Pattern Matching

Small Enhancement or Major Feature?

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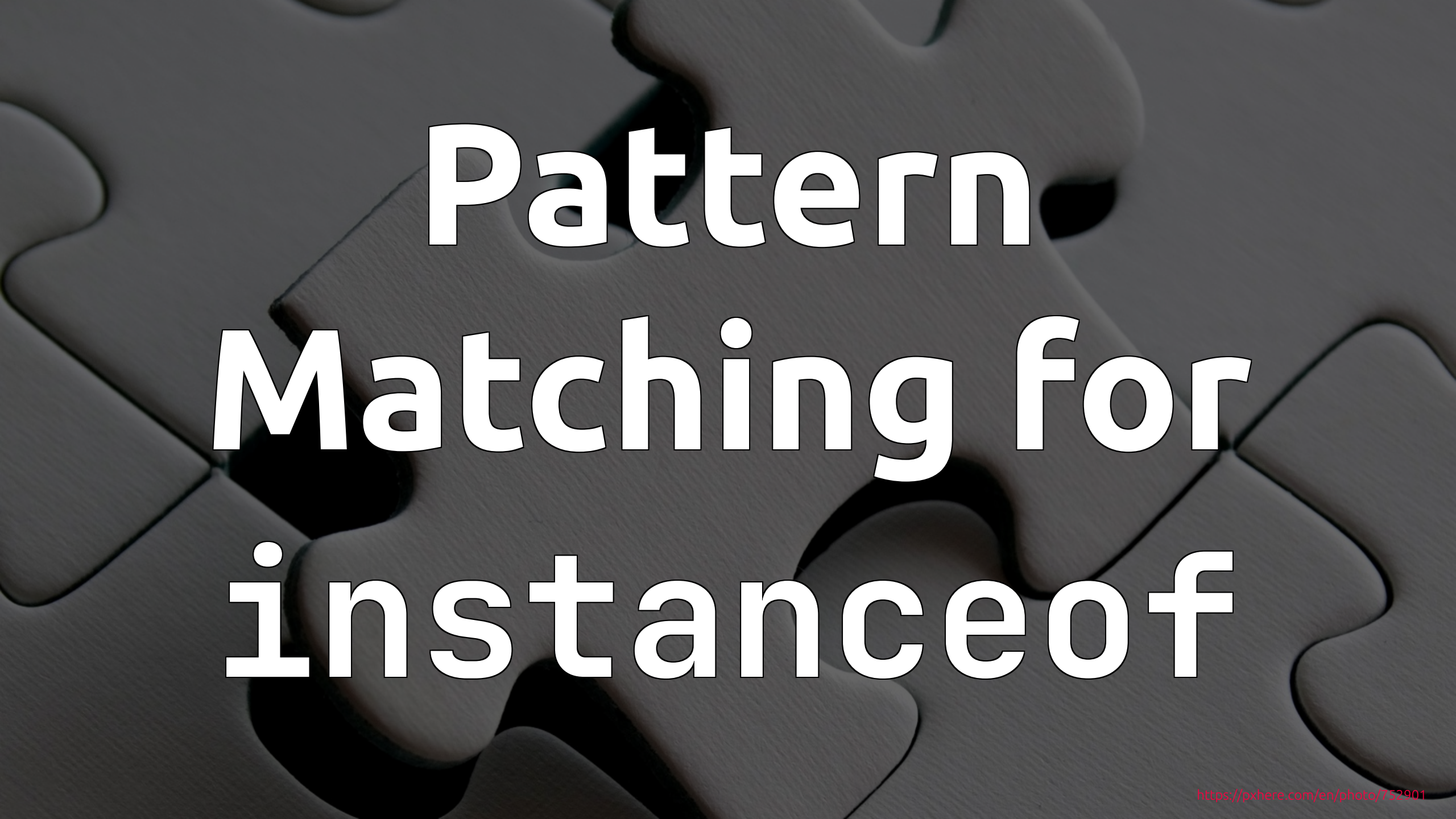
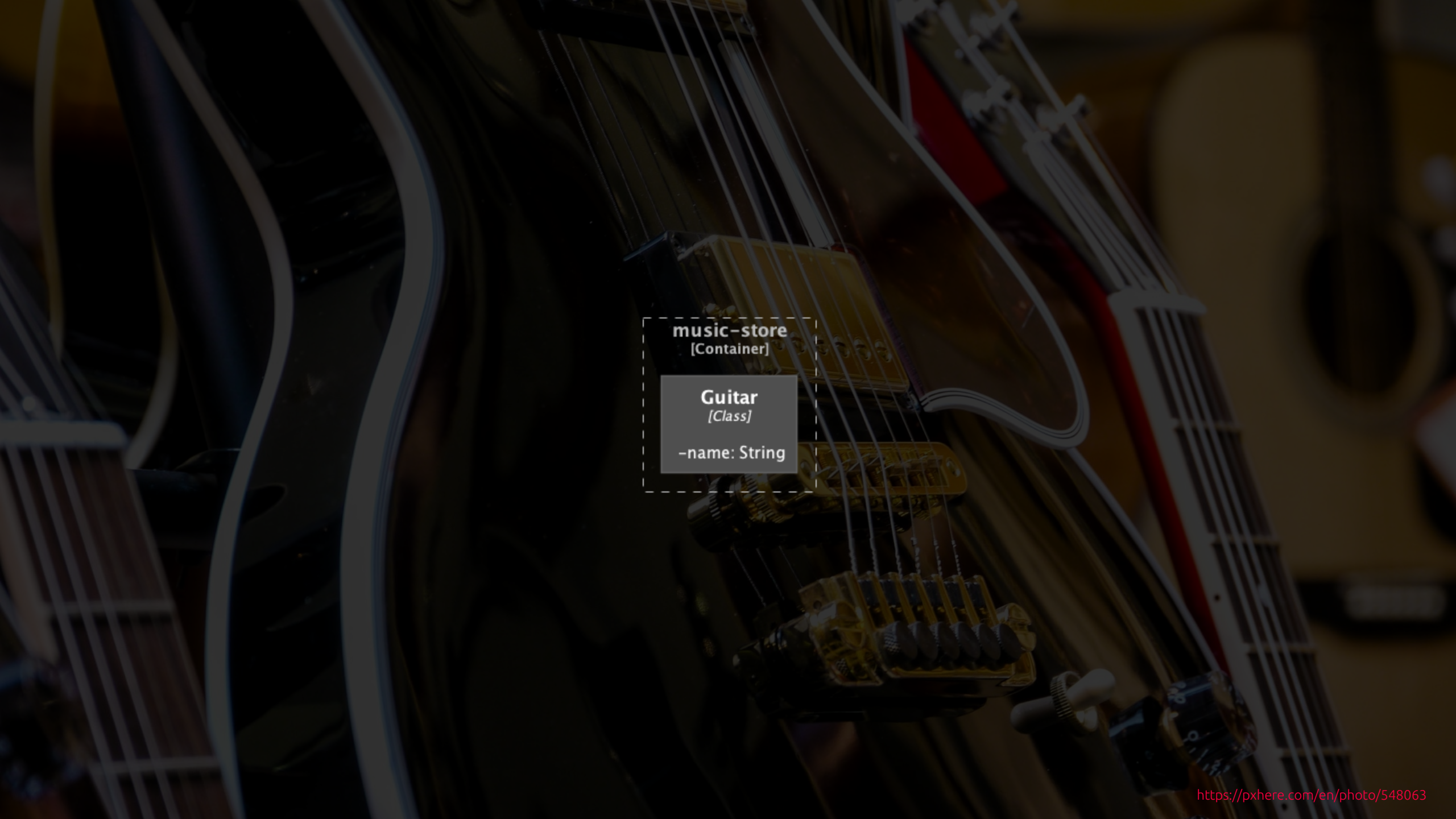
Pattern Matching for `instanceof`





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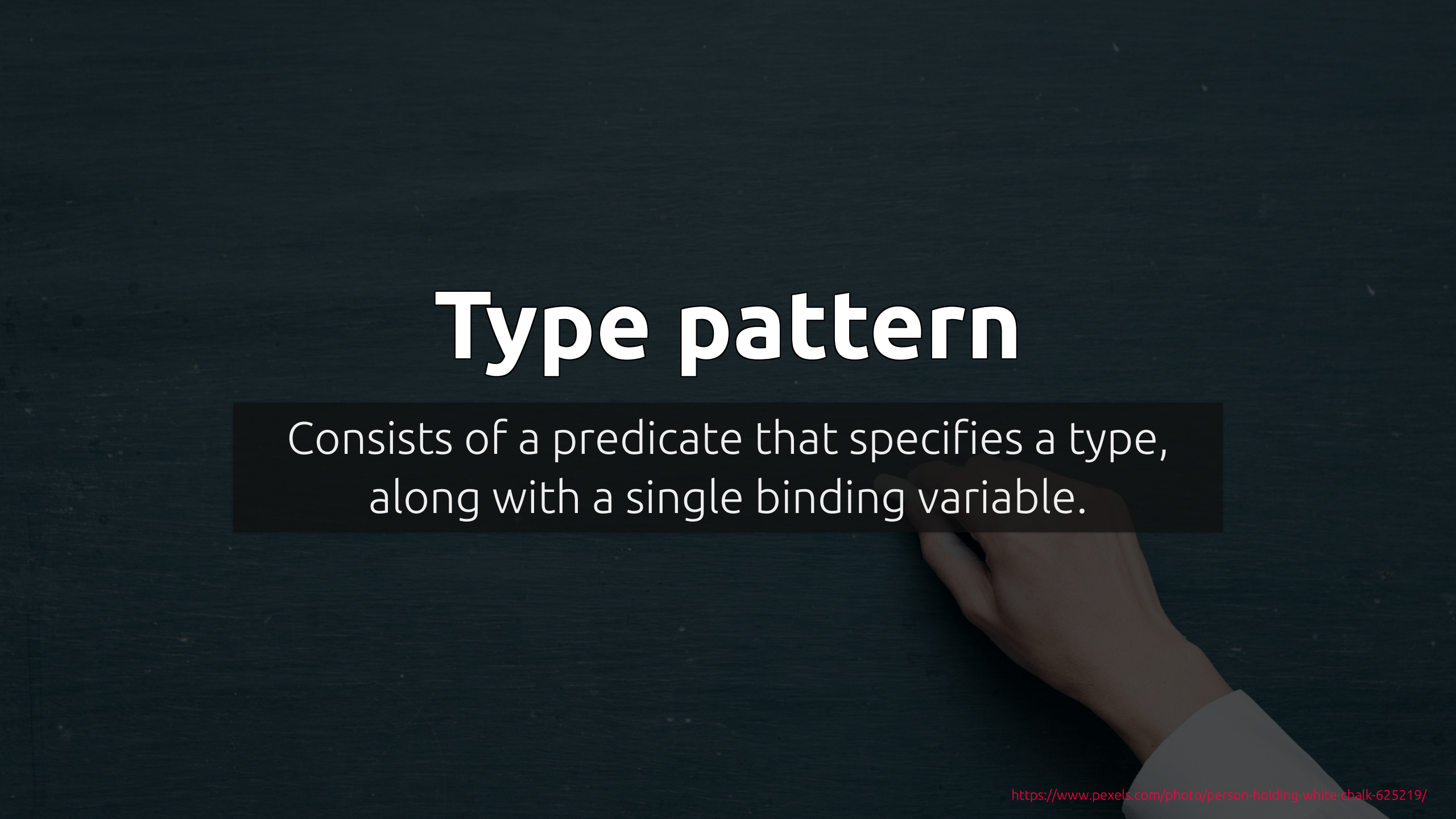
Type pattern

Consists of a predicate that specifies a type, along with a single binding variable.



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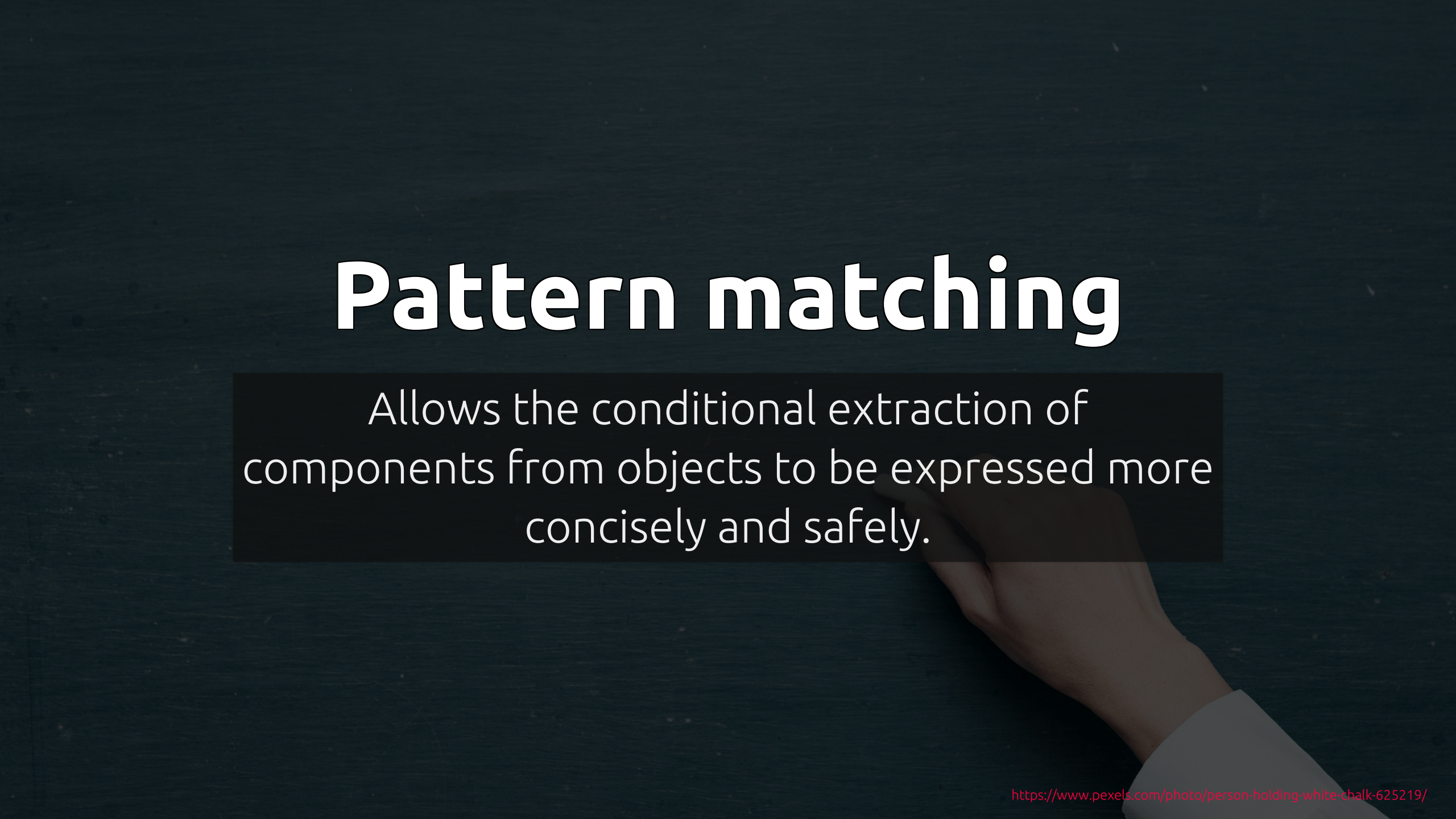
Pattern matching

Allows the conditional extraction of components from objects to be expressed more concisely and safely.



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Demo

- Simplify implementation of `equals`

Declaring 'in the middle'

```
1 if (product instanceof Guitar lesPaul) {
2     // use lesPaul
3 }
```

Scoping

Pattern binding variable ('flow scoping')

- The set of places where it would definitely be assigned.

```
1 if (product instanceof Guitar lesPaul && lesPaul.isInTune()) {
2     // can use lesPaul here
3 } else {
4     // can't use lesPaul here
5 }
```

Benefits

- Nearly 100% of casts will just disappear!
- More concise

It's a kind of Pattern

pattern	example
type pattern	`Guitar lesPaul`

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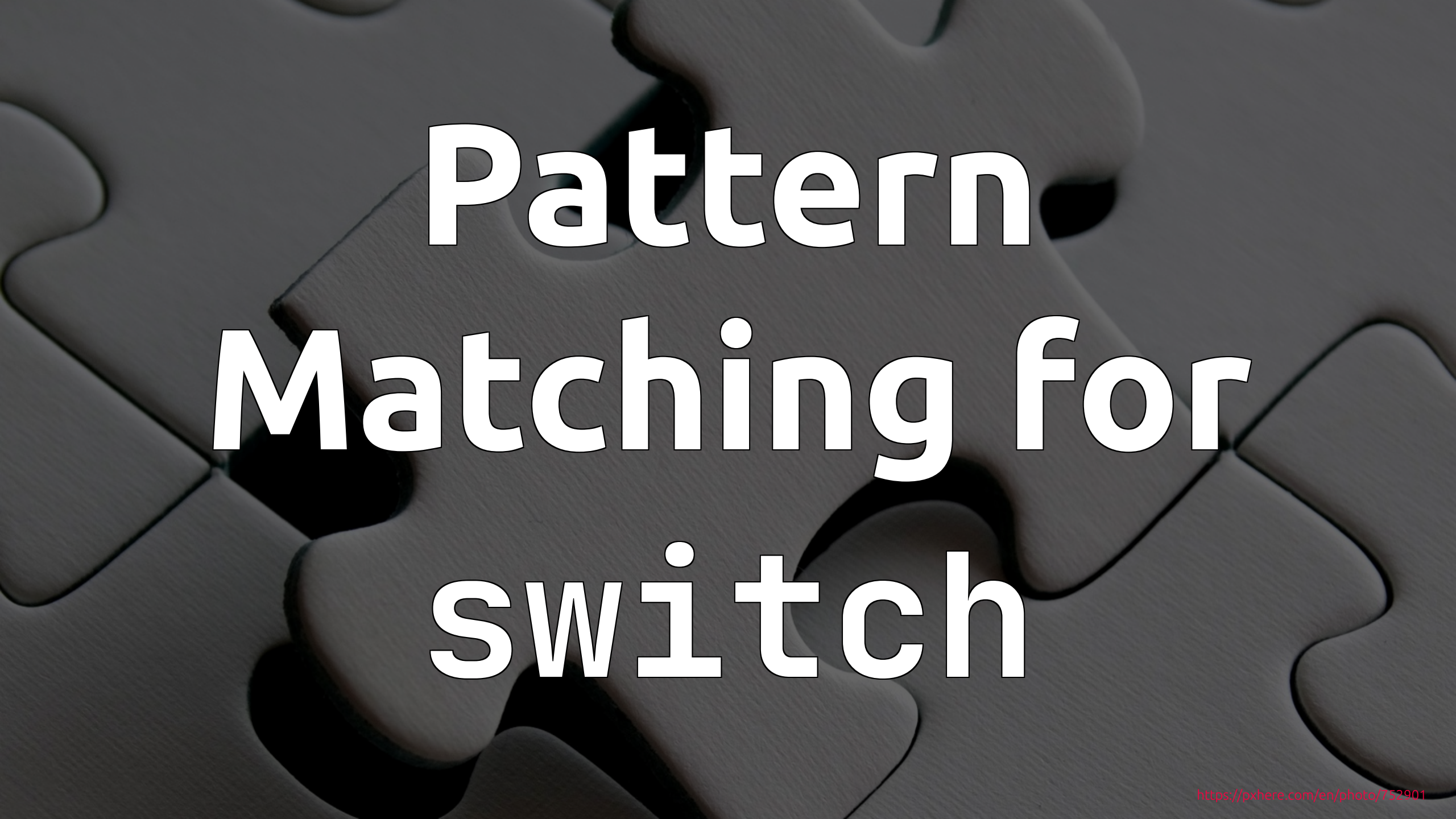
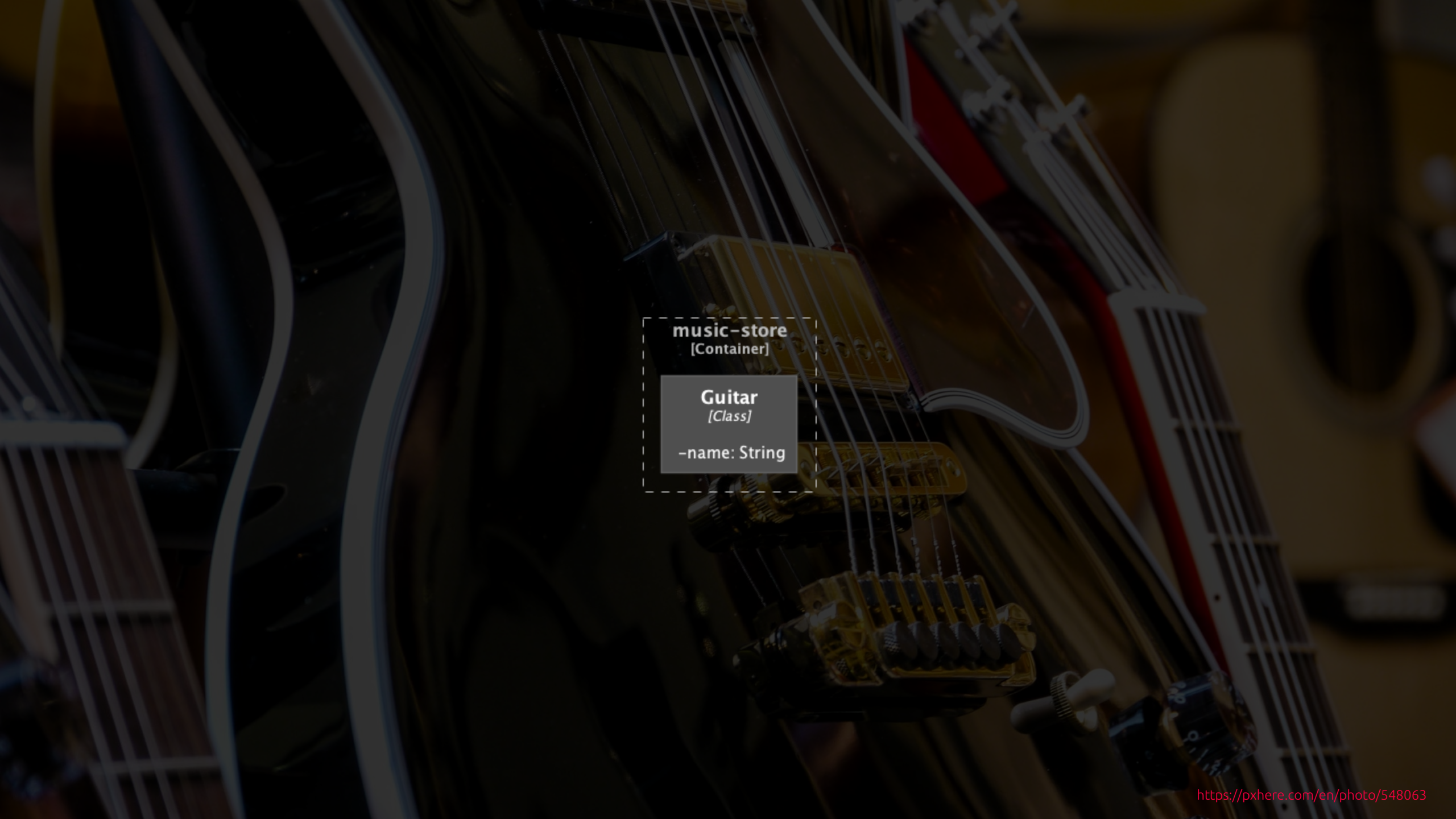
Feature Status

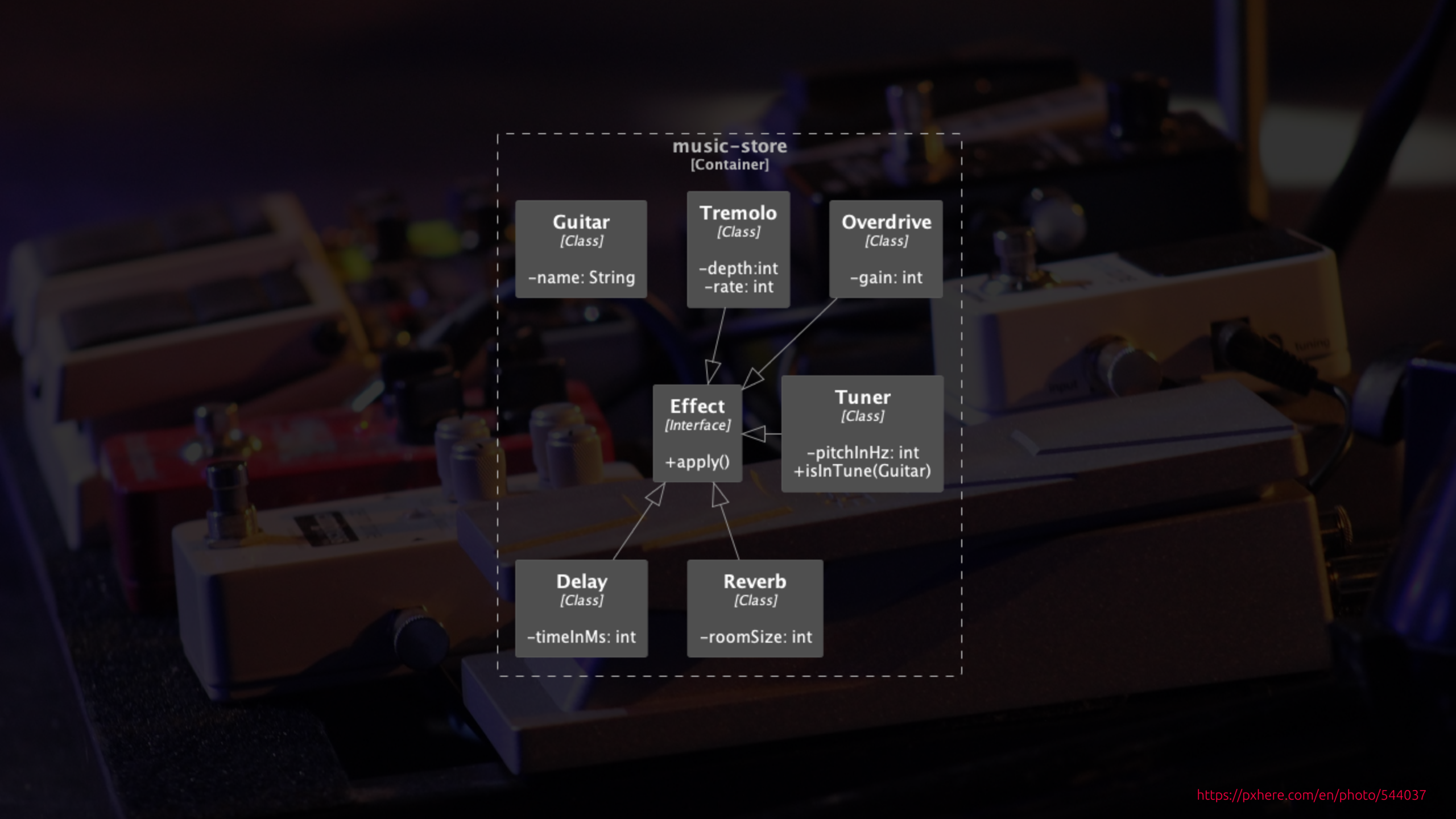
Type Patterns

Java version	Feature status	JEP
14	Preview	JEP 305
15	Second preview	JEP 375
16	Final	JEP 394

Pattern Matching for switch







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```java
String apply(Effect effect) {
    String formatted = "";
    if (effect instanceof Delay) {
        Delay de = (Delay) effect;
        formatted = String.format("Delay active of %d ms.", de.getTimeInMs());
    } else if (effect instanceof Reverb) {
        Reverb re = (Reverb) effect;
        formatted = String.format("Reverb active of type %s and roomSize %d.", re.getName(
    } else if (effect instanceof Overdrive) {
        Overdrive ov = (Overdrive) effect;
        formatted = String.format("Overdrive active with gain %d.", ov.getGain());
    } else if (effect instanceof Tremolo) {
        Tremolo tr = (Tremolo) effect;
        formatted = String.format("Tremolo active with depth %d and rate %d.", tr.getDepth
    } else if (effect instanceof Tuner) {
        Tuner tu = (Tuner) effect;
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 9      } else if (effect instanceof Overdrive) {
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11          formatted = String.format("Overdrive active with gain %d.", ov.getGain());
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13          Tremolo tr = (Tremolo) effect;
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15      } else if (effect instanceof Tuner) {
16          Tuner tu = (Tuner) effect;
17          formatted = String.format("Tuner active with pitch %d. Muting all signal!", tu.get
18      } else if (effect instanceof EffectLoop) {
19          EffectLoop el = (EffectLoop) effect;
20          formatted = el.getEffects().stream().map(this::apply).collect(Collectors.joining(S
21      } else {
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Sensible operations to the effect loop

- `apply()`
- `setVolume(int volume)`
- `contains(Effect... effect)`

Nonsensical operations to the effect loop

- `isTunerActive()`
- `isDelayTimeEqualToReverbRoomSize()`
- `isToneSuitableToPlayPrideInTheNameOfLove()`

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Benefits of pattern matching

- No need for the Visitor pattern or a common supertype
- A single expression instead of many assignments
- Less error-prone (in adding cases)
- More concise
- Safer - the compiler can check for missing cases

But what if `effect` is `null`?

```
1  static String apply(Effect effect) {
2      return switch(effect) { // throws NullPointerException!
3          case Delay de       → String.format("Delay active of %d ms.", de.getTimeInMs());
4          case Reverb re      → String.format("Reverb active of type %s and roomSize %d.", r
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Combining case labels

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7          case Tuner tu      → String.format("Tuner active with pitch %d. Muting all signal
8          case EffectLoop el → el.getEffects().stream().map(Effect::apply).collect(Collecto
9          case null, default → String.format("Unknown or malfunctioning effect active: %s.'
10     };
11 }
```

Demo

- Guarded patterns

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Guarded patterns

```
1 String apply(Effect effect, Guitar guitar) {
2     return switch(effect) {
3         // (...)
4         case Tremolo tr → String.format("Tremolo active with depth %d and rate %d.", tr.ge
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Guarded patterns

```
switch(effect) {
    // ...
    case Tuner tu:
        if (!tu.isInTune(guitar)) { // tuning is needed }
        else { // no tuning is needed }
        break;
    // ...
}
```

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guarded pattern	`Tuner tu when !tu.isInTune(guitar)`

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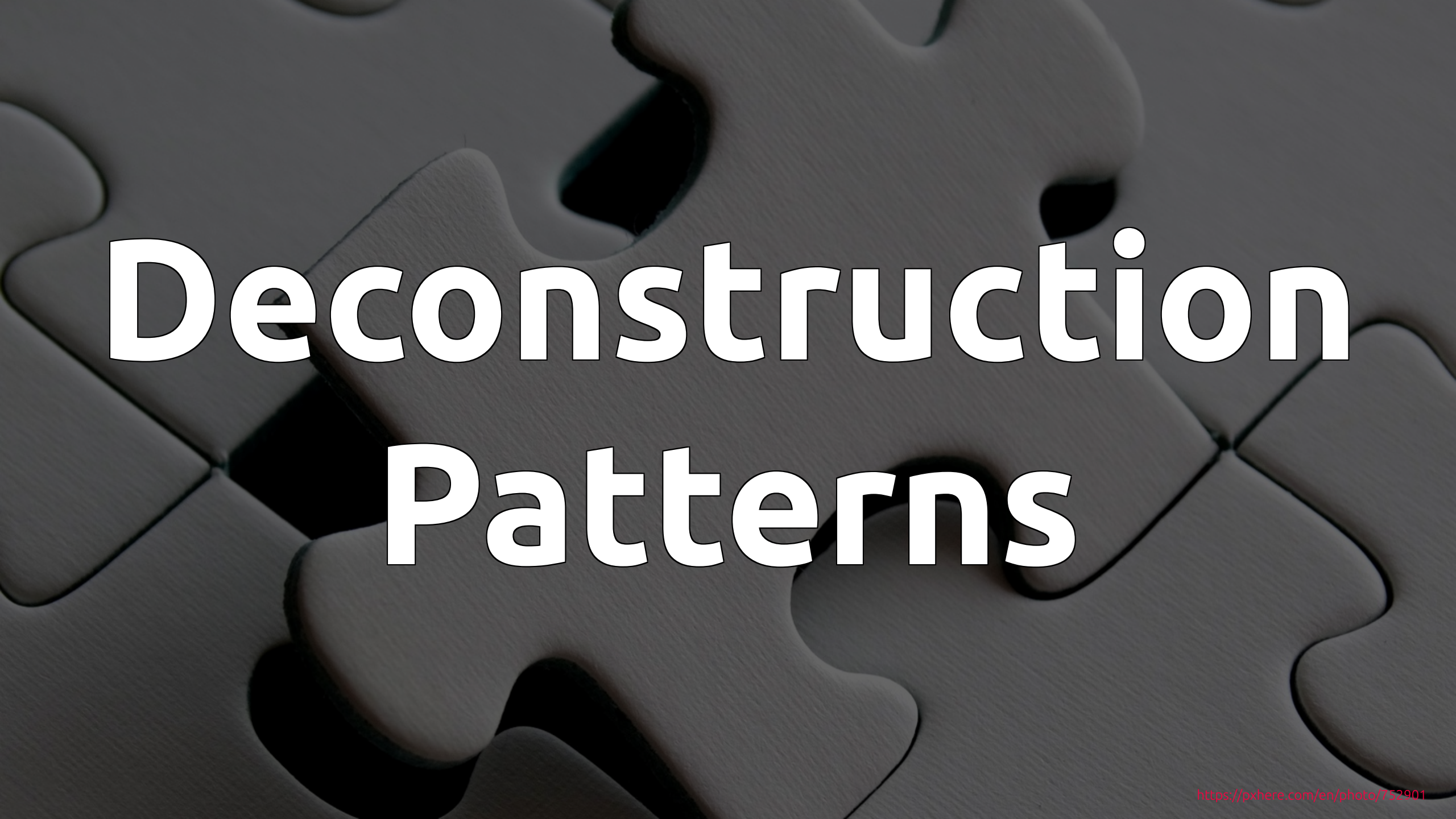
Feature Status

Guarded Patterns

Java version	Feature status	JEP
17	Preview	JEP 406
18	Second preview	JEP 420
19	Third preview	JEP 427

Deconstruction Patterns



Disclaimer

We can't tell you when the following features are coming to Java. Also: syntax and implementation specifics may still change.

Deconstruction patterns

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Pattern definition

```
1 public class Overdrive implements Effect {
2     private final int gain;
3
4     public Overdrive(int gain) {
5         this.gain = gain;
6     }
7 }
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6      }
7
8      public pattern Overdrive(int gain) {
9          gain = this.gain;
10     }
11 }
```

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11 }
```

Demo

- Deconstruction with Records

Deconstruction patterns

```
1  String apply(Effect effect) {
2      return switch(effect) {
3          case Delay(int timeInMs) → String.format("Delay active of %d ms.", timeInMs);
4          case Reverb(String name, int roomSize) → String.format("Reverb active of type %s
5          case Overdrive(int gain) → String.format("Overdrive active with gain %d.", gain);
6          case Tremolo(int depth, int rate) → String.format("Tremolo active with depth %d a
7          case Tuner(int pitchInHz) → String.format("Tuner active with pitch %d. Muting all
8          case EffectLoop(Set<Effect> effects) → effects.stream().map(this::apply).collect(
9          default → String.format("Unknown effect active: %s.", effect);
10     };
11 }
```

Can we combine patterns?

```
1 static boolean isDelayTimeEqualToReverbRoomSize(EffectLoop effectLoop) {
2
3 }
```

Pattern composition

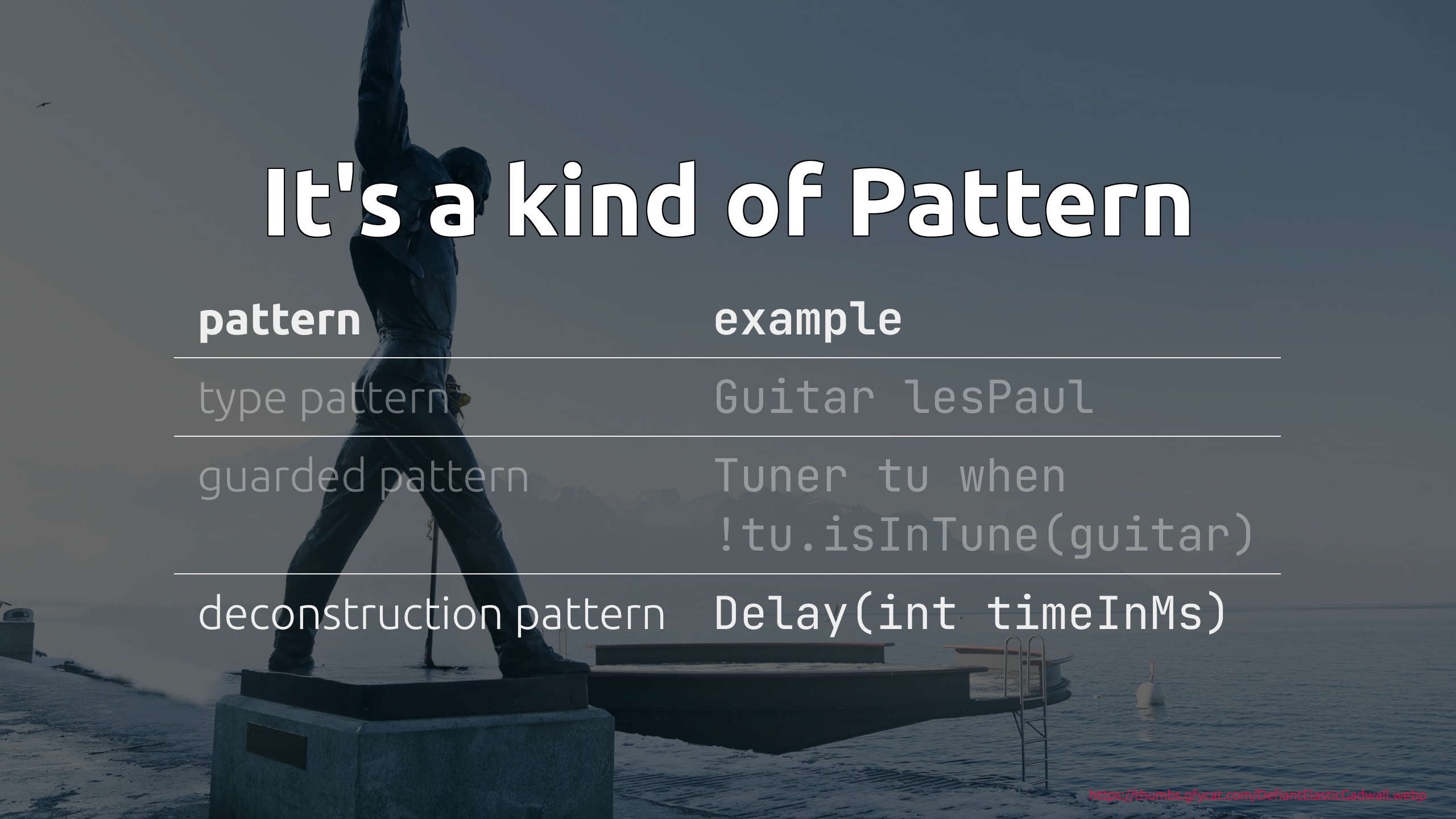
```
1 static boolean isDelayTimeEqualToReverbRoomSize(EffectLoop effectLoop) {
2     if (effectLoop instanceof EffectLoop(Delay(int timeInMs), Reverb(String name, int roomS
3         return timeInMs == roomSize;
4     }
5     return false;
6 }
```

Pattern composition

```
1  static boolean isDelayTimeEqualToReverbRoomSize(EffectLoop effectLoop) {
2      return effectLoop.getEffects().stream()
3          .filter(e → e instanceof Delay || e instanceof Reverb)
4          .map(dr → {
5              if (dr instanceof Delay d) {
6                  return d.getTimeInMs();
7              } else {
8                  Reverb r = (Reverb) dr;
9                  return r.getRoomSize();
10             }
11
12         }).distinct().count() == 1;
13 }
```

It's a kind of Pattern

pattern	example
type pattern	`Guitar lesPaul`
guarded pattern	`Tuner tu when !tu.isInTune(guitar)`
deconstruction pattern	`Delay(int timeInMs)`



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Var and any patterns

```
1 // Pre-Java 10
2 Guitar telecaster = new Guitar("Fender Telecaster Baritone Blacktop", GuitarType.TELECASTE
3
4 // Java 10
5 var telecaster = new Guitar("Fender Telecaster Baritone Blacktop", GuitarType.TELECASTER);
```

https://openjdk.java.net/jeps/286

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4     }
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6 }
```

Optimization

```
1  static String apply(Effect effect) {
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Benefits

- Better encapsulation
  a case branch only receives data that it actually references.
- More elegant logic
  by using pattern composition
- Optimization
  through the use of any patterns

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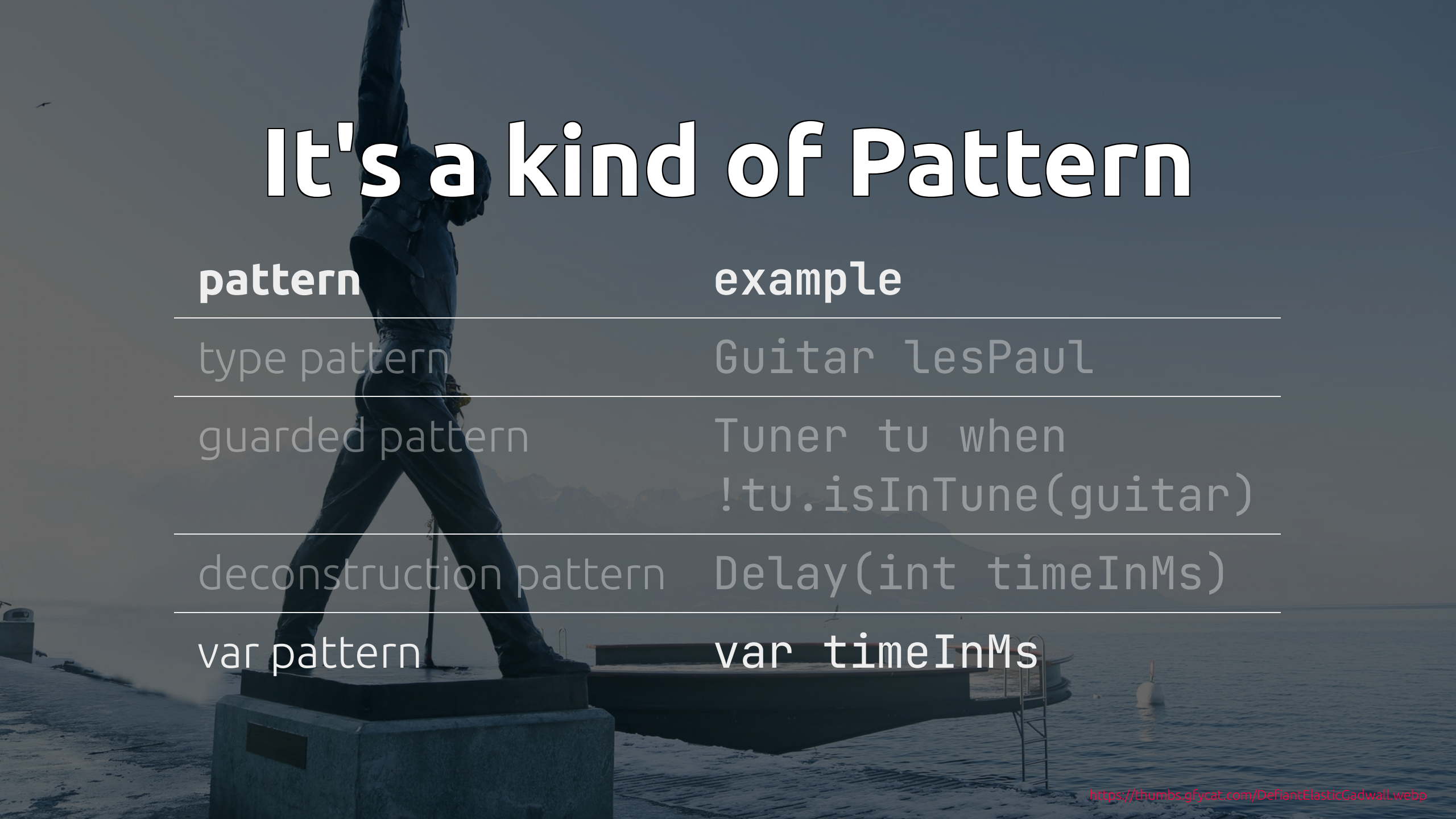

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Feature Status

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19	Preview (composition of record and type patterns only)	JEP 405

Pattern Matching Plays Nice With Sealed Types and Records

Demo

- Make `Effect` a sealed type

Sealed types yield completeness

```
1  static String apply(Effect effect) {
2      return switch(effect) {
3          case Delay(int timeInMs) → String.format("Delay active of %d ms.", timeInMs);
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Records

Input:

- Commit to the class being a transparent carrier for its data.

Output:

- constructors
- accessor methods
- `equals()`-implementation
- `hashCode()`-implementation
- `toString()`-implementation
- deconstruction pattern

Array patterns

```
1 record EffectLoop(String name, int volume, Effect... effects) { }
```

```
1 static String apply(EffectLoop effectLoop) {}
2     return switch(effectLoop) {
3         case EffectLoop(var name, var volume) -> "Effect loop contains no effects.";
4     }
5 }
```

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    }
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```

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..	..
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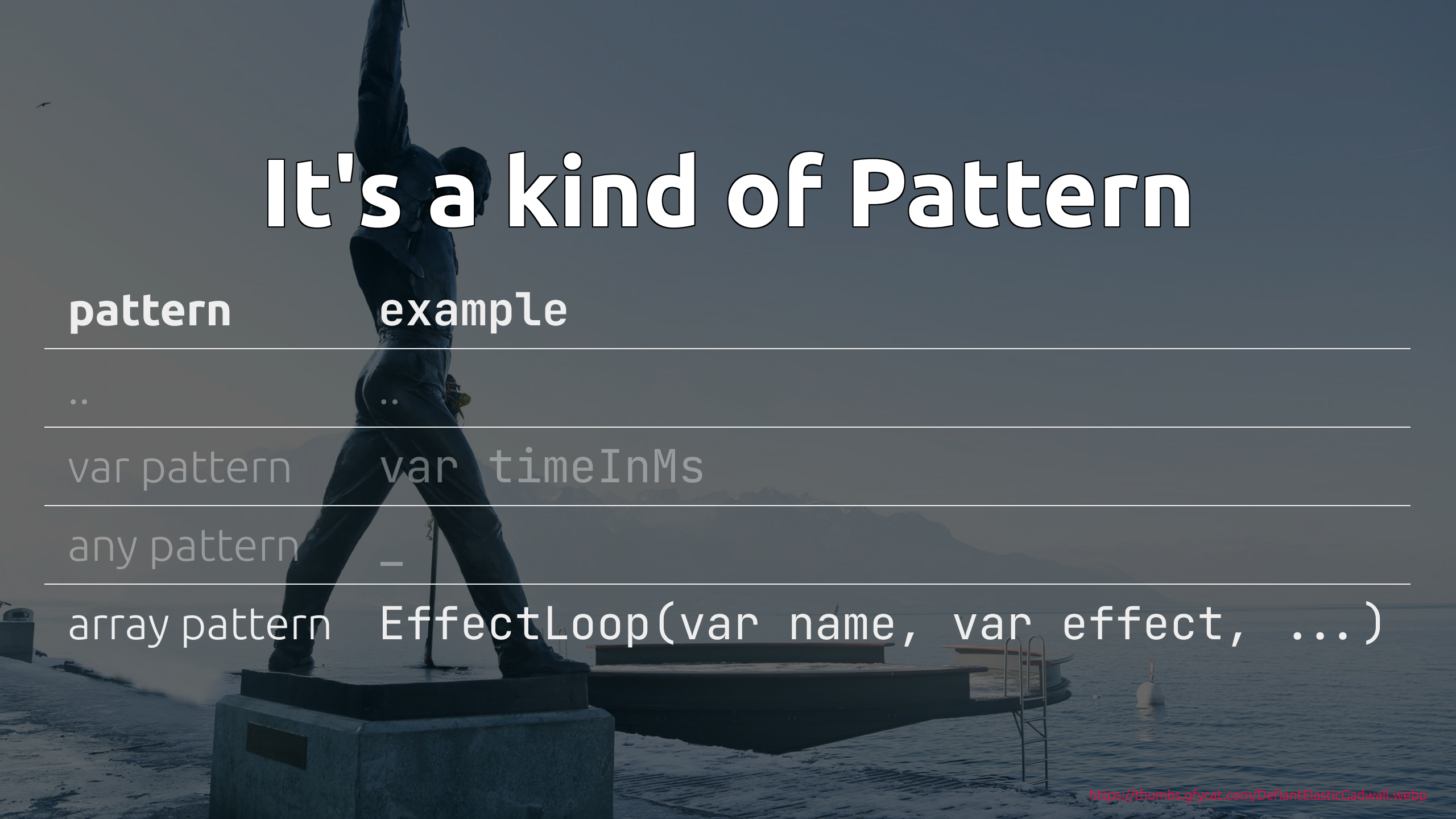
any pattern	`_`
array pattern	`EffectLoop(var name, var effect, ...)`



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Sealed Types

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15	Preview	JEP 360
16	Second preview	JEP 397
17	Final	JEP 409

Feature Status

Completeness

Java version	Feature status	JEP
17	Preview	JEP 406
18	Second preview	JEP 420
19	Third preview	JEP 427

Feature Status

Record Patterns

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19	Preview	JEP 405


A Better
Serialization?
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Here be dragons!

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Opposites

Deconstruction pattern

- transforms an object into a set of typed fields

Constructor

- transforms a set of typed fields into an object

Serialization

- very important feature
- but many people hate its current implementation

Drawbacks

- it undermines the accessibility model
- serialization logic is not 'readable code'
- it bypasses constructors and data validation

Serialization

```
1 public class EffectLoop implements Effect {
2     private String name;
3     private Set<Effect> effects;
4
5     public EffectLoop(String name) {
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7         this.effects = new HashSet<>();
8     }
9 }
```

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9
10     public pattern EffectLoop(String name, Effect[] effects) {
11         name = this.name;
12         effects = this.effects.toArray();
13     }
14 }
```

Serialization

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 8      }
 9
10      public EffectLoop(String name, Effect[] effects) {
11          this(name);
12          for (Effect effect : effects) {
13              this.effects.add(effect);
14          }
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9
10     @Deserializer
11     public EffectLoop(String name, Effect[] effects) {
12         this(name);
13         for (Effect effect : effects) {
14             this.effects.add(effect);
15         }
16     }
```

Some challenges remain

Q: How to support multiple versions of one class?

A: `@Serializer` and `@Deserializer` annotations could get a property `version` in the future.

Feature Status

Java version	Feature status	JEP
n/a	Exploratory document	Towards Better Serialization

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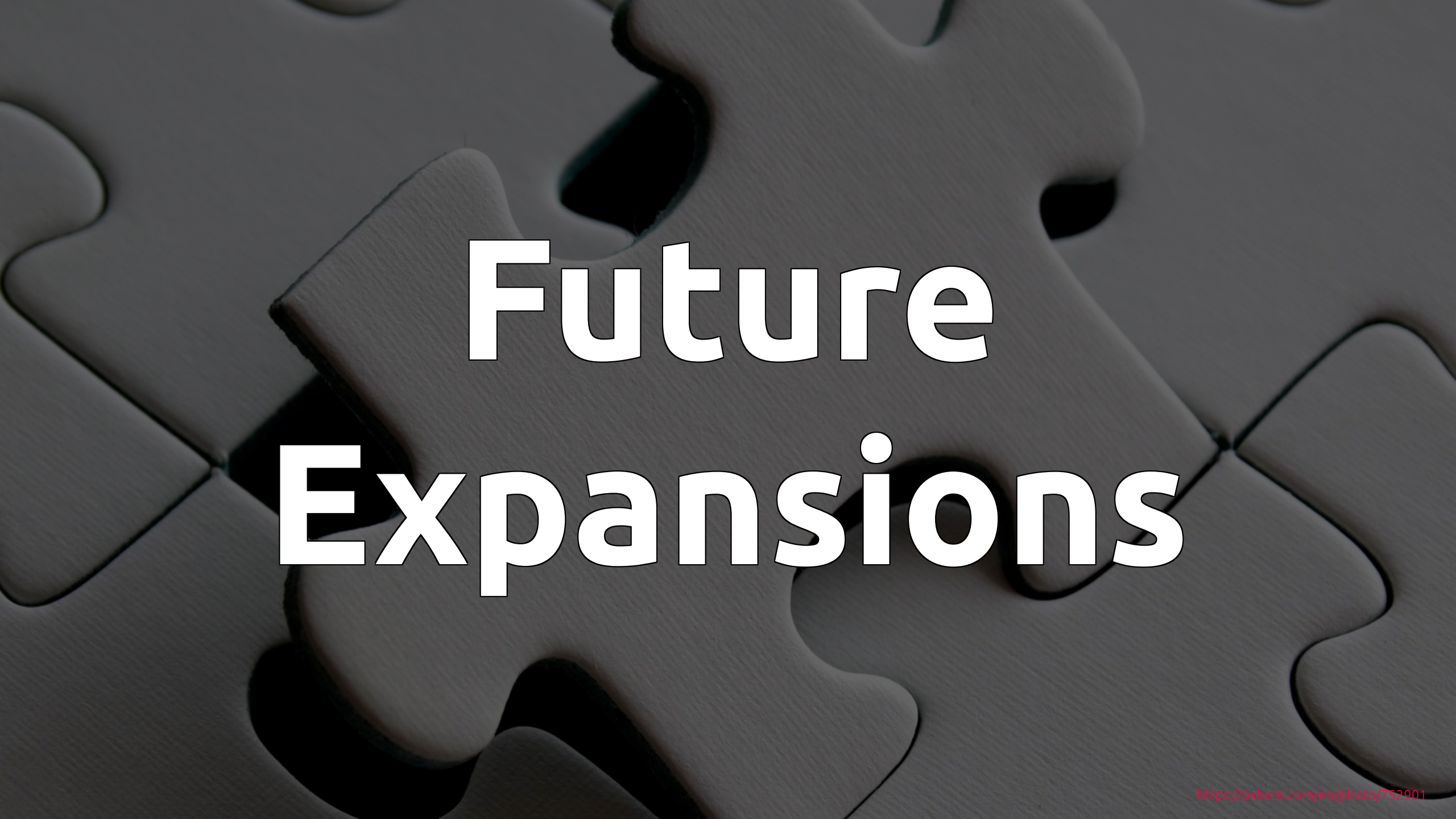

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Pattern bind statements

```
1 var reverb = new Reverb("ChamberReverb", 2);
2
3 __let Reverb(String name, int roomSize) = reverb;
4
5 // do something with name & roomSize
```

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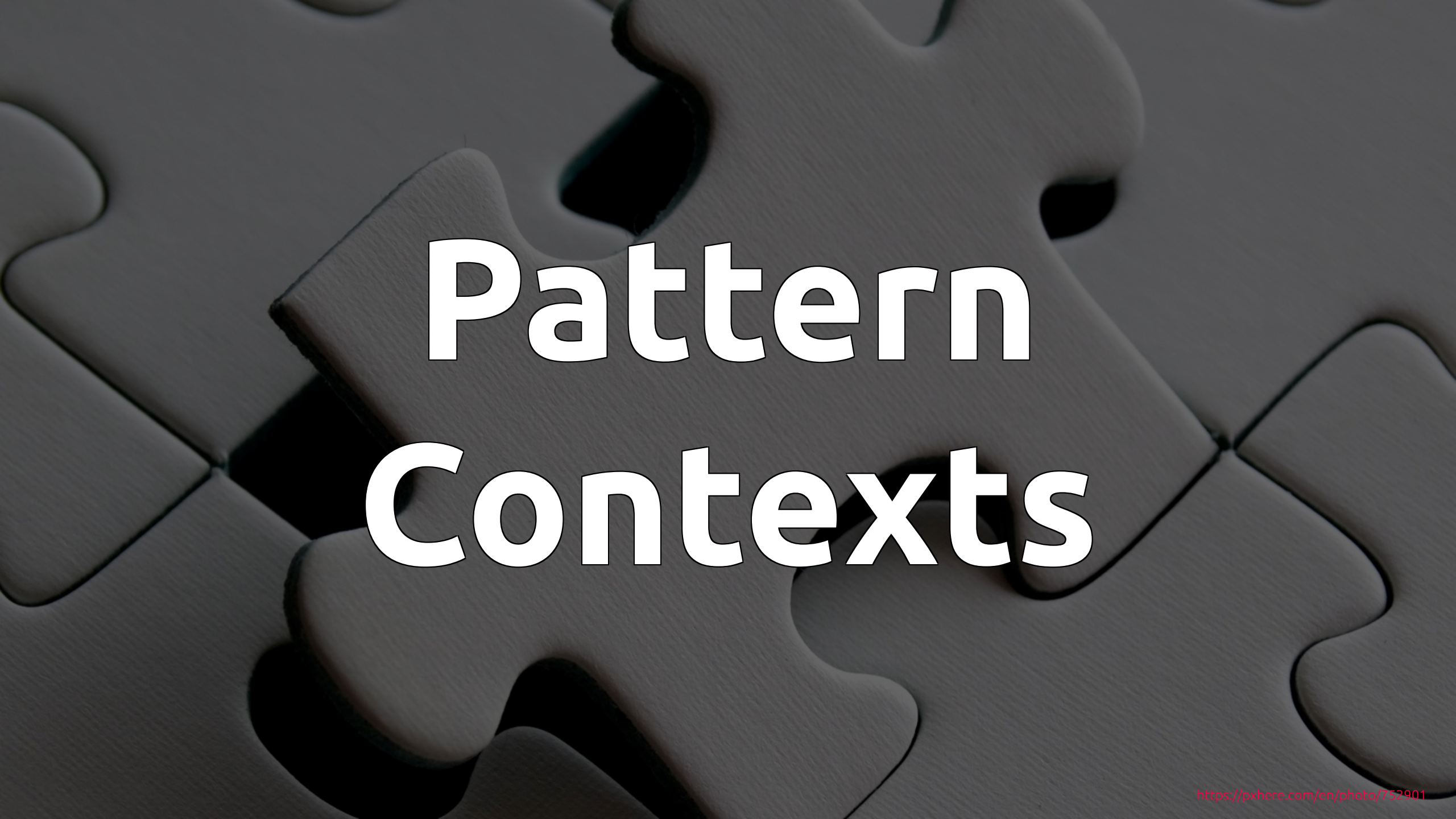
Pattern bind statements

```
1 var reverb = new Reverb("ChamberReverb", 2);
2
3 __let Reverb(String name, int roomSize) = reverb;
4 else throw new IllegalArgumentException("not a Reverb!");
5
6 // do something with name & roomSize
```

Other ideas

- AND patterns:
  `PatternOne&PatternTwo`
- Patterns in `catch` clauses:
  (will most likely complement multi-catch blocks)
- Collection patterns

https://mail.openjdk.java.net/pipermail/amber-spec-experts/2021-January/002758.html



Pattern Contexts

Pattern context	Example	Purpose
instanceof predicate	`product instanceof Guitar guitar`	Test if target matches the indicated pattern.

switch statement or expression	`switch (effect) {`
	`  case Delay d →`
	`}`
		Test if target matches one (or more) of the indicated patterns.

bind statement	`__let Reverb(var name, var roomSize) = reverb;`	Destructure a target using a pattern.

Wrap-up

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Pattern matching...

- is a rich feature arc that will play out over several versions.
- allows us to use type patterns in instanceof.
- improves switch expressions.
- makes destructuring objects as easy as (and more similar to) constructing them.
- holds the potential to simplify and streamline much of the code we write today.


Major Feature

Thank you! 😀

github.com/hannotify/pattern-matching-music-store

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