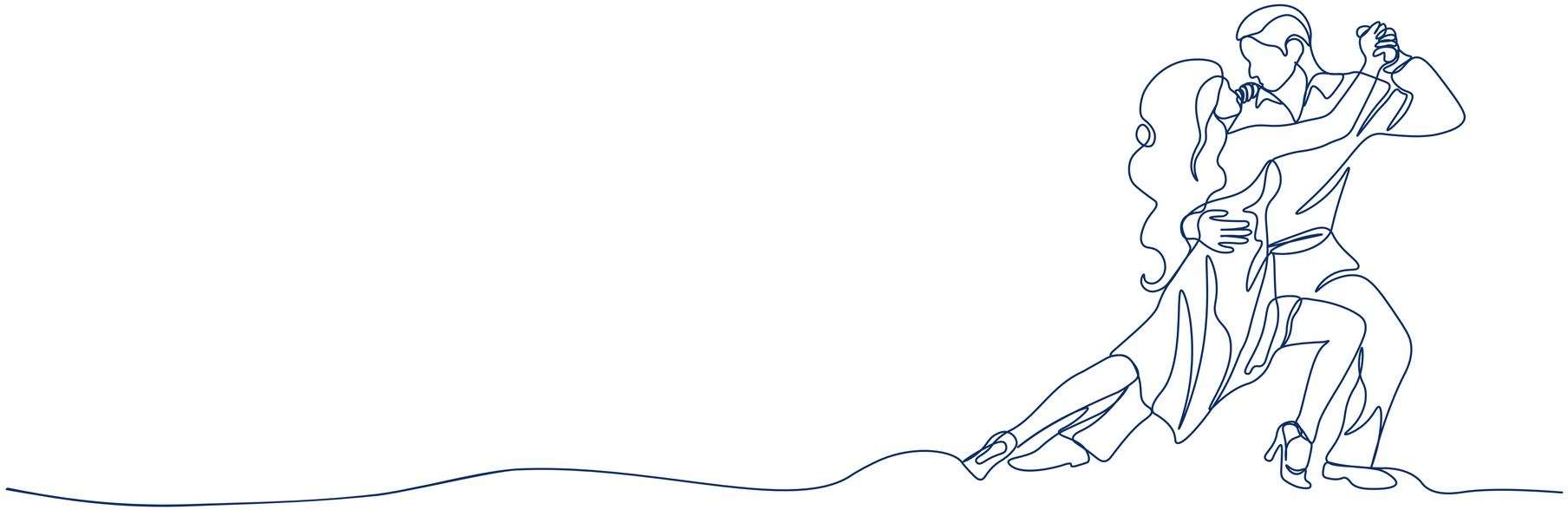

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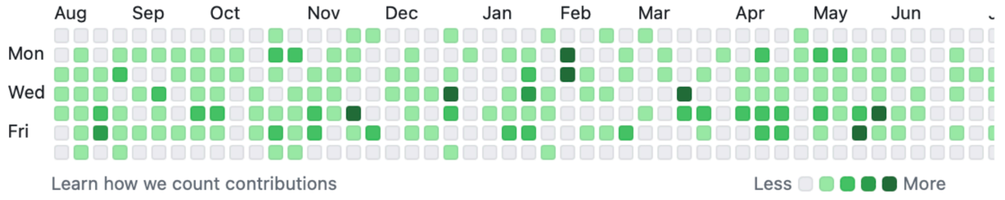

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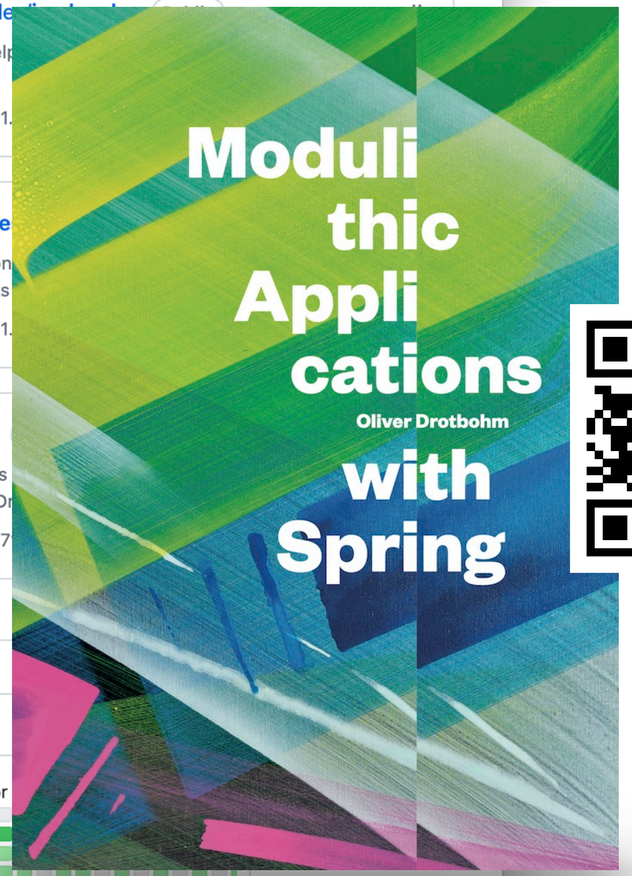
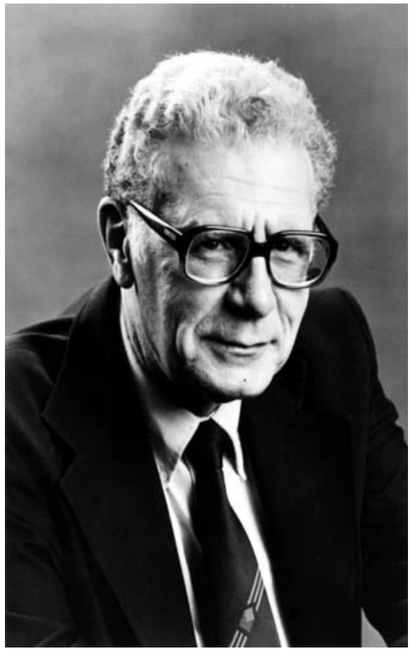
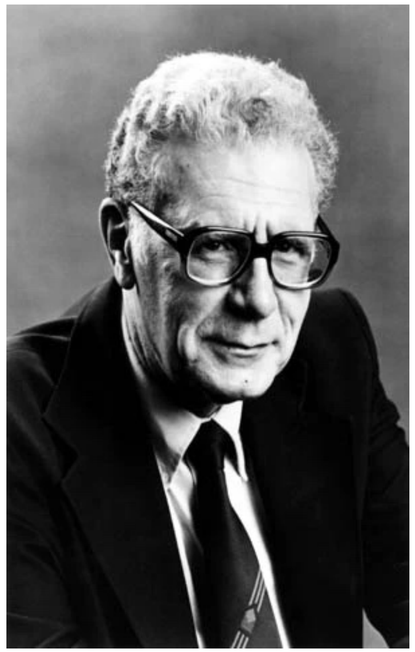




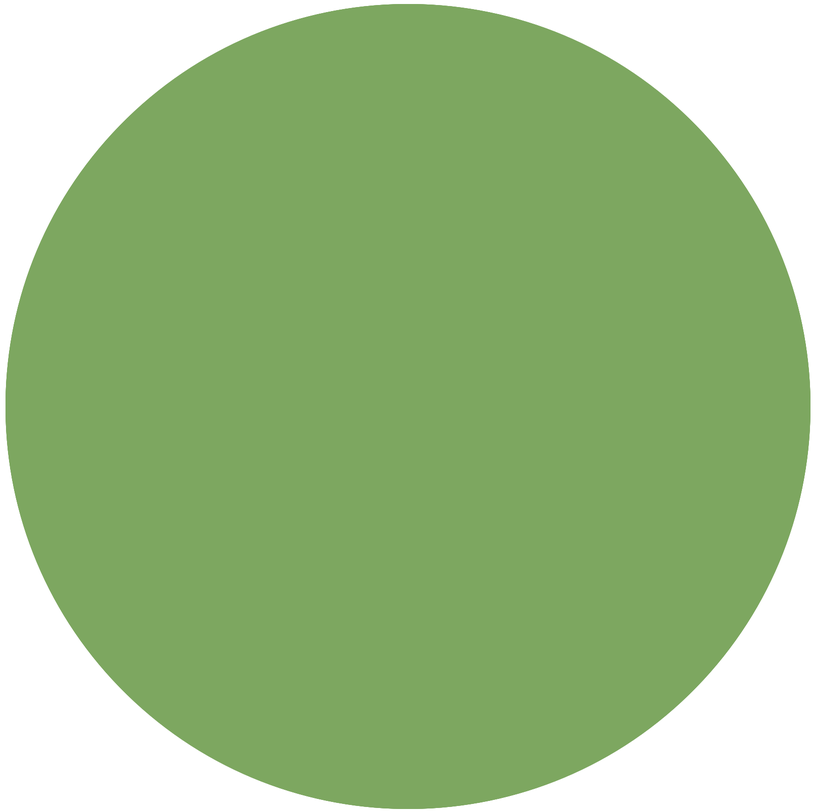
Systems Thinking, Learning and Problem Solving

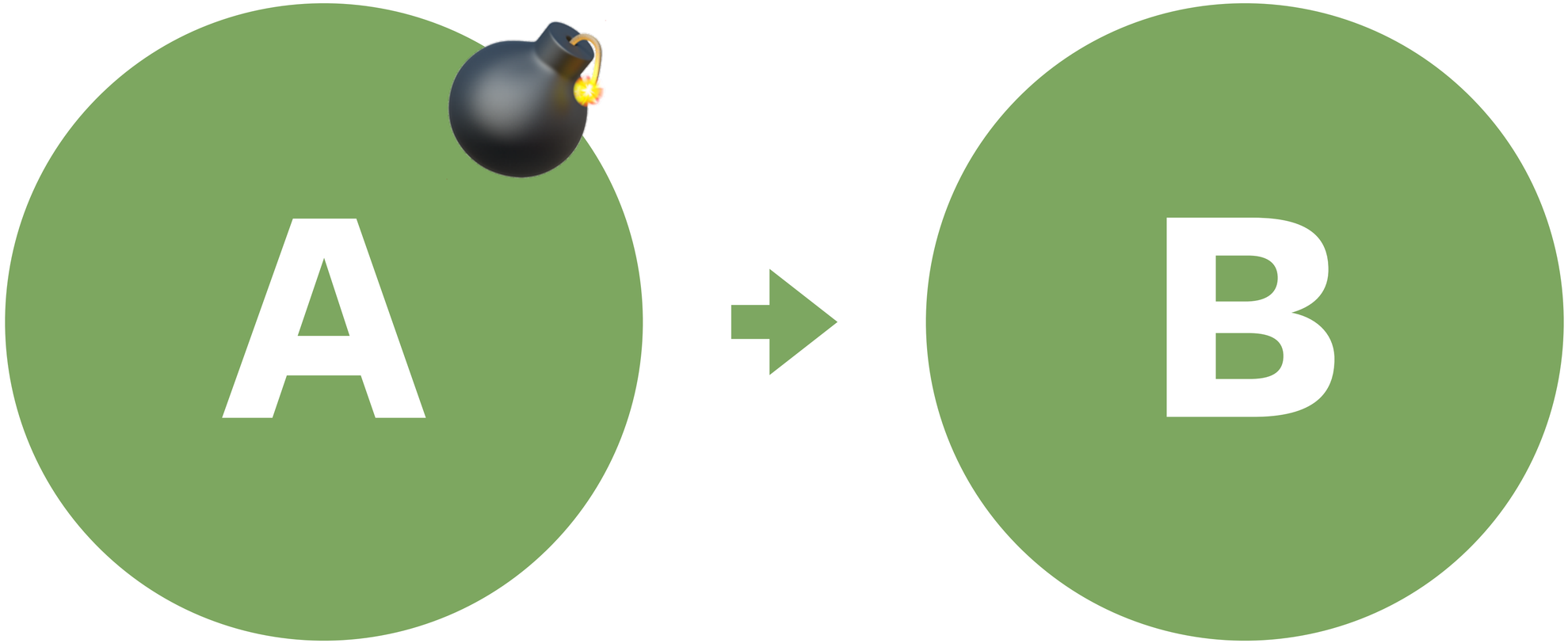
Long version | *Short version*

Russel L. Ackoff



”A system is a whole that consists of *parts*, each of which can affect its behavior and properties. … Each part of the system is dependent on some other part.”





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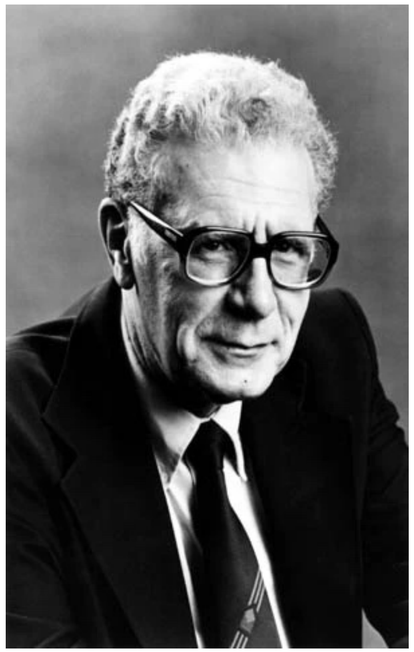
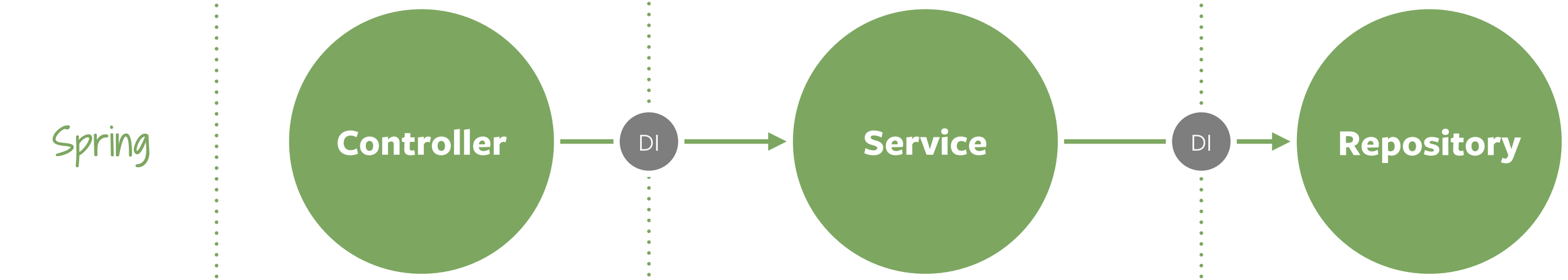


”A system is never the sum of its *parts*, it’s the product of their *interactions*.”

How do we establish code interaction in a Spring application?

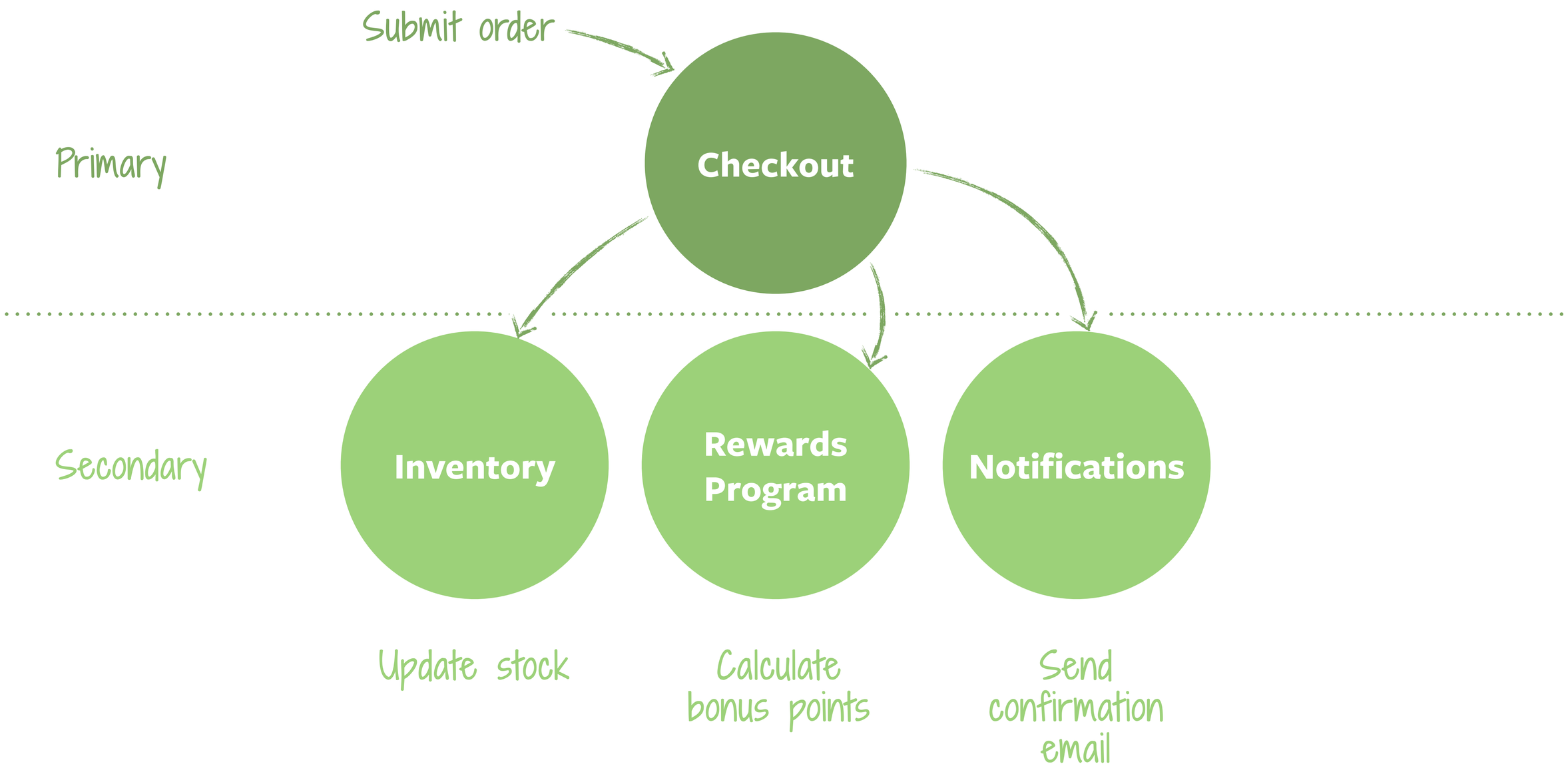


Layered	Presentation →	Business →	Persistence
Hexagonal	Driving Adapter →	Port ← Application → Port	← Driven Adapter
Onion	Infrastructure →	Application / Domain	← Infrastructure

Technical Decomposition

VS.

Functional Decomposition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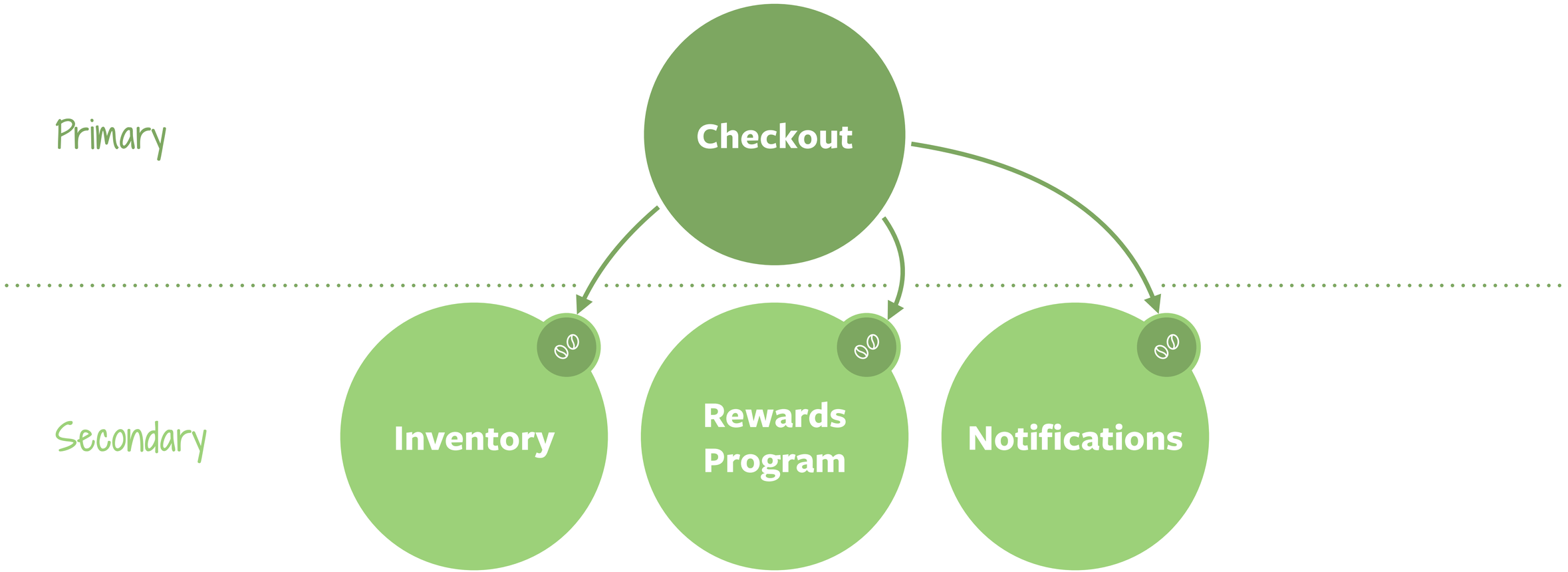
Checkout
Secondary
Inventory
Rewards Program
Notifications
Update stock
Calculate bonus points
Send confirmation email



Integration via DI

```java
@Service
@RequiredArgsConstructor
class Checkout {

  private final OrderRepository orders;

  @Transactional
  void complete(Order order) {

    orders.save(order.complete());

  }
}
```

Primary

Internal, technical decomposition

State transition

```java
@Service
@RequiredArgsConstructor
class Checkout {

  private final OrderRepository orders;

  private final Inventory inventory;
  private final RewardsProgram rewards;
  private final Notifications notifications;

  @Transactional
  void complete(Order order) {

    orders.save(order.complete());

    inventory.updateStock(…);
    rewards.registerRewards(…);
    notifications.sendOrderConfirmation(…);
  }
}
```

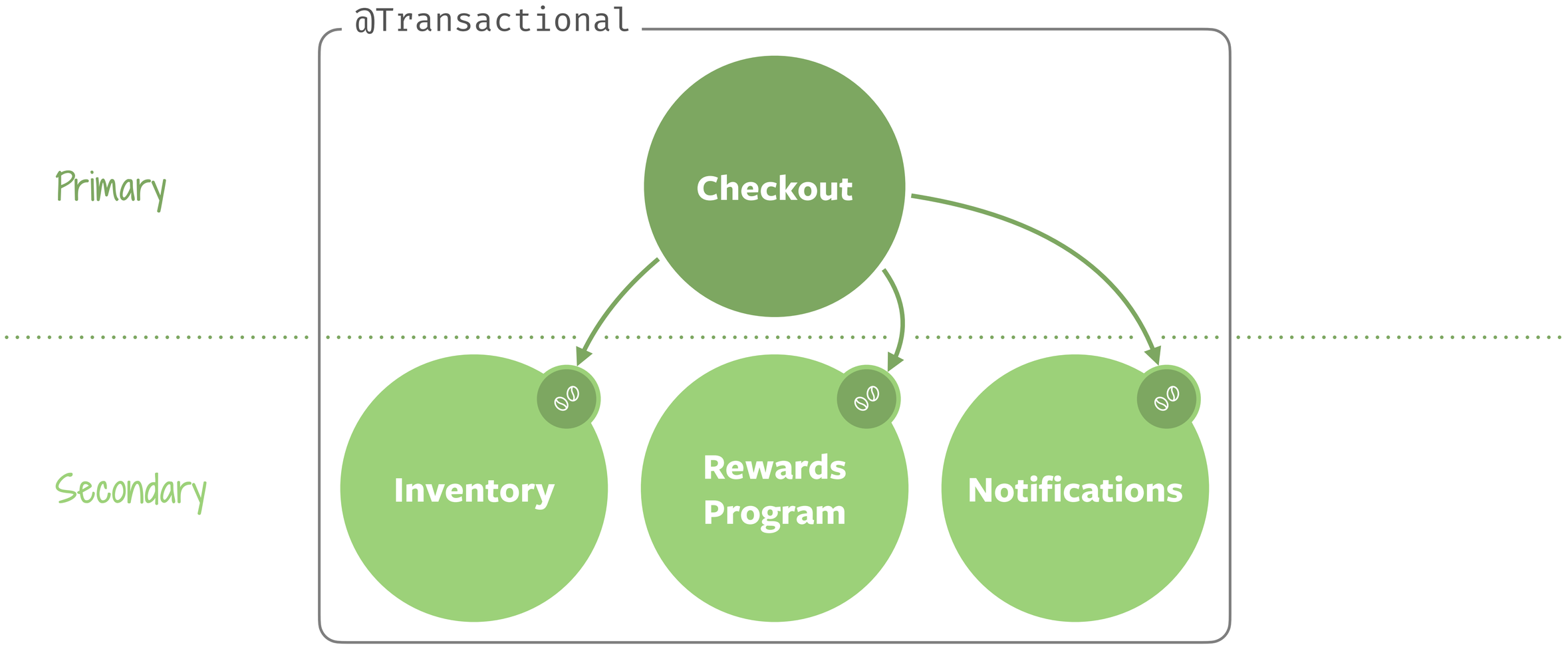
Primary

Secondary

Required at startup / in tests

```java
@Service
class Inventory { }

@Service
class RewardsProgram { }

@Service
class Notifications { }
```

Interaction expands transaction



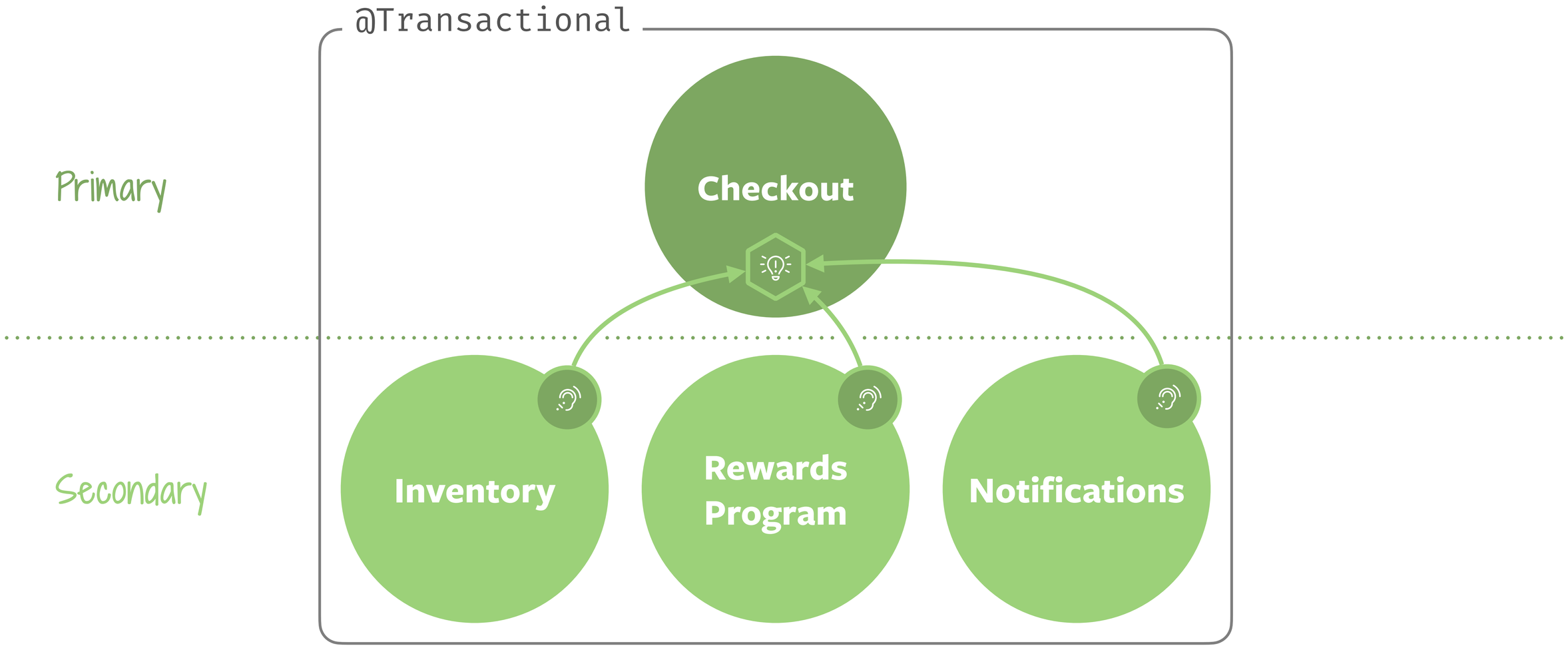
Scope of Consistency

```java
@SpringBootTest
class CheckoutTests {

  @Autowired Checkout checkout;

  @MockBean Inventory inventory;
  // Other mocks

  @Test
  void completesOrder() {

    var order = new Order(…);

    checkout.complete(order);

    verify(inventory).updateStock(…);
  }
}
```

Collaborator are mocked

Given / When / Then

Testing focussed on orchestration



Integration via Events

Only internal dependencies

```
@Service
@RequiredArgsConstructor
class Checkout {

  private final OrderRepository orders;
  private final ApplicationEventPublisher events;

  @Transactional
  void complete(Order order) {

    orders.save(order.complete());

    events.publishEvent(
        OrderCompleted.of(order.getId()));
  }
}
```

Primary

Secondary

Invokes

```
@Service
class Inventory {

  @EventListener
  void on(OrderCompleted event) {}
}

…
```

```java
@RecordApplicationEvents
/* or */
@ApplicationModuleTest
class CheckoutTests {

  private final Checkout checkout;

  @Test
  void completesOrder(AssertableApplicationEvents events) {

    var order = new Order(…);

    checkout.complete(order);

    assertThat(events)
      .contains(OrderCompleted.class)
      .matching(OrderCompleted::id, order.getId());
  }
}
```

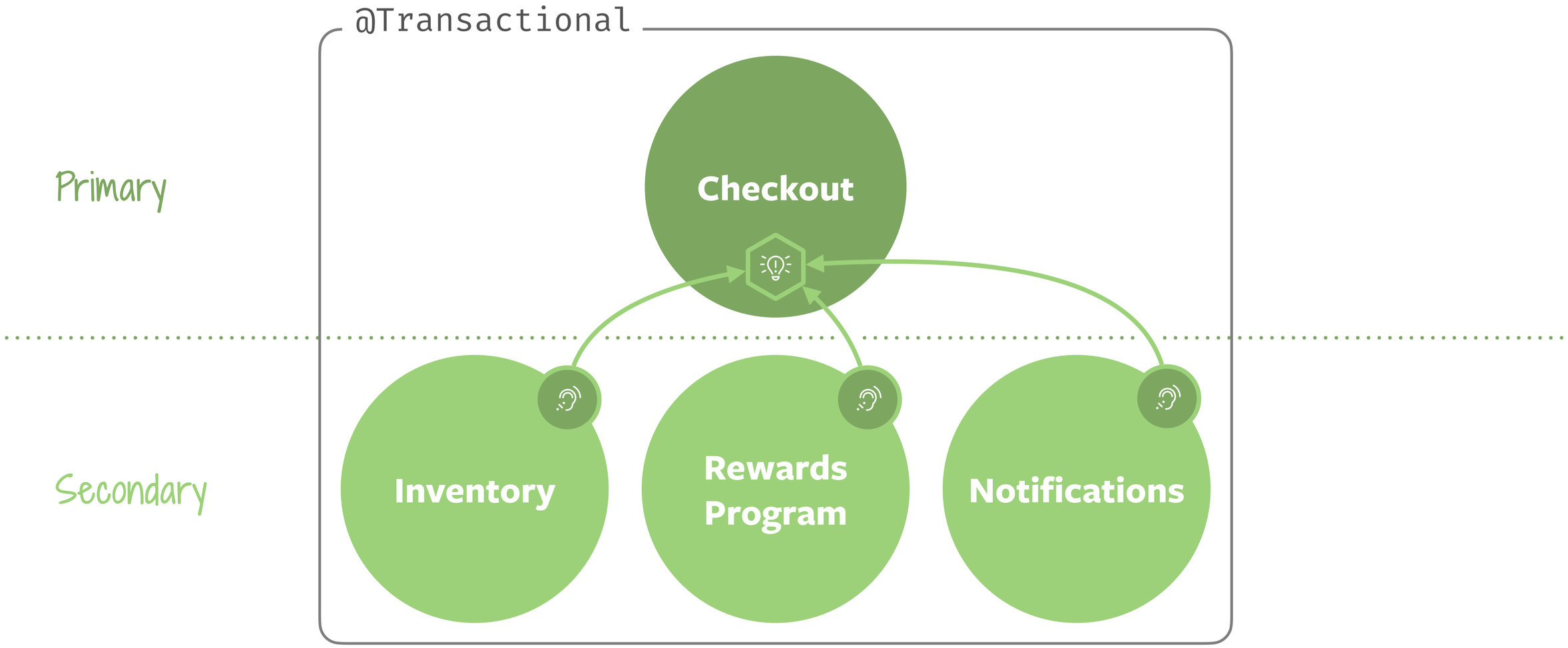
Spring Framework

Spring Modulith

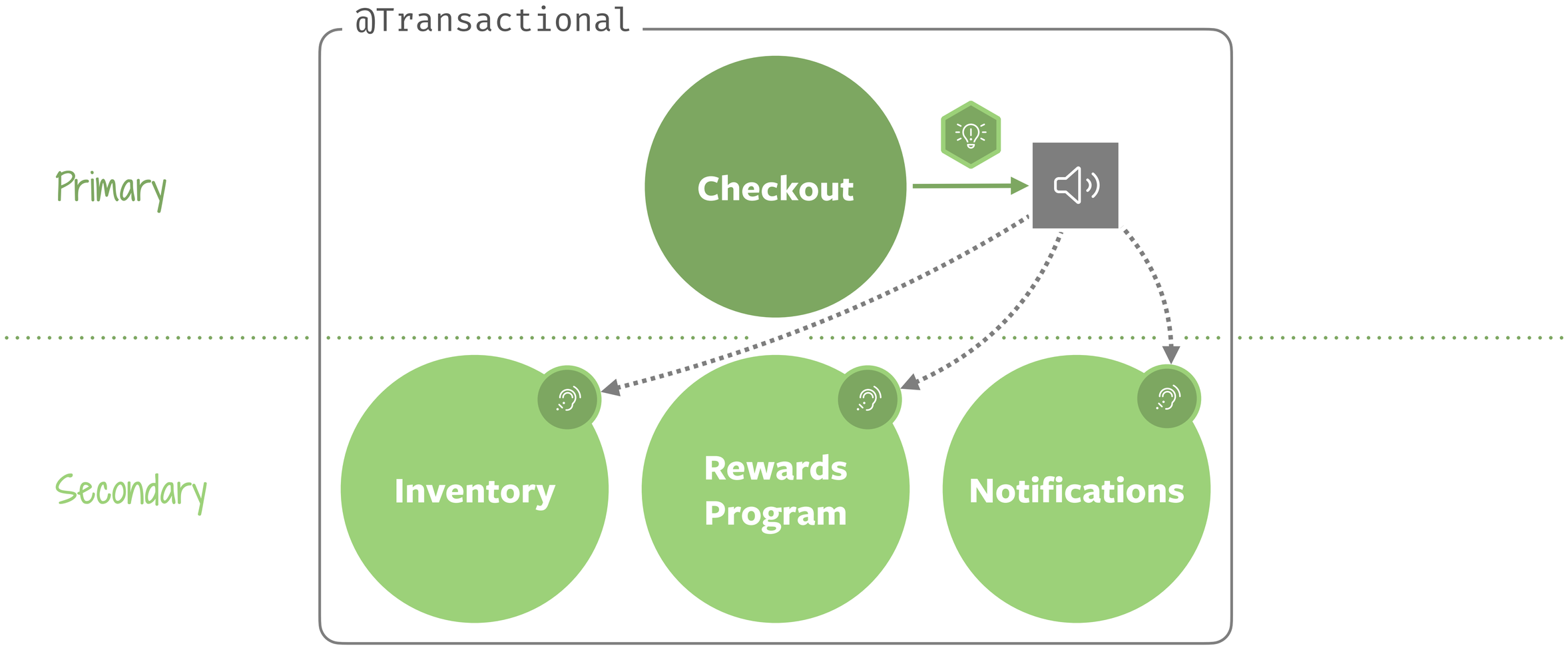
Records events published during test execution

Given / When / Then

Testing focussed on signal



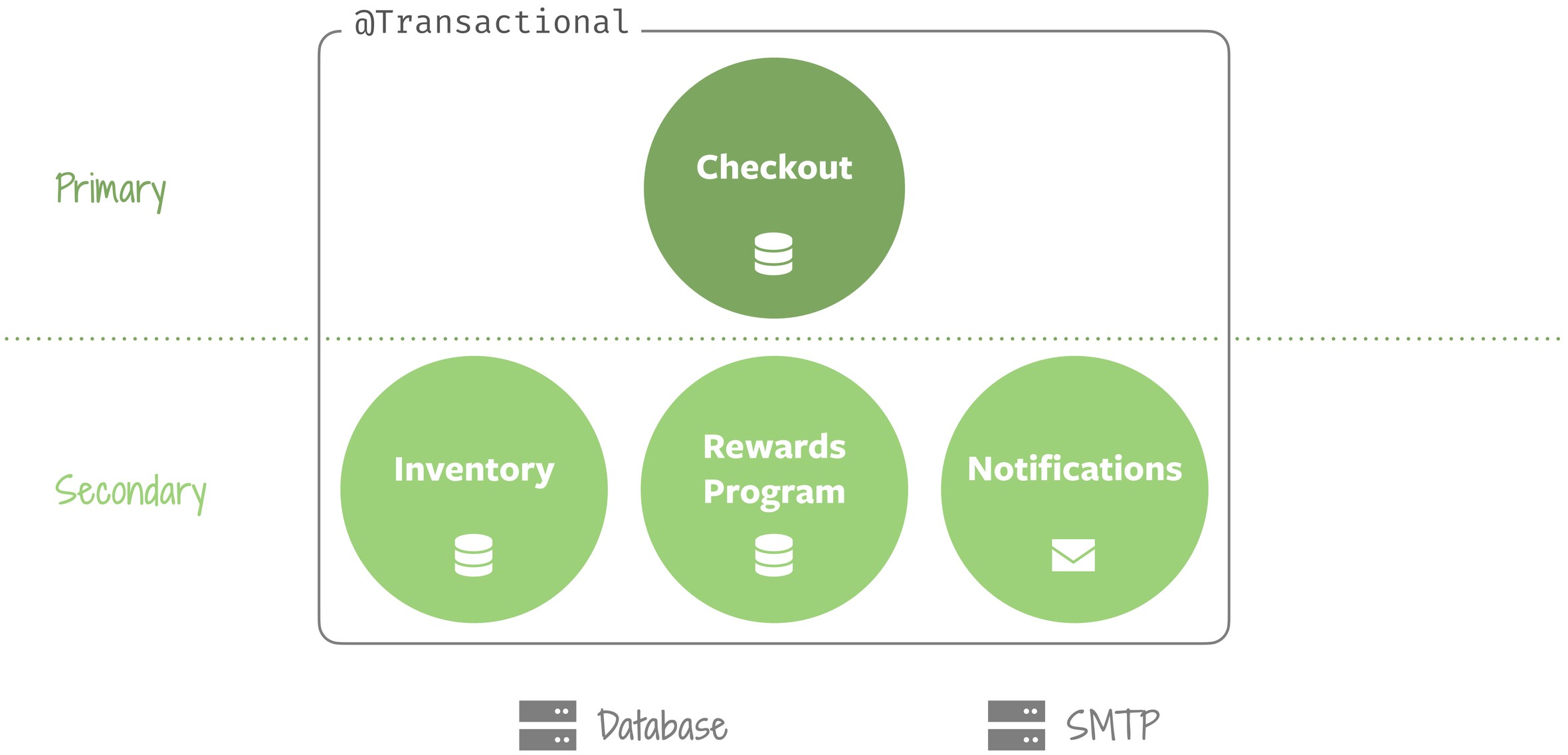
Integration via Events



Invocation Flow for Events

Summary

- Change in structural arrangement
- Change in approach to testing
- ***No*** change to consistency arrangement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Inventory
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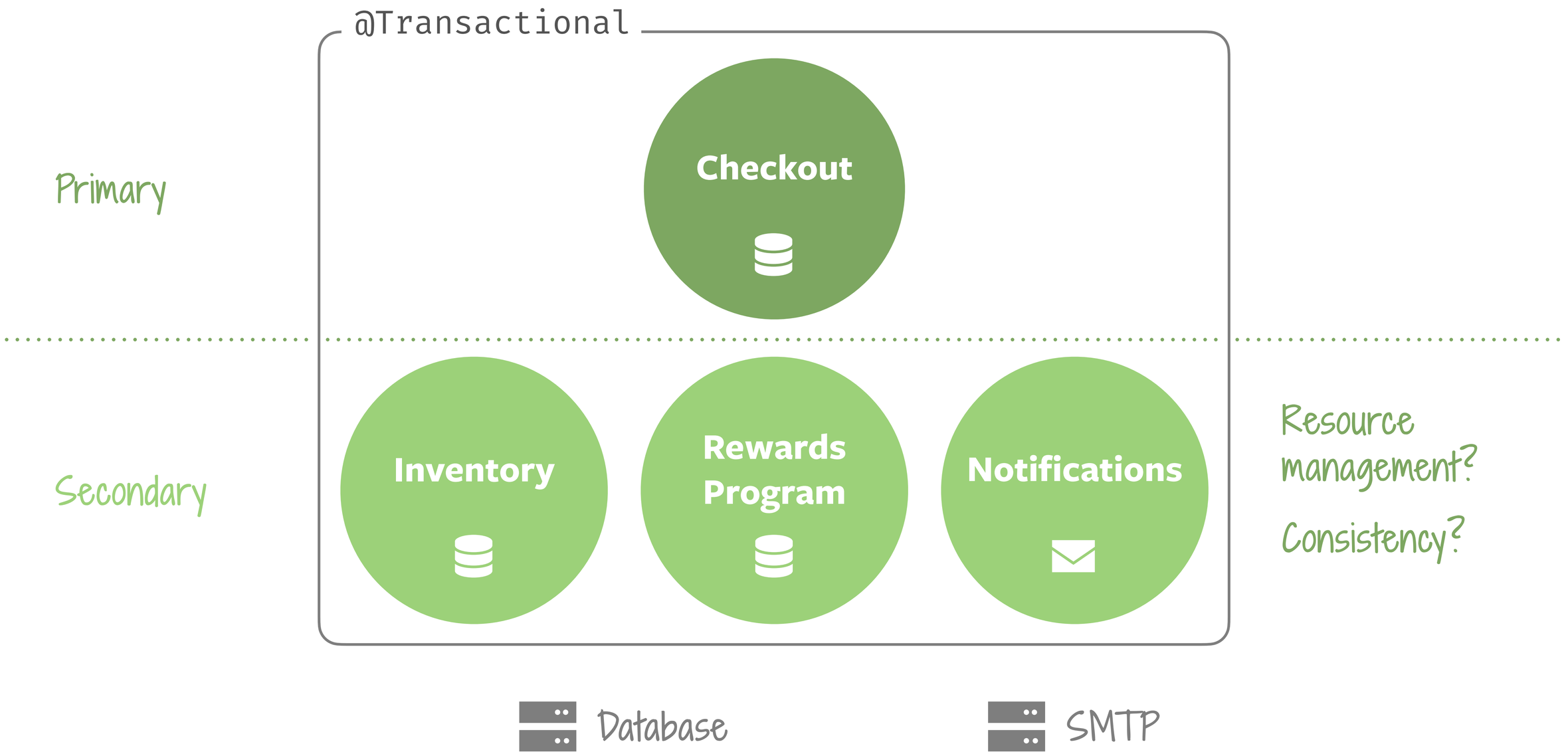
Notifications
Database
SMTP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Resource management?
Consistency?
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  private final OrderRepository orders;
  private final ApplicationEventPublisher events;

  @Transactional
  void complete(Order order) {

    orders.save(order.complete());

    events.publishEvent(
        OrderCompleted.of(order.getId()));
  }
}
```

Primary

Secondary

```java
@Service
class Notifications {

  @EventListener
  void on(OrderCompleted event) {
    // Interact with SMTP server
  }
}
```

What if this takes long?

```java
@Service
@RequiredArgsConstructor
class Checkout {

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  @Transactional
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    orders.save(order.complete());

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  }
}
```

Primary

Secondary

```java
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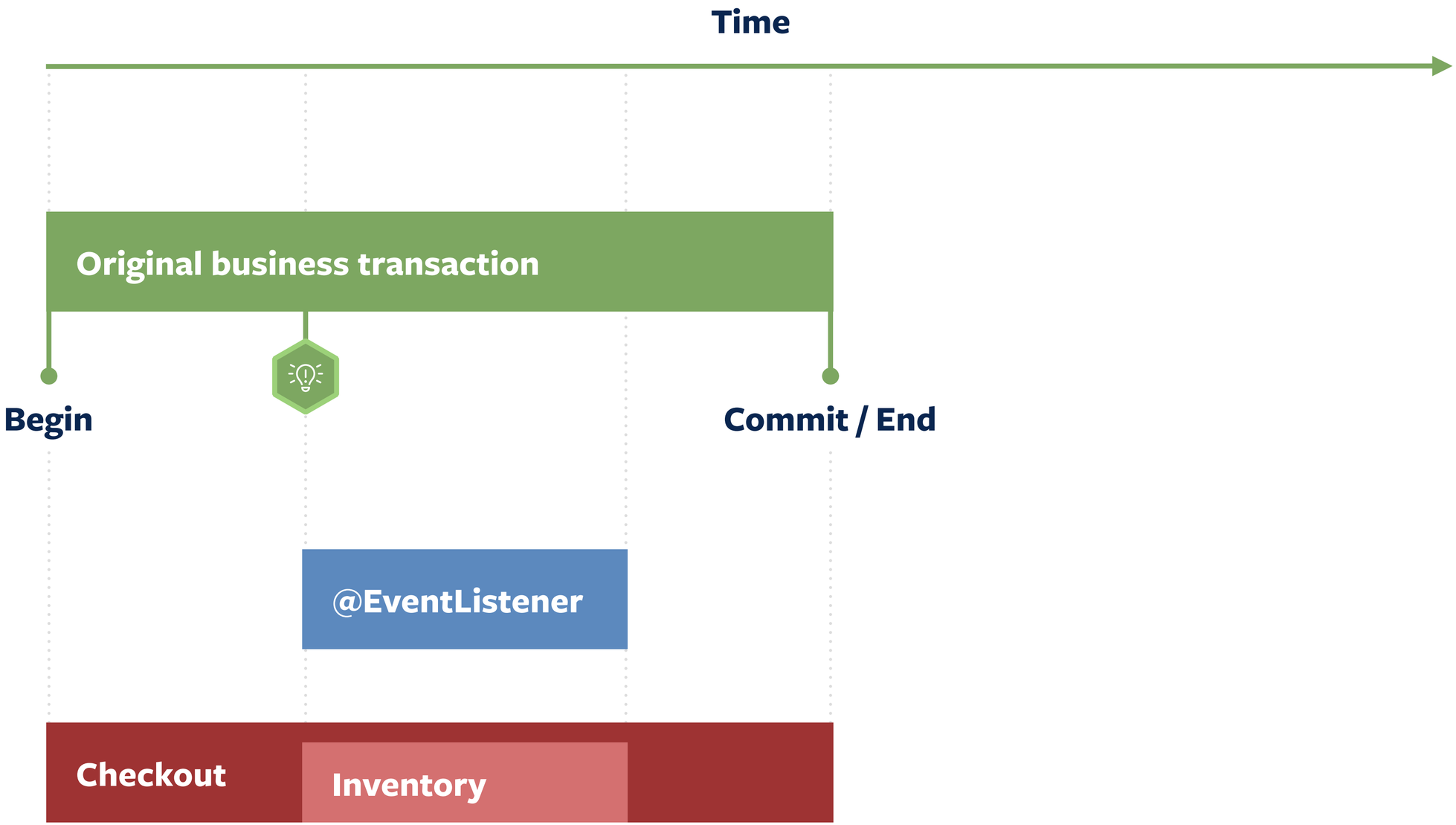
```

What if this succeeds but this rolls back?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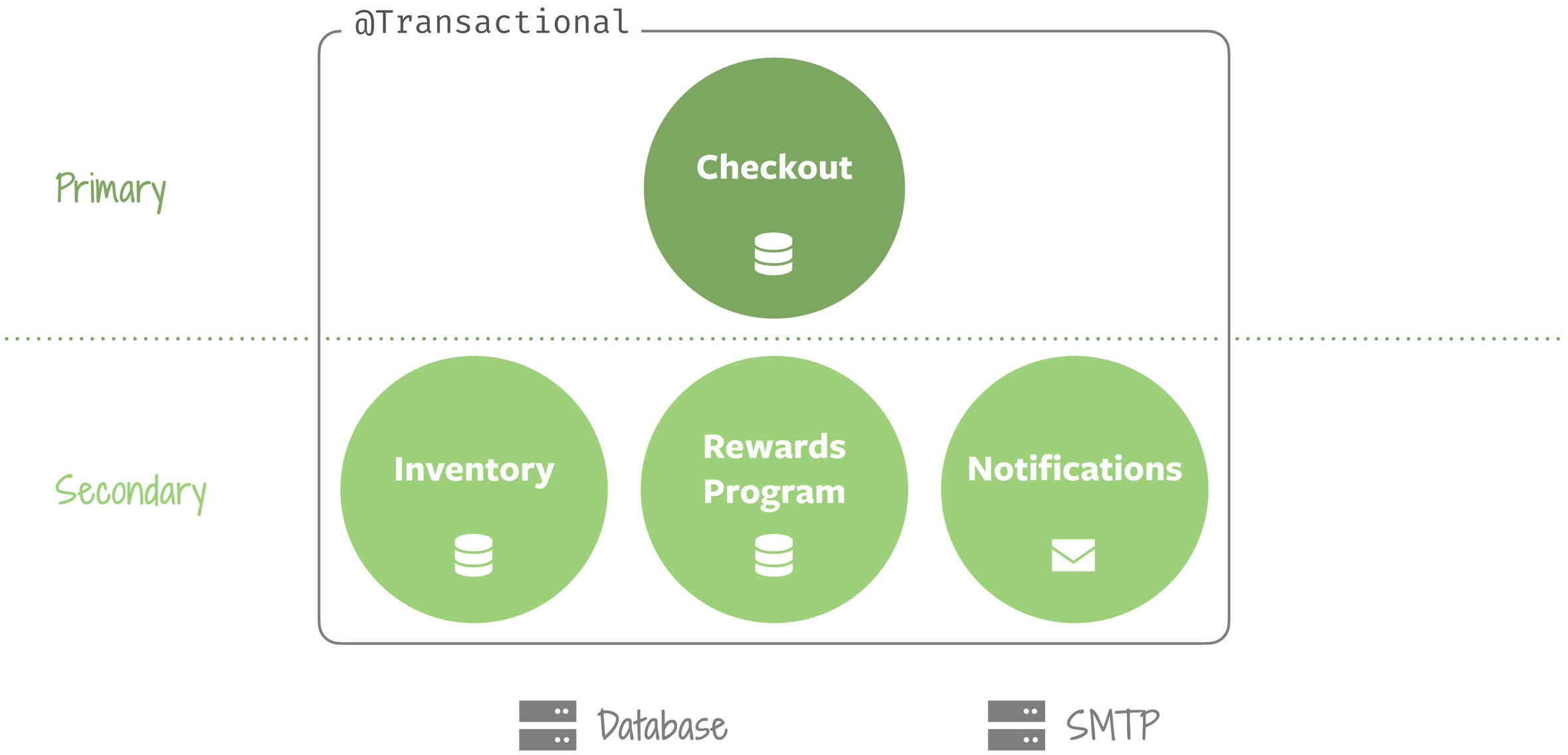
Original business transaction
Begin
Commit / End
@EventListener
Checkout
Inventory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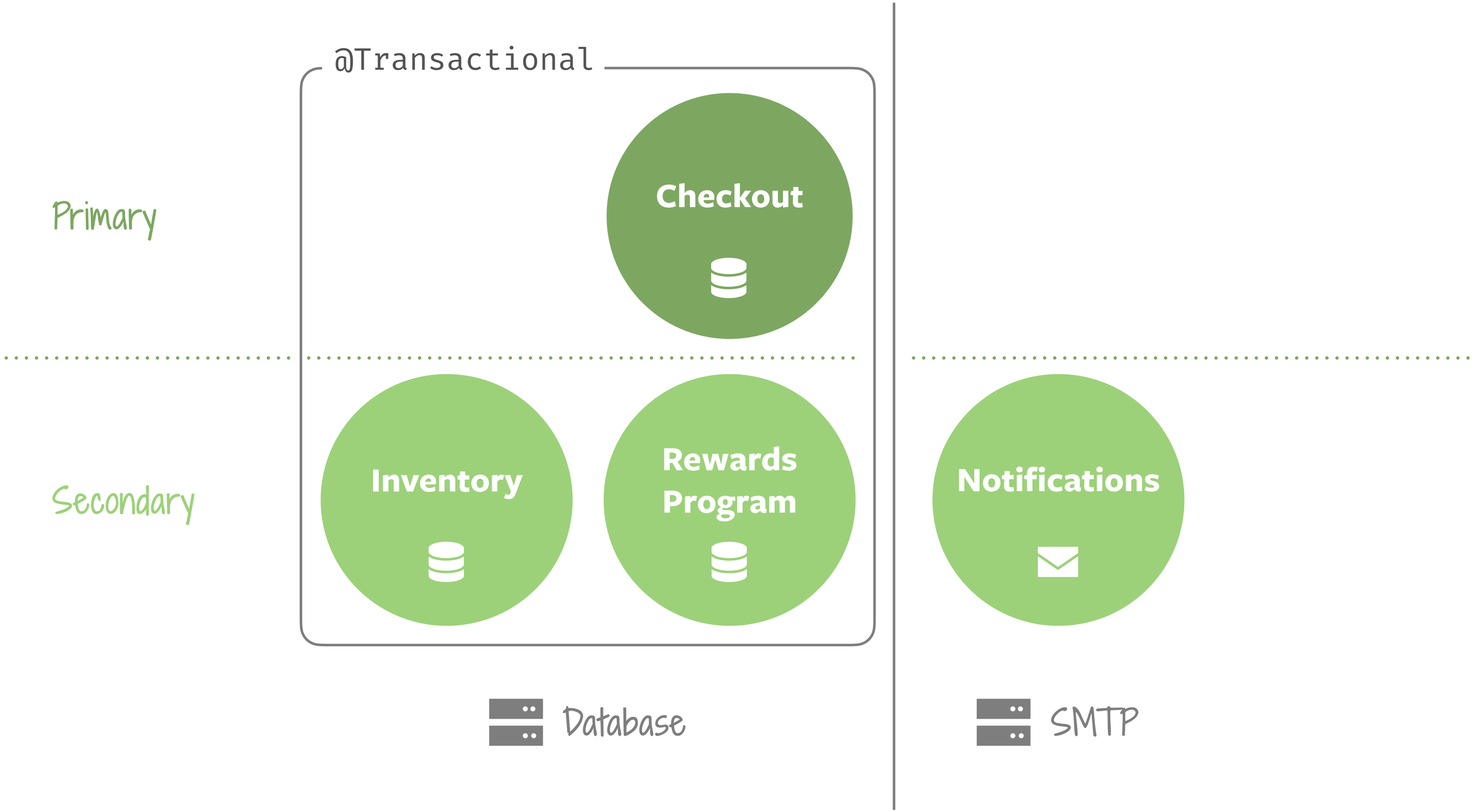
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SMTP

Triggered on transaction commit

Primary

Secondary

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class Checkout {

  private final OrderRepository orders;
  private final ApplicationEventPublisher events;

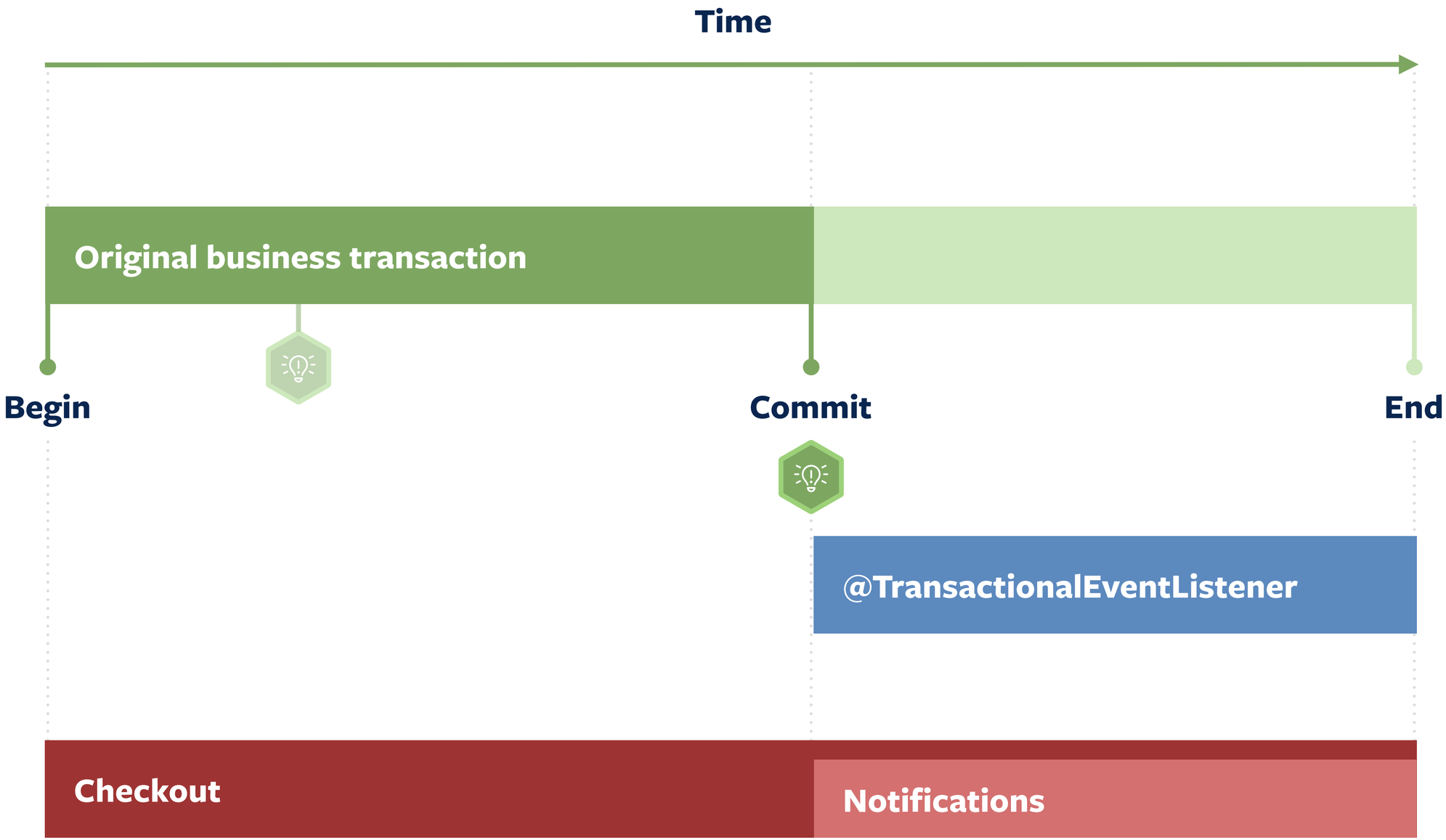
  @Transactional
  void complete(Order order) {

    orders.save(order.complete());

    events.publishEvent(
        OrderCompleted.of(order.getId()));
  }
}
```

```java
@Service
class Notifications {

  @TransactionalEventListener
  void on(OrderCompleted event) {
    // Interact with SMTP server
  }
}
```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  private final ApplicationEventPublisher events;

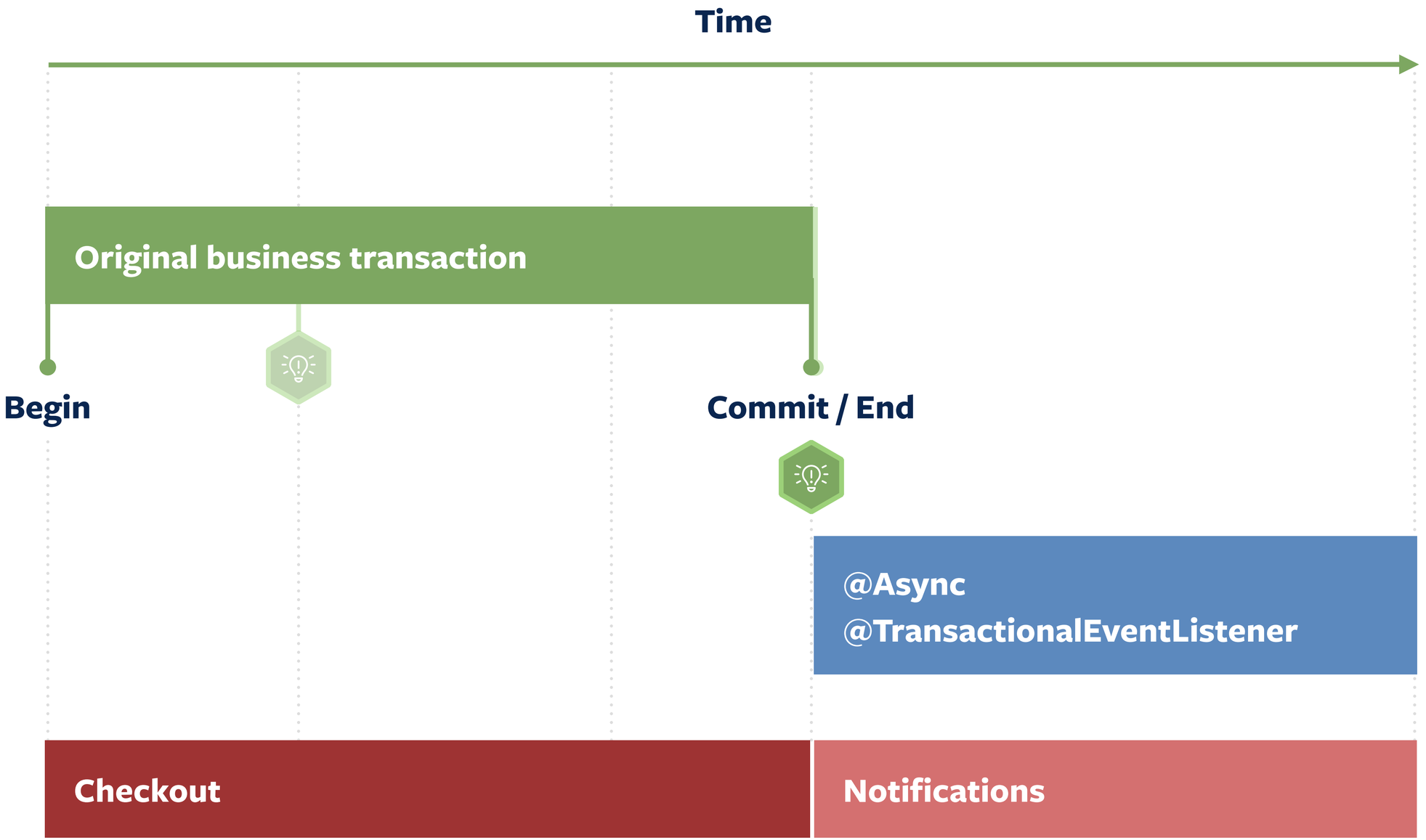
  @Transactional
  void complete(Order order) {

    orders.save(order.complete());

    events.publishEvent(
        OrderCompleted.of(order.getId()));
  }
}
```

```java
@Service
class Notifications {

  @Async
  @TransactionalEventListener
  void on(OrderCompleted event) {
    // Interact with SMTP server
  }
}
```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Commit / End
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@TransactionalEventListener
Checkout
Notifications

What if a transactional event listener fails?

Transaction Commit

@TransactionalEventListener

...

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...

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...

@TransactionalEventListener

```java
@Service
@RequiredArgsConstructor
class Checkout {

  private final OrderRepository orders;
  private final ApplicationEventPublisher events;

  @Transactional
  void complete(Order order) {

    orders.save(order.complete());

    events.publishEvent(
        OrderCompleted.of(order.getId()));
  }
}
```

```java
@Service
class Inventory {

  @ApplicationModuleListener
  void on(OrderCompleted event) {
    // Interact with SMTP server
  }
}
```

```java
@ApplicationModuleTest
class CheckoutTests {

  private final Checkout checkout;

  @Test
  void completesOrder(Scenario scenario) {

    var order = new Order(…);

    scenario.stimulate(() → checkout.complete(order))
      .andWaitForEventOfType(InventoryUpdated.class)
      .matchingMappedValue(InventoryUpdated::getOrderId, order.getId())
      .toArrive();
  }
}
```

Spring Modulith

Given / When / Then

Summary

- Functional decomposition first, technical decomposition second
- Align consistency scope and testing with functional boundaries
- In modulithic arrangements, use spectrum of integration options and consistency levels
- Spring Modulith for advanced support

	Classic	Event Listener	Application Module Listener
Module references	via Spring beans	via `@EventListener`	via `@ApplicationModuleListener` (`@Async` `@TransactionalEventListener`)
Integration style	synchronous	synchronous	Asynchronous / Transaction-bound
Tests			
Orientation	vertical / horizontal	vertical	vertical
Focus	Module interaction	Module operation outcome signaled by an event	Module operation outcome signaled by an event
Approach	via mocks / `@MockBean`	via `AssertablePublishedEvents`	via `Scenario`
Risk	Integration tests including multiple modules	Tests exclude code that could break transaction at runtime	Asynchronous module interaction
Consistency			
Boundaries	Potentially (accidentally) spanning multiple modules	Potentially (accidentally) spanning multiple modules	Aligned with module boundaries / Eventual Consistency /
Mechanism	Transaction	Transaction	Event Publication Registry
Module coupling			

Thank you!
Questions?

Sample Code

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