

Enso

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Goals

- Eliminate boilerplate
 - 100x or more reduction
- Don't Design Programs
 - Program the design: "run the design"
- Integrated External DSLs
 - Interpreted with partial evaluation
- Consistent, self-hosted system
 - Top half of desktop/server stack

Languages

Data definition

Grammars

Stencils (Diagram/GUIs)

Web UI

Security

Workflow

Strategy

External DSL

not "embedded"

Interpreters

Aspect = Interpreter Composition

Partial Evaluation

interpreter → compiler

Generic Operations

Difference, parsing, etc

"Smalltalk of Modeling"

Self-Describing

Extreme Reuse

Extreme Malleability

Ruby runtime

DSL/MDD is the new paradigm

Built on top of Objects

... but it is not objects

Next Steps

- Theory
 - Why? How does it fit in PL?
 - Enso details
 - Partial Evaluation
 - Better RPC (loosely related work)
- Demonstrations
 - Diagram Editor
 - Web Applications/Security
 - Distributed Synchronization
 - Read the code :-)

Why DSLs?

Spectrum of Programming

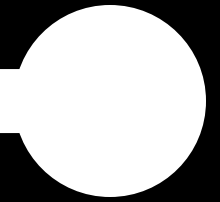
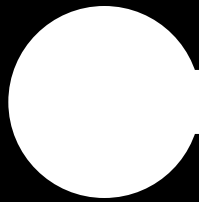


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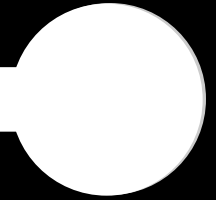
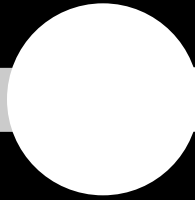
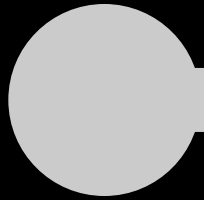
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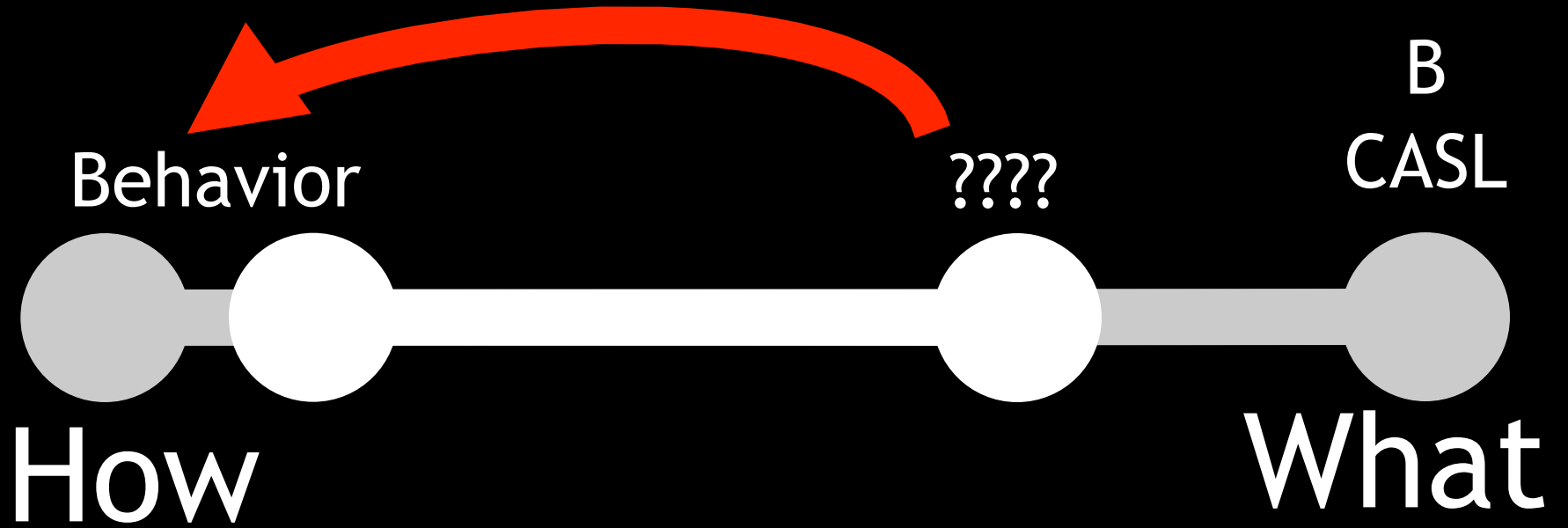
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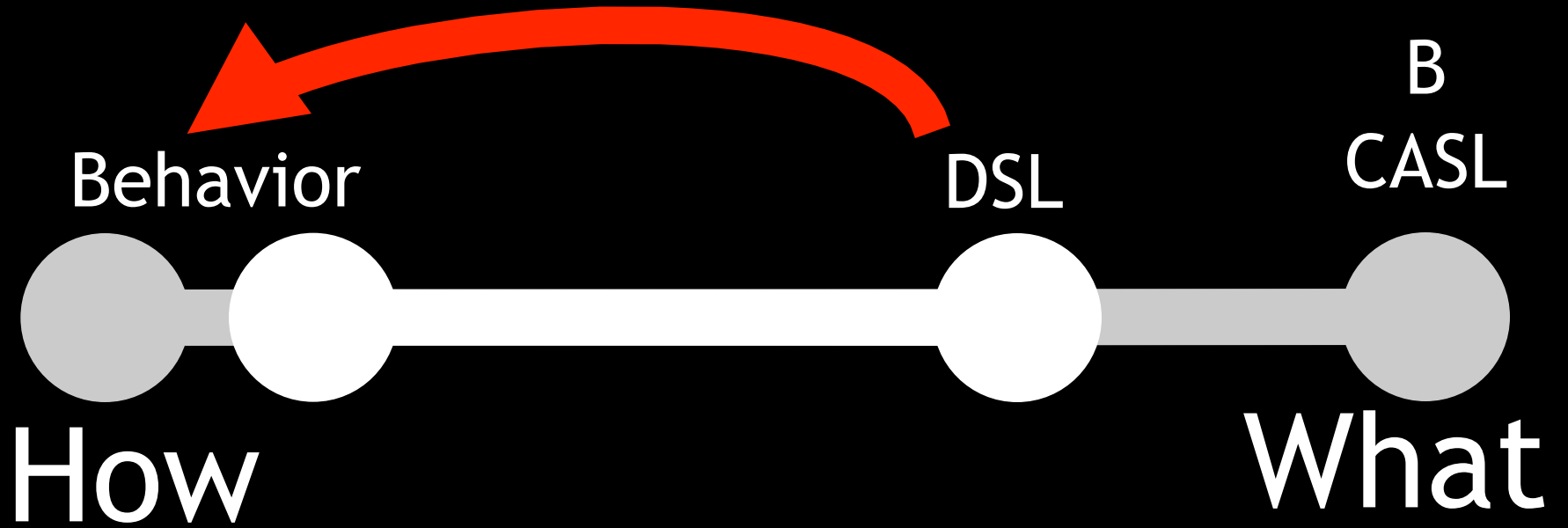


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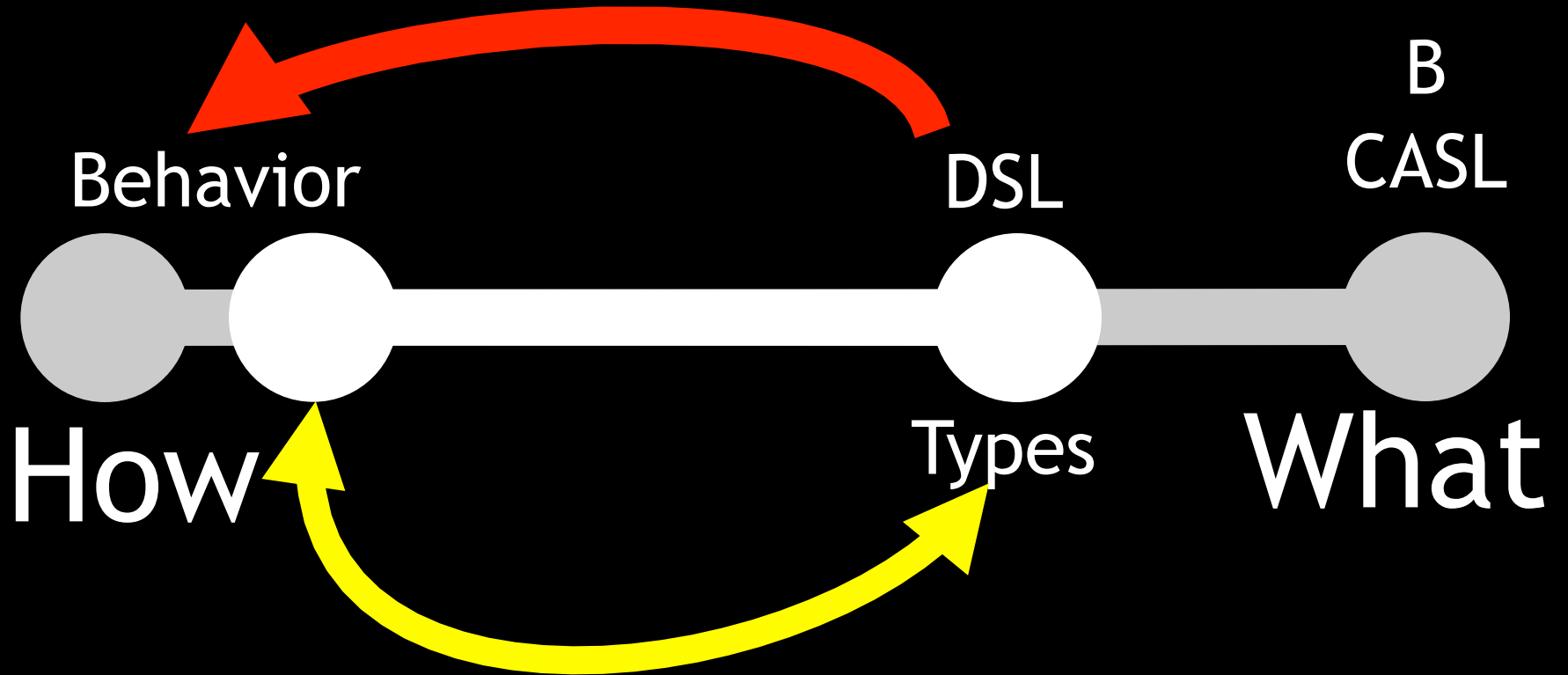
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Verification Lite

DSLs

Strategy + Specifics

New dimension of modularity

Ensō Data

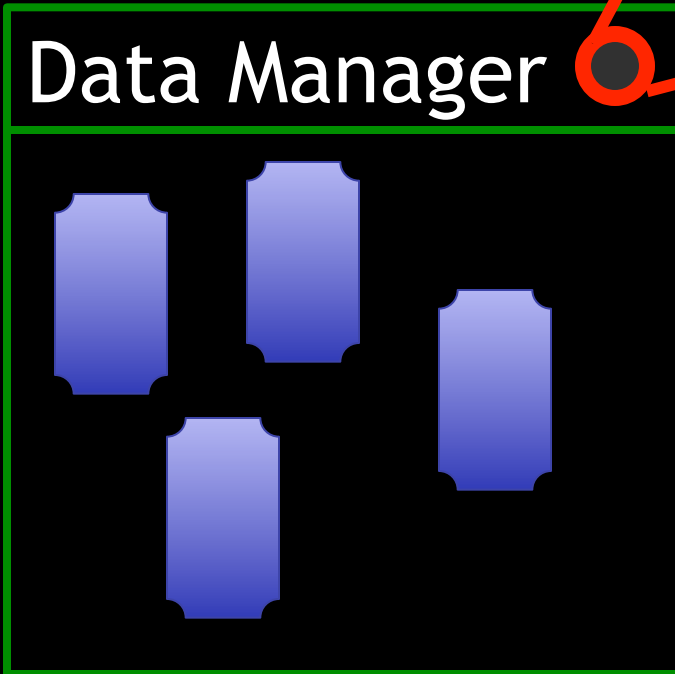
Managed Data

- Data
 - Don't just program data types/structures
 - Code up your data structuring mechanism
 - In other words, override "dot" in o.f
- Control over data architecture
 - Persistence, access control
 - Bi-directional Relationships
 - Invariants, constraints, derived data

Managed Data

Data Description

Data Manager



Ensō Data

- Graphs with a spanning tree
 - Spanning tree defined by subset of edge labels
- Properties
 - Holistic view of data graphs
 - Bidirectional edges
- Seeking
 - Easy to work with in PL
 - Easy mapping to RDBMS

Point Schema

- A *point* has *x* and *y* integer components

<i>Instance</i>	<i>Schema</i>
(3, 4)	class Point x: integer y: integer

- A schema *describes* the structure of data

Description of Schemas

- A *class* has a *name* and a list of *fields*, each of which has a name and a type

<i>Individual</i>	<i>Schema</i>
class Point x: integer y: integer	class Class name: string fields: Field* class Field name: string type: ???

Not explained

Not explained

Schema of Schemas

<i>Individual</i>	<i>Schema</i>
class Point x: int y: int	class Schema types: Type* class Type name: string class Primitive < Type class Class < Type fields: Field* super: Type? class Field name: string type: Type many: bool



Schema Schema

class Schema

types: Type*

class Type

name: string

class Primitive < Type

class Class < Type

fields: Field*

super: Type?

class Field

name: string

type: Type

many: bool

optional: bool

primitive string

primitive bool

Adding More Metadata

- Inverse fields
 - parent/child, instructor/course, etc
 - automatically maintained
- Field properties
 - key: ensures uniqueness in context
 - traversal: ensures reachability
 - ordering: ordered/unordered collections
- Invariants
 - `field.type = field.inverse.owner`
- More...
 - Computed fields, etc

Factories

- **Factories**

- Manages data described by a schema

- **Points**

```
factory = Factory.new(PointSchema)
pnt = factory.Point(3, 5)
print pnt.x
```

- **Interpreted**

- Virtual object has fields specified by schema
- Ensures data is valid with respect to schema

Grammars

- A *point* is written as (x, y)

<i>Individual</i>	<i>Grammar</i>
(3, 4)	start P P ::= [Point] "(" x:int ", " y:int ")"

- Notes:
 - Direct reading, no abstract syntax tree
 - Bidirectional: can parse and pretty-print

Schema Grammar

start S

S ::= [Schema] types:(P | C)*

P ::= [Primitive] "primitive" name:sym

C ::= [Class] "class" name:sym ("<" super:Class^)?
fields:F*

F ::= [Field] name:sym ":" type:Type^
(many:"*" | optional:"?")?

```
primitive int
class Class < Type
  fields: Field*
  super: Type?
```

Bidirectional

- Parsing: matches tokens, generates instances
- Printing: matches instances, generates tokens

P ::= [Primitive] "primitive" name:sym

C ::= [Class] "class" name:sym ("<" super:Class^)?
fields:F*

```
primitive int
class Class < Type
  fields: Field*
  super: Type?
```

Grammar Grammar

G ::= [Grammar] "start" \start:Rule^ rules:R*

R ::= [Rule] name:sym " ::= " arg:A

A ::= [Alt] alts:{C " | " }+

C ::= [Create] "[" name:sym "]" arg:S | S

S ::= [Sequence] elements:F*

F ::= [Field] name:sym ":" arg:P | P

P ::= [Value] kind:("int" | "str" | "real" | "sym")

| [Call] rule:Rule^

| [Ref] name:sym "^"

| [Lit] value:str

| [Regular] arg:P "*" @"many = true"

| [Regular] arg:Pattern "?" @"optional = true"

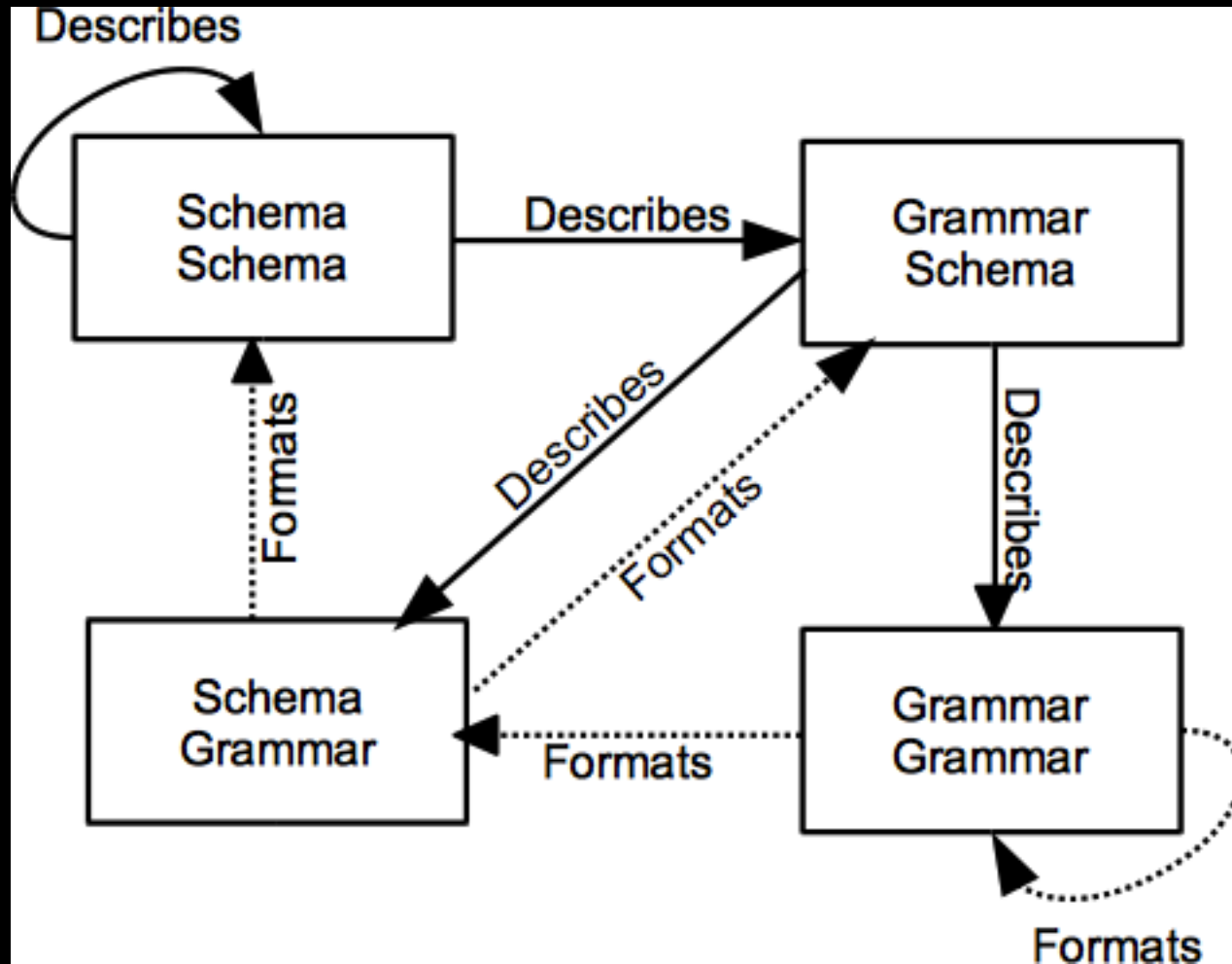
| [Code] "@" code:str

| "(" A ")"

Grammar Schema

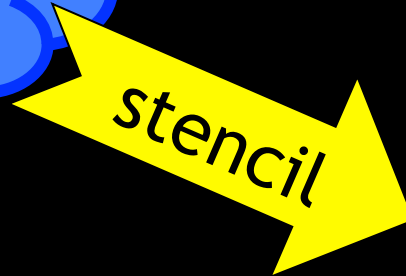
```
class Grammar      start: Rule;   /rules: Rule*
class Exp end
class Rule < Exp:  #name: str;   /arg: Exp
class Alt < Exp:   /alts: Exp+
class Sequence < Exp: /items: Exp*
class Create < Exp; name: str; /arg: Exp
class Field < Exp;  name: str;   /arg: Exp
class Code < Exp:  code: str
class Value < Exp: kind: str
class Ref < Exp:   name: str
class Lit < Exp:   value: str
class Call < Exp:  rule: Rule
class Regular < Exp
    /arg: Exp; optional: bool; many: bool; sep: str?
```


Quad Model

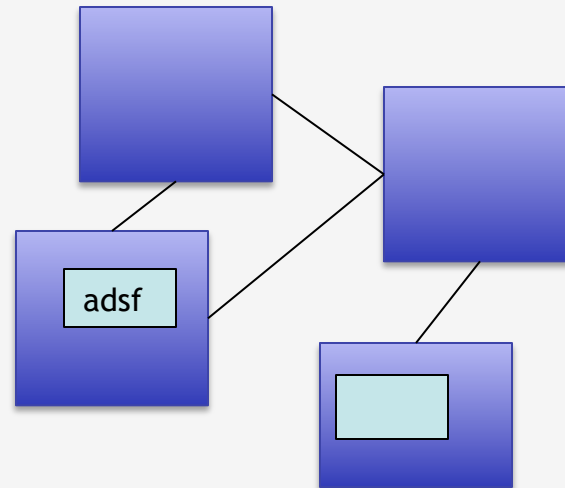


Stencils

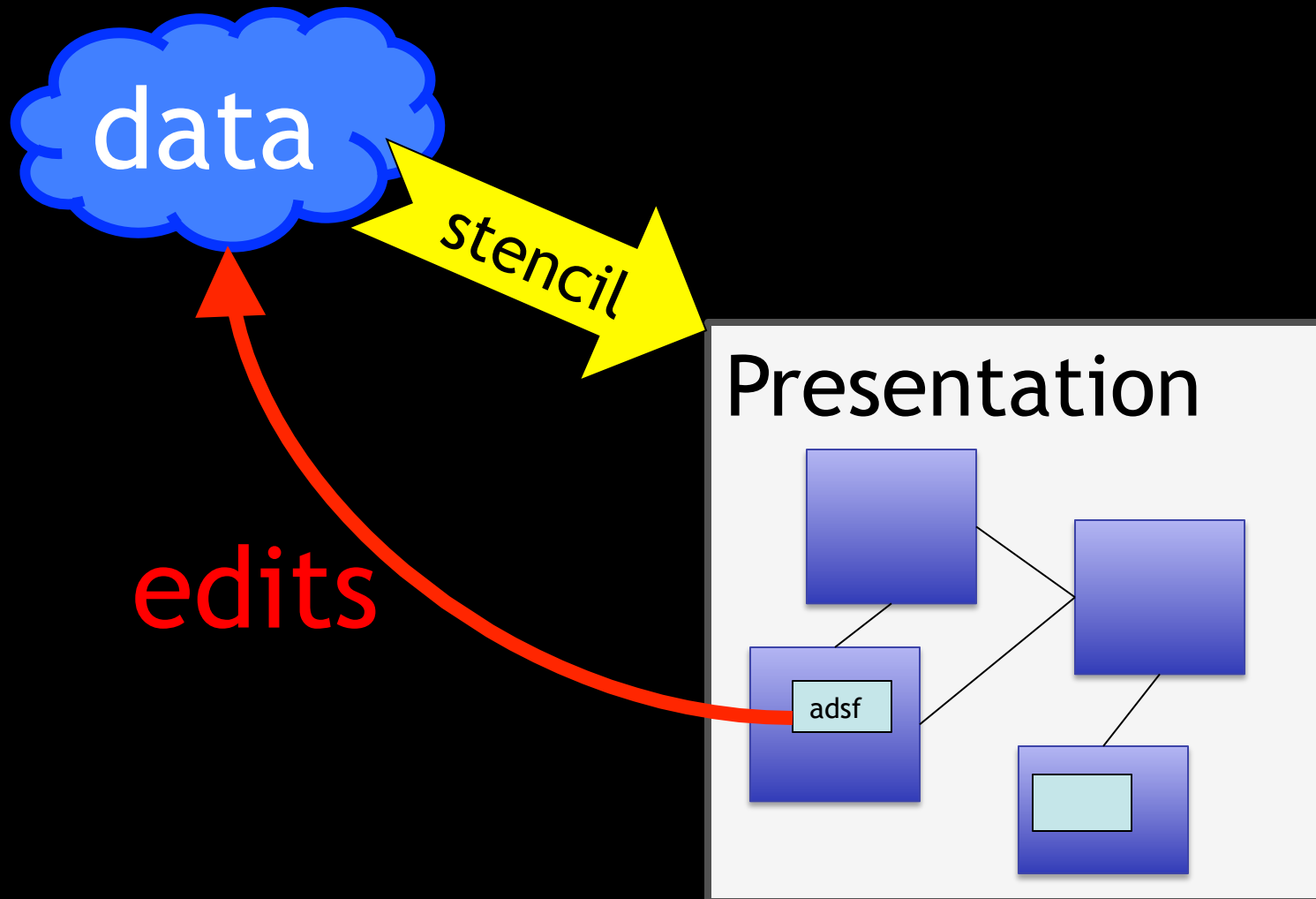
Stencil



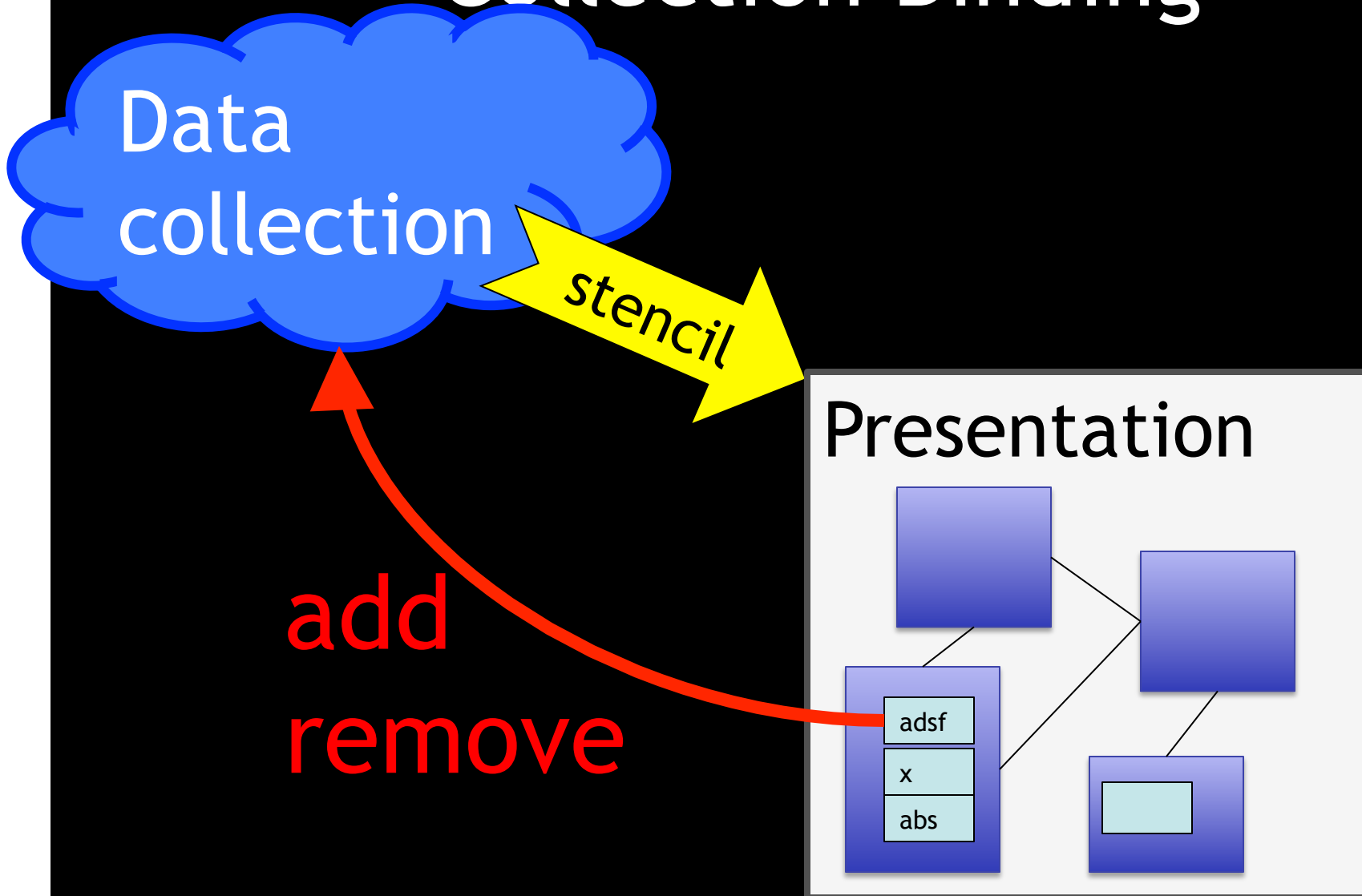
Presentation



(Traditional) Data Binding



Collection Binding



Web/Security

EnsōWeb

```
def index {
  html("Todos") {
    form {
      datatable(root->todos) {
        column("Todo")    { textedit(row->todo); }
        column("Done")    { checkbox(row->done); }
        column("Delete")  { delete_checkbox(row); }
      }
      submit("Submit", index());
      navigate("New", new_todo(root->todos, new(Todo)));
    }
  }
}

def new_todo(todos, todo) {
  html("New Todo") {
    form {
      "Todo: " textedit(todo->todo);
      submit("Submit", index());
    }
  }
}}
```

```
class Todos
  todos: Todo*
end

class Todo
  owner: Todos /
          Todos.todos
  todo: str
  done: bool
end
```

Todo App

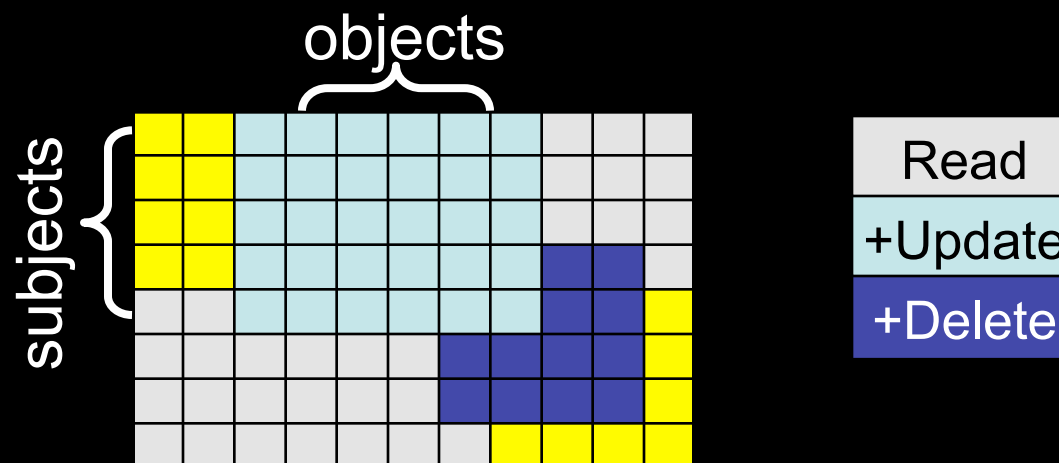
Todo	Done	Delete
<input type="text" value="Write review for GPCE"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text" value="Email Mathieu"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Todo:

Authorization & Access Control

- Authorization
 - Ensure that subjects only perform authorized actions
 - Also: authentication, non-interference, signatures, etc.
- Access Control
 - Subjects are only granted authorized *access* to *objects*
 - Matrix: extensional definition of access at point in time
- Role-Based Access Control
 - Specify access for groups of subjects and objects



EnsōWeb Interpreter

Factory : $\forall S:\text{Schema} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S$

Web : $\text{pages} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S \rightarrow \text{HTTP} \rightarrow \text{HTML}$

`factory = Factory(schema)`

`response = Web(pages, factory, request)`

Interpreter Wrapping: SQL

Factory : $\forall S:\text{Schema} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S$

DB : $\text{Data}_S \rightarrow \text{String} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S$

Web : $\text{pages} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S \rightarrow \text{HTTP} \rightarrow \text{HTML}$

`factory = Factory(schema)`

`db = DB(factory, "connection...")`

`response = Web(pages, db, request)`

Wrapping: Security

Factory : $\forall S:\text{Schema} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S$

DB : $\text{Data}_S \rightarrow \text{String} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S$

Secure : $\text{Data}_S \rightarrow \text{Policy} \rightarrow \text{User} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S$

Web : $\text{pages} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S \rightarrow \text{HTTP} \rightarrow \text{HTML}$

factory = Factory(schema)

db = DB(factory, "connection...")

sec = Secure(db, security, user)

response = Web(pages, sec, request)

Multiple Interpretations

Factory : $\forall S:\text{Schema} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S$

Extract: $\text{pages} \rightarrow \text{HTTP} \rightarrow \text{Query}$

FastDB: $\text{Data}_S \rightarrow \text{String} \rightarrow \text{Query} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S$

Web : $\text{pages} \rightarrow \text{Data}_S \rightarrow \text{HTTP} \rightarrow \text{HTML}$

```
factory = Factory(schema)
```

```
sql = FastDB(factory, "connection...")
```

```
query = Extract(pages, request)
```

```
response = Web(pages, sql(query), request)
```

EnsōWeb Concepts

- Composition by wrapping
- Wrappers implement same interface as wrappee
- Clients needn't know extensions
- Partial evaluation to weave dynamic delegation overhead into code
 - Experiments in last version of Ensō, but not in current version yet

Generic Differences

$\Delta : \text{Schema} \rightarrow \text{Schema}$

The delta function takes a data type S and creates a data type for representing "changes to S "

$\text{diff}: \forall S:\text{Schema} \rightarrow (S, S) \rightarrow \Delta S$

$\text{patch}: \forall S:\text{Schema} \rightarrow S \times \Delta S \rightarrow S$

$\text{conflicts}: \forall S:\text{Schema} \rightarrow (\Delta S, \Delta S) \rightarrow [(\Delta S, \Delta S)]$

$\text{merge}: \forall S:\text{Schema} \rightarrow (\Delta S, \Delta S, [(\Delta S, \Delta S)]) \rightarrow \Delta S$

EnsōSync (a mini-Unison)

```
def sync(base, s1, s2)
  d1 = diff(base, s1)
  d2 = diff(base, s2)
  confs = conflict(d1, d2)

  r = resolve!(confs)      -- possibly human intervention
  d = merge(d1, d2, r)
  new_base = patch(base, d)
  update1 = diff(s1, new_base)
  update2 = diff(s2, new_base)

  apply(update1)          -- write to disk
  apply(update2)
end
```


Conclusion

- Executable Specifications
- Interpreters and Composition
- Partial Evaluation

- Collaborate?