

GPar^s: Unsung Hero of Concurrency in Practice

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Focus for this talk

When it comes to **concurrency and parallelism**, first things to appear in someone's mind may be “Java Concurrency in Practice” by Brian Göetz, **threads**, **java.util.concurrent**, **Fork-Join**, **parallel streams**, **reactive**, **Akka** or **MapReduce**.

When it comes to **Groovy**, first things to appear in someone's mind may be **Gradle**, **Grails**, **Spock**, **DSLs** or **scripting**.



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Great injustice is that you rarely meet **GPars** in both these lists.

Framework that provides **high-level APIs and DSLs for writing concurrent and parallel code both in Java and Groovy**

and support for concepts of **map/reduce, fork/join, asynchronous code, actors, agents, dataflows (not all mentioned)** deserves a little more attention, isn't it?



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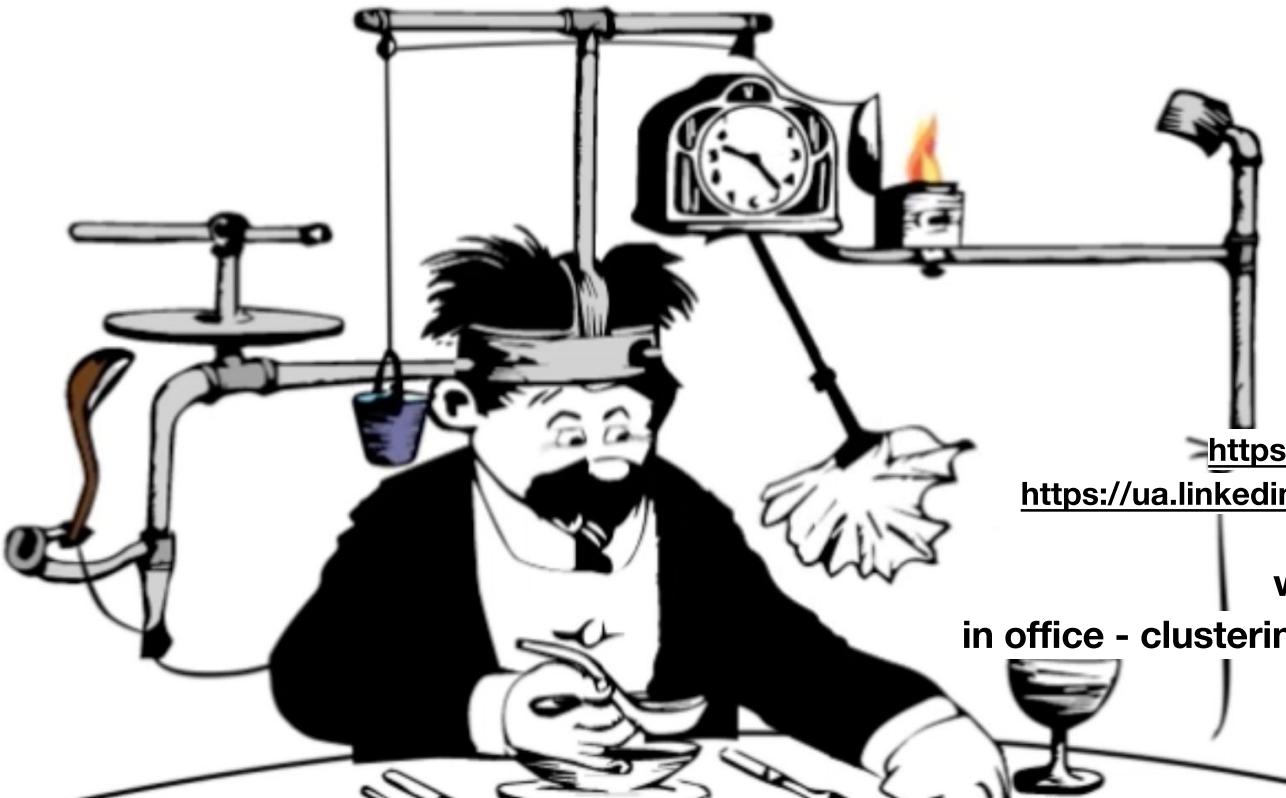
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In this talk we will try to fix it. One by one, **we will explore various use cases of GPars** with all its pragmatism and conciseness.

Not forgetting neither plain Java nor Groovy adepts, we will use Groovy to empower our solutions and ensure that everything works from Java the same way.



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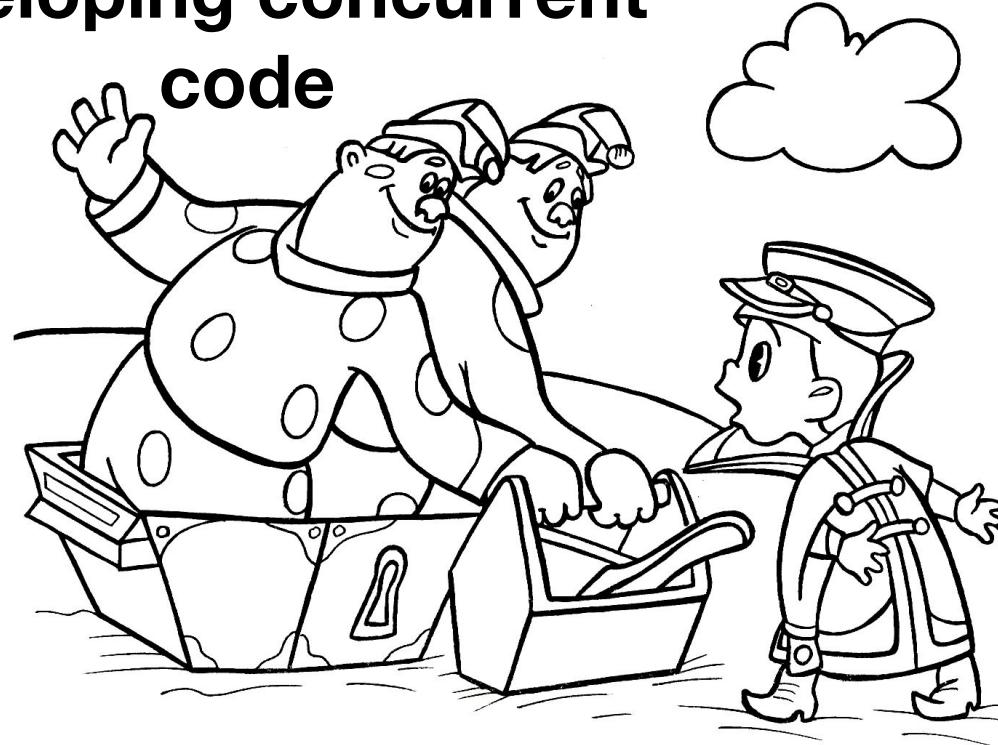
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out of office - Groovy

two guidelines for developing concurrent code



guideline #2 for developing concurrent code

MURPHY'S LAW:

Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.



```
public class Holder {  
    private int n;  
  
    public Holder(int n) { this.n = n; }  
  
    public void assertSanity() {  
        if (n != n) {  
            throw new AssertionError("Even it can go wrong!");  
        }  
    }  
  
    public class Initializer {  
        public Holder holder;  
  
        public void init() { holder = new Holder(42); }  
    }  
}
```



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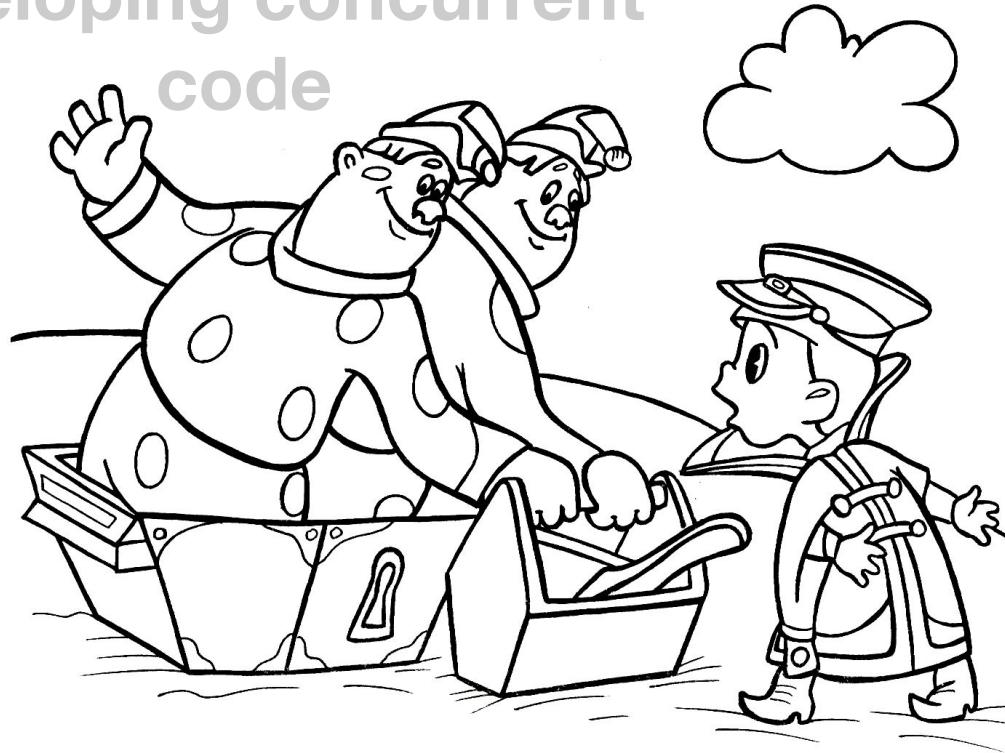
guideline #1 for developing concurrent code

MOORE'S LAW:

Computers will get exponentially faster.



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code



Java toolbox

The **Thread** class

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Thinking in Java

Bruce Eckel

The traditional way to turn a **Runnable** object into a working task is to hand it to a **Thread** constructor. This example shows how to drive a **Liftoff** object using a **Thread**:

```
//: concurrency/BasicThreads.java
// The most basic use of the Thread class.

public class BasicThreads {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Thread t = new Thread(new Liftoff());
        t.start();
        System.out.println("Waiting for Liftoff");
    }
} /* Output: (90% match)
Waiting for Liftoff
#0(9), #0(8), #0(7), #0(6), #0(5), #0(4), #0(3), #0(2), #0(1),
#0(Liftoff!),
*///:-
```

```
    print(this + " completed");
}
public String toString() {
    return String.format("%12s", this);
}

// Waits on the CountDownLatch
class WaitingTask implements Runnable {
    private static int counter = 0;
    private final int id = counter++;
    private final CountDownLatch latch;
    WaitingTask(CountDownLatch latch) {
        this.latch = latch;
    }
    public void run() {
        try {
            latch.await();
            print("Latch barrier passed " + id);
        } catch (InterruptedException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}

public void check(T x) {
    if (x == null)
        throw new NullPointerException();
    else
        release();
}

private T announced T getItem() {
    synchronized (list) {
        for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i)
            if (list[i] == null)
                return list[i];
    }
    return null;
}

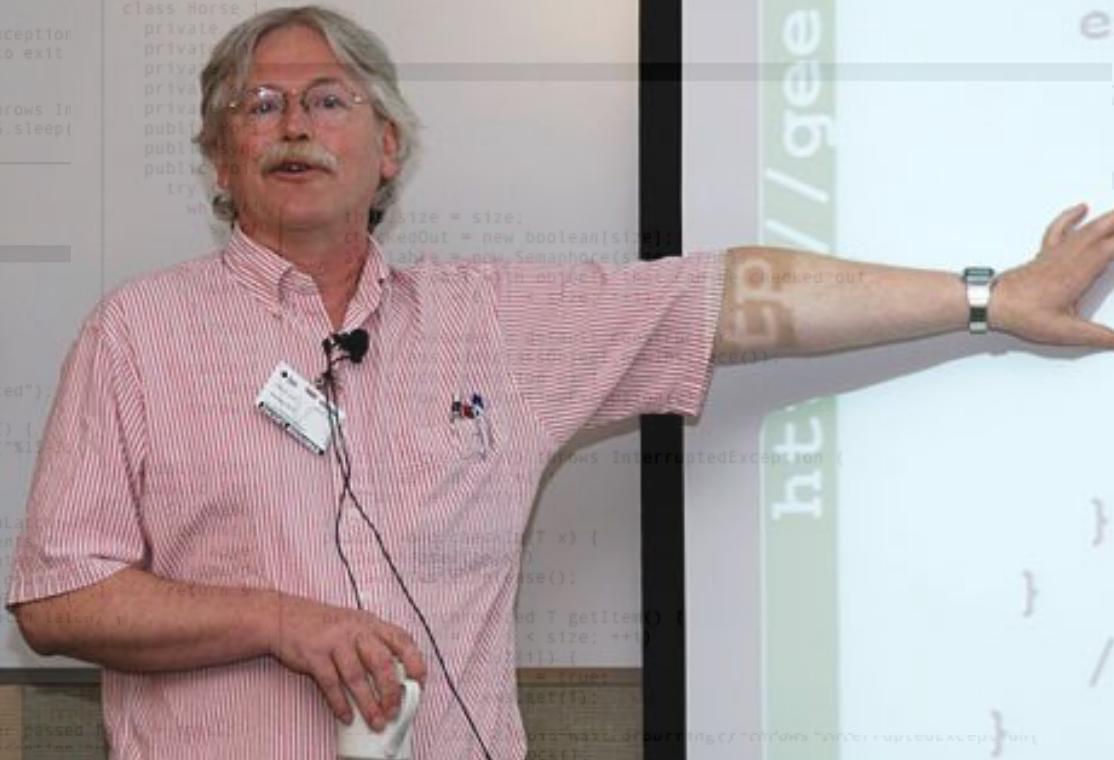
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    }
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}

private void print(String s) {
    synchronized (list) {
        System.out.println(s);
    }
}
```

```
//: concurrency/Pool.java
// Using a Semaphore inside a Pool, to restrict
// the number of tasks that can use a resource.
import java.util.concurrent.*;
import java.util.*;

public class Pool<T> {
    private int size;
    private List<T> items = new ArrayList<T>();
    private volatile boolean[] checkedOut;
    private Semaphore available;
    public Pool(Class<T> classObject, int size) {
```

Thinking in Java



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Java toolbox

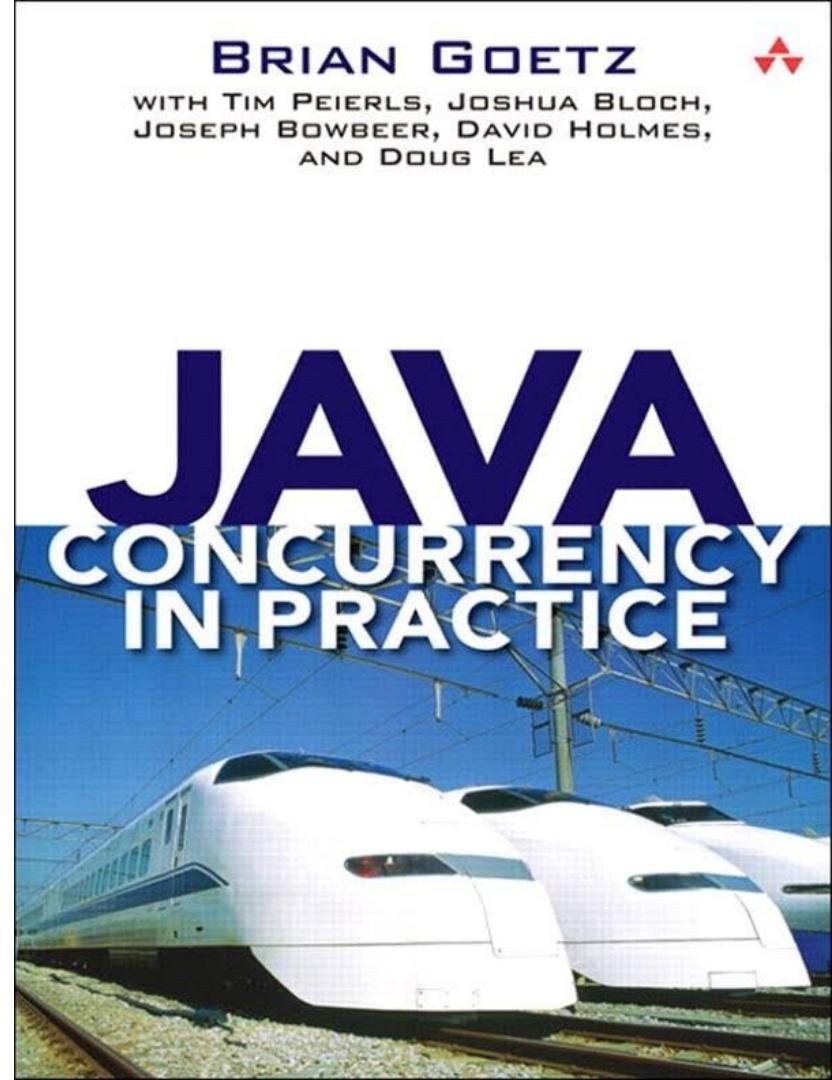
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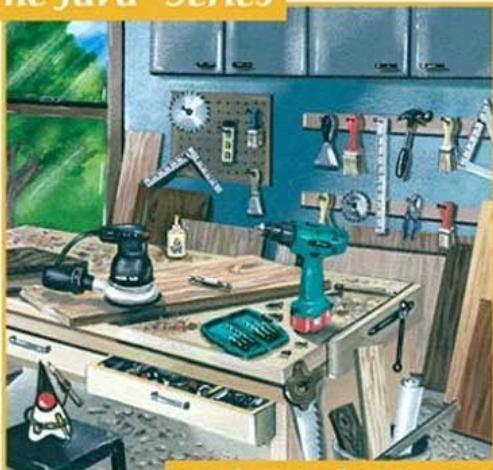


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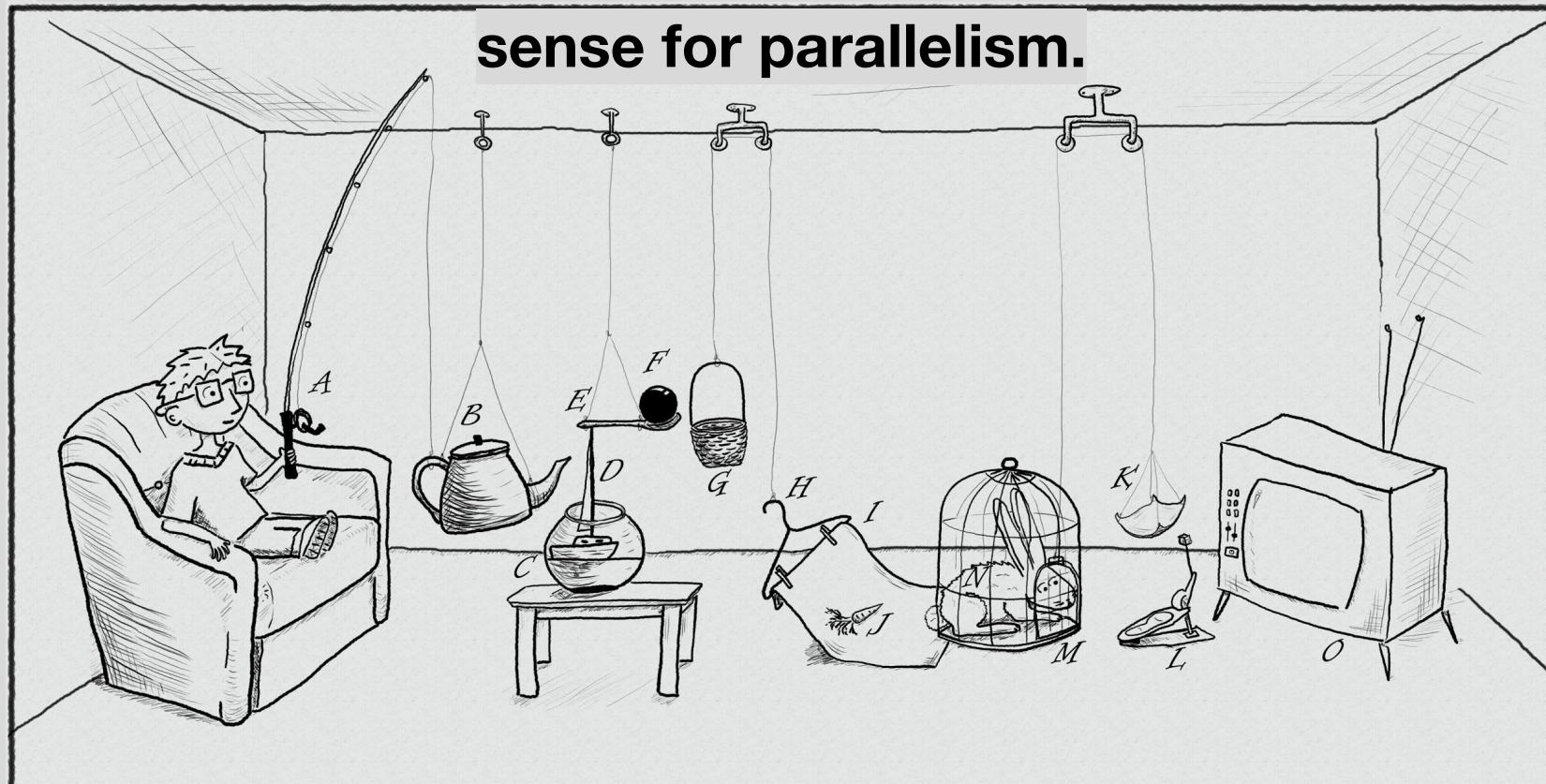
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The traditional thread-based concurrency model built into Java doesn't match well with the natural human sense for parallelism.



```
public class MergeSortTask<T extends Comparable<T>> extends RecursiveTask<List<T>> {  
    @Override  
    protected List<T> compute() {  
        if (list.size() < 2) { return list; }  
        if (list.size() == 2) {  
            if (list.get(0).compareTo(list.get(1)) != 1) {  
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            }  
        }  
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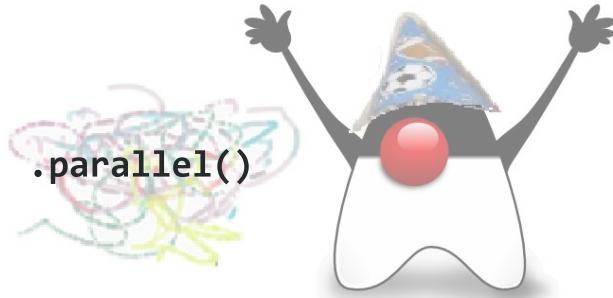
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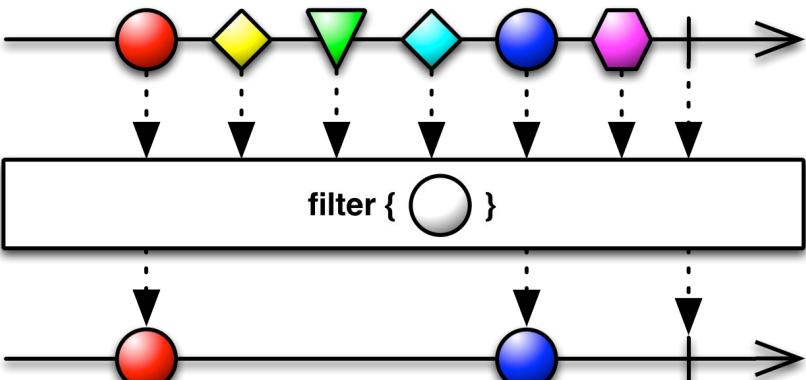
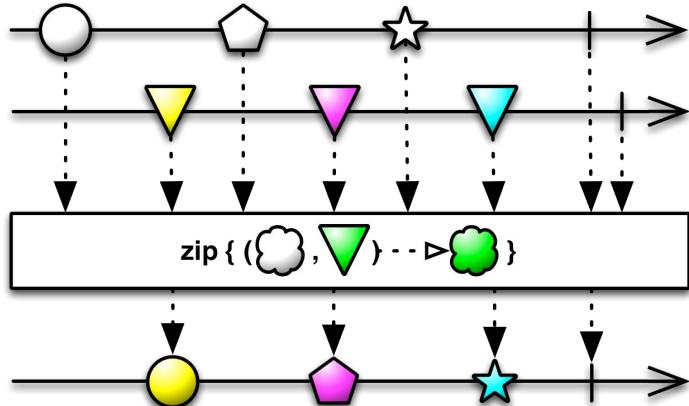
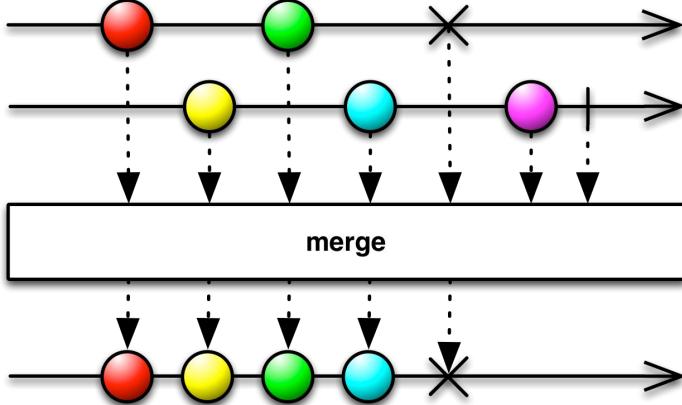
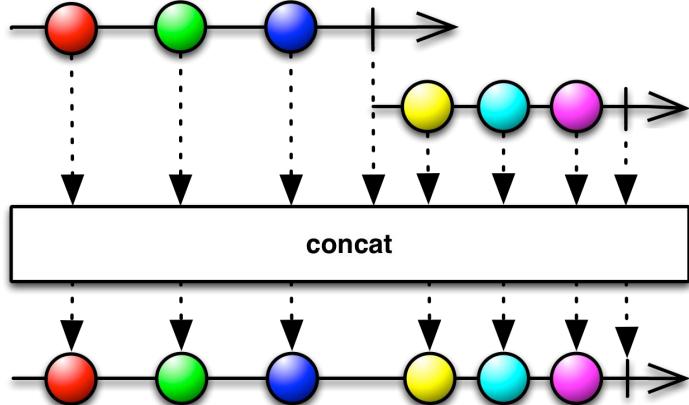
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Next you create the resource controller that will serve these greetings.

Create a resource controller

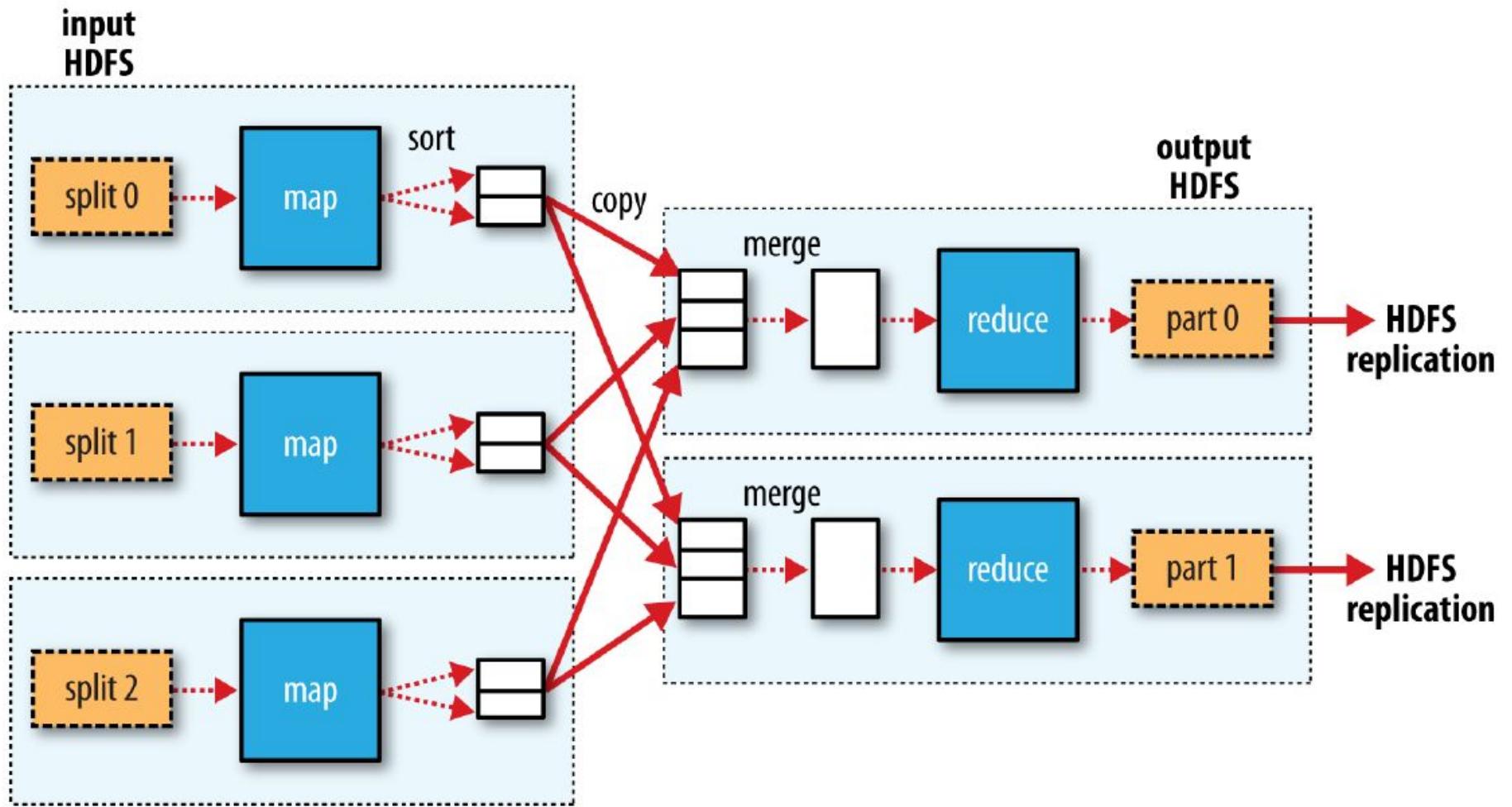
In Spring's approach to building RESTful web services, HTTP requests are handled by a controller. These components are easily identified by the `@RestController` annotation, and the `GreetingController` below handles `GET` requests for `/greeting` by returning a new instance of the `Greeting` class:

src/main/java/hello/GreetingController.java

```
@RestController
public class GreetingController {

    private static final String template = "Hello, %s!";
    private final AtomicLong counter = new AtomicLong();

    @RequestMapping("/greeting")
    public Greeting greeting(@RequestParam(value="name", defaultValue="World") String name) {
        return new Greeting(counter.incrementAndGet(), String.format(template, name));
    }
}
```





GPars



HOW TO BRUSH
YOUR TEETH



HOW TO UTILIZE YOUR
DOG'S MINDLESS JOY

data parallelism

map/reduce

fork/join

**asynchronous
execution**

actors

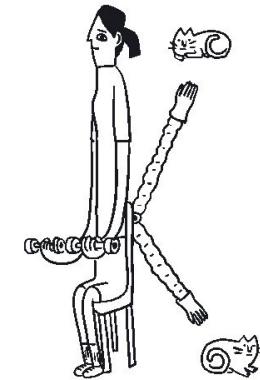
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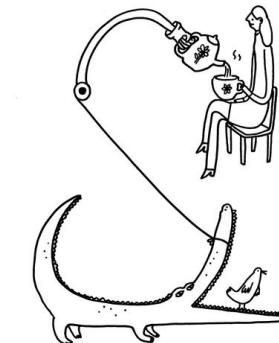
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**Communicating
Sequential
Processes**

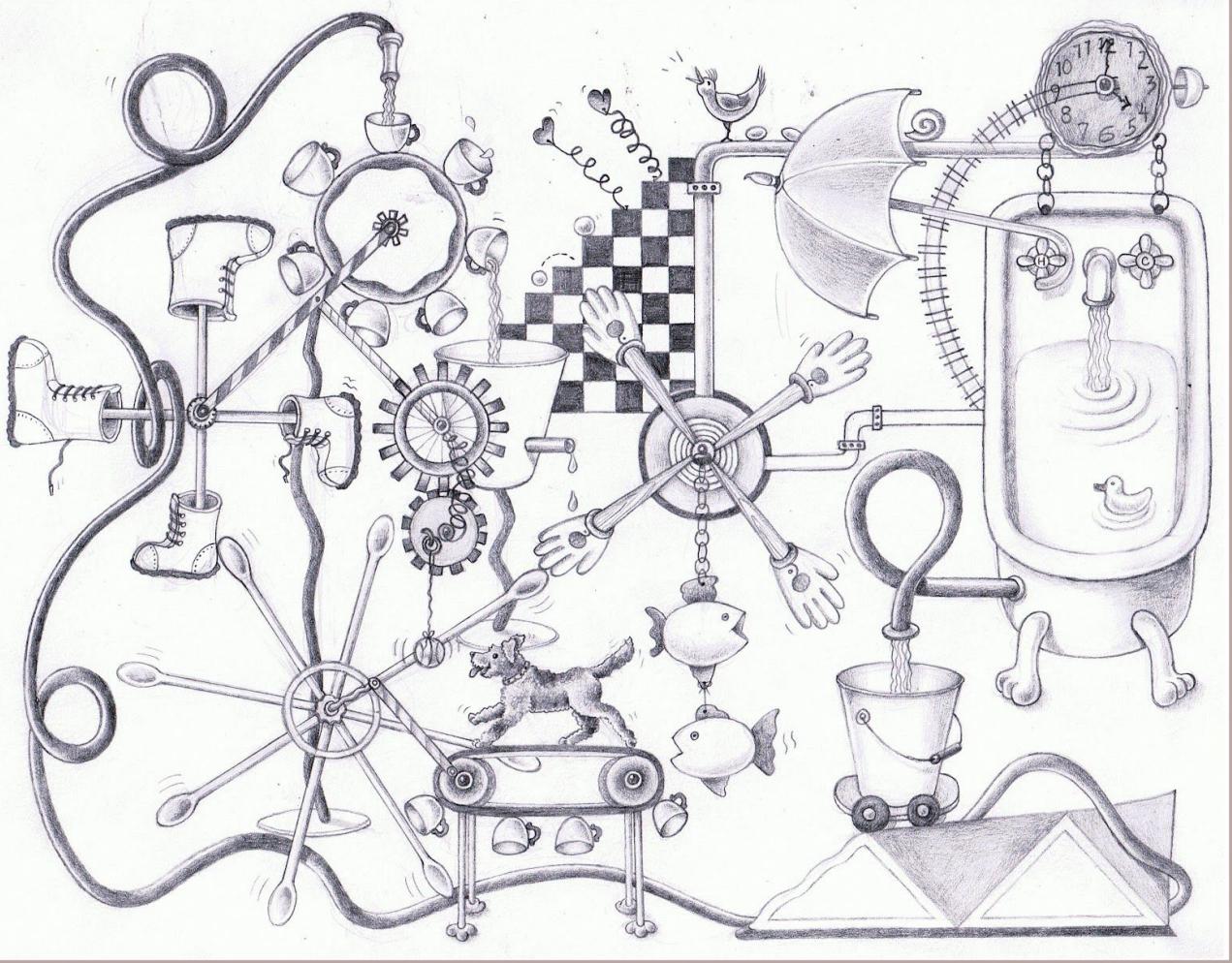
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HOW TO PET YOUR PETS
WHILE DOING YOUR REPS



HOW TO SERVE TEA

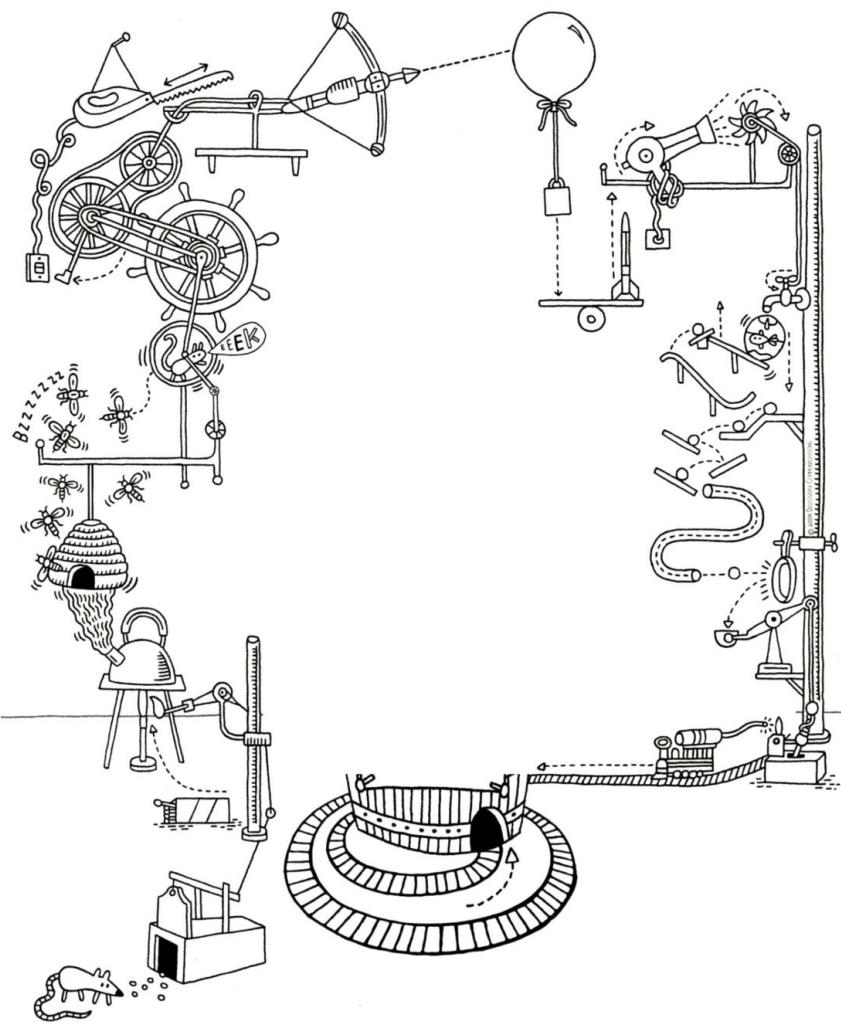


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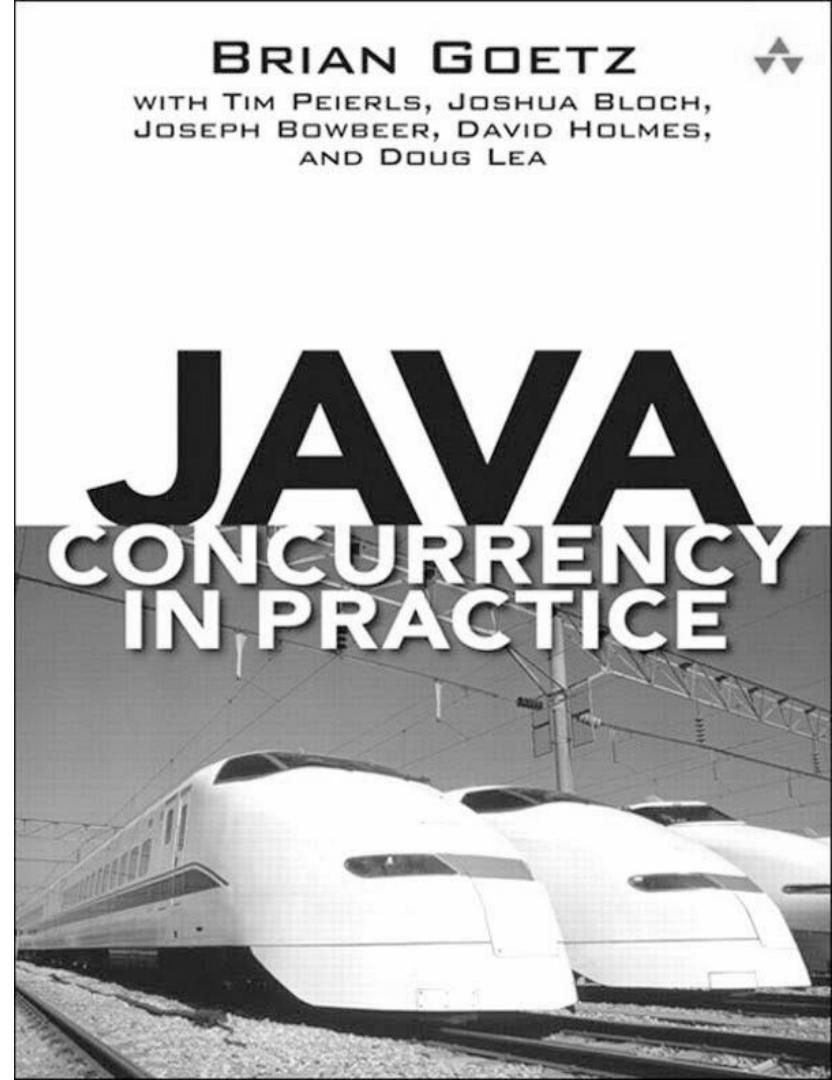
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```
public final class ImmutableJavaPerson {  
  
    private final String name;  
  
    private final Collection<String> tweets;  
  
    public ImmutableJavaPerson(String name, Collection<String> tweets) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.tweets = new ArrayList<>(tweets);  
    }  
  
    public String getName() {  
        return name;  
    }  
  
    public Collection<String> getTweets() {  
        return unmodifiableCollection(tweets);  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public boolean equals(Object o) {  
        if (this == o) return true;  
        if (o == null || getClass() != o.getClass()) return false;
```

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@Override
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    ImmutableJavaPerson that = (ImmutableJavaPerson) o;

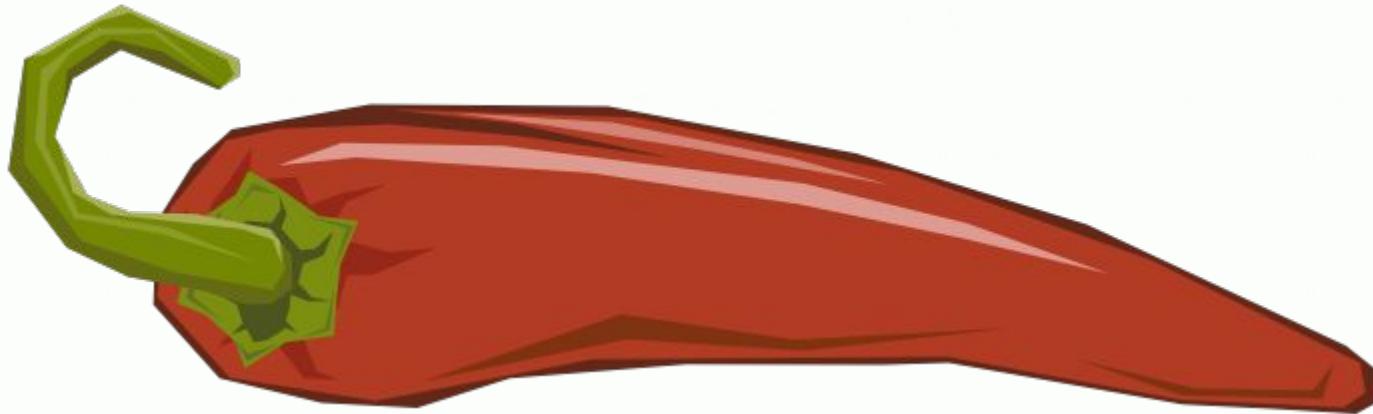
    if (name != null ? !name.equals(that.name) : that.name != null) return false;
    return tweets != null ? tweets.equals(that.tweets) : that.tweets == null;
}

@Override
public int hashCode() {
    int result = name != null ? name.hashCode() : 0;
    result = 31 * result + (tweets != null ? tweets.hashCode() : 0);
    return result;
}
```

```
@Immutable class ImmutableGroovyPerson {  
  
    String name  
    Collection<String> tweets  
}
```

**CLICK TO PLACE
YOUR
AD
HERE!**

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```
class SynchronizedCounter {  
  
    int atomicCounter  
    int counter  
  
    @Synchronized  
    int incrementAndGet() {  
        atomicCounter = atomicCounter + 1  
        return atomicCounter  
    }  
  
    @WithReadLock  
    int value() {  
        counter  
    }  
  
    @WithWriteLock  
    void increment() {  
        counter = counter + 1  
    }  
}
```

```
def thread1 = Thread.start {
    println "Hello from ${Thread.currentThread().name}"
}

def thread2 = Thread.startDaemon {
    println "Hello from ${Thread.currentThread().name}"
}

[thread1, thread2 ]*.join()
```

```
def process =(['git', 'status']).execute([], new File('.'))

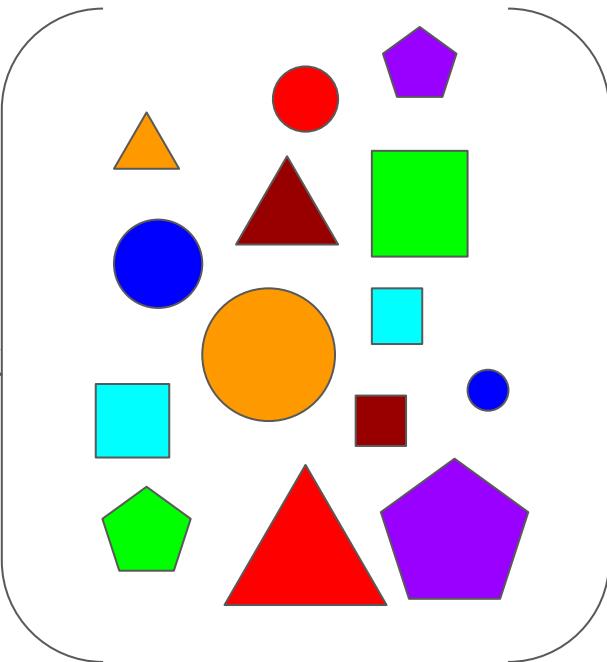
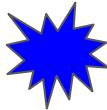
def processOutput = new StringWriter()

process.consumeProcessOutput processOutput, processOutput

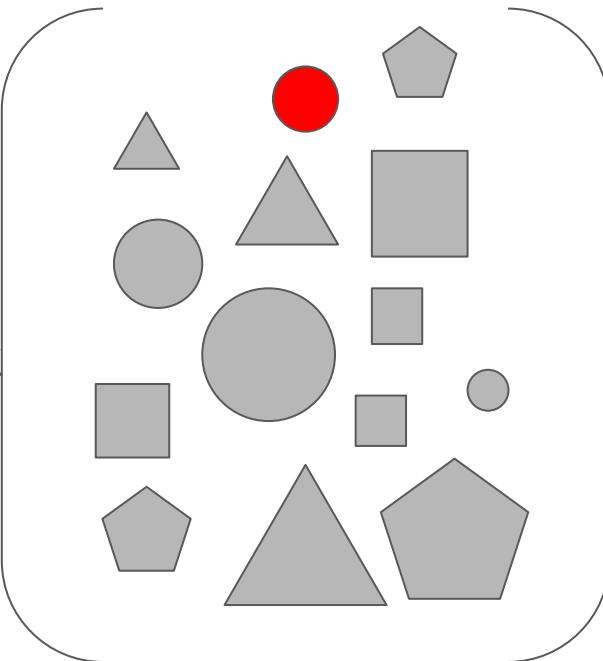
process.waitFor()

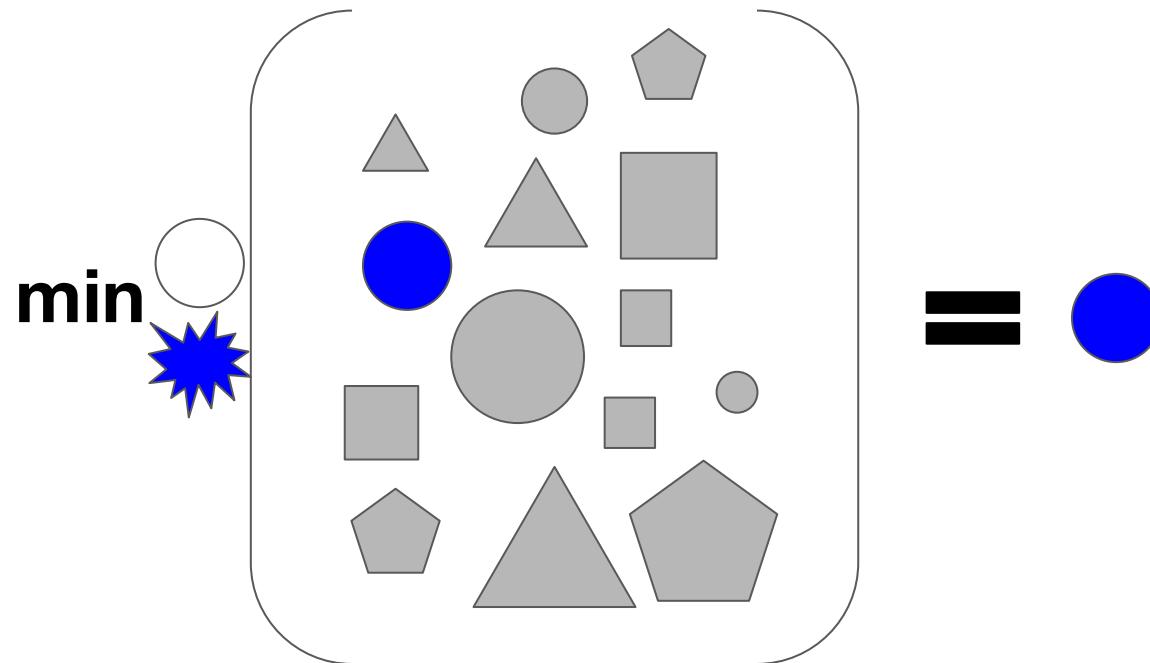
println processOutput.toString().trim()
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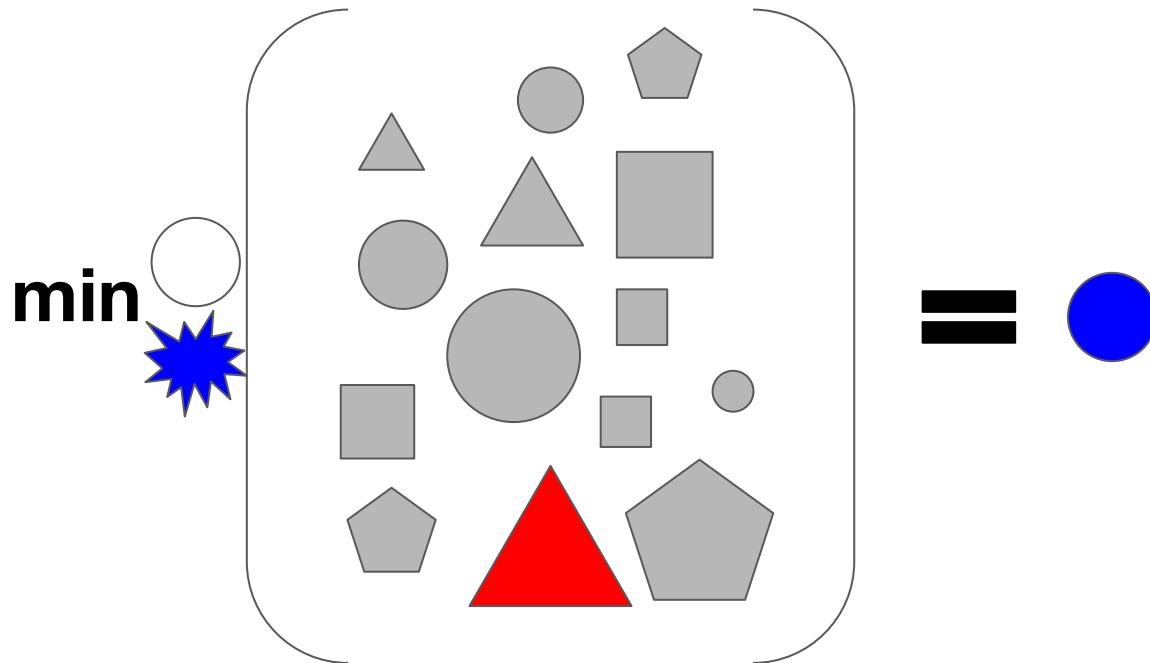


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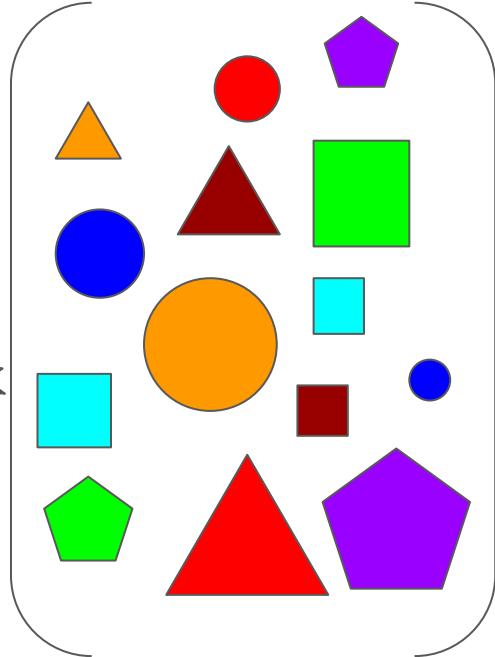




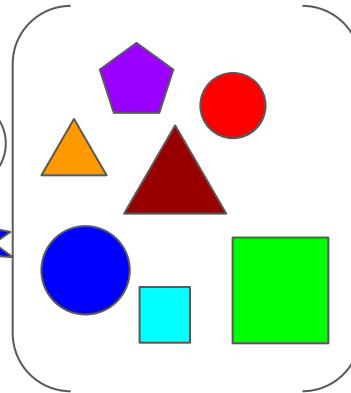




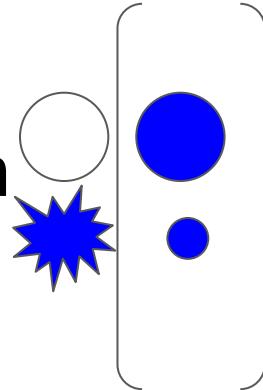
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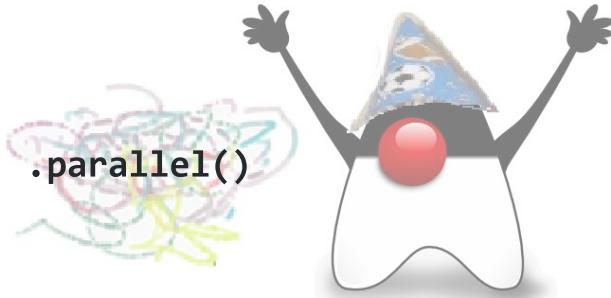
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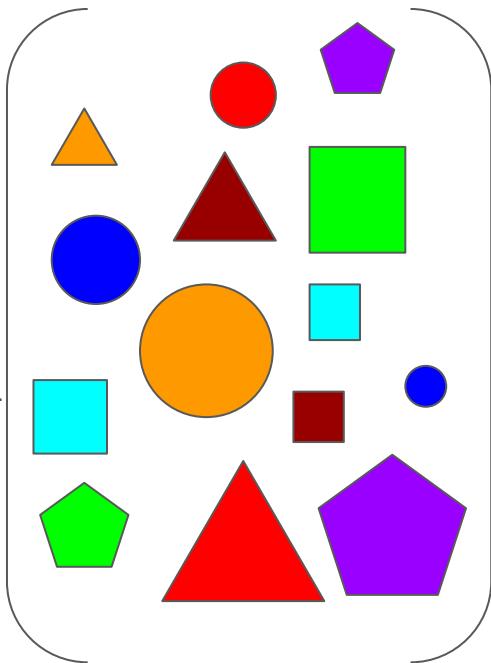
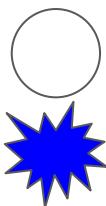
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    .parallel()  
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    .min(comparingInt(shape -> shape.getSize()));
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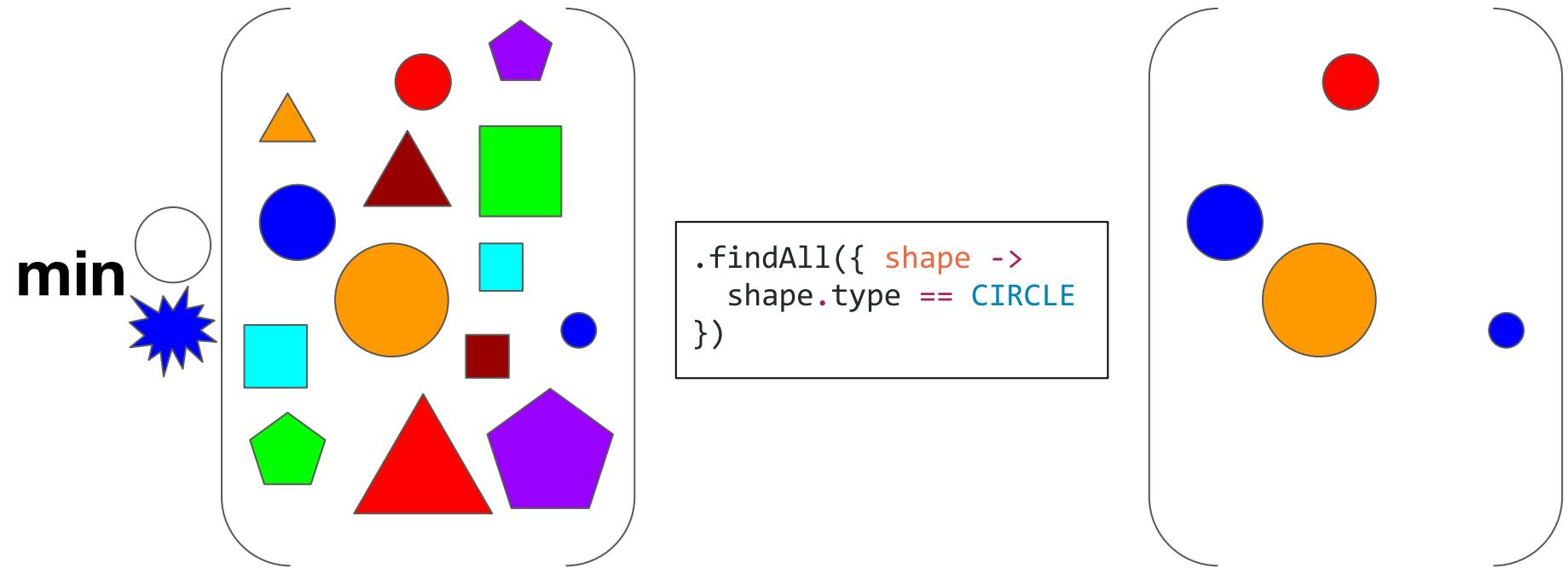


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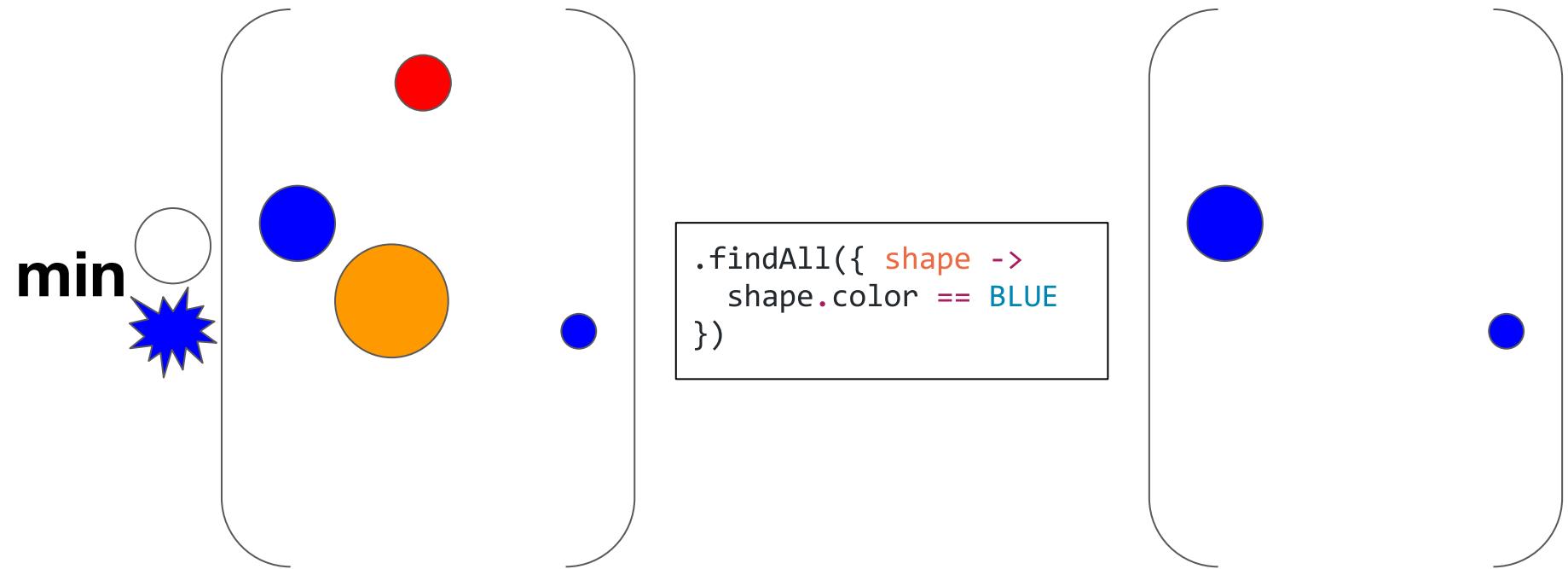


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    .findAllParallel({ shape -> shape.type == CIRCLE })
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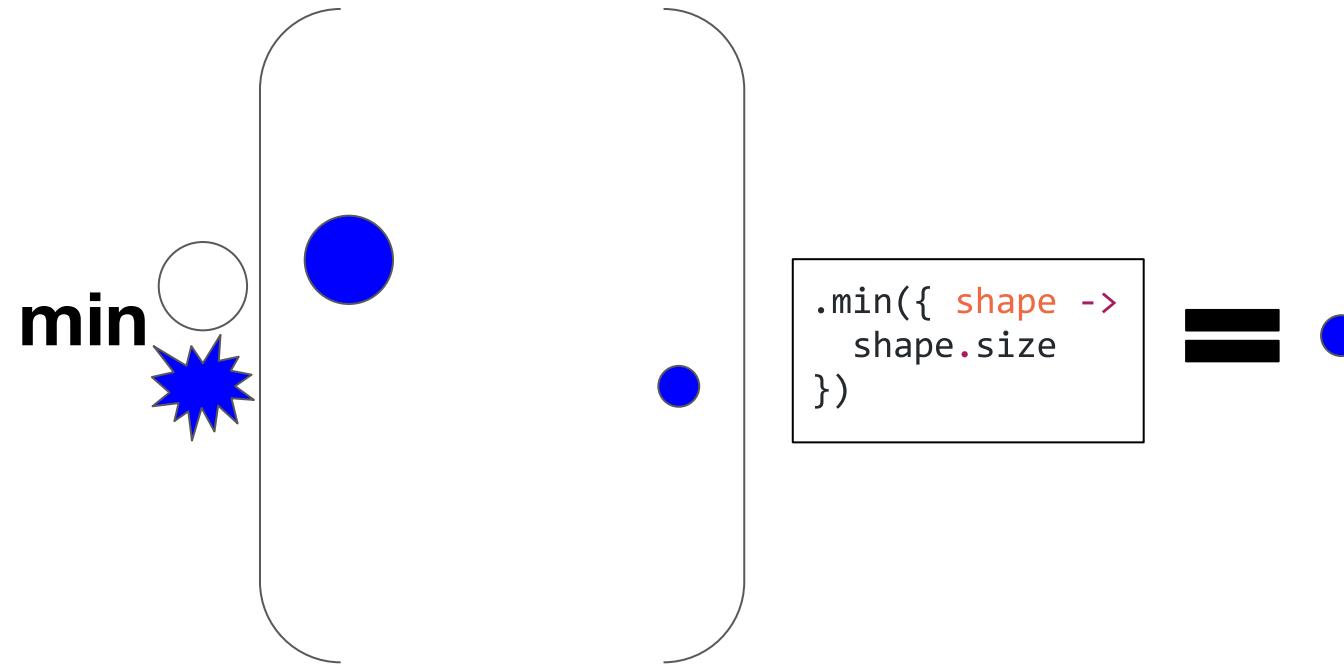
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shapes.makeConcurrent()
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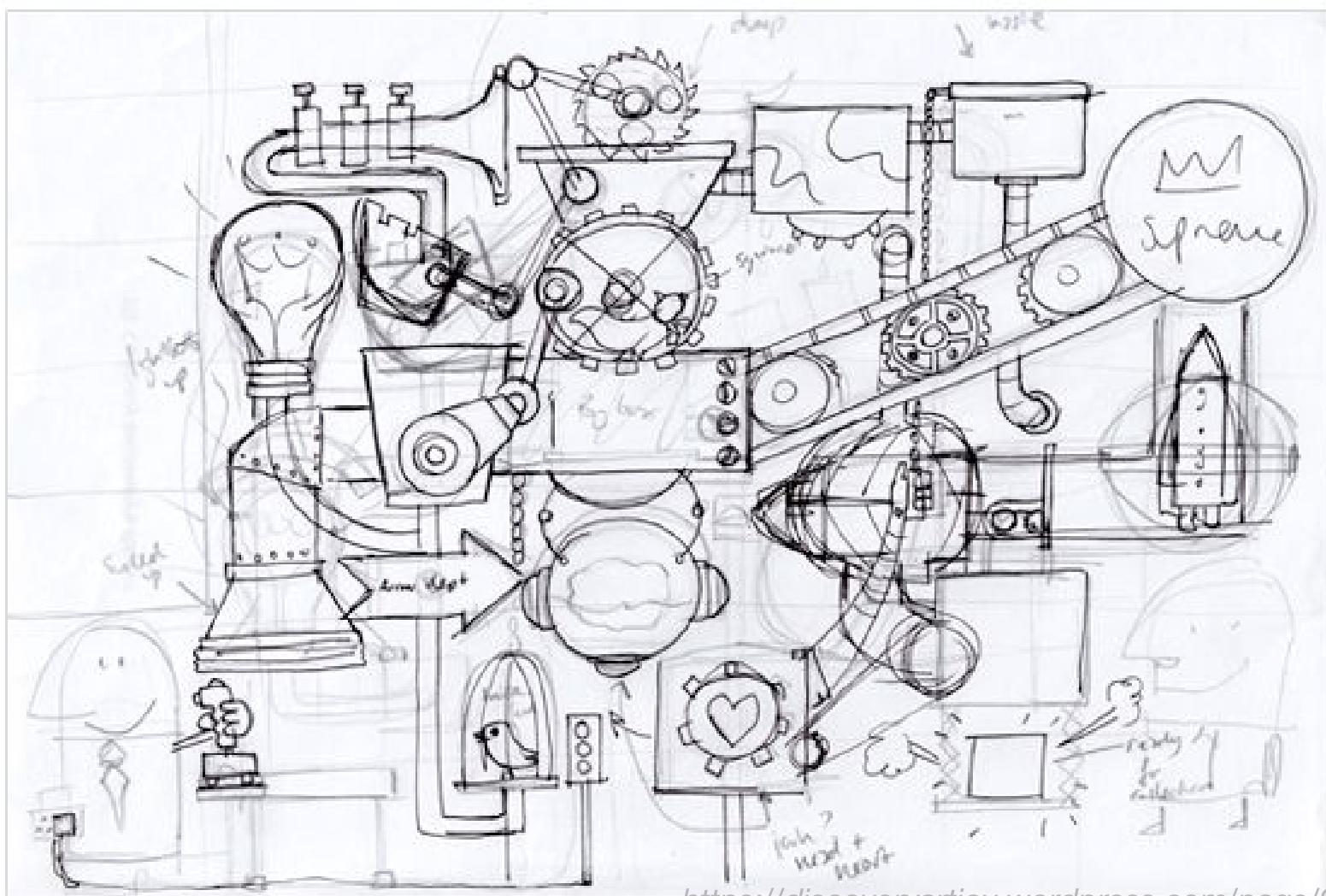


```
def findMostPopularTweet = { Map params ->
    String topic = params.about
    Collection tweets = params.from

    withPool {
        tweets.parallel.filter({ Status tweet ->
            tweet.text.toLowerCase().contains(topic.toLowerCase())
        }).filter({ Status tweet ->
            !tweet.retweet
        }).map({ Status tweet ->
            [
                user: tweet.user.screenName,
                text: tweet.text,
                favourited: tweet.favoriteCount,
                retweeted: tweet.retweetCount
            ]
        }).max({
            it.favourited + it.retweeted
        })
    }
}

def result = findMostPopularTweet about: 'gpars', from: jeeconfTweets
```

WITH POOL



```
withPool {
```

```
    Closure fetchLatestTweets = twitter.&fetchLatestTweets.asyncFun()  
    Closure determineTopic = topics.&determineTopic.asyncFun()  
    Closure aggregateTopics = topics.&aggregateTopics.asyncFun()  
    Closure fetchNewsAbout = news.&fetchNewsAbout.asyncFun()  
    Closure filterMostImportant = news.&filterMostImportant.asyncFun()
```

```
    Promise topics = determineTopic(fetchLatestTweets)
```

```
    Promise aggregatedTopics = topics.get().inject({ t1, t2 -> aggregateTopics(t1, t2) })
```

```
    aggregatedTopics.then {  
        fetchNewsAbout(it)  
    }.then {  
        filterMostImportant(it)  
    }.then {  
        println it  
    }.join()  
}
```

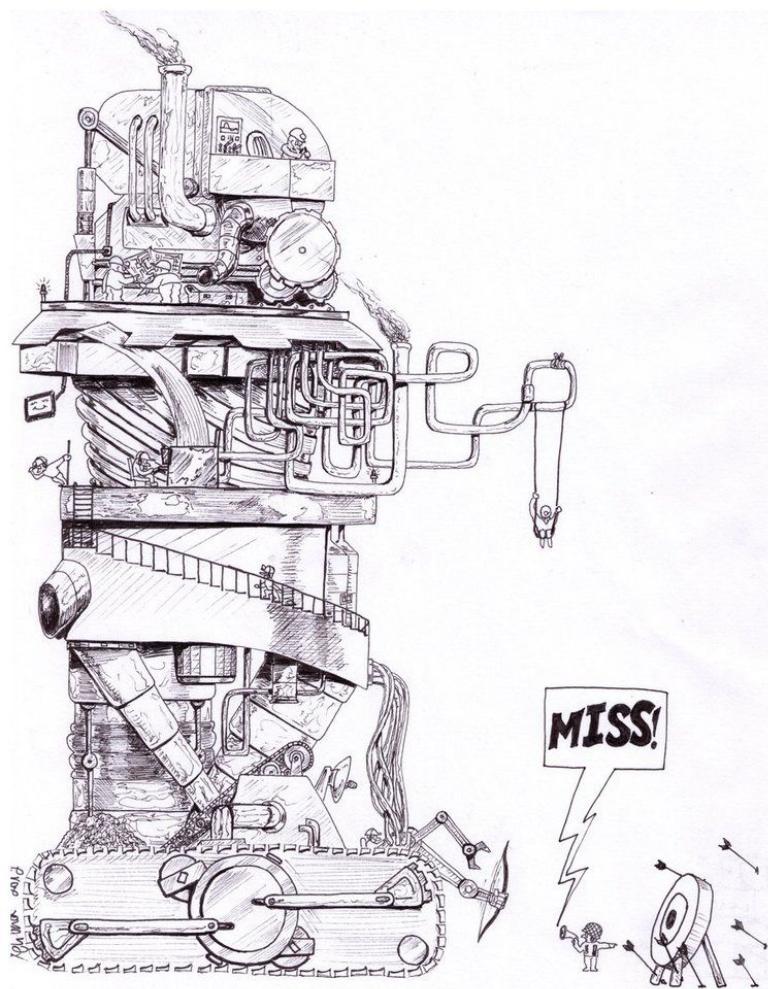
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AGENTS

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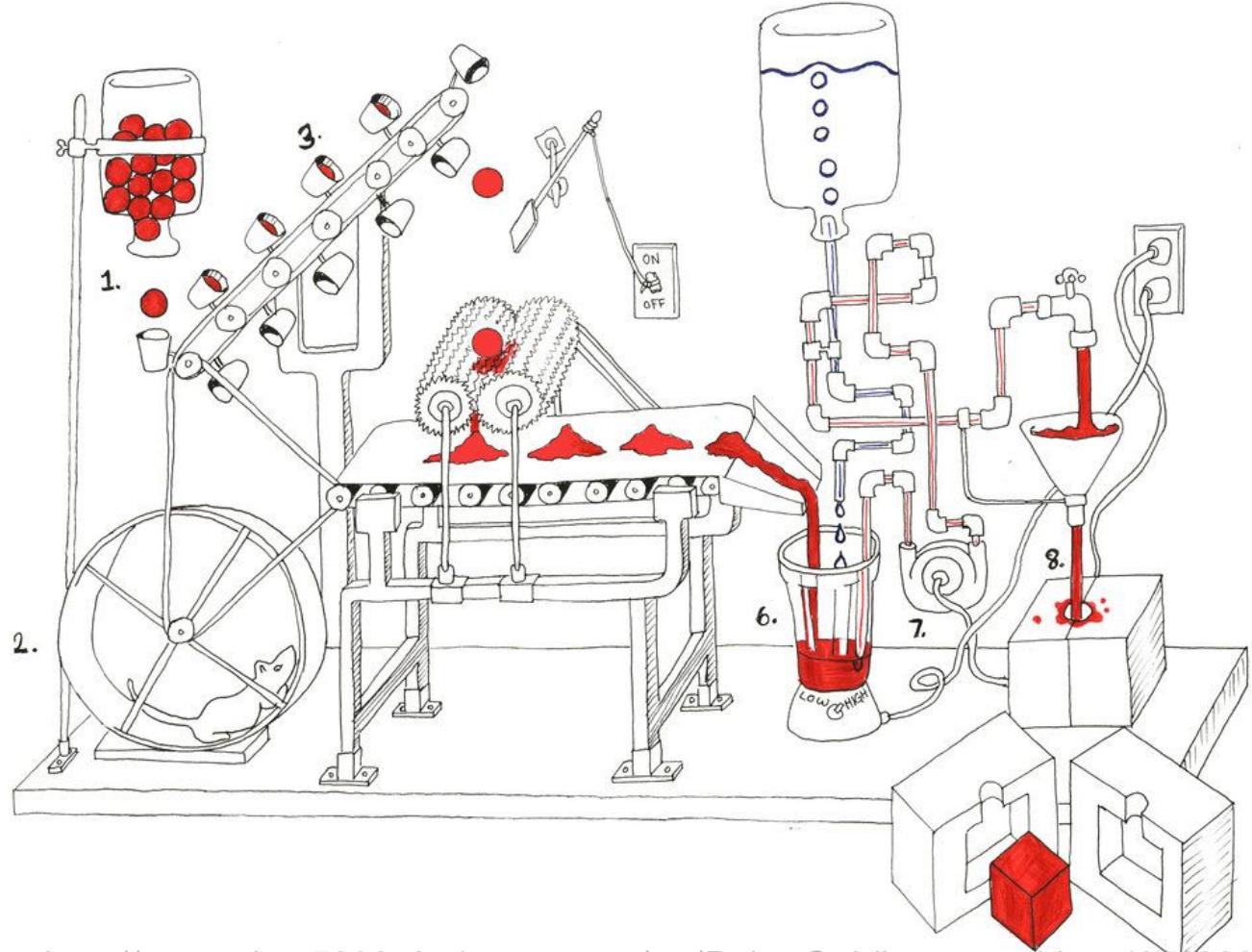
```
def stringGuard = new Agent<String>()
28.times {
    Thread.start {
        stringGuard { updateValue(it + '|' + Thread.currentThread().name) }
    }
}
println stringGuard.val

def listGuard = new Agent<List<String>>()
43.times {
    Thread.start {
        listGuard { it.add(Thread.currentThread().name) }
    }
}
listGuard.valAsync {
    println it
}
```

```
final Agent<String> stringGuard = new Agent<>();
stringGuard.send(new MessagingRunnable<String>() {
    @Override
    protected void doRun(String value) {
        stringGuard.updateValue(value + ' | ' + Thread.currentThread().getName());
    }
});
System.out.println(stringGuard.getVal());

final Agent<List<String>> listGuard = new Agent<>();
listGuard.send(new ArrayList<>());
listGuard.send(new MessagingRunnable<List<String>>() {
    @Override
    protected void doRun(List<String> value) {
        value.add(Thread.currentThread().getName());
    }
});
listGuard.valAsync(new MessagingRunnable<List<String>>() {
    @Override
    protected void doRun(List<String> value) {
        System.out.println(value);
    }
});
```

ACTORS



```
def main = actor {
    loop {
        fetchLatestNews.send()
        react { latestNews ->
            extractText latestNews

            react { text -> save text }
        }
    }
}

def fetchLatestNews = reactor {
    news.fetchLatest()
}

def extractText = messageHandler {
    when { Tweet tweet -> reply tweet.status }
    when { FacebookPost facebookPost -> reply facebookPost.post }
    when { BlogArticle blogArticle -> reply blogArticle.text }
}

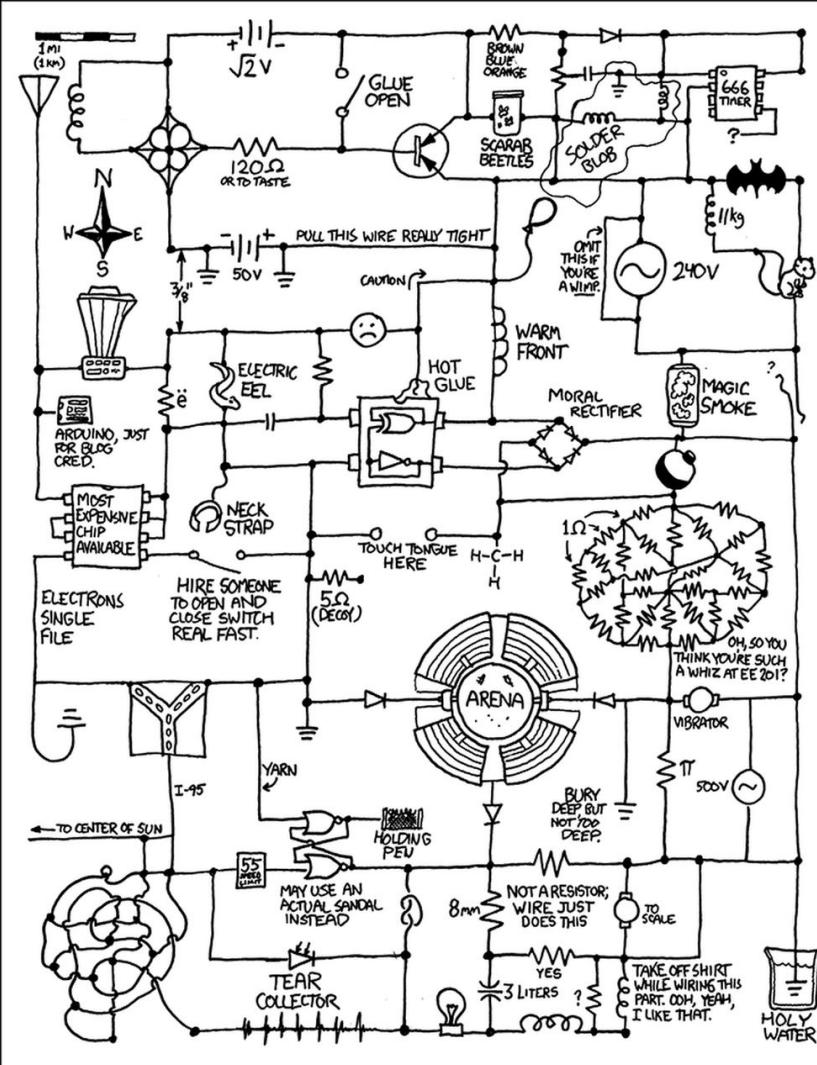
def save = reactor { text ->
    println text
}
```

```
final Closure handler = new ReactorMessagingRunnable() {

    @Override
    protected Object doRun(Object argument) {
        return news.fetchLatest();
    }
};

final Actor actor = new ReactiveActor(handler);
actor.start();
```

```
public class MessageHandler extends DynamicDispatchActor {  
  
    public void onMessage(final Tweet tweet) {  
        replyIfExists(tweet.getStatus());  
    }  
  
    public void onMessage(final FacebookPost facebookPost) {  
        replyIfExists(facebookPost.getPost());  
    }  
  
    public void onMessage(final BlogArticle blogArticle) {  
        replyIfExists(blogArticle.getText());  
    }  
}
```



DATAFLOWS

<http://www.projectroomseattle.org/programs-content/2014/6/preparing-for-the-failure-variet-show-the-rube-goldberg-confessionals>

```
final Dataflow dataflow = new Dataflows()

task {
    dataflow.numberOfInteractions = dataflow.retweets + dataflow.facebookLikes
}

task {
    dataflow.retweets = twitter.numberOfRetweets(article)
}

task {
    dataflow.facebookLikes = facebook.numberOfLikes(article)
}

println dataflow.numberOfInteractions
```

```
final DataflowVariable<Integer> numberOfInteractions = new DataflowVariable<>();
final DataflowVariable<Integer> retweets = new DataflowVariable<>();
final DataflowVariable<Integer> facebookLikes = new DataflowVariable<>();

task((Runnable) () -> {
    try {
        numberOfInteractions.bind(retweets.getVal() + facebookLikes.getVal());
    } catch (InterruptedException e) {
        throw new RuntimeException(e);
    }
});

task(() -> retweets.bind(twitter.numberOfRetweets(article)));

task(() -> facebookLikes.bind(facebook.numberofLikes(article)));

System.out.println(numberOfInteractions.getVal());
```

```
def retweets = new DataflowQueue()
def facebookLikes = new DataflowQueue()
def numberOfInteractions = new DataflowQueue()

operator(
    inputs: [ retweets, facebookLikes ],
    outputs: [ numberOfInteractions ],
    { retweetsCount, facebookLikesCount ->
        numberOfInteractions << retweetsCount + facebookLikesCount
    }
)

task {
    ALL_ARTICLES.each { article -> retweets << twitter.numberOfRetweets(article) }
}

task {
    ALL_ARTICLES.each { article -> facebookLikes << facebook.numberofLikes(article) }
}
```

```
final DataflowQueue retweets = new DataflowQueue();
final DataflowQueue facebookLikes = new DataflowQueue();
final DataflowQueue numberOfInteractions = new DataflowQueue();

operator(
   .asList(retweets, facebookLikes),
   .asList(numberOfInteractions),
    new DataflowMessagingRunnable(2) {

    @Override
    protected void doRun(Object... arguments) {
        getOwningProcessor().bindOutput((Integer)arguments[0] + (Integer)arguments[1]);
    }
});

task(() -> ALL_ARTICLES.forEach(a -> retweets.bind(twitter.numberOfRetweets(a))));

task(() -> ALL_ARTICLES.forEach(a -> facebookLikes.bind(facebook.numberOfLikes(a))));
```

WHY USE GPARS?

TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE OF SEQUENTIAL CODE

SIMPLIFY DEVELOPMENT OF CONCURRENT/PARALLEL CODE

USE CLOSE-TO-DOMAIN ABSTRACTIONS

REDUCE NUMBER OF ERRORS

INTEGRATE DIFFERENT ABSTRACTIONS EASILY

WHEN DO USE GPARS? - PARALLEL STREAMS

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Examples from slides

Groovy and Concurrency with GPars by Paul King

Gpars: Concurrency in Java & Groovy by Ken Kousen

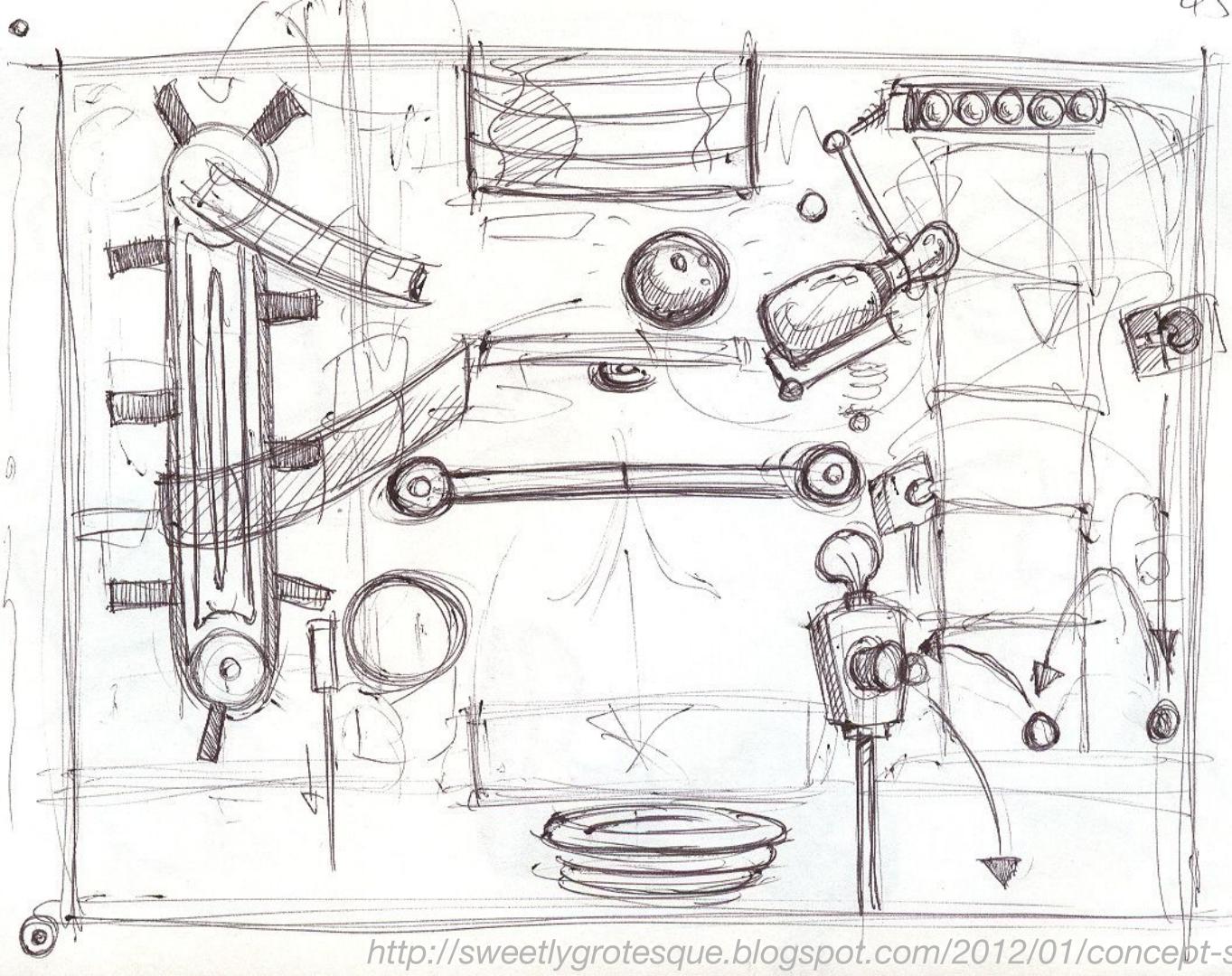
Official site

Sources

Slack channel

The GPars User Guide

'Concurrent Groovy with GPars' chapter from 'Groovy in Action' book



Q/A

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