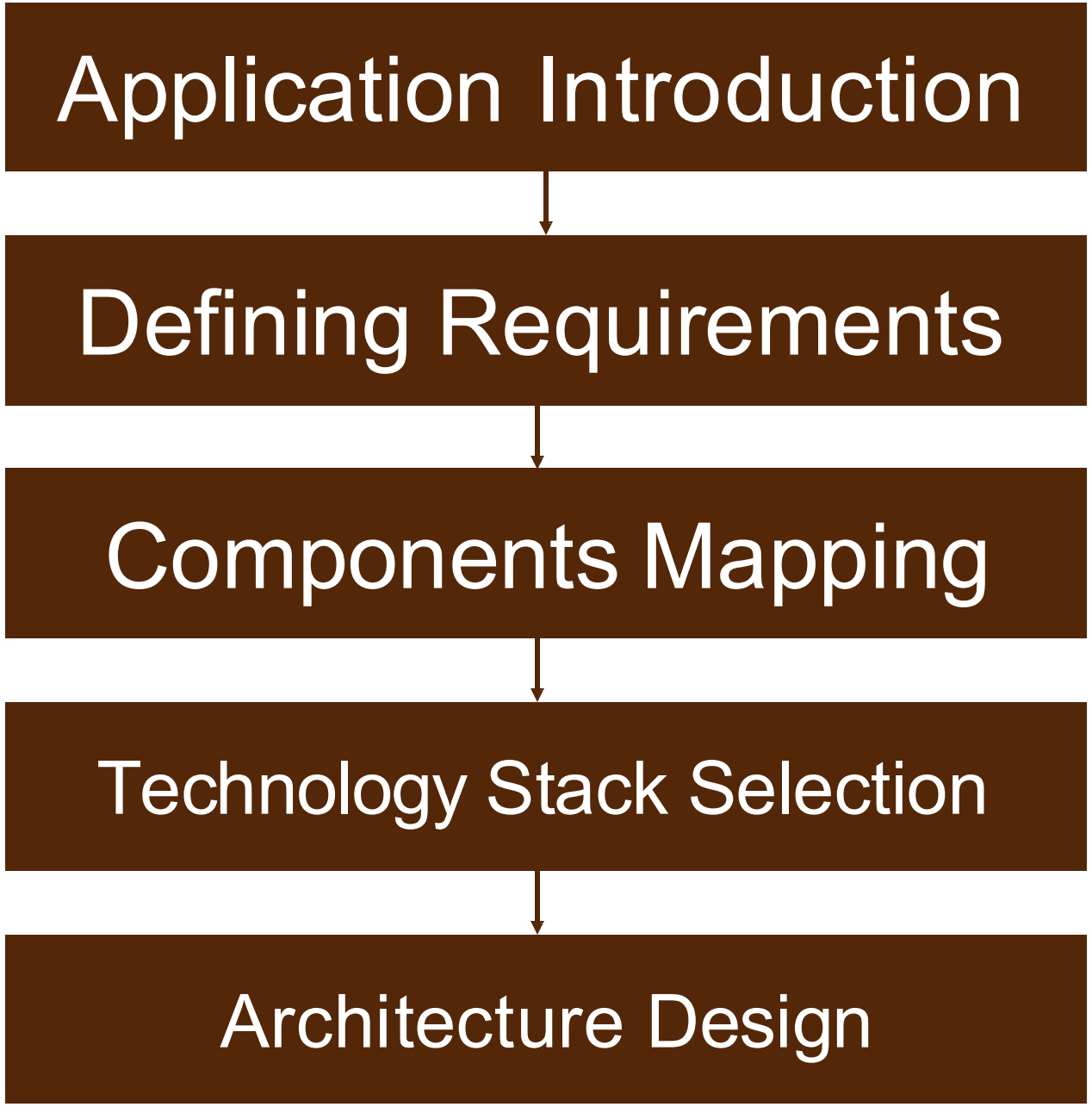
Case Study

A Real World Application


Application Introduction
Defining Requirements
Components Mapping
Technology Stack Selection
Architecture Design

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Your Paper Source

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- Sells Paper Supplies
  - Printer paper, Envelopes, etc.
- Needs a new HR system
- Managing employees, salaries, vacations, payments

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Requirements

Functional

What the system should do

1. Web Based
2. Perform CRUD operations on employees
3. Manage Salaries:
    1. Allow manager to ask for employee's salary change
    2. Allow HR manager to approve / reject request
4. Manage vacation days
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Non-Functional

What the system should deal with

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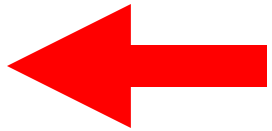
NFR - What We Know

1. Classic Information System
2. Not a lot of users
3. Not a lot of data
4. Interface to external system 

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NFR - What We Ask

1. *"How many expected concurrent users?"* 10
2. *"How many employees?"* 250
3. *"What do we know about the external Payment system?"*

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Payment System

- Legacy system, written in C++
- Hosted in the company's servers farm
- Input – only files ☹
- File received once a month

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Data Volume

- 1 Employee = ~1MB in data
- Each employee has ~10 scanned documents (contract, reviews etc.)
- 1 Scanned Document =~5MB
- Total storage for 1 employee = ~51MB

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Data Volume – Cont.

- Company expects to grow to 500 employees in 5 years
- Total storage: 51MB X 500 employees = 25.5GB
- Not a lot, but:
  - Need to consider document storage

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SLA

4. “How critical is the system?”

Not Very Critical

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1. 10 Concurrent users
2. Manages 500 users
3. Data volume forecast: 25.5GB
    1. Relational & Unstructured
4. Not mission critical
5. HTTP-based interface

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Components

Based on requirements:

1. Entities: Employees, Vacation, Salary
2. Interface to the Payment System

Employees Service → Performs CRUD Operations on Employees

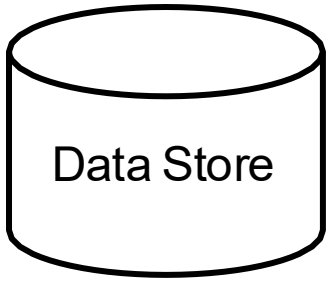
Salary Service → Salary approval workflow

Vacation Service → Employee's Vacation Management

View Service → Returns static files to the browser (HTML, CSS, JS)

Payment System

Payment Interface → Sends payment data to payment system



Logging

Q: Single or Per Service Data Store?

A: Data is shared between services, so a Single Data Store is better

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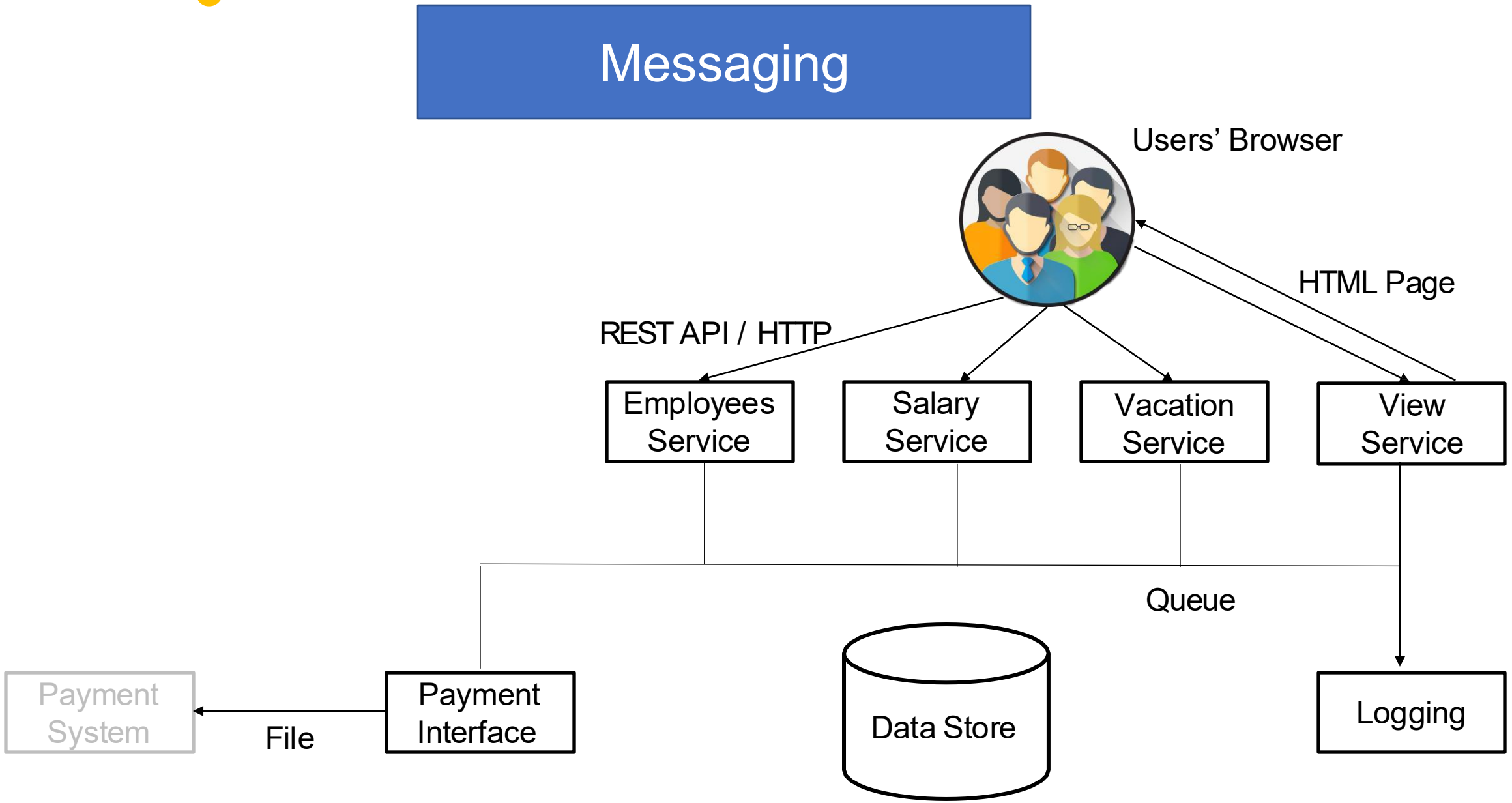
Messaging



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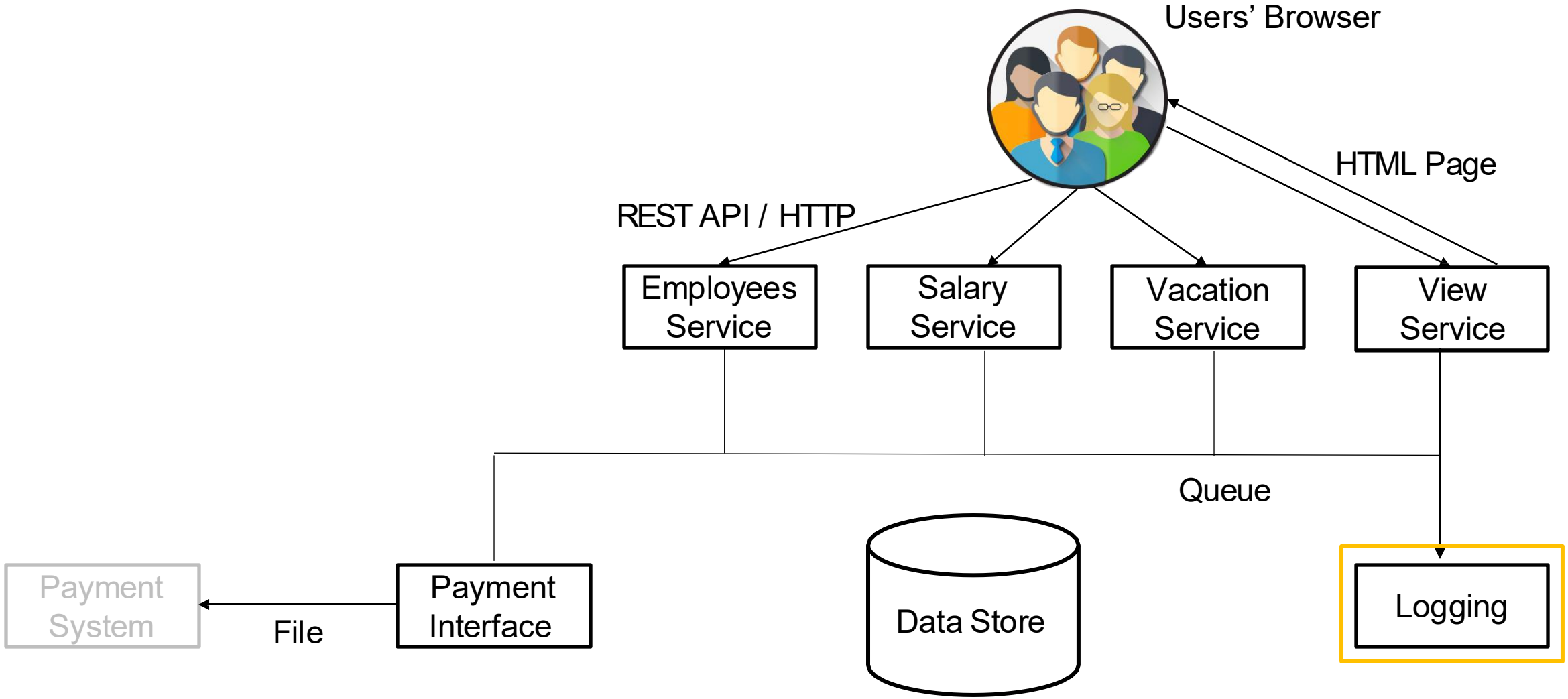

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Logging Service

- Very Important
- Other services use it

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Logging - Questions

1. Is there an existing logging mechanism used by the company in the cloud?

   No

2. Develop our own or use 3rd party?

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Logging in Azure

- Azure log analytics 
  - Part of Azure Monitor
  - Great integration with a lot of services
  - Handles huge amounts of data
  - Offers query language for analysis
  - Can be streamed to log analytics tools (Power BI etc.)

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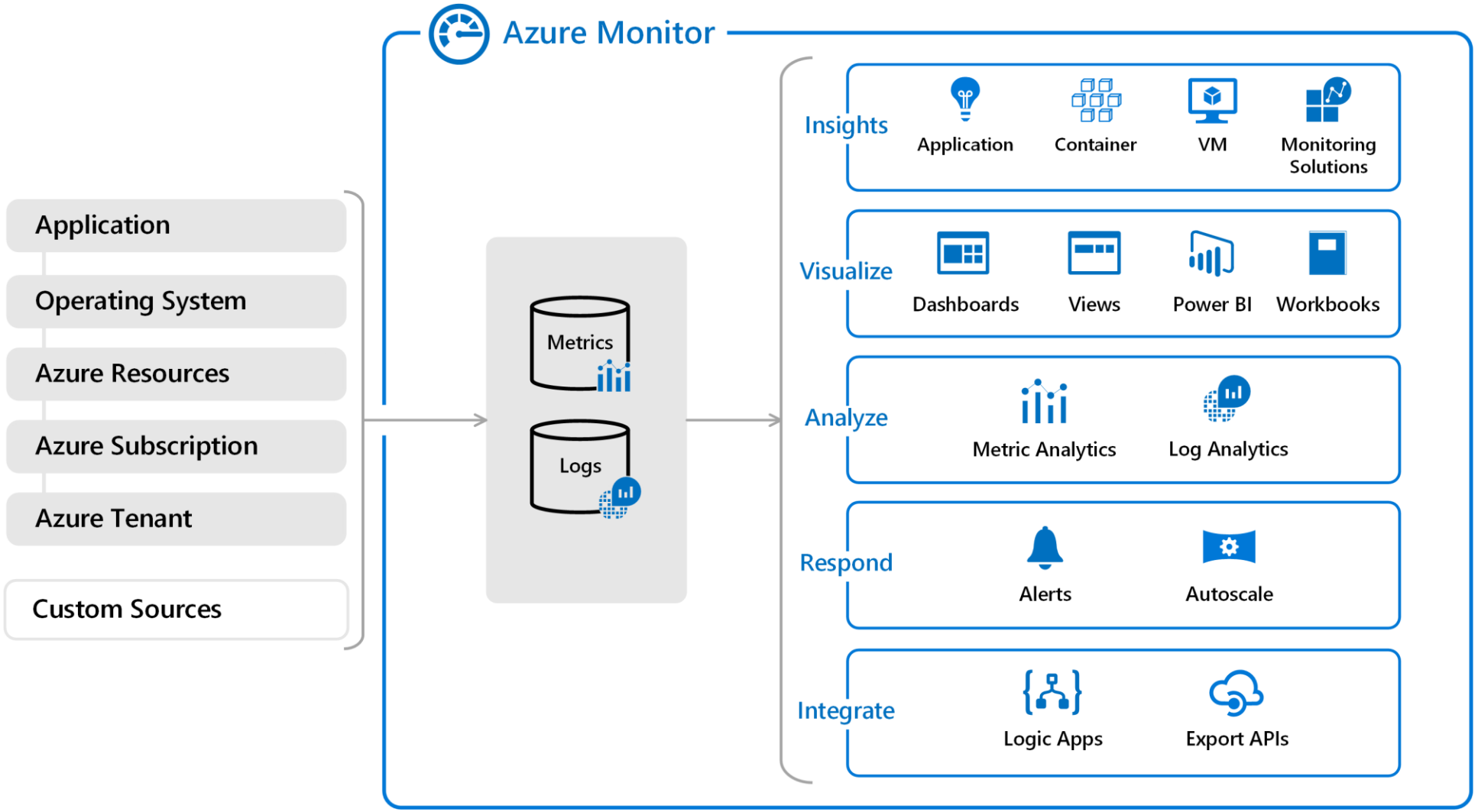

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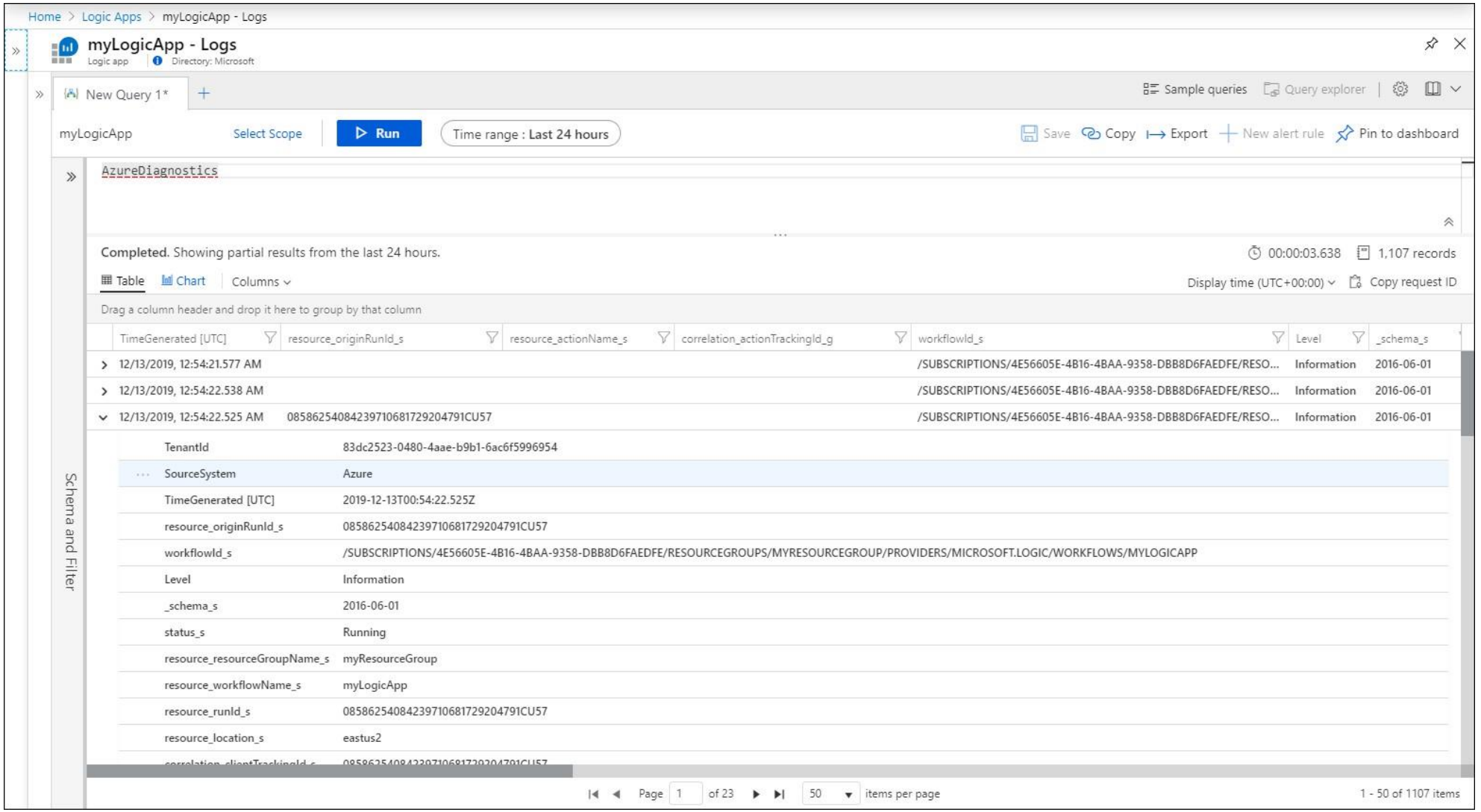

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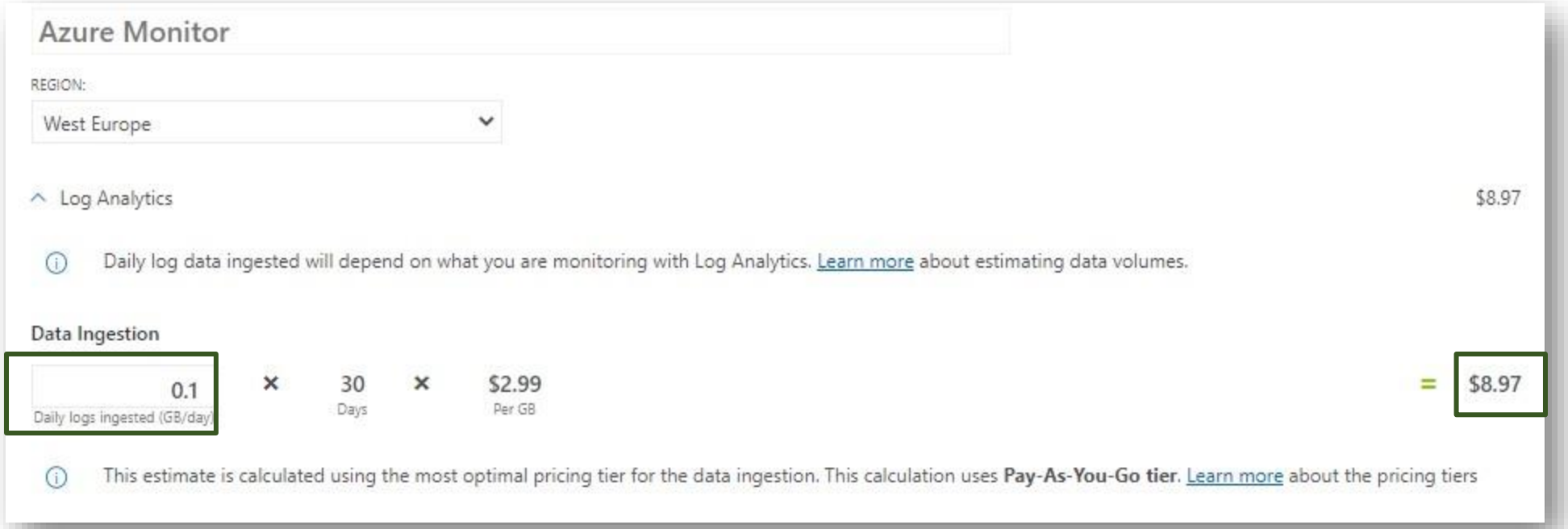
Cost of Log Analytics



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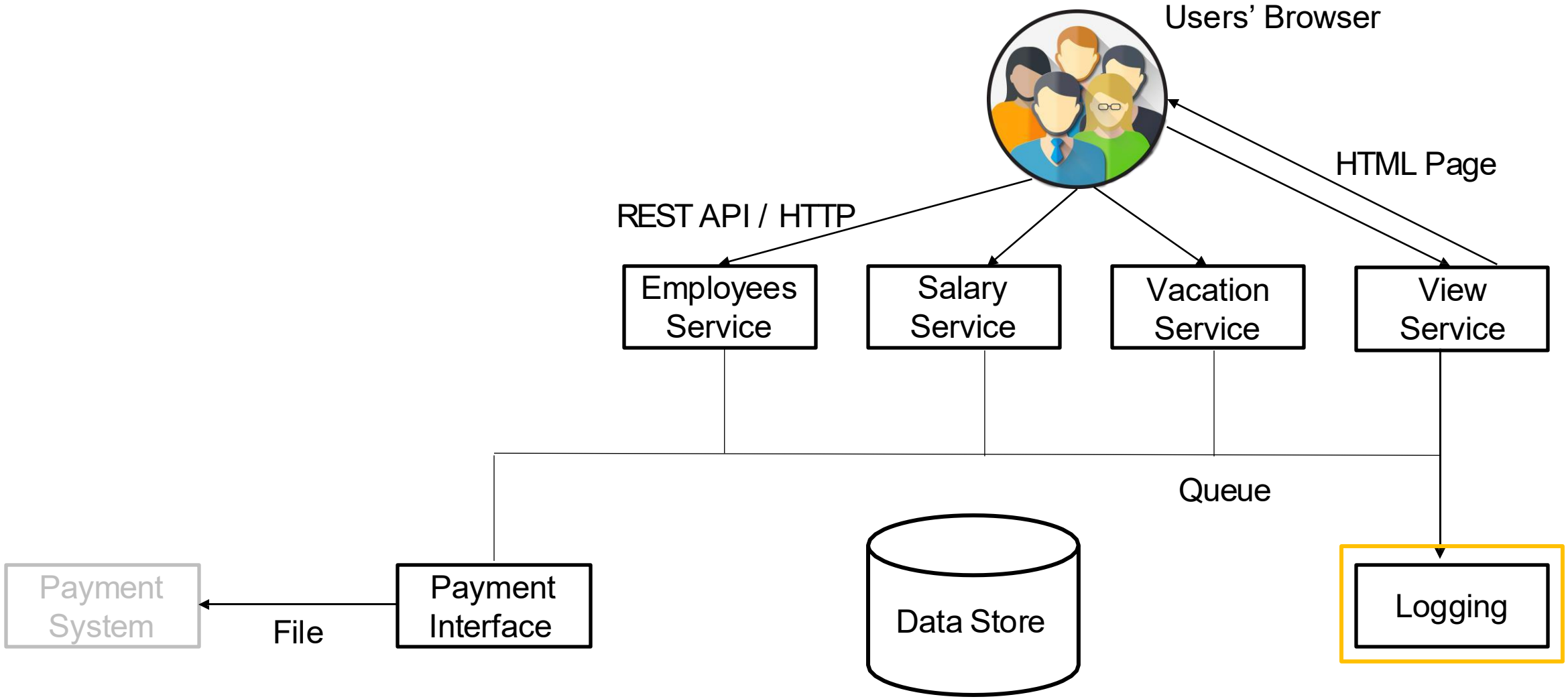

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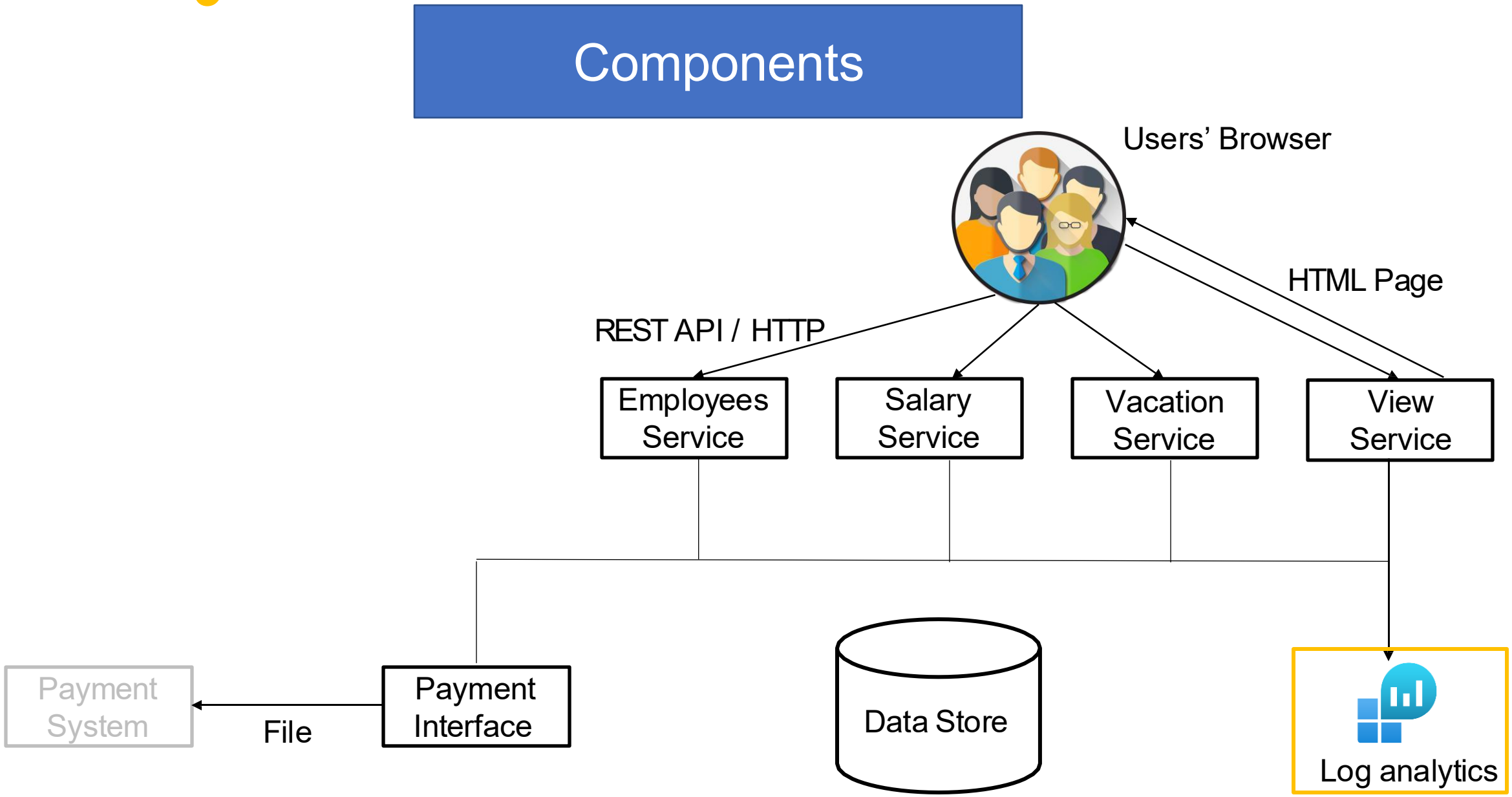

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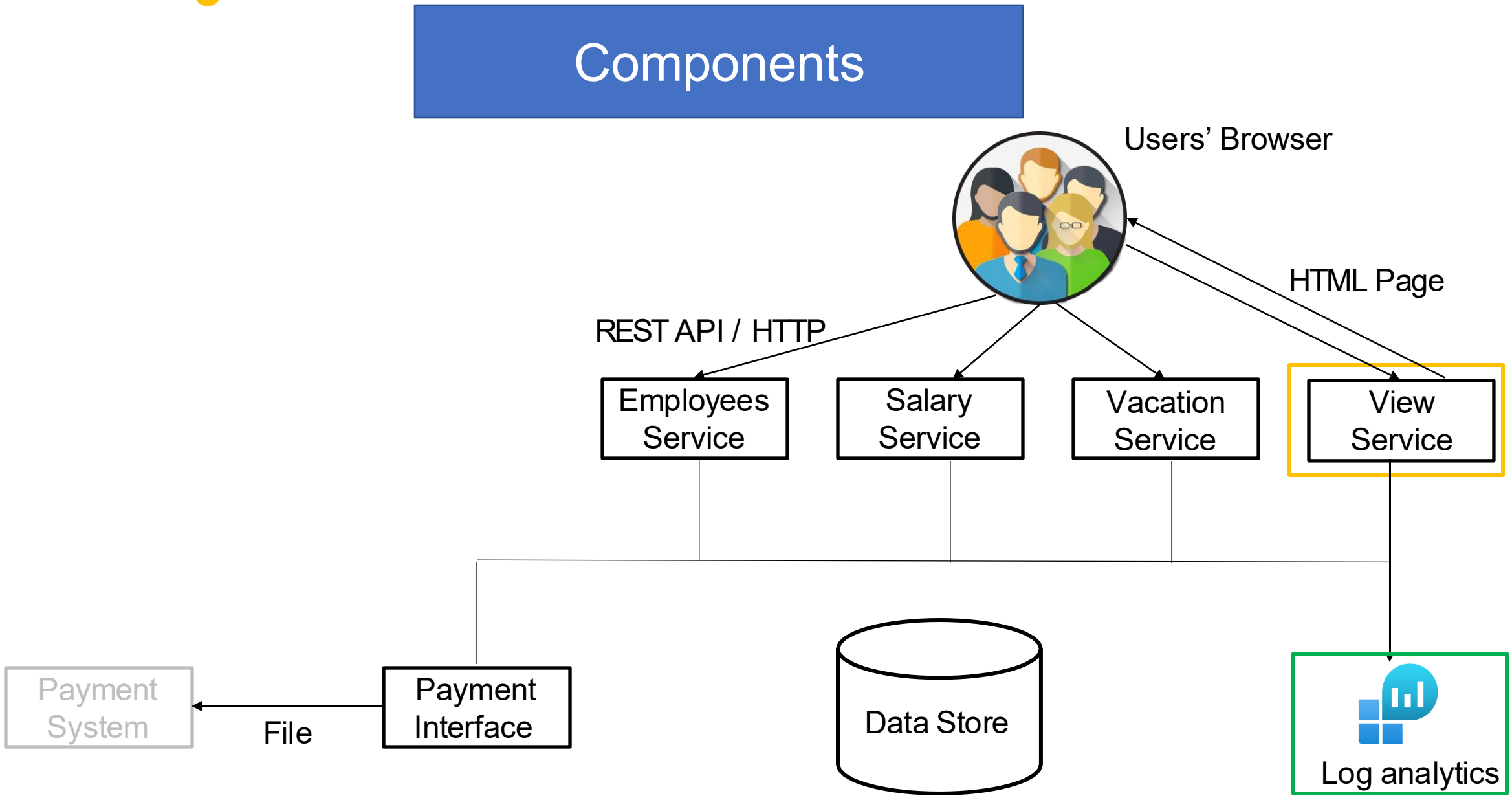

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View Service

What it does:

- Get requests from the end users' browsers
- Returns static files (HTML / CSS / JS)

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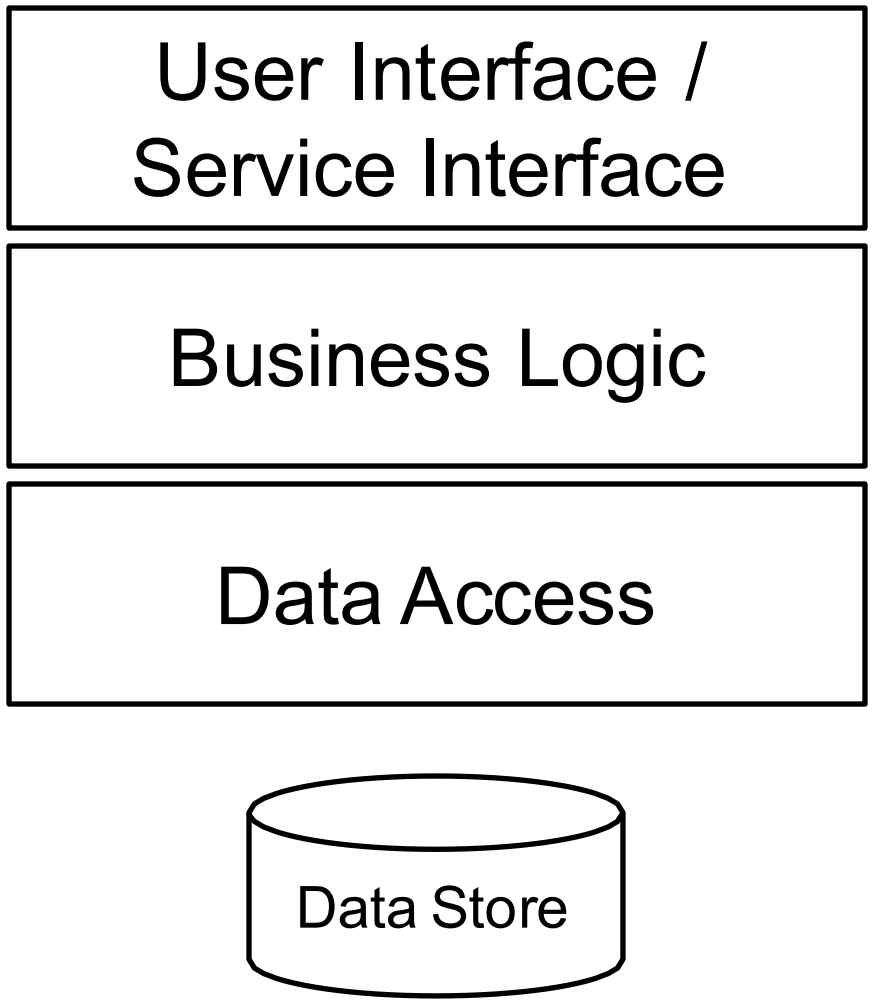
Architecture



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Architecture

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Static web sites in Azure

App Service

- Fully managed web app & API
- Supports many platforms
- Autoscale
- Support for WebJobs

Static Web Apps

- Fully managed static web site
- Complete integration with source controls (Git, Azure DevOps etc.)
- Extremely cost effective

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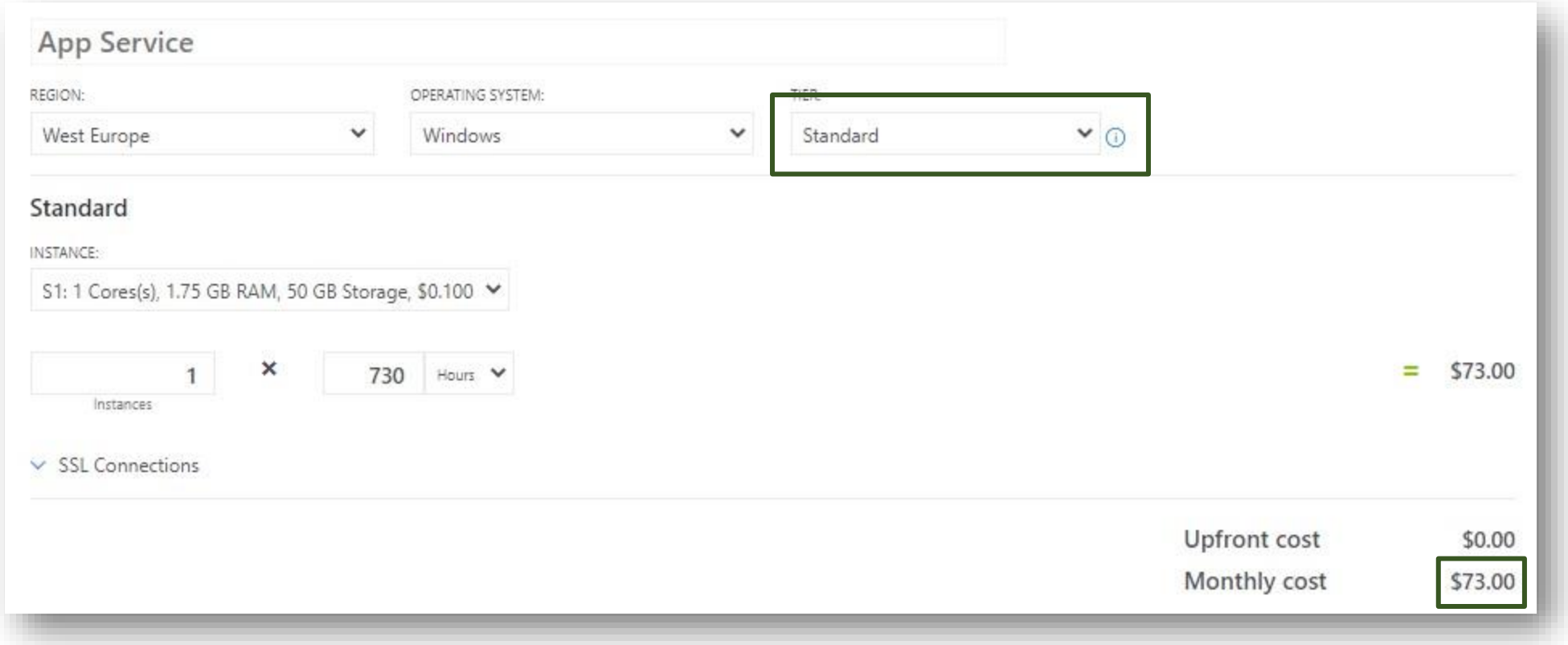

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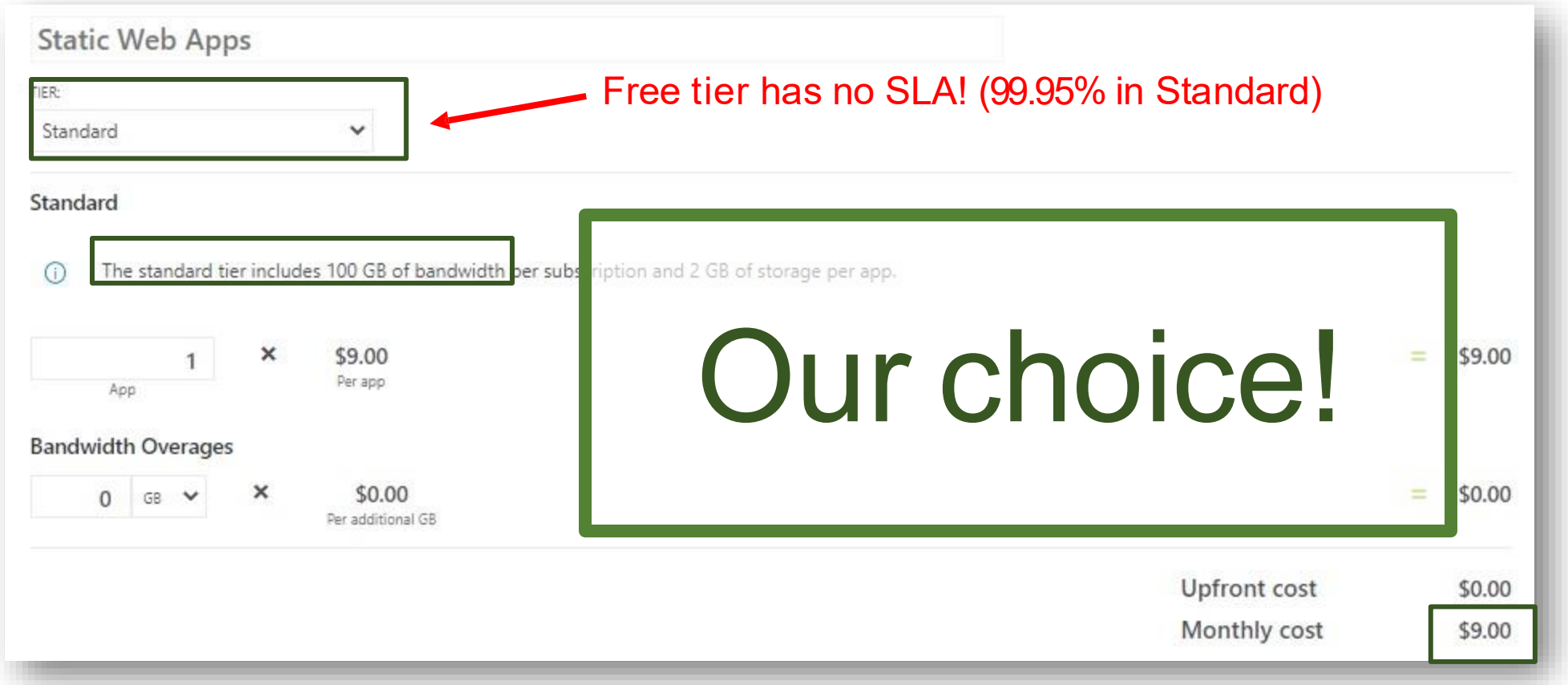

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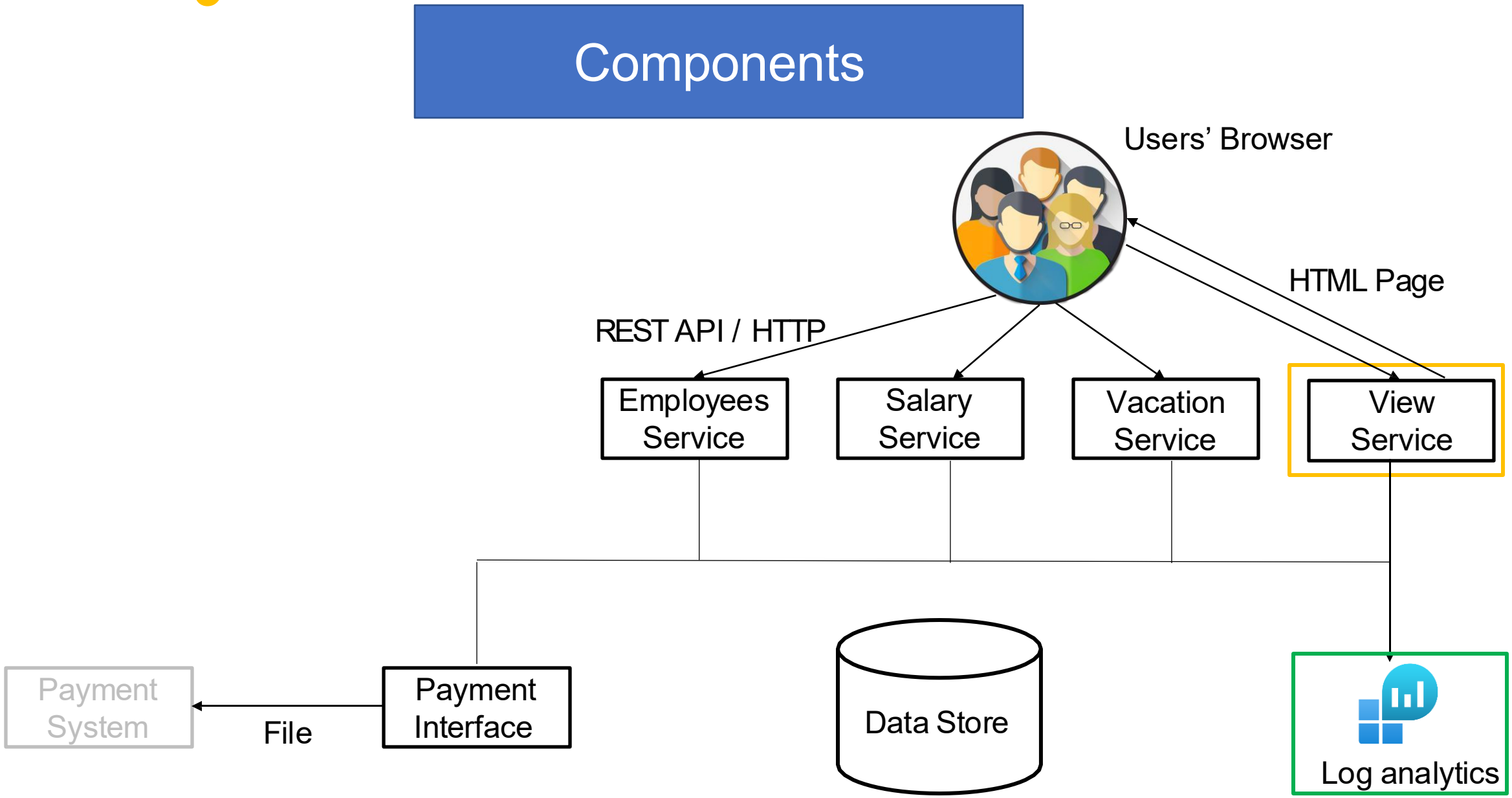

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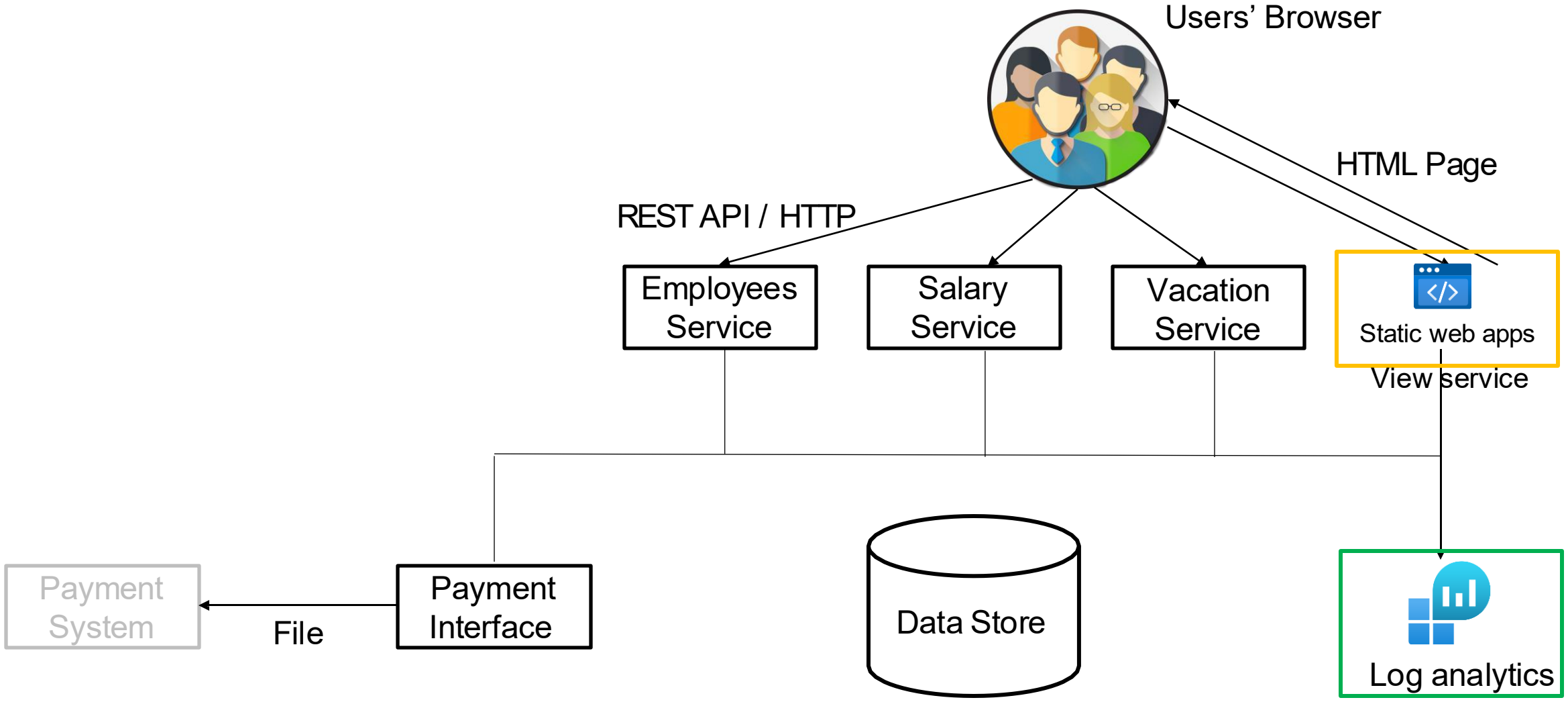

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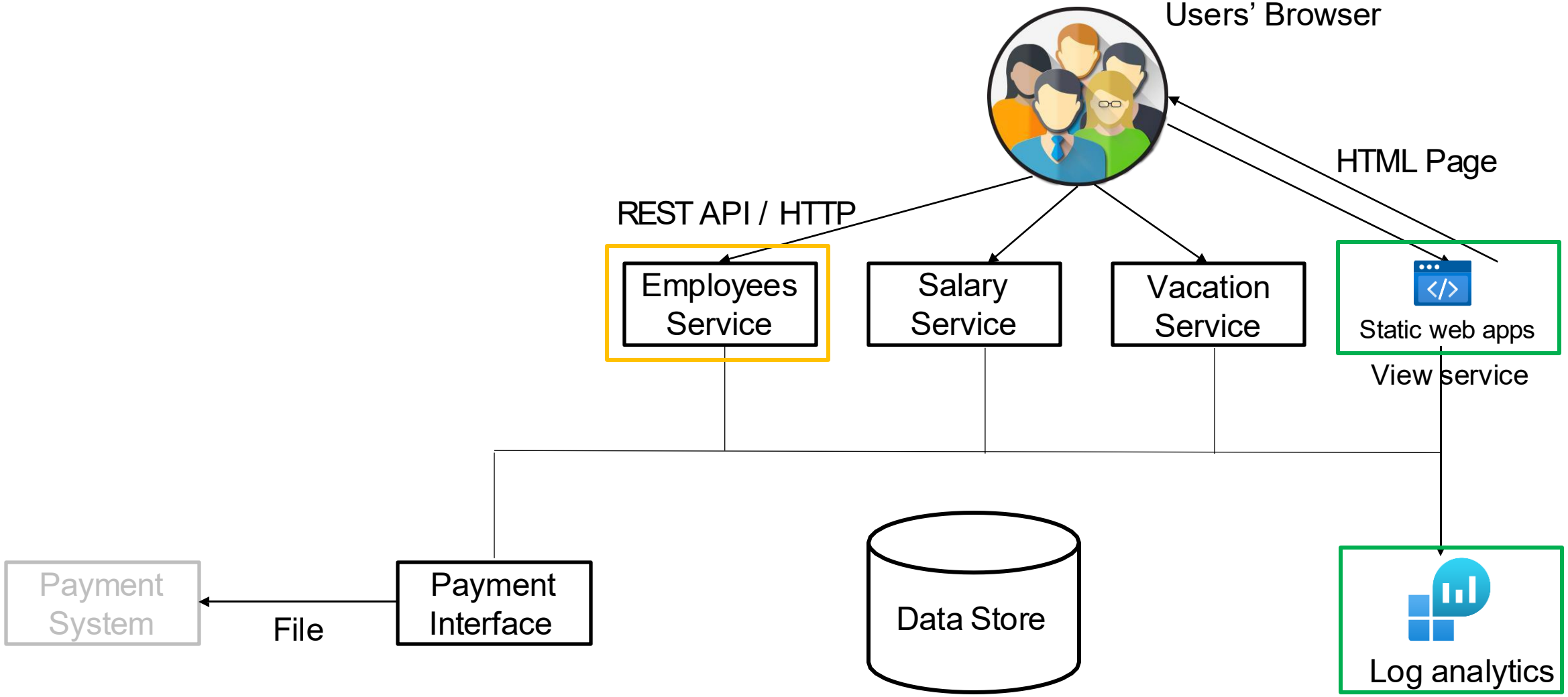

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Employees Service

What it does:

- Allows end users to query employees' data
- Allows performing actions on data (CUD)

What it doesn't:

- Displays the data

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Application Type

- Web App & Web API 
- Mobile App 
- Console 
- Service 
- Desktop App 

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Technology Stack – Dev Platform

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- Fully manage
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Function Apps

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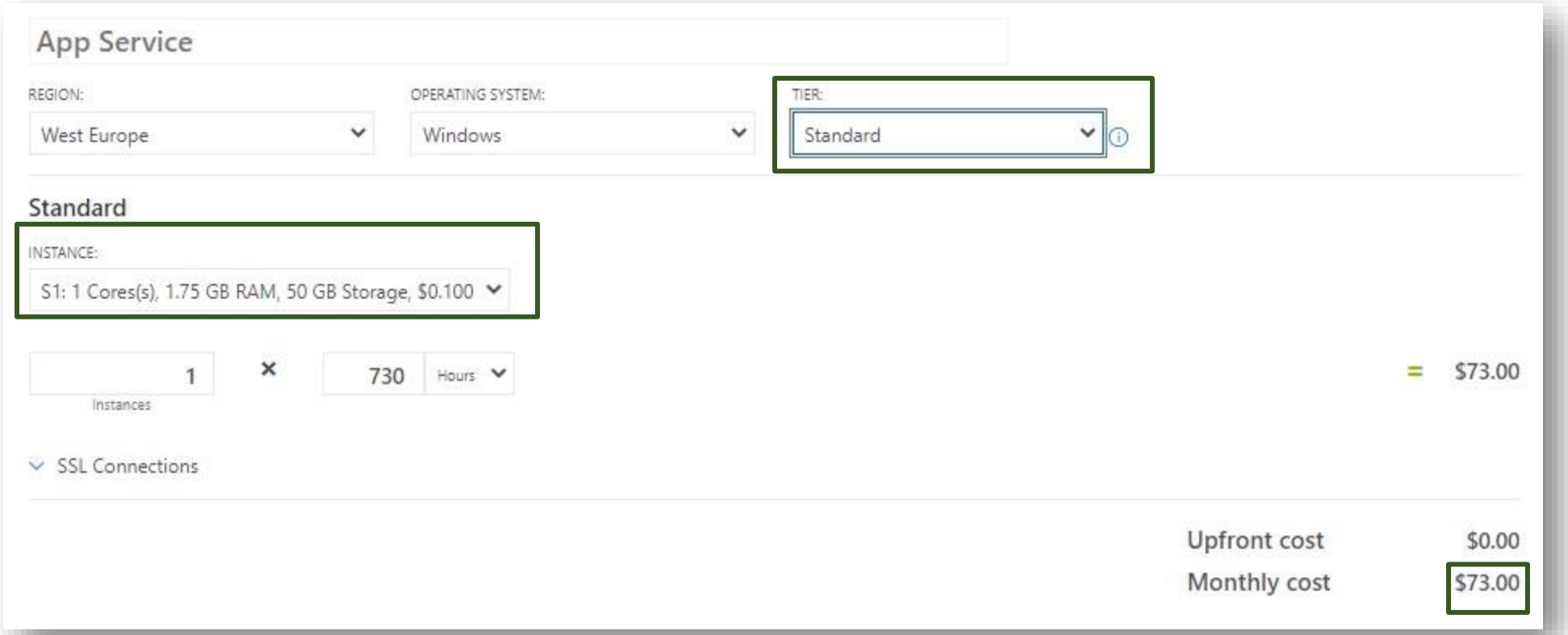

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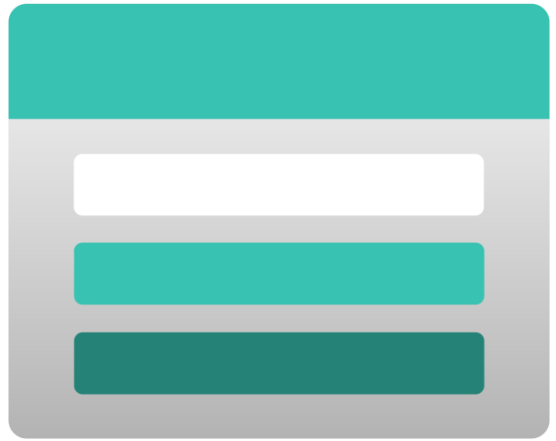
Technology Stack – Database

Employee Data (Relational)

Azure SQL

Documents



Storage Account

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Azure SQL Database

REGION: West Europe

TYPE: Single Database

BACKUP STORAGE TIER: LRS

PURCHASE MODEL: vCore

SERVICE TIER: General Purpose

COMPUTE TIER: Provisioned

HARDWARE TYPE: Gen 5

INSTANCE: 2 vCore

Compute

REDUNDANCY: Local

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Instances

Savings Options

Save up to 73% on pay as you go prices with 1 year or 3 year reserved options.

Compute

- ○ Pay as you go
- ○ 1 year reserved
- ◉ 3 year reserved

COMPUTE PAYMENT OPTIONS: Monthly

$110.00
Average per month
($0.00 charged upfront)

SQL License

- ◉ Pay as you go
- ○ Azure Hybrid Benefit

$145.95
Average per month
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Storage

5
GB

= $0.68

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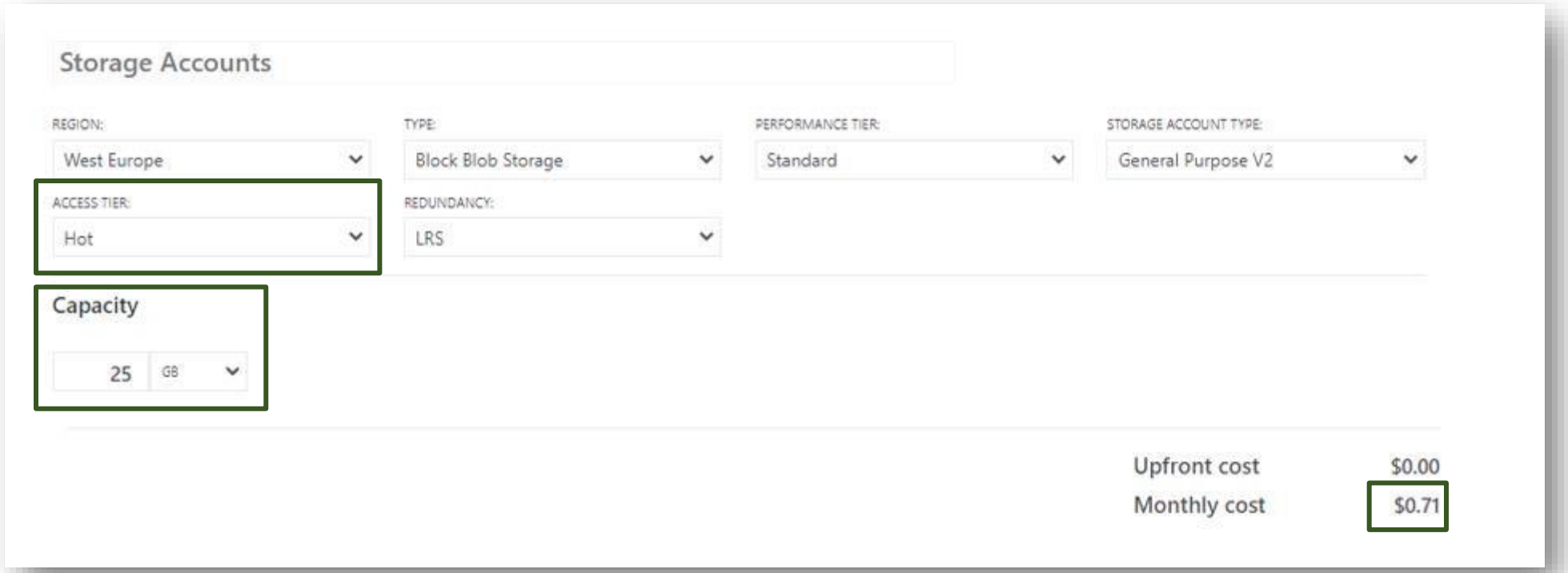
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REGION:
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TYPE:
Block Blob Storage
PERFORMANCE TIER:
Standard
STORAGE ACCOUNT TYPE:
General Purpose V2
ACCESS TIER:
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REDUNDANCY:
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Capacity
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Upfront cost
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Monthly cost
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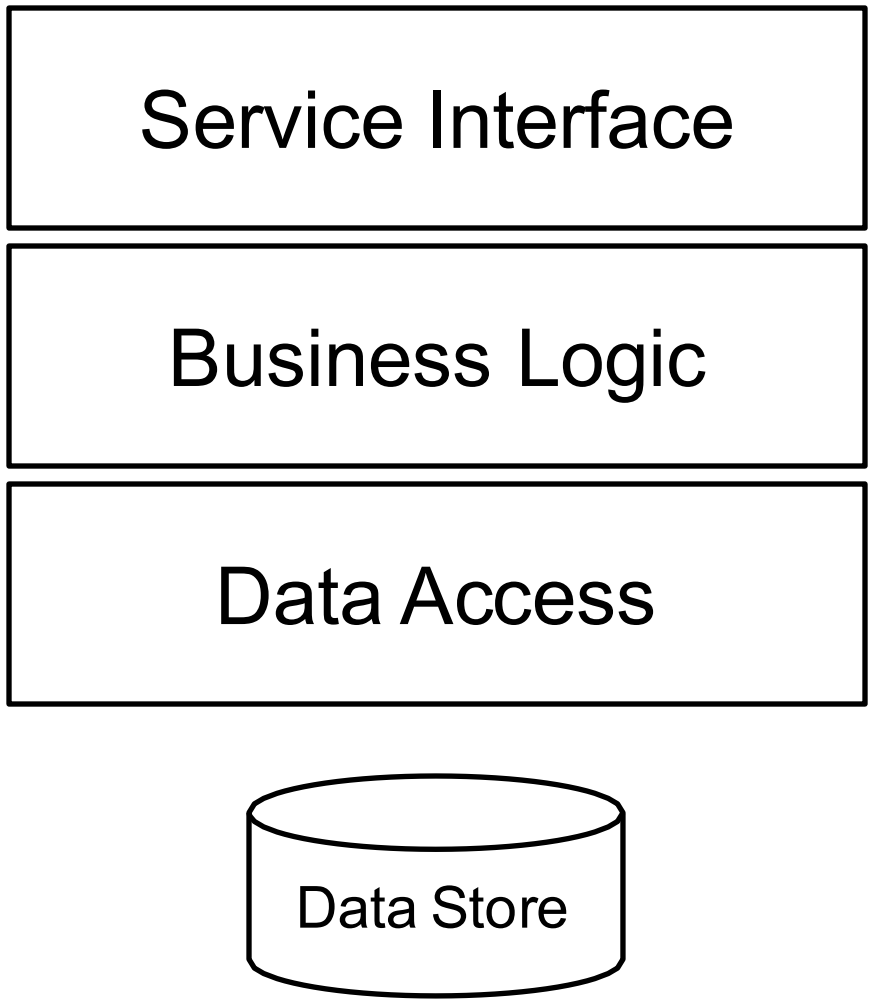

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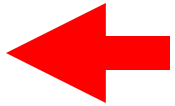
API

- Get full employee details by ID
- List of employees by parameters
- Add employee
- Update employee details
- Remove employee



Not physical delete!

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API – Cont.

- Add document
- Remove document
- Get document
- Retrieve documents by parameters

Q: Do we need a separate **Document Handler** service?

A: Since only the Employee entity requires docs, then no.

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API

Functionality	Path	Return Codes
Get employee details by ID	`GET /api/v1/employee/{id}`	`200 OK` `404 Not Found`
List employees by parameters	`GET /api/v1/employees?name=…&birthdate=…`	`200 OK` `400 Bad Request`
Add employee	`POST /api/v1/employee`	`201 Created` `400 Bad Request`

Update employee details	`PUT /api/v1/employee/{id}`	`200 OK`
		`400 Bad Request`
		`404 Not Found`

Remove employee	`DELETE /api/v1/employee/{id}`	`200 OK` `404 Not Found`

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API

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Add document	`POST /api/v1/employee/{id}/document`	`201 Created` `404 Not Found`
Remove document	`DELETE` `/api/v1/employees/{id}/document/{docid}`	`200 OK` `404 Not Found`
Get document	`GET /api/v1/employees/{id}/document/{docid}`	`200 OK` `404 Not Found`
Retrieve documents for employee	`GET /api/v1/employees/{id}/documents`	`200 OK` `404 Not Found`

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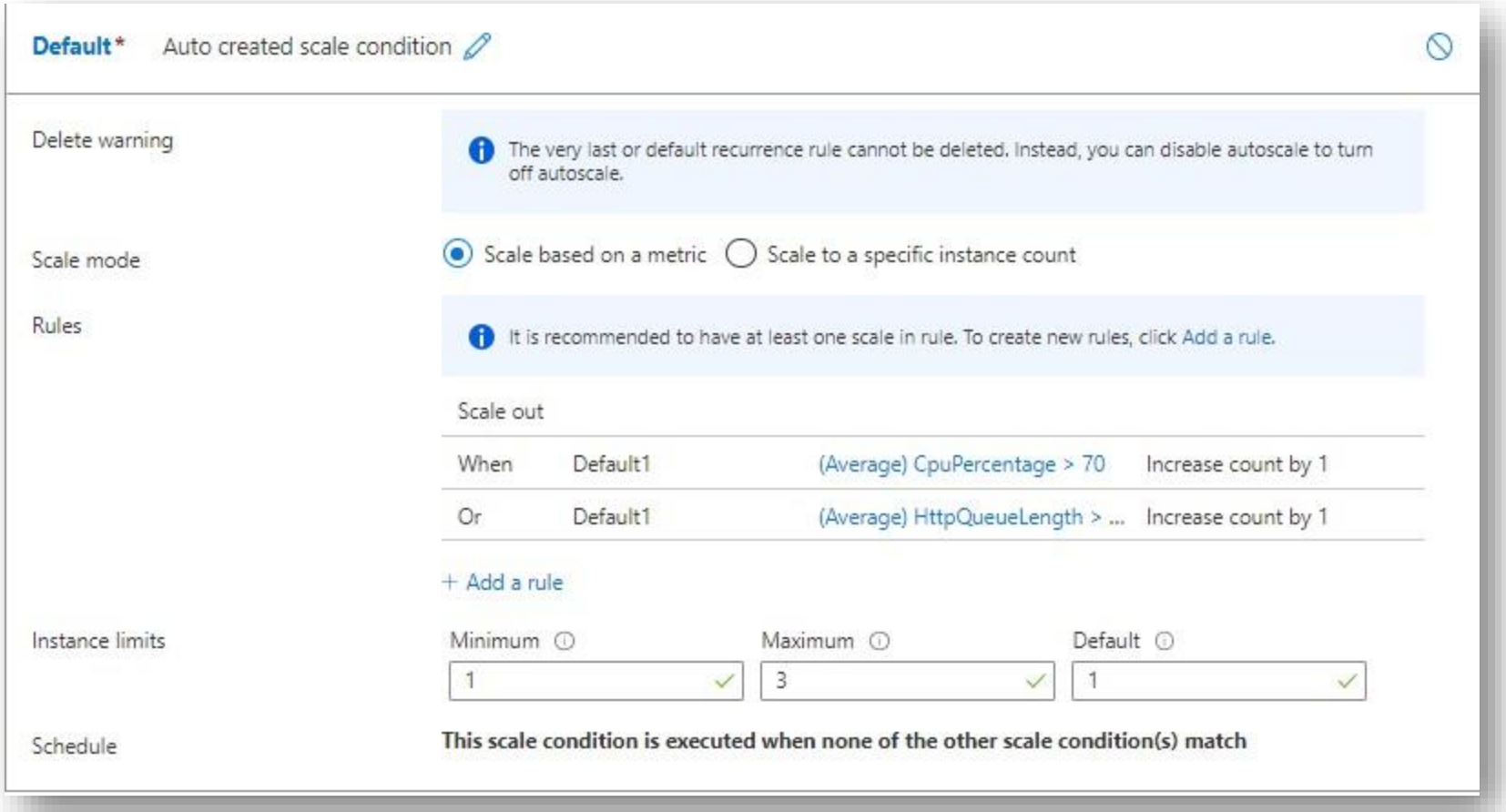
Employee Service Redundancy

App service auto scale



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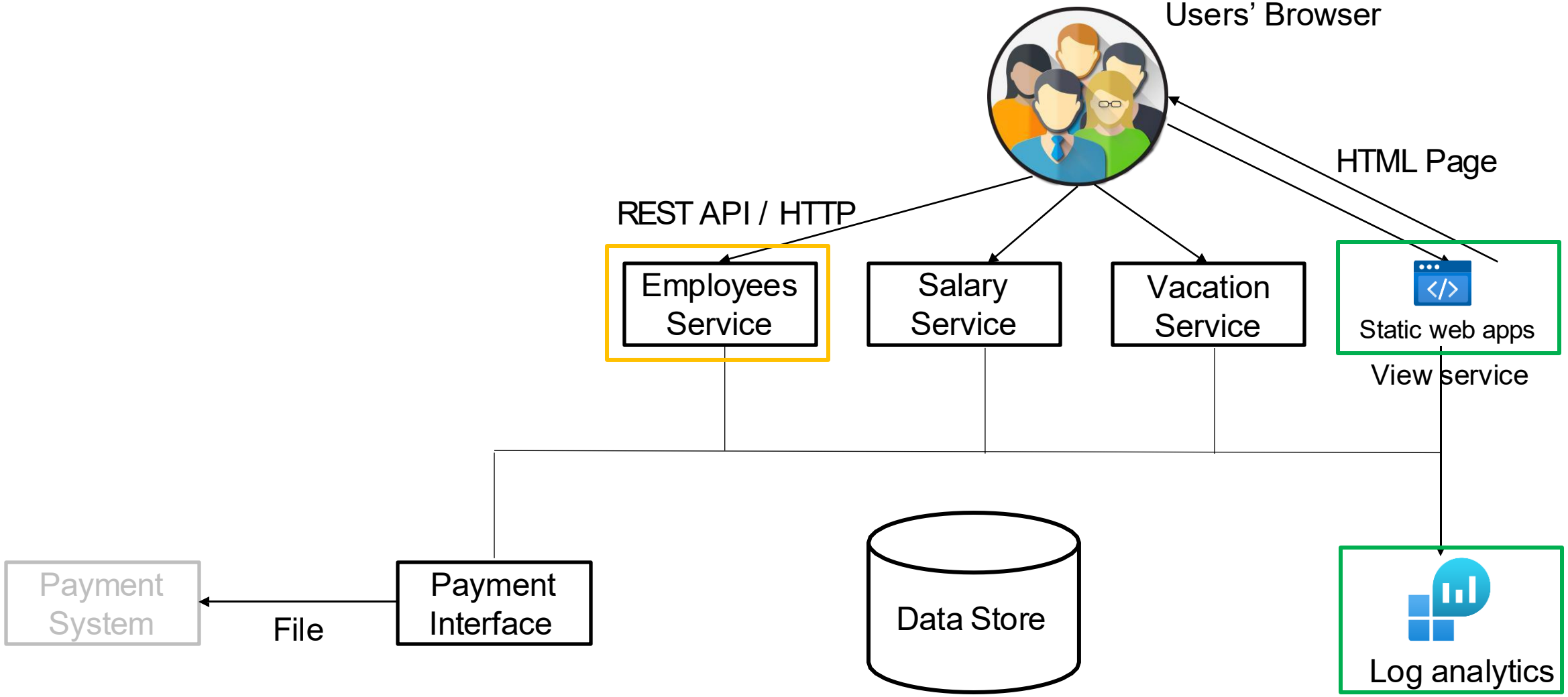

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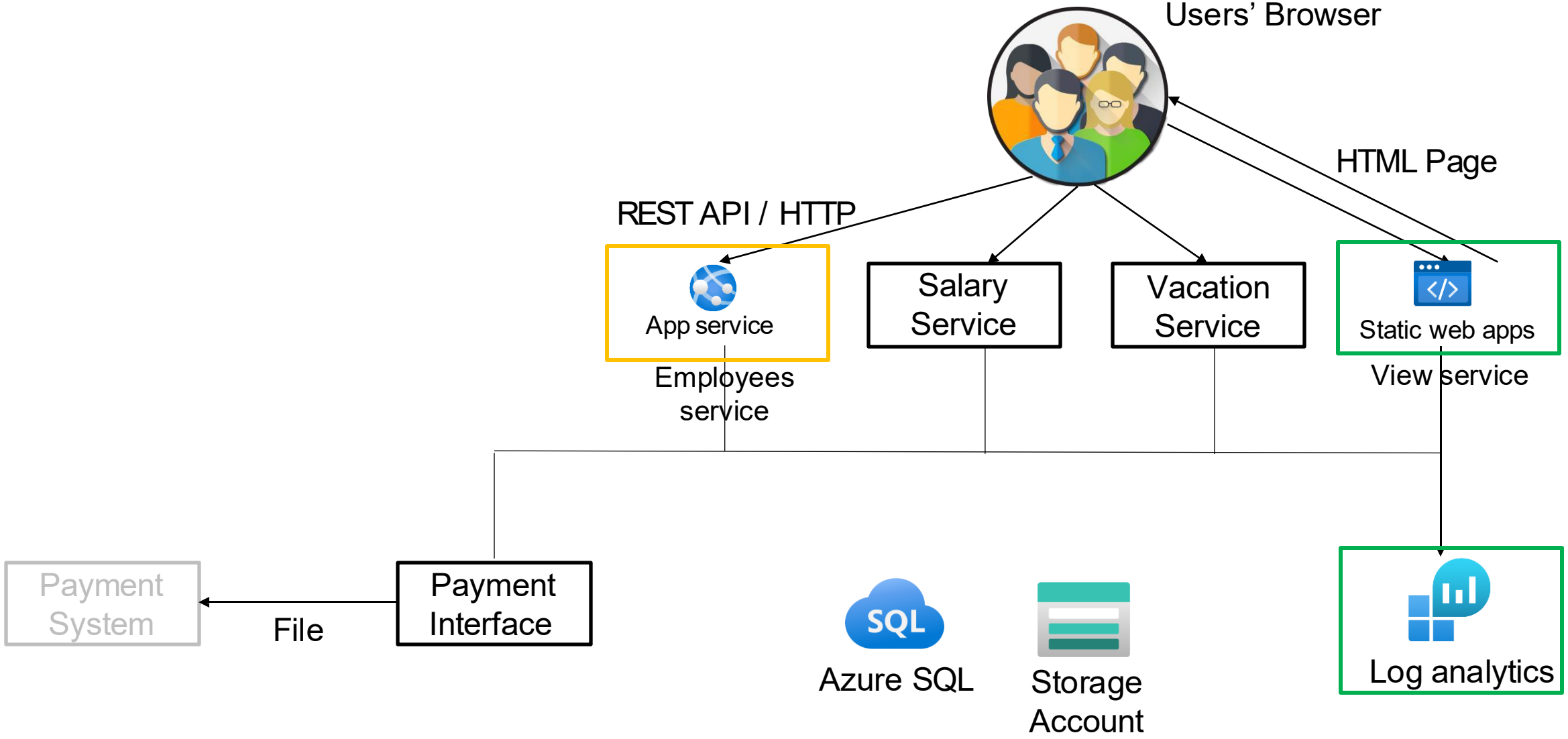

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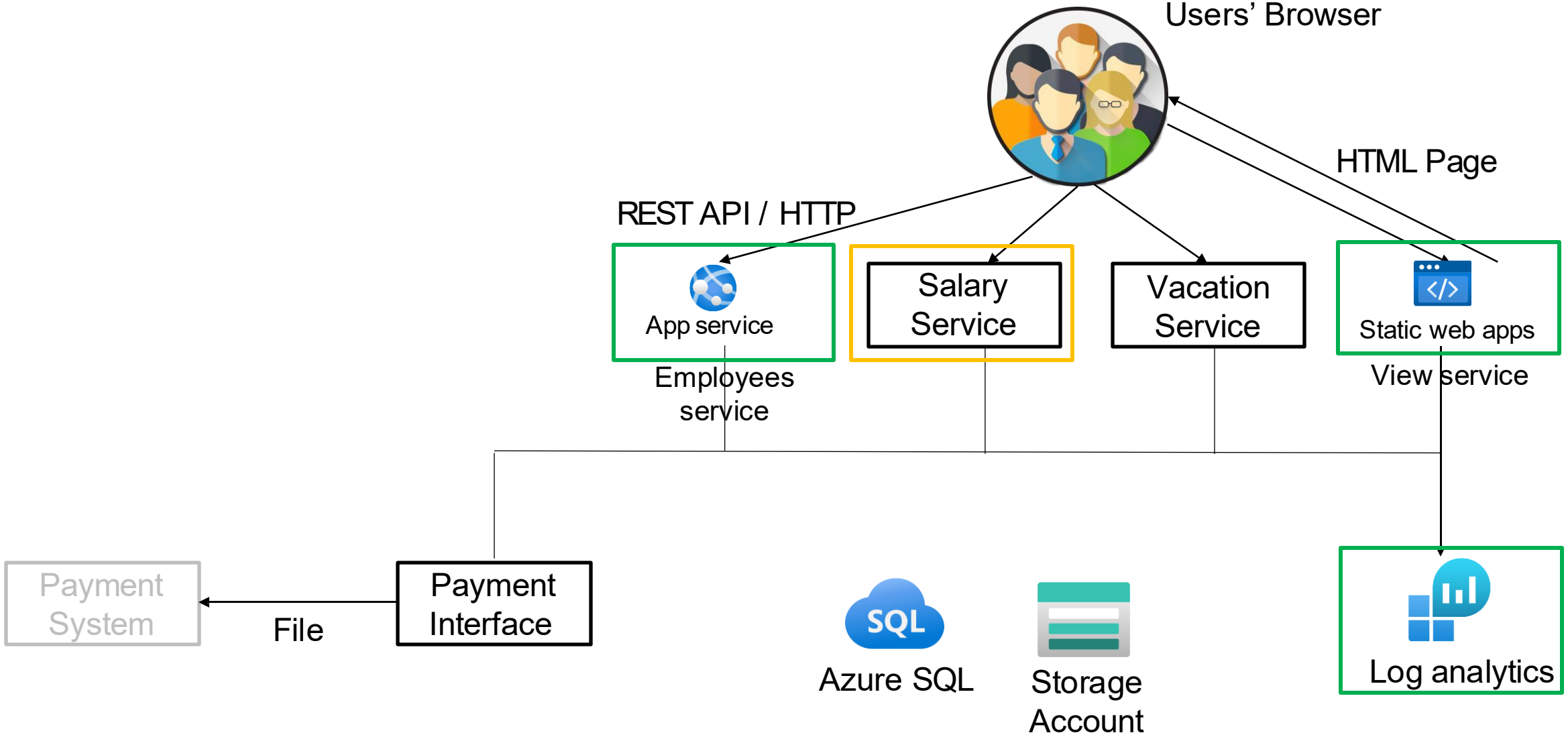

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Salary Service

What it does:

- Allows managers to ask for an employee’s salary change
- Allows HR representative to approve / reject the request

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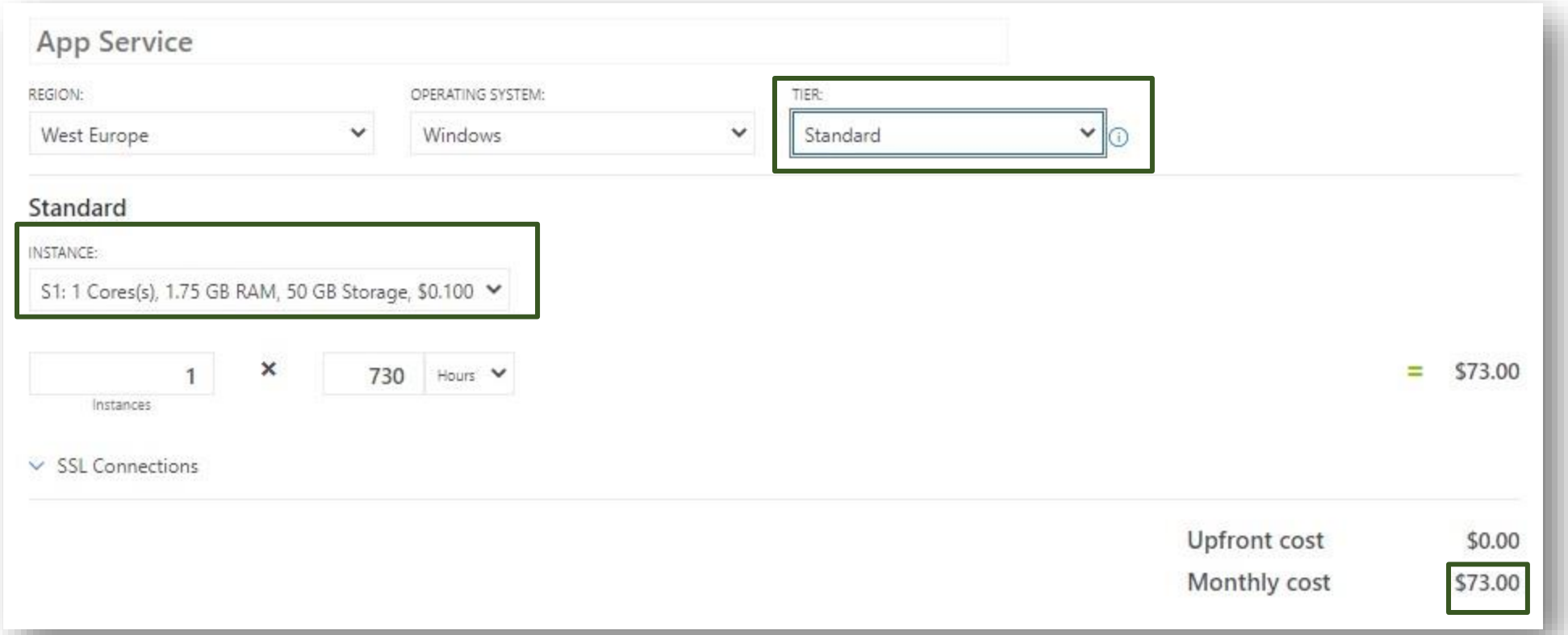

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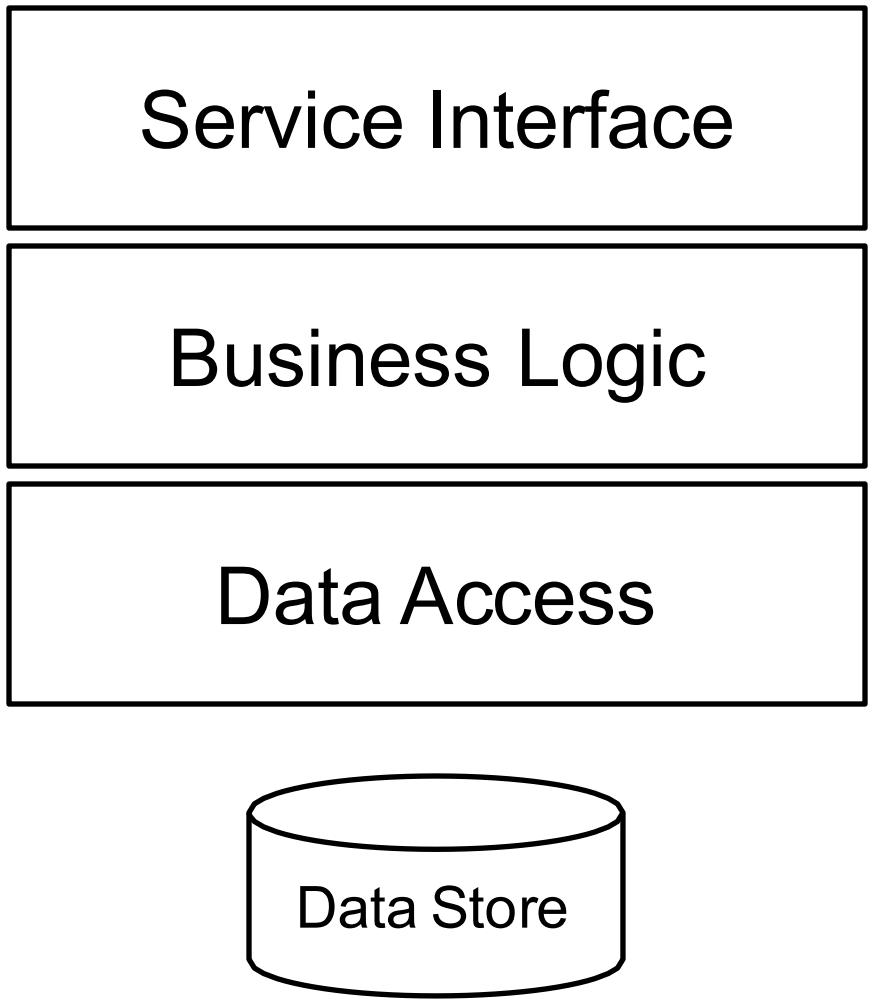

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API

- Add salary request
- Remove salary request
- Get salary requests
- Approve salary request
- Reject salary request

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API

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Add salary request	`POST /api/v1/salaryRequest/`	`200 OK` `400 Bad Request`
Remove salary request	`DELETE /api/v1/salaryRequest/{id}`	`200 OK` `404 Not Found`
Get salary requests	`GET /api/v1/salaryRequests`	`200 OK`
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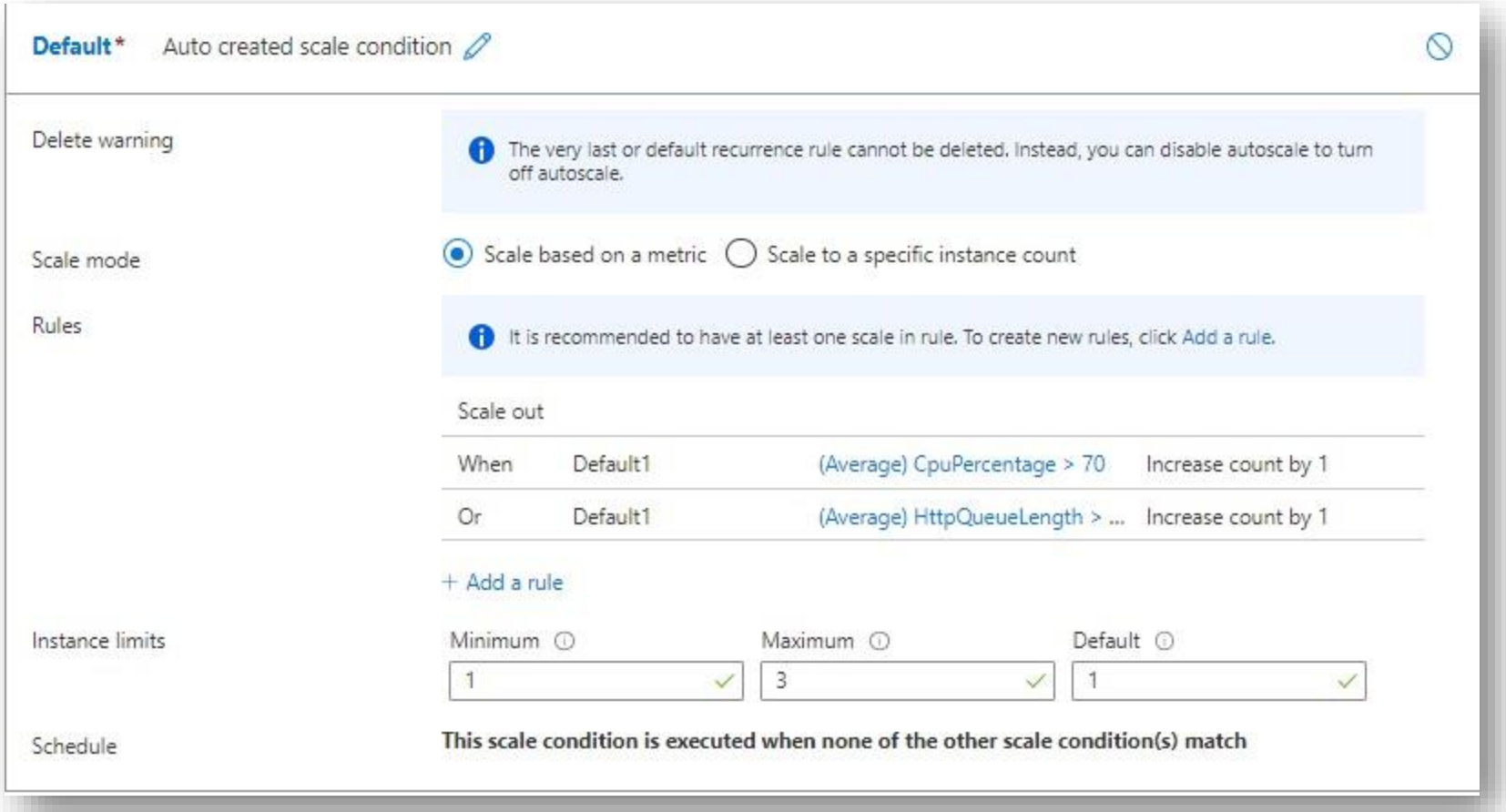

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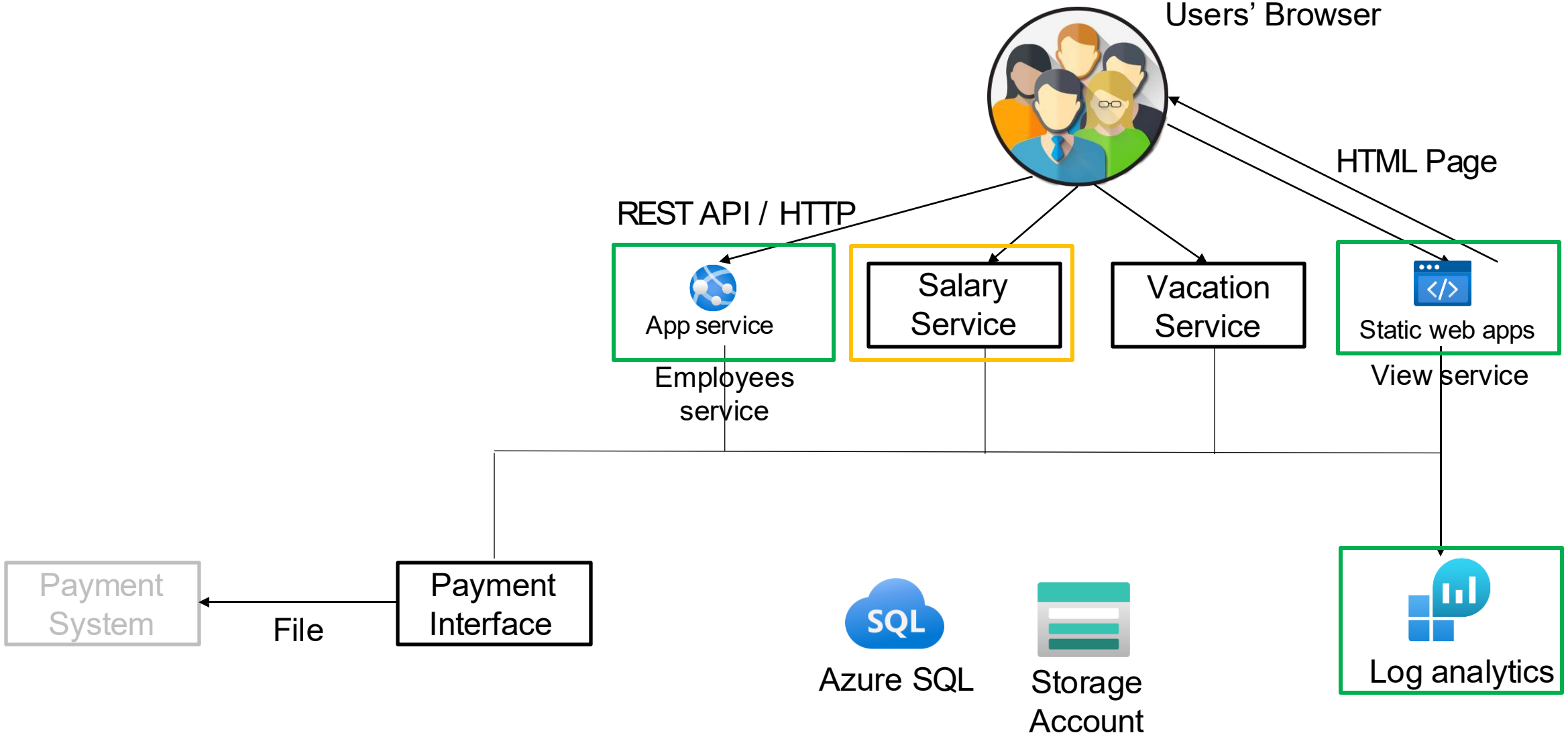

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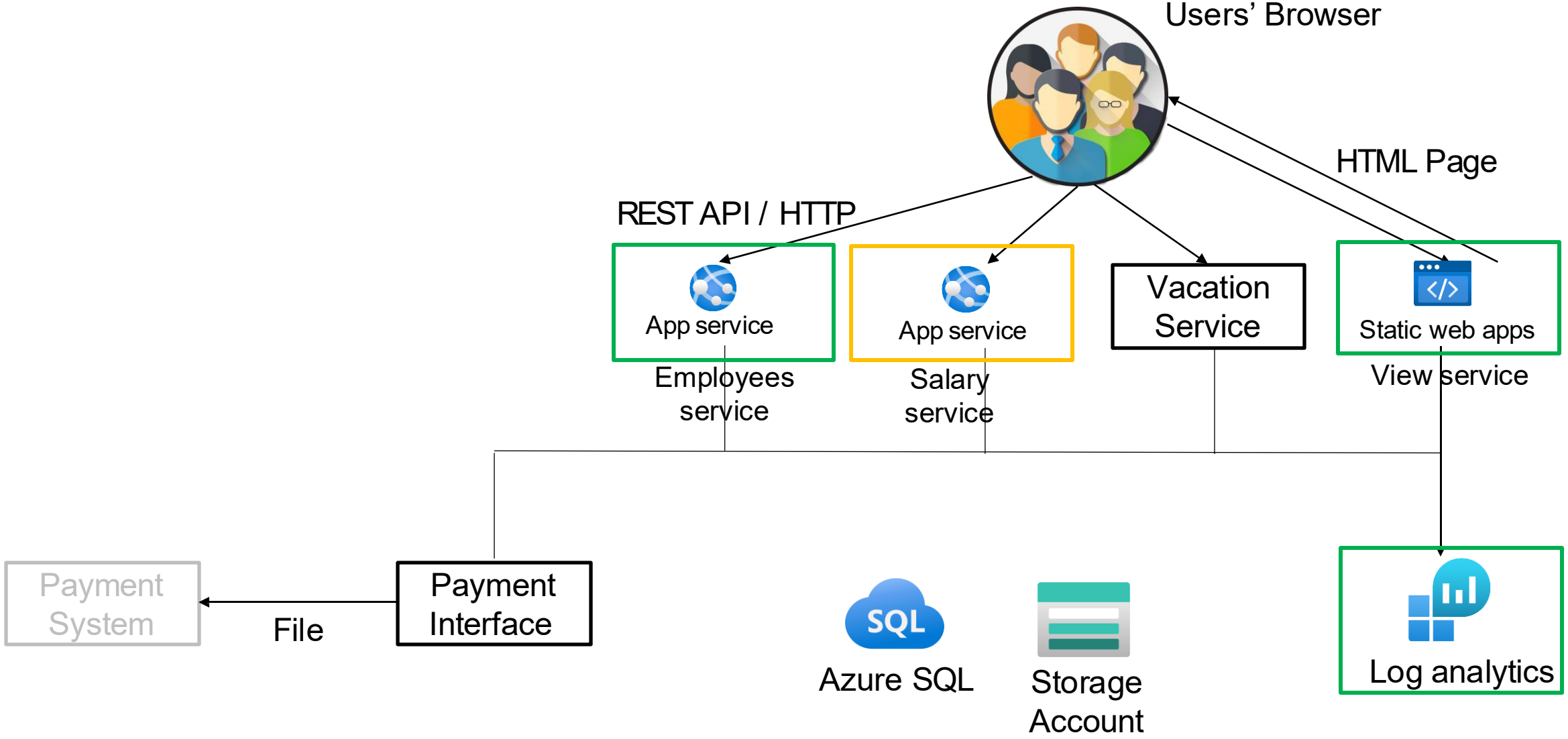

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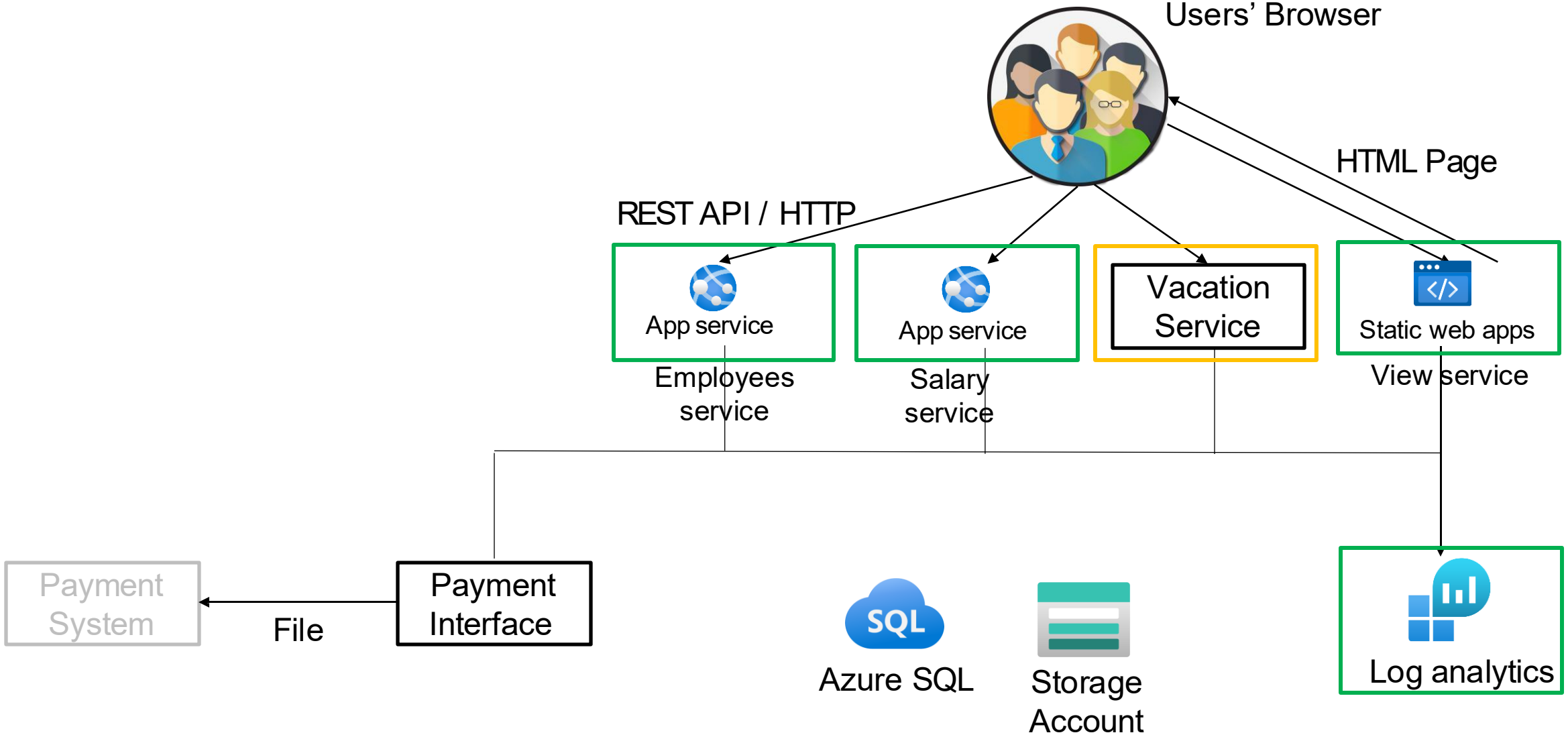

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Vacation Service

What it does:

- Allows employees to manage their vacation days
- Allows HR to set available vacation days for employees

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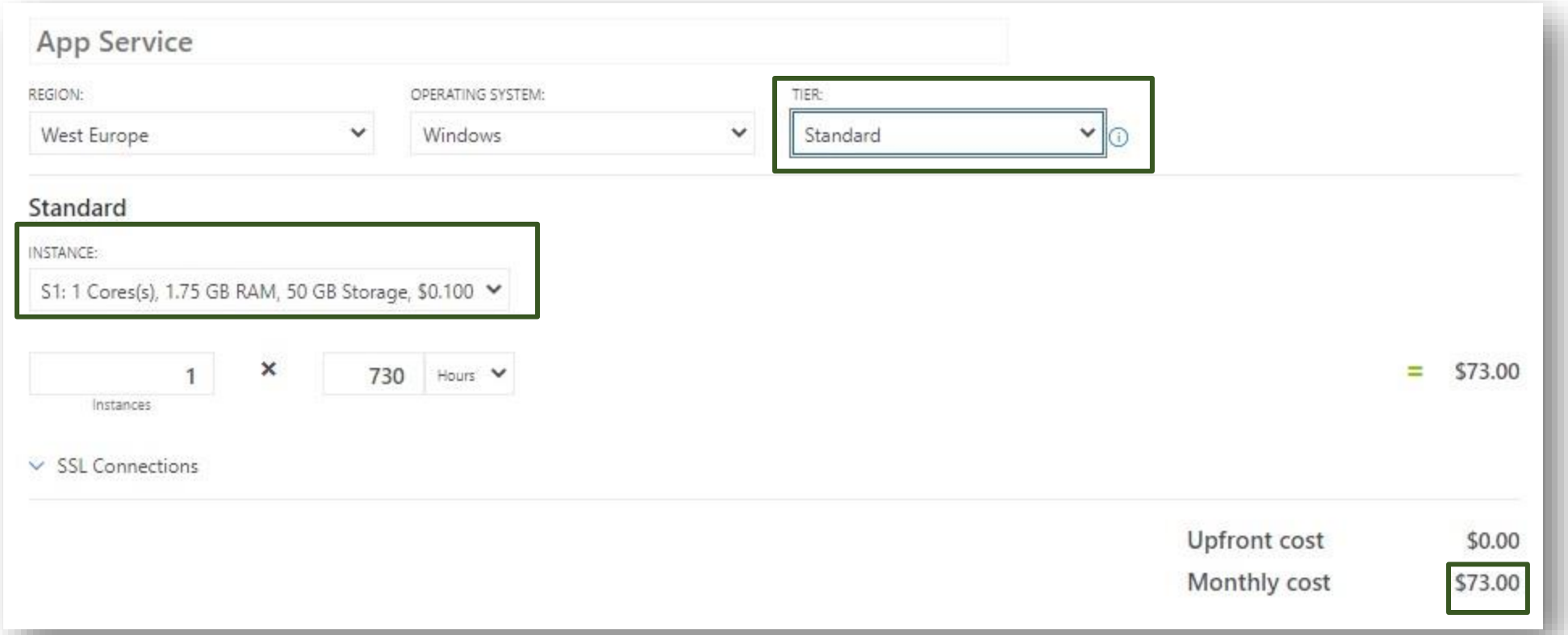

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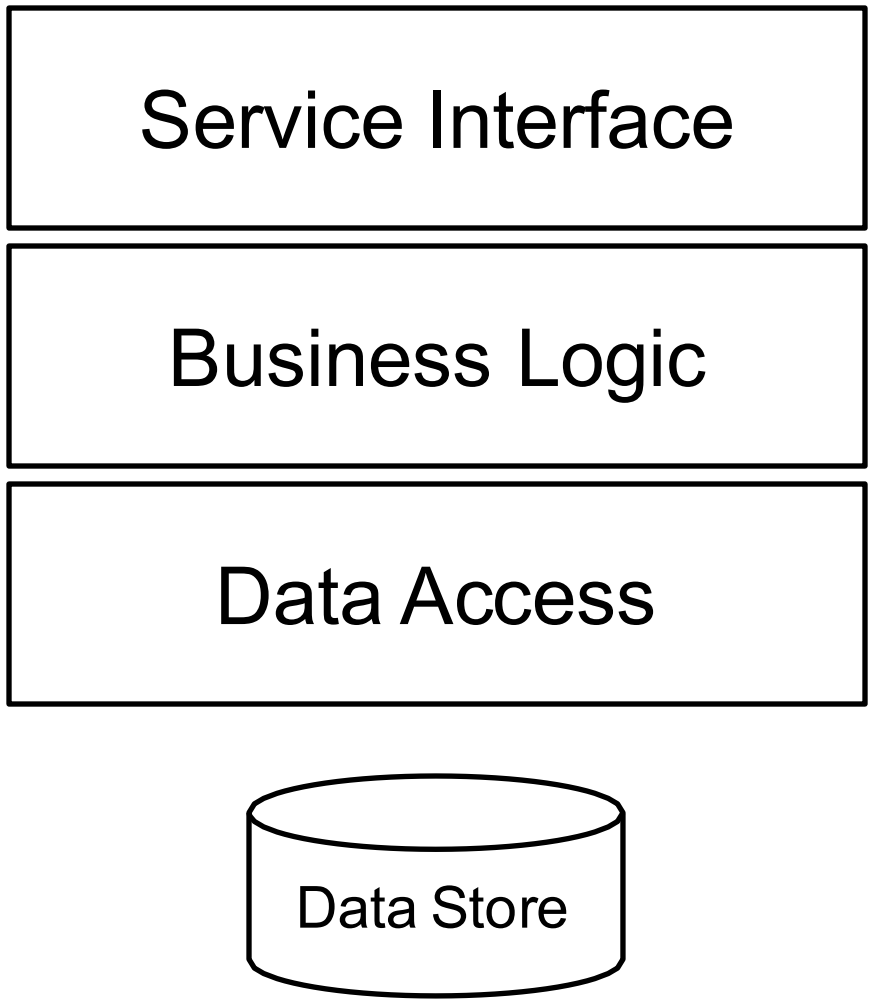

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API

- Set available vacation days (by HR)
- Get available vacation days
- Reduce vacation days (by employees)

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API

Functionality	Path	Return Codes
Set available vacation days	`PUT /api/v1/vacation/{empid}`	`200 OK` `404 Not Found`
Get available vacation days	`GET /api/v1/vacation/{empid}`	`200 OK` `404 Not Found`
Reduce vacation days	`POST /api/v1/vacation/{empid}/reduction`	`200 OK`

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Vacation Service Redundancy

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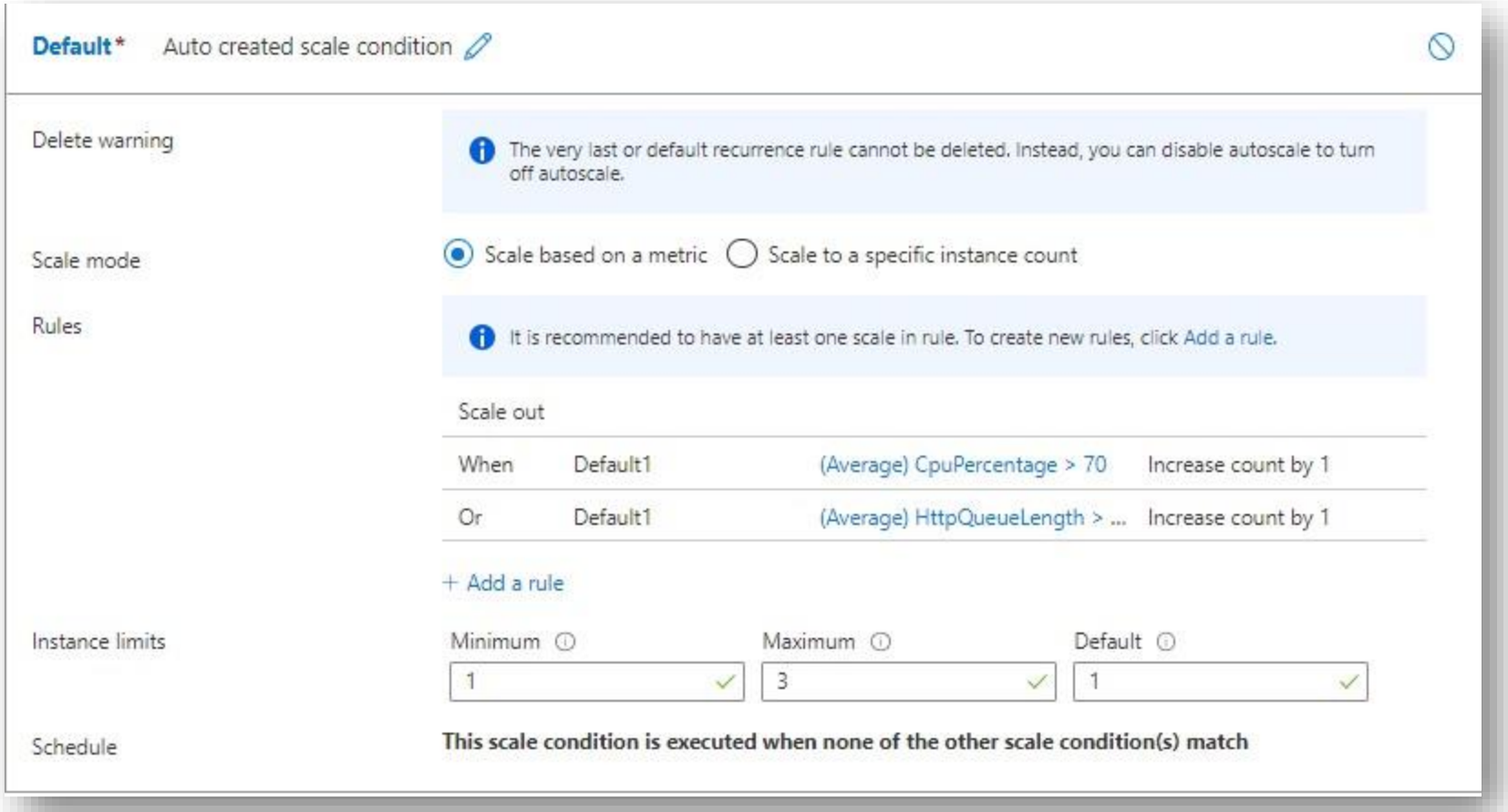

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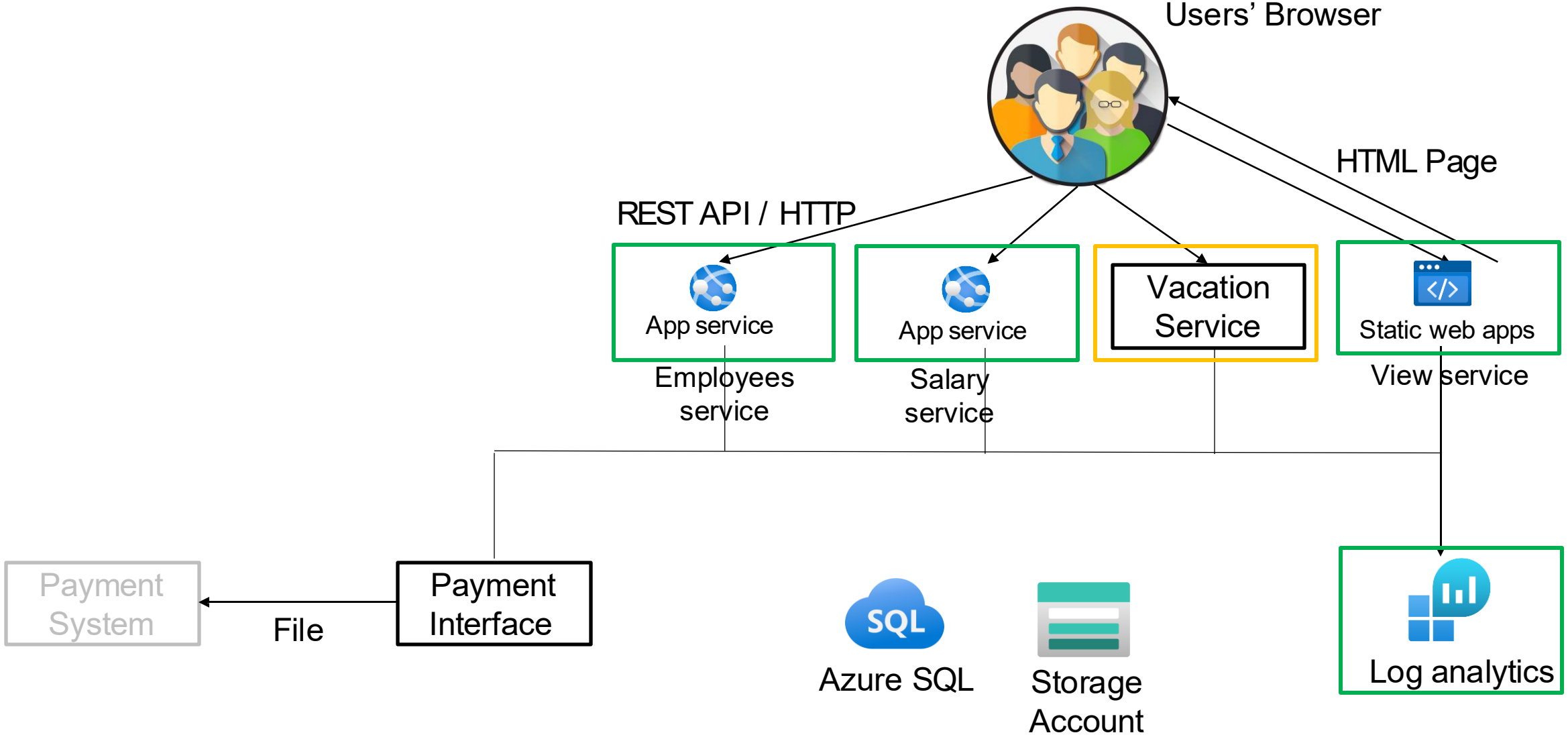

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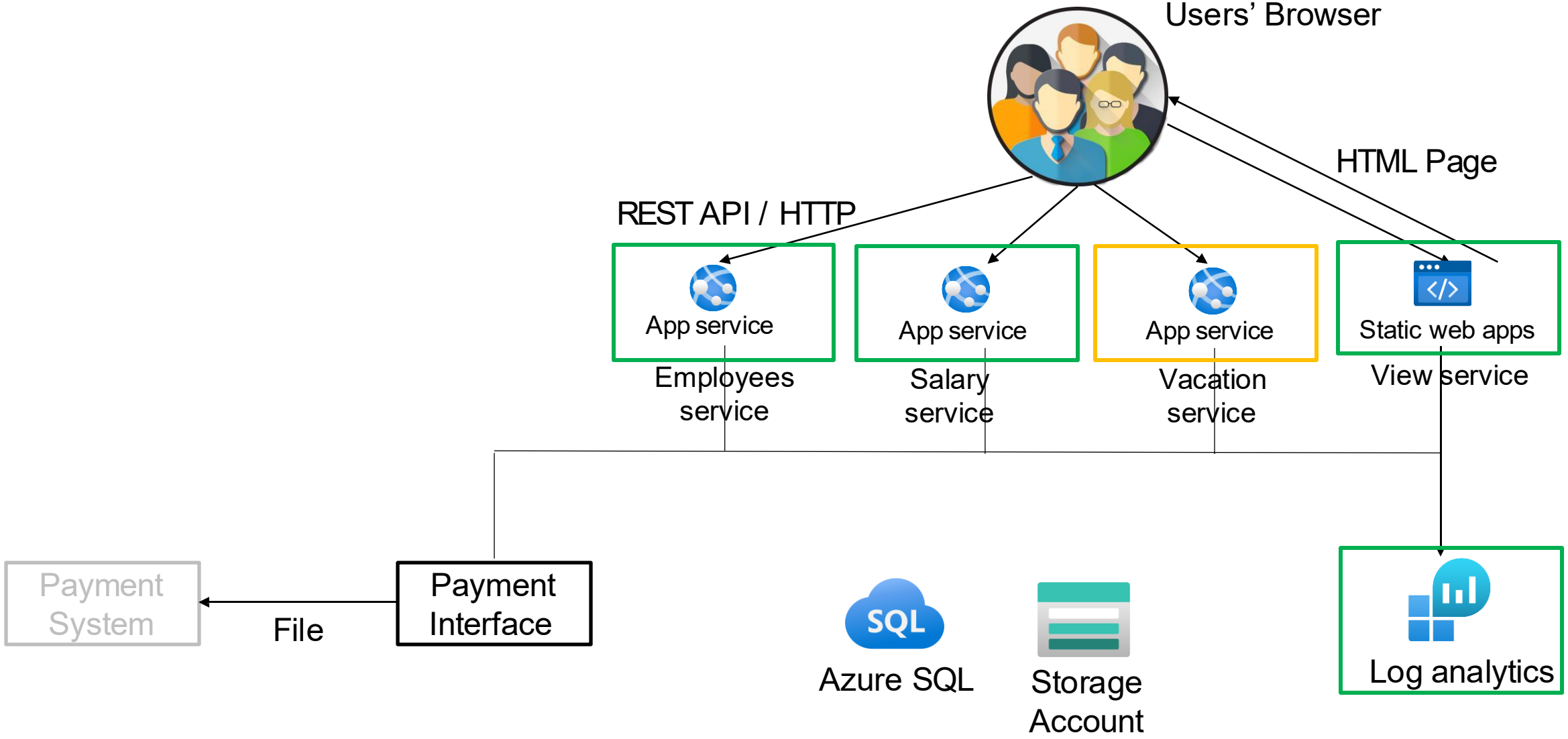

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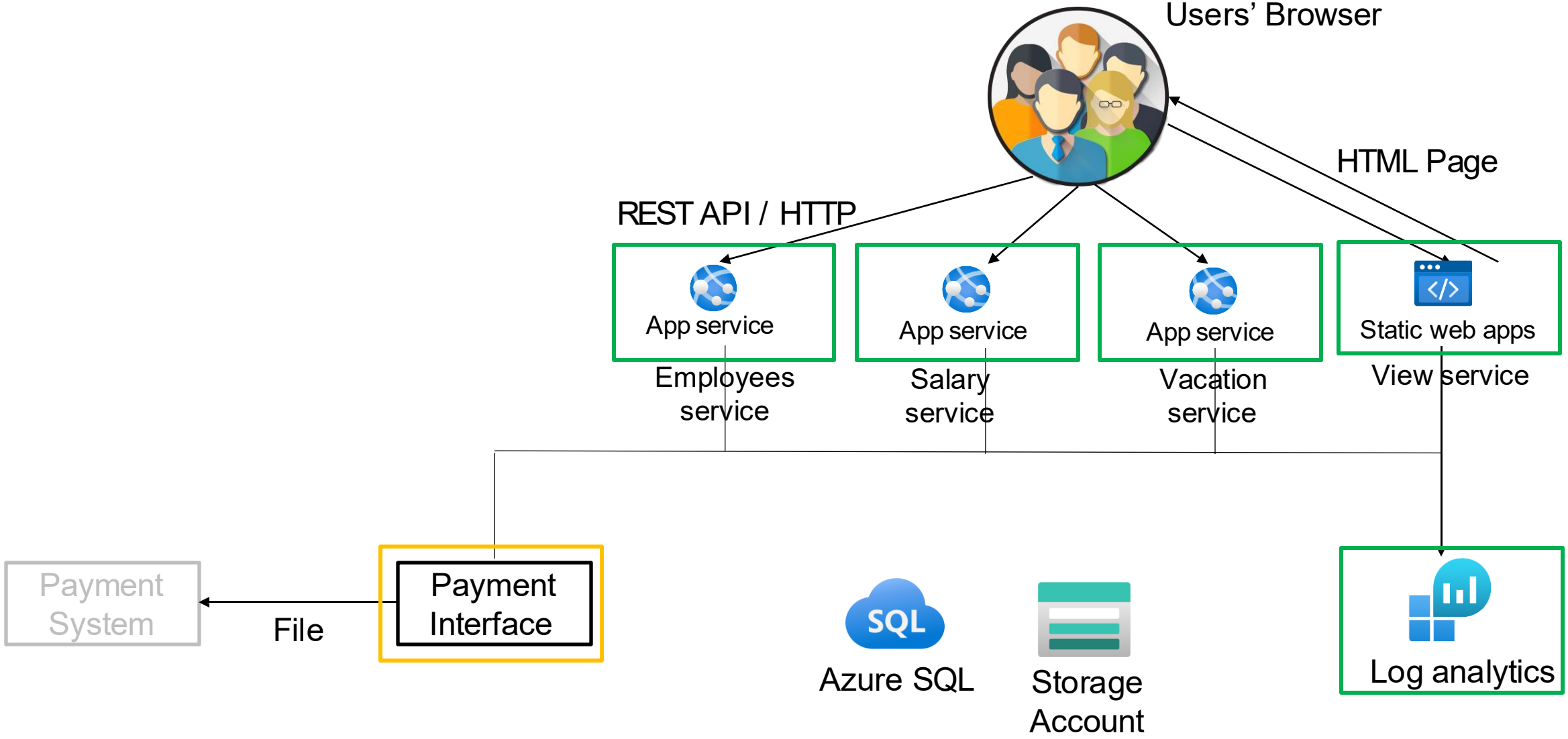

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Payment Interface

What it does:

- Queries the database once a month for salary data
- Passes payment data to the external payment system

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Application Type

- Web App & Web API 
- Mobile App 
- Console 
- Service 
- Desktop App 

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Technology Stack

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Azure batch process

App Se

- Runs on schedul
- Part of the App s
- No additional cos

Let's choose:

- Azure Functions are for lightweight actions
- Have great monitoring
- The export can take a lot of time

- Integration with cloud services
- Extremely cost effective

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Azure batch process

App Service WebJob

- Runs on schedule
- Part of the App service
- No additional cost

Function Apps

- Fully managed cloud functions
- Lightweight
- Autoscale
- Integration with cloud services
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Azure batch process

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Other alternatives

VM

- Requires a lot of manual maintenance
- Expensive

Logic app

- Too complex for this specific job

Azure batch

- Used for huge processes, this is not the case

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Payment Interface Redundancy

- No built-in redundancy for WebJobs
- Not critical – runs once a month
- Add monitoring for catching failures

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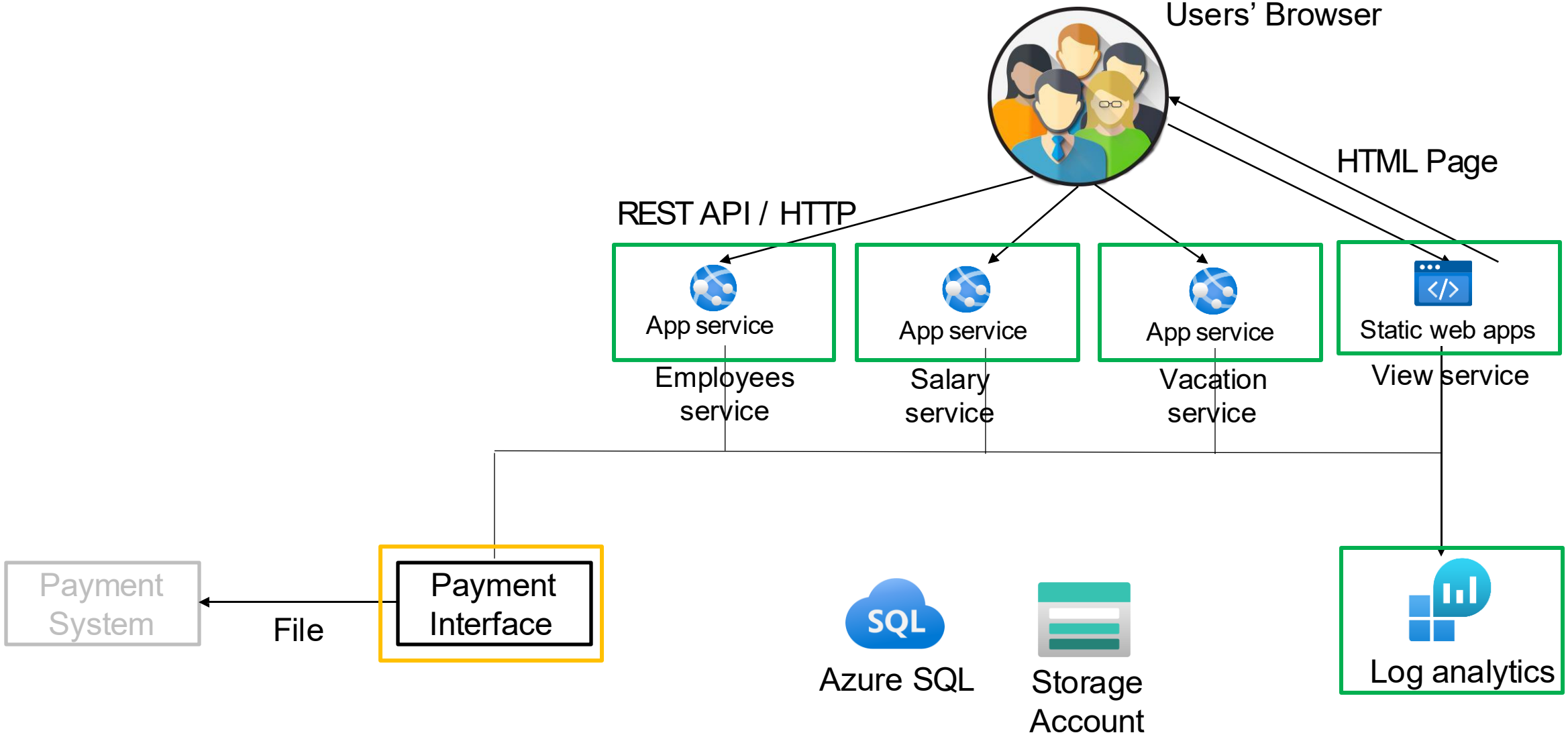

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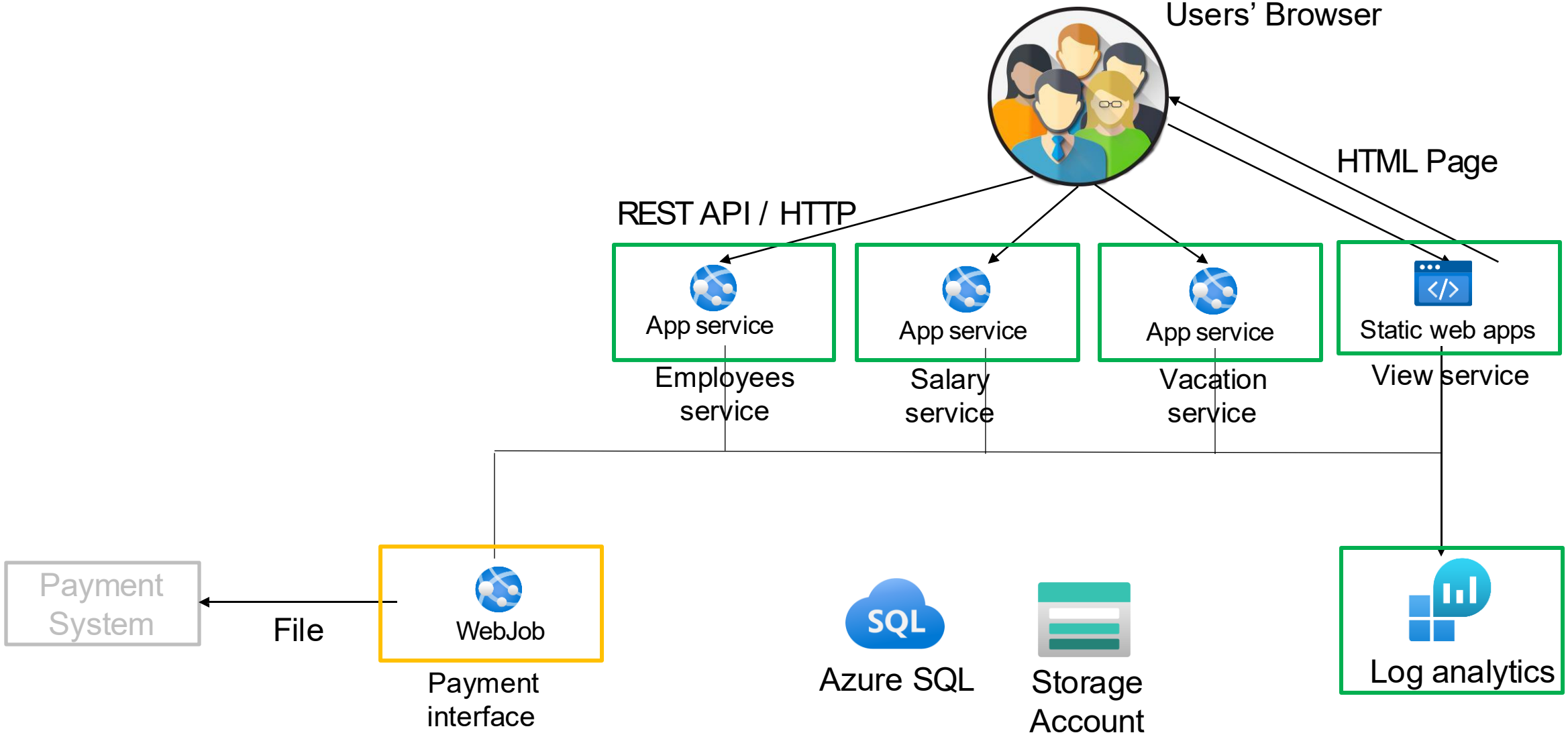

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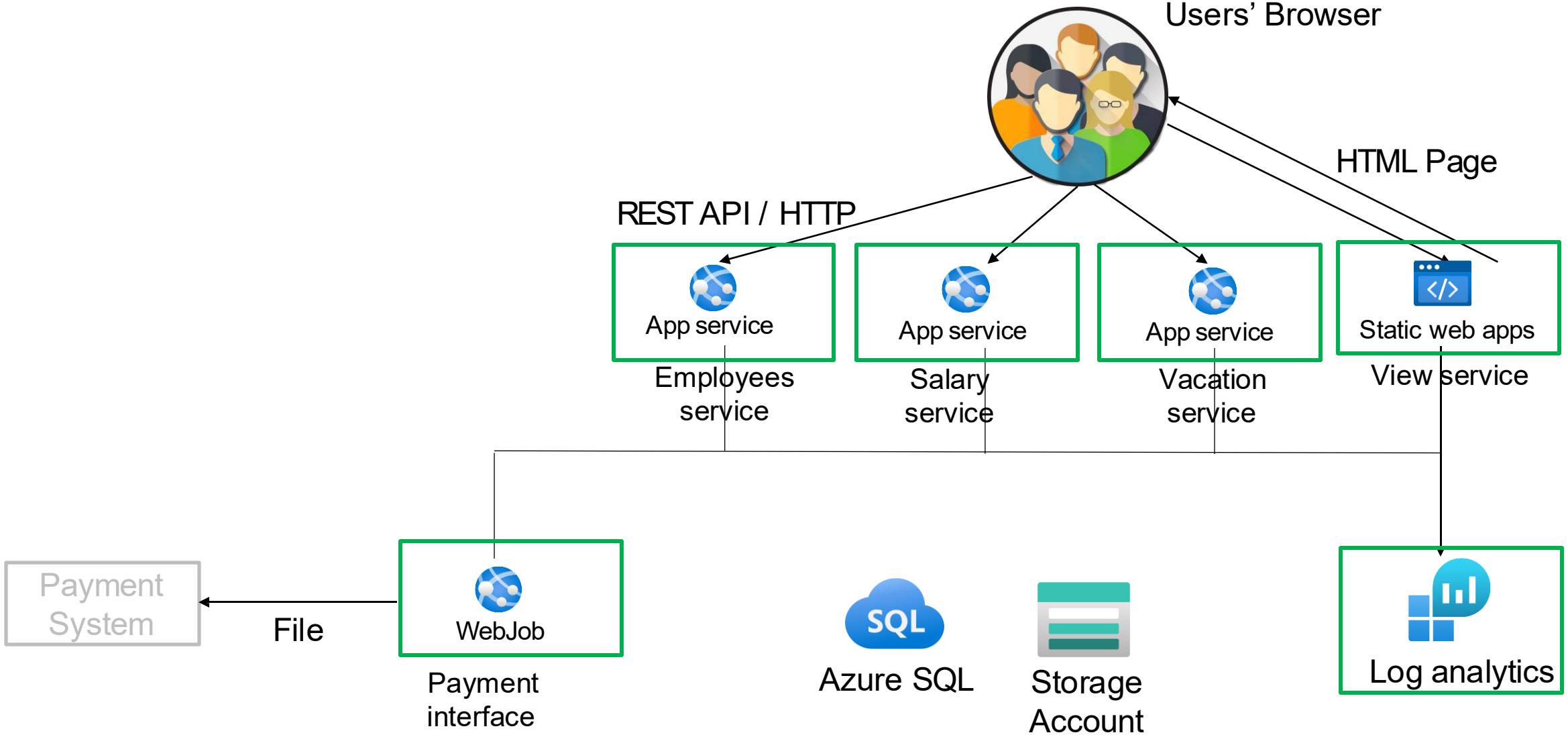

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Security

- Data encryption
- Network security
- Access restrictions

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Data Encryption

- Data in Azure Storage account is encrypted by default
  - Using 256-bit AES encryption
- Traffic to Storage Account is encrypted using TLS

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Data Encryption

- Data in Azure SQL is encrypted by default
  - Using 256-bit AES encryption
- Traffic to Azure SQL is encrypted using TLS

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Network Security

- Currently all app services are exposed to the internet
- No protection whatsoever
- Need to add Web Application Firewall (WAF)

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Application Gateway + WAF

- Load balancer
- Web Application Firewall
- Autoscale
- Sophisticated routing

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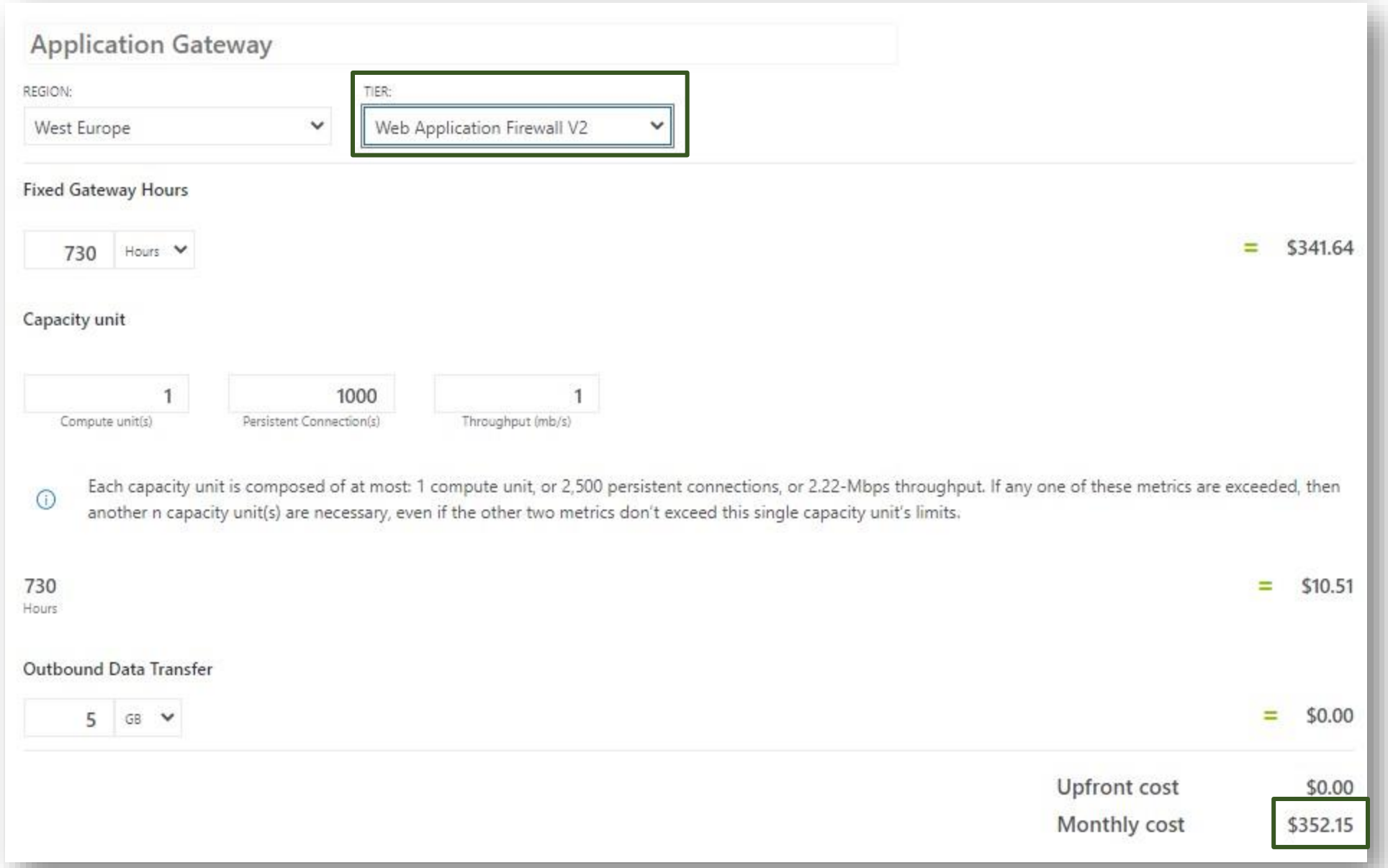
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West Europe
TIER:
Web Application Firewall V2
Fixed Gateway Hours
730
Hours
= $341.64
Capacity unit
1
Compute unit(s)
1000
Persistent Connection(s)
1
Throughput (mb/s)
Each capacity unit is composed of at most: 1 compute unit, or 2,500 persistent connections, or 2.22-Mbps throughput. If any one of these metrics are exceeded, then another n capacity unit(s) are necessary, even if the other two metrics don't exceed this single capacity unit's limits.
730
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Outbound Data Transfer
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GB
= $0.00
Upfront cost
$0.00
Monthly cost
$352.15

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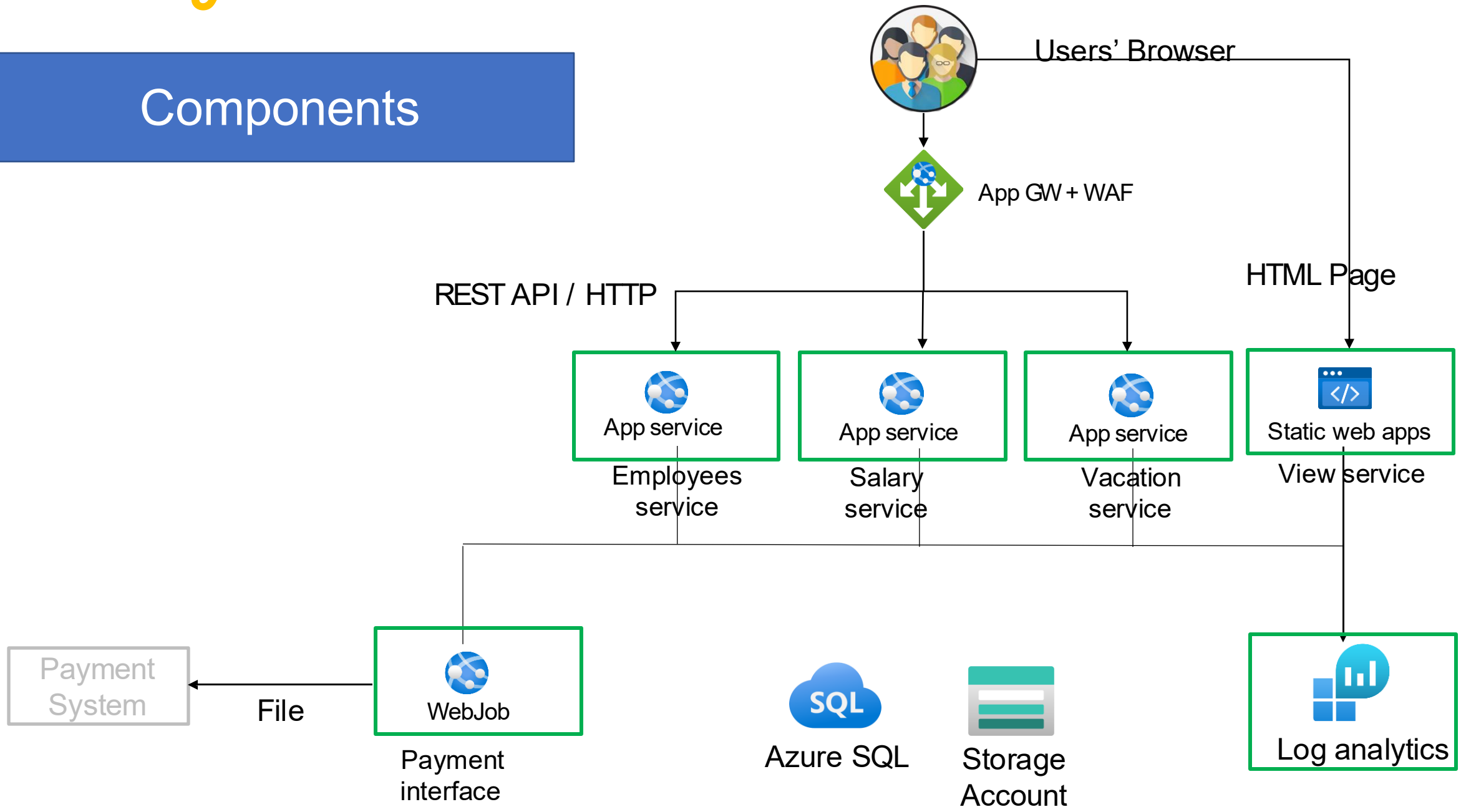

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Access Restrictions

- Access to resources should be limited to allowed resources only

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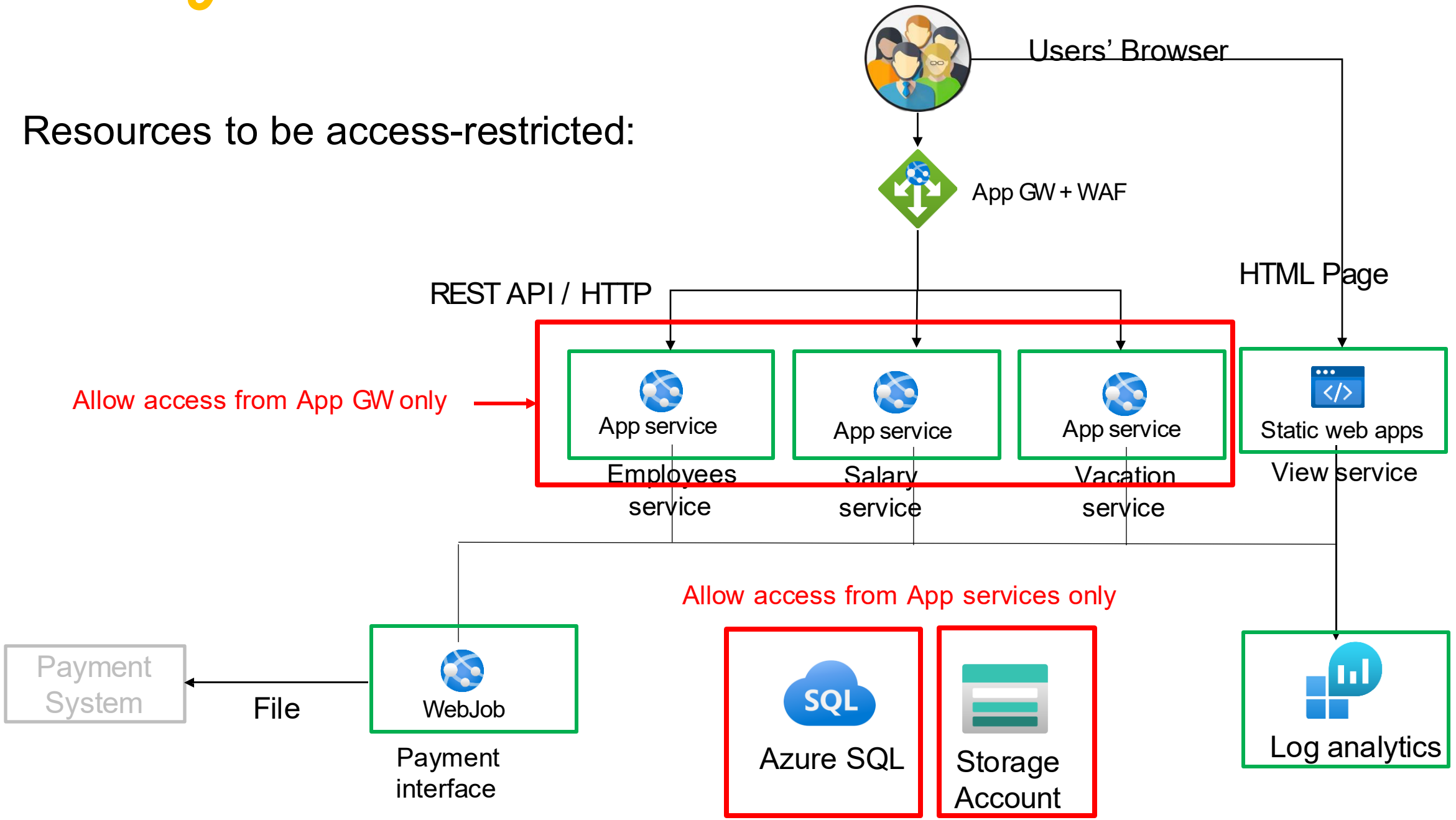
Resources to be access-restricted:



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Restrict access to App service

Add NSG rule to allow traffic from the App GW's VNET

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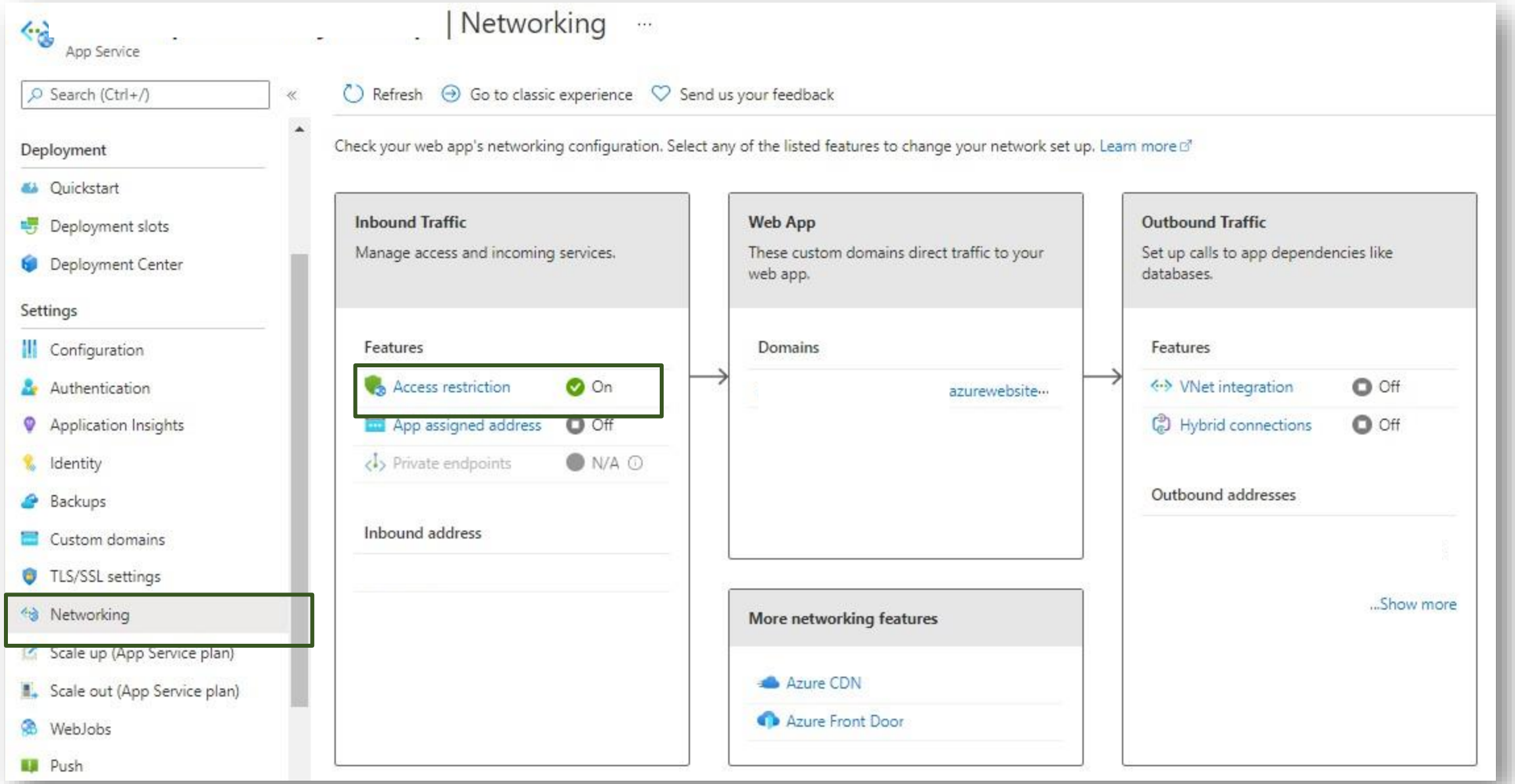
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Access Restrictions

Remove Refresh

Access Restrictions

Access restrictions allow you to define lists of allow/deny rules to control traffic to your app. Rules are evaluated in priority order. If there are no rules defined then your app will accept traffic from any address. Learn more

Add rule

Priority	Name	Source	Endpoint status	HTTP headers	Action
100	API Mgmt			Not configured	Allow
2147483647	Deny all	Any		Not configured	Deny

General settings

Name

Enter name for the IpAddress rule

Action

Allow Deny

Priority *

Ex. 300

Description

Source settings

Type

Virtual Network

Subscription *

Subscription

Virtual Network *

Subnet *

default

HTTP headers filter settings

X-Forwarded-Host

Ex. exampleOne.com, exampleTwo.com

X-Forwarded-For

Enter IPv4 or IPv6 CIDR addresses.

X-Azure-FDID

Enter Front Door or reverse proxies ids.

X-FD-HealthProbe

Ex. 1

Add rule

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Restrict access to Azure SQL

1. Get outbound IP of the App service
2. Add firewall rule to the Azure SQL

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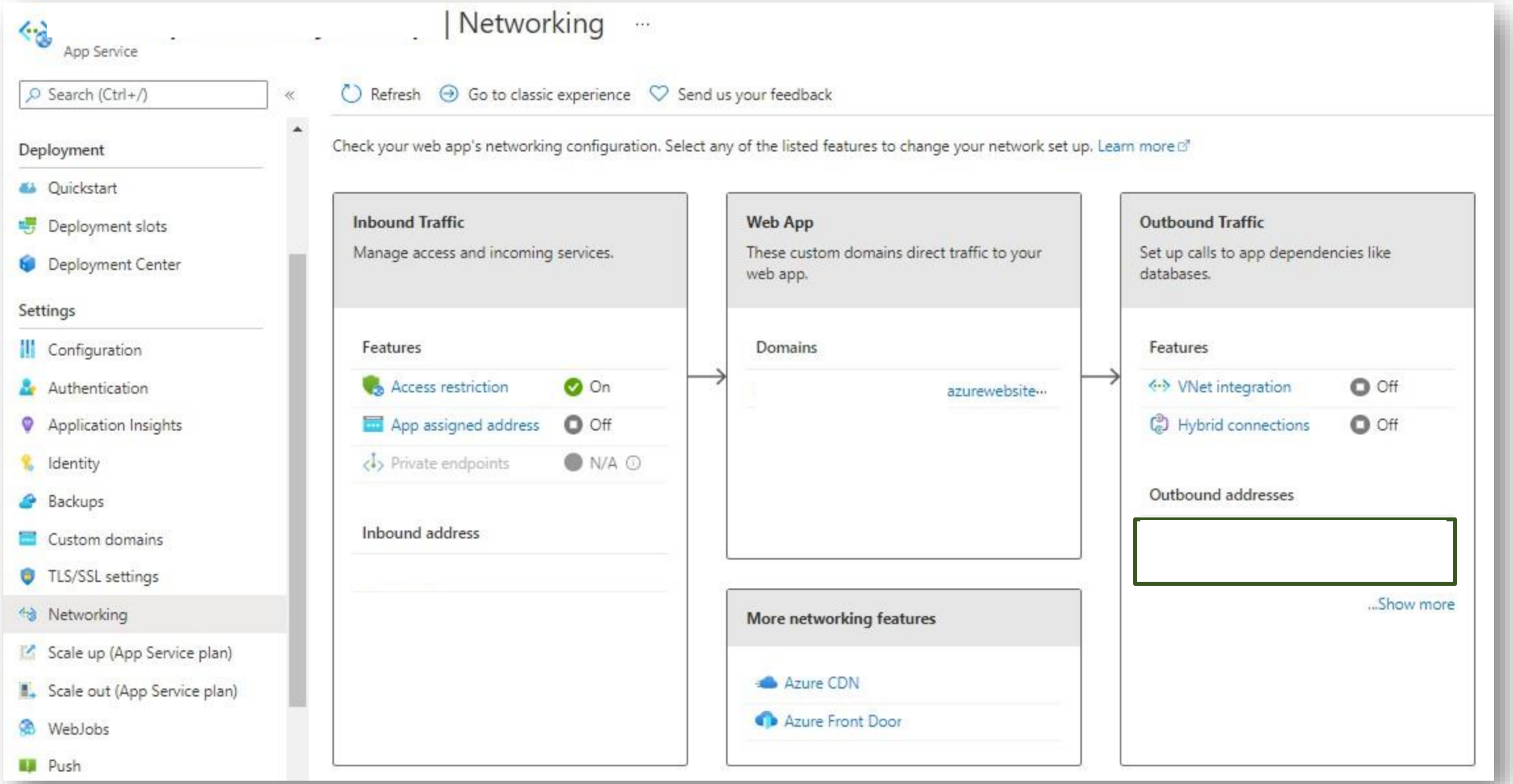
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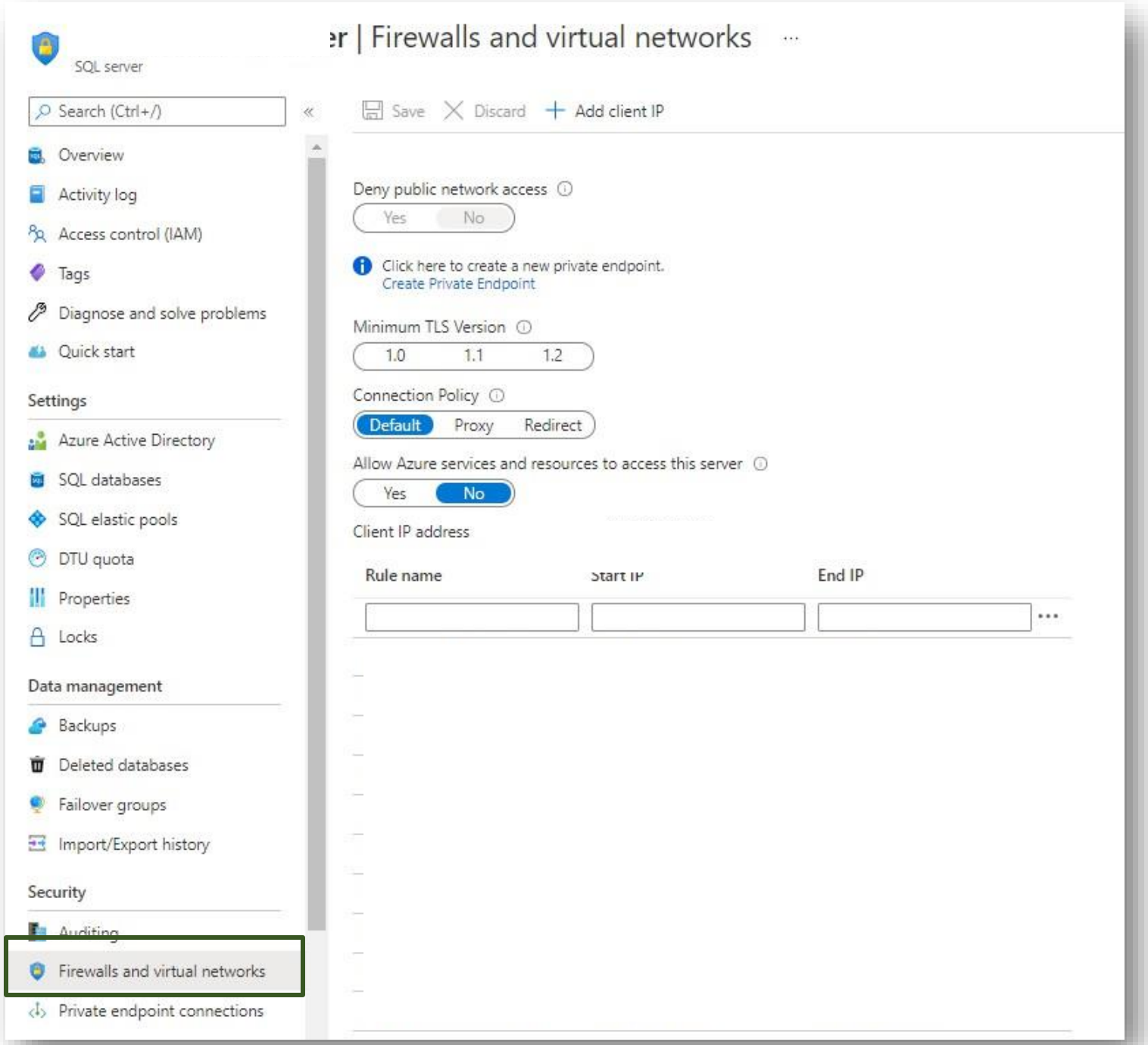
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Private endpoint connections
Deny public network access
Yes
No
Click here to create a new private endpoint.
Create Private Endpoint
Minimum TLS Version
1.0
1.1
1.2
Connection Policy
Default
Proxy
Redirect
Allow Azure services and resources to access this server
Yes
No
Client IP address
Rule name
Start IP
End IP

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Restrict access to Storage Account

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2. Add firewall rule to the Storage Account

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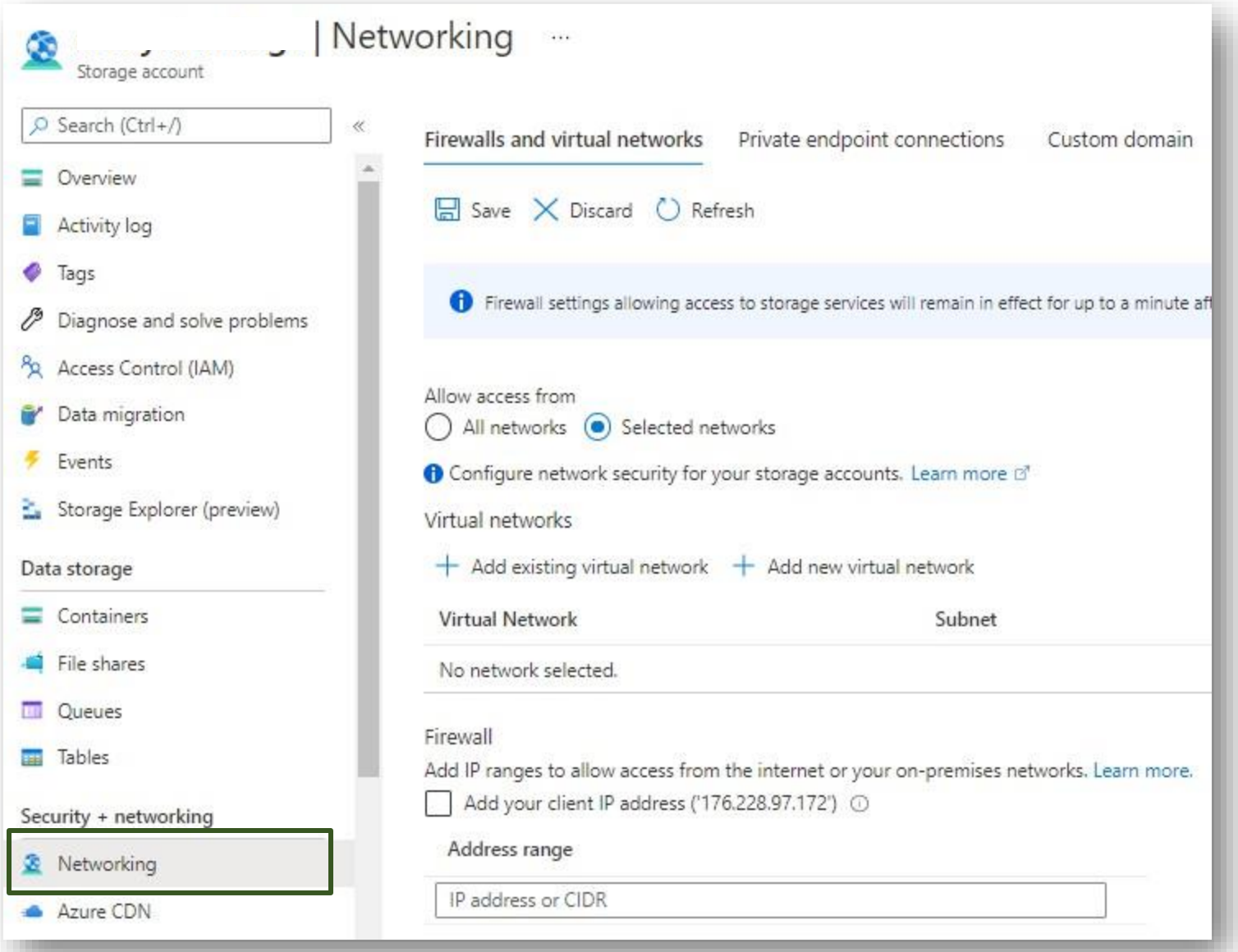
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Firewall settings allowing access to storage services will remain in effect for up to a minute af
Allow access from
All networks
Selected networks
Configure network security for your storage accounts. Learn more
Virtual networks
Add existing virtual network
Add new virtual network
Virtual Network
Subnet
No network selected.
Firewall
Add IP ranges to allow access from the internet or your on-premises networks. Learn more.
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IP address or CIDR

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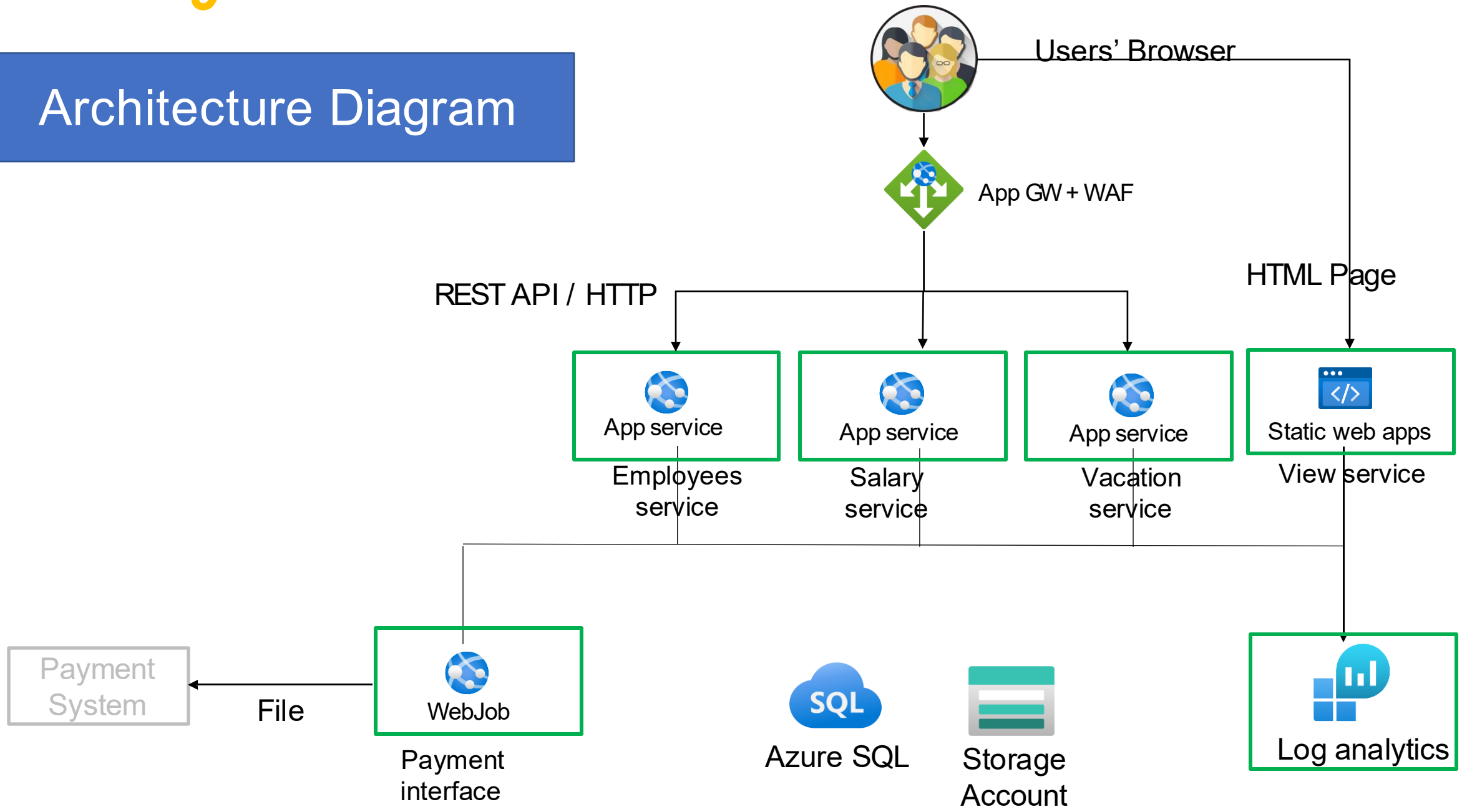
Architecture Diagram



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Cost

Estimated upfront cost	$0.00
Estimated monthly cost	$848.07