


Refactoring legacy Django app using OOP



A street scene in a European city, likely Krakow, Poland, featuring historic buildings, a large dome in the background, and street lamps with flower baskets. The image is dimmed to serve as a background for text.

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Refactoring

improving the design of existing code

Refactoring is a journey


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def share_daily_random_quote(order):  
    quote_for_today = random.choice(QUOTES)  
  
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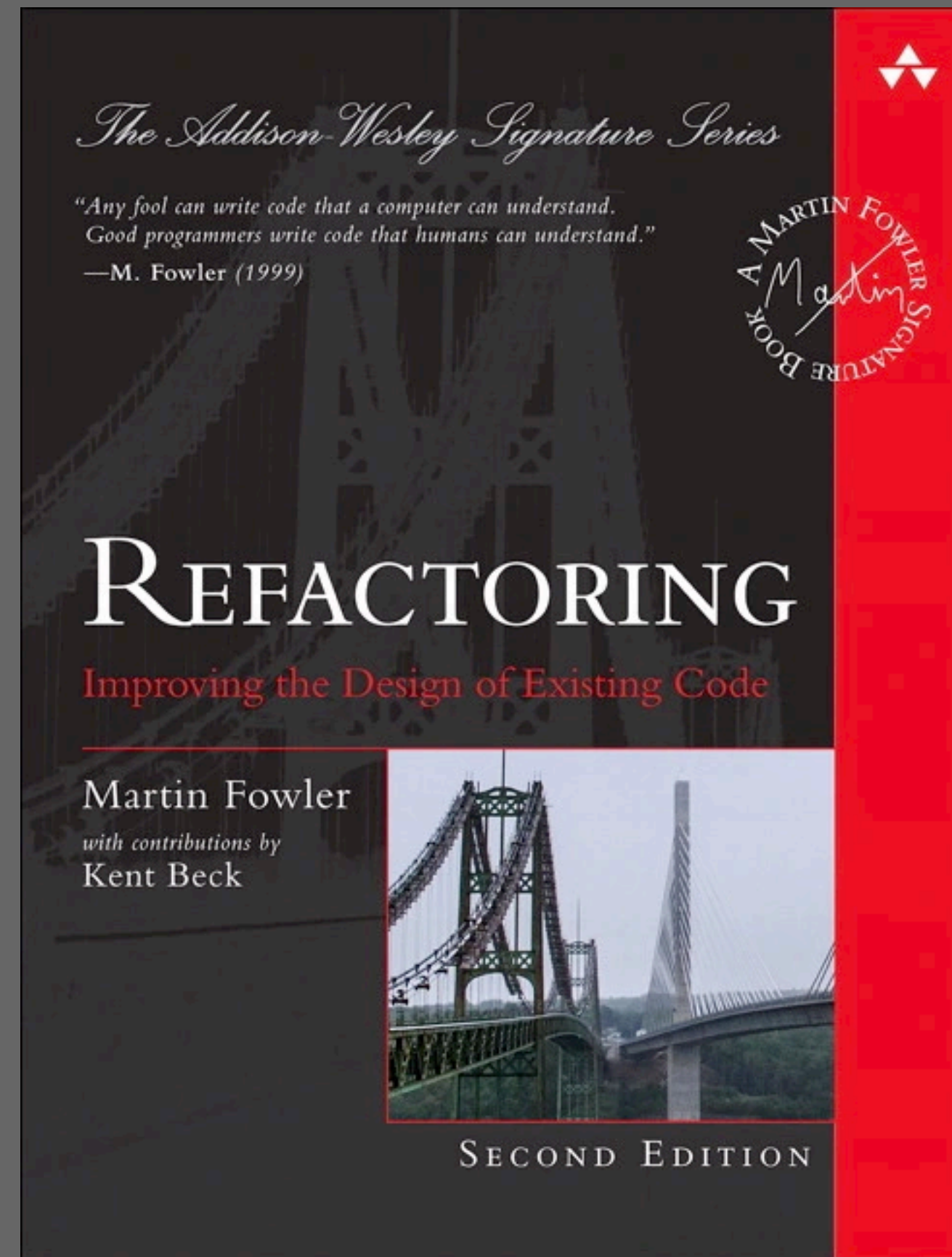
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or
refactoring.guru





No Refactoring

without tests

The best moment to refactor?

Right before implementing a new feature





Legacy

django

APP


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class BookingsViewSet(CreateModelMixin, RetrieveModelMixin, GenericViewSet):  
    queryset = Booking.objects.all()  
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**@staticmethod considered
a code smell**


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        except madeup_booking.MadeUpApiProviderError:
            logger.error('Oh no ... Anyway')
            raise

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            madeup_payment.Charge.create( ... )
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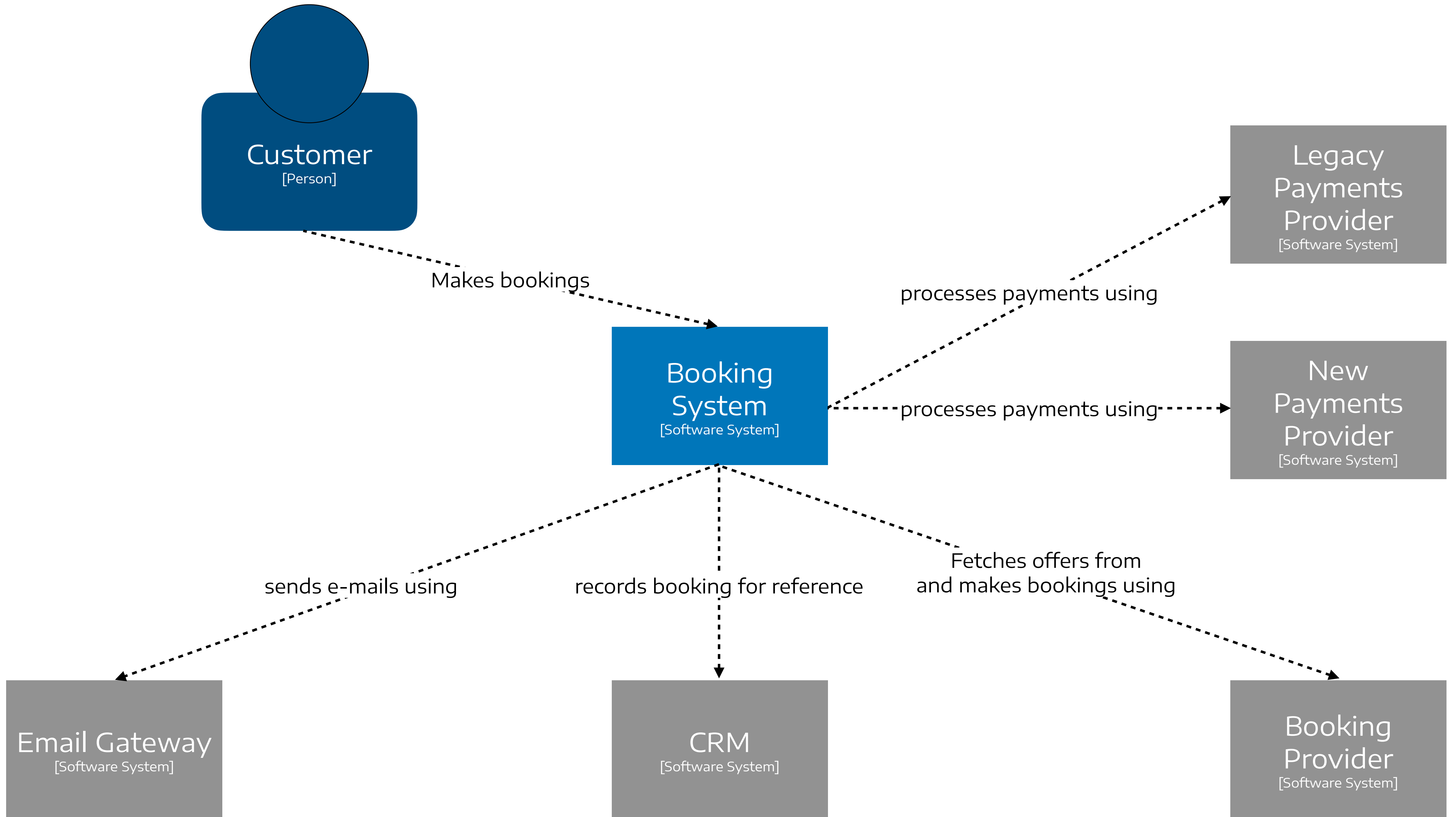


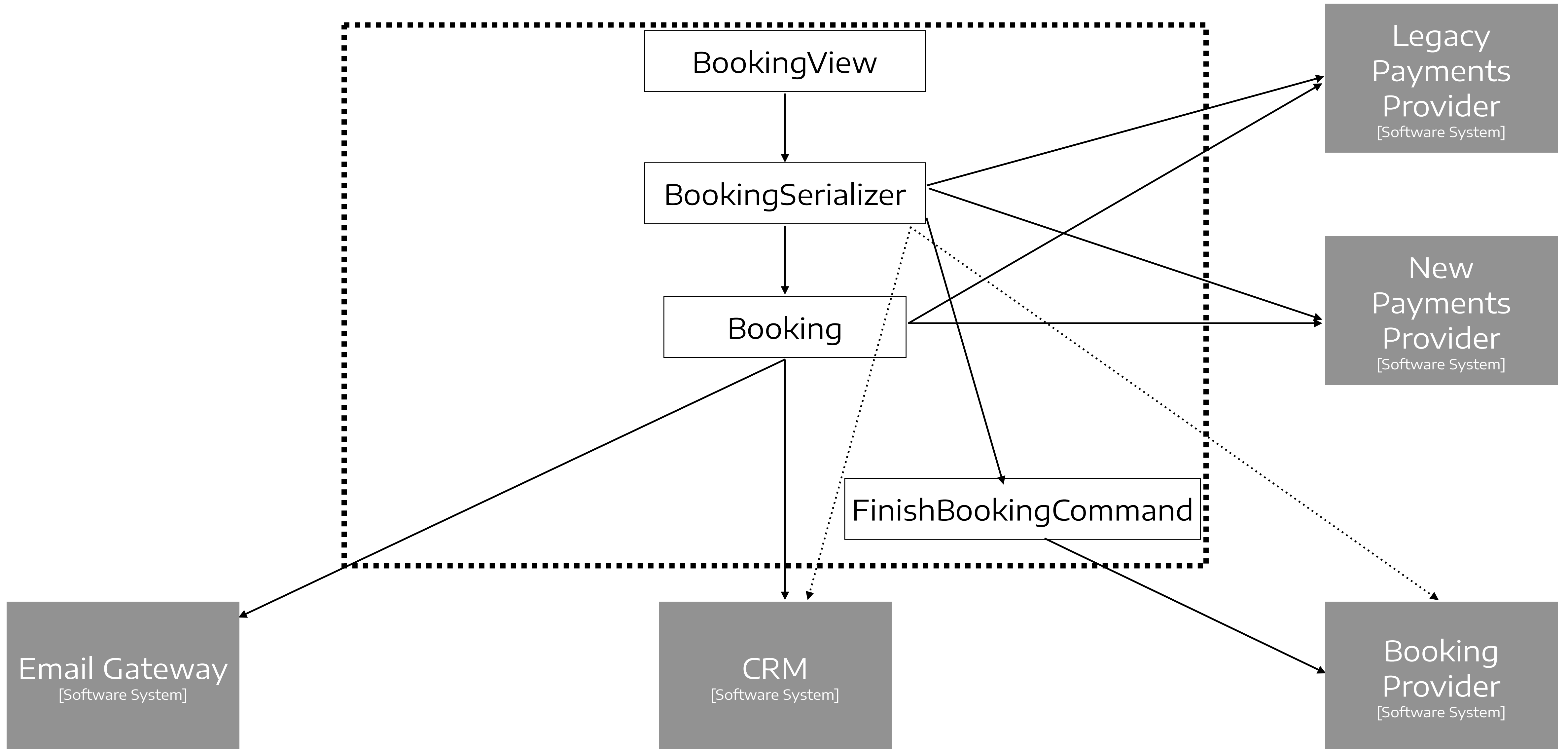
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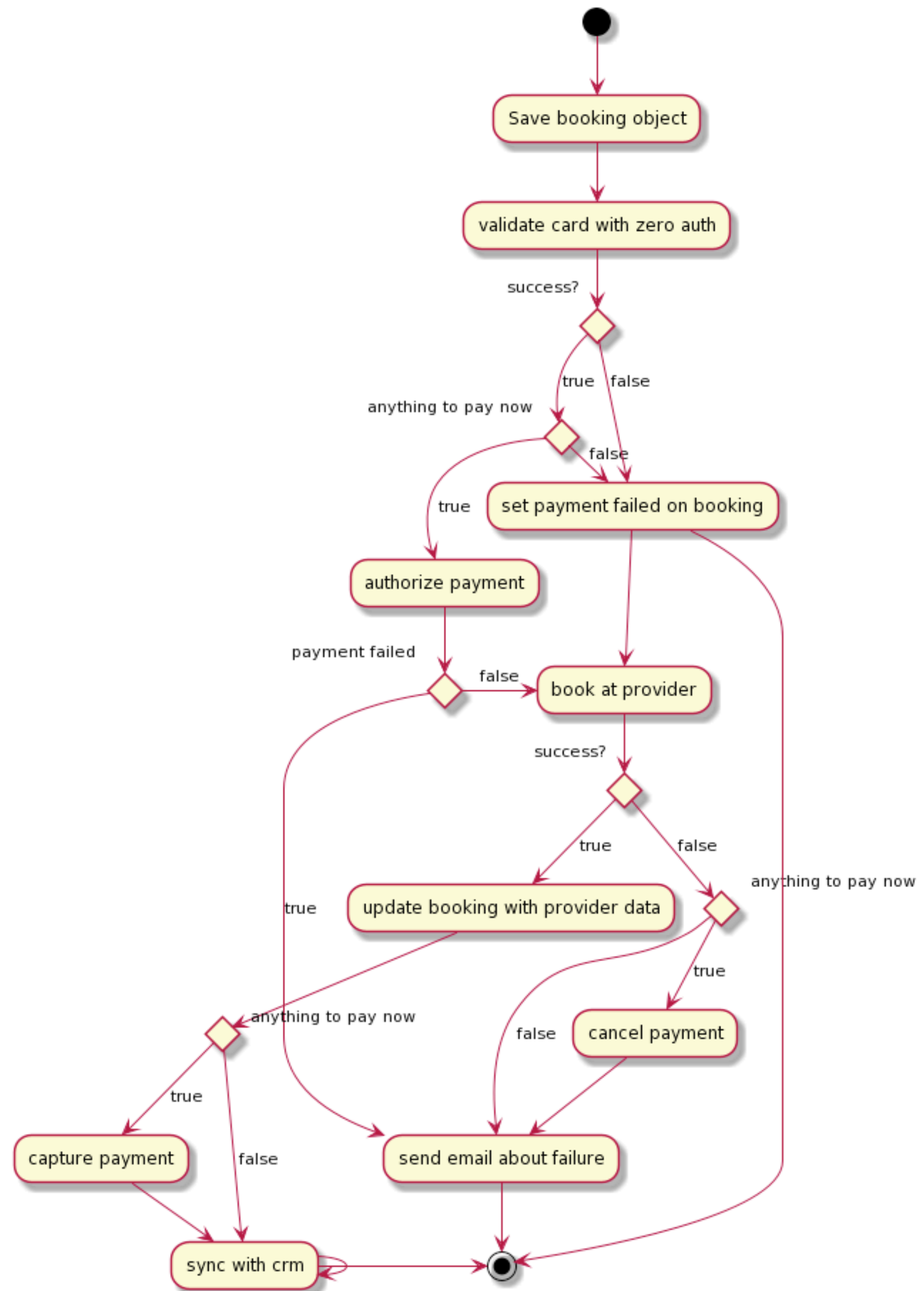
...how could this happen?

Accidental complexity

Made worse than it needs to be - refactor







Essential complexity

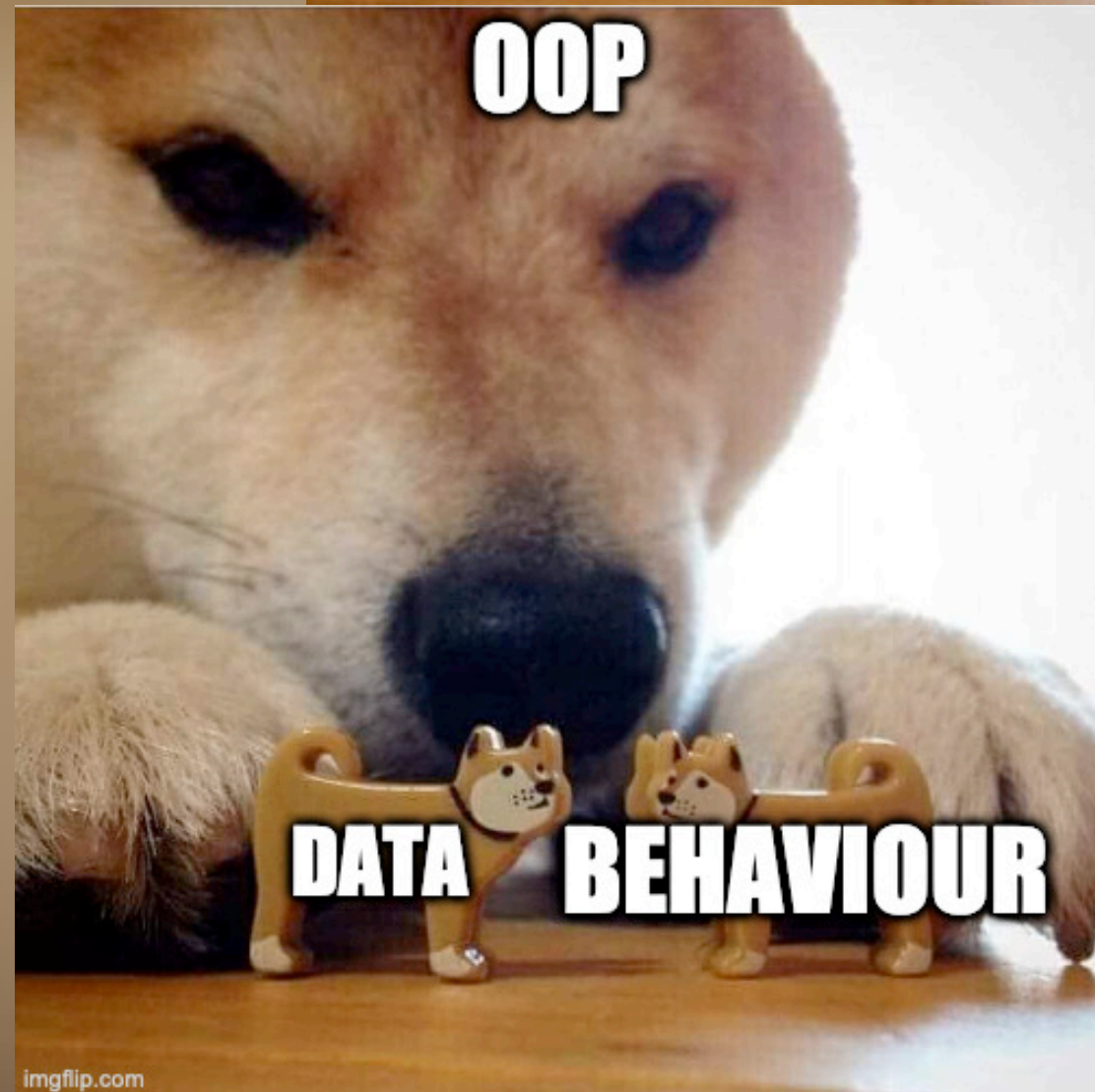
No way to escape - one needs to manage it



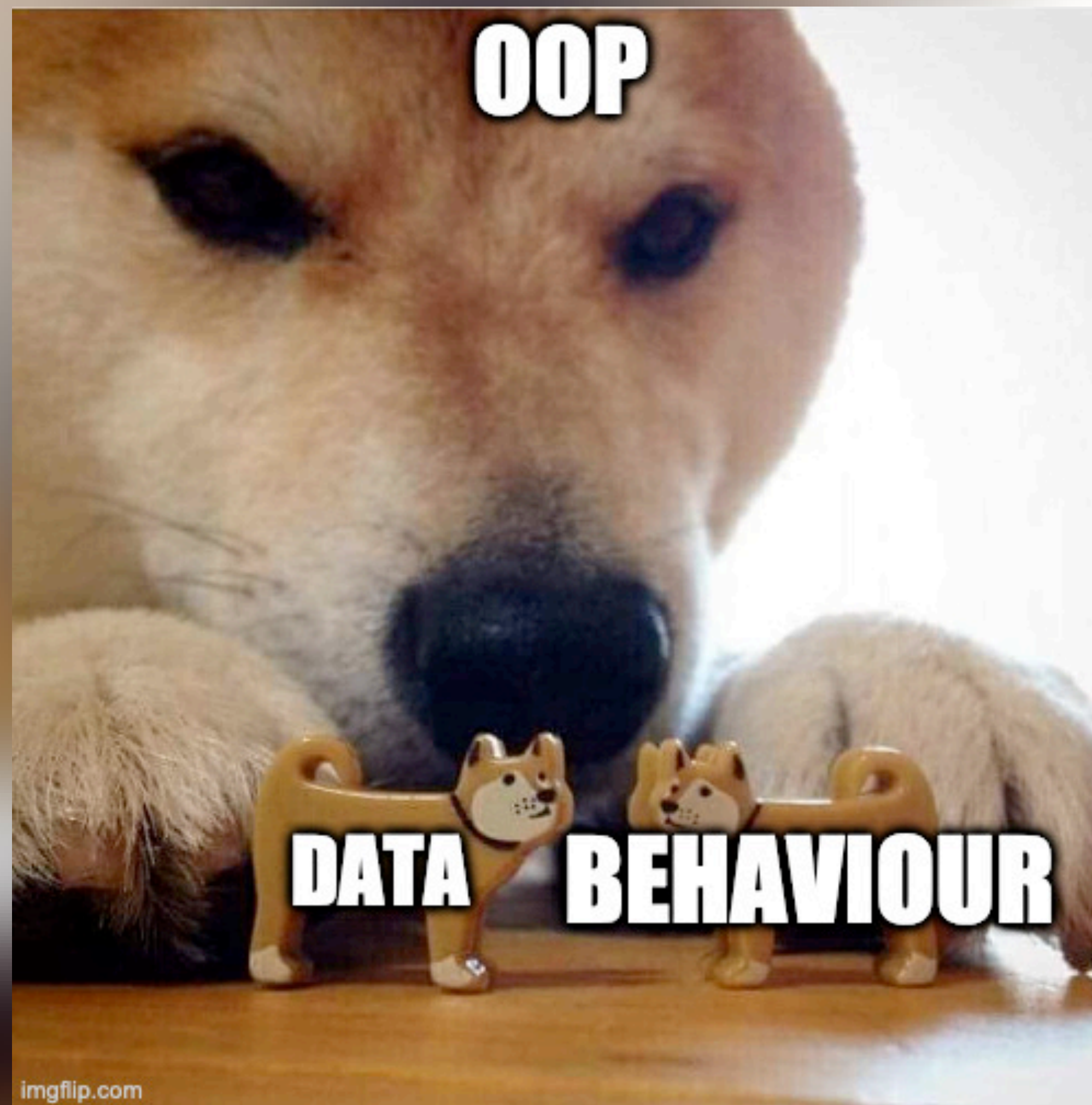
Object-Oriented Design to the rescue

OOP

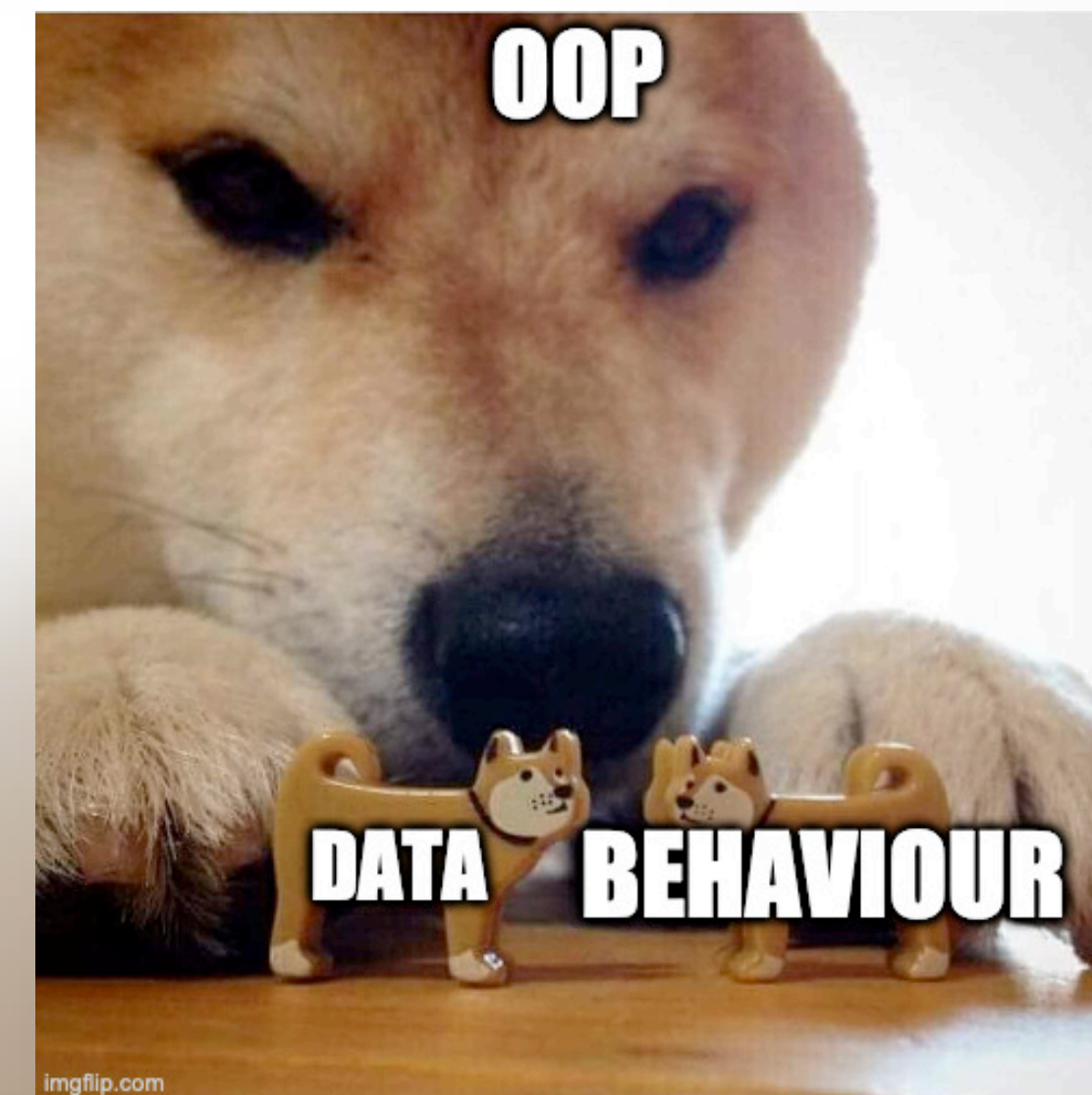
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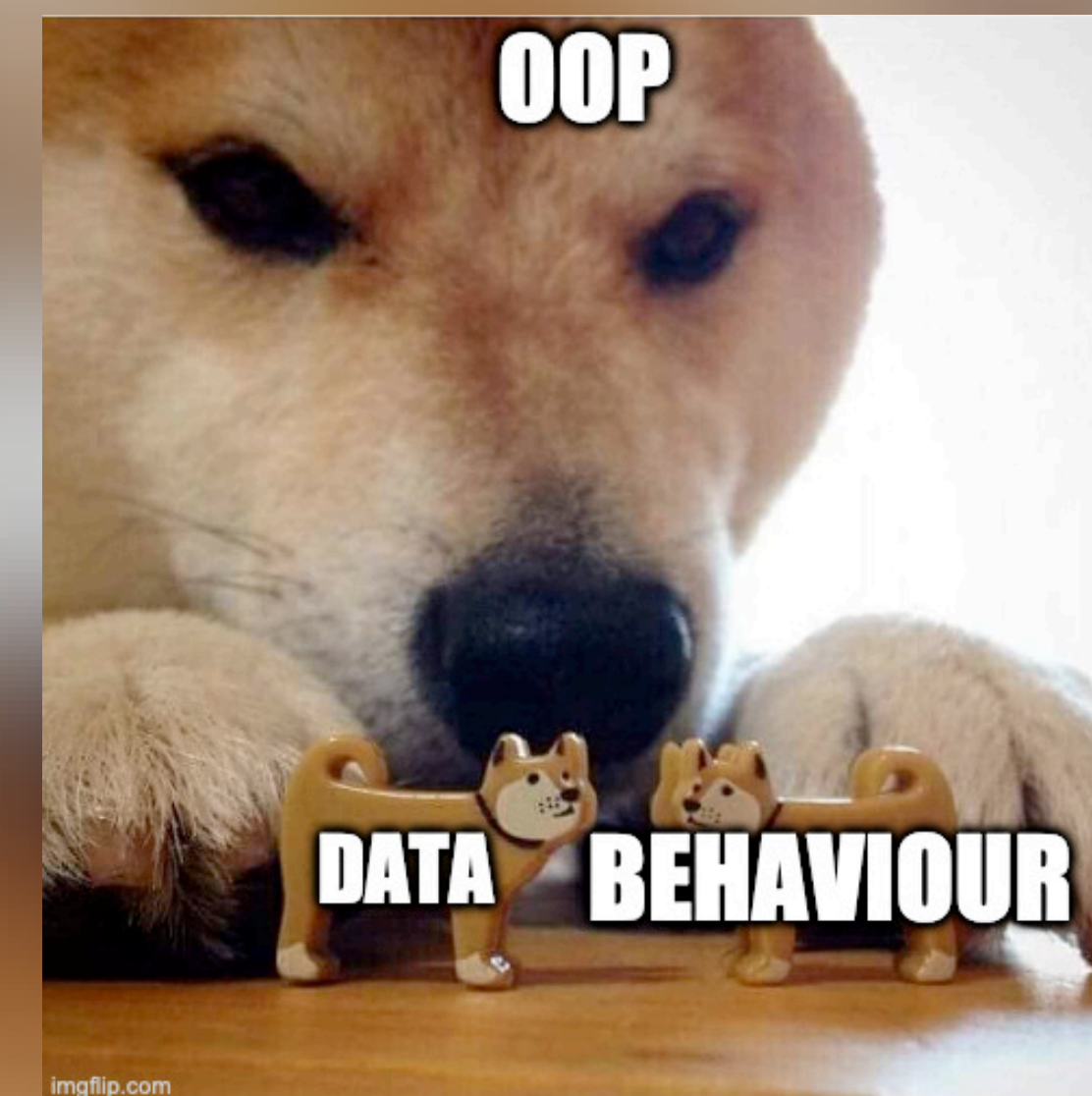
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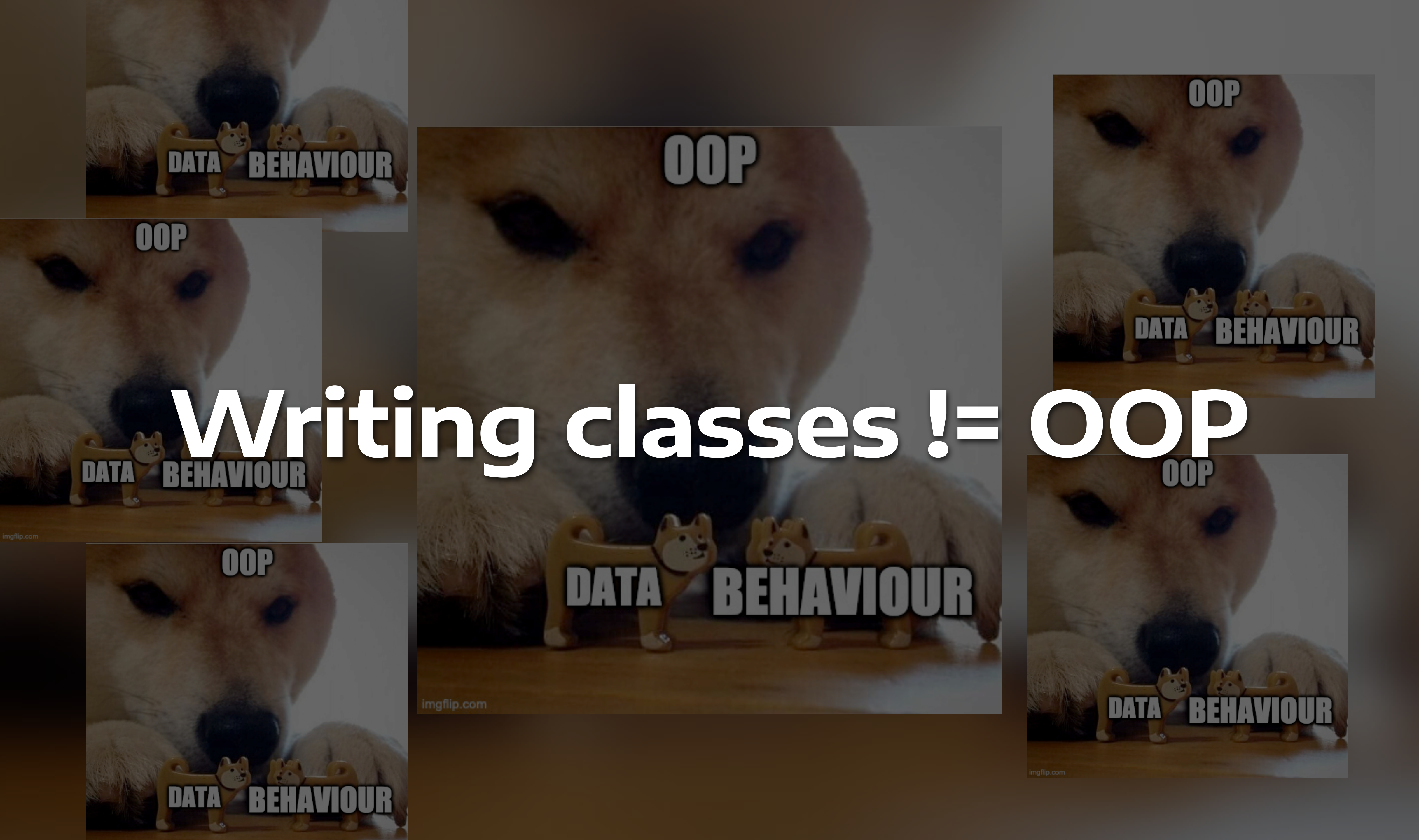


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Writing classes != OOP



Object-Oriented design is like...

Cells creating an organism





Object-Oriented design is like...

Community members

Object-Oriented design is like...

Actors performing a play



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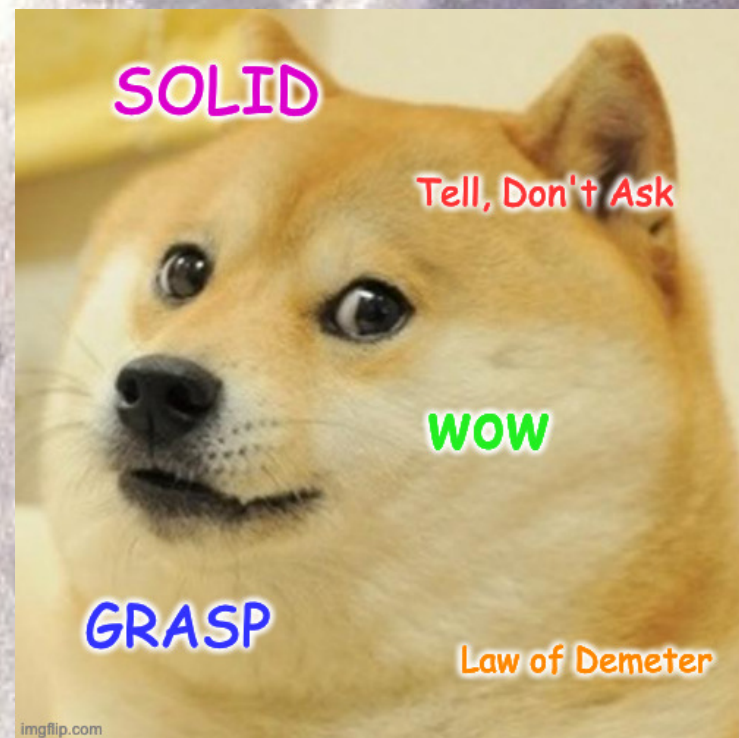
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„Where to put that code?“

Role Stereotypes

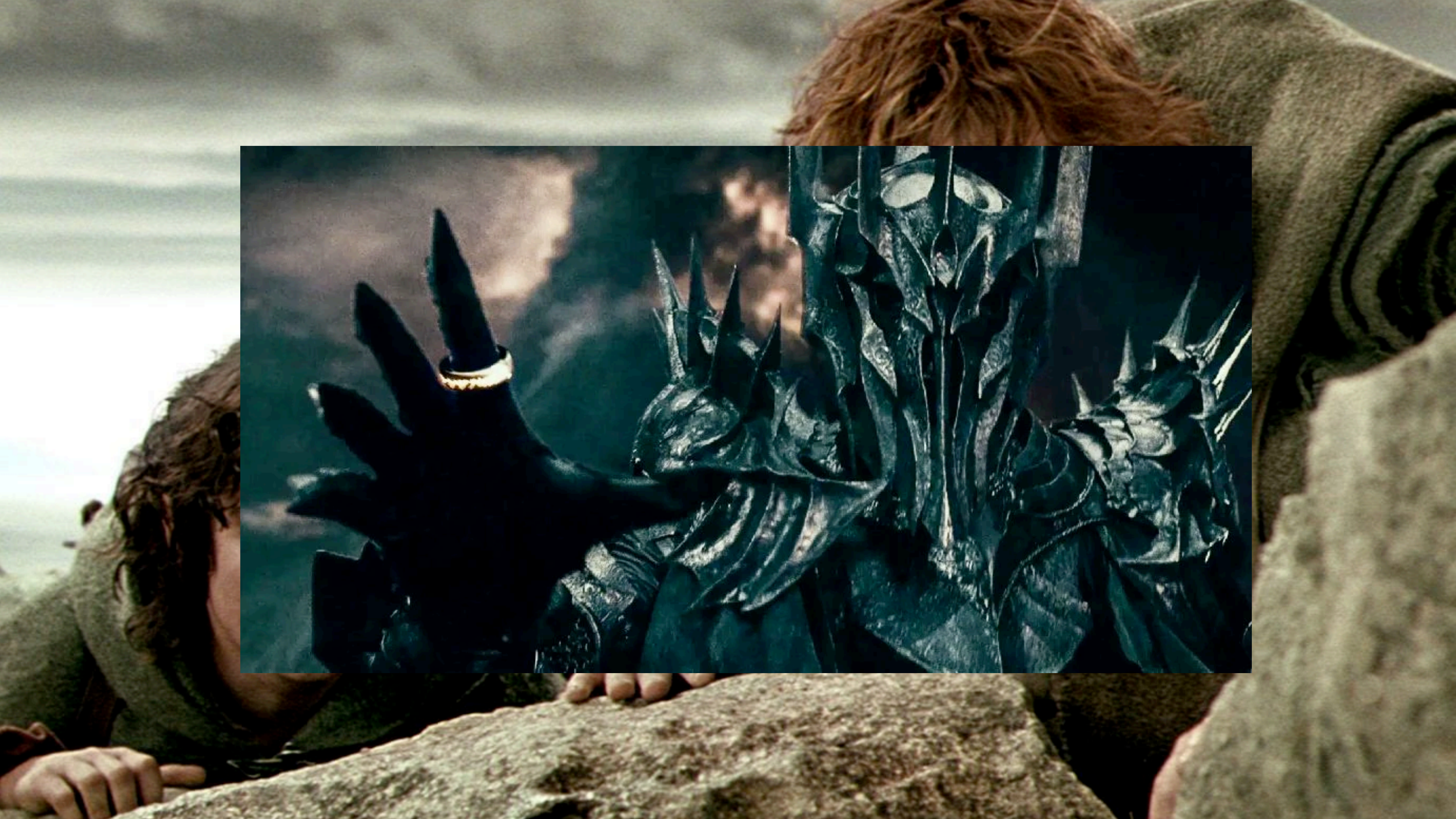




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Structurer

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Information Holder

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```

```
    return sum(prebooking.total for prebooking in all_prebookings)
```

```
def fail_payment(self) → None:
```

```
    assert self.status is None
```

```
    self.status = self.Status.FAILED_PAYMENT
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Information Holder

Knows and provides information

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class Booking(models.Model):  
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```

```
@property
```

```
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```

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Law of Demeter

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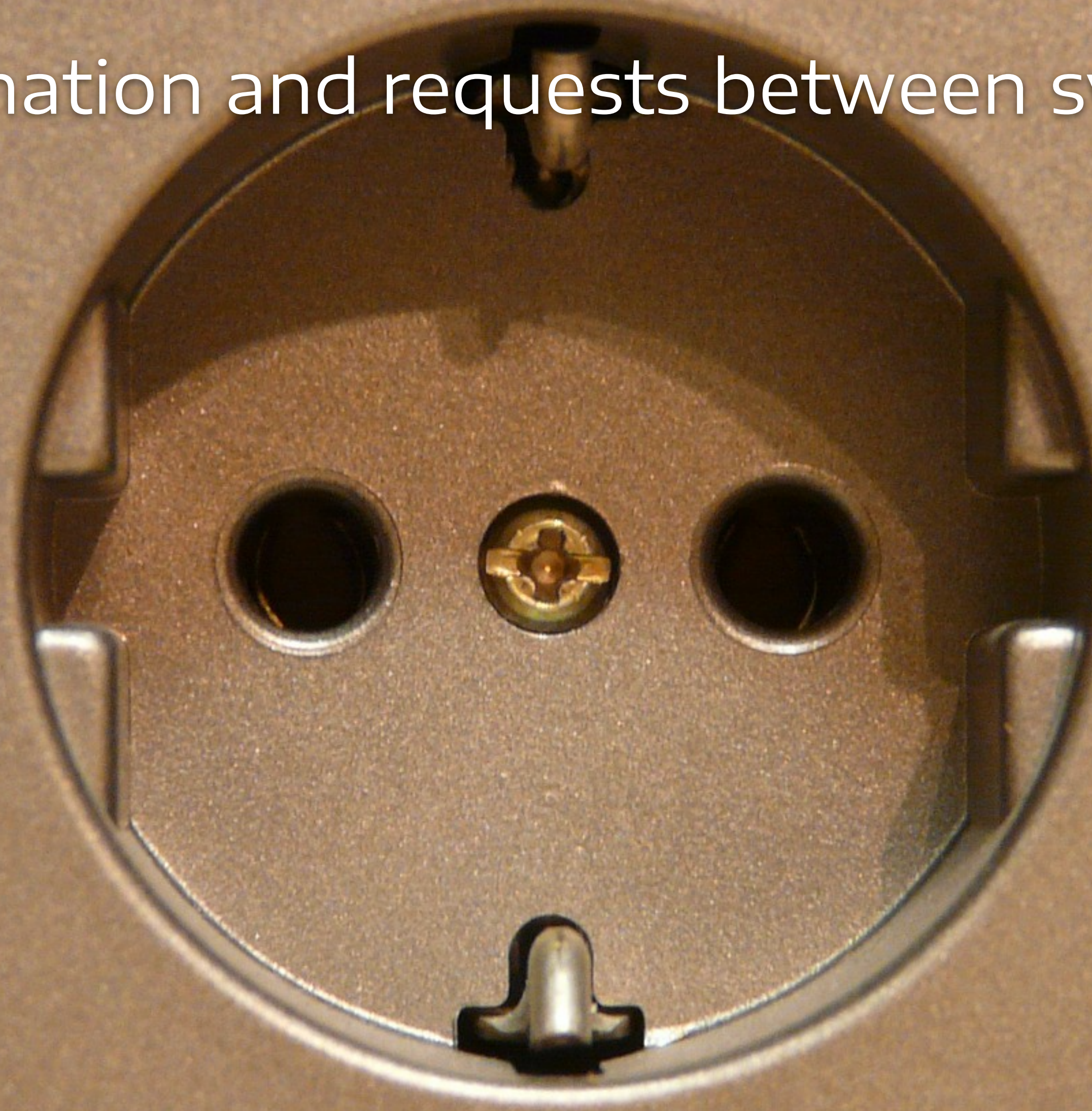
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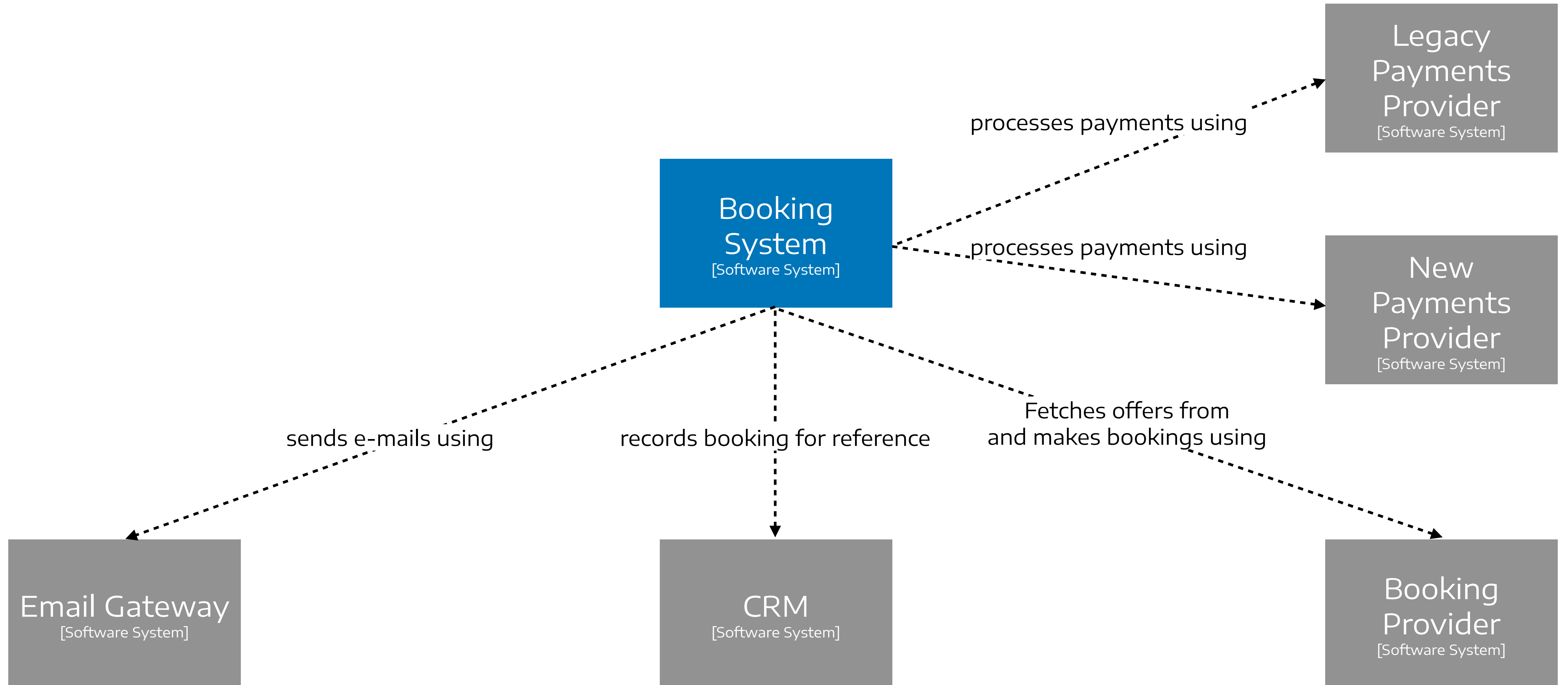

Interfacer

Transforms information and requests between system parts



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```
def validate_payment_card_with_zero_auth(  
    self, payment_card_token: str  
) → bool:  
    if waffle.switch_is_active('use_new_payment'):  
        try:  
            madeup_payment.Charge.create( ... )  
        except madeup_payment.PaymentFailed:  
            return False  
  
        return True  
    else:  
        client = old_payment.Client()  
        response = client.authorize( ... )  
        if response.status == old_payment.Status.SUCCESS:  
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        else:  
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```


Controller

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```
class BookingSerializer(HyperlinkedModelSerializer):
    def create(self, validated_data) → Booking:
        ...

    @staticmethod
    def finish_booking(self, validated_data) → Booking:
        ...

class FinishBookingCommand:
    def finish_booking(self, booking: Booking) → None:
        ...
```


Disclaimer: Not trying to work against Django!

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Information Holder

model

Structurer

Service Provider

Coordinator

signal handler

Controller

view

Interfacer



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3. Strip side effects off
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Interfacer

Easy to use from Controller, uniform way to handle errors

```
class Payments(abc.ABC):  
  
    @abc.abstractmethod  
    def perform_zero_auth(self, token: str) → None:  
        pass  
  
class AuthorizationFailed(Exception):  
    pass
```


Interface

Not always need an abstract class!

```
# crm.py  
def sync_booking(booking: Booking) → None:  
    ...
```


Interfacer

You just got a stable patching/mock/stubbing point!

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Whole flow in one place - merge FinishBooking with BookingSerializer

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Controller

Introducing Service

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def perform_create(self, serializer):  
    card_token = serializer.validated_data.pop('payment_card_token')  
    booking: Booking = serializer.save()  
  
    booking_client = ...  
    payments = ...  
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Controller

Introducing Service

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```

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```

```
    _payments: Payments
```

```
    _booking_client: BookingClient
```

```
def __call__(self, booking: Booking, payment_card_token: str) → None:
```

```
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```


Controller

Introducing Service

Composition

Also, encapsulation

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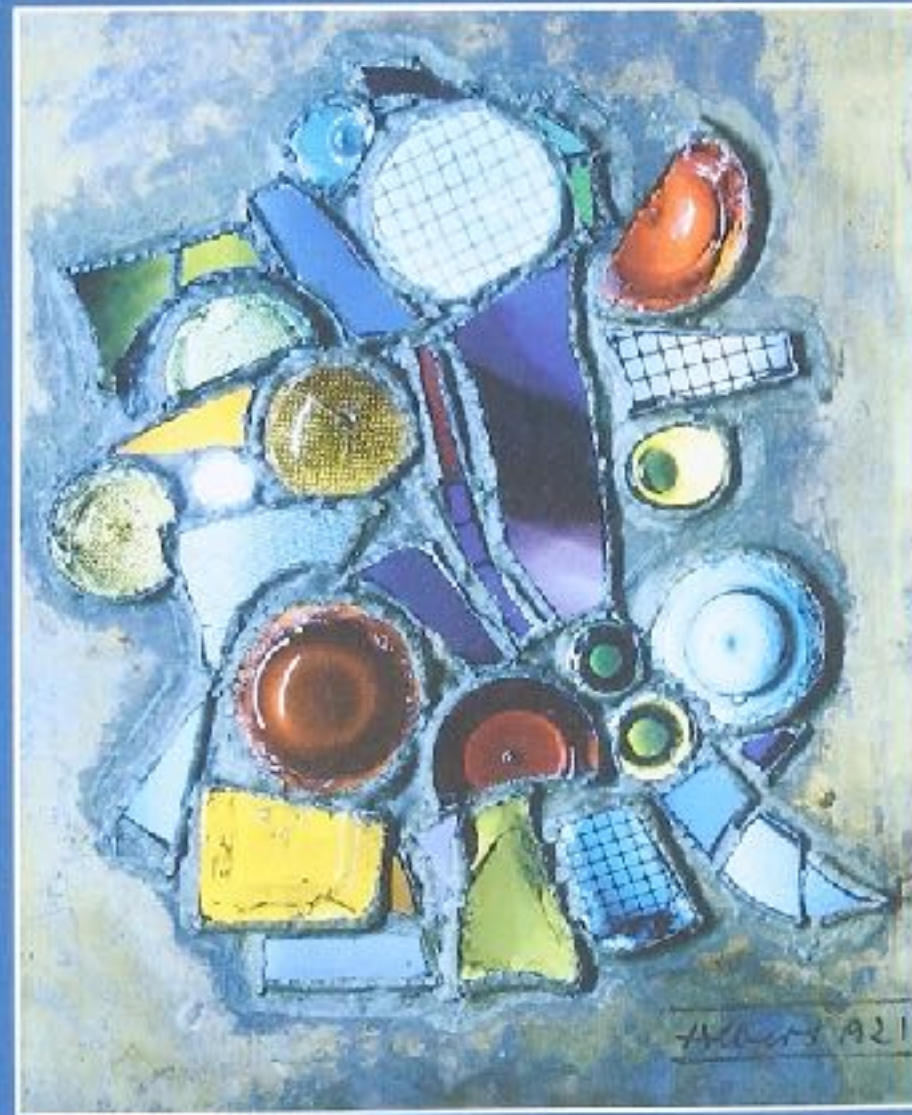
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-         ...  
-  
-     def send_email_about_failure(self, reason: str) → None:  
-         ...  
-  
-     def cancel_payment(self):  
-         ...  
-  
-     def capture_payment(self):  
-         ...  
-  
-     def sync_with_crm(self):  
-         ...  
-
```


switching from procedural programming
to object oriented programming be like



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Heuristics

not commandments

Design is more like art

There are many good possible solutions

No long refactoring journeys

Do it daily

Sebastian Buczyński

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