

Design Patterns and Principles



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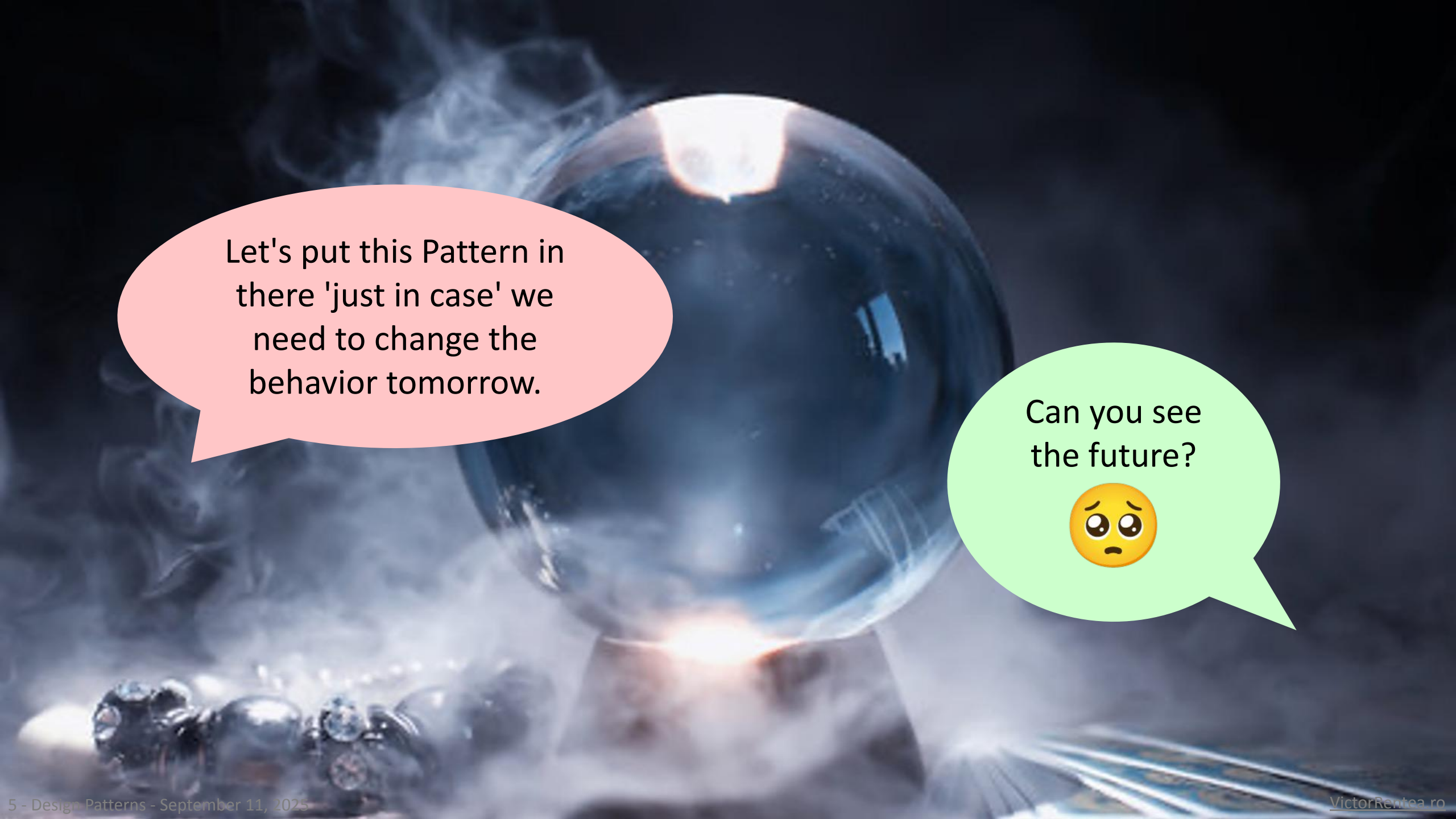
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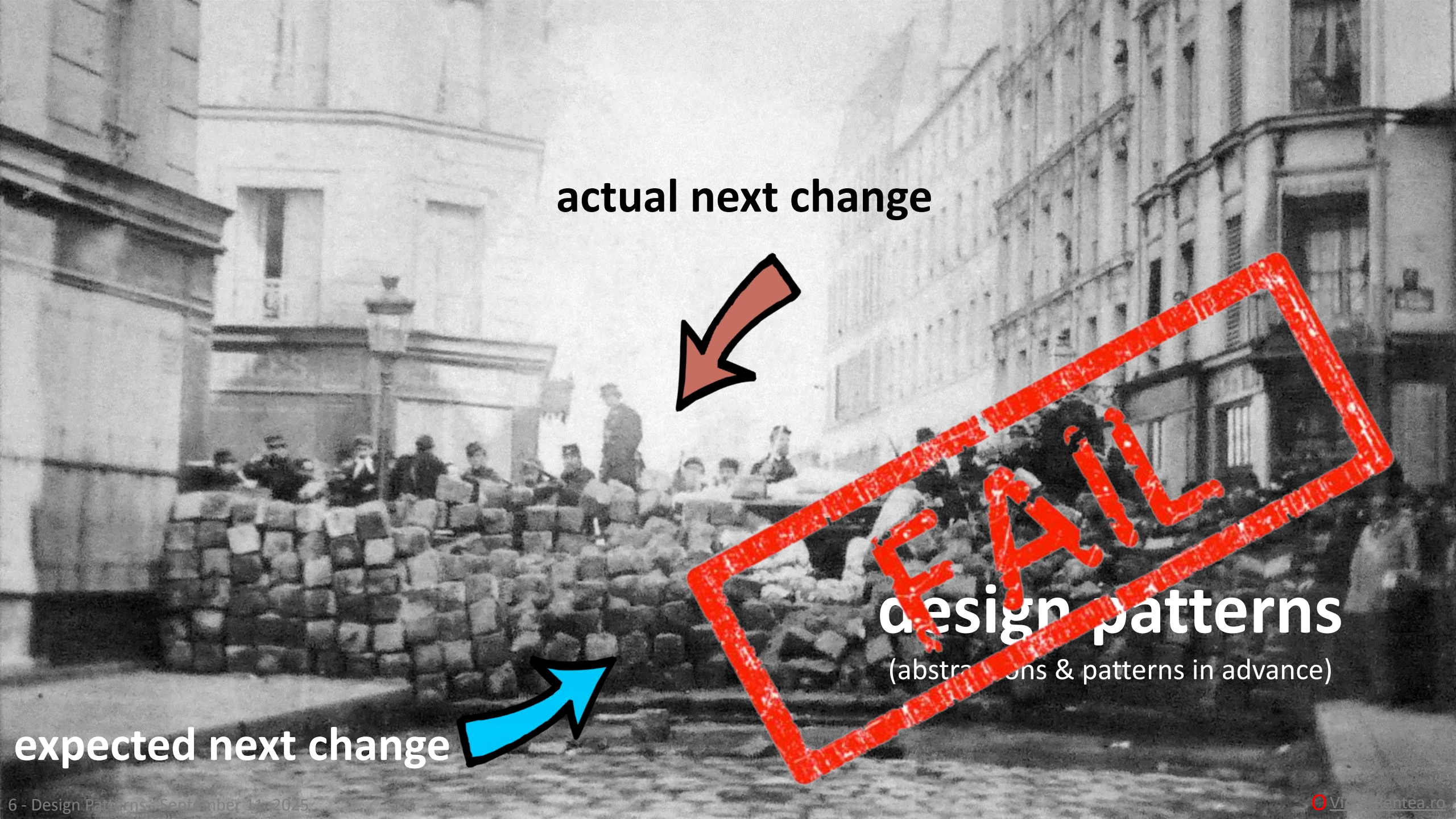
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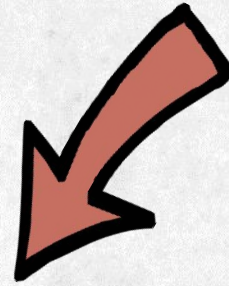
Let's put this Pattern in there 'just in case' we need to change the behavior tomorrow.

Can you see the future?





actual next change



design patterns
(abstractions & patterns in advance)

expected next change



Overengineering

Anticipating changes



Simple Code

Flexibility



lightweight
patterns



Design Pattern

Where can I
apply this Design
Pattern?



People

Premature Optimization is the root of all evil

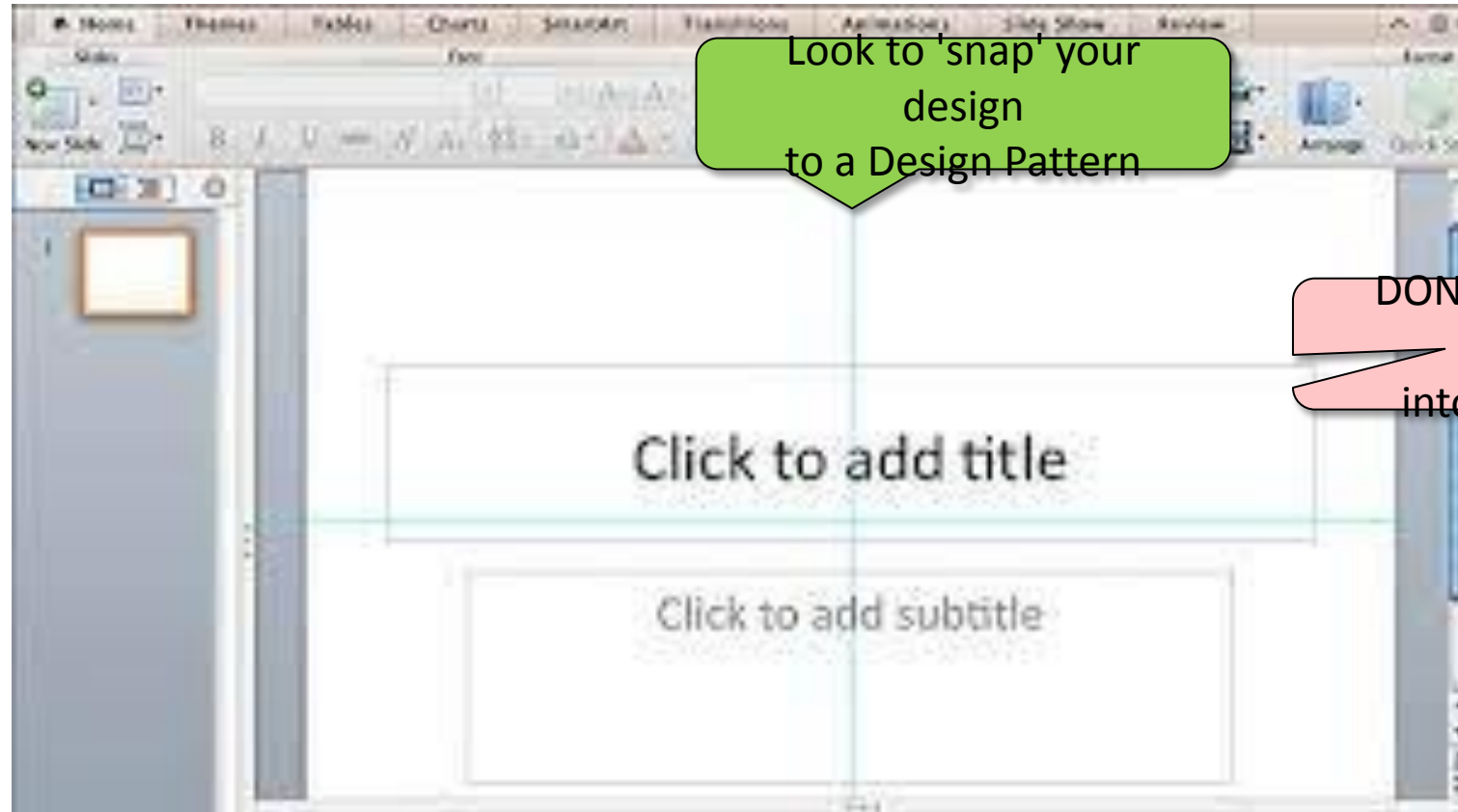
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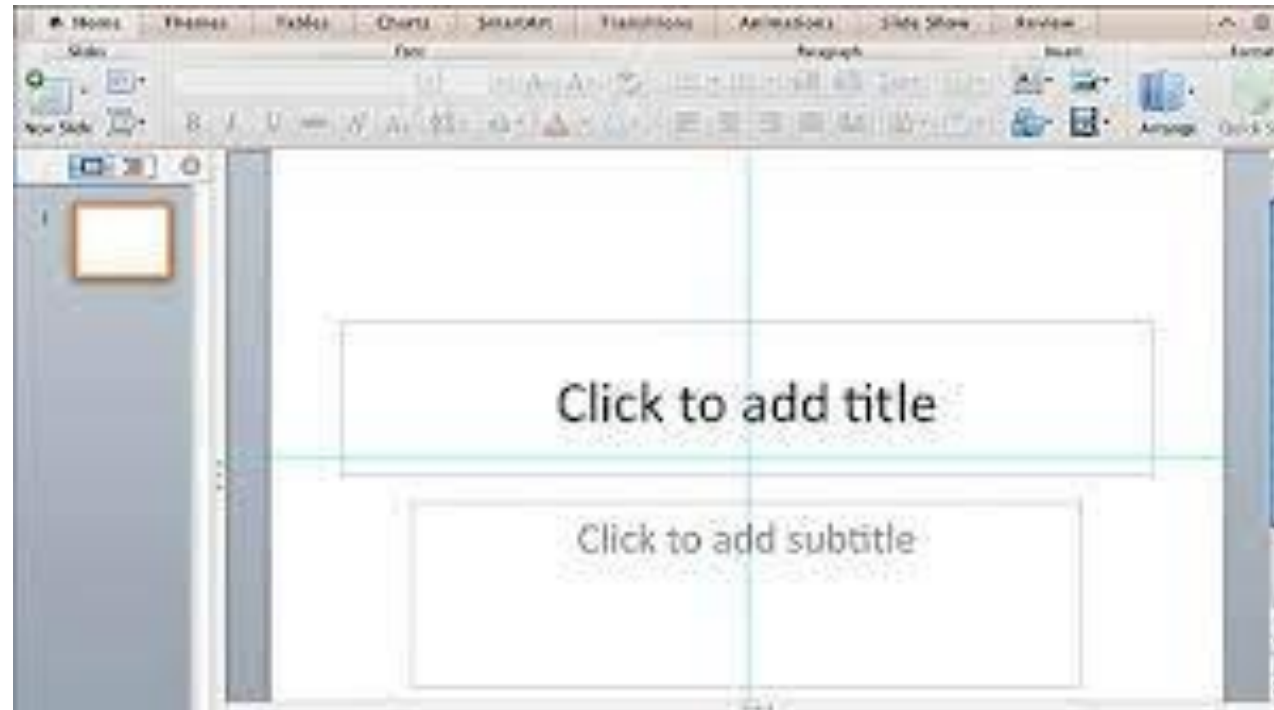
**Refactor towards Design Patterns to Simplify code,
only after you have an (ugly) working solution!
(you understood the problem)**

Keep It Short & Simple



"Snap to Patterns"





Agenda



- **Design Principles:** Cohesion, Coupling, SOLID, DRY, KISS
- **System Architecture:** Layers, Onion, Adapter, Facade
- **Intercept Calls:** Decorator, Proxy, AOP, Execute-Around
- **Creating Objects:** Builder, Singleton, DI, Object Pool
- **Propagate Change:** Command vs Events
- **Microservice Patterns:** Orchestration, Saga, Outbox,...
- **Fork Behavior:** Strategy, Filters, Template, State, Visitor

Agenda

1. Factories
2. Builders
3. Singleton
4. Null Object

Factories

Instead of **new**

Create via a method

WHY

Hide Instantiated Type

Named constructors

Prefill instances

Control # of instances

LIBRARY CODE

Static Factory Method™

Hide Instantiated Type

The returned type depends on the library detected on classpath

XML `DocumentBuilderFactory.newInstance(): DocumentBuilderFactory`

SQL `DriverManager.getConnection(): Connection`

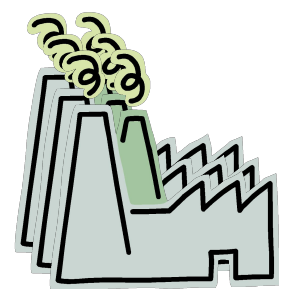
Return different types based on parameter

`Collections.unmodifiableList(list): List`

`getMessageHandler(MessageType): MessageHandler`

abstract

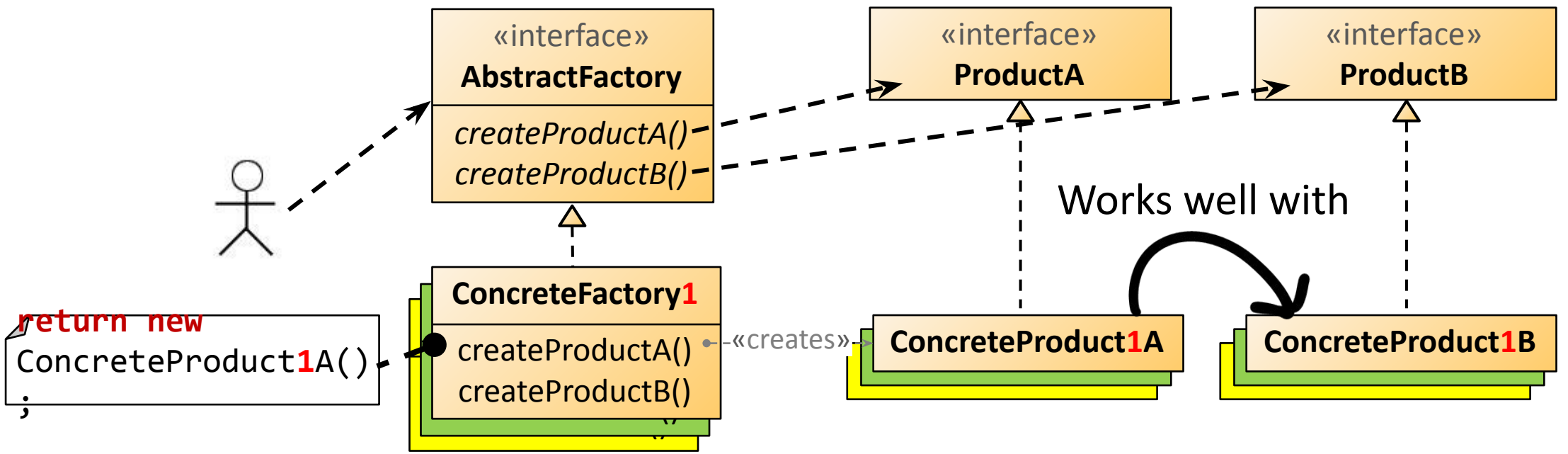
LIBRARY CODE



Abstract Factory

*define an interface for creating families of objects
but let Factory implementations choose the classes to instantiate*

- Examples: UI Look-and-feel, XML DOM^{JSE}, Eclipse SWT, JMS^{JEE}, DbProviderFactory^{C#}



LIBRARY CODE

Instead of Constructors Overloaded or with Default Parameters



```
= new OutputFile("anaf");
```



```
public OutputFile(String name) {  
    this(name, ".csv");//call another ctor  
}
```



If you open it, would you expect this ?

... use Static Factory Method™ as **Named Constructors**

```
= OutputFile.aCsv("anaf");
```

```
public static OutputFile aCsv(String name) {  
    return new OutputFile(name, ".csv");  
}
```

Instead of **new**

Create via a method

WHY



Control # of Instances

Prefill Instances

Factory Method™

Control # of Instances

Resource Pool

```
DataSource.getConnection():Connection
```

May block until a connection is released:

```
Connection.close()
```

Canonical Instances

```
Long.valueOf(...)
```

```
Long l1 = 127L;  
Long l2 = 127L;  
System.out.println(l1==l2);
```

Save memory by caching immutable instances

Factory Method™

Prefill Instances

Copy-mutators for Immutable Objects

```
fullName.withLastName("LN"):FullName
```

to hide the self constructor call

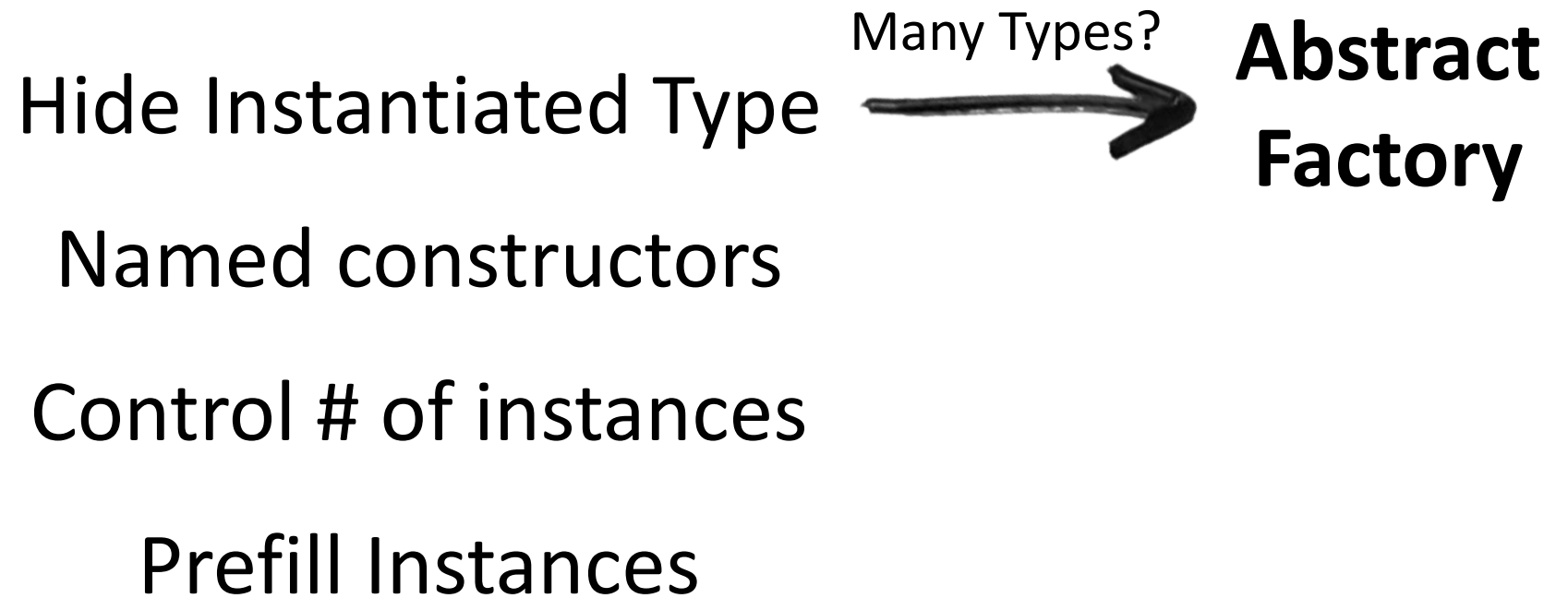
Test Data Factory

```
aValidCustomer():Customer
```

to reuse 'reasonable' instances in multiple tests

Where do you
need
a lot of data
variants?

Factory Method Pattern



Builders

How to populate an instance?

Temporary
variables

```
Customer customer = new Customer();  
customer.setName("John Doe");  
List<String> labels = new  
ArrayList<>();  
labels.add("Label1");  
customer.setLabels(labels);  
Address address = new Address();  
address.setStreetName("Viorele");  
customer.setAddress(address);
```



```
Customer customer = new  
CustomerBuilder()  
    .withName("John Doe")  
    .withLabel("Label1")  
    .withAddress(new AddressBuilder()  
        .withStreetName("Viorele")  
        .build())  
    .build();
```

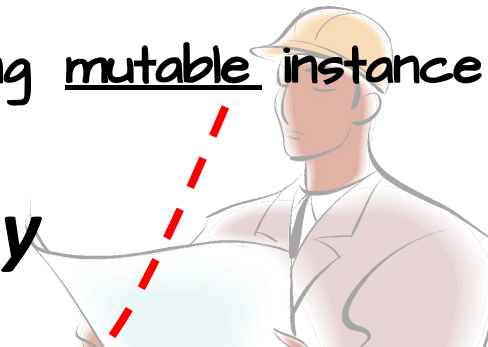


Hard to
read

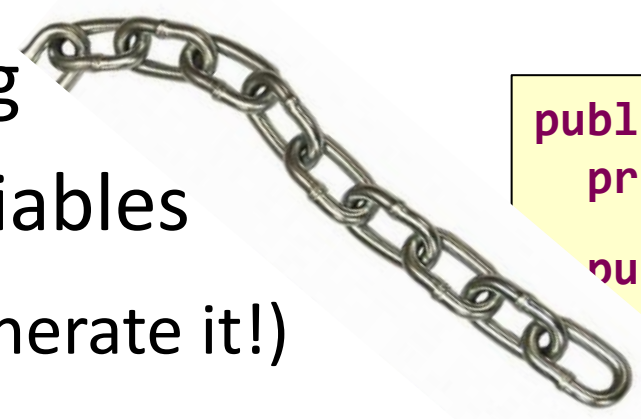
Fluent Builder

Forml: holding mutable instance

create an instance in a human readable way



Method Chaining



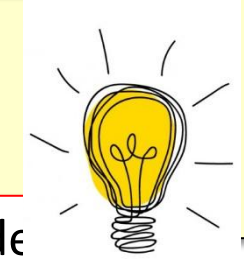
- 😊 Less stupid variables
- 😞 More Code (generate it!)

```
Customer customer = new  
CustomerBuilder()  
    .withName("John Doe")  
    .withLabel("Label1")  
    .withAddress(new AddressBuilder()  
        .withStreet("123 Main St")  
        .build())  
    .build();
```

```
public class CustomerBuilder {  
    private Customer customer=new Customer();  
    public CustomerBuilder withName(String name)  
    {  
        customer.setName(name);  
        return this;  
    }  
    public CustomerBuilder withLabel(String  
label)  
    {  
        customer.getLabels().add(label);  
    }  
    public Customer persist() {insert;  
return;}  
    ...  
    public Customer build() {  
        return customer;  
    }  
}
```

Annotation: `return;` (points to the return statement in the `persist` method)

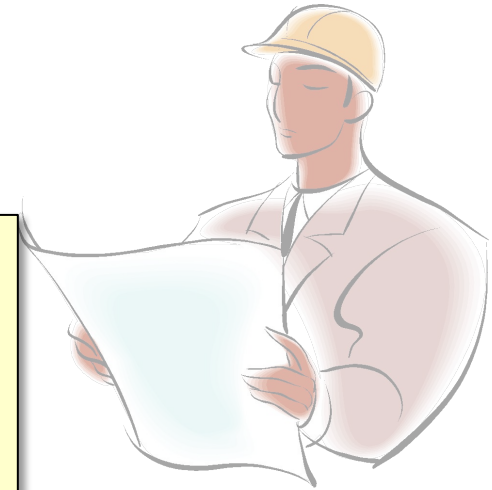
Annotation: Customization ide (points to the `build` method)



Form

2:

Fluent Setters



```
public class Customer {  
    private String name;  
    private List<String> labels=new ArrayList<>();  
    private Address address;
```

```
    public Customer setName(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
        return this;  
    }
```

Fluent Setter

```
    public Customer addLabels(String... labels) {  
        this.labels.addAll(asList(labels));  
        return this;  
    }  
}
```

(few) extra Test-Helper Method

Form

3:

Fluent Setters by Lombok



auto-generated

@Entity

```
public class Customer {
    @Setter @Getter
    private String name;
    private List<String> labels=new ArrayList<>();
    private Address address;

    public Customer setName(String name) {
        this.name = name,
        return this;
    }

    public Customer addLabels(String... labels) {
        this.labels.addAll(asList(label));
        return this;
    }
}
```

src/main/java/lombok.config
lombok.accessors.chain=true

Somewhere in your tests...

"I need a filled entity... Just like the one in that other test!"

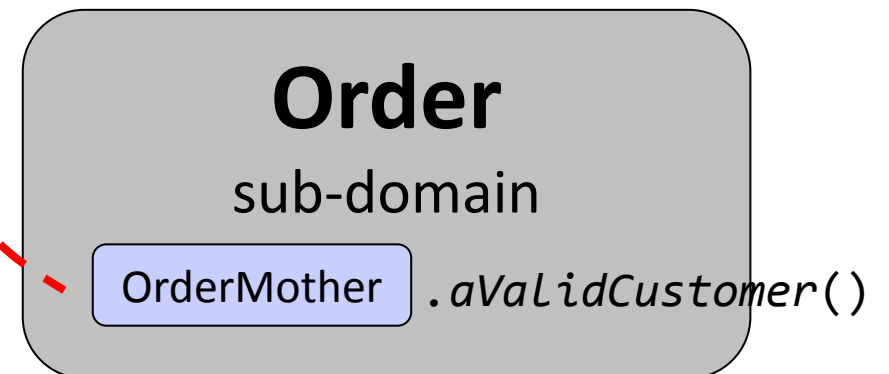
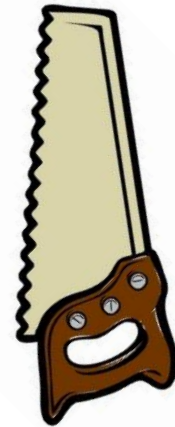
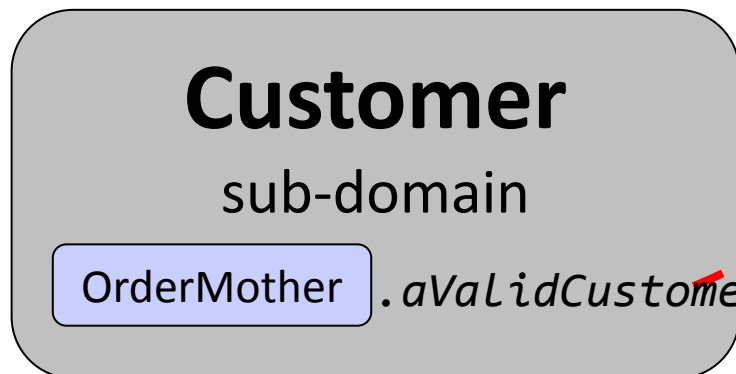
Hm...

```
TestData.aValidCustomer():Customer
```

(Static) Factory Methods creating 'reasonable' test instances

Object Mother F...

*(when it couples
your tests together
in L-XL apps)*

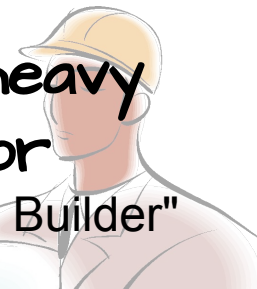


Can a Customer have a null name?

NO!
!

Fluent Builder

Form4: hide heavy constructor
aka "DRAFT STATE Builder"



OOP: *Objects should guard their internal consistency!*

Validate mandatory fields in constructor

```
public class Customer {
    public Customer(String name,
                    List<String> labels, ...) {
        if (name == null)
            throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.name = requiname; setName(name);
        this.labels = labels;
    }
    ...
}
```

All mandatory fields



Too many constructor params
>3, 5...
Yuck!

Real problem: Bloated Entity

```
public class CustomerBuilder {
    private String name;
    private List<String> labels=new ArrayList<>();
    private Address address;

    public CustomerBuilder withName(String name) {
        this.name = name;
        return this;
    }
    ...
    public Customer build() {
        return new Customer(name, labels, address,
        or } return new Customer(this);
    }
}
```

Passing the builder to the Entity Constructor

Decompose it into smaller pieces



Real Problem:

The BF Entity

De-compose it

ORM



```
public class Customer {
    private Long id;
    @Embedded
    private FullName fullName;
    private String namePrefix;
    @Embedded
    private Address address;
    private String street;
    private String city;
    <30 more fields>
    <10 more fields>
}
```

create new classes!

```
@Embeddable
public class FullName {
    private String firstName;
    private String lastName;
    private String namePrefix;
}
```

**Best if
Immutable**

```
@Embeddable
public class Address {
    ...
}
```



create new classes!

Creating Objects

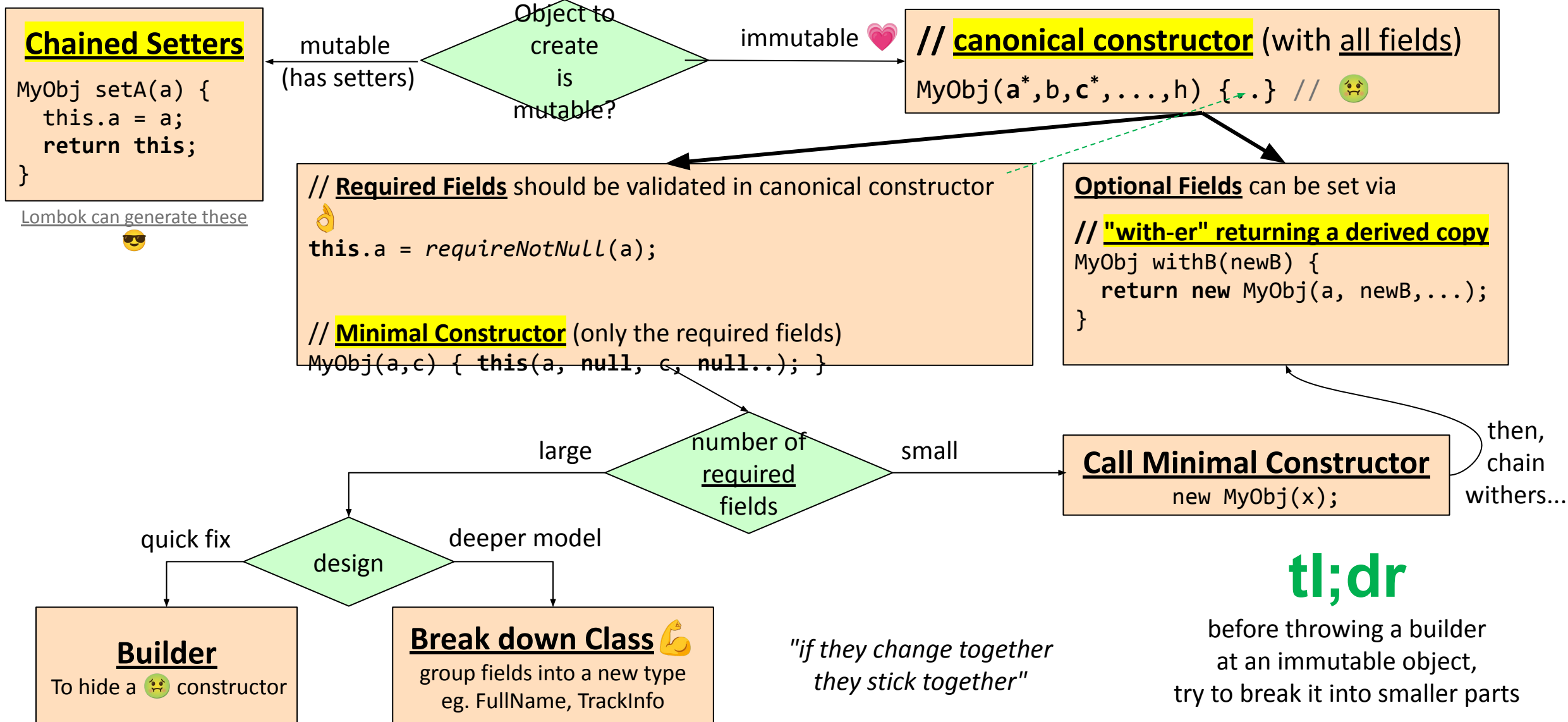
Fancy ways

Builder

Singleton

DI, Pooling

Is Builder an Anti-Pattern?



Builder – Conclusions

- Goal: simplify creation of objects by pulling stupid code in
 - Pays off if used many times to create such objects (eg in tests)
- Goal: hide a constructor with many parameters
- Self-validating Model
 - Long constructor arguments □ decompose the model
- "Step Builder" for building APIs
 - see next slide (horror) 🤪

Form Step Builder

<https://www.javacodegeeks.com/2013/05/building-smart-builders.html>

Builders return different 'next builders', forcing you to set the correct state

Use for: Unknown developers building complex configuration

```
UserConfiguration config1 = StepBuilder.newBuilder() StepBuilder.NameStep
    .name("aaa") StepBuilder.ServerStep
    .onRemotehost("http://localhost:9080") StepBuilder.CredentialsStep
    .credentials( user: "a", password: "p").build();
```

```
UserConfiguration config2 = StepBuilder.newBuilder() StepBuilder.NameStep
    .name("aaa") StepBuilder.ServerStep
    .onLocalhost() StepBuilder.BuildStep
    .build();
```

~= Builder+State Pattern

```
public interface NameStep {
    ServerStep name(String name);
}

public interface ServerStep {
    BuildStep onLocalhost();
    CredentialsStep onRemotehost(String
}

public interface CredentialsStep {
    BuildStep credentials(String user,
}

public interface BuildStep {
    UserConfiguration build();
}

private static class Steps implements
    NameStep, ServerStep, Credent
    .....
```

Singleton

+other container lifecycles

Class **A** needs an instance of class **X** (therefore X has internal state)

- What's wrong with **new X(...)**?
 - Not polymorphic: **unable to proxy X; unable to mock X** while unit-testing A
 - **Creating X might grow complex**: `new X(new XA(new Foo(...)), new XB(...))`
 - Unable to **control # of instances**. Alternatives:
 - pooling (=reuse for performance): DB Connection Pool, thread pool
 - multi-ton (=1 instance / key): `LoggerFactory.getLogger(...)`, 1 DataSource / tenant
 - singleton
- **static** methods
 - `X x = X.getInstance();` = the singleton *idiom* ☐ next slide
 - **Not polymorphic**: no proxies, hard to mock
 - **Multi-threading + order of init** = 😬
 - `ServiceLocator.getService(X.class)` = a central registry managing instances ☐
- **DI framework** ❤️ injecting in fields / constructor of A (eg: Spring, Guice, ..) ☐
 - Easy to inject a Proxy or a Mock of X
 - Singleton *lifecycle* ☐ stateless = ⚠️ fields should NOT keep user state in web APIs (for other scopes?)

Dependency Injection Rocks! 🤘

- Takes care of **lifecycle management** for you
- Less effort to **break classes**
- Easier to decouple code in **testing**
- **Proxies** can be transparently injected
- Framework calls you = **Inversion of Control (IoC)**
 - @GetMapping, @EventListener, @MessageListener, @Scheduled, ...
 - The Hollywood principle: "Don't call us, we'll call you."

"Classic" Singleton

HOW

Problems

...tic code

...rolled dependency in Prod

- Concurrent call of `getInstance()` 😱

- Difficult to decouple in Tests:

`// prod code: Singleton k = Singleton.getInstance(); Config config = s...(); ... logic to test using config ...`

Mock Statics 😞

```
public class Singleton {  
    private static Singleton INSTANCE;  
    private Singleton() {  
        config = loadConfig(); /*300 ms*/  
    }  
    public static Singleton getInstance()  
    {  
        if (INSTANCE == null) {  
            INSTANCE = new Singleton();  
        }  
        return INSTANCE;  
    }  
    private Config config;  
    ...  
}
```

Service Locator HOW

```
// At startup:  
ServiceLocator.registerSingleton(Singleton.class);
```

Problems

Crash at runtime: not defined

- Testing: easier, but still ugly
 - requires cleanup

```
Singleton s = ServiceLocator.getInstance(Singleton.class);  
Config config = s.getConfig();  
... logic to test ...
```

```
public class Singleton {  
    public Singleton() {  
        config = loadConfig(); /*300 ms*/  
    }  
    private Config config;  
    ...  
}
```

No more lifecycle
management

```
//From Tests  
ServiceLocator.registerTestDouble(Singleton.class,  
singletonMock);
```

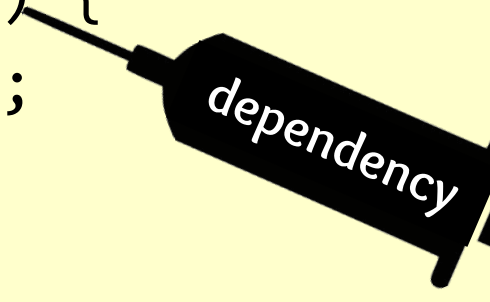
Dependency Injection HOW

```
@Service (Spring) or
@ApplicationScoped (javaEE)
public class A {

    private final B b;

    public A(B b) {
        this.b = b;
    }

    ...
}
```



?

The container takes care to create only one instance

Obvious Dependencies

"Ask, and it will be given to you"

Container checks Wiring-up at Startup

Problems of Singleton Lifecycle

(however implemented)

Global State

(nothing changes if I add

```
static private Config config;
```

Changes anything?

May Couple the Unit Tests

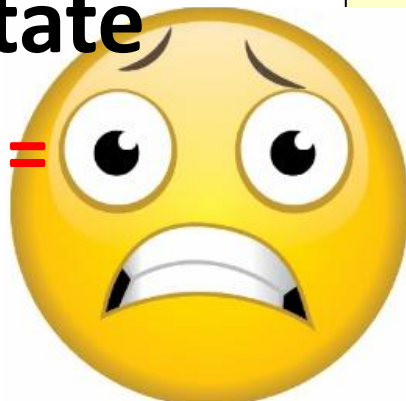
```
// only one instance is created  
public class Singleton {
```

```
    public Config getConfig() {...}
```

```
    public void setConfig(Config c) {  
        this.config = c;  
    }
```

Global Mutable State

+ multithreading =



Temporal Coupling



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```
labelService.load(locale);  
labelService.getCountry(iso);
```

Similar:

```
labelService.setCountryRepo(repo)  
;
```



Scopes in Spring



Singleton

(default)

Shared globally

⚠ Multithread changes
(no request data in fields)

Request

One instance per HTTP request

Used for metadata
*user name, timezone, locale,
tenant id, correlation id..*

Prototype

Can keep state

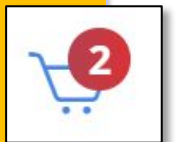
Is injected and proxied

⚠ Ask for a new instance every time

Session

Avoid if exposing REST
(use SecurityContext)

⚠ Out of memory if many users
⚠ Tricky if Load-Balanced



Scopes in Java EE™

@Stateless

A pool of instances

No concurrent calls on the same instance

Each call gets to a different instance

@Inject

An instance for each injection point

Get a new one via Provider<>

@Stateful

Can keep state

Dependencies can be injected

Get via `initialContext.lookup()`

@Singleton

@ApplicationScoped

Shared by everyone

No data in fields

Multithread ?...

CDI

Singleton - Conclusions

- Avoid programmatic style **getInstance()** or **ServiceLocator**
 - ☐ use Dependency Injection (eg `@Autowired` / `@Inject`)
 - Spring's `@Component/@Service/...` are singleton by default
- State in a singleton
 - Objects referenced by a singleton should be stateless (eg. other singletons)
 - If you need mutable state inside, careful with multithreading ☐
 - a) redesign,
 - b) **new** (give up Spring)
 - c) Employ Magic: `@Scope("prototype")`, `@Scope("thread")`

Factory Class

```
OrderFactory.createOrder(): Order
```

Bloat Danger: "create" can mean anything


300 lines of angry business logic inside



Because it happens when instances are created

Factory Class

Encapsulate complex object creation

```
OrderFactory.createOrder(): Order
```

What's so complex? 

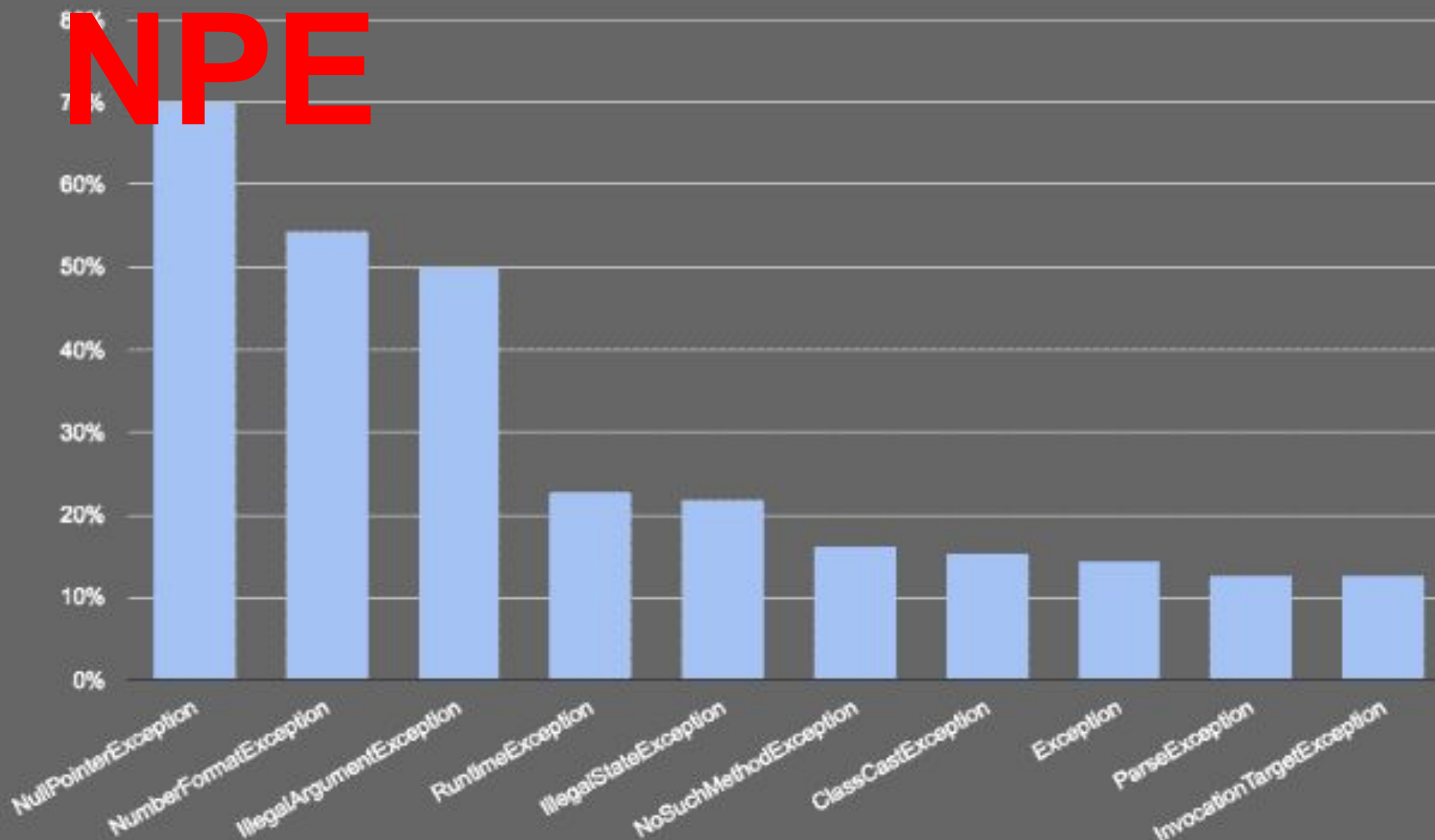
- Get from DB, Files  **Repository**
- Get via REST calls  **Adapter/Mapper**

Hide dependencies of created object ✓

Mandatory pre-Initialization before instance is usable ✓

Null Object

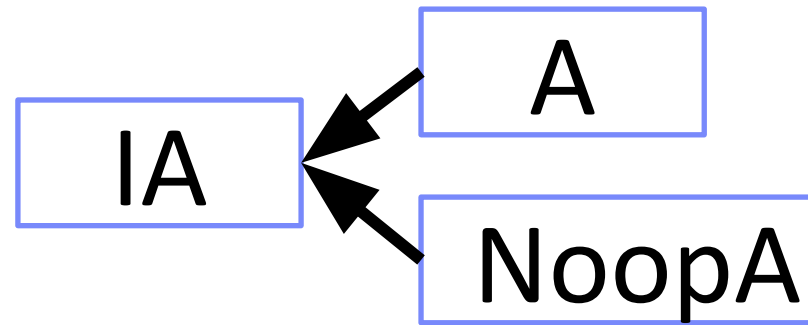
Top 10 Exception Types by Frequency in 1,000+ Applications



Dealing with NULL

- Passing `null` around = **dangerous**
- Throw early for aberrant cases
 - Requires global awareness
- Return `Optional<>` to signal caller of absence
 - *Their* job to handle it
 - 0 = business valid value**
- Instantiate a Null Object
 - ↗ **Data-Object:** instance with default attributes
eg: `MemberCard{fidelityPoints=0;email=null;}`
 - ↘ **Behavior-Object:** Null Object Pattern

Null Object Pattern



- 1) Extract Interface
- 2) Reimplement to do <nothing>

Examples: dummy authenticator, noop notifier, silent logger = *side effecting object*

1. Ensure max 1 instance gets created
2. Allow to construct types you don't know about
3. Construct test data
4. Instead of multiple overloaded constructors
5. Hide a constructor with too many arguments
6. Share data throughout your entire application
7. Changing an immutable object
8. Hide complex creation or dependencies
9. Avoid nulls
0. Life-cycle: dedicated instance per HTTP request

Abstract
Factory

Factory Class

Factory
Method

Object Mother

Fluent Builder

Singleton

Request
Scoped

Optional

Null Object

Creational Patterns

Summary



Intercepting Calls

Wrap some code around existing methods



Decorator

Proxy

Aspect-Oriented Programming

Execute-Around (FP)

```
code(T t) {  
    ..  
}
```

Some code
expects an object of type T

```
class T {  
    m(..) {..}  
}
```

Without editing the code of T,
how can I do more on T's methods?

```
code(new T());
```

Using **extends** ☐

```
code(new TGreen());
```

```
class TGreen extends T {  
    @Override  
    m(..) {  
        ..  
        super.m(..);  
        ..  
    }  
}
```

Can I
"favor
composition
over
inheritance"?

But what if I want another variation (TSilent)?
(then TGreenSilent 🤔?)

```
code(T t) {  
    ..  
}
```

Some code
expects an object of type T
(T is an interface)

```
interface T {  
    m(..);  
}
```

```
class TImpl  
    implements T {  
    m(..) {..}  
}
```

Decorator Pattern

Another implementation of an interface
wrapping around the original object

(favor **Composition over inheritance**)

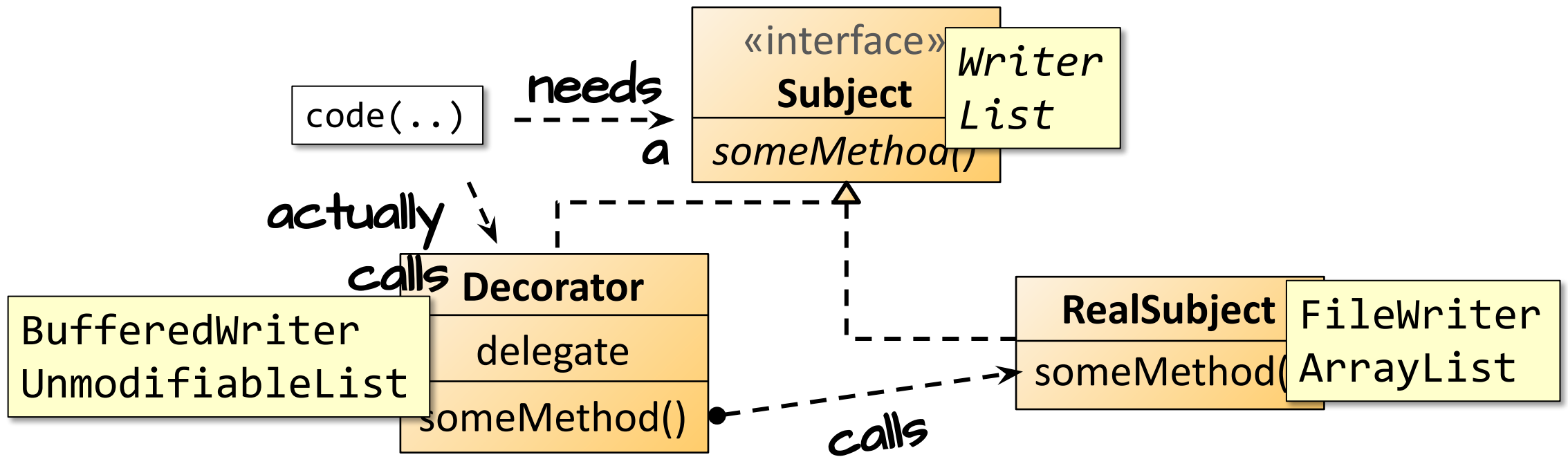
```
code(new TGreen(new TImpl()));
```

```
class TGreen //decorator  
class TYellow //decoratr  
    implements T {  
    private T delegate;  
    m(..) {  
        .. delegate.m(..);..  
    }  
}
```

Alternative Wrappers

Decorator Pattern

Another implementation of an interface wrapping around the original object to execute code before/after/instead of the original method





A Success Story



- Log the arguments passed to `m1()`
- The same for `m2()`, please
- and for `m3,m4,...m30`

- I want the same for **all use-cases**

You add a `log.debug(...)` in `m1`

You add a `log.debug(...)` in `m2`

🤔 ?!!...Argh!!... **copy-paste** ...

😱! ... **copy-paste** in 110 methods.

You feel 😞. For 5 minutes.

But then... next task.

~~~~~ Time passes by ~~~~~



# A Success Story



Time passes by

- **BUG: a method is not logged !!!%@^!**

*I'll put this method here...*

- Please change the log format
- **BUG: you missed a place !!!%@^!**

Oh boy!.. 109 changes.

Done!

I ❤️ my job! 🤪



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~~copy paste~~

DRY

Don't

Repeat

Yourself



Write **E**verything **T**wice

We **E**njoy **T**yping

BTW, this is code copy-pasted 2 years ago

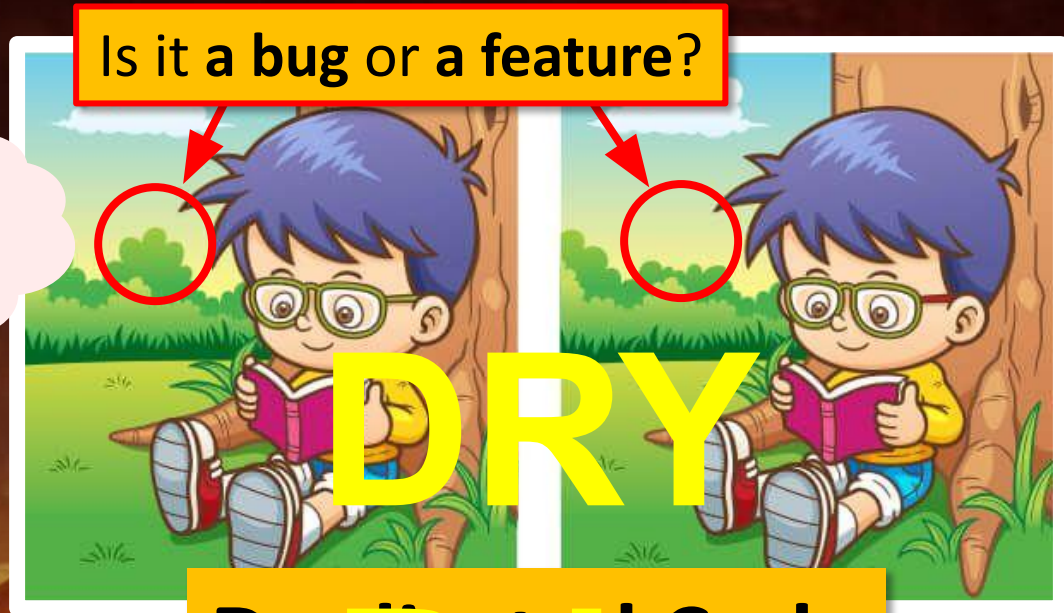


Find 5

differences!



Donno!
Biz forgot,
and
the author
left



Is it a **bug** or a **feature**?

DRY

Duplicated Code

becomes terrible when it changes

Principle



In such dark moments, people turned to magic...





Aspect-Oriented Programming

Let's magically intercept method calls...



to implement such

“Cross-cutting concerns”

(idiomatic code repeated in many places)

Logging
Transactions
Access Control... ..

Aspect-Oriented Programming

Idiomatic code:

```
start transaction
try {
    <arbitrary code>
    commit transaction
} catch (e) {
    rollback transaction
}
```

Implement the same steps
(cross-cutting concerns)
"around" arbitrary code
without copy-paste

Java with Spring

```
@Transactional
public void f() {
    <arbitrary code>
}
```

The Magic of Spring



Every time you don't understand how Spring does something...

it's a Proxy

@Transactional

@Cacheable

@Valid

@Aspect

@Async

@Secured

@Timed

@Retry @RateLimiter @Bulkhead @CircuitBreaker

@Scope

Mockito



Custom Spring Aspect (example)

```
@Aspect
@Component
public class LoggingAspect {

    // intercept all methods annotated with @LoggedMethod
    @Around("@annotation(my.annot.LoggedMethod)")
    public Object logAround(ProceedingJoinPoint joinPoint) {
        String methodName = joinPoint...;
        Object[] arguments = joinpoint...;
        Log.debug("Invoking {}(): {}", methodName, argList);
        return joinPoint.proceed(); // call intercepted method
    }
}
```

Proxy



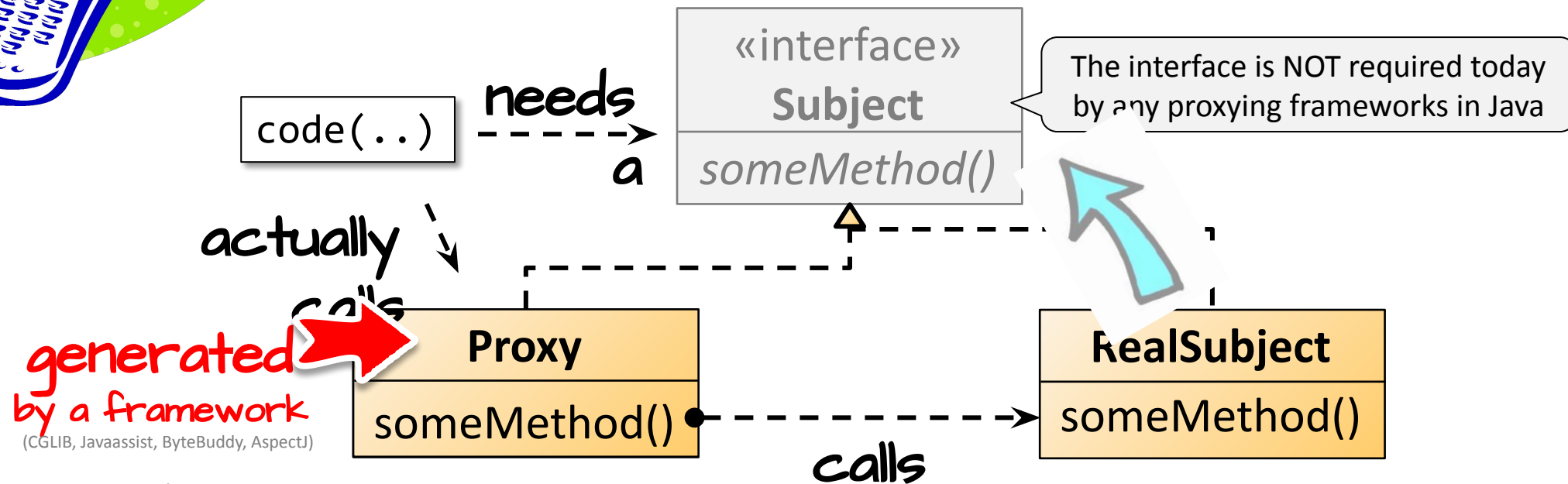
Proxy

placeholder intermediating interactions with an object

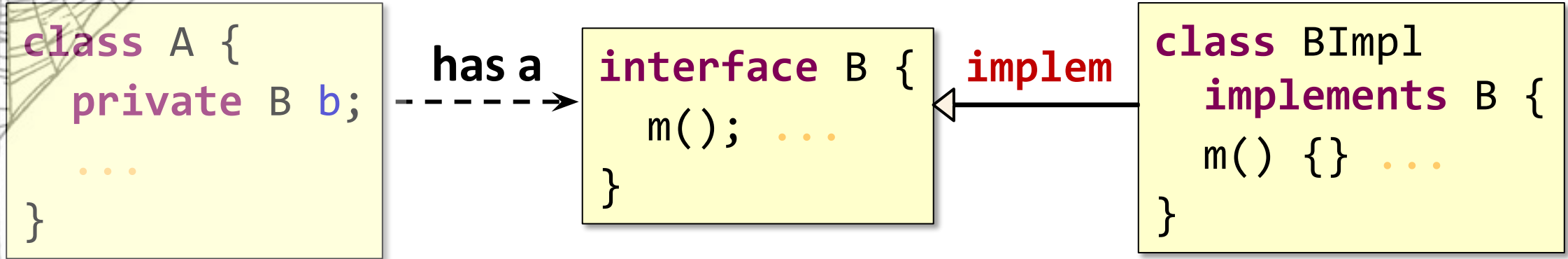
-The caller is given a Proxy to **intercept its method calls**, to do:

(1) Aspect Oriented Programming

(2) Remote calls (RMI, Web Services, Feign clients, Spring Data)

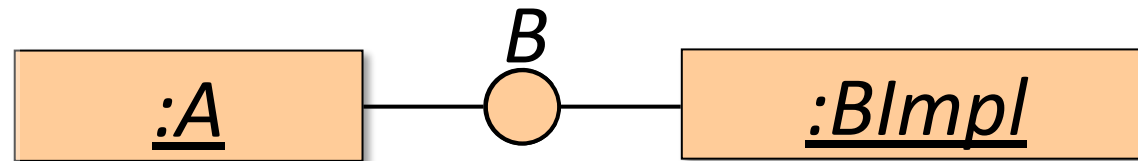


Interface Proxy



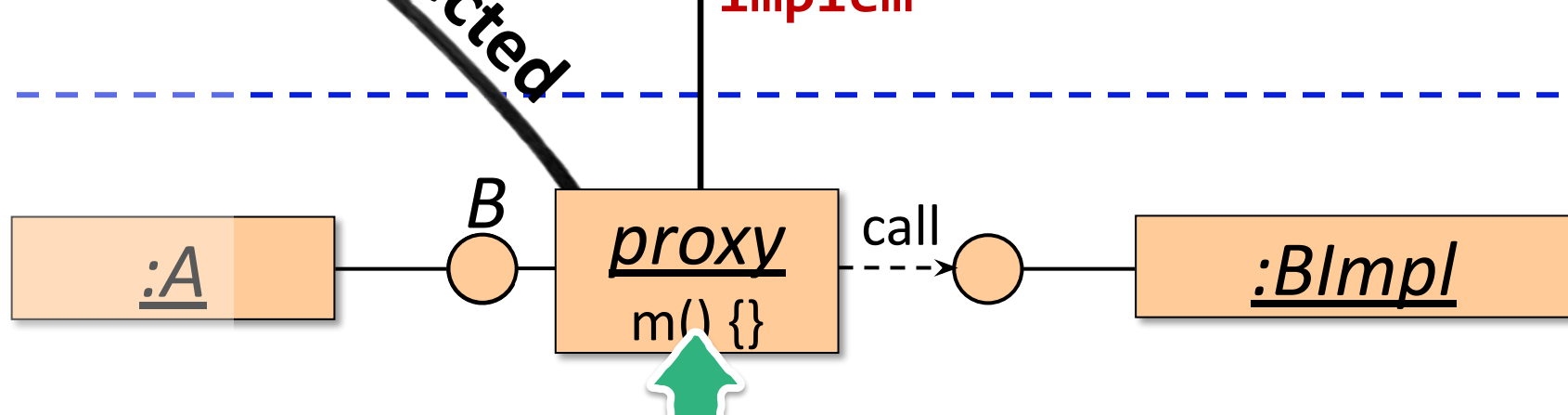
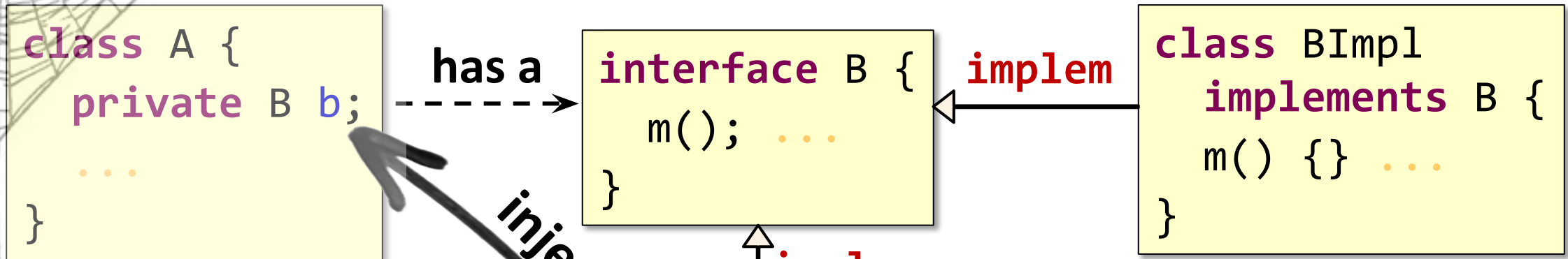
Static

Runtime



By default, Spring will only use class proxies (see next slide)

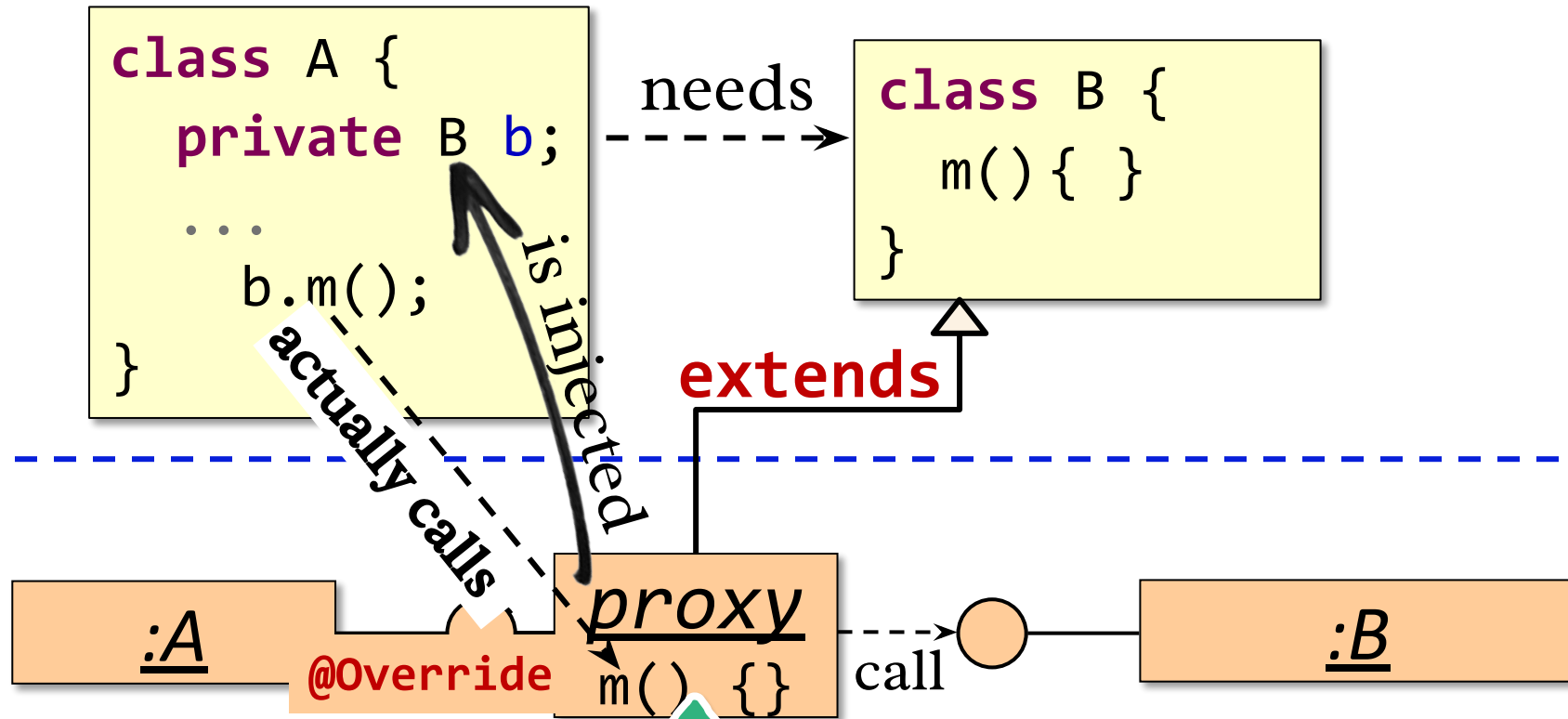
Interface Proxy



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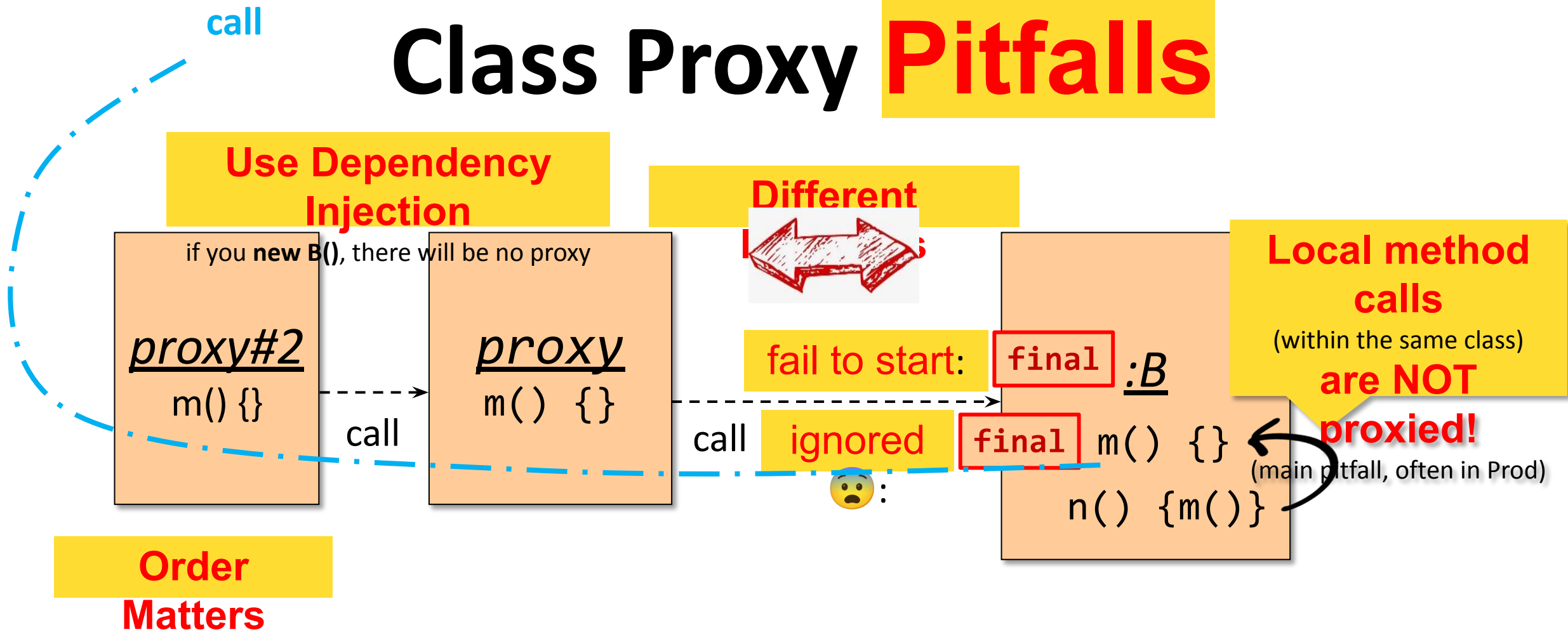


Class Proxy



The bytecode of a subclass overriding all public method is generated in memory by (eg CGLIB) !

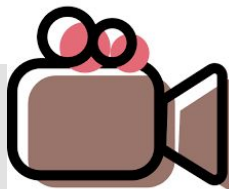
Class Proxy Pitfalls



A word to "hackers":

you can actually "fix" all the above problems using black magic (DON'T !):
bytecode instrumentation/enhancement

Want More?



[Talk: Proxy Fairy and the Magic of Spring](#)

Due to their invisible nature, AOP is sometimes considered **black magic**



AO

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AO

D

the **Functional Programming** alternative

Execute-Around Pattern

```
void measure(Runnable r) {  
    long t0 = currentTimeMillis();  
    r.run();  
    long t1 = currentTimeMillis();  
    log.debug("Took {} ms", t1-t0);  
} // PS: use @Timed
```

'decorate' existing logic manually


```
measure(() -> savePage(recordsPage));
```

```
runInNewTransaction(() -> saveRequest());
```

```
void runInNewTransaction(Runnable r) {  
    start tx  
    try {  
        r.run();  
        commit tx  
    } catch (..) {  
        rollback tx;  
    }  
} // PS: use TransactionTemplate
```

- + Simpler, if applied in a few places
- + No (black) magic
- One more level of indentation

Intercepting Calls: Key Points

- Alter the behavior of existing methods without editing them
 - With no impact on their public API
- **Decorator**: allow clients to optionally alter the behavior a class
 - eg. `unmodifiableList(list); new BufferedReader(new FileReader());`
- **Proxy**: generated by a framework to implement **AOP** ( **pitfalls**)
 - eg. `@Transactional`
- **Execute-Around**: pass the function into a new one to run it
 - eg. `measure(() -> stuff())`



Adapter



Proxy Decorator



Facade



Purpose

Wrap a foreign component

Intermediate interactions

Higher level API of my system

Exposed API

Nice for my application

Same as Real Subject (fake it)

Nice for my users

Nuances

Anti-Corruption

Defend the rest of your code

AOP Proxy

Execute code before/after/instead the actual call

Emerging Design

Gradually extract what grows

What do you mean ?

How?

Huh!? Then I extract?
That's it?

Piece a
cake!

Extract when it Grows



When a class grows too big (>~200 lines?)
 break it

Look for a good class name that summarizes some of its methods

Exactly!

He-he! 😊

“There are only two things hard in programming: Cache Invalidation and Naming Things”

SRP

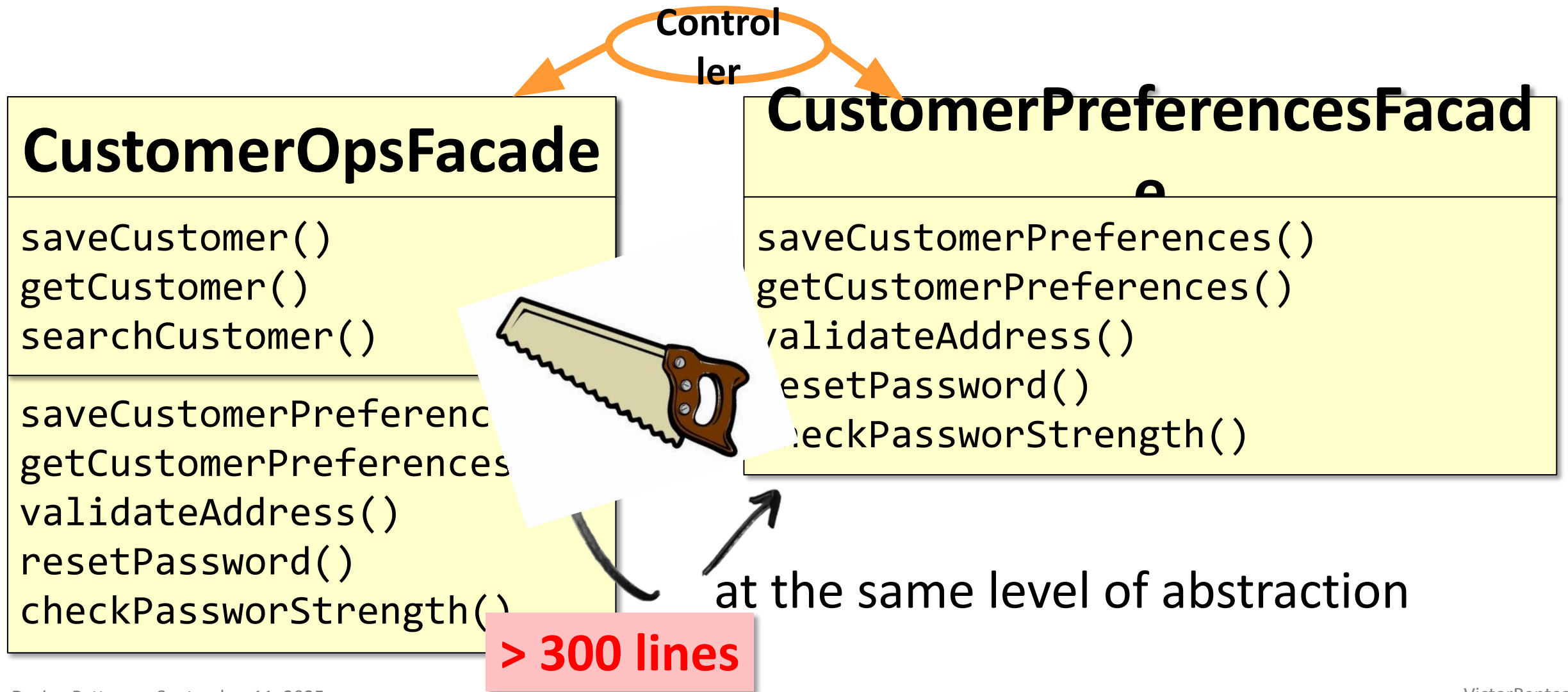
applied to reduce complexity



not to generate 10-lines classes

Extract when it Grows

Horizontal Splitting

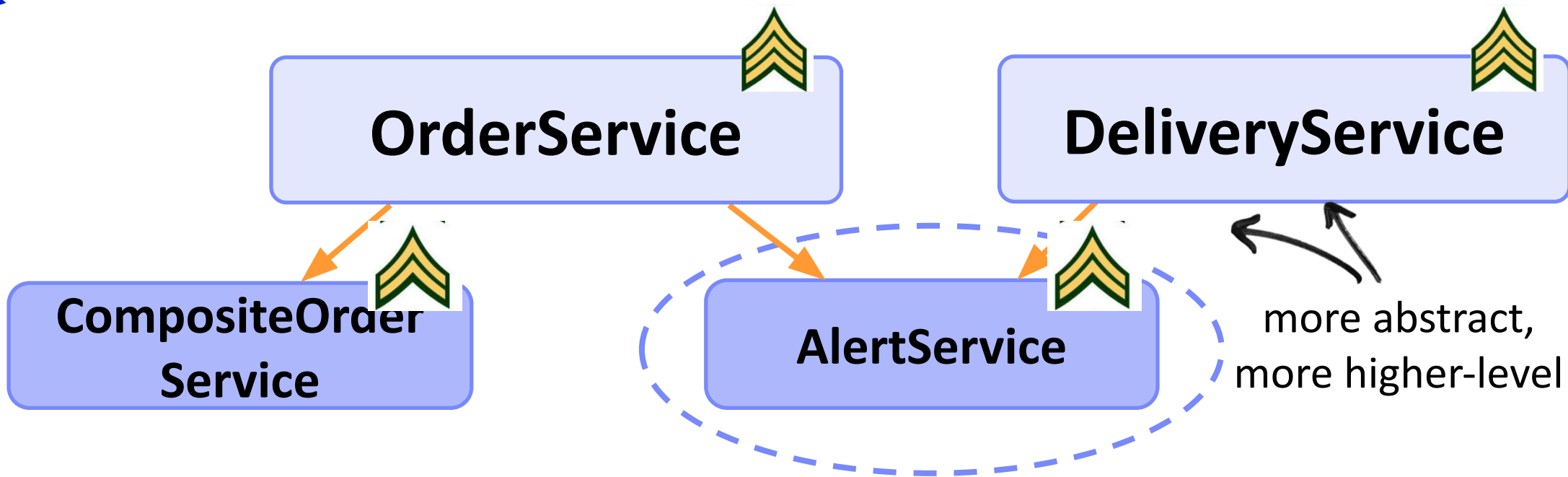


Extract when it Grows

Vertical Extraction

KISS

DRY



Separation by Layers of Abstraction

Propagating Change

When a method call is not enough

Command (Queues)

Observer (Events)

A Scalability Problem...



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3R5J8Je2j_4

Why would a method call() not be enough?

- You want to be able to "undo" / "redo" the action (GUI)
- You want to keep track of each action (robustness)
- Too many concurrent calls might overload a system (throttling)
- Enqueue, merge and optimize actions (Gaming)

Command

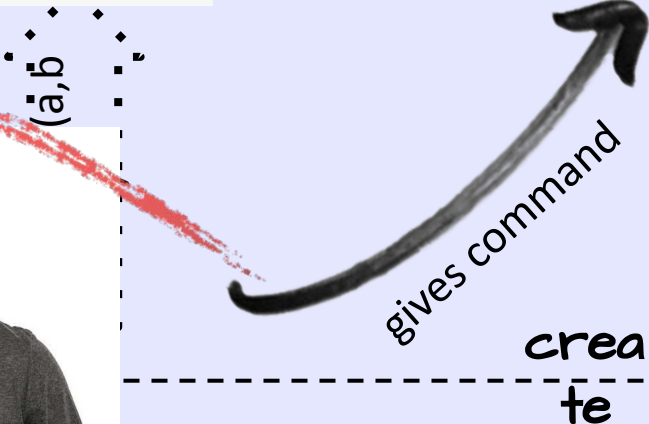
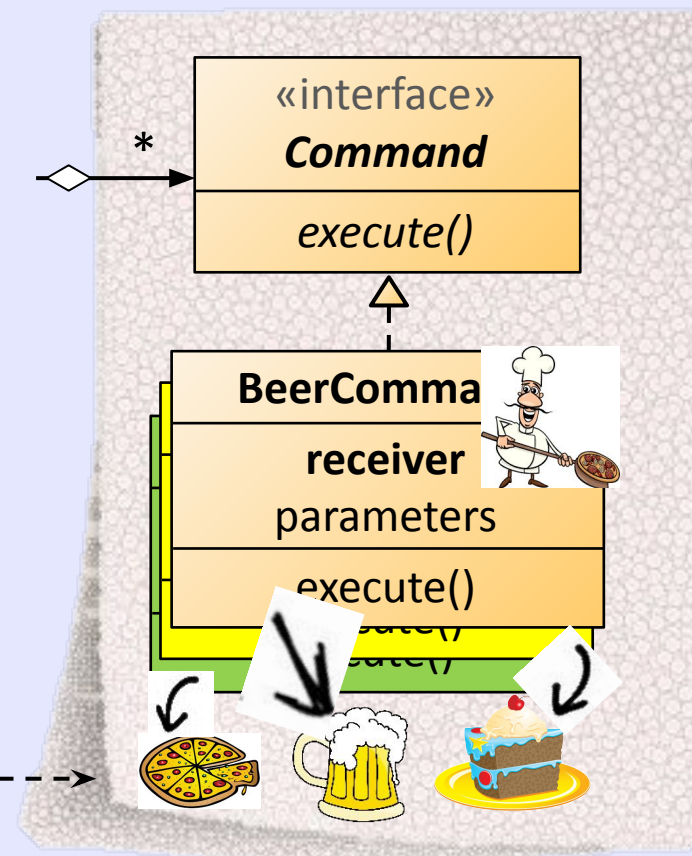
encapsulate and handle a call as an object

Queues the commands,
and executes them in turn,
maybe on a thread pool
maybe on remote nodes

GUI actions (to provide "undo"/"redo")

Thread Pools (parallelize / throttle)

Messages on Queues (robust) vs REST call

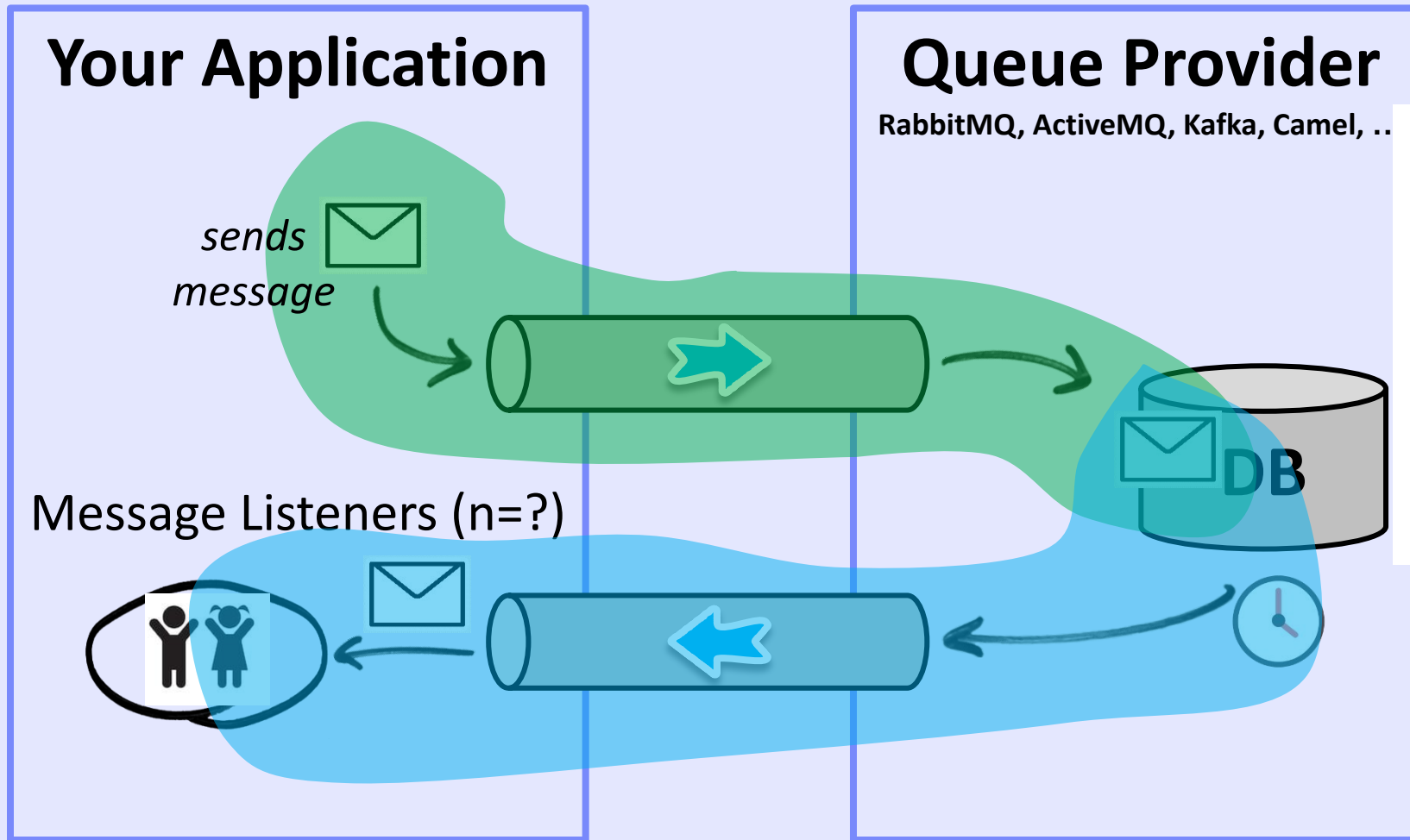


(a,b)



Tailing your own queue

Sending Yourself a Command

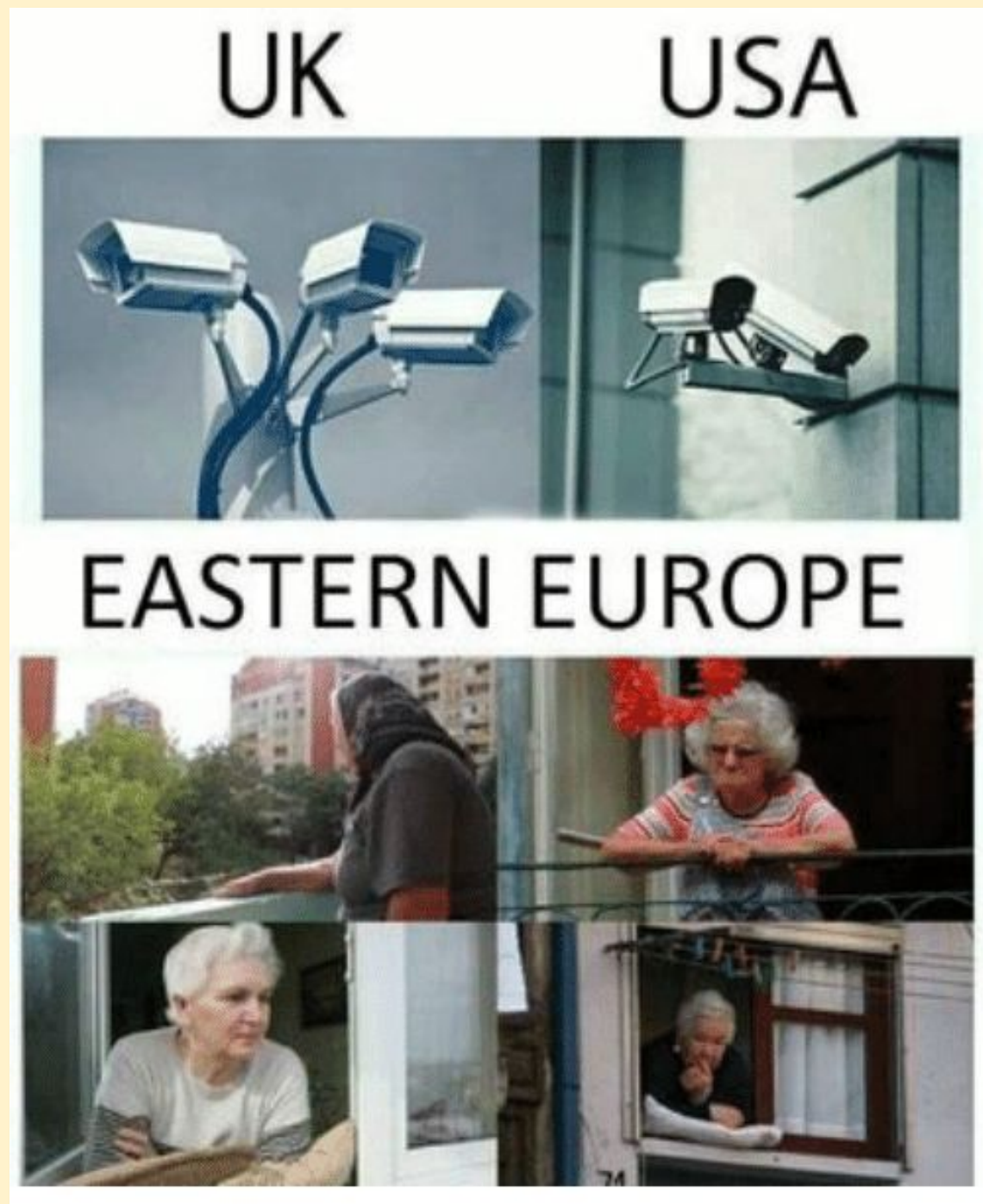


of messages
can be transacted

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/40749877/rabbitmq-sending-message-in-transaction>

= Robust Async Calls

Observer



Observer

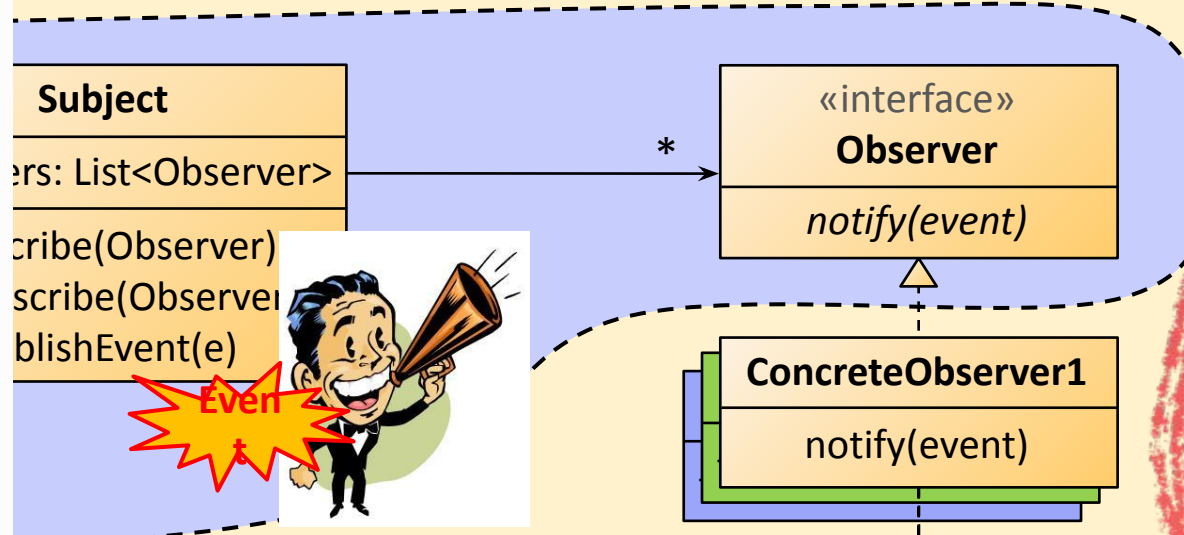
notify interested listeners when events occur

Subject doesn't know the concrete Observer implementations






(just)
a function

FP



What use-cases of Observer do you know?



- **UI Event Handler:** `jButton.addActionListener(event -> {...}); <button onclick="stuff()"/>`
- **Framework Hooks:** `@EventListener(ApplicationStartedEvent) public void onStart() {...}`
- **Message Topic:** "OrderPlacedEvent"   

Sending Events

notify interested listeners when events occur

What if the order in which the listeners run matters?



Spring Events

extremely loosely coupled Observer for intra-app events

```
@Autowired
private ApplicationEventPublisher publisher;
...
publisher.publishEvent(new
OrderPlaced(13));
```

arbitrary
POJO



event
chaining

```
@EventListener
public void audit(OrderPlaced event) {
...
return new OrderInStock(event.orderId);
}
```

By default:

- Unspecified handling order (@Order)
- Sequential on same thread (different)
- Same transaction (in a separated Tx)



ab) Using @EventListener with no clear decoupling goal can lead to messy untraceable code (more, later)



Observer: Key Points

- **Goal: decouple** publisher from listeners
 - "I don't want to know what happens because of what I do"
 - Often, listeners are also unaware of the publisher
- Usage: UI, framework hooks, inter-app messaging (topics)
- Multiple listeners can receive the same event
- Order of listeners matters!
 - Chain events
 - Propagate a "Trace ID" over messages for traceback (see [Spring Sleuth](#))

Forking Behavior

Because sometimes we find different ways of doing something

Strategy

Chain of Responsibility (aka **Filters**)

Template Method

Loan Pattern

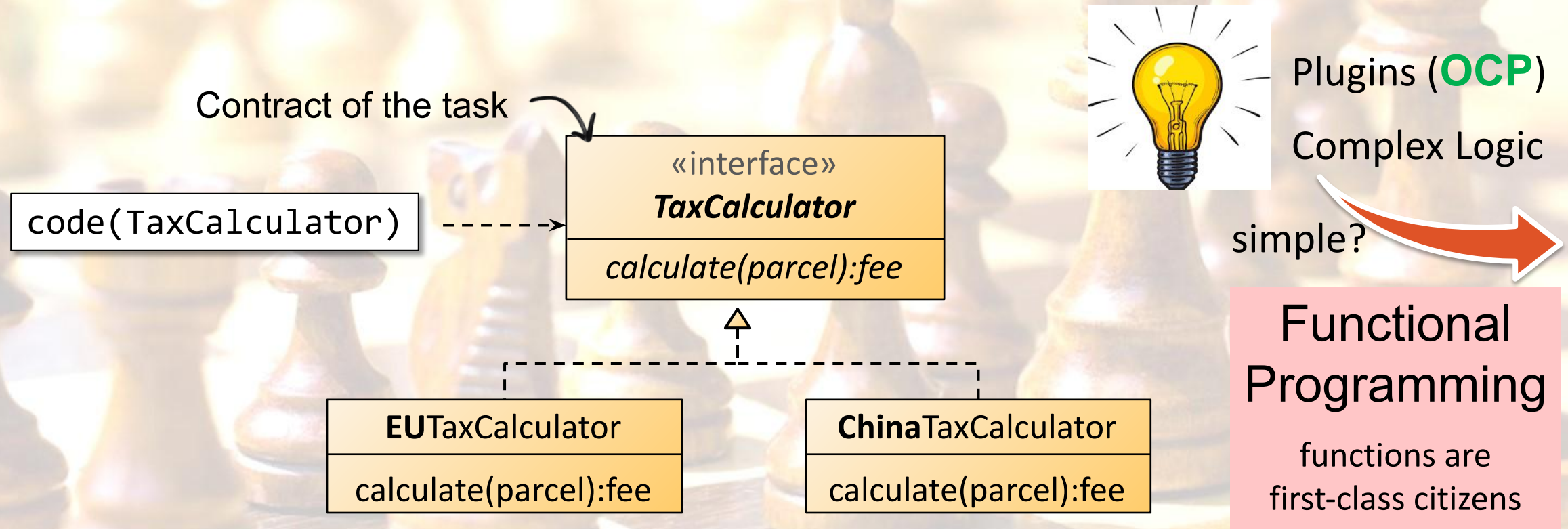
Visitor

State

Strategy

alternative ways of doing a task implement the same interface

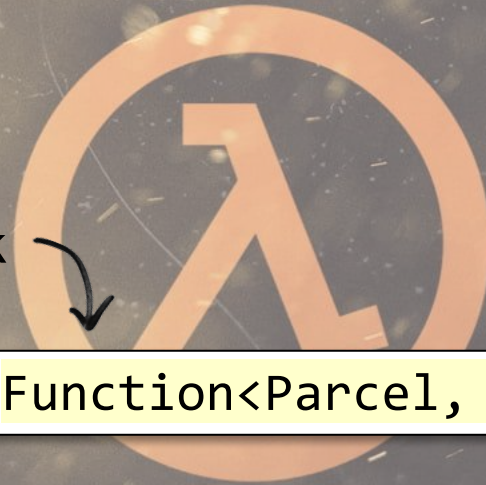
eg: sorting, heuristics, handling a message, sending a notification, loading config...



Lightweight Strategy (FP)

pass alternative ways of doing a task as a function

Contract of the task



Decision which function/strategy to use is centralized

```
code(Function<Parcel, Fee>)
```

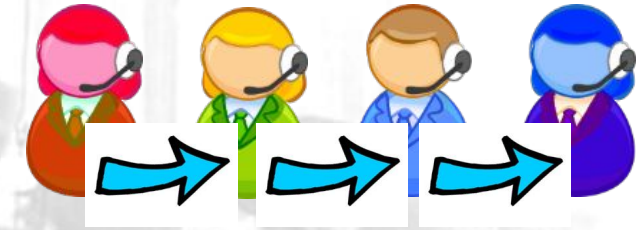
```
calculateEUTax(Parcel):Fee
```

```
calculateChinaTax(Parcel):Fee
```

Decentralize
selection

Chain of Responsibility

complex



*each **filter** can decide to process the request, or not*

Examples: Security Filters, HTTP Request/Response Filters on Client/Server, ...

Extremely Low Coupling

A filter should not care who follows them

Multiple filters can execute



Order Matters

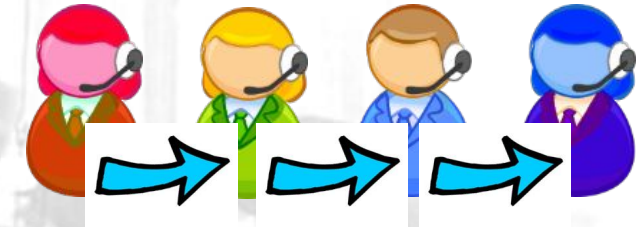
if multiple filters can apply

- filter order is usually set in a config

Decentralize
selection

Chain of Responsibility

Implementation Forms



```
interface Filter {  
    boolean accepts(Work);  
    Result/Work process(Work);  
}
```

```
interface EventHandler {  
    // event.setDone(true); when done  
    void handle(event);  
}
```

```
interface Filter { // servlet  
    void doFilter(  
        request,  
        response,  
        next: FilterChain);  
}  
// next.doFilter(req,res)
```

```
interface OptionalFilter {  
    // return empty when not supported  
    Optional<Result> compute(params);  
}
```

```
interface ChainedFilter {  
    output doFilter(input, next:Filter);  
}
```

Others?

Large/Volatile Mapping

- externalize to .properties/.yaml

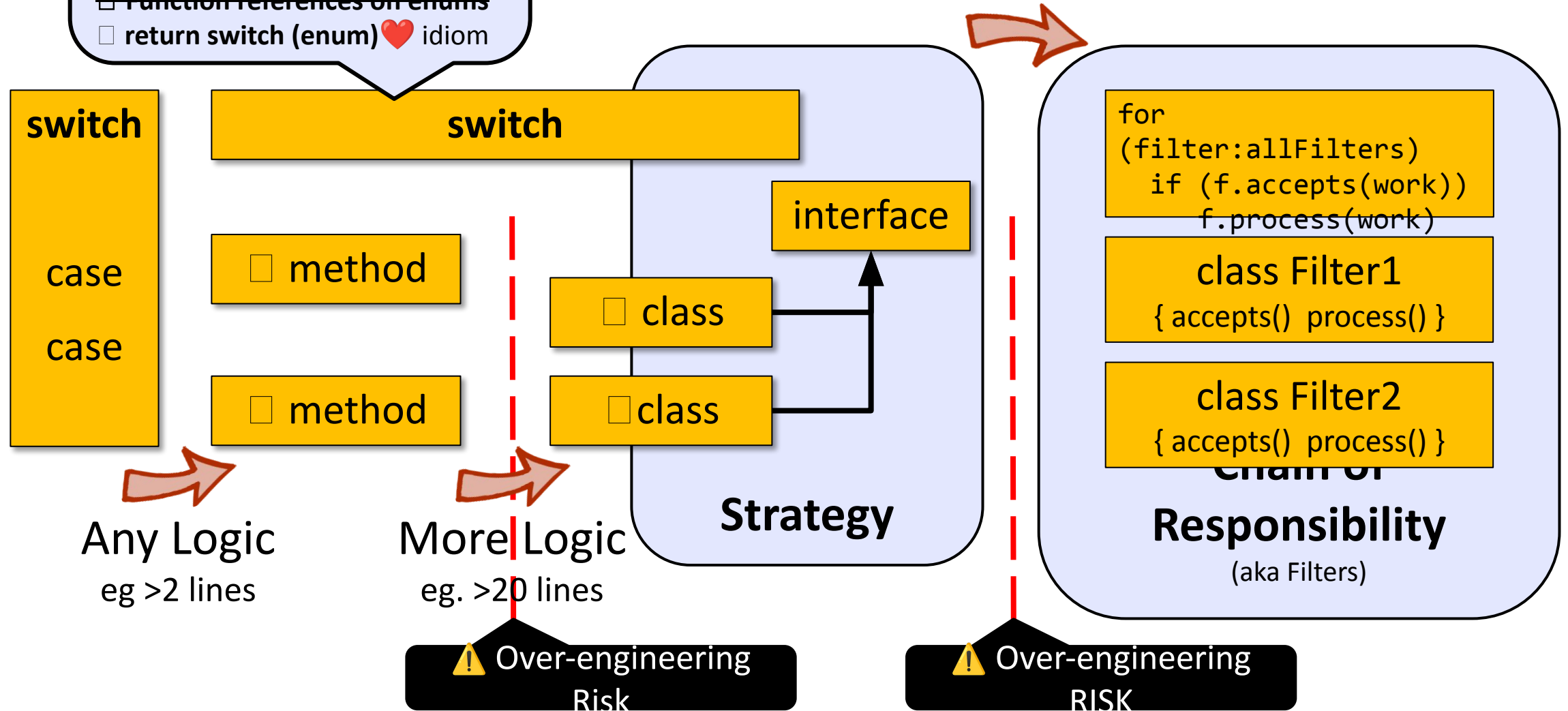
Risk of missing a case

- ~~Abstract functions on enums~~
- ~~Function references on enums~~
- return switch (enum) ❤️ idiom

Recap

Use if

- + decisions to act or not is **complex**
- + **multiple filters** can act
- + add/shift filters without code impact



Functions on Enums Idiom

A way to write code;
a hack, not really a
pattern

Better languages need less patterns
to correct their flaws

= Keep a function in a field of the enum

Why? The compiler checks that each enum value specifies a function

Cons: coupling the enum to a logic class

Trick: to reference **instance** functions, keep a **BiFunction** references (see below). Scary



Alternative: abstract methods in enum

- useful for static small functions

```
enum MovieType {  
    REGULAR(Prices::regular),  
    NEW_RELEASE(Prices::newRelease);  
  
    BiFunction<Prices,Integer,Double> priceFun;  
  
    MovieType(BiFunction<Prices,Integer,Double> f) {  
        this.priceFun = f;  
    }  
}
```

```
@Component  
class Prices {  
    @Value("${new.release.factor}")  
    private int factor;  
  
    double regular(int days) {  
        return days + 1;  
    }  
  
    double newRelease(int days) {  
        return days * factor;  
    }  
  
    public double computePrice(  
        MovieType type, int days) {  
        return type.priceFun.apply(this, days);  
    }  
}
```

"return switch (enum)" Idiom



In case we add an enum value

```
enum MovieType {  
    REGULAR,  
    NEW_RELEASE  
}
```

```
public double computePrice(MovieType type, int days) {  
    return switch (type) {  
        case REGULAR → days + 1;  
        case NEW_RELEASE → days * factor;  
        default → throw new IllegalArgumentException(type);  
    };  
}
```

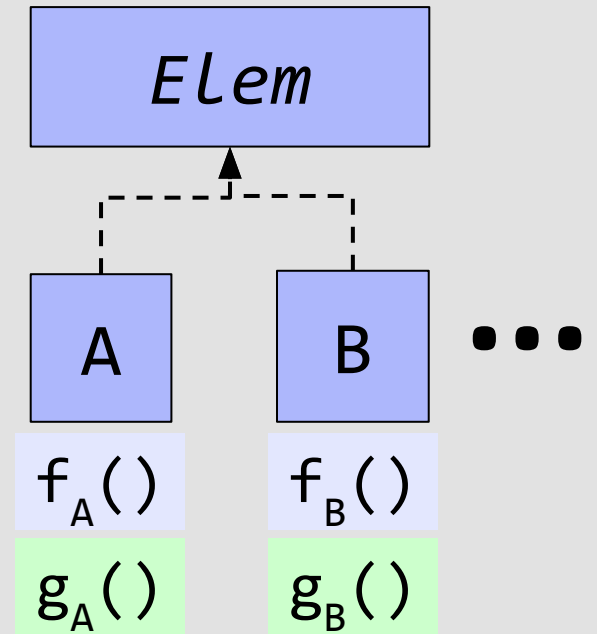
avoid!

!

A **switch** expression (returning a value) **fails compilation** if you missed one of the enum values

Forking by Subtype

- You have a hierarchy of elements
 - eg. Types of Contracts, Geo Region>Country>Site,
- You process an *Elem*, depending on its type:
 - eg. compute the price of contracts, exporting Geo nodes in XML



Ideas ?

- OOP solution: an abstract method $f()$ in *Elem*
- Why **NOT** pushing logic inside the data object:



NO!

- the architect

- Avoid **polluting the model**: eg formatting as XML in the model (**DIP**)
- Too **large element classes** (A, B..)
- Too **heavy logic**: eg. $f_A() + f_B() > 100$ lines
- Need to **share code** between $f_A()$ and $f_B()$ □ group logic *by feature* and not *by element type*
- Support **adding more behaviors** (eg. $g_A()$ and $g_B()$) with minimal impact in code

Then what?

Forking by Subtype

```
if (e instanceof A) {  
    fA((A)e);  
} else if (e instanceof B) {  
    fB((B)e);  
} ...
```

Any
Risks
?

😬 risk to forget an element type

(C)

Visitor

Sealed Classes

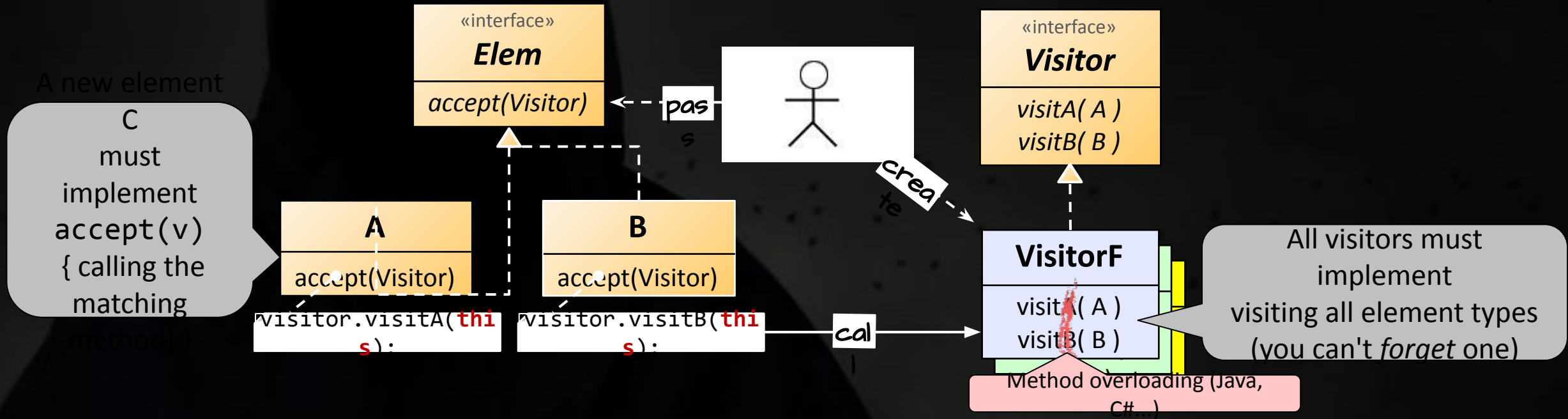
(Java 21*, Kotlin, Scala, ..)

A dark, hooded figure, possibly a ghost or a visitor, is shown in silhouette against a dark, starry background. The figure is positioned on the left side of the frame, and the word "Visitor" is written in large, white, sans-serif font to its right.

Visitor

Visitor

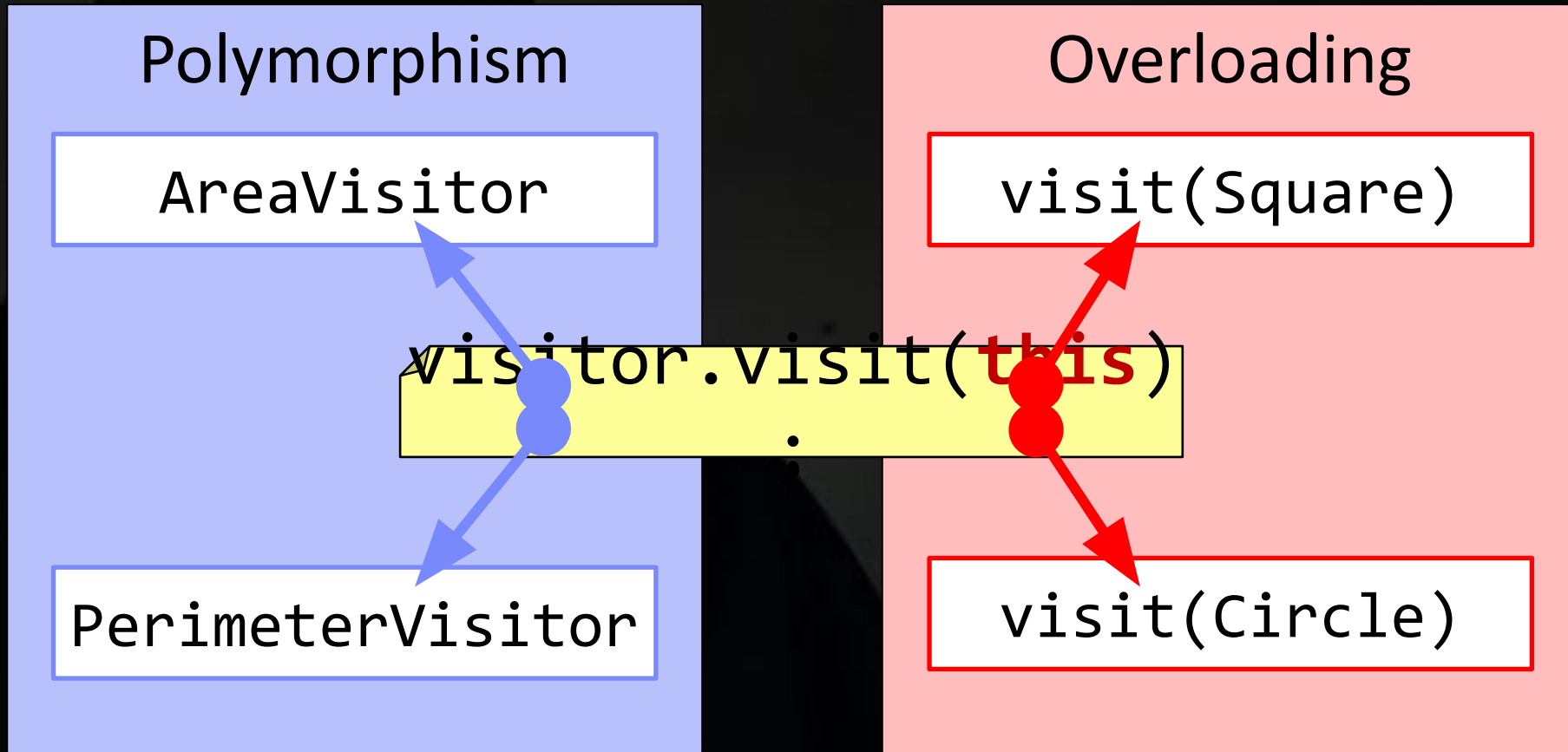
encapsulate an operation on different element types



**Allows adding operations on elements
without editing their classes**

Visitor

Double-Dispatch



Sealed Classes

(Java 21*, Kotlin, Scala, ..)

```
sealed interface Shape
  permits Circle, Square
}

record Circle(int radius)
  implements Shape {
  ...
}

record Square(int edge)
  implements Shape {
  ...
}
```

Better languages need less patterns
to correct their flaws

```
double f(Shape shape) {
  double perimeter = switch (shape) {
    case Square s -> s.edge() * 4;
    case Circle c -> c.getRadius() * PI * 2;
    // no need for default 😱
  }; // compilation fails if you missed a subtype
}
```

```
m(a, b, c, d, ...) {
```

```
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```
} // line 531 😞
```

Easier testing



Test with a dummy format
(check the file contains "X")

temporal
coupled

Loan Pattern

```

void export(..., Consumer<Writer> writerFun) {
  try (Writer writer = new FileWriter(...)) {
    writerFun.accept(writer);
  } catch (...) {
    ...
  }
}

```

infrastructure manages a Writer and "loans" it to the writerFun()

```

export(..., w -> writeOrdersOn(w));
export(..., w -> writeUsersOn(w));

```

Test using a StringWriter
(check the written string)

```

void writeUsersOn(Writer writer) {
  // work with the "loaned" writer
}

```



What else can you loan: eg. a (Kafka) message to ack after, a transaction, a connection, a ThreadLocal

Loan Pattern



Used since 2001 (with a cumbersome

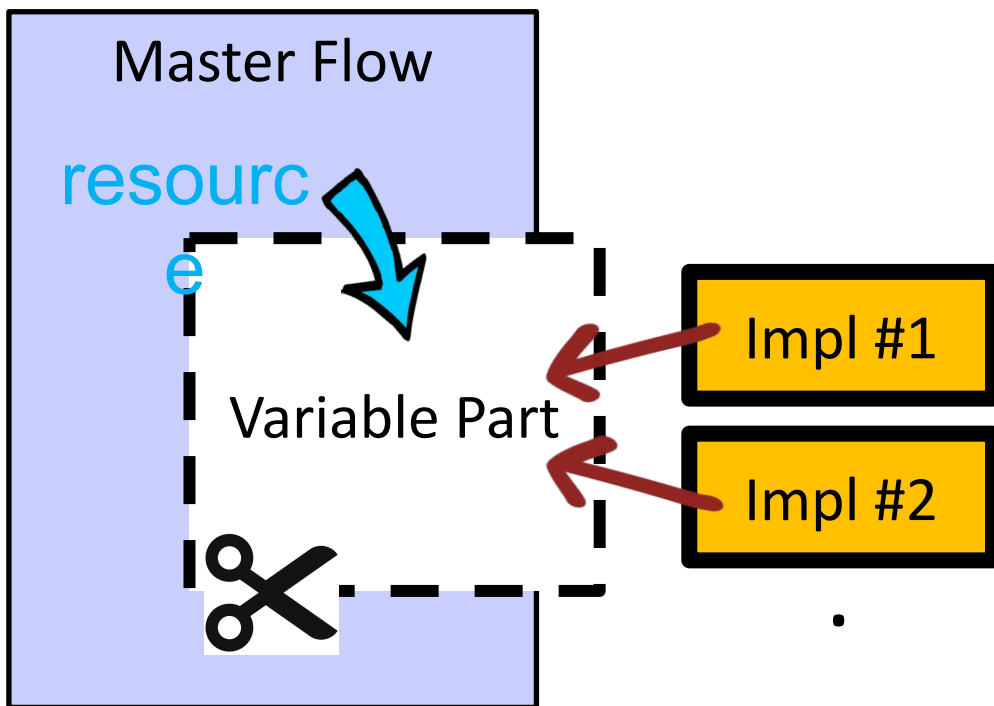
```
List<User> users = jdbc.query("SELECT id, name FROM users",
    new RowMapper<User>() {
        @Override
        public User mapRow(ResultSet rs, int rowNum) {
            User user = new User();
            user.setId(rs.getLong(1));
            user.setFullName(rs.getString(2));
            return user;
        }
    });
```

passing a function as an argument

(previously discussed next to AOP and Proxy)

Loan Pattern

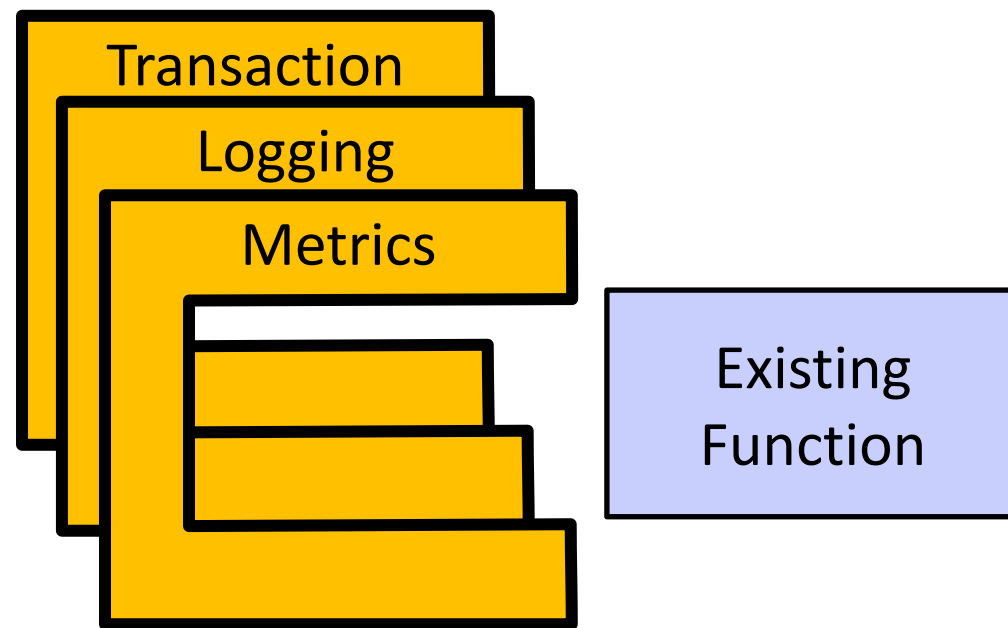
Parameterize the variable behavior to run in a specific context



VS

Execute-Around

Wrap a new context "around" existing logic



```
export(..., w -> writeUsersOn(w));
```

```
measure(() -> f1(..));
```

Long-long time

000000 was

SO KING
THEY

SOLVED THIS
USING

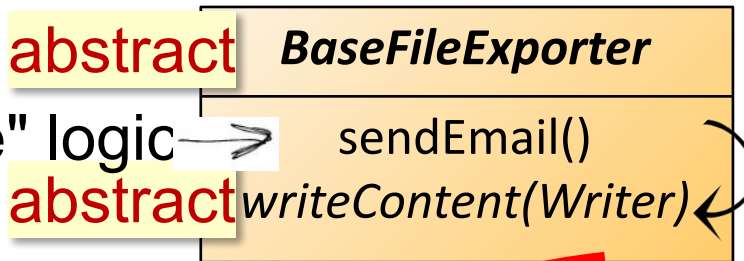
EXTEND

Template Method

*a complex workflow in a class,
call variable steps implemented in subclasses*



the "template" logic →



calls

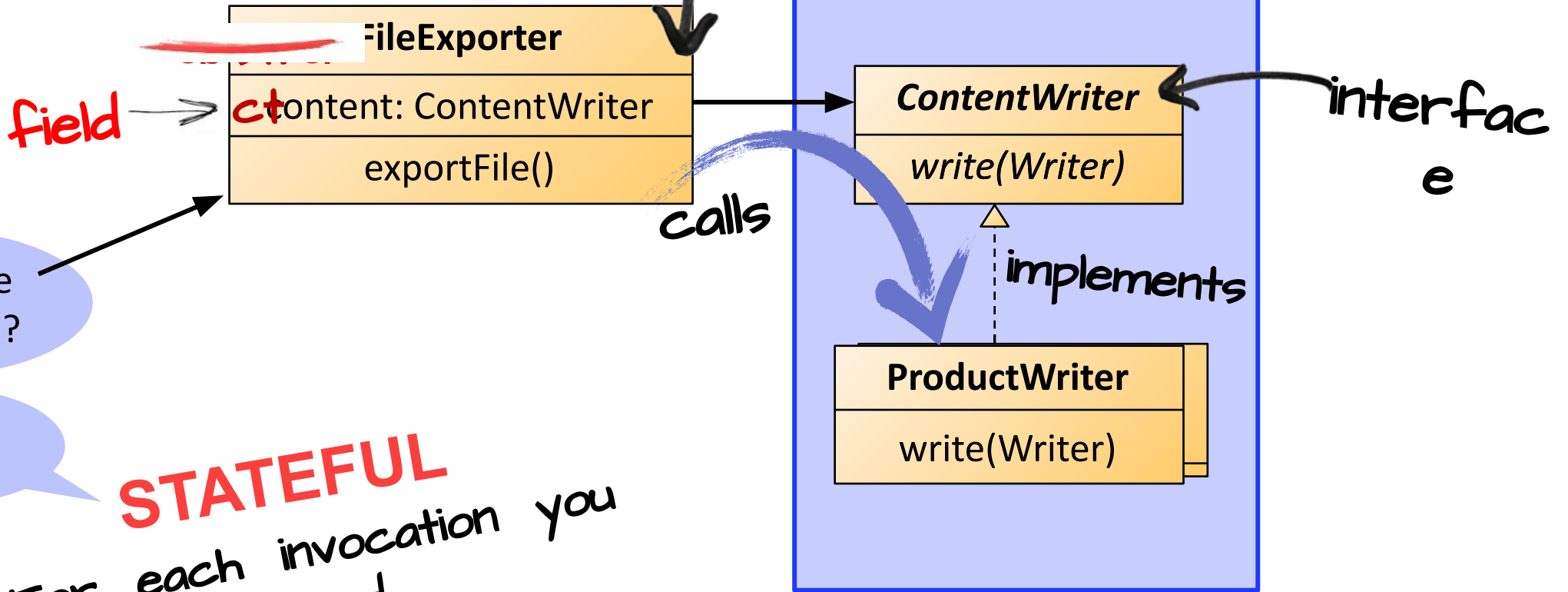


EXTENDS

Can we favor Composition?

Composing a Strategy

```
fileExporter.exportFile(new OrderContentWriter());
```

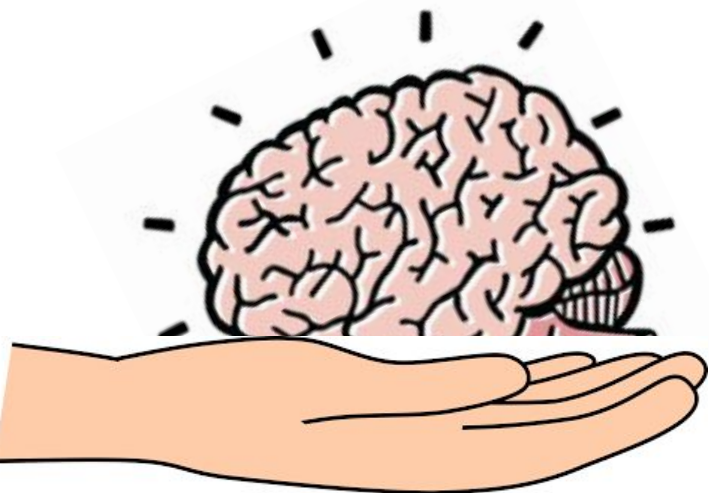


Can this be a singleton?

NO!

STATEFUL

For each invocation you need a separate instance of `Writer`



Passing a Block

EXTENDS

STATEFUL

Pass a function

```
fileExporter.exportFile(orderContentWriter::write);
```

replaced inheritance with field

replaced fields with params

extends < composition < parameter

less coupled 

stateless 

Template Method

A photograph of a blue metal fence. At the top, there is a white cross. A pair of white-rimmed glasses is resting on the top rail of the fence. The word "RIP" is painted in white on the fence, with the letters "R" and "P" on the top rail and the letter "I" on a lower rail. The background is a blurred brownish color.



Template Method use-cases

■ One piece of missing logic Pass a Function (FP)

- More decoupled, testable, smaller code, DI-friendlier

■ Multiple variable steps:

- a) take ≥ 2 lambdas 😬
- b) group them in a **Strategy** (interface with ≥ 2 methods)
- c) stick to **Template Method** (with ≥ 2 abstract methods)

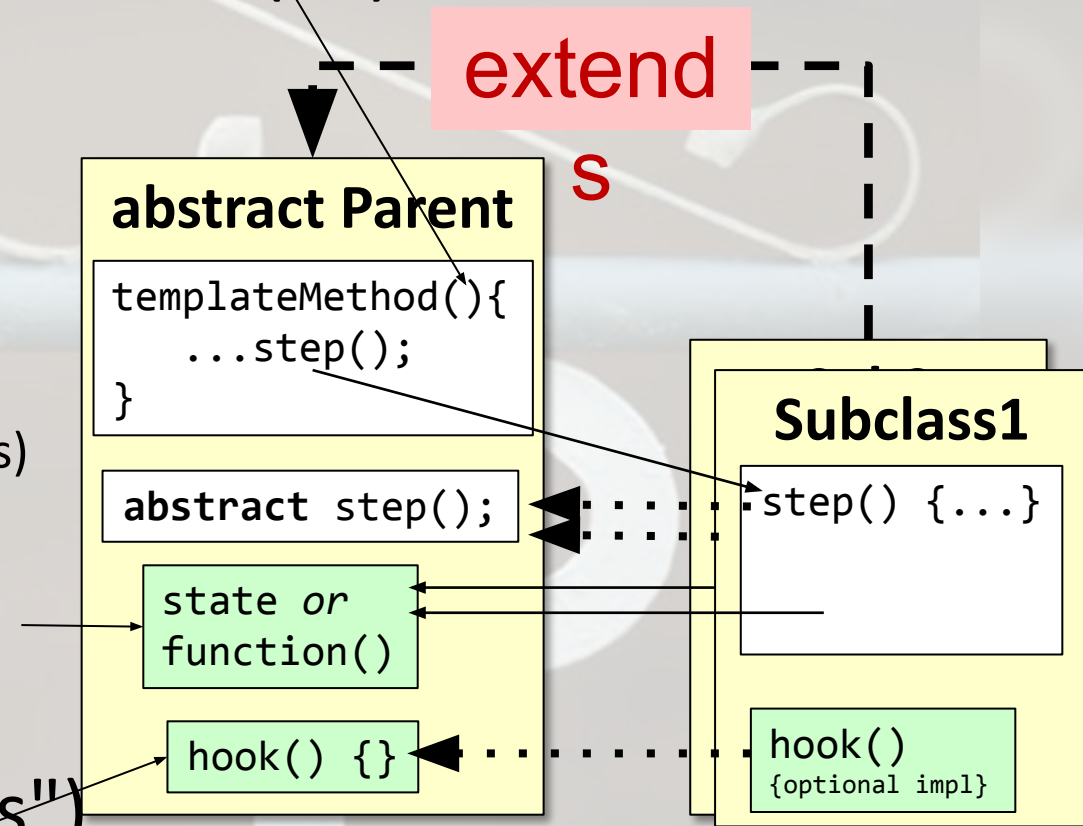
■ Subclasses use parent data/methods

- Template Method

■ Optional Steps (empty "hook methods")

- Only some children want to override them

- a) Template Method b) interfaces with default methods



State Pattern



State Pattern

Problem:

A state machine reacts to various external signals (inputs) in different ways, depending on its current state

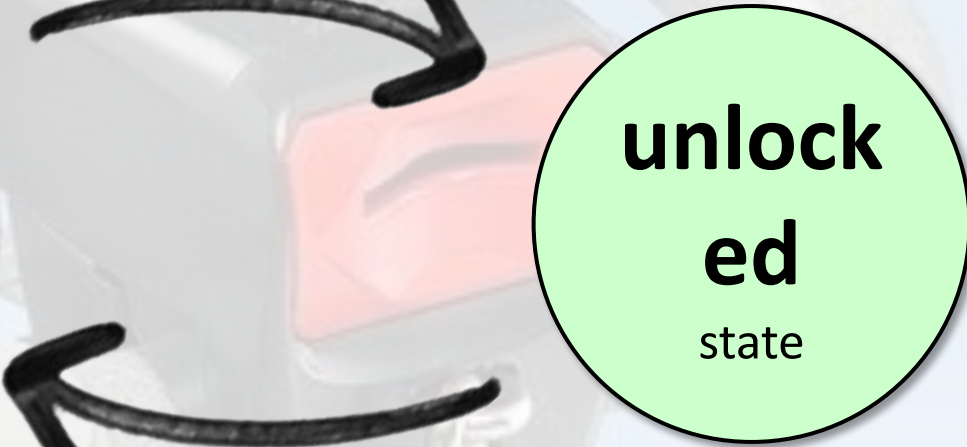
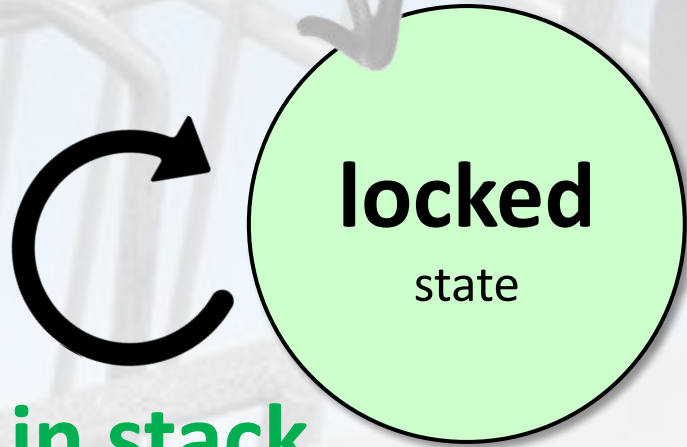
initial state



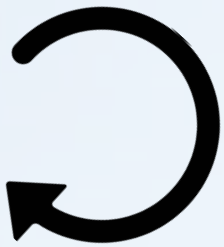
External signal

Side-effect

insert coin/capture coin



insert coin/



push in stack /

push in stack/release coin



A state machine reacts to various external signals (inputs) with different effects, depending on its current state

State Machine

For every input bit, output '1' if a '1011' sequence was completed, or 0 otherwise



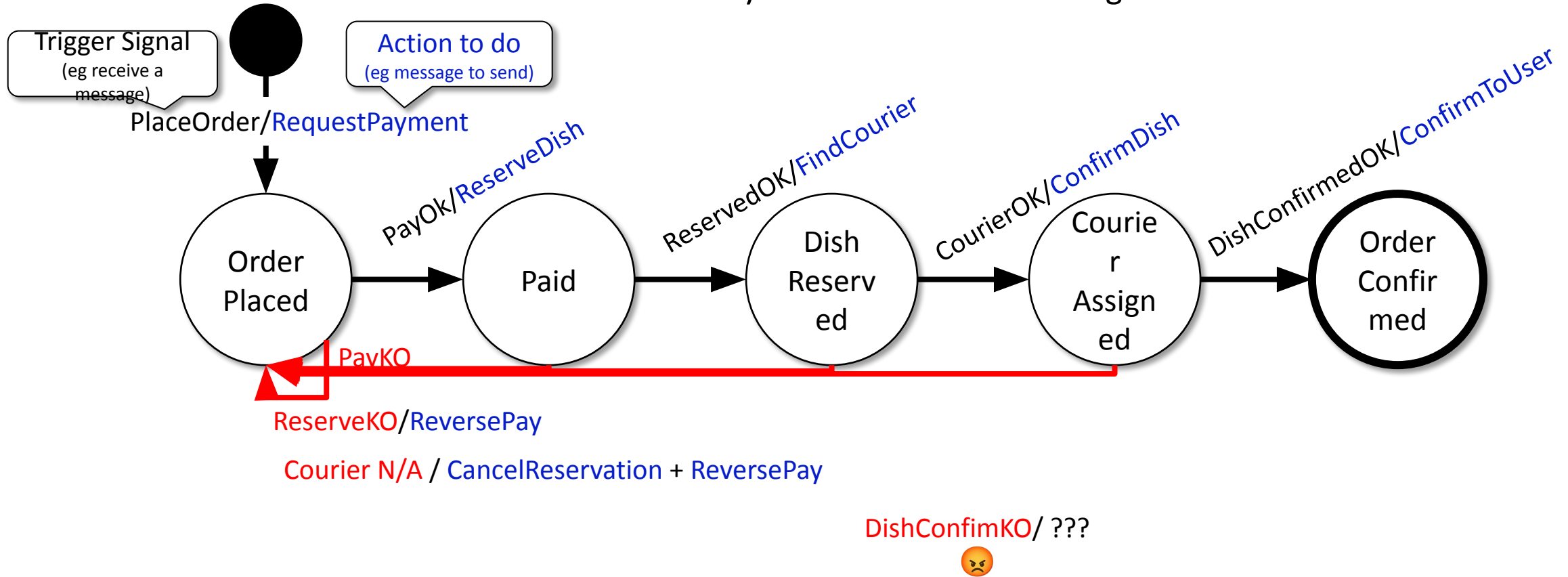
```
def "offered PC matches preferred configuration"() {  
  when:  
    def pc = shop.buyPc()  
  
  then:  
    verifyAll(pc) {  
      vendor == "Sunny"  
      clockRate >= 2333  
      ram >= 406  
      os == "Linux"  
    }  
}
```

Input: 101011011111

Output: 00001001001000

Microservice Saga

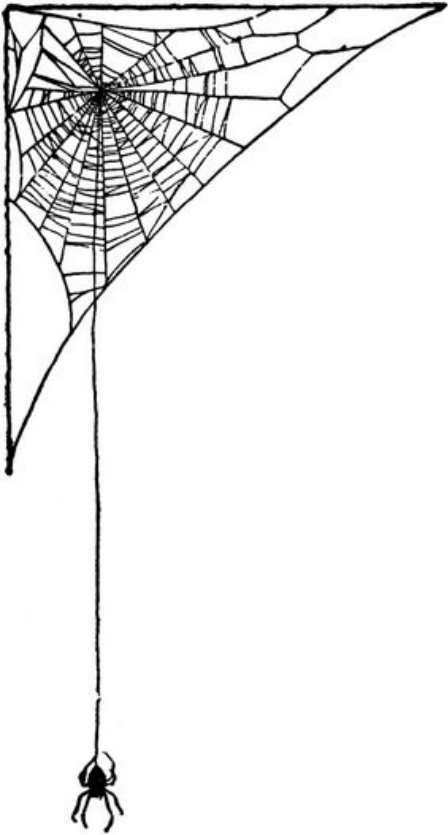
to maintain consistency across distributed changes of data



State Pattern

- Implement State-dependent behavior in different classes
 - Each state reacts to external inputs in their own way
 - A general-purpose 'State Machine' keeps track of the current state and directs inputs to it

- Uses:
 - Parsers (low level)
 - Communication Protocols (eg. Actor model)
 - Business Flows involving finite state machines (also consider a BPM tool)
 - Animations (eg. in Unity)
 - Microservice Saga aiming to achieve eventual consistency of a cross-microservice flow



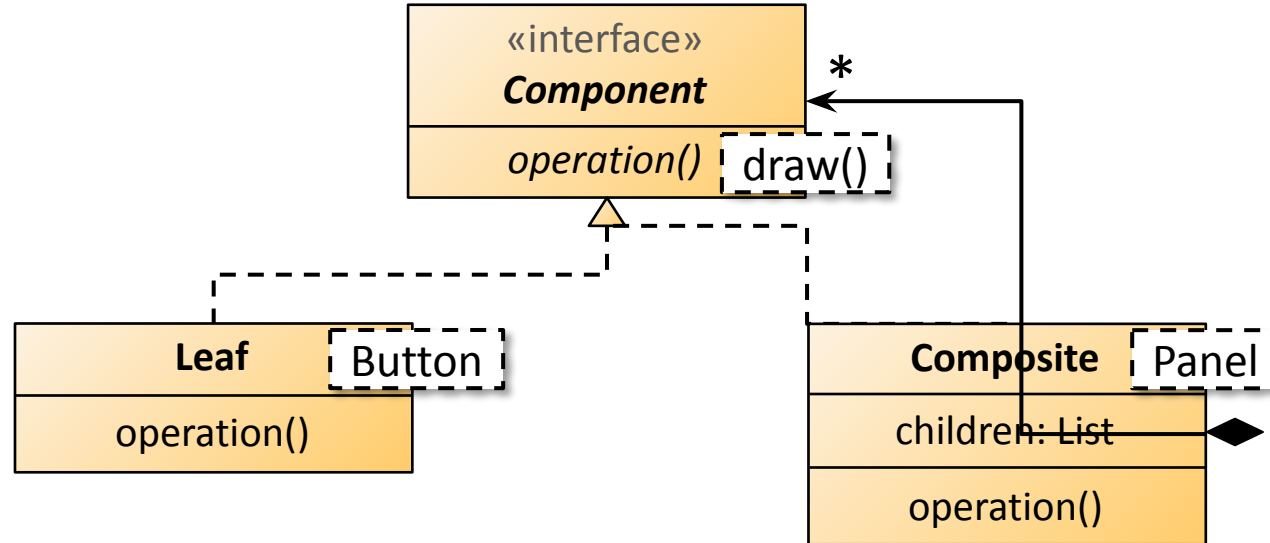
Composite

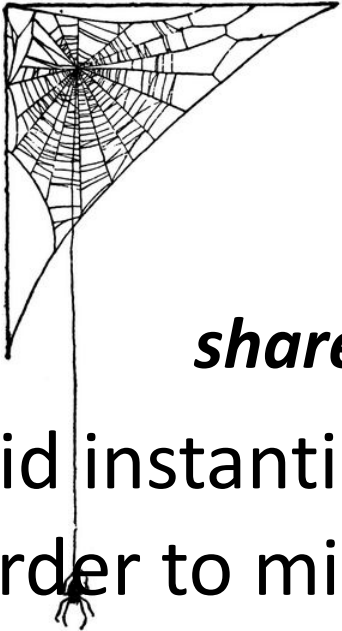
(for GUI)



*compose objects into part-whole hierarchies;
treat atomic and composite objects uniformly*

*“A Panel holds another Panel and a Button”,
“draw this Component”*





Flyweight

share as much data as possible with other objects

- Avoid instantiating numerous similar objects in order to minimize memory

The quick **brown** fox jumps over the lazy dog

How would you implement Word?

- One instance for each character (think 1M characters/doc 😊)
- Bold(start,end). And then collect state for each character
 - .draw(DocumentCharacter, Font)

Singleton

Factory Method

Abstract Factory

Fluent Builder

Facade

Adapter

Decorator

Proxy

Observer
(Events)

Command

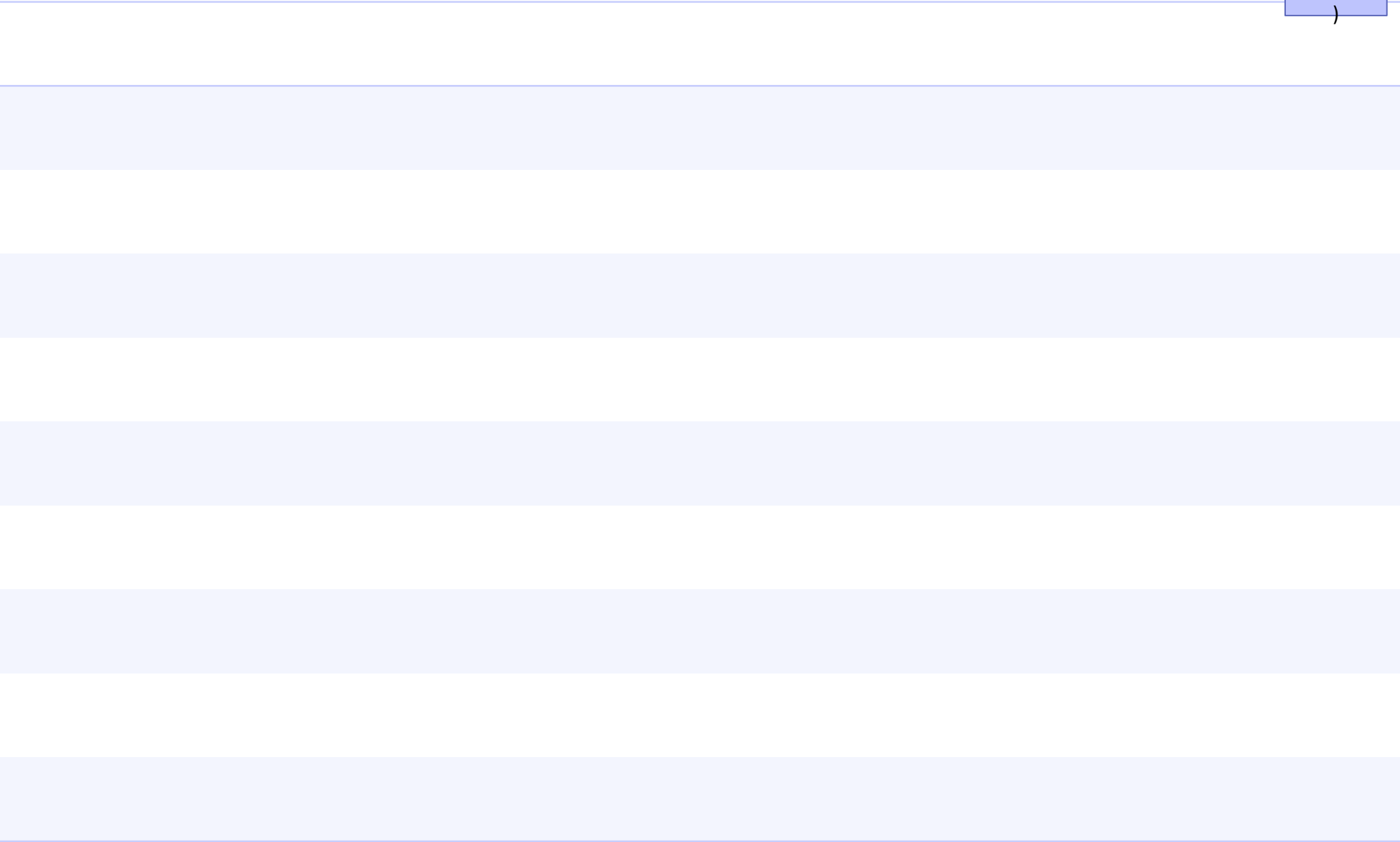
Strategy

Chain of
Responsibility

Template
Method

Passing
a Block
(callable
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Practical Use of Patterns

Used in application code (microdesign)

Builder, Adapter/Facade, Passing a Block, Strategy, Factory Method, Decorator


Used by frameworks

Factories, Singleton, Proxy, Chain of Responsibility (Filters), Decorator, Visitor

Used for Architecture (intra-/cross- systems)

Observer/Command, REST vs MQ, Choreography/Orchestration, Saga

Summary of Principles

- **SRP** – Keep your classes/methods focused on one thing; Name > Extract
- **DRY** – Do not duplicate business logic
- **Separation by Layers of Abstraction**: clean up the high-level logic
- **Dependency Inversion Principle** – Agnostic Domain of infrastructure
- **Avoid Inheritance**: favor composition to reuse behavior
 - don't extend concrete classes, don't override concrete methods
 - prefer interfaces
- **Loose Coupling** – easier to reason and test
- **Prefer Stateless Classes**
- **KISS**  **Production**. Practice with design patterns in pet projects first

Do NOT Use

When..

Chain of Resp

When the filters rarely change, or are few, of complex selection criteria

Strategy

When the alternative logic is small or if the API is dramatically different

Adapter

When the data conversion is trivial. Convert via a separate method

Template

If the missing step is a single simple piece of logic pass a function

Proxy

If you need to wrap code just around several methods. `measureTime(() -> f1(...));`

Decorator

If you don't need to swap in/out the added logic transparently

Factories

If the creation is simple. Keep them XXS!

extends

To use behavior or state from another class composition or parameters.

Builder

Aren't fluent setters enough? Immutable > break more the classes.

Object Mother

If it couples your tests to each other

Singleton

If you want request-specific fields (per-call)

Visitor

If you can add polymorphic methods to your (small) model

Anti-Pattern





Big Ball of Mud ~~SRP~~

aka. God Object, The Blob, Swiss Army Knife



Big Ball of Mud **SRP**

aka. God Object, The Blob, Swiss Army Knife



Spaghetti Code

Too many, unclear, dependencies
Entagled calls, huge call stacks



Spaghetti/Macaroni/Lasagna/Ravioli Code



Circular Dependencies



lower level
of abstraction



CsvWriter



Golden Hammer

When you have a hammer, everything looks like a ...



Diaper Pattern

aka. shawarma error-handling

```
} catch (Exception e) {}
```



Gold Plating

Know when to stop! Move on!

The Bike Shed Effect

a/k/a Parkinson's Law of Triviality

Organizations spend disproportionate time on trivial issues. -- C.N. Parkinson, 1957

1. Nuclear Plant
Cost: \$28,000,000
Discussion: 2.5 minutes

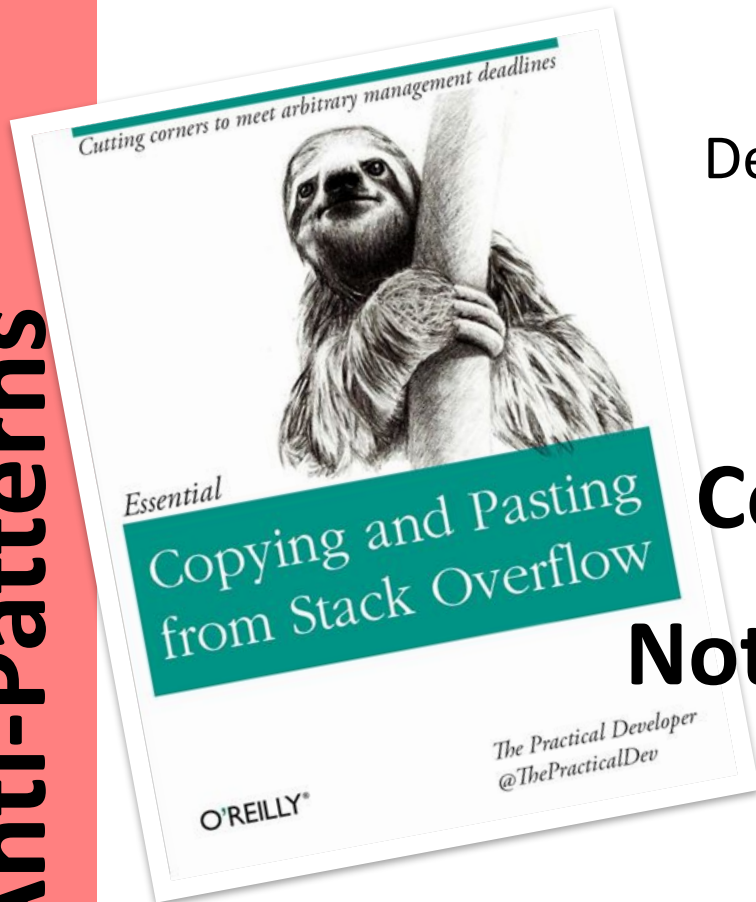
2. Bike Shed
Cost: \$1,000
Discussion: 45 minutes



Fake Encapsulation

Generate Getters and Setters...

Decent Objects should hide their state



Copy-Paste Programming

vs

Not Invented Here Syndrome

☐ open-source rocks!



Lava Flow

Overengineering;
Speculative Generality



Patterns in JDK

•`java.lang.Object#clone()`

Singleton

- `java.lang.Runtime#getRuntime()`
- `java.awt.Desktop#getDesktop()`

Adapter

- `java.util.Arrays#asList()`
- `java.io.InputStreamReader(InputStream)` (`Reader`)
- `java.io.OutputStreamWriter(OutputStream)` (`Writer`)
- `javax.xml.bind.XmlAdapter#marshal()` and `#unmarshal()`

Composite

- `java.awt.Container#add(Component)` - all over Swing

Decorator

- Subclasses of `java.io.InputStream`, `OutputStream`, `Reader` and `Writer` have a constructor taking an instance of same type.
- `Collections#checkedXXX()`, `#synchronizedXXX()` and `#unmodifiableXXX()`
- `HttpServletRequestWrapper` and `HttpServletResponseWrapper`

Proxy

- `java.lang.reflect.Proxy`
- `java.rmi.*`, the whole API actually.

Chain of responsibility

=behavioral methods which (indirectly) invoke the same method in *another* implementation of *same* abstract/interface type in a queue)

- `java.util.logging.Logger#log()`
- `javax.servlet.Filter#doFilter()`

Command

- Implementations of `java.lang.Runnable`
- Implementations of `javax.swing.Action`

Iterator

- `java.util.Iterator` (also `java.util.Scanner!`).
- `java.util.Enumeration`

Observer (or Publish/Subscribe)

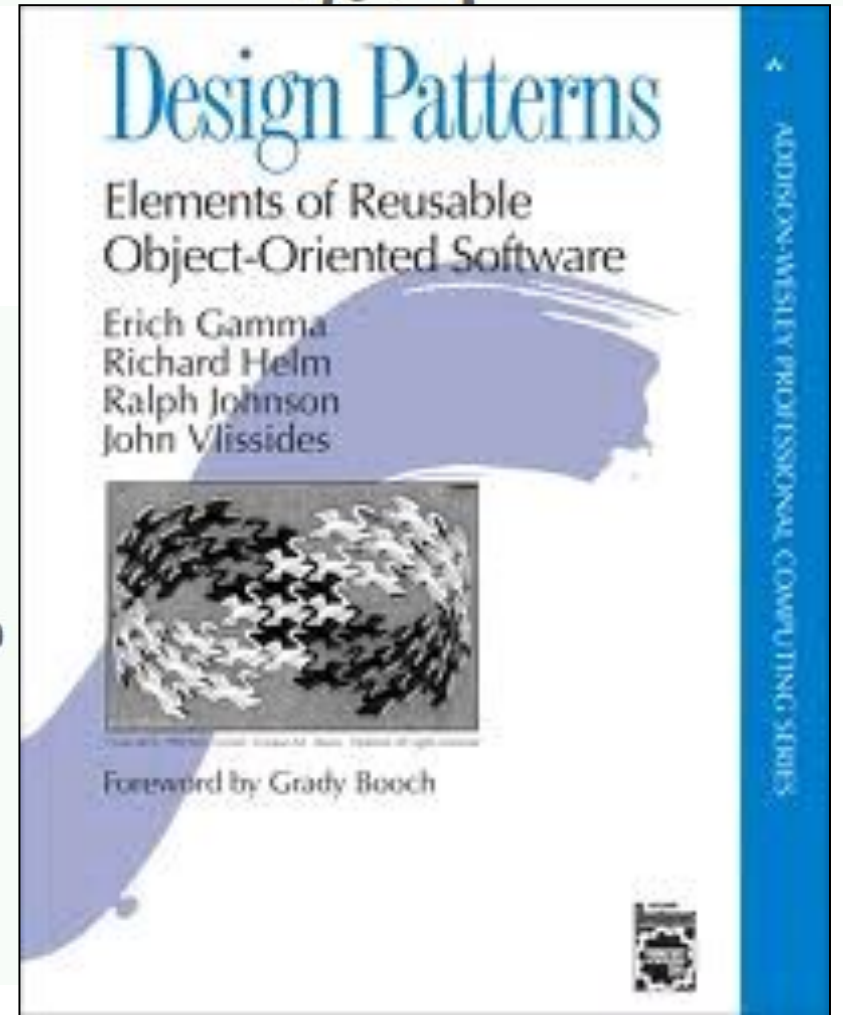
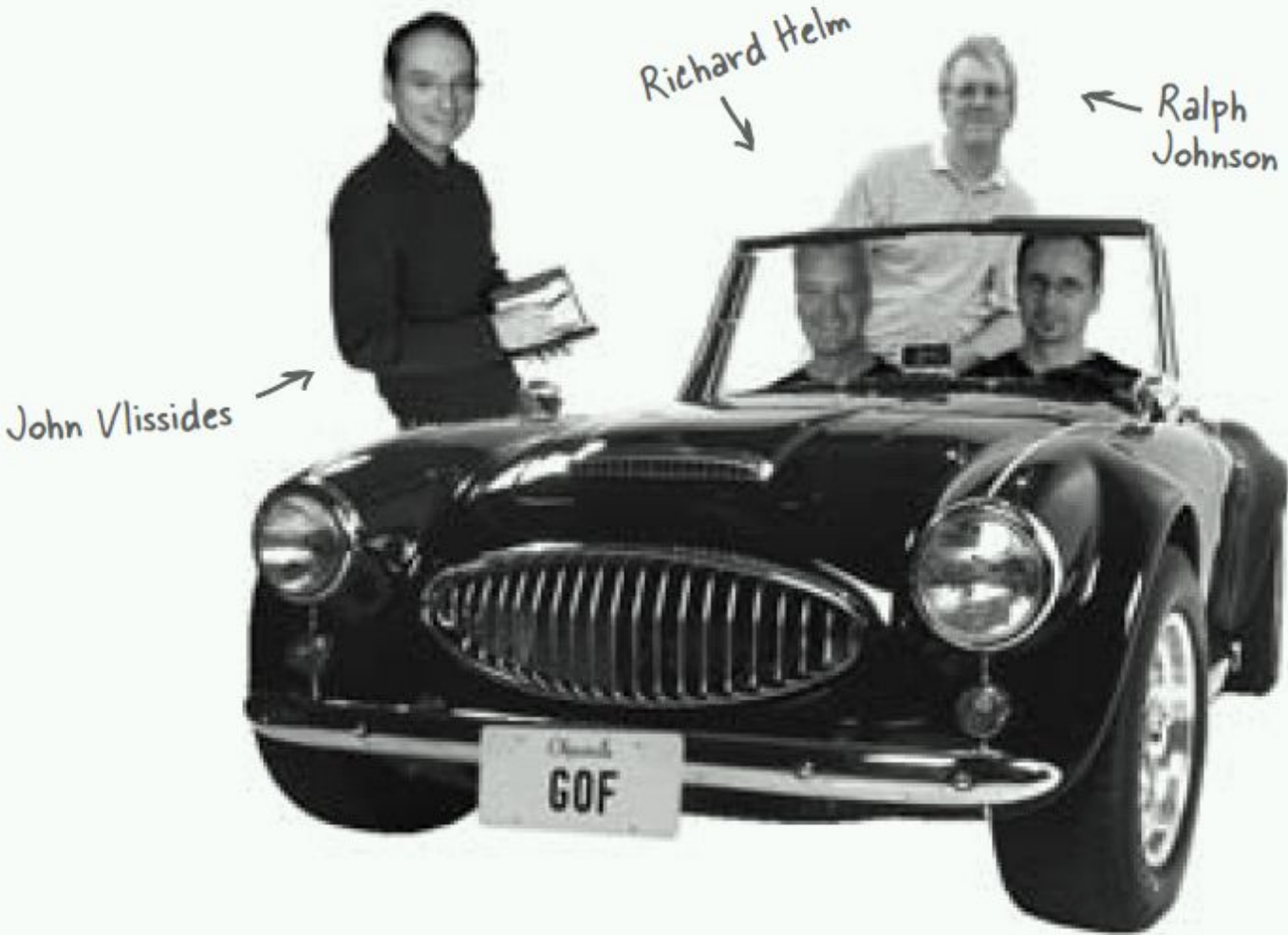
- `java.util.EventListener` - all over Swing
- `javax.servlet.ServletContextListener`

Structural patterns

Behavioral patterns

Strategy

Gang of Four



Learning is not Compulsory

Nor is Survival

- **Head First: Design Patterns, 2nd ed**

- <https://www.amazon.de/-/en/Eric-Freeman/dp/149207800X>

- **Clean Code**

Robert C. Martin (aka Uncle Bob)

- **My public talks (recordings):**

- <http://victorrentea.ro/#talks>

- Abstract Factory vs Static Factory vs... <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/4209791/design-patterns-abstract-factory-vs-factory-method>

- Patterns discussed: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Design_Patterns (catalog at the bottom of the page)

- SOLID Principles: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SOLID_%28object-oriented_design%29

- In images: <http://lostechies.com/derickbailey/2009/02/11/solid-development-principles-in-motivational-pictures/>

- SOLID is WRONG: <https://speakerdeck.com/tastapod/why-every-element-of-solid-is-wrong>

- GRASP: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GRASP_%28object-oriented_design%29

- GoF Design Patterns in Java SDK <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1673841/examples-of-gof-design-patterns>

