“design patterns” in dynamic languages

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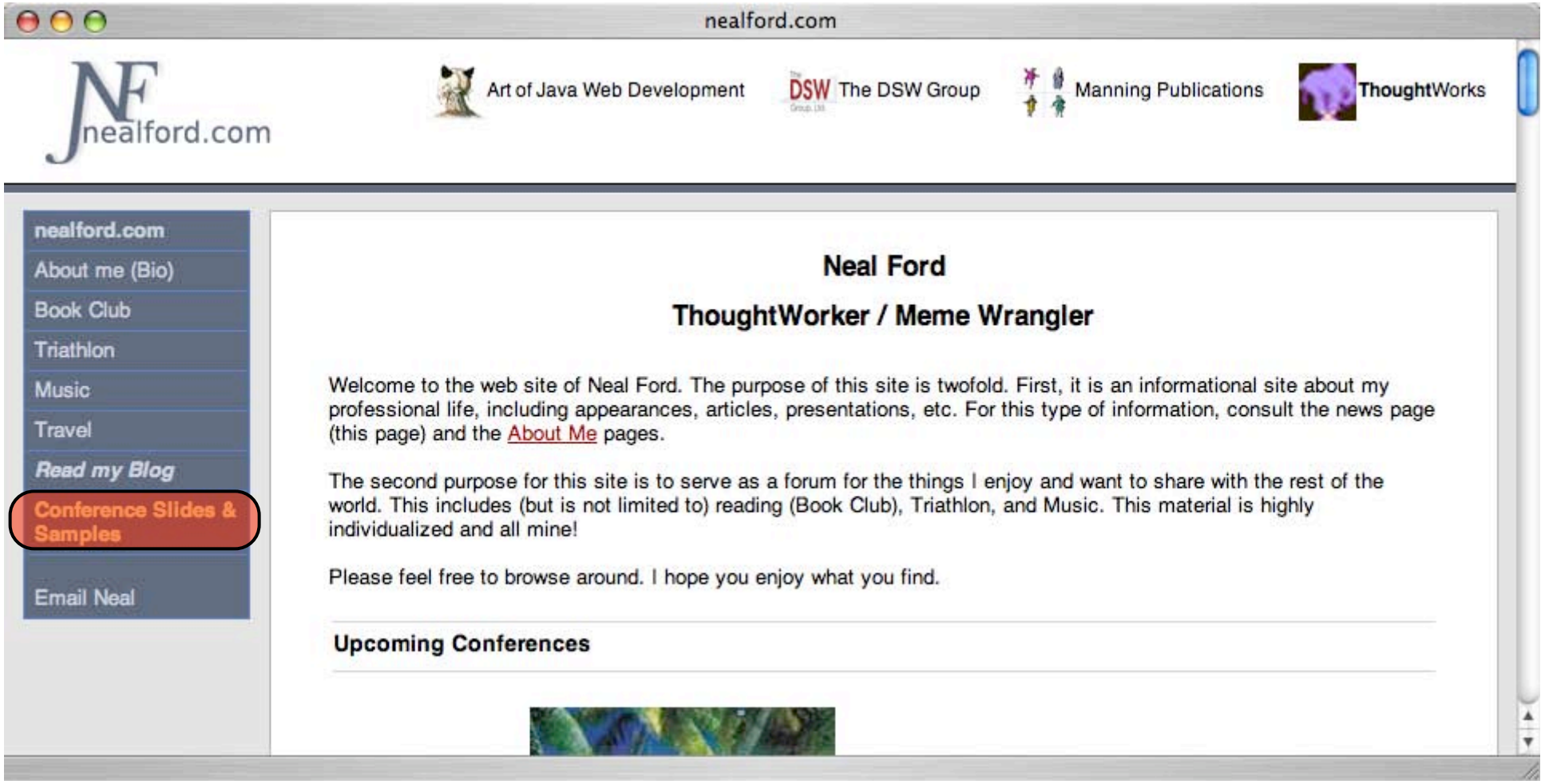
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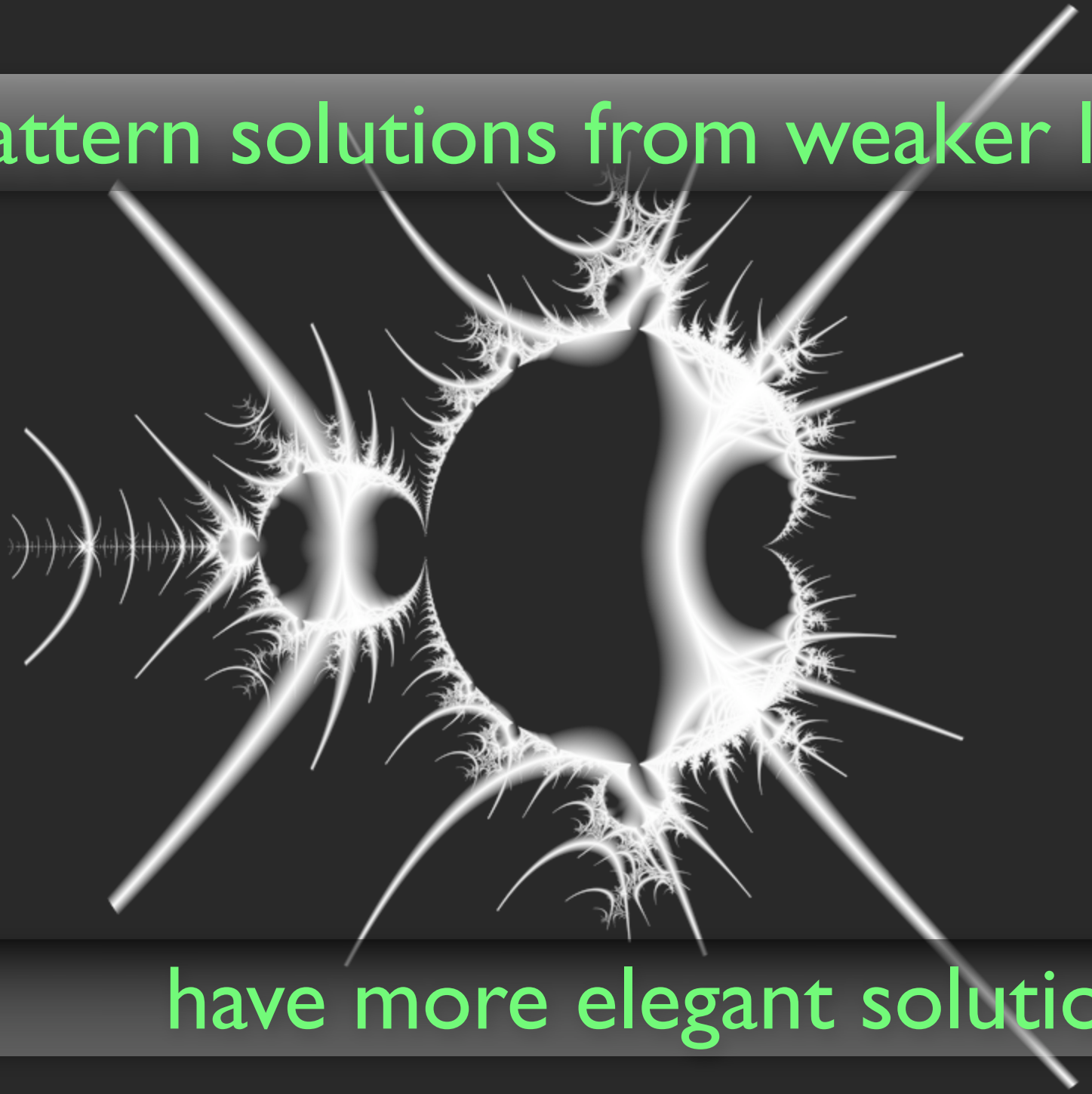
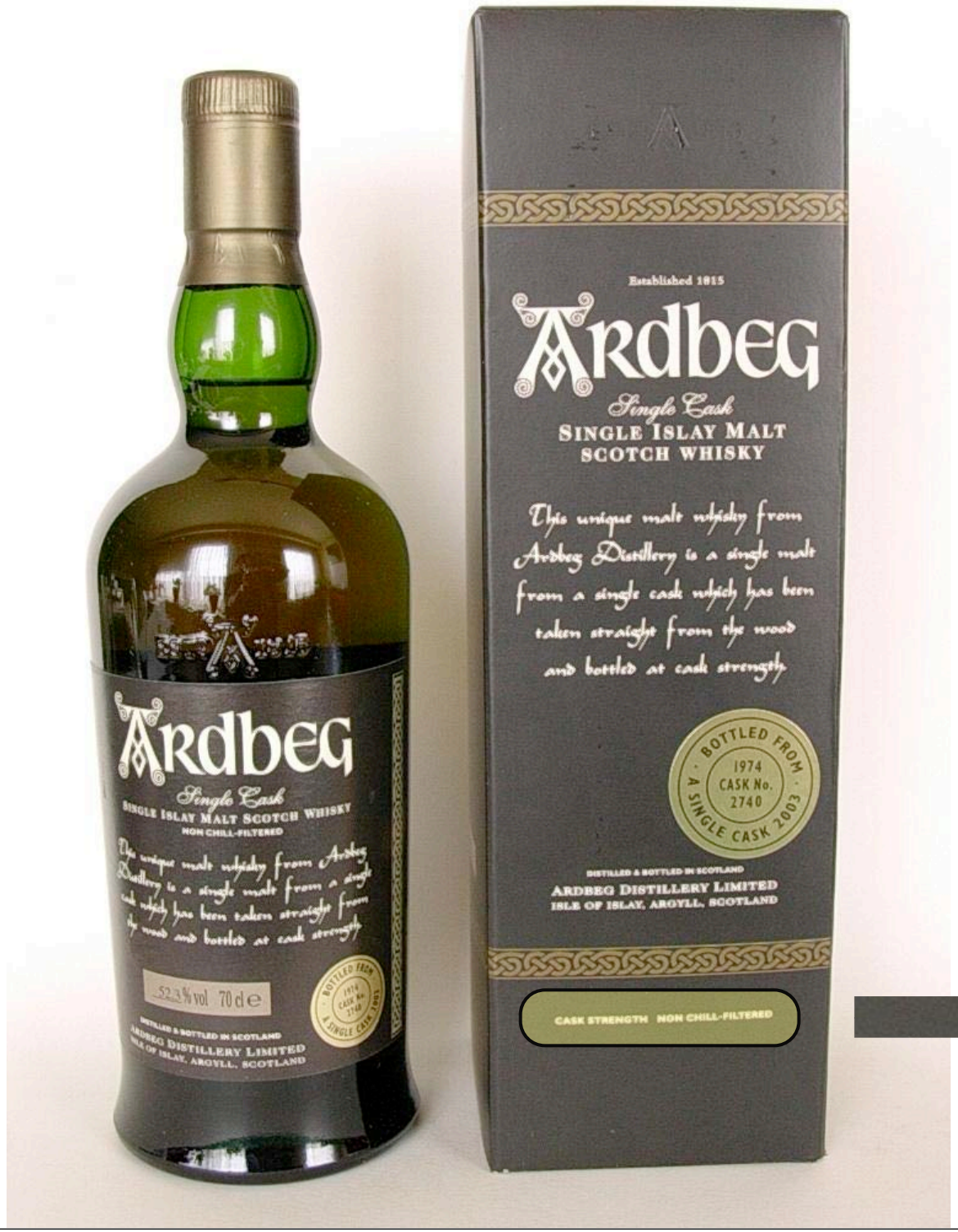


have more elegant solutions

blended whisky is made from several single malts



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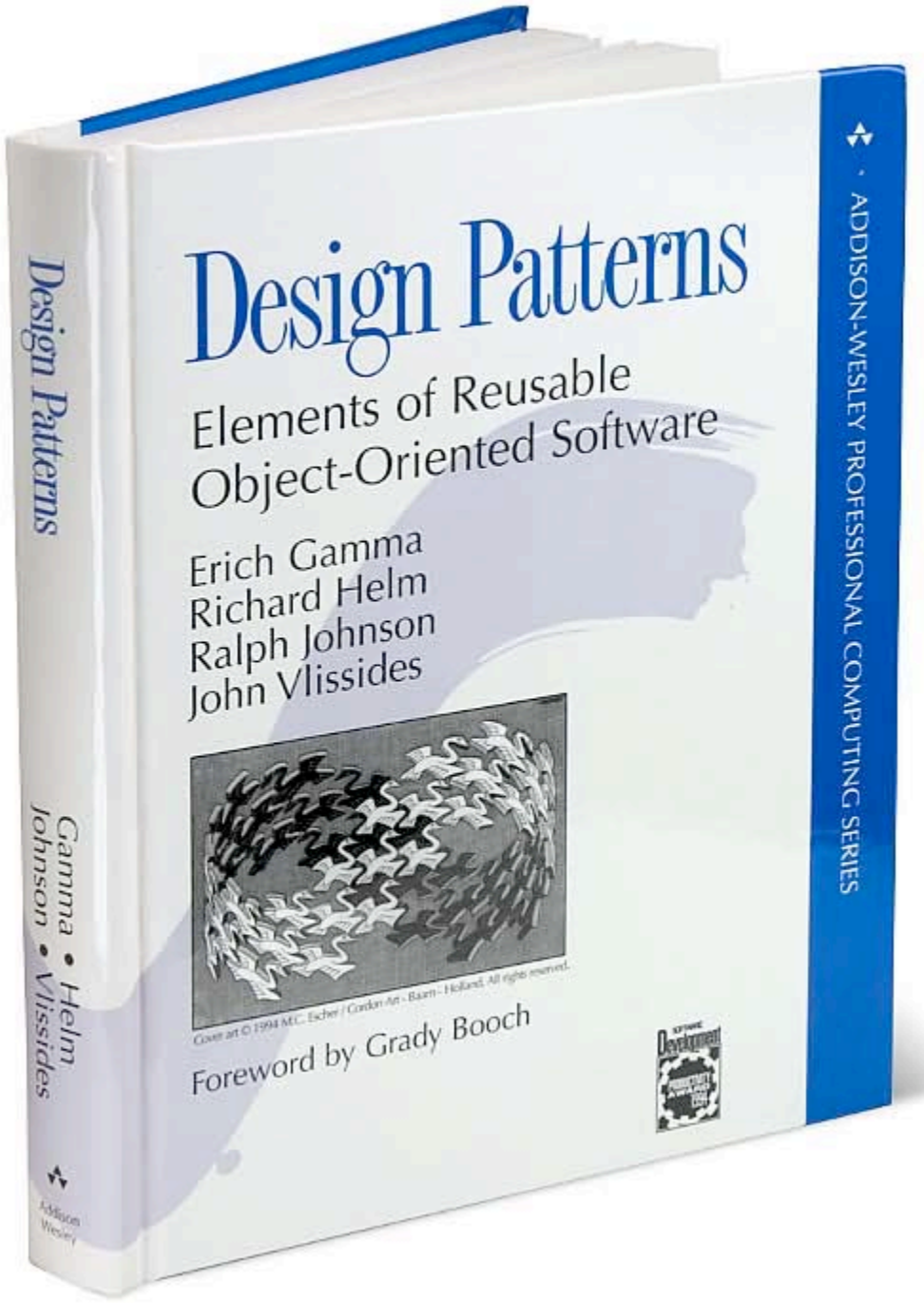

Making C++ Suck Less

patterns define common problems

dynamic languages give you better tools to solve those problems

"Go To Statement Considered Harmful"

Edsger W. Dijkstra

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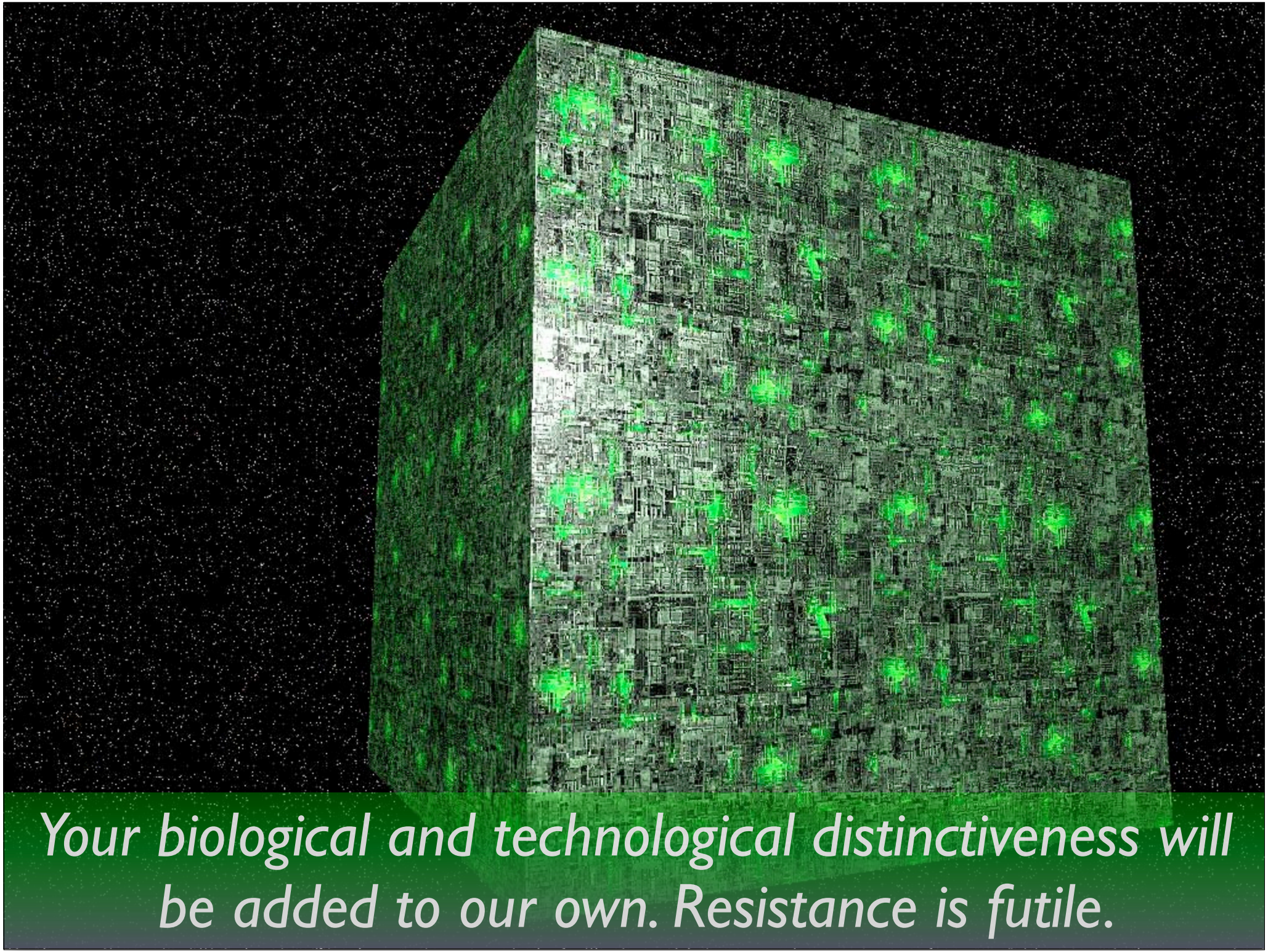
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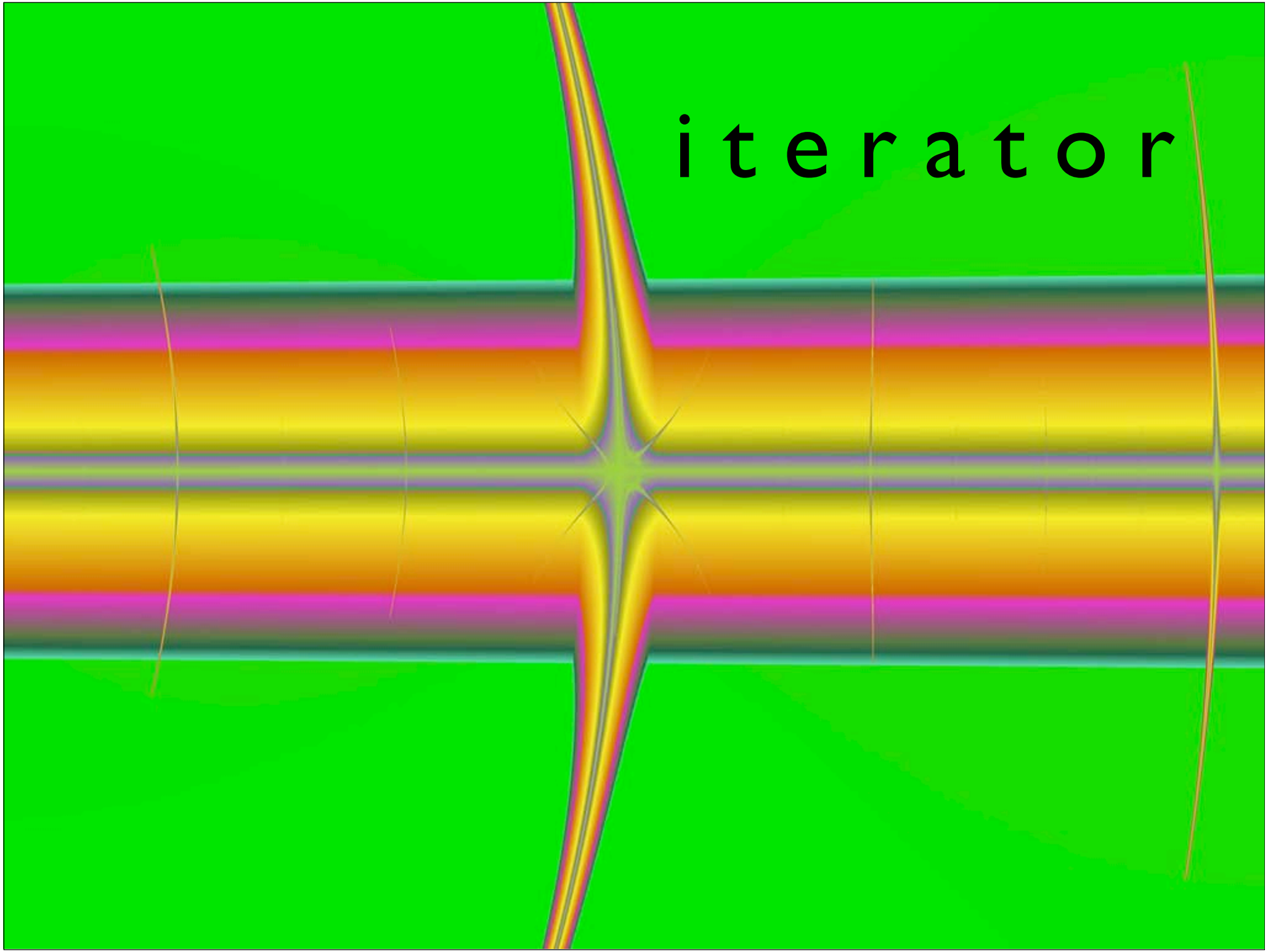
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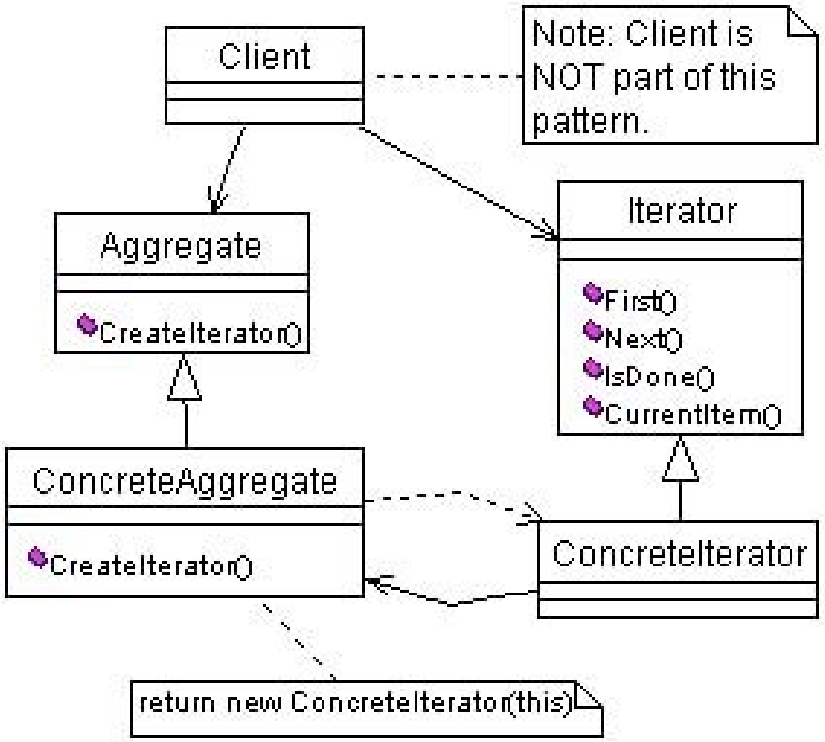


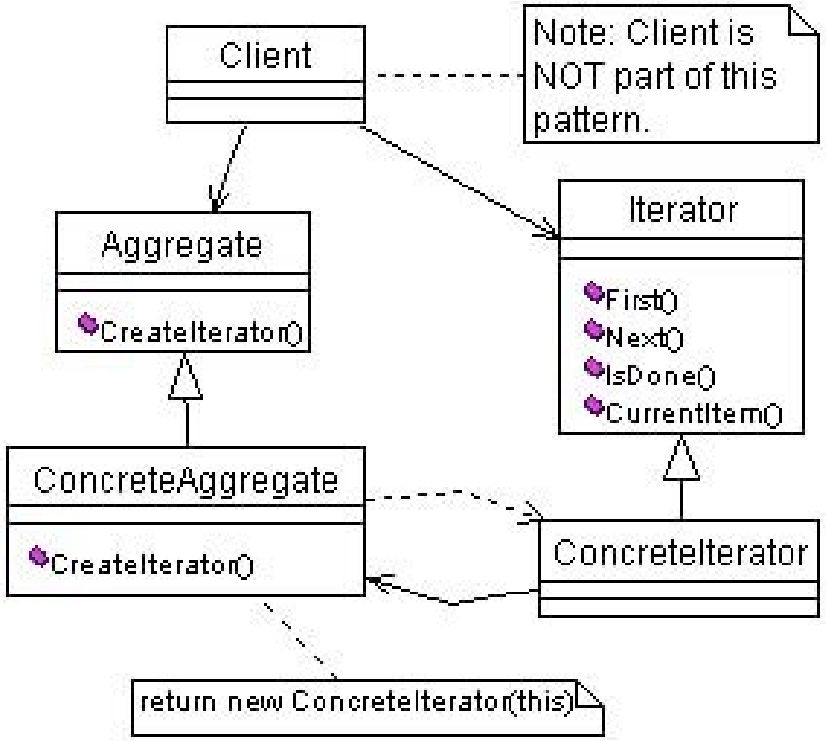
Provide a way to access the elements of an aggregate object sequentially without exposing its underlying representation.

```groovy
def printAll(container) {
    for (item in container) { println item }
}

def numbers = [1,2,3,4]
def months = [Mar:31, Apr:30, May:31]
def colors = [java.awt.Color.BLACK, java.awt.Color.WHITE]
printAll numbers
printAll months
printAll colors


numbers.each { n ->
  println n
}
```

ceremony



VS.

essence

```
def printAll(container) {
    for (item in container) { println item }
}
```

internal vs. external iterators

`.each` in groovy & ruby are *internal* iterators

groovy provides external iterators via `iterator()`

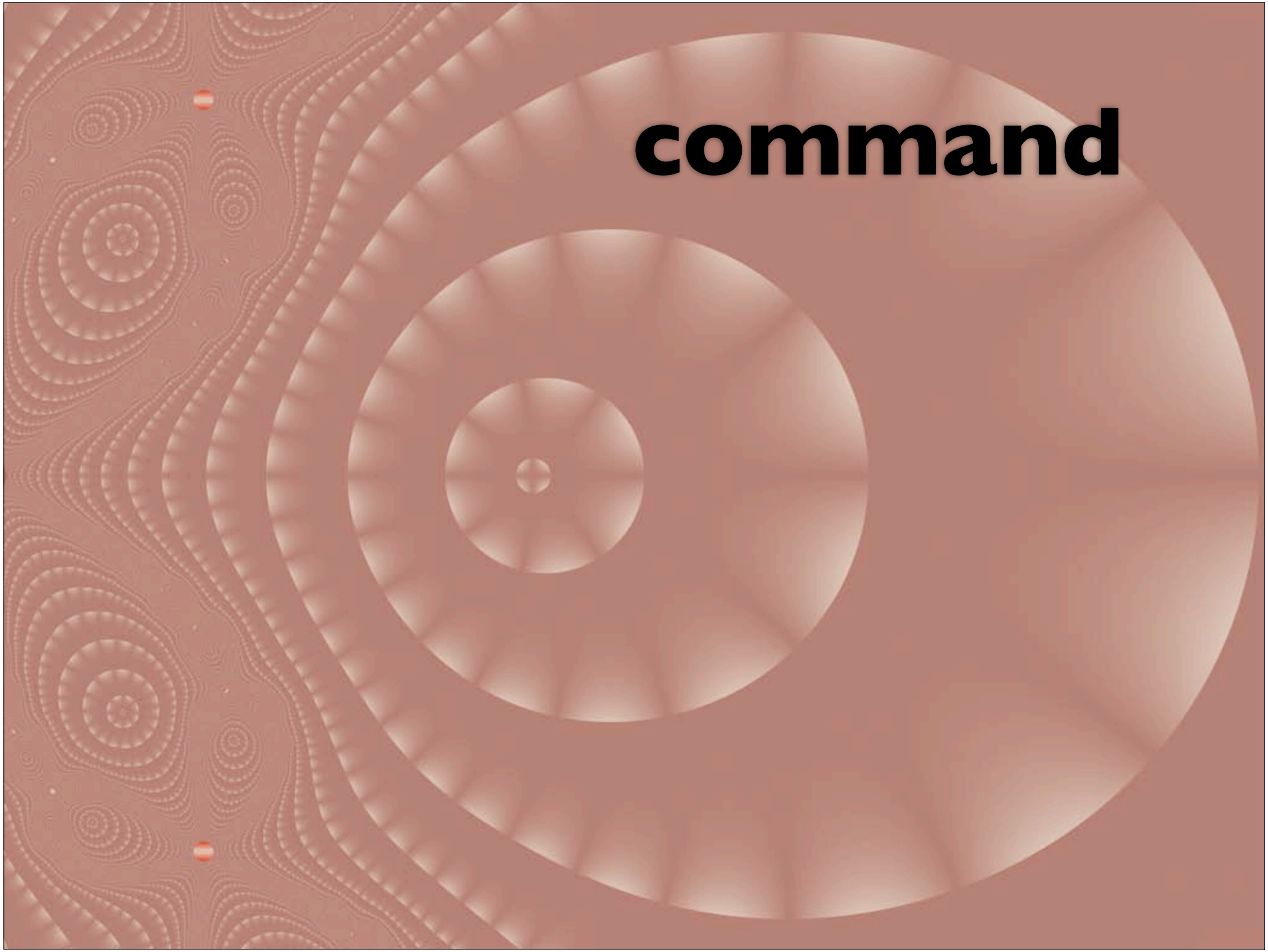
ruby 1.8 has no default syntax for external iterators

ruby 1.9 adds *enumerators* on collections

external iterator

```
iterator = 9.downto(1)
loop do
  print iterator.next
end
puts "...blastoff!"
```

1.9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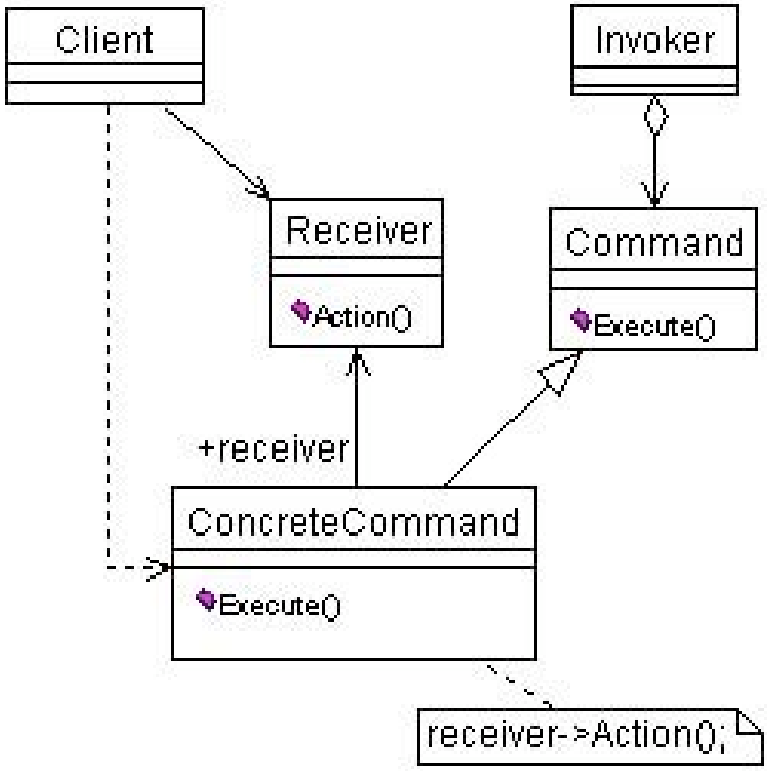


Encapsulate a request as an object, thereby letting you parameterize clients with different requests, queue or log requests, and support undoable operations.

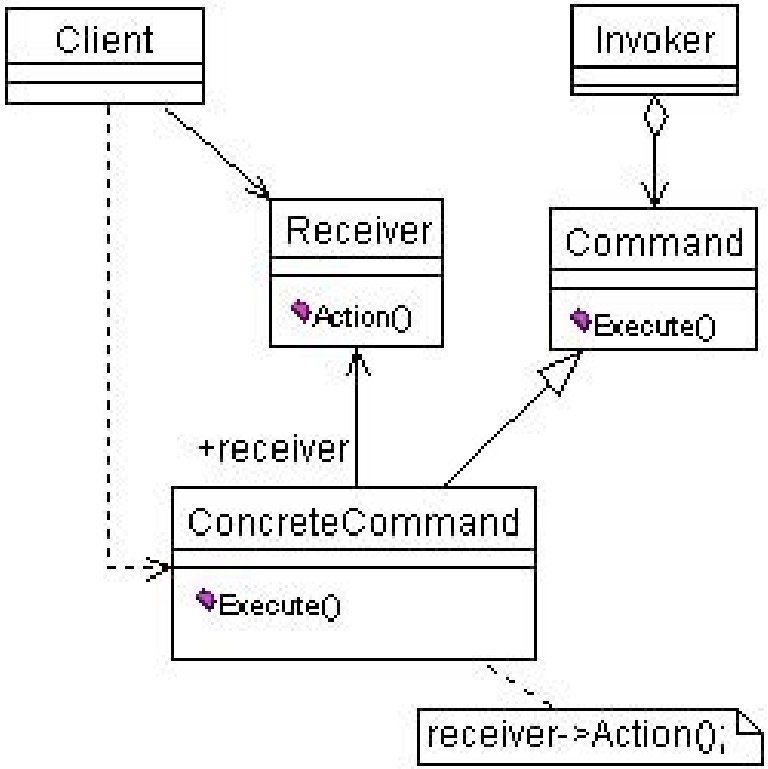
commands == closures


```groovy
def count = 0
def commands = []

1.upto(10) { i ->
    commands.add { count++ }
}

println "count is initially ${count}"
commands.each { cmd ->
    cmd()
}
println "did all commands, count is ${count}"
```

```
count is initially 0
did all commands, count is 10
```



Encapsulate a request as an object, thereby letting you parameterize clients with different requests, queue or log requests, and ***support undoable operations***.

```
class Command {
    def cmd, uncmd

    Command(doCommand, undoCommand) {
        cmd = doCommand
        uncmd = undoCommand
    }

    def doCommand() {
        cmd()
    }

    def undoCommand() {
        uncmd()
    }
}
```


```groovy
def count = 0
def commands = []
1.upto(10) { i ->
    commands.add(new Command({count++}, {count--}))
}

println "count is initially ${count}"
commands.each { c -> c.doCommand() }
commands.reverseEach { c -> c.undoCommand() }
println "undid all commands, count is ${count}"
commands.each { c -> c.doCommand() }
println "redid all command, count is ${count}"
```

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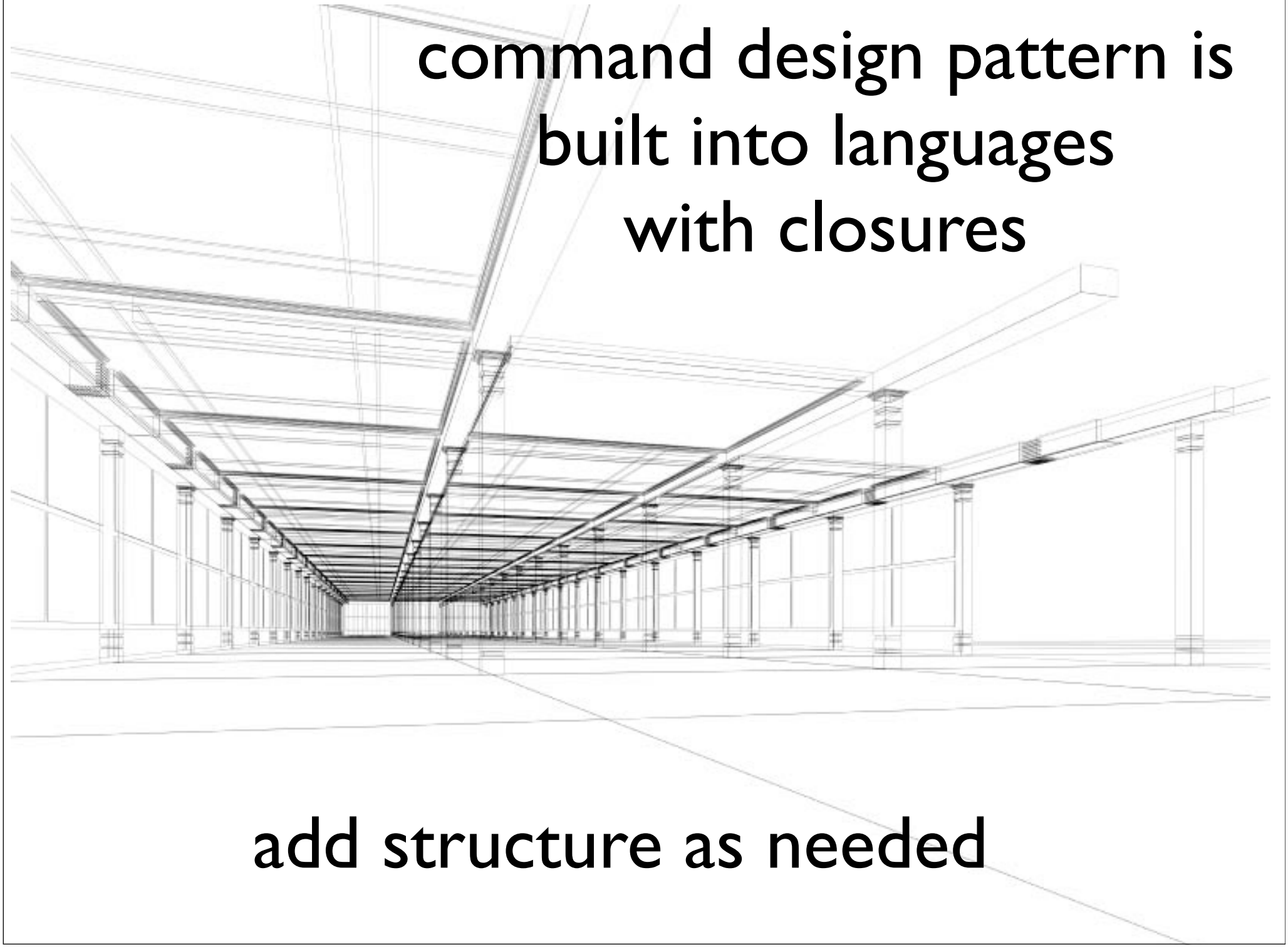
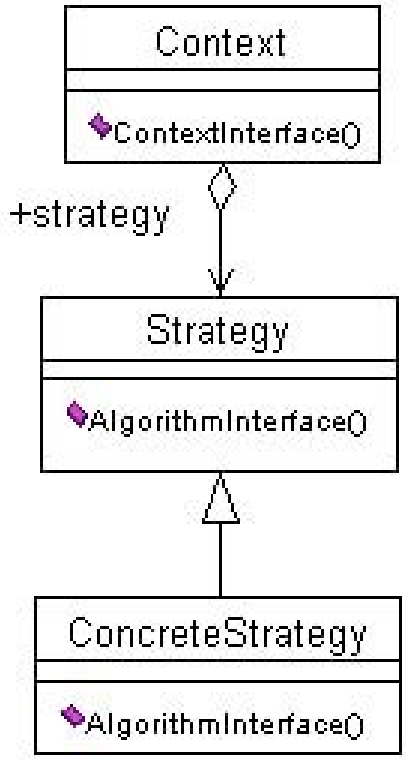


command design pattern is
built into languages
with closures

add structure as needed

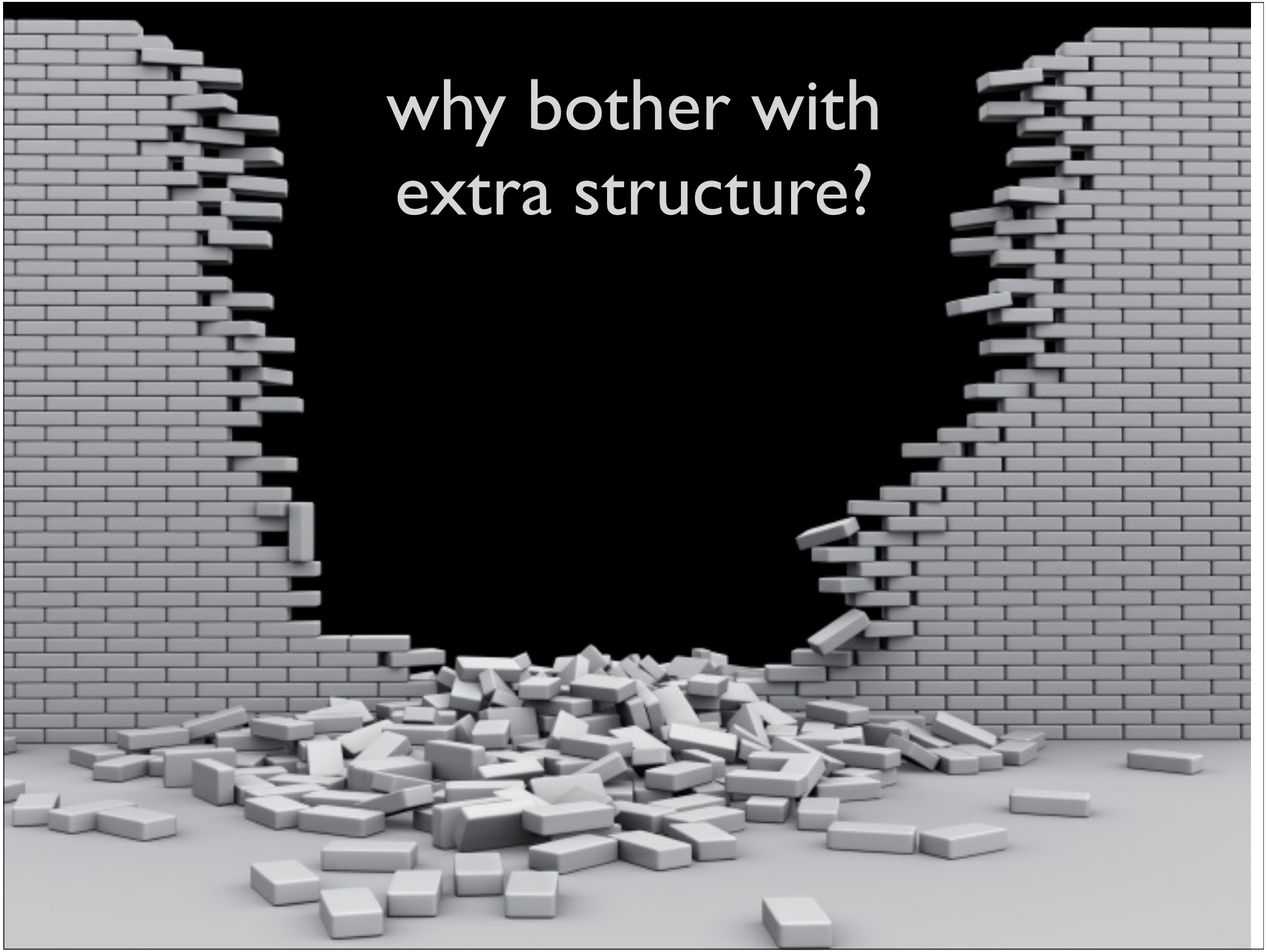

strategy



Define a family of algorithms, encapsulate each one, and make them interchangeable. Strategy lets the algorithm vary independently from clients that use it.

```groovy
interface Calc {
    def product(n, m)
}

class CalcByMult implements Calc {
    def product(n, m) { n * m }
}

class CalcByManyAdds implements Calc {
    def product(n, m) {
        def result = 0
        n.times {
            result += m
        }
        result
    }
}
```

```groovy
def sampleData = [
    [3, 4, 12],
    [5, -5, -25]
]

Calc[] multiplicationStrategies = [
    new CalcByMult(),
    new CalcByManyAdds()
]

sampleData.each{ data ->
    multiplicationStrategies.each{ calc ->
        assert data[2] == calc.product(data[0], data[1])
    }
}
```


why bother with
extra structure?

Execution in the Kingdom of Nouns

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```groovy
def multiplicationStrategies = [
    { n, m -> n * m },
    { n, m -> def result = 0
      n.times{ result += m }
      result
    }
]

def sampleData = [
    [3, 4, 12],
    [5, -5, -25]
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sampleData.each{ data ->
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    }
}
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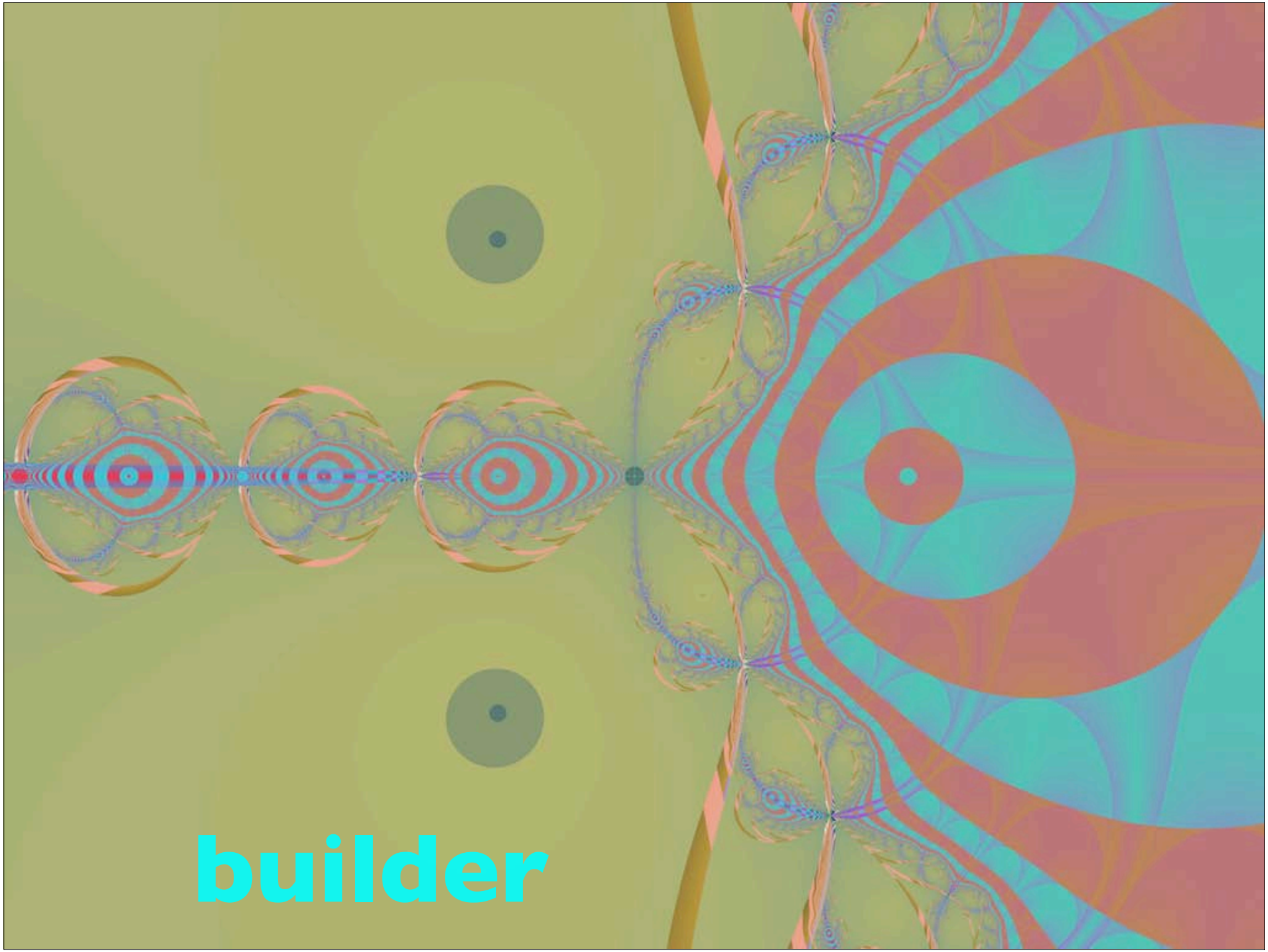
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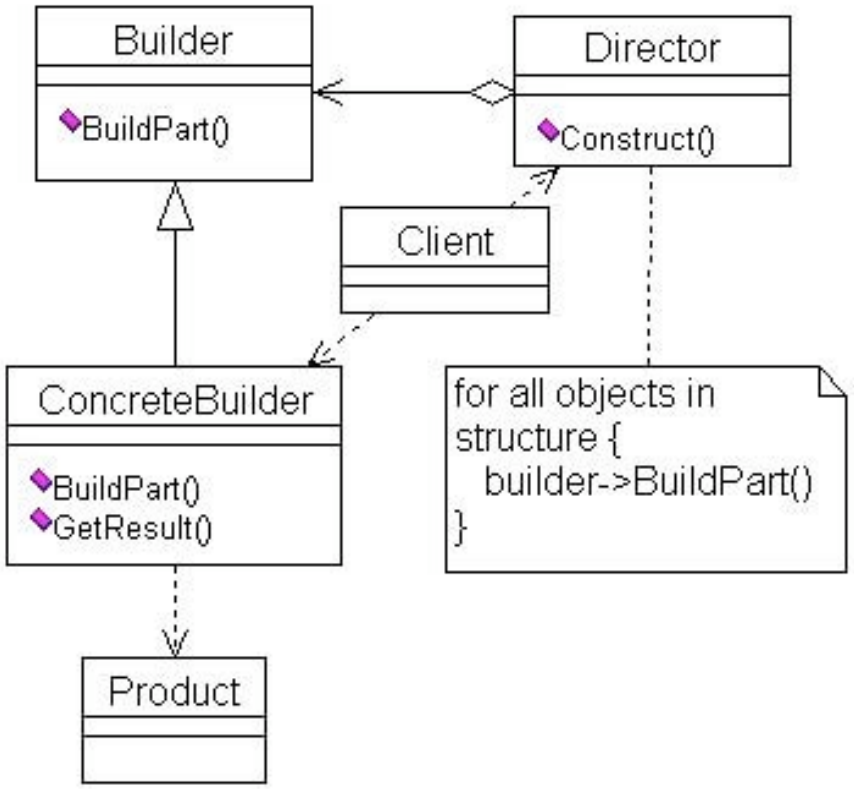

Separate the construction of a complex object from its representation so that the same construction process can create different representations.

“traditional” builder

```ruby
class Computer
  attr_accessor :display, :motherboard, :drives

  def initialize(display=:crt, motherboard=Motherboard.new, drives=[])
    @motherboard = motherboard
    @drives = drives
    @display = display
  end

end

class CPU
  # CPU stuff
end

class BasicCPU < CPU
  # not very fast CPU stuff
end

class TurboCPU < CPU
  # very fast CPU stuff
end
```

```ruby
class Motherboard
  attr_accessor :cpu, :memory_size

  def initialize(cpu=BasicCPU.new, memory_size=1000)
    @cpu = cpu
    @memory_size = memory_size
  end
end

class Drive
  attr_reader :type, :size, :writable

  def initialize(type, size, writable)
    @type = type
    @size = size
    @writable = writable
  end
end
```

```ruby
class ComputerBuilder
  attr_reader :computer

  def initialize
    @computer = Computer.new
  end

  def turbo(has_turbo_cpu=true)
    @computer.motherboard.cpu = TurboCPU.new
  end

  def display=(display)
    @computer.display = display
  end

  def memory_size=(size_in_mb)
    @computer.motherboard.memory_size = size_in_mb
  end

  def add_cd(writer=false)
    @computer.drives << Drive.new(:cd, 760, writer)
  end
```

```ruby
def test_builder
  b = ComputerBuilder.new
  b.turbo
  b.add_cd(true)
  b.add_dvd
  b.add_hard_disk(100000)
  computer = b.computer
  assert computer.motherboard.cpu.is_a? TurboCPU
  assert computer.drives.size == 3
end
```

add dynamic behavior: ad hoc combinations

```ruby
def test_synthetic_method
  b = ComputerBuilder.new
  b.add_turbo_and_dvd_and_harddisk
  assert b.computer.motherboard.cpu.is_a? TurboCPU
  assert b.computer.drives.size == 2
end
```

in computer_builder:

```ruby
def method_missing(name, *args)
  words = name.to_s.split("_")
  return super(name, *args) unless words.shift == 'add'
  words.each do |word|
    next if word == 'and'
    add_cd if word == 'cd'
    add_dvd if word == 'dvd'
    add_hard_disk(100000) if word == 'harddisk'
    turbo if word == 'turbo'
  end
end
```

```ruby
def test_synthetic_method
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end
```
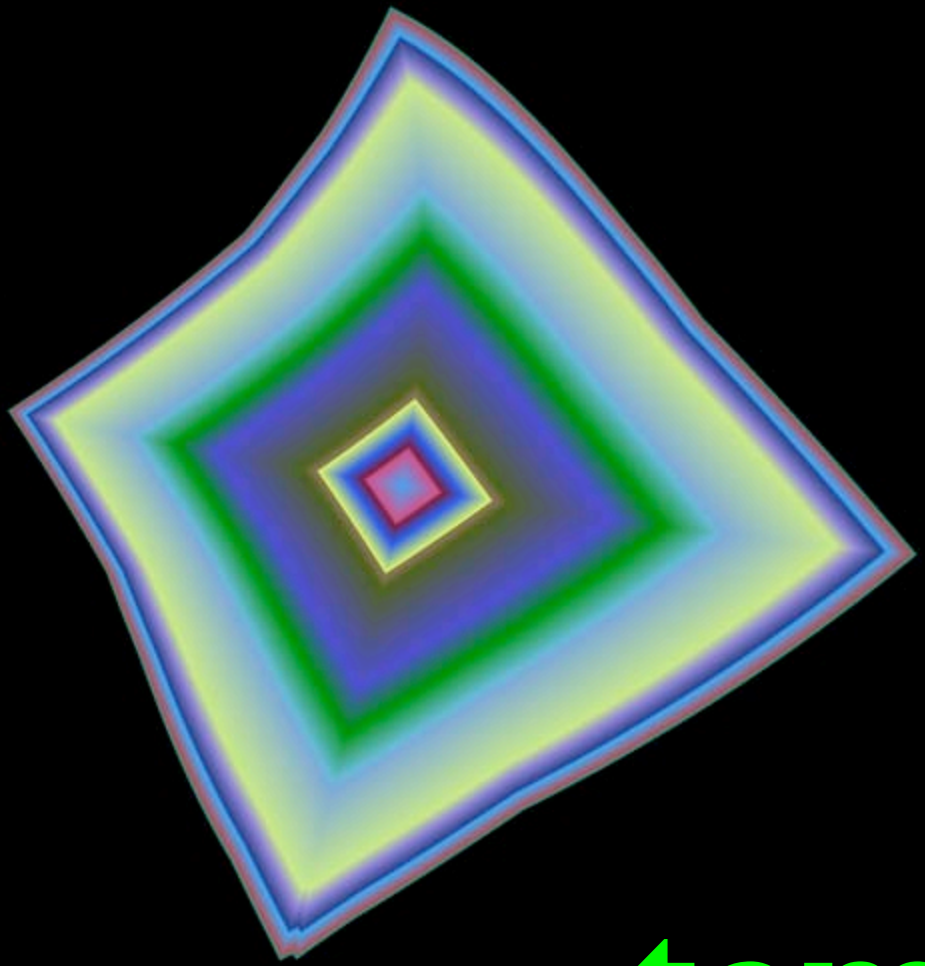
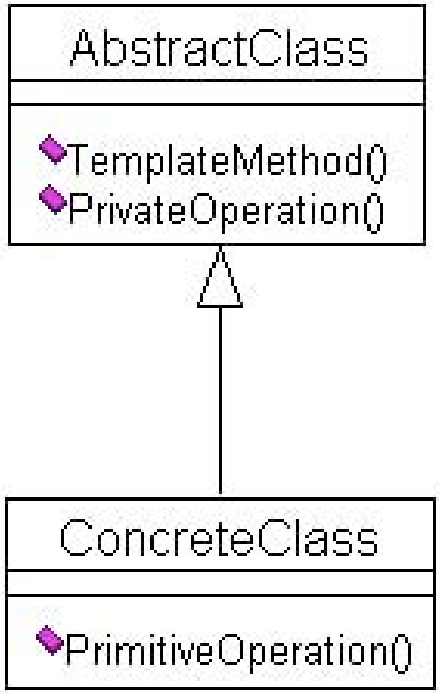



template



Define the skeleton of an algorithm in an operation, deferring some steps to subclasses. Template Method lets subclasses redefine certain steps of an algorithm without changing the algorithm's structure.

```groovy
abstract class Customer {
    def plan

    def Customer() {
        plan = []
    }

    def abstract checkCredit()
    def abstract checkInventory()
    def abstract ship()

    def process() {
        checkCredit()
        checkInventory()
        ship()
    }
}
```

```groovy
class UsCustomer extends Customer {
    def checkCredit() {
        plan.add "checking US customer credit"
    }

    def checkInventory() {
        plan.add "checking US warehouses"
    }

    def ship() {
        plan.add "Shipping to US address"
    }
}
```

```
class EuropeanCustomer extends Customer {
    def checkCredit() {
        plan.add "checking European customer credit"
    }

    def checkInventory() {
        plan.add "checking European warehouses"
    }

    def ship() {
        plan.add "Shipping to European address"
    }
}
```

```groovy
@Test void customers() {
    def c = new UsCustomer()
    c.process()
    assertThat "checking US customer credit", is(c.plan[0])
    assertThat "checking US warehouses", is(c.plan[1])
    assertThat "Shipping to US address", is(c.plan[2])
    def e = new EuropeanCustomer()
    e.process()
    assertThat "checking European customer credit", is(e.plan[0])
    assertThat "checking European warehouses", is(e.plan[1])
    assertThat "Shipping to European address", is(e.plan[2])
}
```

what's dynamic?

so far, this is the "traditional" template-method

why not blocks as placeholders

```
class CustomerBlocks {
    def plan, checkCredit, checkInventory, ship

    def CustomerBlocks() {
        plan = []
    }

    def process() {
        checkCredit()
        checkInventory()
        ship()
    }
}
```

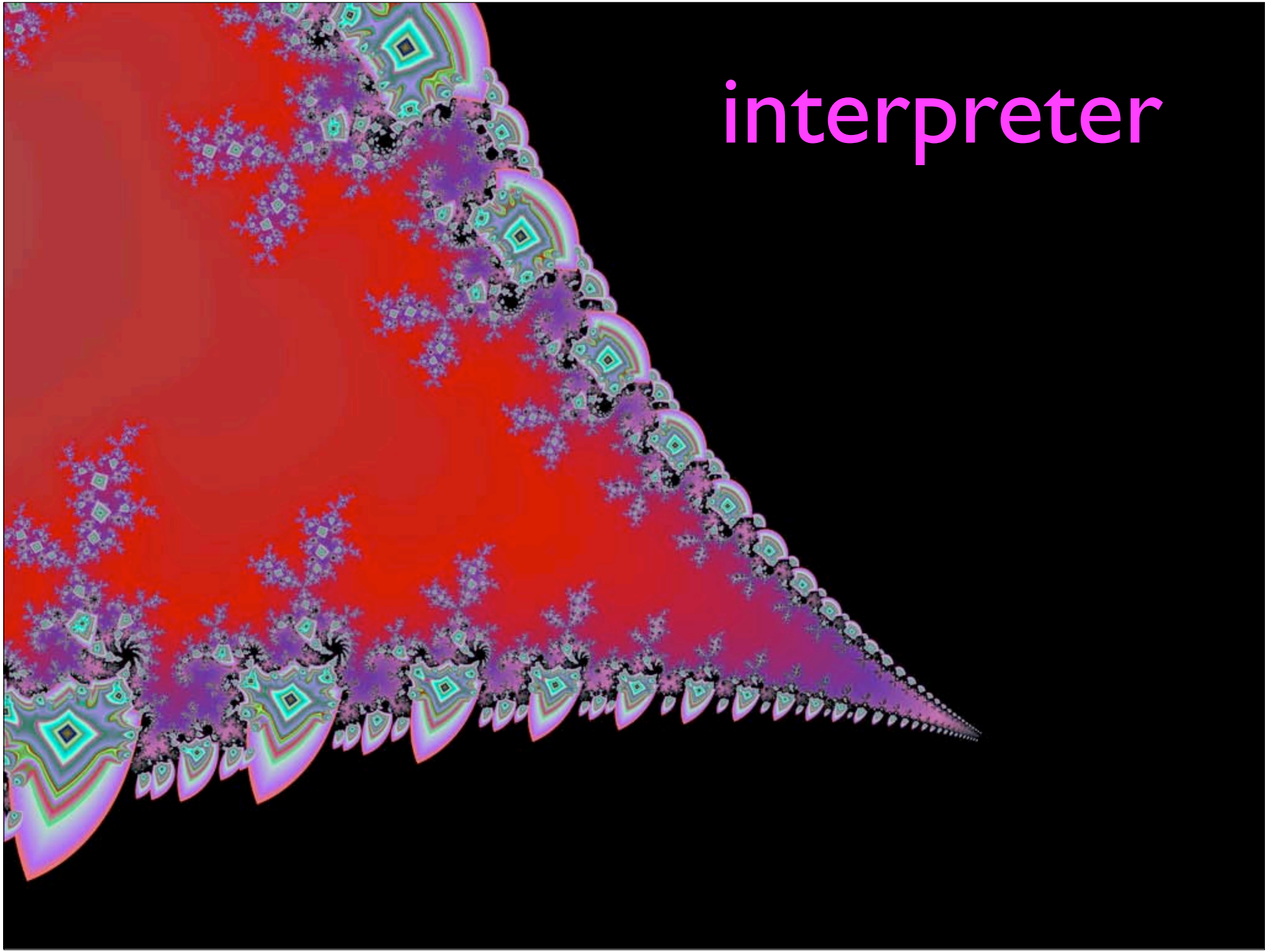
```
class UsCustomerBlocks extends CustomerBlocks{
    def UsCustomerBlocks() {
        checkCredit = { plan.add "checking US customer credit" }
        checkInventory = { plan.add "checking US warehouses" }
        ship = { plan.add "Shipping to US address" }
    }
}
```

what about protection?

```
class CustomerBlocksWithProtection {
    def plan, checkCredit, checkInventory, ship

    def CustomerBlocksWithProtection() {
        plan = []
    }

    def process() {
        checkCredit?.call()
        checkInventory?.call()
        ship?.call()
    }
}
```


```groovy
class UsBlocksWithProtection extends CustomerBlocksWithProtection {
    def UsBlocksWithProtection() {
        checkCredit = { plan.add "checking US customer credit" }
        ship = { plan.add "Shipping to US address" }
    }
}
```

```groovy
class ProtectionBlocksTest {
    @Test void customers() {
        def c = new UsBlocksWithProtection()
        c.process()
        assertThat "checking US customer credit", is(c.plan[0])
        assertThat "Shipping to US address", is(c.plan[1])
    }
}
```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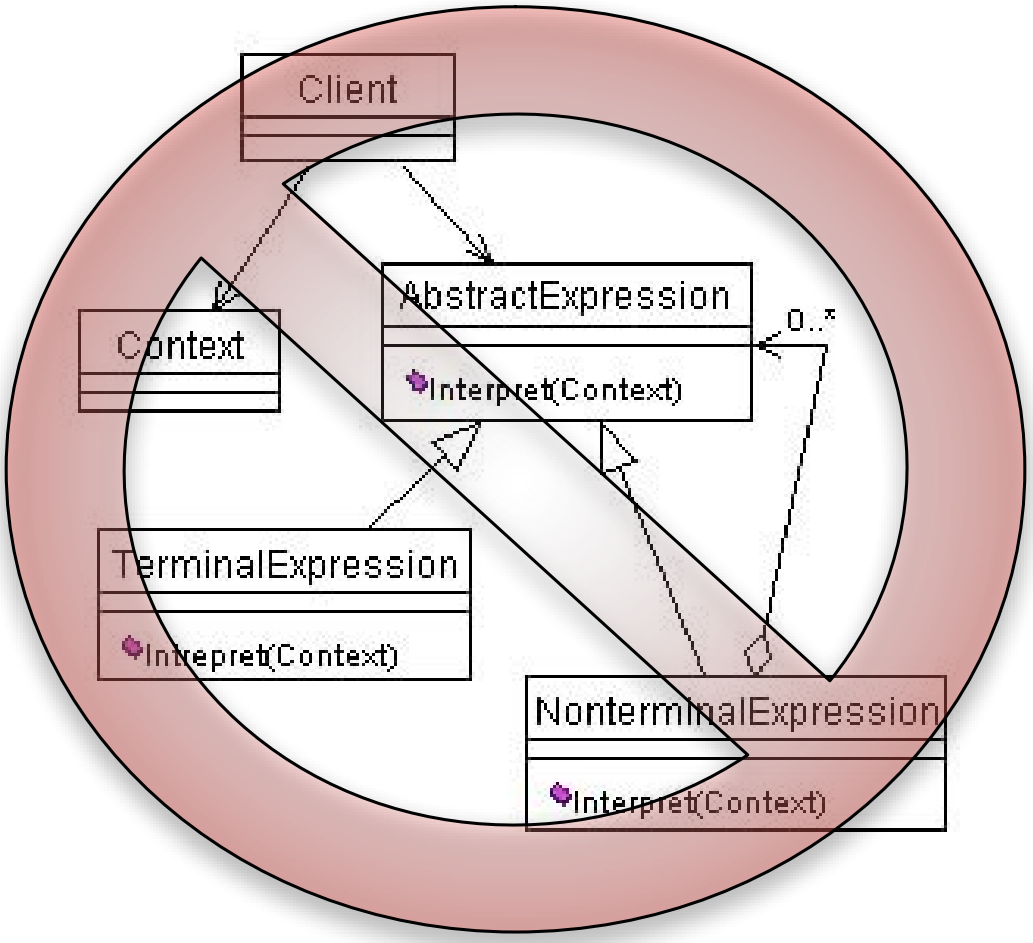

Given a language, define a representation for its grammar along with an interpreter that uses the representation to interpret sentences in the language.

building domain specific languages atop groovy


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the goal

```
@Test void test_add_multiple_ingredients() {
    def recipe = new Recipe("Smoky Flour")
    recipe.add 1.pound.of("Flour")
    recipe.add 2.grams.of("Nutmeg")
    assertThat 2, is(recipe.ingredients.size)
    assertThat "Flour", is(recipe.ingredients.get(0).name)
    assertThat "Nutmeg", is(recipe.ingredients.get(1).name)
}
```

expando property

```
Integer.metaClass.getGram = {->
    delegate.intValue()
}
Integer.metaClass.getGrams = { -> delegate.gram }


@Test void test_gram_as_property() {
    assertThat 1, is(1.gram)
}


@Test void test_grams() {
    assertThat 2, is(2.grams)
}
```

open classes for recipes

```
Integer.metaClass.getGram = {->
    delegate.intValue()
}
Integer.metaClass.getGrams = { -> delegate.gram }
```


```
Integer.metaClass.getPound = {->
    delegate * 453.59237
}
Integer.metaClass.getPounds = {-> delegate.pound }
Integer.metaClass.getLb = { -> delegate.pound }
Integer.metaClass.getLbs = { -> delegate.pound }
```

recipe redux

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    recipe.add 2.grams.of("Nutmeg")
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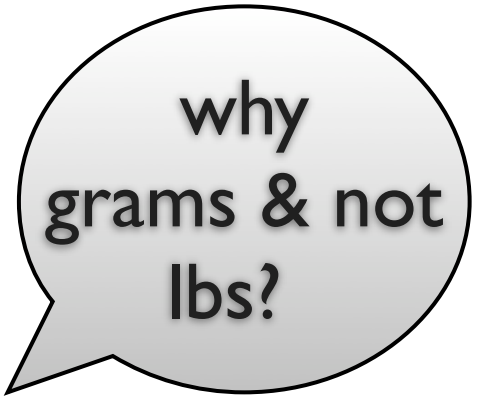
    assertThat "Flour", is(recipe.ingredients.get(0).name)
    assertThat "Nutmeg", is(recipe.ingredients.get(1).name)
}
```

of

```
Integer.metaClass.of = { name ->
    def ingredient = new Ingredient(name)
    ingredient.quantity = delegate.intValue()
    ingredient
}

@Test void test_of() {
    i = 2.grams.of("Flour")
    assertTrue i instanceof Ingredient
    def i = 2.lbs.of("Flour")
    assertTrue i instanceof Ingredient
}
```

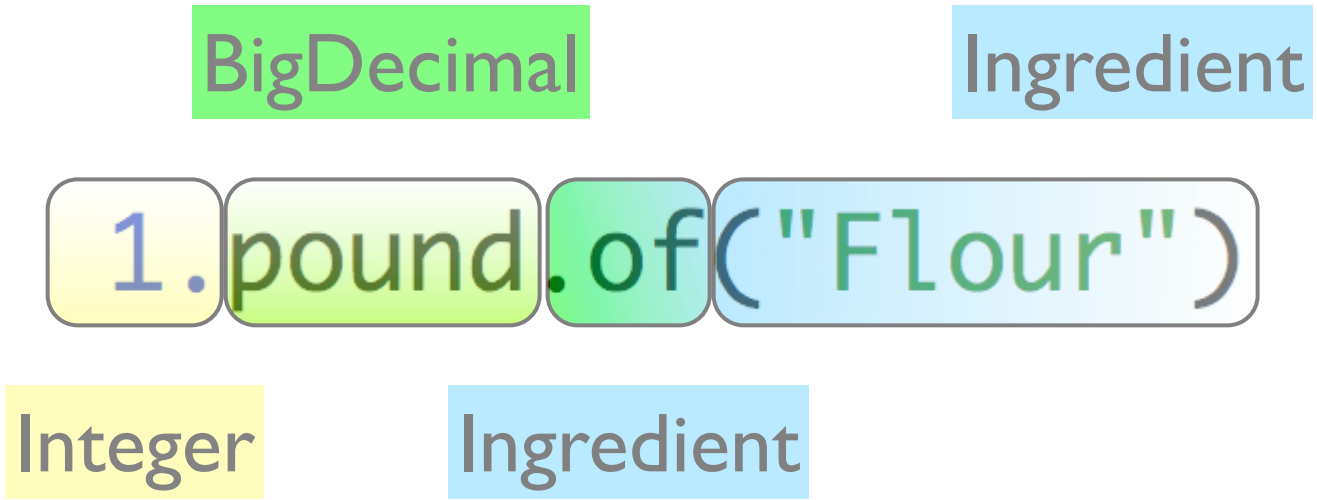


# of redux

```
Integer.metaClass.of = { name ->
    def ingredient = new Ingredient(name)
    ingredient.quantity = delegate.intValue()
    ingredient
}

BigDecimal.metaClass.of = { name ->
    def ingredient = new Ingredient(name)
    ingredient.quantity = delegate.intValue()
    ingredient
}
```

who returns what?



type transmogrification

transform types as needed as part of a fluent interface call

embedded interpreter

```
ingredient "flour" has Protein=11.5, Lipid=1.45, Sugars=1.12, Calcium=20, Sodium=0
ingredient "nutmeg" has Protein=5.84, Lipid=36.31, Sugars=28.49, Calcium=184, Sodium=16
ingredient "milk" has Protein=3.22, Lipid=3.25, Sugars=5.26, Calcium=113, Sodium=40


class NutritionProfile
  attr_accessor :name, :protein, :lipid, :sugars, :calcium, :sodium

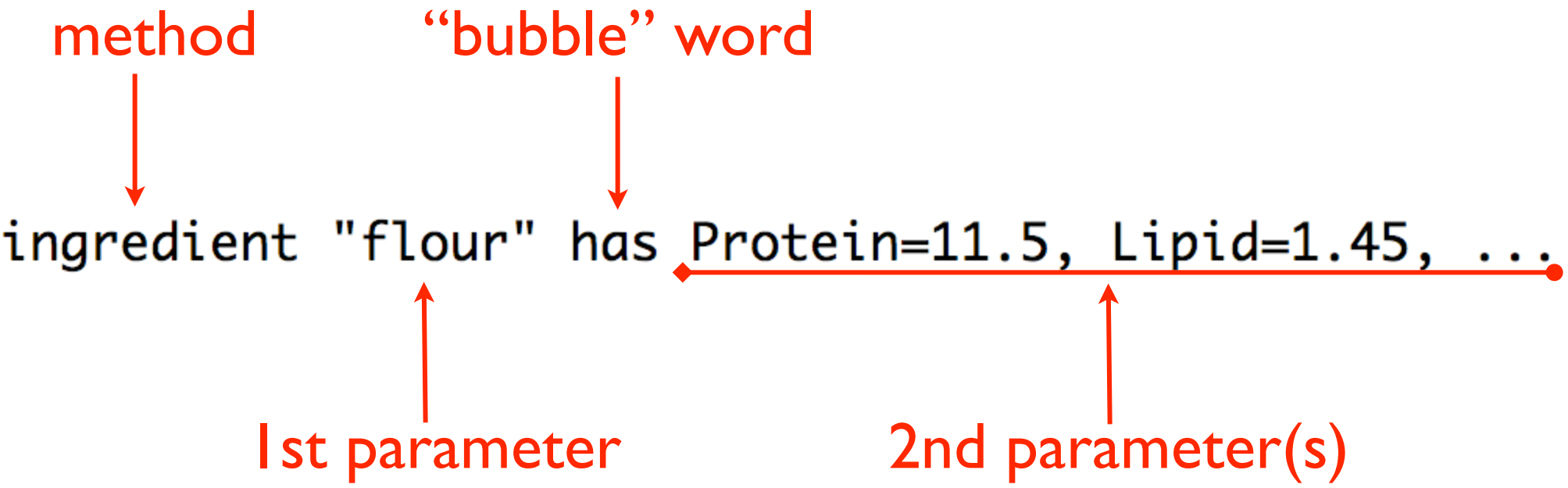
  def initialize(name, protein=0, lipid=0, sugars=0, calcium=0, sodium=0)
    @name = name
    @protein, @lipid, @sugars =  protein, lipid, sugars
    @calcium, @sodium = calcium, sodium
  end

  def self.create_from_hash(name, h)
    new(name, h['protein'], h['lipid'], h['sugars'], h['calcium'], h['sodium'])
  end

  def to_s()
    "\tProtein: " +   @protein.to_s       +
    "\n\tLipid: " +   @lipid.to_s         +
    "\n\tSugars: " +  @sugars.to_s        +
    "\n\tCalcium: " + @calcium.to_s       +
    "\n\tSodium: " +  @sodium.to_s
  end

end
```

what is this?


method
"bubble" word
ingredient "flour" has Protein=11.5, Lipid=1.45, ...
1st parameter
2nd parameter(s)

```ruby
class NutritionProfileDefinition
  class << self
    def const_missing(sym)
      sym.to_s.downcase
    end
  end

  def ingredient(name, ingredients)
    NutritionProfile.create_from_hash name, ingredients
  end

  def process_definition(definition)
    t = polish_text(definition)
    instance_eval polish_text(definition)
  end

  def polish_text(definition_line)
    polished_text = definition_line.clone
    polished_text.gsub!(/=/, '=>')
    polished_text.sub!(/and /, '')
    polished_text.sub!(/has /, ',')
    polished_text
  end

end
```

```ruby
def test_polish_text
  test_text = "ingredient \"flour\" has Protein=11.5, Lipid=1.45, Sugars=1.12, Calcium=20, and Sodium=0"
  expected = 'ingredient "flour" ,Protein=>11.5, Lipid=>1.45, Sugars=>1.12, Calcium=>20, Sodium=>0'
  assert_equal expected, NutritionProfileDefinition.new.polish_text(test_text)
end
```

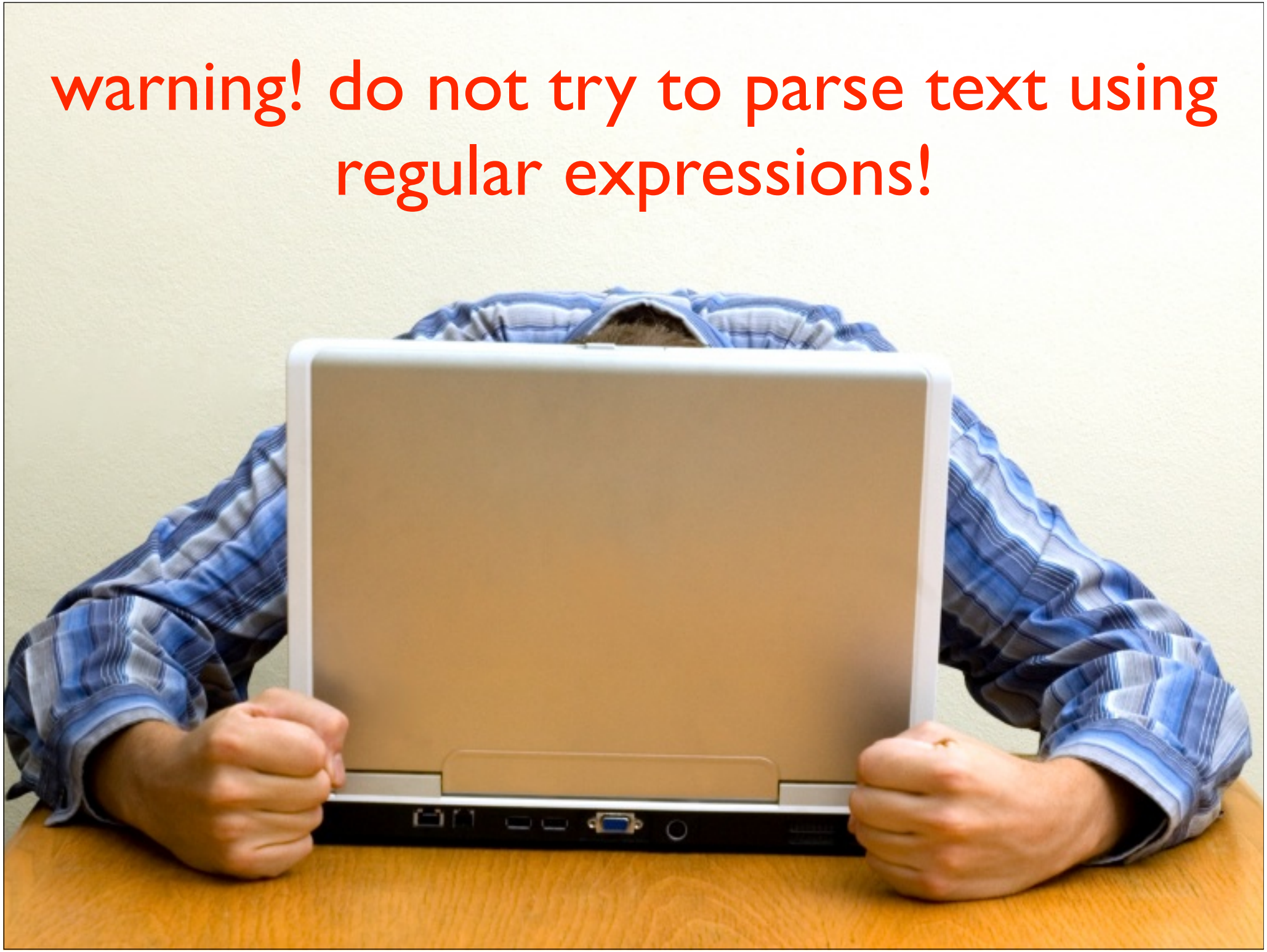
```ruby
def polish_text(definition_line)
  polished_text = definition_line.clone
  polished_text.gsub!(/=/, '=>')
  polished_text.sub!(/and /, '')
  polished_text.sub!(/has /, ',')
  polished_text
end
```

```
def process_definition(definition)
  instance_eval polish_text(definition)
end
```

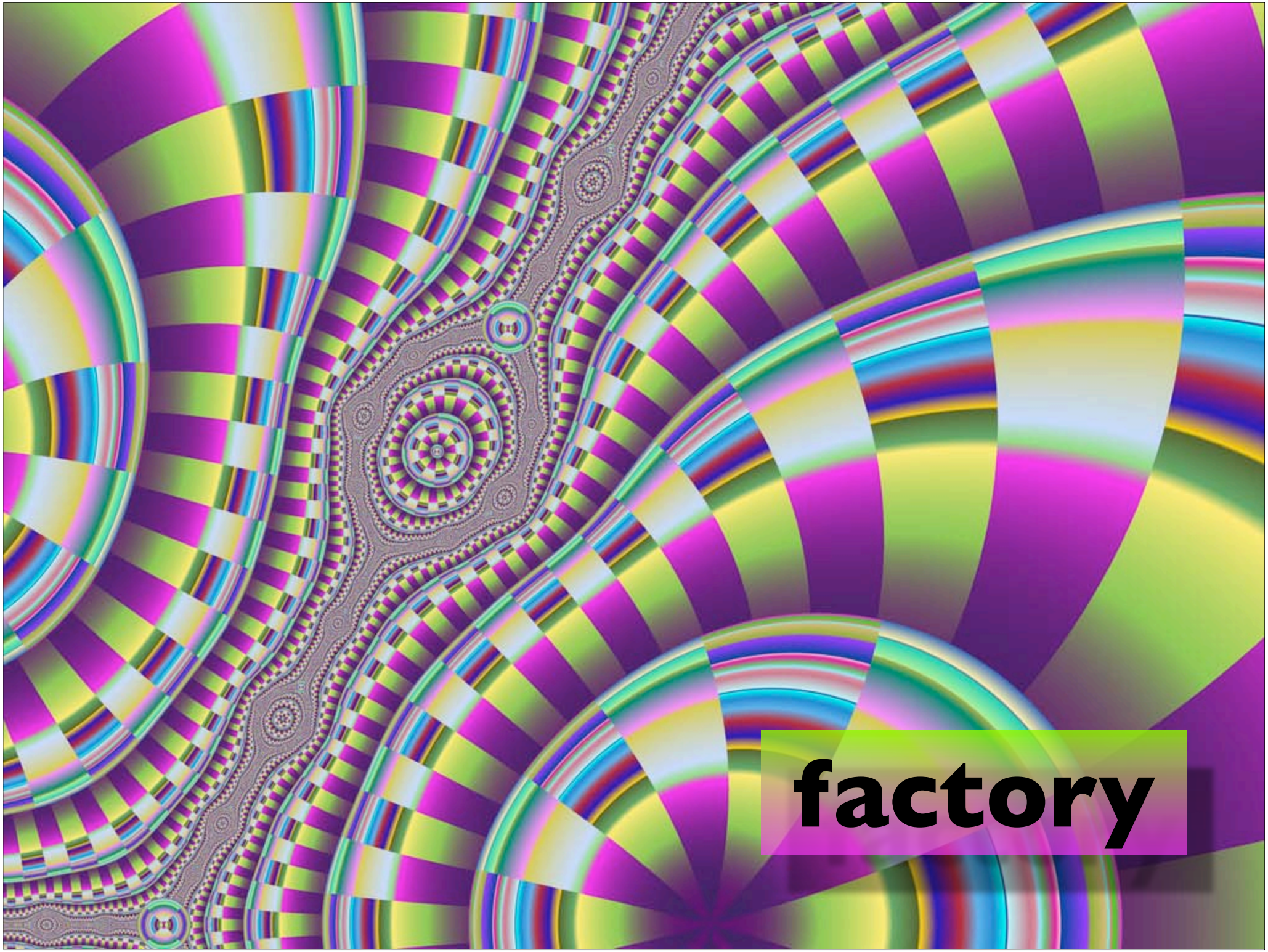
```
'ingredient "flour" ,Protein=>11.5, Lipid=>1.45,
```

```ruby
def ingredient(name, ingredients)
  NutritionProfile.create_from_hash name, ingredients
end
```

warning! do not try to parse text using regular expressions!



internal dsl's == embedded interpreter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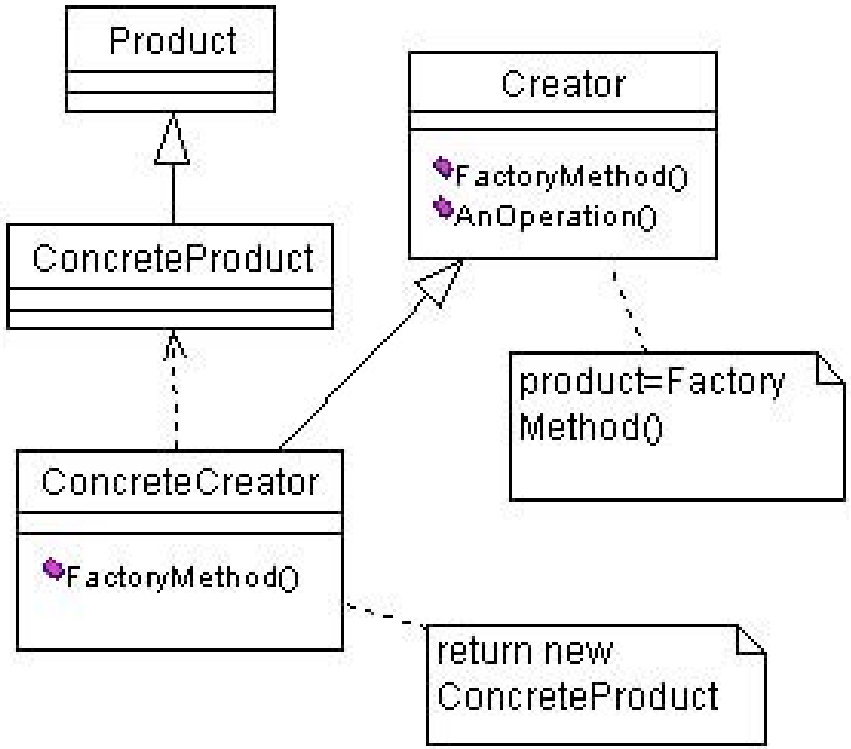

Define an interface for creating an object, but let subclasses decide which class to instantiate. Factory method lets a class defer instantiation to subclasses.

```
import java.util.*;

class CollectionFactory {
    def List getCollection(description) {
        if (description == "Array-like")
            return new ArrayList()
        else if (description == "Stack-like")
            return new Stack()
    }
}
```

```groovy
@Test void get_an_array() {
    def l = f.getCollection("Array-like")
    assertTrue l instanceof java.util.ArrayList
    l.add("foo")
    assertThat l.get(0), is("foo")
    l.removeAll(l)
    assertThat l.size(), is(0)
}

@Test void get_a_stack() {
    def s = f.getCollection("Stack-like")
    assertTrue s instanceof java.util.Stack
    s.add("foo")
    assertThat s.get(0), is("foo")
    s.removeAll(s)
    assertThat s.size(), is(0)
    s.push("bar")
    assertThat s.size(), is(1)
    def r = s.pop()
    assertThat r, is("bar")
    assertThat s.size(), is(0)
}
```


```groovy
@Test
void test_search() {
    List l = f.getCollection("Stack-like")
    assertTrue l instanceof java.util.Stack
    l.push("foo")
    assertThat l.size(), is(1)
    def r = l.search("foo")
}
```

search exists on `Stack`

```groovy
@Test(expected=groovy.lang.MissingMethodException.class)
void verify_that_typing_does_not_help() {
    List l = f.getCollection("Array-like")
    assertTrue l instanceof java.util.ArrayList
    l.add("foo")
    assertThat l.size(), is(1)
    def r = l.search("foo")
}
```

but not on `ArrayList`

or `List`!


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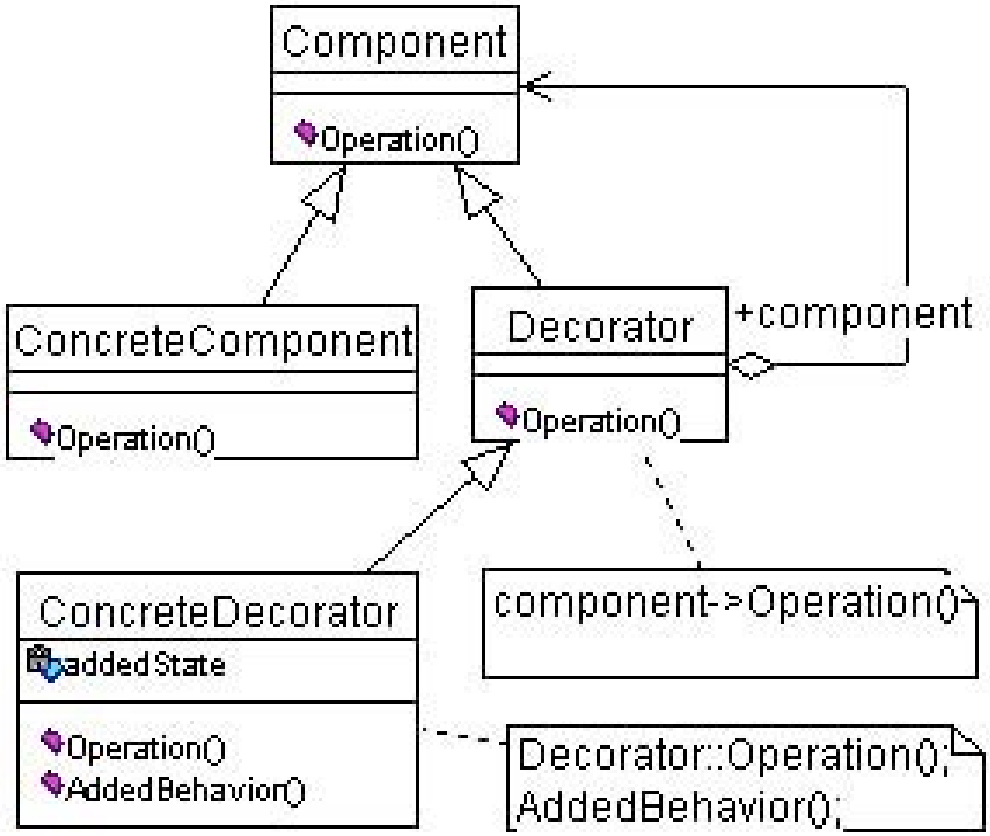
type? nice try,
java guy


decorator



Attach additional responsibilities to an object dynamically. Decorators provide a flexible alternative to subclassing for extending functionality.

“traditional” decorator

```groovy
class Logger {
    def log(String message) {
        println message
    }
}
```

```groovy
class TimeStampingLogger extends Logger {
    private Logger logger
    TimeStampingLogger(logger) {
        this.logger = logger
    }
    def log(String message) {
        def now = Calendar.instance
        logger.log("$now.time: $message")
    }
}

class UpperLogger extends Logger {
    private Logger logger
    UpperLogger(logger) {
        this.logger = logger
    }
    def log(String message) {
        logger.log(message.toUpperCase())
    }
}
```


```
def logger = new UpperLogger(
    new TimeStampingLogger(
        new Logger()))

logger.log("Groovy Rocks")
```

```
Tue May 22 07:13:50 EST 2007: GROOVY ROCKS
```

step 1: make it more dynamic

```groovy
class GenericLowerDecorator {
    private delegate
    GenericLowerDecorator(delegate) {
        this.delegate = delegate
    }

    def invokeMethod(String name, args) {
        def newargs = args.collect{ arg ->
            if (arg instanceof String) return arg.toLowerCase()
            else return arg
        }
        delegate.invokeMethod(name, newargs)
    }
}
```


```
logger = new GenericLowerDecorator(
    new TimeStampingLogger(
        new Logger()))

logger.log('IMPORTANT Message')
```

```
Tue May 22 07:27:18 EST 2007: important message
```

step 2: decorate in place

```
GroovySystem.metaClassRegistry.metaClassCreationHandle =
        new ExpandoMetaClassCreationHandle()

def logger = new Logger()
logger.metaClass.log = {
    String m -> println 'message: ' + m.toUpperCase()
}
logger.log('x')
```

decoration via smart dispatch

```ruby
module Decorator
  def initialize(decorated)
    @decorated = decorated
  end

  def method_missing(method, *args)
    args.empty? ?
      @decorated.send(method) :
      @decorated.send(method, args)
  end
end
```

```ruby
class Coffee
  def cost
    2
  end
end
```

```ruby
class Milk
  include Decorator

  def cost
    @decorated.cost + 0.4
  end
end
```

```ruby
class Whip
  include Decorator

  def cost
    @decorated.cost + 0.2
  end
end
```

```ruby
class Sprinkles
  include Decorator

  def cost
    @decorated.cost + 0.3
  end
end
```

```ruby
def test_that_decoration_works
  assert_equal 2.2,
    Whip.new(Coffee.new).cost
  assert_equal 2.9,
    Sprinkles.new(Whip.new(Milk.new(Coffee.new))).cost
end
```

```ruby
module Whipped
  def cost
    super + 0.2
  end
end

module Sprinkles
  def cost
    super + 0.3
  end
end

class Coffee
  def self.with(*args)
    args.inject(self.new) {|memo, val| memo.extend val}
  end

  def cost
    2
  end
end
```

```ruby
def test_decorator_works_via_inject
  x = Coffee.with Sprinkles, Whipped
  assert_equal 2.5, x.cost
end
```


the ultimate decorator:
the recorder pattern

```ruby
def test_recorder
  r = Recorder.new
  r.sub!(/Java/) { "Ruby" }
  r.upcase!
  r[11, 5] = "Universe"
  r << "!"

  s = "Hello Java World"
  r.play_back_to(s)
  assert_equal "HELLO RUBY Universe!", s
end
```

```ruby
class Recorder
  def initialize
    @messages = []
  end

  def method_missing(method, *args, &block)
    @messages << [method, args, block]
  end

  def play_back_to(obj)
    @messages.each do |method, args, block|
      obj.send(method, *args, &block)
    end
  end
end
```

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  s = "Hello Java World"
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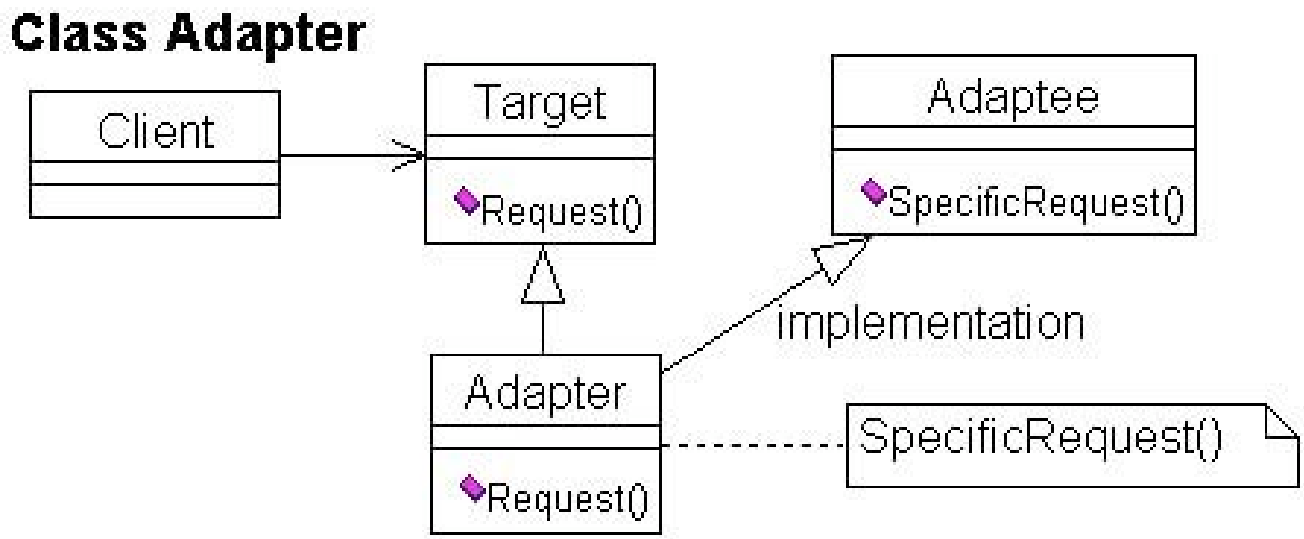
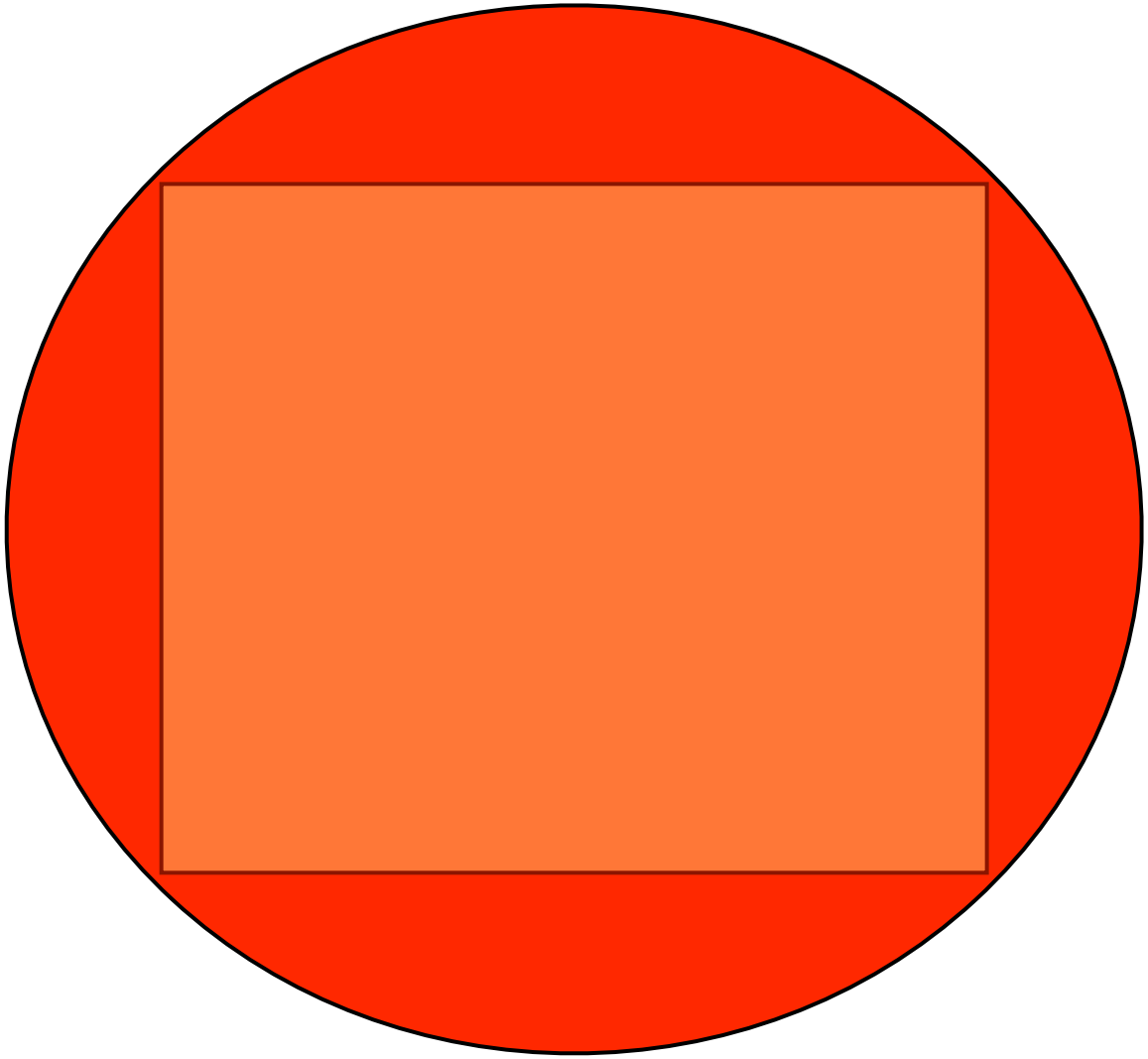
end
```


adapter



Convert the interface of a class into another interface clients expect. Adapter lets classes work together that couldn't otherwise because of incompatible interfaces.



step 1: "normal" adaptor

```
class SquarePeg
    attr_reader :width

    def initialize(width)
        @width = width
    end
end

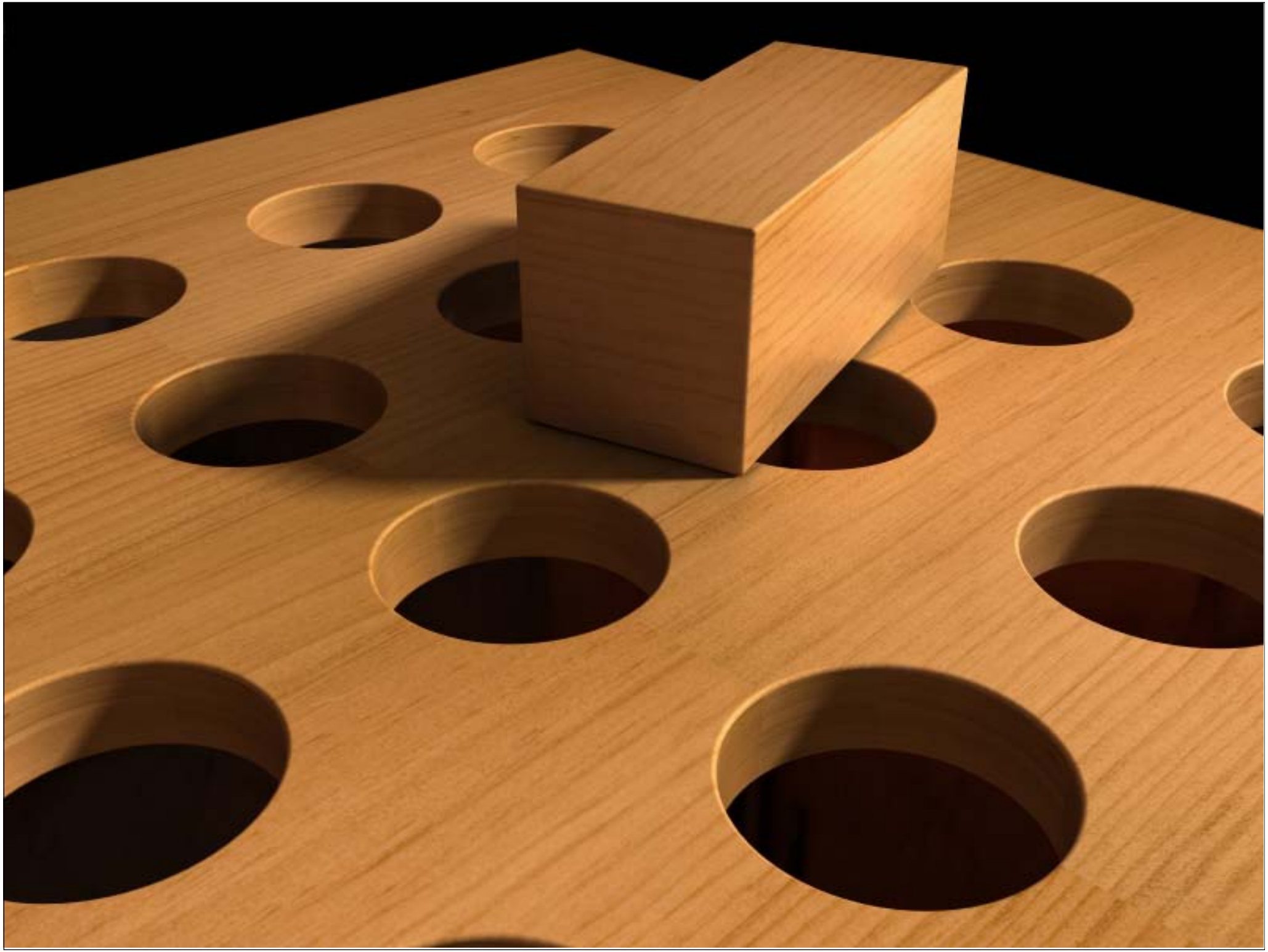
class RoundPeg
    attr_reader :radius

    def initialize(radius)
        @radius = radius
    end
end
```

```ruby
class RoundHole
    attr_reader :radius

    def initialize(r)
        @radius = r
    end

    def peg_fits?( peg )
        peg.radius <= radius
    end
end
```

```ruby
class SquarePegAdaptor
    def initialize(square_peg)
        @peg = square_peg
    end

    def radius
        Math.sqrt(((@peg.width/2) ** 2)*2)
    end
end
```

```
def test_pegs
  hole = RoundHole.new(4.0)
  4.upto(7) do |i|
      peg = SquarePegAdaptor.new(SquarePeg.new(i))
      if (i < 6)
        assert hole.peg_fits?(peg)
      else
        assert ! hole.peg_fits?(peg)
      end
  end
end
```



why bother with extra adaptor class?

```
class SquarePeg
    def radius
        Math.sqrt( ((width/2) ** 2) * 2 )
    end
end
```

what if open class added adaptor methods clash with existing methods?

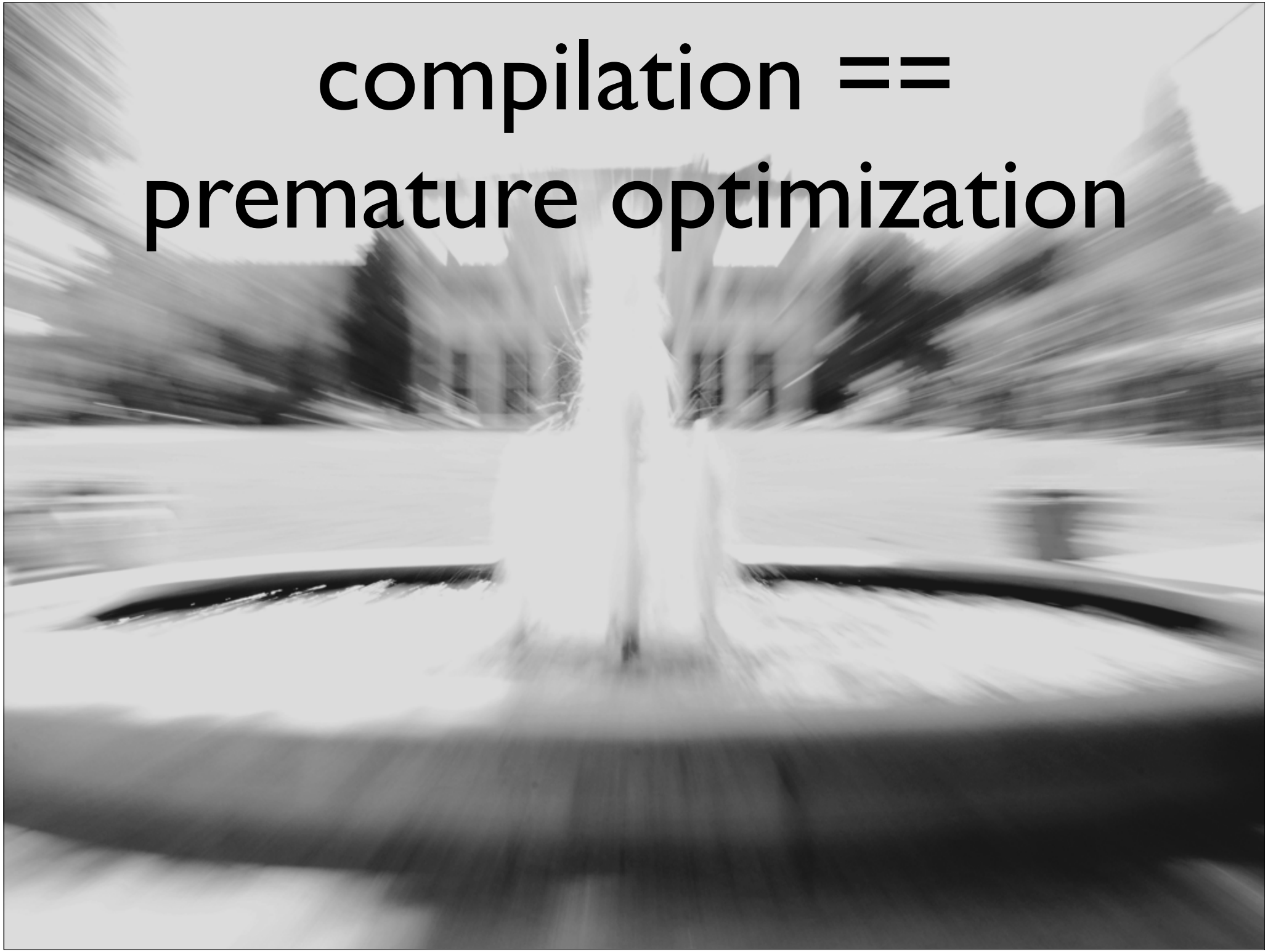
```ruby
class SquarePeg
  include InterfaceSwitching

  def radius
    @width
  end

  def_interface :square, :radius

  def radius
    Math.sqrt(((@width/2) ** 2) * 2)
  end

  def_interface :holes, :radius

  def initialize(width)
    set_interface :square
    @width = width
  end
end
```

```
def test_pegs_switching
  hole = RoundHole.new( 4.0 )
  4.upto(7) do |i|
    peg = SquarePeg.new(i)
    peg.with_interface(:holes) do
      if (i < 6)
        assert hole.peg_fits?(peg)
      else
        assert ! hole.peg_fits?(peg)
      end
    end
  end
end
```

interface helper

```
class Class
  def def_interface(interface, *syms)
    @__interface__ ||= {}
    a = (@__interface__[interface] ||= [])
    syms.each do |s|
      a << s unless a.include? s
      alias_method "__#{s}_#{interface}__".intern, s
      remove_method s
    end
  end
end
```

```ruby
module InterfaceSwitching
  def set_interface(interface)
    unless self.class.instance_eval{ @__interface__[interface] }
      raise "Interface for #{self.inspect} not understood."
    end
    i_hash = self.class.instance_eval "@__interface__[interface]"
    i_hash.each do |meth|
      class << self; self end.class_eval <<-EOF
        def #{meth}(*args,&block)
                send(:__#{meth}_#{interface}__, *args, &block)
        end
      EOF
    end
    @__interface__ = interface
  end

  def with_interface(interface)
    oldinterface = @__interface__
    set_interface(interface)
    begin
      yield self
    ensure
      set_interface(oldinterface)
    end
  end
end
```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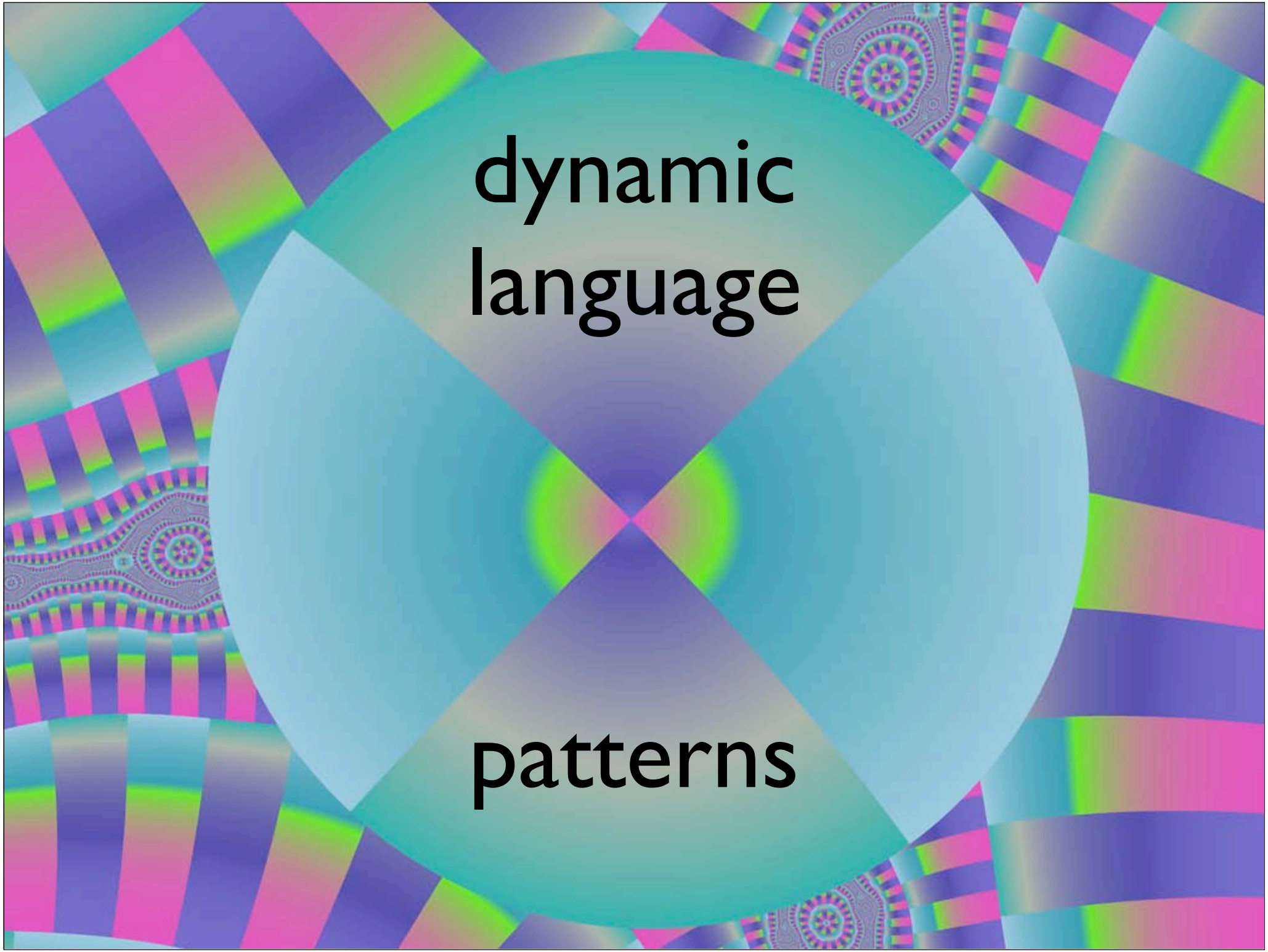
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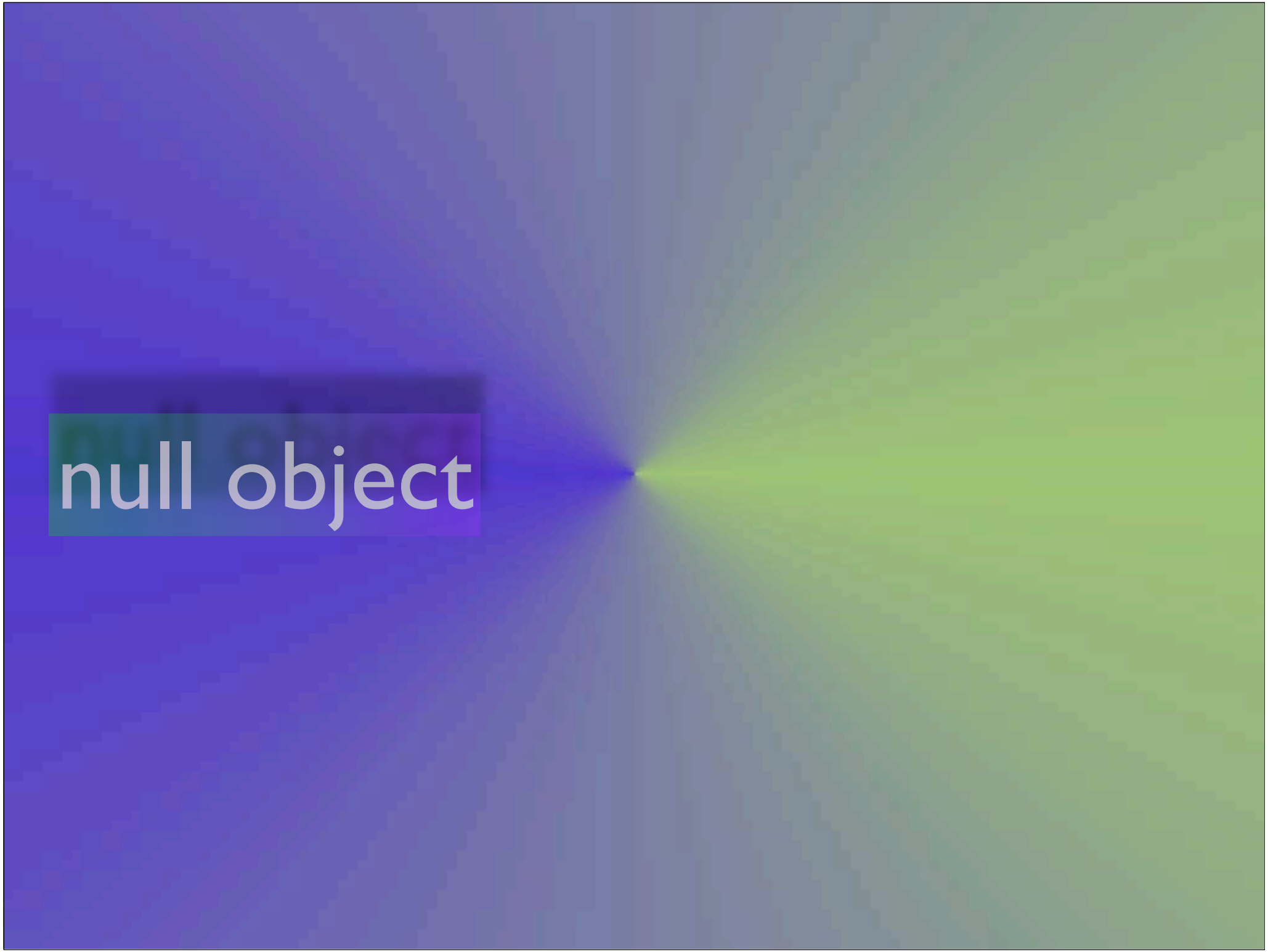
null object

The null object pattern uses a special object representing null, instead of using an actual null. The result of using the null object should semantically be equivalent to doing nothing.


```groovy
class Job {
    def salary
}

class Person {
    def name
    def Job job
}

def people = [
    new Person(name:'Tom', job:new Job(salary:1000)),
    new Person(name:'Dick', job:new Job(salary:1200)),
]

def biggestSalary = people.collect{ p -> p.job.salary }.max()
println biggestSalary
```

```
people << new Person(name:'Harry')
```


```
def biggestSalary = people.collect{ p -> p.job.salary }.max()
println biggestSalary
```

java.lang.NullPointerException

```
class NullJob extends Job { def salary = 0 }

people << new Person(name:'Harry', job:new NullJob())
biggestSalary = people.collect{ p -> p.job.salary }.max()
println biggestSalary
```

```
people << new Person(name:'Harry')
biggestSalary = people.collect{
    p -> p.job?.salary
}.max()
println biggestSalary
```

p?.job?.salary

this pattern doesn't exist in ruby

NilClass is already defined

```ruby
class CustomerWithOptionalTemplates
  attr_accessor :plan, :check_credit, :check_inventory, :ship

  def initialize
    @plan = []
  end

  def process
    @check_credit.call unless @check_credit.nil?
    @check_inventory.call unless @check_inventory.nil?
    @ship.call unless @ship.nil?
  end

end
```

```ruby
class NilClass
  def blank?
    true
  end
end
```

```ruby
class NilClass
  WHINERS = [ ::ActiveRecord::Base, ::Array ]

  @@method_class_map = Hash.new

  WHINERS.each do |klass|
    methods = klass.public_instance_methods - public_instance_methods
    methods.each do |method|
      @@method_class_map[method.to_sym] = klass
    end
  end

  def id
    raise RuntimeError, "Called id for nil..."
  end

  private
    def method_missing(method, *args, &block)
      raise_nil_warning_for @@method_class_map[method], method, caller
    end

    def raise_nil_warning_for(klass = nil, selector = nil, with_caller = nil)
      message = "You have a nil object when you didn't expect it!"
      message << "\nYou might have expected an instance of #{klass}." if klass
      message << "\nThe error occurred while evaluating nil.#{selector}" if selector

      raise NoMethodError, message, with_caller || caller
    end
end
```


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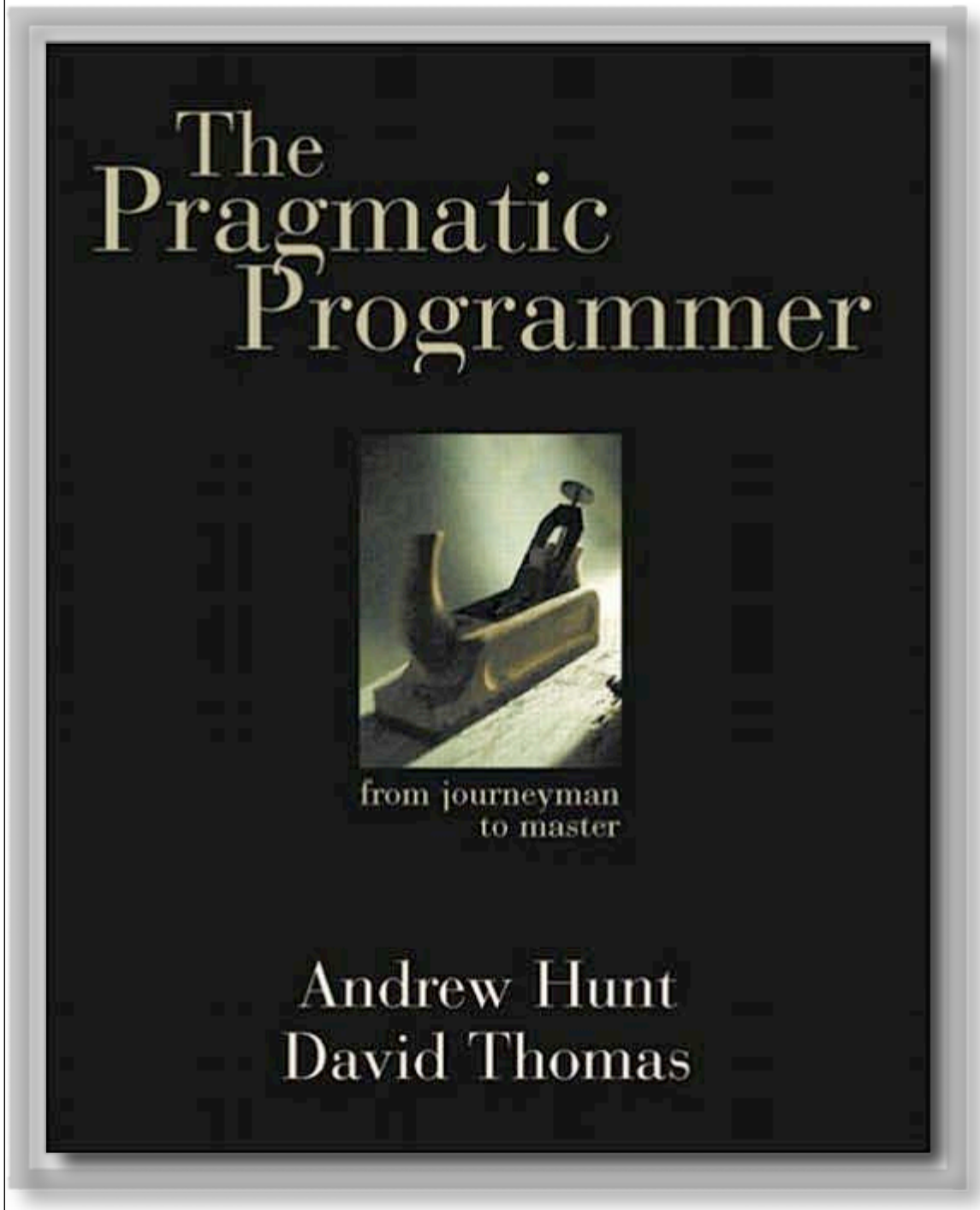

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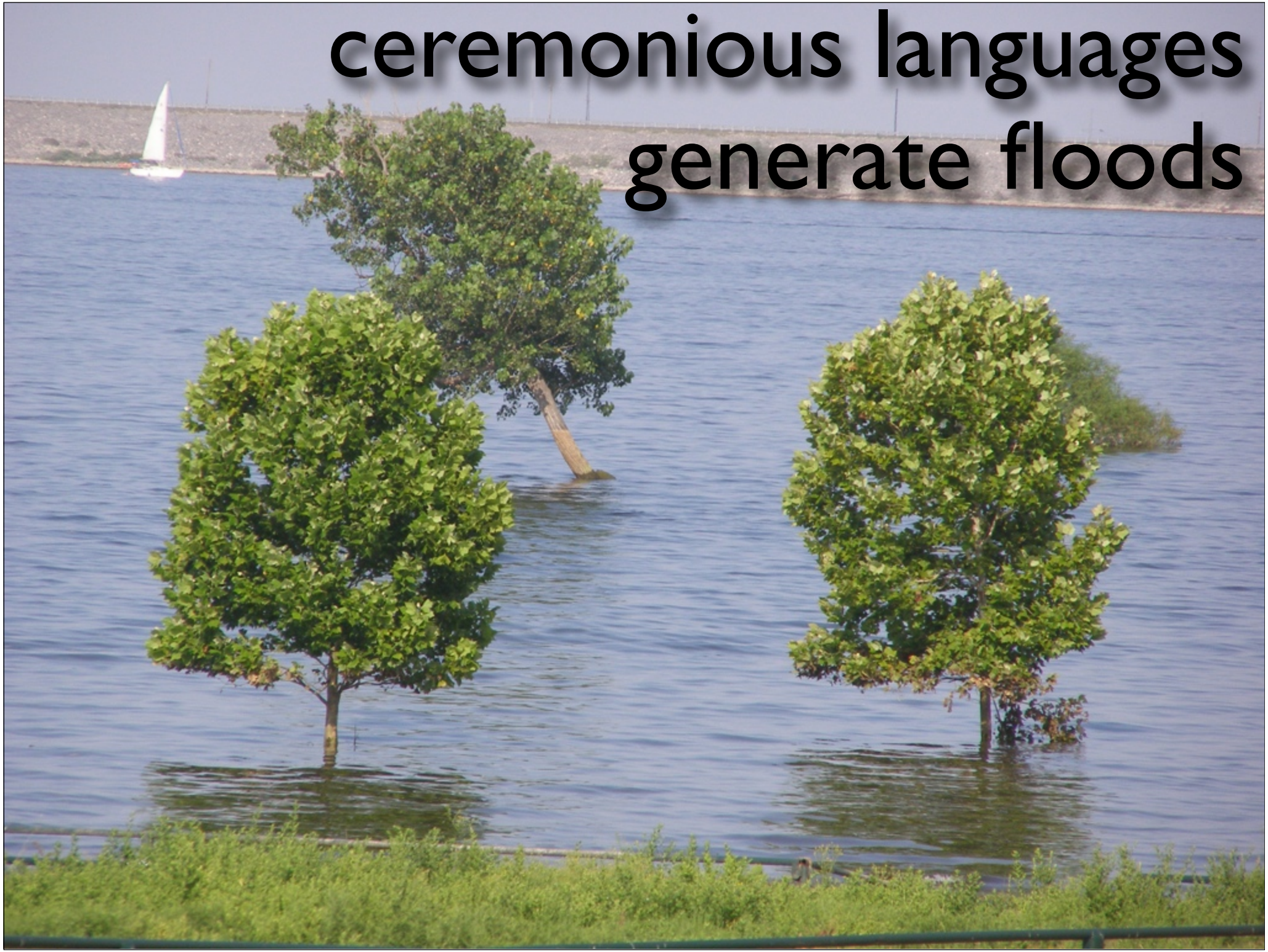
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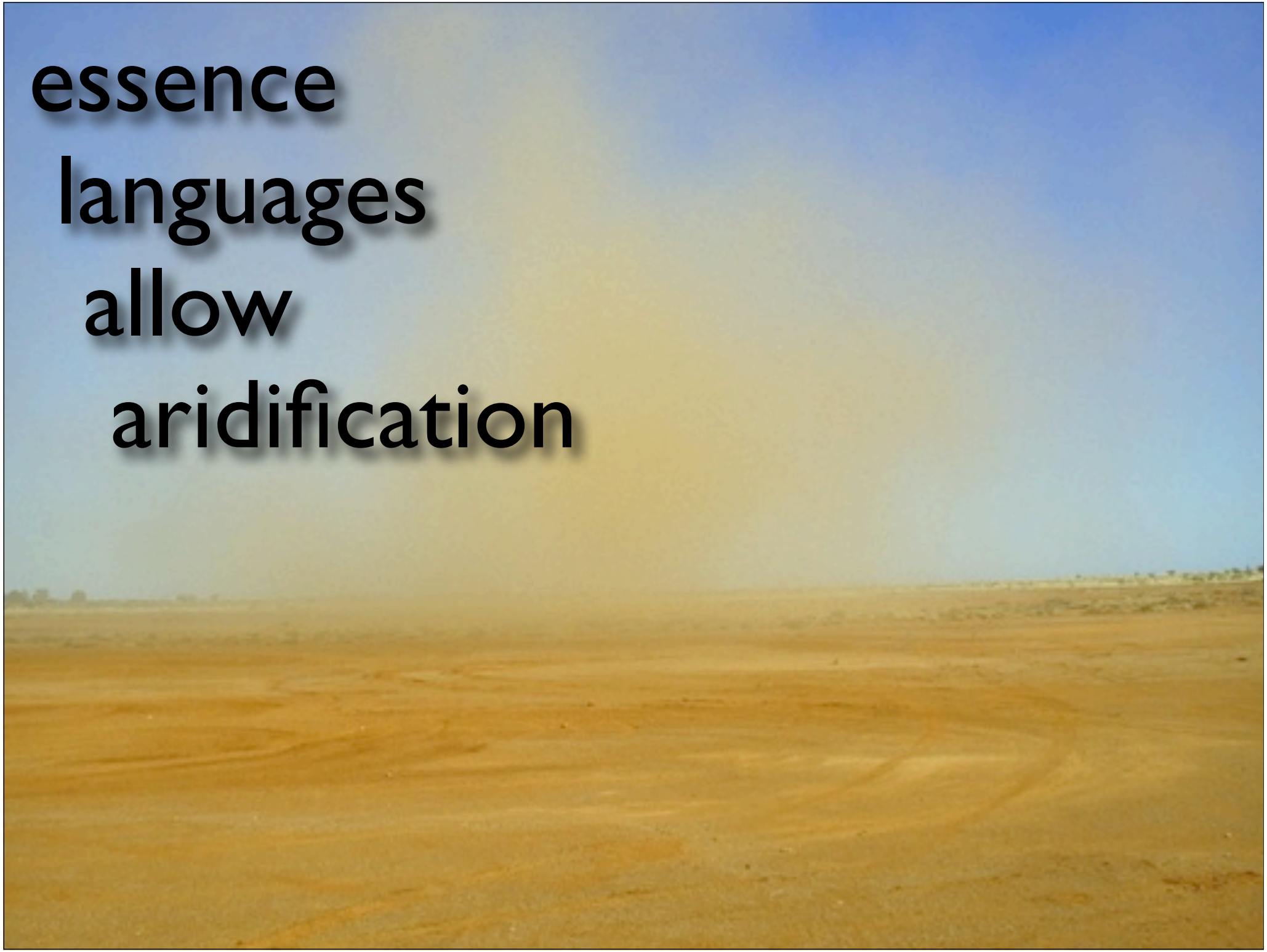
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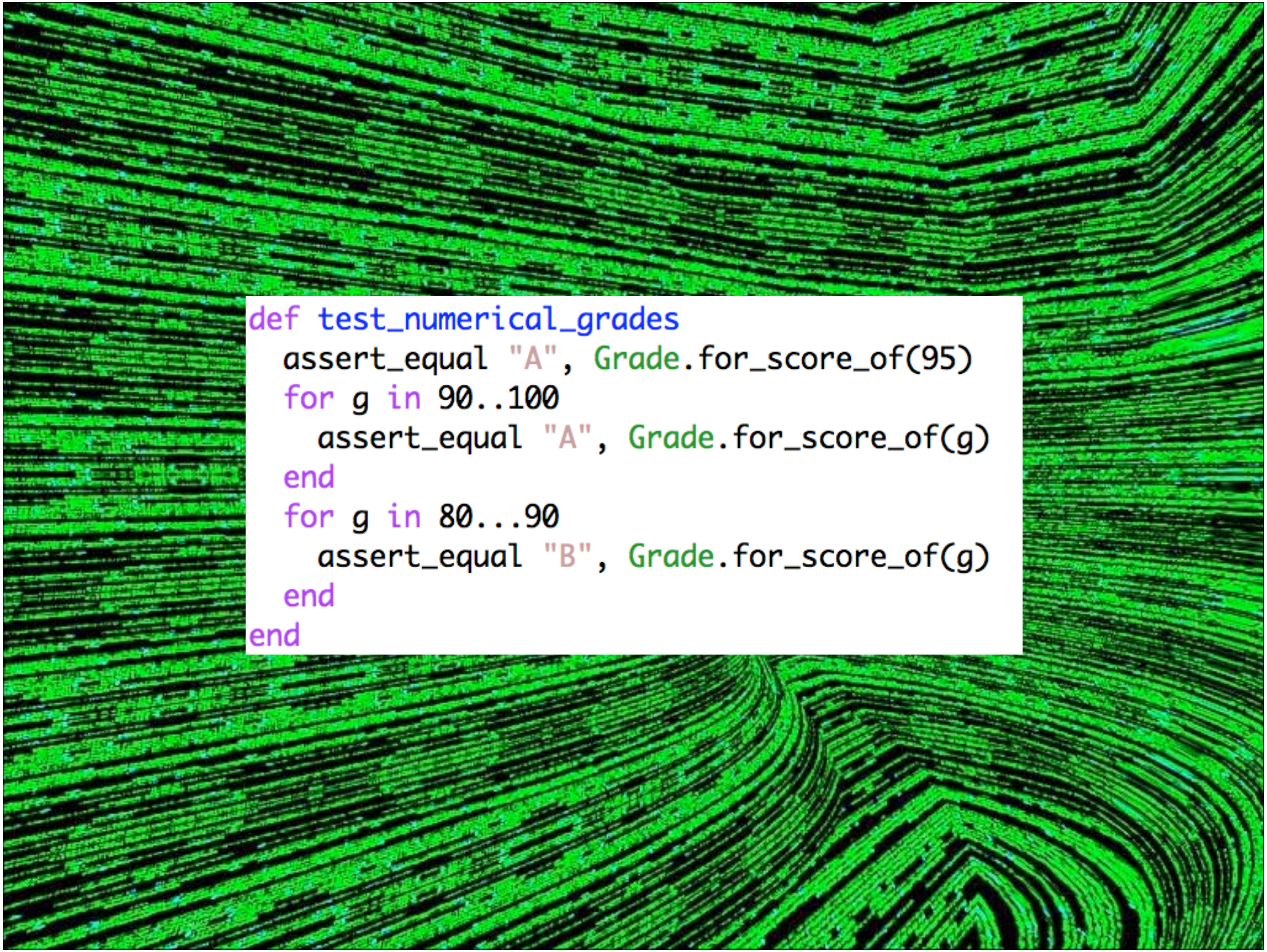
```ruby
class Grade
  class << self
    def for_score_of(grade)
      case grade
        when 90..100: 'A'
        when 80..90 : 'B'
        when 70..80 : 'C'
        when 60..70 : 'D'
        when Integer: 'F'
        when /[A-D]/, /[F]/ : grade
        else raise "Not a grade: #{grade}"
      end
    end
  end
end
```


def test_numerical_grades
assert_equal "A", Grade.for_score_of(95)
for g in 90..100
assert_equal "A", Grade.for_score_of(g)
end
for g in 80...90
assert_equal "B", Grade.for_score_of(g)
end
end

```ruby
TestGrades.class_eval do
  grade_range = {
    'A' => 90..100,
    'B' => 80...90,
    'C' => 70...80,
    'D' => 60...70,
    'F' => 0...60}

  grade_range.each do |k, v|
    method_name = ("test_" + k + "_letter_grade").to_sym
    define_method method_name do
      for g in v
        assert_equal k, Grade.for_score_of(g)
      end
    end
  end
end
```

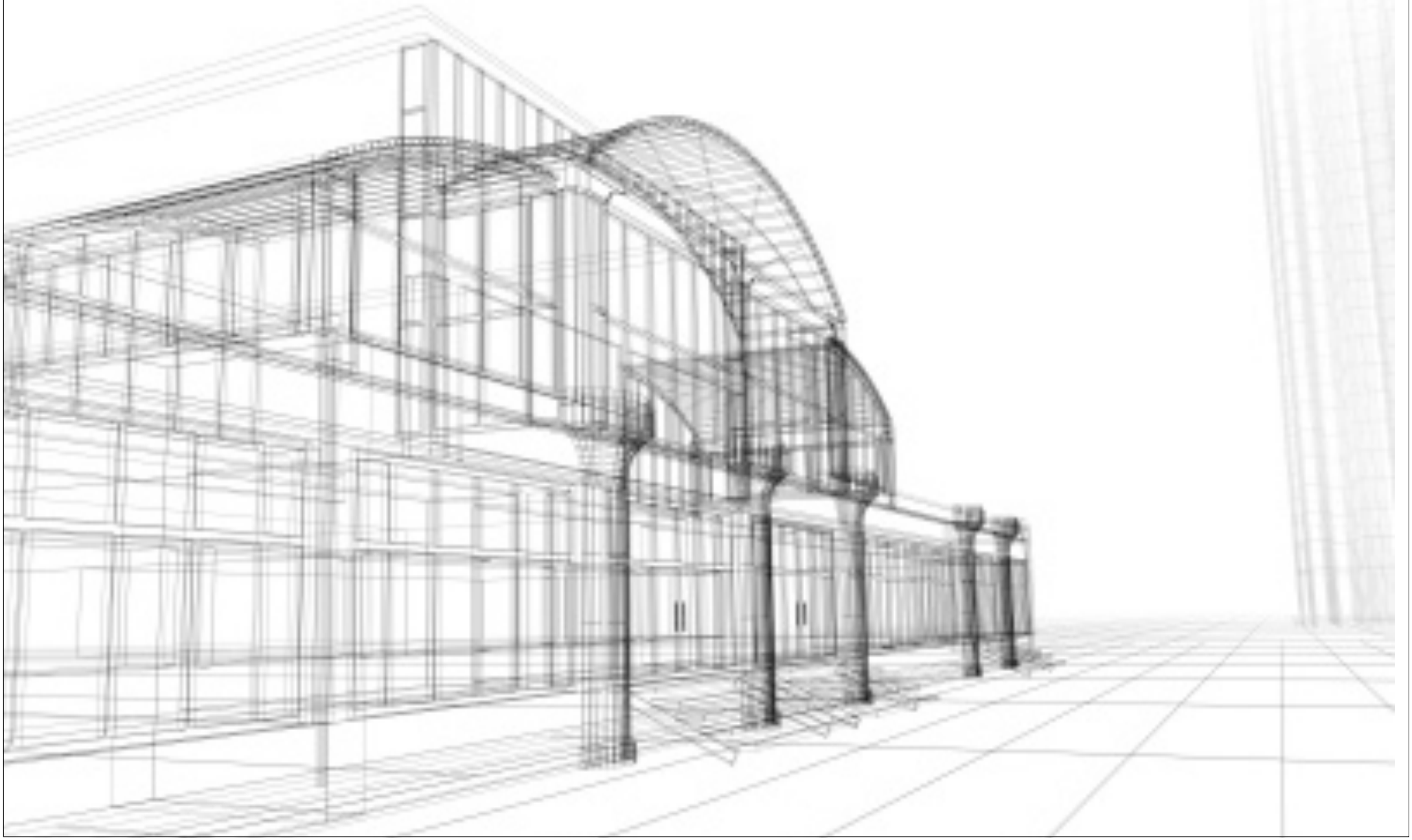
moist tests?

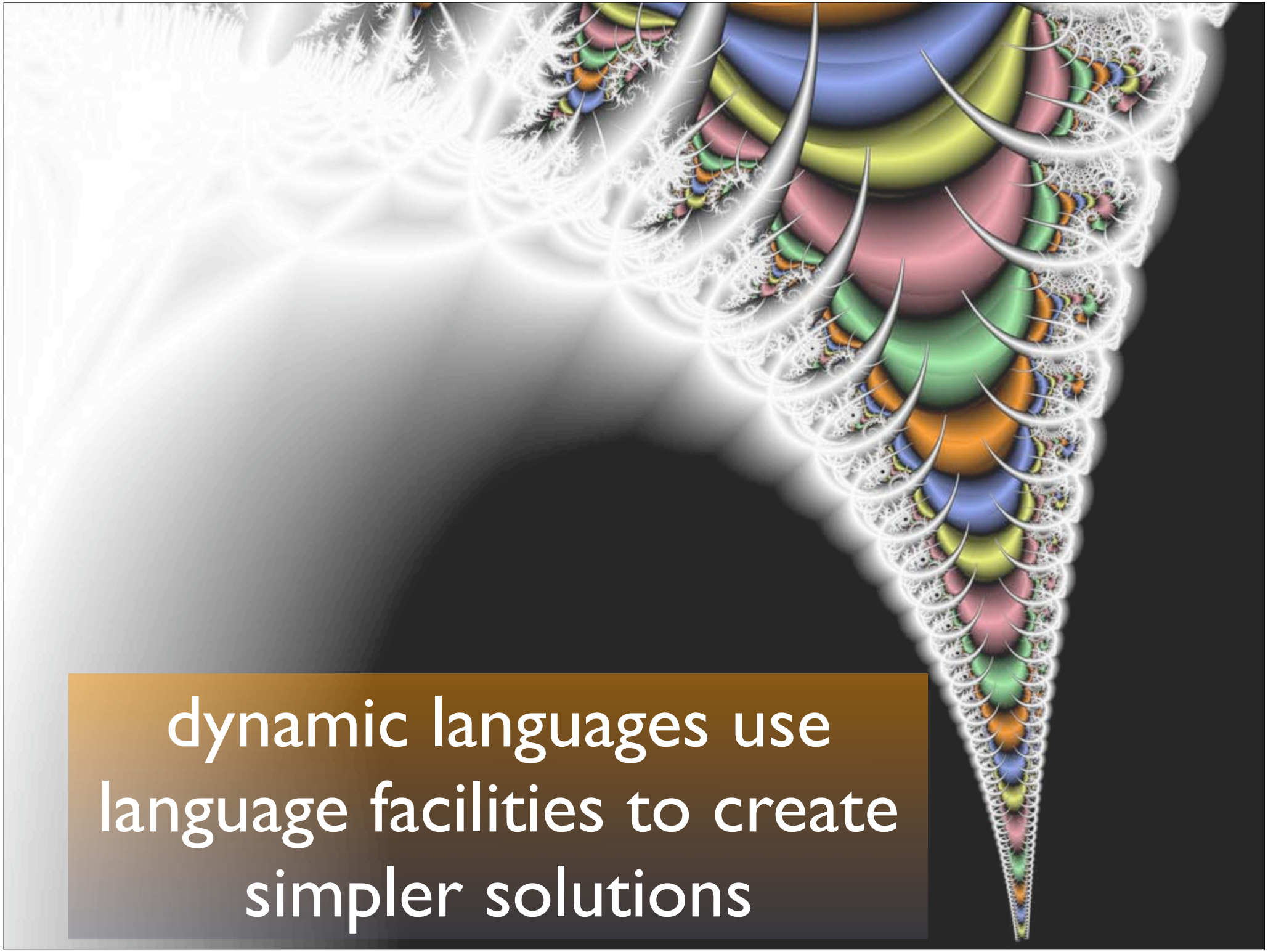
```ruby
def test_delegating_to_array
  arr = Array.new
  q = FQueue.new arr
  q.enqueue "one"
  assert_equal 1, q.size
  assert_equal "one", q.dequeue
end

def test_delegating_to_a_queue
  a = Queue.new
  q = FQueue.new a
  q.enqueue "one"
  assert_equal 1, q.size
  assert_equal "one", q.dequeue
end

def test_delgating_to_a_sized_queue
  a = SizedQueue.new(12)
  q = FQueue.new a
  q.enqueue "one"
  assert_equal 1, q.size
  assert_equal "one", q.dequeue
end
```

drier tests

```
TestForwardQueue.class_eval do
    [Array, Queue, SizedQueue].each do |c|
      method_name = ("test_queue_delegated_to_" + c.to_s).to_sym
      define_method method_name,lambda {
        if c == SizedQueue
          a = c.new 12
        else
          a = c.new
        end
        q = FQueue.new a
        q.enqueue "one"
        assert_equal 1, q.size
        assert_equal "one", q.dequeue
      }
    end
end
```

“traditional” design patterns rely heavily on *structure* to solve problems

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