



phpDay 2019

**AssertTrue(isDecoupled("MyTests"))**

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**DECOPLED TESTS REDUCE THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE  
COSTS OF THE TEST SUITE.**

**VALUE OF TESTS =  
COST OF BUGS FOUND BY TESTS  
- COST OF TEST SUITE**

# IS THIS TALK FOR YOU?

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**NO**

- ▶ Experienced tester.
- ▶ You already write unit, integrations and end to end tests.
- ▶ You don't abstract talks.



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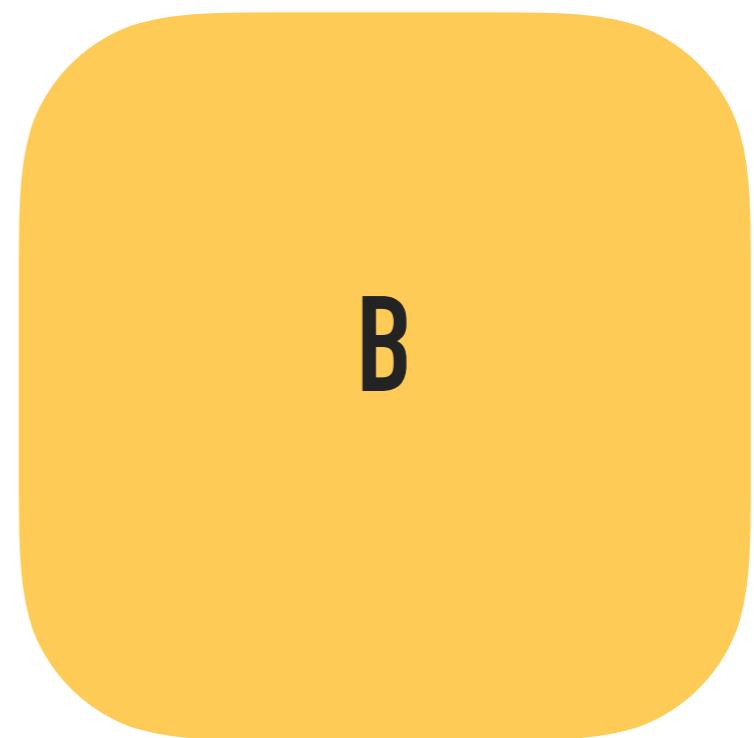
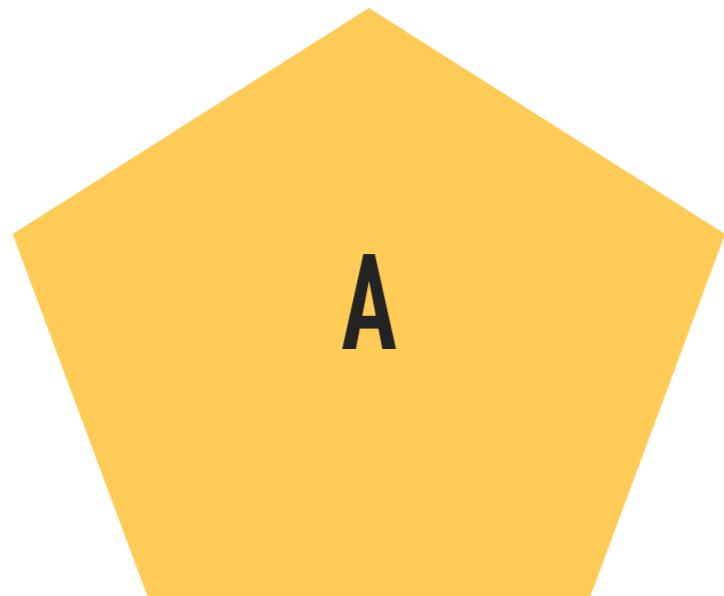
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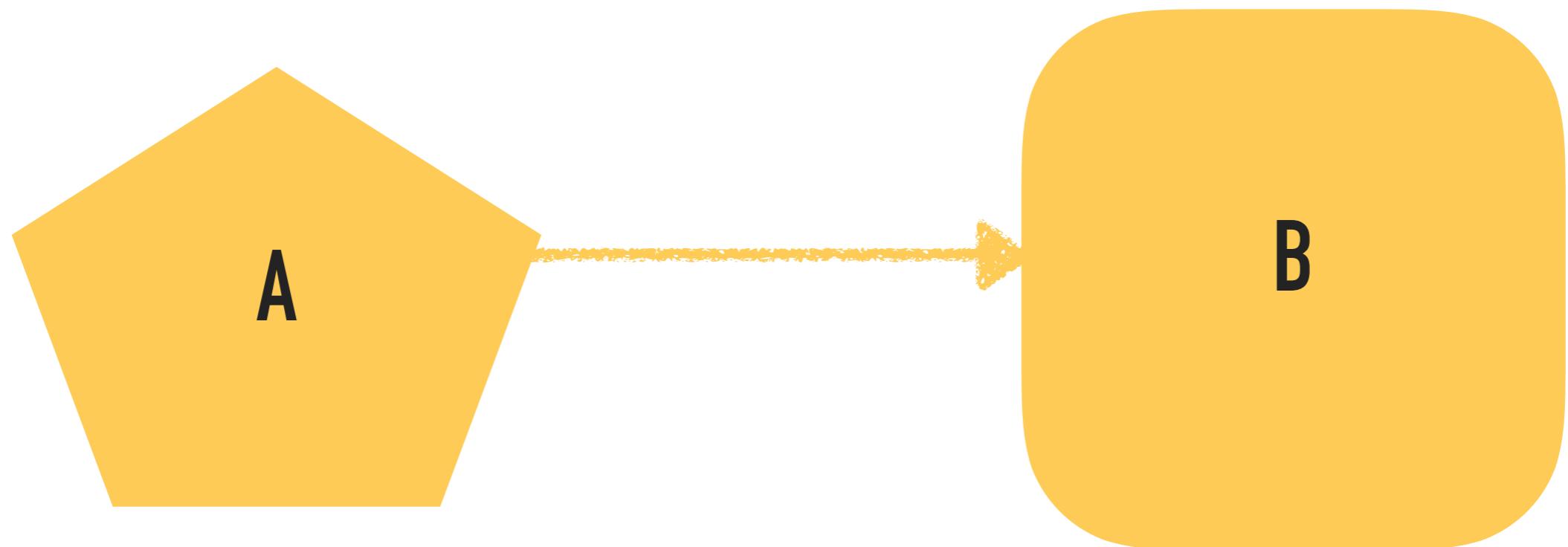
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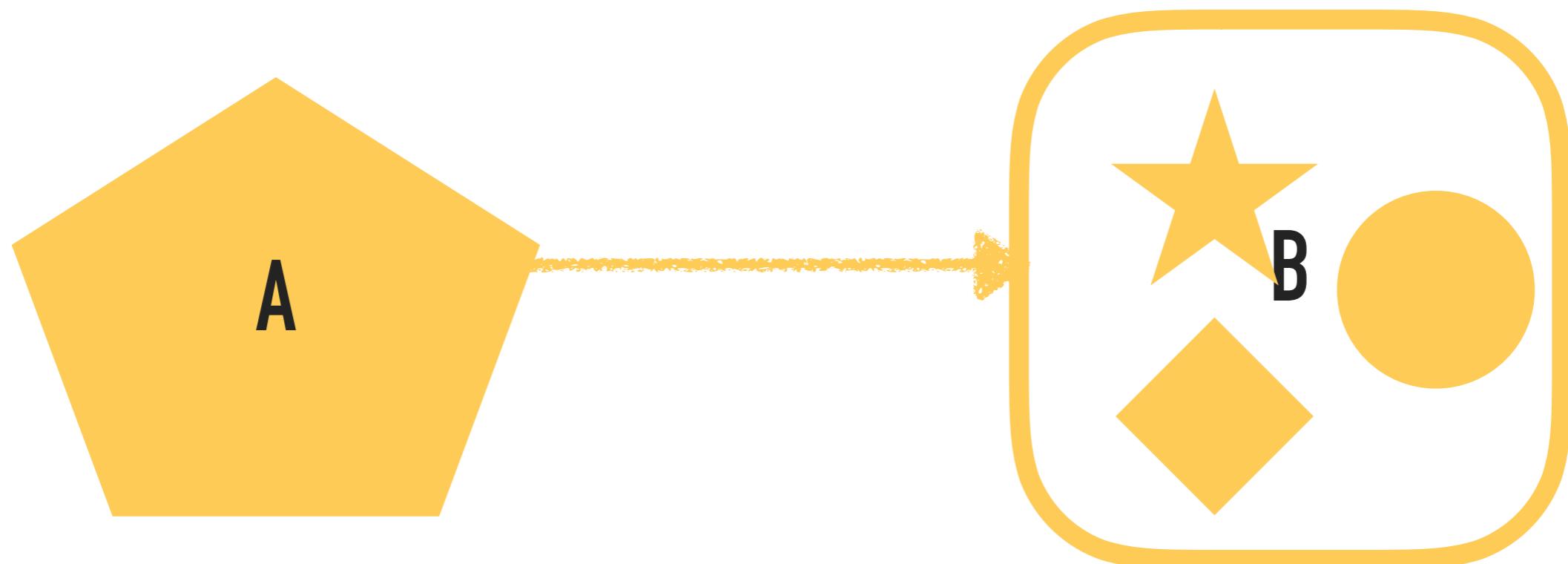
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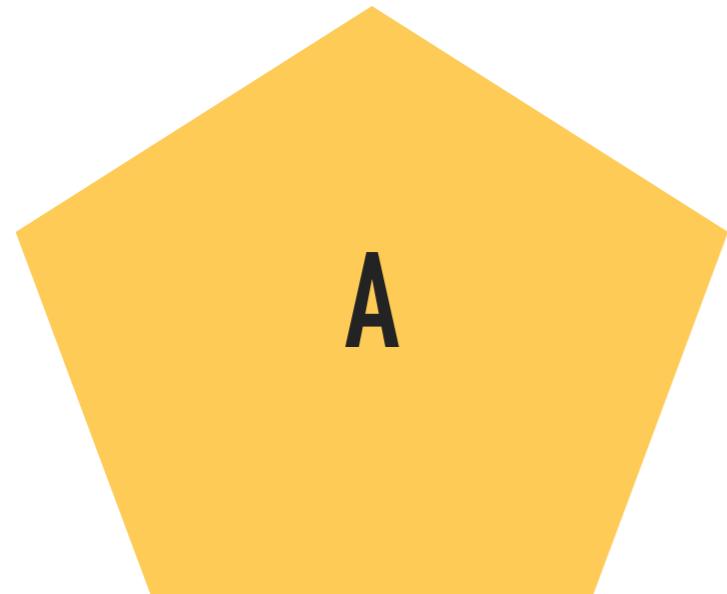
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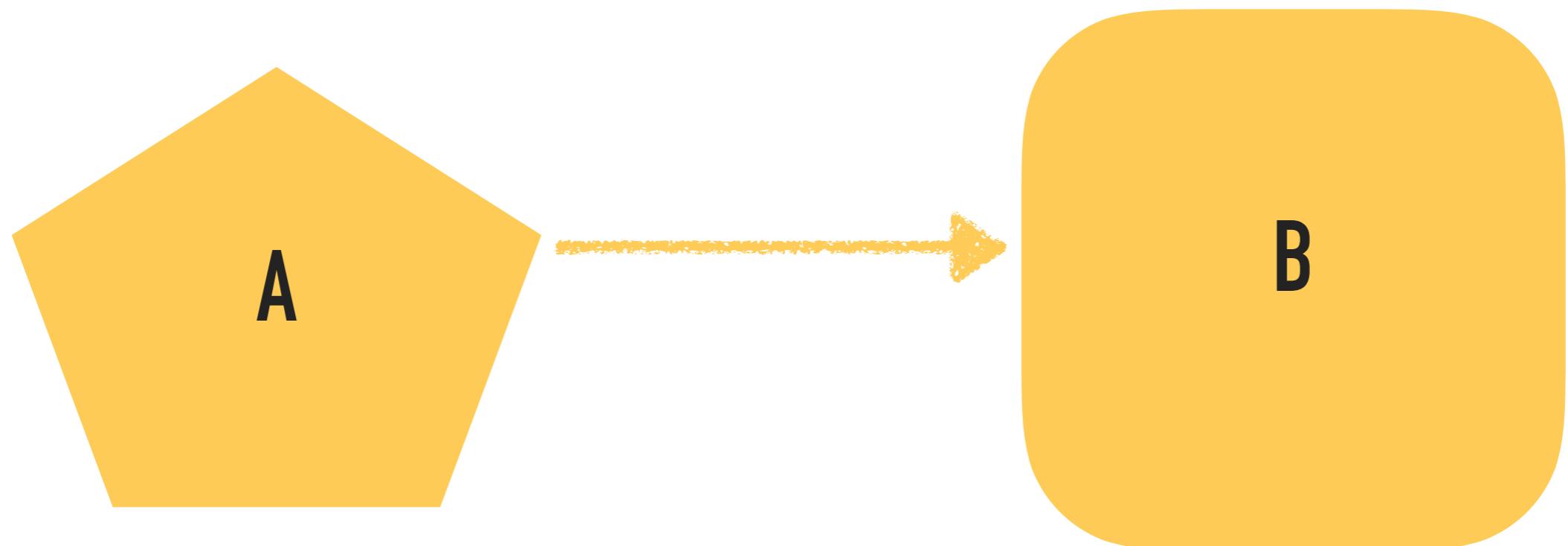
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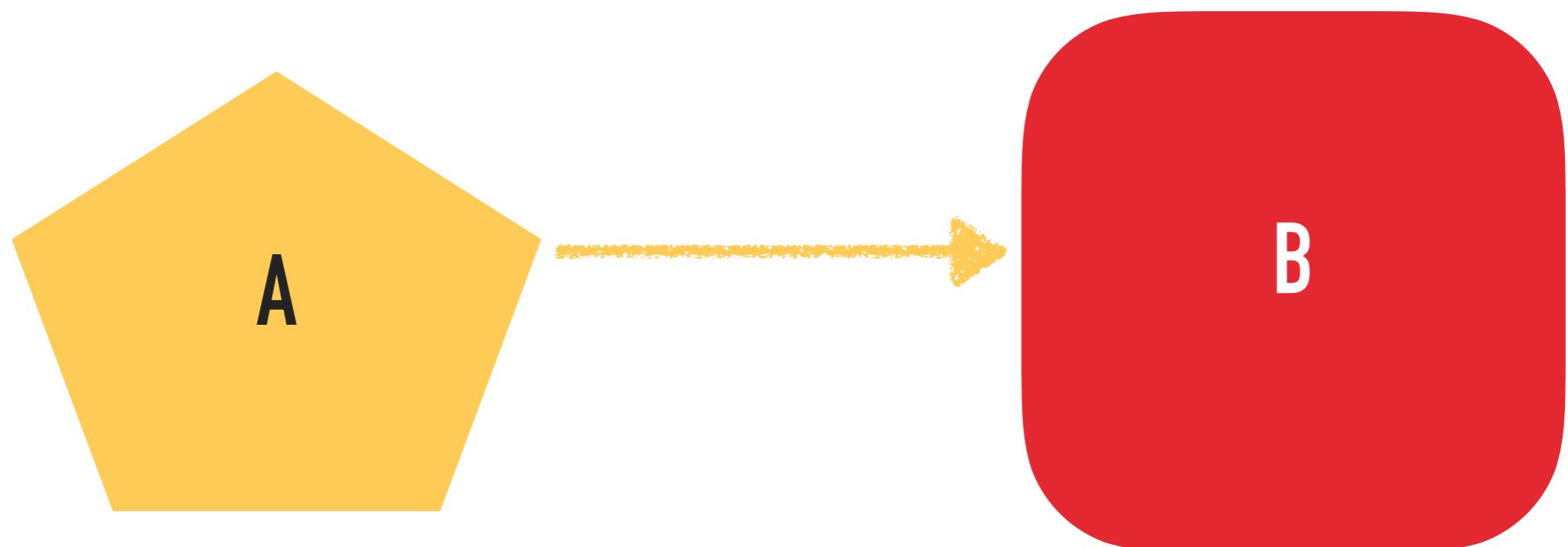
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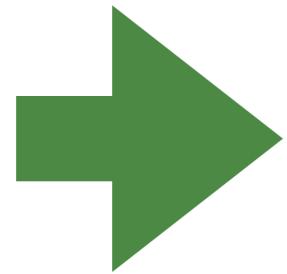
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## TYPICAL USER JOURNEY

- ▶ Bob would log in
- ▶ Bob see a list of quizzes
- ▶ Pick one he hadn't done
- ▶ Complete the quiz
- ▶ See his score
- ▶ His team's score would be updated

# STORY 1

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UI



## STORY 1

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### INITIALLY TESTS WOULD DO THIS KIND OF THING...

- ▶ Visit home page
- ▶ Find login link.
- ▶ Click login link
- ▶ Find form element with name “username”
- ▶ Enter username
- ▶ Find form element with name “password”
- ▶ Enter password
- ▶ Find button with type “submit”
- ▶ Click button
- ▶ ... etc ...

## A TINY CHANGE REQUEST....

Can we change the layout of the page  
showing the lists of quizzes?

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OK (444 tests, 1201 assertions)

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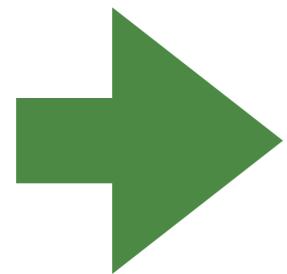




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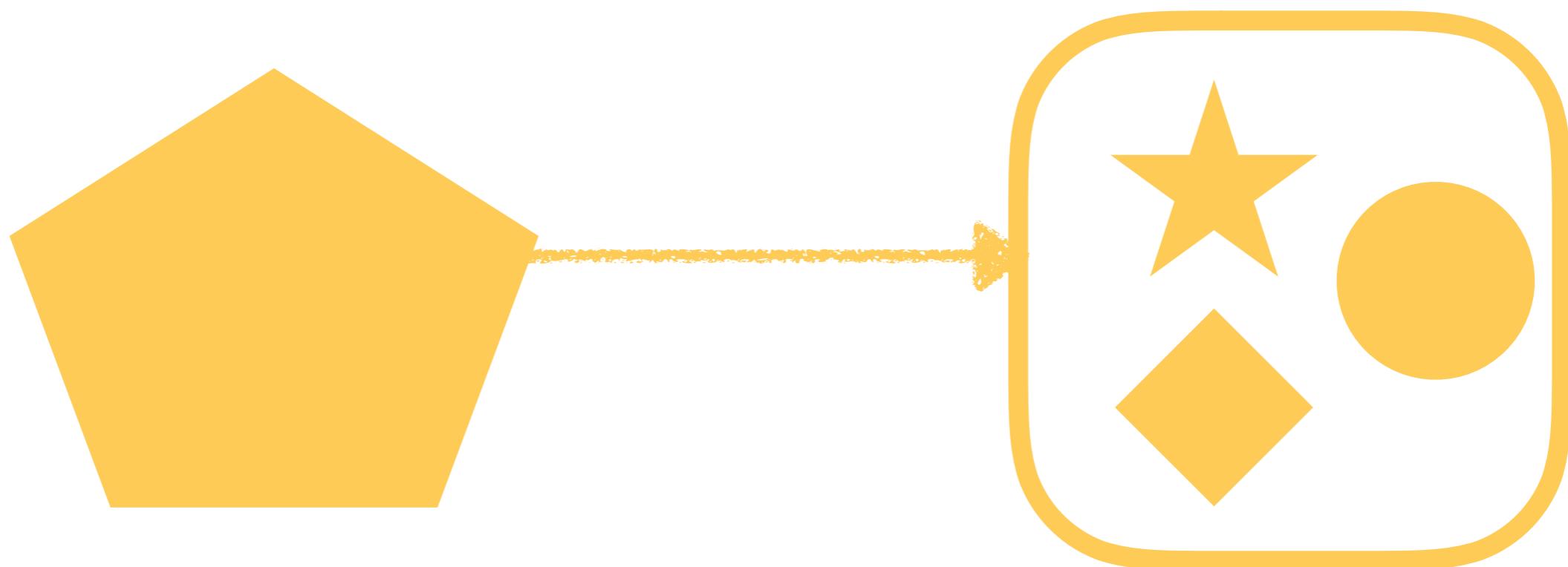
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## PROBLEM: TIGHT COUPLING



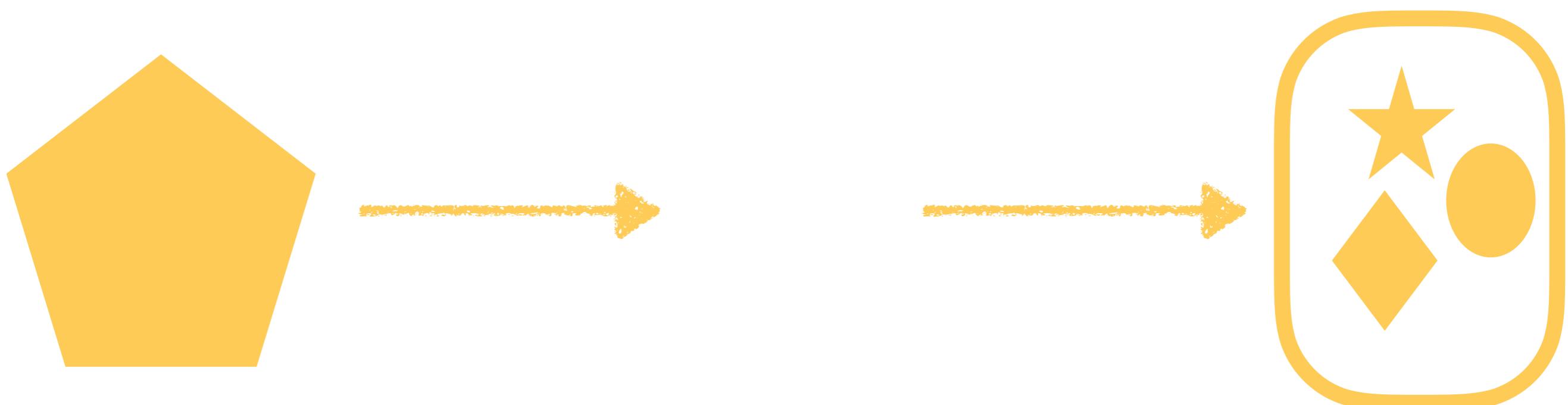
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SOFTWARE  
UNDER TEST

## STORY 1

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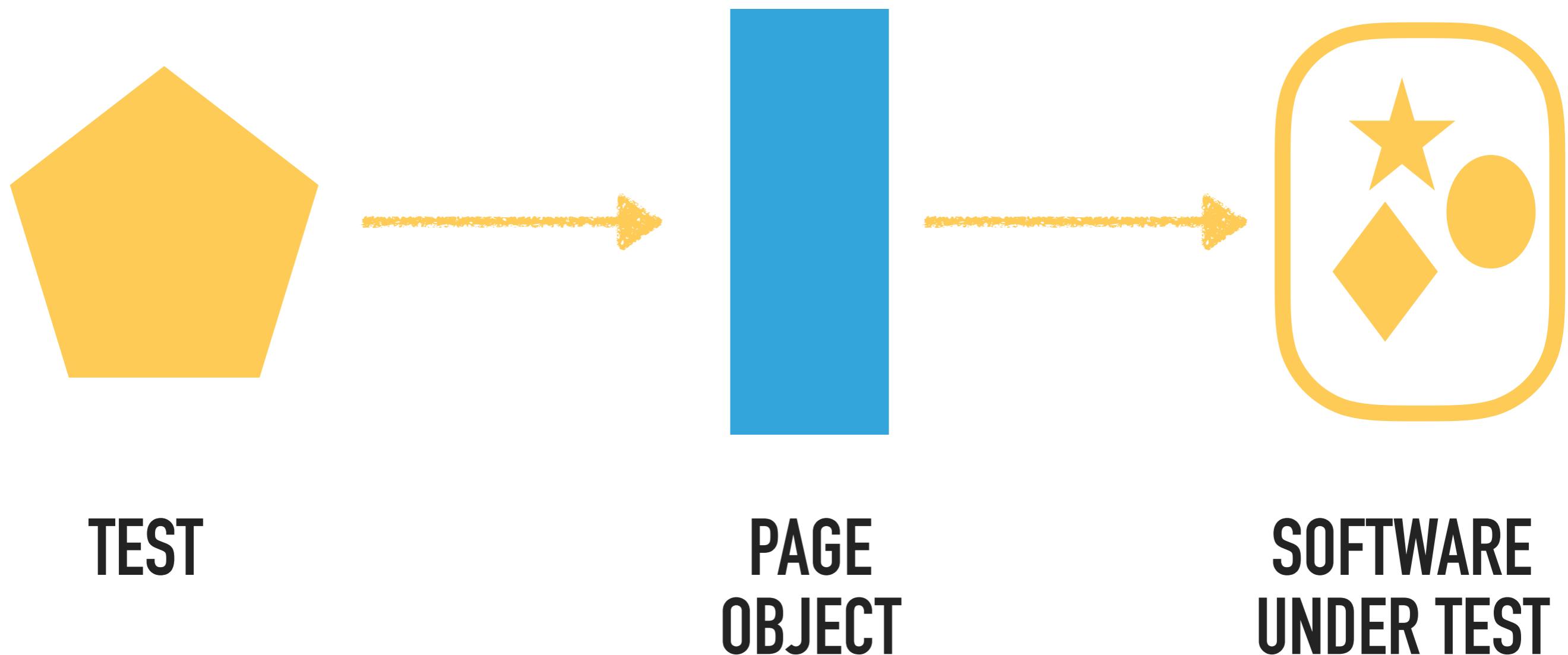
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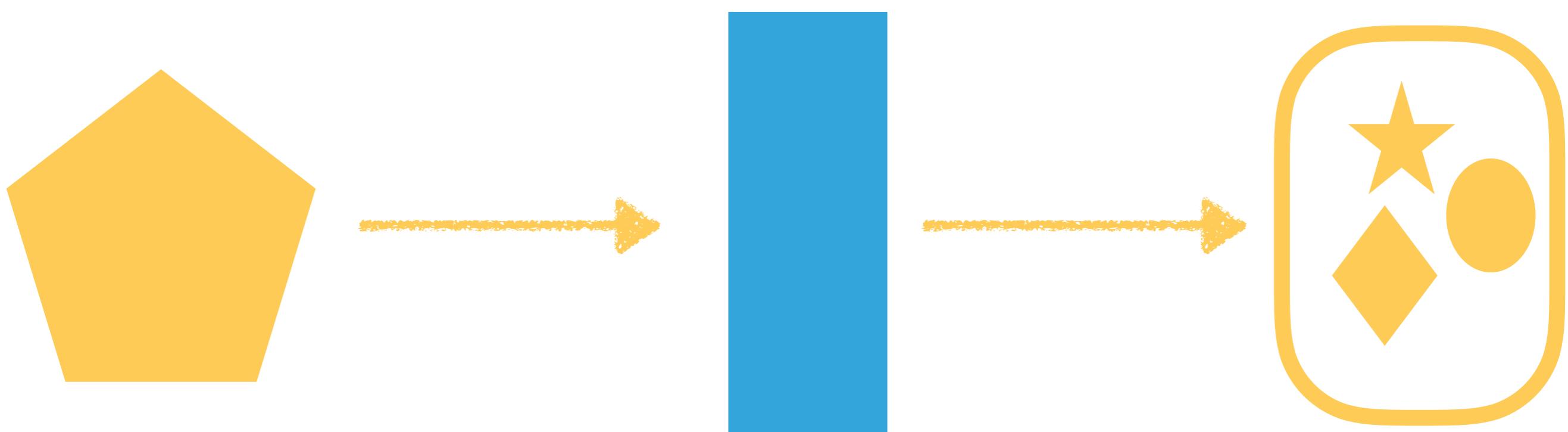
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login (\$username, \$password)

answerQuestion (\$answer)



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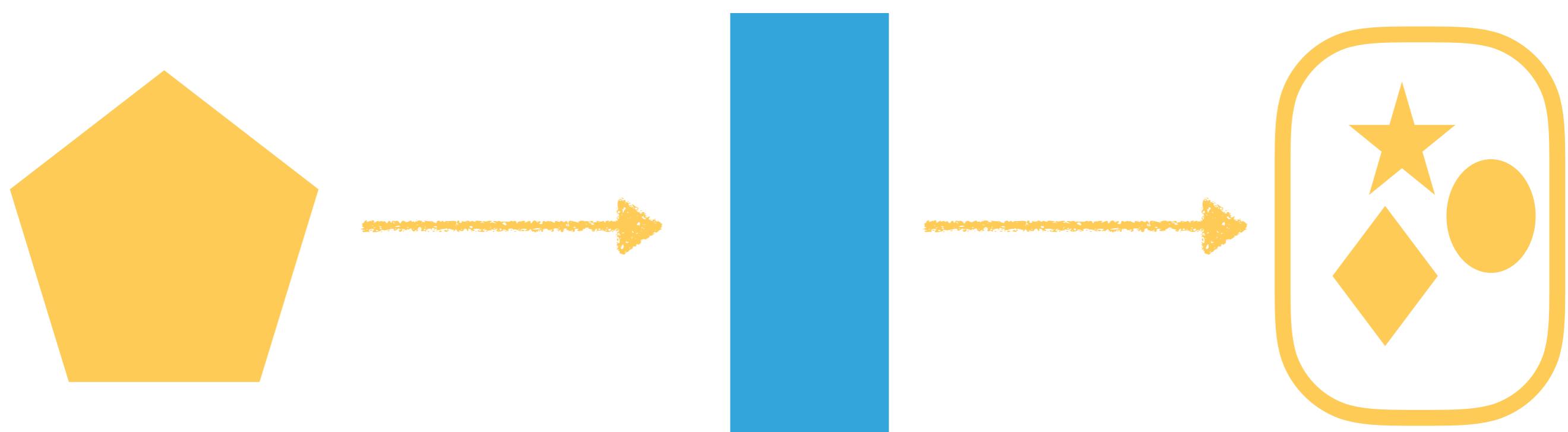
## REDUCE COUPLING WITH PAGE OBJECT

login (\$username, \$password)

answerQuestion (\$answer)

findElementByName (\$name)

click ()



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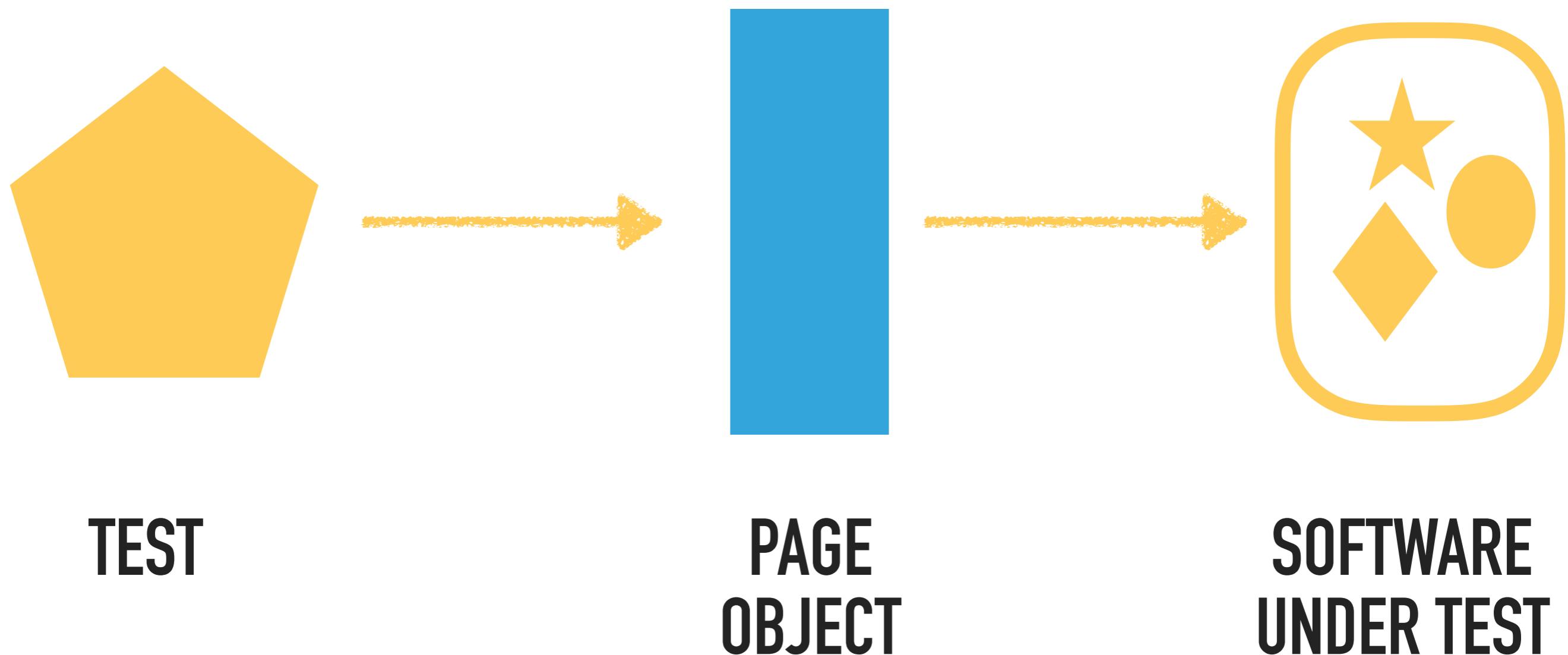
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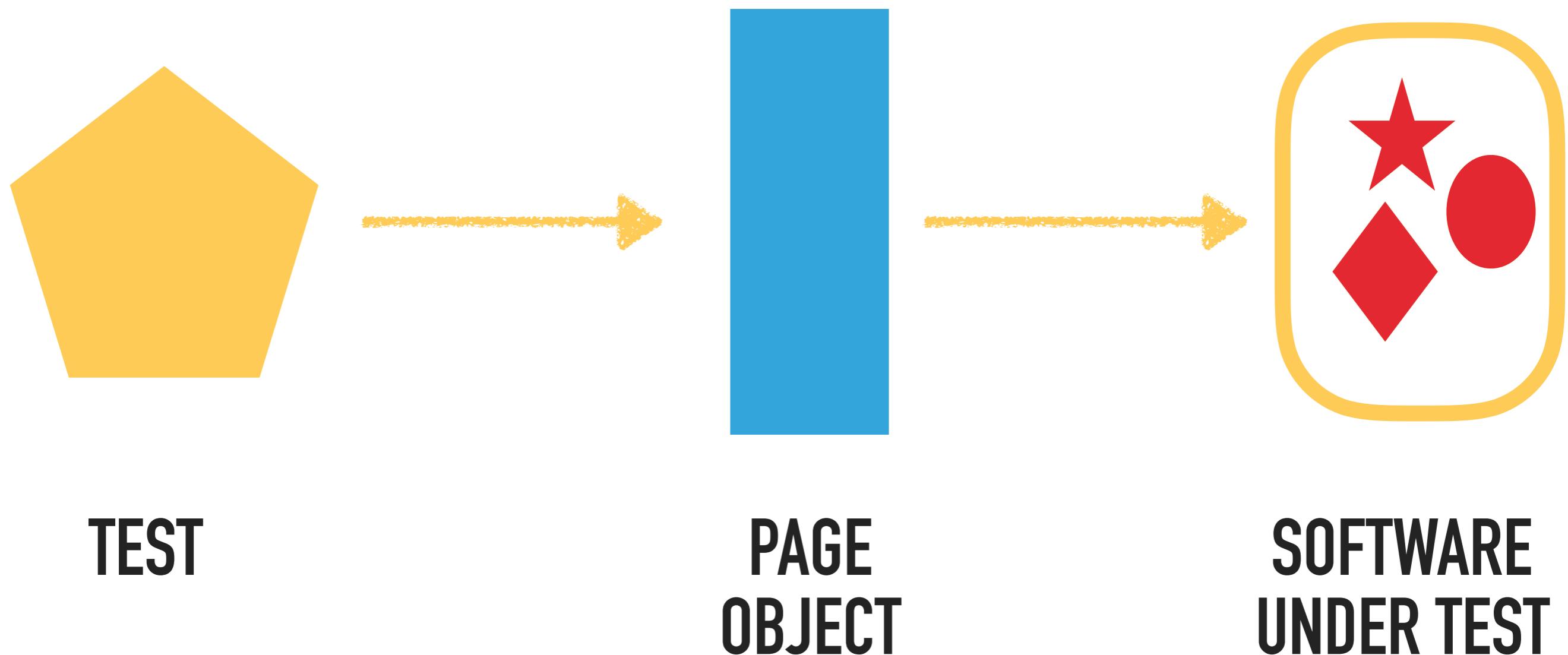
## A PAGE OBJECT CAN...

- ▶ Simulate an action a human would do.
- ▶ Grab data from the page.
- ▶ Navigate to another page.

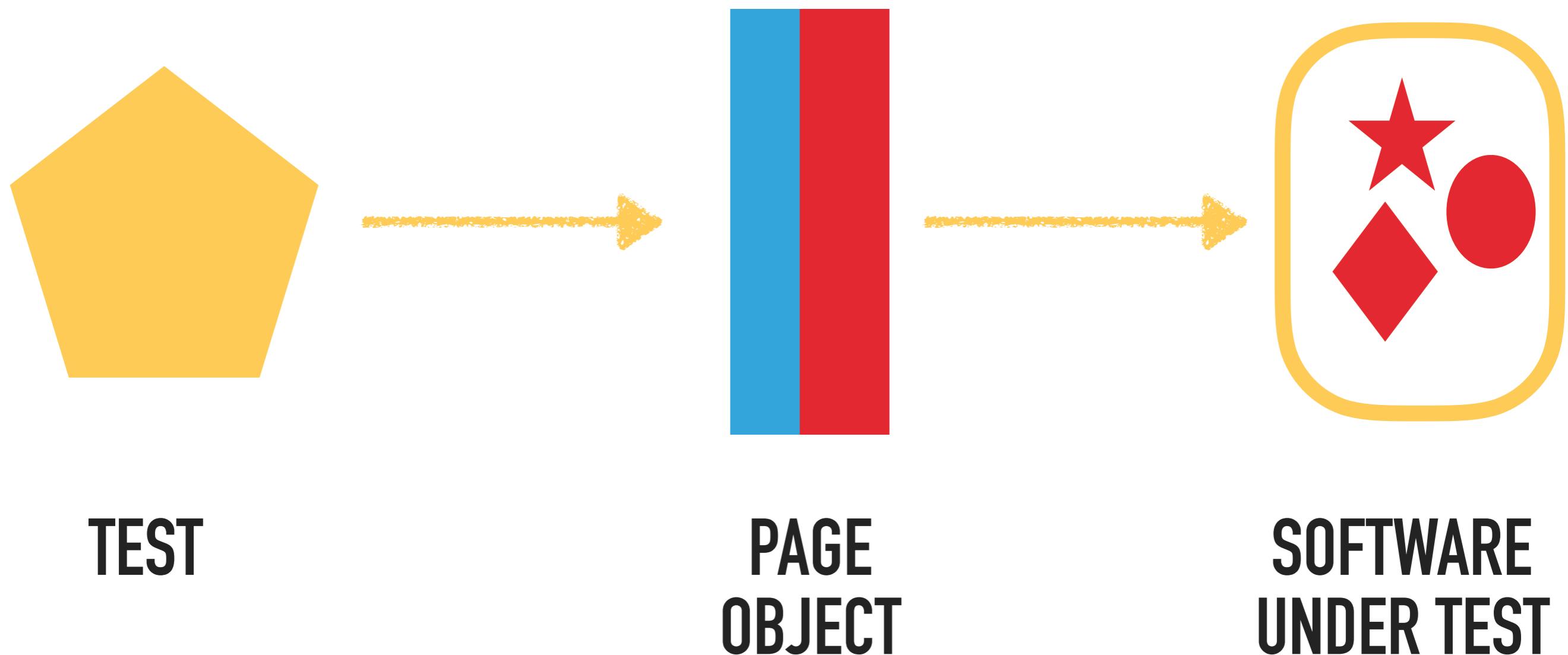
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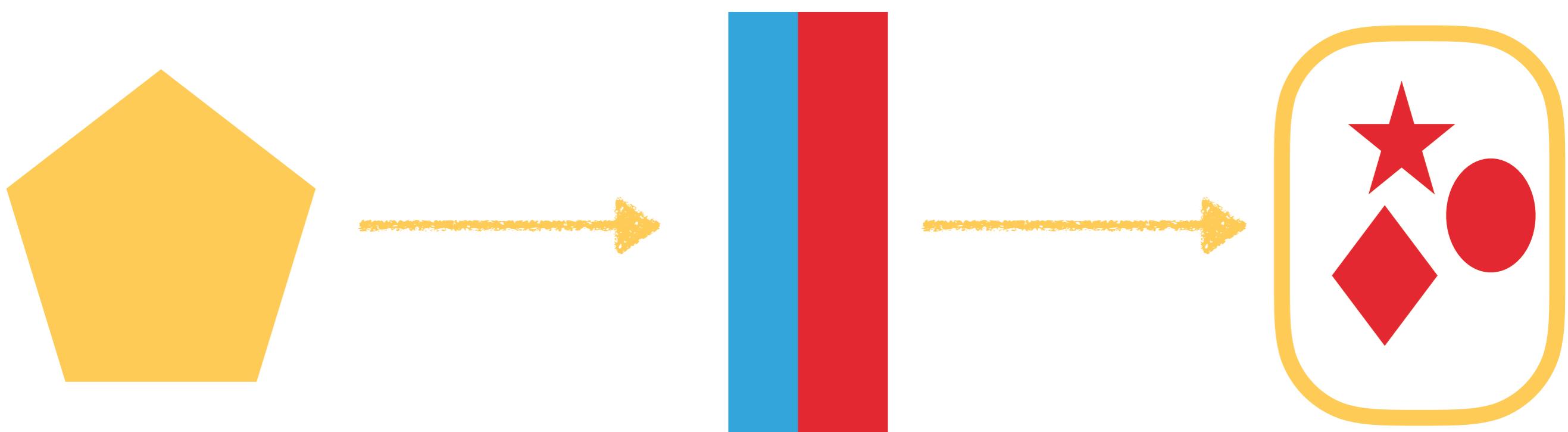
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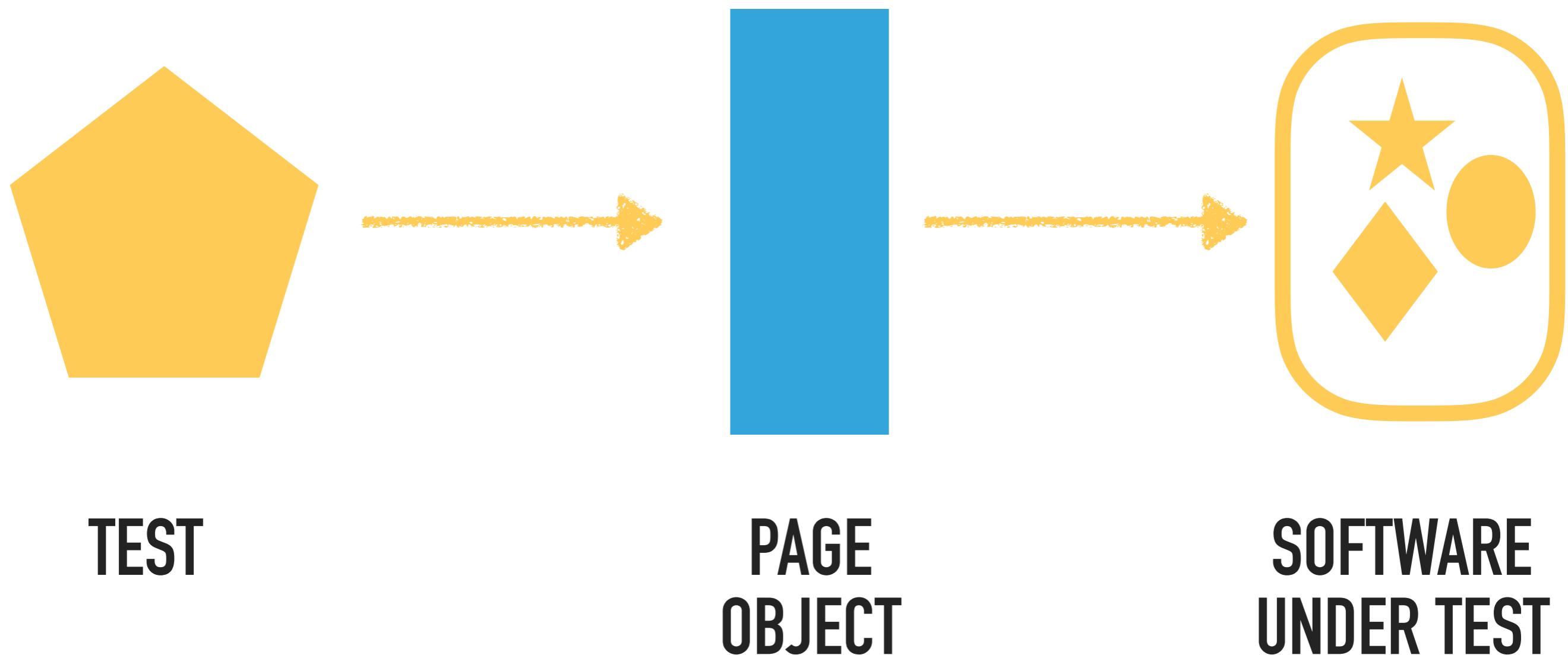


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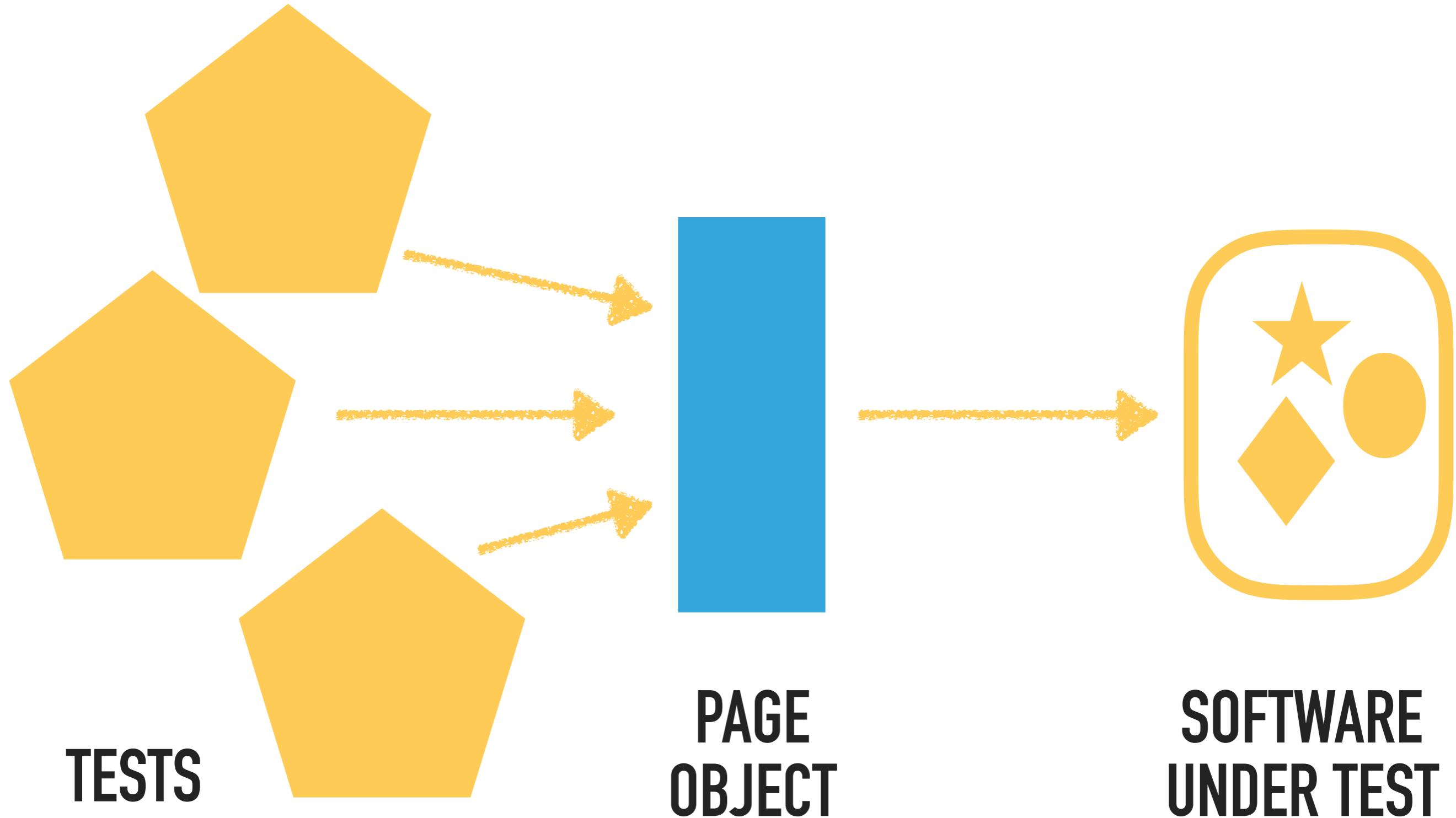
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## TEST LOOK A BIT MORE LIKE THIS

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$loginPage = $homePage->getLoginPage();
```

```
$myQuizzesPage = $loginPage->login("bob", "password");
```

```
$quiz1Page = $myQuizesPage->findQuiz(1);
```

```
$quiz1Page->setAnswer1('a');
```

```
$quiz1Page->setAnswer2('b');
```

```
$resultsPage = $quiz1Page->submitAnswers();
```

```
assertEquals(3, $resultsPage->getScore());
```

... etc ...

## THINGS I WANTED TO TEST...

Does an individual's score get  
correctly allocated to their team?

## A TINY CHANGE REQUEST....

Could we change the page a user goes to after logging in?

## THE TESTS WILL BREAK

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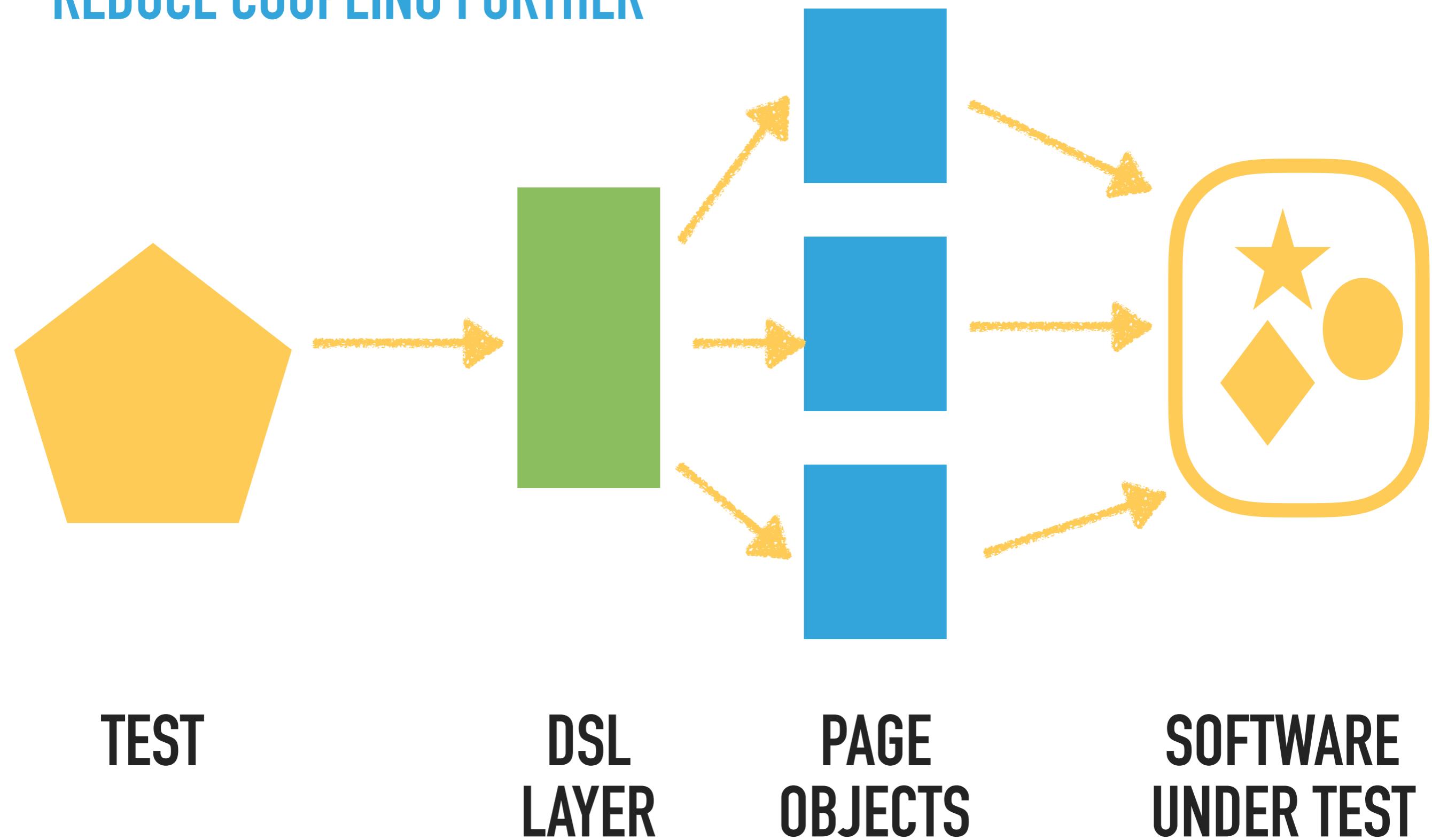
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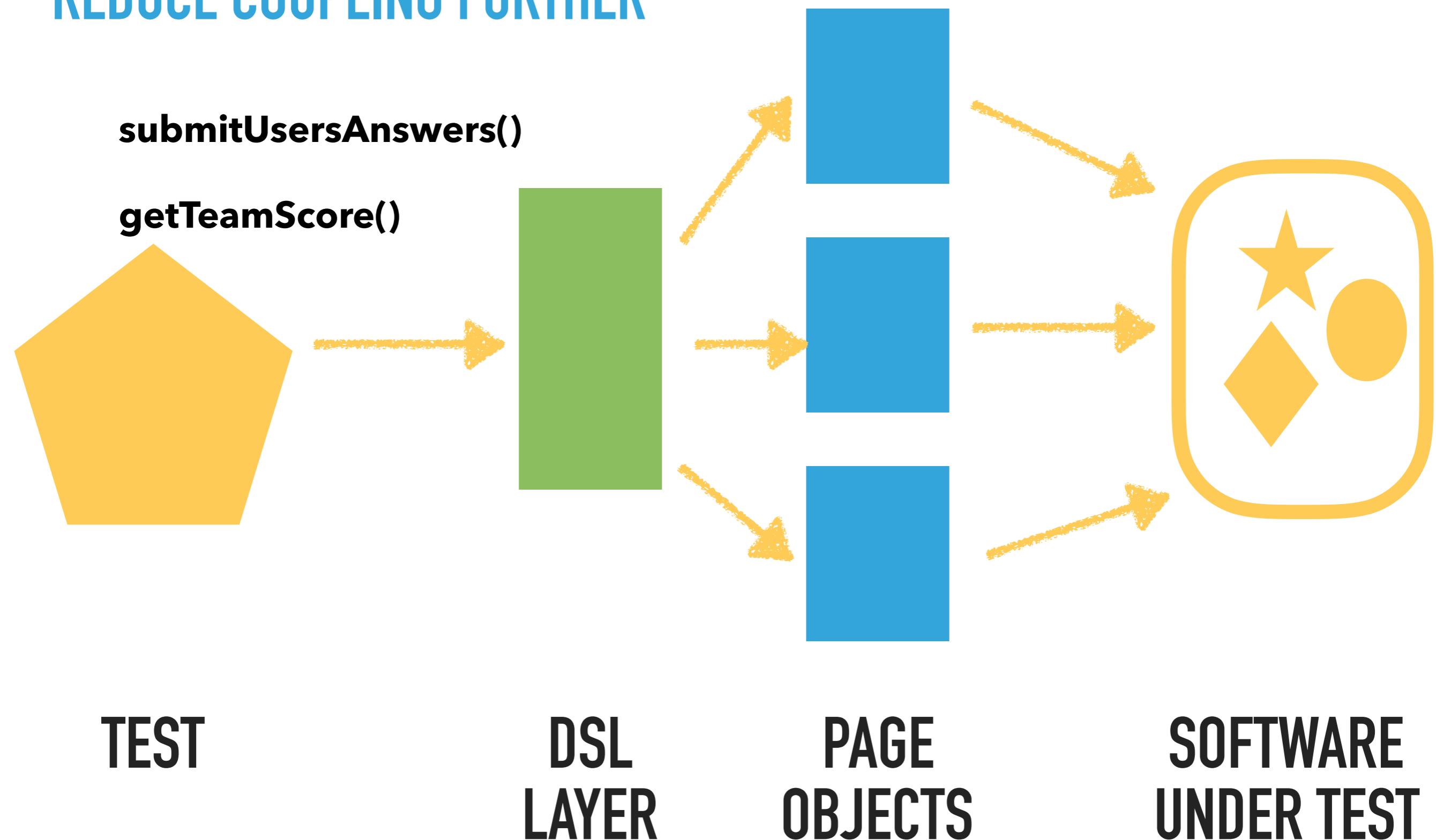
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['engagement' => 'a', 'enjoyment' => 'b', ... etc ... ]);

$score = getTeamScore($apple);

assertEquals(7, $score);
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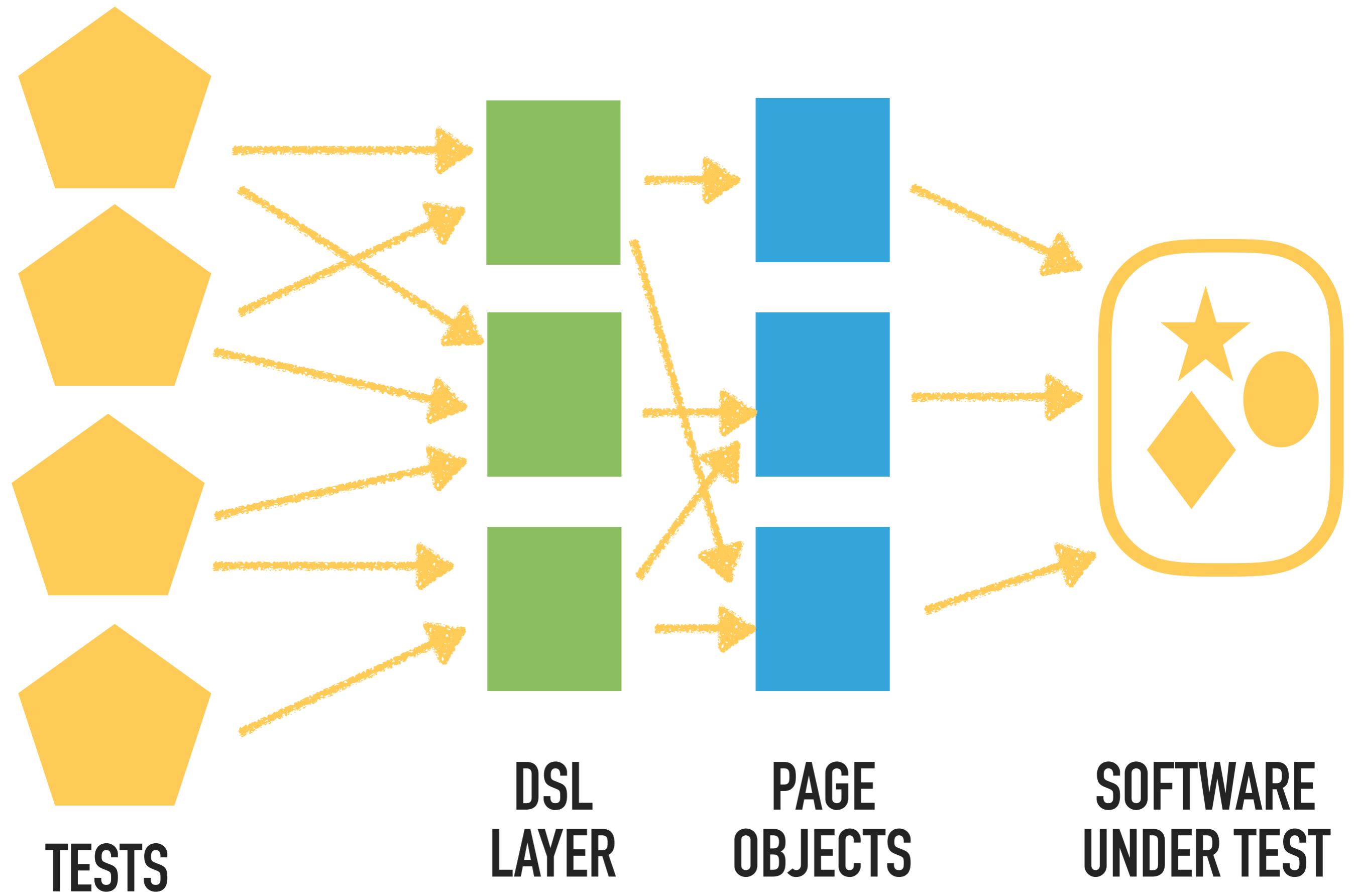
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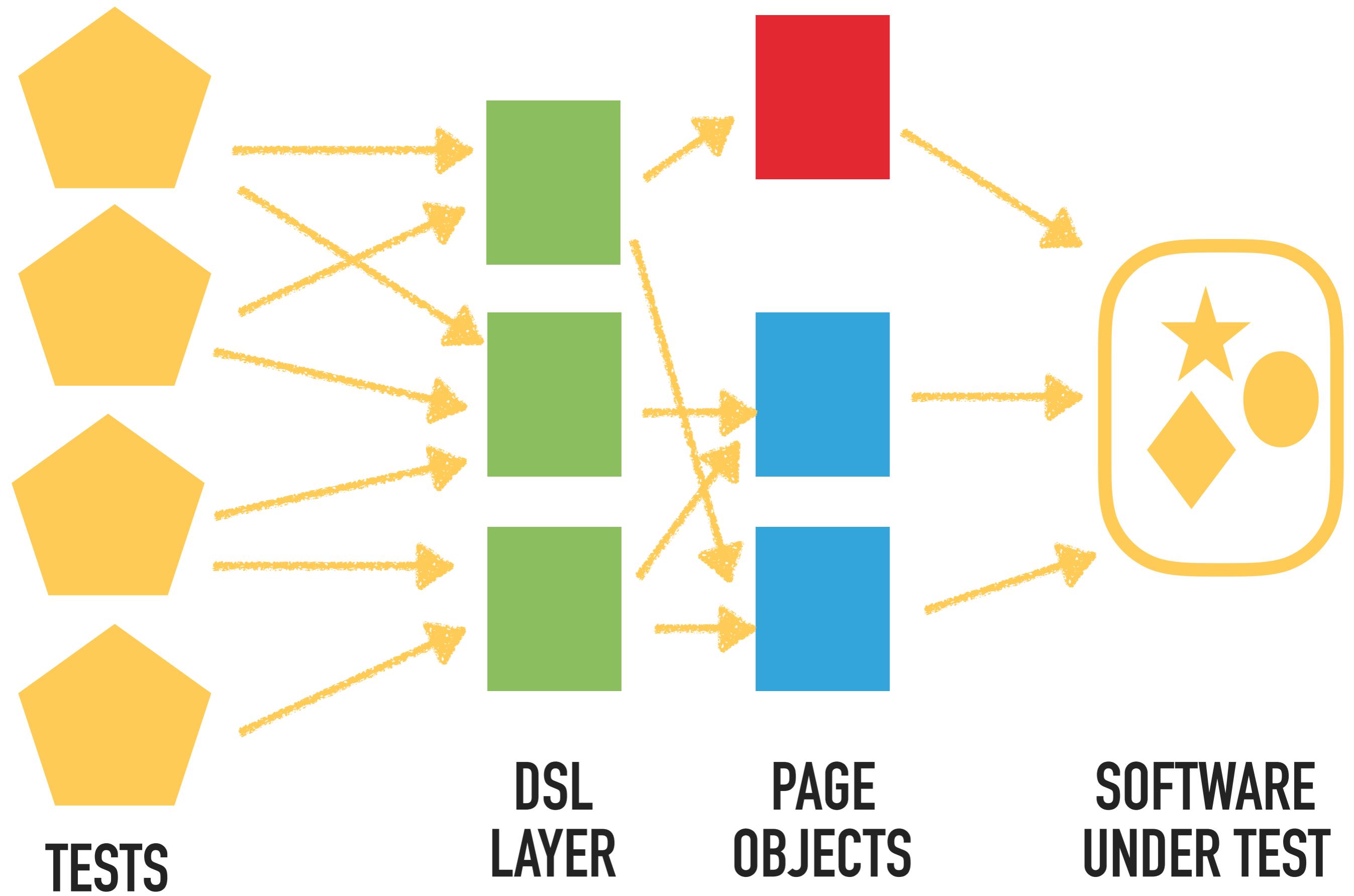
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**BUT WHAT IF . . .**

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We replace the entire website with  
an app?

ALSO ...

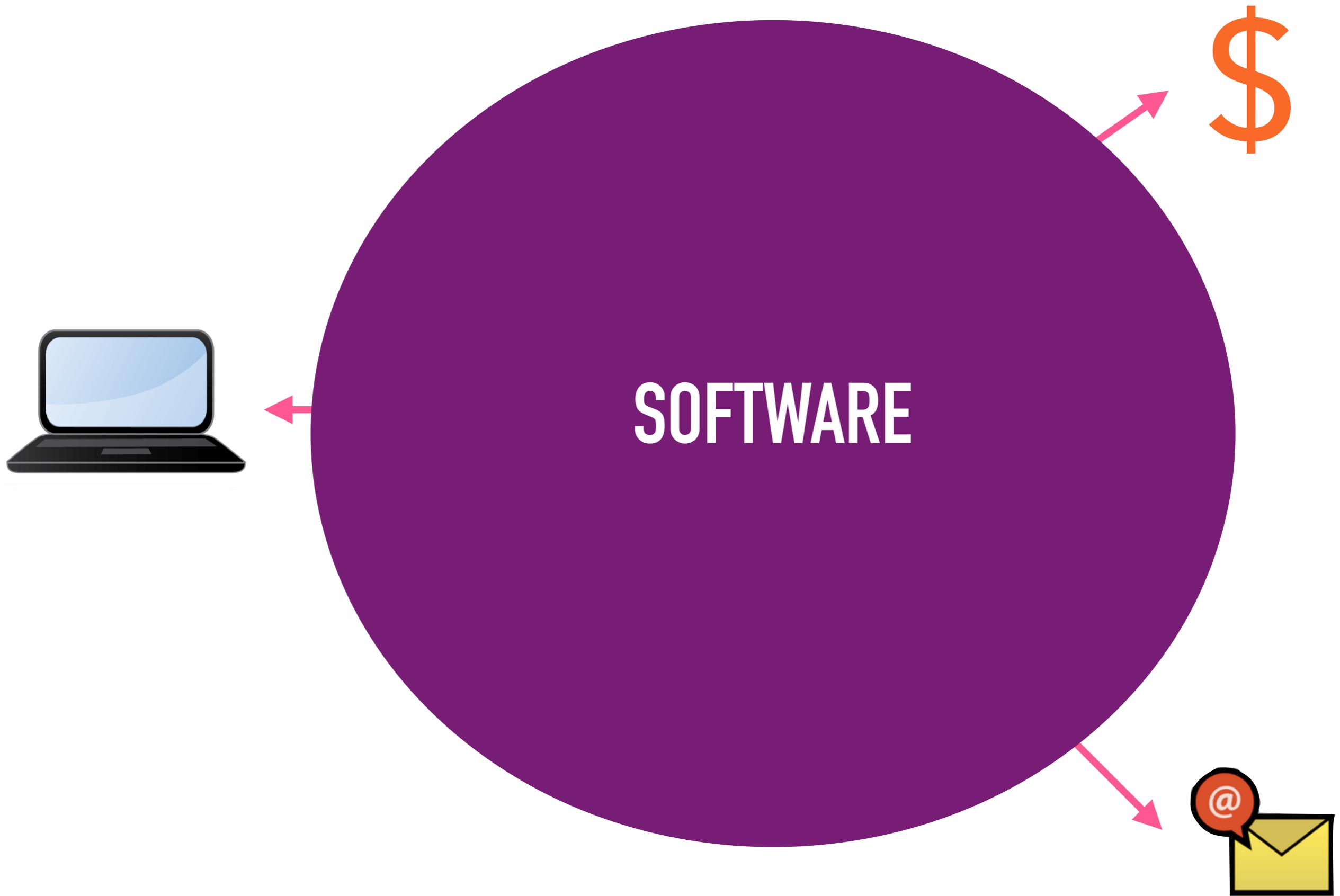
This feels like a lot of effort.



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## STORY 2

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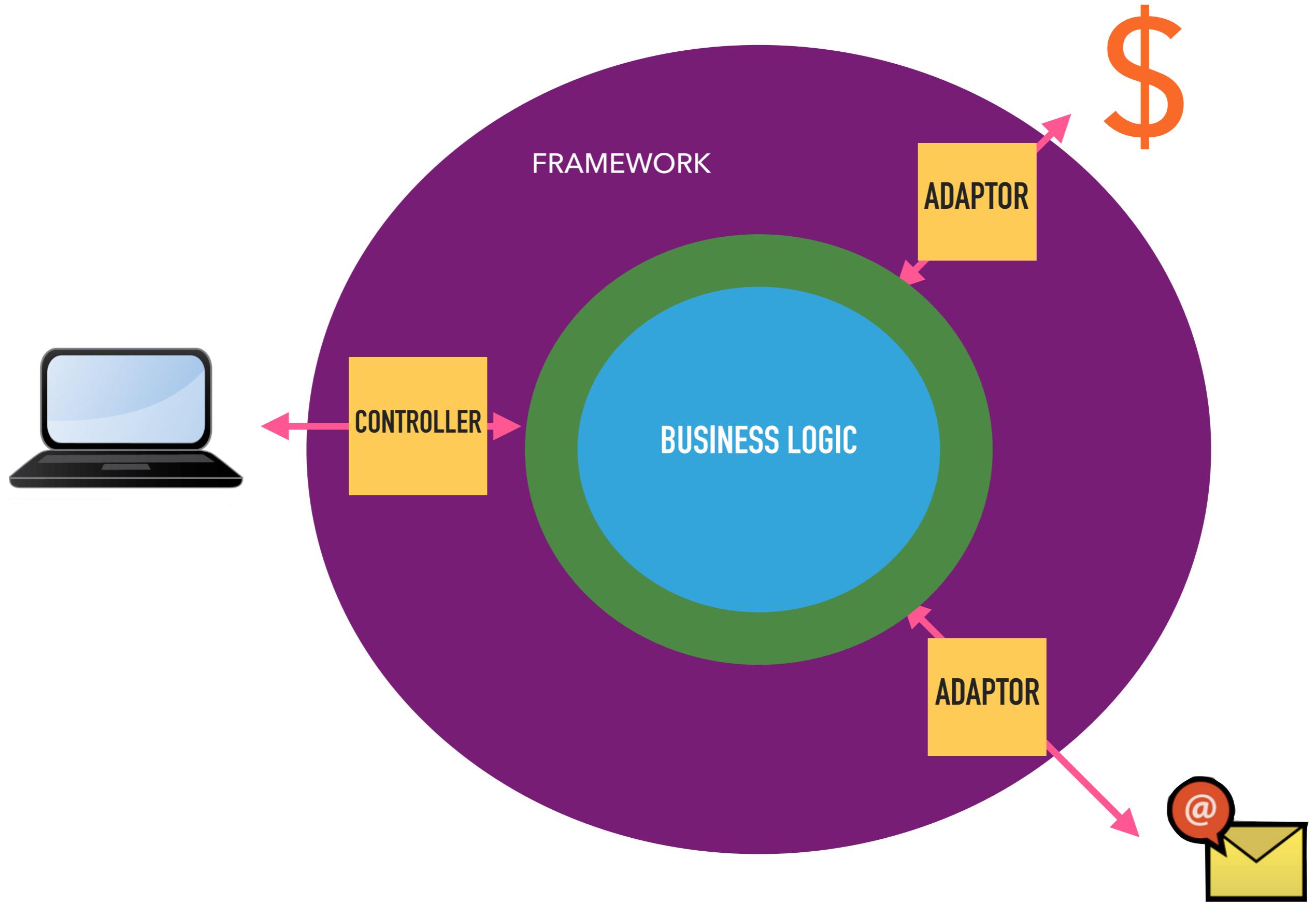


# THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY...

- ▶ Layered architecture
- ▶ Hexagonal architecture

## STORY 2

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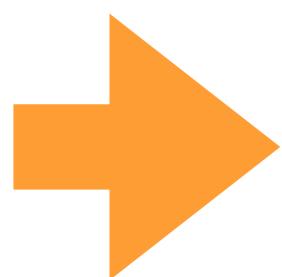


## SERVICE LAYER

```
interface AnswerSubmissionService
{
    public function submitUsersAnswers(
        User $user,
        int $quizId,
        array $answers
    ): void;
}
```

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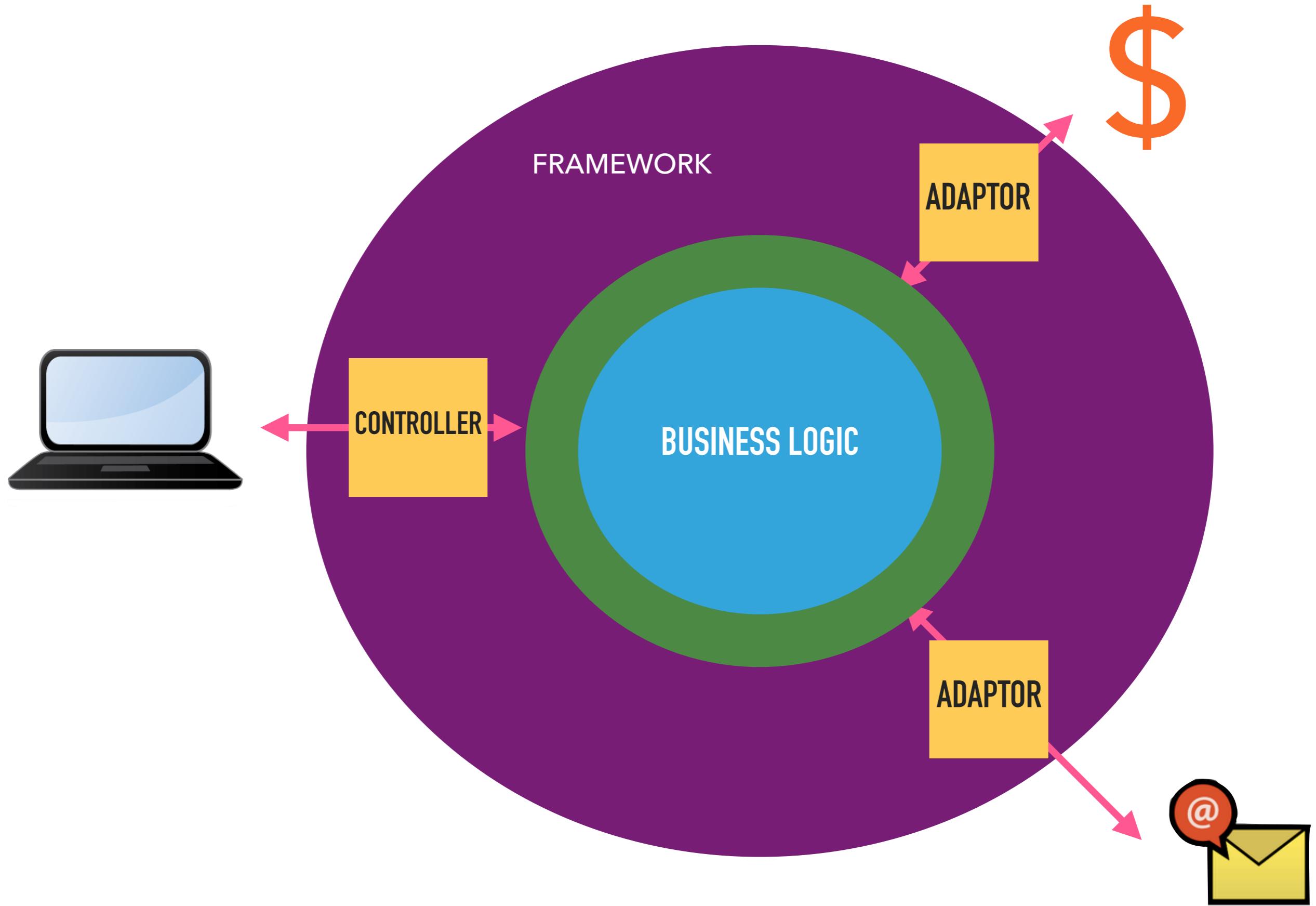


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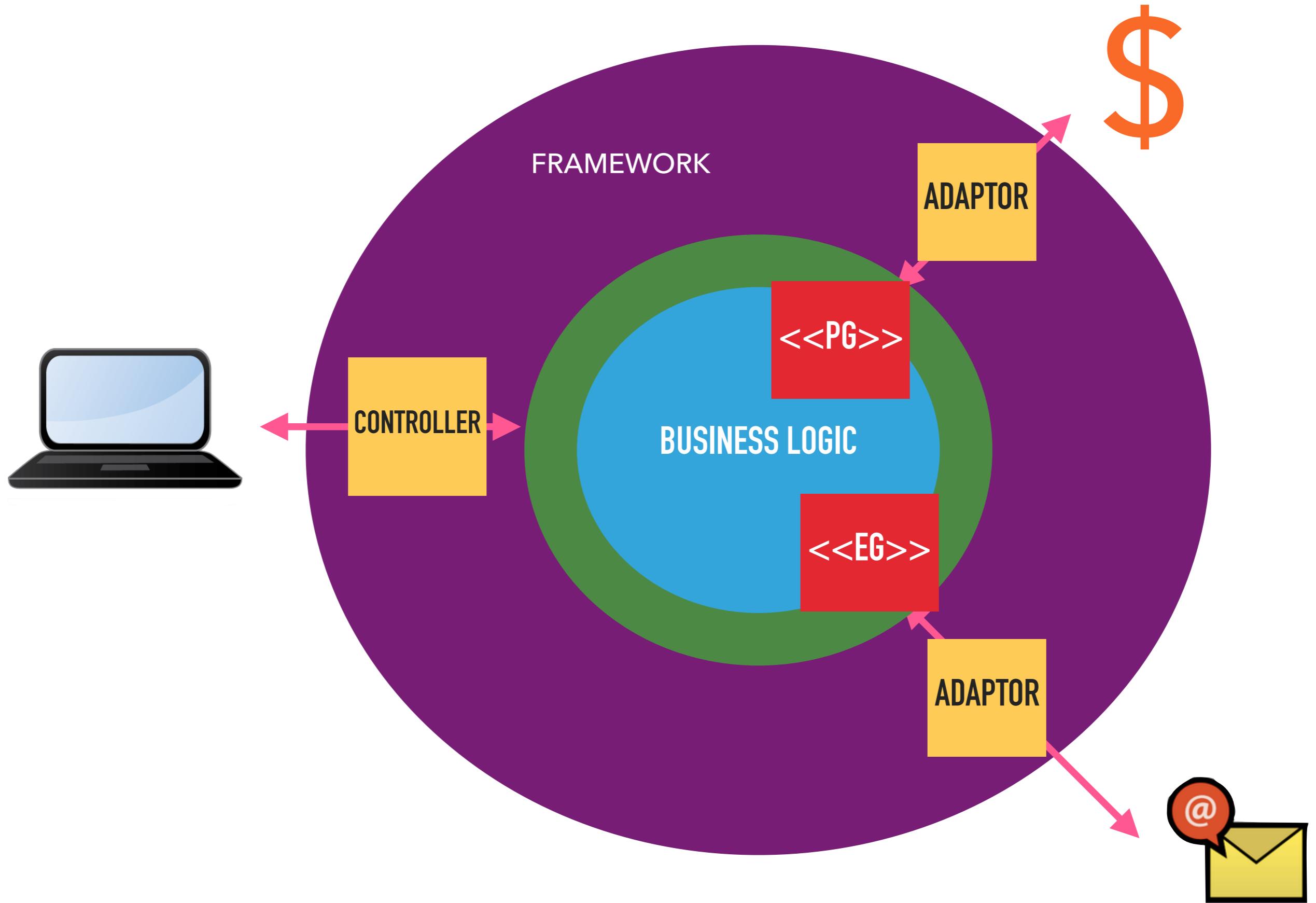
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# EMAIL GATEWAY

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```
interface EmailGateway
```

```
{
```

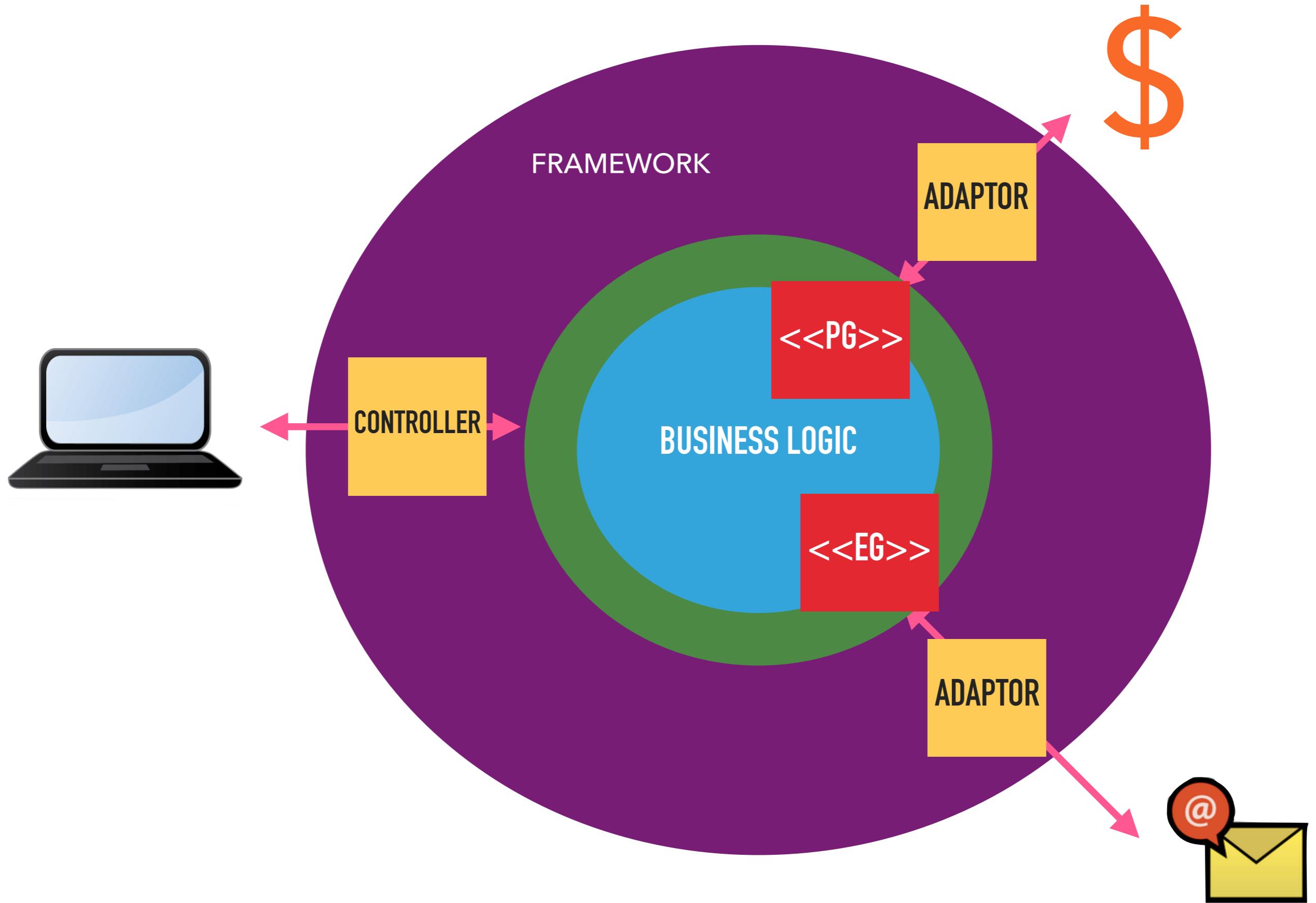
```
    /**
     * Sends an email
     */
```

```
    public function sendEmail (
        $to,
        $from,
        $subject,
        $message
    ) : void;
```

```
}
```

## STORY 2

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## EMAIL GATEWAY TEST IMPLEMENTATION

**EmailGatewaySpy implements EmailGateway**

{

```
public function sendEmail(... parameters ...) {  
    // Store email in array;  
}
```

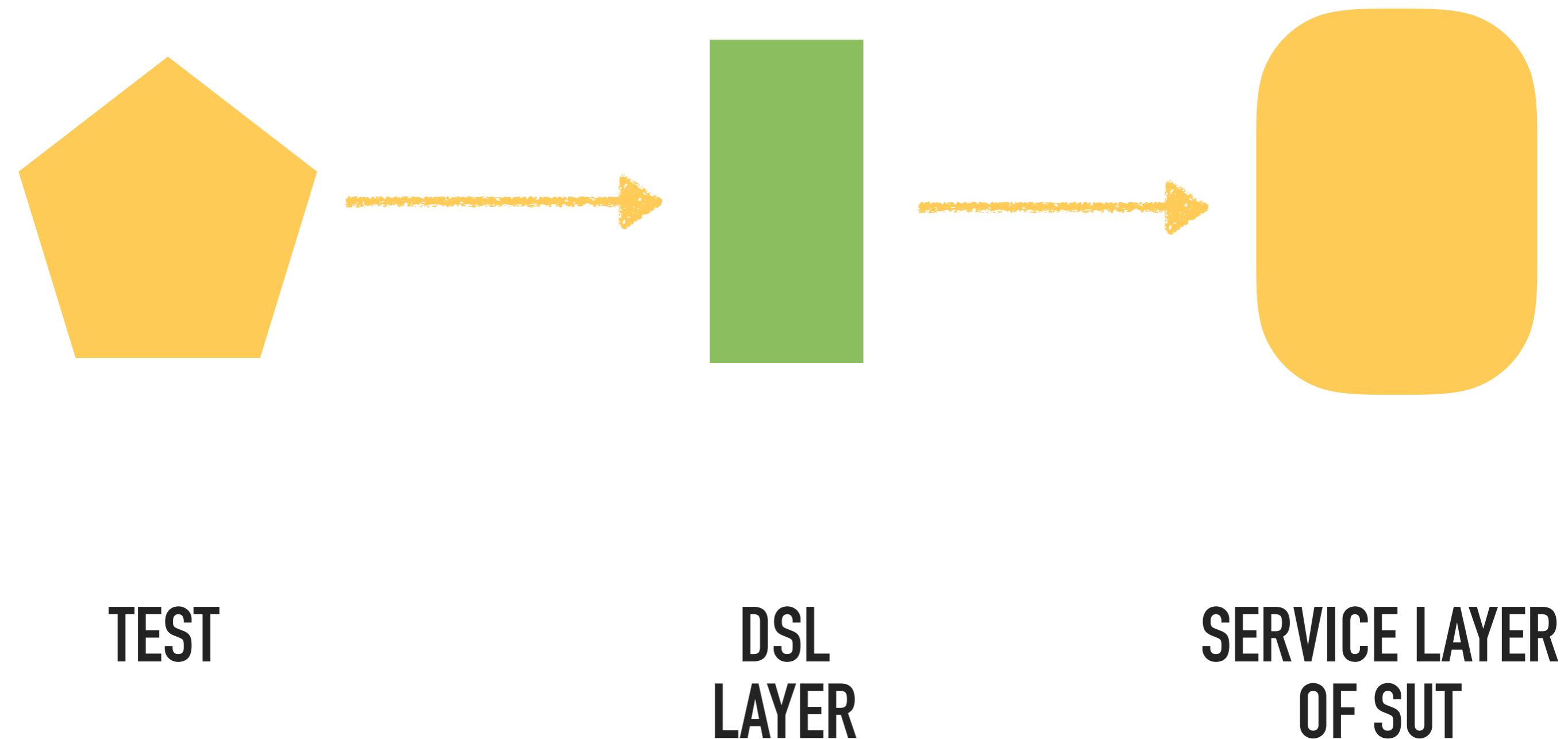
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public function getEmails() {  
    return array of emails  
}
```

}

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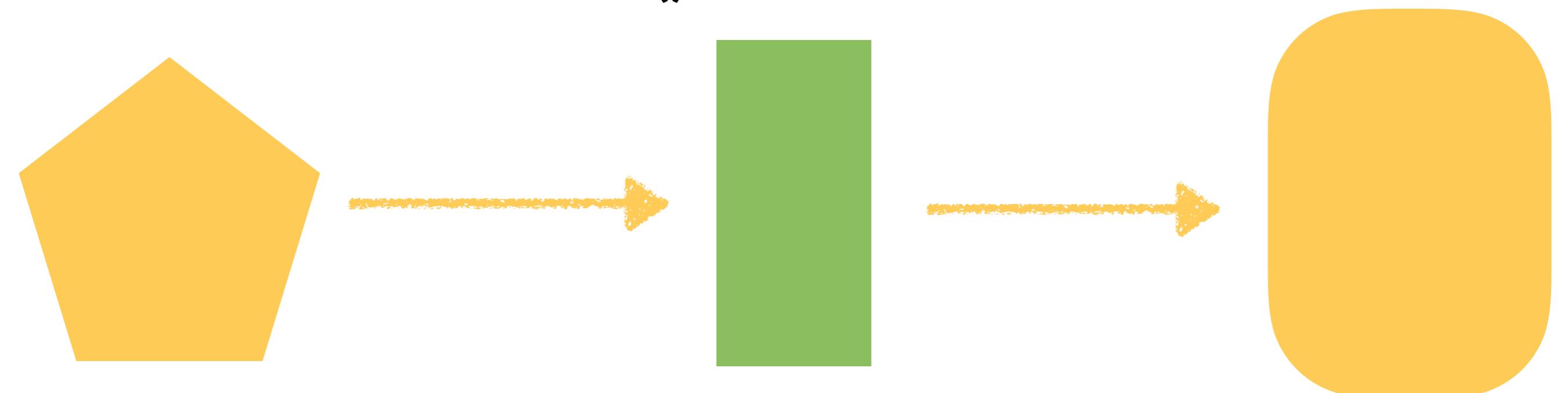


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**submitUsersAnswers()**



**TEST**

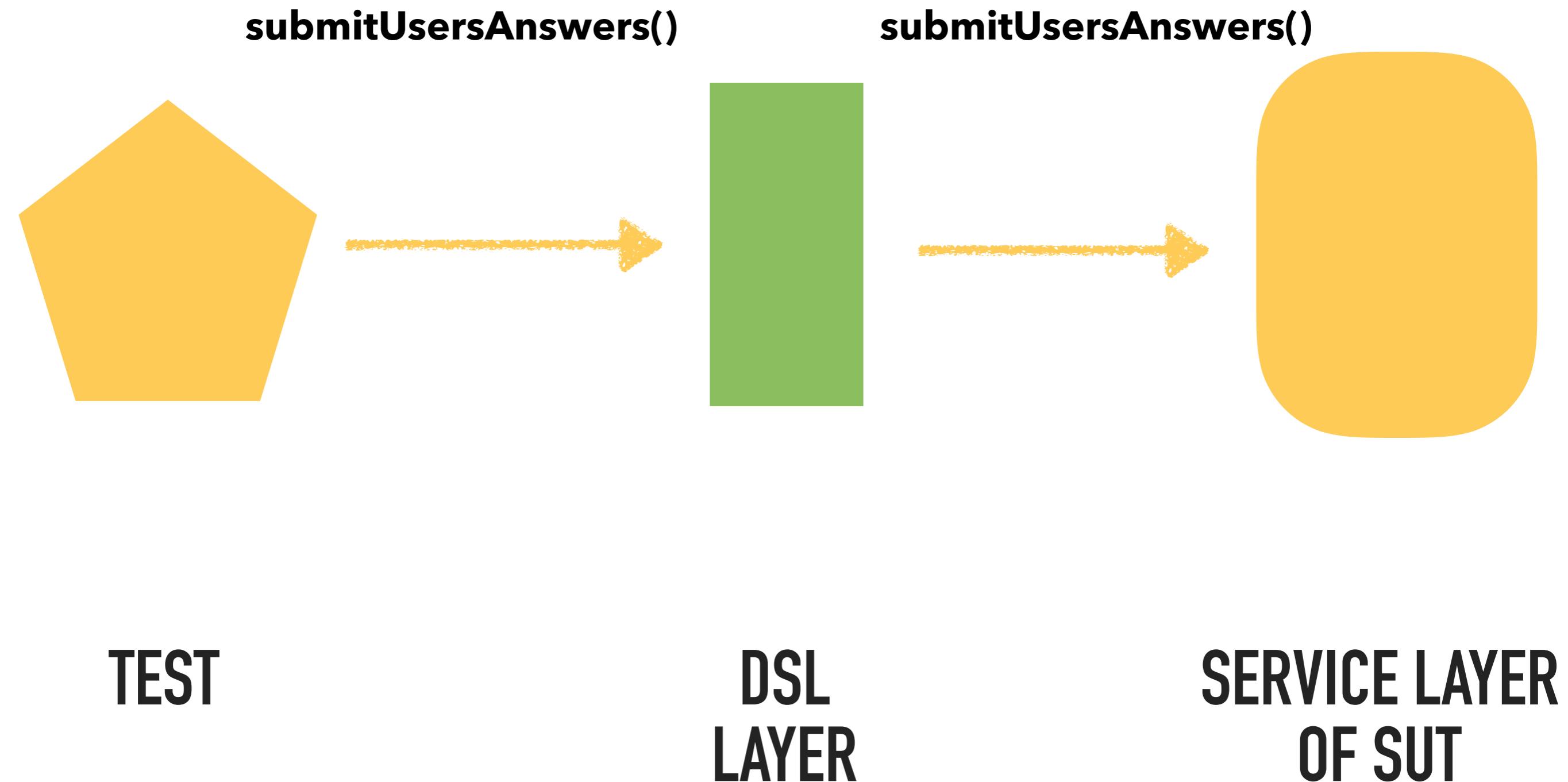
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LAYER**

**SERVICE LAYER  
OF SUT**

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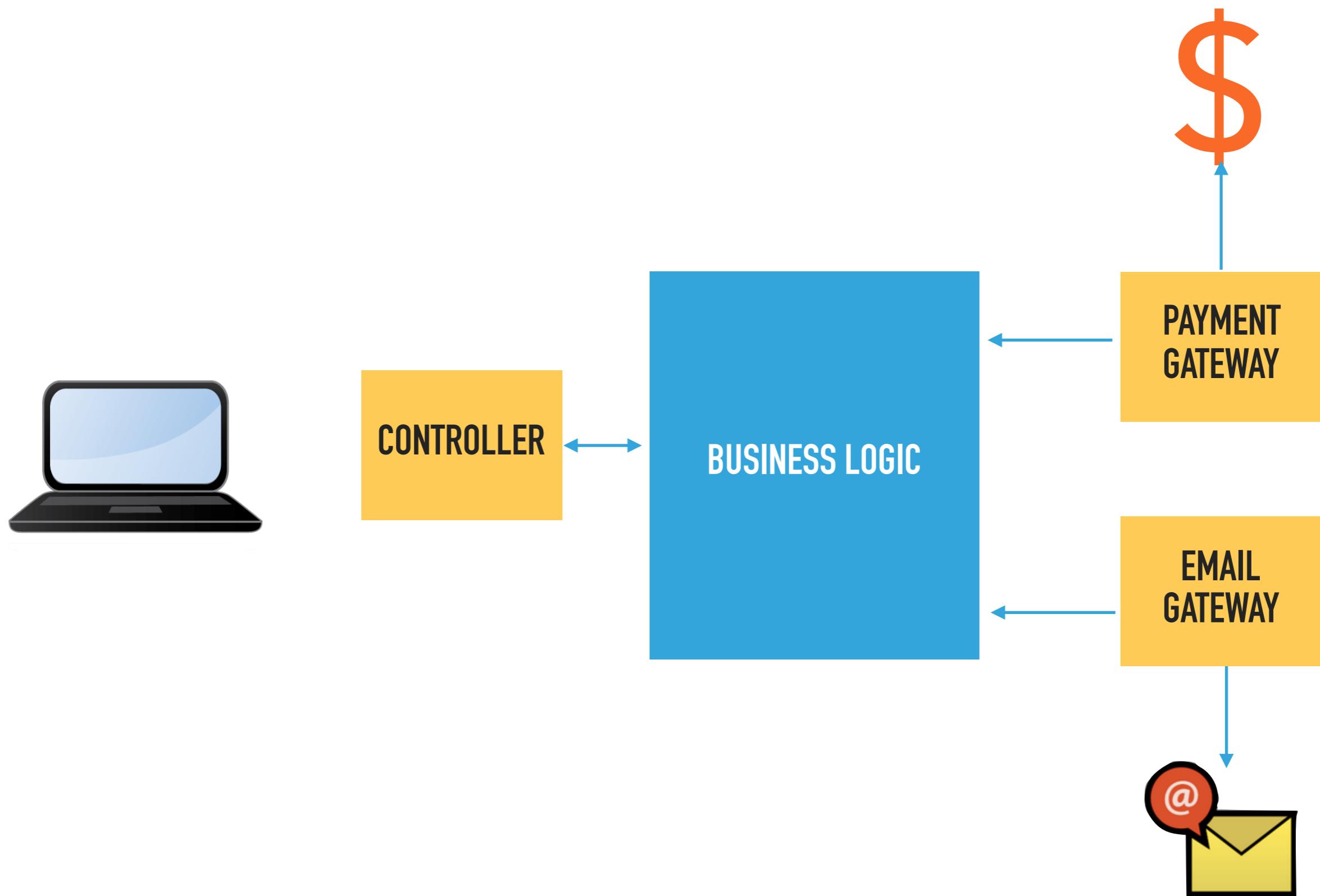
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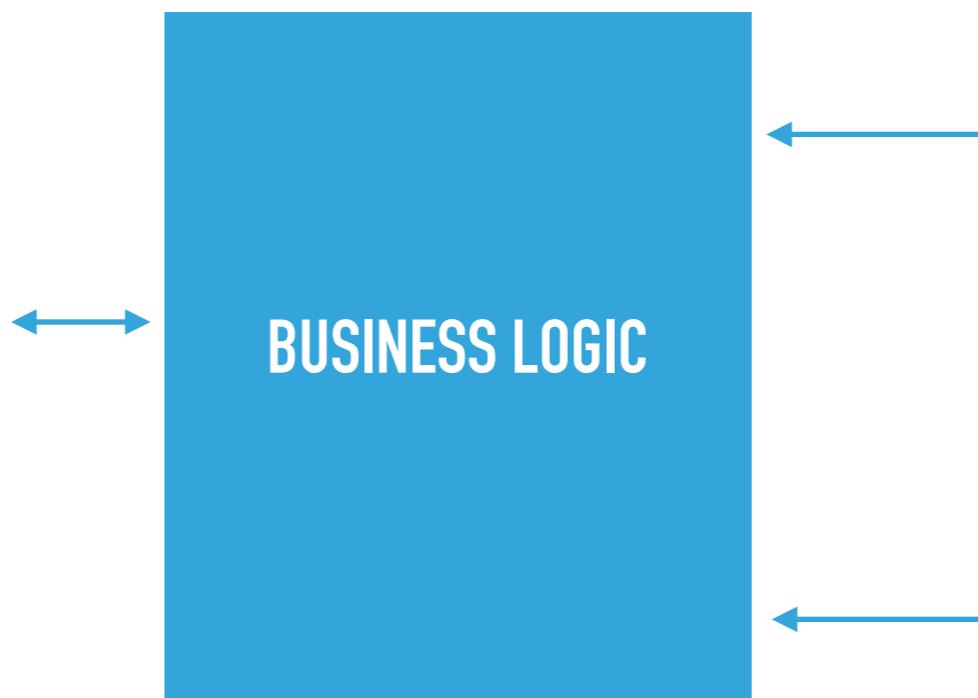
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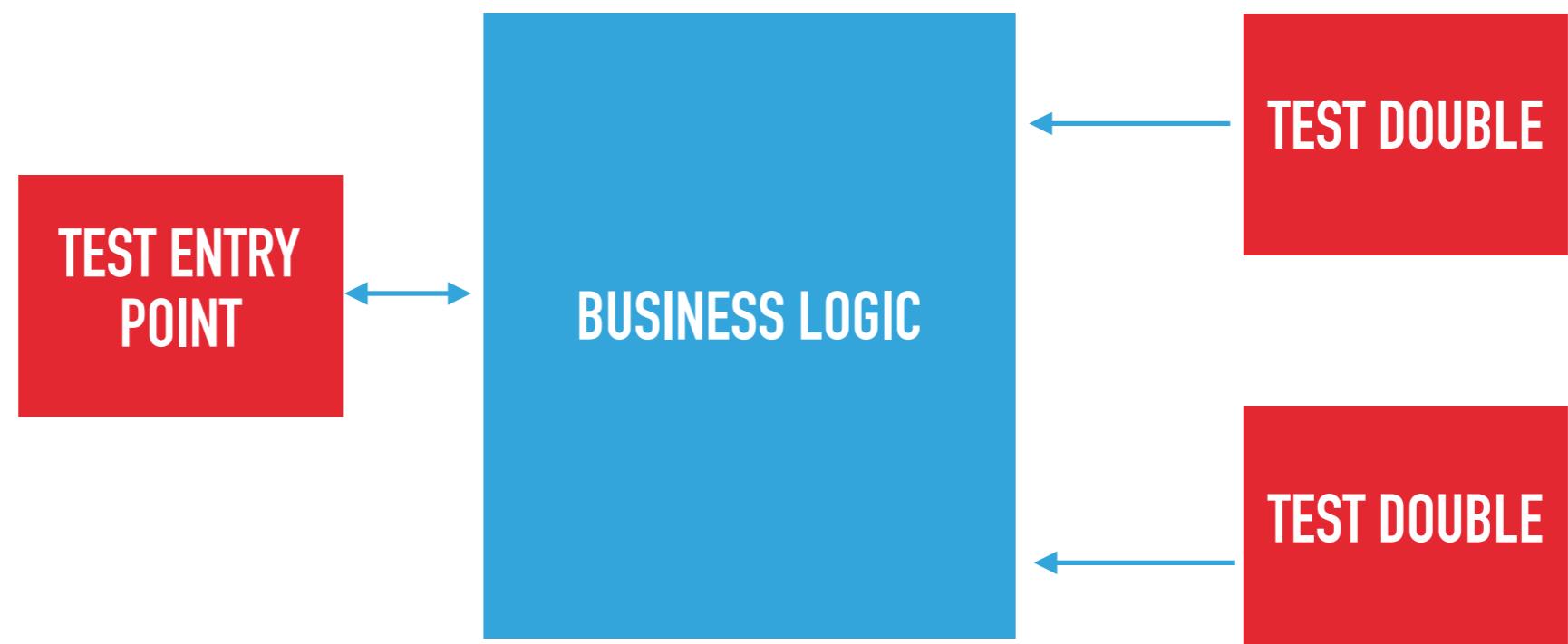
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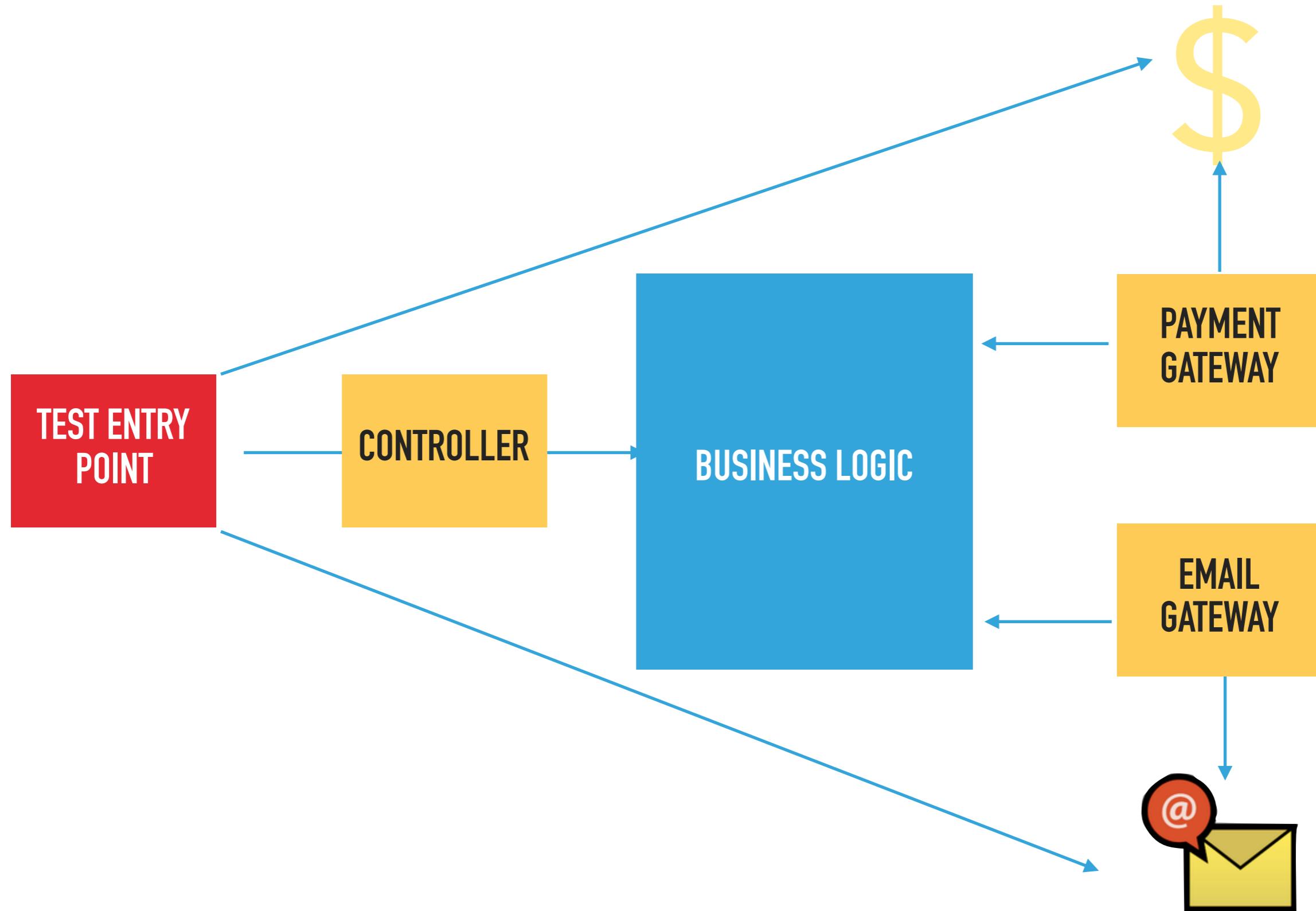
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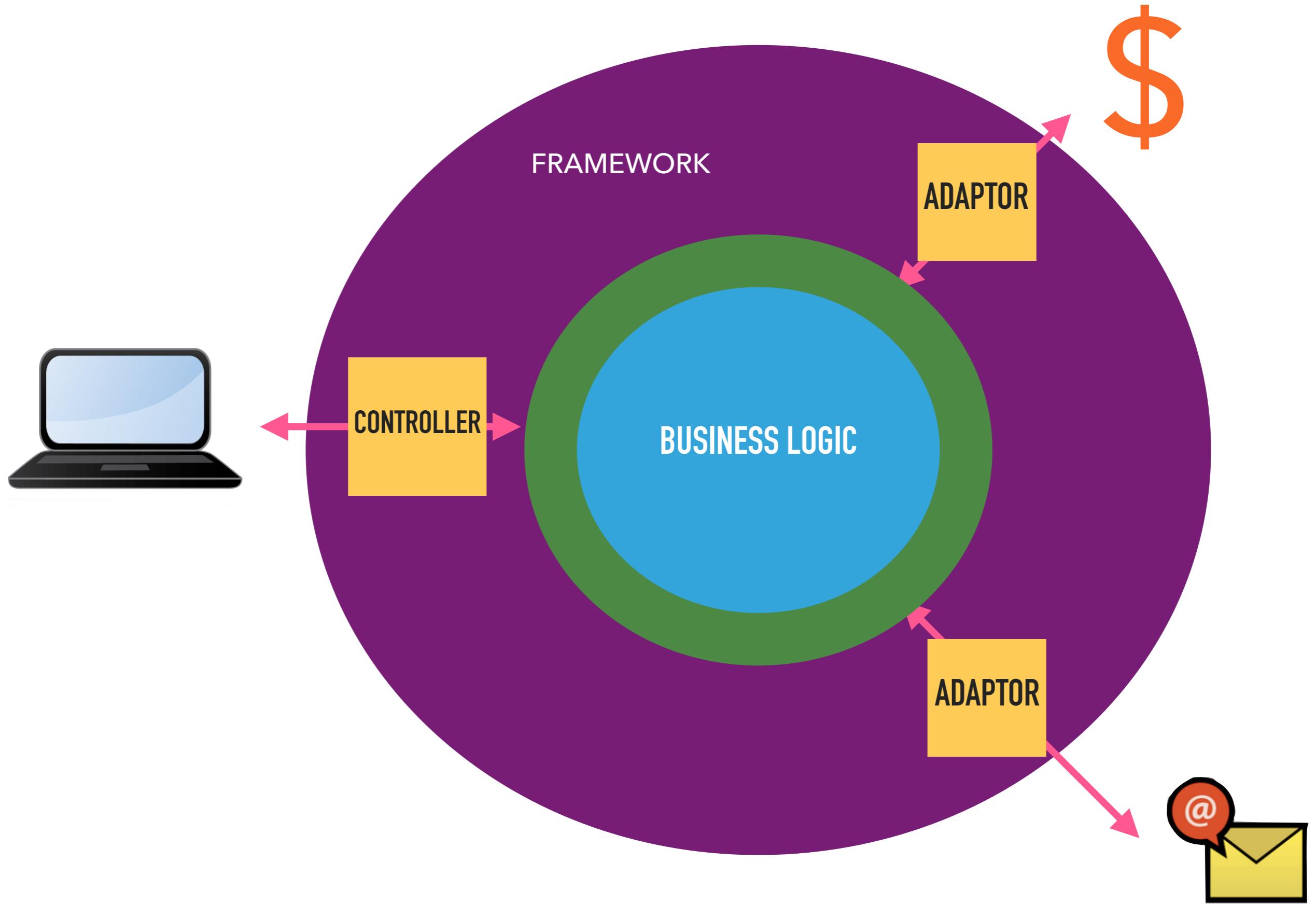
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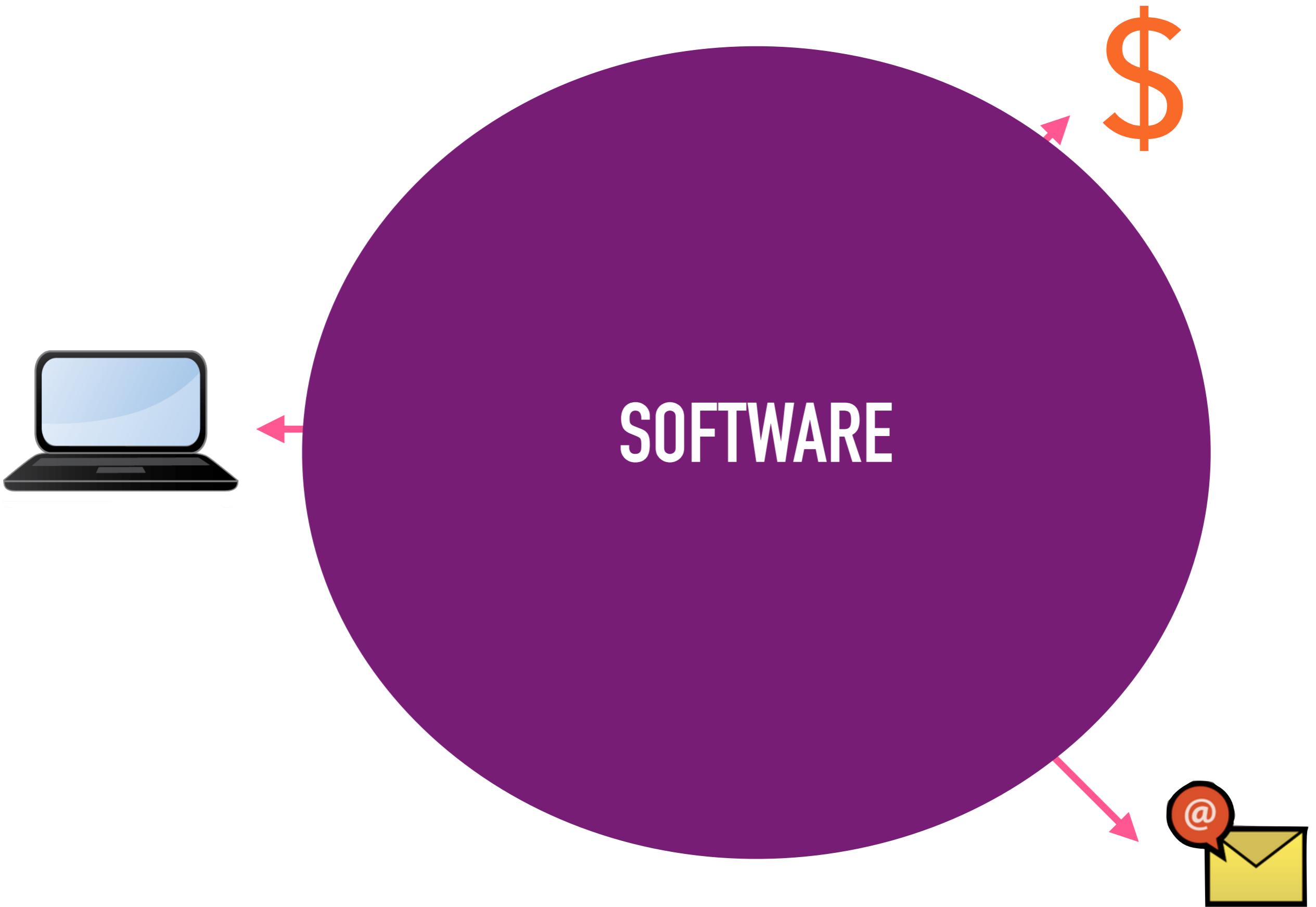
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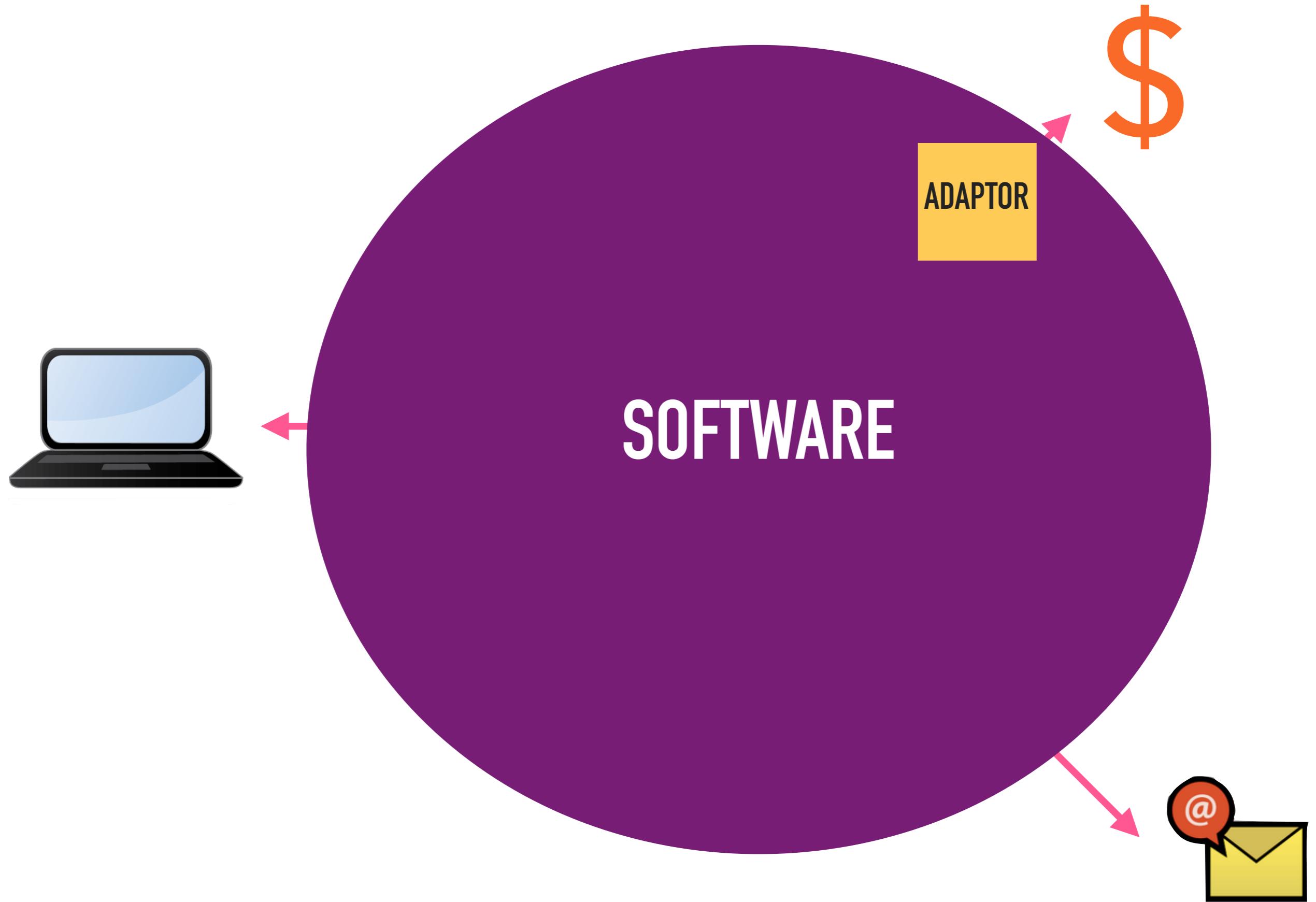
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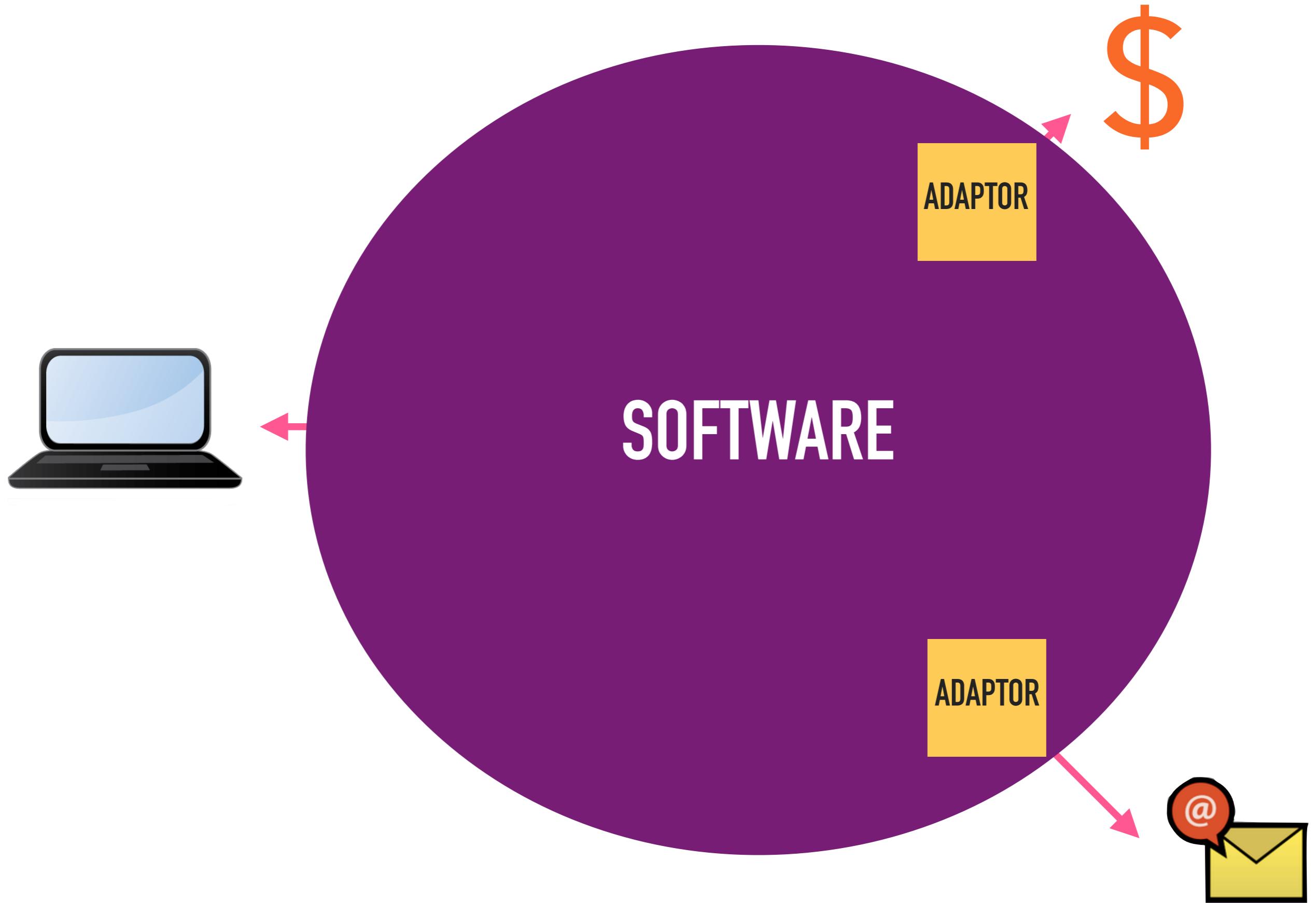
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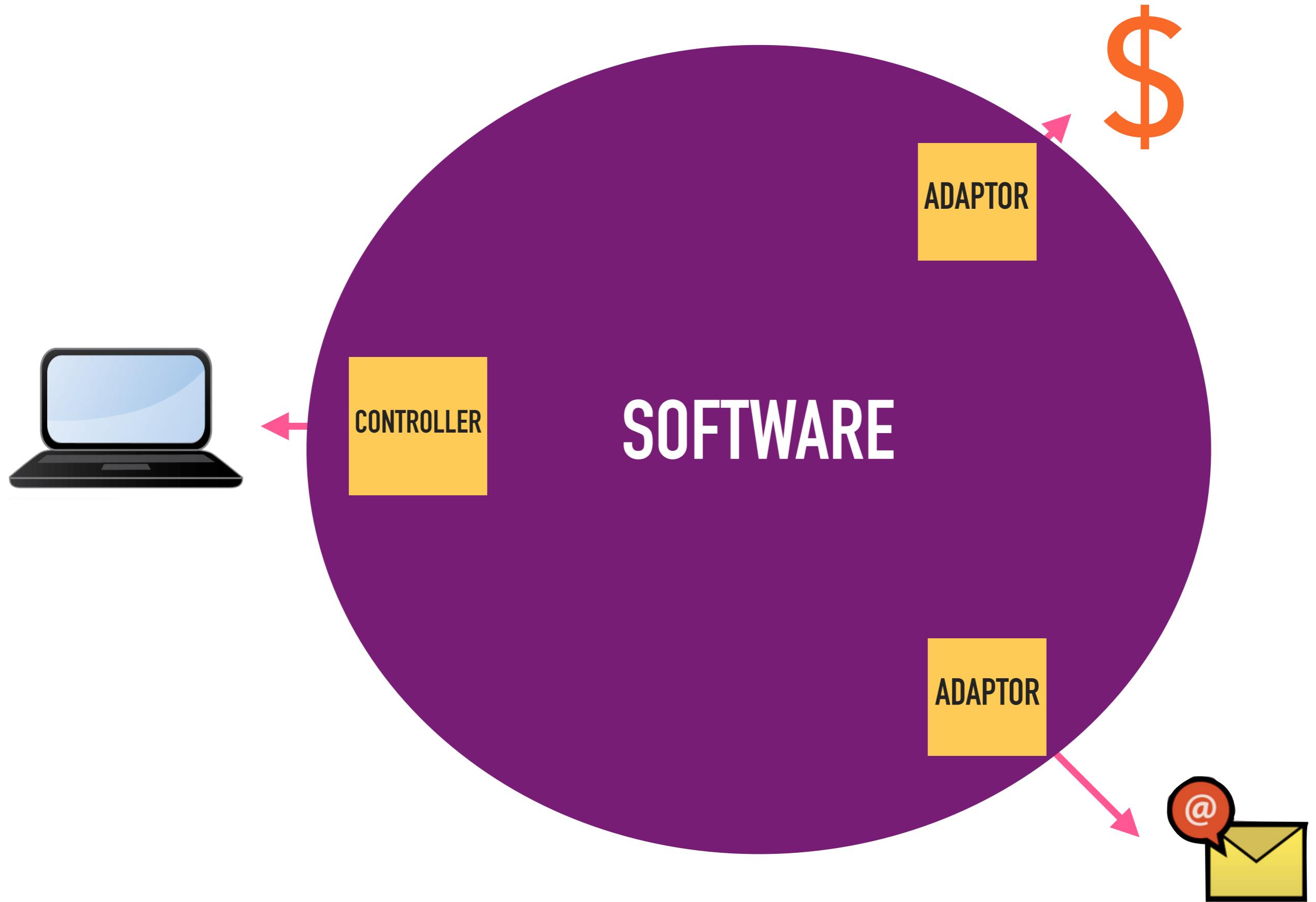
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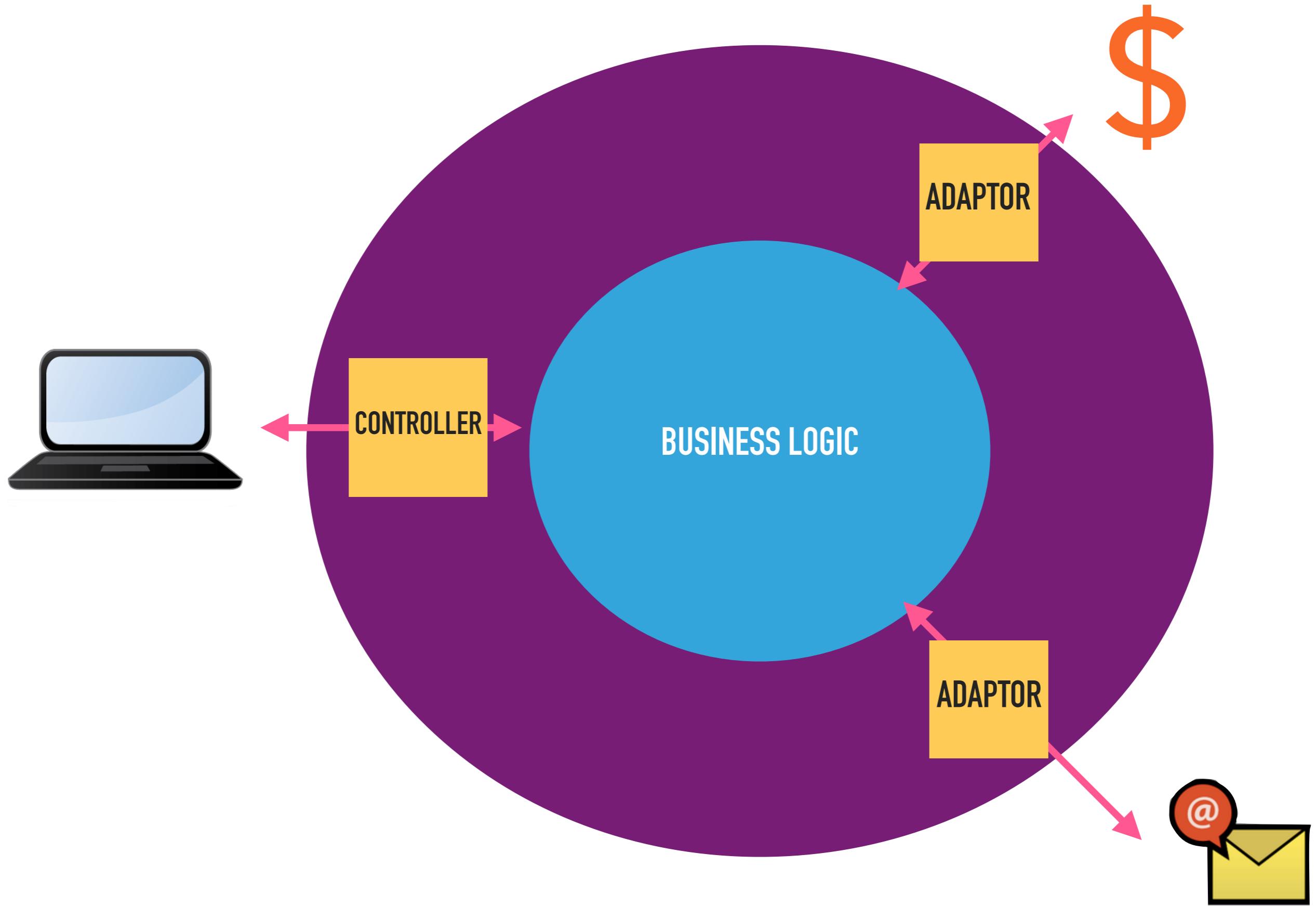
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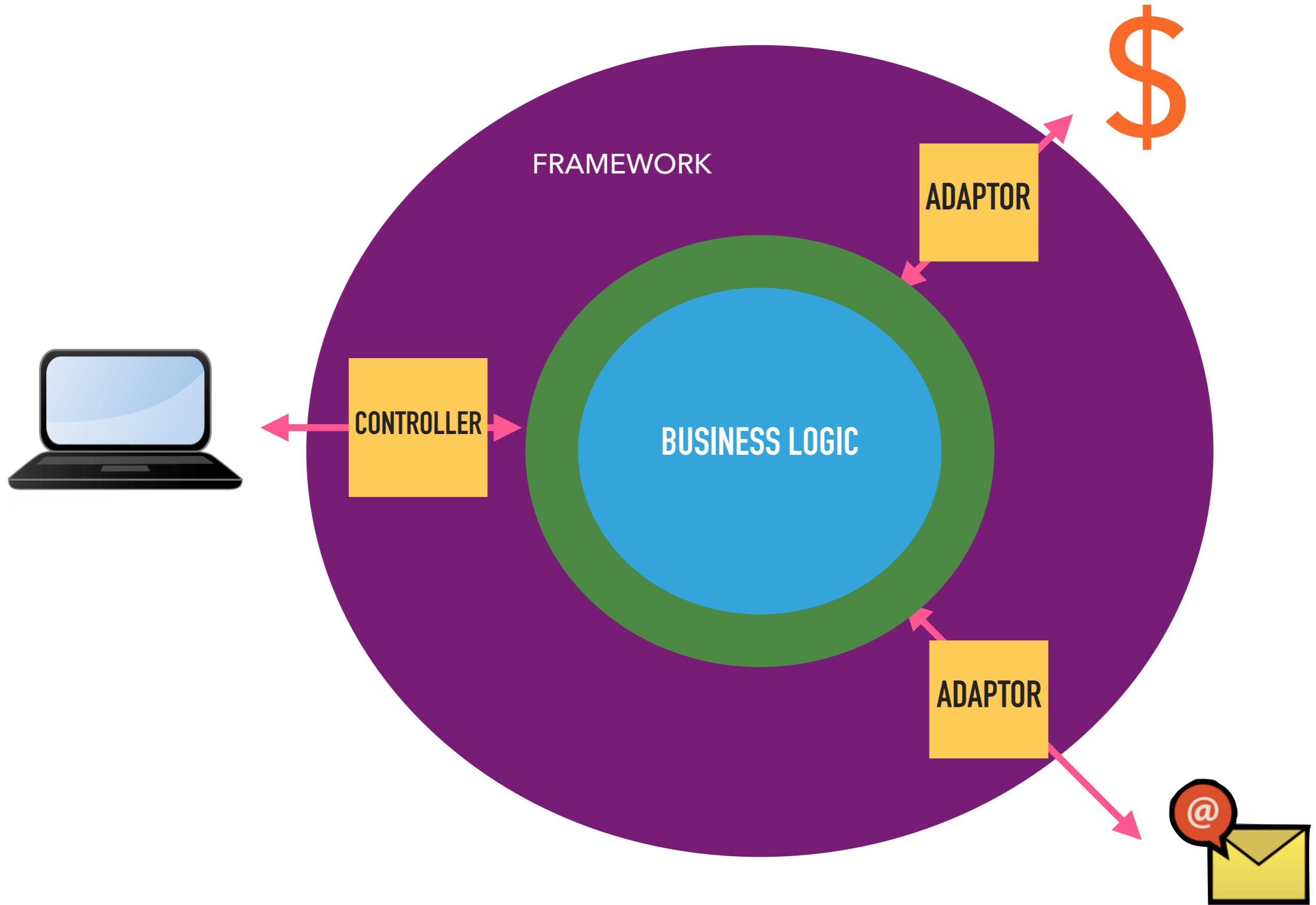
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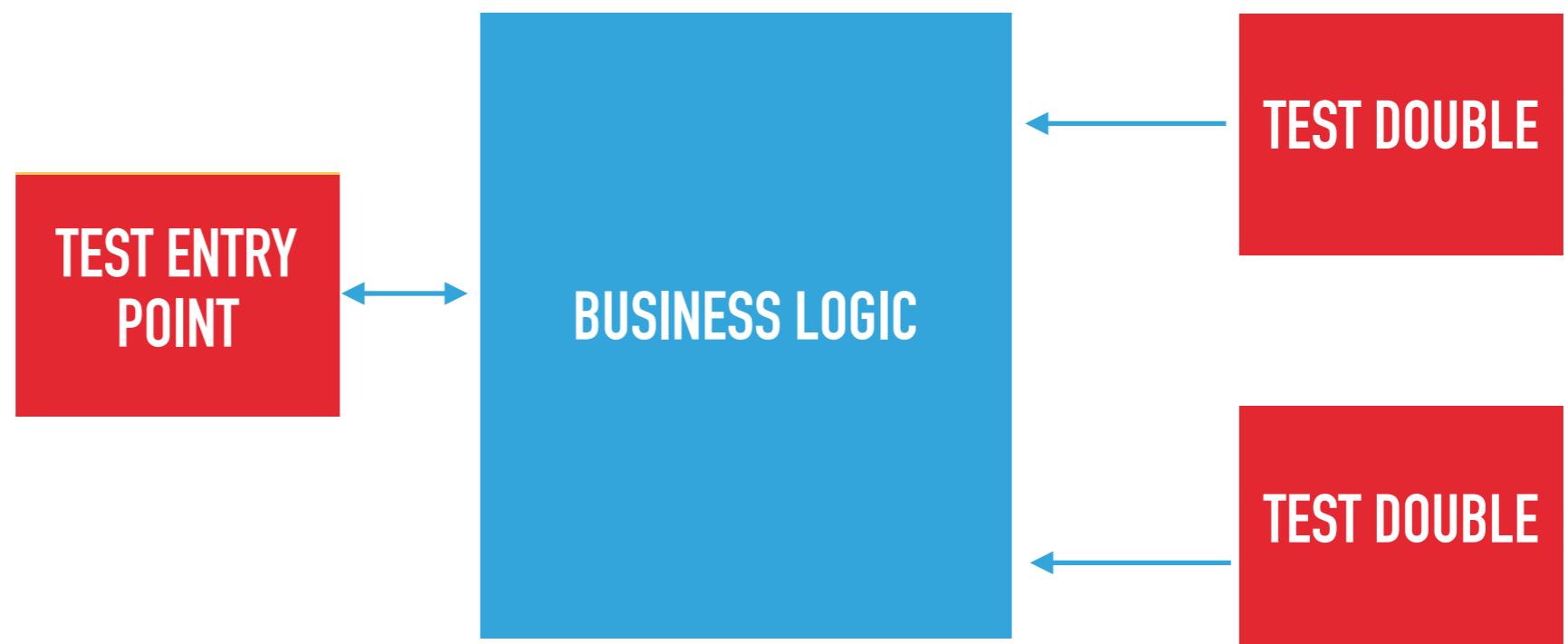
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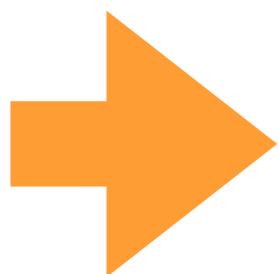
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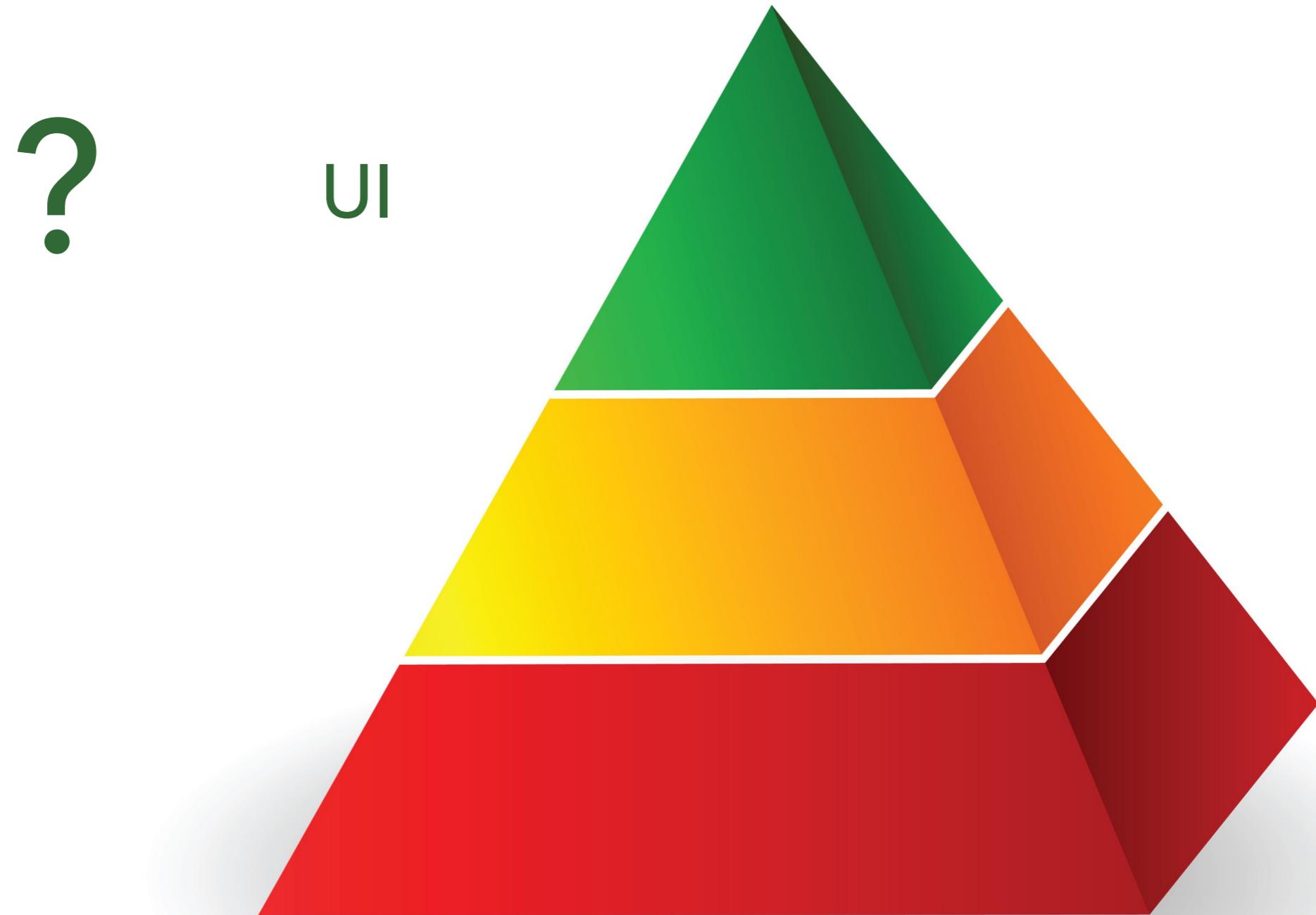


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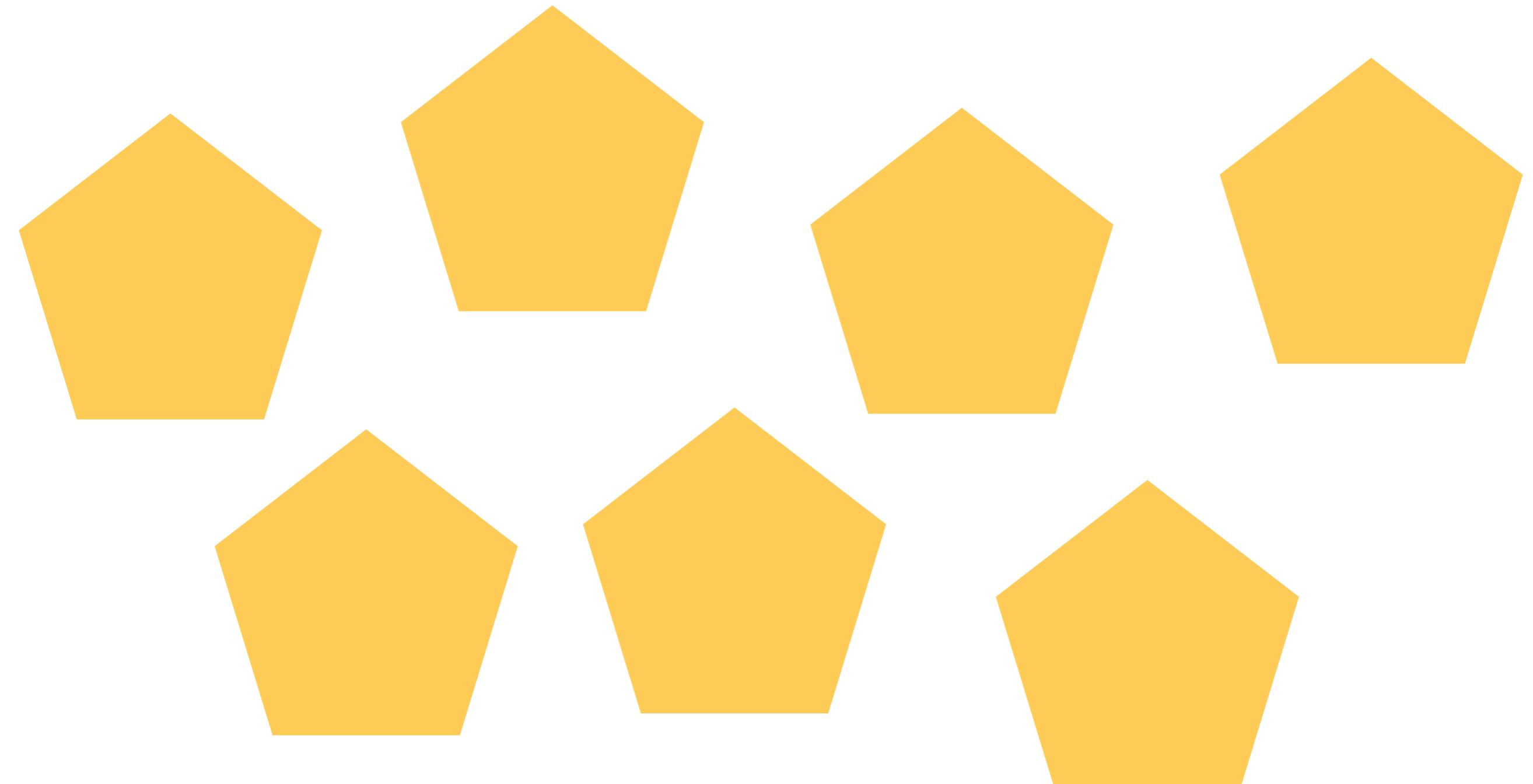
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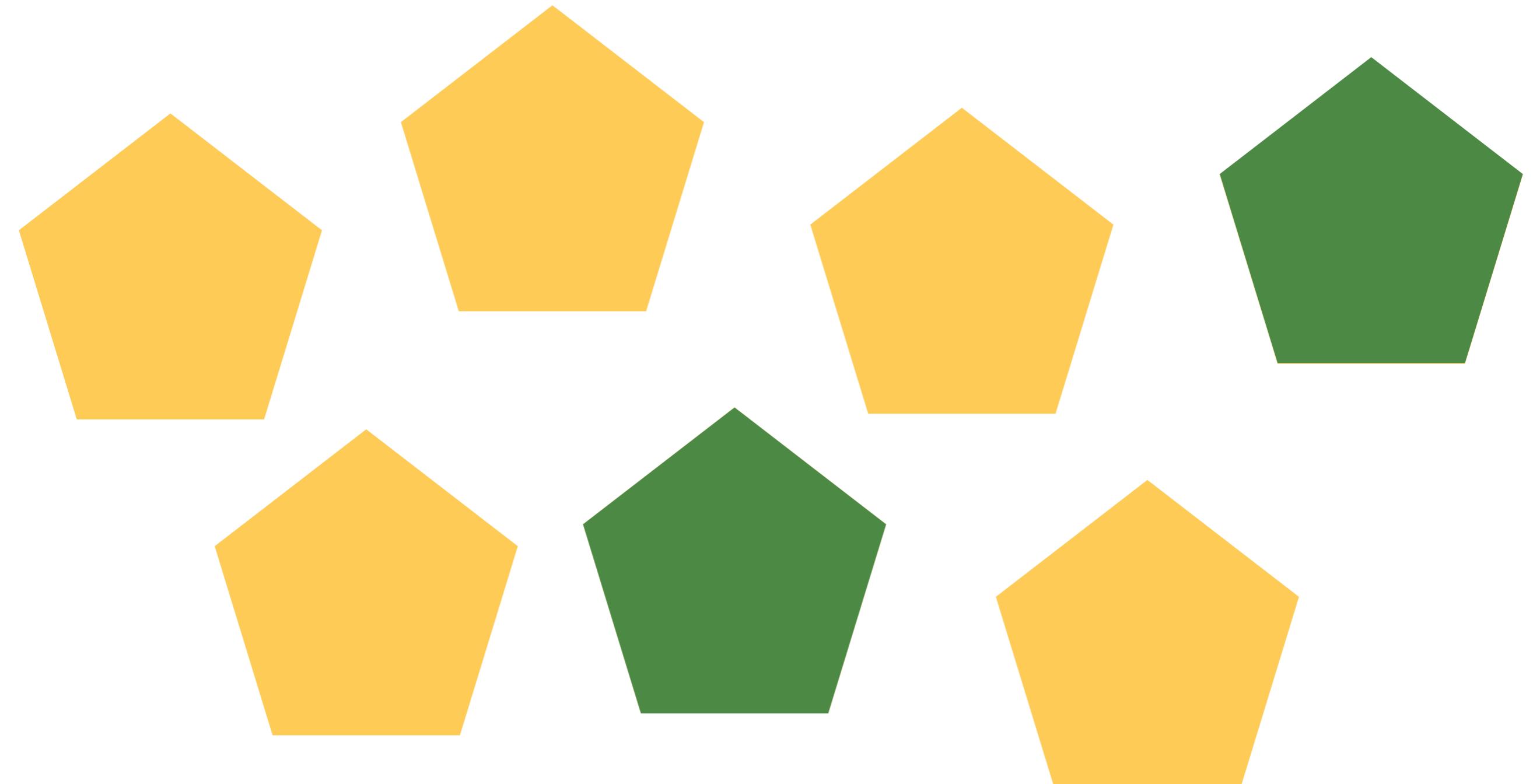


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**BUT . . .**

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Parts of my test suite are still tightly  
coupled to the software I'm testing...



#3

## STORY 3

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**WE EXPAND TO OFFER THE SERVICE TO MULTIPLE COMPANIES**

# WE EXPAND TO OFFER THE SERVICE TO MULTIPLE COMPANIES

- ▶ Each company has a branded page on their own subdomain.

# WE EXPAND TO OFFER THE SERVICE TO MULTIPLE COMPANIES

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- ▶ Each company has a branded page on their own subdomain.
- ▶ Could only login from your company's subdomain.
- ▶ Behind the scenes authentication now requires:
  - ▶ username
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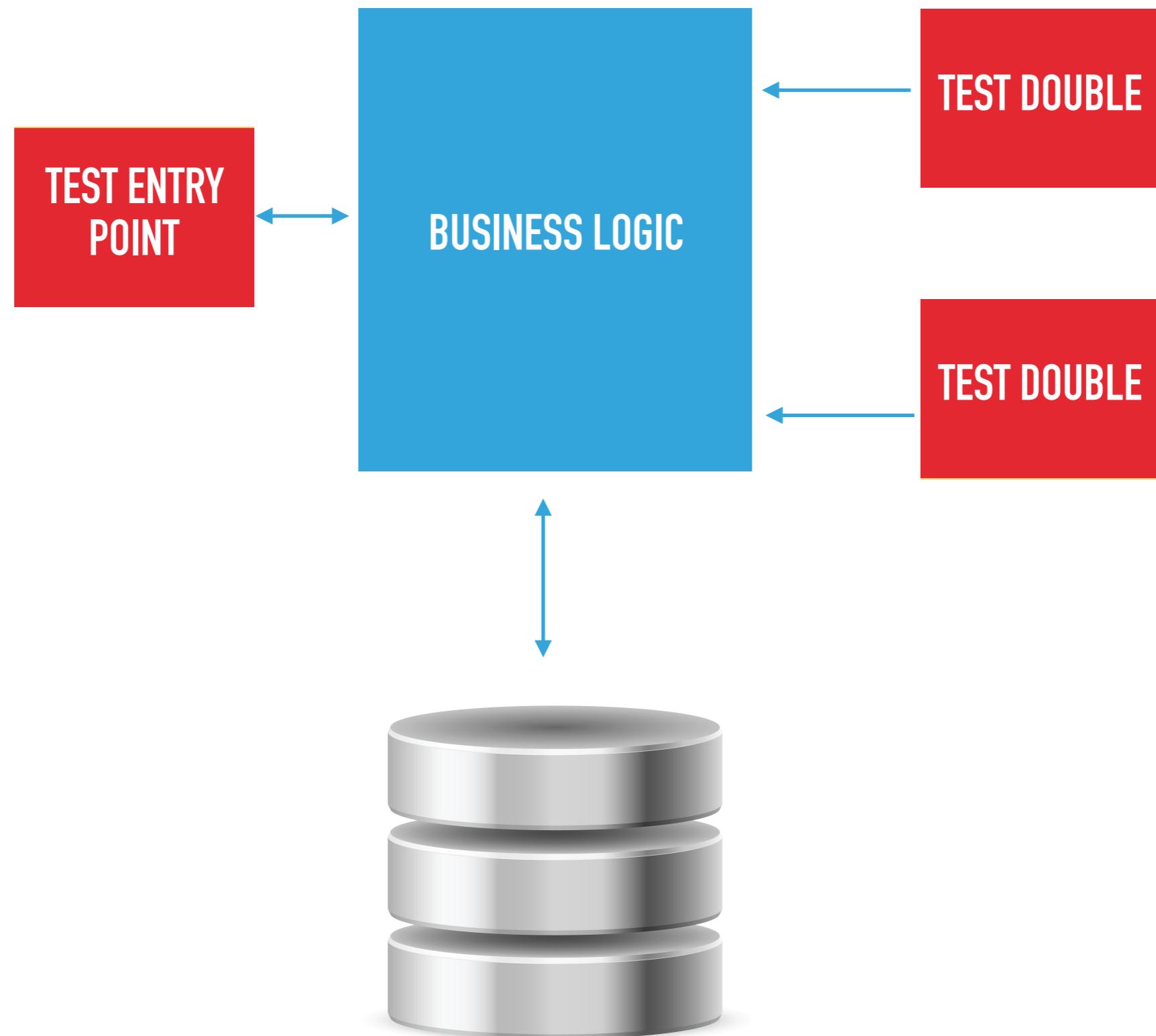
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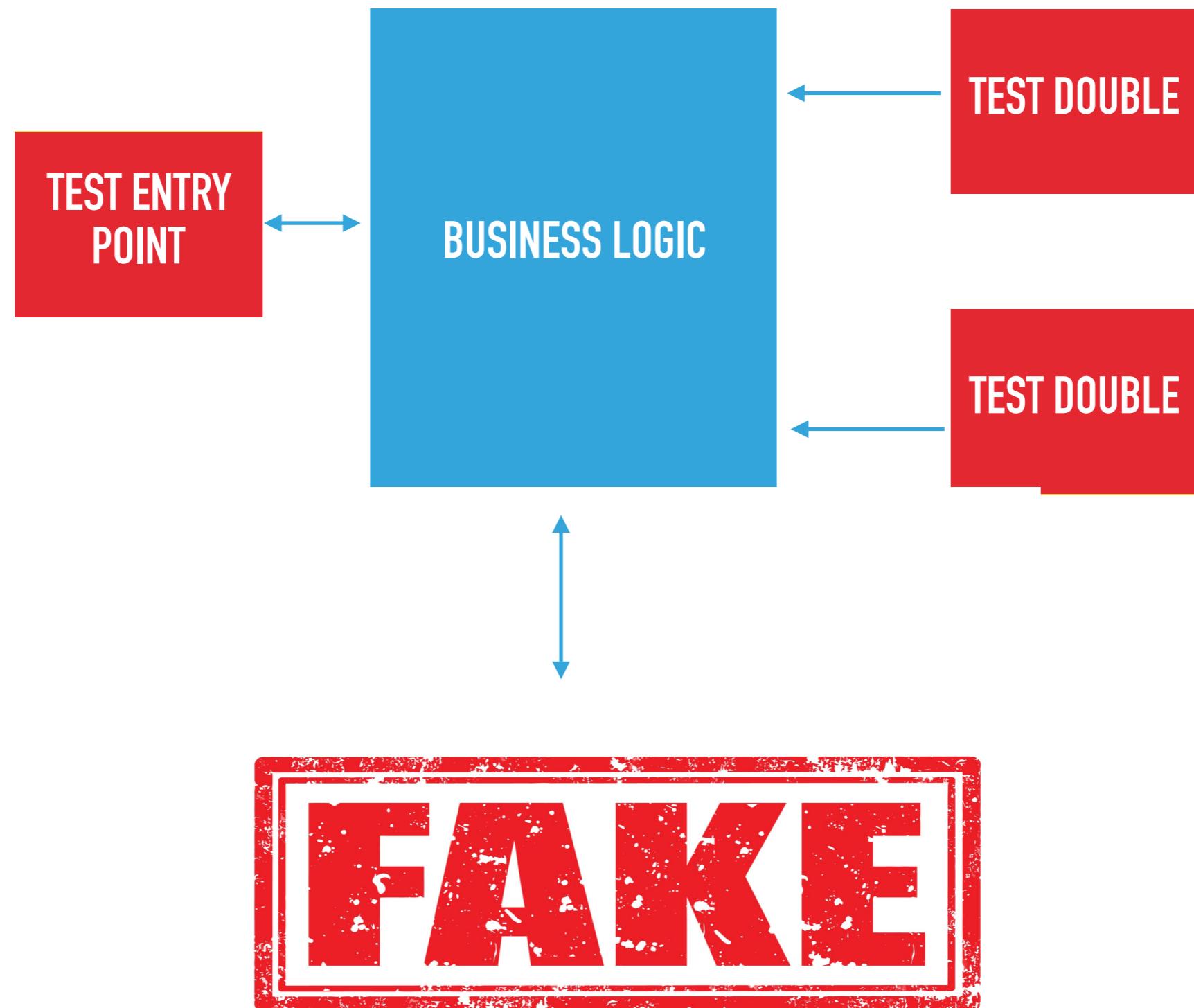
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# BUILDING DATA FIXTURES



## HAND BUILDING

```
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## OBJECT MOTHER

```
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```

## OBJECT MOTHER: IMPLEMENTATION

```
class UserObjectMother {  
  
    public function getAnna(): User {  
  
        ... return user if already created ...  
  
        $user = $userService->registerUser(  
            "anna@acme.com",  
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        return $user;  
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## TEST BUILDER: 1

```
$userBuilder = new UserBuilder();
$user = $userBuilder->build();

// User will have default values for
// name, email, etc
```

## USING A TEST BUILDER (2)

```
$userBuilder = new UserBuilder();  
$user = $userBuilder  
    ->name("Annabelle")  
    ->password("Passw4rd")  
    ->team("Banana")  
    ->build();
```

## DEFER TO OTHER OBJECT MOTHERS / BUILDERS

```
class UserObjectMother {  
  
    public function getAnna(): User {  
  
        $company = $this->companyObjectMother()  
            ->getAcmeCompany();  
  
        $user = $userService->registerUser(  
            "anna@acme.com",  
            "Anna",  
            "Passw0rd"  
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        return $user;  
    }  
}
```

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# HYBRID

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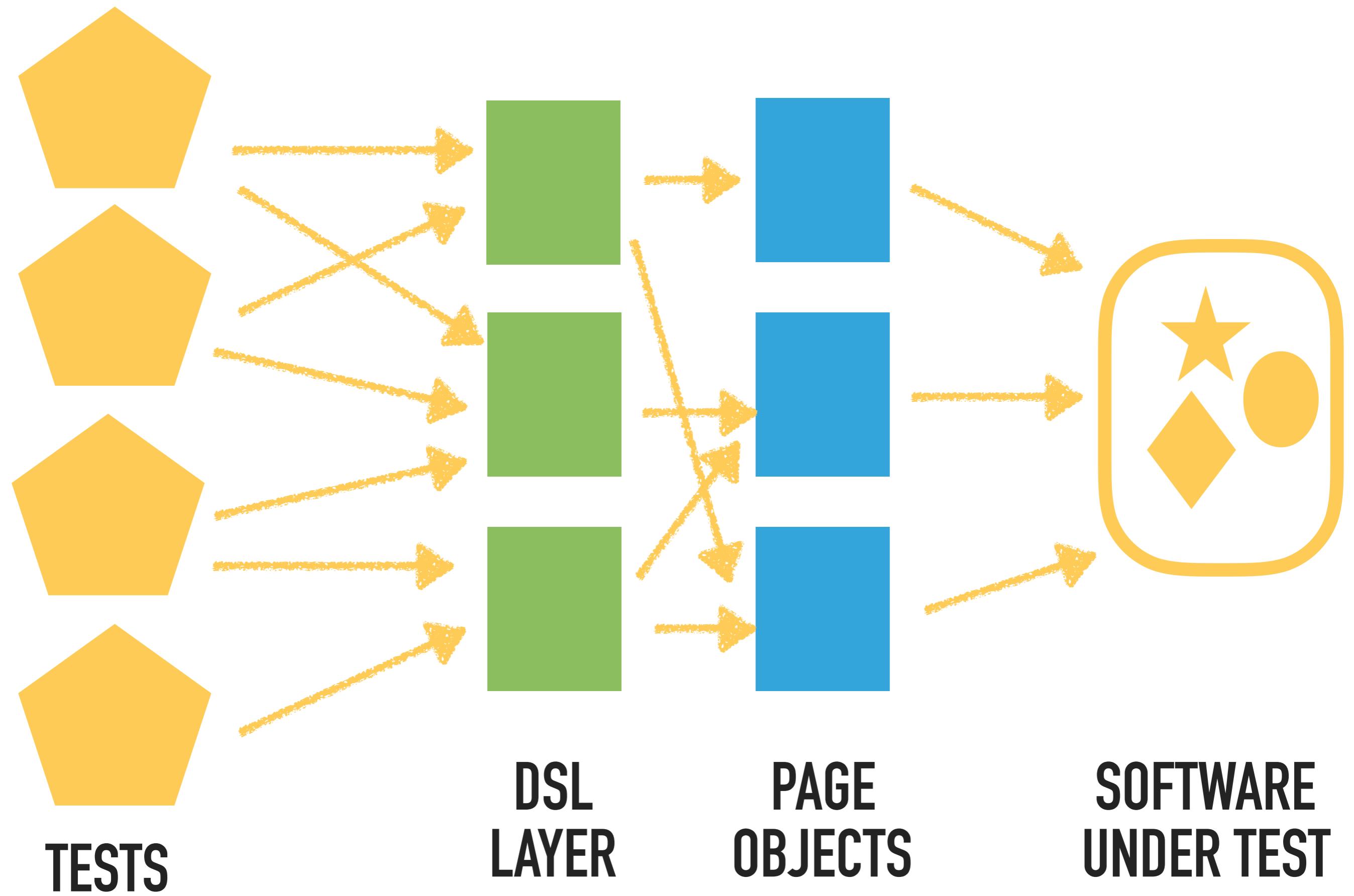
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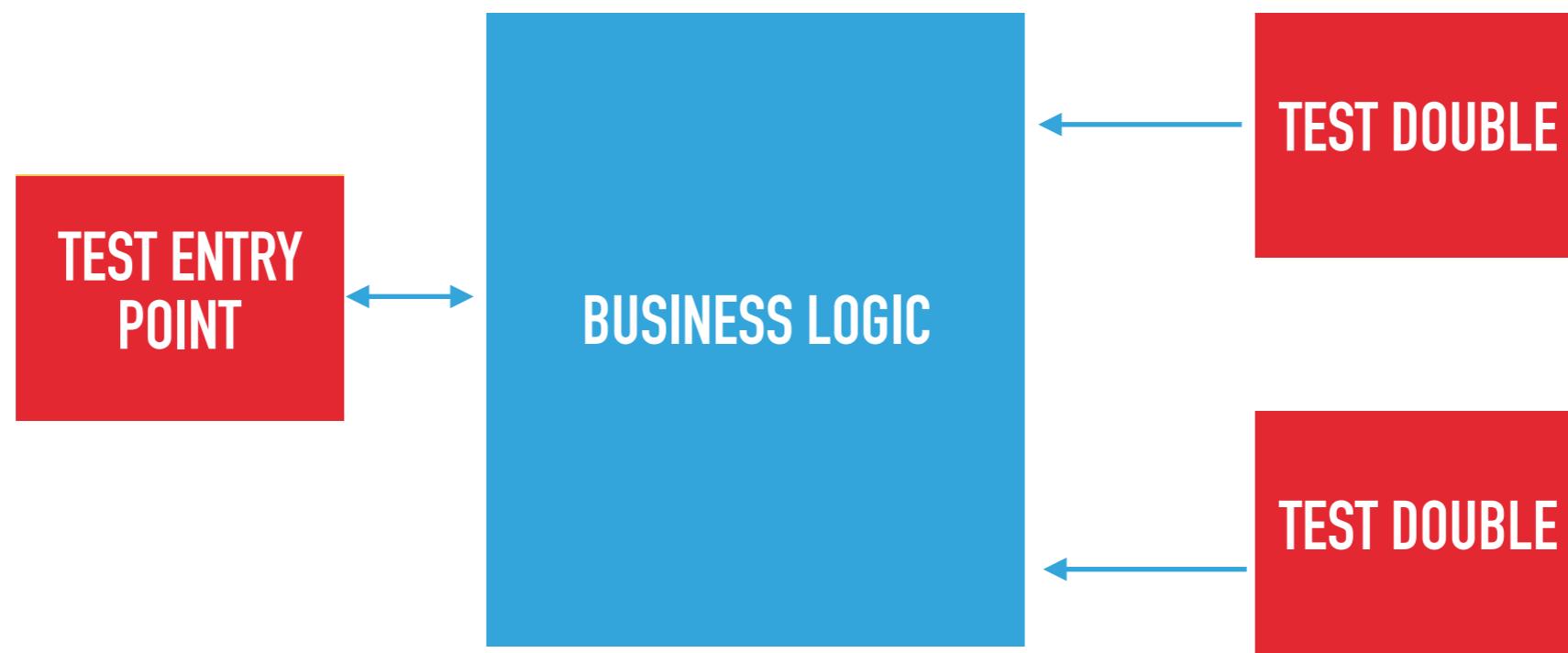
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# TEST PYRAMID



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