Active Record Model Dependencies

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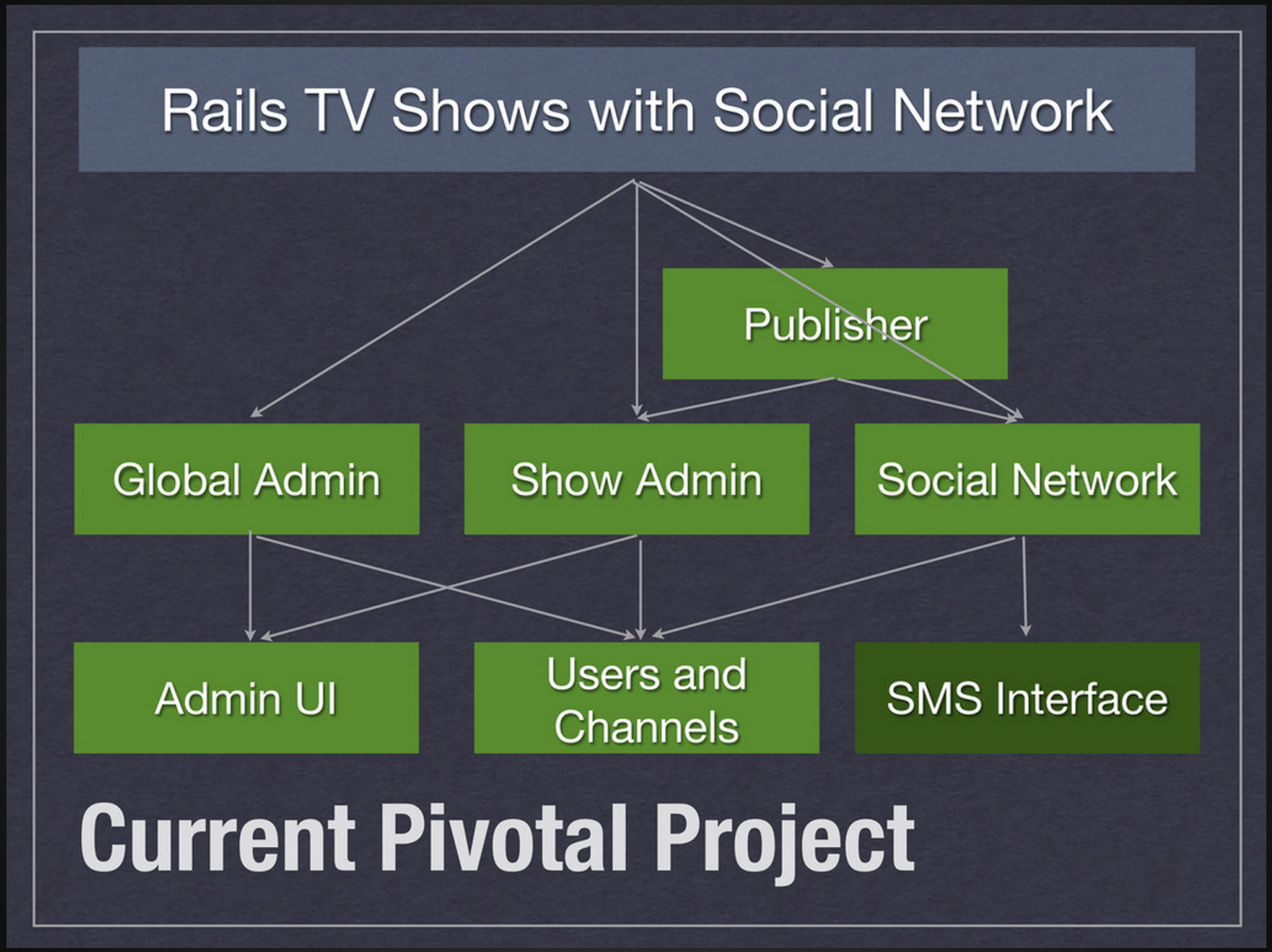

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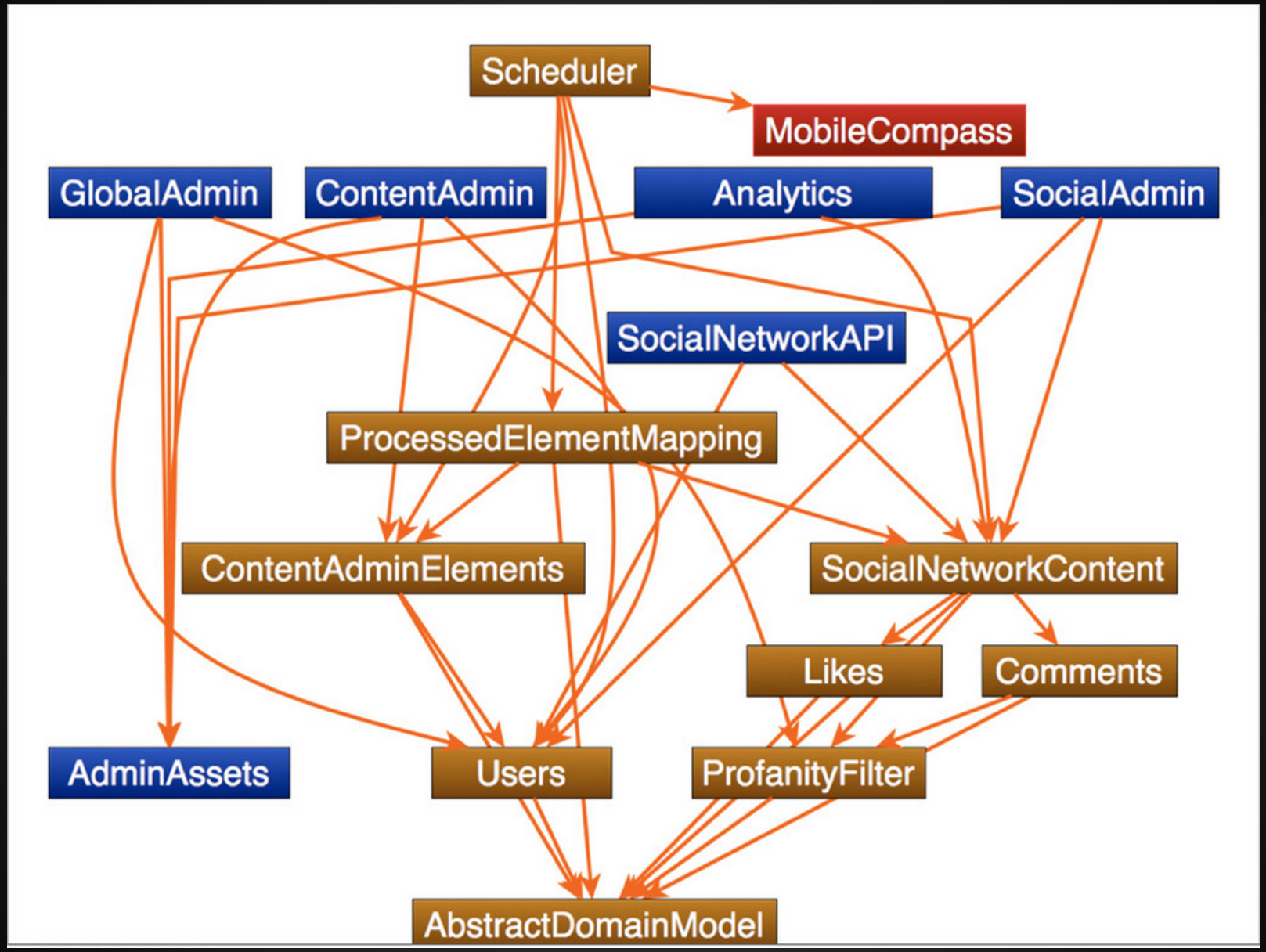

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class Order < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :line_items
end
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Now, for completeness, we should add a has_many directive to our product model. After all, if we have lots of orders, each product might have many line items referencing it.

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class Product < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :line_items
  # ...
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Next, we'll specify links in the opposite direction, from the line item to the orders and products tables. To do this, we use the belongs_to declaration twice in the line_item.rb file:

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class LineItem < ActiveRecord::Base
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  belongs_to :product
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Unclear responsibilities

MRP not SRP

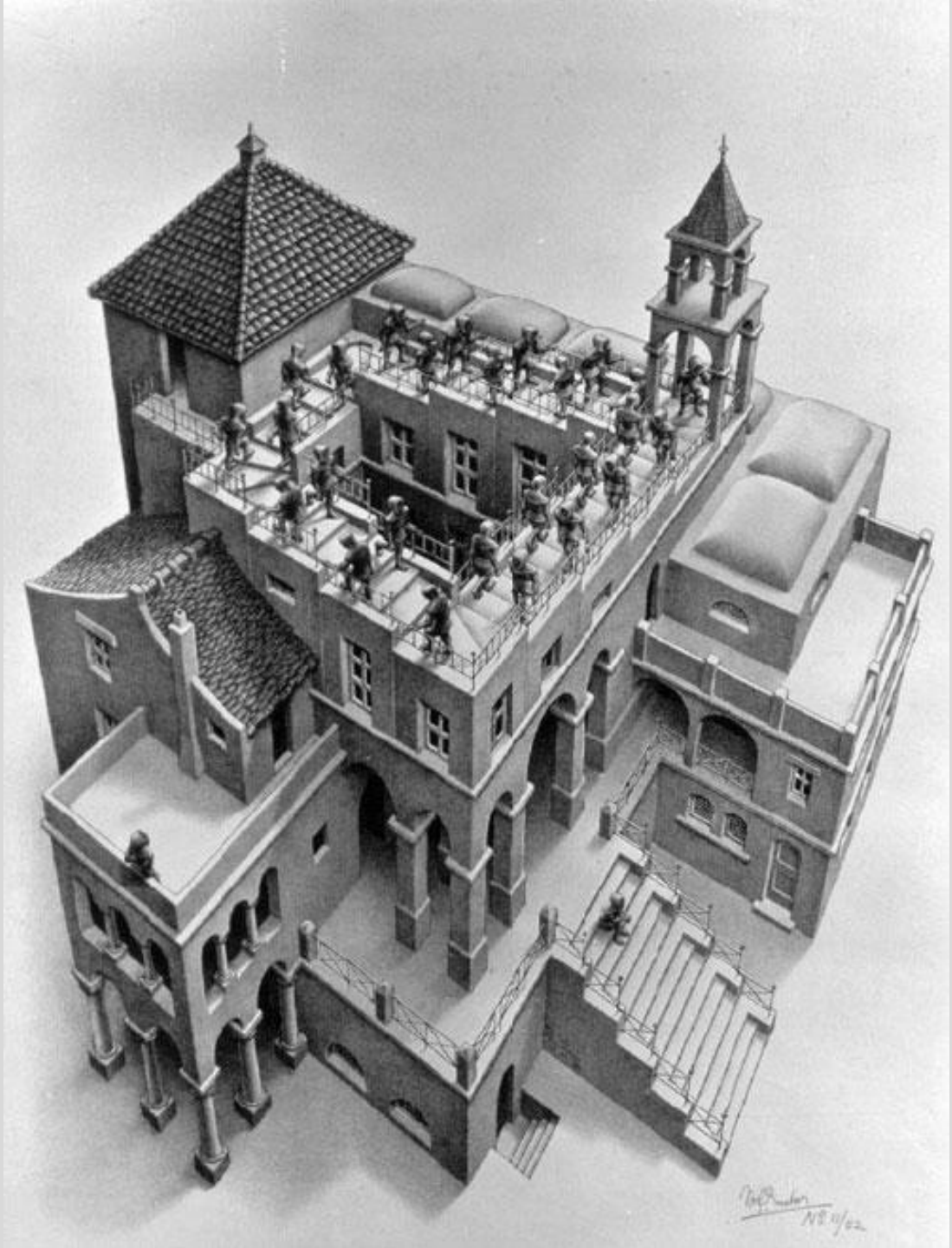
Complex object creation

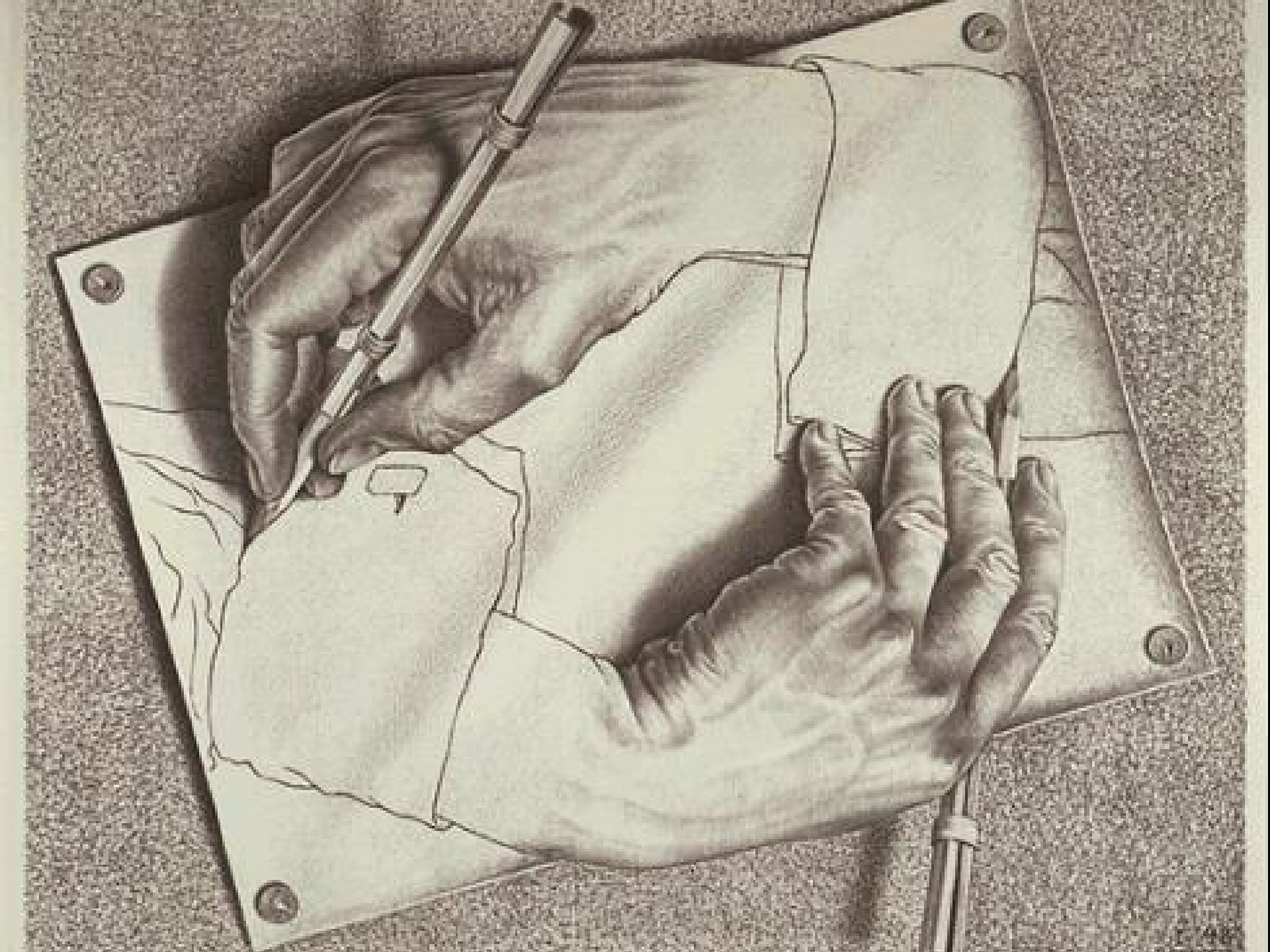
Slow test suites

Bugs

Bad Software

Why?





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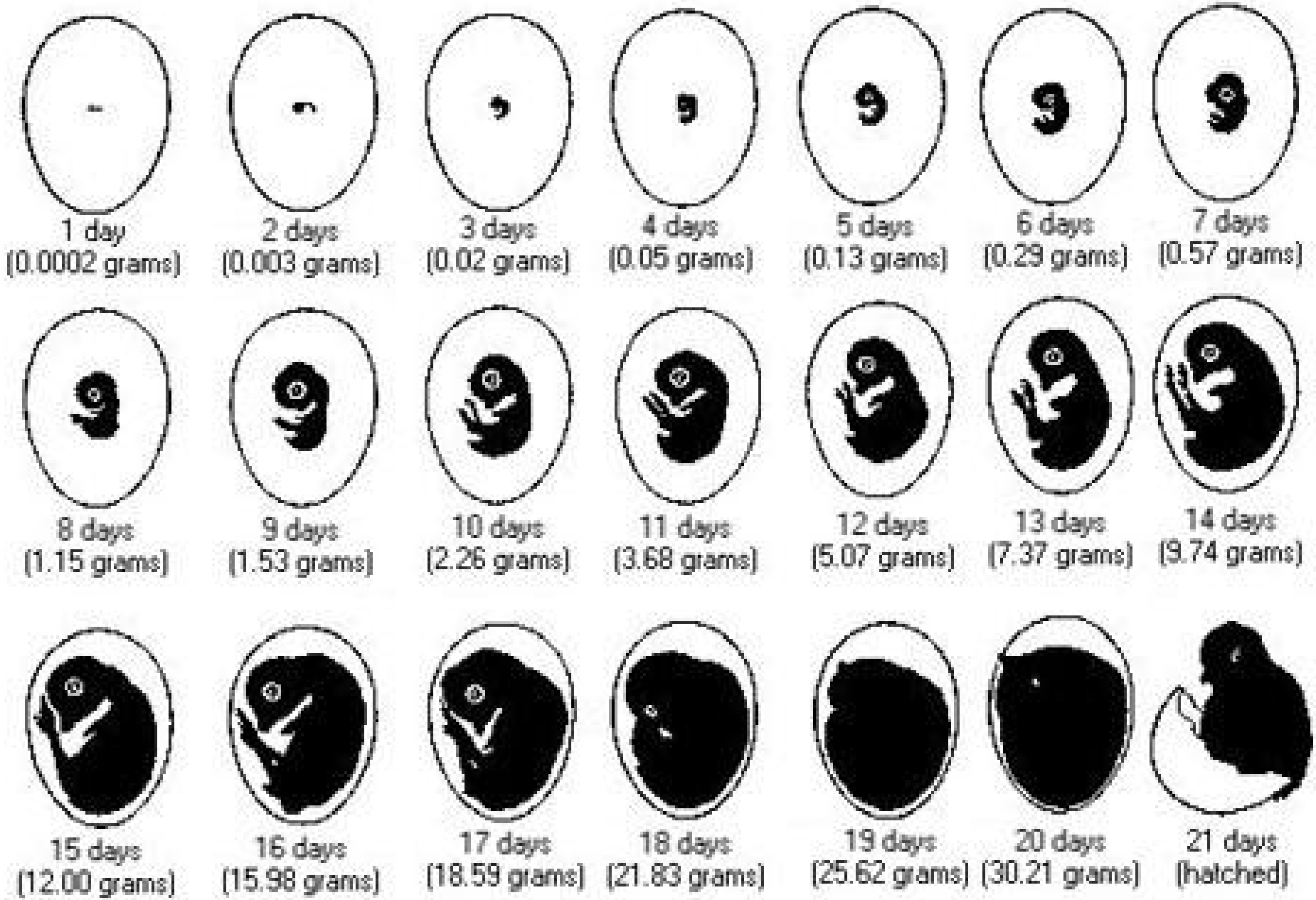

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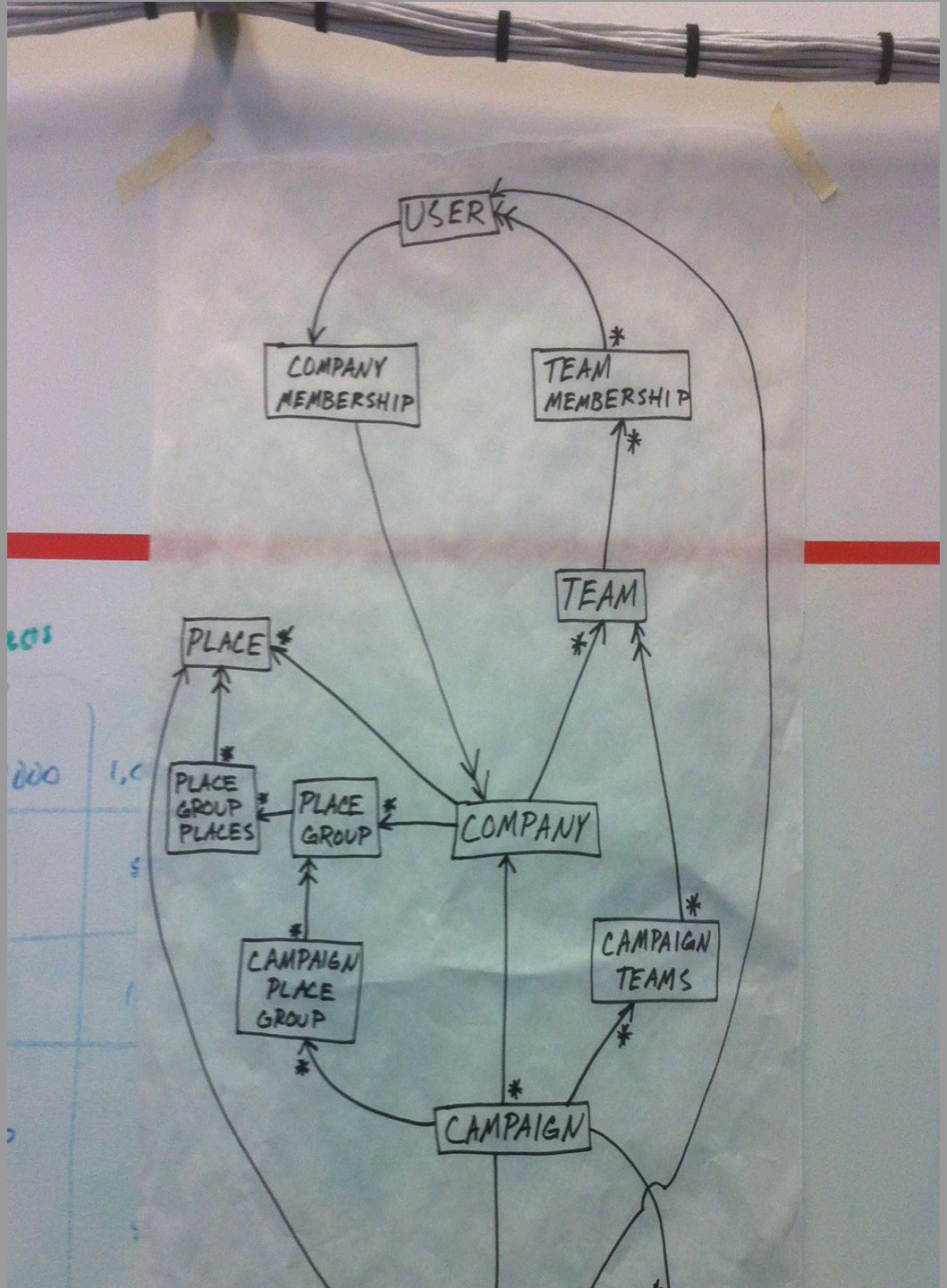
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