

Blockchain-based information ecosystems

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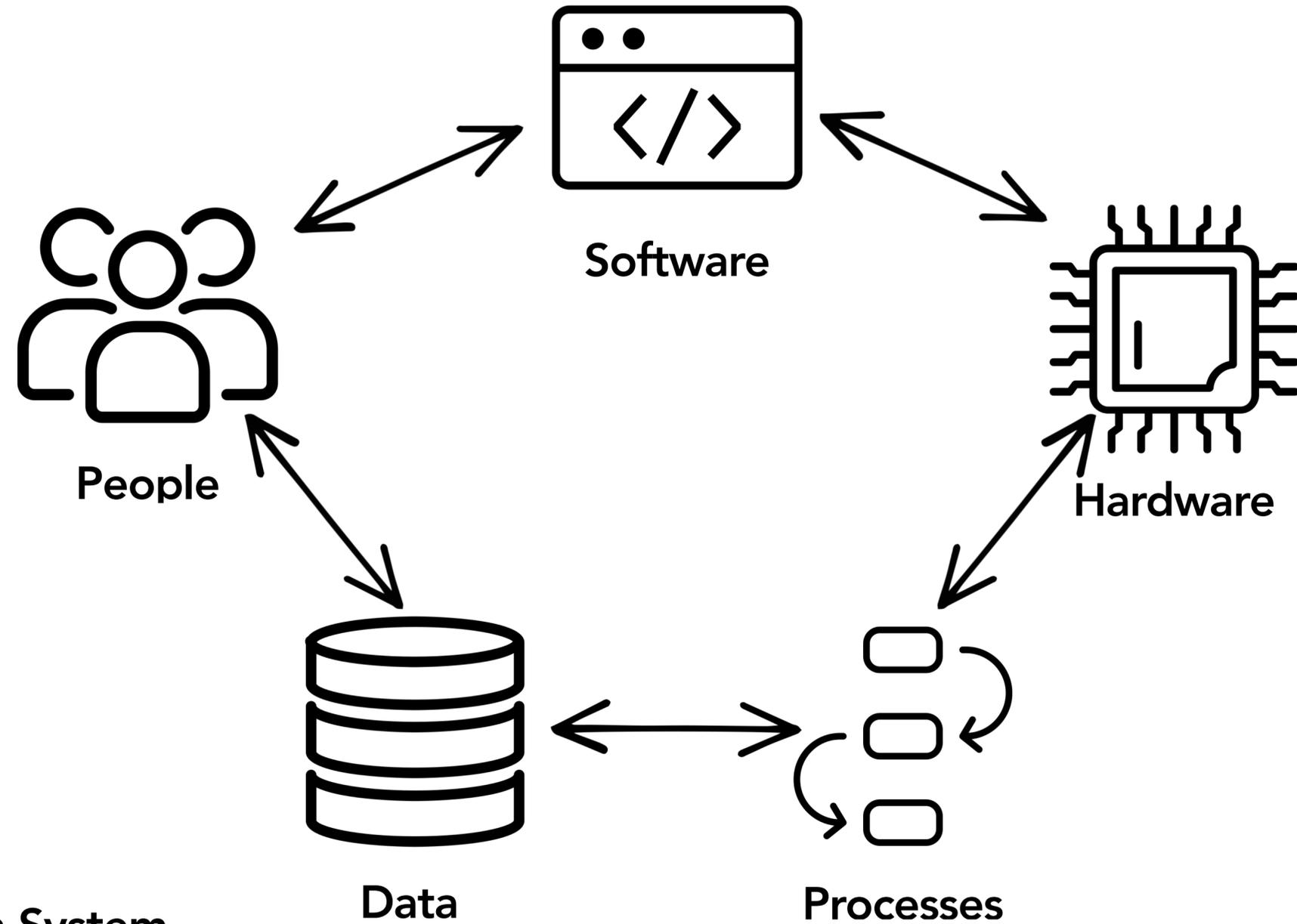
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What is an Information system?



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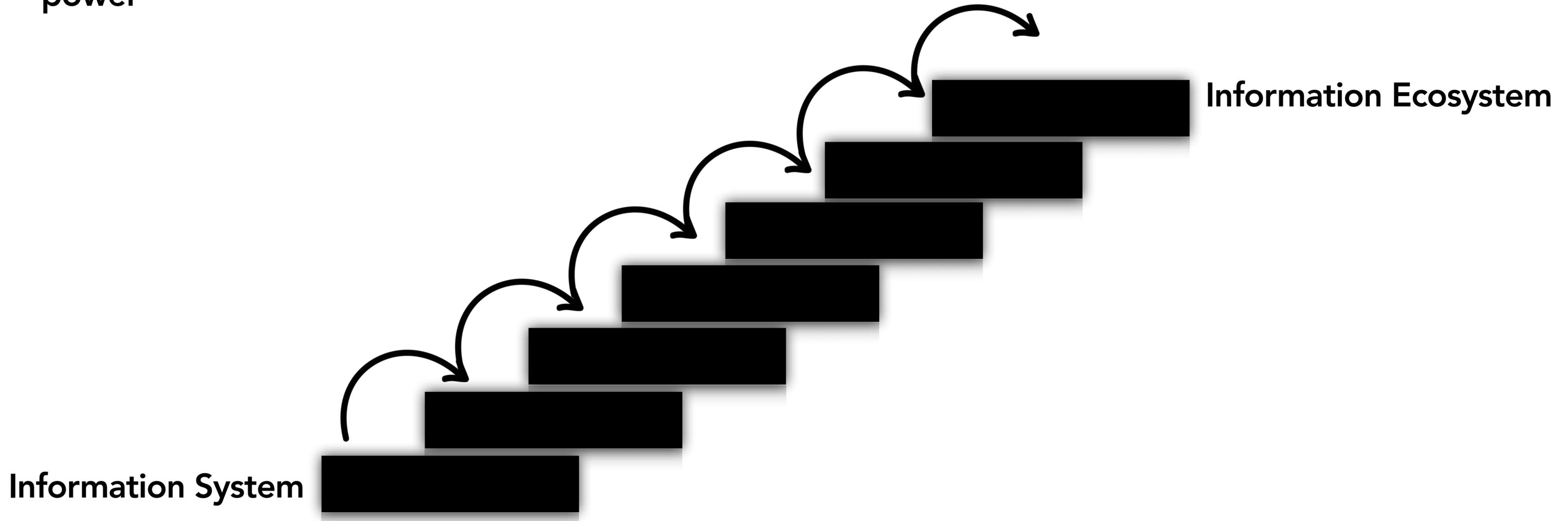
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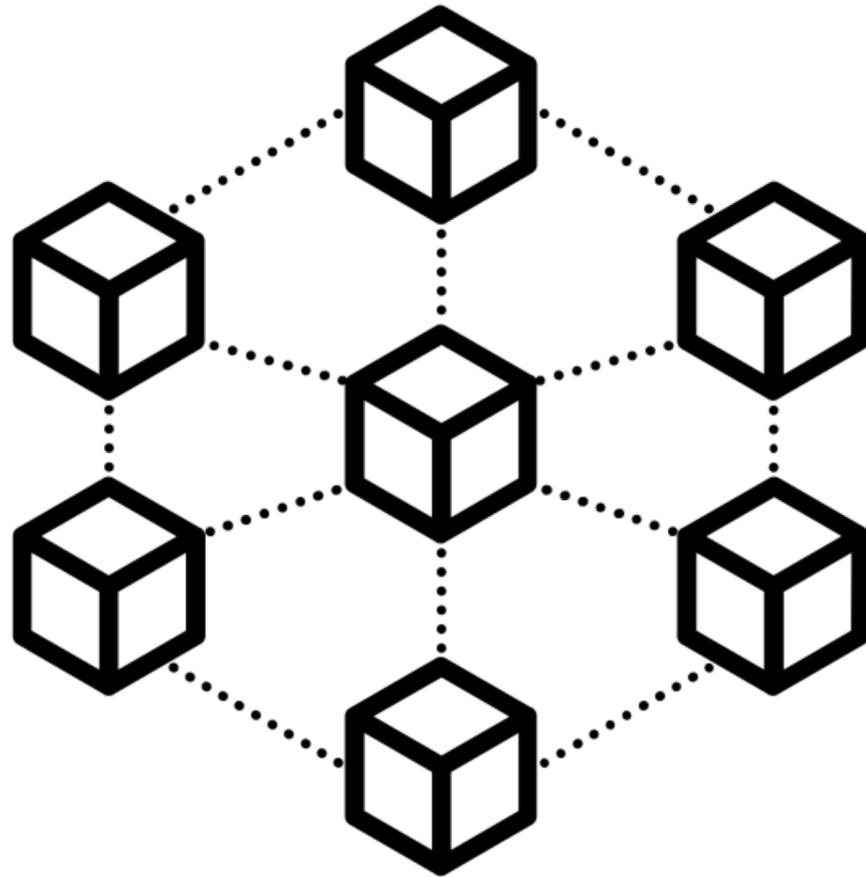
Information System

From Information system to Information ecosystem

- Need to share Business data
- Centralized decision-making power

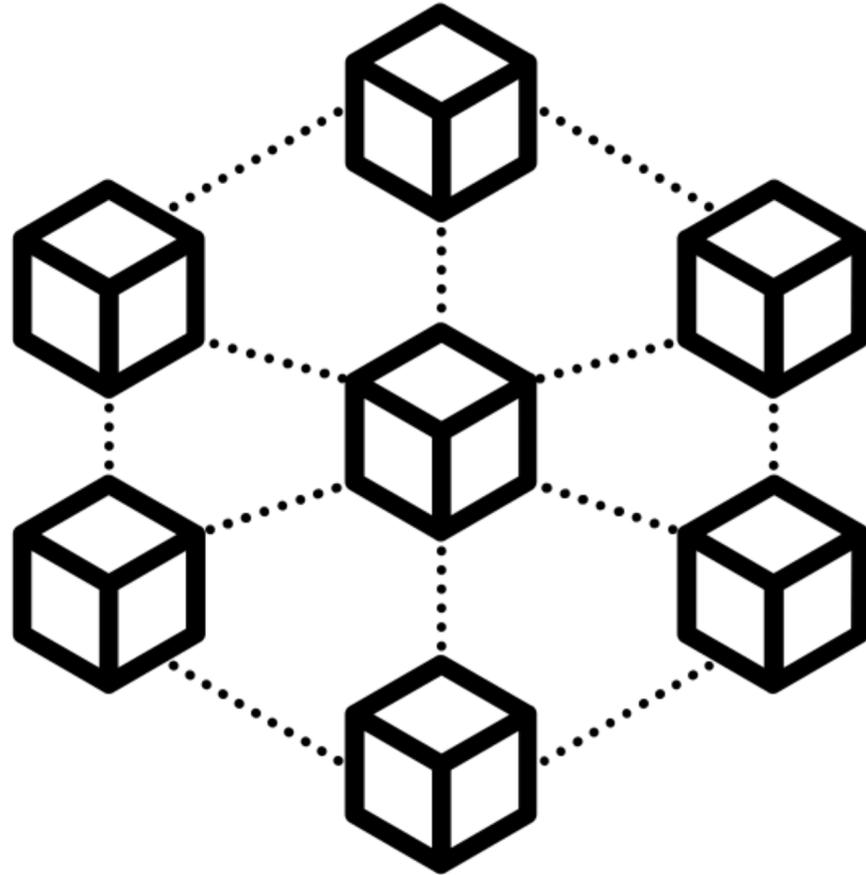


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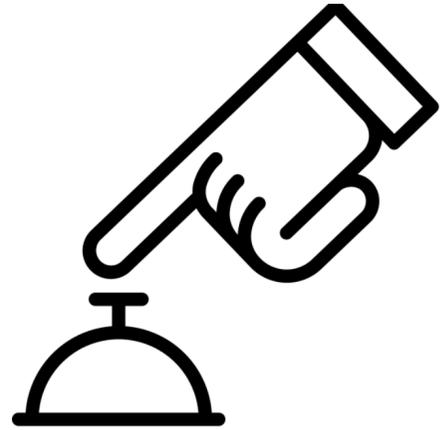


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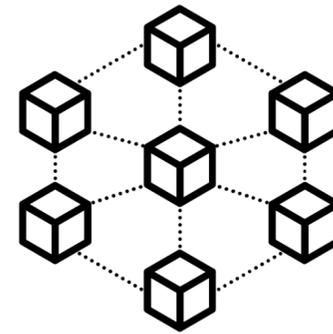


Smart Contracts
Power blockchains and DLTs to
execute distributed business
logic

Blockchain-based applications



Client Request

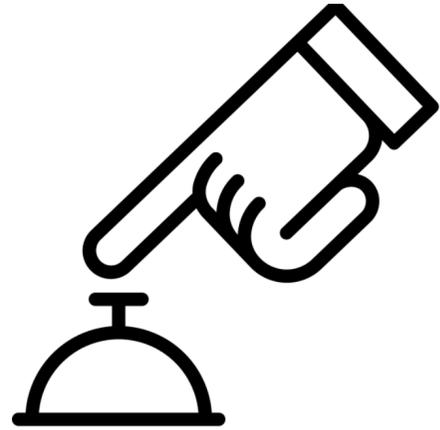


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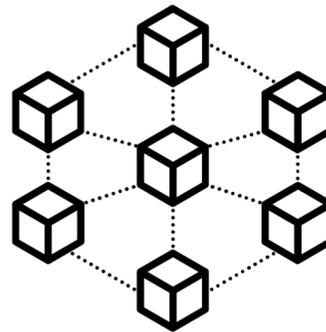
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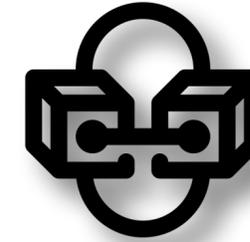
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Immutability

Once a smart contract is
deployed, the code cannot be
changed by a party unilaterally.



Transparency

Once a smart contract is
deployed on a blockchain, its
code is public and readable

Blockchain-based Information Ecosystems*

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Abstract. This study proposes a high-level architecture for deploying blockchain-based information ecosystems (BBIEs) by leveraging and expanding the Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS) concept. The proposed architecture integrates blockchain with the overall information ecosystem to enable trust management and coordination systems in inter-organizational contexts. An Identity Management System (IMS) ensures scalability and security. A case study is presented from the field of fiber cabling of urban centers involving building companies, a monitoring company, and a BaaS provider. The architecture offers a promising approach to prevent the risks of a "blockchain winter" by going beyond the limited scope of the traceability applications so far pursued in industrial deployments of the blockchain and to break the traditional domination scheme of a leading company in business consortia.

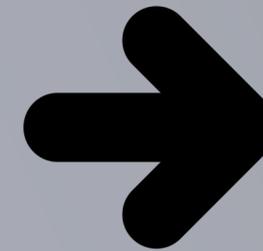
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1 Introduction

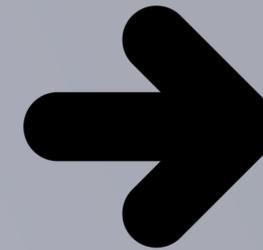
Information systems have marked the history of the organizational transformations of companies from the second half of the twentieth century to the present day [17, 14]. The concept of an information system, which in its basic version is a collection of technologies, processes, and people who work together to produce information that supports the goals and objectives of the organization, has evolved and has been shaped by advances in technology, changes in the business environment, and new theories about how information can be used to support decision making and problem solving [6].

Information systems have a long story that begins in the 1950s and 1960s when mainframe computers were used to automate business processes such as

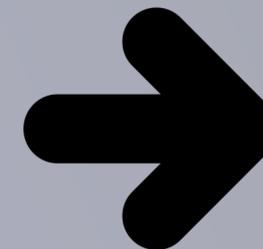
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Concept and design of a blockchain-based information ecosystem (BBIE)

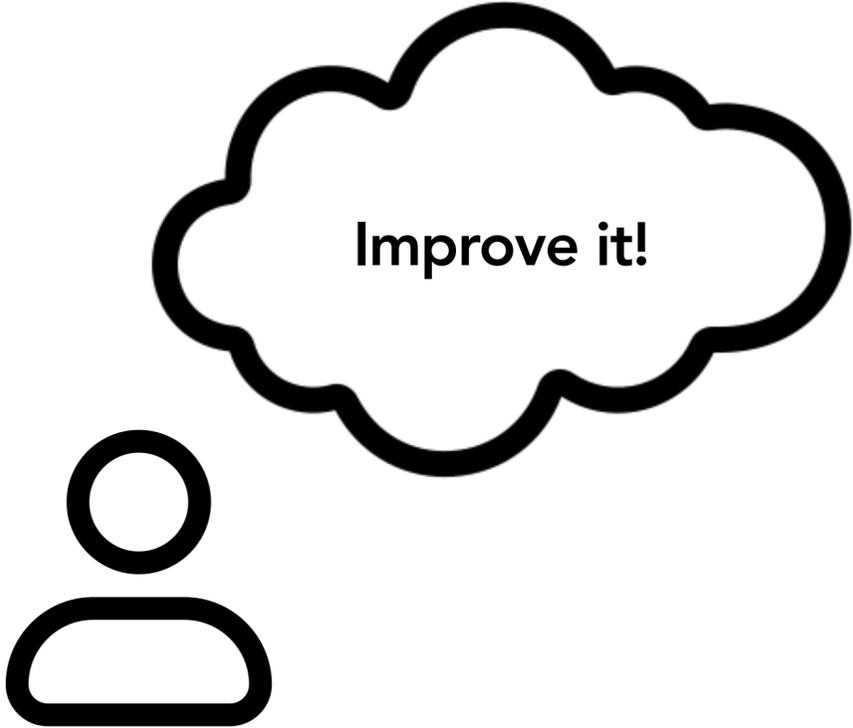


BBIE architecture



BBIE components's interactions

The Legacy Dilemma

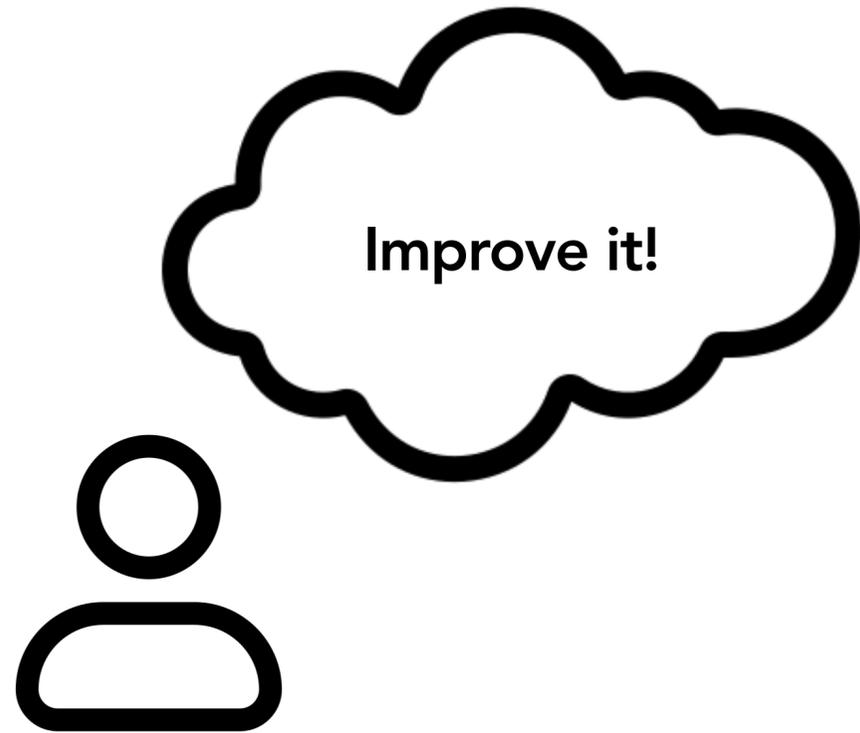


Need investment



Deal with old and intricate system

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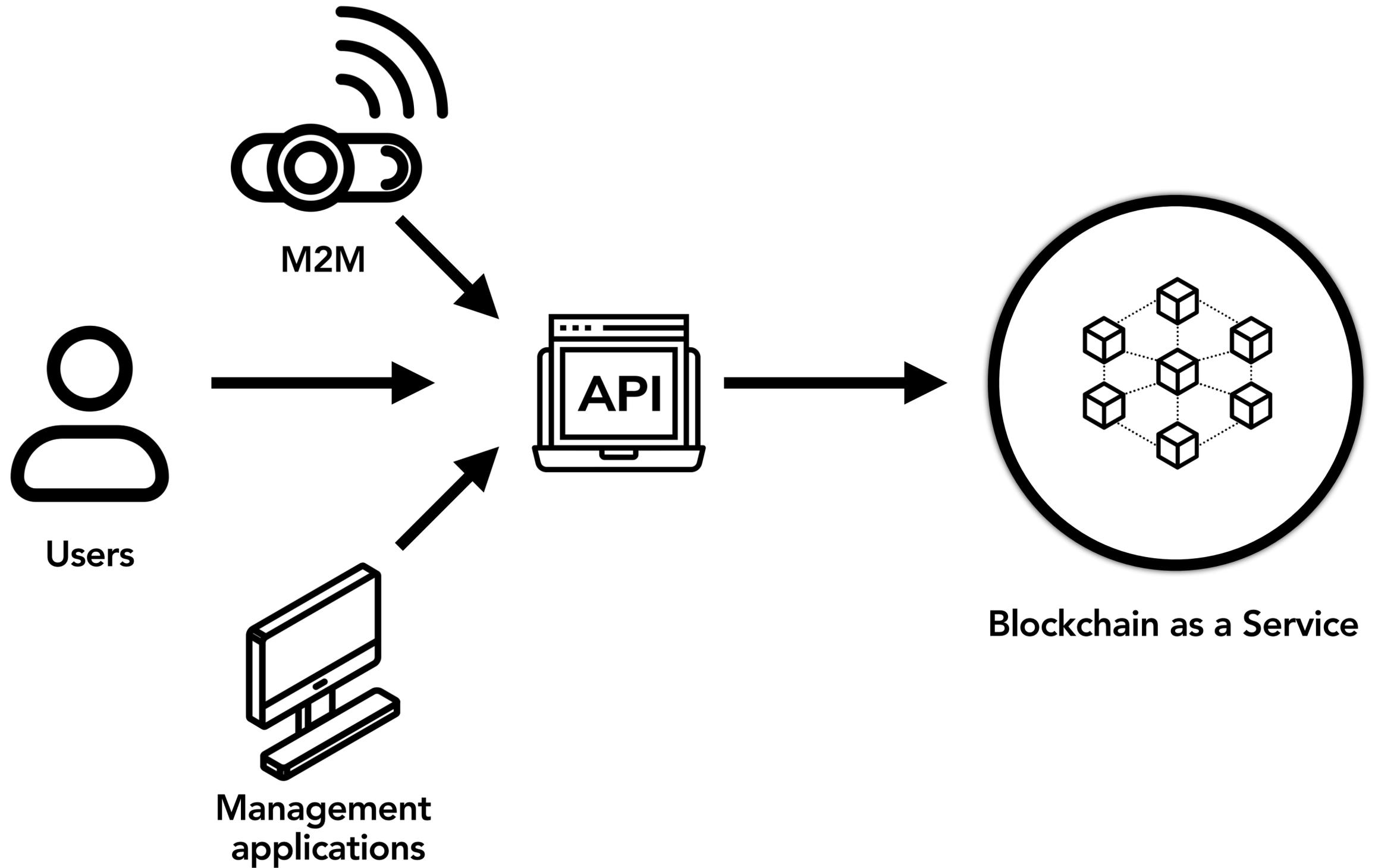
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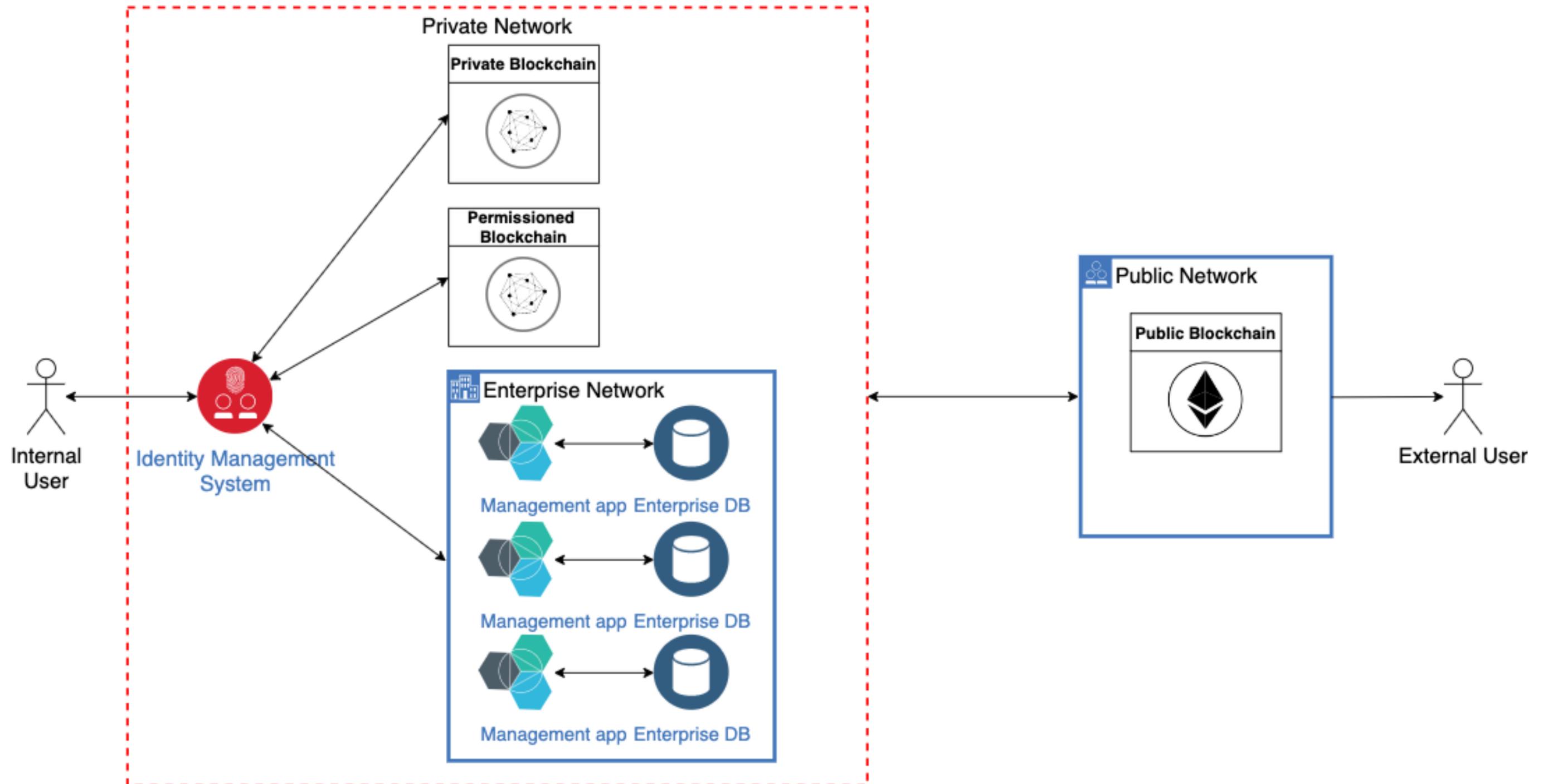
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We should make integration as easy as possible

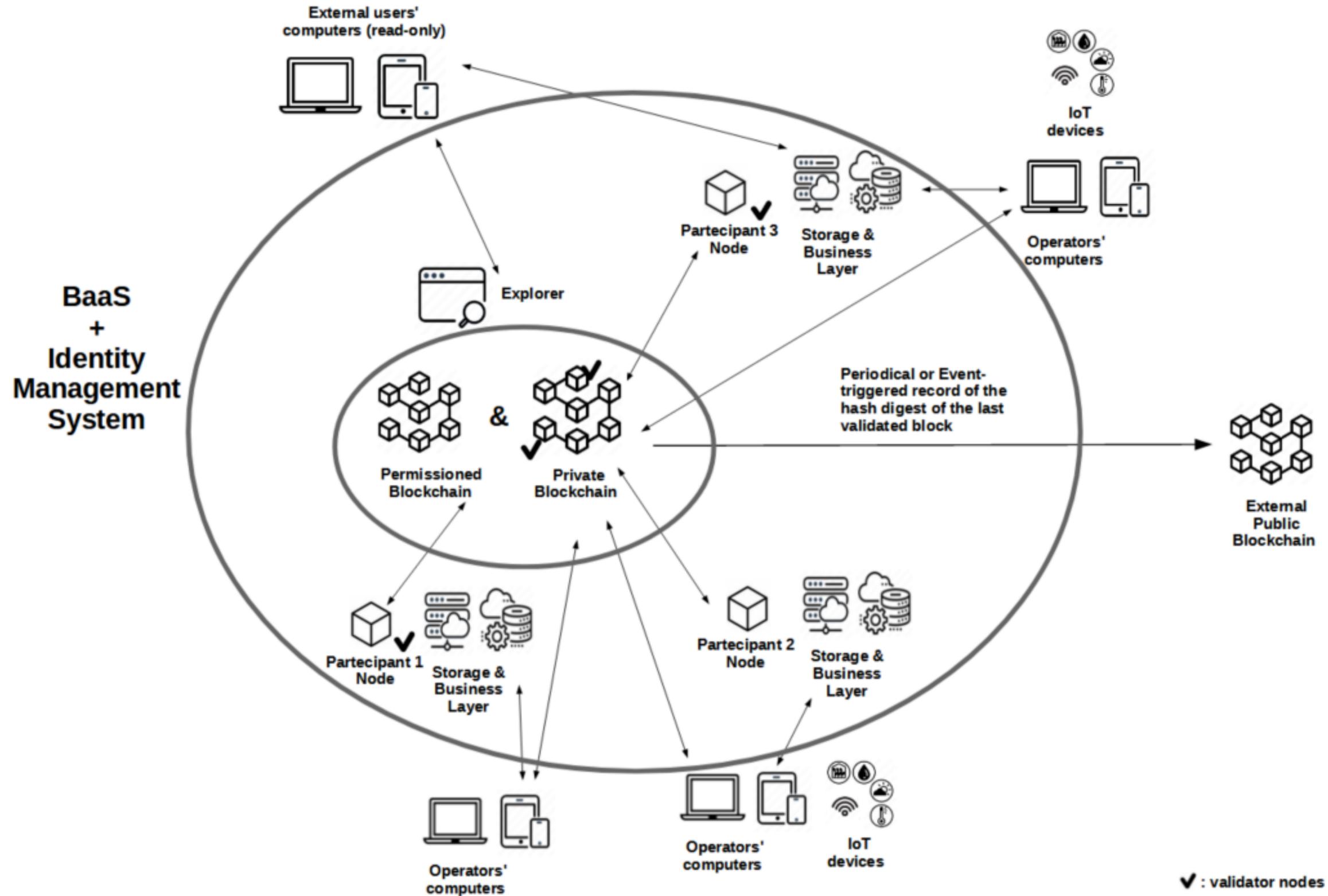
Blockchain as a Service: BaaS



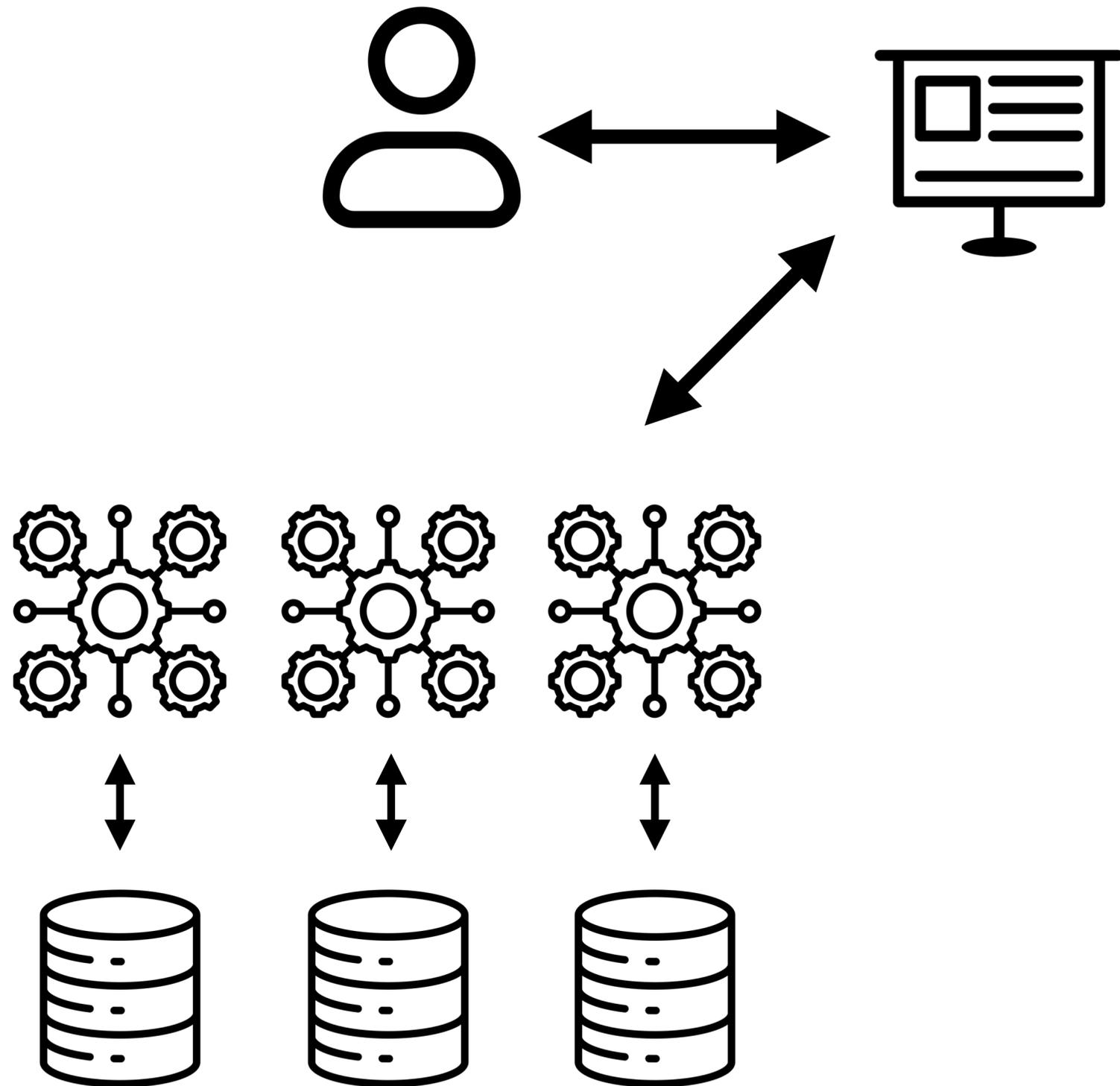
BBIE high level base architecture



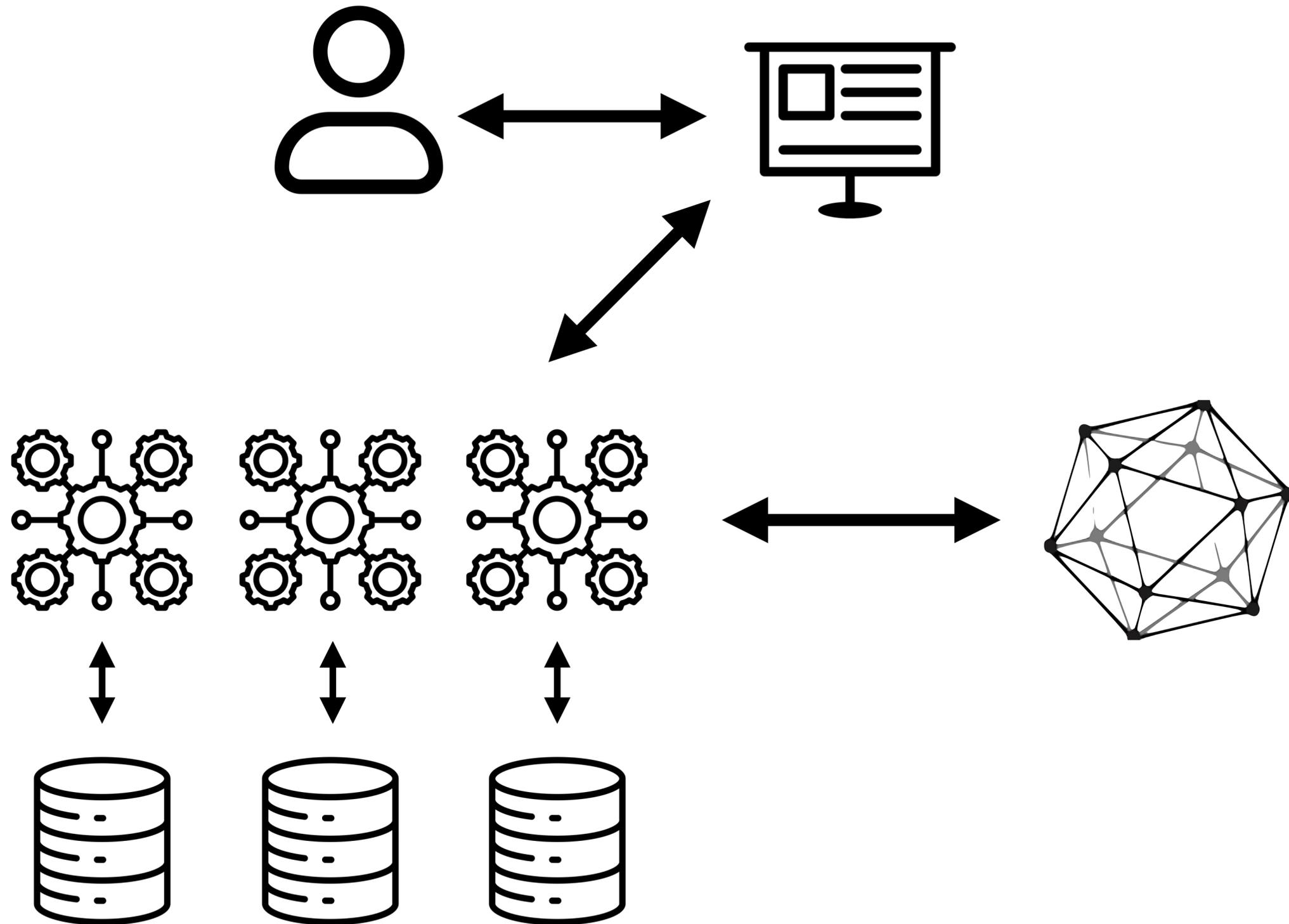
BBIE on-chain business logic



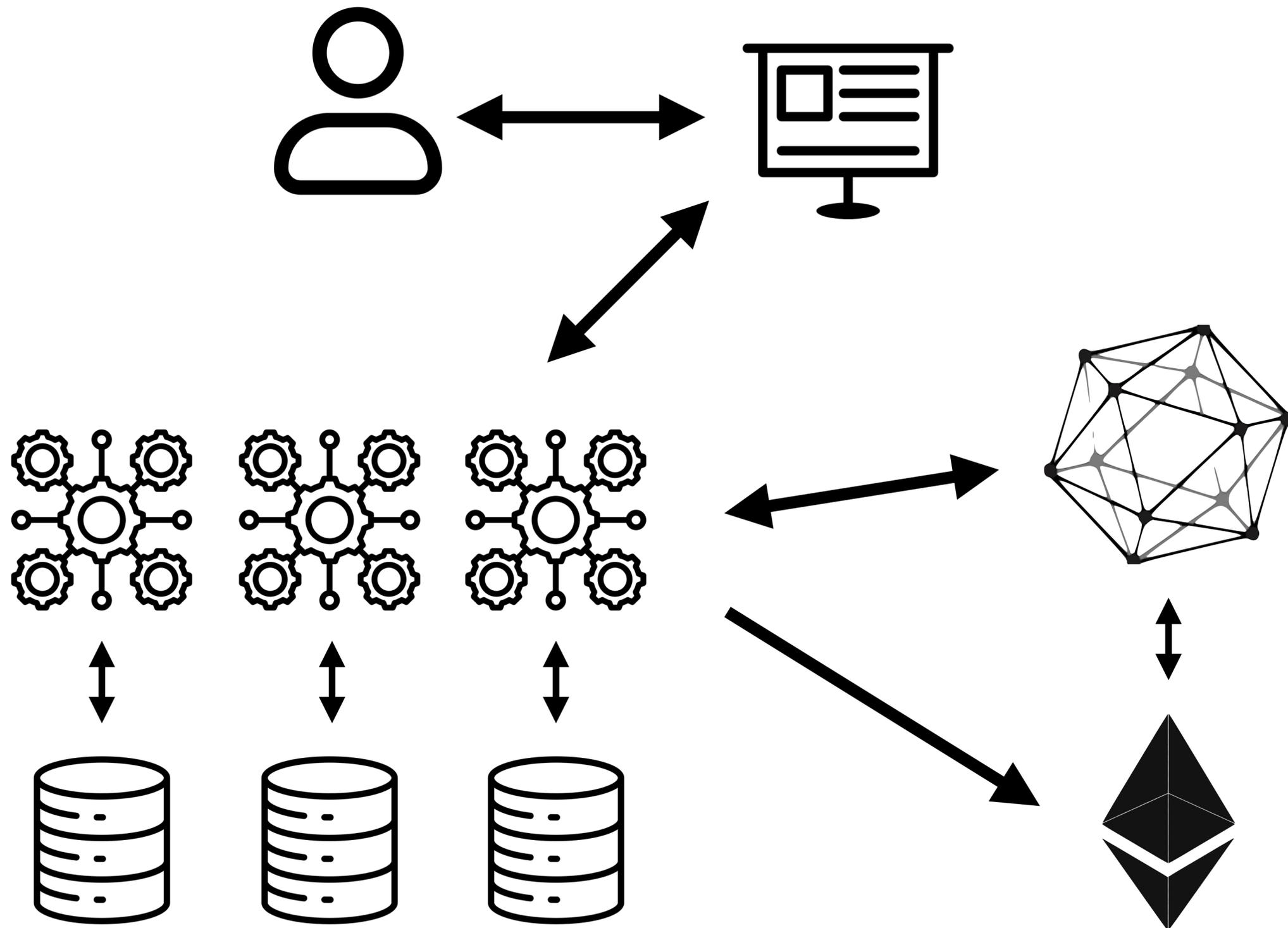
BBIE component interactions



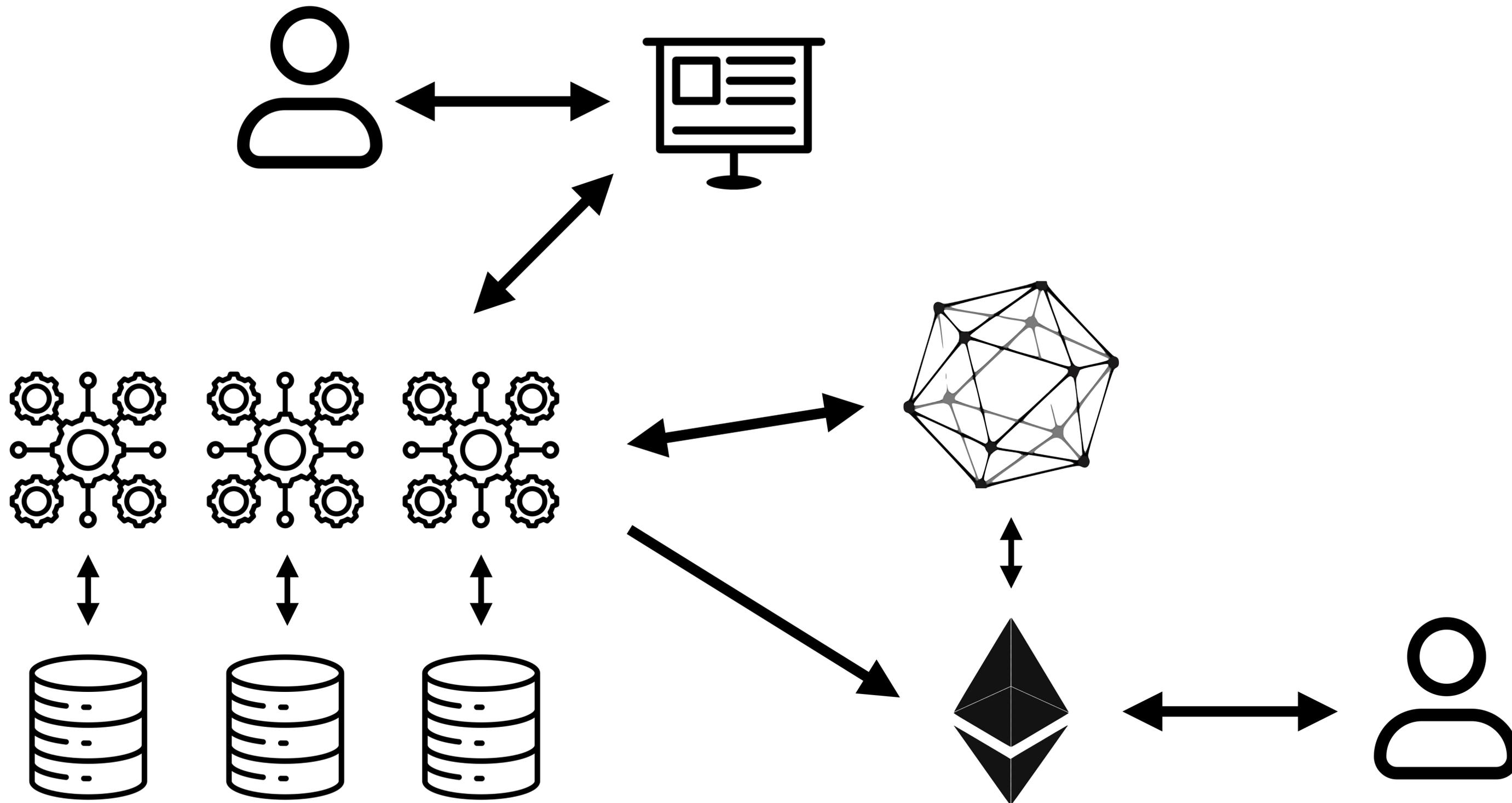
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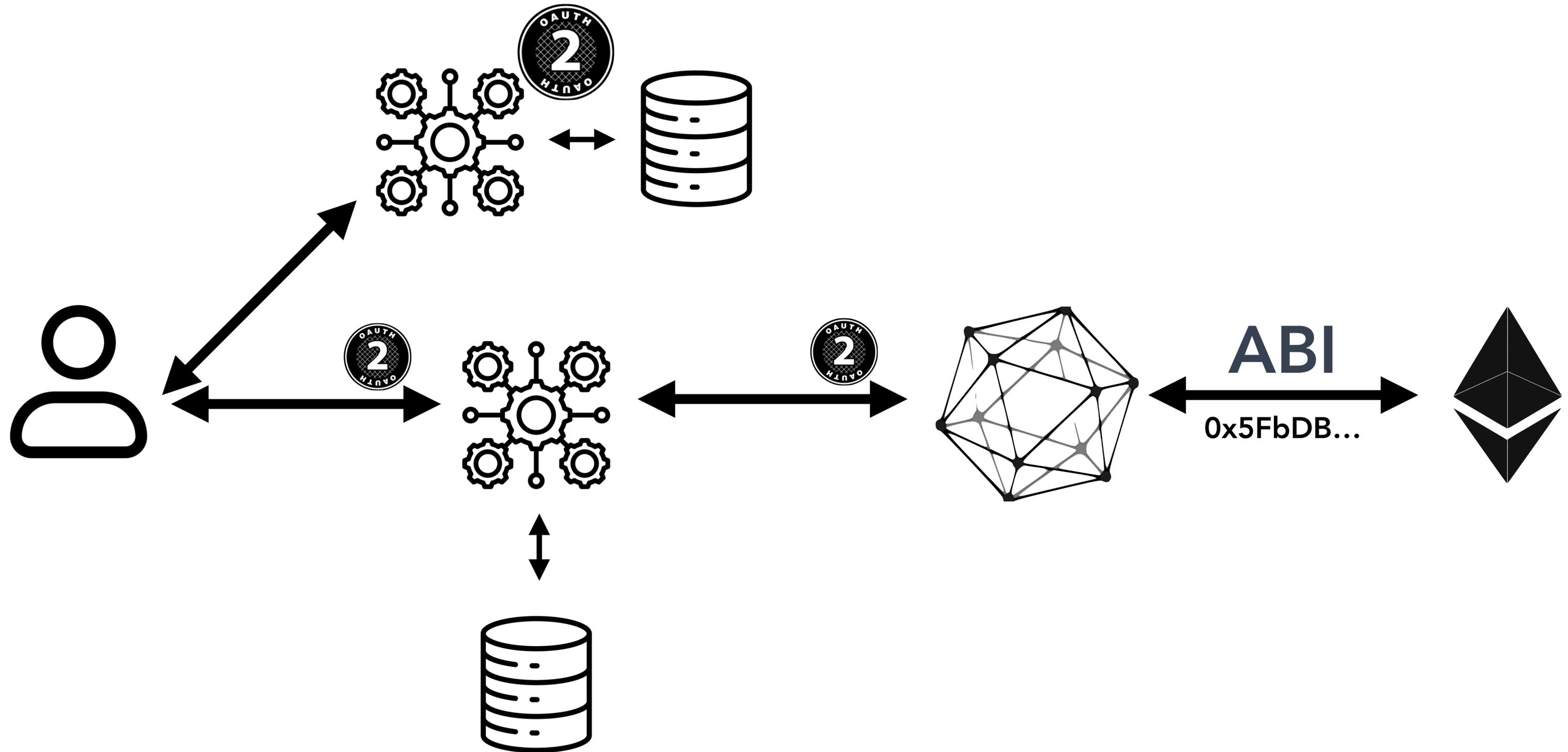
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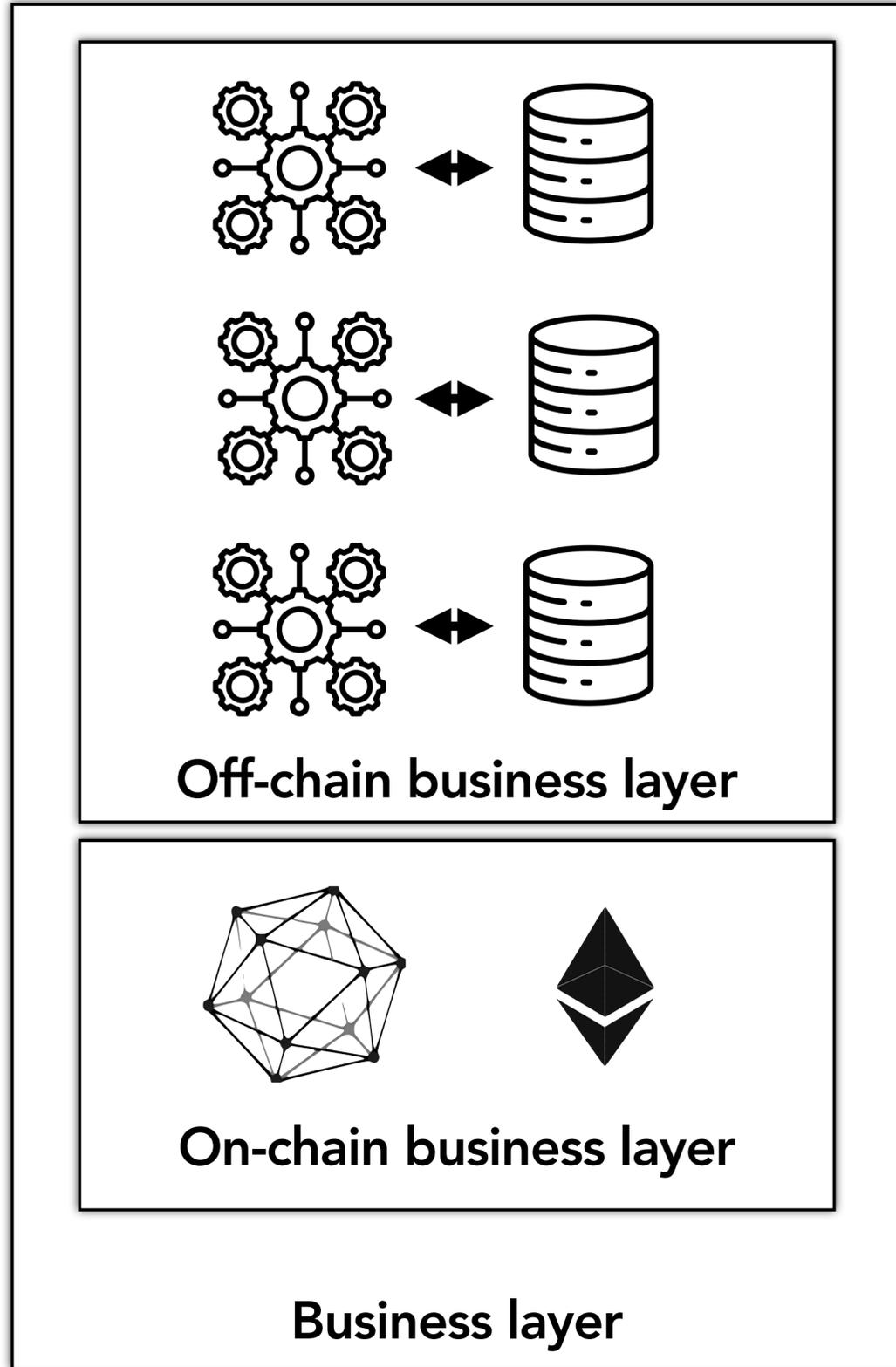
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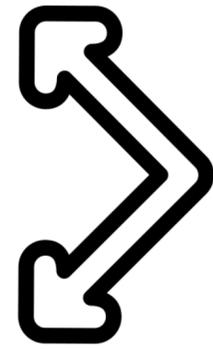
Discussion: managing identities in BBEs.



Discussion: integration with legacy or pre-existing systems

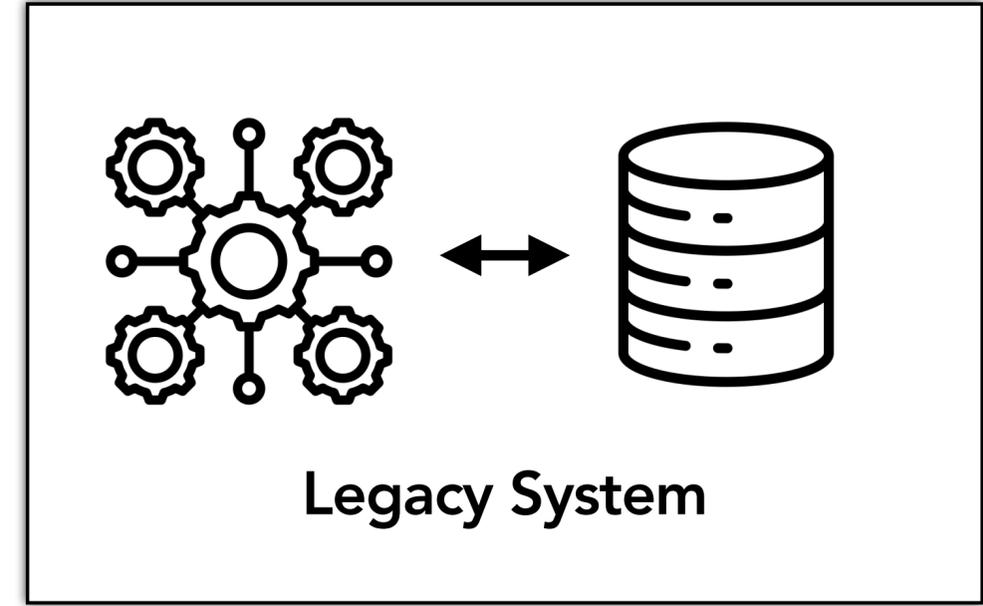


APIs



BaaS

Service interface

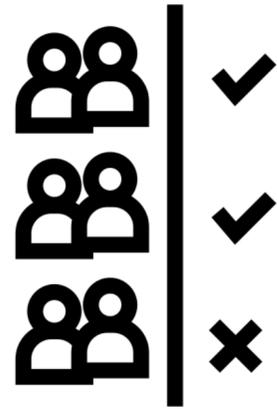


Legacy System

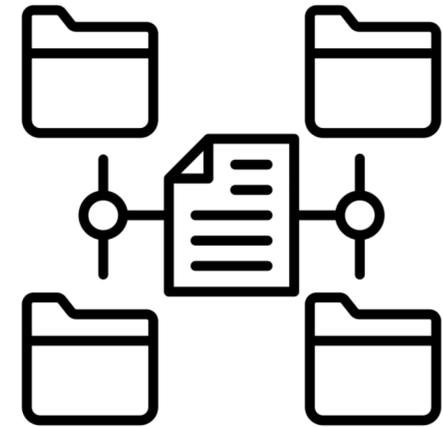
Discussion: Advantages of blockchain integration



Equitable profit sharing



More democratic decision-making

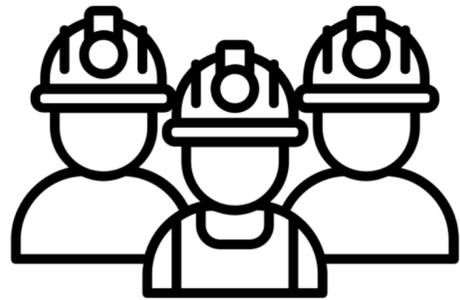


Shared business data

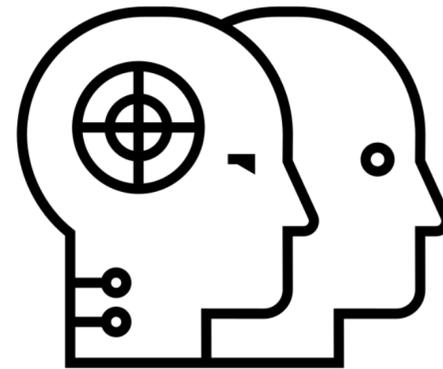
Case study: Cabling an urban area



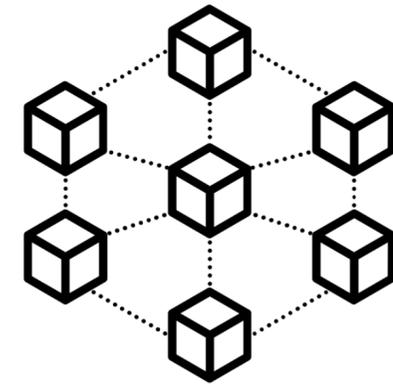
Case Study: involved actors



Building Companies



Monitoring Digital Twin



BaaS Provider

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