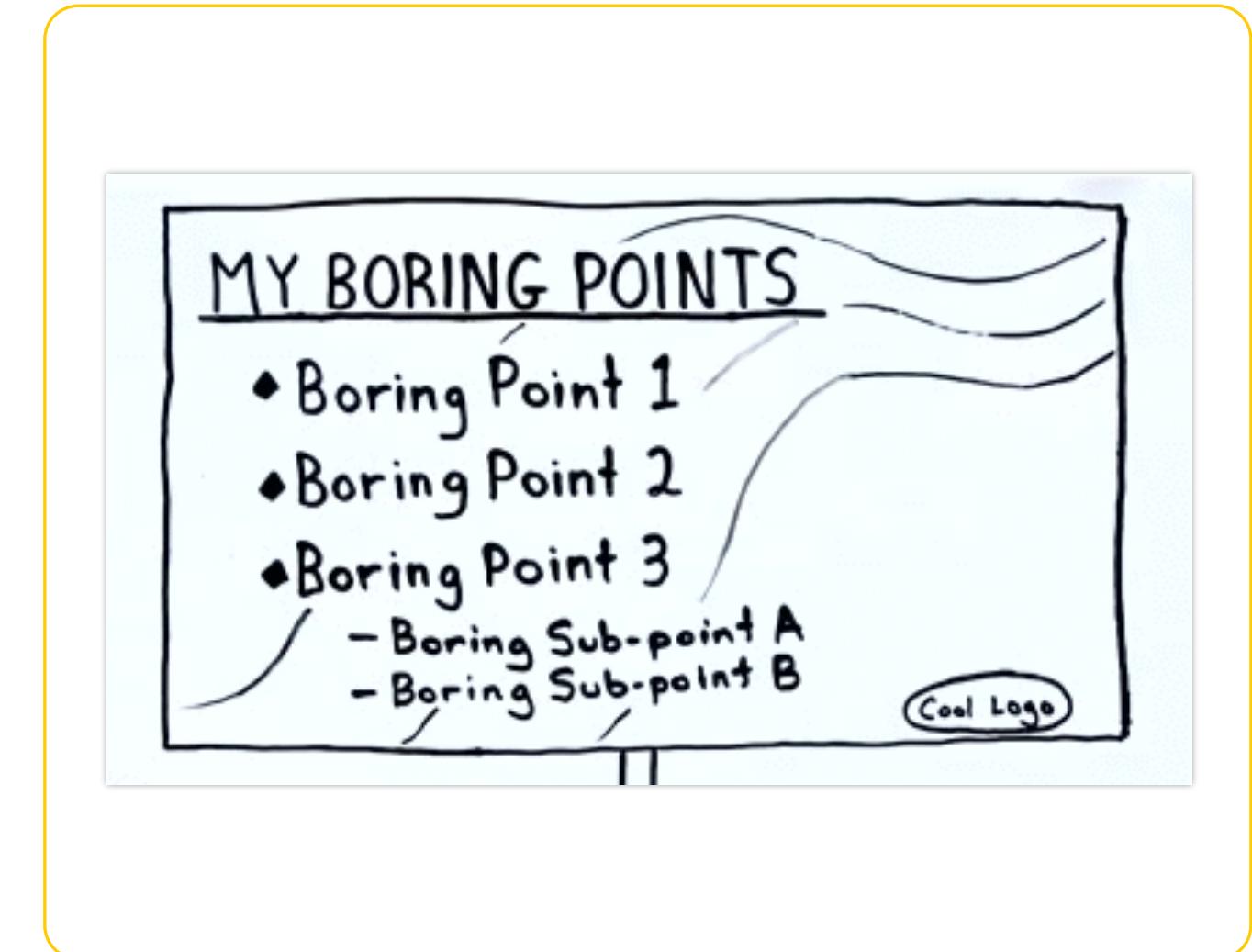


Technical Whiteboarding

Where do
people learn
how to
whiteboard
technical
diagrams
anyway?!



Reasons why whiteboarding is a useful skill:

Communicate ideas and problem solving

It's common for an interviewer to ask an interviewee to whiteboard out a problem/tech stack/coding solution

Help keep things engaging and interactive

Visual aspect to your conversations, making them multi-modal

Can help you work through complex problems

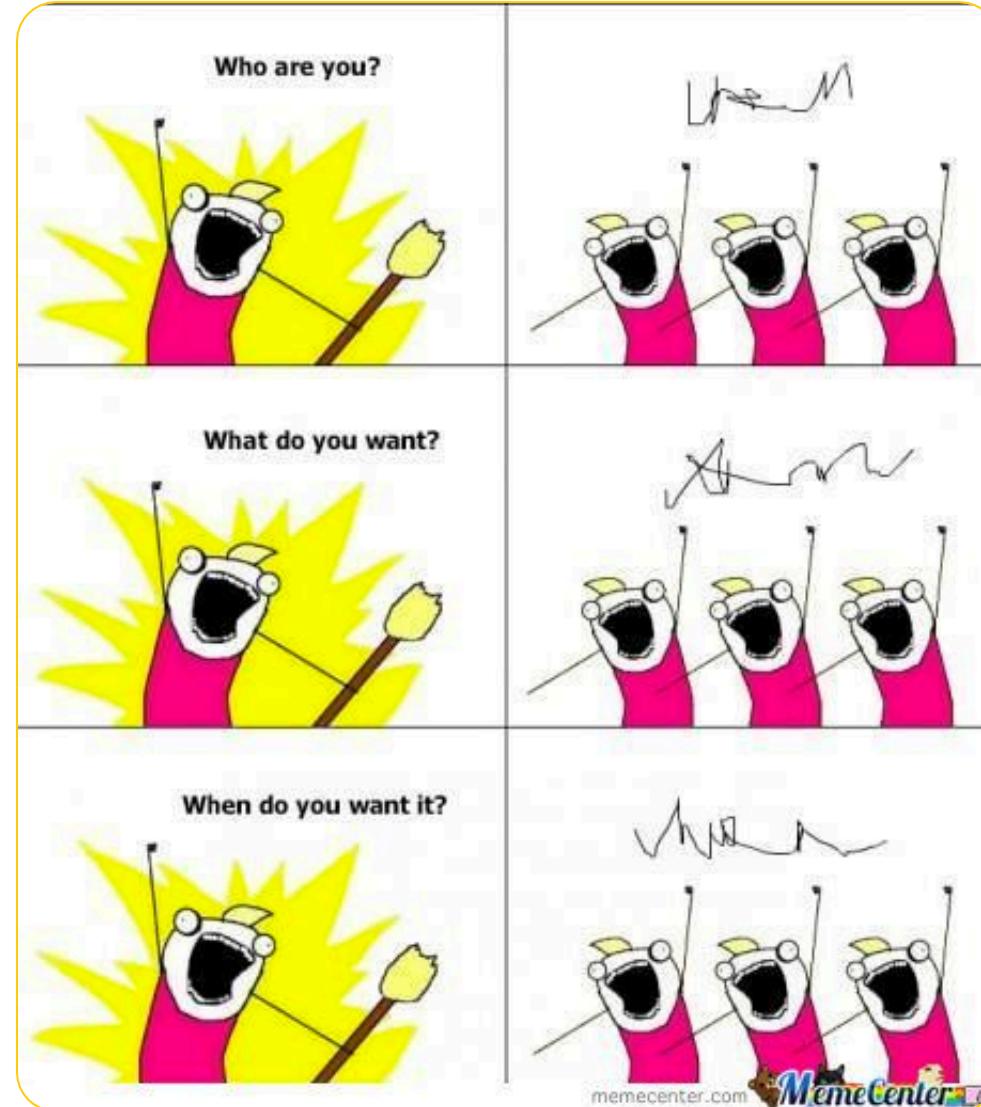
Basics: Tools

- Whiteboard
- Marker
- Cleaner
- Sticky Notes



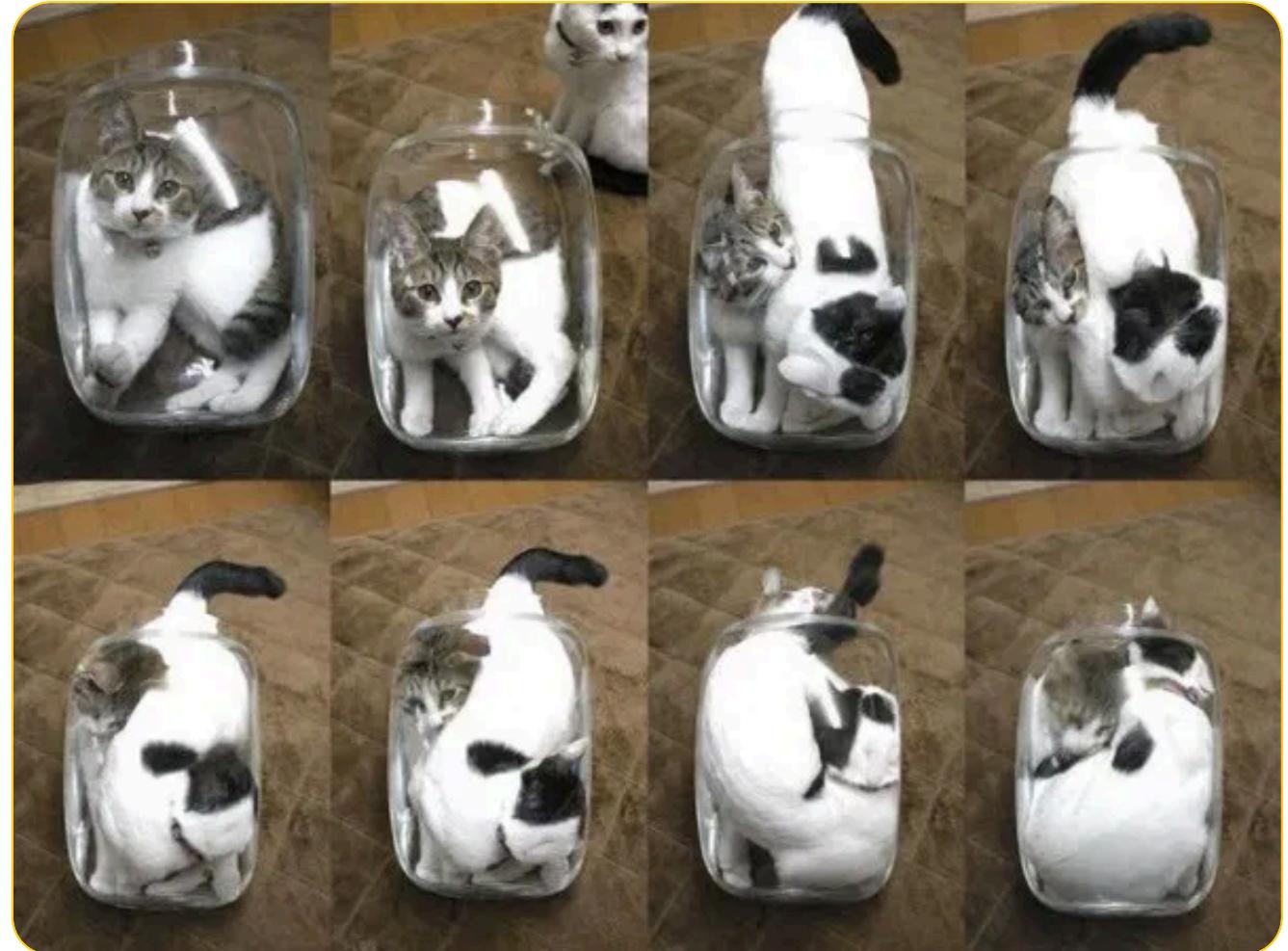
Basics: Handwriting

- BLOCK LETTERS IS BEST
- *Cursive is least legible*
- Will you be able to read it later?



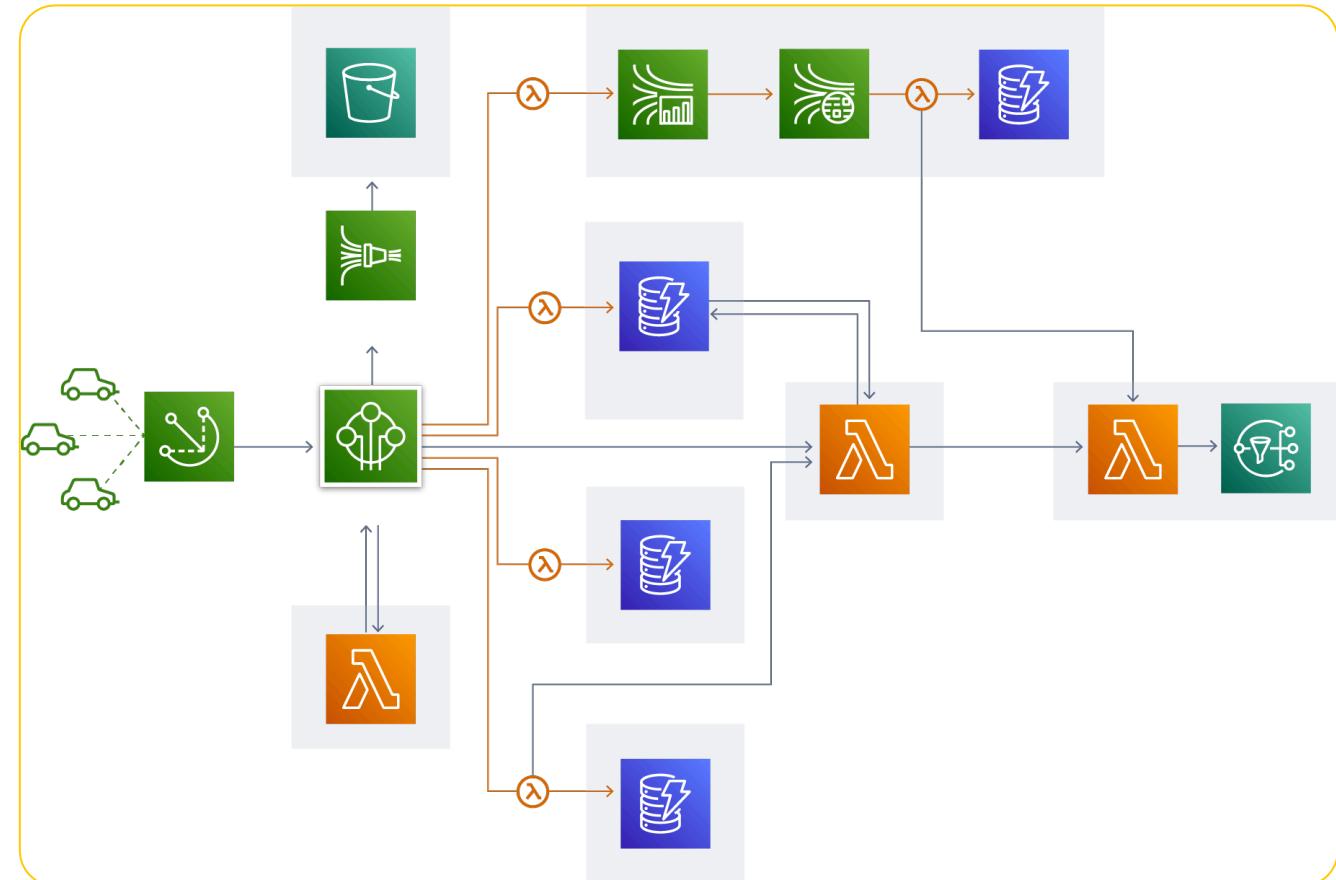
Basics: Spacing

- What do you have to work with?
- Vertical/Horizontal
- Layers
- Surprise layers



Basics: Words vs Symbols

- Commonly used symbols
- Acronyms
- Target audience
- Easier
- Messy handwriting



Basics: Communication

- Talk through it
- Face your audience
- Visibility
- 2-way communication
- Gauge understanding



Activity!

- In small groups let's 'whiteboard' what we have created so far!

Things to consider:

- If you need 5 minutes to read over things and discuss, do this before starting
- Help each other out if you feel like someone's stuck
- Make space for each other and don't take over
- Communication is key
- It's ok if you don't know something, you can indicate uncertainty in your whiteboard drawing