

# AWS re:Inforce

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# Secure your APIs the Well-Architected way from foundation to perimeter



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# What to expect from this session

- 01 Common API security challenges
- 02 Well-Architected (WA) Framework
- 03 Mitigating common API security challenges
- 04 Twilio WAF as a service (WaaS) solution
- 05 Call to action

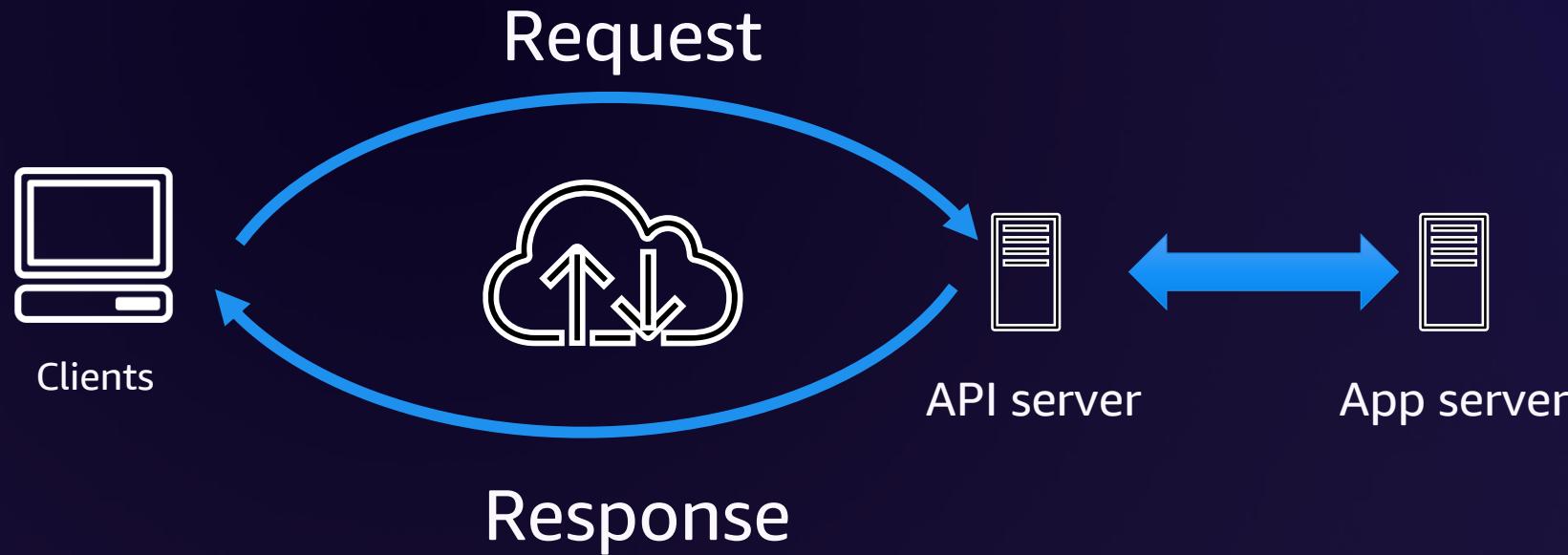
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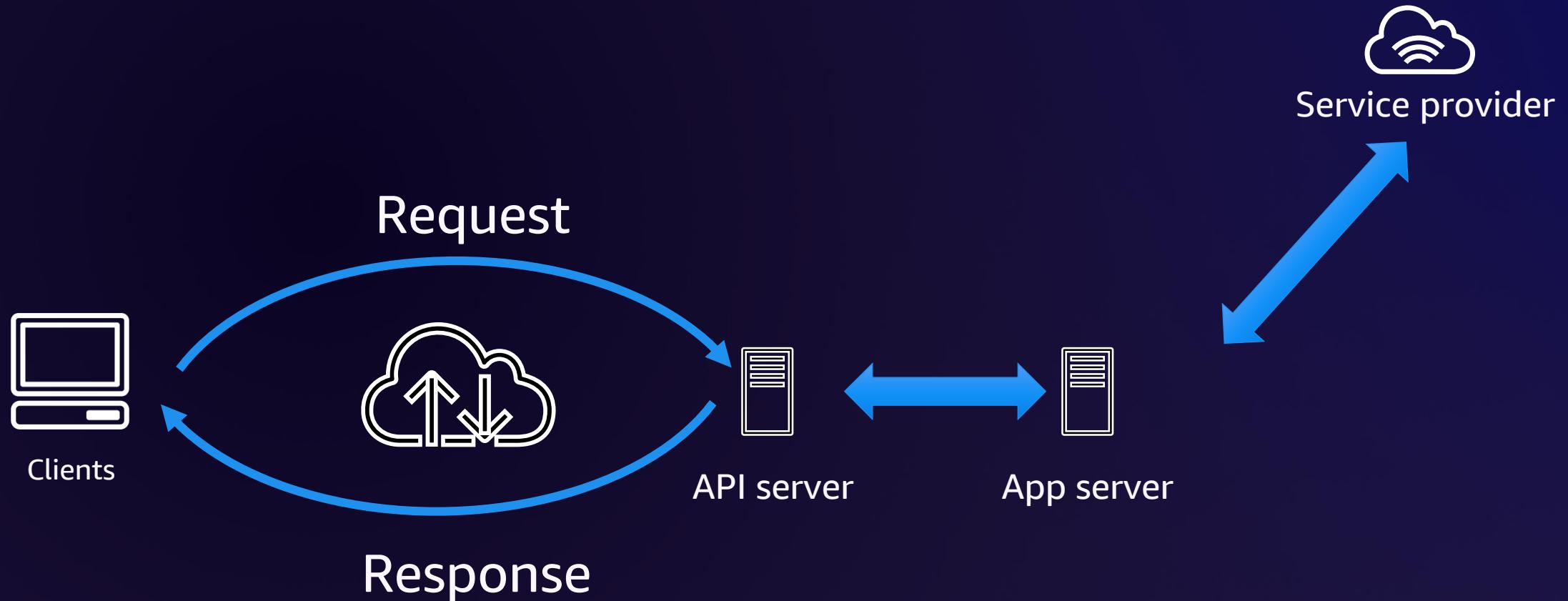
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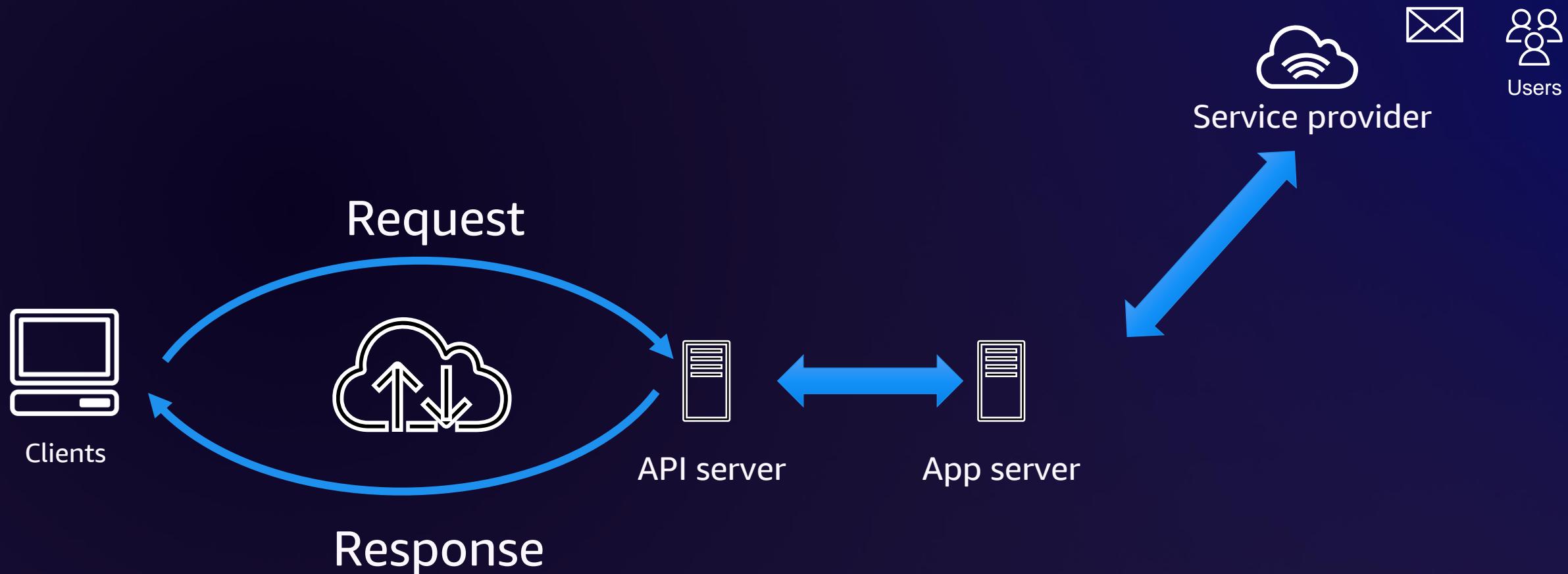
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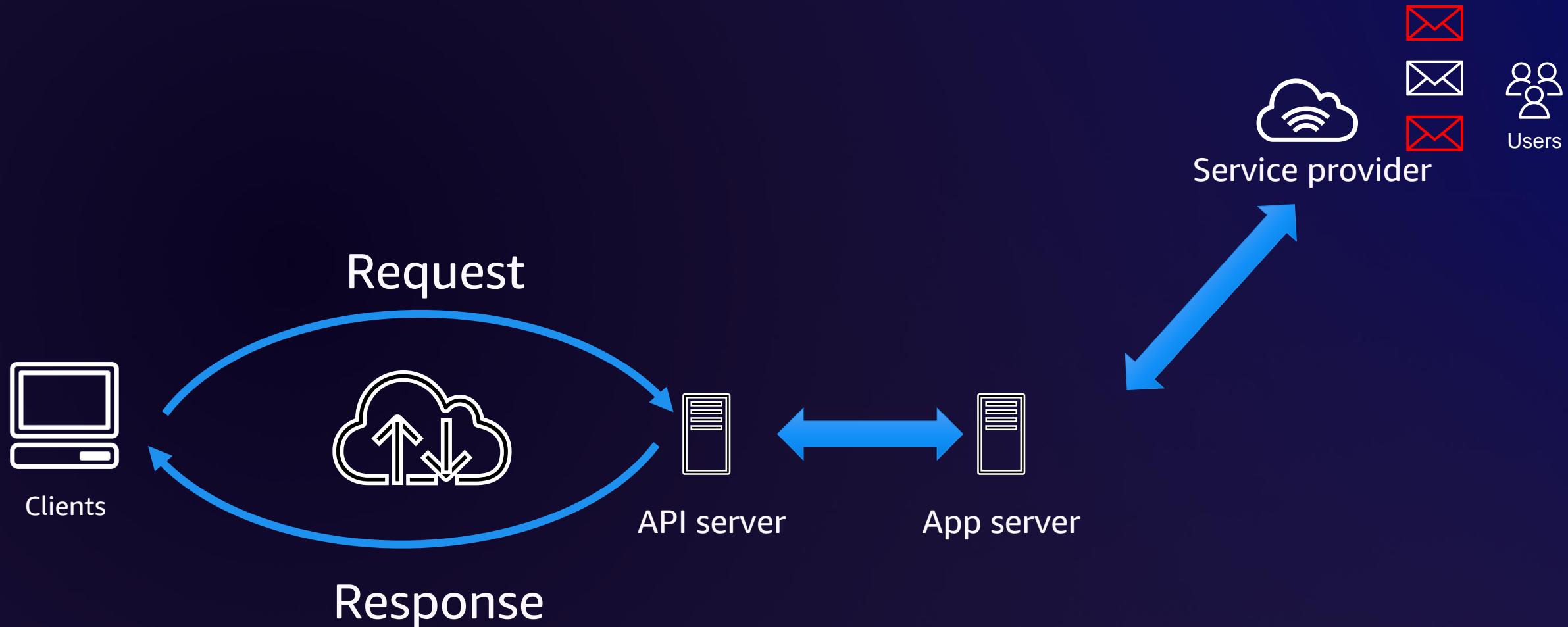
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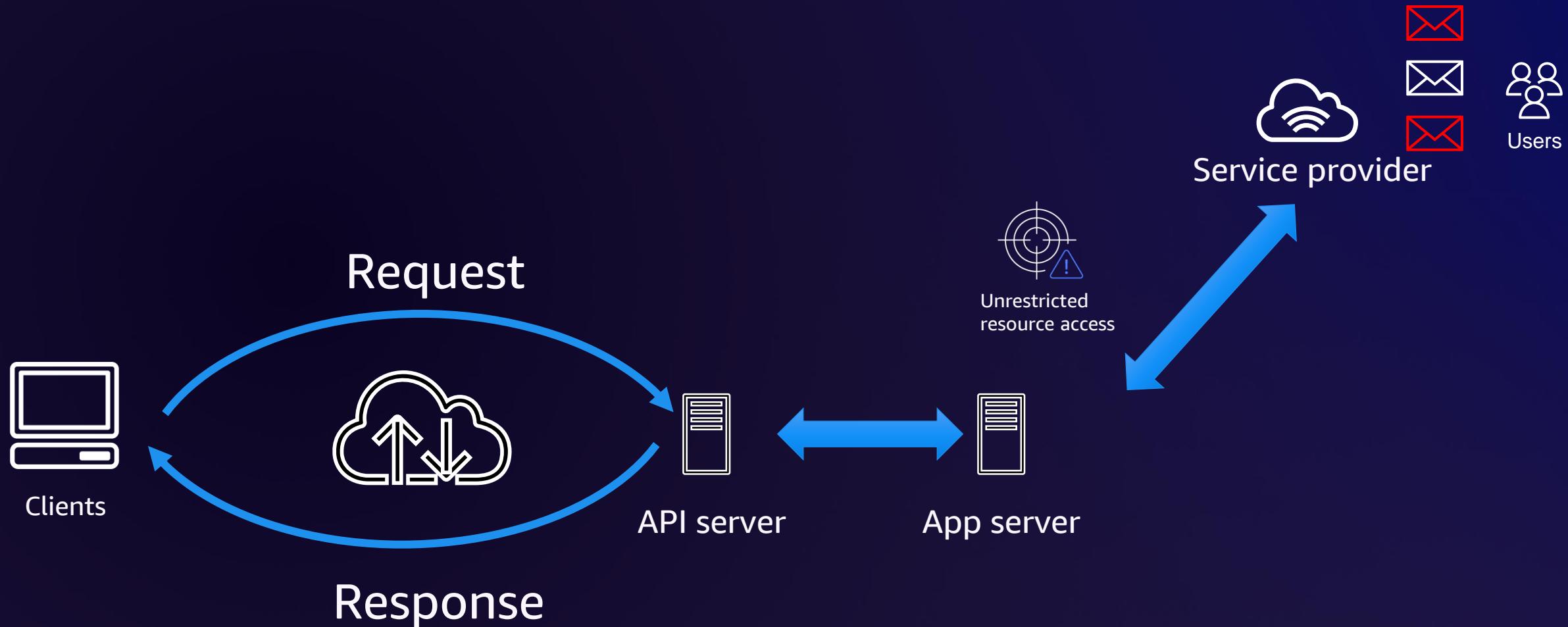
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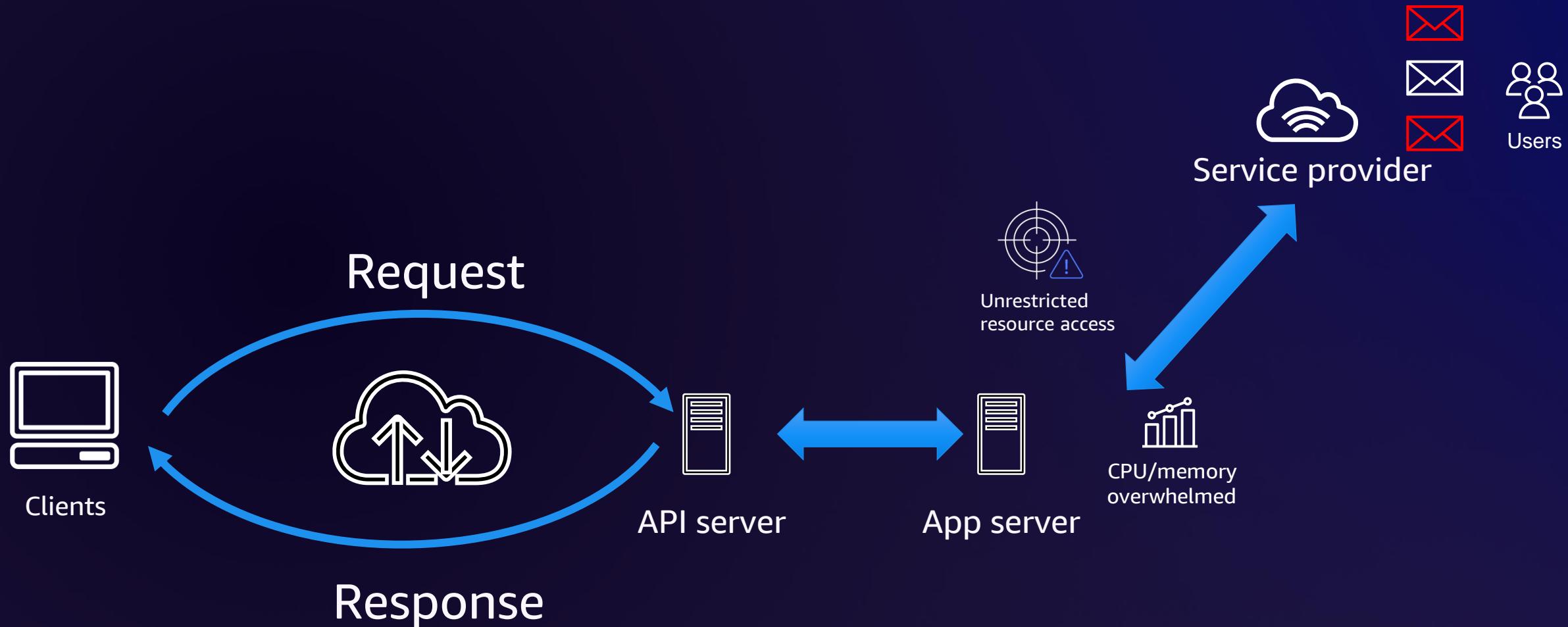
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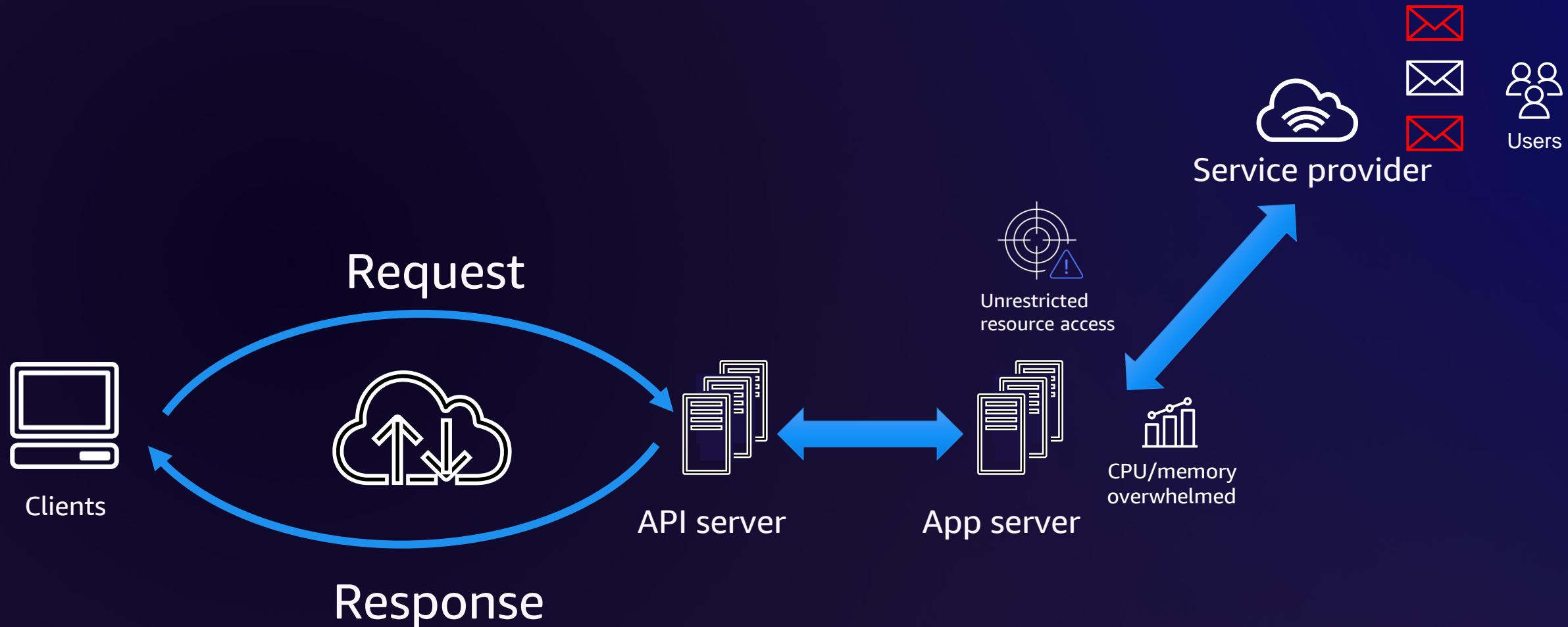
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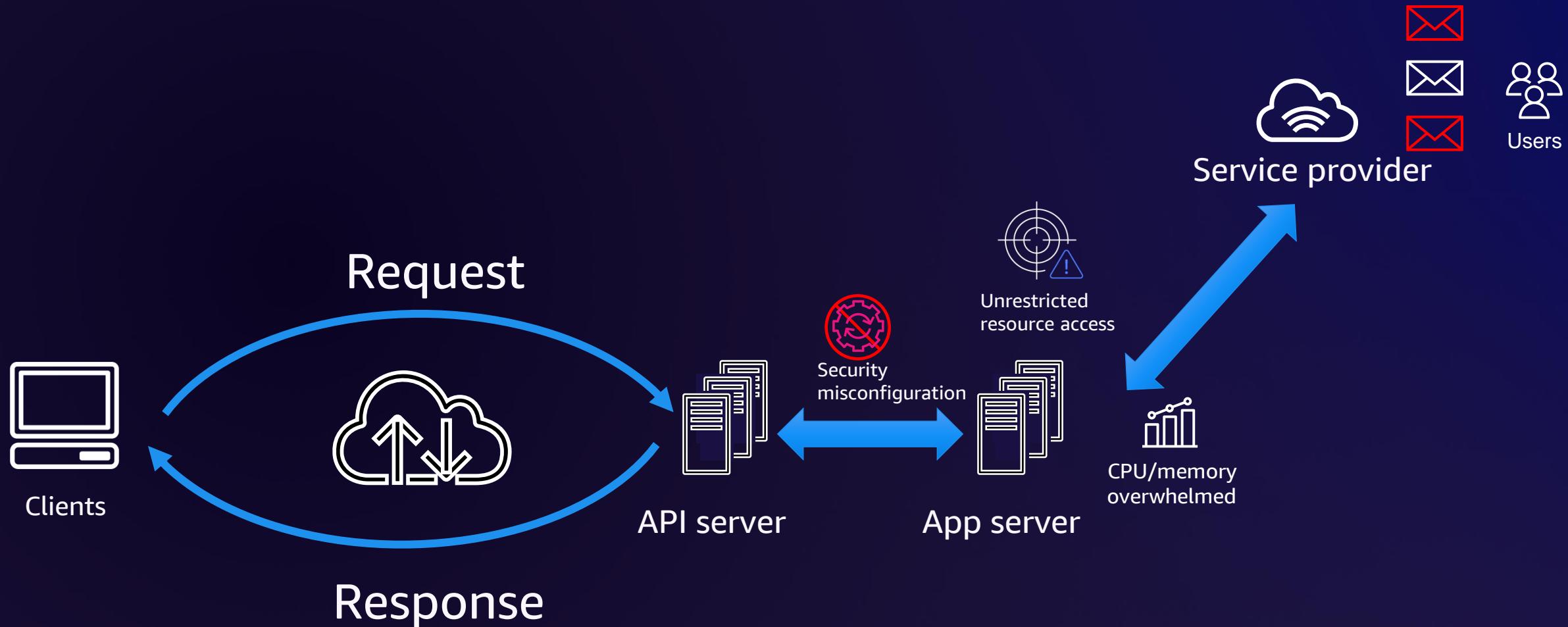
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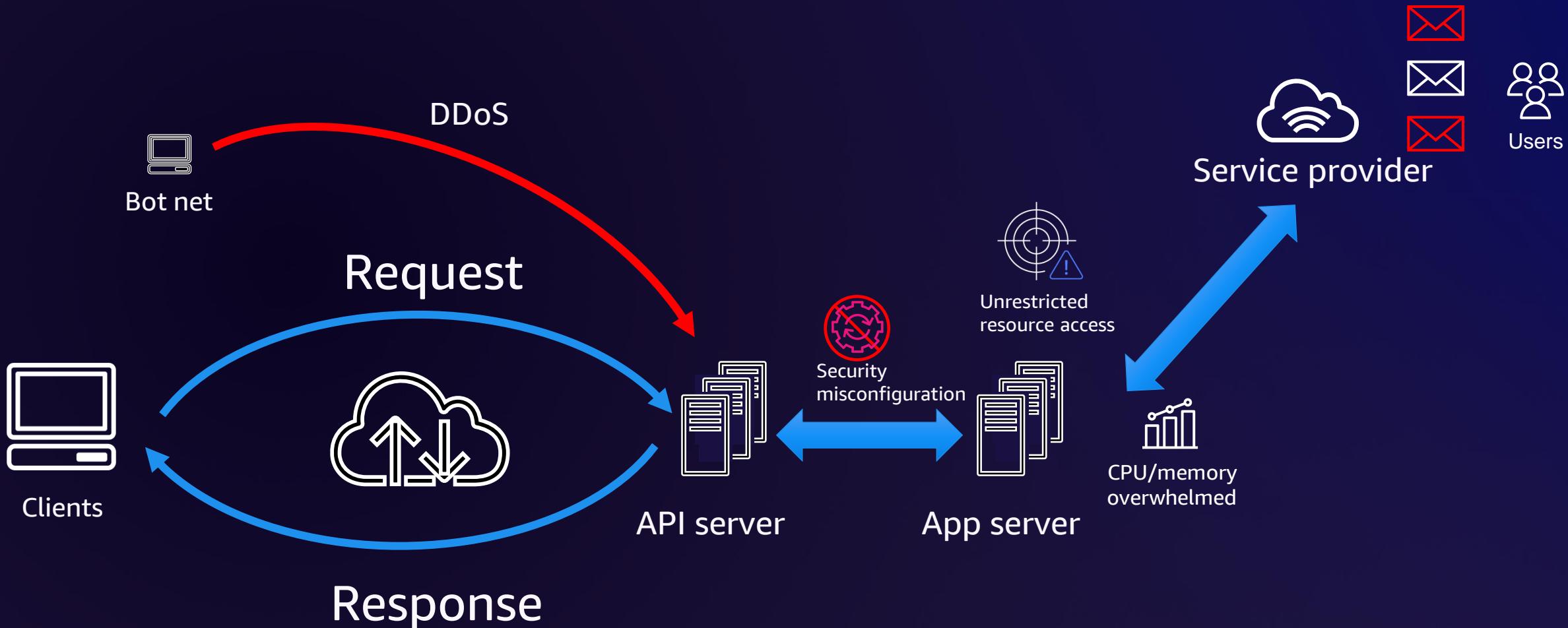
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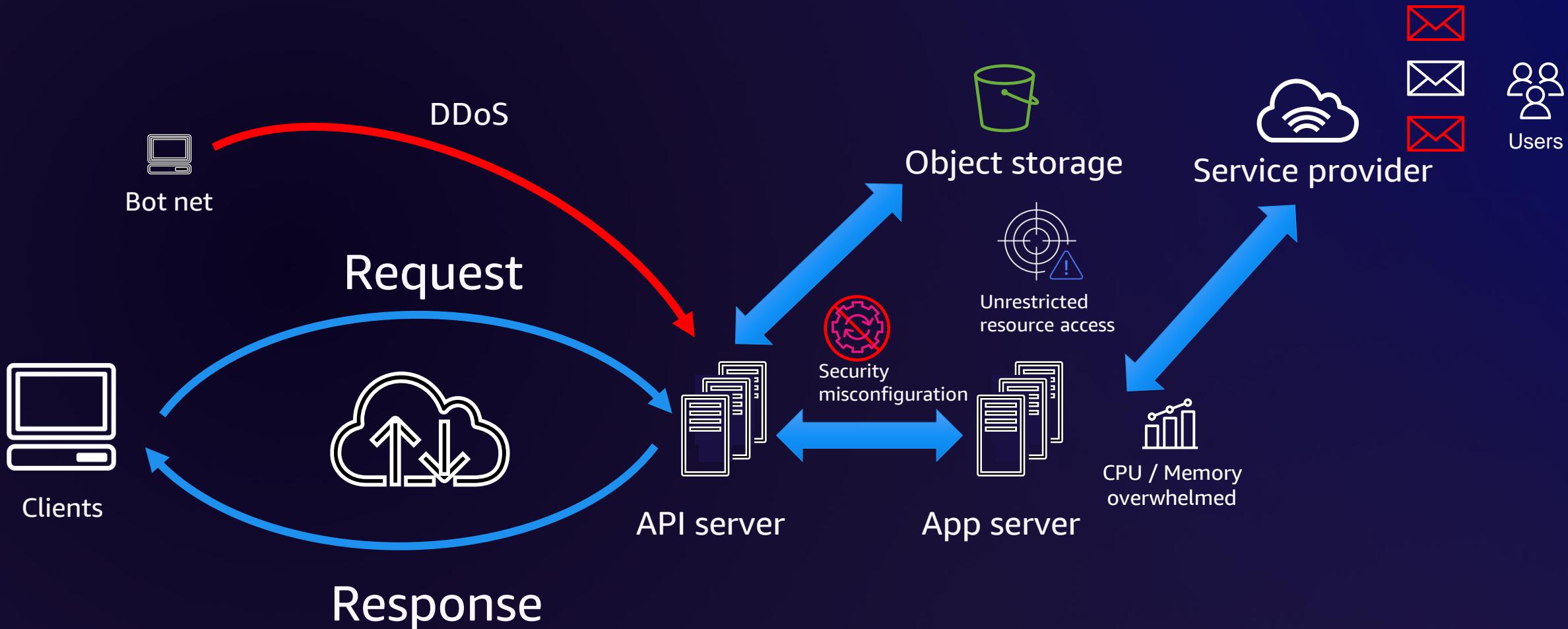
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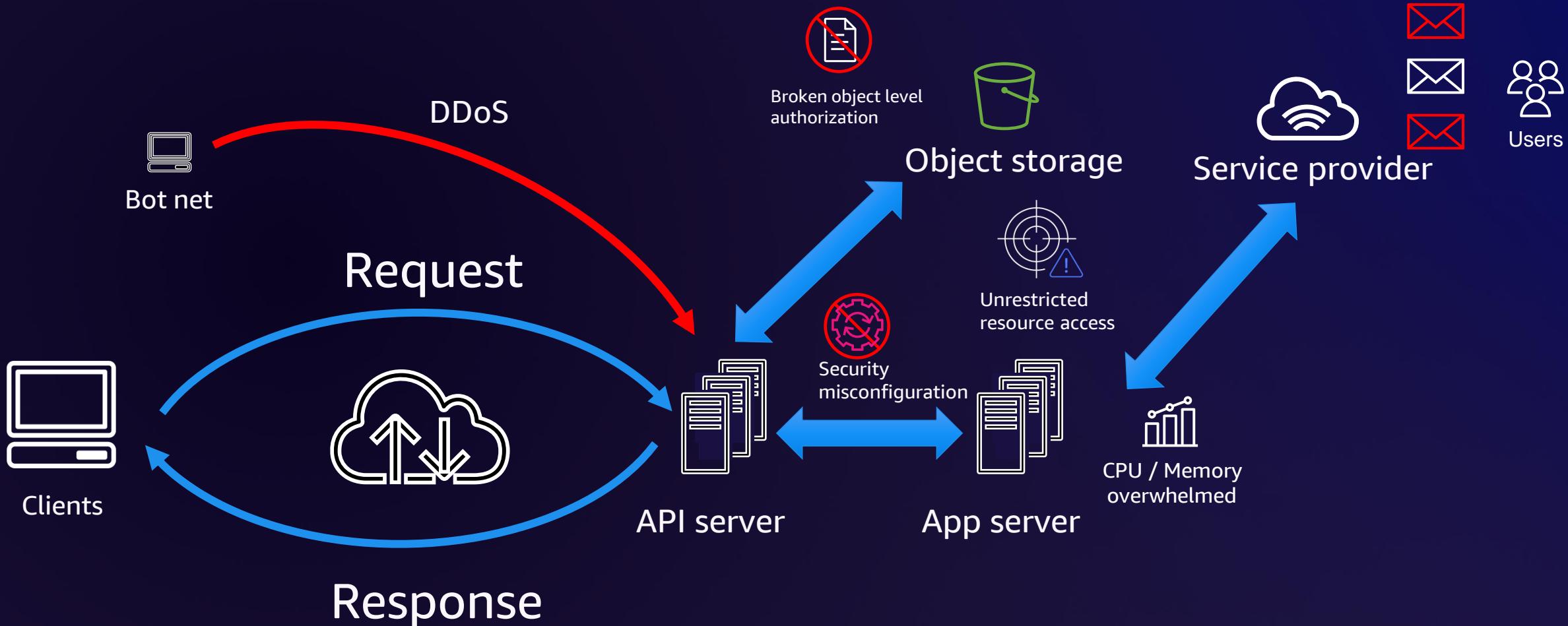
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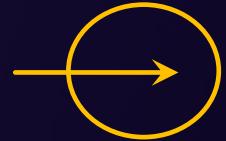
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# Common API security challenges for enterprises



Broken function level authorization



Broken object level authorization



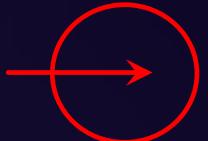
Broken authentication



Broken object property level authorization



Security misconfiguration



Unsafe consumption of APIs



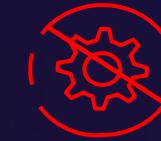
Unrestricted access to sensitive business flows



Server side request forgery



Unrestricted resource access



Improper inventory management



OWASP Top 10

<https://owasp.org/API-Security/>

# Well-Architected (WA) Framework

# Well-Architected Framework security pillar



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Focus areas



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Best practices

[ SEC05-BP02 Control traffic at all layers ]



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## Best practices

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## Implementation steps

1. *Amazon VPC security*
2. *AWS Web Application Firewall (AWS WAF)*
3. *Amazon Route 53*
4. *...*

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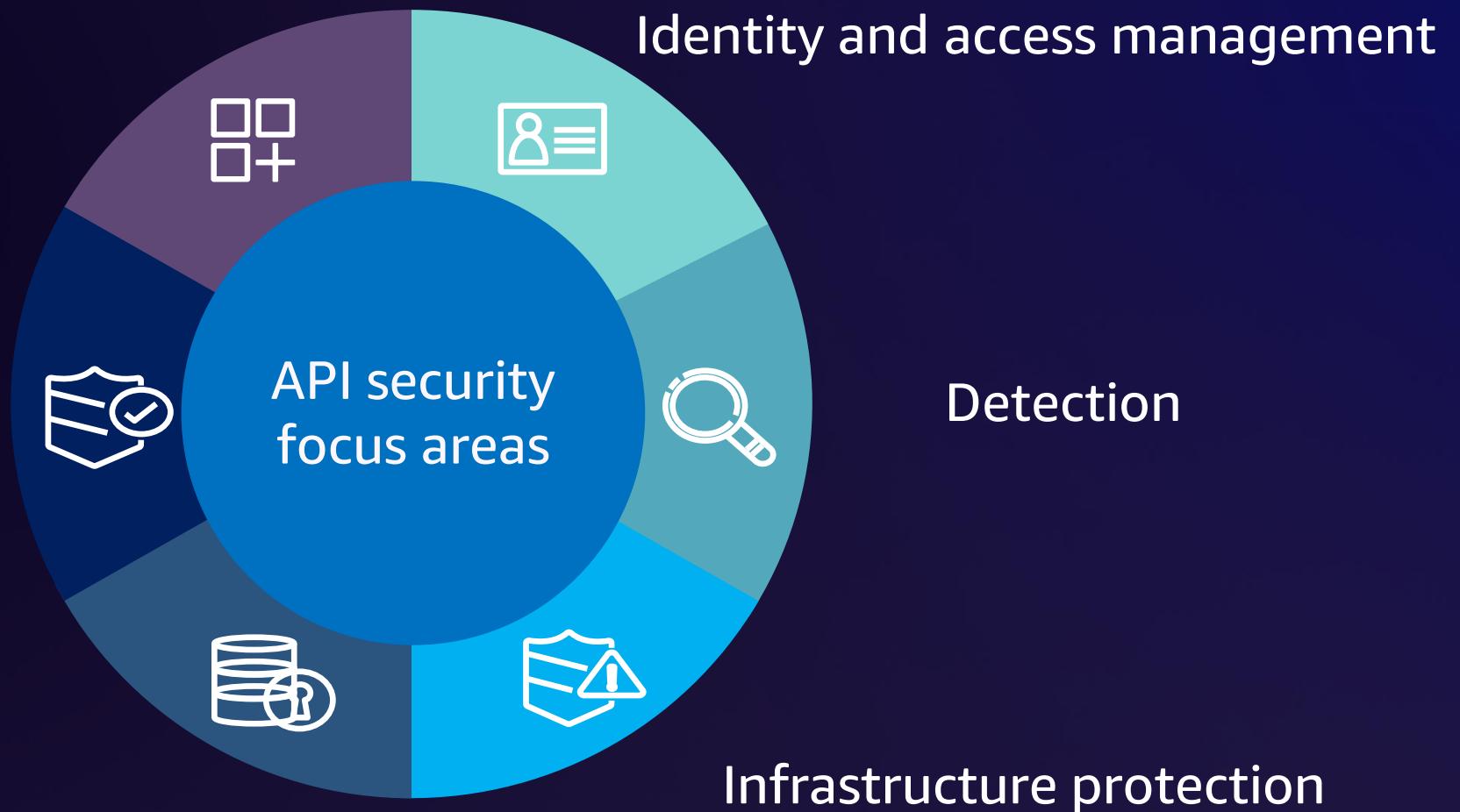
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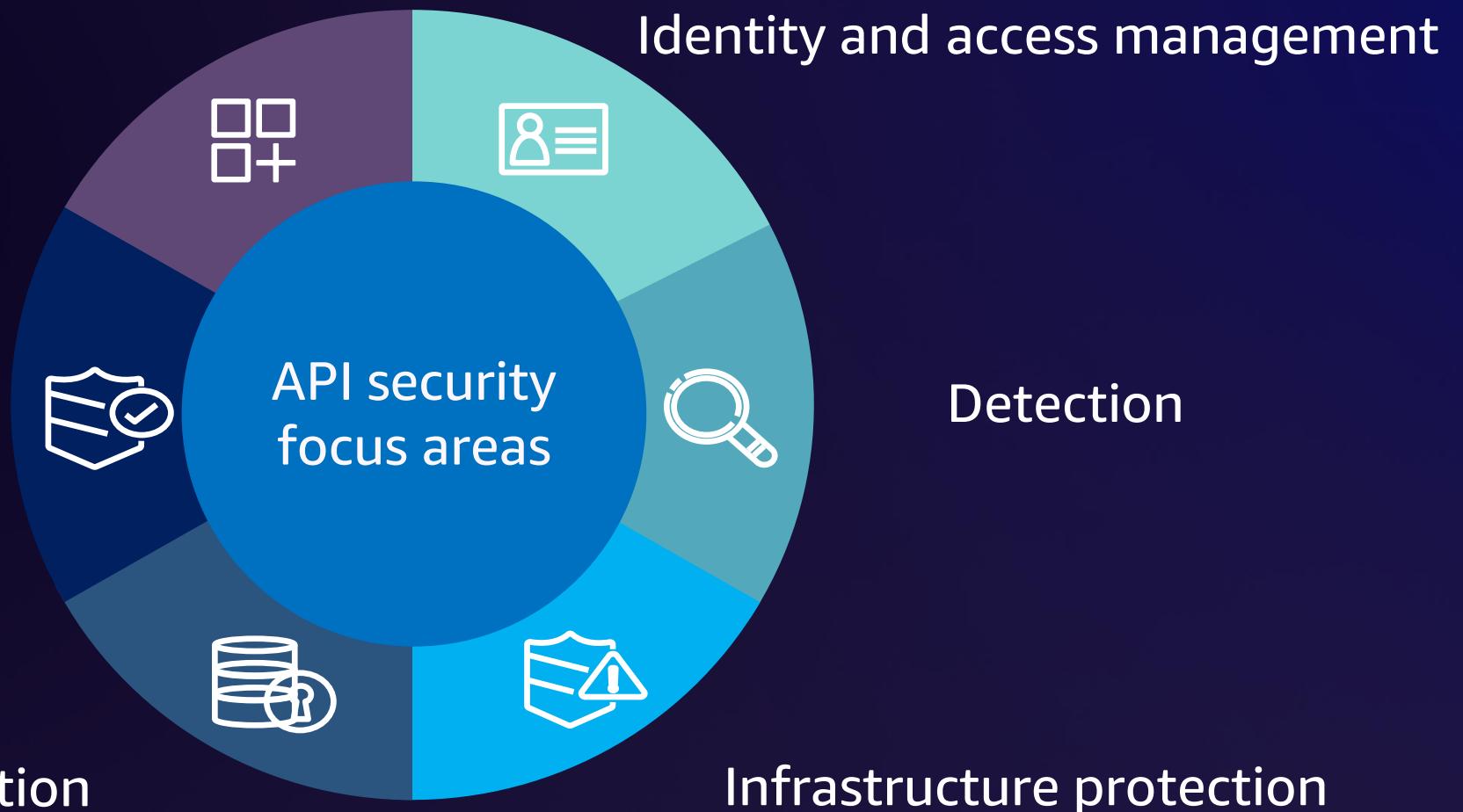
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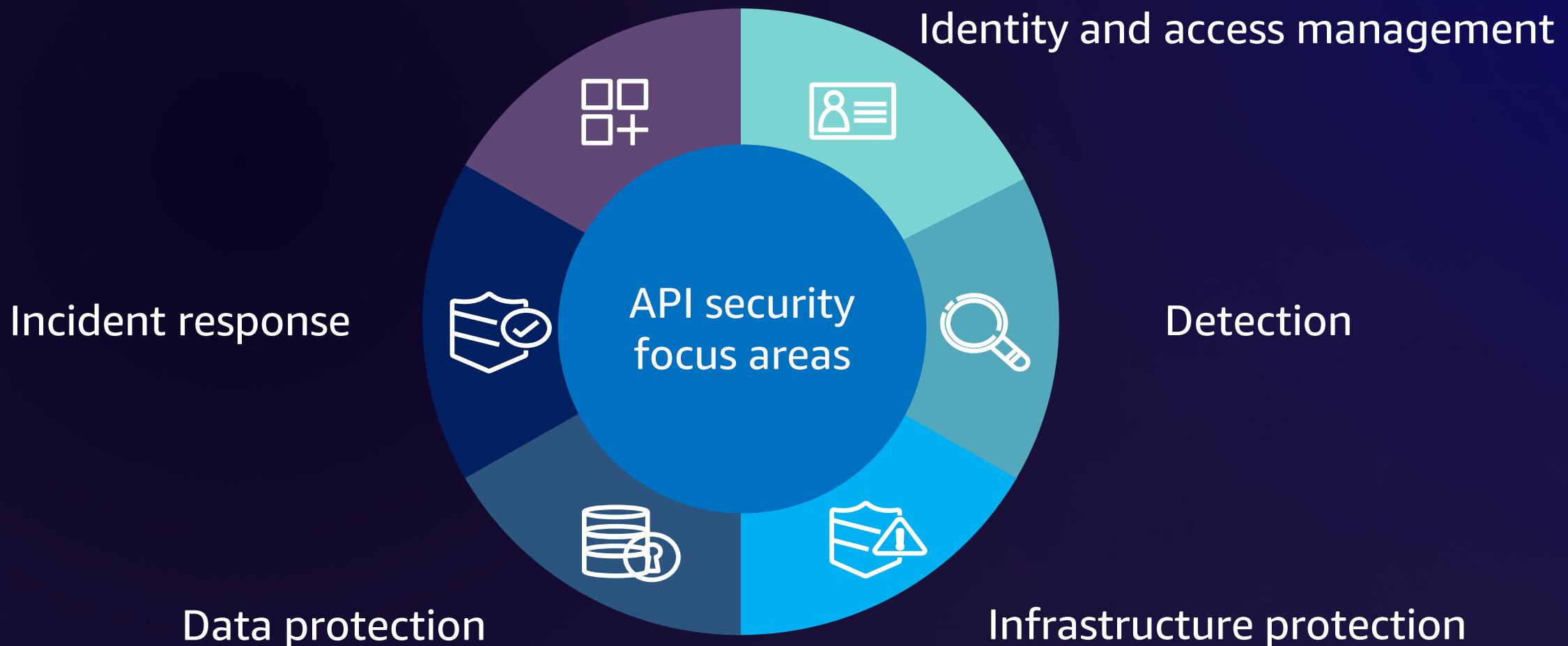
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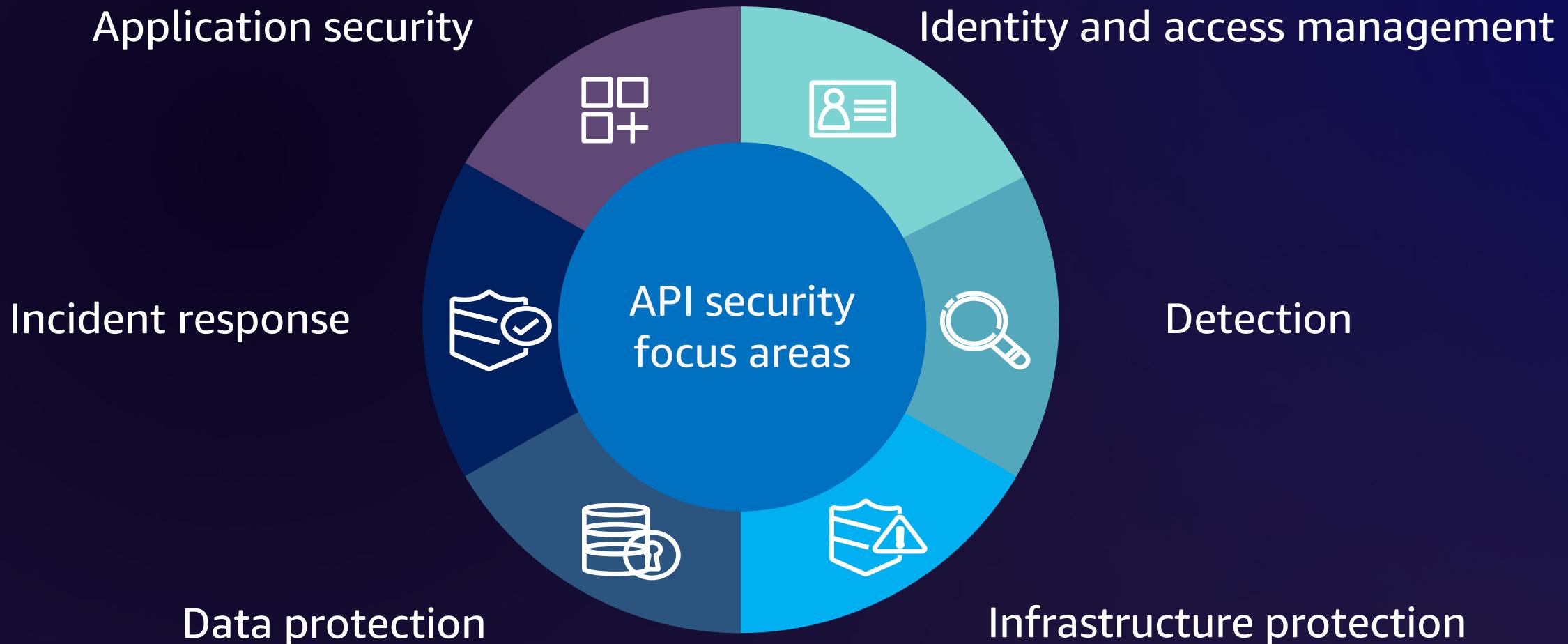
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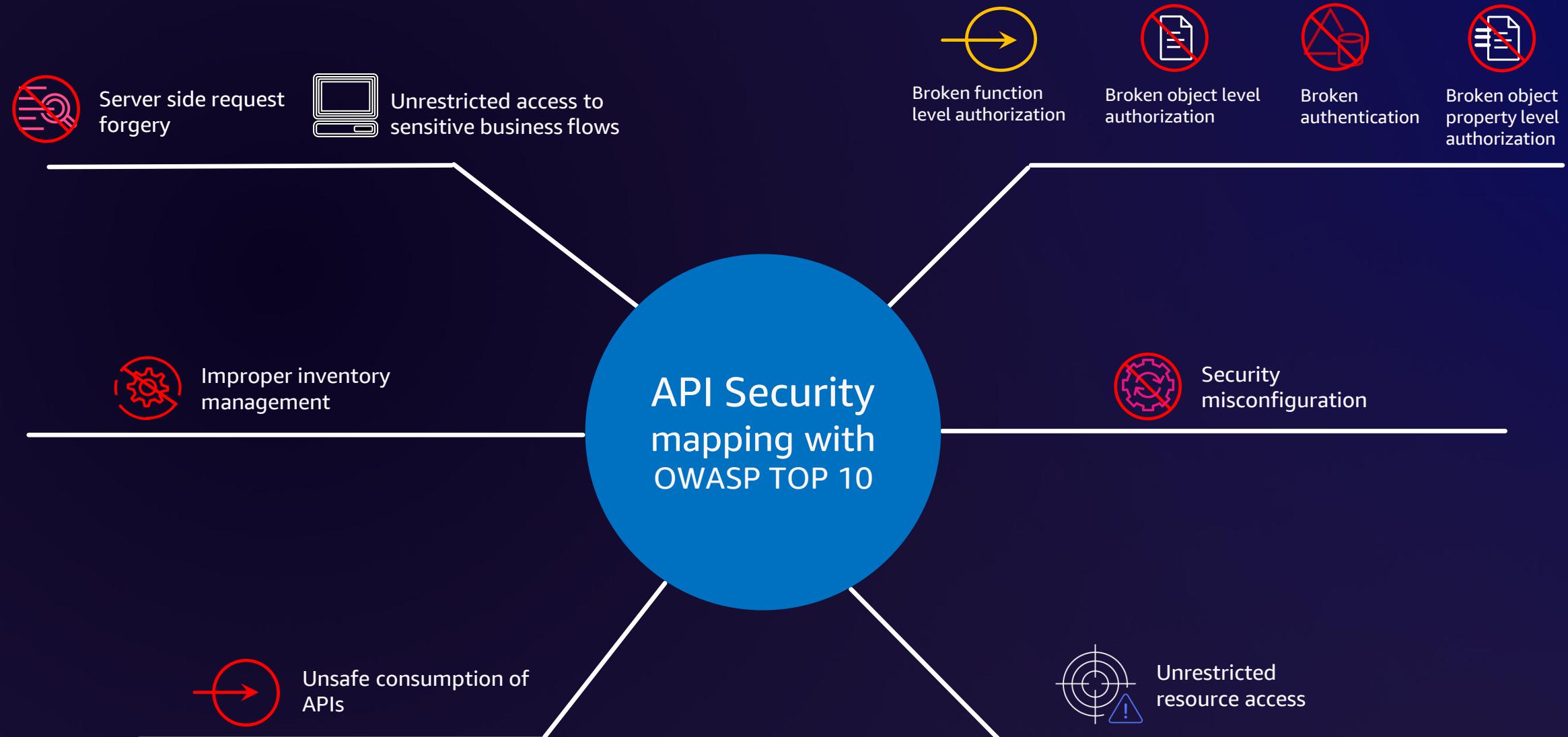


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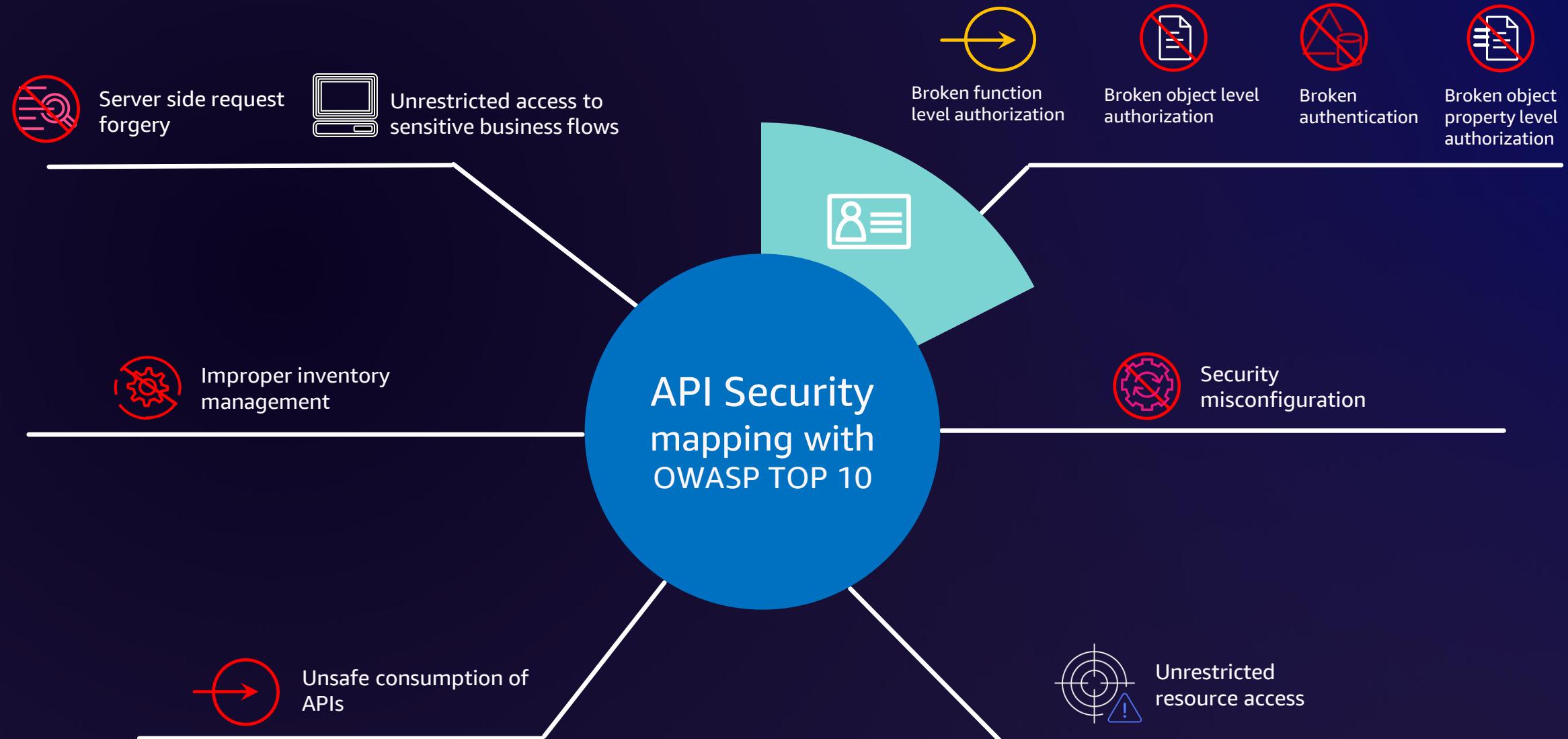


API Security  
mapping with  
OWASP TOP 10

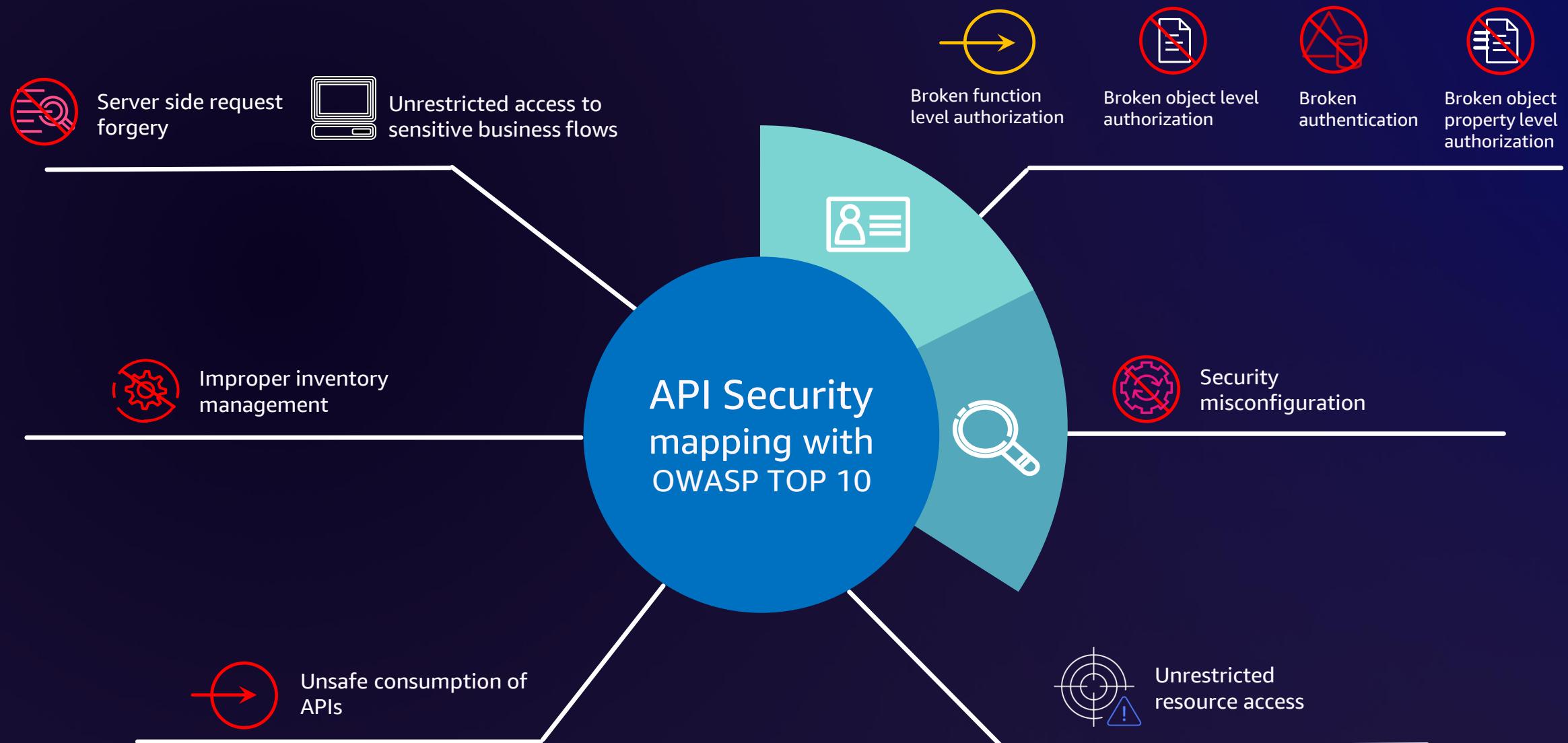
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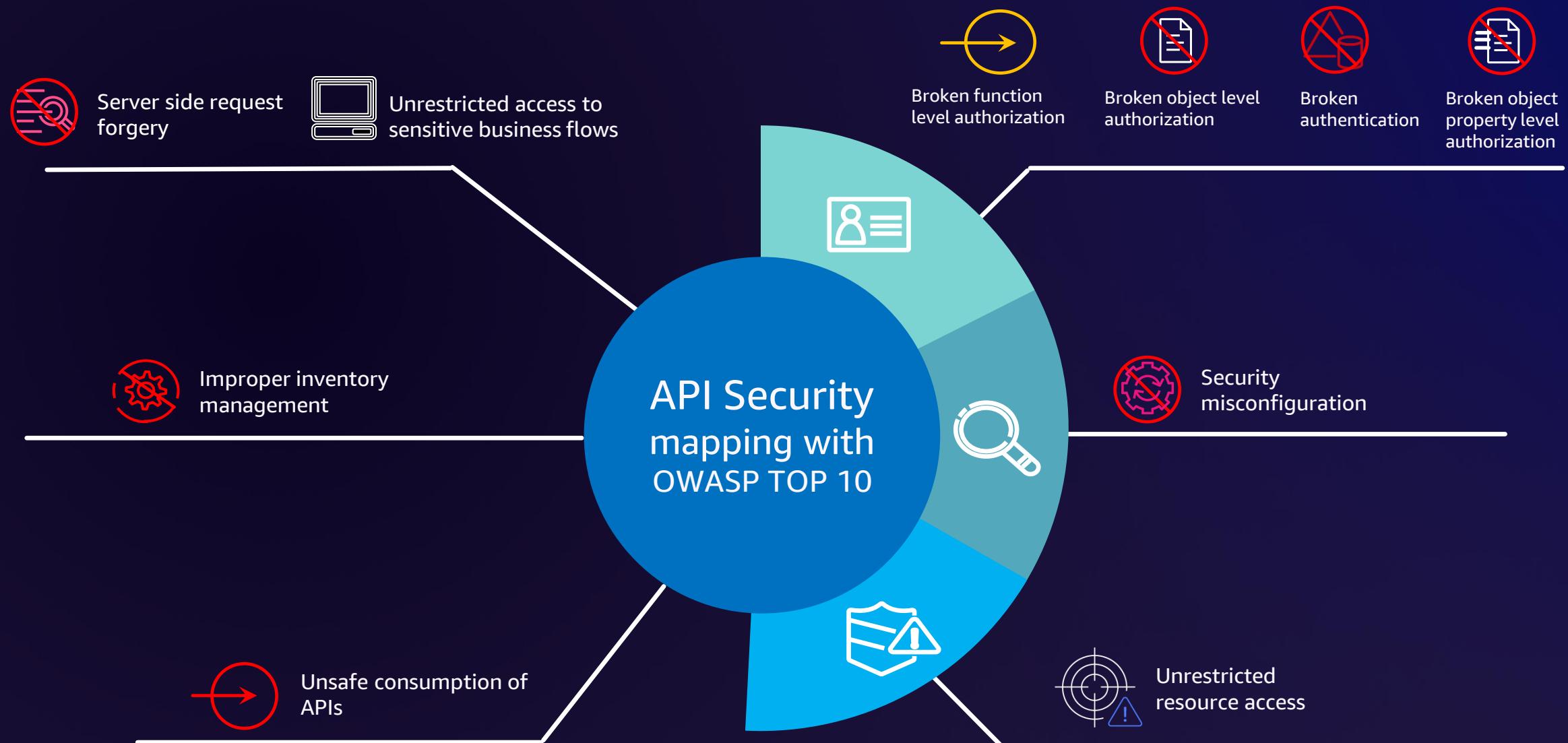
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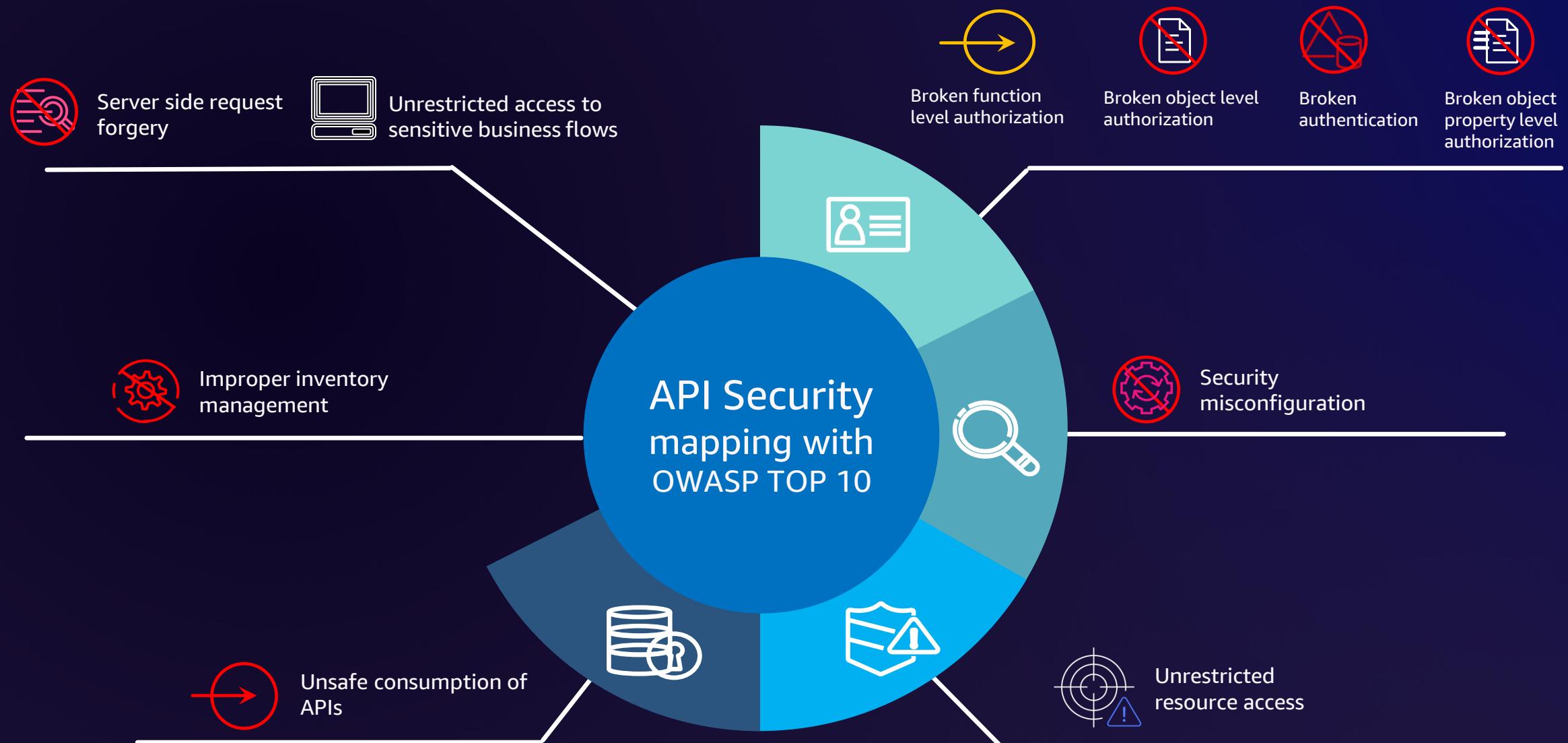
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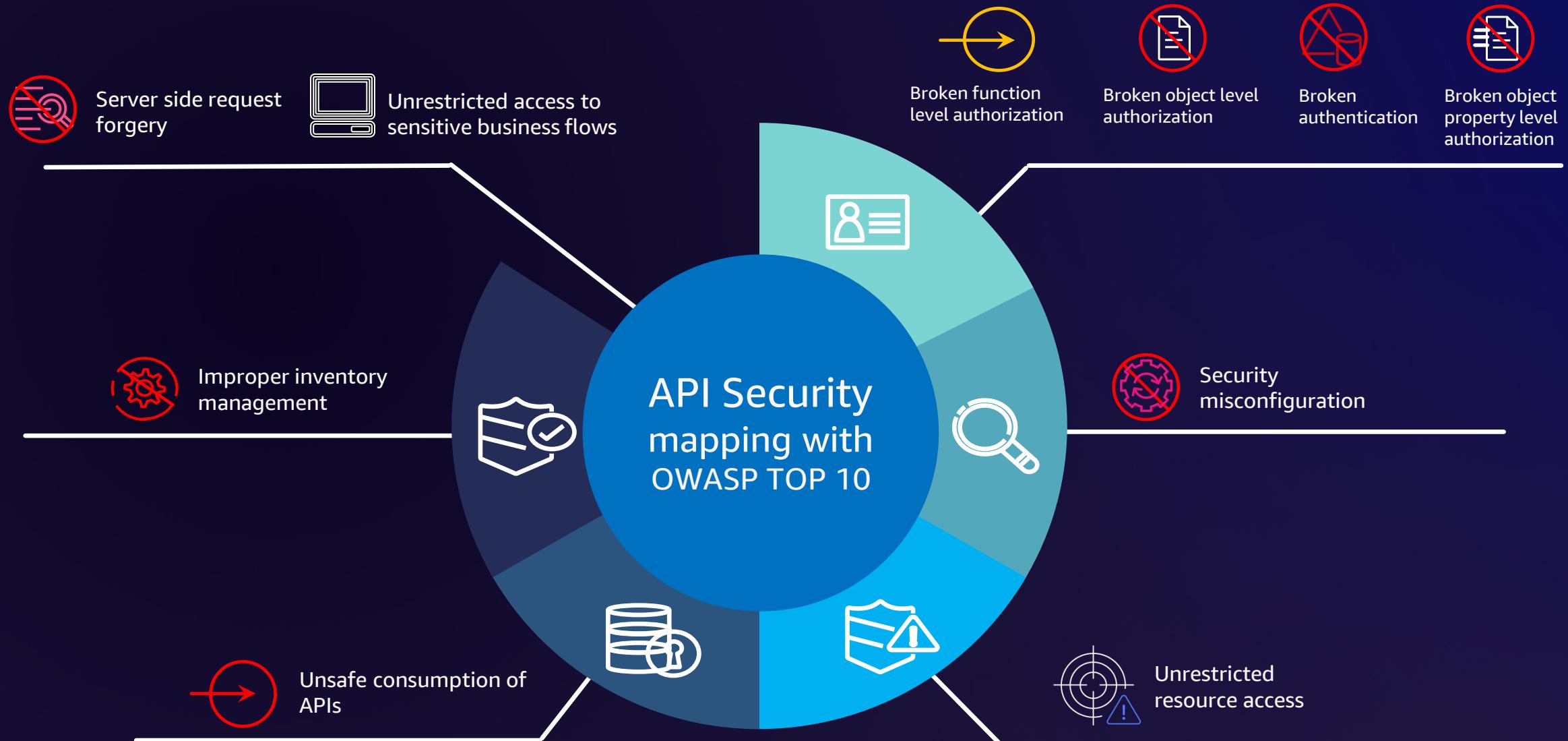
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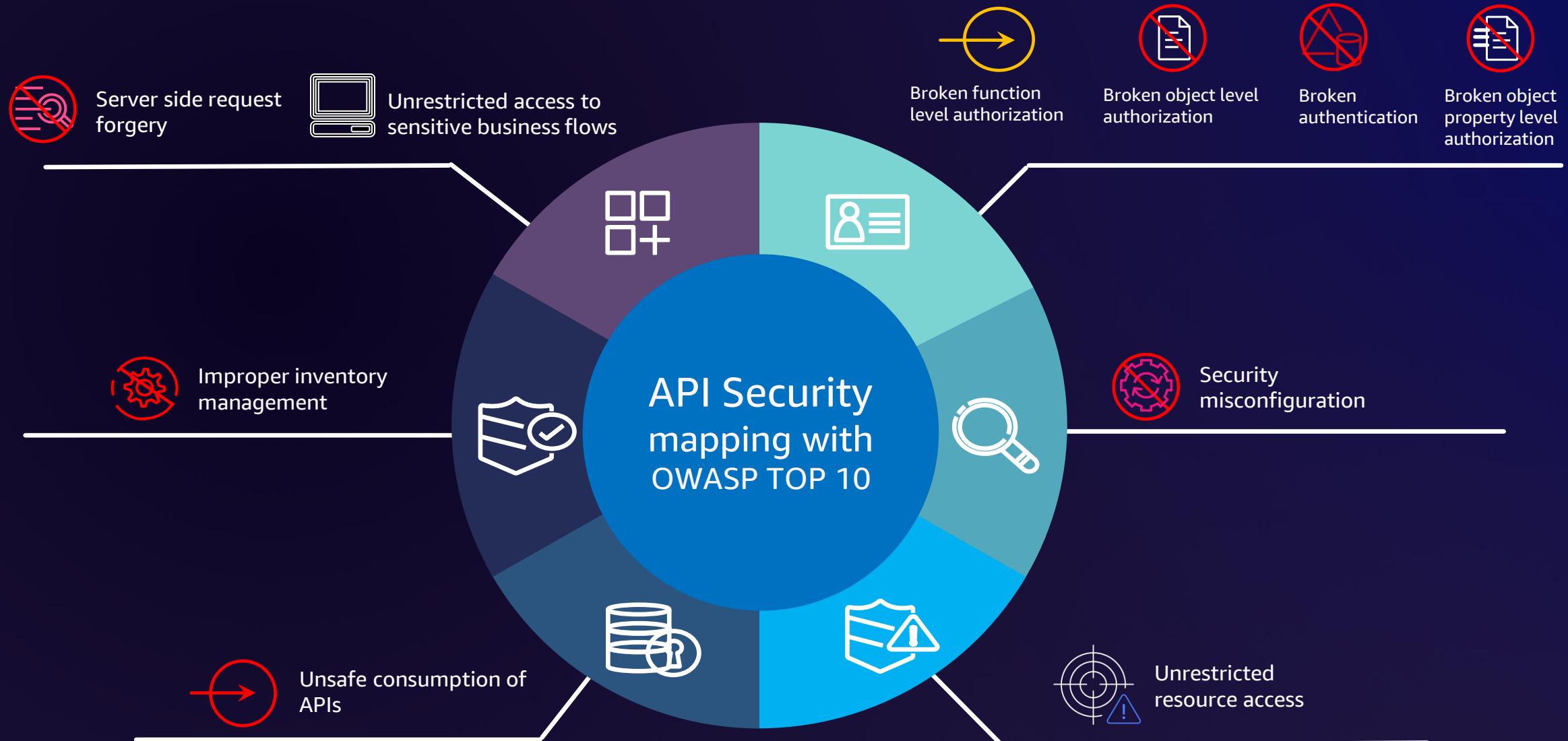
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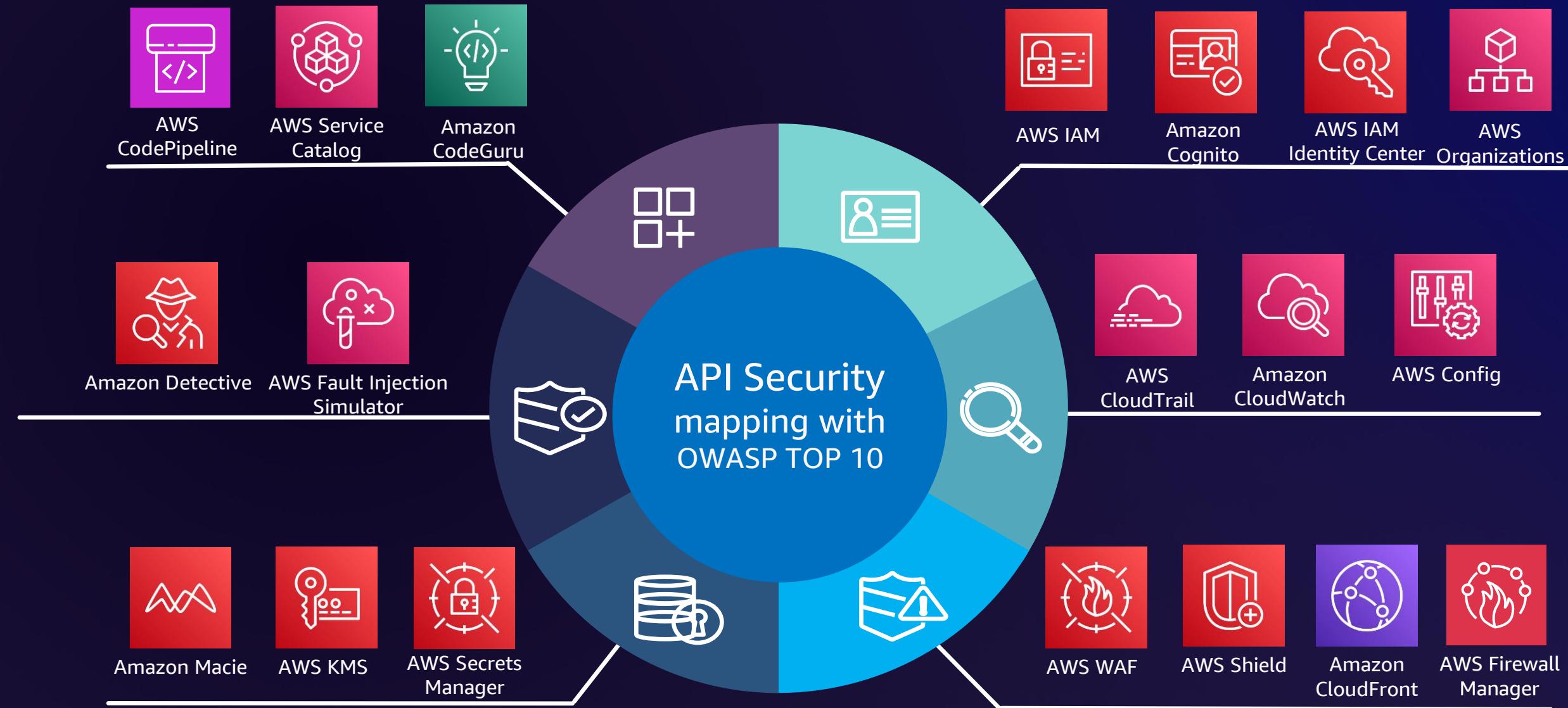
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- Data protection
- Incident response
- Application security

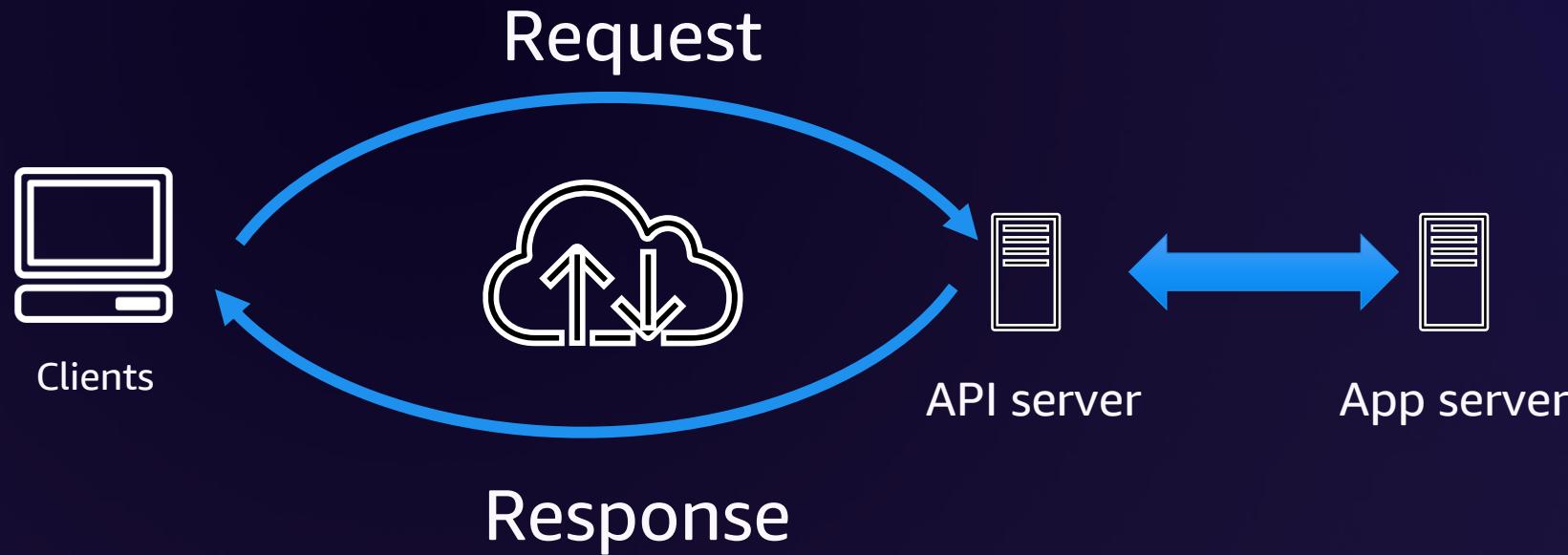


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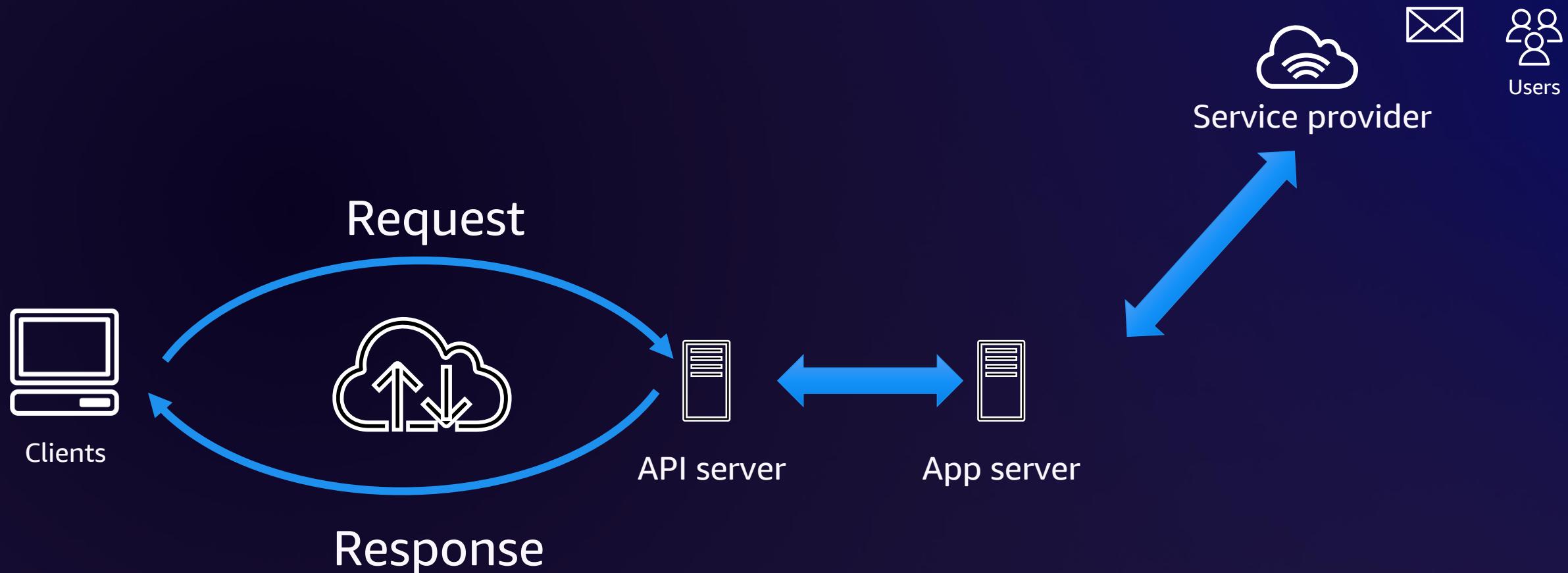
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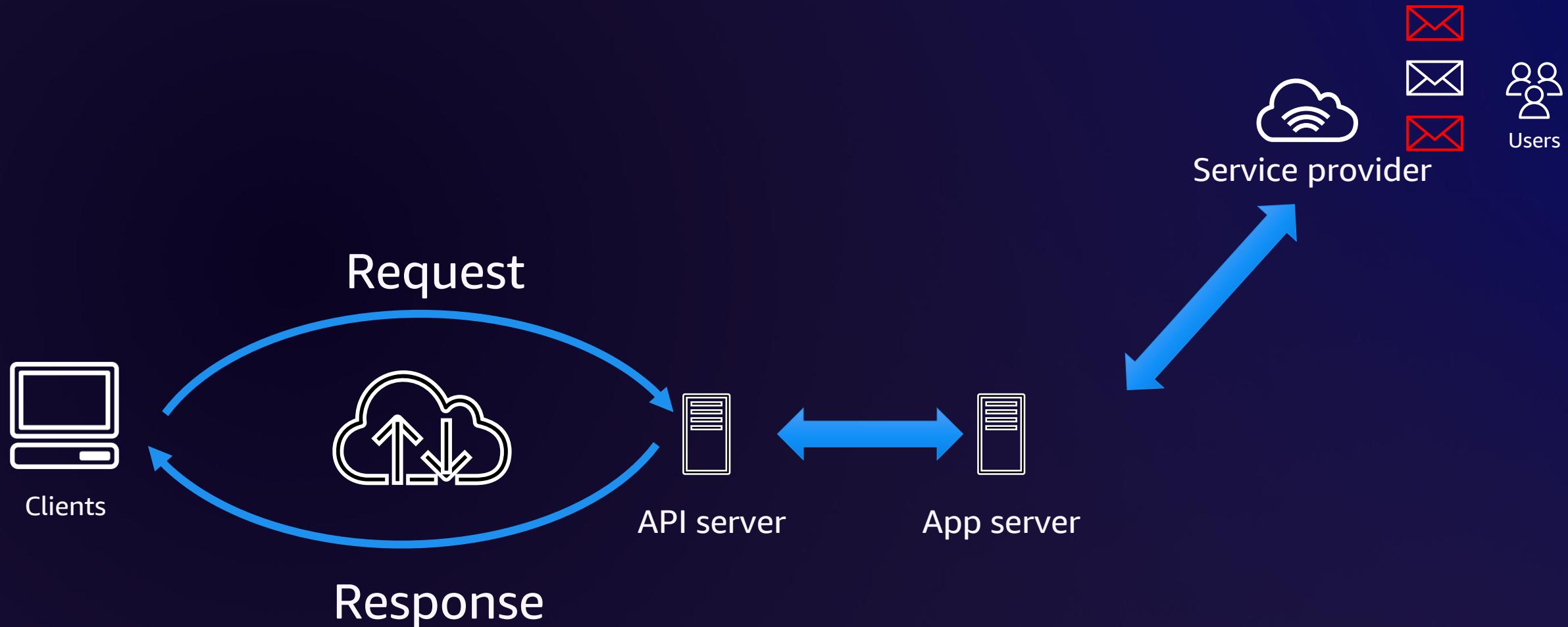
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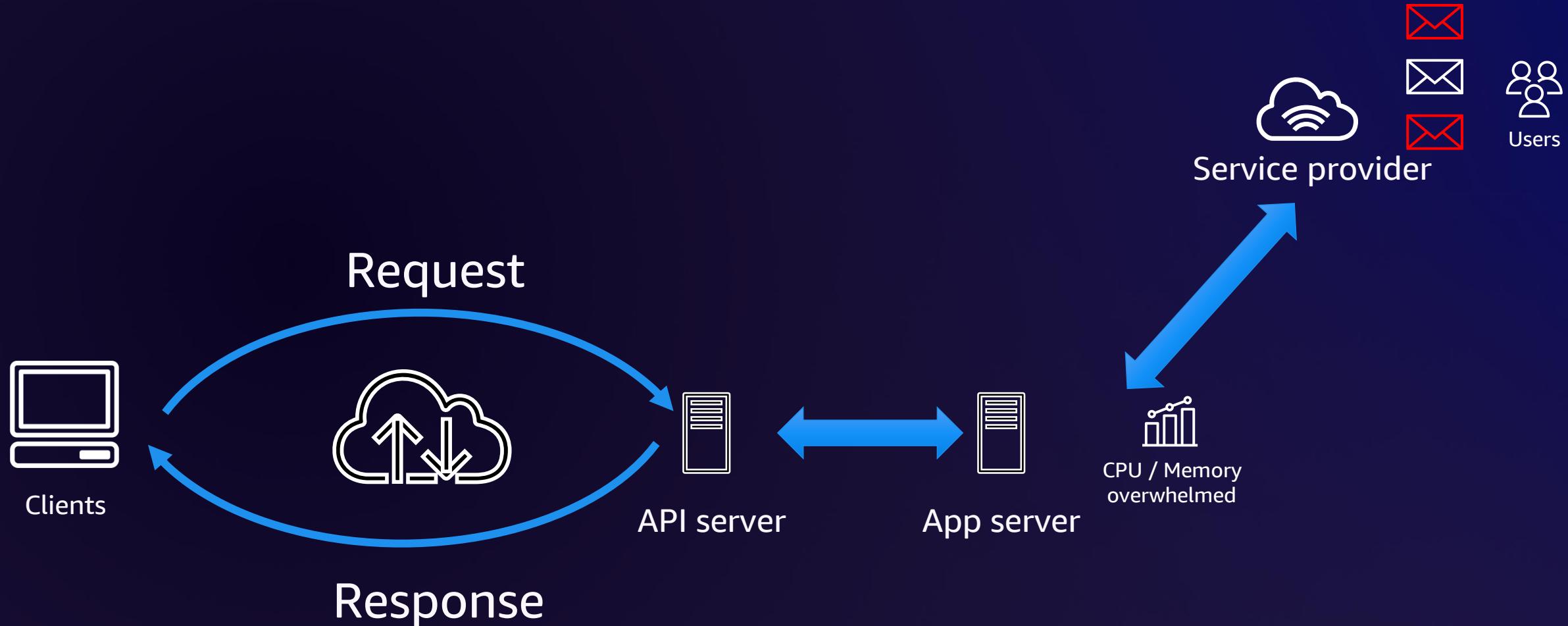
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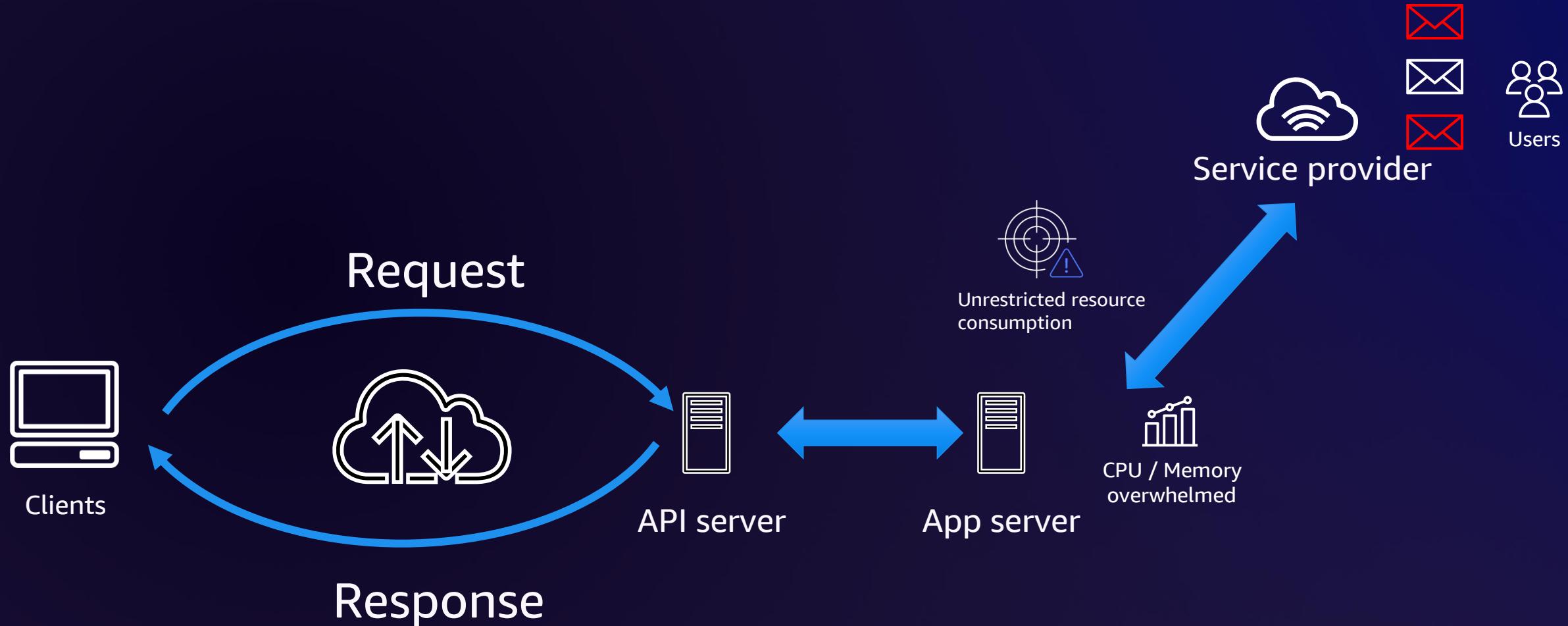
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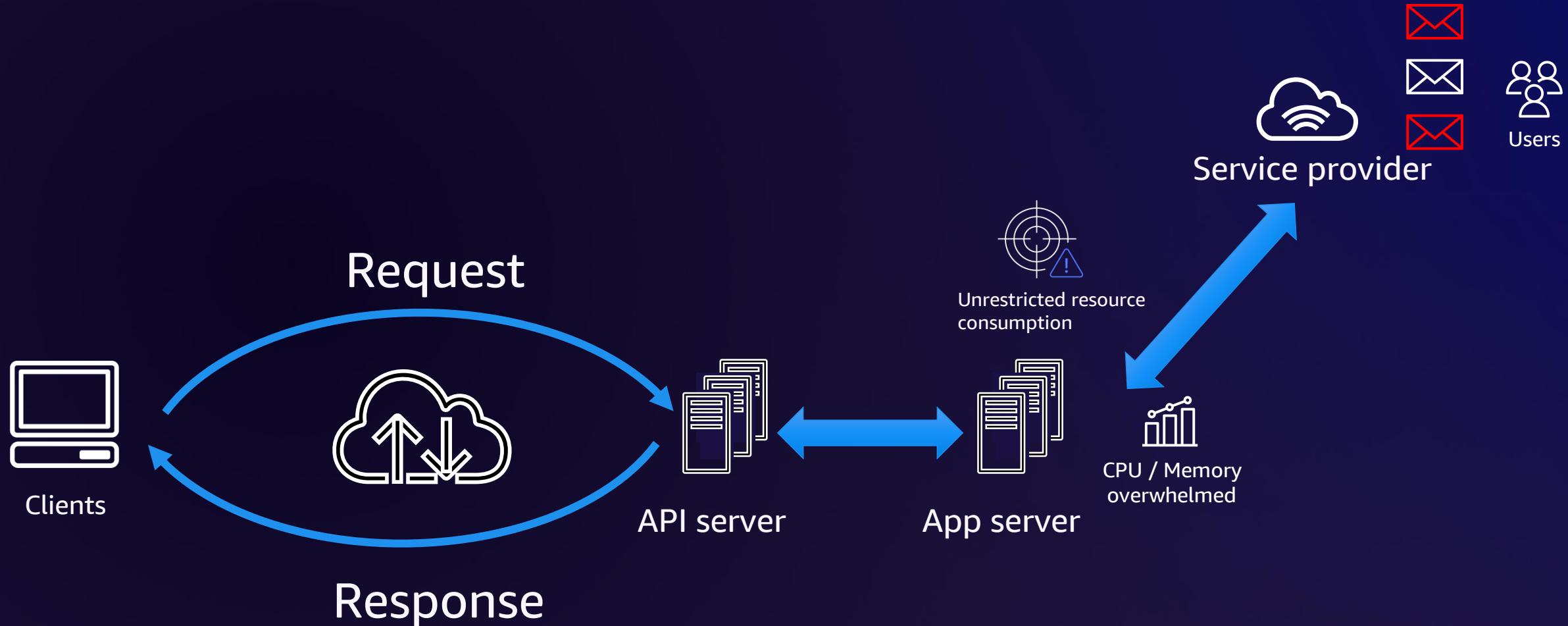
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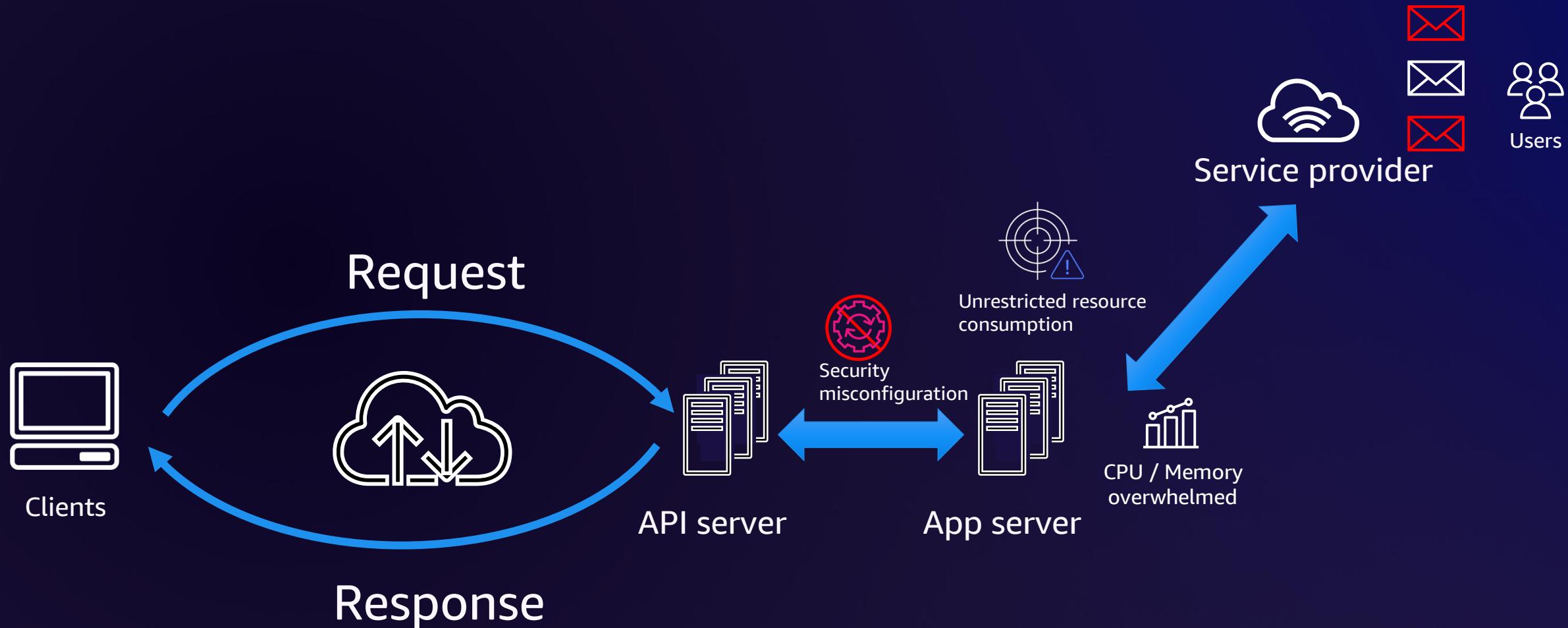
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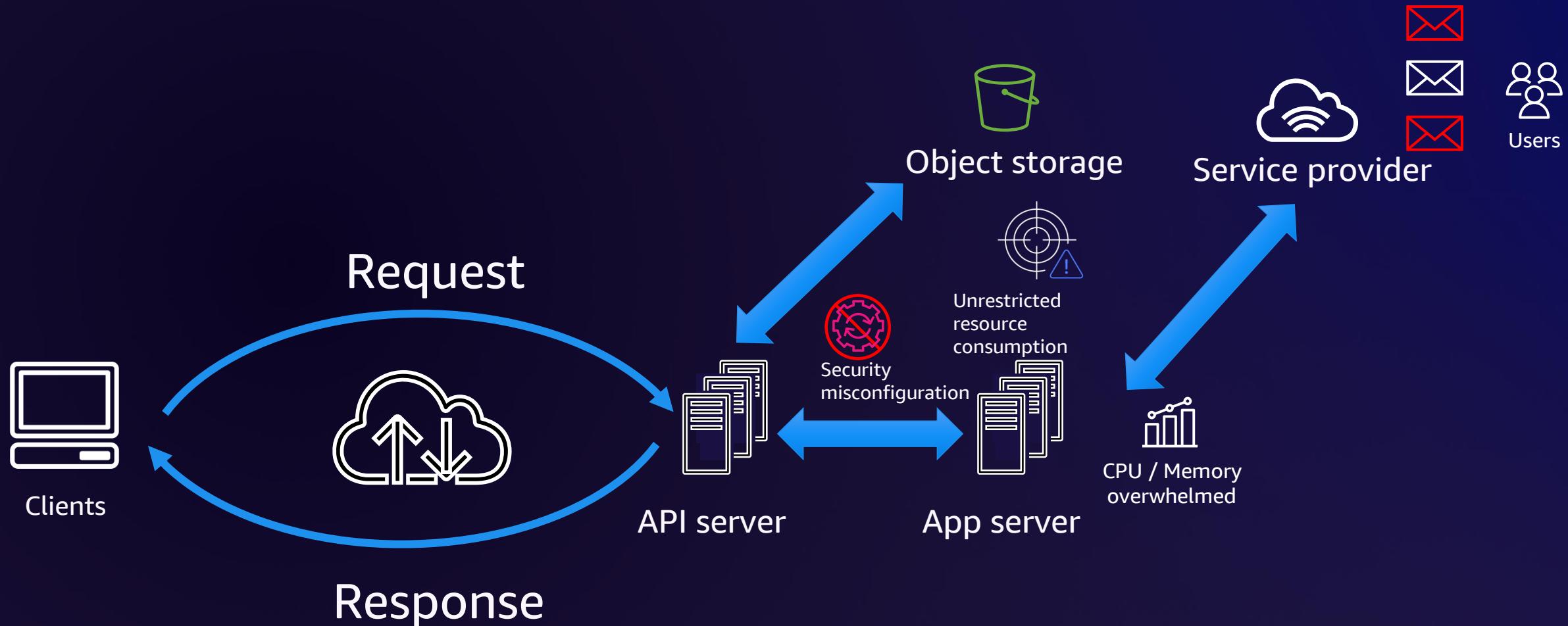
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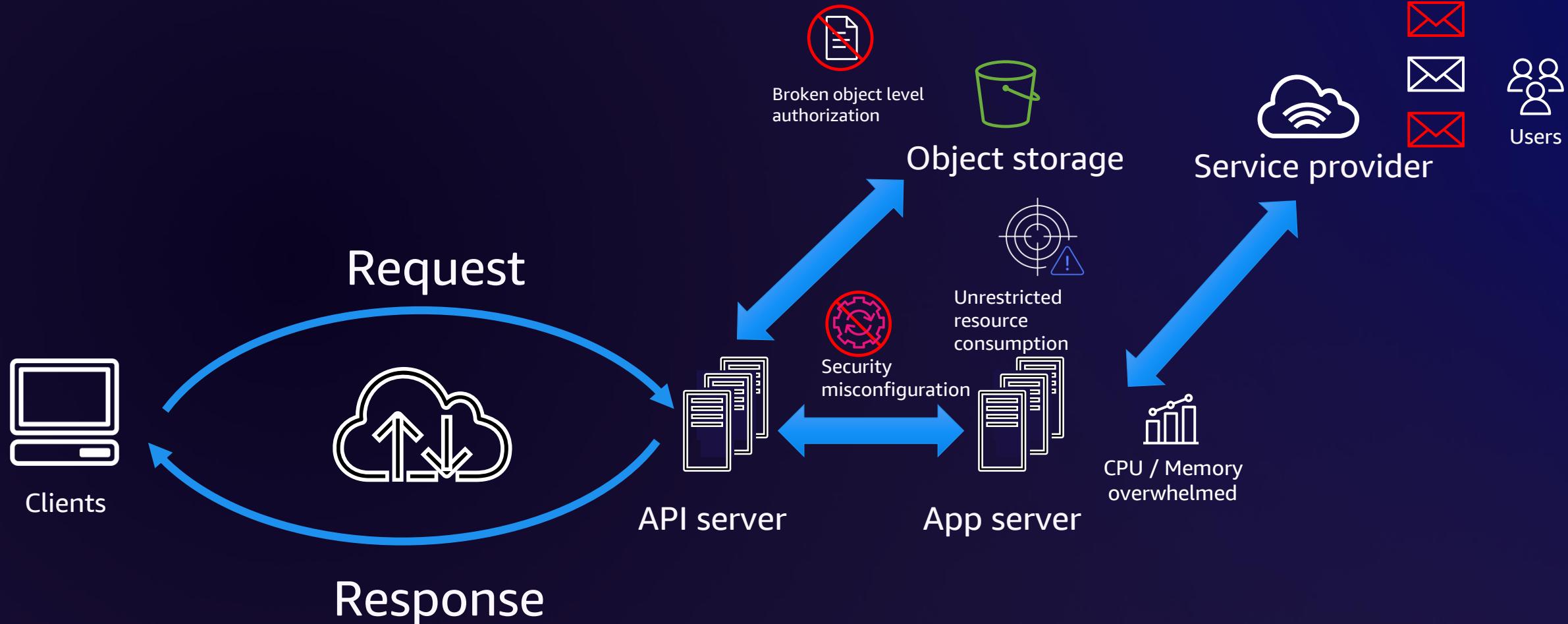
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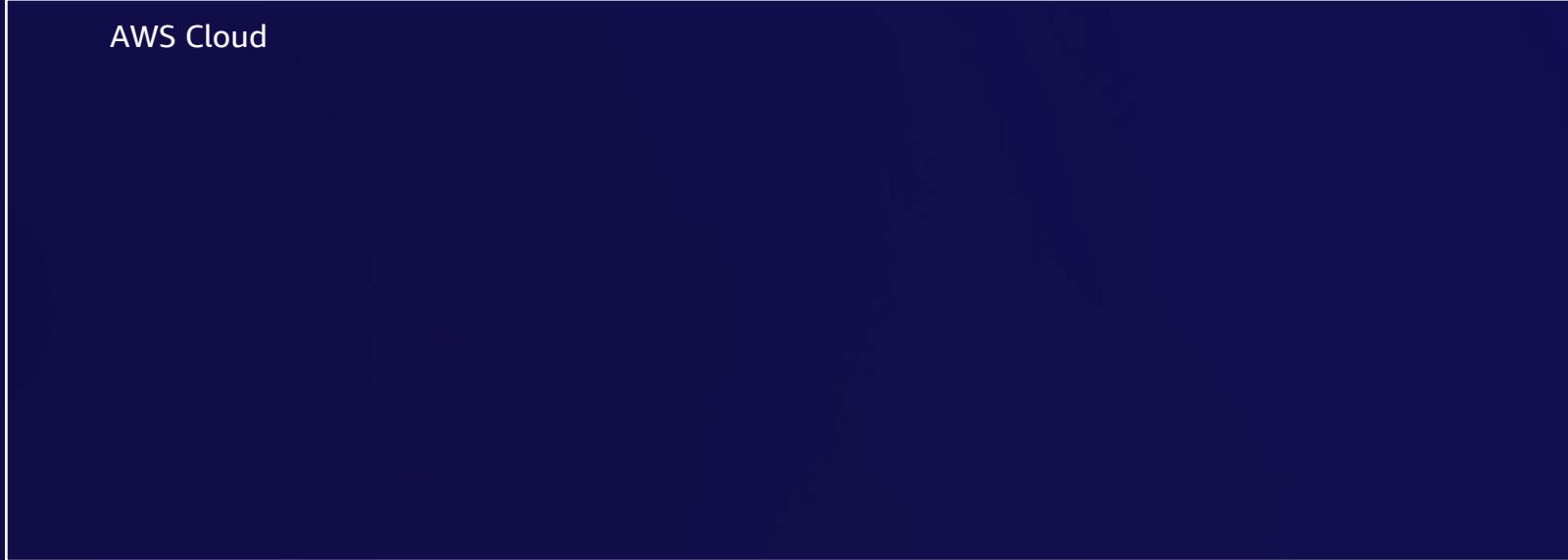
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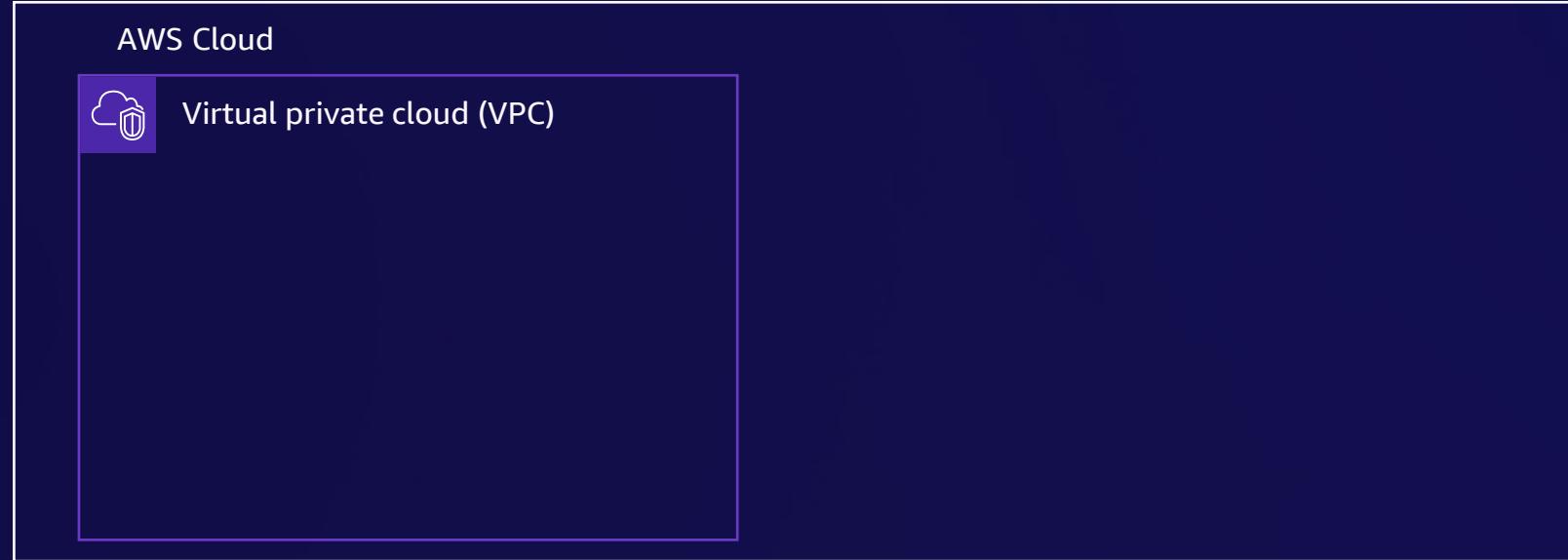


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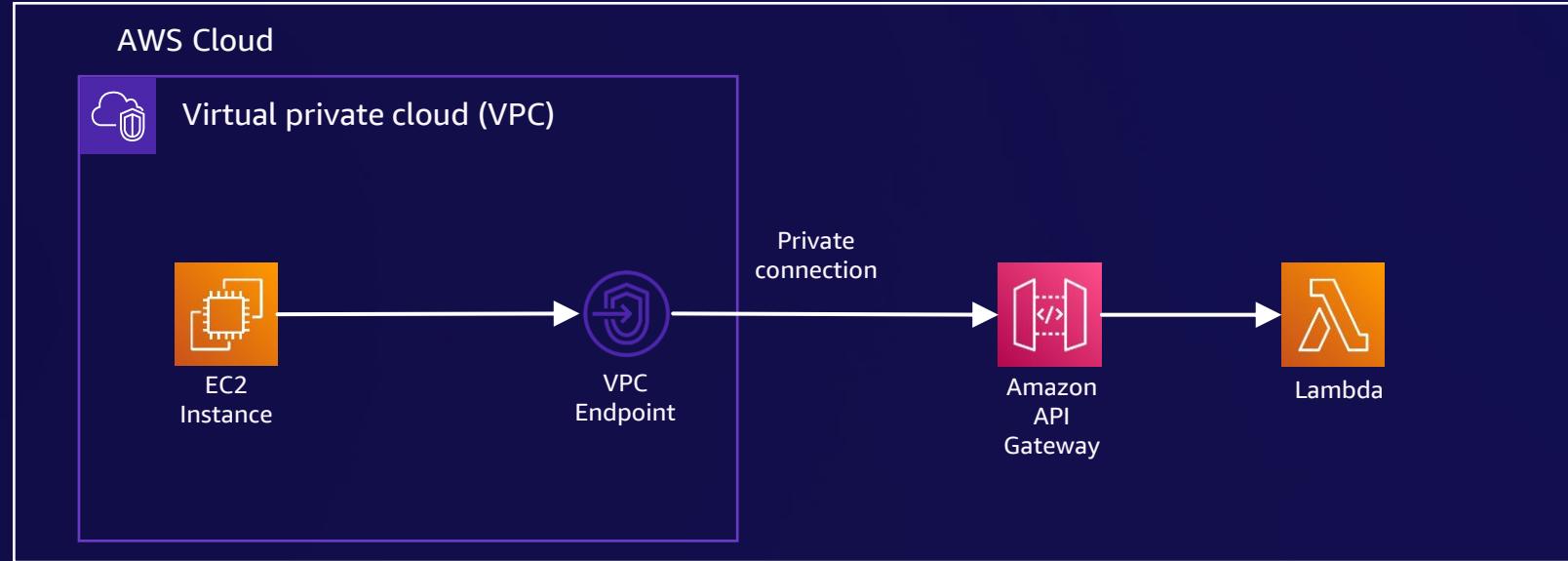
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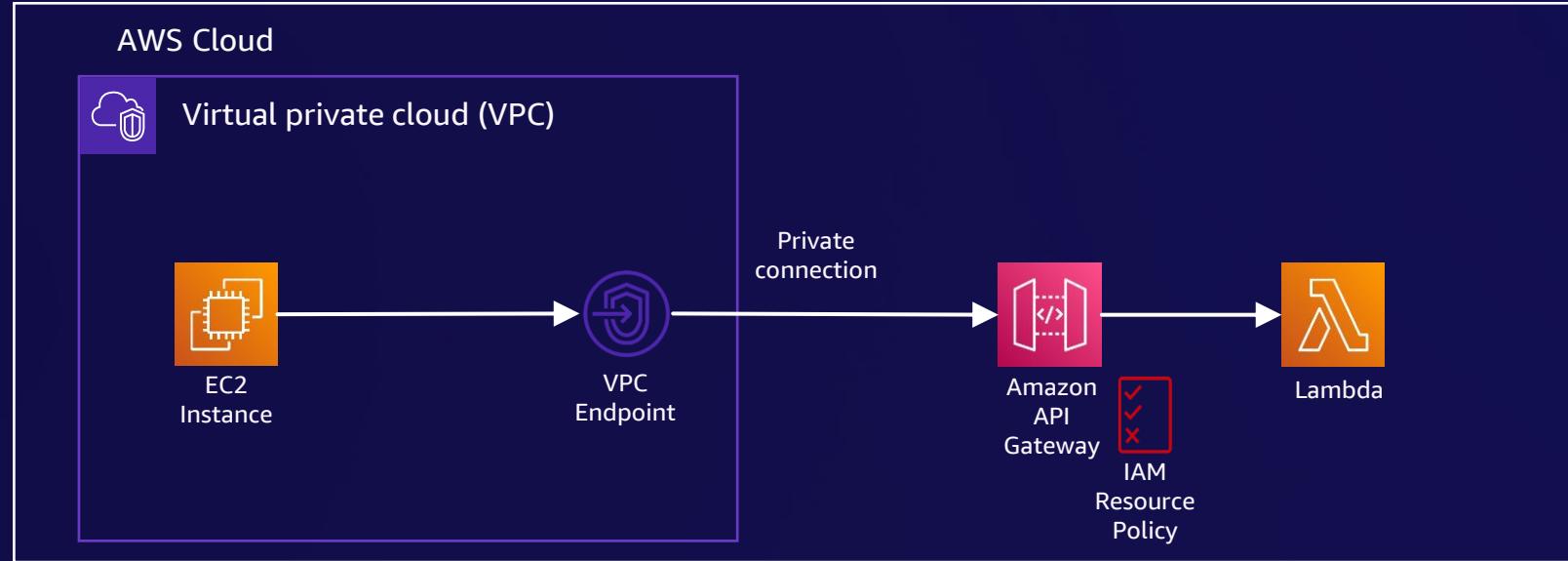
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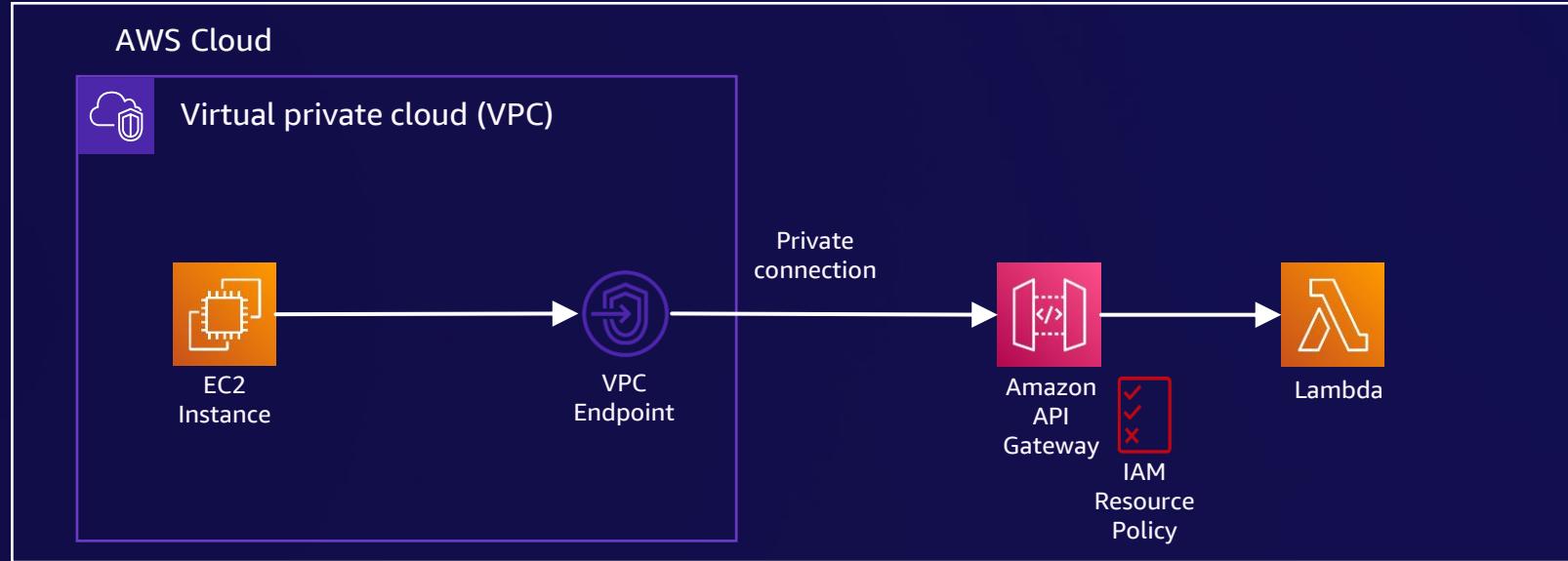
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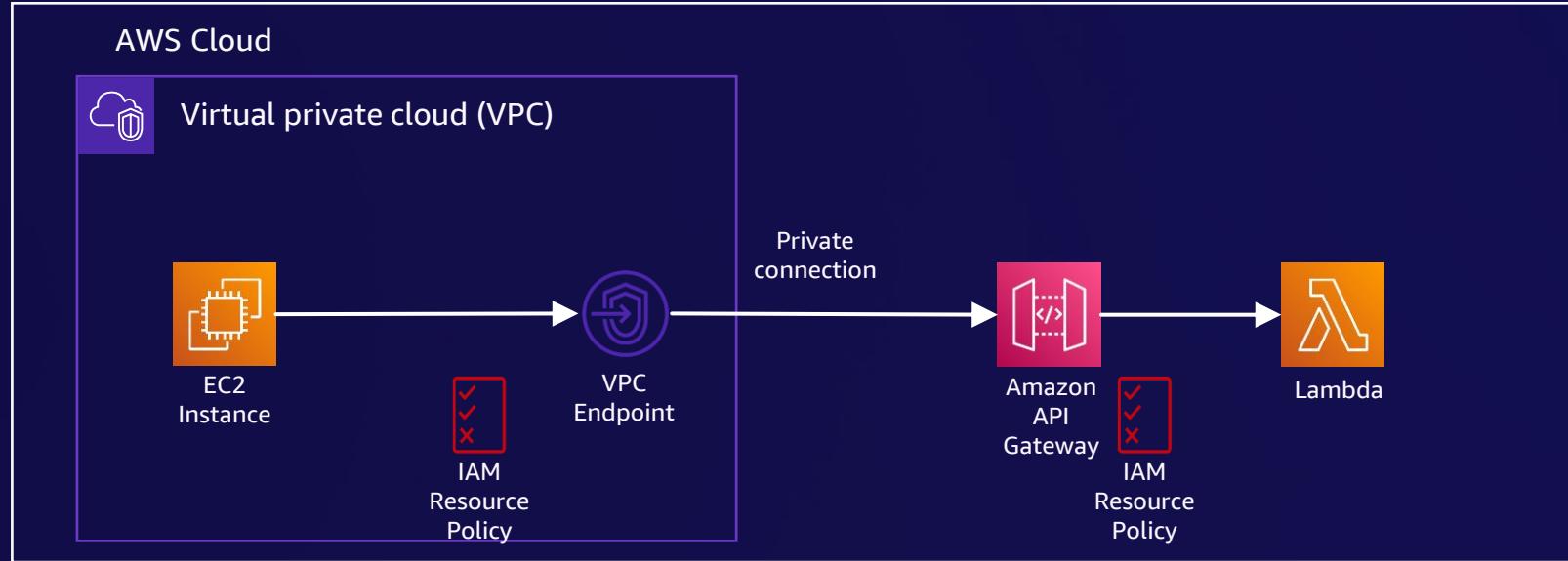
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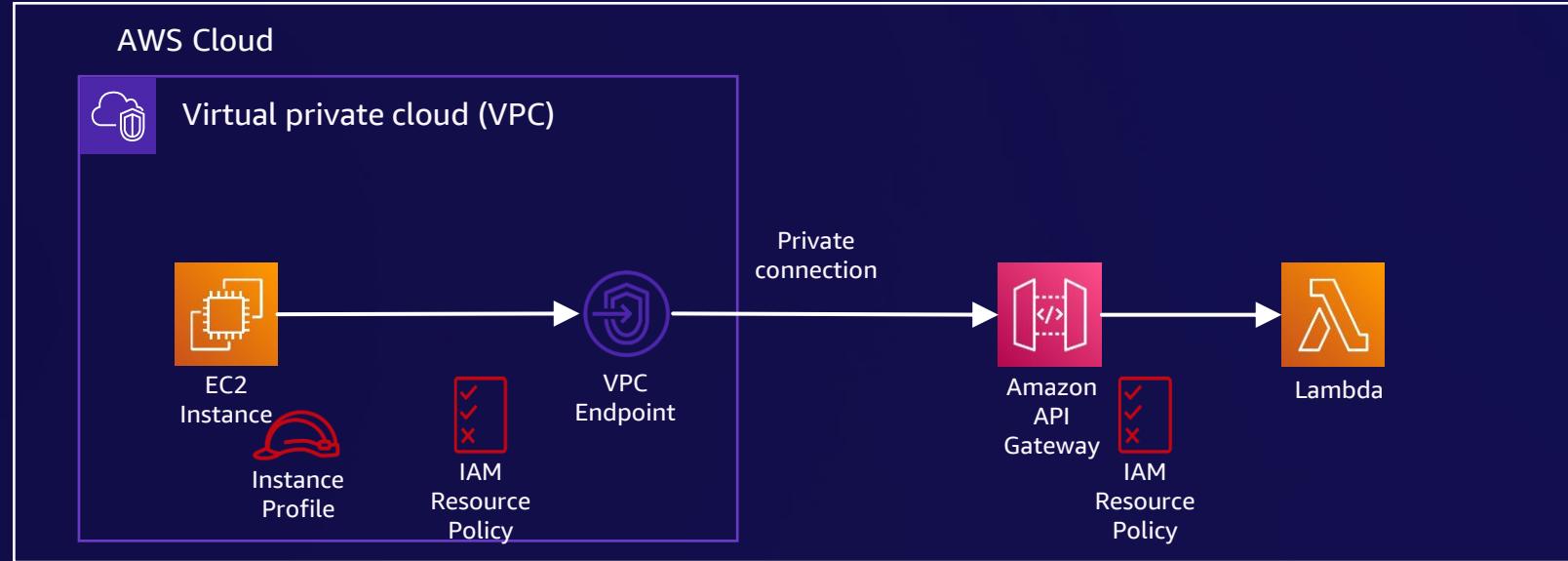
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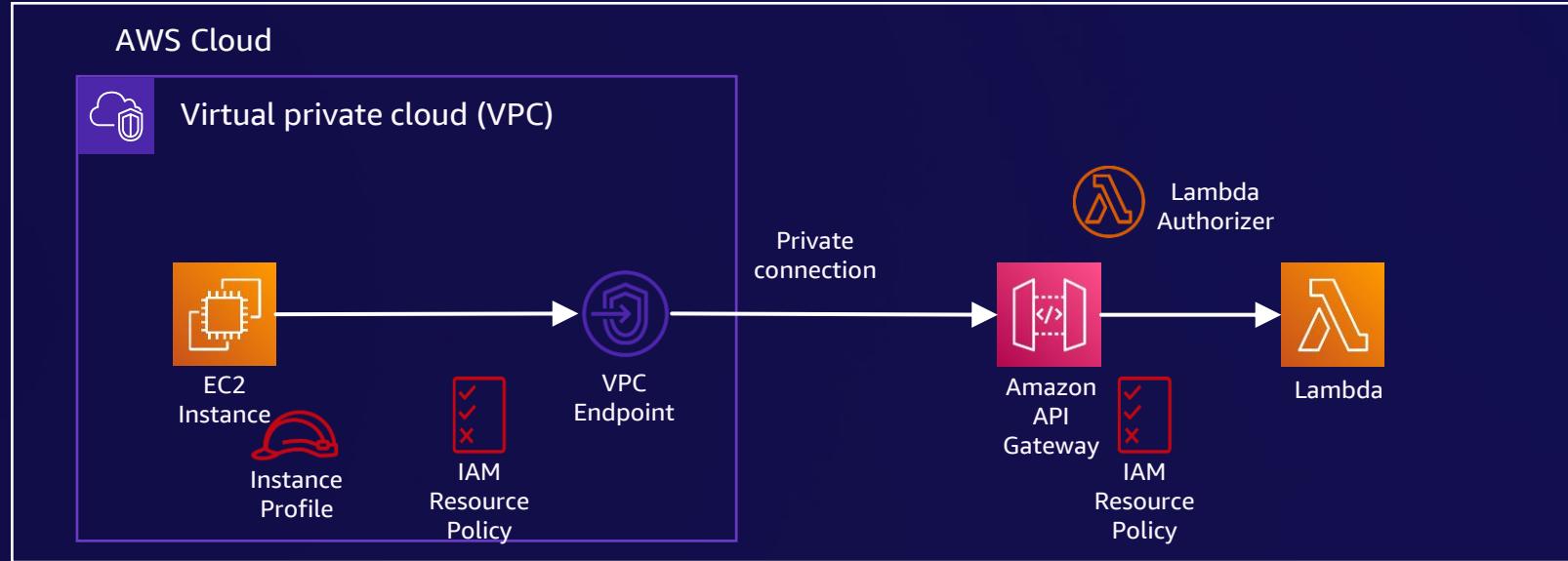
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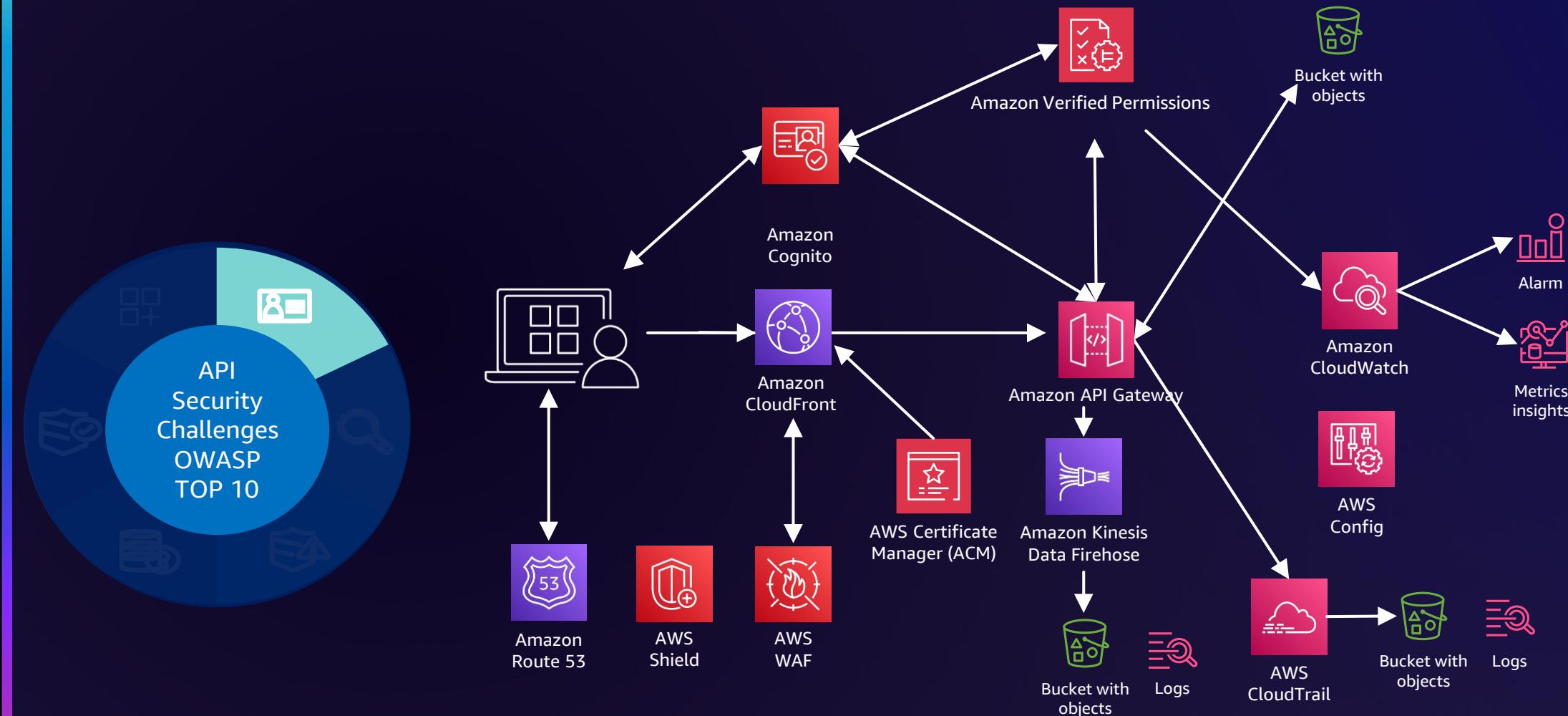
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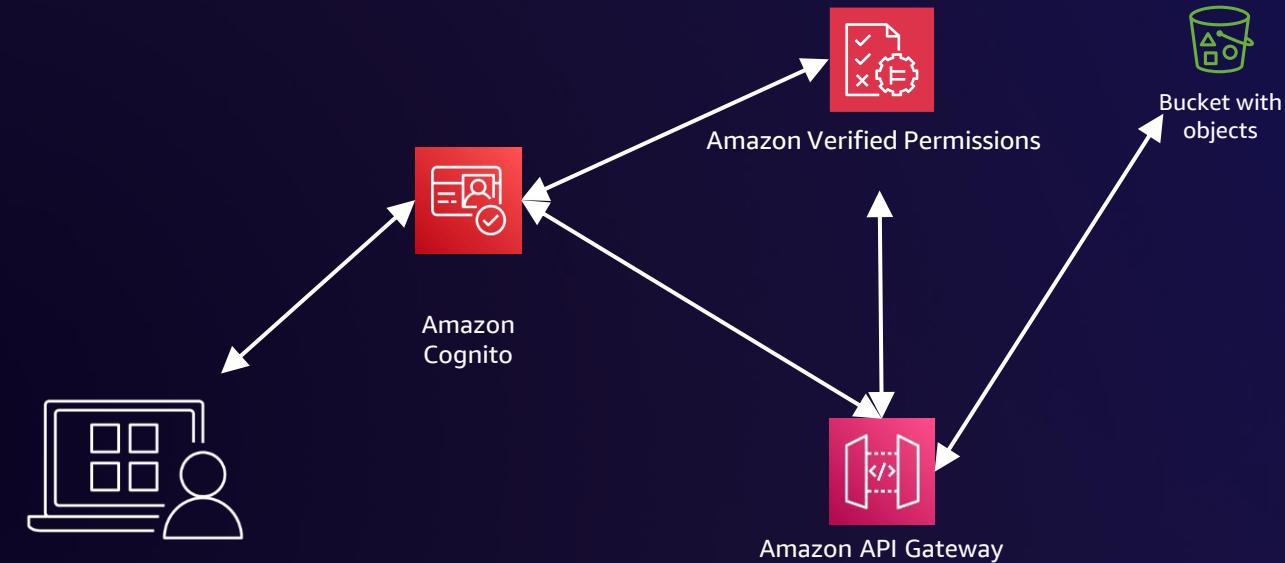
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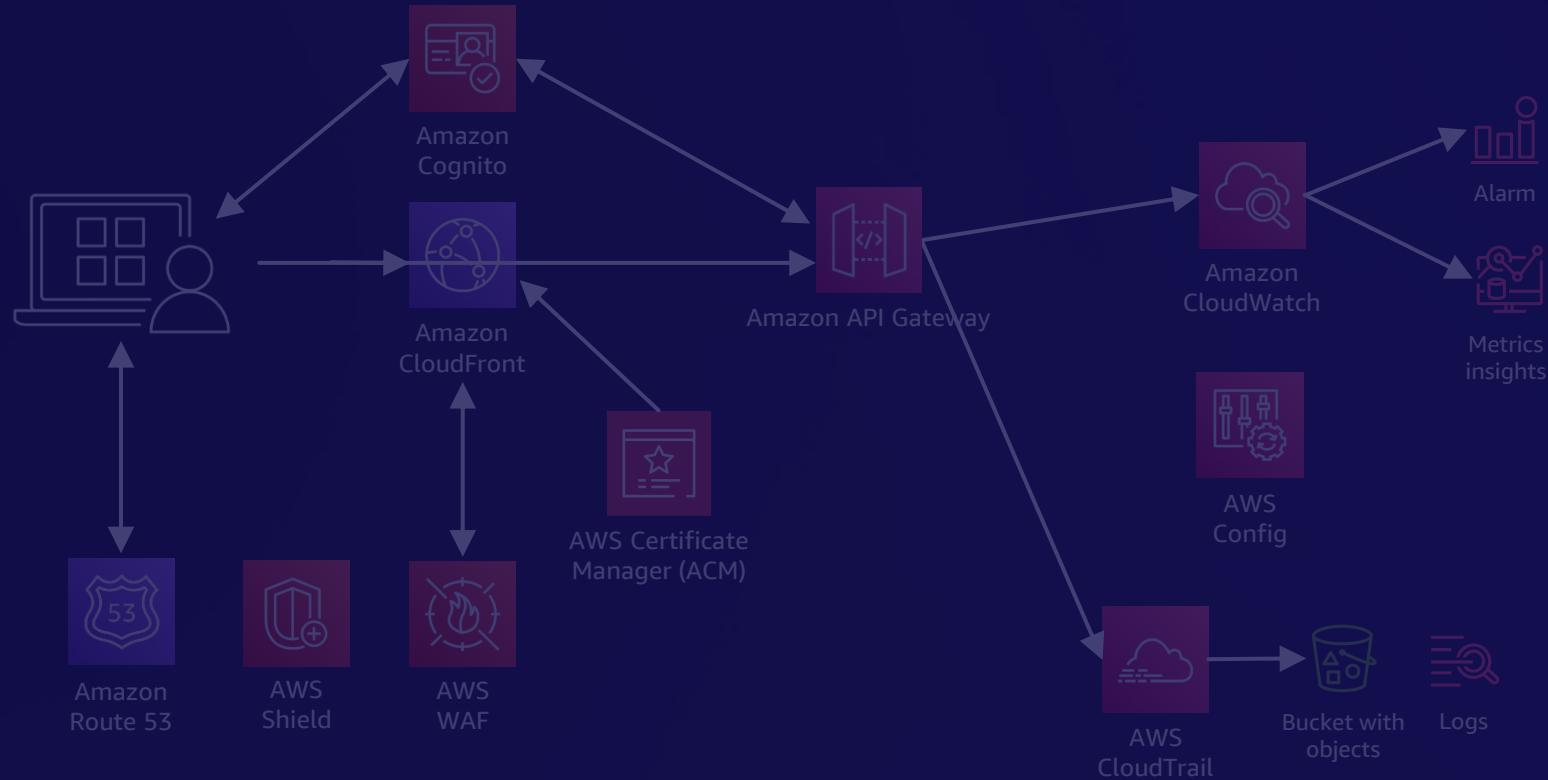
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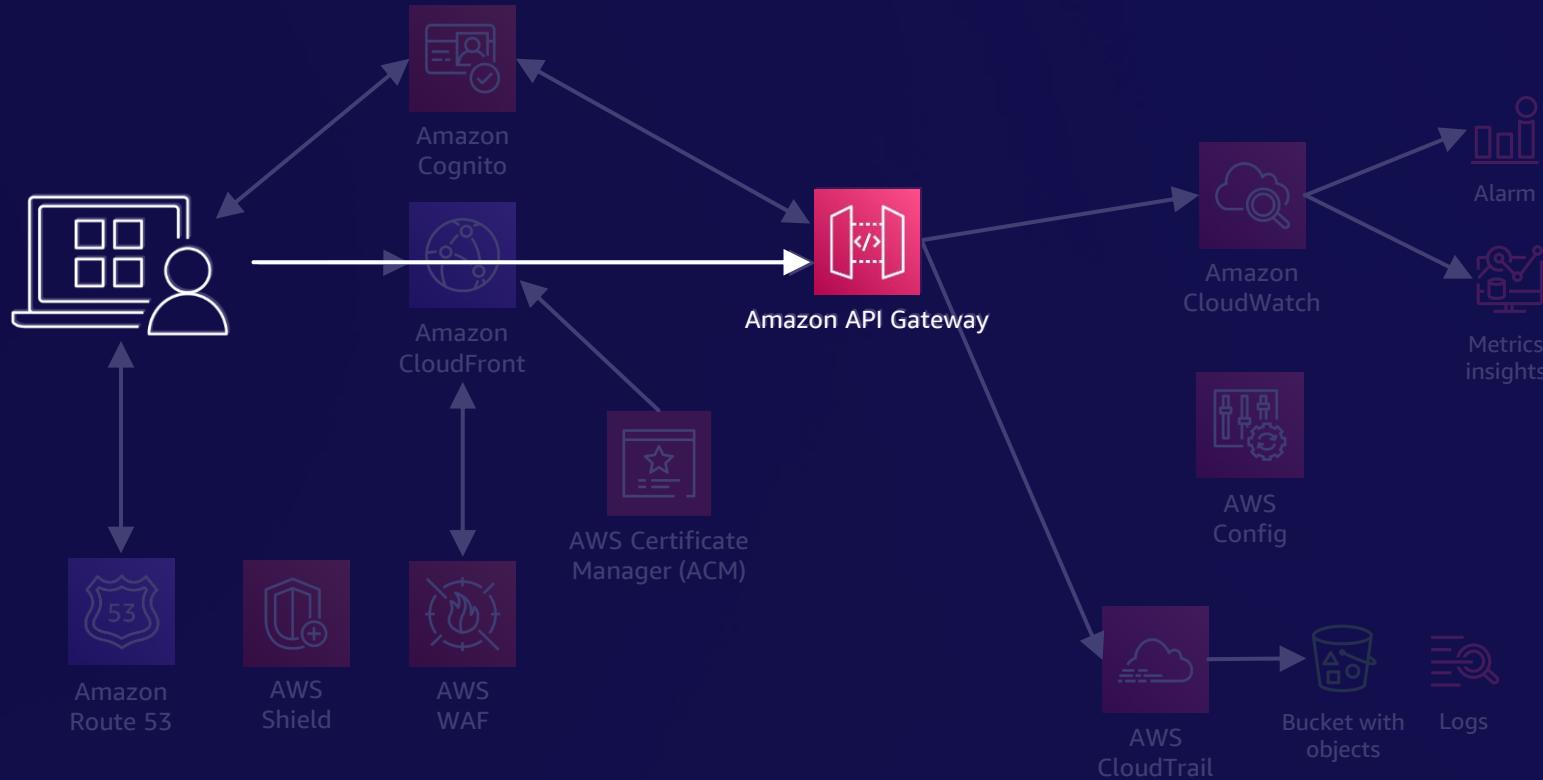
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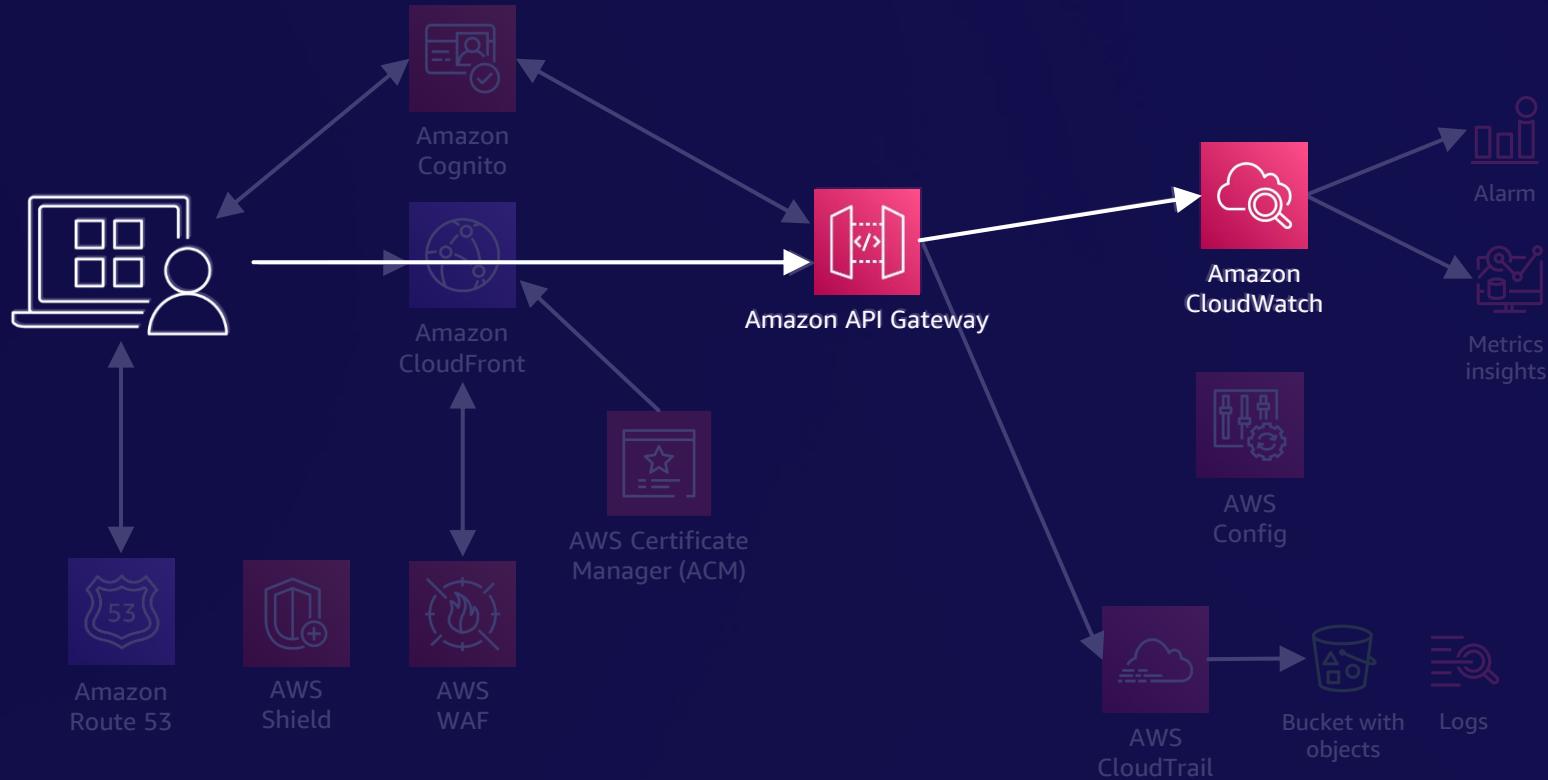
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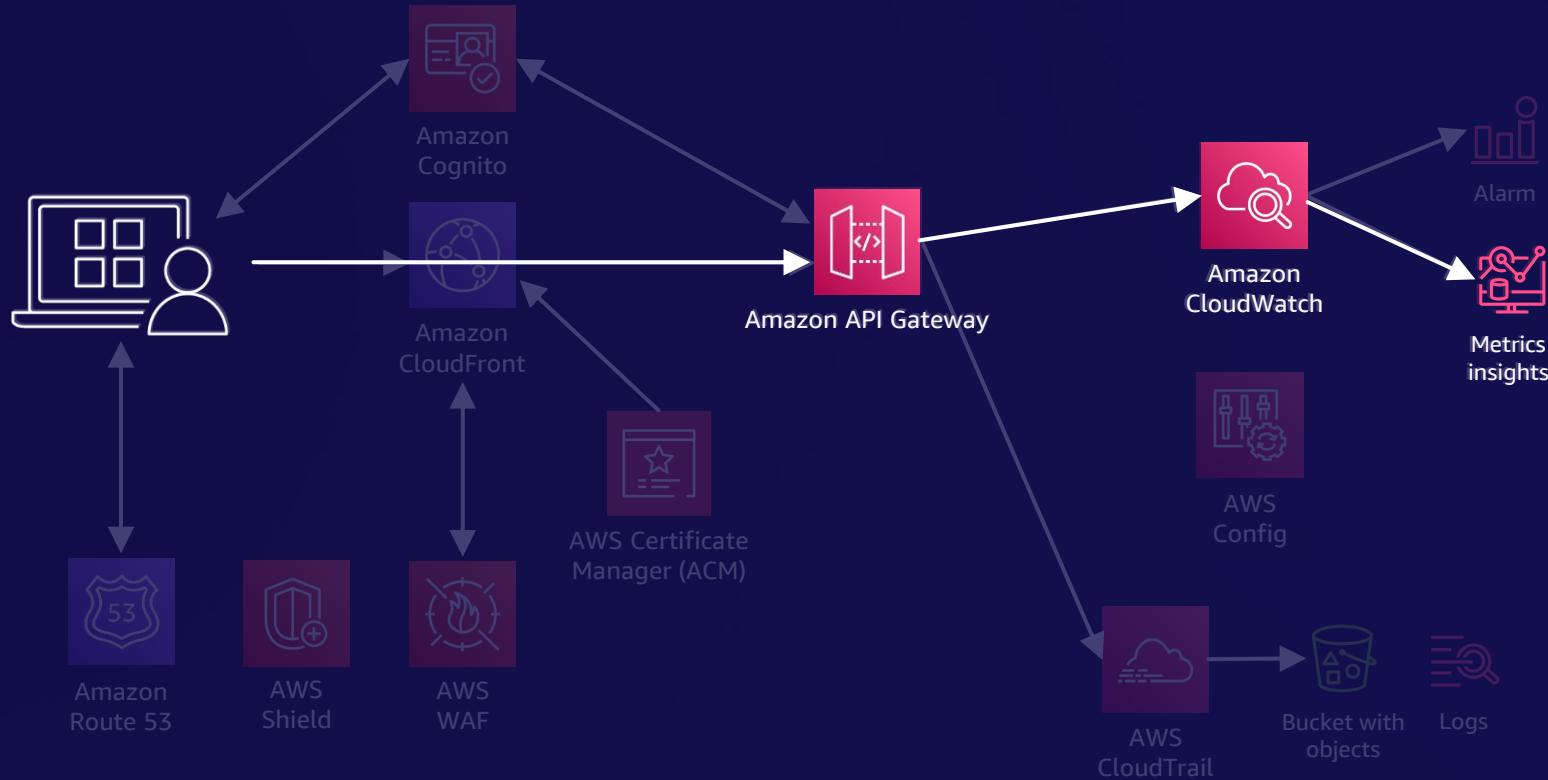
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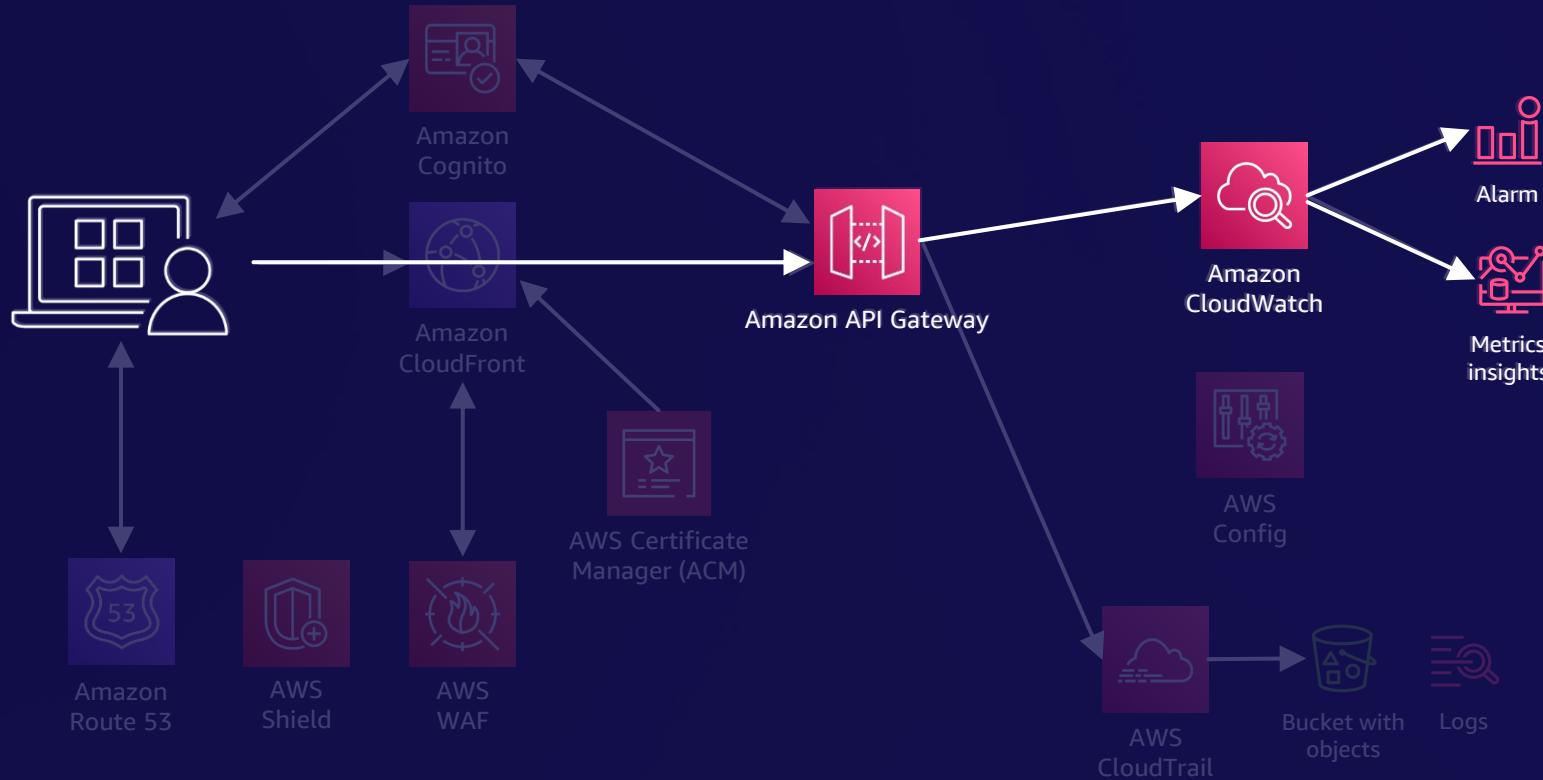
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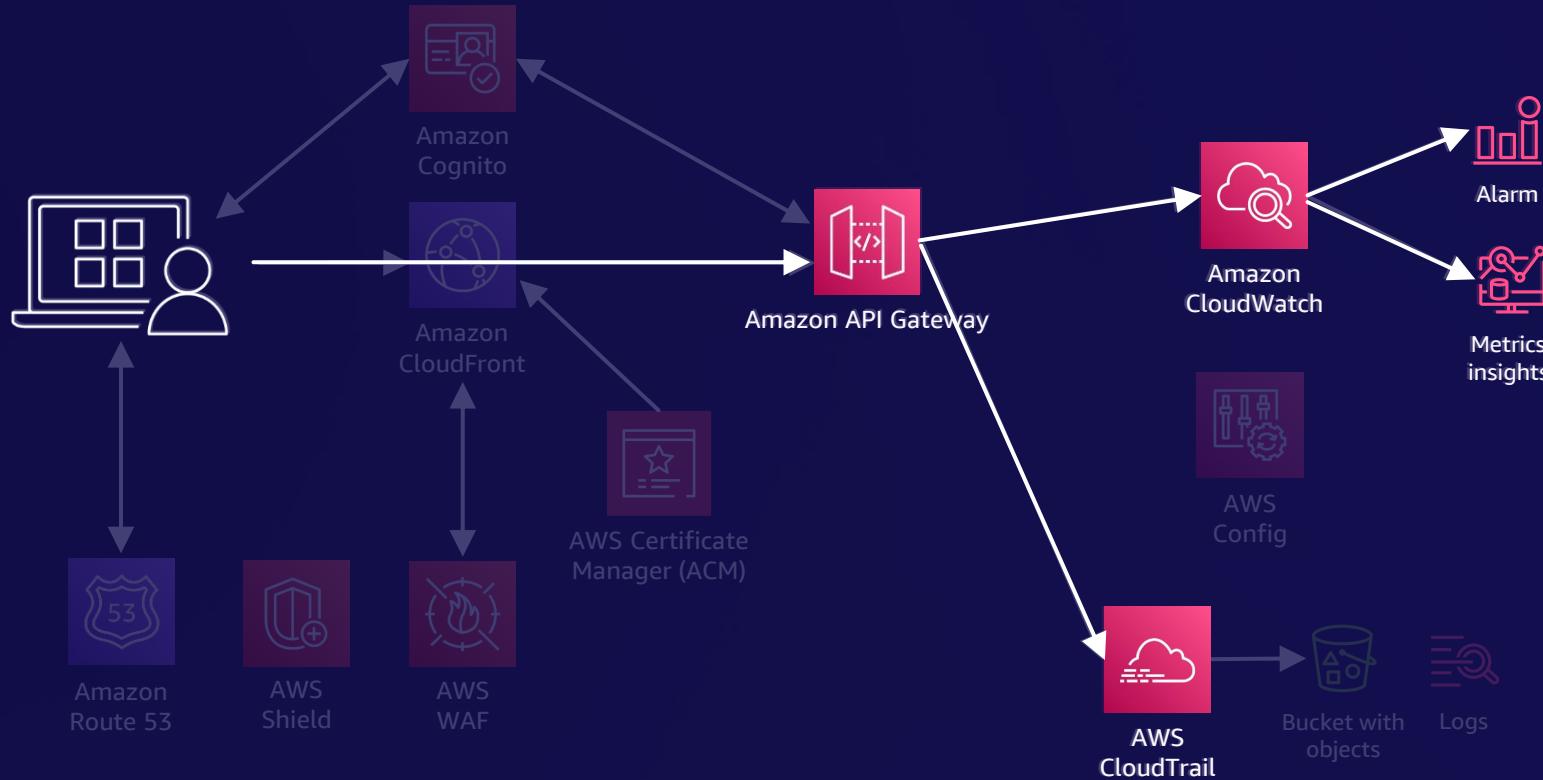
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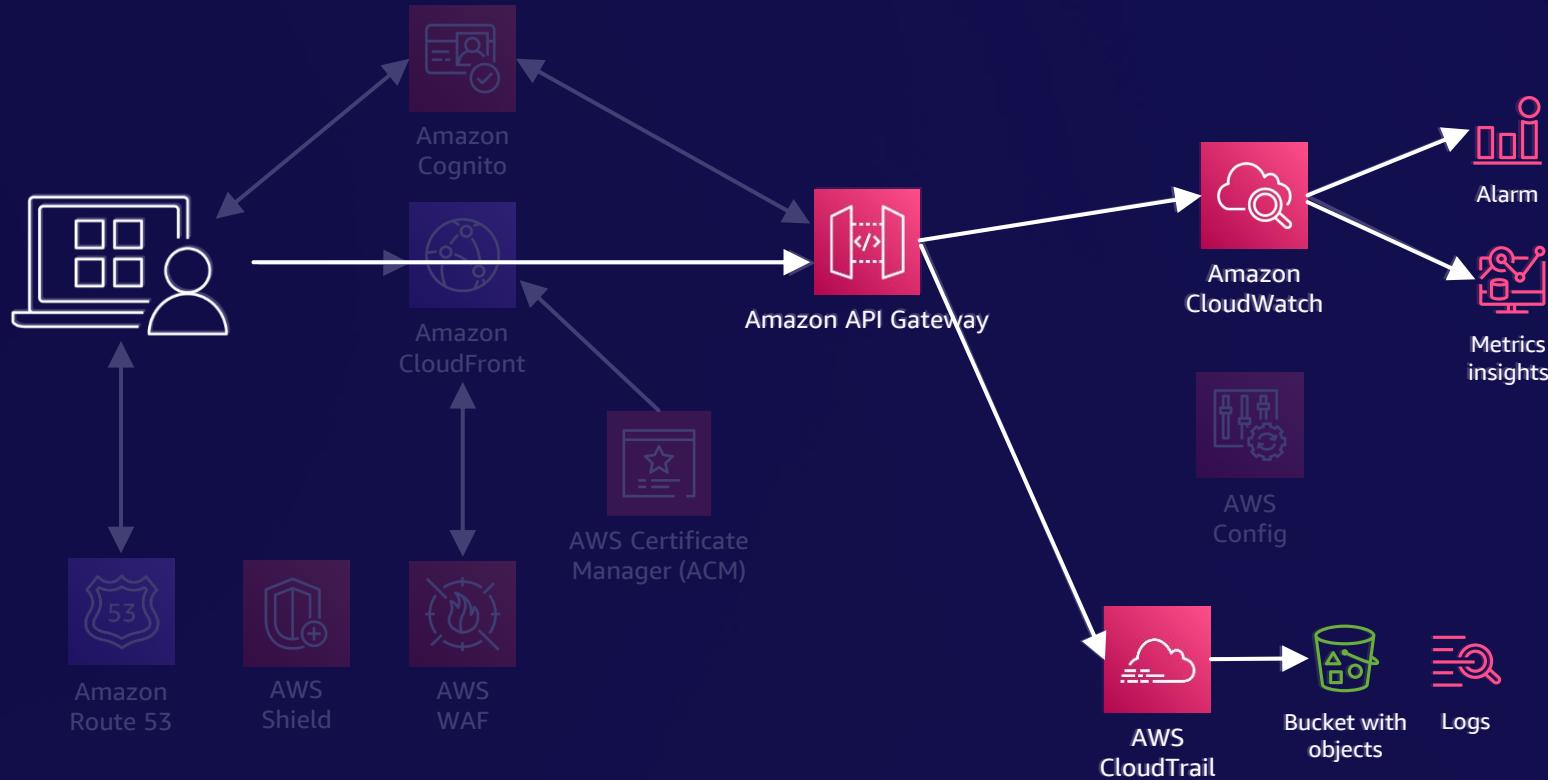
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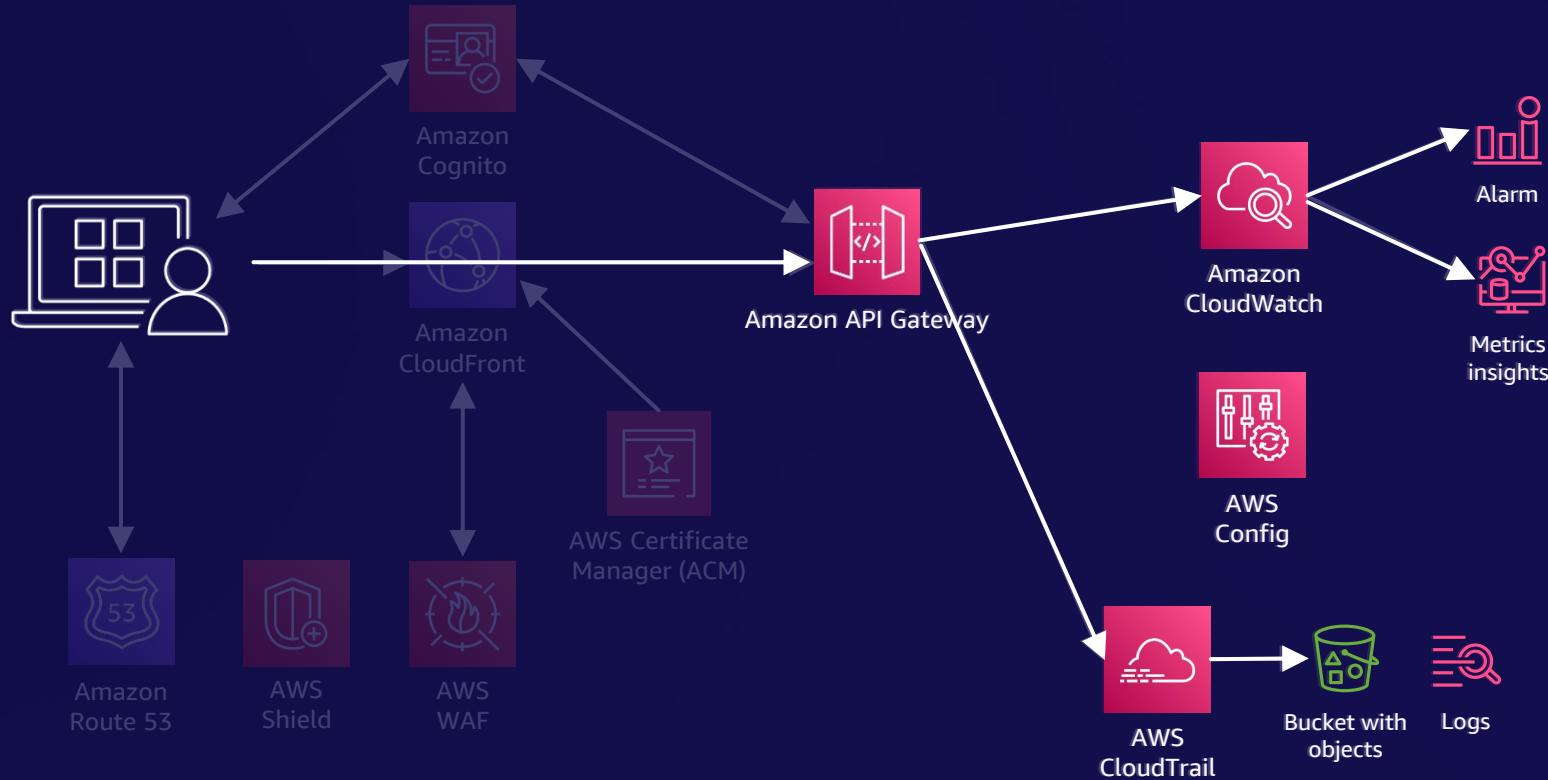
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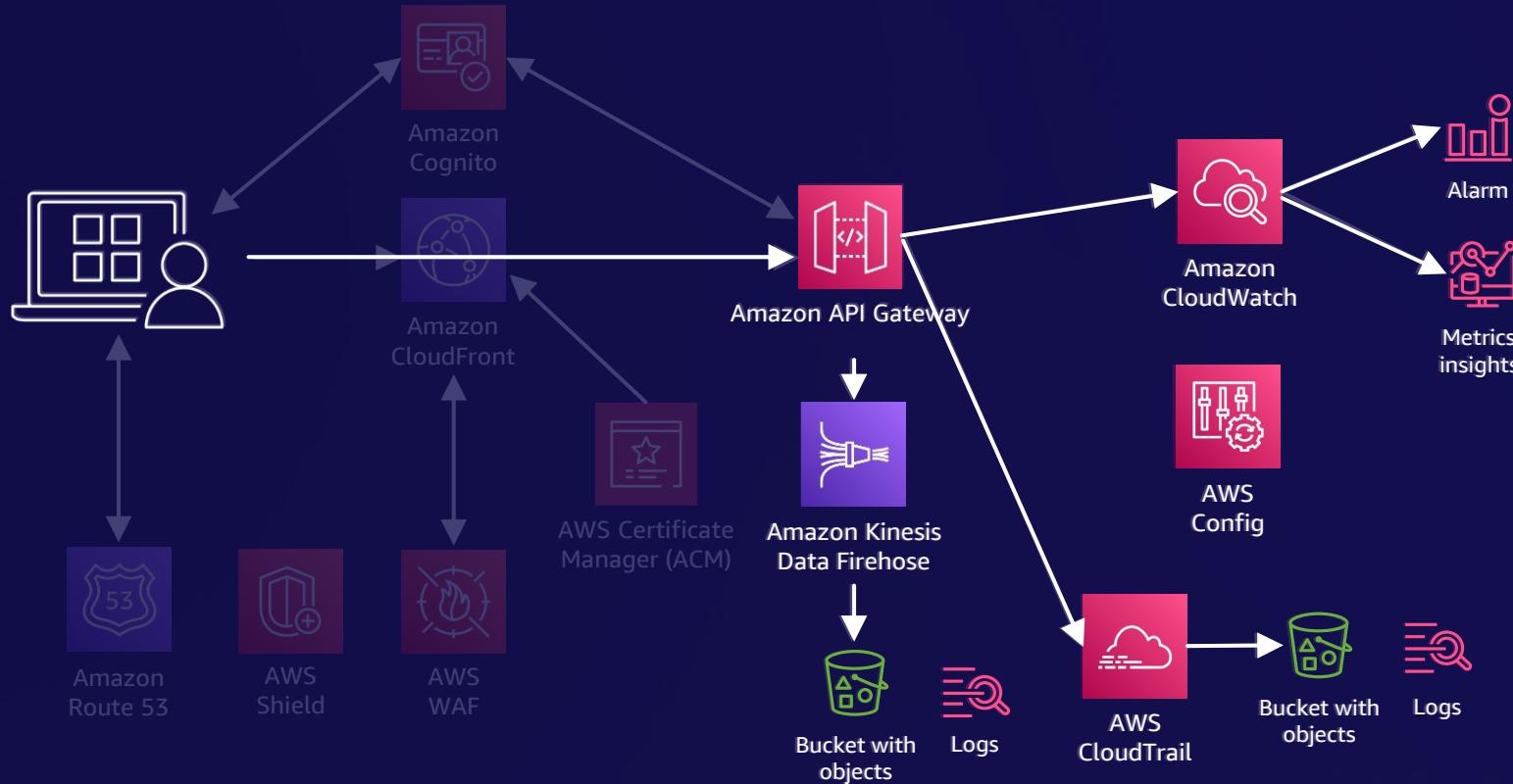
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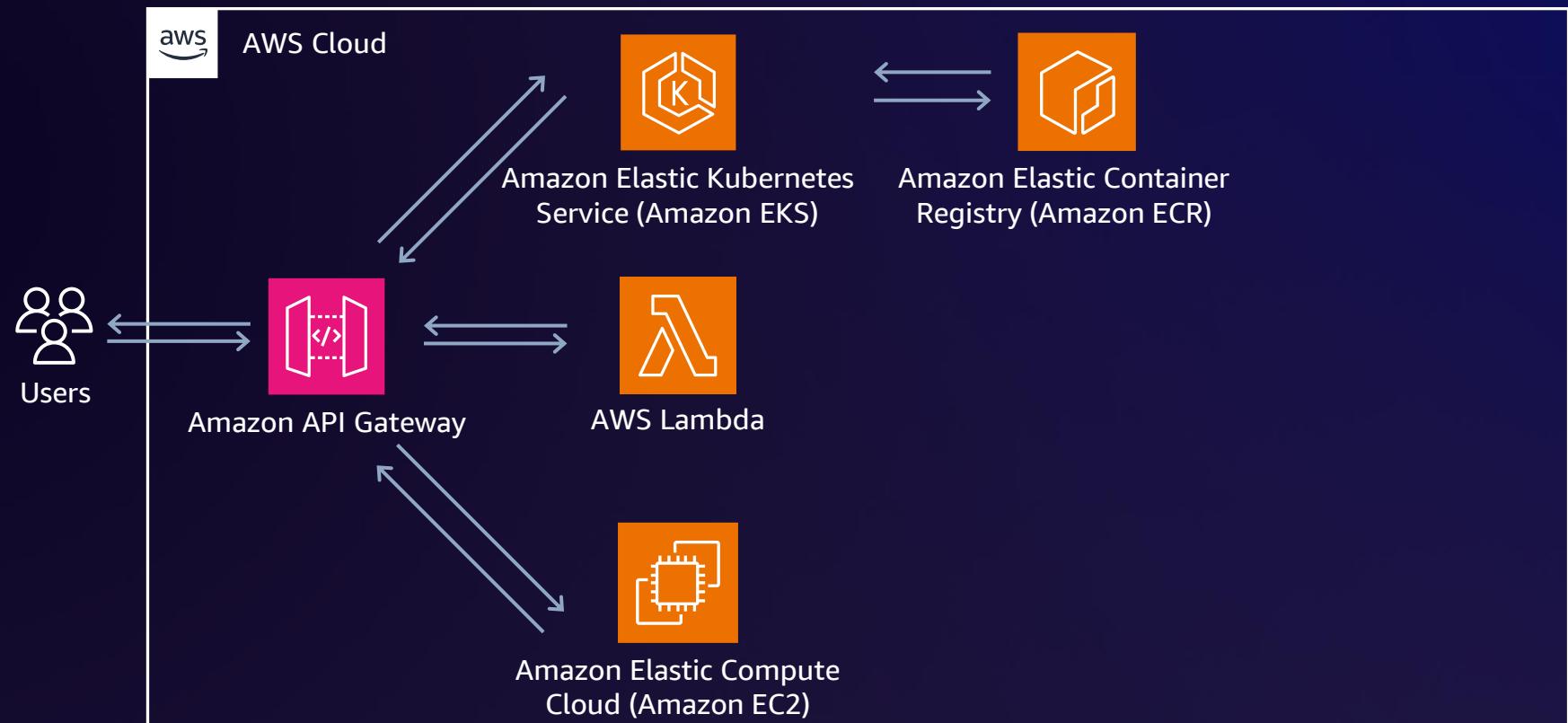


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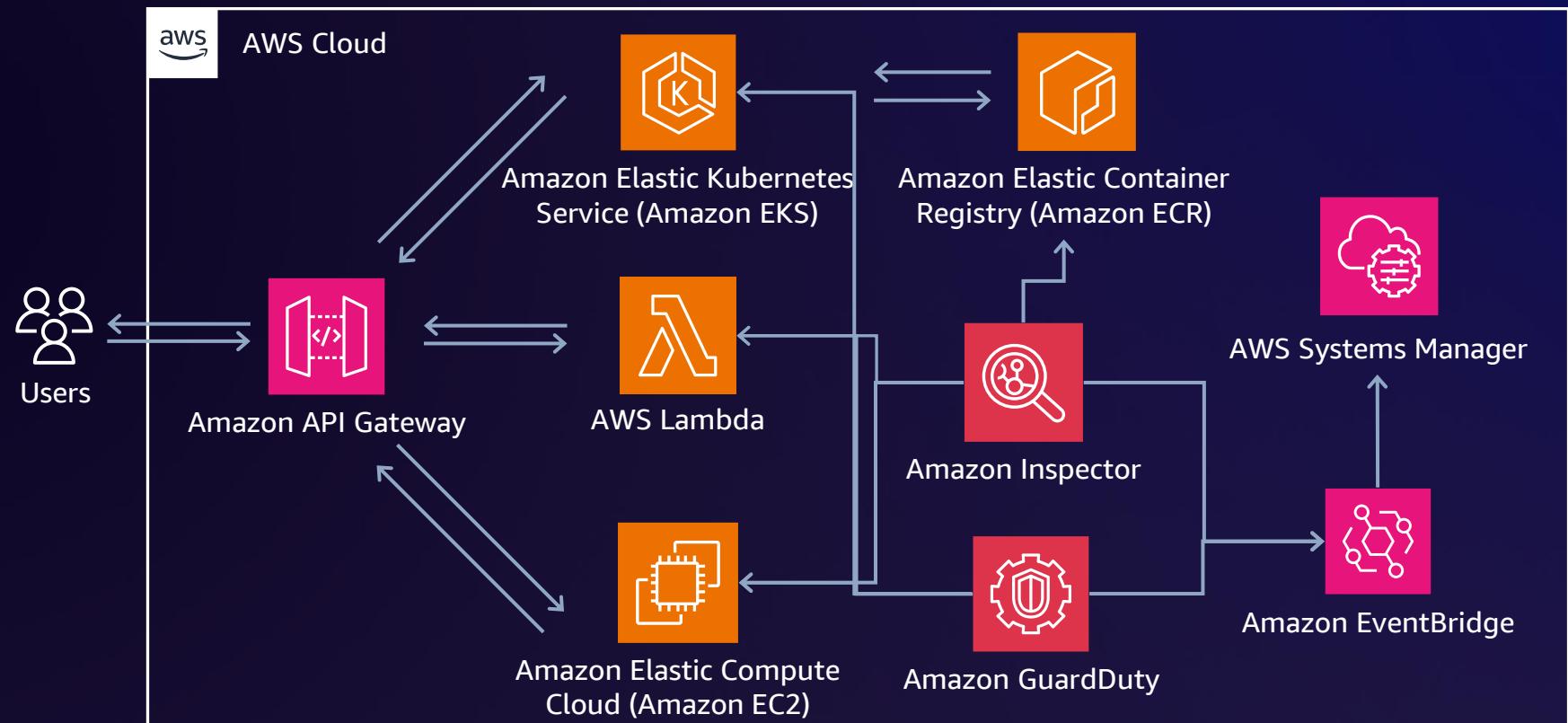
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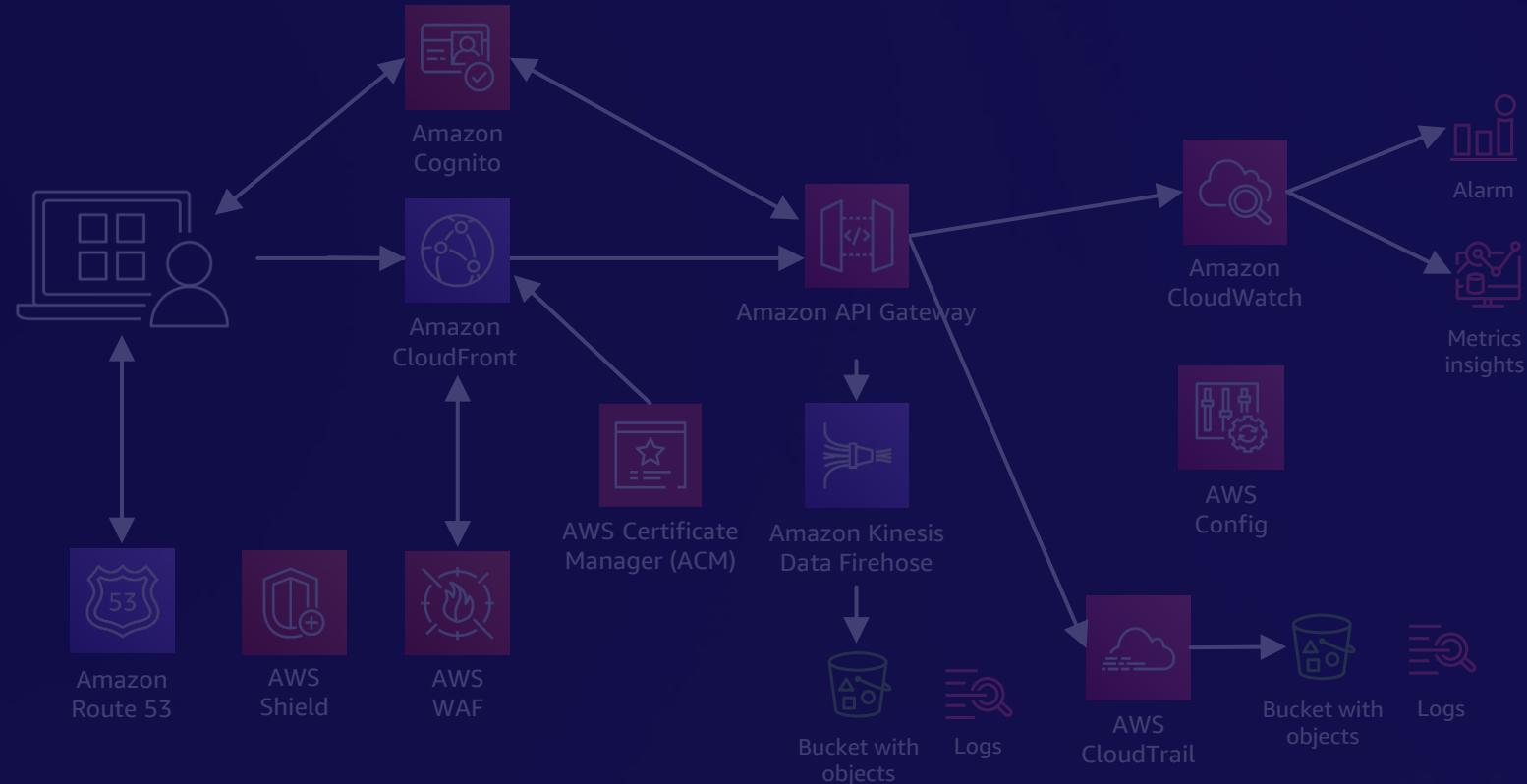
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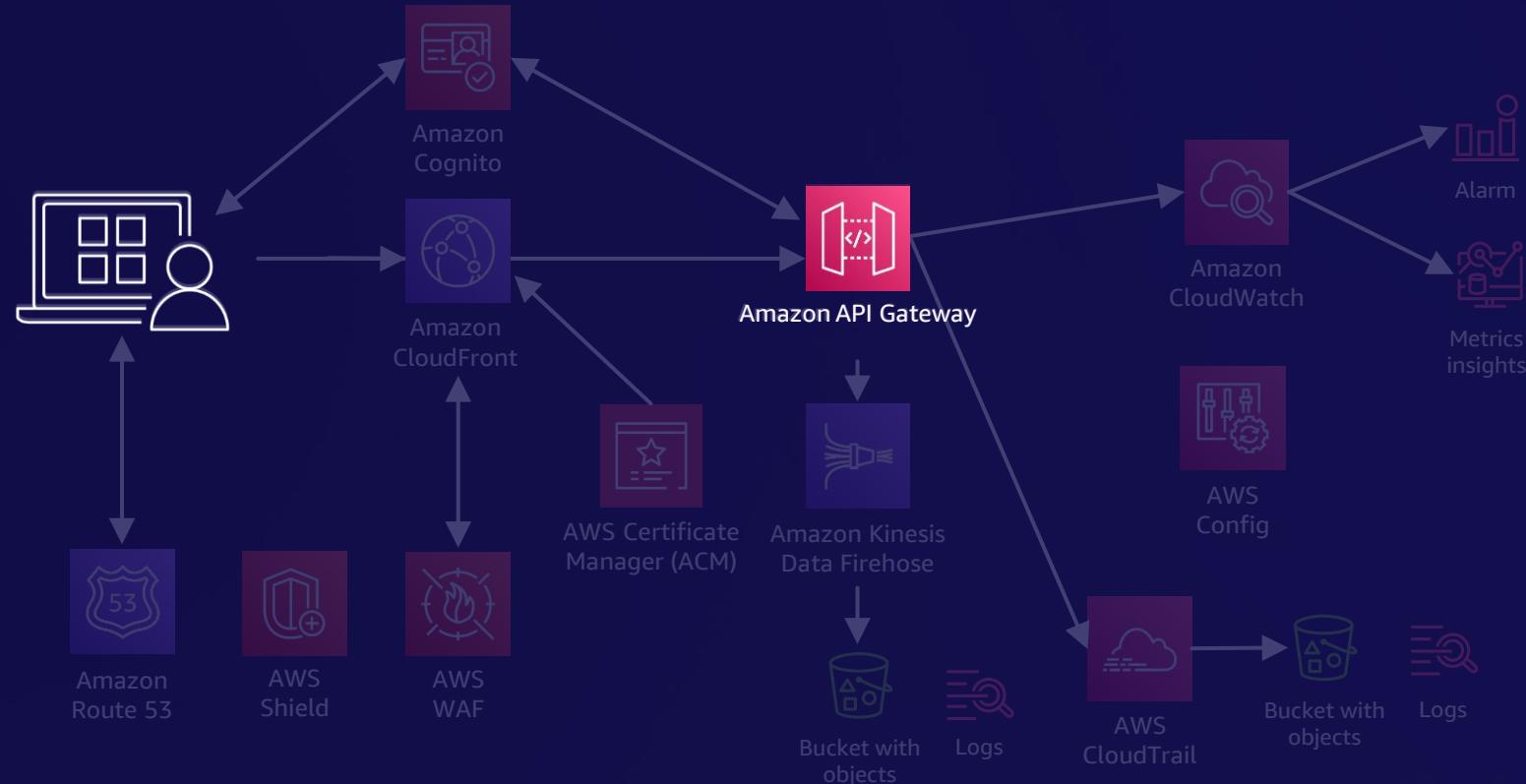


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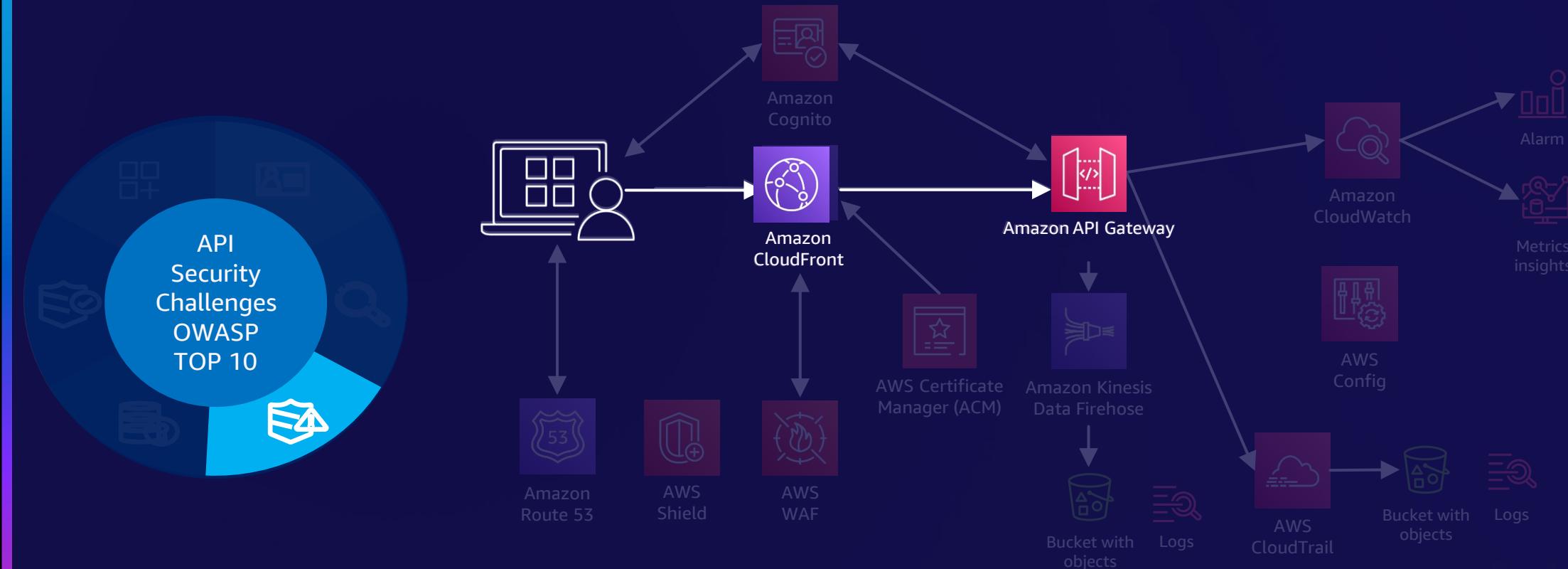
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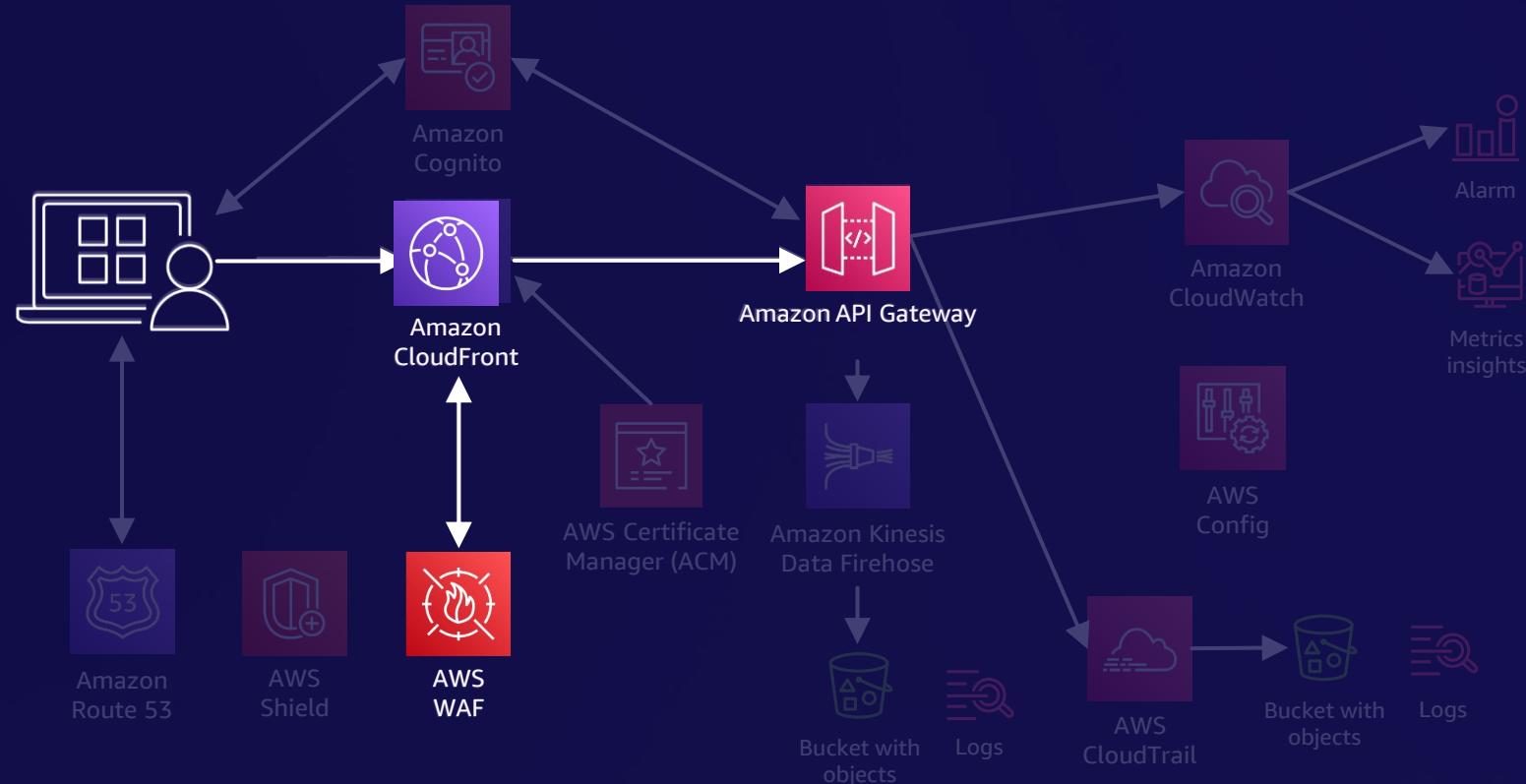
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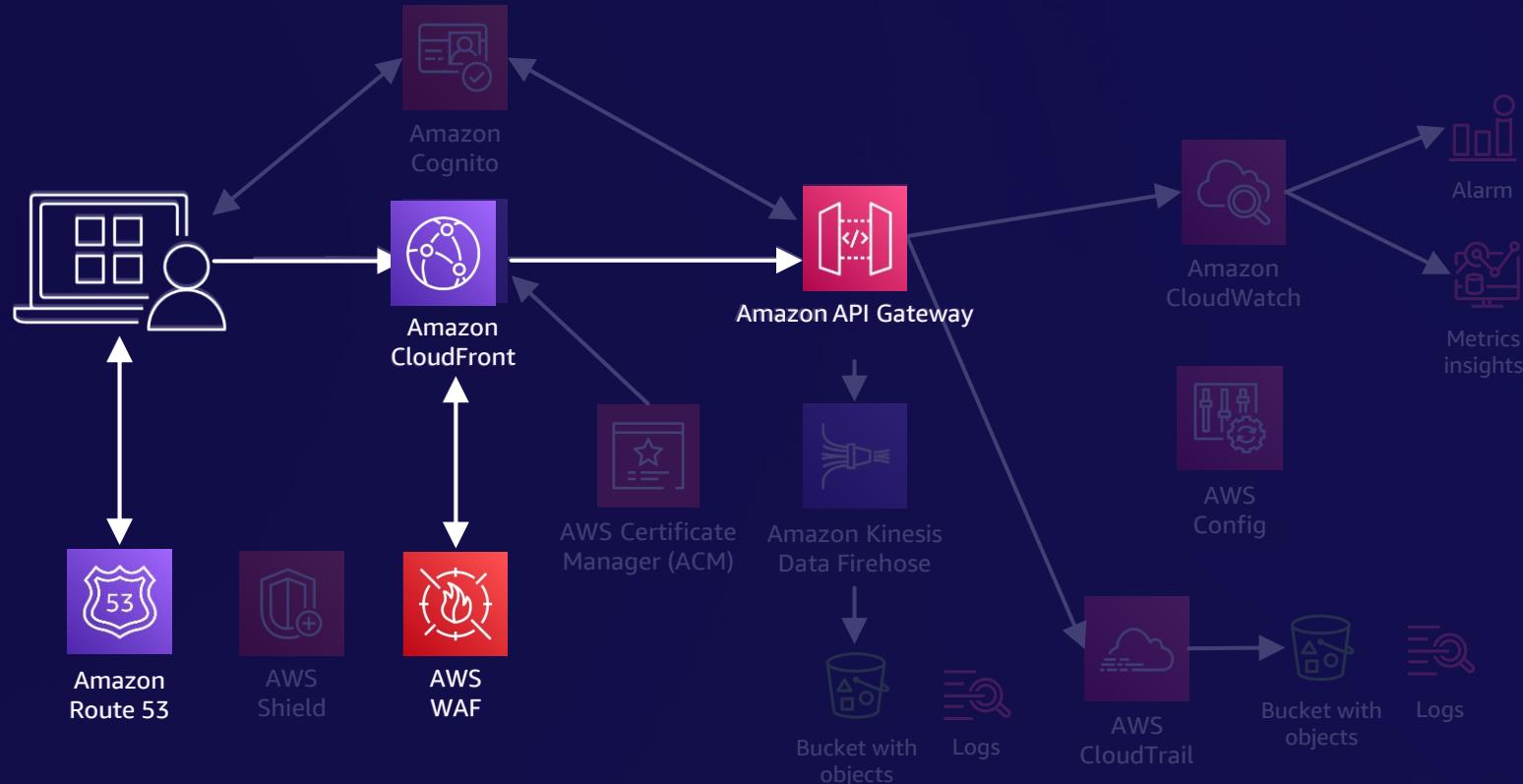
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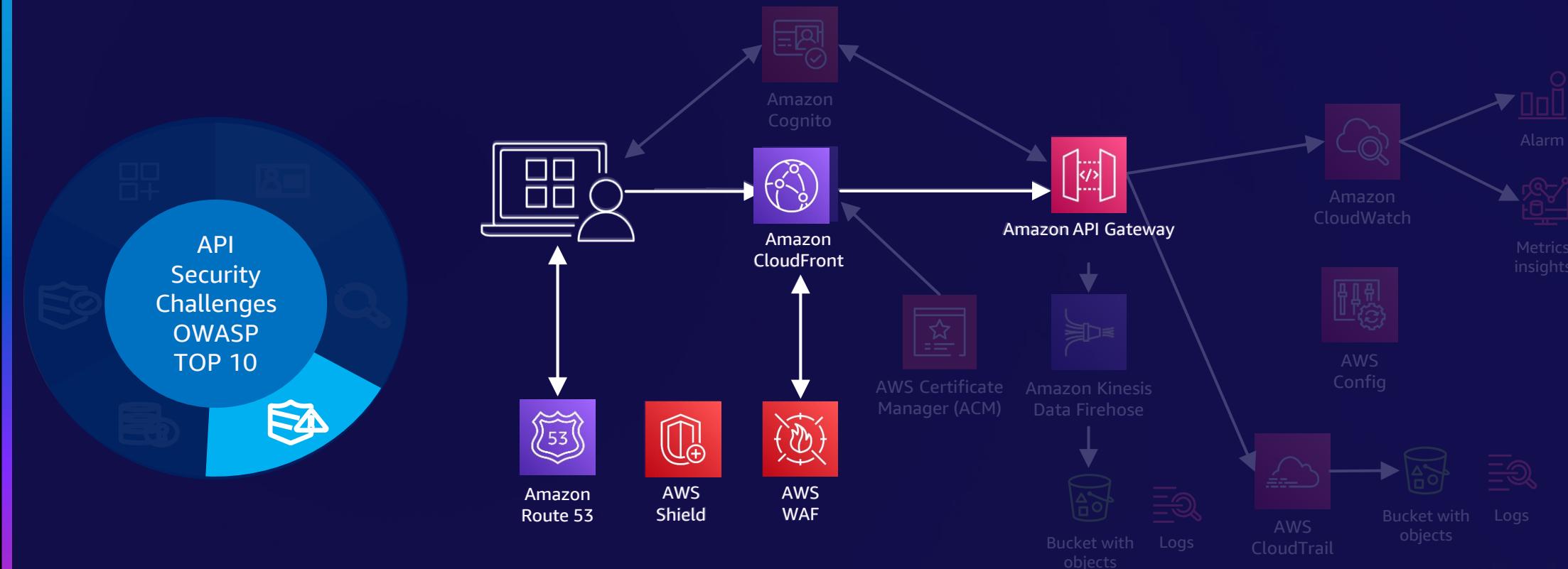
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# Twilio WAF as a service (WaaS) solution



# AWS WAF (Web Application Firewall)

PROTECT YOUR WEB APPLICATIONS AND APIs AGAINST COMMON VULNERABILITIES, TARGETED ATTACKS, AND BOTNETS



**Multi-layered security controls**  
Protect against sophisticated attacks



**Customizable security**  
Powerful rule customizations



**Low operational overhead**  
Fully managed service with ready-to-use, built-in rules



**Frictionless set up**  
No application changes required

# AWS Firewall Manager

CENTRALLY CONFIGURE AND MANAGE FIREWALL POLICIES



Central management  
of firewalls



Configure baseline  
security policies



Detect non-compliance  
and remediate

# Amazon OpenSearch Service

SECURELY UNLOCK REAL-TIME SEARCH, MONITORING, AND ANALYSIS OF SECURITY AND OPERATIONAL DATA



Managed



Secure



Cost conscious



Observability

# About Twilio

Born in the cloud in 2008 to revolutionize communications for developers

Leading CPaaS provider, powering startups and the greater global digital economy

Generates over \$4 billion in annual revenue, facilitating 1.7 trillion interactions for 306,000+ customers

Twilio has been a pioneer in the API-first approach



# Enterprise challenges managing AWS WAFs



Growing pains



Resource coverage



Poor observability



Increased time to remediate

# How Twilio manages AWS WAF globally

01

## Globally inherited AWS WAF rules

Core rules are applied to all resources within the organization

02

## Tag-driven policies

AWS FMS policies are associated with Tags for **First Rule Group**

03

## Security maintained safeguards

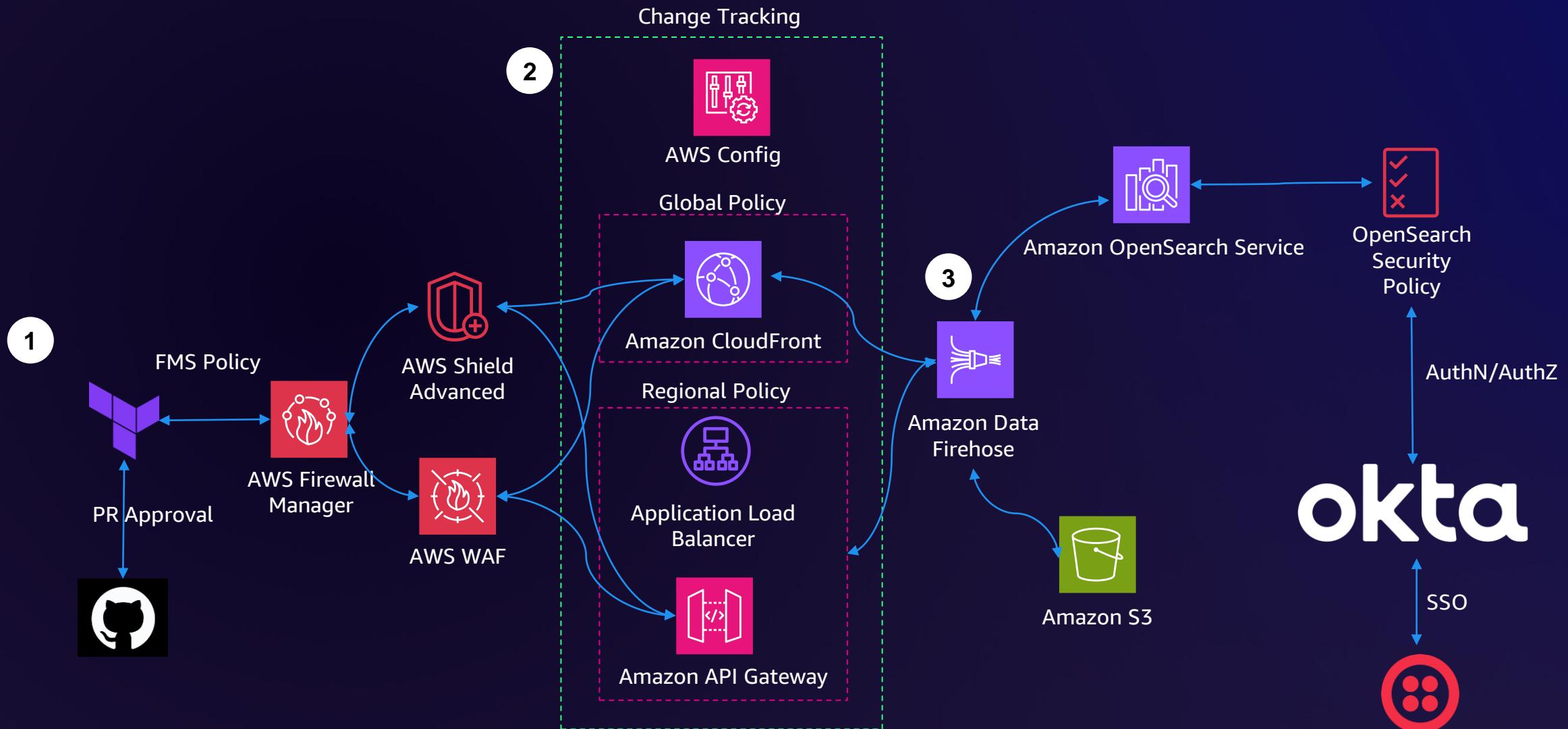
**Last rule groups** are managed by the Security Teams and serve as a safety net

First rule groups		
Managed by the Engineering Team		
Order	Rule group name	Capacity
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2	AWS Core rule set	700
3	AWS SQL database	200

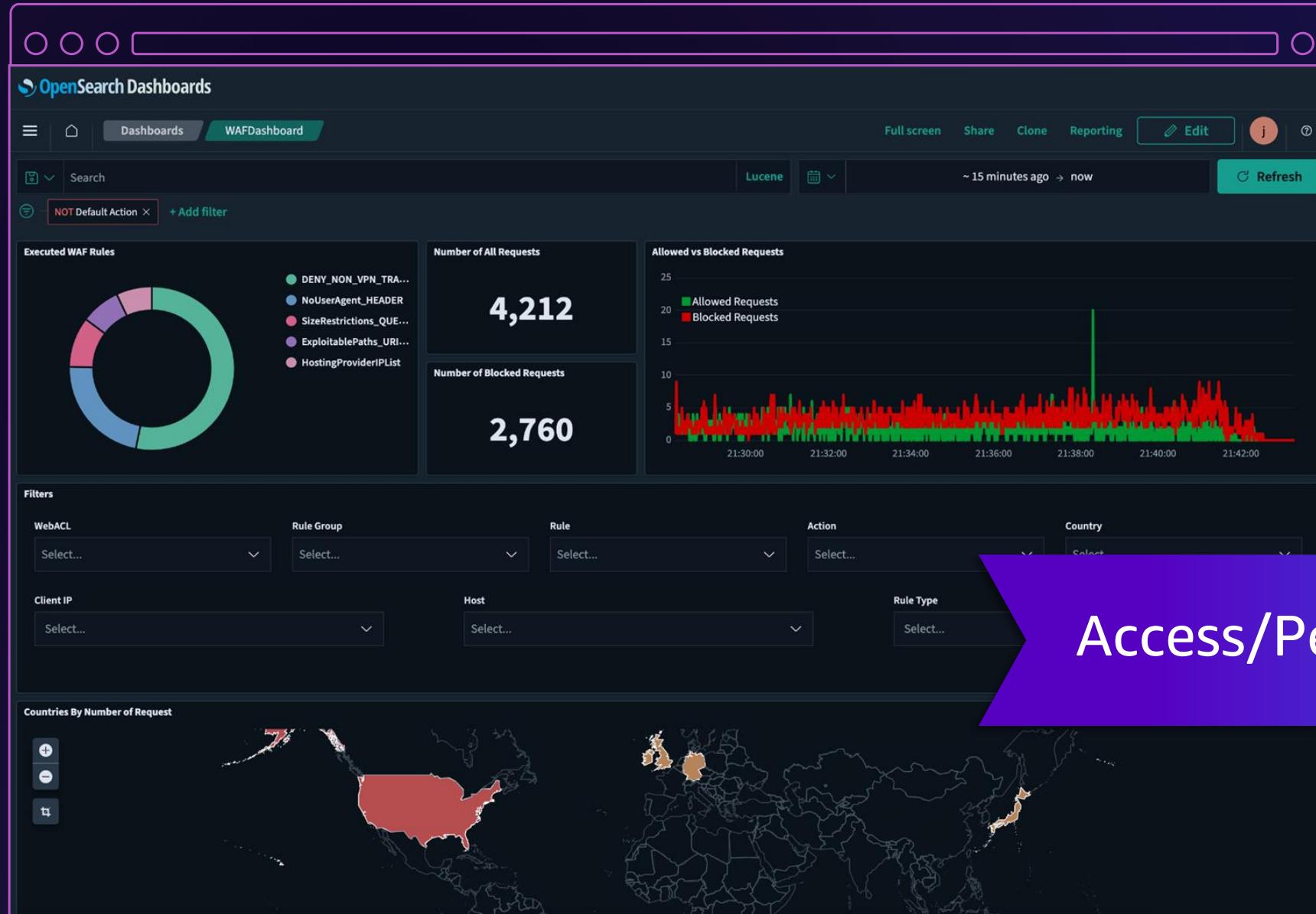
  

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2	AWS Amazon IP reputation list	25
3	AWS Anonymous IP list	50
4	AWS Core rule set	700
5	AWS Known bad inputs	200

# WaaS architecture



# Using AWS OpenSearch for Visibility



Access/Permissions tied to IDP

# AWS WAF at scale for enterprise



Centralized through self-service



OpenSearch dashboards



Auto-enroll new AWS resources



Decreased time to remediate

# Key takeaways

Use a framework

Start with the developer

Automate as appropriate

Ensure observability

# Call to action

OWASP API Security  
Challenges



Well-Architected  
Security Pillar



Well-Architected  
Hands-on Labs

