



# Kotlin Coroutines in Practice



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# Coroutines recap



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# Quantity

数量

质量

~~Quantity~~ → Quality

# A practical challenge

```
suspend fun downloadContent(location: Location): Content
```

```
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```

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## Sequential

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Parallel

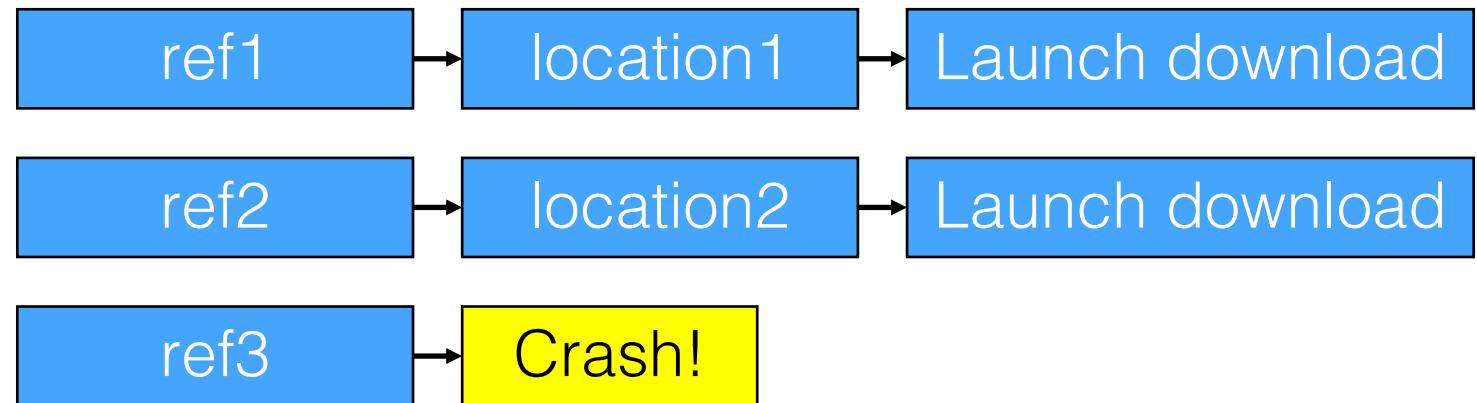


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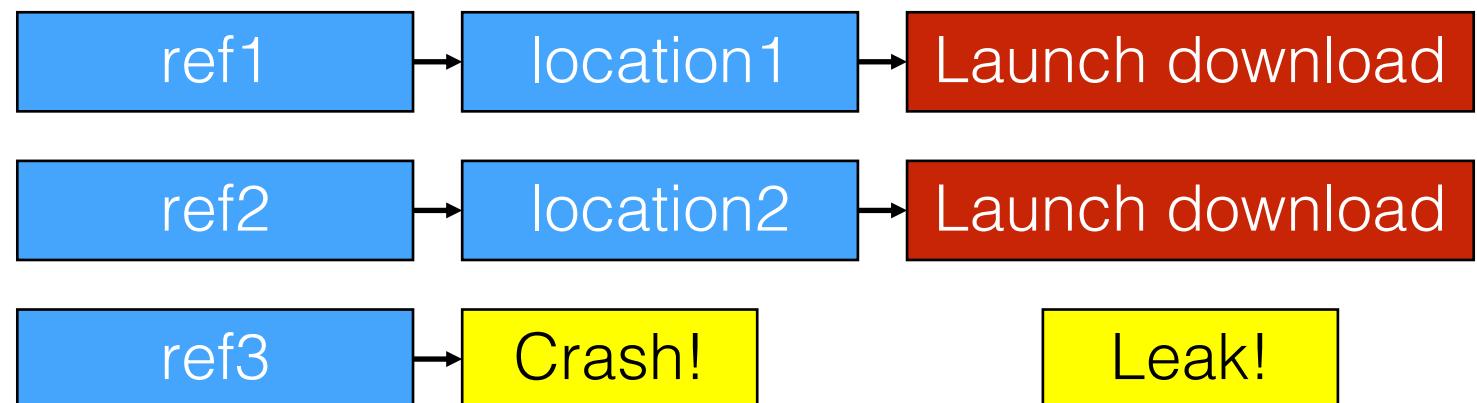
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# Structured concurrency



```
fun processReferences(refs: List<Reference>)
```

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Suspend fun processReferences(refs: List<Reference>)
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```
suspend fun processReferences(refs: List<Reference>) =  
    coroutineScope {  
        ...  
    }
```

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                processContent(ref, content)  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
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Child

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```

cancels

Crash?

```
suspend fun processReferences(refs: List<Reference>) =  
    coroutineScope { ←  
        for (ref in refs) {  
            val location = ref.resolveLocation() } Crash?  
            else {  
                launch {  
                    val content = downloadContent(location)  
                    processContent(ref, content)  
                }  
            }  
    }  
    }  
  
    Waits for completion
```

Never leaks jobs

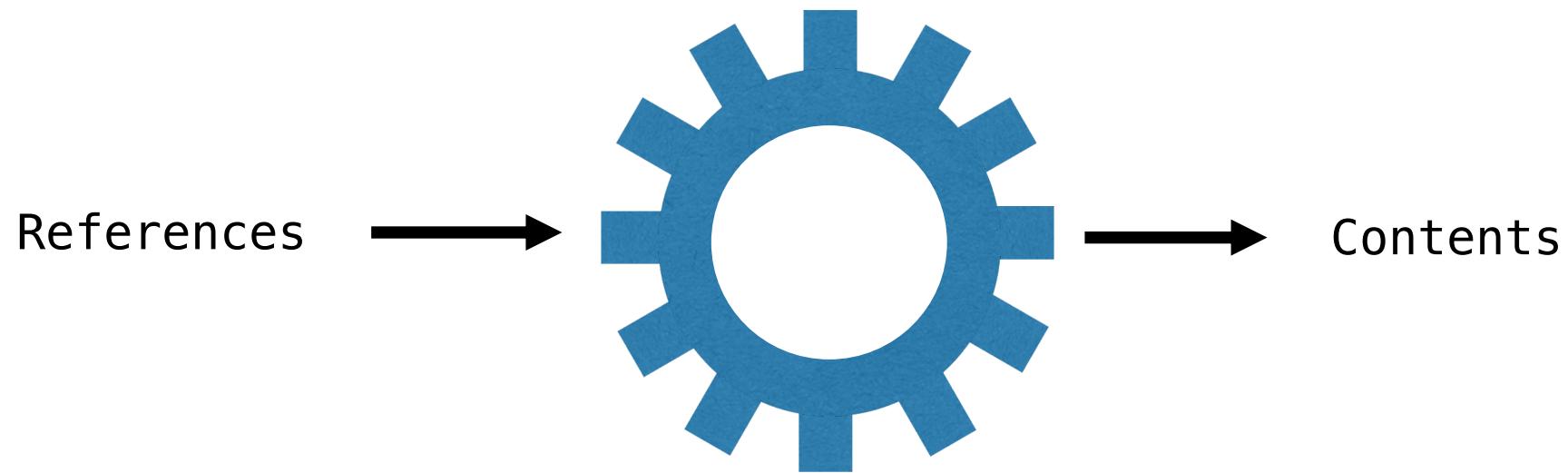
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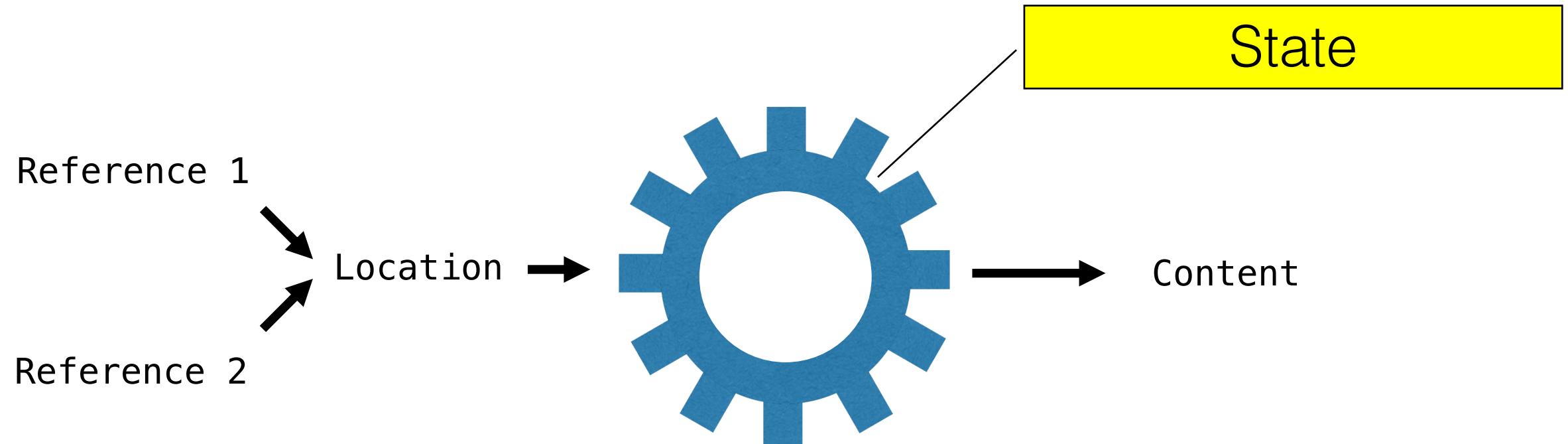
# The state



# Download process



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Concurrent

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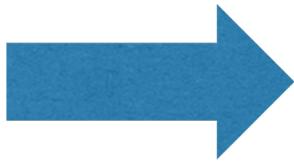
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}
```

Shared + Mutable =

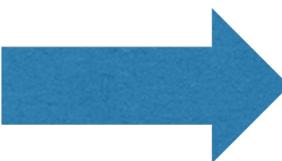


Shared  
Mutable State



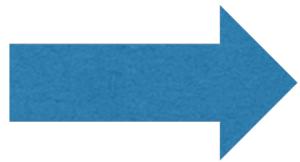
Share by  
Communicating

Synchronization  
Primitives



Communication  
Primitives

classes



coroutines

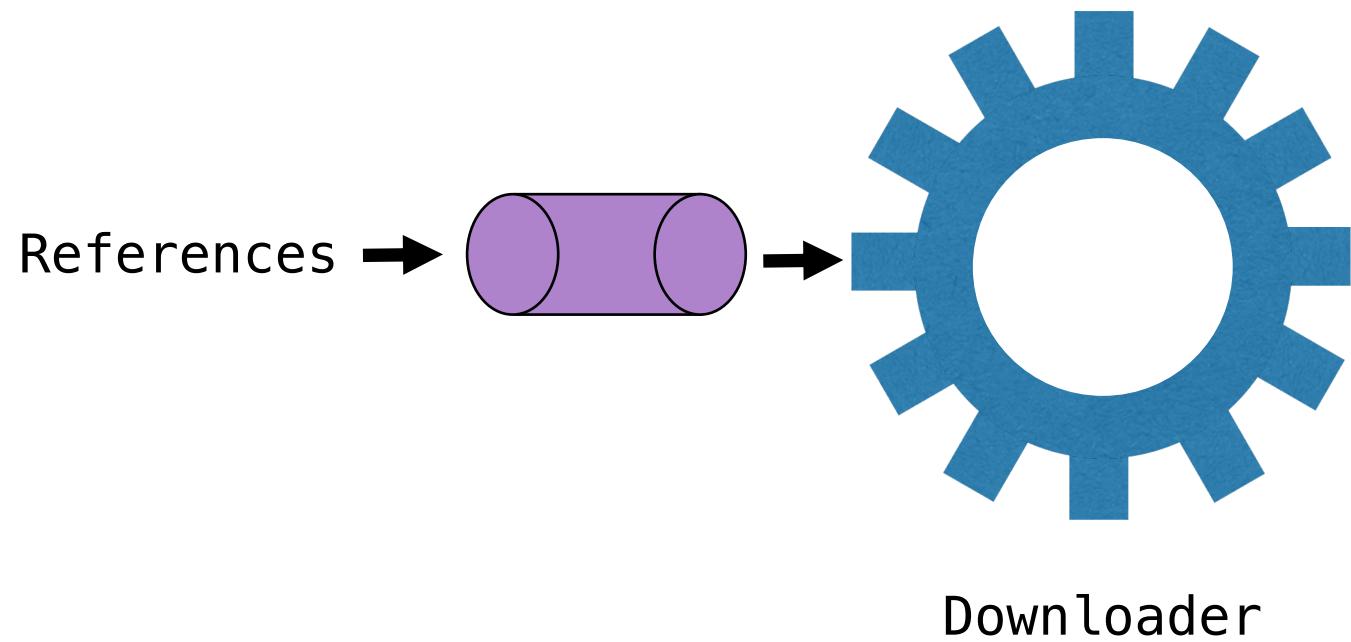
Does not share mutable state

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launch {  
    val requested = mutableSetOf<Location>()  
    ...  
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# Channel



```
fun CoroutineScope.downloader(  
    references: ReceiveChannel<Reference>,  
) =  
    launch {  
        ...  
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Child

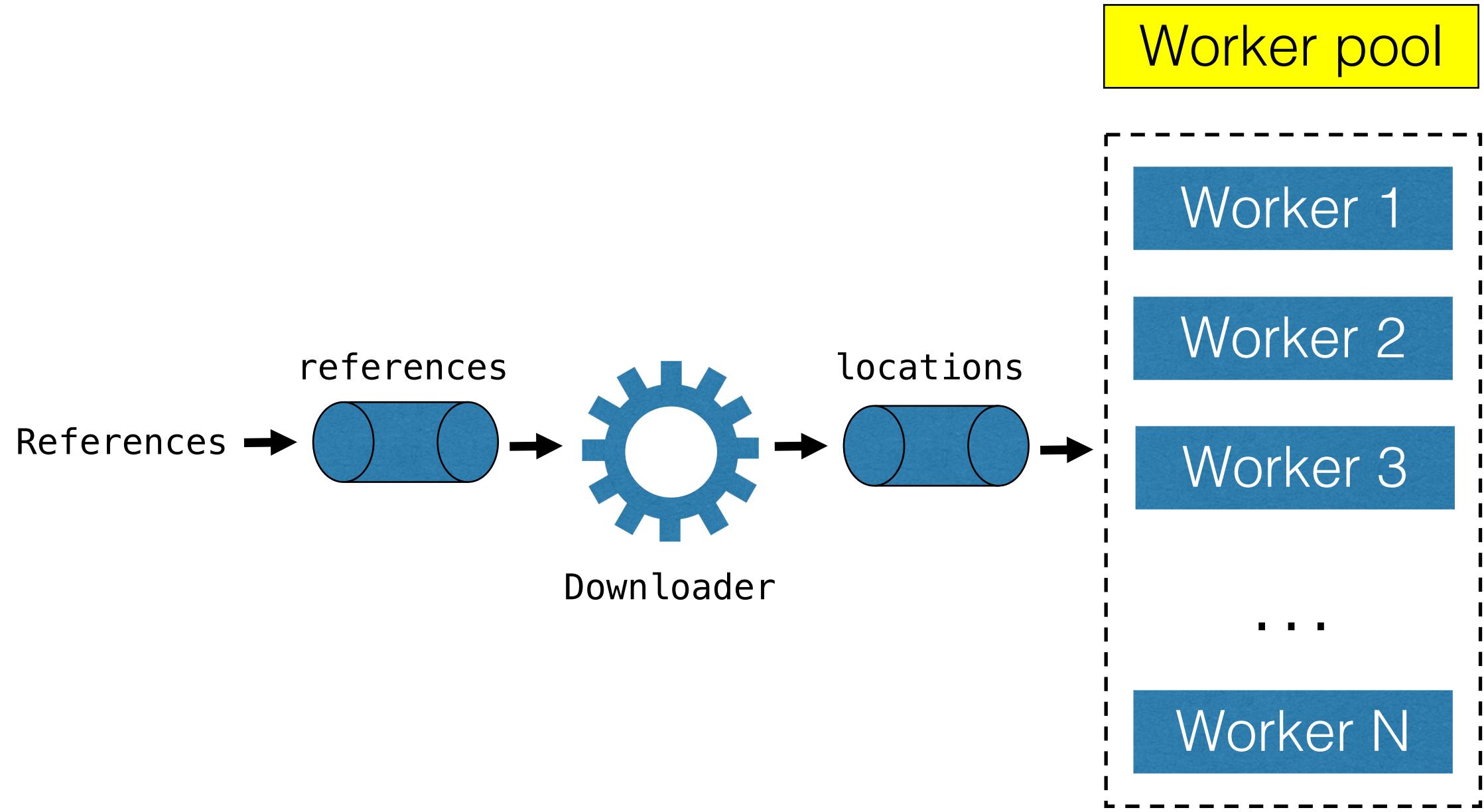
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            }  
            // ... wait for result ...  
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    }
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Coroutines are cheap! But the work they do...



# Limiting concurrency





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fun CoroutineScope.downloader(  
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        }  
    }
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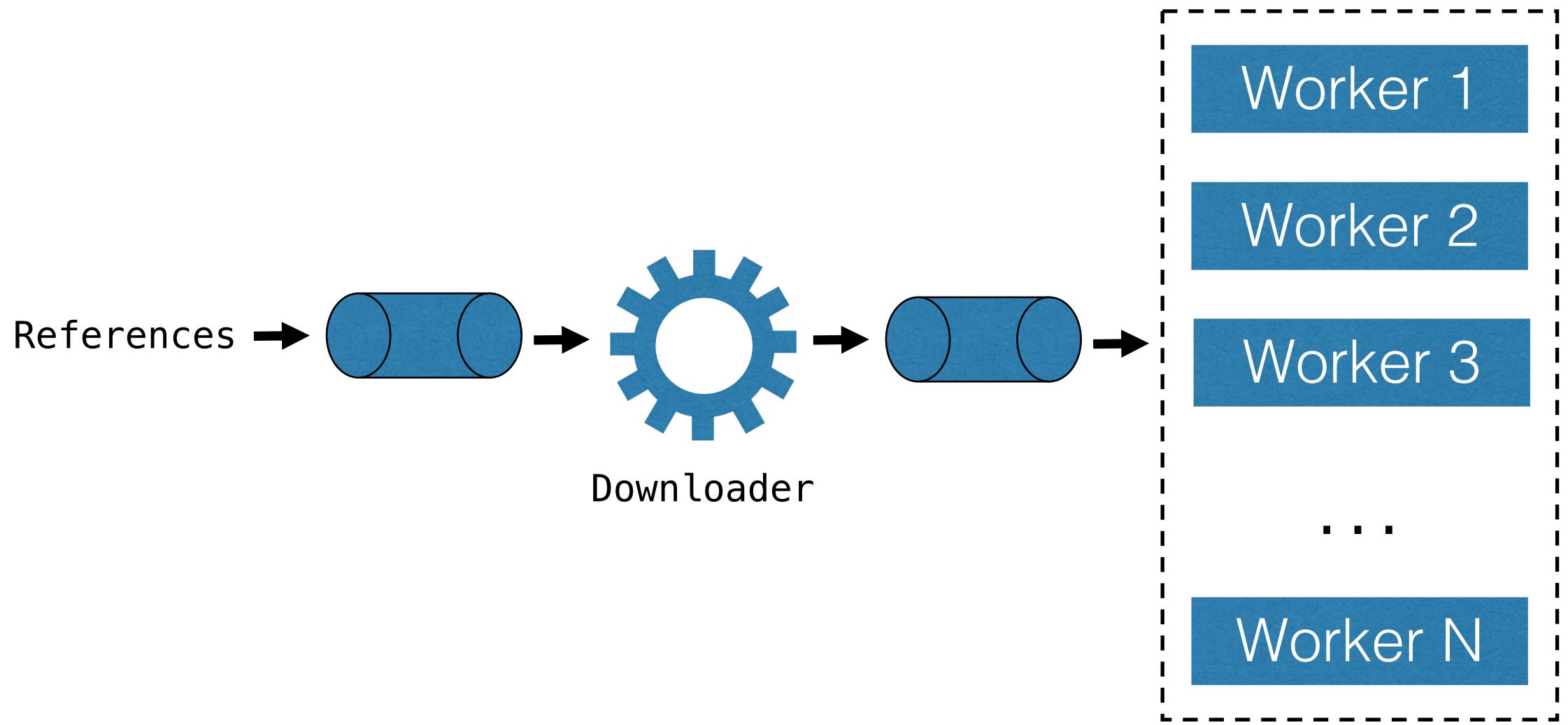
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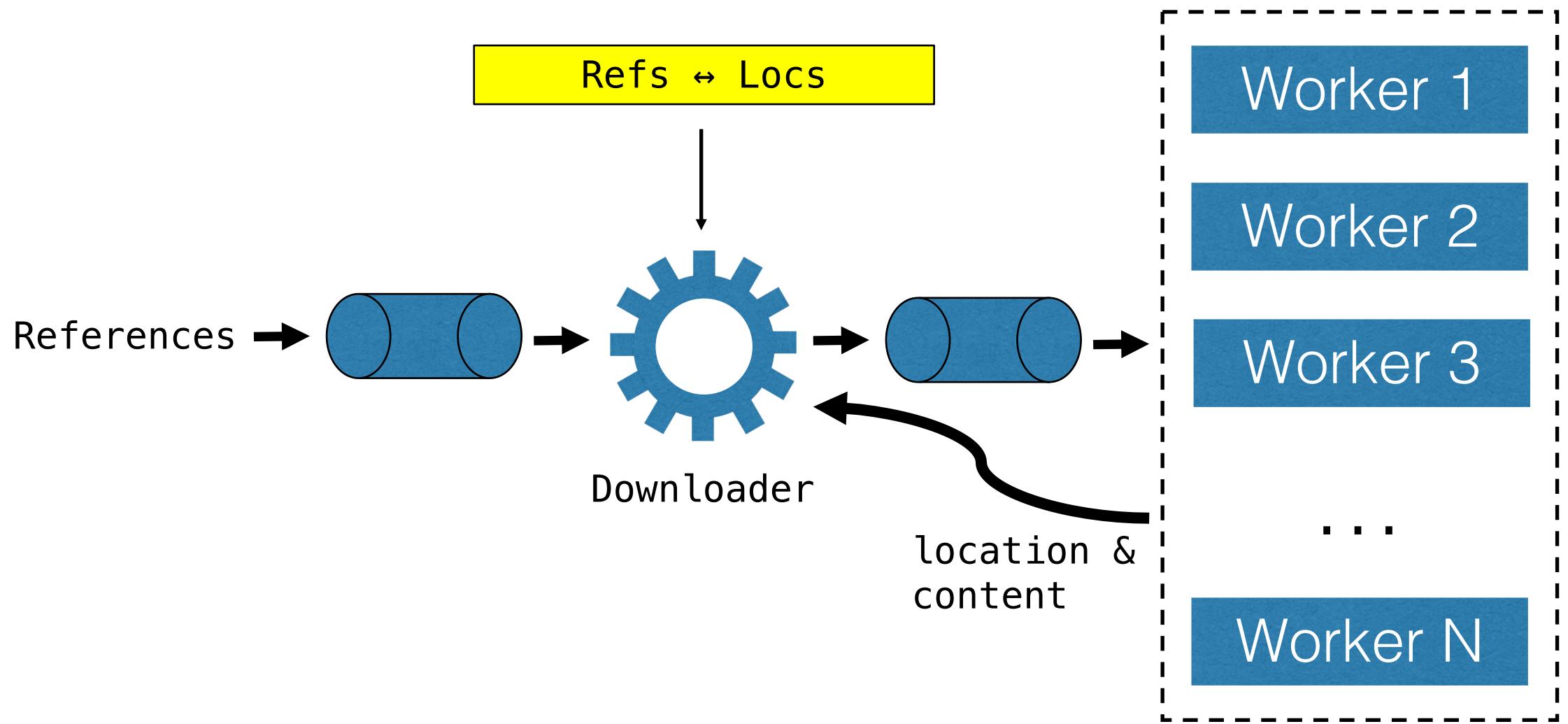
Fan-out

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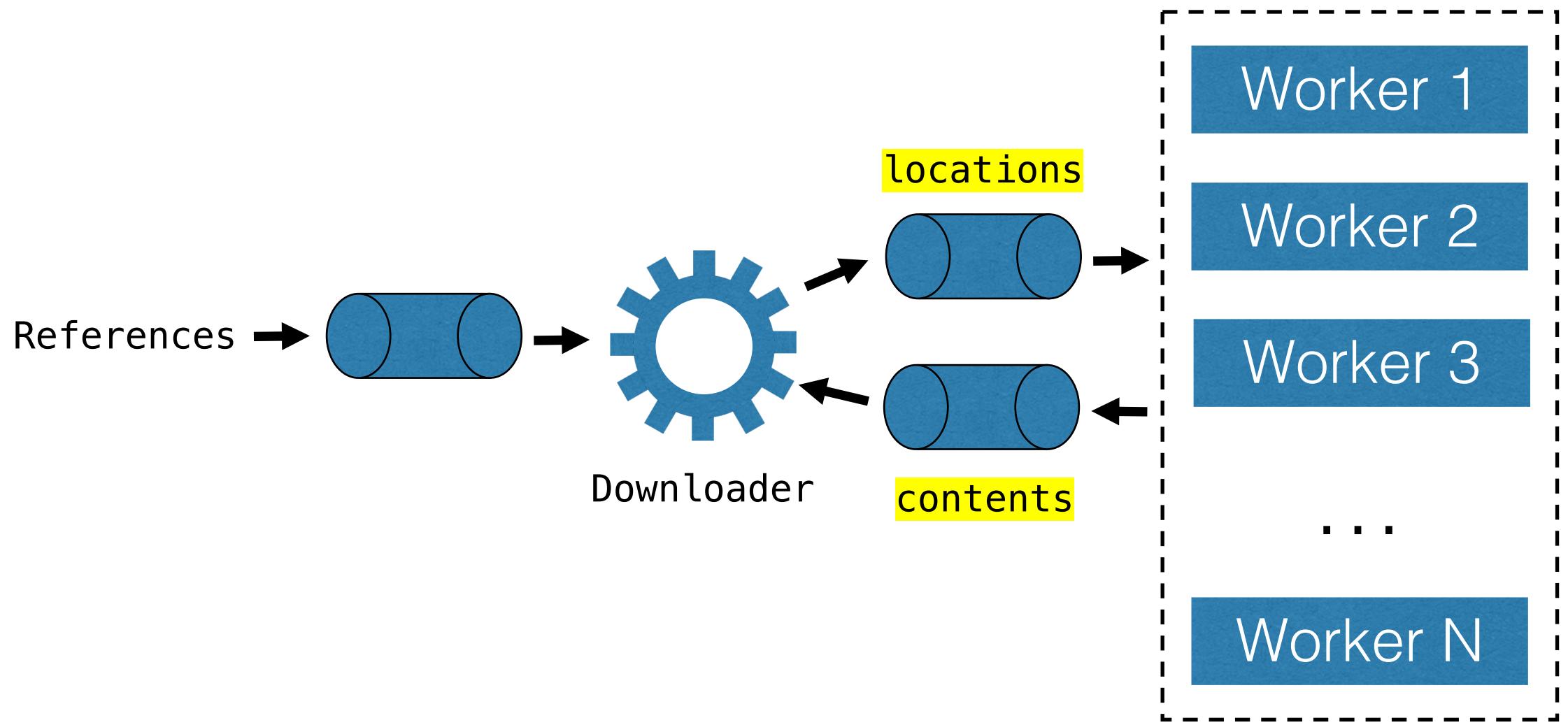
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)
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    contents: SendChannel<LocContent>
) =
    launch {
        for (loc in locations) {
            val content = downloadContent(loc)
            contents.send(LocContent(loc, content))
        }
    }
}
```



```
fun CoroutineScope.downloader(  
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    locations: SendChannel<Location>,  
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)
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    locations: SendChannel<Location>,  
    contents: ReceiveChannel<LocContent>  
) =  
    launch {  
        val requested = mutableSetOf<Location>()  
        for (ref in references) {  
            val location = ref.resolveLocation()  
            if (requested.add(location)) {  
                locations.send(location)  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Hmm....



# Select



```
select {
    references.onReceive { ref ->
        ...
    }
    contents.onReceive { (loc, content) ->
        ...
    }
}
```

```
select {
    references.onReceive { ref ->
        ...
    }
    contents.onReceive { (loc, content) ->
        ...
    }
}
```

```
select<Unit> {
    references.onReceive { ref ->
        ...
    }
    contents.onReceive { (loc, content) ->
        ...
    }
}
```

```
launch {  
    val requested = mutableMapOf<Location, MutableList<Reference>>()  
    ...  
}
```

```
launch {
    val requested = mutableMapOf<Location, MutableList<Reference>>()
    while (true) {
        select<Unit> {
            references.onReceive { ref -> ... }
            contents.onReceive { (loc, content) -> ... }
        }
    }
}
```

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    while (true) {
        select<Unit> {
            references.onReceive { ref ->
                val loc = ref.resolveLocation()
                val refs = requested[loc]
                ...
            }
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    while (true) {
        select<Unit> {
            references.onReceive { ref ->
                val loc = ref.resolveLocation()
                val refs = requested[loc]
                if (refs == null) {
                    requested[loc] = mutableListOf(ref)
                    locations.send(loc)
                }
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                } else {
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                }
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                    locations.send(loc)
                } else {
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                }
            }
            contents.onReceive { (loc, content) -> ... }
        }
    }
}
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No concurrency

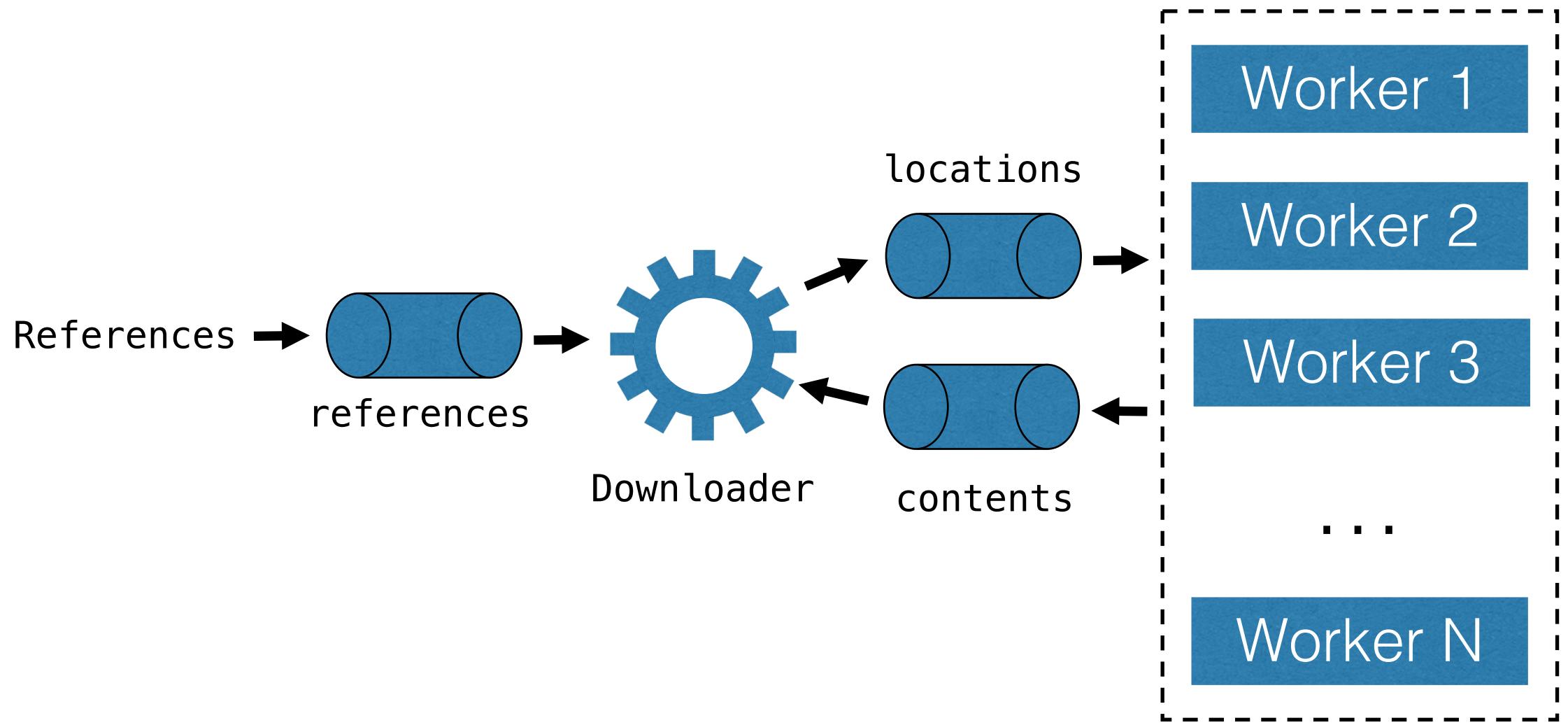
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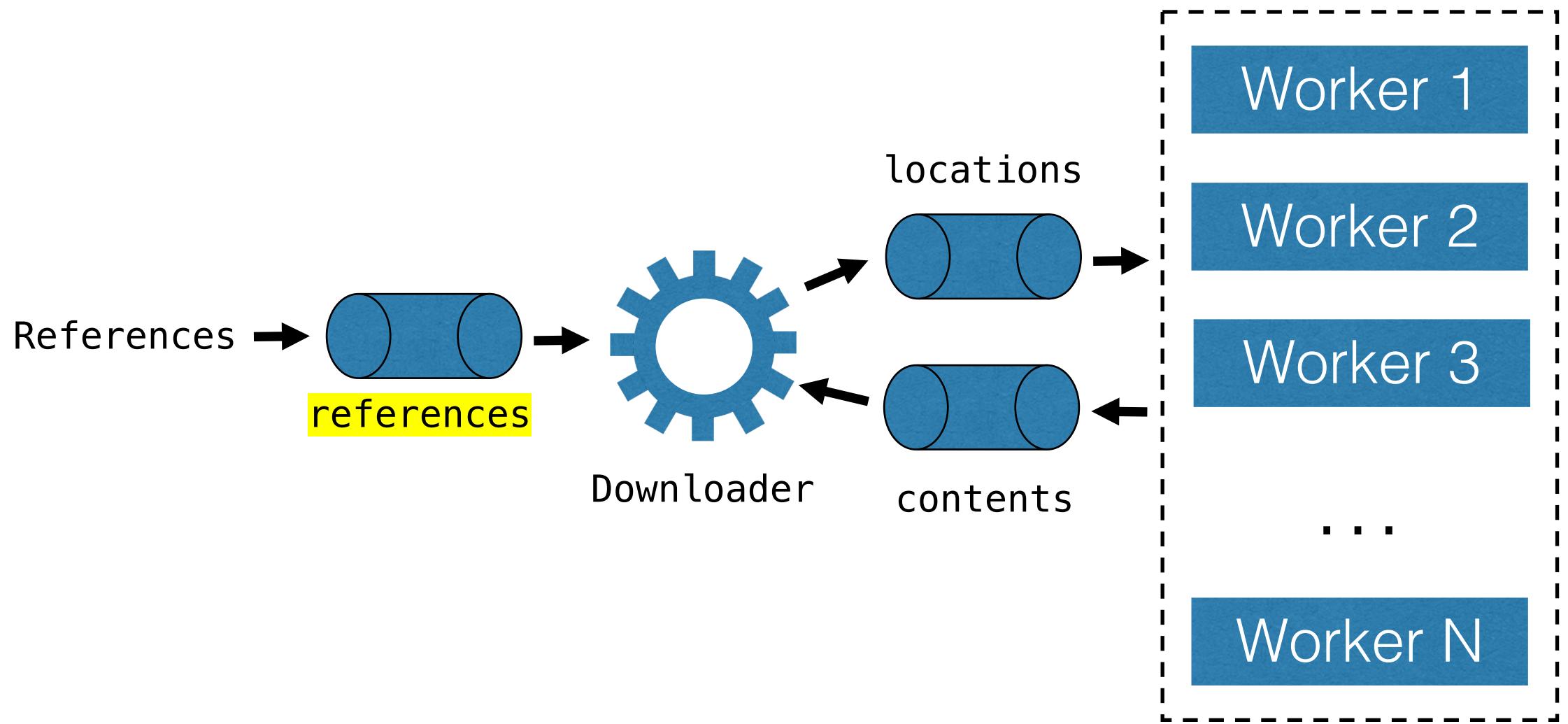
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    while (true) {
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            contents.onReceive { (loc, content) ->
                val refs = requested.remove(loc)!!
                for (ref in refs) {
                    processContent(ref, content)
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```



# Putting it all together





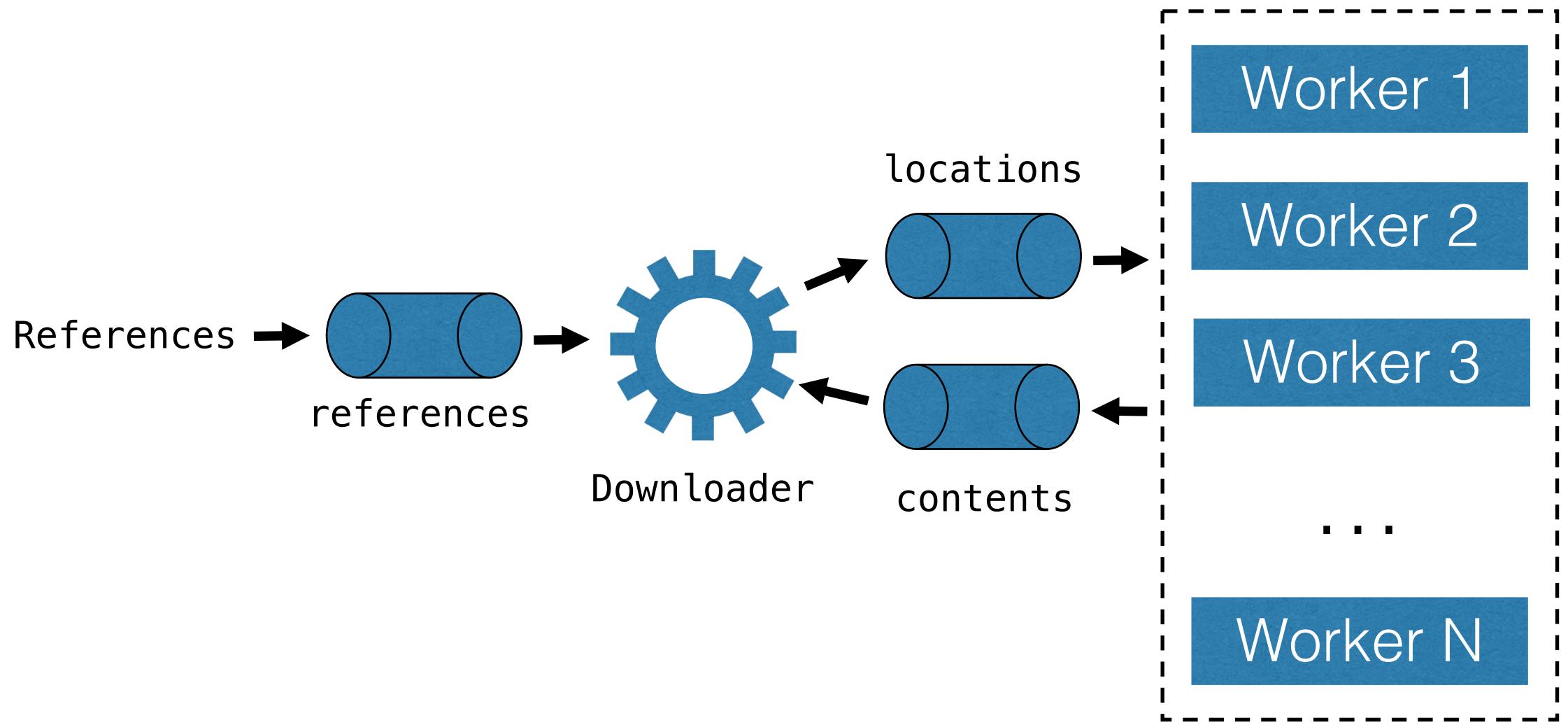


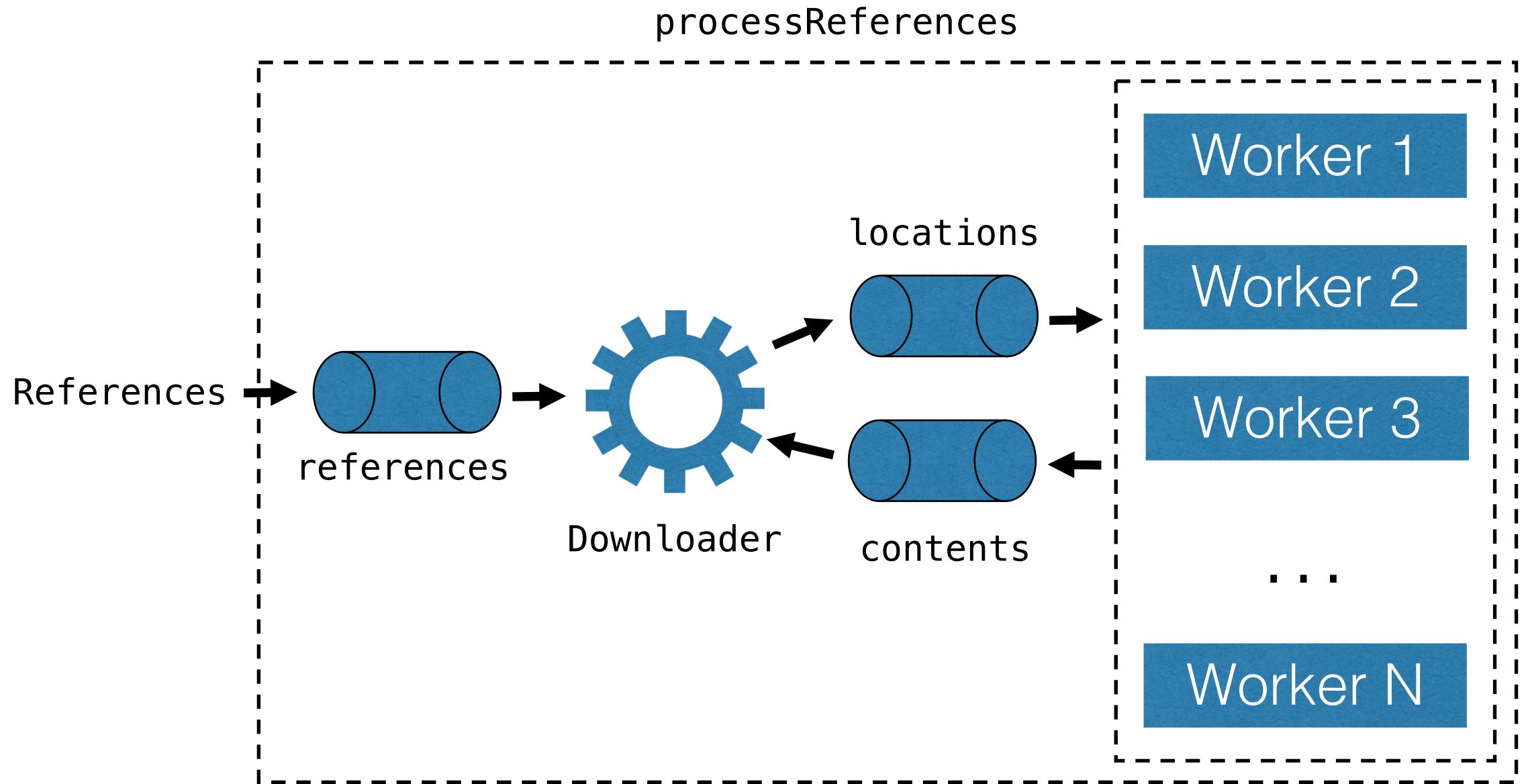
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fun CoroutineScope.processReferences(  
    references: ReceiveChannel<Reference>  
) {  
    val locations = Channel<Location>()  
    val contents = Channel<LocContent>()  
    repeat(N_WORKERS) { worker(locations, contents) }  
    downloader(references, locations, contents)  
}
```

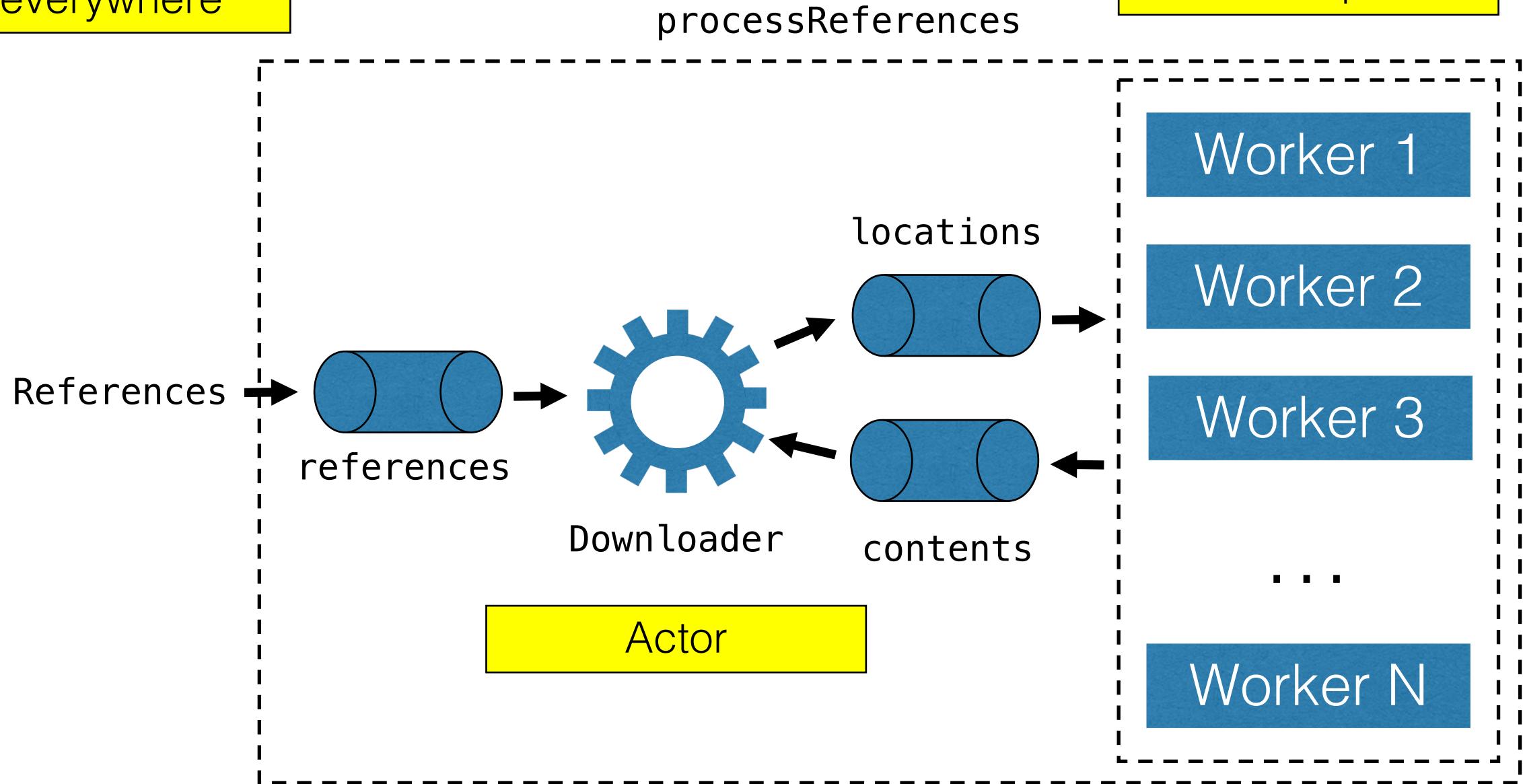
```
fun CoroutineScope.processReferences(  
    references: ReceiveChannel<Reference>  
) {  
    val locations = Channel<Location>()  
    val contents = Channel<LocContent>()  
    repeat(N_WORKERS) { worker(locations, contents) }  
    downloader(references, locations, contents)  
}
```





Patterns  
everywhere

Worker pool



```
fun CoroutineScope.processReferences(...)
```



# Root CoroutineScope



```
class SomethingWithLifecycle {  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
    override val coroutineContext: CoroutineContext  
        get() = ...  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
    private val job = Job()  
  
    override val coroutineContext: CoroutineContext  
        get() = ...  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
    private val job = Job()  
  
    fun dispose() { ... }  
  
    override val coroutineContext: CoroutineContext  
        get() = ...  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
    private val job = Job()  
  
    fun close() { ... }  
  
    override val coroutineContext: CoroutineContext  
        get() = ...  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
    private val job = Job()  
  
    fun close() {  
        job.cancel()  
    }  
  
    override val coroutineContext: CoroutineContext  
        get() = ...  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
    private val job = Job()  
  
    fun close() {  
        job.cancel()  
    }  
  
    override val coroutineContext: CoroutineContext  
        get() = job  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
    private val job = Job()  
  
    fun close() {  
        job.cancel()  
    }  
  
    override val coroutineContext: CoroutineContext  
        get() = job + Dispatchers.Main  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
    ...  
    override val coroutineContext: CoroutineContext  
        get() = job + Dispatchers.Main  
  
    fun doSomething() {  
    }  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
    ...  
    override val coroutineContext: CoroutineContext  
        get() = job + Dispatchers.Main  
  
    fun doSomething() {  
        launch { ... }  
    }  
}
```

```
class SomethingWithLifecycle : CoroutineScope {  
    ...  
    override val coroutineContext: CoroutineContext  
        get() = job + Dispatchers.Main  
  
    fun doSomething() {  
        processReferences(references)  
    }  
}
```

Never leak any coroutines



# suspend vs scope



```
suspend fun downloadContent(location: Location): Content
```

Does something long &  
waits for it to complete without blocking

```
suspend fun downloadContent(location: Location): Content
```

```
suspend fun downloadContent(location: Location): Content
```

```
fun CoroutineScope.processReferences(...)
```

```
suspend fun downloadContent(location: Location): Content
```

```
fun CoroutineScope.processReferences(...)
```

Launches new coroutines &  
quickly returns, does not wait for them



# Takeaway



Coroutines are like  
light-weight threads

Coroutines are NOT like  
threads

# Coroutines are NOT like threads

Rethink the way you  
structure your code

# Thank you

## Any questions?



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