Practicing at the Cutting Edge

Learning and Unlearning about Performance

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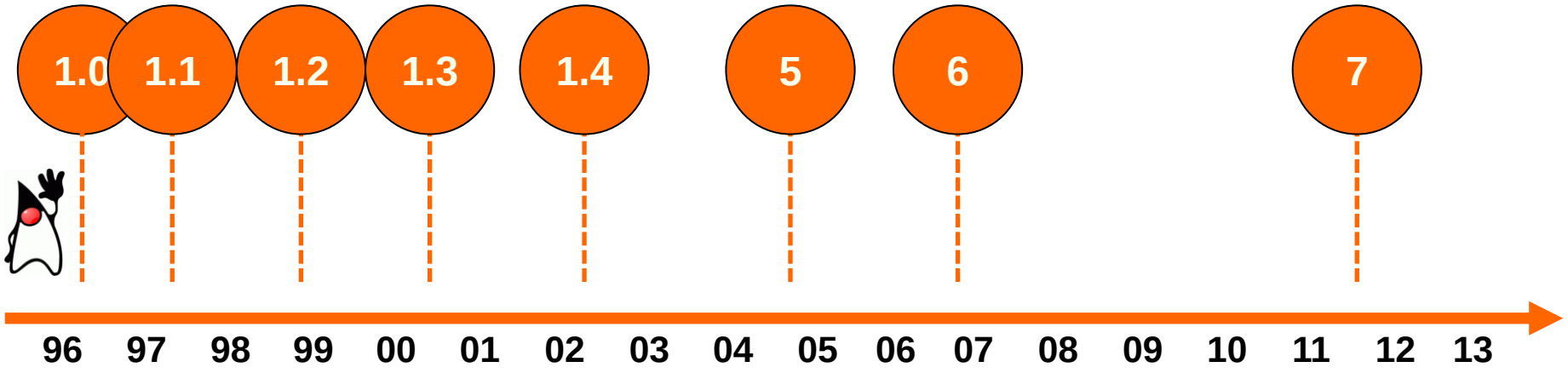
Learning and Unlearning

1. Brief **History** of Java
2. Evolving **Design** approach
3. An evolving **Hardware** platform
4. Changes in **Culture**

1.
Brief History of Java

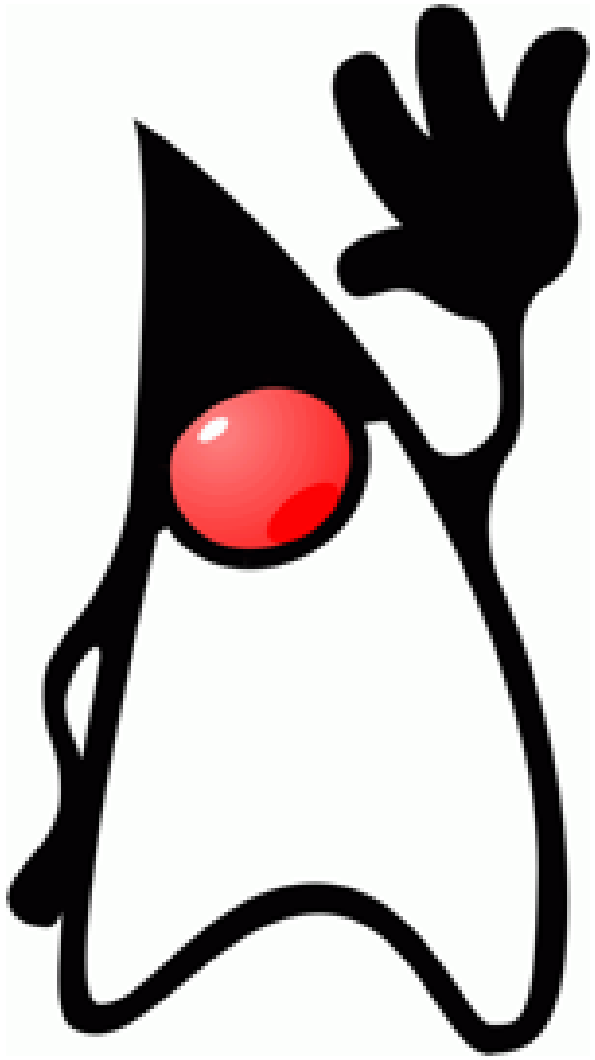
Java Timeline



In the beginning Java was Oak and Oak was slow

How did it all start?


JAVA

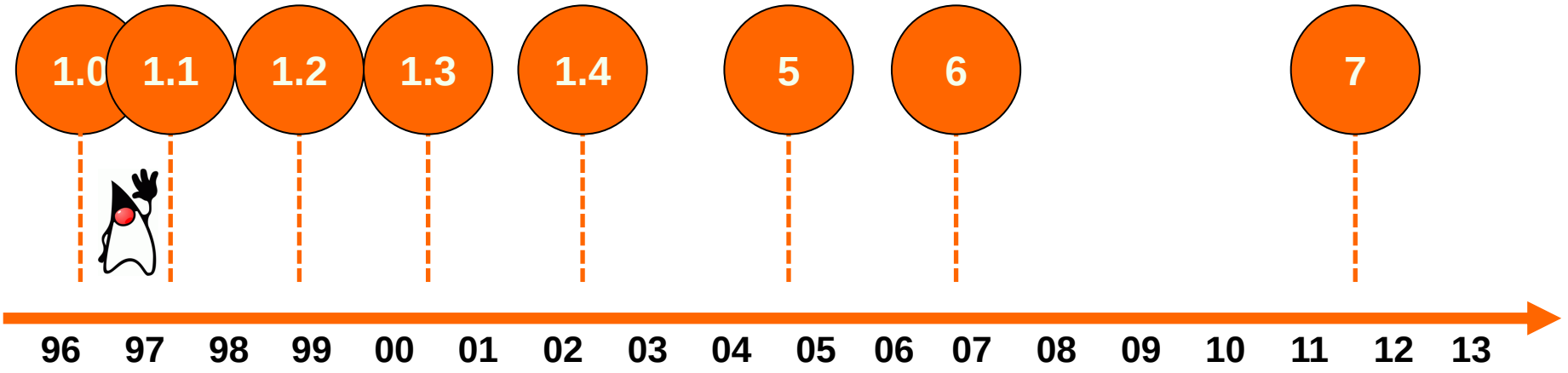



Digital Cable Receiver
DVB

How did Java perform then?

...but everything must have a beginning

Java Timeline



Netscape Navigator 2.0 & IE 3.0 with Applet support

Ma, I don’t need to worry about deleting objects any more...

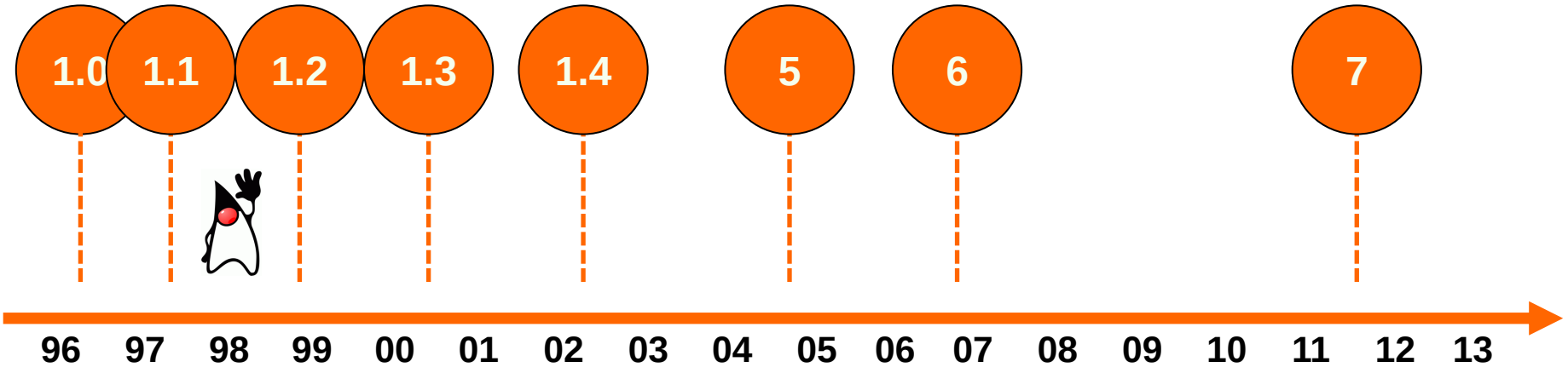

Coca-Cola
Diet Coke


LEARN
TO
RECYCLE

...but we can distribute rich GUIs without an installer

We could even do multi-threaded apps on Windows 3.11

Java Timeline



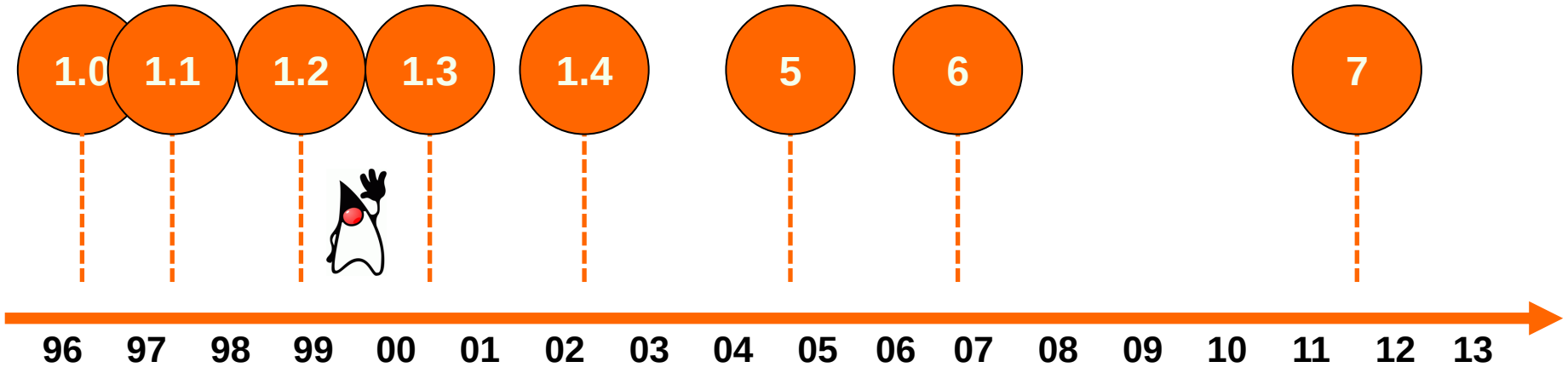
Symantec and Microsoft JIT Performance Wars


BRITISH AIRWAYS

Life with early JIT Compilers

...cross platform GUIs are a real possibility

Java Timeline



Generational Garbage Collection

Servlets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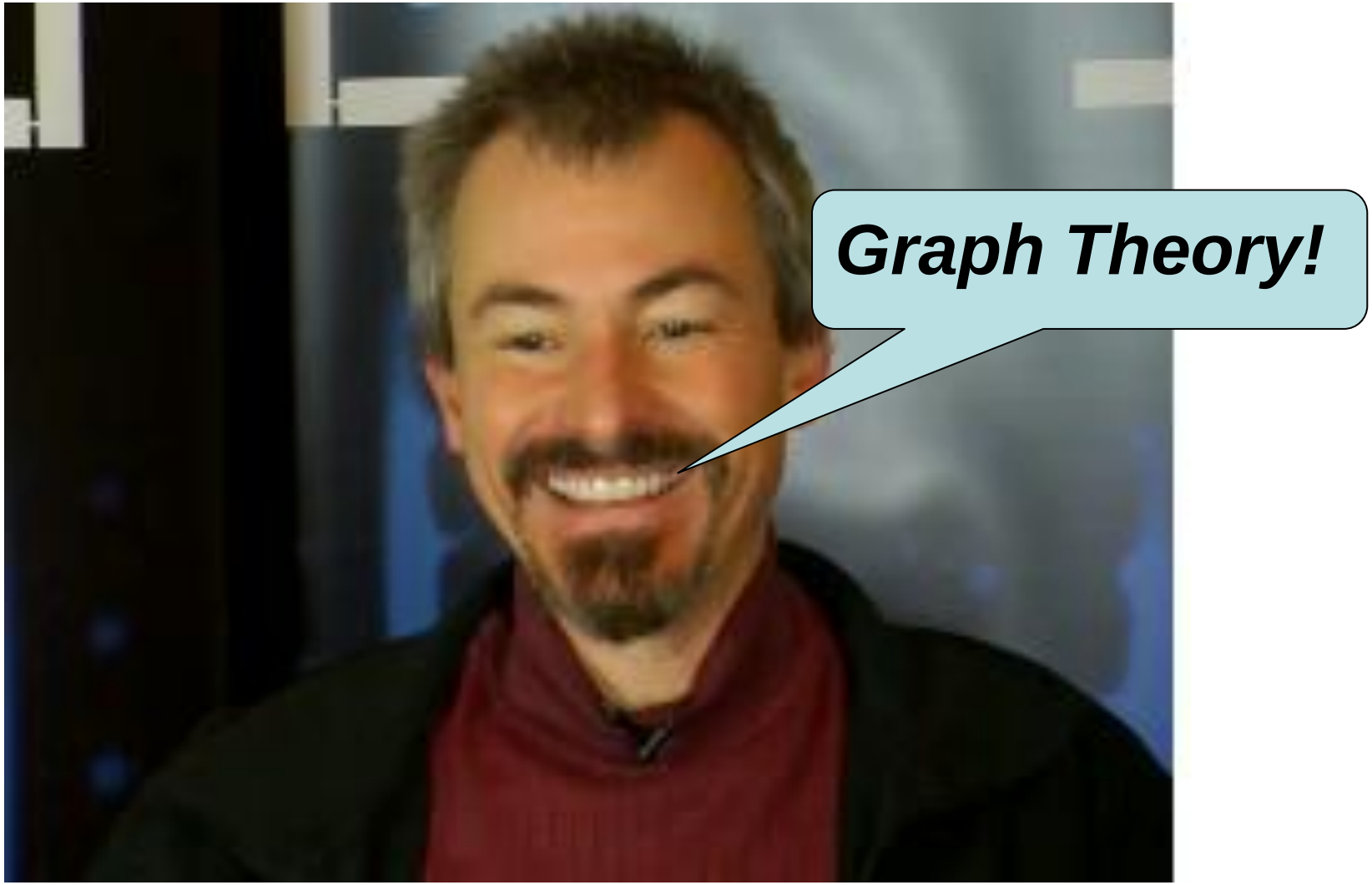
JAPAN
picoJava II
CPU1
DBCN1
DBCN2

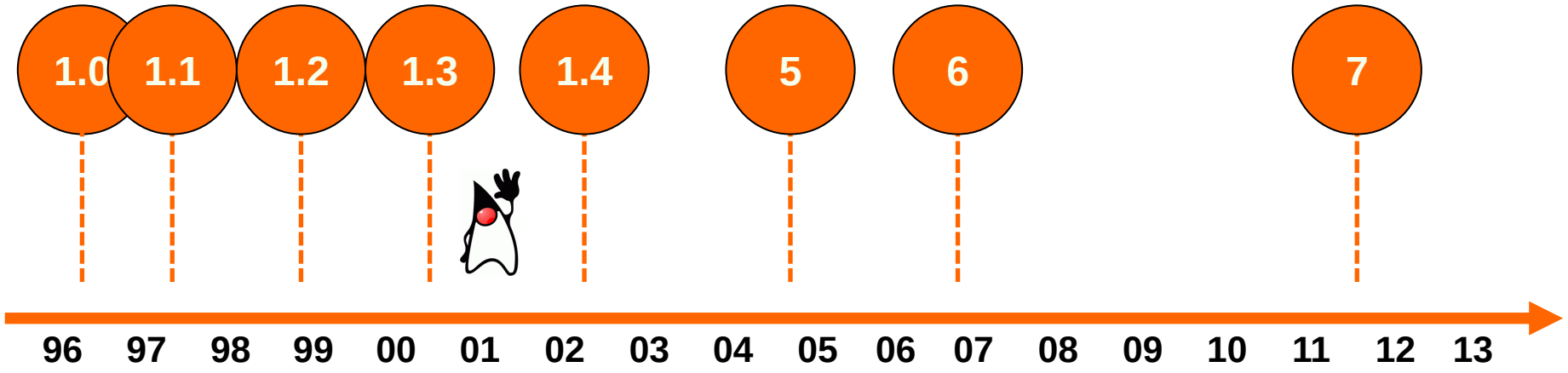

JavaStation
Sun
microsystems

But then came the surprise win

Servlets vs CGI

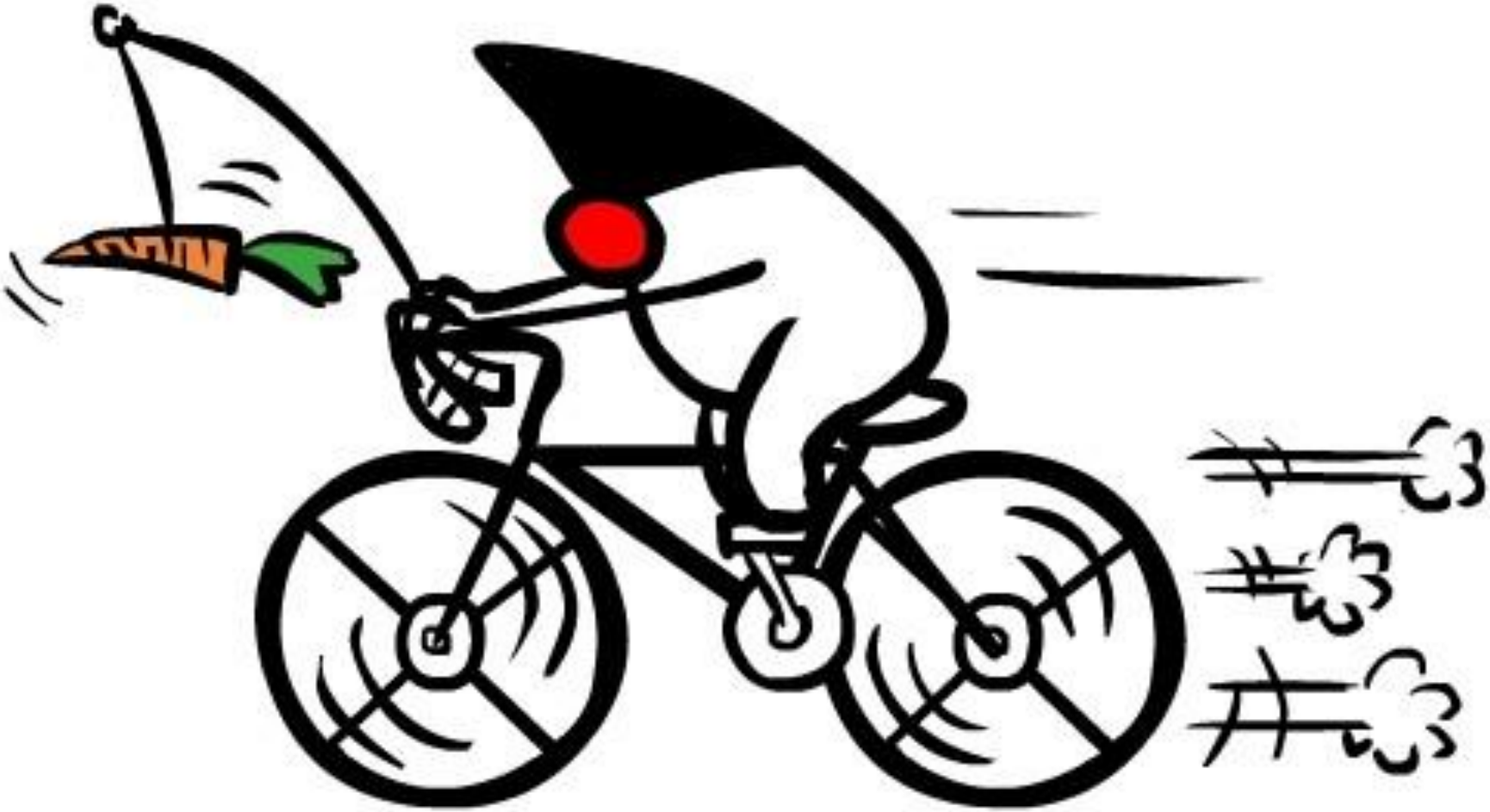

Graph Theory!

Java Timeline

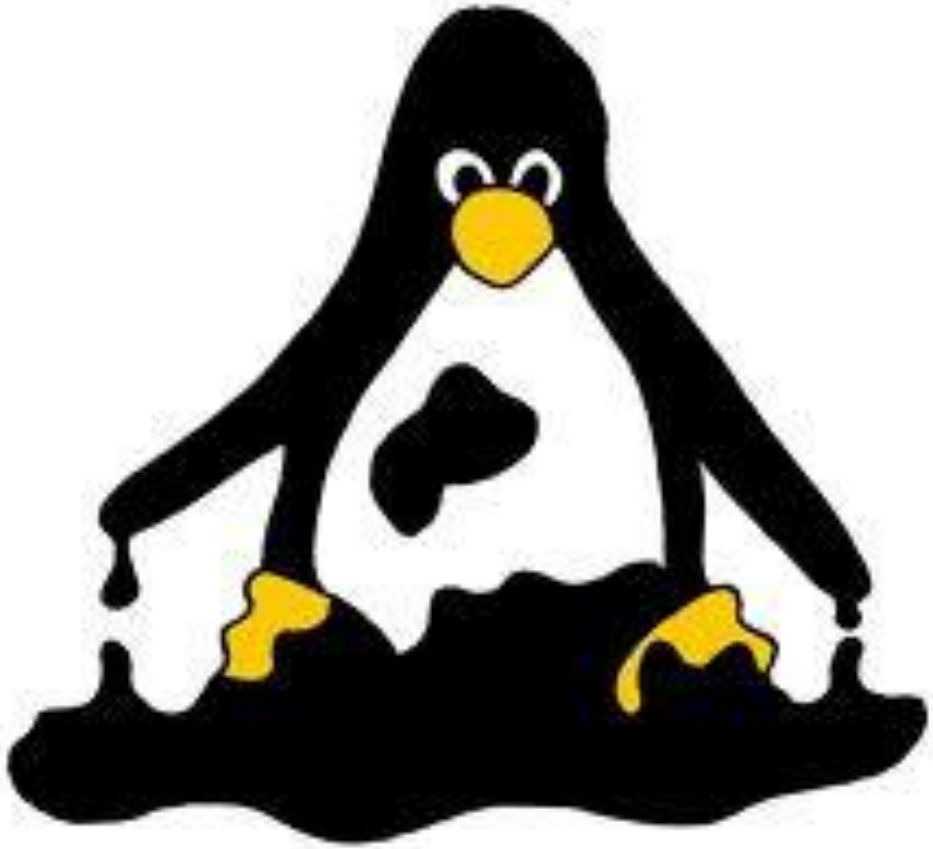


Hotspot Compiler

JRockit for x86



EJB



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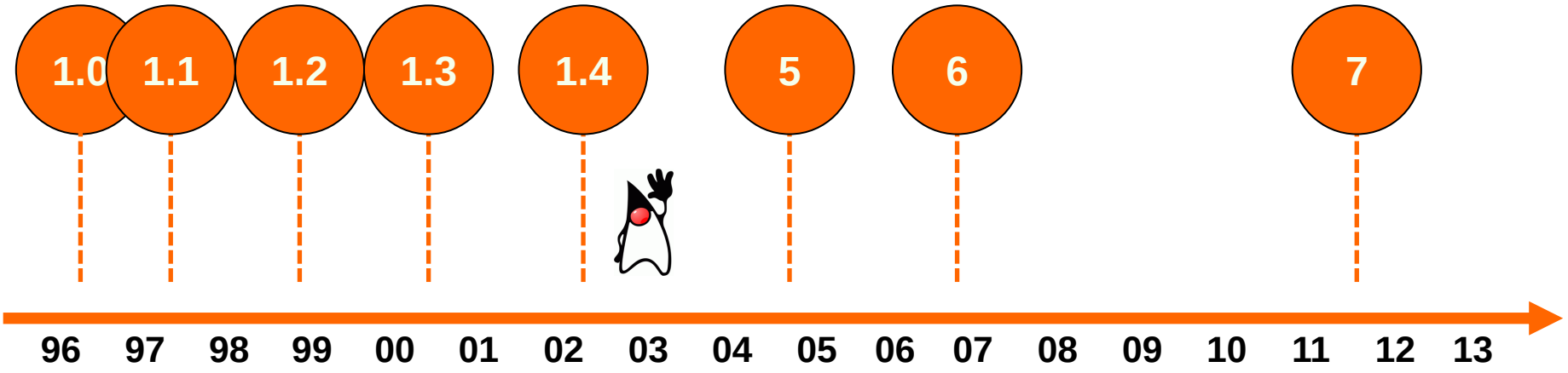

Native Threads on Linux + epoll

NIO


GREATEST DOTCOM DISASTERS


Sun
microsystems
ENTERPRISE
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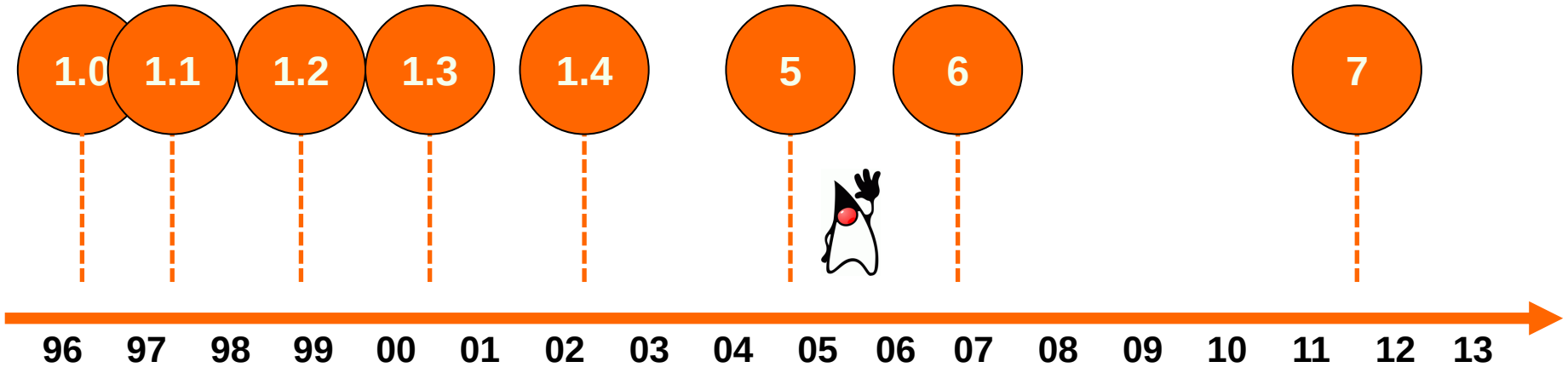
Java Memory Model

Java Timeline



Java Util Concurrent + JMM
Class Data Sharing

Herb decided to write an essay...


The free lunch is over...

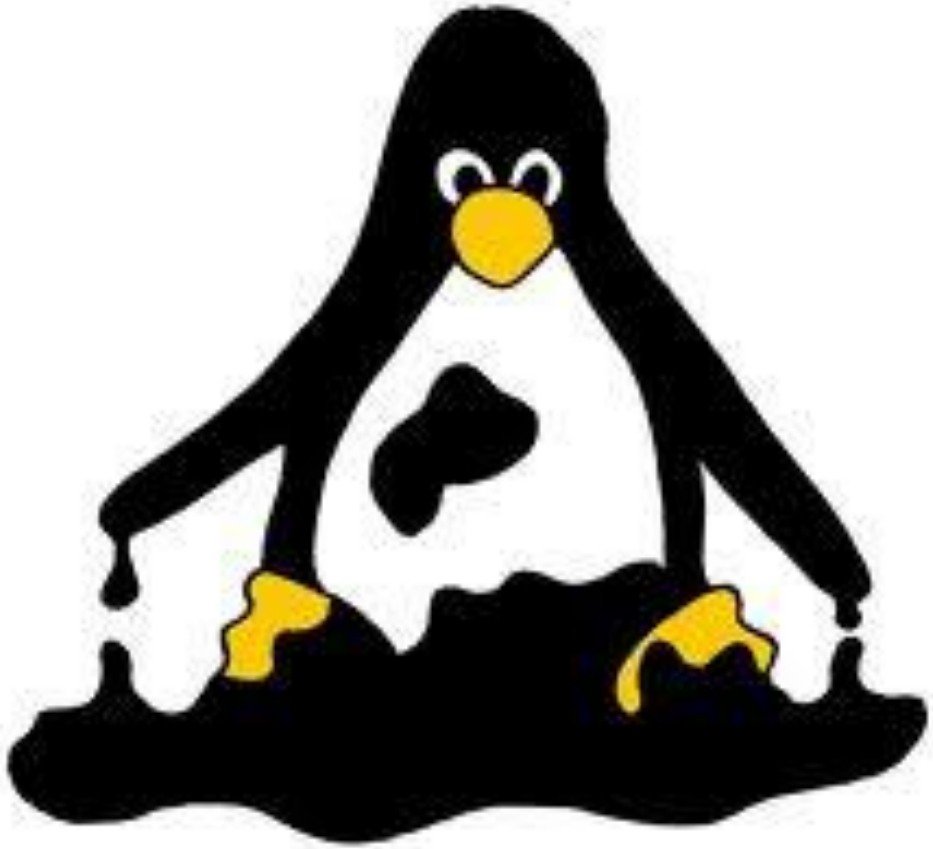
Java finds its way into our poor little mobile phones

J2ME

Déjâ vue?

What about life on the Server?

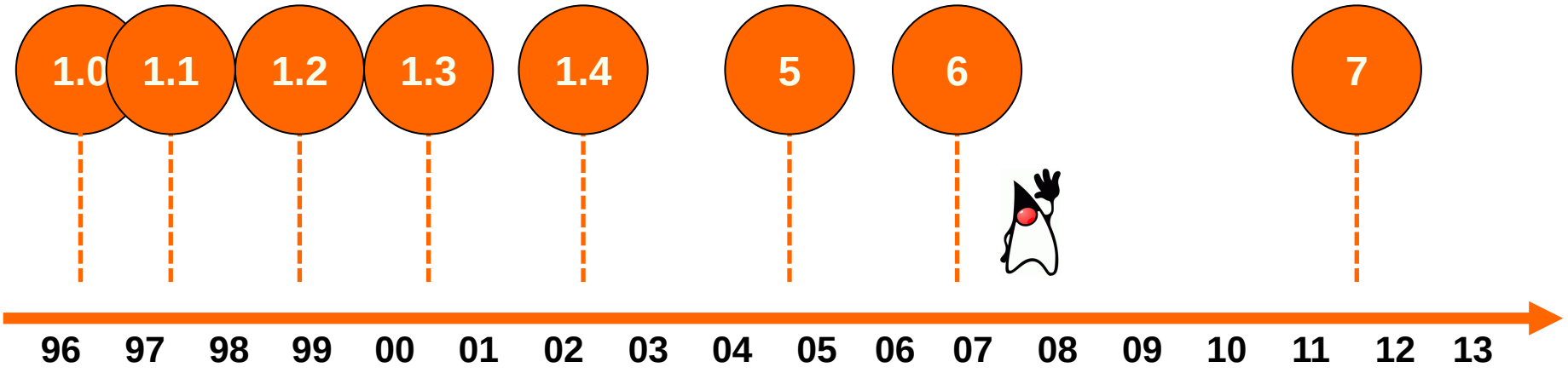
EJB



Java Application Framework

EJB

Java Timeline



Escape Analysis

Register Allocation

Split Bytecode Verification

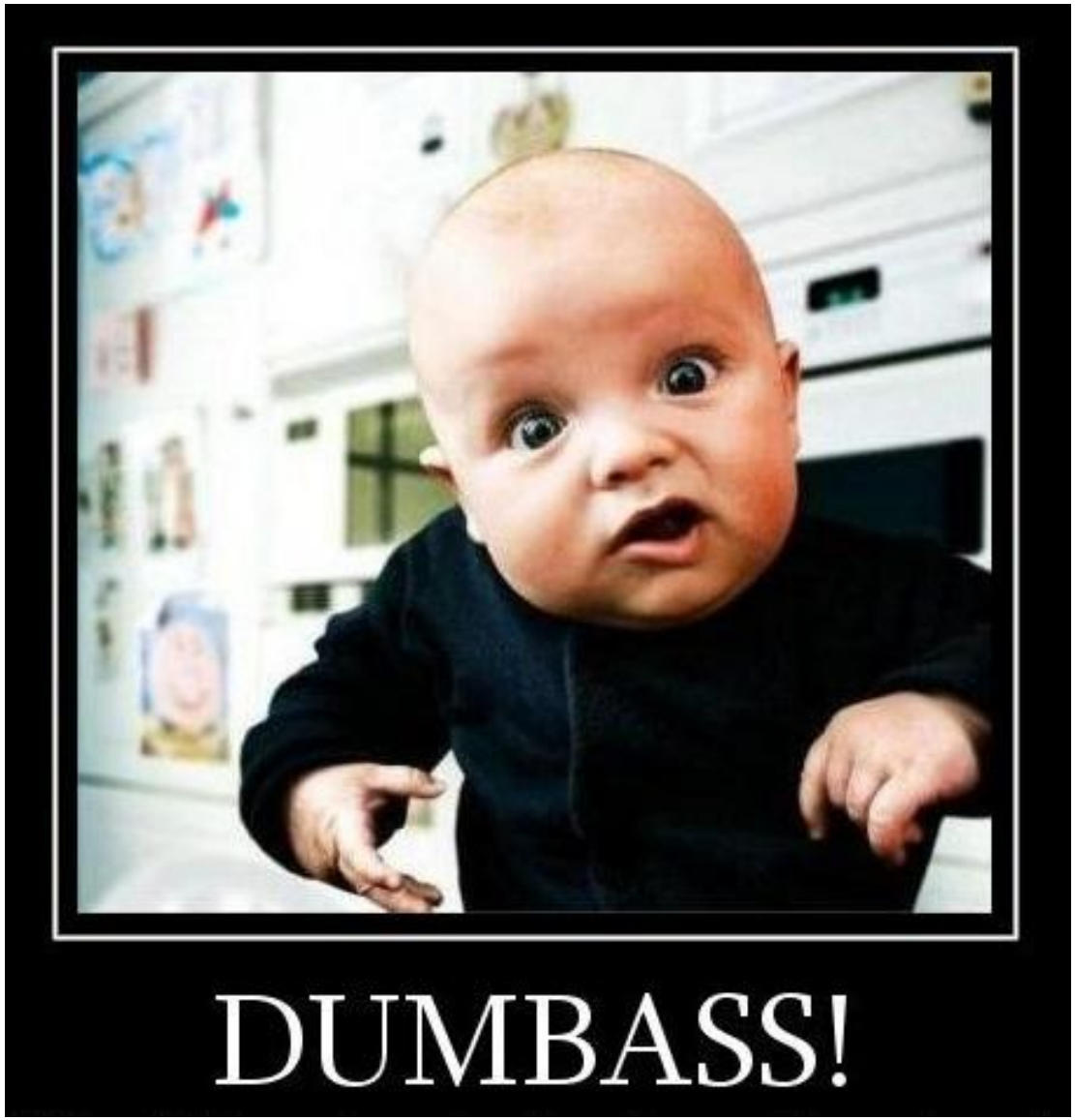

ORACLE®
Java™

What about our hero who freed us from the EJB tar pit?

Java Application Framework

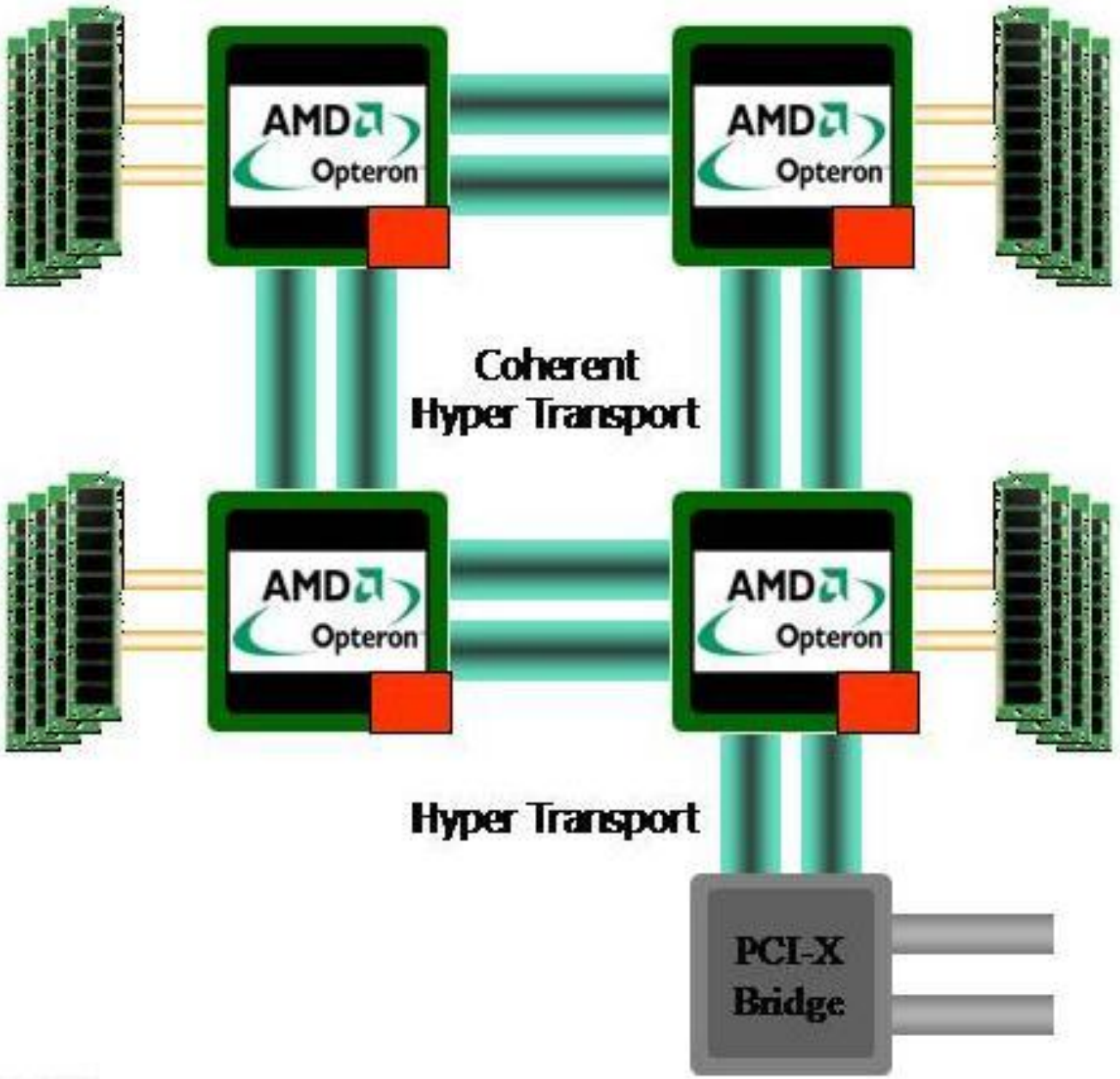

BLOATWARE
BLOATWARE EVERYWHERE
memegenerator.net


HIBERNATE



SQL too difficult?

The world of hardware undergoes big changes!


AMD
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Coherent
Hyper Transport
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PCI-X
Bridge

High Frequency Trading

Milliseconds Matter...

...Microseconds Matter...

...right from market open...

...and especially after a quiet period...

...it is like being at War

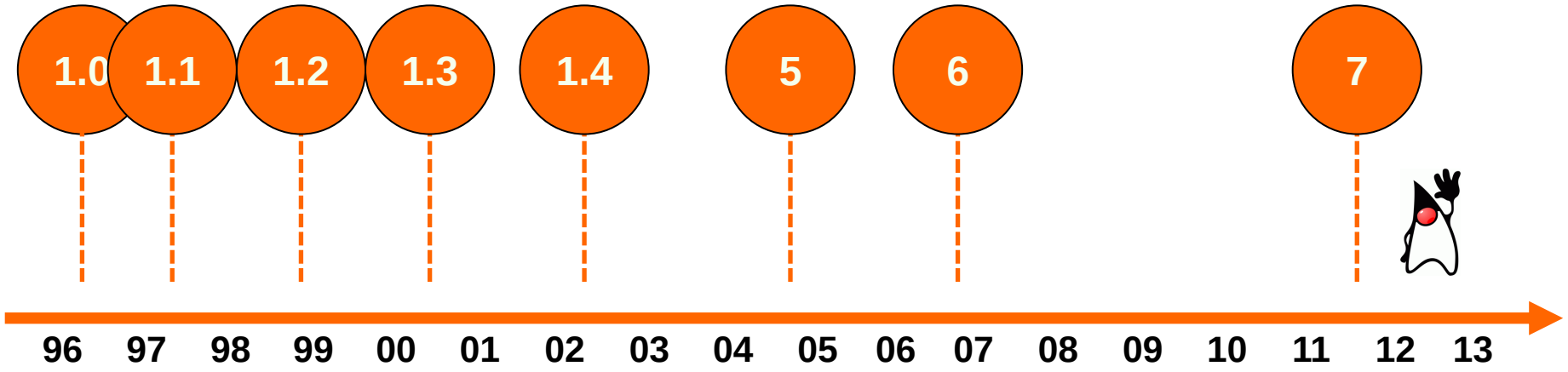

Coca-Cola
Diet Coke

Memory Cliff

Locks and Multi-core

Safepoints!!!

Java Timeline



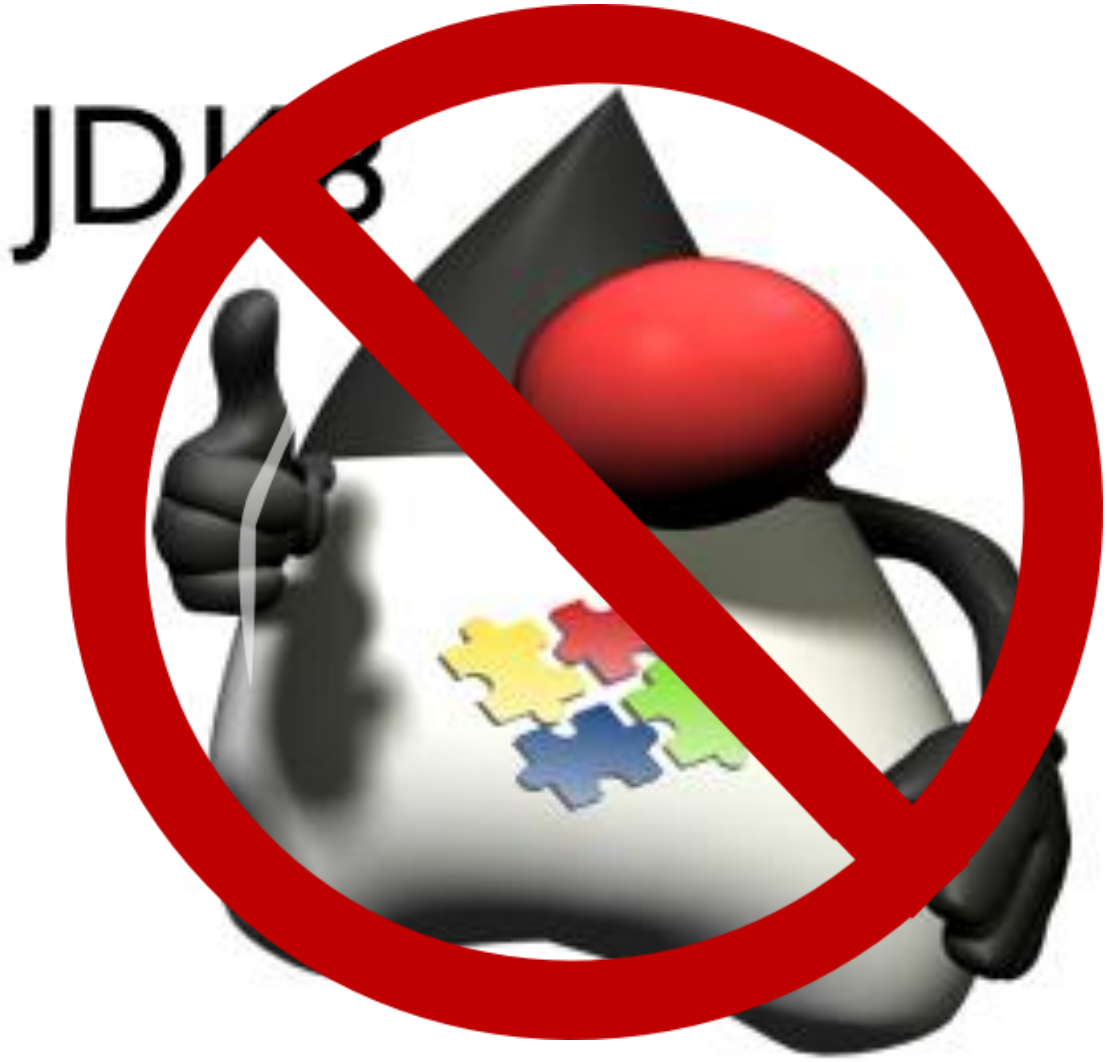
Tiered Compilation

G1 Garbage Collector

Compressed Pointers

What does the near future hold?


JDK8


JDK8


WTF?!?!

What is everyone excited about?

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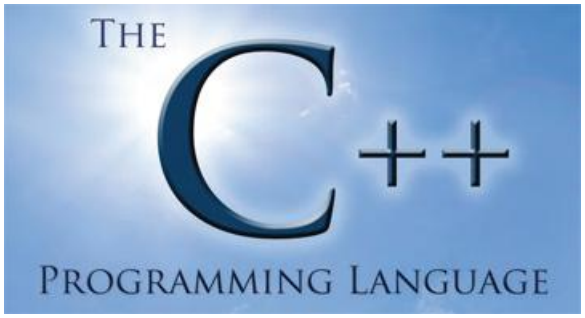
What about other languages?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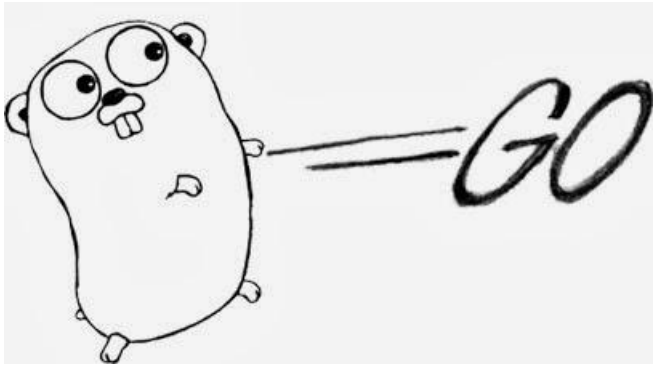
PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE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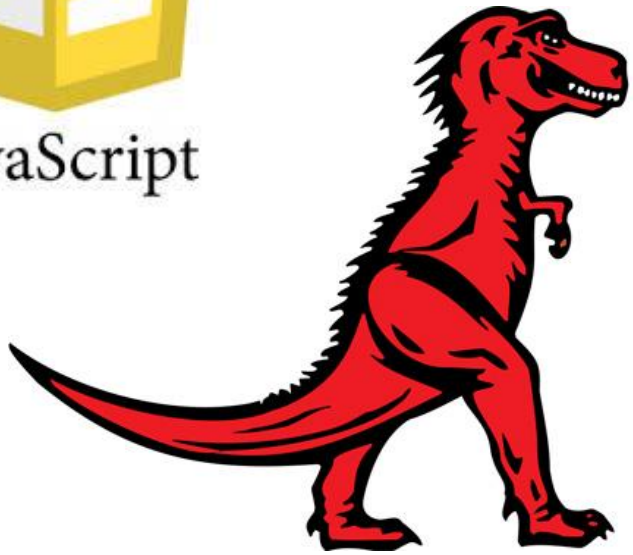
julia

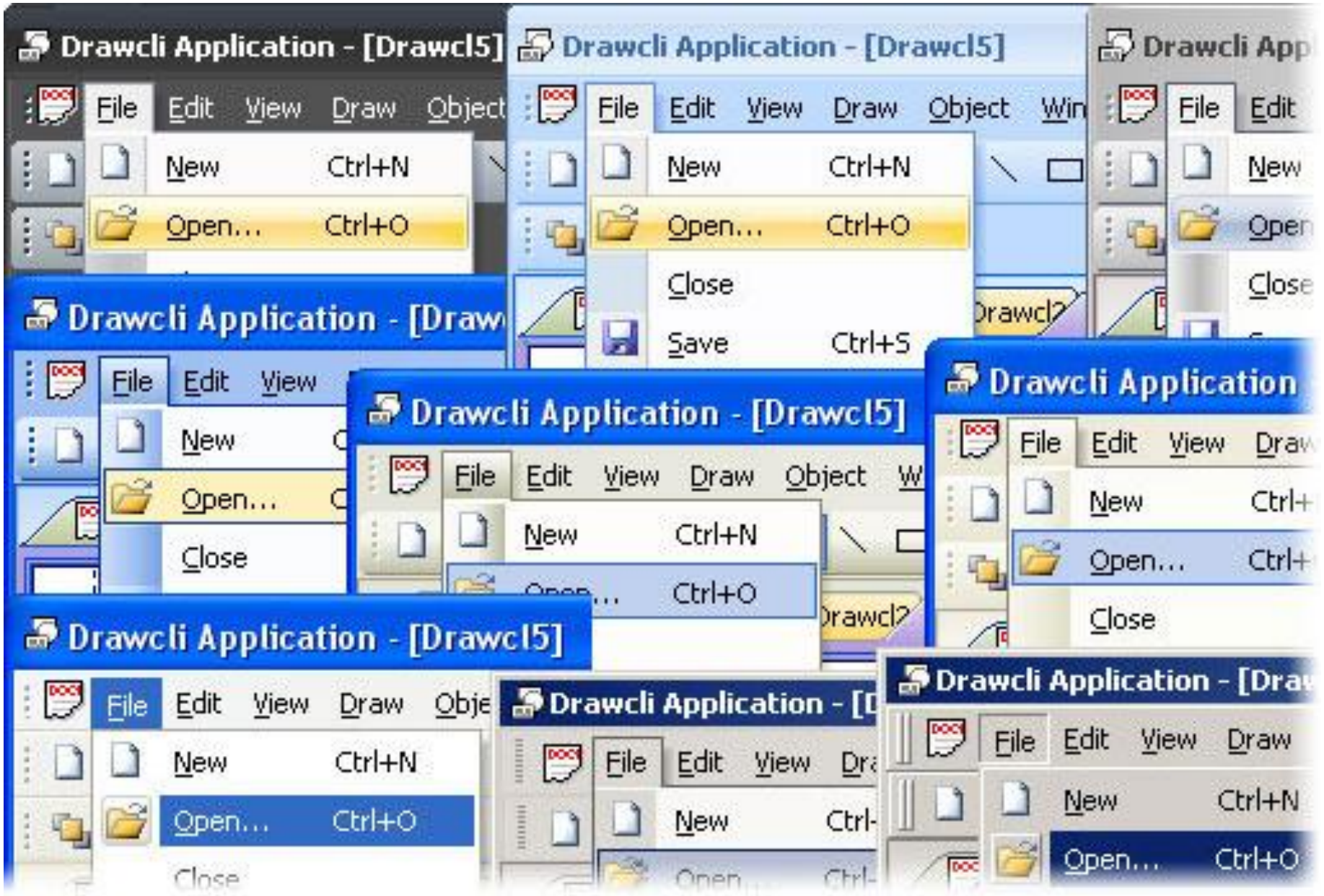

JavaScript



Now on with the story...

2.
Evolving Design Approach

GUI Era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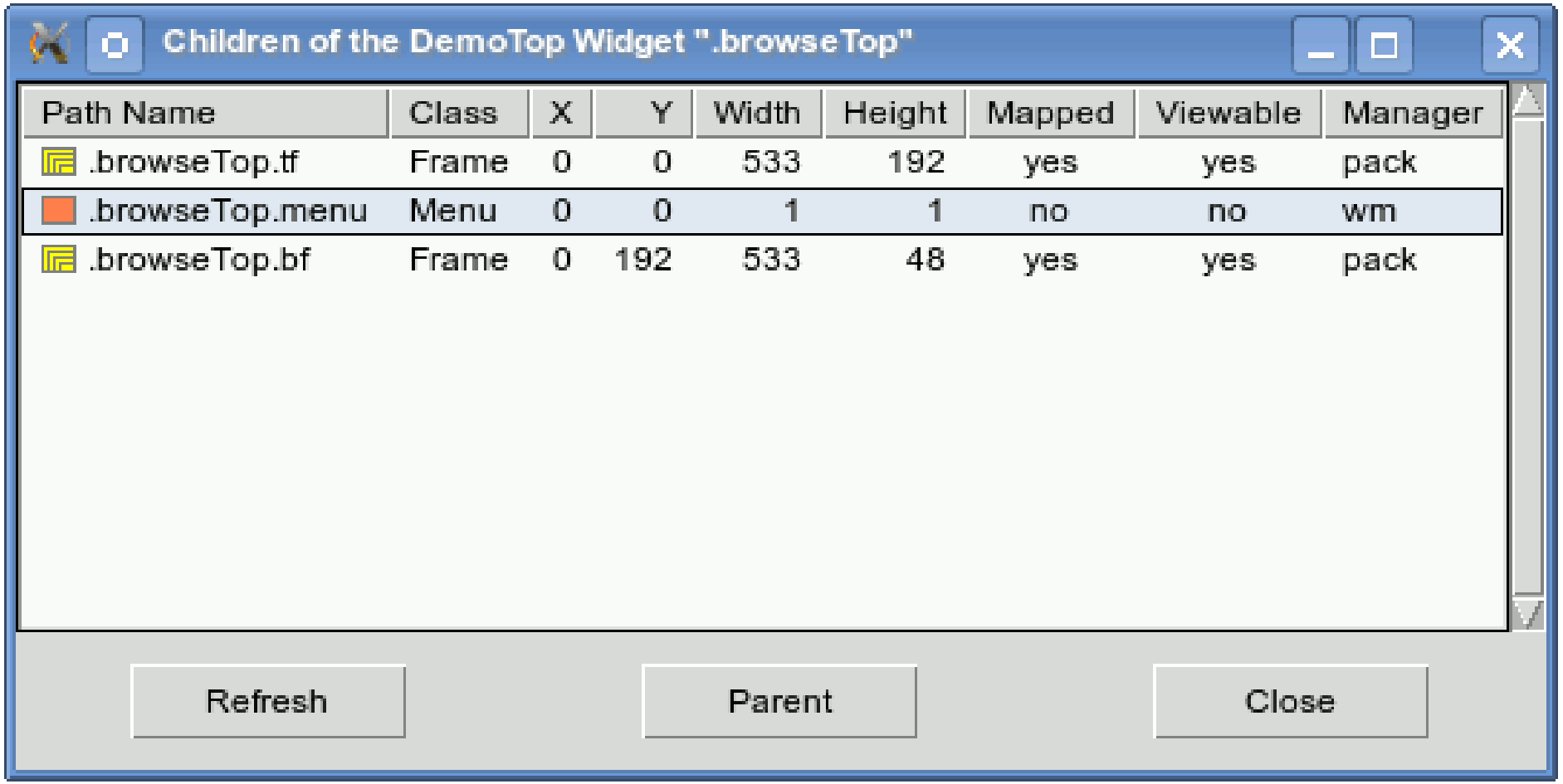
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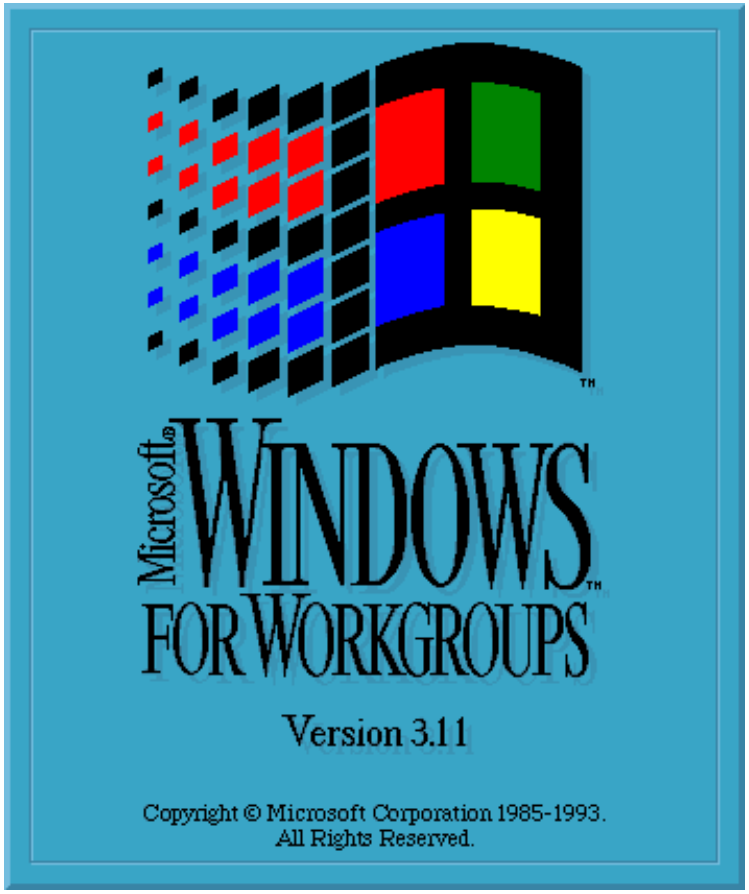
Battle for the Desktop



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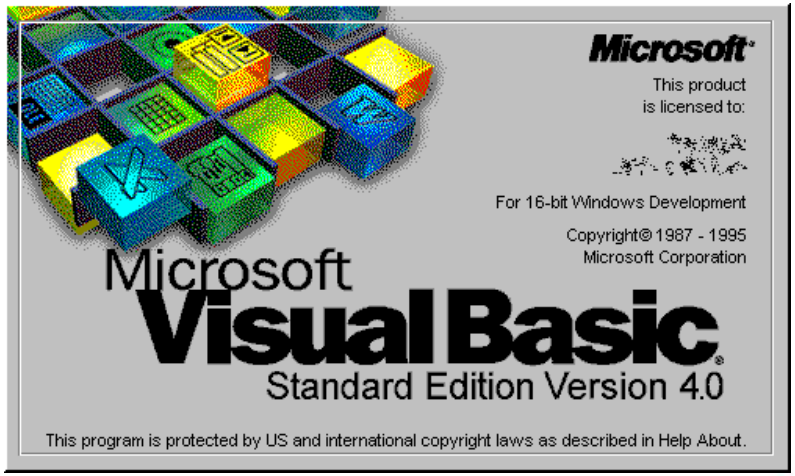


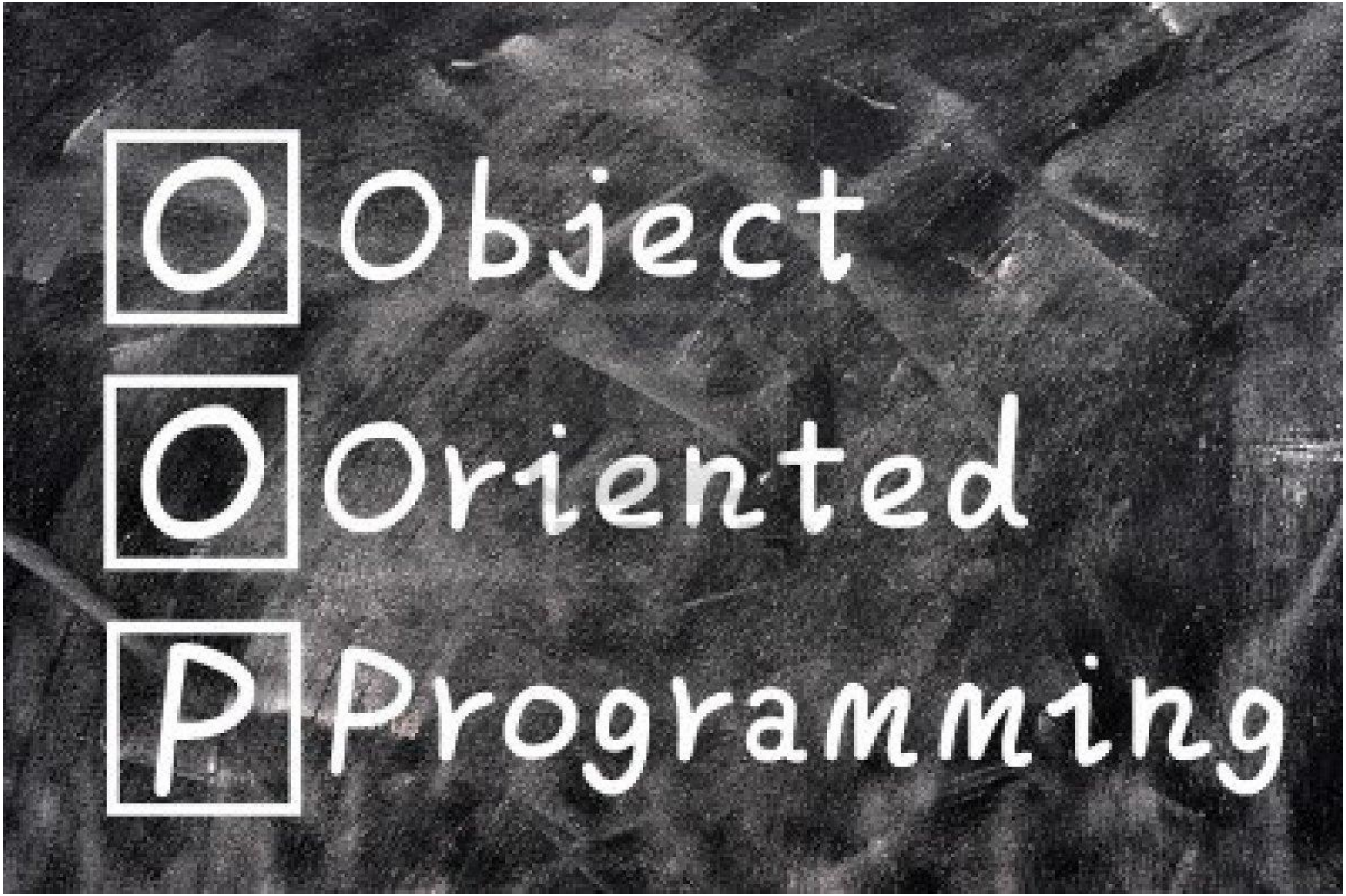
What was the biggest factor in performance?

People

Comms design is significant to GUIs

Users love responsive interfaces

Modelling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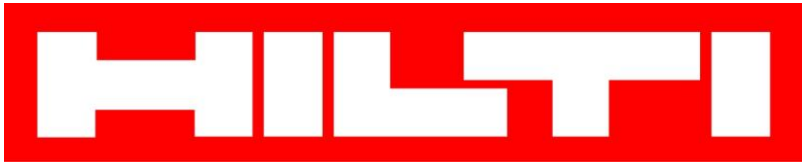
O Oriented
P Programming

“Big” Data Era

What do the following companies have in common?


CONRAD


Office
DEPOT


HILTI


ABB


RS Components

Huge product catalogues

Logistics

Partners

Catalogues

Sales

PCM

Websites

Warehousing

e-Procurement

Manufacturing

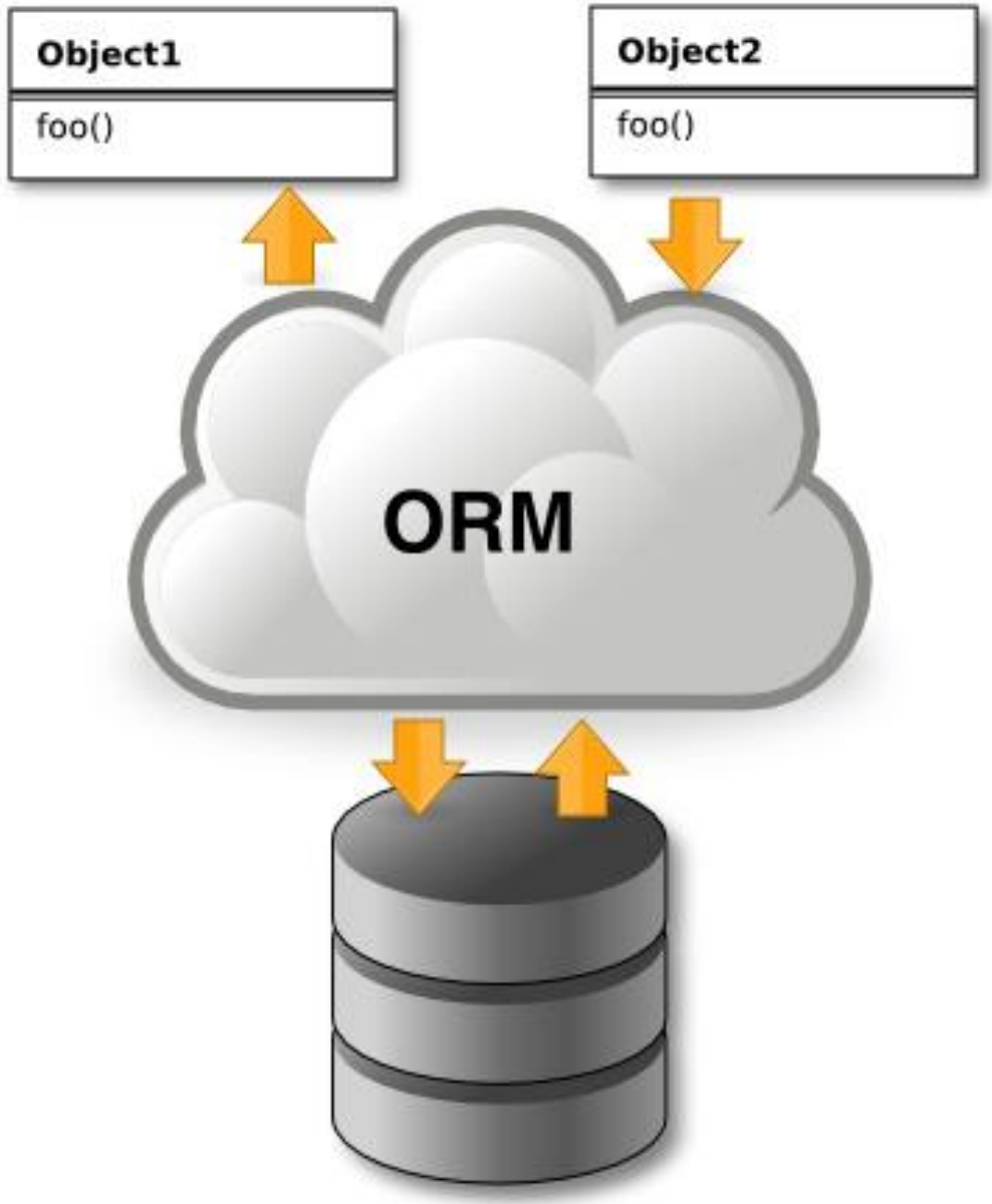
Parsing

Data

Search

Diff

Time is not
Returnable...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Object2
foo()
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Object1
foo()
Object2
foo()
FAIL

Set Theory Rocks!

Databases are very powerful!

Immutable Data Rocks!

JDBC Drivers Suck!!!

Stream Processing Rocks!

```
public void characters(char[] ch,
                       int start,
                       int length)
    throws SAXException
```

```
public void characters(char[] ch,
                       int start,
                       int length)
    throws SAXException

public void startElement(String uri,
                         String localName,
                         String qName,
                         Attributes atts)
    throws SAXException
```

```
public String[] split(String regex)
```

```
public String[] split(String regex)

public Iterable<String> split(String regex)
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public String[] split(String regex)

public Iterable<String> split(String regex)

public void split(String regex,
                  Collection<String> dst)
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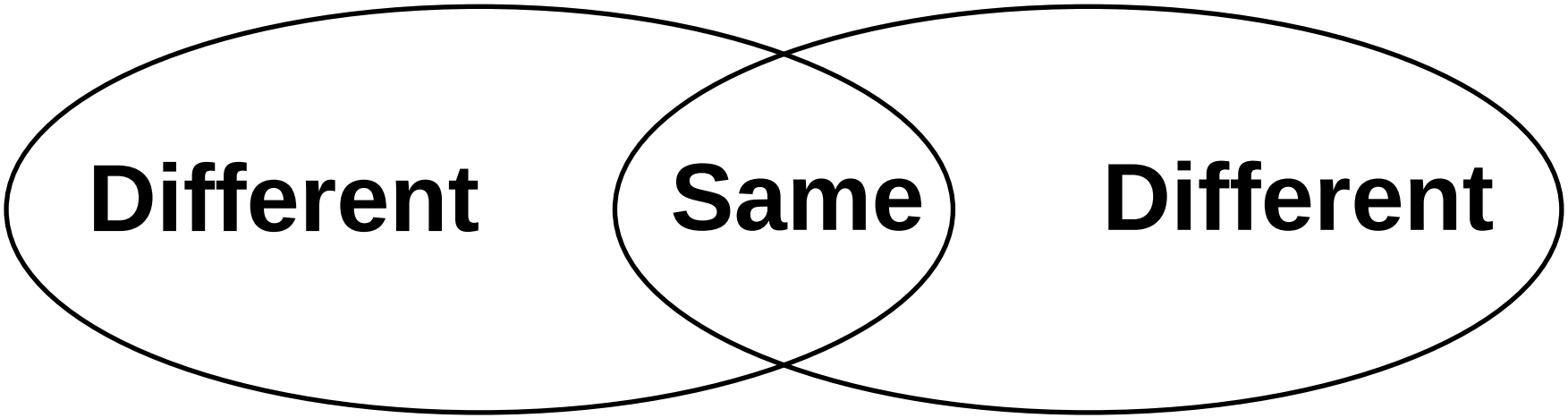
Modelling

Design Paradigms



Transaction Processing Era

betfair

sports casino poker

LMAX™

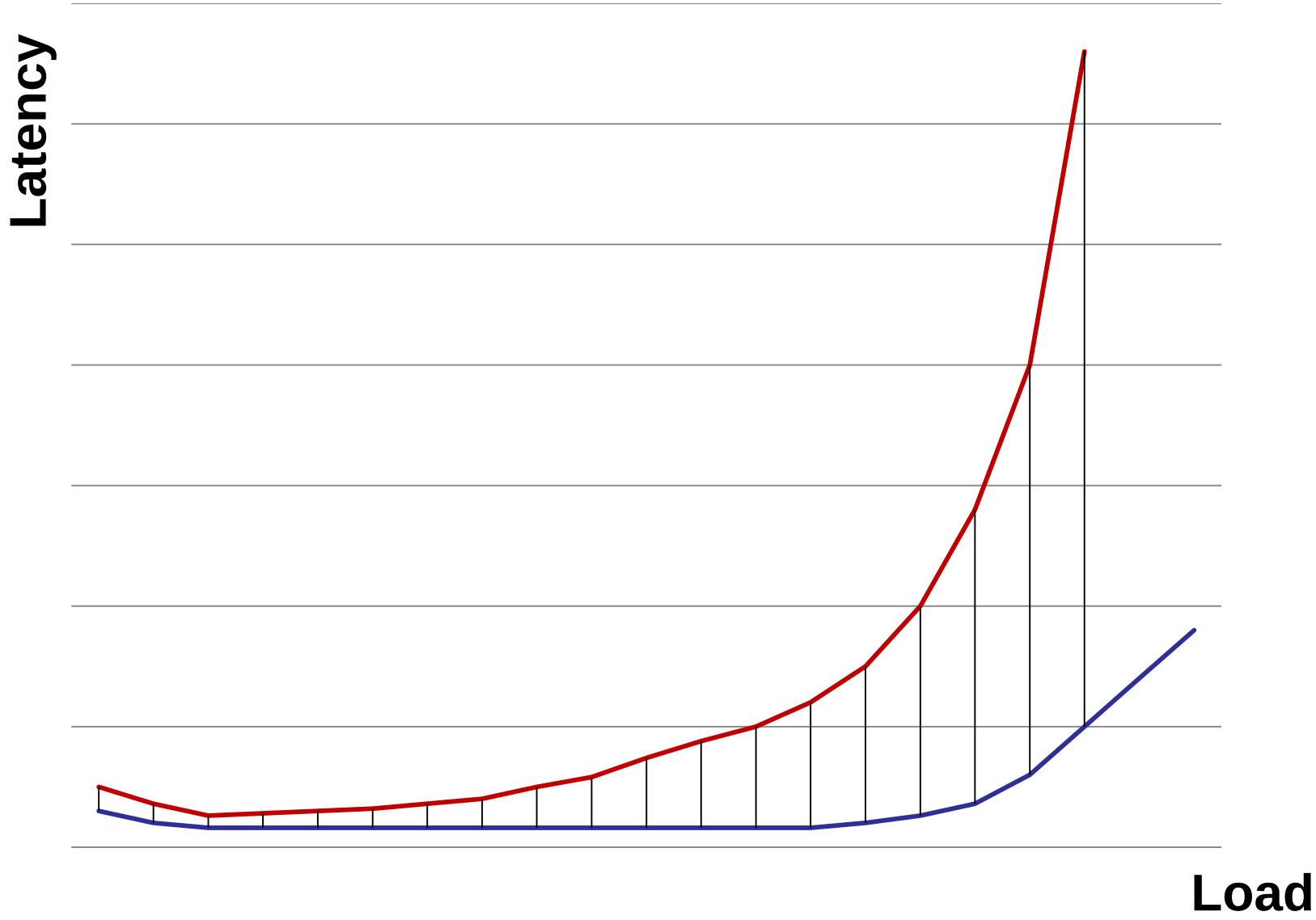
EXCHANGE

Synchronous designs are seriously limited

Staged Event Driven Architecture

The importance of Latency

Latency given Throughput



The issues with Concurrency

The Disruptor

The value of Determinism

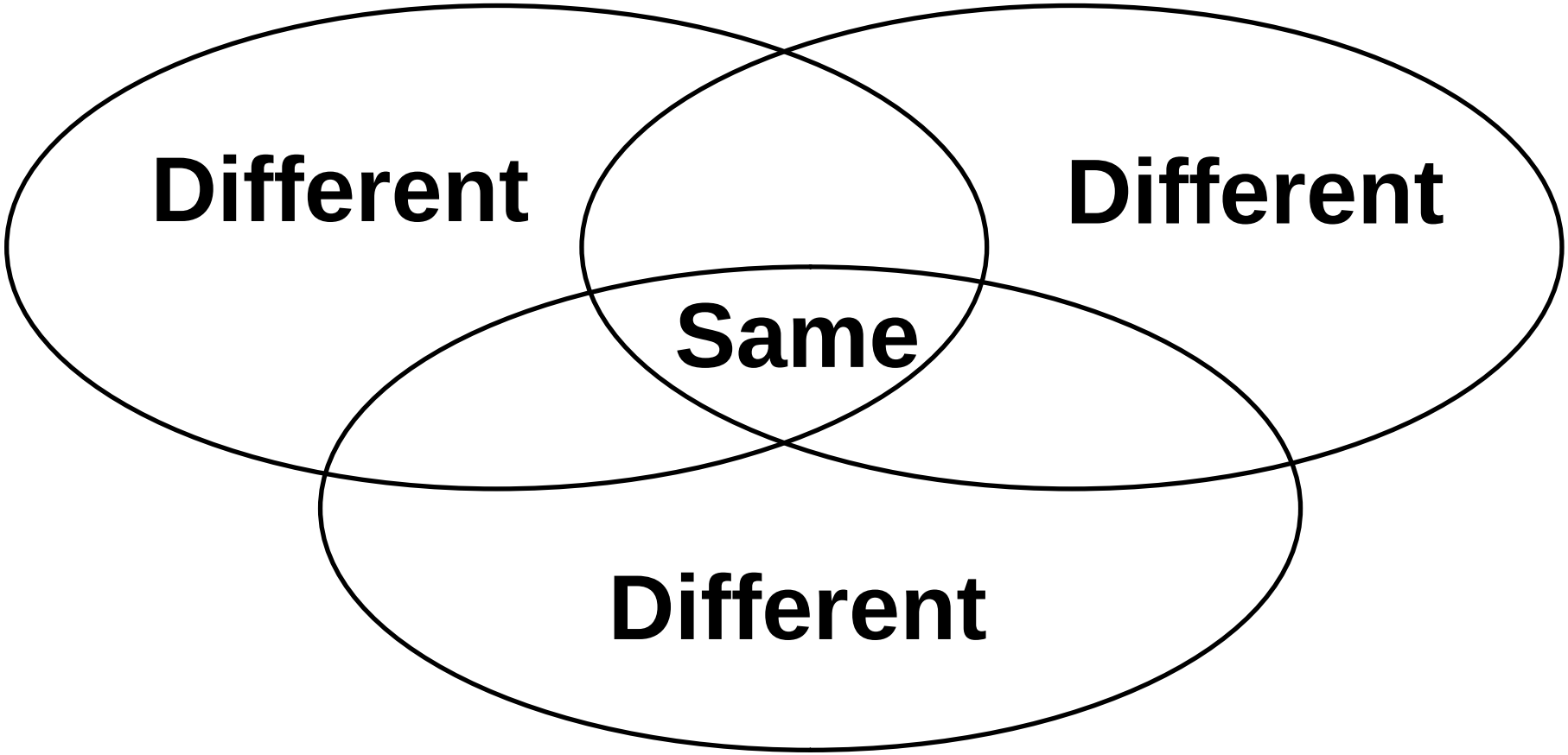
The value of pure Functions

...which are often just transforms

...it’s all about the data structures

Modelling

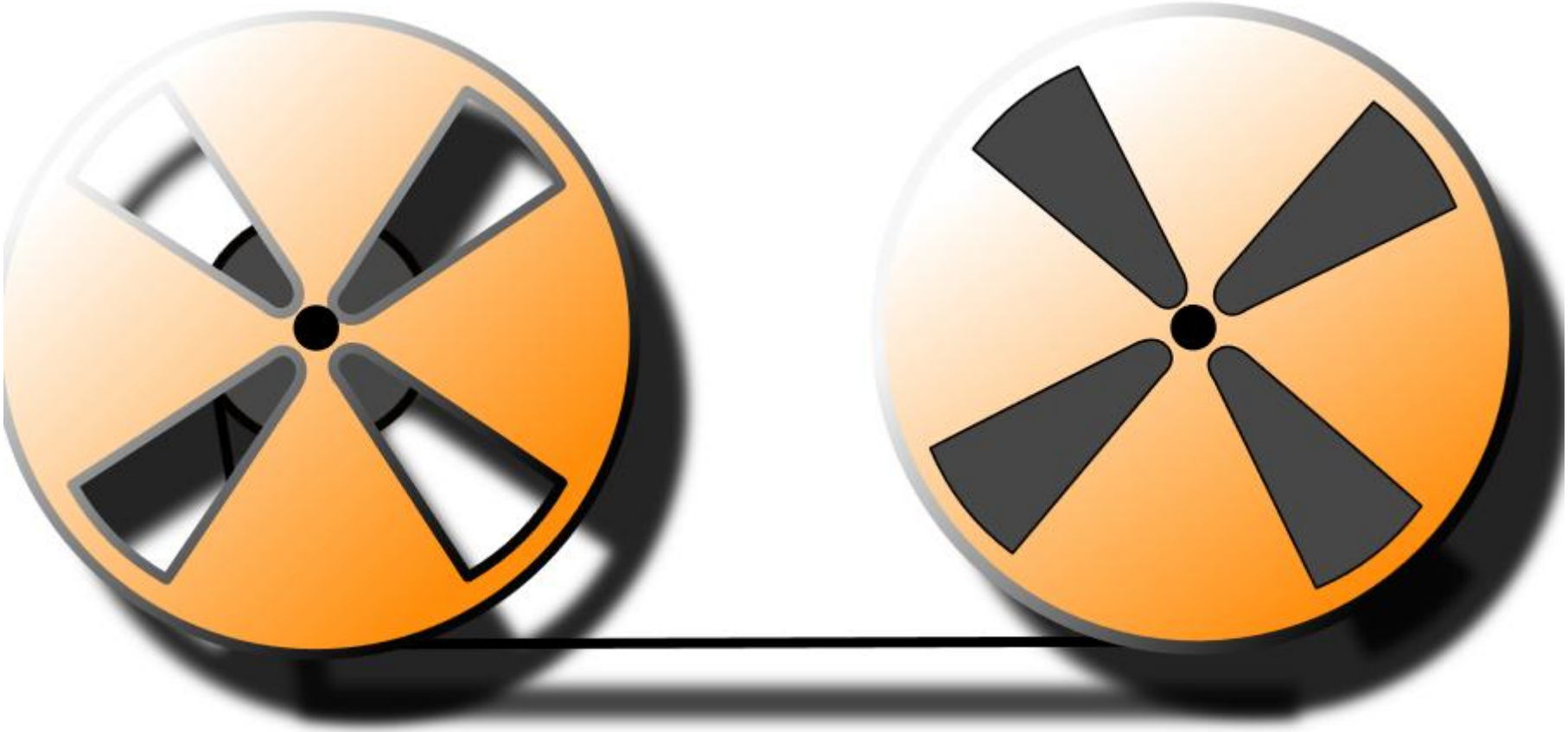
Design Paradigms



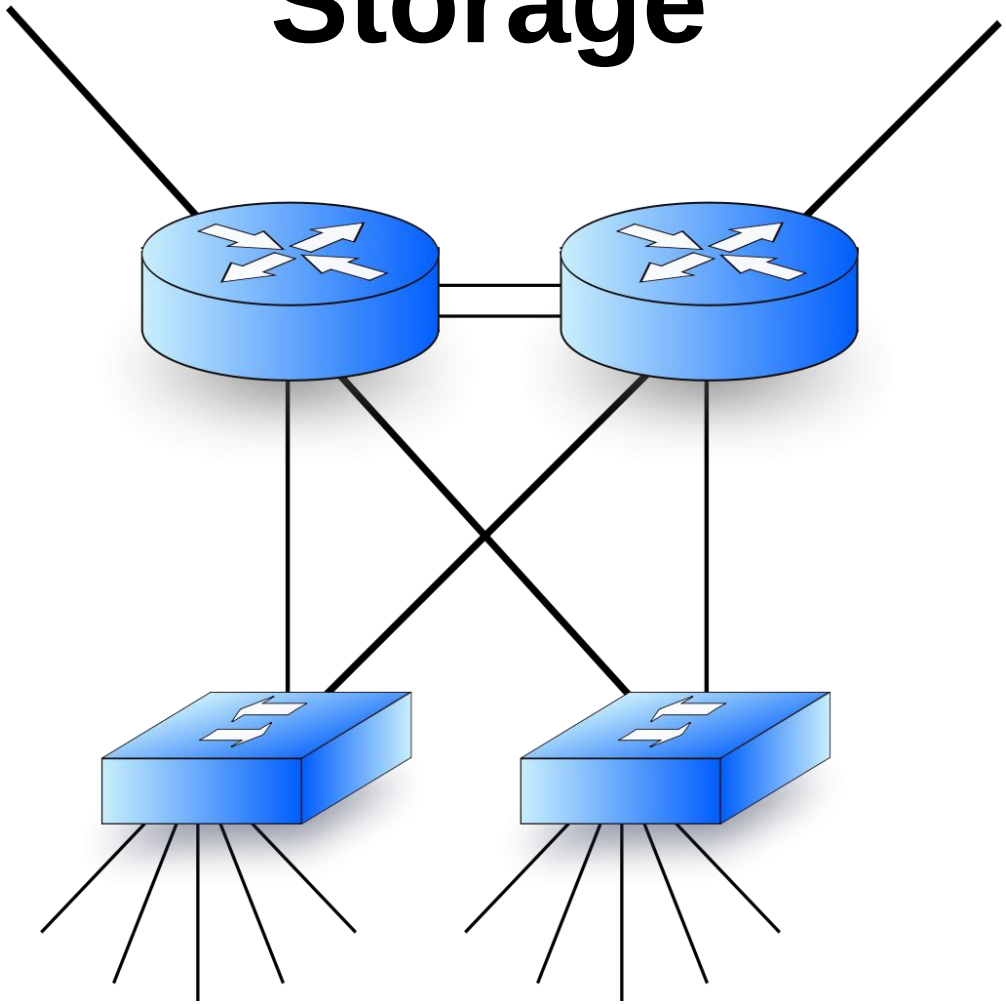
3.
Evolving Hardware Platform

Mechanical Sympathy

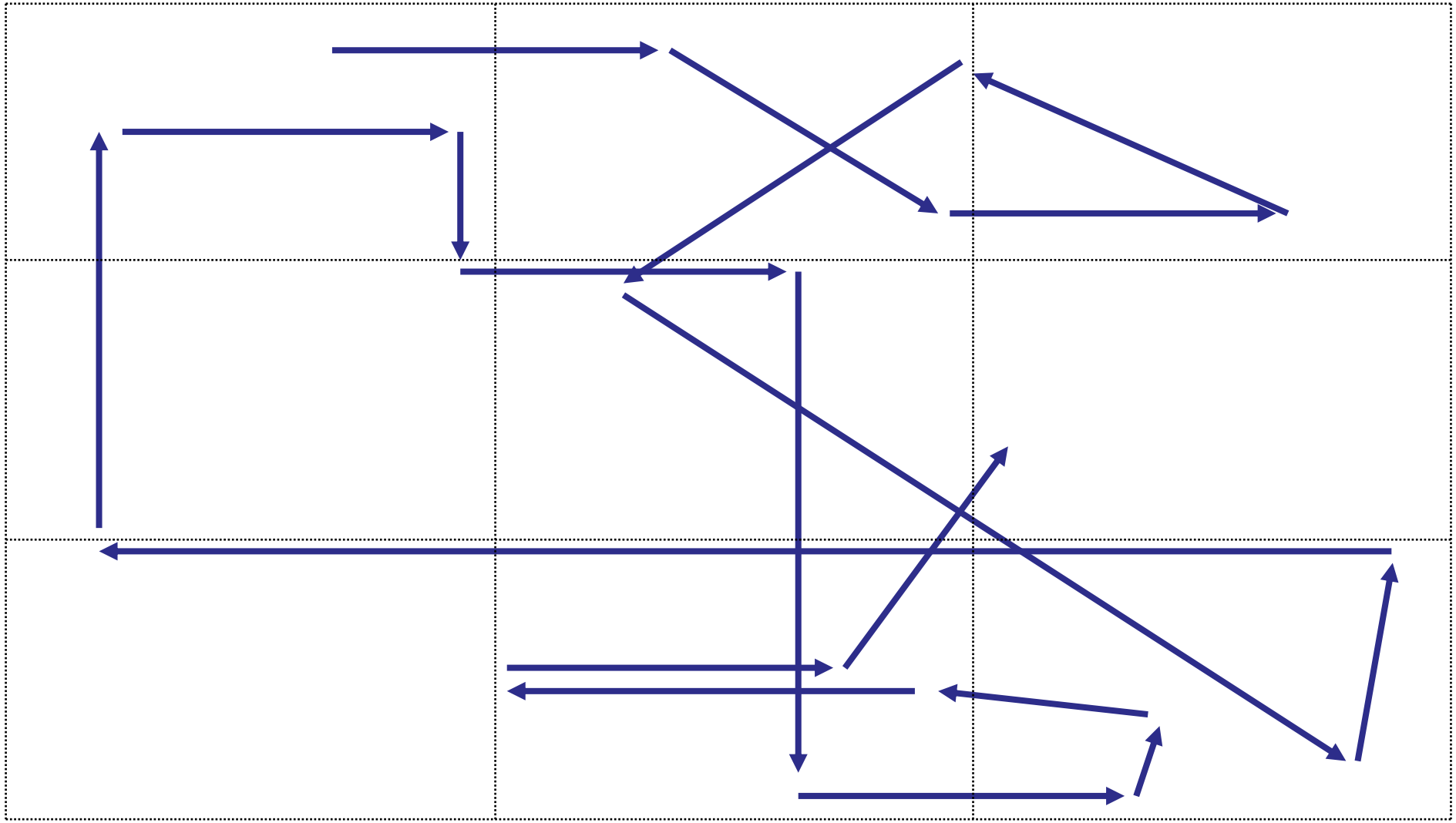
All Storage is Tape



Networks are faster than Storage

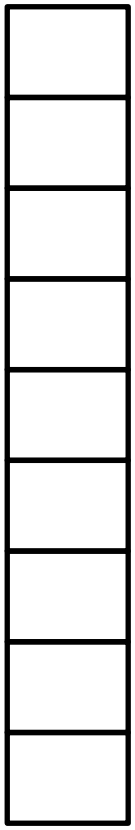


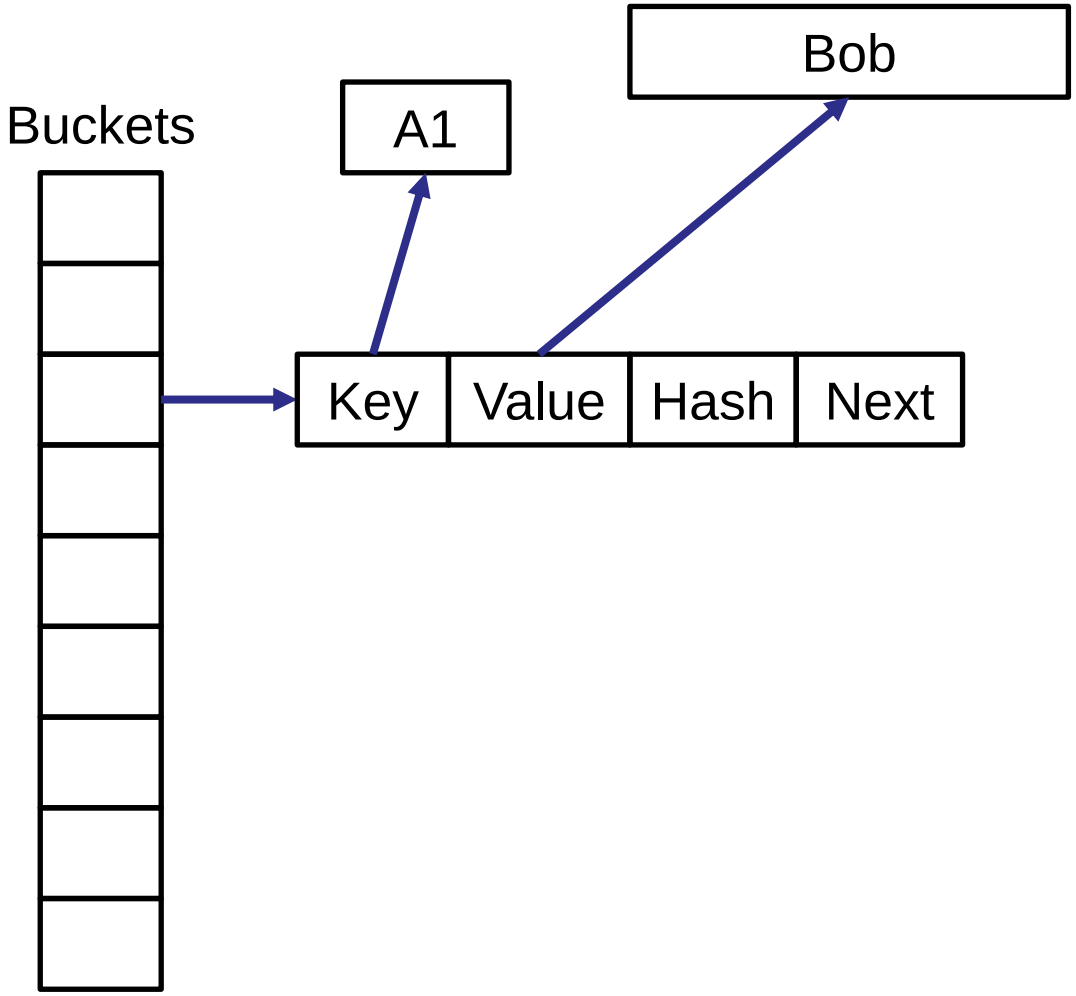
Memory Access Patterns Matter



What if you could build a HashMap with reified generics and arrays of structures?

Buckets

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A1
Buckets
Key
Value
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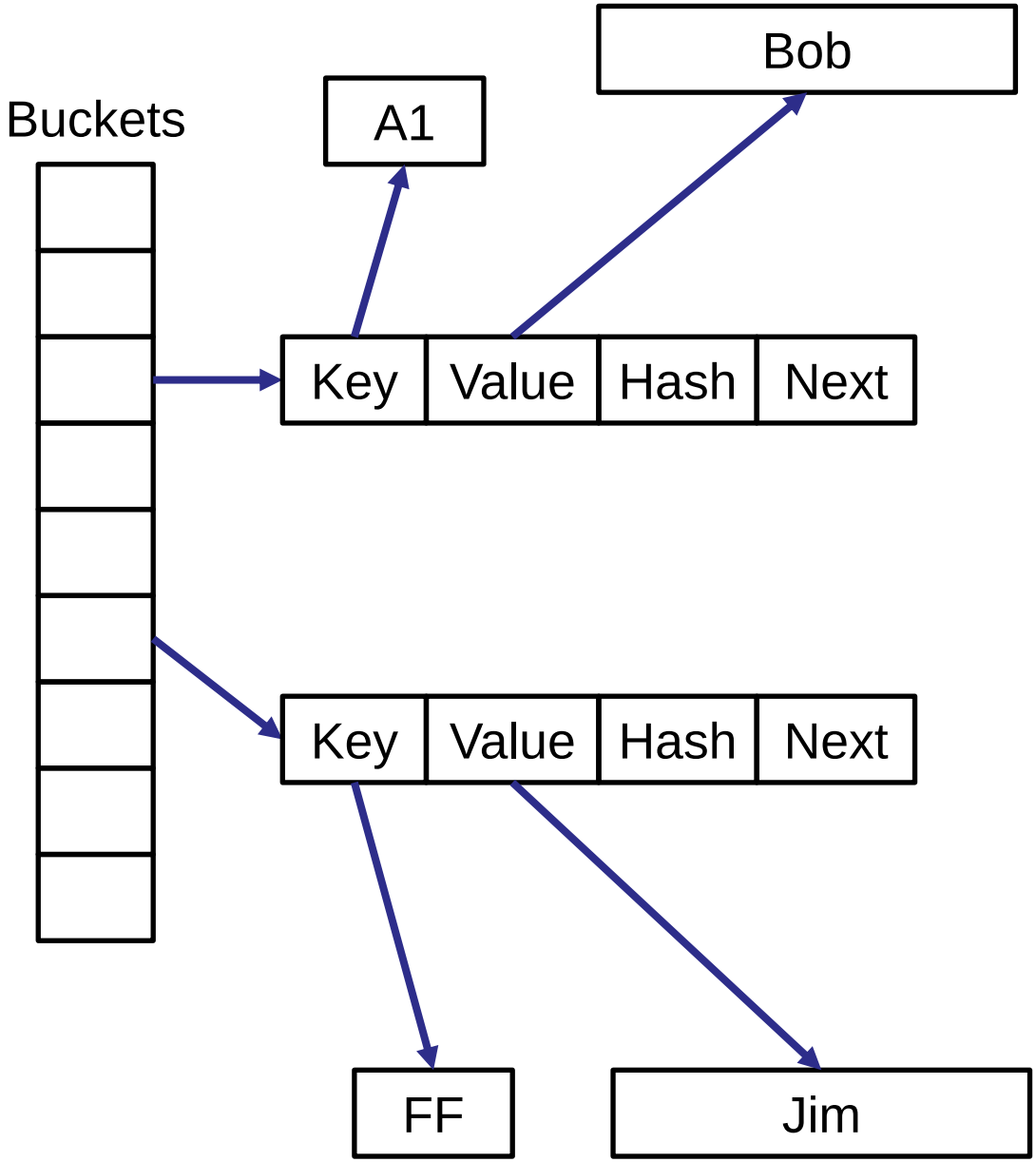
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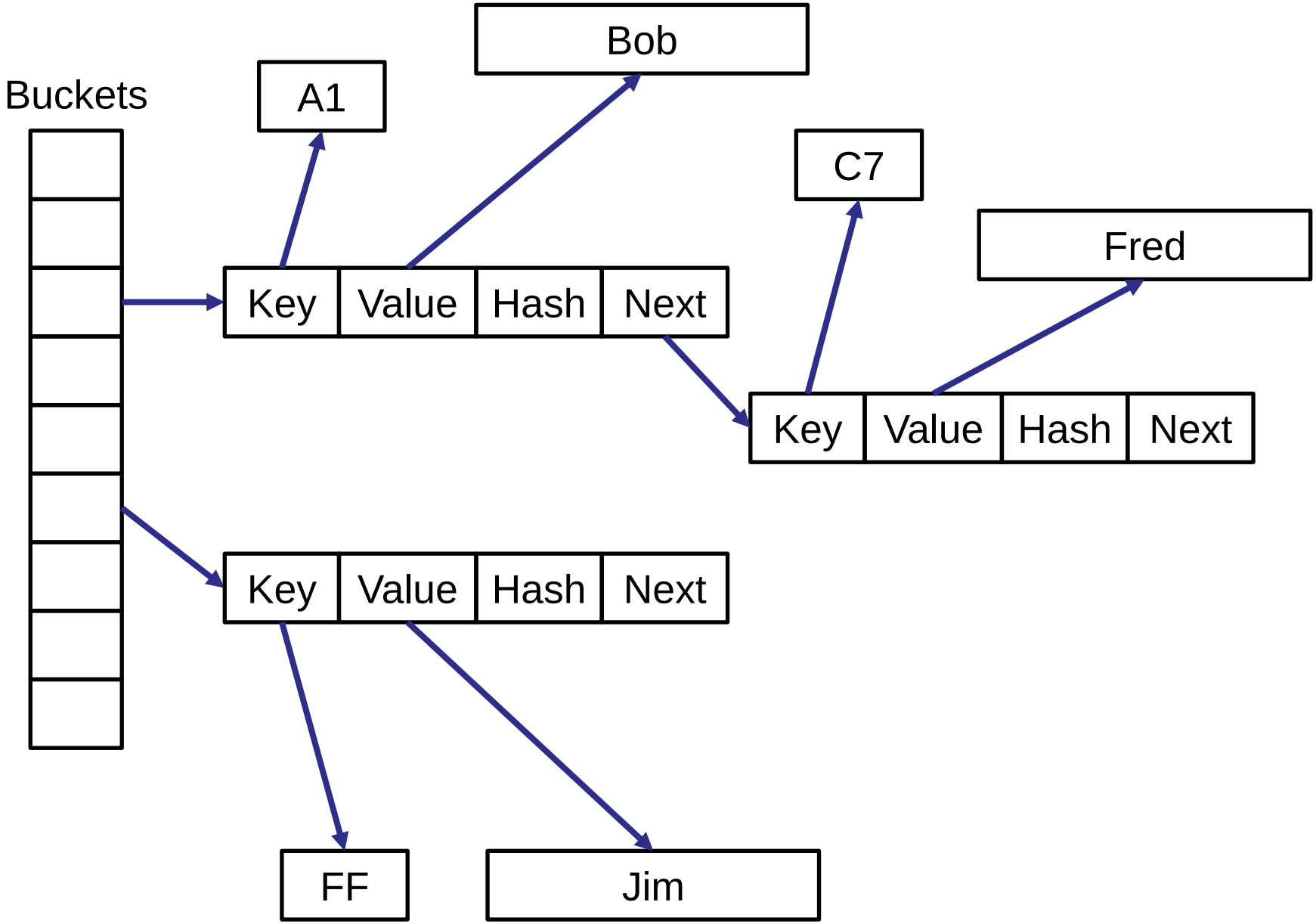
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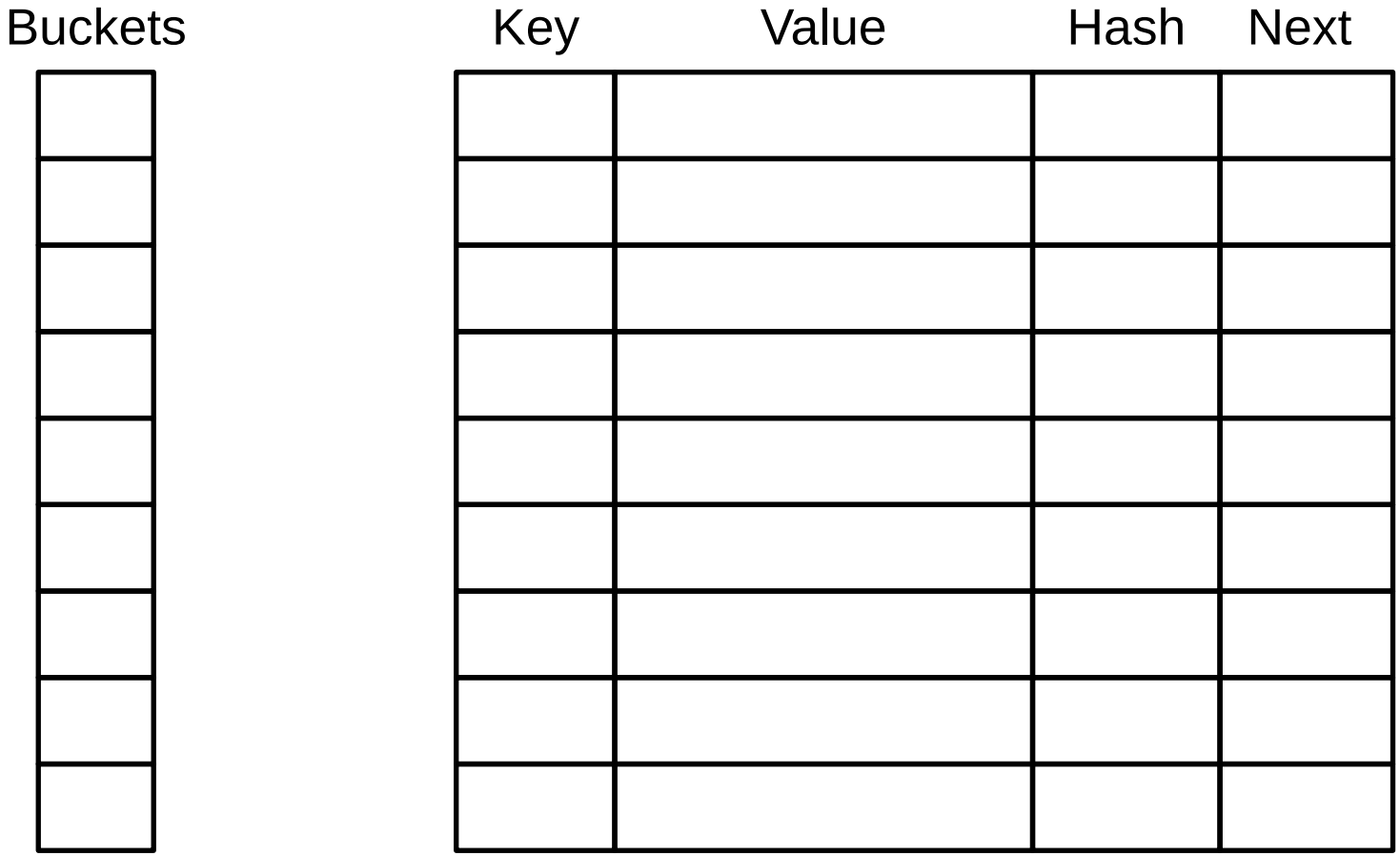
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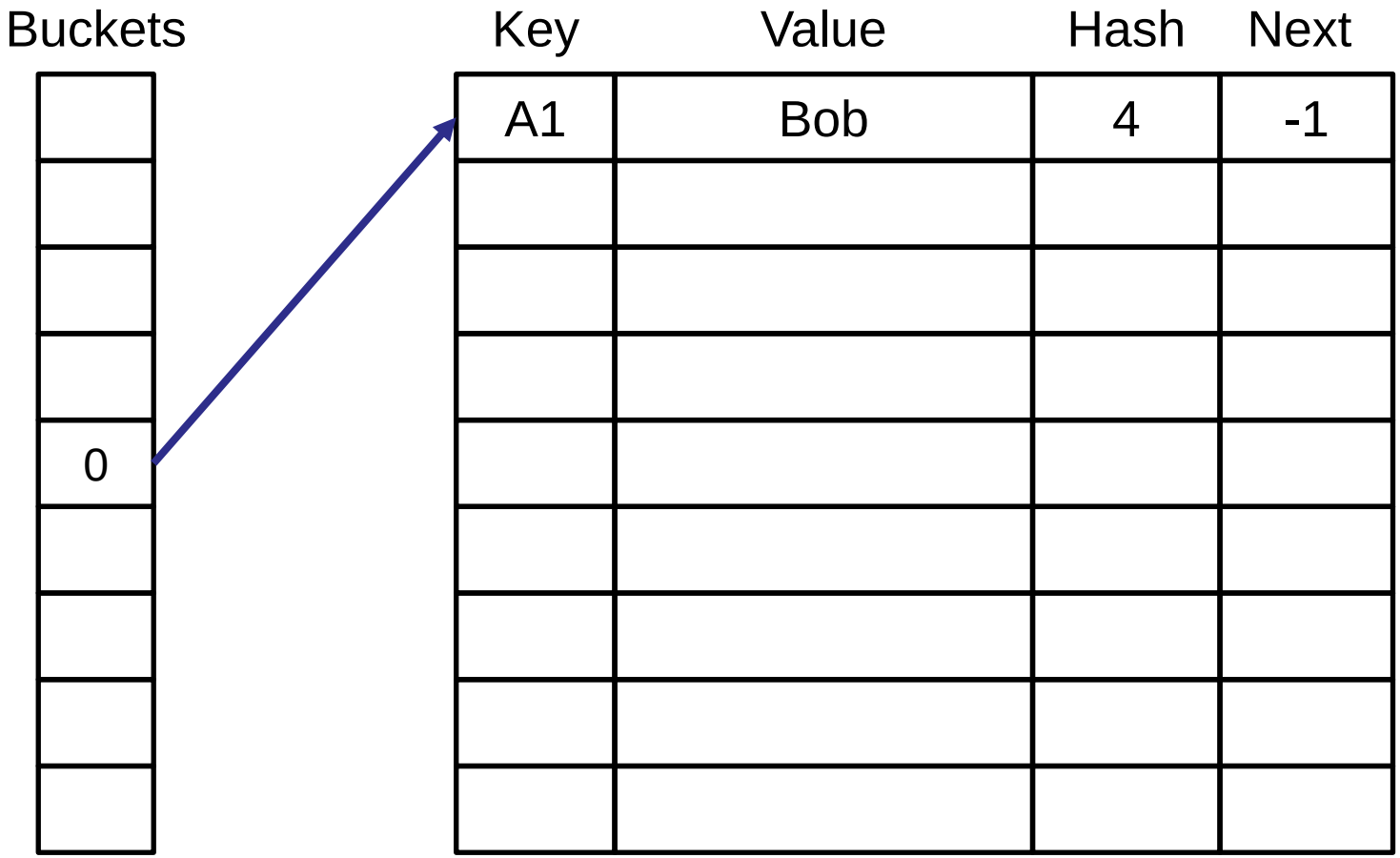
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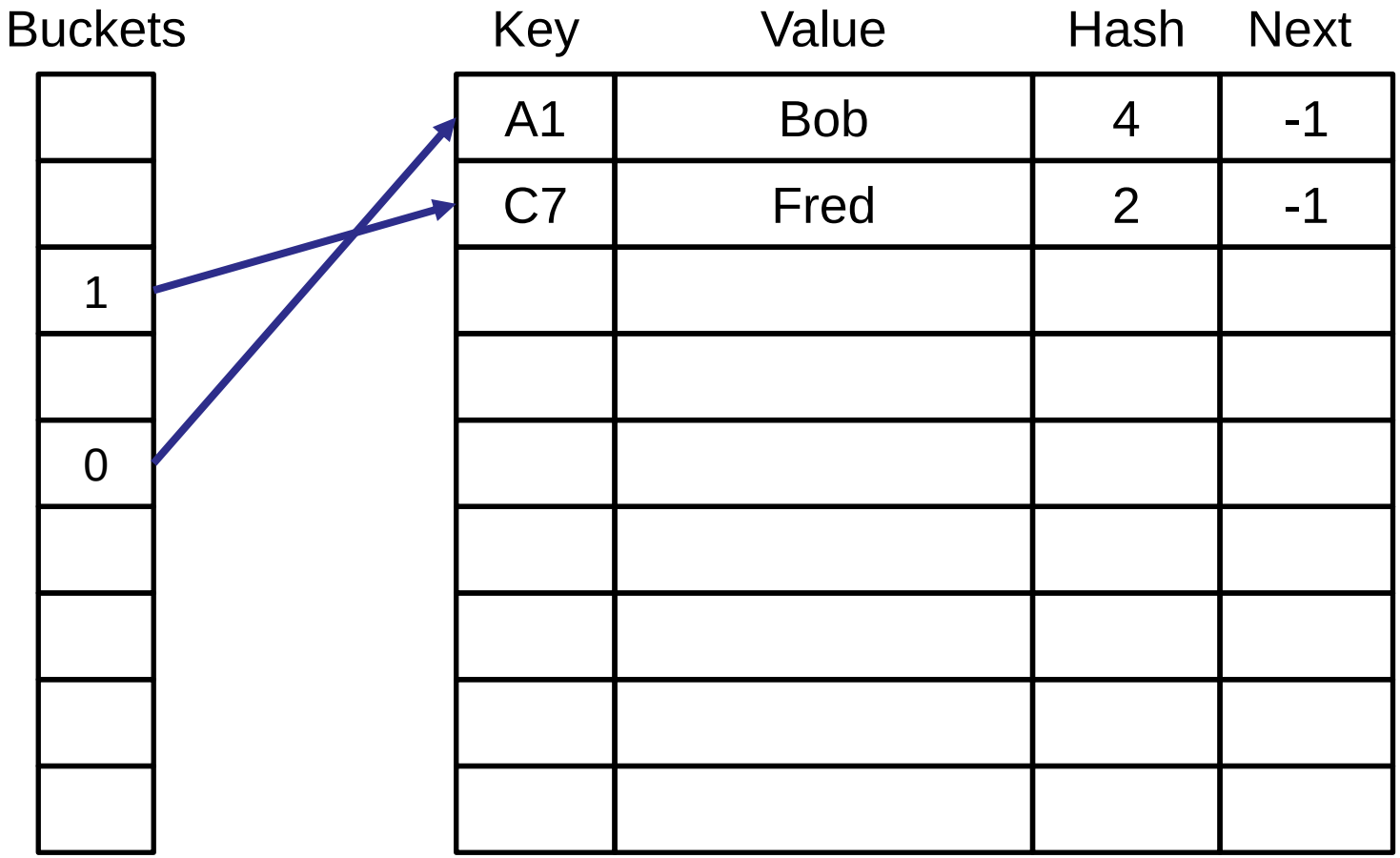
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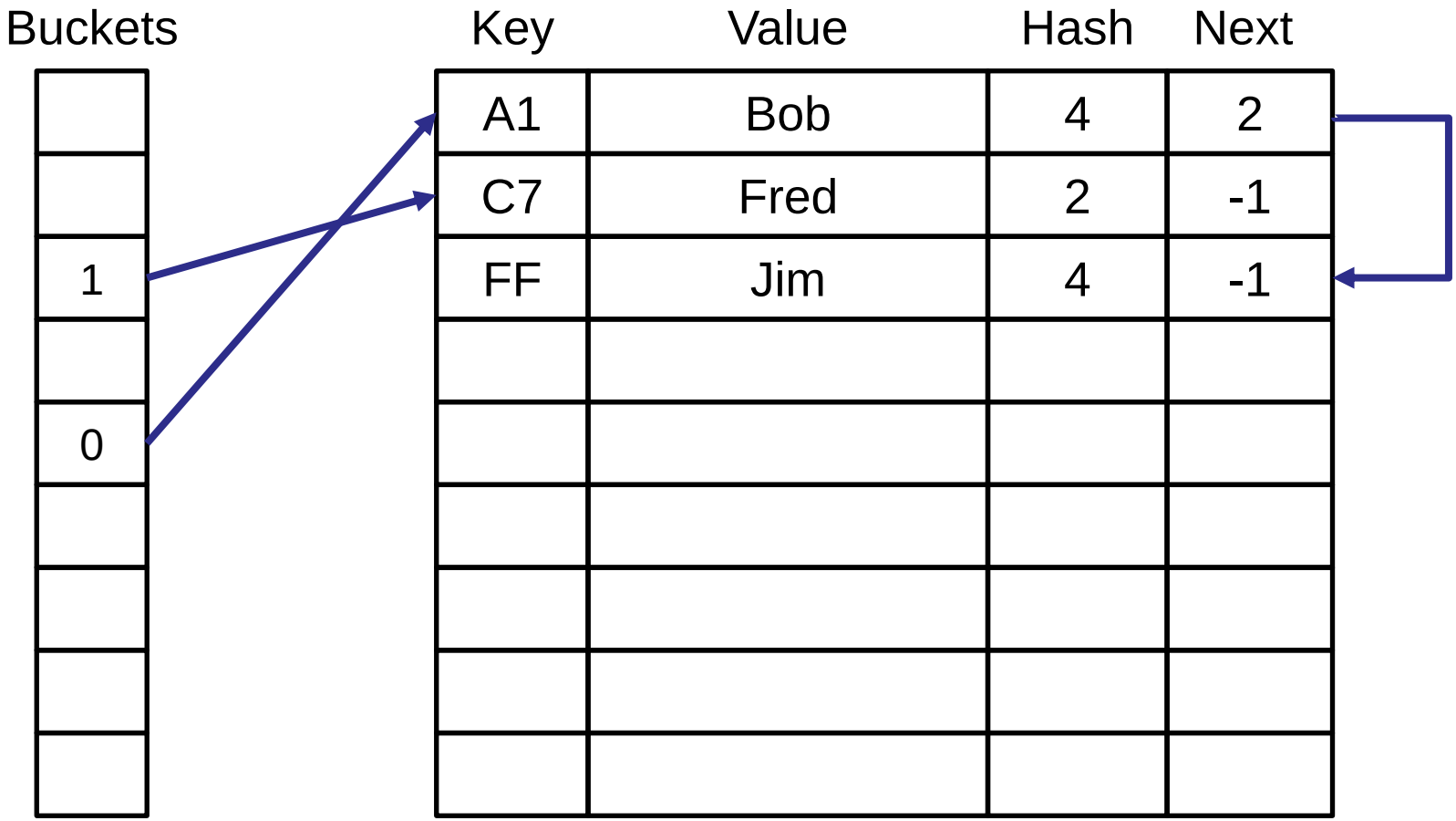
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.NET Dictionary is 10X faster than HashMap for 2GB of data

Value Types (Arrays 2.0^{64})

ObjectLayout

PackedObjects

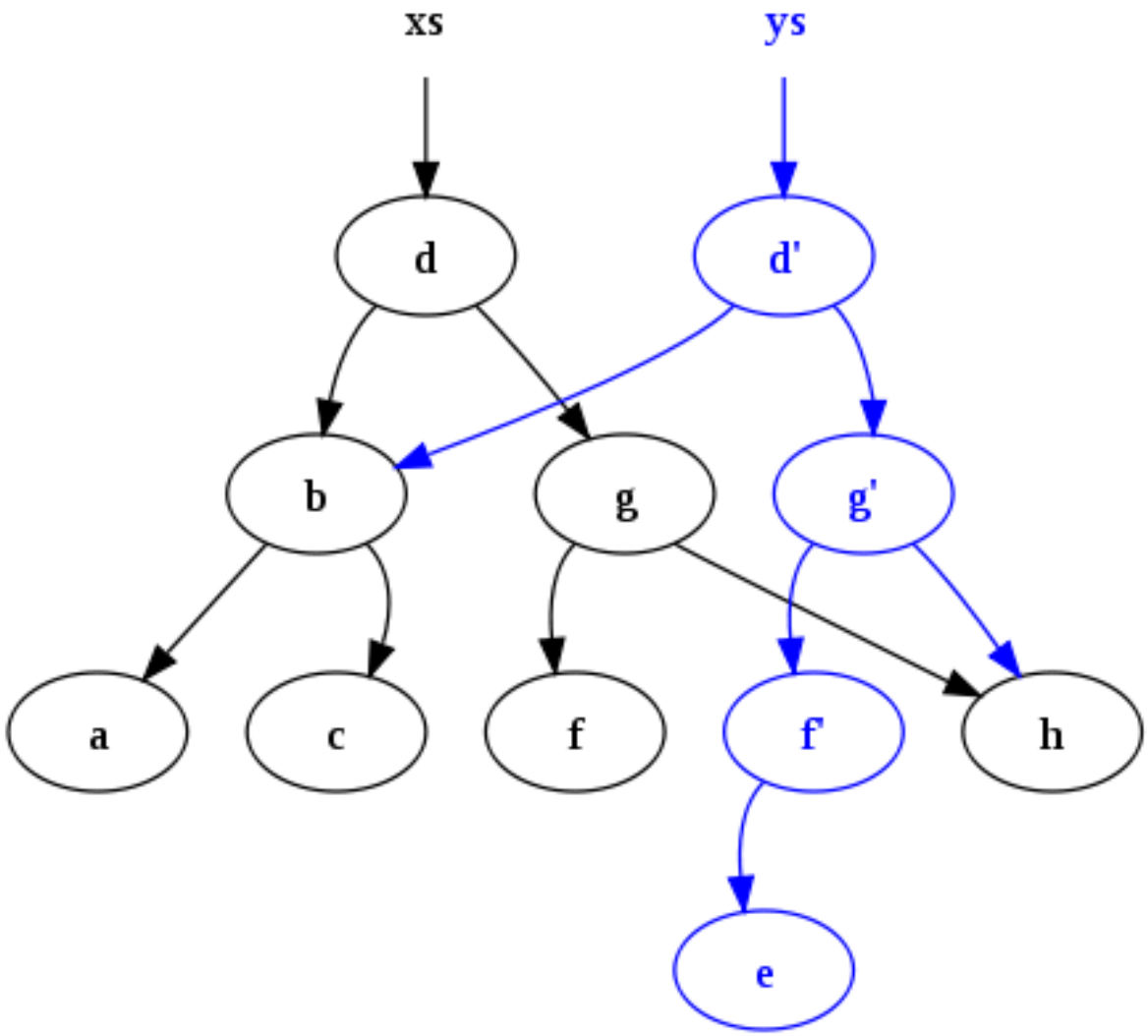
Amdahl's Law

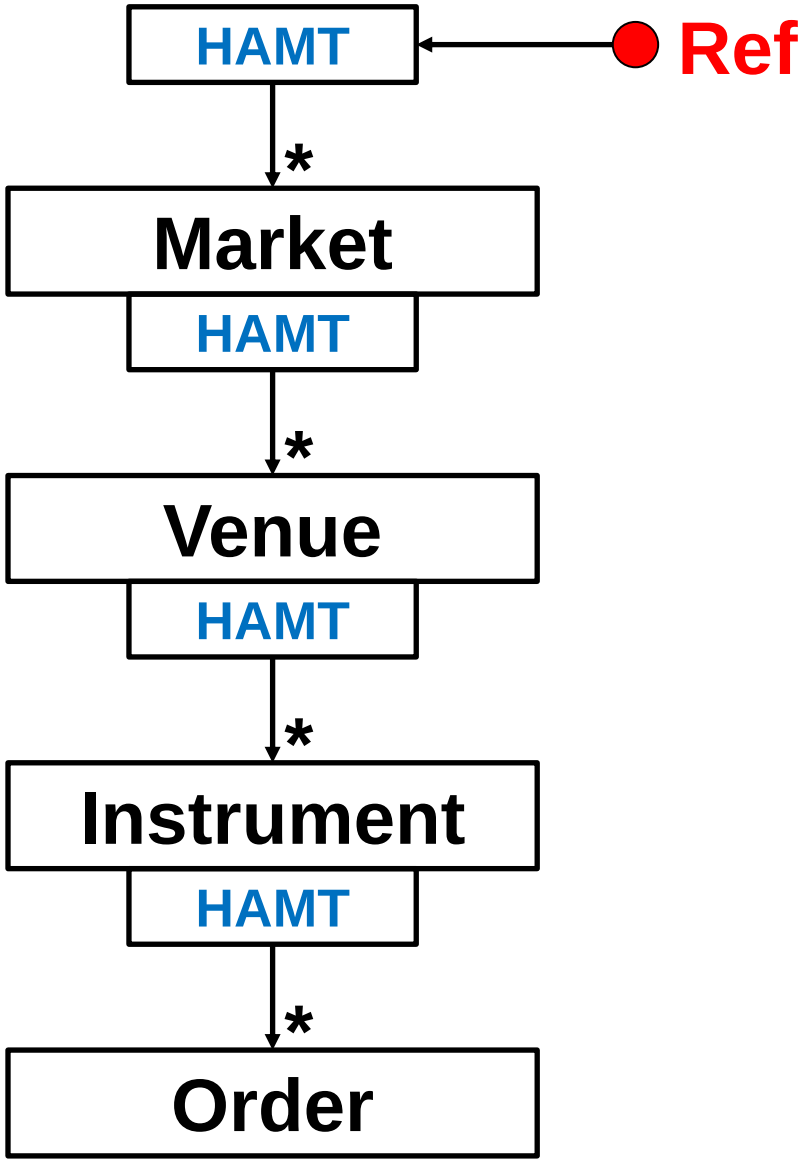
Concurrent Garbage?

Stop The World GC

Safepoints!!!

Persistent Data Structures

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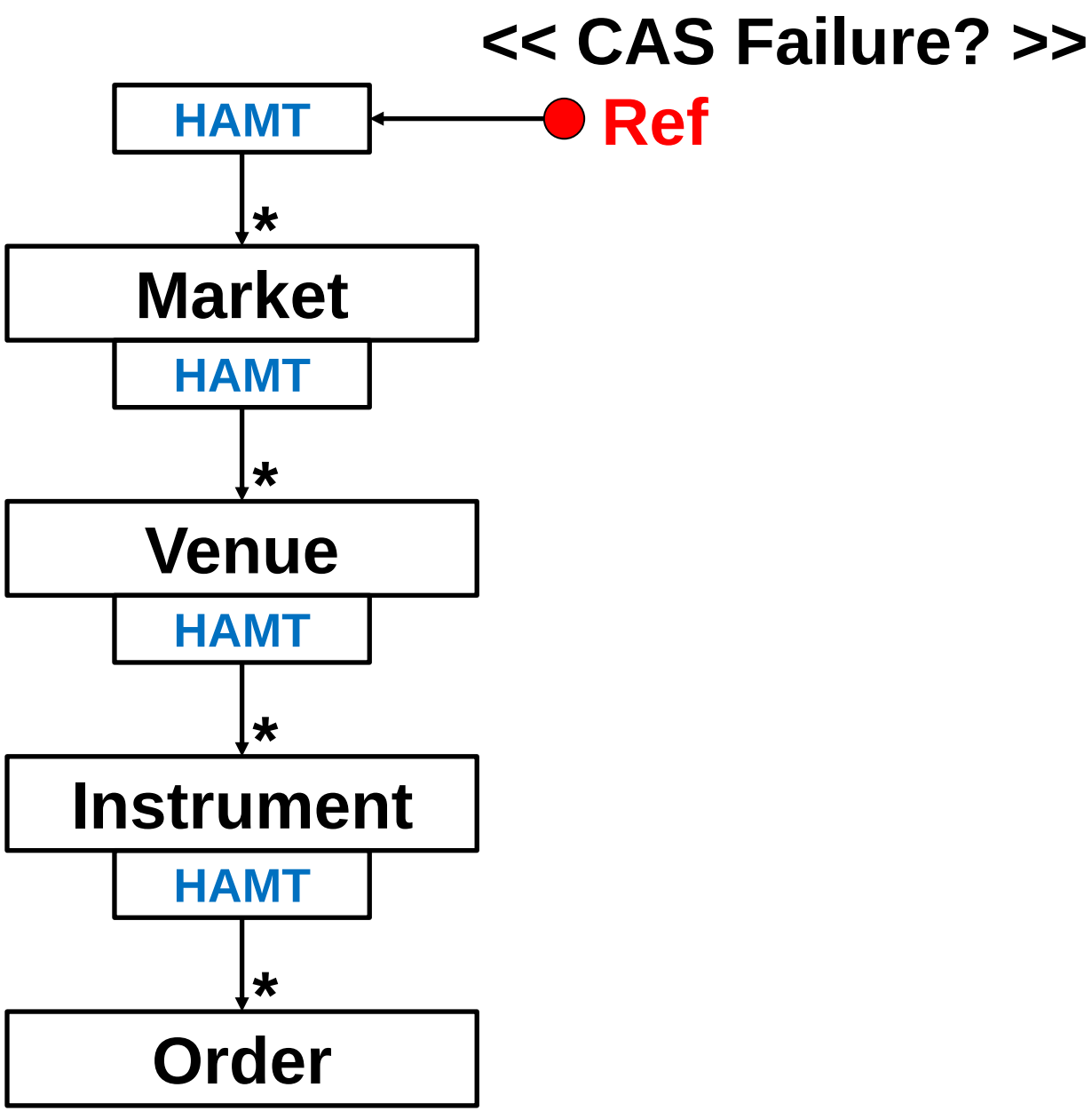
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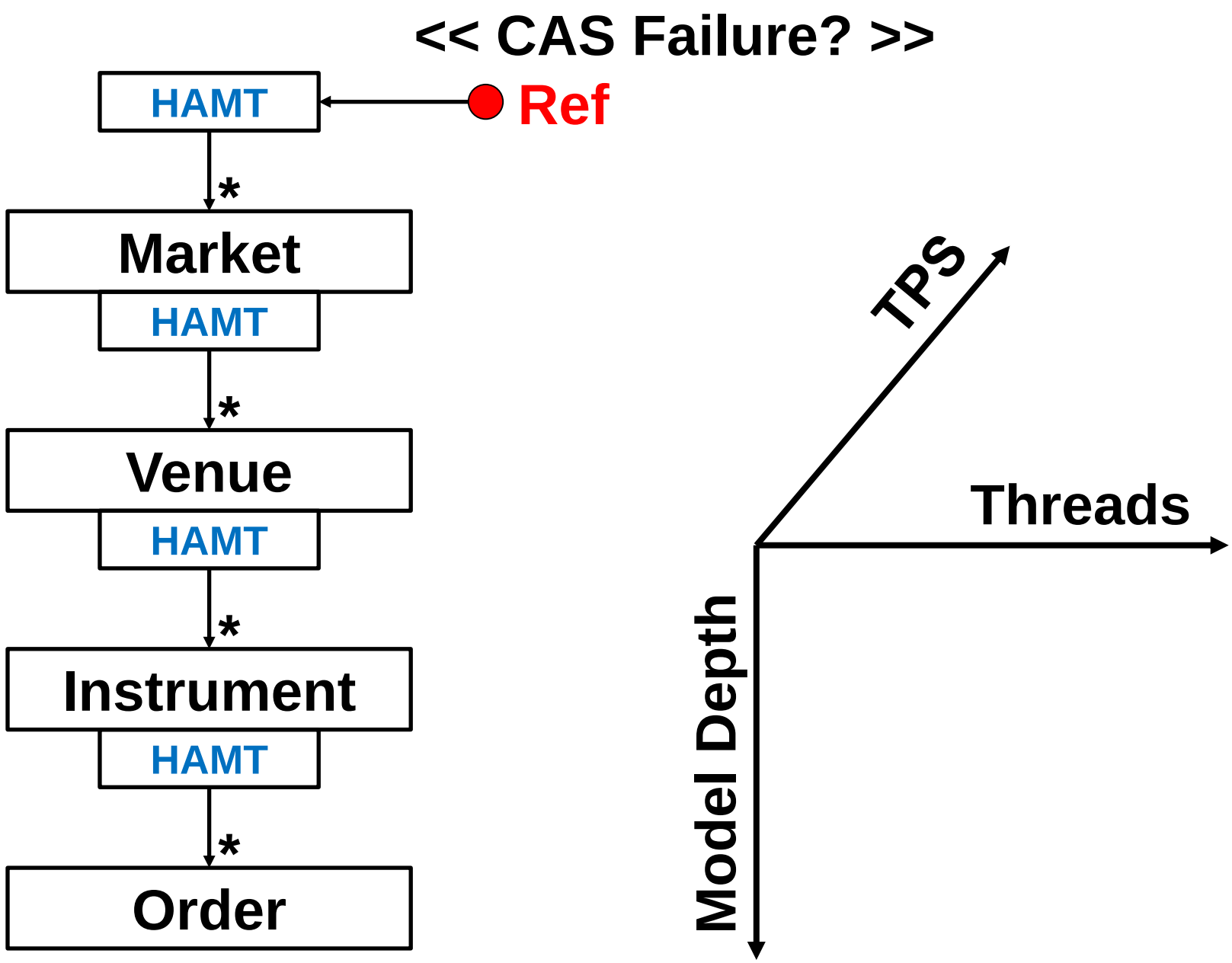
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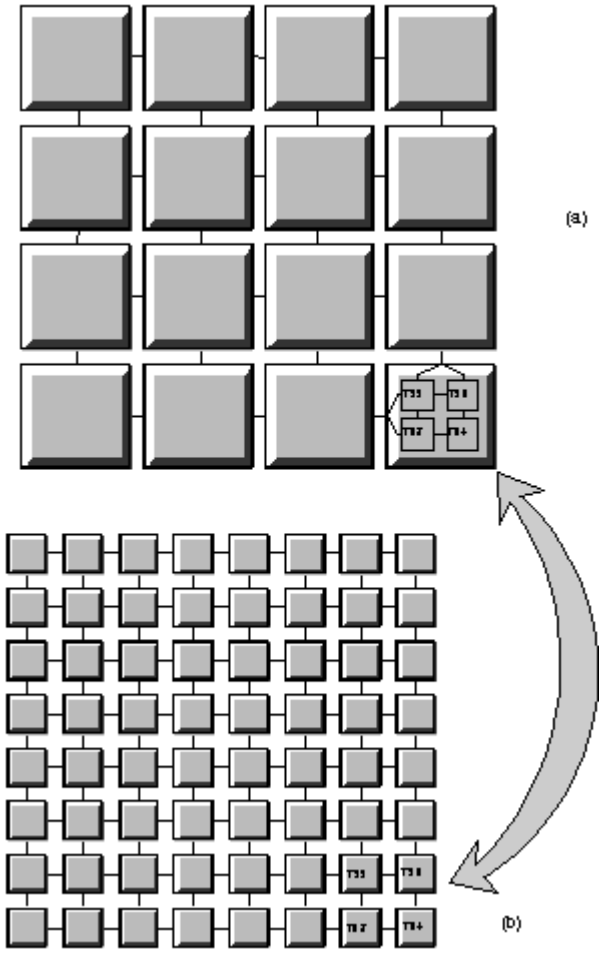
Shared Nothing to Scale



Think Transputers but with message passing via SHM

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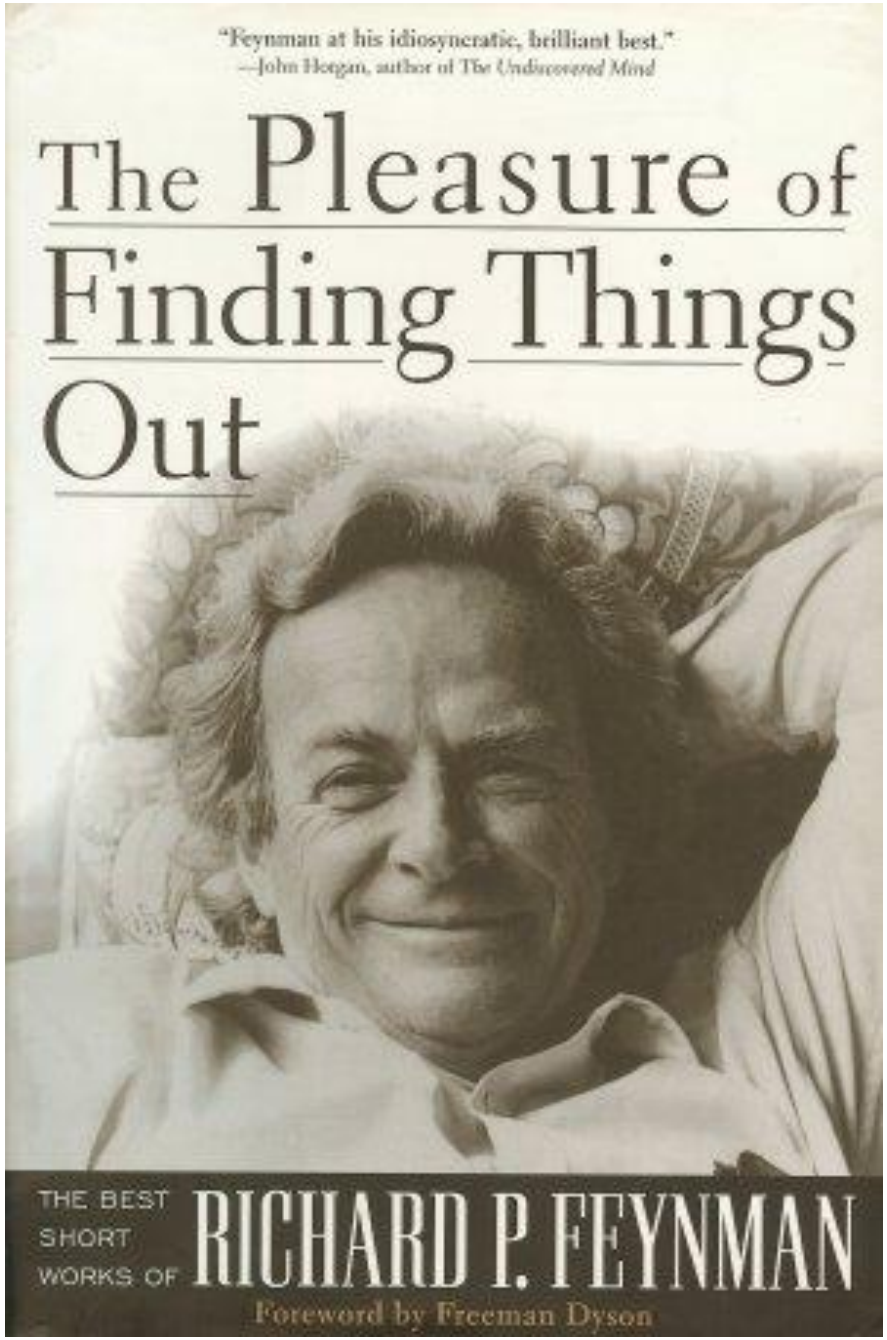
Changes in Culture


"Feynman at his idiosyncratic, brilliant best."
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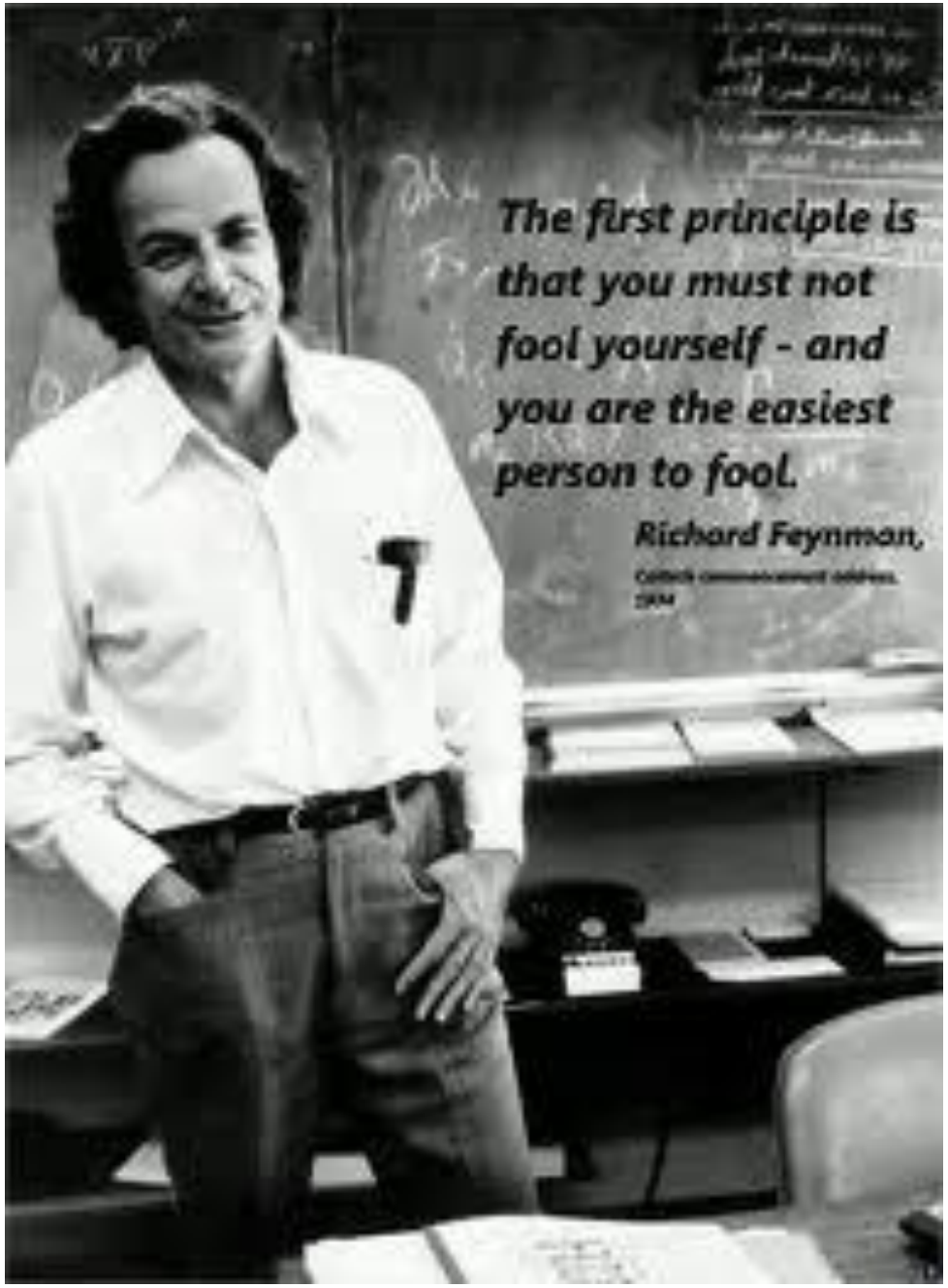
The first principle is that you must not fool yourself - and you are the easiest person to fool.
Richard Feynman,

Continuous Profiling

What have I learned that is really important?

Research

Experiment

Collaborate

Questions?

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"It does not matter how intelligent you are, if you guess and that guess cannot be backed up by experimental evidence - then it is still a guess."

- Richard Feynman