

# Object- Oriented Programming in Modern C++

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# Bulgaria



# Borislav Stanimirov

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- Mostly a **C++** programmer
- Mostly a **game** programmer
- Recently working on **medical software**
- **Open-source** programmer
- [github.com/iboB](https://github.com/iboB)

# Business Logic

*A part of a program which deals with the real world rules that determine how data is obtained, stored and processed.*

The part which deals with the software's purpose

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cin >> a >> b;  
cout << a + b << '\n';
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Business logic: adding two integers

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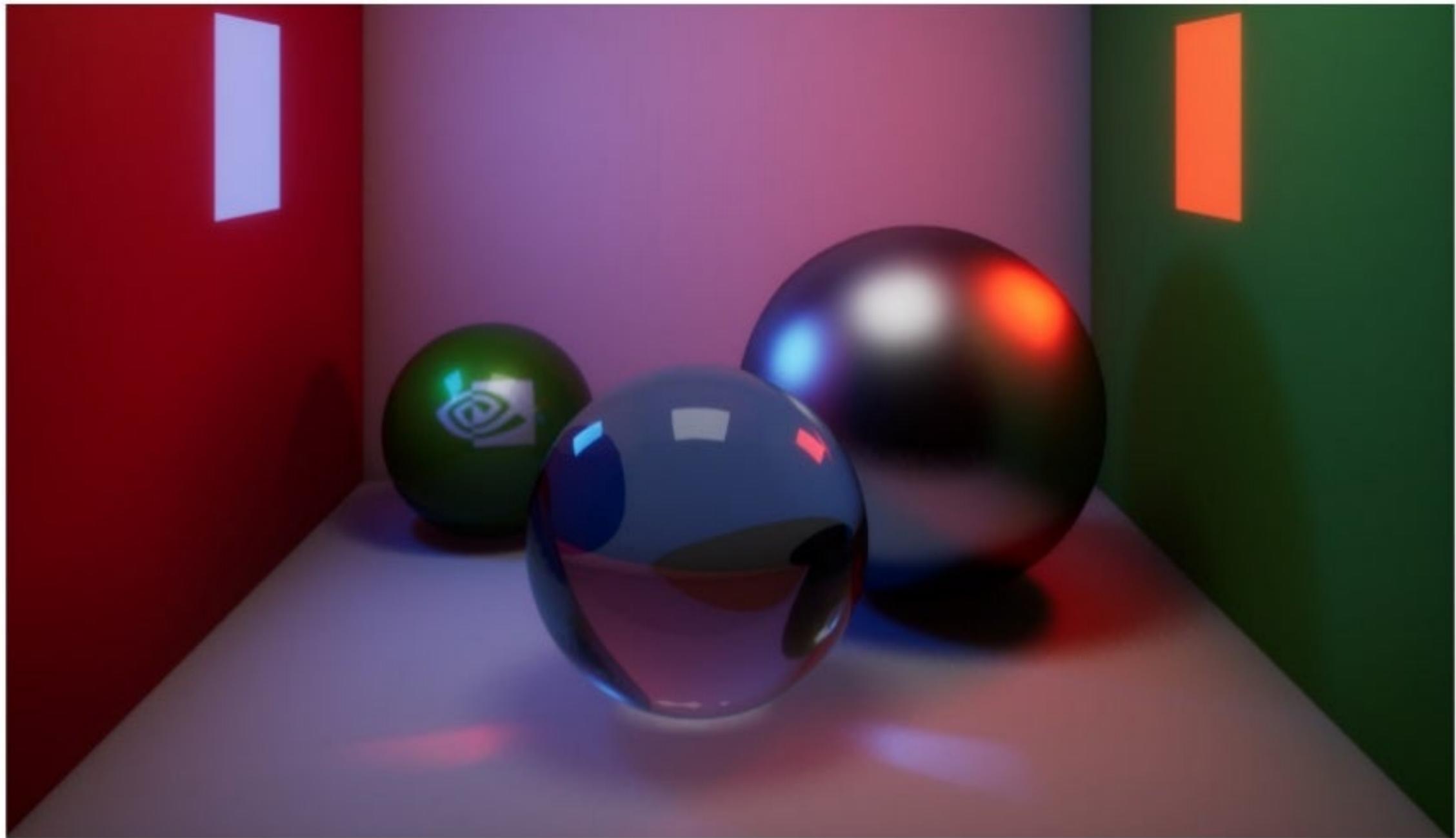
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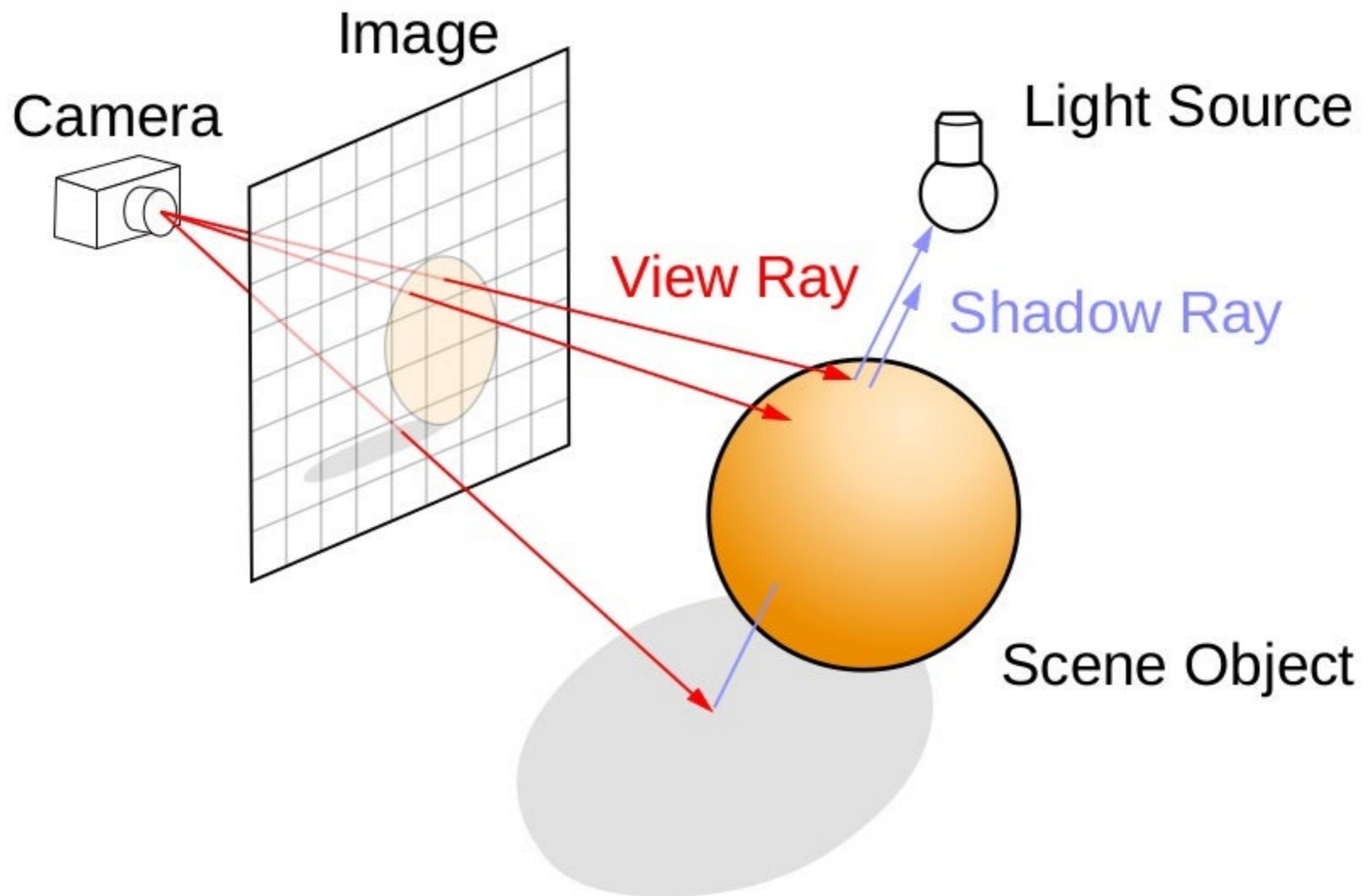
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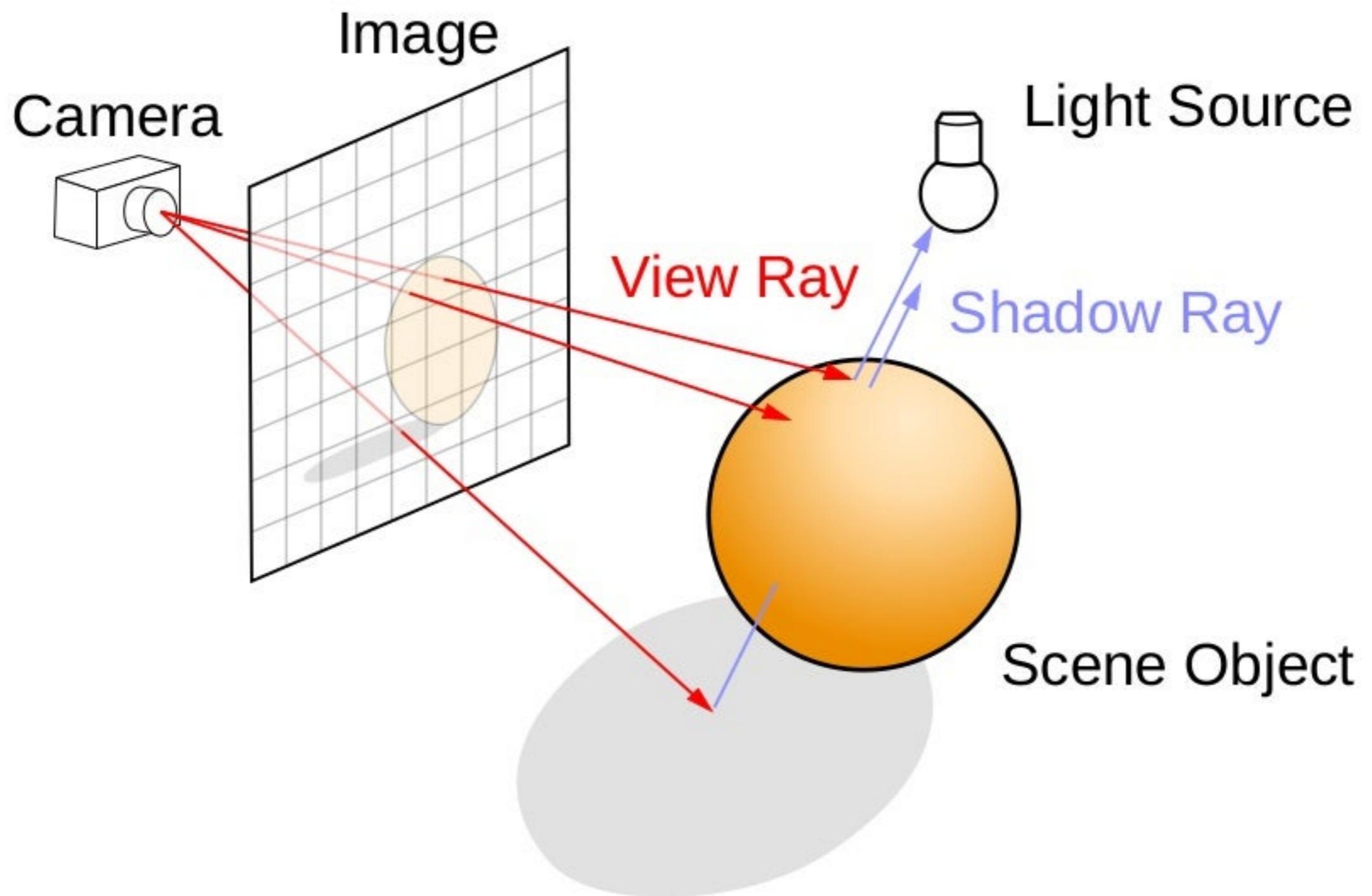
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Non-business logic

Complex software doesn't mean complex business logic.







Simple. Right?

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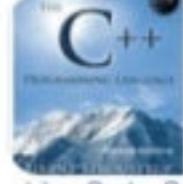
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**Asen Alexandrov** Книгите са хубаво нещо но от тях C++ ще научиш само повърхностно. Напиши си някакво малко приложение, например базов чат със стън който поддържа множество клиенти, сървър, работа с база данни, базов UI на всеки клиент (примерно форми и бутони с QT), о... See More

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**Ilian Zapryanov** replied · 3 Replies

**Stanimir Lukanov** Отговора на такъв въпрос винаги е само един <http://www.stroustrup.com/4th.html> всичко друго е компромис...

 STROUSTRUP.COM  
**Stroustrup: The C++ Programming Language (4th Edition)**

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**Mitko Vasilev** shared an event.  
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Borislav Home Create Groups? 2

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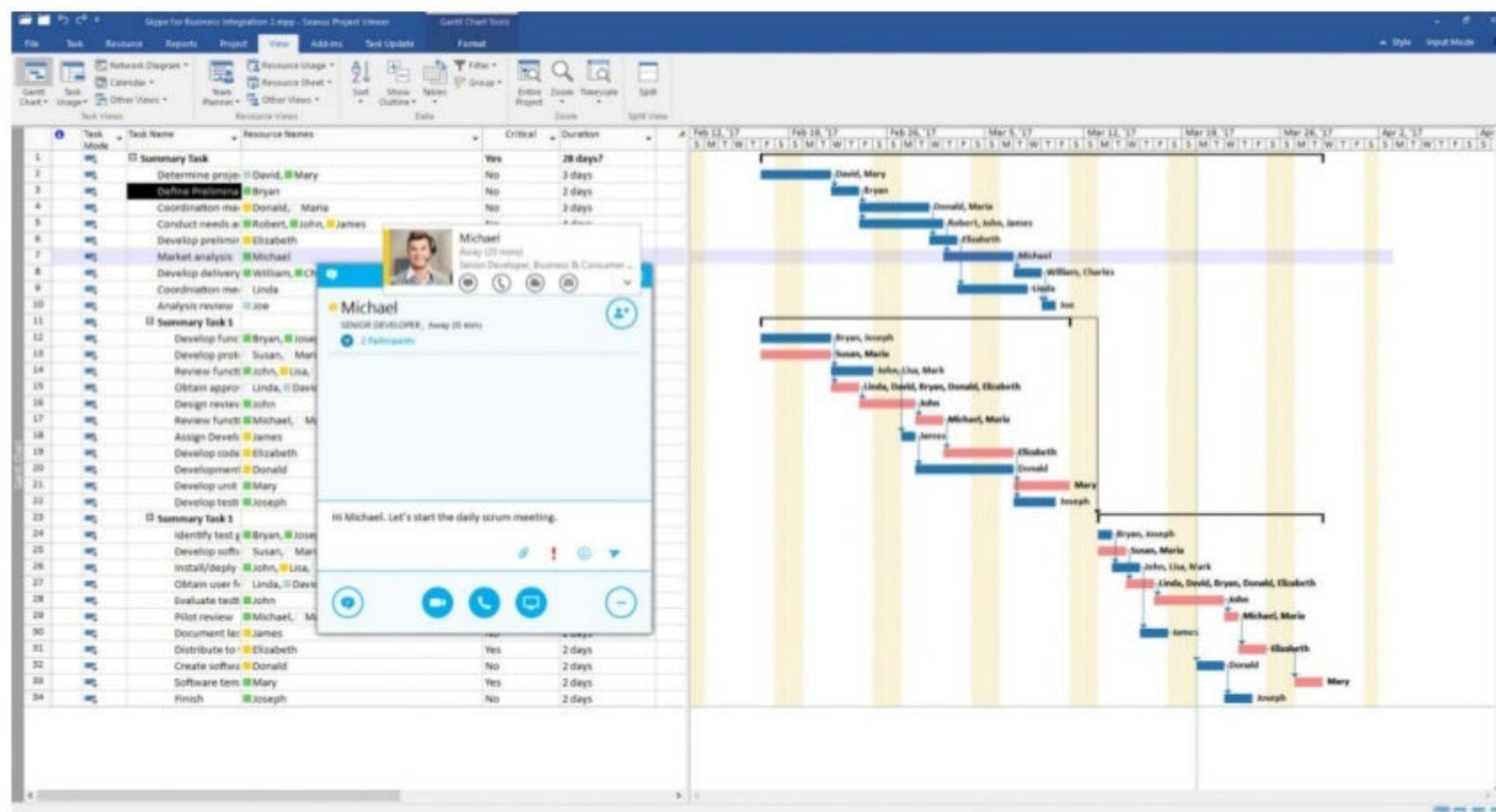
 

Suggested Groups See All

Let's turn Ideas to Action Together!







# What do we have here?

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- Websites - **JS, C#, Java, Ruby...**
- Gameplay - **lua, C#, Python...**
- CAD - **Python, C#...**
- Enterprise - **Everything but C++**

People don't seem to want to write business logic in C++

Note that there still is a lot of underlying C++ in such projects

Well... is there a problem with that?

# Problems with that

- The code is **slower**
- There is **more complexity** in the binding layer
- There are **duplicated functionalities** (which means duplicated bugs)

Why don't people use C++?

# Some reasons

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- Build times
- Hotswap
- Testing
- But (I think) most importantly...

# OOP

... with dynamic polymorphism

# Criticism of OOP

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- You want a banana, but with it you also get the gorilla and the entire jungle
- It dangerously **couples the data with the functionality**
- It's **not reusable**
- It's **slow**

People forget that **C++ is an OOP language**

# Defense of OOP

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- Many criticisms target **concrete implementations**
- Many are about **misuse of OOP**
- Some are about **misconceptions of OOP**

But most importantly...

Software is written by human beings



Human beings think in terms of objects



Which languages thrive in fields with heavy business logic?

Almost all are object-oriented ones.

# Powerful OOP

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```
function f(shape) {
    // Everything that has a draw method works
    shape.draw();
}

Square = function () {
    this.draw = function() {
        console.log("Square");
    }
};

Circle = function () {
    this.draw = function() {
        console.log("Circle");
    }
};

f(new Square);
f(new Circle);
```

# Vanilla C++ OOP

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```
struct Shape {
    virtual void draw(ostream& out) const = 0;
}
void f(const Shape& s) {
    s.draw(cout);
}
struct Square : public Shape {
    virtual void draw(ostream& out) const override {
};
struct Circle : public Shape {
    virtual void draw(ostream& out) const override {
};
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# OOP isn't modern C++

However modern C++ is a pretty powerful language.

# Polymorphic type-erasure wrappers

[Boost.TypeErasure](#), [Dyno](#), [Folly.Poly](#), [\[Boost\].TE](#)

```
using Shape = Library_Magic(void, draw, (ostream&));
void f(const Shape& s) {
    s.draw(cout);
}
struct Square {
    void draw(ostream& out) const { out << "Square\n"; }
};
struct Circle {
    void draw(ostream& out) const { out << "Circle\n"; }
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# How does this work?

```
struct Shape {  
    // virtual table  
    std::function<void(ostream&)> draw;  
    std::function<int()> area;  
  
    // fill the virtual table when constructing  
    template <typename T>  
    Shape(const T& t) {  
        draw = std::bind(&T::draw, &t);  
        area = std::bind(&T::area, &t);  
    }  
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This, of course, is a simple and naive implementation.  
There's lots of room for optimization

# Faster dispatch

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```
struct Shape {
    // virtual table
    const void* m_obj;
    void (*m_draw)(const void*, ostream&);

    void draw() const {
        return m_draw(m_obj);
    }

    template <typename T>
    Shape(const T& t) {
        m_obj = &t;
        m_draw = [] (const void* obj, ostream& out) {
            auto t = reinterpret_cast<const T*>(obj);
            t->draw(out);
        };
    }
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    }
};
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# Powerful OOP

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```
Square.prototype.area = function() {  
    return this.side * this.side;  
}  
  
Circle.prototype.area = function() {  
    return this.radius * this.radius * Math.PI;  
}  
  
s = new Square;  
s.side = 5;  
console.log(s.area()); // 25
```

# Vanilla C++ OOP

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```
struct Shape {
    virtual void draw(ostream& out) const = 0;
}
struct Square : public Shape {
    virtual void draw(ostream& out) const override {
        int side;
    };
int main()
{
    shared_ptr<Shape> ptr = make_shared<Square>();
    cout << ptr->area() << '\n'; // ??
}
```

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```
struct Shape {
    virtual void draw(ostream& out) const = 0;
    virtual double area() const = 0;
}
struct Square : public Shape {
    virtual void draw(ostream& out) const override {
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    };
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    cout << ptr->area() << '\n';
}
```

And what if we can't just edit the classes?

# Open methods

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*Not to be confused with extension methods or UCS*

[Boost].TE, yomm2

```
declare_method(double, area, (virtual_<const Shape&> s);

define_method(double, area, (const Square& s)
{
    return s.area * s.area;
}

int main() {
    shared_ptr<Shape> ptr = make_shared<Square>();
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std::vector<area_func_getter> area_getters;
double area(Shape* s) {
    for(auto g : area_getters) {
        auto func = g();
        if(func) return func(s);
    }
    throw error("Object doesn't implement area");
}

// define method
double area_for_square(const Square&);
double area_for_square_call(const Shape* s) {
    auto square = static_cast<const Square*>(s);
    return area_for_square(*square);
}
area_func area_for_square_getter(const Shape* s) {
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# Optimize the dispatch

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std::unordered_map<std::type_index, area_func> area_getters;
double area(Shape* s) {
    auto f = area_getters.find(std::type_index(typeid(*s)));
    if (f == area_getters.end()) throw error("Object does not have an area function");
    return f->second(s);
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```

# Powerful OOP

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```
multi sub collide(Square $s, Square $c) {
    collide_square_square($s, $c);
}
multi sub collide(Circle $s, Circle $c) {
    collide_circle_circle($s, $c);
}
multi sub collide(Square $s, Circle $c) {
    collide_square_circle($s, $c);
}
multi sub collide(Circle $c, Square $s) {
    collide_square_circle($s, $c);
}

my $s1 = get_random_shape;
my $s2 = get_random_shape;
say "Collision: " ~ collide($s1, $s2);
```

# Vanilla C++ OOP

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```
struct Shape {
    virtual bool collide(const Shape* other) const =
    virtual bool collideImpl(const Square*) const =
    virtual bool collideImpl(const Circle*) const =
    virtual bool collideImpl(const Triangle*) const
}
struct Square : public Shape {
    virtual bool collide(const Shape* other) const o
        return other->collideImpl(this);
    }
    virtual bool collideImpl(const Square*) const ov
    virtual bool collideImpl(const Circle*) const ov
    virtual bool collideImpl(const Triangle*) const
};
// ...
shared_ptr<Shape> s1 = get_random_shape();
shared_ptr<Shape> s2 = get_random_shape();
cout << "Collision: " << s1->collide(s2.get()) << '\n'
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        return other->collideImpl(this); /* copy thi
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# Multiple dispatch (Multimethods)

yomm2, Folly.Poly

```
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    (virtual_<const Shape&> s1, (virtual_<const Shape&>

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cout << "Collision: " << collide(*s1, *s2) << '\n';
```

# How does this work?

```
struct collide_index {  
    size_t first;  
    size_t second;  
};  
  
size_t hash(collide_index); // implement as you wish  
  
collide_index circle_square = {  
    std::type_index(typeid(Circle).hash_code(),  
    std::type_index(typeid(Square).hash_code(),  
};
```

# Powerful OOP

---

```
module FlyingCreature
  def move_to(target)
    puts can_move_to?(target) ?
      "flying to #{target}"
      : "can't fly to #{target}"
  end
  def can_move_to?(target)
    true # flying creatures don't care
  end
end
module AfraidOfEvens
  def can_move_to?(target)
    target % 2 != 0
  end
end
a = Object.new
a.extend(FlyingCreature)
a.move_to(10) # -> flying to 10
a.extend(AfraidOfEvens)
a.move_to(10) # -> can't fly to 10
```

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{
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    // ... every possible method ever
    bool canMoveTo(int target) const {
        return m_canMoveTo->call(target);
    } // ... every possible method ever (again)

    void extend(shared_ptr<Creature> c) {
        c->setObject(this);
        m_canMoveTo = c;
        m_moveTo = c;
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    void extend(shared_ptr<ICanMoveTo> cmt) {
        cmt->setObject(this);
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// ... virtual inheritance  
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# **Eye candy time!**

MixQuest: [github.com/iboB/mixquest](https://github.com/iboB/mixquest)

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*The beast is back! - Jon Kalb*

# End Questions?

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