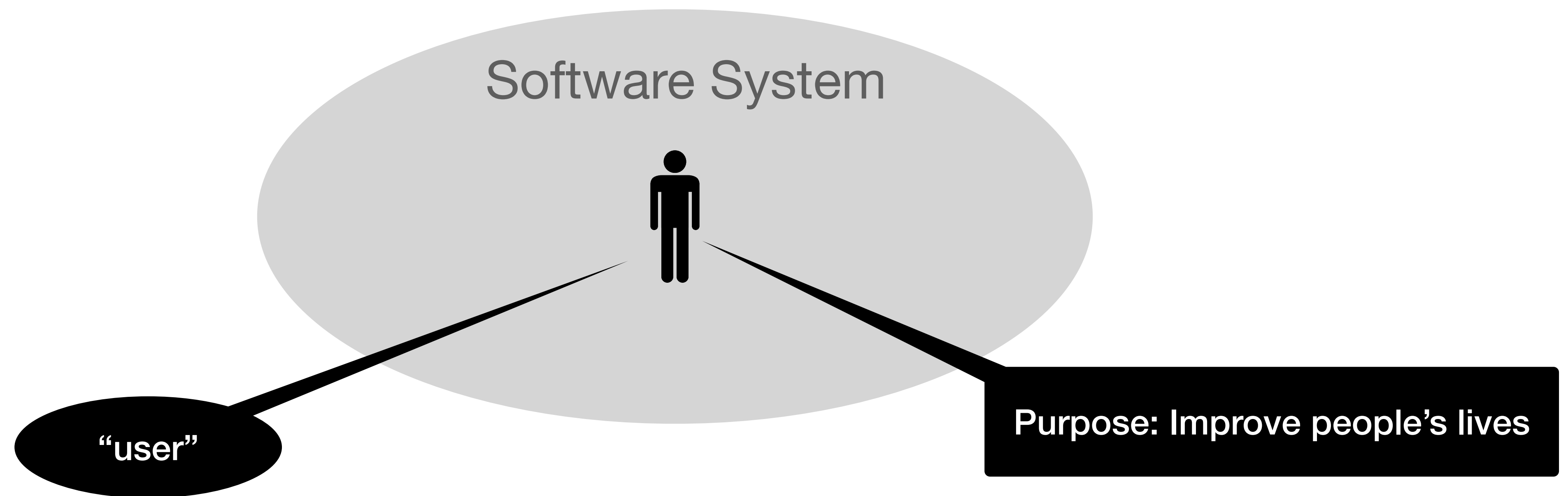


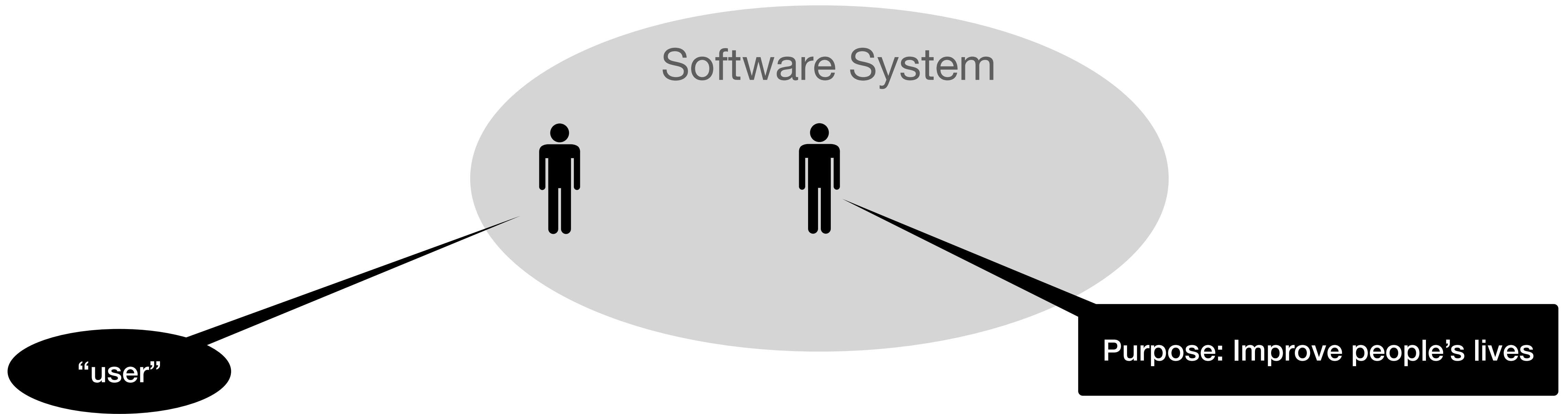
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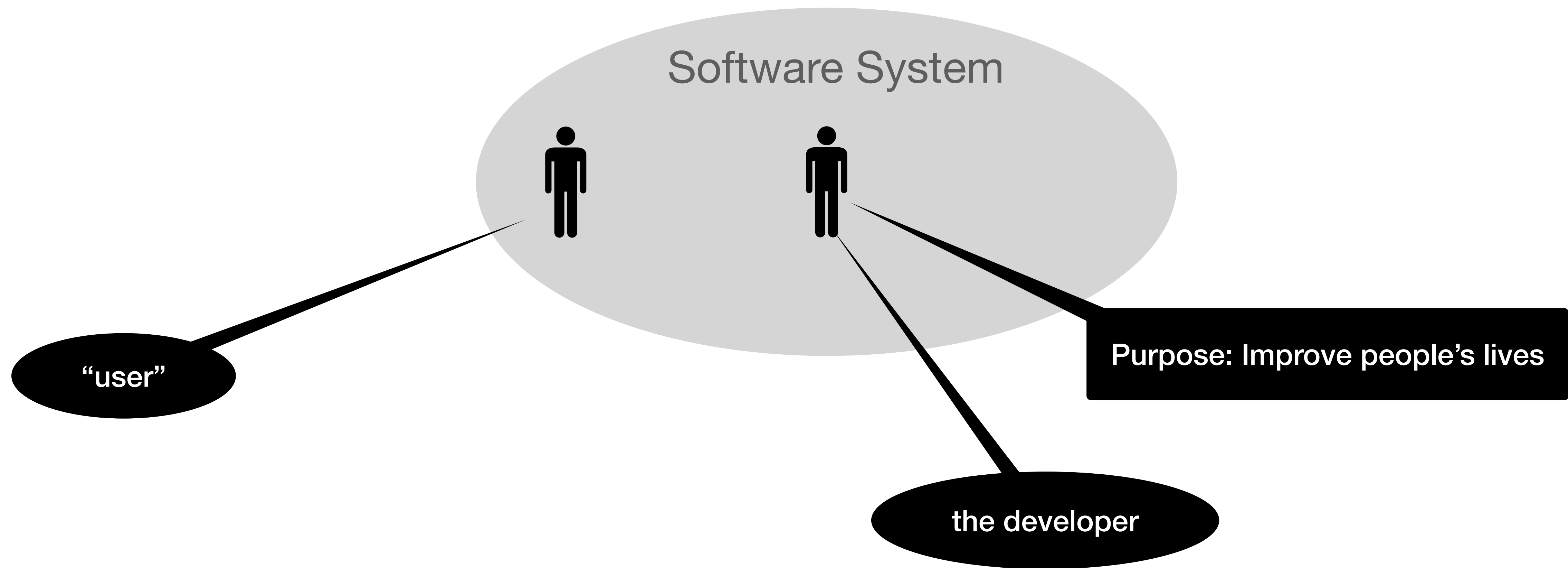
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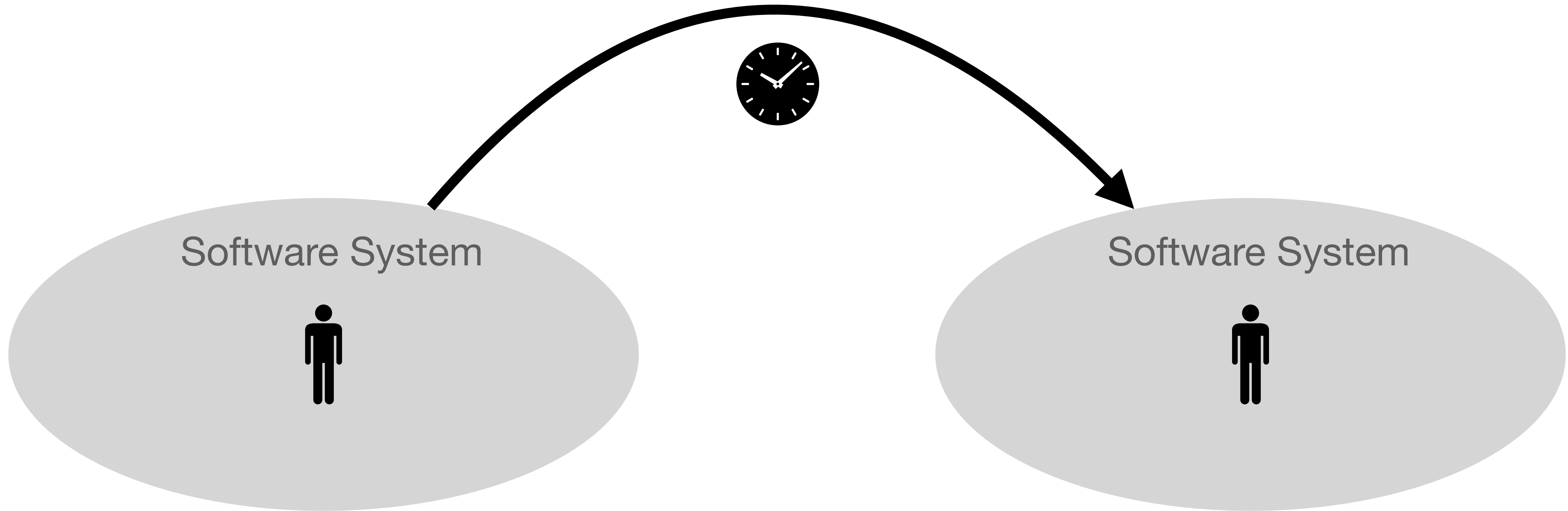
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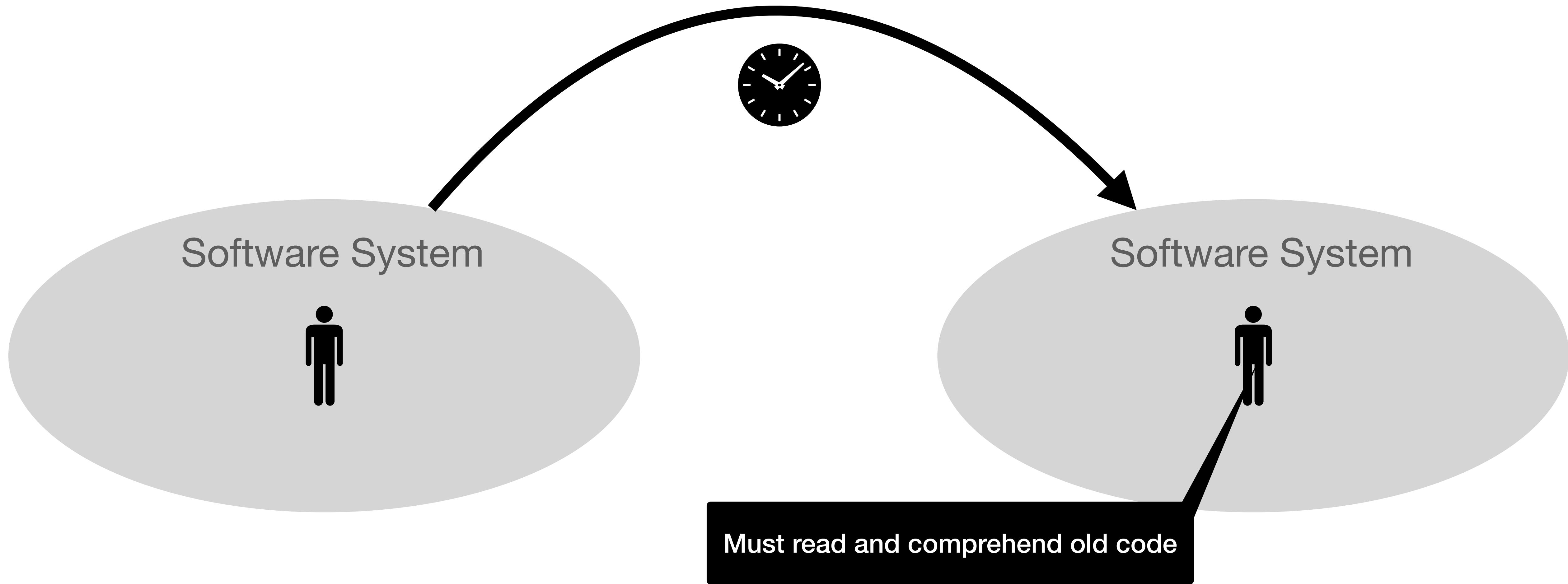
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- ... who cares about *programming*
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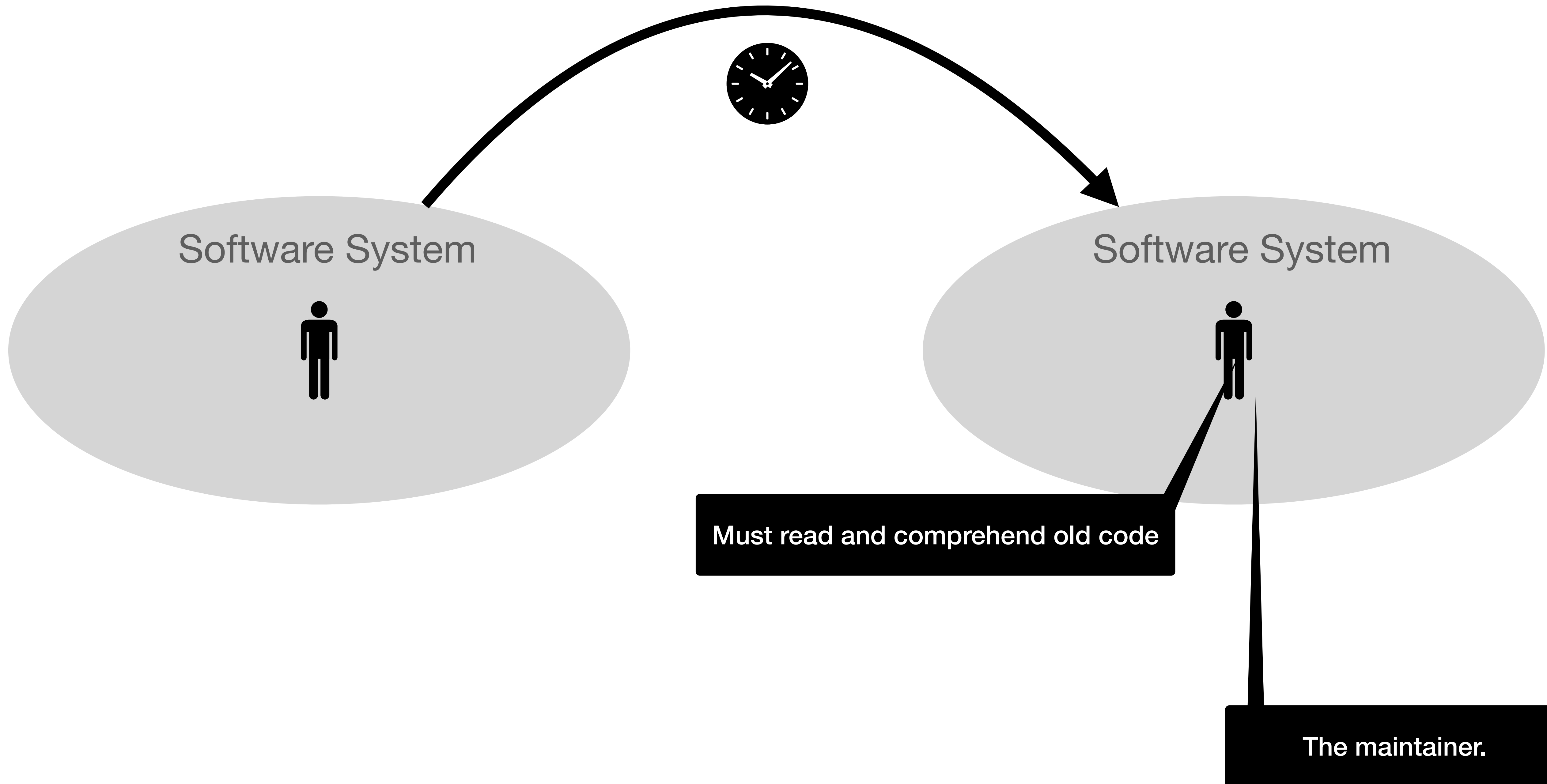


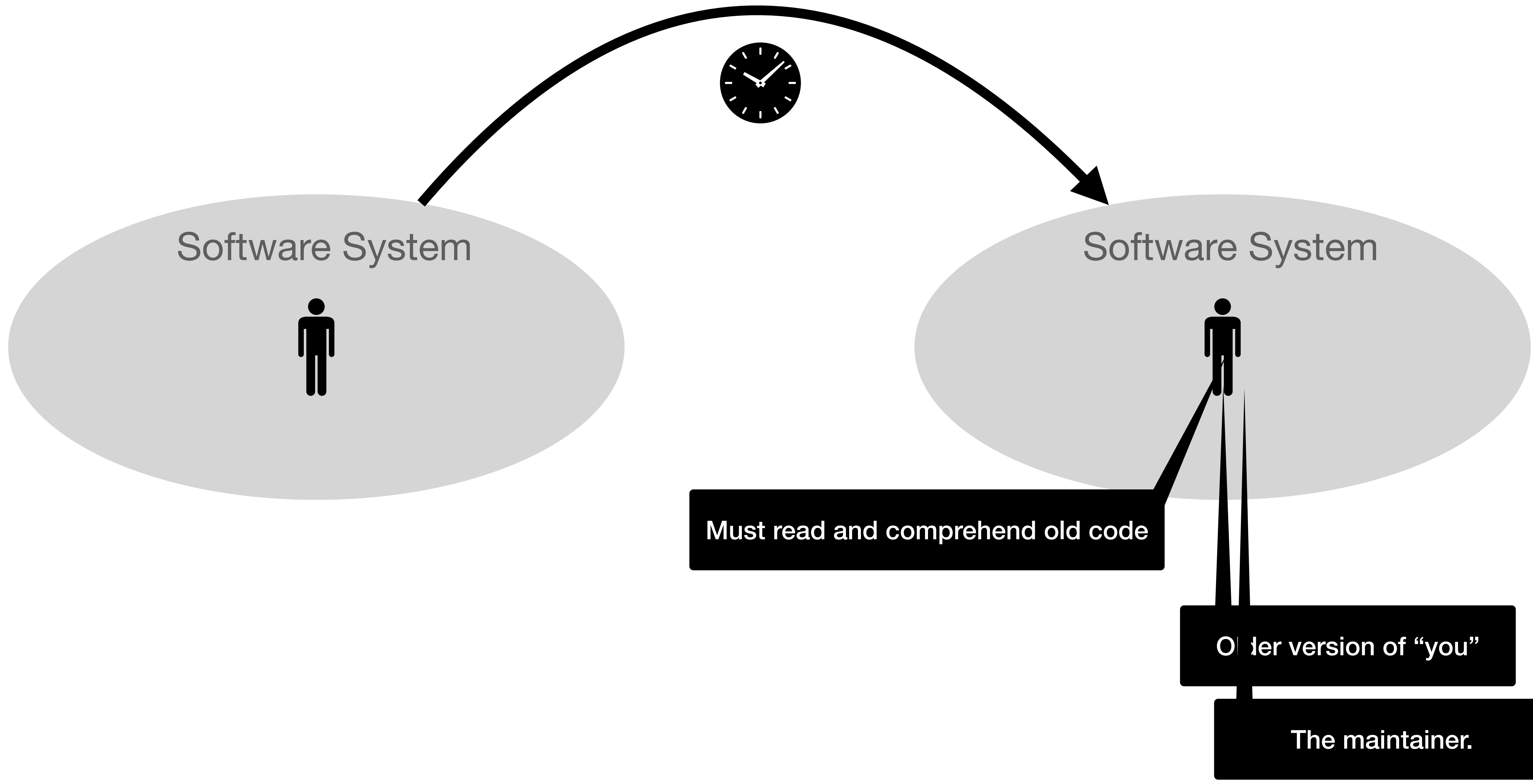


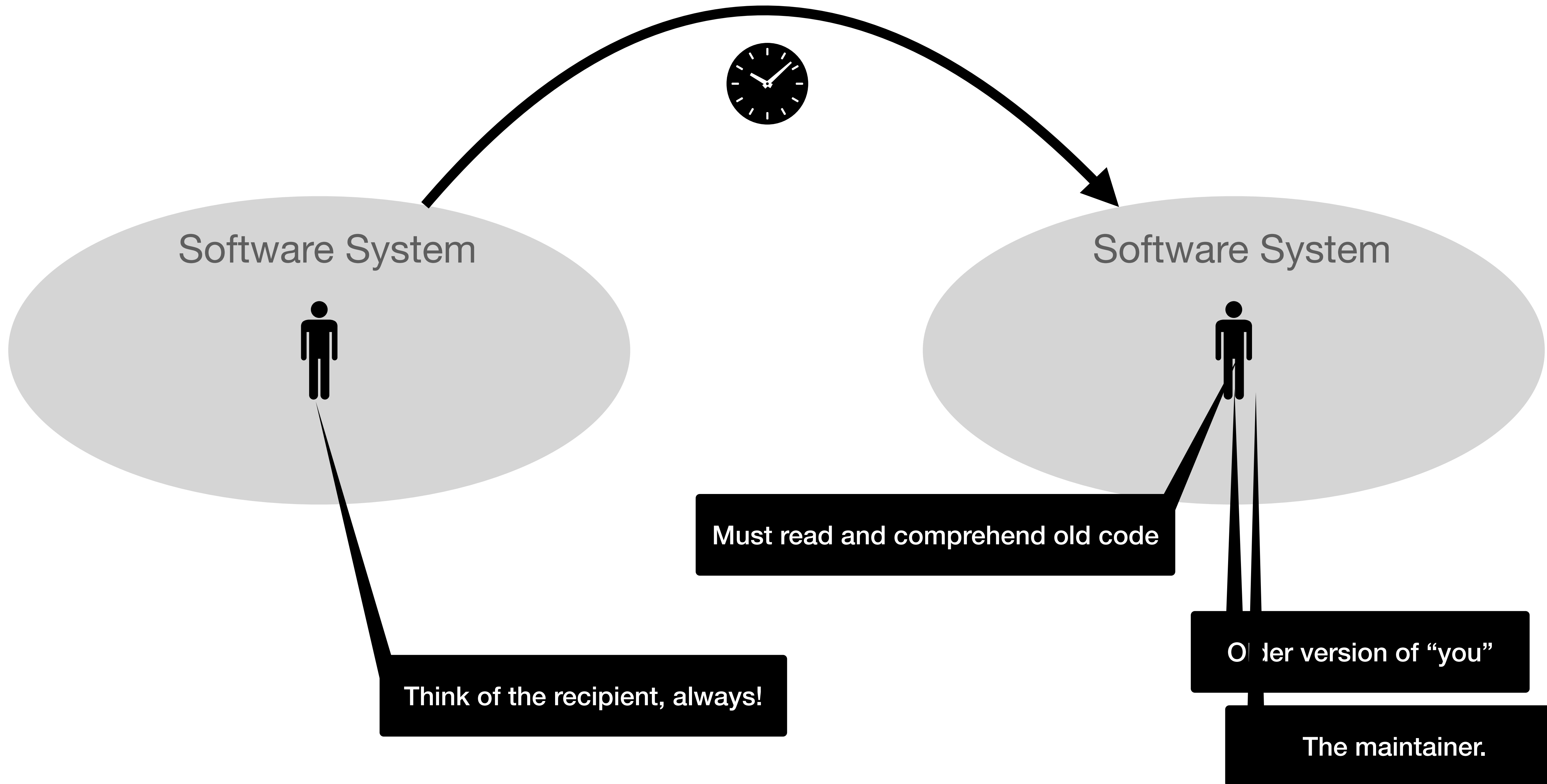












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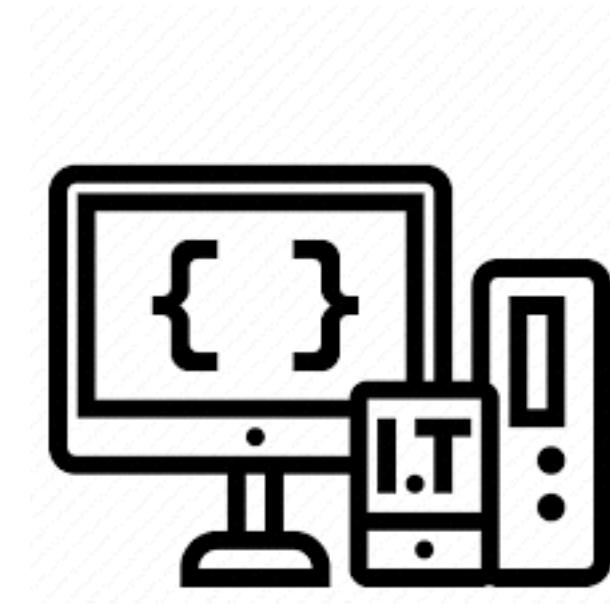


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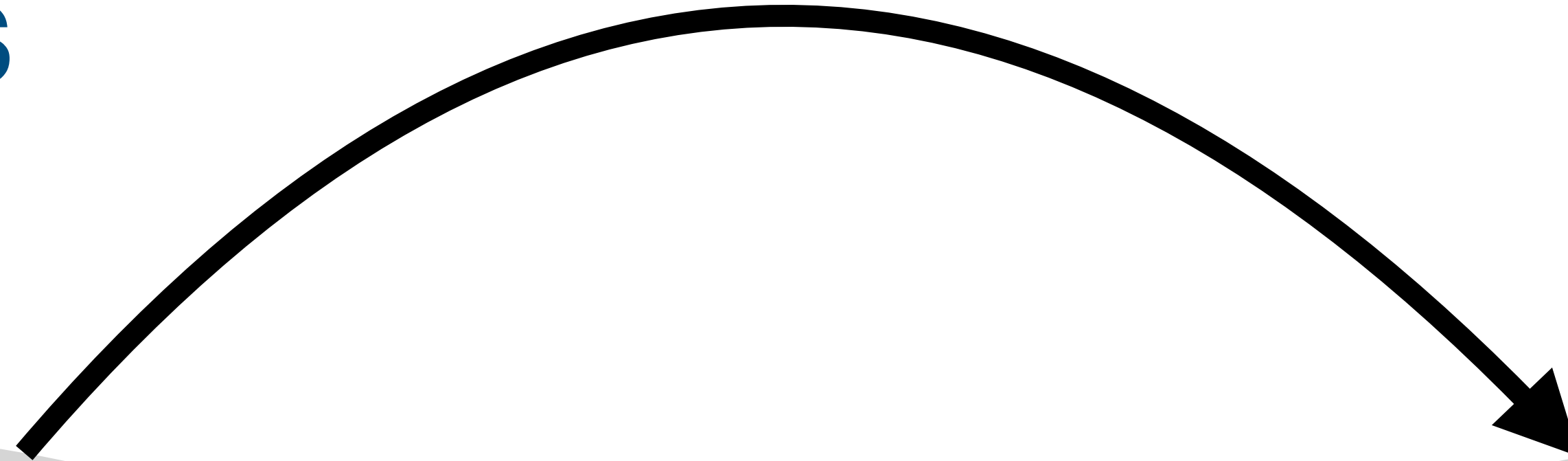
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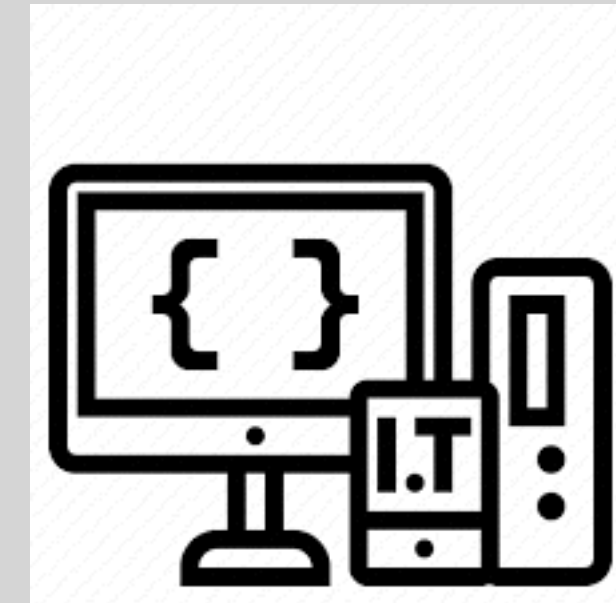
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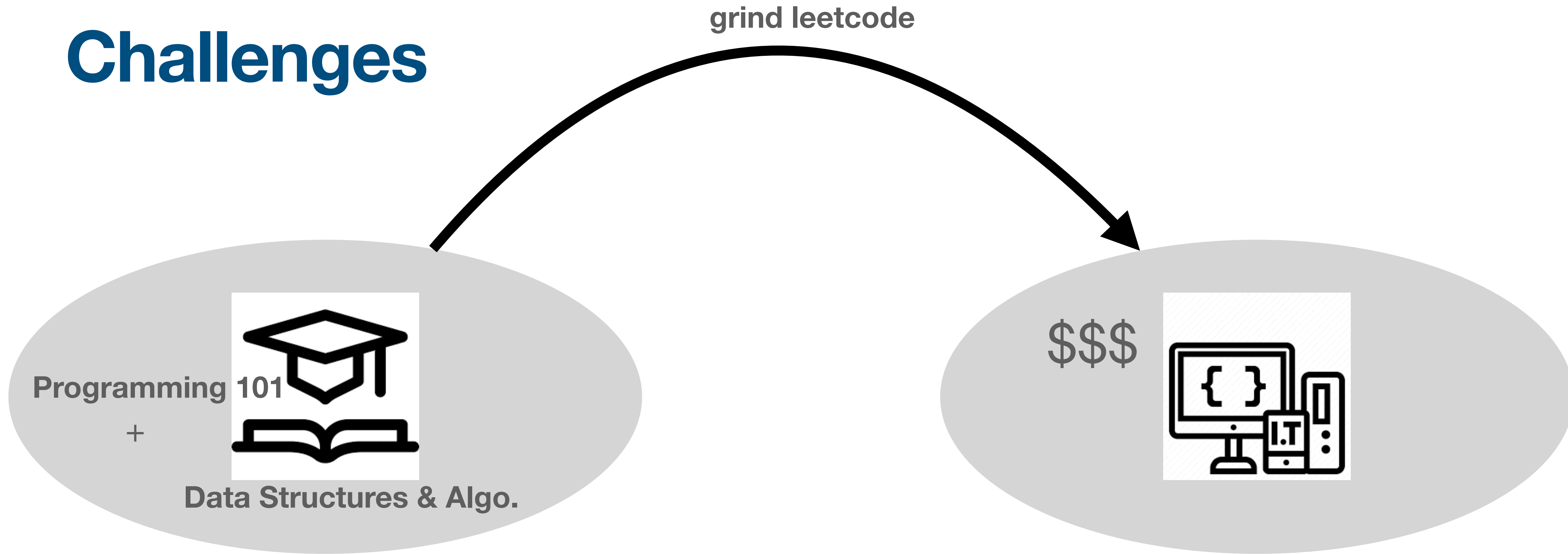


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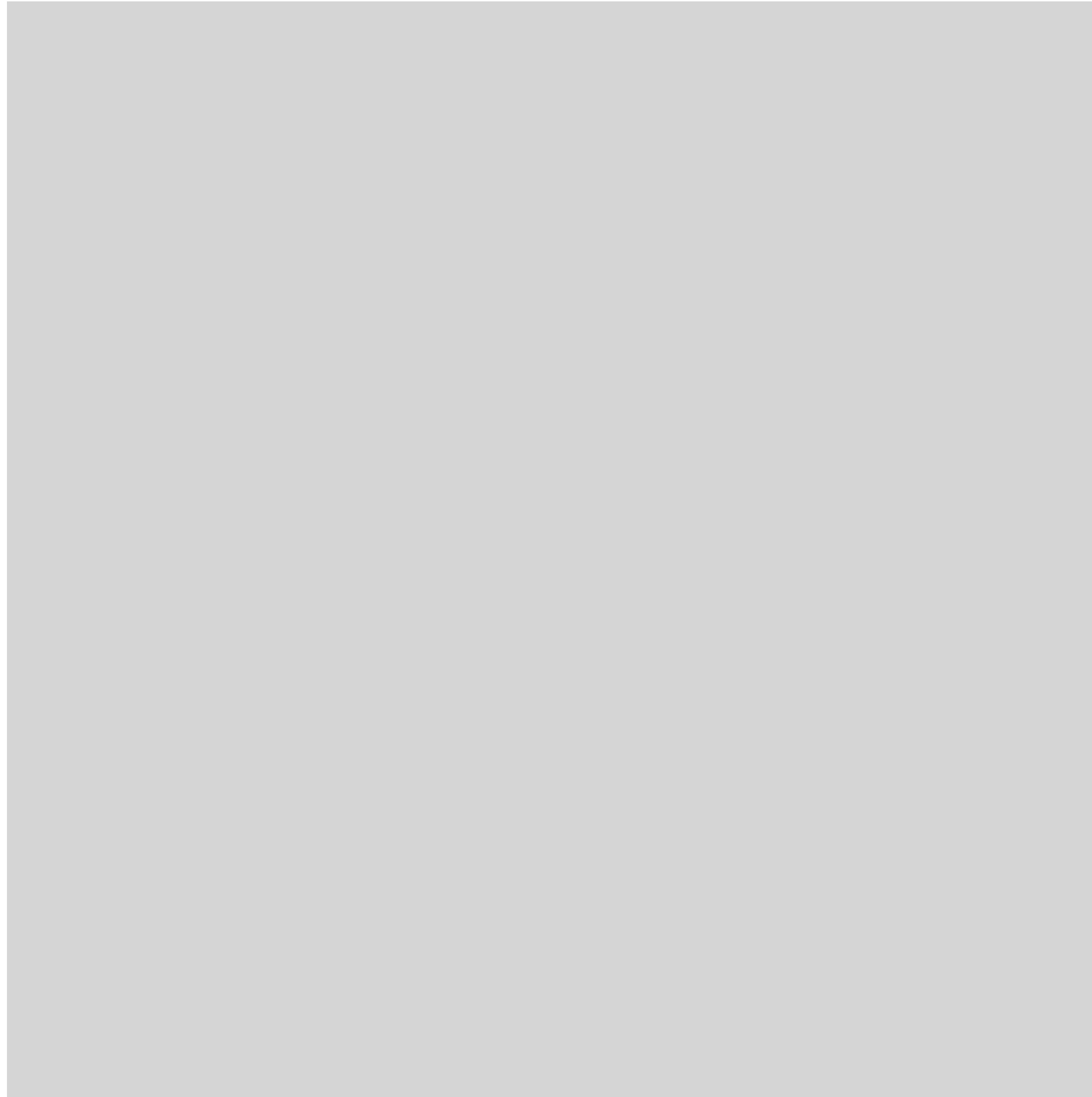


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How does this process get socially responsible
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Preaching to the Choir, Again



Challenges, A Solution

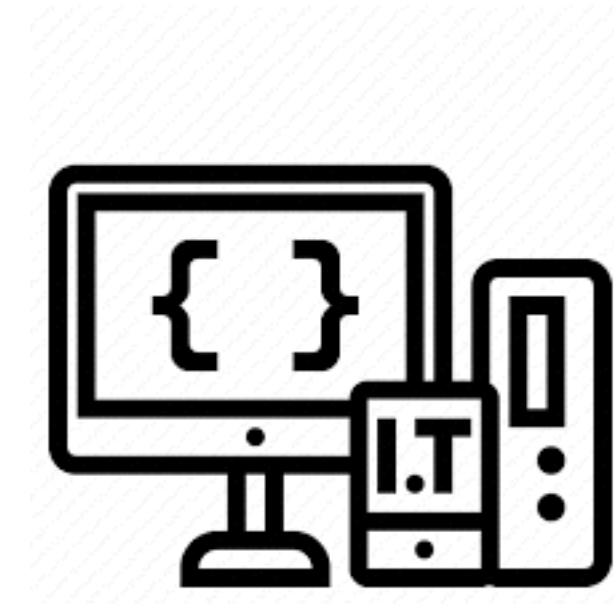


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What have *you* done?

Summary

Students must learn to:

1. Program systematically.
2. Program in pairs.
3. Program with different partners.
4. Program revisions of code.
5. Program revisions of code that isn't theirs.
6. Program "large" systems.
7. Program systematically under stress.
8. Present programs to their peers, regularly and frequently.
9. Review and critique programs of peers, regularly and frequently.

It would be great if industry signaled support for this change.

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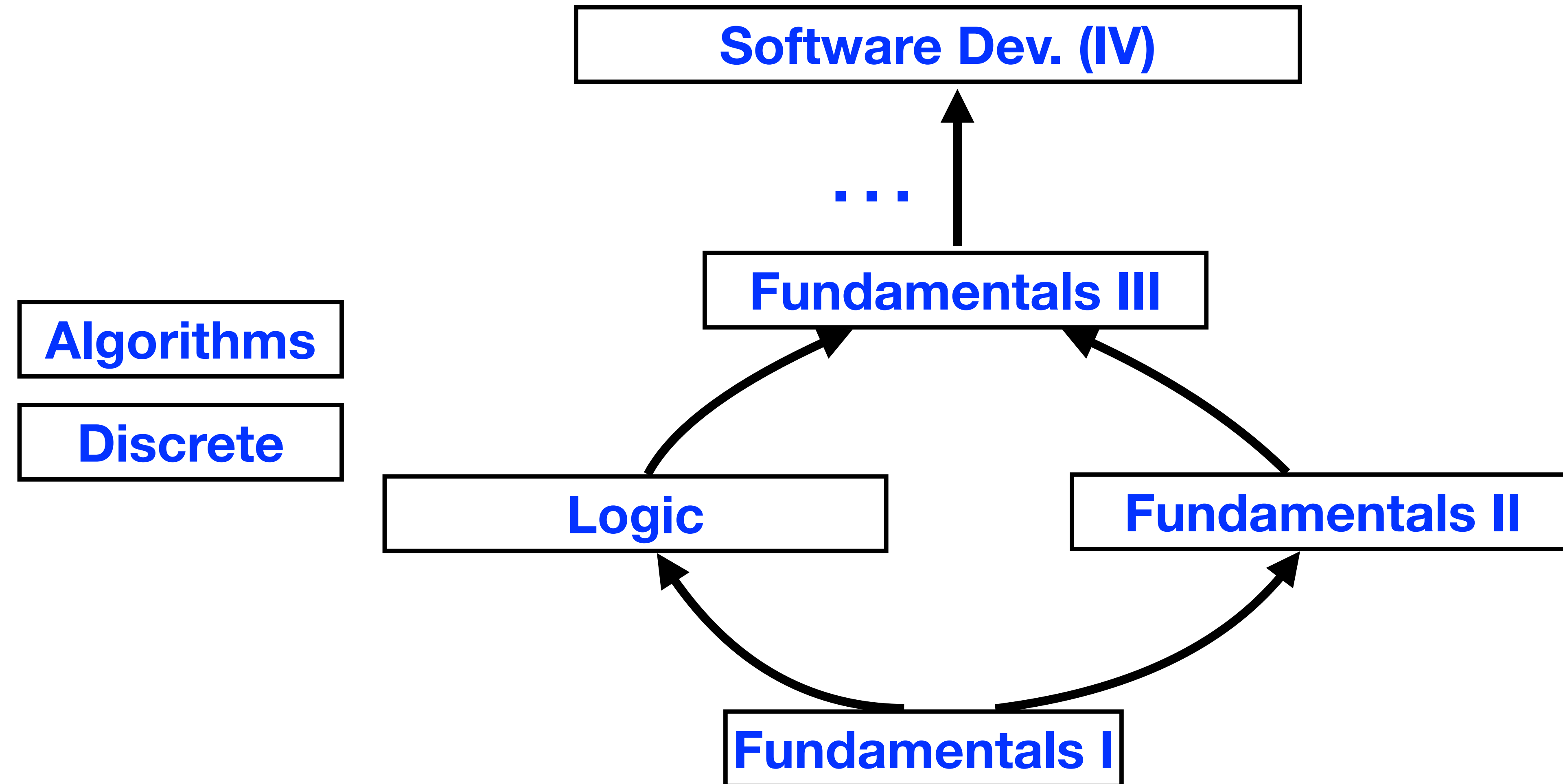
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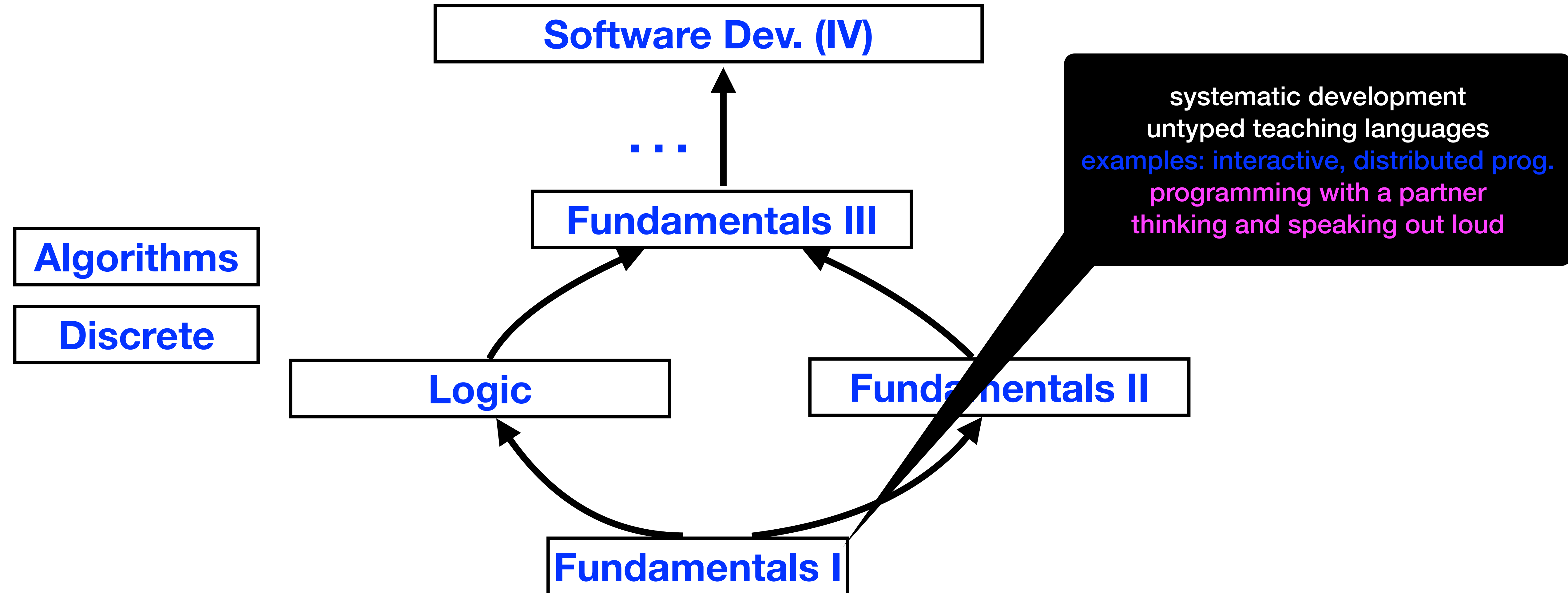
- Algol 60, Simula 67
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40 years, 10 languages

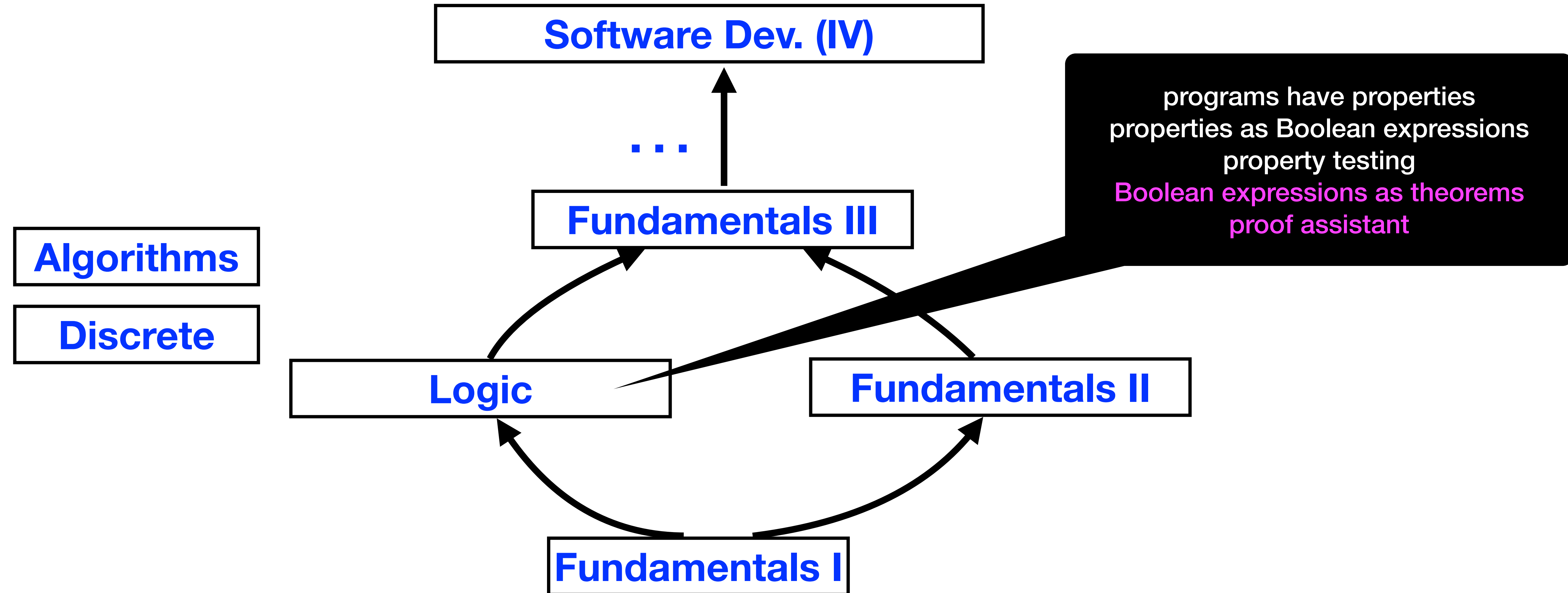
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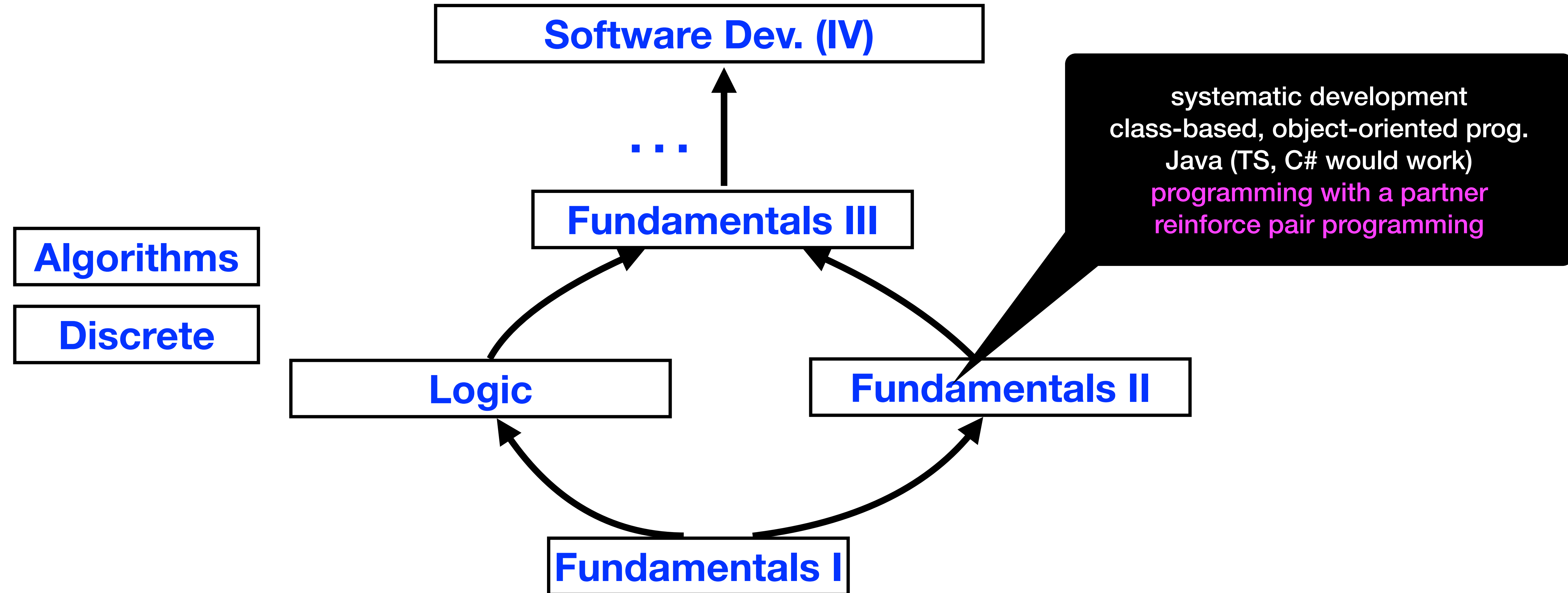
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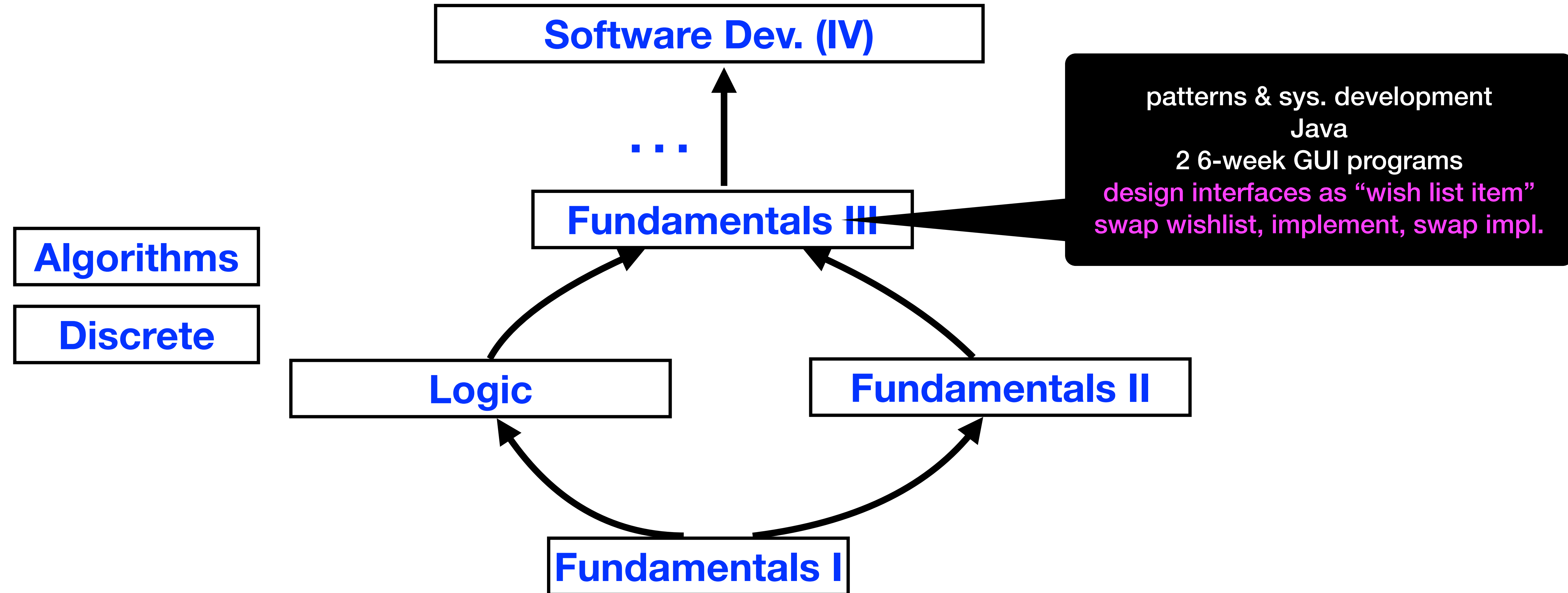
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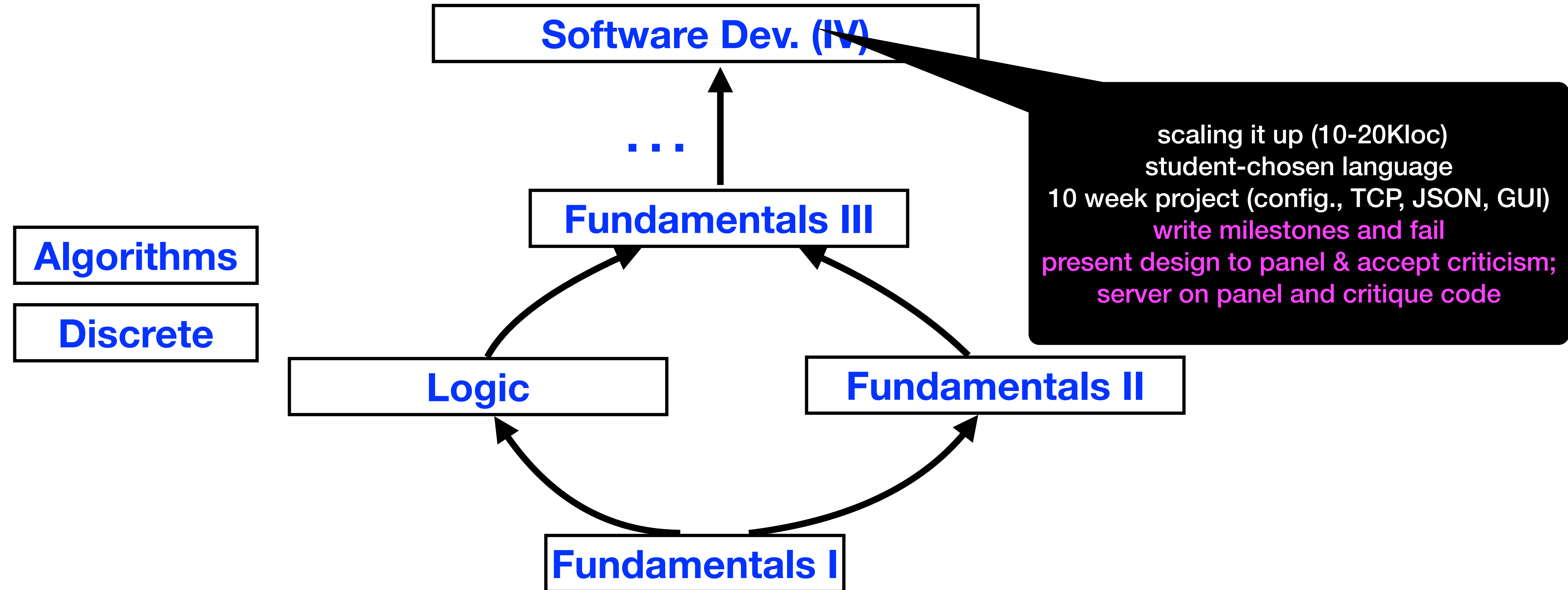
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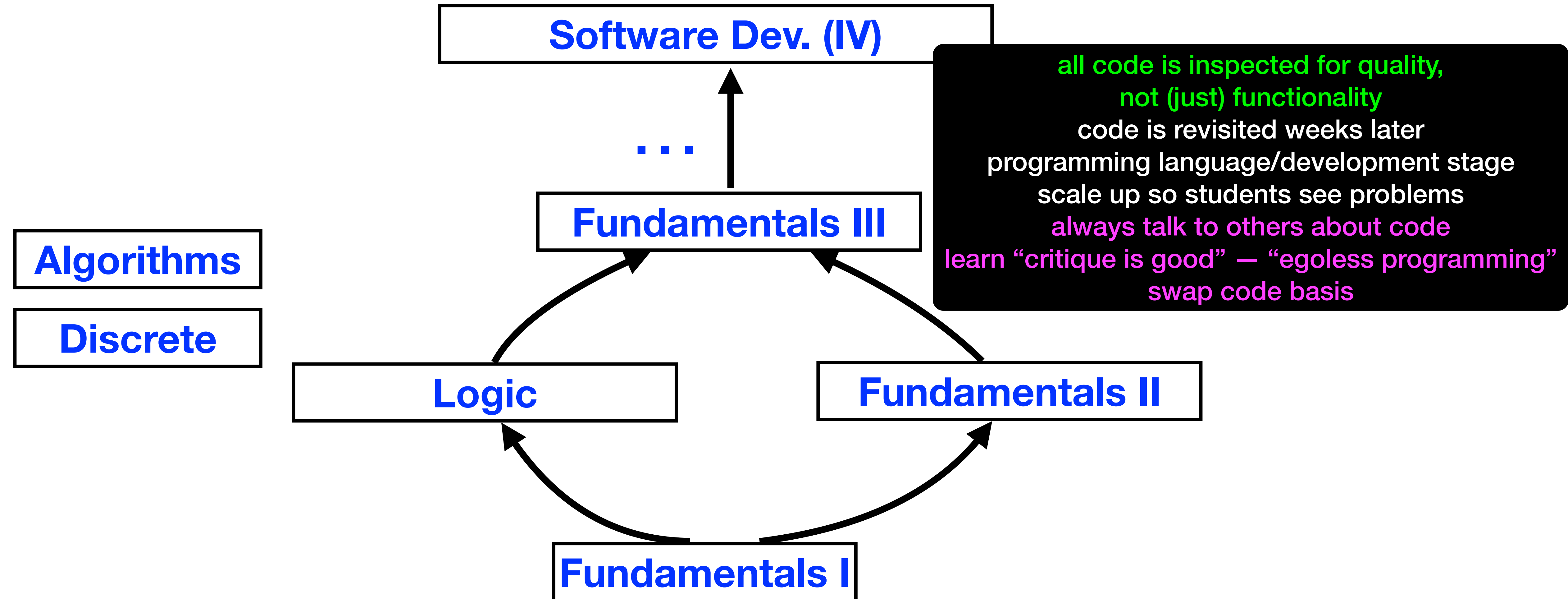
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Social Interaction about Programming

- programming is thinking, thinking is best done with others
- practice proper pair programming
- confront students with their code from a couple of weeks ago
- ask students to react to code criticisms by teaching assistants

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Purpose: do student/devs understand the problem?

Signature: don't you wish all untyped code had those?

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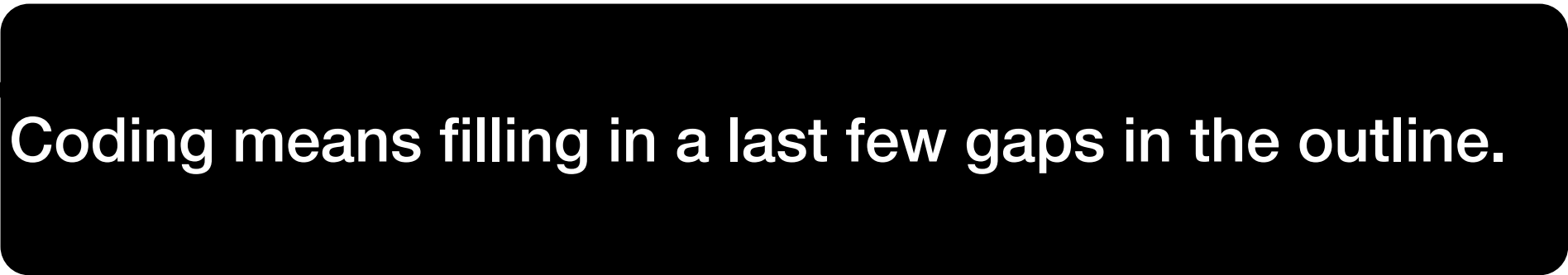
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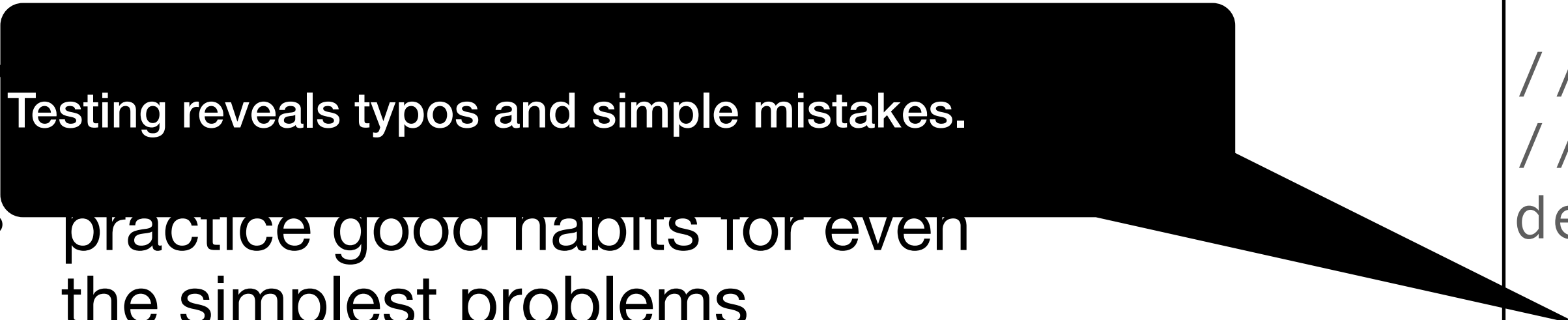
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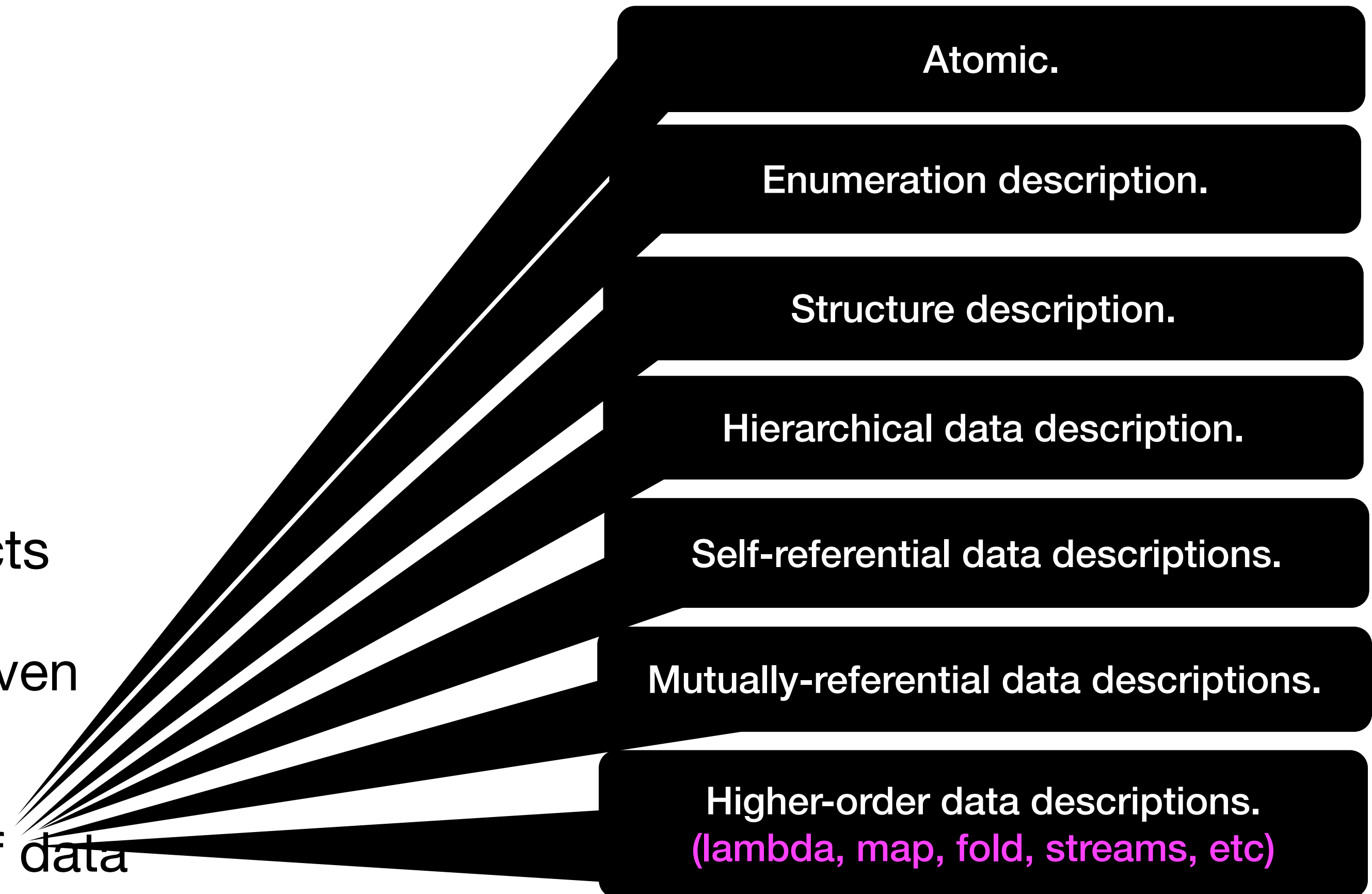
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(lambda, map, fold, streams, etc)

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with accumulators

generative recursion

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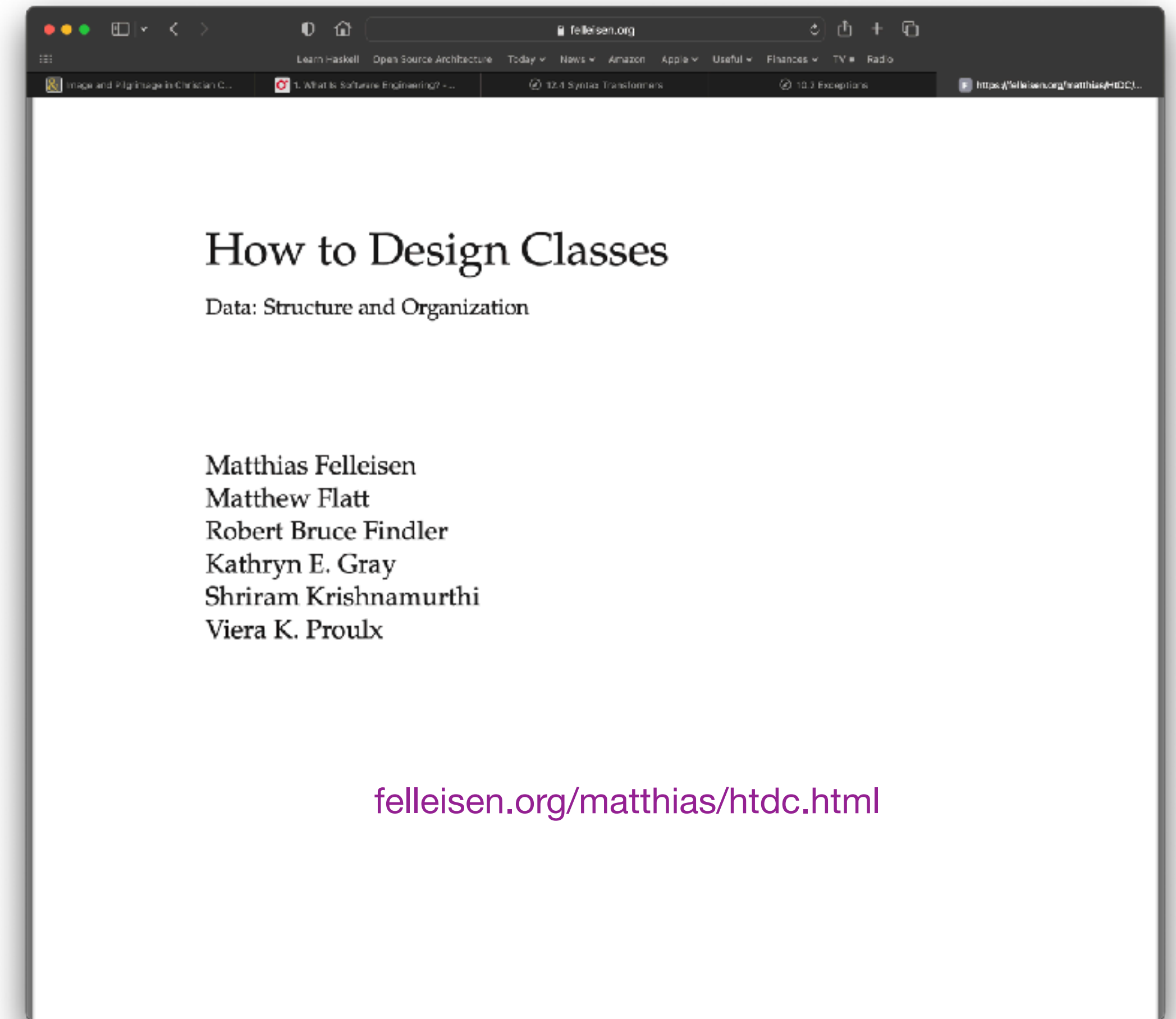
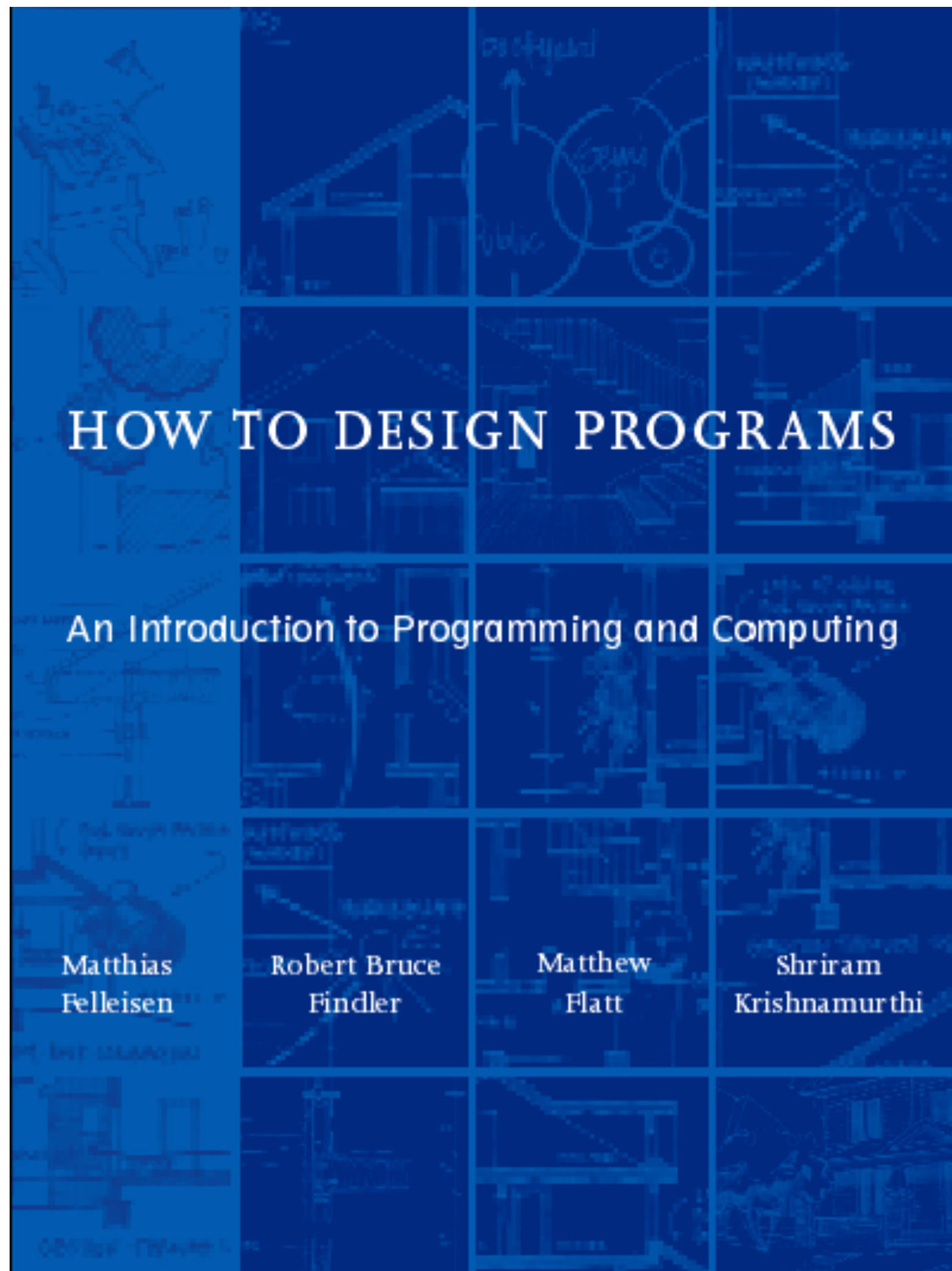
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... but otherwise, it repeats the basics:
develop code systematically

Fundamentals I & II, the Technical Skills



Fundamentals I, the so-called "soft" skills

Share a screen, speak aloud what they think, question everything, teach each other.

Change partners because that's life (and good for dissolving ill-matched pairs).

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Week n+2: Students must react to the comments.

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What students get out of this approach to “101”:

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- Systematic programming helps w/ comprehension.
- Talking to others is a *good thing*.
- Rotating partners is normal.

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Software Development (“Hell”)

(not software engineering)

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Year 3: Software Development

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Presenter

Code

TA

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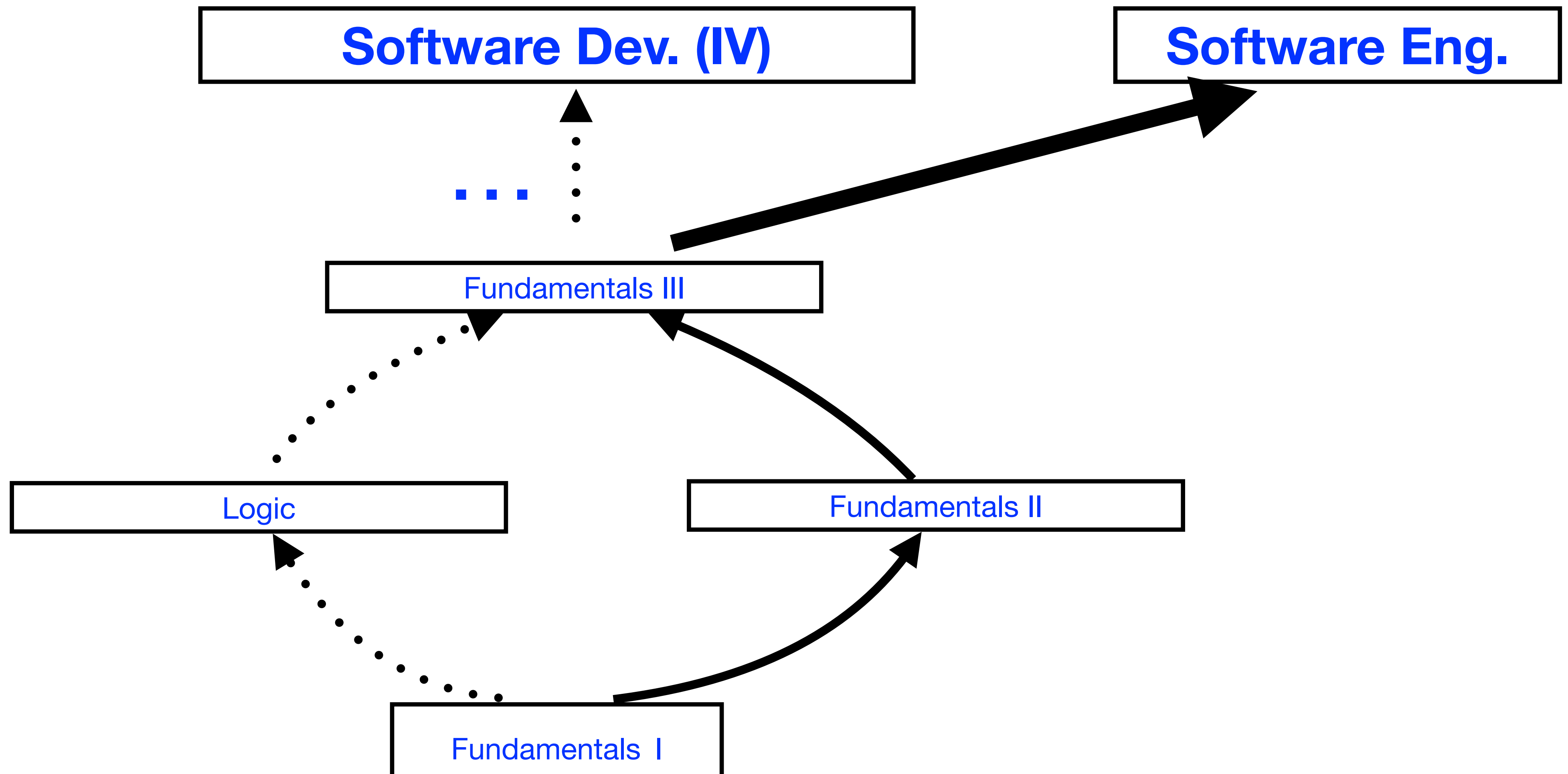
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Thanks for listening.

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