



Refuge

Data in the cloud

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- I'm benoitc
- web craftsman since 1995
- Apache Couchdb developer
- doing some stuff in Python too (gunicorn, circus, couchdb*)

about me



WHAT?

- refuge at CCC: sensors data platform
<https://vimeo.com/27662399>

initial concept

- bigdata?
- What about you? Do you really have 1 Petabyte of useful data?
- Distributing

bigdata?

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- Flooding, tornado,
- Security
- expensive

bigdata?



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bigdata?

- Do you really need to centralize the data storage?
- Publishers aren't everywhere,
- Multiple data silos
- Query them directly



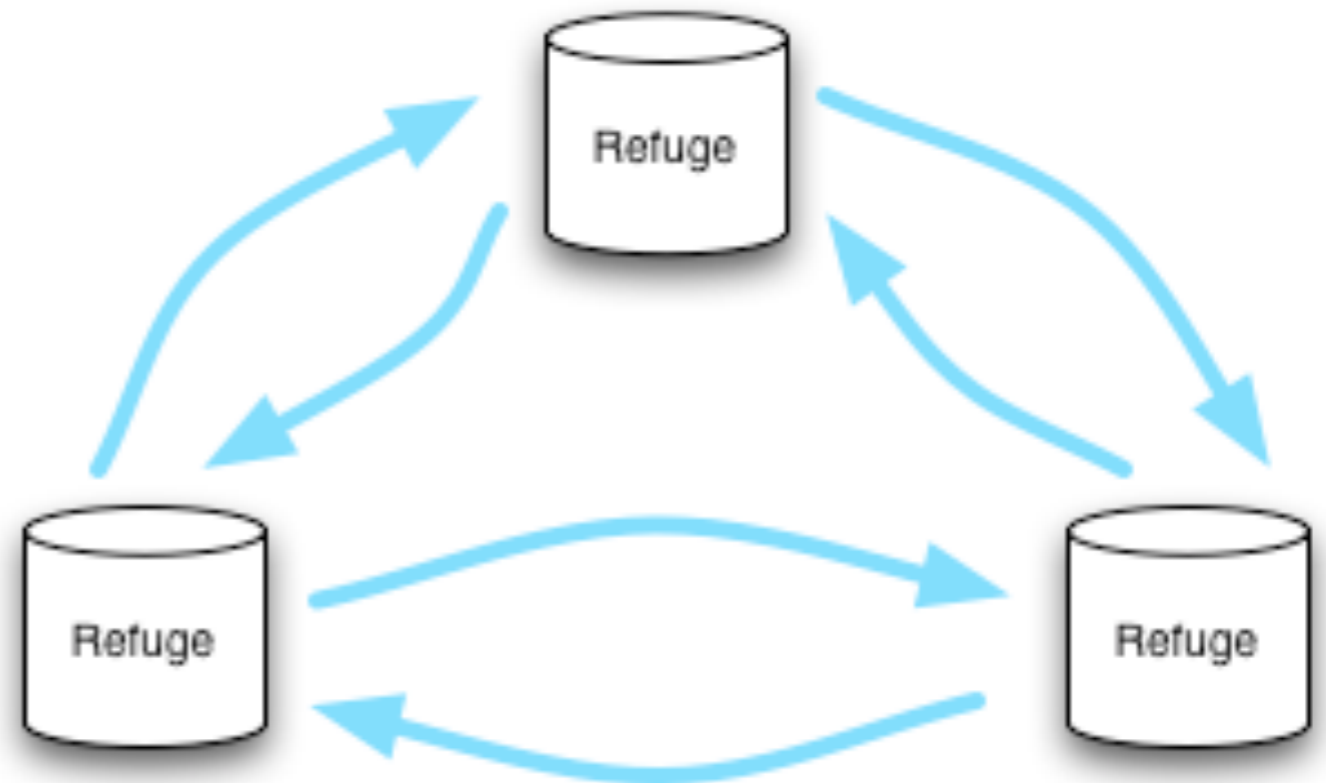
decentralize



- data should be yours
- keep privacy
- but be efficient

data should be yours

- decentralized data platform
- opensource
- based on Apache CouchDB
- Erlang powered
- multiplatform



refuge project

- Collect data, Store Data
- Query Data
- Render & Transform
- everything you can do but decentralized

data platform?

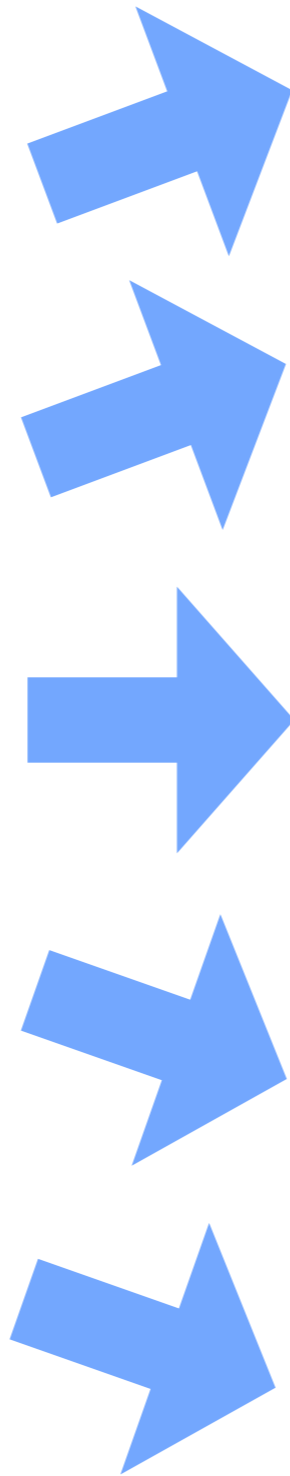
- because I know it....
- robust
- easily hackable
- replication & ` _changes`
- couchapps

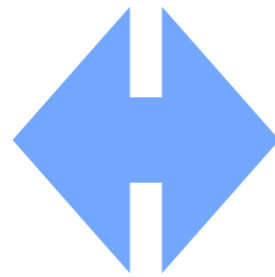
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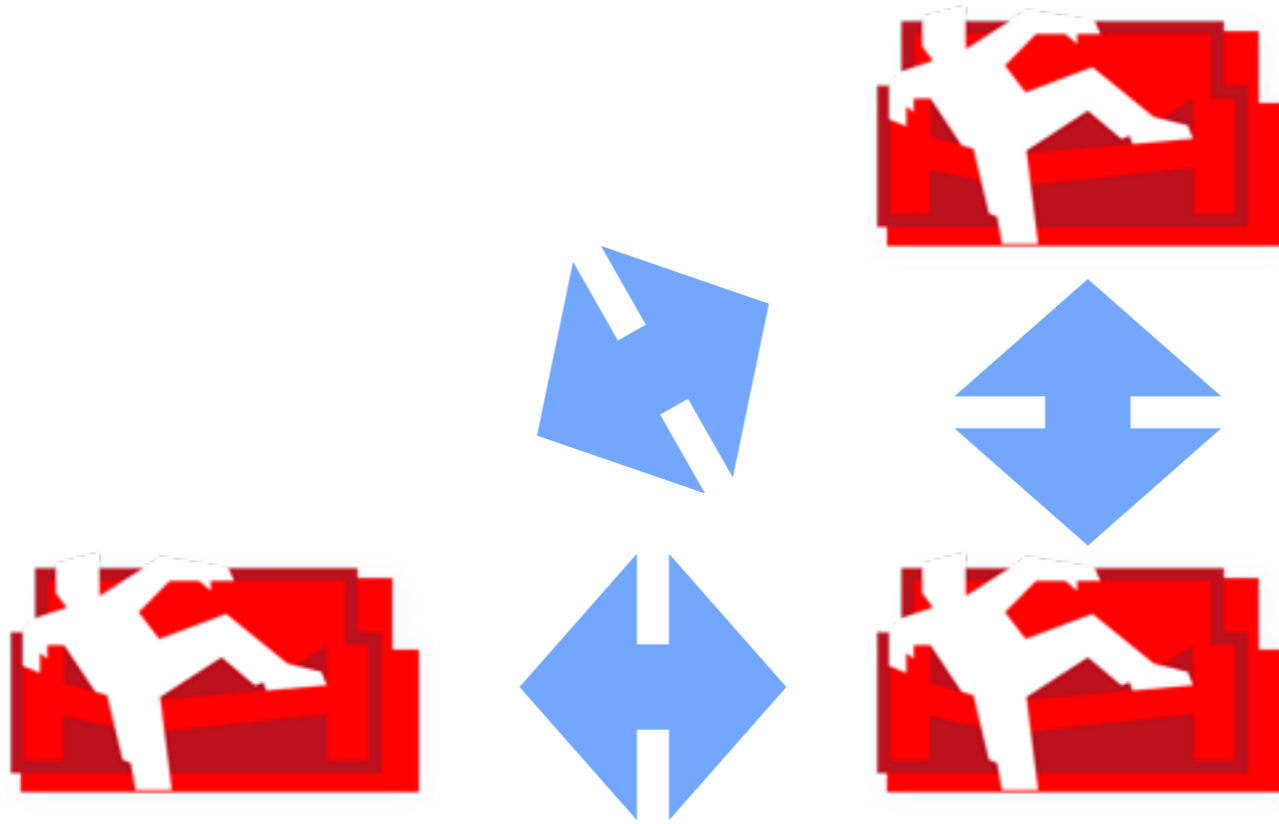
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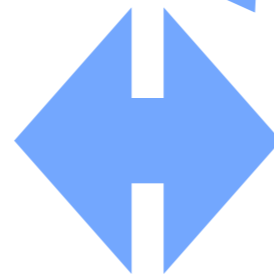
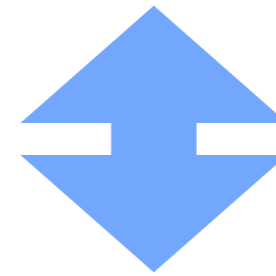
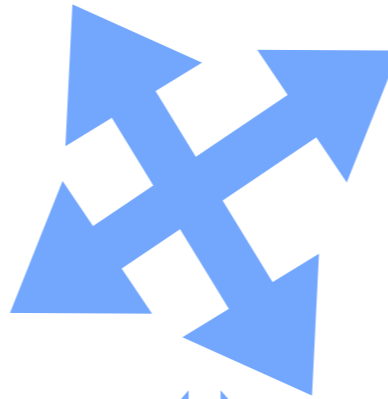
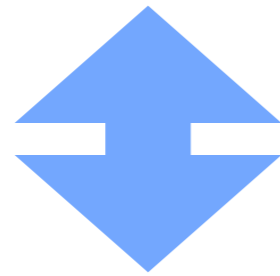
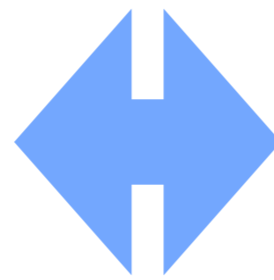


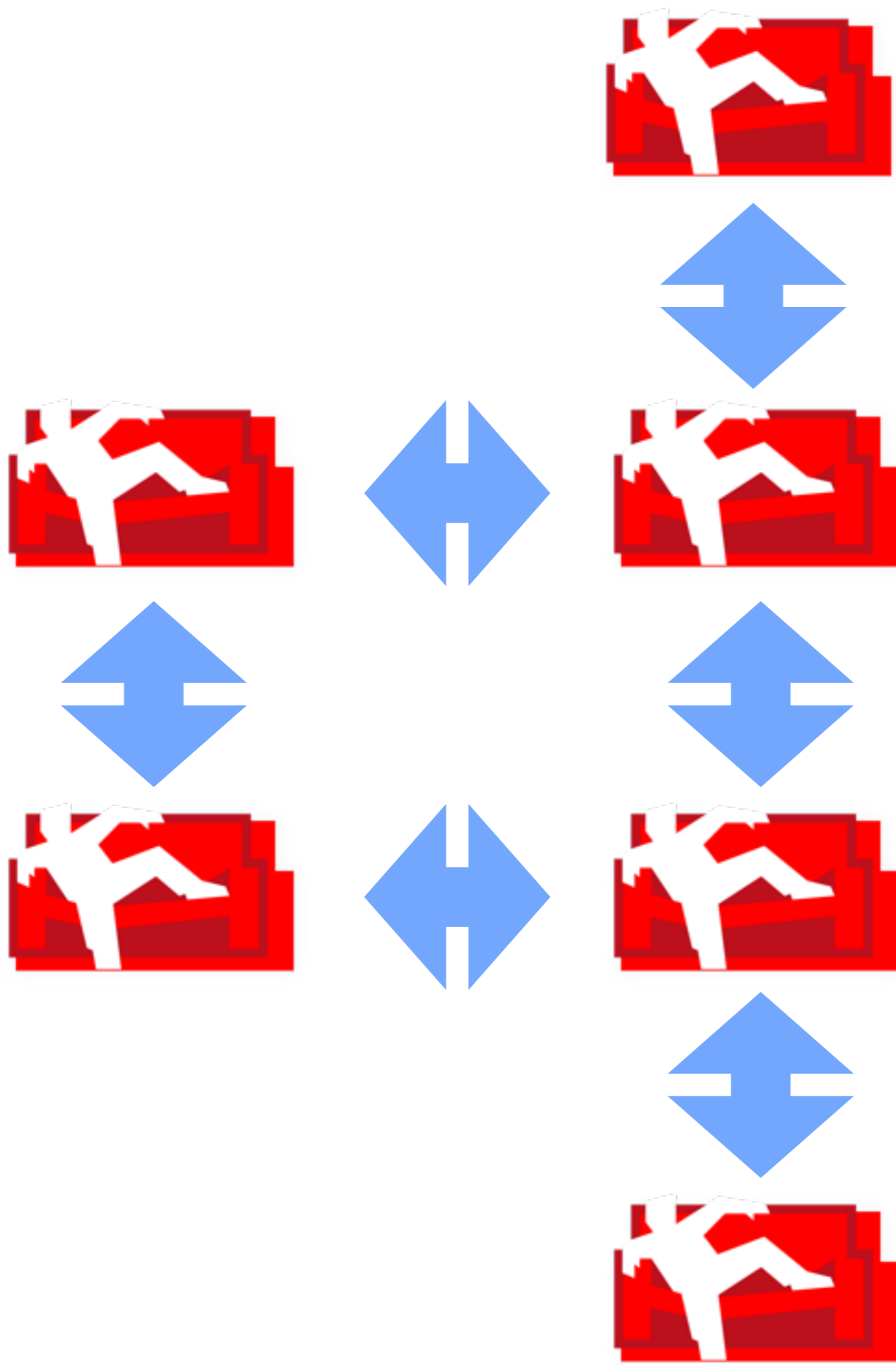


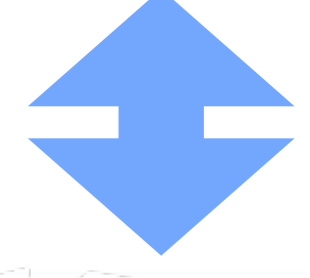
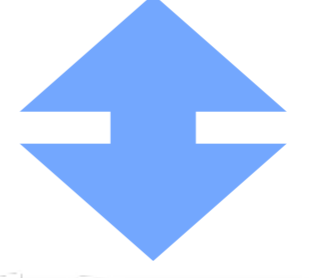
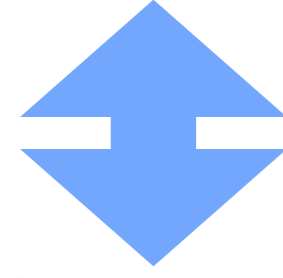
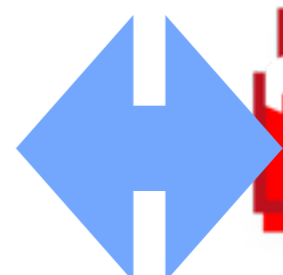
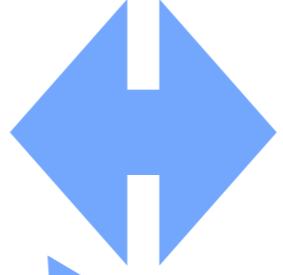
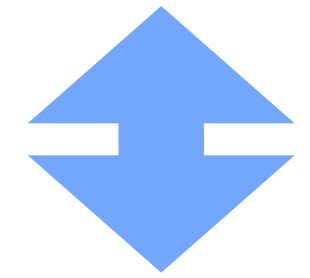
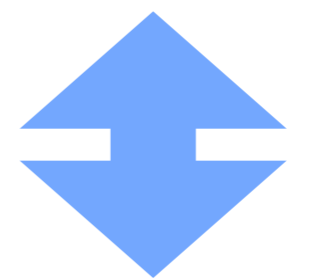
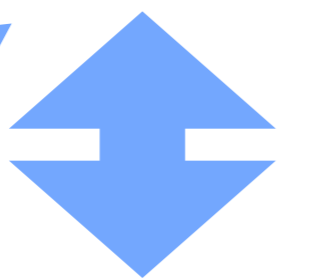
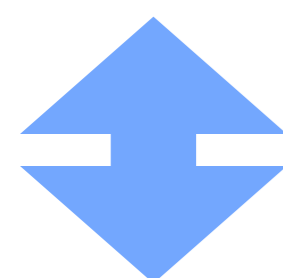
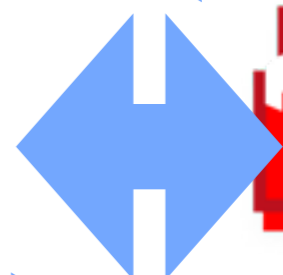
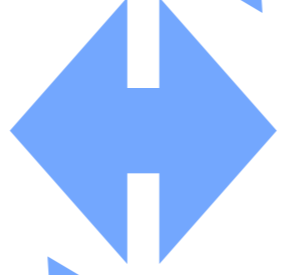
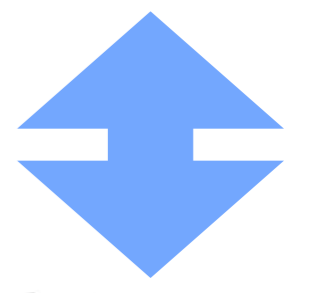
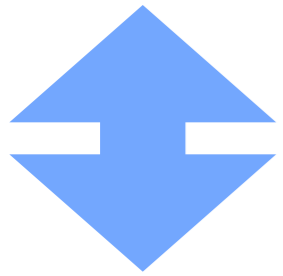
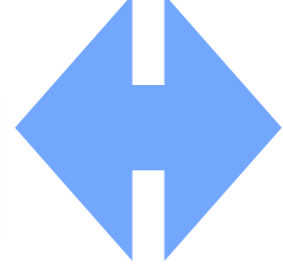
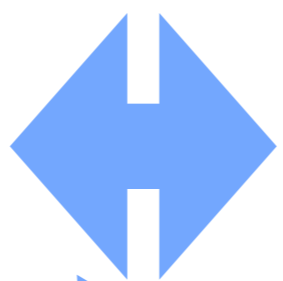












- changes feed
- Collect a group of Document/Revisions ID pairs
- send them to the target database
- GET each revisions from the source Database

replication in a nutshell

- Most of the Apache CouchDB code in Erlang
- functional language
- adapted to the product
- we are building a network

why Erlang?

packaging & fork

- distributing is about packaging well
- building an Erlang release....
- ...with rebar
- and make Apache CouchDB even more hackable
- improve some parts

packaging & fork

- Autotools & gnu frivolities
- Spidermonkey
- Not embeddable
- Don't provide Erlang releases

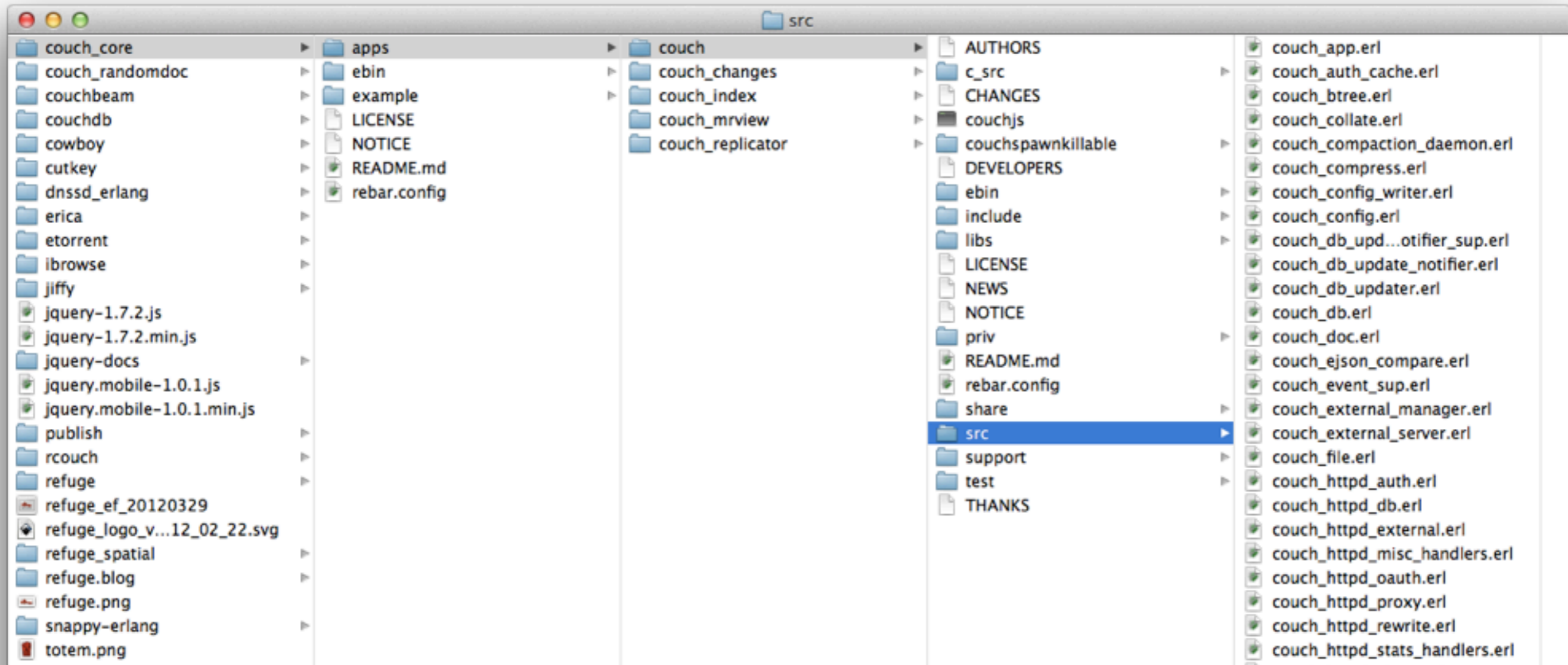
state of packaging in couchdb

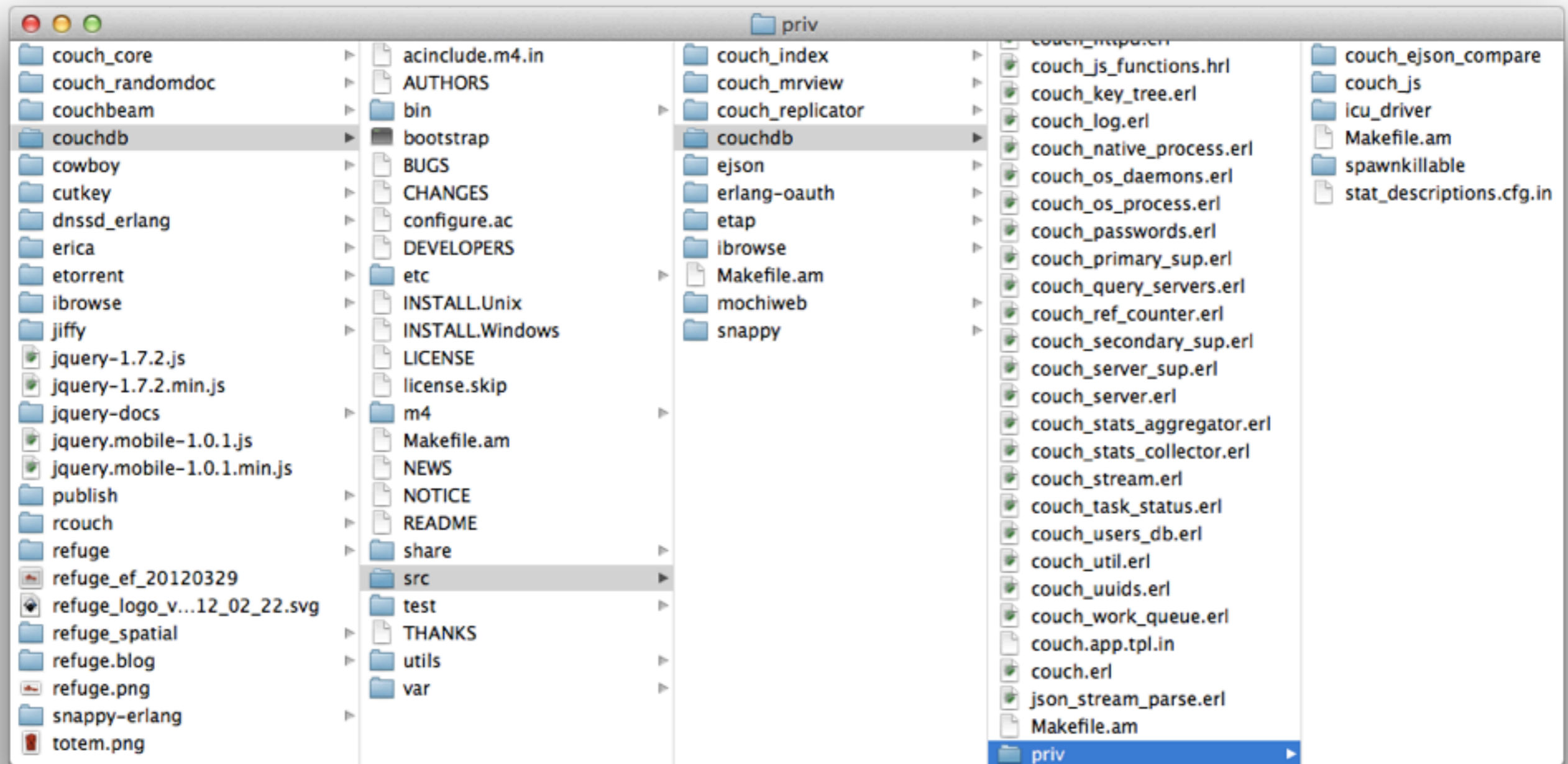
- nifs & driver: difficulties with multiplatform
- windows support: should be more opiniated (which compiler to use...)
- Still a question: how to manage IOS, Android

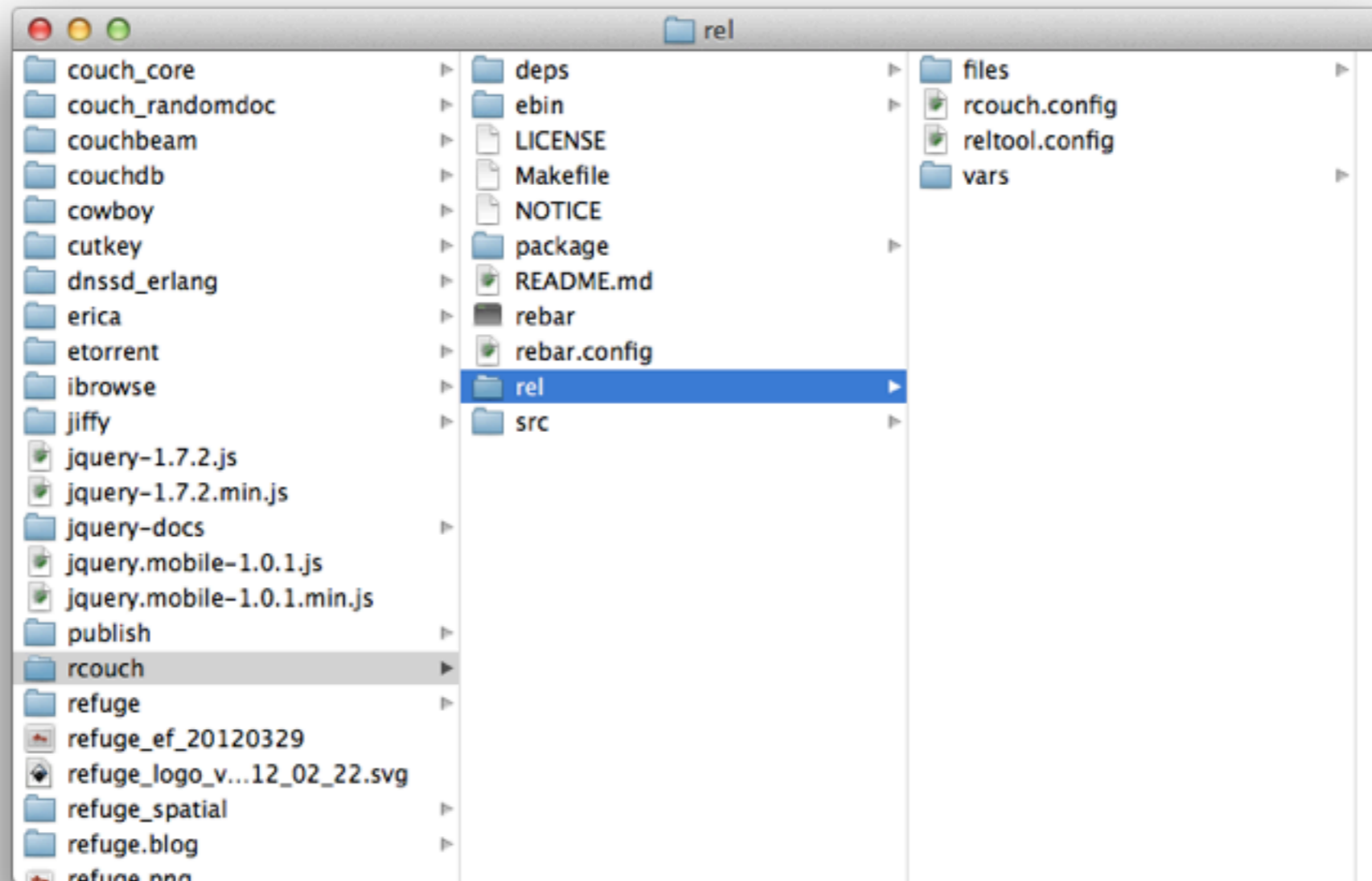
rebar challenges

- split in small apps
- improve supervision
- new mochiweb, jiffy, lager, ...

rework the code







refuge protocol - the mesh

- Peers are linked with trust relationships.
- Each refuge node user generate an 1024 RSA key pair .
- The pubkey is used as the identity among peers.
- Keys are exchanged manually or using the social graph

identity

- hubs: maintain a list of registered users
- public hubs
- untrusted users used to forward lookups
- untrusted users can access to the public data

groups & untrused users

- don't try to generate the RSA key
(*erl_make_cert.erl* is just for testing)
- use openssl to generate it
- use a port
- or an erlang driver: **cutkey**
<http://github.com/andrewjt/cutkey>

generating RSA keys in Erlang

- create/read a certificate
- use & parse keys
- use it to return public & private key used by the **crypto** module.
- calculate a fingerprint

publickey - handy functions

```
1 fingerprint(Certfile) ->
2   {ok, PemBin} = file:read_file(CertFile),
3   [CertEntry|_] = public_key:pem_decode(PemBin),
4   Digest = crypto:sha(public_key:pkix_encode('Certificate', Cert, plain))
6   couch_util:to_hex(Digest).
```

public_key - handy functions

- `validate_fun`: if you only want to check and validate a certificate (notary mode)
- `ssl:peercert/1`
- `couch_auth_ssl` & `https`

`ssl` - authentication and more

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generating RSA keys in Erlang

- manual key exchange/ link
- dns-sd to get them in the lan
- hubs
- DHT







discover nodes

- bonjour protocol
- dns-sd:
<http://github.com/andrewtj/dns-sd>
- upnp: make them available to the world

dns-sd

- refuge 0.5 - DNSSD support
<https://vimeo.com/39416245>

DEMO

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- `gen_event`
- `nodeup / nodedown` event
- `monitor nodes`

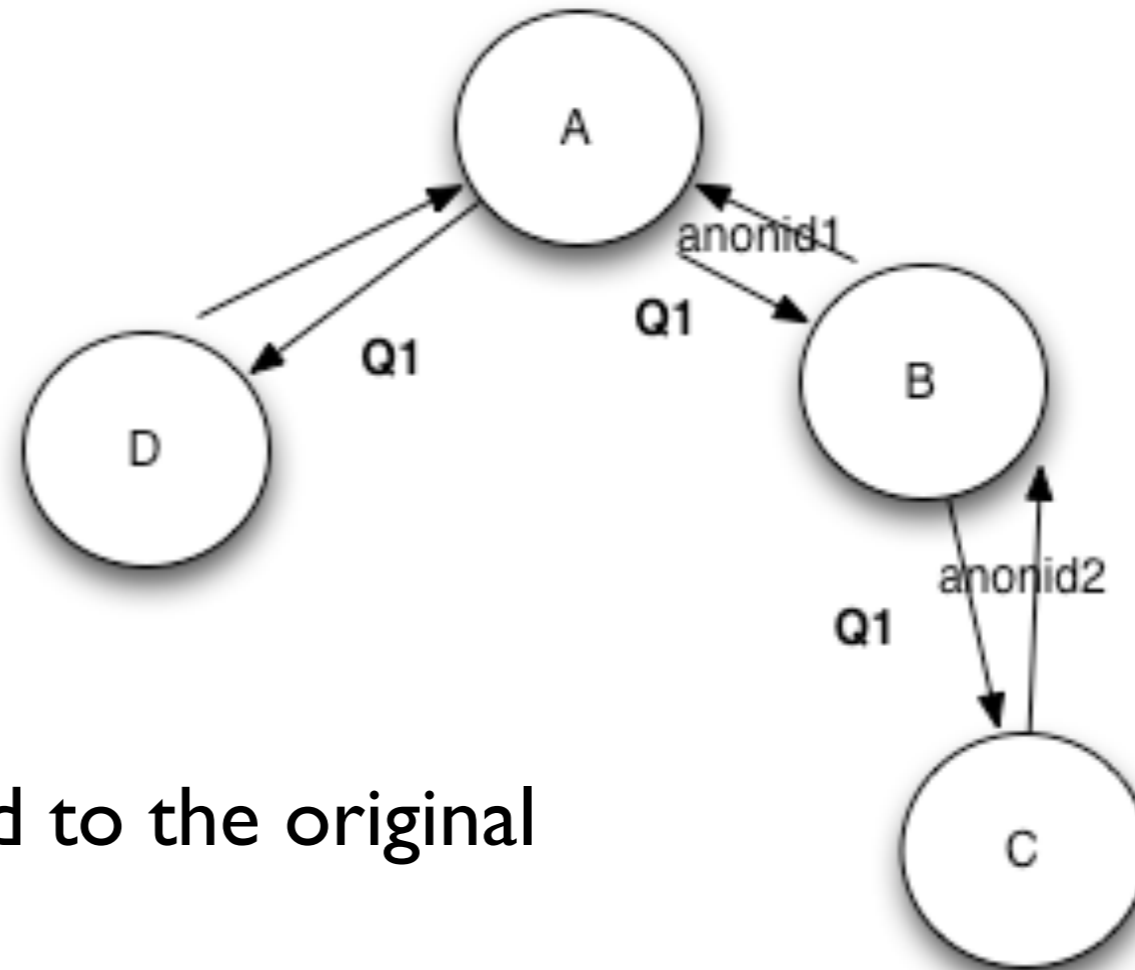
nodes generate events

- opportunistic replication
- doc creation on demand
- application interactions

opportunistic actions

- flooding nodes with the query
- content id: crypted with pubkey

query the nodes



- query are flooded
- result are forwarded to the original requester
- follow the path

query the nodes

other things we do

- view changes (branch view_changes)
- forked geocouch, support knn
- chained m/r (wip)
- distribute couchapps & jobs
- ...

discover nodes

The refuge project:
<http://refuge.io>

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