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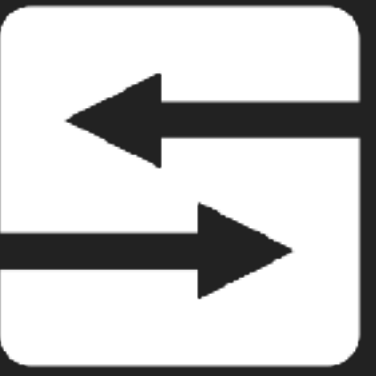


**So, you got your  
Service Worker...**

# But

# What about data?





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# Database for the Browser





Stores data in IndexedDB, WebSQL, ...



Lightweight (46kb)





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# Nice JavaScript APIs





Works in all major browsers

... and NodeJS



```
1 const PouchDB = require ('PouchDB')
```

```
1 import PouchDB from 'pouchdb'
```



```
1 const PouchDB = require ( 'PouchDB' )
```

```
1 const PouchDB = require('PouchDB')  
2  
3 const db = new PouchDB('micro-status')
```



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4 db.put({
5   _id: 'test',
6   type: 'status',
7   text: 'Hello World!',
8   time: new Date().toISOString()
9 })
```

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```

```
1 { type: 'status',
2   text: 'Hello World!',
3   time: '2017-10-09T08:34:10.016Z',
4   _id: 'test',
5   _rev: '1-61c9cea4baca454b89c1e56e7f0f6ea6' }
```

# List Functionality

„Querys“



# Map/Reduce



# Mango Queries aka: pouch-find (aka: have you heard of mongoddb?)



Pragmatic: allDocs

# pouchdb-find





```
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3
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7   selector: {type: 'status'},
8   fields: ['_id', 'text', 'time'],
9 }).then(function (result) {
10   console.dir(result)
11 })
```

```
1 { docs:
2   [ { _id: 'status-2017-10-09T09:49:30.479Z',
3     text: 'Hello World!',
4     time: '2017-10-09T09:49:30.479Z' },
5     { _id: 'status-2017-10-09T09:54:06.840Z',
6     text: 'Hello World!',
7     time: '2017-10-09T09:54:06.840Z' },
8     { _id: 'test',
9     text: 'Hello World!',
10    time: '2017-10-09T09:52:06.534Z' } ],
11   warning: 'no matching index found, create an index to
optimize query time' }
```



```
1 { docs:
2   [ { _id: 'status-2017-10-09T09:49:30.479Z',
3     text: 'Hello World!',
4     time: '2017-10-09T09:49:30.479Z' },
5     { _id: 'status-2017-10-09T09:54:06.840Z',
6     text: 'Hello World!',
7     time: '2017-10-09T09:54:06.840Z' },
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```
1  const PouchDB = require('PouchDB')
2  PouchDB.plugin(require('pouchdb-find'))
3
4  const db = new PouchDB('micro-status')
5
6  db.createIndex({
7    index: {
8      fields: ['type', 'time']
9    }
10 })
```





PouchDB-find has more features!

```
1  const PouchDB = require ('PouchDB')
2  PouchDB.plugin (require ('pouchdb-find'));
3
4  const db = new PouchDB ('micro-status')
5
6  db.find ({
7    selector: {type: 'status', time: {'$gte':
'2017-10-09T09:54:06.840Z'}},
8    fields: ['_id', 'text', 'time'],
9    sort: ['time']
10 }) .then (function (result) {
11   console.dir (result)
12 })
```



# Changes Feed





```
1 const PouchDB = require('PouchDB')
2
3 const db = new PouchDB('micro-status')
4 var changes = db.changes({
5   since: 'now',
6   live: true,
7   include_docs: true
8 }).on('change', function(change) {
9   console.dir(change, {depth: null})
10 })
11
```



```
1 { id: 'status-2017-10-09T10:16:55.556Z',  
2   changes: [ { rev: '1-  
bb476e6b29b244c38e0acdce41a38168' } ],  
3   doc:  
4     { type: 'status',  
5       text: 'Hello World!',  
6       time: '2017-10-09T10:16:55.556Z',  
7         _id: 'status-2017-10-09T10:16:55.556Z',  
8         _rev: '1-bb476e6b29b244c38e0acdce41a38168' },  
9   seq: 8 }
```

# The Perfect database for PWAs?

me, a few minutes ago.









# Meet CouchDB



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# Database for the „cloud“

... or bare metal

# NoSQL





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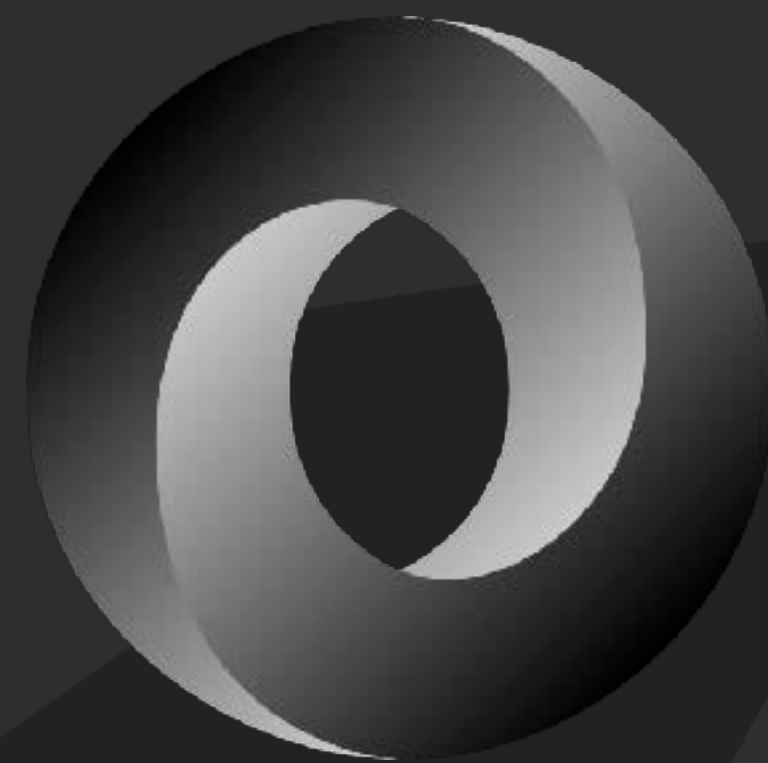
# Written in Erlang



CouchDB is different



There are no tables.





There is no „SQL“



JS

There is no „Consistency“



# CouchDB is eventual consistent



There is no relational integrity.





There is no proprietary TCP protocol



There's a restful HTTP API



CouchDB is always my favourite  
example of a great REST  
implementation 🌟💖



Ole Michaelis  
@OleMchls



# Short History Lesson





# CouchDB by Example



```
hco@hco-mbp ~ $ http -j PUT http://localhost:5984/jsdays
```

```
HTTP/1.1 201 Created
```

```
Cache-Control: must-revalidate
```

```
Content-Length: 12
```

```
Content-Type: application/json
```

```
Date: Fri, 02 Oct 2015 18:52:43 GMT
```

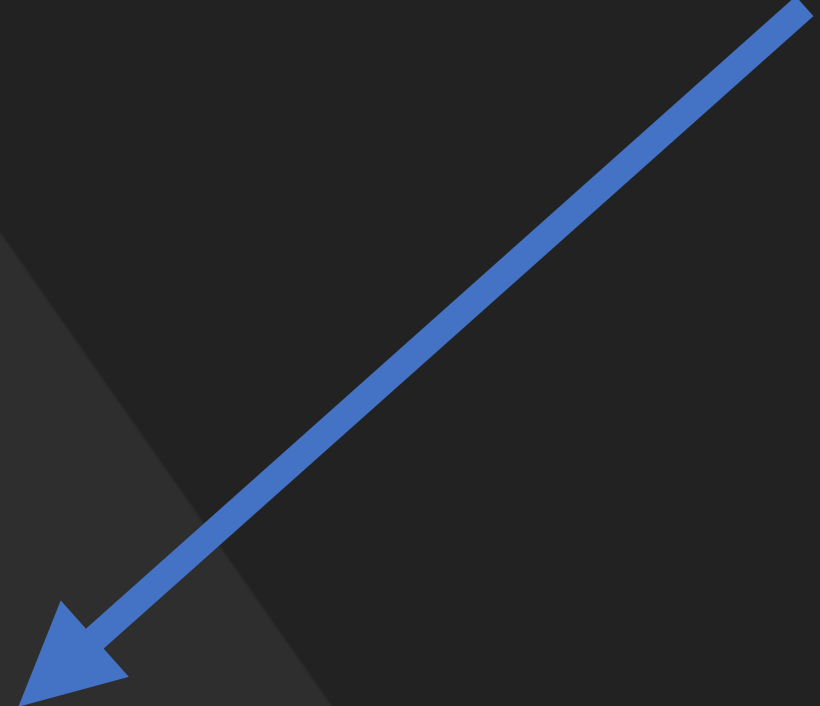
```
Location: http://localhost:5984/jsdays
```

```
Server: CouchDB/1.6.1 (Erlang OTP/17)
```

```
{  
  "ok": true  
}
```



```
hco@hco-mbp ~ $ http -j -a [...] PUT :5984/jsdays/test foo=bar
```



```
{  
  "foo": "bar"  
}
```

```
hco@hco-mbp ~ $ http -j -a [...] PUT :5984/jsdays/test foo=bar
HTTP/1.1 201 Created
Cache-Control: must-revalidate
Content-Length: 67
Content-Type: application/json
Date: Fri, 02 Oct 2015 19:24:10 GMT
ETag: "1-4c6114c65e295552ab1019e2b046b10e"
Location: http://localhost:5984/jsdays/test
Server: CouchDB/1.6.1 (Erlang OTP/17)
```

```
{
  "id": "test",
  "ok": true,
  "rev": "1-4c6114c65e295552ab1019e2b046b10e"
}
```



```
hco@hco-mbp ~ $ http -j -a [...] GET :5984/jsdays/test
```



```
hco@hco-mbp ~ $ http -j -a [...] GET :5984/jsdays/test
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

```
Cache-Control: must-revalidate
```

```
Content-Length: 71
```

```
Content-Type: application/json
```

```
Date: Fri, 02 Oct 2015 19:27:52 GMT
```

```
ETag: "1-4c6114c65e295552ab1019e2b046b10e"
```

```
Server: CouchDB/1.6.1 (Erlang OTP/17)
```

```
{  
  "_id": "test",  
  "_rev": "1-4c6114c65e295552ab1019e2b046b10e",  
  "foo": "bar"  
}
```



**CouchDB sucks at everything  
Except sync.**

**And incidentally, sync is the most important  
feature a developer cares about in the future.**

Maybe by Jason Smith

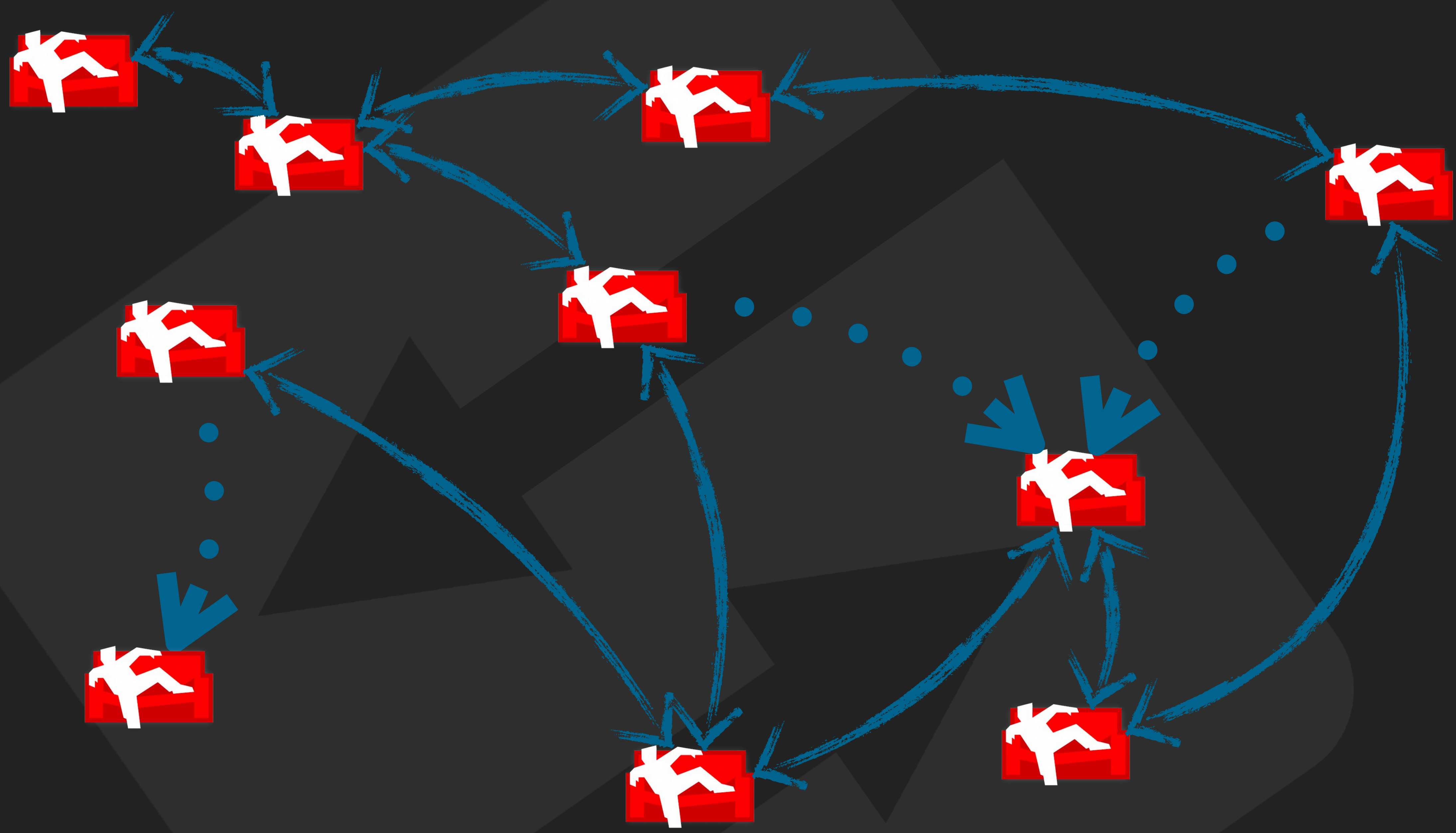


CouchDB replication is  
rock solid. Period.





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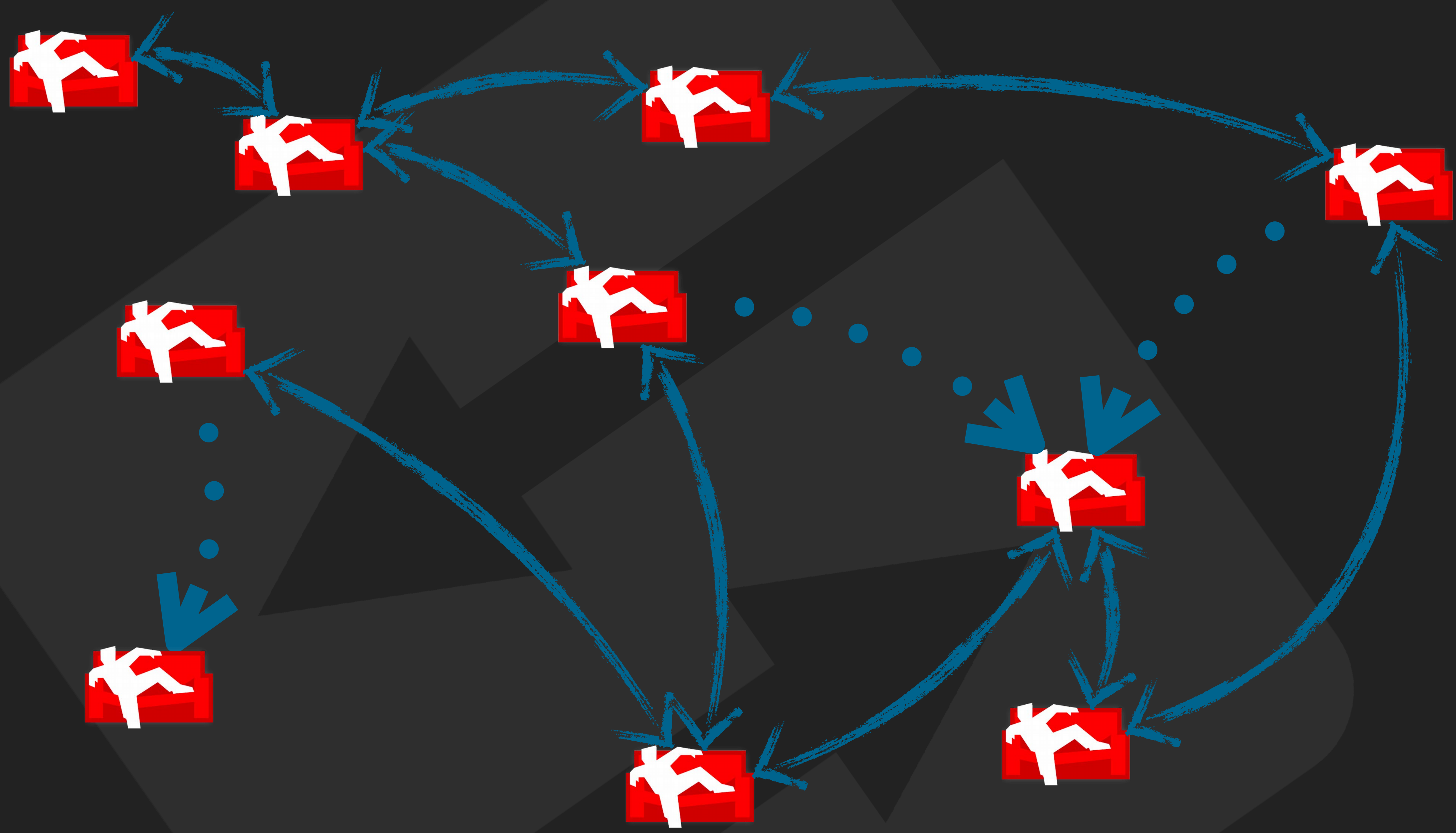




**It's like Blockchain!**

**Just cooler!**

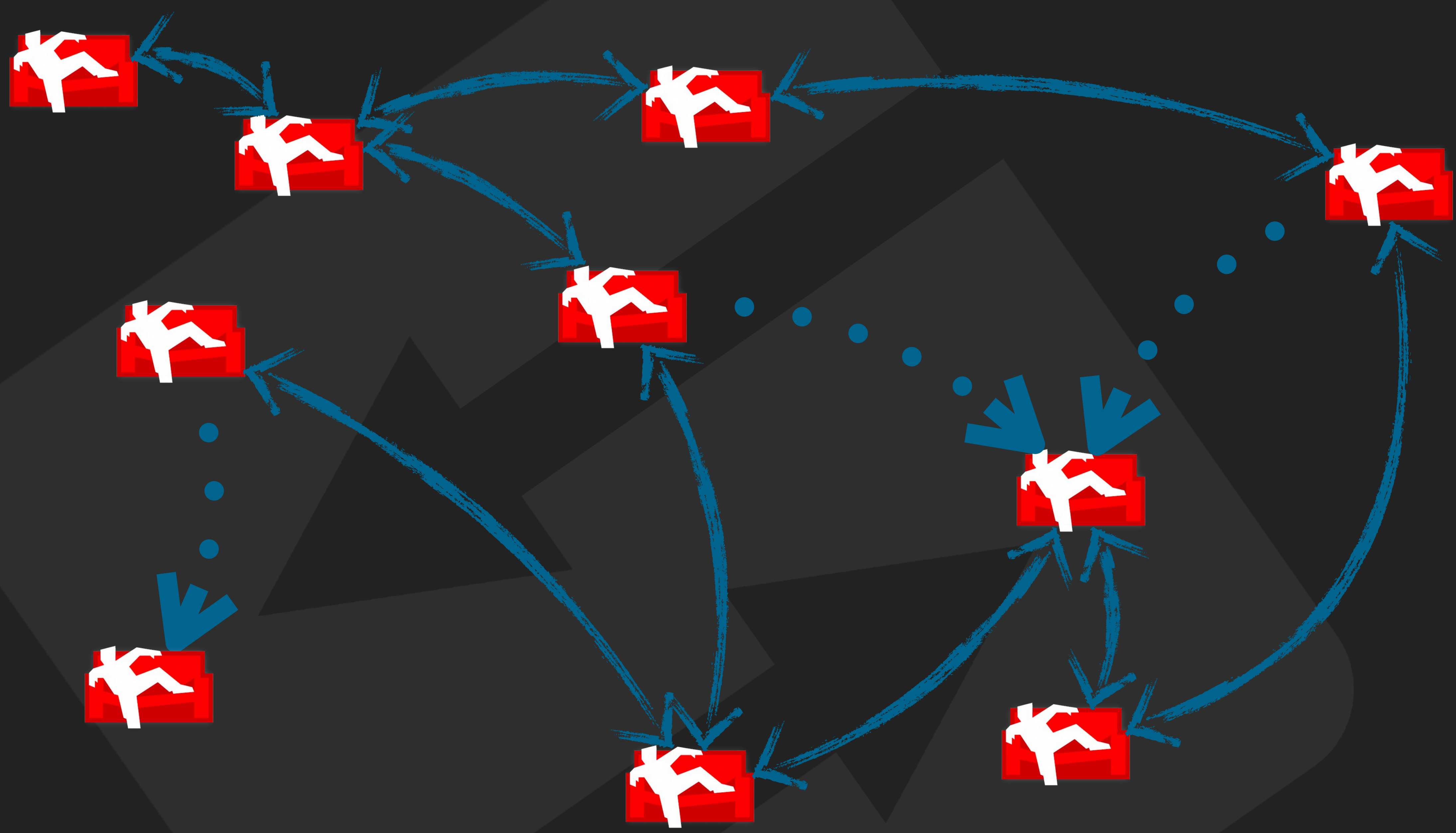




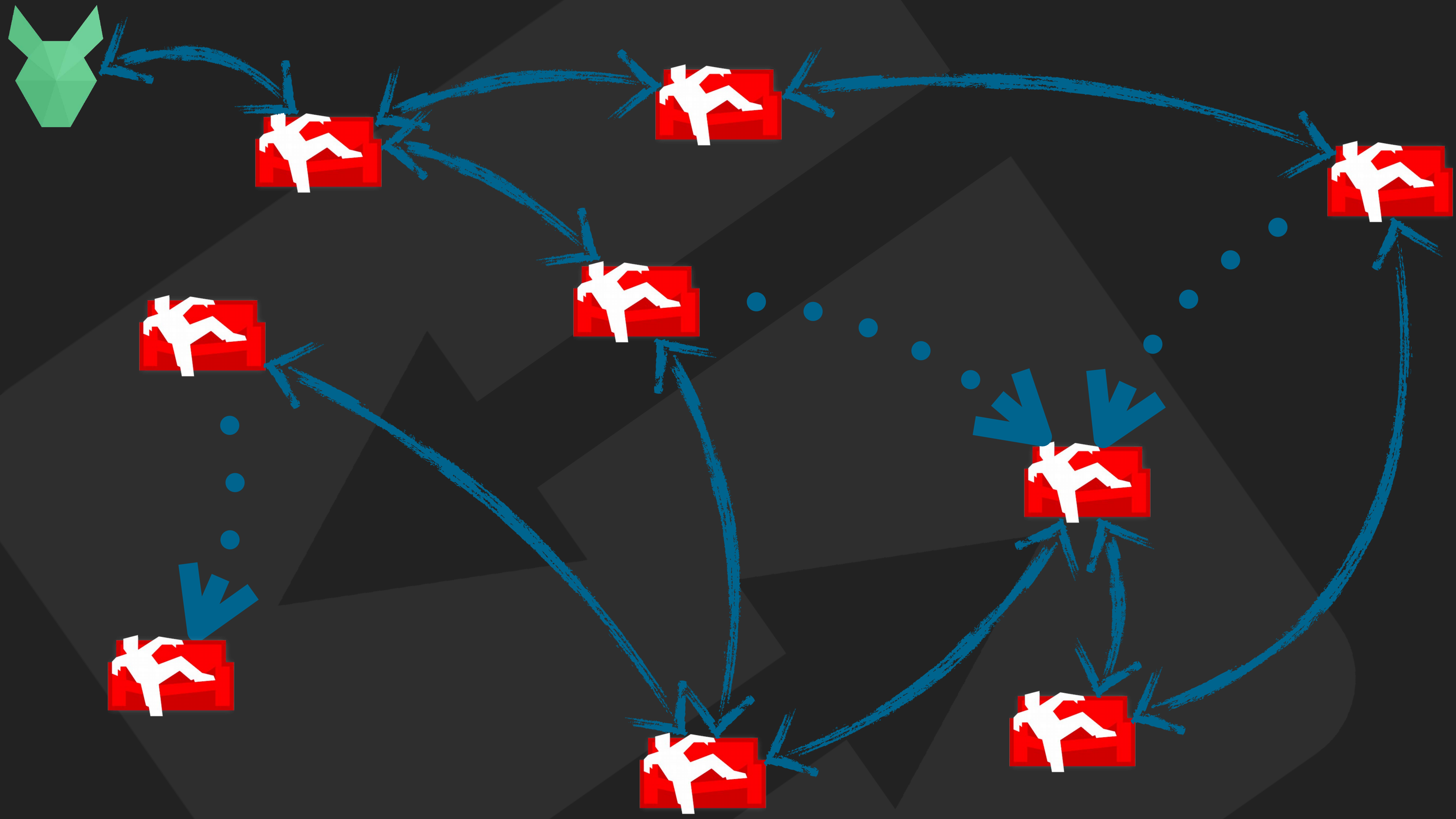




This is where the fun begins.









# Multi-Master Replication \o/



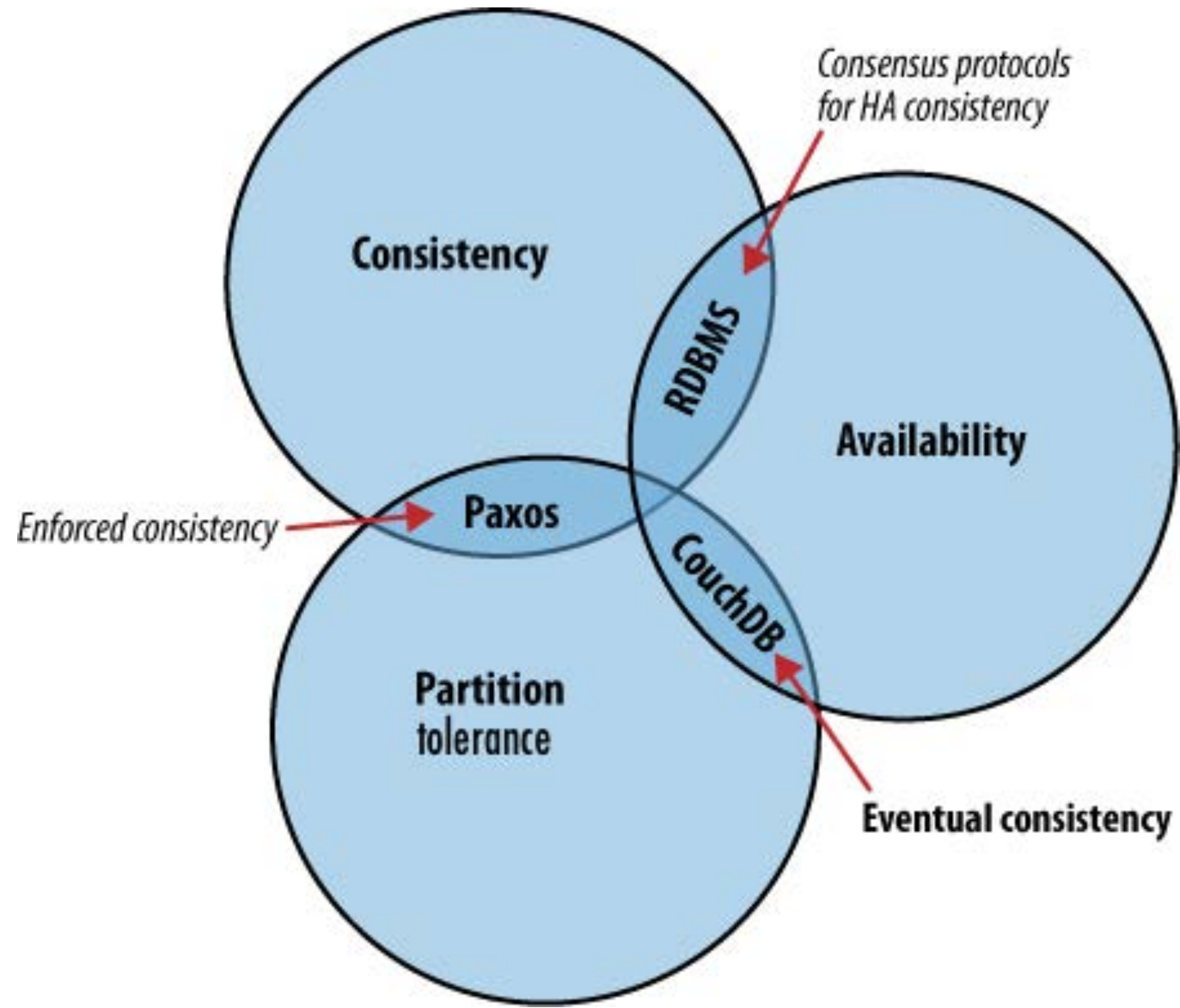
Who of you implemented  
a distributed system?



Who of you works with  
a distributed system?



# The CAP-Theorem





So, if it is eventual consistent...

# Can there be Conflicts?



Yes.



But they don't hurt.  
(unless they do)



# Conflicts in CouchDB





```
1 ServerBootstrap bootstrap = new ServerBootstrap (
2     new NioServerSocketChannelFactory (
3         Executors.newCachedThreadPool (),
4         Executors.newCachedThreadPool ()));
5
6 // Set up the pipeline factory.
7 bootstrap.setPipelineFactory(new ChannelPipelineFactory () {
8     public ChannelPipeline getPipeline () throws Exception {
9         return Channels.pipeline (new ObjectEncoder (),
10             new ObjectDecoder (), new ServerHandler ());
11     }
12 });
13 bootstrap.bind (new InetSocketAddress (1111));
```

```
1 const PouchDB = require('PouchDB')  
2  
3 const db = new PouchDB('micro-status')  
4 db.sync("http://localhost:5984/micro-status")
```





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*Come In*  
WE'RE  
**OPEN**

But should I  
expose my  
CouchDB to the  
Internet?

COLORANTE

Pimentón  
Ahumado  
2190 €  
Sin gluten





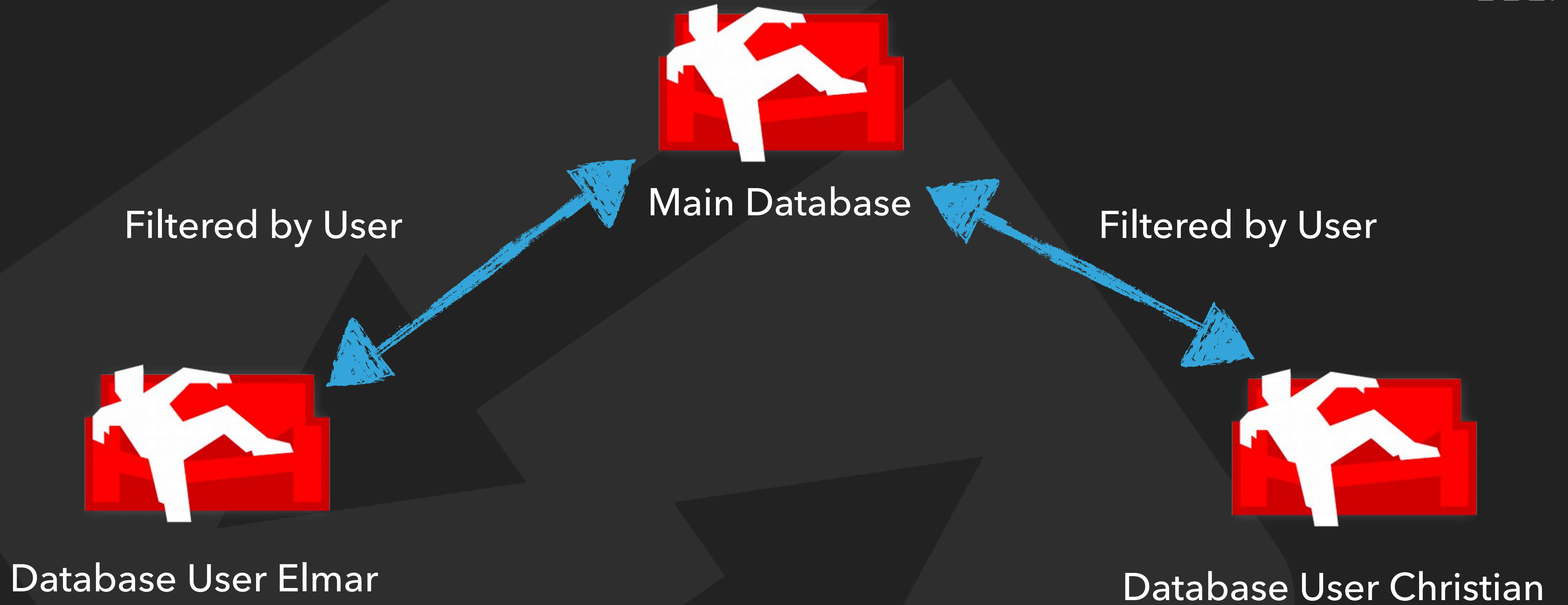
Maybe, but...

Read-Permissions  
can only be granted per database



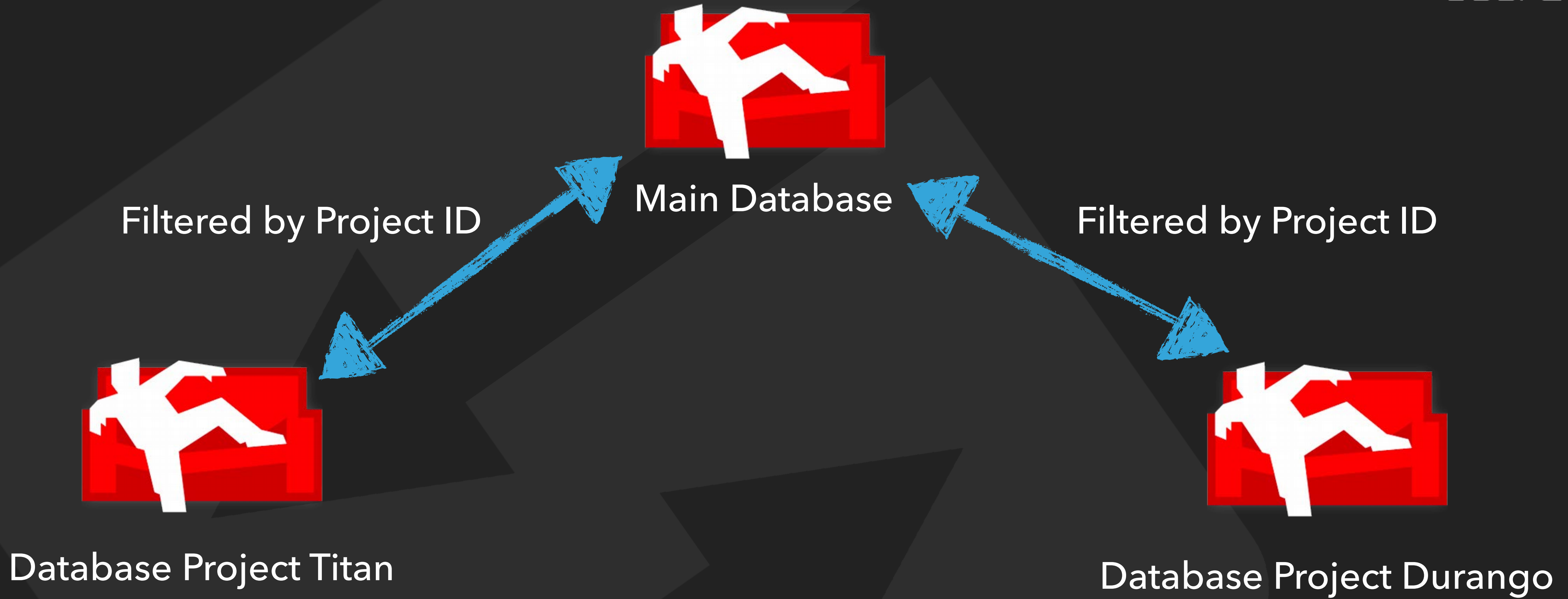
Write-Permissions  
can be controlled by a JS function

# „Database per User“-Pattern





# „Database per Project“-Pattern





Now let's get back to the PWA



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10     selector: {type: 'status'},
11     fields: ['_id', 'text', 'time'],
12   }).then (function (result) {
13     renderList (result)
14   })
15 }
16
17 var changes = db.changes ({since: 'now', live: true})
18   .on ('change', updateList);
19
20
21 function newStatus (text) {
22   const date = new Date ().toISOString ()
23
24   db.put ({
25     _id: 'status-' + date,
26     type: 'status',
27     text: text,
28     time: date
29   })
30 }
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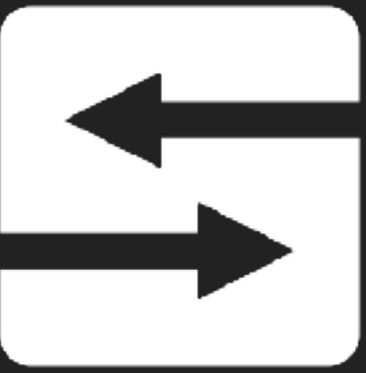
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# PouchDB-Server



# Pouch as a Client for Couch

```
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3 const db = new PouchDB('micro-status')
4 db.get('test').then(function(doc) {
5   console.dir(doc)
6 });
```

```
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2
3 const db = new PouchDB('http://localhost:5984/micro-status')
4 db.get('test').then(function(doc) {
5   console.dir(doc)
6 });
```



# What are the Problems?

Eventual Consistency is „hard“



# Eventual Consistency between Browser and Server





You have to expose  
your Database to the Web

You don't have a „middleware“  
between Database and Browser

You don't have  
Hibernate or Doctrine or LINQ or ...





You don't have SQL

Can I use it in Production?

Yes, absolutely!





# Thanks!

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