

# AMQP and Beyond

## Messaging by Extending RabbitMQ

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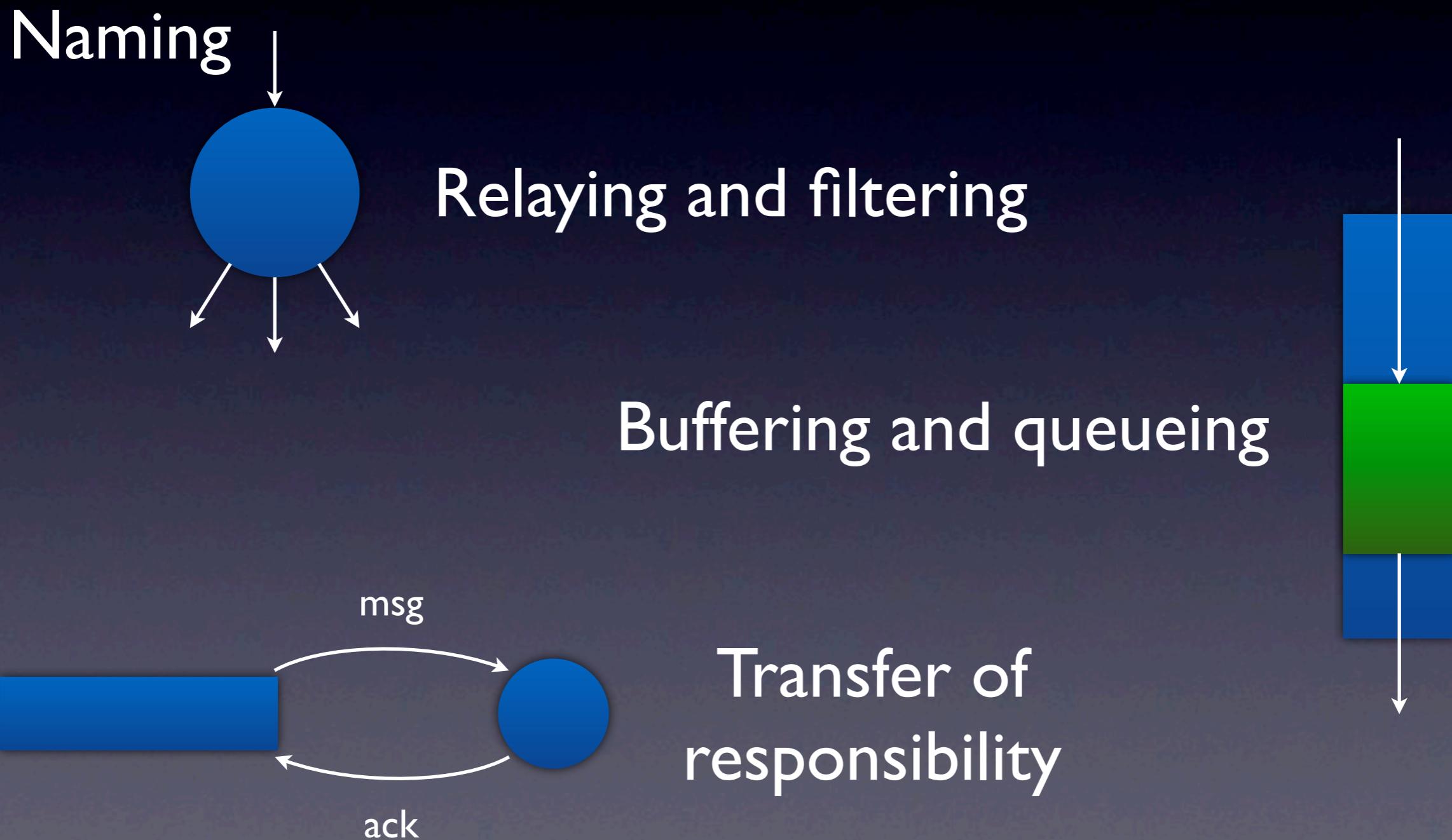
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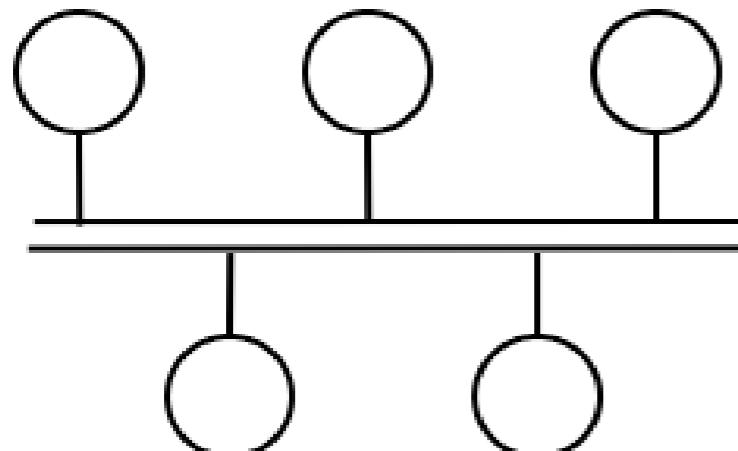
# Why messaging?

- Scaling, load-balancing
- Delayed jobs, task queues
- Multicast, broadcast
- Trusted store-and-forward
- Management, monitoring
- ★ Decoupling of components

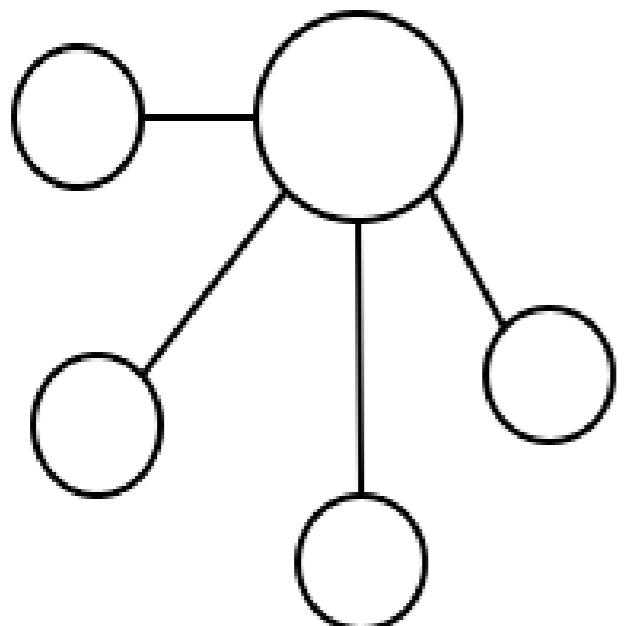
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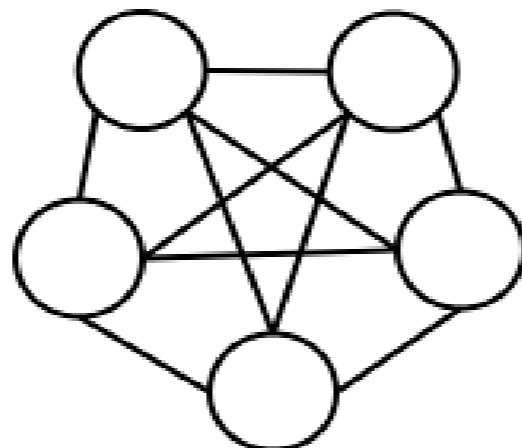
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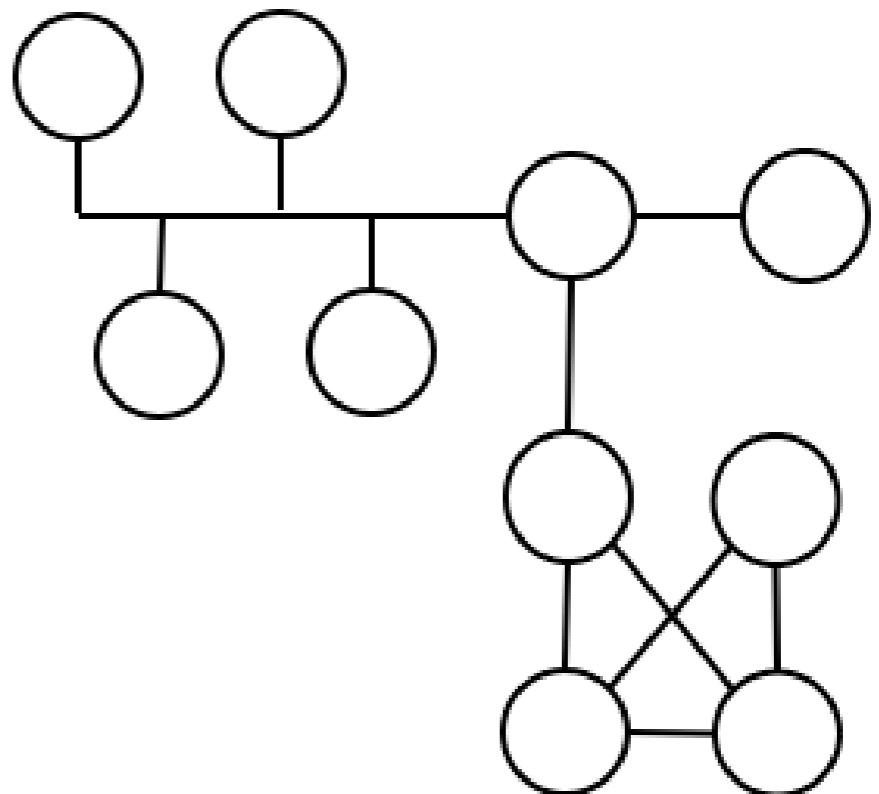
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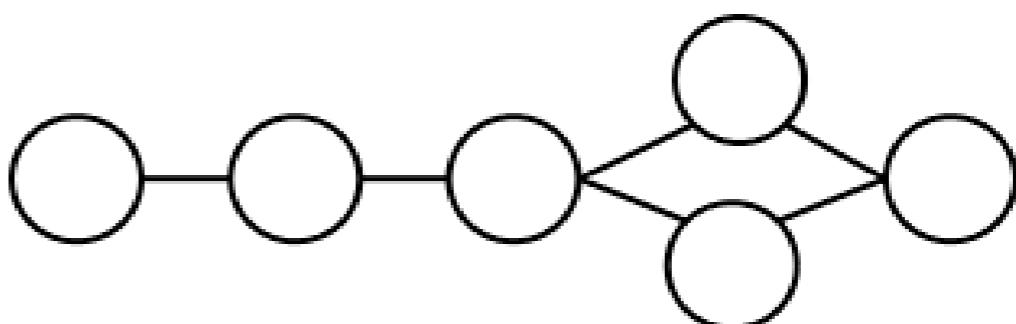
Client/Server and Hub n' Spoke



Peer Network



Enterprise Service Network



Pipeline

# Why AMQP?

# The Options

- JMS?
  - API-only: lots of baggage if you're dealing with multiple brokers; lock-in
  - Fine for Java, but ...
- Tibco RV? \$\$\$
- IBM MQ Series? \$\$\$

# The Options

- XMPP?
  - transport, not messaging (modulo xep60)
- HTTP?
  - transport, not messaging
- SMTP + mailman?
  - slow, heavy; fiddly to set up
- Redis, kestrel, starling, ...
  - vertical solutions

# The Options

- Queue up work in your DB?
  - Not designed for messaging!
  - Scaling up can be awkward
- Use the filesystem?

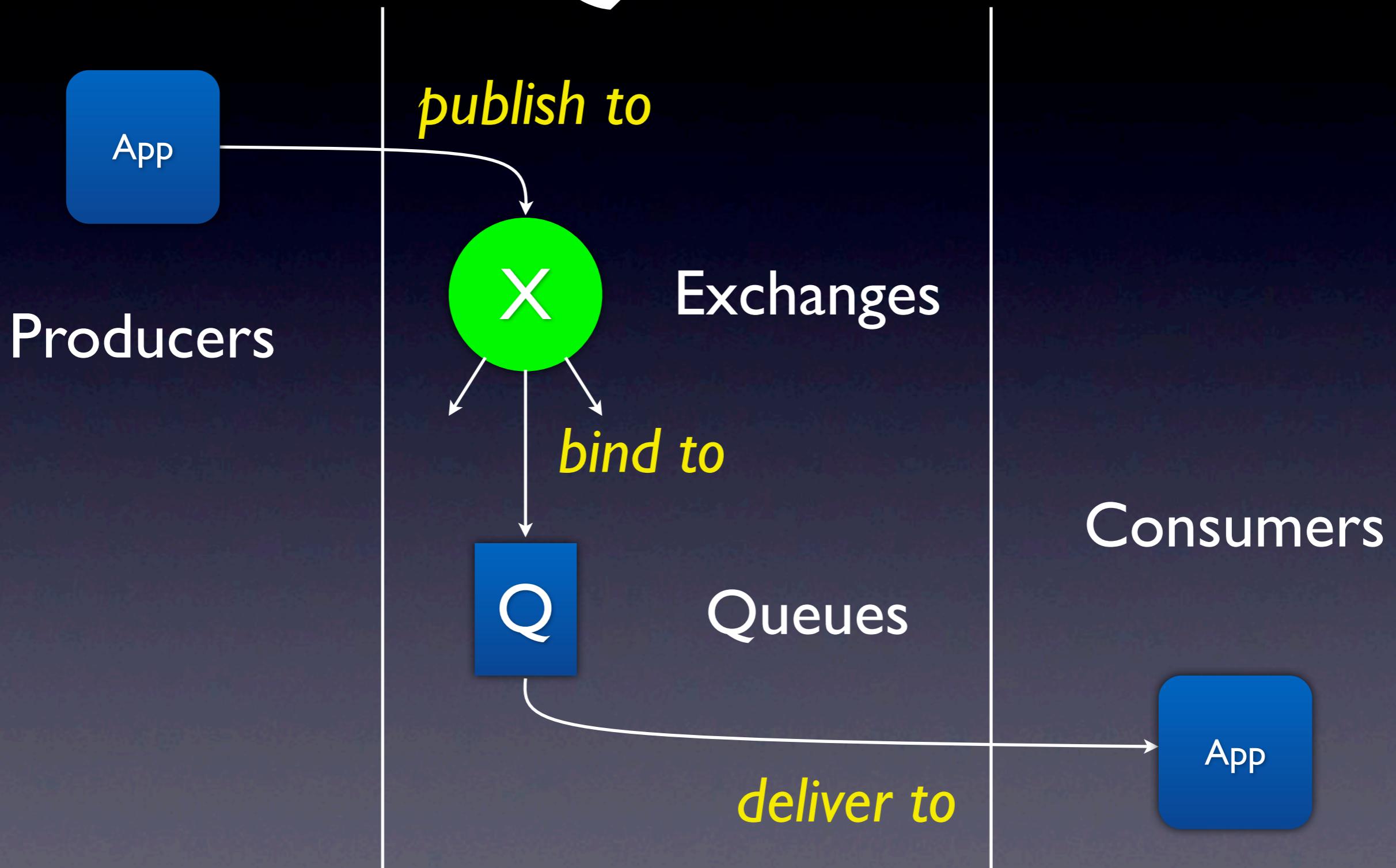
# AMQP

- General *model* for messaging
- Simple, efficient *transport*
- Wire-level protocol helps avoid vendor lock-in
- API-neutral, multi-language
- Configuration & management within the protocol

# AMQP Specification

- Version 0-8 released June 2006
- ★ Version 0-9-1 released Nov 2008  
("Interop" release of spec)
- Version 1.0 being developed currently

# AMQP Model (0-9-1)



# RabbitMQ

Goal: Do the right thing, out-of-the-box

“RabbitMQ is a pleasure to use and it just works.  
Everyday, every time, every message” - Michael  
Arnoldus, project lead, algo trading firm

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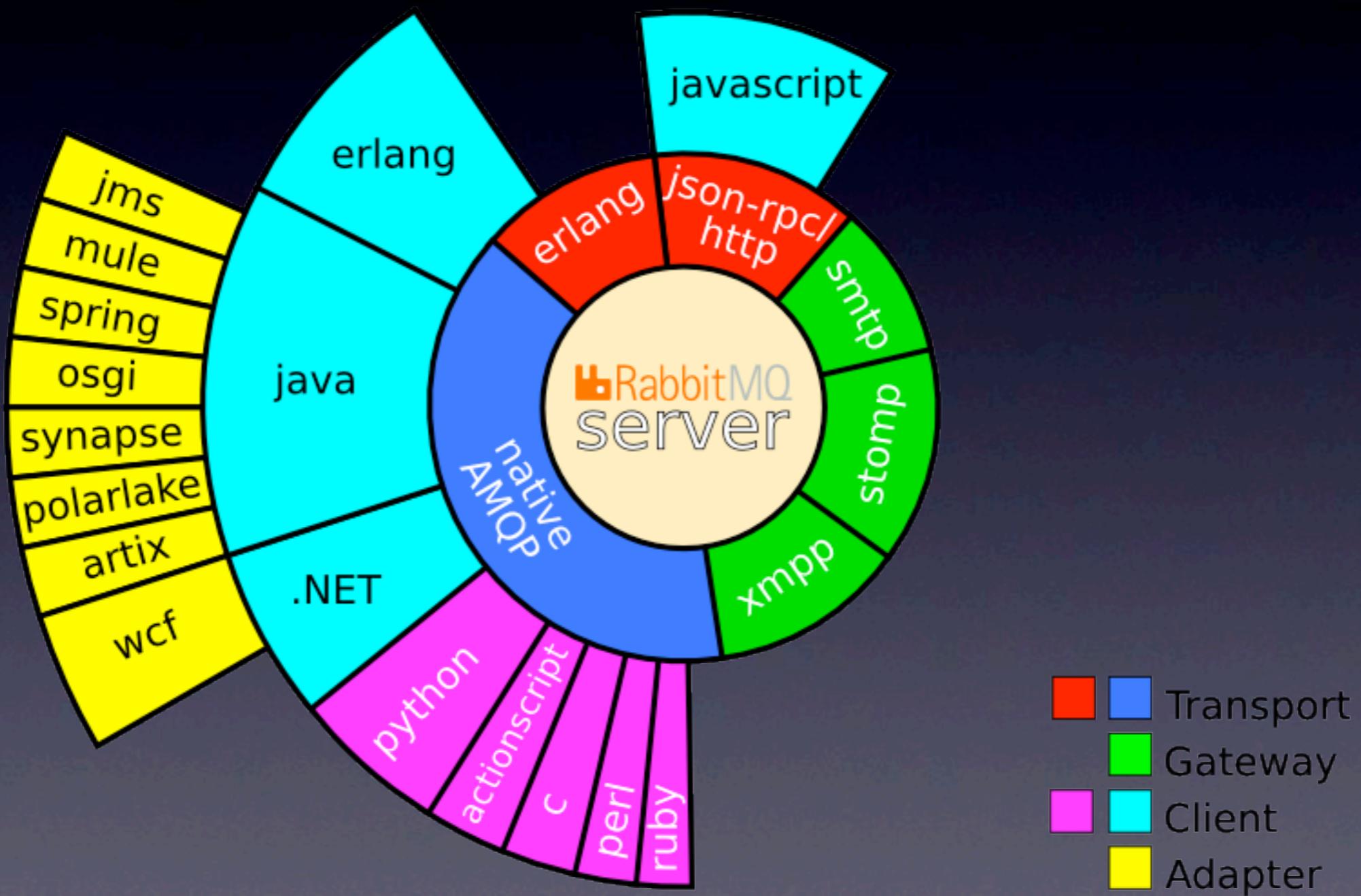
“In my experience, you can have a clustered  
rabbitmq setup running at home in under 20  
minutes. It's all in the admin guide.”

Steve Jenson, Scala hacker

# RabbitMQ

- Erlang/OTP AMQP broker
- Ships with Ubuntu
- Clients for C, Java, C#, Python, Ruby, PHP, ...
- Supports (almost) all the protocol
- Persistent, Transactional, Clusterable, ...
- Connectors for lots of other networks

# RabbitMQ Universe



# Beyond core AMQP

# RabbitMQ Plugins

- Erlang *applications* bundled into a jar-like archive (\*.ez)
- Booted as part of RabbitMQ startup
- “Boot steps” for integrating with Rabbit’s own startup sequence
- Exchange type registry (to appear in v1.8)
- Can do anything at all!

# RabbitMQ Plugins

rabbitmq-status	Broker health check web page
rabbitmq-jsonrpc-channel	AMQP over JSONRPC, for browsers
rabbitmq-jsonrpc	JSONRPC server instance for Rabbit
rfc4627_jsonrpc	JSON and JSONRPC library
rabbitmq-mochiweb	Mochiweb instance for Rabbit
mochiweb	Mochiweb library plugin
rabbit_stomp	STOMP message transport
rabbithub	PubSubHubBub implementation
rabbitmq-bql	SQL-like Broker Query Language
amqp_client	Embedded AMQP client
rabbitmq-shovel	Broker-to-broker relay plugin
rabbitmq-toke	Tokyo Cabinet support for new persister

# AMQP model limitations

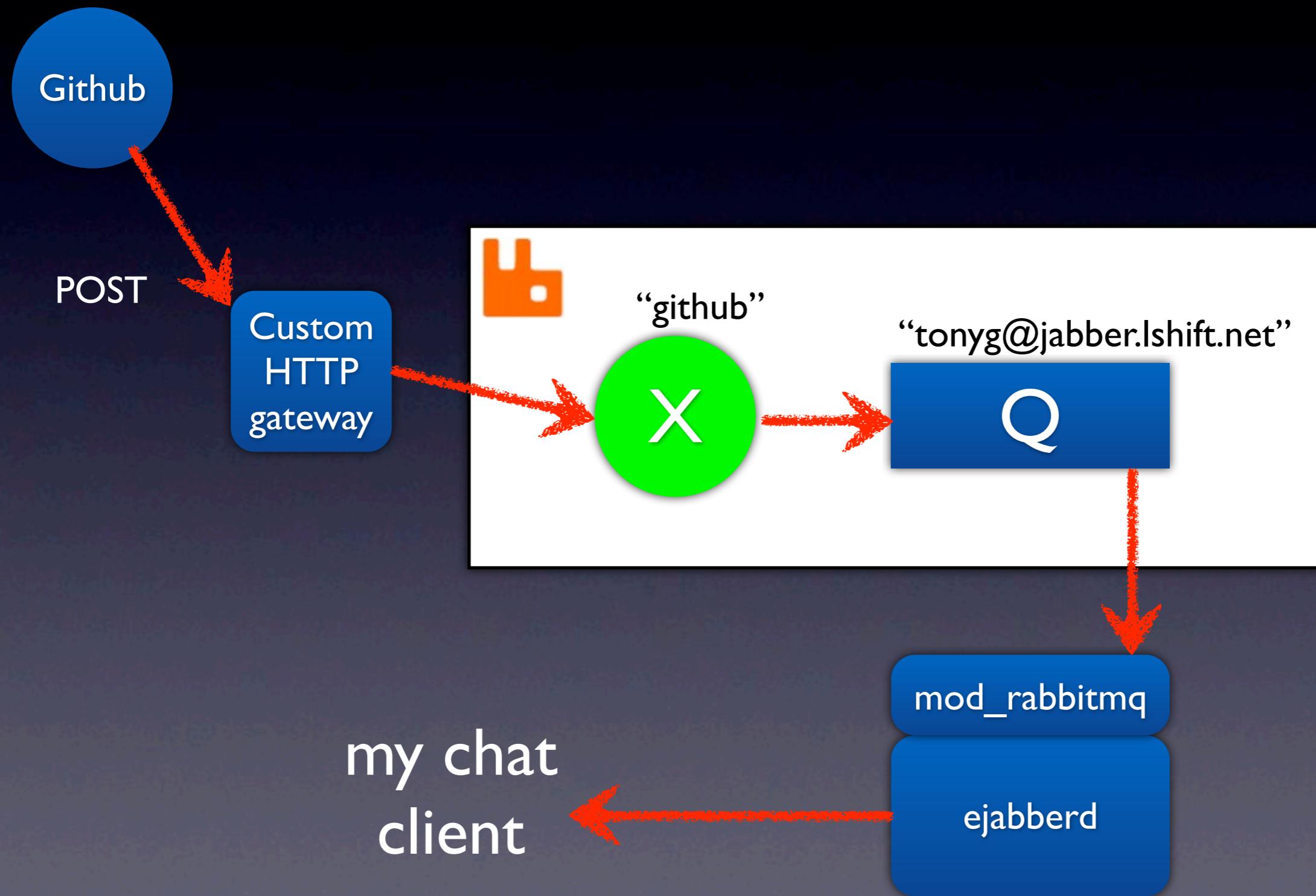
- No message *transformation*
- No custom message *routing*; you get exactly one of:
  - Fanout,
  - Direct,
  - Topic, or
  - Headers
- No *stateful multicast*

# Example I.

# Github Commit Hooks

- URL-encoded JSON data blob
- Delivered by HTTP POST
- I want them in my XMPP client
- (Let's ignore Github's existing XMPP gateway!)

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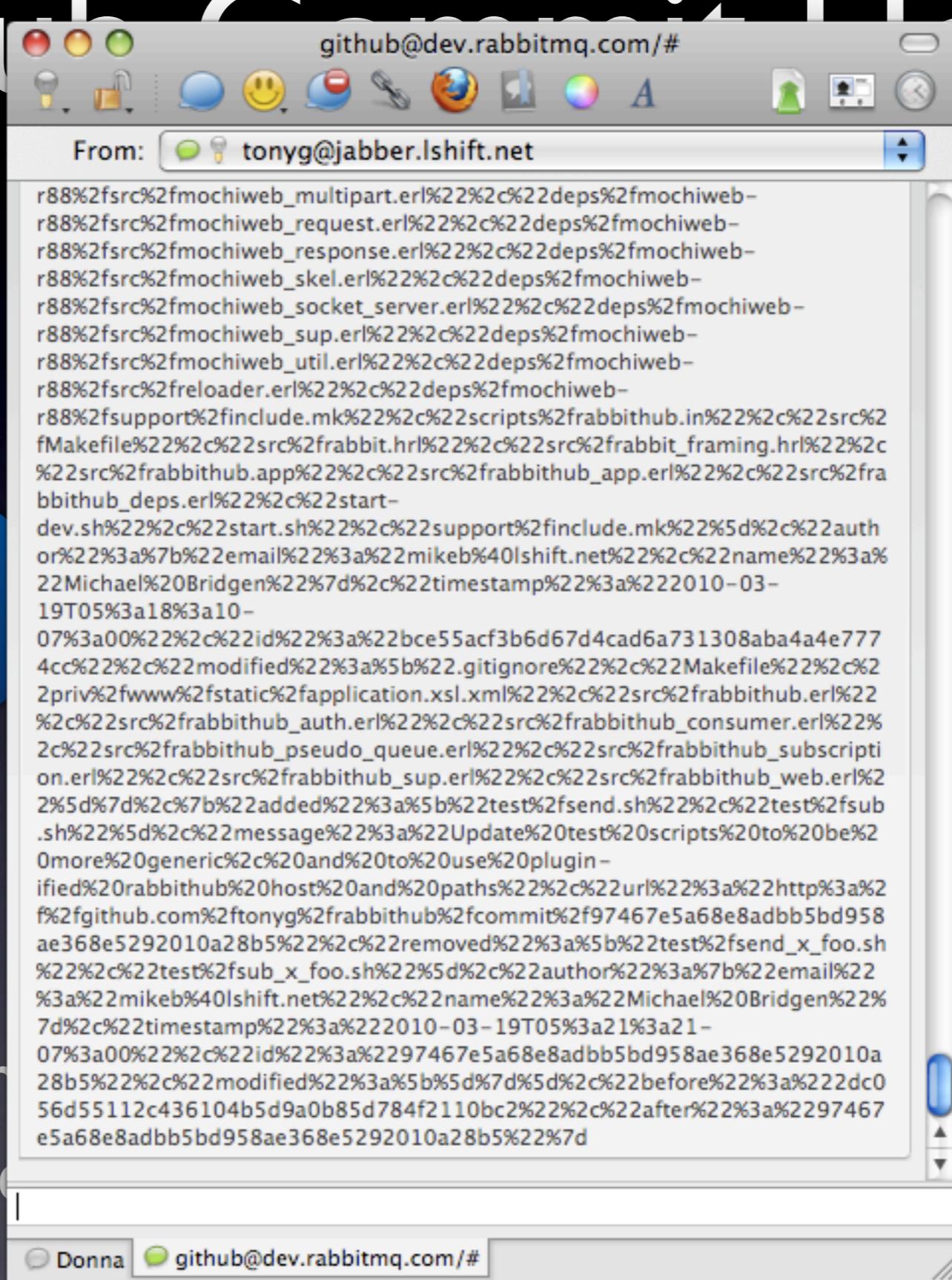


# Github Continuous Looks

Github

POST

Custom  
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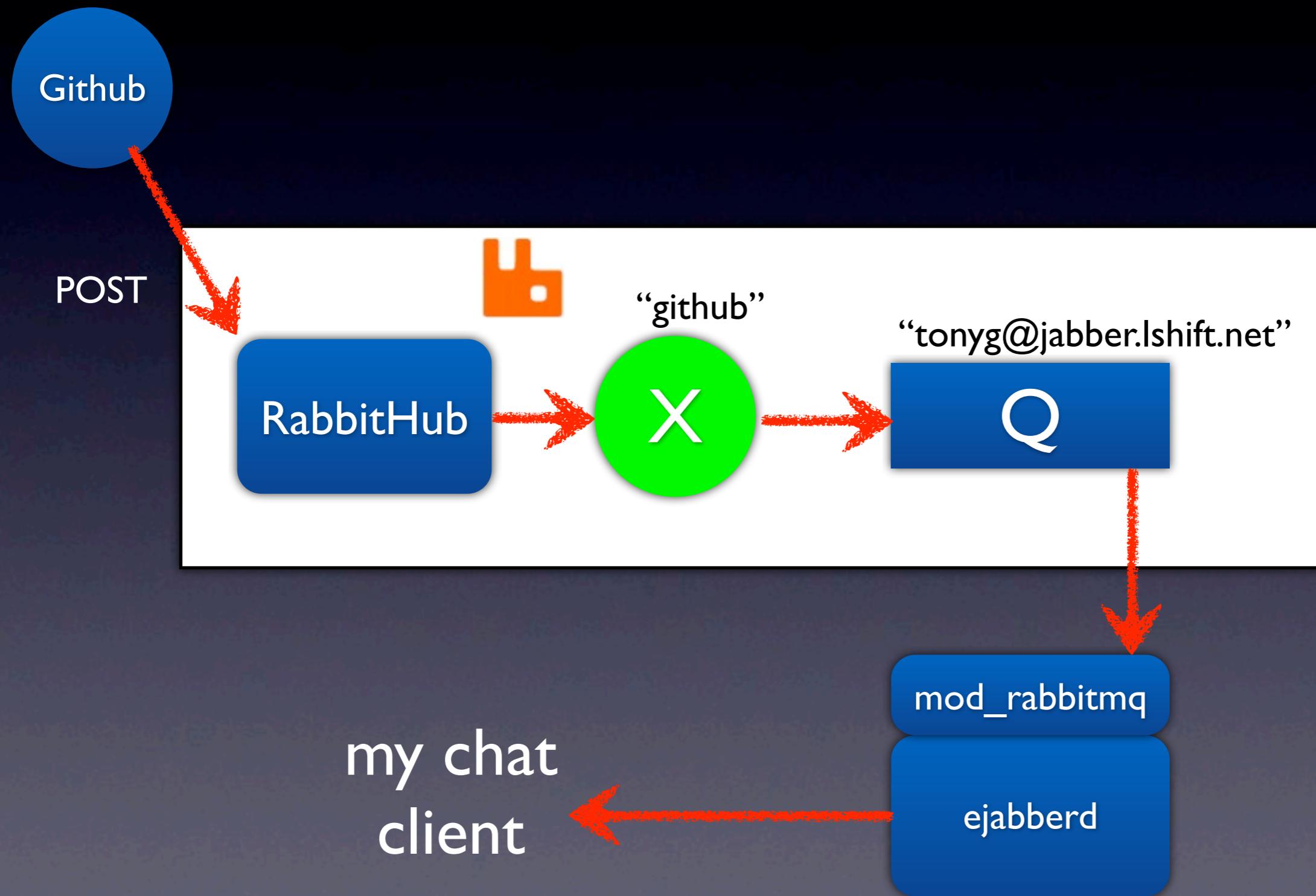


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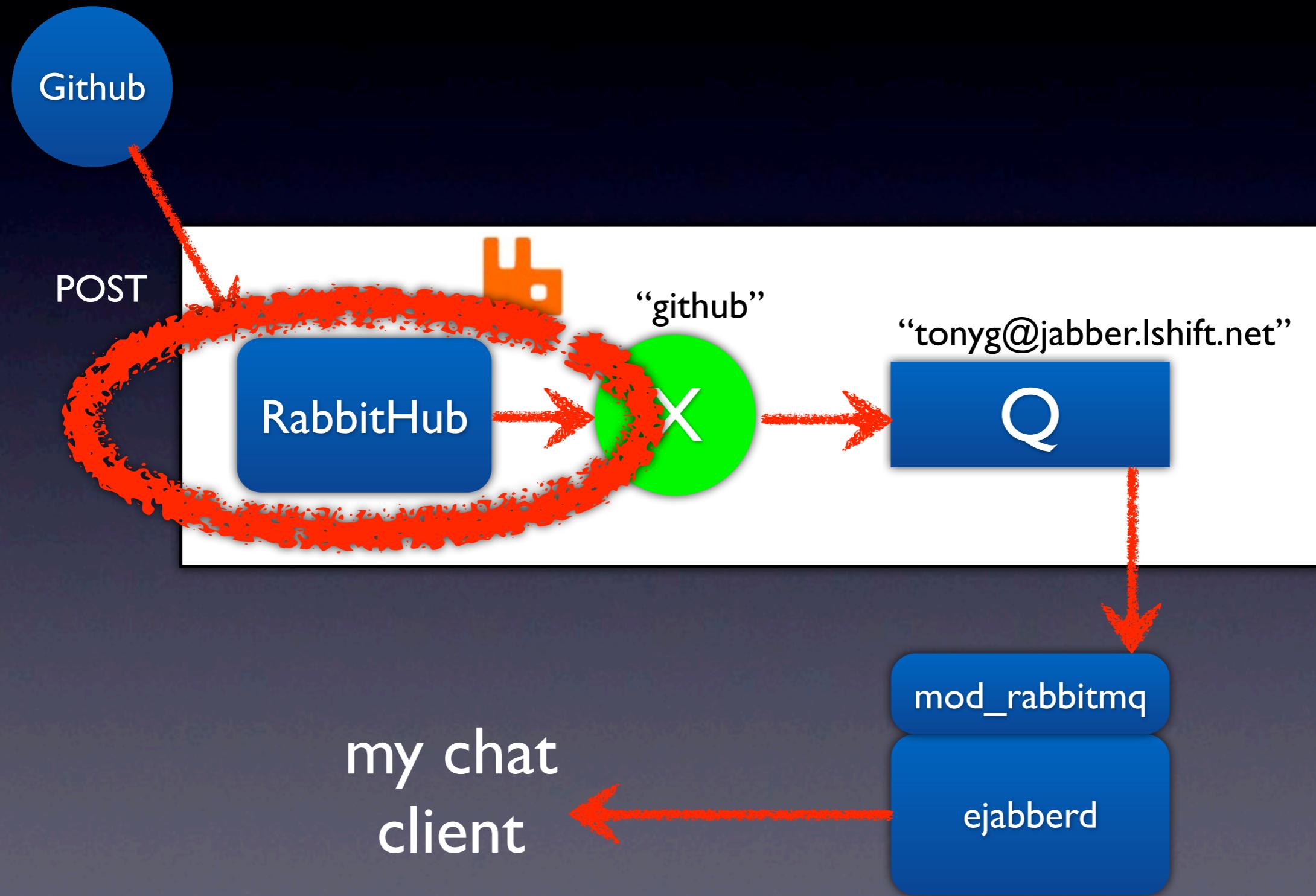
# Problems

- Need to respond to HTTP POST
- Want to transform “payload=%7b  
%22repository%22%3a%7b%22watchers  
%22...” to something nicer before sending it  
out over XMPP

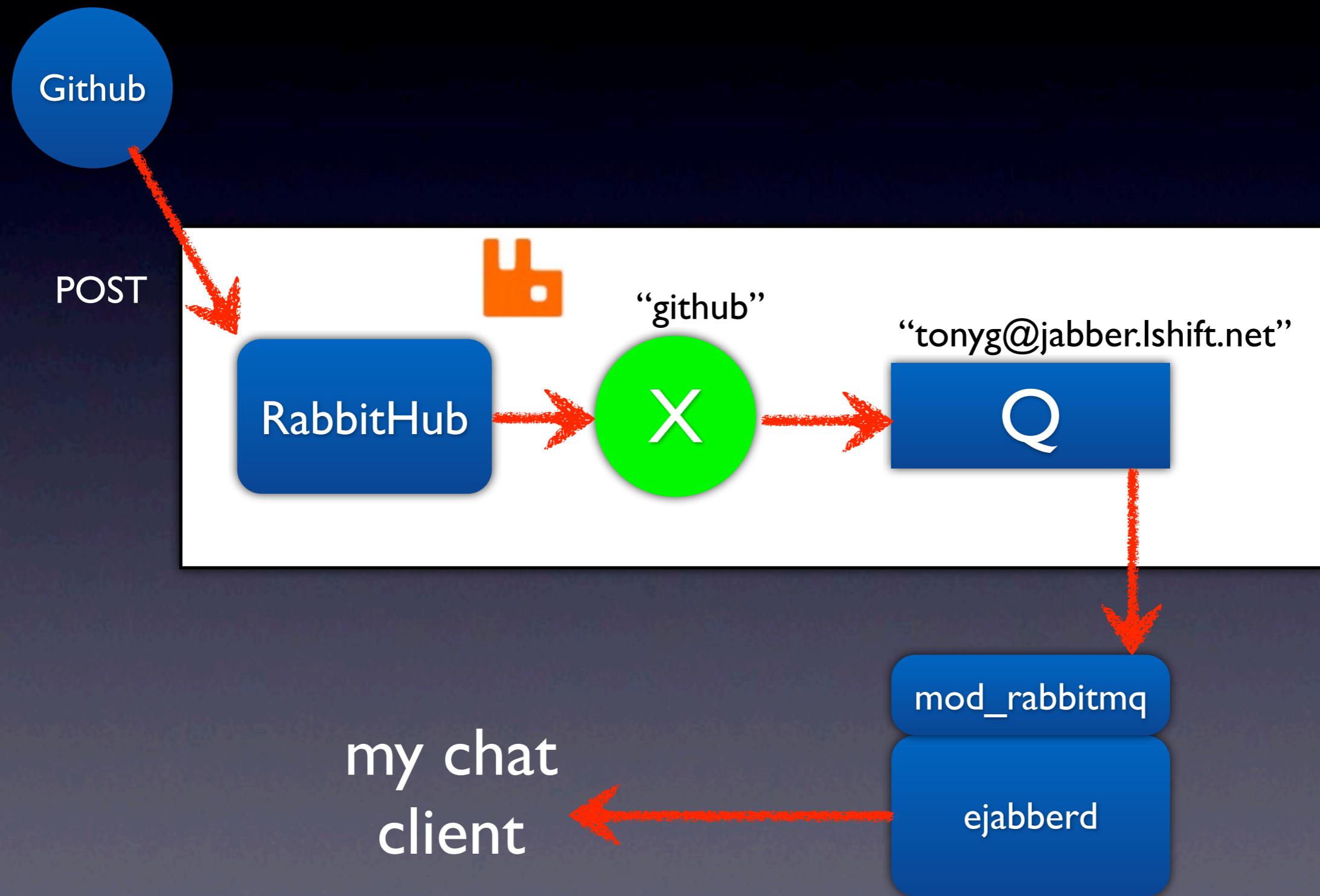
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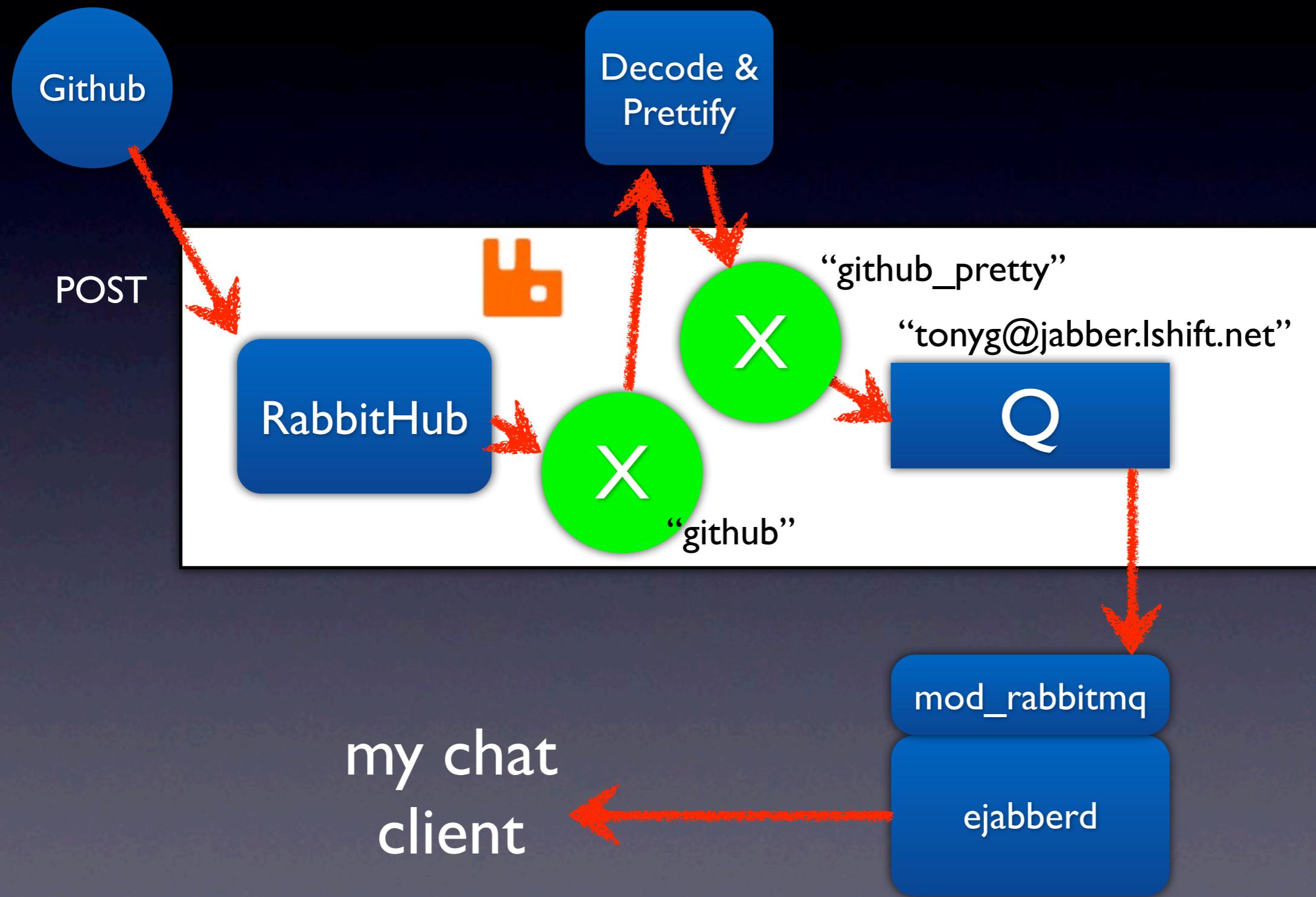
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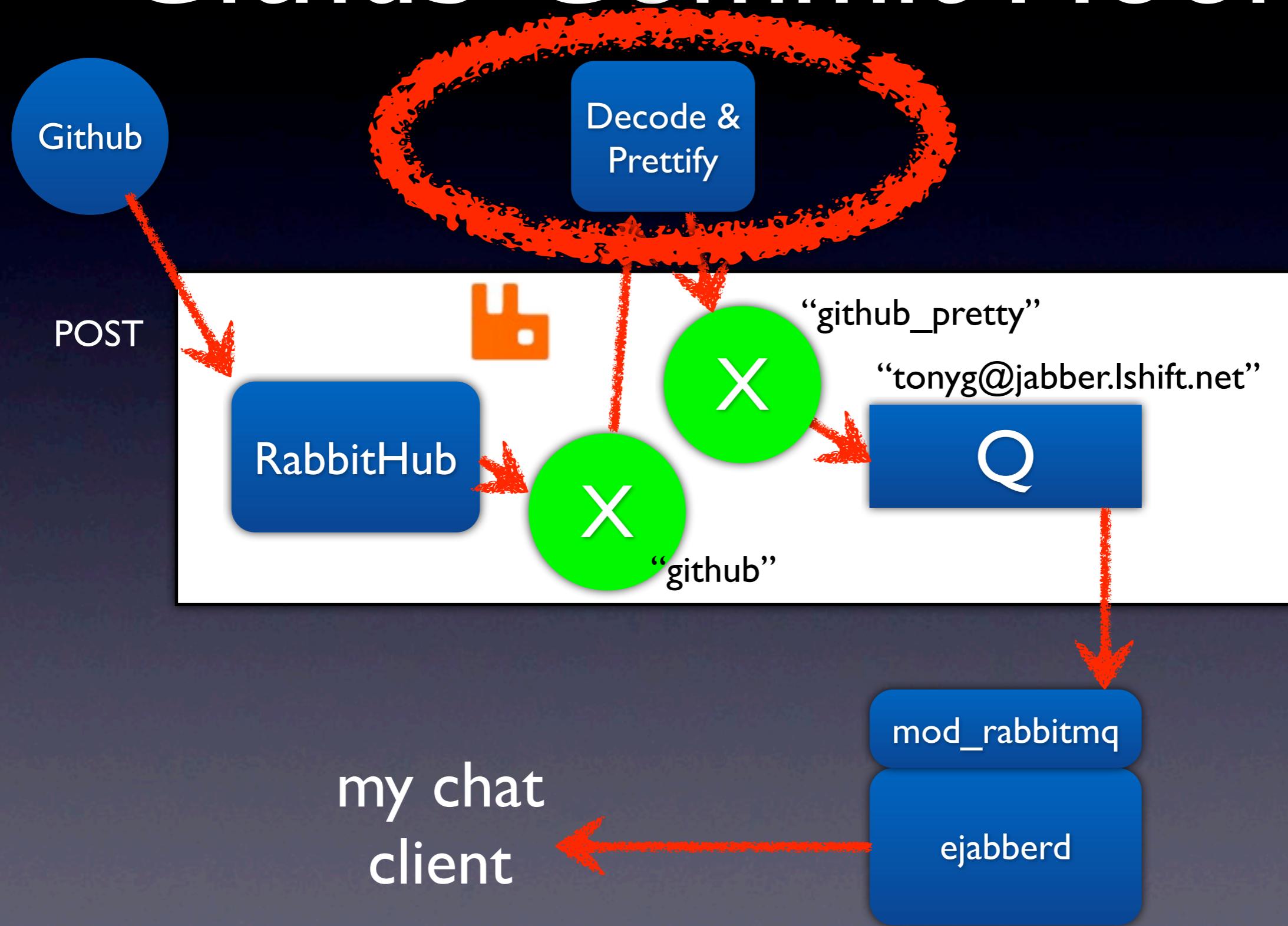
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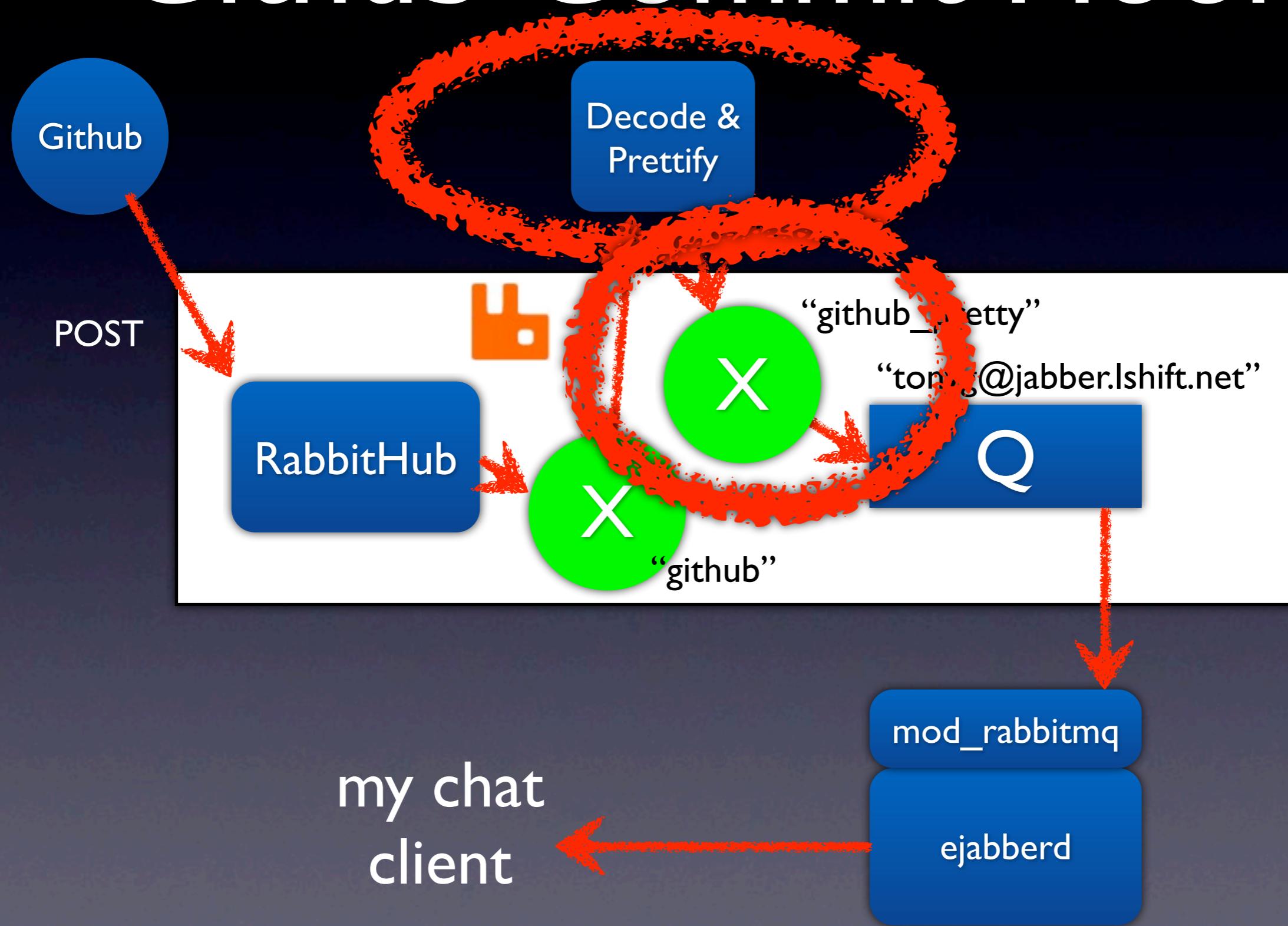
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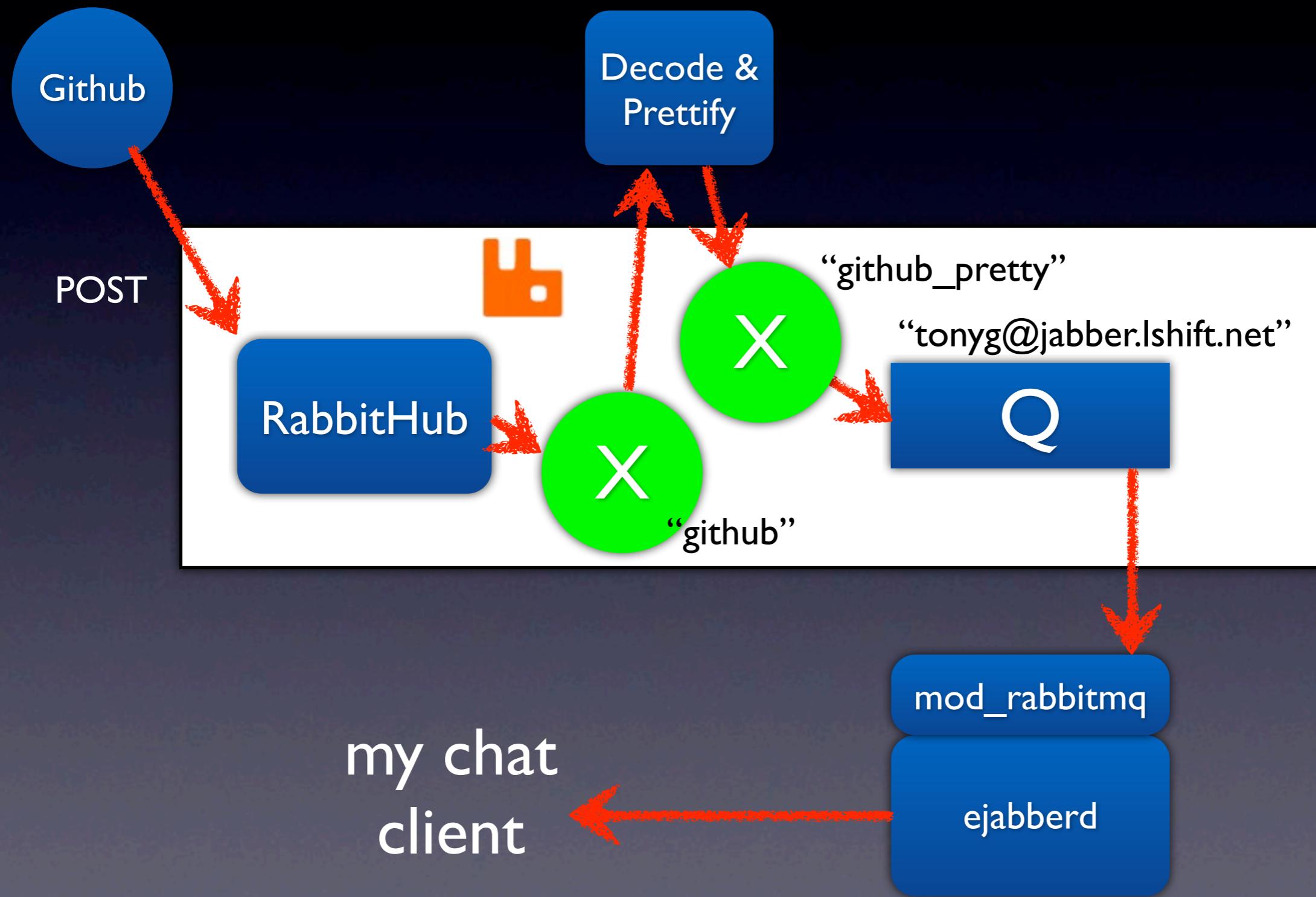


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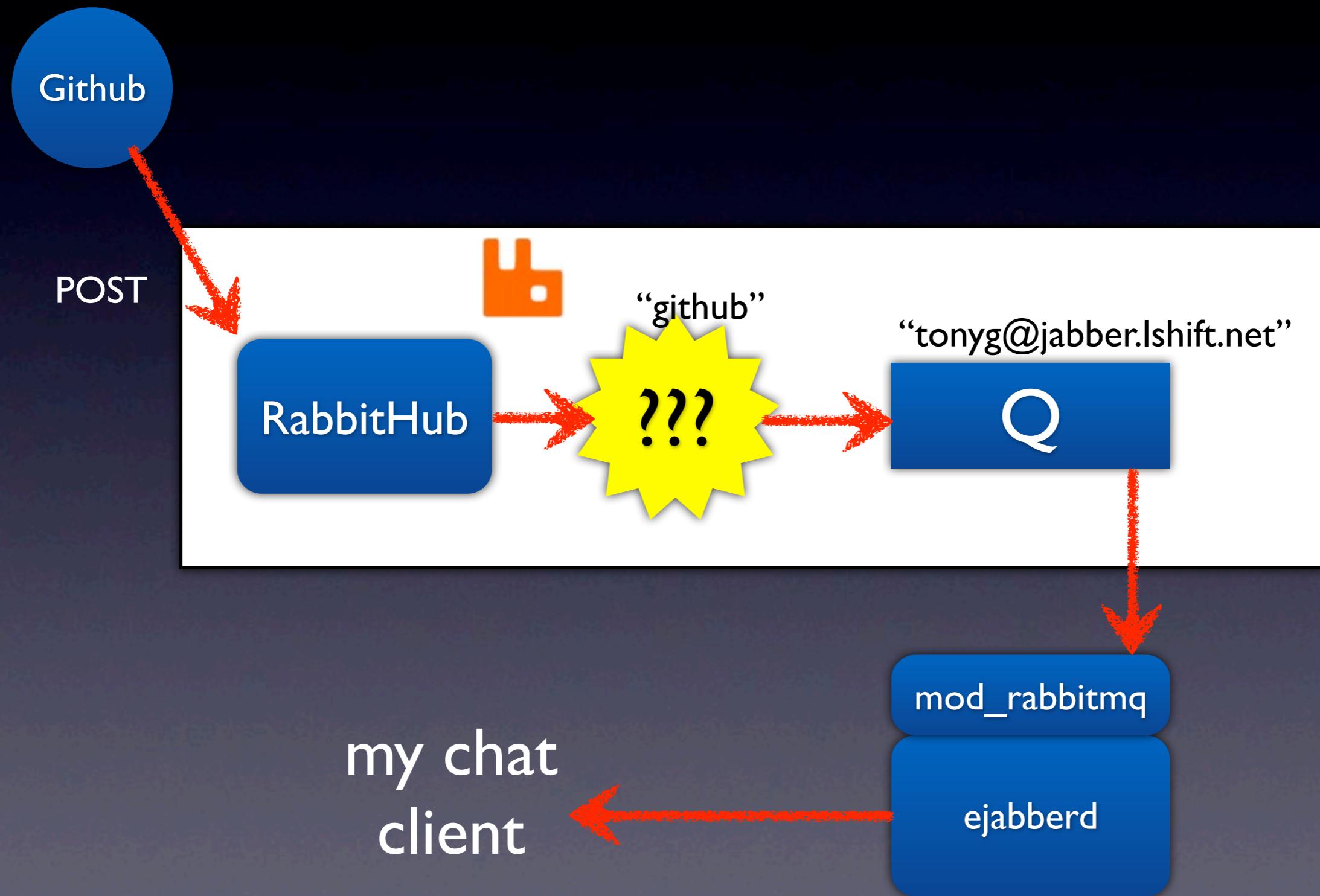


my chat  
client

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# ‘x-script’ Exchange Type

- [github.com/tonyg/script-exchange](https://github.com/tonyg/script-exchange)
- Embeds Spidermonkey and Python
- Upload filter & transformation *scripts* to the server (like stored procedures!)
- It’s a prototype/demo, for now

# ‘x-script’ Exchange Type

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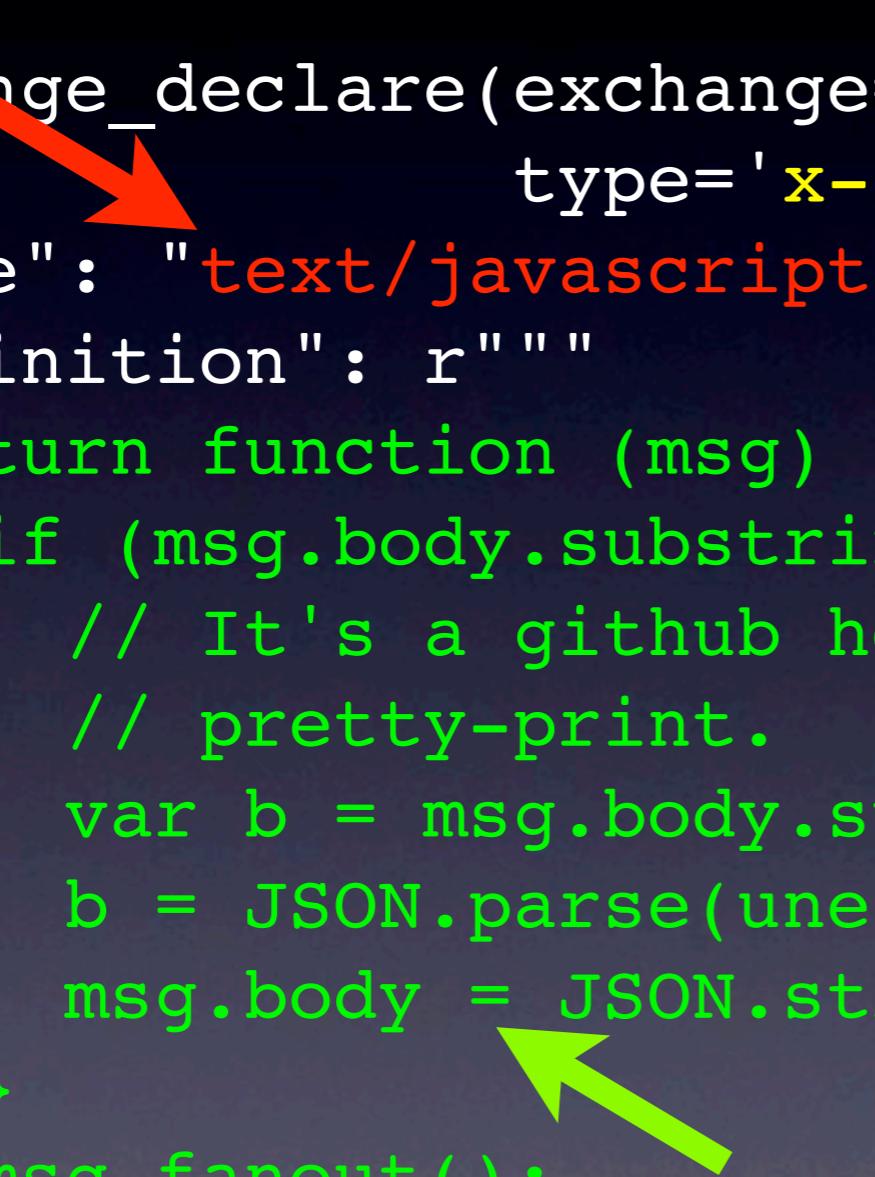


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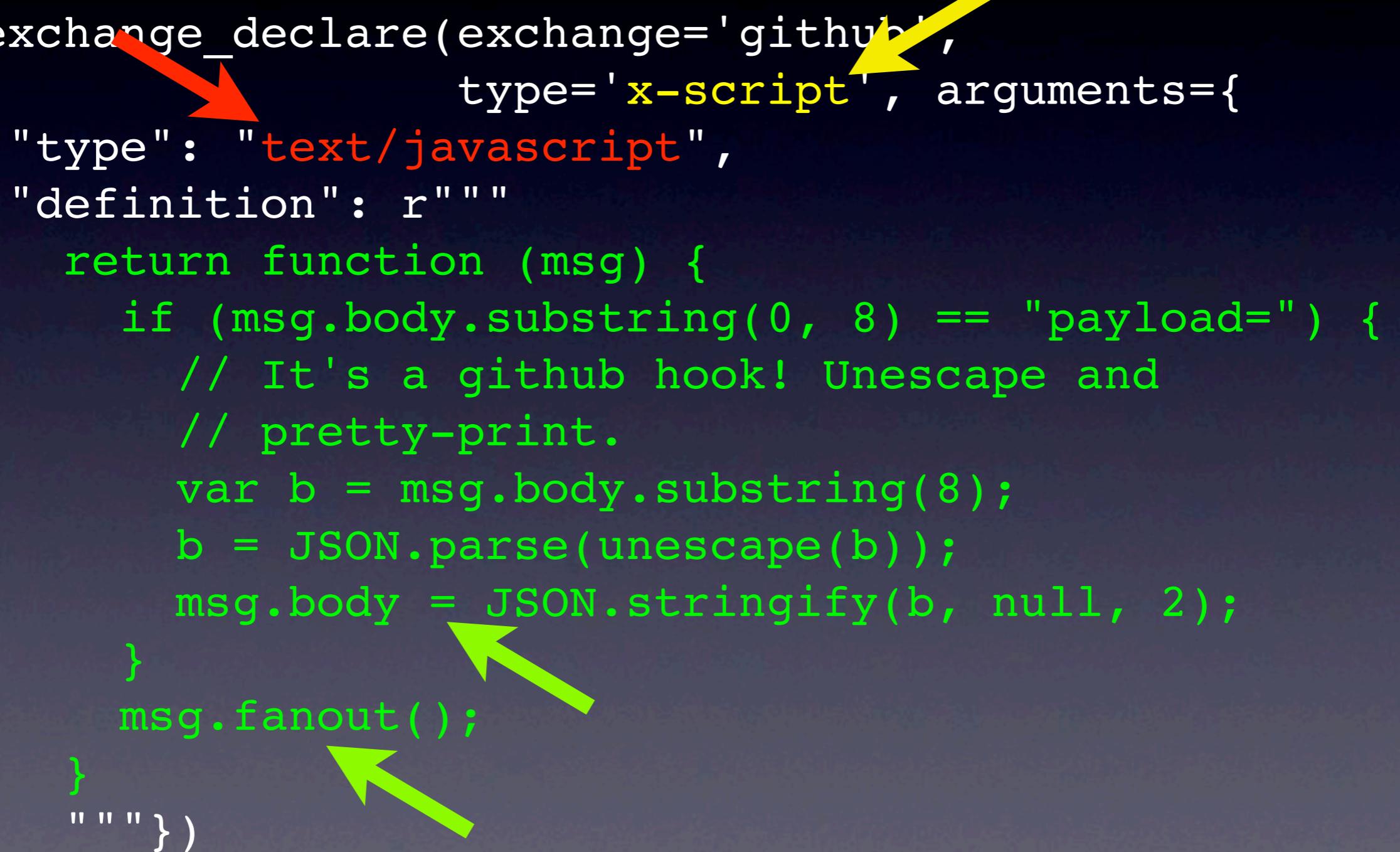
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# Transforms this...

```
payload=%7b%22repository%22%3a%7b%22watchers%22%3a1%2c%22description%22%3a
%22RabbitMQ%20%5c%22Script%20Exchange%5c%22%20plugin%22%2c%22open_issues%22%3a0%2c
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```

# ...to this

```
{  
  "repository": {  
    "watchers": 1,  
    "description": "RabbitMQ \"Script Exchange\" plugin",  
    "open_issues": 0,  
    "fork": false,  
    "forks": 0,  
    "url": "http://github.com/tonyg/script-exchange",  
    "private": false,  
    "homepage": "",  
    "owner": {  
      "email": "tonygarnockjones@gmail.com",  
      "name": "tonyg"  
    },  
    "name": "script-exchange"  
  },  
  "before": "0ed4a60180857f1b00afcc93fff6b42a7d27b39e", ...  
}
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# What can it do?

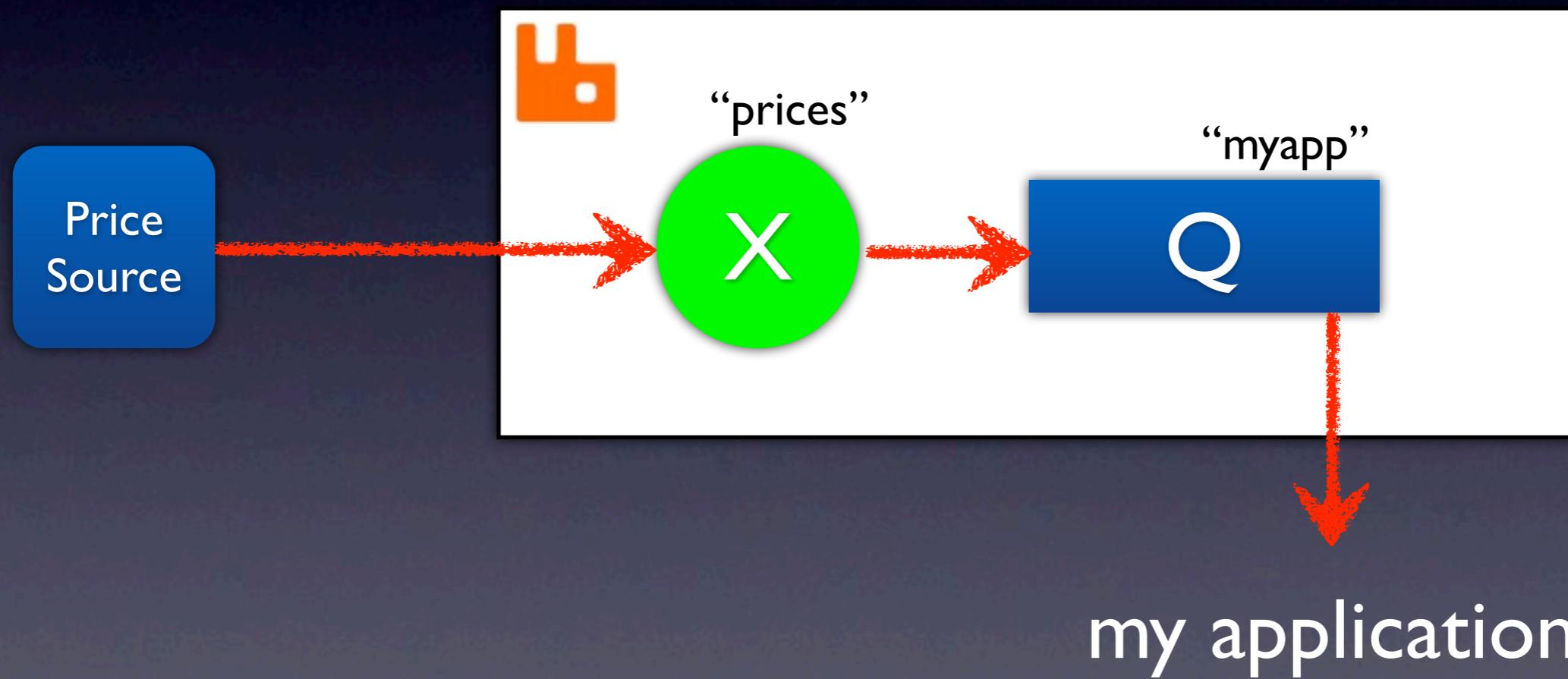
- Rewrite routing key, properties, headers and body as desired
- Any or none of fanout-, direct-, and topic-style routing for each message
- No custom binding filter languages yet
- Security implications! (Salmon signatures)
- Be warned: it's just a prototype for now

# Example 2.

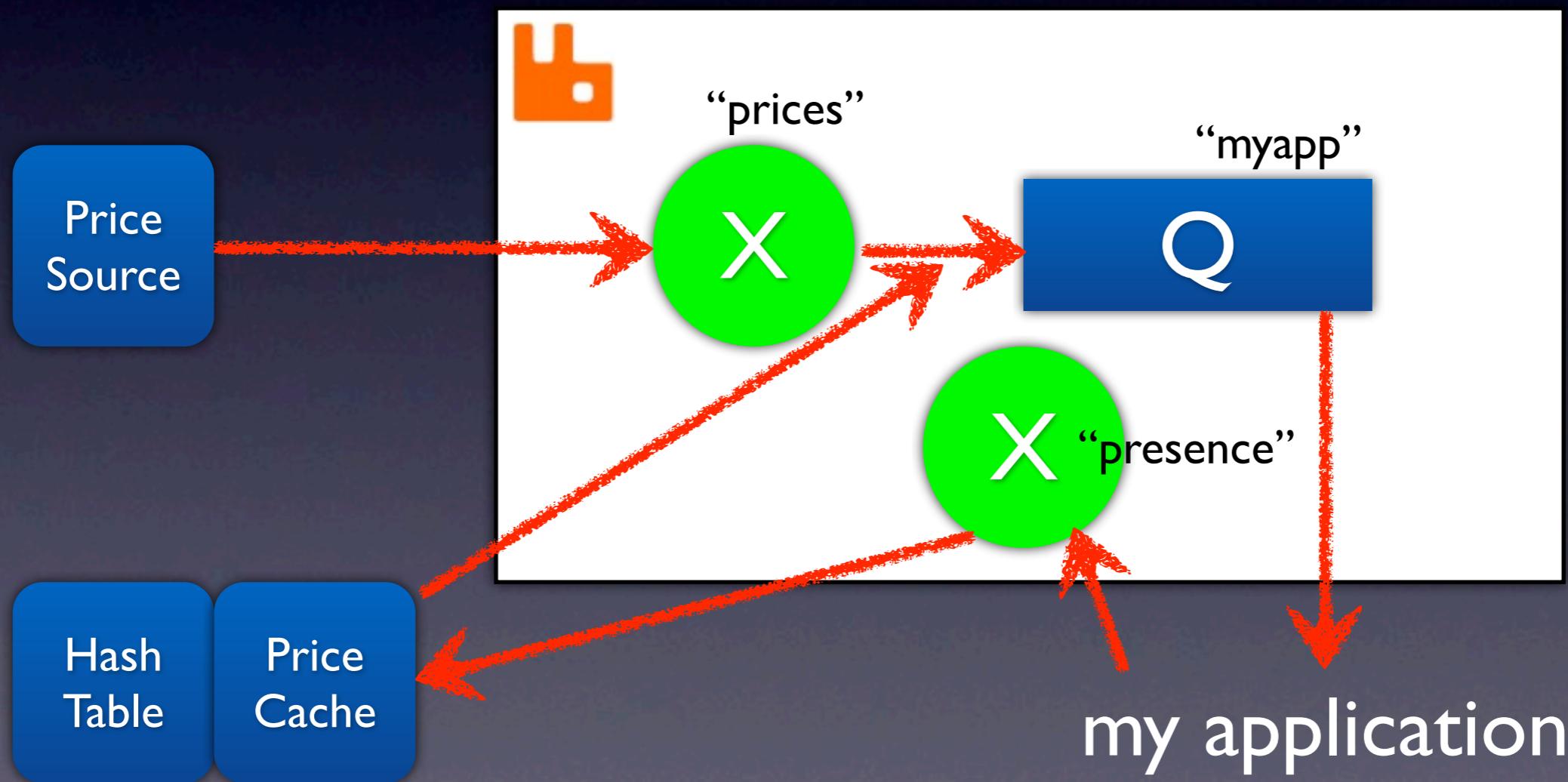
# Stock Ticker

- Classic “Last Value Cache” pubsub
- New prices are arriving all the time
- When I connect, I want the *newest* price so far, without delay
- When the price updates, I want to hear it

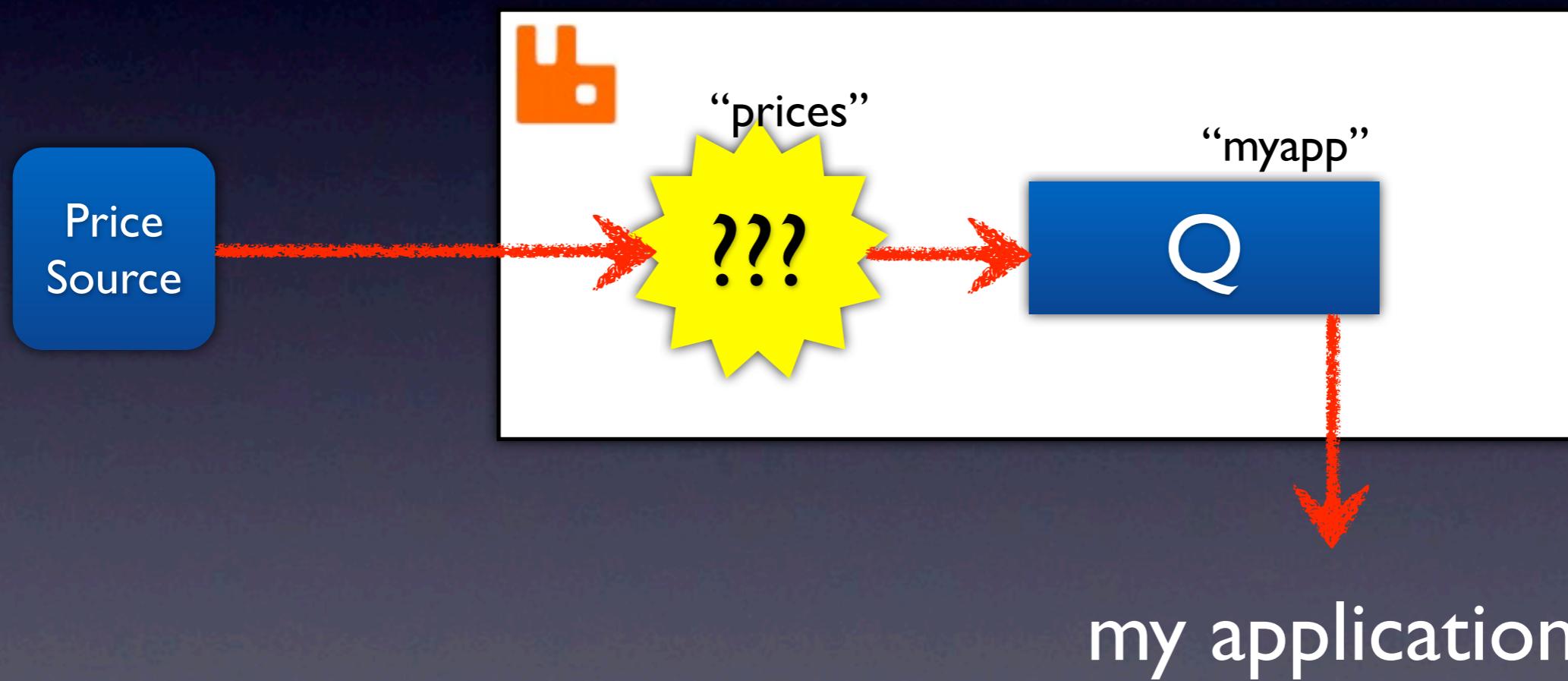
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# ‘x-lvc’ Exchange Type

- [github.com/squaremo/rabbitmq-lvc-plugin](https://github.com/squaremo/rabbitmq-lvc-plugin)
- A Last Value Cache exchange type plugin
- Declared just like built-in exchange types, using `Exchange.Declare`
- Uses mnesia to hold the cache
- It’s a prototype/demo, for now

# ‘x-lvc’ Exchange Type

```
import amqplib.client_0_8 as amqp
ch = amqp.Connection().channel()
ch.exchange_declare("lvc", type="x-lvc")
ch.basic_publish(amqp.Message("value"),
                 exchange="lvc",
                 routing_key="rabbit")

...
ch.queue_declare("q")
ch.queue_bind("q", "lvc", "rabbit")
print ch.basic_get("q").body
```

# Writing Plugins and Exchange Types

# It's easy

- Write an Erlang OTP application, including its .app file
- Package it up as a .ez file
- Consider using `rabbitmq-public-umbrella`

# .ez files

```
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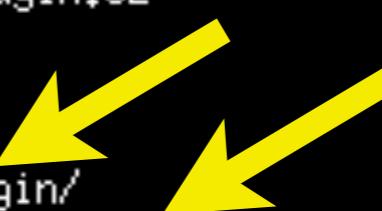
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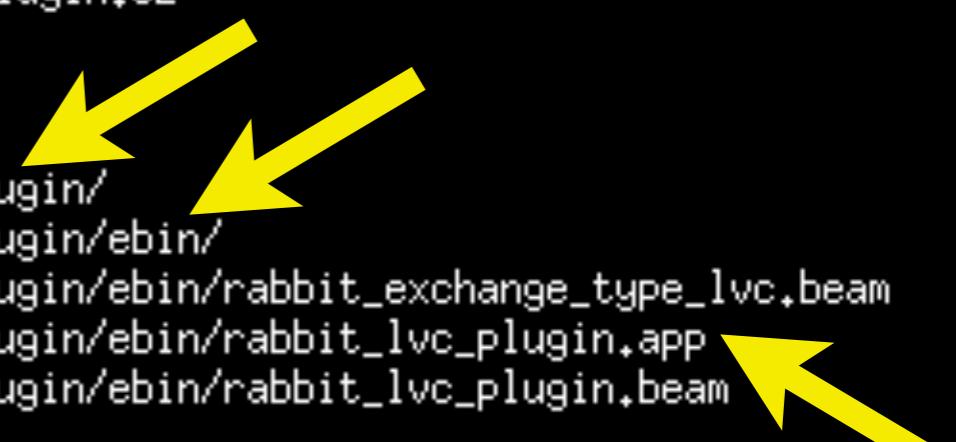
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# The .app file

```
{application, rabbit_lvc_plugin,
[ {description, "RabbitMQ LVC exchange"} ,
{vsn, "0.01"} ,
{modules, [
    rabbit_lvc_plugin,
    rabbit_exchange_type_lvc
]},
{registered, []},
{env, []},
{applications,
 [kernel, stdlib, rabbit, mnesia]} ]} }.
```

# Writing Exchange Types

- Write an ordinary plugin
- Add a boot step that registers the new type
- Implement the `rabbit_exchange_type` behaviour

# Boot Steps

- For starting up *with* RabbitMQ, not *after*
- Uses Erlang's *module attributes*
- Uses Erlang's built-in support for reasoning about graphs
- Topological sort of dependencies gives order-of-operations

# Boot Steps

```
-rabit_boot_step({my_boot_step_name,  
[ {description, "do something cool"},  
{mfa, {mymodule, myfunc1, [arg0, arg1]}},  
{mfa, {mymodule, myfunc2, [arg]}},  
{enables, some_feature},  
{enables, another_step},  
{requires, something_to_be_ready_first} ]}).
```

# Boot Steps

```
%% Use topological sort to find a consistent ordering (if
%% there is one, otherwise fail).
```

```
SortedStepsRev =
[begin
  {StepName, Step} = digraph:vertex(G, StepName),
  Step
end || StepName <- digraph_utils:topsort(G)],
SortedSteps = lists:reverse(SortedStepsRev).
```

# Registering ‘x-lvc’

```
-rabbit_boot_step(?MODULE,  
  [{description, "last-value cache exchange type"},  
   {mfa, {rabbit_lvc_plugin, setup_schema, []}},  
   {mfa, {rabbit_exchange_type_registry, register,  
          [<<"x-lvc">>, rabbit_exchange_type_lvc]}},  
   {requires, rabbit_exchange_type_registry},  
   {enables, exchange_recovery}]).
```

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app descriptor: /Users/tonyg/dev/rabbitmq-umbrella/rabbitmq-server/scripts/../ebin/rabbit.app
home dir      : /Users/tonyg
cookie hash   : mwtySYvzRGJyIxBy7NFuLA==
log          : /var/folders/YT/YTZtM5Y9GOG6zMVaktTkLE+++TI/-Tmp-/rabbit.log
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database dir  : /var/folders/YT/YTZtM5Y9GOG6zMVaktTkLE+++TI/-Tmp-/rabbitmq-rabbit-mnesia

starting worker pool                                ...done
starting database                                    ...done
-- external infrastructure ready
starting exchange type registry                     ...done
starting last-value cache exchange type           ...done
starting exchange type topic                       ...done
starting exchange type headers                     ...done
starting exchange type fanout                      ...done
starting exchange type direct                      ...done
starting internal event notification system       ...done
starting logging server                           ...done
-- kernel ready
starting alarm handler                            ...done
starting queue supervisor                         ...done
starting node monitor                            ...done
starting cluster router                          ...done
-- core initialized
starting empty DB check                           ...done
starting codec correctness check                 ...done
starting script_manager_sup                     ...done
starting script_exchange                        ...done
starting exchange recovery                      ...done
starting queue recovery                        ...done
starting persister                            ...done
starting guid generator                      ...done
-- message delivery logic ready
starting error log relay                         ...done
starting networking                           ...done
starting RabbitHub                            ...done
-- network listeners available

broker running
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starting exchange type registry

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starting database
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starting exchange type registry

...done

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starting database
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starting exchange type registry
starting last-value cache exchange type
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starting last-value cache exchange type

...done  
...done  
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...done  
...done

broker running

starting exchange recovery

# rabbit\_exchange\_type

description/0 :: () -> [{atom(), any()}]

publish/2 :: (exchange(), delivery()) ->  
{routing\_result(), [pid()]}

validate/1 :: (exchange()) -> 'ok'

create/1 :: (exchange()) -> 'ok'

recover/2 :: (exchange(), list(binding())) -> 'ok'

delete/2 :: (exchange(), list(binding())) -> 'ok'

add\_binding/2 ::  
(exchange(), binding()) -> 'ok'

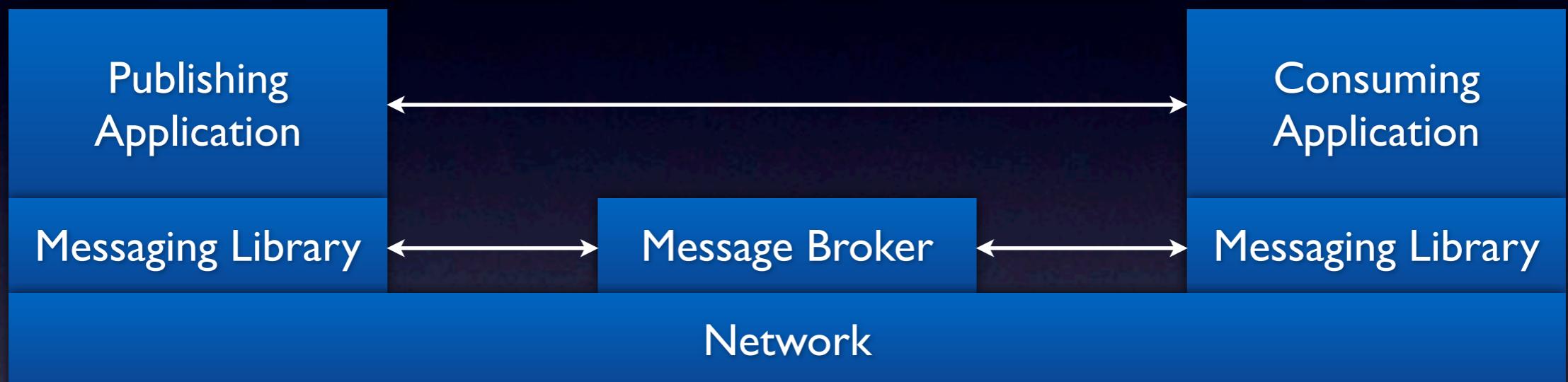
remove\_bindings/2 ::  
(exchange(), list(binding())) -> 'ok'

# ‘x-lvc’ Implementation

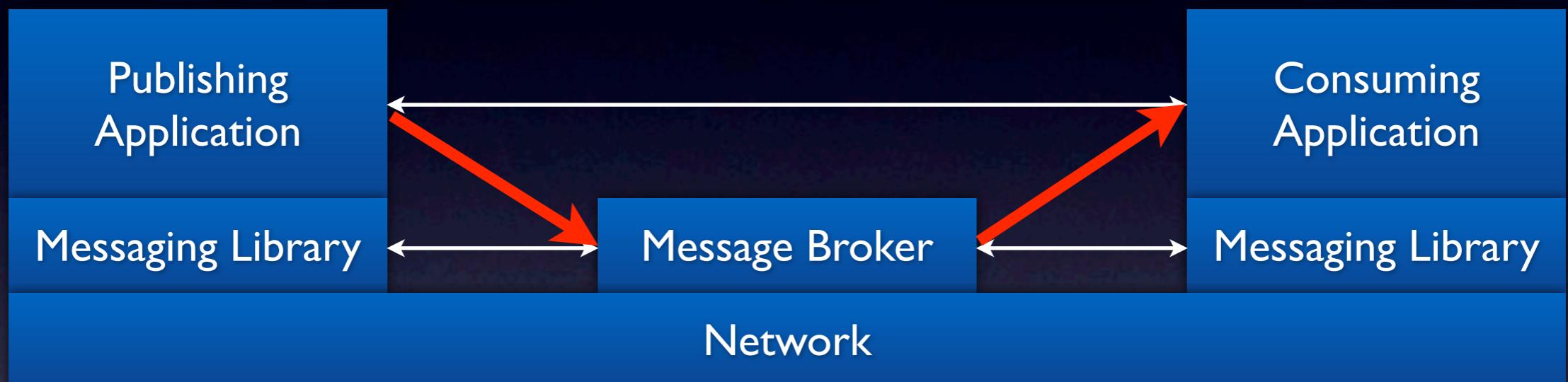
- `publish` updates a row in mnesia before routing like a direct exchange
- `add_binding` queries mnesia and sends on the cached value to the newly-bound queue
- `delete` removes rows from mnesia

(almost done)

# Traditional View



# Traditional View



# Revised View



# Revised View



# Your Plugin Here?

- ...for new transports (e.g. RabbitHub)
- ...for new exchange types (lvc, script)
- Plugins are straightforward to write (esp. with umbrella)
- We're looking forward to seeing what you all come up with!

[www.rabbitmq.com/how](http://www.rabbitmq.com/how)  
[github.com/tonyg/rabbithub](https://github.com/tonyg/rabbithub)  
[github.com/tonyg/script-exchange](https://github.com/tonyg/script-exchange)  
[github.com/squareemo/rabbitmq-lvc-plugin](https://github.com/squareemo/rabbitmq-lvc-plugin)

Thanks!