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**Falling in Love with Temporal:
Bulletproof Workflows**



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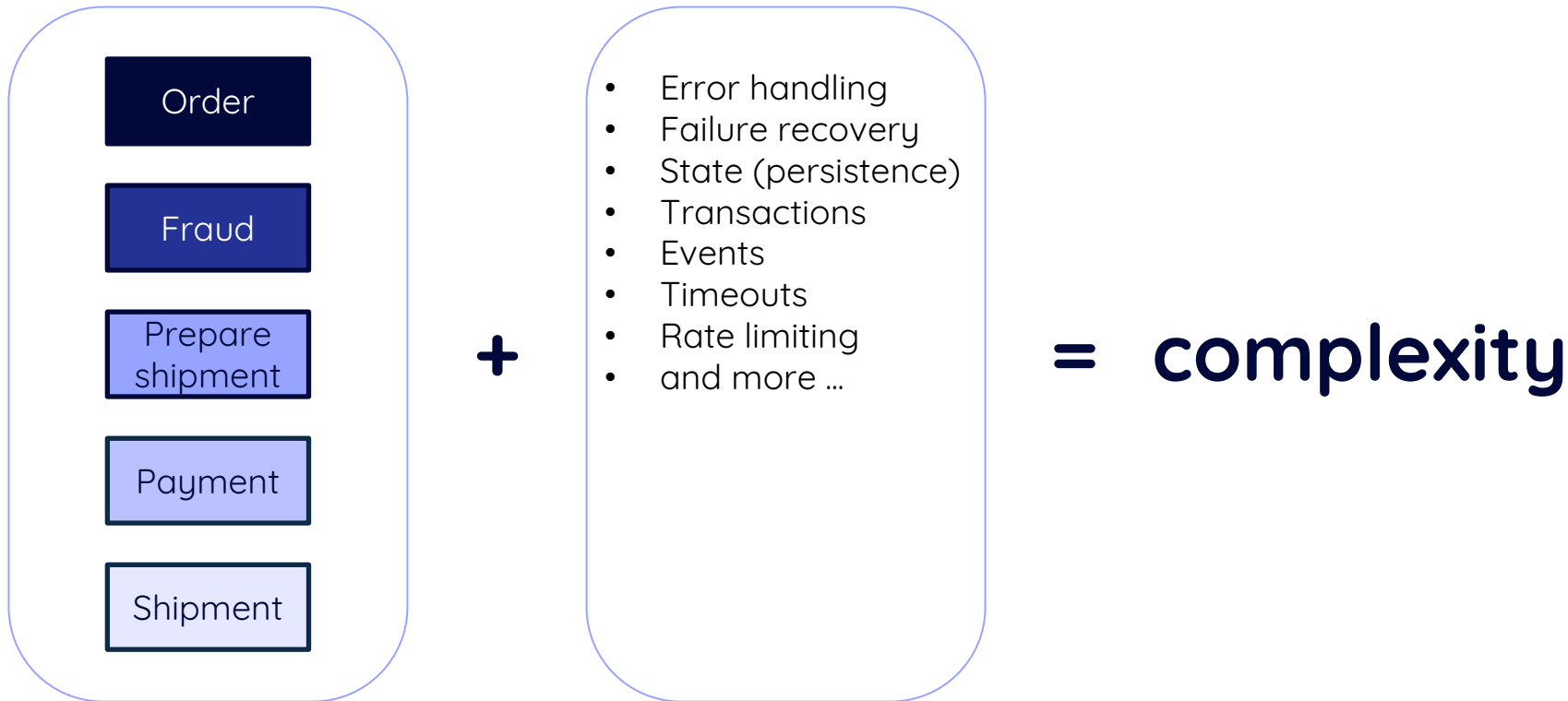
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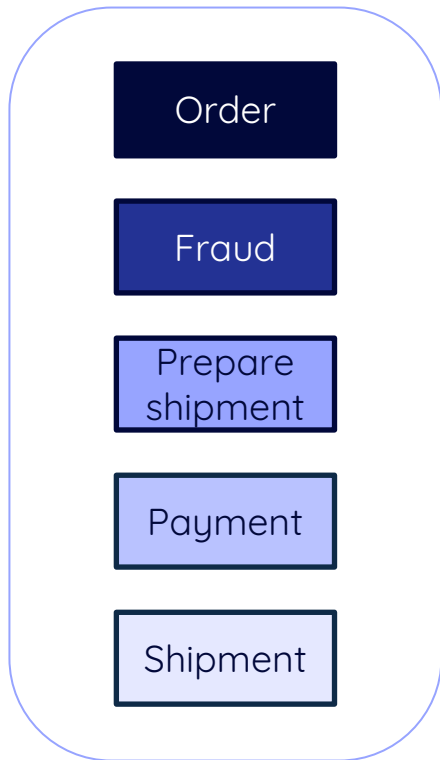
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Problem statement

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- Error handling
- Failure recovery
- State (persistence)
- Transactions
- Events
- Timeouts
- Rate limiting
- and more ...



Temporal

= **resiliency**

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Introduction to Temporal

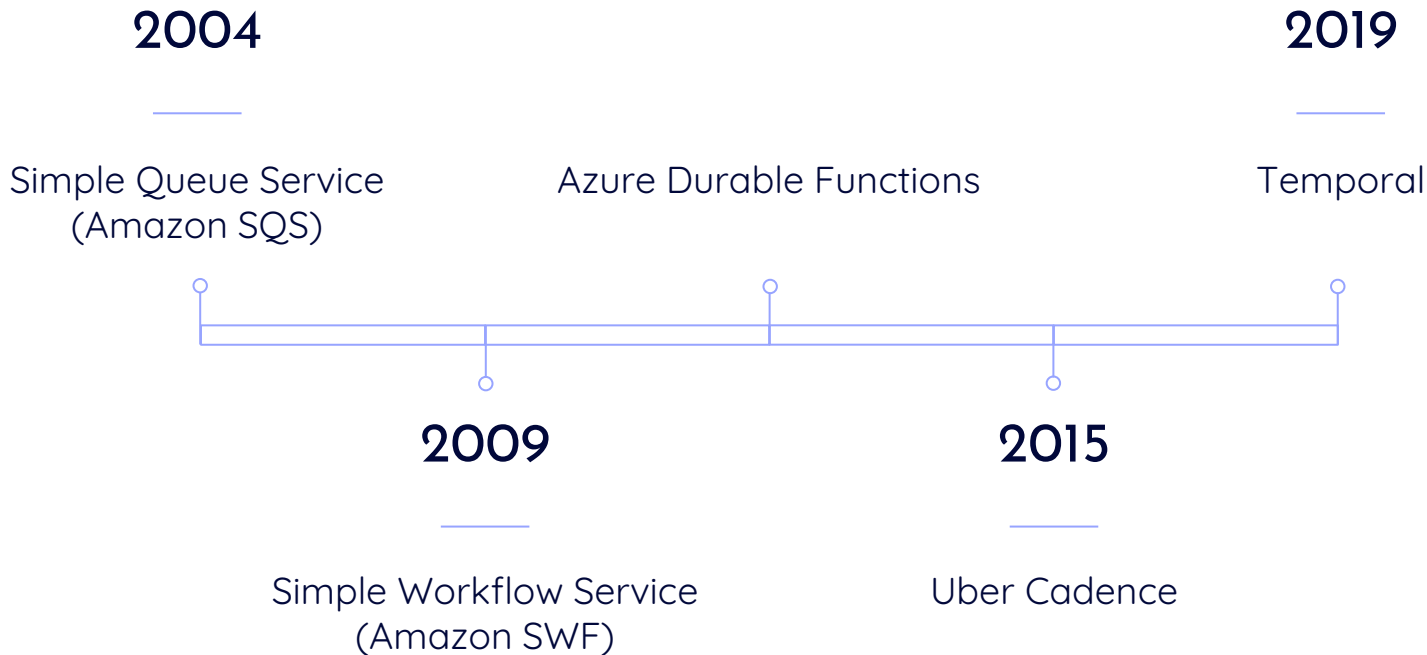
Introduction to Temporal

Temporal is an open source, distributed, and scalable workflow orchestration platform designed to execute mission-critical business logic with resilience.

Temporal:

- orchestration (not choreography)
- execution guarantee (aka Temporal Durable Execution)
- long-term workflows rather than real-time
- Python SDK
- used by Netflix, Airbnb, Stripe, Snap, HashiCorp, Box
- community

History



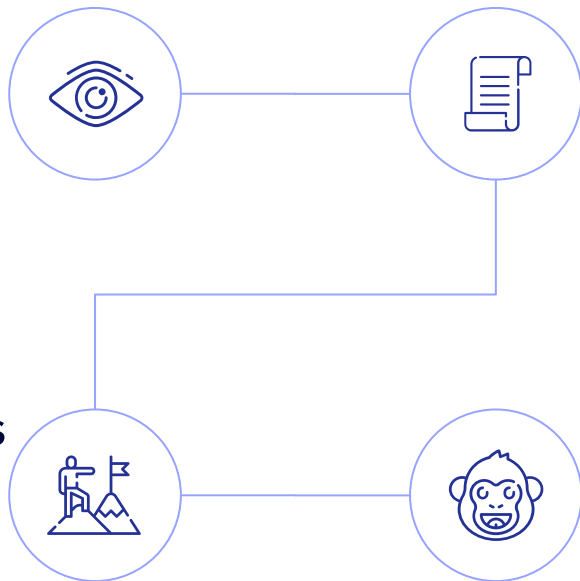
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- Temporal



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- Netflix Conductor

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BPMN primer

Business Process Model and Notation 2.0 (BPMN) is an industry standard for process modeling and execution. A BPMN process is an XML document that has a visual representation. For example, here is a BPMN process:



▼ The corresponding XML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<bpmn:definitions xmlns:bpmn="http://www.omg.org/spec/BPMN/20100524/MODEL" xmlns:bpmndi="http://
  <bpmn:process id="Process_1" isExecutable="true">
    <bpmn:startEvent id="StartEvent_1" name="Order Placed">
      <bpmn:outgoing>SequenceFlow_1bq1azi</bpmn:outgoing>
    </bpmn:startEvent>
    <bpmn:sequenceFlow id="SequenceFlow_1bq1azi" sourceRef="StartEvent_1" targetRef="Task_1f47
    <bpmn:sequenceFlow id="SequenceFlow_09hqi9g" sourceRef="Task_1f47b9v" targetRef="Task_1109
```

Modeling BPMN diagrams

BPMN elements

Sequence flow: Controlling the flow of execution

Tasks: Units of work

Gateways: Steering flow

Events: Waiting for something to happen

Subprocesses: Grouping elements

Additional resources

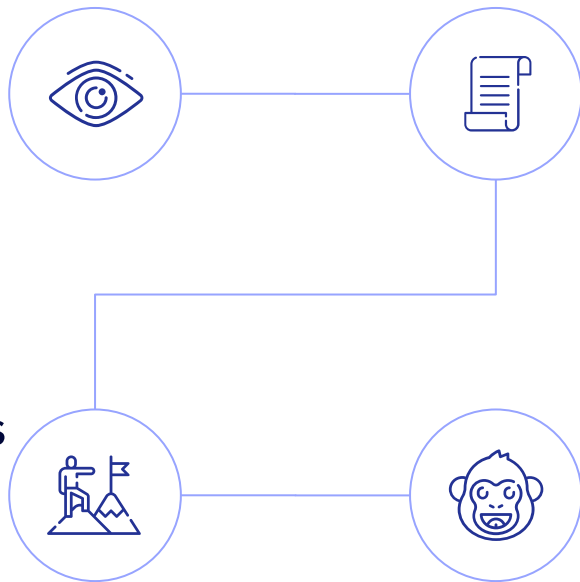
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Hello World Application Using Conductor

In this section, we will create a simple "Hello World" application that executes a "greetings" workflow managed by Conductor.

Step 1: Create Workflow

Creating Workflows by Code

Create [greetings_workflow.py](#) with the following:

```
from conductor.client.workflow.conductor_workflow import ConductorWorkflow
from conductor.client.workflow.executor.workflow_executor import WorkflowExecutor
from greetings_worker import greet

def greetings_workflow(workflow_executor: WorkflowExecutor) -> ConductorWorkflow:
    name = 'greetings'
    workflow = ConductorWorkflow(name=name, executor=workflow_executor)
    workflow.version = 1
    workflow >> greet(task_ref_name='greet_ref', name=workflow.input('name'))
    return workflow
```



(Alternatively) Creating Workflows in JSON

Create `greetings_workflow.json` with the following:

```
{
  "name": "greetings",
  "description": "Sample greetings workflow",
  "version": 1,
  "tasks": [
    {
      "name": "greet",
      "taskReferenceName": "greet_ref",
      "type": "SIMPLE",
      "inputParameters": {
        "name": "${workflow.input.name}"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```



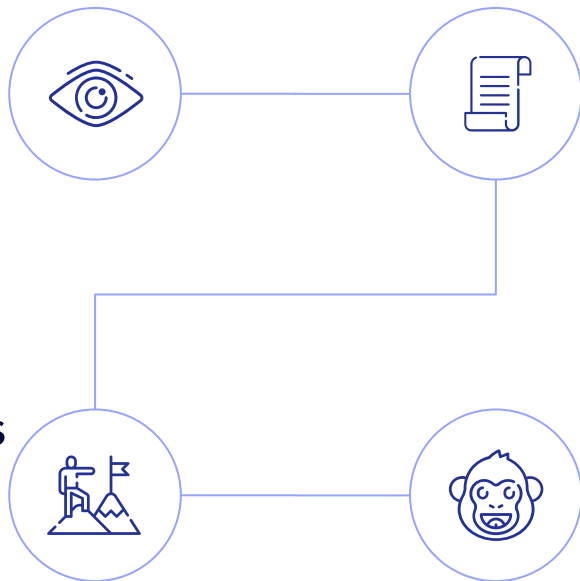
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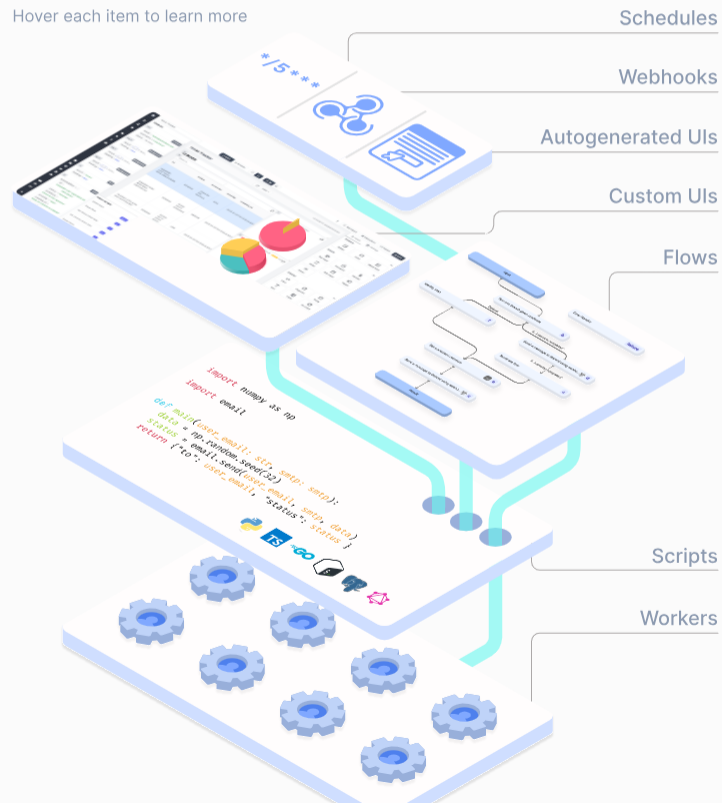
Open-source developer platform and workflow engine

Turn scripts into auto-generated UIs, APIs and cron jobs.
Compose them as workflows or data pipelines.
Build complex, data-intensive apps with ease.

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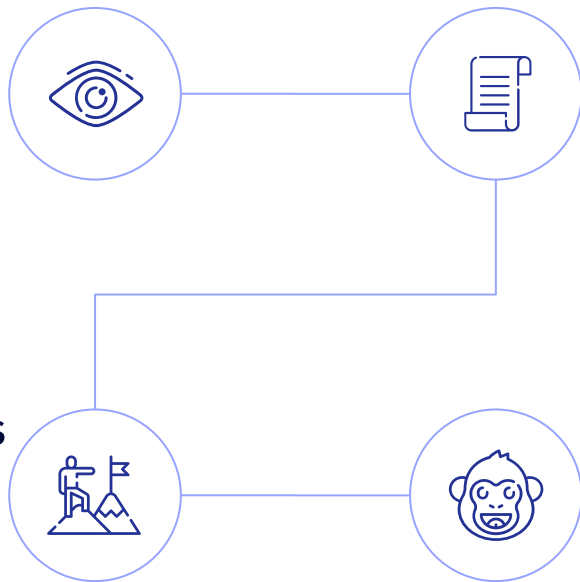
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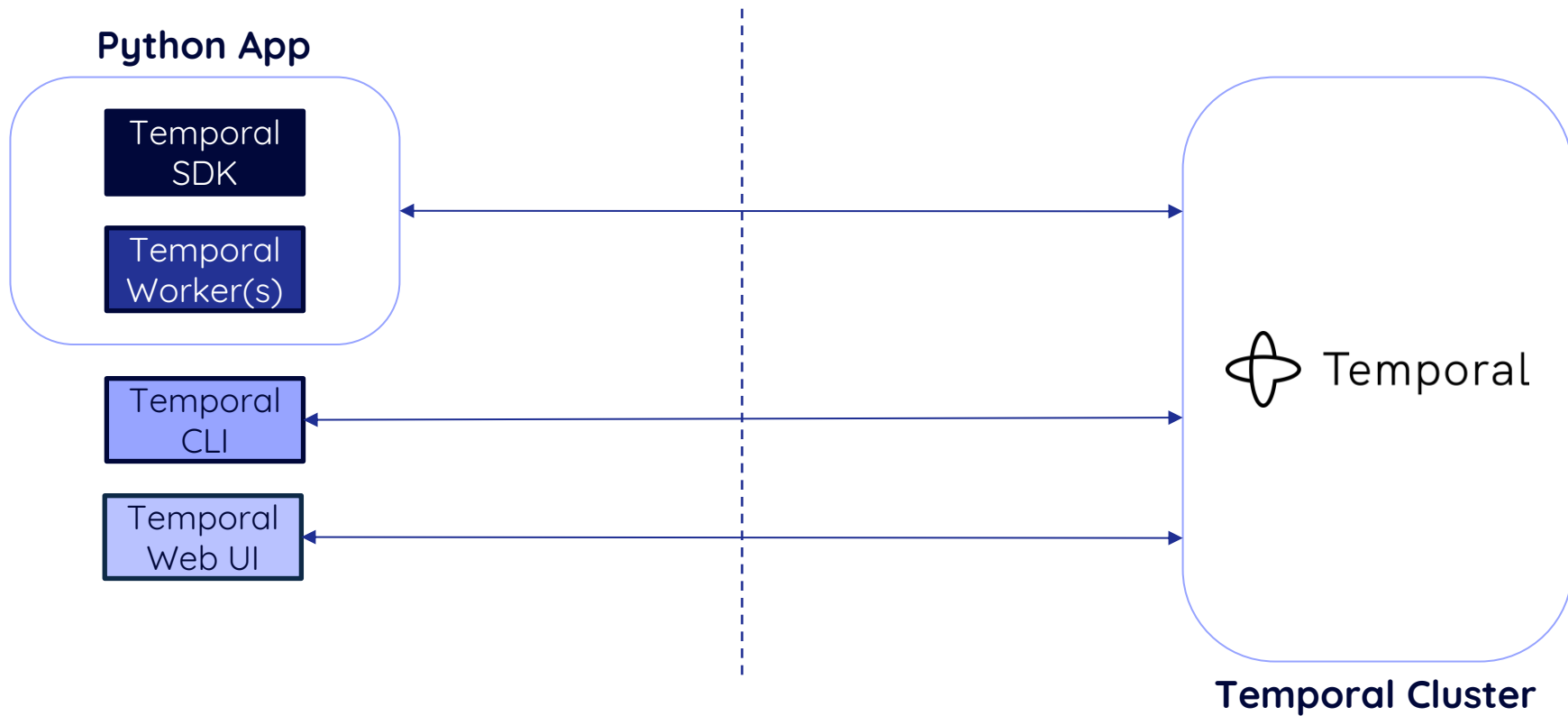
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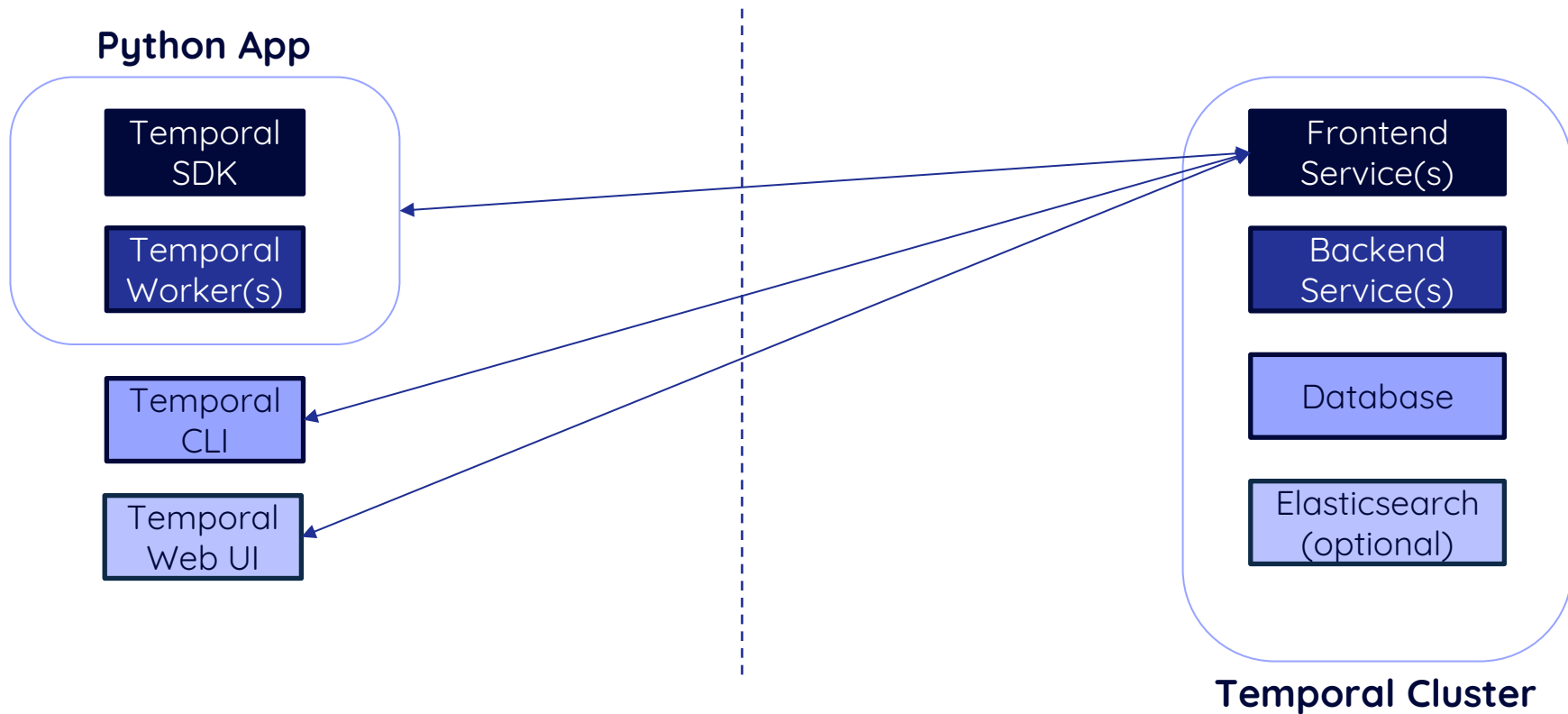
Temporal use cases

- Business process automation (e.g., client lifecycle, order processing, payments)
- Microservice orchestration
- Infrastructure provisioning
- CI/CD, data and ML pipelines
- Engine for low-code/no-code

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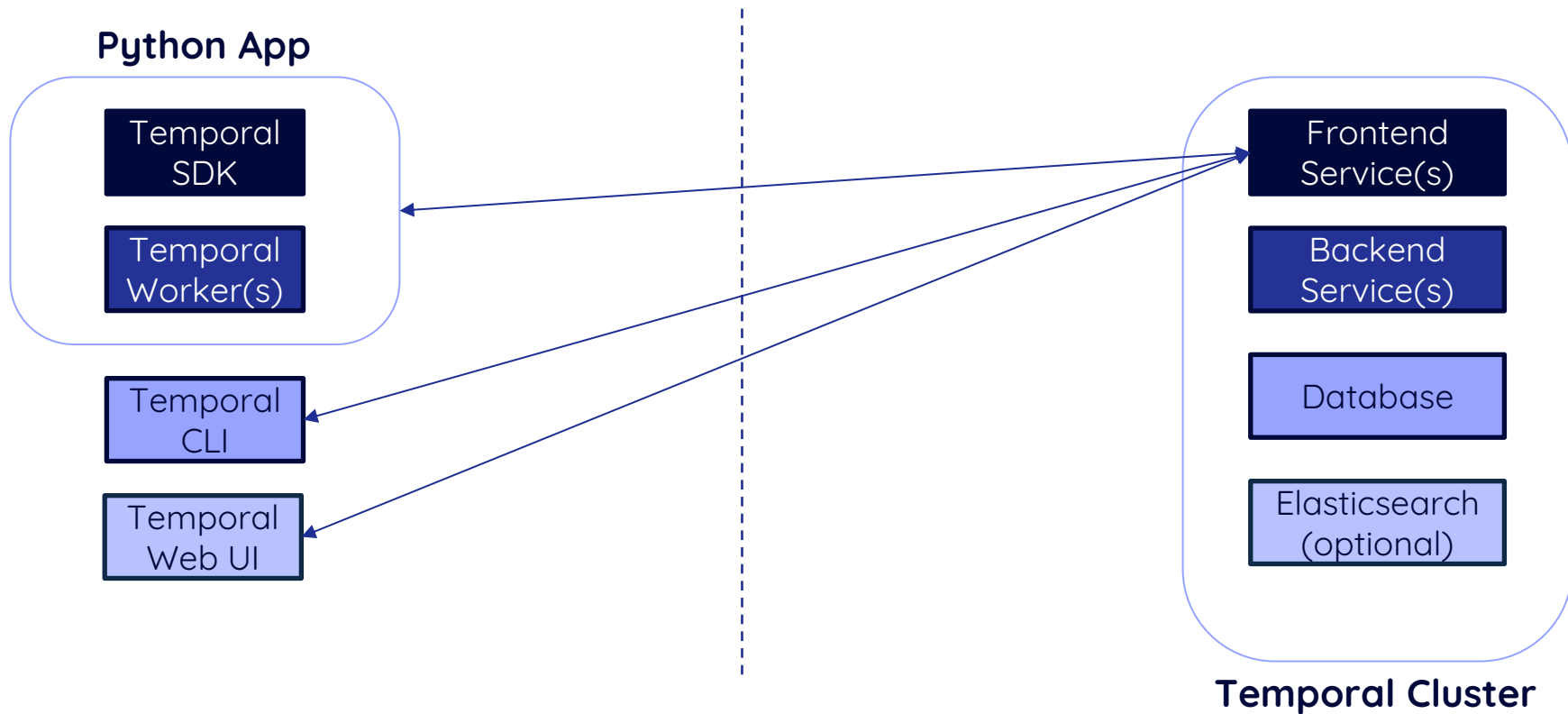
Temporal architecture





The role of Temporal Cluster

- Manages and tracks tasks related to Temporal Workflows and Temporal Activities
- Maintains and durably persists the Event History for each execution
- Does NOT run Python app code
- Does NOT have access to Python app code



The role of Temporal Worker

- Responsible for executing Temporal Workflow and Temporal Activity code
- Polls for tasks and communicates status via network with the Temporal Cluster
- Is provided by the Temporal Python SDK and configured by the engineer

One platform, many options for using it

- **Option 0:** Local Temporal Server
 - for dev purpose only
 - in-memory database
 - `$ temporal server start-dev`
- **Option 1:** Self-hosted Temporal Cluster
 - Cassandra, MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite
 - Docker and Docker Compose, or Kubernetes
 - Elasticsearch (optional)
- **Option 2:** Temporal Cloud
 - Fully-managed cloud service

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Temporal Workflow and Activity

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Temporal Workflow vs Activity

Workflow

Workflow must be deterministic. You can view determinism as a requirement that each execution of a given Workflow must produce the same output, given the same input.

Workflow does not retry by default.

Workflow can start another Workflow.

Activity

Any operation that introduces the possibility of failure, such as calling microservice, querying database, writing to file, should be done as part of an **Activity**. Activity retries if they fail.

Activity is orchestrated by Workflow.

Activity must be idempotent.

Temporal Workflow determinism

```
def process_order(order):  
    if random.choice([True, False]):  
        check_fraud(...)  
    ...
```

```
@workflow.run  
async def process_order(self, order):  
    if workflow.random().choice([True, False]):  
        await workflow.execute_activity(check_fraud, ...)  
    ...
```

Temporal Workflow determinism

```
def process_order(order):  
    if order.time > datetime.now() - timedelta(days=1):  
        check_fraud(...)
    ...
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Code accidentally runs 3 times

Non-idempotent
code

1st Exec
Payout \$1M

2nd Exec
Payout \$1M

3rd Exec
Payout \$1M

Idempotent
code

1st Exec
Payout \$1M

2nd Exec
Skip

3rd Exec
Skip



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NBP Web API

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Currency exchange rates and gold prices in the XML and JSON formats

The **api.nbp.pl** service operates a public Web API enabling HTTP clients to make enquiries on the following datasets published by the NBP.PL service:

1. current and historic exchange rates of foreign currencies:
 - table A of middle exchange rates of foreign currencies,
 - table B of middle exchange rates of foreign currencies,
 - table C of buy and sell prices of foreign currencies;
2. current and historic prices of gold calculated at NBP.

Communication with the service based on parametrized HTTP GET requests send to the **https://api.nbp.pl/api/** address.

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