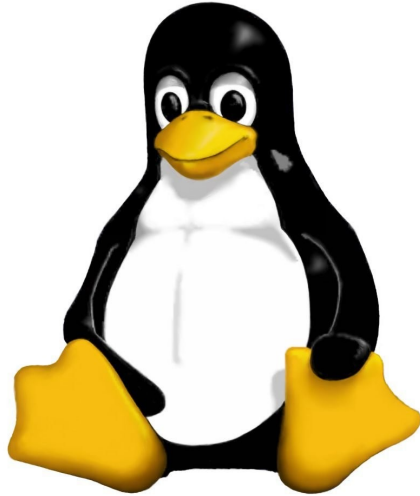


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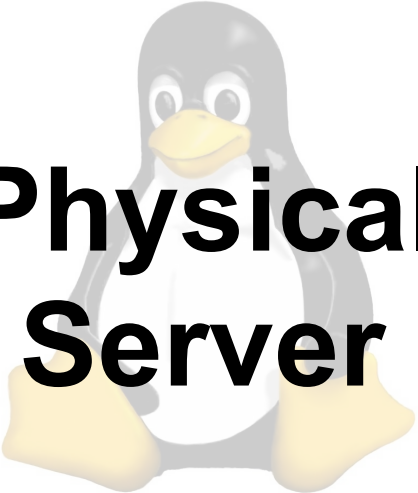
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The LAMP Stack



The LAMP Stack




**Physical
Server**



**File-based
Web Server**



**Relational
Database**



**Embedded
Scripting
Language**

The New Web Stack

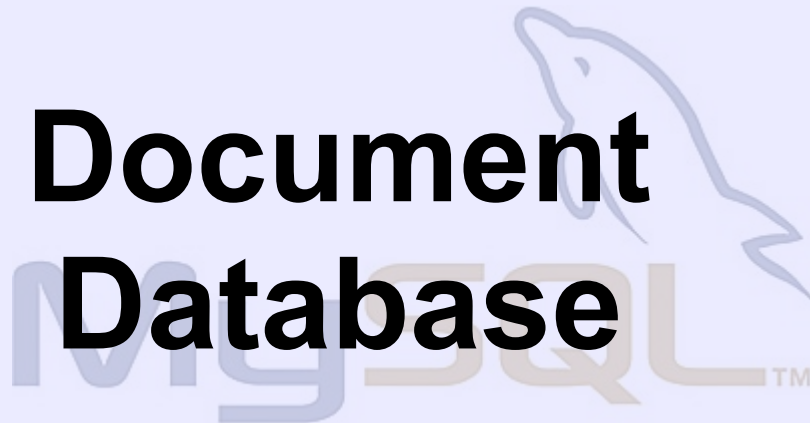
**Virtual
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**Web
Proxy**



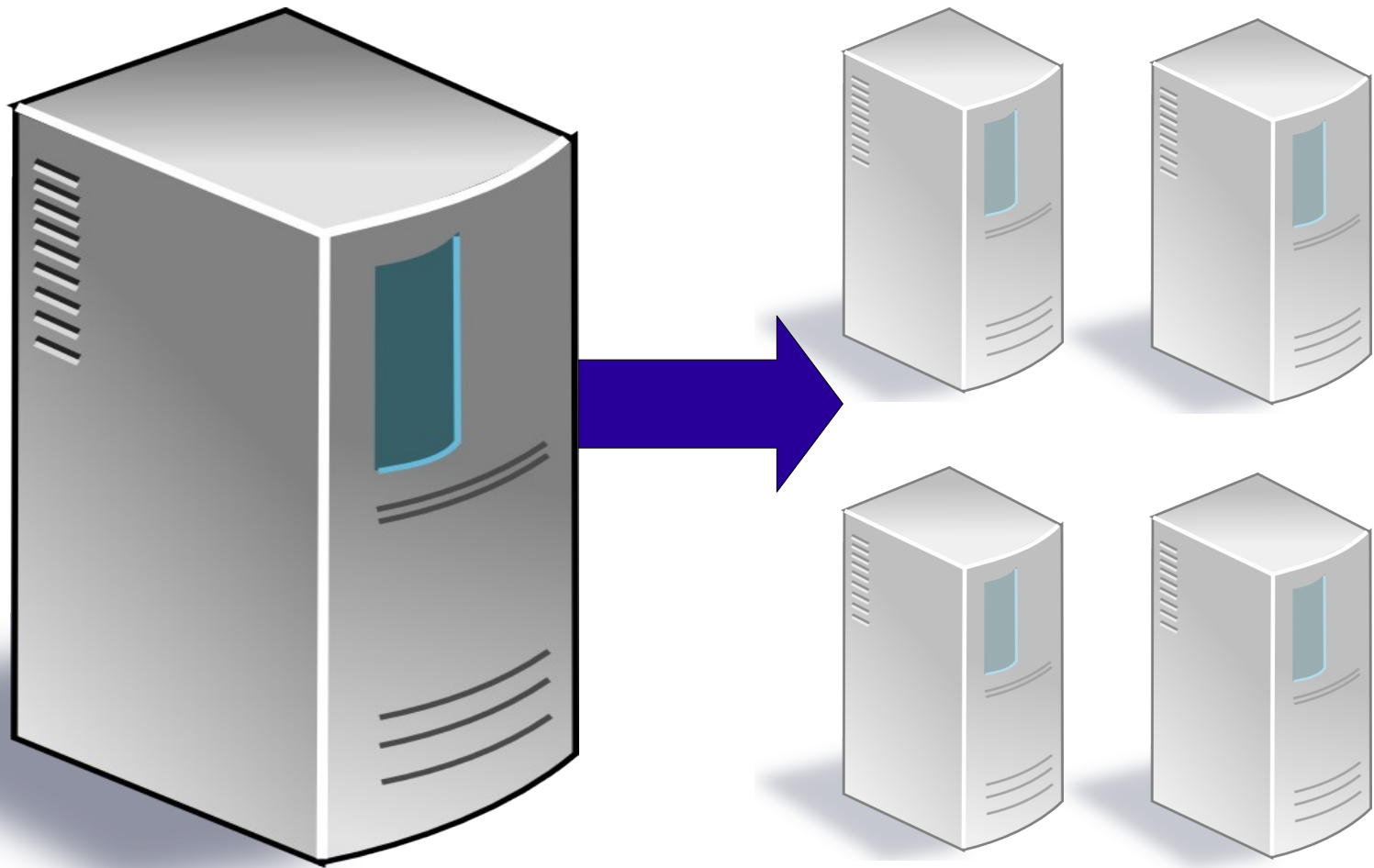
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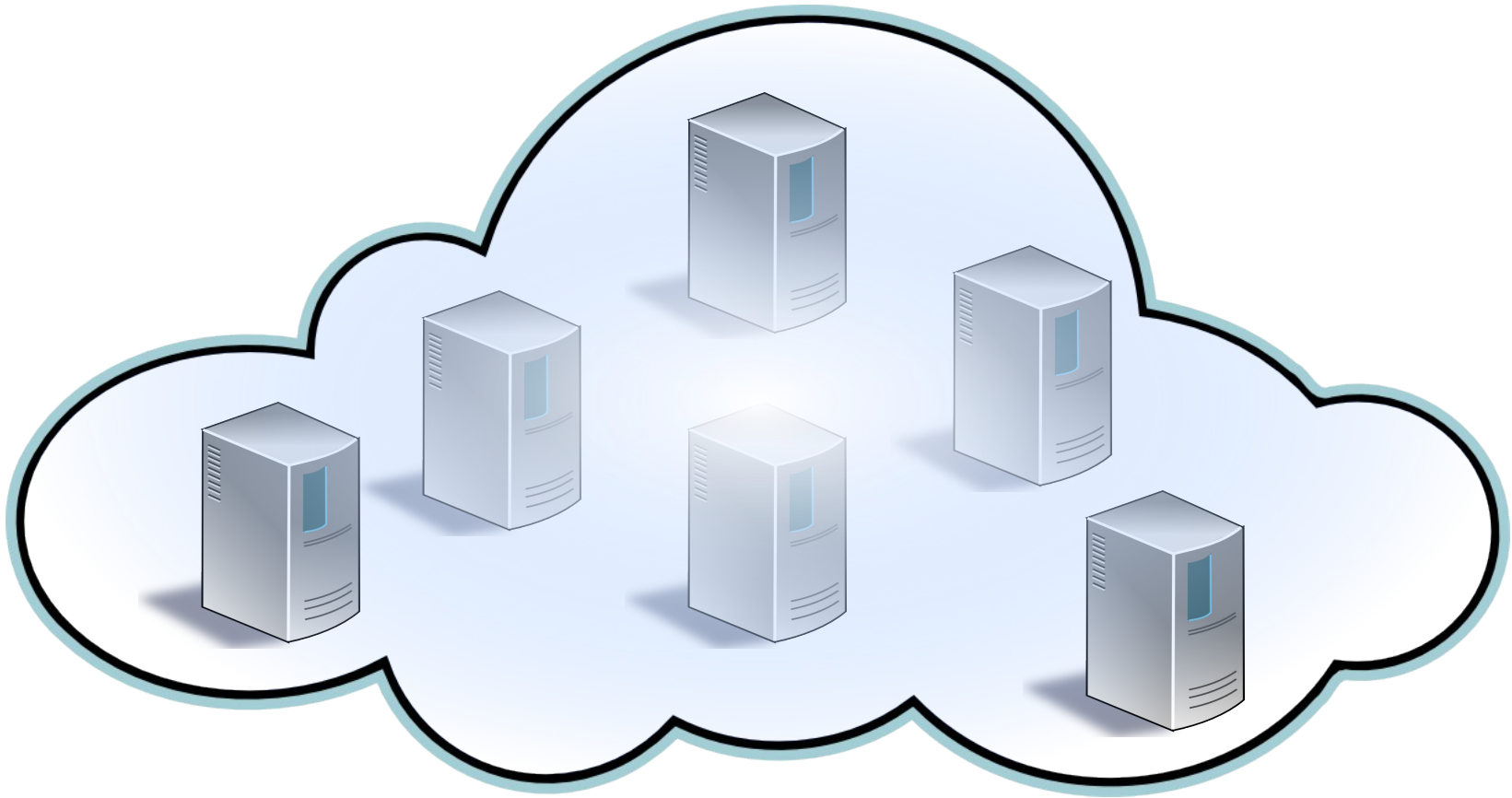
**REST
Framework**



Virtualization



Cloud Infrastructure



Amazon EC2

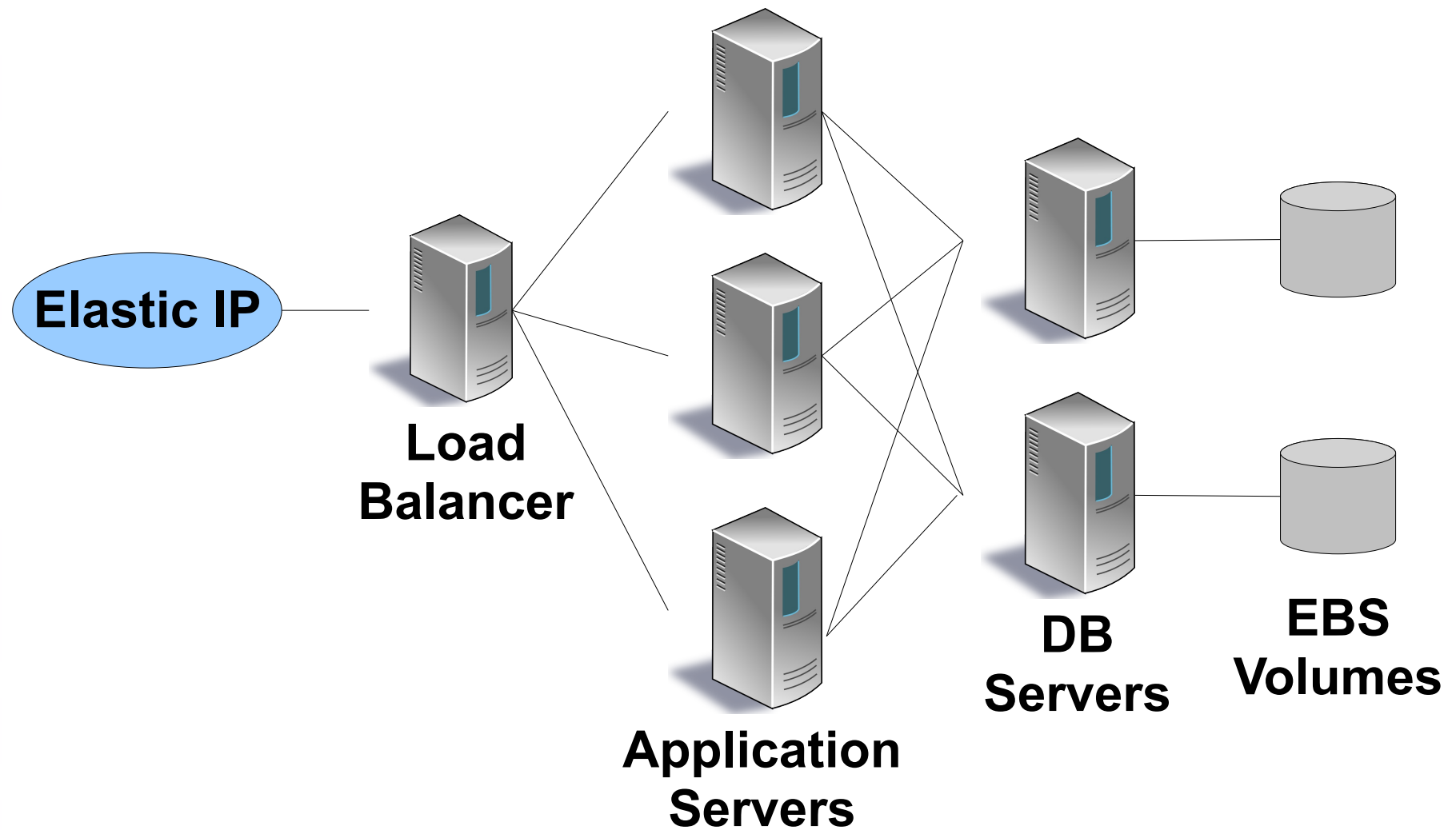
	Cost	RAM	Processor
Small	\$0.10 / hour	1.7 GB	1 core
Large	\$0.40 / hour	7.5 GB	2 cores
Extra-Large	\$0.80 / hour	15 GB	4 cores

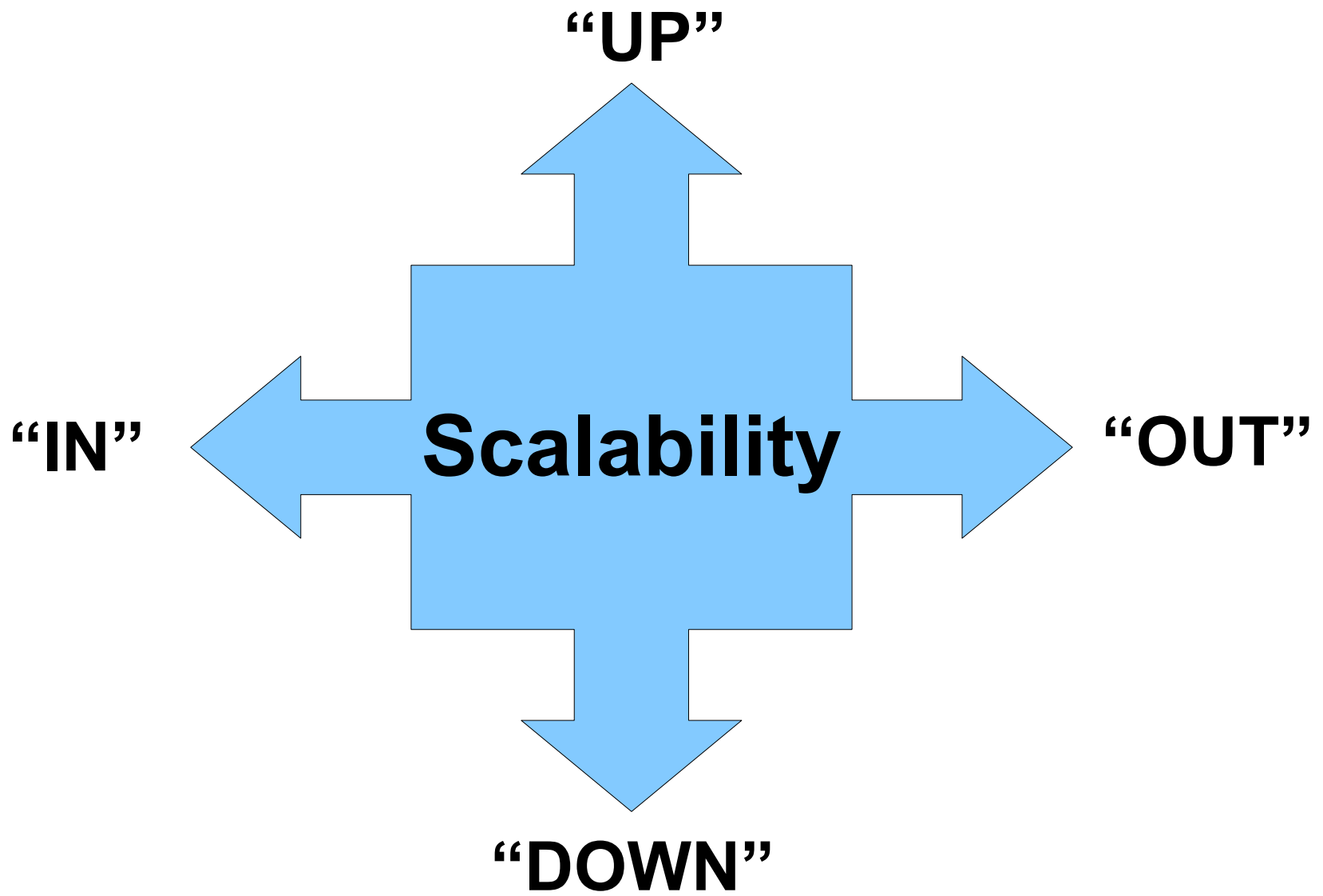
EC² = Elastic Compute Cloud

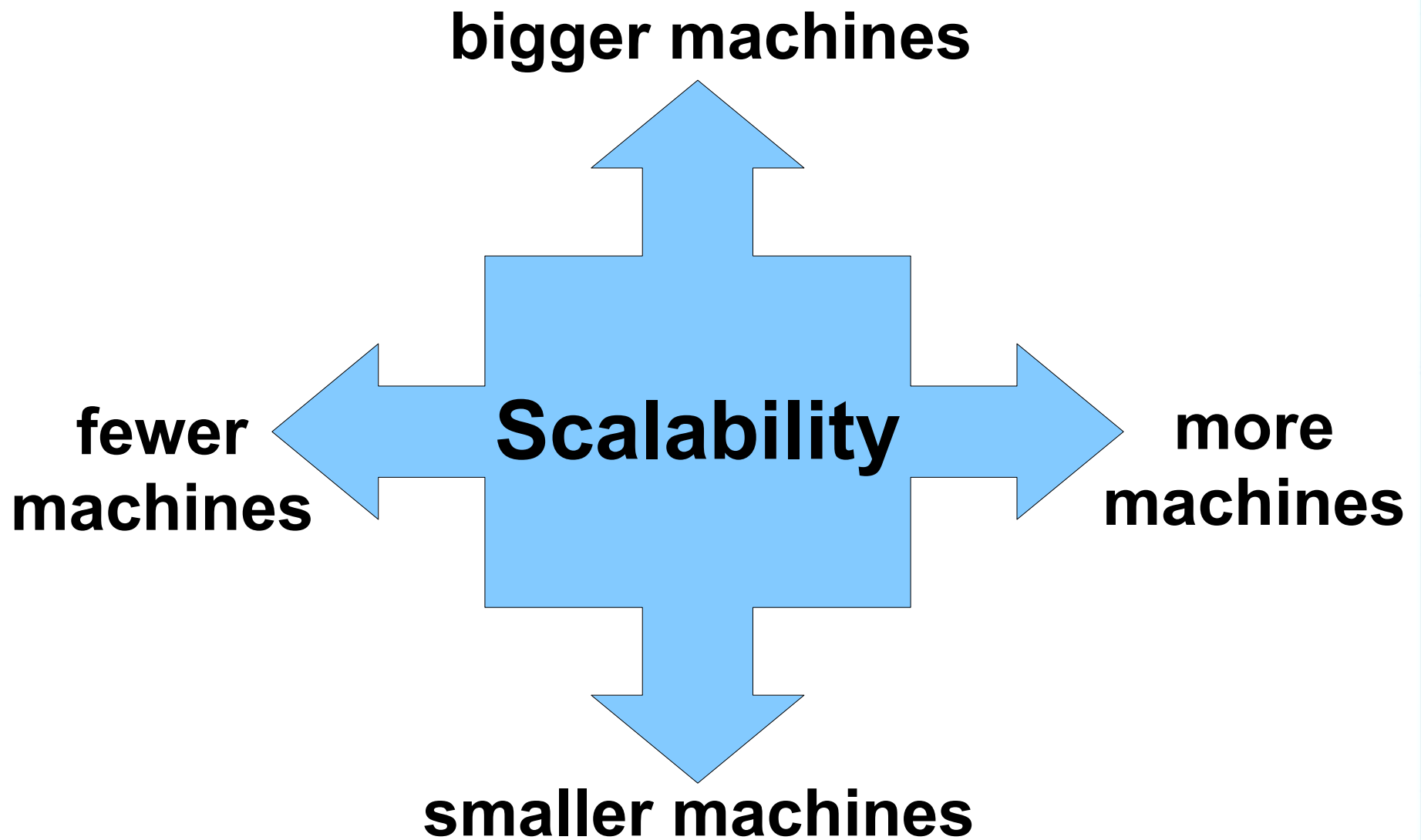
EC2

- “Instance” - one virtual machine
- “Image” - OS and root file system
- “Elastic Block Store” (EBS) - virtual disks
- “Availability Zone” - data center location
- “Elastic IP” - assignable public IP address
- “Elastic Load Balancing”

Amazon EC2







Document Databases



Relational

- Rows
- Tables
- Schema
- Atomic values
- Normalization
- Joins

Document

- Documents
- One namespace
- No schema
- Multiple values
- Denormalization
- Maps

Relational

- **A**tomicity
- **C**onsistency
- **I**solation
- **D**urability

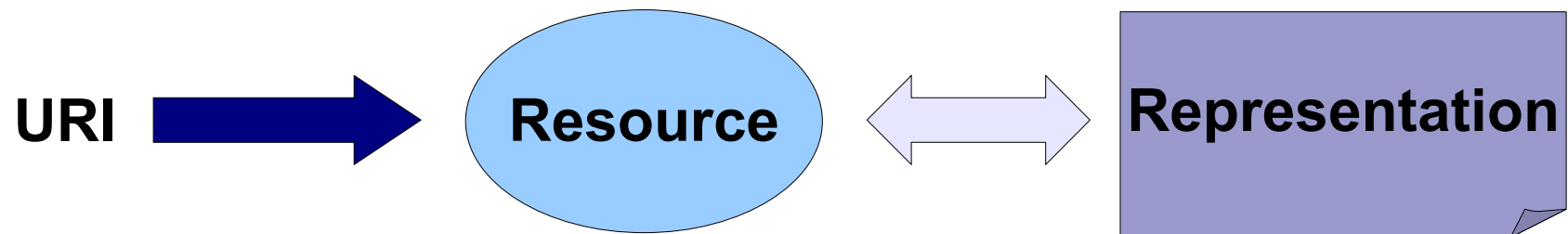
Distributed

- **B**asically
available
- **S**oft state / scalable
- **E**ventually
consistent

“BASE” coined by Dan Pritchett of EBay

ReST

- ReST= Representational State Transfer
- Roy T. Fielding's Ph.D. thesis
- Everything is a resource...
- ...referenced by URIs...
- ...viewed & created as representations.



WWW

- Cookies, sessions
- HTTP as transport
- URIs reveal server architecture
- Web Sites
- Pages
- HTML

ReST

- Stateless
- HTTP as API
- URIs give names to resources
- Web Services
- Resources
- HTML, XML, JSON...

Real ReST

- Ruby on Rails
- Django (Python)
- Restlet (Java)
- *RESTful Web Services* by Richardson



Proxies



NGINX



The New Web Stack

- Virtual servers, on-demand scalability
- Distributed, document-oriented databases
- Proxies, load-balancing
- ReST and web services

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