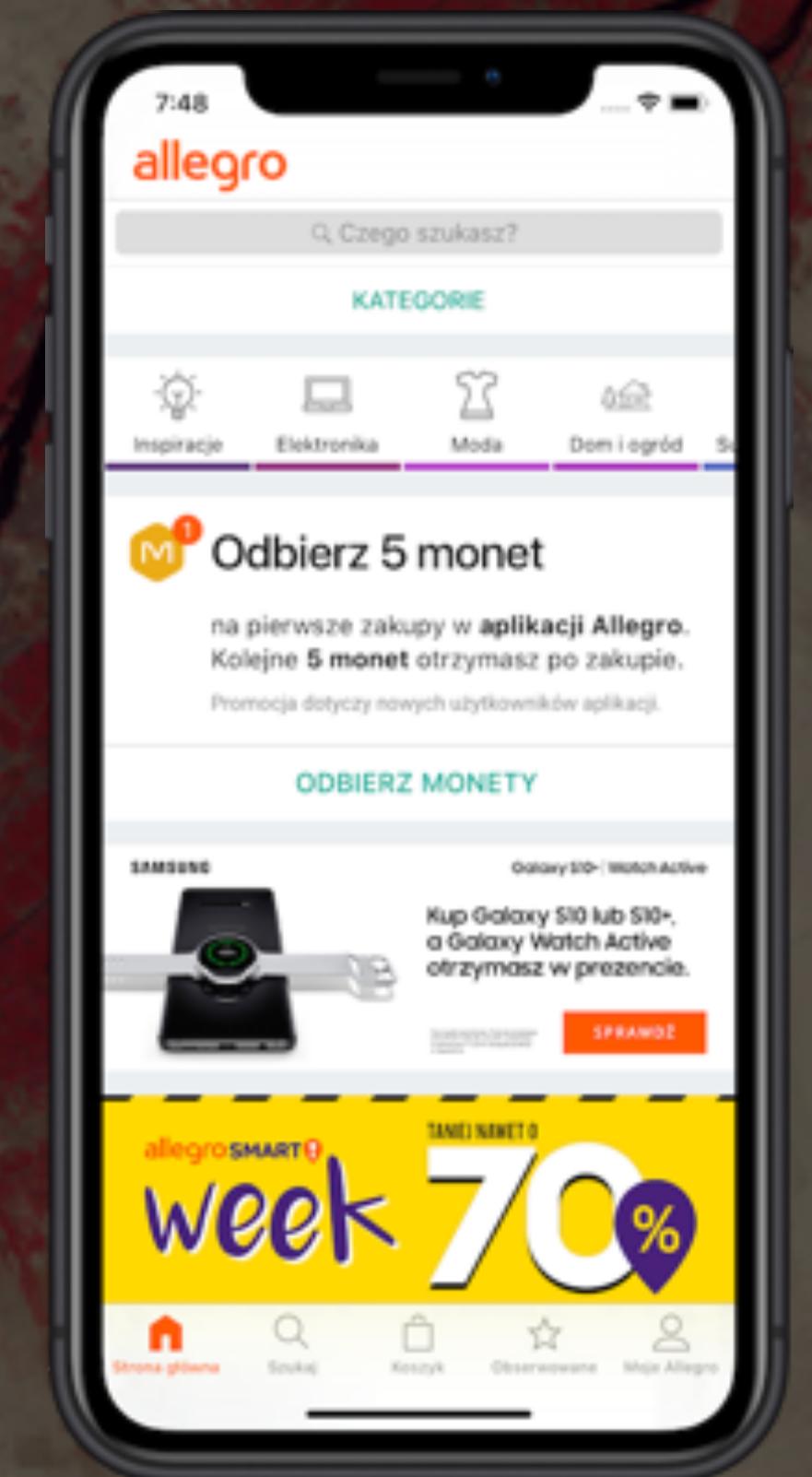


# Code Archeology

Avoiding the Quicksands of  
a Legacy Codebase

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We said goodbye to  
Consumer on May 31, 2019.  
Thank you for being a part of the  
experience!

5:31

Thank you! 5:31 ✓





# Egyptology

the study of the language, history, and culture of  
ancient Egypt

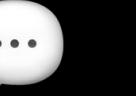


```
@implementation CACodeArcheologyDig  
- (void)digDeeperIfNeeded {  
    [self selectPair];  
    [self digDeeper];  
    [self unearthMysteries];  
    [self preserveArtifacts];  
}  
@end
```

A photograph of a person sitting at a desk in an office environment. They are wearing a grey hoodie and blue jeans, and are looking upwards and to the right, pointing their right index finger towards a large screen monitor. The monitor displays several lines of code in a dark-themed editor. In the background, there are shelves filled with books and papers, and another person is visible working at a nearby desk. The overall atmosphere is that of a developer or programmer's workspace.

# Pair Programming

# Task: change UI for a message

-  Update existing text styles for message types X, Y, Z
- Add a text style for a NEW message type 

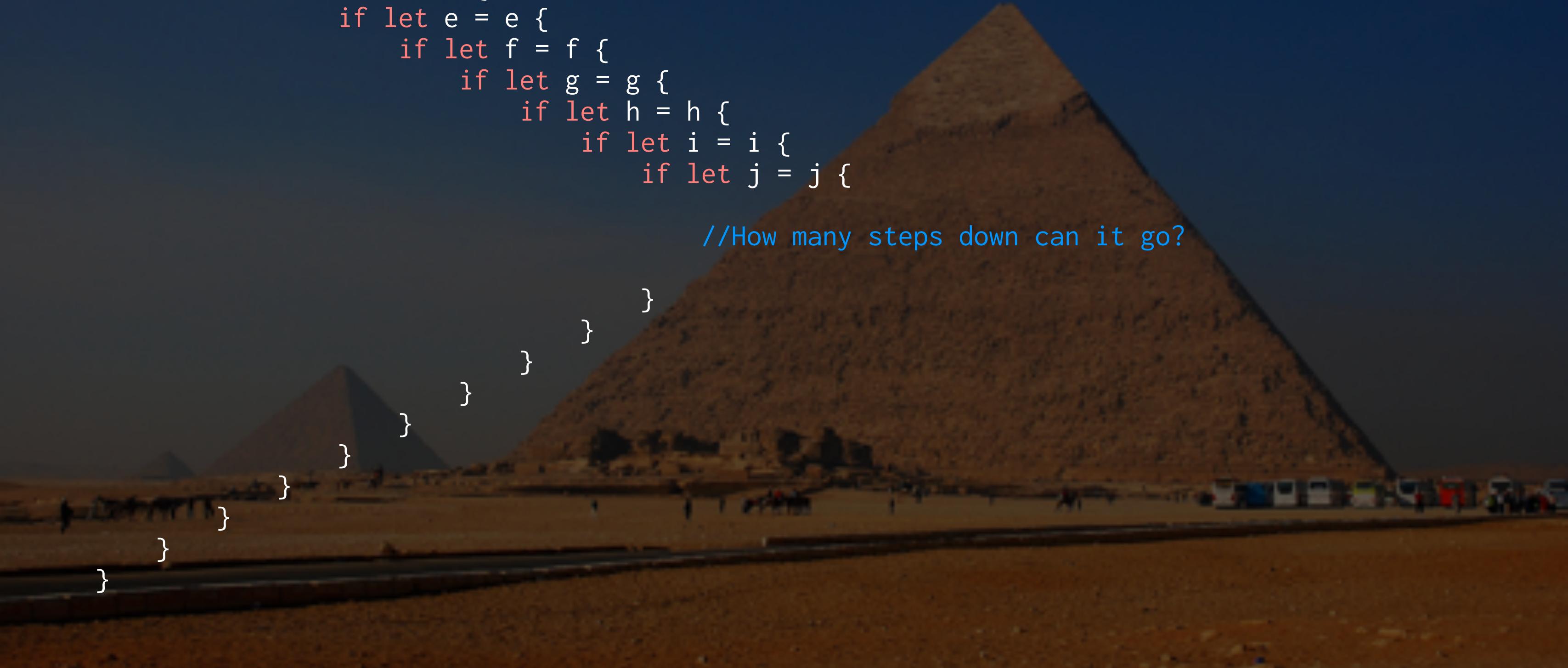
# if-ology

the science of how **ifs** and **switches** work

```
1 @implementation MessageCell  
2  
3 - (NSAttributedString *)attributedStringForMessage:(Message *)message {  
4     NSString *text = @"";  
5     UIFont *font = [self defaultFont];  
6     UIColor *color = [self defaultColor];  
7  
8     switch (message.type) { ... }  
246 //***** Whaaaaaat ?!  
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248                                         font:font  
249                                         color:color];  
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251 }  
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253 /* Other methods */  
254  
255 @end  
256
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```
if let a = a {  
    if let b = b {  
        if let c = c {  
            if let d = d {  
                if let e = e {  
                    if let f = f {  
                        if let g = g {  
                            if let h = h {  
                                if let i = i {  
                                    if let j = j {  
                                        //How many steps down can it go?  
                                    }  
                                }  
                            }  
                        }  
                    }  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Task [updated]: change UI for a message

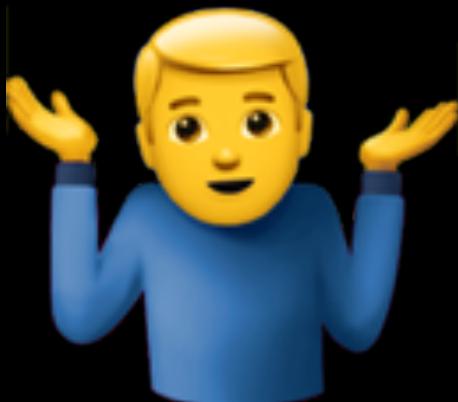
- Understand how things work
- Change existing logic
- Don't break things

# Obstacles

- old code 
- no documentation 
- no tests 
- no one knows how it was suppose to work 

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# What can you do?

-  quit your job immediately
- delete  the code and rewrite  it
- preserve findings  and add new functionality 

# Mummification

Egyptians saw the **preservation** of the body after death as an important step to living well in the afterlife.

# Code Preservation

Programmers perceive **unit testing** as the best way to **verify** and **describe** behaviour of code as an important step to living well in life.

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# Unit Tests

prepare( Input ) -> putInto( Black Box ) -> verify( Output )

# Unit Tests

```
prepare( Message ) -> putInto( MessageCell ) -> verify( AttributedString )
```

# Unit Tests

```
func testAttributedStringForMessageWithParamXYZ {  
    //Arrange  
    let message = Message(type: type1,  
                          body: "Hello Code Archeologists!")  
  
    //Act  
    let artefact = cell.attributedStringForMessage(message)  
  
    //Assert  
    //...  
    artefact.color.getRed(&red, green: &green, blue: &blue, alpha: &alpha)  
    XCTAssertEqual(red, expectedRed)  
    XCTAssertEqual(green, expectedGreen)  
    //...  
}
```

# Logic Shift

```
func testAttributedStringForMessageWithParamXYZ {  
    //Arrange  
    let message = Message(type: type1,  
                          body: "Hello Code Archeologists!")  
  
    //Act  
    let artefact =(viewModel.attributedStringForMessage(message)  
  
    //Assert  
    XCTAssertEqual(artefact.font, expectedFont)  
    XCTAssertEqual(artefact.color, expectedColor)  
}
```

No Doom

When going through the pyramid



# Archeology

the study of human history through the  
**excavation** of sites and the **analysis** of **artefacts**

A black and white photograph showing several archaeologists in a field. In the foreground, a man wearing a wide-brimmed hat and glasses is looking down at something in his hands. Behind him, another person is visible, and further back, more people are working in the dirt. The scene suggests a focused archaeological excavation.

# Archeological Dig

# Task: Performance improvement

- improve the cold start of the application



# Finding an entry point

```
@implementation UIApplicationDelegate  
  
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application  
    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
  
    /*...*/  
  
}  
  
@end
```



# AppDelegate.m

```
#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>
#import "AppDelegate.h"

#import "Component1.h"
#import "Component2.h"
#import "Component3.h"
#import "Component4.h"
#import "Component5.h"
#import "Component6.h"
#import "Component7.h"
#import "Component8.h"
#import "Component9.h"
#import "Component10.h"
#import "Component11.h"
#import "Component12.h"
#import "Component13.h"
#import "Component14.h"
#import "Component15.h"
#import "Component16.h"
#import "Component17.h"
#import "Component18.h"
#import "Component19.h"
#import "Component20.h"
#import "Component21.h"
#import "Component22.h"
#import "Component23.h"
```

# AppDelegate.m

```
#import "Component94.h"
#import "Component95.h"
#import "Component96.h"
#import "Component97.h"
#import "Component98.h"

@interface AppDelegate() <SomeProtocol>
{
    id ivar_1_with_not_necessarily_meaningful_name;
    id ivar_2_with_not_necessarily_meaningful_name;
    BOOL ivar_3_with_not_necessarily_meaningful_name;
    BOOL ivar_4_with_not_necessarily_meaningful_name;
    BOOL somethingUpdated;
}

@property (strong) id property1;
@property (strong) id property2;

@property (assign) BOOL flag_1_responsible_for_something_super_important;
@property (assign) BOOL flag_2_responsible_for_something_super_important;
@property (assign) BOOL flag_3_responsible_for_something_super_important;
@property (assign) BOOL flag_4responsible_for_something_super_important;

@end
```

# AppDelegate.m

```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application  
didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
  
NSSetUncaughtExceptionHandler(&uncaughtExceptionOccured);  
  
[Component56 start];  
  
[Component34 startLogging];  
  
#if UI_TESTS_RUN  
[[[[UIApplication sharedApplication] windows] objectAtIndex:0]  
layer] setSpeed:100.f];  
#endif  
  
//...
```

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#endif  
  
//...
```

# Dependency Injection

```
protocol Dehydrating {  
    func dehydrate(body: Body) -> DehydratedBody  
}  
  
protocol OrgansRemoving {  
    func insert(_ hook: Hook, to: Body.Part)  
    func pullOutBrain(from: Body) throws  
    func remove(_ organ: Organ, from: Body)  
}
```

# Dependency Injection

```
class Mummyficator {  
  
    let dehydrator: Dehydrating  
    let organsRemover: OrgansRemoving  
    let bandaging: Bandaging  
  
    init(dehydrator: Dehydrating👉,  
        organsRemover: OrgansRemoving👉,  
        bandaging: Bandaging👉) {  
        self.dehydrator = dehydrator  
        //...  
    }  
}
```

# Dependency Injection

```
class Mummyficator {  
    //...  
  
    func mummyfy(_ body: Body👉) -> Mummyombie {  
        dehydrator.dehydrate(body)  
        //...  
    }  
}
```

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layer] setSpeed:100.f];  
#endif  
  
//...
```

# Measurements

```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application  
    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
/* ... */  
  
#if UI_TESTS_RUN  
[[[[UIApplication sharedApplication] windows] objectAtIndex:0]  
    layer] setSpeed:100.f];  
#endif  
  
[Component11 startMeasuringAppStartTime]; // ➔   
  
// Description why the code is needed  
[Component3 persistAndLogApplicationVersion];
```

# Measurements

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- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application  
    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
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    /* ... */  
  
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        layer] setSpeed:100.f];  
#endif  
  
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    [Component3 persistAndLogApplicationVersion];
```

Code Smells 💩

Code Fragrances



# Comments (Everywhere)

```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application  
    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
  
/* ... */  
  
[Component11 startMeasuringAppStartTime];  
  
// Description why the code is needed ➡  
[Component3 persistAndLogApplicationVersion];  
  
[[Component9 sharedInstance] doSomethingImportant];
```

# Comments (Everywhere)

```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application  
    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
  
    /* ... */  
  
    // Multiline description of the fix for some problem ➡  
    // another line  
    // another line  
  
    if([self isRunningOnOldIOS]) {
```

# Comments (Everywhere)

```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application  
didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
  
    /* ... */  
  
    // Yet another description why the code is needed  
    NSDateFormatter *dateFormatter = [NSDateFormatter new];  
    dateFormatter.dateFormat = @"yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ssZ";  
    // US English Locale (en_US)  
    dateFormatter.locale = [NSLocale localeWithLocaleIdentifier:@"en_US" 😐];
```

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```

# Singletons (Everywhere)

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    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
  
/* ... */  
  
// Description why the code is needed  
[Component3 persistAndLogApplicationVersion];  
  
[👉[Component9 sharedInstance]👉 doSomethingImportant];  
  
// Description why the code is needed  
[👉[Component17 sharedInstance]👉 registerNotificationActions];;
```

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    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
  
/* ... */  
  
// Description why the code is needed  
[Component3 persistAndLogApplicationVersion];  
  
[self.component9👉 doSomethingImportant];  
  
// Description why the code is needed  
[self.component17👉 registerNotificationActions];
```

# Singletons (Everywhere)

`UserDefaults.standard` // ⚡ inject

`URLSession.shared` // ⚡ inject

`DispatchQueue.main.async` // ⚡ write a wrapper to use sync

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    func dispatch(_ work: @escaping () -> Void)  
}
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    func dispatch(_ work: @escaping () -> Void)  
}  
  
class AsyncWorkDispatcher: WorkDispatching {  
  
    override func dispatch(_ work: @escaping () -> Void) {  
  
        queue.async/*👉 IMPORTANT!👉 */(execute: work)  
    }  
  
}
```

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```
protocol WorkDispatching { //👉  
    func dispatch(_ work: @escaping () -> Void)  
}  
  
class SyncWorkDispatcher: WorkDispatching {  
  
    override func dispatch(_ work: @escaping () -> Void) {  
  
        queue.sync/*👉 IMPORTANT!👉 */(execute: work)  
    }  
  
}
```

# Singletons (Everywhere)

```
@implementation Component1
```

```
+ (id)sharedInstance {  
    static Component1 *shared = nil;  
    static dispatch_once_t onceToken;  
    dispatch_once(&onceToken, ^{  
        shared = [[self alloc] init];  
    });  
    return shared;  
}
```

```
@end
```

# Singletons (Everywhere)

```
@implementation Component1
```

```
- (id)performOperations {
    [self performSuperImportantLogic];
    //...
    [[Component1 sharedInstance] getData];
    //...
    [self writeToDatabase];
}
```

```
@end
```

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    //...
    [ self  getData];
    //...
    [self writeToDatabase];
}
```

```
@end
```

# Class Methods

```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application  
didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
  
    /* ... */  
  
    if (![Component7 hasStaleFiles]) {    ➤  
        [Component7 deleteStaleFiles];    ➤  
    }  
  
    if(launchOptions != nil && [[Component18 sharedInstance] isStarted]) {  
        [self doThatOnlyIfNeeded];  
    }  
}
```

# Class Methods

```
@implementation Component7
```

```
+ (BOOL)hasStaleFiles {  
    //...  
    return NO;  
}
```

```
@end
```

# Class Methods

```
@implementation Component7
+ (id)sharedInstance { /*...*/ }

+ (BOOL)hasStaleFiles {
    //...
    return NO;
}

@end
```

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@implementation Component7
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- (BOOL)hasStaleFiles {
    //...
    return NO;
}

@end
```

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@implementation Component7
+ (id)sharedInstance { /*...*/ }

- (BOOL)hasStaleFiles {
    //...
    return NO;
}

+ (BOOL)hasStaleFiles {
    return [[Component7 sharedInstance] hasStaleFiles];
}

@end
```

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    }  
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didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
  
/* ... */  
  
if (![self.component7 hasStaleFiles]) { ➔  
    [self.component7 deleteStaleFiles]; ➔  
}  
  
if(launchOptions != nil && [[Component18 sharedInstance] isStarted]) {  
    [self doThatOnlyIfNeeded];  
}
```

# Untested Fixes

```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application  
    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {  
    /*...*/  
    // Multiline description of the fix for some problem  
    // another line  
    // another line  
    // Can't touch this!   
  
    if([self isRunningOnOldIOS]) {  
        for (UIWindow *window in [[UIApplication sharedApplication] windows]) {  
            if (window.rootViewController == nil) {  
                window.rootViewController = [[ViewController alloc]  
                    init];  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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/*...*/
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// Can't touch this! ⚡

if([self isRunningOnOldIOS]) {
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// Multiline description of the fix for some problem
// another line
// another line
// Can't touch this! *
```

```
if([self isRunningOnOldIOS]) {
    for (UIWindow *window in [application ➤ windows]) {
        if (window.rootViewController == nil) {
            window.rootViewController = [[ViewController alloc]
                init];
        }
    }
}
```

# Unit Tests

prepare( Dependencies ) -> test( App Delegate ) -> verify( Interactions )

# Unit Tests

```
func testApplicationDidFinishLaunchingWithOptions {  
    //Arrange  
    let app = ApplicationStub()  
  
    //Act  
    appDelegate.application(app, didFinishLaunchingWithOptions: [:])  
  
    //Assert  
    XCTAssertTrue(component1Stub.startCalled)  
    XCTAssertTrue(component97Stub.activateCalled)  
    //...  
}
```

# Happy End

- approach paid off 
- logic maintained 
-  code ready for refactoring
- goal achieved -> performance improved 

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a landscape at night or in low light. A path or riverbed winds through the center of the frame, bordered by dense, silhouetted trees and foliage. The scene has a mysterious, almost ethereal quality.

# Quicksands

# Quicksands

- ✅ tests that don't actually test anything
- many 3rd party libraries without a wrapper 🎁
- many libraries doing the same 🛡️
- 👑 complicated inheritance class D: C: B: A: BaseClass
- ObjC Massive View Controllers hidden 🦚 by Swift extensions



Legacy Code

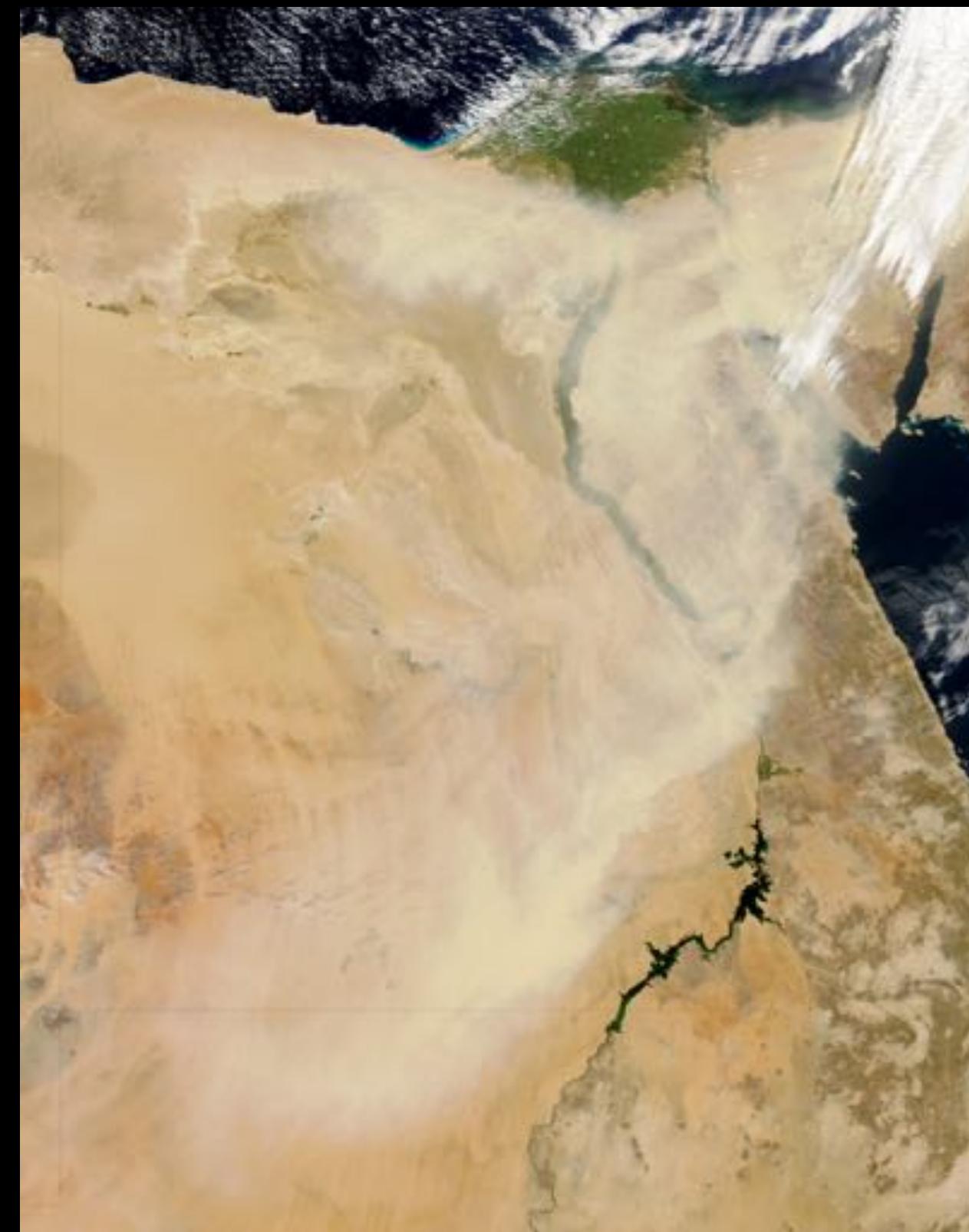
# Legacy Code

Every piece of **code** not covered by **unit tests**

# Test Driven Development [TDD]

- red  -> green  -> refactor 
- save time for you and others in the future 
-  preserve information how your code works
- make reality less blurry 







# Grazie mille!



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What **quicksands** have you encountered in the  
codebase you worked on?