

Patterns:

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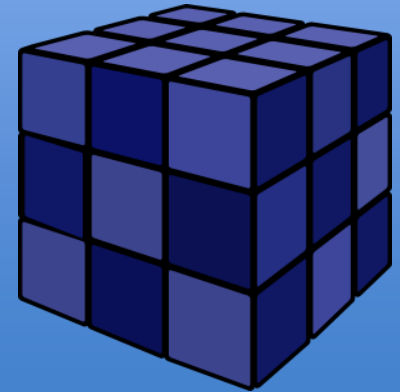
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Patterns:

- Self Destruction

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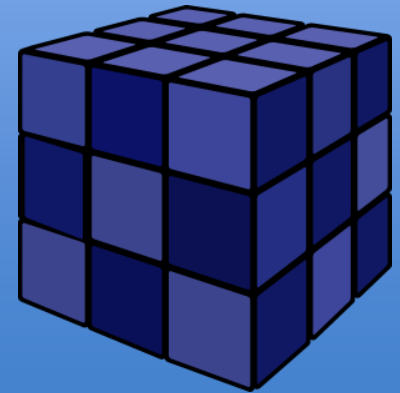
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Contract Lifecycle

0. Develop Contract



1. Deployed



2. Invoked



3. Self-Destruct

No more transactions
possible for the
contract

Why self destruct?

- Needs driven by business

Example: Timed contracts

E.g., Bidding, after the win no more bids allowed

Example: Nature of business

E.g., Loan contract destroyed after the loan is paid off

3. Self-Destruct

- The contract becomes unavailable after it self-destruct's

Existing transactions on contract stay forever but no new transaction

```
// This is where the contract is destroyed
function killContract() OwnerOnly {
    suicide(owner);
}
```

Restrict who can cause self destruction

All funds held in the contract sent to this address

Dead Contract Transactions

- Transactions will fail
- Fund's sent to a self destructed contract will be LOST

To prevent fund loss:

1. Remove all references to dead contracts
2. *OR* Call get before send to ensure that contract is NOT dead

Patterns:

- Contract Factory

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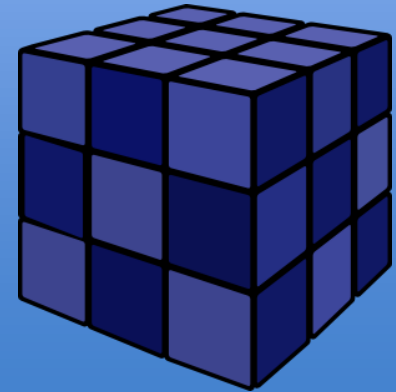
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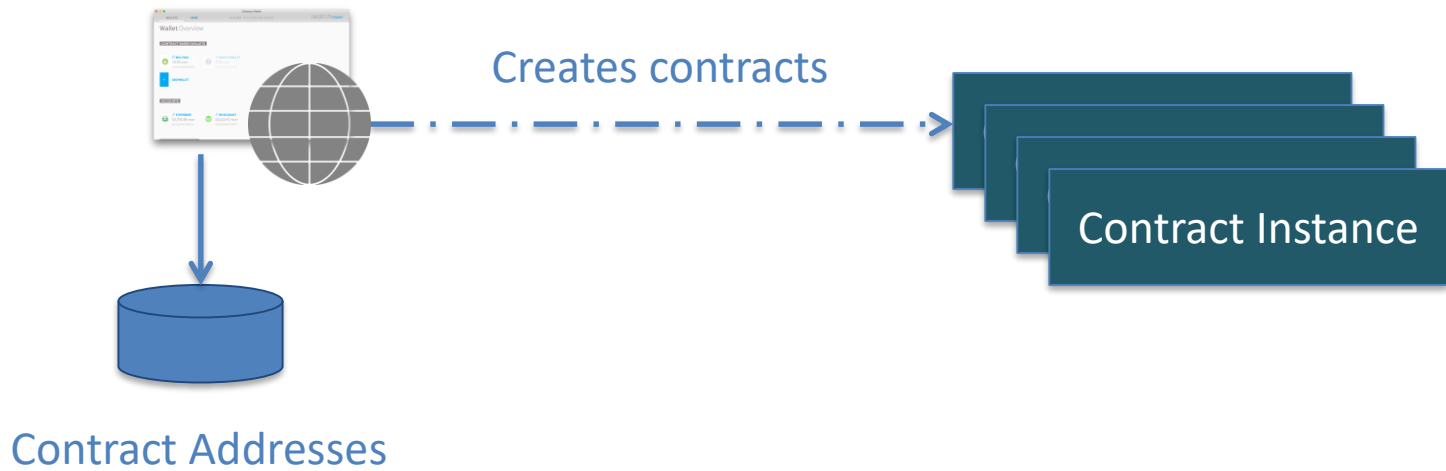
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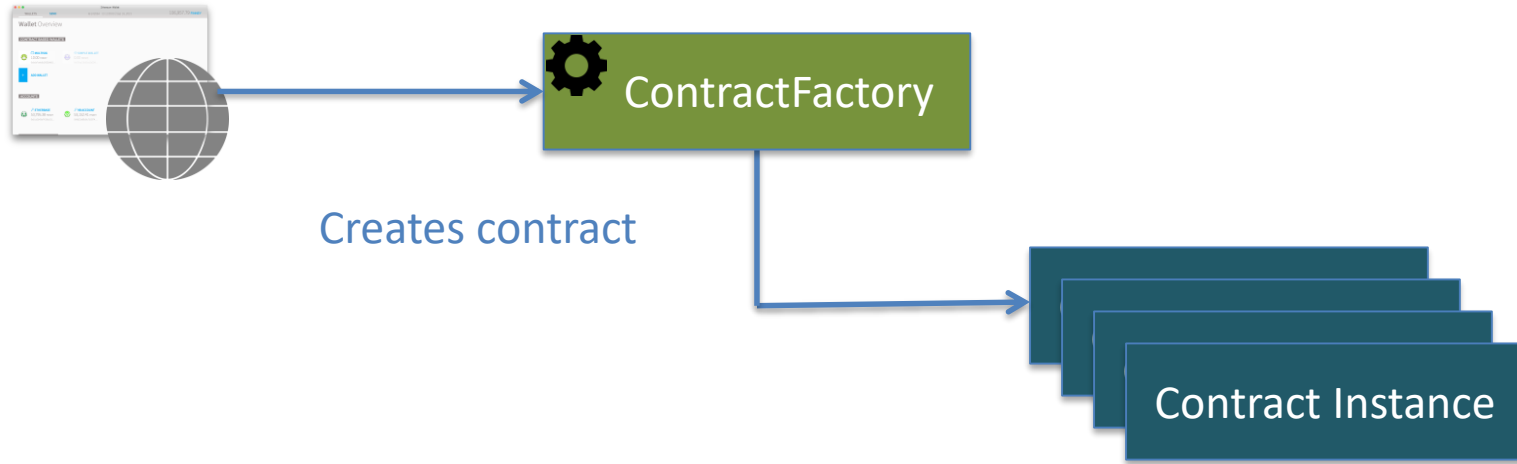
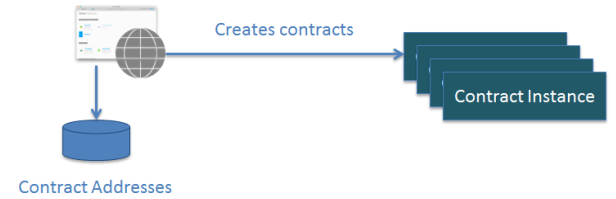


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Contract Creation



Factory Pattern



- External persistent storage not needed
- Storage on EVM will cost gas

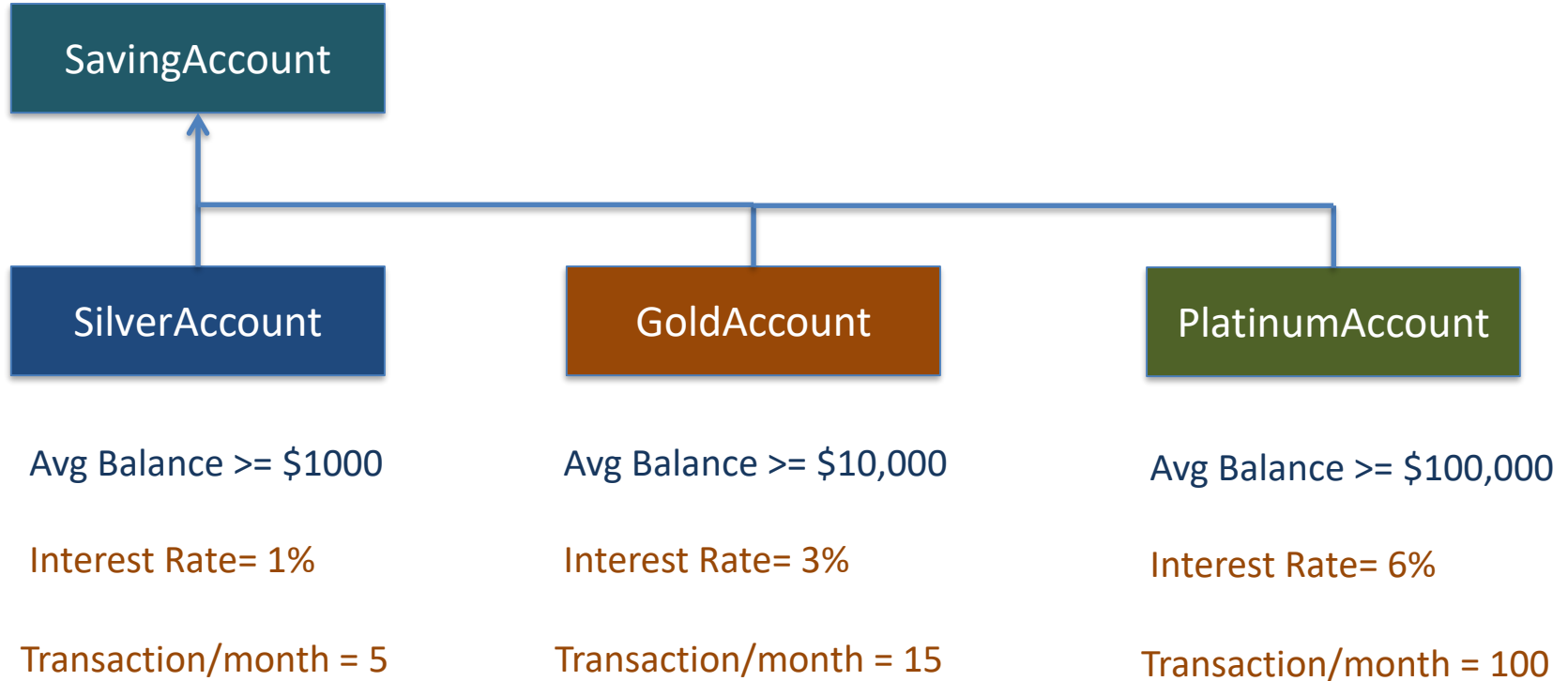
Benefits

- Hides the complexity & encapsulates business rules
- May manage the contracts in a collection
- Insulates the Dapp from contract changes & additions

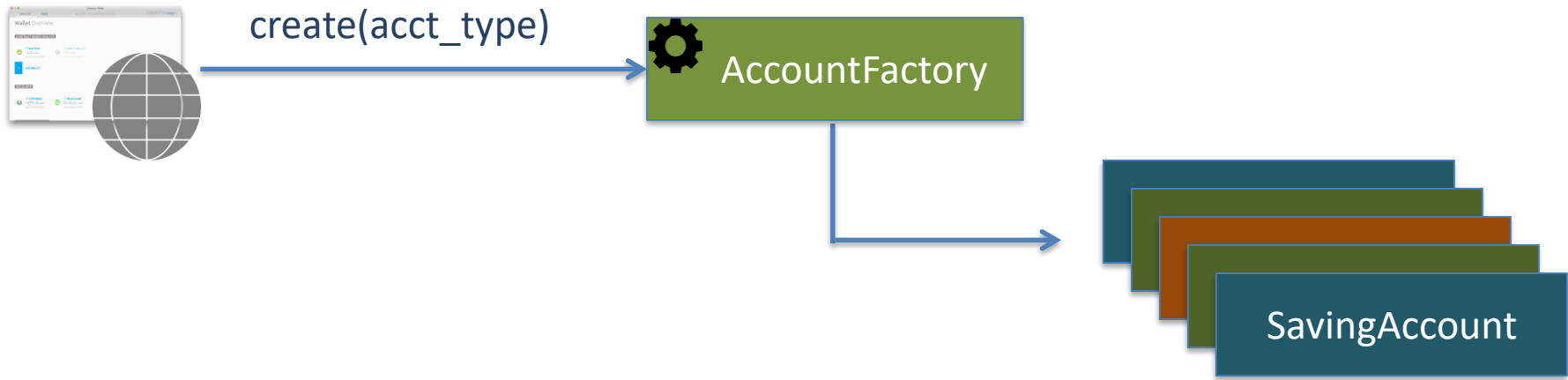
Common Scenarios

- Digital tokens or assets
- Multi-contract management
- Rules for contract creation

Example



Factory Pattern



- Based on type a new contract is created
- New account types may be added without needing change in Dapp
- Factory contract instance may manage contracts in a collection

Patterns:

- Registry Pattern

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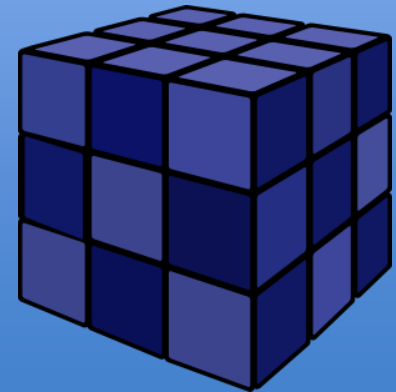
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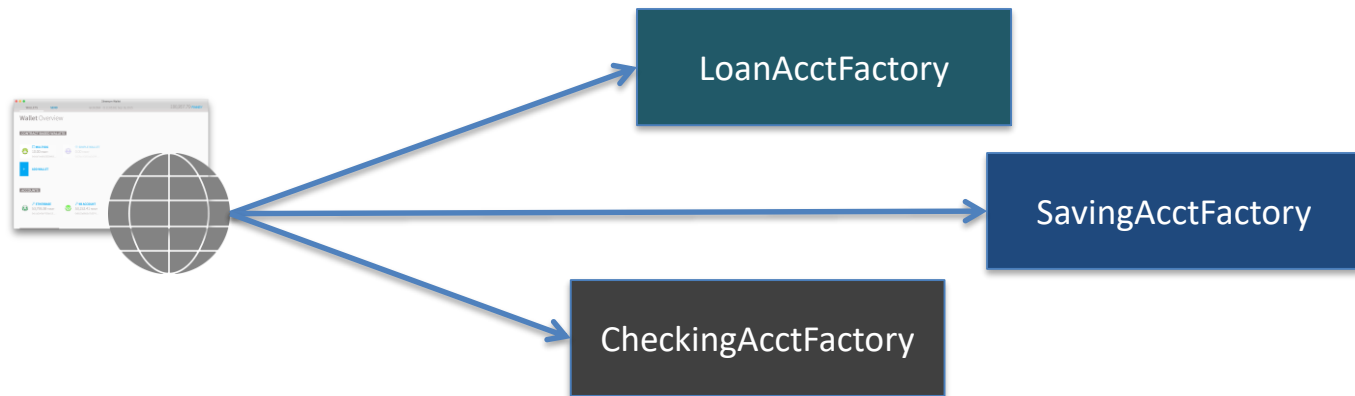
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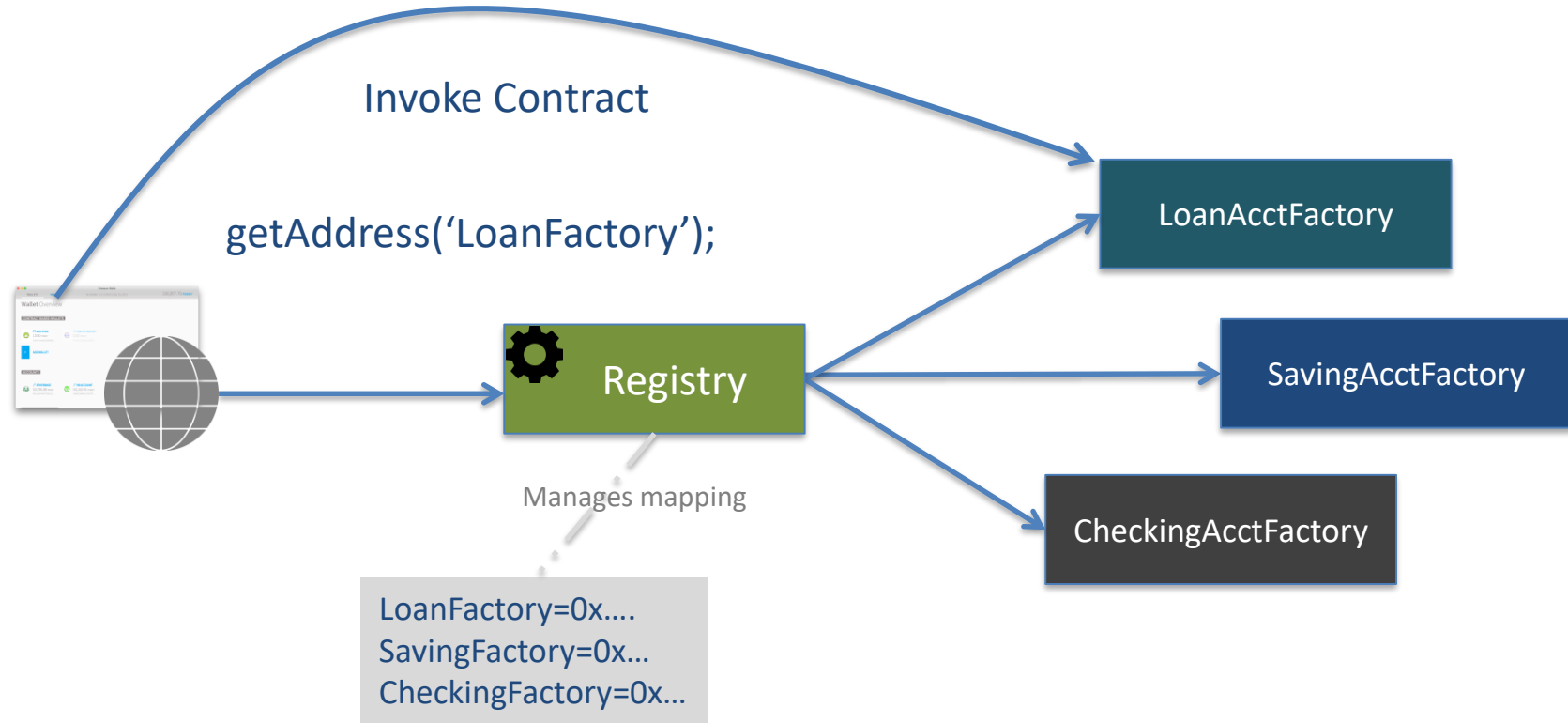
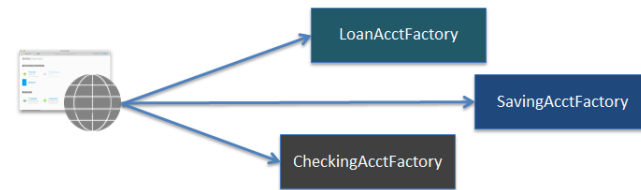
Contract References

- Complex apps may have dependency on multiple contracts



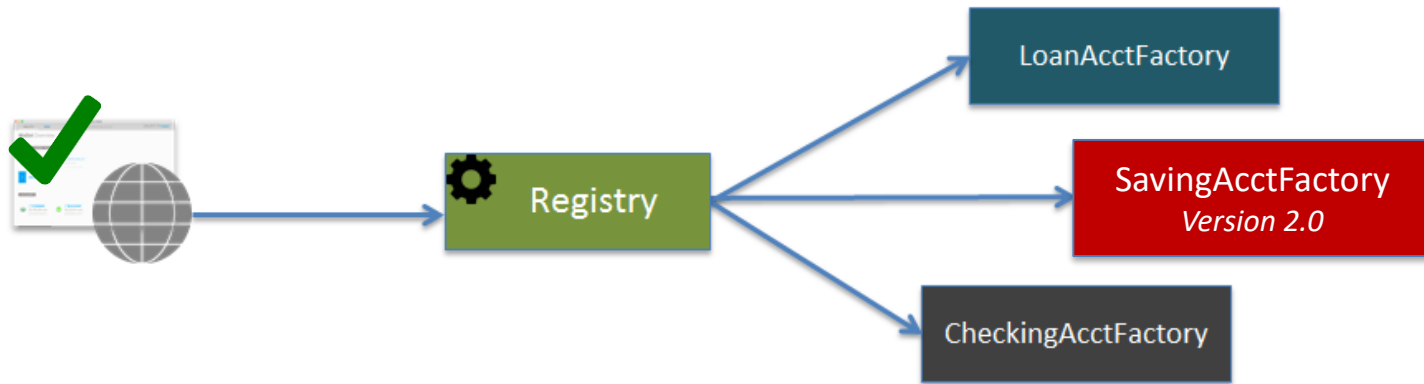
- App needs to maintain **addresses** for these contracts
- The contracts may need to be change/switched over time

Name Registry



Benefits

- Simpler dependency management
 - Application uses names instead of addresses
 - Newer versions of dependency will not impact the Dapp



Sample

Invoke contract `.at(address)`

`address`

```
.getContractInfo("CheckingAccountFactory")
```



NameRegistry

CheckingAccountFactory
CA_Address

SavingAccountFactory
NEW_SA_Address

```
nameRegistry.registerName ("CheckingAccountFactory", CA_Address,1)  
nameRegistry.registerName ("SavingAccountFactory", SA_Address, 1)
```

```
nameRegistry.registerName("CheckingAccountFactory", NEW_SA_Address,2)
```



Patterns:

- Mapping Iterator

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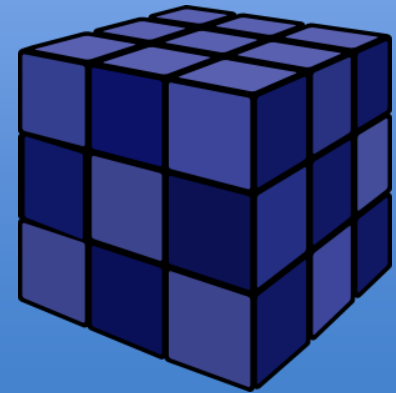
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Mapping Iterator

- No out of the box feature available

```
mapping(address => bytes32) addressMap;
```

```
address[] keys = addressMap.keys()
```

// Not possible

Iteration Pattern

- Use a separate array for maintaining the keys

```
mapping(address => bytes32) addressMap;  
  
address[] addresses;
```

- All operations carried out on both the mapping & the array

Implementation

Insert
Address = Name

Function
addKeyValue(...)

```
mapping(address => bytes32) addressMap;  
address[] addresses;
```

Iterator

Get Key
count

Function
getKeyCount()

```
return addresses.length;
```

Loop
(0..count-1)

Function
getValueAtIndex()

```
return addressMap(addresses[index]);
```

Iterator Caveat

- As the number of keys will grow the cost of iteration will go up
 - Storage costs will go up
 - Optimization possible – avoid iteration
- Iteration in a constant function is OK



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```
contract UserAddressRegistry
```

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- Withdrawal Pattern

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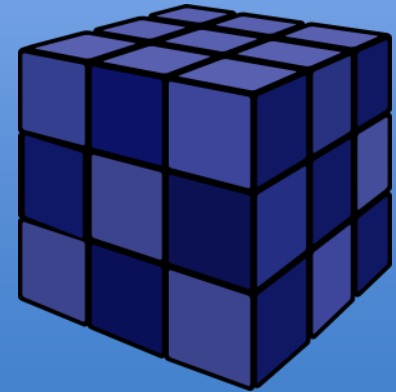
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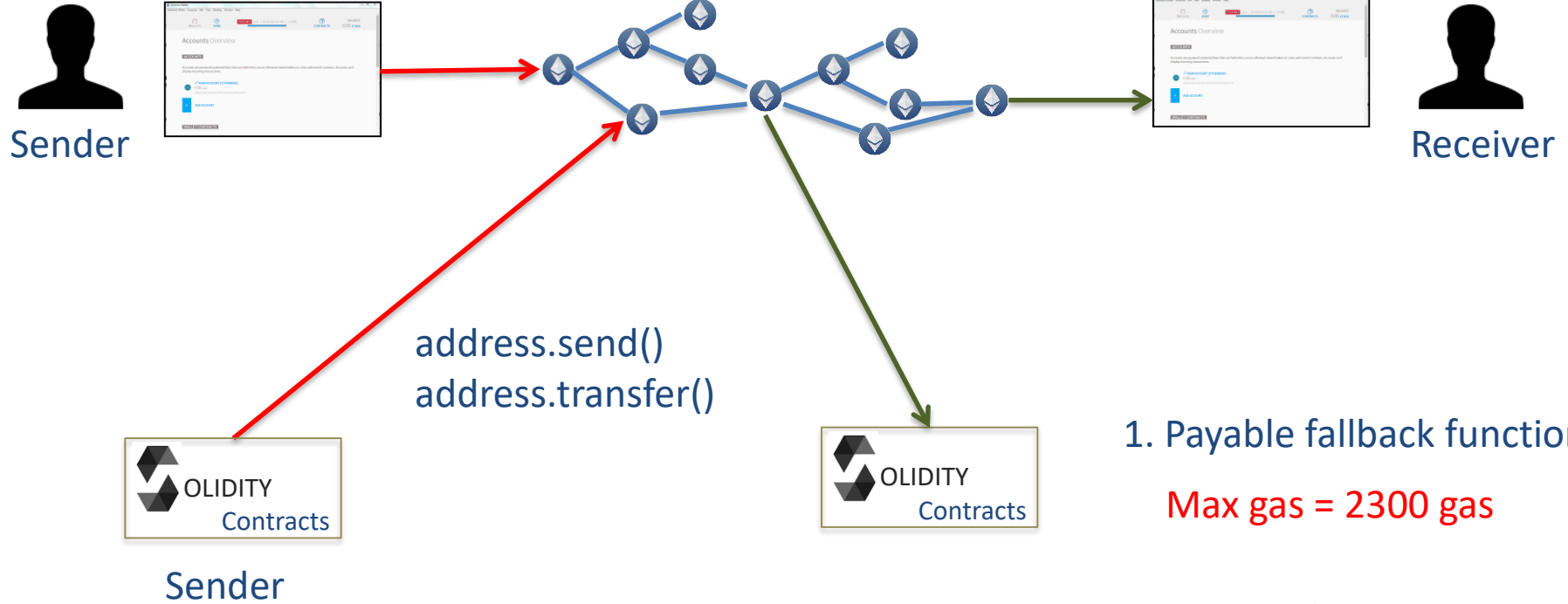
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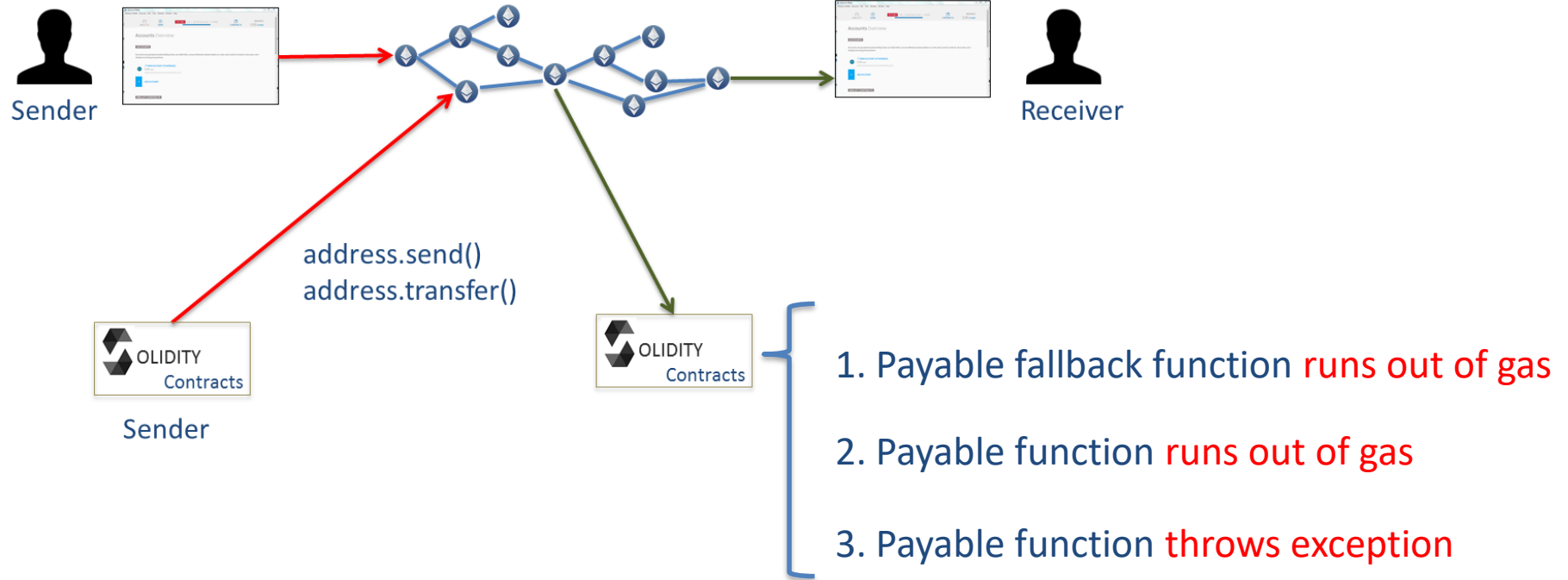


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Send Pattern



Send/Transfer can Fail



send() Vs. transfer()

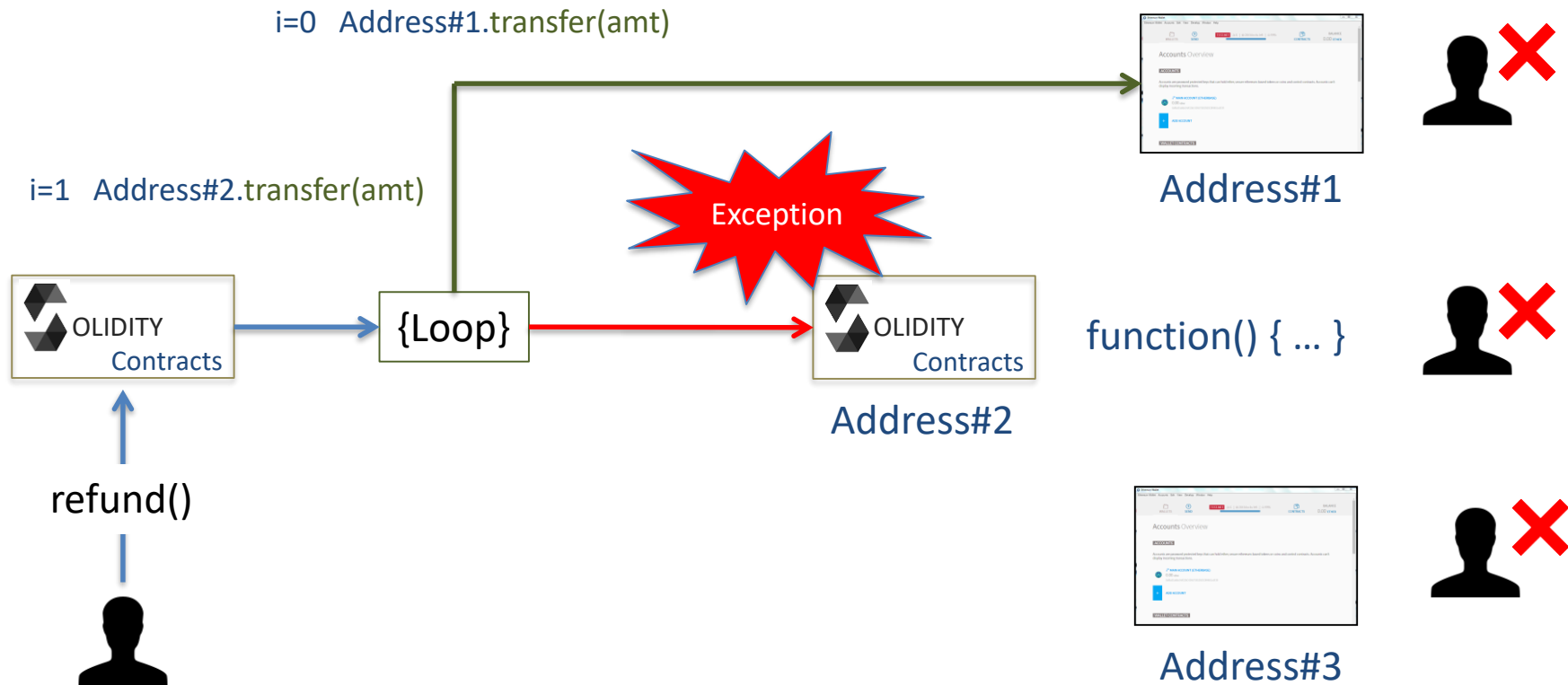
`address.send()`

- Returns false on failure *BUT* it does not HALT contract execution

`address.transfer()`

- Throws exception on failure; HALTs the execution

Challenge

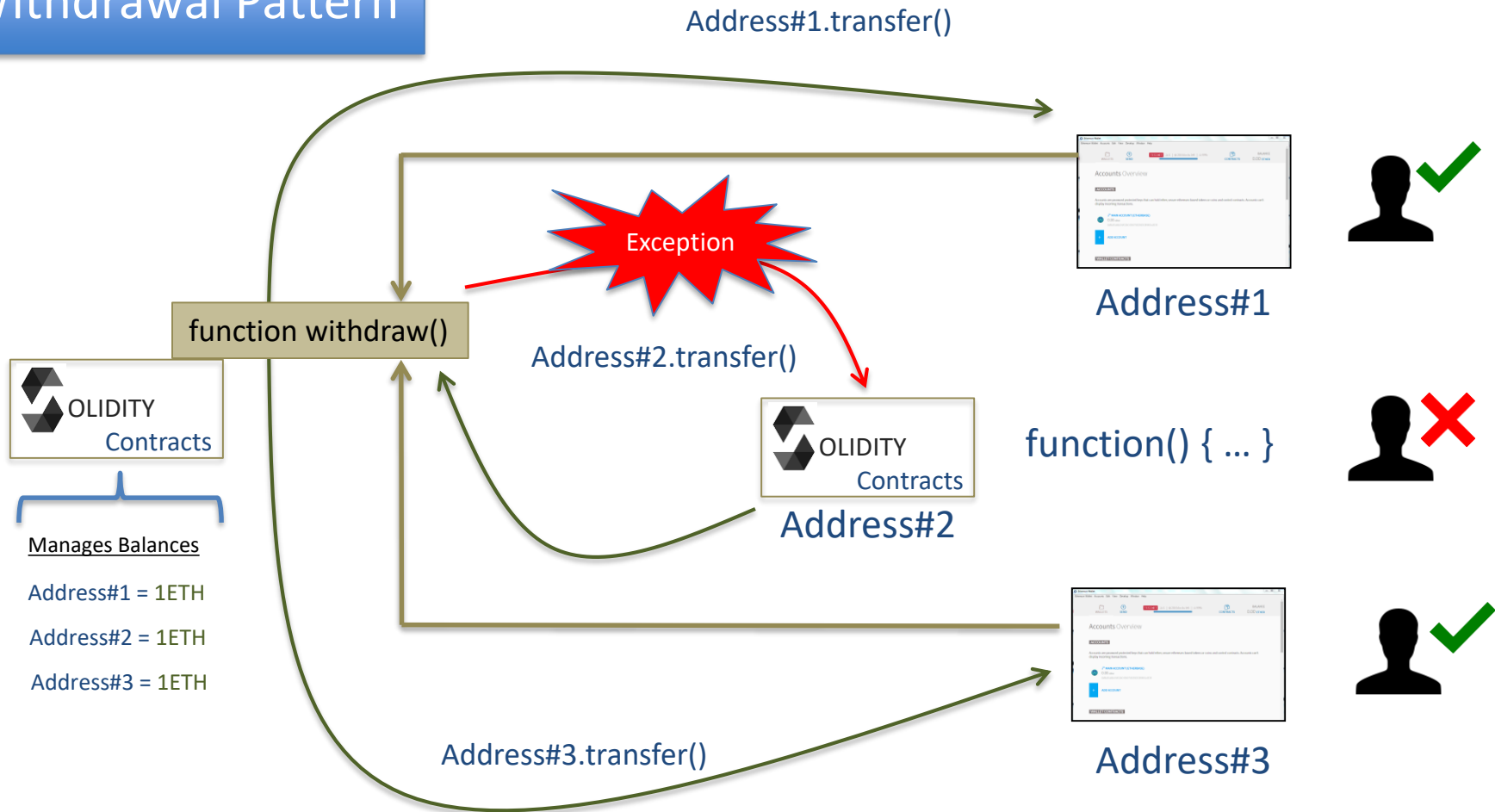


Funds stuck in the contract as exception will cause all state changes to Roll back

Withdrawal Pattern

- Sender contract exposes a withdraw function
 - The receivers invoke the withdrawal function for getting ethers

Withdrawal Pattern



Sender Versus Withdrawal Pattern

- Sender pattern
 - Sending contracts uses `send()` or `transfer()`
 - `Send()` returns false on failure ; `transfer()` throws an exception
 - Misbehaving code in fallback or payable function can cause issues
- Withdrawal pattern
 - Receiver calls the `withdraw()` function to initiate send/transfer