



# Conceptual Architecture

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# Content



Introduction of GNUstep

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Use Case and Sequence Diagram

Concurrency

Division of Responsibility

Lesson Learned

# Introduction

- Founded in 1993
- Open-source implementation of the OpenStep specification
- Follows NeXTSTEP and Cocoa API, offering a macOS-like development experience on other platforms
- Supports GUI and Server-side applications
- Architecture style ensures modularity and flexibility
- Very helpful for development



# Evolution

- Inception in 1993
- Evolved to adapt to modern development needs
- Designed as an open-source implementation
- Enhanced over time:
  - multithreading & asynchronous processing
  - modern data models in libs-corebase
  - development of Gorm
  - cross-platform improvements
- Evolved through community
  - GitHub
  - keep updates



# Architecture Style

## Layered Architecture

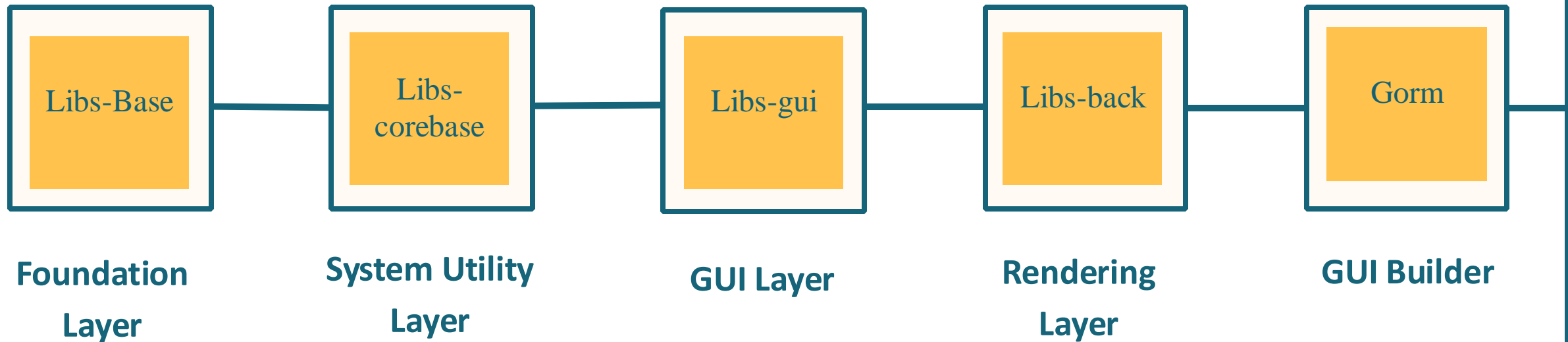
Libs-base(foundation layer)  
libs-gui(application layer)  
Libs-back(rendering layer)

## Object-Oriented

Encapsulation  
Inheritance  
Polymorphism



# System Component & Interaction

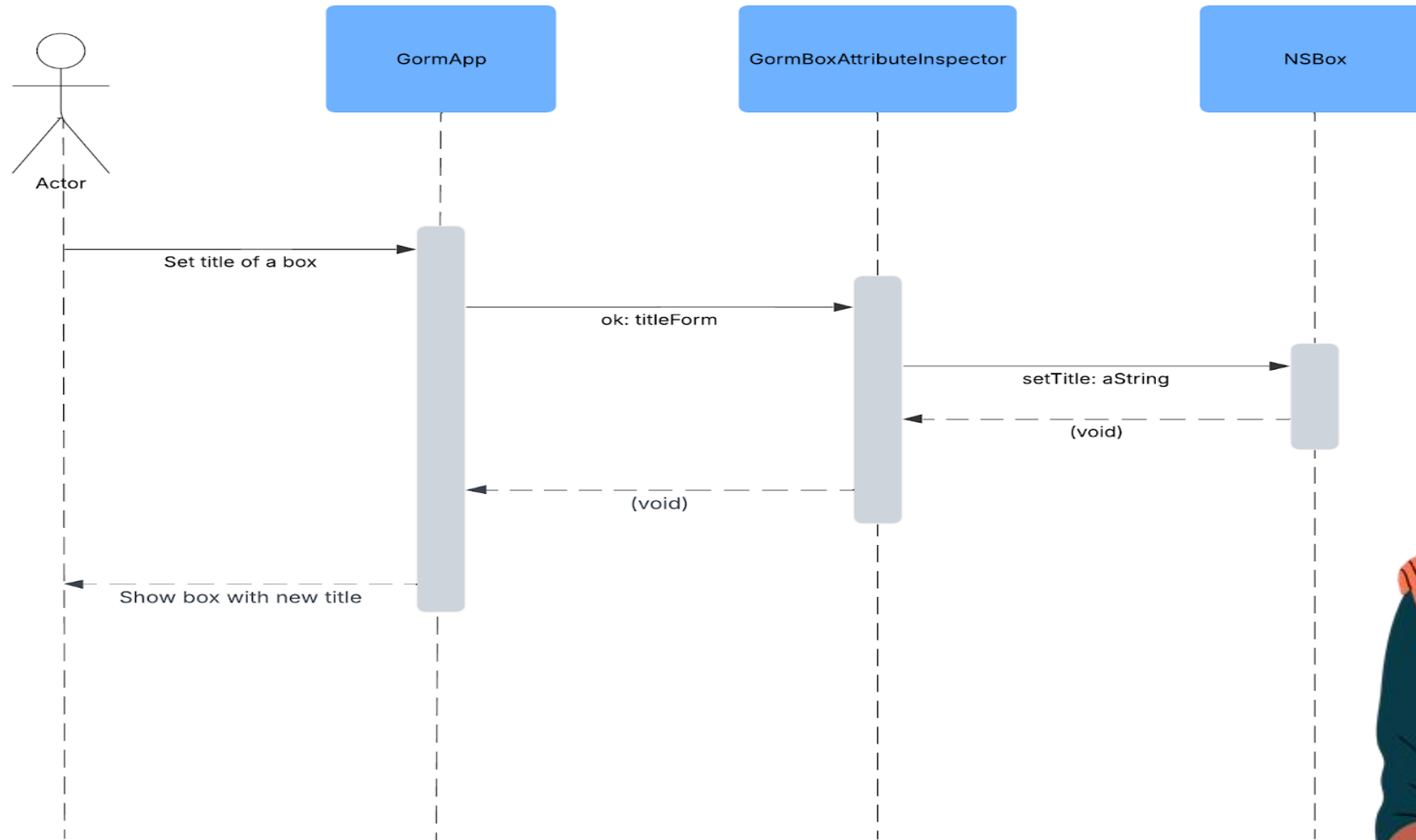


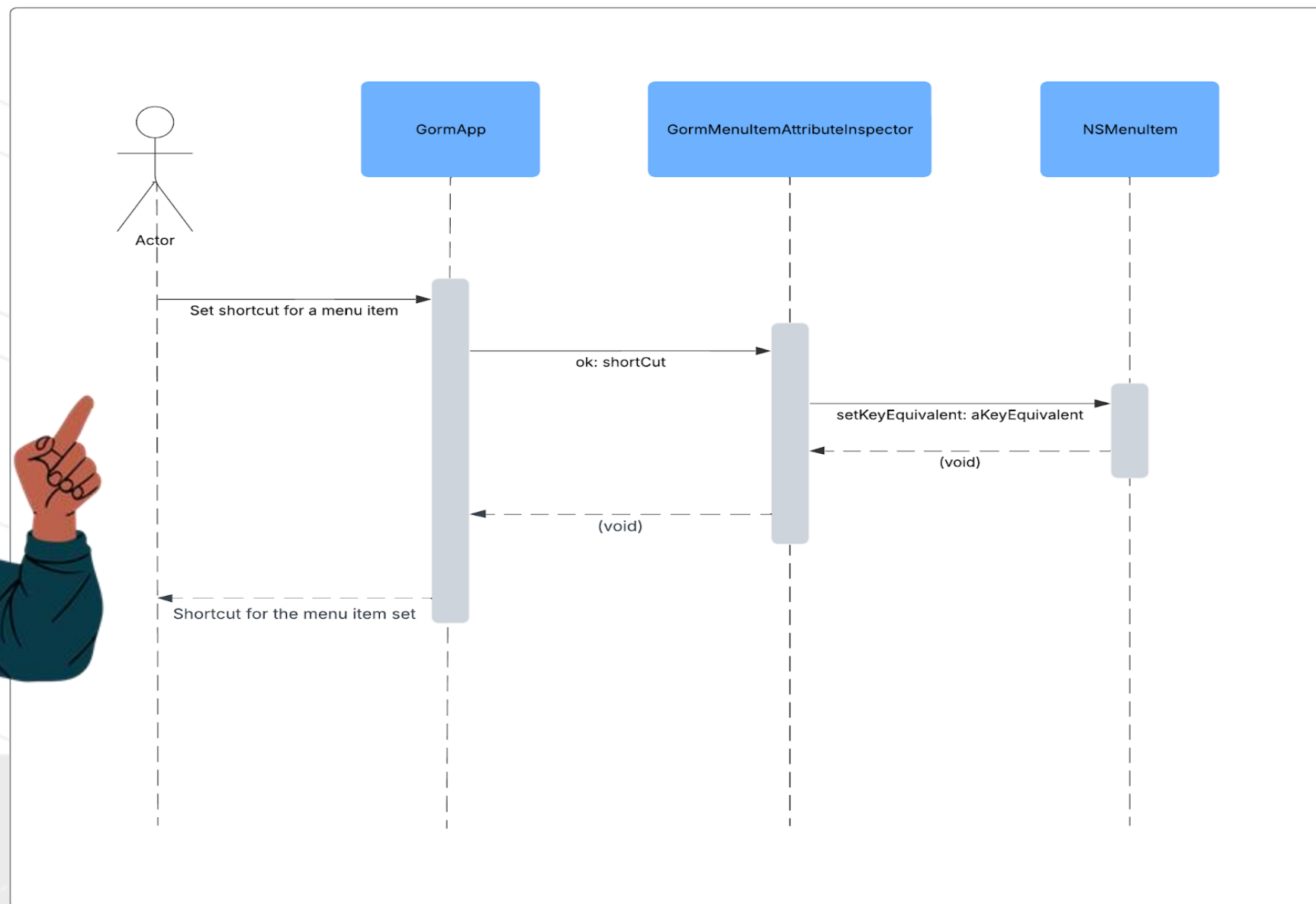
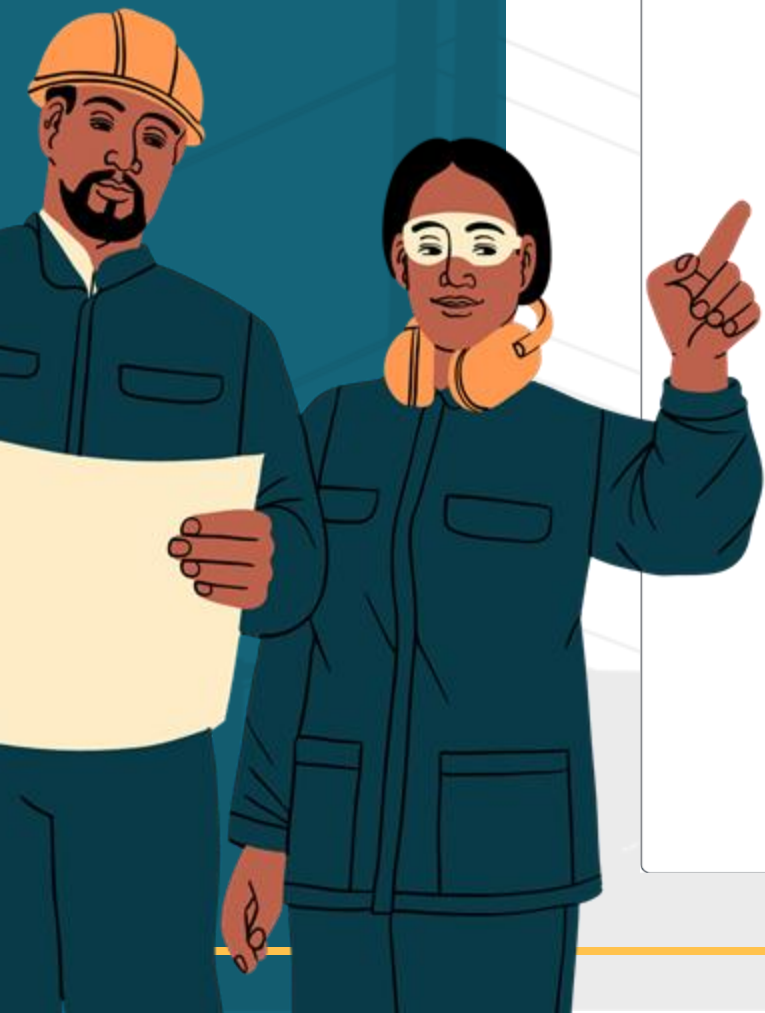
Libs-base & libs-core base -> system services  
Libs-gui handles UI, delegates rendering to libs back  
Libs-back interacts with OS-specific graphics  
Gorm creates UI, processed dynamically by libs-gui



# Use Case and Sequence Diagram









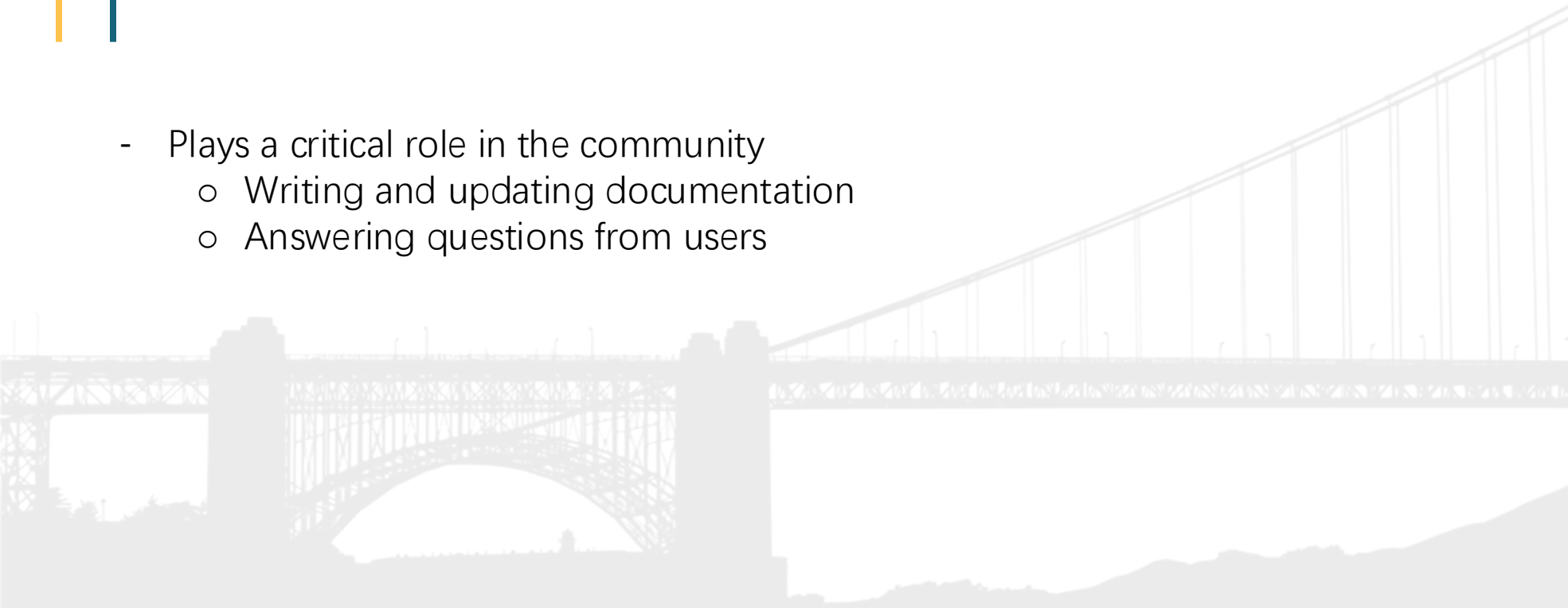
# Concurrency

- GNUstep's libs-base library supports multithreading through the NSThread class
- But the code can run into problems with race conditions, where the threads manipulate the same data at the same time
- To prevent that we can use a Mutex lock provided by the NSLock and NSRecursiveLock



# Division of Responsibility: Documentation and Community Contributors

- Plays a critical role in the community
  - o Writing and updating documentation
  - o Answering questions from users



# Division of Responsibility: Core Library Developer

- Responsible for maintain and update the core libraries of GNUstep such as:
  - Libs-base
  - Libs-corebase
  - Libs-gui
- This includes
  - Low-level APIs in libs-corebase supporting GNUstep's higher level frameworks
  - Ensure compatibility with updating standards
  - Optimize libraries in performance and memory usage
  - Fix security vulnerabilities



# Division of Responsibility:

## GUI and Tooling Devs

- Responsible for creating the GUI and development for GNUStep applications
- These developers develop and maintain the UI frameworks of GNUStep
- They use their UI design and Objective-C skills when developing for GNUStep ecosystem tools like Gorm, GNUstep ORM, etc.



# Conclusion



# Resource Page

- GNUstep source code repositories (libs-base, libs-gui, libs-back, libs-corebase, Gorm). <https://github.com/gnustep>
- GNUstep documentation on classes for concurrency. <https://www.gnustep.org/resources/documentation/Developer/Base/Reference/NSThread.html>
- Compatibility strategies for Cocoa integration. GNUstep Developer Documentation. <https://www.gnustep.org/developers>
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