

Move Deliberately And Don't Break Anything

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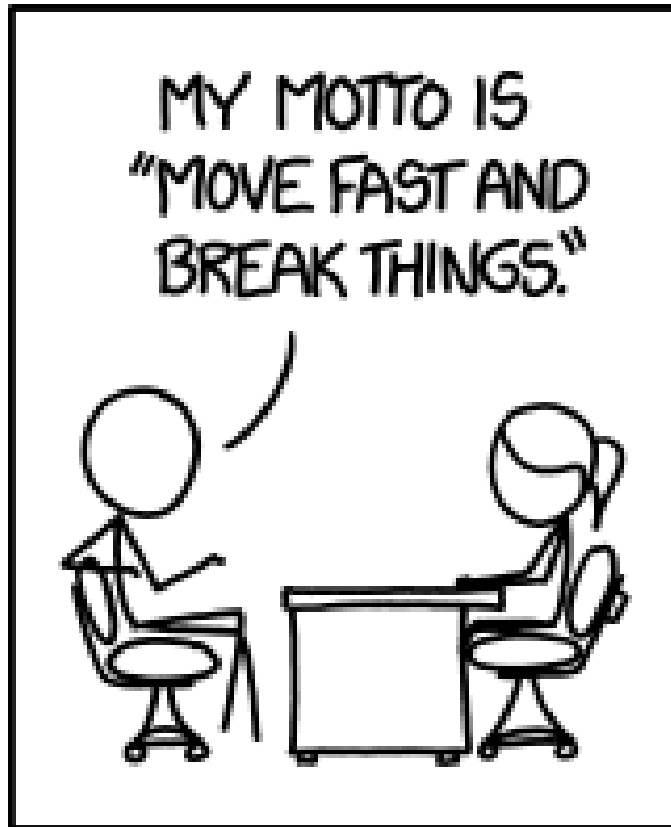
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**"Move fast and
break things.
Unless you
are breaking stuff
you are not moving
fast enough."**







JOBS I'VE BEEN FIRED FROM


FEDEX DRIVER
CRANE OPERATOR
SURGEON
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER
PHARMACIST
MUSEUM CURATOR
WAITER
DOG WALKER
OIL TANKER CAPTAIN
VIOLINIST
MARS ROVER DRIVER
MASSAGE THERAPIST

Creative destruction (*schöpferische Zerstörung*):
the incessant product and process innovation
mechanism by which new production units
replace outdated ones.

(Joseph Schumpeter, 1942)

**MOVE
FAST WITH
STABLE
INFRA**



A black and white, high-contrast close-up photograph of a person with curly hair singing into a vintage-style microphone. The person's eyes are closed, and their mouth is open as if in the middle of a vocal performance. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the contours of their face and the texture of their hair against a dark background.

*When you ain't got nothing
you got nothing to lose*

Programming is an *economic* activity

Inputs

- Programmer time
- Pizza

Outputs

- Working code
(hopefully)
- Technical debt

Programming is an *economic* activity

In a profession where we carry out decade-spanning holy wars over tab widths and capitalization, it's no surprise that people get attached to their development and release habits.

But if shipping so much software has taught me one thing, it's to be an agnostic. Different methodologies optimize for different goals, and all of them have downsides. If you maximize for schedule predictability, you'll lose on engineer productivity ...

Programming is an *economic* activity

My fellow engineers, please stop asking “Is this process good or bad?” and start asking “Is it well-suited to my situation?”

Pragmatic maxim: Consider what effects, that might conceivably have practical bearings, we conceive the object of our conception to have. Then, our conception of these effects is the whole of our conception of the object.

(C. S. Peirce, 1878)



Proto-pragmatic maxim: There is no *good*, there is only *good for*.

Master Yoda
(OK, he didn't really say this)

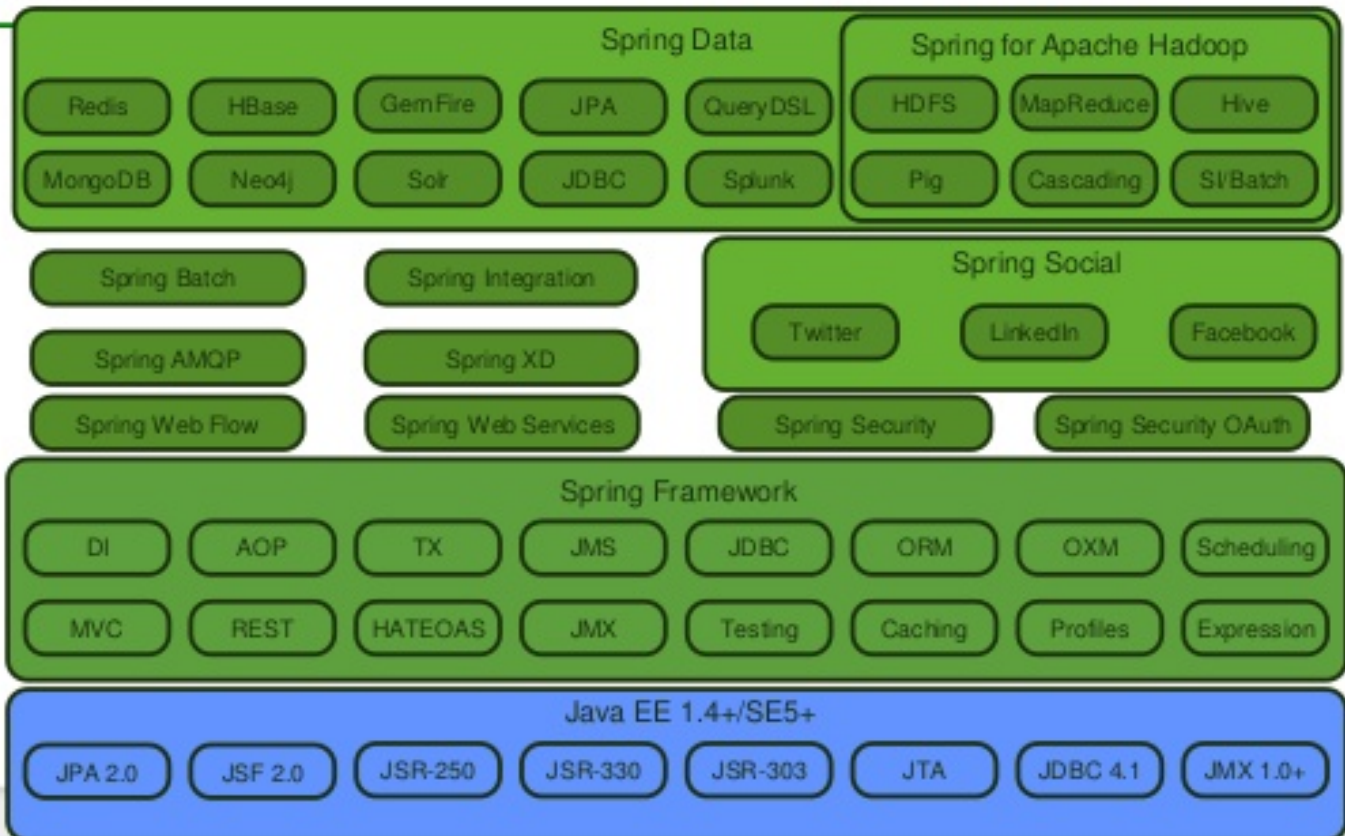


Engineering down-stack

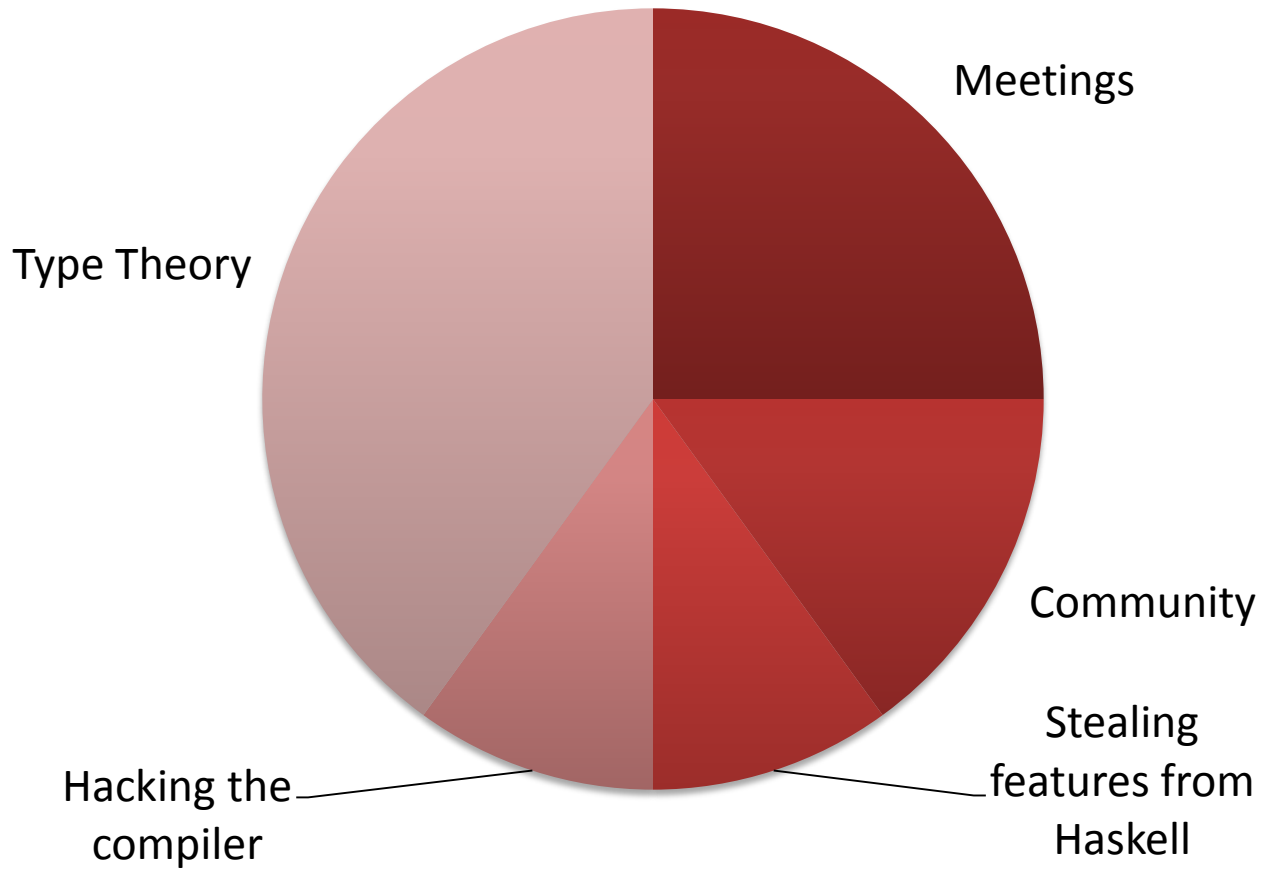
Spring Stack



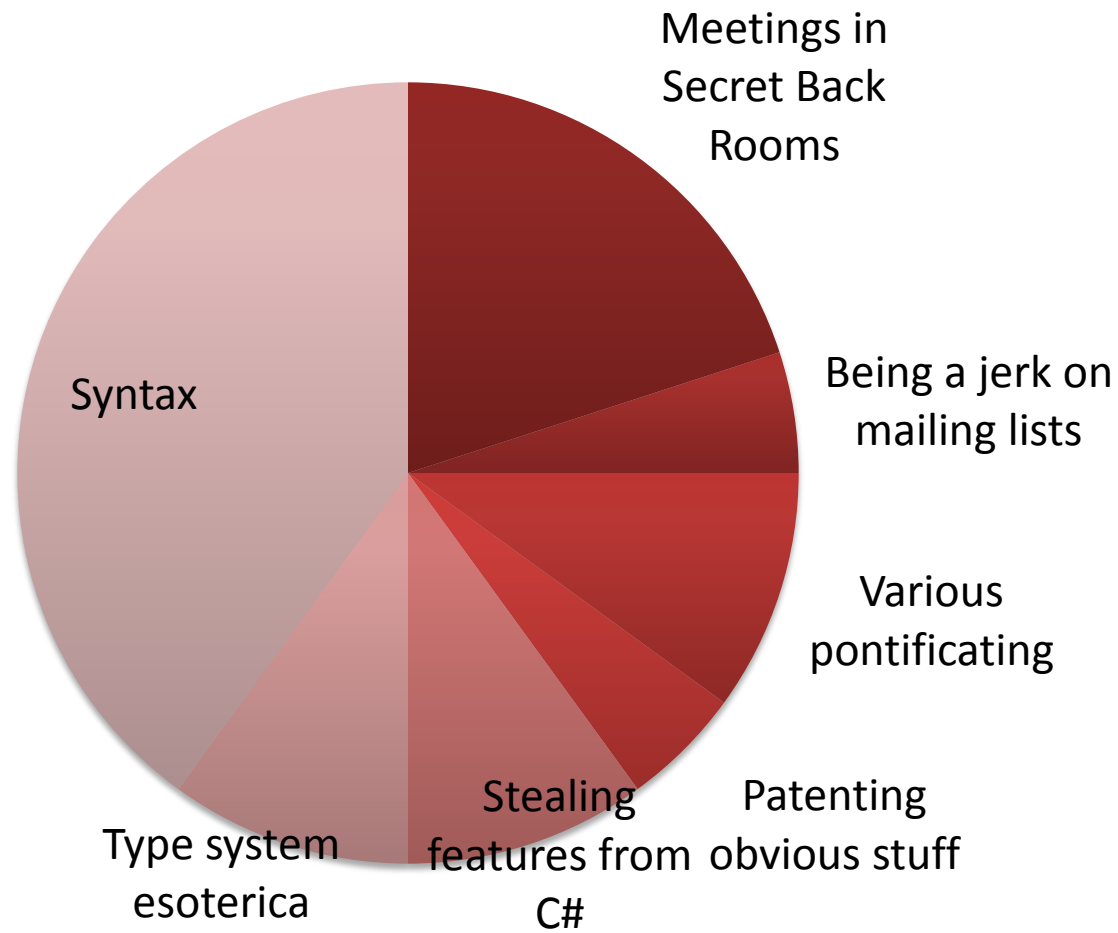
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- AWS Beanstalk
- Heroku
- Cloud Foundry
- OpenShift
- Tomcat 5+
- GlassFish 2.1+
- WebLogic 9+
- WebSphere 6.1+



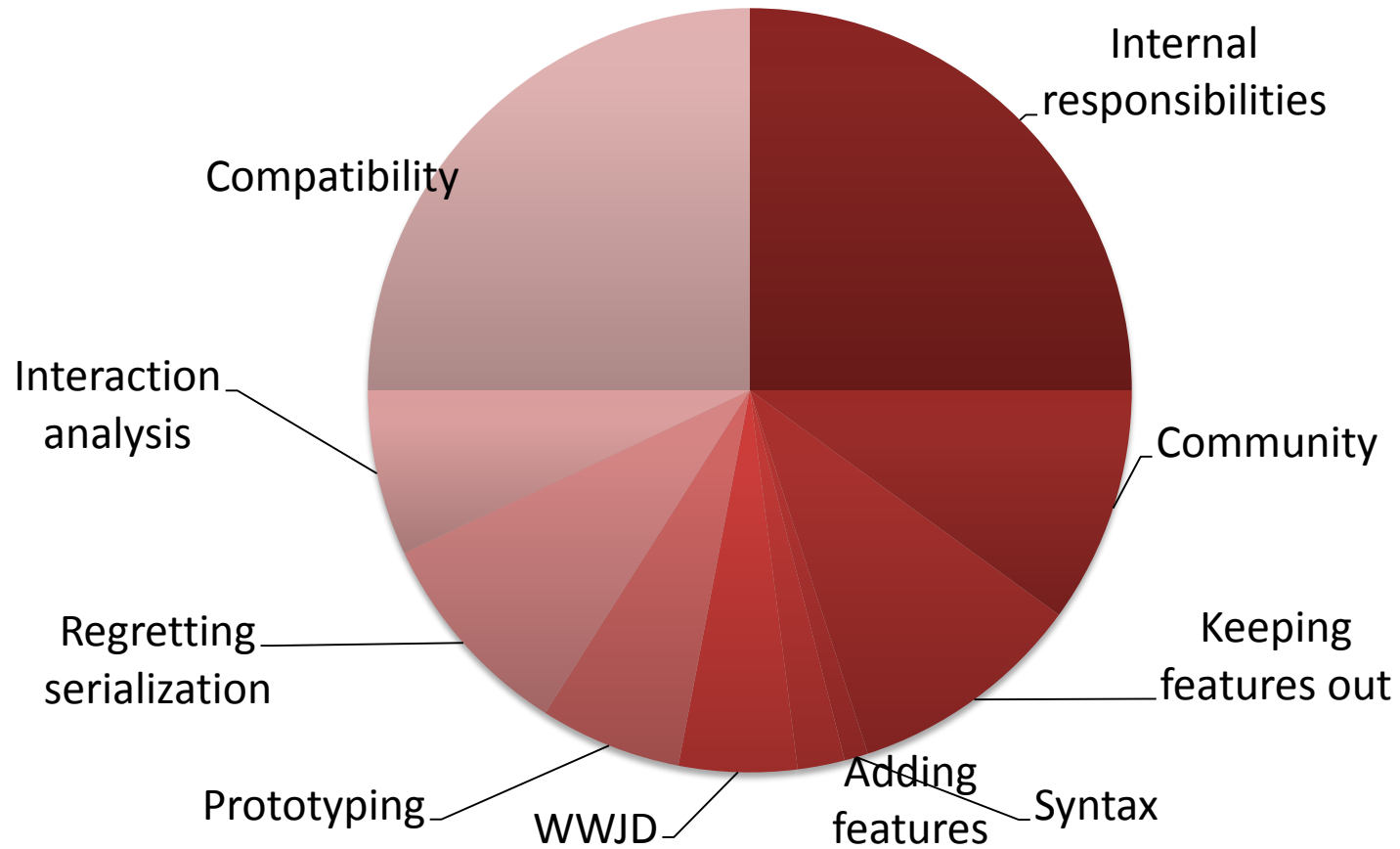
What people think I do (academic version)



What people think I do (naïve version)



What I think I do



Compatibility

Binary
Compatibility

Source
Compatibility

Behavioral
Compatibility

Performance
Model
Compatibility

Serialization
Compatibility

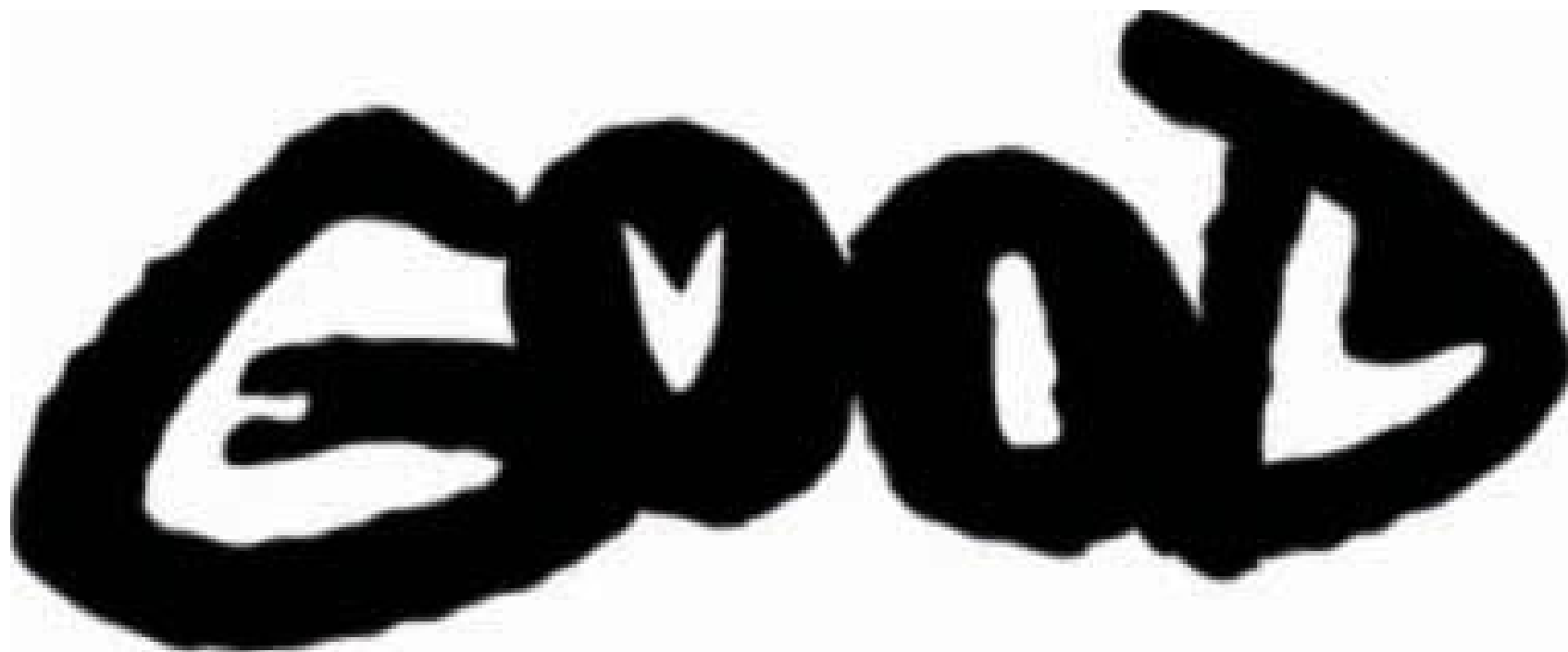
Migration
Compatibility

Representational
Compatibility

Security
Compatibility

Forward
Compatibility

Seeing The Big Picture



Suit Up



Embrace and Extend

```
interface I {  
    void default void m() { ... }  
}  
  
class C {  
    void m() { ... }  
}  
  
class D extends C implements I { }
```

Embrace and Extend

Default method conflict resolution rules

- Rule 1 – prefer a method from a superclass over a superinterface
- Rule 2 – if I extends J, prefer a method from I over J
- Rule 3 – No rule 3!

It Takes as Much Time As It Takes

“When you start looking at a problem and it seems really simple with all these simple solutions, you don’t really understand the complexity of the problem. And your solutions are way too oversimplified, and they don’t work. Then you get into the problem, and you see it’s really complicated. And you come up with all these convoluted solutions. That’s sort of the middle, and that’s where most people stop, and the solutions tend to work for a while. But the really great person will keep on going and find the key, underlying principle of the problem. And come up with a beautiful elegant solution that works.”

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from *Insanely Great: The Life and Times of Macintosh, the Computer That Changed Everything* (1994) by Steven Levy.

Don't Punt On The Hard Cases

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Beware Foolish Consistency

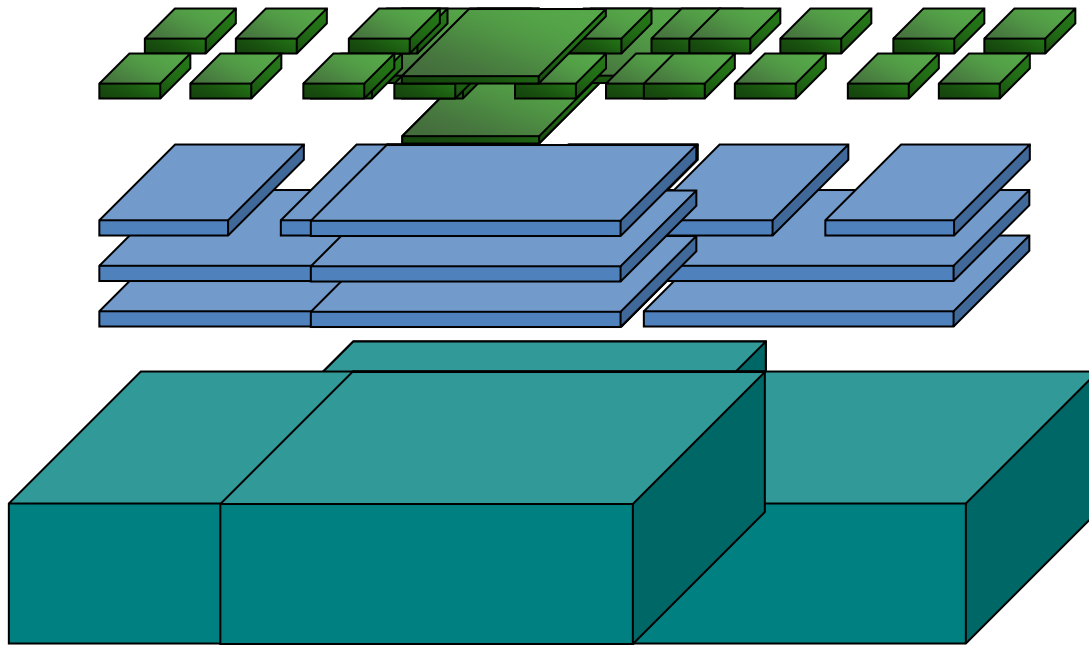
“A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divines.”

(Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841)

A Look Ahead



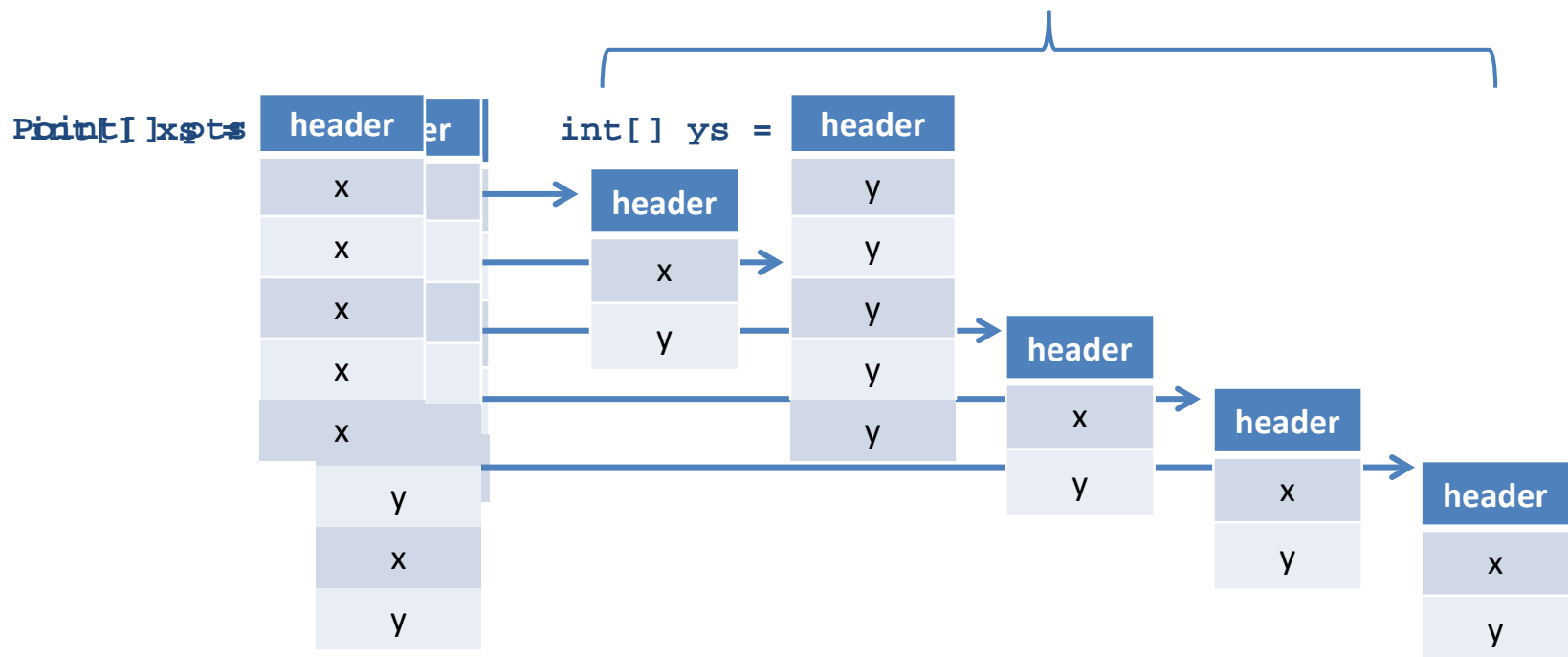
Hardware Evolution



Data Layout

```
final class Point {  
    final int x;  
    final int y;  
}
```

Layout of these in memory is effectively random after GC!



Value Types

```
value class Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
}
```

```
class Rectangle {  
    Point lowerLeft;  
    Point upperRight;  
}
```

Point[] pts =

header
x
y
x
y
x
y
x
y

Rectangle r =

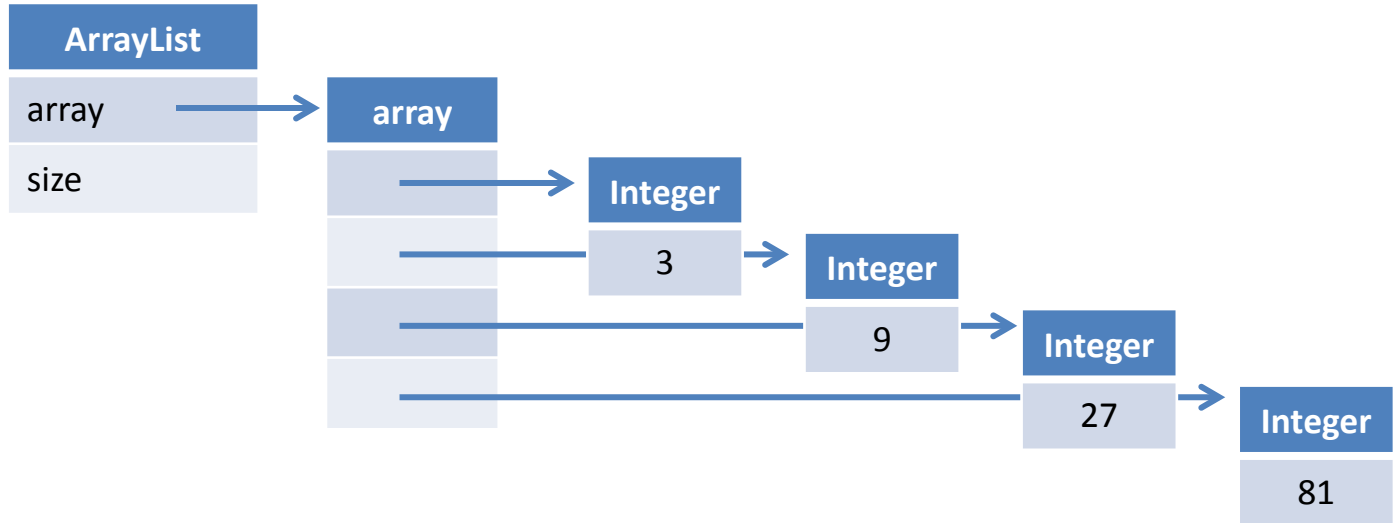
Rectangle
lowerLeft.x
lowerLeft.y
upperRight.x
upperRight.y

Codes like a class, behaves like an int!

Values and Generics

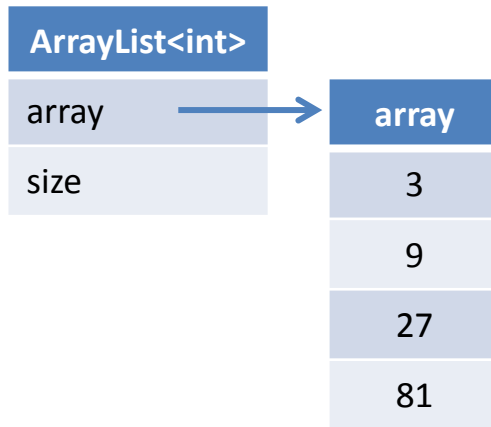
```
ArrayList<Integer>
```

```
ints =
```



```
ArrayList<int>
```

```
ints =
```



Thank
You

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