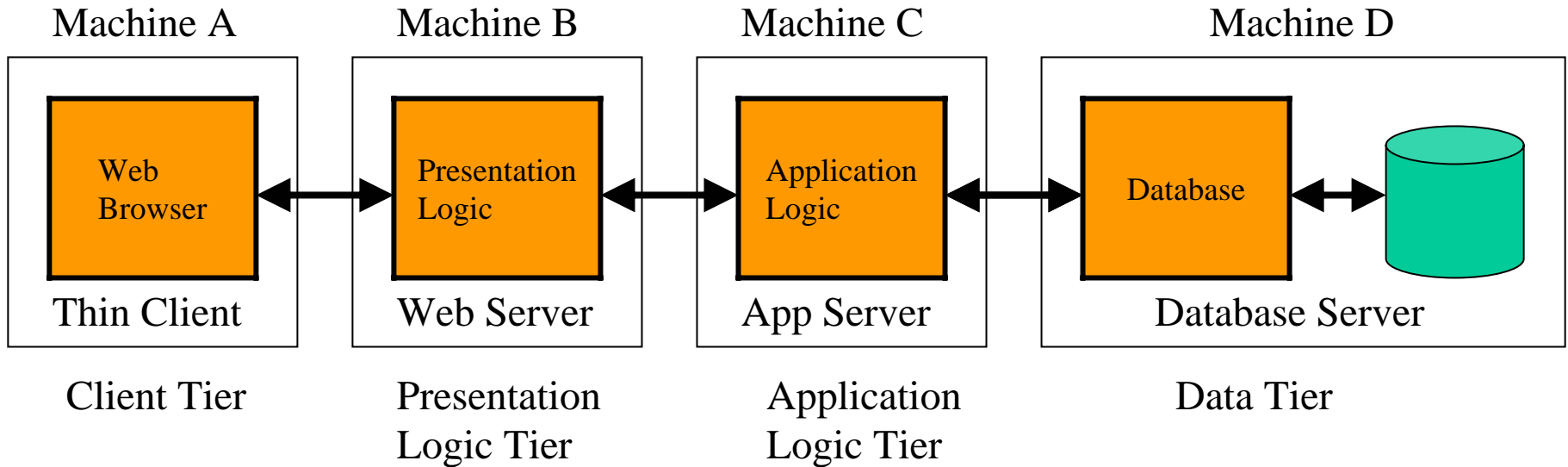


4-Tier Application Architecture



- All parts of the application can now be upgraded independently
- Even more scalable than 3-tier through replication in each tier
- Different types of clients can share the same application logic
 - Web clients
 - Cell phone/PDA clients
 - Fat clients