

Legacy application Large ambitions

**A case study: how DDD helped
deliver at Sungard Asset Arena**

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LEGACY IS



The New Sexy

Passionate developer

PARIS
Since 1999

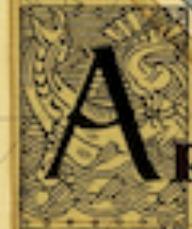
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Paris Software Craftsmanship Community

A photograph showing a group of men gathered around a large conference table in a meeting room. They are all looking down at a silver laptop computer on the table. The man on the far left is wearing a dark green and white checkered shirt. Next to him is a man in a light blue plaid shirt. To his right is a man in a black t-shirt with a floral graphic on it. In the background, more people are visible, some sitting at the table and others standing behind them. The room has red walls and a whiteboard is partially visible in the background.

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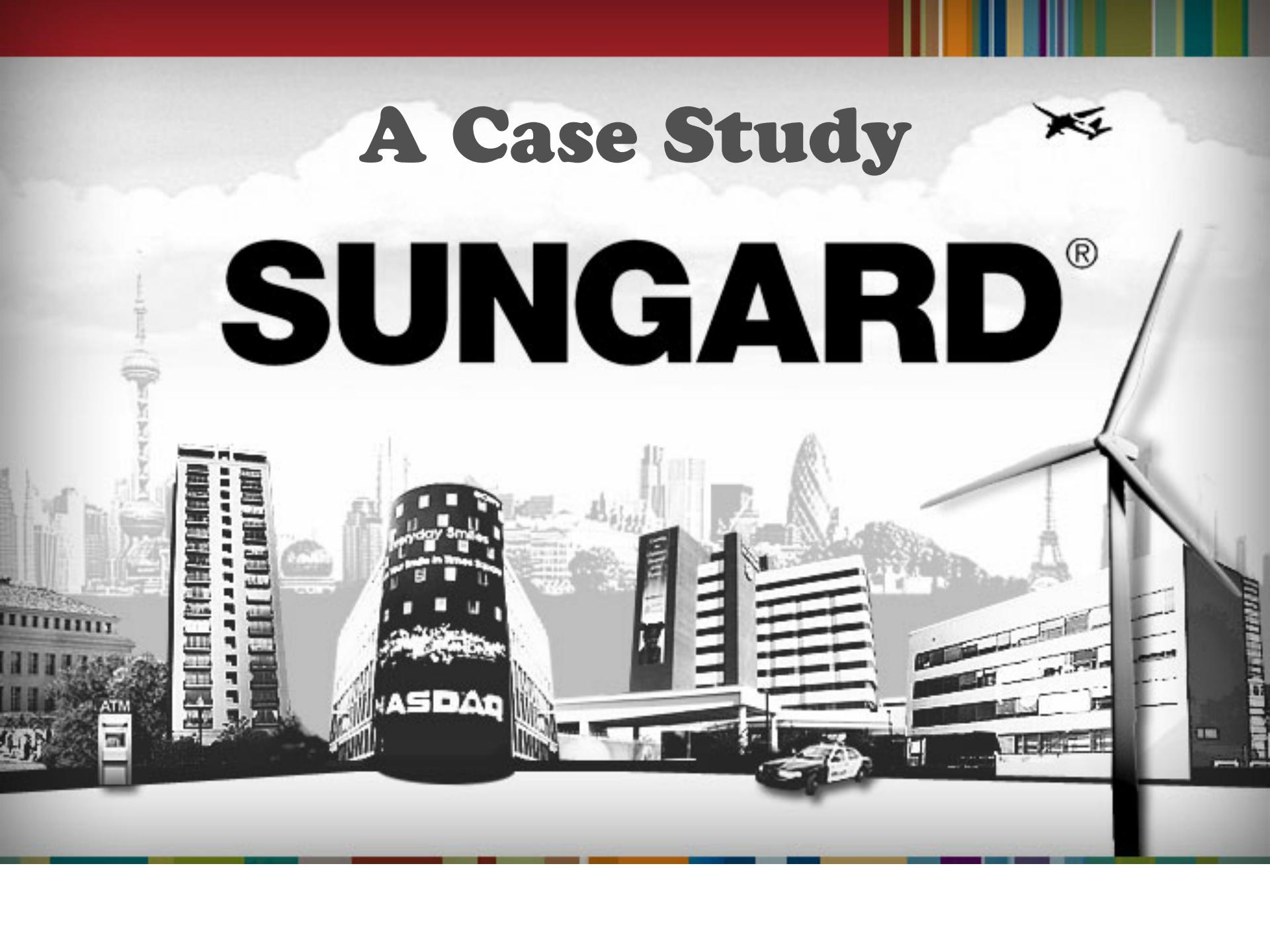
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A Case Study

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SUNGARD

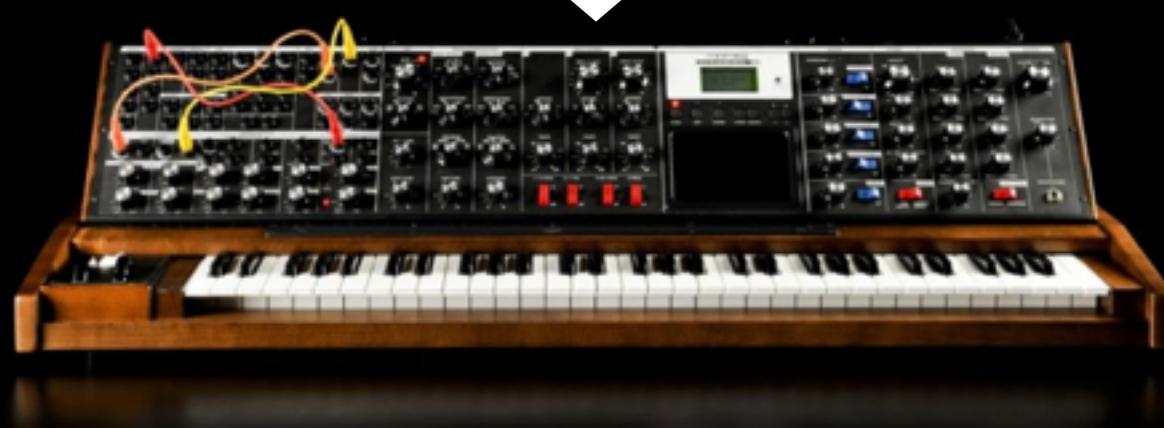
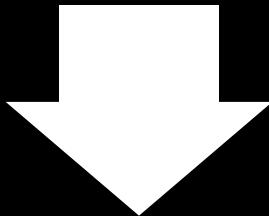
ASSET ARENA

From a recent project (contract)

Every example is made-up to
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Once upon a time...

Large Ambition



INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT

INVESTOR
SERVICING

INVESTMENT
OPERATIONS

Asset Management



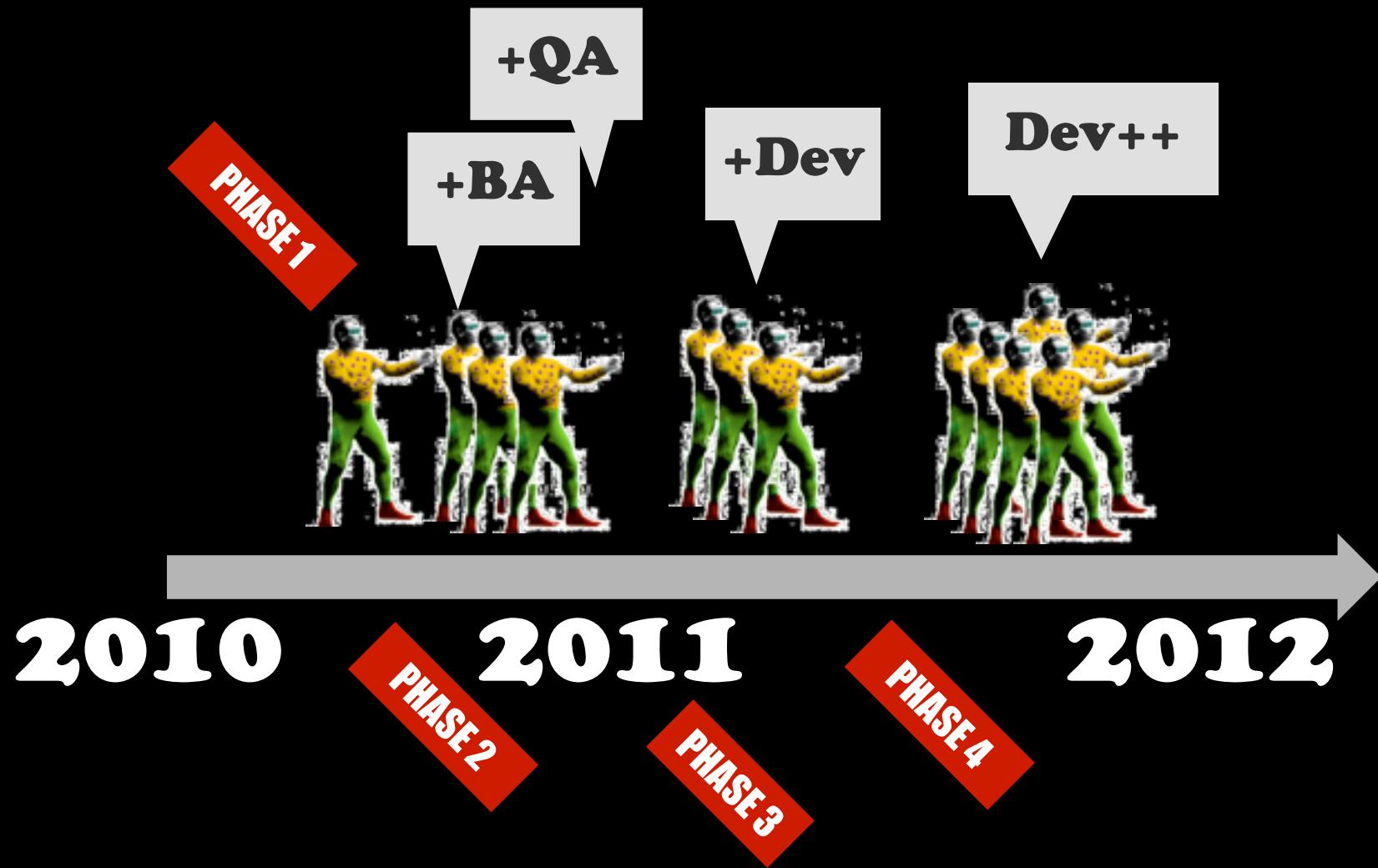
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Distributed-Transactions
2MLLOC Real-Time
Business
Java
Batches
Hibernate
Database
Transaction-Scripts
High-Volume

Asset-Management
C++
business-logic
SQL
Spring
Vendor
spread-over
Application
20+years
proprietary
N-tiers
Weblogic
cache
Client-Server
EJB2
4GL

Buy, Partner or Make?

Buy, Partner or Make?

Project Life



**“You’ve got the right
skills
We trust you.
Deliver”**

So how do we do that?



We Can Do It!?



WAR PRODUCTION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Spike!

3-weeks

Deliberate Discovery in mind

Codeanalysis

[Greg Young]

Within 3 weeks

1. Conversations with experts
2. Code the understanding & note questions
3. Iterate

Find the Domain Experts

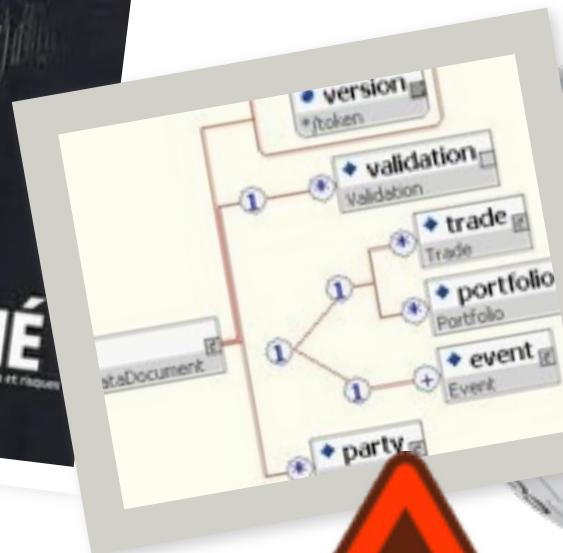
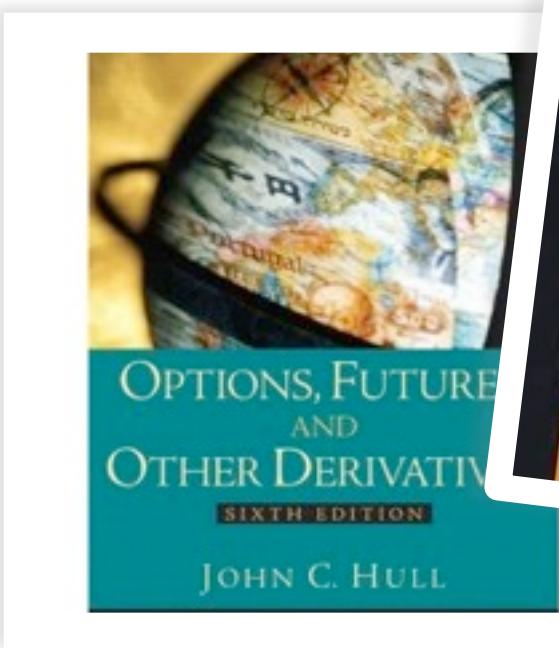
The official expert (former Asset Manager)



Proxy Domain Experts

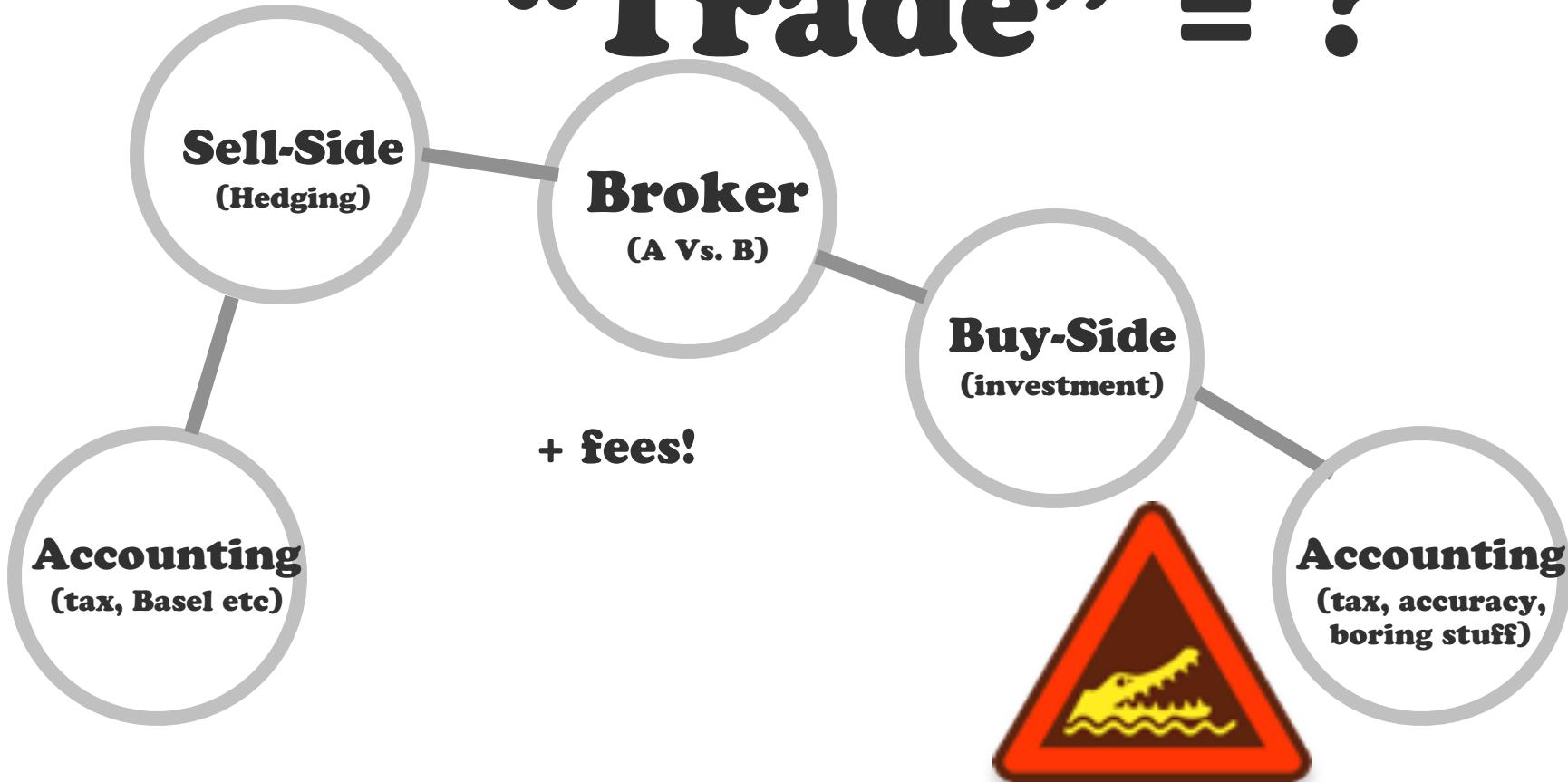


Proxy Domain Experts



Haz Context?

“Trade” = ?



Fossilized Domain Expertise

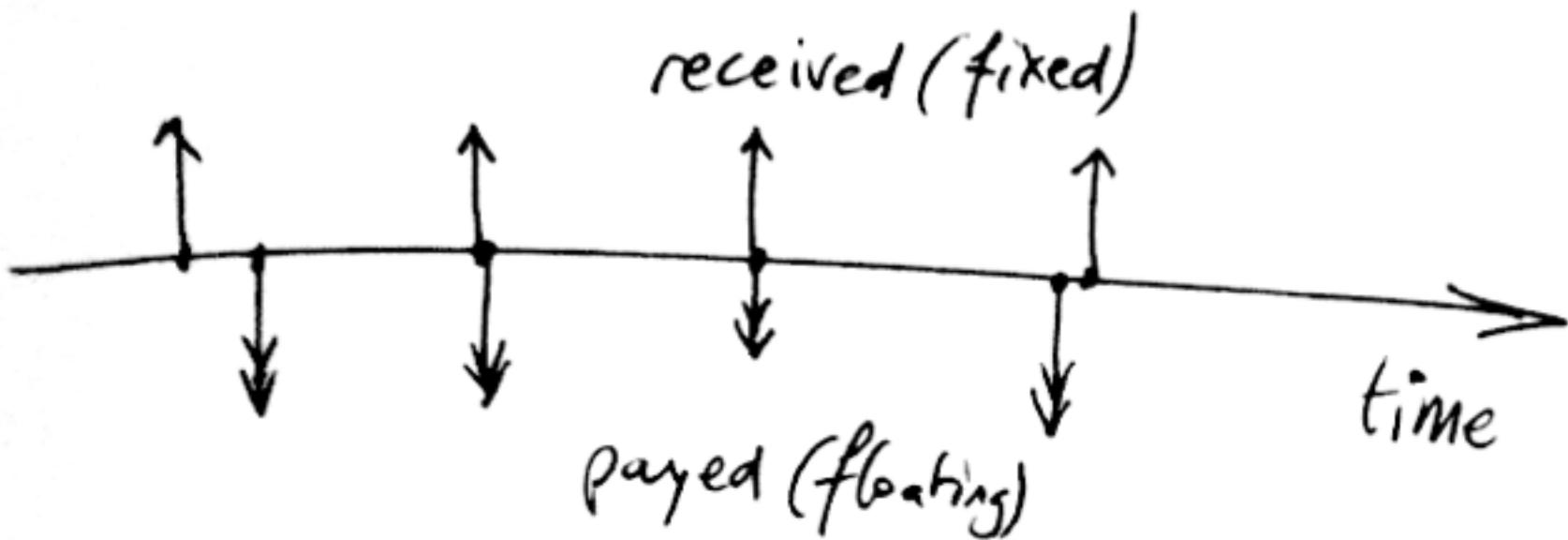


Conversations first

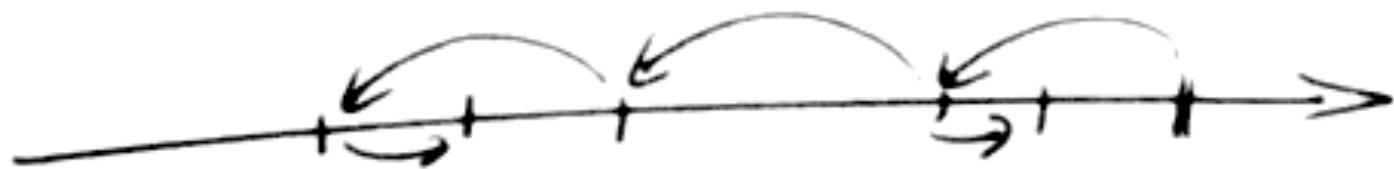
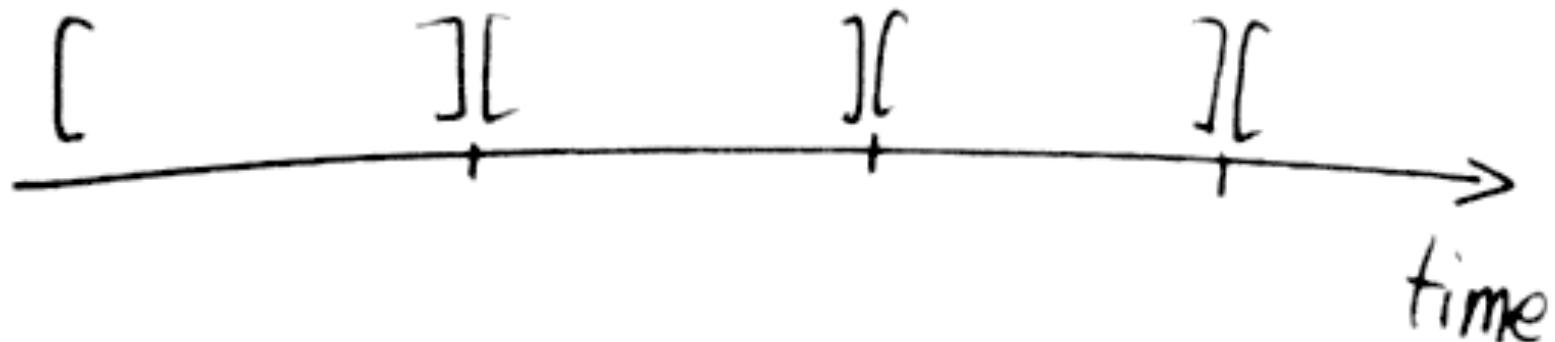
- Ask ***good*** questions
- Build respect and confidence
- Beware and care about synonyms and main concepts



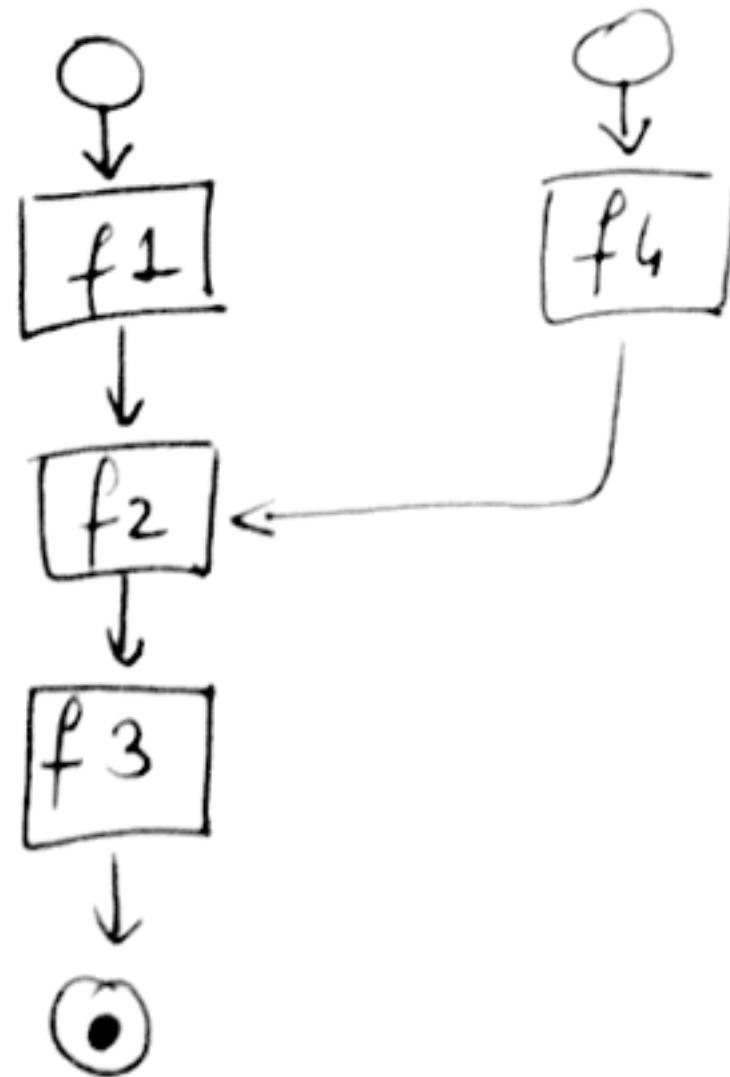
Sketching



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Growing our Ubiquitous Language

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- An **instrument** is effective for a period of time (its **life**) and has a **date range** which is the date range between the **effective date** and the **maturity date**

A **swap** is made of **legs**, each of them being an independent **instrument** on its own. Each leg defines two **counterparties**

A **payoff** is a **cash flow** given by one counterparty to the other counterparty

Instruments generate cash flows during their **life**, in particular at **expiry date** (redemption, zero coupon) and at **regular dates**

There may be a **date offset** for settlements, i.e. **ISDA** and **payments**

Floating rate devices generate cash flows according to some **reference rates** or **base rates** based on some **observable** reference rates

Fixing rate devices generate cash flows according to a predefined **coupon**

Inflation-linked devices modulate the coupon, coupon rate or **notional amount** by the variation of some (inflation) observable reference rates

Regular dates means the date of the next payment, depending on the frequency of the instrument (e.g. quarterly, semi-annually, annually, monthly, weekly, daily, etc.)

Date adjustment rules are defined by a day roll convention and a **business center**

A **funding leg** is a fixed rate device or a floating rate device

A **return leg** is a leg that reproduces the exact cash flows of another instrument

Cash Flow

Bank

Holiday Interest rate

Collecting scenarios

- Typical credit events are **bankruptcy**, **failure to pay**, **restructuring**

Forward and Future means that the **effective date** is in the future.

The difference between forward and future is that the former is OTC whereas the later is cleared, more standard, and involves frequent **margin calls** (hence a convexity bias between them)

- From a **legal perspective**, an **option** is the **right to exercise** some transaction, typically to **buy/sell** the underlying instrument at a predefined **strike** and volume, or to receive a **payoff**. Since investors are rational, we may also consider options to be essentially instruments with conditional transaction, in general payoffs

- Option styles are typically **European** (exercise only at expiry date), **American** (exercise anytime), **Bermuda** (exercise at regular dates), **Canary** (exercise at regular dates after some date or period)

- An **underlying instrument** is an instrument used to condition the exercise (which may be automatic) and often used to calculate the amount of the payoff or more that is directly the object of an exchange, in the case of an exchange of assets

- Some instruments are subject to **conversion**, i.e. they can be replaced with another instrument

Some instruments are convertible, i.e. there is or no exchange(s) of principal

Compounding Swaps capitalize interests earned for each period payment period

Taking notes, in code

Class, interface names & documentation

Fields

Relationships (if any)

+ **Behavior!**

Code doesn't lie

Got something wrong?

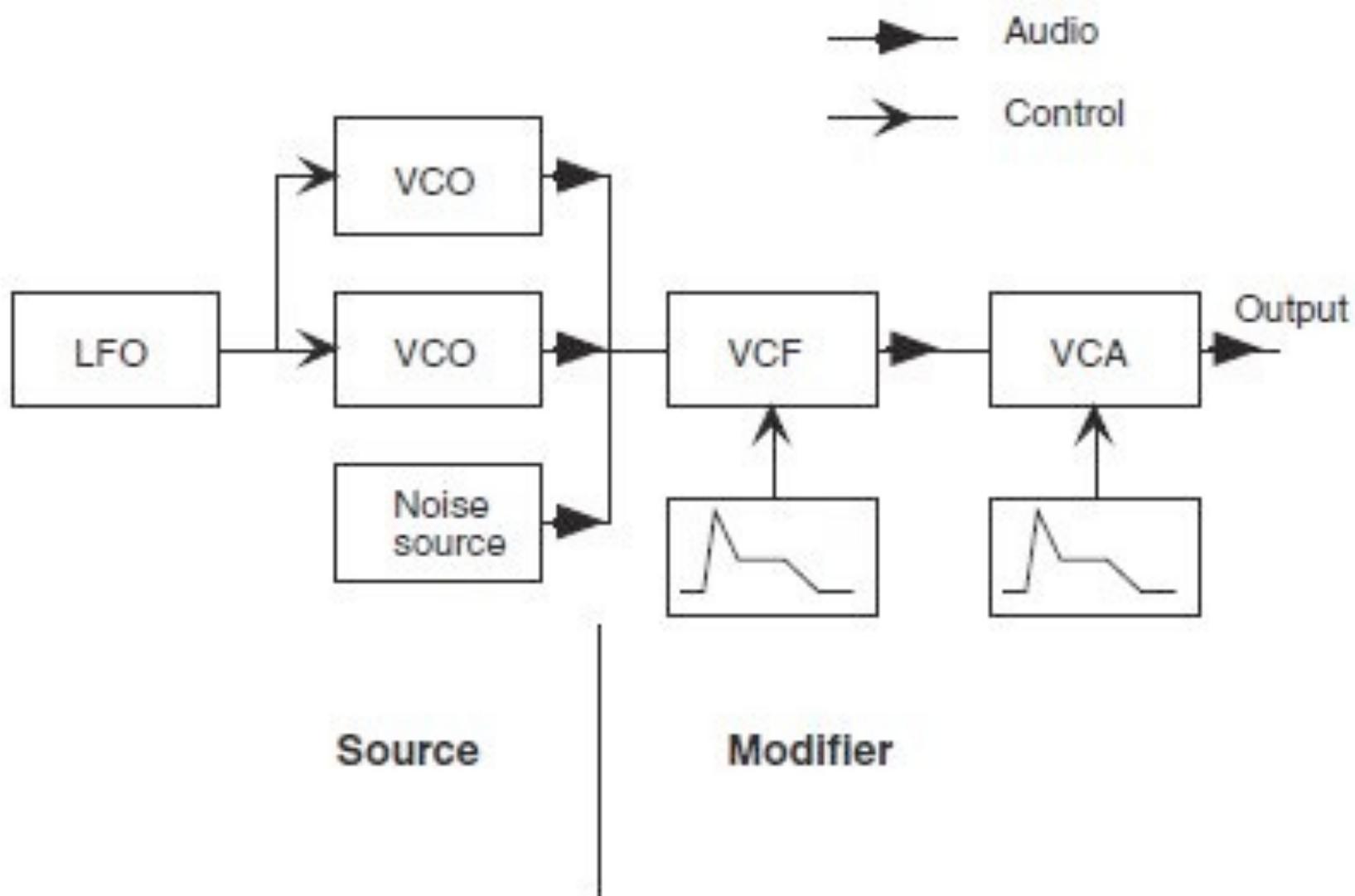
Forgot something?

It shows!

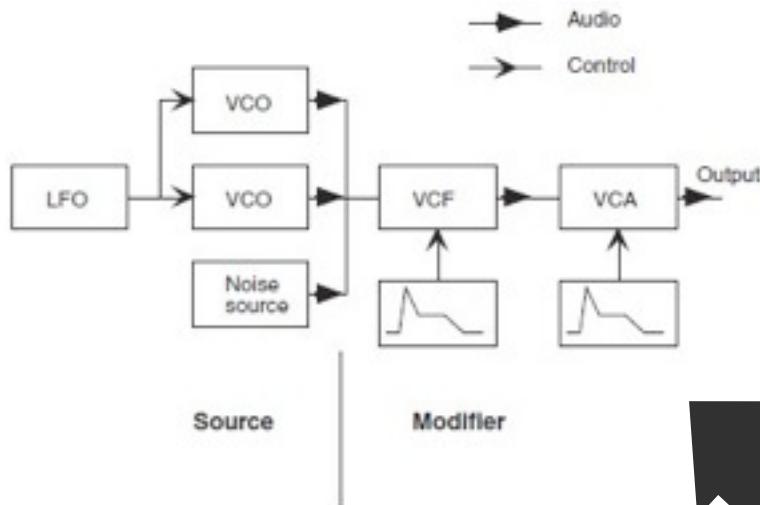
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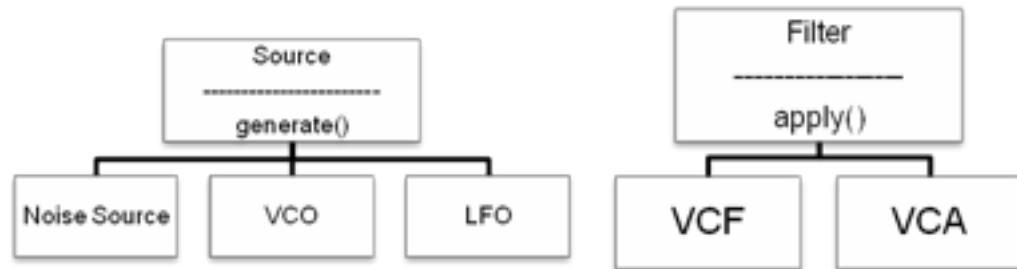
Modular Synthesizer



In Java code



Output of a class/
function is the **input**
of another



We Can Do It!



**So let's keep on coding
and rebuilding
everything!**

Sounds like a great idea!

Not all of a large system will be
well designed.



**Plenty of Legacy code
working since 1993**

Redoing = waste + risk

**Still need to redo some
parts**

How do we integrate with legacy?
Where do we stop redoing?

Legacy strategy

Know your enemies

Asset Capture & Strangler Application

Bubble Context & ACL

Scream it loud

Know your enemies

[discover the app]

Read the documents

Interview people

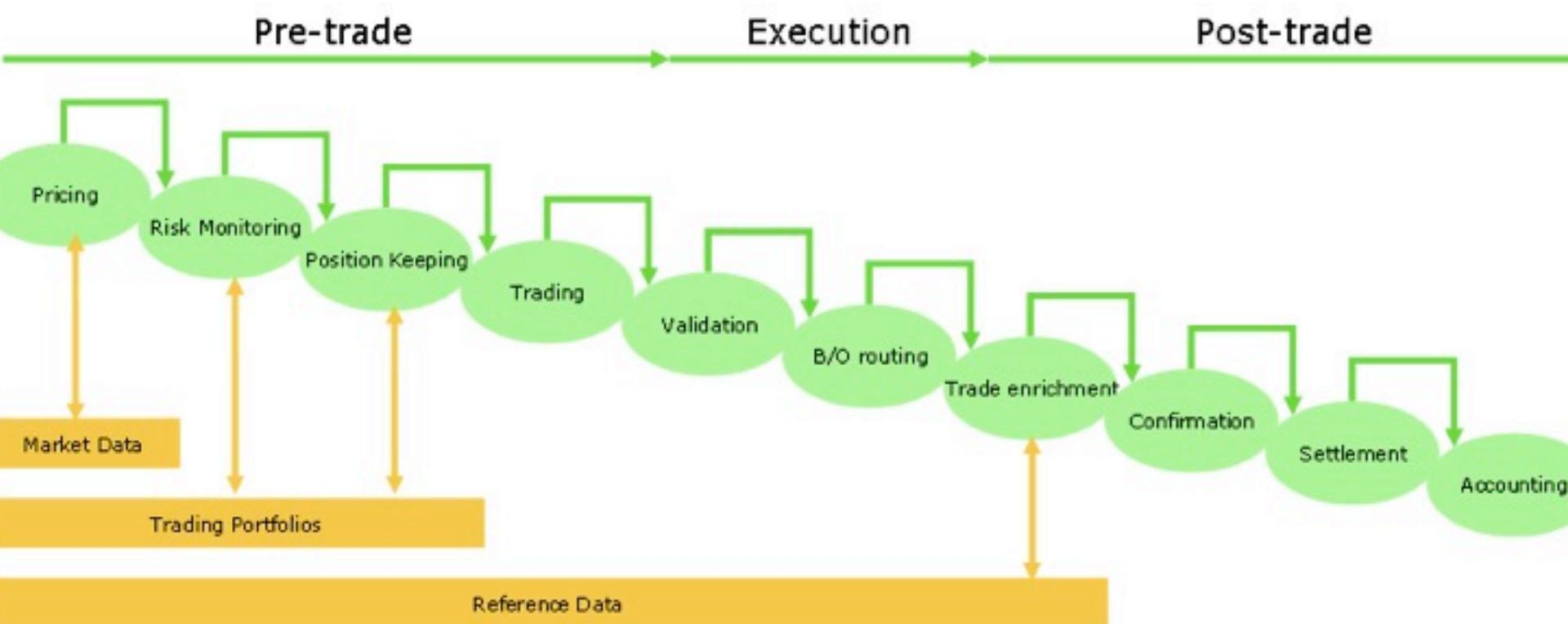
Use the application

Read the code

Fix bugs

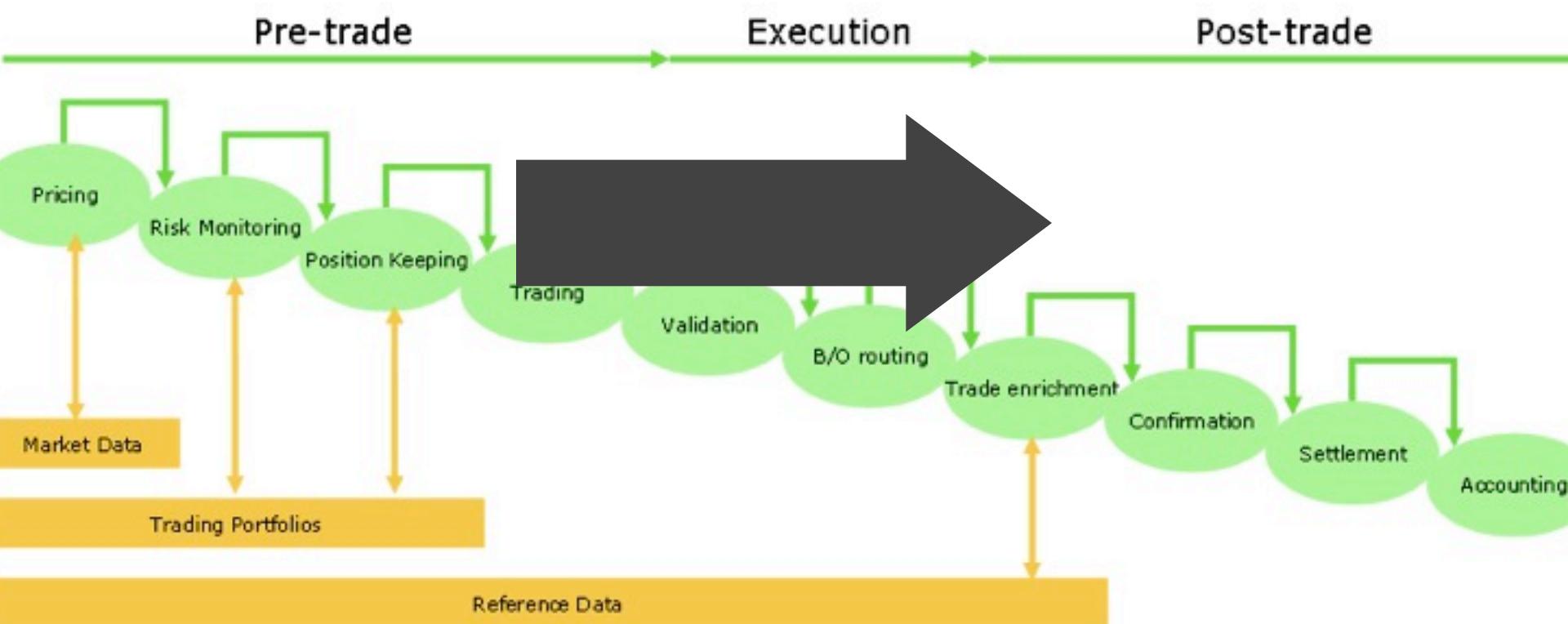
Visualize

[primary flow & support features]



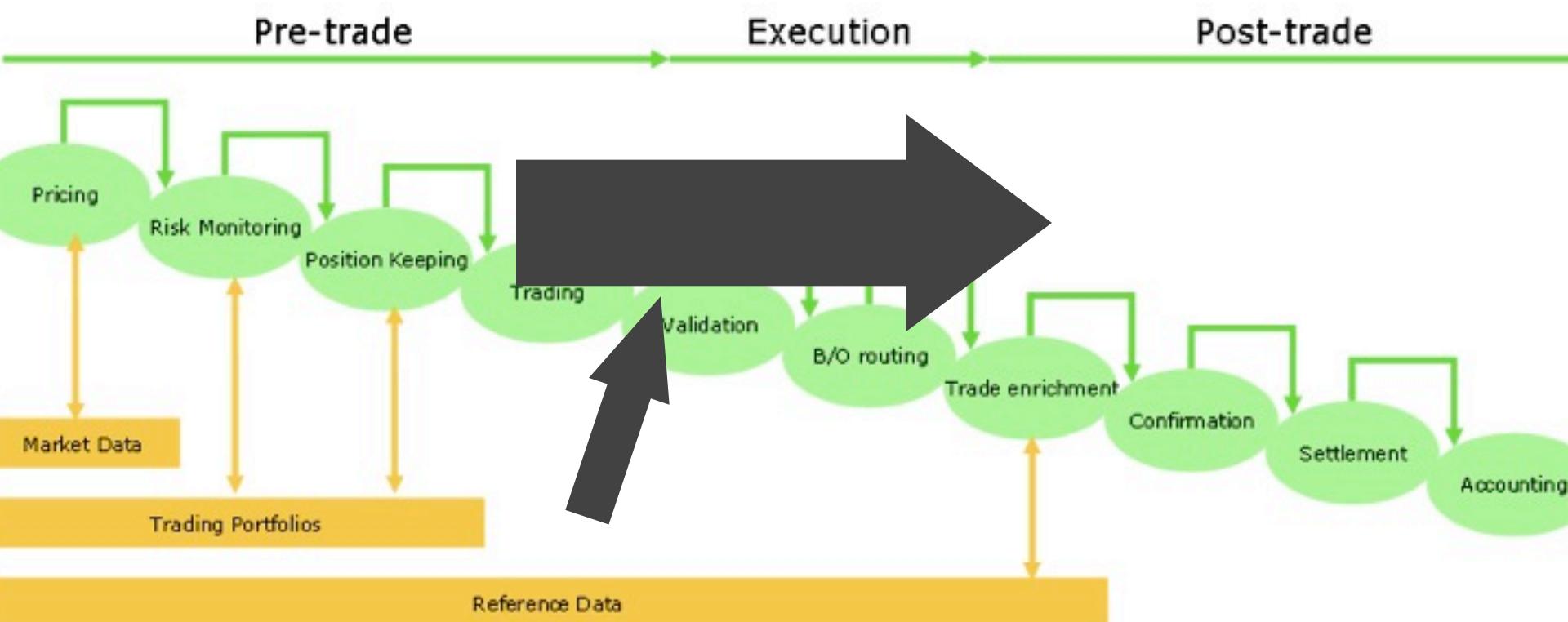
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Visualize

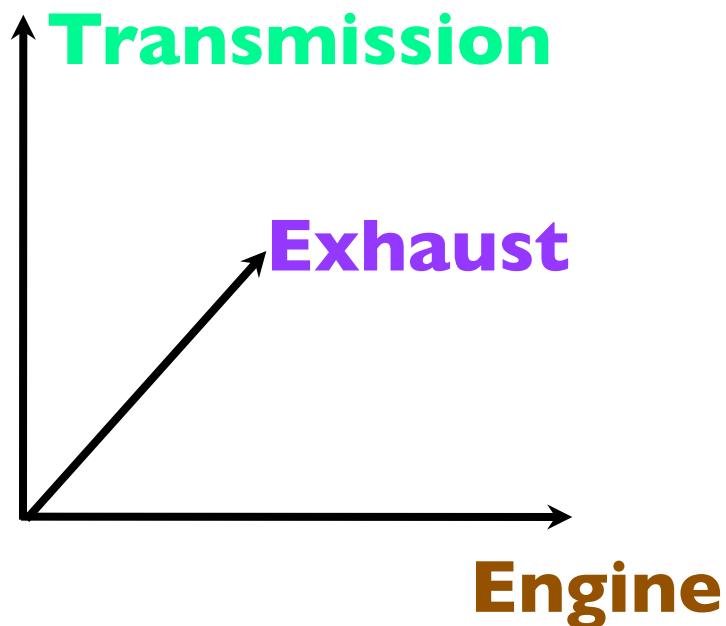
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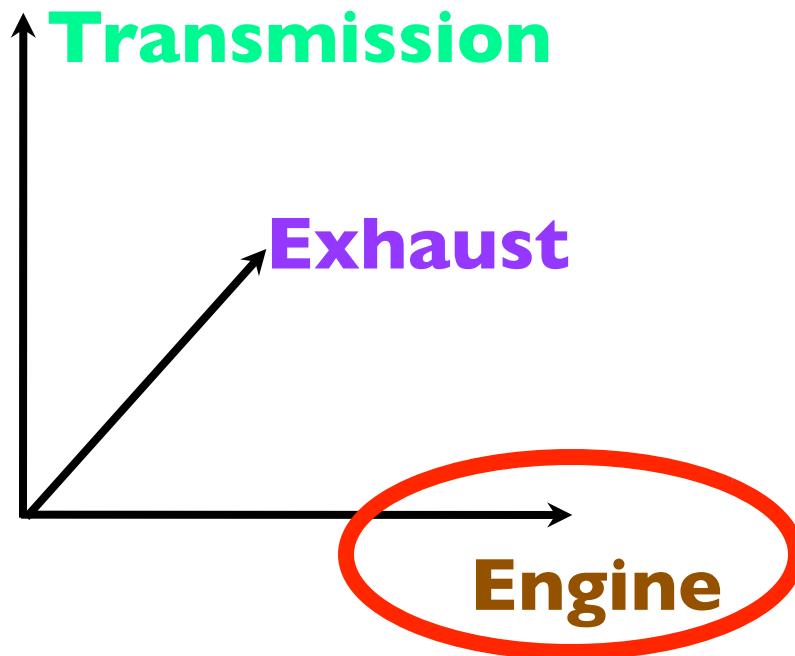
Asset Inventory



Asset Capture



Asset Capture



Focus on one single asset : the engine



Strangler application

A new module will progressively strangle the former one, for one single asset only

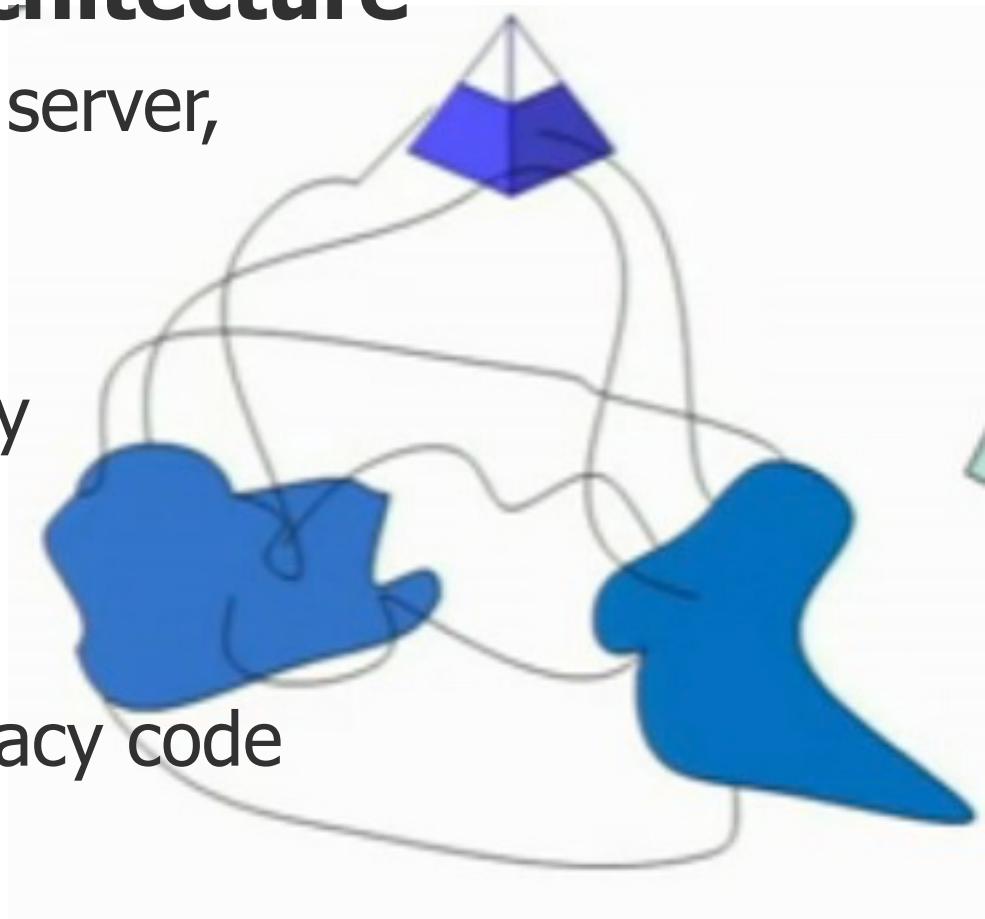
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Conservative by default

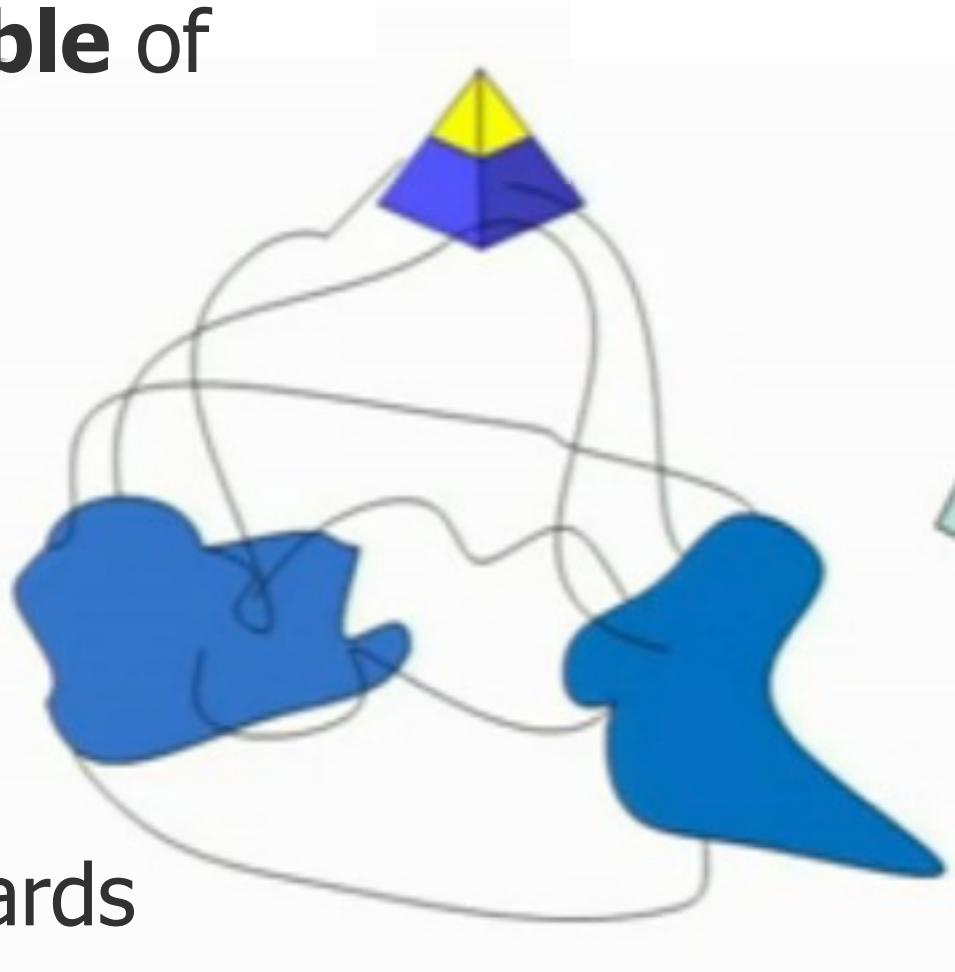
- **Keep existing architecture**

- N-tiers, application server, middleware
- Same database
- Same UI technology
- (Almost) all the legacy code



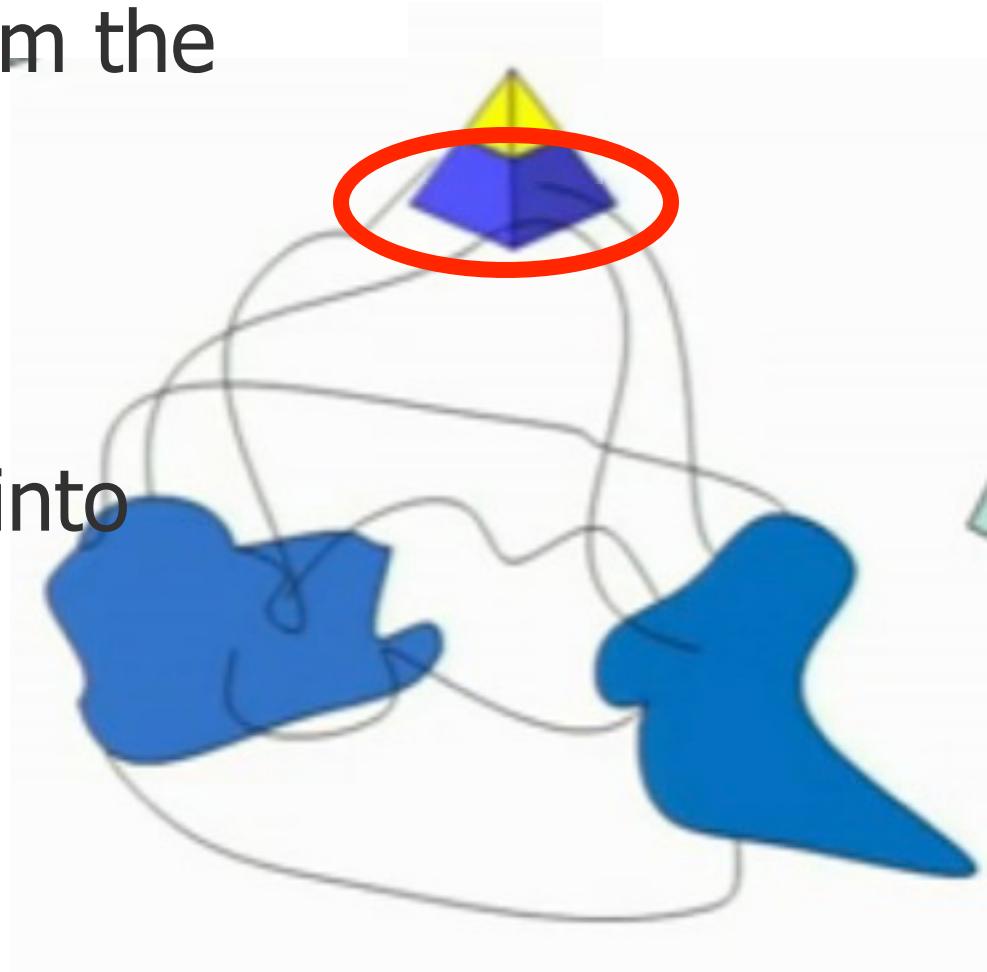
Bubble Context

- Create a **little bubble** of innovation
- Brand **new model**
- As clean as we like
- Highly tested
- High hygiene standards



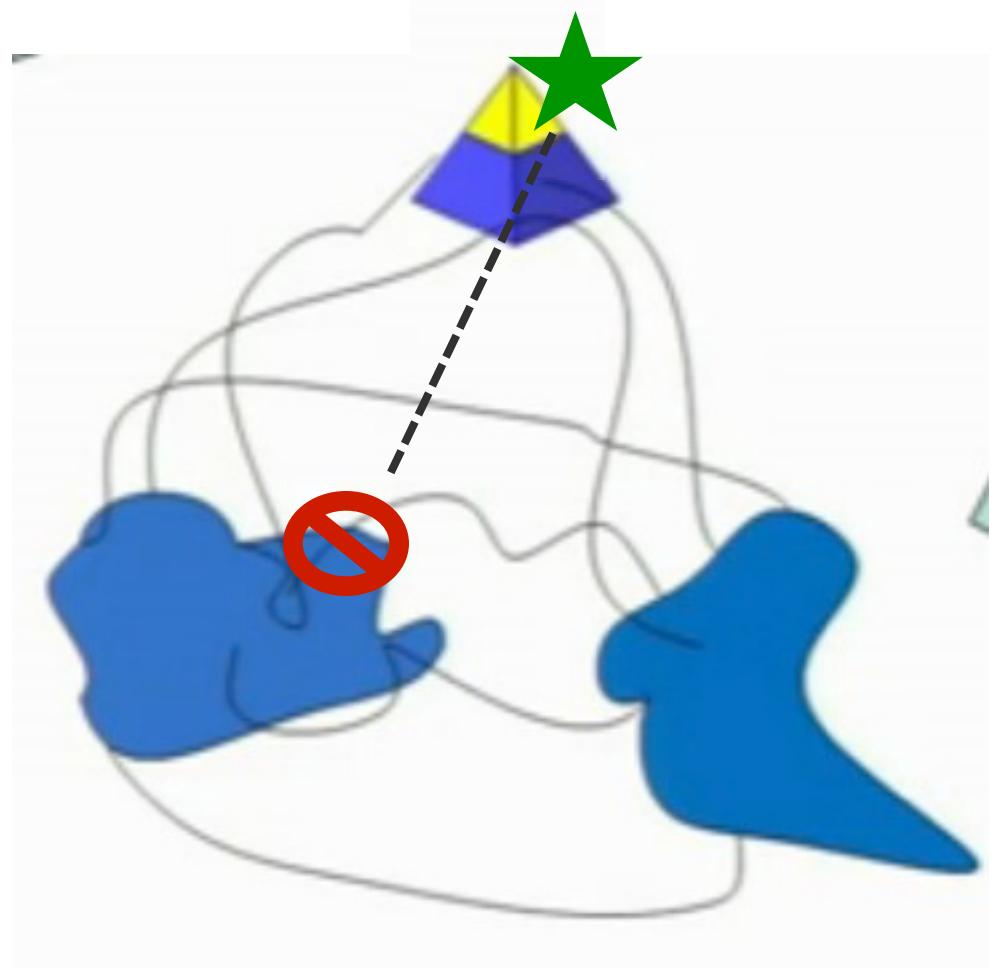
Bubble Context

- ACL to **protect** from the legacy code
- **Translates** legacy objects & services into new, cleaner ones



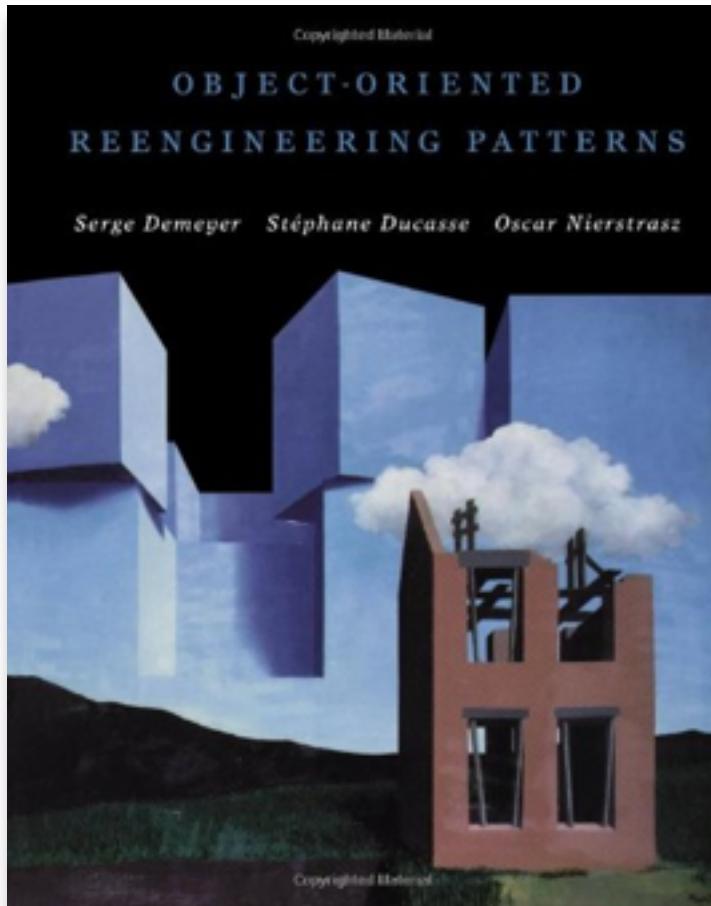
Strangler (cont.)

- Progressively
turn off legacy
functionalities &
turn on the new
ones



Agree on maxims

[communicate the plan]



- “Only one work site at a time: instruments”
- “When in Rome, do as Romans do”

Scaling development in the bubble context

Infect the team

Code as SPOT

High hygiene standards

Functional-style

LITTLE MISS CURIOS

by Roger Hargreaves



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I only care about
Java EE 6

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Hey!
Finance
is cool!



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Oh, this
domain is
really cool!

LITTLE MISS CURIOS

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A cartoon character of Little Miss Curious, a brown, rounded woman with a large head and a blue bow tie. She has a small tuft of hair on top of her head. Her eyes are represented by two small dots above her nose, which is shaped like a puzzle piece. She is standing on a small puddle of water.

I'd like to
know it
better!

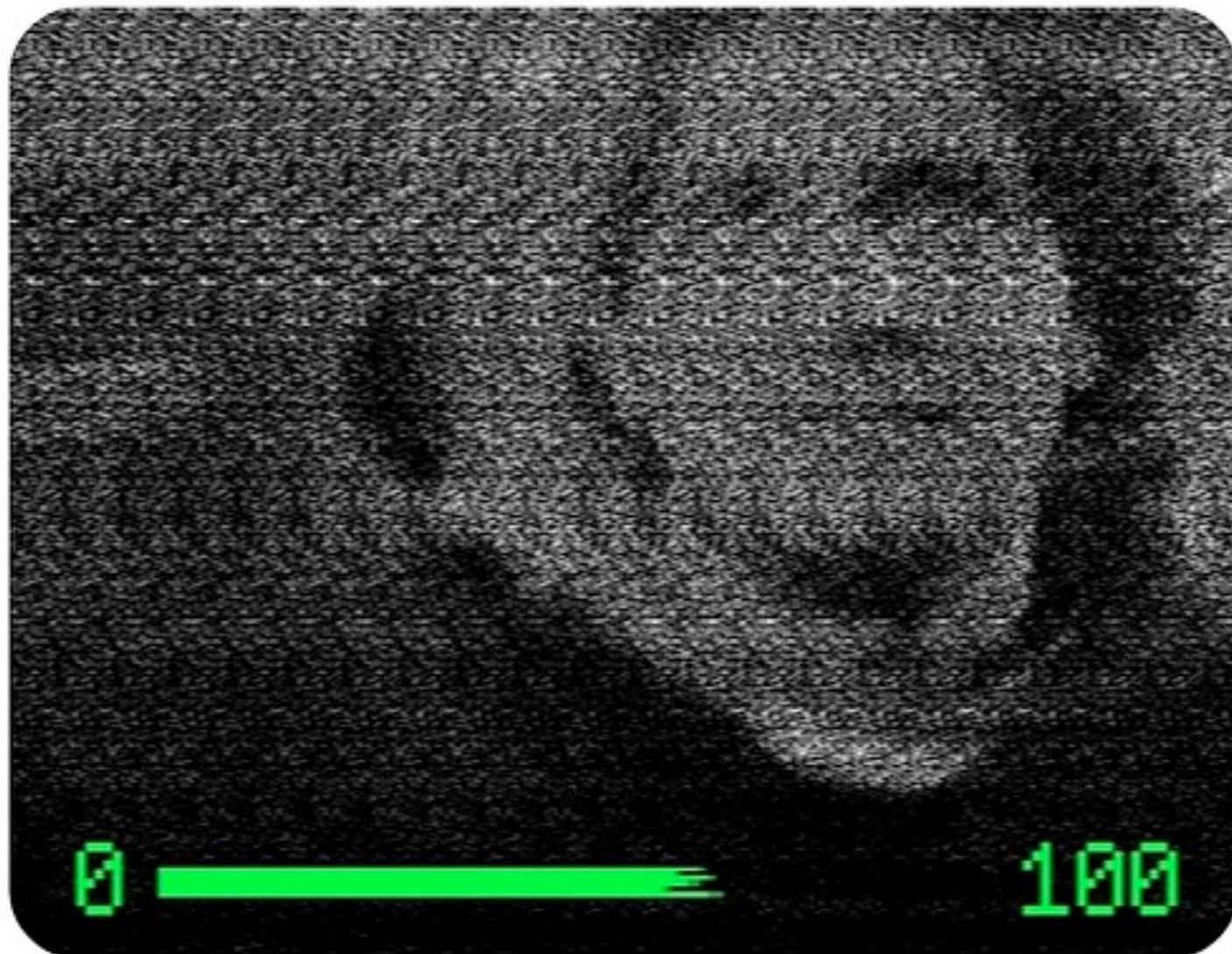
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Invest in domain knowledge

A close-up, low-angle shot of a blue garden hose spraying a fine mist of water onto a lush green lawn. In the background, there are several small, colorful flowers, including pink and purple ones, which are slightly out of focus. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

- Bi-weekly 30mn training sessions

Signal to Noise ratio



Signal to Noise Ratio

- **SNR ≥ 80 %**
- **Signal:** CashFlow, CashFlowSequence, CashFlowEngine, FinancialProduct, BankHolidays, ReferenceData
- **Noise:** CashFlowBuilder, CompositeEngine, ProductFactory, BankHolidaysDecorator

***“All what you explained
is nice, but what about
the actual code and
design?”***

-client

Code as reference

[export the glossary]

- Annotate domain-relevant classes

```
 */
@Convention
public class DayShift {
```

- Custom Doclet to export **Excel-formatted glossary** of every domain concept
- Send directly **to end customers** as reference documentation

High hygiene standards

[in the bubble context]

- Dependencies
 - ~~Legacy~~
 - ~~Middleware~~
 - ~~Frameworks~~
 - ~~Database stuff~~



- + TDD, BDD
- + Clean Code

“Functional-First” style



Aaron Erickson
@AaronErickson

Following



I have heard the meme of "functional first" programming a few times now. i.e. you start with functional, and do state by exception. I like.

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from Romeoville, IL

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“Functional-First” style

- **Value Objects** (Quantity, Range...) as much as possible
 - Immutable
- **Side-effect-free** functions
- **Closure of operations**
 - CashFlow and CashFlowsSequence
add(), negate(), multiply()

Legacy: the bigger picture

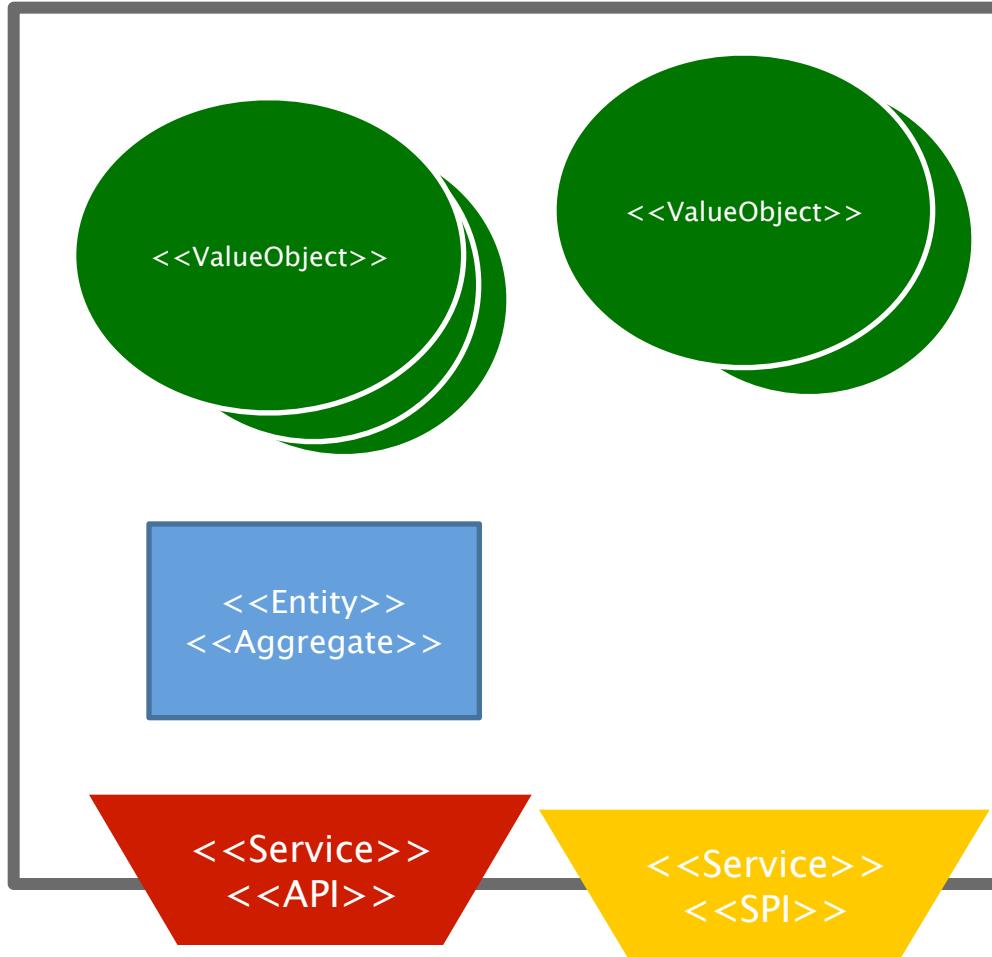
Clarify bubble boundaries

Emerging contexts

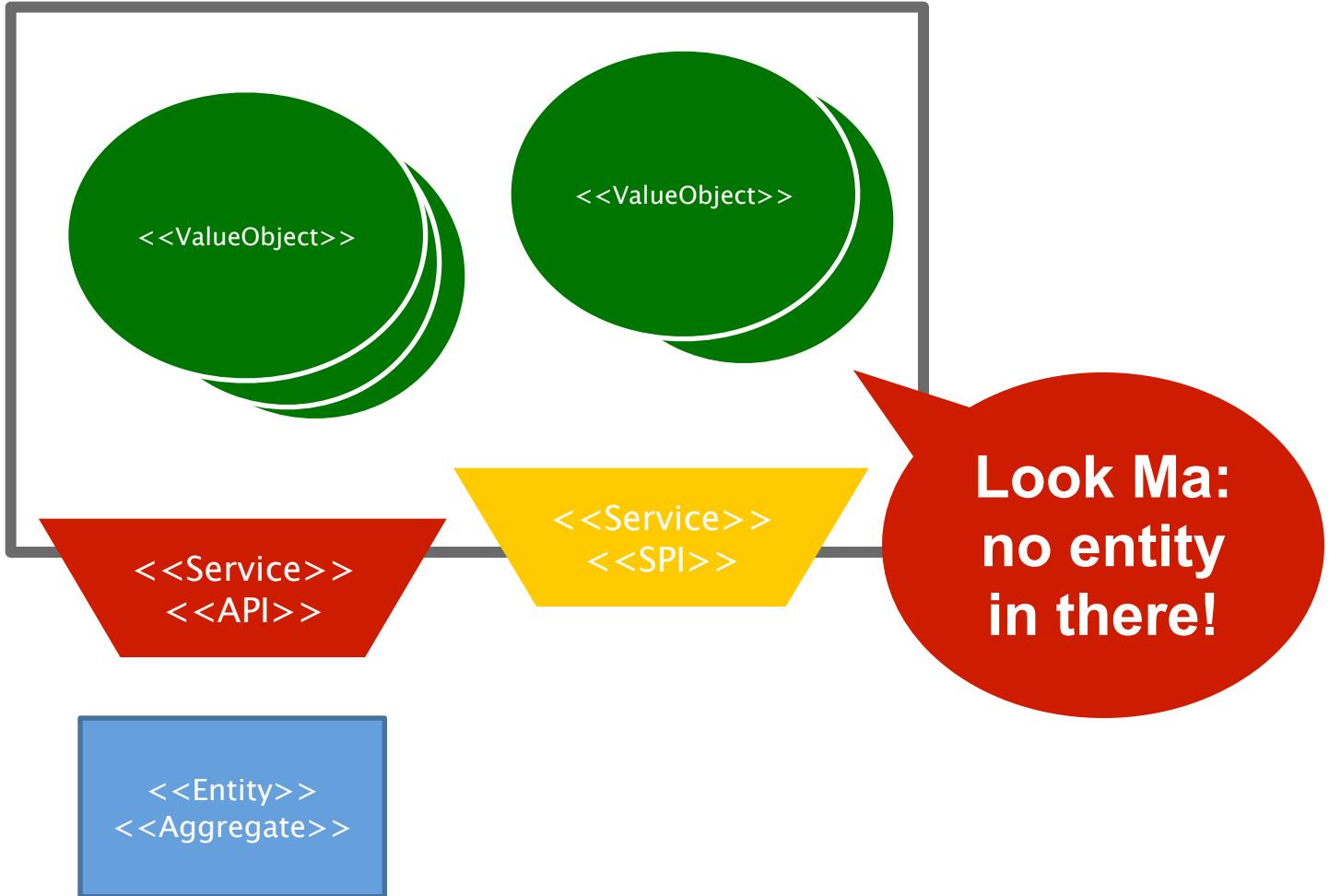
Shock absorber

Responsibility layers

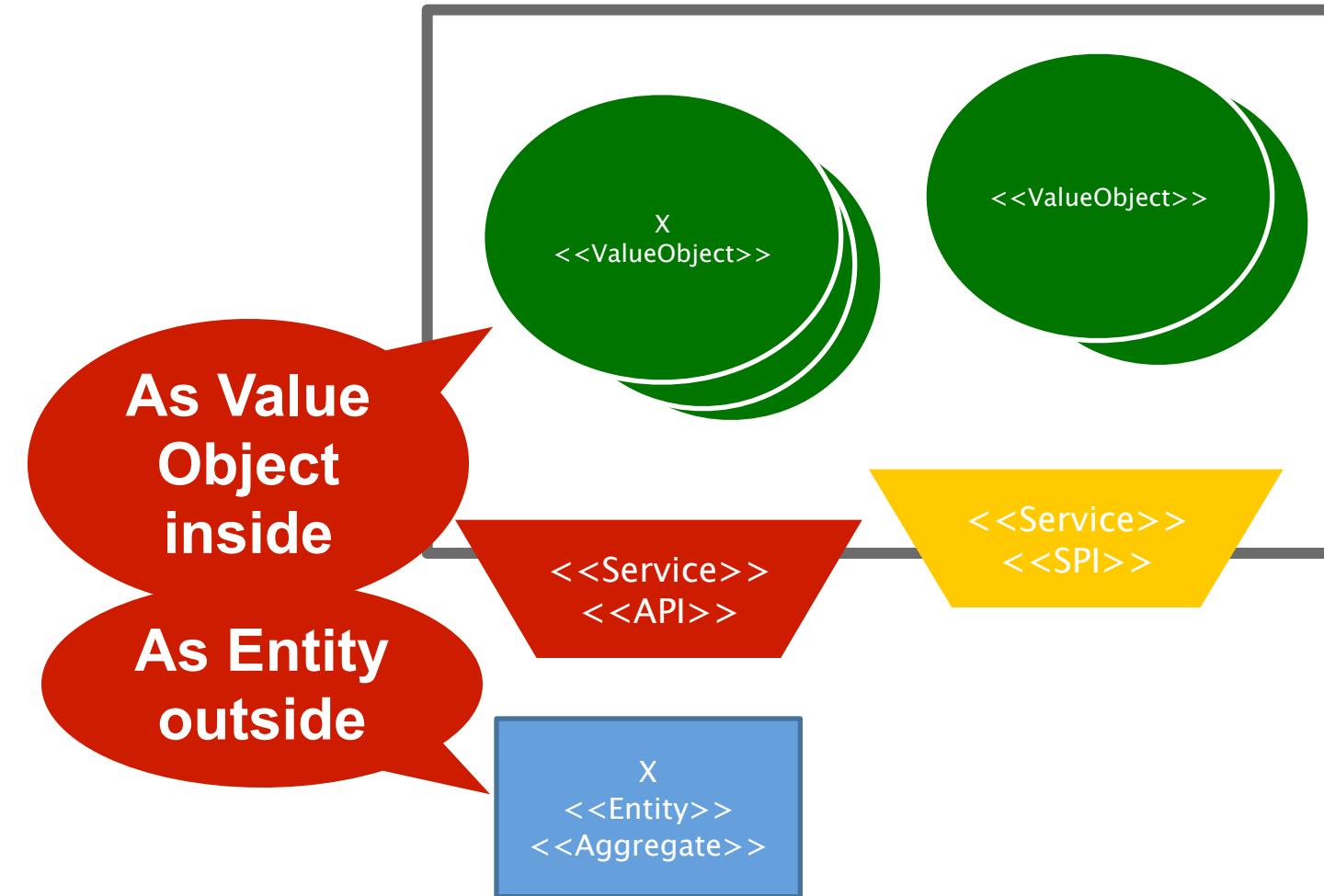
First boundaries



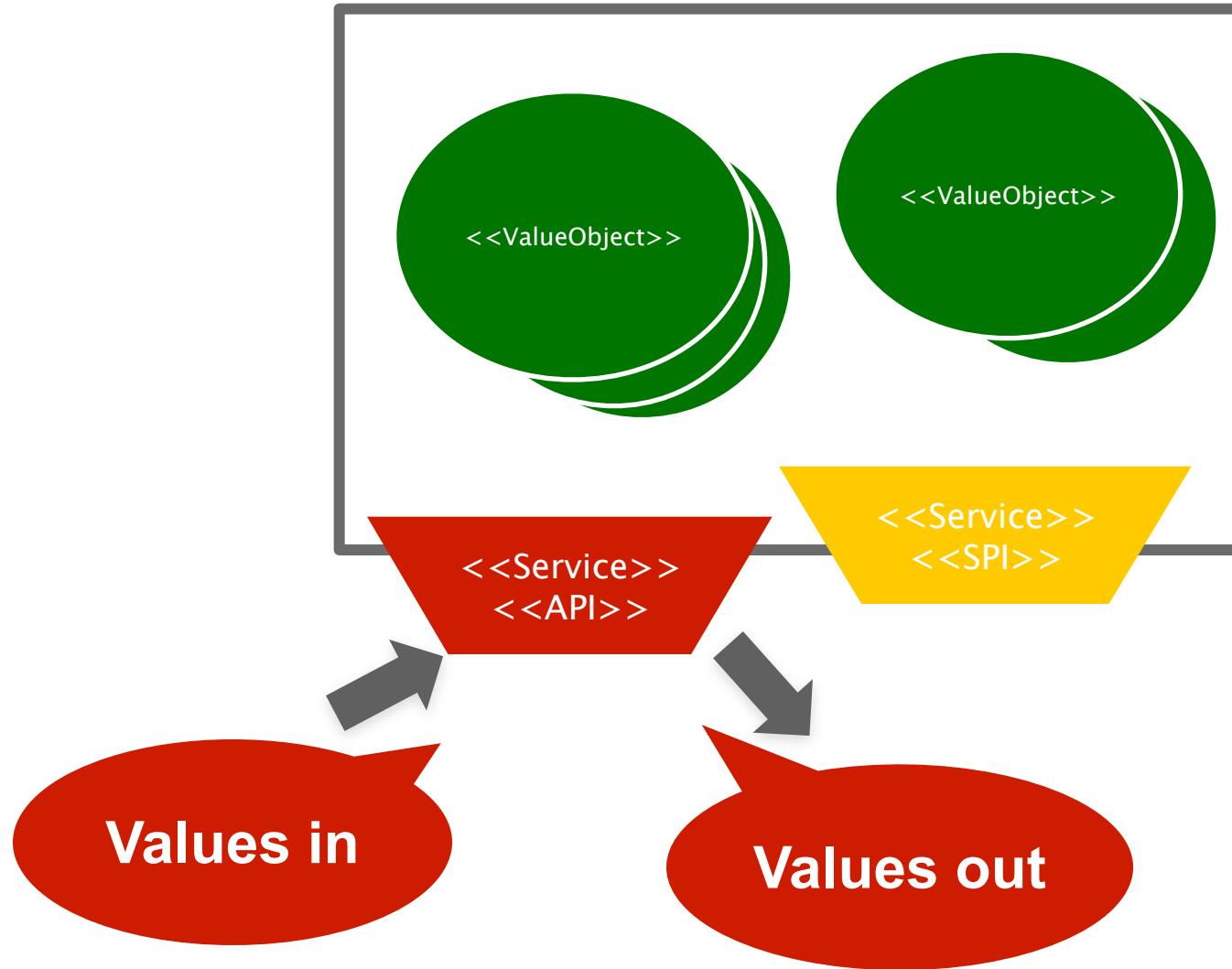
boundaries 2.0



boundaries 2.0



Just a lib & side-effect free!



```
package com.arollaafterwork.ddd.domainmodel;

/**
 * Generates cash-flows for the given instrument, according to the
 * external data provider.
 */
@Service
public interface CashFlowGeneration {

    CashFlows generate(final Instrument instrument, final ExternalData externalData);
}
```

API

```
package com.arollaafterwork.ddd.domainmodel;

import java.util.Date;

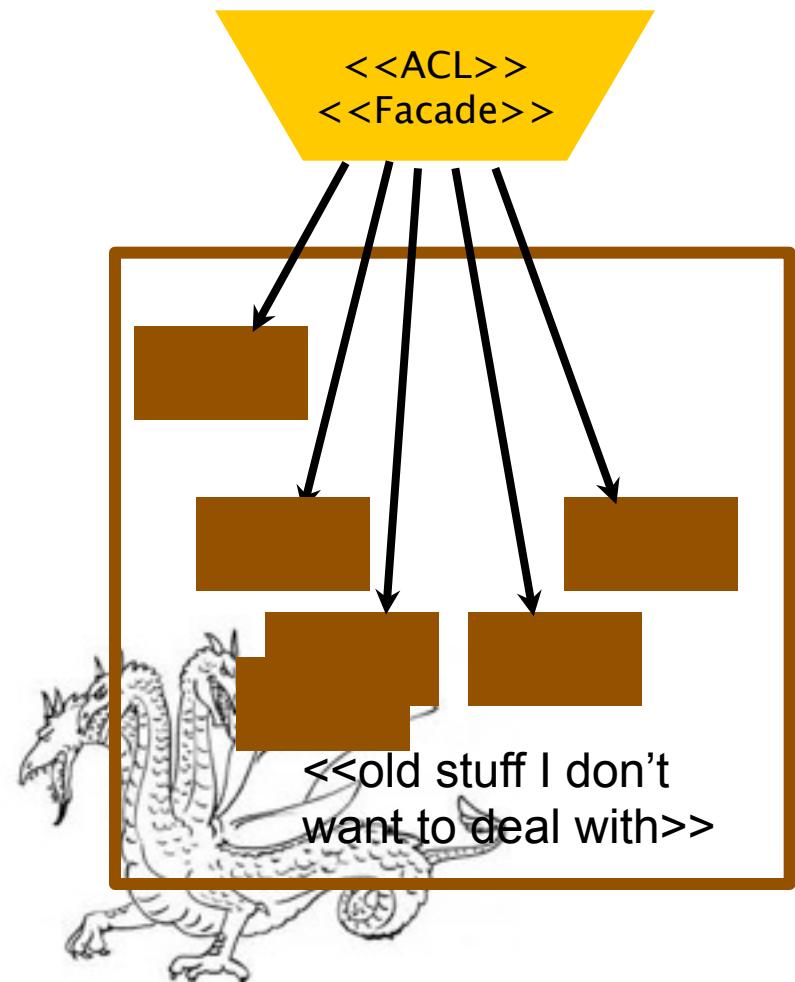
/**
 * The interface to provide on-demand external data services
 */
@Service
public interface ExternalData {

    Object valueFor(final Object key, final Date date);
}
```

SPI

ACL-backed Domain service

- Unify ***many*** legacy services through **one single & simple interface**
- **Hide** the most unfriendly legacy code



Initial journey toward our dream model



Bespoke custom
DREAM MODEL

Dream model must pass every scenario

Given a floating rate bond on EURIBOR 3M

And a nominal of 15M EUR

And an issue date of 2011/06/15

And an end date of 2012/06/14

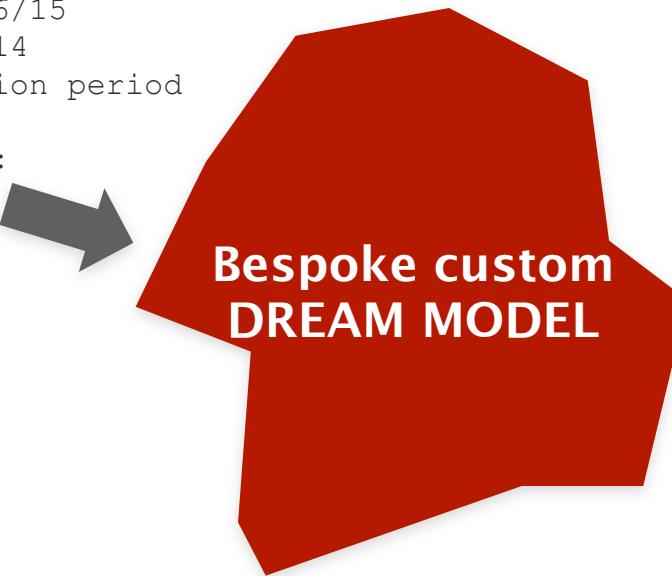
And an SEMI_ANNUAL calculation period

When the EURIBOR 3M evolves:

2011/09/15 3.5%		
2012/03/15 4.0%		

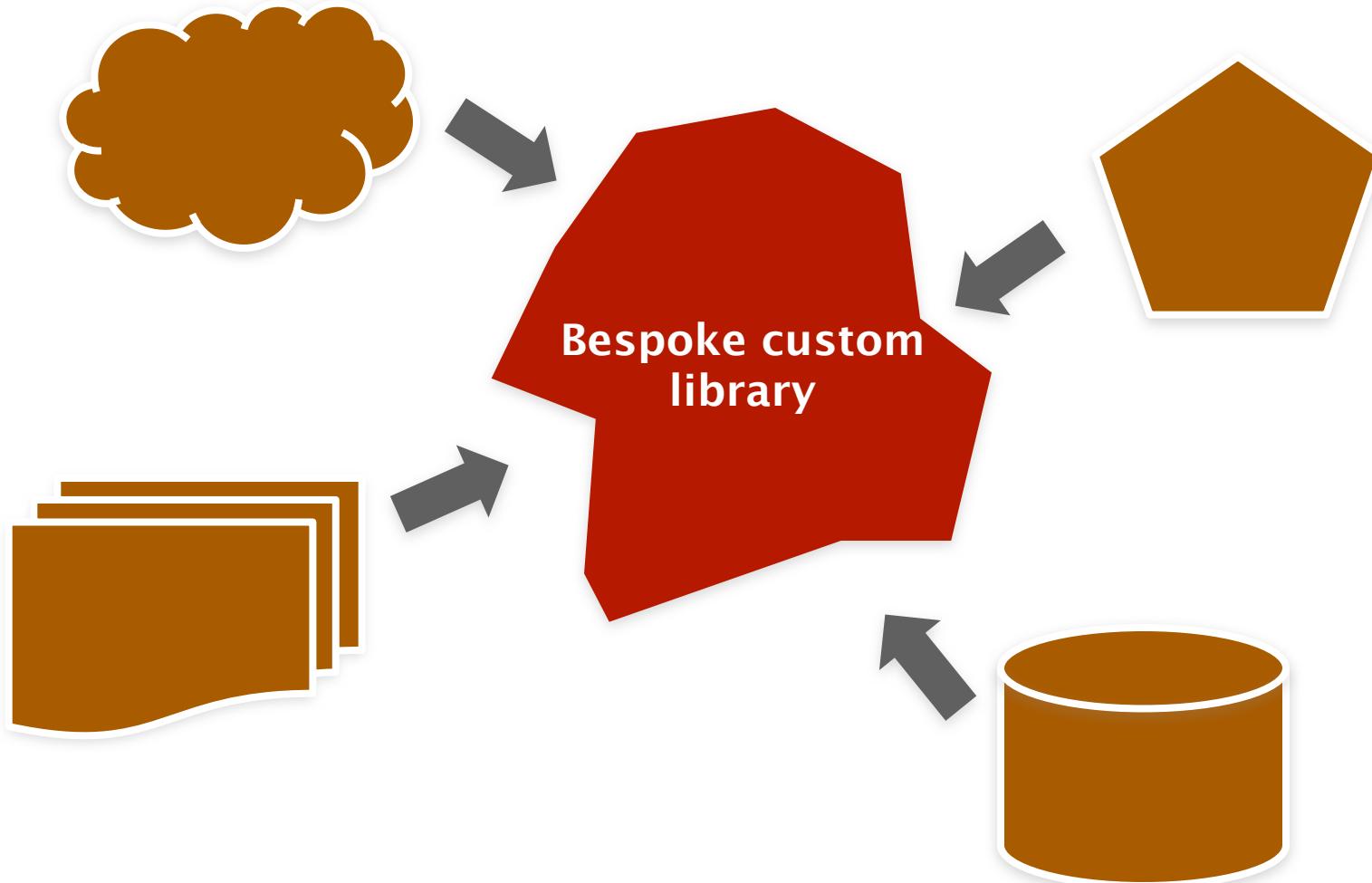
Then the cash-flows are:

2011/12/13 23000		
2012/06/14 25500		

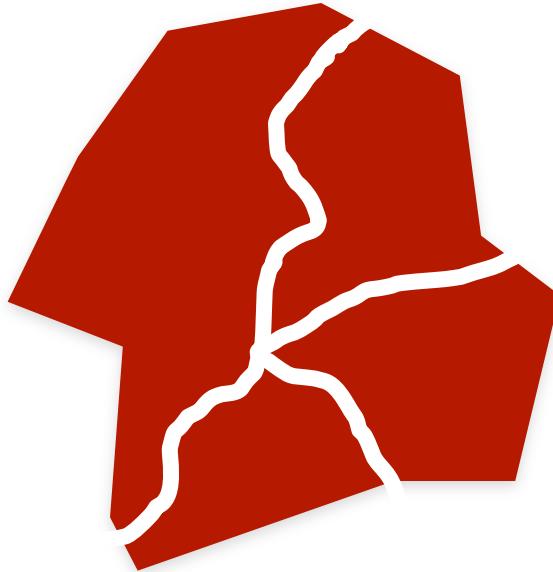


Bespoke custom
DREAM MODEL

Deliberately easier by construction



Conflicting aspects suggest several contexts



**“I don’t need all these data
to do that, I just need these
3 fields”**

Context Game

[Greg Young]

“What's your ideal <instrument>?”

- **Pre-trade:** very **liquid** with a narrow bid – offer spread
- **Trading:** unique **identifier** easy to key in
- **Risk:** has risk on a **single risk factor**
- **Back-office:** very **few cash-flows** that are **certain** and **known** long beforehand

Contexts that emerged

Trading

<<legacy>>

Risk

<<legacy>>

Cash-flows

<<strangler>>

Contexts that emerged

Trading

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Contexts that emerged

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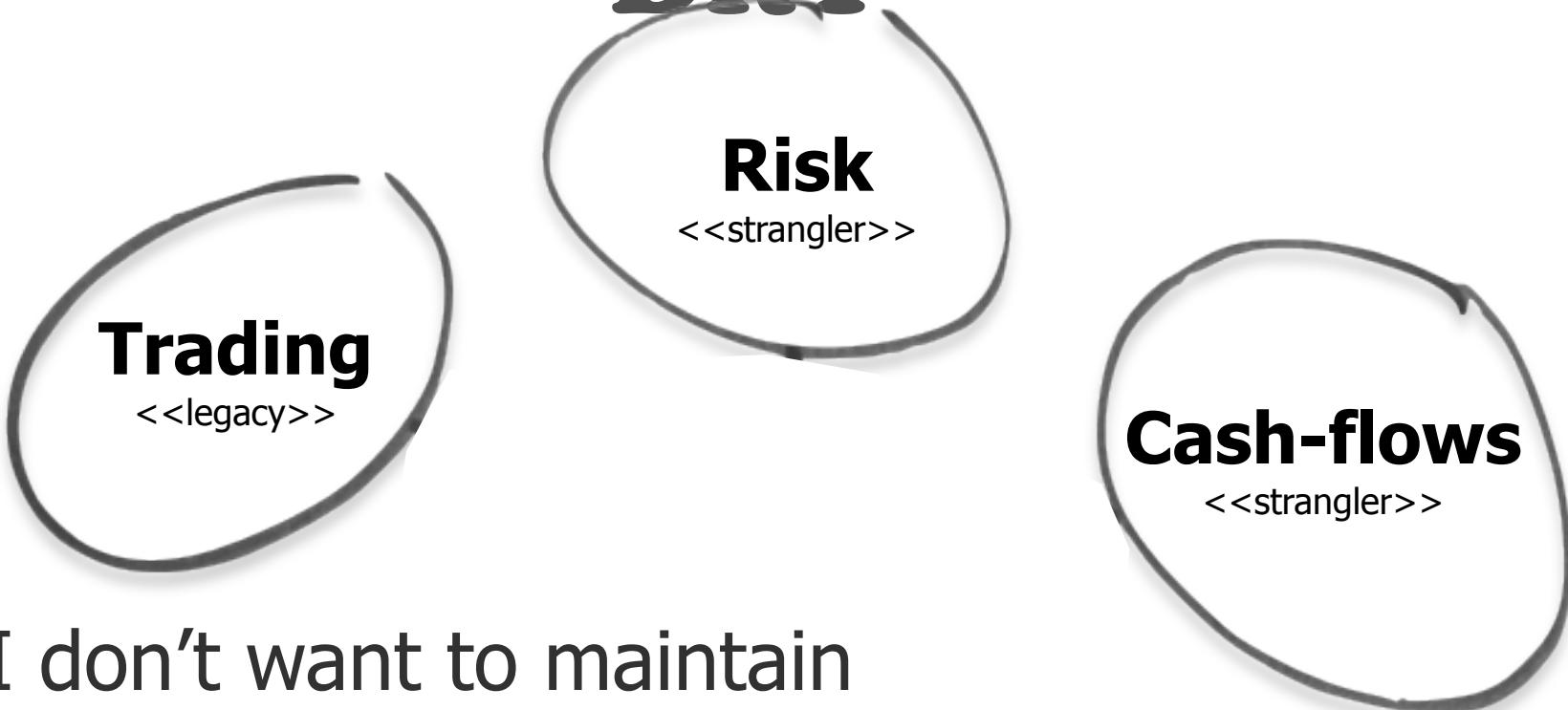
Risk

<<strangler>>

Cash-flows

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Team /manager invoke DRY



“I don’t want to maintain more models, it’s already hard enough!”

Team /manager invoke DRY

Trading

<<legacy>>

Risk

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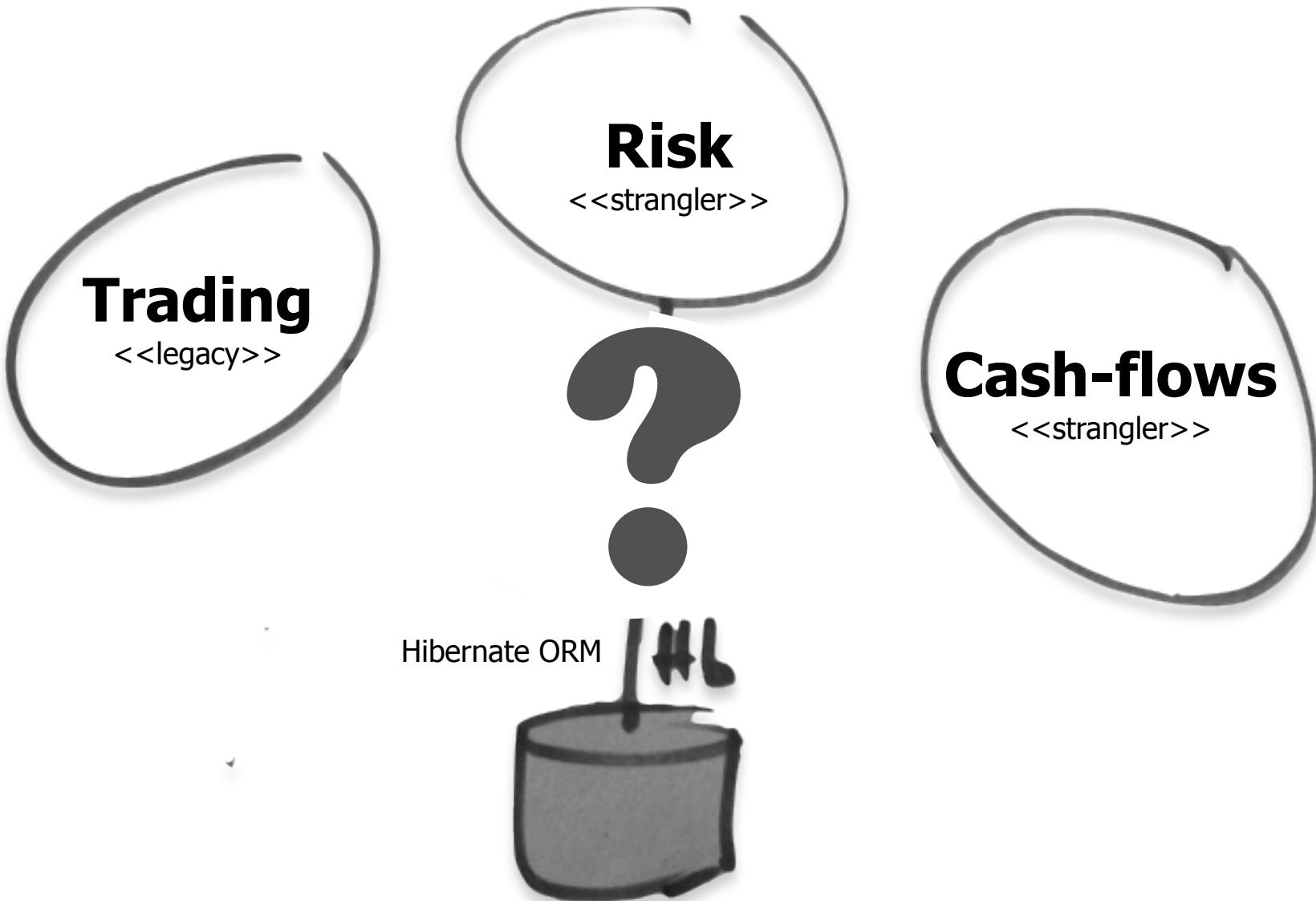
Cash-flows

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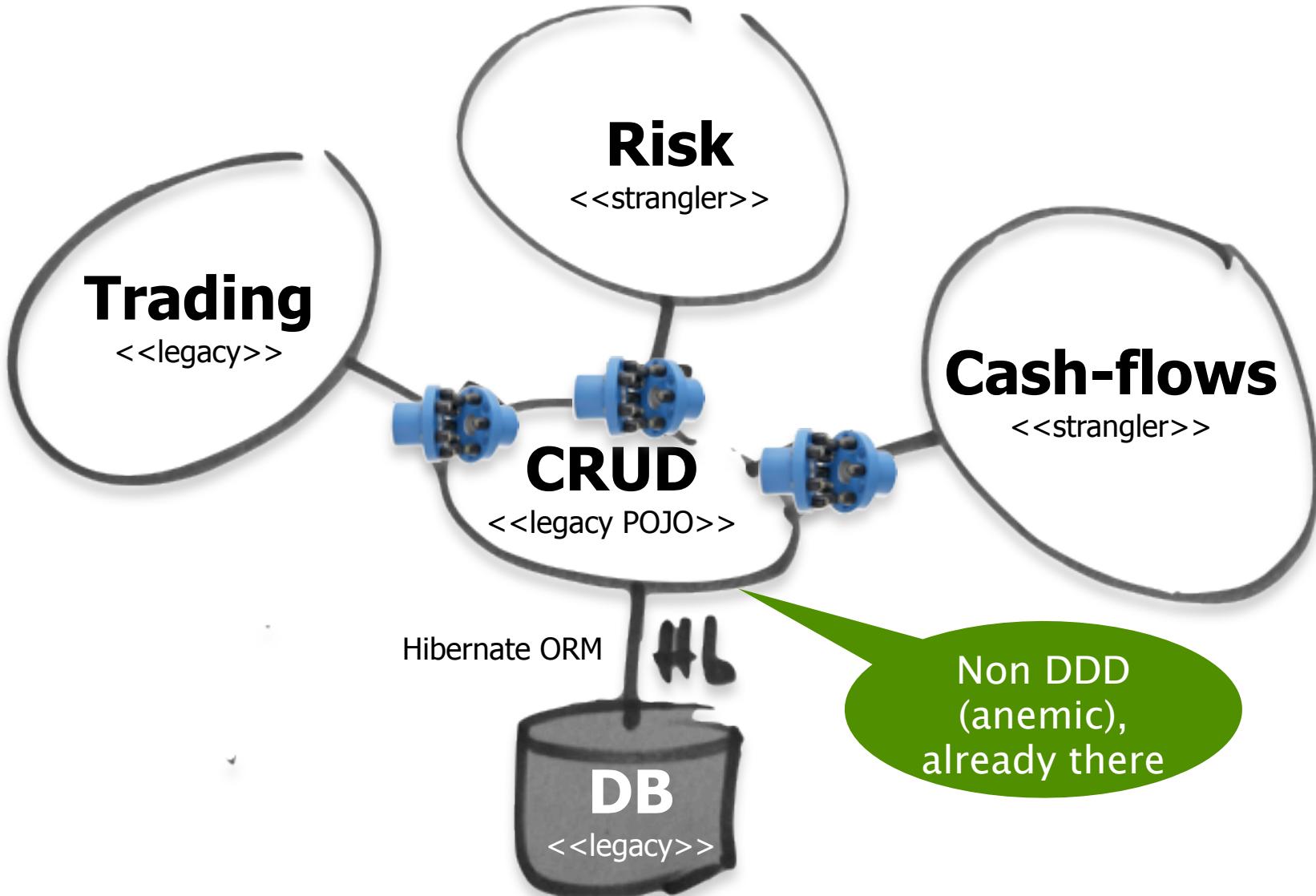
"I don't want to maintain more models, it's already hard enough!"

No it's less maintenance!

How do we integrate?



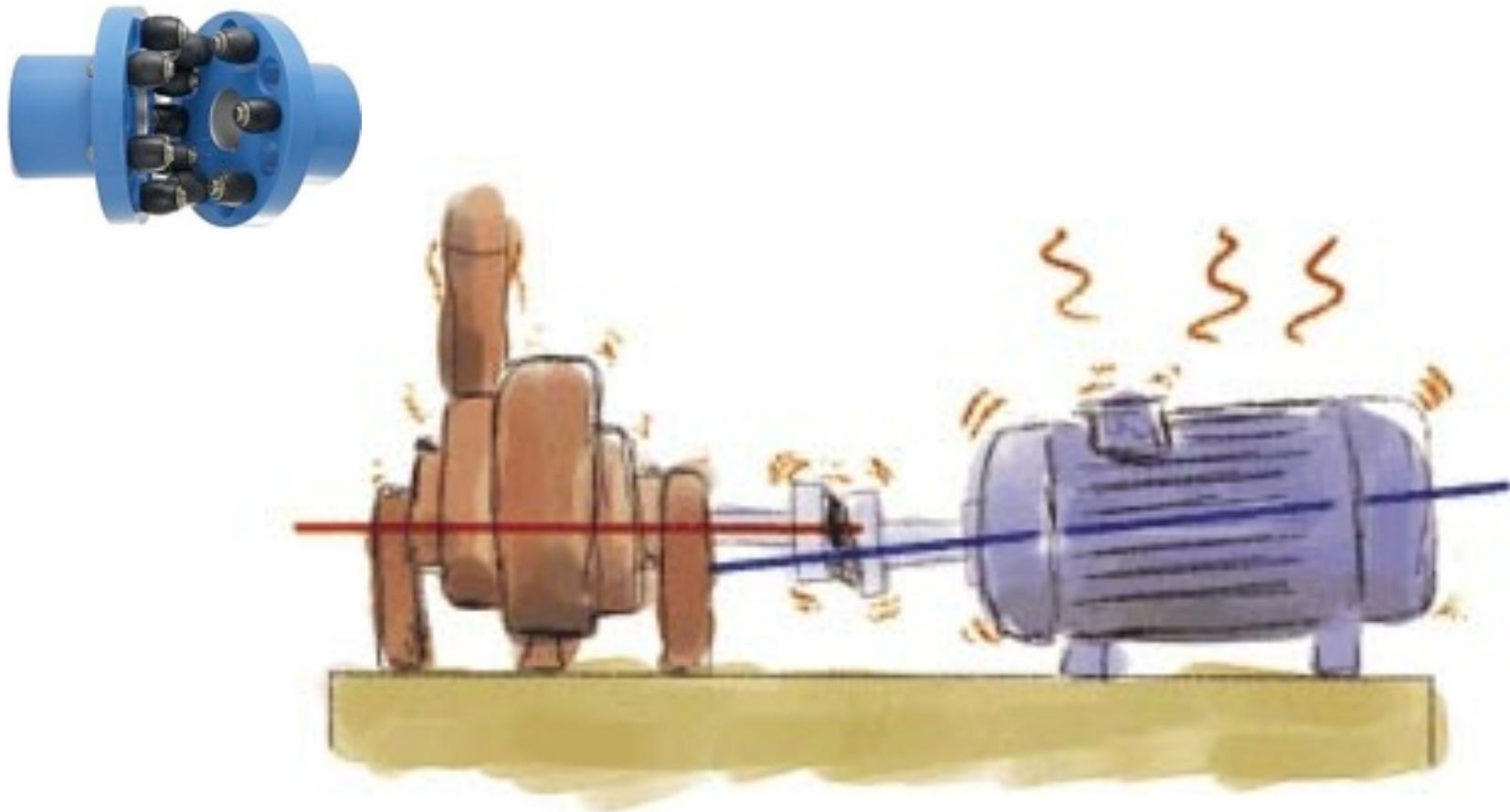
Contexts Mappings



ACL as Shock Absorbers



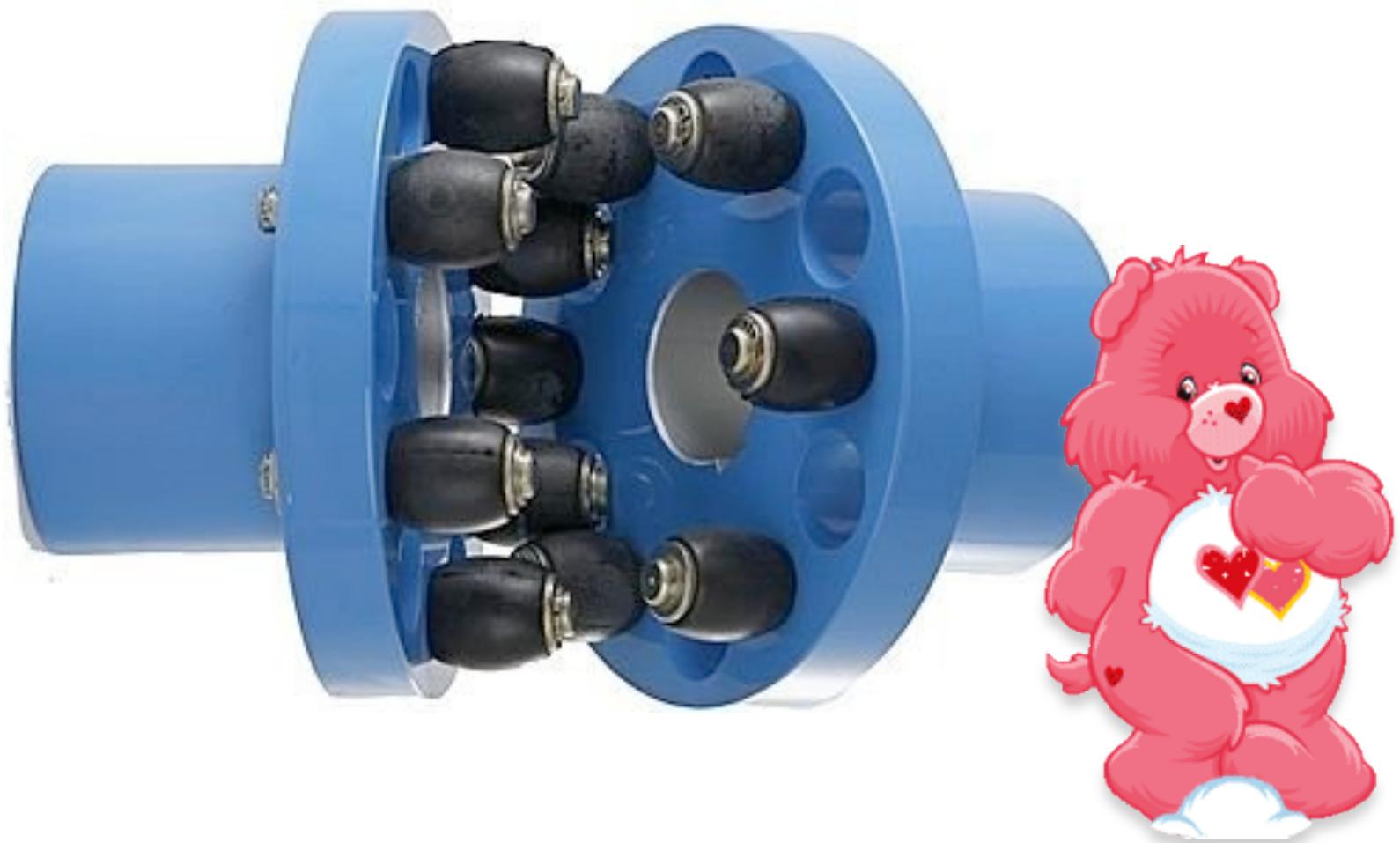
ACL as Shock Absorbers



“That’s useless code!”



No, ACL's are good!



“Ok so I will automate”



No, hand-crafted code is good!



Happy End

Project delivered
On required scope

On time

Client satisfaction

Some remarks

- “**DDD + R&D potential**”: my projects selection criteria
- **DDD**: subtle, often not quite ***sure***
- Don’t preach, **tell the benefits**

The future

- Keep on growing the model in the bubble context
- **Reuse in another context** (e.g. accounting)? - To what extent?
- The **bubble may break** at some point

Questions?

You can also ask me later!

Merci



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