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# Advanced NSOperations

Exploring the WWDC app

Session 226

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# *Advanced, Advanced* Operations

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# https://github.com/danthorpe/ Operations

The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request titled "Release Candidate for 3.0.0 #354" in the repository "danthorpe / Operations". The pull request is from the "master" branch to the "release/3.0.0" branch, containing 30 commits. The interface includes a top navigation bar with "Pull requests", "Issues", and "Gist" tabs. Below the repository name, there are buttons for "Unwatch", "Star" (296), and "Fork" (54). The pull request details show a conversation with 2 comments, 30 commits, and 14 files changed. A comment from "danthorpe" (the owner) is visible, dated 4 days ago. The comment text reads: "Hello! This is the release candidate branch for v3 of Operations framework. Please note that this is not a release which brings support for Swift 3.0 - the version numbers are just coincidental. If you are interested in Swift 2.3 and 3.0 compatible versions of this project, please see #343. Operations v3 is a pretty huge set of changes over 2.10, and this could not have been possible without the fantastic community support behind this project. Open Source rocks! Here is a quick rundown on some info for this release: 7 Contributors! Thanks to @J-Swift @pomozoff @big-andreasbraun @gtchance @ryanjm and @sewifflyfalling 26 Pull Requests ~ 11 bug fixes Numerous other improvements to areas such as: GroupOperation can support effective error recovery RetryOperation takes advantage of this CloudKitOperation has much better error handling support Improvements to WebpageOperation Location operations now work consistently when triggered from inside other operations. Improvements to AlertOperation". The right sidebar shows the "Labels" section with a "release" label, "Milestone" set to "No milestones", "Assignees" set to "No one - assign yourself", and "7 participants". There is also a "Notifications" section with an "Unsubscribe" button and a "Lock conversation" button at the bottom.

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Release Candidate for 3.0.0 #354

danthorpe wants to merge 30 commits into master from release/3.0.0

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danthorpe commented 4 days ago • edited

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Operations v3 is a pretty huge set of changes over 2.10, and this could not have been possible without the fantastic community support behind this project. Open Source rocks! Here is a quick rundown on some info for this release:

- 7 Contributors! Thanks to @J-Swift @pomozoff @big-andreasbraun @gtchance @ryanjm and @sewifflyfalling
- 26 Pull Requests
- ~ 11 bug fixes
- Numerous other improvements to areas such as:
  - GroupOperation can support effective error recovery
  - RetryOperation takes advantage of this
  - CloudKitOperation has much better error handling support
  - Improvements to WebpageOperation
  - Location operations now work consistently when triggered from inside other operations.
  - Improvements to AlertOperation

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You're receiving notifications because you authored the thread.

Lock conversation

# Agenda

Very Quick Recap

Advanced Operations

Beyond the Basics

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# Recap

# NSOperationQueue

High-level abstraction of **dispatch\_queue\_t**

Supports cancellation

Variable width



# NSOperation

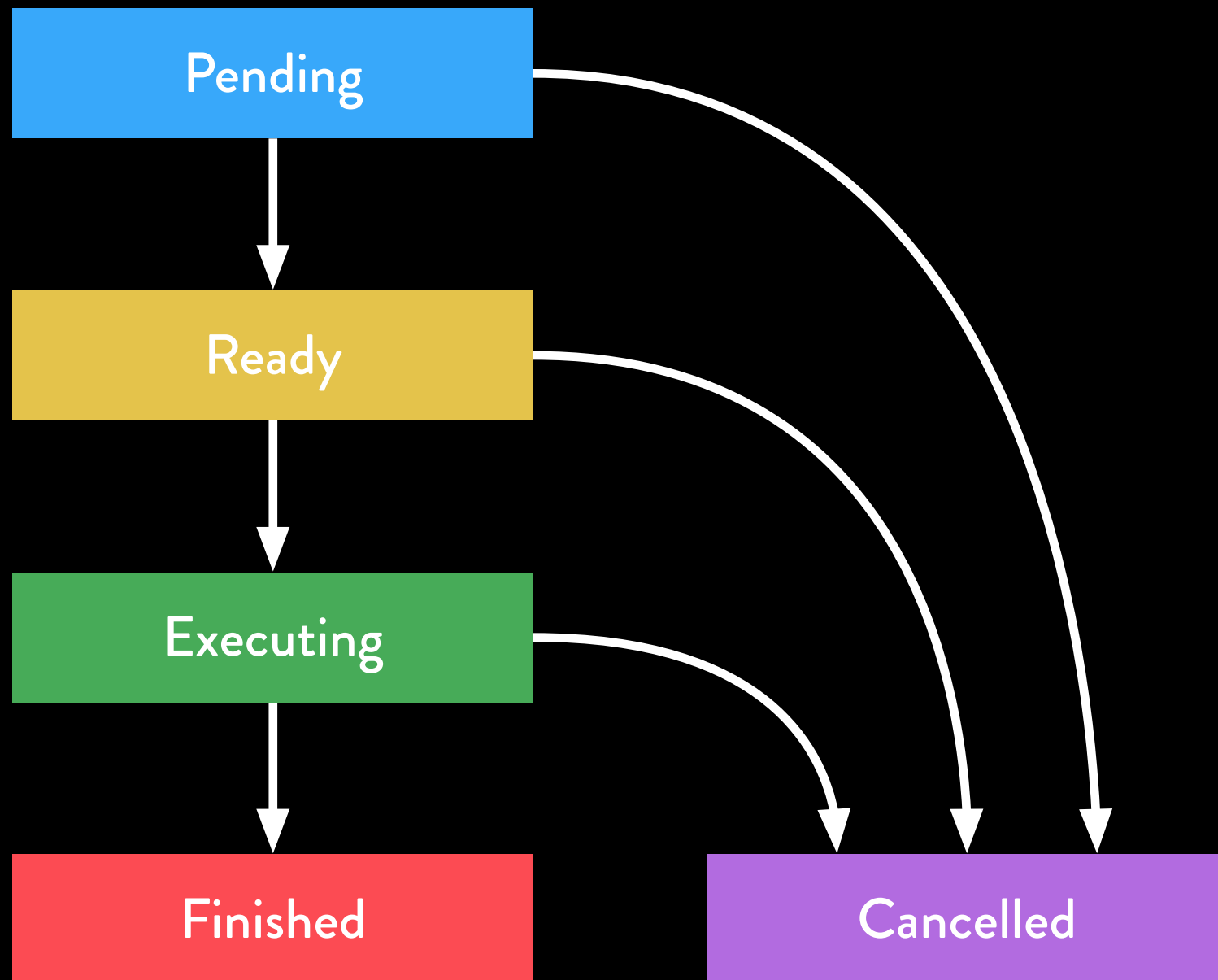
High-level abstraction of **dispatch\_block\_t**

Supports long running tasks

Supports object oriented design

Well defined lifecycle

# NSOperation Lifecycle



# Abstraction

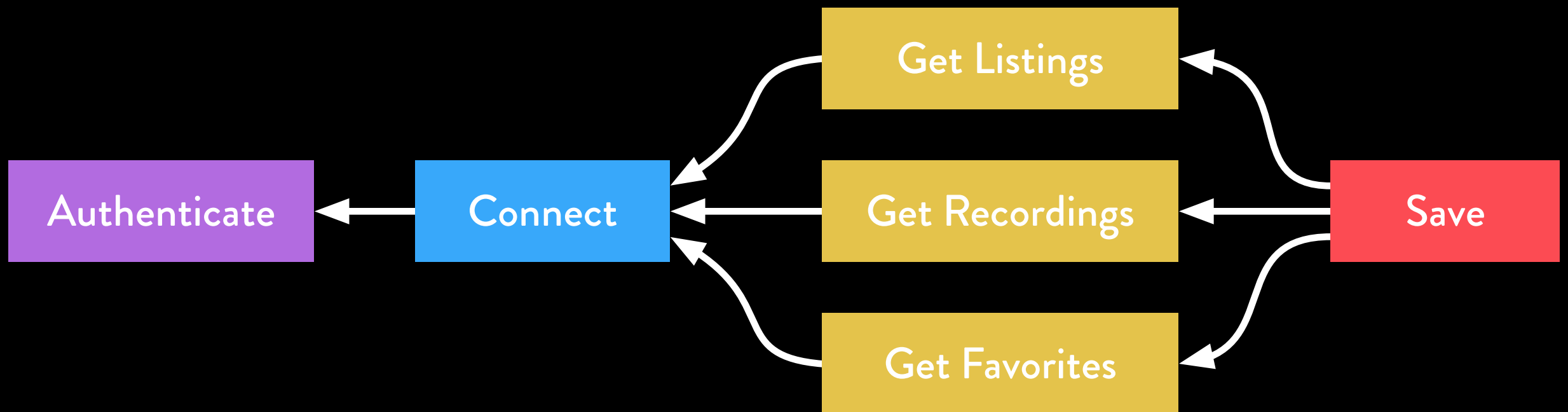
Operations abstract and isolate business logic

Encourages a decoupled and component-based architecture

Encourages code re-use

# Dependencies

*Direction of Dependencies*



*Order of Execution*



# Dependencies

Defines a strict ordering between operations

An operation will become ready, when all of its dependencies have finished

Works across operation queues

# Advanced Operations

# Finished vs Failed

NSOperation instances always finish

No definition of success or failure

Operation supports the concept of finishing with errors

An operation which fails has still finished

# Conditions

Conditions express the requirements needed to execute an operation

Conditions can “gate” functionality based on outside factors or business logic

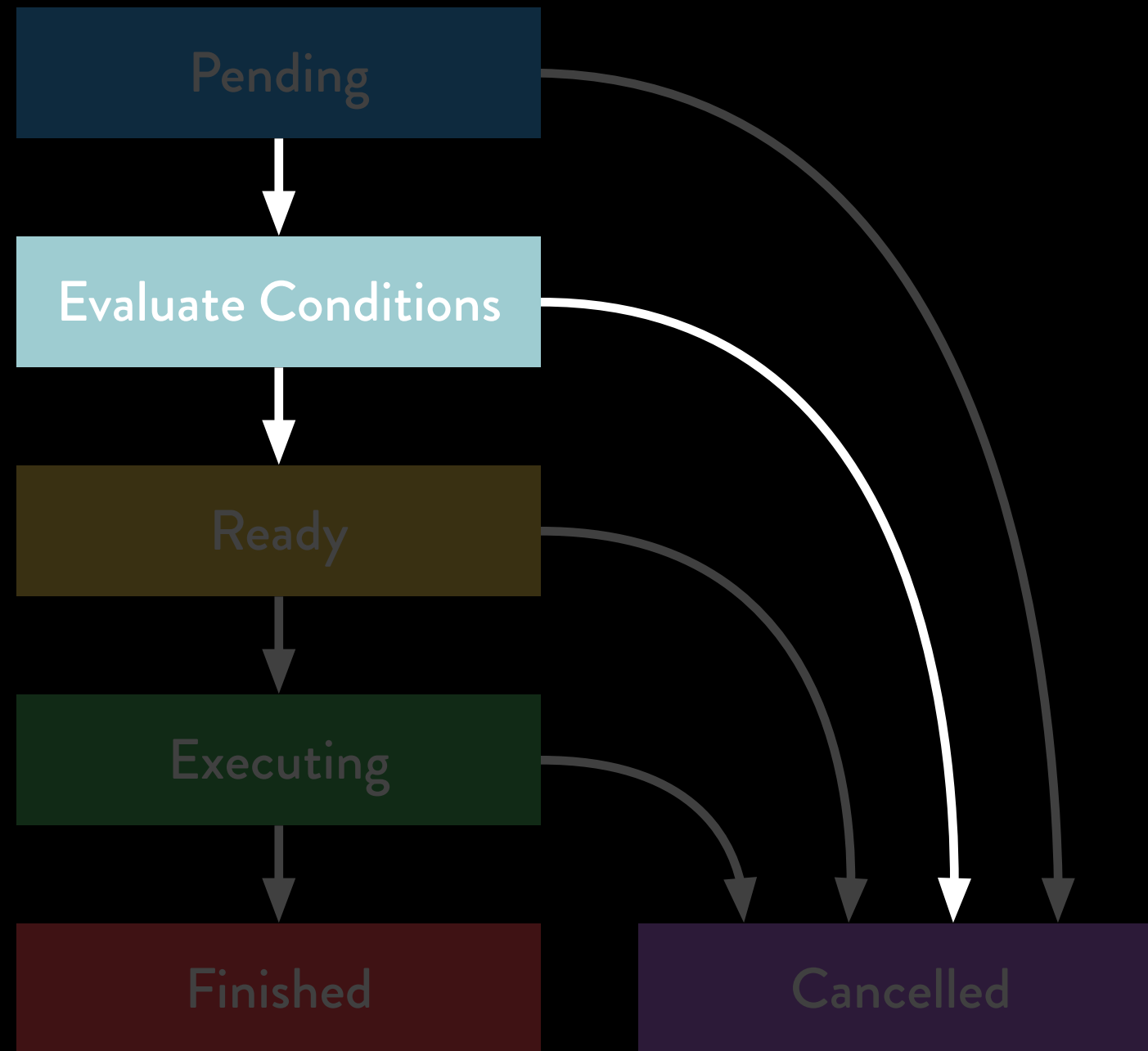
Conditions are attached to an Operation

Conditions are evaluated *asynchronously* to either succeed or fail with an error

Conditions are Operations



# How *did* conditions work?



# Evolution

# Evaluating Conditions

Must override isReady

Begin evaluating conditions when super is ready

Sets ready state asynchronously from with its getter

Very subtle bugs in NSOperation

Do not override isReady

# Conditions

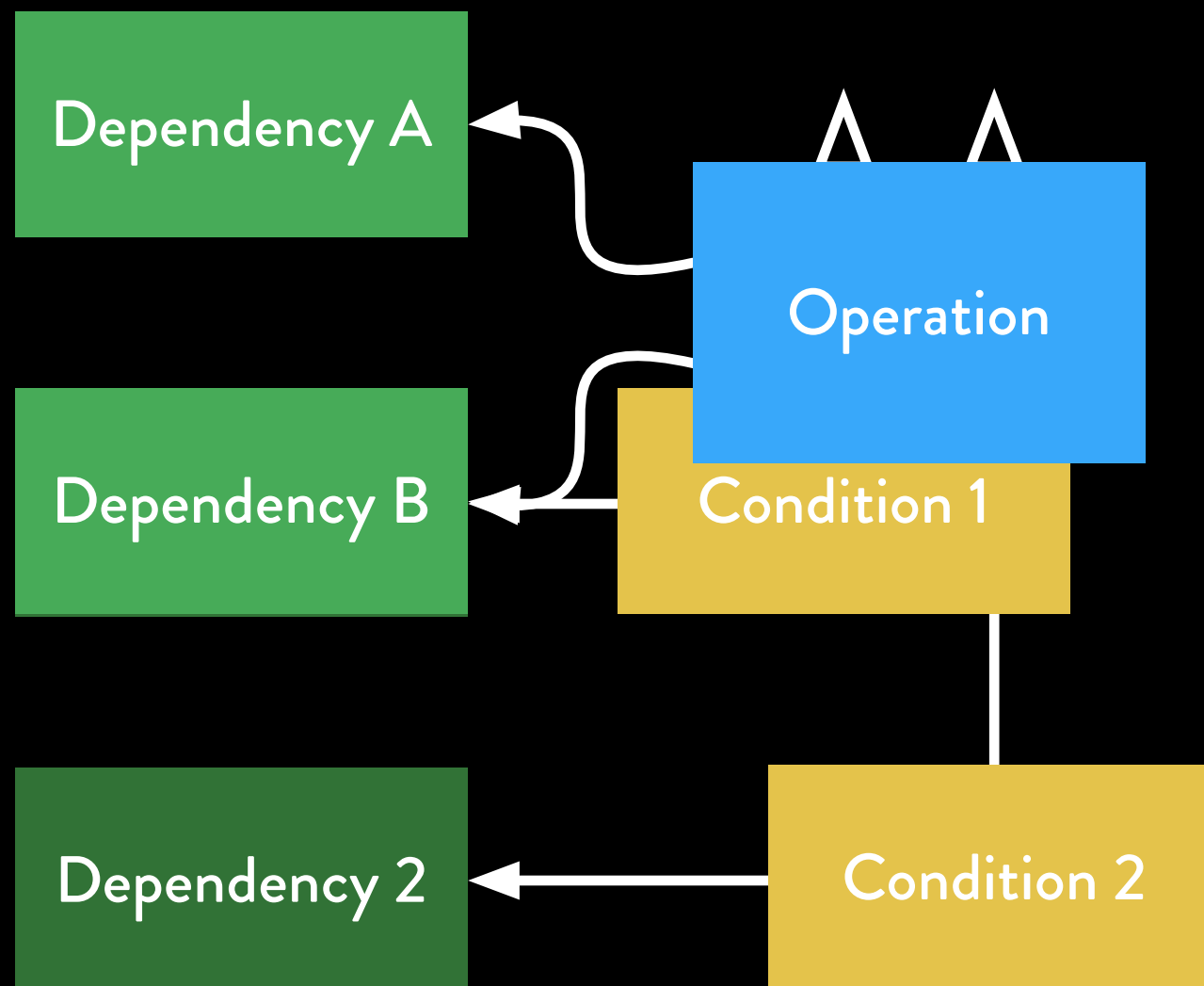
Conditions are Operations

Add like a regular dependency

Avoids overriding isReady

Target operation waits for all its conditions to evaluate before becoming ready

# Conditions & Dependencies



# Conditions & Dependencies

```
let dependencyA = DependencyA()
```

```
let dependencyB = DependencyB()
```

```
let operation = MyOperation()
```

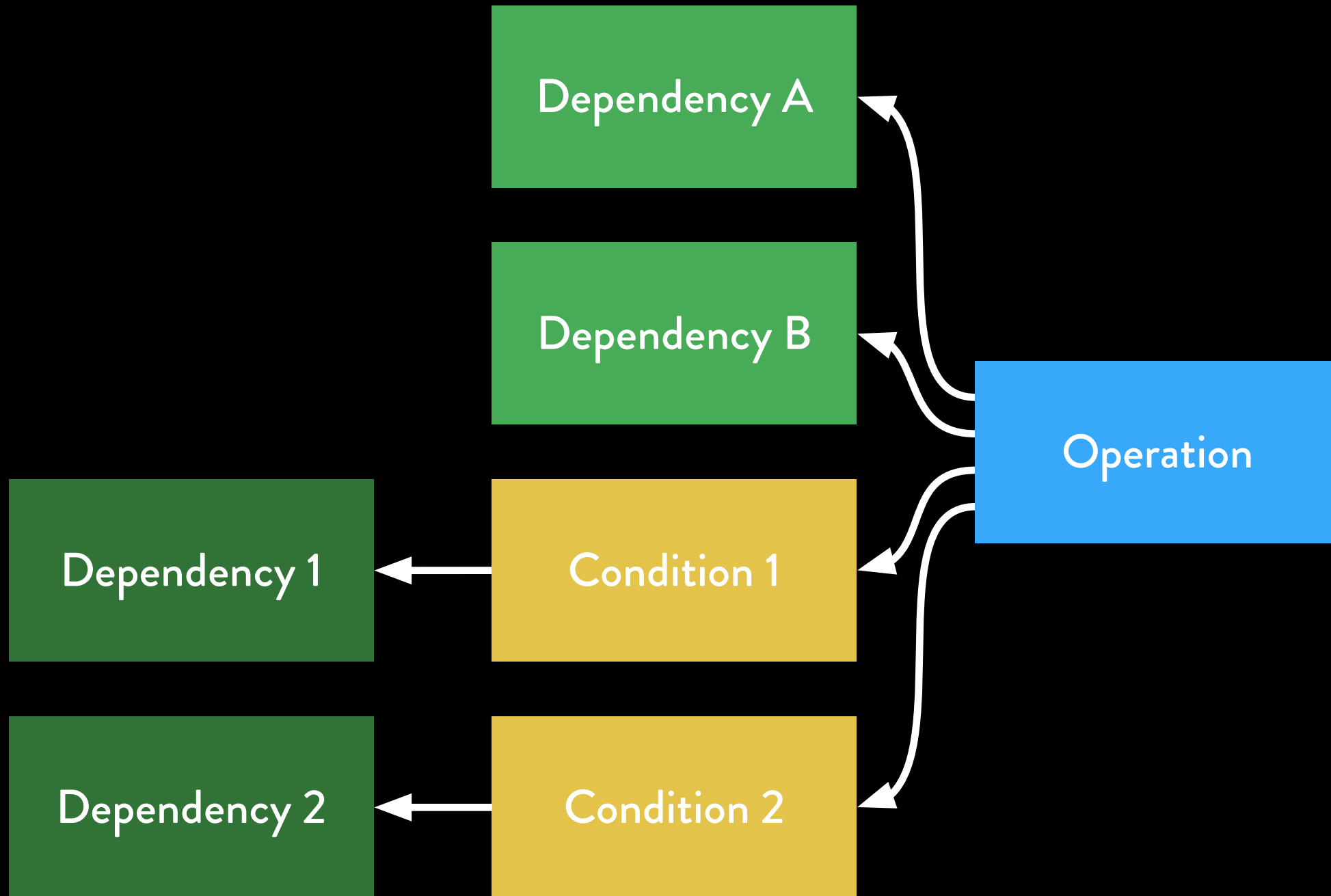
```
operation.addDependencies([dependencyA, dependencyB])
```

```
operation.addCondition(Condition1())
```

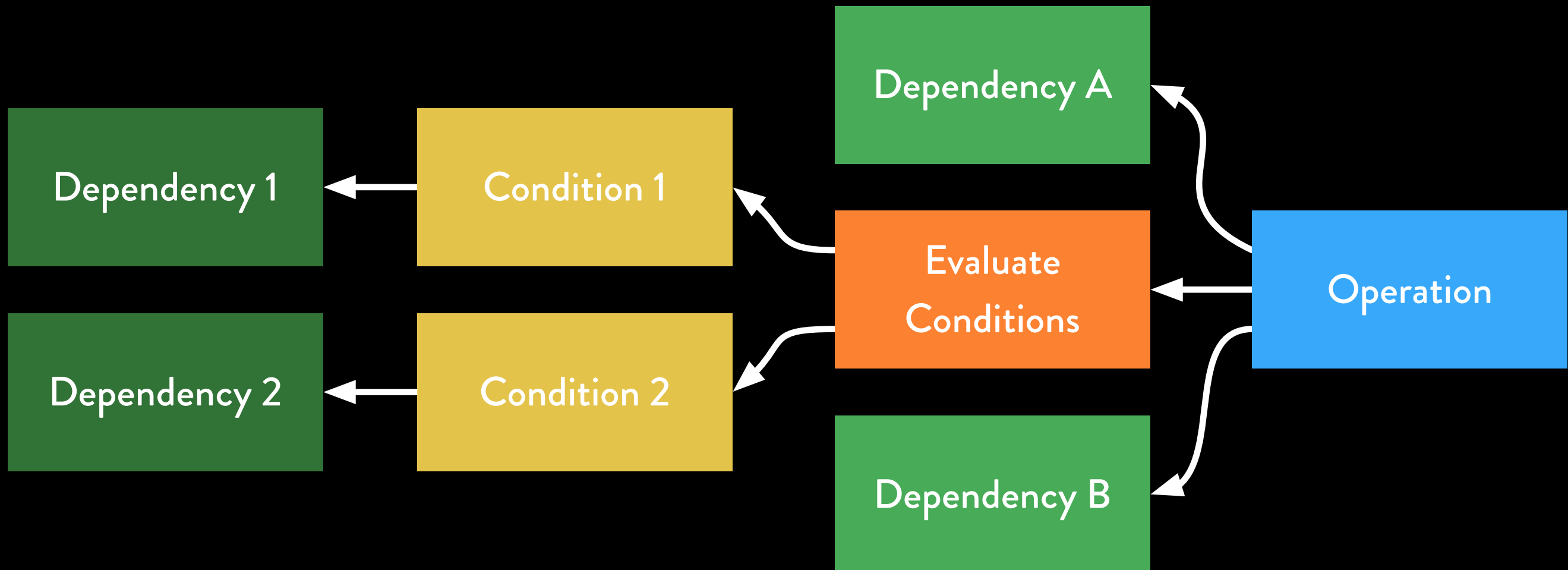
```
operation.addCondition(Condition2())
```

```
queue.addOperations(operation, dependencyA, dependencyB)
```

# Scheduling

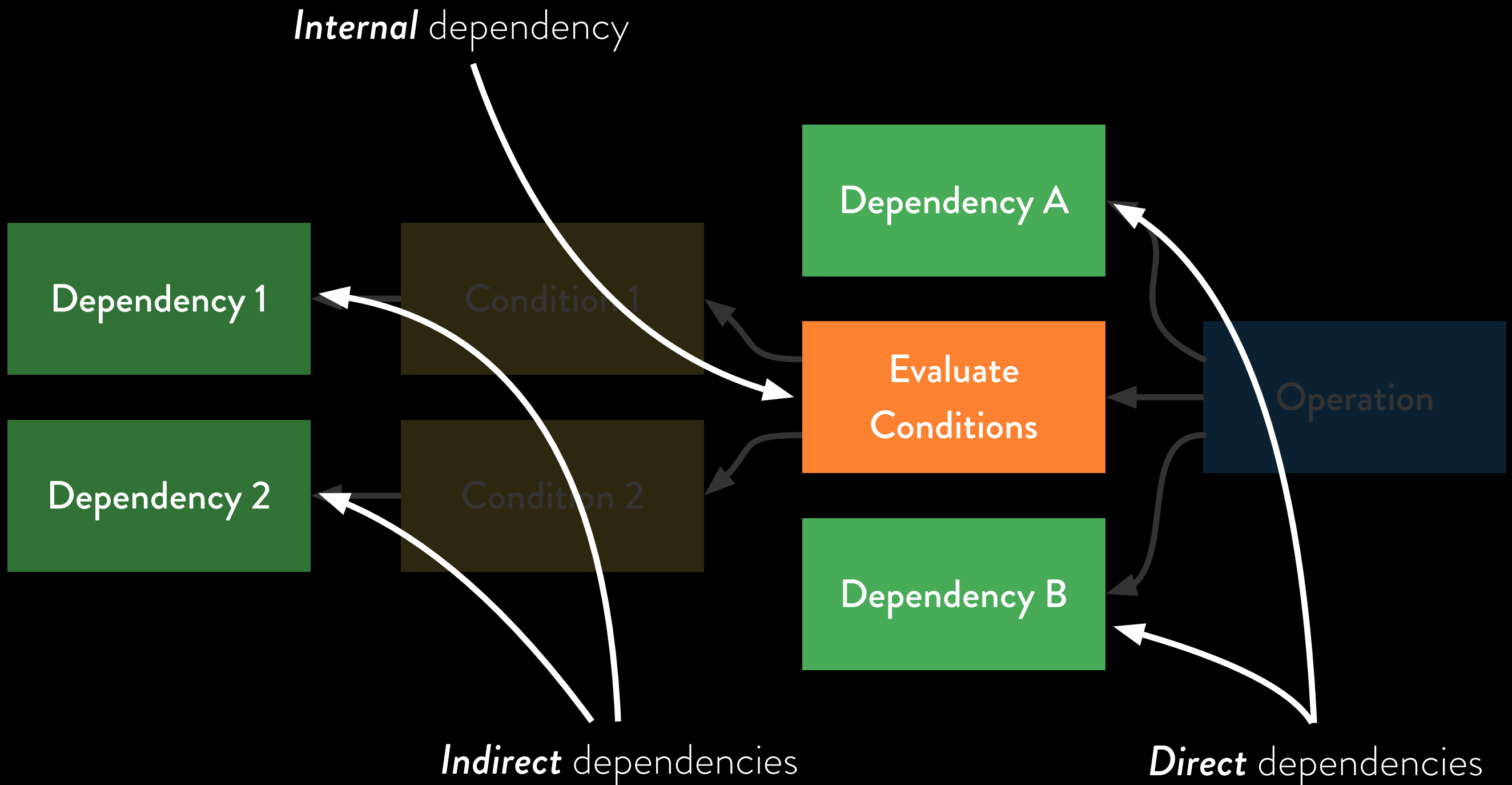


# Scheduling

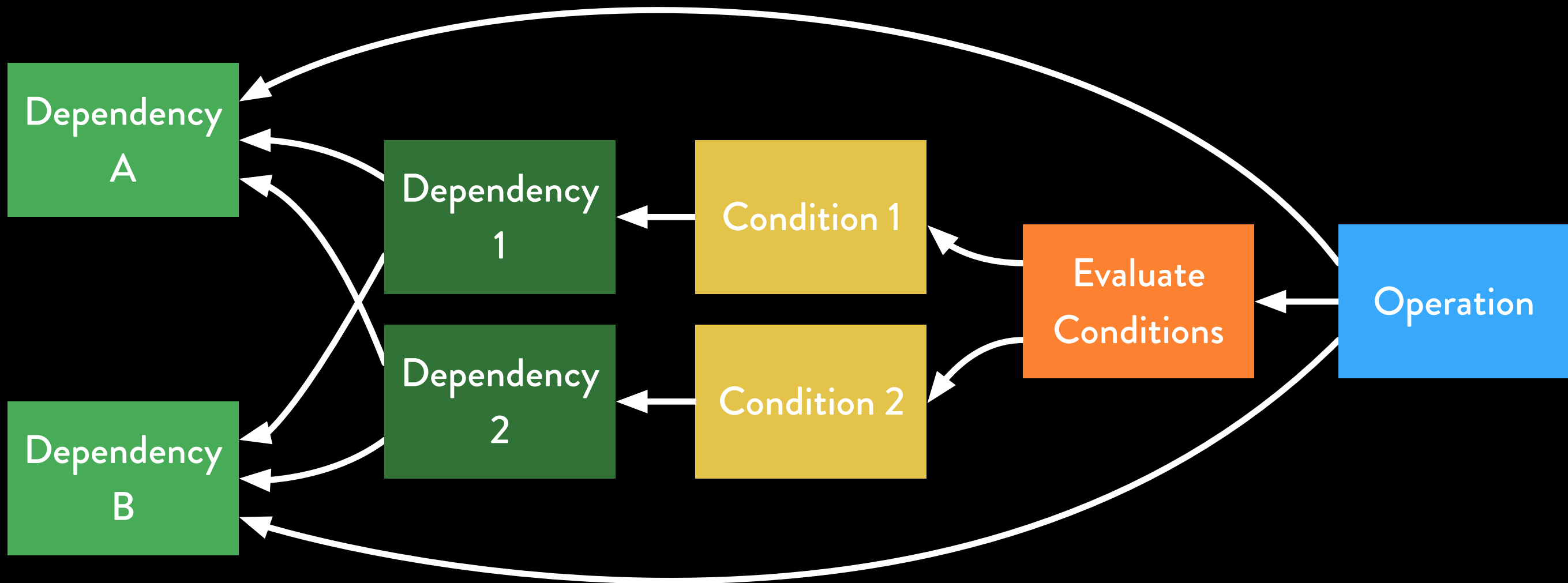




# Scheduling



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# Scheduling

Operation has ***direct*** dependencies, just like  
NSOperation

Additionally, if it has conditions, it creates and depends  
on an evaluator of the conditions.

All ***indirect*** dependencies depend on all direct  
dependencies

# Mutual Exclusivity

Prevent operations with the same category from running simultaneously

Alerts or modal UI presentations

Restrict access to resources

Operation depends on the previous exclusive operation

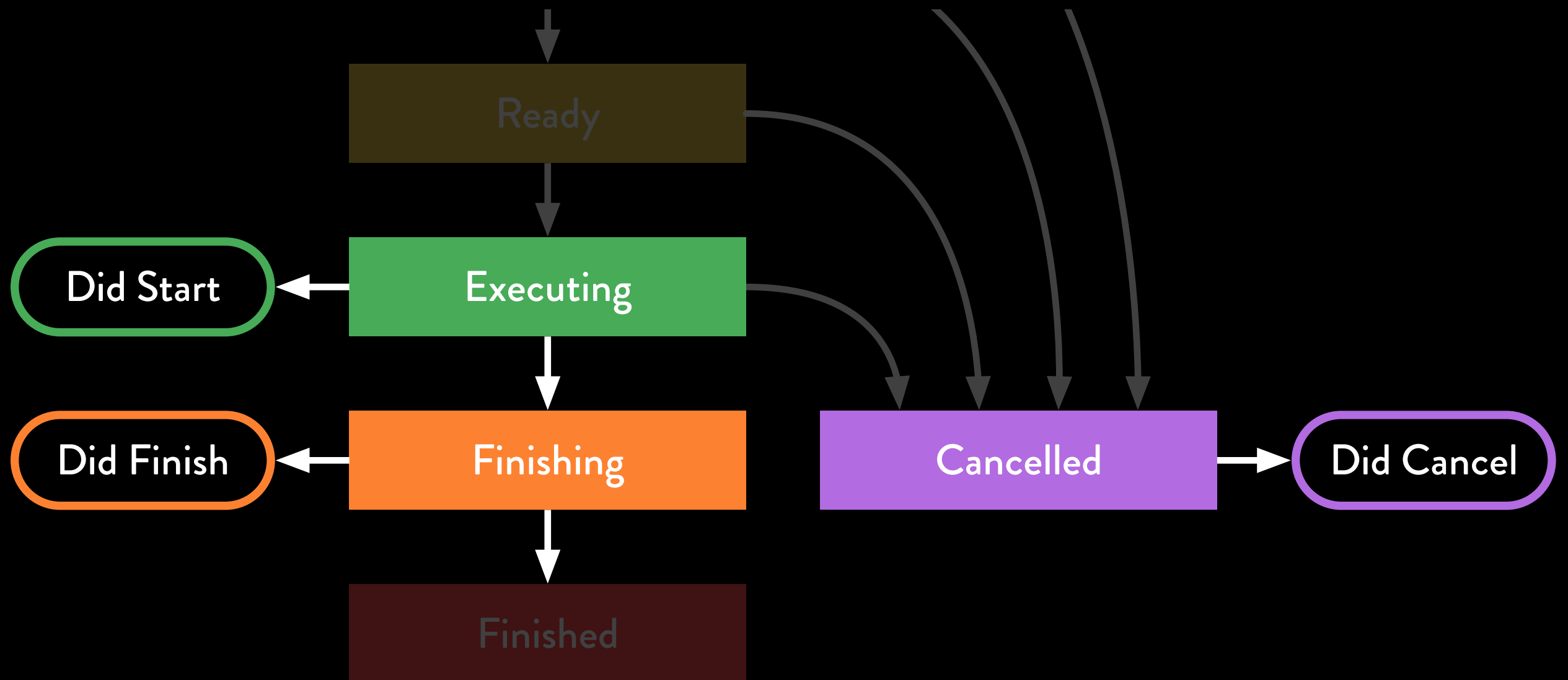
# Observers

Observers are attached to an Operation

When the operation transitions between states it invokes the relevant observers

Observer pattern decouples action/reaction logic

# How *did* observers work?



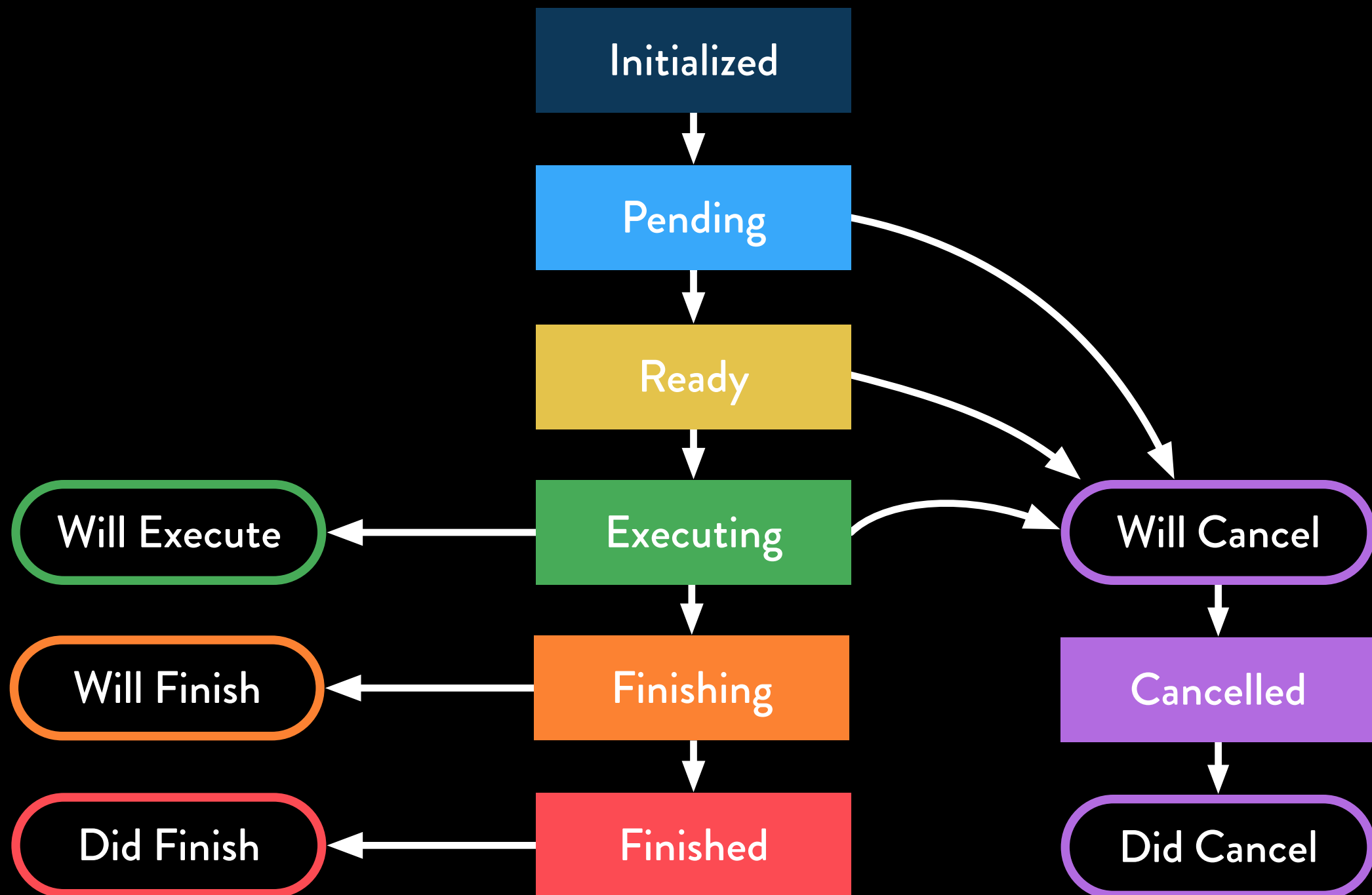
# Triggering Observers

Single protocol with multiple methods

The observer must be added to the operation before the operation begins executing

Works very well for system observers such as Network Activity Indicator

# Observers





# Observers

Base observer protocol

Can be safely added to Operation instances at any point in their lifecycle

Each protocol supports one Operation state transition

Full complement of concrete types which take blocks

Beyond the Basics

# Advanced Usage: Profiler

An observer to profile operations with support for custom reporters.

It can time transition between states e.g. how long did the operation run for? How long did it spend waiting?

Will automatically attach itself to any produced or child operations to profile entire graphs of operations

# Result Injection

```
protocol Pizza {  
    var name: String { get }  
}
```

Get Pizza

```
class GetPizza: Operation, ResultOperationType {  
    var result: Pizza? = .None  
}
```

```
class EatPizza: Operation, AutomaticInjectionOperationType {  
    var requirement: Pizza? = .None  
}
```

```
let get = GetPizza()  
let eat = EatPizza()
```

```
eat.injectResultFromDependency(get)
```

```
queue.addOperations(get, eat)
```

Eat Pizza

# Result Injection

Conform to InjectionOperationType

```
operation.injectResultFromDependency(dependencyC) {  
    operation, dependency, errors in  
    // This block is executed before the operation  
    // starts. It can be used to access properties of  
    // the dependency.  
}
```

Adds observers to the dependency

Automatically cancels operation if dependency is cancelled

Sets up dependency relationship

# Result Injection

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    var requirement: Pizza? = .None  
}  
  
let get = GetPizza()  
let eat = EatPizza()  
  
eat.injectResultFromDependency(get)  
  
queue.addOperations(get, eat)
```

# Result Injection

Types which *produce a result* should conform to  
ResultOperationType

Types which *consume a result* as their *requirement* must  
conform to AutomaticInjectionOperationType

Built in generic operations for map, filter and reduce.

# Group Operation

Operation subclass which manages its own queue

Can further abstract logic into smaller operation types

Supports adding child operations after it begins

Excellent pattern for greedy operations



# Adding operations to Groups

Subclass GroupOperation

Override *willFinishOperation(operation: NSOperation)*

Optionally override *recoveredFromErrors(errors: [ErrorType], inOperation: NSOperation)*

Call *addOperation(newOperation)*

# Repeated Operation

Generic GroupOperation subclass to support invoking the same operation type over and over

Initialised with a Generator

End repeating by returning nil from generator, or initialising with max count value

Supports arbitrary delays between instances of the operation

# Repeated Operation

Repeated  
Operation

Queue

Operation

Delay

Operation



# Wait Strategy

RepeatedOperation can add a delay between executing each generated operation instance.

Can initialise with a WaitStrategy to automatically generate fixed, random, incrementing, exponential or fibonacci delays.

Create functionality which exponentially backs-off

# Retry Operation

RepeatedOperation subclass

Will repeat the operation in the event of an error

Supports a custom error handler to modify the instance of the retried operation

CloudKitOperation is a RetryOperation subclass with built in error handling for many CloudKit errors

More...

# Capabilities

A *Capability* defines access to a *resource*

The resource will likely have its own *status* type

The access may have a *requirement* at granular levels

# Capabilities

CapabilityType is a generic protocol

Checks if capability is available

Get the current status

Request authorisation

Default implementation for Location, Calendar, Photos,  
Passbook, HealthKit, CloudKit



# Using Capabilities

```
func locationServicesEnabled(enabled: Bool, withAuthorization status:
CLLocationAuthorizationStatus) {
    // etc switch over (enabled, status) to update UI
}

func determineAuthorizationStatus() {
    let status = GetAuthorizationStatus(Capability.Location(), completion:
locationServicesEnabled)
    queue.addOperation(status)
}

func requestPermission() {
    let authorize = Authorize(Capability.Location(), completion:
locationServicesEnabled)
    queue.addOperation(authorize)
}
```

# AuthorizedFor<Capability>

AuthorizedFor is a Condition which does all the heavy lifting for you

Given a capability, it will add Authorize(capability) as a dependency

When it evaluates, it will check the status and whether the requirements were met

If not, the condition will fail with a CapabilityError

# Composing Conditions

NegatedCondition will negate the result of the composed condition

```
let condition = AuthorizedFor(Capability.Location())  
op.addCondition(NegatedCondition(condition))
```

SilentCondition removes the dependencies from its composed condition

```
op.addCondition(SilentCondition(NegatedCondition(condition)))
```

# Custom Capability

Log into custom network backend

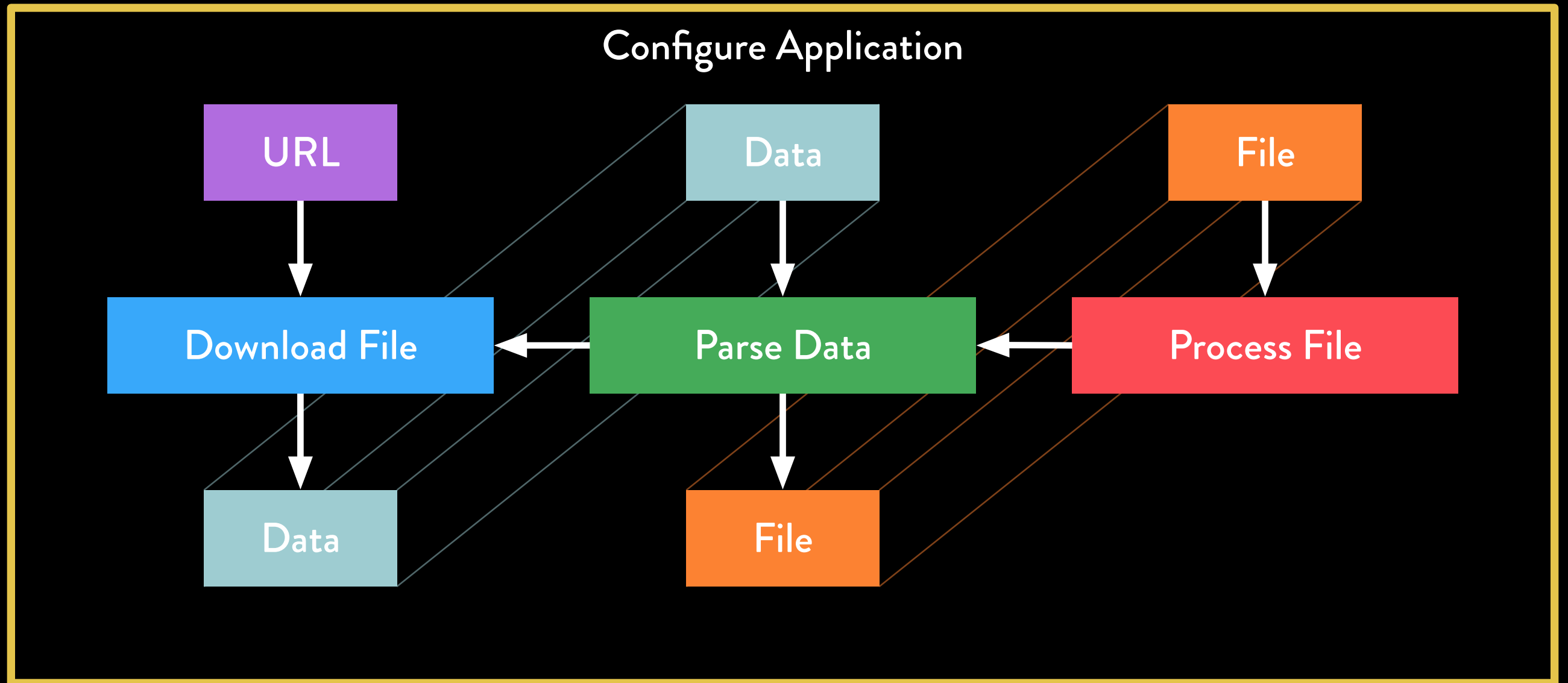
OS features, maybe `Capability.TouchID()`

Feature Flags

Set-top-box entitlements

Application Features / Gatekeeper

# Practical use case @ Sky



```
class ConfigureApplication: GroupOperation, AutomaticInjectionOperationType {  
  
    struct File: ConfigurationFile { ... }  
  
    var requirement: NSURL?  
    let download: DownloadFile  
  
    init(URL: NSURL? = .None) {  
        requirement = URL  
  
        download = DownloadFile(URL: URL)  
  
        let parse = ParseData<File>()  
        parse.injectResultFromDependency(download)  
  
        let process = ProcessFile<File>()  
        process.injectResultFromDependency(parse)  
  
        super.init(operations: [download, parse, process])  
        name = "Configure Application"  
        addCondition(MutuallyExclusive<ConfigureApplication>())  
    }  
  
    override func execute() {  
        guard let URL = requirement else { finish(Error.URLNotProvided); return }  
        download.requirement = URL  
        super.execute()  
    }  
}
```

```

class DownloadFile: Operation, AutomaticInjectionOperationType, ResultOperationType {

    var requirement: NSURL?
    var result: (NSData, NSURLResponse)? = .None

    var session: NSURLSession = NSURLSession.sharedSession()

    init(URL: NSURL? = .None) {
        requirement = URL
        super.init()
        name = "Download File"
        addObserver(NetworkObserver())
    }

    override func execute() {
        guard let URL = requirement else { finish(Error.URLNotProvided); return }

        session.dataTaskWithURL(URL) { [unowned self] data, response, error in

            guard let data = data, response = response else {
                let e = error.map { Error.DownloadError($0) } ?? Error.EmptyResponse
                self.finish(e)
                return
            }

            self.result = (data, response)

            self.finish()

        }
    }
}

```

```
protocol ConfigurationFile {  
    init(data: NSData) throws  
    func process(_: ErrorType? -> Void)  
}
```

```
class ParseData<File: ConfigurationFile>: Operation, AutomaticInjectionOperationType,  
ResultOperationType {
```

```
    var requirement: (NSData, NSURLResponse)?
```

```
    var result: File?
```

```
    override func execute() {
```

```
        guard let data = requirement?.0 else {  
            finish(Error.DataNotProvided); return  
        }
```

```
        guard let file = try? File(data: data) else {  
            finish(Error.NotWellFormedData); return  
        }
```

```
        result = file
```

```
        finish()
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```



```
class ProcessFile<File: ConfigurationFile>: Operation,  
AutomaticInjectionOperationType {  
  
    var requirement: File?  
  
    override fun execute() {  
        guard let file = requirement else {  
            finish(Error.MissingFile); return  
        }  
        file.process(finish)  
    }  
}
```

```

class ConfigureApplication: GroupOperation, AutomaticInjectionOperationType {

    struct File: ConfigurationFile { ... }

    var requirement: NSURL?
    let download: DownloadFile

    init(URL: NSURL? = .None) {
        requirement = URL

        download = DownloadFile(URL: URL)

        let parse = ParseData<File>()
        parse.injectResultFromDependency(download)
        parse.addCondition(NoFailedDependenciesCondition())

        let process = ProcessFile<File>()
        process.injectResultFromDependency(parse)
        process.addCondition(NoFailedDependenciesCondition())

        super.init(operations: [download, parse, process])
        name = "Configure Application"
        addCondition(MutuallyExclusive<ConfigureApplication>())
    }

    override func execute() {
        guard let URL = requirement else { finish(Error.URLNotProvided); return }
        download.requirement = URL
        super.execute()
    }
}

```

```

class ConfigureApplication: GroupOperation, AutomaticInjectionOperationType {

    struct File: ConfigurationFile { ... }

    var requirement: NSURL?
    let download: RetryOperation<DownloadFile>

    init(URL: NSURL? = .None) {
        requirement = URL

        download = RetryOperation(strategy: .Exponential((period: 30, maximum: 300)), AnyGenerator { DownloadFile(URL: URL) })

        let parse = ParseData<File>()
        parse.injectResultFromDependency(download) { operation, dependency, errors in
            guard let result = dependency.result else {
                operation.cancelWithError(Error.DataNotProvided); return
            }
            operation.requirement = result
        }

        let process = ProcessFile<File>()
        process.injectResultFromDependency(parse)
        process.addCondition(NoFailedDependenciesCondition())

        super.init(operations: [download, parse, process])
        name = "Configure Application"

        addCondition(MutuallyExclusive<ConfigureApplication>())
    }

    override func execute() {
        guard let URL = requirement else { finish(Error.URLNotProvided); return }

        download.requirement = URL

        super.execute()
    }
}

```

# Operations

Encapsulate work into a re-usable component

Combine isolated components together to reduce complexity

Complex scheduling is easily expressed via dependencies, conditions, exclusivity and groups

Handle errors via groups and observers at the appropriate level of abstraction

# *Thanks for listening!*

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With ❤️ thanks to all the contributors and consumers of  
Operations so far! 😊

# Swift 3.0 Migration

The screenshot shows a GitHub web interface for a repository named 'danthorpe / Operations'. The issue title is 'Operations Roadmap, Swift 3.0 & naming changes #343'. The issue is open and was created 22 days ago by the user 'danthorpe'. The issue description states: 'This ticket is to track and document the transition path of this project and the migration path for consumers of this project to Swift 3.0. There are a number of things which will happen.' Below the description is a section titled 'Overall Migration Plan' with four numbered items: 1. Adopting a new name (Operation to Procedure), 2. Refactor Operation to Procedure and OperationQueue to ProcedureQueue, 3. Rename the project / module name (Operations to ProcedureKit), and 4. Move to an organisation account (ProcedureKit). The right sidebar shows the issue is labeled 'swift 3.0', has a milestone of '4.0', and is assigned to 'danthorpe'. There are 4 participants and 1 notification.

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## Operations Roadmap, Swift 3.0 & naming changes #343

Edit New Issue

Open danthorpe opened this issue 22 days ago · 9 comments

danthorpe commented 22 days ago · edited

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This ticket is to track and document the transition path of this project and the migration path for consumers of this project to Swift 3.0. There are a number of things which will happen.

### Overall Migration Plan

1. Adopting a new name. As `Operation` has effectively been sherlocked by Swift 3.0, we need to pick a new name. The new name cannot have any other Swift 3.0 naming issues, such as `Task`, or maybe `Job`. So, currently settled on `Procedure`.
2. Refactor `Operation` to `Procedure` and `OperationQueue` to `ProcedureQueue`
3. Rename the project / module name. Rather than *Operations*, I am thinking *ProcedureKit*.
4. Move to an organisation account - again, [ProcedureKit](#).

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swift 3.0

Milestone

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