



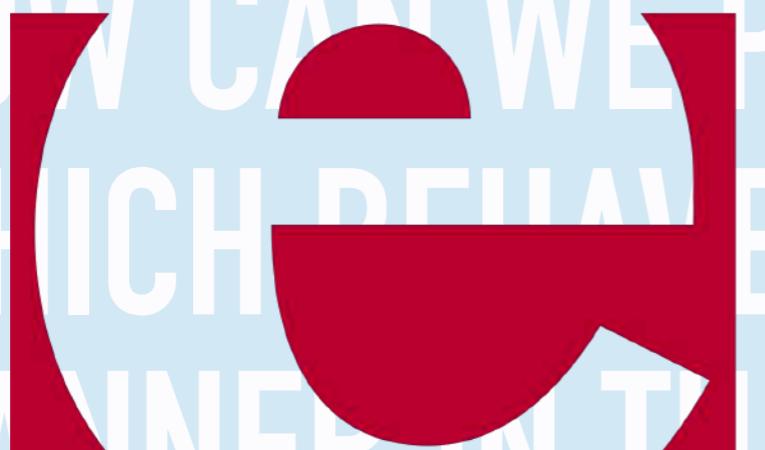
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BASICS



SPawning



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```
iex(2)> Process.alive?(pid)
false
```



LINKING



iex(1)> self()



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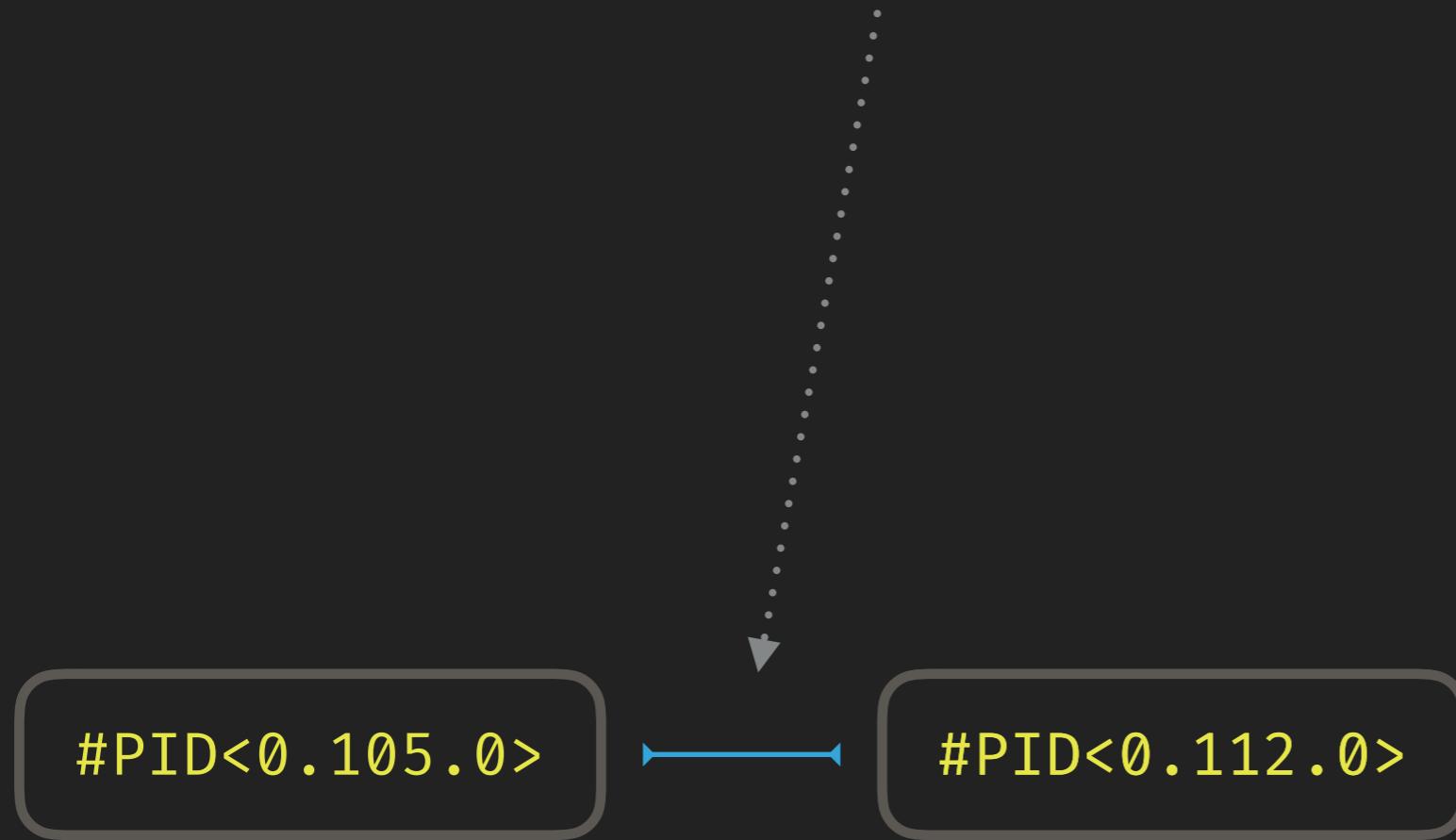
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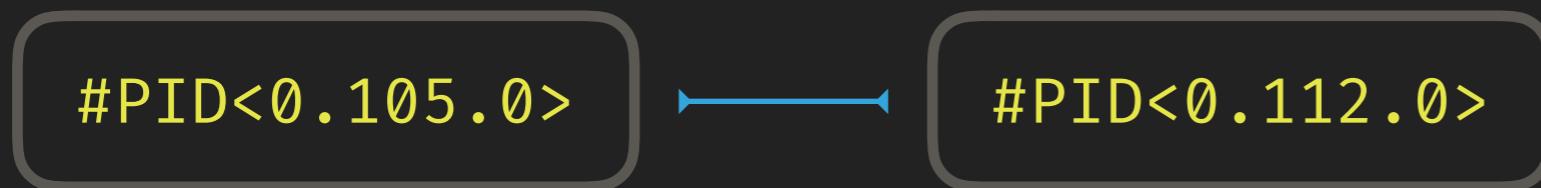
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The code snippet shows two iex sessions. The first session, iex(1), prints the current process identity (self()). The second session, iex(2), spawns a new process using the spawn_link/1 function and immediately exits it with the reason :abnormal. The resulting process identity is #PID<0.112.0>. The output from iex(1) is highlighted with a gray rounded rectangle, and a red arrow points from this highlighted area to the explanatory text below.

When you run this code, the process will immediately terminate because you're spawning it and then immediately exiting it. The reason for this is that the process has no work to do, so it exits as soon as it starts. This is a common pattern in Elixir for creating temporary workers or performing one-off tasks.



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** (EXIT from #PID<0.105.0>) shell process exited with
reason: :abnormal
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MONITORING



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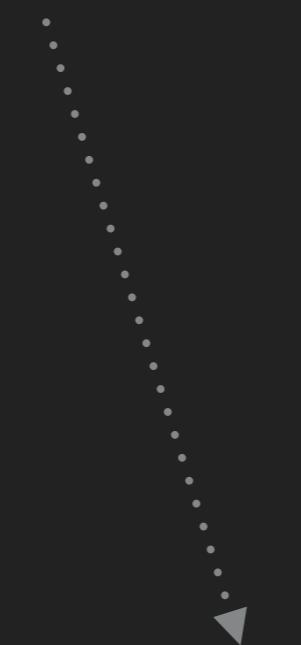


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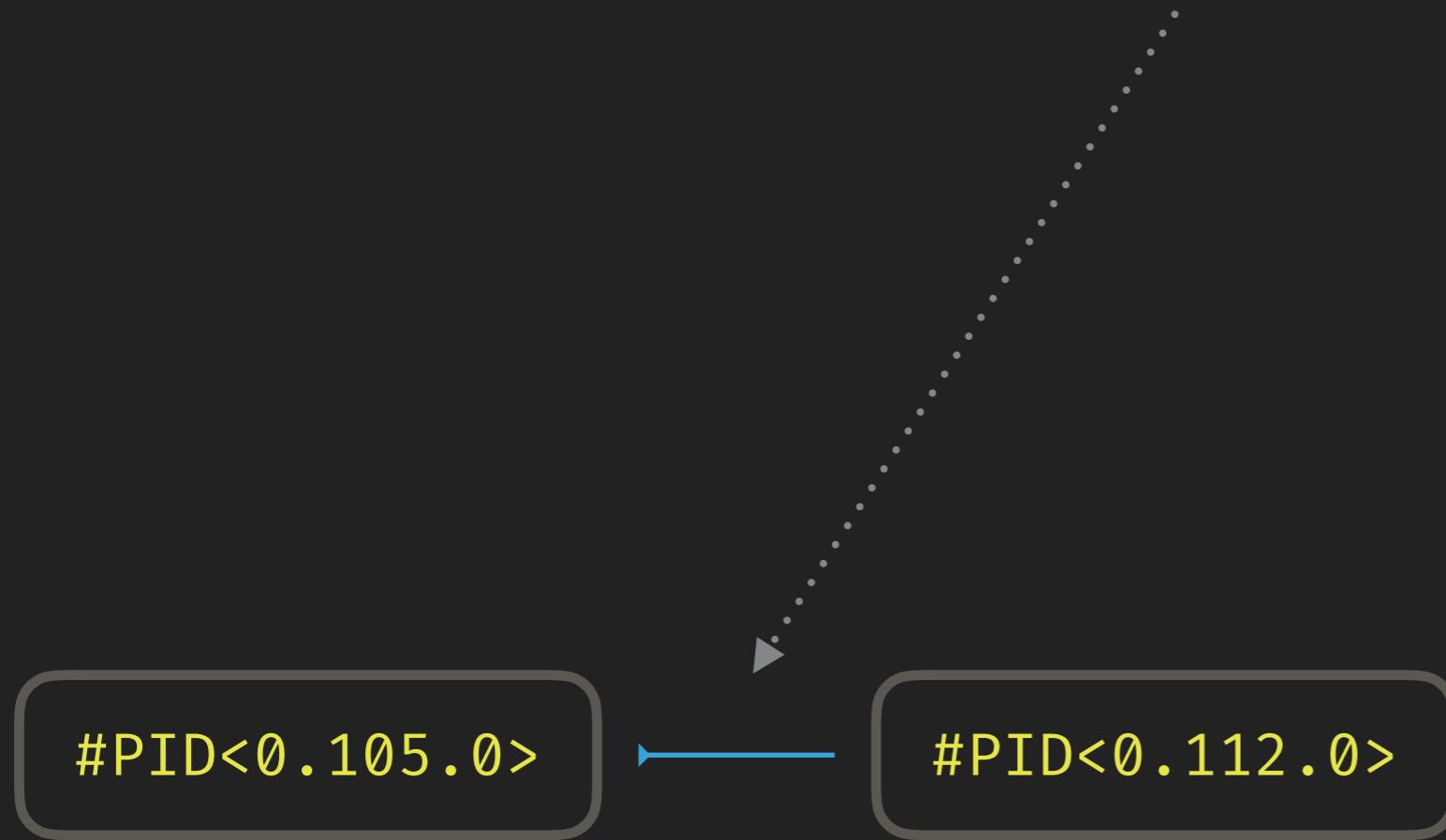


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{
  :DOWN,
  #Reference<0.2953221187.3884449794.58577>,
  :process,
  #PID<0.112.0>,
  :normal
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CONTEXT



REAL TIME CHAT

Elixir Language 

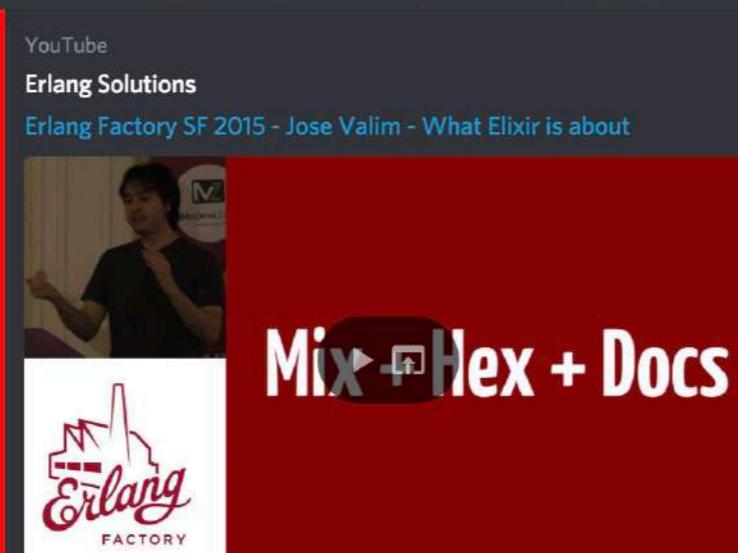
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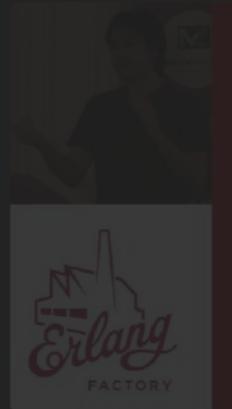
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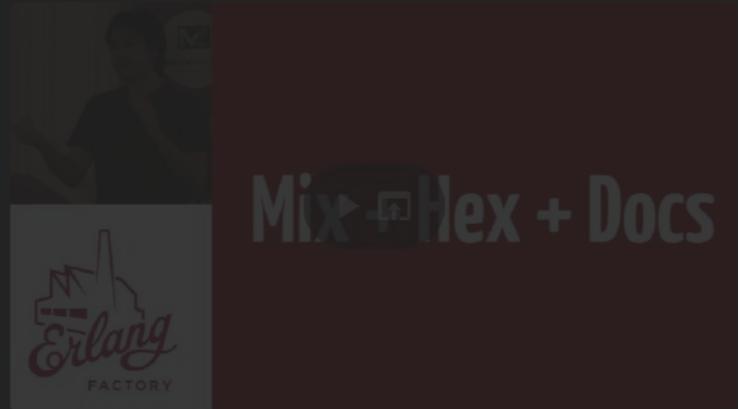
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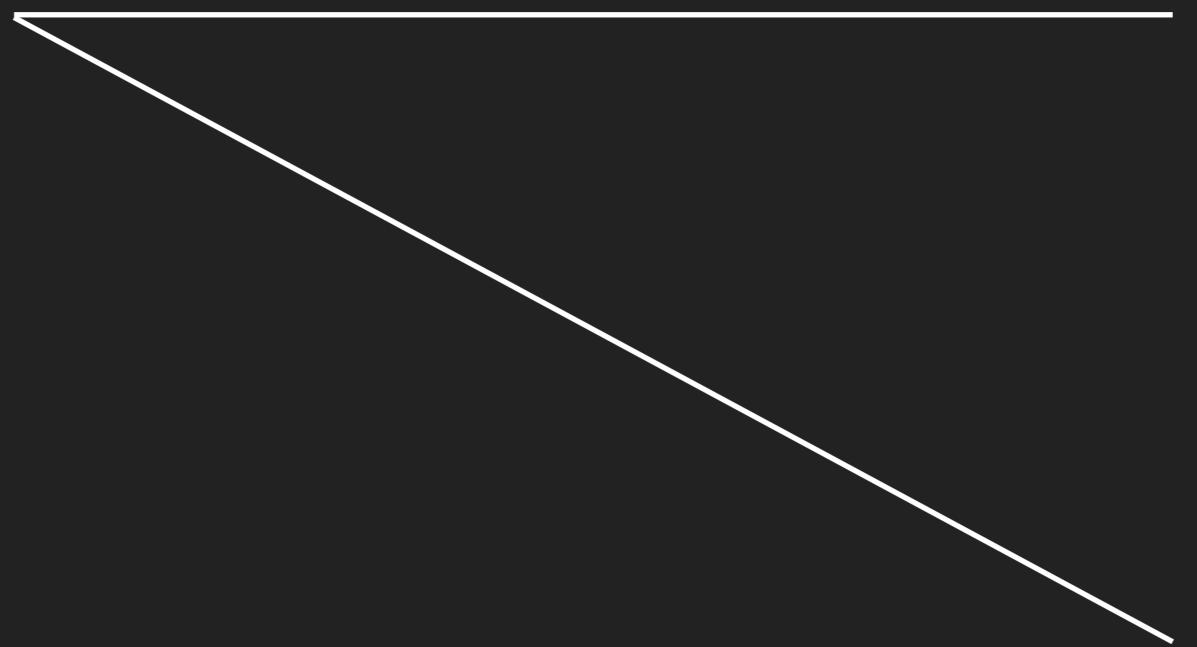
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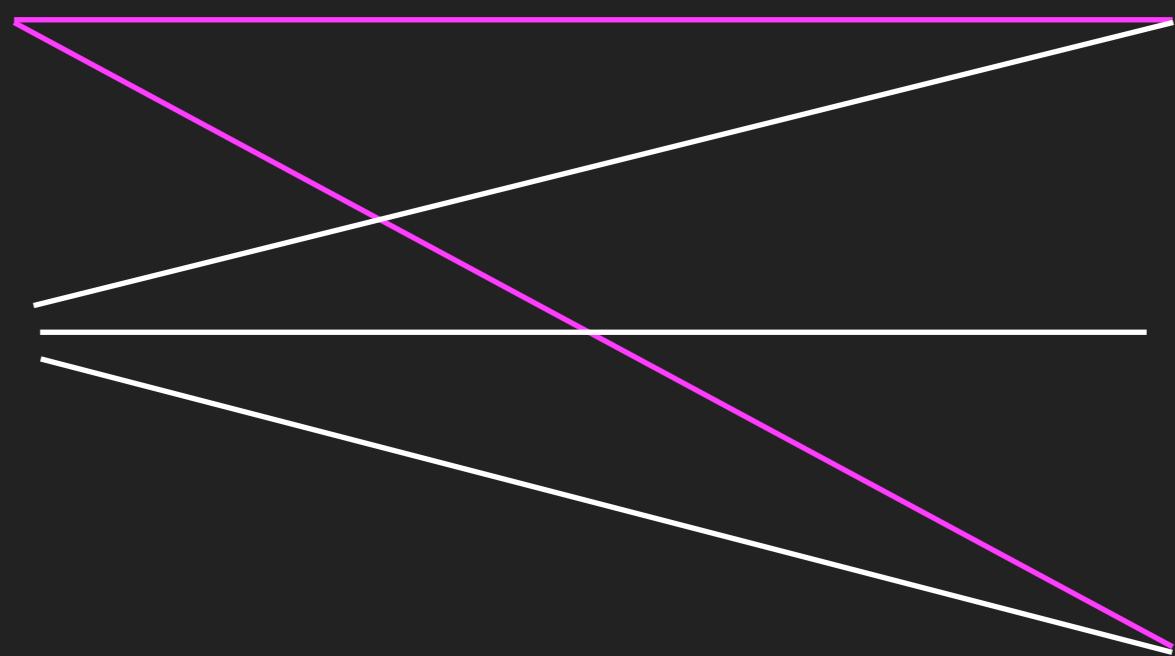
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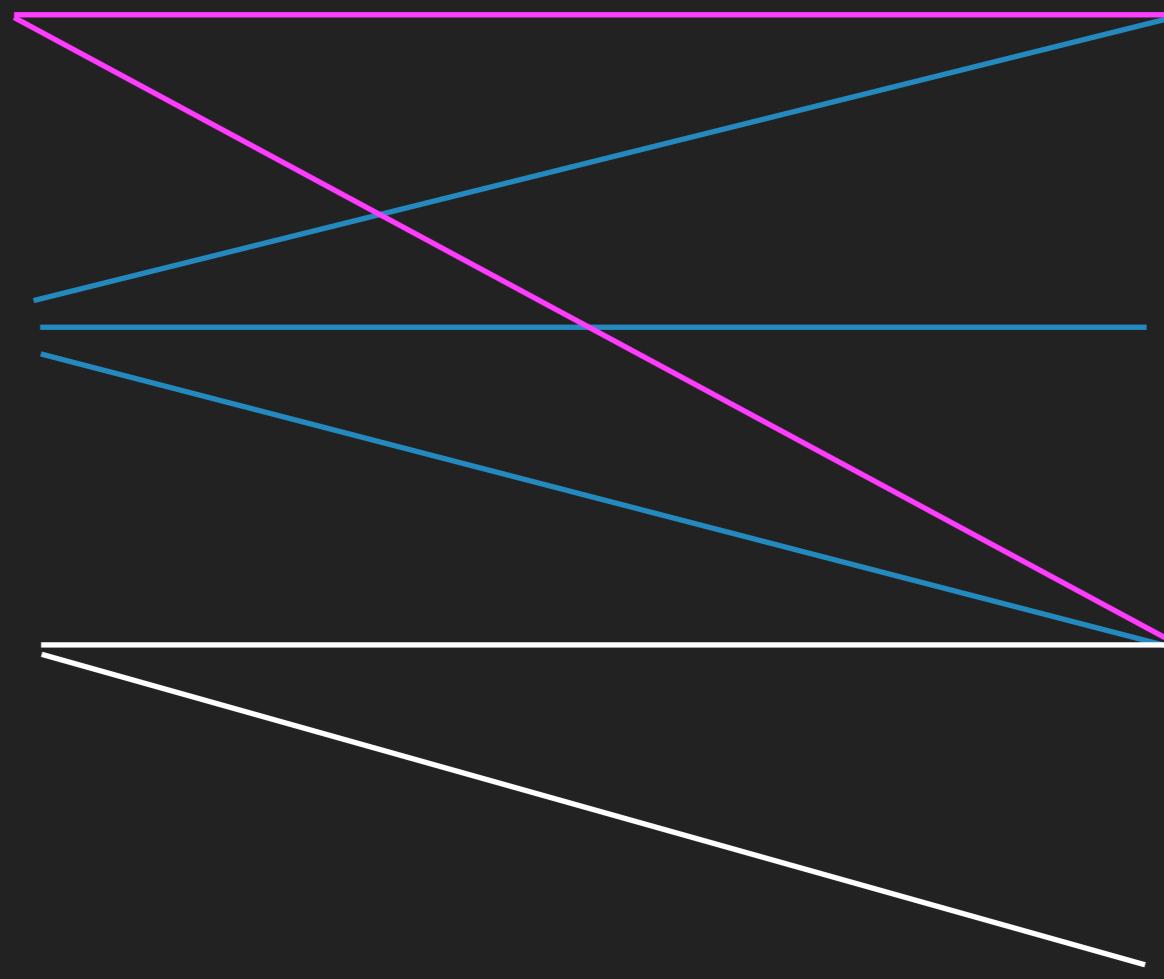
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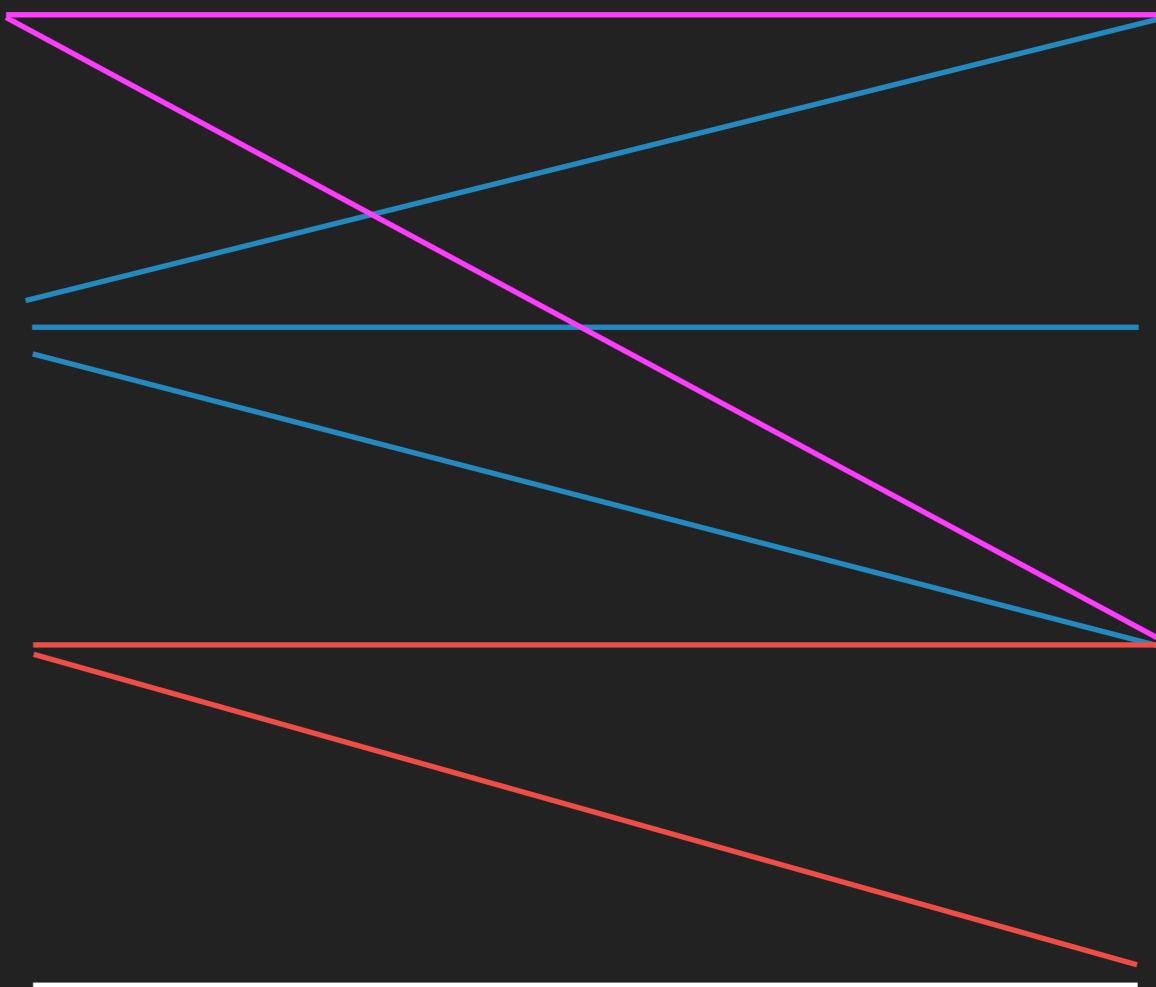
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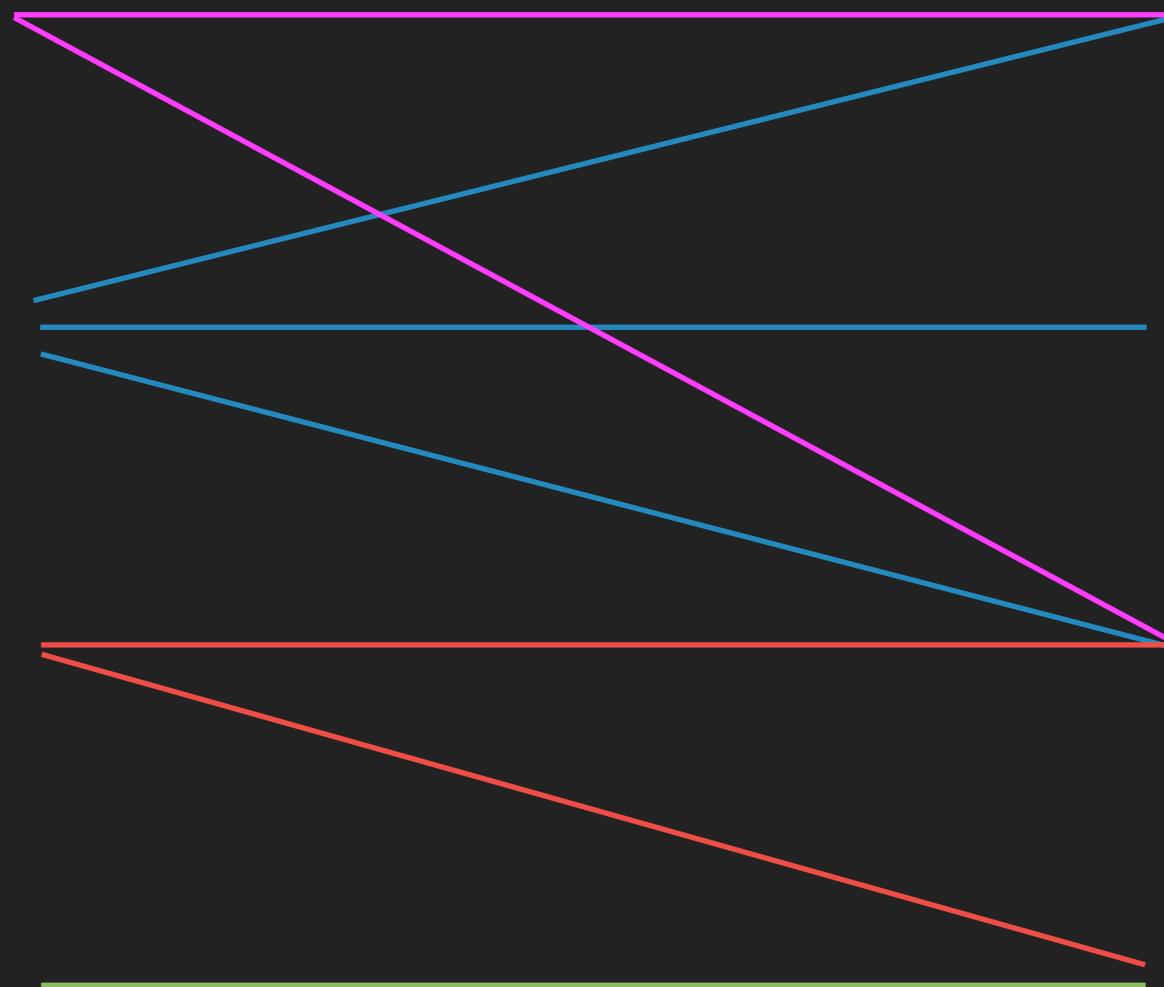
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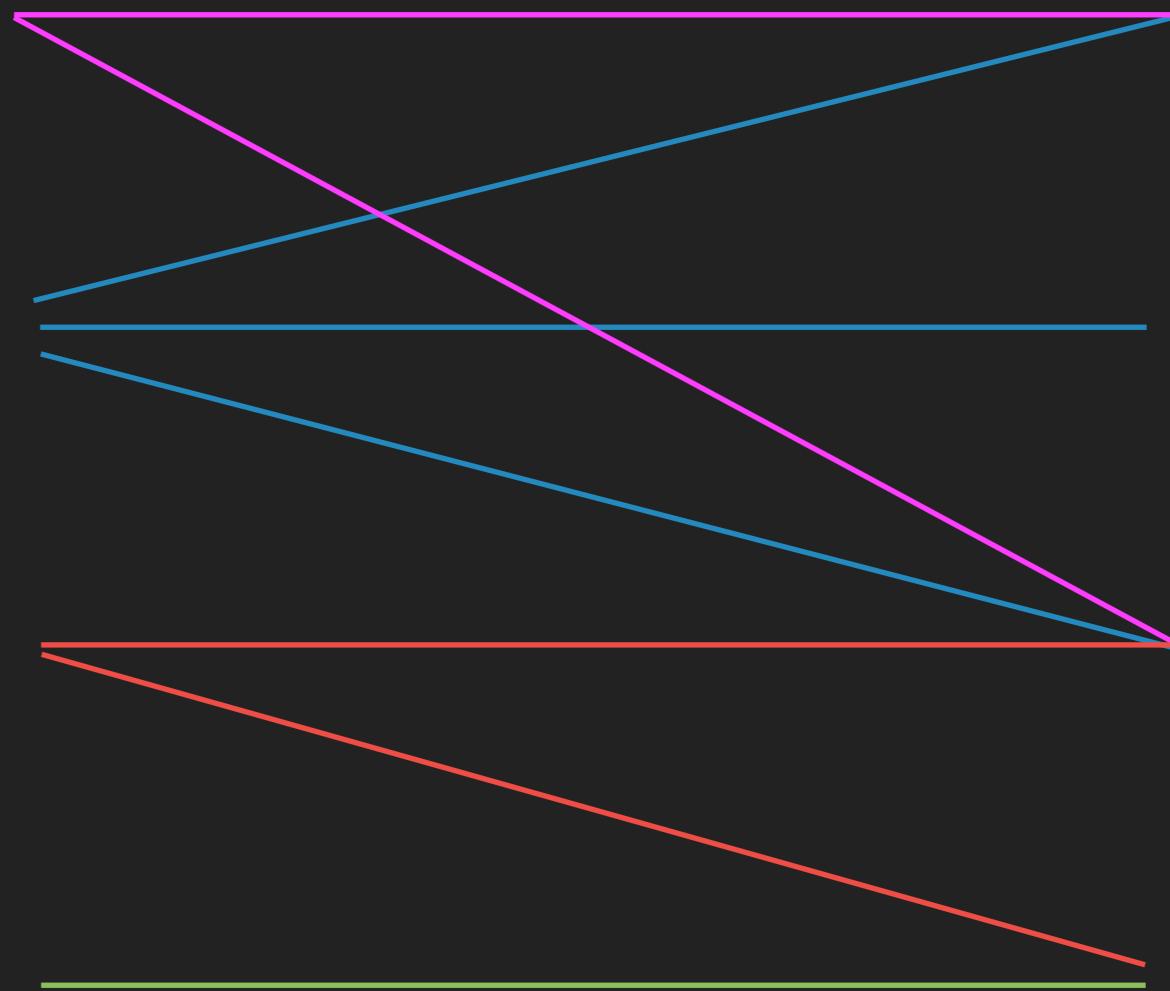
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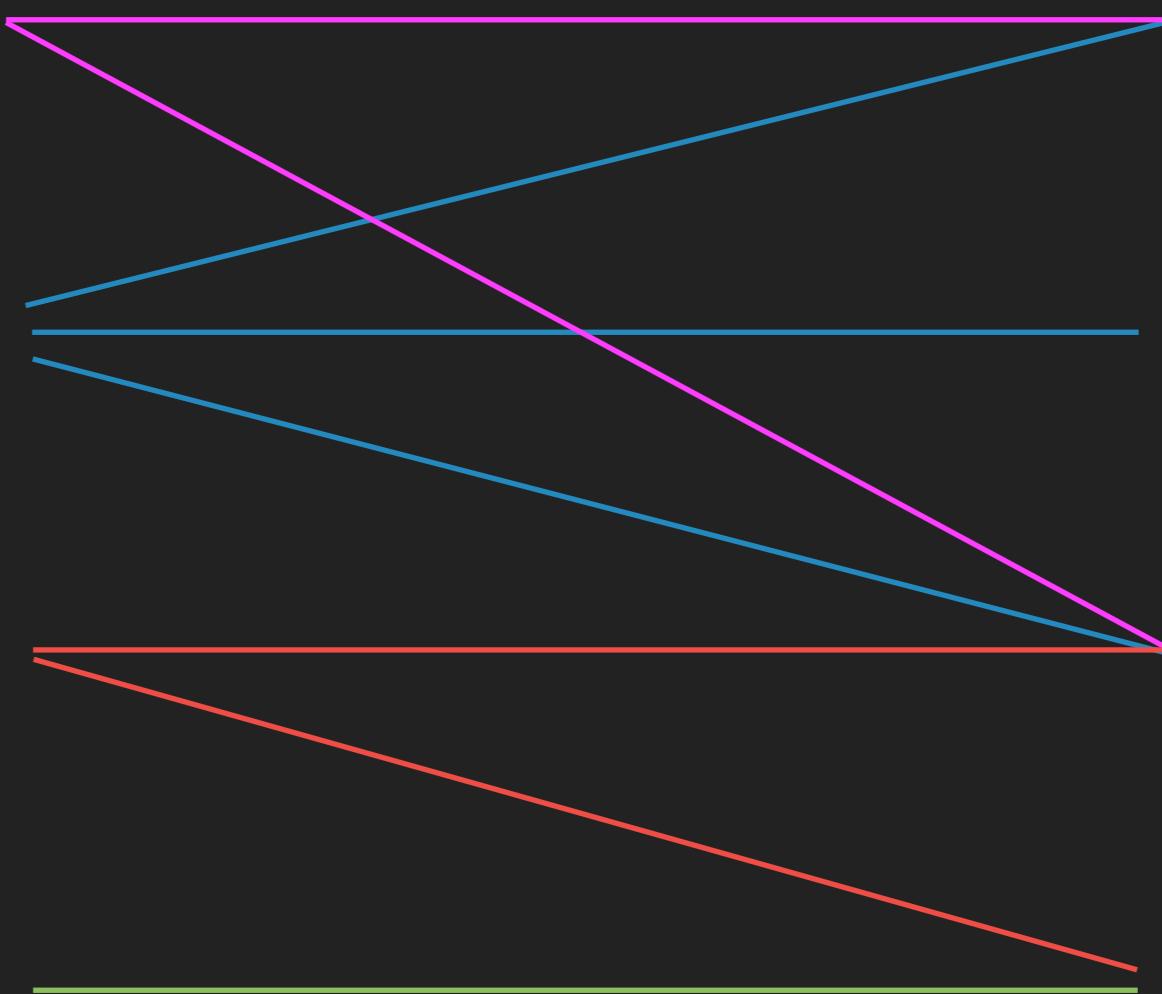
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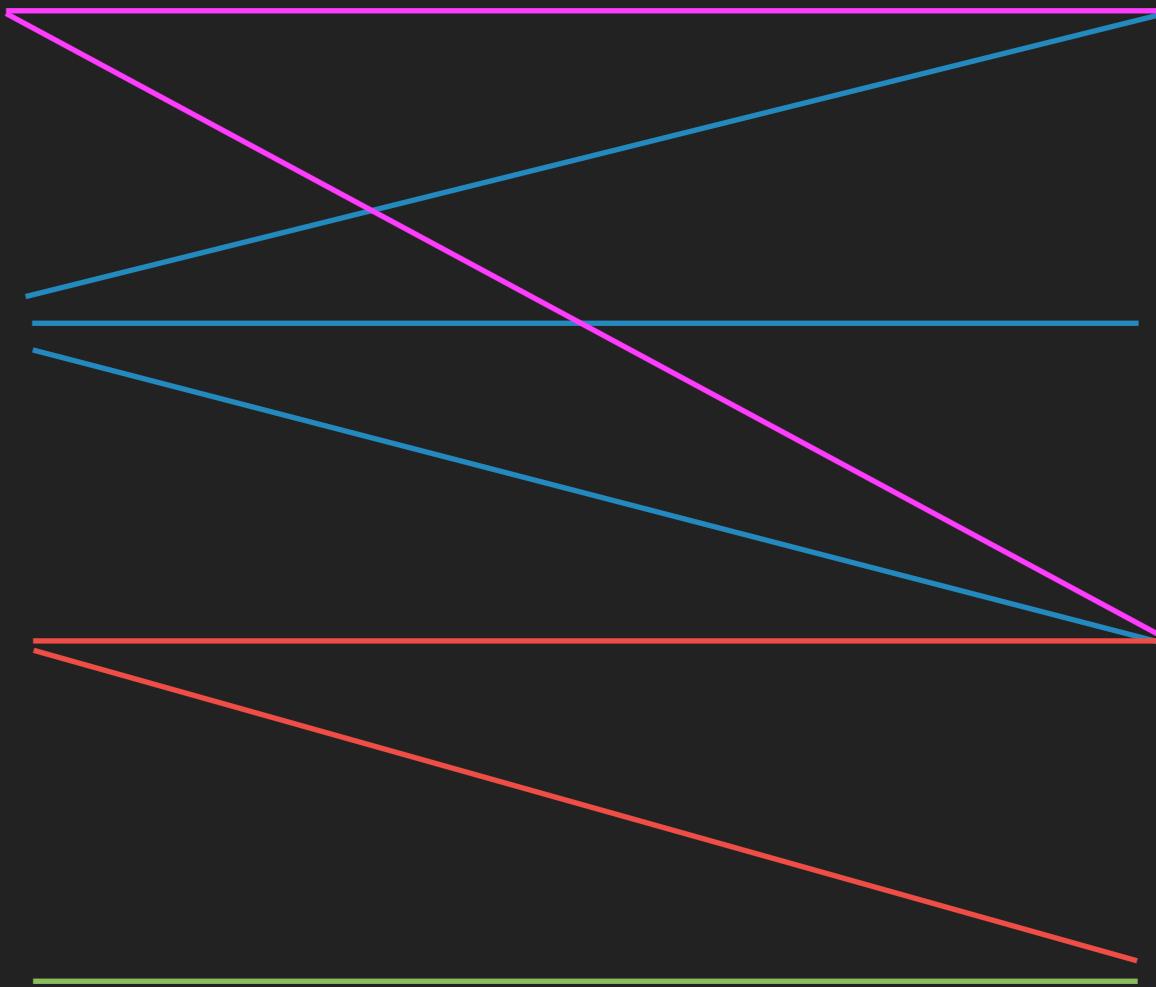
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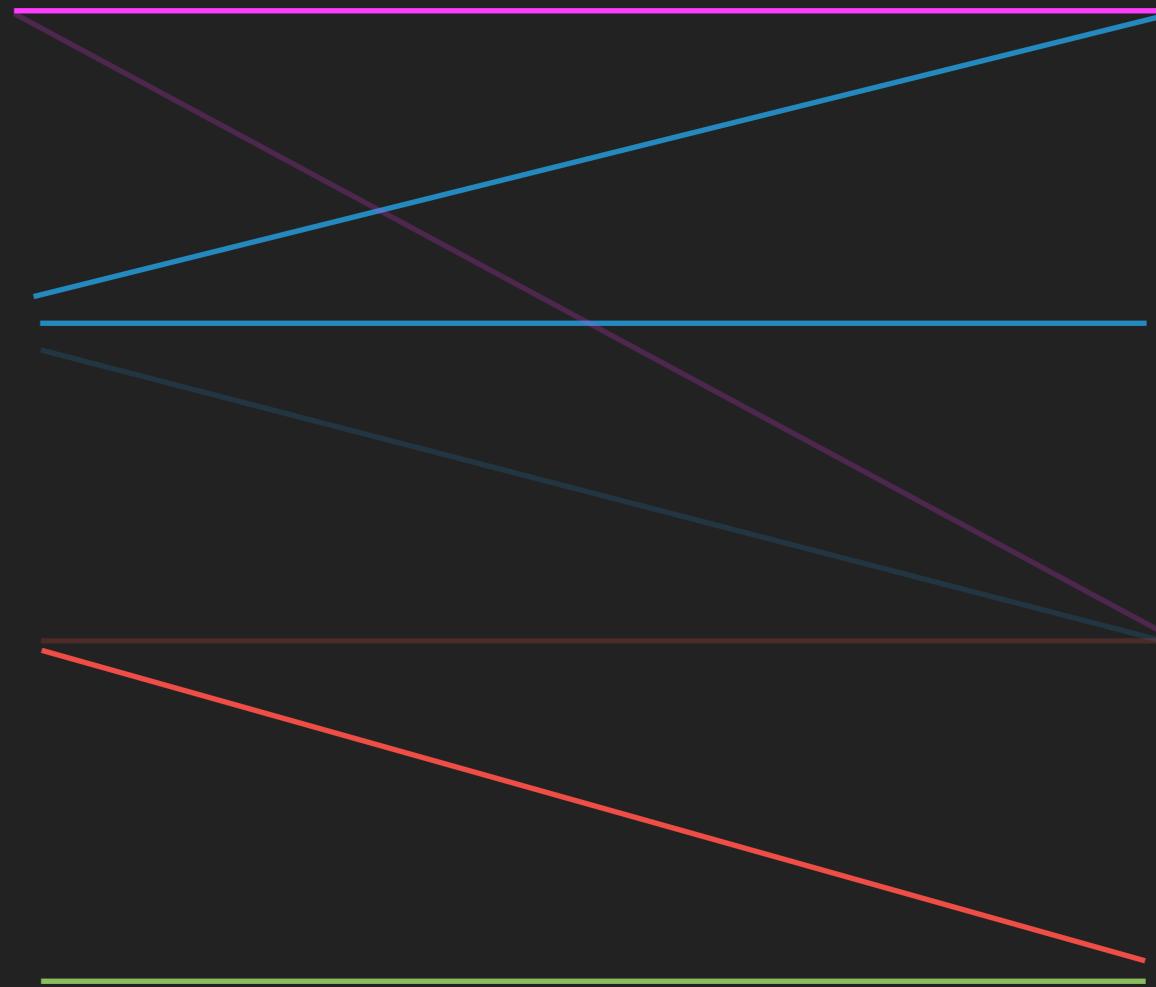
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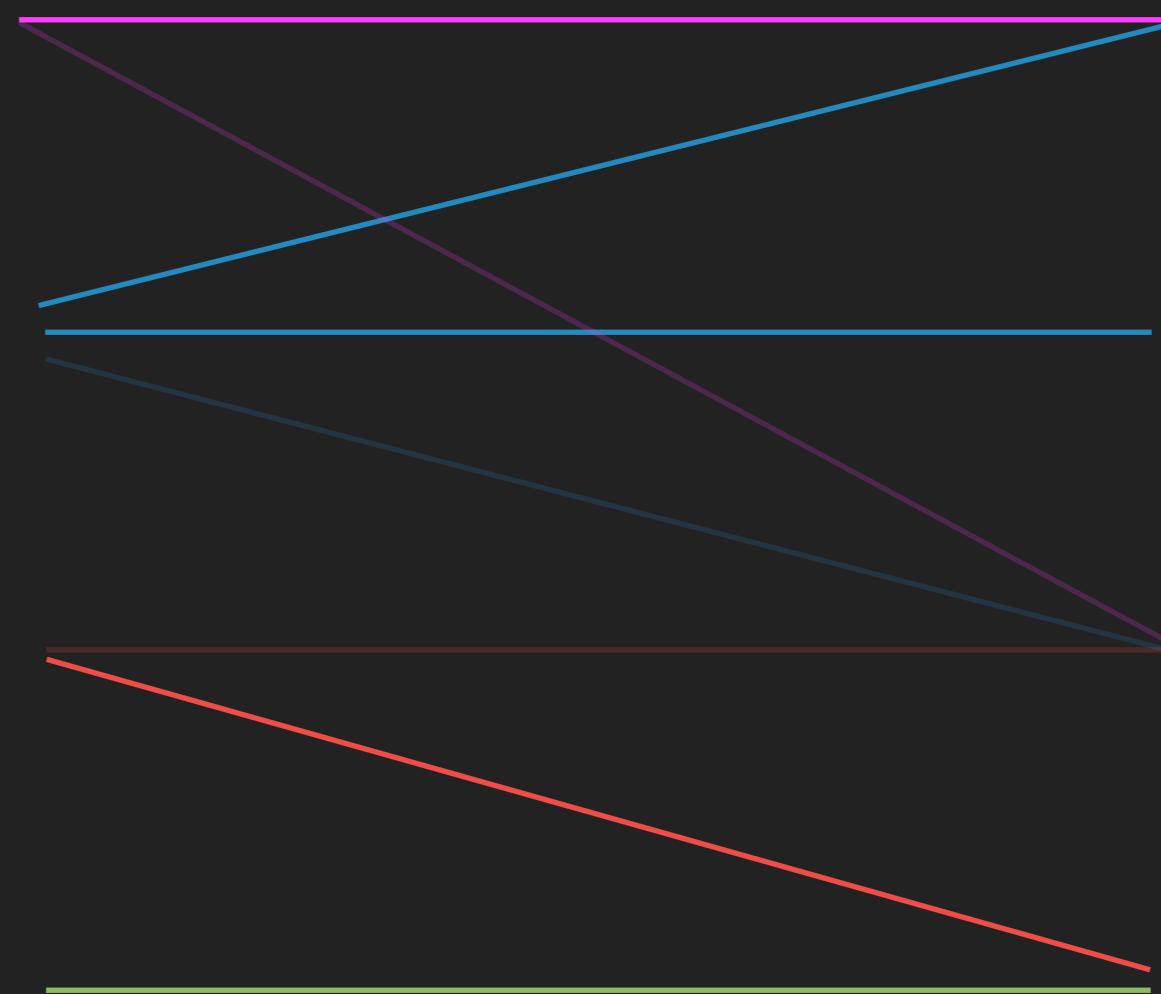
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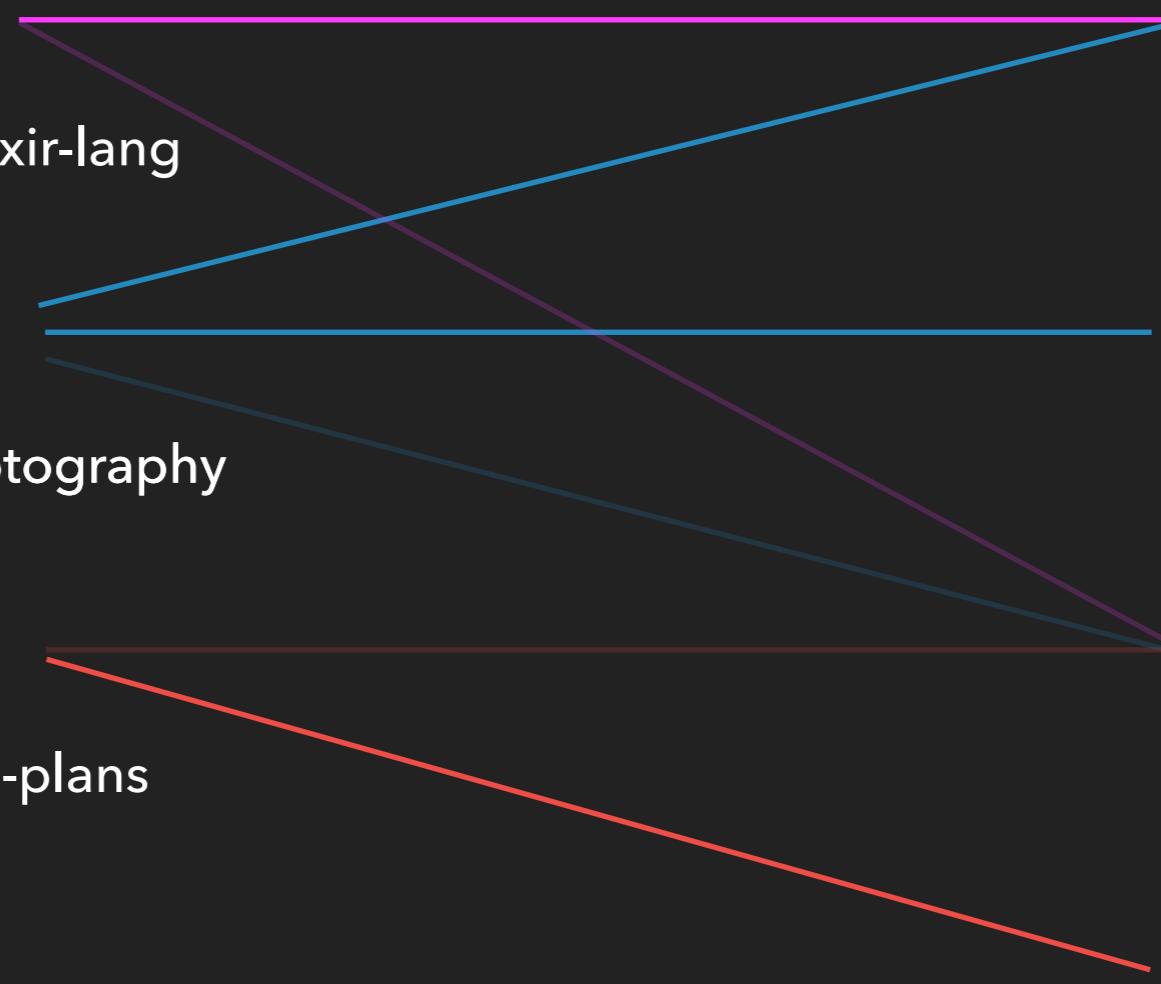
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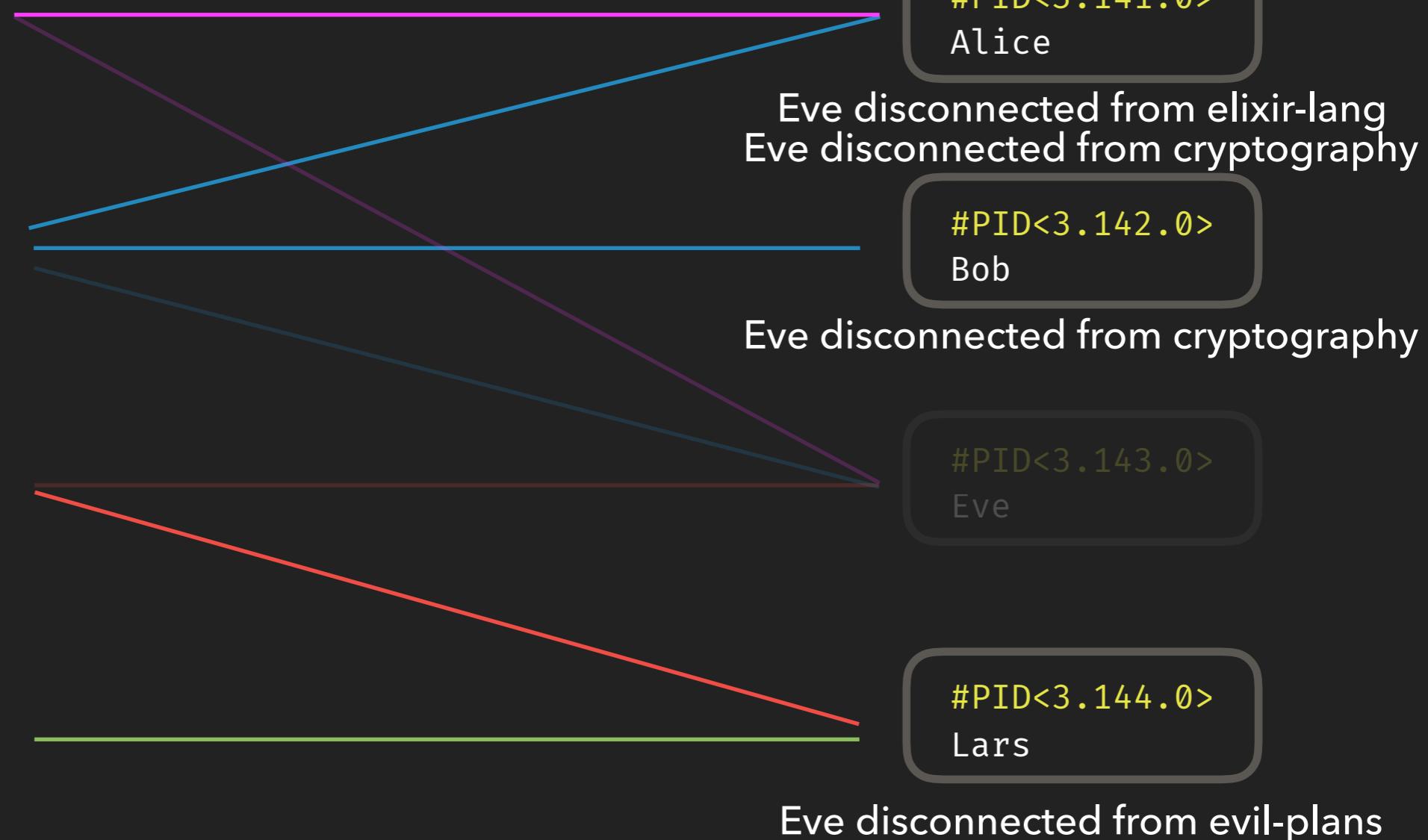
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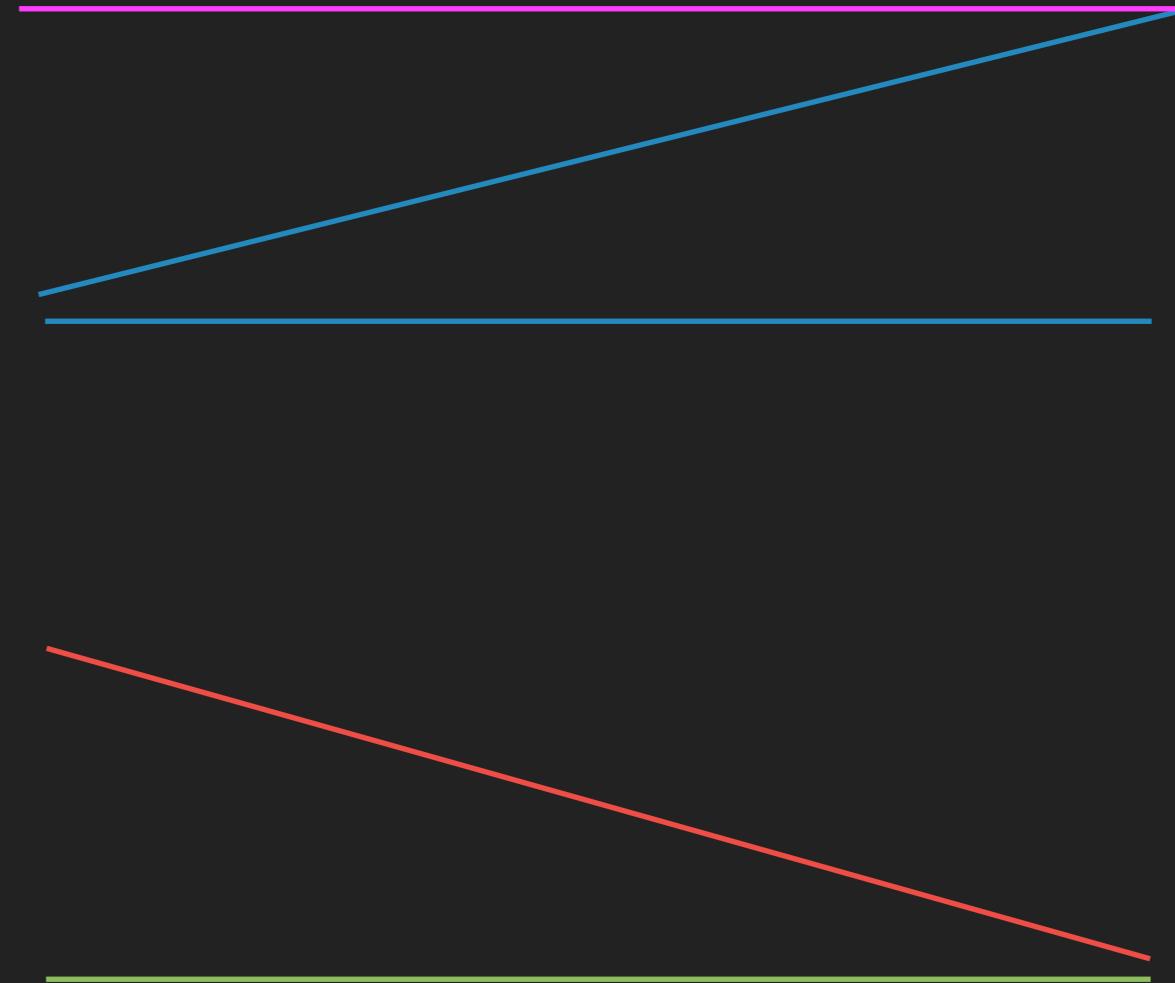
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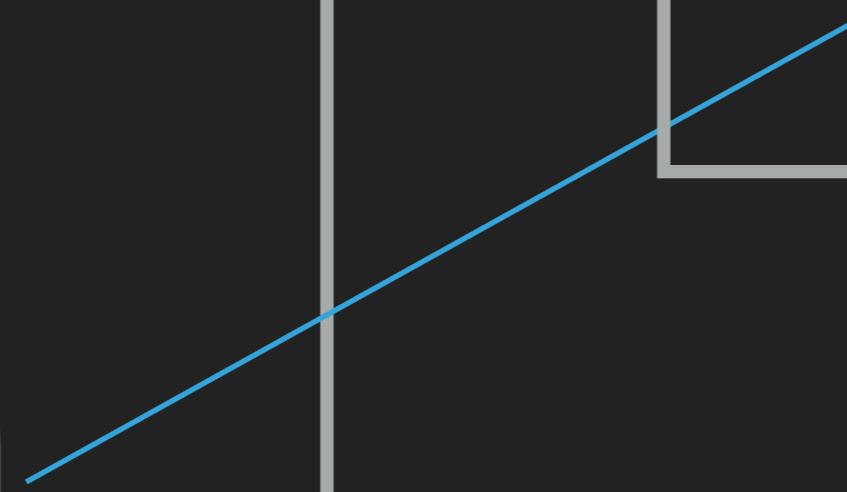


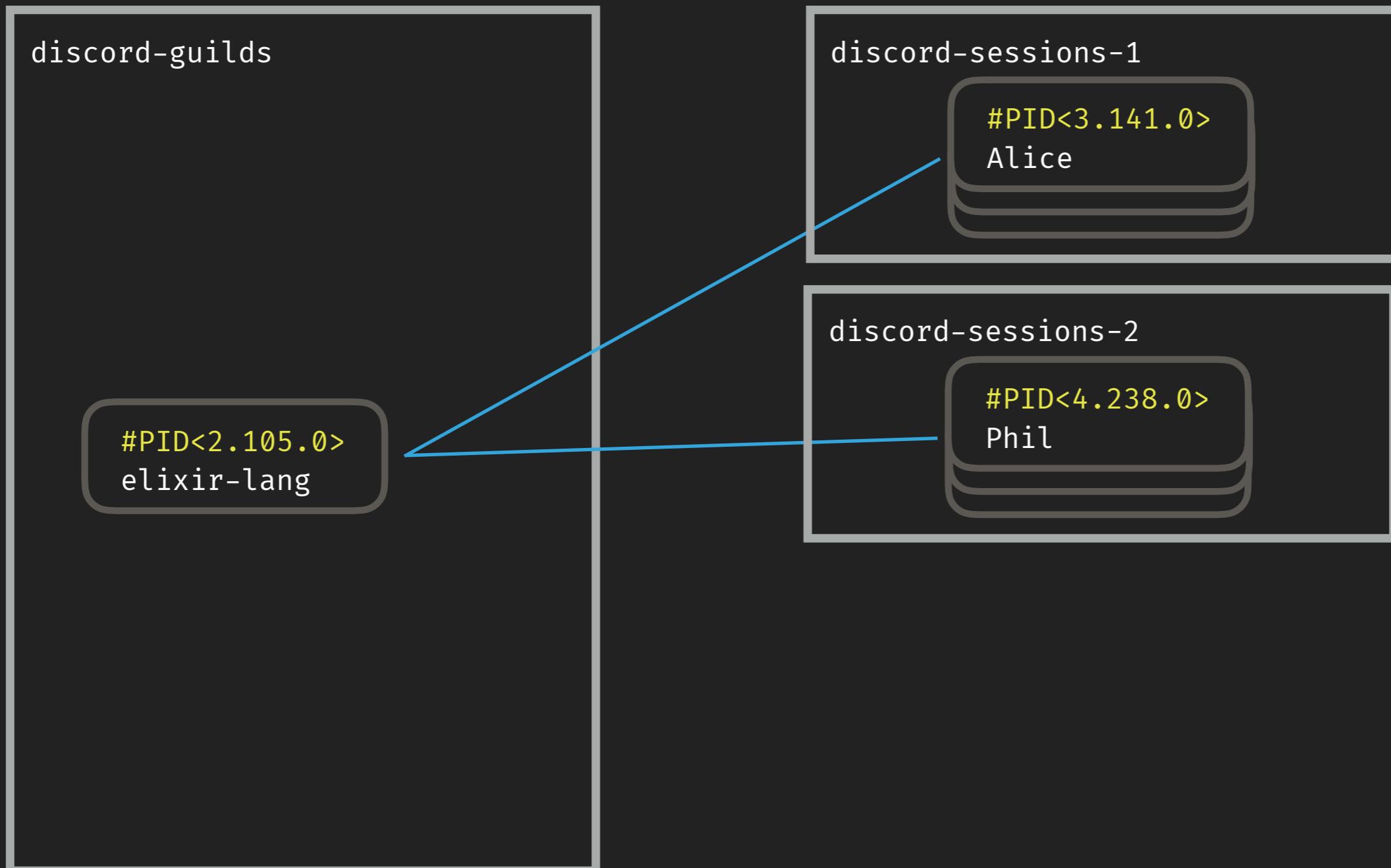
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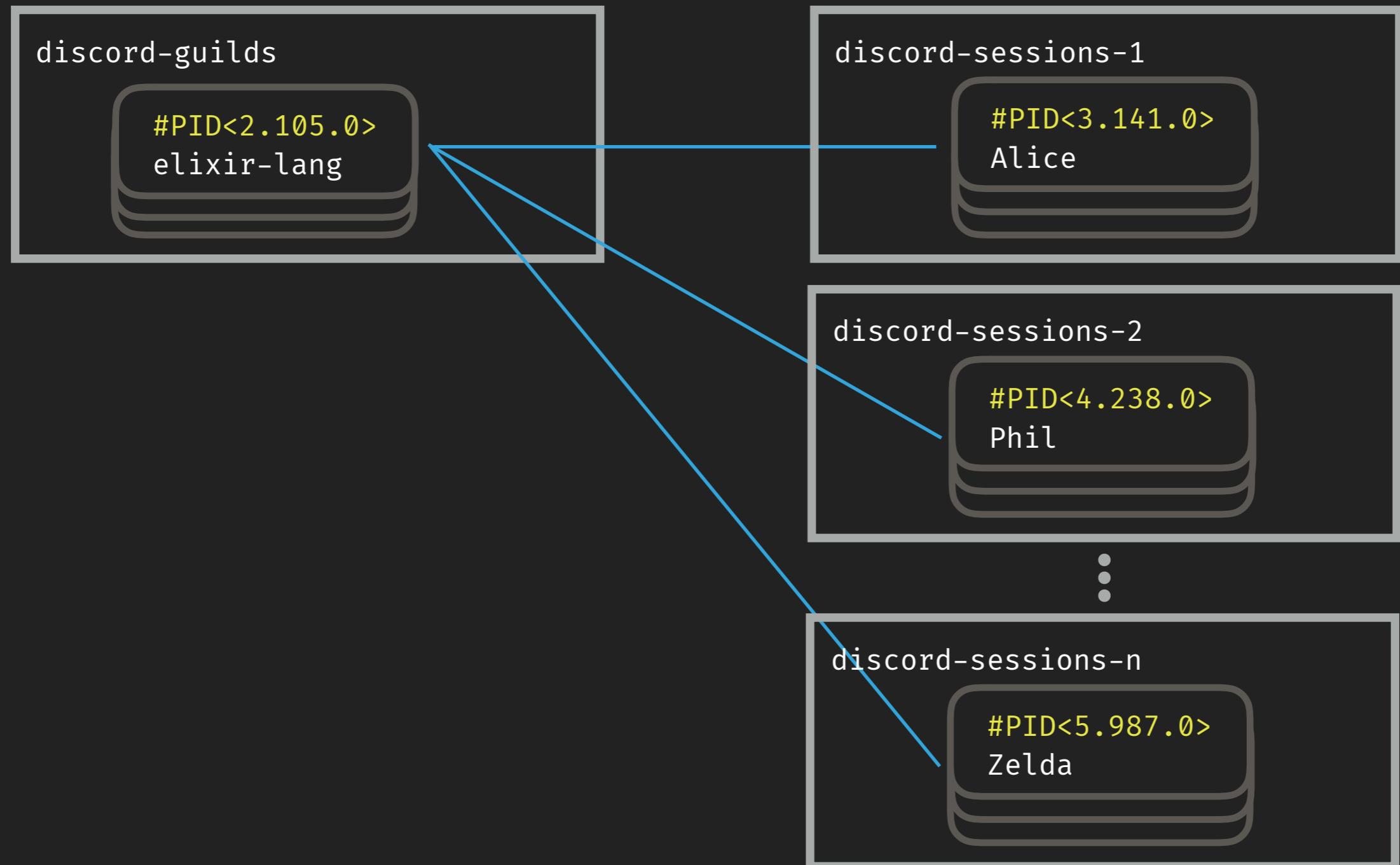
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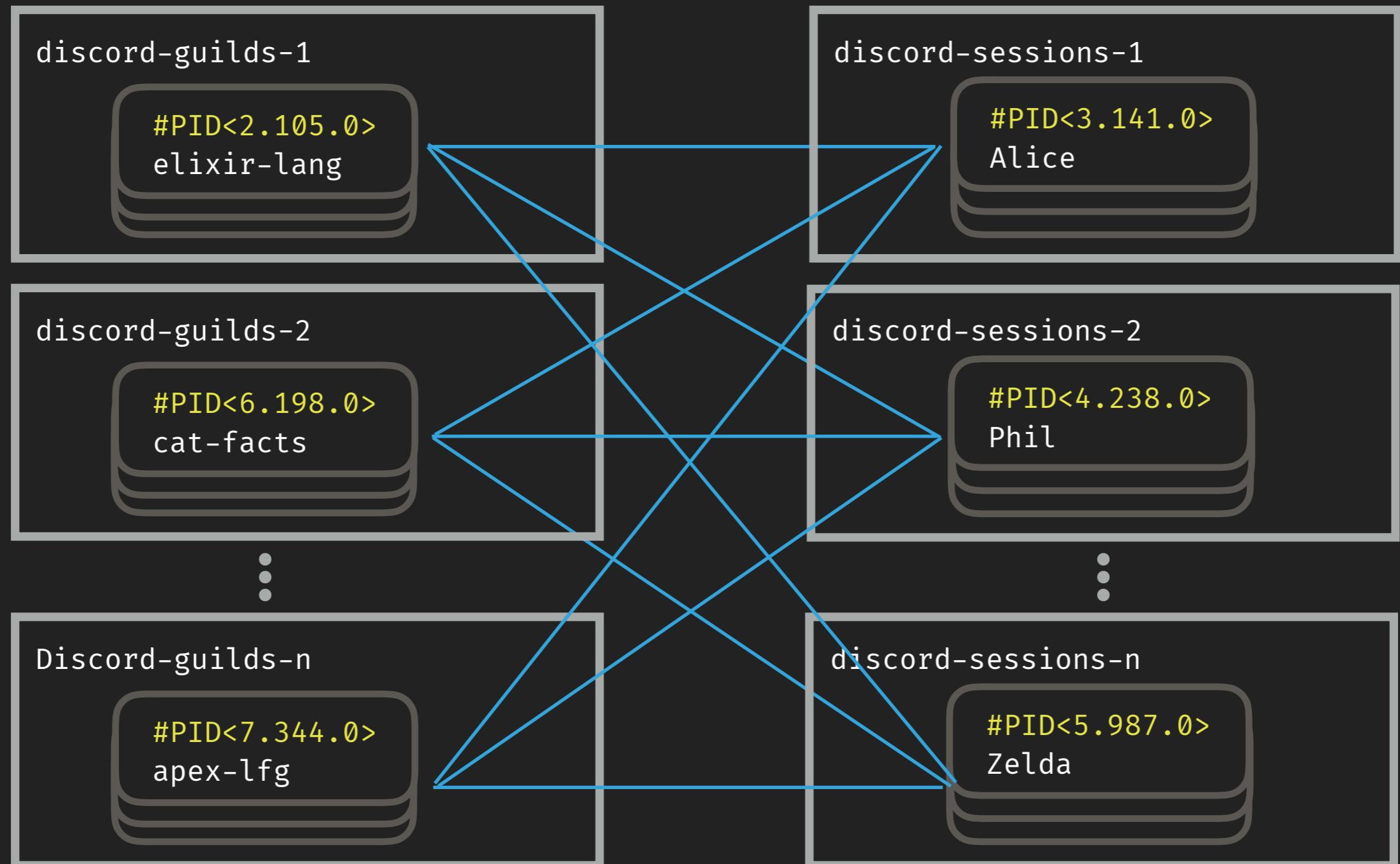












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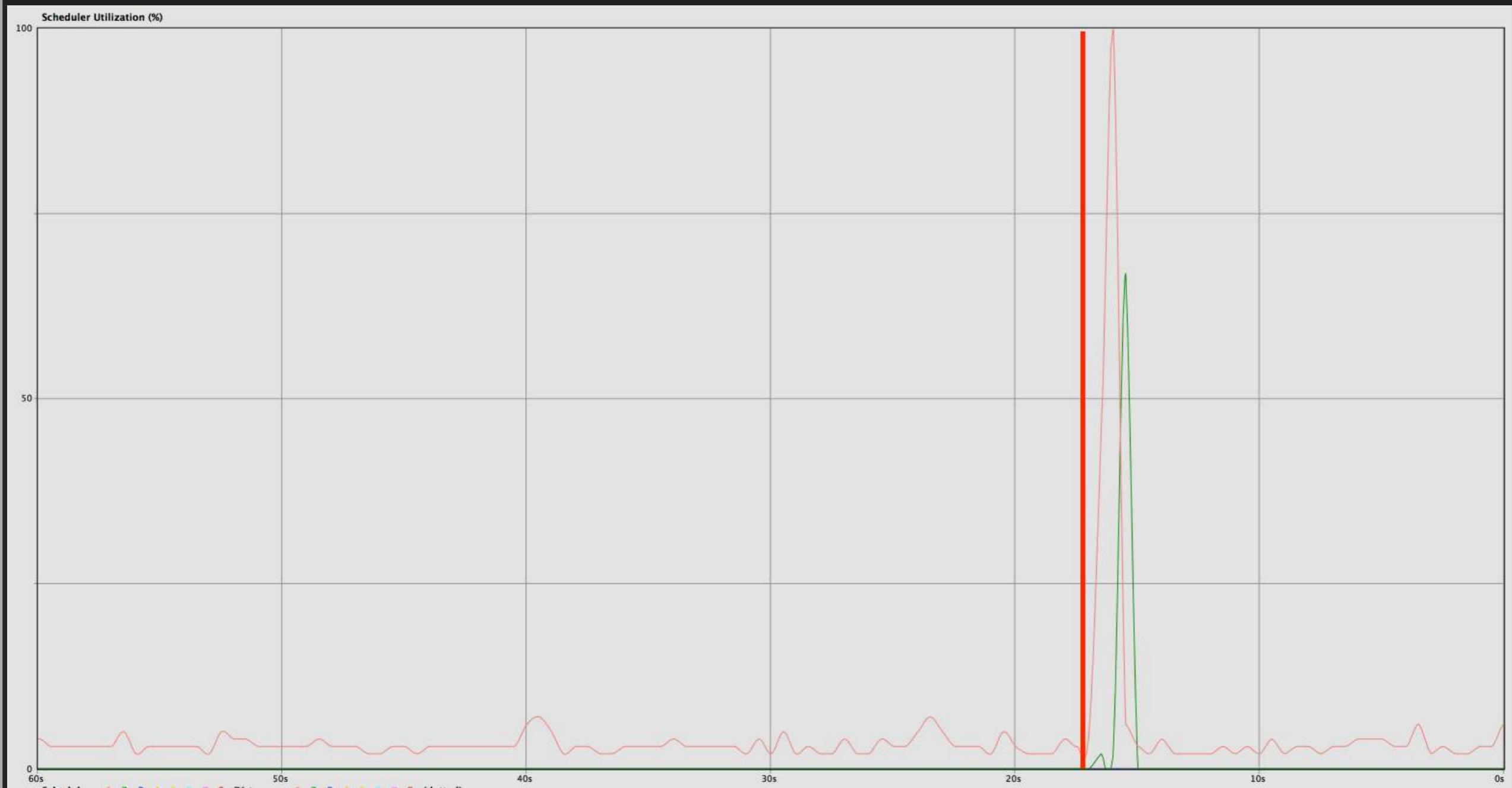


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100% Scheduler Utilization





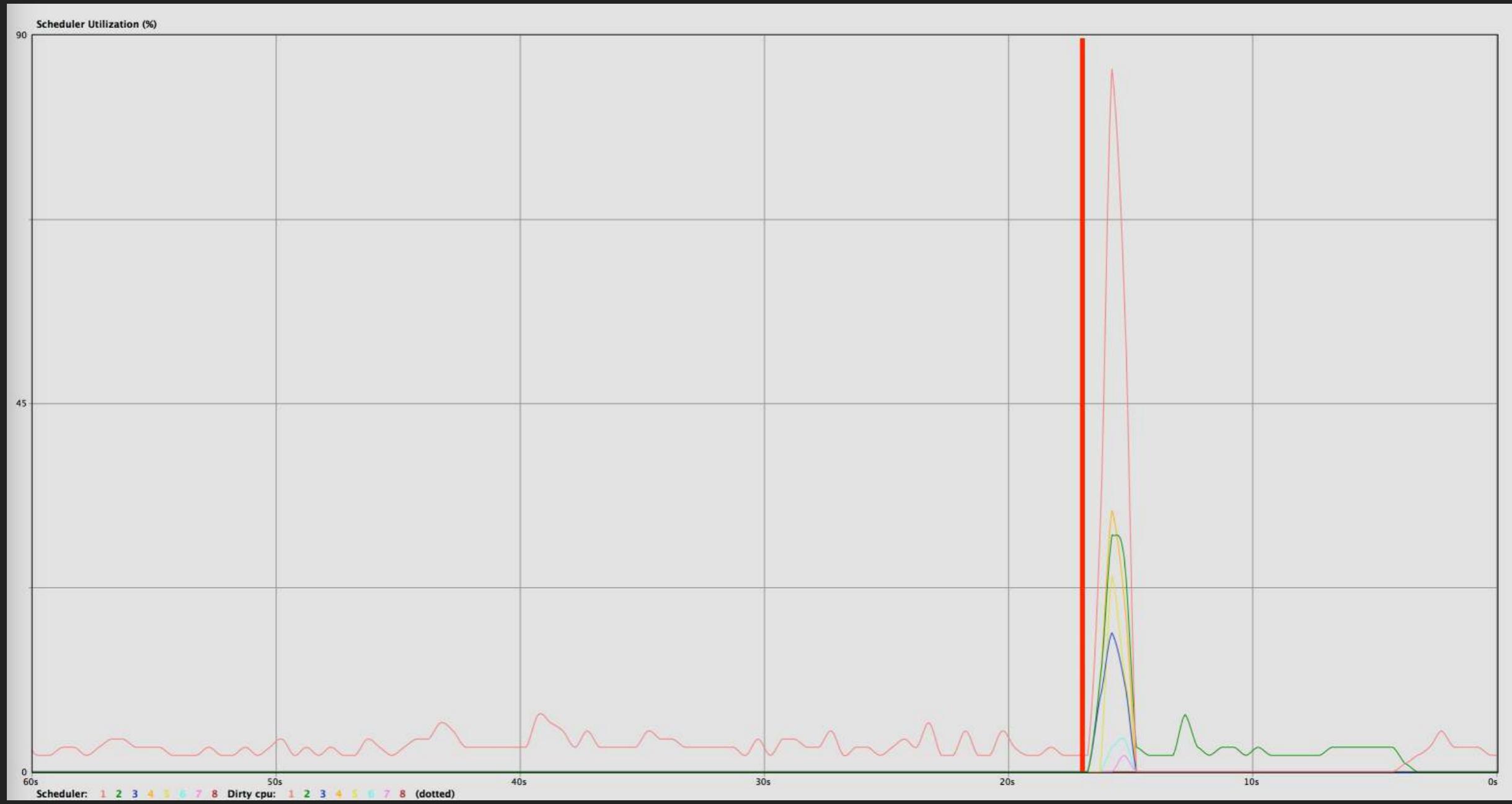
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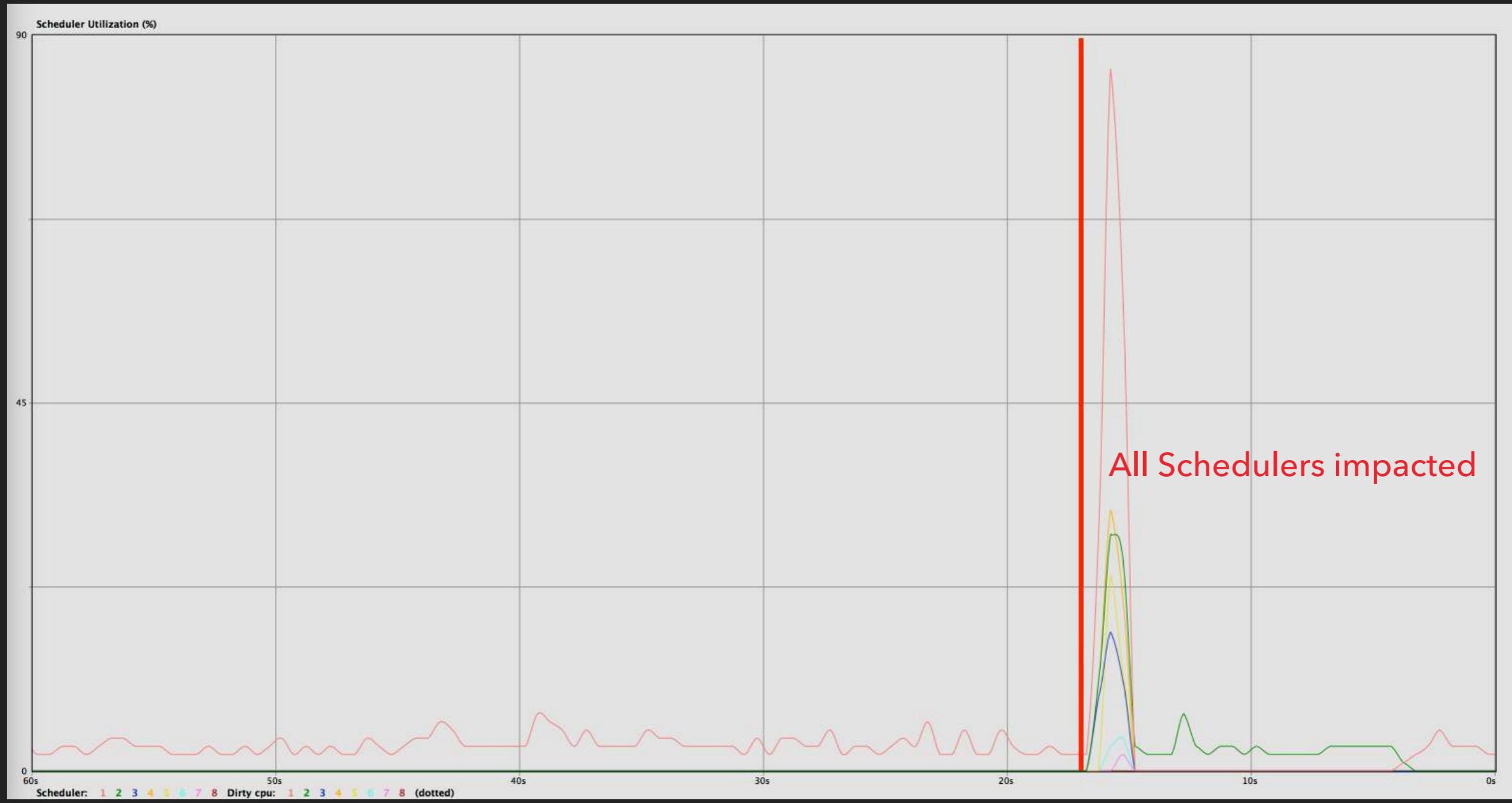
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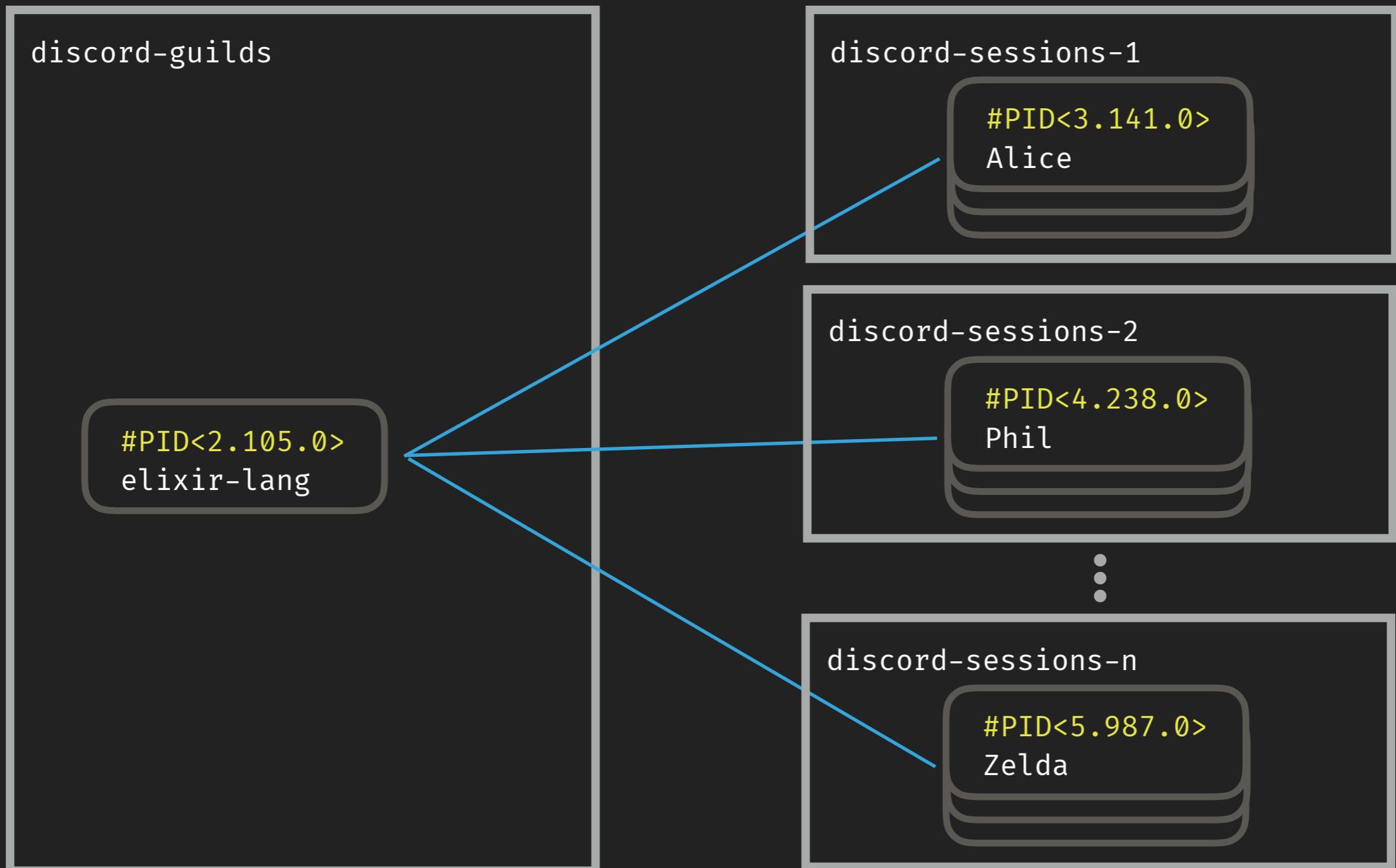
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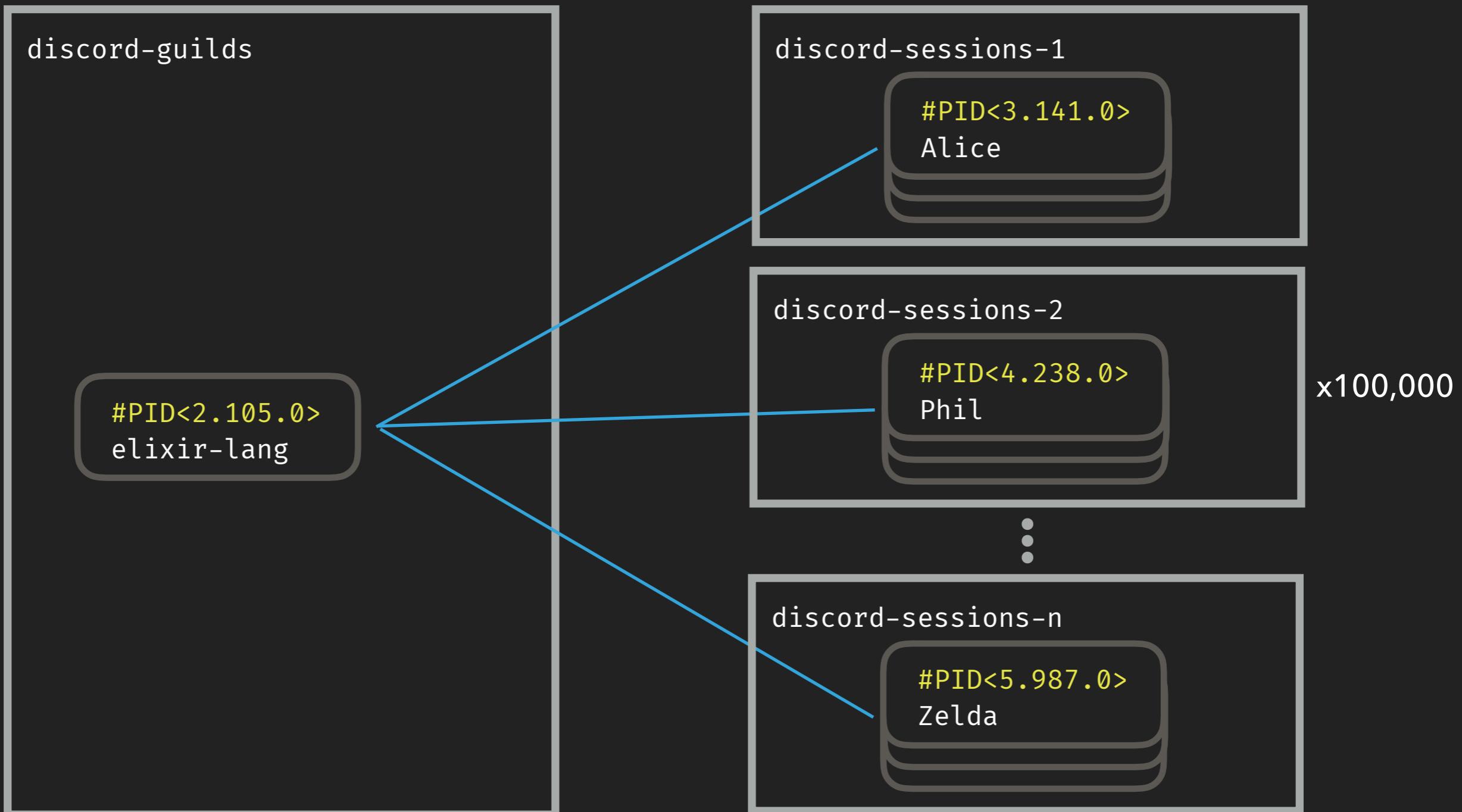
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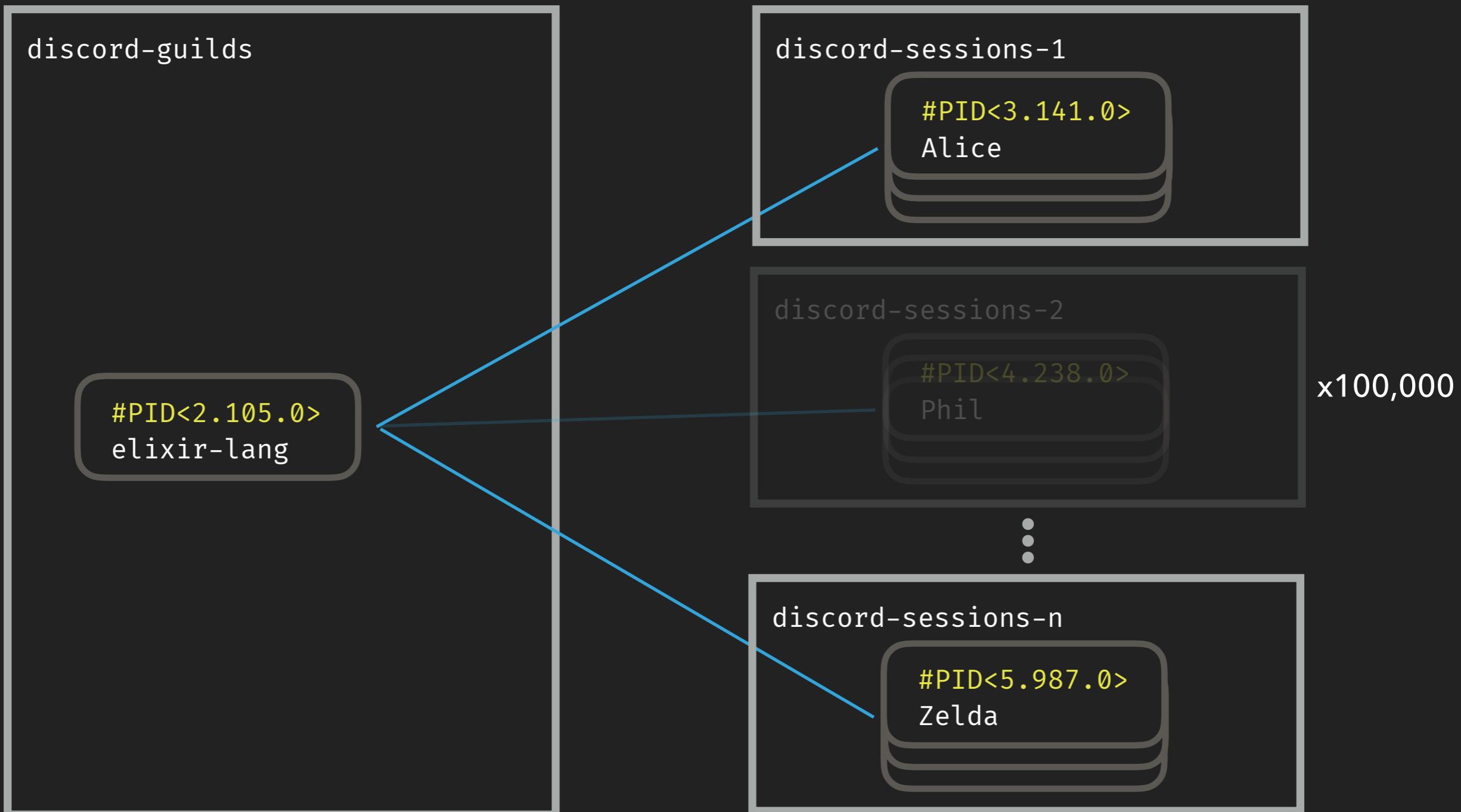




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message-queue
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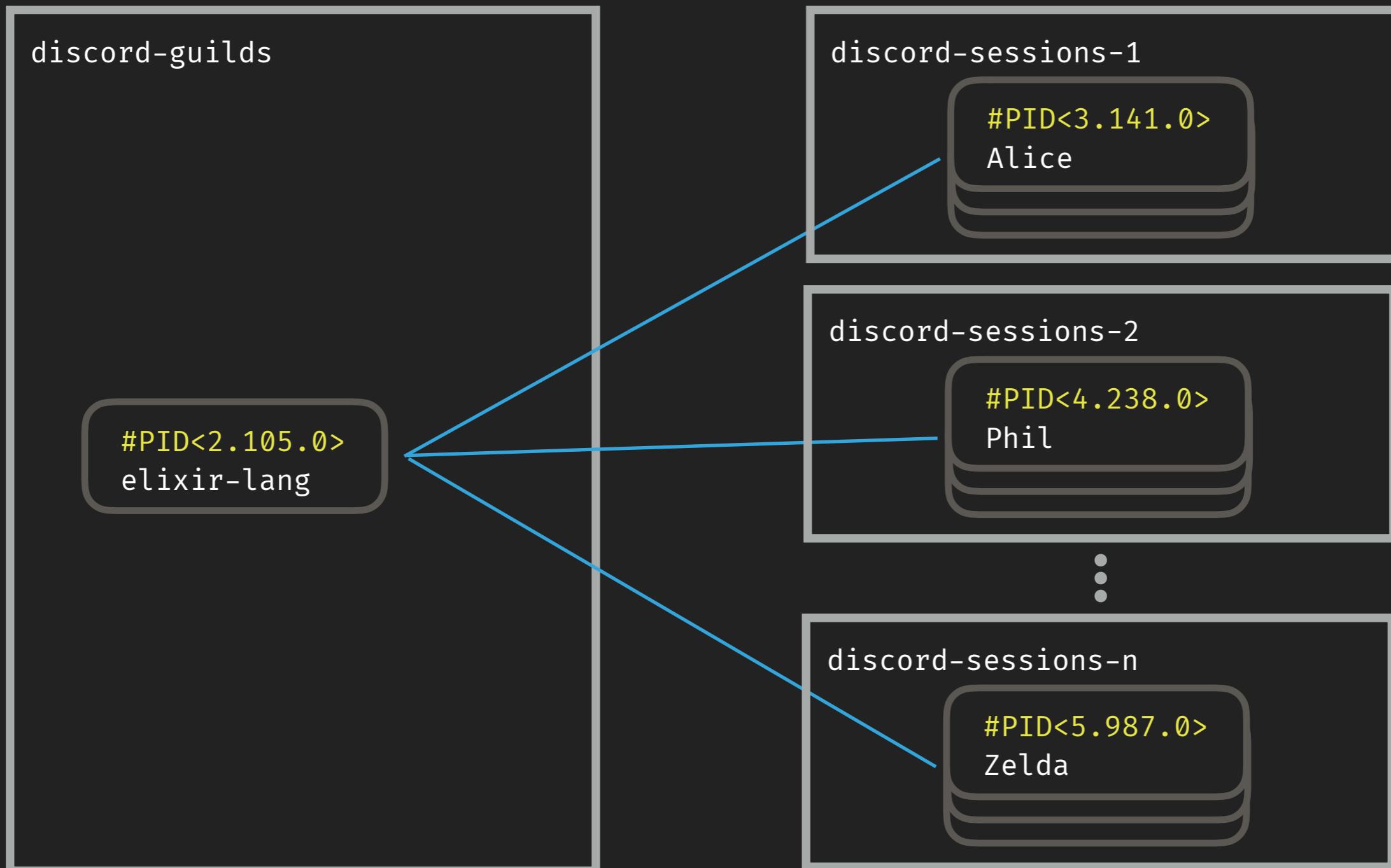
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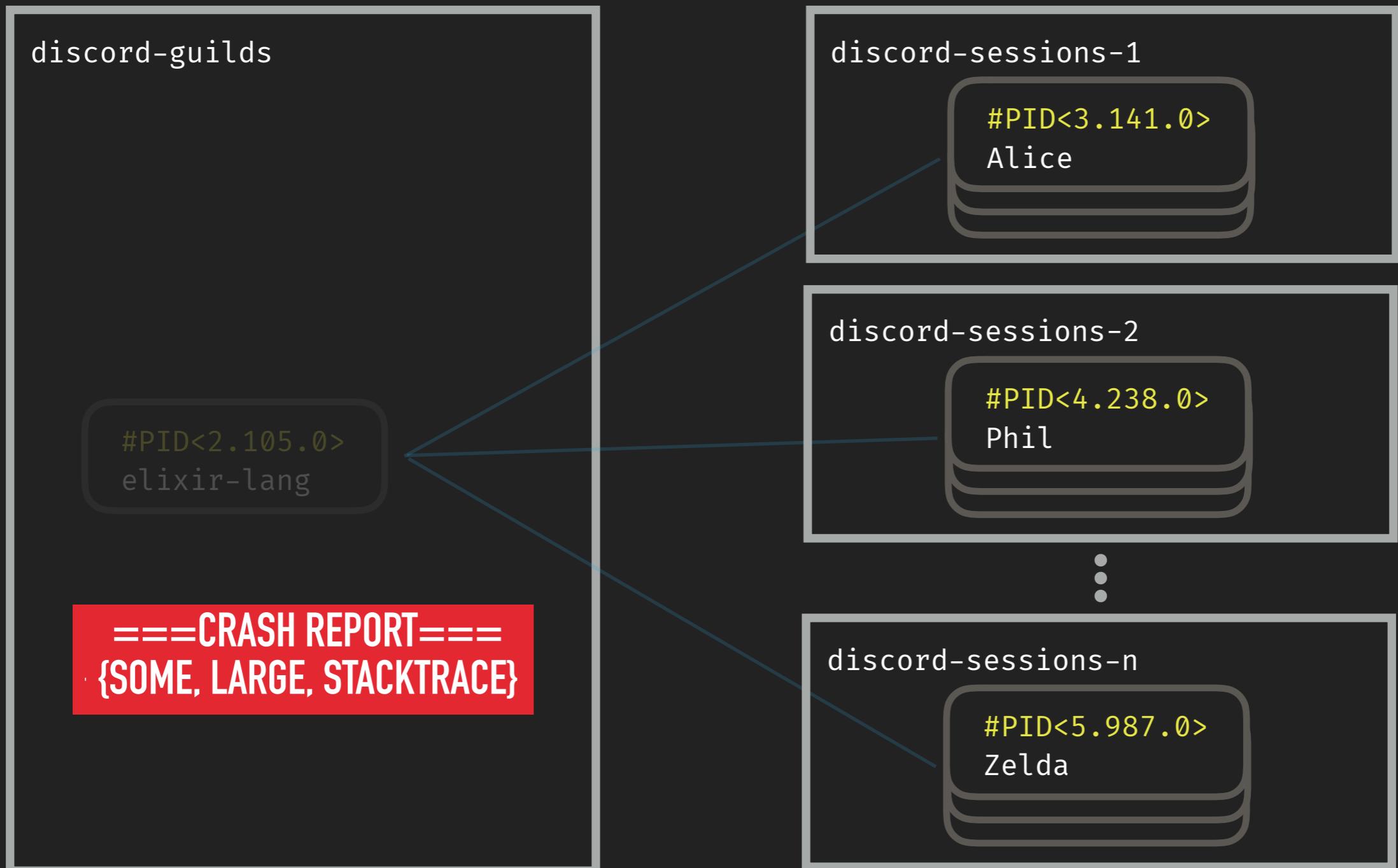
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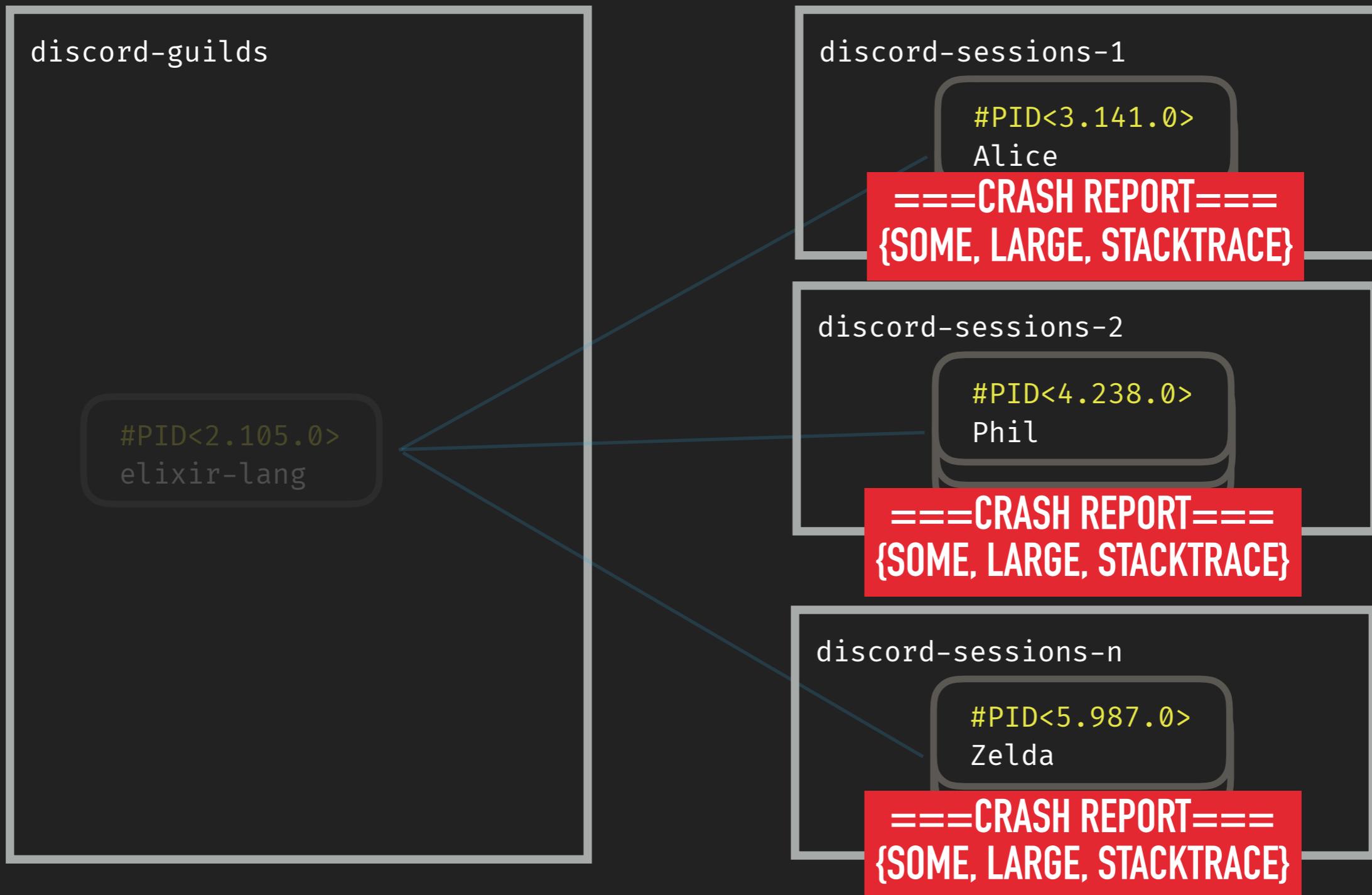
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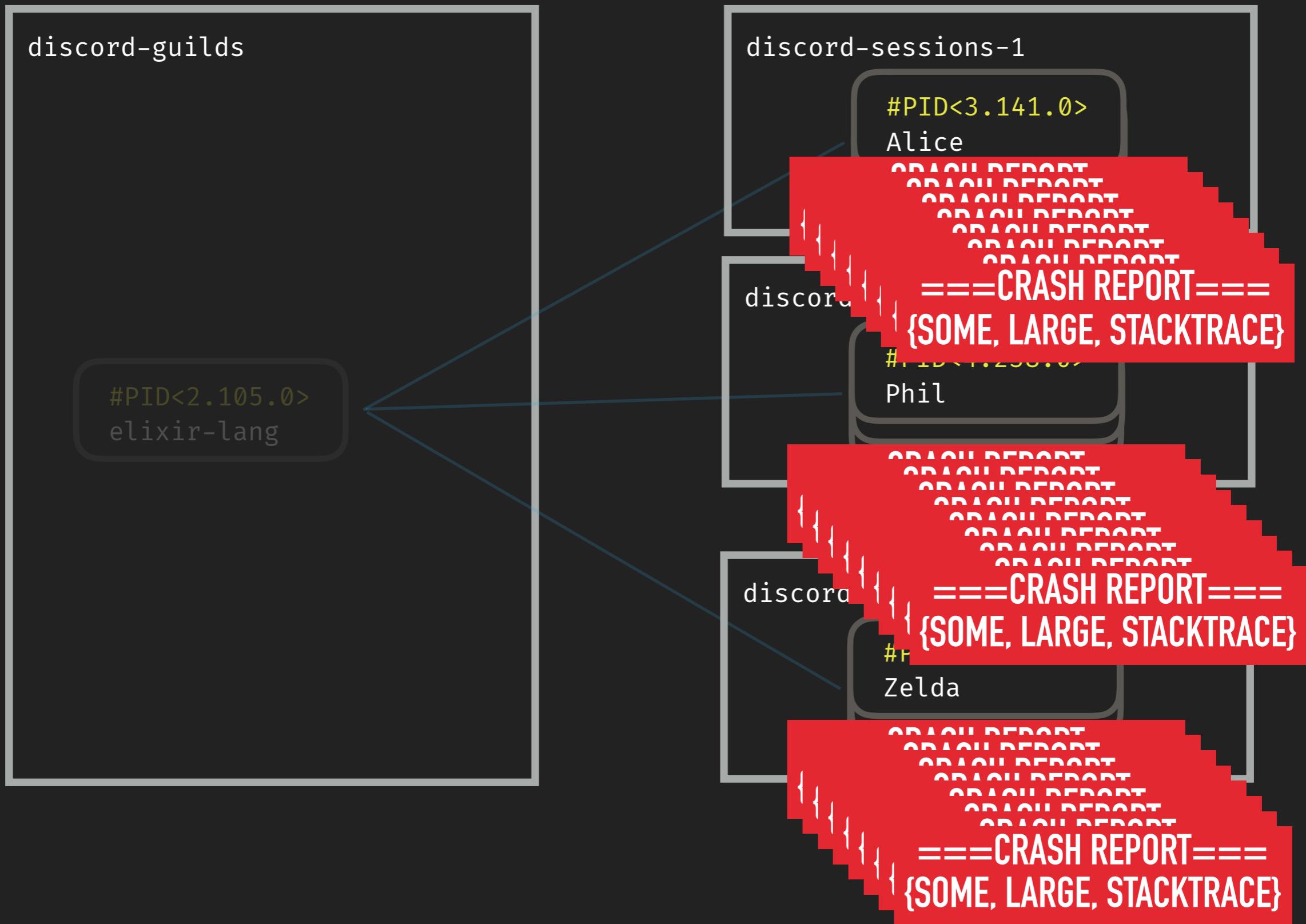


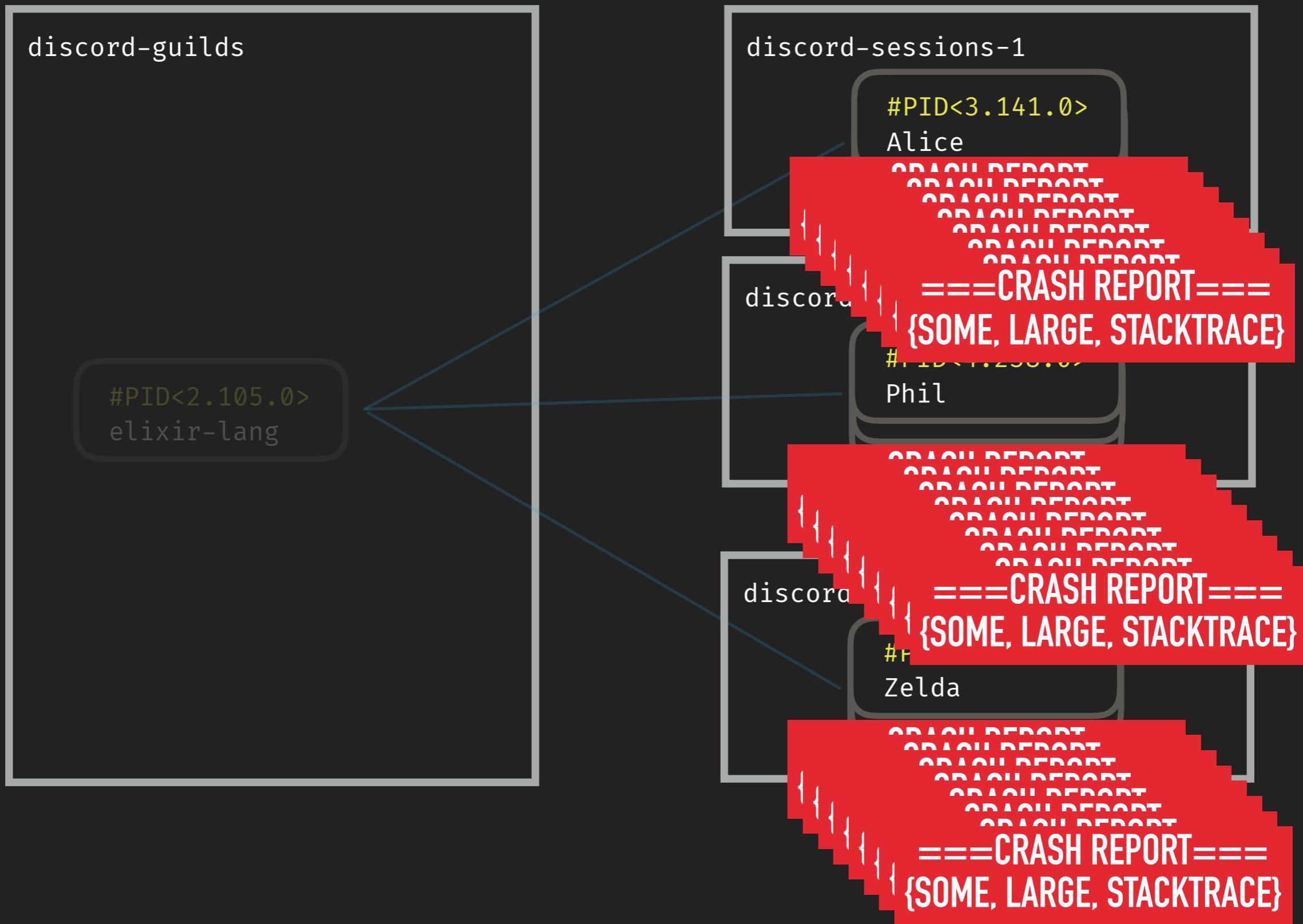
AMPLIFICATION













DESIGN



LOCAL

LOCAL MONITORS ARE FAST
AND EFFICIENT

Me



discord-guilds

Local

Proxy

discord-sessions

Local

Proxy



discord-guilds

Local

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Proxy

discord-sessions

Local

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Proxy

discord-guilds

Local

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discord-sessions

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discord-guilds

Local

Connector
discord-sessions

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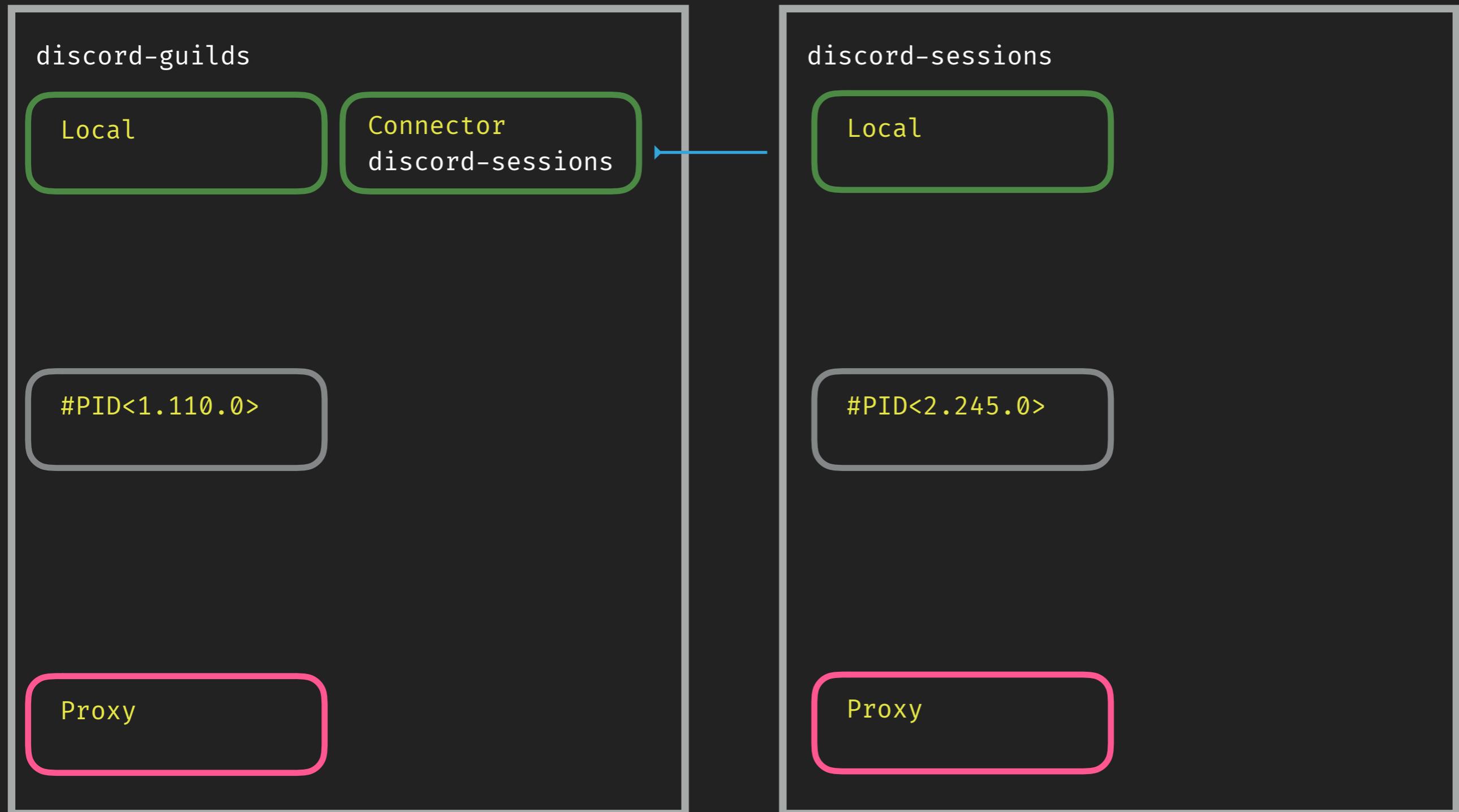
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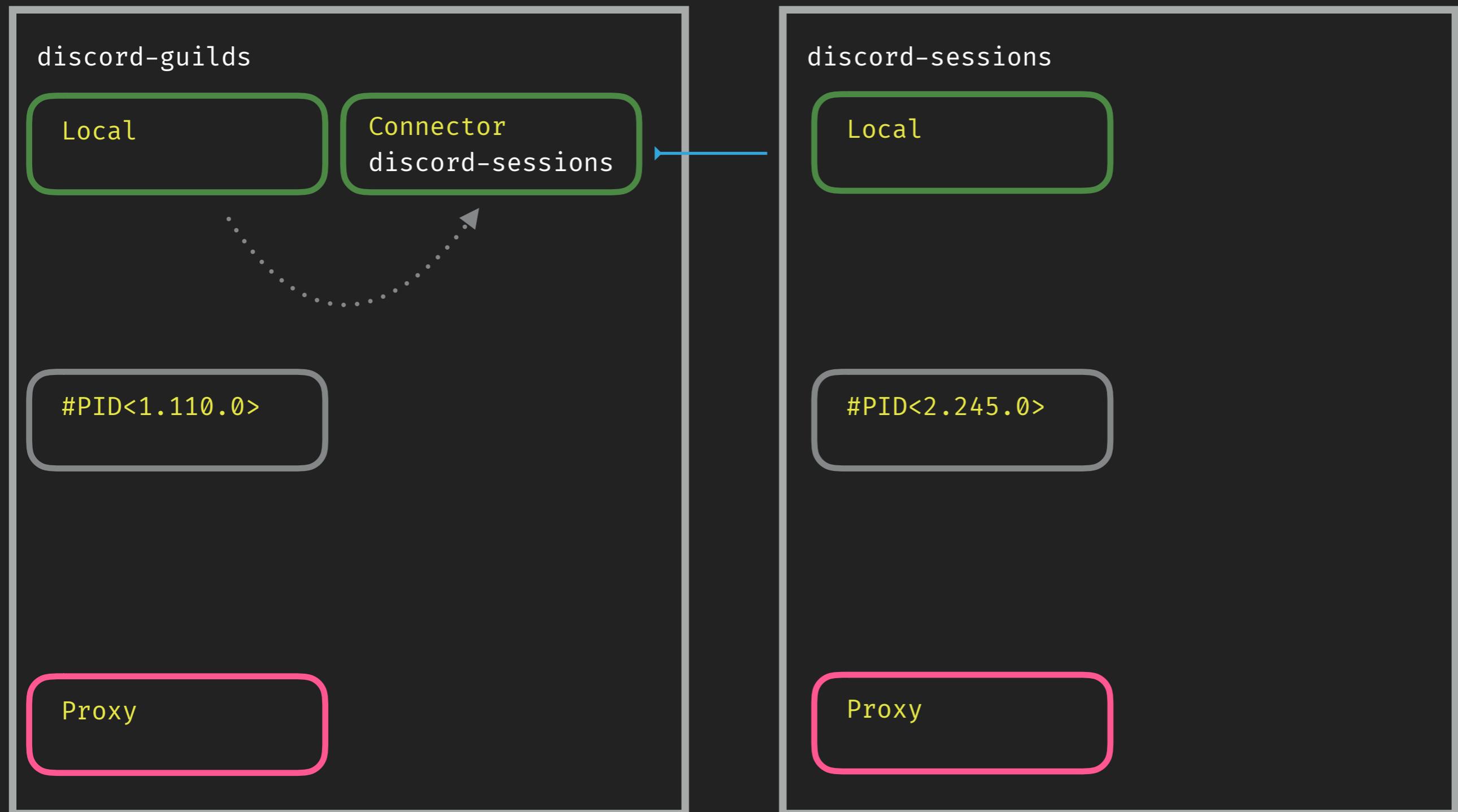
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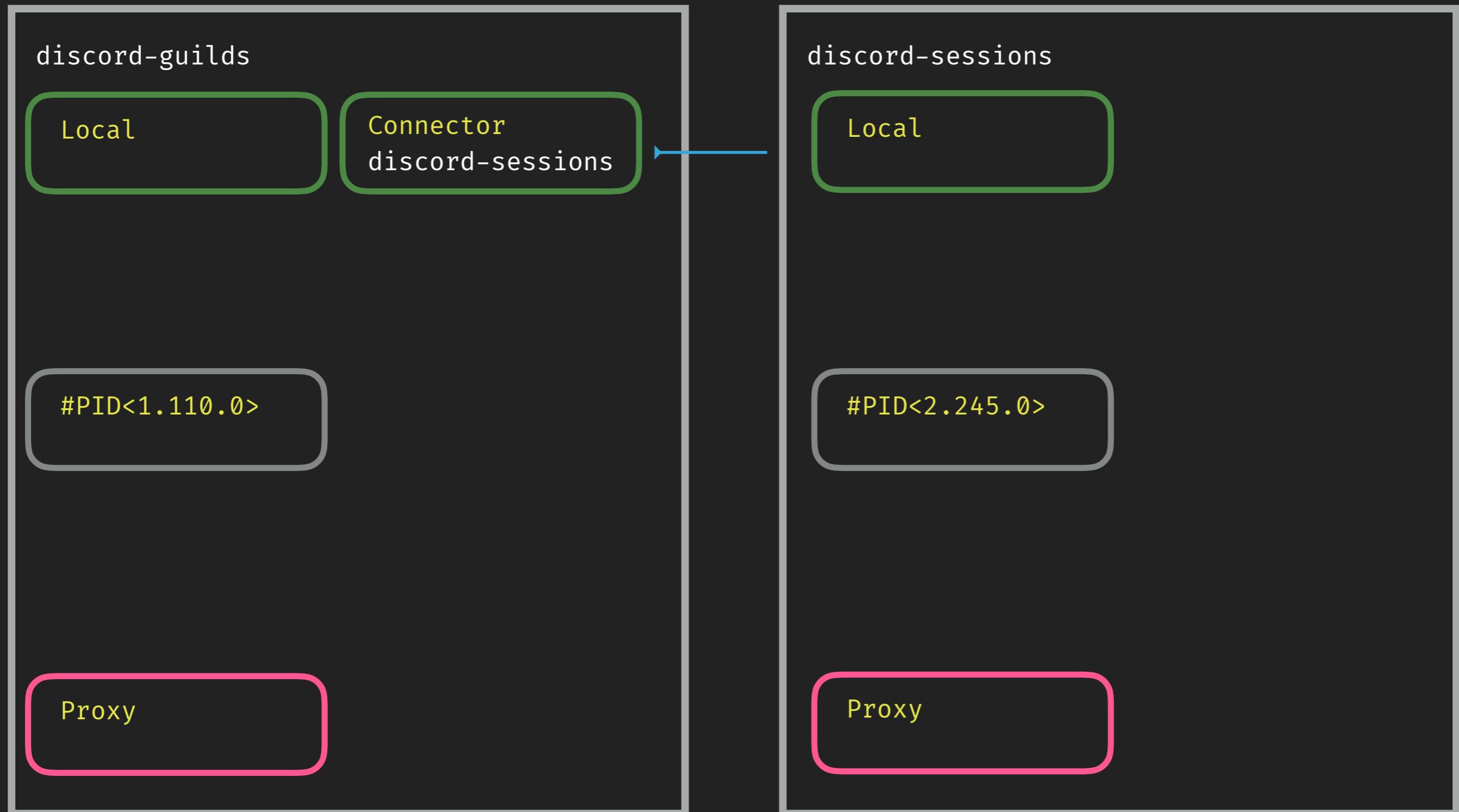
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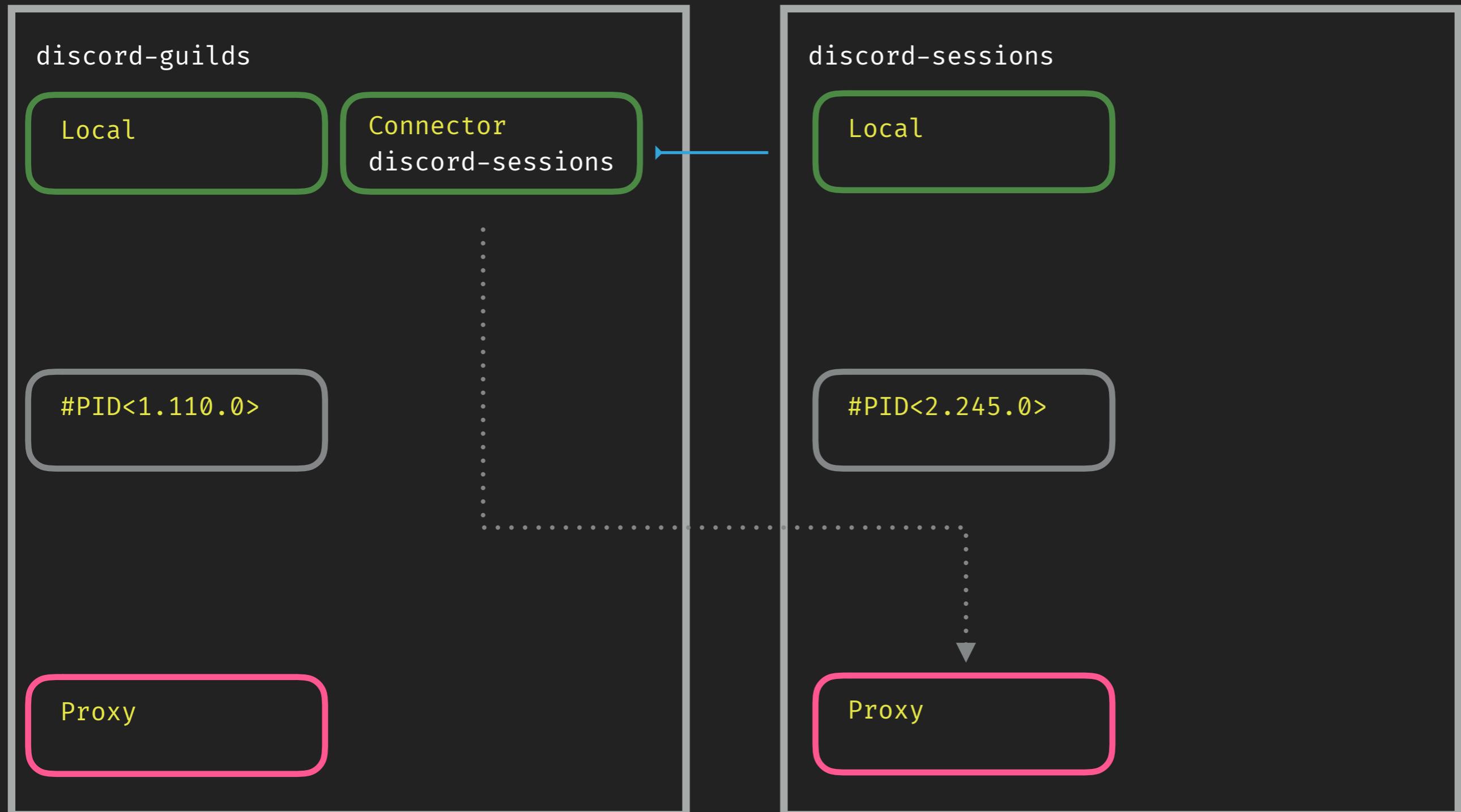
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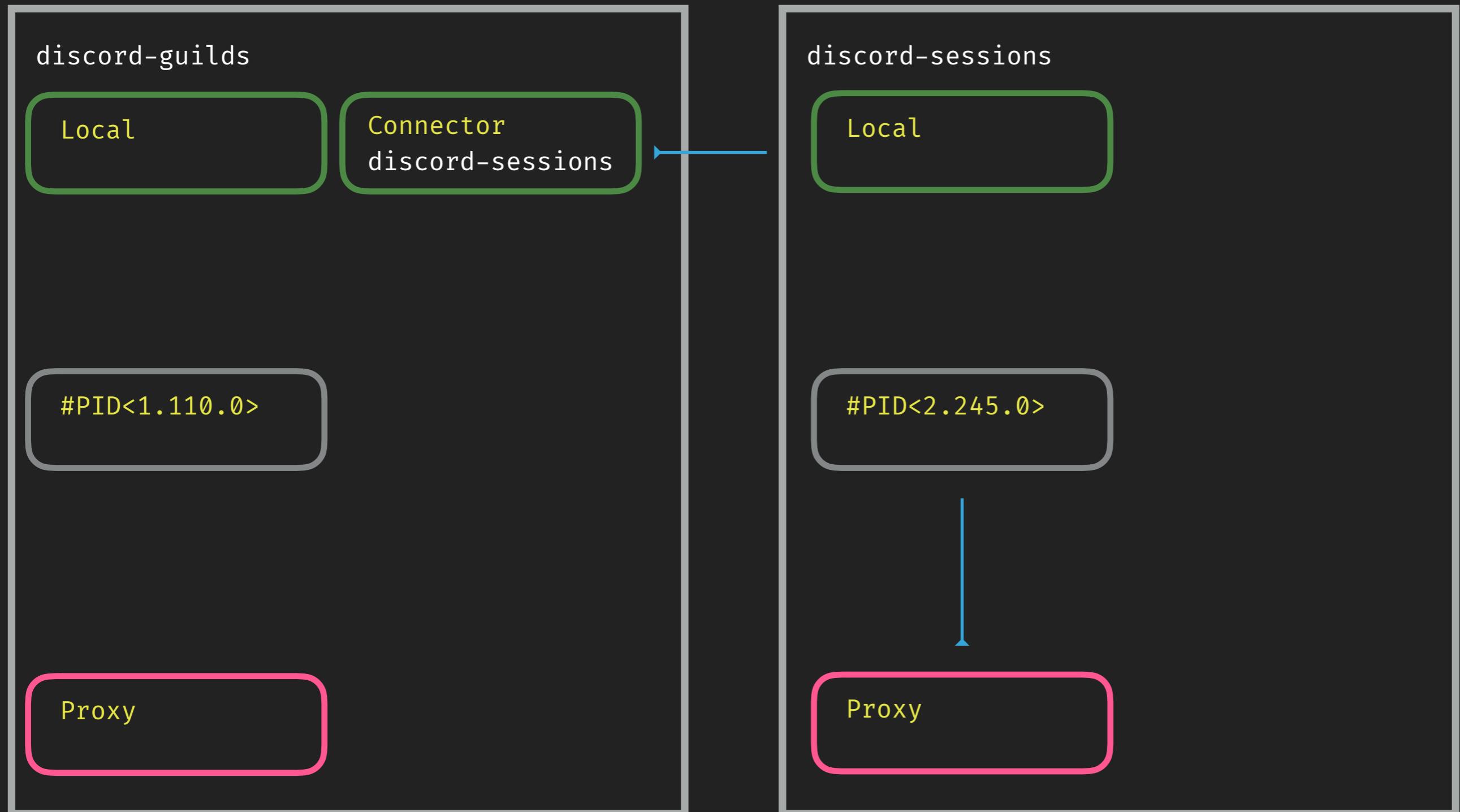
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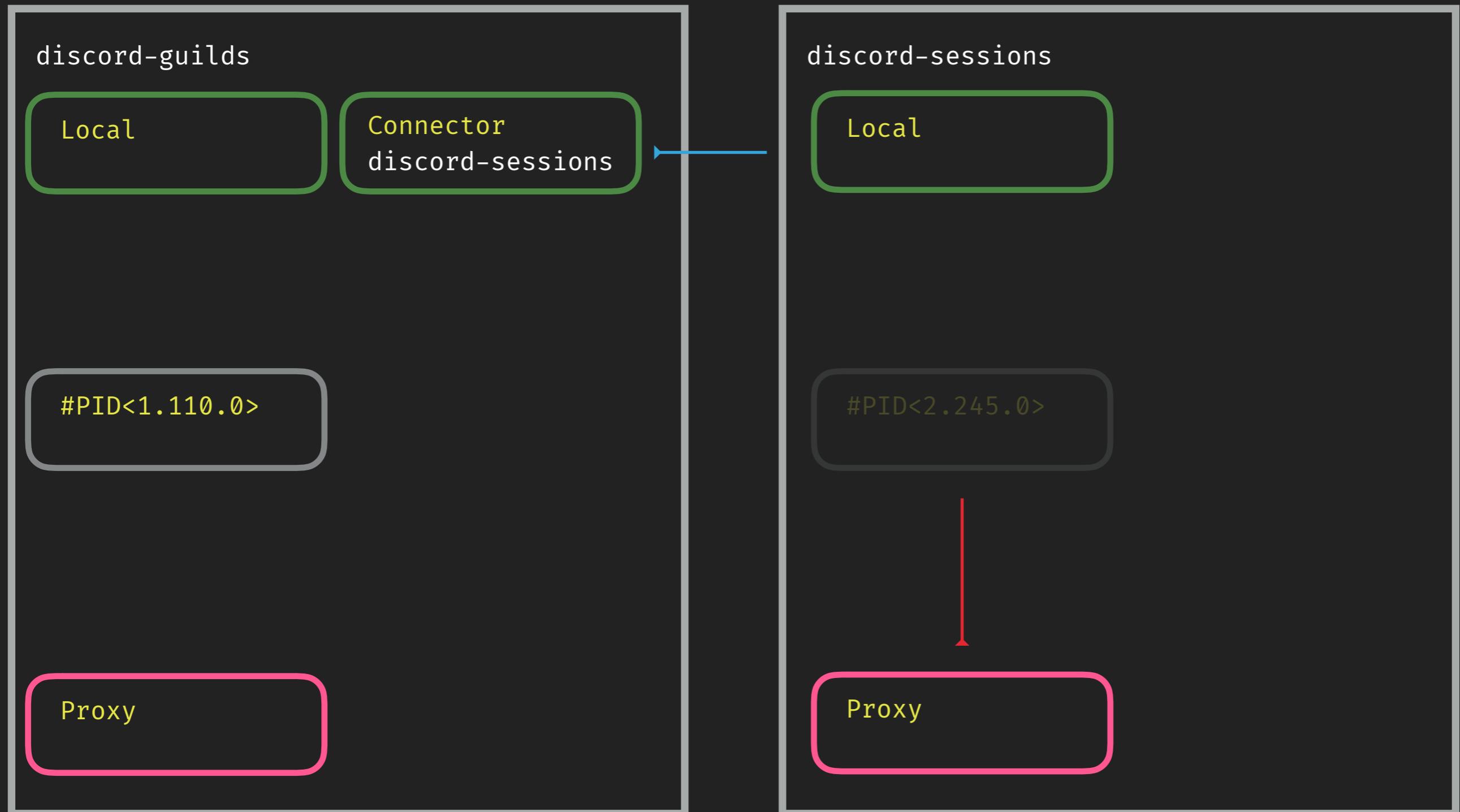


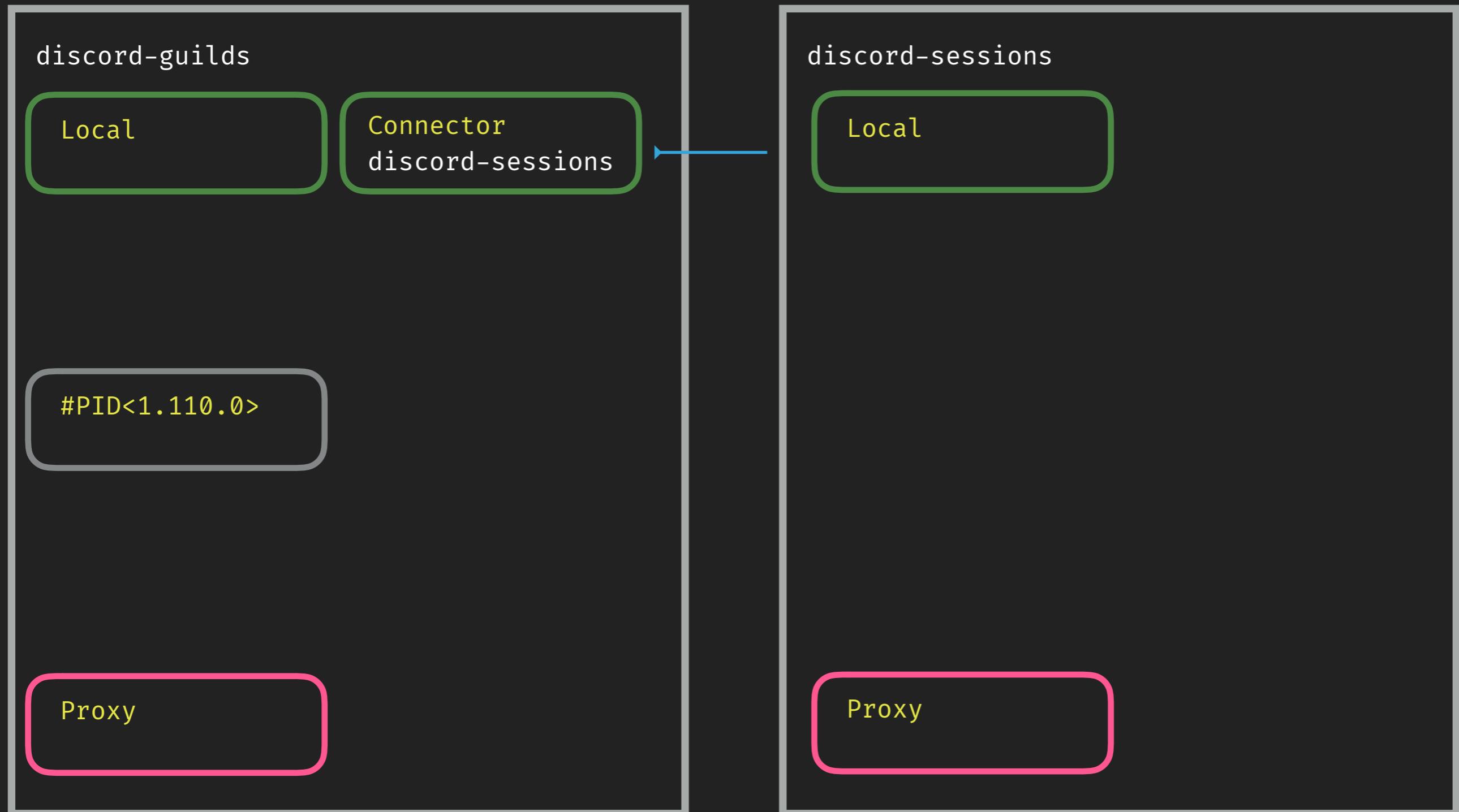


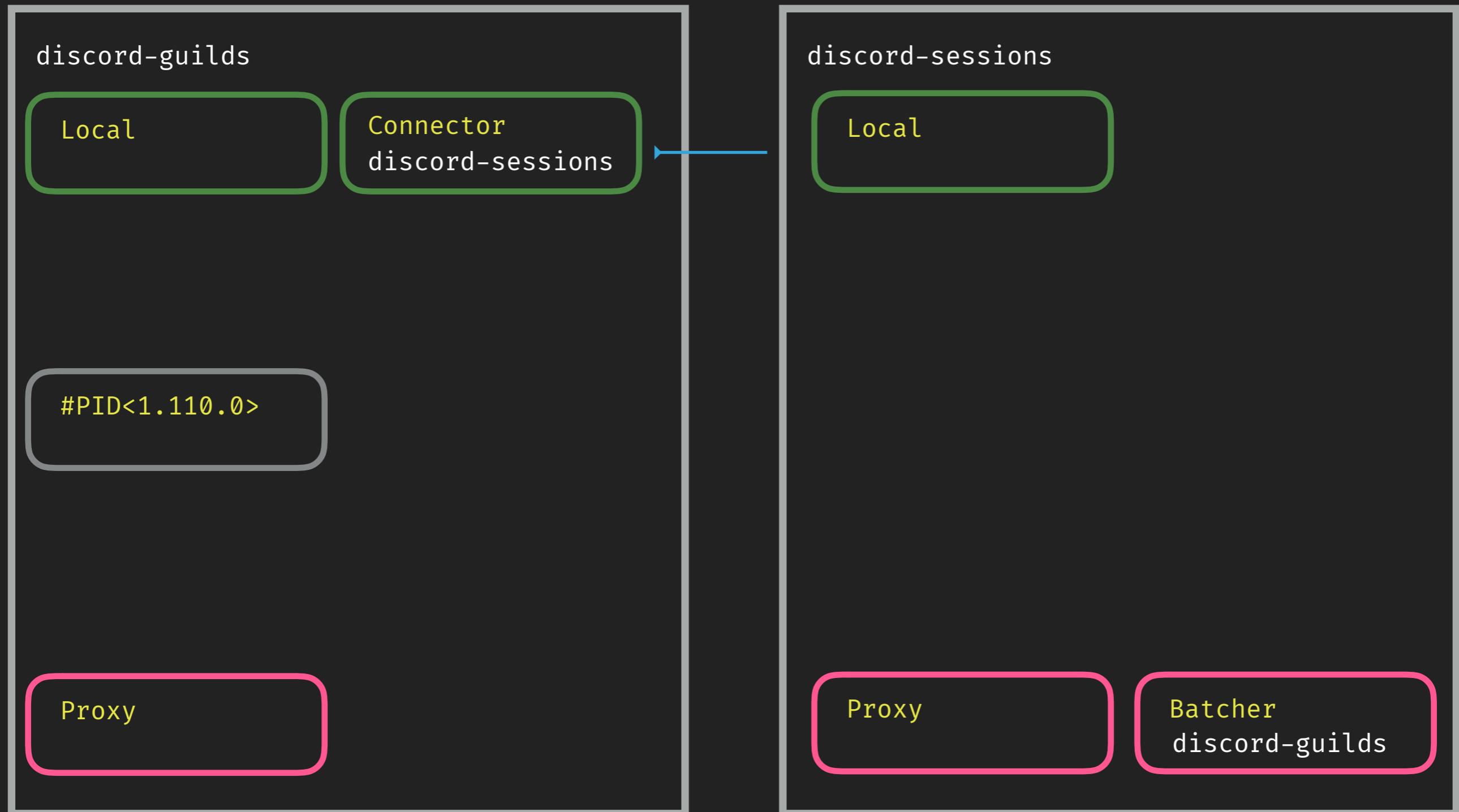


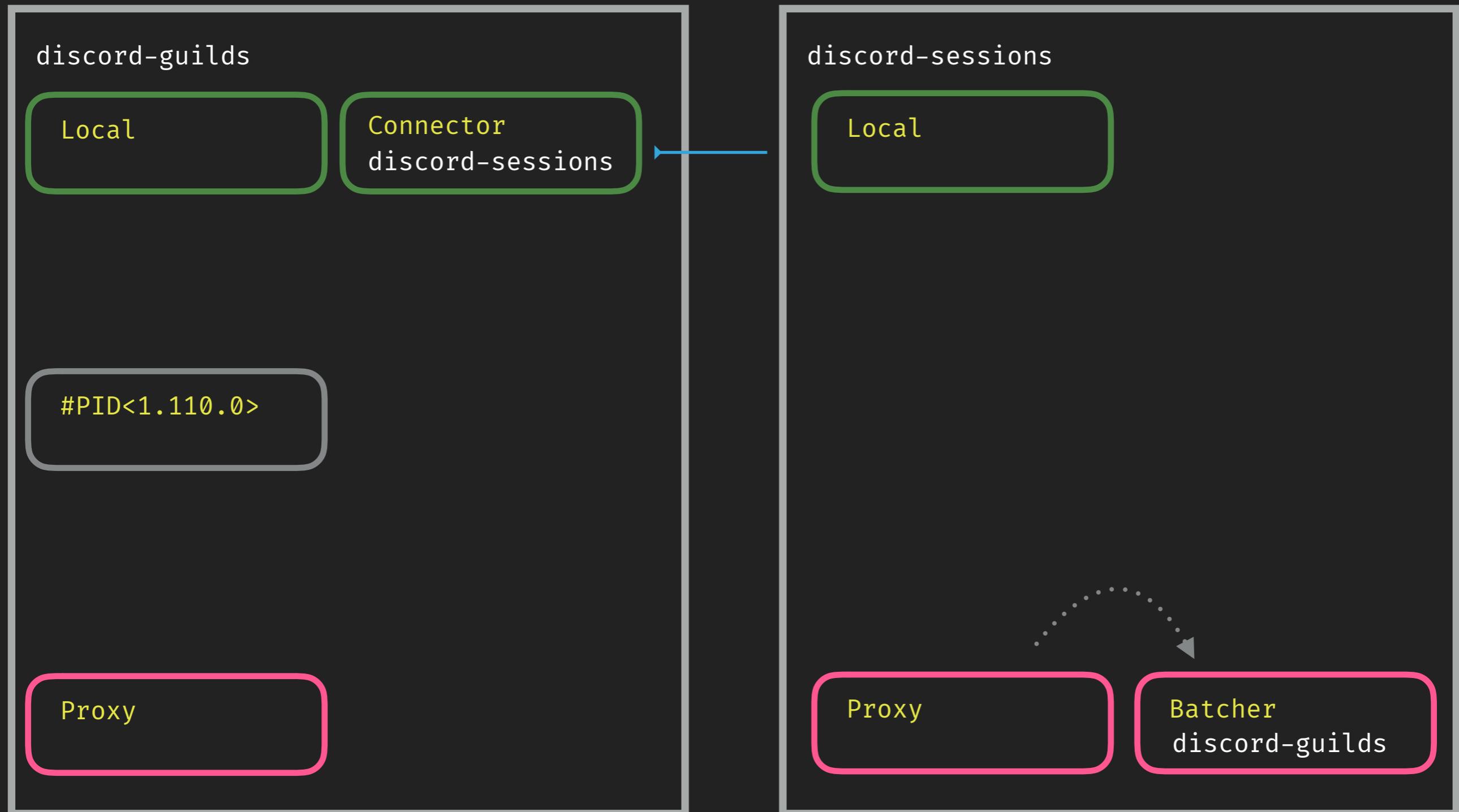


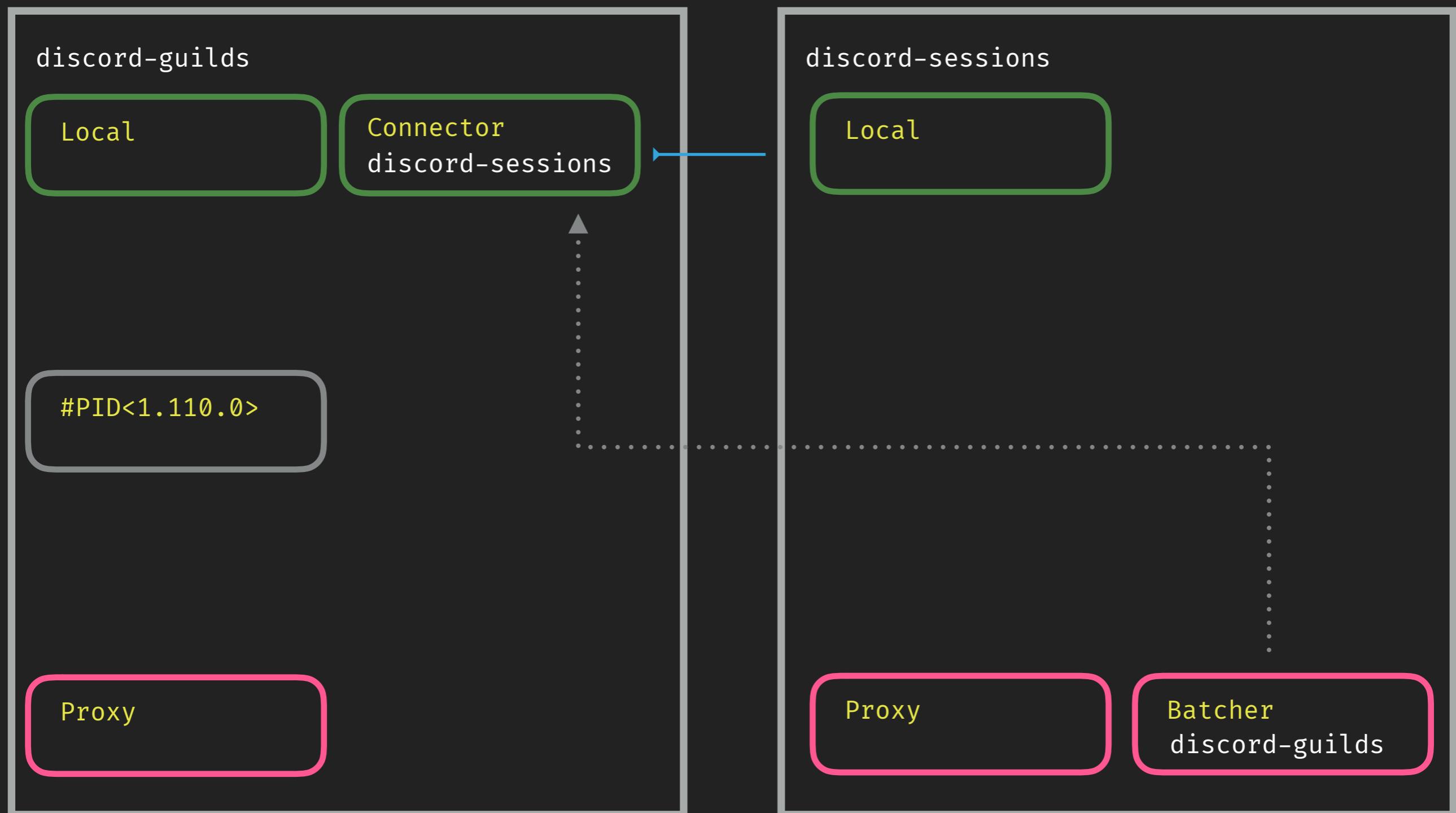


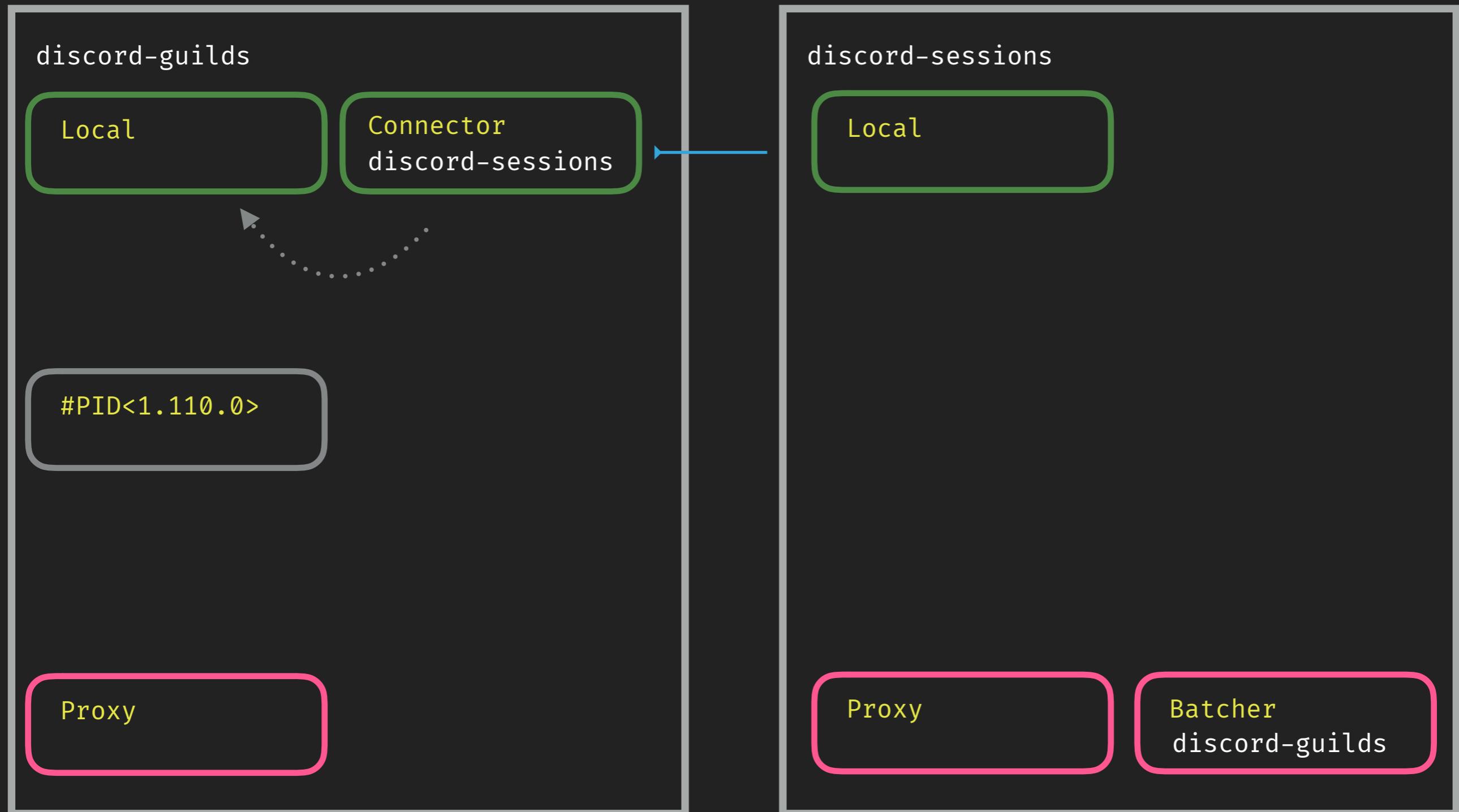


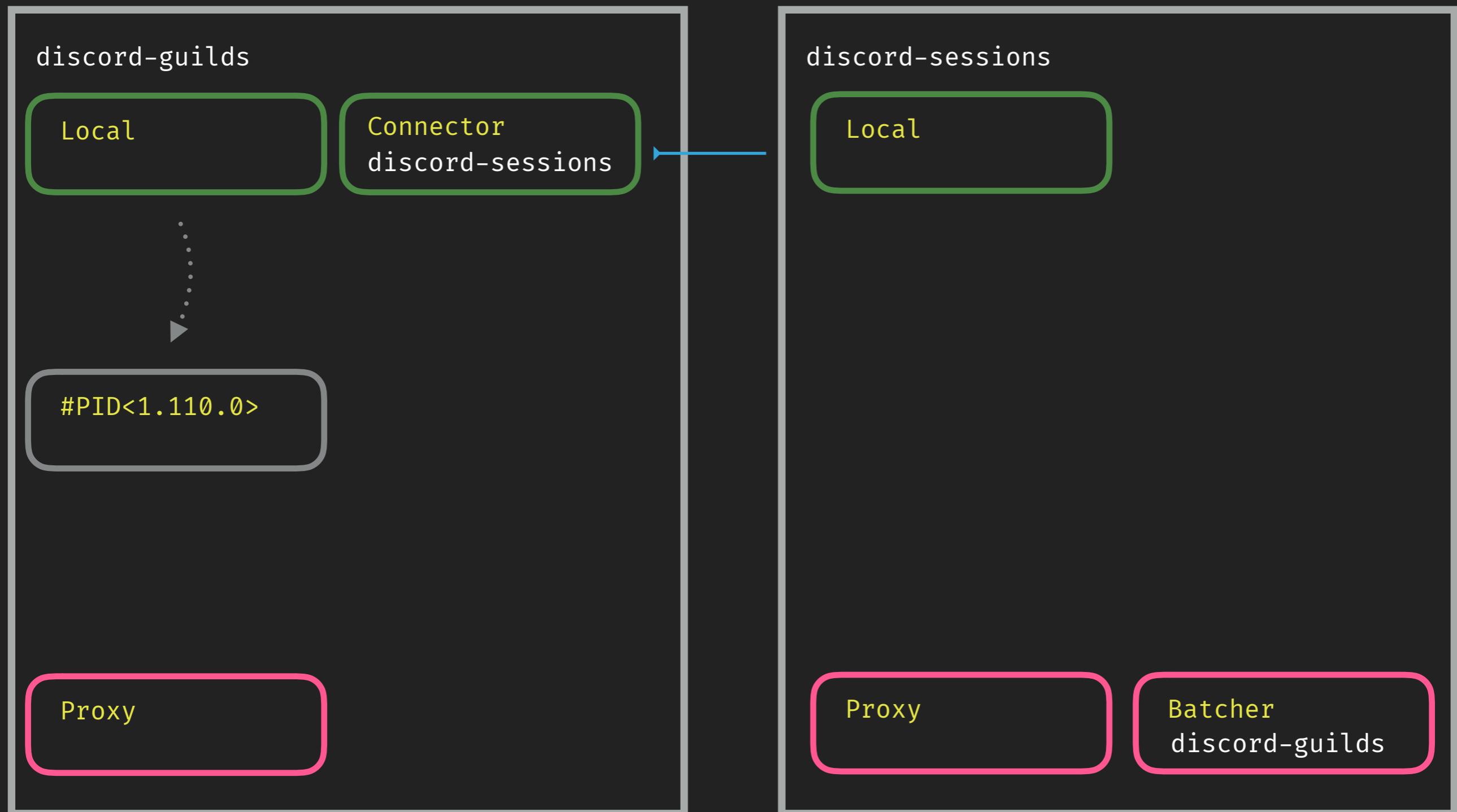








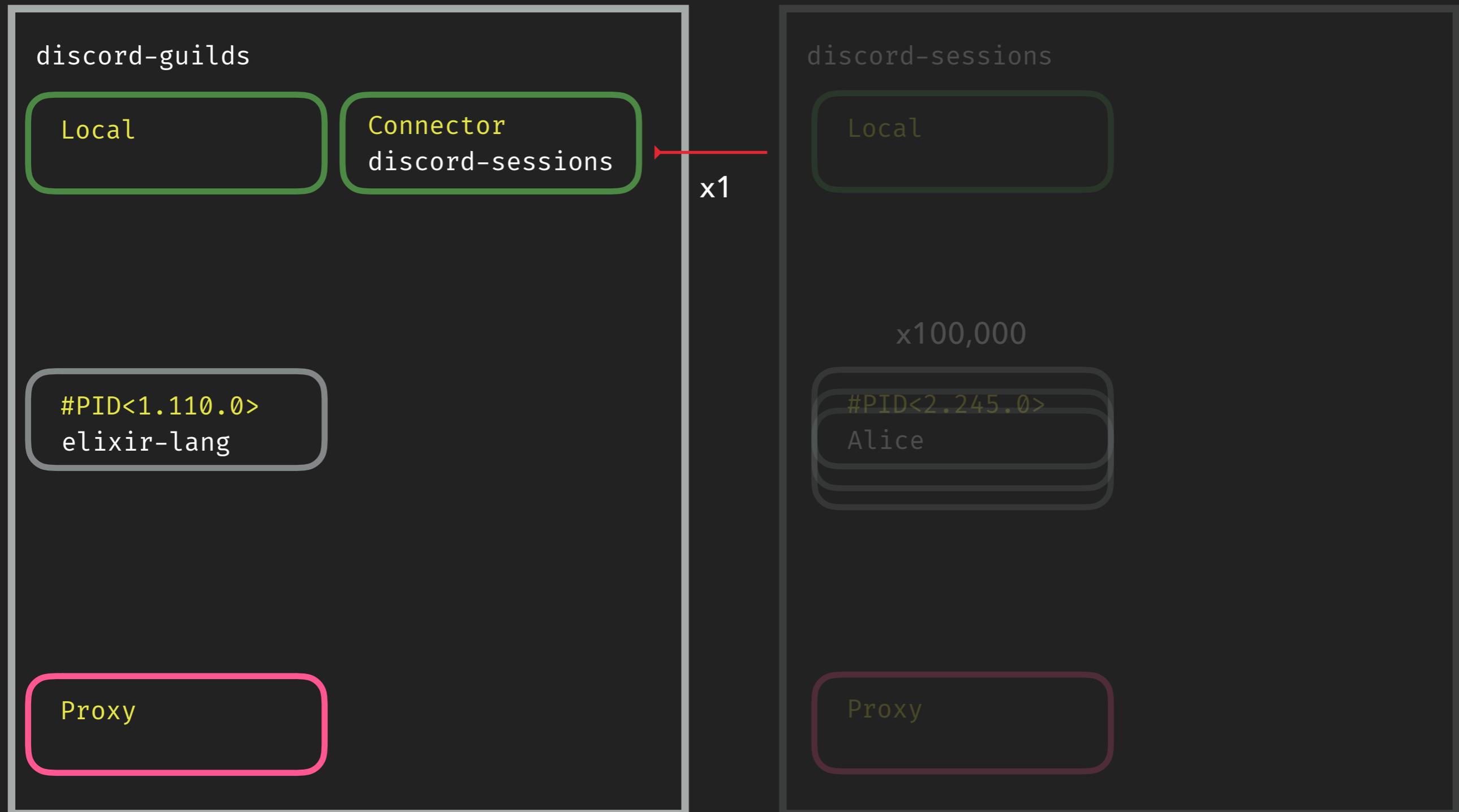


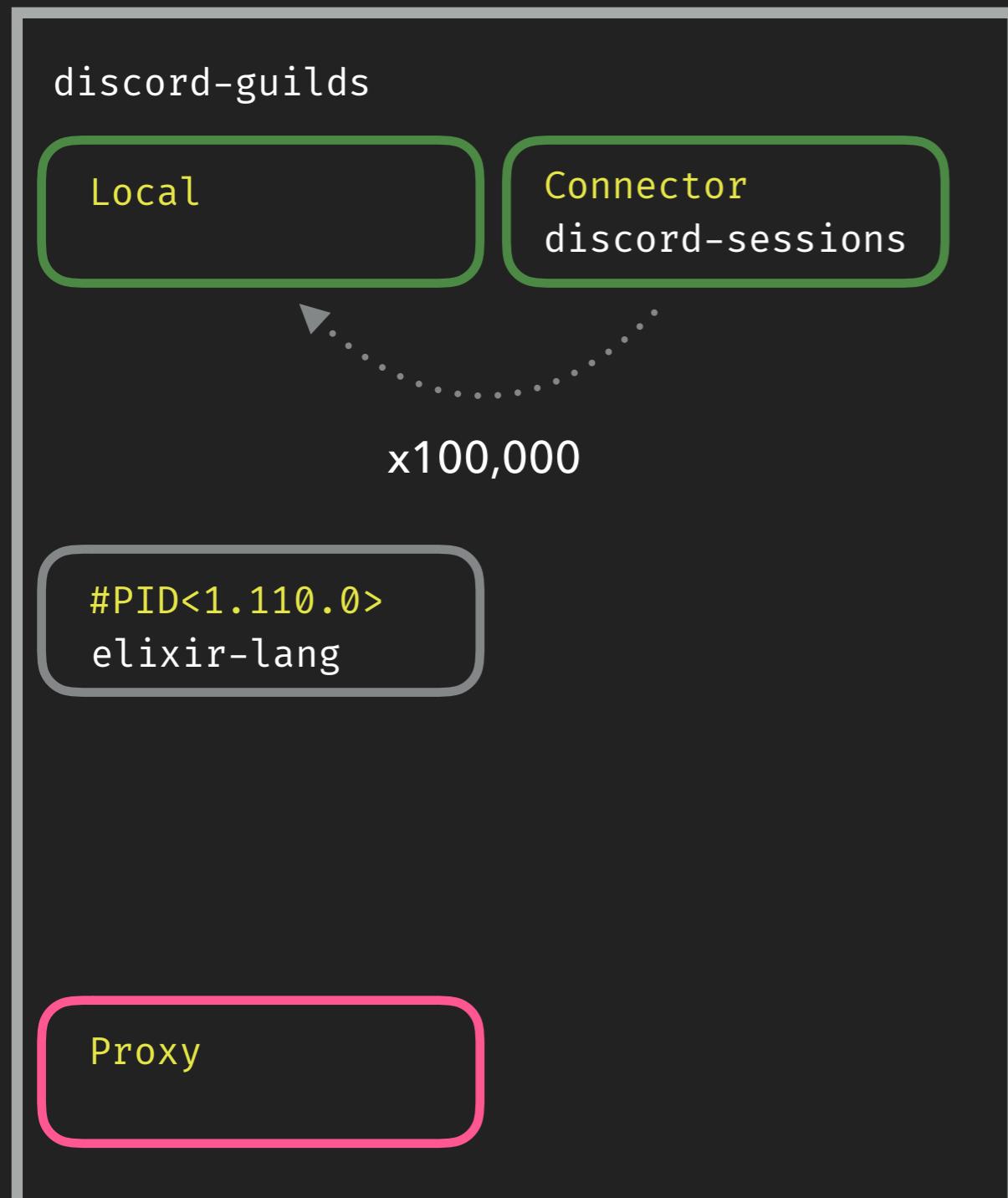




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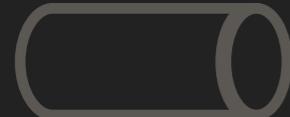






discord-guilds

Local



Producer

Connector
discord-sessions

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Proxy

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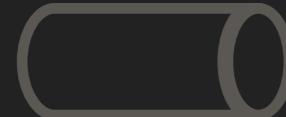
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discord-guilds

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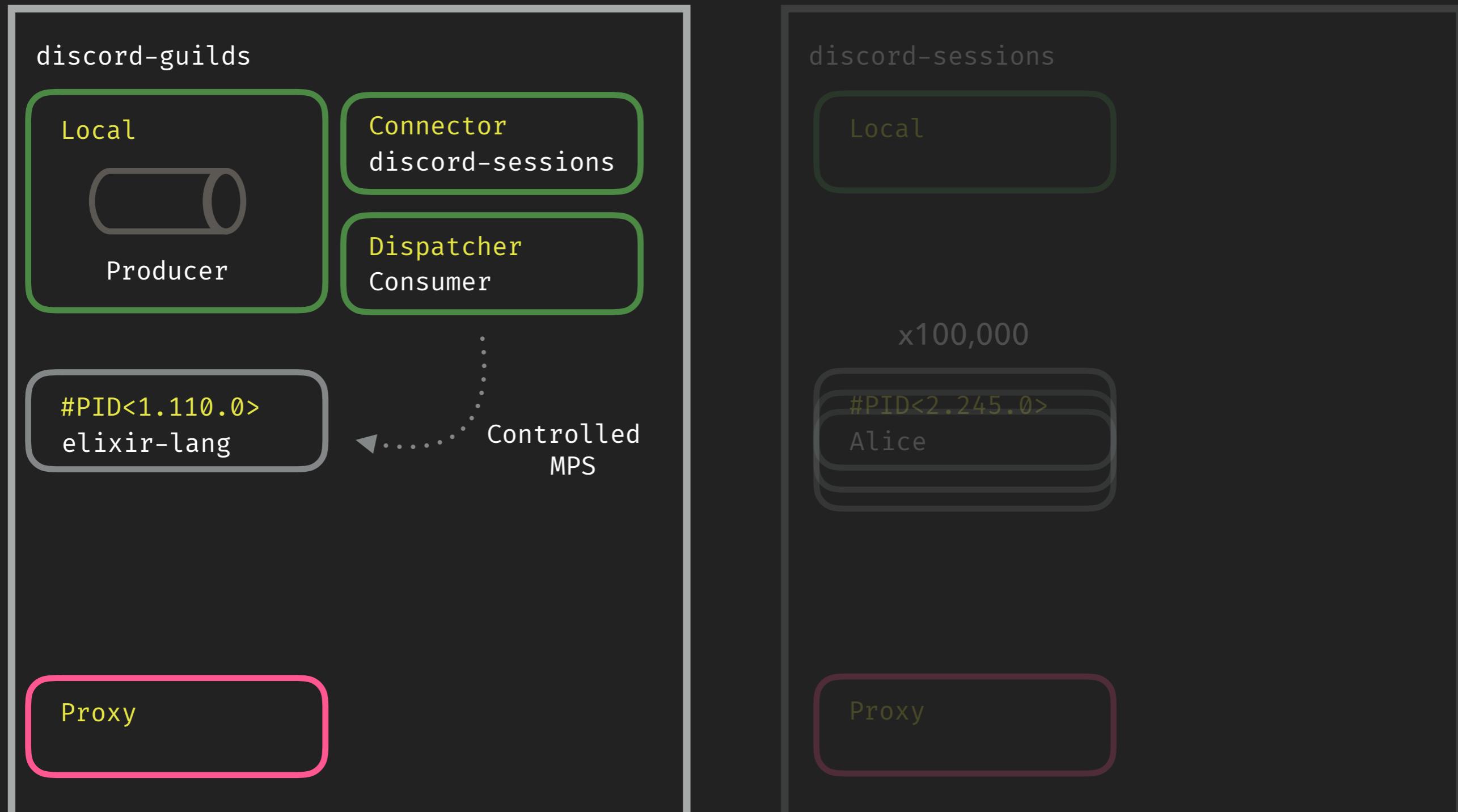
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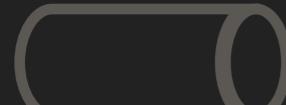




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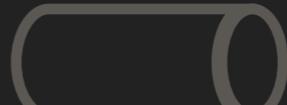


Producer

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Local



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Proxy

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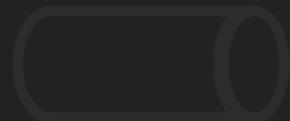
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discord-guilds

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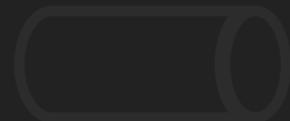
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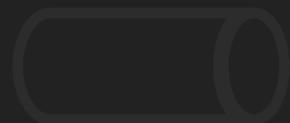
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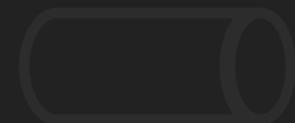
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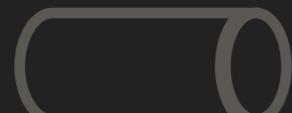
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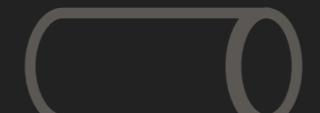
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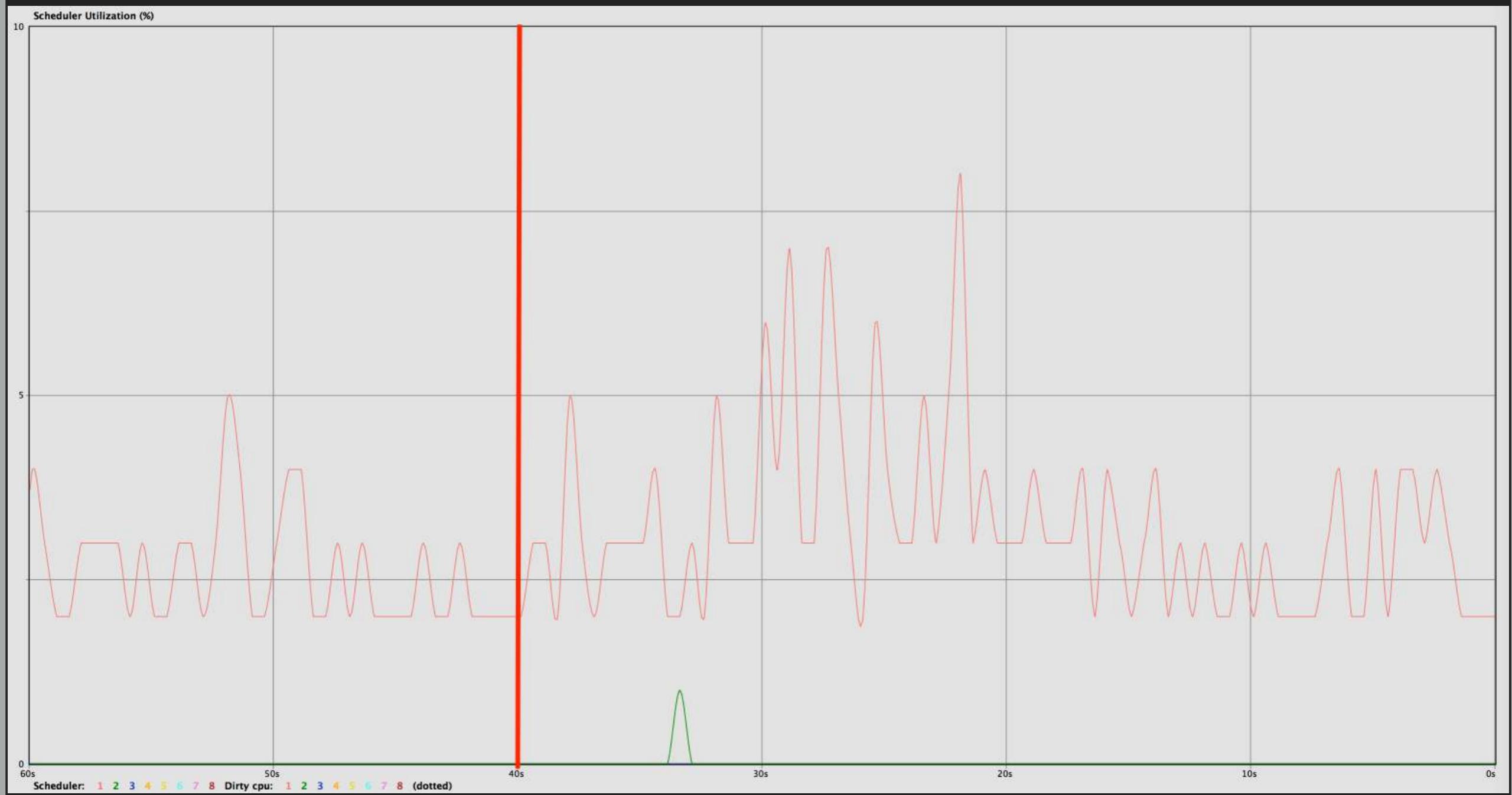


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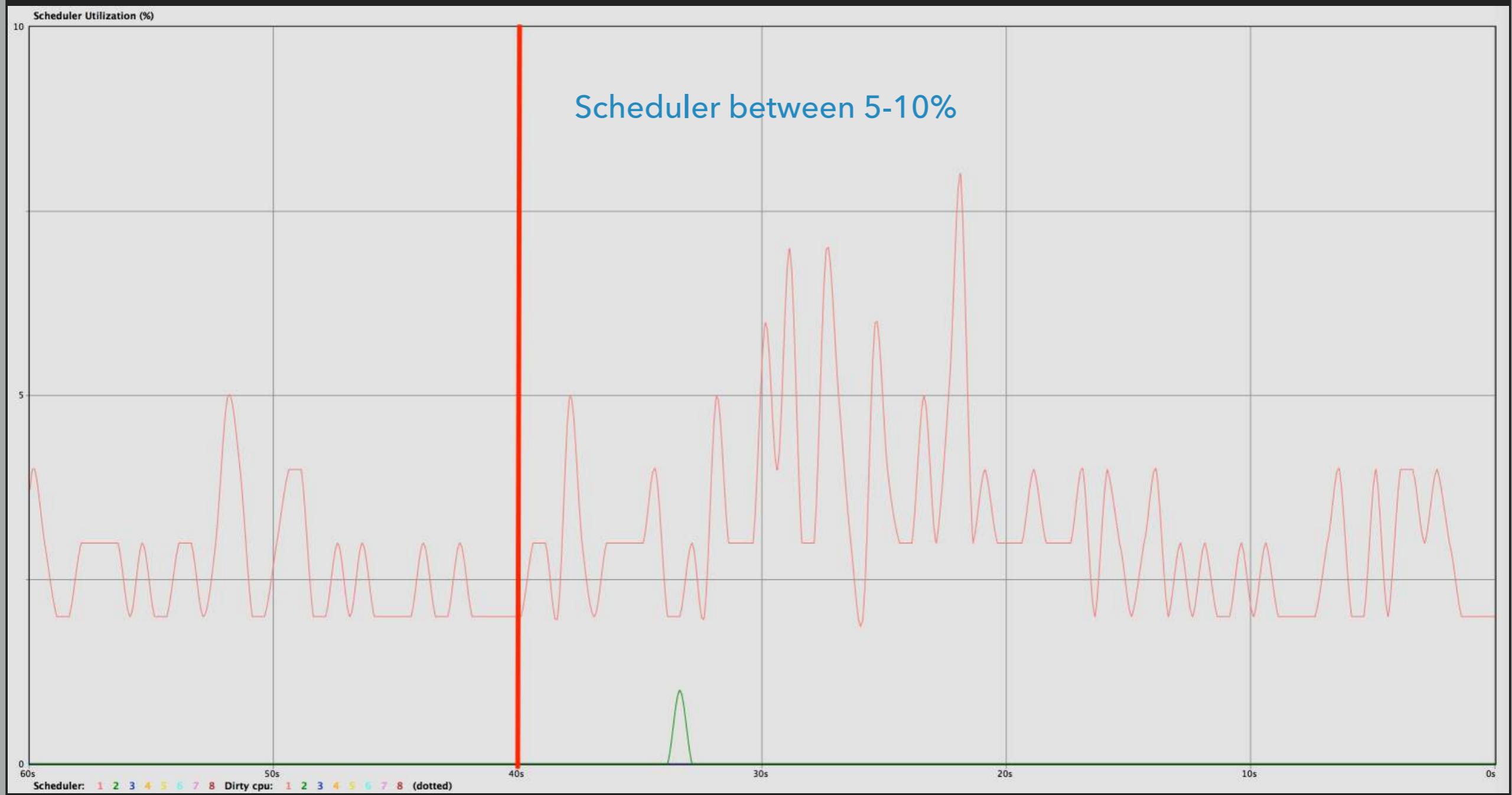




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discord-sessions

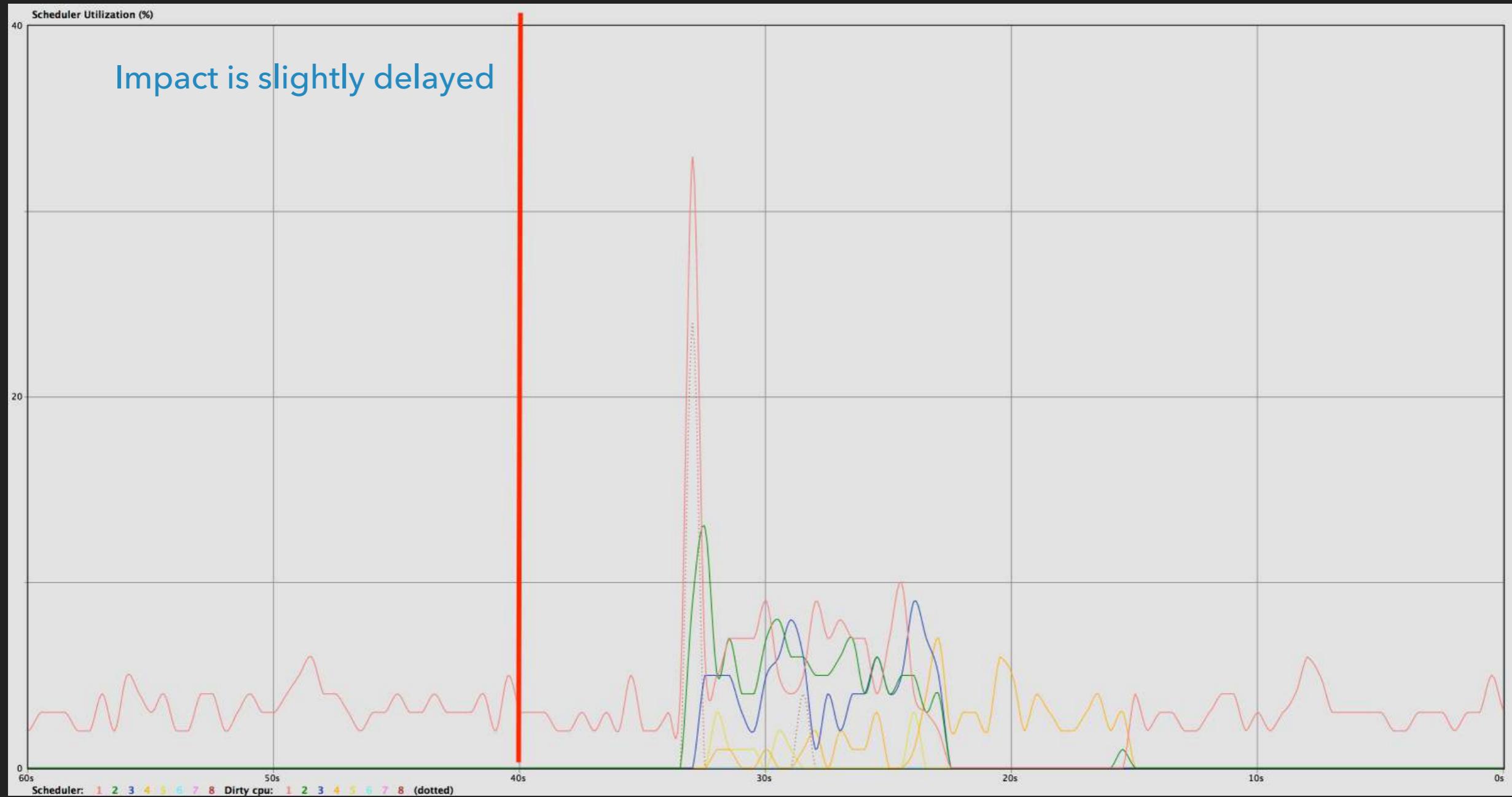
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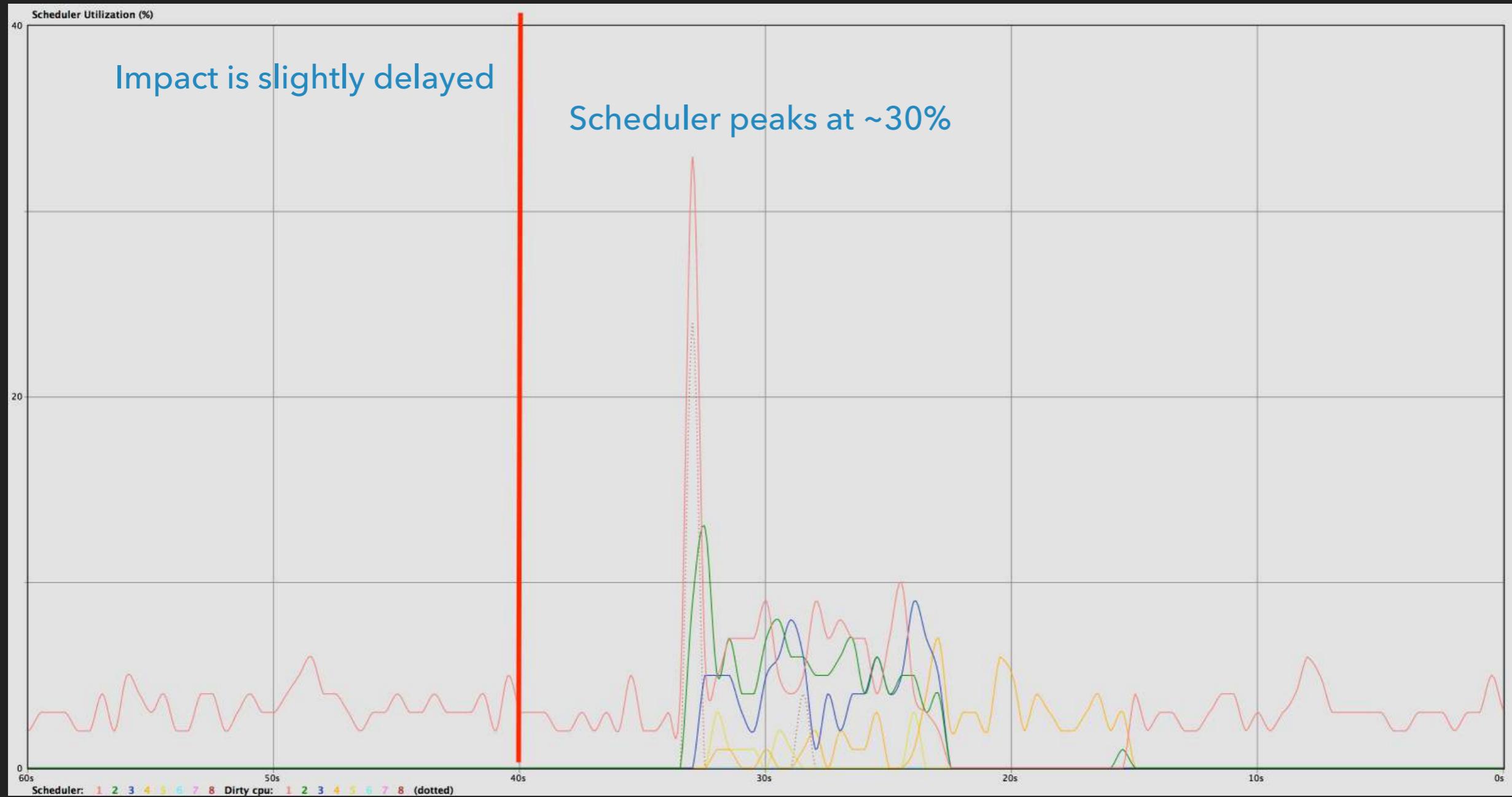
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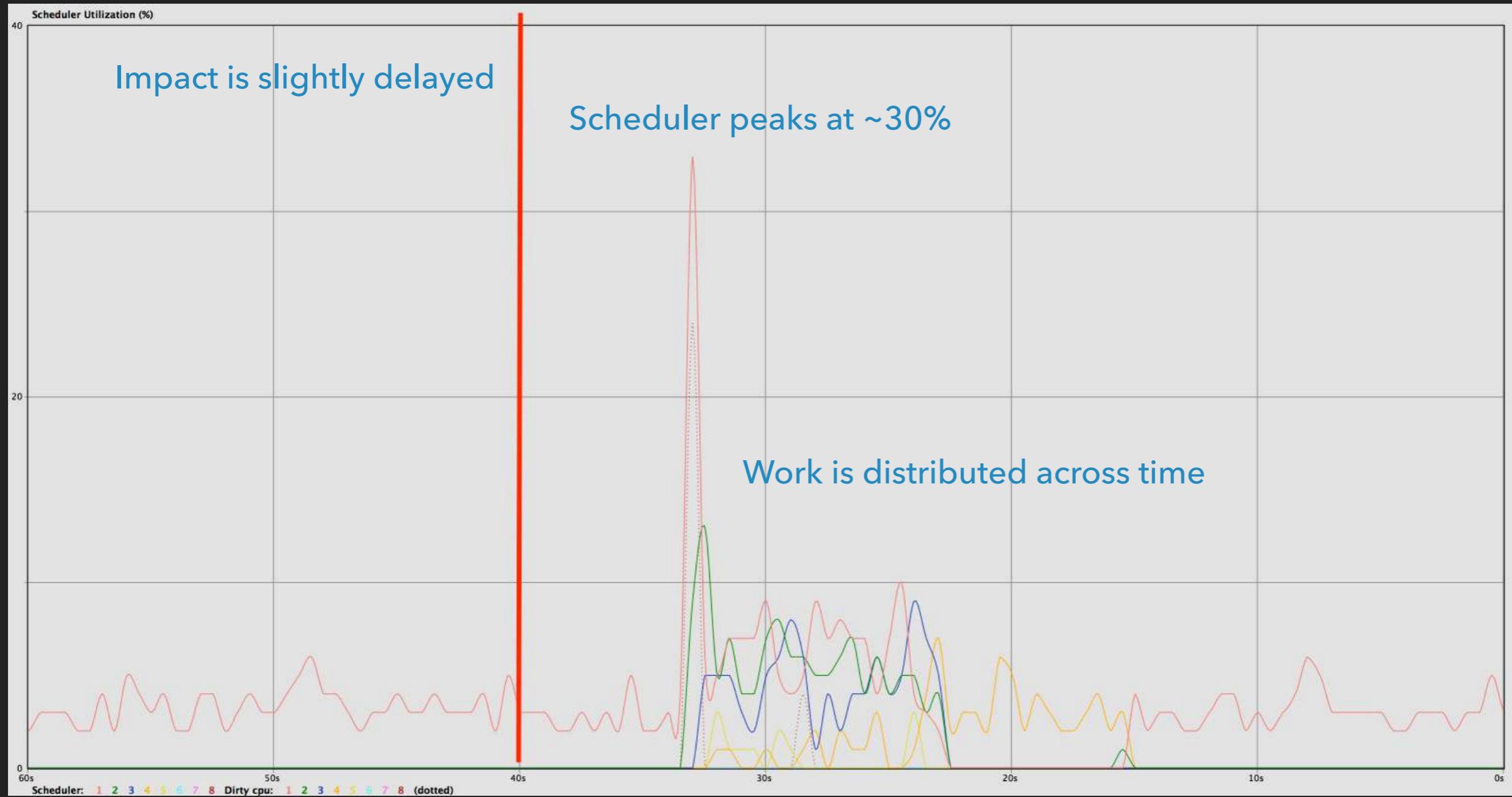
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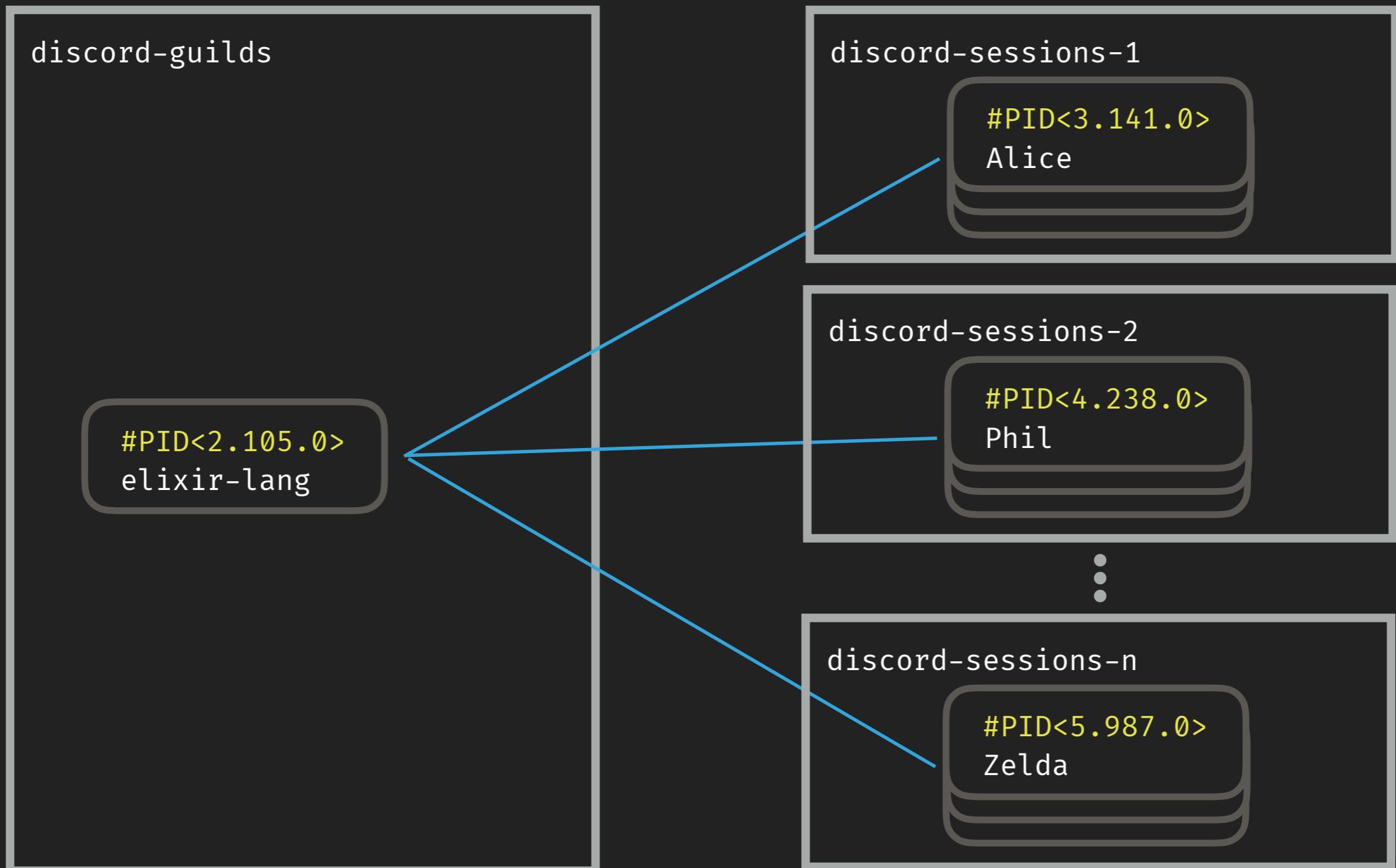


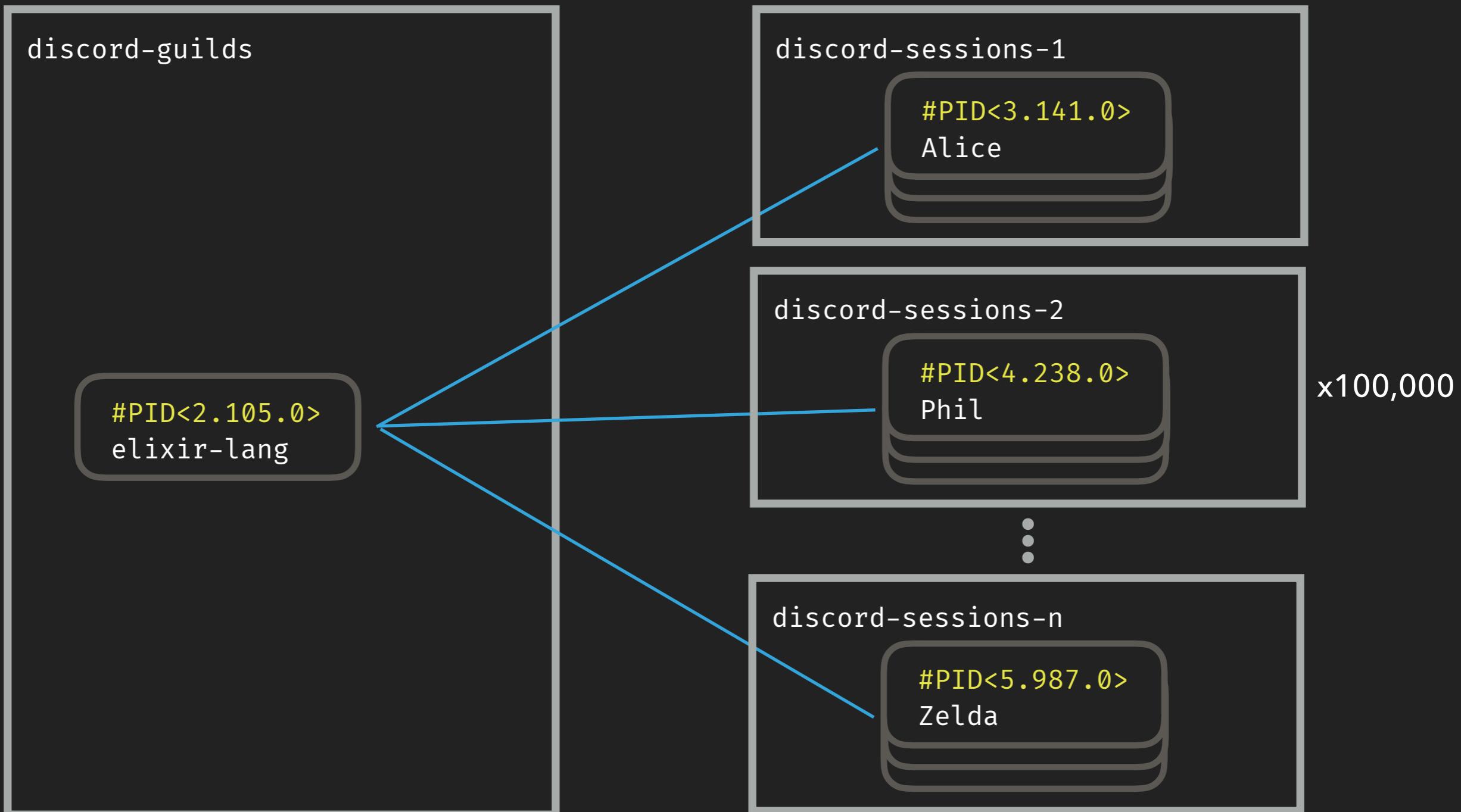
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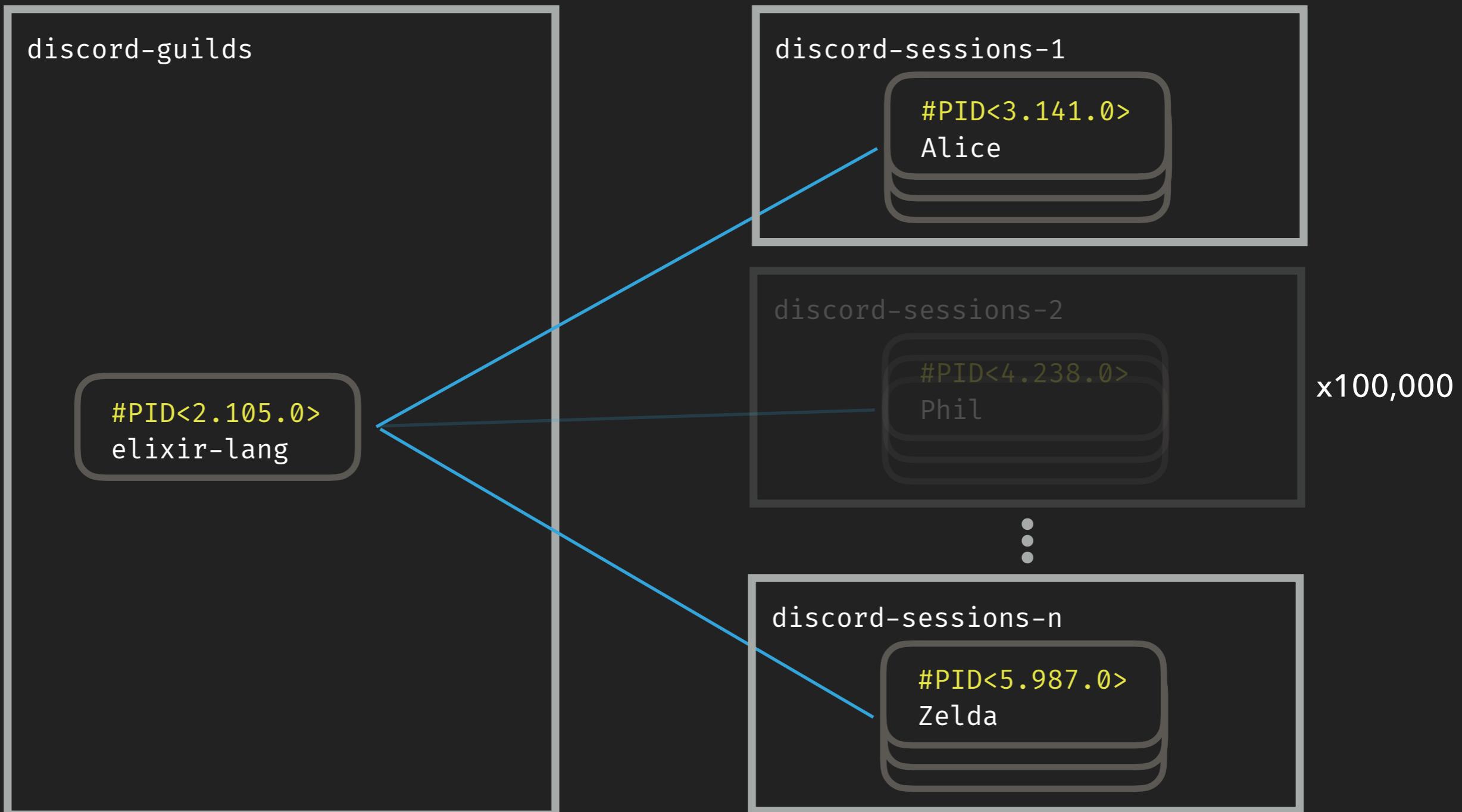




INTERLACING







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message-queue
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:work
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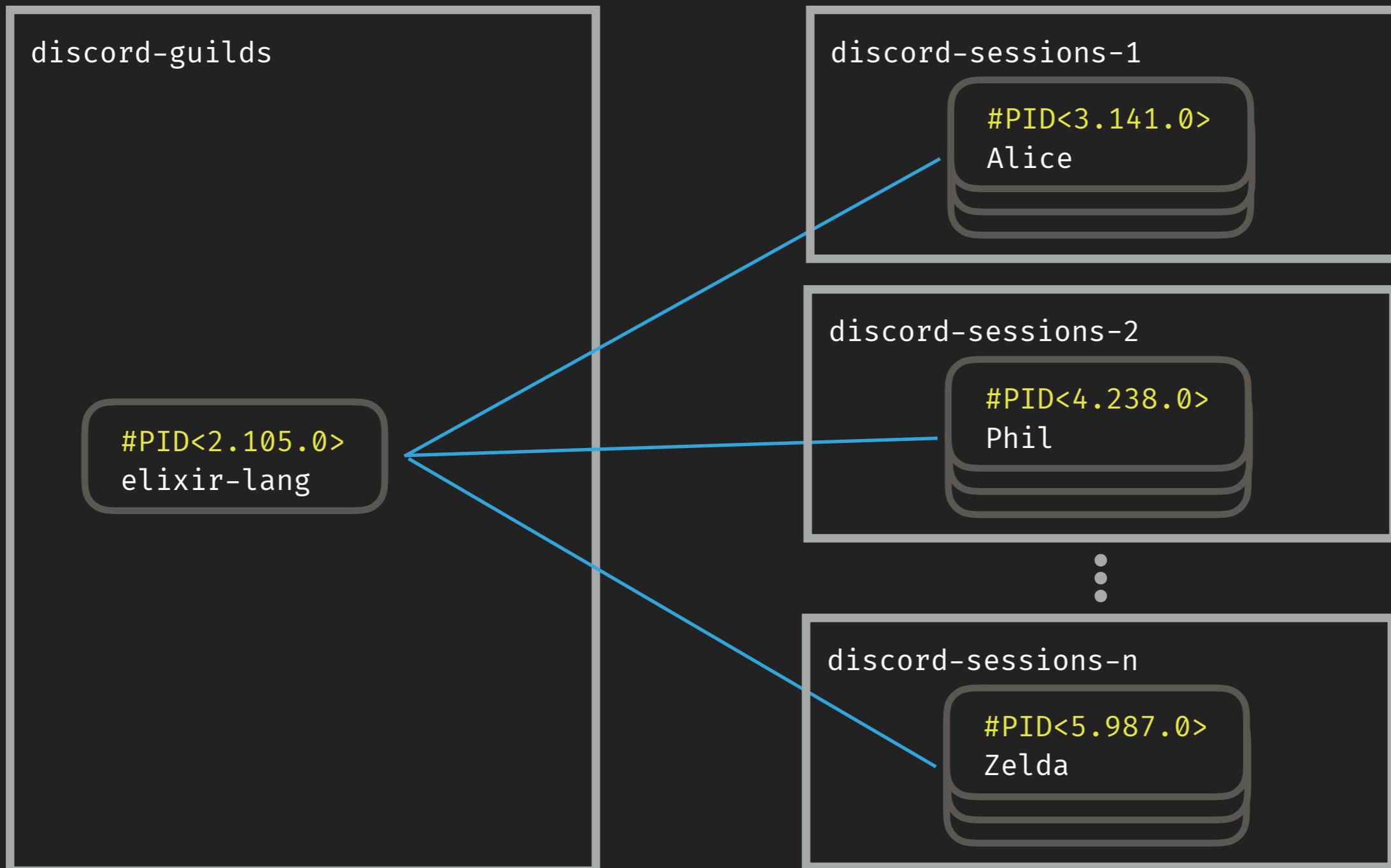
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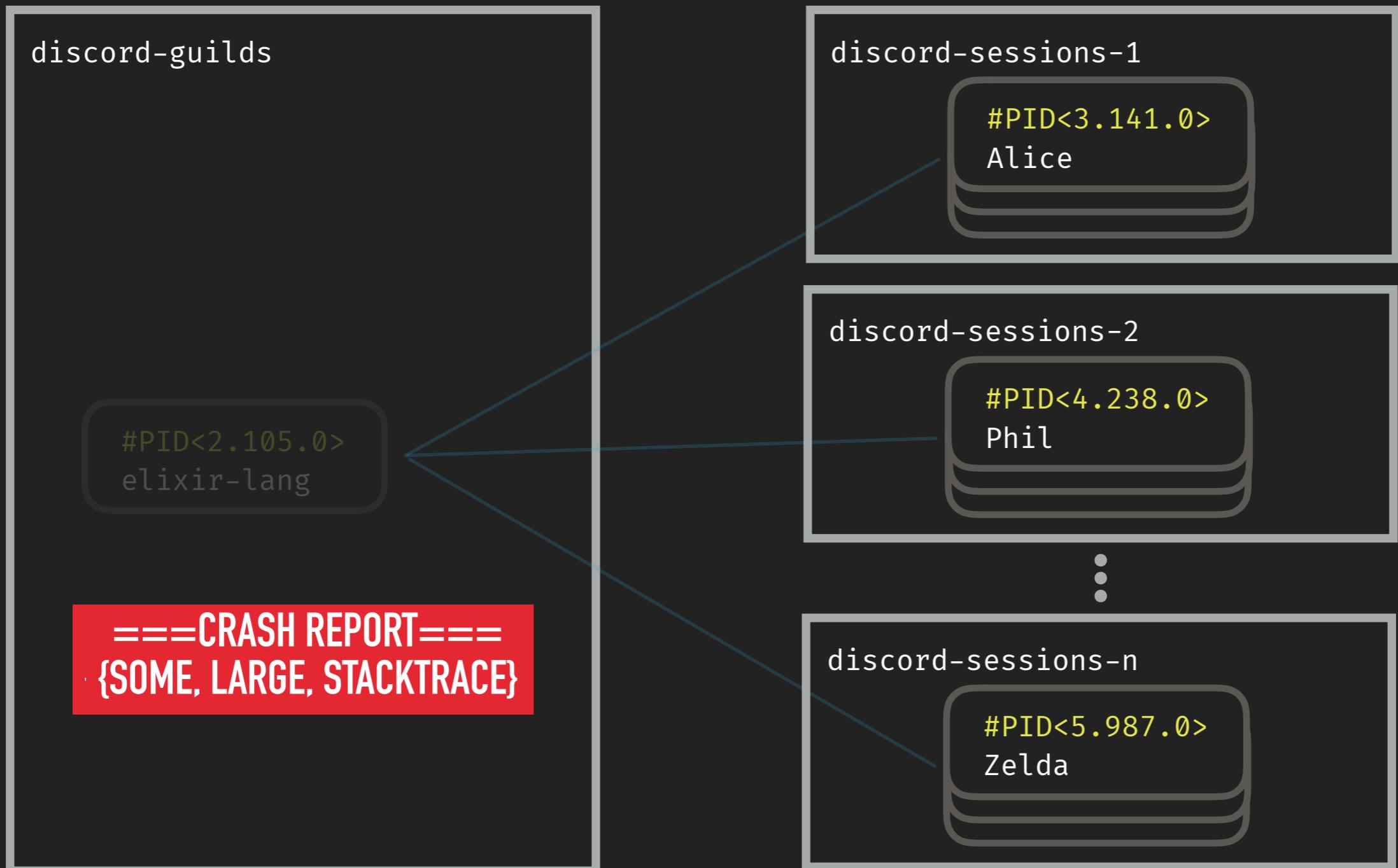
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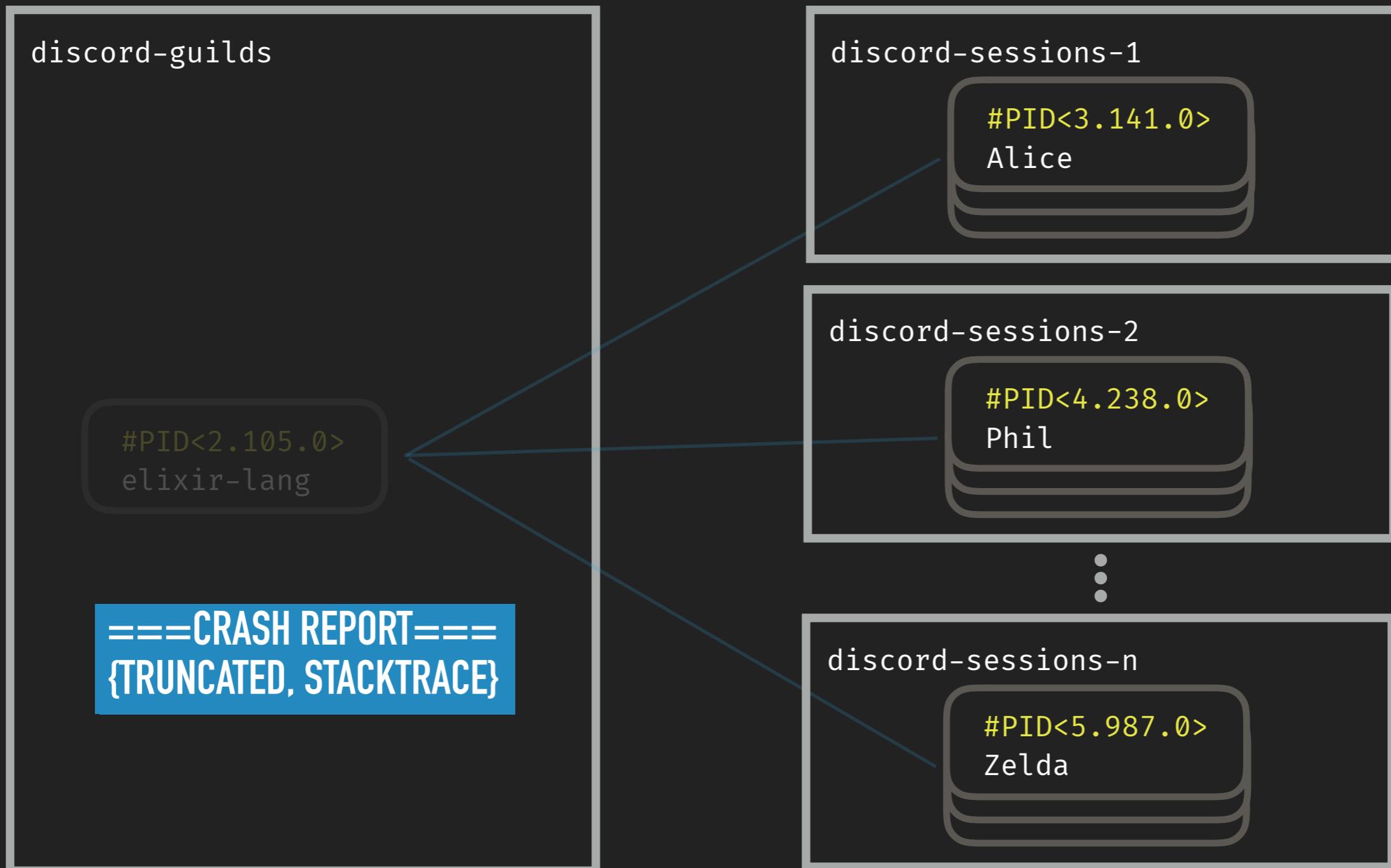
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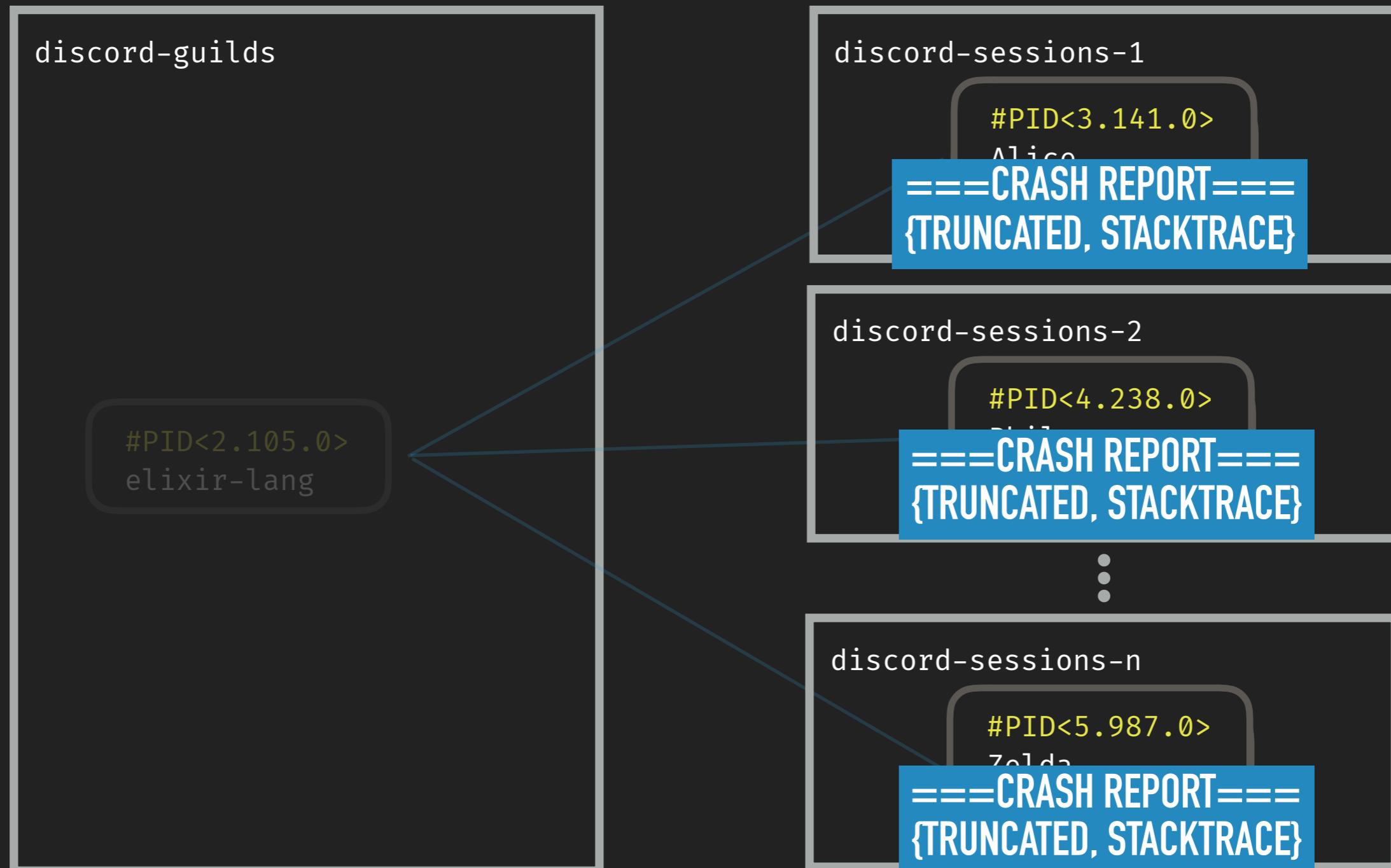
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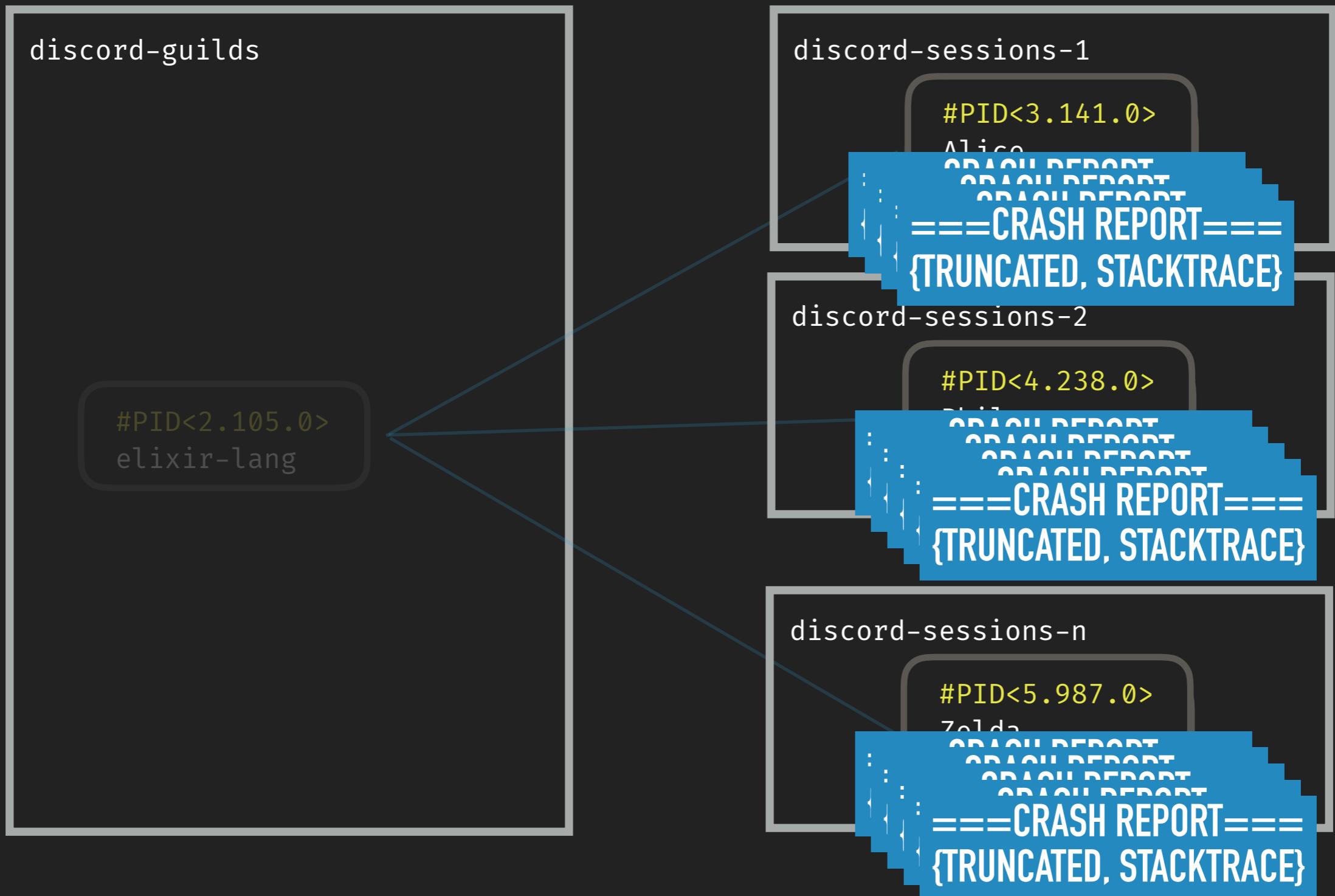
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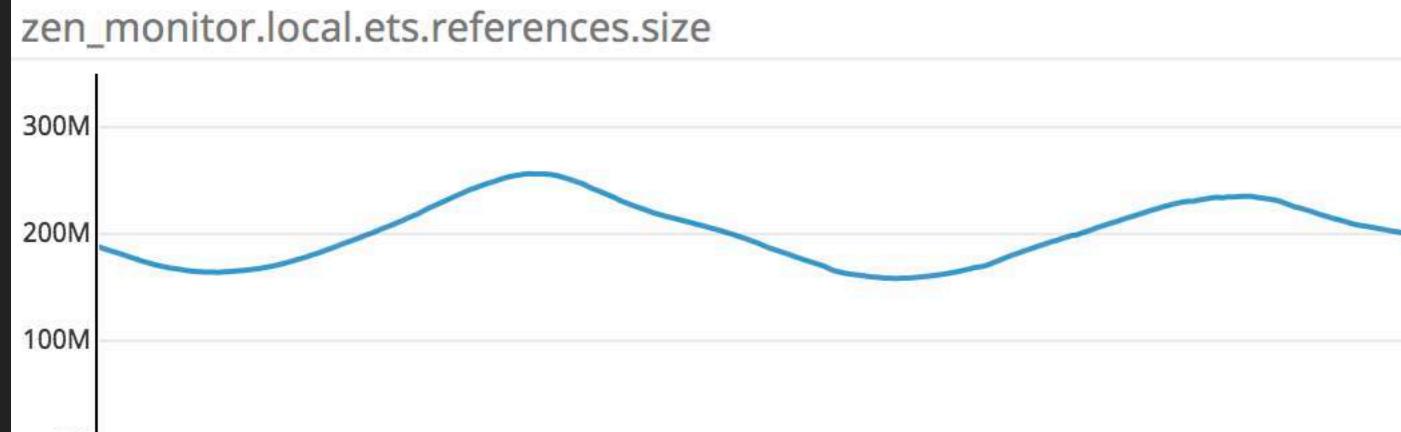
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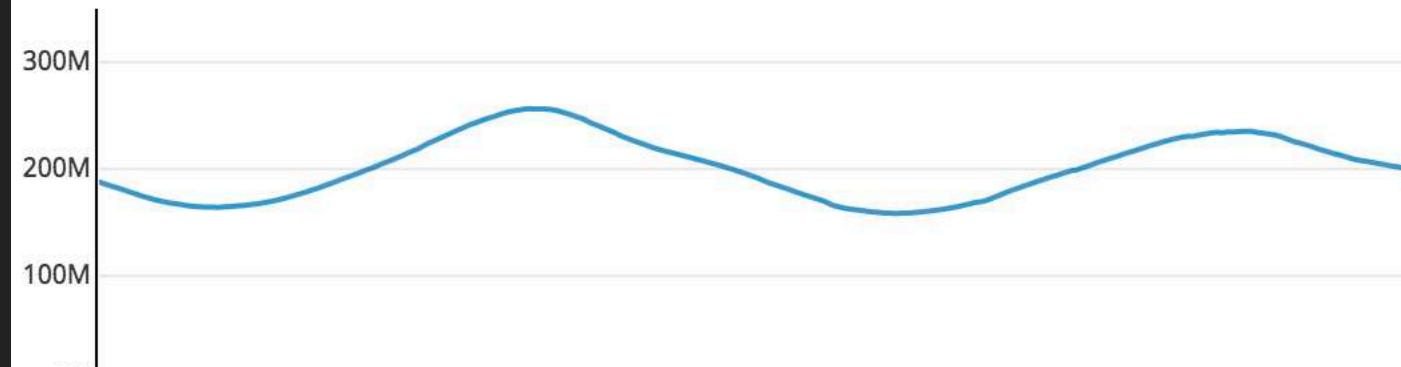


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250 Million Local Monitors

zen_monitor.local.ets.references.size



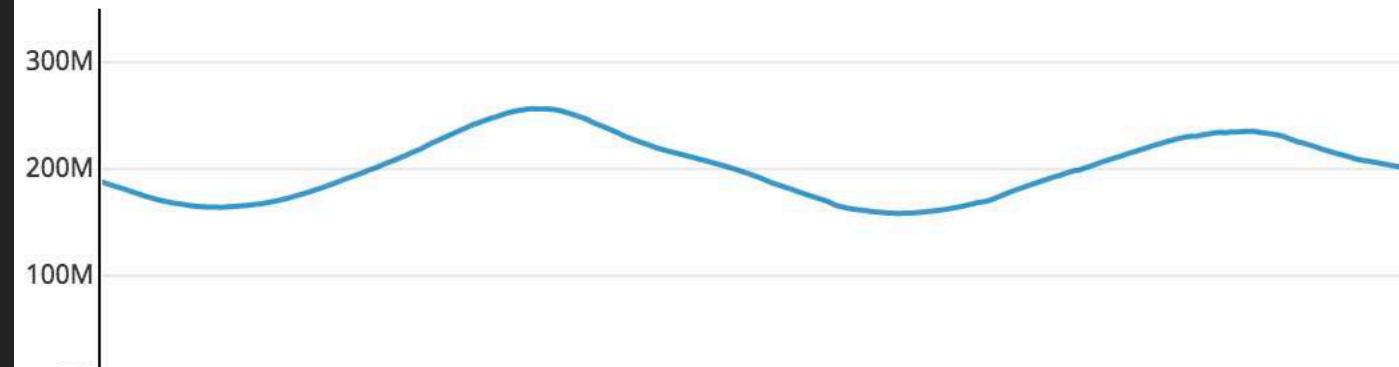
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Monitoring 150 Million Remote Processes

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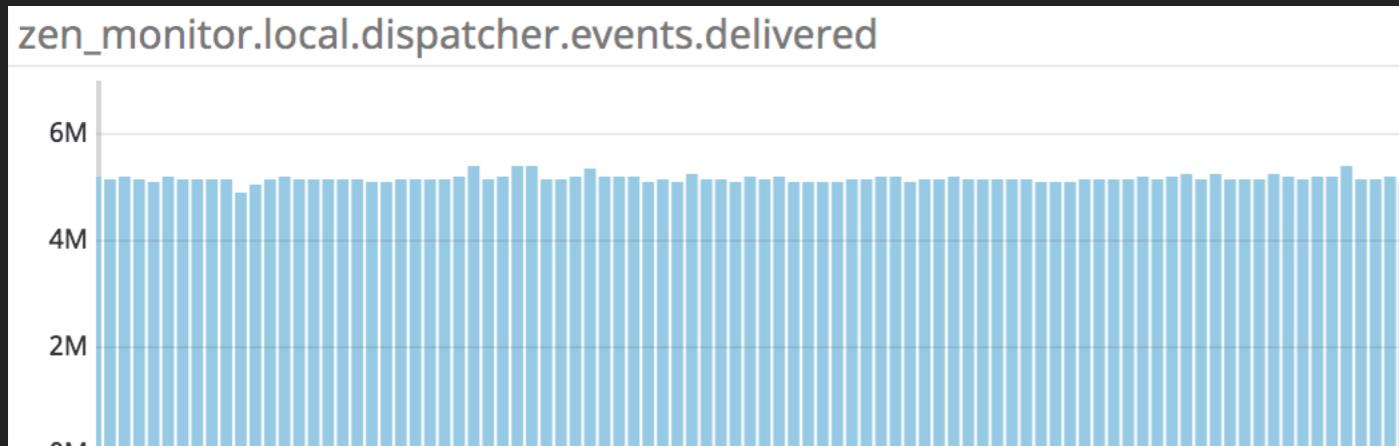
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Monitoring 150 Million Remote Processes

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Regularly delivering millions of events



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INSTRUMENTED

LOCAL METRICS

- ▶ zen_monitor.local.demonitor
- ▶ zen_monitor.local.enqueue
- ▶ zen_monitor.local.monitor
- ▶ zen_monitor.local.batch_length
- ▶ zen_monitor.local.message_queue_len
- ▶ zen_monitor.local.ets.references.size

CONNECTOR METRICS

- ▶ zen_monitor.local.connector.enqueue
- ▶ zen_monitor.local.connector.sweep

DISPATCHER METRICS

- ▶ zen_monitor.local.dispatcher.events.delivered
- ▶ zen_montior.local.dispatcher.events.processed

PROXY METRICS

- ▶ zen_monitor.proxy.message_queue_len
- ▶ zen_monitor.proxy.ets.subscribers.size

BATCHER METRICS

- ▶ zen_monitor.proxy.batcher.enqueue
- ▶ zen_montior.proxy.batcher.sweep



DOCUMENTED



Full API Reference

API Reference

Modules

ZenMonitor

ZenMonitor provides efficient monitoring and dissemination of remote processes

ZenMonitor.Application

OTP Application that acts as the entrypoint for ZenMonitor

ZenMonitor.Local

ZenMonitor.Local

ZenMonitor.Local.Connector

ZenMonitor.Local.Connector performs a variety of duties. For every remote that a the local is interested in monitoring processes on there will be a dedicated ZenMonitor.Local.Connector. This collection of Connectors are managed by a GenRegistry registered under the ZenMonitor.Local.Connector atom

ZenMonitor.Local.Connector.State

Maintains the internal state for the Connector

ZenMonitor.Local.Dispatcher

ZenMonitor.Local.Dispatcher is a GenStage Consumer responsible for throttled delivery of down messages

ZenMonitor.Local.State

Maintains the internal state for ZenMonitor.Local

ZenMonitor.Local.Supervisor

Supervisor for the ZenMonitor.Local components

ZenMonitor.Local.Tables

ZenMonitor.Local.Tables owns tables that are shared between multiple ZenMonitor.Local components

ZenMonitor.Metrics

Provides a few metrics about the system



Detailed Module Documentation

ZenMonitor.Local.Dispatcher

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ZenMonitor.Local.Dispatcher is a GenStage Consumer responsible for throttled delivery of down messages.

ZenMonitor.Local acts as a GenStage Producer, it stores all of the down messages that need to be dispatched based off of what has been enqueued by the ZenMonitor.Local.Connectors.

The Dispatcher will deliver these messages throttled by a maximum rate which is controlled by the `{:zen_monitor, :demand_interval}` and `{:zen_monitor, :demand_amount}` settings.

To calculate the maximum number of messages processed per second you can use the following formula:

$$\text{maximum_mps} = (\text{demand_amount}) * (1000 / \text{demand_interval})$$

For example, if the demand_amount is 1000, and demand_interval is 100 (milliseconds) the maximum messages per second are:

$$\text{maximum_mps} = (1000) * (1000 / 100)$$

```
-> (1000) * 10
-> 10_000
```

For convenience a `ZenMonitor.Local.Dispatcher.maximum_mps/0` is provided that will perform this calculation.

Summary

Functions

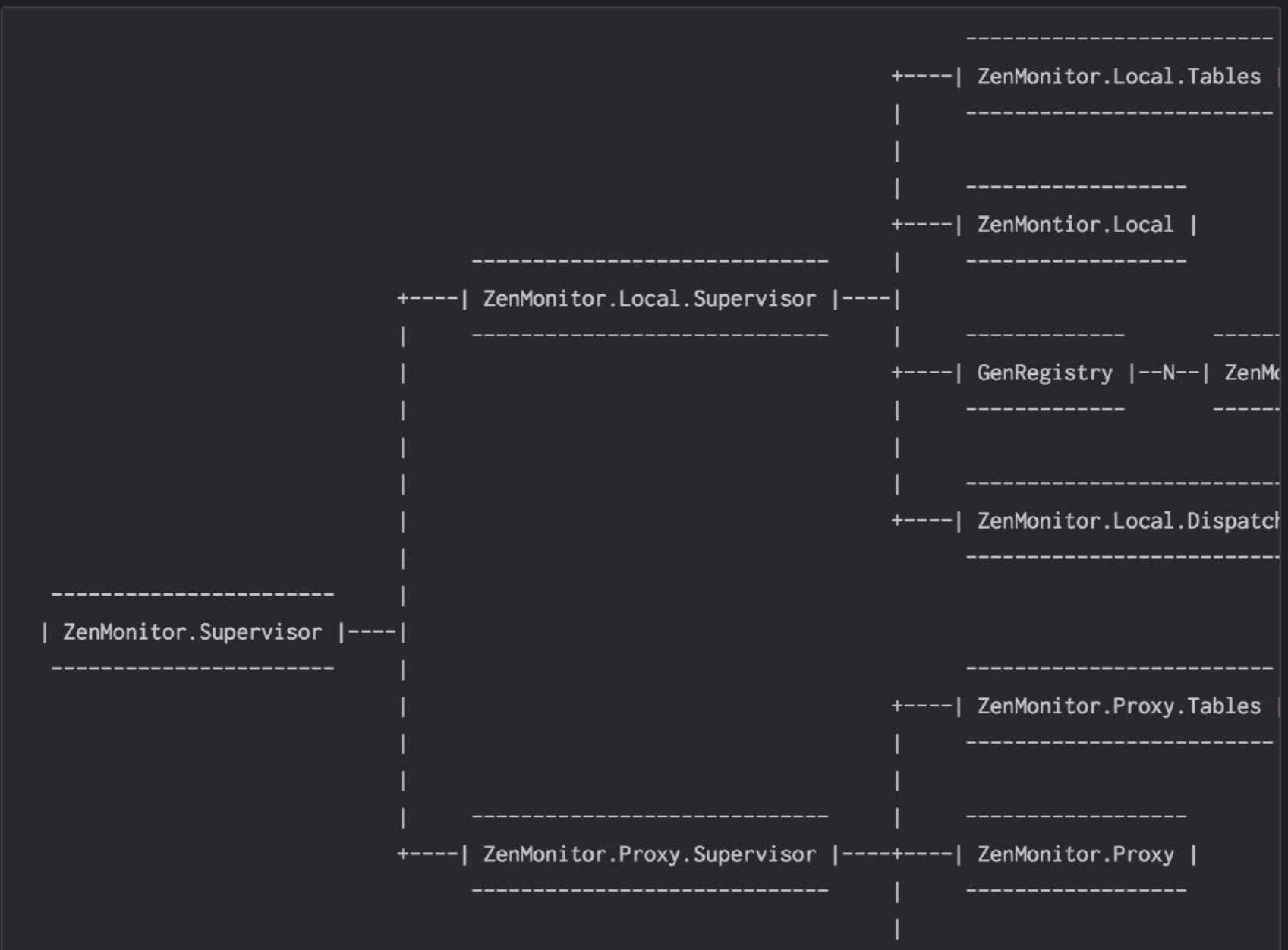




Design Docs Included

Running a Compatible Node

ZenMonitor ships with an Application, `ZenMonitor.Application` which will start the overall supervisor, `ZenMonitor.Supervisor`. This creates a supervision tree as outlined below.





OPEN SOURCE



Discord ❤️ Open Source

https://github.com/discordapp/zen_monitor



GET STARTED



INSTALL



```
def deps do
  [
    {:zen_monitor, "~> 1.0.0"}
  ]
end
```



REPLACE



ZenMonitors.monitor(pid)
ZenMonitors.demonitor(pid)



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