

# Practical Static Analysis

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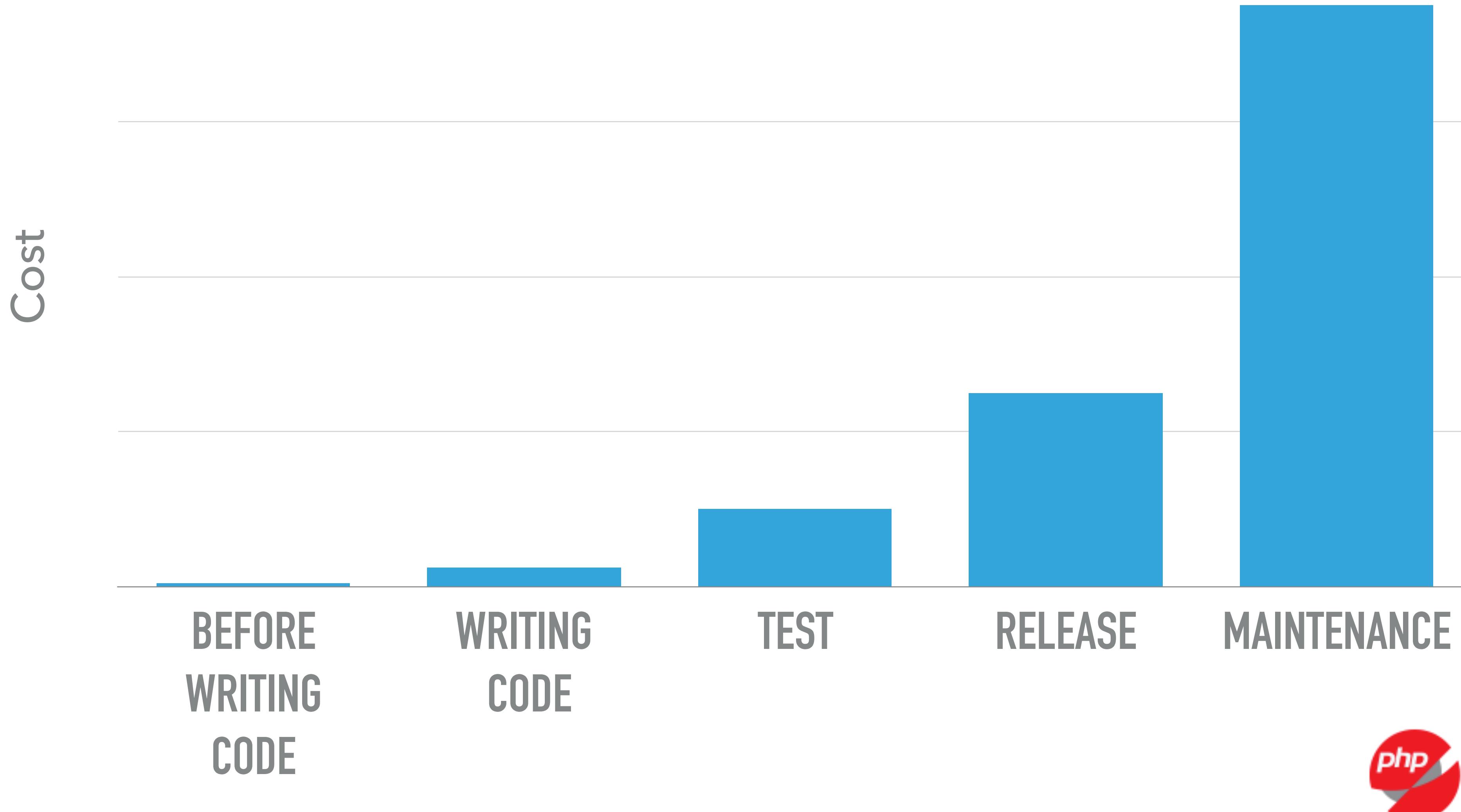
Профессиональная  
конференция для  
php-разработчиков



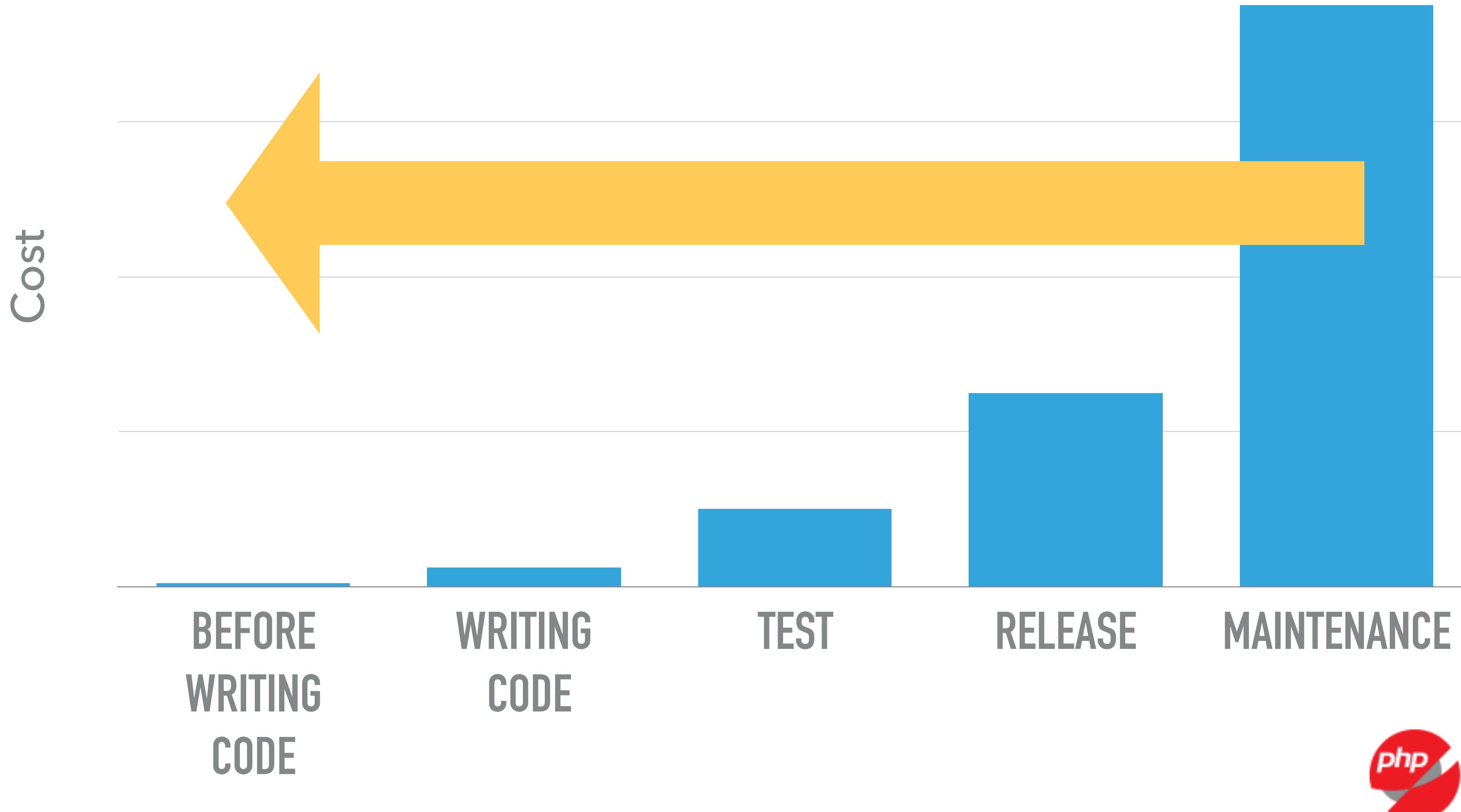
**APPROPRIATE APPLICATION OF STATIC ANALYSIS  
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## STATIC ANALYSIS FOR SYMFONY PROJECTS

- ▶ Twig lint: `console lint:twig <dir containing twig templates>`
- ▶ Yaml lint: `console lint:yaml <dir containing yaml config>`
- ▶ Doctrine : `console doctrine:schema:validate`

## COMPOSER SCRIPTS

```
scripts: {  
    "ci" : [  
        "@composer validate --strict",  
        "parallel-lint src tests",  
        ... other checks ...  
    ]  
}
```

## RUNNING A COMPOSER SCRIPT

```
composer run-script ci
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```
scripts: {  
    "cs-fix" : "php-cs-fixer fix -v"  
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```

# CI SERVER



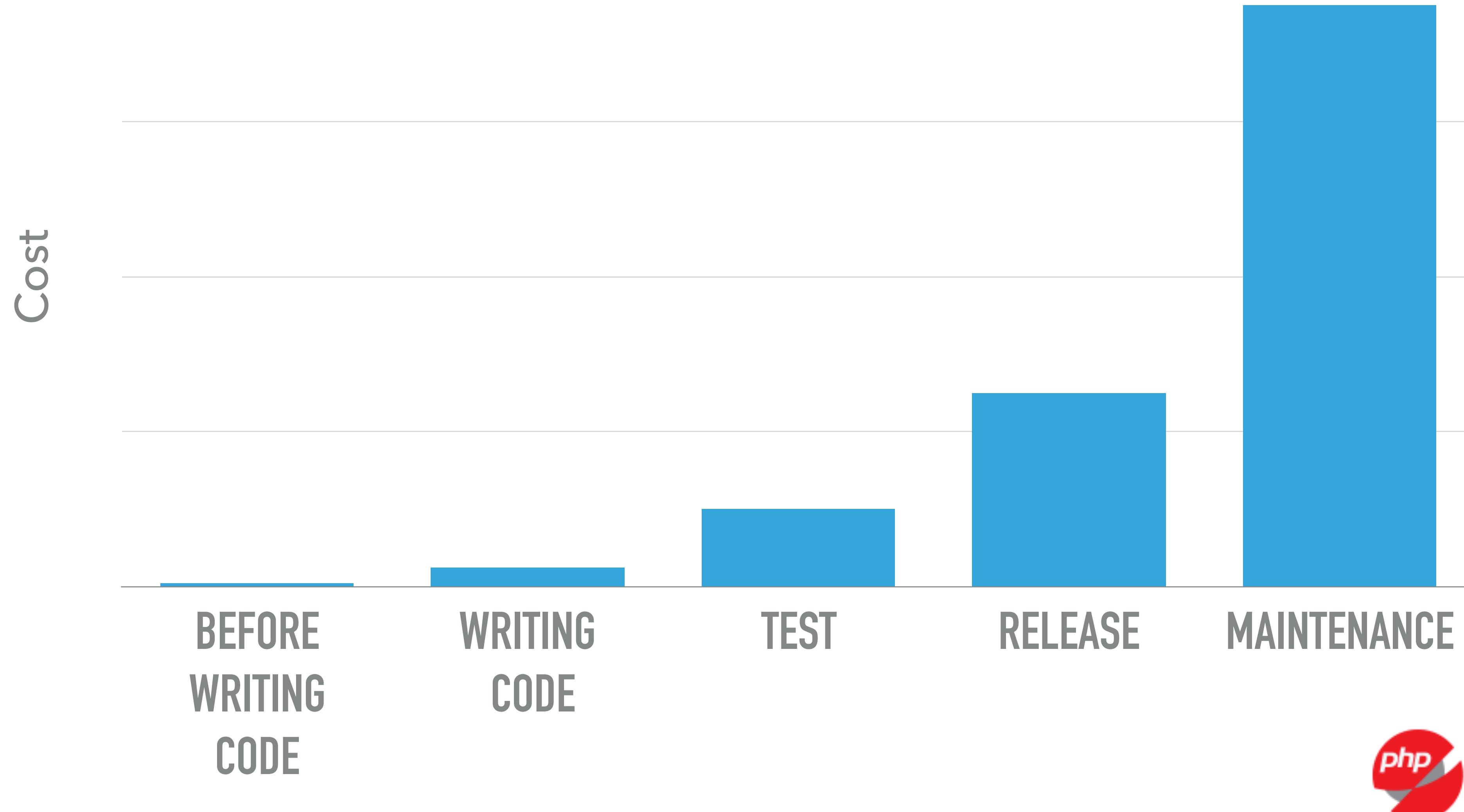
circleci

```
version: 2
jobs:
  build:
    docker:
      - image: circleci/php:7.2-apache-stretch-node-browsers
    steps:
      - checkout
      - restore_cache:
          keys:
            - v1-dependencies-{{ checksum "composer.lock" }}
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      - run: composer install -n --prefer-dist --no-scripts
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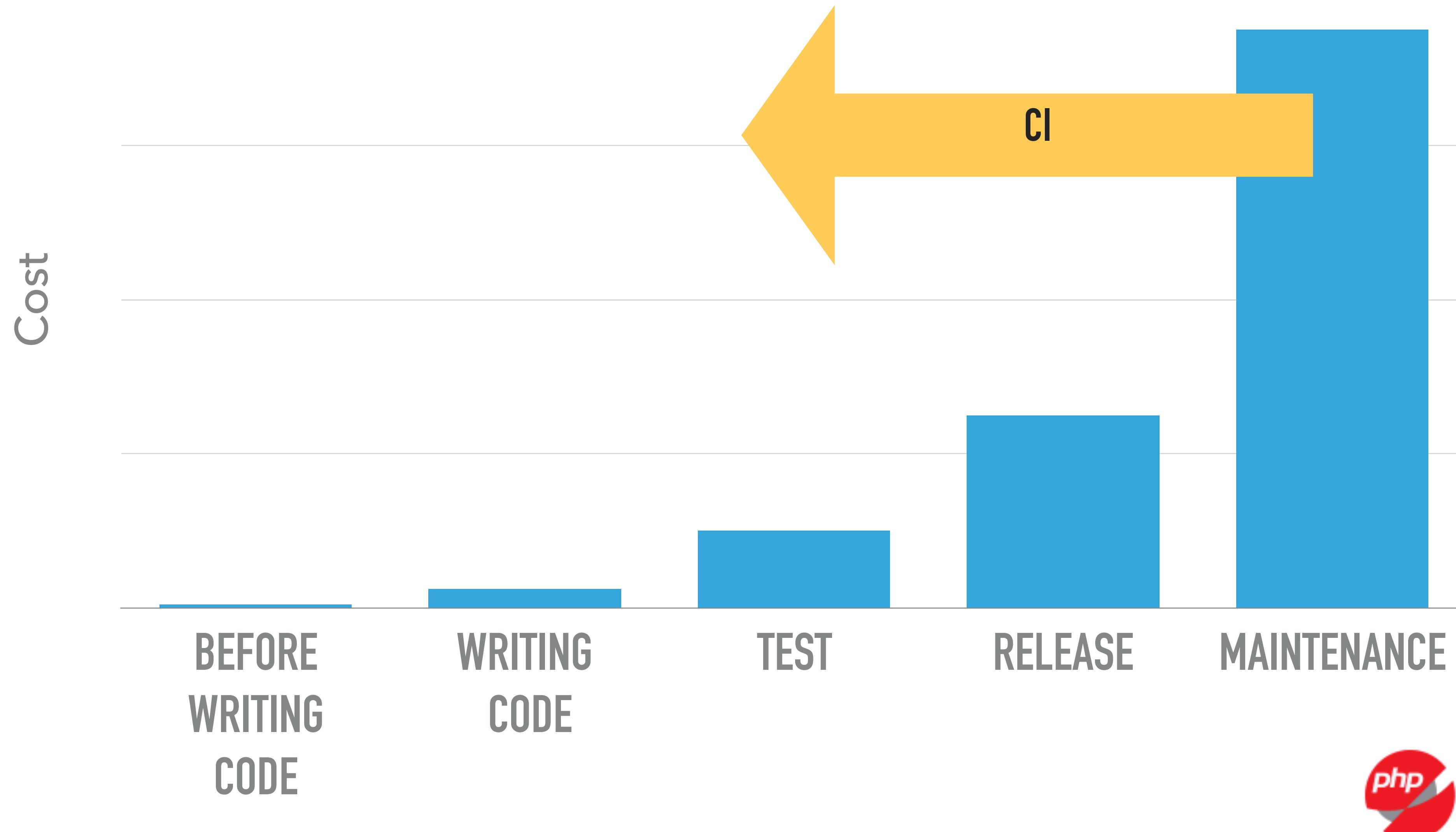
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# REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL TIME STATIC ANALYSIS TOOL (IDE)

- ▶ Understand entire codebase
- ▶ Highlight errors in real time
- ▶ Suggest / autocomplete based on context
- ▶ Refactoring (e.g. rename, move, extract)

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}

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- `m & getFullDetails()` `string`
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- `m & isMatch(location : \DaveLi..` `bool`
- `m & getType()` `string`

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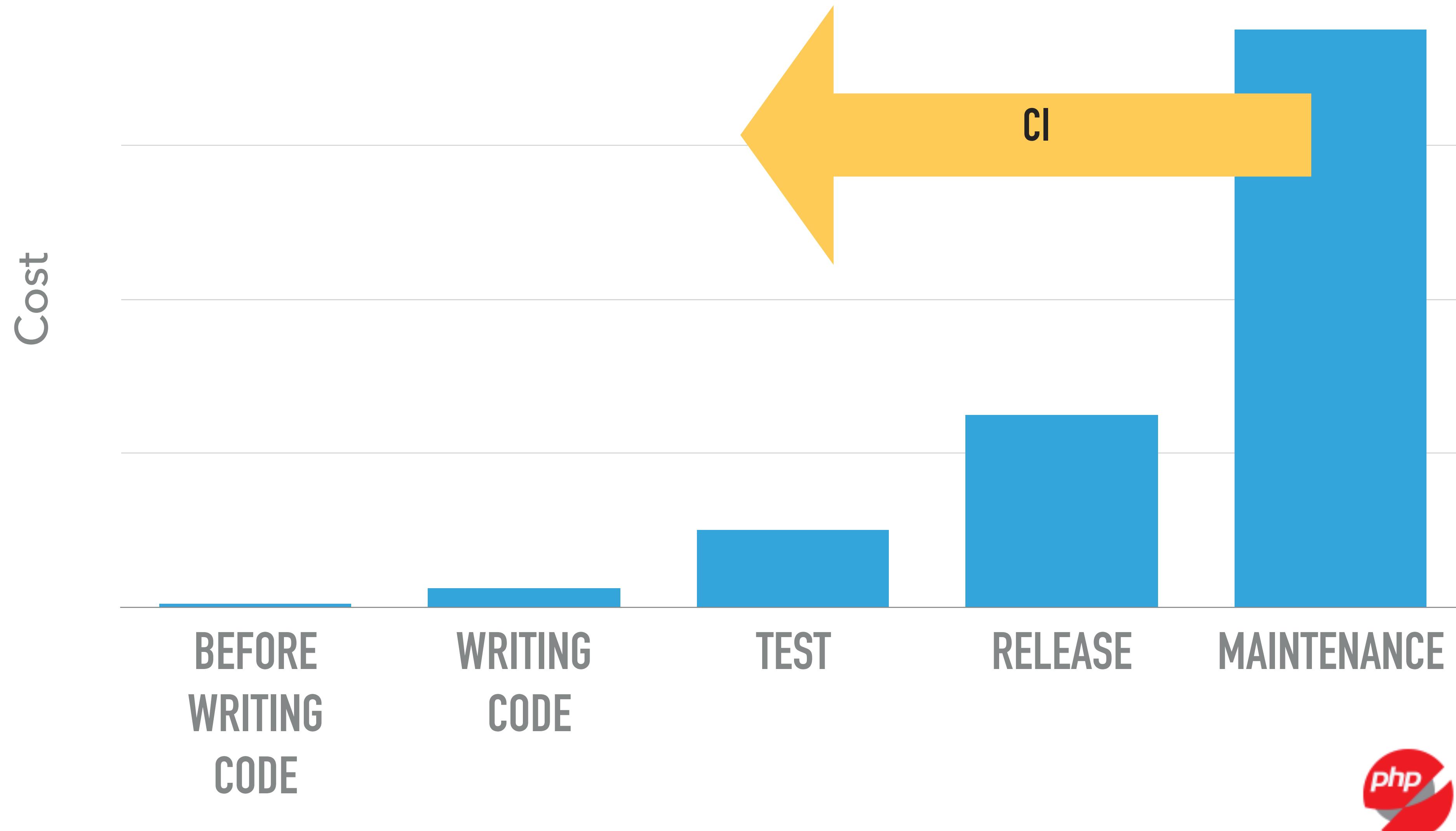
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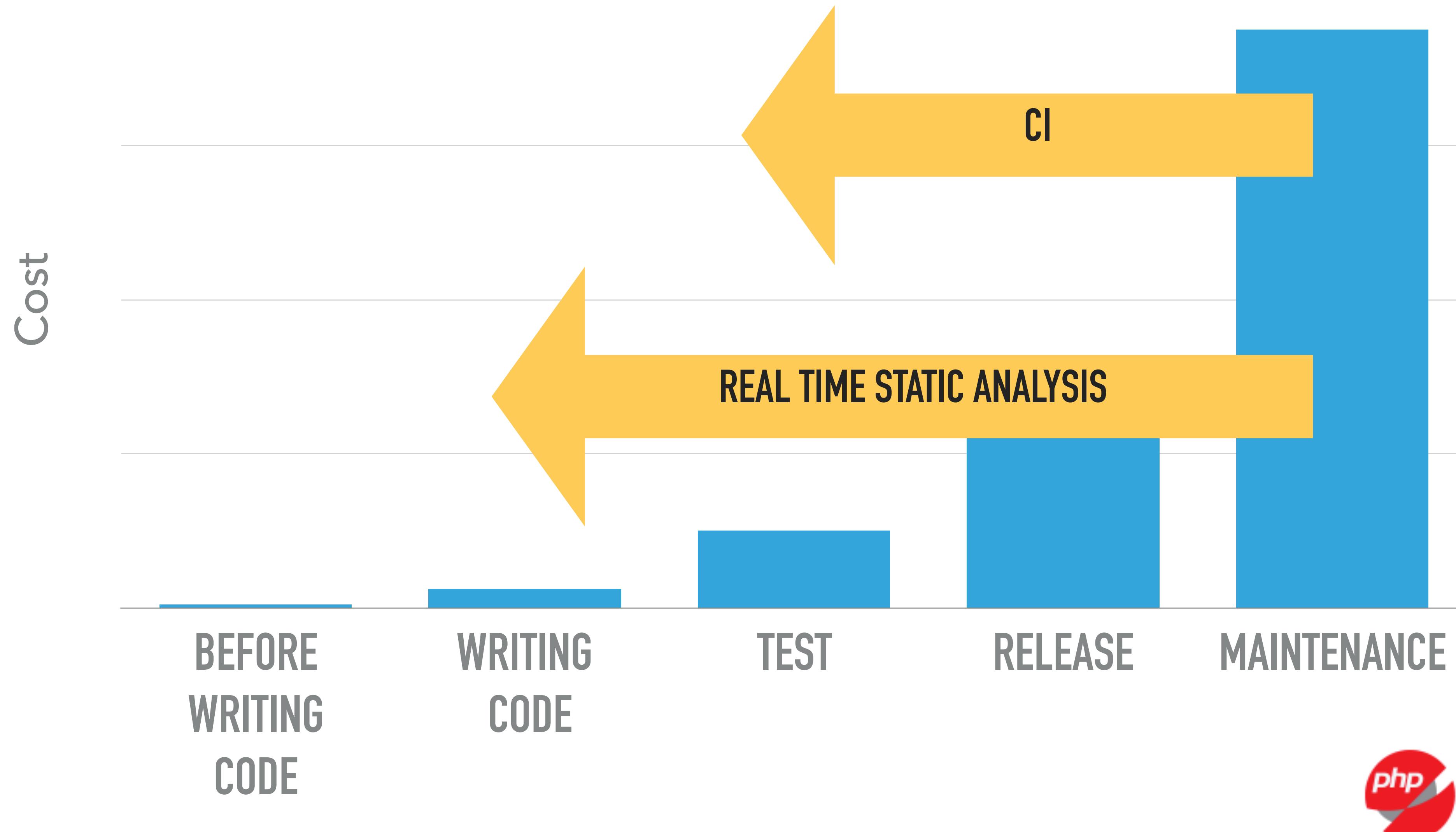
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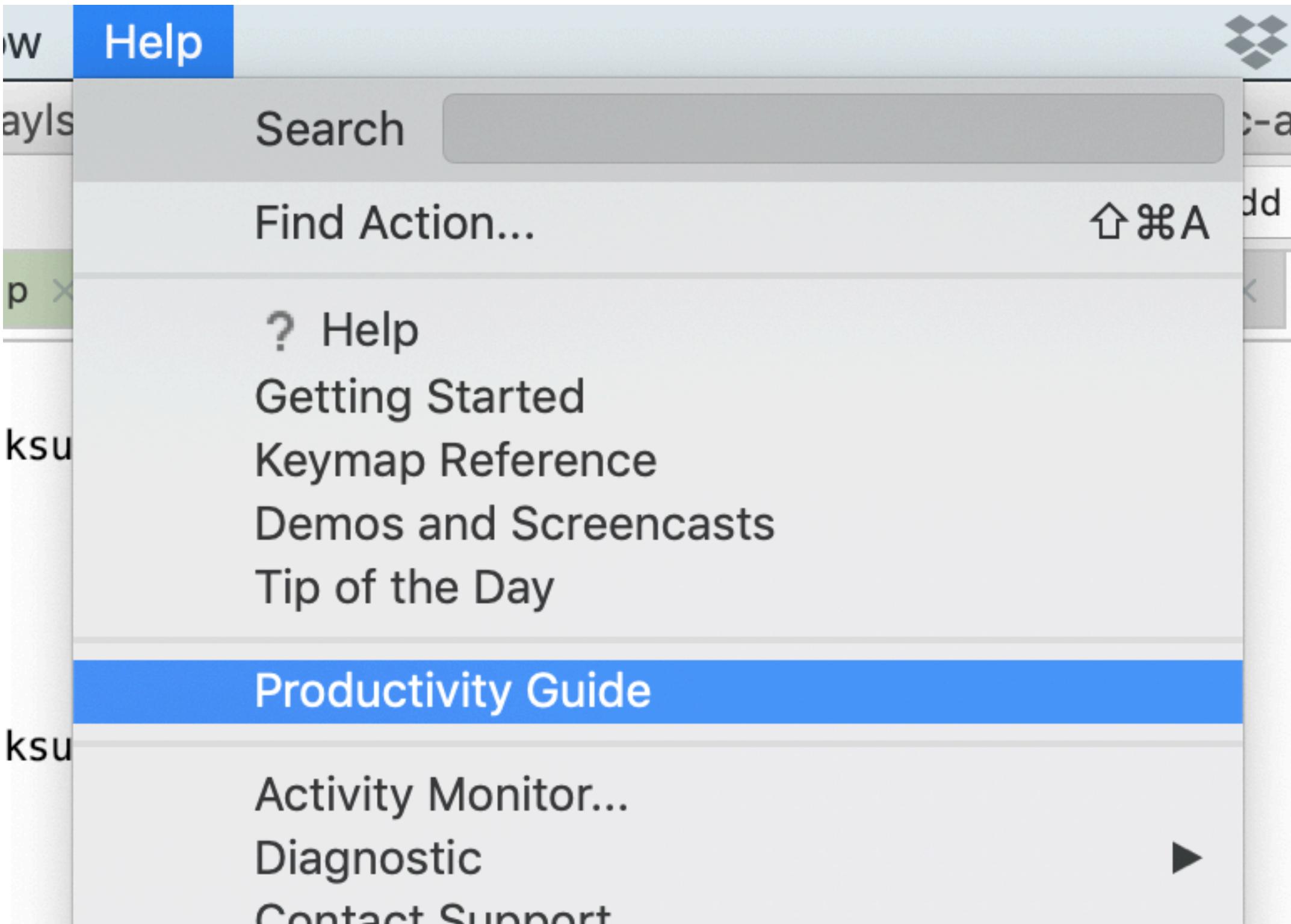
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- ▶ Phan: <https://github.com/phan/phan>
- ▶ PHPStan <https://github.com/phpstan/phpstan>

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```
1 <?php
2
3 function foo(string $s) : void {
4     return "bar";
5 }
6
7 $a = ["hello", 5];
8 foo($a[1]);
9 foo();
10
11 if (rand(0, 1)) $b = 5;
12 echo $b;
13
14 $c = rand(0, 5);
15 if ($c) {} elseif ($c) {}
16
```

Psalm output (using commit add7c14):

ERROR: InvalidReturnStatement - 4:5 - No return values are expected for foo

INFO: UnusedParam - 3:21 - Param \$s is never referenced in this method

ERROR: InvalidReturnType - 3:27 - The declared return type 'void' for foo is incorrect, got 'string'

↗ Shrink

🔗 Get link

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	Least strict	Strictest
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PHPStan	0	7

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- ▶ In addition to normal annotations:
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  - ▶ `@psalm-var`, `@psalm-param`, `@psalm-return`
- ▶ In Phan:
  - ▶ `@phan-var`, `@phan-param`, `@phan-return`

## COMMON CONCEPTS: IGNORE VIOLATIONS

- ▶ Set level
- ▶ Annotate code:
  - ▶ `@psalm-suppress <Issue>`
- ▶ Config:
  - ▶ Ignore directory
  - ▶ Turn off errors
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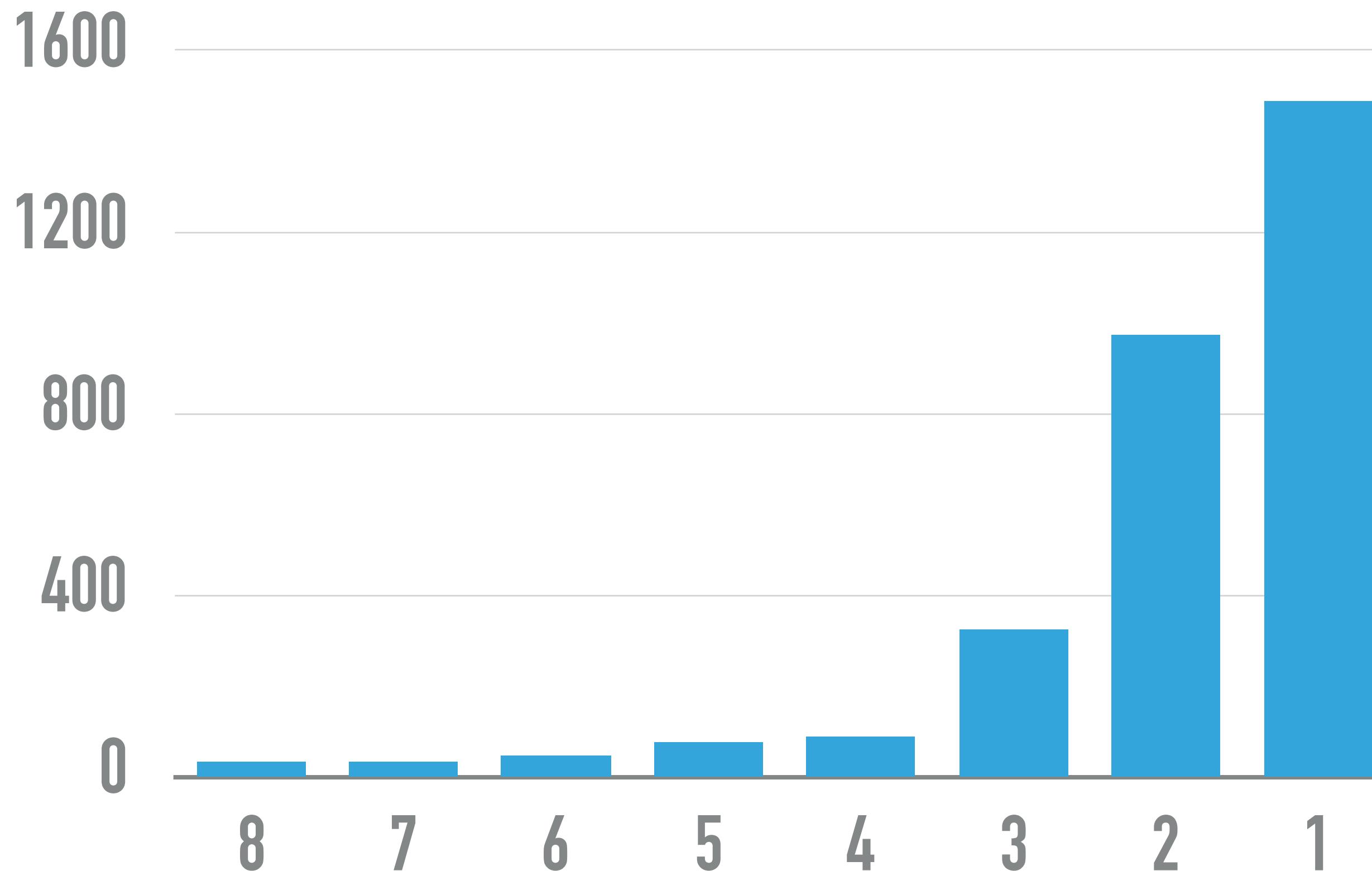
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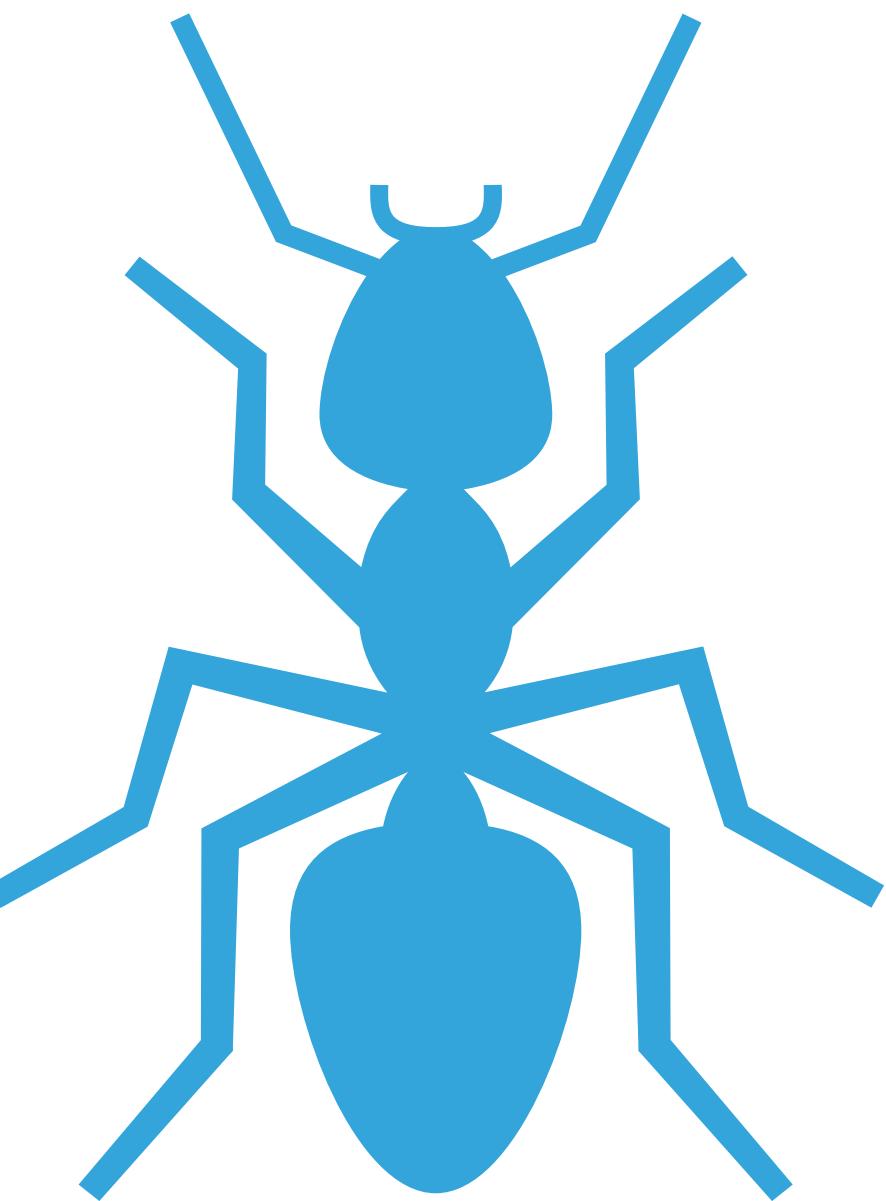
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- ▶ `Cry.`

# RESULTS

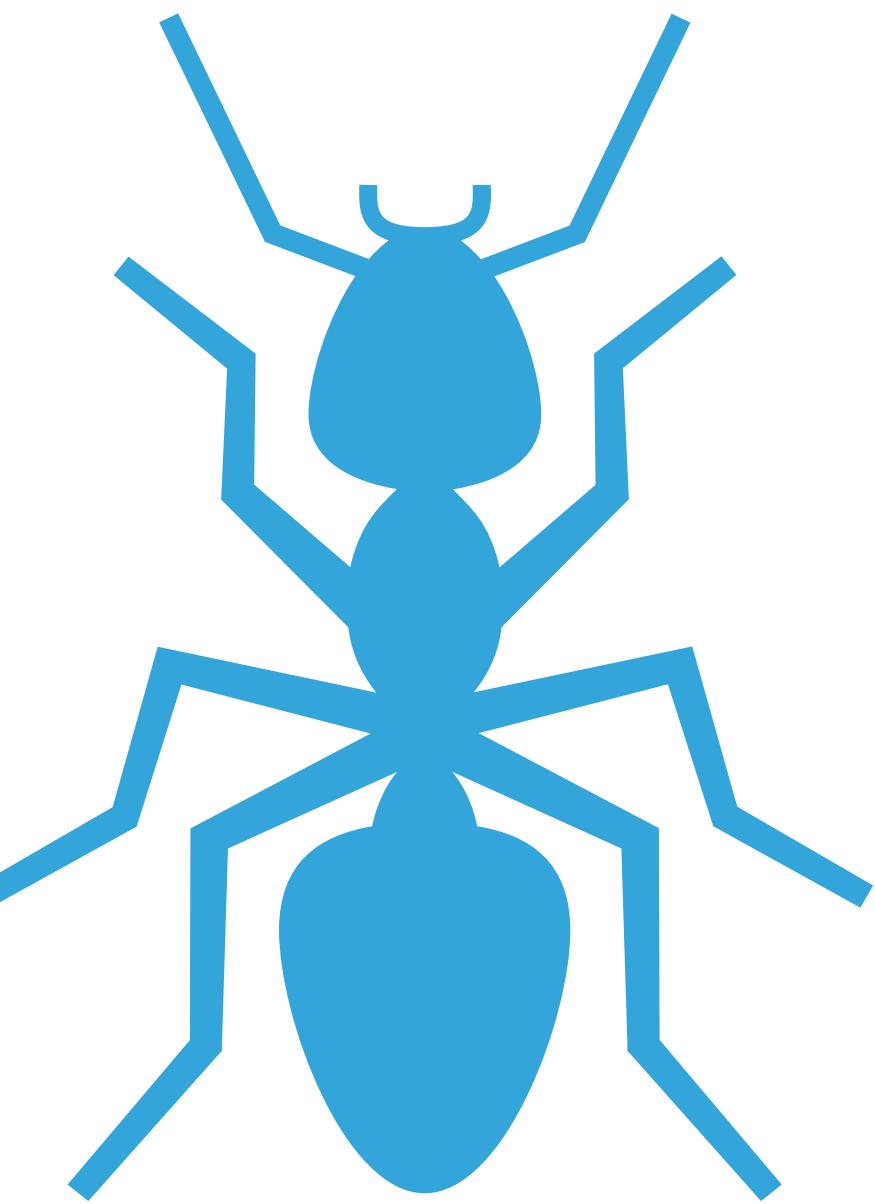


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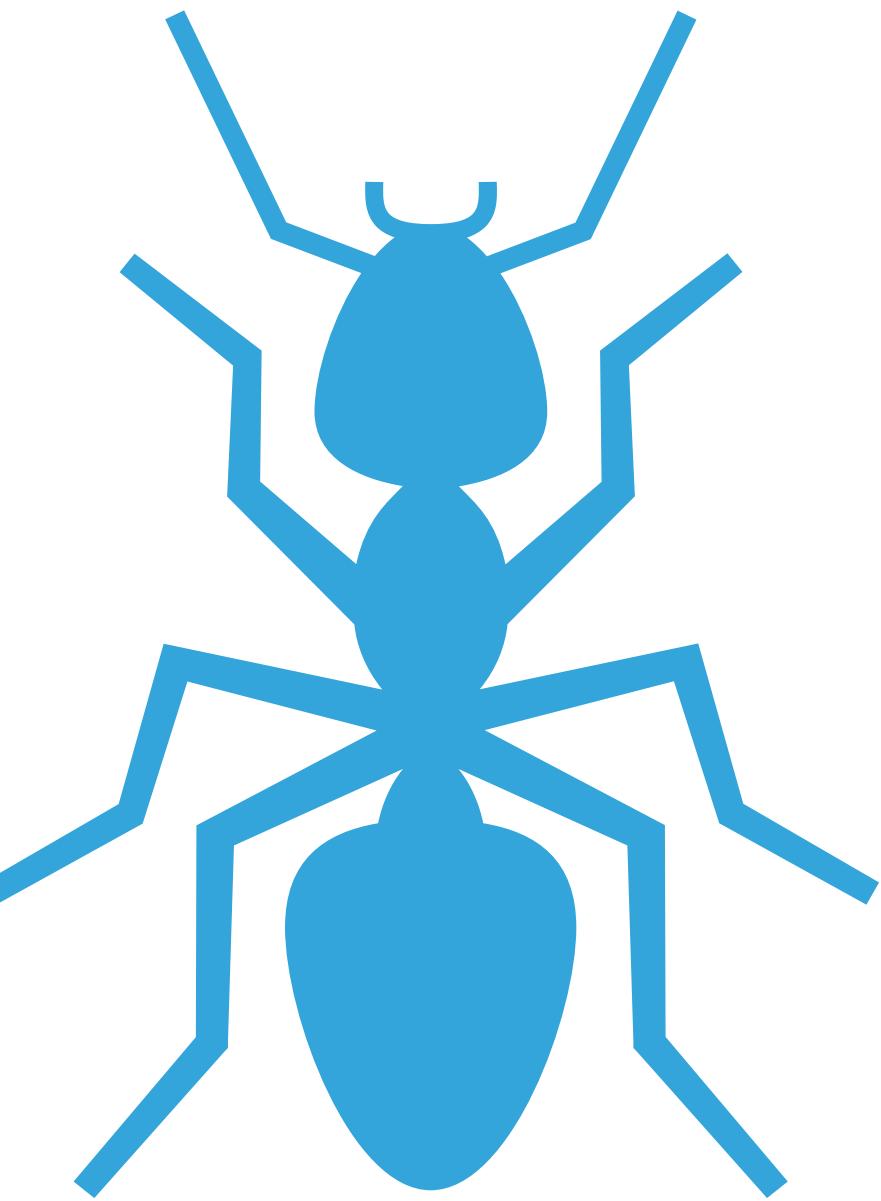
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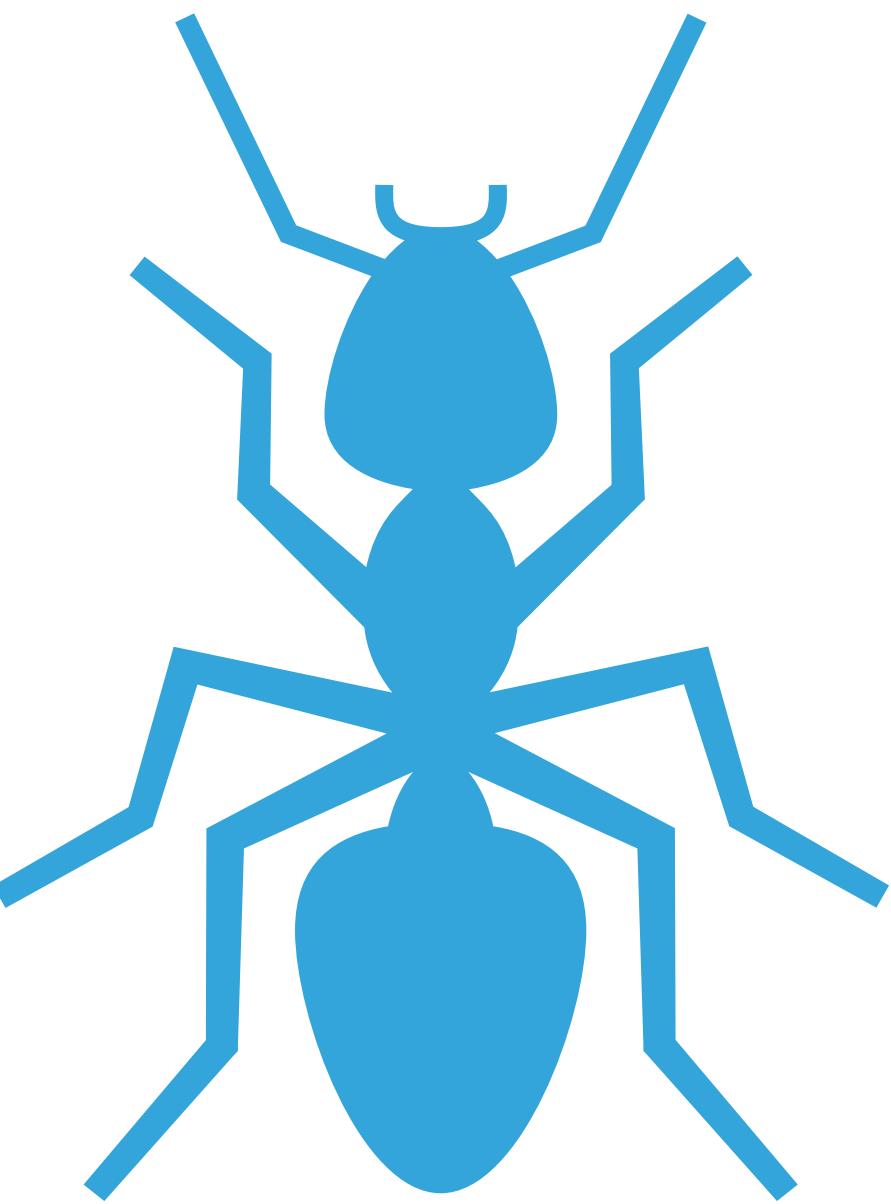
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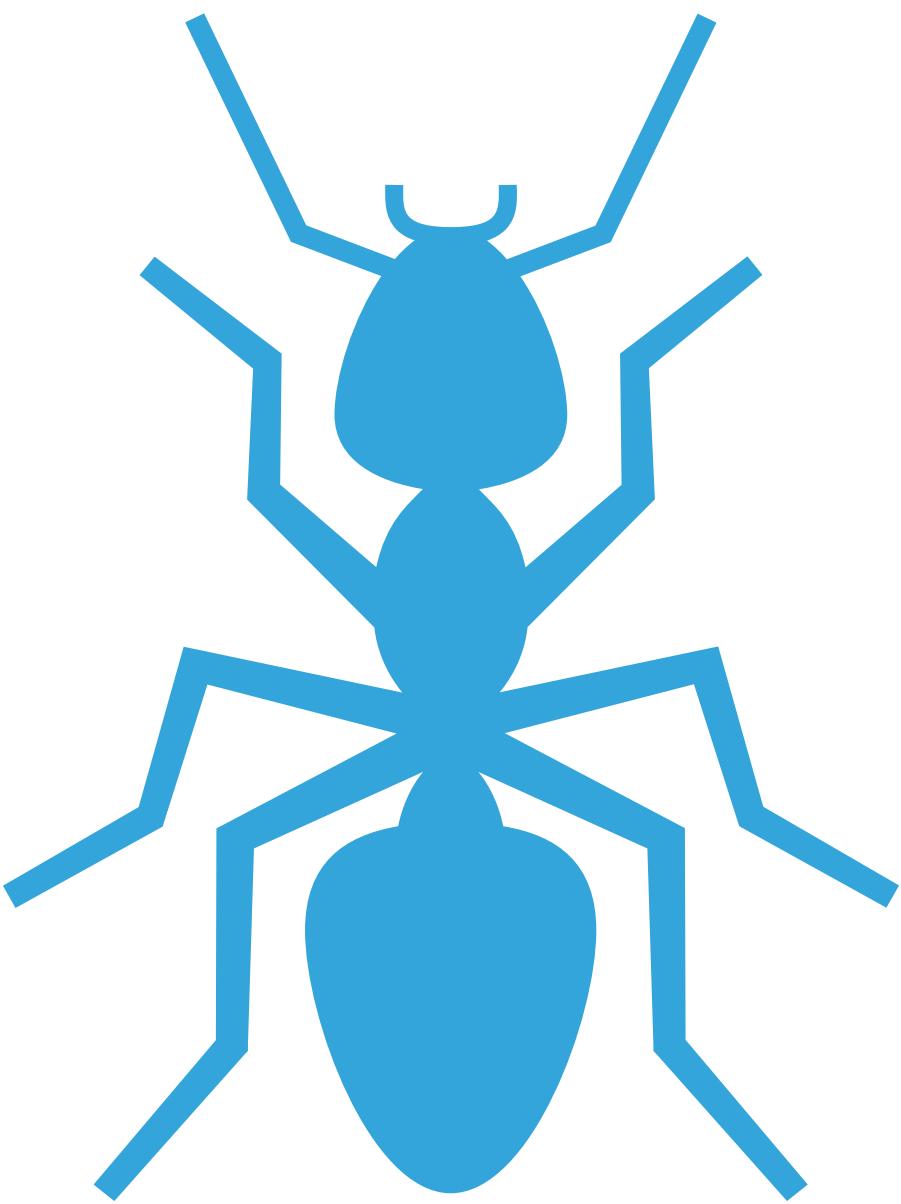


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## THIS IS A BUG

```
function process(User $user) {  
    // some implementation  
}  
  
$a = 1;  
process($a);
```

## THESE ARE DEFERRED BUGS...

```
function getPrice(string $type): int {  
    if ($type === "CHILD") {  
        $price = 10;  
    }  
    if ($type === "ADULT") {  
        $price = 20;  
    }  
    return $price;  
}
```

# Are “deferred bugs” really bugs?

**Are “deferred bugs” really  
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**Probably quicker to fix than to risk it.**



# Evolvability Defect

@daveliddament

CODE THAT MAKES CODE BASE LESS  
COMPLIANT WITH STANDARDS, MORE ERROR  
PRONE, OR MORE DIFFICULT TO MODIFY, EXTEND  
OR UNDERSTAND.

Evolvability Defect

## EVOLVABILITY IS IMPORTANT

- ▶ Evolvability defects account for 80% of bugs found during code review [1, 2]
- ▶ Low evolvability costs money:
  - ▶ New features took 28% longer to implement [3]
  - ▶ Fixing bugs took 36% longer [3]

## AN EVOLVABILITY DEFECT

```
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 * @param $person  
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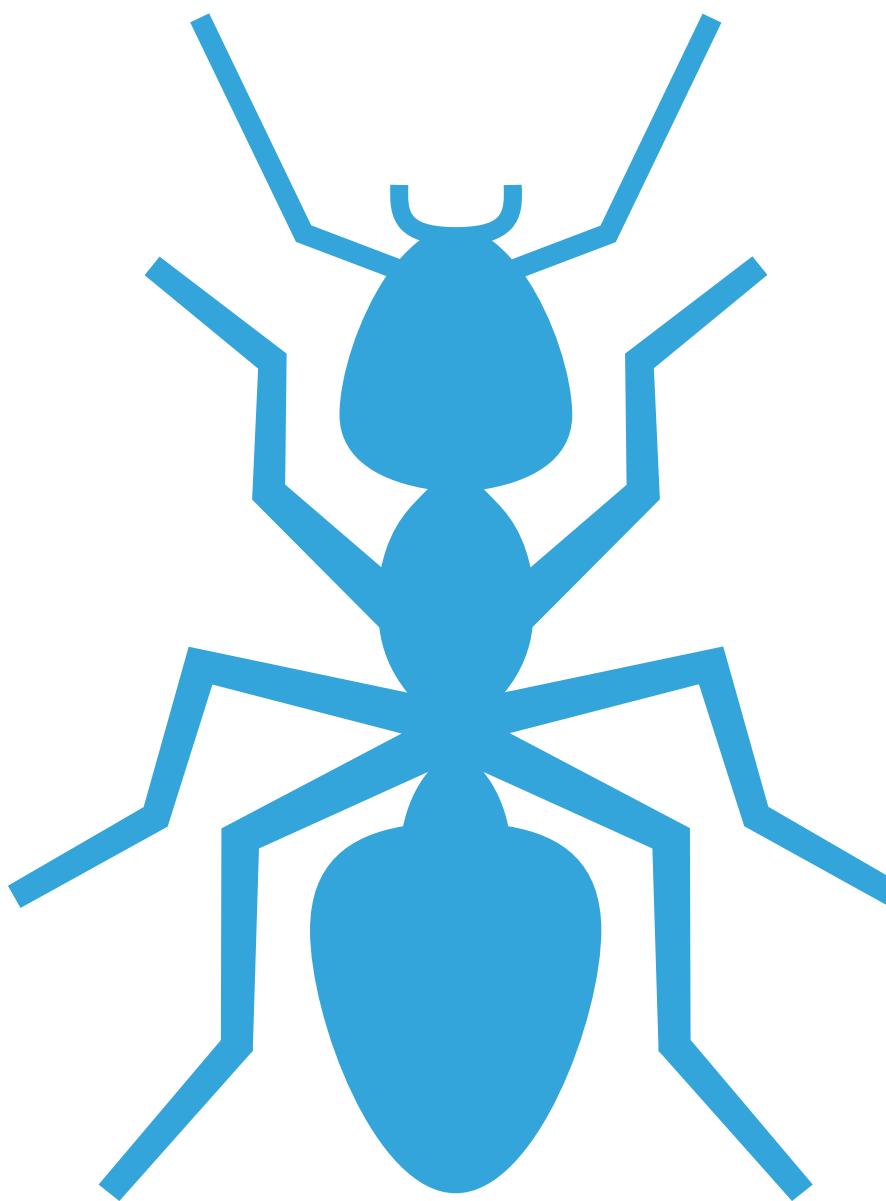
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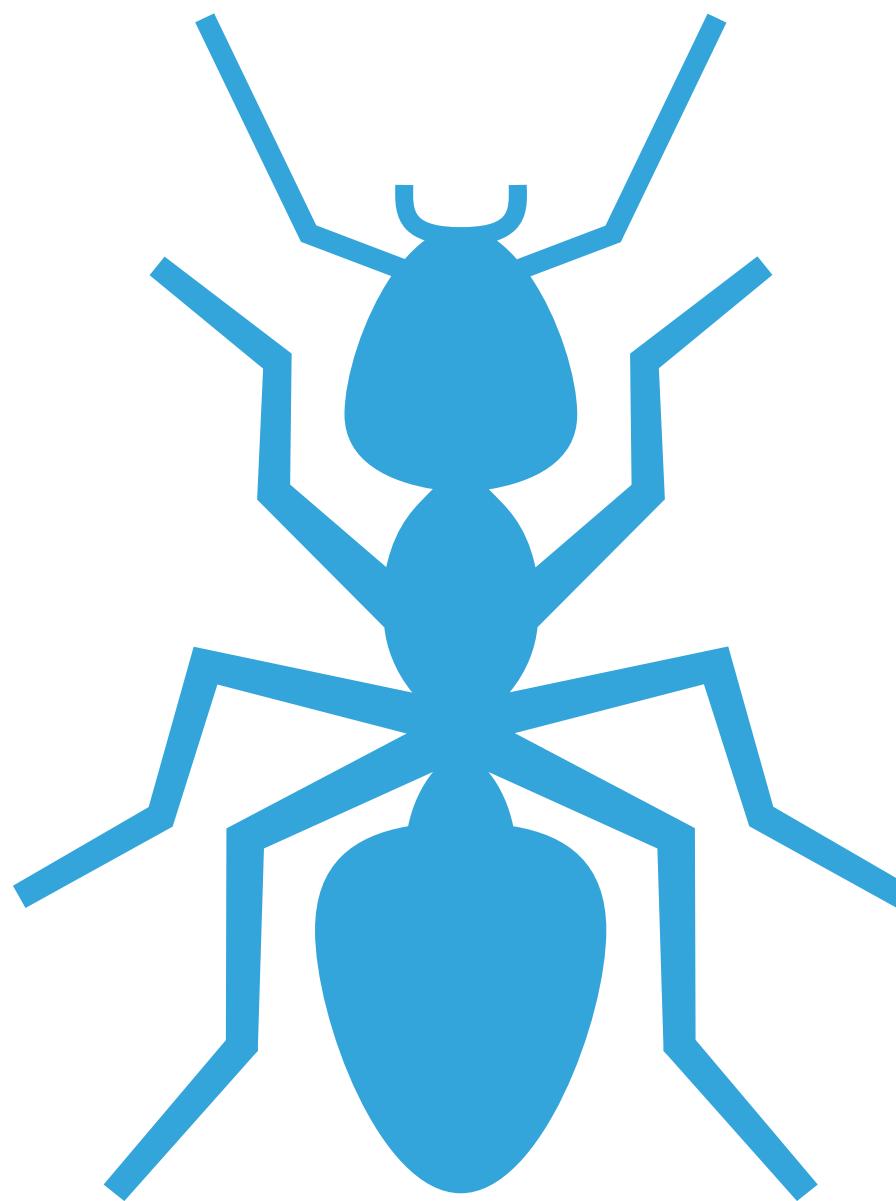
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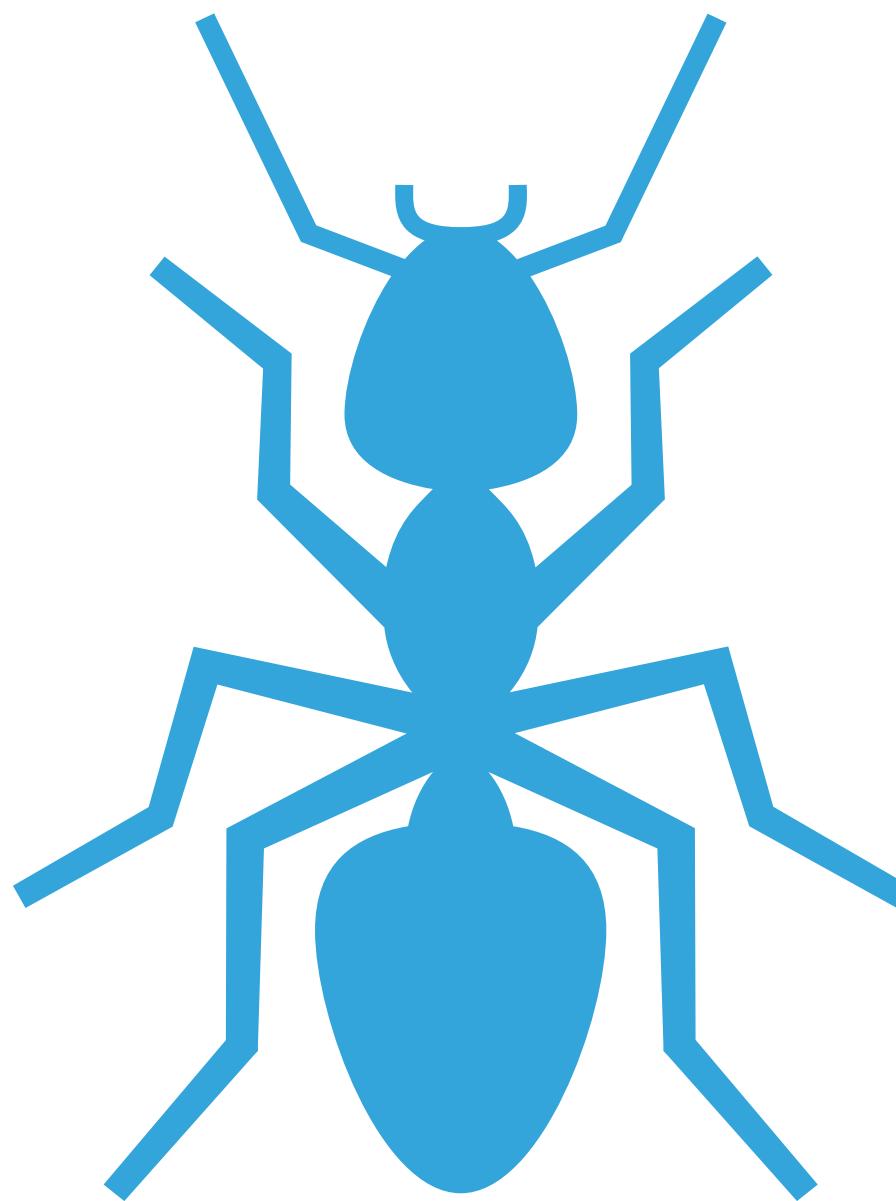
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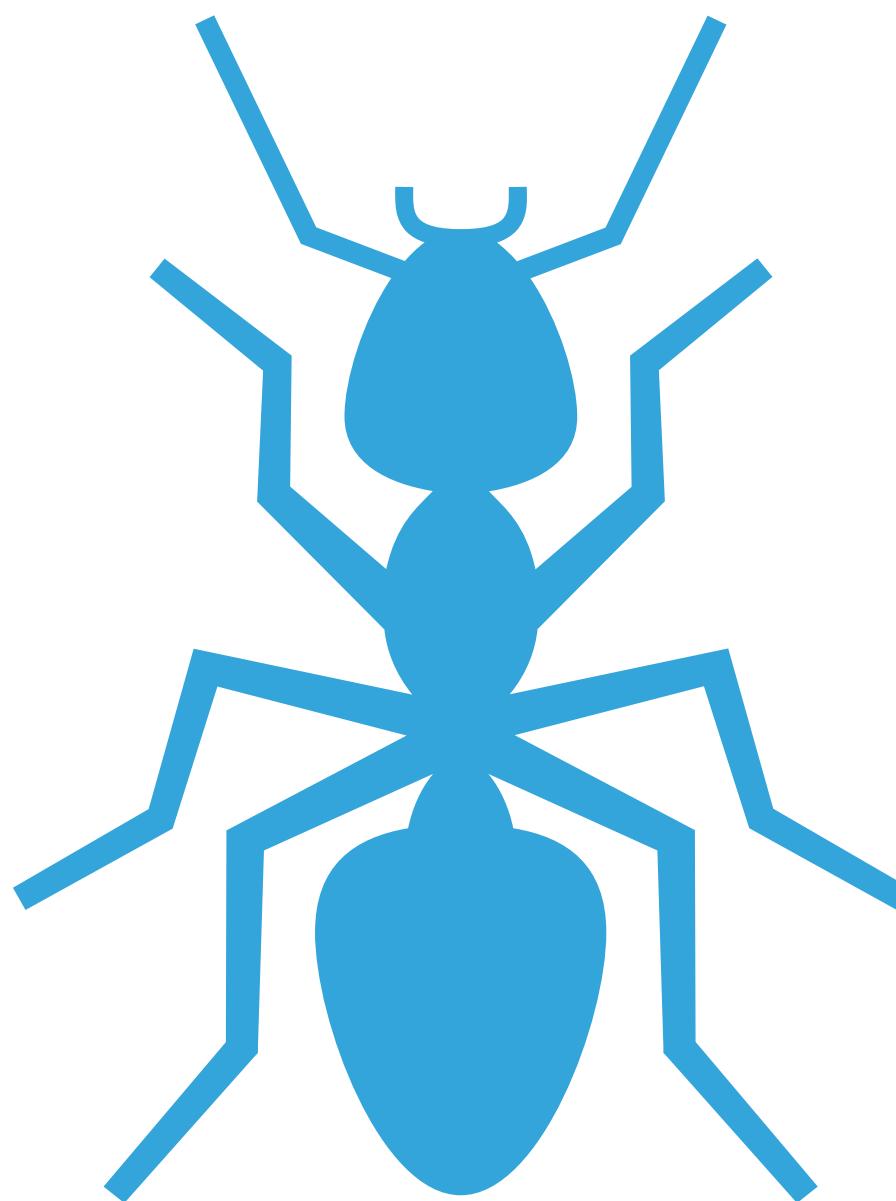
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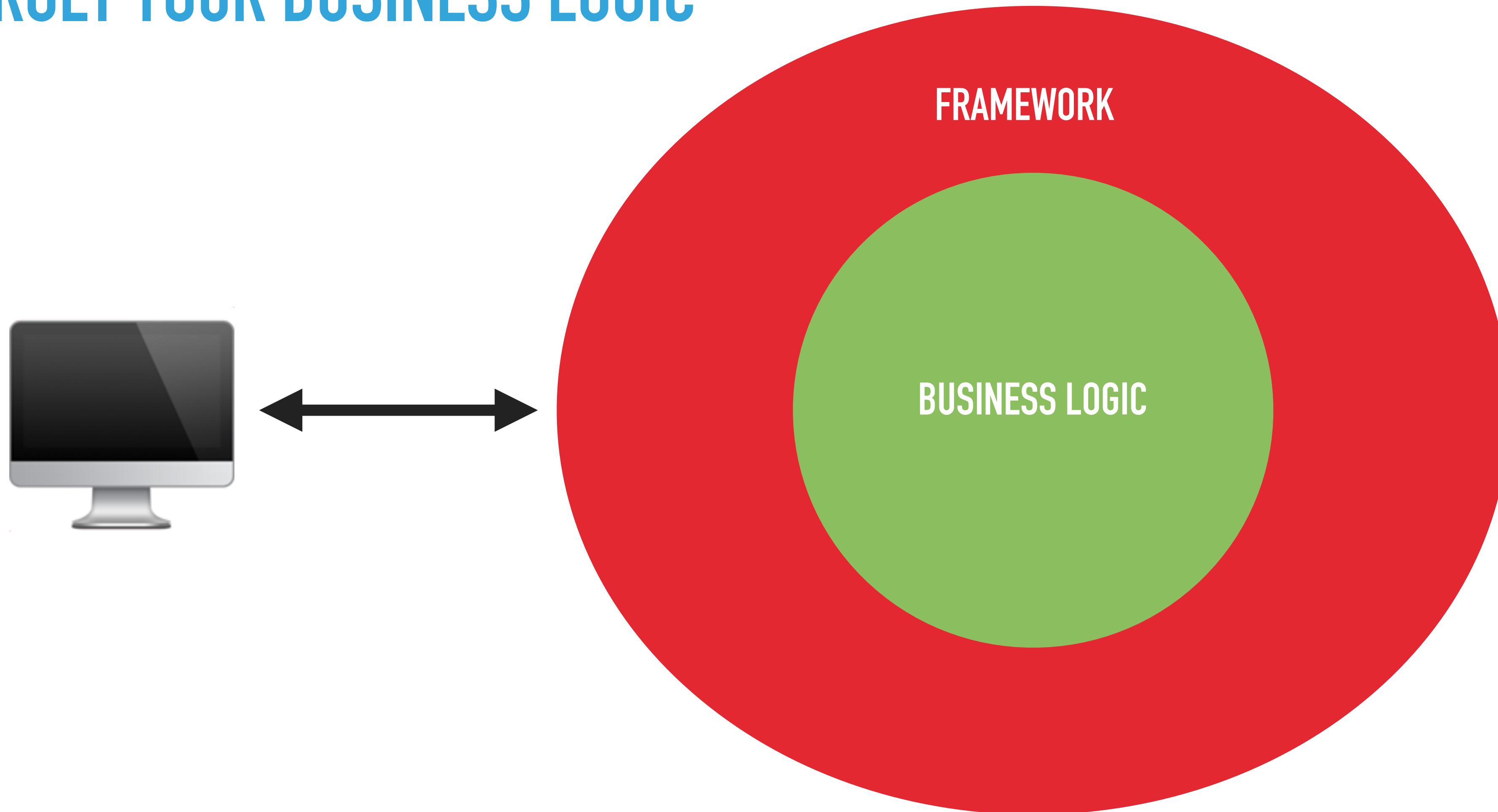
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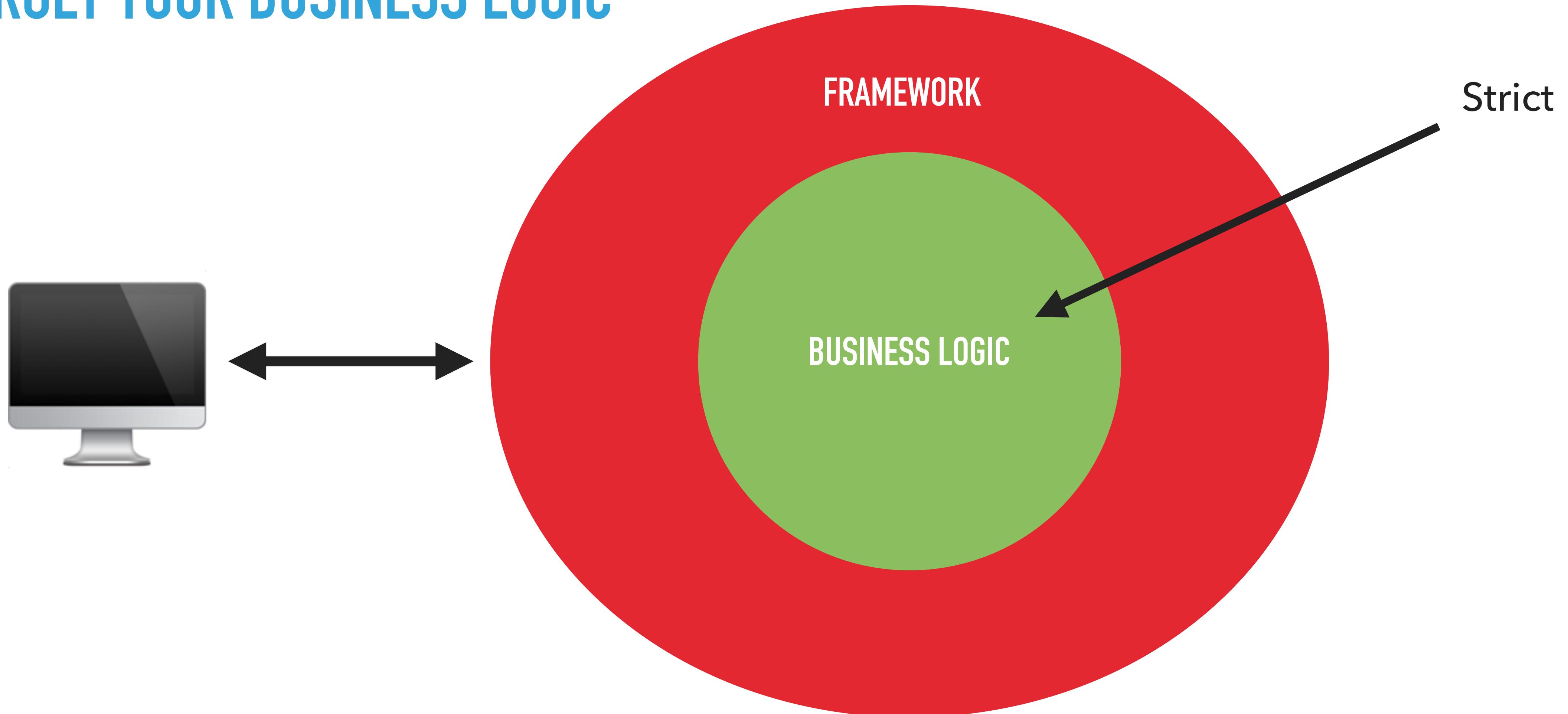
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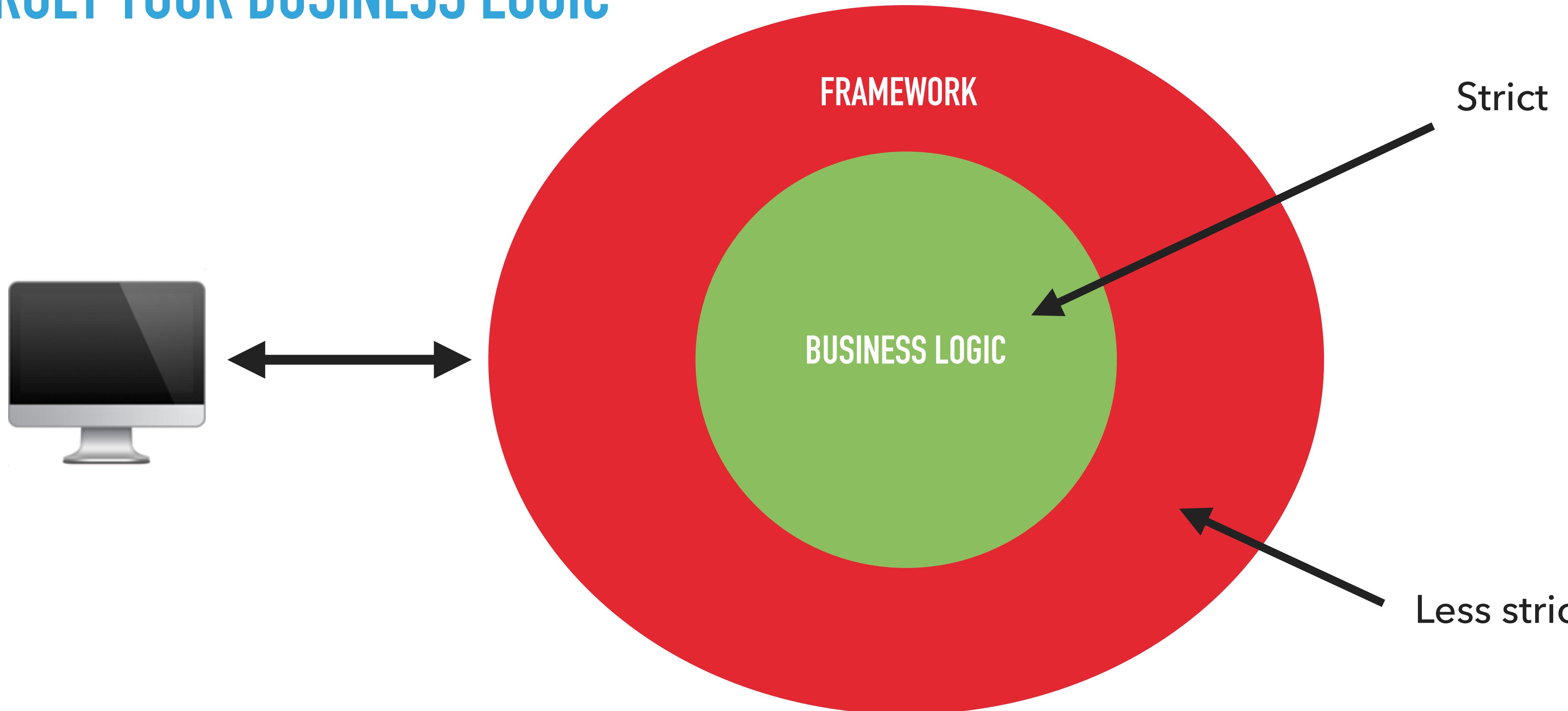
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    public function execute(): void {...}

    public function getAccessToken(): string {...}
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```
$login = new LoginCommand();
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```

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     * @param string $message
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    {
        if ($expression === null) {
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        }
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}
```

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```
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```

```
... other config ...
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```
<stubs>
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```

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```
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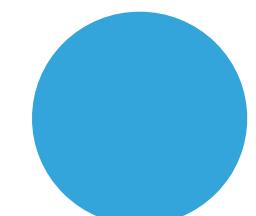
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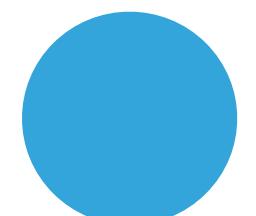
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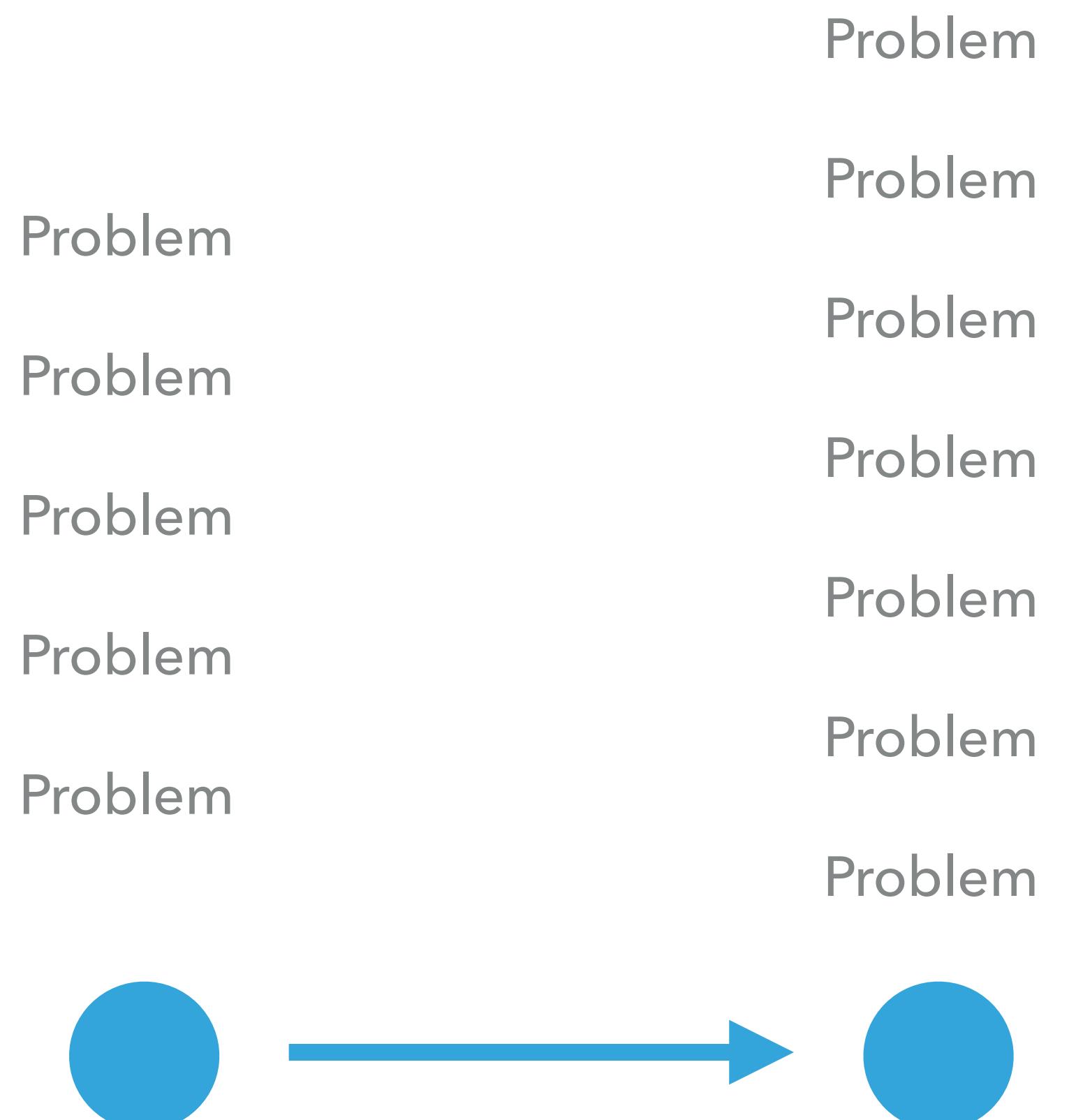
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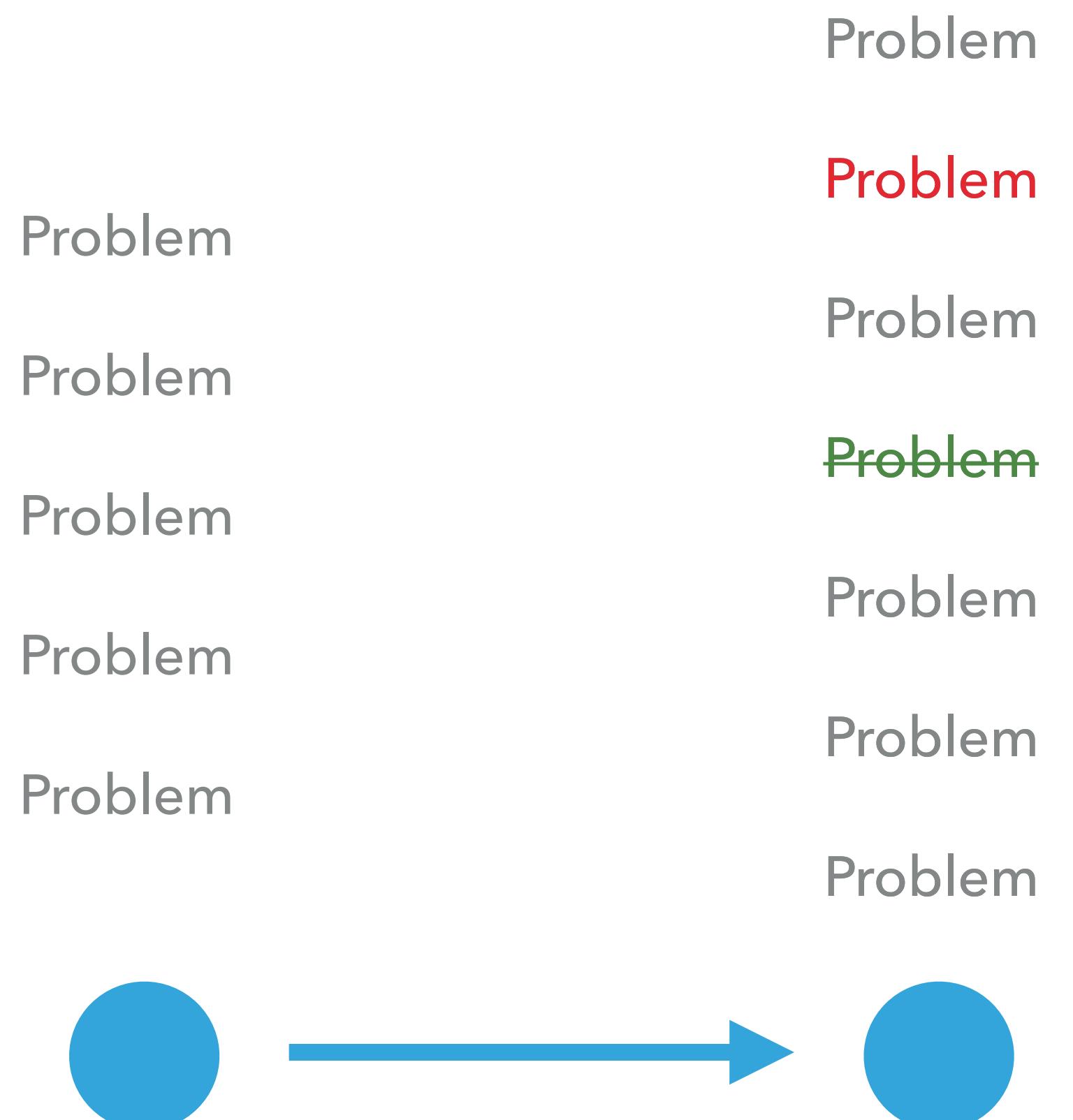
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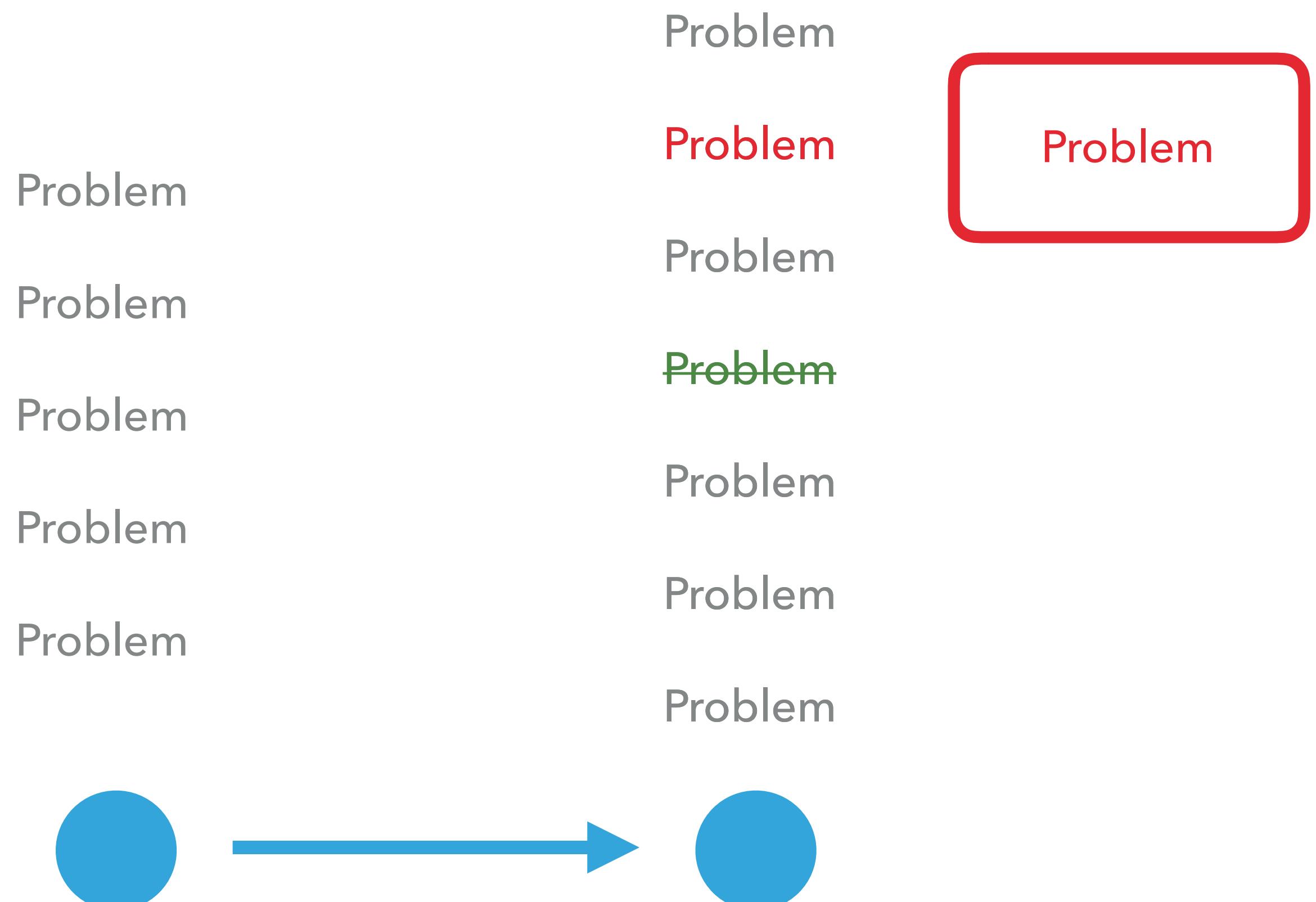
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# STATIC ANALYSIS RESULTS BASELINE (SARB)

- ▶ Available: <https://github.com/DaveLiddament/sarb>
- ▶ Supports:
  - ▶ Psalm, PHPStan
  - ▶ Easy to add more static analysis tools. Don't need to be for PHP.
  - ▶ Requires repo uses git

## SARB: CREATE BASELINE

```
# Run Psalm on the code
```

```
> sarb create-baseline ... args ...
```

Baseline created with 328 problems.

```
>
```

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# Run Psalm on the updated code

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```
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```

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# PSALM BASELINE

```
vendor/bin/psalm --set-baseline=baseline.xml
```

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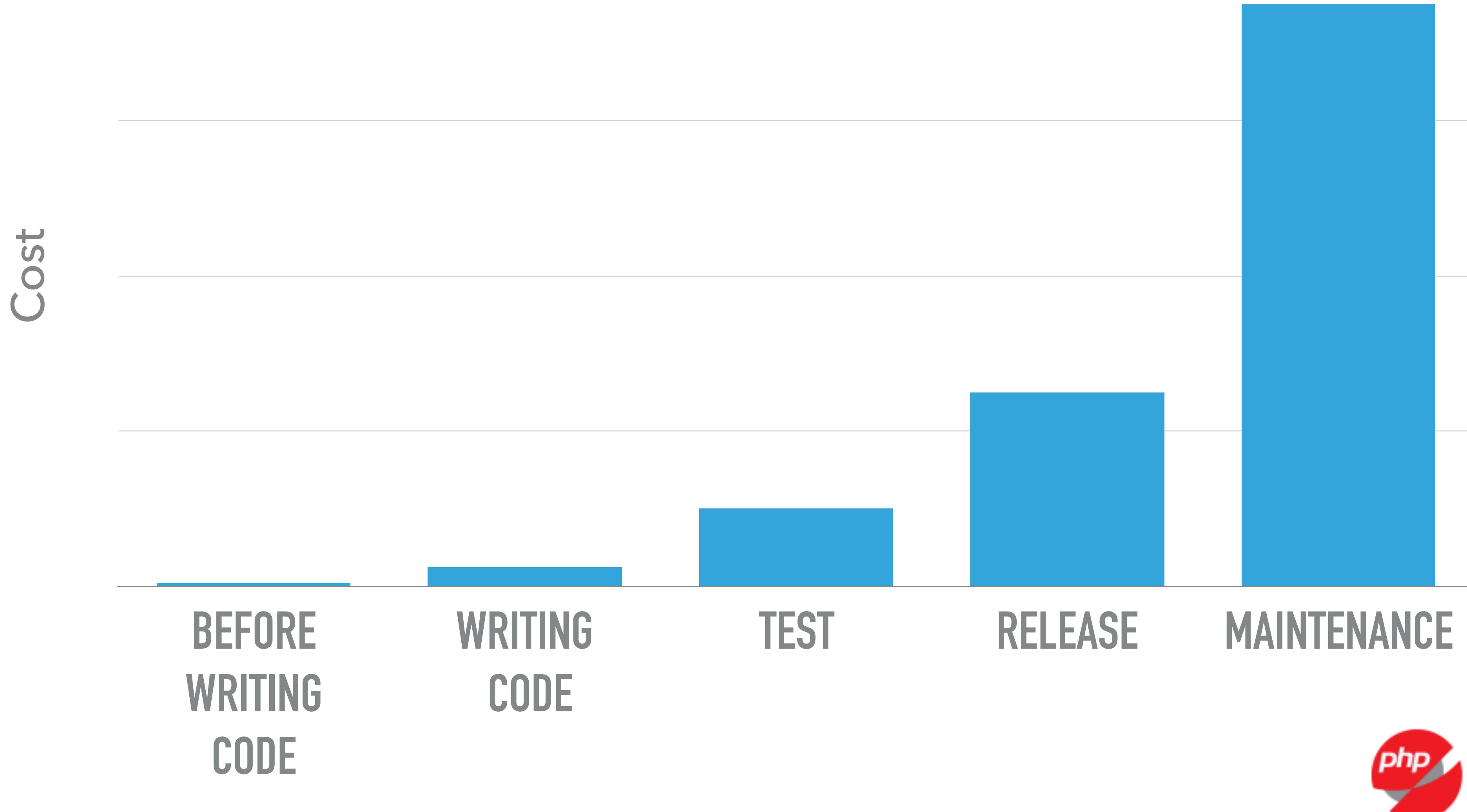
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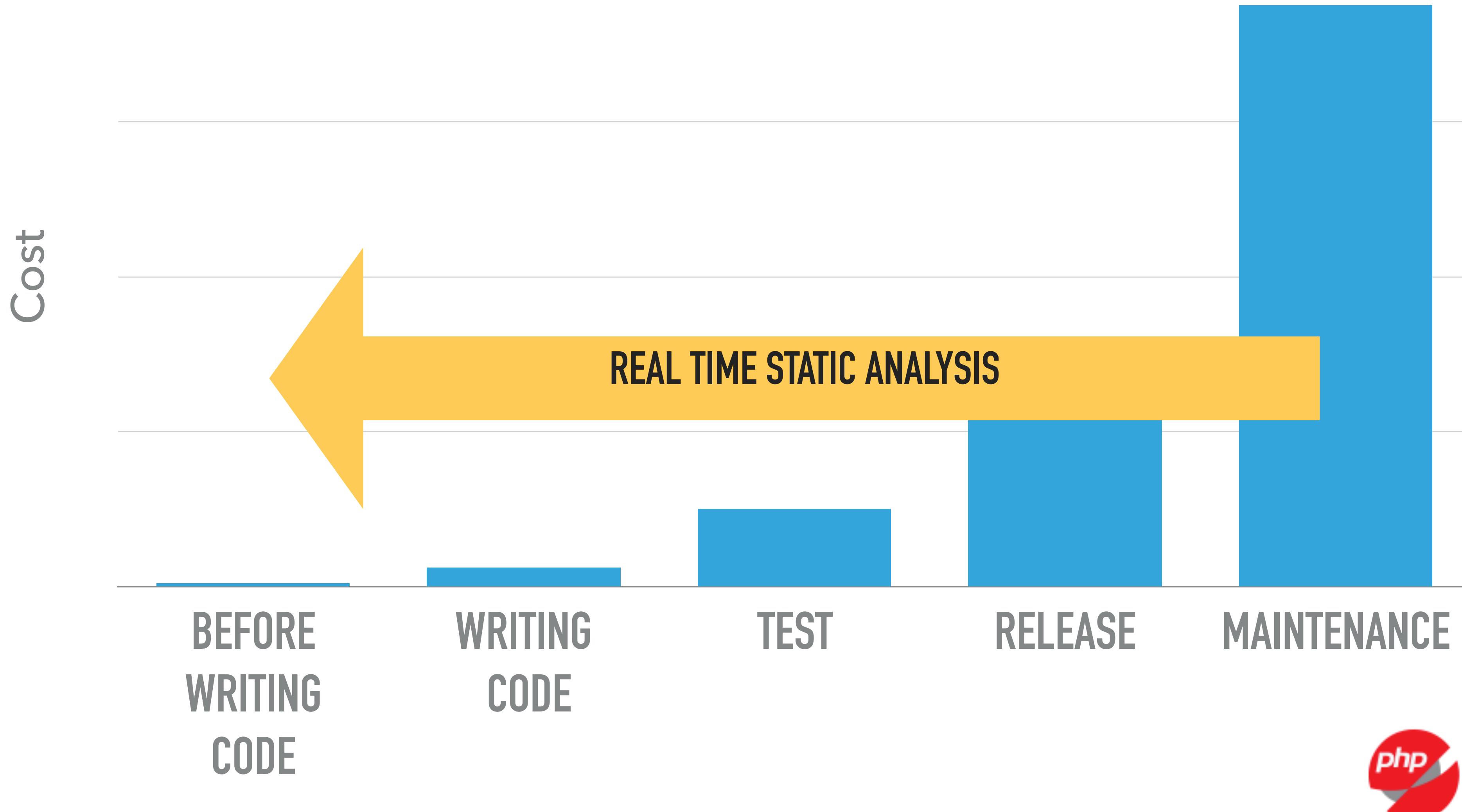
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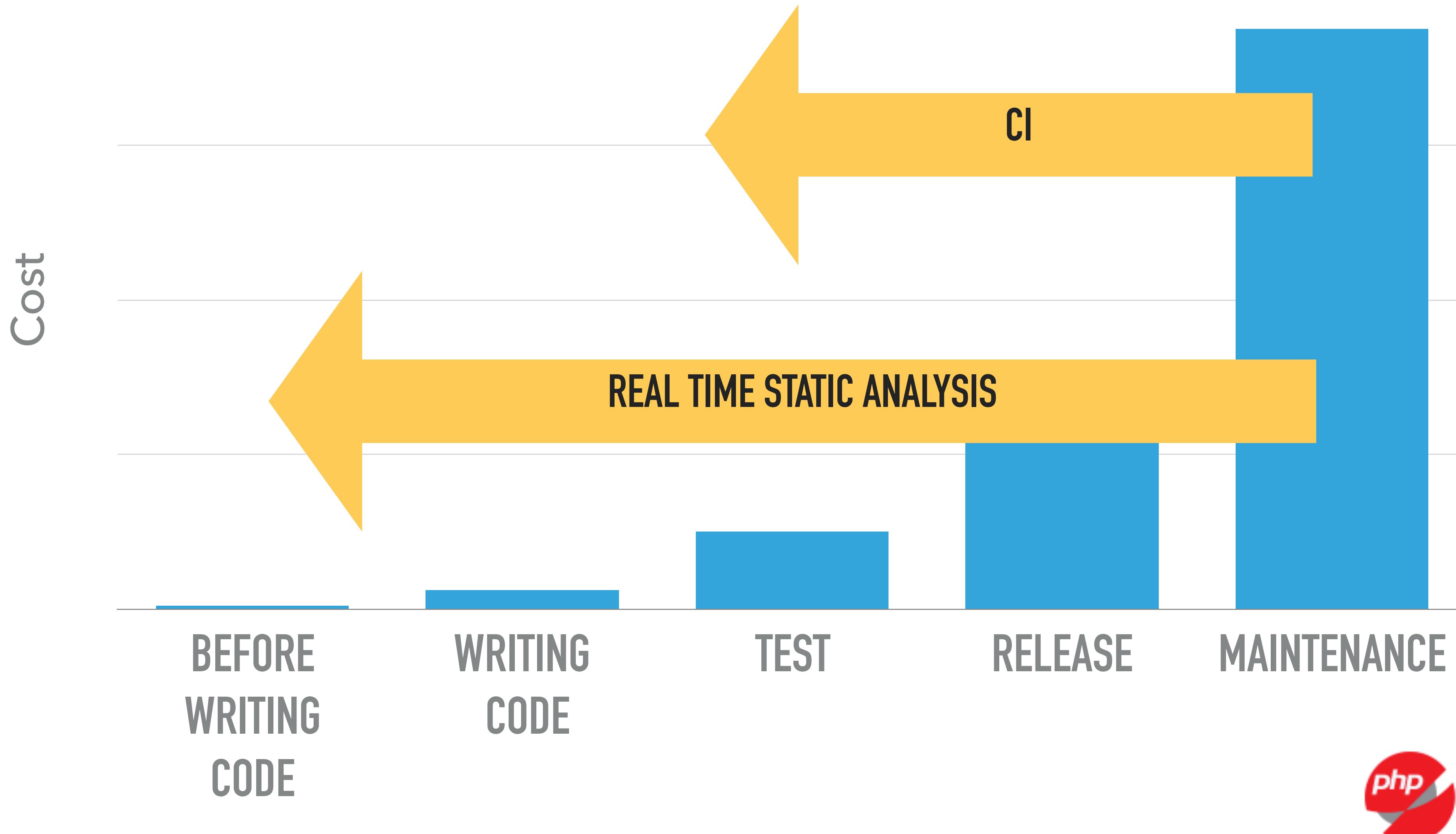
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## CI TOOLSET

- ▶ Composer validate: **composer validate --strict**
- ▶ Parallel lint: **jakub-onderka/php-parallel-lint**
- ▶ PHP CS fixer: **friendsofsymfony/php-cs-fixer**
- ▶ Var dump checker: **jakub-onderka/php-var-dump-checker**
- ▶ Security checker: **sensiolabs/security-checker**

PHP bible for static analysis tools: <https://github.com/exakat/php-static-analysis-tools>

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# USE ADVANCED STATIC ANALYSIS TOOLS IN CI

```
1 <?php
2
3     function foo(string $s) : void {
4         return "bar";
5     }
6
7     $a = ["hello", 5];
8     foo($a[1]);
9     foo();
10
11    if (rand(0, 1)) $b = 5;
12    echo $b;
13
14    $c = rand(0, 5);
15    if ($c) {} elseif ($c) {}
```

Psalm output (using commit add7c14):

ERROR: InvalidReturnStatement - 4:5 - No return values are expected for foo

INFO: UnusedParam - 3:21 - Param \$s is never referenced in this method

ERROR: InvalidReturnType - 3:27 - The declared return type 'void' for foo is incorrect, got 'string'

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## LINKS

- ▶ Static Analysis tools: <https://github.com/exakat/php-static-analysis-tools>
- ▶ Sample CircleCI project: <https://github.com/DaveLiddament/skeleton-ci-project>
- ▶ Psalm <https://getpsalm.org/>
- ▶ Phan: <https://github.com/phan/phan>
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- ▶ Var dump checker <https://github.com/JakubOnderka/PHP-Var-Dump-Check>
- ▶ Security checker <https://security.sensiolabs.org/>
- ▶ Rector <https://github.com/rectorphp/rector/>