

# Modules from Front to Back

Java-OSGi and Web Components

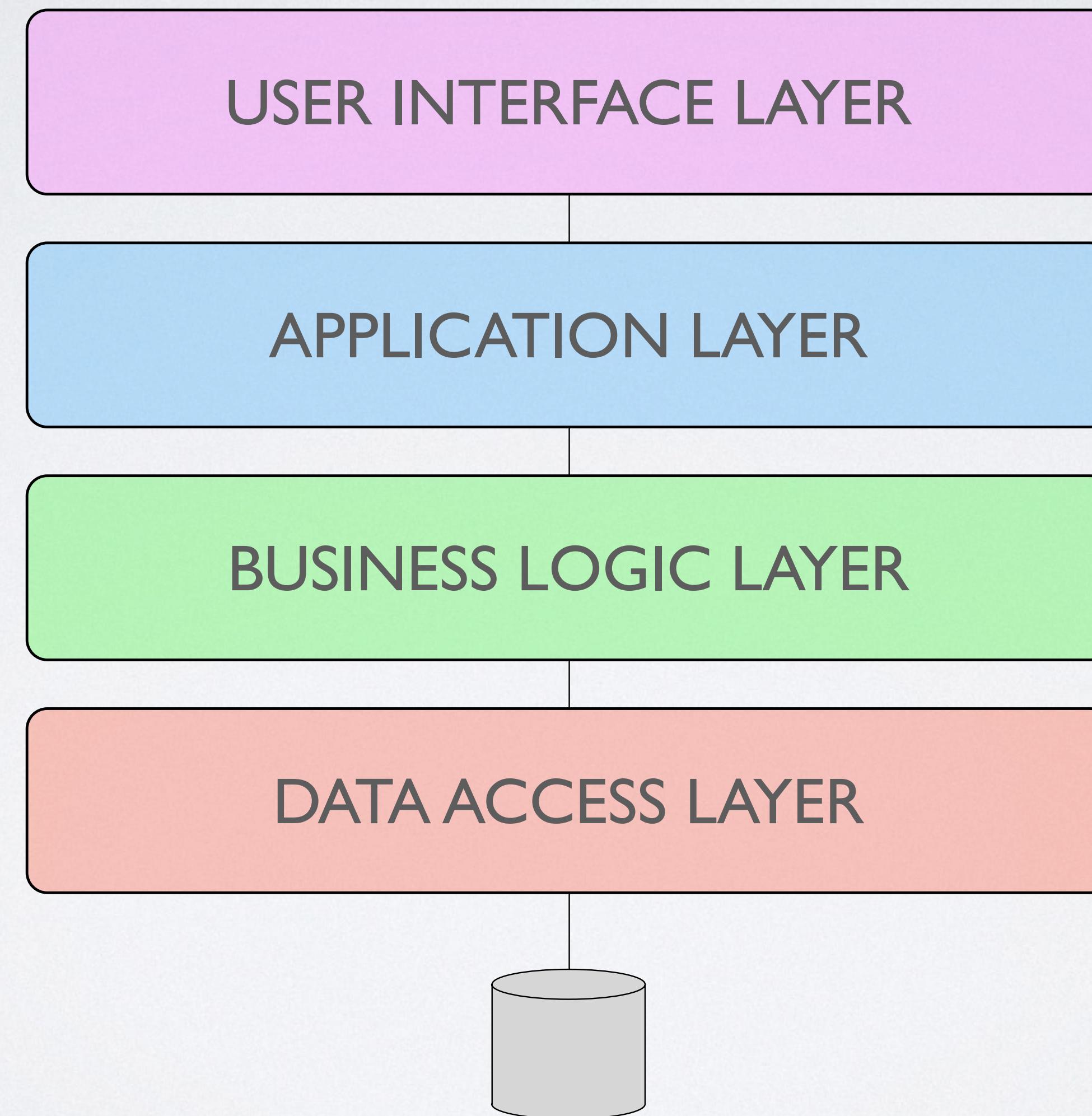
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# Introduction

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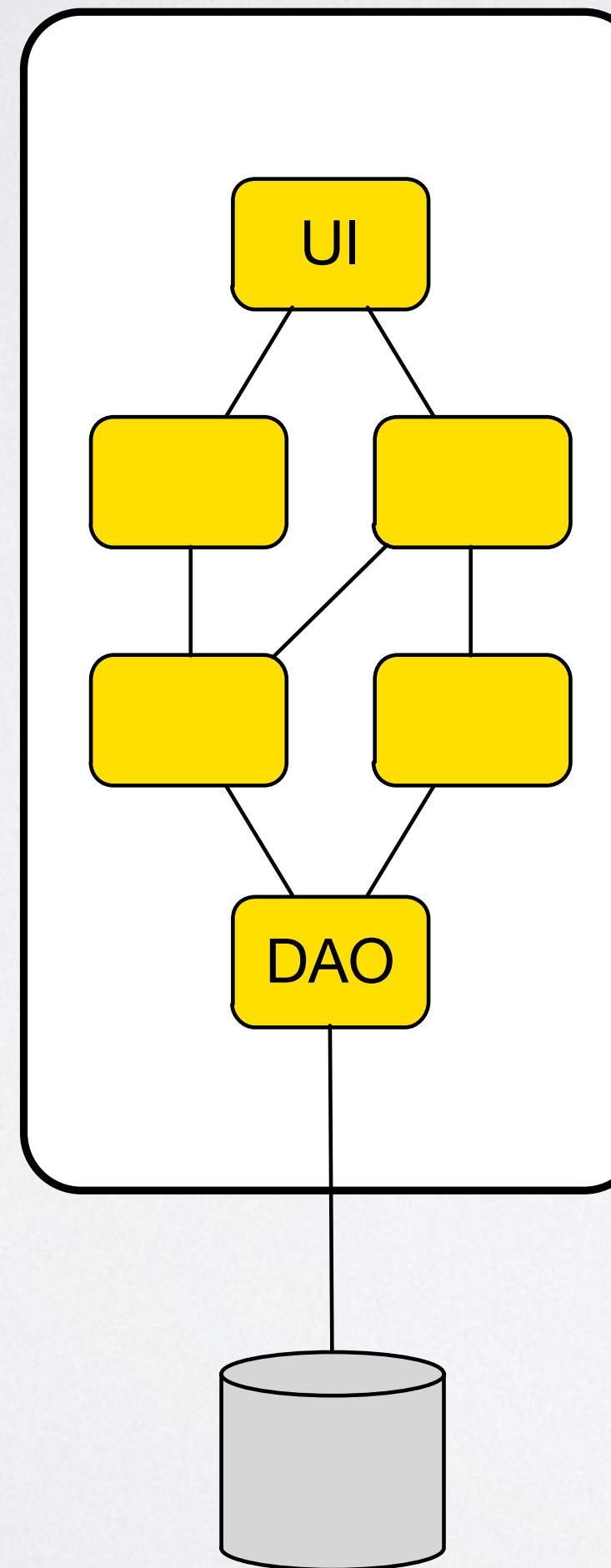


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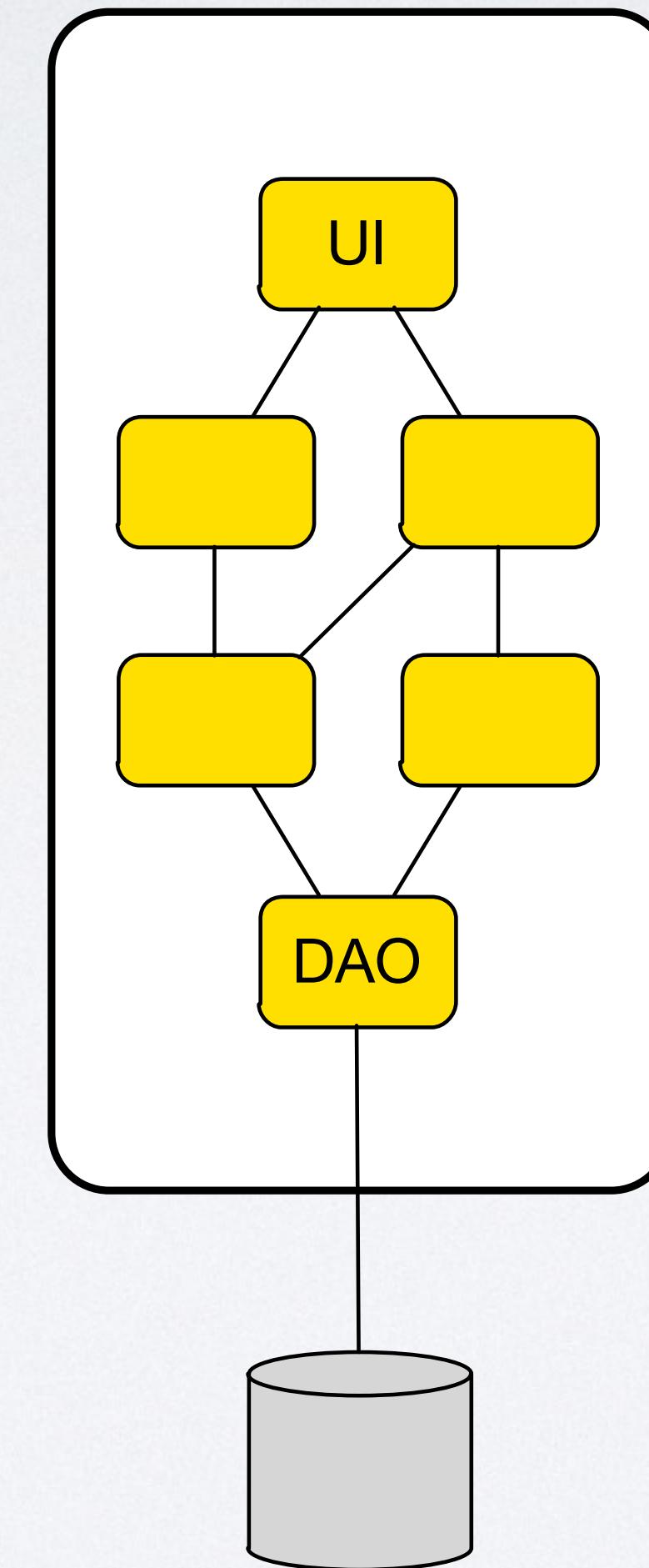
- New features cut across all layers.
- IT organises around technologies rather than business areas.
- Blame shifting: “The database is fine so it’s not **our** problem!”
- **Not Modular**... just try leaving out a layer!

# Cutting With the Grain

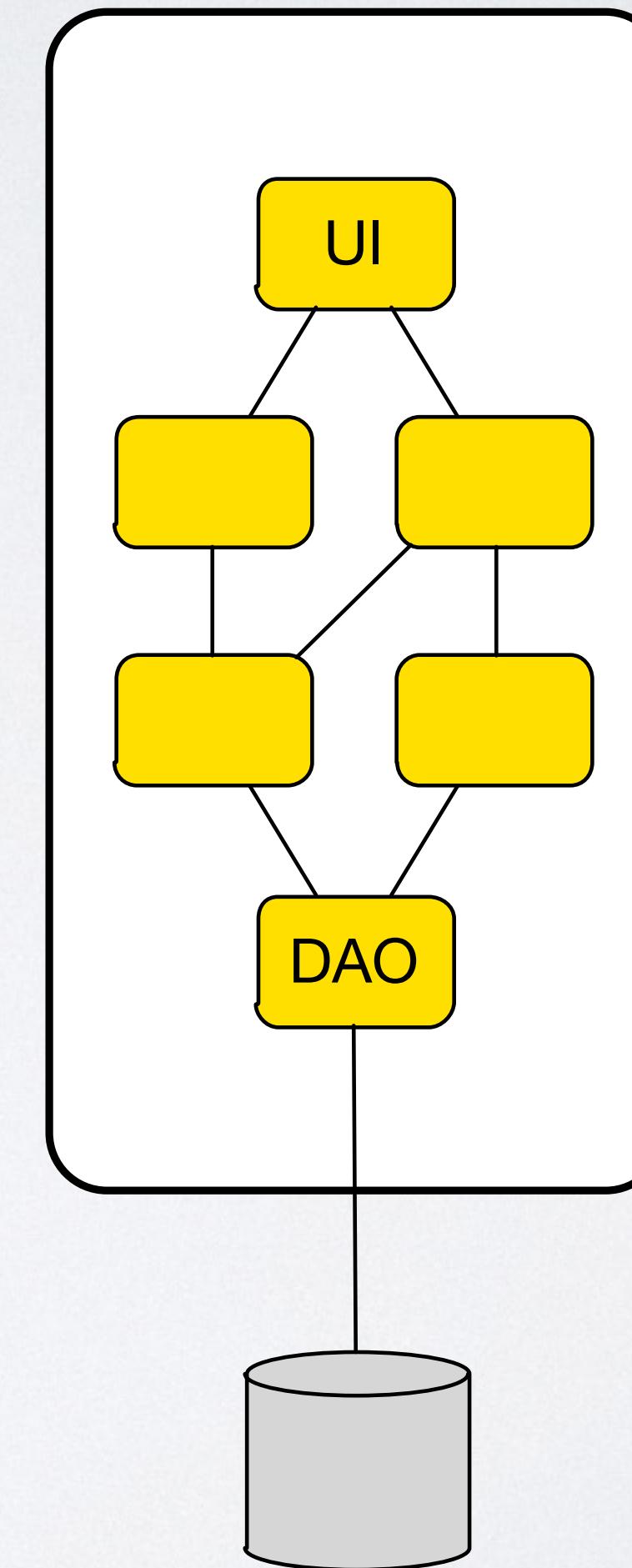
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# Benefits

- IT organisation aligned with business.
- Add new features without coordinating multiple teams.
- **Modular:** slices can be omitted, added, evolved independently.

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Shoe Size see all

All listings Auction Buy it now Sort: Best Match View: 383,526 results for running shoes Postage to EN6 2DD

Shop by category

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# Granularity

- The eBay model is good but very large-grained.
- Each app is monolithic and suffers many problems.
- Can we design web applications that are truly modular, top to bottom?

OSGi

# OSGi Overview

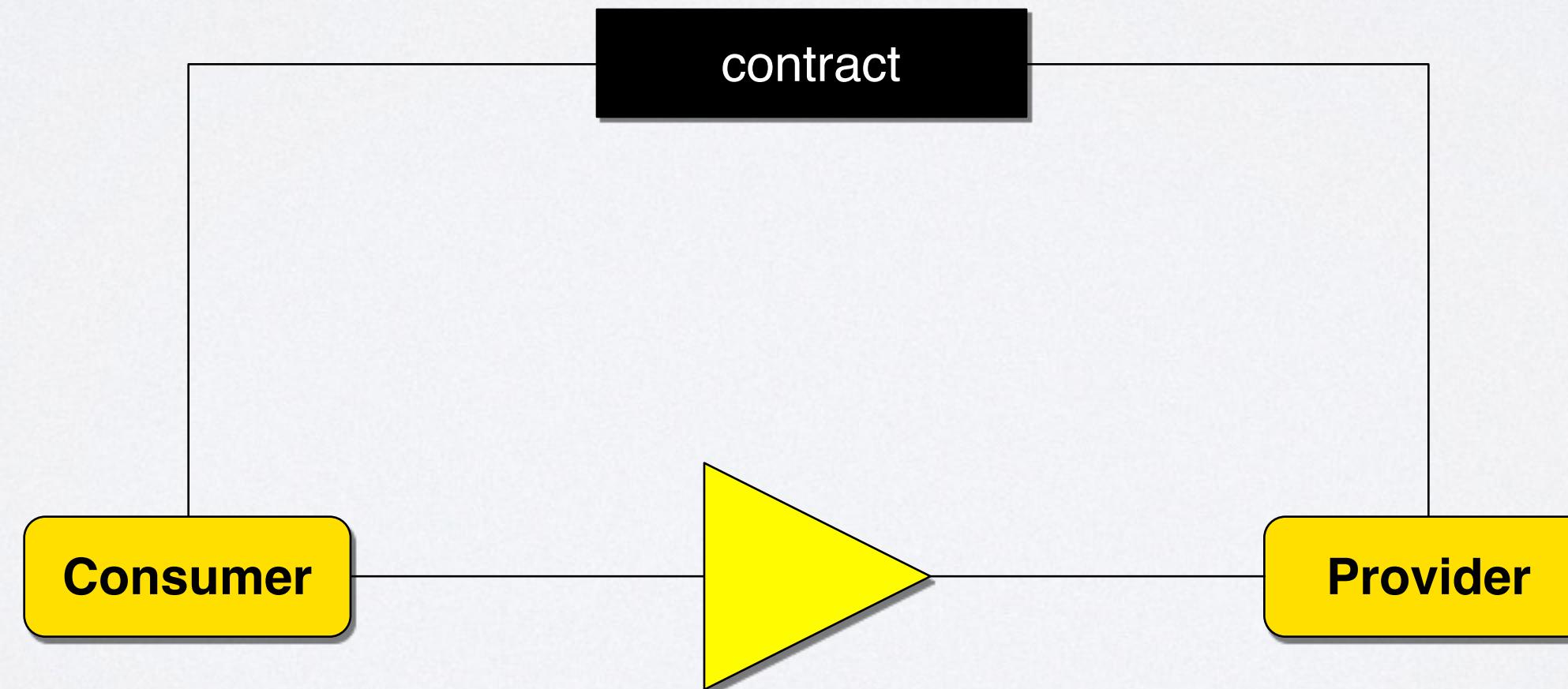
- The **most comprehensive** solution for Java modularity.
- 1999 – JSR 8: Open Services Gateway Specification
- 2000 – OSGi Alliance formed, OSGi Release 1 published.
- Today: Release 6, working towards Release 7.
- **We've got the back-end covered.**

# What is OSGi Really?

- Sometimes called “ClassLoaders on Steroids”
- I’m **not** going to talk about ClassLoaders, Bundles, or Package Imports/Exports! These things are important but **boring**.
- Services are they key to OSGi (“Open **Services** Gateway”).

# Services

- Enabler for Component-Based Software Engineering.
- Robust, dynamic, adaptable.



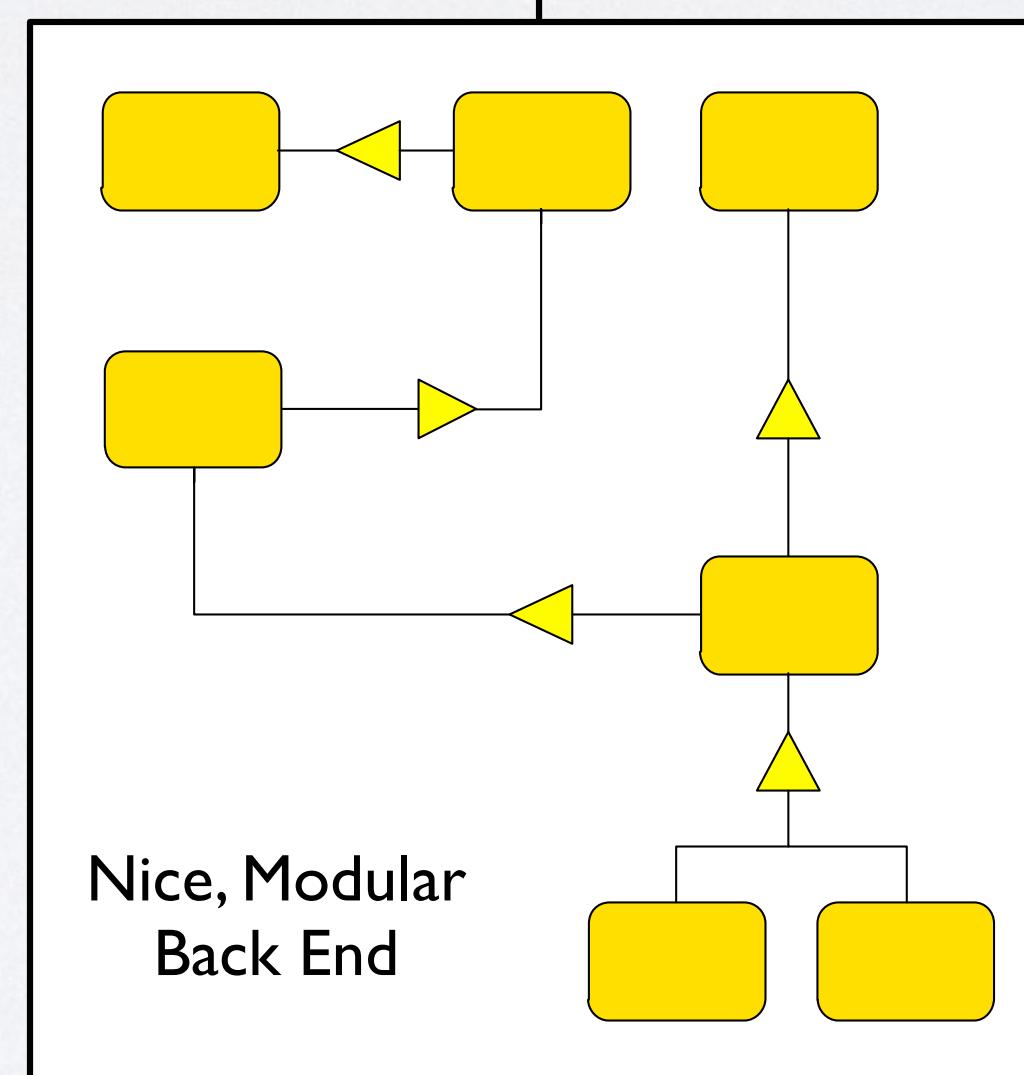
# Component Implementation

- Many implementation technologies: Declarative Services, Blueprint, iPOJO, Peaberry, or “raw” API.
- All interoperate through standardised abstraction.
- Consumers and Providers are **oblivious**.

# Problem



# Monolithic, Messy Front End



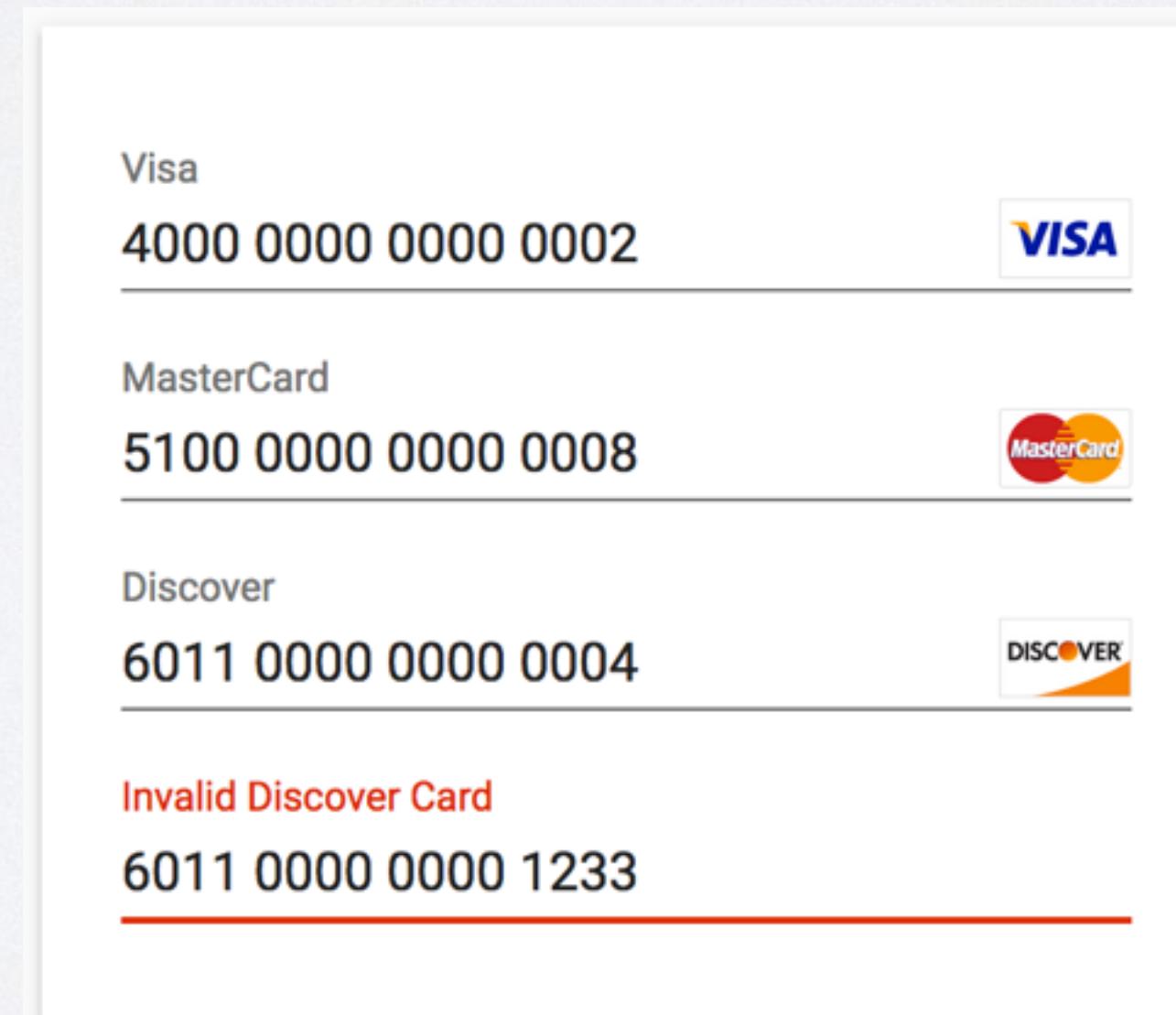
# Web Components

# What Are Web Components?

- A family of specifications/features being added to HTML and DOM.
- Bringing Component-Based Software Engineering to WWW.
- Key features: Custom Elements, Shadow DOM, HTML Imports, HTML Templates.
- **Assemble** a web app from off-the-shelf & custom components.

# Example

```
<gold-cc-input label="Visa" auto-validate></gold-cc-input>
<gold-cc-input label="MasterCard" auto-validate></gold-cc-input>
<gold-cc-input label="Discover" auto-validate></gold-cc-input>
<gold-cc-input label="Invalid Discover Card" auto-validate></gold-cc-input>
```



# Web Component Implementation

- Many implementation technologies: Polymer, Bosonic, X-Tag, Mozilla Bricks, or “raw” API (aka vanilla JS).
- All interoperate through standardised abstraction.
- Composable – components made of smaller components.

# Problem

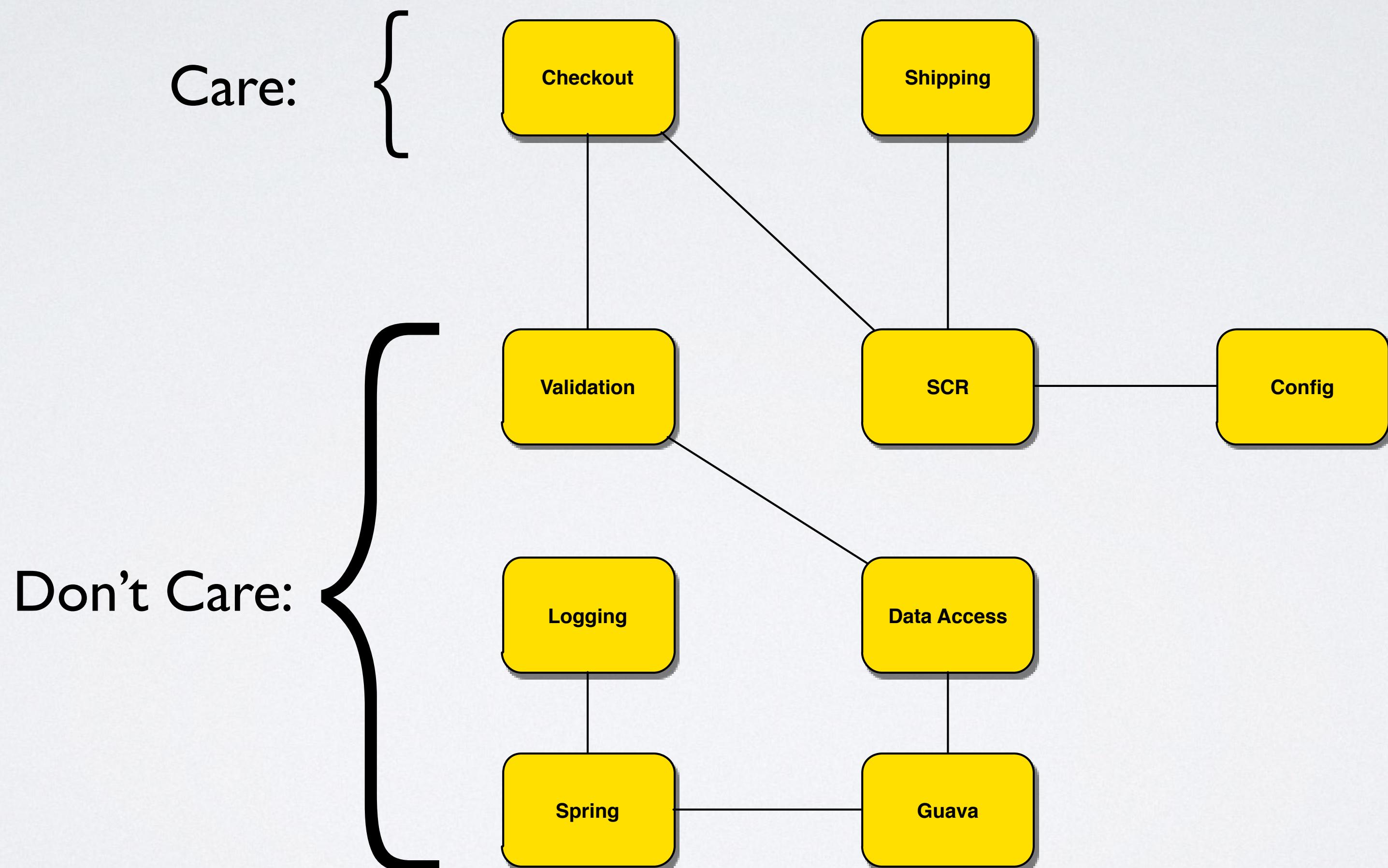
- Off-the-shelf Web Components tend to be tiny UI widgets.
- E.g.: carousels, credit card capture, address capture, charts...
- Larger components will require back-end integration and data.
- How do we ensure that front- and back-end components are always deployed?

# Application Assembly

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- In OSGi, the “application” **emerges** from the installed bundles.
- But not all bundles are equally interesting.

# Application Assembly



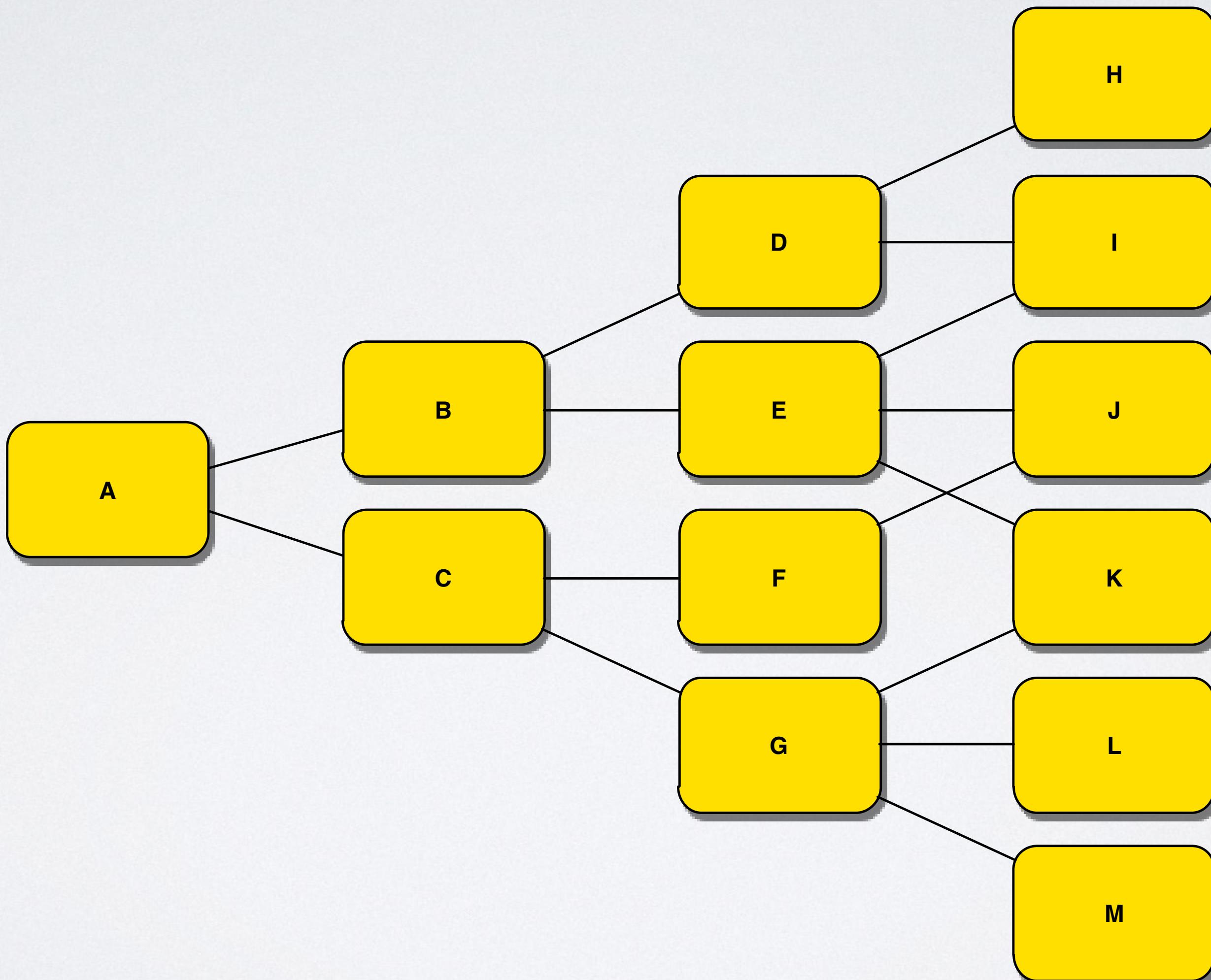
# Application Assembly

- All are necessary, but I don't want to keep track of them all.
- Solution: dependency resolution.
- State what you **want**. Tool tells you what you **need**.
- Examples: Maven, npm, Bower...

# The Trouble Is...

- Existing package managers do a **terrible** job.
- These package manager use identity for dependencies.
- The result is **fan-out**.

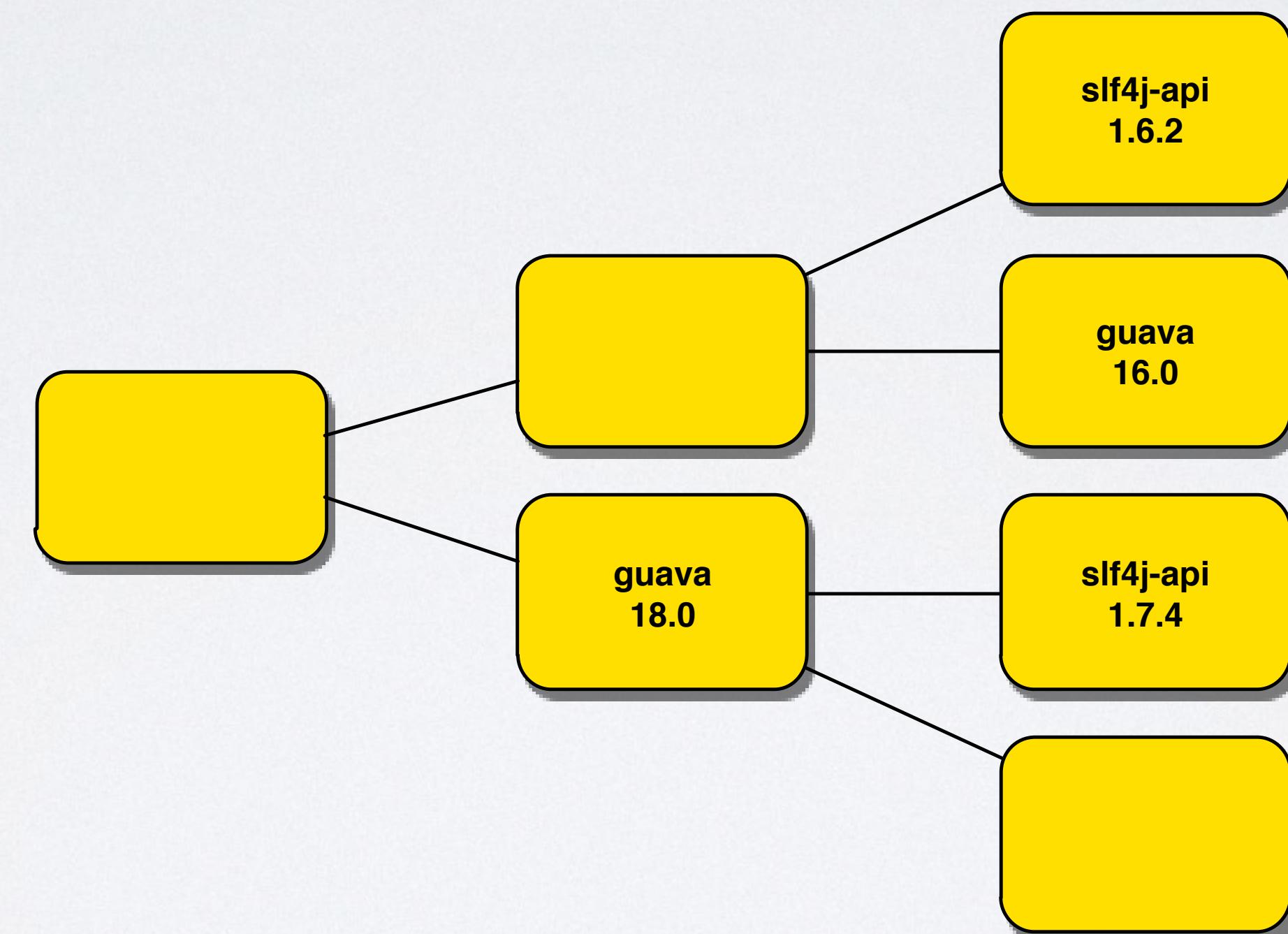
# Fan-Out



# Oh Maven!

```
[INFO] -----  
[INFO] Building org.example.foo 0.0.1-SNAPSHOT  
[INFO] -----  
[INFO]  
[INFO] Downloading the Internet.....  
.....
```

# Conflicts



# Capabilities & Requirements



Provide-Capability: acme.display;  
width=1024;  
height=800

Require-Capability: acme.display; filter:=“(&  
(width>=800)  
(height>=600))”

# Capabilities & Requirements

- Namespace is arbitrary – reserved namespaces begin with “osgi.”
- Completely generic model, not limited to OSGi or even Java.
- Don’t depend on “who” a module is. Depend on what it **can do**.
- (**Can** still depend on identity: osgi.identity namespace.)

# Capabilities & Requirements



Provide-Capability: modconf.webservice;  
modconf.webservice=ShoppingCart;  
region=EU

Require-Capability: modconf.webservice; filter:=“(&  
(modconf.webservice=ShoppingCart)  
(|(region=EU)(region=UK))  
)”

# Problem

- Provide- and Require-Capabilities headers are tricky & error-prone to write by hand.
- bnd 3.3 will generate them from Java annotations:

```
@WebComponent(name = "cart-list")
public class CartComponent { ... }
```

```
@RequireWebComponent(name = "cart-list")
public class ShoppingComponent { ... }
```

# Final Pieces

- A web application is not just a pile of components.
- Need a top-level app to bring them together.

```
@RequireWebComponent(name = "shop-browse")
@RequireWebComponent(name = "cart-list")
@RequireWebComponent(name = "shop-browse")
@RequireWebComponent(name = "user-manager")
public class ShopApp { ... }
```

- NB: requires Java 8 repeating annotations, not supported (yet) in bnd.

# Final Pieces

- Component libraries like Polymer are too big for individual capabilities.
- OSGi RFP-171 Web Resources – can be used for other assets e.g. Bootstrap, JQuery, Angular...
- Maps to predictable URL paths:

```
@RequirePolymerIronWebresource(resource = "*.html")
@RequirePolymerPaperWebresource(resource = "*.html")
@RequireBootstrapWebResource(resource="css/bootstrap.css")
public class ShopApp { ... }
```

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"
      href="/osgi.enroute.webresource/${bsn}/${Bundle-Version}/bootstrap-min.css">
```

# Workshop

# Requirements

- Eclipse – Neon recommended (Luna/Mars acceptable)
- Bndtools 3.3
- Java 8
- Google Chrome

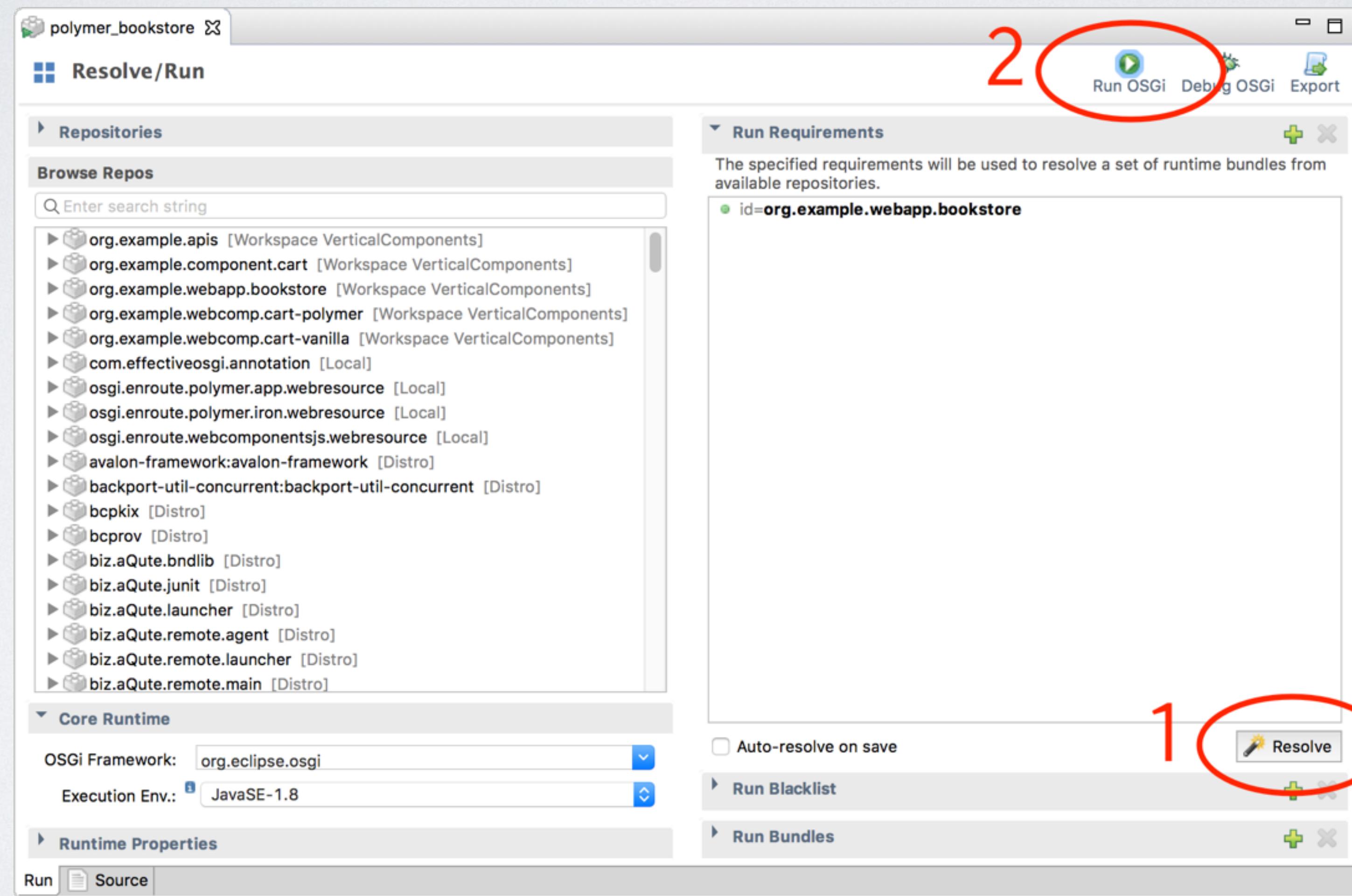
# Files

- **modconf-nbartlett-initial.zip**: Initial Workspace
- **modconf-nbartlett-stepN.zip**: Completed Exercise N
- **modconf-nbartlett-completed.zip**: Full Completed Workspace
- See also: [github.com/njbartlett/modconf2016-workshop](https://github.com/njbartlett/modconf2016-workshop)

# Exercise 0: Setup

1. Start with empty Eclipse workspace.
2. File menu → Import → General → Existing Projects
3. “Select Archive”. Browse for initial.zip. Ensure all projects checked → Finish.
4. Open: org.example.webapp.bookstore/polymer\_bookstore.bndrun
5. Resolve and Run.
6. Open in Chrome: <http://localhost:8080/>

# Hint: Running the App



# Exercise I: Declare Web Component

1. Open `org.example.webcomp.cart-vanilla/src/org/example/webcomp/cart/CartServlet.java`. Add:

```
@WebComponent(name = "cart-list")
```

2. Examine `static/cart-list/component.js` for example of “vanilla JavaScript” Web Component.

# Exercise 2: Add Web Comp. to App.

1. Add to BookstoreApp.java:

```
@RequireWebComponent(name = "cart-list")
```

2. Add to index.html inside <head>:

```
<script src="/cart-list/component.js"></script>
```

3. Add to index.html inside <body>:

```
<cart-list></cart-list>
```

4. Resolve then Run OSGi.

# Exercise 3: Add 3rd Party Components

1. Add to BookstoreApp.java:

```
@RequirePolymerIronWebresource(resource = "*.html")
@RequirePolymerAppWebresource(resource = "*.html")
```

2. Add to index.html inside <head>:

```
<link rel="import" href="/osgi.enroute.webresource/${bsn}/${Bundle-Version}/iron-icons/iron-icons.html">
<link rel="import" href="/osgi.enroute.webresource/${bsn}/${Bundle-Version}/app-layout/app-header/app-header.html">
<link rel="import" href="/osgi.enroute.webresource/${bsn}/${Bundle-Version}/app-layout/app-toolbar
/app-toolbar.html">
```

3. Add to index.html inside <body>:

```
<app-header><app-toolbar>
  <iron-icon class="big" icon="icons:polymer"></iron-icon>
  <div title>Modconf Bookstore</div>
  <iron-icon icon="icons:menu" ></iron-icon>
</app-toolbar></app-header>
```

4. Resolve and Run.

# Exercise 4: Declare Polymer Component

1. Open `org.example.webcomp.cart-polymer/src/org/example/webcomp/cart/CartServlet.java`. Add:

```
@WebComponent(name = "polymer-cart-list")
@RequirePolymerIronWebresource(resource = "*.html")
```

2. Examine `static/cart-list/*.html` for example of Polymer-based Web Component.

# Exercise 5: Use Polymer Comp. in App.

1. Update BookstoreApp.java:

```
@RequireWebComponent(name = "polymer-cart-list") // was "cart-list"
```

2. Update index.html inside <head>. Remove this line:

```
<script src="/cart-list/component.js"></script>
```

3. ... and add this line:

```
<link rel="import" href="/cart-list/cart-list.html">
```

4. Resolve and Run.

# Conclusion

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- A promising model for front-to-back modularity.
- Perhaps a better approach to web packaging than existing tools: npm, Bower, Webpack etc?
- Annotations and runtime extenders are a work-in-progress.
- Ongoing development under [OSGi enRoute](#) and [Effective OSGi](#).