Smaug

Resource Protect and Restore Workflow

Smaug Resource Operations Workflow

- In **Protect** and **Restore** operations, each resource has work to be done (for example: backup data, restore data, etc). Such work is named **Activity**

- The **Activity** is implemented in the resource Protection Plugin (for example: CinderBackup Protection Plugin for a Volume)

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- The **Activity** nature can be different: (between resources, between implementations)
  - Depends on child resources vs. Independent
  - Calls to OpenStack API vs. Proprietary APIs
  - Calls to Synchronous APIs vs. calls to Asynchronous APIs
  - Long activity vs. short activity
  - High resource demand vs. low resource demand

Task Flow Construction

In order for Smaug to be able to handle all such cases, Activity is split into two:

- **ParallelActivity** - starts immediately and independently of child resources' activities
- **SyncActivity** - starts after both ParallelActivity and child resources' SyncActivities are complete

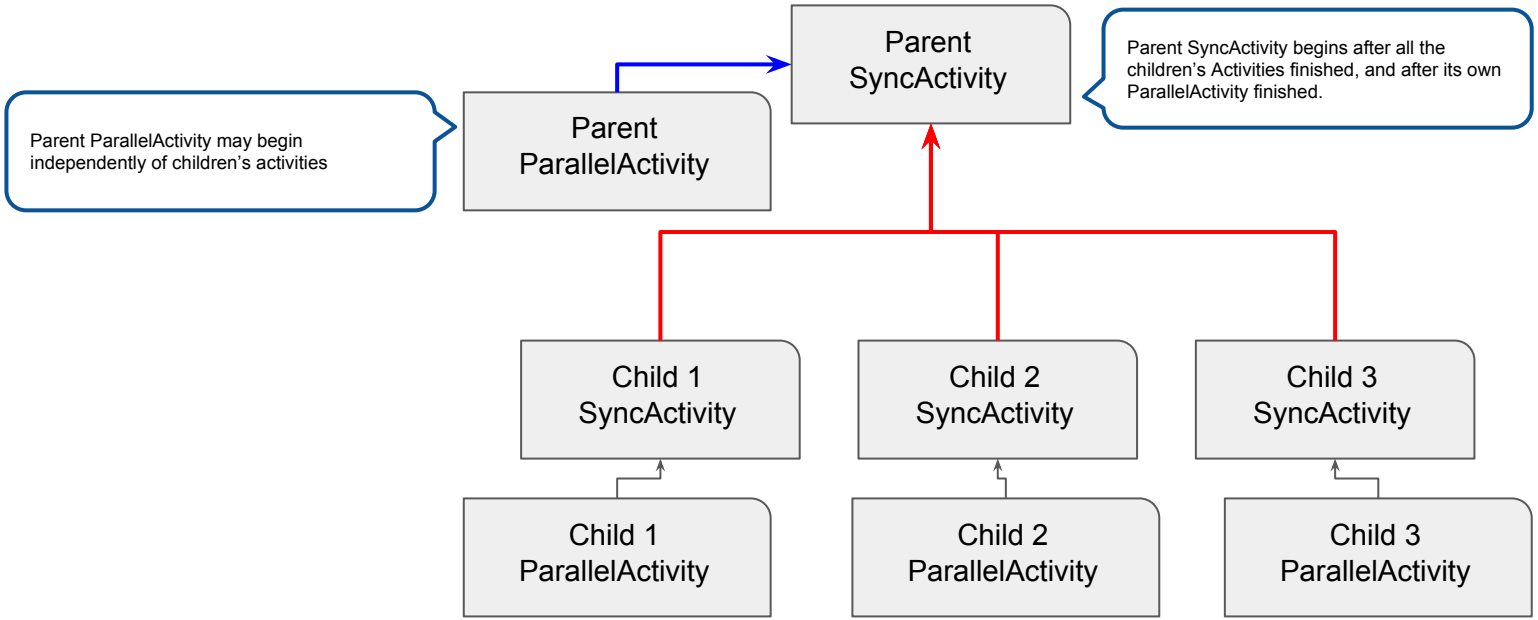
Both are supplied as **methods** by the **Protection Plugin**.

<u>The only constraint is:</u>
SyncActivity completes, once all operations started by the Protection Plugin for this resource are complete.

Task Flow Construction

Infrastructure is responsible for:

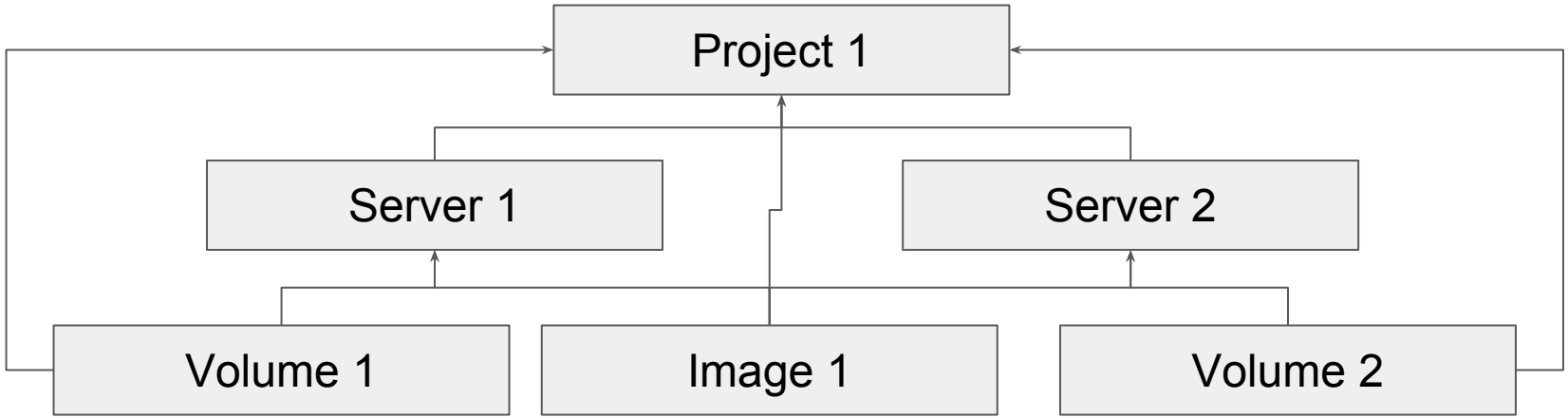
- Constructing **taskflow** tasks from **SyncActivity** and **ParallelActivity** methods
- Linking the resource **SyncActivity** task to depend on the resource **ParallelActivity** task (in **blue**)
- Linking the resource **SyncActivity** task to depend on child resources' **SyncActivity**'s tasks (in **red**)



Task Flow Construction

Example of constructing a task flow from an existing resource tree

Example Resource Tree



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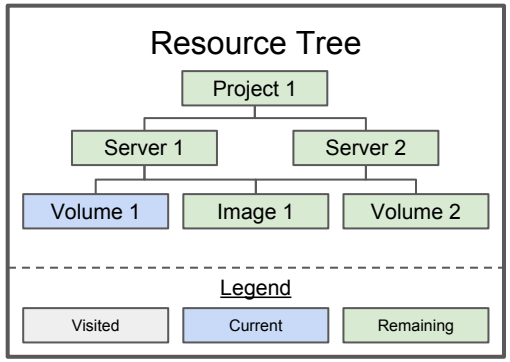

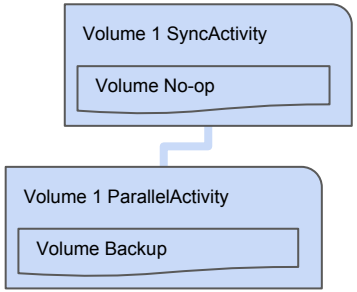

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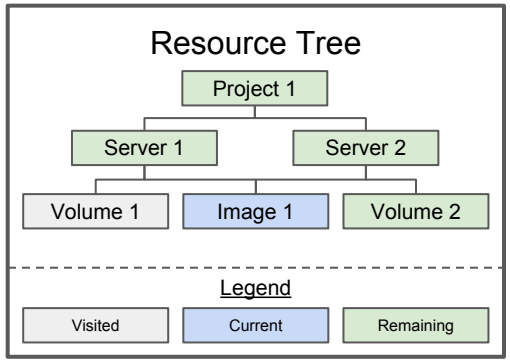

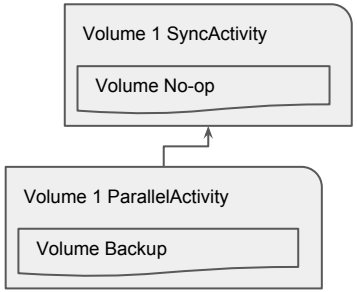

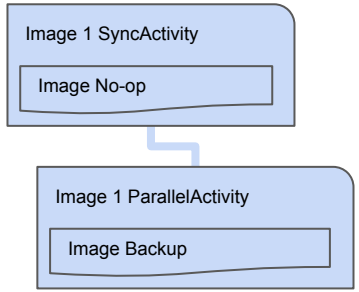

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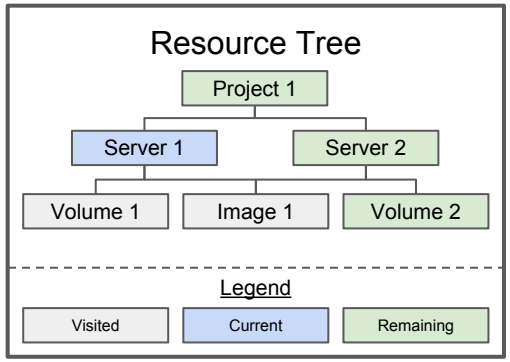

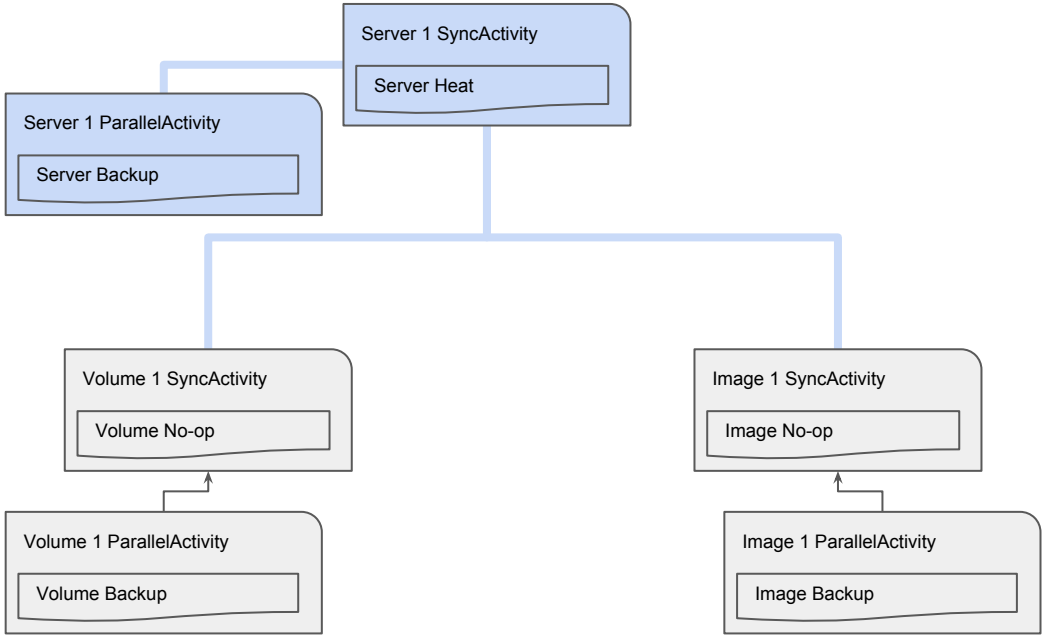

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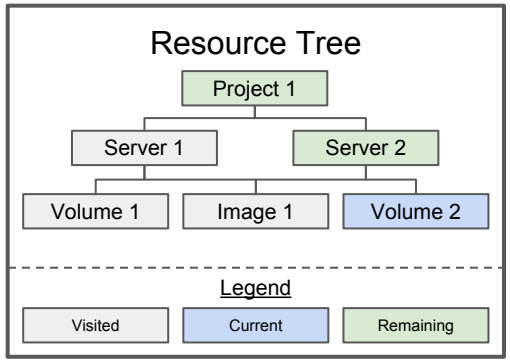

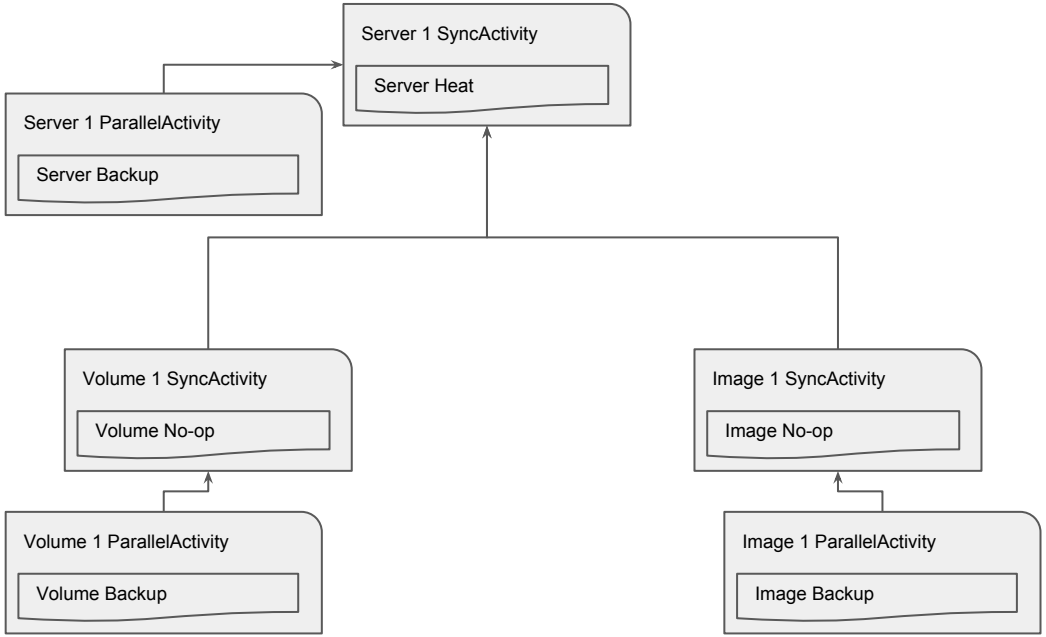

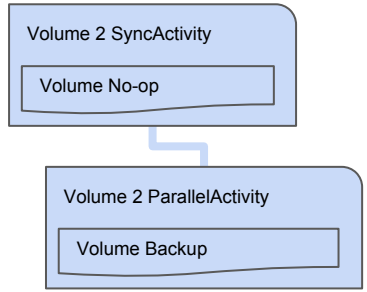

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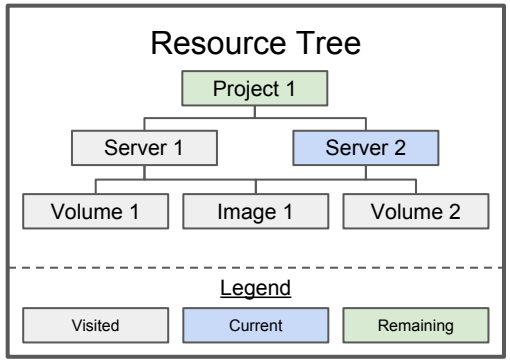

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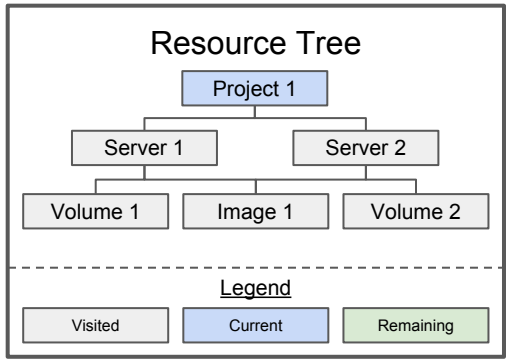

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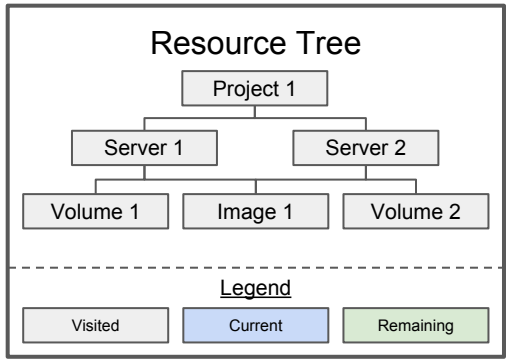

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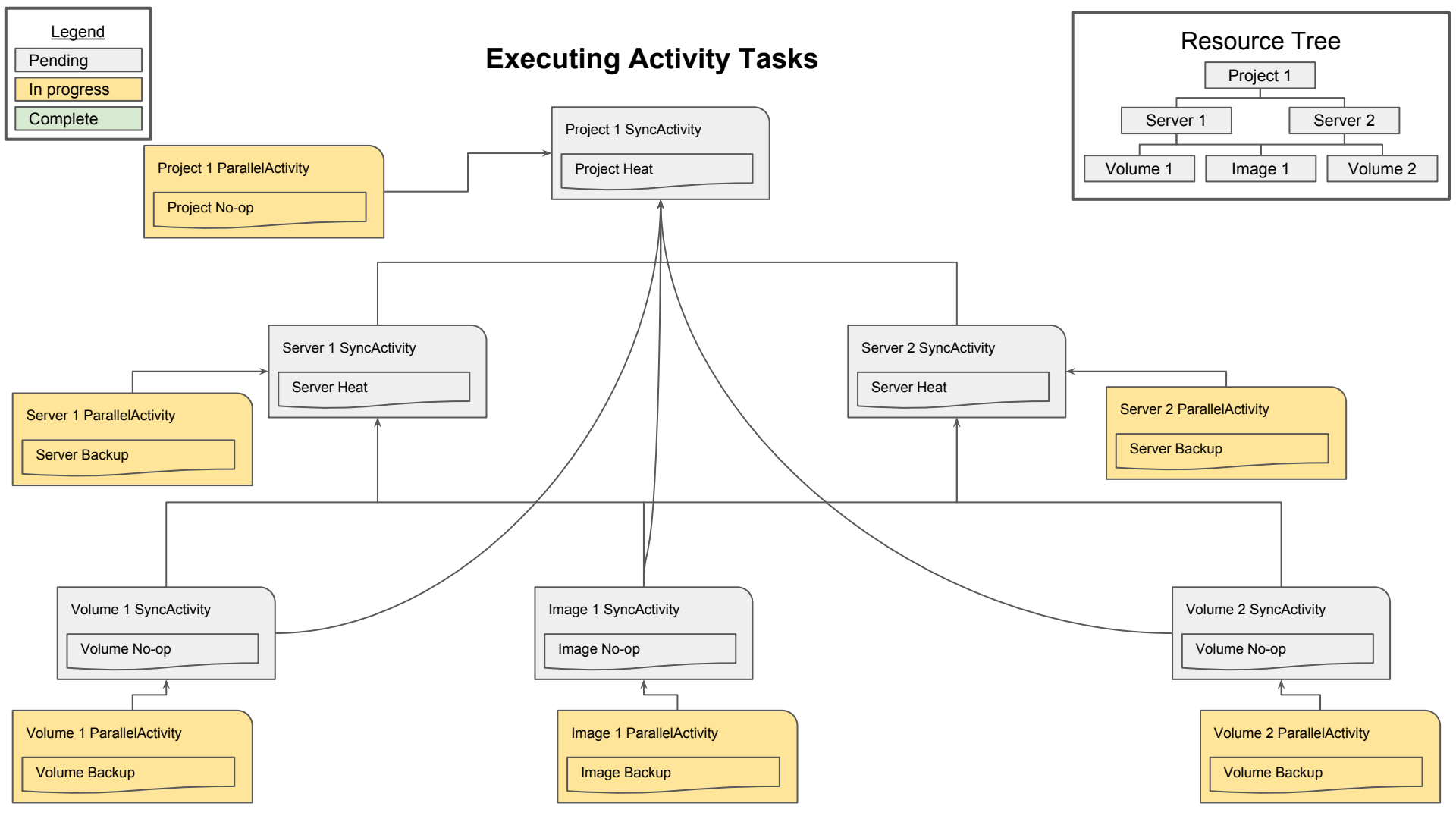
Task Flow Execution

Example of a naïve, completely parallel run of the constructed task flow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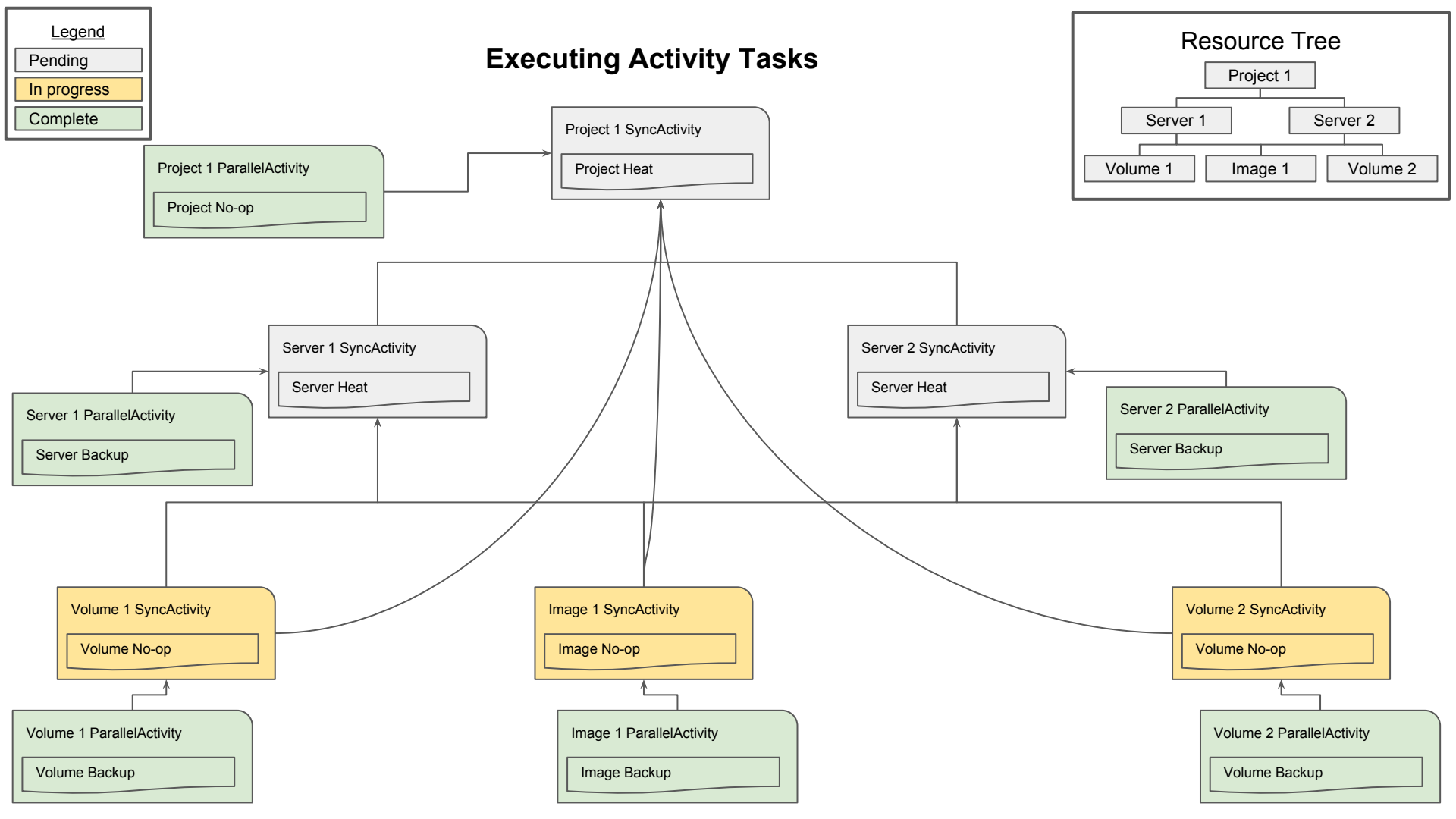
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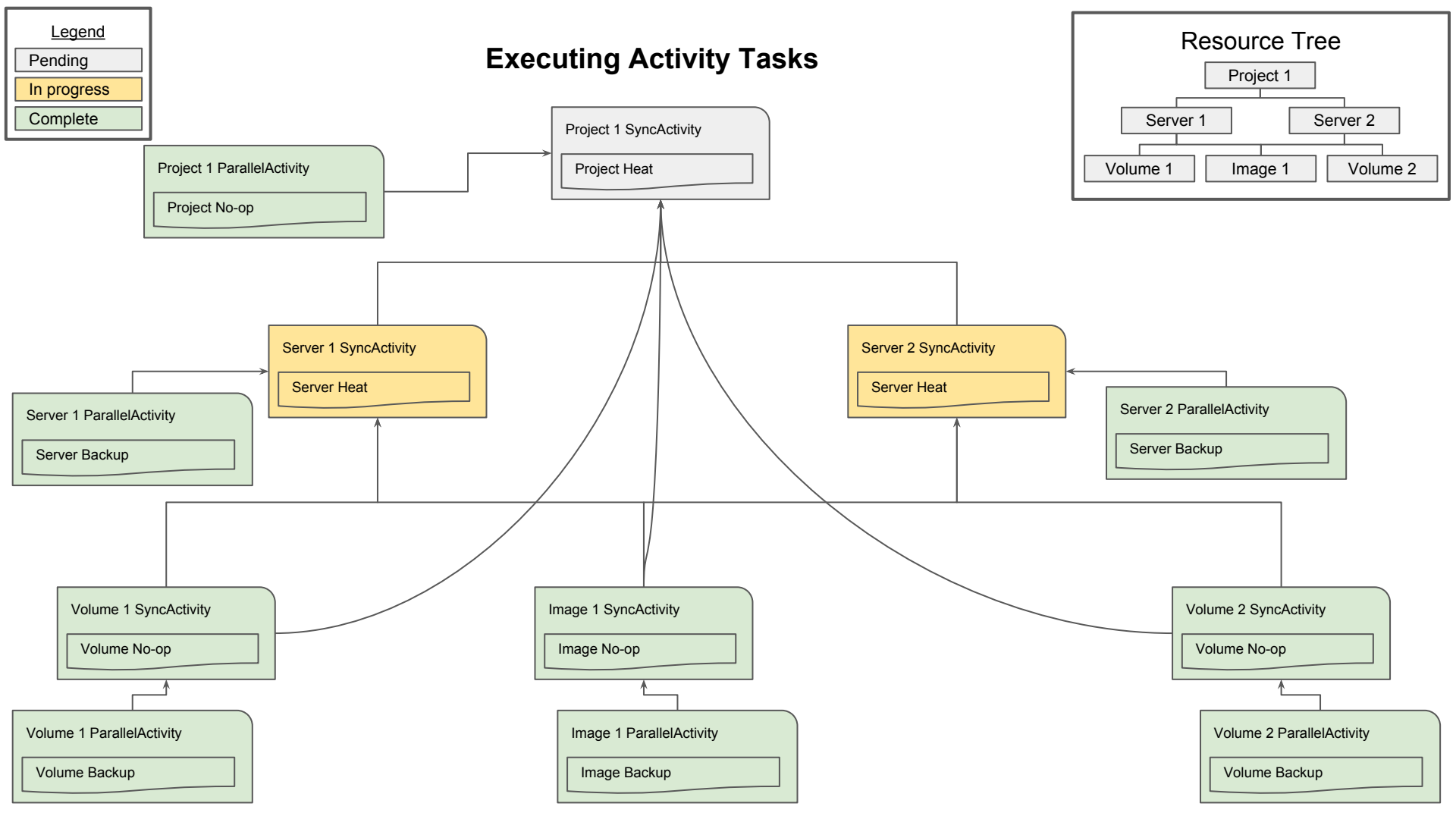
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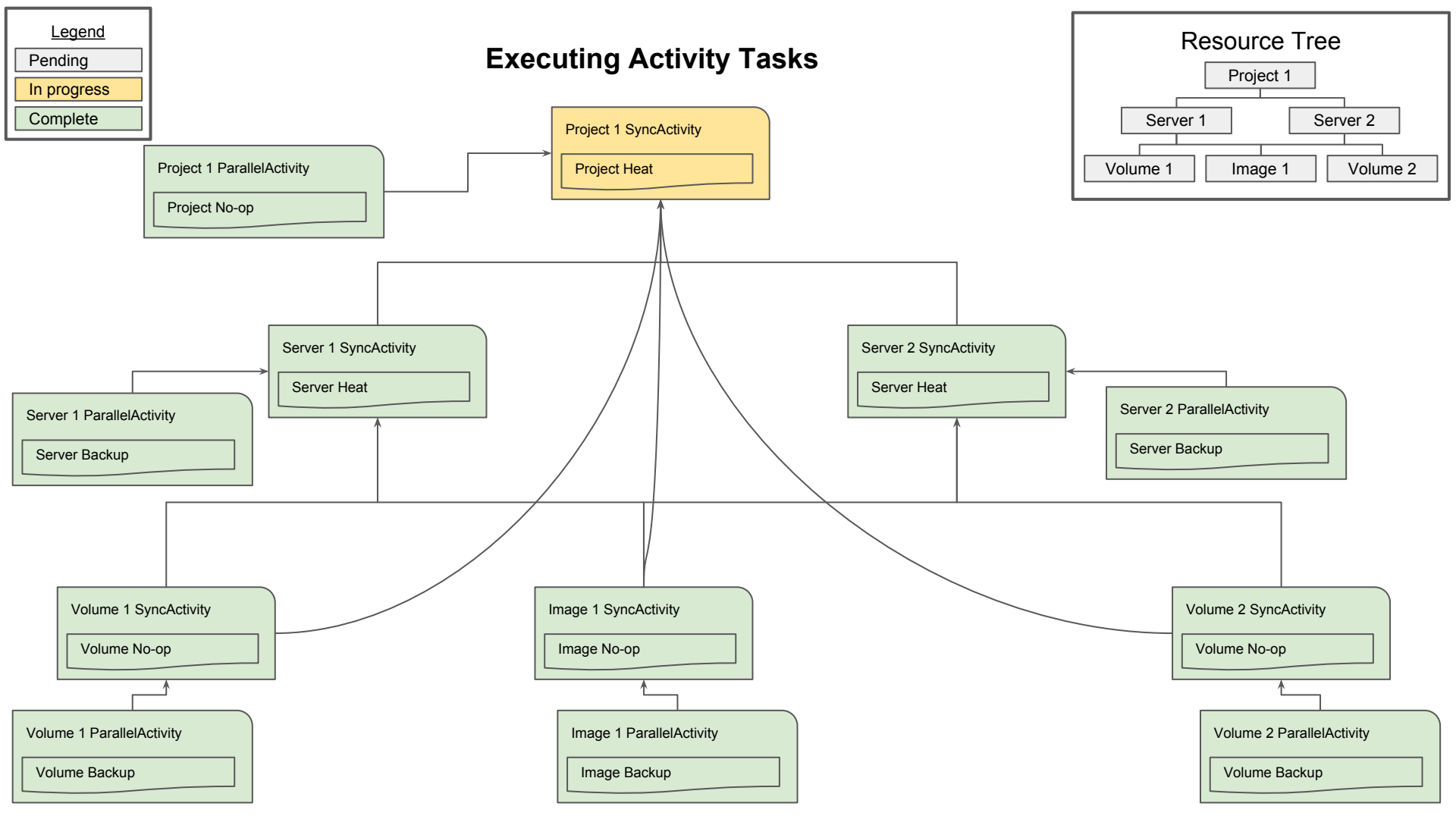
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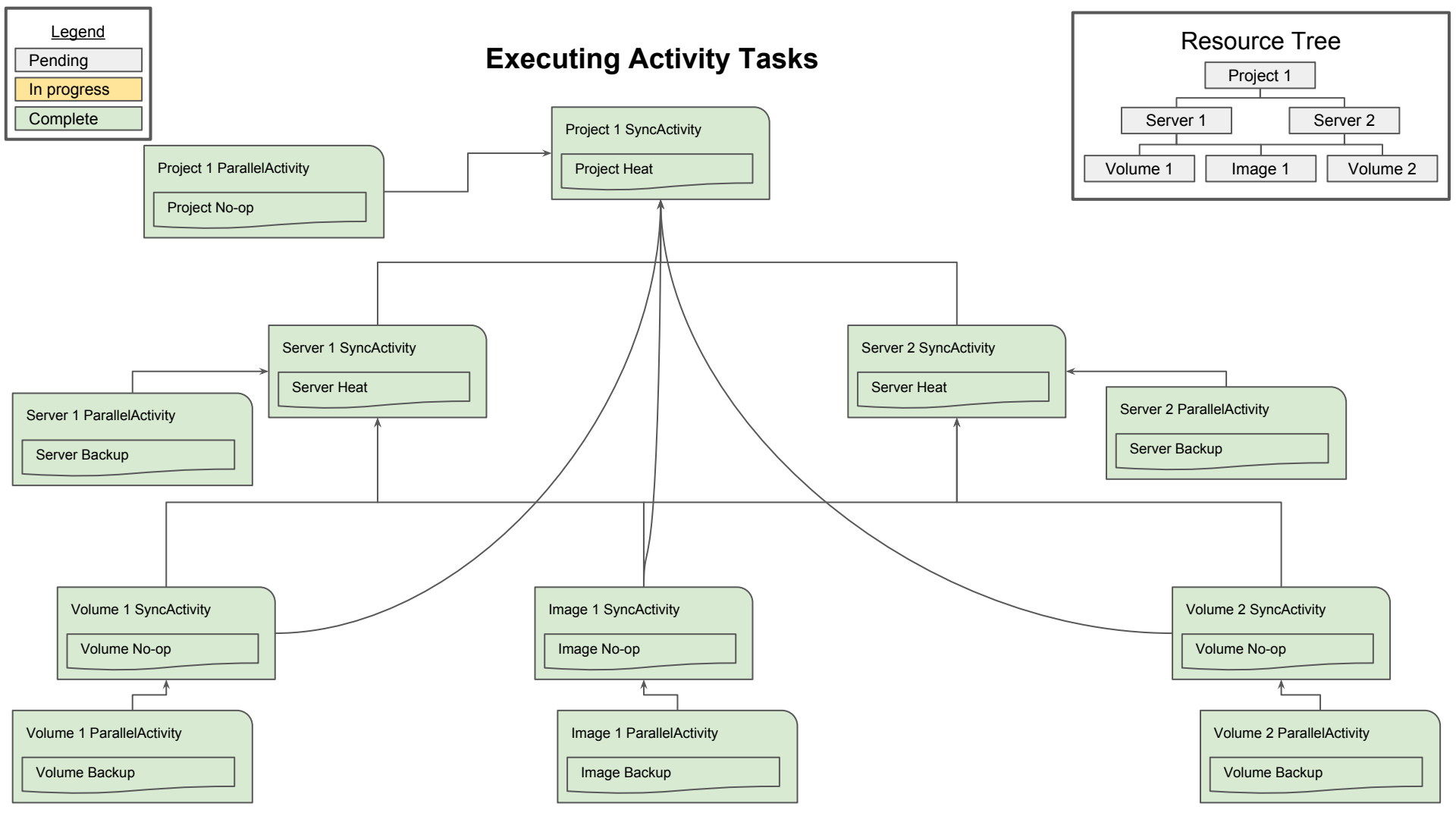
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Depends on child resources vs. Independent

- Work which is independent of the child resources, can be started in the **ParallelActivity**
- Work which depends on the child resources can be performed in the **SyncActivity**
- A protection plugin may have both dependent and independent work, or one of them

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Calls to OpenStack API vs. Proprietary APIs

- Both **ParallelActivity** and **SyncActivity** are implemented by the Protection Plugins, no dependency on OpenStack APIs

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Calls to Synchronous APIs vs. call of Asynchronous APIs

Long activity vs. short activity

- Calling Asynchronous APIs requires synchronization in either the **ParallelActivity** or the **SyncActivity**
- Simple synchronous APIs can be performed in both **ParallelActivity** and **SyncActivity**
- Heavy-duty synchronous APIs can be started in the background from **ParallelActivity** (for example, using a new thread), and synced back in the **SyncActivity** (instead of blocking the workflow executor)

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High resource demand vs. low resource demand

- **ParallelActivity** can send heavy-duty activities to a queue, which will limit the amount of concurrent heavy-duty jobs
- **SyncActivity** can be used to wait until the queued jobs complete