

Procedural Programming

It's Back? It Never Went Away

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procedure

The word "procedure" is written in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image. The background is a dark, grayscale photograph of the Stonehenge monument in England, with the stone structures visible behind the text.

A dark, atmospheric photograph of Stonehenge at night. The ancient stone structures are silhouetted against a very dark, almost black sky. The overall mood is mysterious and historical.

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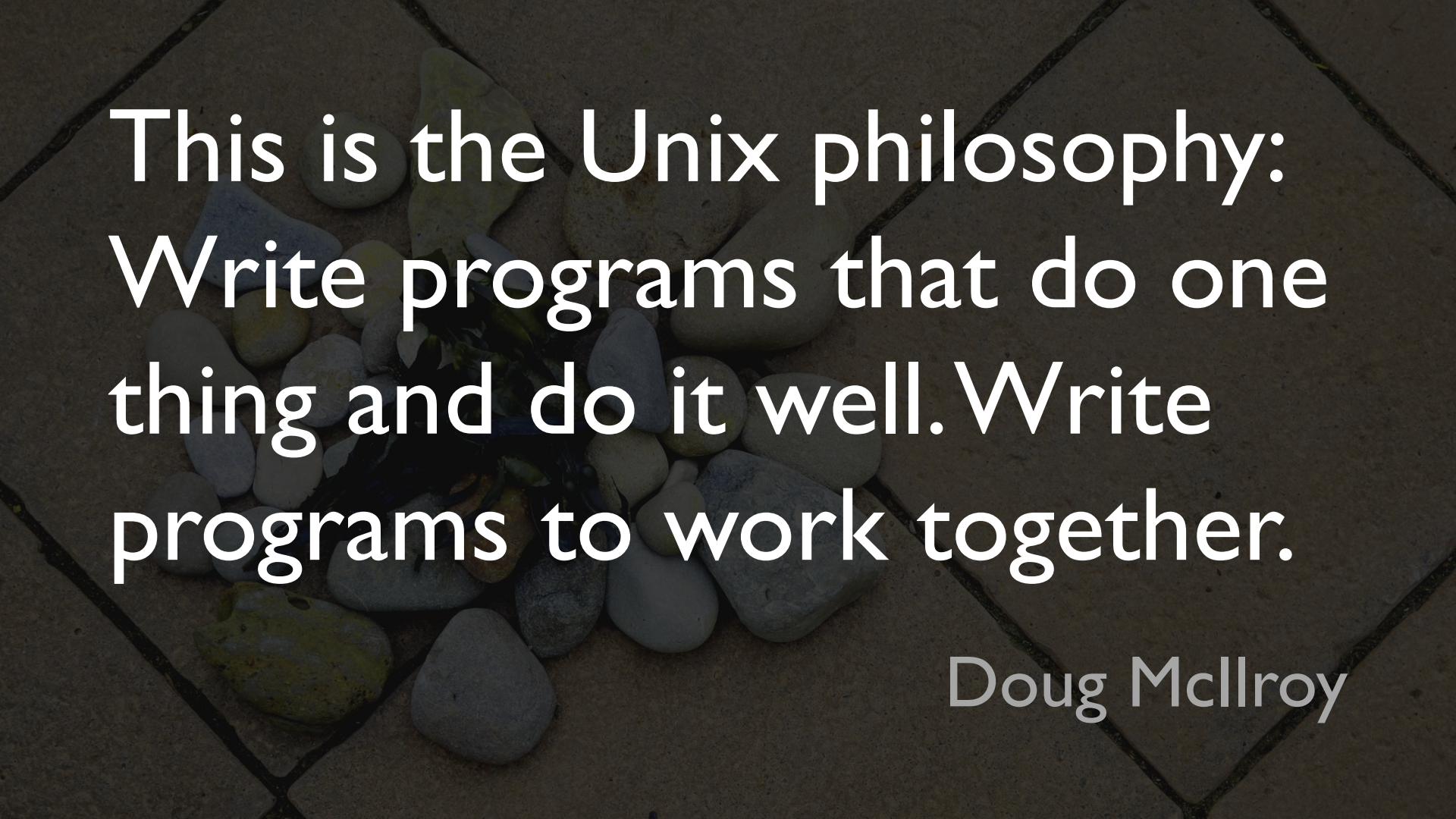
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A dark, monochromatic background featuring the Stonehenge monument in the distance. The monument is composed of several large, rectangular stone blocks arranged in a circular pattern. The lighting is very low, making the stones appear as dark silhouettes against a slightly lighter, dark grey sky. The overall mood is mysterious and ancient.



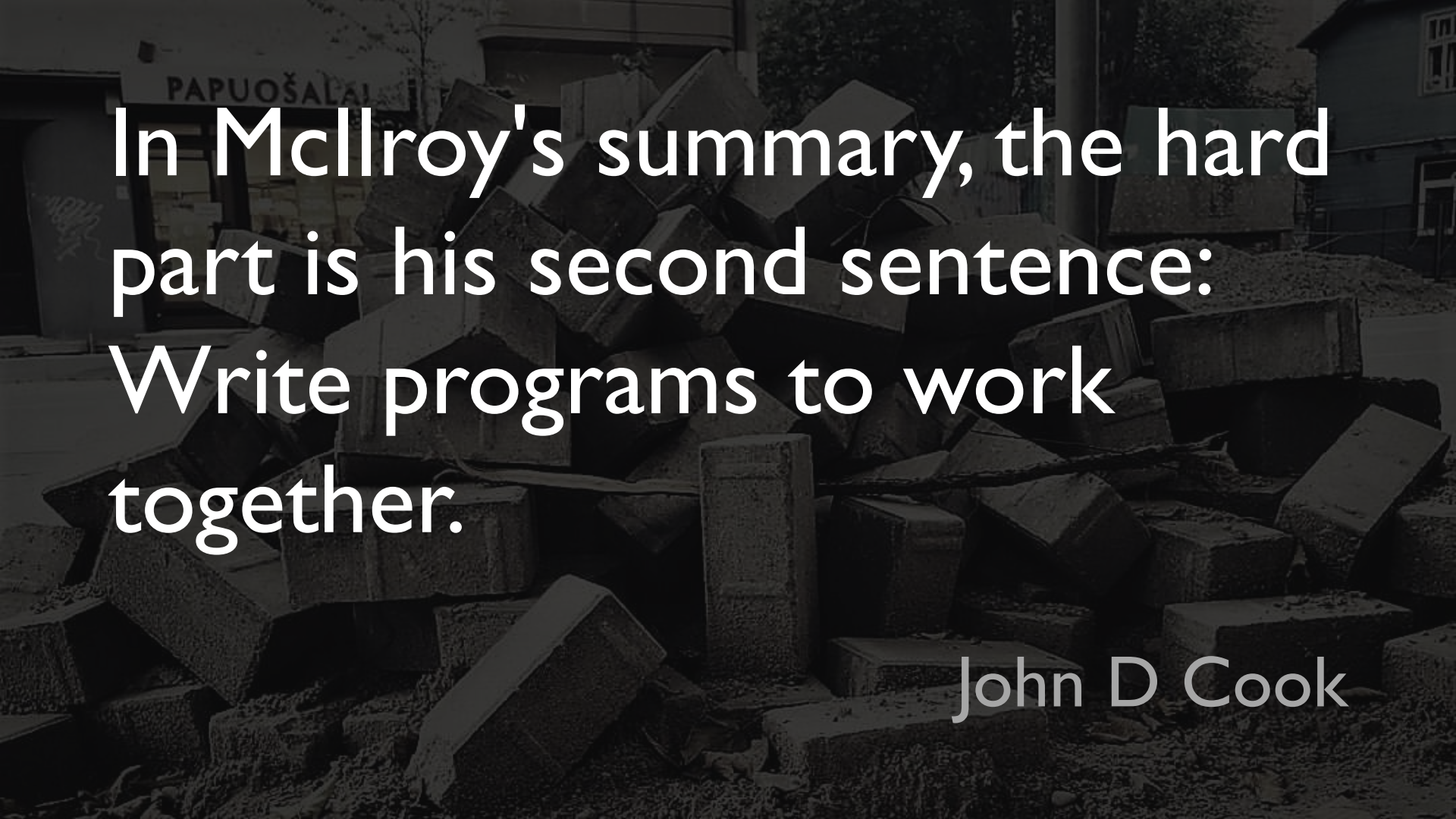


This is the Unix philosophy:
Write programs that do one
thing and do it well. Write
programs to work together.

Doug McIlroy



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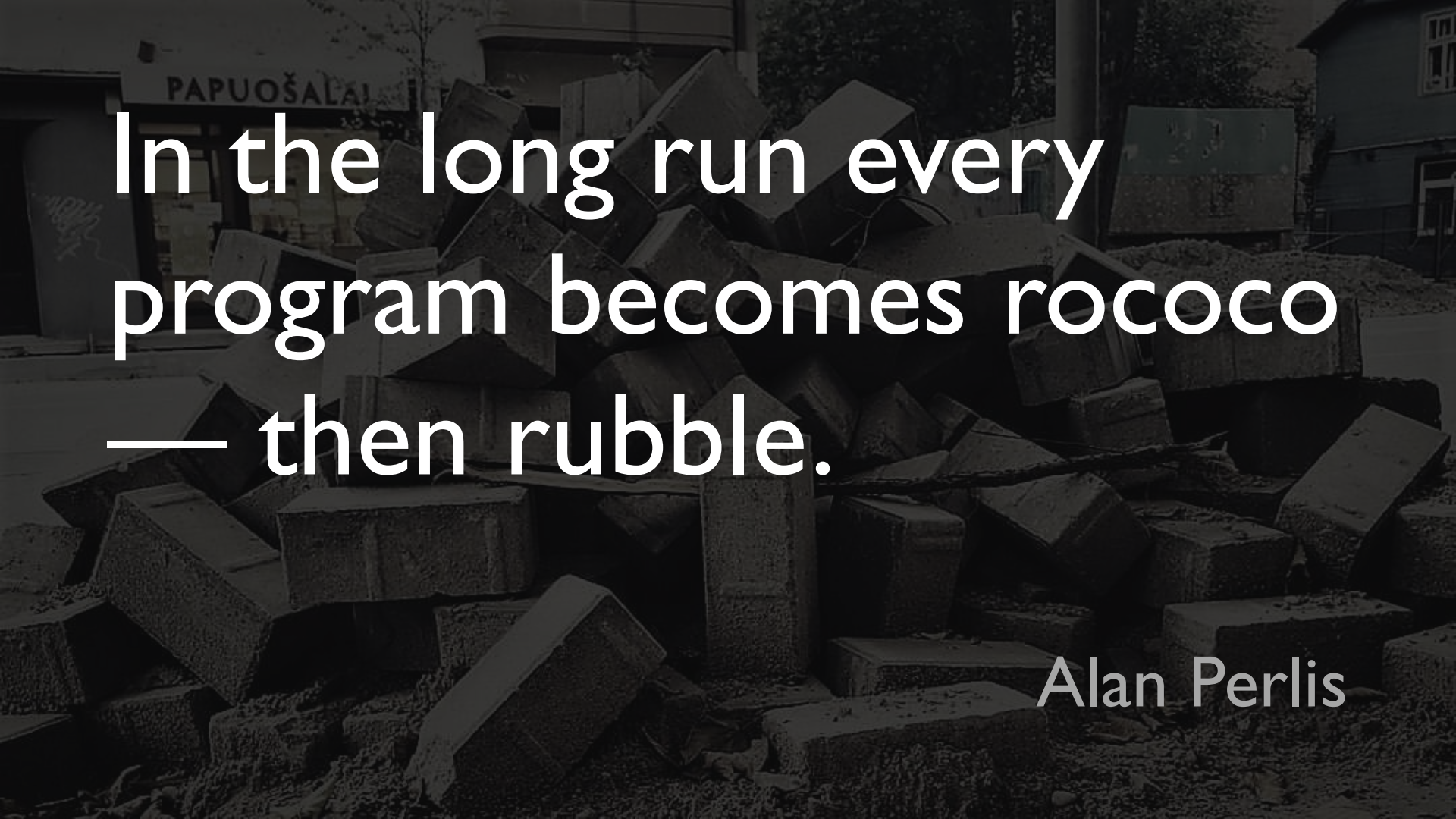


In McIlroy's summary, the hard part is his second sentence:
Write programs to work together.

John D Cook



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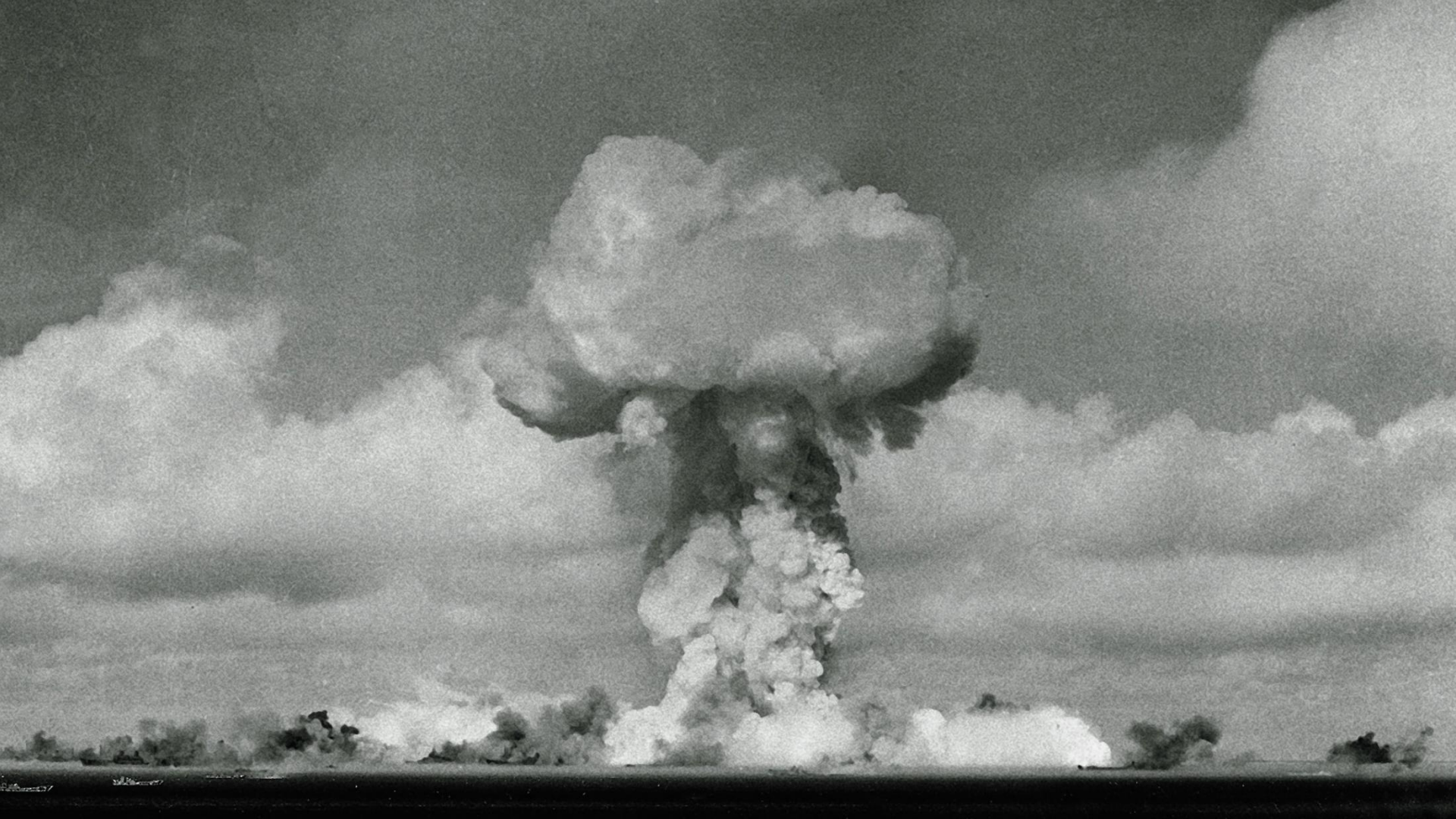
In the long run every
program becomes rococo
— then rubble.

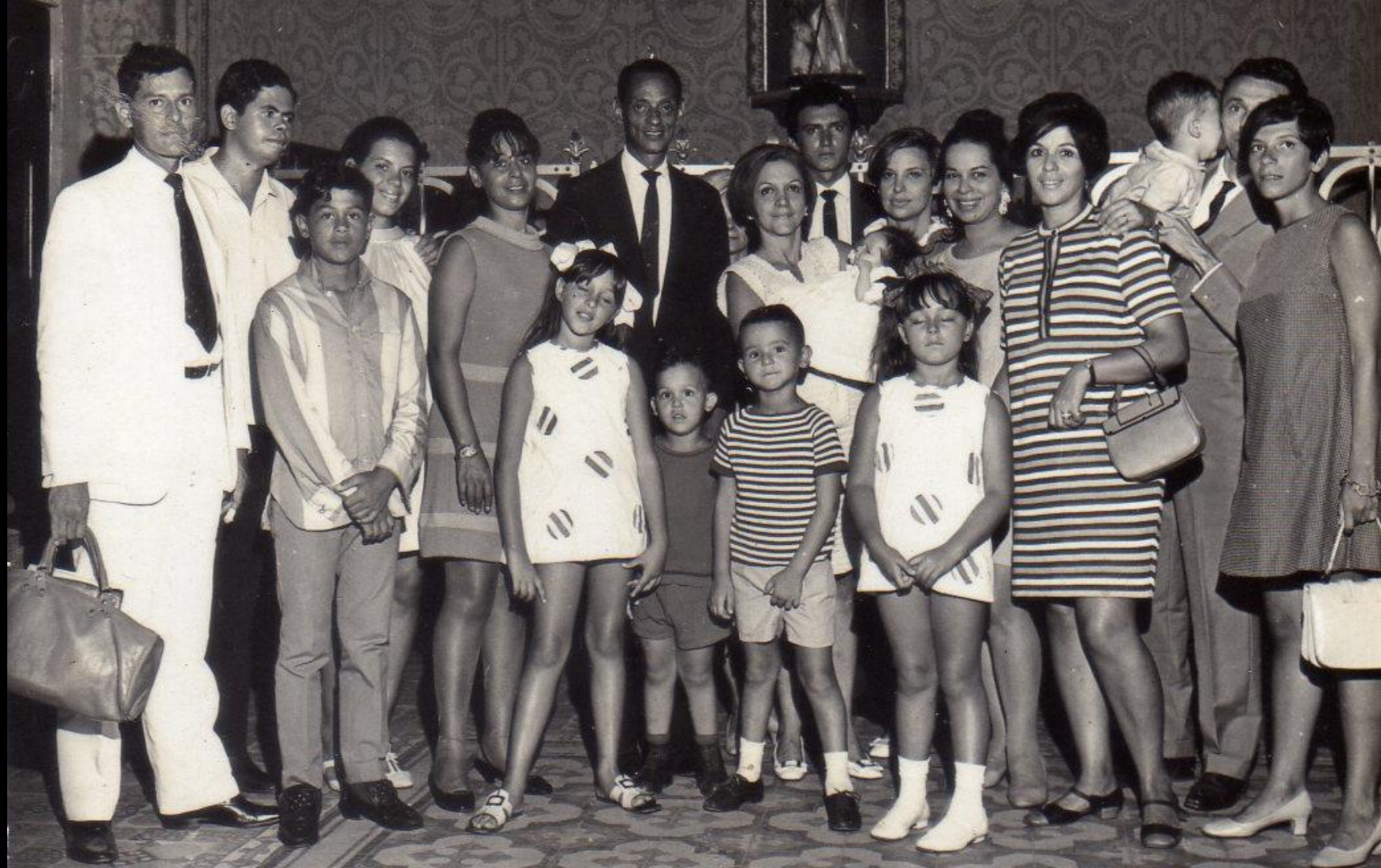
Alan Perlis

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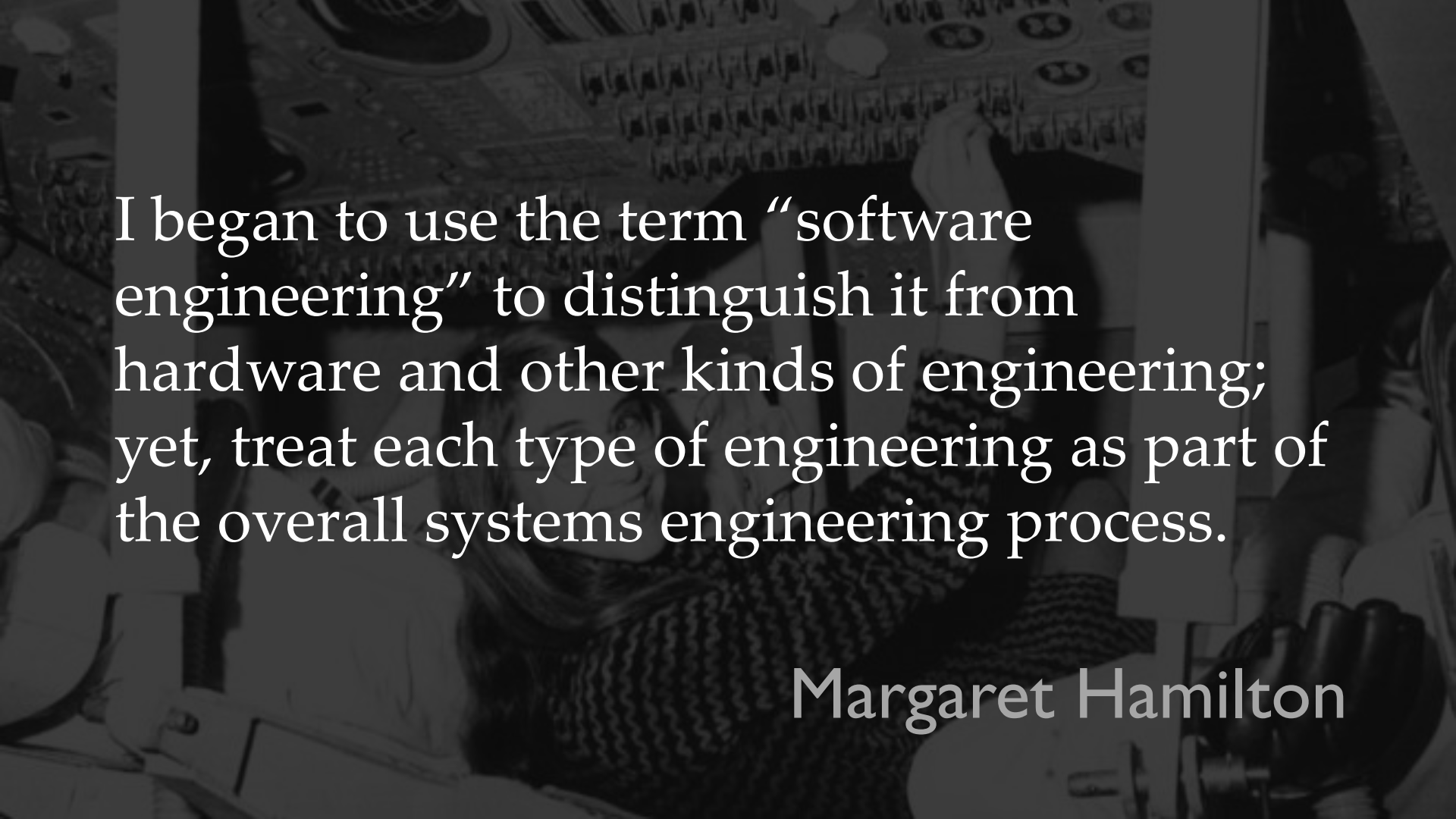
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I began to use the term “software engineering” to distinguish it from hardware and other kinds of engineering; yet, treat each type of engineering as part of the overall systems engineering process.

Margaret Hamilton

A bright sun rising over a dark horizon, with a lens flare effect. The sun is a glowing yellow-white circle at the top center, casting a soft, pinkish-purple glow across the sky. Below the sun, a dark, curved horizon line suggests a planet or moon. The overall scene is set against a black background, creating a dramatic and atmospheric effect.

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Define a subset of the system which is small enough to bring to an operational state [...] then build on that subsystem.

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This strategy requires that the system be designed in modules which can be realized, tested, and modified independently, apart from conventions for intermodule communication.

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The design process
is an iterative one.

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Andy Kinslow

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There are two classes of system designers.
The first, if given five problems will solve
them one at a time.

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The second will come back and announce that these aren't the real problems, and will eventually propose a solution to the single problem which underlies the original five.

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This is the 'system type' who is great during the initial stages of a design project. However, you had better get rid of him after the first six months if you want to get a working system.

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A software system can best be designed if the testing is interlaced with the designing instead of being used after the design.

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Alan Perlis

```
proc is leap year = (int year) bool:  
    skip;
```

Revised Report
on the Algorithmic Language

Algol 68

Edited by

A. van Wijngaarden, B. J. Mailloux,

J. E. J. Back, C. H. A. Koster, M. Sintzoff

Revised Report
on the Algorithmic Language

int long

void

Algol 68

bool

char

union

short

struct

Edited by

A. van Wijngaarden, B. J. Mailloux,

J. E. J. Peck, C. H. A. Koster, M. Sintzoff

```
proc is leap year = (int year) bool:  
    false;  
  
[] proposition leap year spec =  
(  
    ("Years not divisible by 4 are not leap years",  
     void: (assert (not is leap year (1967))))  
);
```

```
mode proposition = struct (string name, proc void test);
```

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  void: (assert (not is leap year (1967))))
);
```

```
test (leap year spec)
```

```
mode proposition = struct (string name, proc void test);  
proc test = ([] proposition spec) void:  
  for entry from lwb spec to upb spec  
  do  
    print (name of spec [entry]);  
    test of spec [entry];  
    print (new line)  
  od;
```



```
proc is leap year = (int year) bool:  
    year mod 4 = 0;  
  
[] proposition leap year spec =  
(  
    ("Years not divisible by 4 are not leap years",  
     void: (assert (not is leap year (1967))))),  
    ("Years divisible by 4 but not by 100 are leap years",  
     void: (assert (is leap year (1968))))  
);
```

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```

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proc is leap year = (int year) bool:  
    year mod 4 = 0 and year mod 100 /= 0;  
  
[] proposition leap year spec =  
(  
    ("Years not divisible by 4 are not leap years",  
     void: (assert (not is leap year (1967))))),  
    ("Years divisible by 4 but not by 100 are leap years",  
     void: (assert (is leap year (1968))))),  
    ("Years divisible by 100 but not by 400 are not leap years",  
     void: (assert (not is leap year (1900))))  
);  
  
test (leap year spec)
```

```
proc is leap year = (int year) bool:  
    year mod 4 = 0 and year mod 100 /= 0 or year mod 400 = 0;  
  
[] proposition leap year spec =  
(  
    ("Years not divisible by 4 are not leap years",  
     void: (assert (not is leap year (1967))))),  
    ("Years divisible by 4 but not by 100 are leap years",  
     void: (assert (is leap year (1968))))),  
    ("Years divisible by 100 but not by 400 are not leap years",  
     void: (assert (not is leap year (1900))))),  
    ("Years divisible by 400 are leap years",  
     void: (assert (is leap year (2000))))  
);  
  
test (leap year spec)
```

LISP 1.5 Programmer's Manual

**The Computation Center
and Research Laboratory of Electronics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

```
proc is leap year = (int year) bool:  
    year mod 4 = 0 and year mod 100 /= 0 or year mod 400 = 0;  
  
[] proposition leap year spec =  
(  
    ("Years not divisible by 4 are not leap years",  
     with (2018, 2001, 1967, 1), expect (false)),  
    ("Years divisible by 4 but not by 100 are leap years",  
     with (2016, 1984, 1968, 4), expect (true)),  
    ("Years divisible by 100 but not by 400 are not leap years",  
     with (2100, 1900, 100), expect (false)),  
    ("Years divisible by 400 are leap years",  
     with (2000, 1600, 400), expect (true))  
);  
  
test (is leap year, leap year spec)
```

```
mode expect = bool;  
mode with = flex [1:0] int;  
mode proposition = struct (string name, with inputs, expect result);
```

```
proc test = (proc (int) bool function, [] proposition spec) void:
  for entry from lwb spec to upb spec
  do
    print (name of spec [entry]);
    string report := "", separator := " failed for ";
    [] int inputs = inputs of spec [entry];
    for value from lwb inputs to upb inputs
    do
      if
        bool expected = result of spec [entry];
        function (inputs [value]) /= expected
      then
        report += separator + whole(inputs[value], 0);
        separator := " "
      fi
    od;
    print (if report = "" then (new line) else (new line, report, new line) fi)
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      then
        report += separator + whole(inputs[value], 0);
        separator := " "
      fi
    od;
    print ((report = "" | (new line) | (new line, report, new line)))
  od;
```

We instituted a rigorous regression test for all of the features of AWK. Any of the three of us who put in a new feature into the language [...], first had to write a test for the new feature.

Alfred Aho

http://www.computerworld.com.au/article/216844/a-z_programming_languages_awk/

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There is no such question as testing things after the fact with simulation models, but that in effect the testing and the replacement of simulations with modules that are deeper and more detailed goes on with the simulation model controlling, as it were, the place and order in which these things are done.

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As design work progresses this simulation will gradually evolve into the real system.

The simulation is the design.

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STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING

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Letters to the Editor

Go To Statement Considered Harmful

Key Words and Phrases: go to statement, jump instruction, branch instruction, conditional clause, alternative clause, repetitive clause, program intelligibility, program sequencing
CR Categories: 4.22, 5.23, 5.24

EDITOR:

For a number of years I have been familiar with the observation that the quality of programmers is a decreasing function of the density of go to statements in the programs they produce. More recently I discovered why the use of the go to statement has such disastrous effects, and I became convinced that the go to statement should be abolished from all "higher level" programming languages (i.e. everything except, perhaps, plain machine code). At that time I did not attach too much importance to this discovery; I now submit my considerations for publication because in very recent discussions in which the subject turned up, I have been urged to do so.

My first remark is that, although the programmer's activity ends when he has constructed a correct program, the process taking place under control of his program is the true subject matter of his activity, for it is this process that has to accomplish the desired effect; it is this process that in its dynamic behavior has to satisfy the desired specifications. Yet, once the program has been made, the "making" of the corresponding process is delegated to the machine.

My second remark is that our intellectual powers are rather geared to master static relations and that our powers to visualize processes evolving in time are relatively poorly developed. For that reason we should do (as wise programmers aware of our limitations) our utmost to shorten the conceptual gap between the static program and the dynamic process, to make the correspondence between the program (spread out in text space) and the process (spread out in time) as trivial as possible.

Let us now consider how we can characterize the progress of a process. (You may think about this question in a very concrete manner: suppose that a process, considered as a time succession of actions, is stopped after an arbitrary action, what data do we have to fix in order that we can redo the process until the very same point?) If the program text is a pure concatenation of, say, assignment statements (for the purpose of this discussion regarded as the descriptions of single actions) it is sufficient to point in the program text to a point between two successive action descriptions. (In the absence of go to statements I can persuade myself of the syntactic ambiguity in the last three words of the previous sentence: if we parse them as "successive (action descriptions)" we mean successive in text space; if we parse as "(successive action) descriptions" we mean successive in time.) Let us call such a pointer to a suitable place in the text a "textual index."

When we include conditional clauses (if B then A), alternative clauses (if B then A1 else A2), choice clauses as introduced by C. A. R. Hoare (case of A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n), or conditional expressions as introduced by J. McCarthy ($B_1 \rightarrow E_1, B_2 \rightarrow E_2, \dots, B_n \rightarrow E_n$), the fact remains that the progress of the process remains characterized by a single textual index.

As soon as we include in our language procedures we must admit that a single textual index is no longer sufficient. In the case that a textual index points to the interior of a procedure body the

dynamic progress is only characterized when we also give to which call of the procedure we refer. With the inclusion of procedures we can characterize the progress of the process via a sequence of textual indices, the length of this sequence being equal to the dynamic depth of procedure calling.

Let us now consider repetition clauses (like, while B repeat A or repeat A until B). Logically speaking, such clauses are now superfluous, because we can express repetition with the aid of recursive procedures. For reasons of realism I don't wish to exclude them: on the one hand, repetition clauses can be implemented quite comfortably with present day finite equipment; on the other hand, the reasoning pattern known as "induction" makes us well equipped to retain our intellectual grasp on the processes generated by repetition clauses. With the inclusion of the repetition clauses textual indices are no longer sufficient to describe the dynamic progress of the process. With each entry into a repetition clause, however, we can associate a so-called "dynamic index," inexorably counting the ordinal number of the corresponding current repetition. As repetition clauses (just as procedure calls) may be applied nestedly, we find that now the progress of the process can always be uniquely characterized by a (mixed) sequence of textual and/or dynamic indices.

The main point is that the values of these indices are outside programmer's control; they are generated (either by the write-up of his program or by the dynamic evolution of the process) whether he wishes or not. They provide independent coordinates in which to describe the progress of the process.

Why do we need such independent coordinates? The reason is—and this seems to be inherent to sequential processes—that we can interpret the value of a variable only with respect to the progress of the process. If we wish to count the number, n , say, of people in an initially empty room, we can achieve this by increasing a by one whenever we see someone entering the room. In the in-between moment that we have observed someone entering the room but have not yet performed the subsequent increase of n , its value equals the number of people in the room minus one!

The unhelpful use of the go to statement has an immediate consequence that it becomes terribly hard to find a meaningful set of coordinates in which to describe the process progress. Usually, people take into account as well the values of some well chosen variables, but this is out of the question because it is relative to the progress that the meaning of these values is to be understood! With the go to statement one can, of course, still describe that progress uniquely by a counter counting the number of actions performed since program start (viz. a kind of normalized clock). The difficulty is that such a coordinate, although unique, is utterly unhelpful. In such a coordinate system it becomes an extremely complicated affair to define all those points of progress where, say, n equals the number of persons in the room minus one!

The go to statement as it stands is just too primitive; it is too much an invitation to make a mess of one's program. One can regard and appreciate the clauses considered as bridling its use. I do not claim that the clauses mentioned are exhaustive in the sense that they will satisfy all needs, but whatever clauses are suggested (e.g. abortion clauses) they should satisfy the requirement that a programmer independent coordinate system can be maintained to describe the process in a helpful and manageable way.

It is hard to end this with a fair acknowledgment. Am I to

judge by whom my thinking has been influenced? It is fairly obvious that I am not uninfluenced by Peter Landin and Christopher Strachey. Finally I should like to record (as I remember it quite distinctly) how Heinz Zemanek at the pre-ALGOL meeting in early 1959 in Copenhagen quite explicitly expressed his doubts whether the go to statement should be treated on equal syntactic footing with the assignment statement. To a modest extent I blame myself for not having then drawn the consequences of his remark.

The remark about the undesirability of the go to statement is far from new. I remember having read the explicit recommendation to restrict the use of the go to statement to alarm exits, but I have not been able to trace it; presumably, it has been made by C. A. R. Hoare. In [1, Sec. 3.2.1] Wirth and Hoare together make a remark in the same direction in motivating the case construction: "Like the conditional, it mirrors the dynamic structure of a program more clearly than go to statements and switches, and it eliminates the need for introducing a large number of labels in the program."

In [2] Giuseppe Jacopini seems to have proved the (logical) superfluity of the go to statement. The exercise to translate an arbitrary flow diagram more or less mechanically into a jumpless one, however, is not to be recommended. Then the resulting flow diagram cannot be expected to be more transparent than the original one.

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English Etymology
T. F. HOAD

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Chambers

COLLINS
REFERENCE DICTIONARY
MATHEMATICS
E. J. BOROWSKI AND J. M. BORWEIN

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Stock

Samuel
Johnson's

LONG WORDS
BOTHER ME

JEFFREY KACIRK
AUTHOR OF *Forgotten English*

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- clichéd wording used as a template, typically originating in a single quote
- e.g., "X considered harmful", "These aren't the Xs you're looking for", "X is the new Y", "It's X, but not as we know it", "No X left behind", "It's Xs all the way down", "All your X are belong to us"

A Case against the GO TO Statement.

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```
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  LOGICAL ISLEAP
  INTEGER YEAR
  IF (MOD(YEAR, 400) .EQ. 0) GOTO 20
  IF (MOD(YEAR, 100) .EQ. 0) GOTO 10
  IF (MOD(YEAR, 4) .EQ. 0) GOTO 20
10  ISLEAP = .FALSE.
    RETURN
20  ISLEAP = .TRUE.
    END
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    GOTO 30
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30  CONTINUE
    RETURN
END
```

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FUNCTION ISLEAP(Year)
  LOGICAL ISLEAP
  INTEGER YEAR
  IF (MOD(YEAR, 400) .EQ. 0) THEN
    ISLEAP = .TRUE.
  ELSE IF (MOD(YEAR, 100) .EQ. 0) THEN
    ISLEAP = .FALSE.
  ELSE IF (MOD(YEAR, 4) .EQ. 0) THEN
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A goto completely
invalidates the high-level
structure of the code.

Taligent's Guide to Designing Programs

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```
send(to, from, count)
register short *to, *from;
register count;
{
    register n=(count+7)/8;
    switch(count%8){
case 0: do{ *to = *from++;
case 7:     *to = *from++;
case 6:     *to = *from++;
case 5:     *to = *from++;
case 4:     *to = *from++;
case 3:     *to = *from++;
case 2:     *to = *from++;
case 1:     *to = *from++;
            }while(--n>0);
    }
}
```

```
send(to, from, count)
register short *to, *from;
register count;
{
    register n=(count+7)/8;
    switch(count%8){
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                }while(--n>0);
    }
}
```

I feel a combination of
pride and revulsion at
this discovery.

Tom Duff

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case 1: *to = *from++;
}while(--n>0);
}
}
```

Many people have said that the worst feature of C is that switches don't break automatically before each case label. This code forms some sort of argument in that debate, but I'm not sure whether it's for or against.

Tom Duff

break

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} Z & \Rightarrow R \\ 0 & 0 \\ S & m \times \sigma \quad m \times \sigma \end{array}$$

continue

break

return

```
def isLeapYear(year)
{
    return year % 4 == 0 && year % 100 != 0 || year % 400 == 0
}
```

```
def isLeapYear(year)
{
    year % 4 == 0 && year % 100 != 0 || year % 400 == 0
}
```



```
def isLeapYear(year)
{
    if (year % 400 == 0)
        return true
    else if (year % 100 == 0)
        return false
    else if (year % 4 == 0)
        return true
    else
        return false
}
```

```
def isLeapYear(year)
{
    if (year % 400 == 0)
        return true
    if (year % 100 == 0)
        return false
    if (year % 4 == 0)
        return true
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}
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{
    if (year % 400 == 0)
        true
    else if (year % 100 == 0)
        false
    else if (year % 4 == 0)
        true
    else
        false
}
```

```
proc is leap year = (int year) bool:  
    if year mod 400 = 0 then  
        true  
    elif year mod 100 = 0 then  
        false  
    elif year mod 4 = 0 then  
        true  
    else  
        false  
fi;
```



```
isLeapYear year =  
    if year `mod` 400 == 0 then  
        True  
    else if year `mod` 100 == 0 then  
        False  
    else if year `mod` 4 == 0 then  
        True  
    else  
        False
```

```
function IsLeapYear(Year: Integer): Boolean;
begin
    if Year mod 400 = 0 then
        IsLeapYear := True
    else if Year mod 100 = 0 then
        IsLeapYear := False
    else if Year mod 4 = 0 then
        IsLeapYear := True
    else
        IsLeapYear := False
end;
```

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sequence

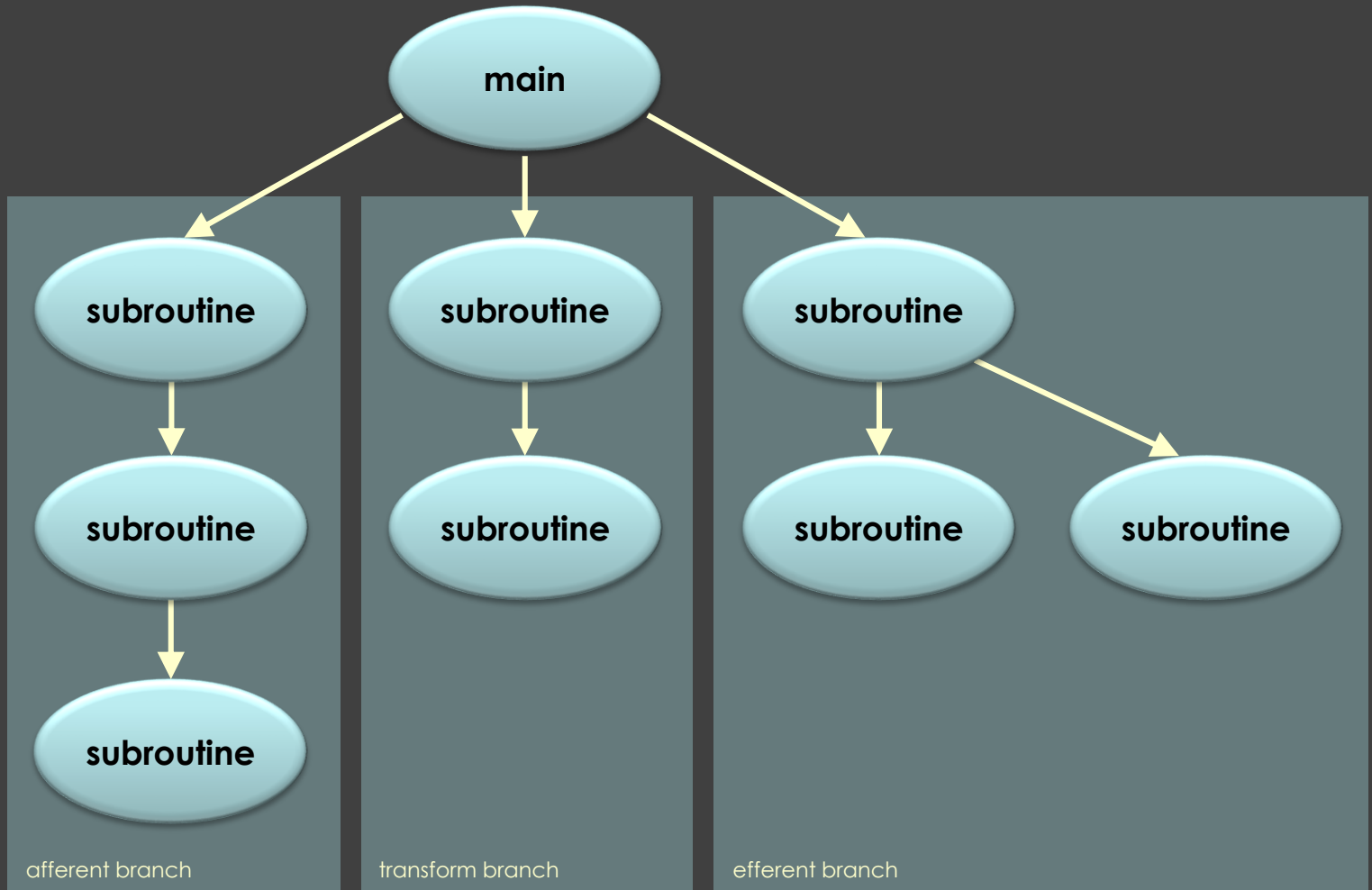
selection

iteration

Main Program and Subroutine

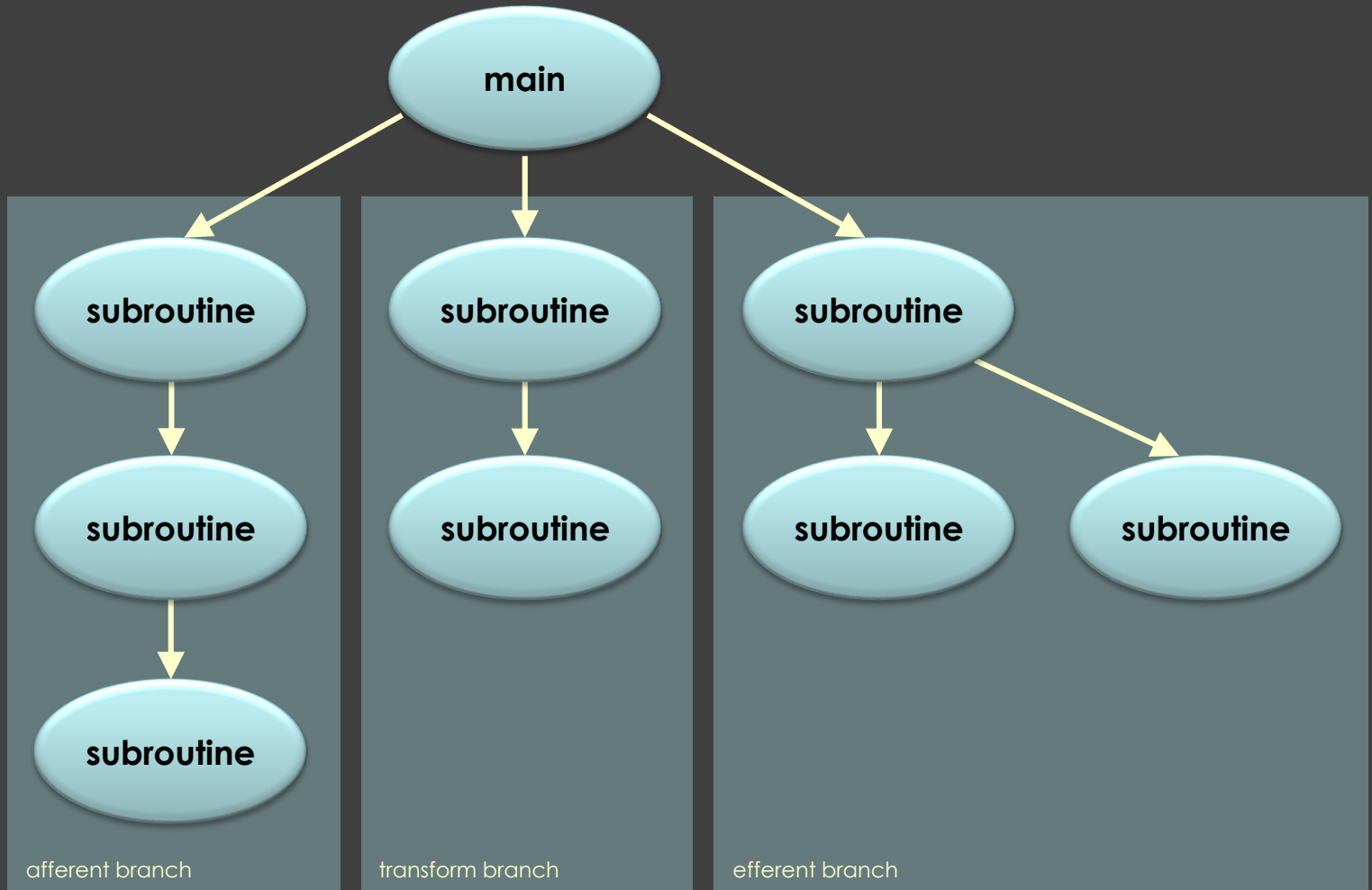
The goal is to decompose a program into smaller pieces to help achieve modifiability. A program is decomposed hierarchically.

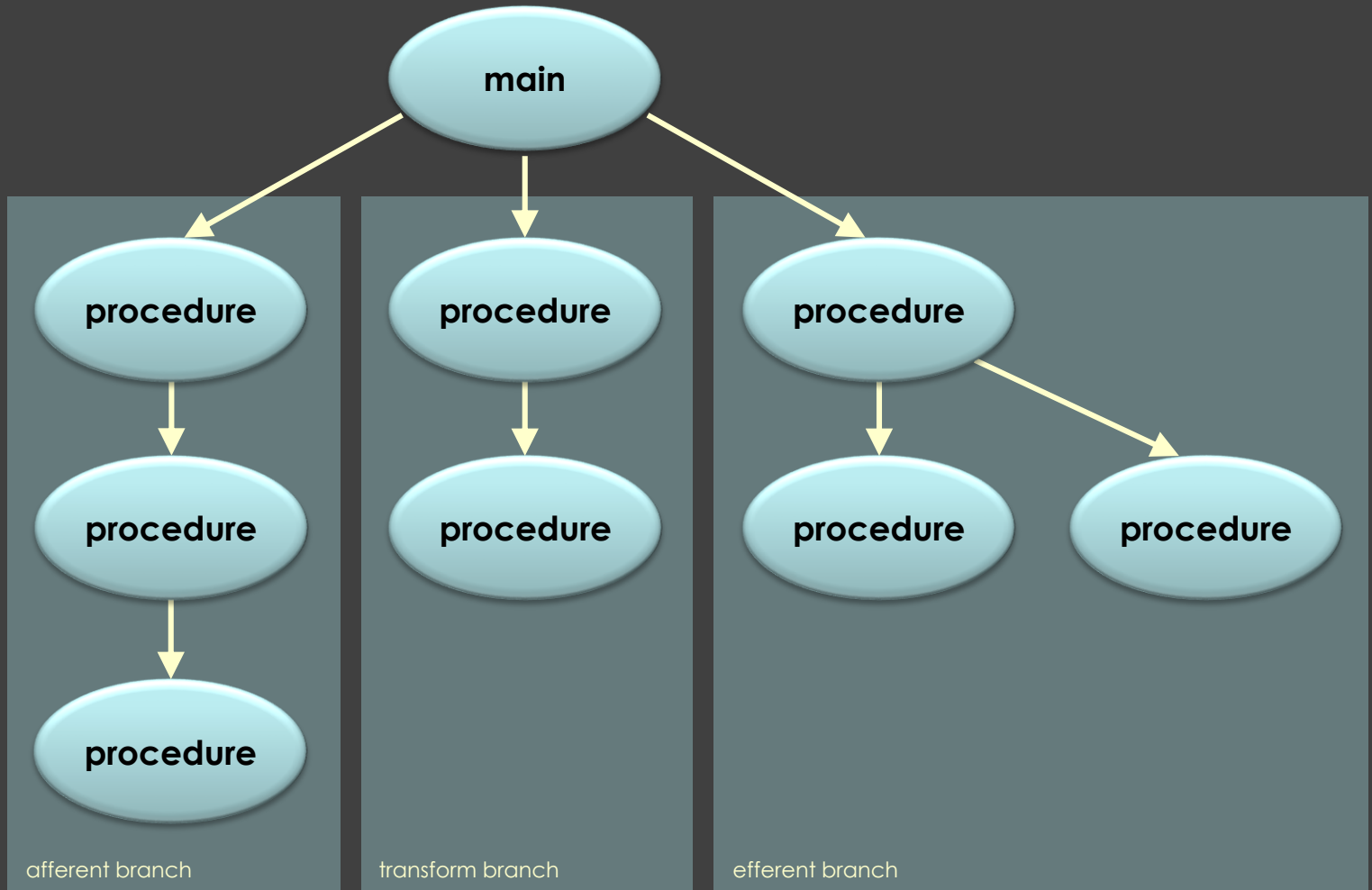
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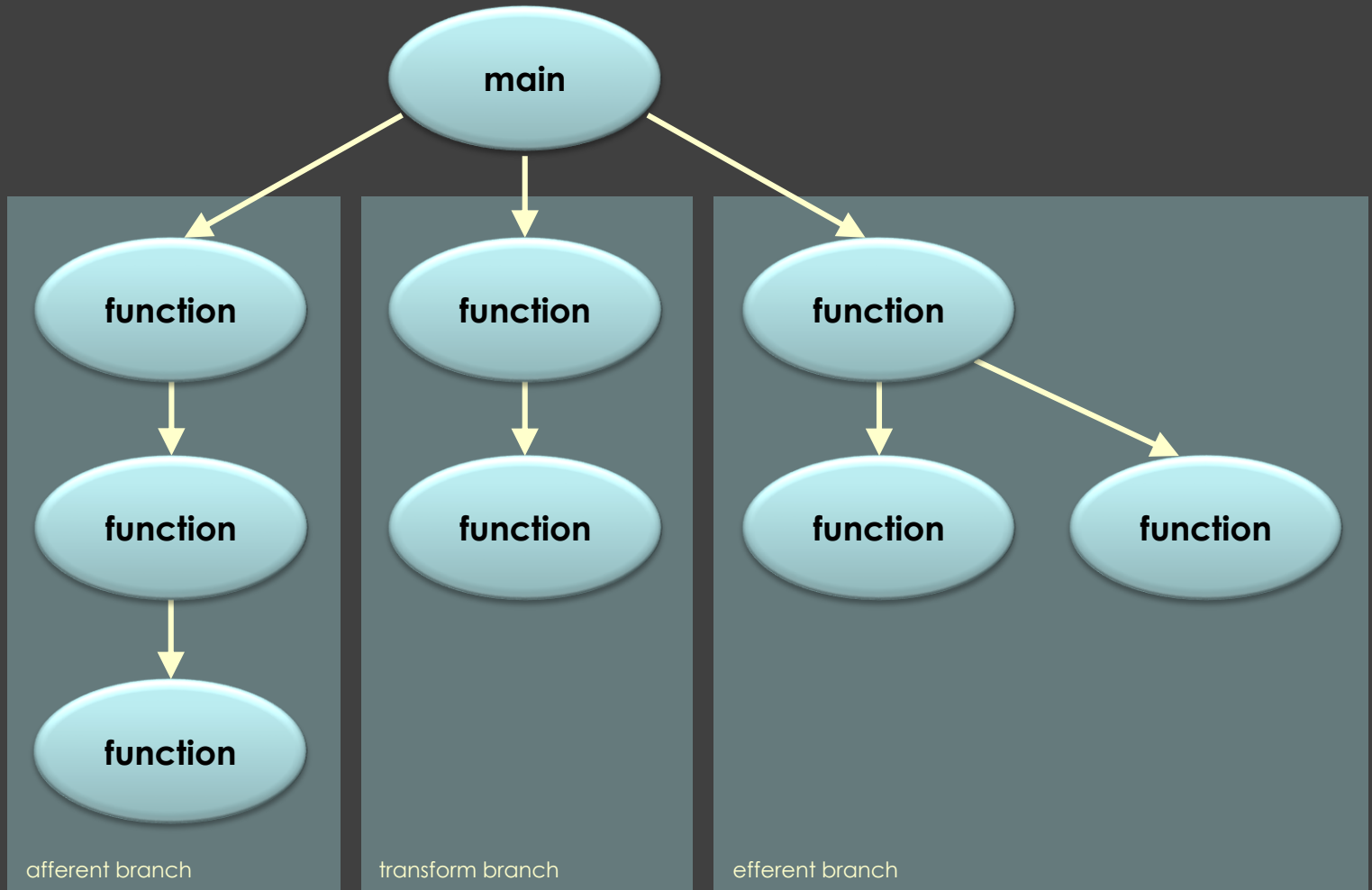


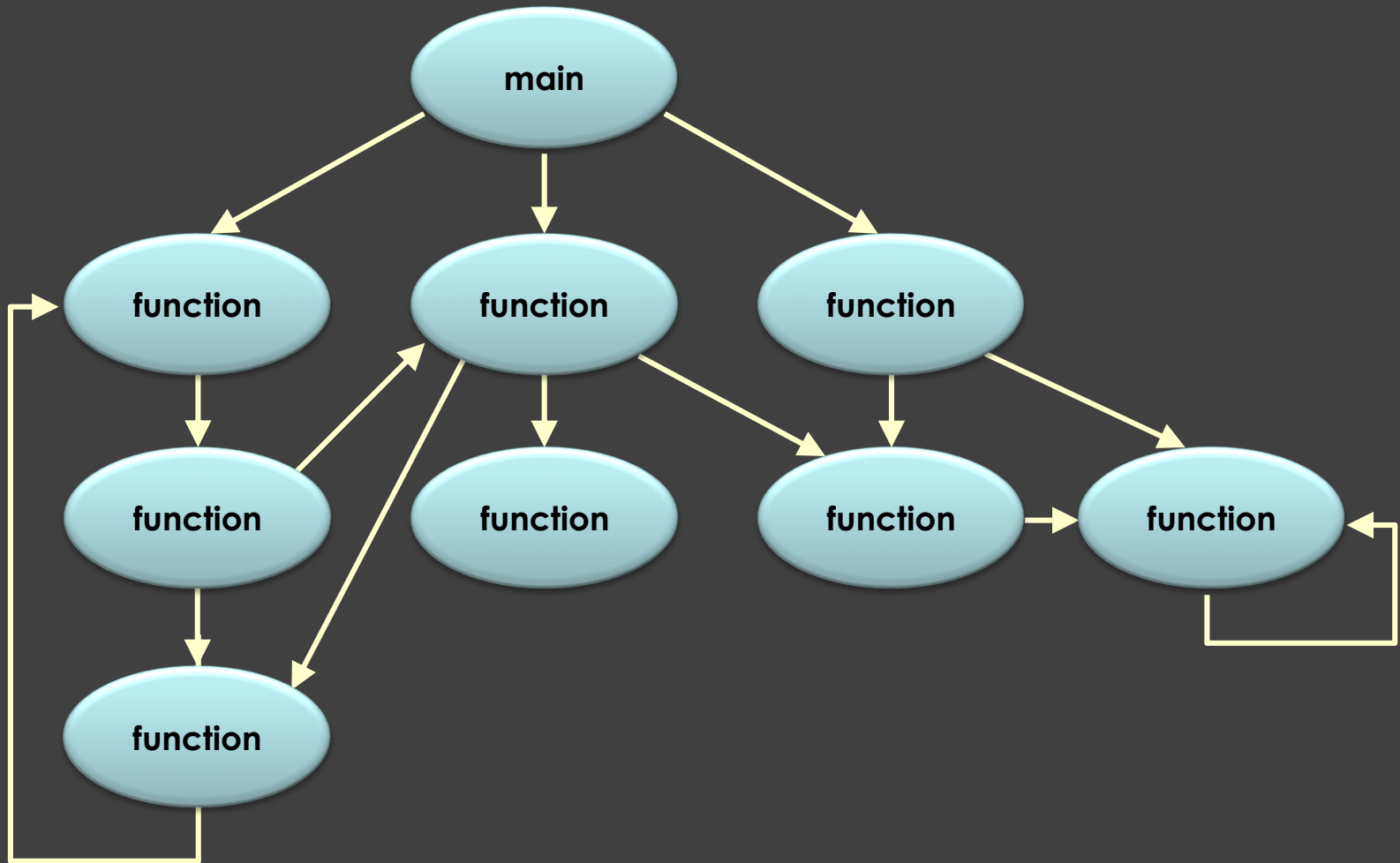
There is typically a single thread of control and each component in the hierarchy gets this control (optionally along with some data) from its parent and passes it along to its children.

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You cannot teach beginners
top-down programming,
because they don't know
which end is up.

C A R Hoare

Everything should be built
top-down, except the first
time.

Alan Perlis

We propose [...] that one begins with a list of difficult design decisions or design decisions which are likely to change. Each module is then designed to hide such a decision from the others.

David L Parnas

"On the Criteria to Be Used in Decomposing Systems into Modules"

An abstract data type defines a class of abstract objects which is completely characterized by the operations available on those objects.

Barbara Liskov
"Programming with Abstract Data Types"

A programmer [...] is concerned only with the behavior which that object exhibits but not with any details of how that behavior is achieved by means of an implementation.

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DEFINITION MODULE Stacks;

TYPE Stack;

PROCEDURE New(VAR self: Stack);

PROCEDURE Delete(VAR self: Stack);

PROCEDURE Push(self: Stack; top: ARRAY OF CHAR);

PROCEDURE Pop(self: Stack);

PROCEDURE Depth(self: Stack): CARDINAL;

PROCEDURE Top(self: Stack; VAR top: ARRAY OF CHAR);

END Stacks.

```
#ifdef __cplusplus
extern "C"
{
#endif
typedef struct stack stack;
stack * stack_new(void);
void stack_delete(stack *);
void stack_push(stack *, const char *);
void stack_pop(stack *);
size_t stack_depth(const stack *);
const char * stack_top(const stack *);
#ifdef __cplusplus
}
#endif
```

```
struct stack
{
    const char ** items;
    size_t depth;
};

stack * stack_new(void)
{
    stack * result = (stack *) malloc(sizeof(stack));
    result->items = (const char **) malloc(0);
    result->depth = 0;
    return result;
}

void stack_delete(stack * self)
{
    free(self->items);
    free(self);
}

void stack_push(stack * self, const char * new_top)
{
    self->items = (const char **) realloc(self->items, (self->depth + 1) * sizeof(char *));
    self->items[self->depth] = new_top;
    ++self->depth;
}

void stack_pop(stack * self)
{
    self->items = (const char **) realloc(self->items, (self->depth - 1) * sizeof(char *));
    --self->depth;
}

size_t stack_depth(const stack * self)
{
    return self->depth;
}

const char * stack_top(const stack * self)
{
    return self->items[self->depth - 1];
}
```

```
extern "C"
{
    struct stack
    {
        std::vector<std::string> items;
    };

    stack * stack_new()
    {
        return new stack;
    }

    void stack_delete(stack * self)
    {
        delete self;
    }

    void stack_push(stack * self, const char * new_top)
    {
        self->items.push_back(new_top);
    }

    void stack_pop(stack * self)
    {
        self->items.pop_back();
    }

    size_t stack_depth(const stack * self)
    {
        return self->items.size();
    }

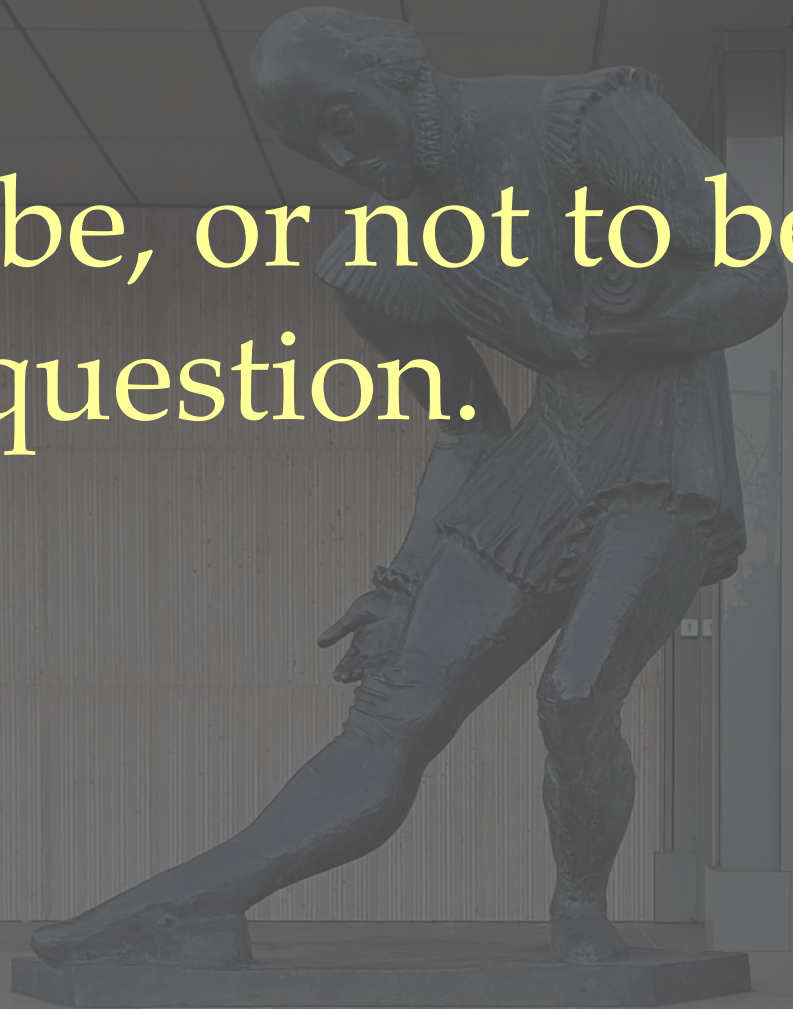
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    {
        return self->items.back().c_str();
    }
}
```



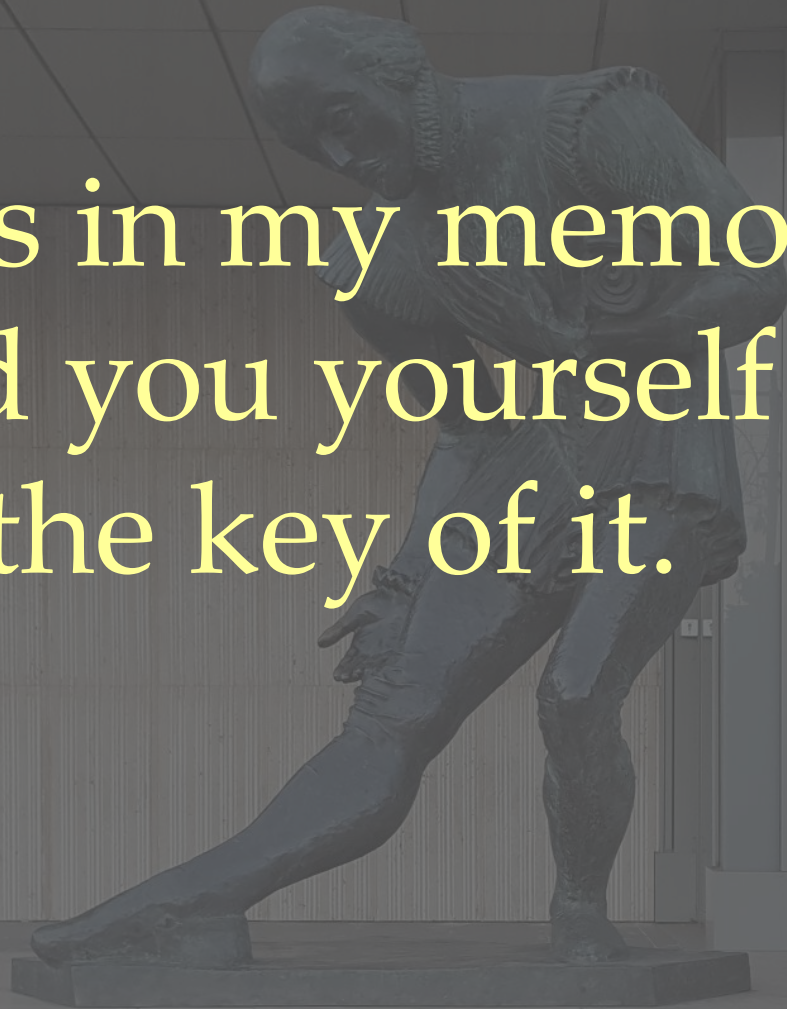
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*Hamlet: To be, or not to be,
that is the question.*

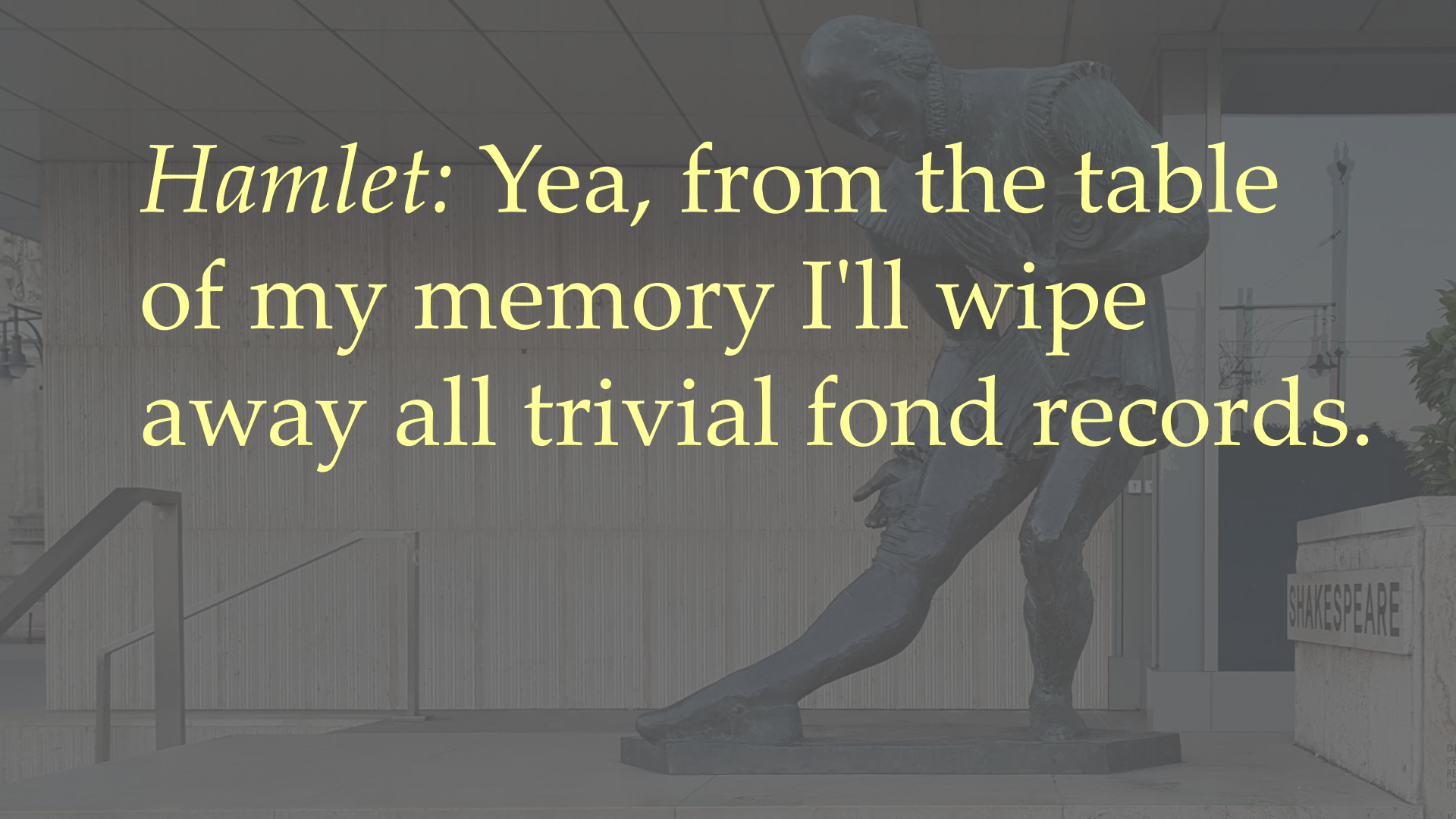


*Ophelia: 'Tis in my memory
locked, and you yourself
shall keep the key of it.*



SHAKESPEARE

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A bronze statue of Hamlet, depicted in a contemplative pose with his head bowed and hand to his chin, stands on a dark pedestal. The statue is set against a background of a building with a corrugated metal facade. To the right, a stone wall features a sign that reads "SHAKESPEARE". The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an overcast day or a shaded area. The text is overlaid in a yellow, serif font.

*Hamlet: Yea, from the table
of my memory I'll wipe
away all trivial fond records.*

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```
begin
```

```
  ref(Book) array books(1:capacity);
```

```
  integer count;
```

```
  procedure Push(top); ...
```

```
  procedure Pop; ...
```

```
  boolean procedure IsEmpty; ...
```

```
  boolean procedure IsFull; ...
```

```
  integer procedure Depth; ...
```

```
  ref(Book) procedure Top; ...
```

```
  count := 0
```

```
end;
```

A procedure which is capable of giving rise to block instances which survive its call will be known as a class; and the instances will be known as objects of that class.

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```
class Stack(capacity);  
    integer capacity;  
begin  
    ref(Book) array books(1:capacity);  
    integer count;  
    procedure Push(top); ...  
    procedure Pop; ...  
    boolean procedure IsEmpty; ...  
    boolean procedure IsFull; ...  
    integer procedure Depth; ...  
    ref(Book) procedure Top; ...  
    count := 0  
end;
```

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```
const newStack = () => {  
  const items = []  
  return {  
    depth: () => items.length,  
    top: () => items[0],  
    pop: () => { items.shift() },  
    push: newTop => { items.unshift(newTop) },  
  }  
}
```


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```
const newStack = () => {  
  const items = []  
  return {  
    depth: () => items.length,  
    top: () => items[items.length - 1],  
    pop: () => { items.pop() },  
    push: newTop => { items.push(newTop) },  
  }  
}
```

Concatenation is an operation defined between two classes A and B , or a class A and a block C , and results in the formation of a new class or block.

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Concatenation consists in a merging of the attributes of both components, and the composition of their actions.

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```
const stackable = base => {  
  const items = []  
  return Object.assign(base, {  
    depth: () => items.length,  
    top: () => items[items.length - 1],  
    pop: () => { items.pop() },  
    push: newTop => { items.push(newTop) },  
  })  
}
```

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```
const newStack = () => stackable({})
```

The Self and the Object World

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```
const clearable = base => {
  return Object.assign(base, {
    clear: () => {
      while (base.depth())
        base.pop()
    },
  })
}
```

```
const newStack =  
  () => clearable(stackable({}))
```

```
const newStack =  
  () => compose(clearable, stackable)({})  
  
const compose = (...funcs) =>  
  arg => funcs.reduceRight(  
    (composed, func) => func(composed), arg)
```


Concept Hierarchies

The construction principle involved is best called *abstraction*; we concentrate on features common to many phenomena, and we abstract *away* features too far removed from the conceptual level at which we are working.

Ole-Johan Dahl and C A R Hoare
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A type hierarchy is composed of subtypes and supertypes. The intuitive idea of a subtype is one whose objects provide all the behavior of objects of another type (the supertype) plus something extra.

Barbara Liskov

"Data Abstraction and Hierarchy"

What is wanted here is something like the following substitution property: If for each object o_1 of type S there is an object o_2 of type T such that for all programs P defined in terms of T , the behavior of P is unchanged when o_1 is substituted for o_2 , then S is a subtype of T .

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"Data Abstraction and Hierarchy"

```
const nonDuplicateTop = base => {
  const push = base.push
  return Object.assign(base, {
    push: newTop => {
      if (base.top() !== newTop)
        push(newTop)
    },
  })
}
```

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```
tests = {  
  ...  
  'A non-empty stack becomes deeper by retaining a pushed item as its top':  
    () => {  
      const stack = newStack()  
      stack.push('ACCU')  
      stack.push('2018')  
      stack.push('2018')  
      assert(stack.depth() === 3)  
      assert(stack.top() === '2018')  
    },  
  ...  
}
```

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```
const newStack =  
  () => compose(clearable, stackable)({})  
  
tests = {  
  ...  
  'A non-empty stack becomes deeper by retaining a pushed item as its top':  
    () => {  
      const stack = newStack()  
      stack.push('ACCU')  
      stack.push('2018')  
      stack.push('2018')  
      assert(stack.depth() === 3)  
      assert(stack.top() === '2018')  
    },  
  ...  
}
```

```
const newStack =  
  () => compose(nonDuplicateTop, clearable, stackable)({})  
  
tests = {  
  ...  
  'A non-empty stack becomes deeper by retaining a pushed item as its top':  
    () => {  
      const stack = newStack()  
      stack.push('ACCU')  
      stack.push('2018')  
      stack.push('2018')  
      assert(stack.depth() === 3)  
      assert(stack.top() === '2018')  
    },  
  ...  
}
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We can build a complete programming model out of two separate pieces—the **computation model** and the **coordination model**.

David Gelernter + Nicholas Carriero

"Coordination Languages and their Significance"

Algorithms +
Data Structures =
Programs

Niklaus Wirth

Coordination +
Computation =
Programs

Make — A Program for Maintaining Computer Programs

S. I. Feldman

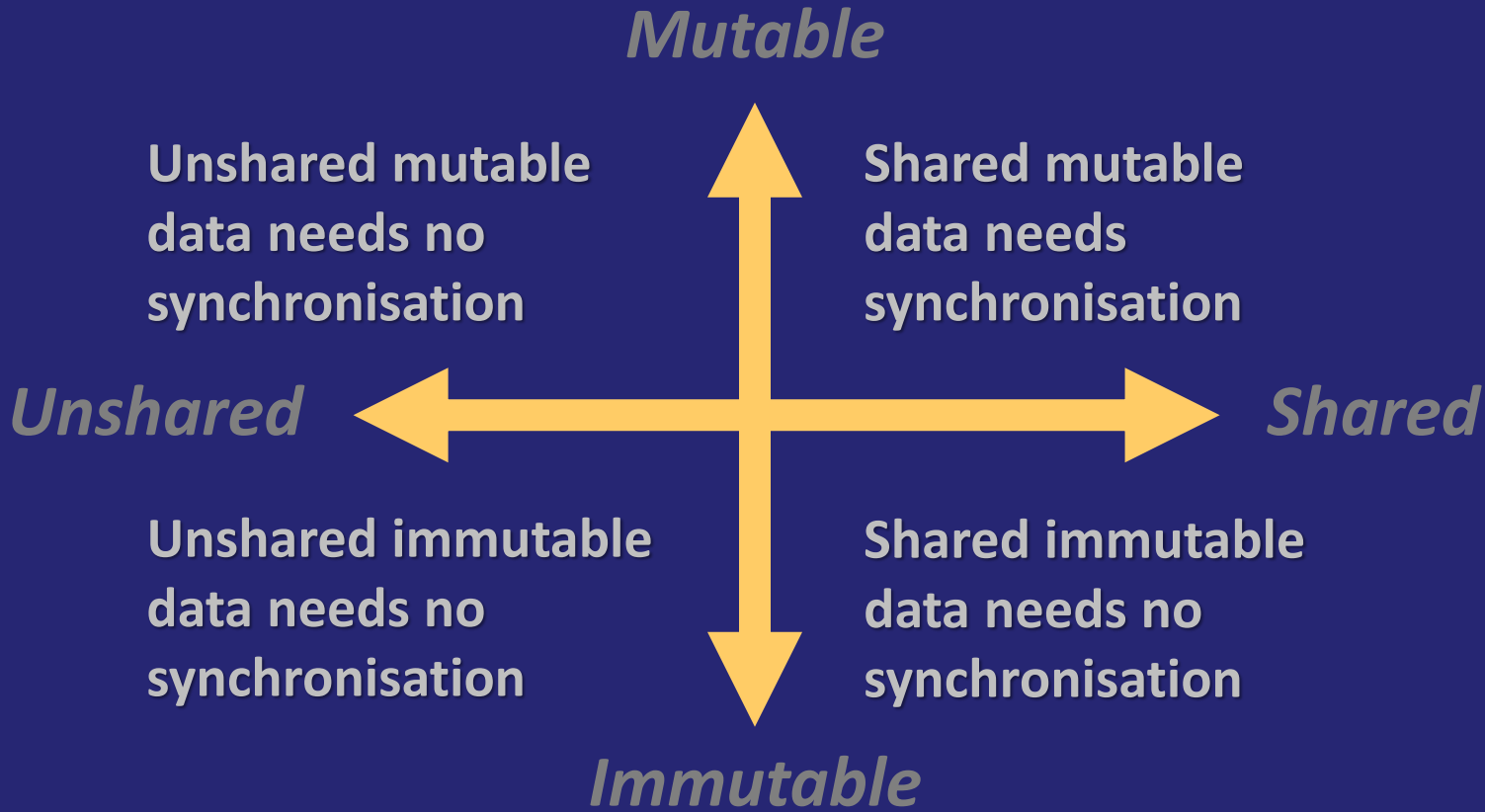
ABSTRACT

In a programming project, it is easy to lose track of which files need to be reprocessed or recompiled after a change is made in some part of the source. *Make* provides a simple mechanism for maintaining up-to-date versions of programs that result from many operations on a number of files. It is possible to tell *Make* the sequence of commands that create certain files, and the list of files that require other files to be current before the operations can be done. Whenever a change is made in any part of the program, the *Make* command will create the proper files simply, correctly, and with a minimum amount of effort.

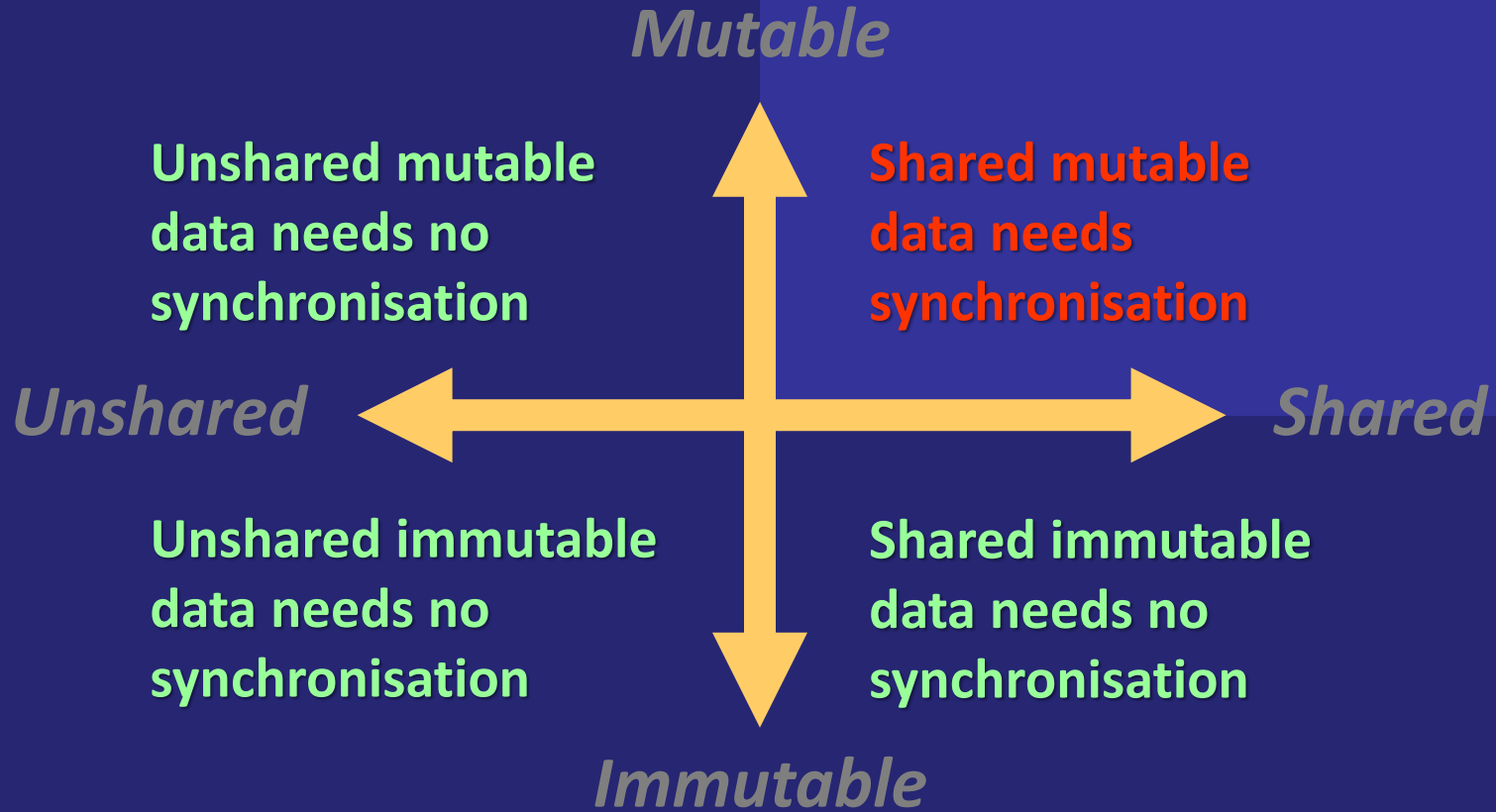
The basic operation of *Make* is to find the name of a needed target in the description, ensure that all of the files on which it depends exist and are up to date, and then create the target if it has not been modified since its generators were. The description file really defines the graph of dependencies; *Make* does a depth-first search of this graph to determine what work is really necessary.

Make also provides a simple macro substitution facility and the ability to encapsulate commands in a single file for convenient administration.

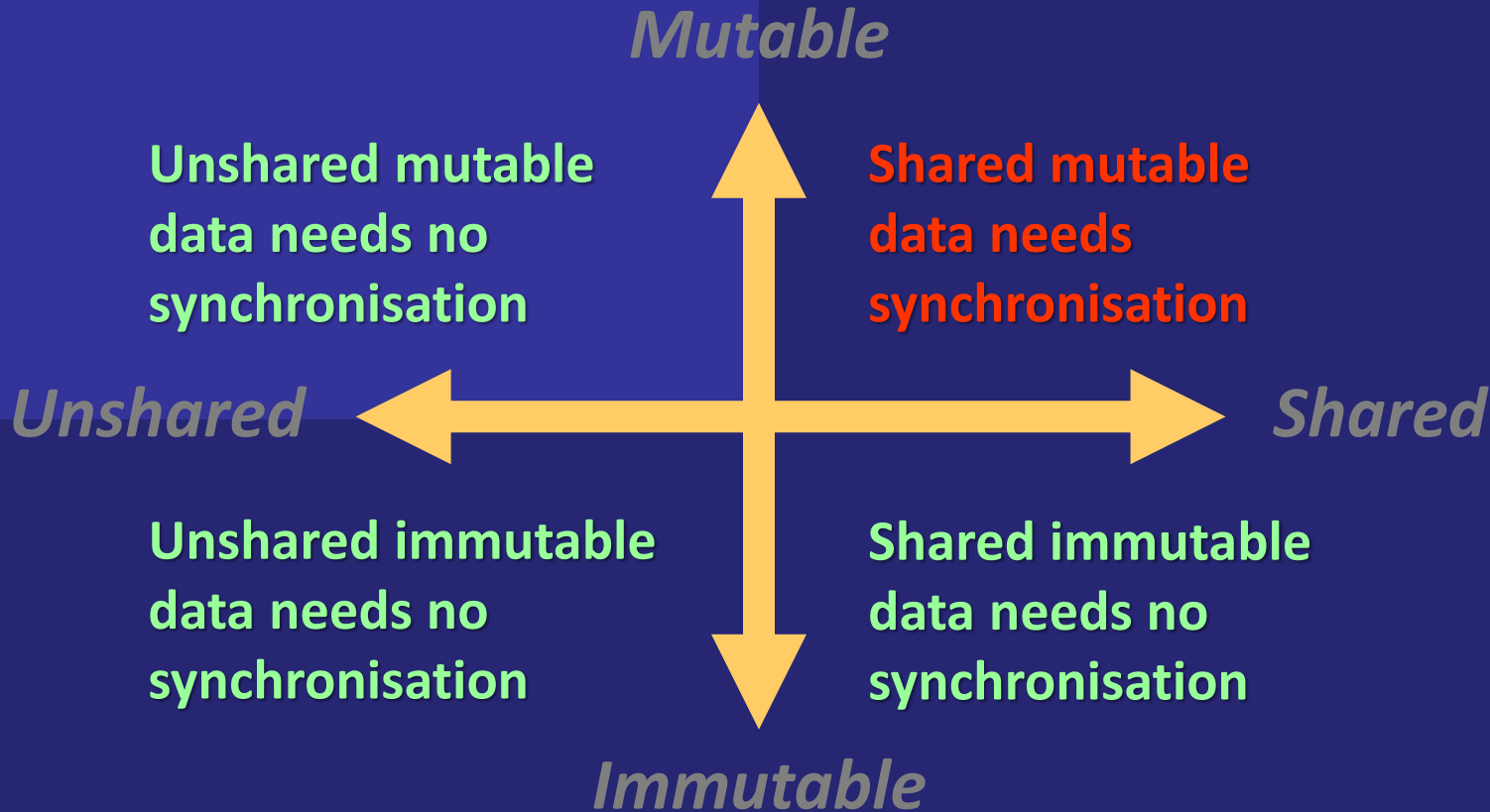
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The Synchronisation Quadrant



Procedural Comfort Zone



Procedural Comfort Zone

Procedural Discomfort Zone

Mutable

Unshared mutable
data needs no
synchronisation

Shared mutable
data needs
synchronisation

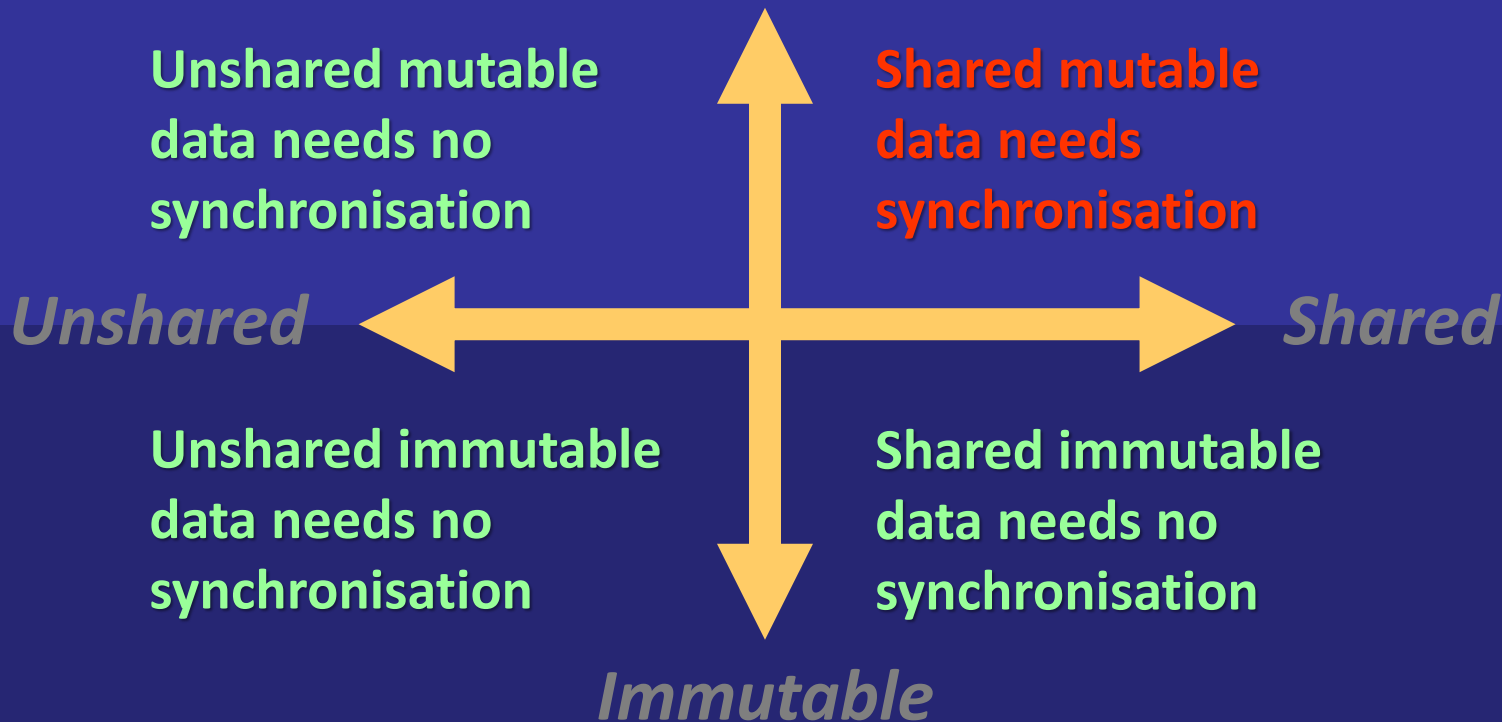
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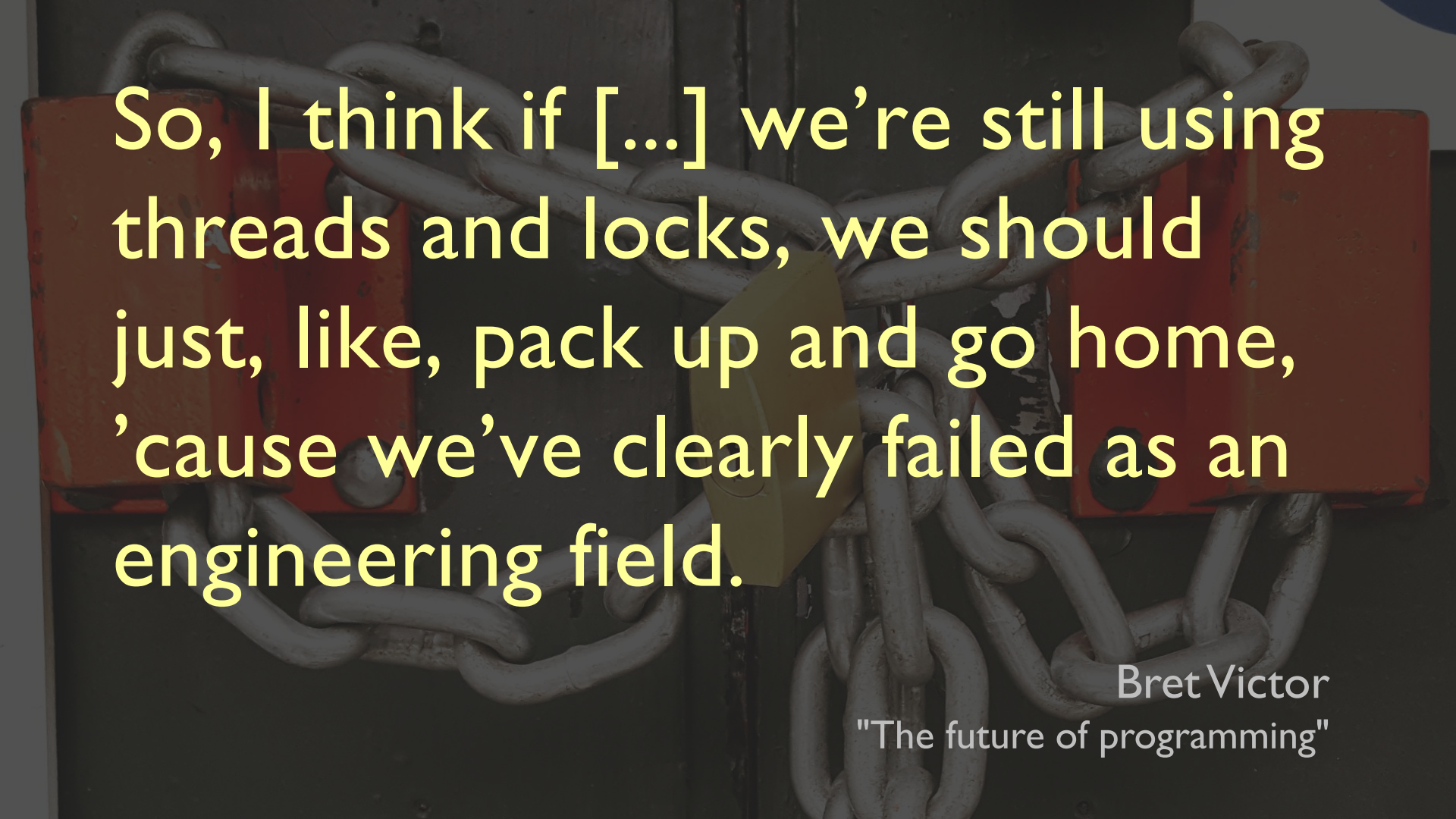
Immutable





Threads and locks —
they're kind of a dead
end, right?

Bret Victor
"The future of programming"

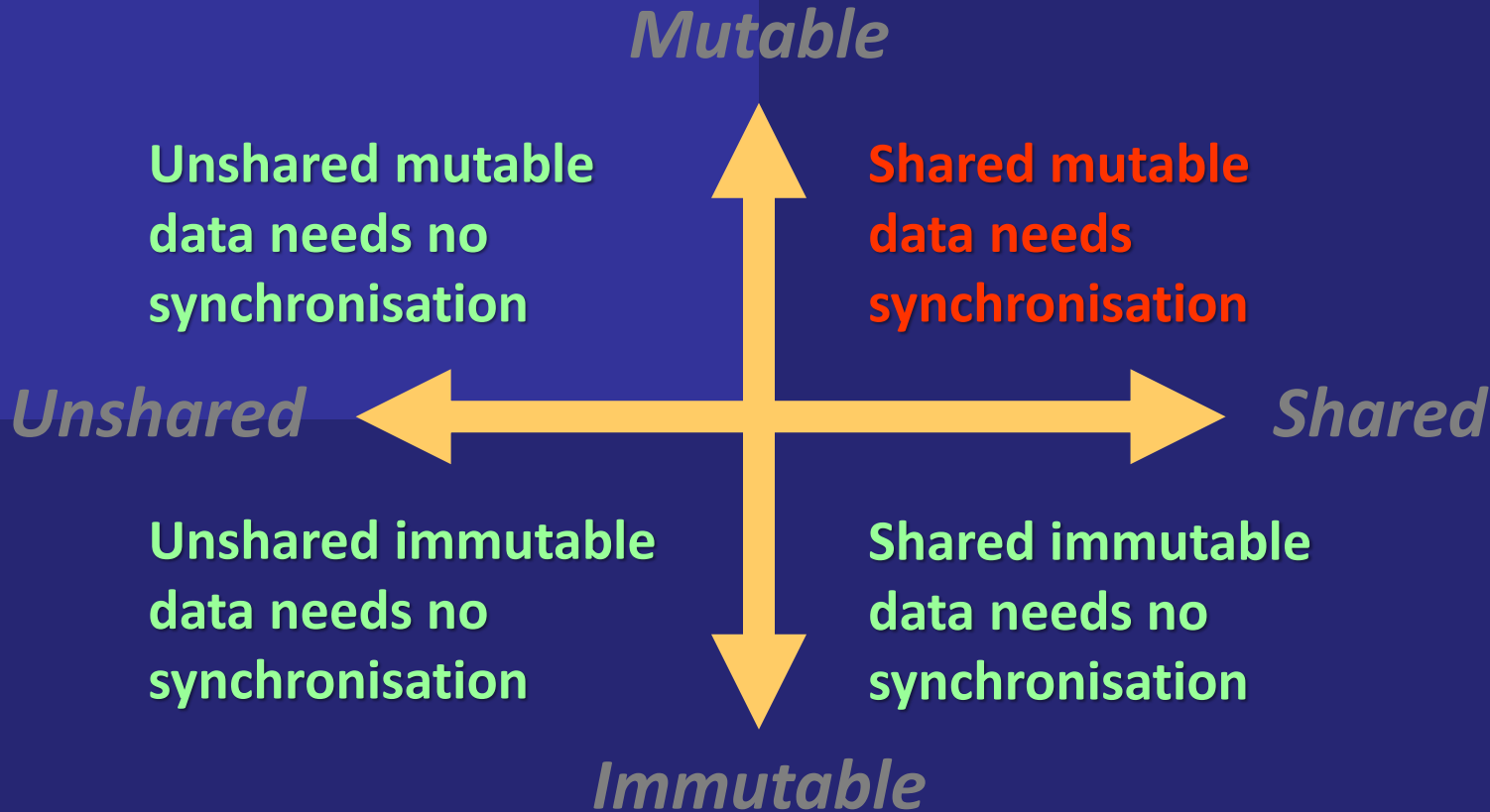


So, I think if [...] we're still using threads and locks, we should just, like, pack up and go home, 'cause we've clearly failed as an engineering field.

Bret Victor

"The future of programming"

Procedural Comfort Zone



The computation model allows programmers to build a single computational activity: a single-threaded, step-at-a-time computation.

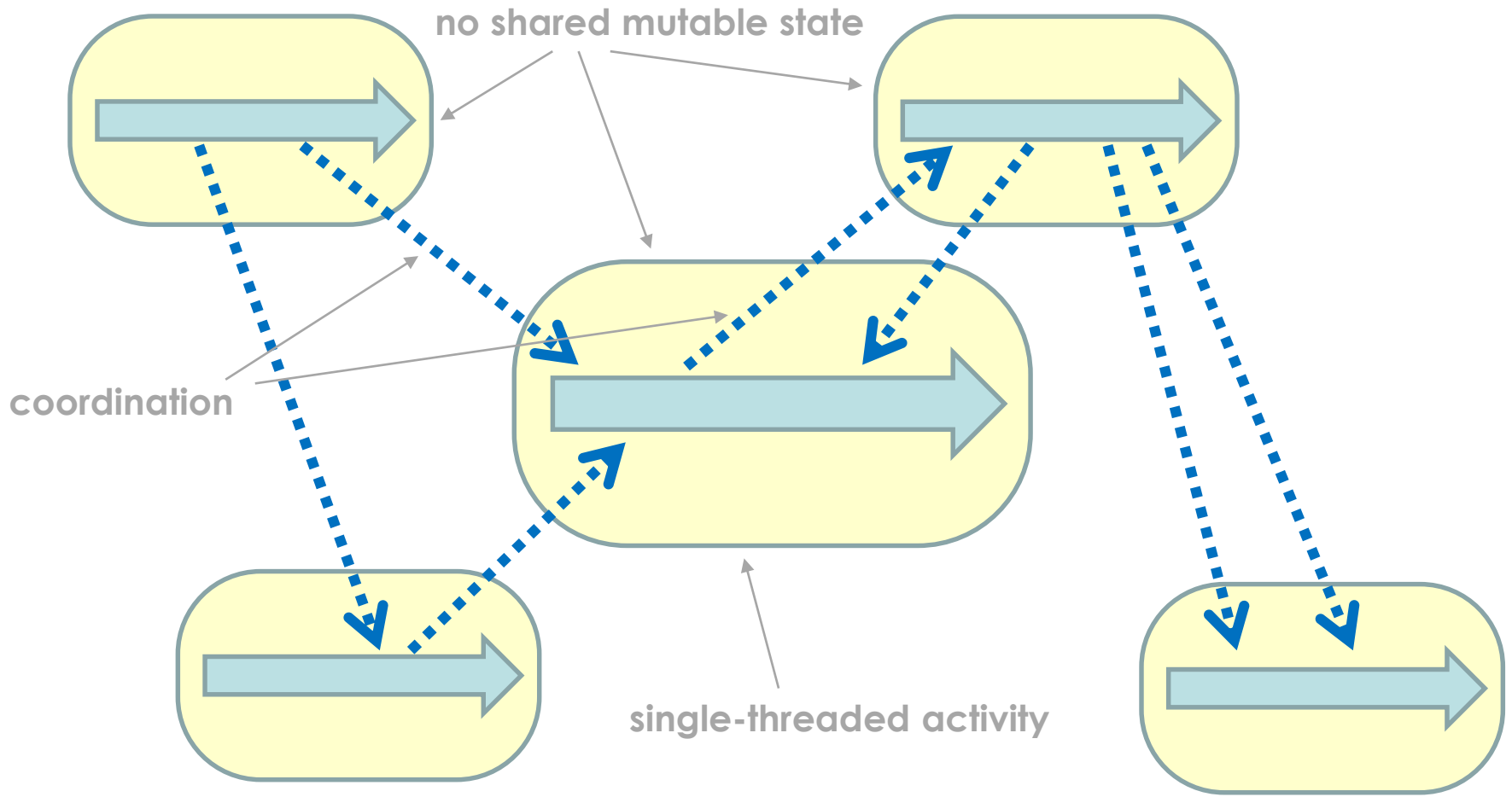
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The coordination model is the
glue that binds separate
activities into an ensemble.

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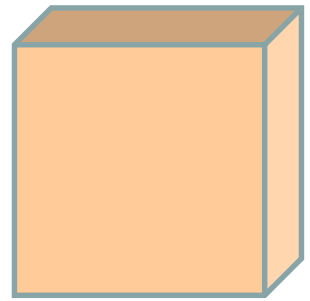
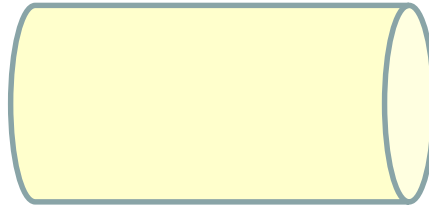
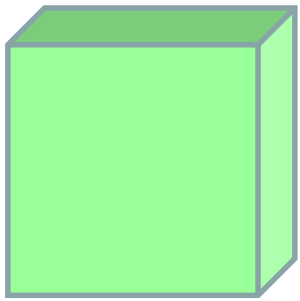


Summary--what's most important.

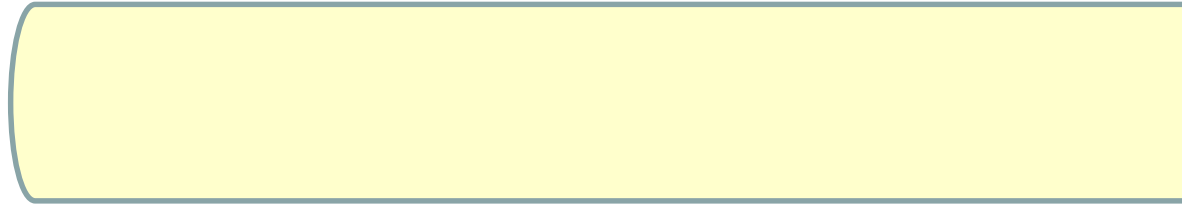
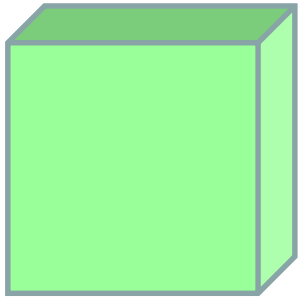
To put my strongest concerns in a nutshell:

1. We should have some ways of coupling programs like garden hose--screw in another segment when it becomes when it becomes necessary to massage data in another way. This is the way of IO also.
2. Our loader should be able to do link-loading and controlled establishment.
3. Our library filing scheme should allow for rather general indexing, responsibility, generations, data path switching.
4. It should be possible to get private system components (all routines are system components) for tugging around with.

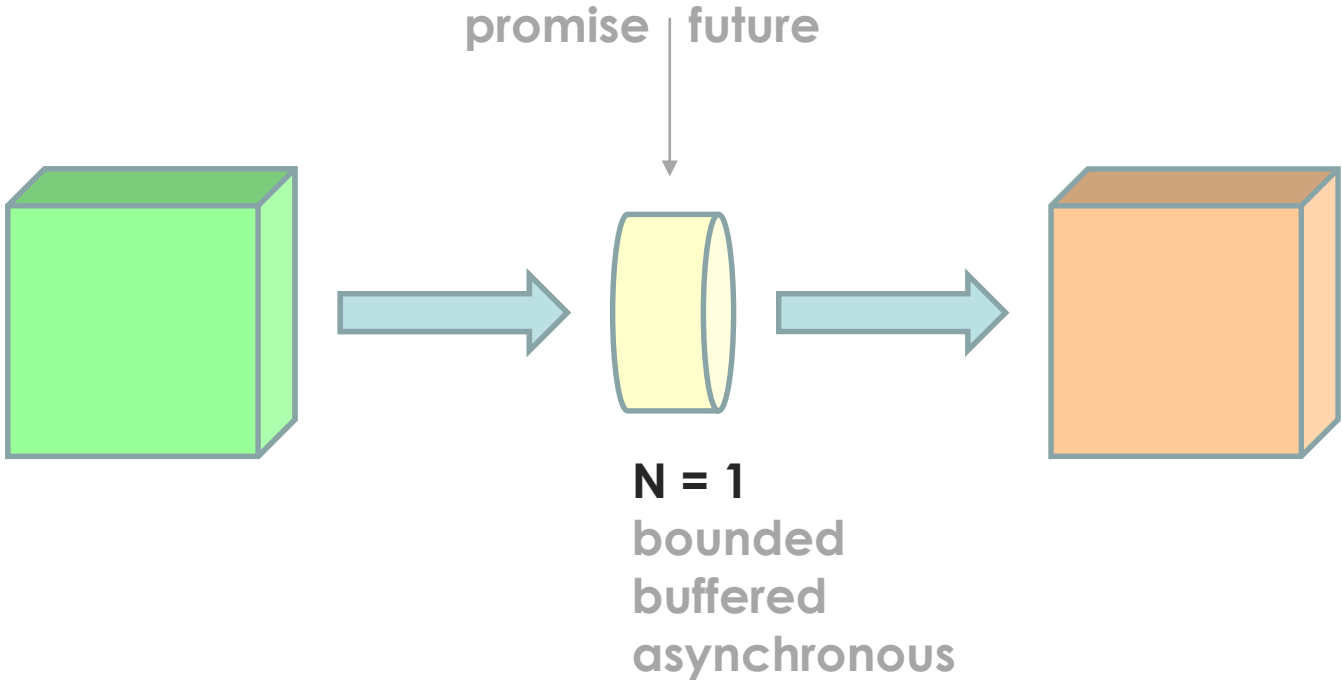
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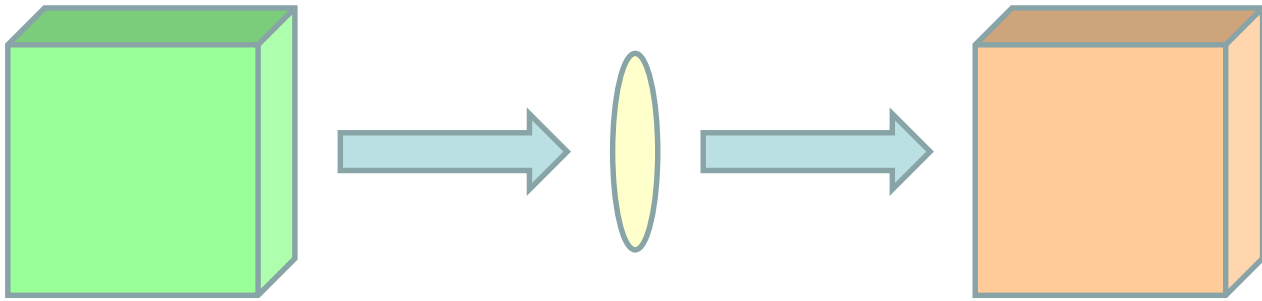


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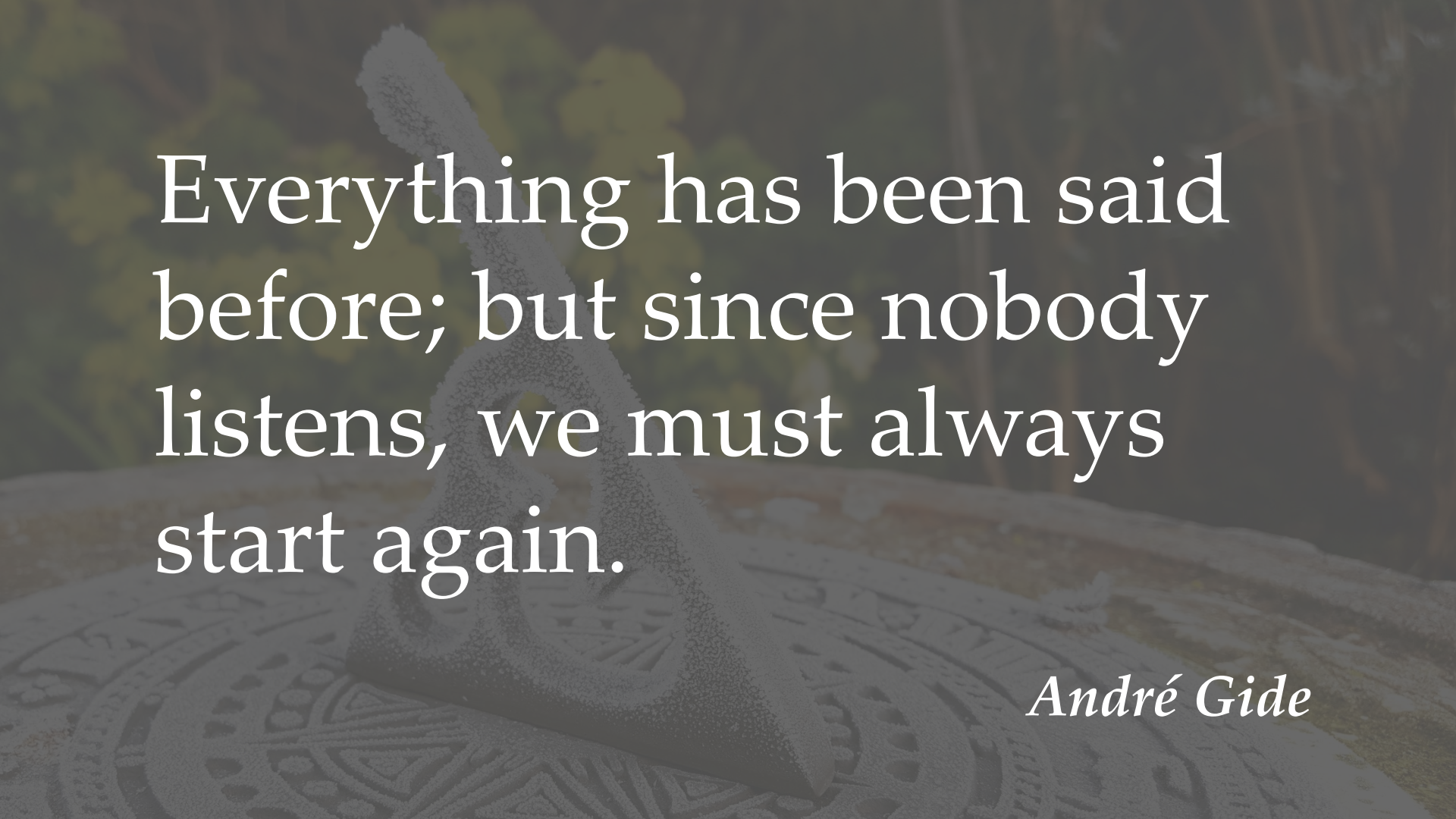
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