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Custom PHPStan Rules: Automate Standards and Save Time

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Using PHPStan means:

 Higher code quality

 Fewer bugs

Custom rules amplify
these benefits



PHPStan



Coding Standards as Code



Easy upgrades



Eliminate bugs



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Coding standards
as code

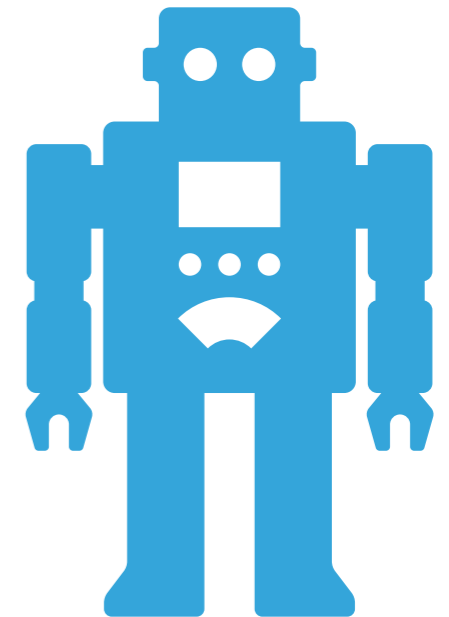


HOW TO DOCUMENT CODING STANDARDS

IN MY HEAD



CODING
STANDARDS





Coding Standards as Code

You must follow PSR-12

URLs must be kebab-case,
parameters must be camelCase

Repository **get*** methods must
return a value or throw an exception.
Repository **find*** methods must
return a value or null.



Coding Standards as Code

php-cs-fixer

PHP_CodeSniffer

PHPStan + Custom Rules

URL is kebab-case



```
Route::put('say-hello/{firstName}');
```



Parameters are camelCase

<https://spatie.be/guidelines/laravel-php#content-routing>

Correct

```
Route::get('hello');
```

```
Route::post('hello/{name}');
```

```
Route::put('say-hello/{firstName}');
```

Wrong

```
Route::get('sayHello');
```

```
Route::get('hello/{first-name}');
```

```
# [Route (path: 'hello' ) ]
```

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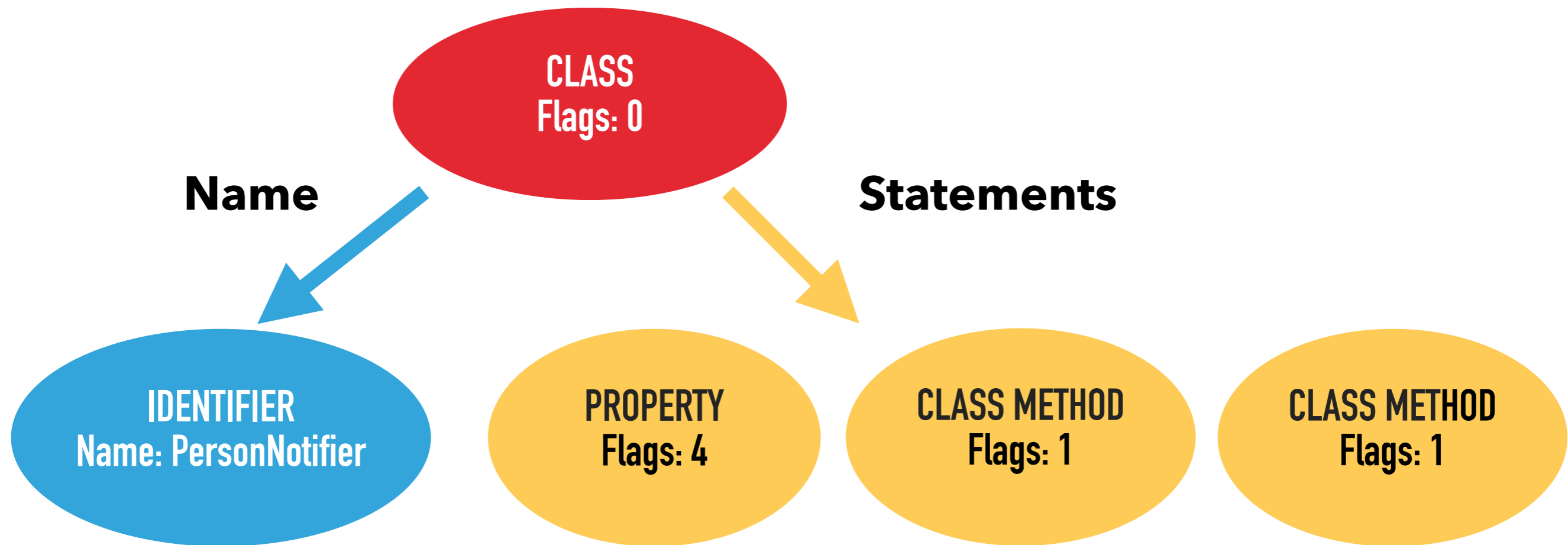
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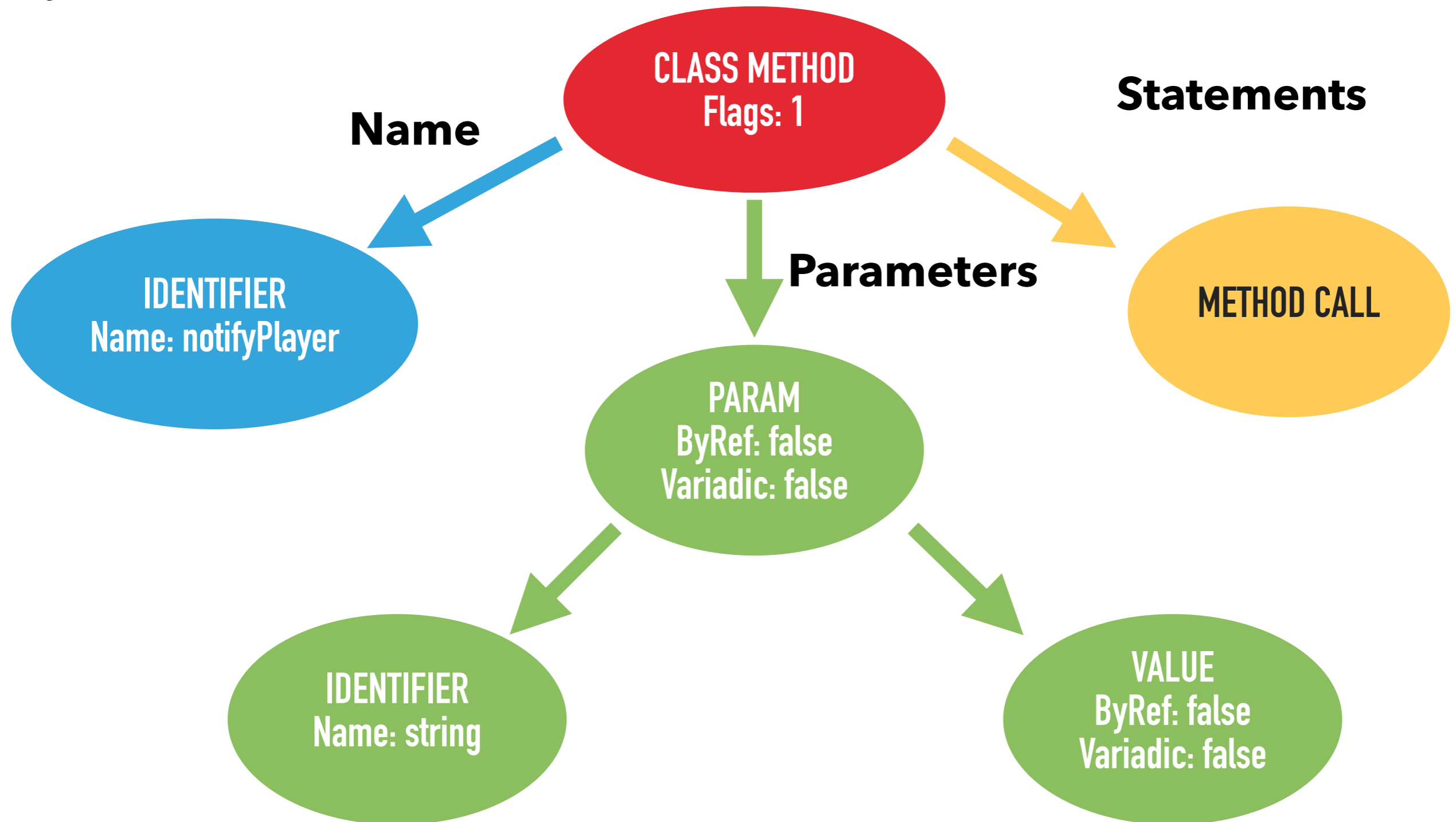


```
class PersonNotifier
```

```
{  
  private TextMessageSender $sender;  
  public function __construct() {...}  
  public function notifyPlayer() {...}  
}
```



```
public function notifyPlayer (string $msg)
{
    $this->sender->sendMessage ($msg) ;
}
```



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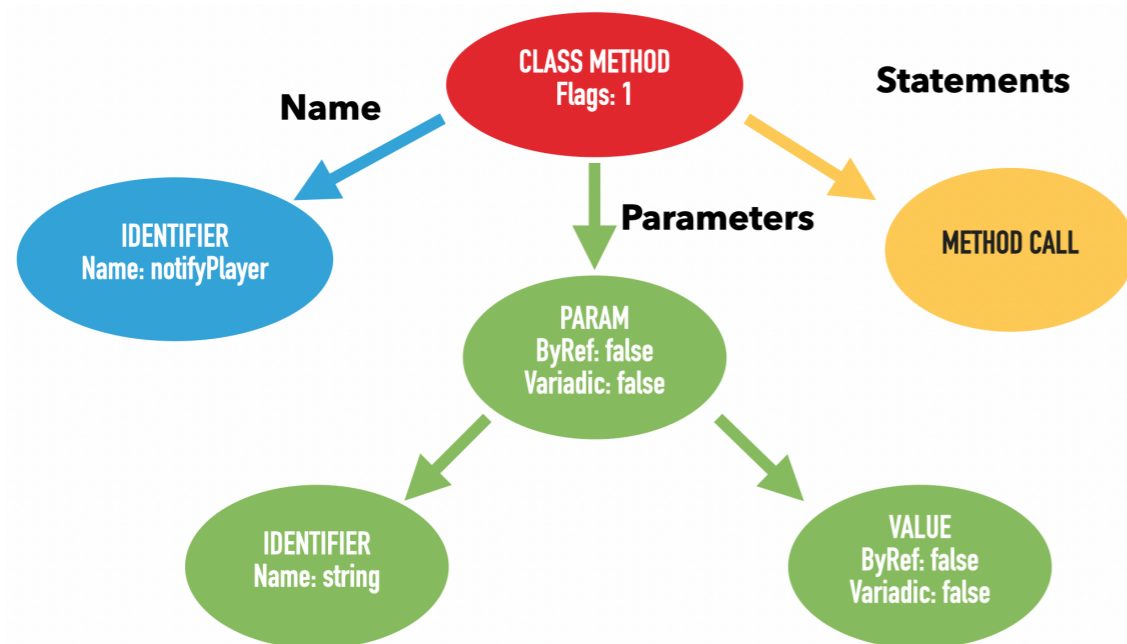
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```

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```

class MethodCall extends \PhpParser\Node\Expr\CallLike
{

```

```

    /** @var Expr Variable holding object */
    public $var;

```

```

    /** @var Identifier|Expr Method name */
    public $name;

```

```

    /** @var array<Arg|VariadicPlaceholder> Arguments */
    public $args;

```

```

    // Rest of class ...

```

```

    $this->sender -> sendMessage ($msg) ;

```

- ▶ PHP code can be represented by an AST
- ▶ Different types of Node
- ▶ Nodes contain information
- ▶ Each type of node has different information

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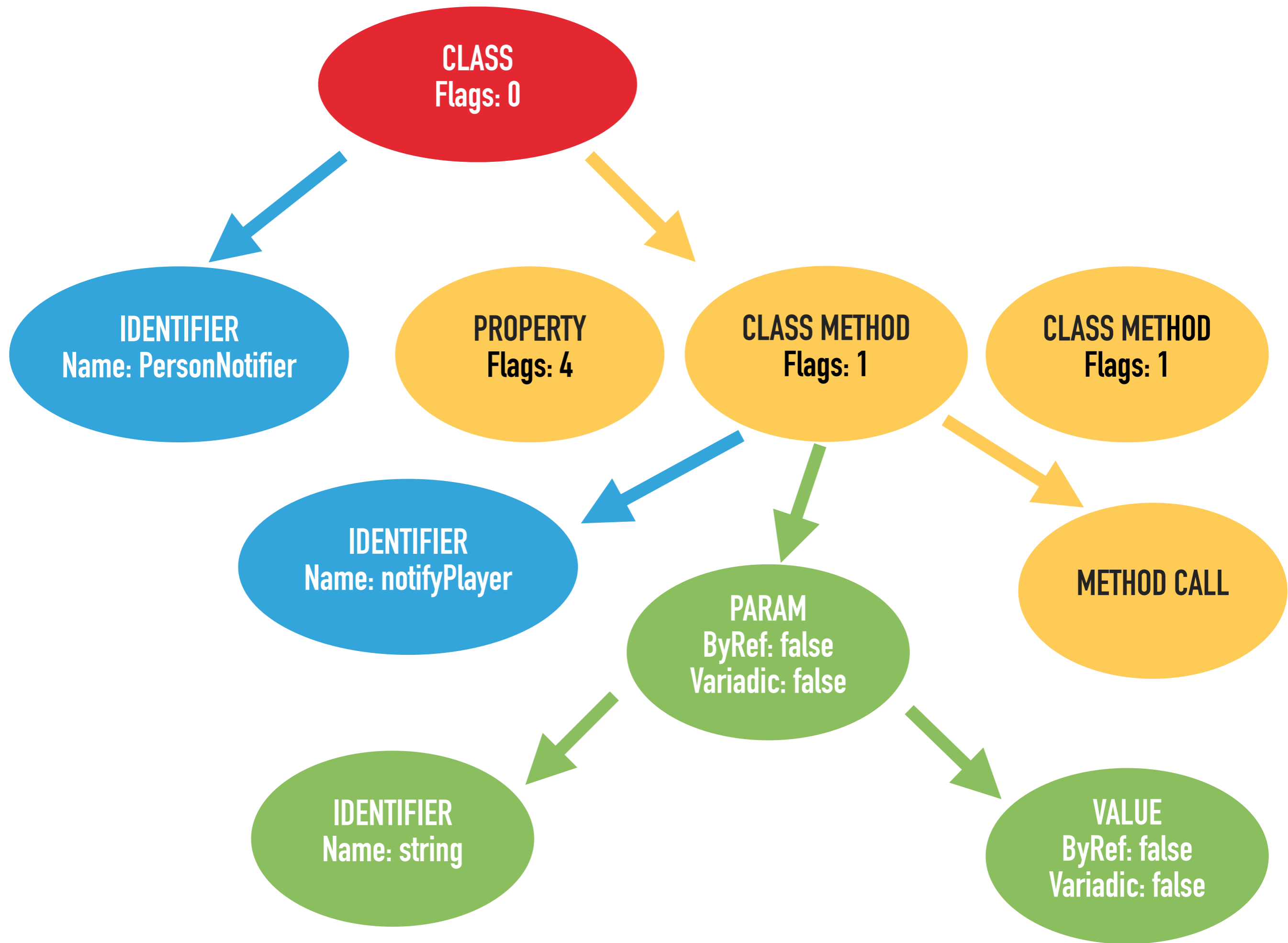


AST



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```
interface Rule
{

    public function getNodeTypes() : string;

    /**
     * @return (string|RuleError)[] errors
     */
    public function processNode(
        \PhpParser\Node $node,
        \PHPStan\Analyser\Scope $scope
) : array;

}
```

```
Route :: get ( ' /hello ' ) ;
```

1. Write short PHP code you want to understand

```
<?php  
  
class Foo extends Bar {}
```

Parse

2. Click on any part of the code

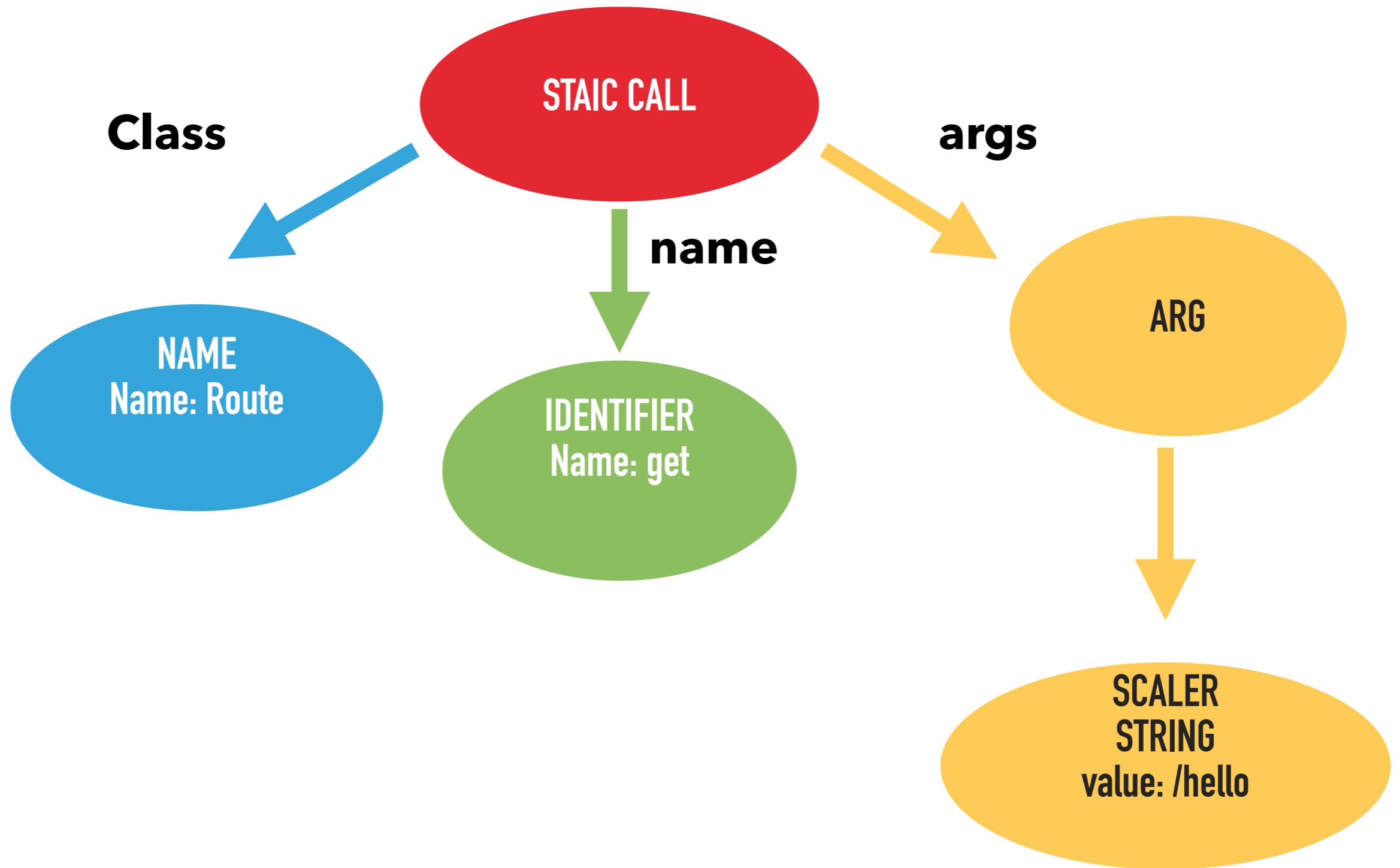
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<?php  
  
class Foo extends \Bar  
{  
}
```

3. See Abstract Syntax Tree created by php-parser for full file

```
PhpParser\Node\Stmt\Class_(  
  attrGroups: []  
  flags: 0  
  name: PhpParser\Node\Identifier( name: "Foo" )  
  extends: PhpParser\Node\Name\FullyQualified( parts: ["Bar"] )  
  implements: []  
  stmts: []  
)
```

<https://getrector.com/ast>

```
Route :: get ('/hello') ;
```



```
class StaticCall extends CallLike {
```

```
/** @var Name|Expr Class name */  
public Node $class;
```

```
/** @var Identifier|Expr Method name */  
public Node $name;
```

```
/** @var array<Arg|VariadicPlaceholder> Arguments */  
public array $args;
```

```
Route :: get ( '/hello' ) ;
```

```
class RouteRule implements Rule
```

```
{
```

```
public function getNodeTypes() : string
```

```
{
```

```
return StaticCall::class;
```

```
}
```

```
public function processNode(  
    Node $node,  
    Scope $scope,  
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```
// 1. Check if the class we are calling is Route
```

```
if (!$node->class instanceof Node\Name) {  
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```
Route::get(); // Name
```

```
($className)::get(); // Expr
```

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}
```

```
// 2. Check if the method name is get, post, put  
// or delete
```

```
if (!$node->name instanceof Identifier) {  
    return [];  
}
```

```
$methodName = $node->name->toLowerCaseString();
```

```
$methodsToCheck = ['get', 'post', 'put', 'delete'];
```

```
if (!in_array($methodName, $methodsToCheck, true)) {  
    return [];  
}
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```
// 3. Get the 1st argument's value if supplied
```

```
// Is first argument is an Arg  
$arg = $node->args[0] ?? null;  
if (!$arg instanceof Arg) {  
    return [];  
}
```

```
// Check if the first argument is a string  
$value = $arg->value;  
if (!$value instanceof String_) {  
    return [];  
}
```

```
// 4. Check if the value is a valid URL  
if (RouteValidator::validate($value->value)) {  
    return [];  
}
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```
// 5. Return an error as the URL is not  
valid
```

```
$msg = 'URL must be in kebab-case and any  
parameters in camelCase';
```

```
return [  
    RuleErrorBuilder::message($msg)  
        ->identifier('route.url')  
        ->build()  
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```

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```

```

  build
  - Phpstan
    - Helpers
    - Rules
      - RouteRule.php

```

```

"autoload-dev": {
    "psr-4": {
        "DaveLiddament\\Phpstan\\": "build/Phpstan/"
    }
},

```

services:

-

```

    class: DaveLiddament\\Phpstan\\Rules\\RouteRule
    tags:
        - phpstan.rules.rule

```

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Easy upgrades

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AST



v1.3.0

```
class AlertService {  
    public function alert(  
        string $message,  
    ) {...}  
}
```

v1.4.0

```
class AlertService {  
    public function alert(  
        string $message,  
        ?string $type = null,  
    ) {  
        // Log if $type is null.  
    }  
}
```

v2.0.0

```
class AlertService {  
    public function alert(  
        string $message,  
        string $type,  
    ) {...}  
}
```

RUN TIME VS STATIC ANALYSIS

```
public function alert(  
    string $message,  
    ?string $type = null,  
) {
```

```
    if ($type === null) {  
        @trigger_error(  
            'Provide a value for $type',  
            \E_USER_DEPRECATED)  
        }  
    }
```

... Rest of method ...

STATIC ANALYSIS

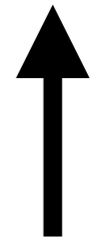
```
$this->alerter->alert($msg, $type);
```

AlertService



Missing

or null





STOP!
WRITE A TEST

Correct

```
$this->alerter->alert($msg, $type);
```

Wrong

```
$this->alerter->alert($msg);
```

```
$this->alerter->alert($msg, null);
```

Similar code that must be ignored

```
$this->alerter->info($msg);
```

```
$this->register->alert($msg);
```

Create one or more fixtures

```
function foo(AlertService $alertService)
{
    $alertService->alert('hello', 'OK');

    $alertService->alert('hello');

    $alertService->alert('hello', null);
}
```

Errors on lines 6 and 8

```
class AlertServiceAlertUpgradeRuleTest
```

```
extends RuleTestCase
```

```
{
```

```
protected function getRule(): Rule
```

```
{
```

```
    return new AlertServiceAlertUpgradeRule();
```

```
}
```

```
public function testRule(): void
```

```
{
```

```
    $this->analyse(
```

```
        [__DIR__ . '/Fixtures/routes.php'],
```

```
        [
```

```
            ['$type must be a string', 6],
```

```
            ['$type must be a string', 8],
```

```
        ],
```

```
    );
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

Another fixture file

```
function foo(AlertService $alertService)
{

    $alertService->info( 'hello' );

}
```

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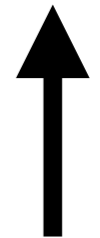
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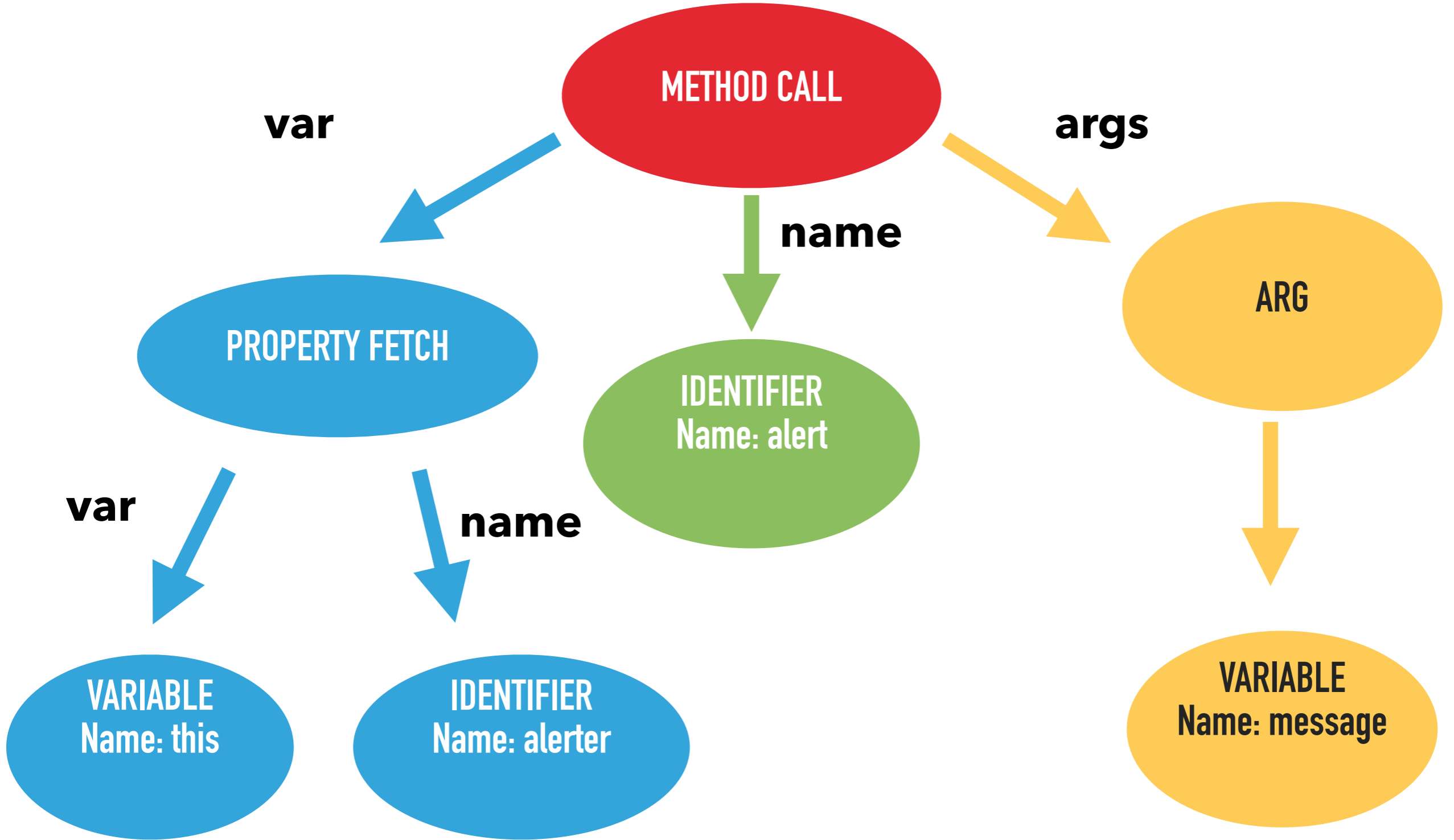


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public $args;
```

```
// Rest of class ...
```

```
$this->alerter -> alert ($message) ;
```

```
final class AlertServiceAlertUpgradeRule  
implements Rule  
{
```

```
public function getNode(): string  
{  
    return MethodCall::class;  
}
```

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}
```

```
public function processNode(  
    Node $node,  
    Scope $scope,  
): array {
```

```
// Is the call on an AlertService object?
```

```
$objectType = new ObjectType(AlertService::class);
```

```
$var = $scope->getType($node->var);
```

```
if (!$objectType->isSuperTypeOf($var)->yes()) {  
    return [];  
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AlertService



alert



Missing or null

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```

```
// Is the method name 'alert'?
```

```
$name = $node->name;
```

```
if (!$name instanceof Identifier) {  
    return [];  
}
```

```
if ($name->toLowerCaseString() !== 'alert') {  
    return [];  
}
```

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```
// Does the call have at least 2 arguments
```

```
if (count($node->args) >= 2) {
```

```
    // Is the 2nd argument a string?
```

```
    $arg2 = $node->args[1];
```

```
    if ($arg2 instanceof Arg) {
```

```
        $type = $scope->getType($arg2->value);
```

```
        if ($type->isString()->yes())
```

```
            return [];
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
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```

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            return [];
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```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
// If we've got this far, there is a problem.  
  
$msg = '$type must be a string';  
  
return [  
    RuleErrorBuilder::message($msg)  
        ->identifier('demoLibUpgrade.AlertService')  
        ->build(),  
];  
}
```

```
}
```



Deprecated classes



Deprecated methods




Removed parameters

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**MY LIBRARY
V1 TO V2
UPGRADE RULES**

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extension.neon

services:

-

class: Acme\MyLibrary\UpgradeRule

tags:

- **phpstan.rules.rule**

MULTIPLE PHPSTAN CONFIG FILES

phpstan-upgrade.neon

parameters:

customRulesetUsed: true

paths:

- src

includes:

- vendor/acme/upgrade/extension.neon

phpstan analyse -c phpstan-upgrade.neon

Steps to create custom rules



Tests

- Problem code
- Similar code that's OK



AST Type



Rule

- Early return pattern
- Finish with error

Easy upgrades

Eliminate bugs



PHPStan
rule



AST



Coding standards
as code



```
class MyRule implements Rule
{
}
```



EXTENSION.NEON

```
final class CheckRuleIsInExtension  
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```

```
{
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```
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    Node $node,  
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```

```
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```

```
if (!$classReflection->isSubclassOf(Rule::class)) {  
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```

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```

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Run time vs static analysis?

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Prevent legacy way of working



Services must have readonly properties



All non abstract classes must be final



Use named arguments for booleans

Could we reduce review overhead?

[ValueObject]

[Service]

[Dto]

[Repository]

[AsCommand]

[Entity]

[Controller]

...

- **Assertions about code**
- **Display high value code first**





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Ask AI to suggest rules

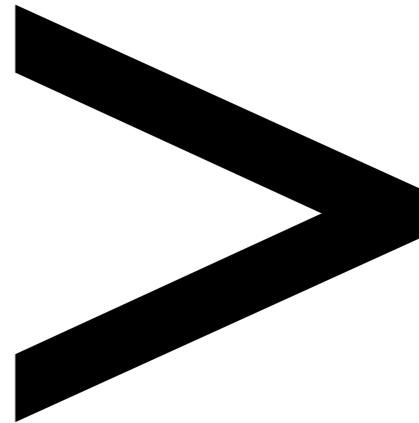


Ask AI to create rules

Prompt

Help me create a PHPStan rule to find [x]. Start with test cases – examples of code that should trigger the rule, and similar code that shouldn't. Then identify the right AST node, build the rule using early returns where sensible, and verify it against the test cases. Stop after each stage and wait for my feedback before moving on.

Determinism



Using PHPStan means:

 Higher code quality

 Fewer bugs

Custom rules amplify
these benefits



PHPStan



Coding Standards as Code



Easy upgrades



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**What PHPStan
rules will you
create on
Monday?**

static analysis dave

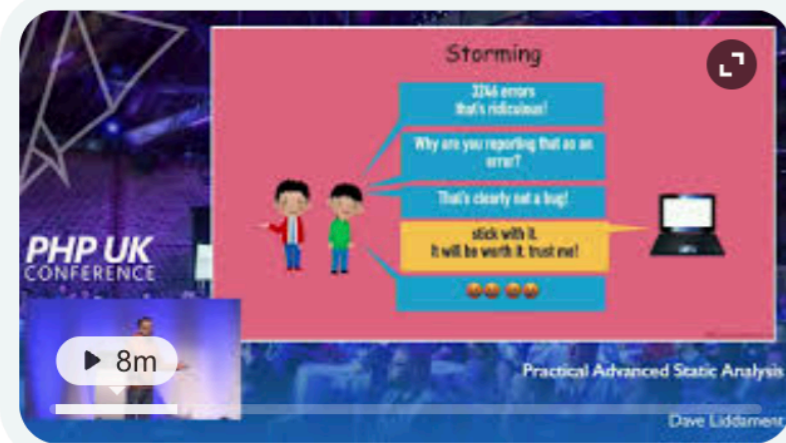


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AI Overview

Dave Liddament is a prominent expert in PHP static analysis, known for advocating for tools like PHPStan and Psalm to improve code quality and safety. He created the [Static Analysis Results Baseline \(SARB\)](#), a tool designed to integrate static analysis into legacy projects by managing existing issues. Dave Liddament +2

This video explains how to use static analysis tools like PHPStan and Psalm:



Practical Advanced Static Analysis - Dave Liddament - PHP ...

PHP UK Conference
YouTube • 30 Mar 2022

Key aspects of Dave Liddament's work include:

- **SARB (Static Analysis Results Baseline):** A PHP tool used to create a baseline of existing issues in a codebase, allowing developers to focus on new, incoming issues.
- **Practical Static Analysis:** Focuses on using advanced static analysis to find bugs, ensure code quality, and enable safe refactoring.
- **Legacy Code Solutions:** Specializes in introducing modern static analysis tools to old projects without needing to fix thousands of existing issues immediately.
- **Presentations:** Frequent speaker at PHP conferences on topics including static analysis, custom rules, and testing. GitHub +5

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github.com/DaveLiddament/php-language-extensions

php

language

extensions

`#[Friend]`

`#[MustUseResult]`

`#[NamespaceVisibility]`

`#[InjectableVersion]`

`#[Override]`

`#[RestrictTraitTo]`

`#[TestTag]`

Further information

<https://phpstan.org/developing-extensions/rules>

