

Design for Testability

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Why Test?

- Know our code works
- Prevent against regression when developing new code
- Stable platform for refactoring code

Why Design For Testability?

- Makes it easier to write tests. So more chance of testing happening.
- Easier to automate tests.
- Code that is easy to test is often better designed code.

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Turn a city into an experience

We text you a trail of clues.
You hunt together across the city.

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Third clue:
From the place of sweet modern art, go with the flow to find a watering hole where boats may moor. What is the name of the ghost that haunts here?

Find your ideal HiddenCity hunt. Start instantly in...

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I'm going to use HiddenCity as basis for this talk.

Treasure hunts via text message.

Play a hunt on your own or you play against other teams.



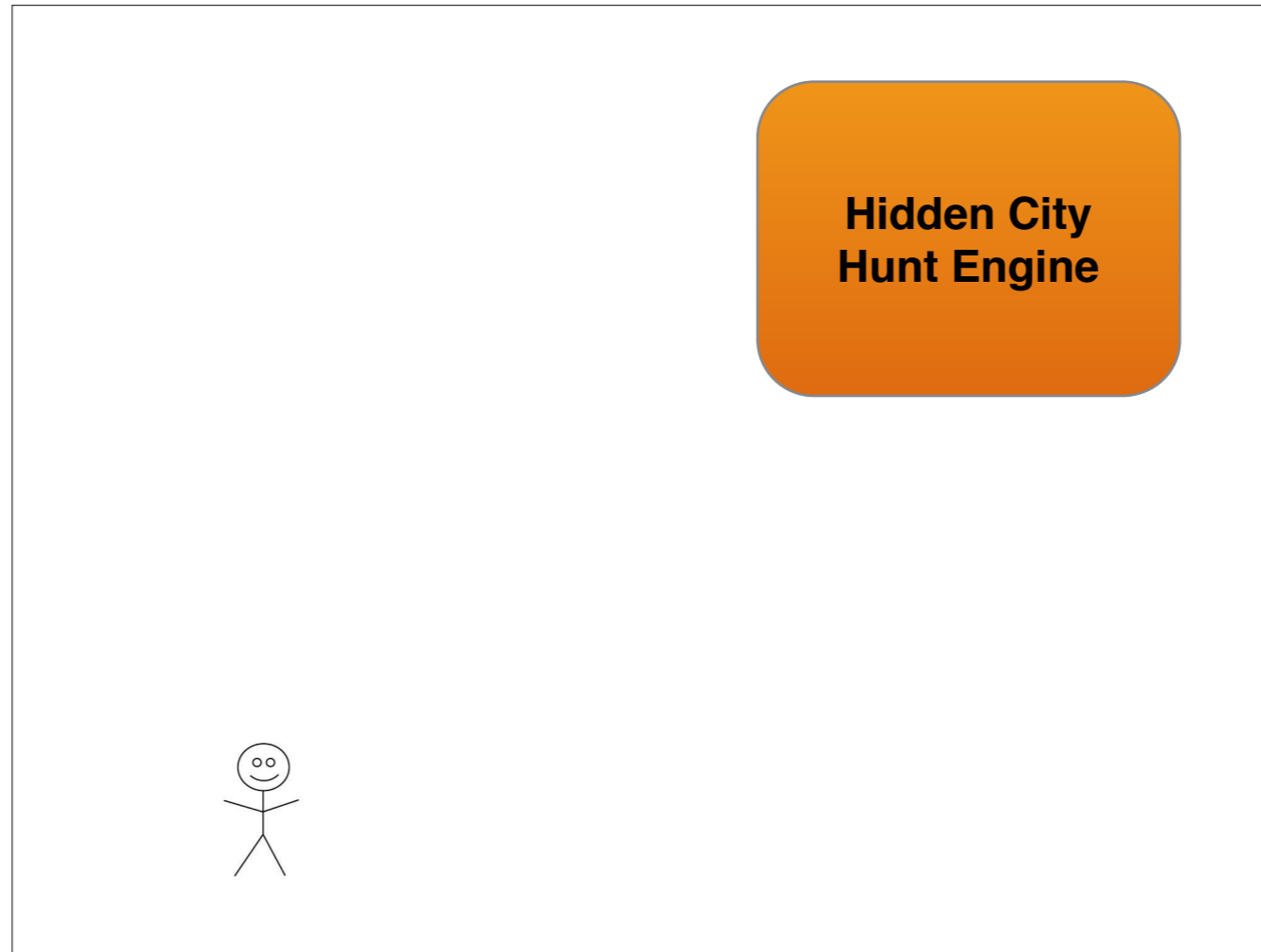
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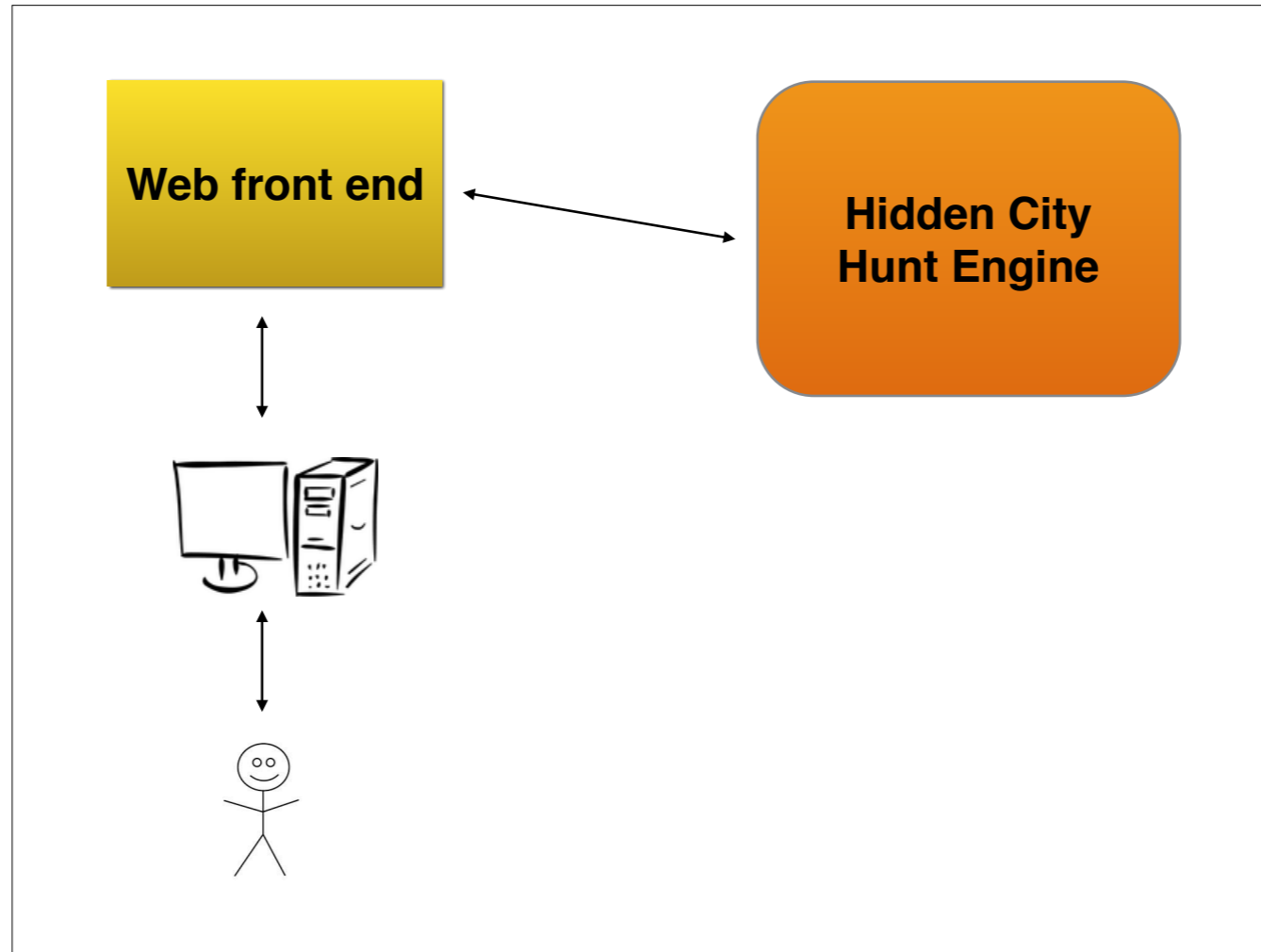


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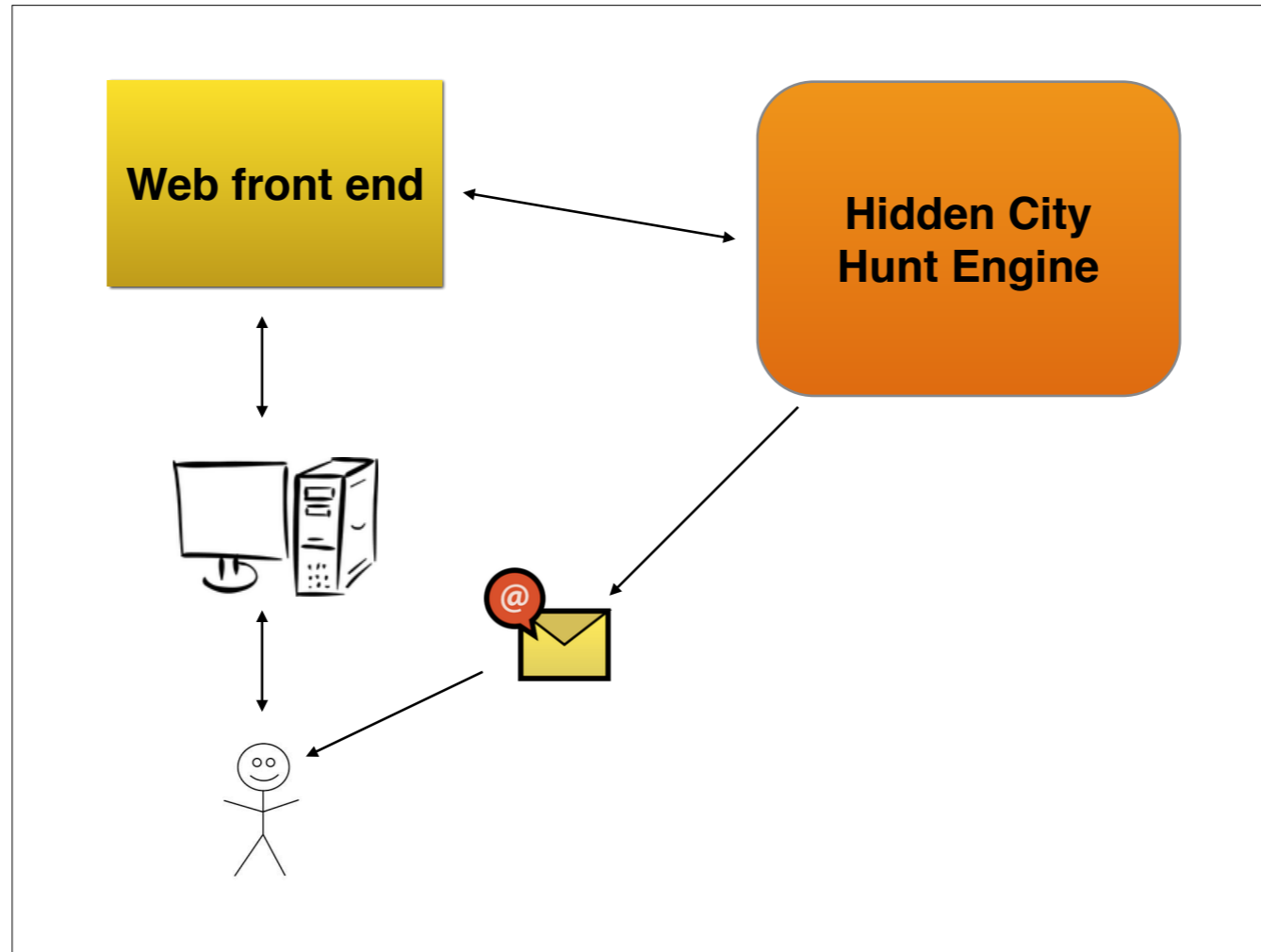


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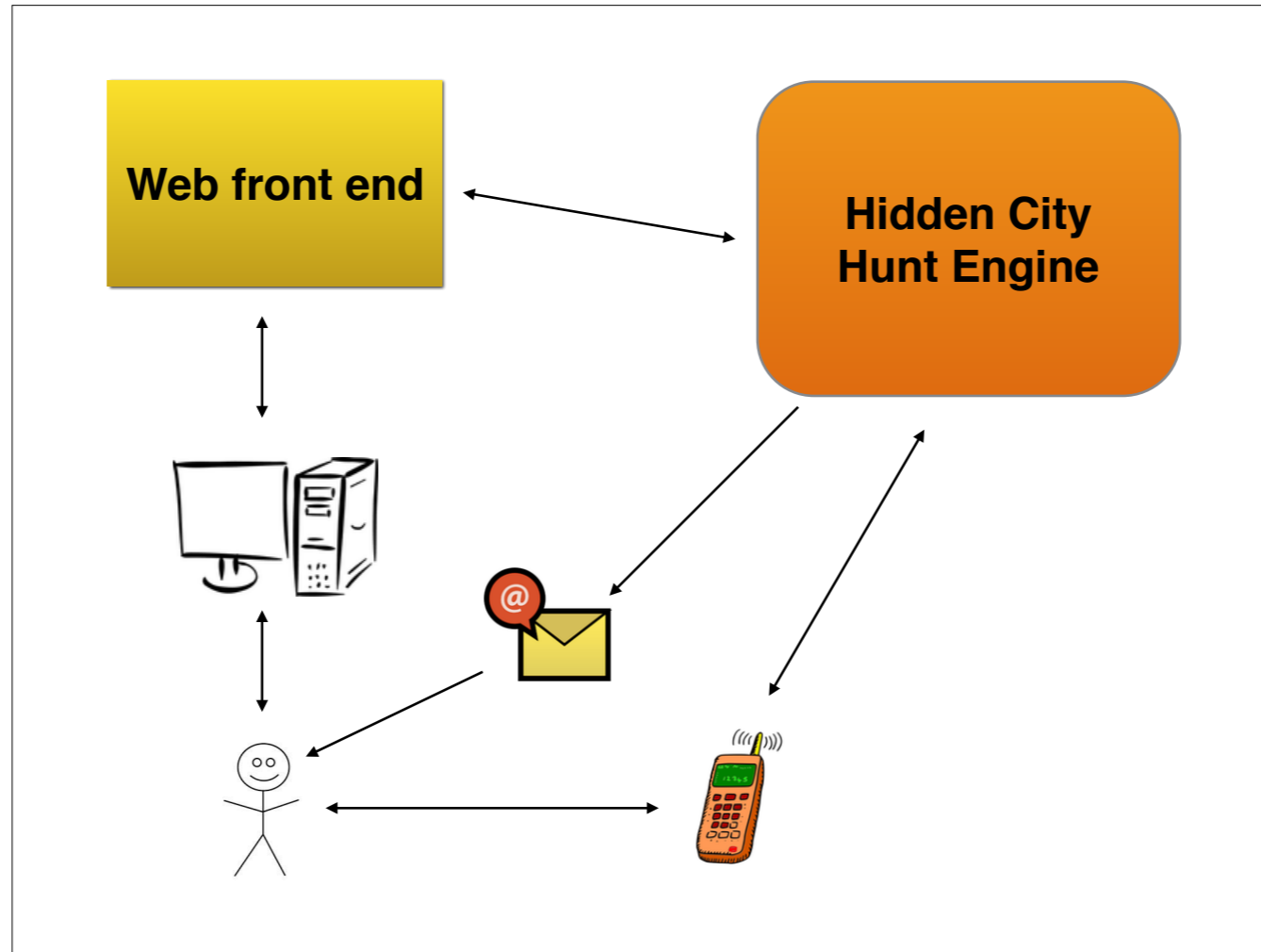


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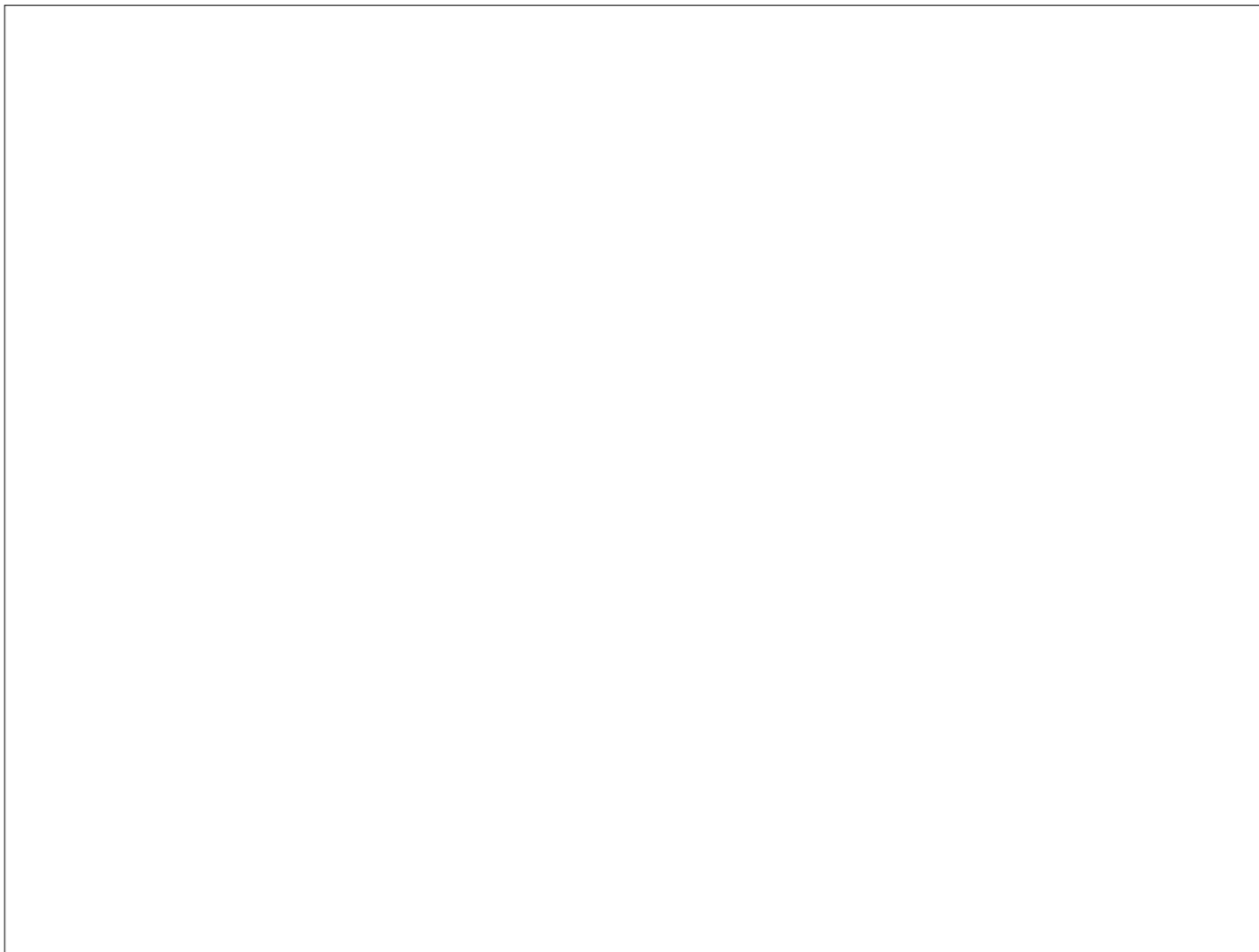


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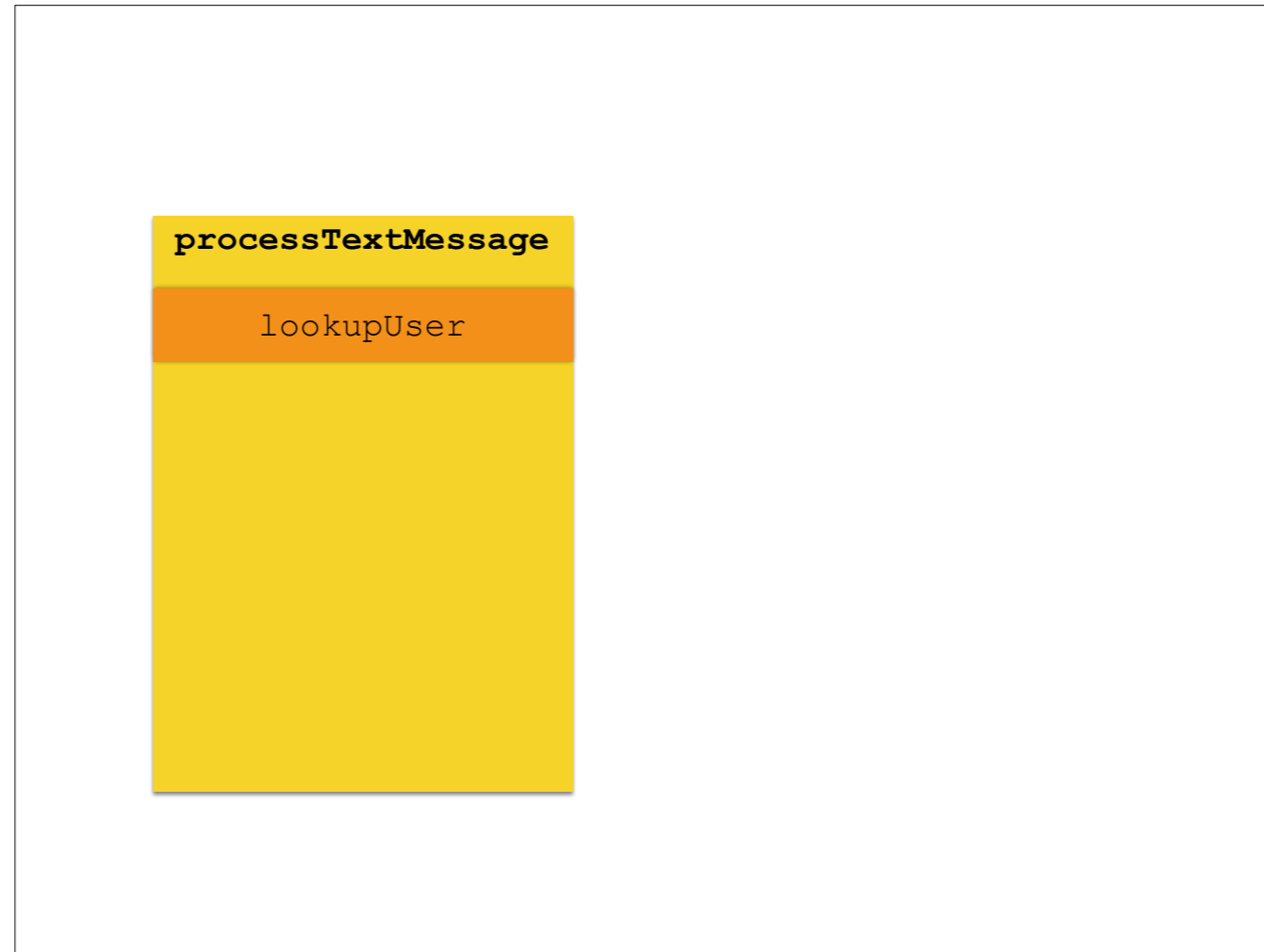
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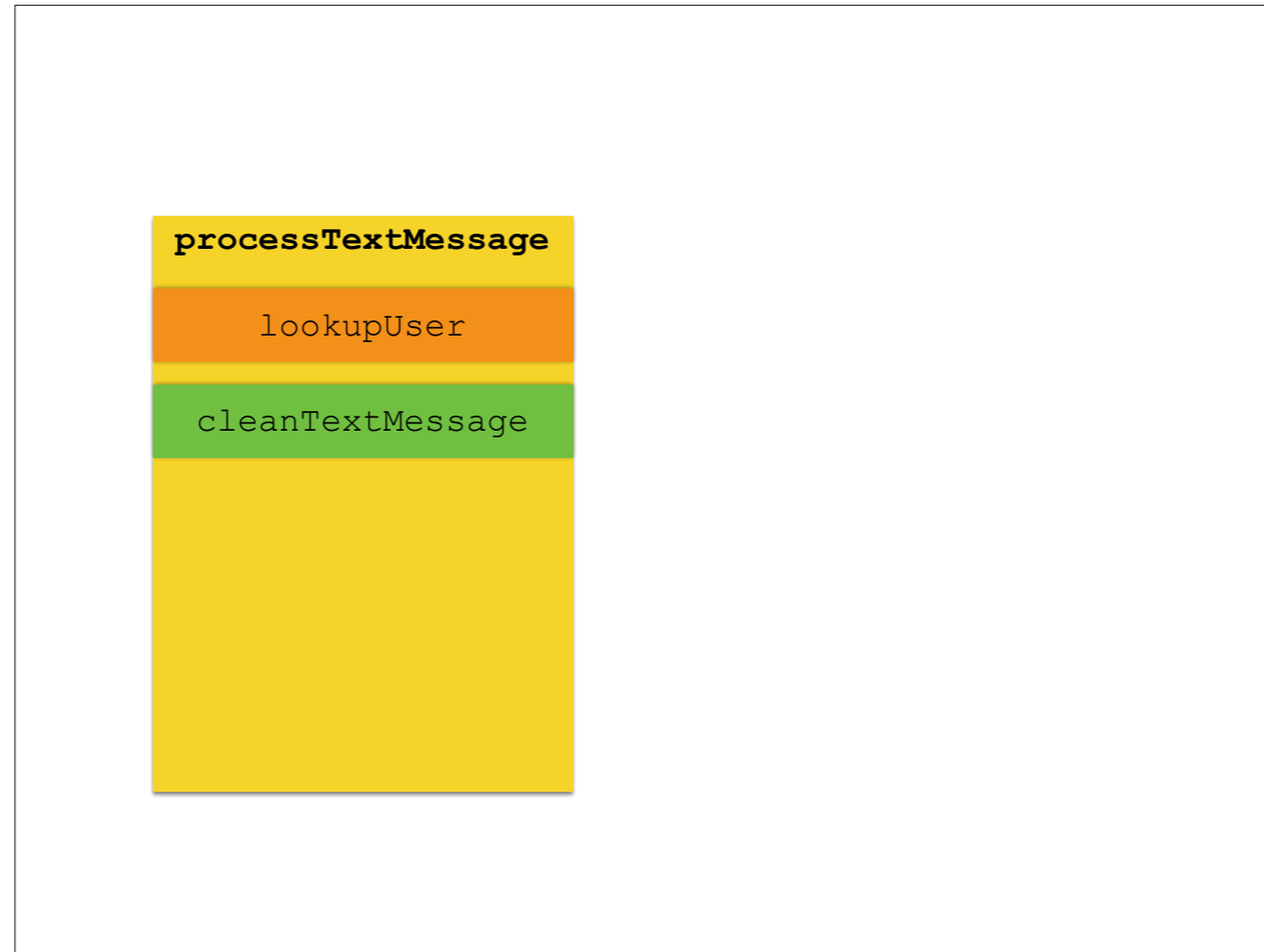
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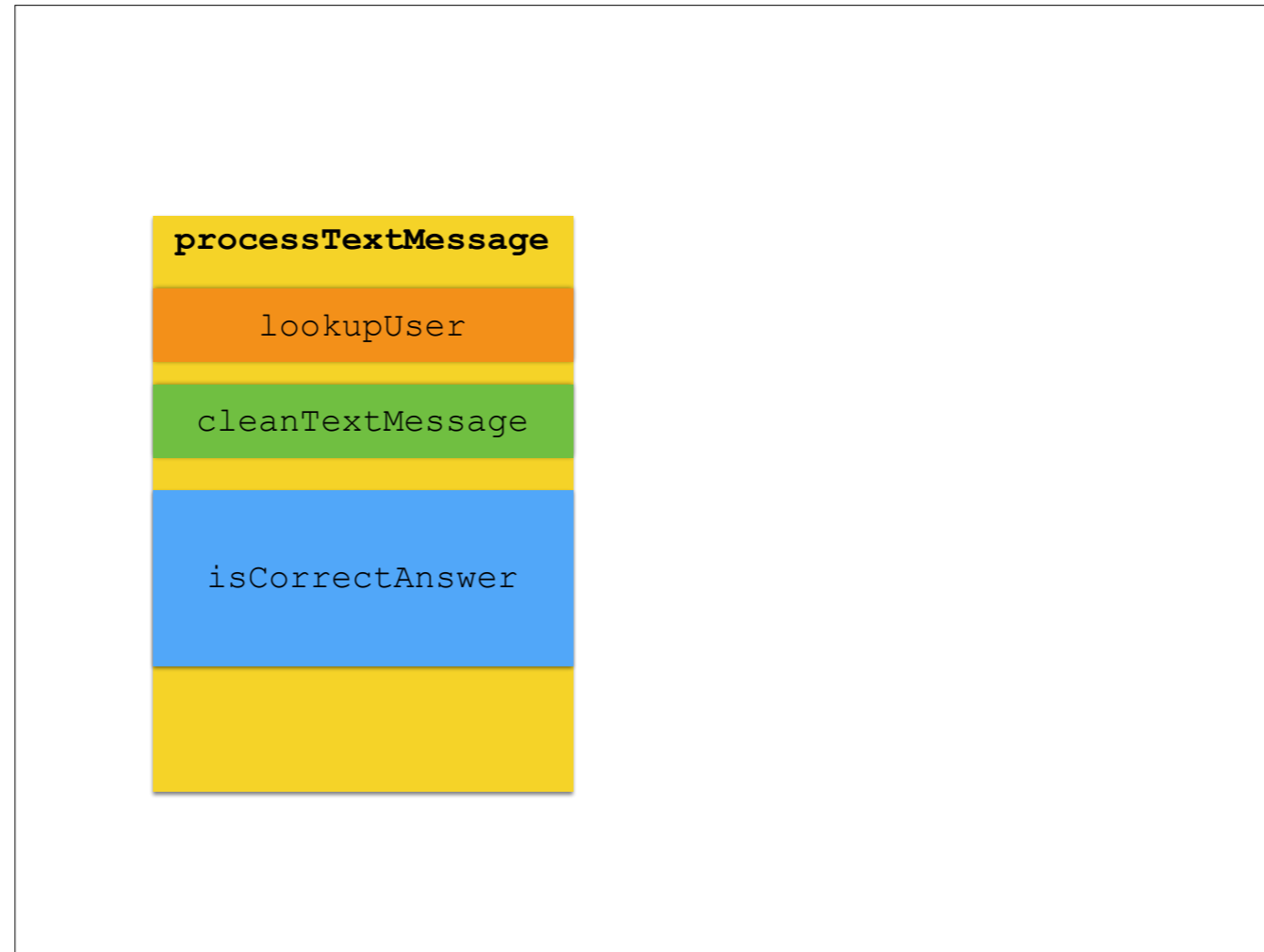
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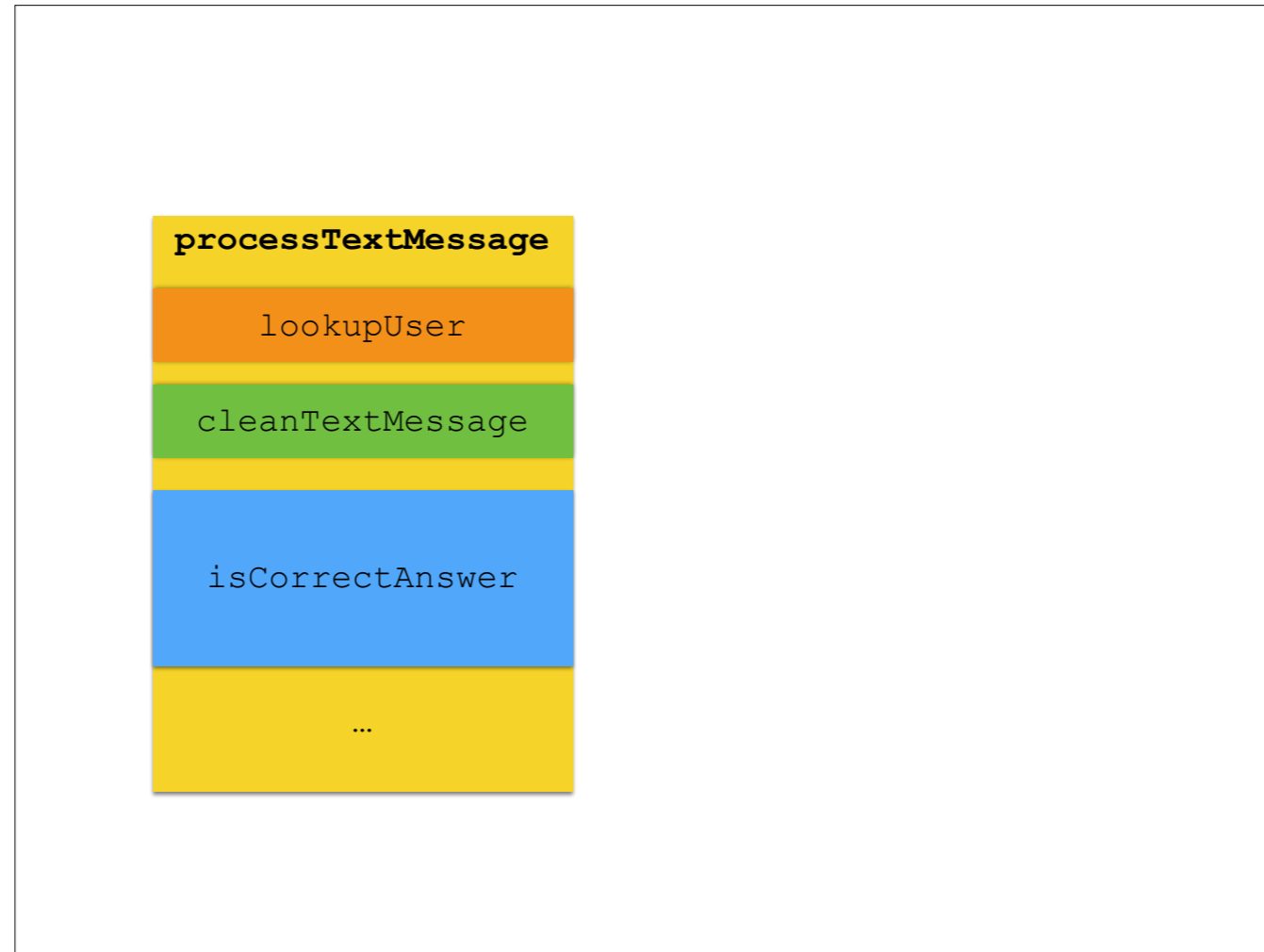
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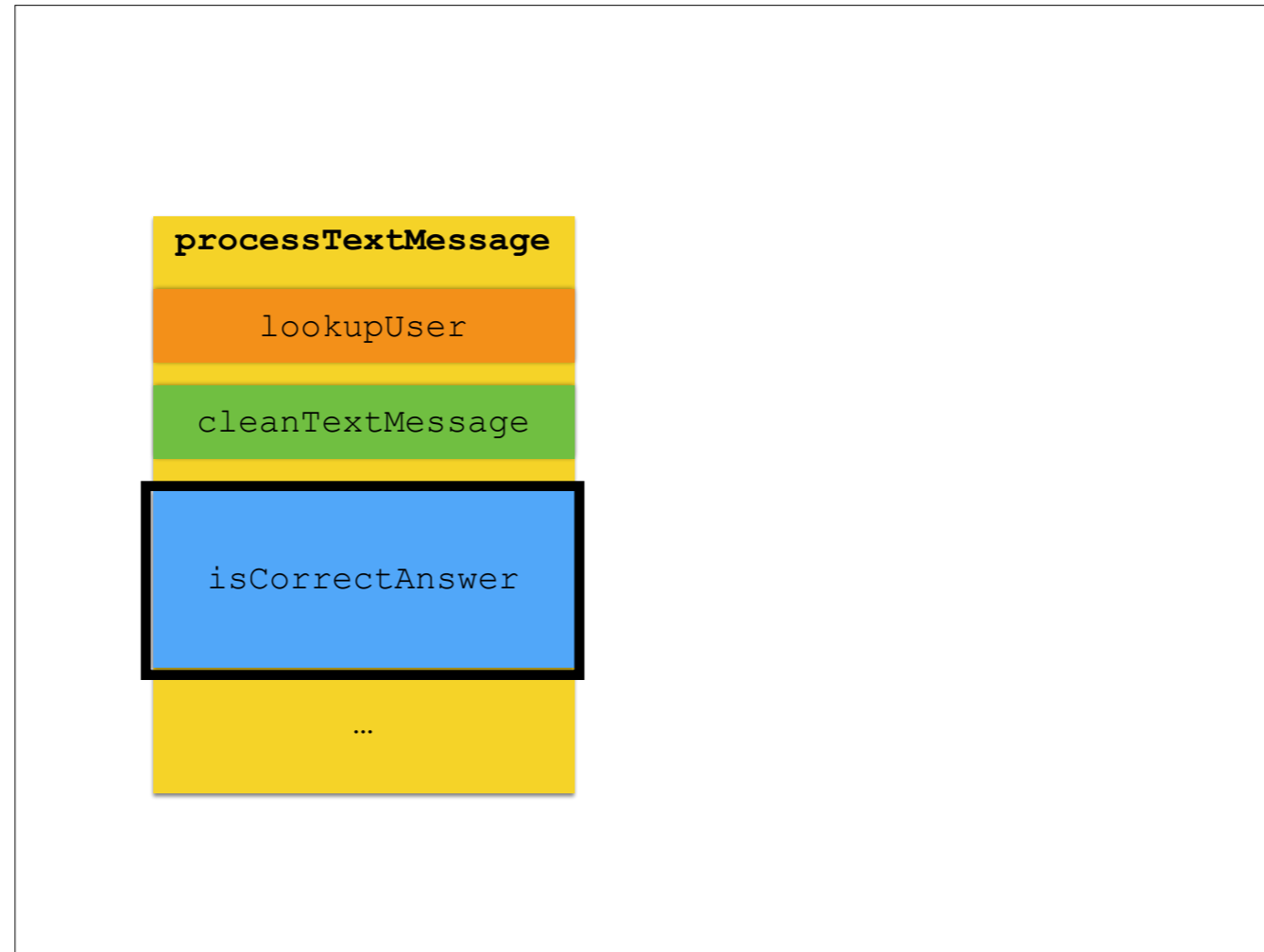
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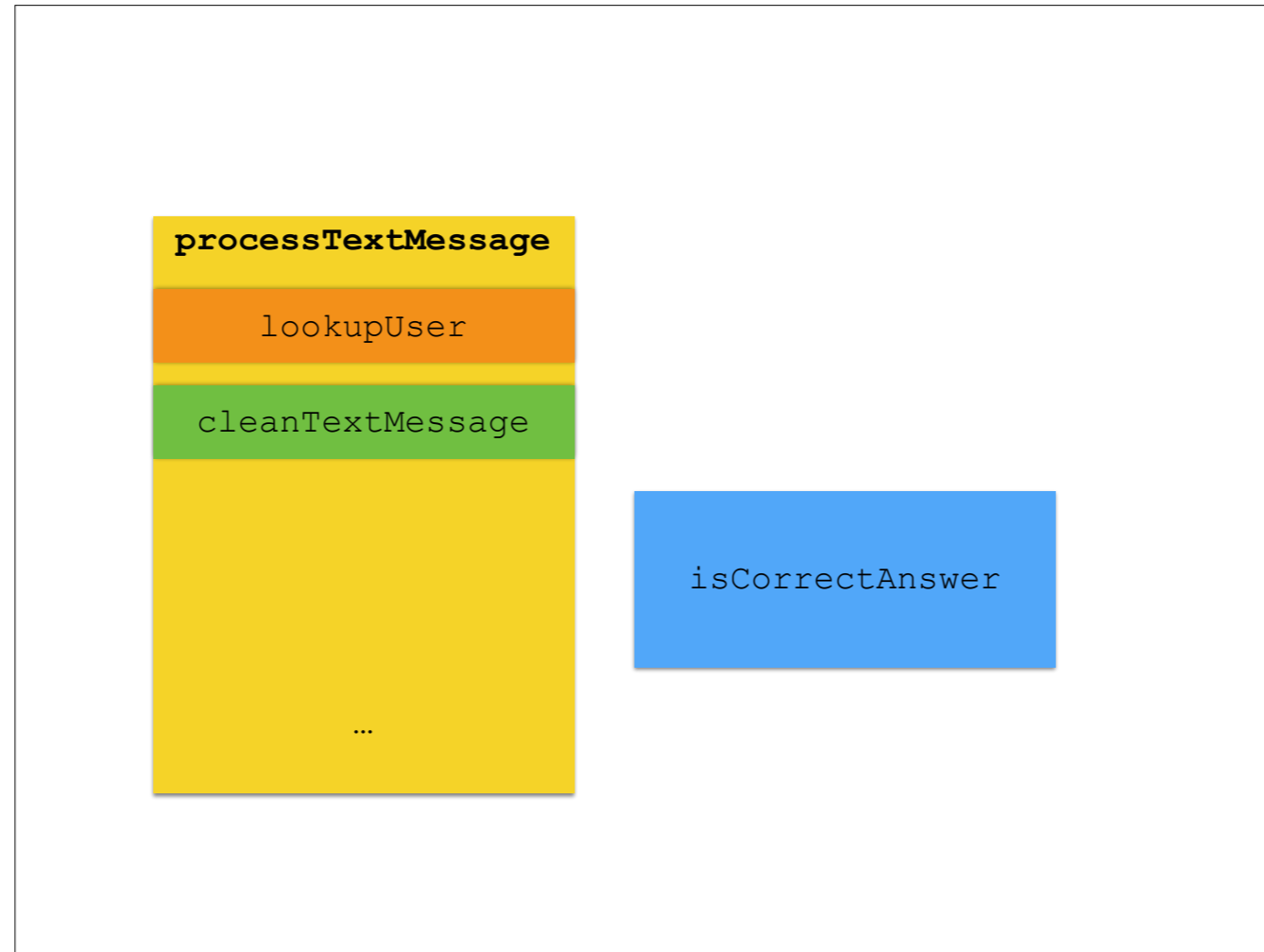
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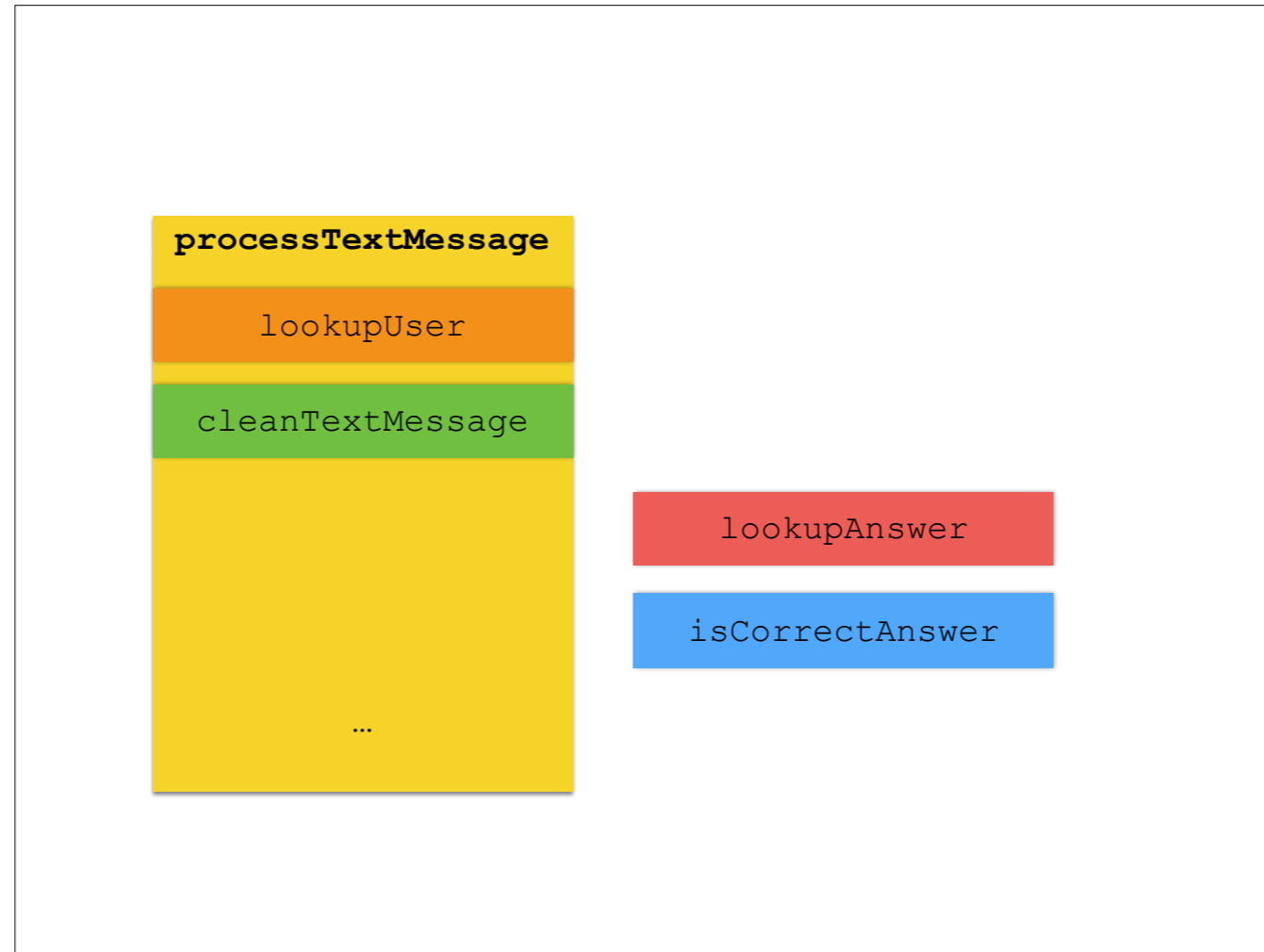
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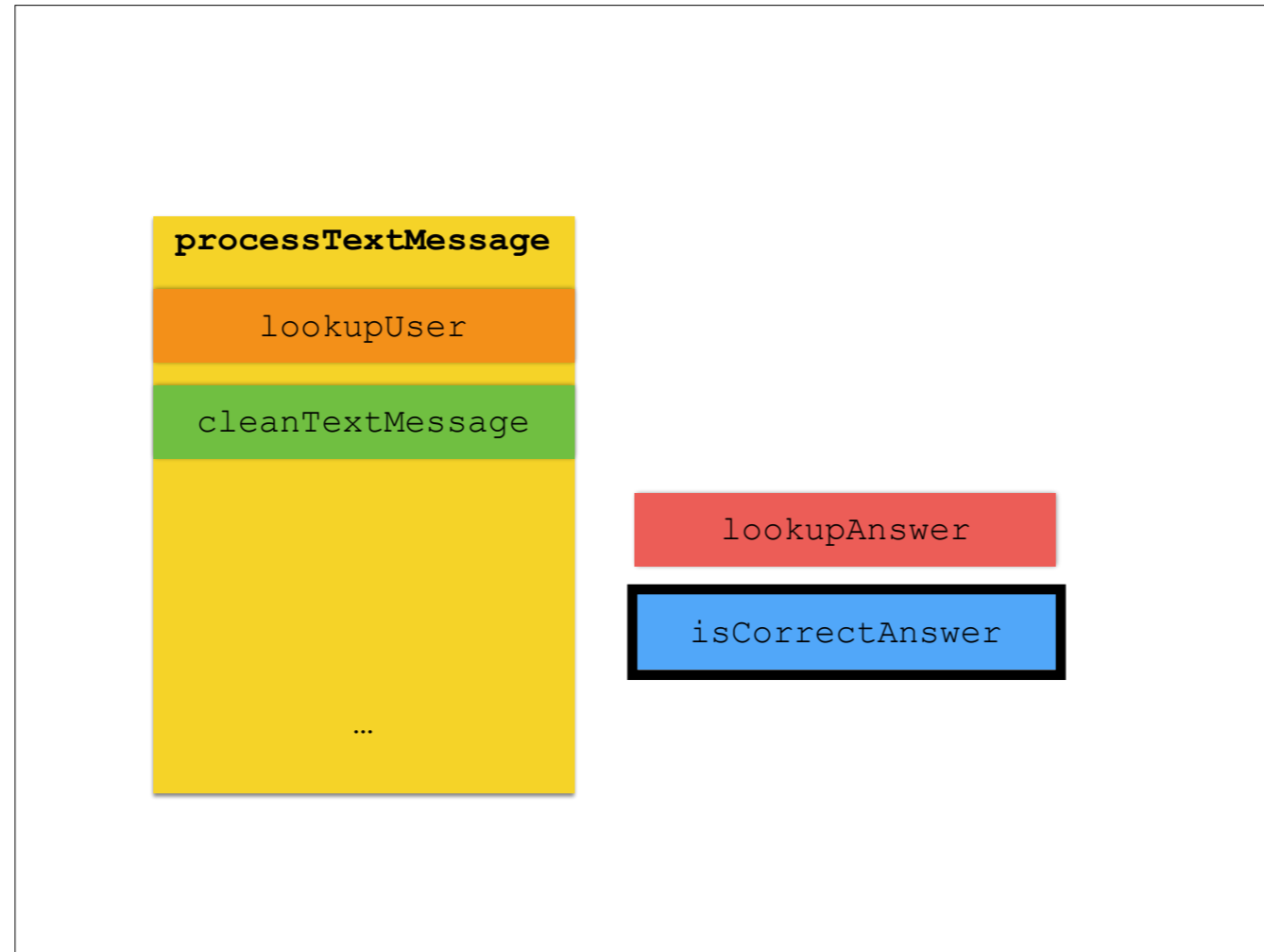
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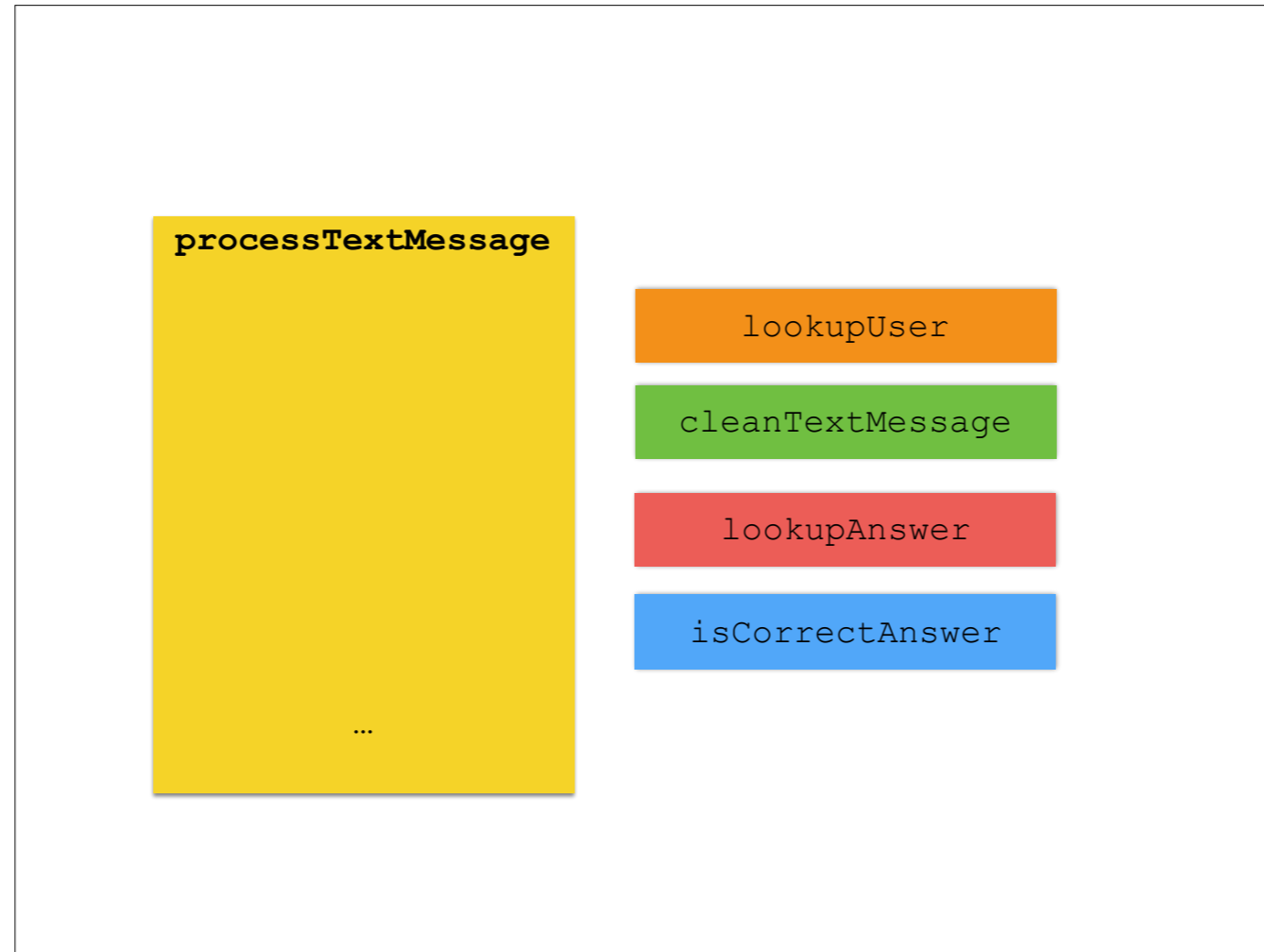
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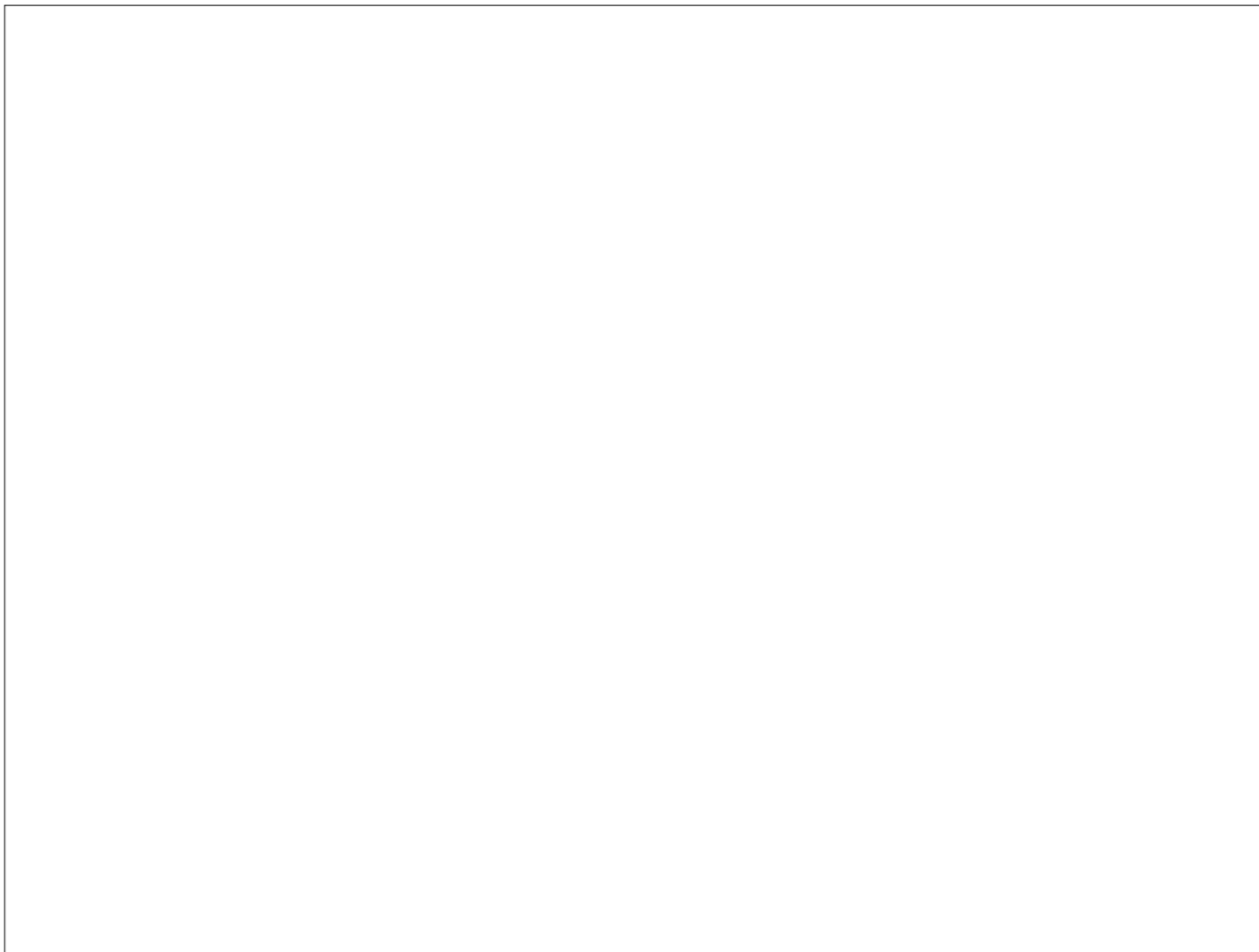
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    public function setTemplatePath($path) {
        $this->templatePath = $path;
    }

    private function loadMailSender() {
        if ($this->mailSender == NULL) {
            $this->mailSender = $this->configReader-
>getConfigValueAsObject("mailSender");
            $this->templateEngine = new
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            $this->mailSender->setup($this->template
            if (!isset($this->templatePath)) {
                $this->templatePath = dirname(__FILE
                "../templates/emails/";
            }
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    // Create URL to send message
    $url = "http://textmessagegateway.com";
    $url .= "?api_key=my_secret_key";
    $url .= "&to=$number";
    $url .= "&message=$message";

    // Send message using cURL
    $ch = curl_init();
    curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_URL, $url);
    curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_RETURNTRANSFER, 1);
    $output = curl_exec($ch);
    curl_close($ch);

    $this->from = new MailContact($this->configReader->getConfigValue("fromName"),
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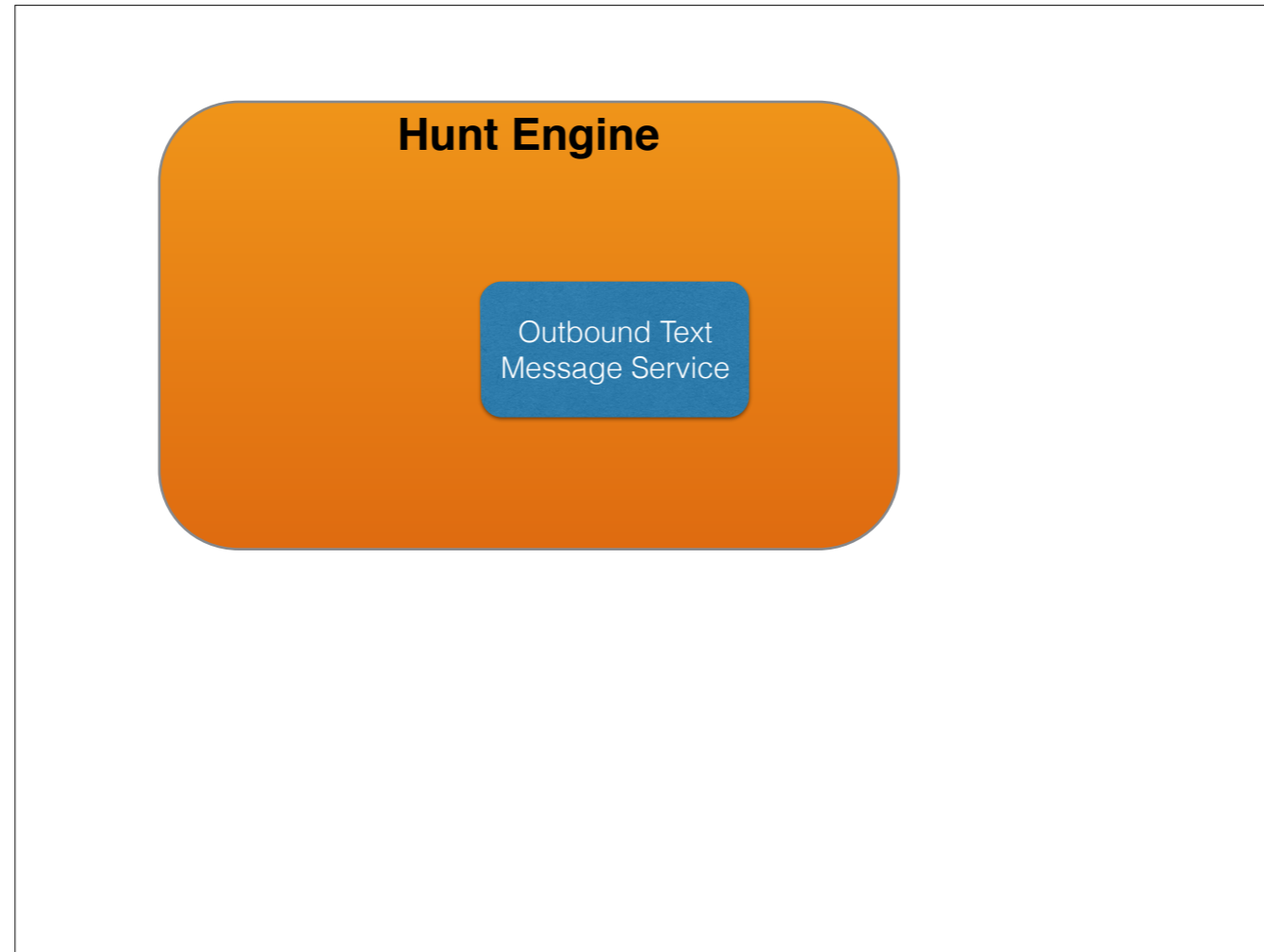
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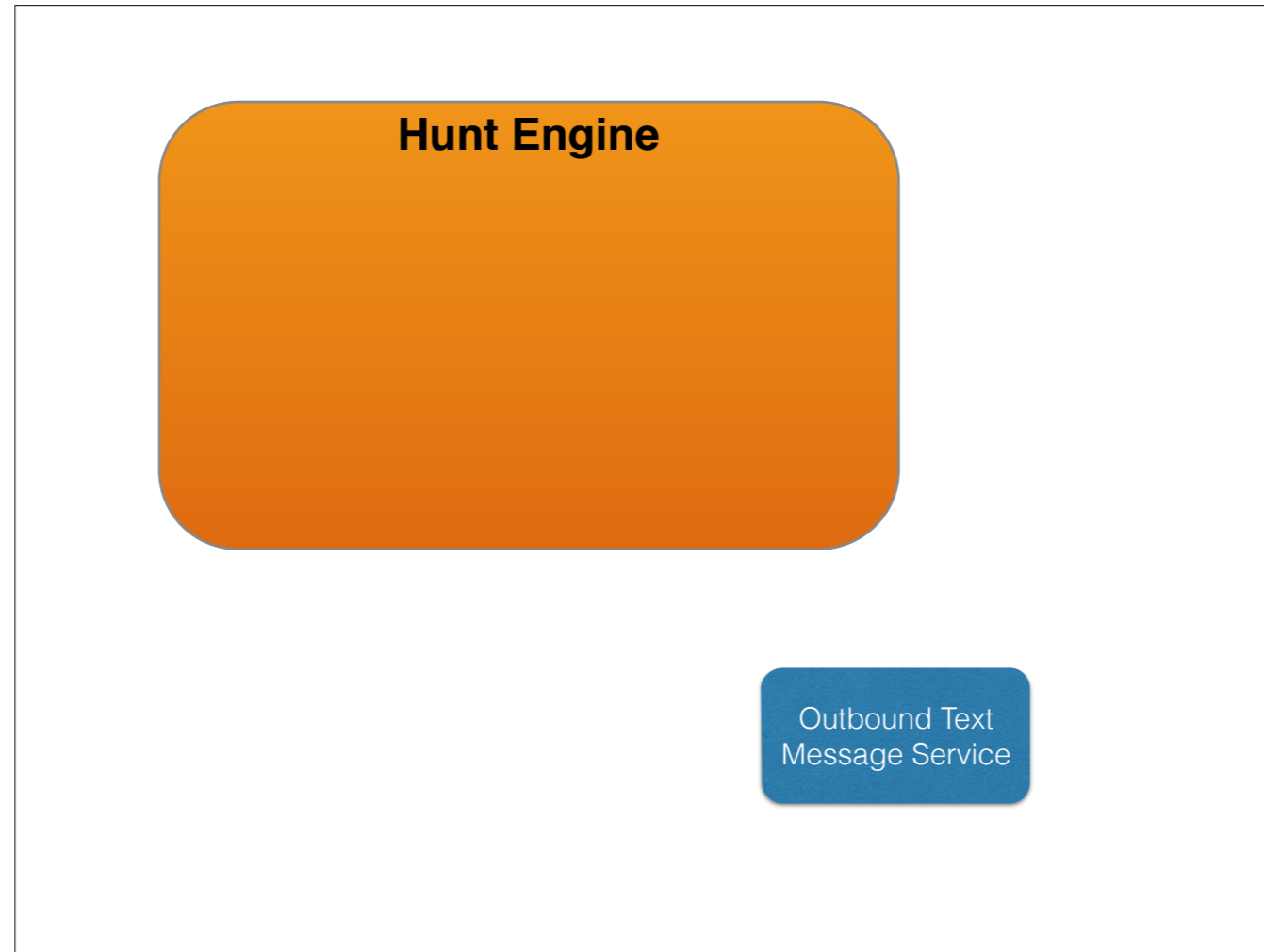
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interface OutboundTextMessageService
{
    /**
     * Send a text message
     *
     * @param $to number to send message to
     * @param $message to send
     * @throws SendingMessageException
     */
    public function sendMessage($to, $message);
}
```

All Hunt Engine cares about when sending text messages is:

- number to send message to
- message to send

```
class OutboundTextMessageServiceImpl
  implements OutboundTextMessageService
{
    public function sendMessage($to, $message)
    {
        ... code from previous slide
    }
}
```

Real implementation.

Not much new code.

```
class HuntEngine
{
    private $outboundTextMessageService;

    // Constructor
    public function __construct($outbound)
    {
        $this->outboundTextMessageService = $outbound;
    }

    // Some code that uses
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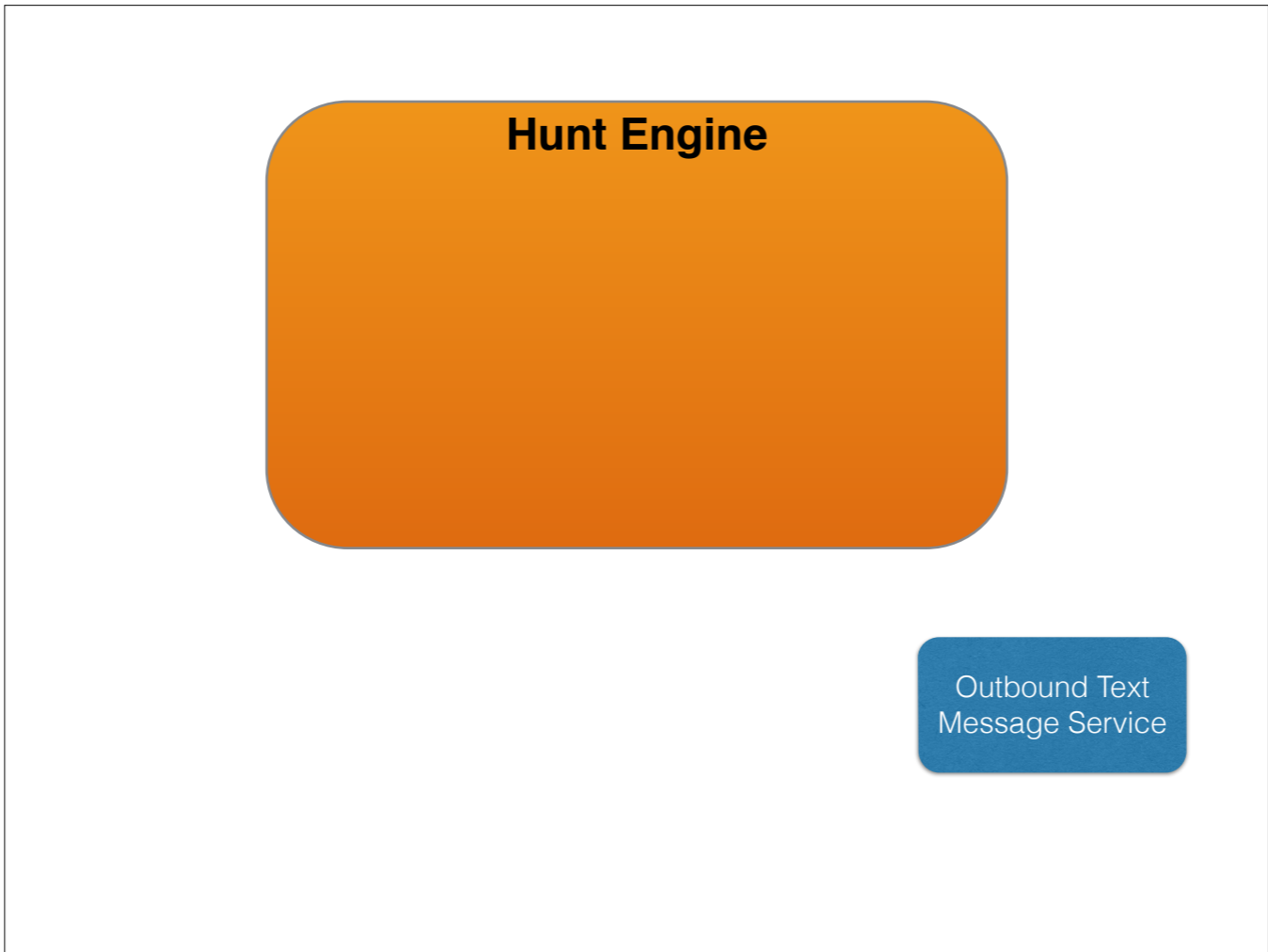
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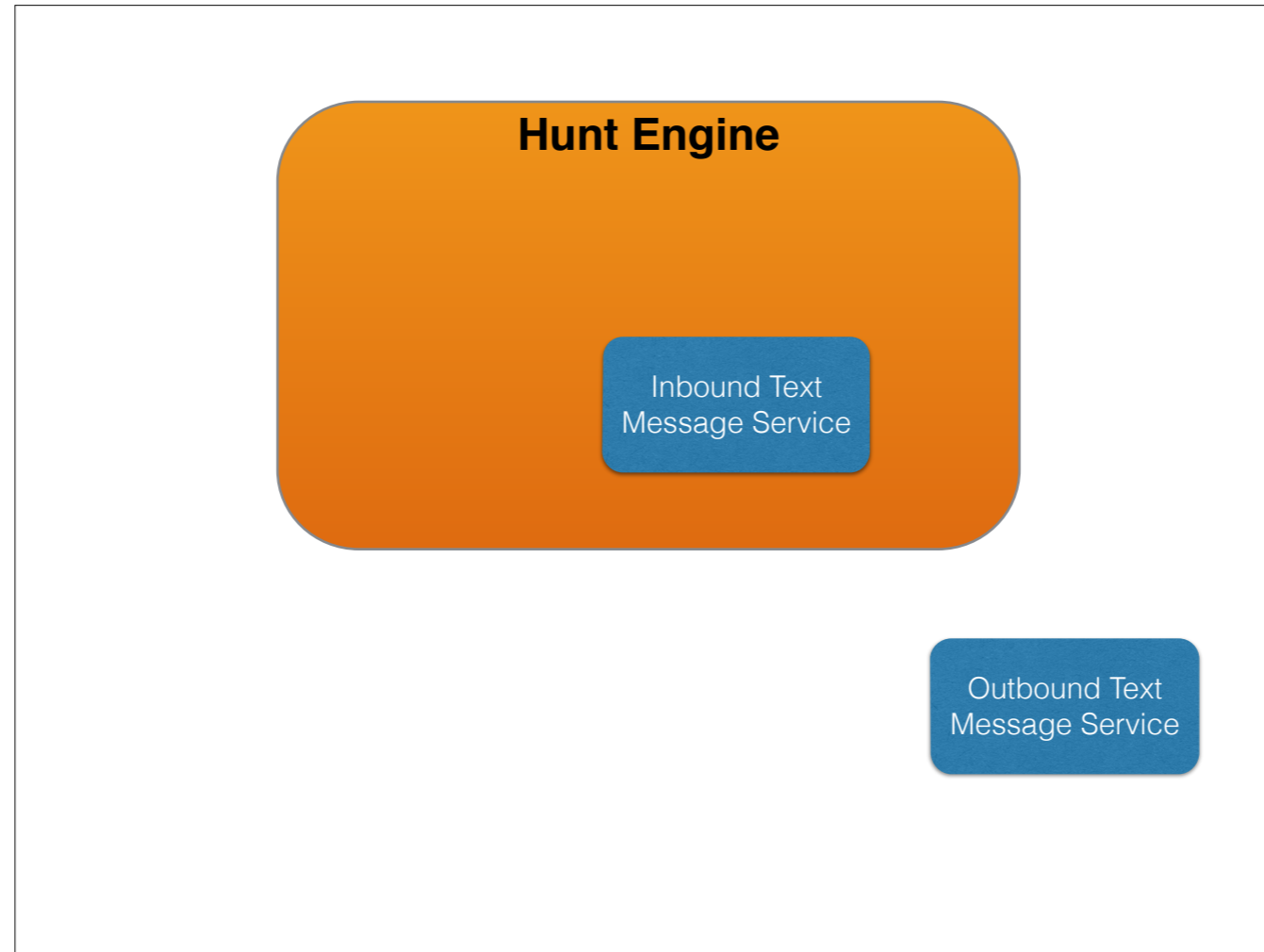
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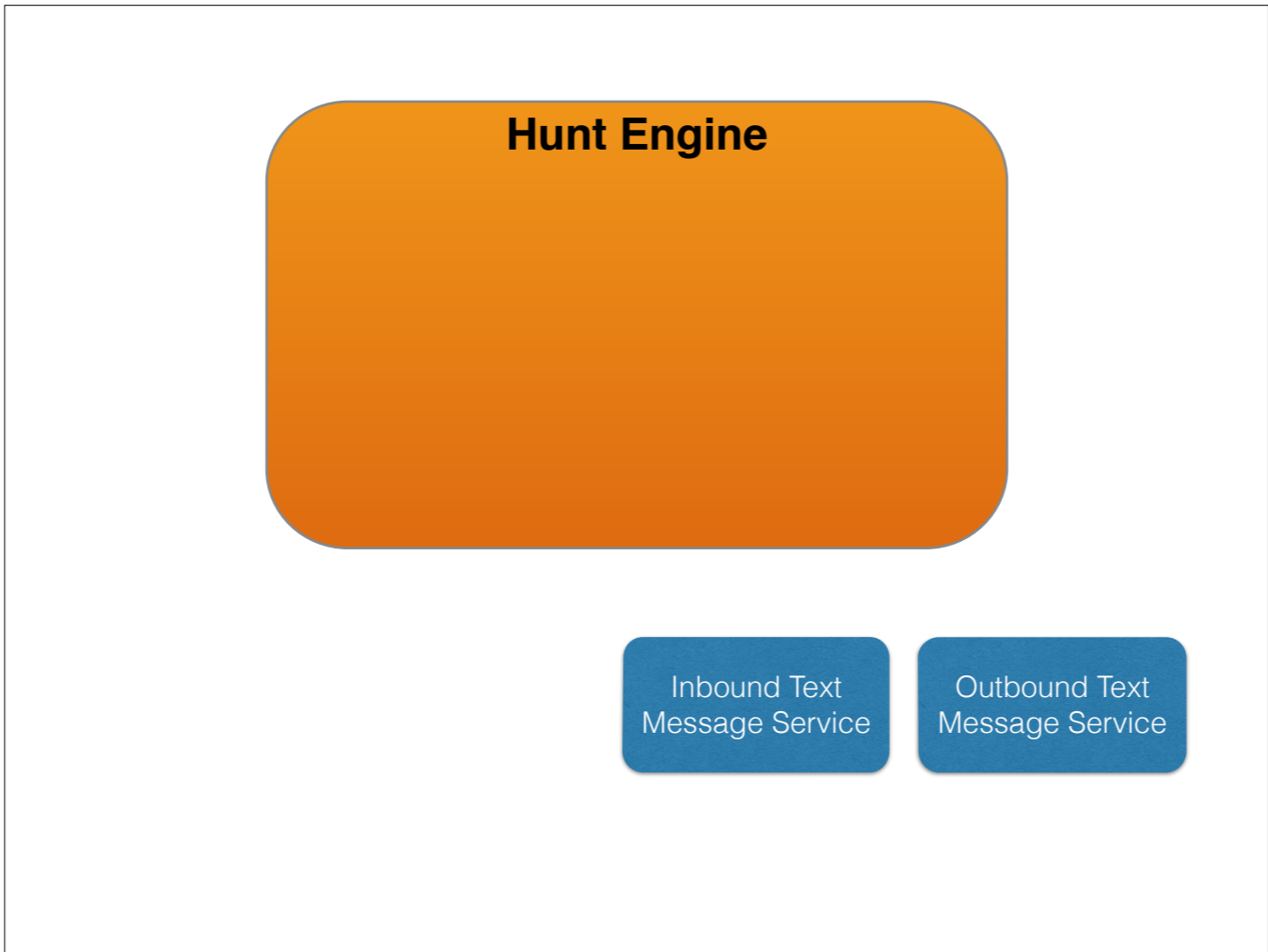
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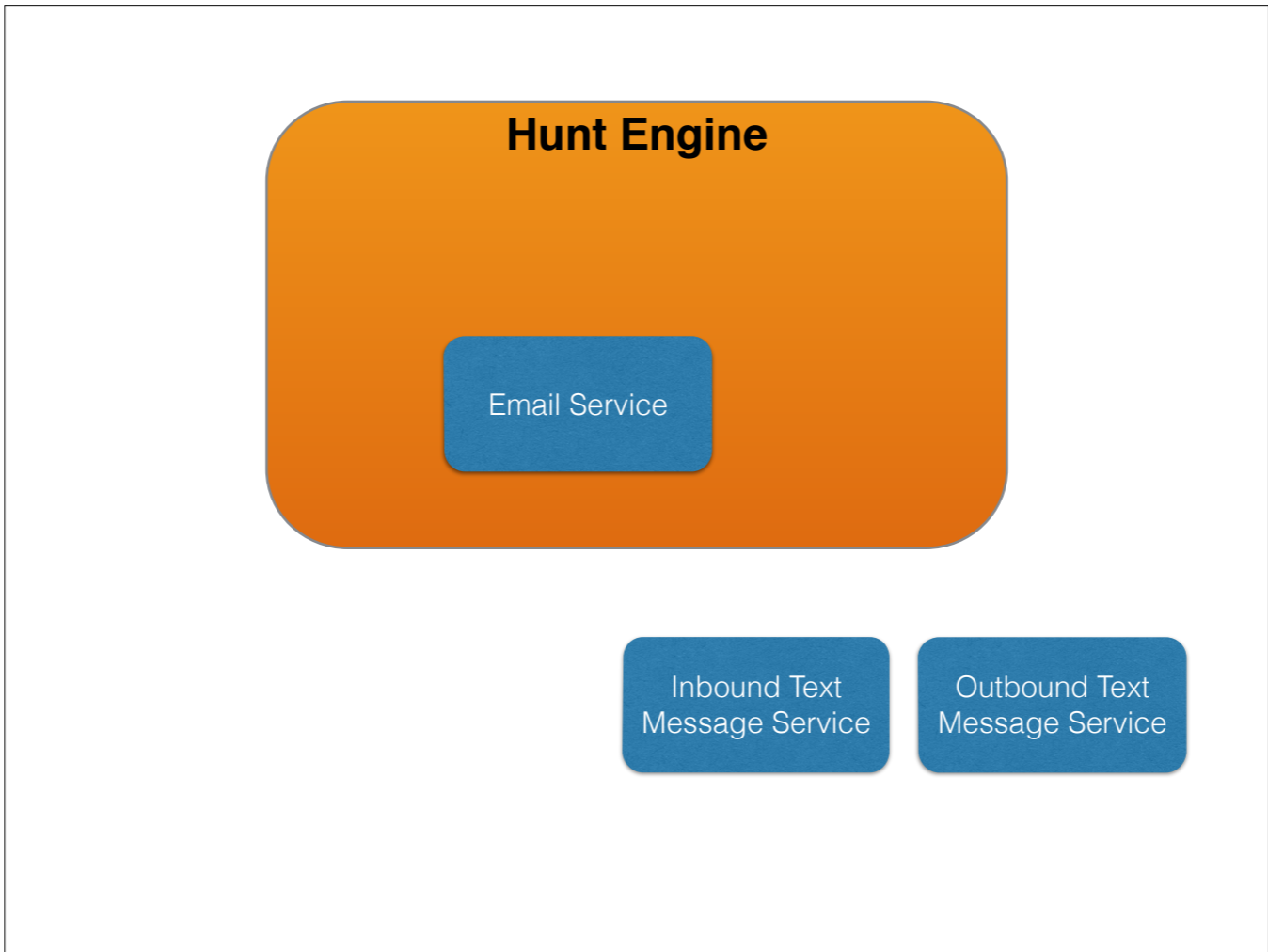
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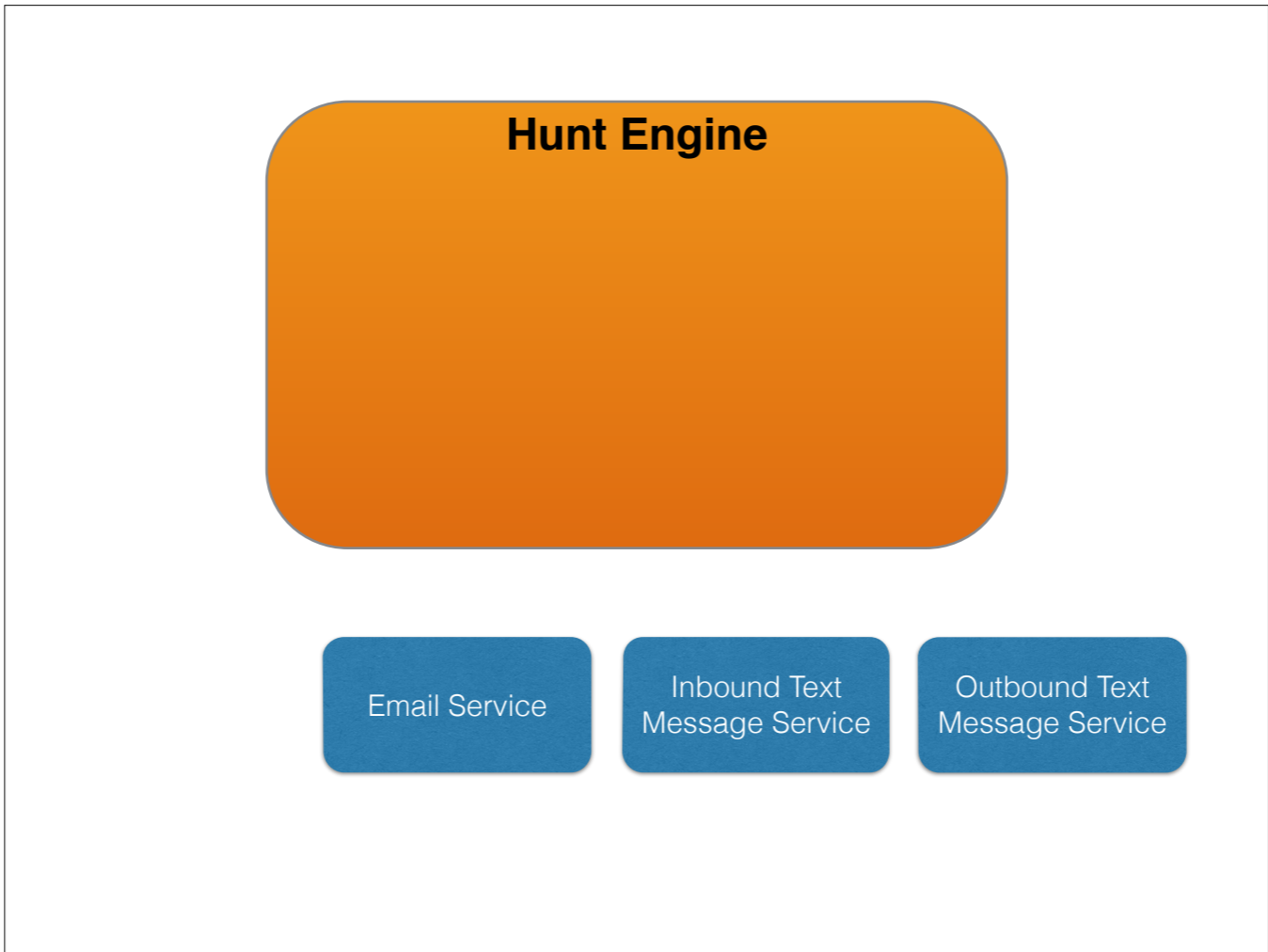
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interface InboundTextMessageService
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    /**
     * Receive a text message
     *
     * @param $from number that message was from
     * @param $message
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    public function receiveMessage($from, $message);
}
```

Interface for inbound text messages.

All hunt engine cares about is who sent text and what the message is.

```
class DummyOutboundTextMessageServiceImpl
  implements OutboundTextMessageService
{

  public function sendMessage($to, $message)
  {
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    $this->inbound->receiveMessage(ANDY_MOBILE, 'start');

    $this->assertEquals(2, $this->outbound->getMessageCount());

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