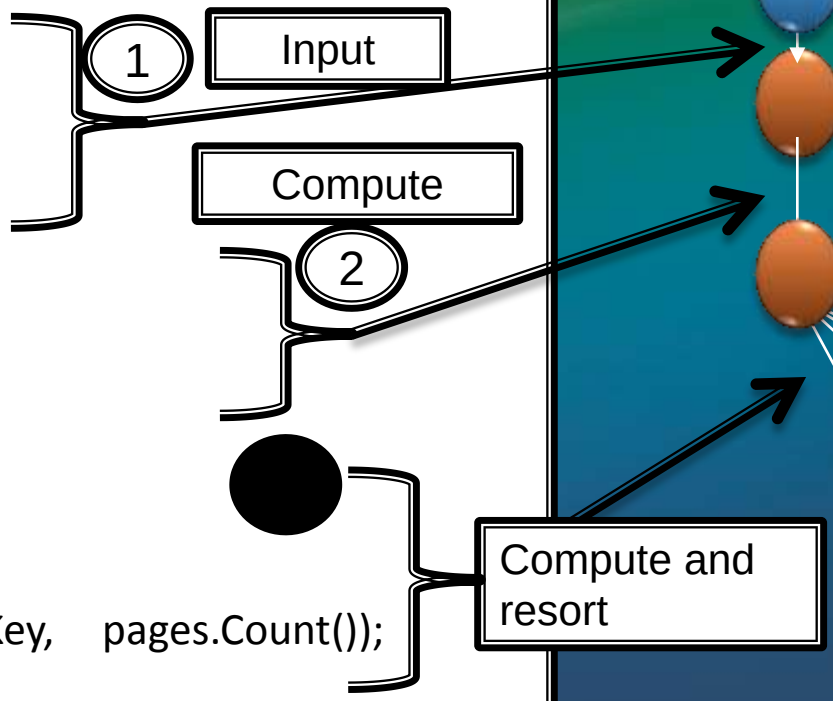

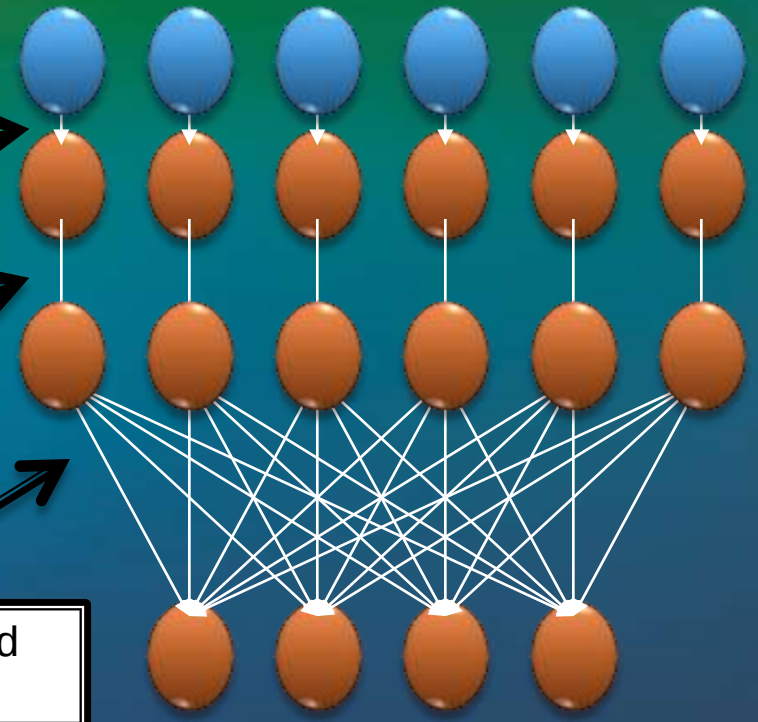

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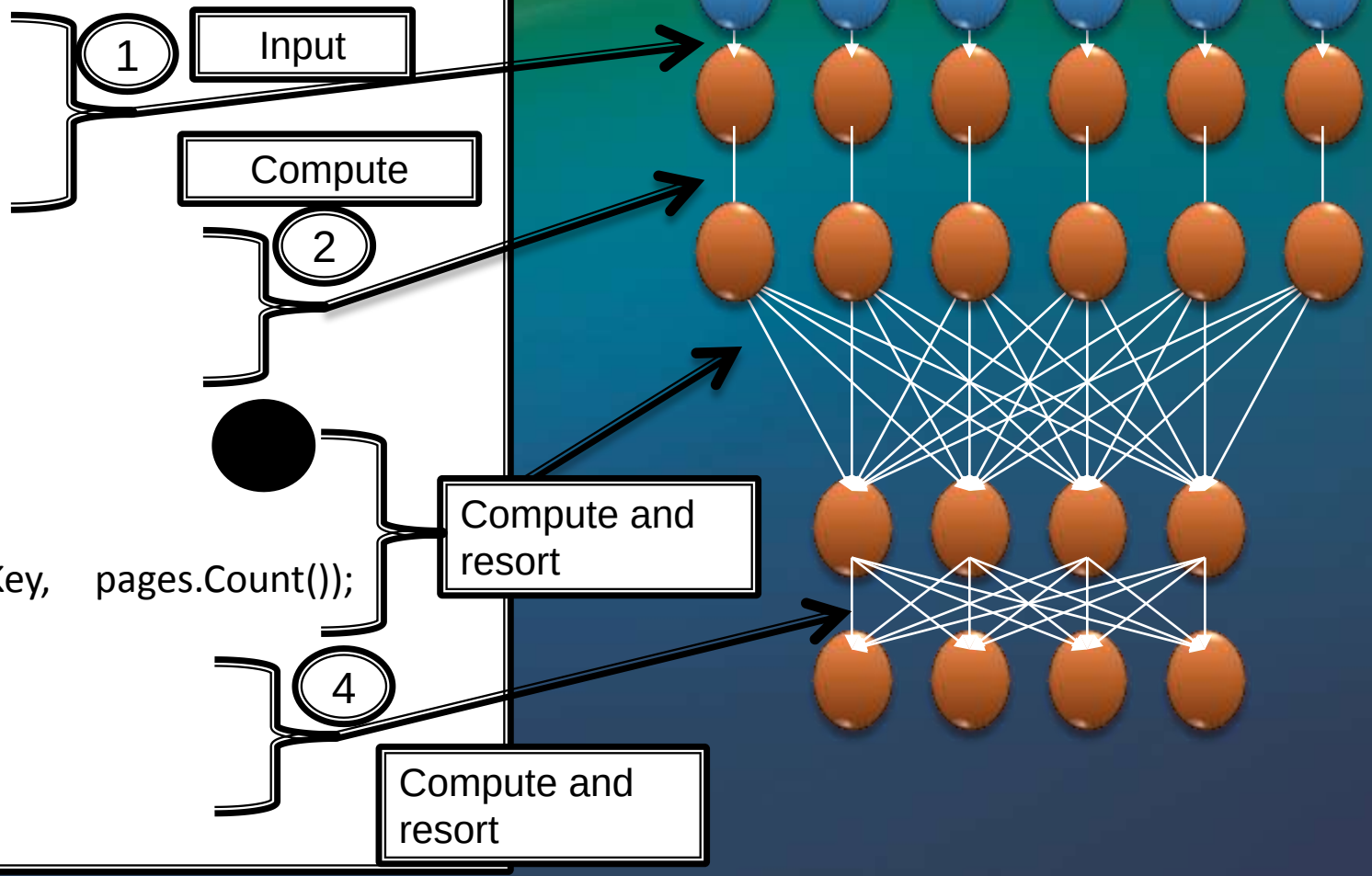

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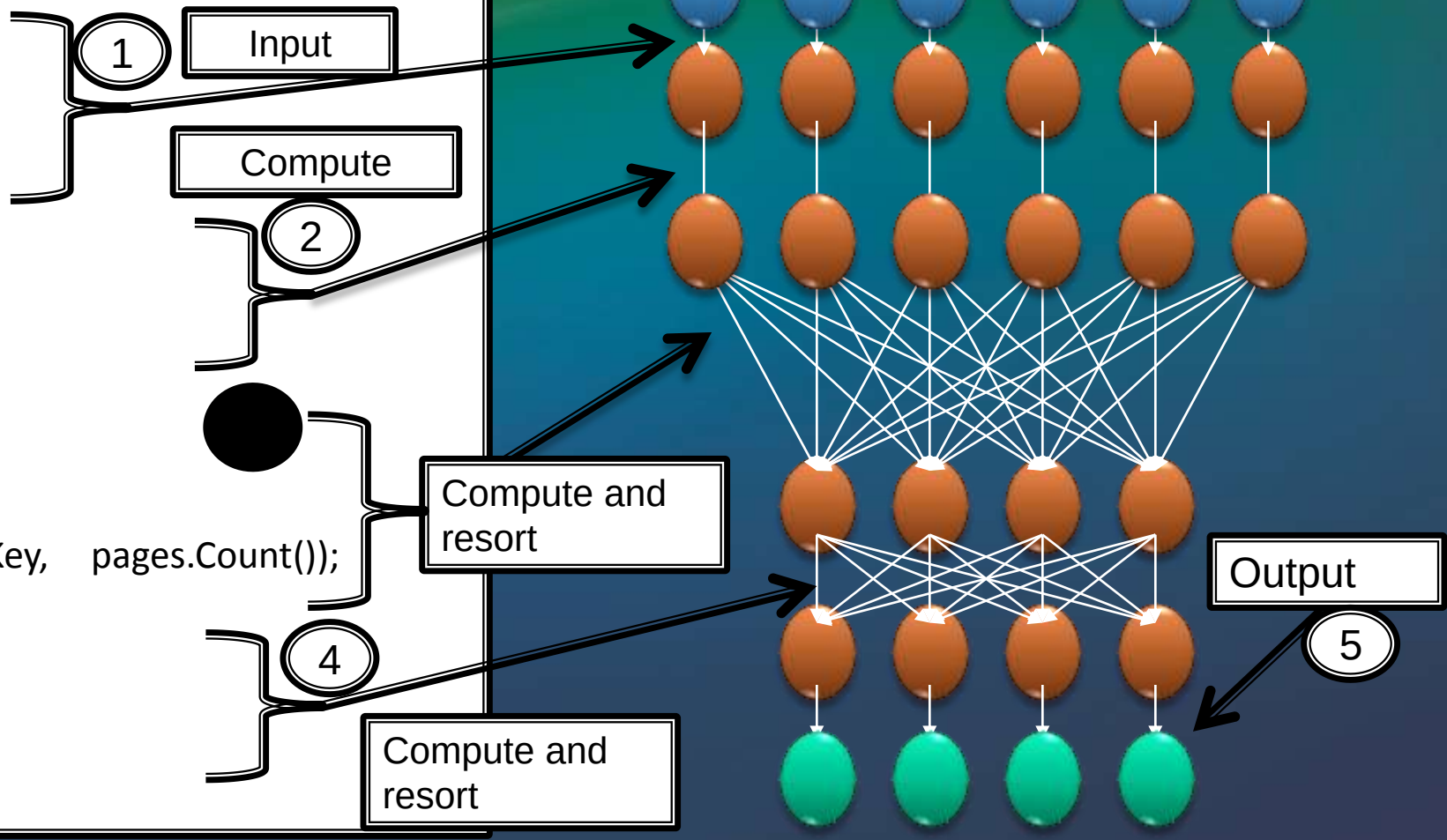

Word count in LINQ to HPC

```
public static IQueryable<Pair> Histogram(IQueryable<string> input)
{
  IQueryable<string> words = input.SelectMany(x => x.Split(' '));
  IQueryable<IQueryable<string,string>> groups = words.GroupBy(x => x);
  IQueryable<Pair> counts = groups.Select(x => new Pair(x.Key, x.Count()));

  return counts;
}
```

```
public struct Pair {
    string word;
    int count;
    public Pair(string w, int c)
    {
        word = w;
        count = c;
    }
    public override string string ToString() {
        return word + ":" + count.ToString();
    }
}
```

Call to action

- Architect your systems using message queues
  - Windows Communication Foundation
  - Azure AppFabric Service Bus
- Learn more about functional programming
  - Play with F#: http://www.fsharp.net
- Learn more about LINQ
- Download and play with LINQ to HPC
  - http://www.microsoft.com/hpc (Windows HPC Pack)
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How will we be programming in 100 years?

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—Tony Hoare