



# **PLATFORMS TO SUPPORT EMERGING DATA**

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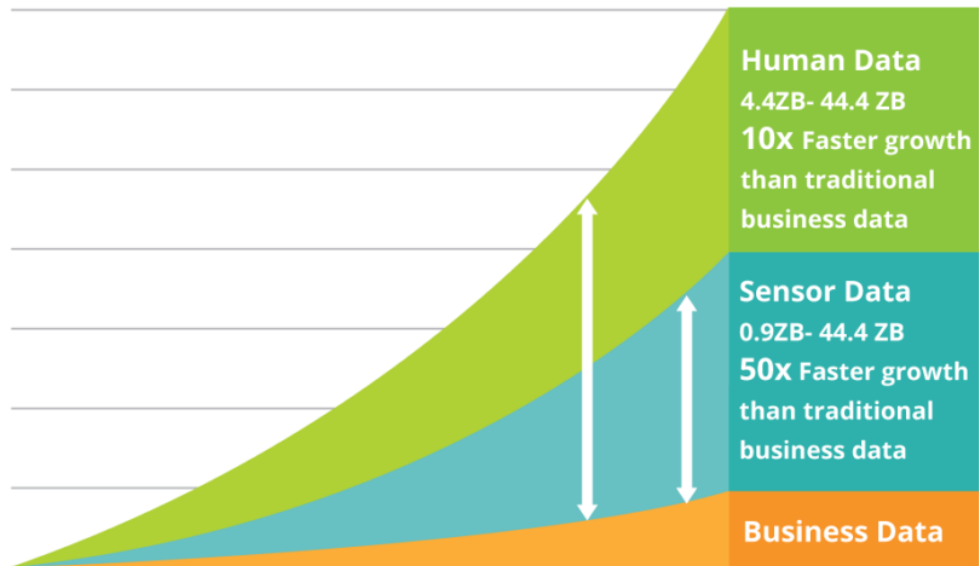
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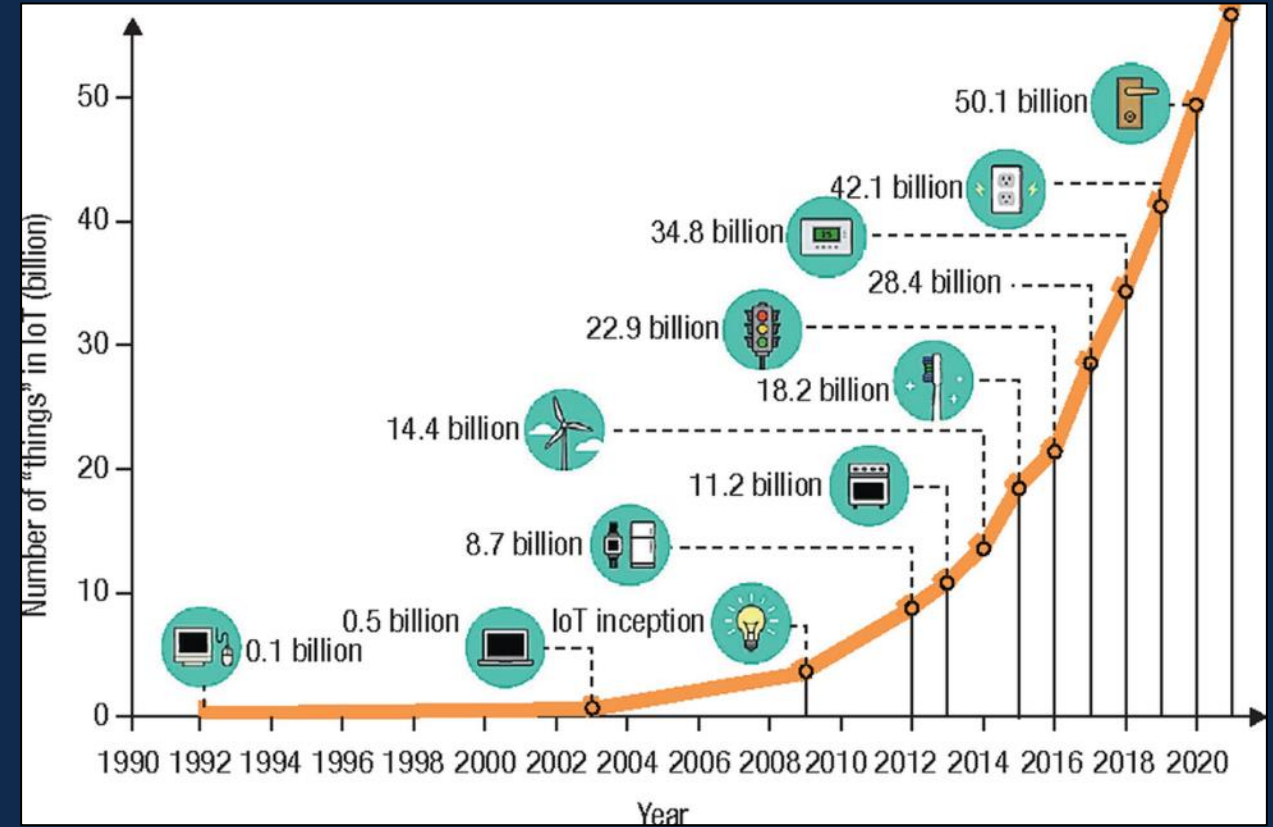
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# Data Today

## The growth of human and machine-generated data

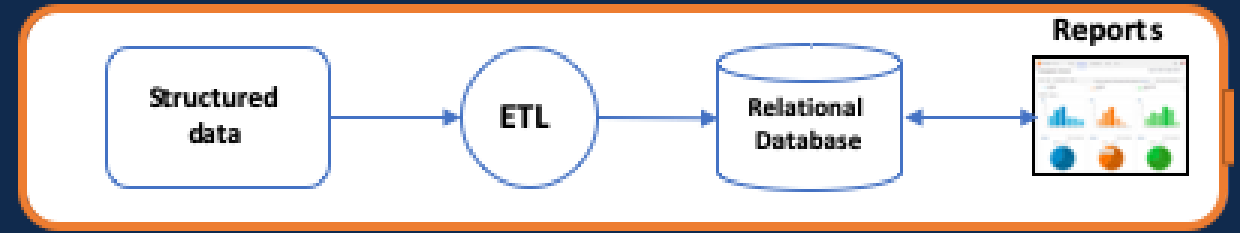


Source: Inside big data



# Traditional Data Warehouse

- Based on RDBMS (1980s)
- Meant for structured data
- Designed and build for a predefined purpose
- Purposefully rigid and not easily modified
- Data is cleaned and reformatted on upload (schema on write)
- Few users with advanced privileges to limit corruption and deletion
- Expensive to maintain, very difficult to scale
- *Can't keep up with the volume, speed, granularity and demand of data today*

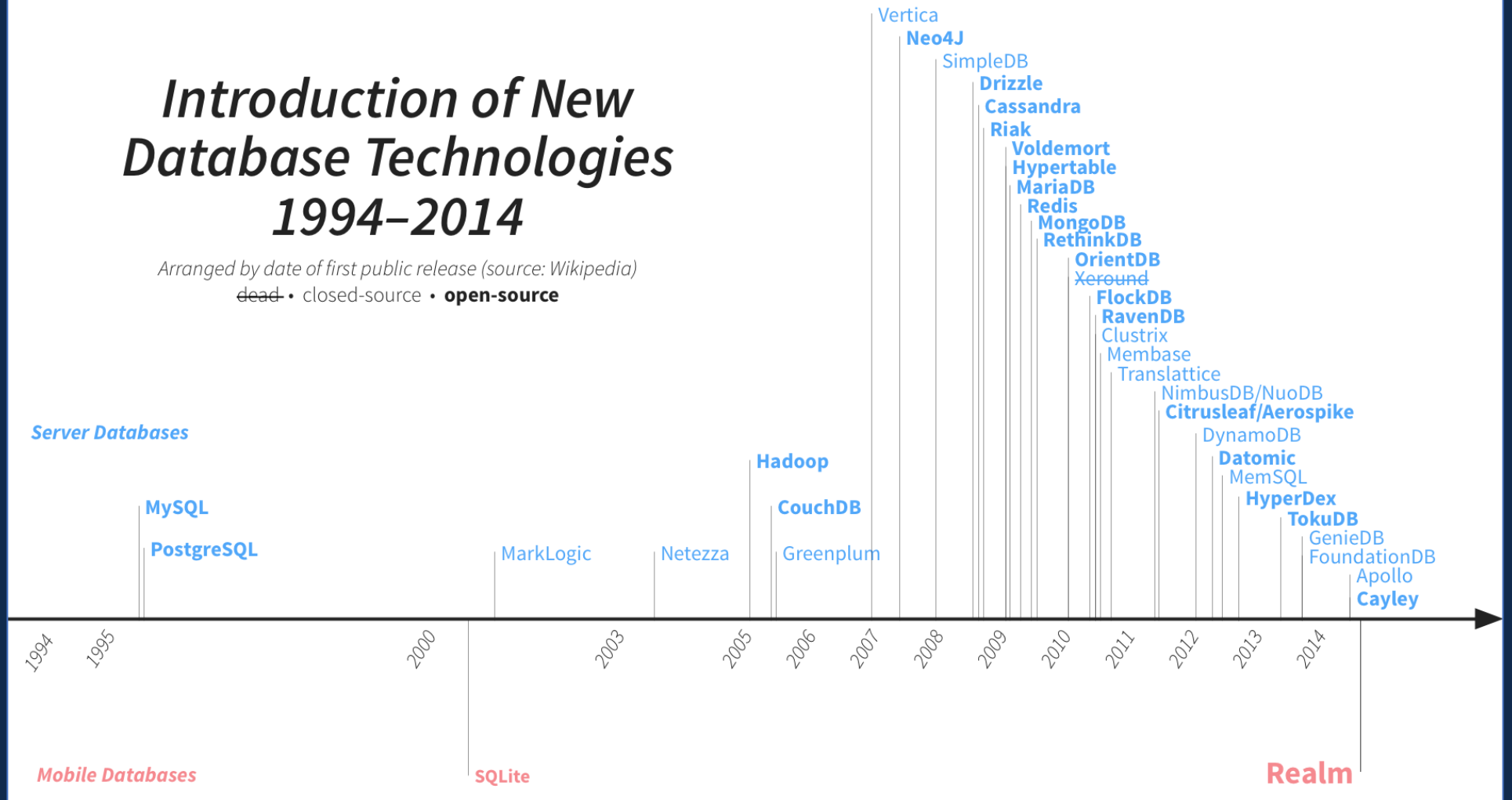


# Race To Keep Up With Data Needs

## Introduction of New Database Technologies 1994–2014

Arranged by date of first public release (source: Wikipedia)

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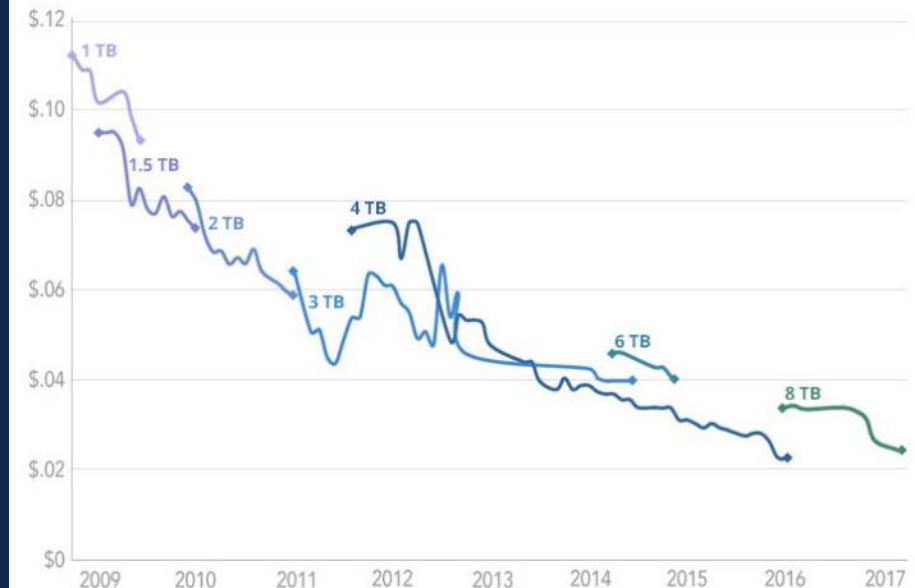


# Velocity of obsolescence

- **Obsolescence:** the time when a technical product or service is no longer needed or wanted even though it could still be in working order
- **Hardware:** Storage, Computational, Network
- **Software:** Automated, CI/CD
- **Workforce:** Half life of degrees and certifications is decreasing

Backblaze Average Cost per Drive Size

By Quarter: Q1 2009 - Q2 2017

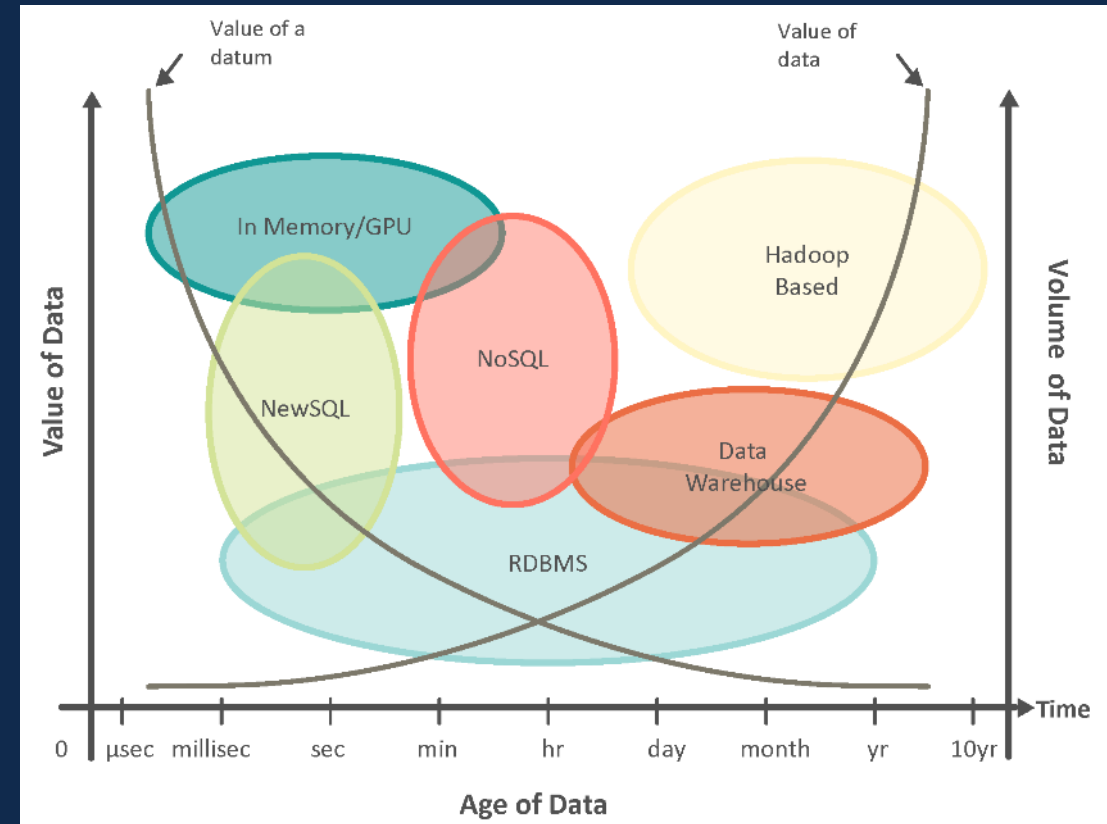


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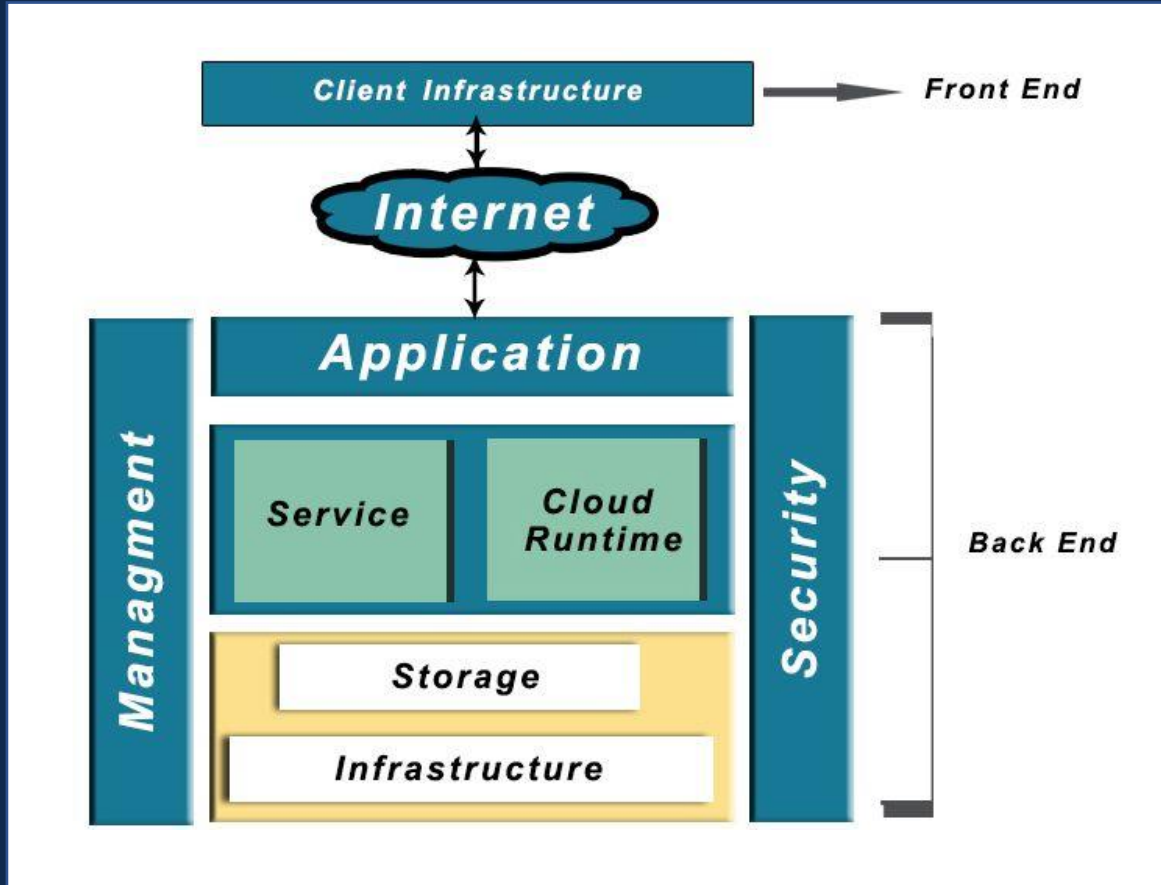
# The Situation We Were In

- No more one size fits all solution
- Many data tools needed for equivalent RDBMS capabilities
- Tools need different hardware and networking
- Tools run on many servers (cluster)
- Excessive acquisition and maintenance costs

*These shortcomings led to a new approach to shared IT resources - a.k.a. cloud*



# The Cloud

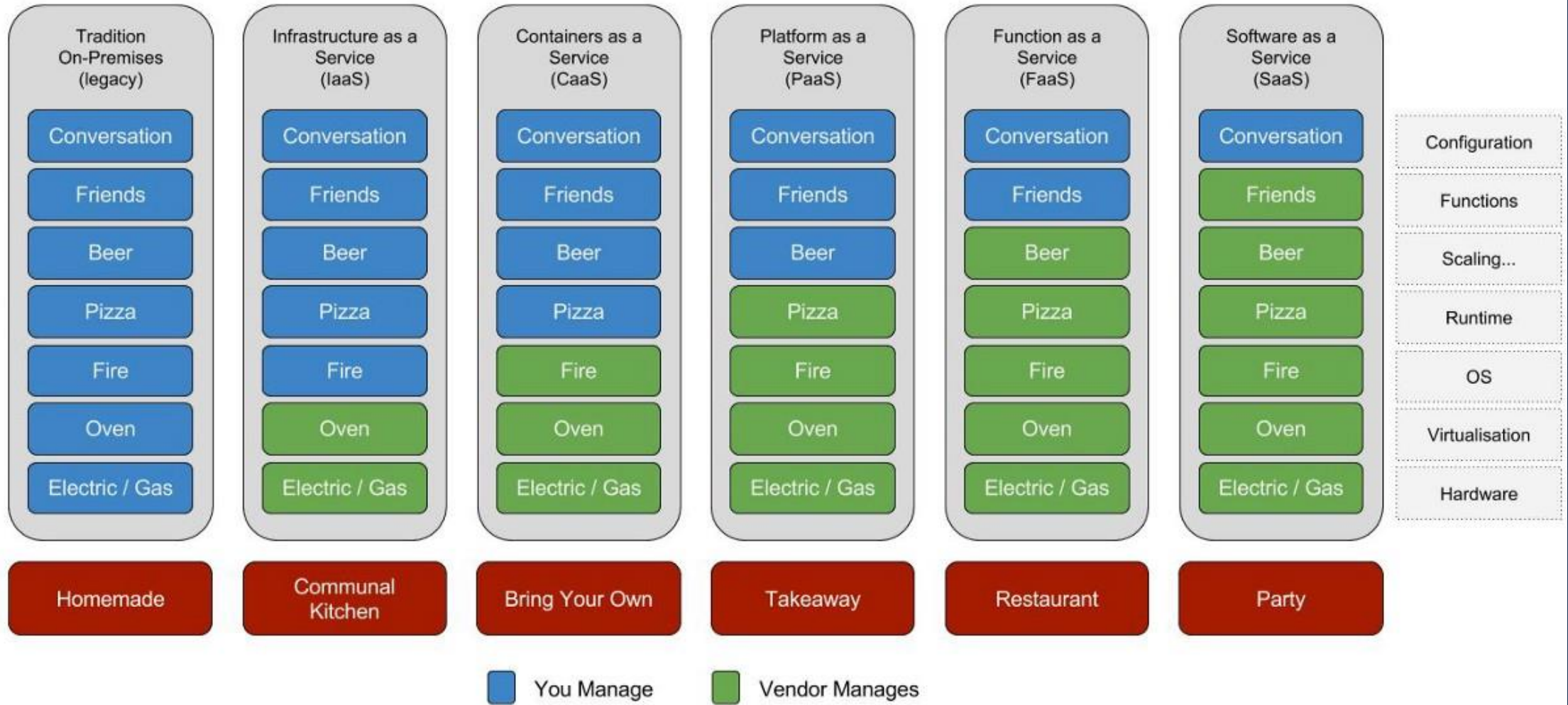


- On Demand
- Self Service
- Broad network access
- Multi-Tenancy (Resource Pooling)
- Rapid Elasticity
- Measured service
- Pay for what you use



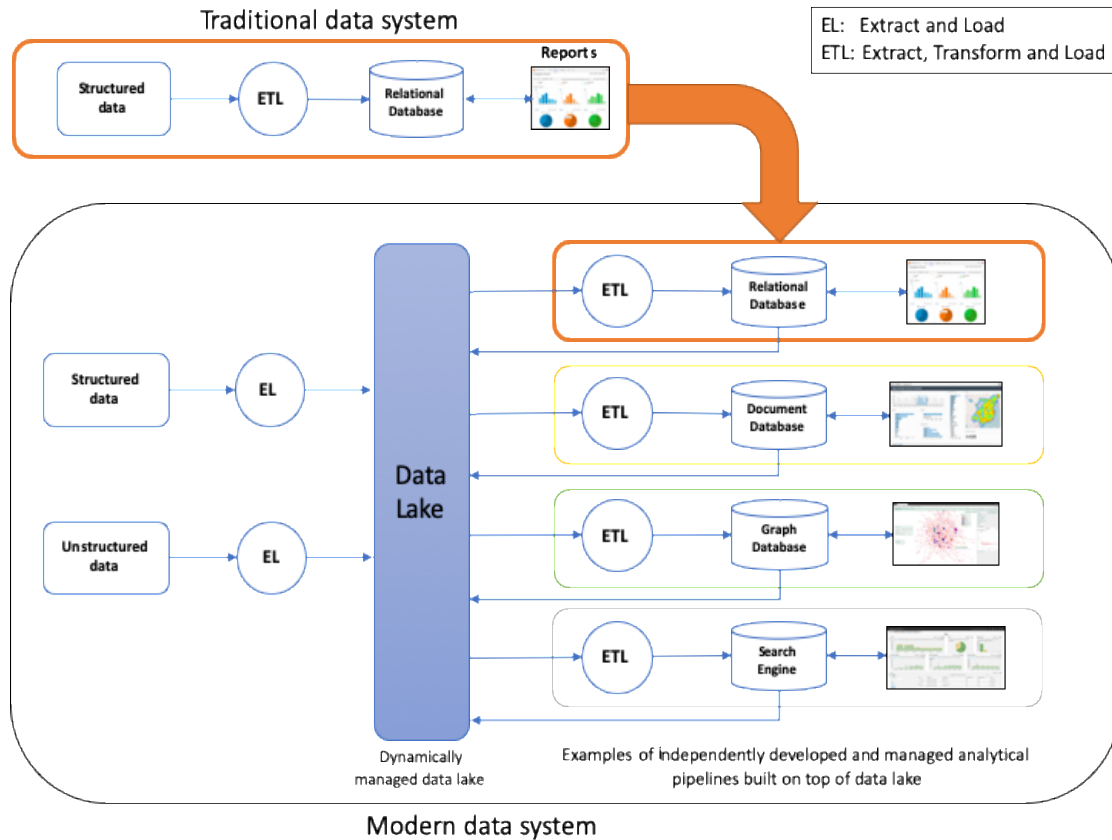
## Pizza as a Service 2.0

<http://www.paulkerrison.co.uk>





# The Modern Data Warehouse



- Load data as is, no cleaning or reformatting
- Scalable storage (data lake)
- Extract, transform, load and analyze data differently for each use case
- **The traditional data warehouse using RDBMS still works with modern framework.**

# Cost Comparison

- Less expensive, but based on demand
- Need to be vigilant of change
- Watch out for demand surge
  - Snowstorm
  - Long running queries
  - Disconnected software instances (Ghost)
  - Forgotten data

## Sample Cost Approximation

	Oracle Enterprise Edition on Spark Server	EDB Postgres Plus Enterprise Edition on IBM Powerlinux	AWS Aurora
Type	Proprietary	Open Source	SaaS
Specification	4 sockets/32 cores	4 sockets/32 cores	4 servers of 8 cores
Capital expenditure			
Server	\$62,874	\$51,755	\$-
License fee per core			
Database	\$47,500	\$-	\$-
Partitioning	\$11,500	\$-	\$-
Data guard	\$11,500	\$-	\$-
Diagnostics	\$5,000	\$-	\$-
Total license fee per core	\$75,500	\$-	\$-
Total license fee per server	\$2,416,000	\$-	\$-
Operation expenditure			
Annual support/maintenance	\$531,520	\$27,600	\$-
Server Instances	\$-	\$-	\$40,646
I/O Rate (1B I/O)	\$-	\$-	\$200
Storage 10TB	\$-	\$-	\$12,000
Backup 100TB	\$-	\$-	\$26,400
Total cost over a year + acquisition			
Yearly Cost	\$3,010,394	\$79,355	\$79,246

# Not So Fast



## Why On-Premise

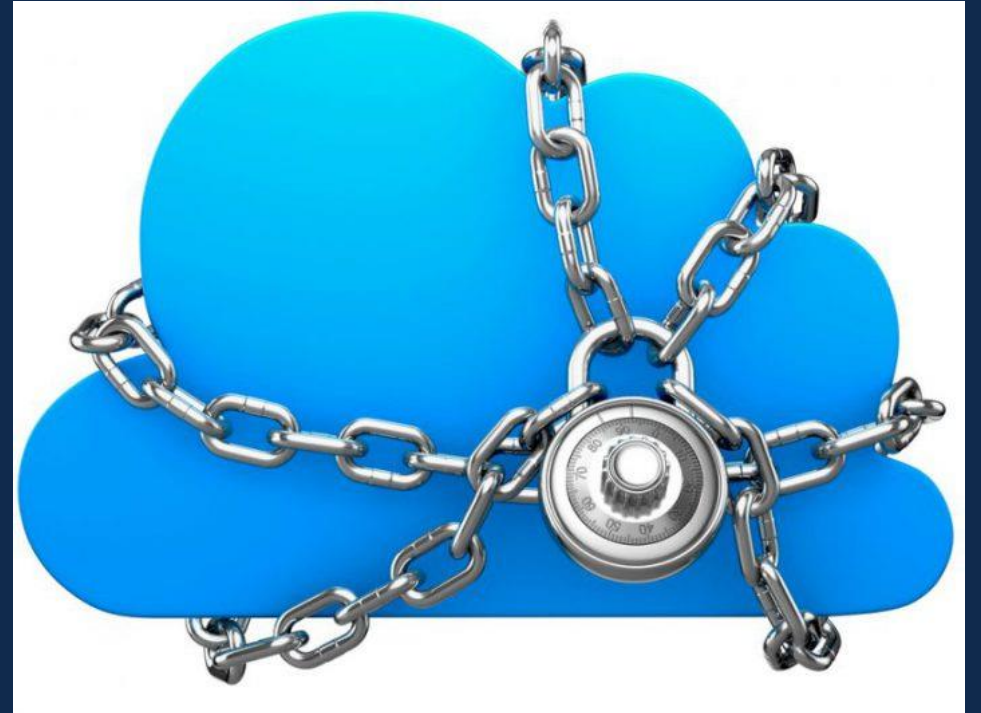
- To meet government regulations for storing sensitive data
- Need for unique/advanced security beyond cloud offering
- Visibility of data “residency”
- Bandwidth constraining accessibility at the last mile
- More direct control over latency

## Why Cloud

- Shifts the risk of IT infrastructure obsolescence to the cloud provider
- Enables a scalable, flexible and on demand set of IT capabilities
- Reduce IT infrastructure operation and maintenance time
- Lower cost profile

# What's the catch – 1 of 2

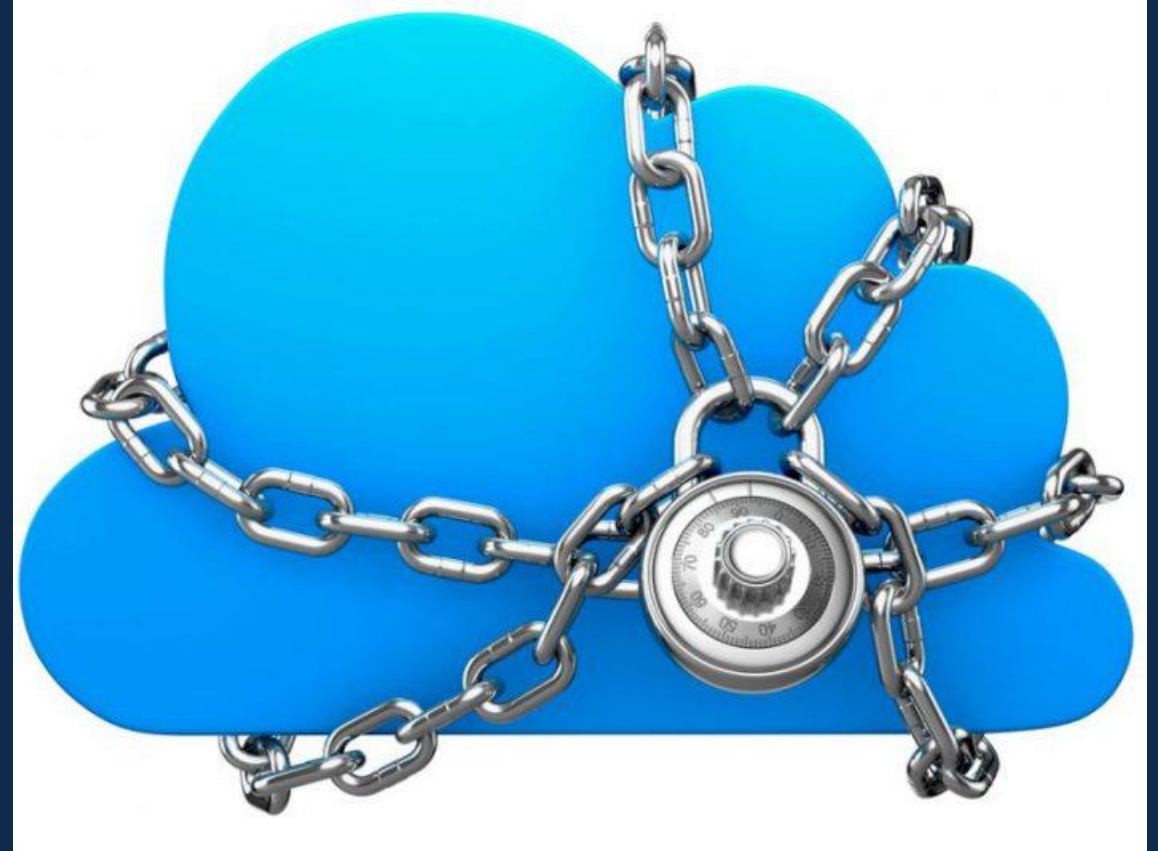
- If you transfer your current architecture as is...
  - There will be minimal to no real benefits
  - Potentially increase costs compare to on premise
- You need to rearchitect to take advantage of cloud services
  - To be scalable
  - To be resilient
  - To pay only for what you use



# What's the catch – 2 of 2

- Rearchitecting will include, at a minimum, focusing on:
  - Deploying software differently
  - Managing data differently

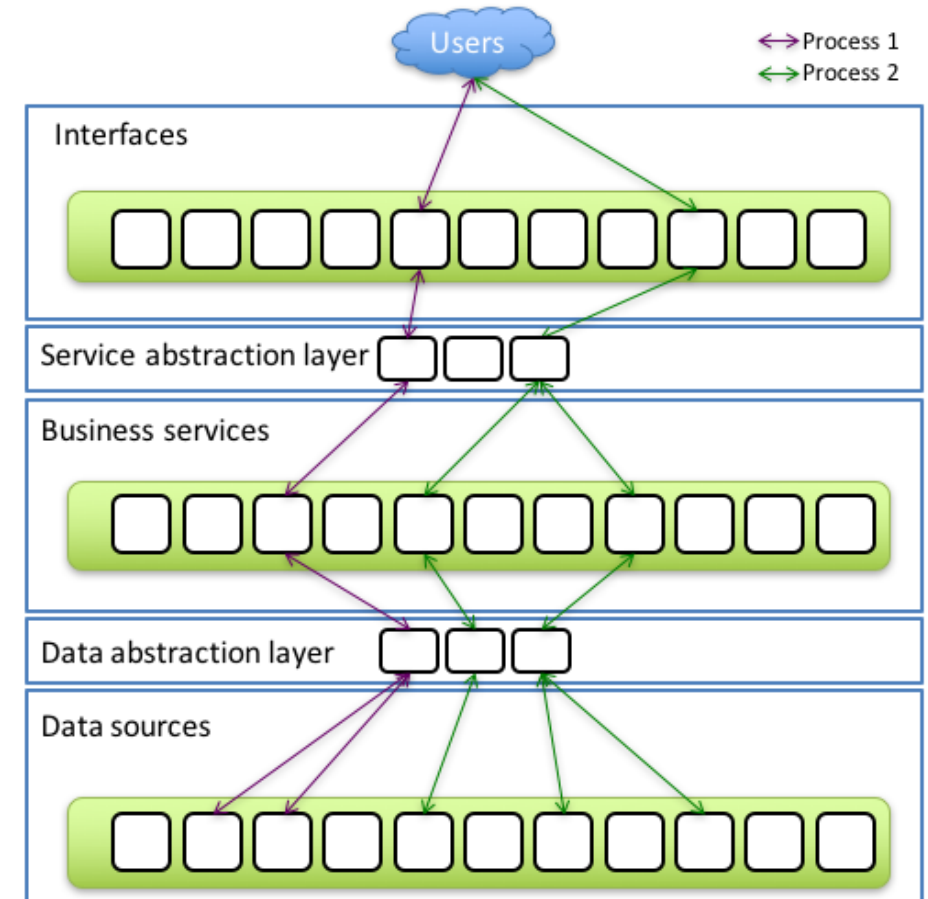
**Beware of vendor lock!**



# Distributed software architecture – 1 of 2

**Distributed system:** an IT system in which the computing power and software is:

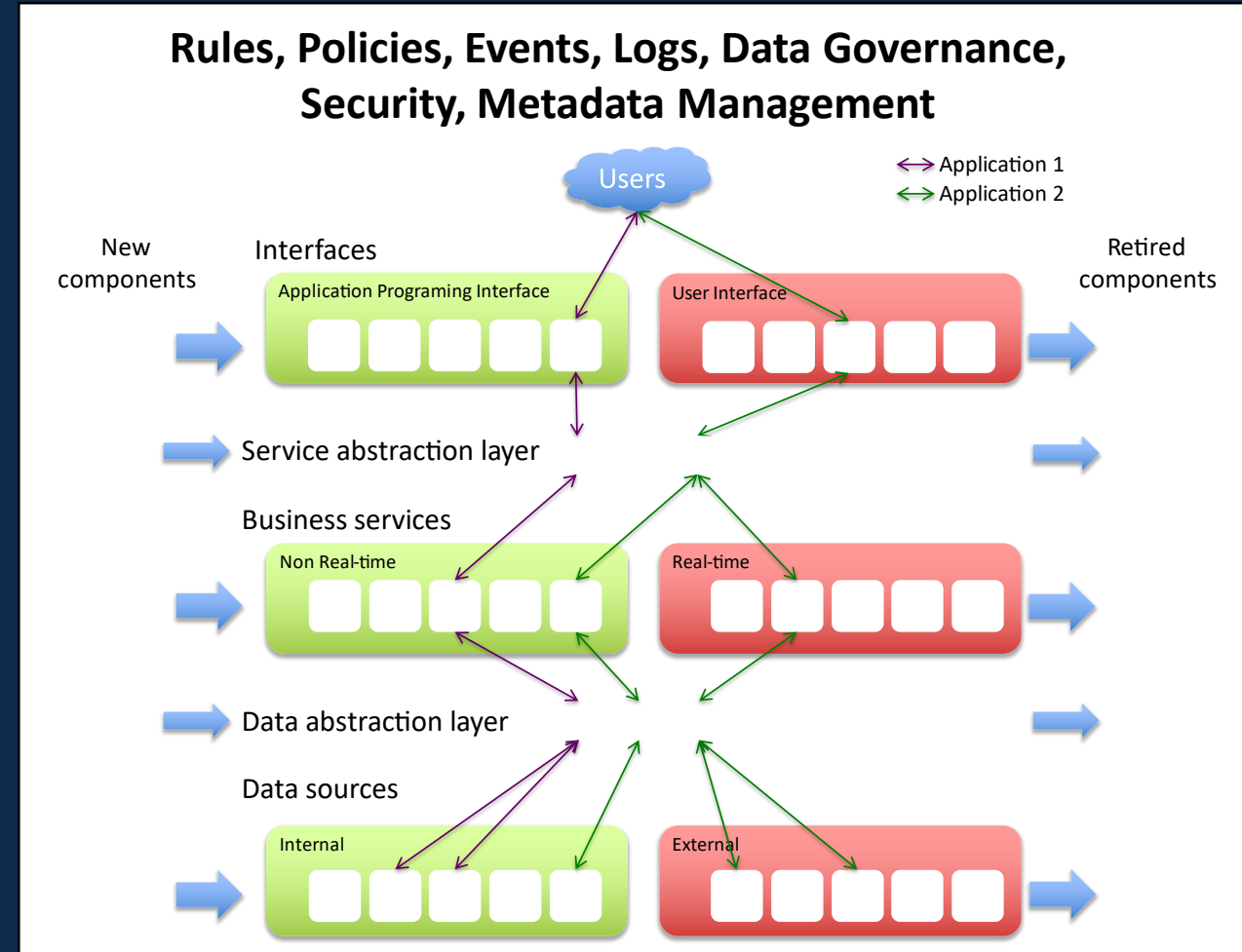
- Distributed across several servers,
- Connected through a network, communicating, and
- Coordinating their actions by passing messages to each other.



# Distributed software architecture – 2 of 2

**The Distributed System** requires attention to:

- Rules and Policies
- Events and Logs
- Data Governance
- Security
- Metadata Management



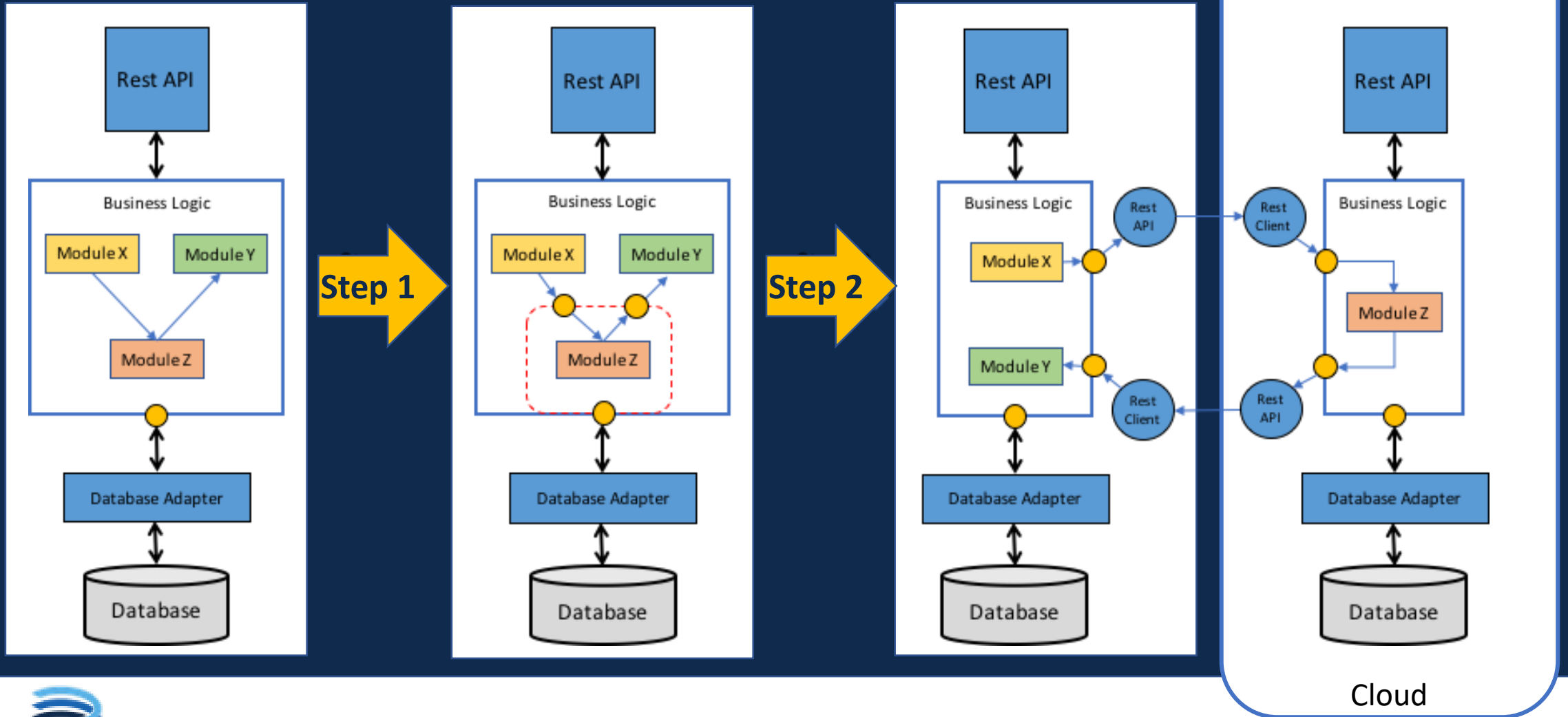


# Traditional v. Modern Data Management

Characteristics	Traditional Data System/Management		Modern, Big Data System/Management
<b>1 System Design</b>	Systems are designed and built for a pre-defined purpose; all requirements must be pre-determined before development and deployment.	<b>VS</b>	Systems are designed and built for many and unexpected purposes; constant adjustments are made to the system following deployment.
<b>2 System Flexibility</b>	System designed as “set it and forget it;” designed once to be maintained as is for many years. Systems are rigid and not easily modified.	<b>VS</b>	System is ephemeral and flexible; designed to expect and easily adapt to changes. Detects changes and adjusts automatically.
<b>3 Hardware/Software Features</b>	System features at the hardware level; hardware and software tightly coupled.	<b>VS</b>	System features at the software level; hardware and software decoupled.
<b>4 Hardware Longevity</b>	As technology evolves, hardware becomes outdated quickly; system can’t keep pace.	<b>VS</b>	As technology evolves, hardware is disposable; system changes to keep pace.
<b>5 Database Schema</b>	Schema on write (“schema first”)	<b>VS</b>	Schema on read (“schema last”)
<b>6 Storage &amp; Processing</b>	Data and analyses are centralized (servers)	<b>VS</b>	Data and analyses are distributed (cloud)
<b>7 Analytical Focus</b>	80% of resources spent on data design and maintenance; 20% or resources spent on data analysis	<b>VS</b>	20% of resources spent on data design and maintenance; 80% of resources spent on data analysis
<b>8 Resource Efficiency</b>	Majority of dollars are spent on hardware and software (requires a lot of maintenance).	<b>VS</b>	Majority of dollars are spent on data and analyses (requires less maintenance).
<b>9 Data Governance</b>	Data governance is centralized; IT strictly controls who sees / analyzes data (heavy in policy-setting).	<b>VS</b>	Data governance is distributed between a central entity and business areas; data are open to a lot of users.
<b>10 Data</b>	Uses a tight data model and strict access rules aimed at preserving the processed data and avoiding its corruption and deletion.	<b>VS</b>	Consider processed data as disposable and easy to recreate from the raw data. Focus instead is on preserving unaltered raw data.
<b>11 Data Access and Use</b>	Small number of people with access to data; limits use of data for insights and decision-making to a “chosen few.”	<b>VS</b>	Many people can access the data; applies the concept of “many eyes” to allow insights and decision-making at all levels of an organization.



# How To Transition? Slowly But Surely



# Want to know more?

- **NCHRP Research Report 865**  
Guide for Development and Management of Sustainable Enterprise Information Portals
- **NCHRP Research Report 952**  
Guidebook for Managing Data from Emerging Technologies for Transportation
- **NCHRP Research report 904**  
Leveraging Big Data to Improve Traffic Incident Management



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