Test Suite Holy Trinity

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LET'S START WITH A STORY...

WHY ARE WE HERE

- What went wrong
- Why testing will help
- Why good architecture is essential
- How can we build a good test suite

BACK TO THE NIGHTMARE....

WE NEED A TEST SUITE

- Prove that code works
- Prevent regression
- Allow us to refactor

IDEAL TEST SUITE

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Fast

High coverage

Low maintenance

EVERYTHING IS COMPROMISE

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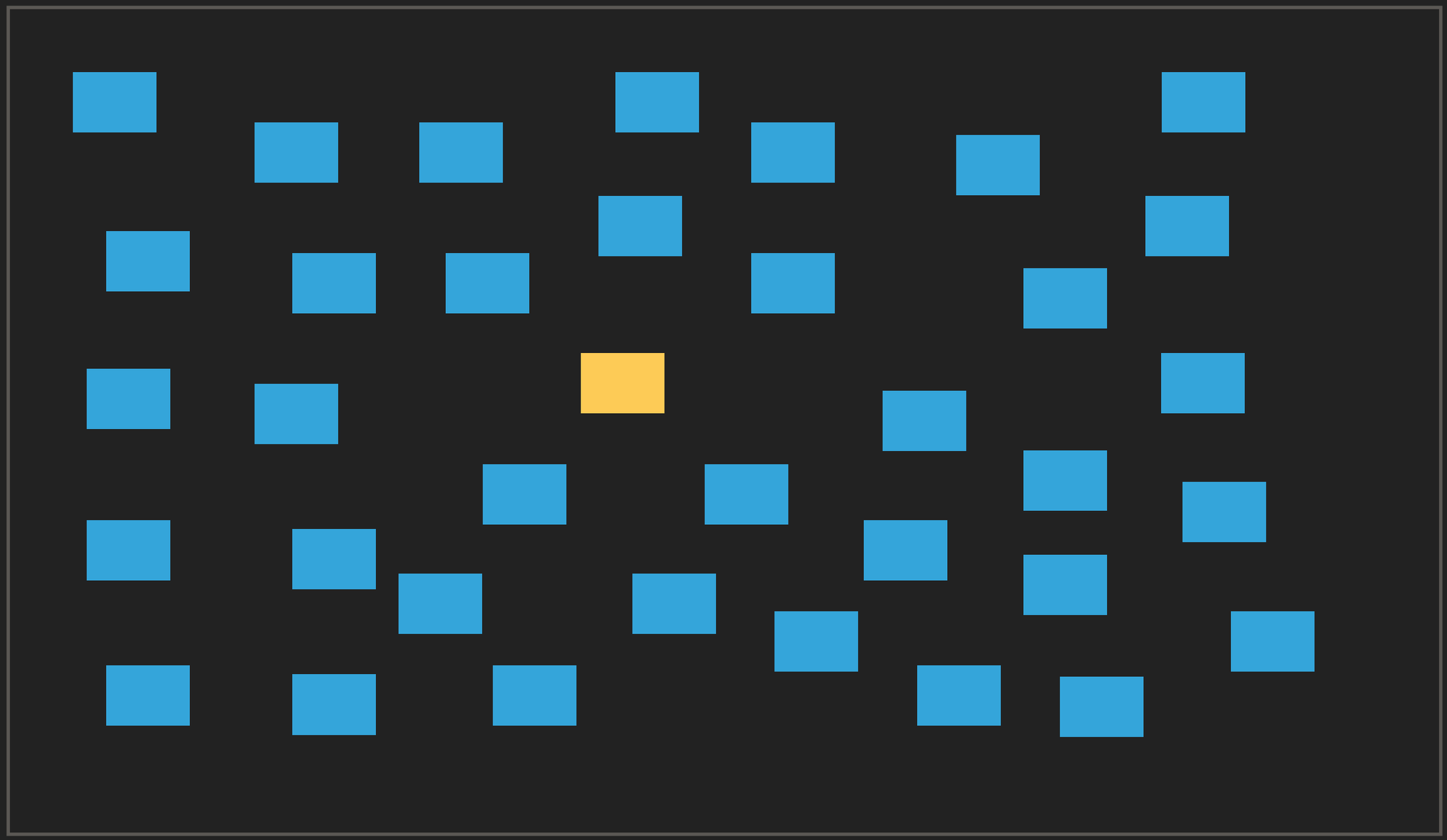

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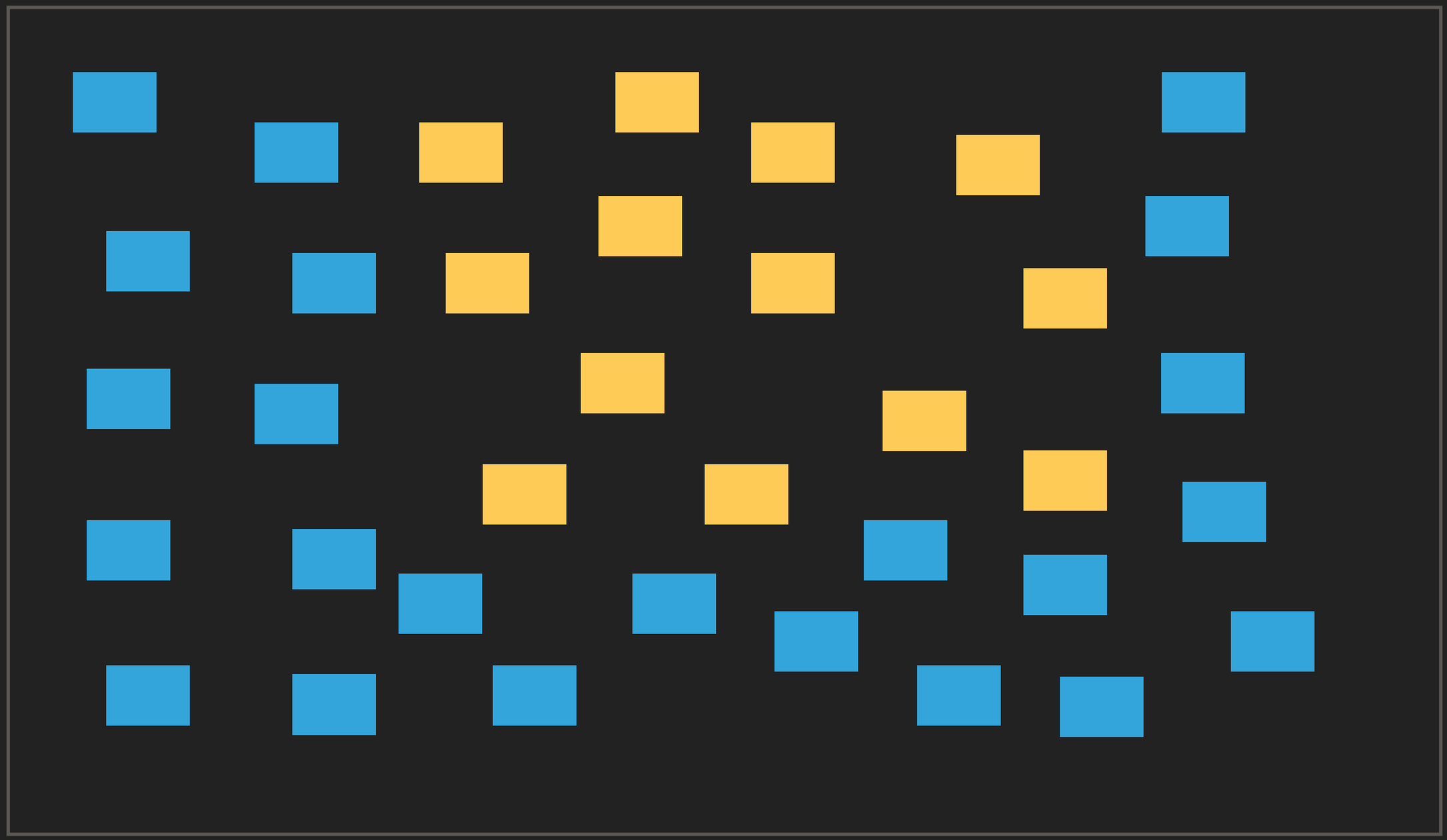

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Slow

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COVERAGE

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MAINTENANCE COSTS

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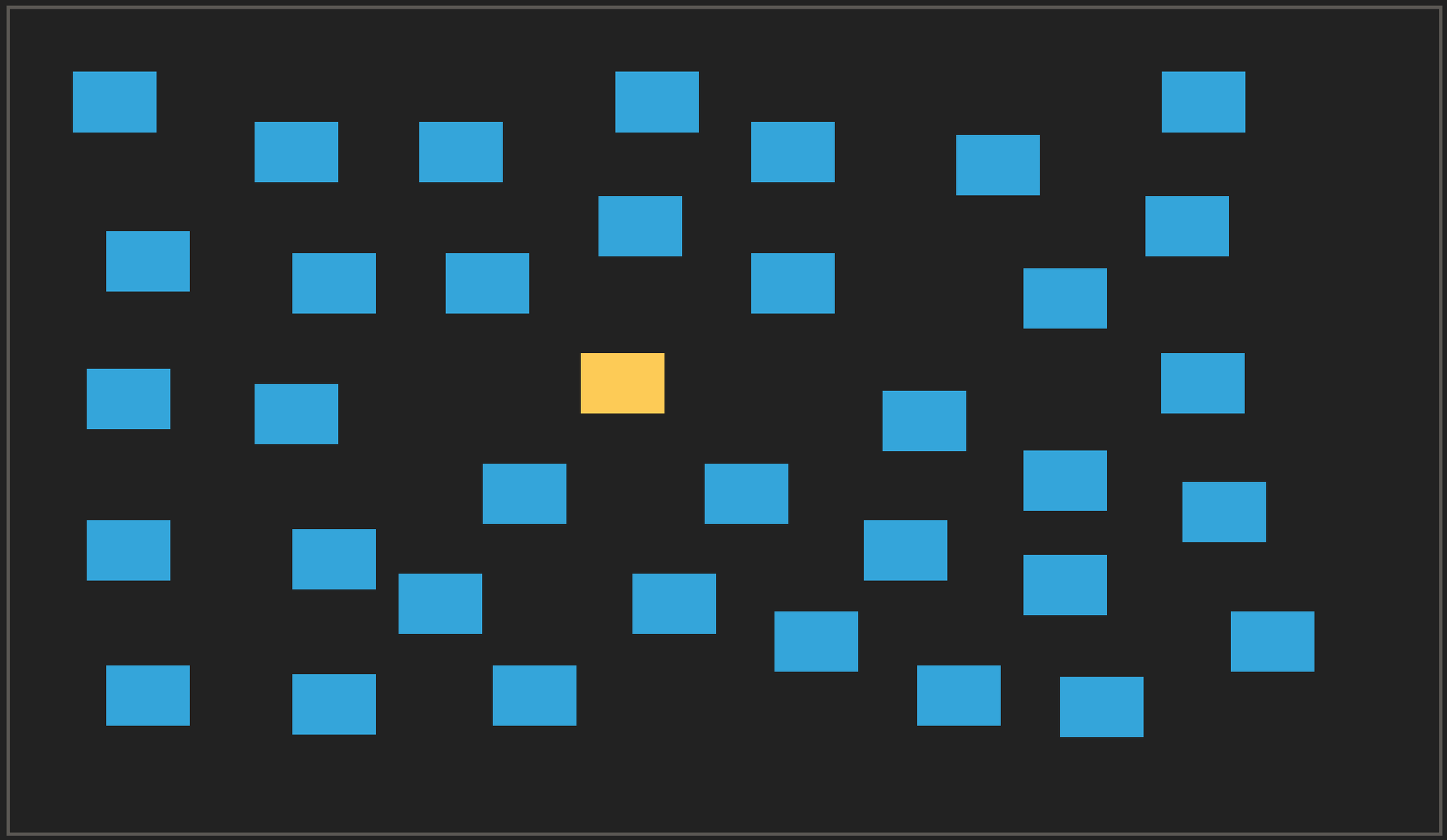

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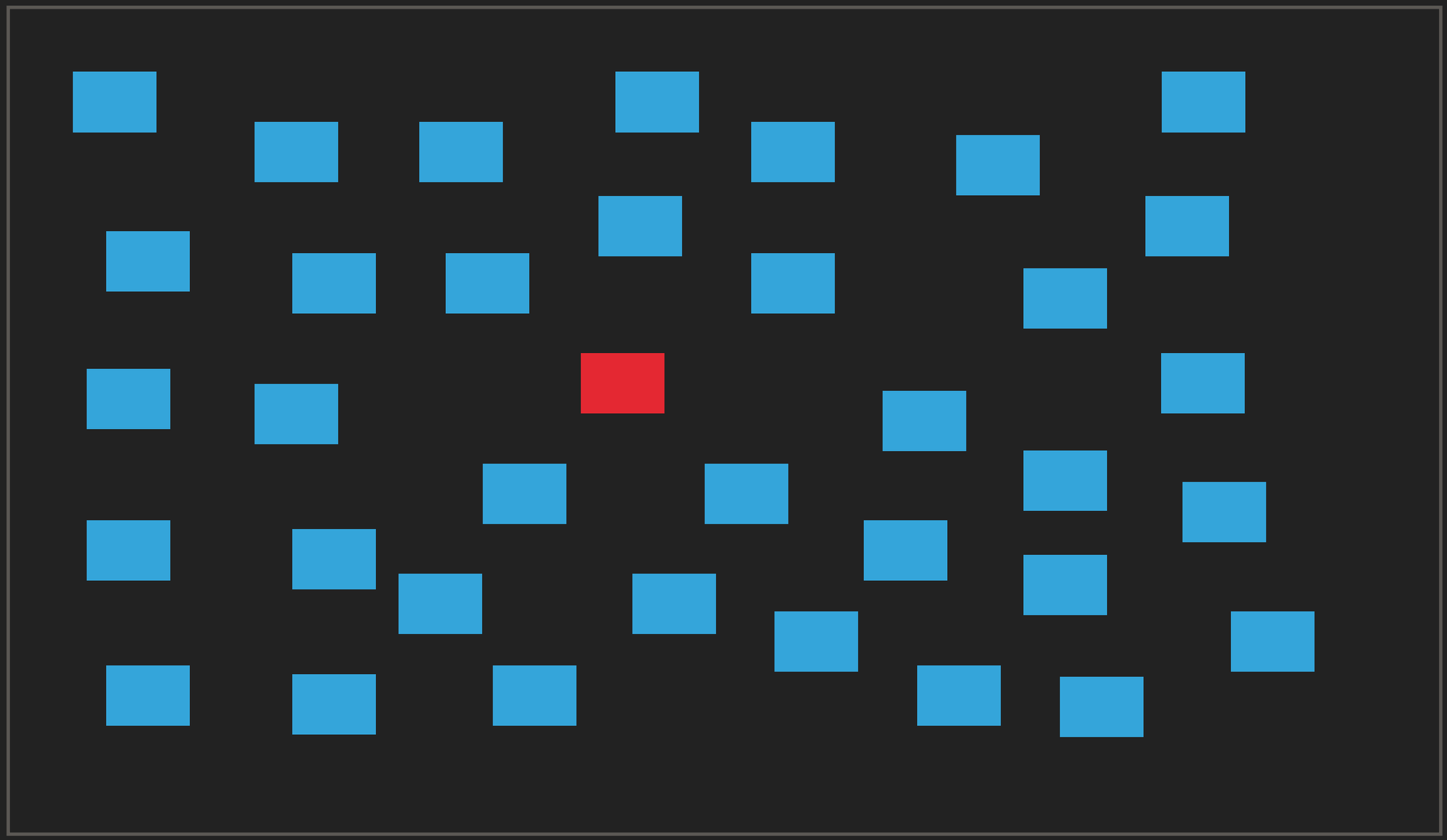

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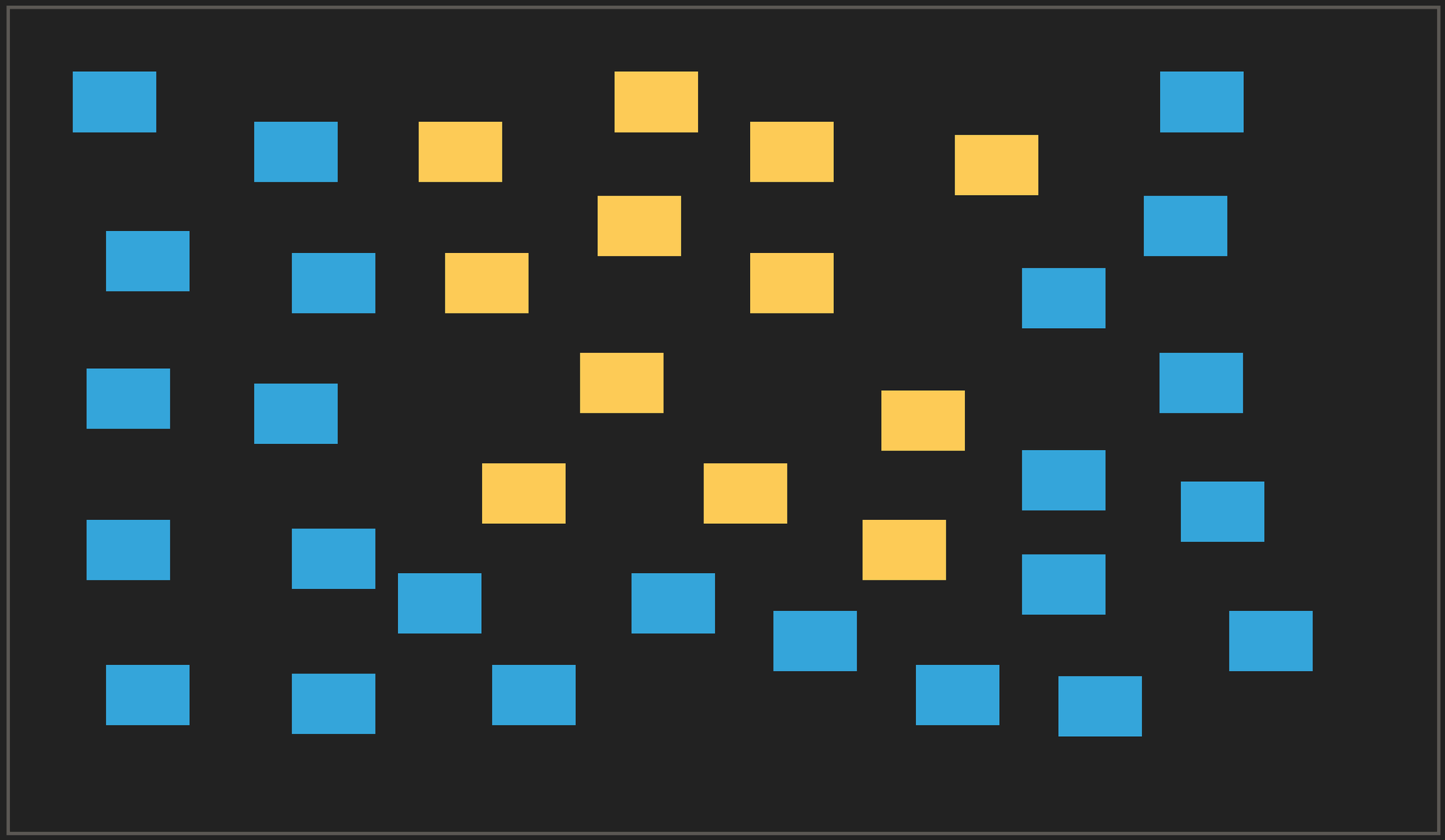

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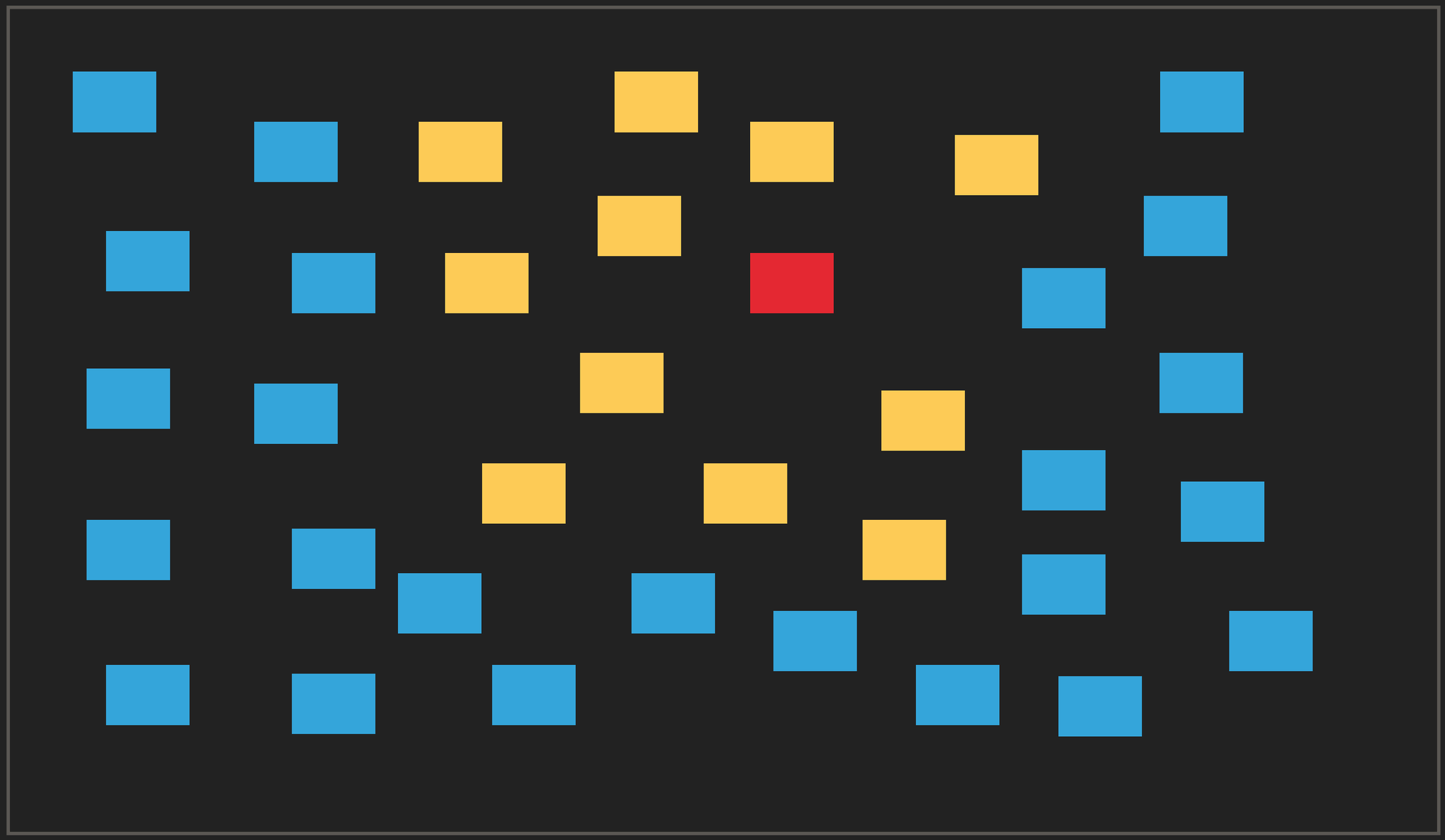

MAINTENANCE COSTS

Low

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SO FAR NOTHING TOO CONTROVERSIAL

WHERE ALONG THE CONTINUUM SHOULD WE TEST?

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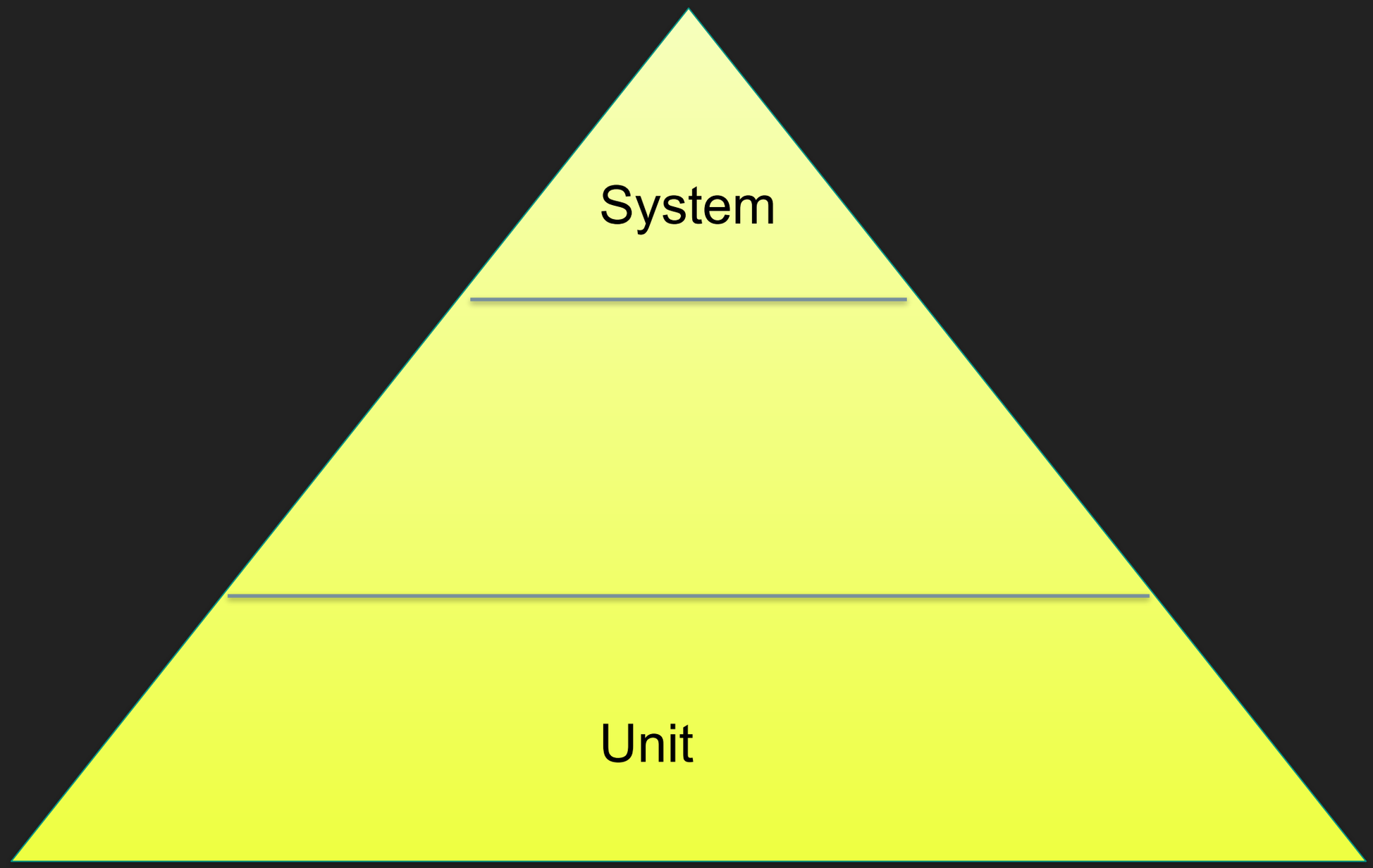
EVERYTHING IS COMPROMISE

NOTHING IS BLACK AND WHITE

WRITING A GOOD TEST SUITE IS A SKILL

TEST PYRAMID



WHY DO WE NEED A TEST SUITE

- Prove code works
- Prevent against regression
- Allow safe refactoring of code

OUR IDEAL TEST SUITE WOULD BE...

- Fast to execute
- High coverage
- Low maintenance

EVERY THING IS A COMPROMISE

- Not achievable
  - Our goals contradict each other
- Nothing is black and white

SMALL TESTS IN MORE DEPTH

SMALL TEST EXAMPLE – SOFTWARE UNDER TEST

```
class PasswordValidator
{

   /**
    * Returns true if password meets following criteria:
    *
    * - 8 or more characters
    * - at least 1 digit
    * - at least 1 upper case letter
    * - at least 1 lower case letter
    */
    public function isValid(string $password) : bool
```

SMALL TEST EXAMPLE – TEST CASES REQUIRED

- Valid passwords:
  - “Passw0rd”
- Invalid passwords:
  - “Passw0r” - too short (everything else is good)
  - “Password” - no digit
  - “passw0rd” - no upper case letters
  - “PASSW0RD” - no lower case letters

LOOK HOW EASY IT IS TO TEST...

```
class PasswordValidatorTest extends TestCase
{
    public function dataProvider() : array
    {
        return [
          “valid”        => [ true,  “Passw0rd” ],
          “tooShort”     => [ false, “Passw0r”  ],
          “noDigit”      => [ false, “Password” ],
          “noUpperCase” => [ false, “passw0rd” ],
          “noLowerCase” => [ false, “PASSW0RD” ],
        ];
    }

    /**
     * @dataProvider dataProvider
     */
    public function testValidator(bool $expectedResult, string $inputValue)
    {
        $validator = new PasswordValidator();
        $actualResult = $validator->isValid($inputValue);
        $this->assertEquals($expectedResult, $actualResult);
    }
}
```

SMALL TEST THIS KIND OF LOGIC

- Unit test sweet spot
- Quicker to test than not test
- Learn how to use data providers for your test framework

FABULOUS FIVE

NEW REQUIREMENT

```
class PasswordValidator
{

   /**
    * Returns true if password meets following criteria:
    *
    * - 8 or more characters
    * - at least 1 digit
    * - at least 1 upper case letter
    * - at least 1 lower case letter
    * - not one of the user's previous 5 passwords
    */
    public function isValid(string $password, User $user) : bool
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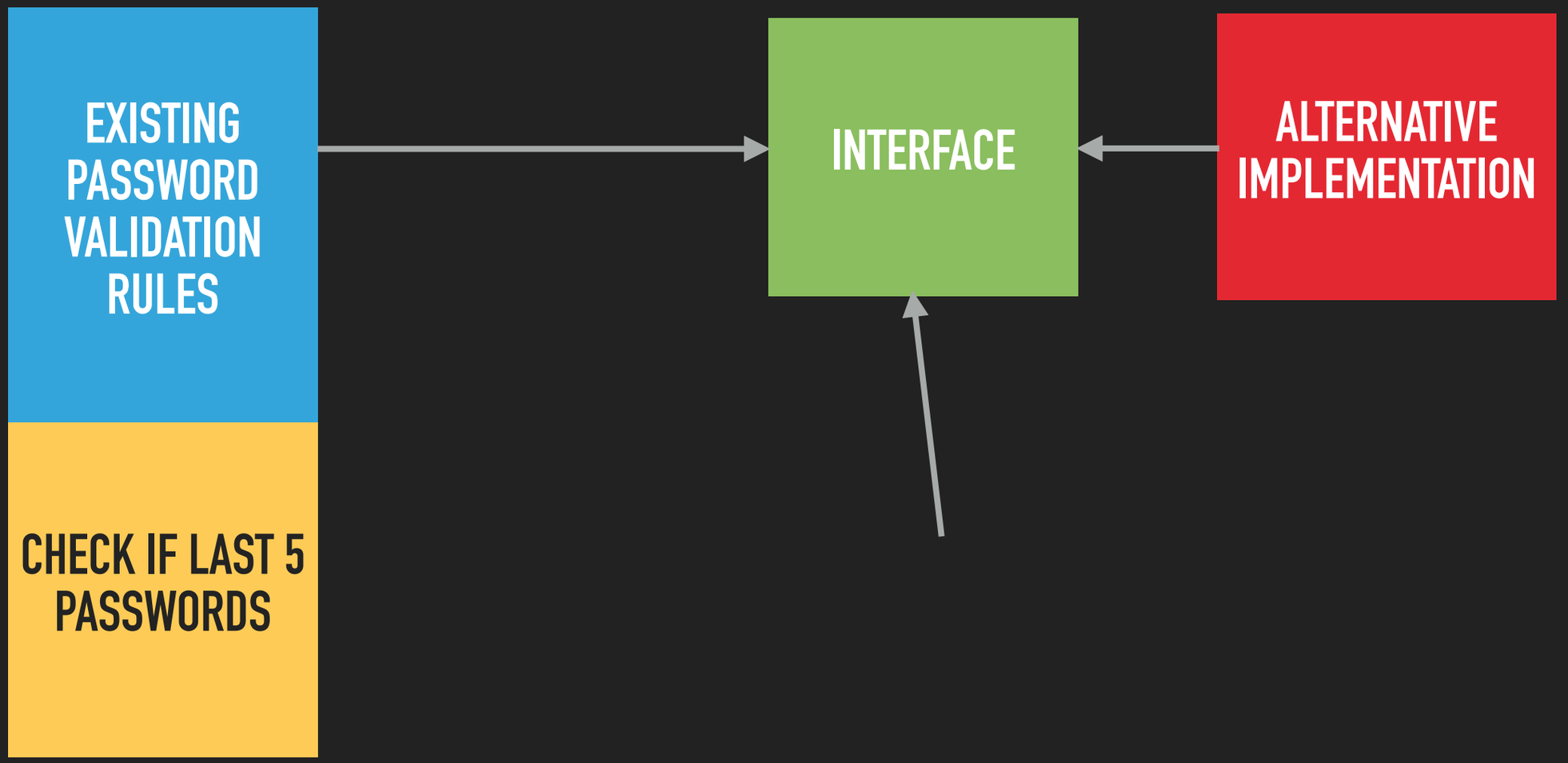


PREVIOUS PASSWORD CHECKER INTERFACE

```
interface PreviousPasswordChecker
{

    /**
     * Returns true if password has been used by user
     * in previous 5 passwords
     */
    public function isPreviouslyUsed($password, $user): bool;

}
```

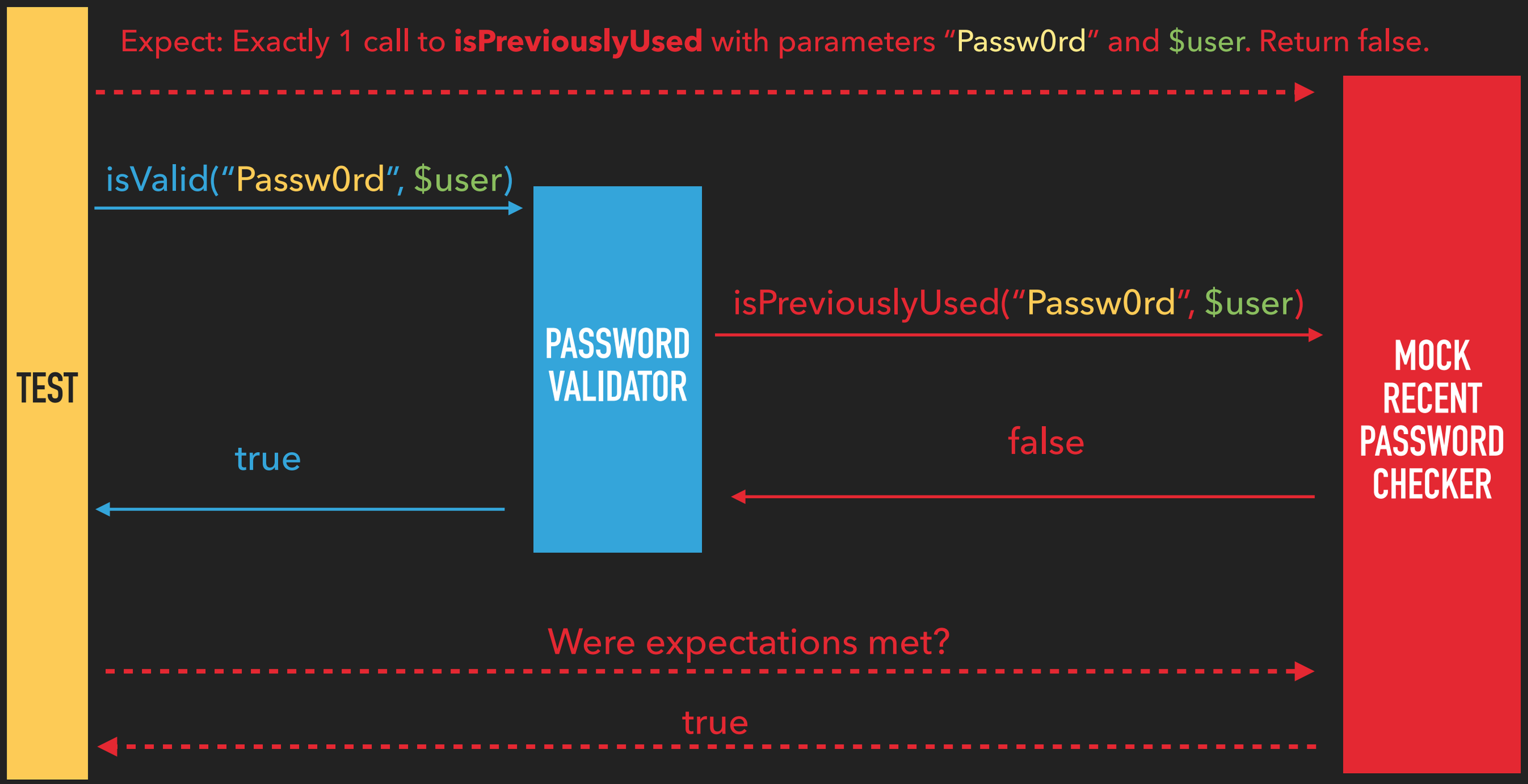
OPTIONS WITH DEPENDENCIES

- Real thing
- Test double
- Stub
- Mock
- Fake

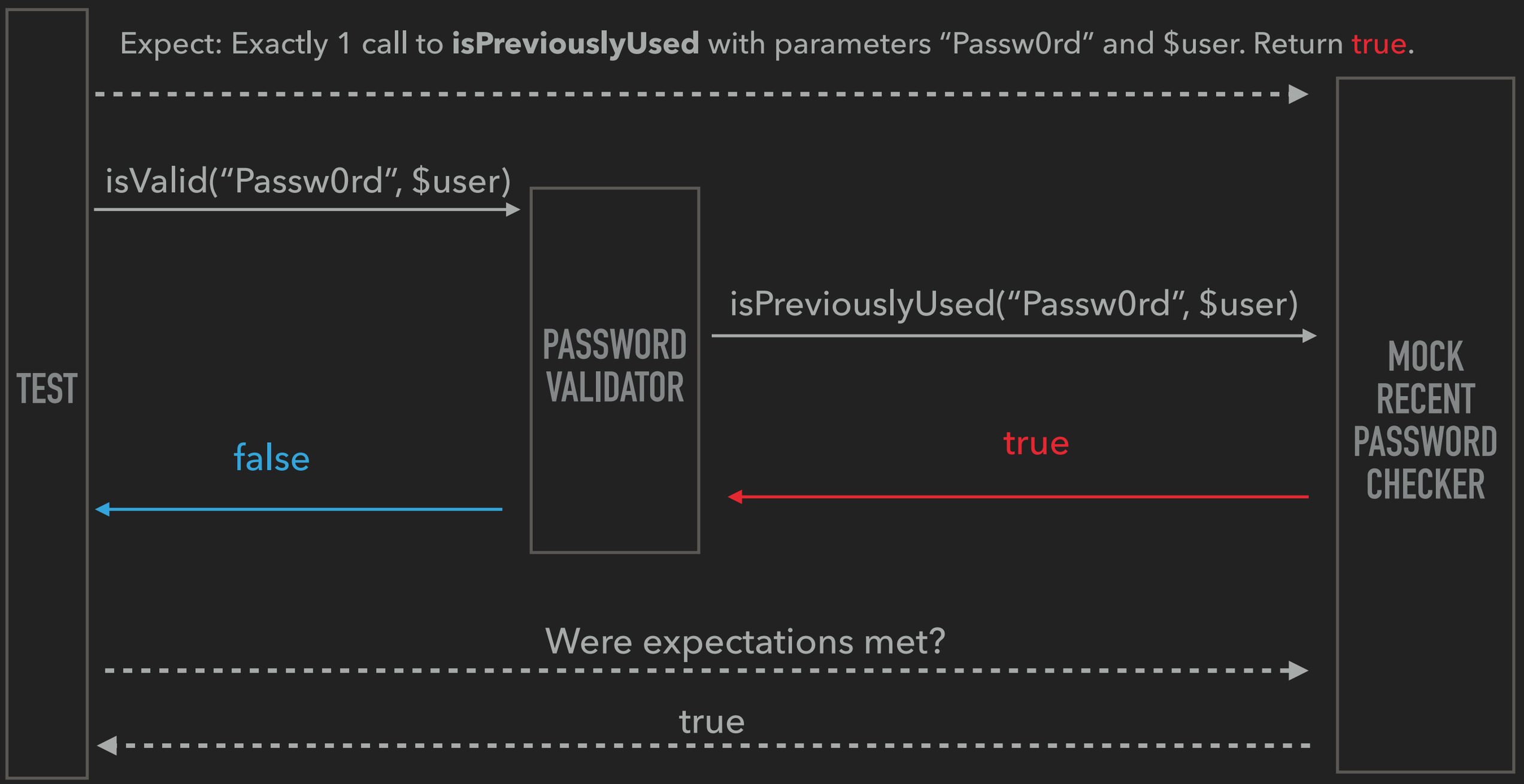
PASSWORD VALIDATOR TEST REVISITED

- Update existing tests to account for:
  - Any calls to RecentPasswordChecker
- New tests
  - Valid password. Has been recently used
  - Valid password. Has NOT been recently used

NEW TEST: VALID PASSWORD, NOT RECENTLY USED



NEW TEST: VALID PASSWORD, BUT RECENTLY USED



THESE EXTRA 2 TESTS ARE THE AWKWARD DUO

UPDATE EXISTING CODE

```
class PasswordValidator
{
  public function isValid(string $password, User $user) : bool
  {
     if ($this->recentPasswordChecker->isRecentPassword(
             $password, $user)) {
       return false;
     }

     if (… password too short …) return false;
     if (… password has no digit …) return false;

    … remaining checks …

    return true;
}
```

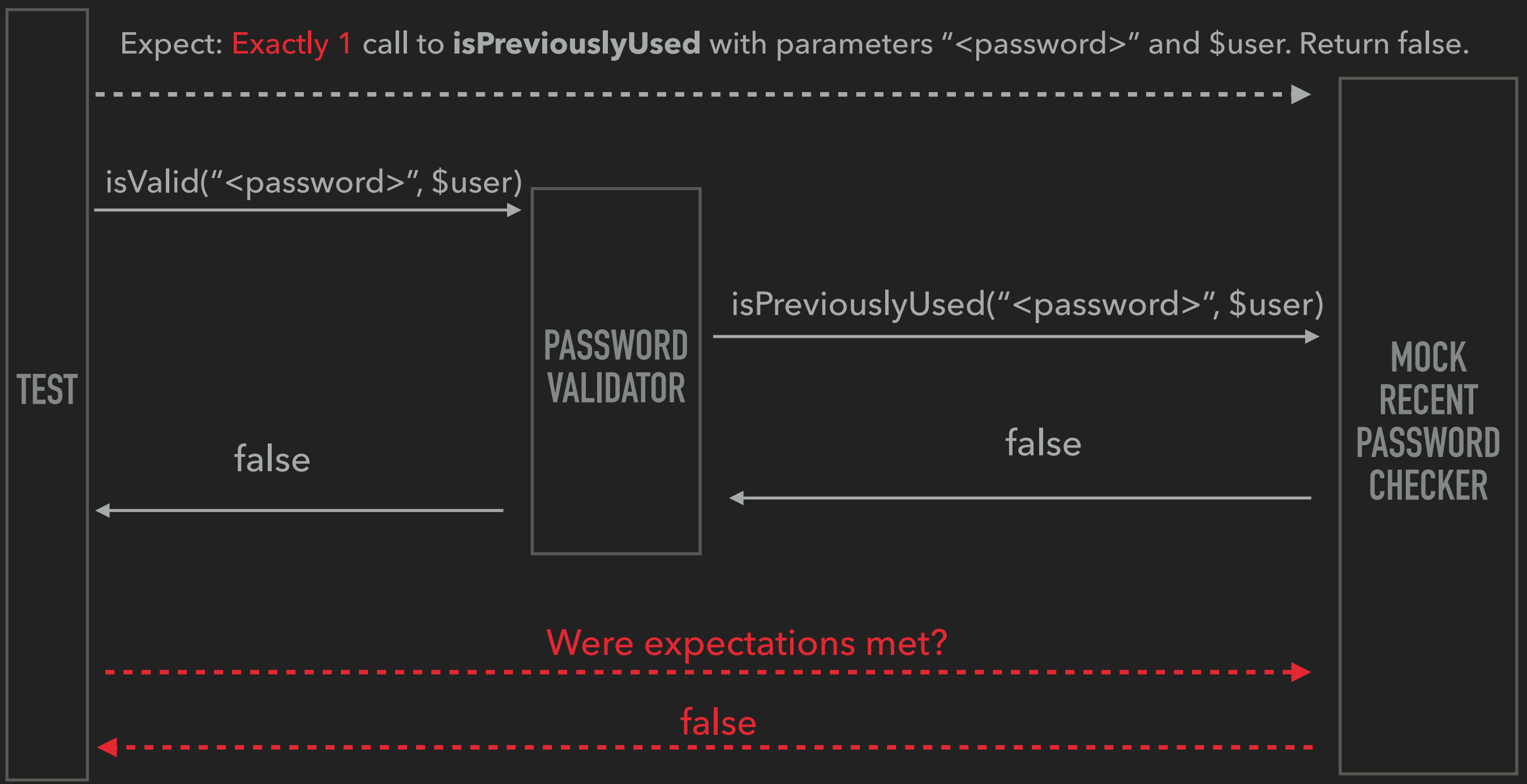
REFACTOR CODE

```
class PasswordValidator
{
  public function isValid(string $password, User $user) : bool
  {
     if (… password too short …) return false;
     if (… password has no digit …) return false;
  … remaining checks …

   if ($this->recentPasswordChecker->isRecentPassword(
            $password, $user)) {
     return false;
   }

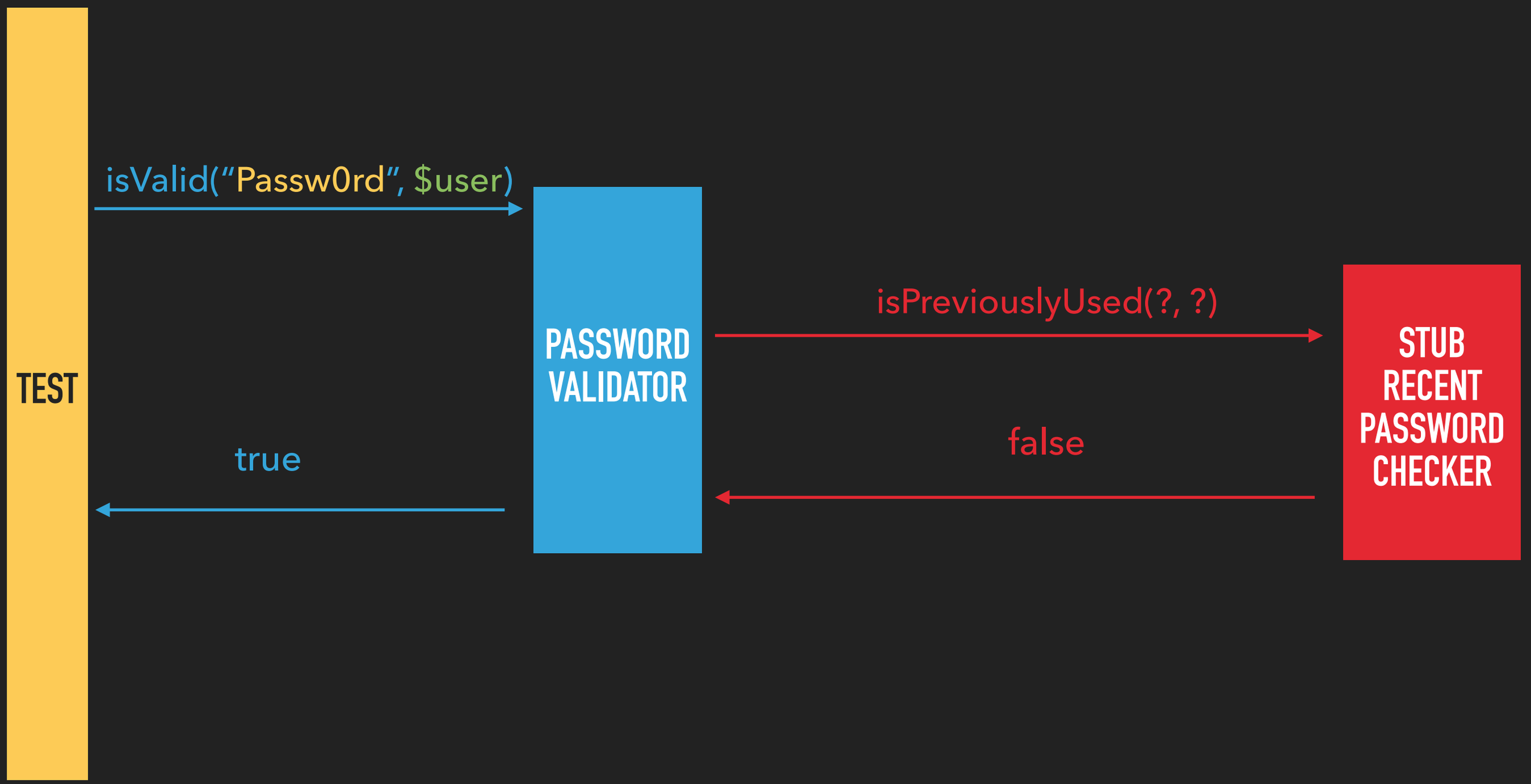
 return true;
}
```

EXISTING TESTS: AFTER REFACTOR



WE'VE REFACTORED CODE AND THE TESTS HAVE BROKEN. NOT GOOD!

USE A STUB


isValid(“Passw0rd”, $user)
TEST
PASSWORD VALIDATOR
isPreviouslyUsed(?, ?)
STUB RECENT PASSWORD CHECKER
false
true

TAKE AWAY

USE STUBS UNLESS YOU REALLY NEED MOCKS

- Mocks increase coupling between tests and code
  - Only use them when you really need to
    - Test harder to write
    - Reduces ability to refactor

TAKE AWAY

REDUCE COUPLING BETWEEN YOUR TESTS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOFTWARE UNDER TEST

- Unnecessary coupling increases maintenance cost
  - makes test more fragile
  - reduces ability to refactor

BIGGER TESTS

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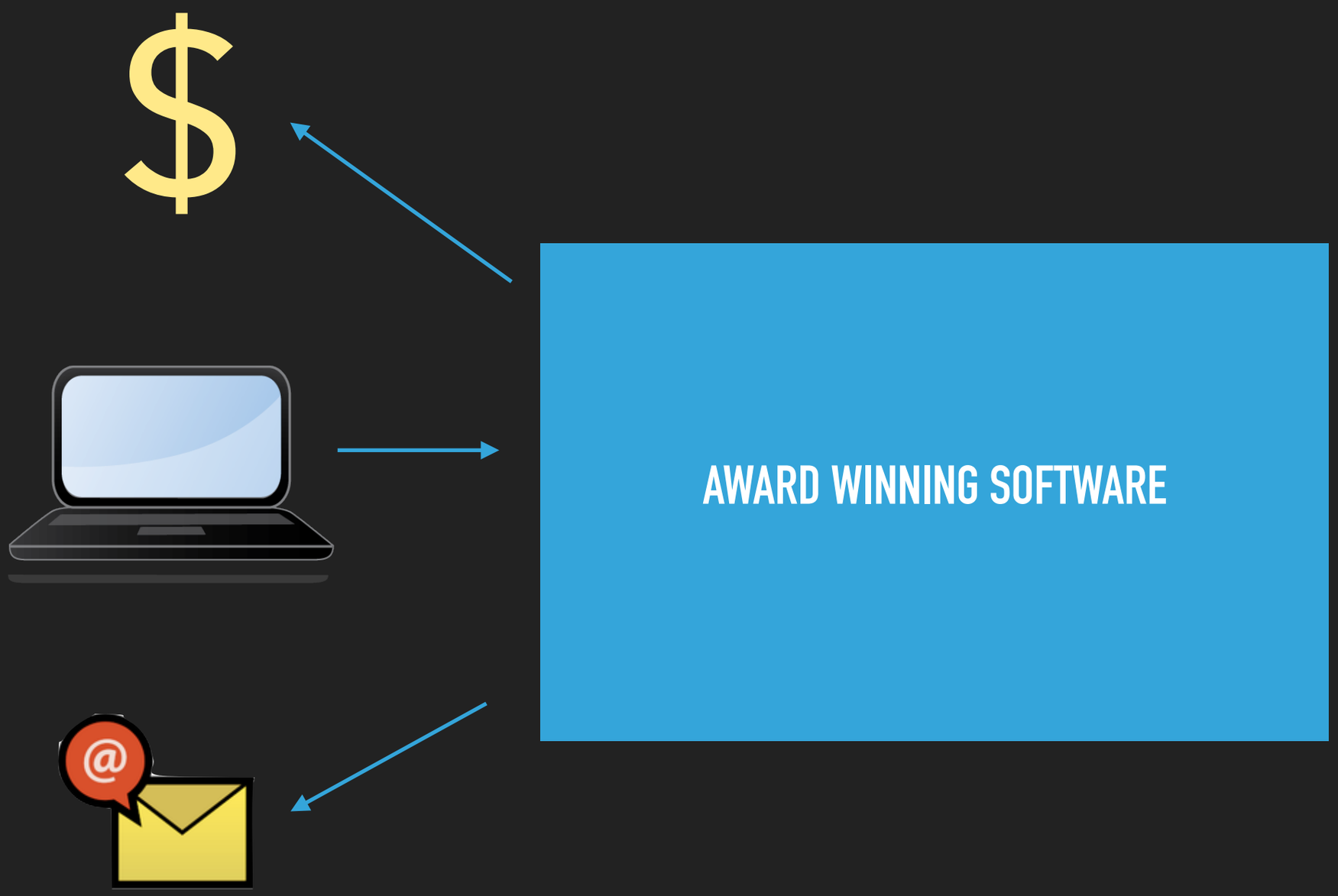

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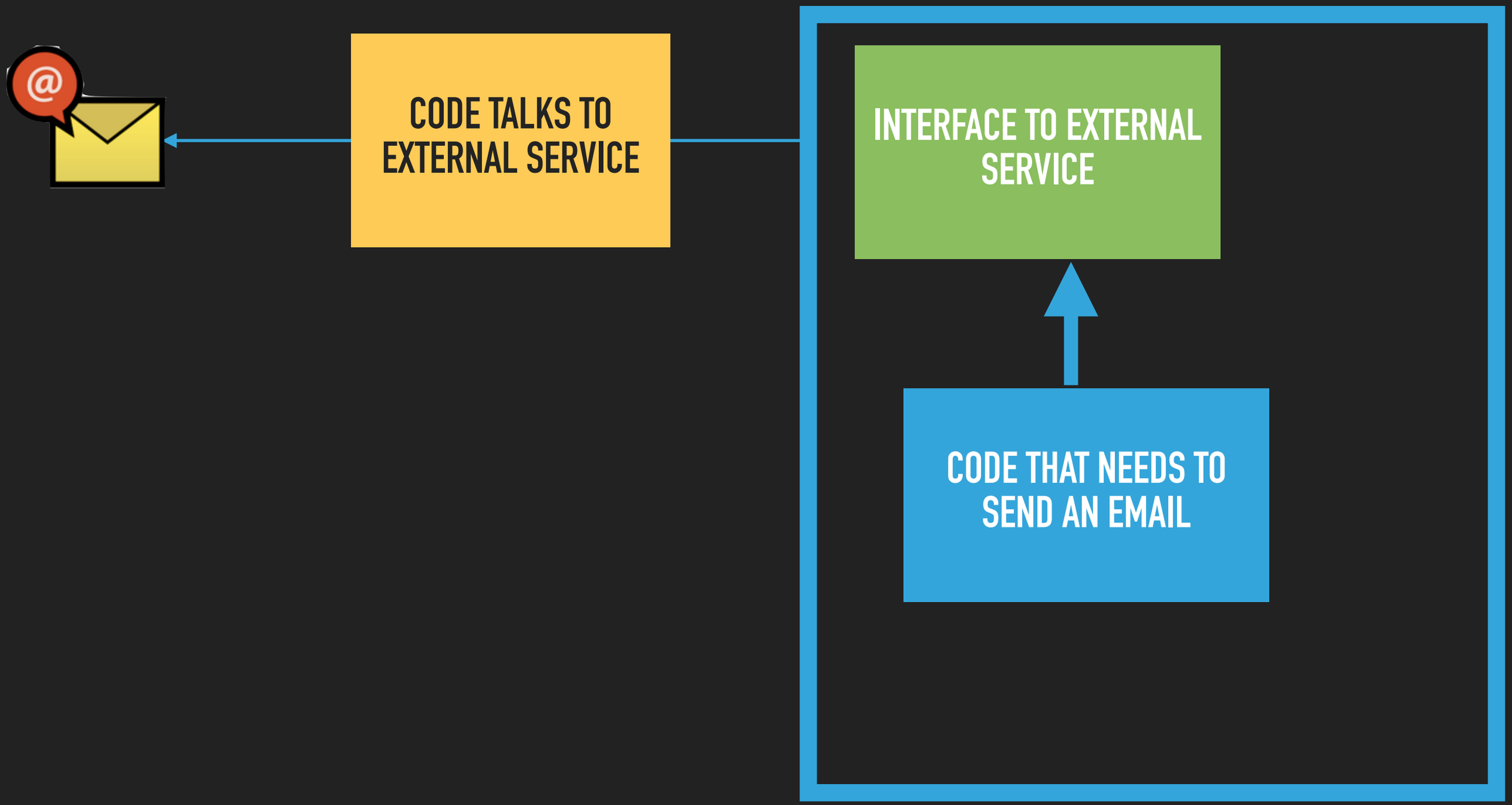

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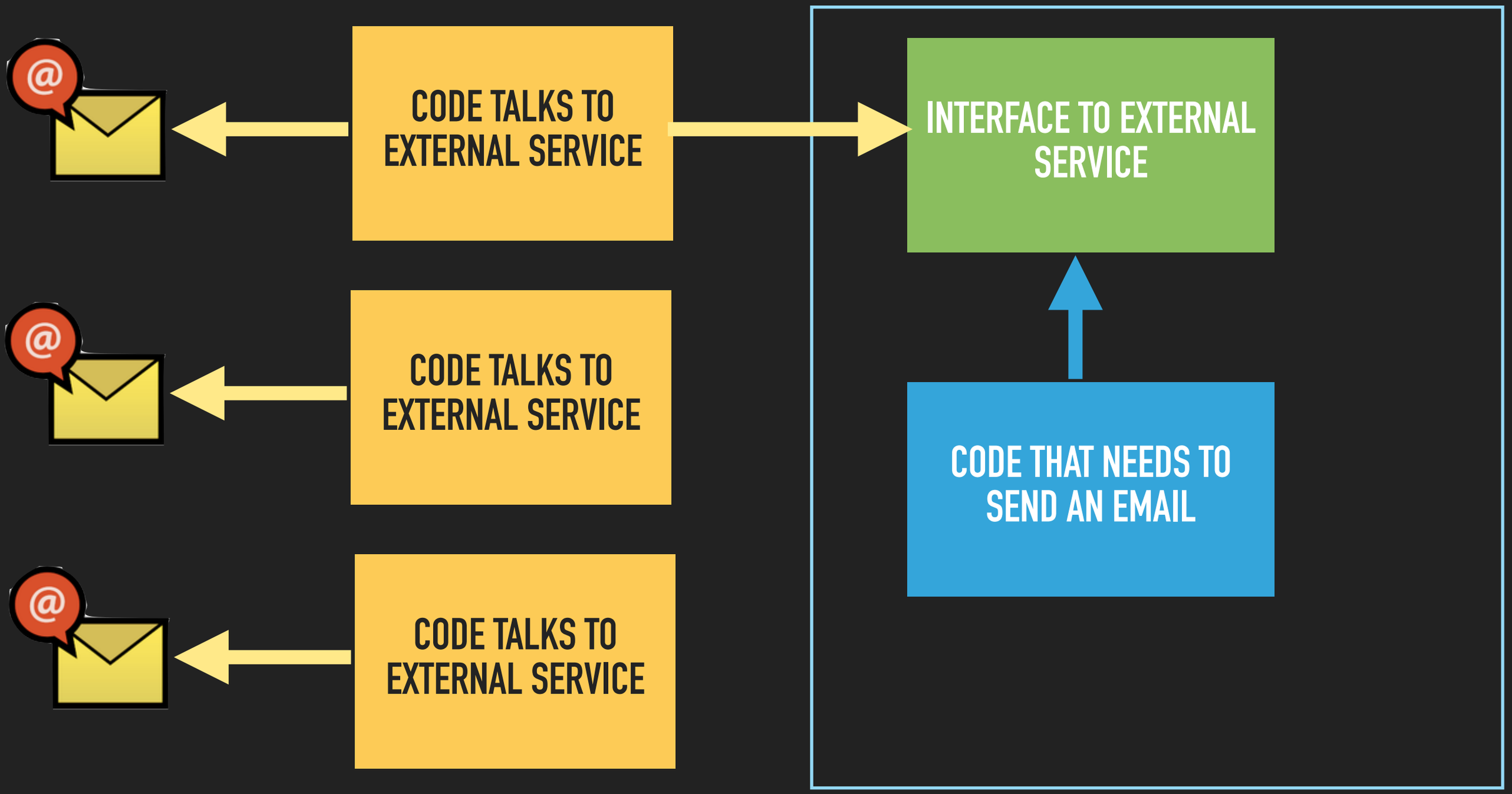

EMAIL GATEWAY INTERFACE

```
interface EmailGatewayInterface
{
    public function sendEmail(EmailMessage $message);

}
```

EMAIL MESSAGE OBJECT

- To
- From
- CC
- Subject
- Template name (e.g. REGISTER_USER, PASSWORD_RESET)
- Data

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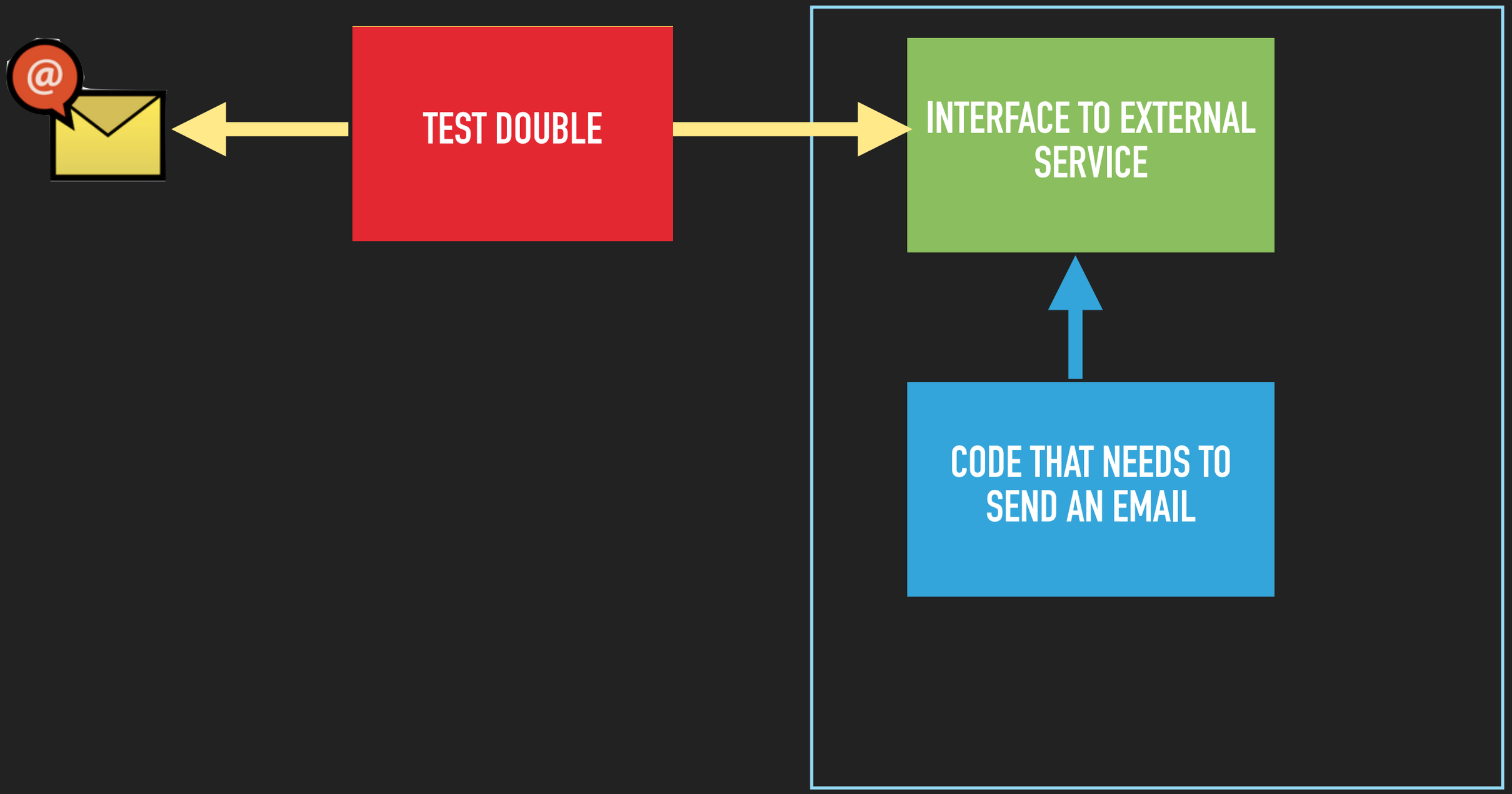

FAKE EMAIL GATEWAY

```
class FakeEmailGateway implements EmailGatewayInterface
{

  private $emailMessages = [];

  public function sendEmail(EmailMessage $message){
    $this->emailMessages[] = $message;
  }

  public function findBy($to, $template): array {
    … return EmailMessage meeting criteria …
  }
}
```

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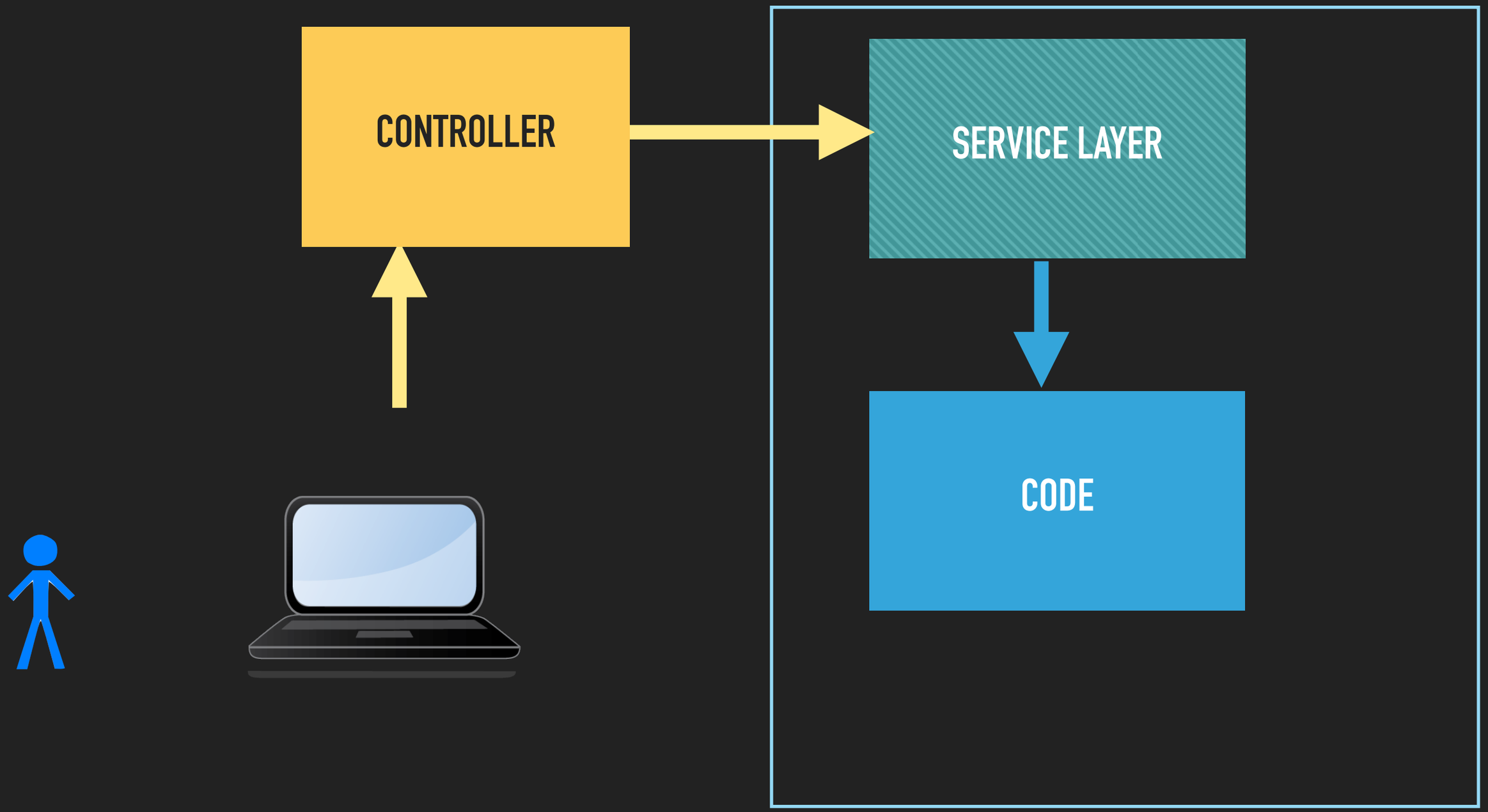

SERVICE LAYER

```
interface PasswordService
{
  /**
   * Send user link to reset their password
   */
  public function requestPasswordReset($emailAddress);

  /**
   * Reset password from link
   */
  public function resetPassword($token, $newPassword): bool;

  /**
   * Normal password reset
   */
  public function updatePassword($user, $newPassword): bool;

}
```

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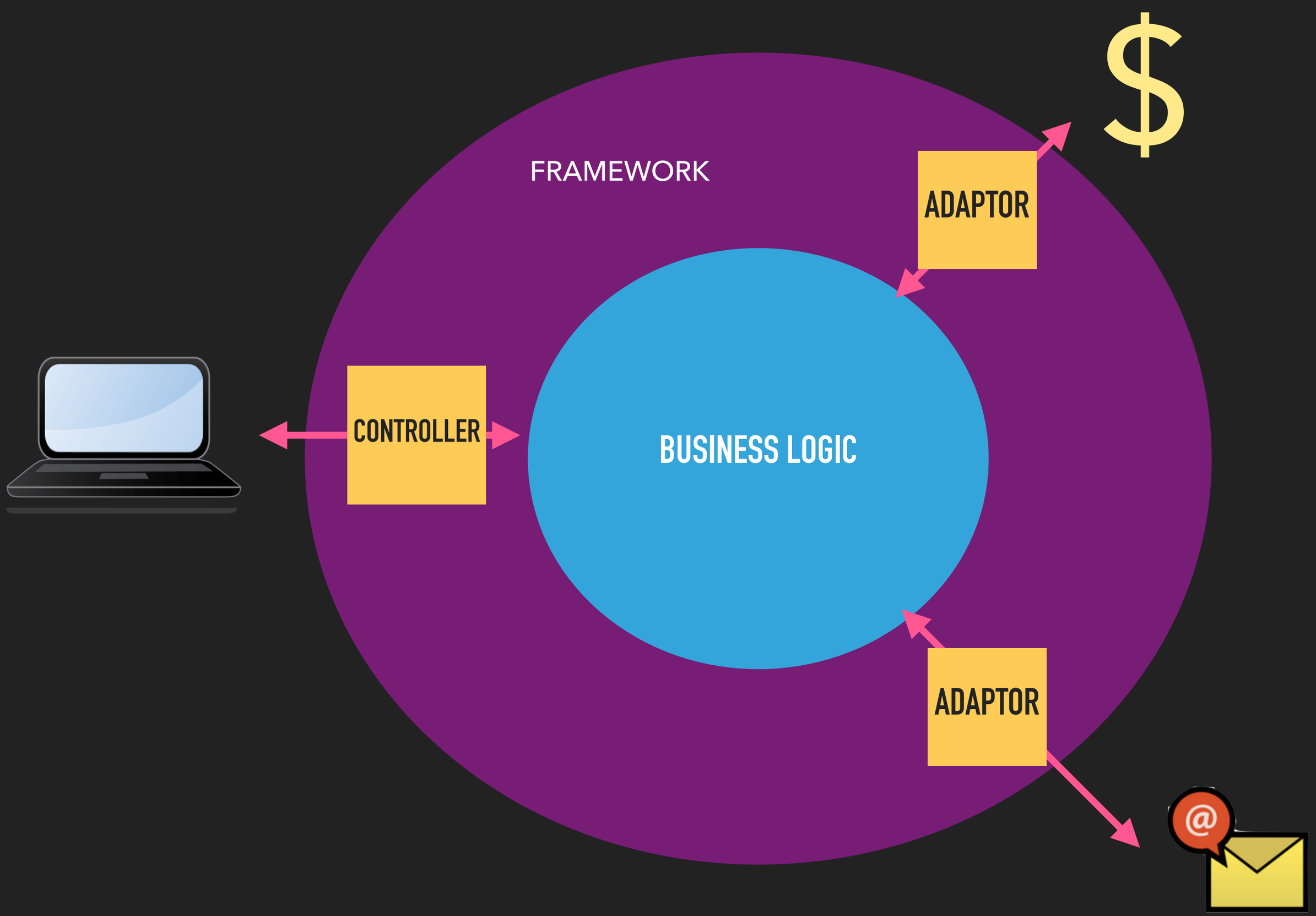

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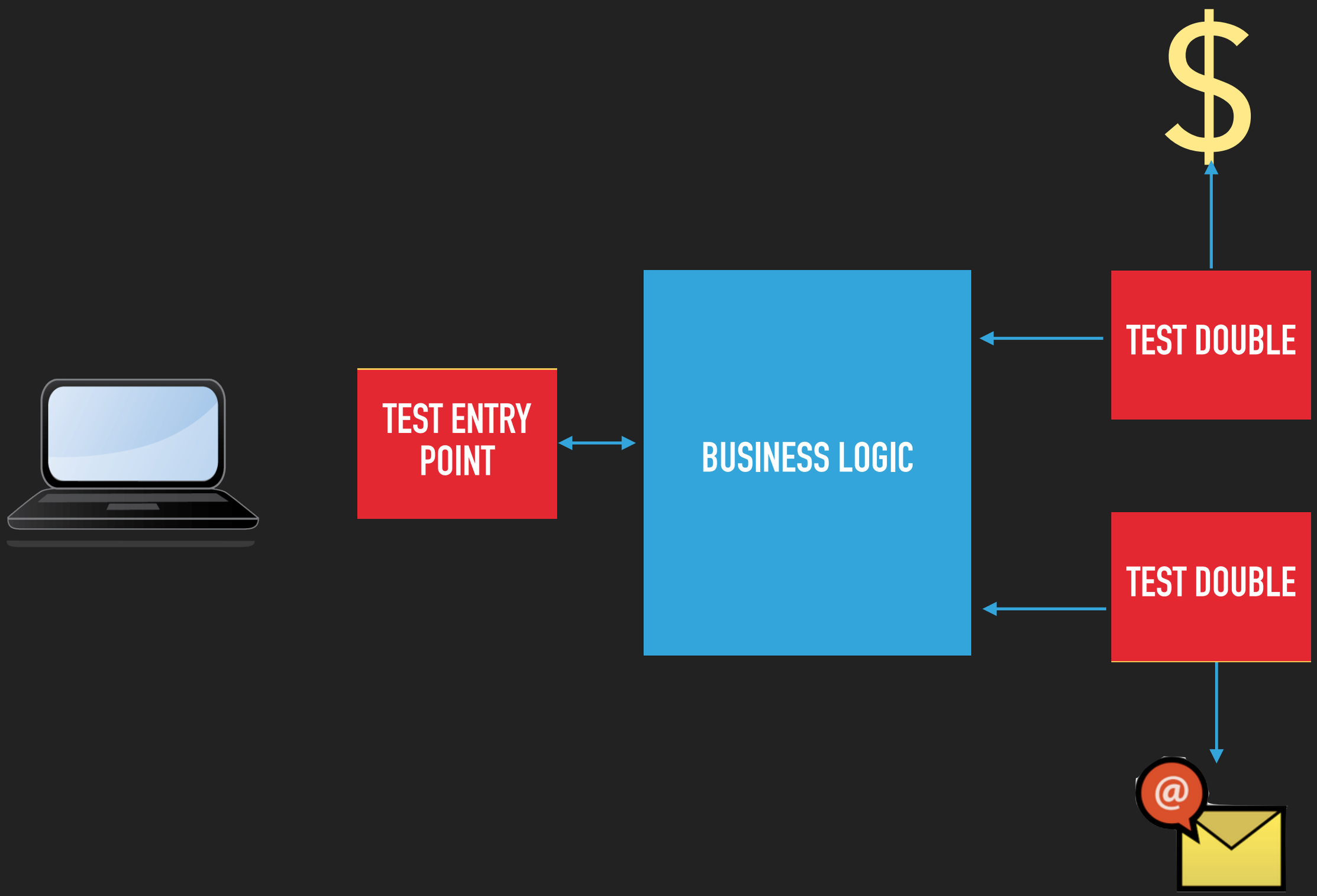

PASSWORD RESET TEST 1

```
class PasswordResetTest extends TestCase
{

  public function testPasswordReset() {

    $user = … create a new user …

    $success = $this->passwordService
        ->requestPasswordReset($user->getEmail());

    $this->assertTrue($success);

…
```

PASSWORD RESET TEST 2

...

```
$emailMessages = $this->fakeEmailGateway->find(
    $user->getEmail(), “PASSWORD_RESET”);

 $this->assertCount(1, $emailMessages);
```

```
$data = $emailMessages[0]->getData();
$token = $data[‘token’];
```

```
$success = $passwordService->resetPassword(
    $token, ‘NewPassword1’);

$this->assertTrue($success);
```

STOP AND ADMIRE

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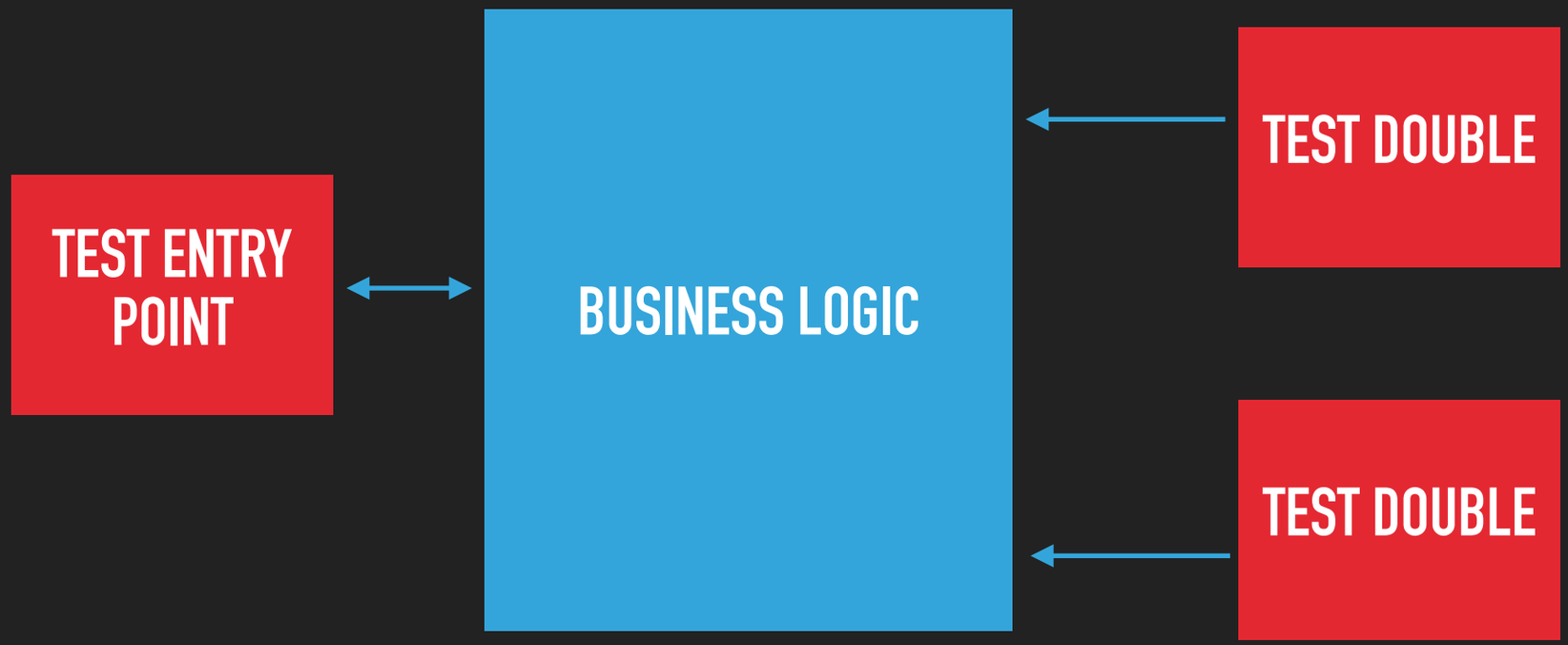

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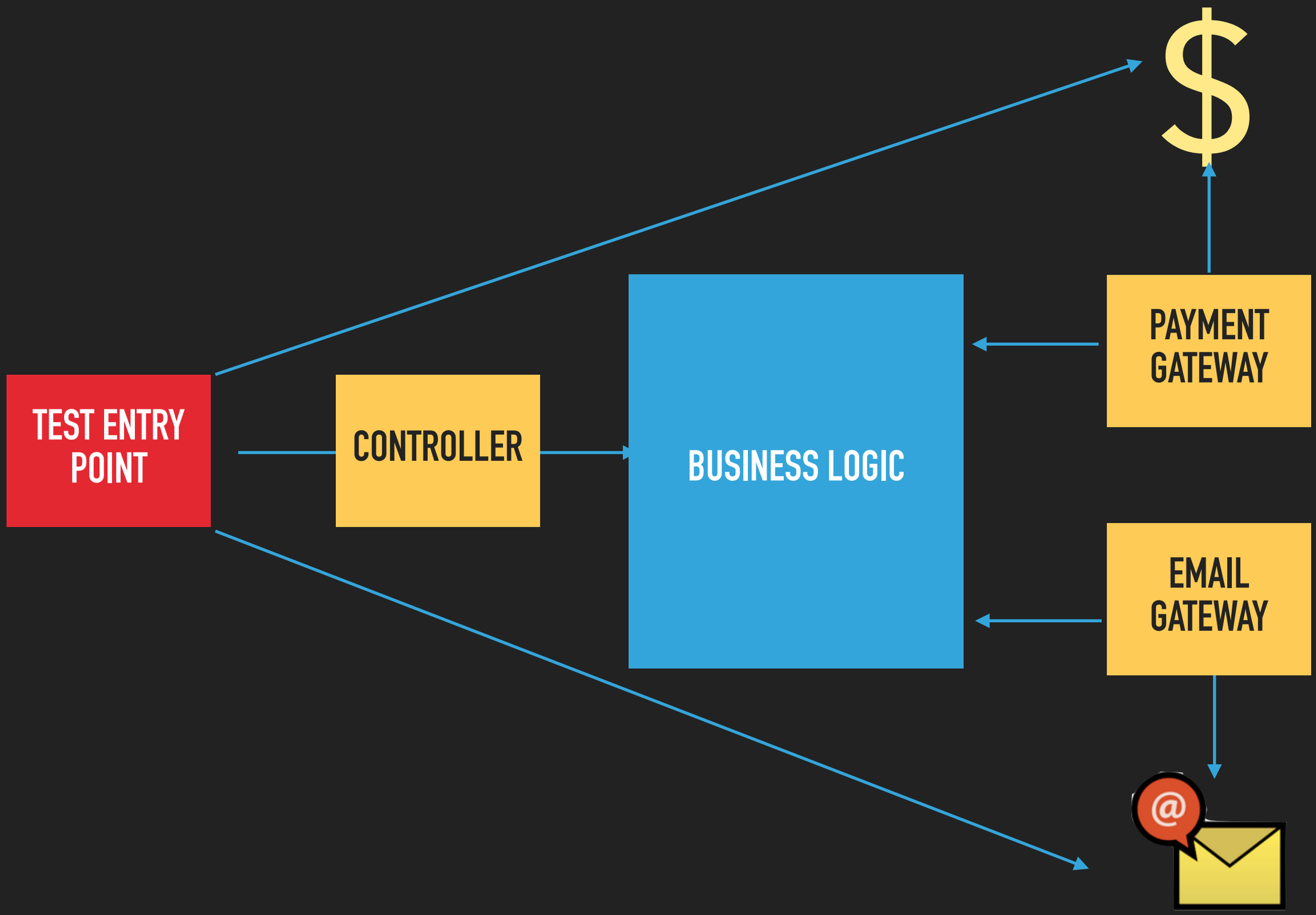

TAKE AWAY

ARCHITECTURE IS VERY IMPORTANT

- High correlation between easy to test and good architecture.
- A code base isn't difficult to test, it's poorly architected.

- Holy trinity
  - Lower maintenance
  - Faster
  - Lower coverage

RETURNING TO OUR PASSWORD VALIDATOR: 1

```
public function testUpdatePassword() {

 $user = … create a new user with password Passw1rd …

 // Update password 3 times
 $passwordService->updatePassword($user, ‘Passw2rd’);
 $passwordService->updatePassword($user, ‘Passw3rd’);
 $passwordService->updatePassword($user, ‘Passw4rd’);

 …
```

RETURNING TO OUR PASSWORD VALIDATOR: 2

…

```
// Update to a recent password
$success = $passwordService->updatePassword(
      $user, 'Passw1rd');
$this->assertFalse($success);
```

```
// Update to a non recent password
$success = $passwordService->updatePassword(
      $user, 'Passw5rd');
$this->assertTrue($success);
```

```
// Update to password used over 5 times ago
$success = $passwordService->updatePassword(
      $user, 'Passw1rd');
$this->assertTrue($success);
```

THE BIG INTEGRATION TEST

CONSTRUCTING OUR USER OBJECT

```
$user … create user with password ‘Passw1rd’ …
```

HOW DO WE BUILD THE TEST USER OBJECT?

- Hand build what is required
- Seed the database
- Object mother
- Test Builder

HAND BUILDING

```
$user = $this->userService->registerUser(
                    "dave@lampbristol.com",
                    "Dave",
                    "P4ssw0rd");

$userService->completeRegistration(
        $user->getConfirmationToken);
```

SEEDING A DATABASE

```
users:
  - name: Dave
    email: dave@lampbristol.com
    password: Password

  - name: Sarah
    email: sarah@example.com
    password: Passw5rd
```

OBJECT MOTHER

```
$user = $this->userObjectMother->getDave();

// User will have default values for name, email, etc
```

OBJECT MOTHER: IMPLEMENTATION

```
class UserObjectMother {

    …

    public function getDave(): User {
        $user = $userService->registerUser(
                    “dave@lampbristol.com”,
                    “Dave”,
                    “Passw0rd”);

        $userService->confirmRegistration(
            $user, $user->getToken());
        return $user;
}
```

TEST BUILDER: 1

```
$userBuilder = $this->getUserBuilder();
$user = $userBuilder->build();

// User will have default values for name, email, etc
```

USING A TEST BUILDER (2)

```
$userBuilder = $this->getUserBuilder();
$user = $userBuilder
            ->name(“David”)
           ->password(“Passw4rd”)
          ->previousPasswords([
              “Passw1rd”,
              “Passw2rd”,
              “Passw3rd”,
           ])
          ->build();
```

DECOUPLING OUR TESTS FROM CODE UNDER TEST

OBJECT MOTHER AND TEST BUILDER BENEFITS

- Single place where test business object built
  - Easy to find
  - Easy to update
- Defer to other Object Mothers / Test Builders
- Decoupling our tests from the software under test
  - More robust
  - Easier to refactor

TAKE AWAY

USE OBJECT MOTHER AND TEST BUILDER PATTERNS

- Reduce coupling between test and production code
- Help make your tests more resilient to change
- Holy trinity:
  - Lower maintenance
  - Higher coverage

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THE BIG INTEGRATION TEST?

ASSESS VALUE OF TESTS.

REMOVE ONES THAT ARE DUPLICATED (AND OFFER NO BENEFIT)

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TO MAKE A GOOD TEST SUITE

- Requires skill
- Good code architecture
- Reduce coupling between tests and code under test:
  - Use mocks only when needed
  - Use patterns like Object Mother and Test Builder

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Thank you for listening

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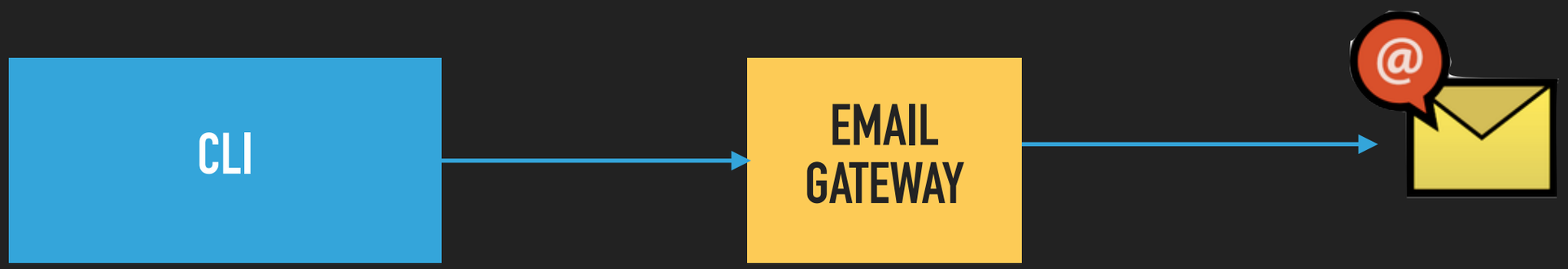
BONUS 1

CAN WE AUTOMATE ANYTHING ELSE?



CAN WE AUTOMATE ANYTHING ELSE?

```
php bin/console test:emailgateway --to dave@lampbristol.com
Sending email:
To       [dave@lampbristol.com]
From     [test@lampbristol.com]
CC       [dave+1@lampbristol.com]
Subject [Test email 2016-02-08 19:37]
Body     [Hi,
          This is a test email.
          Sent at 2016-02-08 19:37.
          From your tester]
```