Java SE
Advanced Language Features

Records

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Advanced features of Java

Become an advanced Java developer

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Version Check

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This course was created by using:

- Java SE 21
- IntelliJ IDEA 2021.3 and 2024.1

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This course is 100% applicable to:

- Java SE 21 or newer
- Any IDE or text editor that supports Java

Overview

- Records
- Sealed Classes and Interfaces
- Pattern Matching
- Advanced Classes and Interfaces
- Advanced Generics
- Lambda Expressions and Method References
- Annotations
- Optional
- Try-with-resources and AutoCloseable

Examples and Exercises

Find the examples and exercises on the Pluralsight course page

Learn by working with the subject yourself

Immutable Data Objects

Immutable object

An object of which the state cannot be changed
after the object is constructed.

Examples of Immutable Classes

String

Wrapper classes for primitive types (Integer, Long, ...)

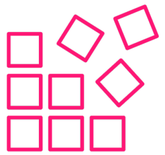
BigInteger, BigDecimal

Date and time classes in the package java.time

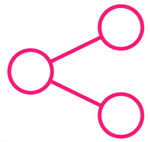
Advantages of Immutability

Immutability makes programs less complicated

Immutable objects are thread-safe



Collections such as HashMap and HashSet expect immutability



Immutable objects can be safely shared and reused

```java
// Inefficient code!
String str = "";
for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
    str = str + "hello ";
}
```

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new String: "hello "
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...
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Disadvantages of Immutability

Example: String concatenation in a loop

```
// Use StringBuilder instead
StringBuilder builder = new StringBuilder();
for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
    builder.append("hello ");
}
String str = builder.toString();
```

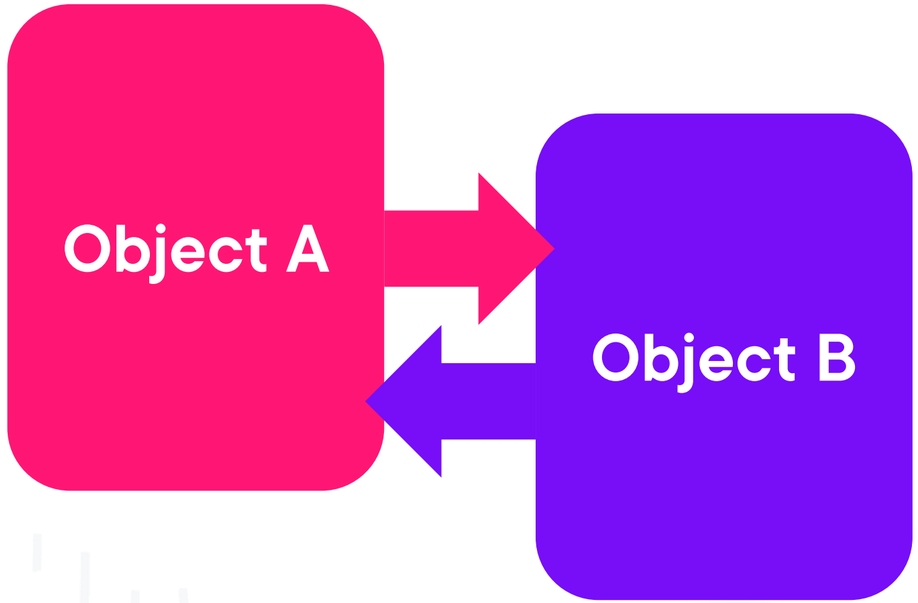
Disadvantages of Immutability

Example: String concatenation in a loop

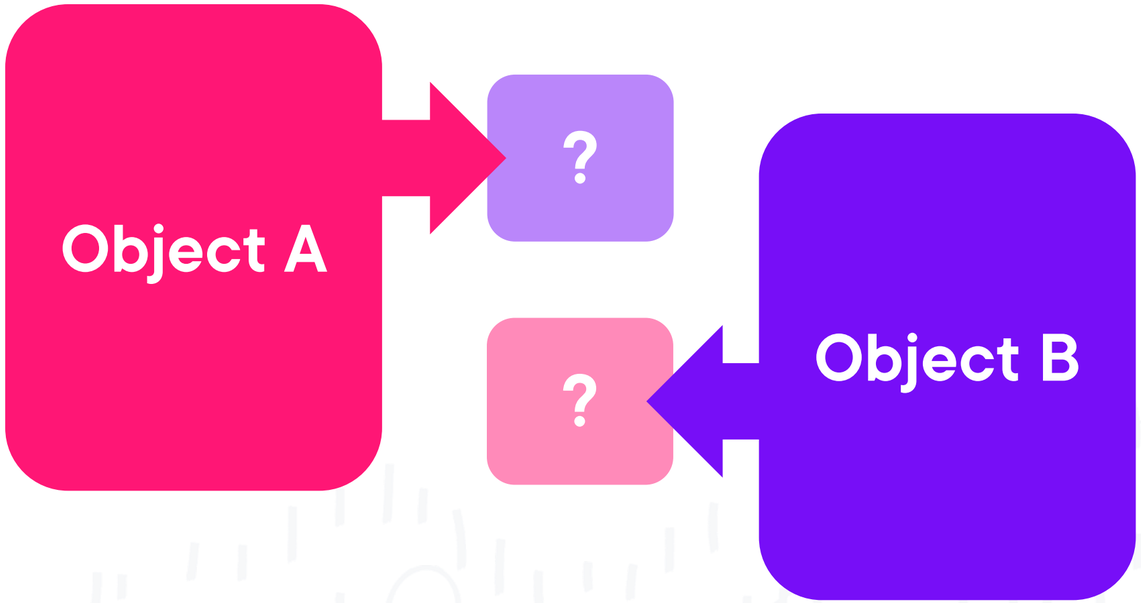
Disadvantages of Immutability

Circular references

Mutable objects



Immutable objects



The Class Hierarchy of Records

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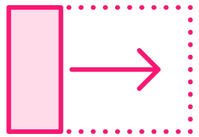
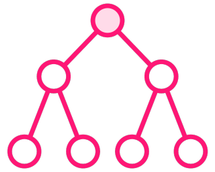
Records are implicitly final



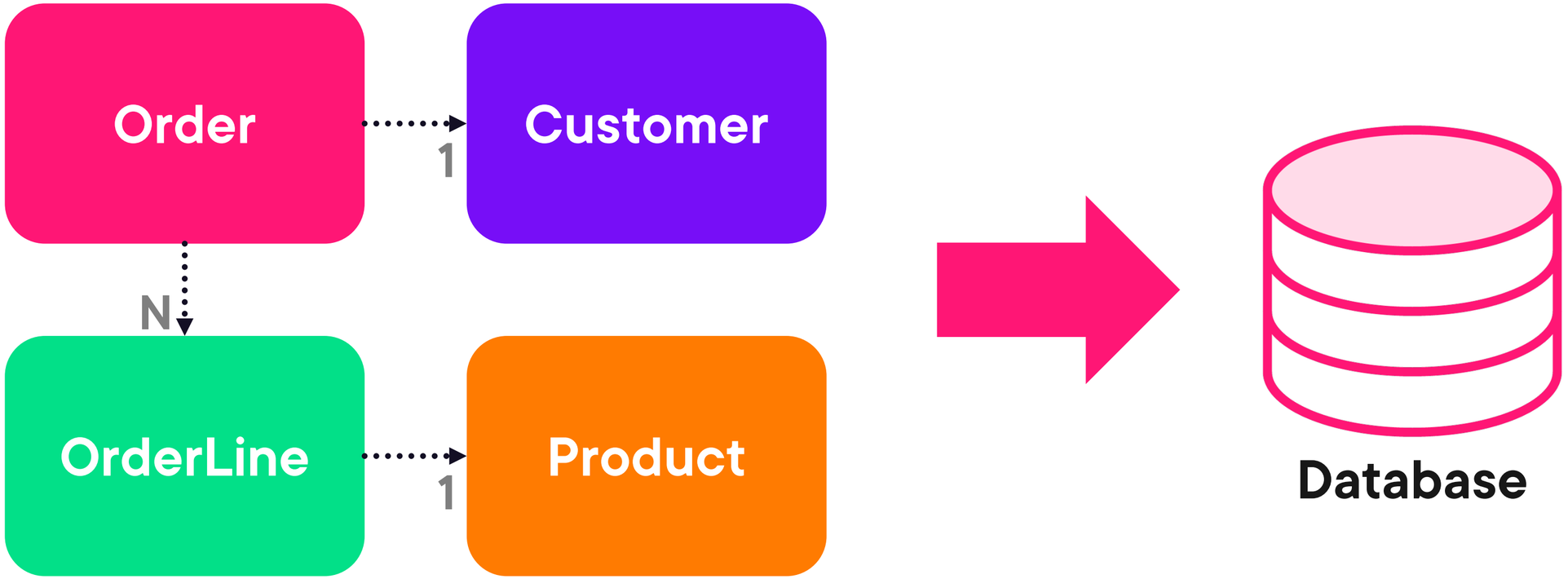
Records cannot extend classes, but can implement interfaces



The common superclass for records is java.lang.Record

Practical Use Cases for Records

Domain Objects

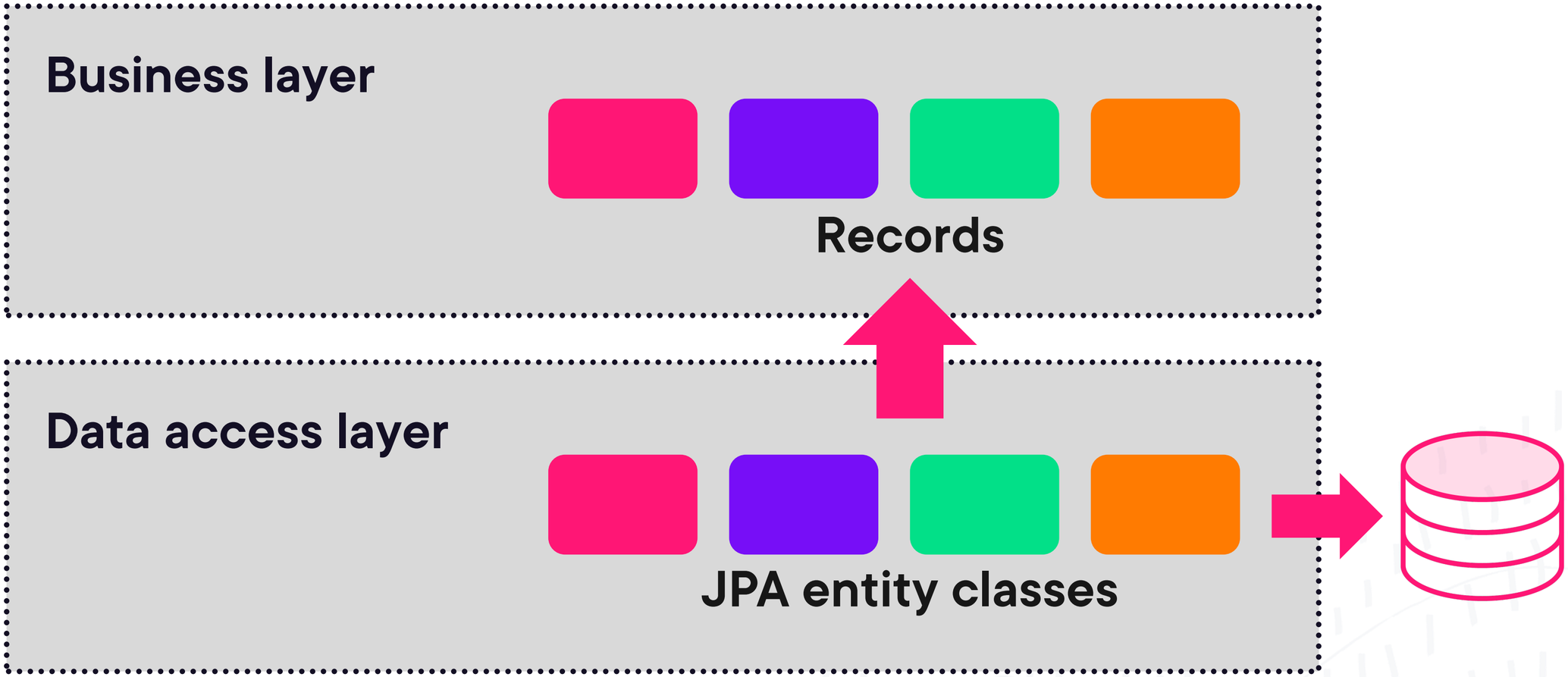


Domain model

JPA (Java Persistence API)

Records cannot be used for JPA entities

Domain Objects – Layered Architecture



Value Objects

Examples

- String
- Integer, Long, ...
- BigInteger
  BigDecimal
- java.time

A value object does not have an identity

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Customer
Joe Smith

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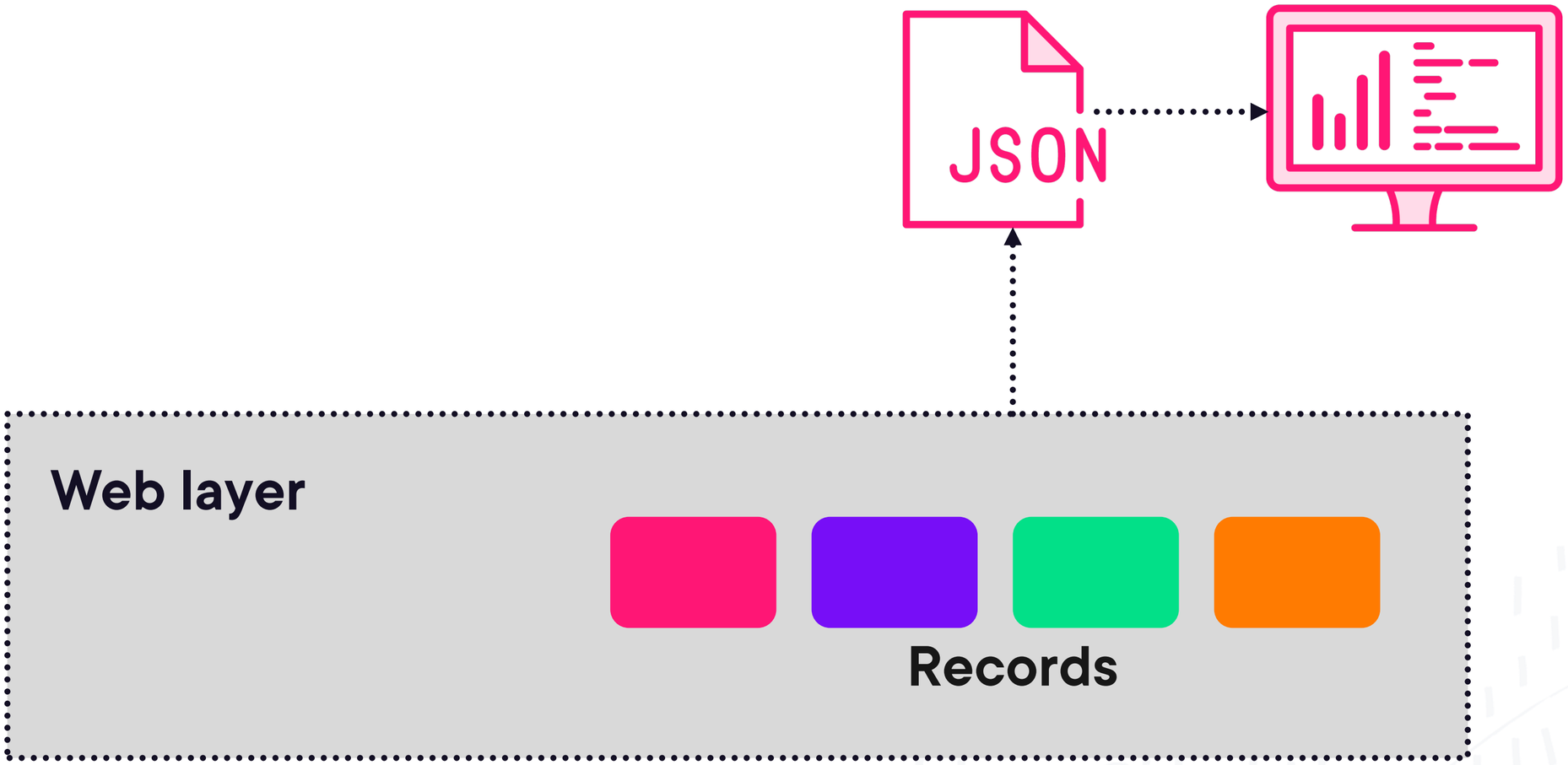
Joe Smith

Data Transfer Objects



Non-Use Cases for Records

JavaBeans

Records are not a direct replacement for JavaBeans

Singletons

The canonical constructor cannot be made private

Summary

Immutability

Records

- Components of a record
- Accessor methods
- Canonical constructor
- equals, hashCode, toString
- Compact constructor
- Additional constructors
- java.lang.Record

Summary

Use Cases

- Domain objects
- Value objects
- Data transfer objects
- Not for: JPA entities
- No direct replacement for JavaBeans
- Not for: Singletons

Builder Pattern

“Wither” Methods

Up Next:

Sealed Classes and Interfaces