



Cyber Analytics Service Constraints and Solutions

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Cyber Analytics

Range of Internet Services

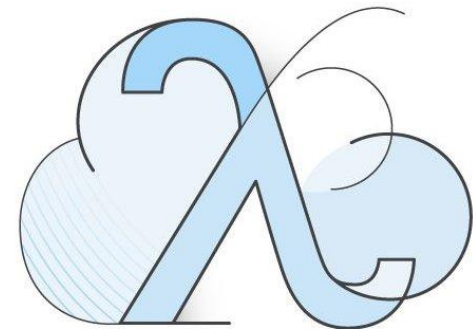
Monolithic

Until early 2000s
Scaling: Larger computer
Not reliable
Weekly update => Debugging Hell



Micro-services

Serverless
Scales
Low down time
Emergence



What the really large players do:



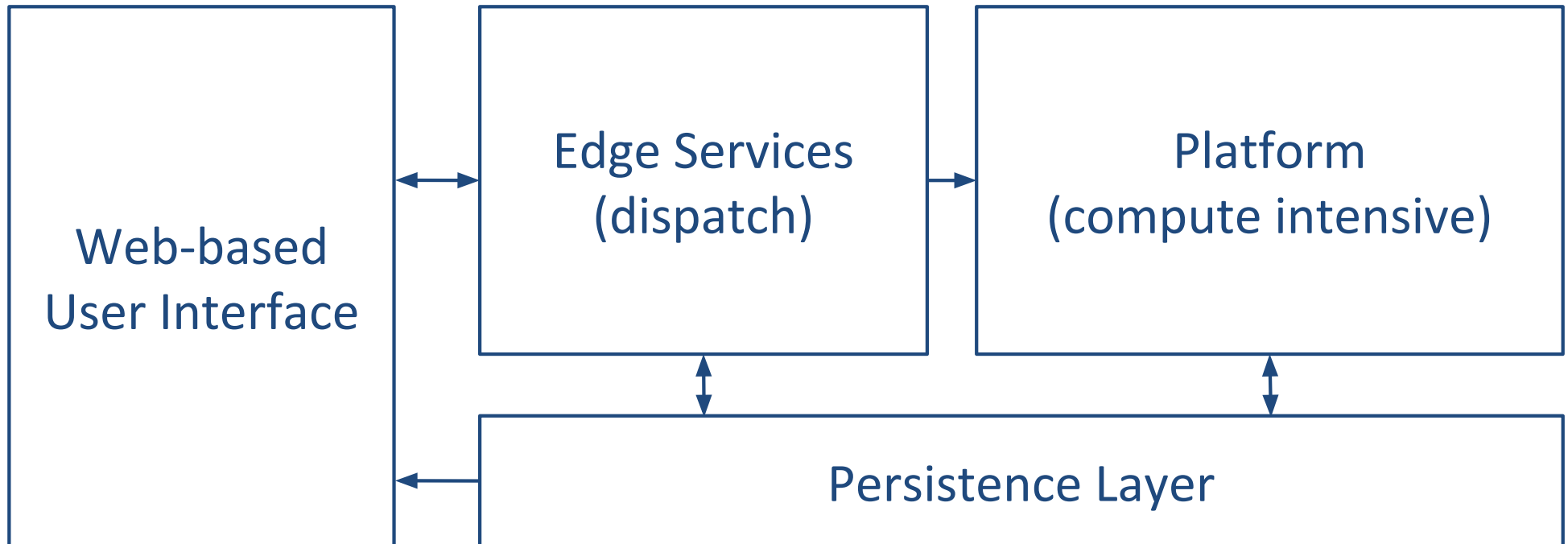
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[What I Wish I Had Known Before
Scaling Uber to 1000 Services](#)

NETFLIX

[Mastering Chaos - A Netflix
Guide to Microservices](#)

Middle Ground Solution



WebUI

- *Static:*
 - HTML
 - JavaScript
 - CSS
- *Content:*
 - REST API: **edge services**
 - Media: **persistence layer**
- Short lifecycle

Edge

- Implement: **transaction logic**
 - REST API
- Micro-services
 - Serverless: *AWS Lambda*
 - Lightweight: *AWS Elastic Beanstalk*
 - WSGI application (Flask)
- Short Lifecycle

Platform

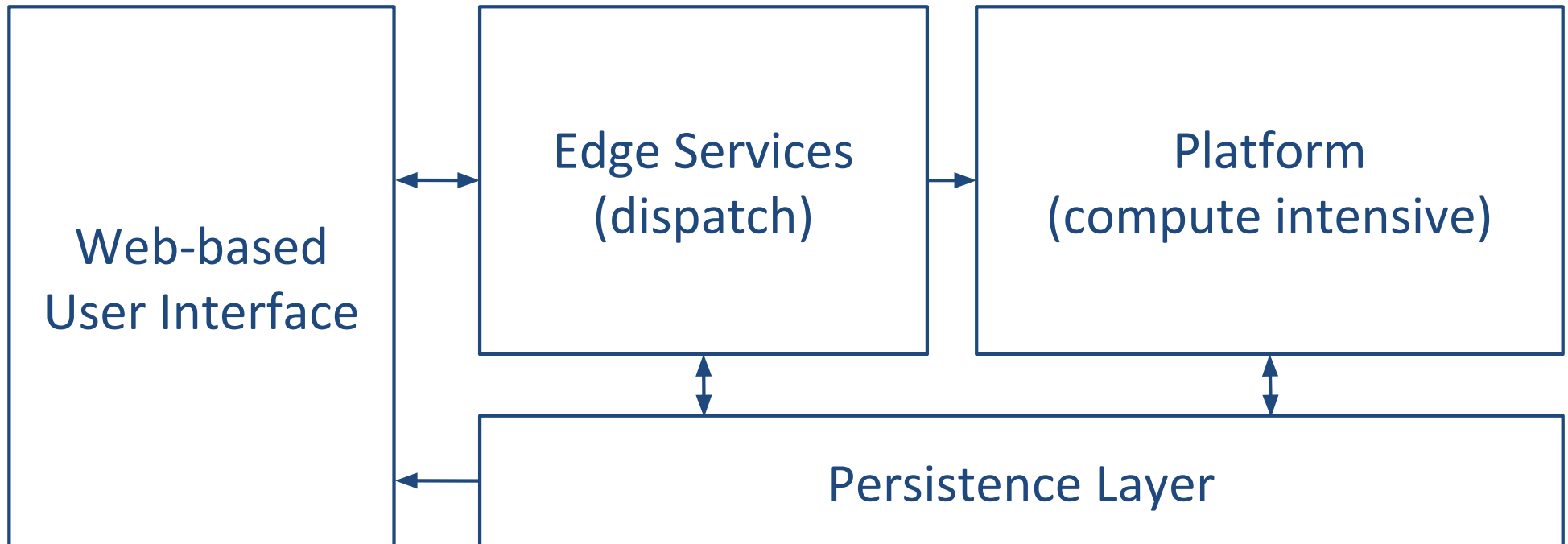
- Compute hungry
 - Actual application
 - Independent tasks
 - Embarrassingly parallel
- Somewhat monolithic
 - Large code base
 - Many dependencies
- Long lifecycle

Persistence Layer

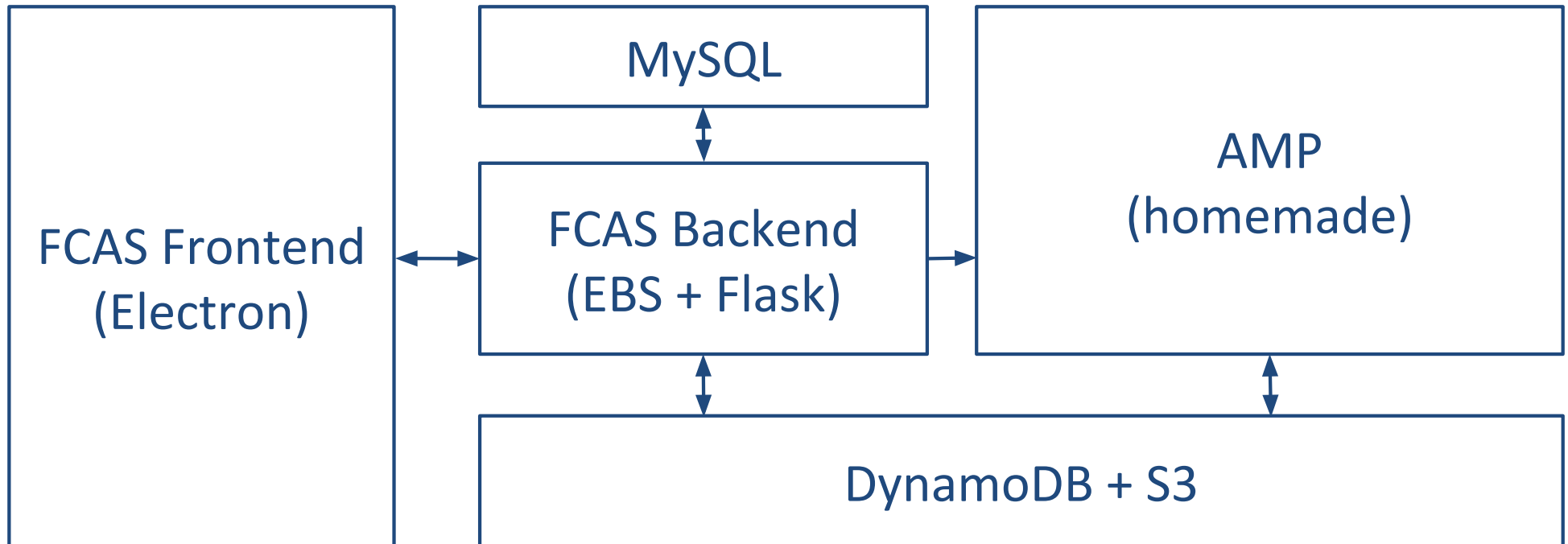
- Your data!
 - Relational Database
 - NoSQL Database
 - Key-value stores
 - Storage: AWS S3
 - Database: AWS DynamDB

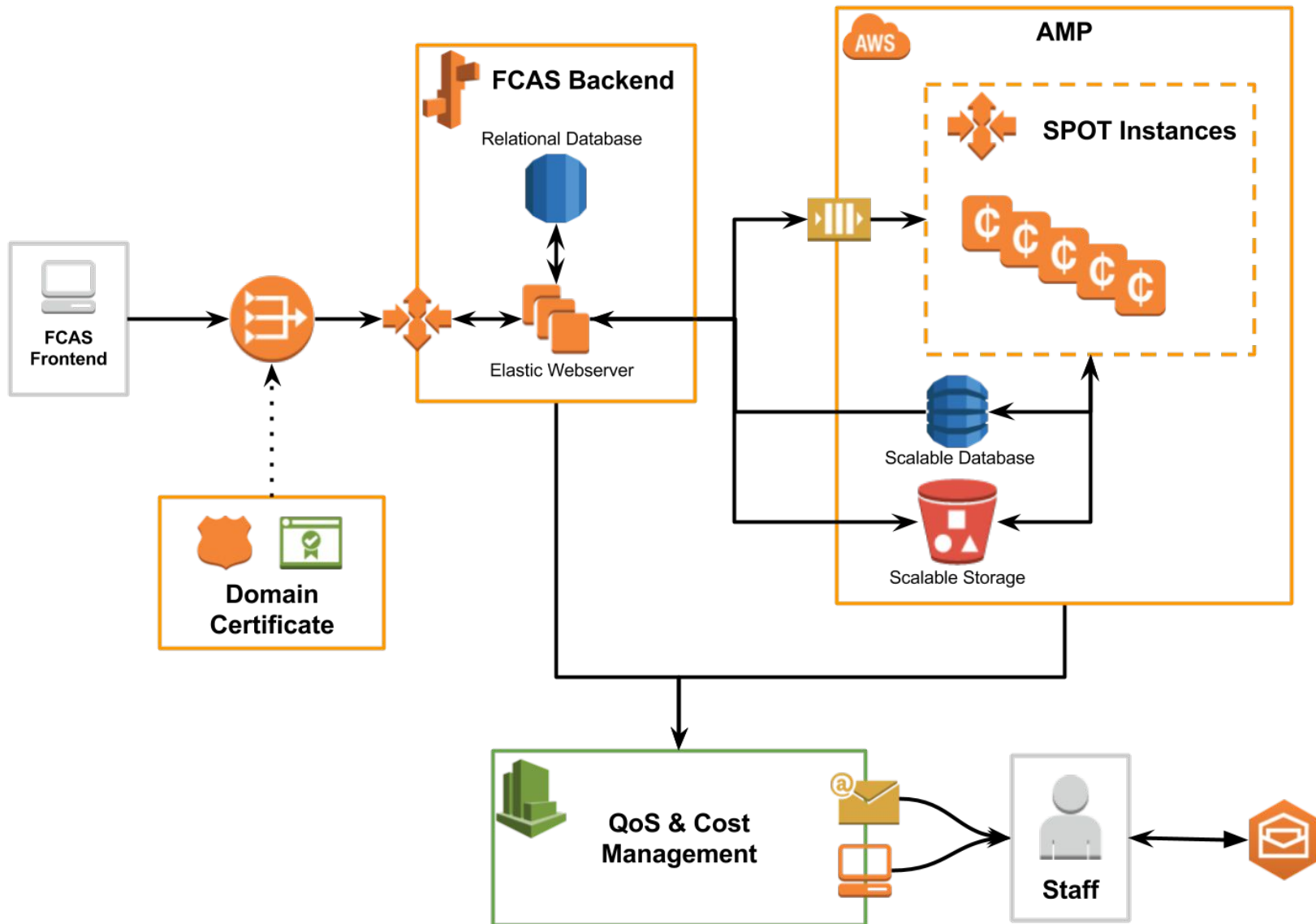
[Introduction to NoSQL - Martin Fowler](#)

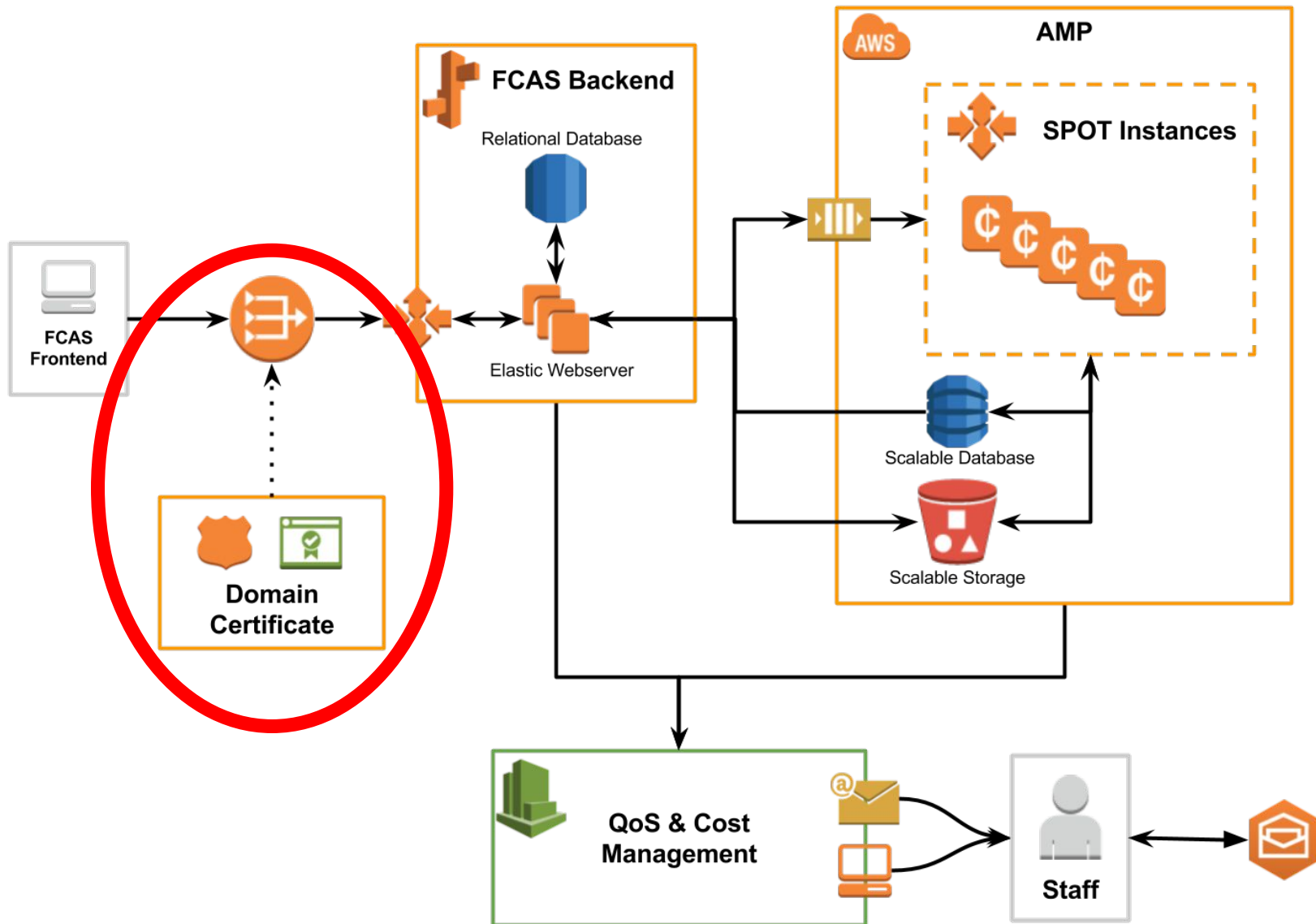
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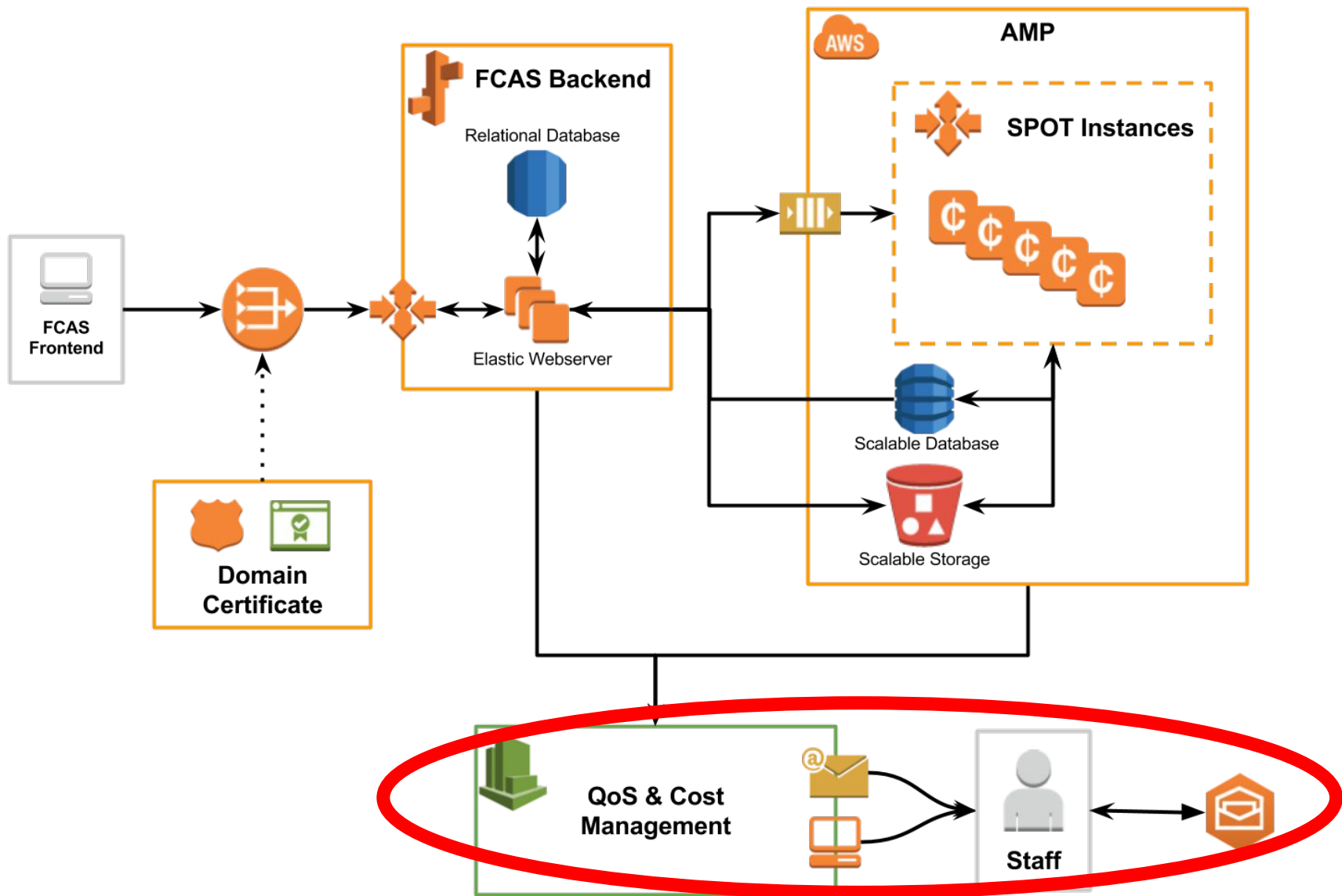


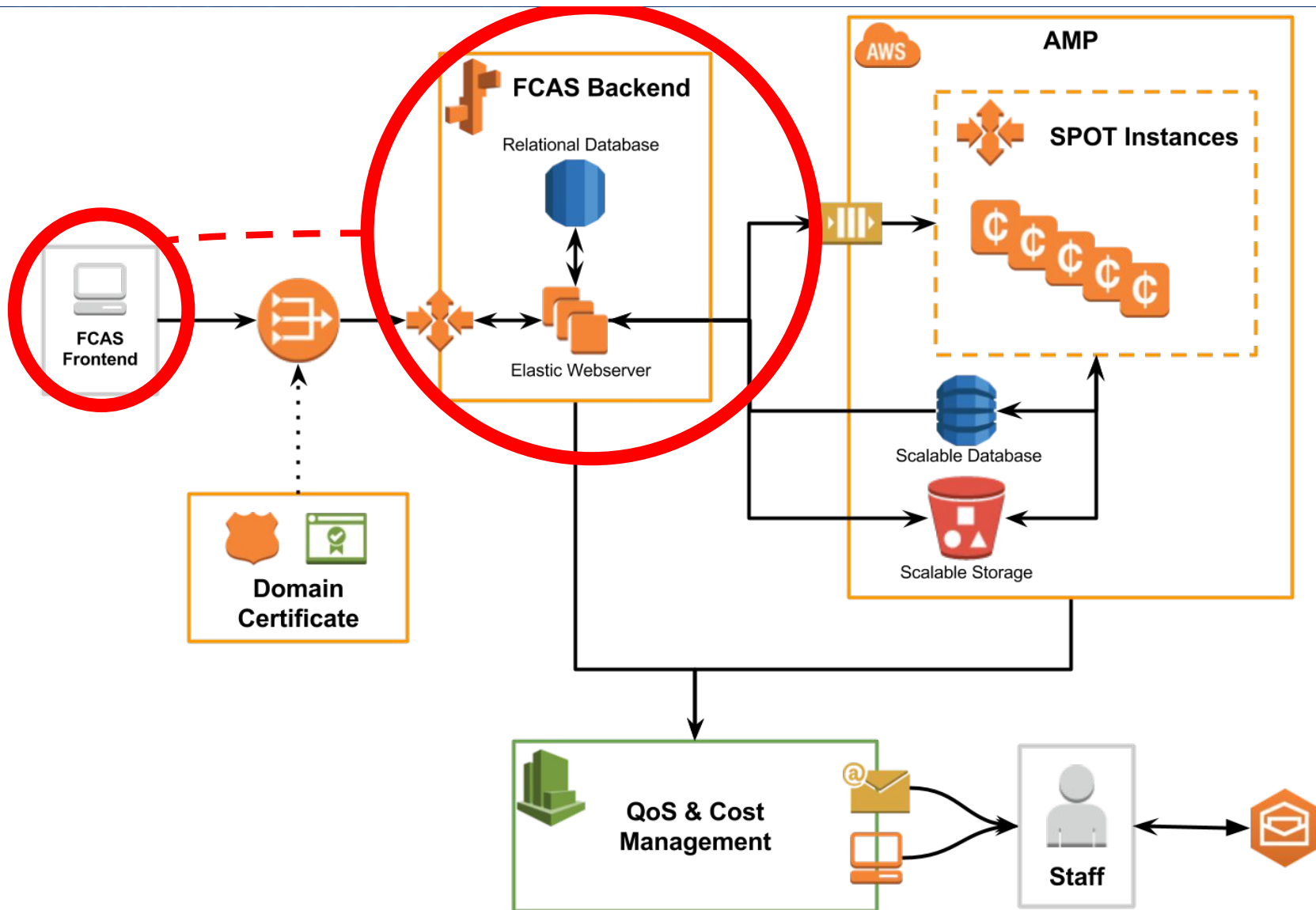
Cyber 20/20 Analytics Service











File Capture and Analysis Service

- Tightly coupled frontend and backend
 - Web-based UI: Electron
 - Presents analysis and prediction results
 - Use D3 to provide visual insights
 - REST server: Flask + MySQL
 - Dispatch analysis and prediction workload
 - Gather results in relational DB

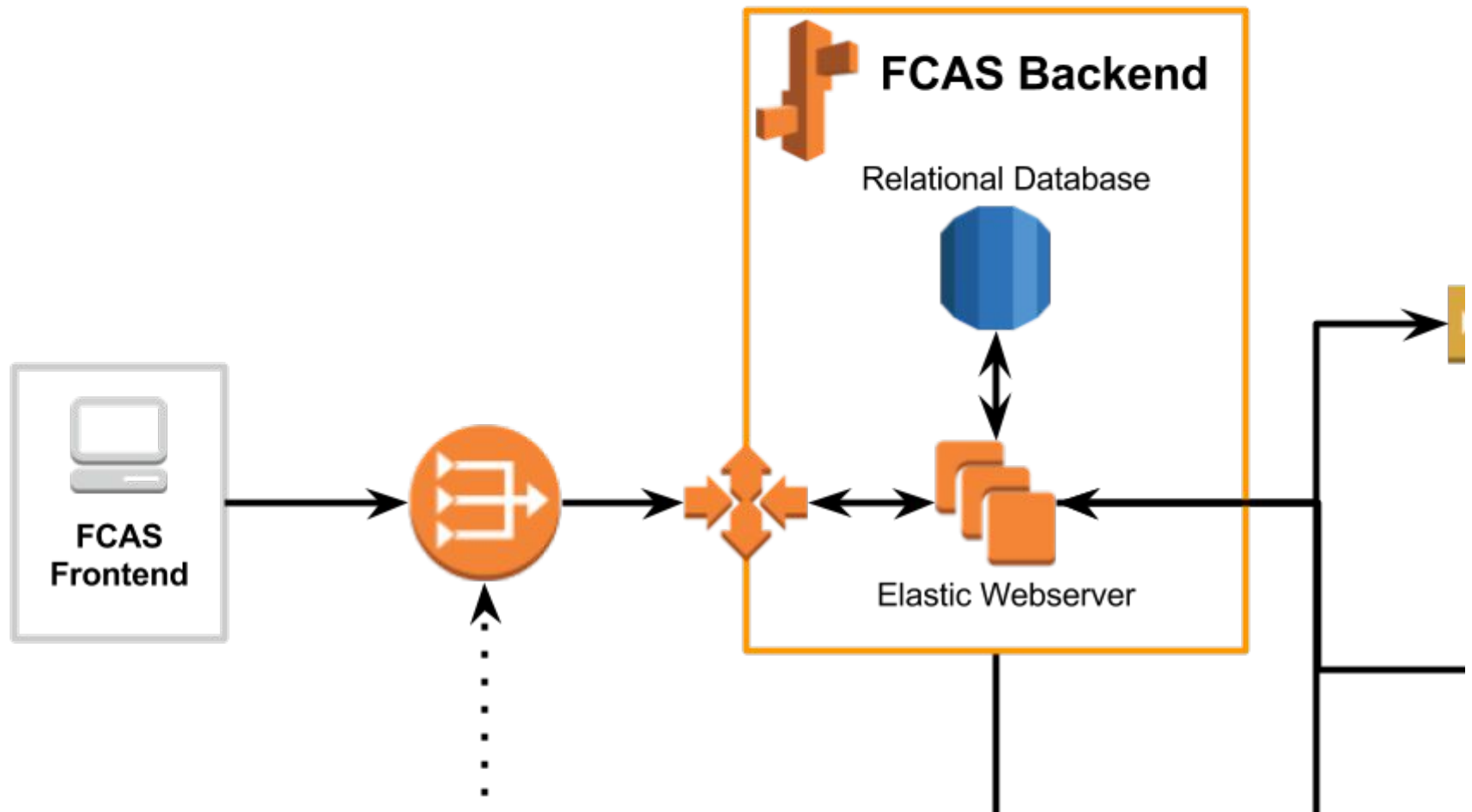
FCAS Frontend

- Constraints

- Controlled Environment
- Visually Appealing

- Solutions

- Electron
- D3js



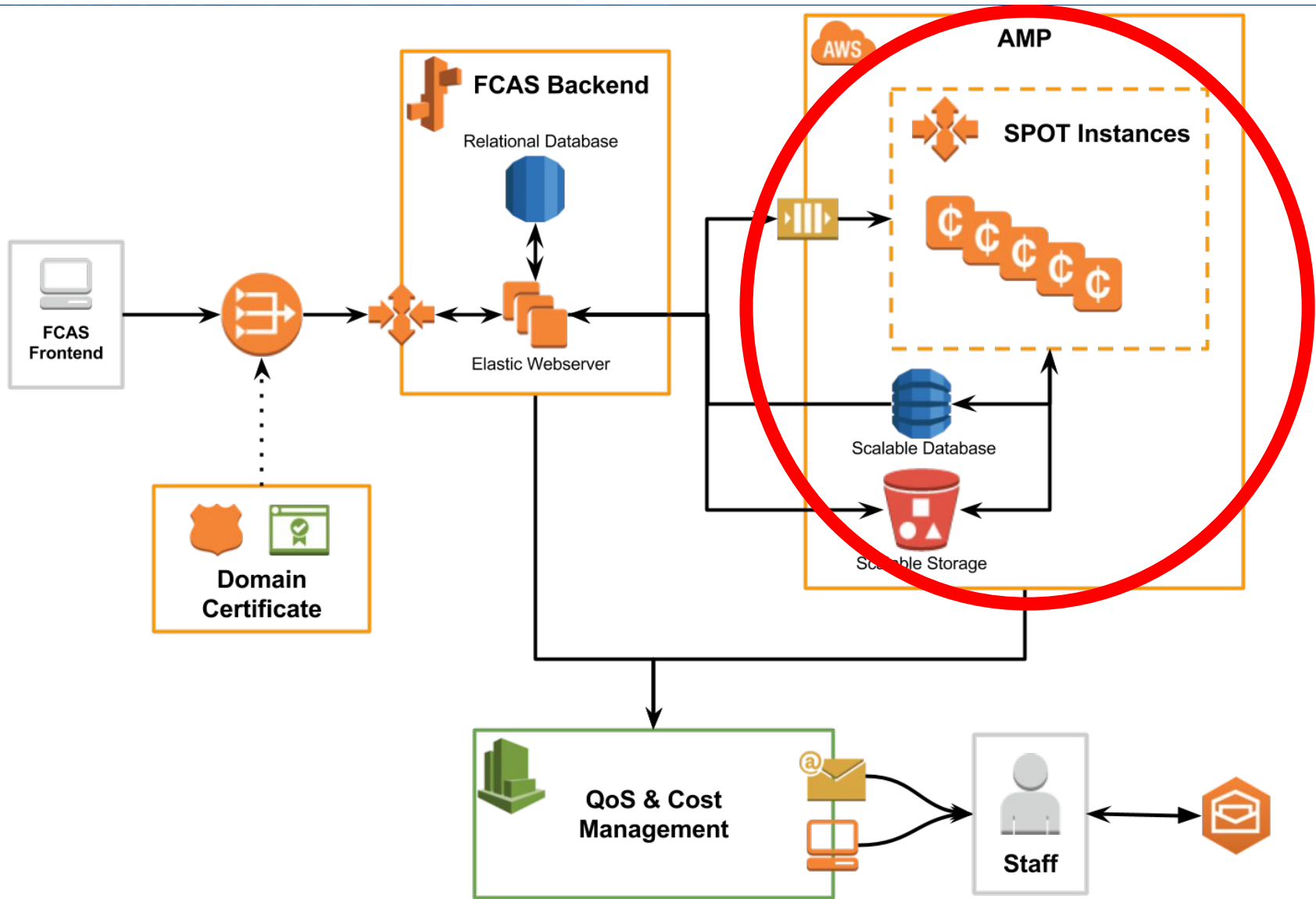
FCAS Backend

- Constraints

- Deploy and Scale
- Complex Queries
- Short Lifecycle

- Solutions

- Elastic Beanstalk
- Relational Database
- Python + Flask



Analysis and Machine Learning Platform

- Analyses files
 - Basic: crypto hash, strings, PE, ...
 - Bytes-Entropy Histograms
 - Reverse Engineering with Radare2
- Make predictions
 - DNN applied to various analysis results
 - DNN ensemble for consensus

=> Lots of dependencies <=

Analysis and Machine Learning Platform

- Analysis Tools
 - Independent
 - Lots of dependencies (Radare2, ssdeep, pefile, scipy, ...)
- Machine Learning (Theano + Scikit Learn)
 - Handle big data (training)
 - Fast inception (predictions)
- Glue code
 - receive workload
 - dispatch to subprocesses

Analysis and Machine Learning Platform

- Constraints

- Highly scalable
- Cheap
- Reliable
- Low latency

- Solutions

- ASG + S3 + DynamoDB
- SPOT instances
- Simple Queue Service
- Hard work !!!

