Why should you care about writing Reactive Mobile Apps?

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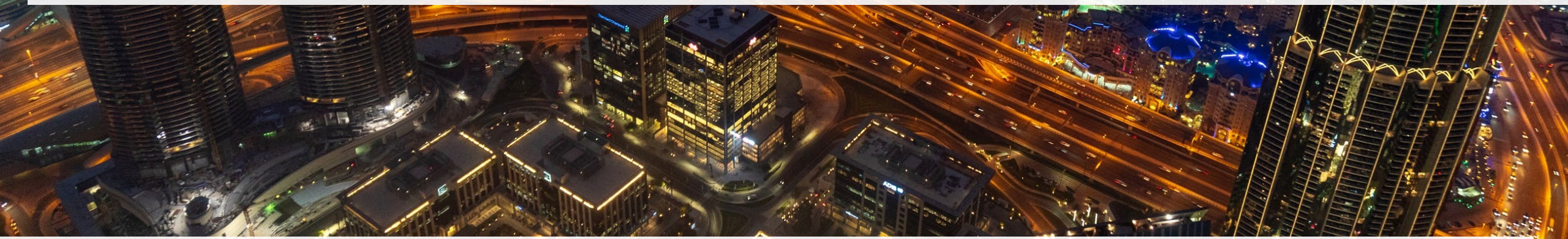
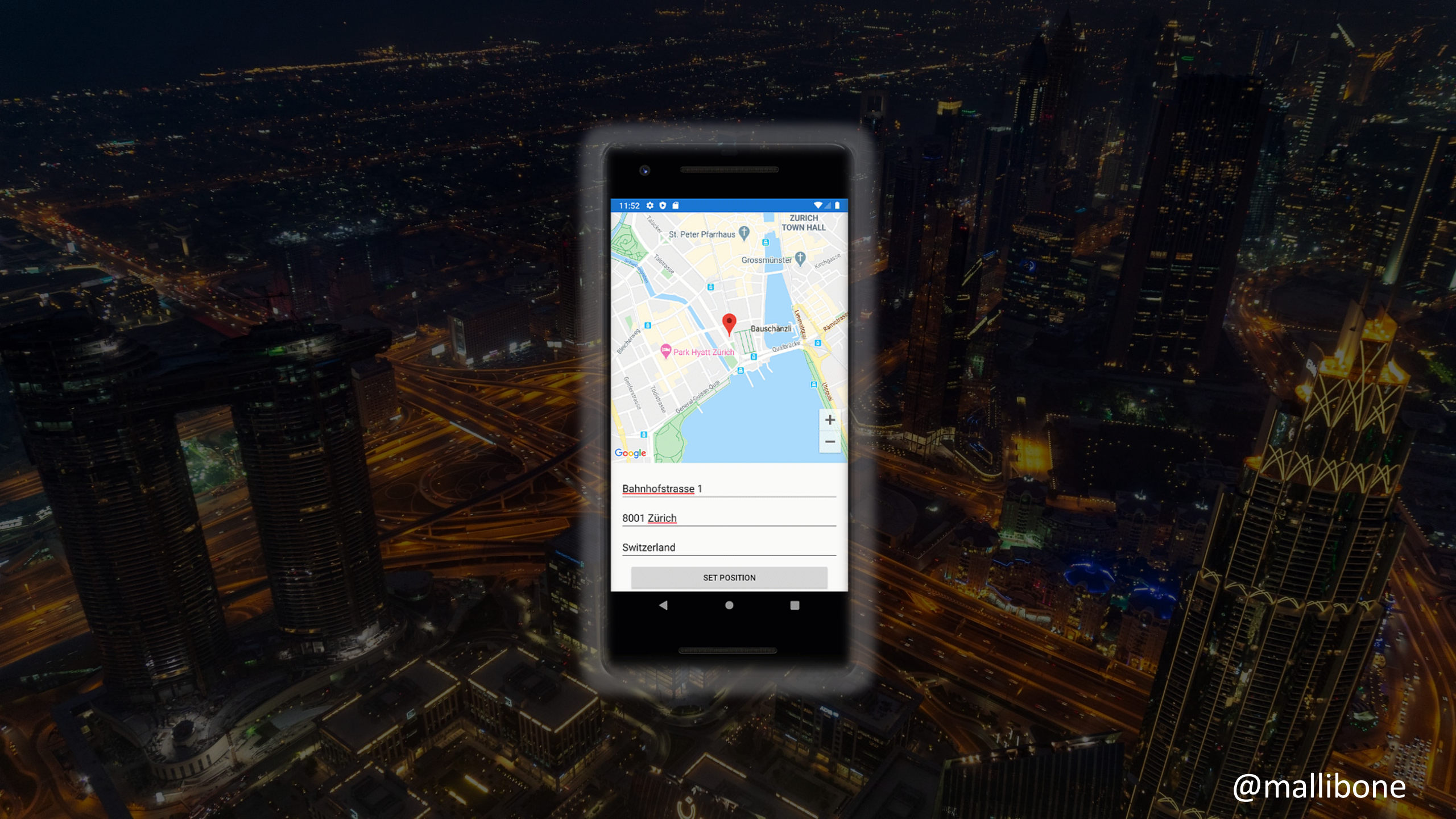
What do you mean with *reactive*?

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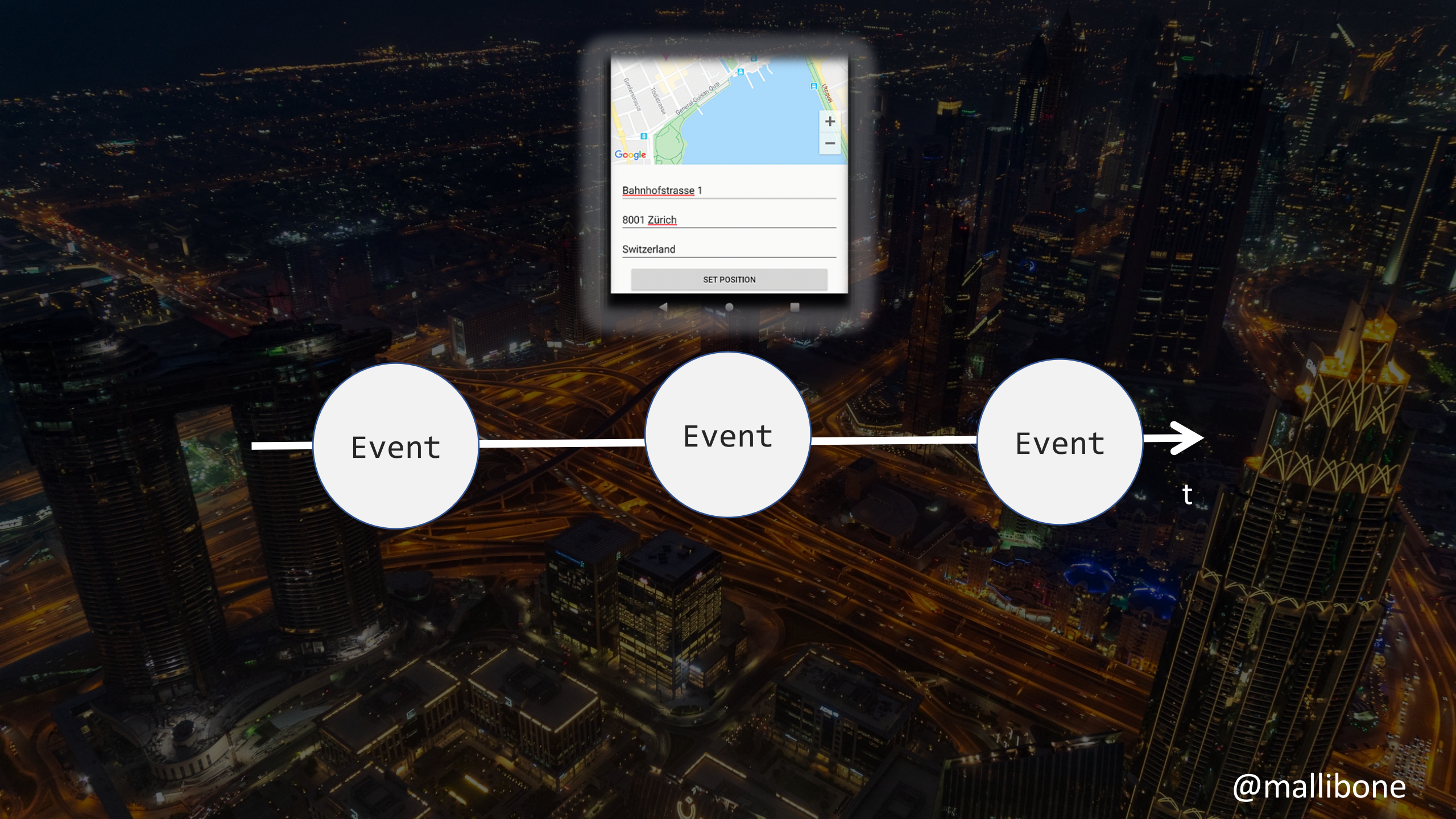
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Reactive Extensions (Rx) 🥰 Events

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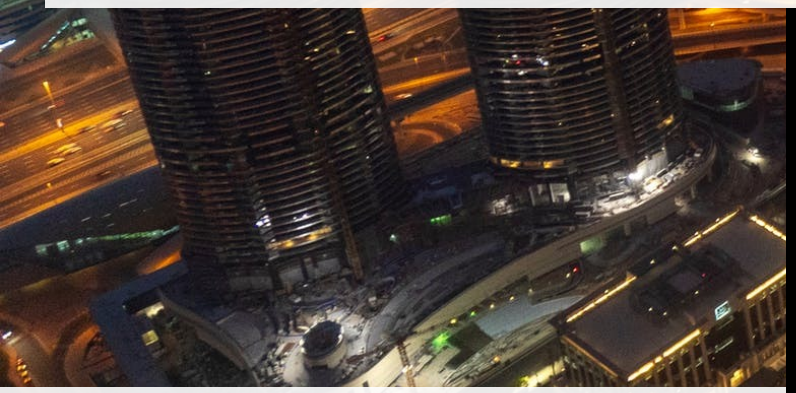
Rx = Observables + LINQ + Schedulers

Events*

Threads/Tasks*



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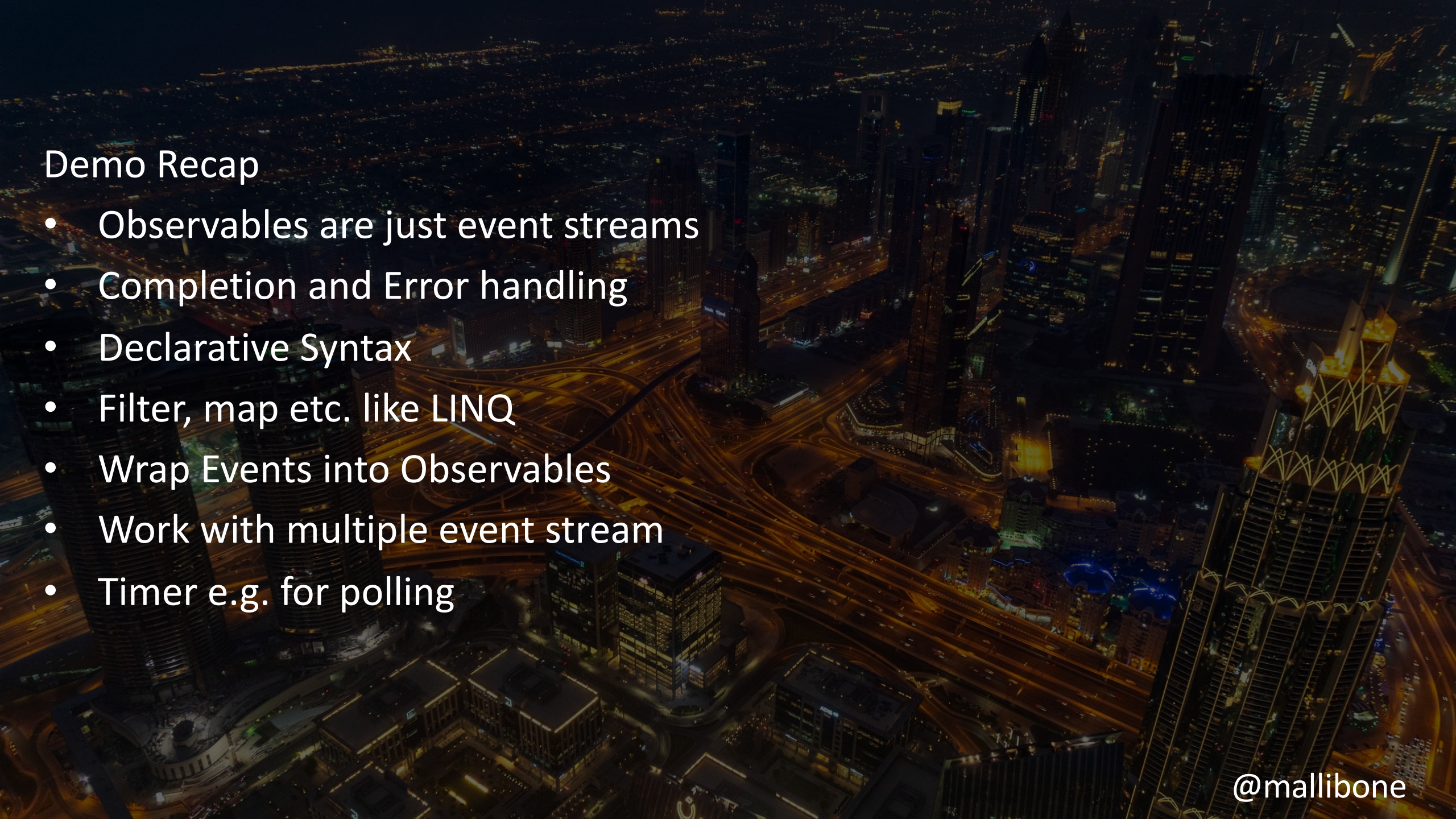

Demo Recap

- Observables are just event streams
- Completion and Error handling
- Declarative Syntax
- Filter, map etc. like LINQ
- Wrap Events into Observables
- Work with multiple event stream
- Timer e.g. for polling

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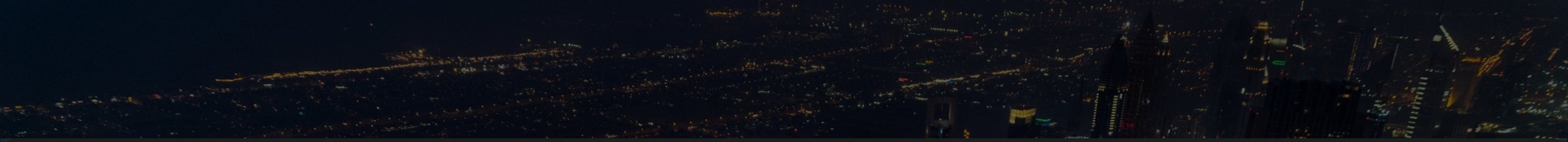

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    .MeasurementChanged
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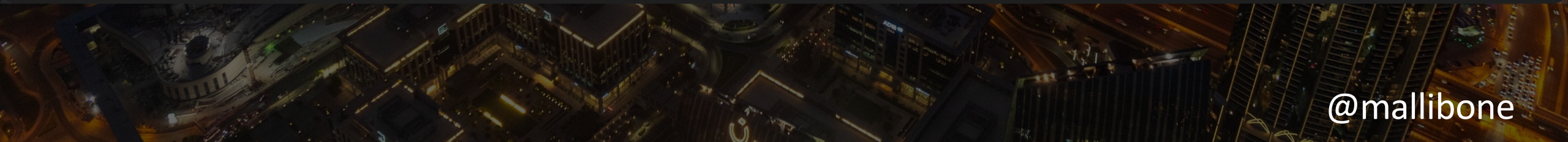

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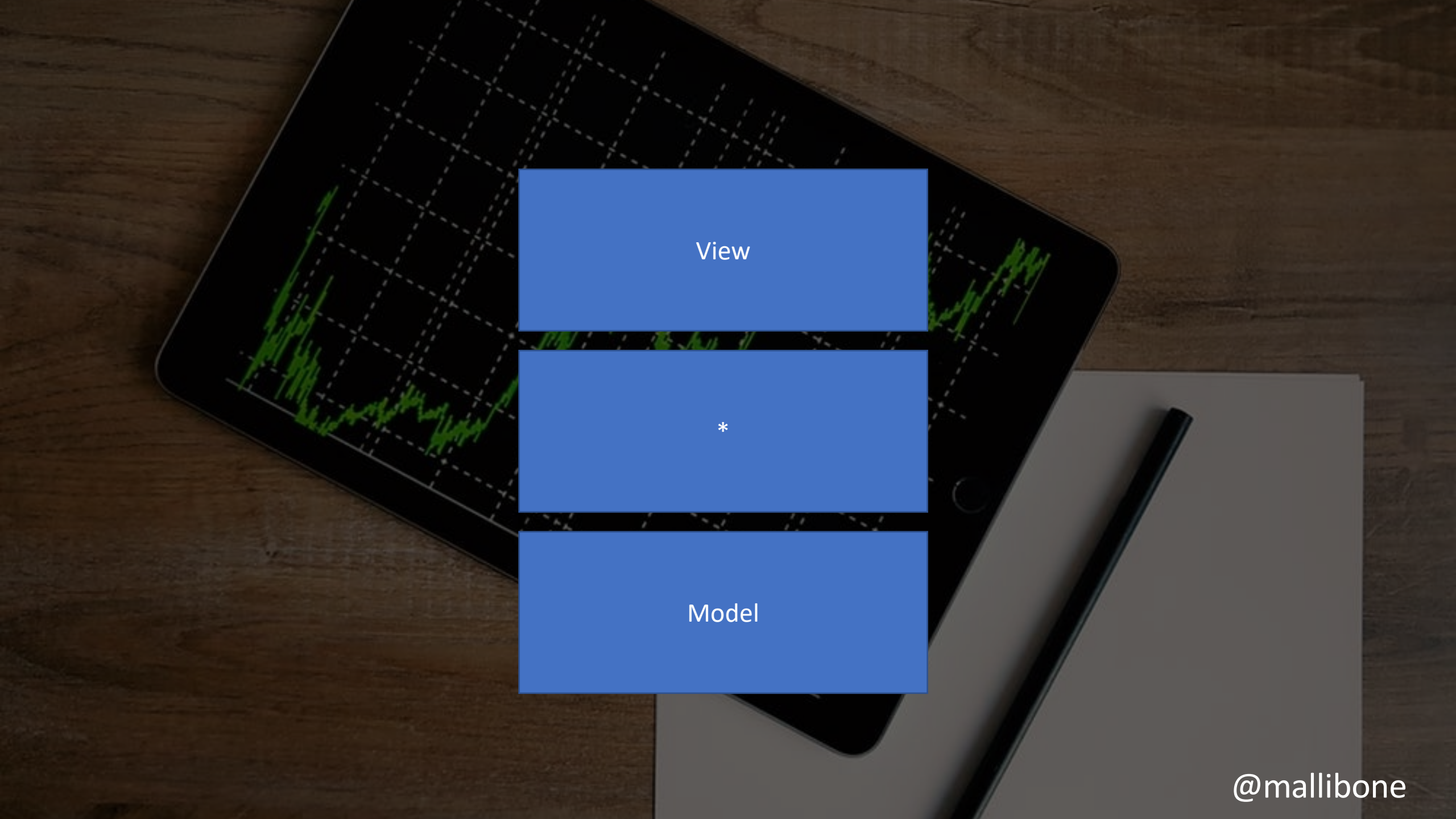

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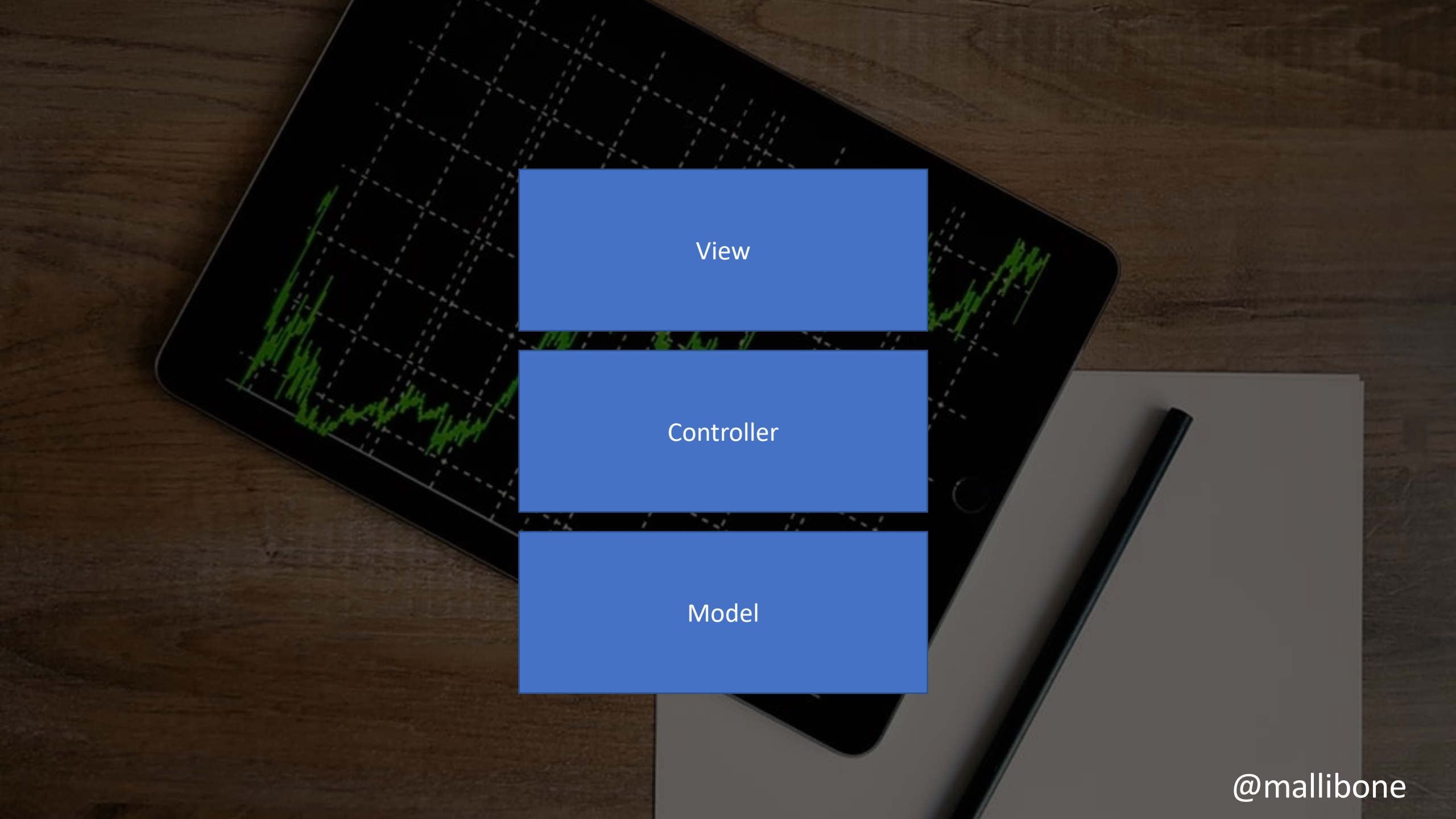
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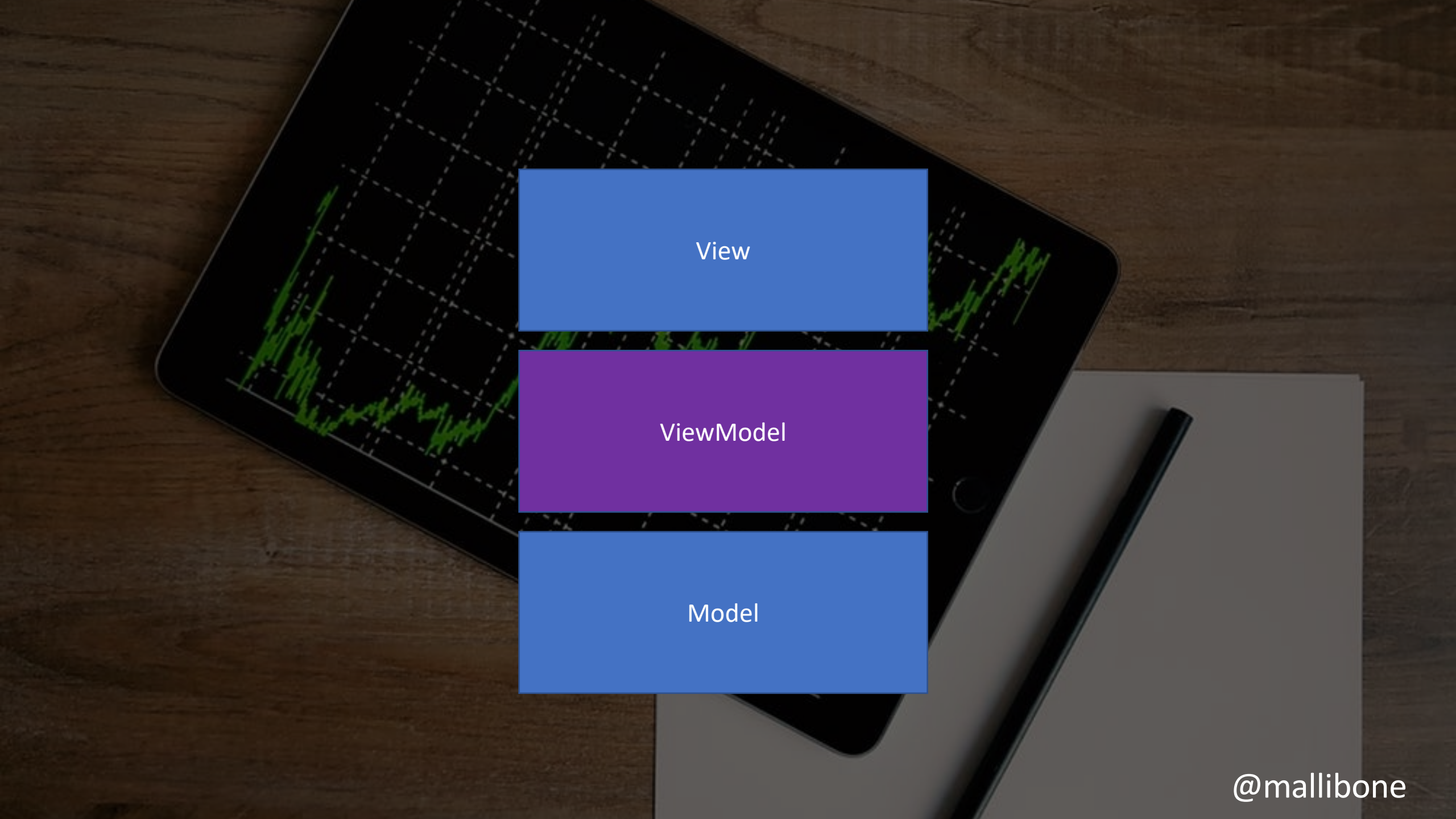
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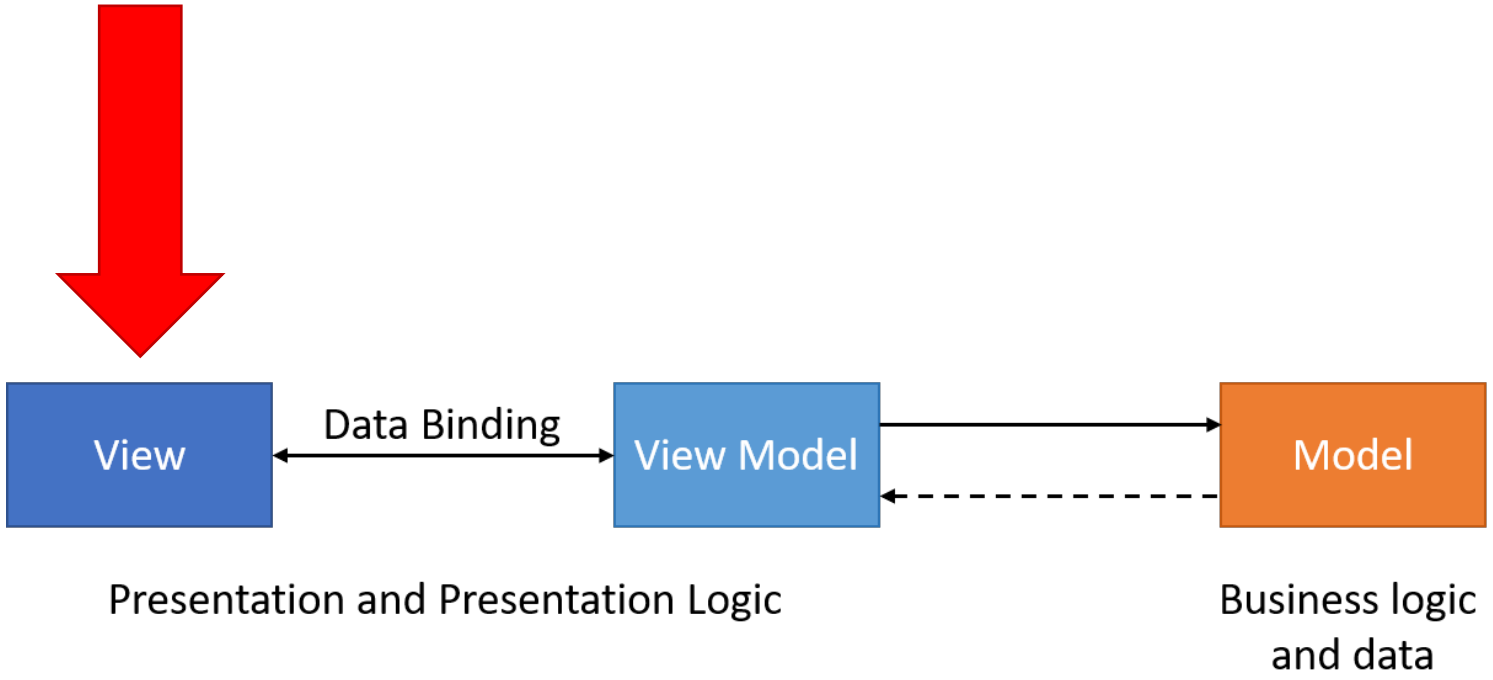

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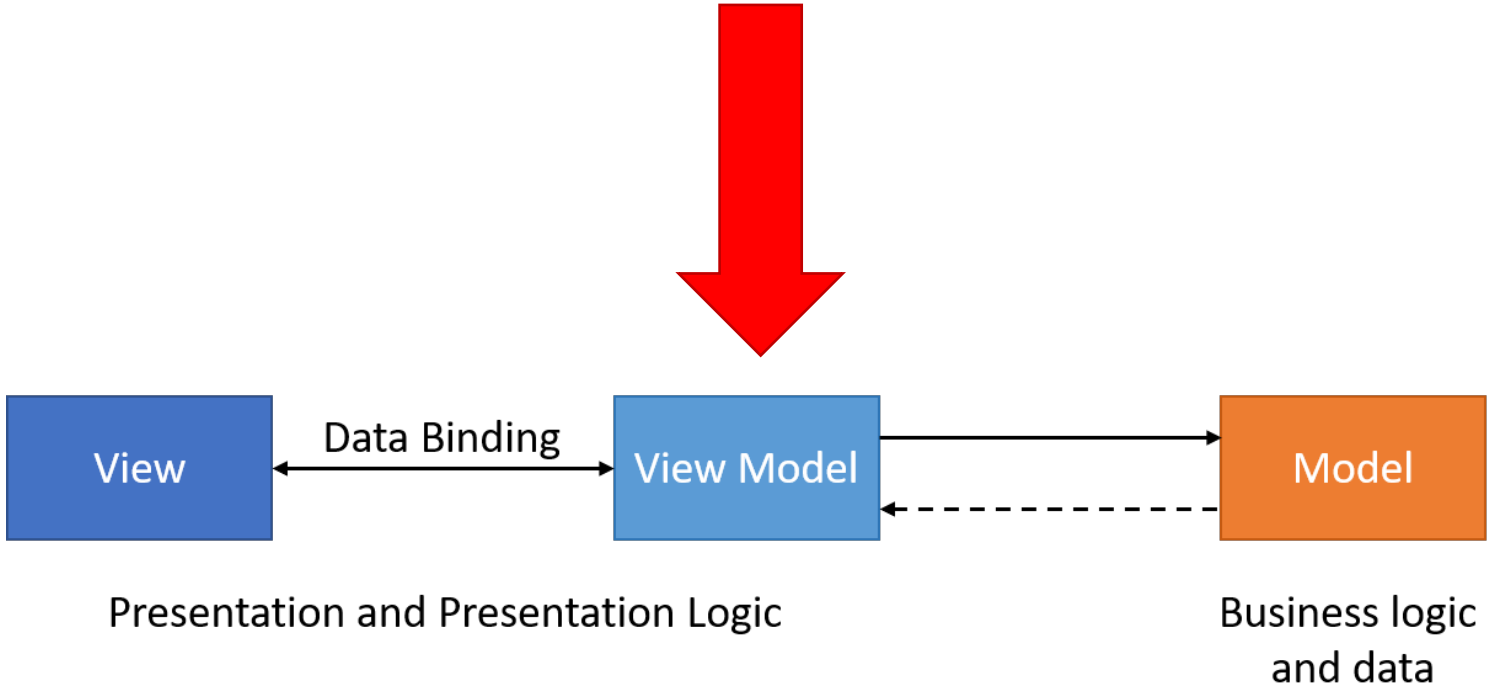

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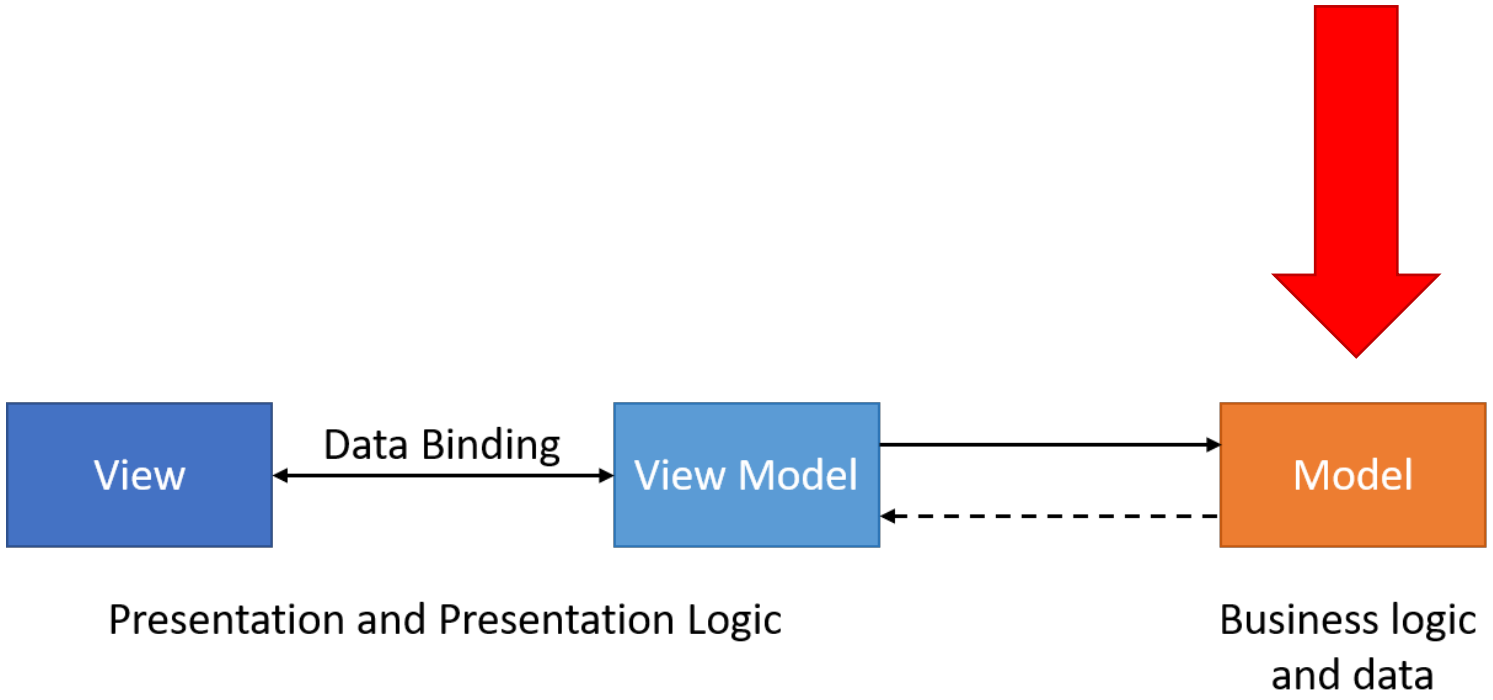

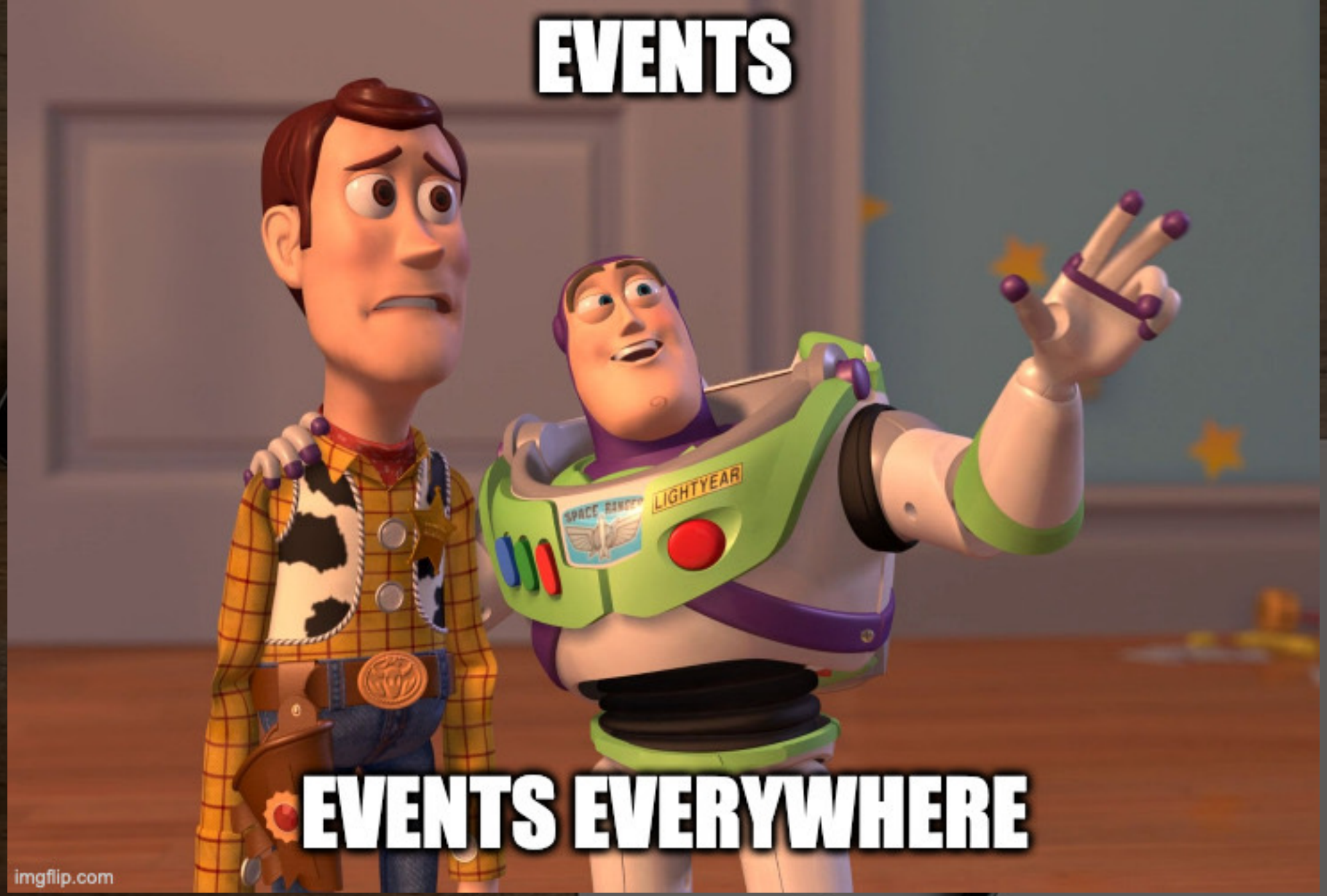

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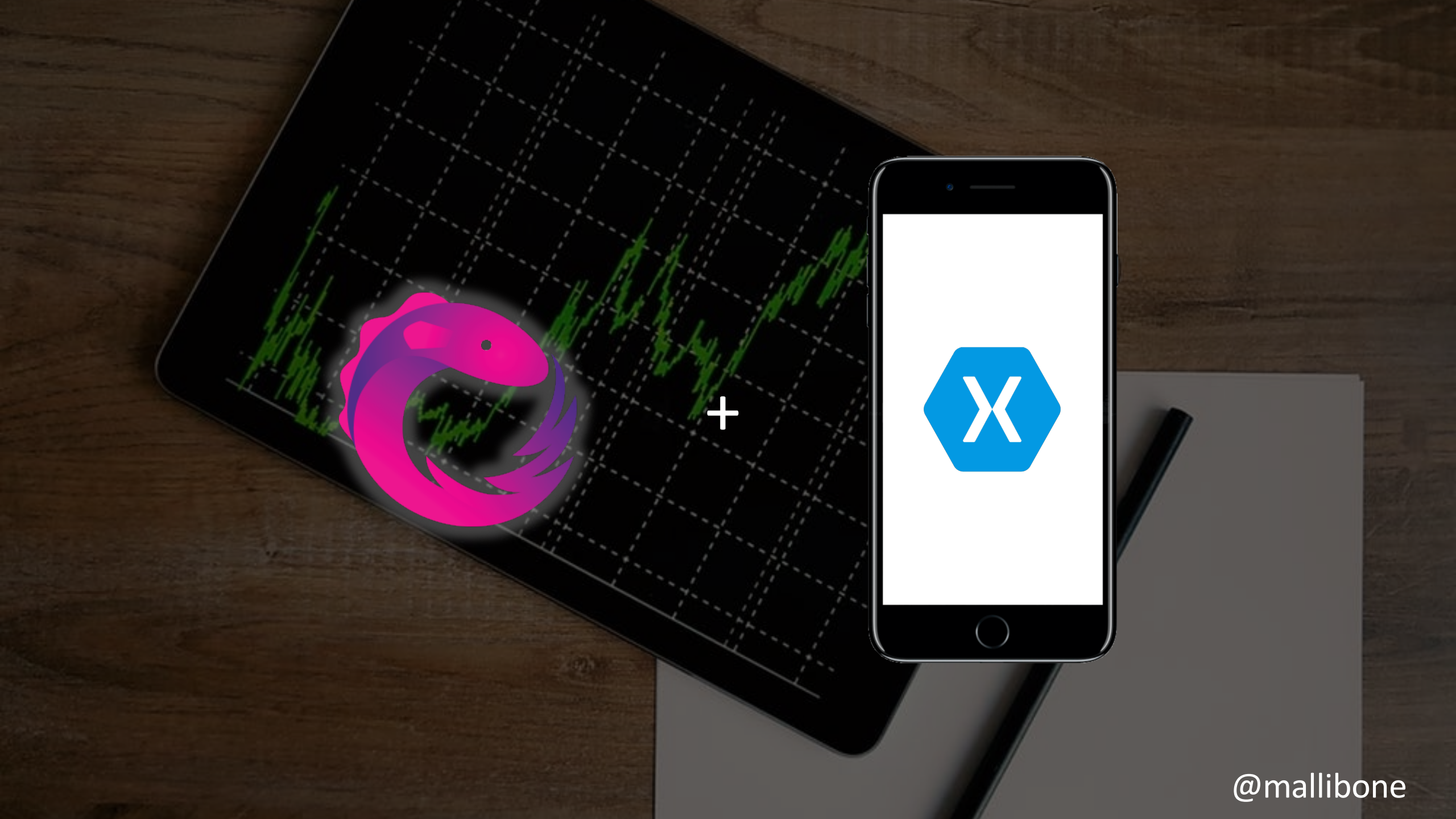
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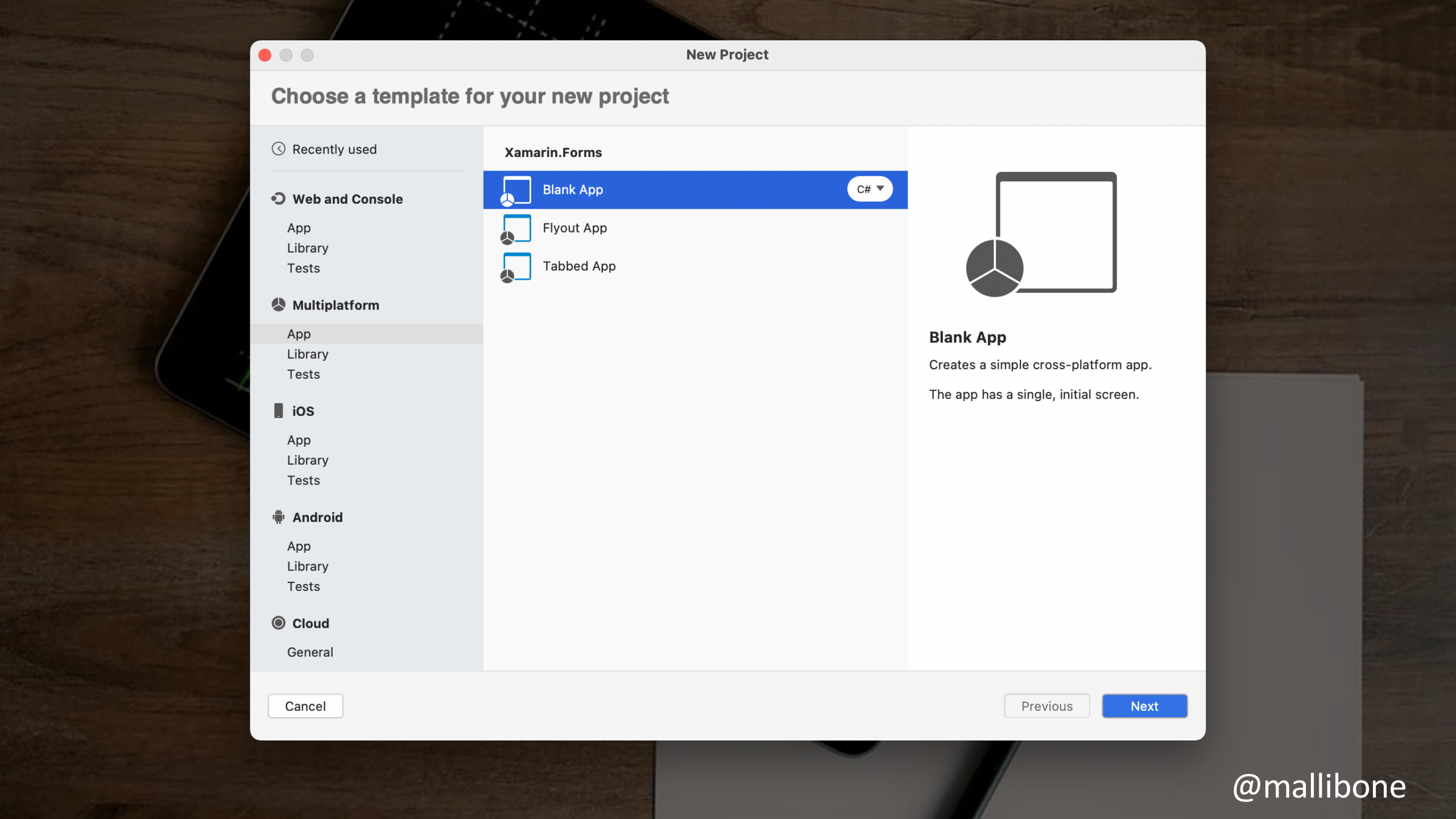
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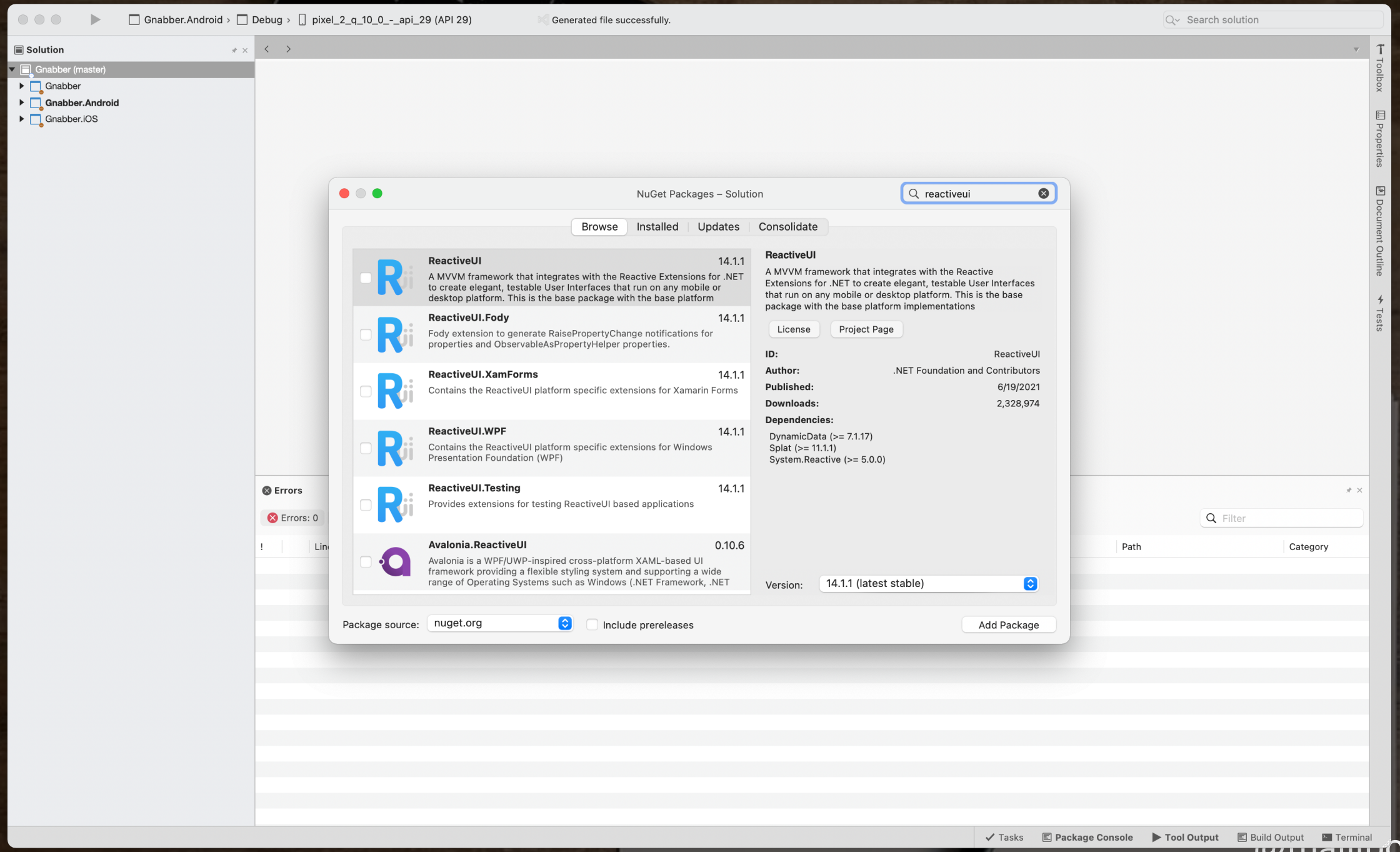
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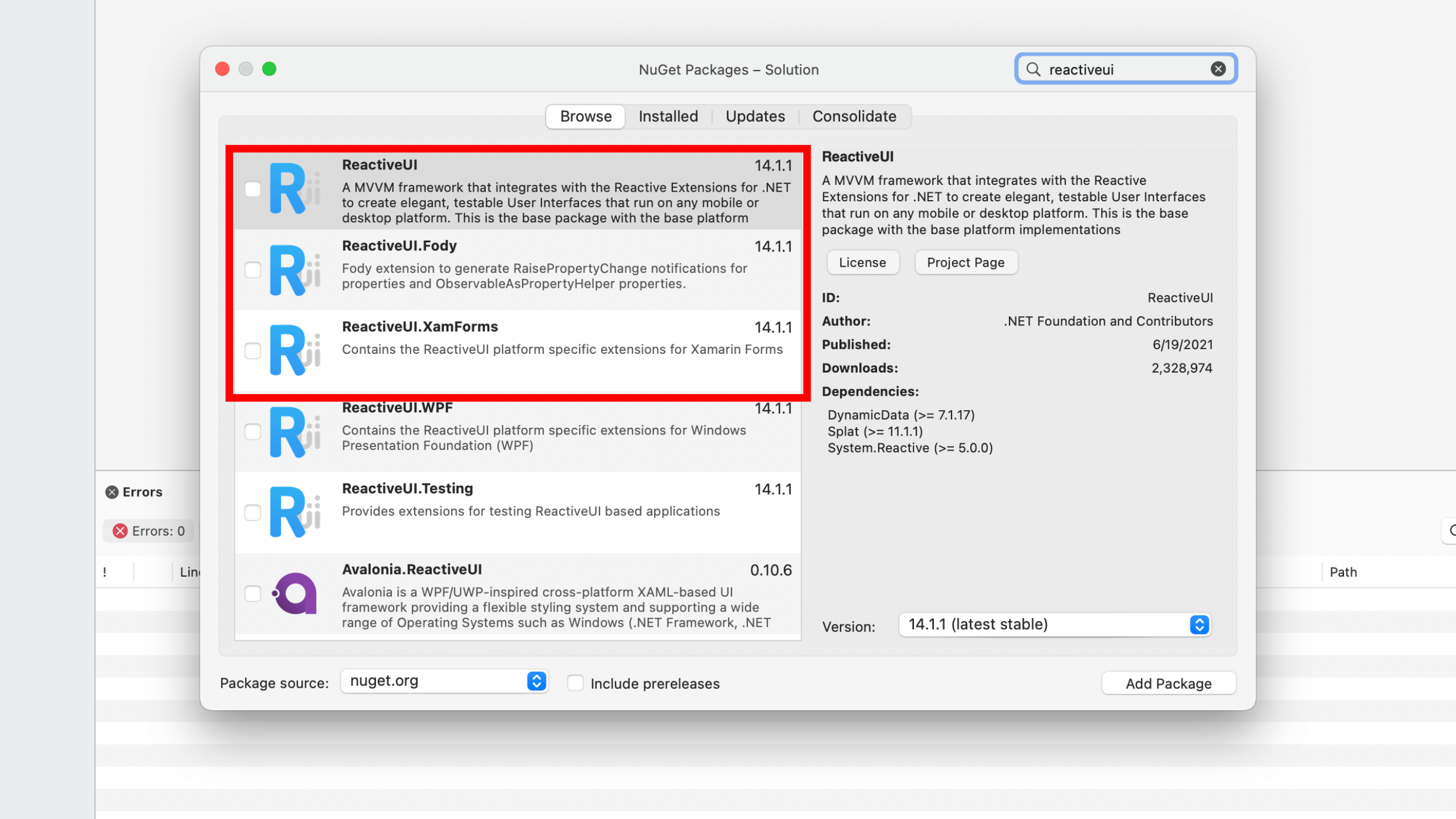
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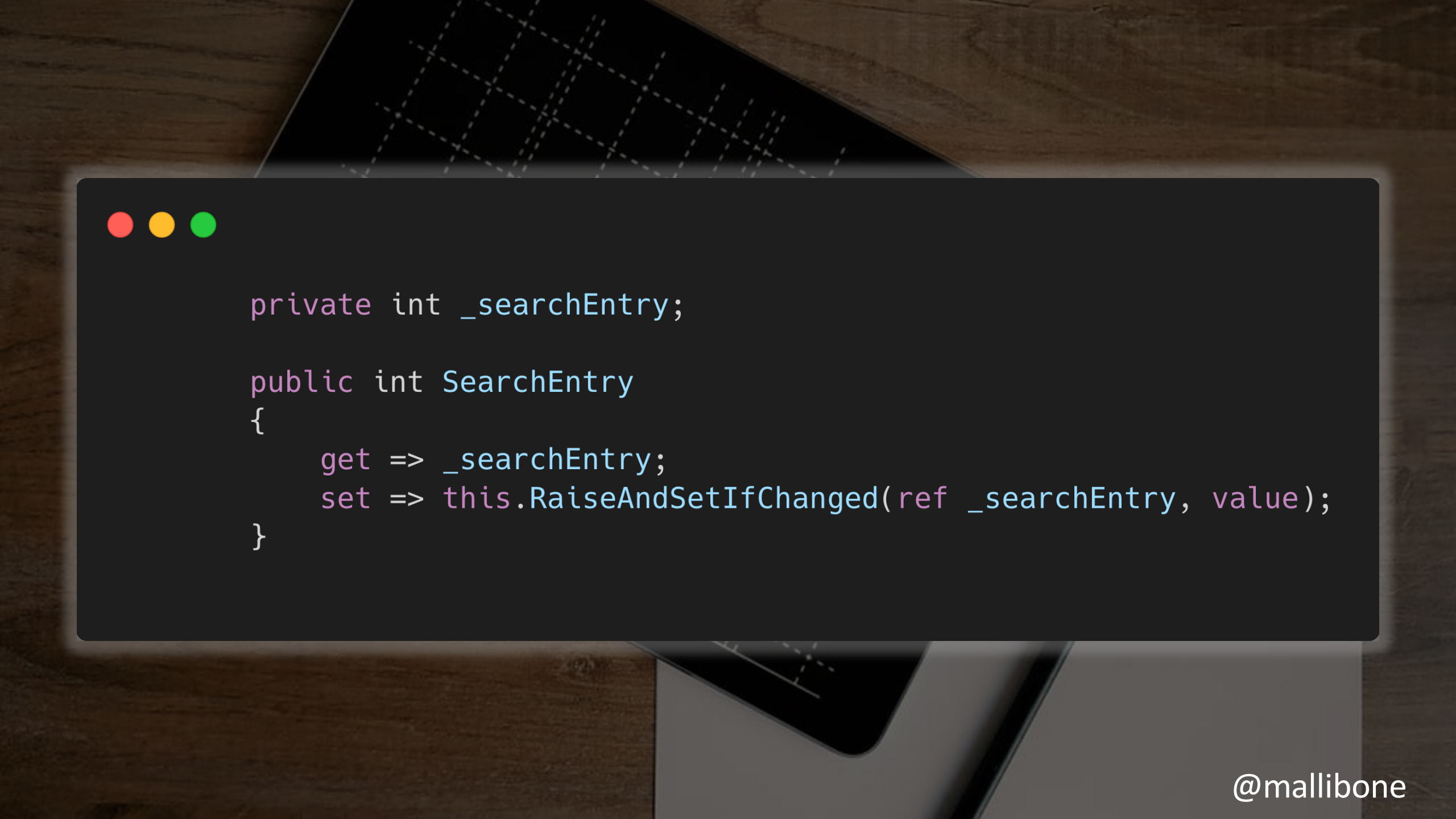

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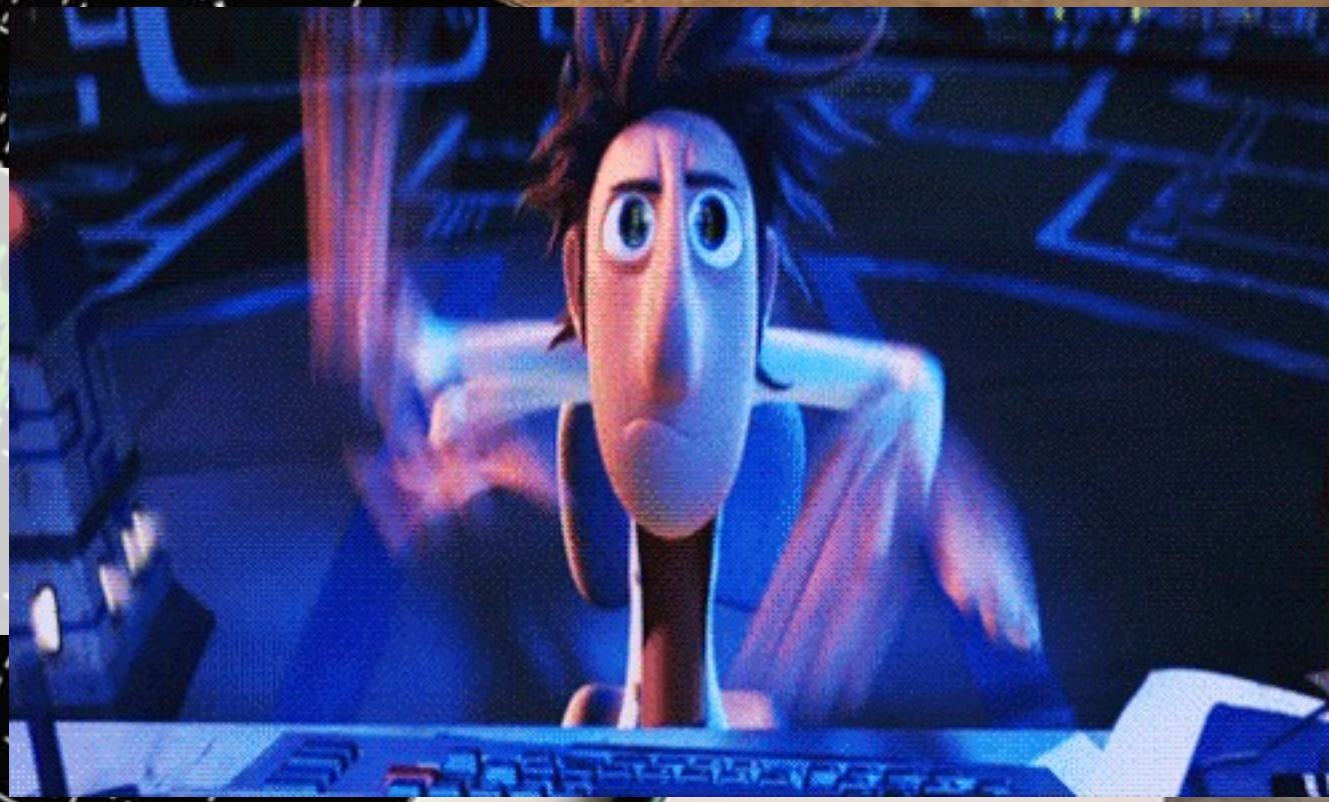

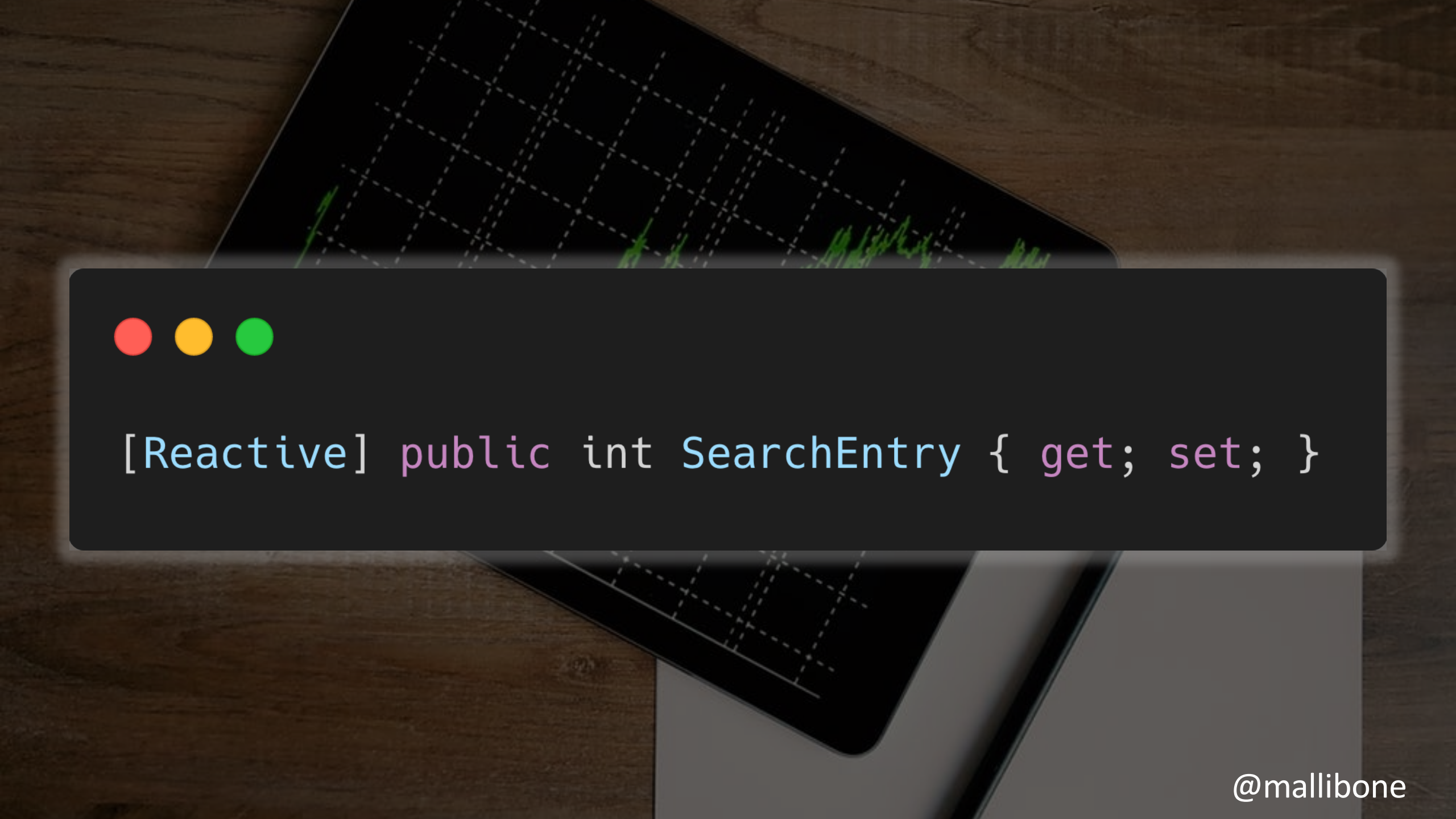
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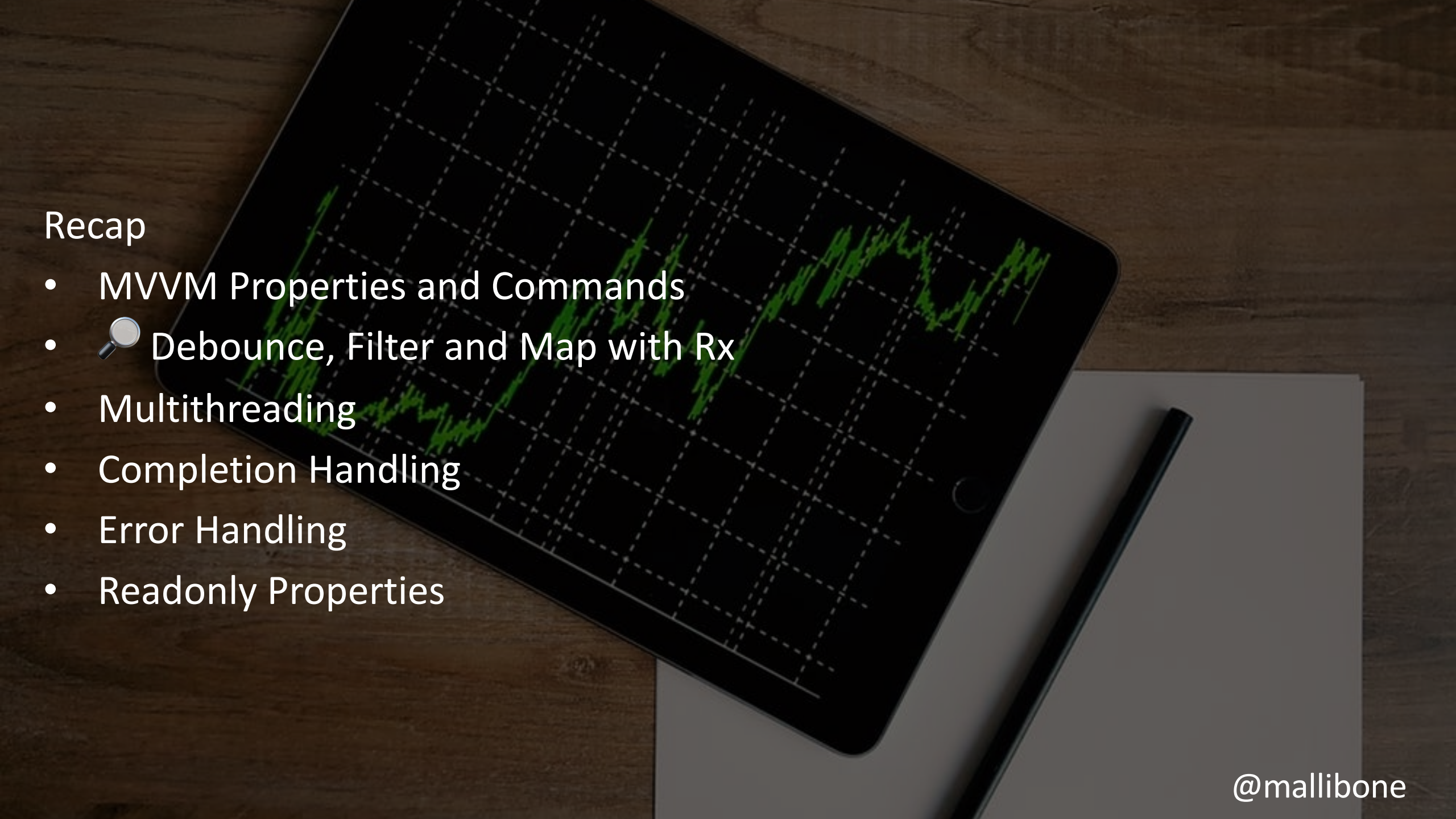

Recap

- MVVM Properties and Commands
- 🔎 Debounce, Filter and Map with Rx
- Multithreading
- Completion Handling
- Error Handling
- Readonly Properties

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Validation
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Criteria for Mobile Apps

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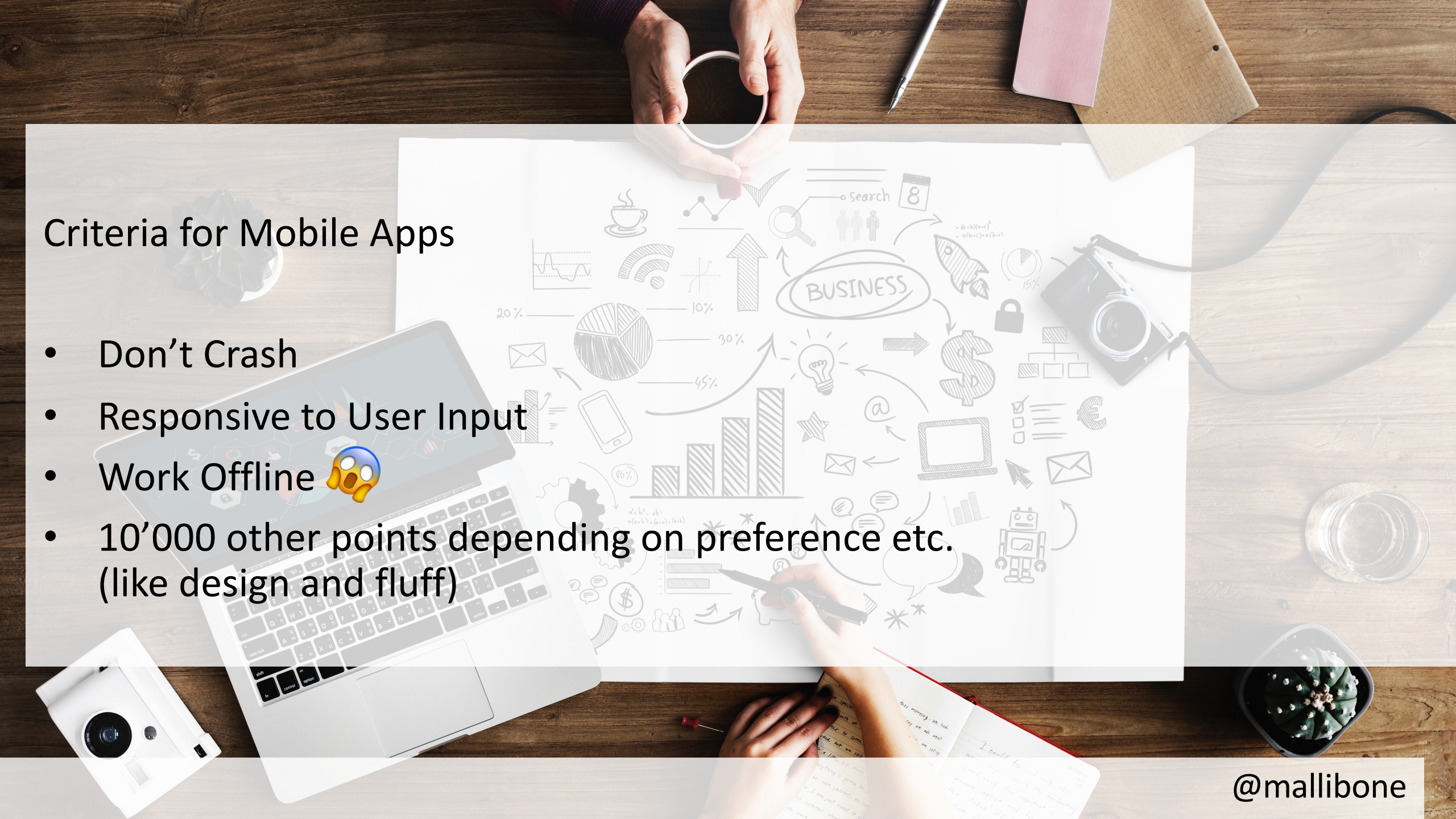

Criteria for Mobile Apps

- Don’t Crash
- Responsive to User Input
- Work Offline 😱
- 10’000 other points depending on preference etc.
  (like design and fluff)

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How to build an App that works offline?

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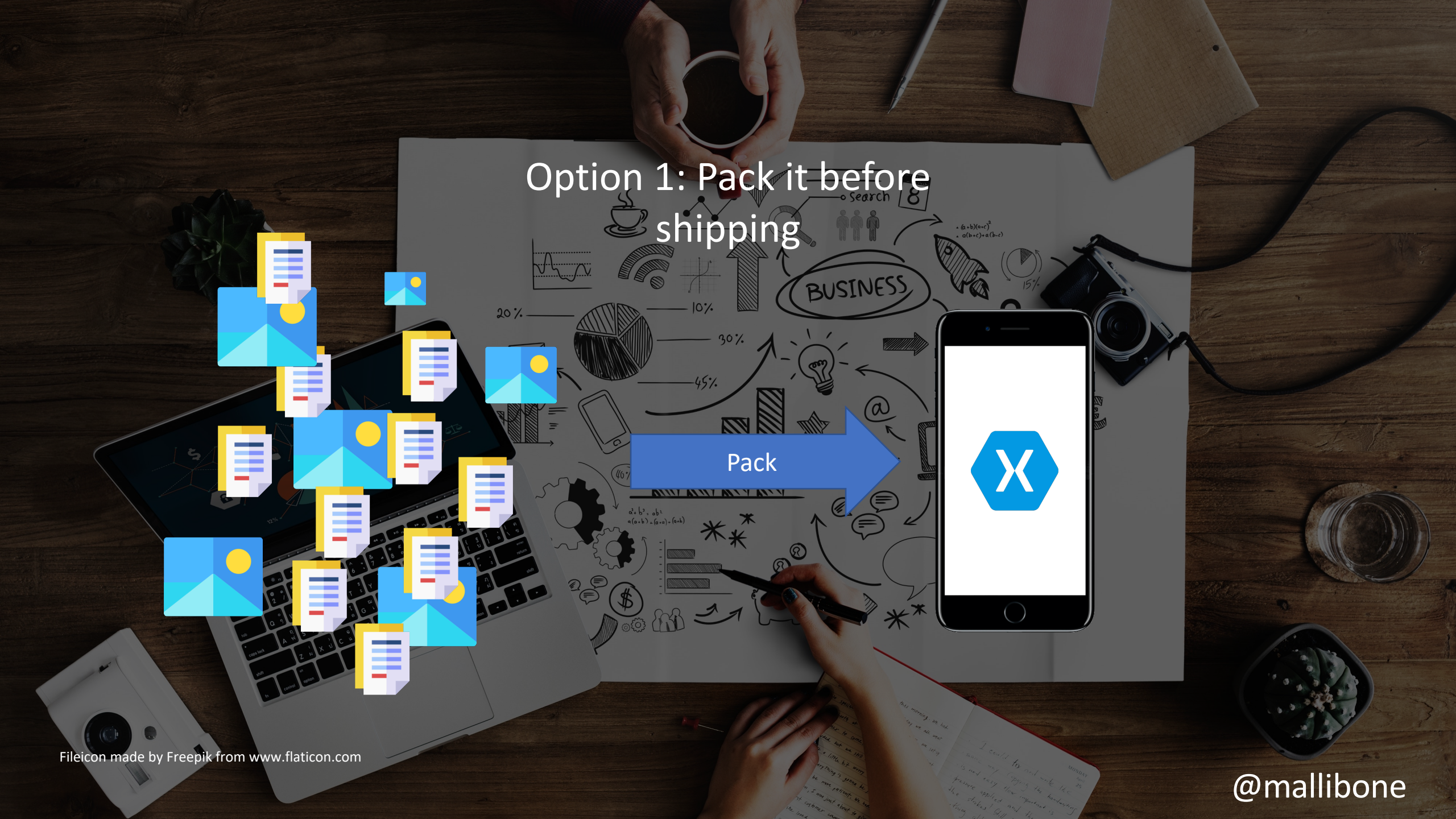

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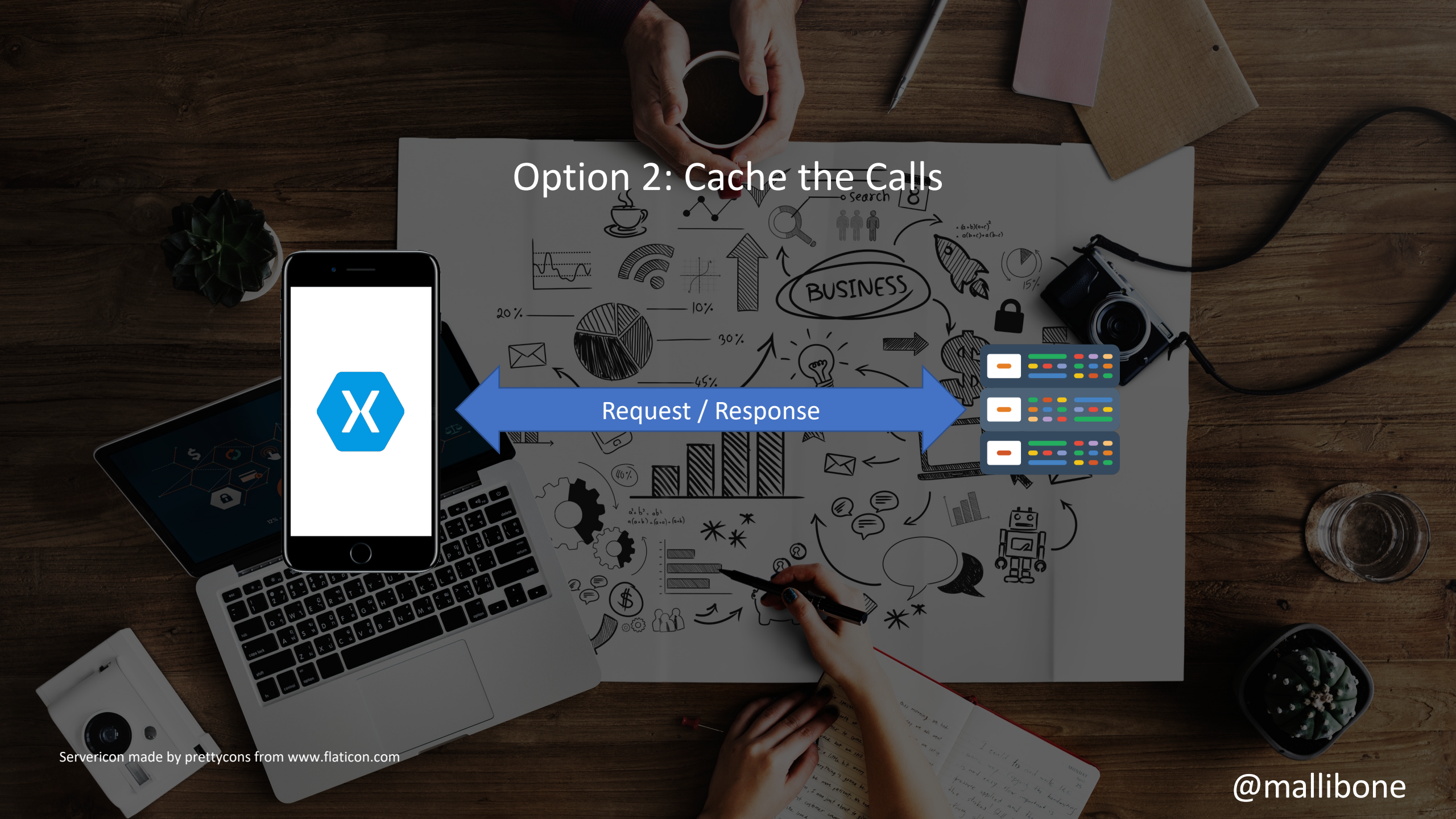

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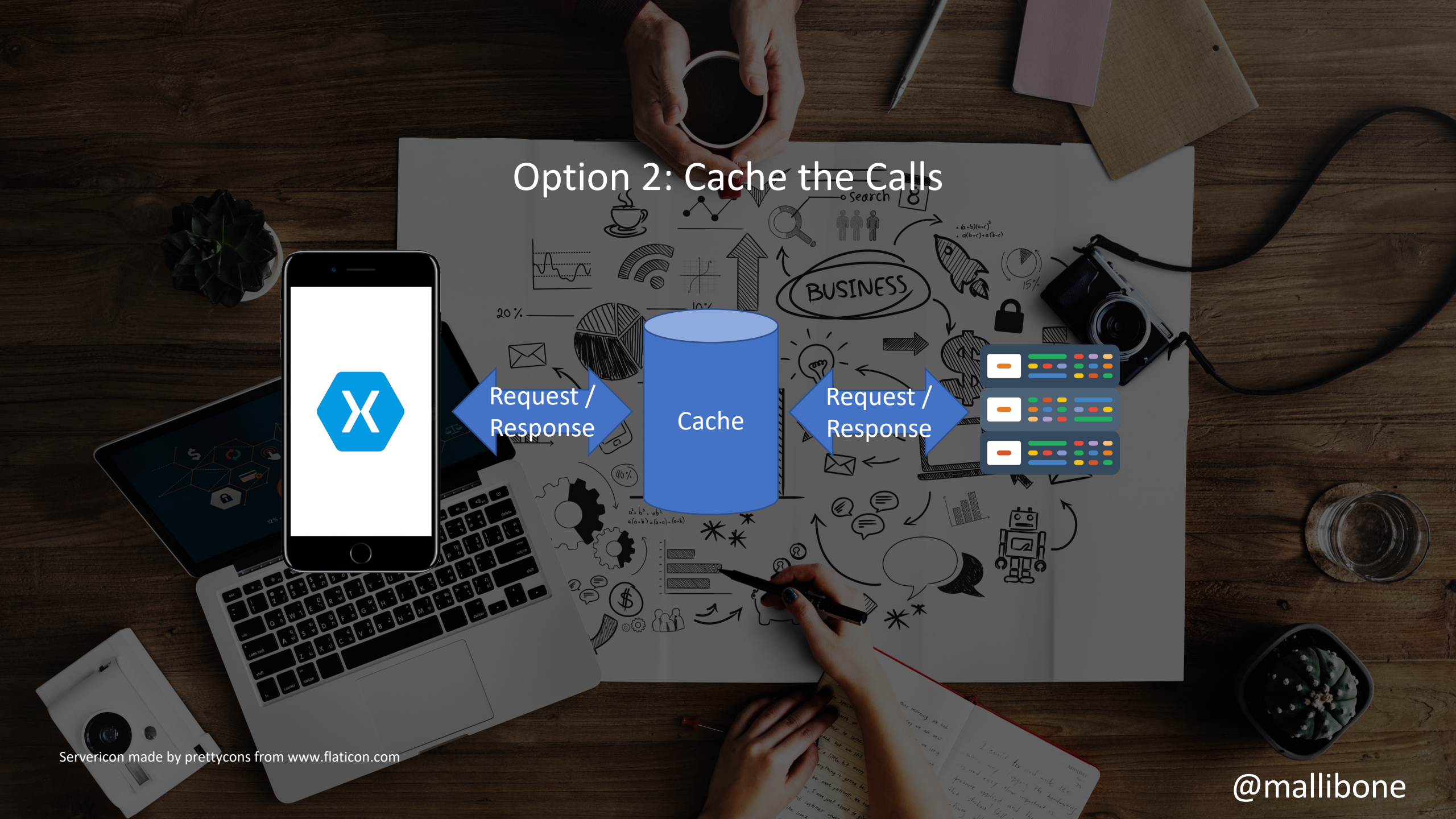

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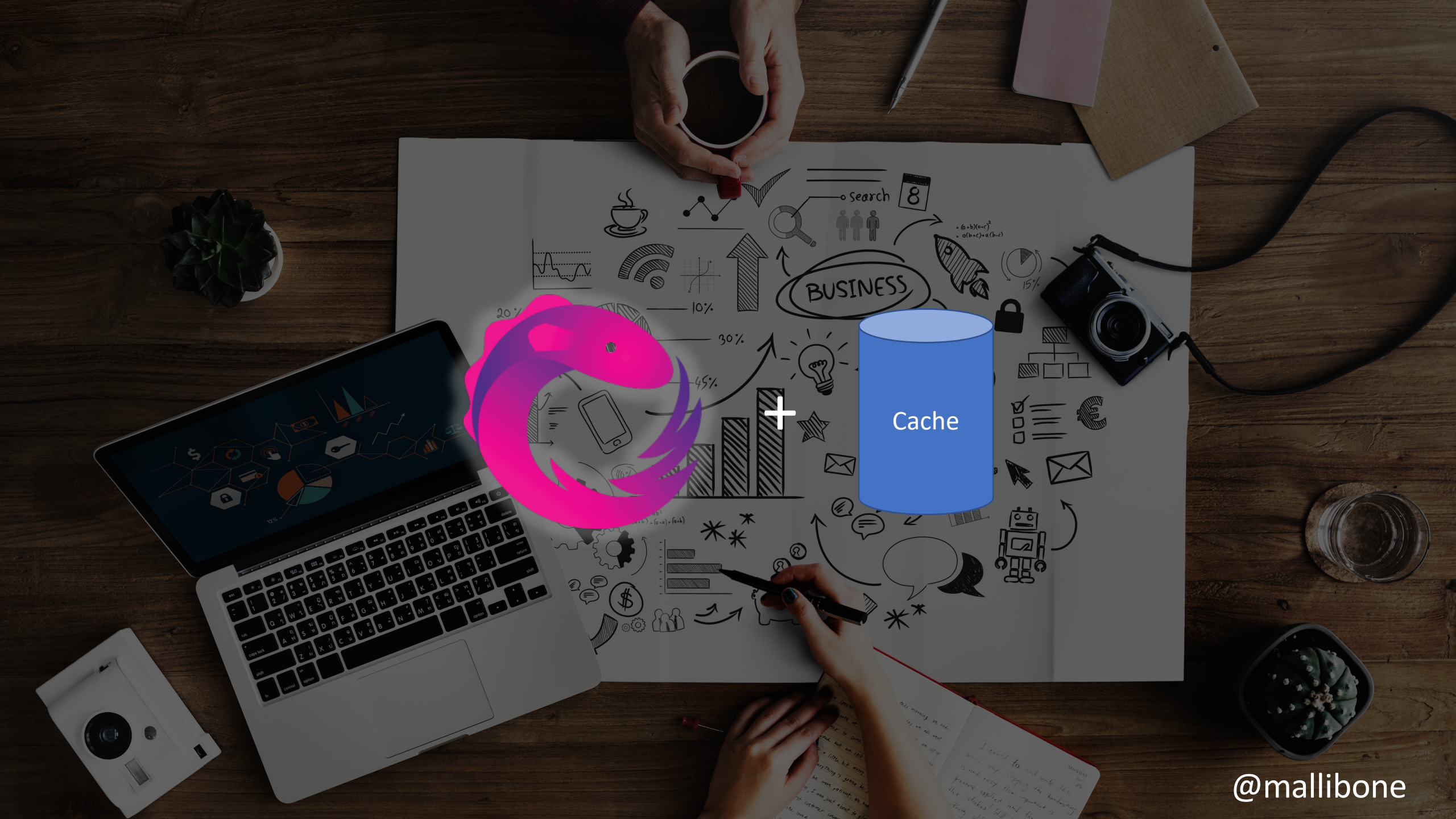
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                observableSample.MeasurementChanged.Subscribe( onNext: update =>
                    Console.WriteLine($"Temperature update {update.CurrentMeasurement}"));
            observableSample.NewMeasurementReading( temperature: 24.0f);
            measurmentChangedSubscription.Dispose();

        }

        1 usage  new *
        private static void RunEventSample()
        {
            void EventSampleOnMeasurementChanged(object sender, MeasurementUpdate update) =>
                Console.WriteLine($"Temperature update {update.CurrentMeasurement}");

            var eventSample = new EventSample();
            eventSample.MeasurementChanged += EventSampleOnMeasurementChanged;
            eventSample.NewMeasruementReading( measurement: 22.0f);
            eventSample.MeasurementChanged -= EventSampleOnMeasurementChanged;
        }
    }
}
```

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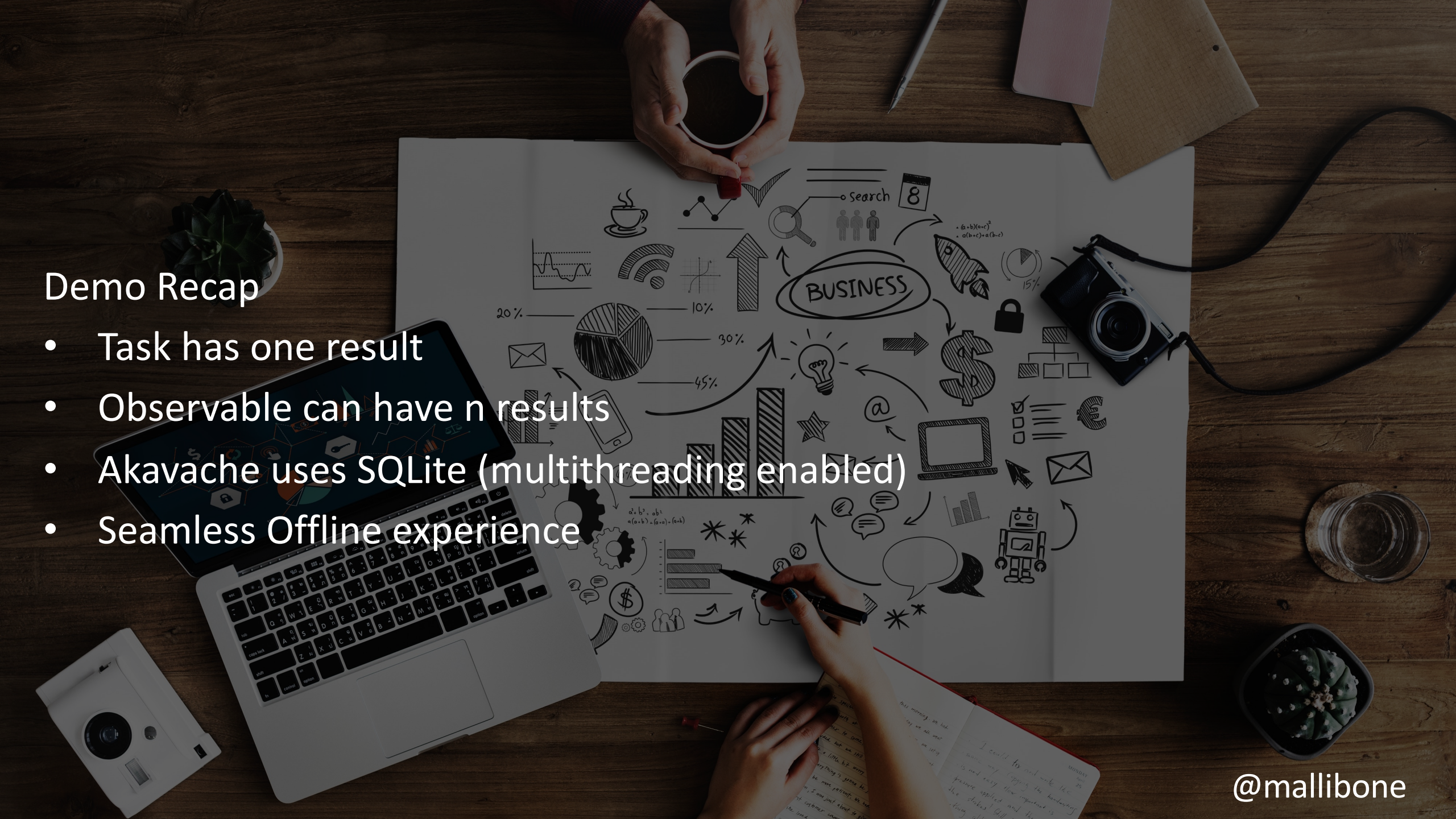

Demo Recap

- Task has one result
- Observable can have n results
- Akavache uses SQLite (multithreading enabled)
- Seamless Offline experience

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Takeaways

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- Reactive Extensions (Rx) helps you with everyday development
- Reactive UI brings Rx to the UI through MVVM
- Rx can be used for seemless caching with Akavache
- Don’t forget to `Subscribe` and `Dispose`

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Thank you for your time!

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