PHP Generics Today (Almost)

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Using generics can help us write more understandable, robust and reliable code.

Demonstrate how existing tools can (almost) give us the benefits of generics now.

IS THIS TALK FOR YOU?

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Psalm

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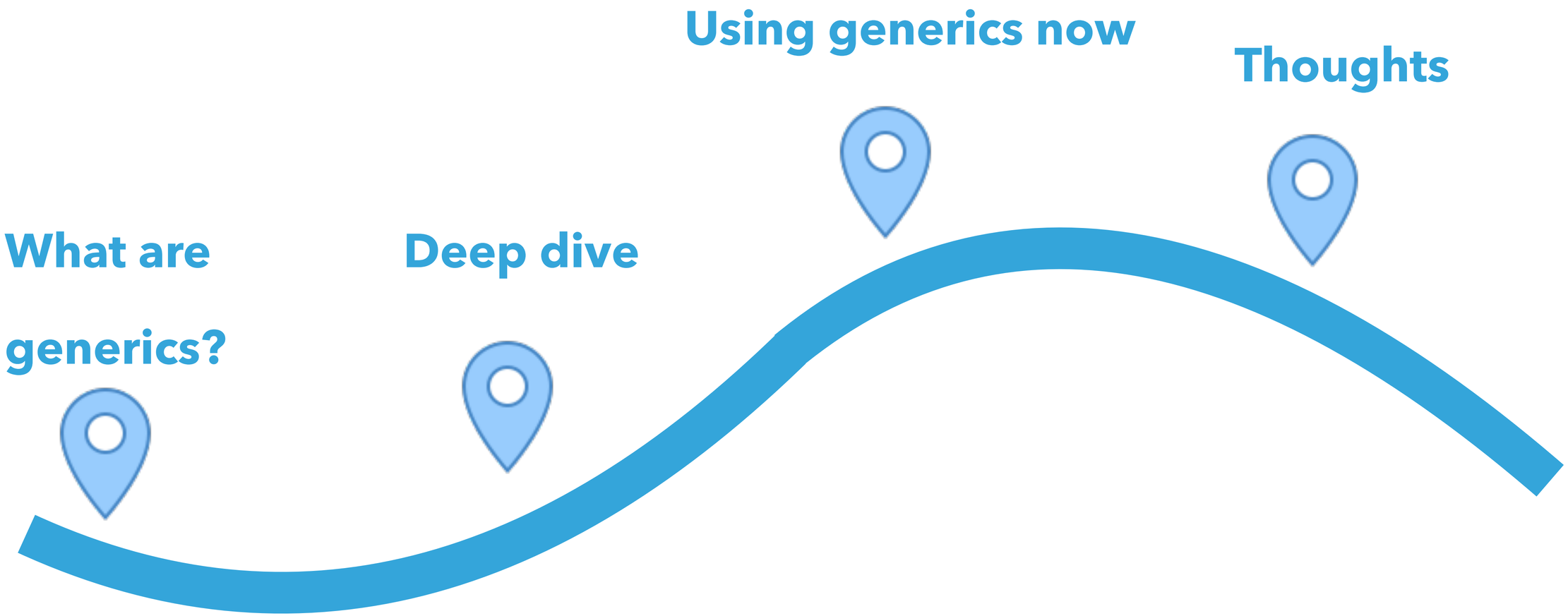

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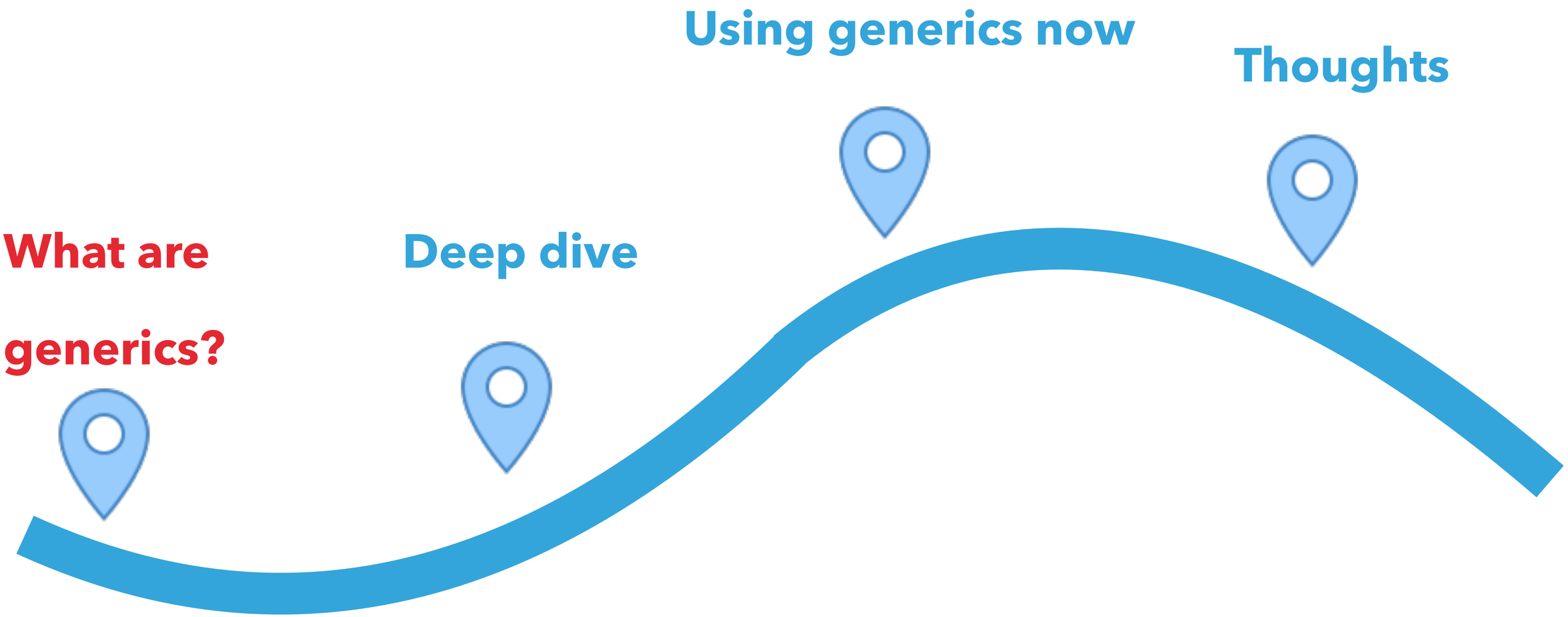

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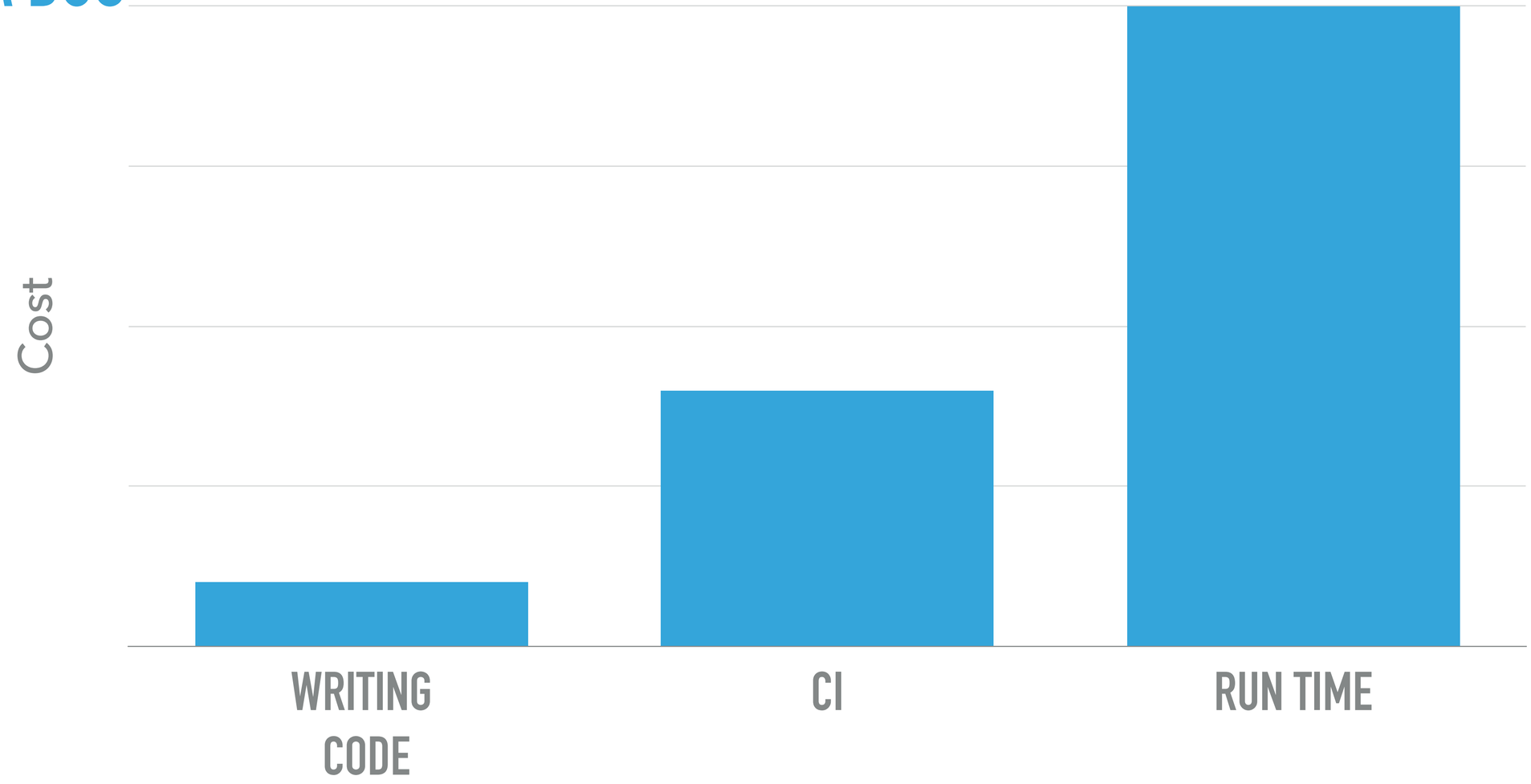

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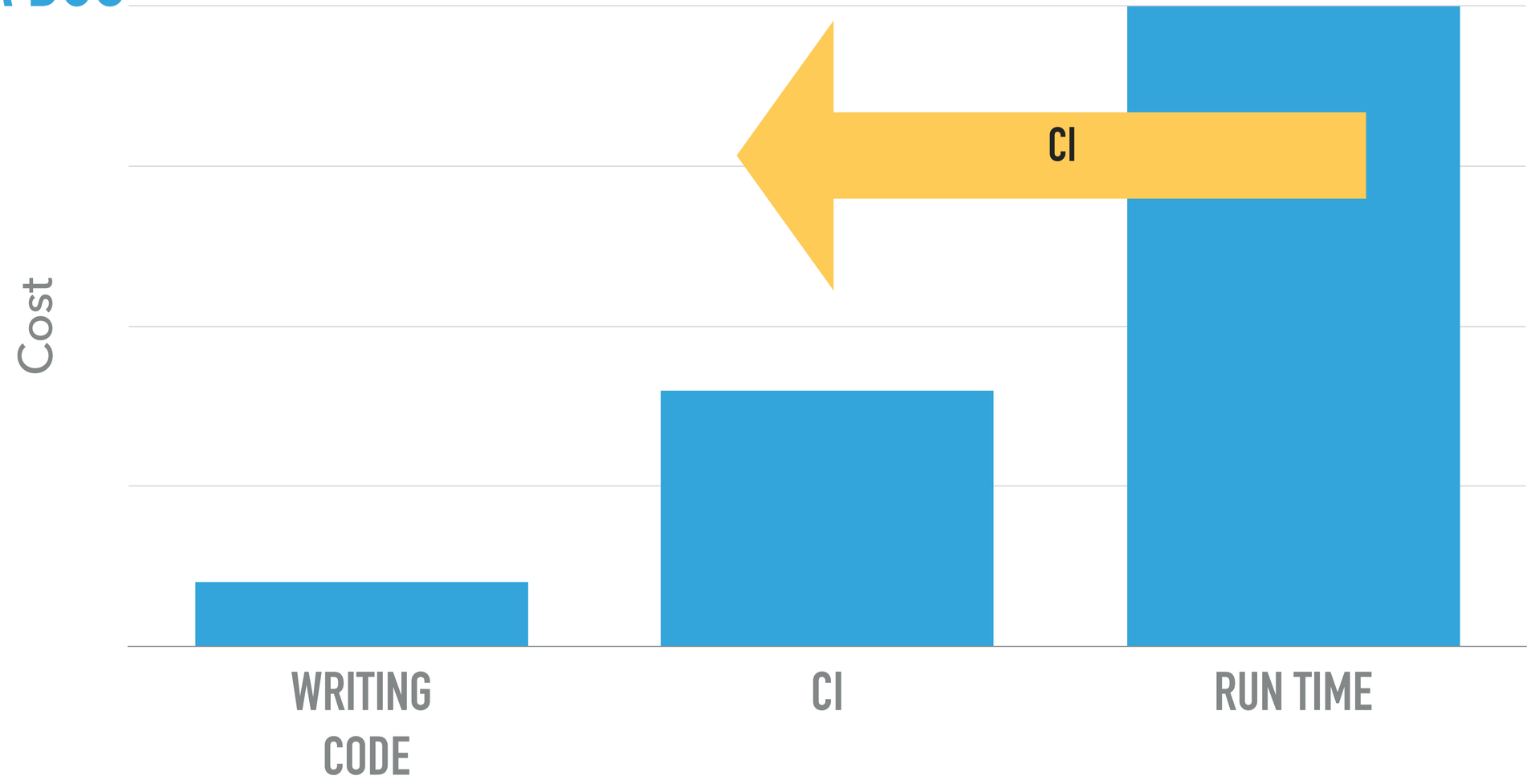

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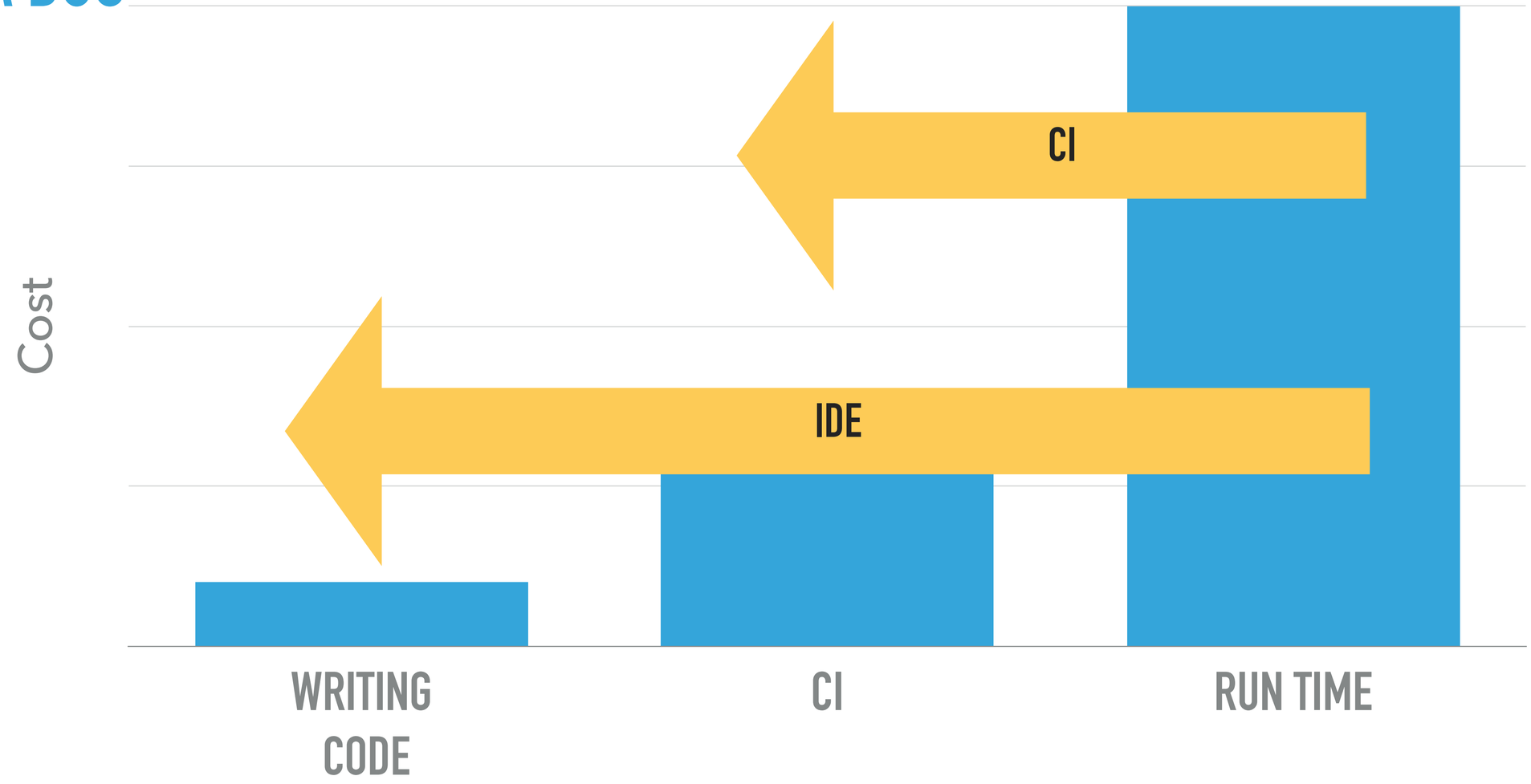

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 public function __construct(string $type) {
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public function add($item) {
   if (!$item instanceof $this->type) {
     throw new TypeError();
   }
   $this->queue->add($item);
 }
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 private Queue $queue; // Setup in constructor
 public function add(User $item): void {
  $this->queue->add($item);
 }
 public function getNext(): User {
   return $this->queue->getNext();
 }
}
```

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DEJA VU?

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function getUsers(): array;


foreach(getUsers() as $user) {
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Static Analyzer for PHP

PHPStan

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readonly class User {
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/** @var Queue<User> $userQueue */
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RECAP

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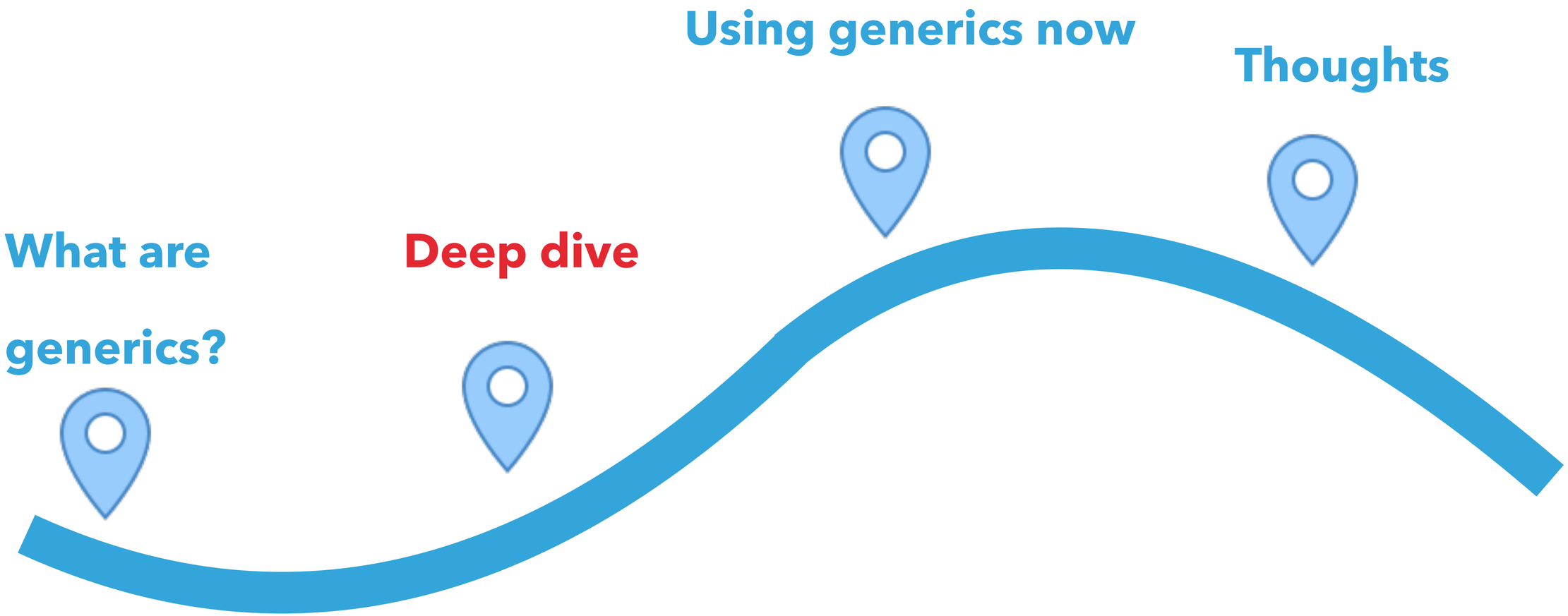

COLLECTIONS

```
class Business {
    /** @return Employee[] */
    public function getEmployees(): array {…}
}
function promote(Employee $employee): void {…}
function welcome(string $name): void {…}

foreach($business->getEmployees() as $name => $employee) {
    welcome($name);
    promote($employee);
}
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22 }
```

```
Psalm output (using commit add7c14):

INFO: MixedArgument - 21:12 - Argument 1 of welcome cannot be mixed, expecting string
```

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```
/** @var array<V> */
$people = [ … ];
```

```
/** @var array<K, V> */
$people = [ … ];
```

```
/** @var ArrayCollection<K, V> */
$people = new ArrayCollection();
```

FUNCTIONS

```
/**
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 * @param T $value
 * @return T
 */
function mirror($value) { return $value; }
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/**
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 * @param T $value
 * @return array<T>
 */
function asArray($value) { return [$value]; }
$values = asArray(5);
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CLASS STRING

```
App\Entities\Person
```

```
Person::class
```

```
class Person {…}

class DIContainer
{
 /**
  *
  * @param string $className
  * @return object
  */
 public function make(string $className): object {…}

}

$person = $this->diContainer->make(Person::class);
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EXTENDING TEMPLATES

```
/** @template T */
abstract class Repository {

  /** @return array<T> */
  public function findAll(): array {…}

  /** @return T|null */
  public function findById(int $id) {…}
}
```

```
/** @template T */
abstract class Repository {

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RESTRICTING TYPES

```
class Animal { … }

class Dog extends Animal {
  public function bark(): void {…}
}

class Cat extends Animal {
  public function meow(): void {…}
}
```

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/** @template T */
interface AnimalGame {

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class CarGame implements AnimalGame { … }
```

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/** @template T of Animal */
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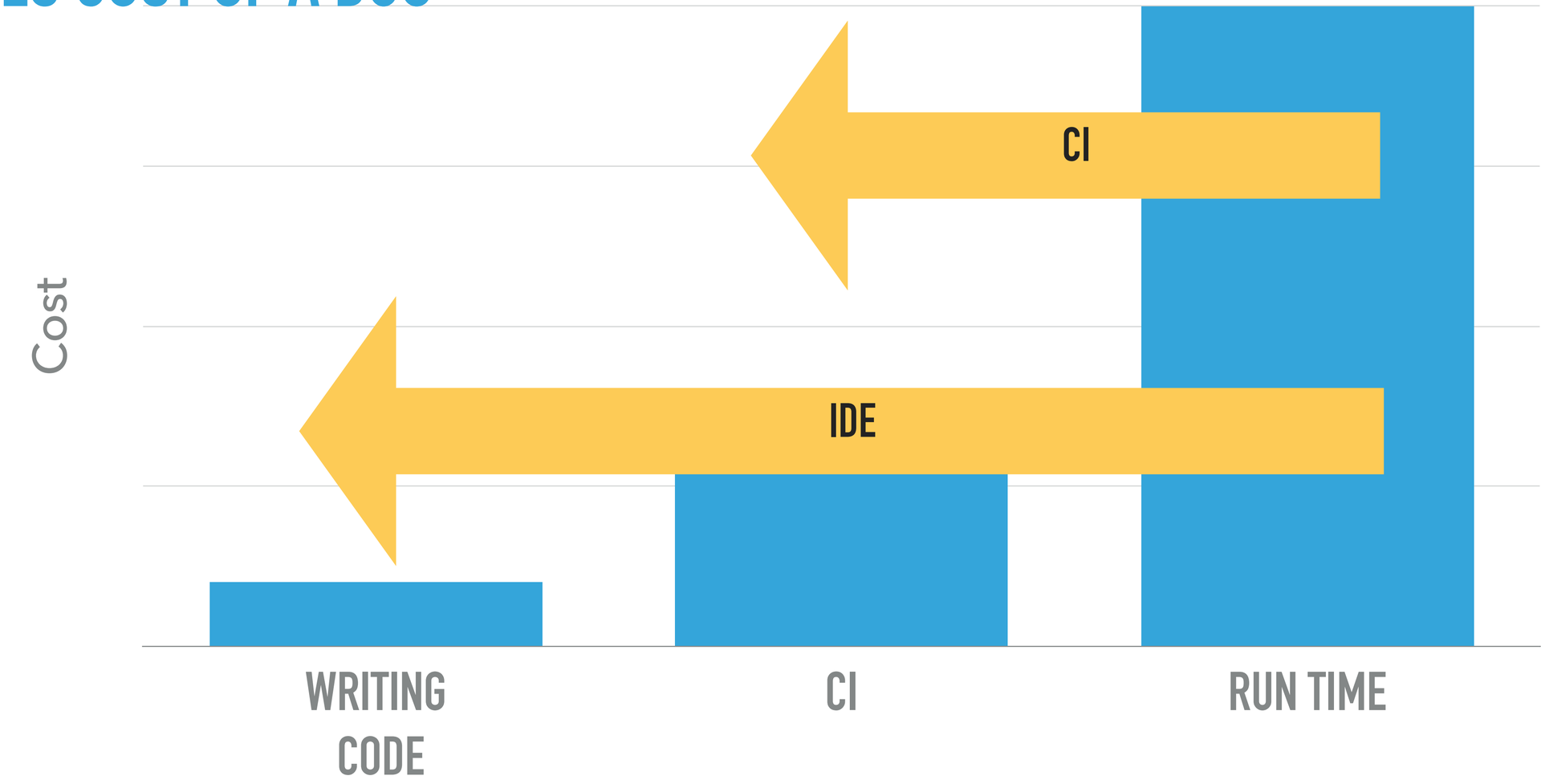
HOW DOES THIS HELP US?

1. COMMUNICATES ADDITIONAL TYPE INFORMATION

```
/** @param array<string,Translation> $translations */
function storeTranslations(array $translations): void;
```

2. REDUCES COST OF A BUG



Using generics can help us write more understandable, robust and reliable code.

Demonstrate how existing tools can (almost) give us the benefits of generics now.

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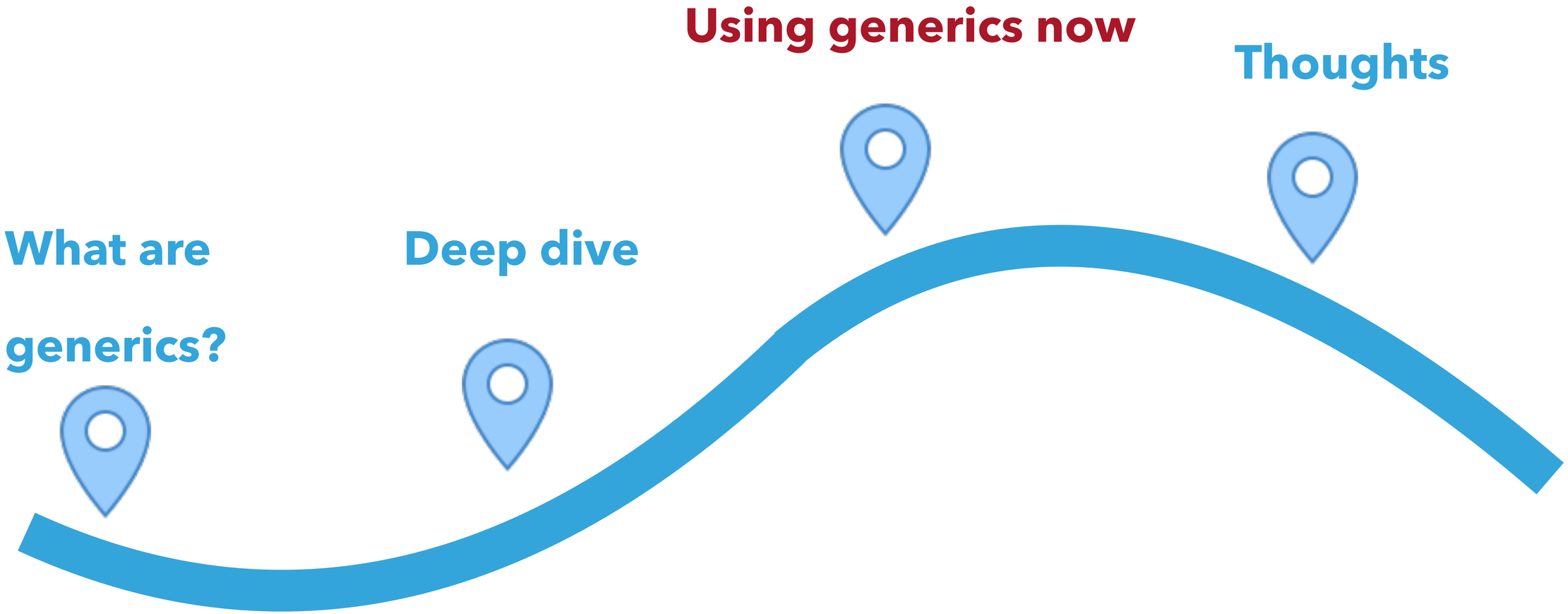

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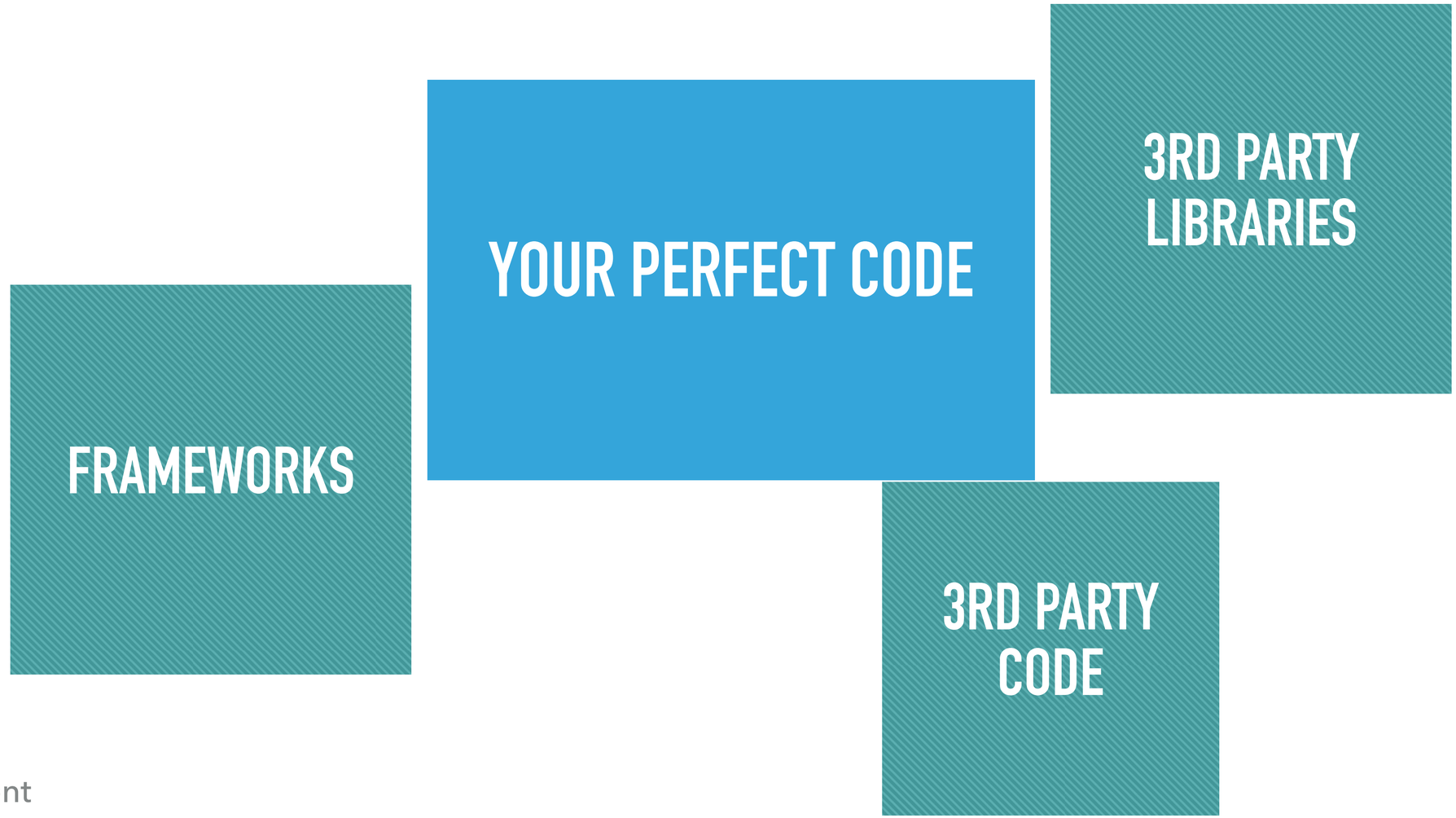
Provide type information for everything including generics

Psalm

YOUR PERFECT CODE

INTEGRATING WITH 3RD PARTY CODE



GET THIRD PARTY LIBRARIES ON BOARD

- E.g. Doctrine, PHPUnit, Webmozart Assertion
- Engage with maintainers
- 2 steps
  - Adding additional annotations
  - Introduce static analysers to build process

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STATIC ANALYSER PLUGINS

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- Specific to static analysis tool
- Harder to write

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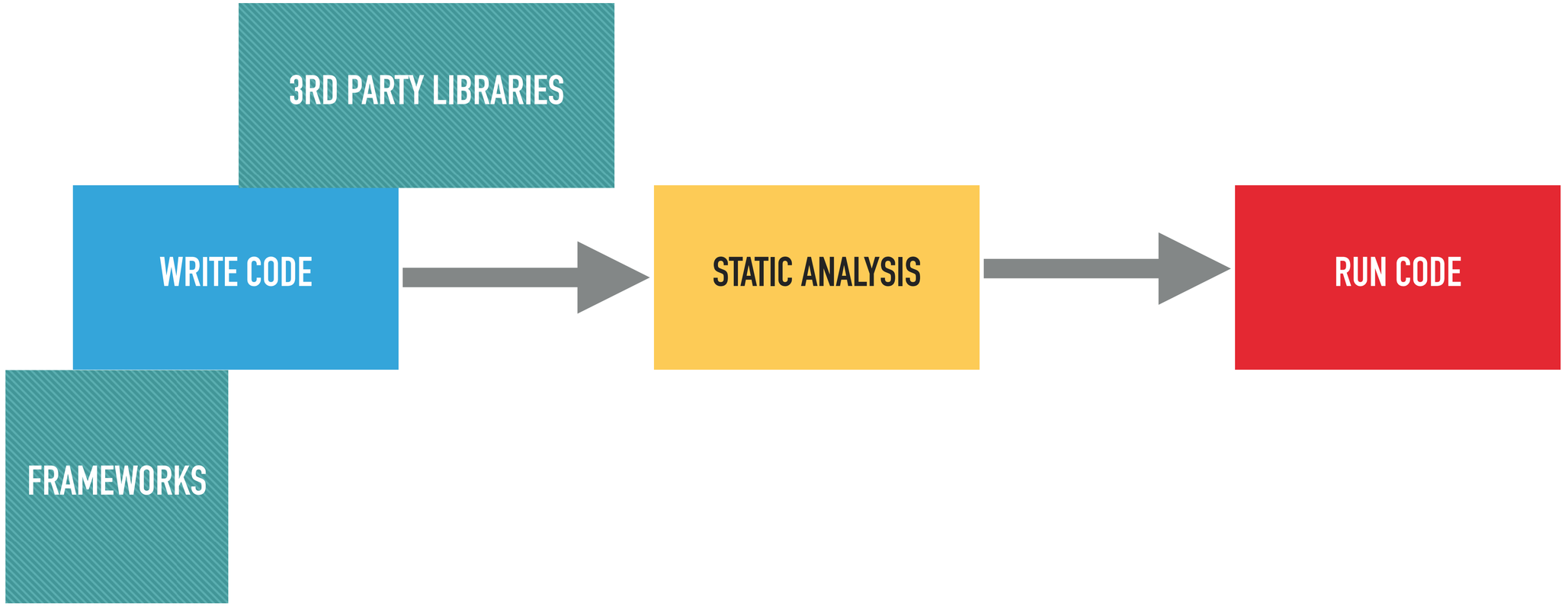

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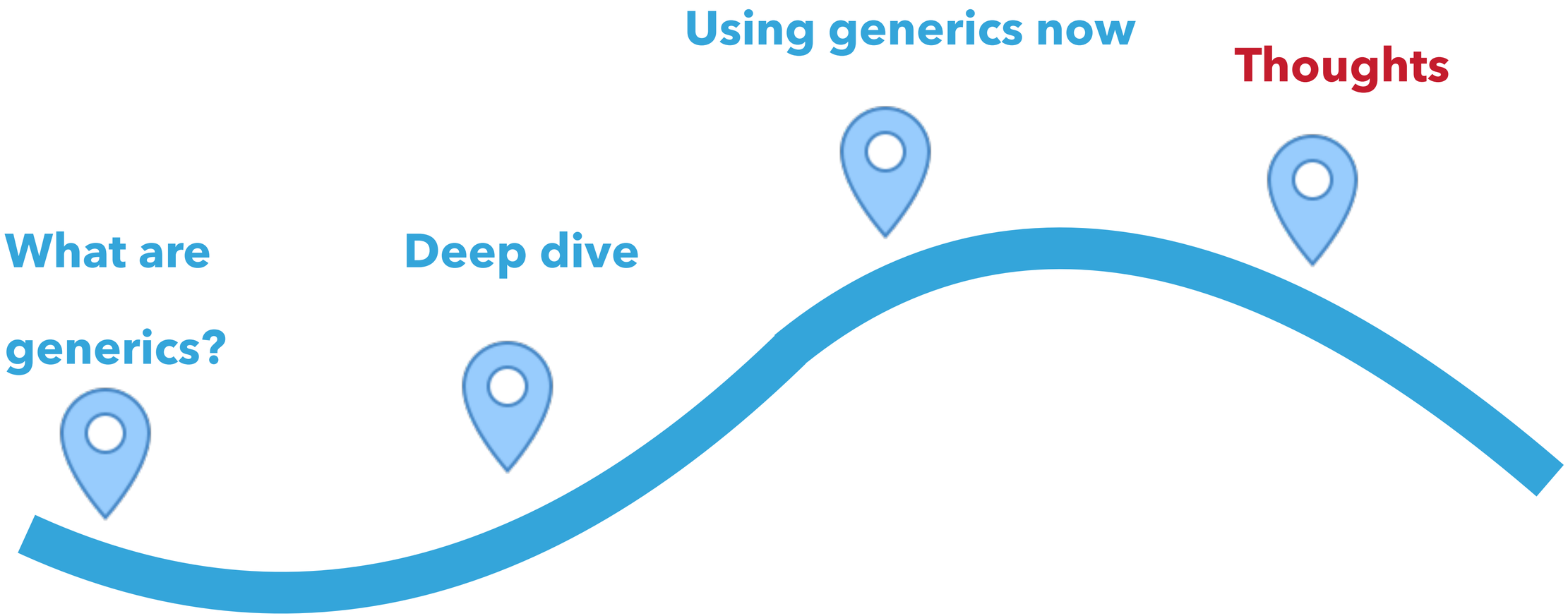

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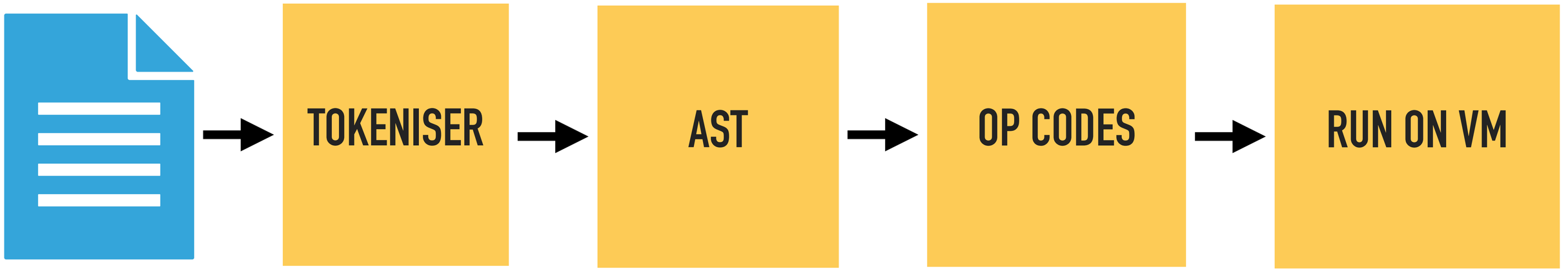

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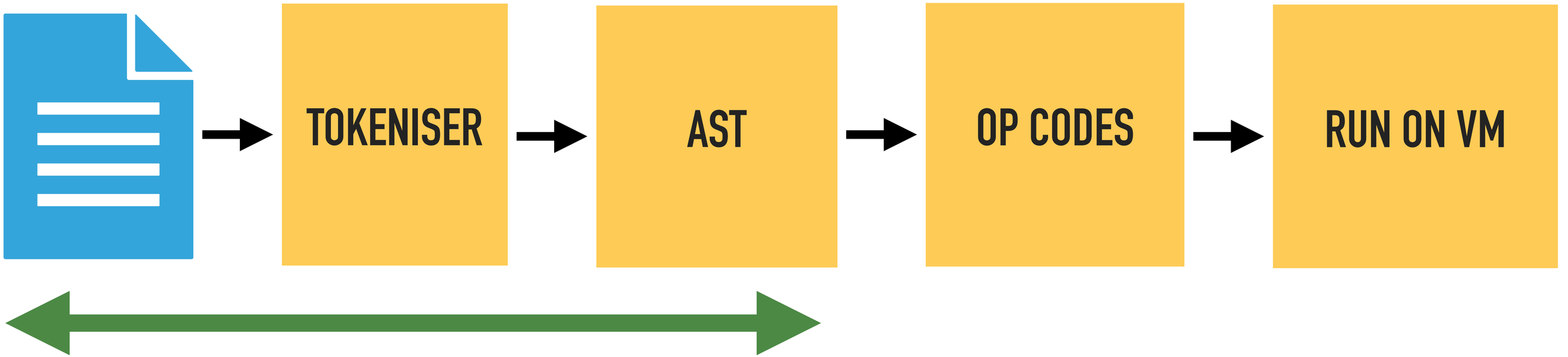

Understanding of generics

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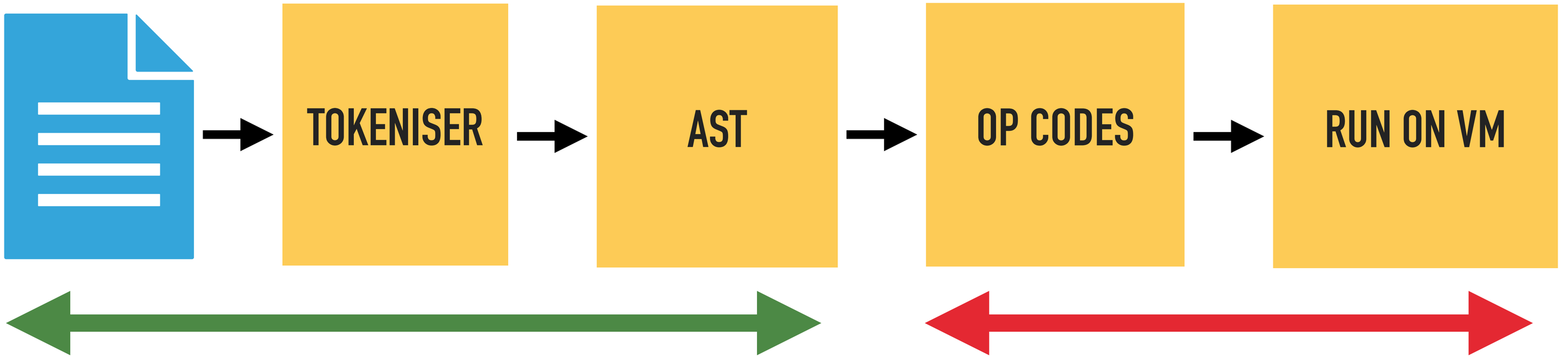

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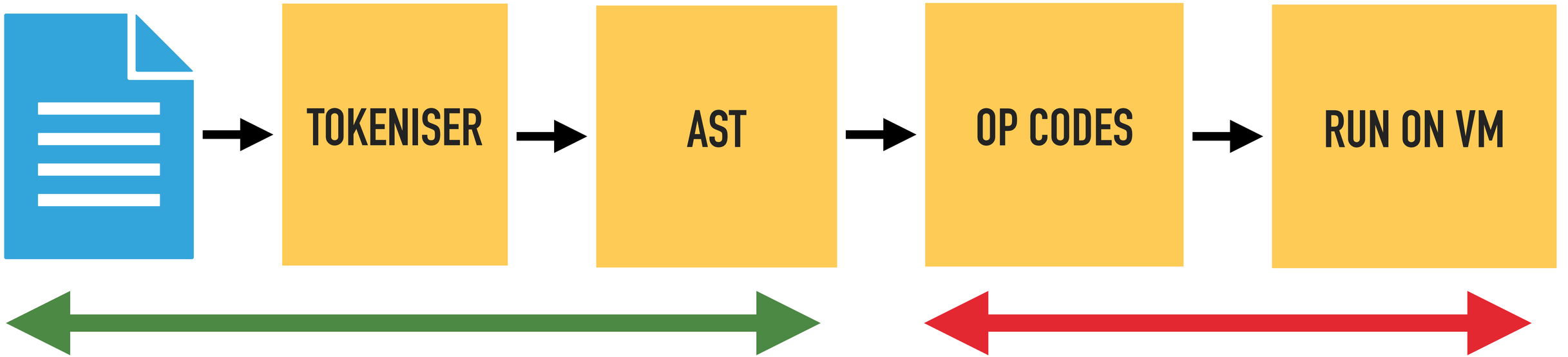

Validated by Static Analysis, not at run time.

WHAT WOULD STANDARD LOOK LIKE?

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 * @template T
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 * @return array<int,T>
 */
function asArray(
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) {
    return [$value];
}
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#[Type("array<int,T>")]
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) {
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```

https://github.com/DaveLiddament/php-generics-standard

https://www.daveliddament.co.uk/articles/php-generics-standard/

tl;dr: How about using generics in PHP attributes?

```php
#[<T>]
class Stack
{
    public function push(#[<T>] mixed $item): void
    {
    }

    public function pop(): #[<T>] mixed
    {
    }
}
```

https://pronskiy.com/blog/generics-via-attributes-in-php/

HOW ABOUT #<>

```
function getPeople(): array#<int, Person>(){
    // Some code
}
```

https://gist.github.com/DaveLiddament/40130a7a107478bf6f92fcbb0b01a2fc

```
class Queue #<T of object>
{
  private array#<int,T> $queue = [];

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class PersonRepository implements Repository#<Person> {…}
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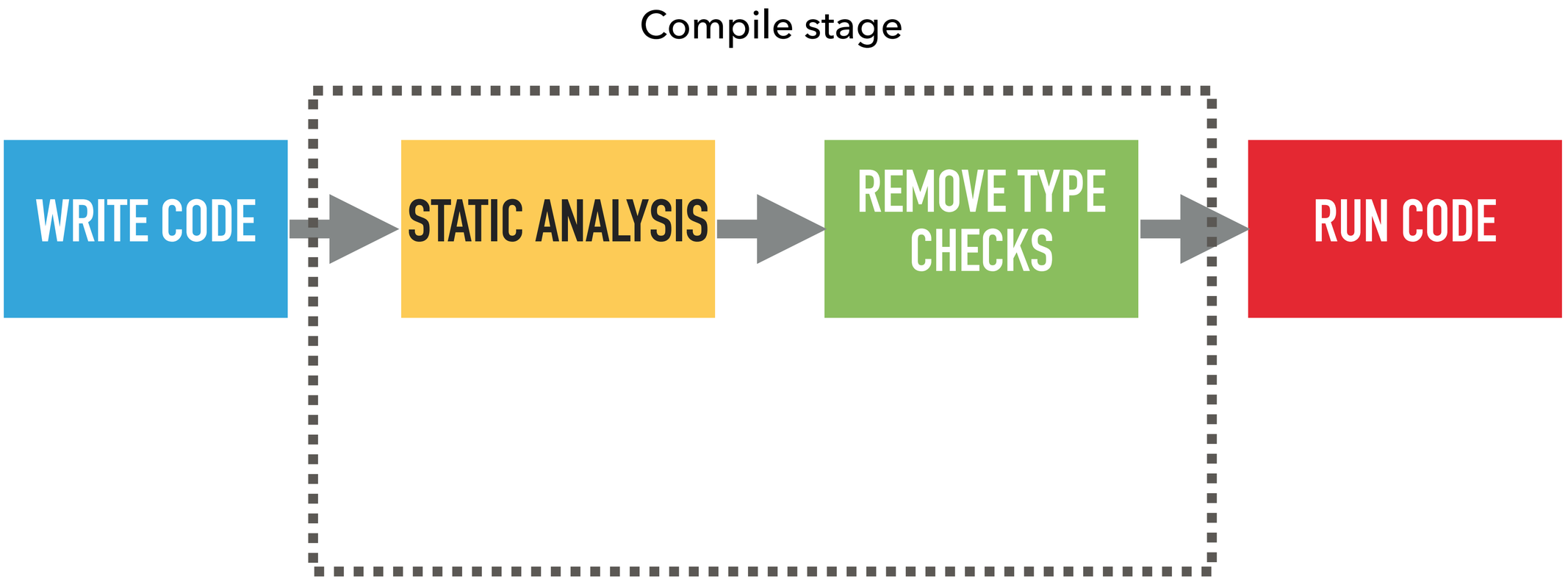

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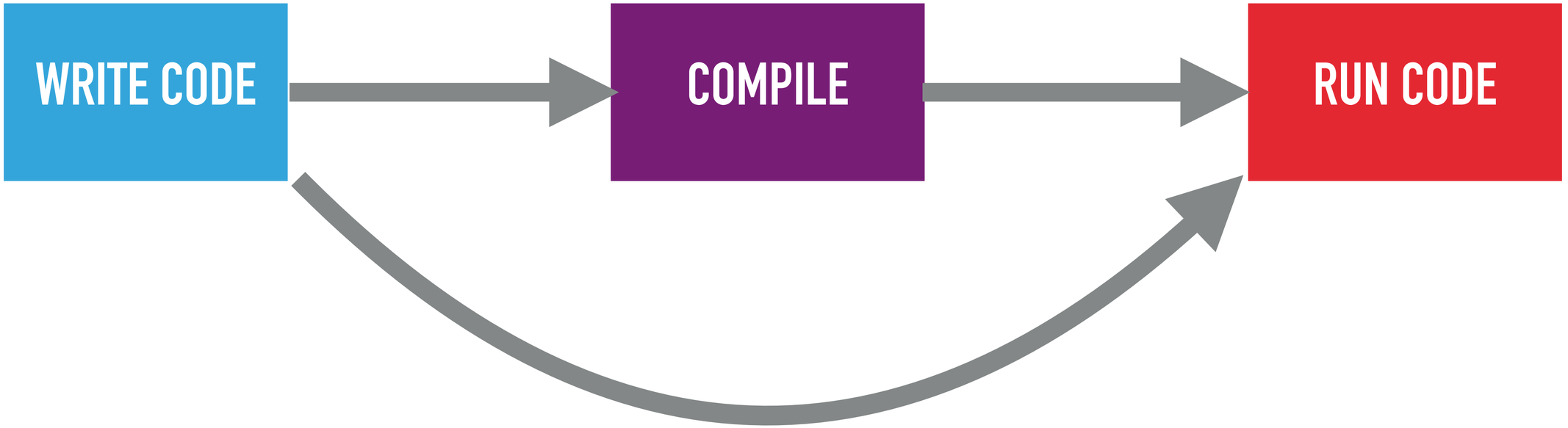

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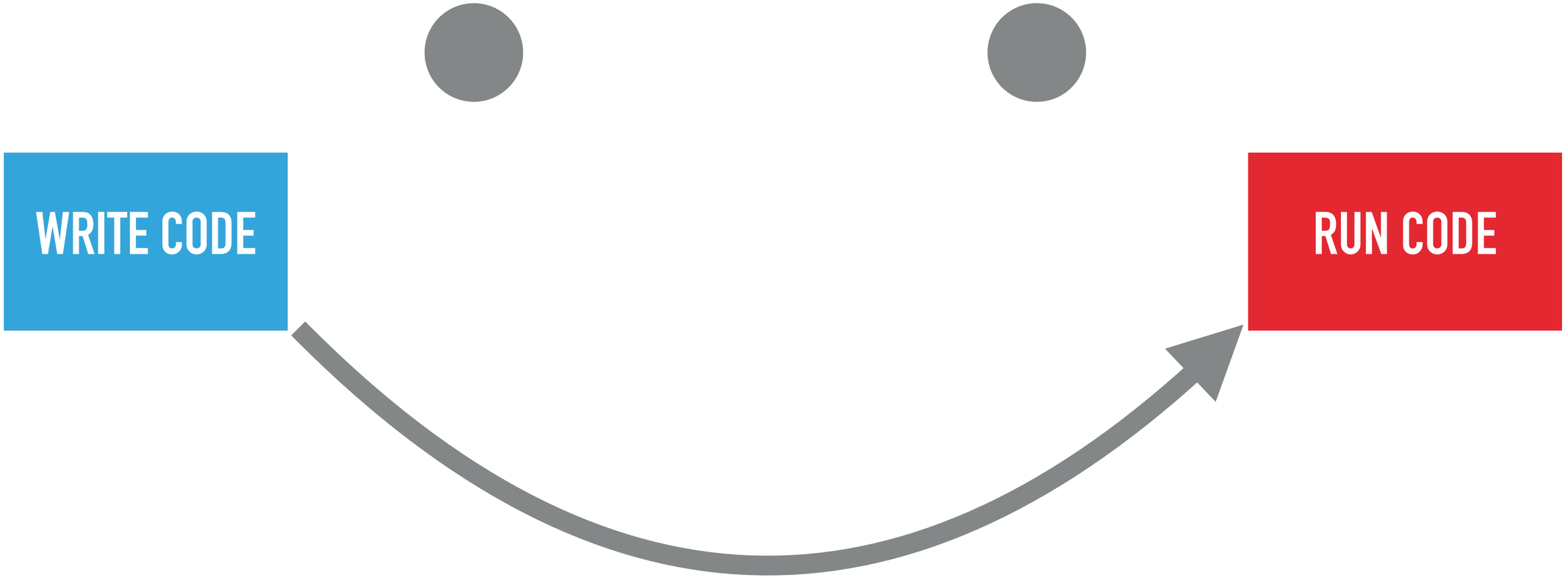

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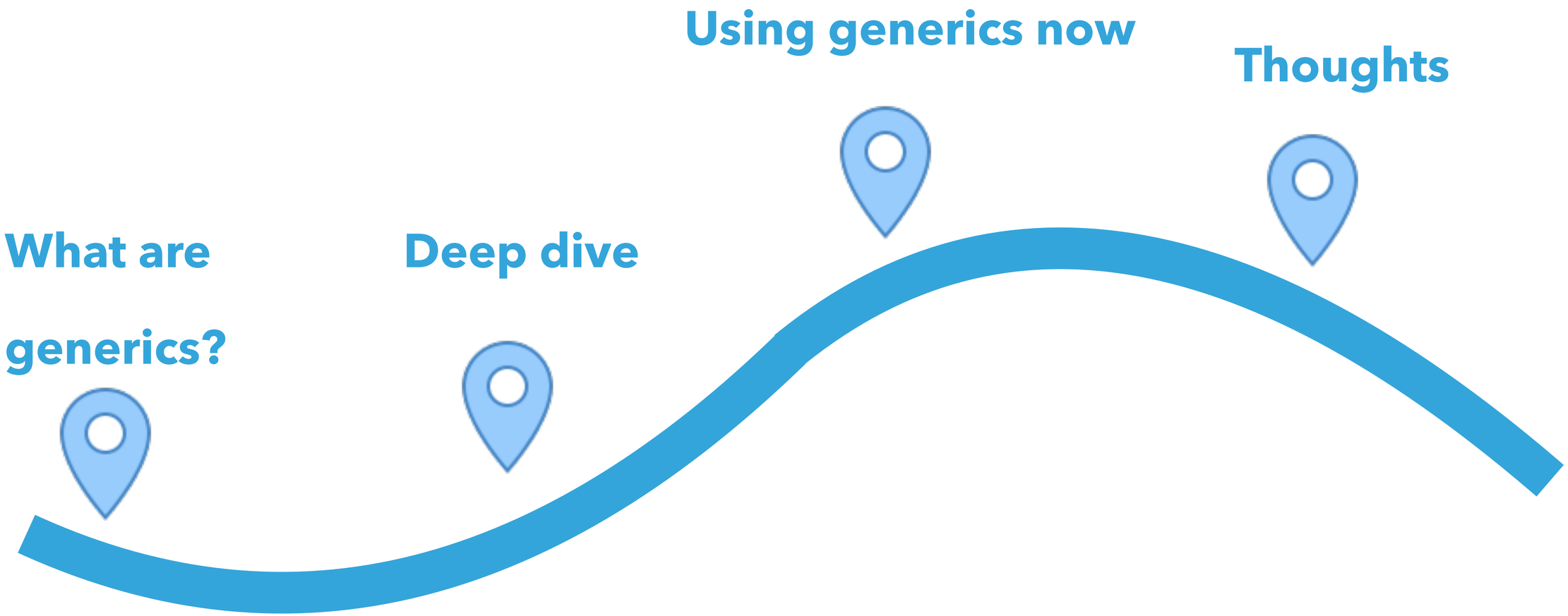
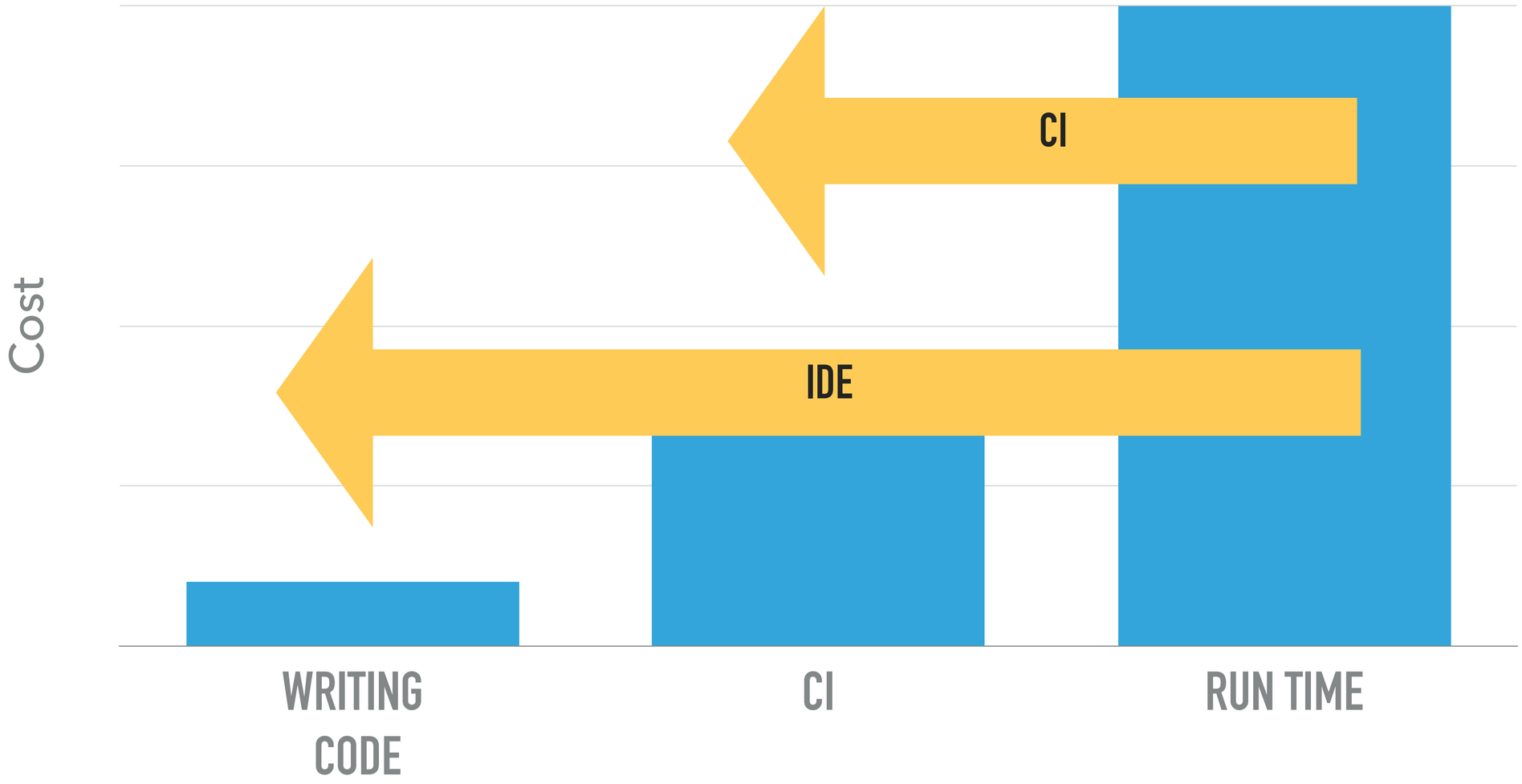


ADD CLARITY TO CODE. FIND SOME BUGS EARLIER.



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Thank you for listening

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FURTHER READING

- Slides: https://www.daveliddament.co.uk/talks/php-generics-today-almost
- Code: https://github.com/DaveLiddament/php-generics-today-almost
- Static Analysers:
  - Psalm: https://psalm.dev
  - PHPStan: https://phpstan.org
- RFC and notes:
  - https://wiki.php.net/rfc/generics
  - https://github.com/PHPGenerics/php-generics-rfc/issues/45
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