

# A Unified Approach to Architecture Conformance Checking

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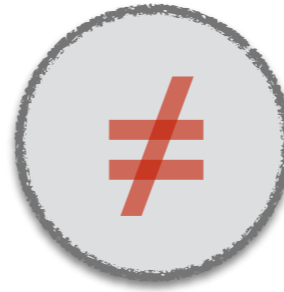
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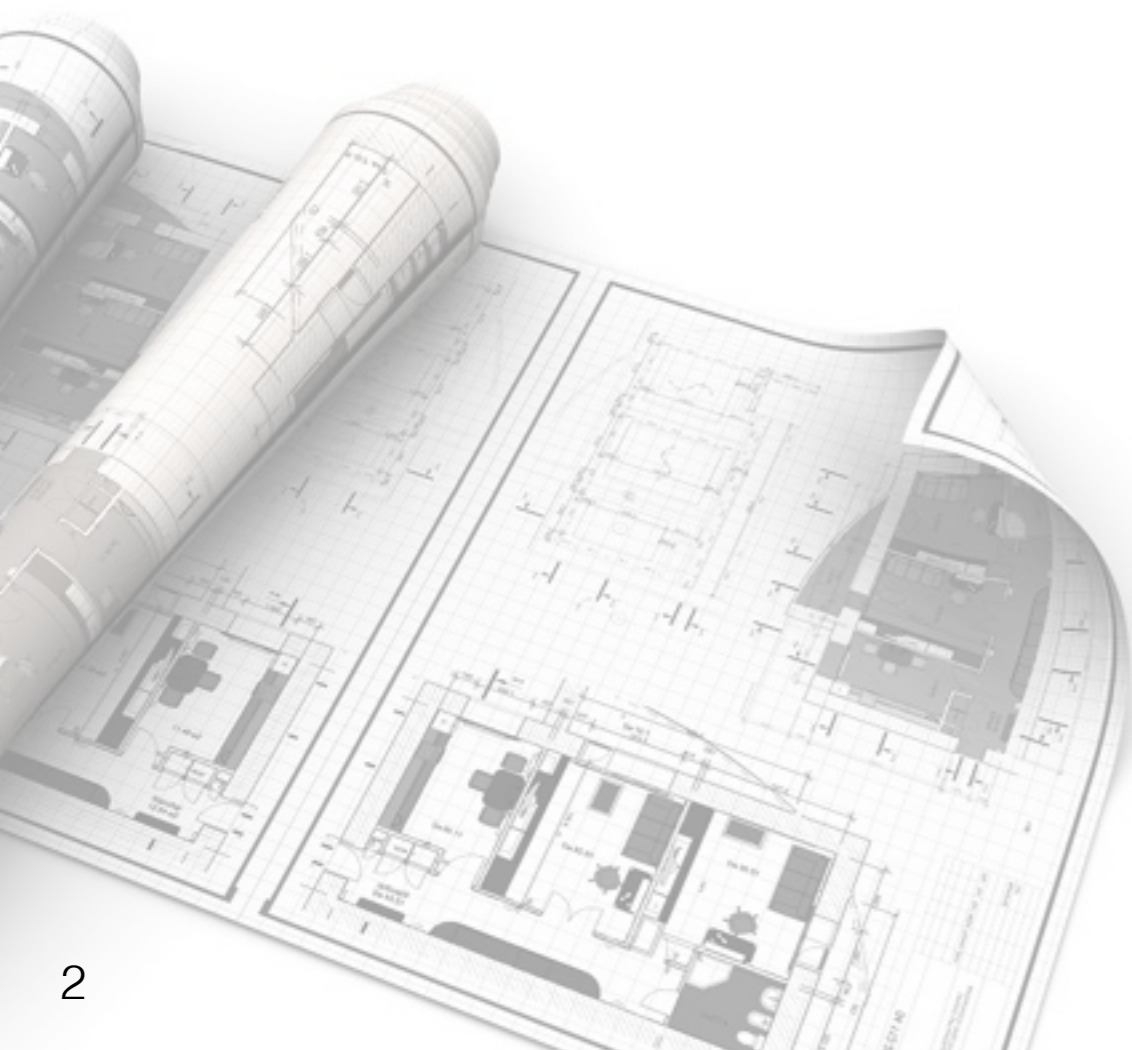
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# Architecture Erosion

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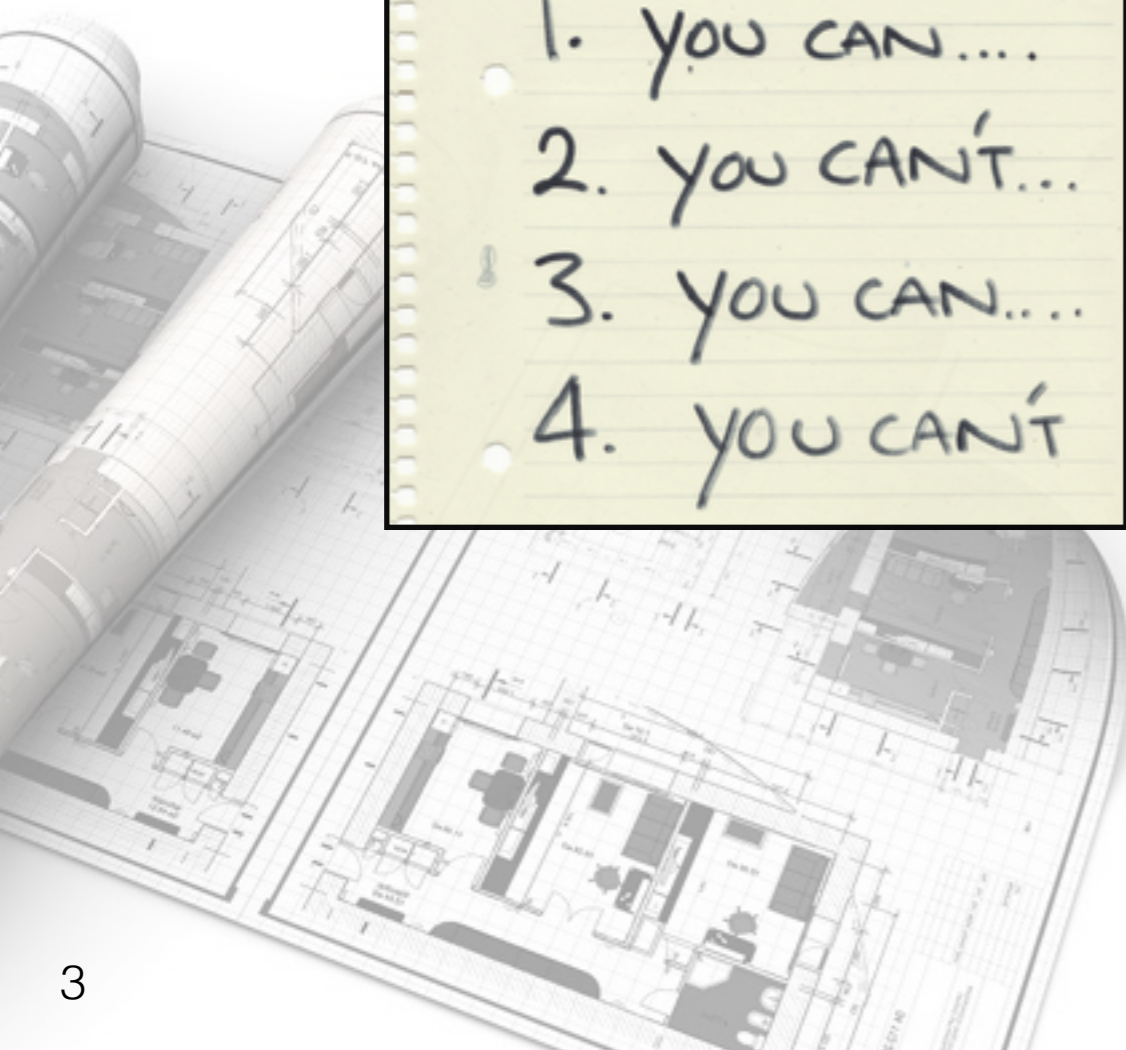
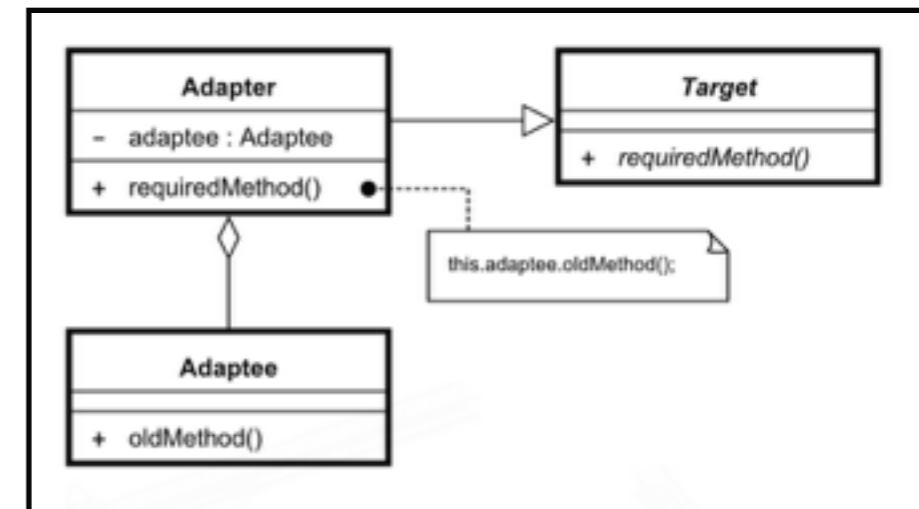
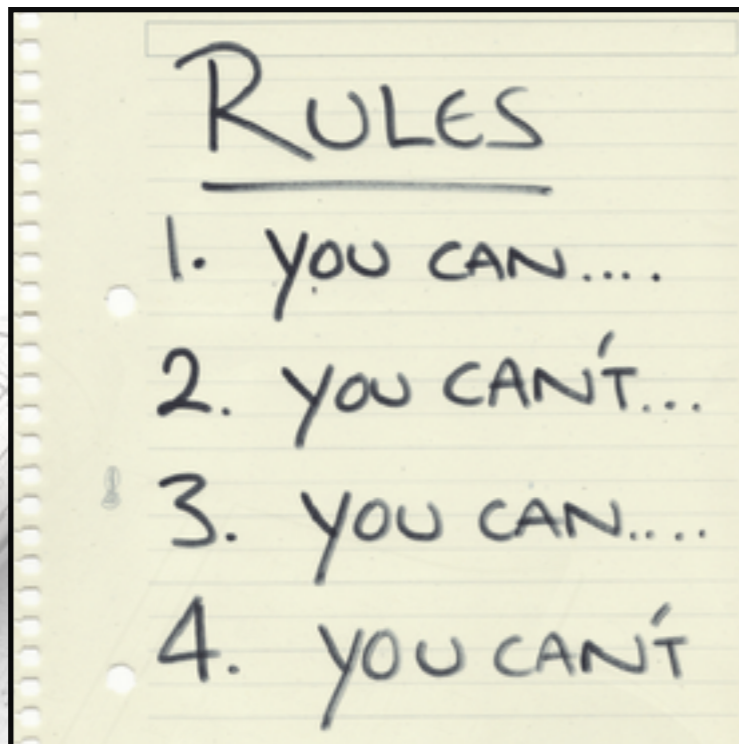


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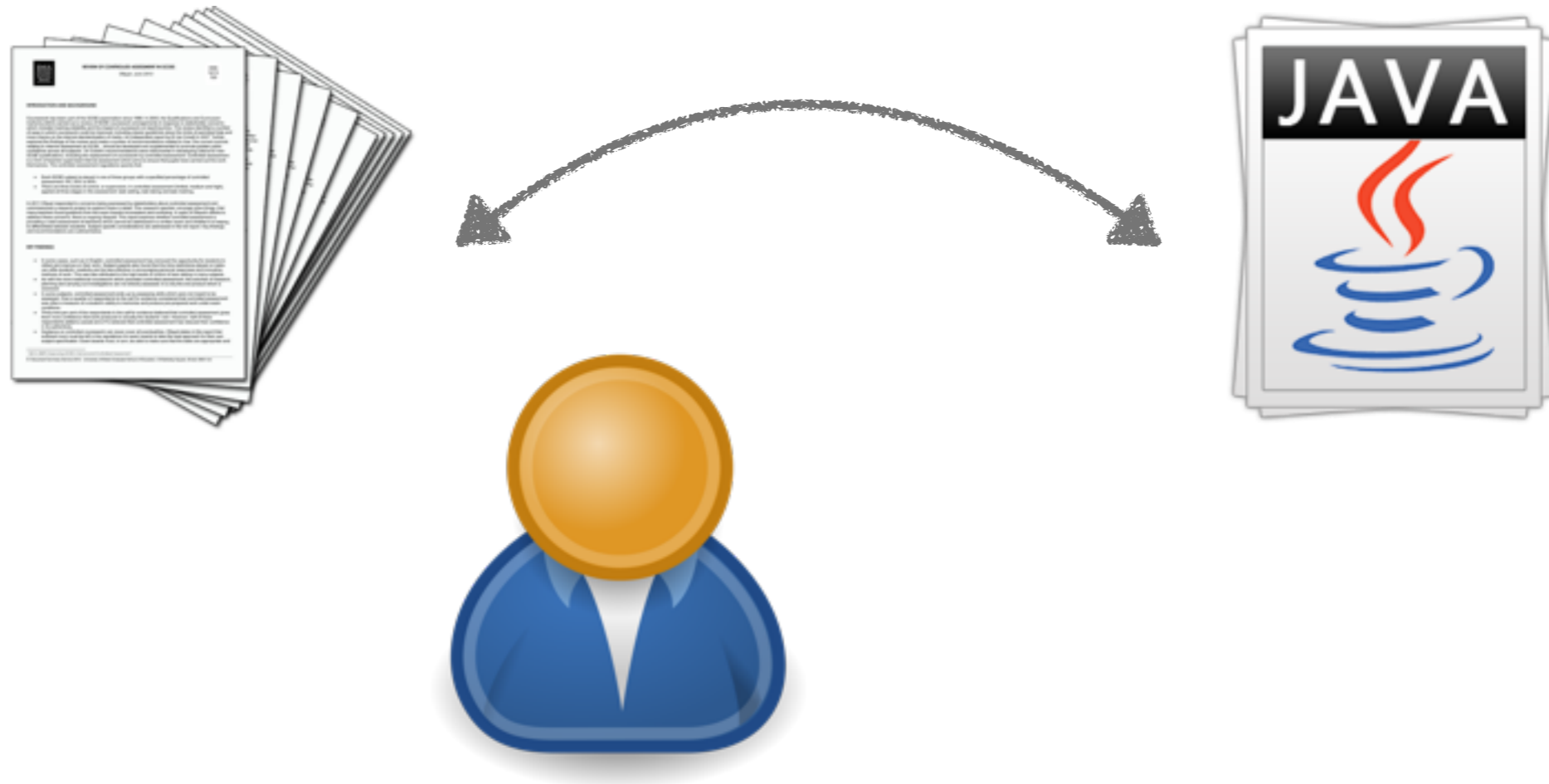


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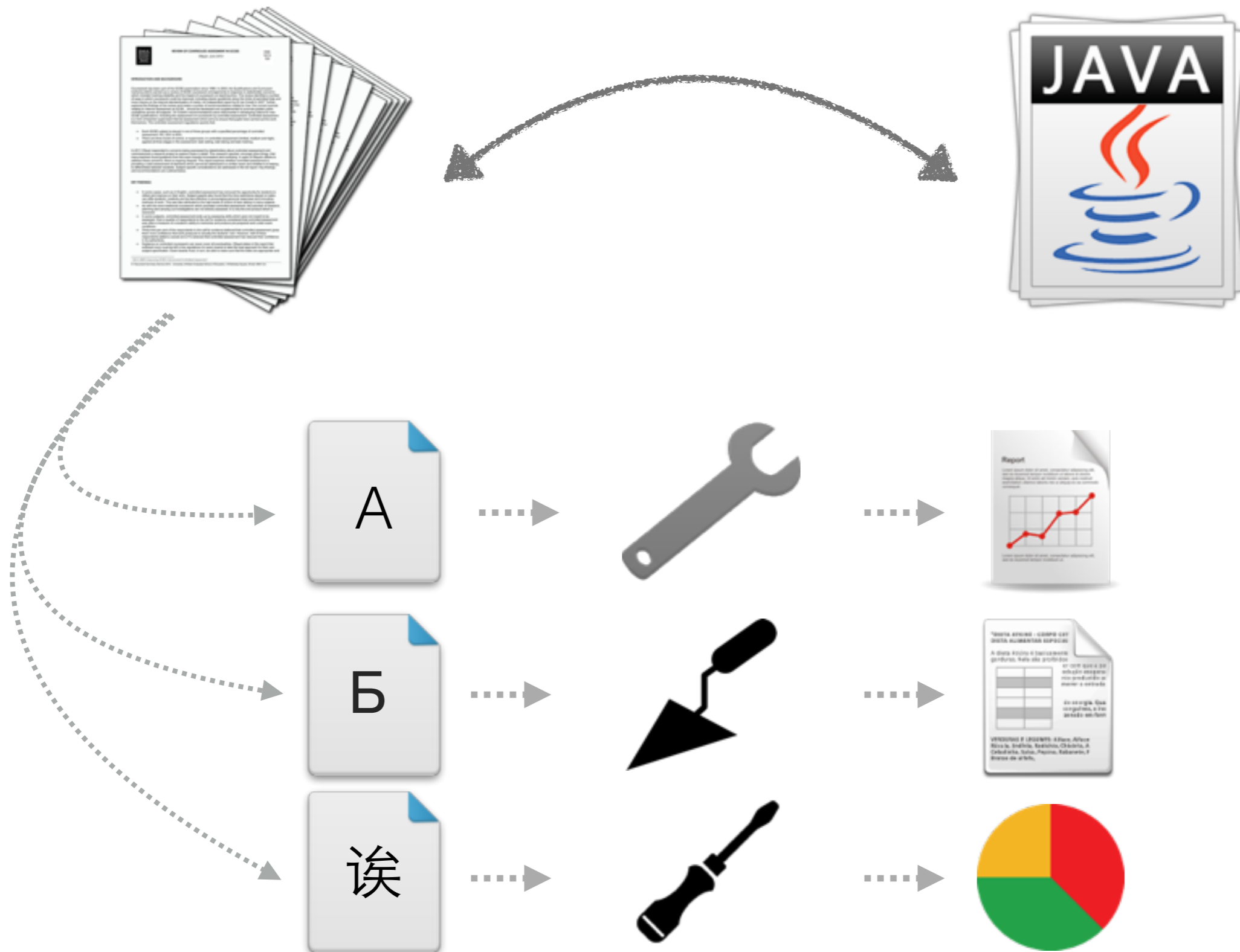


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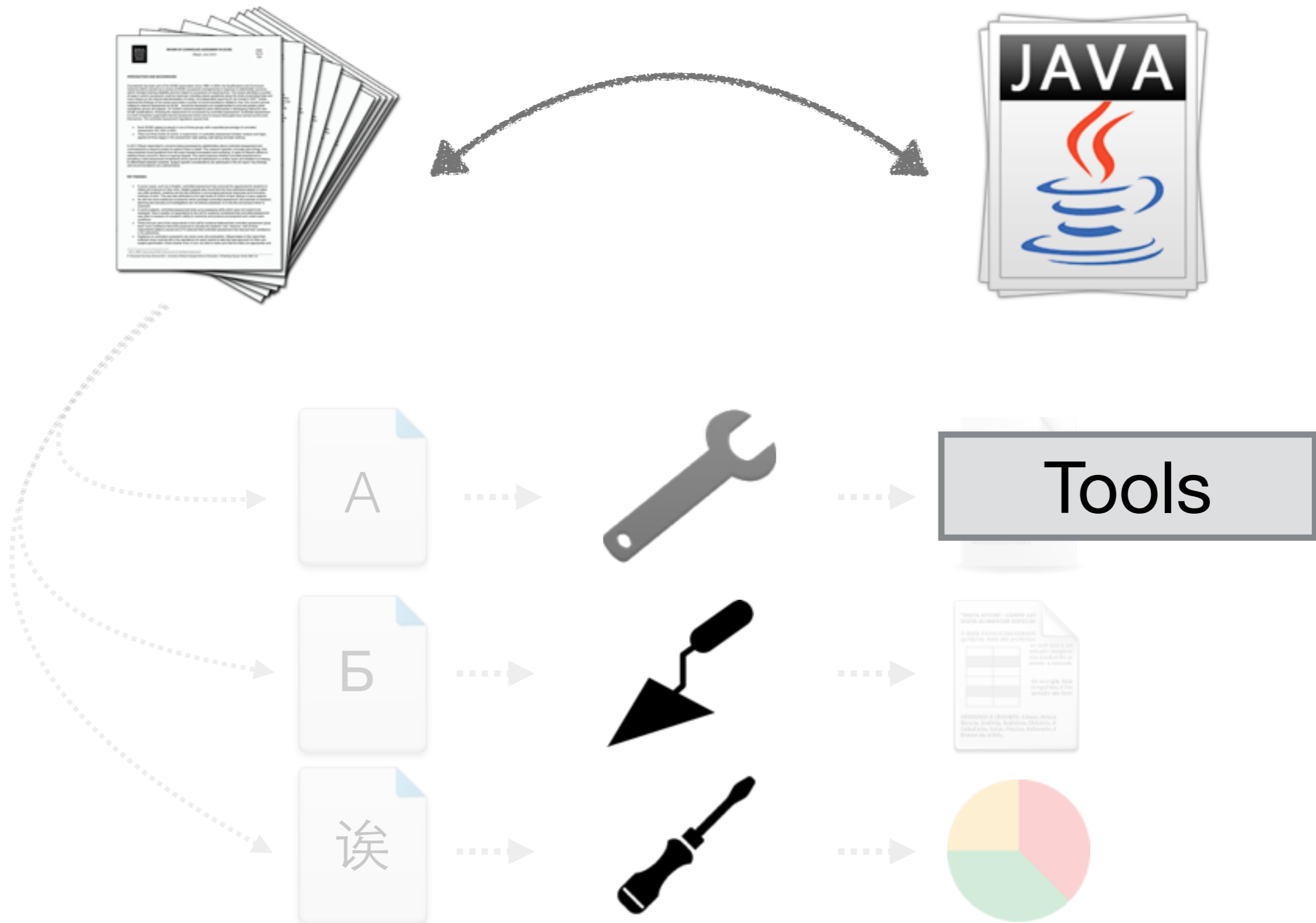
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techniques \*

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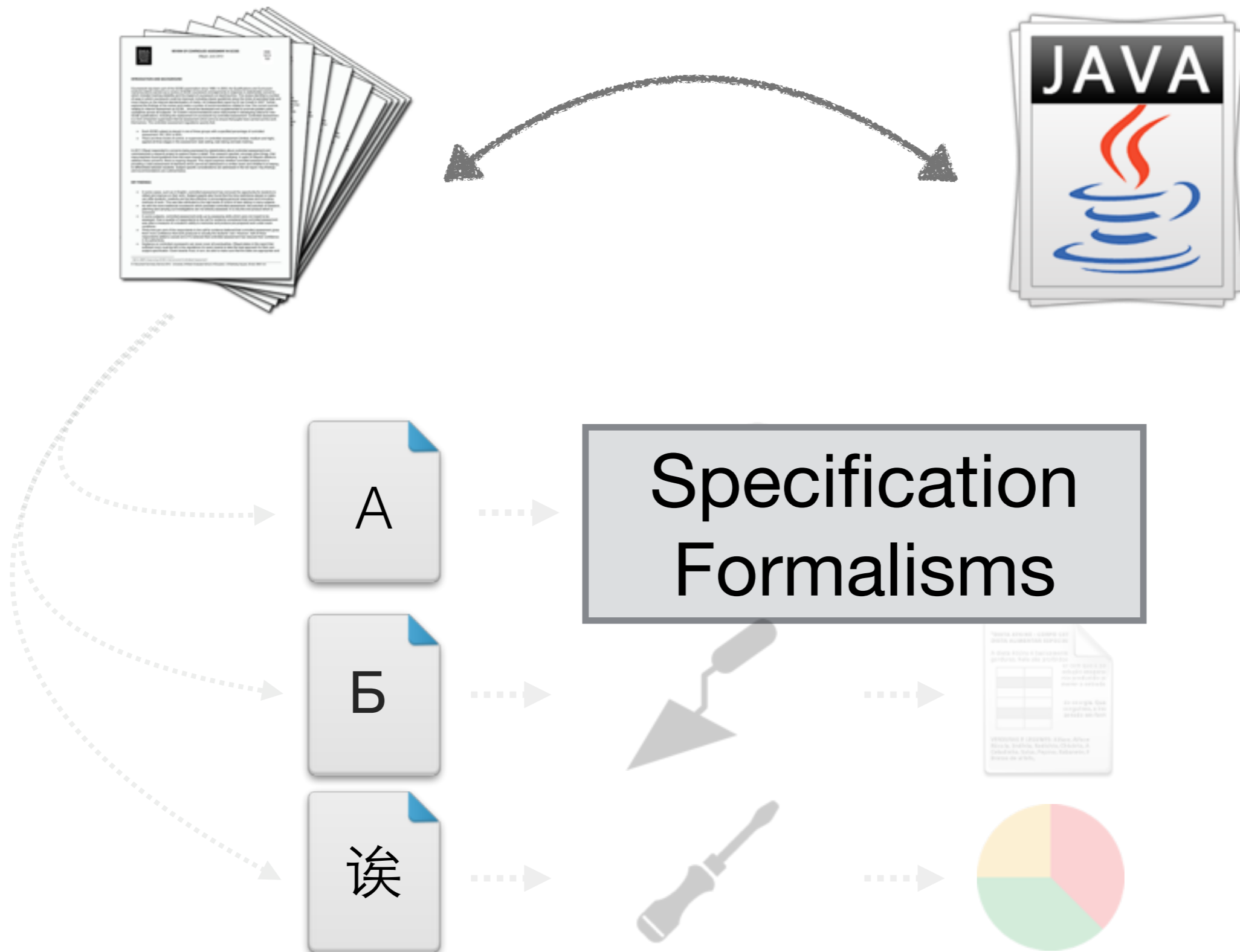




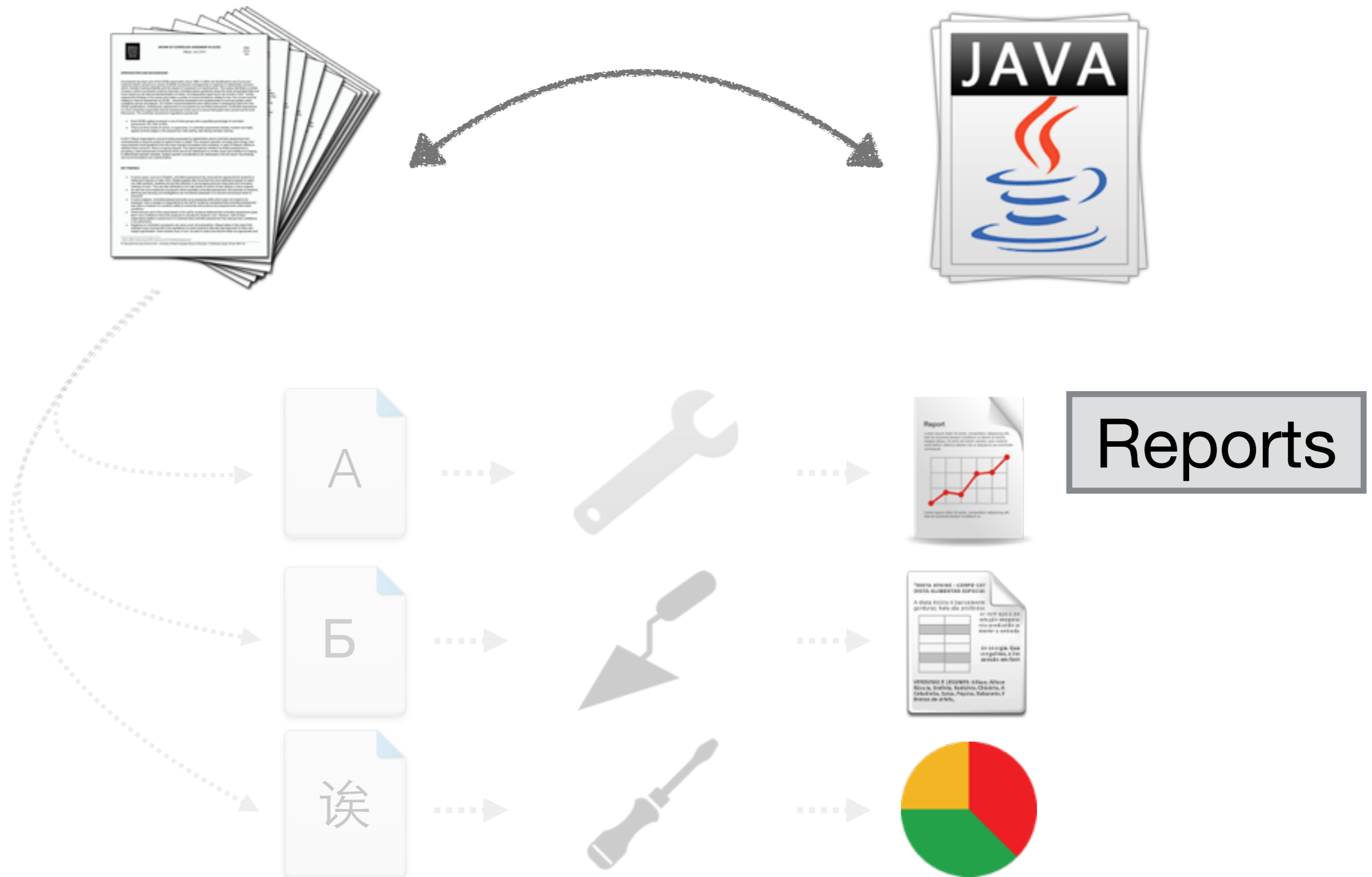
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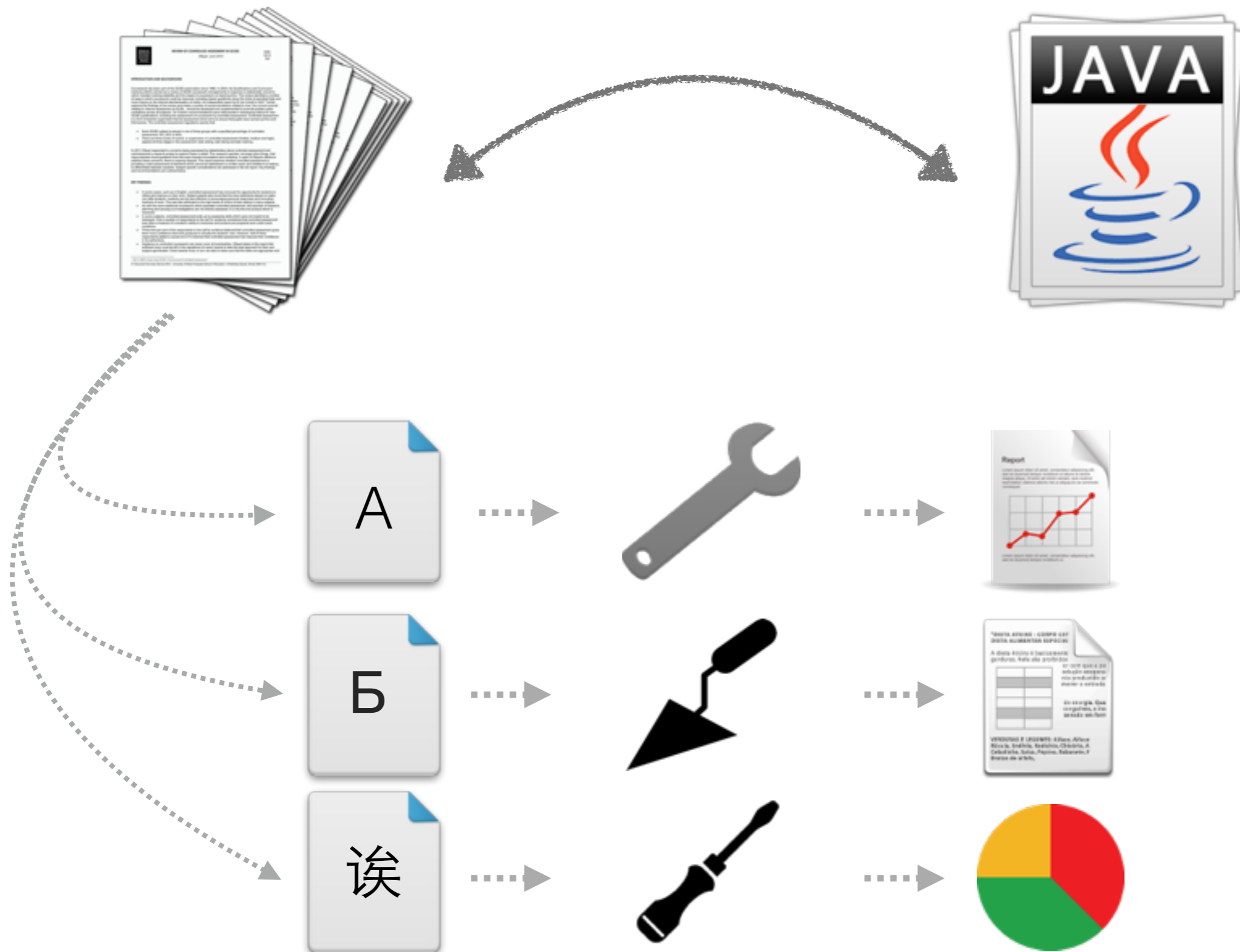


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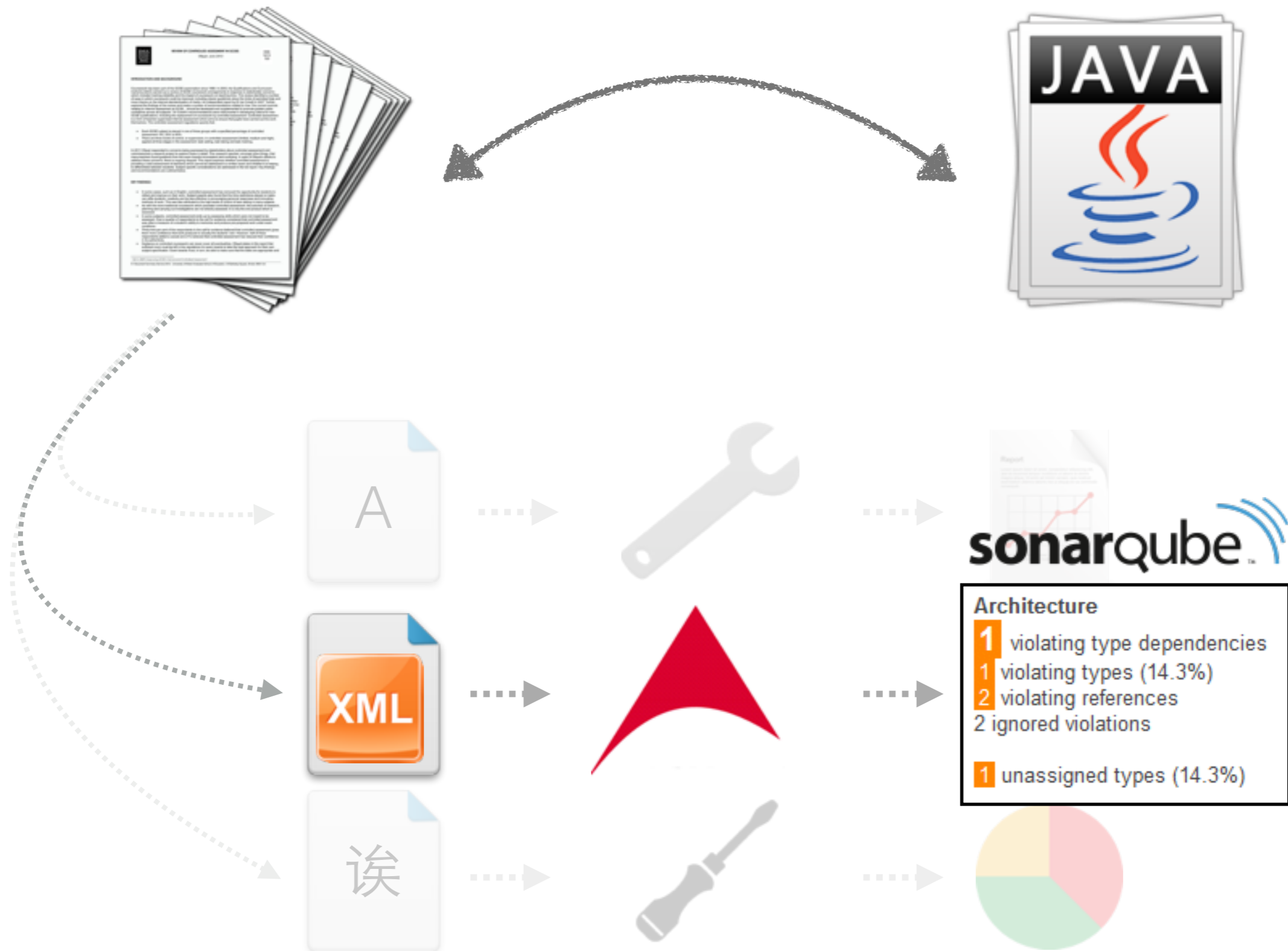




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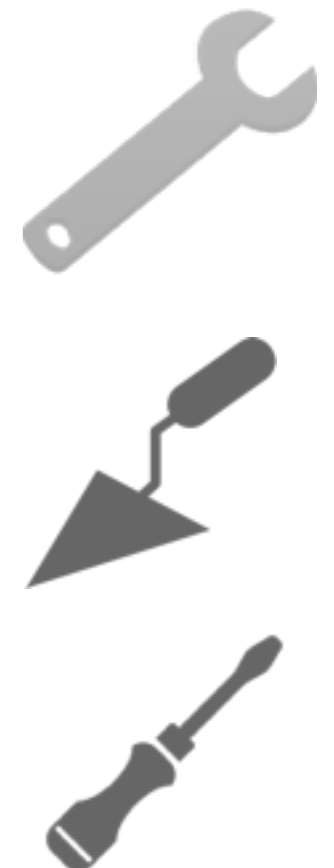
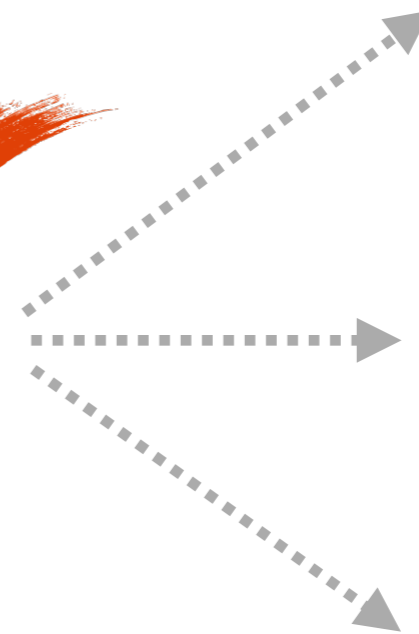


# A Unified Approach



## Dictō

Persistence cannot **depend on Service**  
Impl must **have annotation "@Service"**  
System cannot **contain cycles**





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name!: "*\*persistence\**"



## Rules

### Maintainability

*Method* can only be named "String"  
only *Package* can contain dead methods

### Compatibility

*XMLTag* must have attribute "String"  
*WebResource* must have content "String"

### Reliability

Method must catch *Class*

### Performance

*WebResource* must have latency  $< int$  ms  
*WebResource* must handle load from *int* users

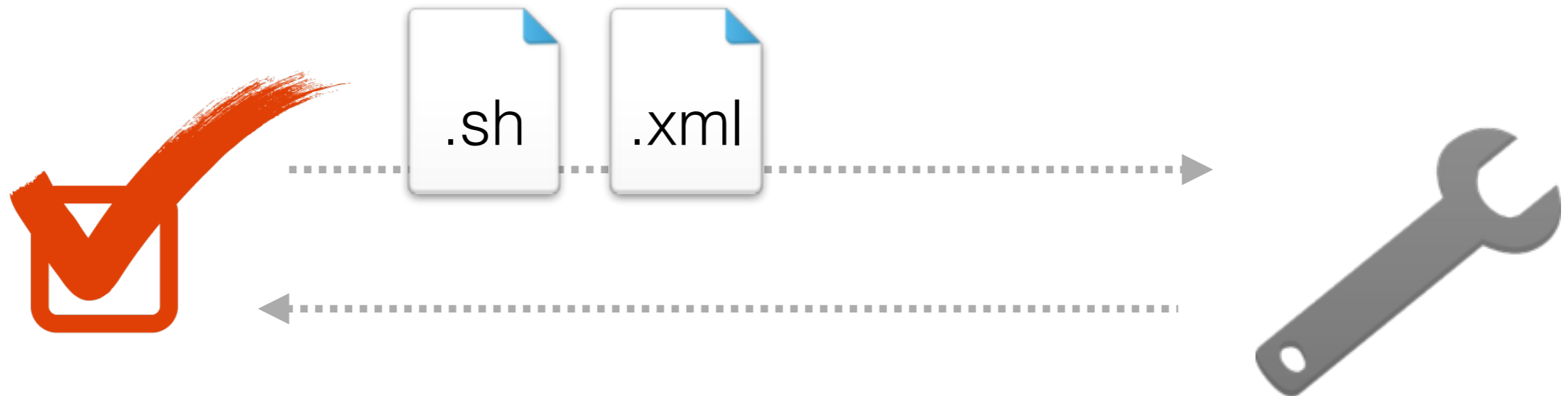
# Analysis

## Persistence cannot **depend** on Service

*depend-on(app.xx.persistence.yy, app.xx.service)*

*depend-on(app.xx.persistence.yy2, app.xx.service)*

*depend-on(app.xx.persistence.yy3, app.xx.service)*



# Analysis

## Persistence cannot depend on Service



***depend-on(app.xx.persistence.yy, app.xx.service) = True***

*depend-on(app.xx.persistence.yy2, app.xx.service) = False*

*depend-on(app.xx.persistence.yy3, app.xx.service) = False*



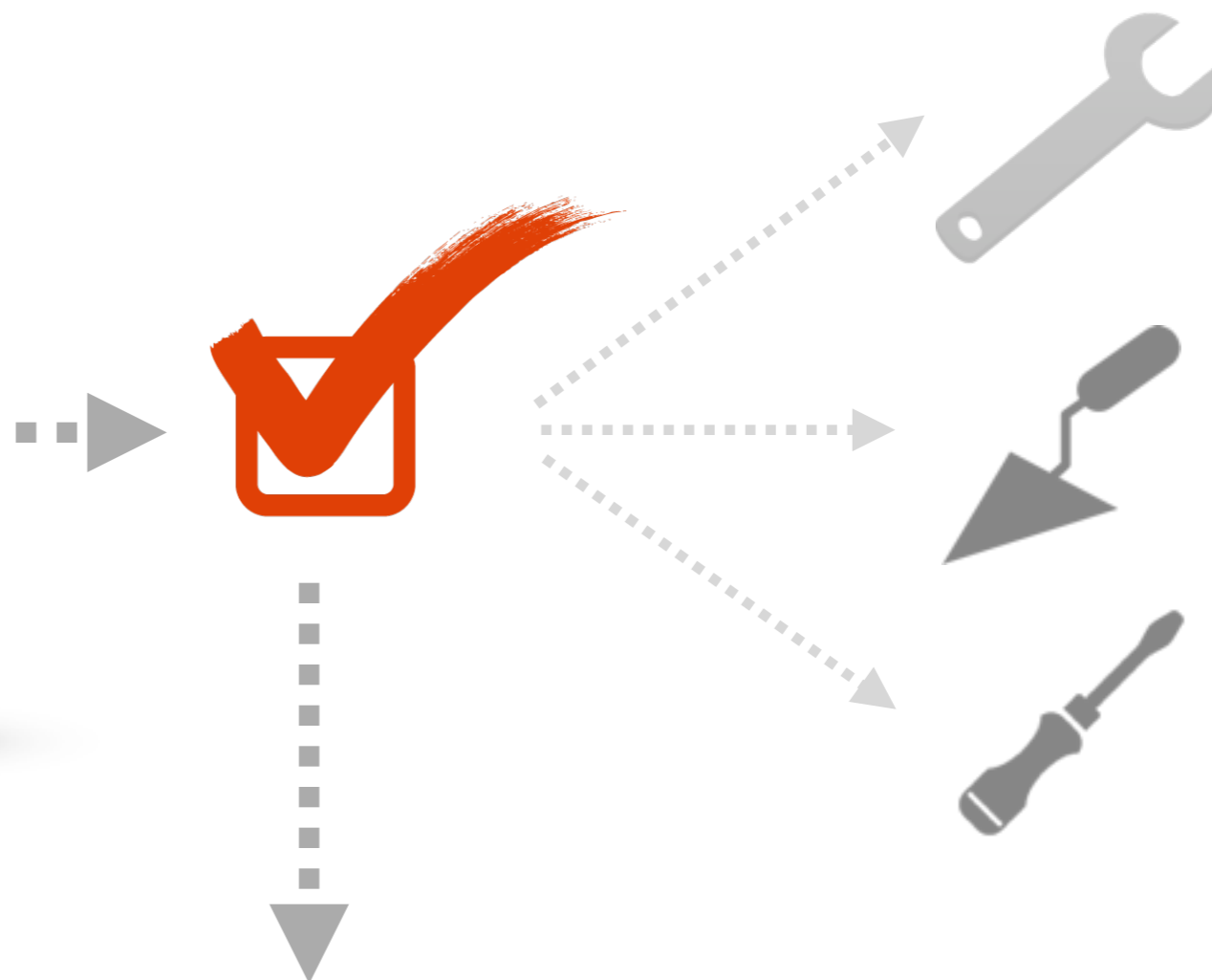
# Reporting

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Statistics



Automated Architectural Tests. With emphasis on the Diff. [What's this?](#)

- Repository: <https://github.com/studer-raimann/ILIAS>
- Commit: [ec5aff7e96c6ab3efbfca0e5461d7dd0815b833a](#)
- Compared to Commit: [1d8c0bc57f2f7ac02a0df2a5ab82a541dec10e46](#)

742 Total Violations    468 Added Violations    0 Resolved Violations

only GUIClasses can depend on ilLanguage	+275 ↑
WholelliasCodebase cannot depend on SuppressErrors	+182 ↑
ilExceptionsWithoutTopLevelException can only depend on ilExceptions	+7 ↑
WholelliasCodebase cannot depend on eval	+3 ↑
WholelliasCodebase cannot depend on exitOrDie	+1 ↑

Exit and die are a bad idea in both development and production: In development you have no idea what went wrong and in production the user receives a white page and has no idea what's going on. The implemented exception handling does not work if you use exit or die.

If you want to send a file consider using: `Services/FileDelivery`.

Exception: Currently if you want to output json you most likely have to use `exit()` at the moment.

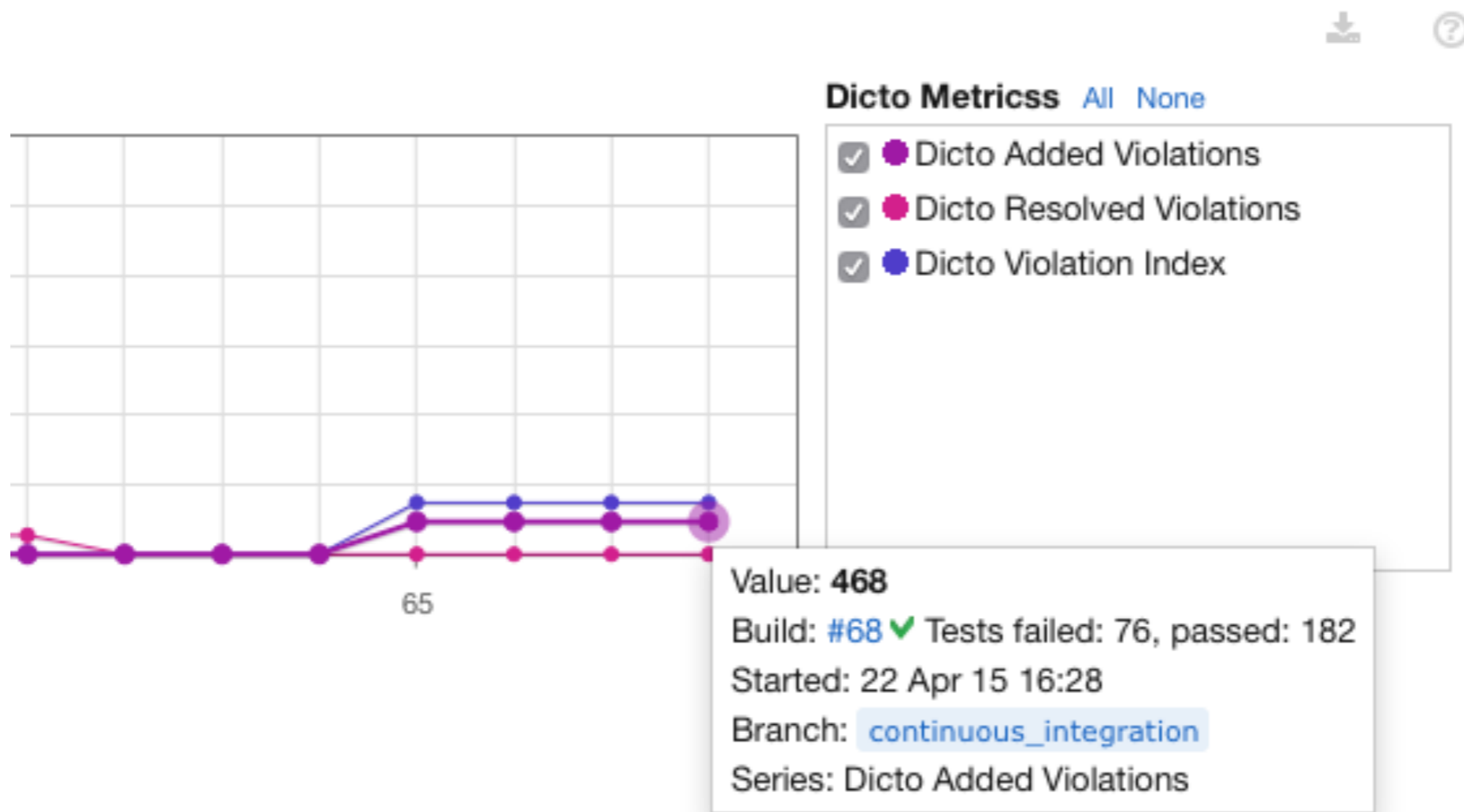
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**Newly Introduced Violations**

ilFileDelivery depends on exit/die



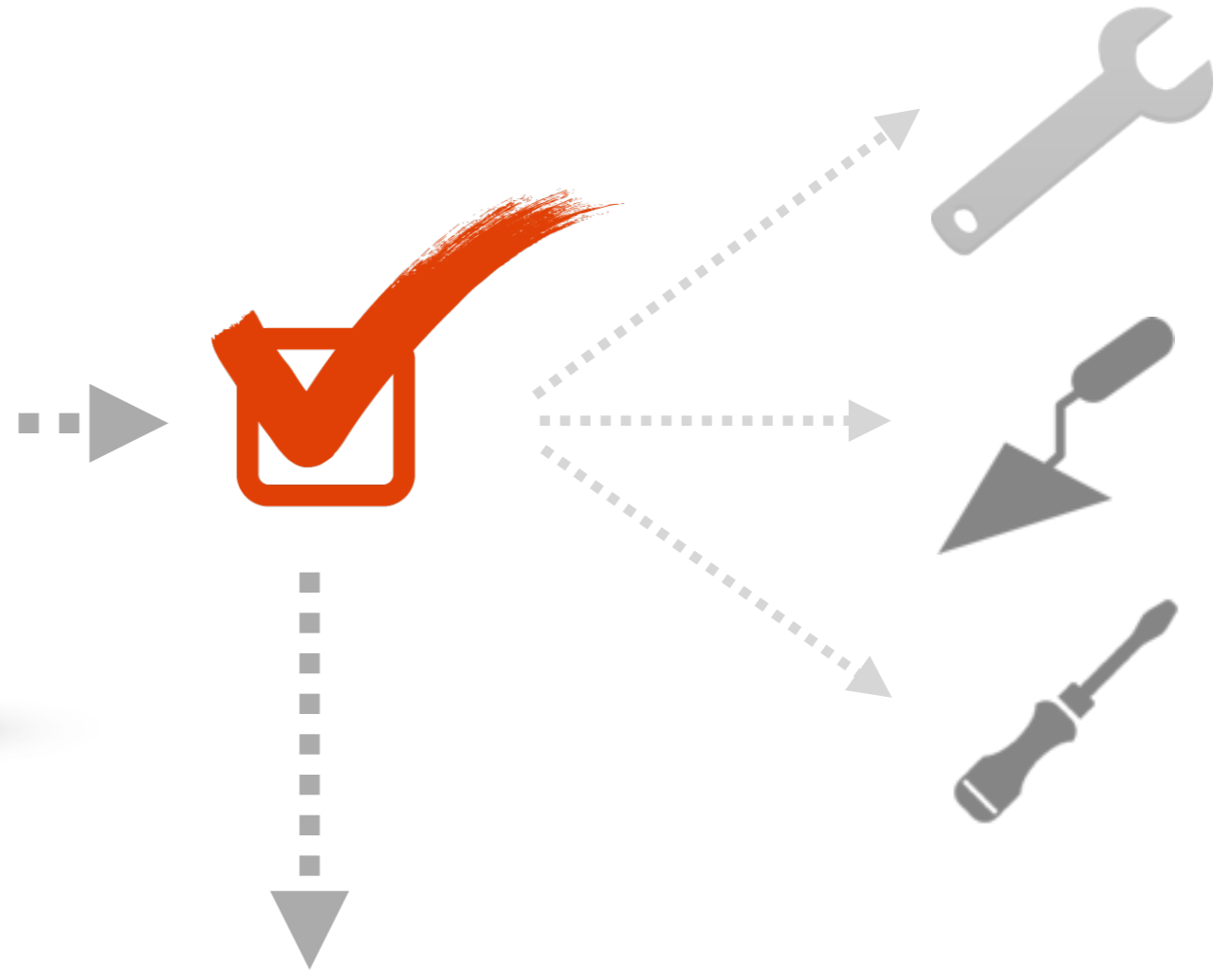




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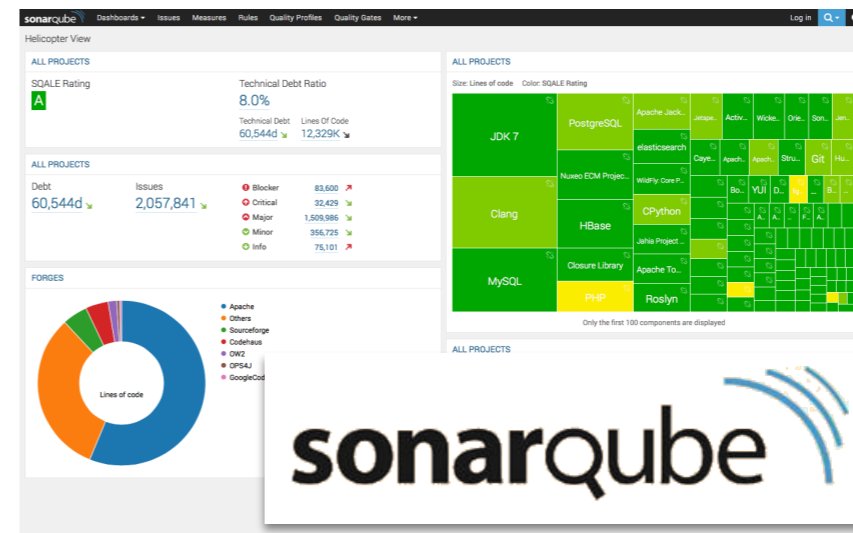
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New Issue

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# Issues New Search

Project: All Severity: All Status: All Assignee: All Resolution: Unresolved + More Criteria

Search

Ordered by Update Date Found: 5

Simple Dicto project  
Simple Dicto project

10 Lines of code 41min Debt 1 Issues 0.0% Duplicated lines (%)

- Major** Open 4 days  
**TestMethods cannot be invoked**  
Simple Dicto project  
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- Minor** Open about a month  
Move this trailing comment on the previous empty line.  
Simple Dicto project  
src/Helloworld.java
- Critical** Open about a month  
Remove this exit() call or ensure it is really required.  
Simple Dicto project  
src/Helloworld.java
- Major** Reopened about a month  
Move this file to a named package.  
Simple Dicto project  
src/Helloworld.java
- Major** Reopened about a month  
Replace this usage of System.out or System.err by a log...

## TestMethods cannot be invoked

Comment Open Confirm Resolve False Positive Assign [to me] Plan Change Severity

Rule Changelog

Rule evaluated on: 2015-04-24 16:03:46 CEST  
Failing constraints:

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• TestMethods cannot be invoked

• cause: org.jhotdraw.test.standard.CutCommandTest.createInstance() beInvoked = True
• cause: org.jhotdraw.test.figures.GroupFigureTest.createInstance() beInvoked = True
• cause: org.jhotdraw.test.standard.NullHandleTest.createInstance() beInvoked = True
• cause: junit.framework.TestSuite.TestSuite(Class) beInvoked = True
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# Evaluation



## **Open source project**

LMS - PHP (1.8M LOC)

12 service providers, 900'000+ users



## **Large size company**

B2B - Java EE (50K LOC)

1'000 employees



## **Medium size company**

various - Java EE / .NET

100 employees

# Evaluation

## **Impact**

Process? Culture?

## **Value**

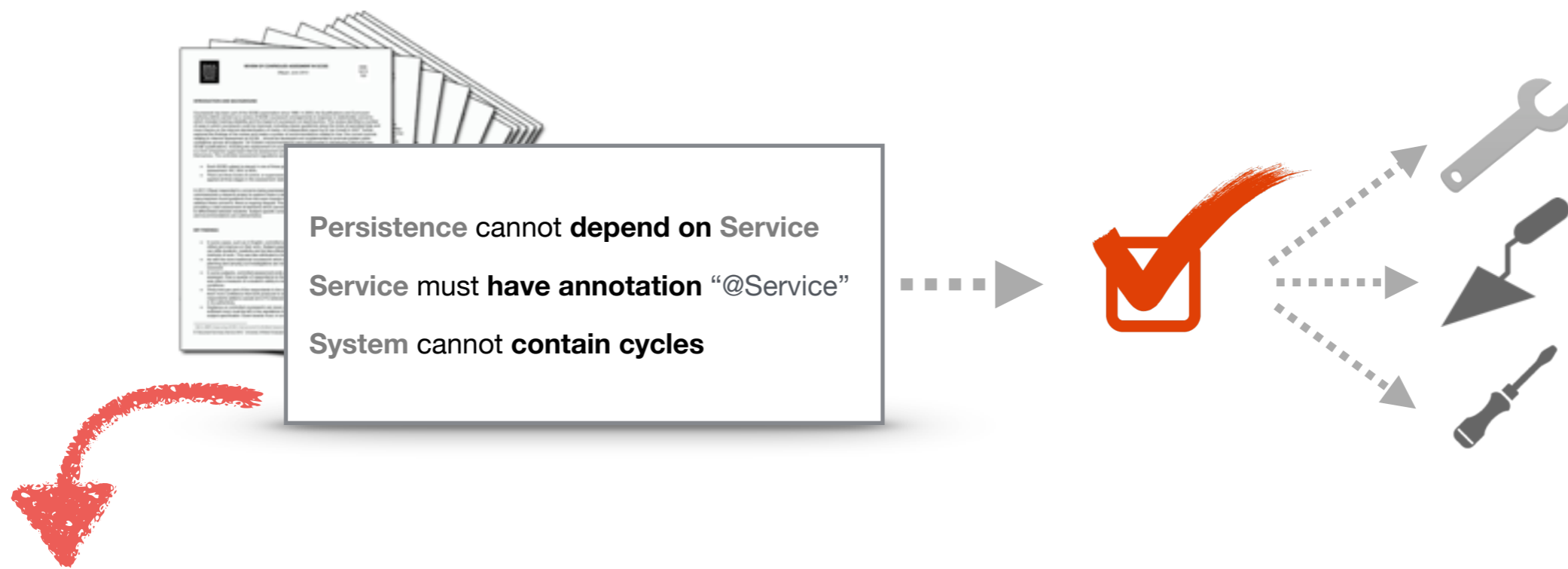
Cost-effectiveness? Quality?

## **Applicability**

Expressivity? Usability?



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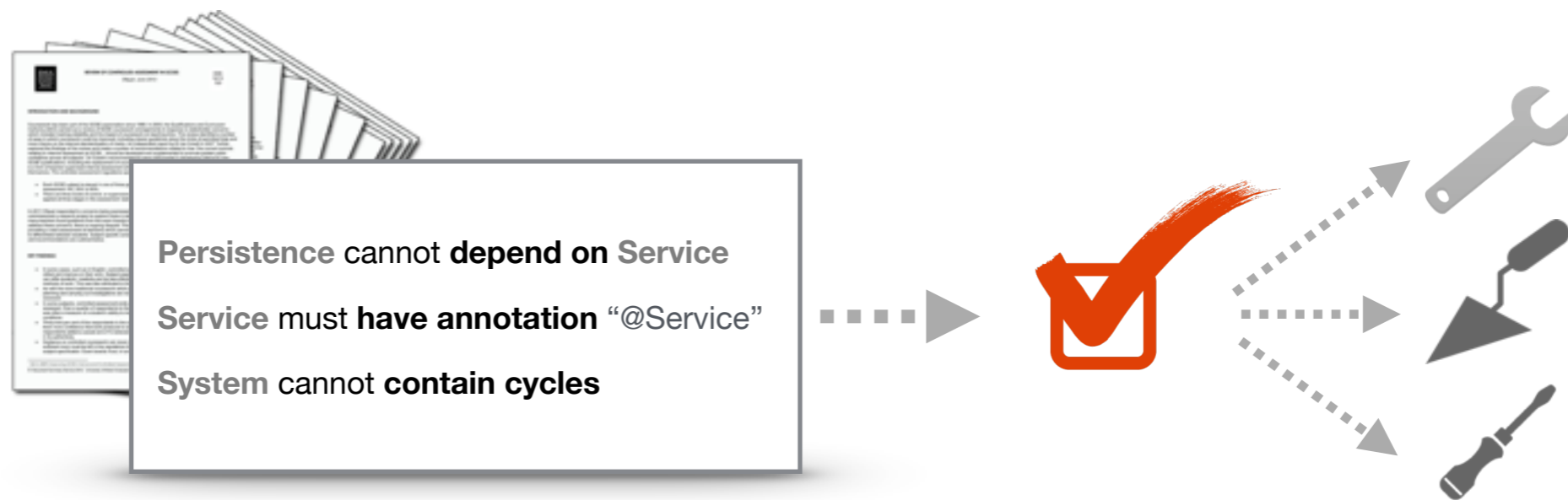


## Dictō

A uniform, readable, executable DSL for specifying architectural constraints.



# Discussion Topics



- how to streamline/incentivize compliance monitoring?
- which are the common obstacles?