Small steps towards better technical presentations

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The Problem with Bullet points

- people will start reading from the top
- won't listen while you talk about the first items
- then they already know what's coming
- so they won't listen for the rest either

Solution?

- List only one idea per slide

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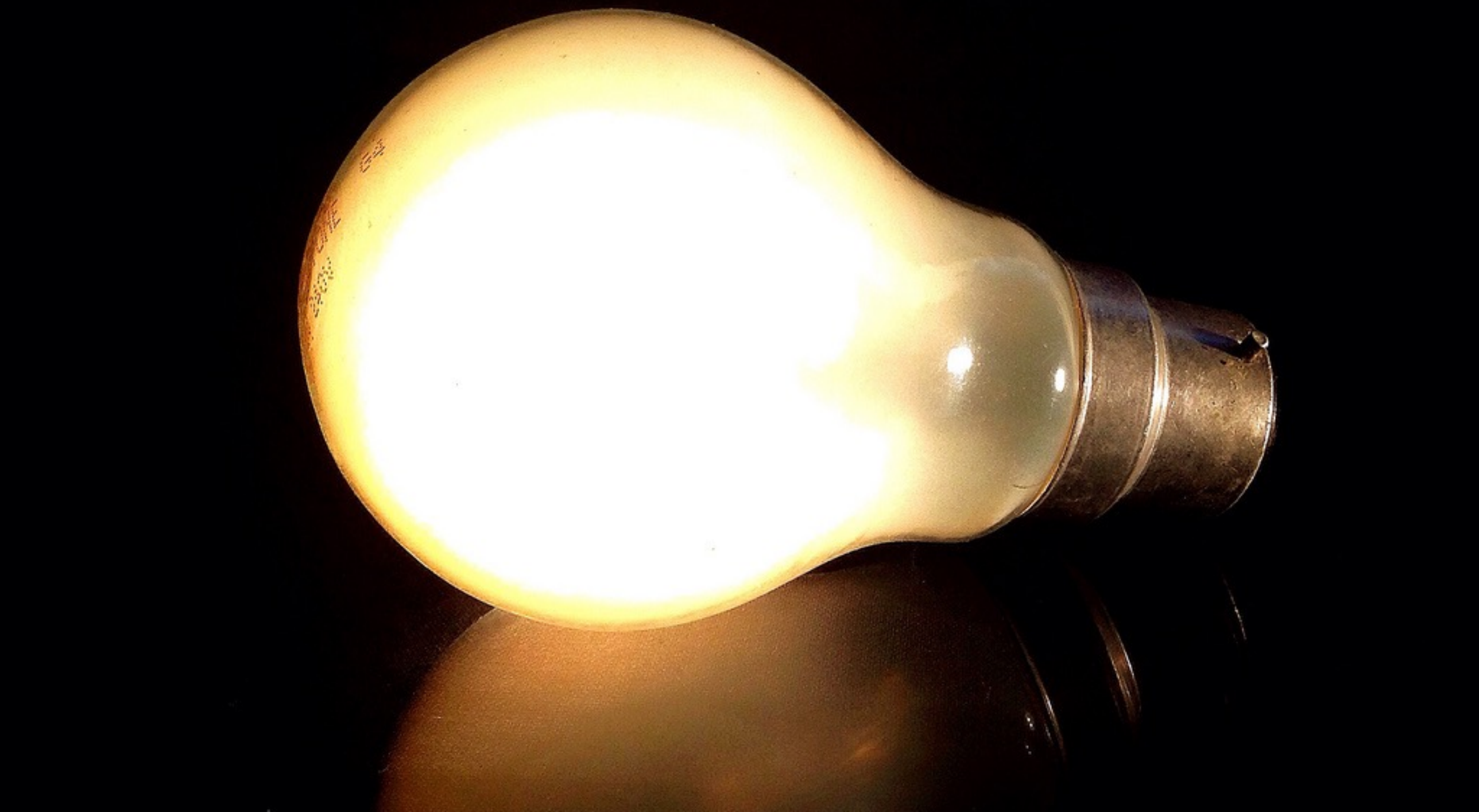

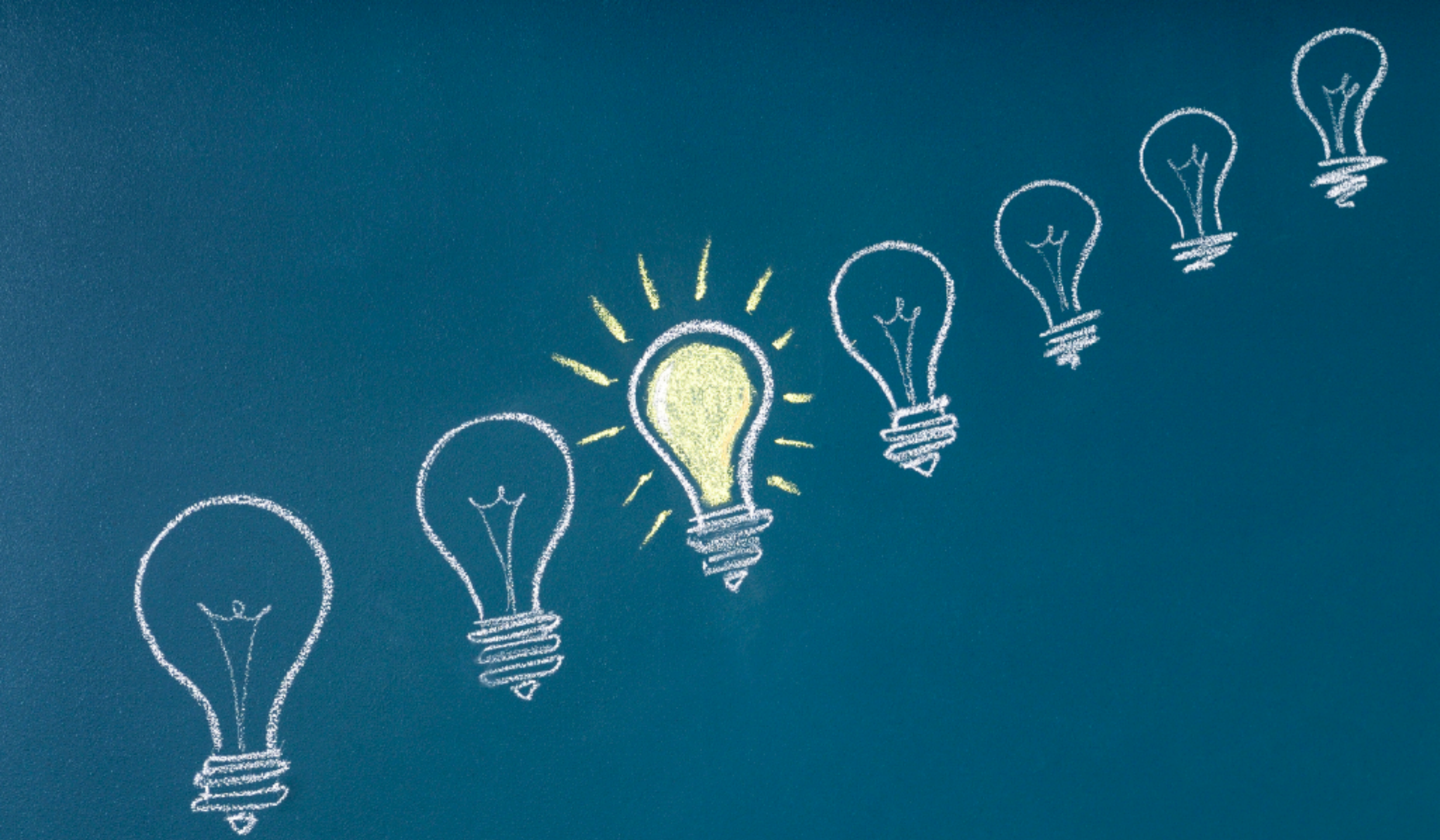

One idea per slide

Just to be clear ...

- (short) lists are okay
- code is okay

Know what to call slides with a lot of text on them? Your notes! If you feel you need slides with text, it's probably because you need notes. **Don't show the audience your notes.**

Susan Weinschenk

presentation

"What is the use of a ~~book~~,"
thought Alice,
"without pictures or conversation?"

go for the
easy targets

Further lessons

- Take the easy option (always!)

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Hooks

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C++11

- Is a better approximation of my ideals for support of good programming
  - Significantly better than C++98
- Has tons of distracting "old stuff"
  - Going back to C in 1972
- We must focus on the essentials
  - And the "good stuff"
  - "Elegance ***and*** efficiency"
- C++11 is not the end, we can do much better still
  - Anyone who says *I have a perfect language* is a fool or a salesman
- Stability/compatibility is an important feature in itself
  - And not free

BJARNE STROUSTRUP

THE CREATOR OF C++

Using
C++ 11
and
C++ 14

PROGRAMMING

Principles and Practice Using C++

SECOND EDITION

The standard committee not breaking your 20-year-old code is a **feature**.

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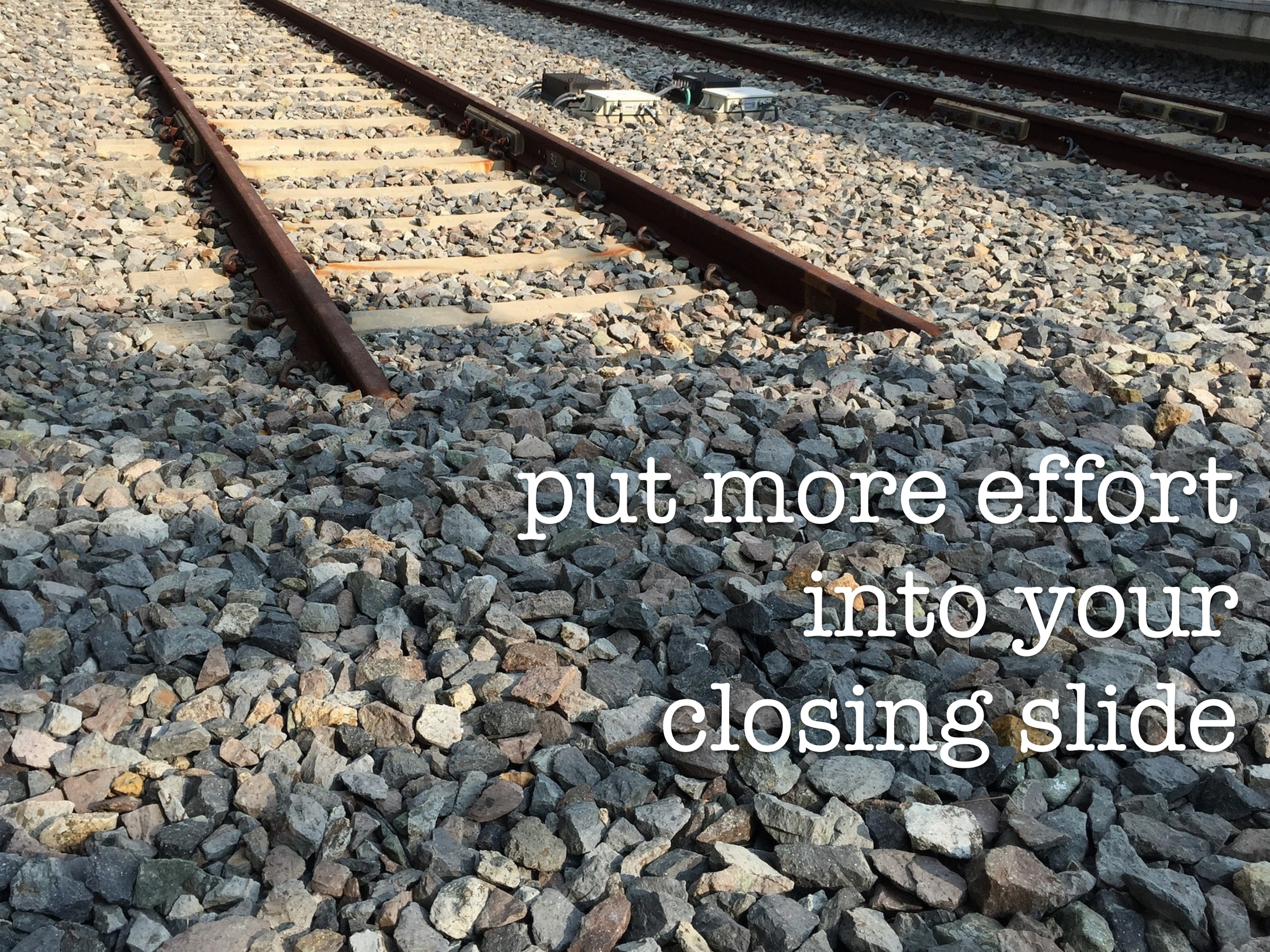
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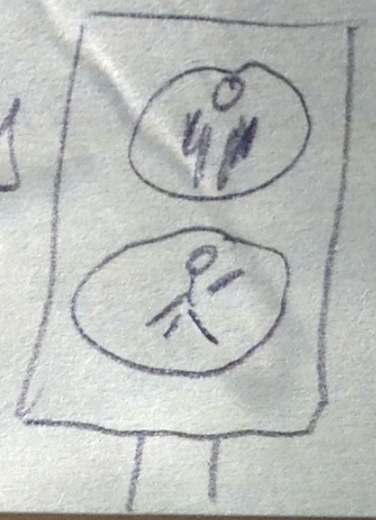
closing slide

DTRT

- Worry!
- Don't worry!

(Logo)

Worry



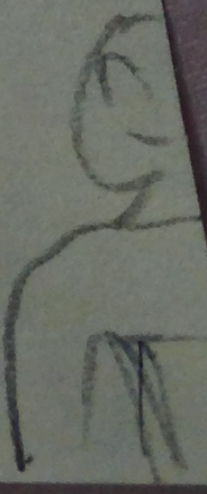
Don't worry

Sometimes you have to worry and sometimes you don't

Worry

Don't worry

Do The Right Thing



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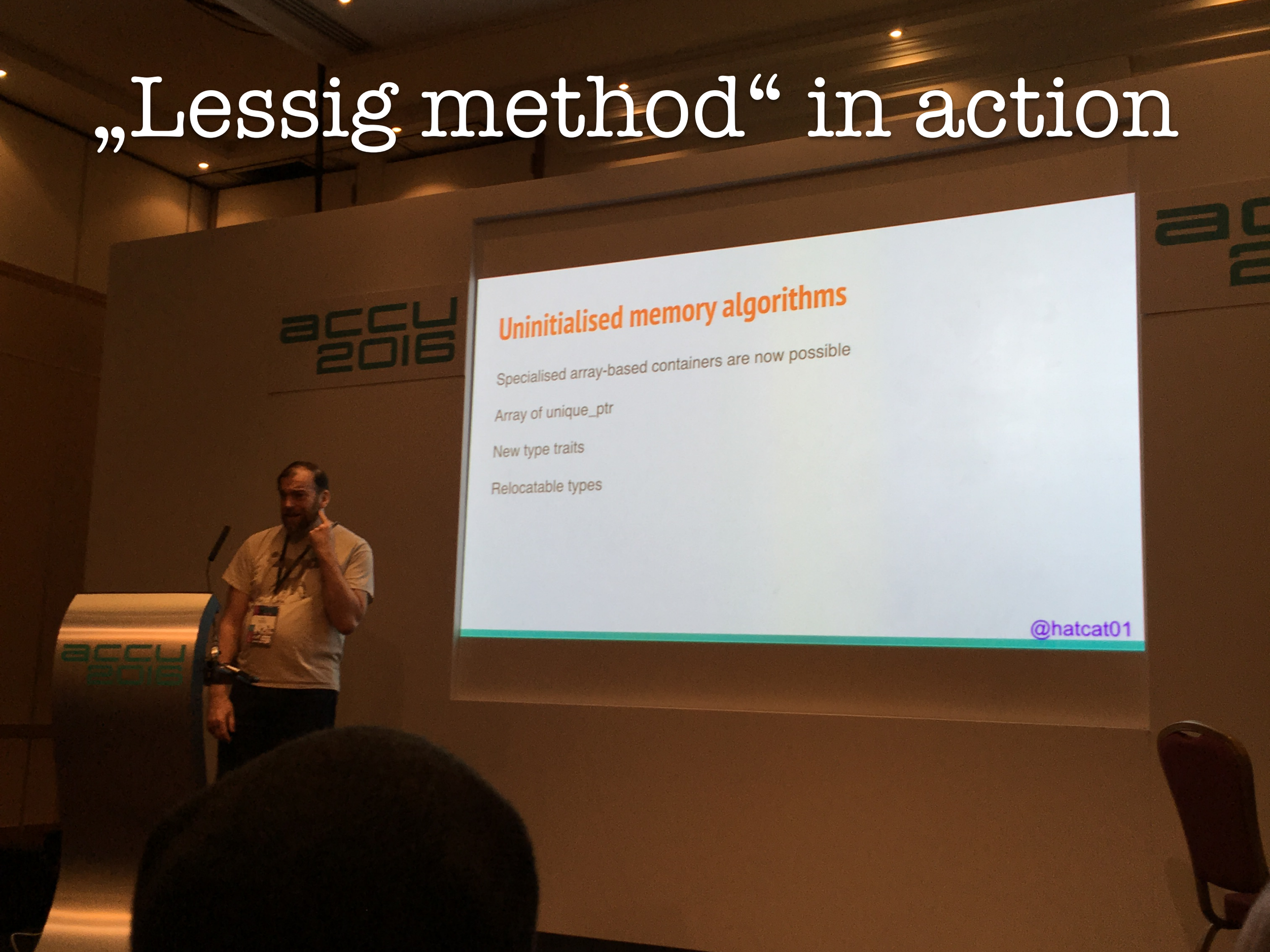
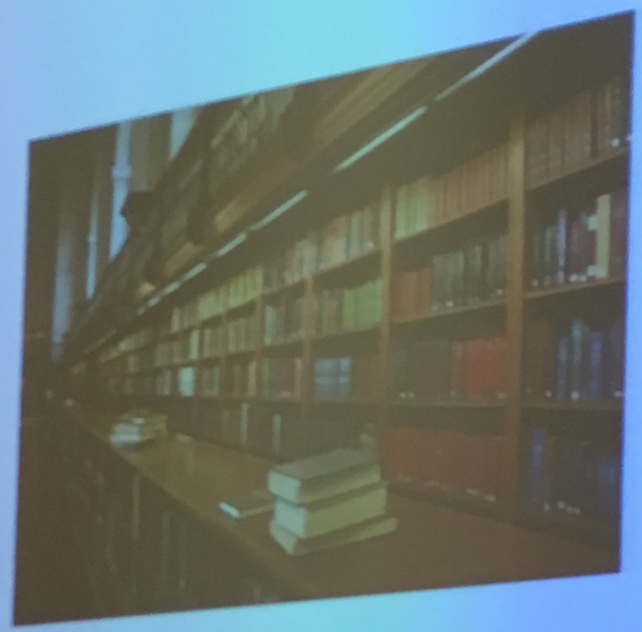
„80% full“

Bonus: Observations from ACCU 2016

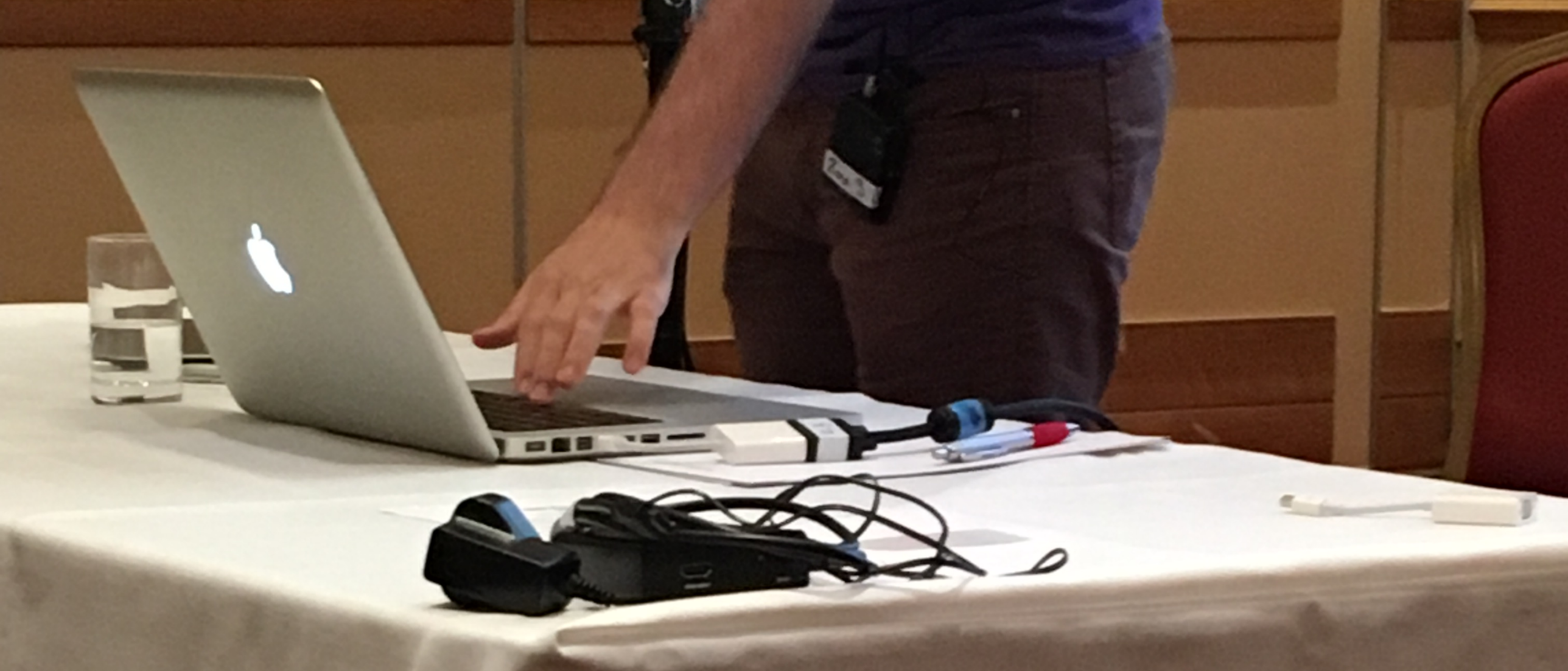
„Lessig method“ in action





Why so small?

Time Management



Use a remote, please

Beware of the laser pointer

Both class and Context instances can play Roles

- … in which case, *we really don't need classes any more*
- *They never were part of the OO vision*
- The **trygve** language supports more or less arbitrary scope nesting (anything inside anything)
- Classes become truly *operational models*. exactly the Piagetian ideal that Kay strove for

thankyouanyquestions?

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Presenting for
Geeks

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