

05 - AOP & testing

Managed components are powerful... but
how do we test them?

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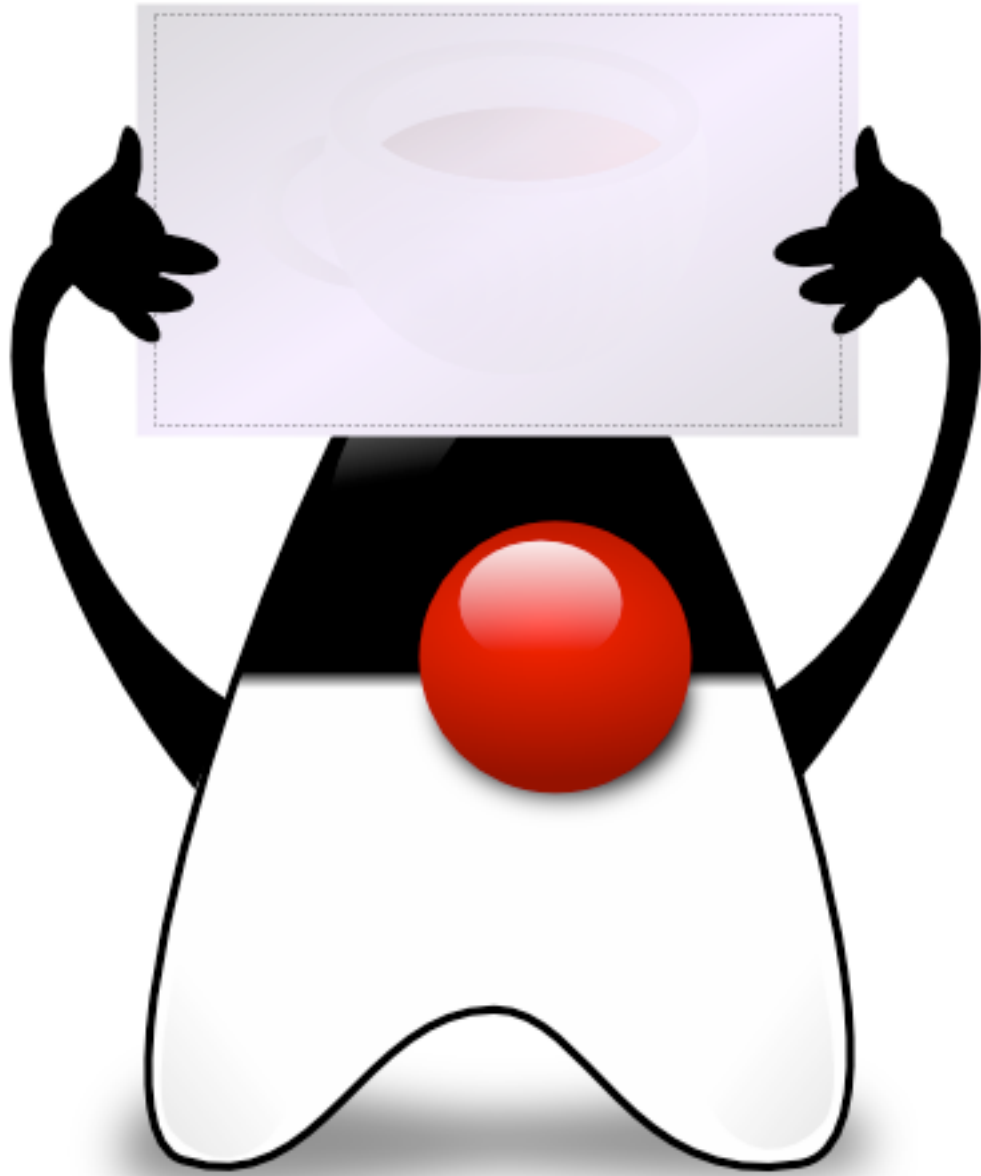
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Quick recap...
The Power of Aspect Oriented Programming

Break

The Curse of testing in managed environments

Project time



Quick recap

What is inversion of control? (IoC)

What is dependency injection? (DI)

**What is resource pooling and
why is it useful?
Explain with 2 examples**

What is the goal of the Data
Access Object pattern?
(DAO)

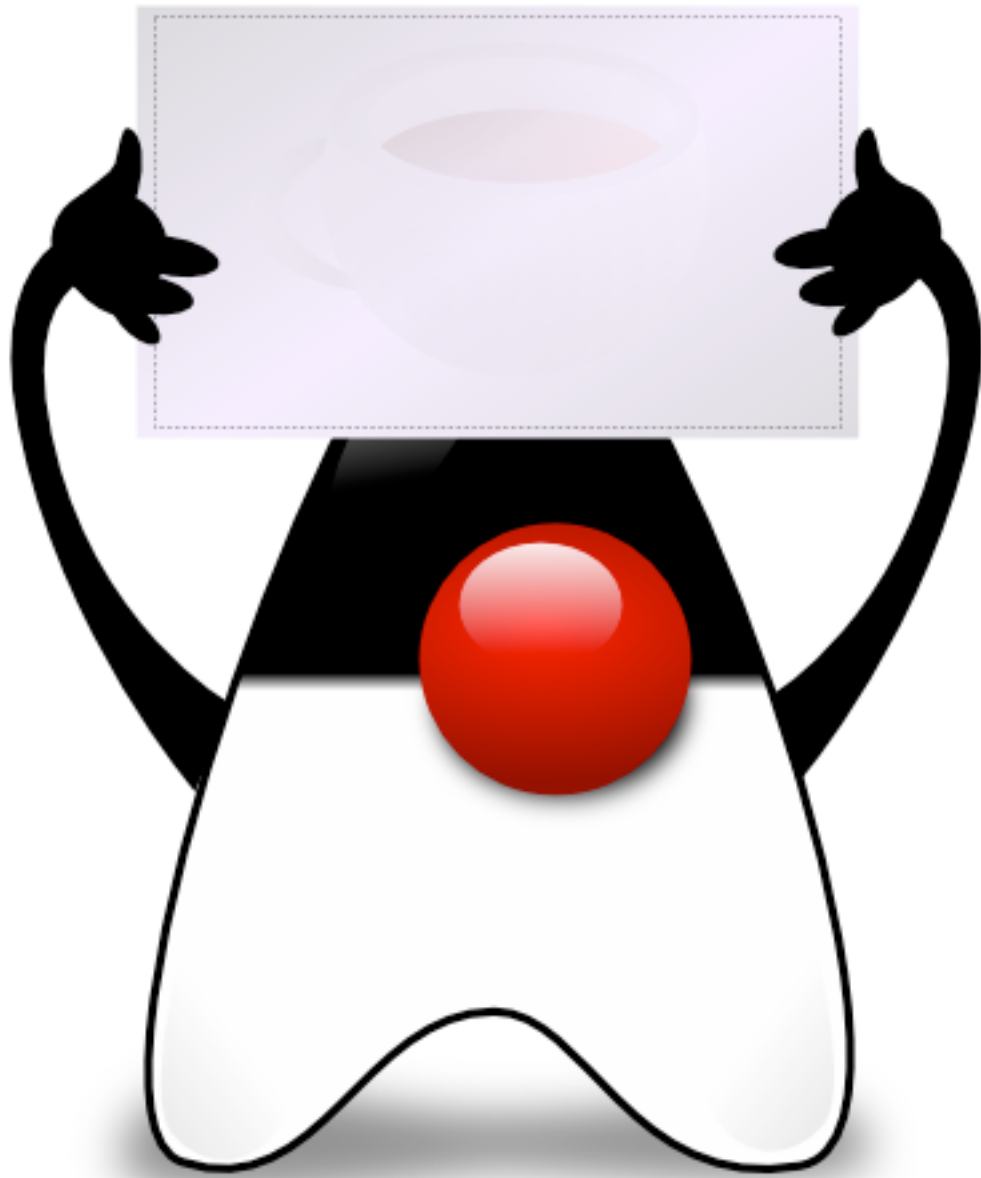
Why do we have to be careful when using HttpSession?

**Is a servlet thread-safe? What
about a stateless session bean?**

**What is the difference between
a stateless session bean and a
singleton EJB?**

What is reflection in Java?

What do we mean by “managed component”?

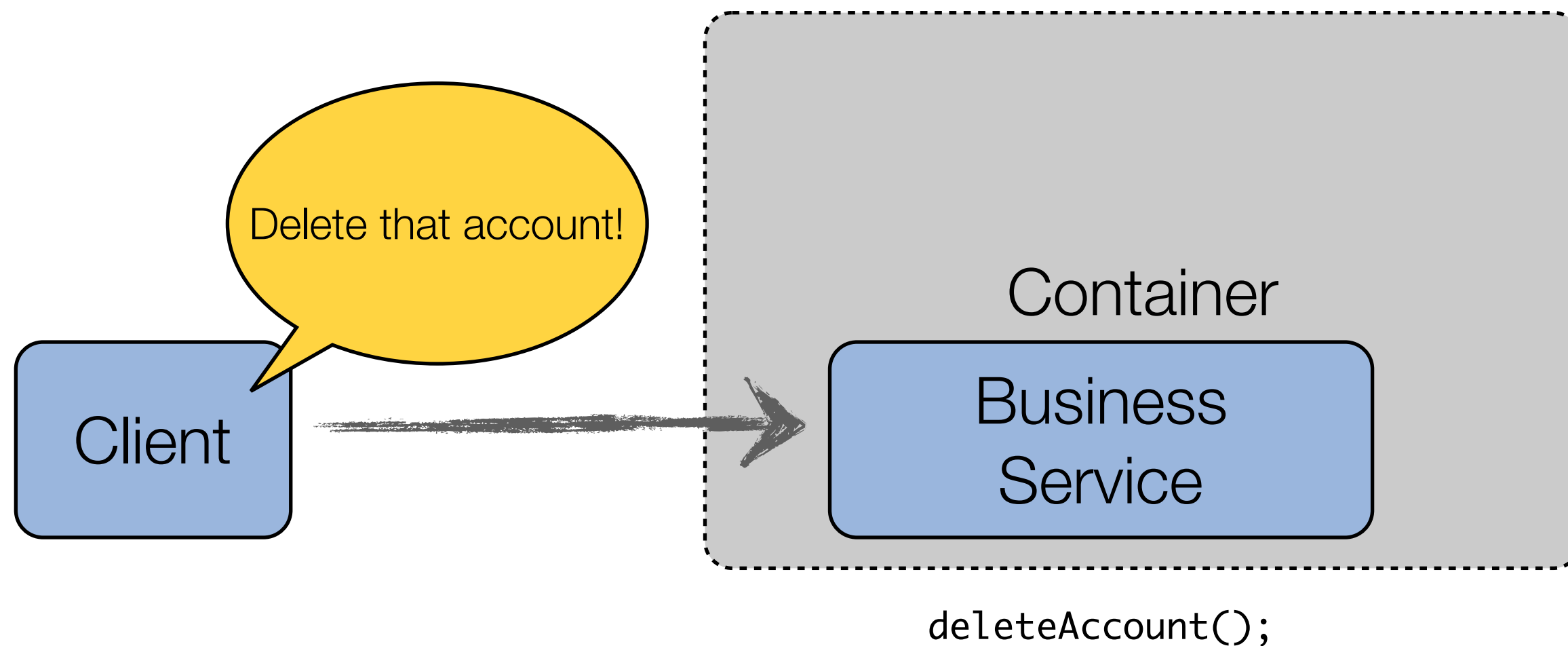


Introduction to AOP



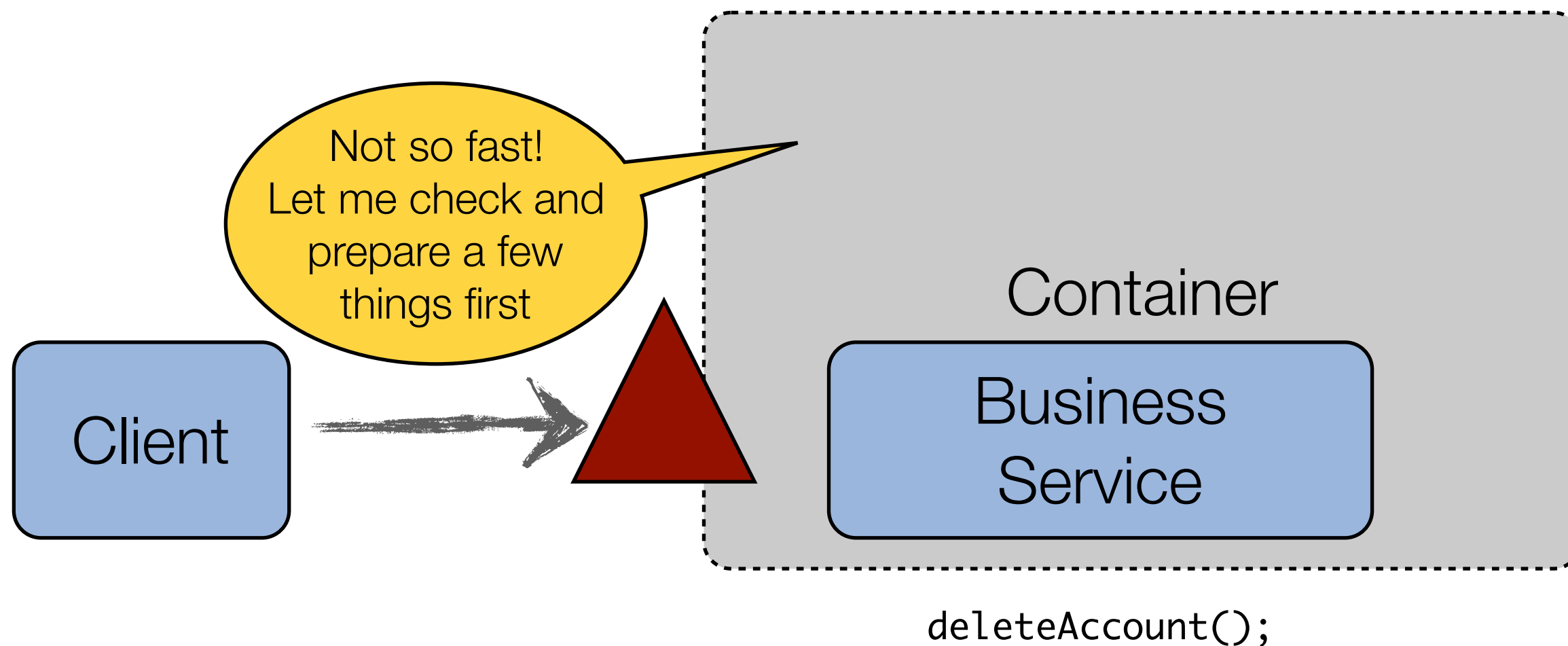
The app server **mediates** the access between clients and EJBs. What does it mean?



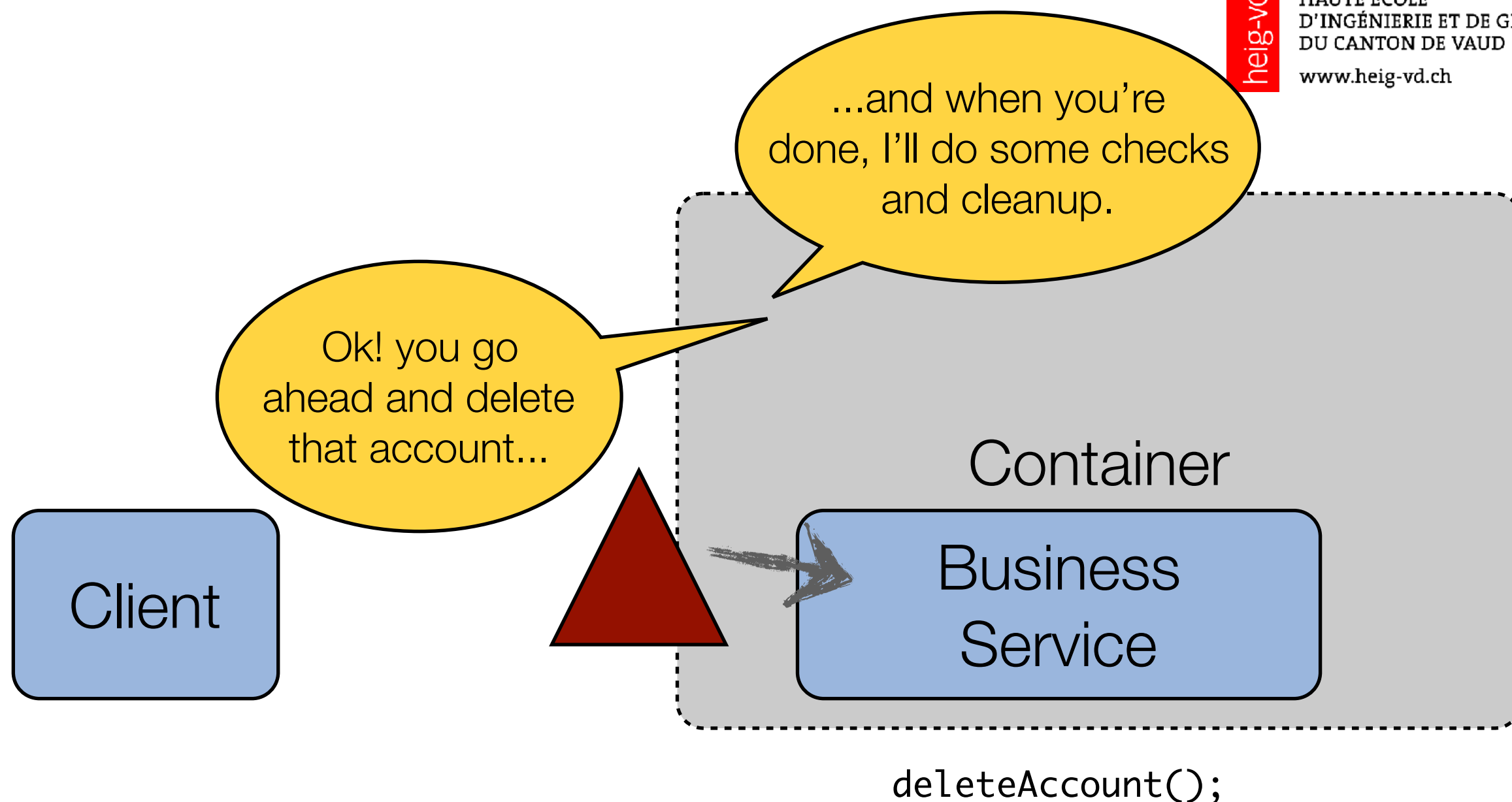


The business service, implemented as a Stateless Session Bean, is a **managed component**.

The client ***thinks*** that he has a direct reference to a Java object.
He is ***wrong***.



In reality, when the client invokes the `deleteAccount()` methods, the call is going **through the container**.
The container is in a position to **perform various tasks** (security checks, transaction demarcation, etc.)

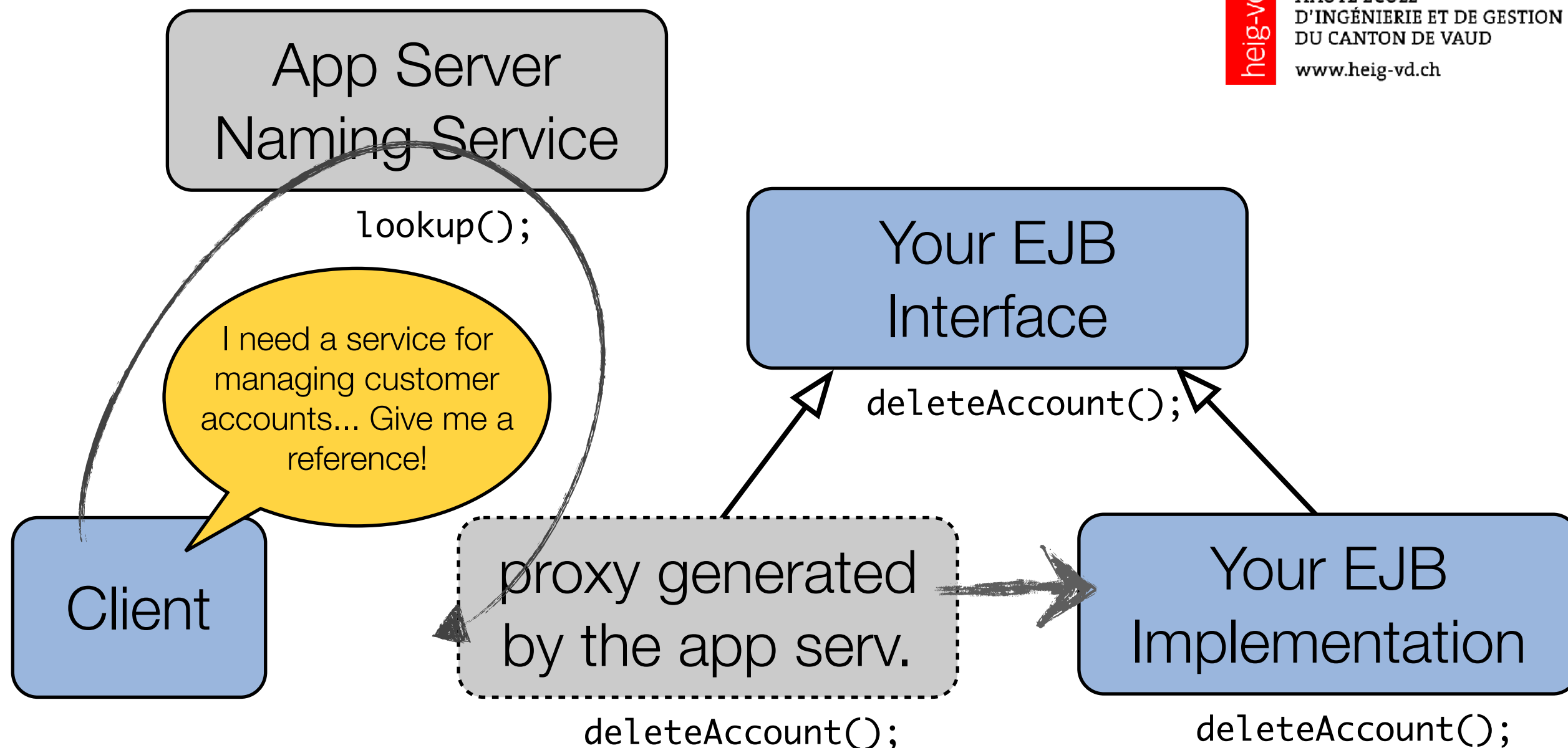


When done, the container can forward the method call to the business service (your implementation).

On the way back, the response also goes back **via the container**.



**How is that possible?
How does it work?**



Your service implementation implements your interface.

The container dynamically generates a class, which implements the same interface. This class performs the technical tasks and invokes your class (proxy).





**Aha! it's a mechanism
we can use to
implement Aspect
Oriented
Programming, right?**

- **Aspect Oriented Programming**
 - Separation of concerns, cross-cutting concerns
 - Terminology
 - AOP frameworks
- **Putting Aspect Oriented Programming in practice**
 - Interceptors in Java EE
 - AOP in the Spring framework

Aspect Oriented Programming (AOP)



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- In all applications, there are “things” that need to be done over and over and that are **orthogonal** to **business logic**.
- Examples:
 - Logging and auditing
 - Security checks (authorization)
 - Transaction management
- In traditional object-oriented design, the common approach is to implement the pure business logic and these orthogonal functions **at the same place** (in class methods).

Separation of concerns: business logic vs. other “aspects”

AOP Frameworks



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- AspectJ created at Xerox PARC in 2001 (Gregor Kiczales)
- Several other frameworks and projects have been developed (e.g. AspectWerkz), for different languages.
- Java EE was built to achieve the goal of AOP (separation of concerns). It makes the concepts and terminology visible with Interceptors.
- The Spring Framework makes it possible to use AOP concepts and relies itself on AOP for some of its features.

aspectj *crosscutting objects for better modularity*

<http://eclipse.org/aspectj/>

Aspect Oriented Programming (AOP)

- Where is my business logic? It's hard to find... What do I have to bother with all these infrastructure concerns?
- How can I get a global view for security management in my application?
- What if I need to change the way I do the auditing? I will have to go in every single method...

- *What a nightmare!!*



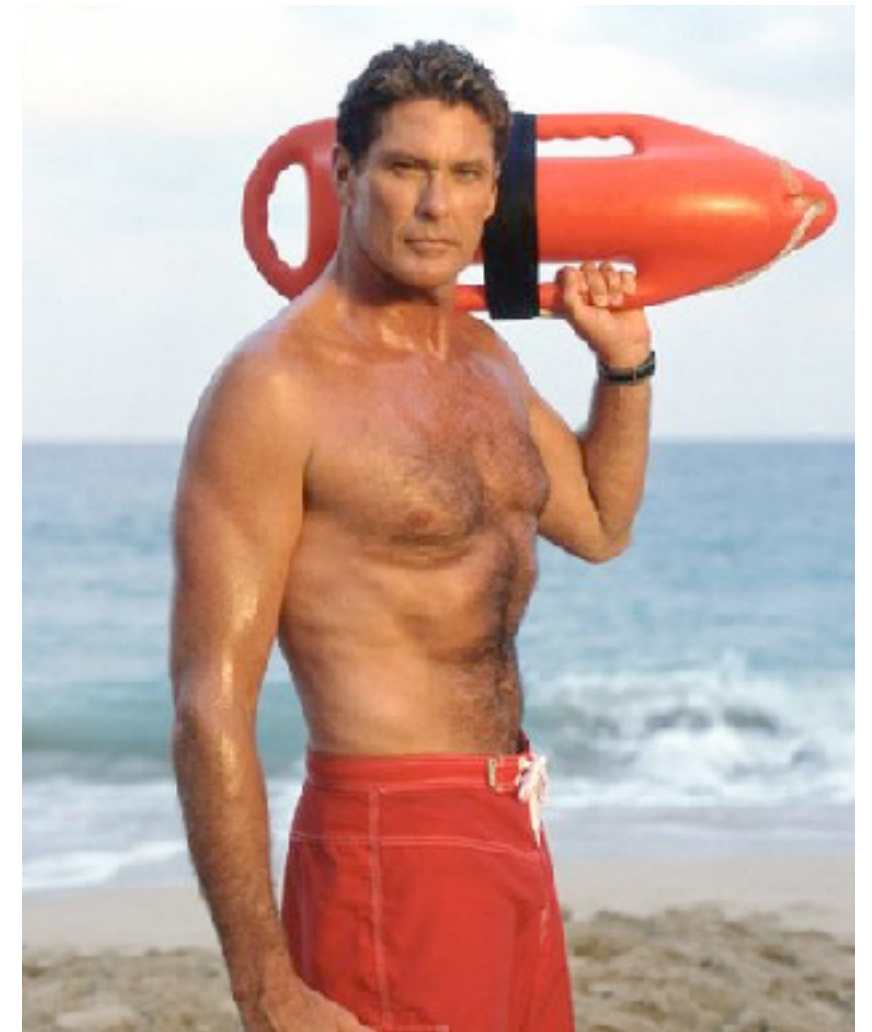
<<class>>
ProductManager

```
public void addProduct(Product p) {  
    // check if the user is authenticated and authorized  
    ...  
    // start transaction  
    ...  
    // finally, some business logic  
    ...  
    // commit transaction  
    ...  
    // leave a trace in the audit trail  
    ...  
}
```

```
public void removeProduct(Product p) {  
    // check if the user is authenticated and authorized  
    ...  
    // start transaction  
    ...  
    // finally, some business logic  
    ...  
    // commit transaction  
    ...  
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    ...  
}
```


AOP to the rescue

- **AOP supports the separation of concerns.** In other words, it gives a way to split the implementation of the business logic from the implementation of system-level functions.
- **Terminology**
 - An **aspect** or **cross-cutting concern** refers to **something** that needs to be done throughout the application code. Security, logging and transaction management are examples of cross-cutting concerns.
 - An **advice** is the **orthogonal logic** that is executed when a certain join point is executed (advice can be executed **before**, **after** or **around** the join point).
 - A **pointcut** is an **expression** used to define a set of join points. With a pointcut, one can specify which join points (i.e. which methods)
 - A **join point** defines **when** the orthogonal logic could be executed. For instance, the execution of a `processOrder()` **method** is a join point.



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- **Terminology**

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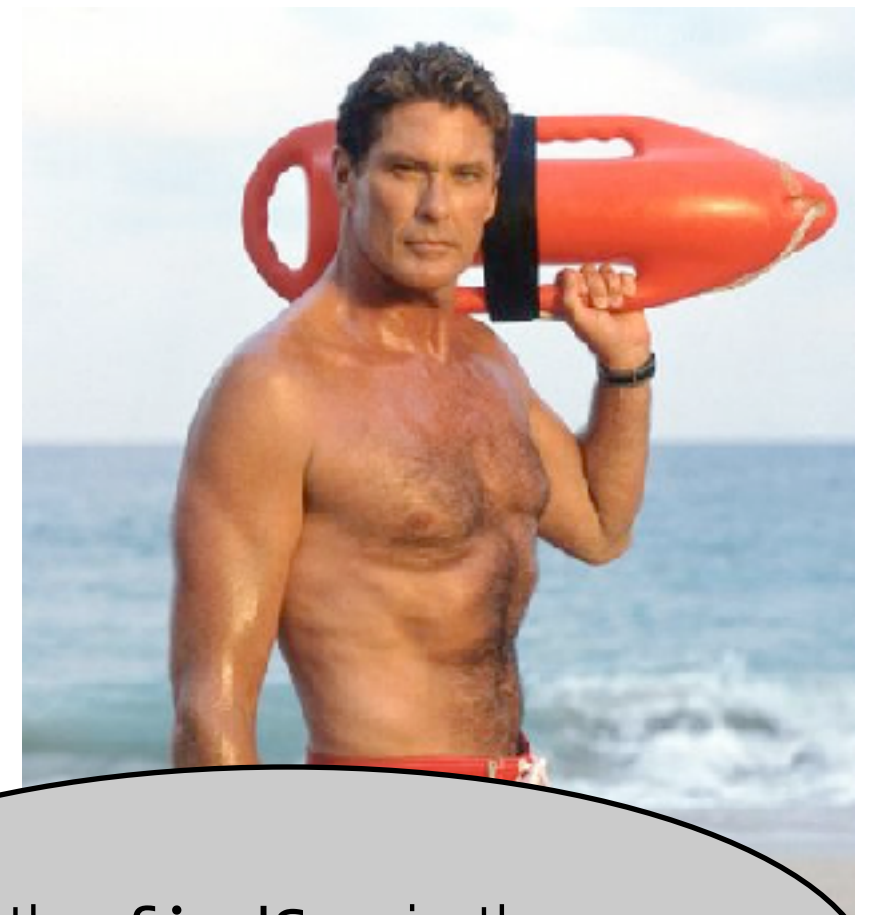
- An **advice** is a piece of code that is executed at a certain join point, **before, after or around** the execution of the target code.

All methods that start with
“find” in the `ch.heigvd.amt`
package

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the `findSea` in the
`ch.heigvd.amt.BayWatch` class



How Can it Work?

- There are different ways to implement AOP.
- Remember that we want to “**combine**” two pieces of orthogonal code - located in two different artifacts (a “business” class and an “advice class”).
- One possibility is to use a **special compilation process**. This is called “**weaving**”, since the aspect code is weaved into the main business logic. As an alternative, it is possible to do the weaving as an **after-compilation** process. “Weaving” is what the AspectJ framework and toolset is doing.
- Another approach is to use **proxies** that are **dynamically generated**. This is something we can do with reflection.

AOP in Java EE

- Interceptors can be added **globally** (in the XML deployment descriptor) at the **class level** (apply to all methods in the class) or at the **method level**.

Interceptor Metadata Annotation	Description
<code>javax.interceptor.AroundConstruct</code>	Designates the method as an interceptor method that receives a callback after the target class is constructed
<code>javax.interceptor.AroundInvoke</code>	Designates the method as an interceptor method
<code>javax.interceptor.AroundTimeout</code>	Designates the method as a timeout interceptor for interposing on timeout methods for enterprise bean timers
<code>javax.annotation.PostConstruct</code>	Designates the method as an interceptor method for post-construct lifecycle events
<code>javax.annotation.PreDestroy</code>	Designates the method as an interceptor method for pre-destroy lifecycle events

*“Interceptors are used in conjunction with Java EE managed classes to allow developers to invoke interceptor methods on an associated target class, in conjunction with **method invocations** or **lifecycle events**. Common uses of interceptors are logging, auditing, and profiling.”*

Examples

Binding interceptors at the **class level**:

```
@Stateless
@Interceptors({PrimaryInterceptor.class, SecondaryInterceptor.class})
public class OrderBean {

    public void placeOrder(Order order) { ... }

}
```

Binding interceptors at the **method level**:

```
@Stateless
public class OrderBean {

    @Interceptors({PrimaryInterceptor.class, SecondaryInterceptor.class})
    public void placeOrder(Order order) { ... }

}
```

Examples

Implementing an interceptor:

```
@AroundInvoke
public Object modifyGreeting(InvocationContext ctx) throws Exception {
    Object[] parameters = ctx.getParameters();
    String param = (String) parameters[0];
    param = param.toLowerCase();
    parameters[0] = param;
    ctx.setParameters(parameters);
    try {
        return ctx.proceed();
    } catch (Exception e) {
        logger.warning("Error calling ctx.proceed in modifyGreeting()");
        return null;
    }
}
```

Applying the interceptor:

```
@Interceptors(HelloInterceptor.class)
public void setName(String name) {
    this.name = name;
}
```


AOP in the Spring Framework



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- AOP is used in the Spring Framework to:
 - provide **declarative** enterprise services, especially as a replacement for EJB declarative services. The most important such service is declarative **transaction management**
 - allow users to implement **custom aspects**, complementing their use of OOP with AOP

“If you are interested only in generic declarative services or other pre-packaged declarative middleware services such as pooling, you do not need to work directly with Spring AOP, and can skip most of this chapter.”

AOP with Spring: Pointcuts

Pointcuts can be declared with an annotation (or with XML...)

```
@PointCut(expression)
private void aNameForThisSetOfMethods {}
```

The **expression** is based on the AspectJ pointcut language. Here are some examples:

the execution of any public method:

```
execution(public * *(..))
```

the execution of any method with a name beginning with "set":

```
execution(* set*(..))
```

the execution of any method defined by the AccountService interface:

```
execution(* com.xyz.service.AccountService.*(..))
```

the execution of any method on a Spring bean named 'tradeService':

```
bean(tradeService)
```

the execution of any method on a Spring bean with a name matching the wildcard expression

```
bean(*Service)
```

`execution(modifiers-pattern? ret-type-pattern declaring-type-pattern? name-pattern(param-pattern) throws-pattern?)`

<http://static.springsource.org/spring/docs/2.5.6/reference/aop.html#aop-pointcuts>

Defining a Pointcut “Inline”

```
@Aspect
public class MyFirstAspect {

    @Before("execution(public * ch.heigvd.osf...*(..))")
    public void myMethod(JoinPoint jp) {
        System.out.println("My advice has been applied...");
        System.out.println("target: " + jp.getTarget());
        System.out.println("this: " + jp.getThis());
        System.out.println("signature: " + jp.getSignature());
    }
}
```

```
<aop:aspectj-autoproxy/>
```

```
<bean id="myFirstAspect" class="ch.heigvd.osf.hellospringaop.aspects.MyFirstAspect">
</bean>
```

Notes:

- myMethod will be executed before **any public method** in **any class** in the `ch.heigvd.osf` package (or in a **sub-package**) is called.
- myMethod has access to runtime information

Using an @Aspect to Define Pointcuts

```
package ch.heigvd.osf.system;
import org.aspectj.lang.annotation.Aspect;
import org.aspectj.lang.annotation.Pointcut;

@Aspect
public class SystemPointCuts {

    @Pointcut("execution(* create*(..))")
    public void createMethods() {}

    @Pointcut("execution(* update*(..))")
    public void updateMethods() {}

    @Pointcut("execution(* delete*(..))")
    public void deleteMethods() {}

    @Pointcut("createMethods() && updateMethods() && deleteMethods()")
    public void allCRUDMethods() {}

}
```

Using an @Aspect to Implement Advices



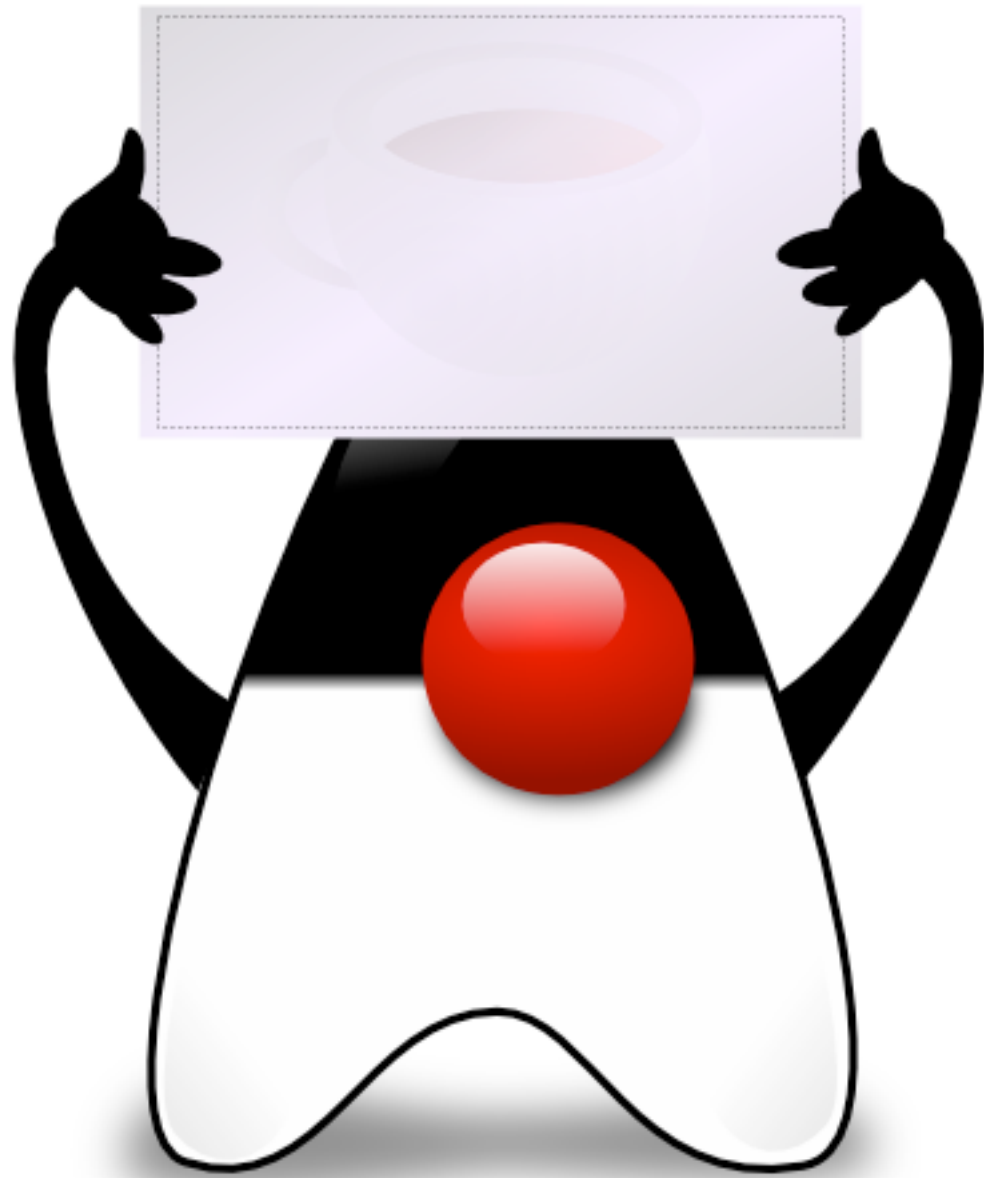
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```
package ch.heigvd.osf.system.logging;
import org.aspectj.lang.annotation.Aspect;
import org.aspectj.lang.annotation.Before;

@Aspect
public class MyLoggingAspect {
    @Before("ch.heigvd.osf.system.SystemPointCuts.allCRUDMethods()")
    public void doLogOperation() {
        log.info("About to call a CRUD method....");
    }
}
```

Here, we work with:

- one pointcut, which is defined in the SystemPointCuts aspect (see previous slide)
- this pointcut defines a set of several join points: all the methods with a name starting with either create, update or delete
- one advice, which states that before every execution of the join points matching the pointcut, we will execute the doLogOperation



Testing managed components

git@github.com:SoftEng-HEIGVD/Teaching-
HEIGVD-AMT-Example-Notes.git

branch: step-003-datastore

How do I test this?

```
@WebServlet(name = "MyServlet", urlPatterns = {"/hello"})
public class MyServlet extends HttpServlet {
    @EJB
    IUsersDAO usersDAO;

    @Override
    protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse resp) throws
ServletException, IOException {
        User user = User.builder()
            .username("oliechti").firstName("Olivier").lastName("Liechti")
            .build();
        try {
            usersDAO.create(user);
            resp.getWriter().println("created user");
        } catch (Exception e) {
            resp.getWriter().println("Could not create user: " + e.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```

If I write a unit test, I could instantiate a **TestServlet**... but how do I get **HttpServletRequest** and **HttpServletResponse** objects? And how do I make an **IUsersDAO** available to the test?

How do I test this?

```
@Stateless
public class UsersDAO implements IUsersDAO {

    @Resource(lookup = "jdbc/notes")
    DataSource dataSource;

    @EJB
    IAuthenticationService authenticationService;

    public User create(User entity) throws DuplicateKeyException {
        Connection con = null;
        try {
            con = dataSource.getConnection();
            PreparedStatement statement = con.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO amt_users (USERNAME, FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME,
EMAIL, HASHED_PW) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?)");
            statement.setString(1, entity.getUsername());
            statement.setString(2, entity.getFirstName());
            statement.setString(3, entity.getLastName());
            statement.setString(4, entity.getEmail());
            statement.setString(5, authenticationService.hashPassword(entity.getPassword()));
            statement.execute();
            return entity;
        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
            throw new Error(e);
        } finally {
            try {
                con.close();
            } catch (SQLException e) {
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
        }
    }
}
```

If I write a unit test, I could instantiate a **UsersDAO**...
but how do I get a **DataSource** and an
IAuthenticationService objects?

Approach 1: mocking (unit testing)

- Instead of using “real” objects that are normally provided by application, we generate “**fake**” objects that look like them.
- The “**fake**” or “**mock**” objects are like puppets: we can **tell them in advance how they should react to method calls** (i.e. when an object calls your method x, answer that).
- Typically, we create a “mock” object by providing the interface that it should implement.



Mockito is one of the most popular mocking frameworks in Java

Approach 1: mocking (unit testing)

now you can verify interactions

```
import static org.mockito.Mockito.*;

// mock creation
List mockedList = mock(List.class);

// using mock object - it does not throw any "unexpected interaction" exception
mockedList.add("one");
mockedList.clear();

// selective, explicit, highly readable verification
verify(mockedList).add("one");
verify(mockedList).clear();
```

and stub method calls

```
// you can mock concrete classes, not only interfaces
LinkedList mockedList = mock(LinkedList.class);

// stubbing appears before the actual execution
when(mockedList.get(0)).thenReturn("first");

// the following prints "first"
System.out.println(mockedList.get(0));

// the following prints "null" because get(999) was not stubbed
System.out.println(mockedList.get(999));
```

Going back to our servlet...

```
@WebServlet(name = "MyServlet", urlPatterns = {"/hello"})
public class MyServlet extends HttpServlet {
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    @Override
    protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse resp) throws
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How do I test this?

```
package ch.heigvd.amt.notes.presentation;
```

```
@ExtendWith(MockitoExtension.class)
class TestServletTest {
```

```
    @Mock
    HttpServletRequest request;
```

```
    @Mock
    HttpServletResponse response;
```

```
    @Mock
    IUsersDAO usersDAO;
```

```
    @Mock
    PrintWriter responseWriter;
```

```
    TestServlet servlet;
```

```
    @BeforeEach
    public void setup() throws IOException {
        servlet = new TestServlet();
        servlet.usersDAO = usersDAO;
        when(response.getWriter()).thenReturn(responseWriter);
    }
```

```
    @Test
    void doGet() throws ServletException, IOException, DuplicateKeyException, SQLException {
        servlet.doGet(request, response);
        verify(usersDAO, atLeastOnce()).create(any());
    }
}
```

Important: when we mock, we only test one part of the system (we write unit tests). We don't use a real IUsersDAO.

It's good, because we don't need the container, the database, etc. It makes our test execution fast.

But it's not enough: we will also need to write tests to validate the end-to-end behavior (integration tests)

Approach 2: in-container testing

- The components that we want to test are managed by the application server.
- If we run unit tests on the client, then we don't have these components ready to use.
- Idea: can we package and send our tests into an application server, execute them there, and receive the results?
- Idea: can we get a framework to do that for us, and not have to worry about all this plumbing?

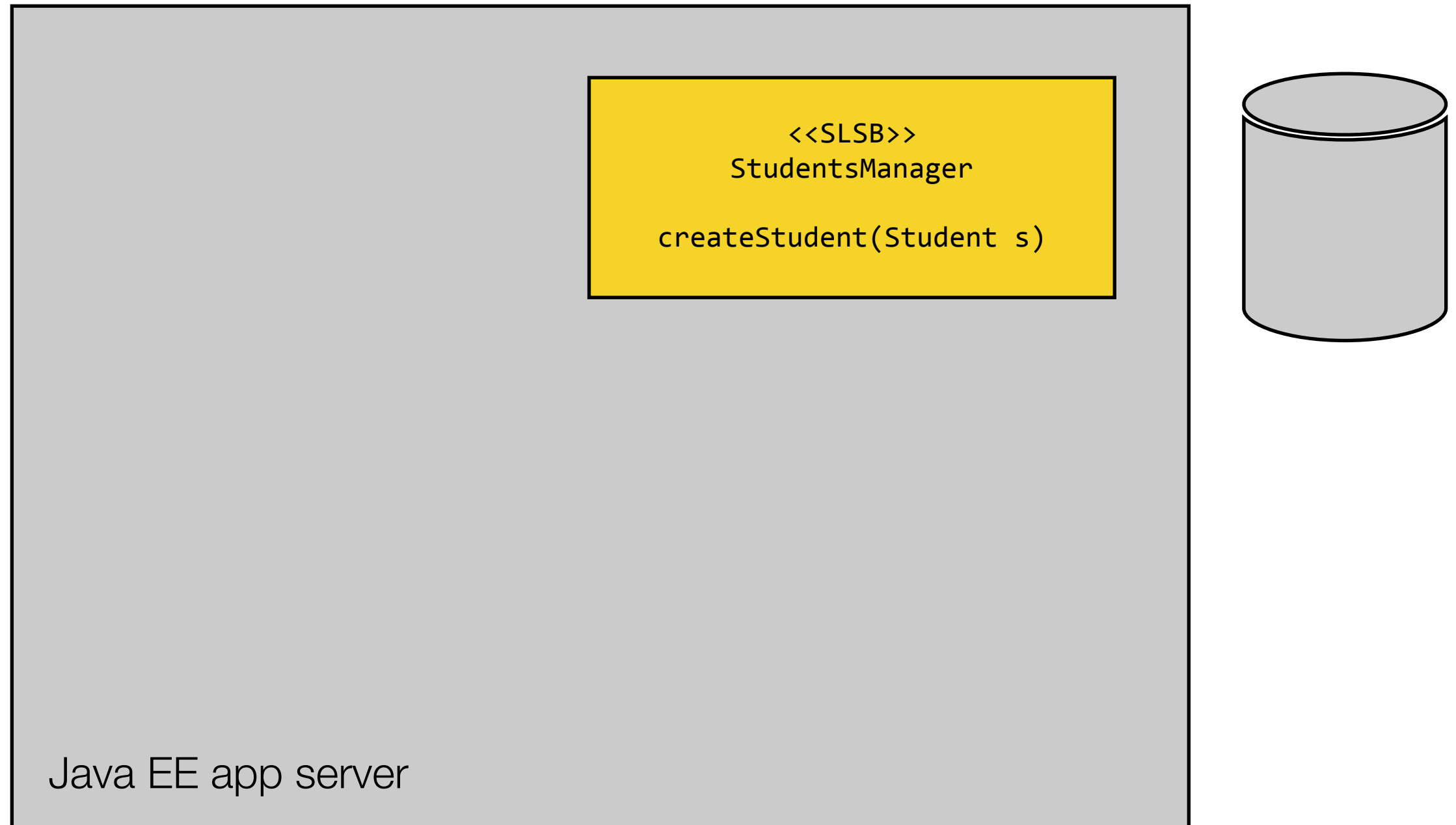


Arquillian is a (set of) tool(s) to “easily” deploy tests in Java EE containers, to enable integration tests.

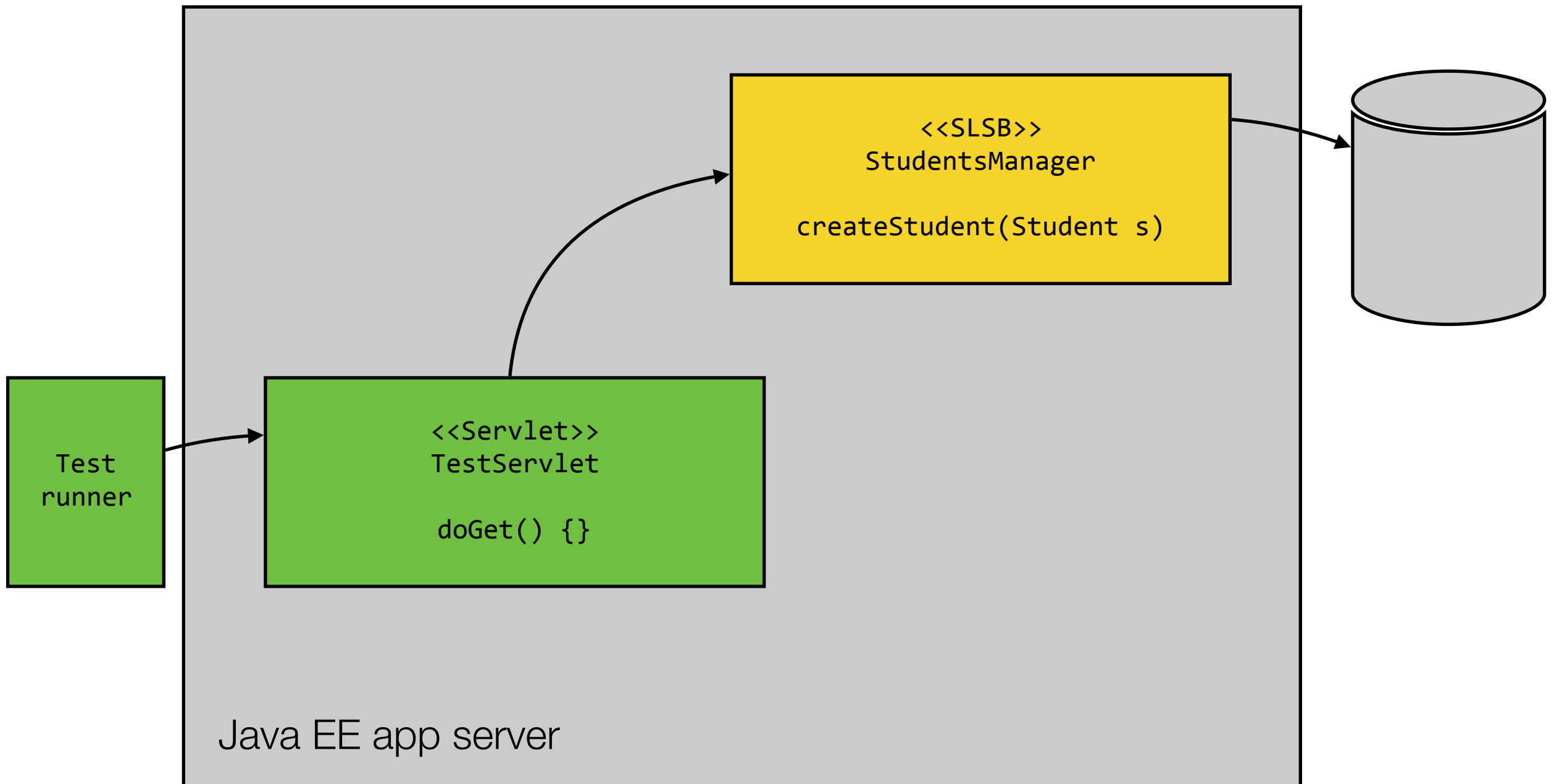
So you can rule your code. Not the bugs.

*No more mocks. No more container lifecycle and deployment hassles. Just **real** tests!*

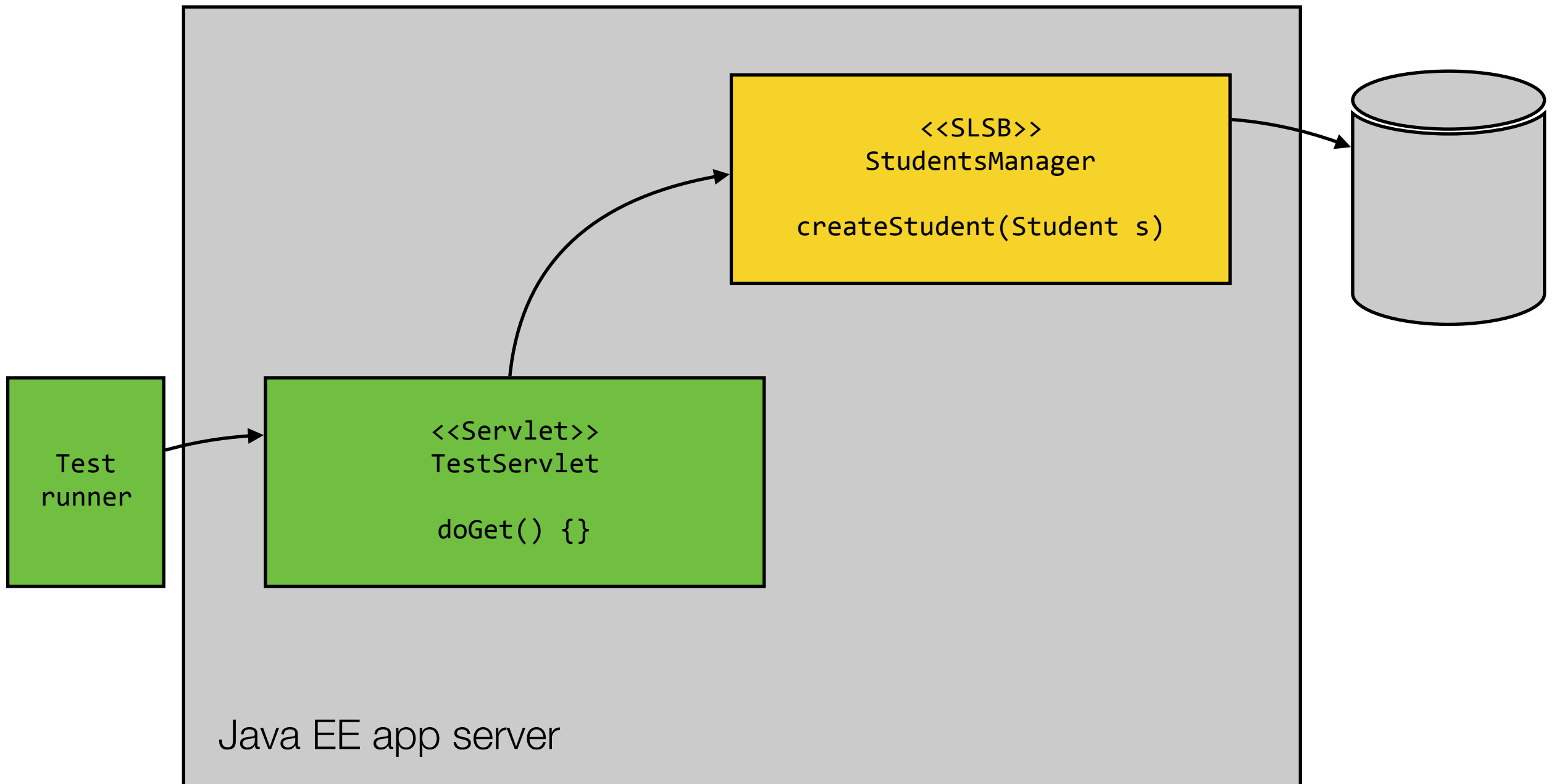
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The Arquillian jungle...



Findings...

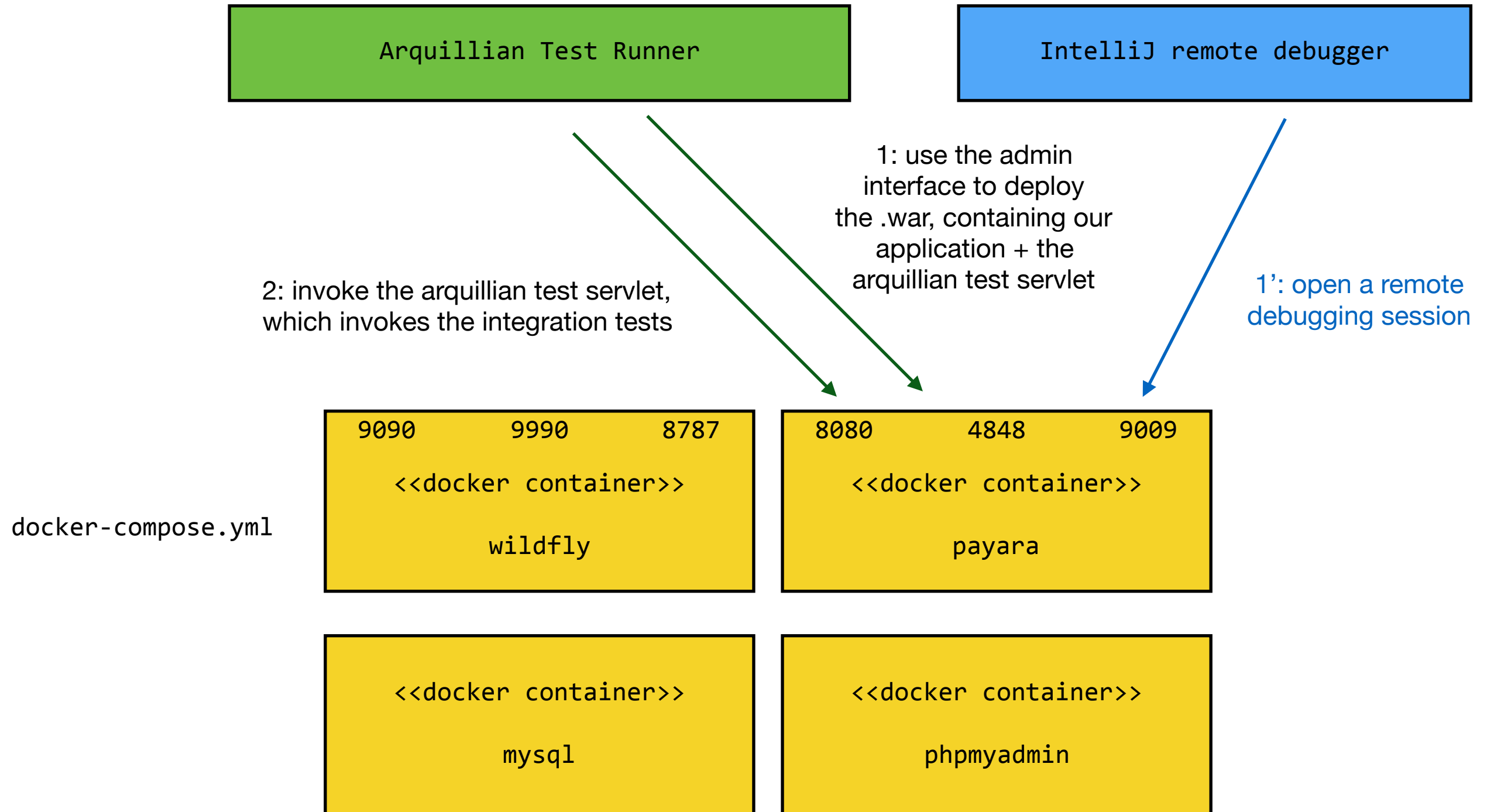
- Arquillian guides on the website have last been updated in November 2017...
- More information in GitHub repos, especially in issues
- Arquillian works with JUnit 4, not with JUnit 5.
- There are hundreds of ways to combine the arquillian framework and extensions.
- It took me a solid week to find a combination that worked for me.
- But once I had it running, it allowed me to implement and test a DAO in less than 1 hour. It also allowed me to find a memory leak.
- I tried **embedded**, **managed** and **remote** configurations. In the end, I believe that the remote configuration is the best.
- I had to add the payara self-signed certificate into my Java keystore.
- I have a setup where I can run Wildfly and Payara in Docker containers. I deploy the full .war in these containers. I can do remote debugging from IntelliJ.

Defining the containers

```
<arquillian xmlns="http://jboss.org/schema/arquillian"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="
    http://jboss.org/schema/arquillian
    http://jboss.org/schema/arquillian/arquillian_1_0.xsd">

  <container qualifier="payara-remote" default="true">
    <configuration>
      <property name="chameleonTarget">payara:5.182:remote</property>
      <property name="adminHost">localhost</property>
      <property name="adminPort">4848</property>
      <property name="adminUser">admin</property>
      <property name="adminPassword">admin</property>
      <property name="adminHttps">true</property>
    </configuration>
  </container>
  <container qualifier="wildfly15-remote" default="false">
    <configuration>
      <property name="chameleonTarget">wildfly:15.0.1.Final:remote</property>
      <property name="managementAddress">localhost</property>
      <property name="managementPort">9990</property>
      <property name="username">admin</property>
      <property name="password">admin</property>
    </configuration>
  </container>
</arquillian>
```

Decouple deploy and debug



docker-compose.yml



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```
version: '3.7'
services:
  payara:
    build: ../../images/payara
    environment:
      PAYARA_ARGS: "--debug"
    ports:
      - 8080:8080
      - 4848:4848
      - 9009:9009

  wildfly:
    build: ../../images/wildfly
    ports:
      - 9090:9090
      - 9990:9990
      - 8787:8787

  db:
    build: ../../images/mysql
    command: --default-authentication-plugin=mysql_native_password
    restart: always
    ports:
      - 3306:3306
    environment:
      MYSQL_DATABASE: amt_notes
      MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD: bananaSplit

  phpmyadmin:
    image: phpmyadmin/phpmyadmin
    environment:
      - PMA_HOST=db
    restart: always
    depends_on:
      - db
    ports:
      - 8888:80
```

Important: check the Dockerfiles in the GitHub repo to see how to configure data sources in Payara and Wildfly

Important: note that I changed the Wildfly config to listen on port 9090 instead of 8080. Arquillian does not like port mapping onto a different port...

Defining the containers

```
@RunWith(Arquillian.class)
@MavenBuild
@DeploymentParameters(testable = true)
public class UsersDAOTest {

    @EJB
    IUsersDAO usersDao;

    /*
    @Deployment
    public static JavaArchive createDeployment() {
        return ShrinkWrap.create(JavaArchive.class, "test.jar")
            .addPackages(true, "ch.heigvd");
    }
    */

    @Test
    @Transactional(TransactionMode.COMMIT)
    public void itShouldBePossibleToCreateAUser() throws DuplicateKeyException, SQLException {
        User olivier = User.builder().username("oliehti_" +
            System.currentTimeMillis()).firstName("Olivier").lastName("Liechti").build();
        usersDao.create(olivier);
    }

    ...
}
```

We build the .war with maven and
deploy it (alternative to @Deployment)

This (default) means that tests run in
the container.

If we set this to ROLLBACK,
the state of the DB will be restored
after the test execution. Cool!