



Have Your Cake And Eat It Too: Meta- Programming Java

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A Desperate Last Ditch Effort To Make Java Seem Cool



CAN YOU PASS
THE SALT?



I SAID—

I KNOW! I'M DEVELOPING
A SYSTEM TO PASS YOU
ARBITRARY CONDIMENTS.

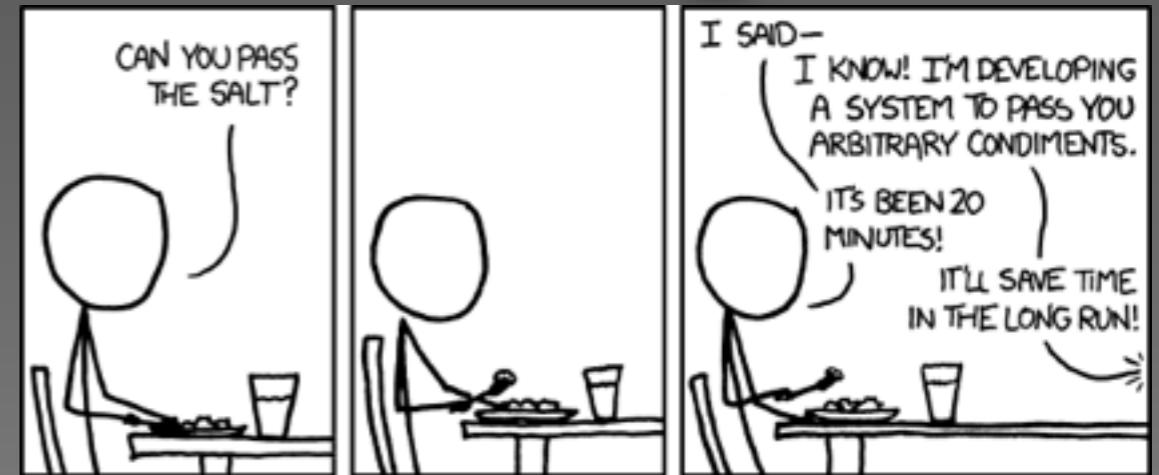
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MINUTES!

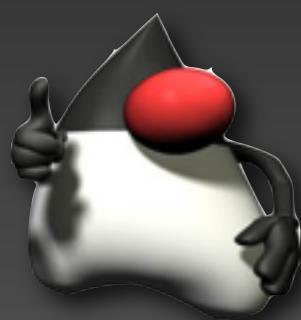
IT'LL SAVE TIME
IN THE LONG RUN!



“I find that when someone's taking time to do something right in the present, they're a perfectionist with no ability to prioritize, whereas when someone took time to do something right in the past, they're a master artisan of great foresight.”

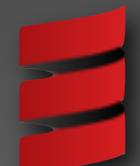
Randall Munroe





Ease of Meta Programming



 Scala

What is Meta- Programming?

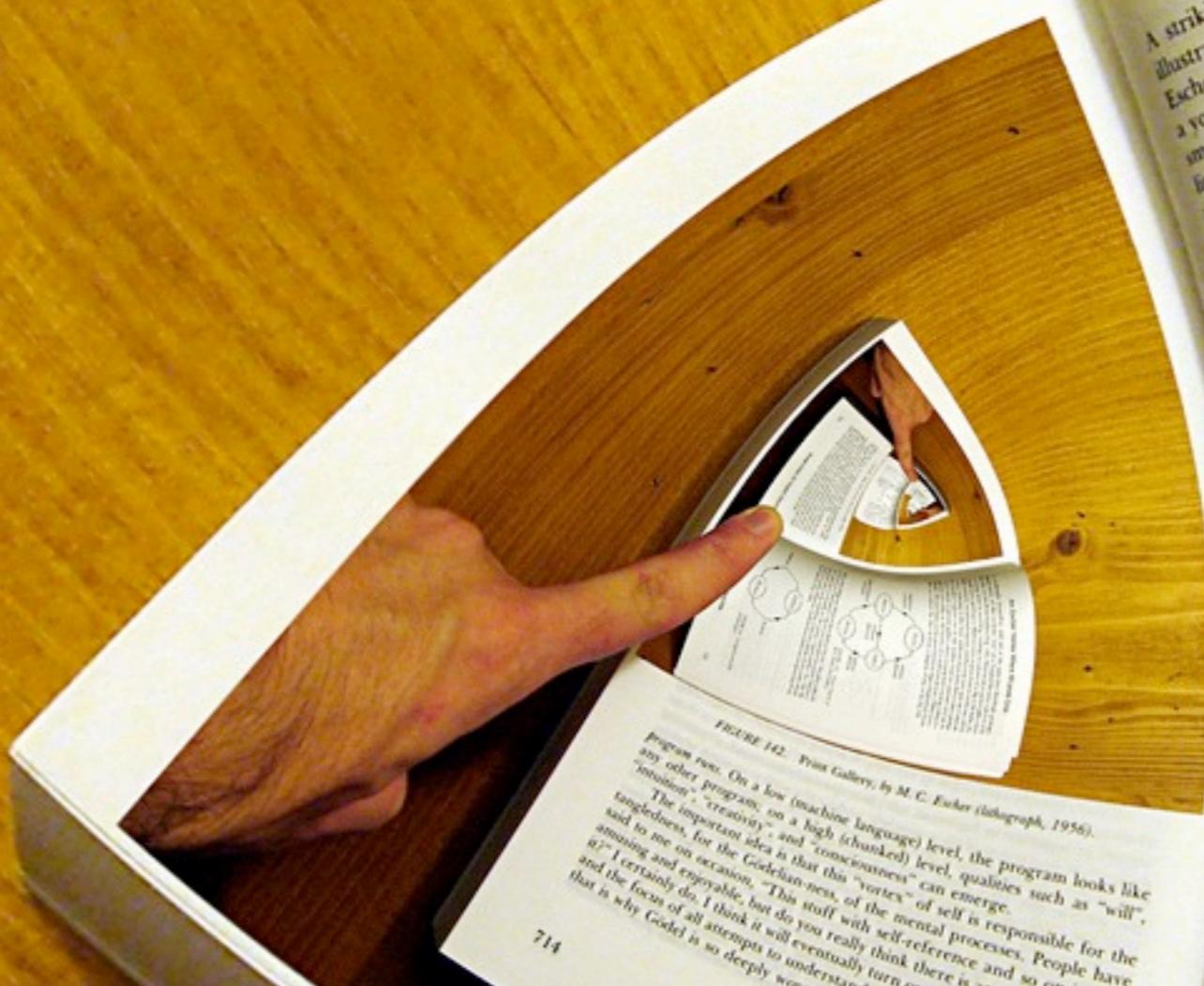


FIGURE 142. Print Gallery, by M. C. Escher (lithograph, 1956).

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An Escher Vortex Where All Levels Cross

A strikingly beautiful, and yet at the same time disturbingly grotesque, illustration of the cyclonic "eye" of a Tangled Hierarchy is given to us by Escher in his *Print Gallery* (Fig. 142). What we see is a picture gallery where a young man is standing, looking at a picture of a ship in the harbor of a small town, perhaps a Maltese town, to guess from the architecture, with its little turrets, occasional cupolas, and flat stone roofs, upon one of which sits a boy, relaxing in the heat, while two floors below him a woman—perhaps his mother—gazes out of the window from her apartment which sits directly above a picture gallery where a young man is standing, looking at a picture of a ship in the harbor of a small town, perhaps a Maltese town—What? We are back on the same level as we began, though all logic dictates that we cannot be. Let us draw a diagram of what we see (Fig. 143).

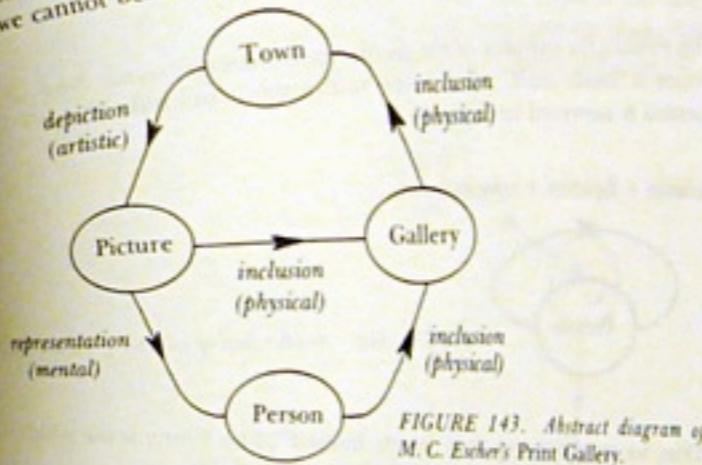


FIGURE 143. Abstract diagram of M. C. Escher's Print Gallery.

What this diagram shows is three kinds of "in-ness". The gallery is *physically* in the town ("inclusion"); the town is *artistically* in the picture ("depiction"); the picture is *mentally* in the person ("representation"). Now while this diagram may seem satisfying, in fact it is arbitrary, for the number of levels shown is quite arbitrary. Look below at another way of representing the top half alone (Fig. 144).

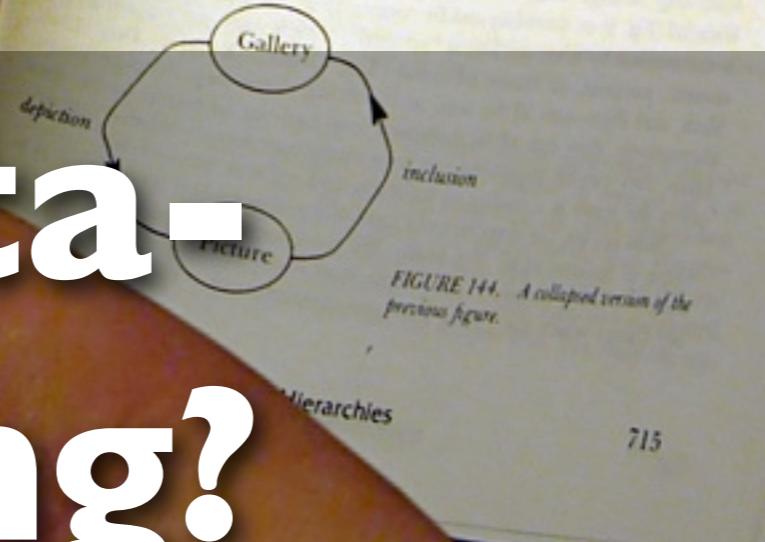


FIGURE 144. A collapsed version of the previous figure.

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FIGURE 142. Print Gallery, by M. C. Escher (lithograph)

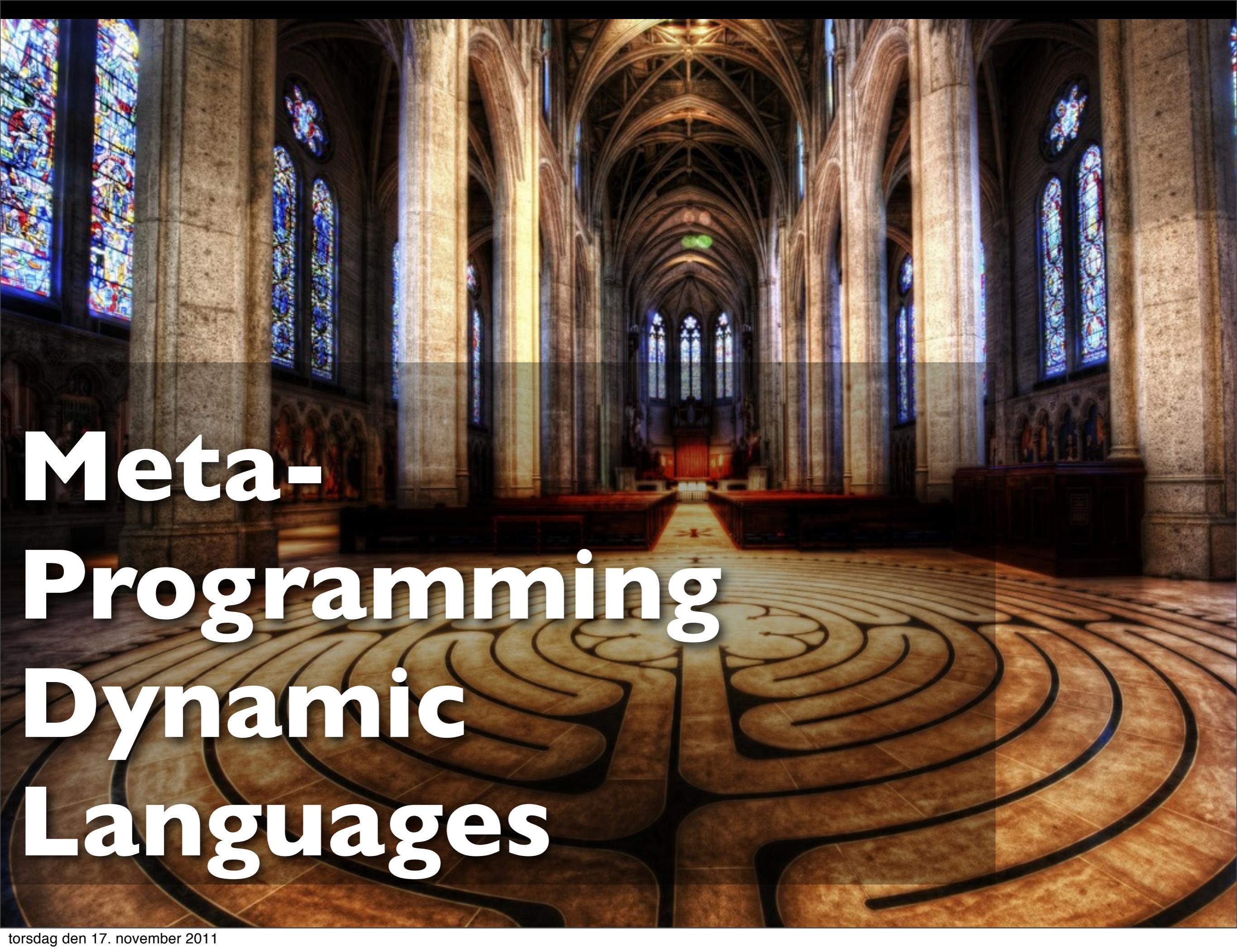
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Code Reuse

without inheritance

Bølgepølette

The background image shows the interior of a cathedral with tall, thin columns and stained glass windows. The floor features a large, intricate labyrinth design. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular box covers the middle portion of the image, containing the title text.

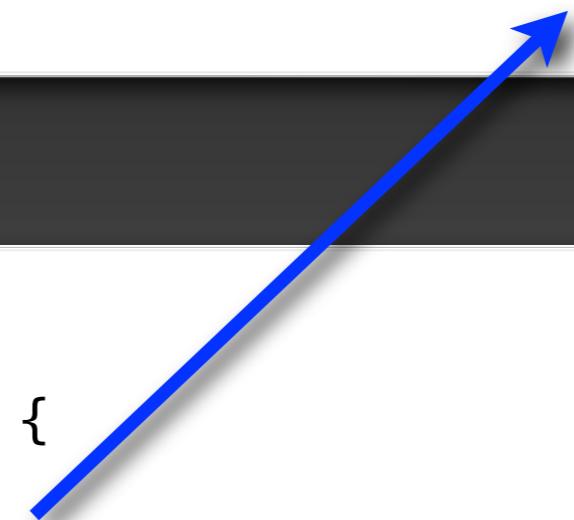
Meta- Programming Dynamic Languages

```
<p>
  <input type="text" size="10" id="v1"> *
  <input type="text" size="10" id="v2">
  <button id="calc">=</button>
  <span id="result"><em>none</em></span>
</p>
<hr>
<p>
  mult() invocations: <span id="count">0</span>
</p>
```

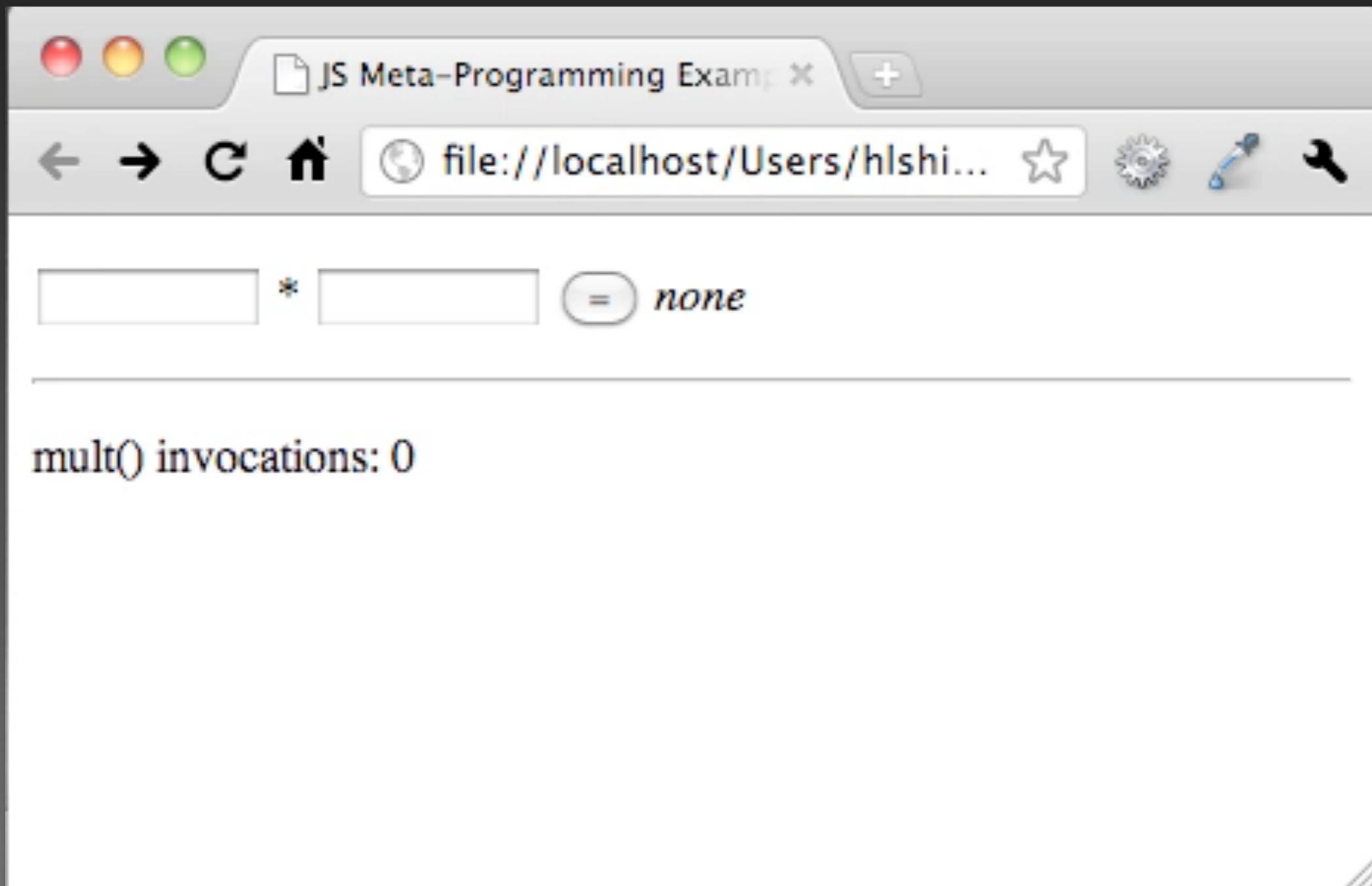
```
var count = 0;

function mult(v1, v2) {
    $("#count").text(++count);

    return v1 * v2;
}
```



```
$(function() {
    $("#calc").click(function() {
        var v1 = parseInt($("#v1").val());
        var v2 = parseInt($("#v2").val());
        $("#result").text(mult(v1, v2));
    });
});
```



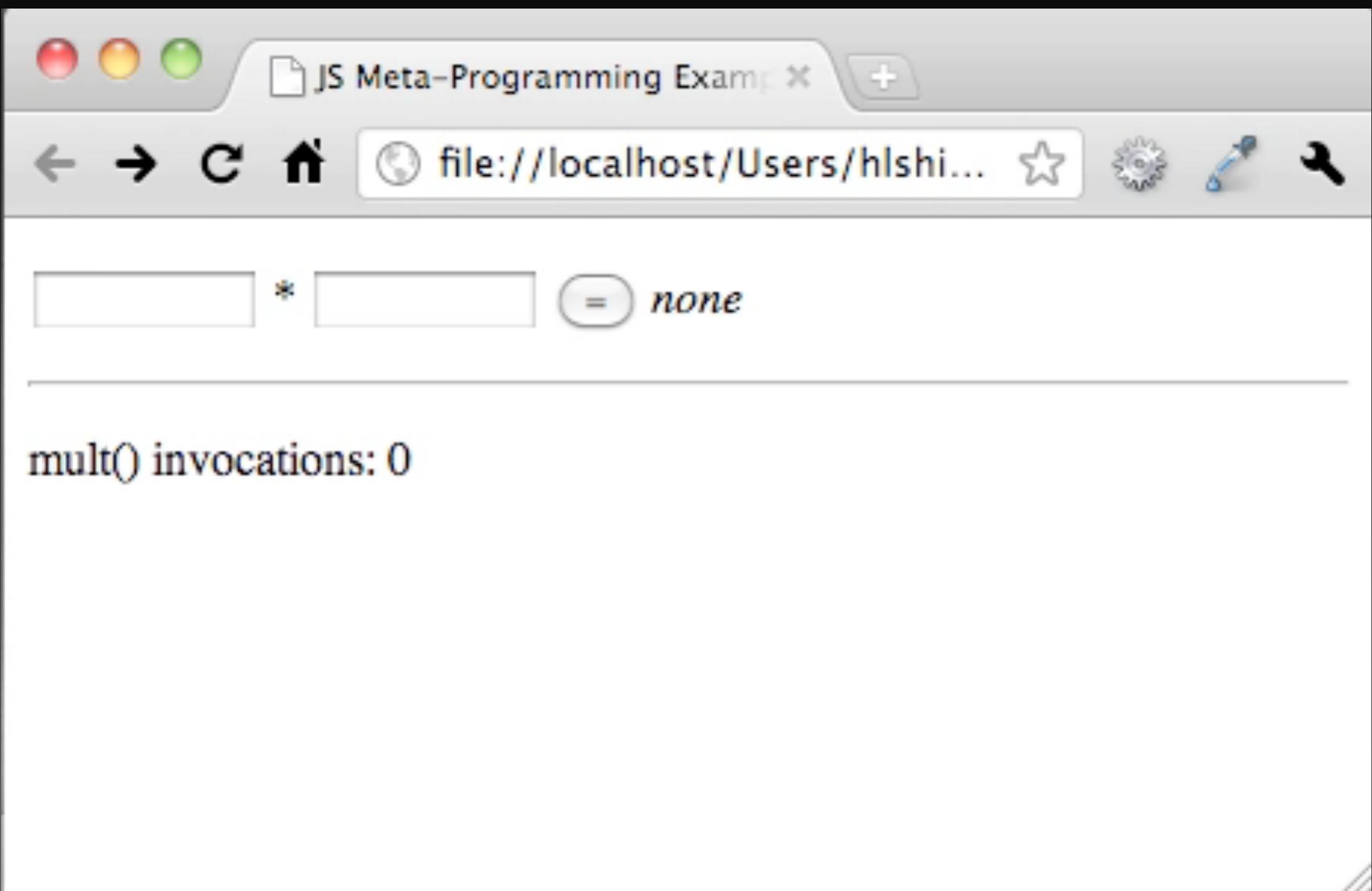
function | 'fə nək sh ən |

noun

A function, in a mathematical sense, expresses the idea that one quantity (the argument of the function, also known as the input) ***completely determines*** another quantity (the value, or the output).

```
function memoize(originalfn) {  
  var invocationCache = {};  
  
  return function() {  
    var args = Array.prototype.slice.call(arguments);  
  
    var priorResult = invocationCache[args];  
  
    if (priorResult !== undefined) {  
      return priorResult;  
    }  
    var result = originalfn.apply(null, arguments);  
    invocationCache[args] = result;  
  
    return result;  
  };  
}  
  
mult = memoize(mult);
```

Danger!



```
(defn memoize
  "Returns a memoized version of a referentially transparent function. The
  memoized version of the function keeps a cache of the mapping from arguments
  to results and, when calls with the same arguments are repeated often, has
  higher performance at the expense of higher memory use."
  {:added "1.0"
   :static true}
  [f]
  (let [mem (atom {})]
    (fn [& args]
      (if-let [e (find @mem args)]
          (val e)
          (let [ret (apply f args)]
            (swap! mem assoc args ret)
            ret))))
```

Python

```
def memoize(function):
    cache = {}
    def decorated_function(*args):
        if args in cache:
            return cache[args]
        else:
            val = function(*args)
            cache[args] = val
            return val
    return decorated_function
```

Ruby

```
module Memoize
  def memoize(name)
    cache = {}

    (class<<self; self; end).send(:define_method, name) do |*args|
      unless cache.has_key?(args)
        cache[args] = super(*args)
      end
      cache[args]
    end
    cache
  end
end
```

Java?

**Uh, maybe
a Subclass?**



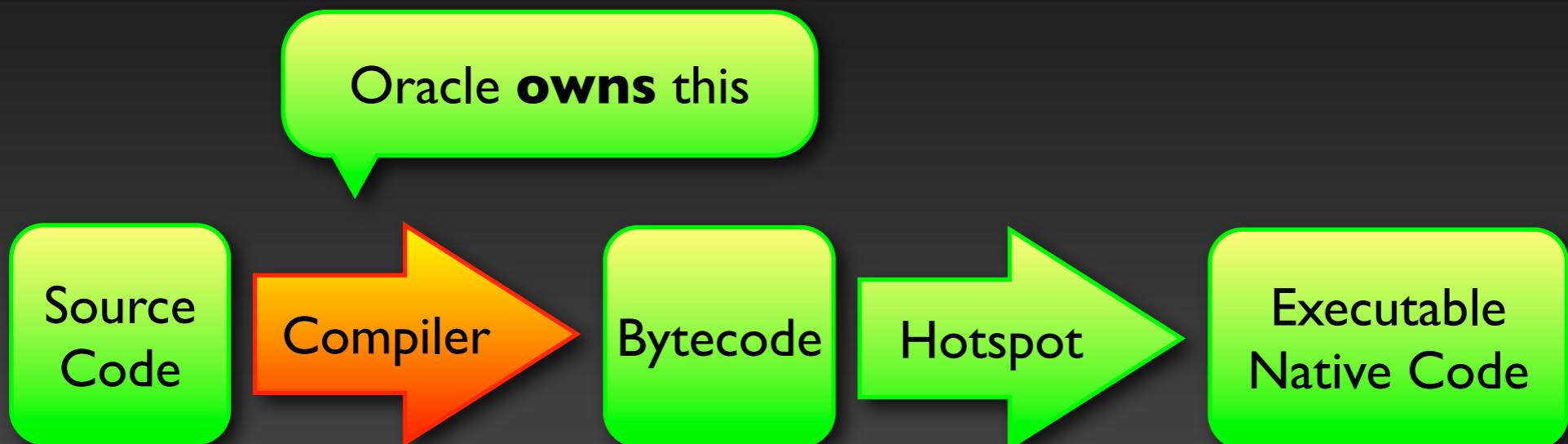
"Closed" Language Challenges

**“Java is C++ without the
guns, knives, and clubs”**

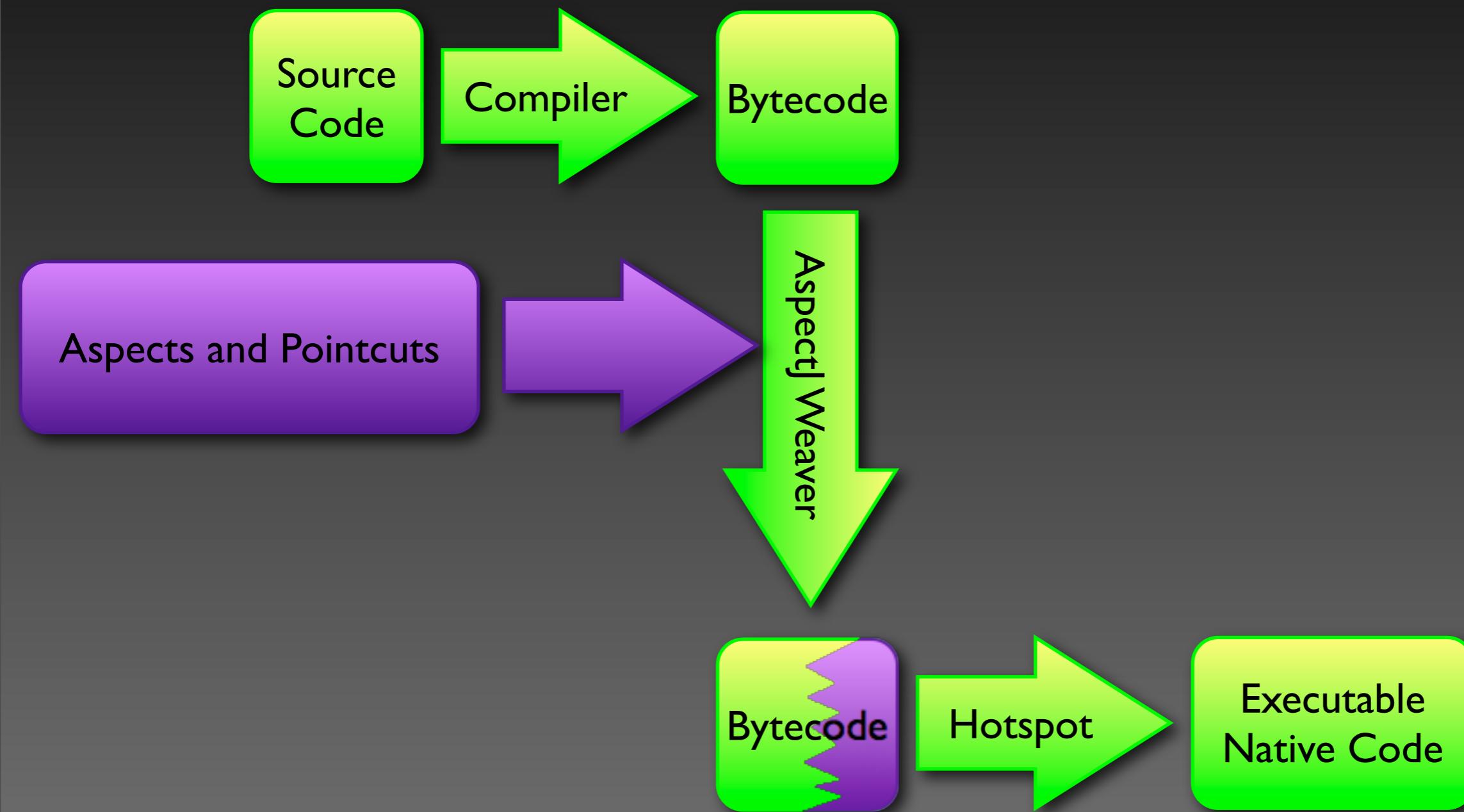
James Gosling

“JavaScript has more in common with functional languages like Lisp or Scheme than with C or Java”

Douglas Crockford



AspectJ



Not targeted on any specific class or method

```
public abstract aspect Memoize pertarget(method()) {  
    HashMap cache = new HashMap();  
  
    String makeKey(Object[] args) {  
        String key = "";  
        for (int i = 0; i < args.length; i++) {  
            key += args[i].toString();  
            if (i < (args.length - 1)) {  
                key += ",";  
            }  
        }  
        return key;  
    }  
  
    abstract pointcut method();  
  
    Object around(): method() {  
        String key = makeKey(thisJoinPoint.getArgs());  
        if (cache.containsKey(key)) {  
            return cache.get(key);  
        } else {  
            Object result = proceed();  
            cache.put(key, result);  
            return result;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

The key is formed from the `toString()` values of the parameters. lck.

Extend Memoize to
apply to specific classes &
methods

```
public aspect MemoizeFib extends Memoize {  
    pointcut method(): call(int Test.fib(int));  
}
```

Identify method(s) to be
targeted by Aspect



Tapestry Plastic

Java Meta- Programming Trinity

Bytecode
Manipulation

Rewrite simple classes on
the fly

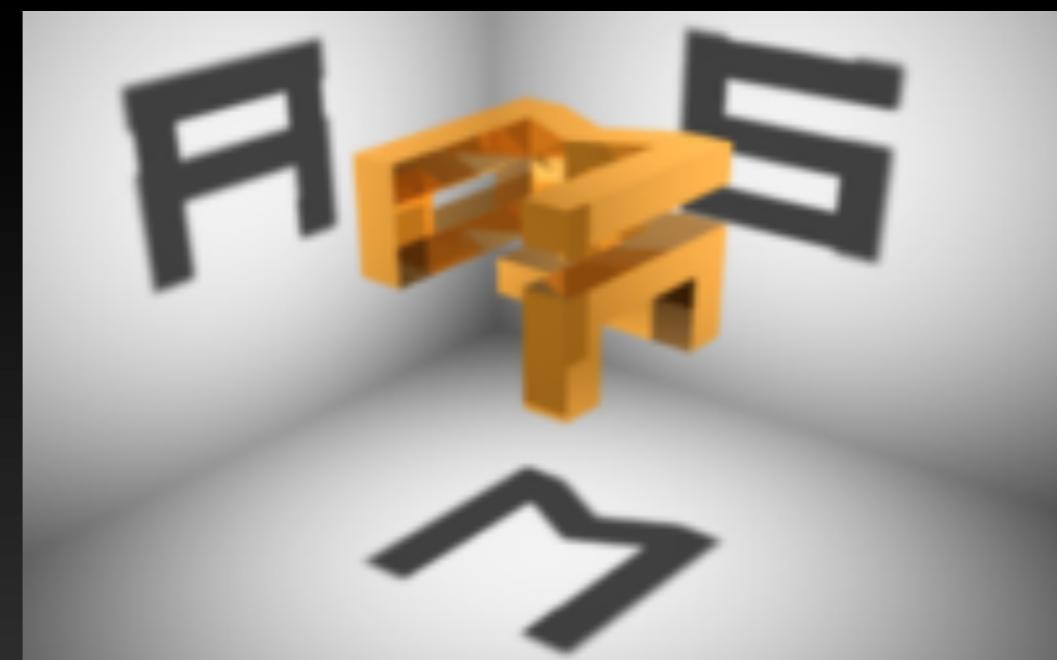
Annotations

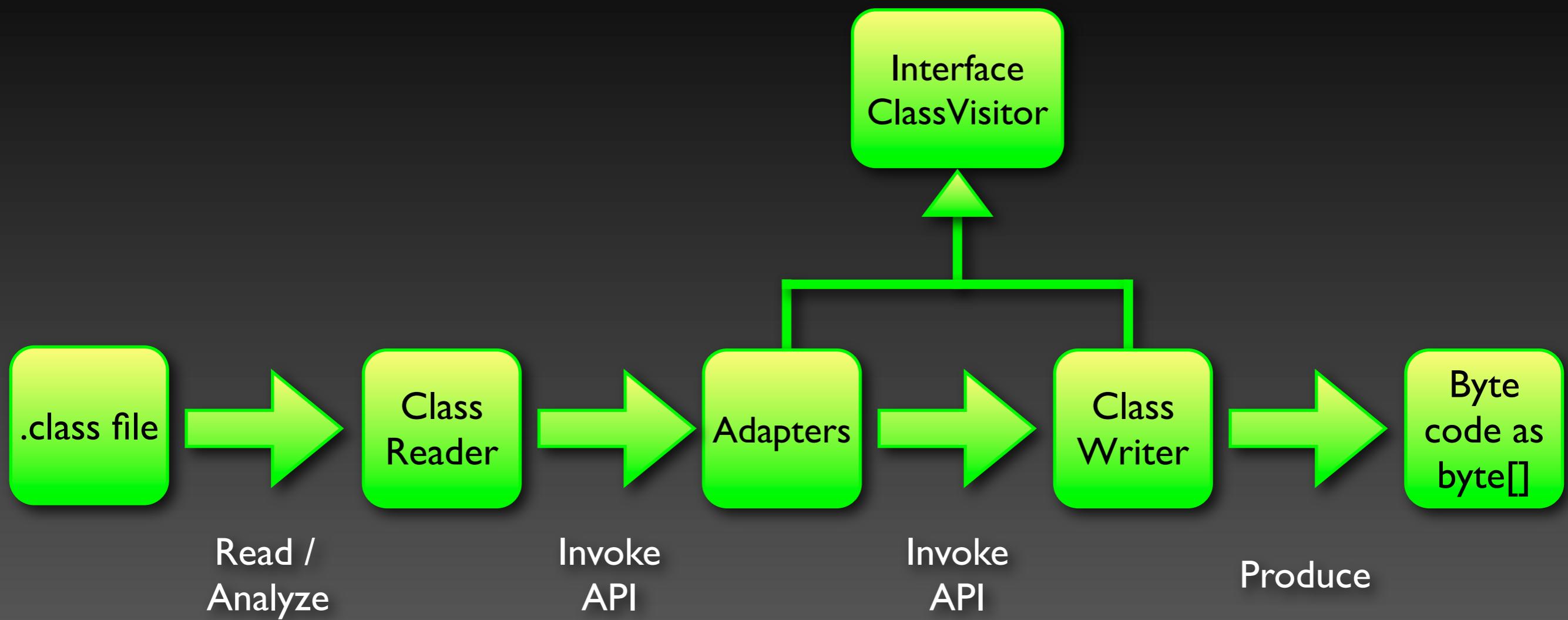
Component
Architecture

Identify which classes/
methods/fields to change

ASM 3.3.1

- Small & Fast
- Used in:
 - Clojure
 - Groovy
 - Hibernate
 - Spring
 - JDK





Reader: parse bytecode, invoke methods on ClassVisitor

```
ClassReader reader = new ClassReader("com.example.MyClass");
ClassWriter writer = new ClassWriter(reader, 0);

ClassVisitor visitor = new AddFieldAdapter(writer, ACC_PRIVATE,
    "invokeCount", "I");

reader.accept(visitor, 0);
byte[] bytecode = writer.toByteArray();
```

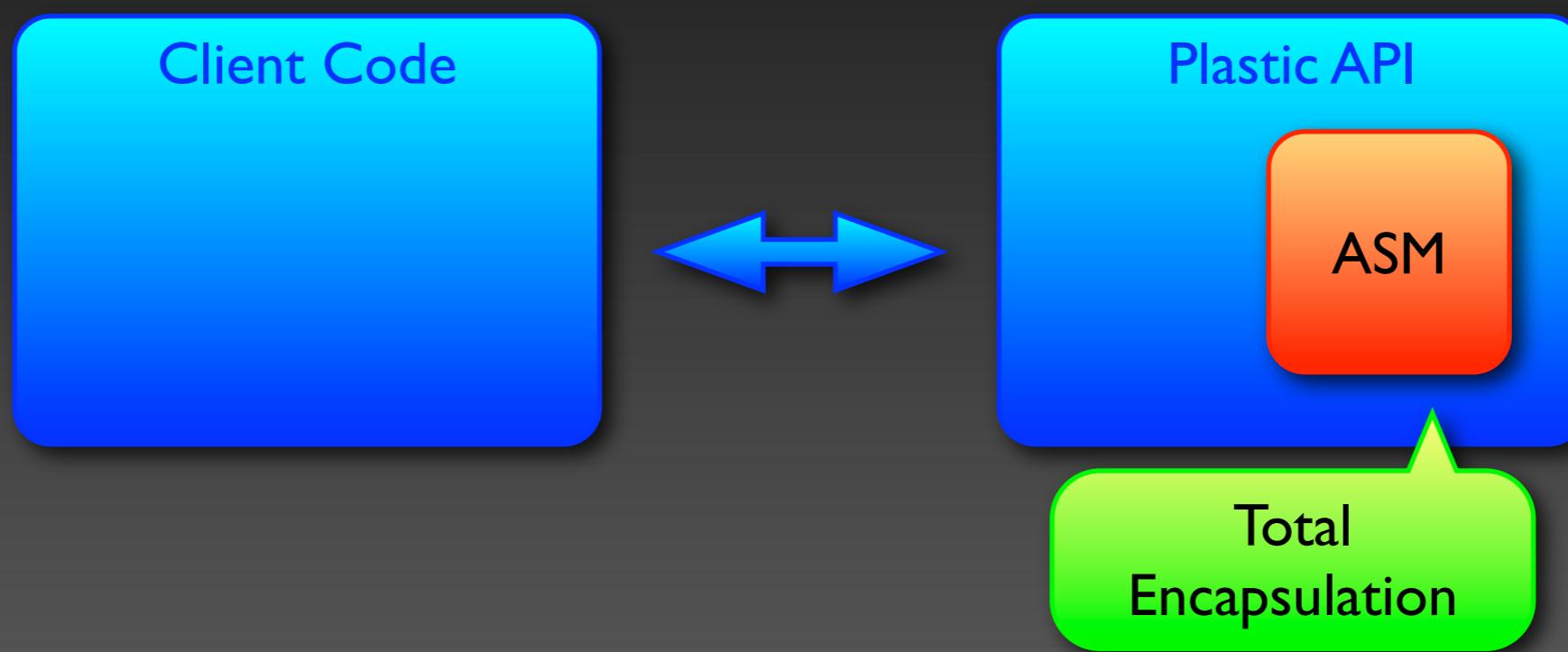
Adaptor: Sits between Reader & Writer

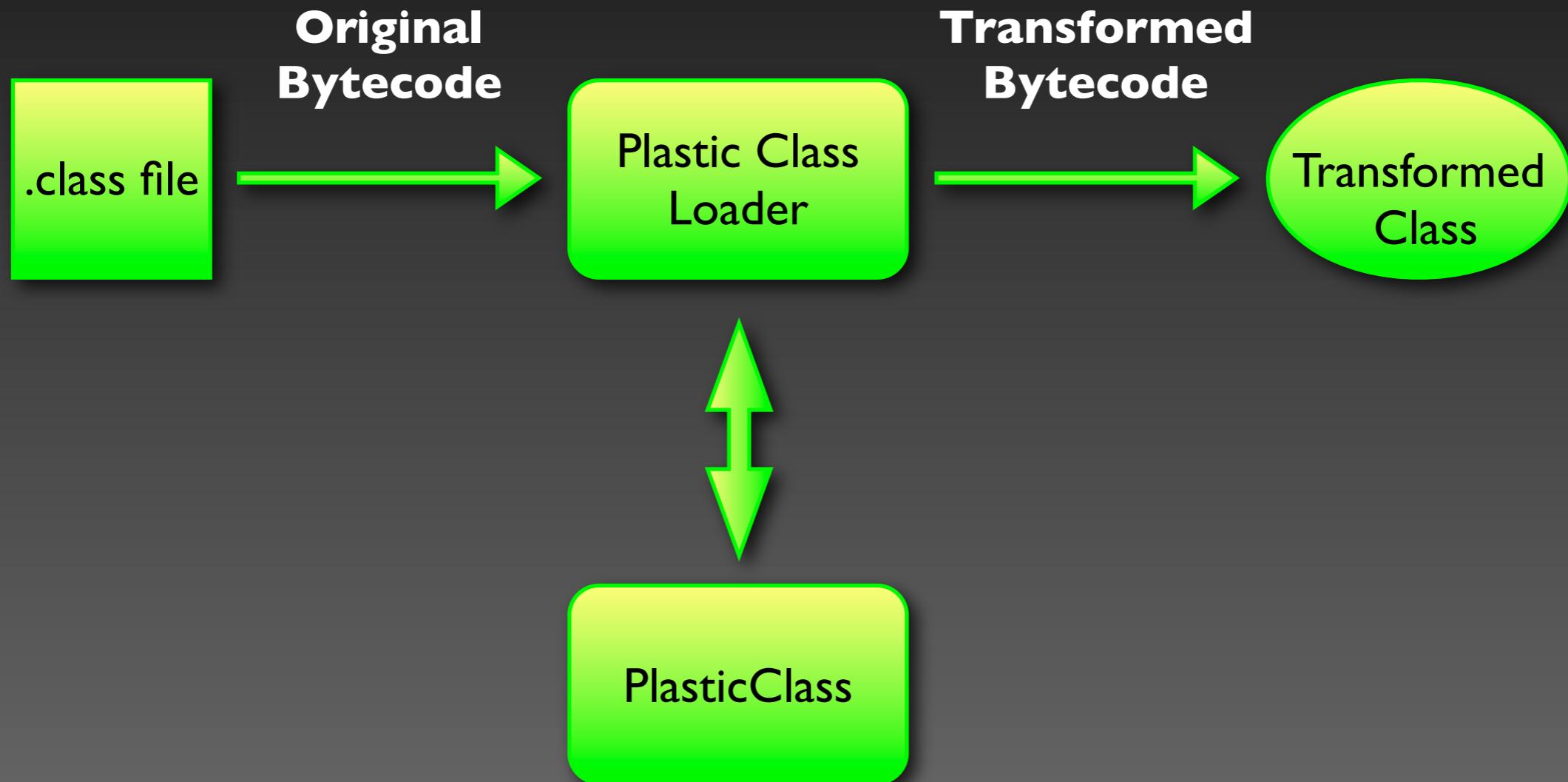
Writer: methods construct bytecode

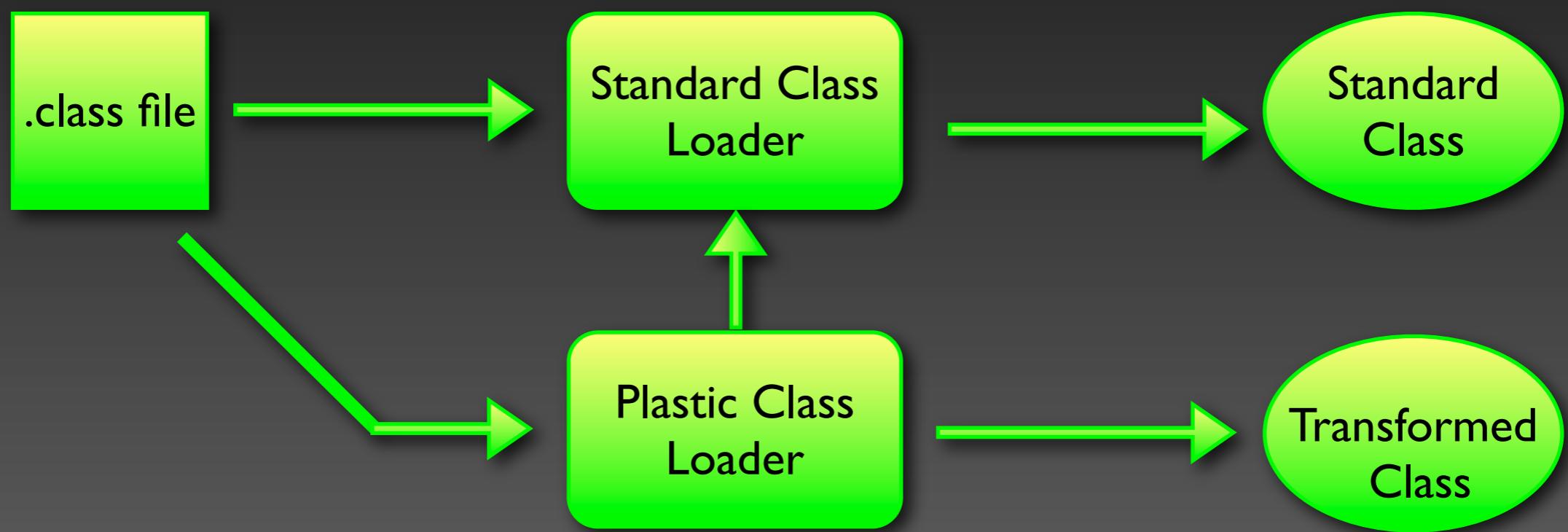
Most methods delegate to ClassVisitor

```
public class AddFieldAdapter extends ClassAdapter {  
    private final int fAcc;  
    private final String fName;  
    private final String fDesc;  
  
    public AddFieldAdapter(ClassVisitor cv, int fAcc, String fName, String fDesc) {  
        super(cv);  
        this.fAcc = fAcc;  
        this.fName = fName;  
        this.fDesc = fDesc;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void visitEnd() {  
        FieldVisitor fv = cv.visitField(fAcc, fName, fDesc, null, null);  
        if (fv != null) {  
            fv.visitEnd();  
        }  
        cv.visitEnd();  
    }  
}
```

"Simulate" a field read from the input class
after everything else



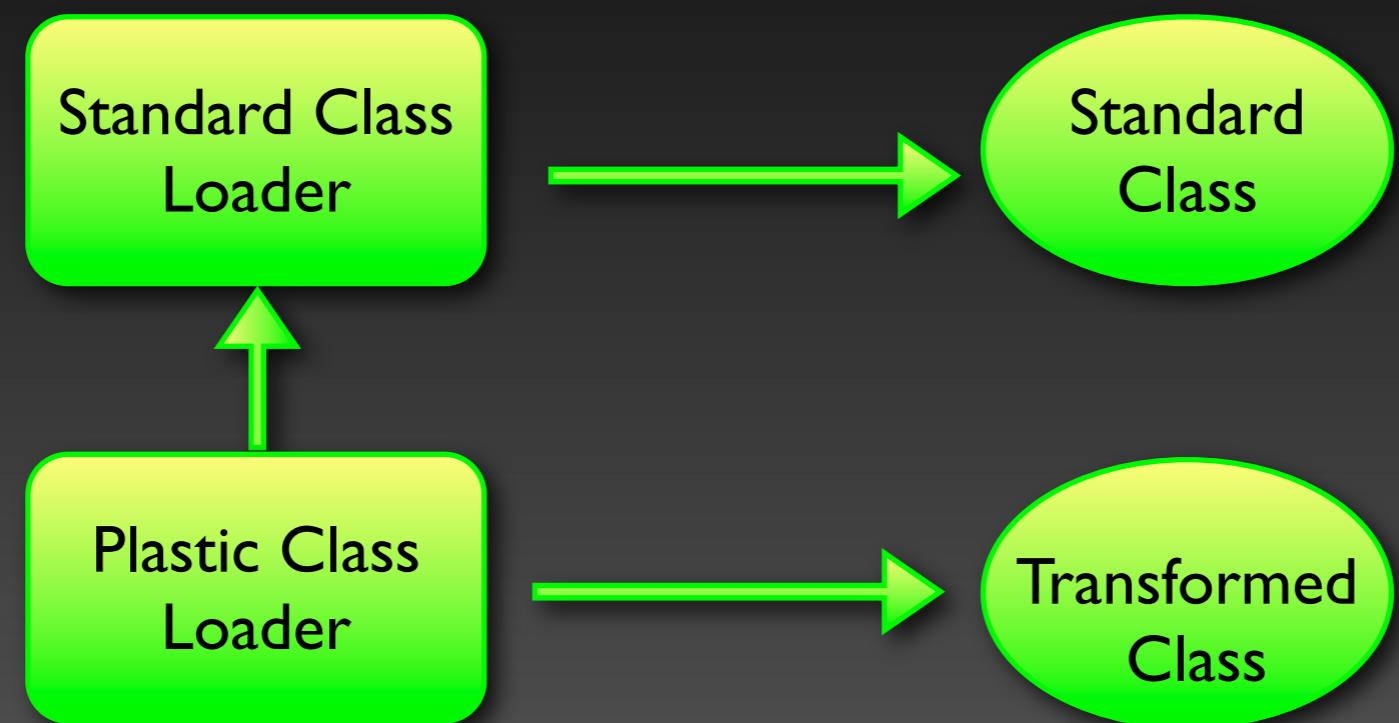
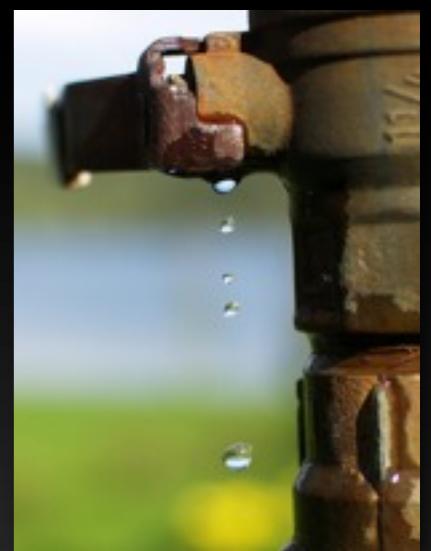




Leaky



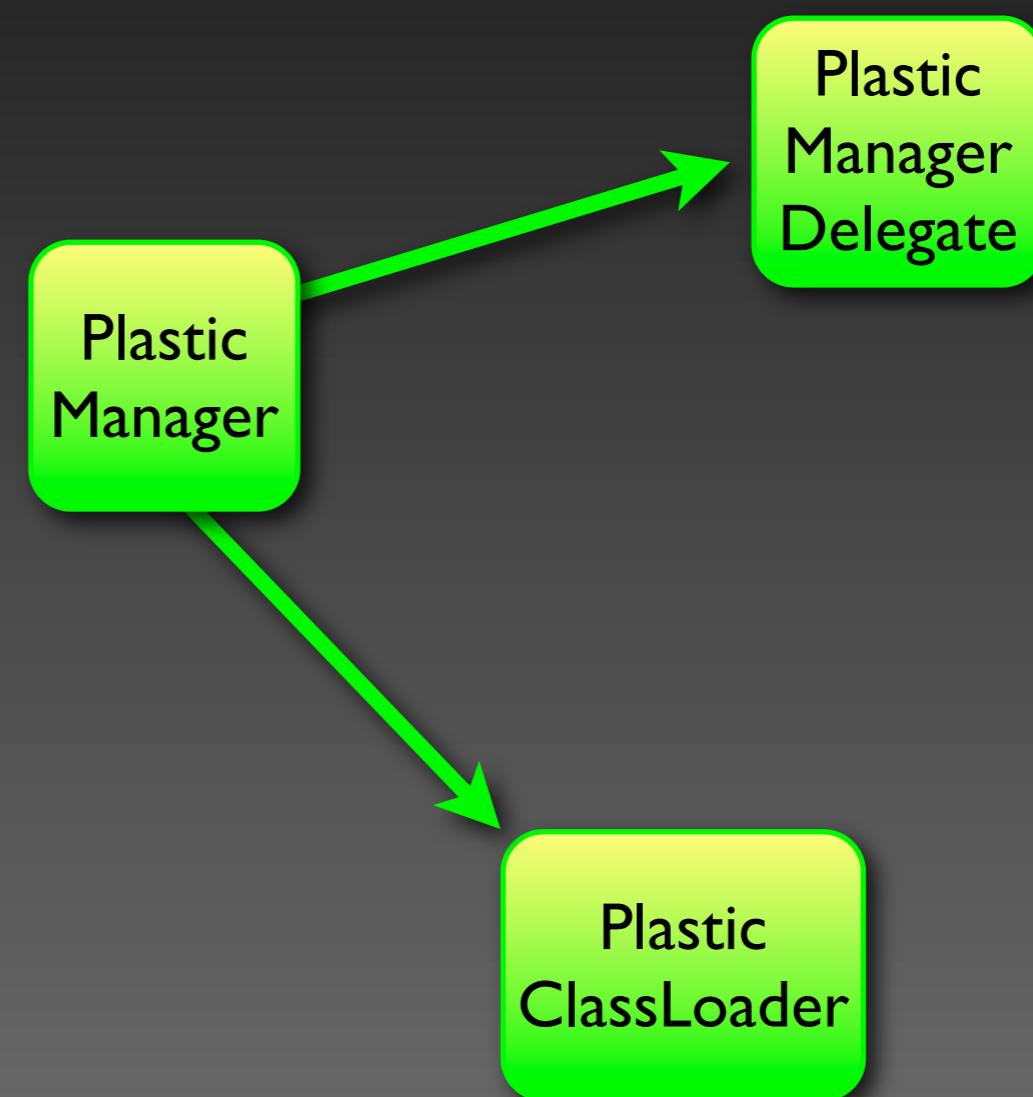
Abstractions



ClassCastException: org.apache.tapestry5.corelib.components.Grid
can not be cast to org.apache.tapestry5.corelib.components.Grid

Which classes are transformed (by package)
Access to ClassInstantiator

Performs transformations on PlasticClass



```
public class PlasticManager {  
    public ClassLoader getClassLoader() { ... }  
  
    public <T> ClassInstantiator<T> getClassInstantiator(String className) { ... }  
  
    public <T> ClassInstantiator<T> createClass(Class<T> baseClass,  
        PlasticClassTransformer callback) { ... }  
  
    public <T> ClassInstantiator<T> createProxy(Class<T> interfaceType,  
        PlasticClassTransformer callback) { ... }  
  
    ...  
}
```

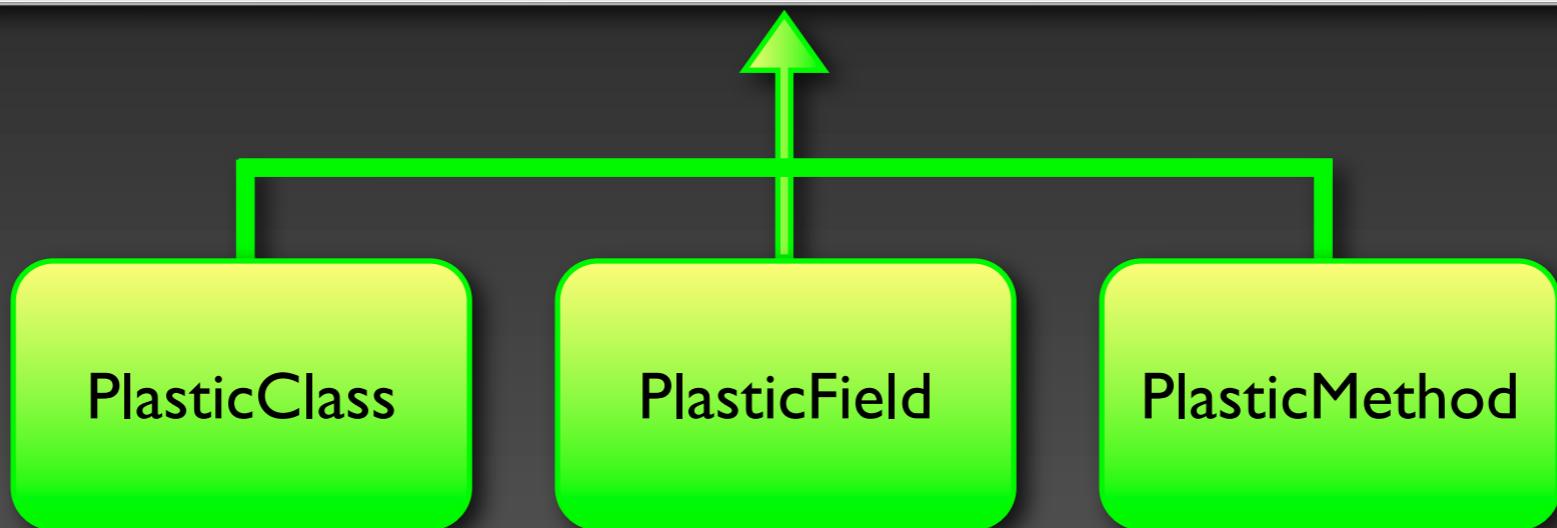
For instantiating existing components

For creating proxies and other objects

```
public interface PlasticClassTransformer  
{  
    void transform(PlasticClass plasticClass);  
}
```

```
public interface AnnotationAccess
{
    <T extends Annotation> boolean hasAnnotation(Class<T> annotationType);

    <T extends Annotation> T getAnnotation(Class<T> annotationType);
}
```





Extending Methods with Advice

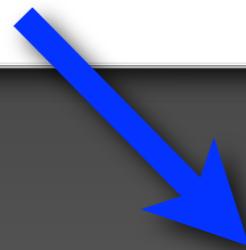
Method Advice

Advise method to
manage transaction
commit

```
public class EditUser
{
    @Inject
    private Session session;

    @Property
    private User user;

    @CommitAfter
    void onSuccessFromForm() {
        session.saveOrUpdate(user);
    }
}
```



```
void onSuccessFromForm() {
    try {
        session.saveOrUpdate();
        commit-transaction();
    } catch (RuntimeException ex) {
        rollback-transaction();
        throw ex;
    }
}
```

Introduce Method

```
public interface PlasticClass {  
  
    Set<PlasticMethod> introduceInterface(Class interfaceType);  
  
    PlasticMethod introduceMethod(MethodDescription description);  
  
    PlasticMethod introduceMethod(Method method);  
  
    PlasticMethod introducePrivateMethod(String typeName,  
                                         String suggestedName,  
                                         String[] argumentTypes,  
                                         String[] exceptionTypes);
```

```
public interface PlasticMethod {  
  
    ...  
  
    PlasticMethod addAdvice(MethodAdvice advice);
```

Define an annotation

Create a *worker* for
the annotation

Apply annotation to
class

Test transformed class

MethodInvocation

```
public interface MethodAdvice {  
    void advise(MethodInvocation invocation);  
}
```

- Inspect method parameters
- Override method parameters
- Proceed
- Inspect / Override return value
- Inspect / Override thrown checked exception

```
public class CommitAfterWorker implements ComponentClassTransformWorker2 {  
    private final HibernateSessionManager manager;  
  
    private final MethodAdvice advice = new MethodAdvice() {  
        ...  
    };  
  
    public CommitAfterWorker(HibernateSessionManager manager) {  
        this.manager = manager;  
    }  
  
    public void transform(PlasticClass plasticClass,  
                         TransformationSupport support,  
                         MutableComponentModel model) {  
        for (PlasticMethod method :  
             plasticClass.getMethodsWithAnnotation(CommitAfter.class)) {  
            method.addAdvice(advice);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Shared Advice

Advice object receives control when method invoked

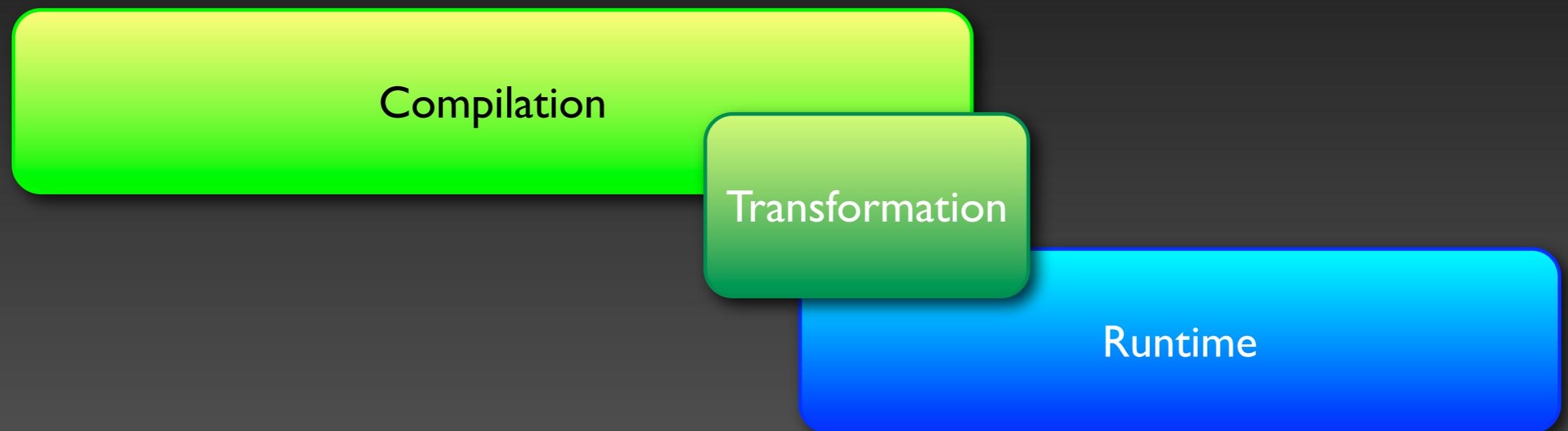
Traditional Java

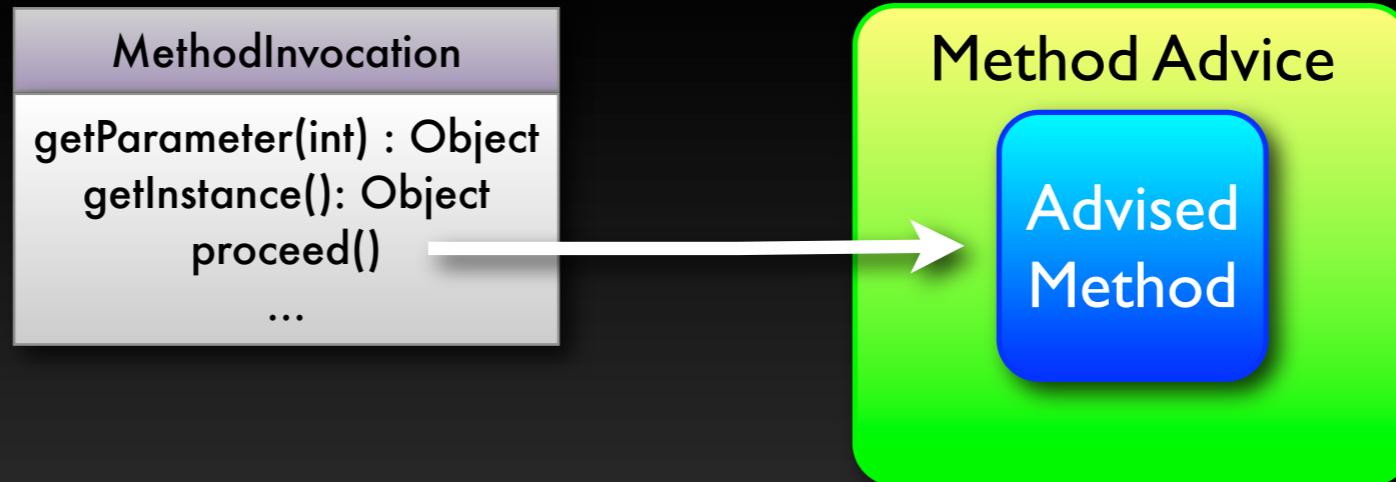
Compilation

... time passes ...

Runtime

With Transformations





```

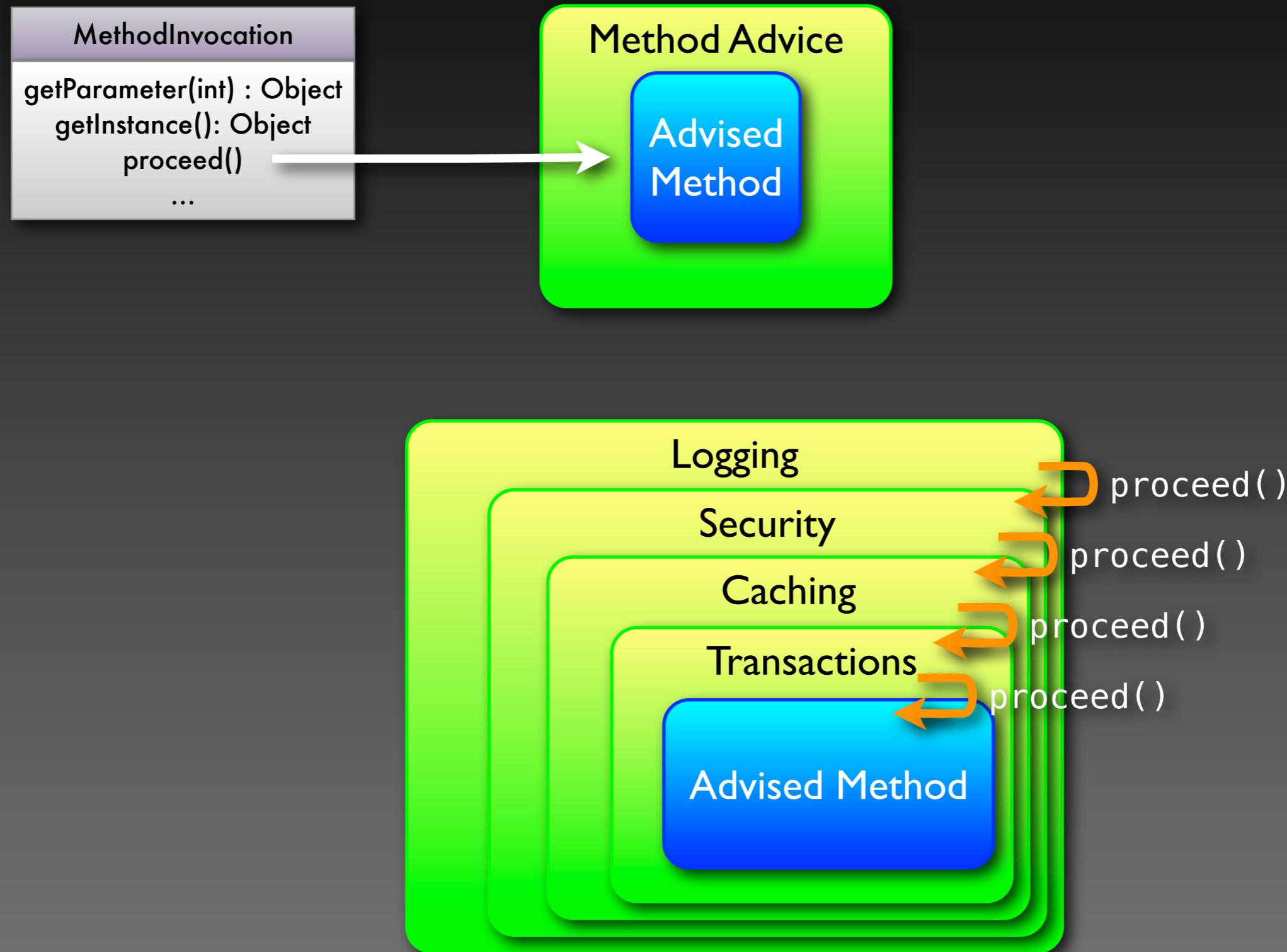
private final MethodAdvice advice = new MethodAdvice() {
    public void advise(MethodInvocation invocation) {
        try {
            invocation.proceed();           To the method OR next advice
            // Success or checked exception:

            manager.commit();
        } catch (RuntimeException ex) {
            manager.abort();

            throw ex;
        }
    }
};

```

Layering of Concerns



```
public class MemoizeAdvice implements MethodAdvice {  
    private final Map<MultiKey, Object> cache = new HashMap<MultiKey, Object>();  
  
    public void advise(MethodInvocation invocation) {  
        MultiKey key = toKey(invocation);  
  
        if (cache.containsKey(key)) {  
            invocation.setReturnValue(cache.get(key));  
            return;  
        }  
  
        invocation.proceed();  
        invocation.rethrow();  
  
        cache.put(key, invocation.getReturnValue());  
    }  
  
    private MultiKey toKey(MethodInvocation invocation) {  
        Object[] params = new Object[invocation.getParameterCount()];  
  
        for (int i = 0; i < invocation.getParameterCount(); i++) {  
            params[i] = invocation.getParameter(i);  
        }  
  
        return new MultiKey(params);  
    }  
}
```

Not thread safe

Memory leak

Assumes parameters are
immutable, implement
equals() and hashCode()



Implementing New Methods

```
@Target(ElementType.TYPE)
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@Documented
public @interface ImplementsEqualsHashCode {  
}
```

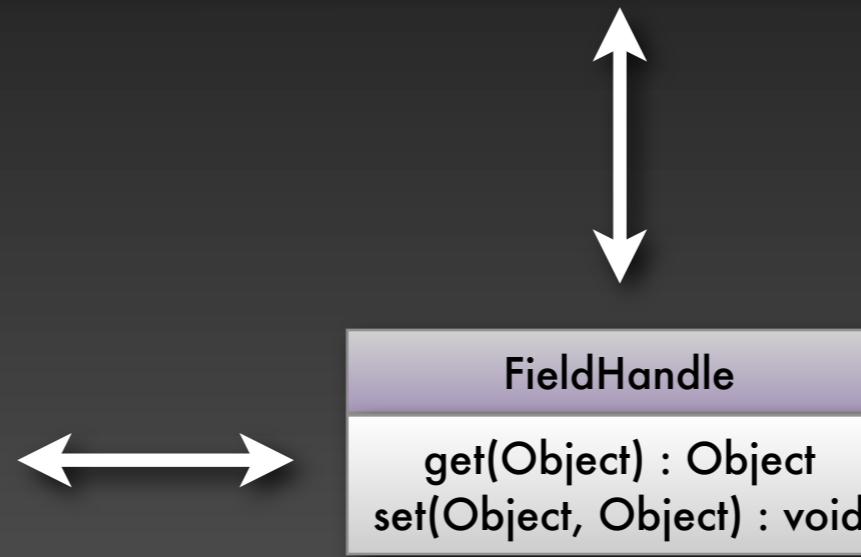
```
@ImplementsEqualsHashCode
public class EqualsDemo {  
  
    private int intValue;  
  
    private String stringValue;  
  
    public int getIntValue() { return intValue; }  
  
    public void setIntValue(int intValue) { this.intValue = intValue; }  
  
    public String getStringValue() { return stringValue; }  
  
    public void setStringValue(String stringValue) { this.stringValue = stringValue; }  
}
```

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    public String getStringValue() { return stringValue; }  
    public void setStringValue(String stringValue) { this.stringValue = stringValue; }  
    public int hashCode() {  
        int result = 1;  
        result = 37 * result + new Integer(intValue).hashCode();  
        result = 37 * result + stringValue.hashCode();  
        return result;  
    }  
}
```

Worker

```
public class EqualsHashCodeWorker {  
    ...  
    Object instance = ...;  
    Object fieldValue = handle.get(instance);
```

```
@ImplementsEqualsHashCode  
public class EqualsDemo {  
    private int intValue;  
    private String stringValue;  
    ...  
}
```



```
public class EqualsHashCodeWorker implements PlasticClassTransformer {  
    ...  
    public void transform(PlasticClass plasticClass) {  
        if (!plasticClass.hasAnnotation(ImplementsEqualsHashCode.class)) {  
            return;  
        }  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
List<PlasticField> fields = plasticClass.getAllFields();  
  
final List<FieldHandle> handles = new ArrayList<FieldHandle>();  
  
for (PlasticField field : fields) {  
    handles.add(field.getHandle());  
}
```

FieldHandle

get(Object) : Object
set(Object, Object) : void

```
private MethodDescription HASHCODE = new MethodDescription("int", "hashCode");  
private static final int PRIME = 37;
```

Add a new method to the class with a default empty implementation

```
plasticClass.introduceMethod(HASHCODE).addAdvice(new MethodAdvice() {  
    public void advise(MethodInvocation invocation) {  
        ...  
    }  
});
```

```
public void advise(MethodInvocation invocation) {  
  
    Object instance = invocation.getInstance();  
  
    int result = 1;  
  
    for (FieldHandle handle : handles) {  
  
        Object fieldValue = handle.get(instance);  
  
        if (fieldValue != null)  
            result = (result * PRIME) + fieldValue.hashCode();  
    }  
  
    invocation.setReturnValue(result);  
  
    // Don't proceed to the empty introduced method.  
}
```

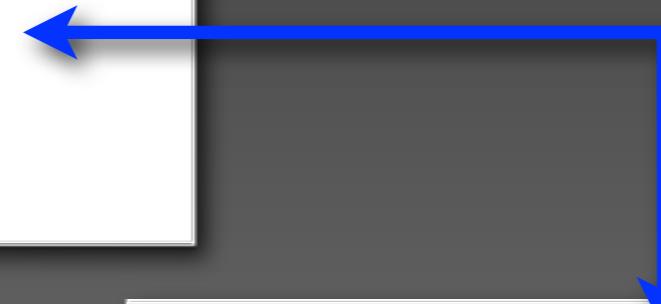
No Bytecode Required *

* For you

```
@ImplementsEqualsHashCode  
public class EqualsDemo {  
  
    private int intValue;  
  
    private String stringValue;  
  
    ...  
  
    public int hashCode() {  
        return 0;  
    }  
}
```

Introduced method
with default
implementation.

```
public void advise(MethodInvocation invocation) {  
    invocation.setReturnValue(...);  
}
```



```
public interface ClassInstantiator {  
    T newInstance();  
  
    <V> ClassInstantiator<T> with(Class<V> valueType,  
                                 V instanceContextValue);  
}
```

Pass *per-instance* values to the new instance

```
Class.forName("com.example.components.MyComponent")  
    .getConstructor(ComponentConfig.class)  
    .newInstance(configValue);
```



```
manager.getClassInstantiator("com.example.components.MyComponent")  
    .with(ComponentConfig.class, configValue)  
    .newInstance();
```

```
public class EqualsDemo {  
  
    private int intValue;  
  
    private String stringValue;  
  
    ...  
  
    public boolean equals(Object other) {  
  
        if (other == null) return false;  
  
        if (this == other) return true;  
  
        if (this.getClass() != other.getClass()) return false;  
  
        EqualsDemo o = (EqualsDemo)other;  
  
        if (intValue != o.intValue) return false;  
  
        if (! stringValue.equals(o.stringValue)) return false;  
  
        return true;  
    }  
}
```

```
private MethodDescription EQUALS = new MethodDescription("boolean",
"equals", "java.lang.Object");
```

```
plasticClass.introduceMethod(EQUALS).addAdvice(new MethodAdvice() {

    public void advise(MethodInvocation invocation) {

        Object thisInstance = invocation.getInstance();
        Object otherInstance = invocation.getParameter(0);

        invocation.setReturnValue(isEqual(thisInstance, otherInstance));

        // Don't proceed to the empty introduced method.
    }

    private boolean isEqual(...) { ... }
})
```

```
private boolean isEqual(Object thisInstance, Object otherInstance) {  
    if (thisInstance == otherInstance) {  
        return true;  
    }  
  
    if (otherInstance == null) {  
        return false;  
    }  
  
    if (!(thisInstance.getClass() == otherInstance.getClass())) {  
        return false;  
    }  
  
    for (FieldHandle handle : handles) {  
        Object thisValue = handle.get(thisInstance);  
        Object otherValue = handle.get(otherInstance);  
  
        if (!(thisValue == otherValue || thisValue.equals(otherValue))) {  
            return false;  
        }  
    }  
  
    return true;  
}
```

Testing with Spock

```
class EqualsHashCodeTests extends Specification {
```

```
    PlasticManagerDelegate delegate =  
        new StandardDelegate(new EqualsHashCodeWorker())
```

The delegate manages one
or more workers

```
    PlasticManager mgr = PlasticManager.withContextClassLoader()  
        .packages( ["examples.plastic.transformed"] )  
        .delegate(delegate)  
        .create();
```

Only top-level classes in example.plastic.transformed
are passed to the delegate

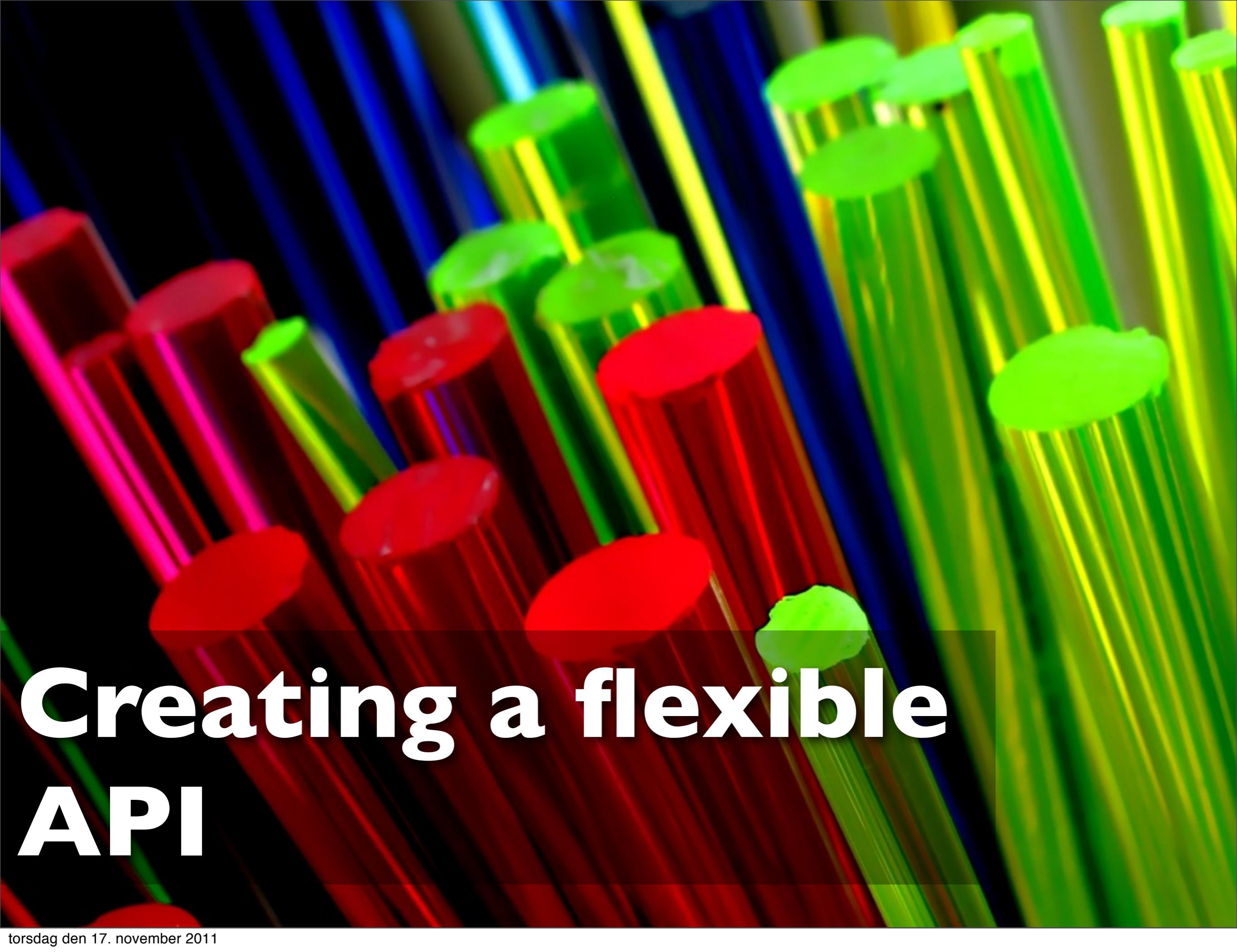
```
    ClassInstantiator instantiator = mgr.getClassInstantiator(EqualsDemo.class.name)
```

examples.plastic.transformed.EqualsDemo

```
def "simple comparison"() {  
    def instantiator = new Instantiator()  
    def instance1 = instantiator.newInstance()  
    def instance2 = instantiator.newInstance()  
    def instance3 = instantiator.newInstance()  
    def instance4 = instantiator.newInstance()  
  
    instance1.intValue = 99  
    instance1.stringValue = "Hello"  
  
    instance2.intValue = 100  
    instance2.stringValue = "Hello"  
  
    instance3.intValue = 99  
    instance3.stringValue = "Goodbye"  
  
    instance4.intValue = 99  
    instance4.stringValue = "Hello"  
  
    expect:  
  
    instance1 != instance2  
    instance1 != instance3  
    instance1 == instance4  
}
```

Groovy invokes
getters & setters

Groovy: ==
operator invokes
equals()



Creating a flexible API

API! =

Interface

Layout.tml

```
<t:actionlink t:id="reset">reset session</t:actionlink>
```

```
public class Layout {  
  
    @Inject  
    private Request request;  
  
    void onActionFromReset() {  
        request.getSession(true).invalidate();  
    }  
}
```

Naming convention + expected behavior == API

Using Traditional API

```
public class Layout implements HypotheticalComponentAPI {  
  
    @Inject  
    private Request request;  
  
    public void registerEventHandlers(ComponentEventRegistry registry) {  
  
        registry.addEventHandler("action", "reset",  
            new ComponentEventListener() {  
                public boolean handle(ComponentEvent event) {  
                    request.getSession(true).invalidate();  
                    return true;  
                }  
            } );  
    }  
}
```



```
public class Layout {  
  
    @Inject  
    private Request request;  
  
    void onActionFromReset() {  
        request.getSession(true).invalidate();  
    }  
}
```



```
public class Layout implements Component {  
  
    @Inject  
    private Request request;  
  
    void onActionFromReset() {  
        request.getSession(true).invalidate();  
    }  
  
    public boolean dispatchComponentEvent(ComponentEvent event) {  
        boolean result = false;  
  
        if (event.matches("action", "reset", 0)) {  
            onActionFromReset();  
            result = true;  
        }  
  
        ...  
        return result;  
    }  
}  
  
public interface Component {  
  
    boolean dispatchComponentEvent(ComponentEvent event);  
  
    ...  
}
```

0 is the parameter count

There's our rigid interface

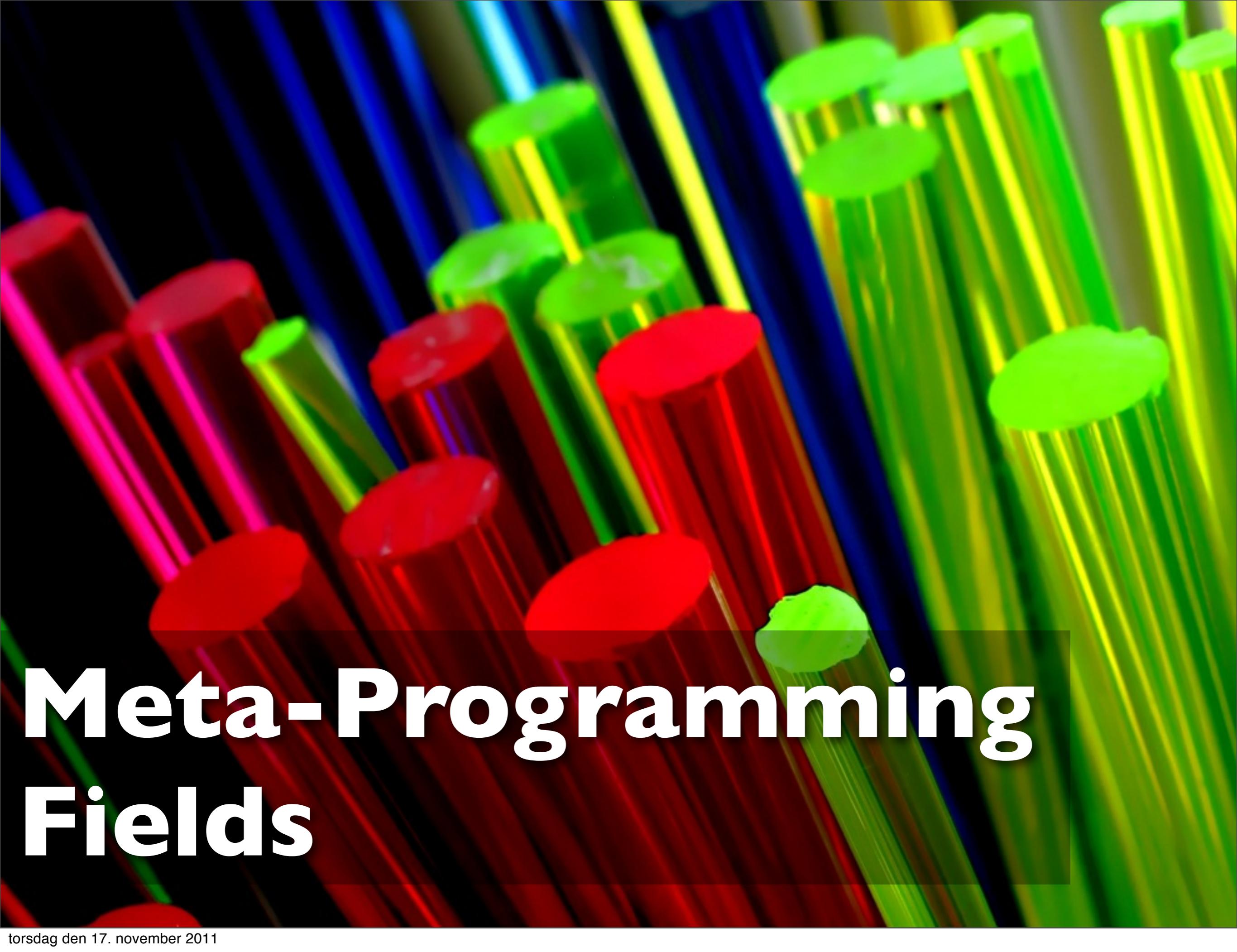
```
for (PlasticMethod method : matchEventMethods(plasticClass)) {  
  
    String eventName = toEventName(method);  
    String componentId = toComponentId(method);  
  
    MethodAdvice advice = createAdvice(eventName, componentId, method);  
  
    PlasticMethod dispatch = plasticClass.introduceMethod(  
        TransformConstants.DISPATCH_COMPONENT_EVENT_DESCRIPTION);  
  
    dispatch.addAdvice(advice);  
}
```

```
private MethodAdvice createAdvice(final String eventName,
    final String componentId,
    PlasticMethod method) {
    final MethodHandle handle = method.getHandle();

    return new MethodAdvice() {
        public void advise(MethodInvocation invocation) {
            invocation.proceed(); Invoke default or super-class implementation first
            ComponentEvent event = (ComponentEvent) invocation.getParameter(0);

            if (event.matches(eventName, componentId, 0)) {
                handle.invoke(invocation.getInstance());
                invocation.rethrow();
                invocation.setReturnValue(true);
            }
        };
    };
}
```

Simplification – real code handles methods with parameters



Meta-Programming Fields

```
/**  
 * Identifies a field that may not store the value null.  
 *  
 */  
@Target(ElementType.FIELD)  
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)  
@Documented  
public @interface NotNull {  
}
```

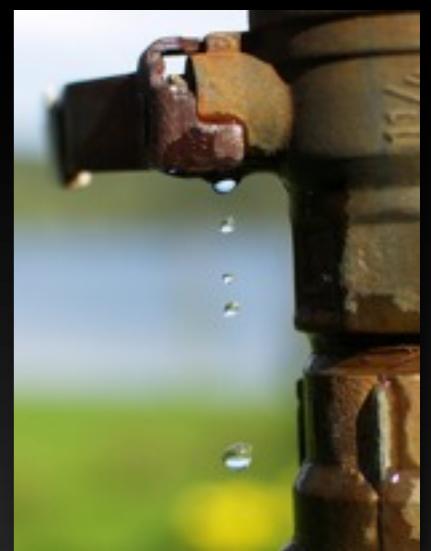
```
private String value;
```



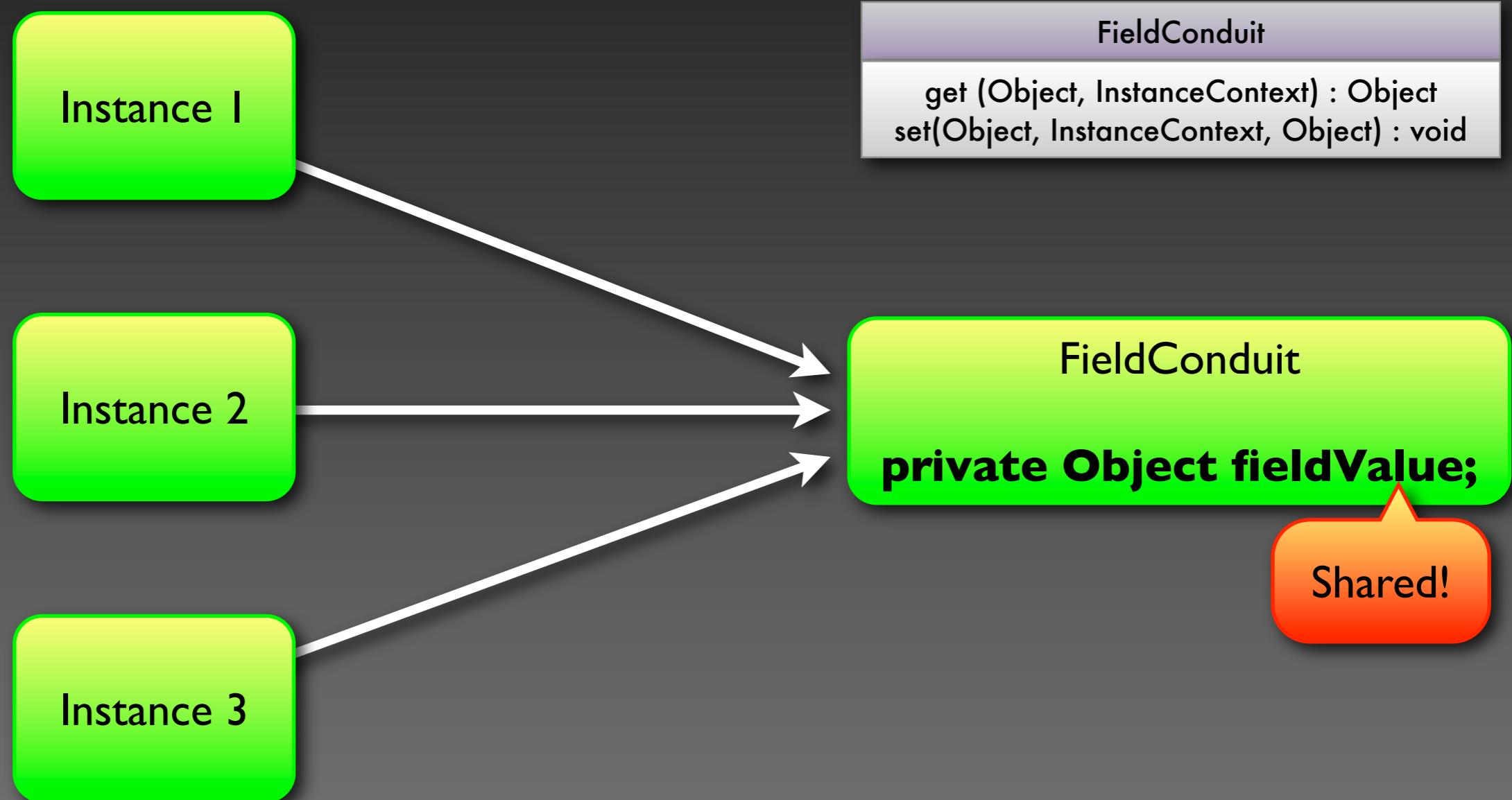
FieldConduit

```
get (Object, InstanceContext) : Object  
set(Object, InstanceContext, Object) : void
```

```
public class NullCheckingConduit implements FieldConduit<Object> {  
  
    private final String className;  
  
    private final String fieldName;  
  
    private Object fieldValue;  Replaces actual field  
  
    private NullCheckingConduit(String className, String fieldName) {  
        this.className = className;  
        this.fieldName = fieldName;  
    }  
  
    public Object get(Object instance, InstanceContext context) {  
        return fieldValue;  
    }  
  
    public void set(Object instance, InstanceContext context, Object newValue) {  
  
        if (newValue == null)  
            throw new IllegalArgumentException(String.format(  
                "Field %s of class %s may not be assigned null.",  
                fieldName, className));  
  
        fieldValue = newValue;  
    }  
}
```



```
field.setConduit(new NullCheckingConduit(className, fieldName));
```



```
@SuppressWarnings({"unchecked"})
public void transform(PlasticClass plasticClass) {
    for (PlasticField field : plasticClass
        .getFieldsWithAnnotation(NotNull.class)) {

        final String className = plasticClass.getClassName();
        final String fieldName = field.getName();

        field.setComputedConduit(new ComputedValue() {

            public Object get(InstanceContext context) {
                return new NullCheckingConduit(className, fieldName);
            }
        });
    }
}
```

ComputedValue: A **Factory** that is executed inside the transformed class' **constructor**

```
class NotNullTests extends Specification {  
    ...  
    def "store null is failure"() {  
        def o = instantiator.newInstance()  
  
        when:  
            o.value = null  
  
        then:  
            def e = thrown(IllegalArgumentException)  
            e.message == "Field value of class  
examples.plastic.transformed.NotNullDemo may not be assigned null."  
    }  
}
```

Private Fields Only



```
package examples.plastic.transformed;  
  
import examples.plastic.annotations.NotNull;  
  
public class NotNullDemo {  
  
    @NotNull  
    public String value;  
}
```

java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: Field value of class examples.plastic.transformed.NotNullDemo is not private. Class transformation requires that all instance fields be private.

```
at org.apache.tapestry5.internal.plastic.PlasticClassImpl.<init>()  
at org.apache.tapestry5.internal.plastic.PlasticClassPool.createTransformation()  
at org.apache.tapestry5.internal.plastic.PlasticClassPool.getPlasticClassTransformation()  
at org.apache.tapestry5.internal.plastic.PlasticClassPool.loadAndTransformClass()  
at org.apache.tapestry5.internal.plastic.PlasticClassLoader.loadClass()  
at java.lang.ClassLoader.loadClass()  
at org.apache.tapestry5.internal.plastic.PlasticClassPool.getClassInstantiator()  
at org.apache.tapestry5.plastic.PlasticManager.getClassInstantiator()  
at examples.plastic.PlasticDemosSpecification.createInstantiator()  
at examples.plastic.NotNullTests.setup()
```

```
package examples.plastic.transformed;

import examples.plastic.annotations.NotNull;

public class NotNullDemo {

    @NotNull
    private String value;

    public String getValue() {
        return get_value(); // was return value;
    }

    public void setValue(String value) {
        set_value(value); // was this.value = value;
    }

    ...
}
```

```
package examples.plastic.transformed;

import examples.plastic.annotations.NotNull;

public class NotNullDemo {
    ...

    private final InstanceContext ic;

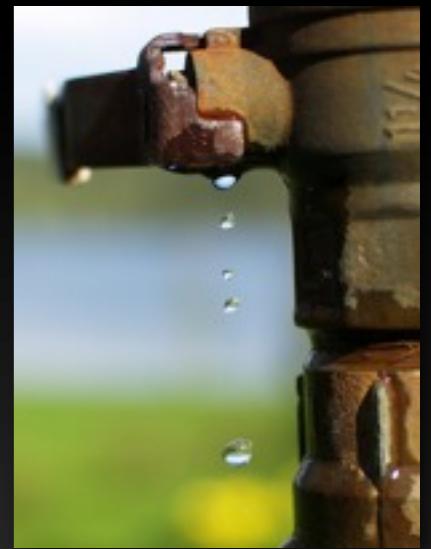
    private final FieldConduit valueConduit;

    public NotNullDemo(StaticContext sc, InstanceContext ic) {
        this.ic = ic;
        valueConduit = (FieldConduit) ((ComputedValue) sc.get(0)).get(ic);
    }

    String get_value() { return (String) valueConduit.get(this, ic); }

    void set_value(String newValue) {
        valueConduit.set(this, ic, newValue);
    }
}
```

No More new



[java.lang.IllegalStateException](#)

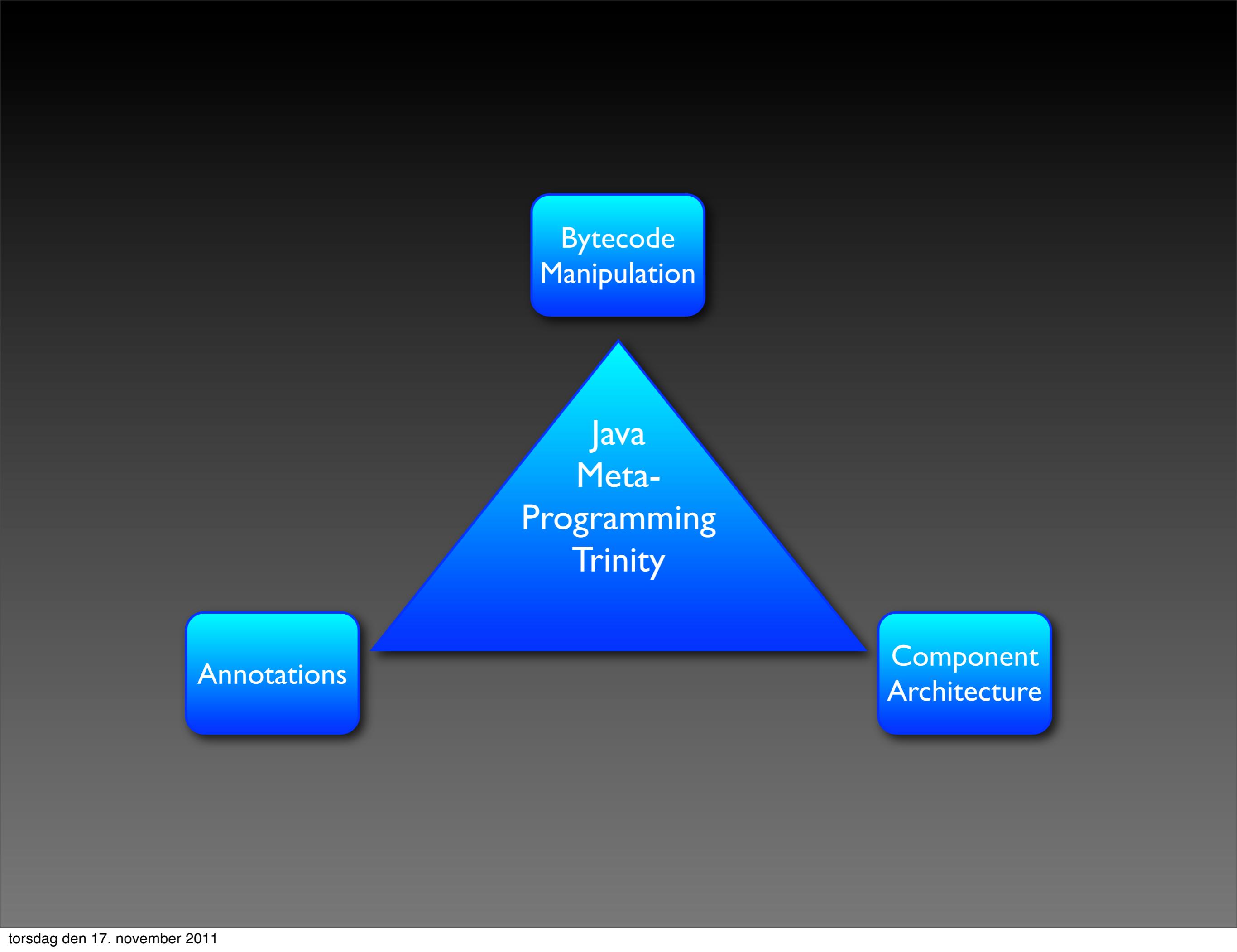
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Stack trace :

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- org.apache.tapestry5.integration.app1.pages.Music.<init>(Music.java)
- [org.apache.tapestry5.integration.app1.pages.Index.onActionFromInstantiatePage\(Index.java:511\)](#)
- org.apache.tapestry5.integration.app1.pages.Index\$Shim_122393b90728061b.invoke(Unknown Source)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.plastic.MethodHandleImpl.invoke(MethodHandleImpl.java:48)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.transform.BaseEventHandlerMethodInvoker.invokeEventHandlerMethod(BaseEventHandlerMethodInvoker.java:100)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.transform.OnEventWorker\$4.invokeEventHandlers(OnEventWorker.java:163)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.transform.OnEventWorker\$4.advise(OnEventWorker.java:142)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.plastic.AbstractMethodInvocation.proceed(AbstractMethodInvocation.java:86)
- org.apache.tapestry5.integration.app1.pages.Index.dispatchComponentEvent(Index.java)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.structure.ComponentPageElementImpl.dispatchEvent(ComponentPageElementImpl.java:987)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.structure.ComponentPageElementImpl.processEventTriggering(ComponentPageElementImpl.java:1173)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.structure.ComponentPageElementImpl.access\$19(ComponentPageElementImpl.java:1124)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.structure.ComponentPageElementImpl\$7.invoke(ComponentPageElementImpl.java:1118)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.structure.ComponentPageElementImpl\$7.invoke(ComponentPageElementImpl.java:1)
- org.apache.tapestry5.ioc.internal.OperationTrackerImpl.invoke(OperationTrackerImpl.java:65)
- org.apache.tapestry5.ioc.internal.PerThreadOperationTracker.invoke(PerThreadOperationTracker.java:68)
- org.apache.tapestry5.ioc.internal.RegistryImpl.invoke(RegistryImpl.java:1082)
- org.apache.tapestry5.internal.structure.ComponentPageElementResourcesTmpl.invoke(ComponentPageElementResourcesTmpl.java:148)

Conclusion



Bytecode
Manipulation

Java
Meta-
Programming
Trinity

Annotations

Component
Architecture

Structure

- Best With Managed Lifecycle
 - **new** no longer allowed
 - Instantiation by class name
- Framework / Code Interactions via Interface(s)
 - Modify components to implement Interface(s)
- Blurs lines between compile & runtime

Not Covered

- Field injection
- Direct bytecode builder API



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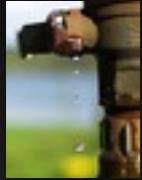
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