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Software Architecture in Game Programming

Software Architecture in Game Programming and why you should care about it

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Want to see my source
code for the Player class?

H-here goes...

```

#define PLAYER_DEBUG_AIMING

using UnityEngine;
using System.Collections.Generic;
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public class PlayerEquippedWeapon
{
    public int allAmmo
    {
        get { return (sharedAmmo == WeaponType.None) ? PlayerData.Singleton.GetAmmo(type) : PlayerData.Singleton.GetAmmo(sharedAmmo); }
    }

    public int reserveAmmo
    {
        get { return allAmmo - currentAmmo; }
    }

    public int currentAmmo = 0;
    public float timeSinceLastFire = 0.0f;
    public float shotSpread = 0.0f;

    public bool isReloading = false;
    public float timeReloadStarted = 0.0f;

    public int bulletsThatHit = 0;
    public int bulletsFired = 0;

    public WeaponType type = WeaponType.None;
    public WeaponType sharedAmmo = WeaponType.None;

    public bool HasAmmo()
    {
        return reserveAmmo > 0 || currentAmmo > 0;
    }

    public float GetAccuracy()
    {
        float accuracy = 0.0f;

        if (bulletsFired != 0)
        {
            accuracy = ((float) bulletsThatHit/bulletsFired)*100.0f;
            //accuracy = Mathf.Round(accuracy);
            if (accuracy > 100.0f)
            {
                accuracy = 100.0f;
            }
        }

        return accuracy;
    }

    public PlayerEquippedWeapon(WeaponType newType, WeaponType newSharedAmmo)
    {
        type = newType;
        sharedAmmo = newSharedAmmo;
    }

    public PlayerEquippedWeapon(WeaponType newType)
    {
        type = newType;
        sharedAmmo = WeaponType.None;
    }
}

public class Player : MonoBehaviour
{
    PlayerAnimation anim;
    PlayerMovement movement;
    Crosshair crosshair;

    public void OnPickUpItem()
    {
        currentResult.itemsPickedUp += 1;
        //Debug.Log("OnPickUpItem() " + currentResult.itemsPickedUp);
    }

    bool autoSwitchWeapon = false;

    float movementModifierDuration = 0.2f;
    float timeSinceLastMovementModifierApplied = 0.0f;

    //private LoadingScreen loadingScreen;
    //SpawnSystem zombieSpawn;

    bool zBoyMode = false;

    public static Player GetPlayerScript(GameObject pGo)
    {
        if (pGo == null)
        {
            return null;
        }
        while (GM.GetComponent<Player>(pGo) == null && pGo.transform.parent != null)
        {
            pGo = pGo.transform.parent.gameObject;
        }
        Player p = GM.GetComponent<Player>(pGo);
        if (p == null)
        {
            Debug.LogError("Player: Could not find gameobject's player script!");
            return null;
        }
        return p;
    }

    ArmorData[] armorData;

    // Player Sounds
    //-----
    [SerializeField]
    AudioClip[] headSounds;

    [SerializeField]
    AudioClip[] hurtSounds;

    [SerializeField]
    AudioClip[] deathSounds;

    [SerializeField]
    string tauntFolder = "";

    [SerializeField]
    string[] startTaunts;

    [SerializeField]
    string[] shotgunTaunts;

    [SerializeField]
    string[] shotgunEquipTaunts;

    public void OnGrenadeExplode(GrenadeType t)
    {
        if (t == GrenadeType.Frag || t == GrenadeType.Landmine)
        {
            PlayTaunt(explodeTaunts, 5);
        }
        else if (t == GrenadeType.Molotov)
        {
            PlayTaunt(molotovTaunts, 5);
        }

        void OnWin()
        {
            PlayTaunt(winTaunts, 5);

            showResults = true;
            crosshair.HideCrosshair();

            ComputeResultData();
            //StartCoroutine(StartFadeIn());

            ResultData resultsToShow = currentResult;
            if (Mode.currentGameMode == GameMode.Assault && (assault.AIFinalStage() || IsDead()))
            {
                resultsToShow = totalResult;
            }

            _combatResultsScreen.Show(resultsToShow);

            OnEndGame();
        }

        void OnLose(GrenadeType grenade, Vector3 explodeForce)
        {
            Mode.OnPlayerLose();

            zombieSpawn.StopSpawning();

            anim.PlayDeathAnimation(explodeForce);

            // play death sound effect
            if (OptionsNGUIScreen.IsSoundsAllowed && deathSounds.Length > 0)
            {
                AudioClip deathSound = deathSounds[Random.Range(0, deathSounds.Length)];
                AudioSource.PlayClipAtPoint(deathSound, myTransform.position, OptionsNGUIScreen.SoundsVolume);
            }

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            crosshair.HideCrosshair();

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            if (grenade != GrenadeType.None)
            {
                PlayerStats.Singleton.OnDeath(grenade);
            }

            OnEndGame();
        }

        public void OnEndGame()
        {
            PlayerStats.Singleton.WriteStats();
            SaveUnusedWeapons();
        }

        void SaveUnusedWeapons()
        {
            PlayerData.Singleton.CommitChanges();
        }

        // Player Weapon Mount
        //-----
        [SerializeField]
        Transform weaponMount;

        // we need to store a handle to this so we can delete it later (when player switches weapons)
        Transform weaponMesh;

        void MountWeapon(WeaponData weapon)
        {
            if (weapon.dualWield)
            {
                muzzle = MountWeapon(weapon.mesh, ref weaponMesh, weaponMount);
                muzzle2 = MountWeapon(weapon.mesh, ref weaponMesh2, weaponMount2);
            }
            else
            {
                if (weaponMesh2 != null)
                {
                    Destroy(weaponMesh2.gameObject);
                }
                muzzle = MountWeapon(weapon.mesh, ref weaponMesh, weaponMount);
            }

            Transform MountWeapon(Transform weaponMeshPrefab, ref Transform weaponMeshHandle, Transform mountPoint)
            {
                if (weaponMeshHandle != null)
                {
                    Destroy(weaponMeshHandle.gameObject);
                }

                //Debug.Log("weapon " + obj.name + " mounted");
                weaponMeshHandle = Instantiate(weaponMeshPrefab, Vector3.zero, Quaternion.identity) as Transform;
                weaponMeshHandle.parent = mountPoint;
                weaponMeshHandle.localRotation = weaponMeshPrefab.rotation;
                weaponMeshHandle.localPosition = Vector3.zero;

                return weaponMeshHandle.Find("Armature/Muzzle");
            }

            void MountGrenade(Transform obj)
            {
                if (weaponMesh != null)
                {
                    Destroy(weaponMesh.gameObject);
                }
            }
        }

        AimCoords aim;

        void UpdateAim()
        {
            //Debug.Log("UpdateAim STA");

            Ray ray = Camera.main.ScreenPointToRay(aim.GetForScreenPointToRay());
            RaycastHit hit;

            bool foundZombie = false;

            int targetableLayers = 1 << 12 | 1 << 10; // touchboxes or hitboxes

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            if (Physics.Raycast(ray, out hit, Mathf.Infinity, targetableLayers))
            {
                if (hit.collider.gameObject.tag == "Zombie")
                {
                    foundZombie = true;
                    aimTarget = hit.collider.bounds.center;

                    //Debug.Log("aimed at zombie: " + aimTarget);
                    aimZombieTarget = aimTarget;
                }

                targetableLayers = 1 << 11; // aim plane
                if (Physics.Raycast(ray, out hit, Mathf.Infinity, targetableLayers))
                {
                    // face where crosshair is
                    //if (aim.fireApse)
                    if (anim.InGrenadeThrowAnimation() == false)
                    {
                        myTransform.LookAt(hit.point);
                        Vector3 angle = myTransform.localEulerAngles;
                        angle.x = 0;
                        myTransform.localEulerAngles = angle;
                    }
                    else
                    {
                        Debug.LogError("Aim Plane not found");
                    }
                }
                else
                {
                    aimPlaneTarget = aimTarget;
                    //Debug.Log("aimed at aim plane: " + aimTarget);
                }
            }

            ray = Camera.main.ScreenPointToRay(aim.GetTouchForScreenPointToRay());
            targetableLayers = 1 << 12 | 1 << 10; // touchboxes or hitboxes
            foundZombie = false;
            if (Physics.Raycast(ray, out hit, Mathf.Infinity, targetableLayers))
            {
                if (hit.collider.gameObject.tag == "Zombie")
                {
                    foundZombie = true;
                    groundAimTarget = hit.collider.bounds.center;

                    if (foundZombie)
                    {
                        aimTarget = hit.point;

                        // uncomment to lock muzzle to single plane
                        //Vector3 angle = muzzle.localEulerAngles;
                        //angle.x = 0;
                        //muzzle.localEulerAngles = angle;

                        aimPlaneTarget = aimTarget;
                        //Debug.Log("aimed at aim plane: " + aimTarget);
                    }
                }
                else
                {
                    Debug.LogError("Ground not found");
                }
            }

            if ((aim.touchFire && inThrowGrenadeMode) || anim.InGrenadeThrowAnimation())
            {
                // face where the grenade is thrown
                myTransform.LookAt(groundAimTarget);
                Vector3 angle = myTransform.localEulerAngles;
                angle.x = 0;
                myTransform.localEulerAngles = angle;

                if (muzzle != null)
                {
                    Vector3 dir = aimTarget - muzzle.position;
                    dir.Normalize();
                    muzzleDirection.SetLookRotation(dir);
                }

                if (muzzle2 != null)
                {
                    Vector3 dir = aimTarget - muzzle2.position;
                    dir.Normalize();
                    muzzle2Direction.SetLookRotation(dir);
                }

                //Debug.DrawRay(muzzle.position, muzzle.forward * 10, Color.blue);
                Debug.DrawRay(muzzle2.position, dir * 5, Color.blue);

                Debug.DrawLine(muzzle.position, aimZombieTarget, Color.red);
                Debug.DrawLine(muzzle.position, aimPlaneTarget, Color.green);
                Debug.DrawLine(muzzle.position, groundAimTarget, Color.yellow);

                //Debug.Log("UpdateAim END/in");
            }

            // Second Weapon (for dual wield)
            //-----
            [SerializeField]
            Transform weaponMount2;

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See it all move at http://youtu.be/GfhAZg_T2Gg

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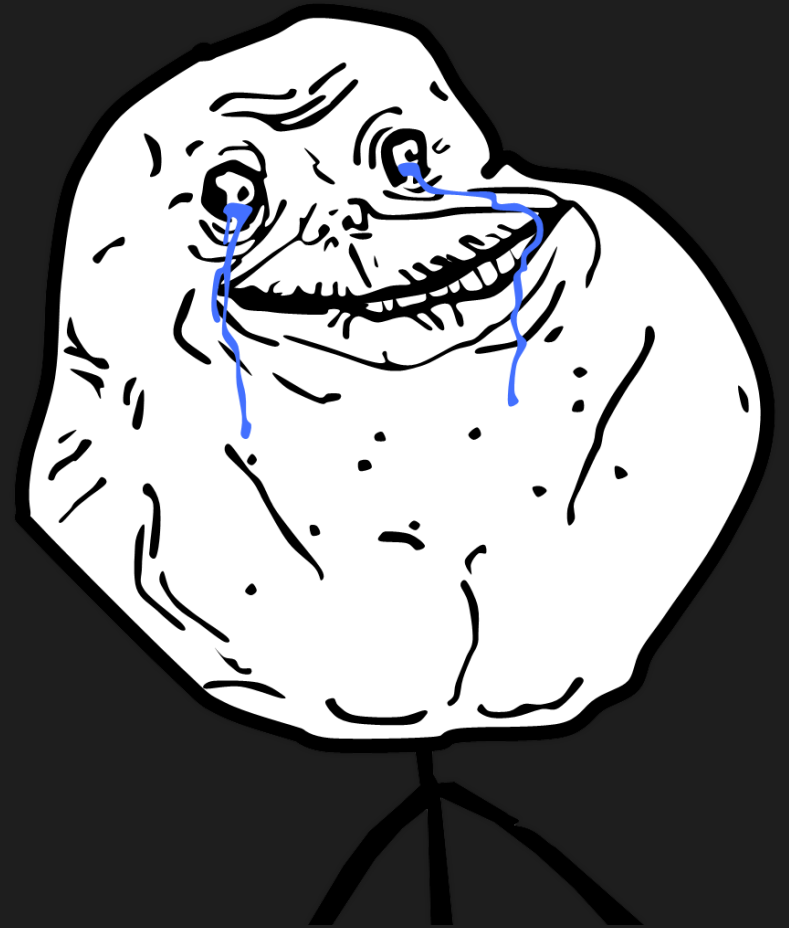
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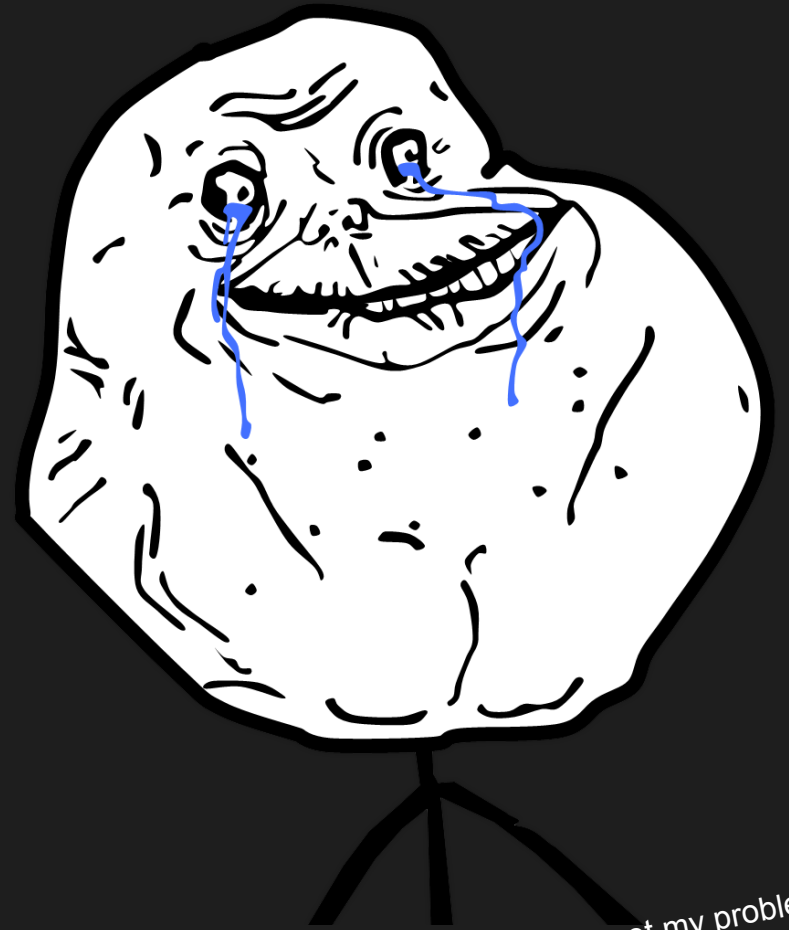
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(Disclaimer: This one's not my problem.)

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mobile game, folks



How did it end up like
that?

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Why am I making
things **harder** for
myself?

As you can see,
it's a problem

As you can see,
it's a problem

about **COMPLEXITY**

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about **INFORMATION
OVERLOAD**

But turns out problems like
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So this doesn't have to happen!



What the game designer
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What the game programmer
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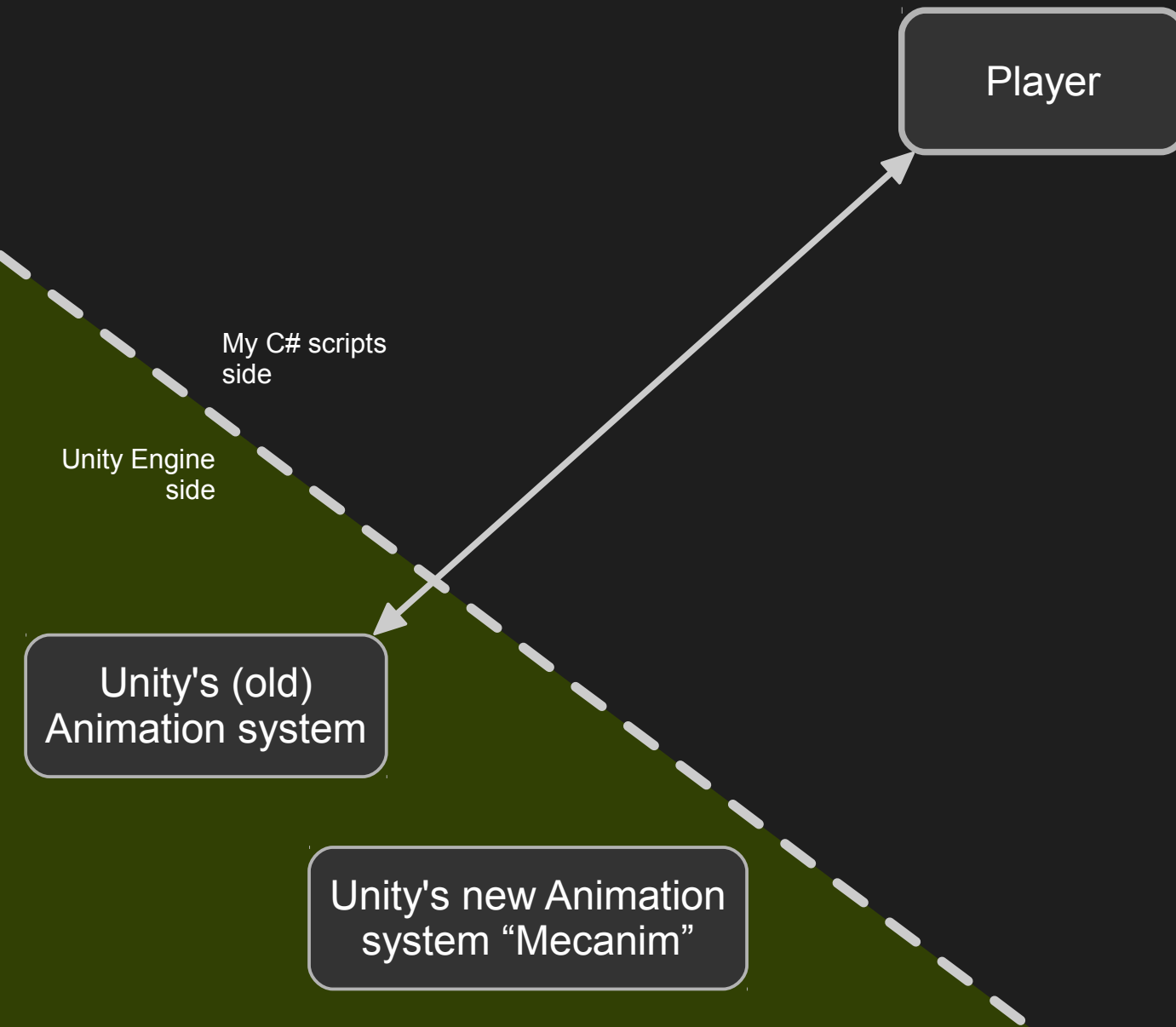
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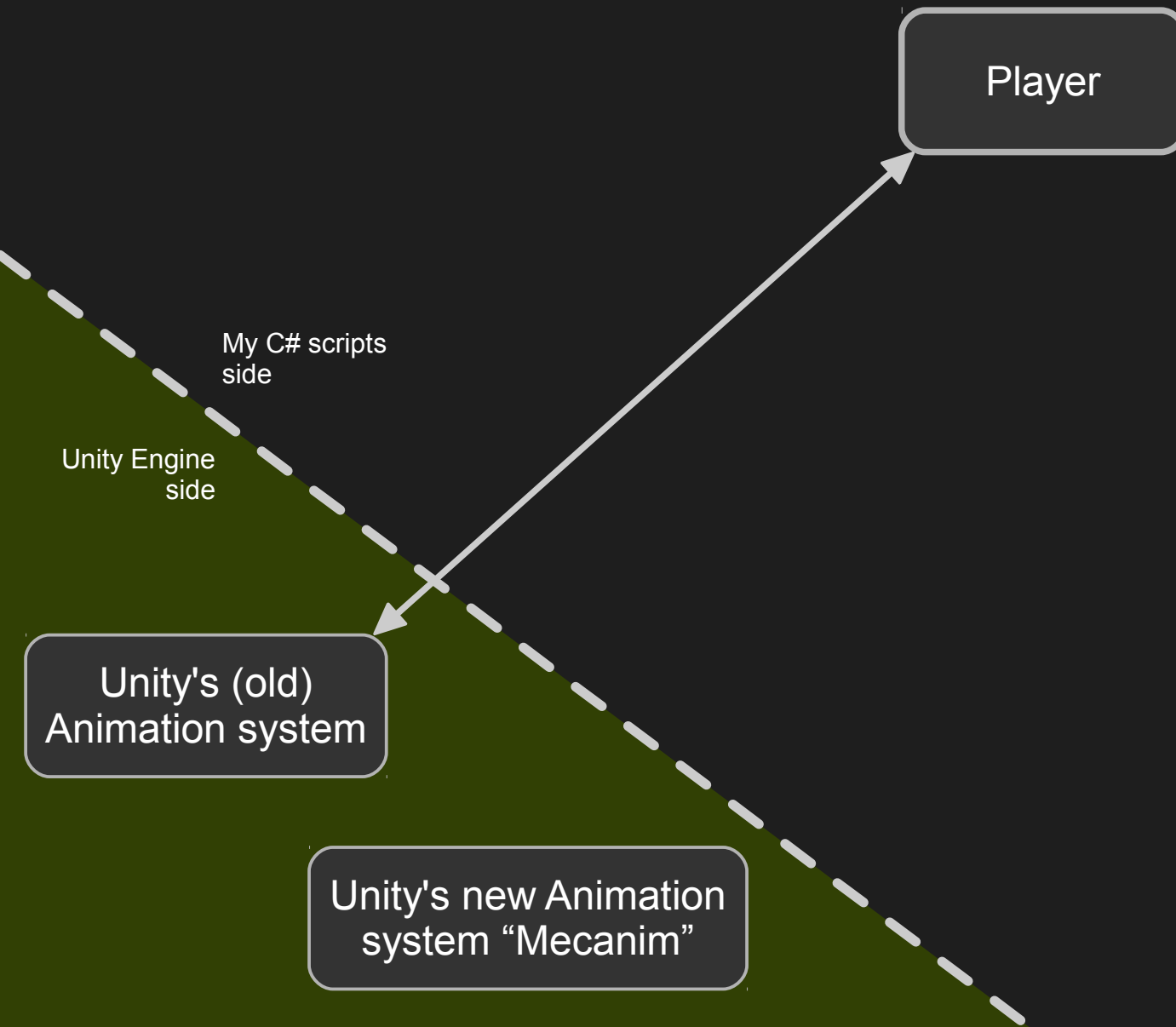
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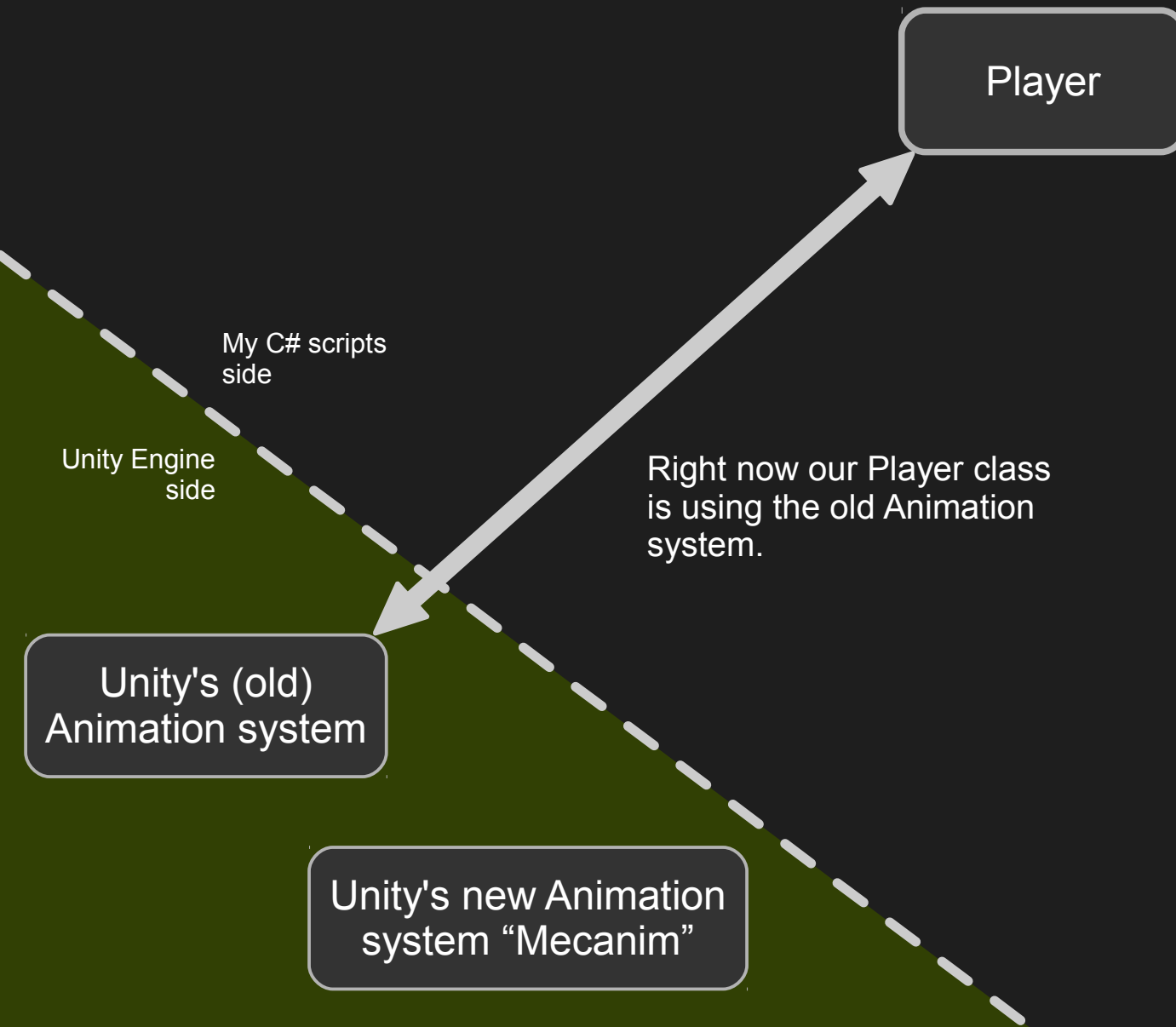


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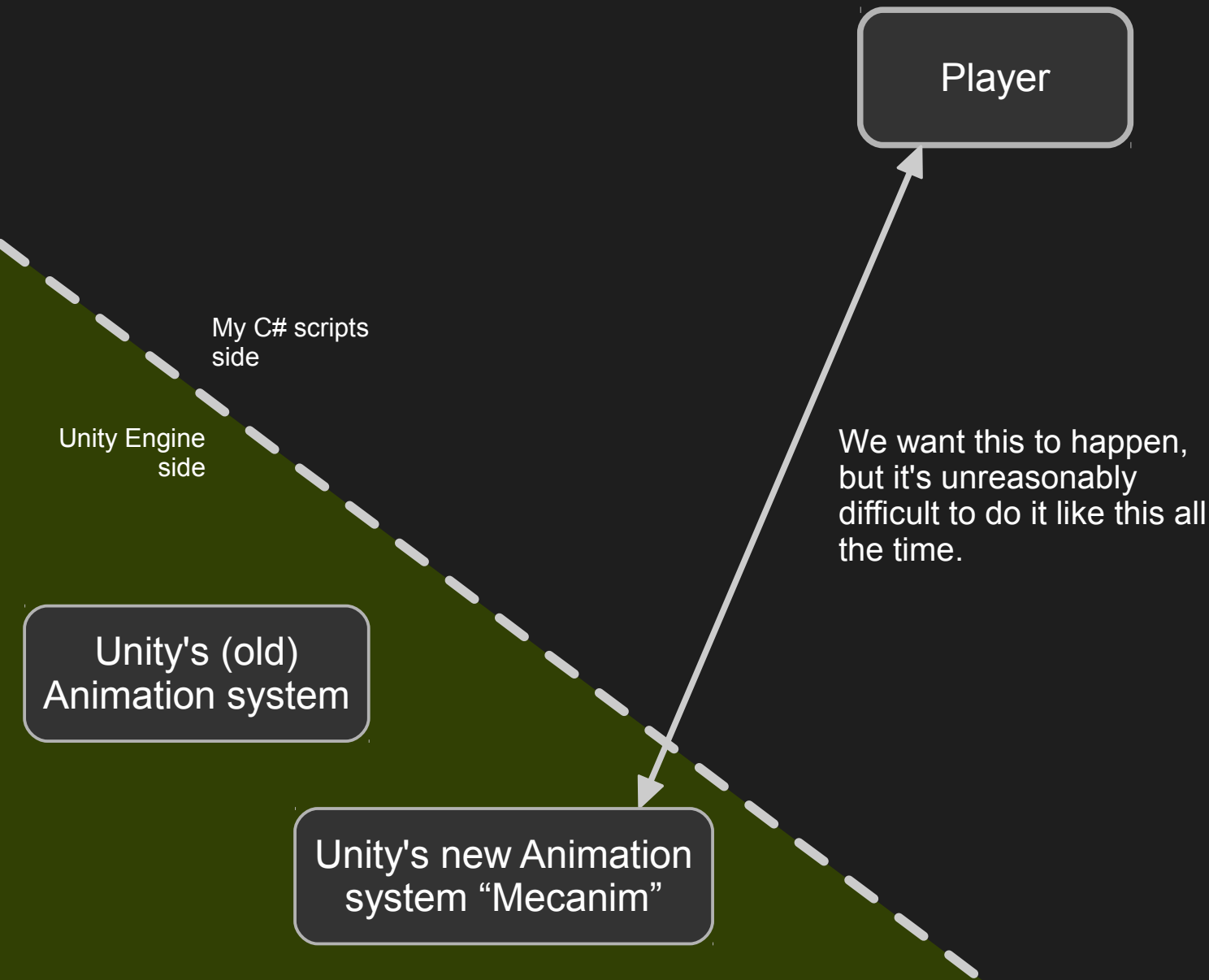
So here's our Player class:



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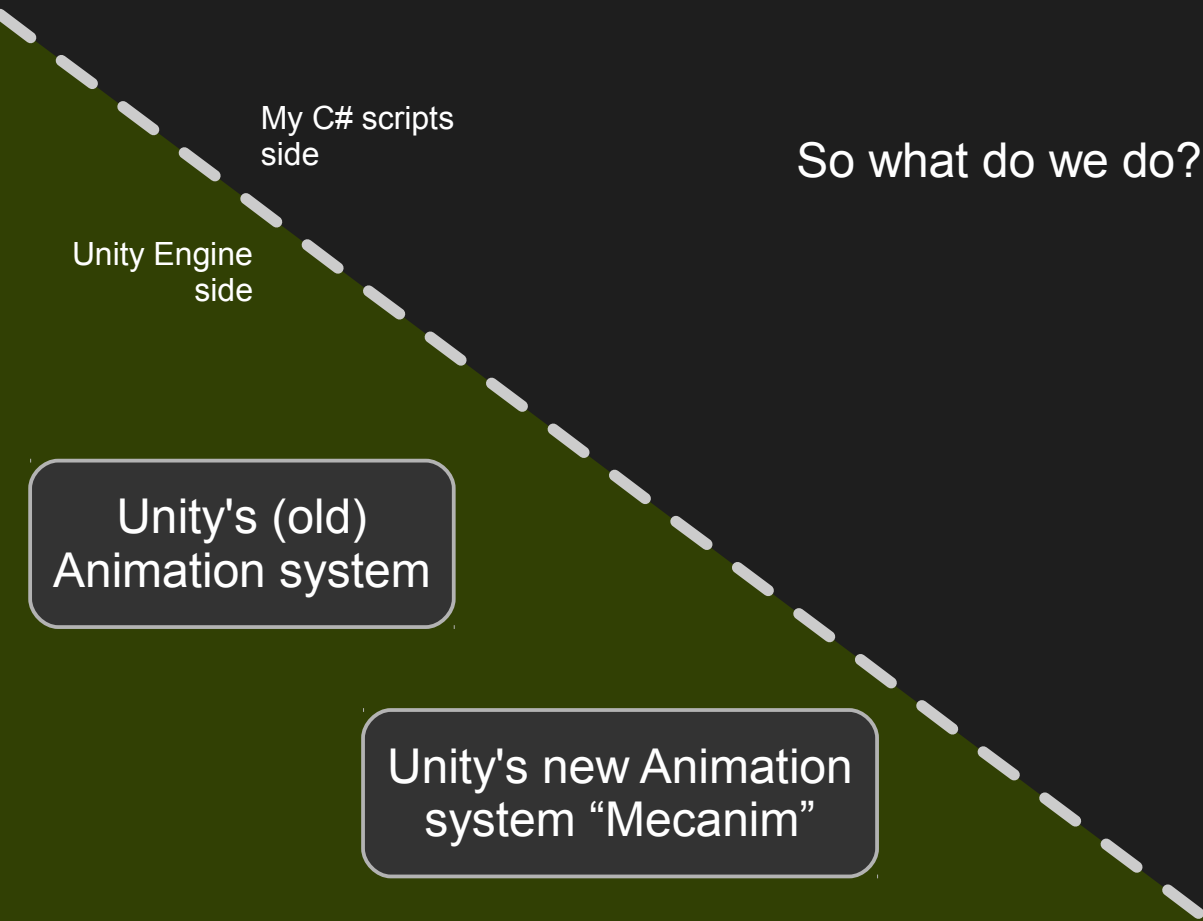
So what do we do?

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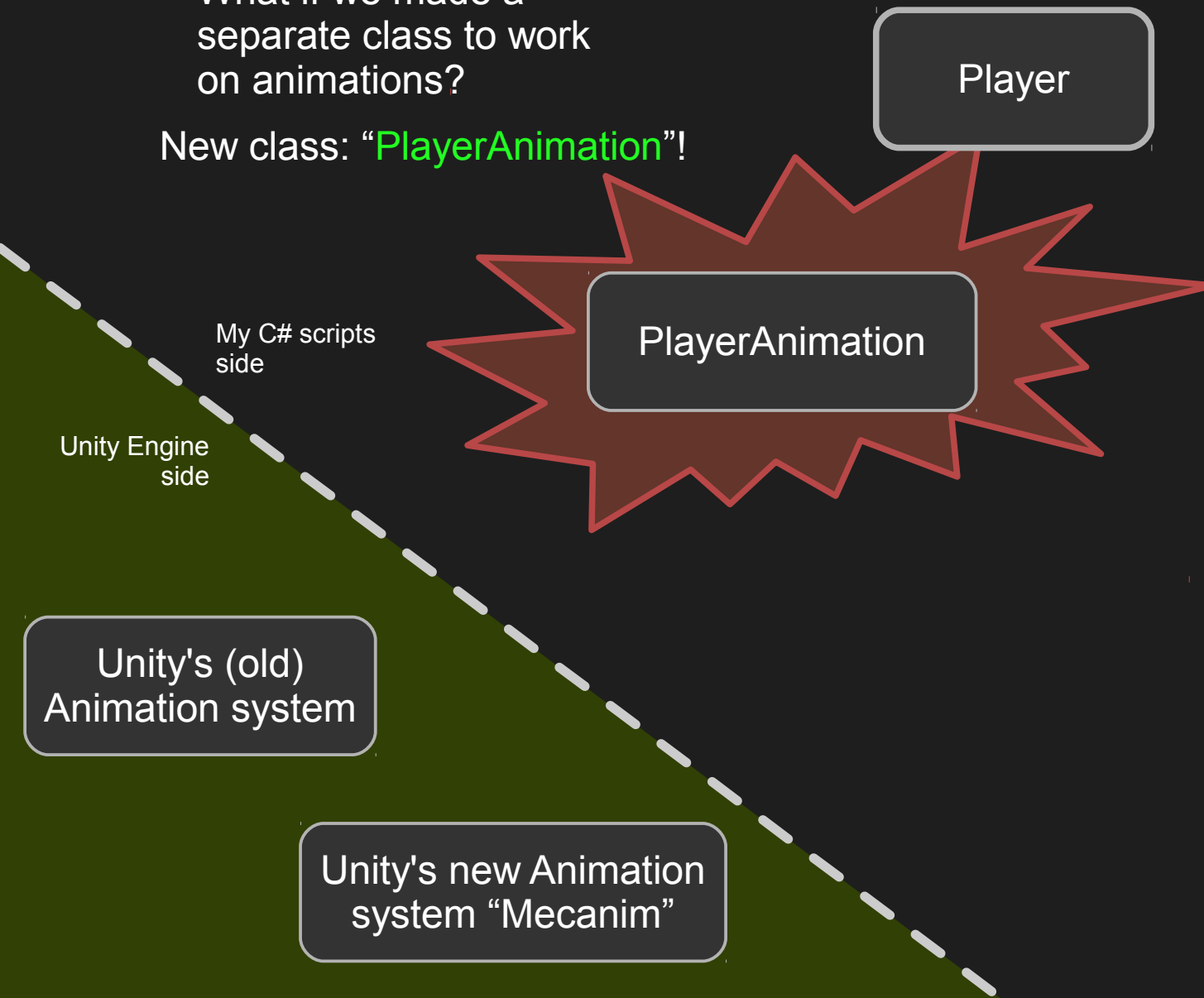
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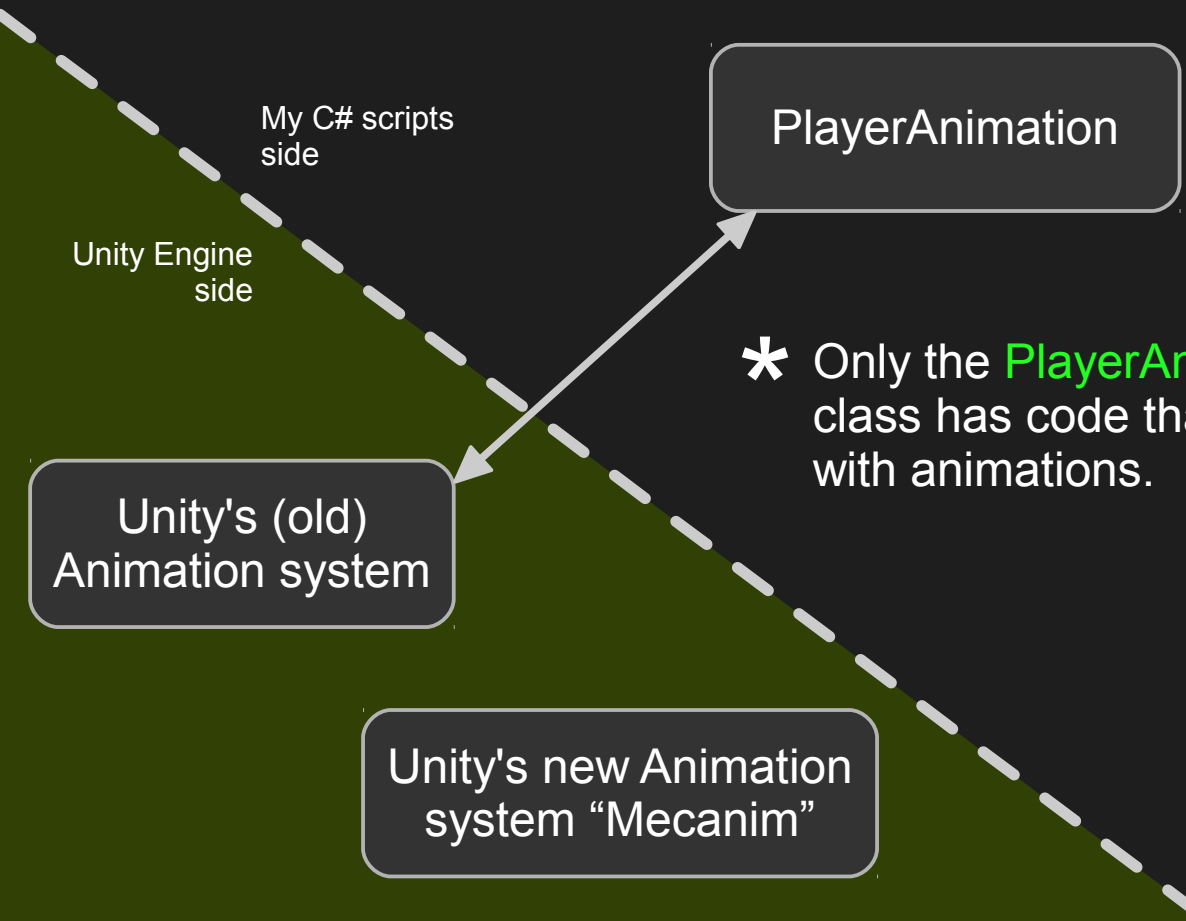
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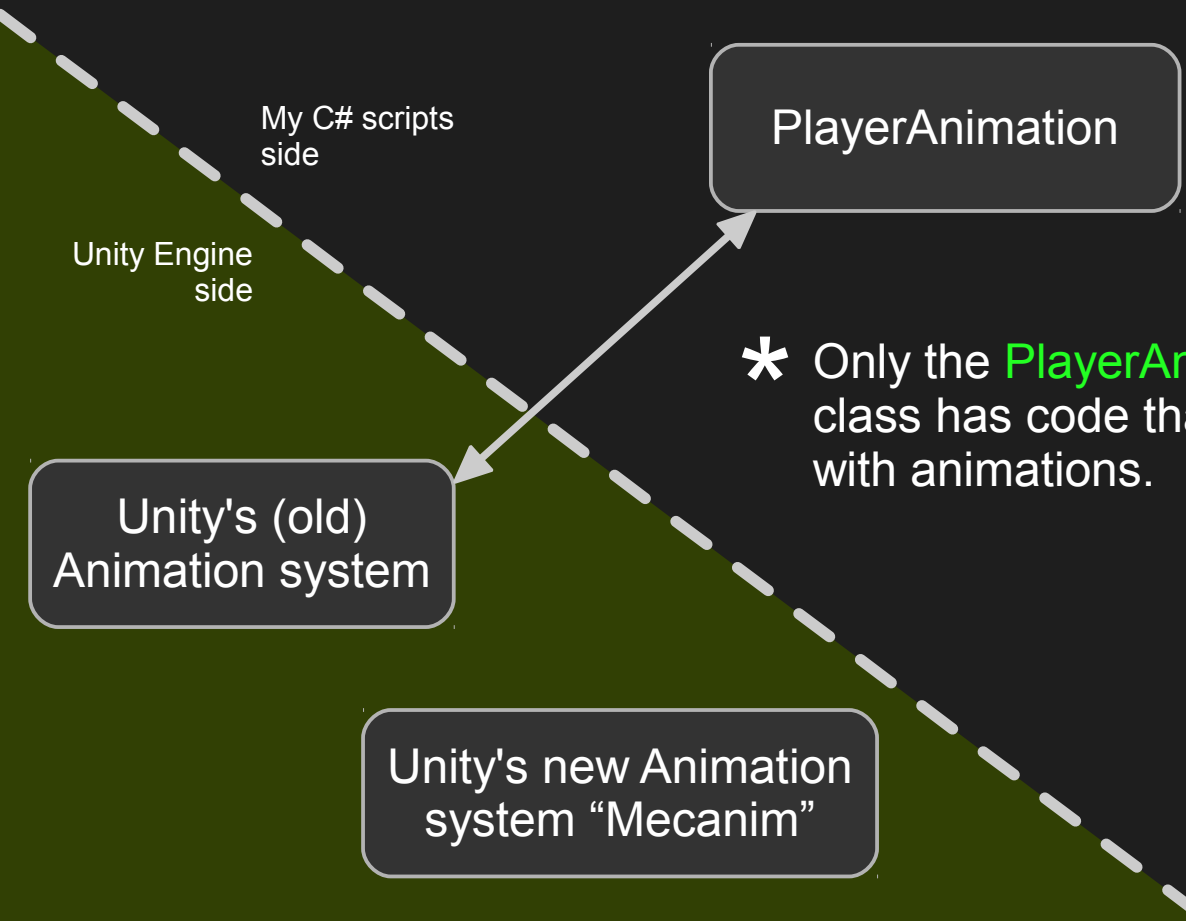
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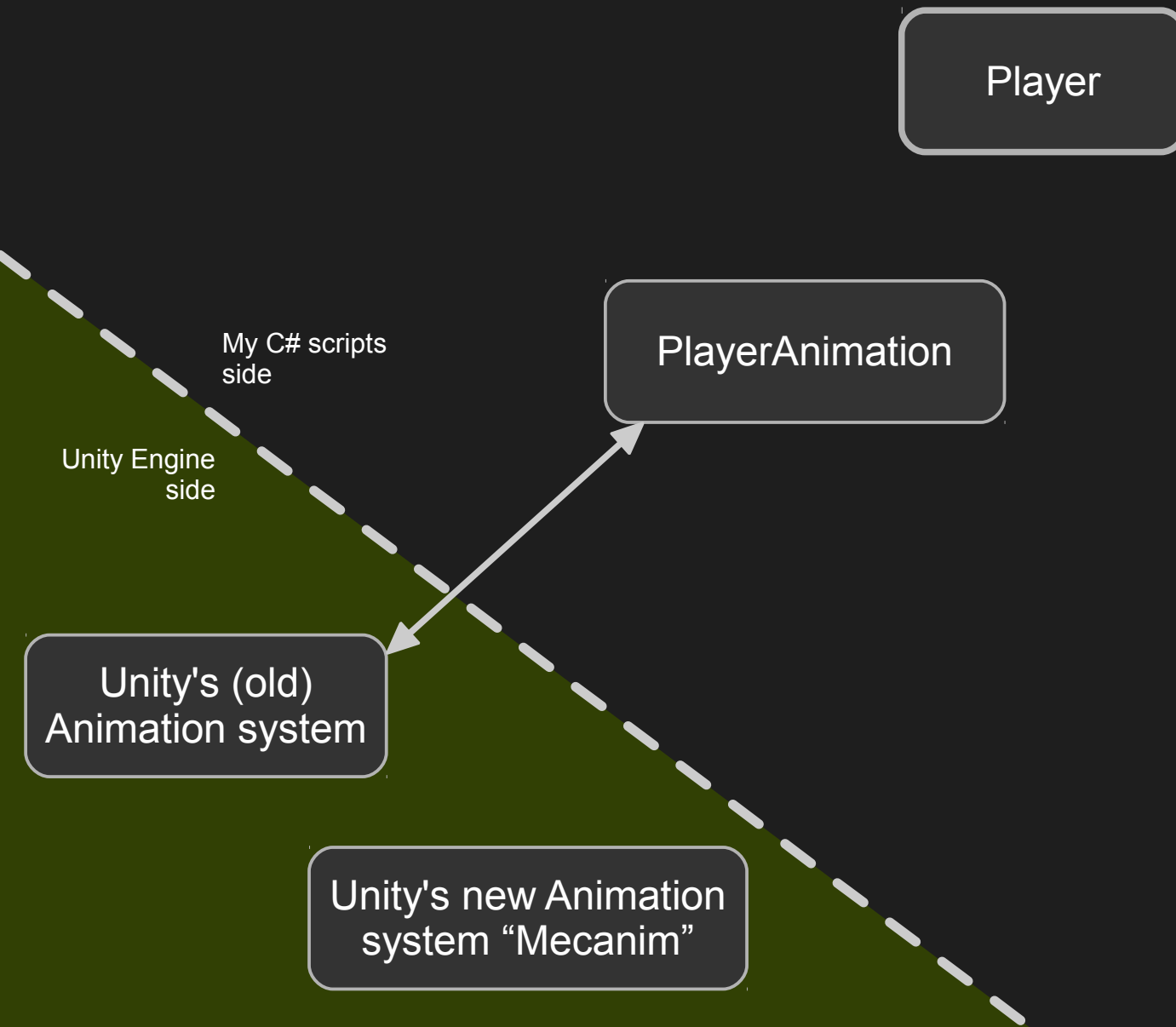
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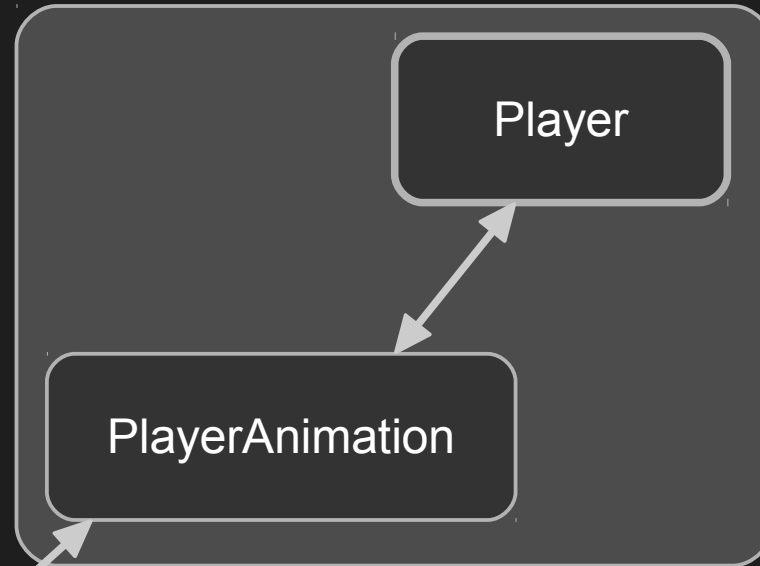
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- * An instance of **PlayerAnimation** will be a field/member variable of **Player**.

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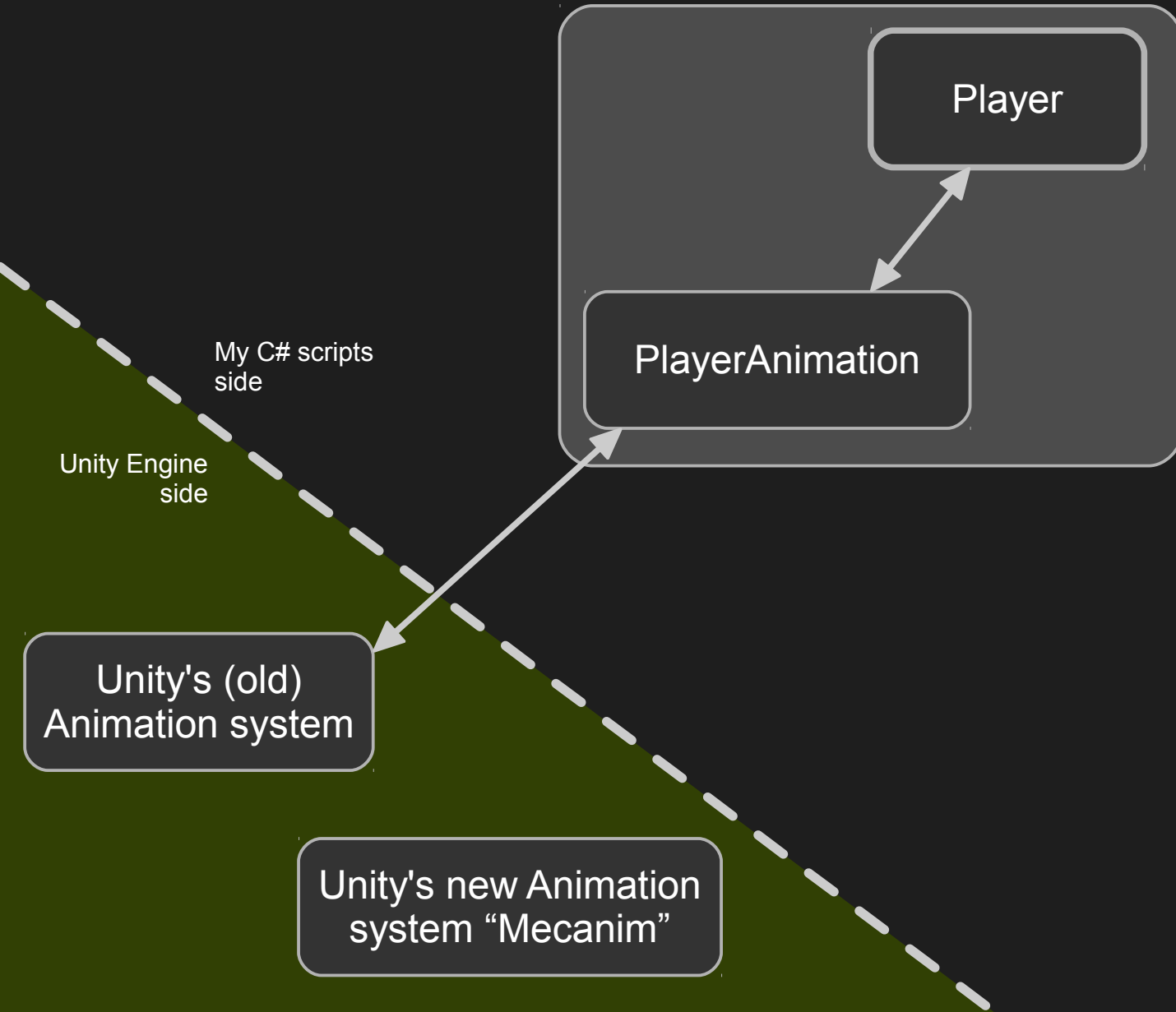


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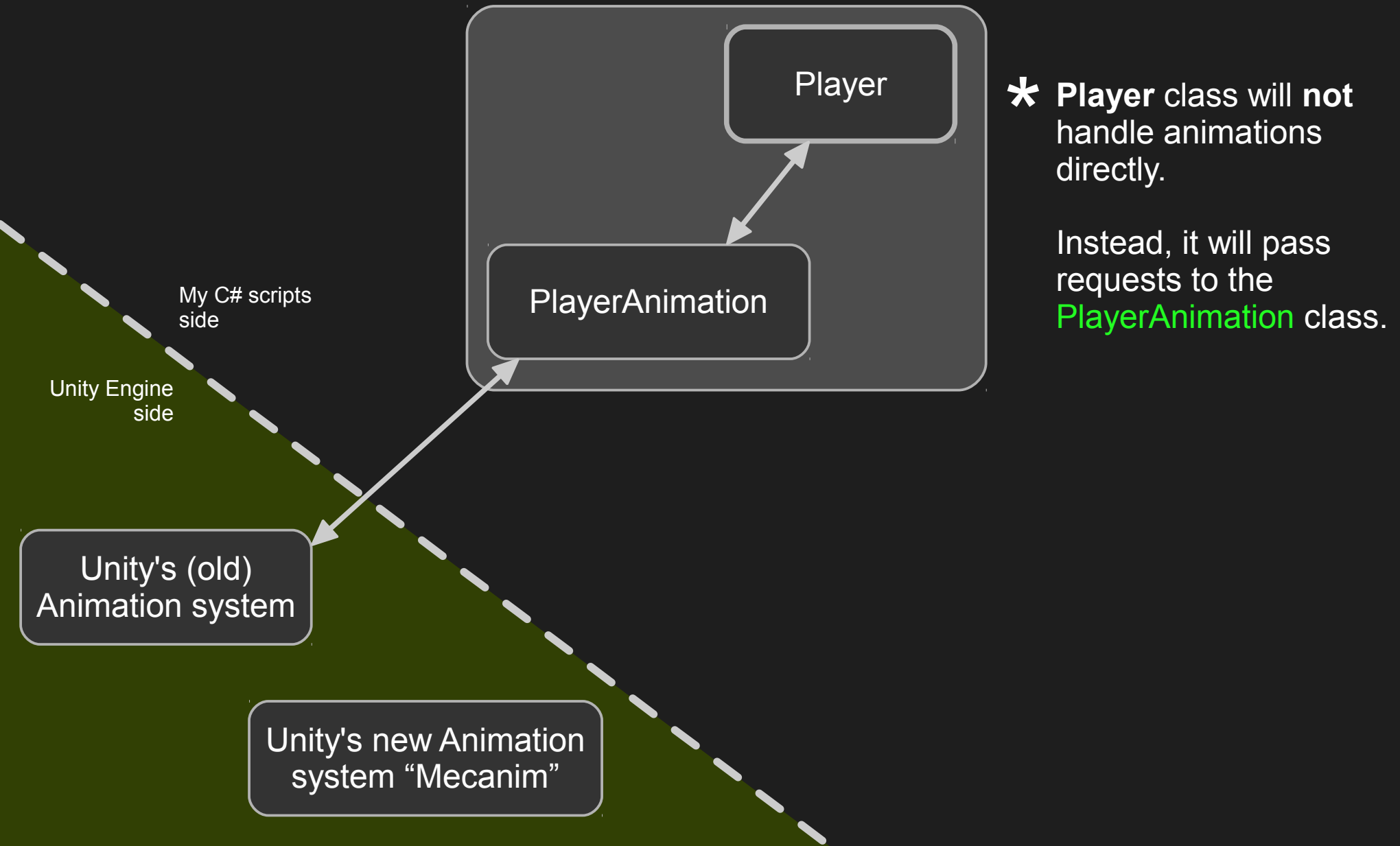
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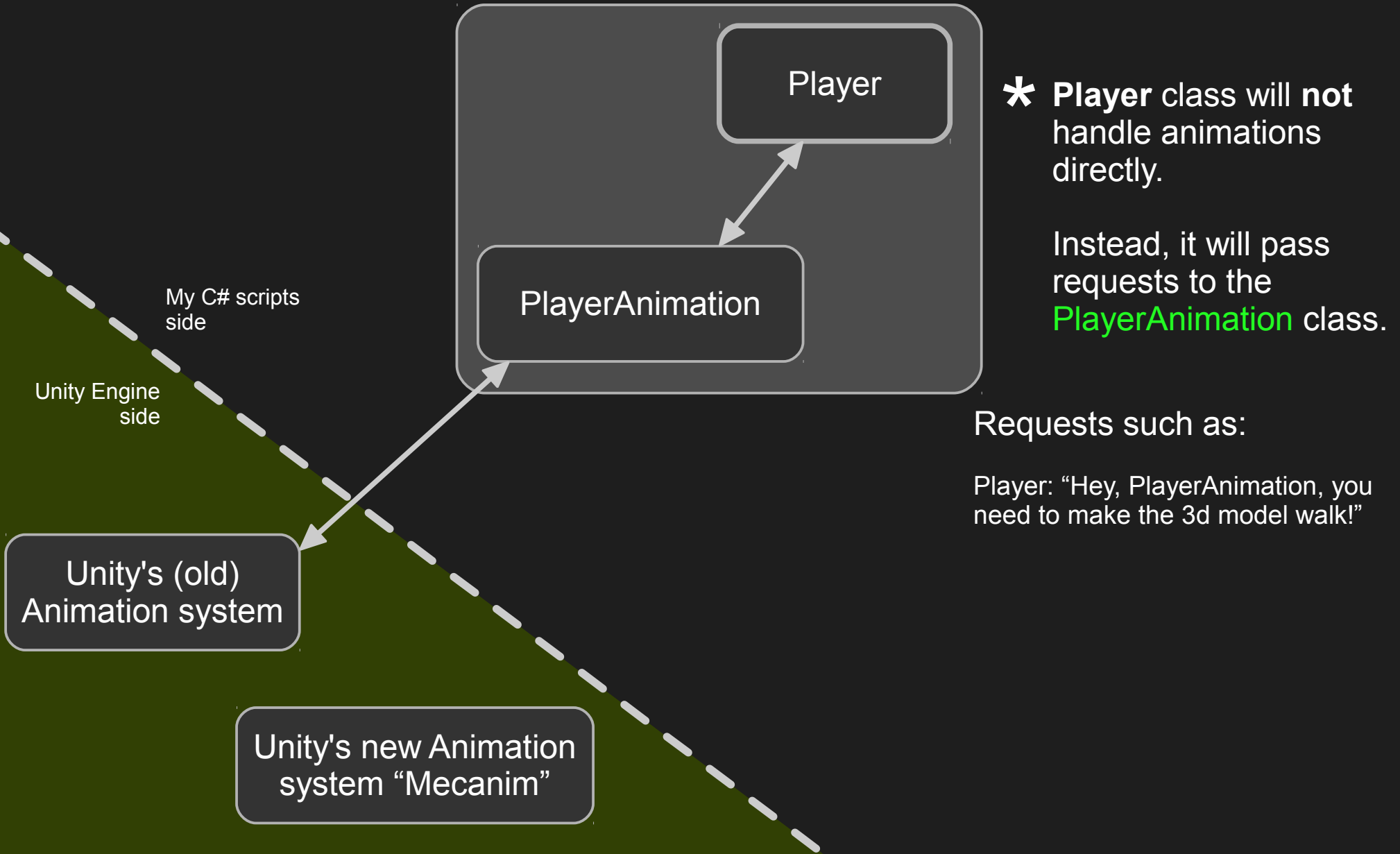
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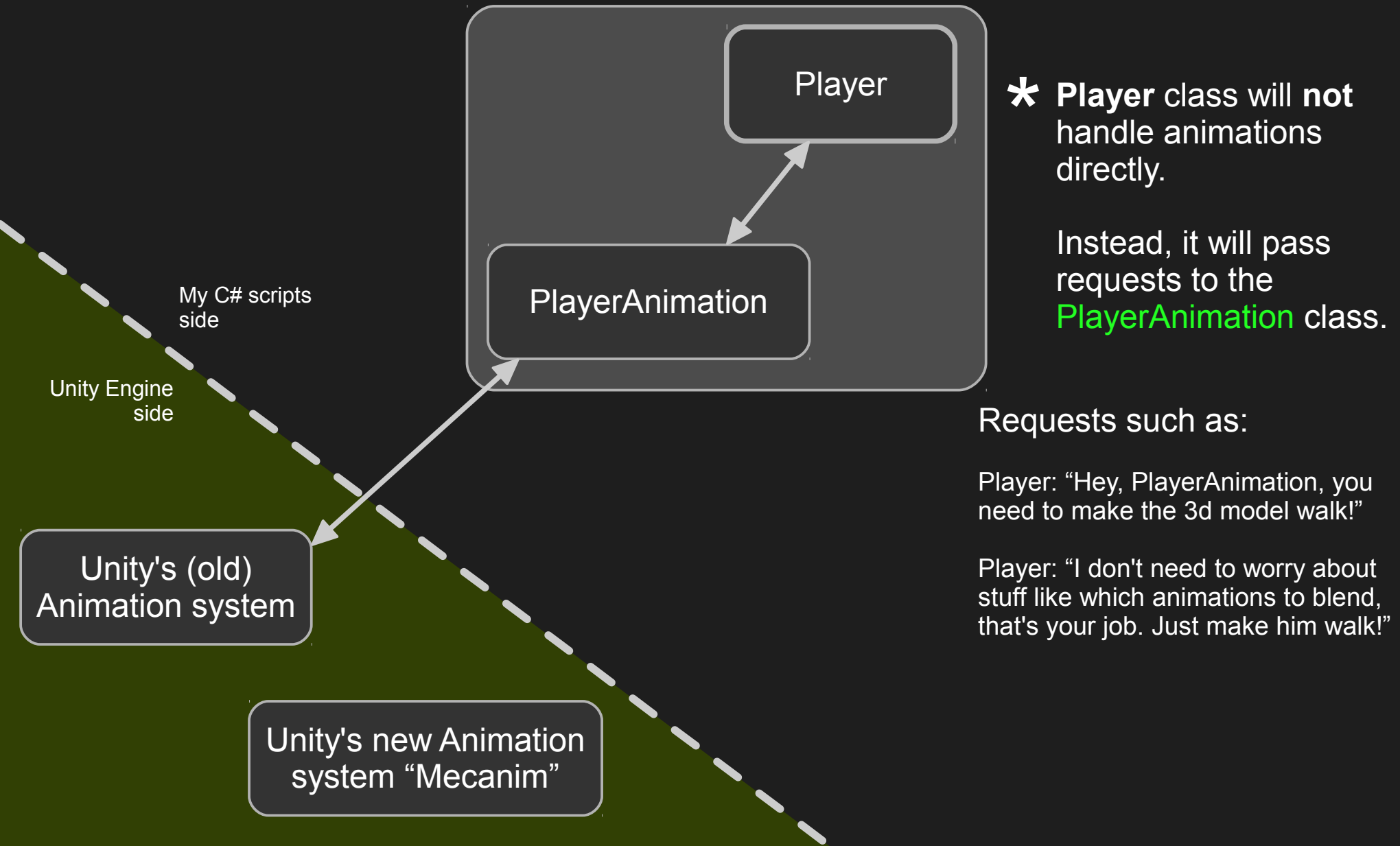
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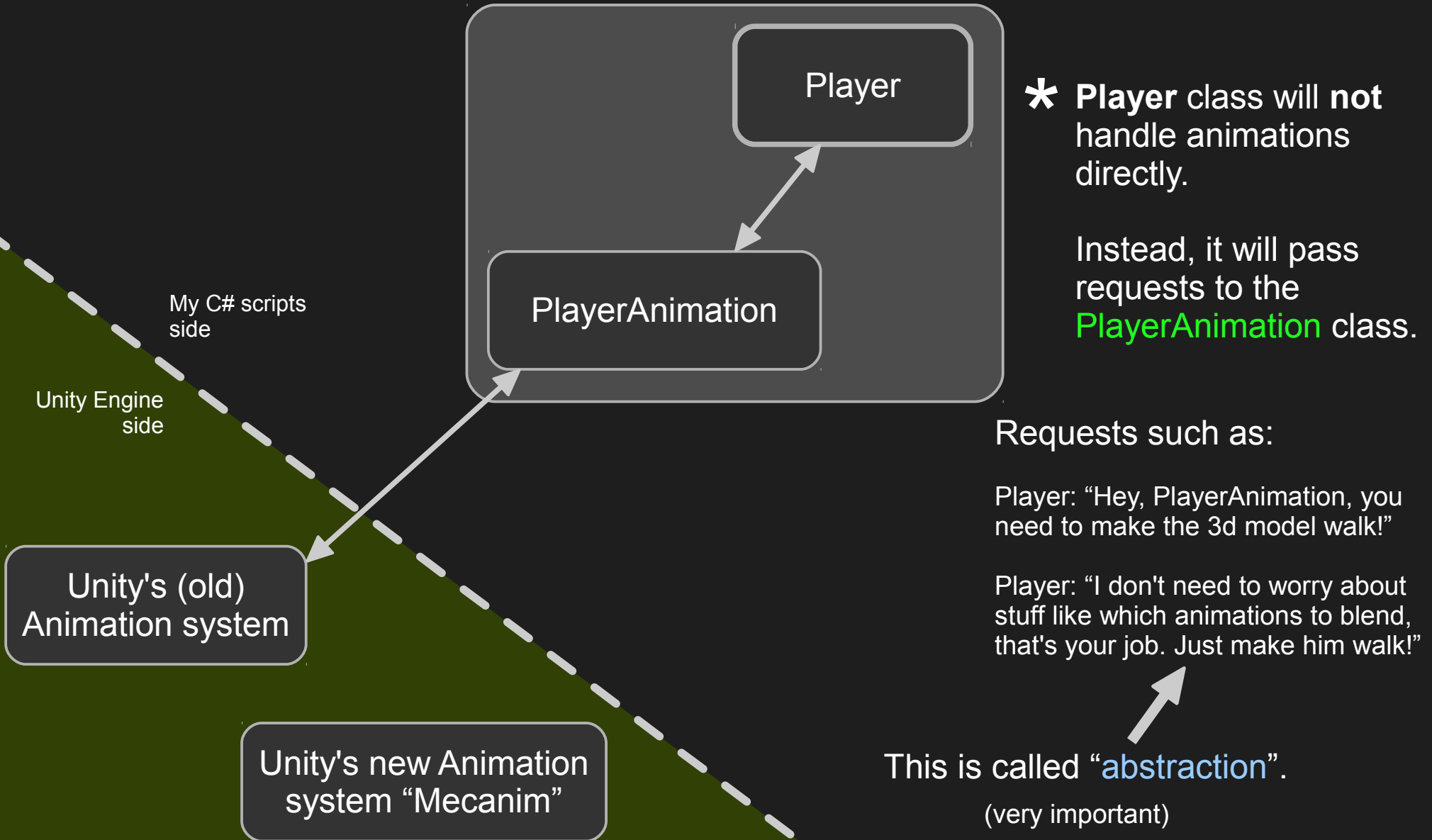
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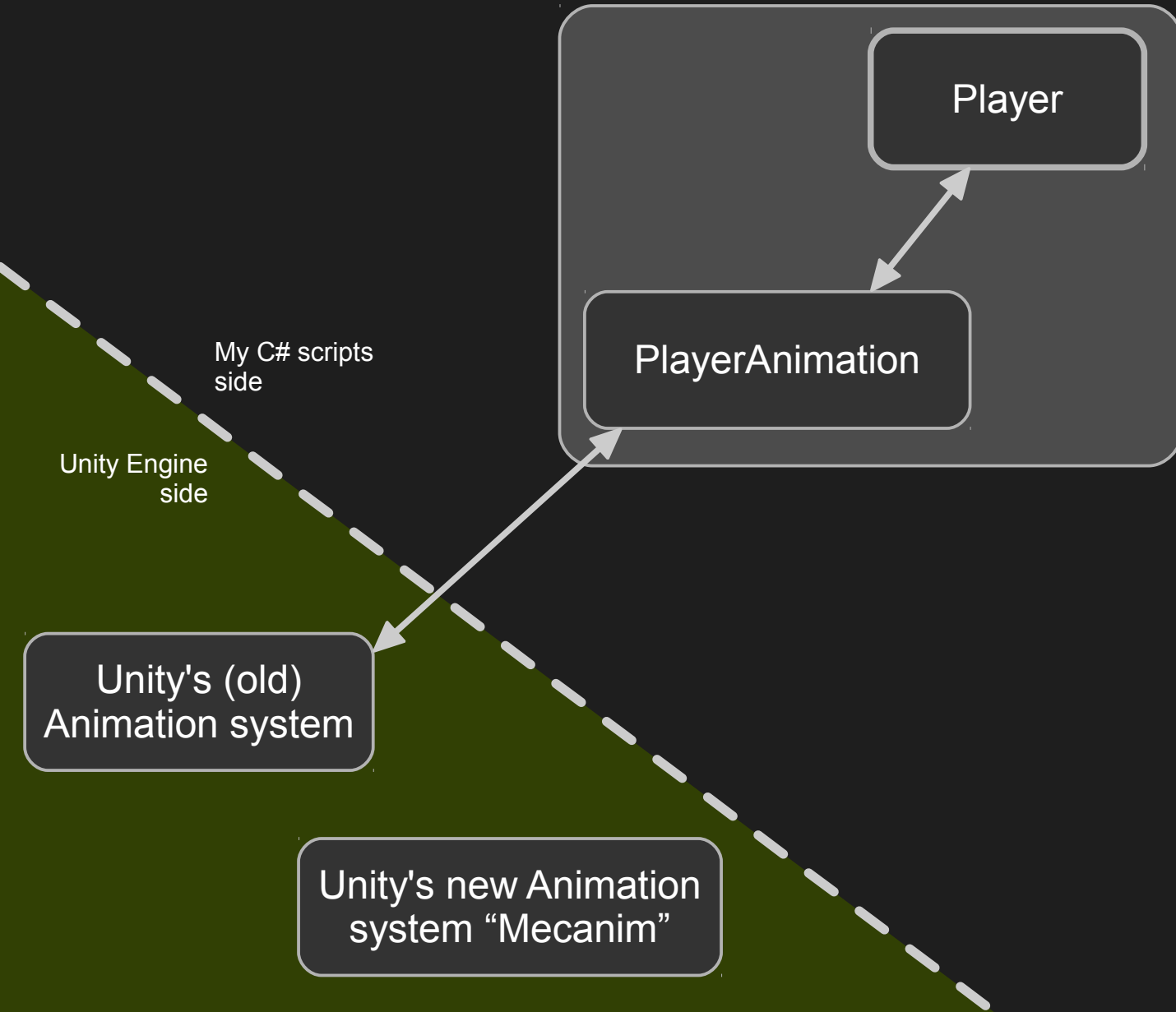
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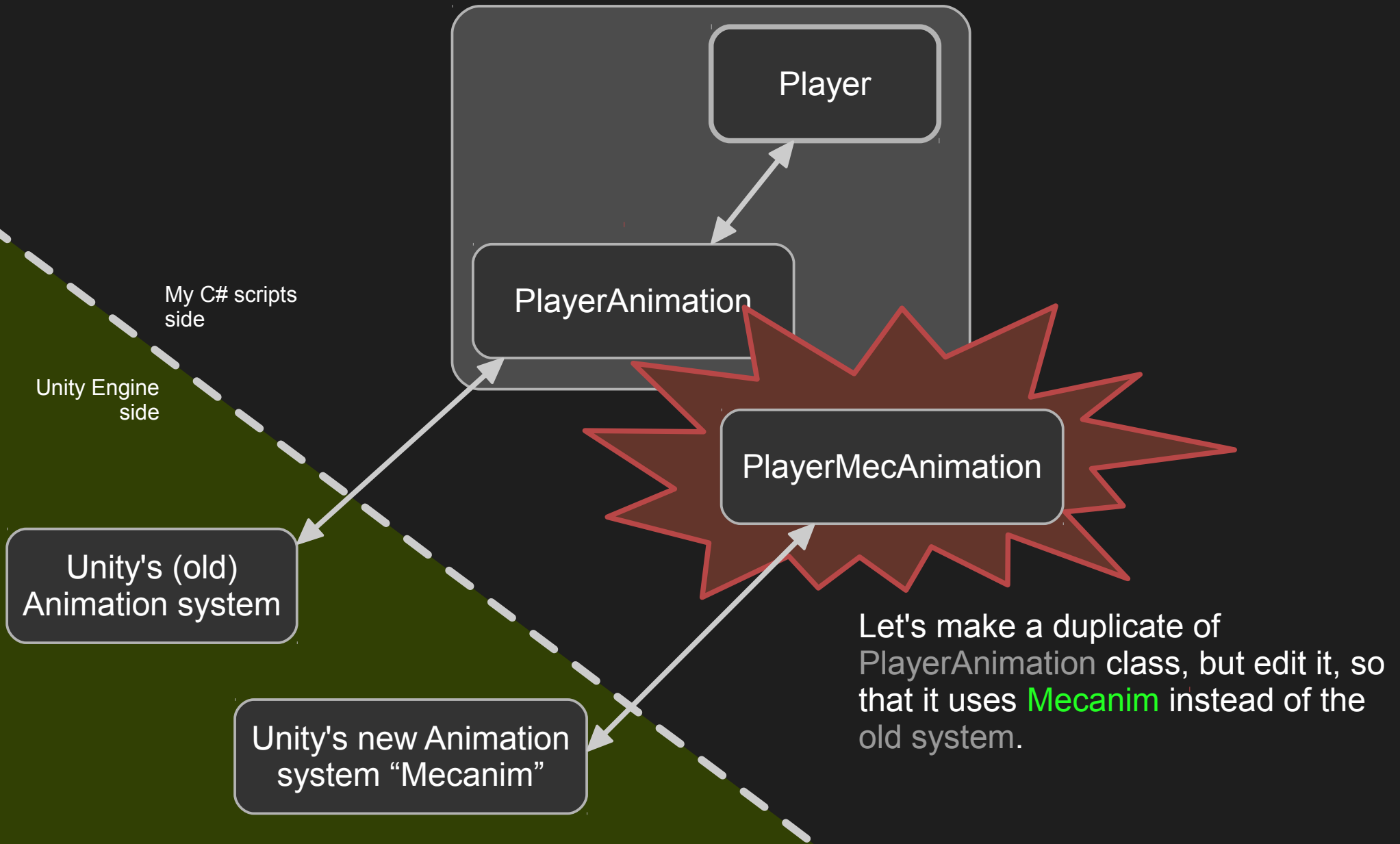
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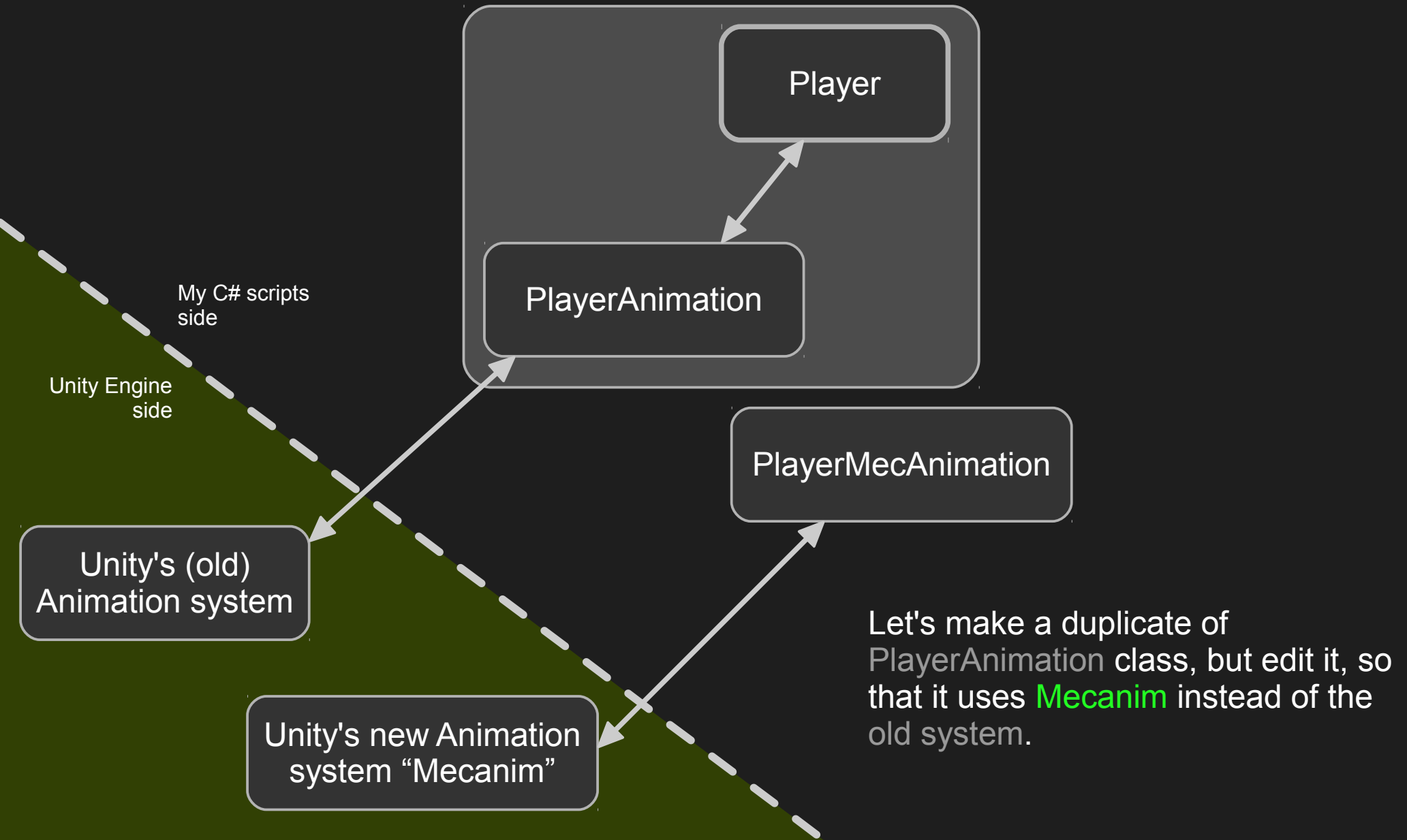
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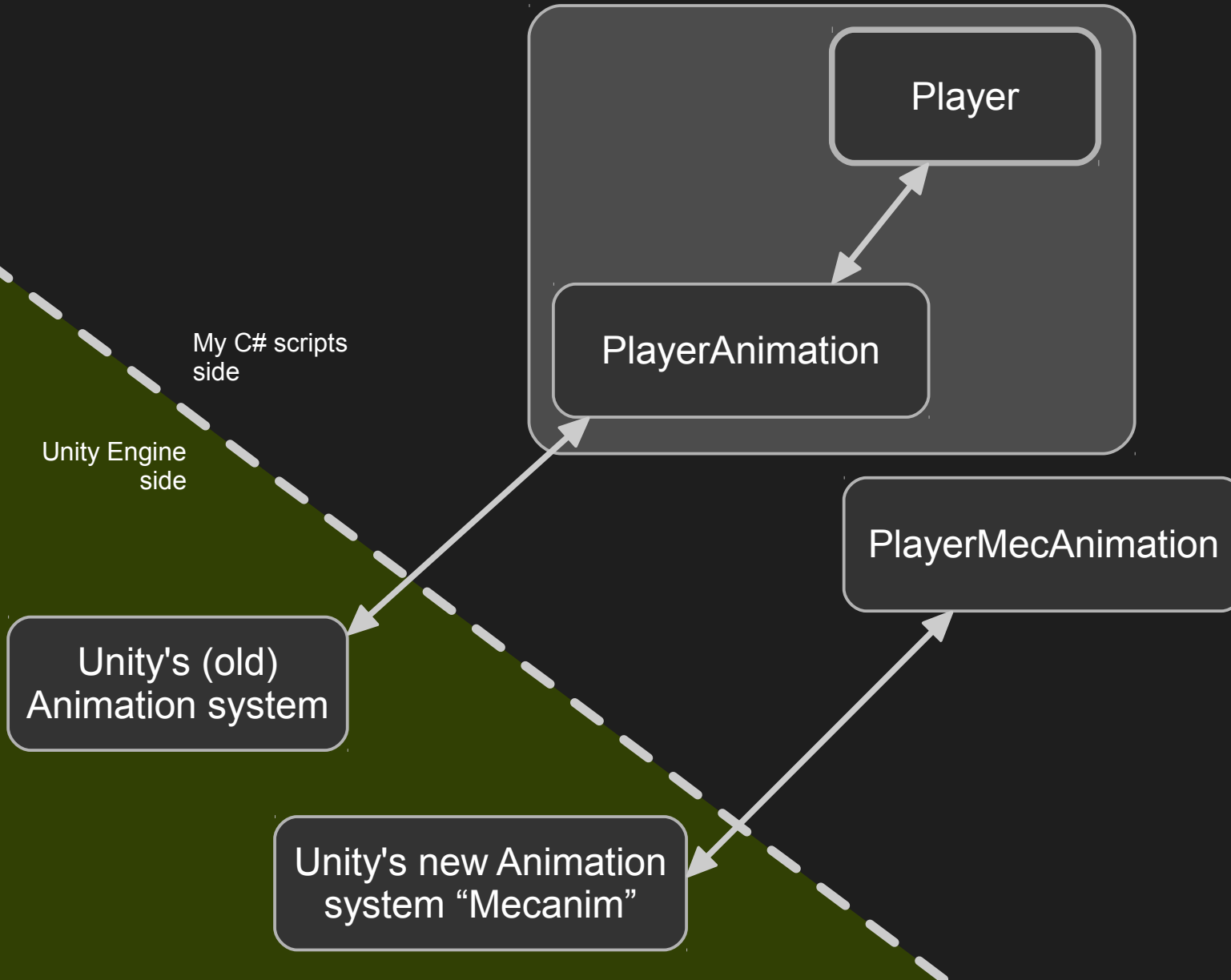
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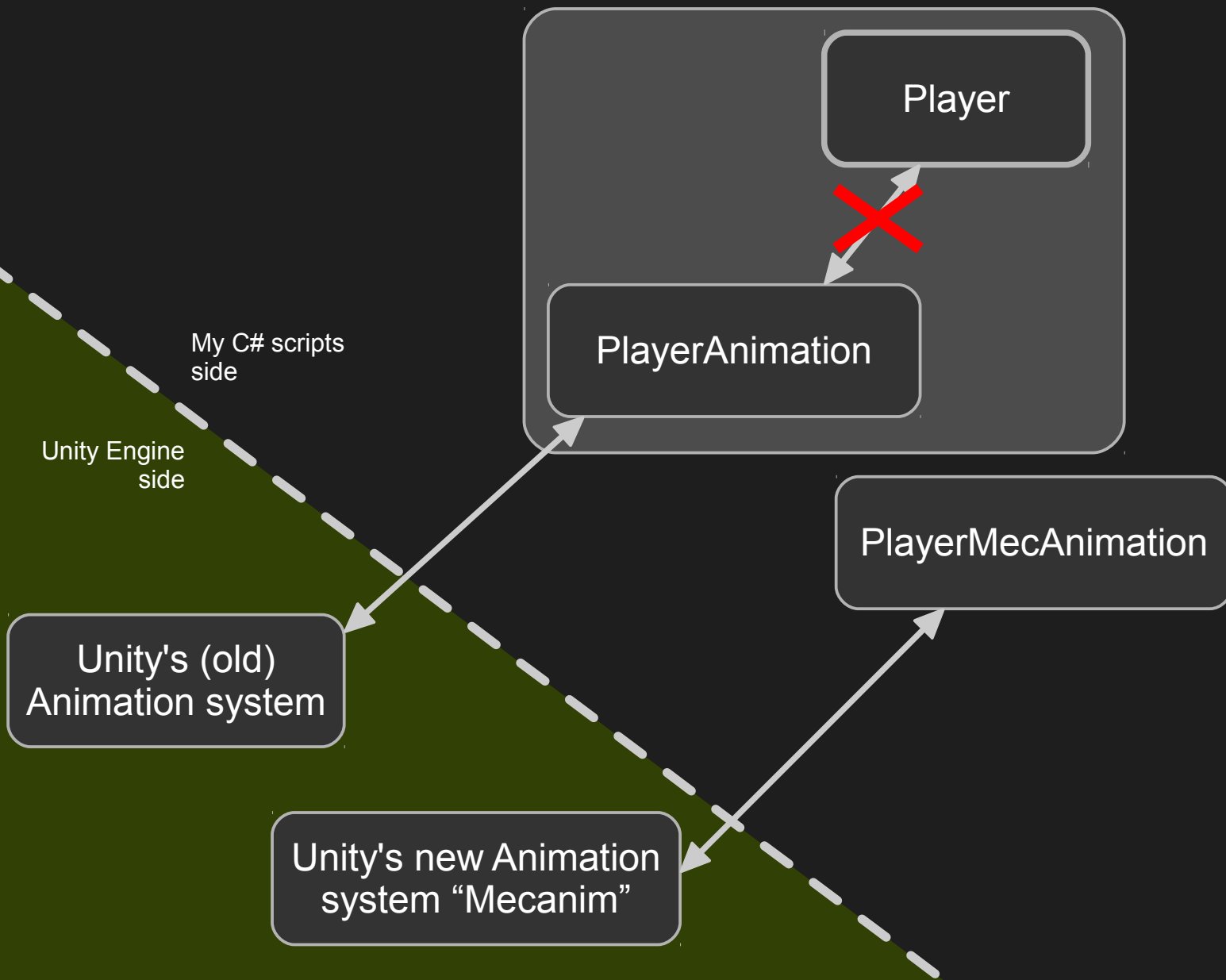


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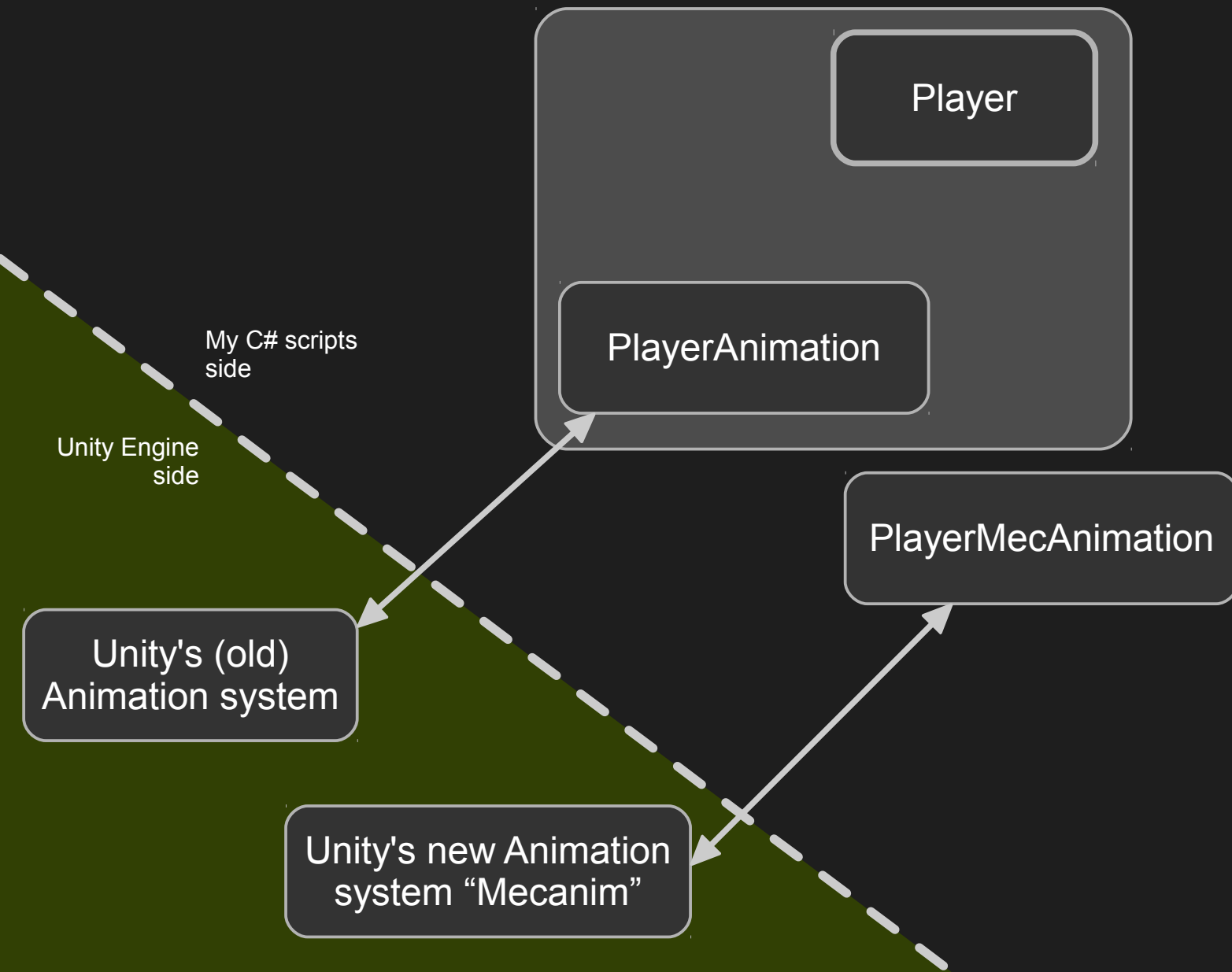
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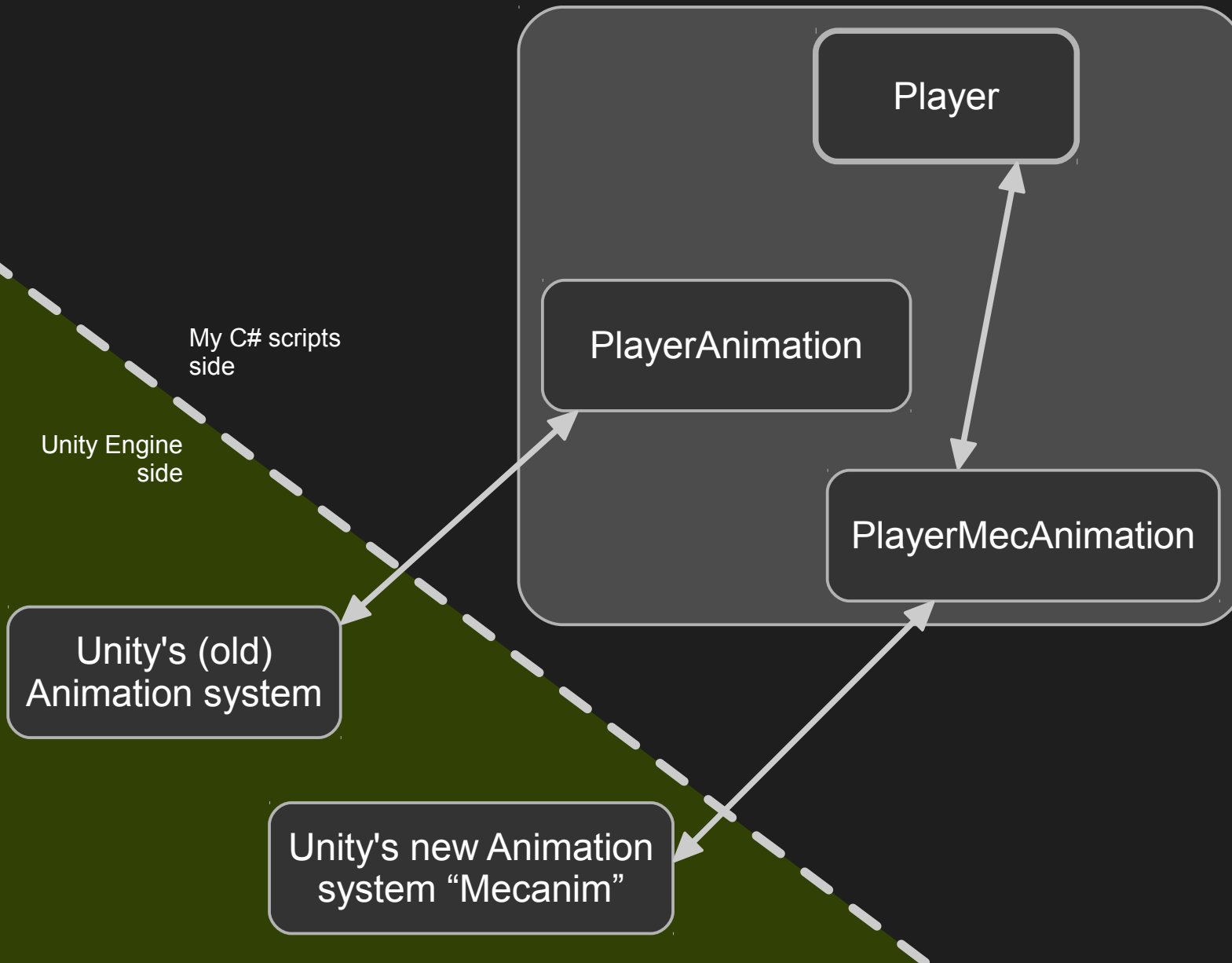
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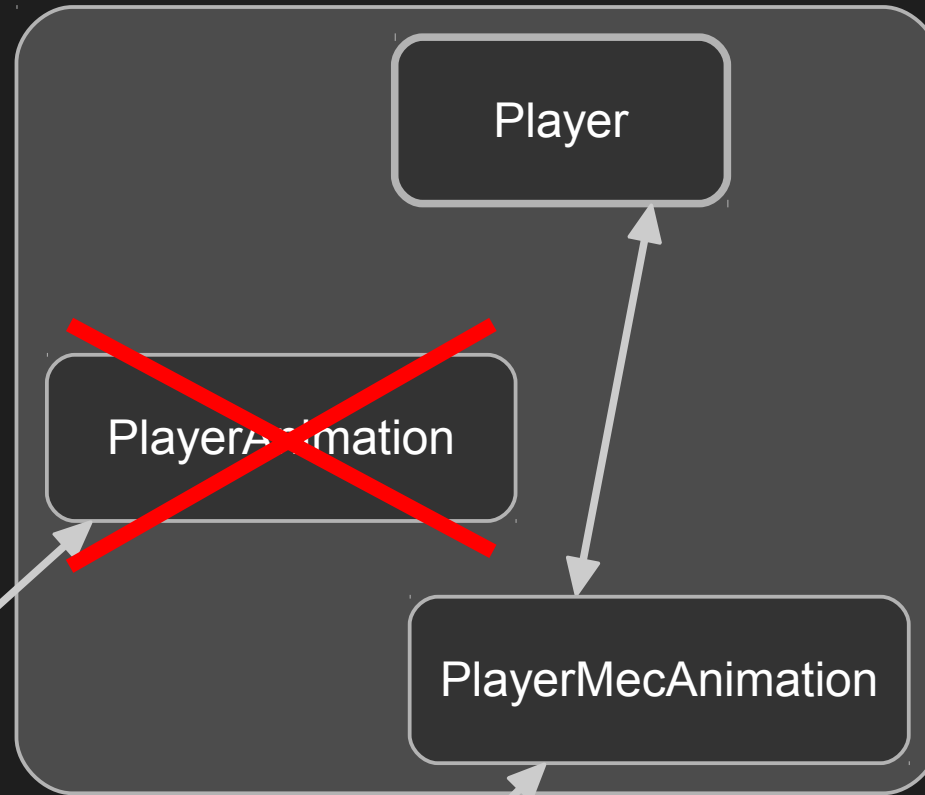
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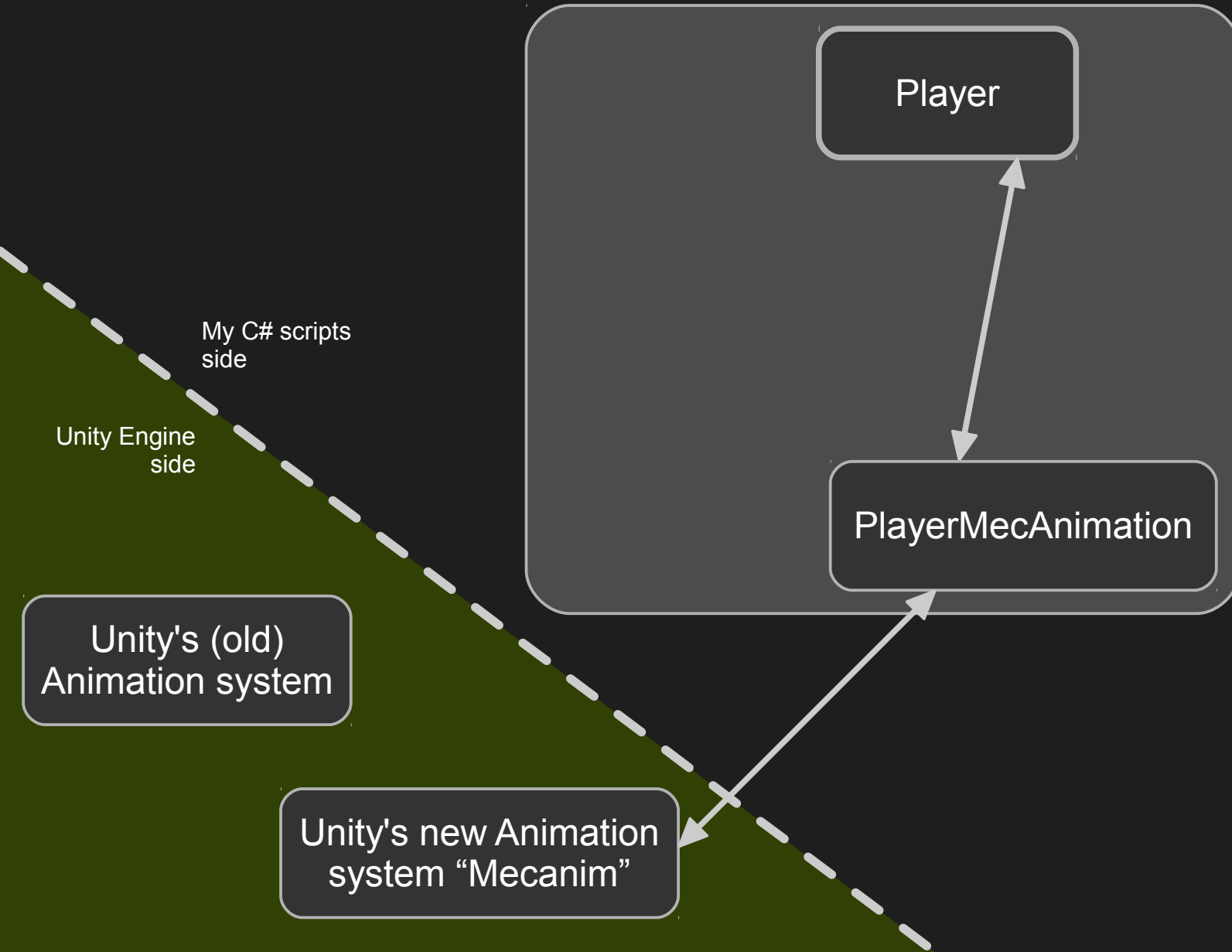
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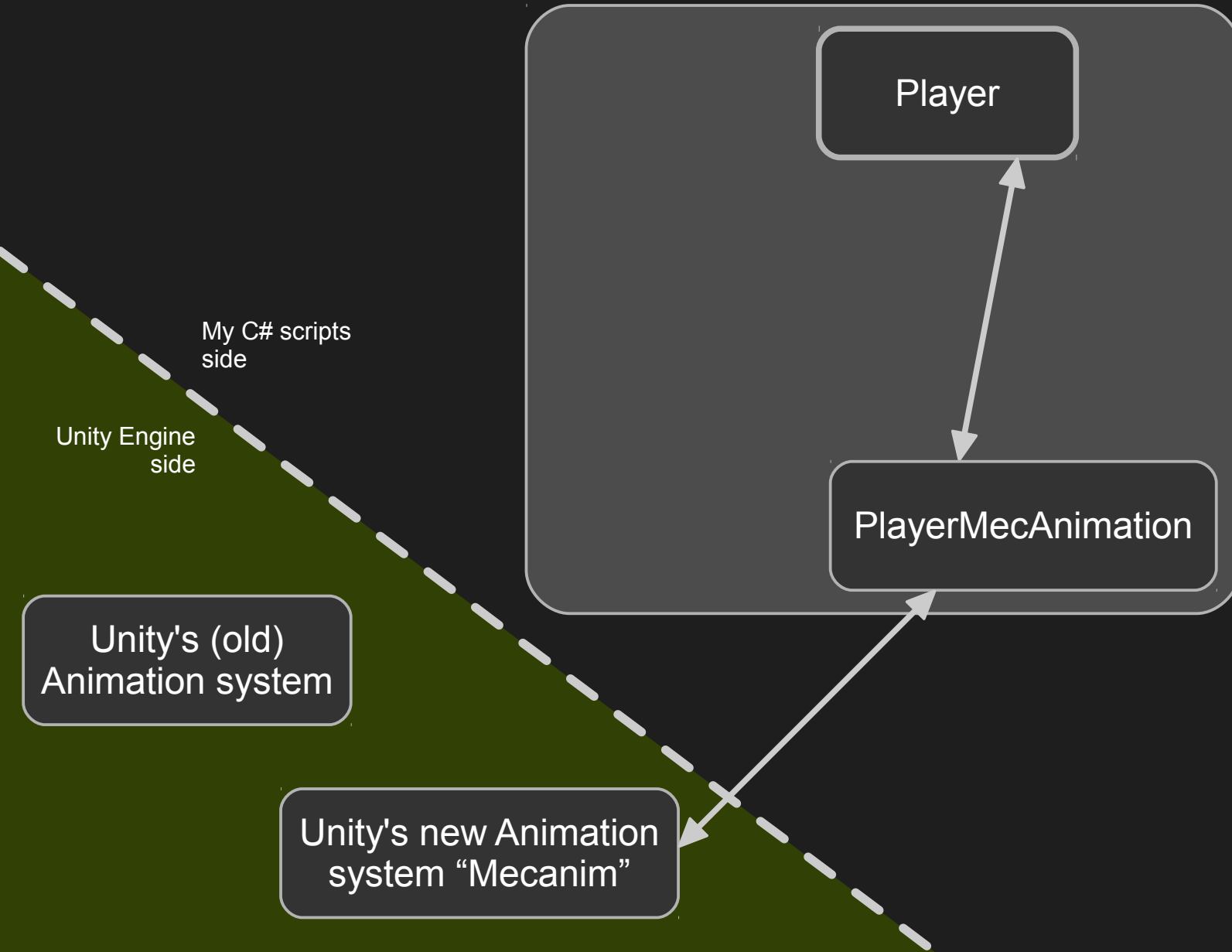
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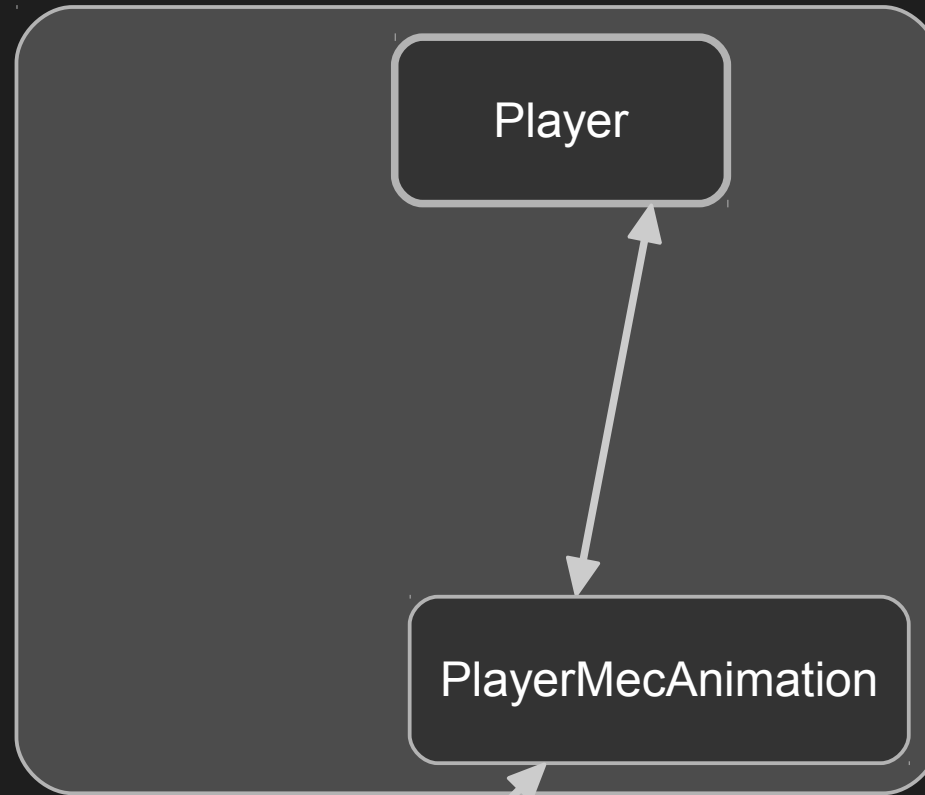
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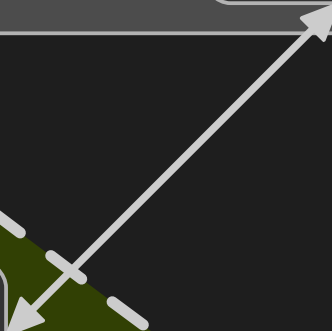
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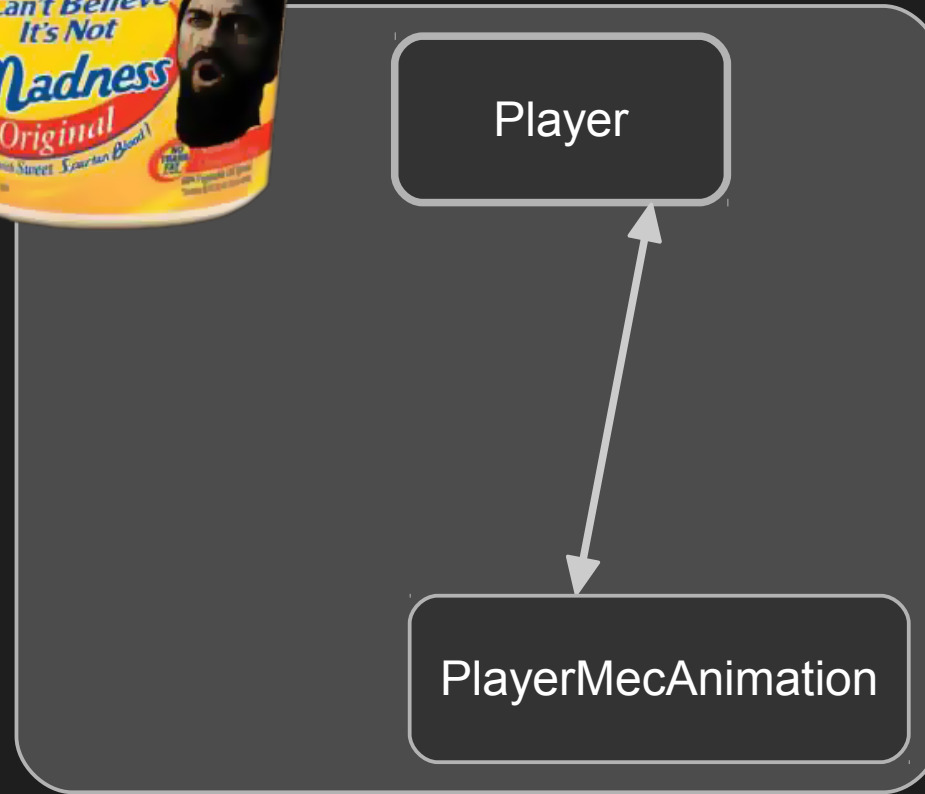
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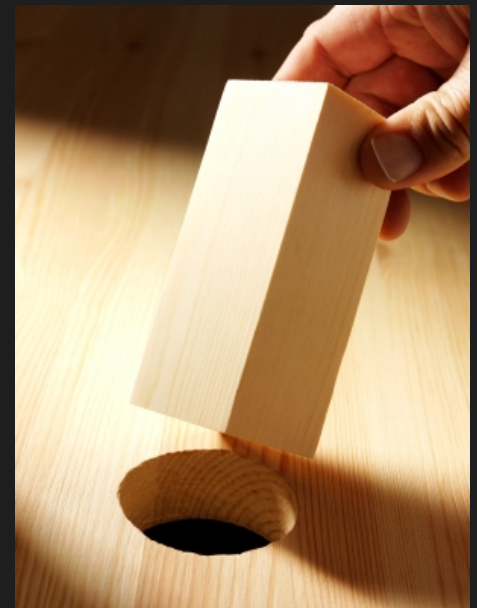
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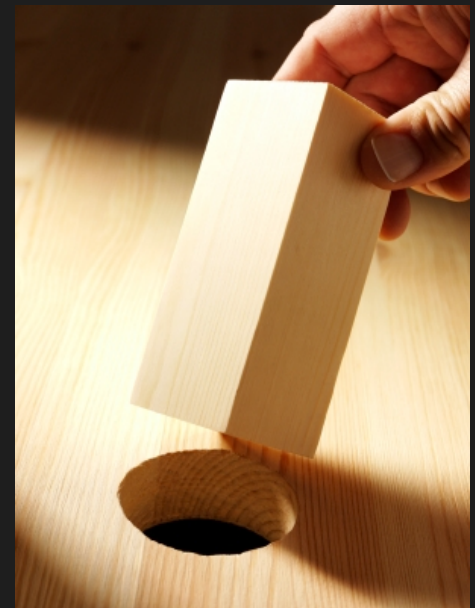
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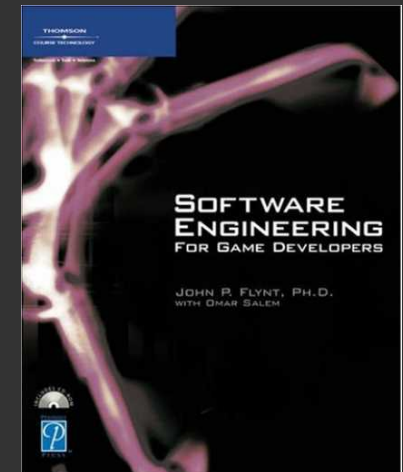
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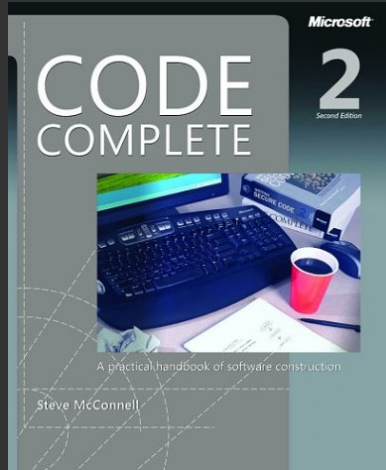
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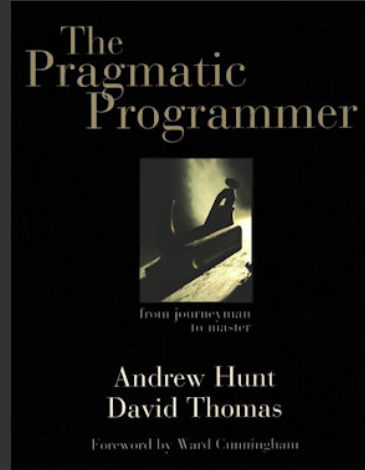
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