

# From Encapsulation to Ownership

A (partial) history

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# **MASS PRODUCED SOFTWARE COMPONENTS, BY M.D. MCILROY**

My thesis is that the software industry is weakly founded, and that one aspect of this weakness is the absence of a software components subindustry.

# SYNTACTIC CONTROL OF INTERFERENCE

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```
procedure fact(n, f); integer n, f;  
begin integer k;  
    k := 0; f := 1;  
while k ≠ n do  
    begin k := k + 1; f := k × f end  
end .
```

```
procedure transpose(X, Y); real array X, Y;  
for i := 1 until 50 do  
  for j := 1 until 50 do  
    Y(i, j) := X(j, i)
```

```
x := x + 1 || y := y * 2
```

```
procedure itersucc(n,p); integer n; procedure p;  
begin integer k;  
k := nodelist(n);  
while k ≠ 0 do  
    begin p(item(k)); k := link(k) end  
end
```

# Syntactic Control

```

<δ exp> ::= <δ var>
<integer exp> ::= 0
    | <integer exp> + <integer exp>
<sta> ::= <δ var> := <δ exp>
<sta> ::= noaction
    | <sta> ; <sta>
    | while <Boolean exp> do <sta>
<sta> ::= new <δ var id> in <sta>
<ω> ::= <ω id>
<ω → ω'> ::= λ <ω id>. <ω'>
<ω'> ::= <ω → ω'> (<ω>)
<Π(i1:ω1, ..., in:ωn)> ::= 
    <i1:<ω1>, ..., in:<ωn>>
<ωk> ::= <Π(i1:ω1, ..., in:ωn)> . ik
<ω> ::= if <Boolean exp> then <ω> else <ω>
<ω> ::= Y(<ω → ω>)

```

( $\lambda$ fact: integer exp  $\rightarrow$  (integer var  $\rightarrow$  sta). S)  
( $\lambda$ n: integer exp.  $\lambda$ f: integer var.  
  new k: integer in  
    (k := 0; f := 1;  
     while k  $\neq$  n do (k := k+1; f := k×f)))

```
let repeat = λ(s: sta, b: Boolean exp).  
(s; while ¬ b do s) .
```

x := n || y := n

let twice = λs: sta. (s; s) in  
(twice (x := x+1) || twice(y := y×2))

Y(f) ⇒ f(Y(f))

# Passive

# The Geneva Convention On The Treatment of Object Aliasing

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**ECOOP 91,**

in Geneva

# Islands: Aliasing Protection In Object-Oriented Languages

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**OOPSLA 1991**

# Side-effect Free Functions

class name	Complex
instance variable names	x
	y

instance methods

...

*%read MaxAbs: aComplex%read :%read*  
((self Abs) > (aComplex Abs))  
    ifTrue: [↑self]  
    ifFalse: [↑aComplex]

*%read Abs :%read*  
    ↑((x\*x) + (y\*y)) Sqrt

...

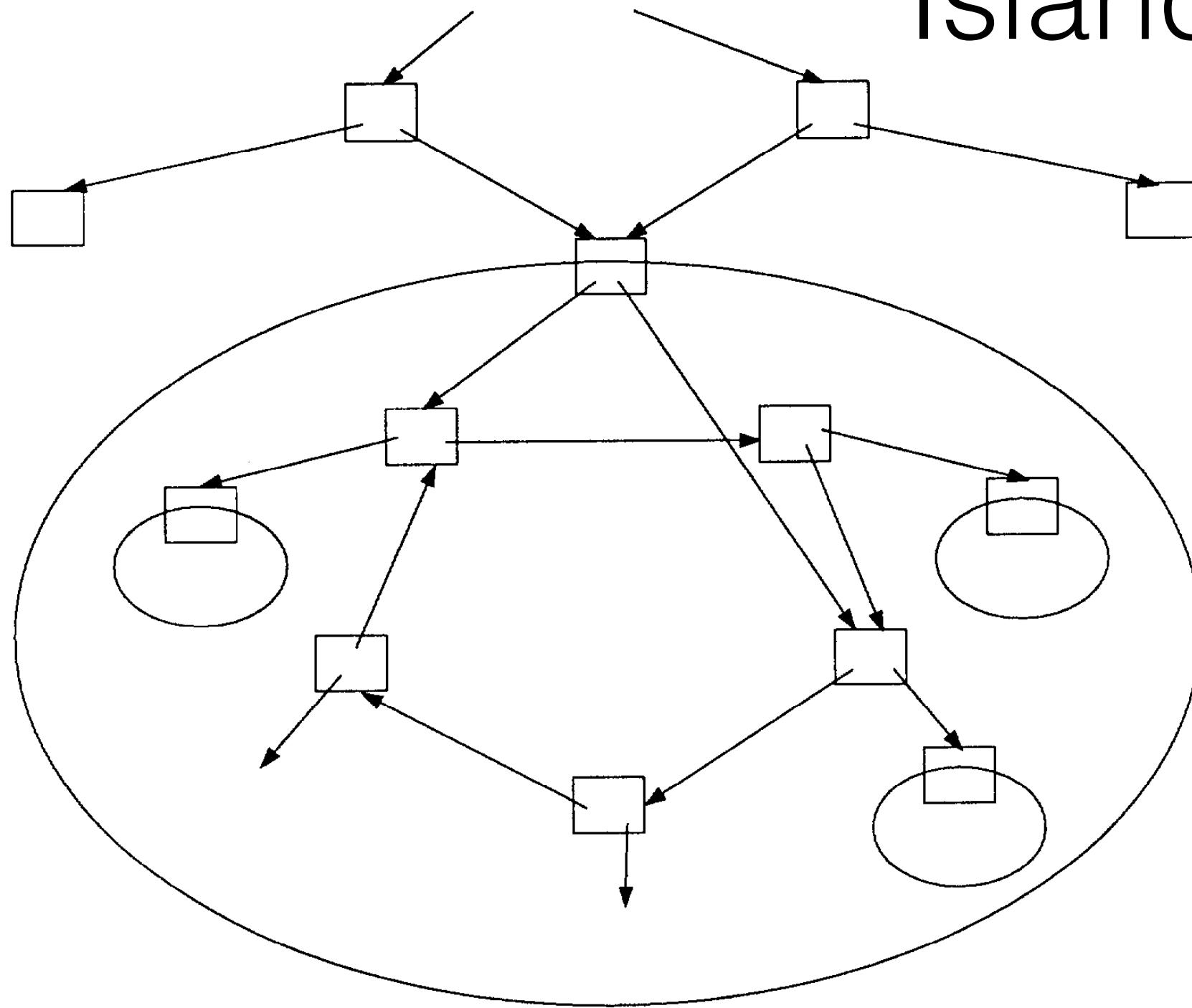
%read Max: aComplex%read  
((self Abs) > (aComplex Abs))  
ifTrue: [↑self Copy]  
ifFalse: [↑aComplex Copy]

%read Abs :%read  
↑((x\*x) + (y\*y)) Sqrt

%read Copy  
↑(Complex new) x: x y: y

%read x: newX%read y: newY%read  
x ← newX Copy.  
y ← newY Copy

# Islands



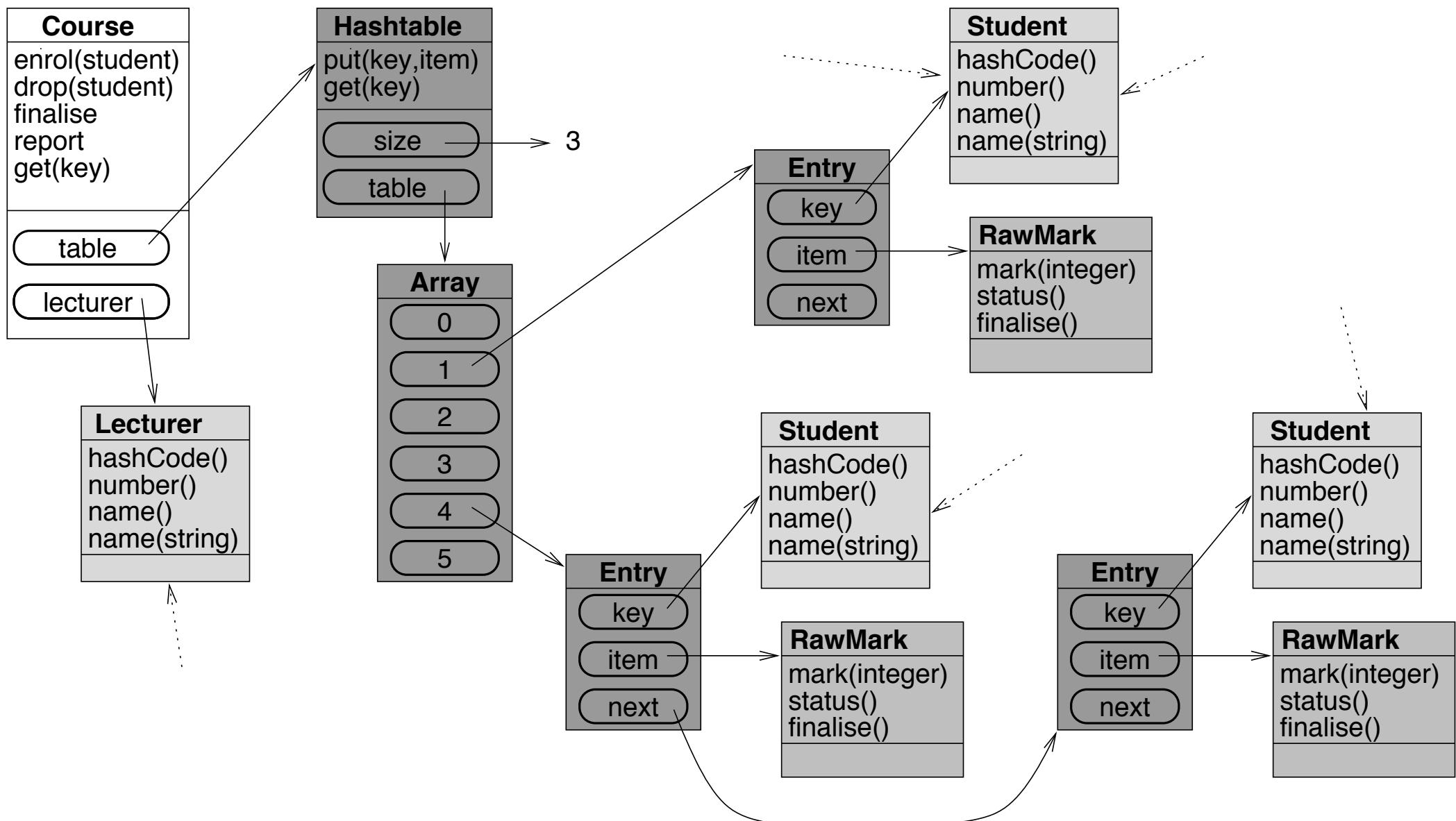
# Flexible Alias Protection

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```
class Course<arg s Student> {
    private rep Hashtable<arg s Student, rep RawMark> marks =
        new Hashtable();
    ...
    public void enrol (arg s Student s) {
        rep RawMark r = new RawMark();
        marks.put(s, r);
    }
    public void
        recordMarkFor(arg s Student s, val String workUnit, val int mark) {
        marks.get(s).recordMarkFor(workUnit, mark);
    }
    public void finalReport (arg s Student s) {
        marks.get(s).finalReport();
    }
}
```

# Ownership Types for Flexible Alias Protection

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```

class Pair<m,n> {
    m X fst;
    n Y snd;
}

class Intermediate {
    rep  Pair<rep, norep> pair1;
    norep Pair<rep, norep> pair2;

    rep  Pair<rep, norep> a() { return pair1; }
    norep Pair<rep, norep> b() { return pair2; }
    rep  X x() { return pair1.fst; }
    norep Y y() { return pair1.snd; }

    void updateX() {
        pair1.fst = new rep X();
    }
}

class Main {
    norep Intermediate safe;

    void main() {
        rep  Pair<rep, norep> a;
        norep Pair<rep, norep> b;
        rep  X x;
        norep Y y;

        a = safe.a();          //
        b = safe.b();          //
        x = safe.x();          //
        y = safe.y();          //

        safe.updateX();         //
    }
}

```

# Encapsulating Objects with Confined Types

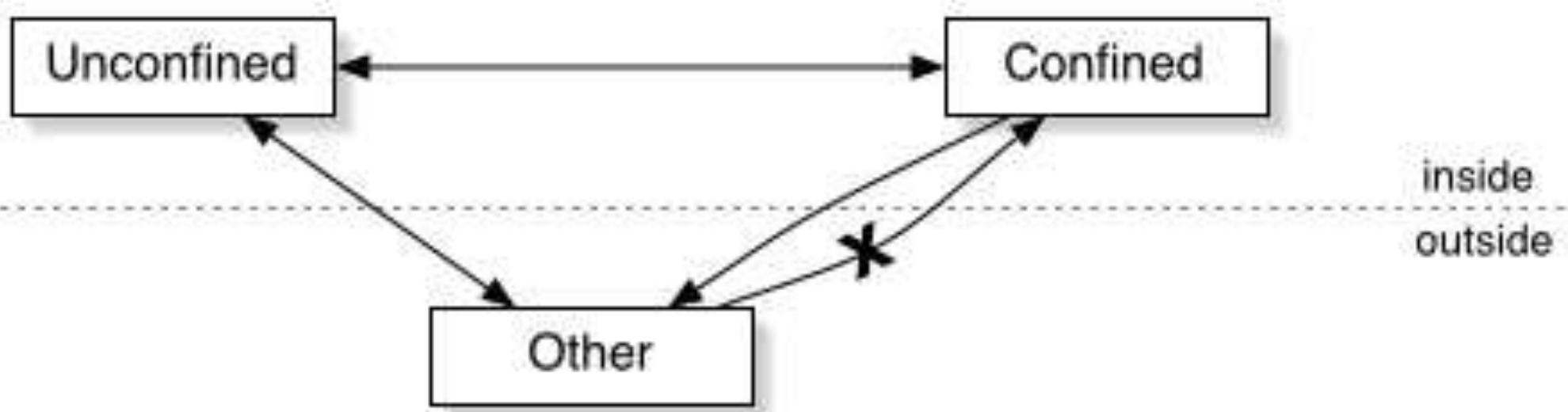
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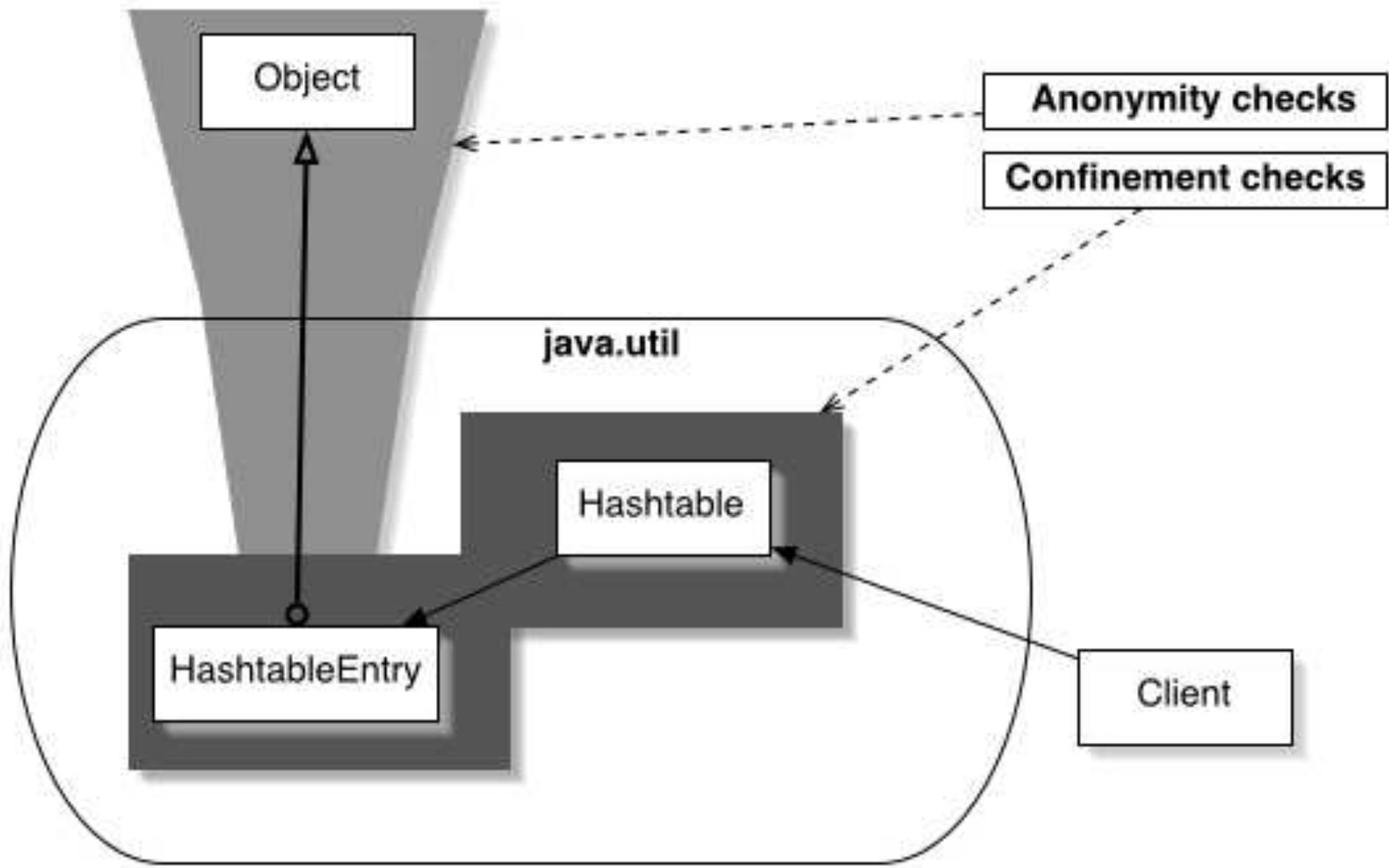
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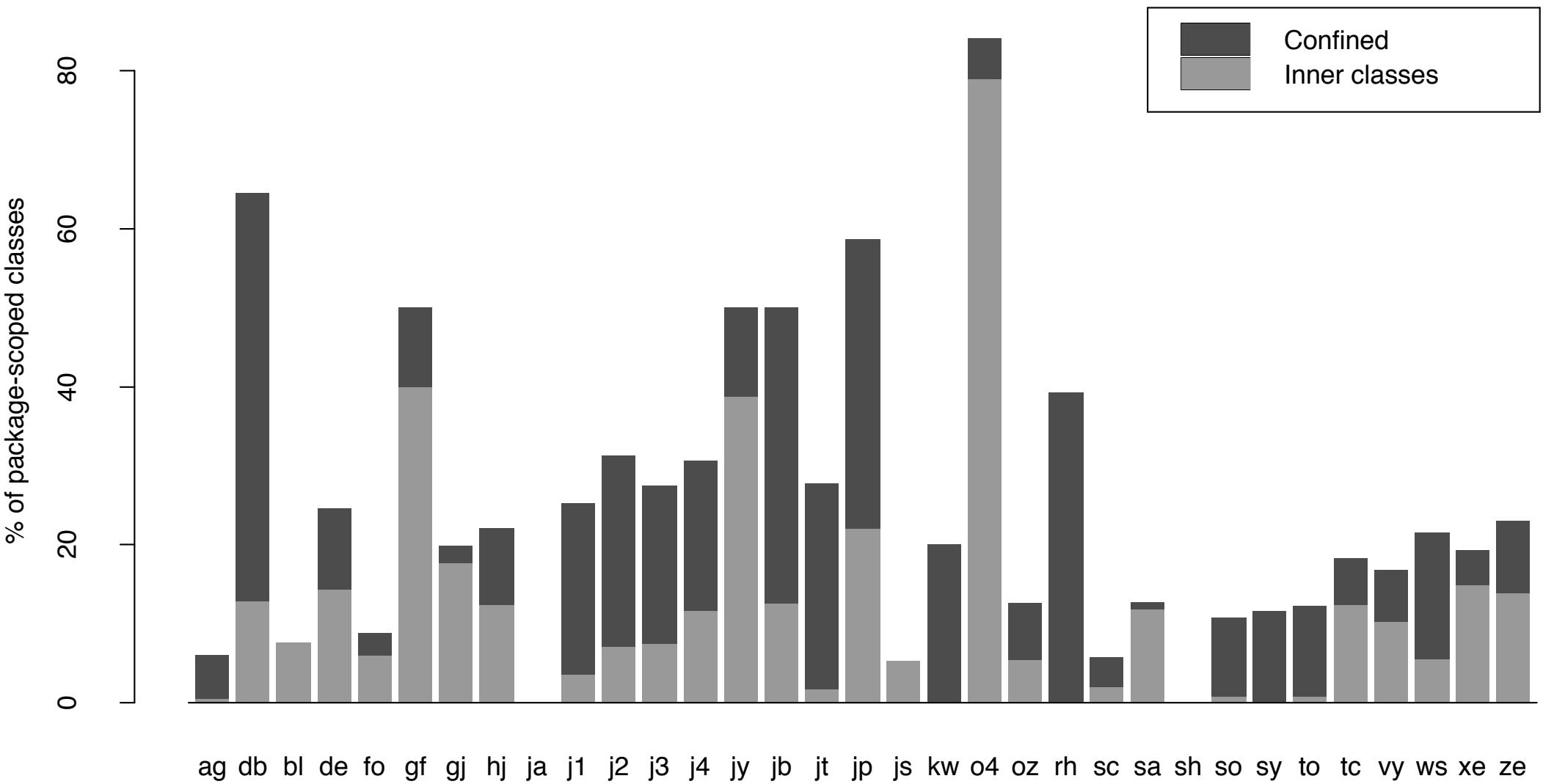
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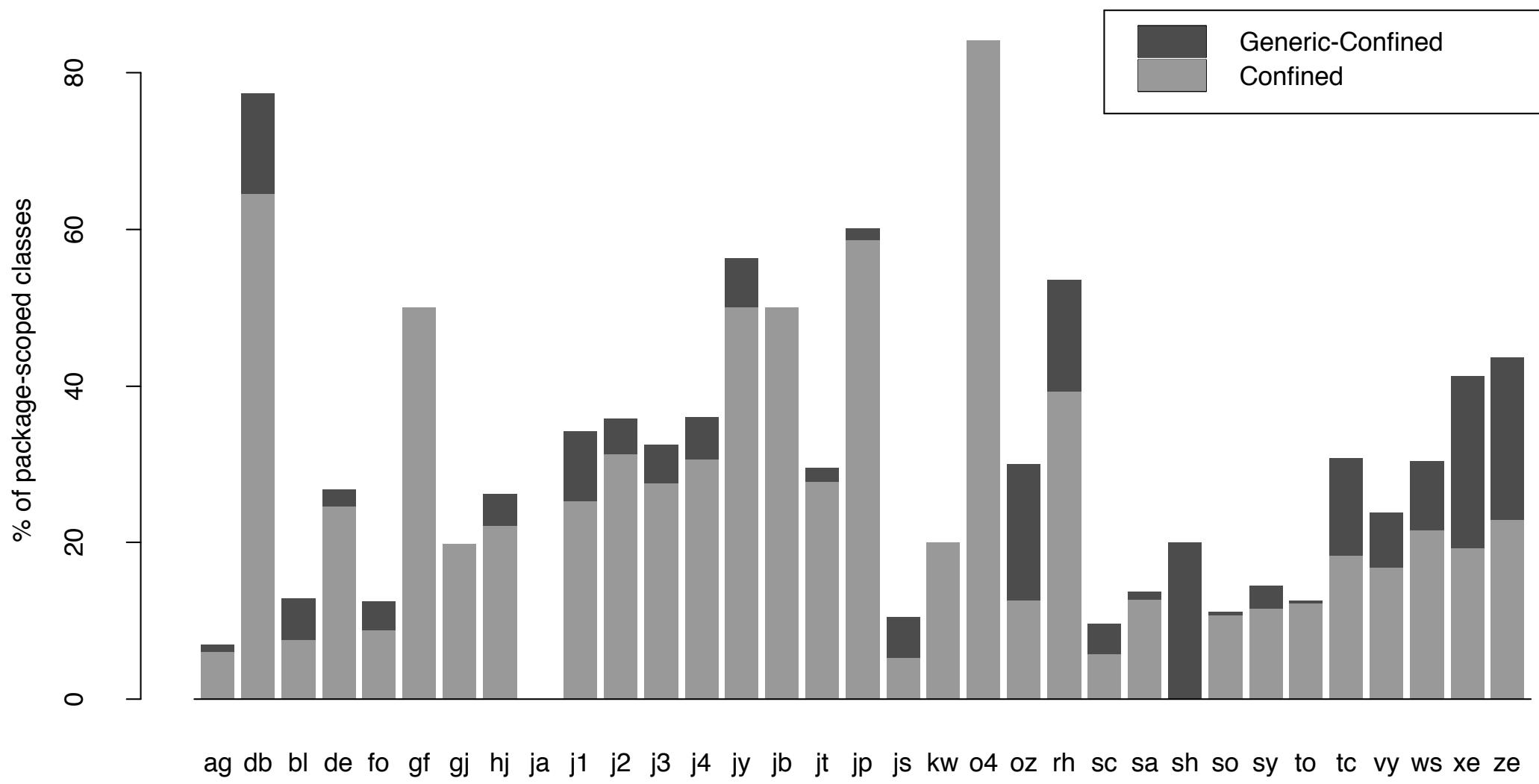




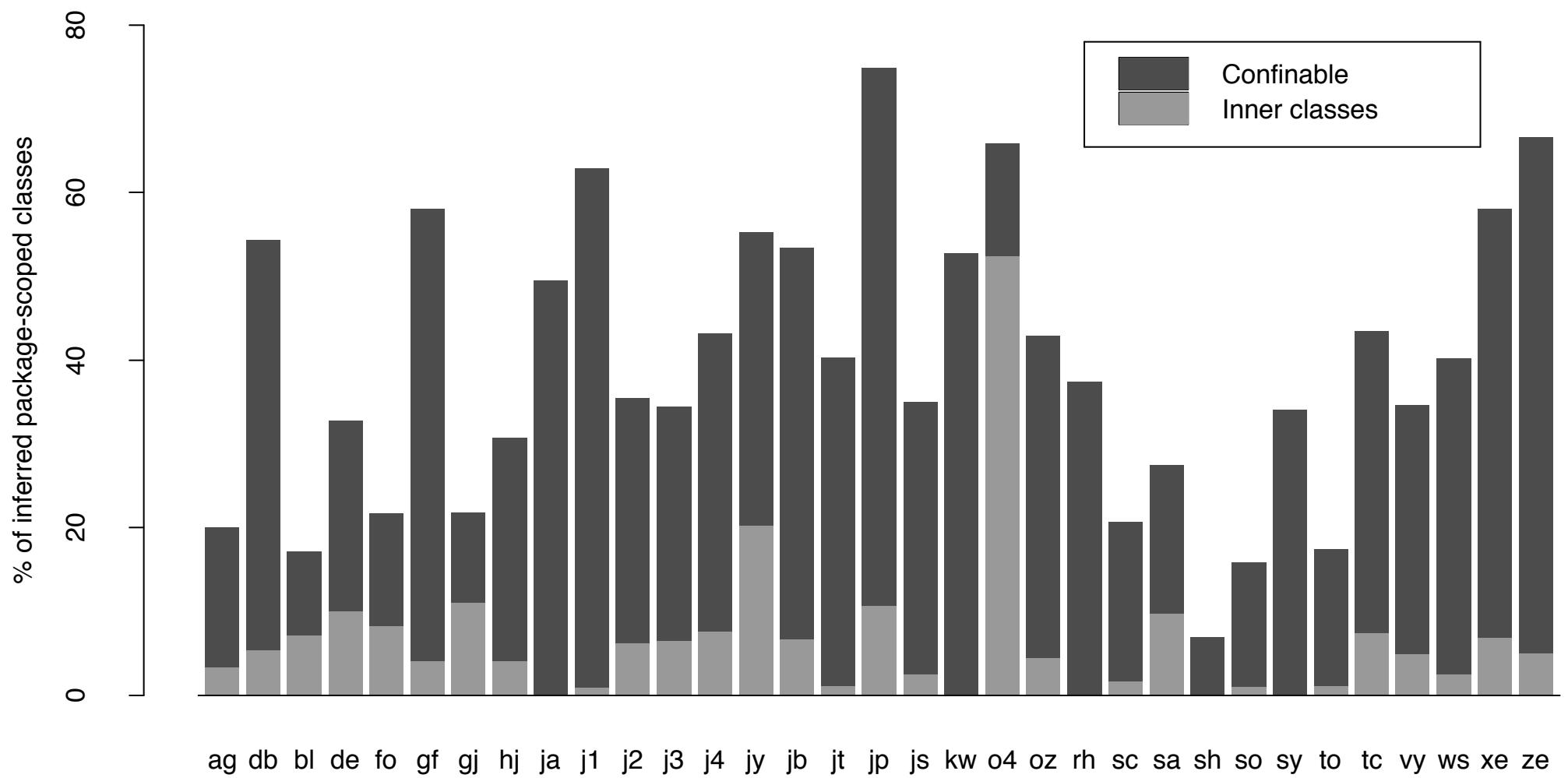
$\mathcal{A}1$	An anonymous method cannot widen <b>this</b> to a non-confined type.
$\mathcal{A}2$	An anonymous method cannot be <b>native</b> .
$\mathcal{A}3$	An anonymous method cannot invoke non-anonymous methods on <b>this</b> .

$\mathcal{C}1$	All methods invoked on a confined type must be anonymous.
$\mathcal{C}2$	A confined type cannot be public.
$\mathcal{C}3$	A confined type cannot appear in the type of a public (or protected) field or the return type of a public (or protected) method of a non-confined type.
$\mathcal{C}4$	Subtypes of a confined type must be confined.
$\mathcal{C}5$	A confined type cannot be widened to a non-confined type.

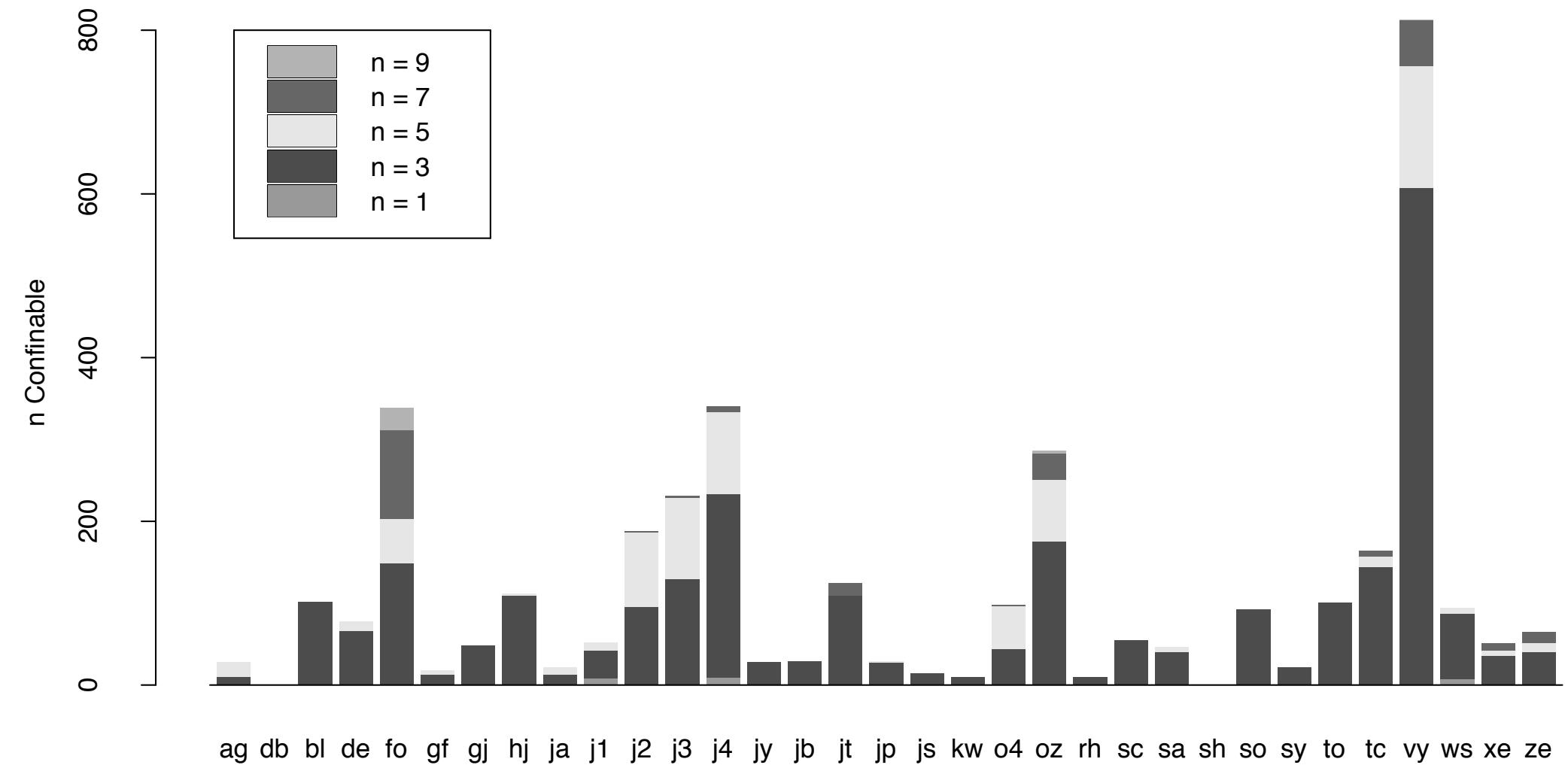




**Fig. 15.** Generic-confined types.



**Fig. 16.** Confinable types.



**Fig. 18.** Confinement with hierarchical packages.

