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A typical Enterprise Grid: Characteristics and Challenges

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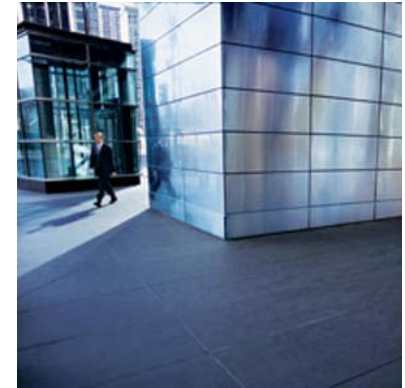




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Characteristics

Differing views of Grid



The Enterprise View

- Within the Firewall
- Driven by need to reduce Data Centre costs
 - Low Resource Utilisation
 - Cost of complexity
 - Need to keep pace with Business Change.
- Focused on Service provision rather than Resource provision

Traditional Data Center

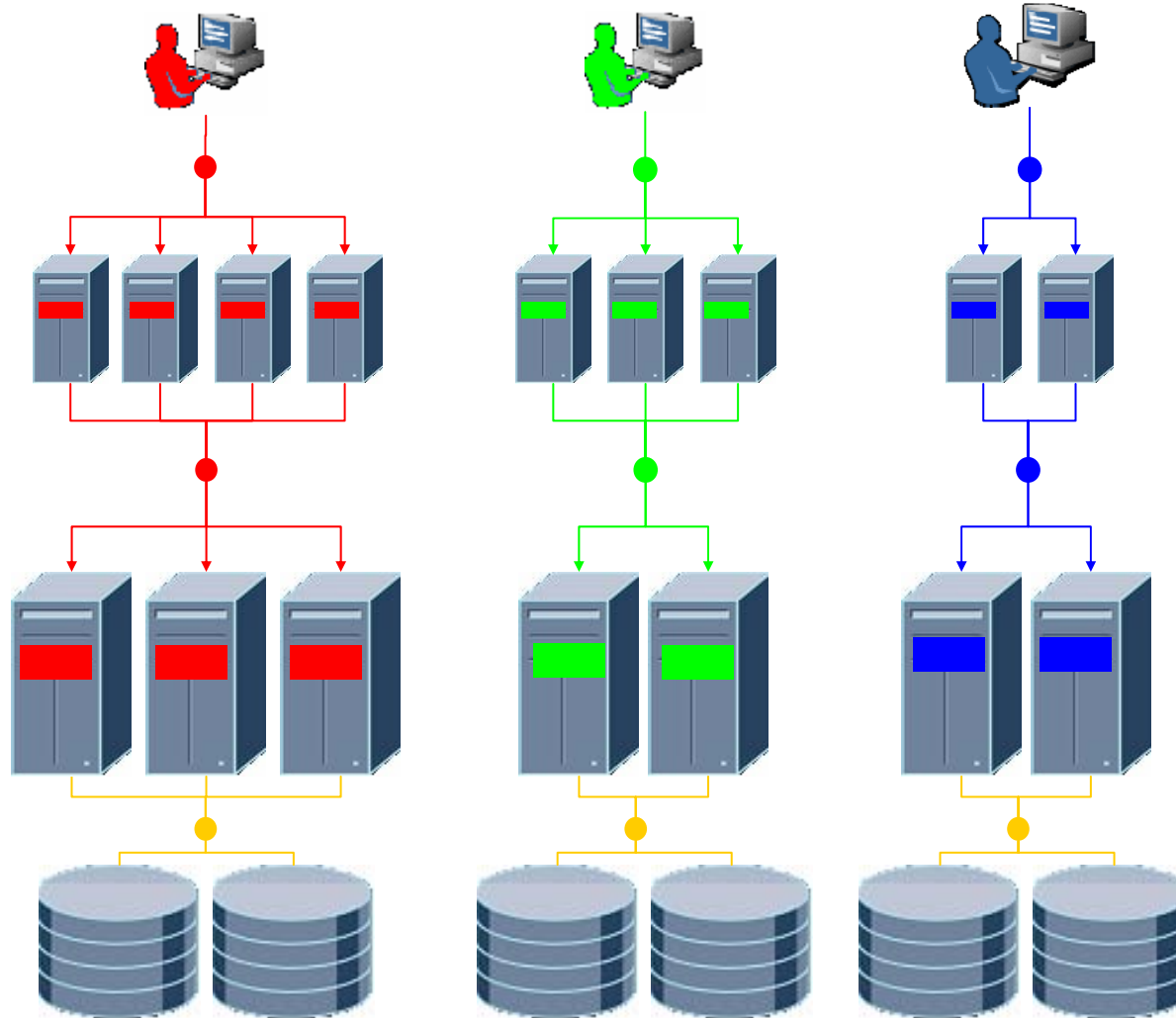
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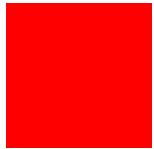
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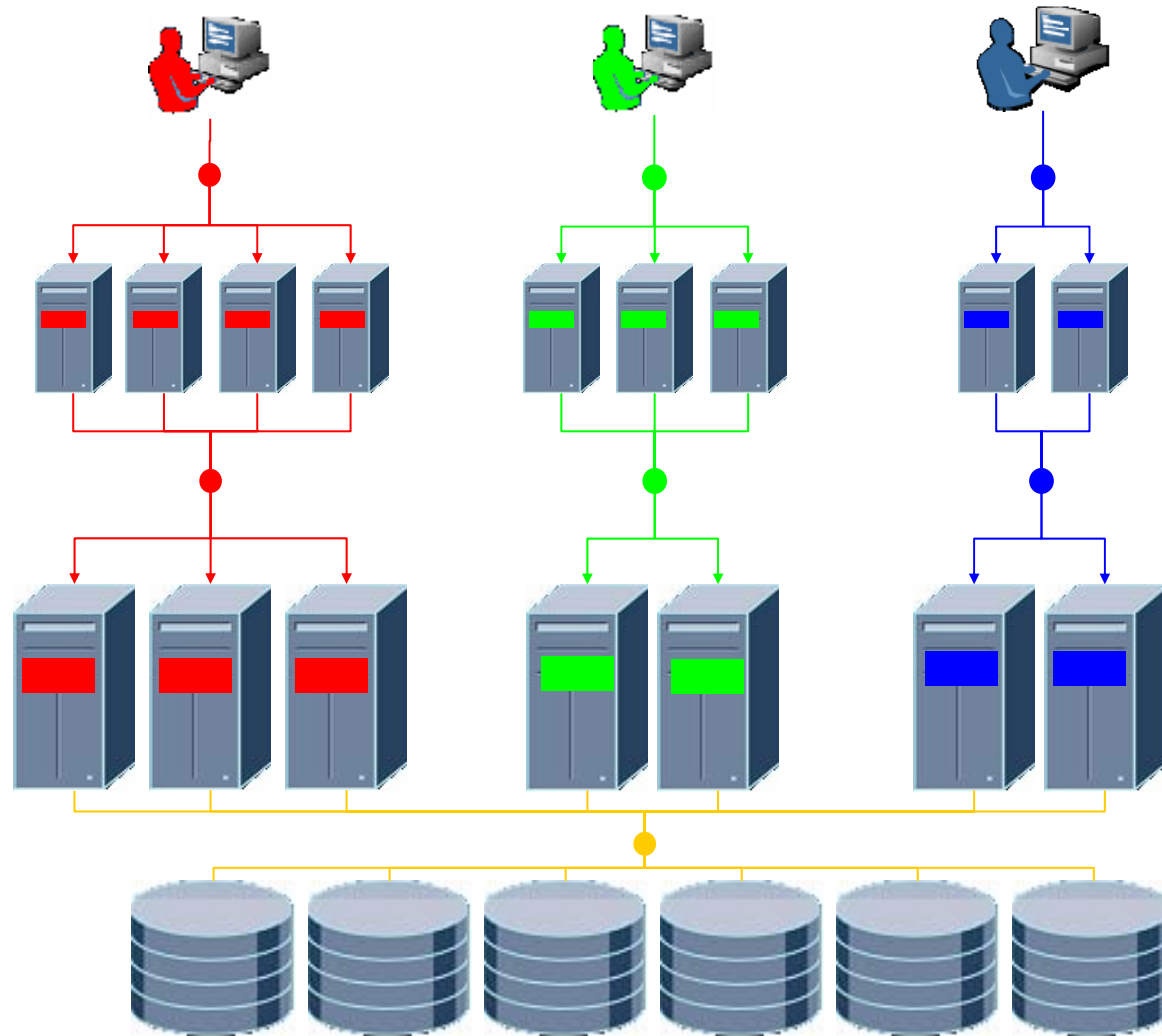
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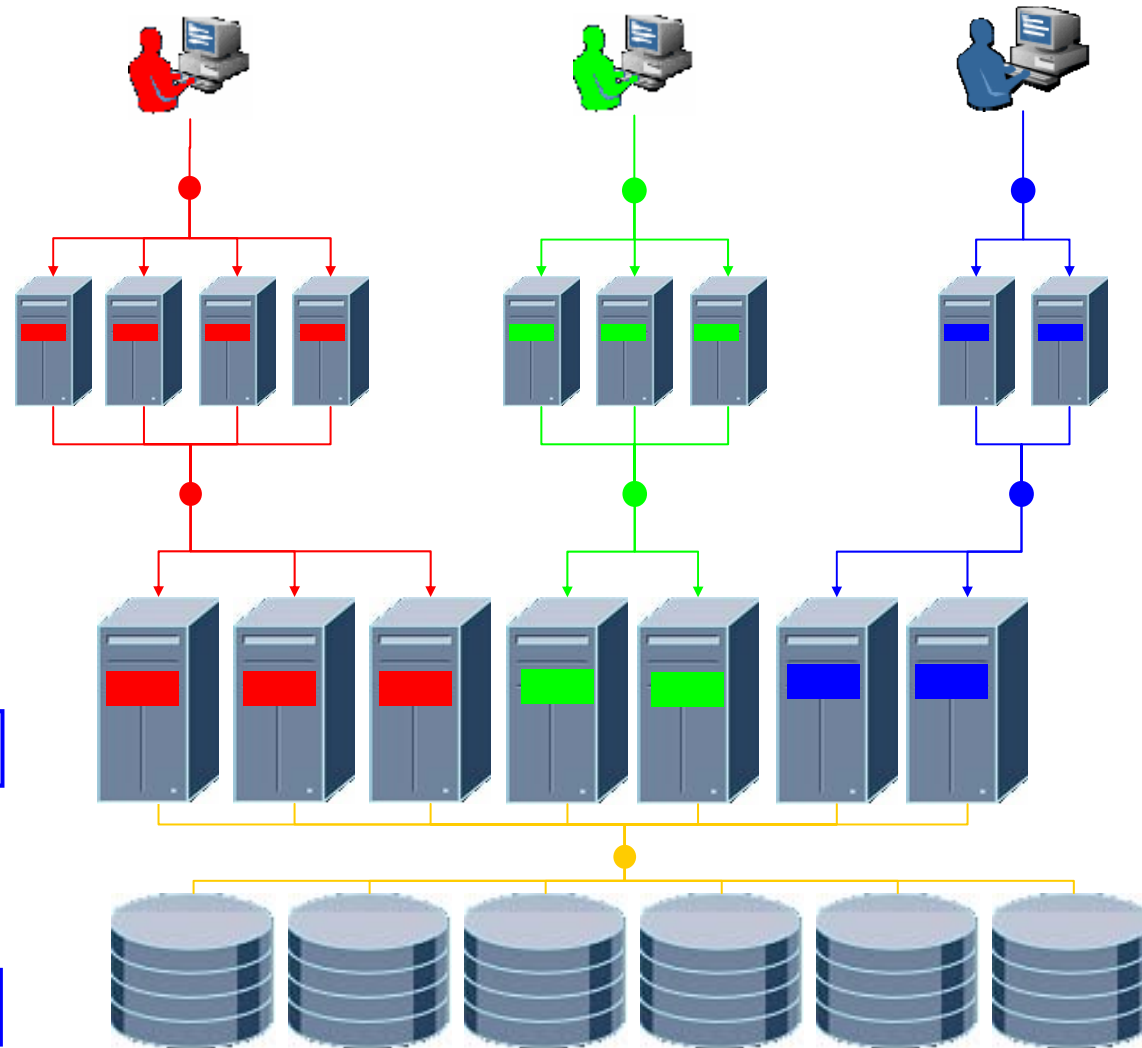
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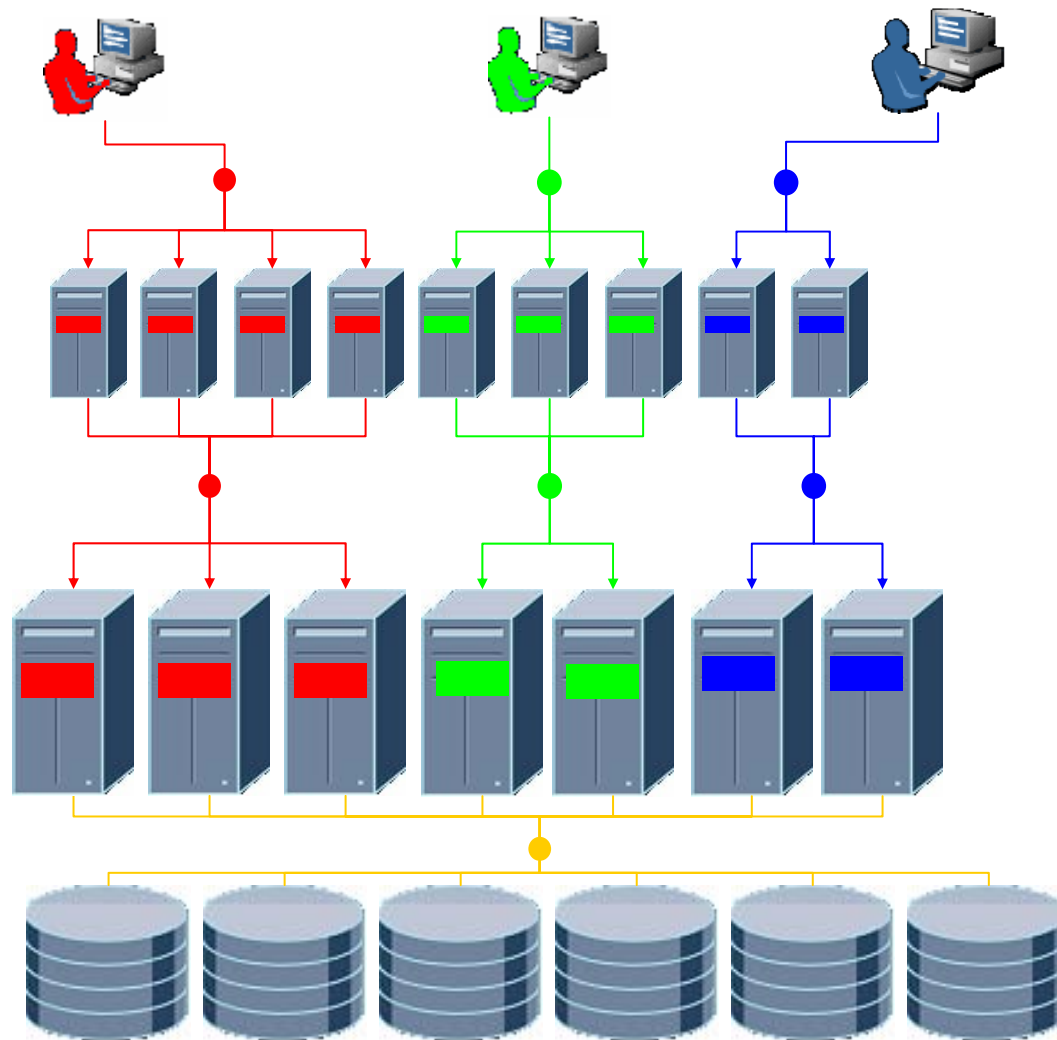
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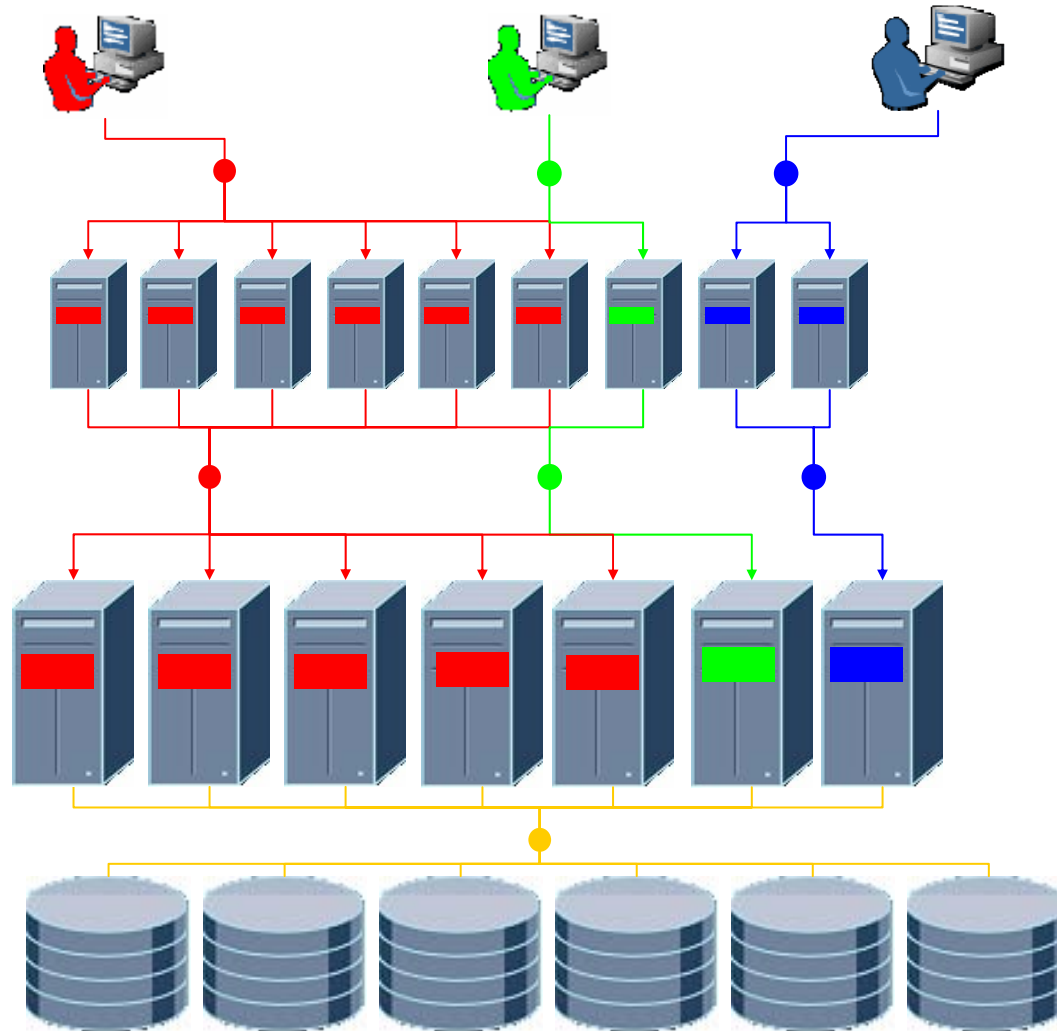
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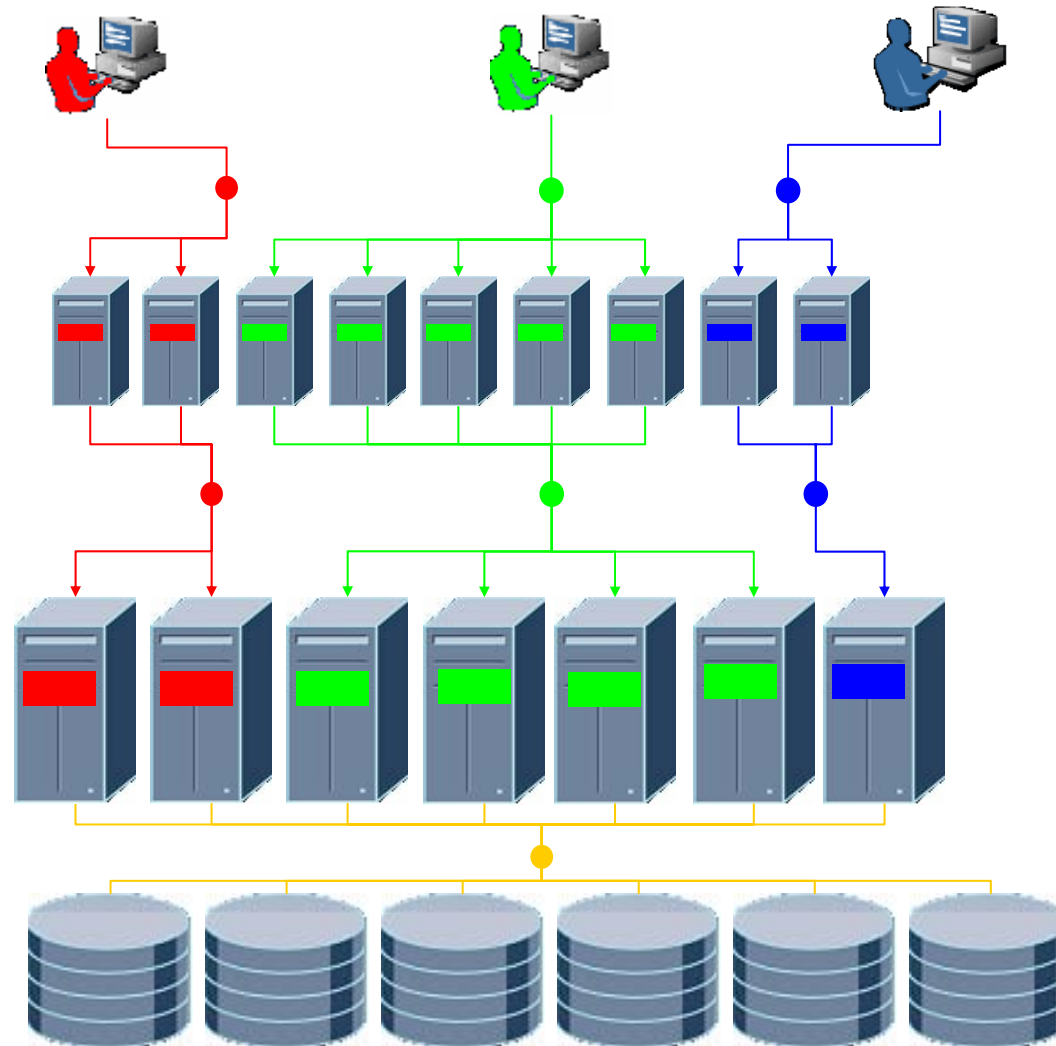
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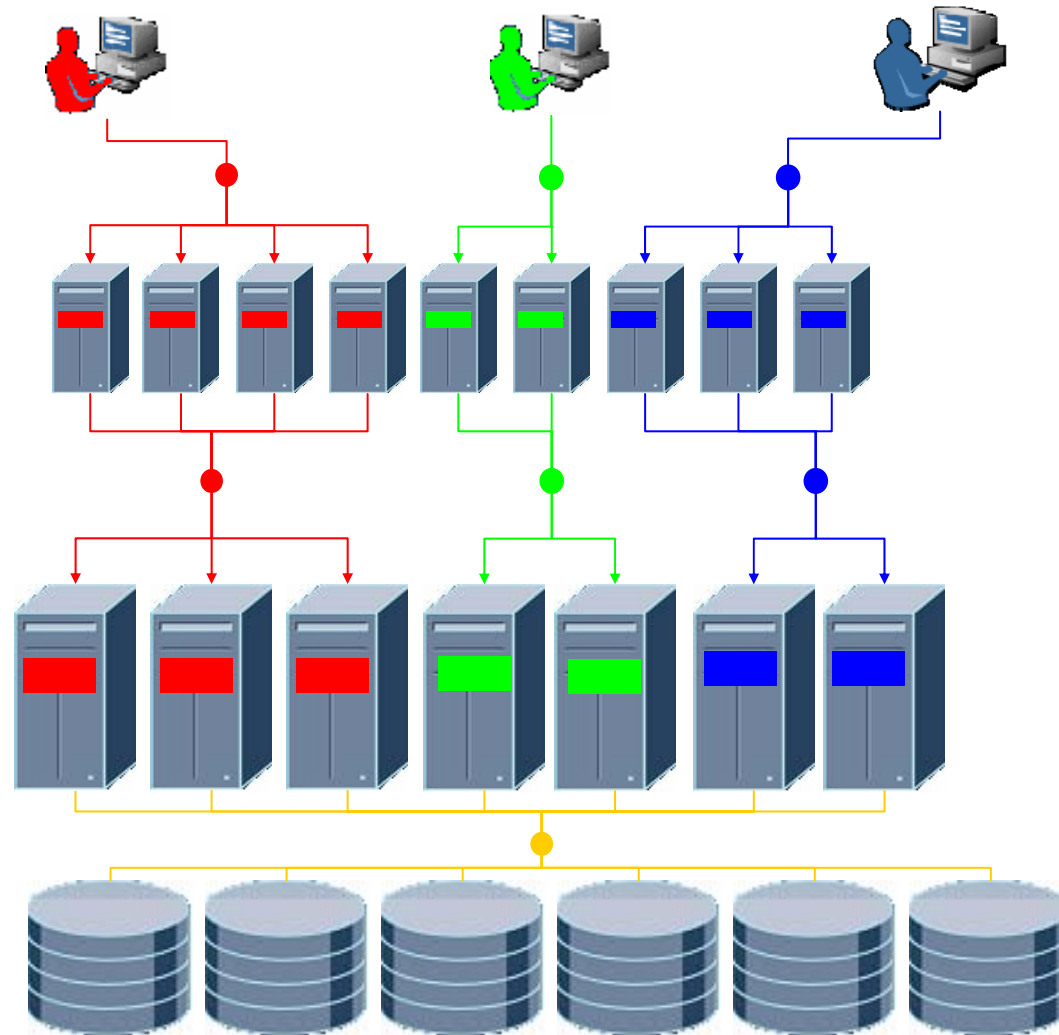
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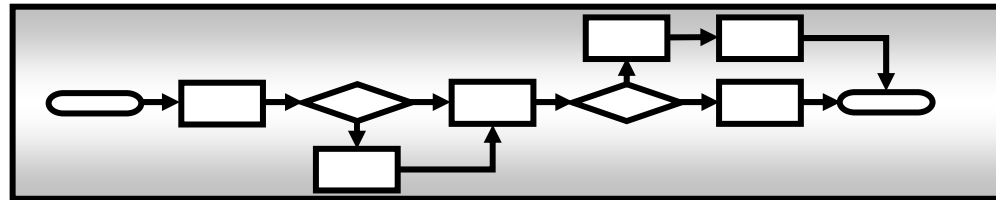
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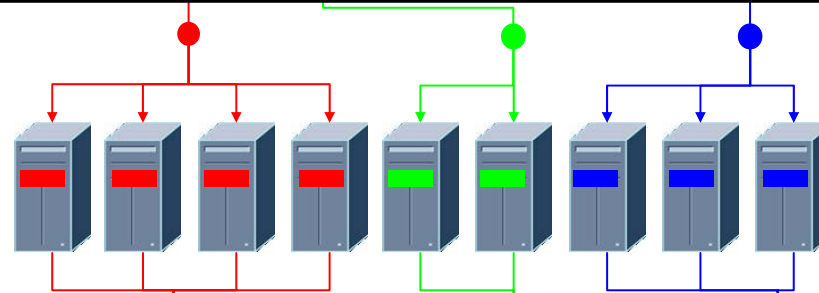
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Business Services



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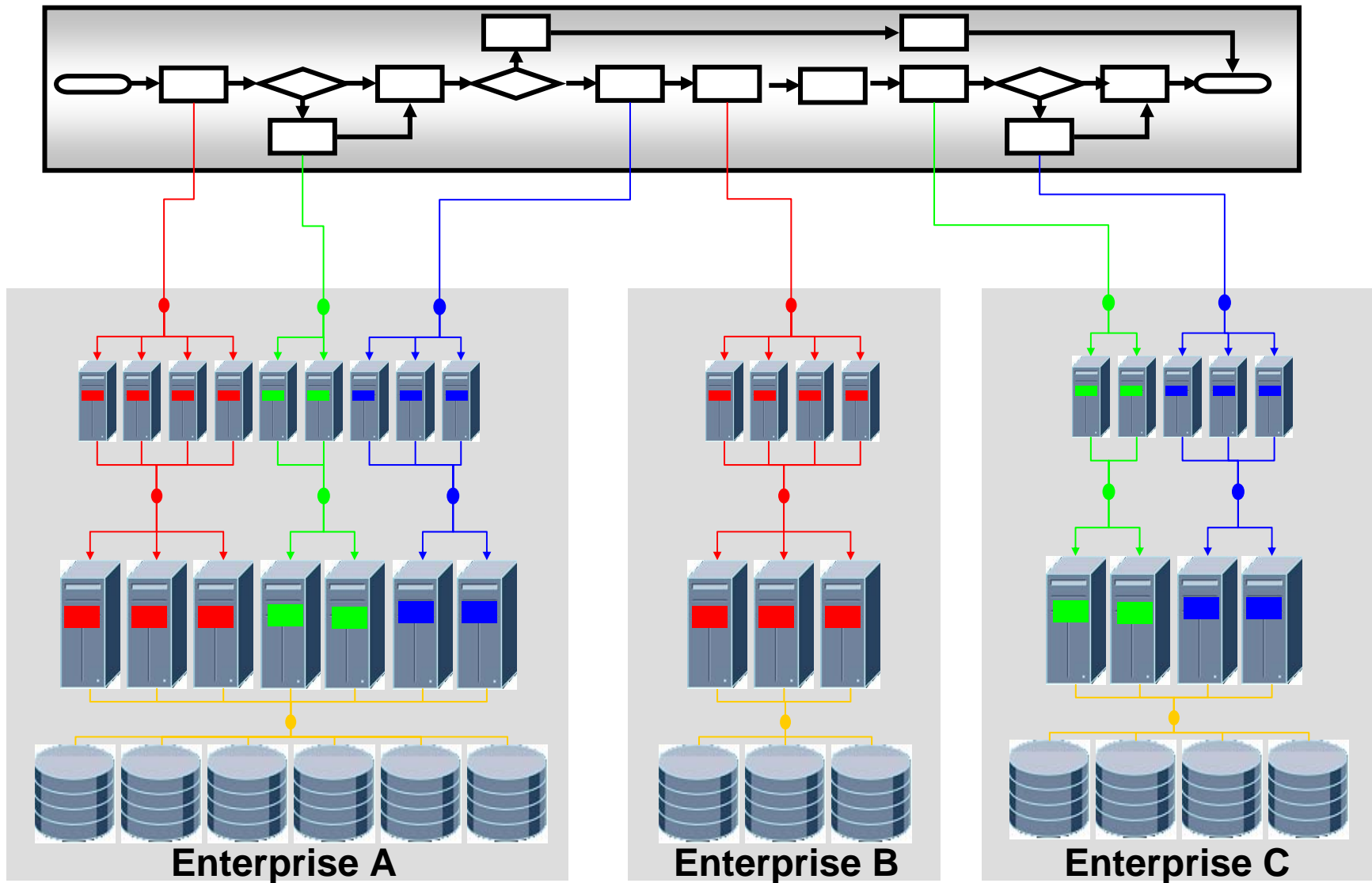


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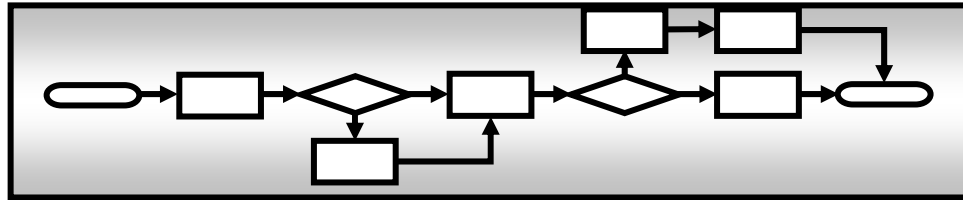


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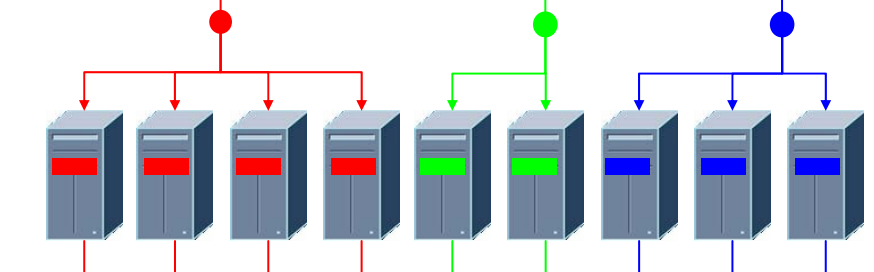
Challenges

What is missing?

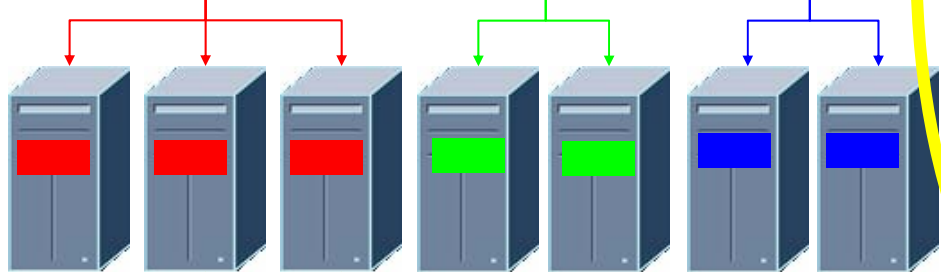
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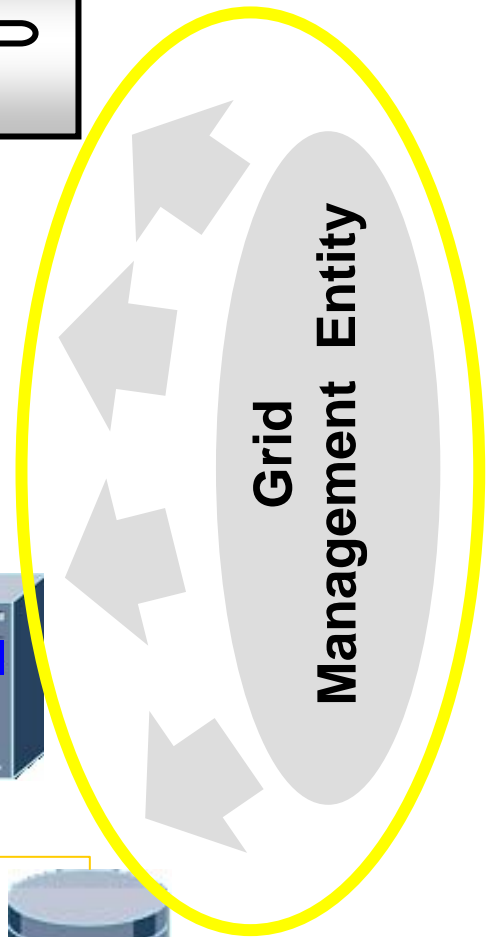
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Grid Management Entity

- OGF (from previous EGA) Reference Architecture
- Manages each Grid Component
 - Relationships between Components
 - Component Life Cycle
 - Responsibilities include:
 - Provisioning, Management & Monitoring
 - capability exists and/or is developing.
- Responsibilities where capability is under study are:
 - Service Level Monitoring and Management
 - Billing & Accounting



Service Levels & Billing/Accounting

- Service Levels

- Language Issue : SLAs use business language but monitoring/management use IT language.

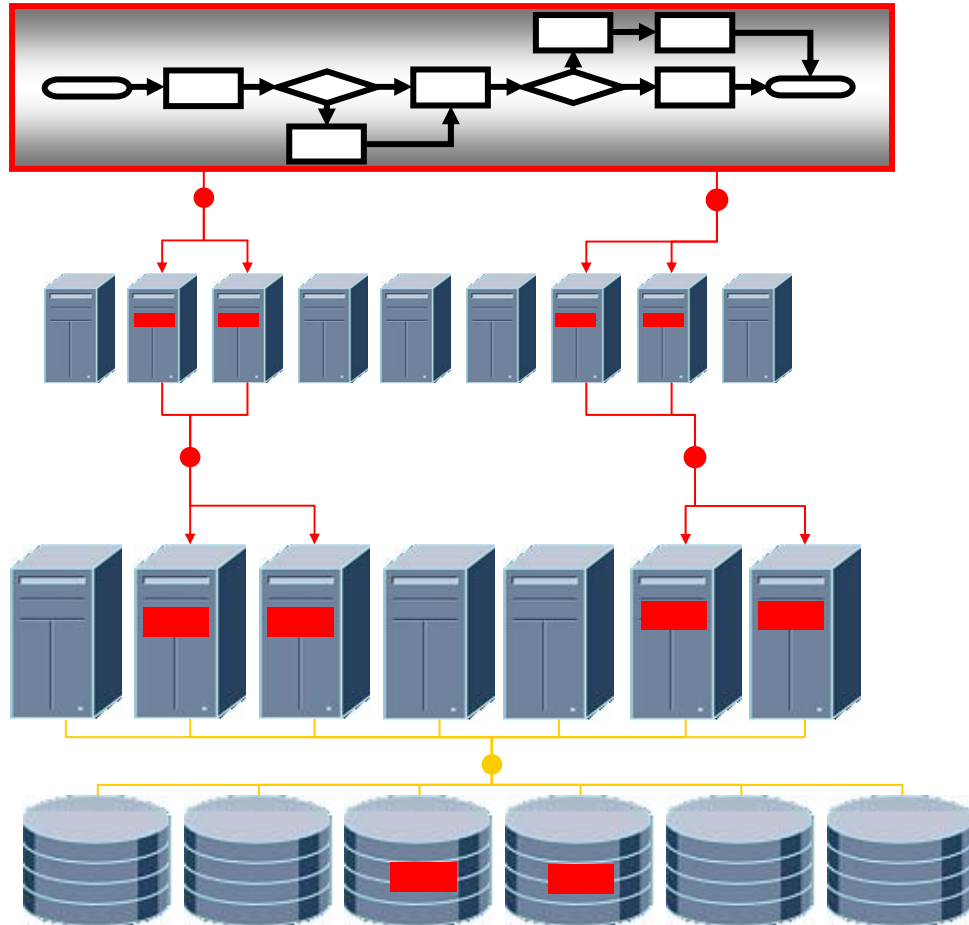
E.G. SLAs require “100 Orders completed per hour”. How does that translate to servers, cpus, queries etc?

- Only by understanding how ALL the components that combine to provide a Service are behaving can this translation begin to happen.

- Billing/Accounting

- Metrics need to be collected at all levels NOT just at base level.
- Billing can then be made for Service provided not necessarily resource consumed.

Example questions



“Red” Business Process

- What is the effect on the Business SLA if one server fails?
- Can I move a component to another service without impacting the SLA?
- How much resource is consumed to support a Service? Should the Service pricing be changed?
- New version of application changes the resource required. Should we tune or raise the price?



Service Levels & Billing/Accounting

- The GME will need to:
 - Understand the relationships between components.
 - Take the defined goals for each components and build a composite view of the resultant goal for a Service.
 - Manage the differences between Goals and Service requirements.
- Once this understanding is there then life cycle management, change control, monitoring, accounting and billing etc becomes possible.

Don't forget that this is all highly dynamic!



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