

G O D E F I N



or the fine art of knowing
what to do and when and why

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codefin

cynefin

decisions & non-decisions



cynefin

fireworks

codefin



tcov

a play in four acts

lex & yacc & funtiemz



prologue

lost in the dark

“i already hate lex & yacc”



“where am i”

“what should i do”

“where should i go”



disorder

cacophony rules

we default here



intermission: enter bison



act one

despair at 4am

“i sure hate all bloody bisons now”



chaotic

no constraints

act – sense – respond



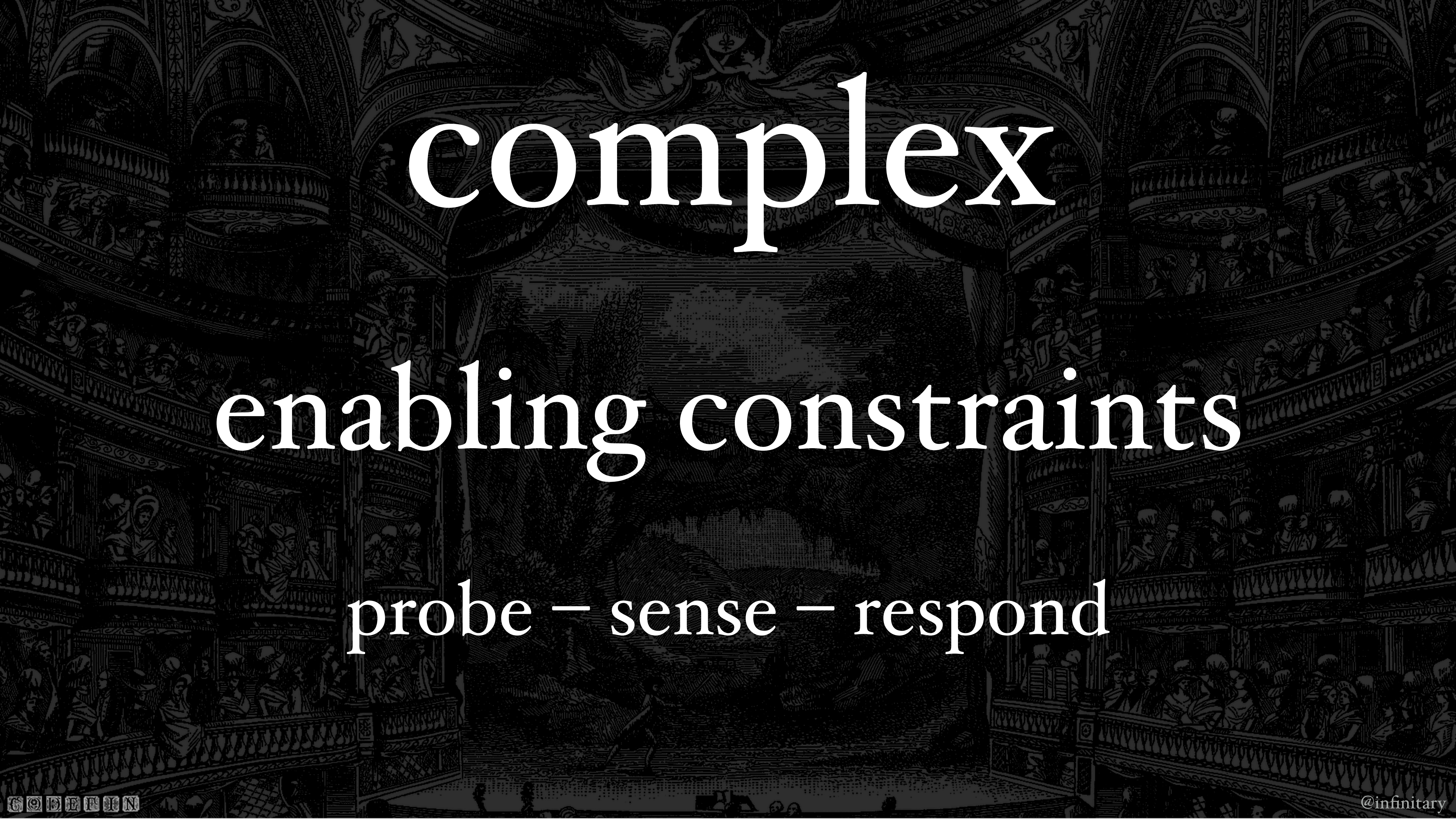
intermission: constraints ftw



act two

taming the bison

“i wonder if this will work”



complex

enabling constraints

probe – sense – respond



intermission: unknowns be gone



act three

in the zone

“this is what i studied for”



complicated
governing constraints
sense – analyse – respond



intermission: meeting mr pareto



act four

todo, or not todo

“can this be over, like, now?”



obvious

rigid constraints

sense – categorise – respond



epilogue

in the mountains of wales

with prof dave snowden



“context is everything”



cynefin

complex

enabling constraints
probe – sense – respond
emergent practice

complicated

governing constraints
sense – analyse – respond
good practices

disorder

chaotic

no constraints
act – sense – respond
novel practice

obvious

rigid constraints
sense – categorise – respond
best practice







fireworks!?!

flat organisation

hierarchy

storming

norming

fluid

interpreting

integrating

stable

complex

complicated

pioneers

unknown

knowable

settlers

custom

product

inventing

applying

discovering

complying

genesis

commodity

explorers

unknowable

known

planners

chaotic

obvious

turbulent

intuiting

institutionalising

static

forming

performing

self-organisation

bureaucracy



dynamic

stable

research

development

risk reduction

value delivery

time based

output based

design thinking

system thinking

retrospection

planning

emergence

recurrence

diversity

consistency

replaceability

reusability

objectives

tasks



SMH

GSD



WTF

RTFM



yay, codefin!



collaboration

pair programming

code reviews

mob programming

headphones on



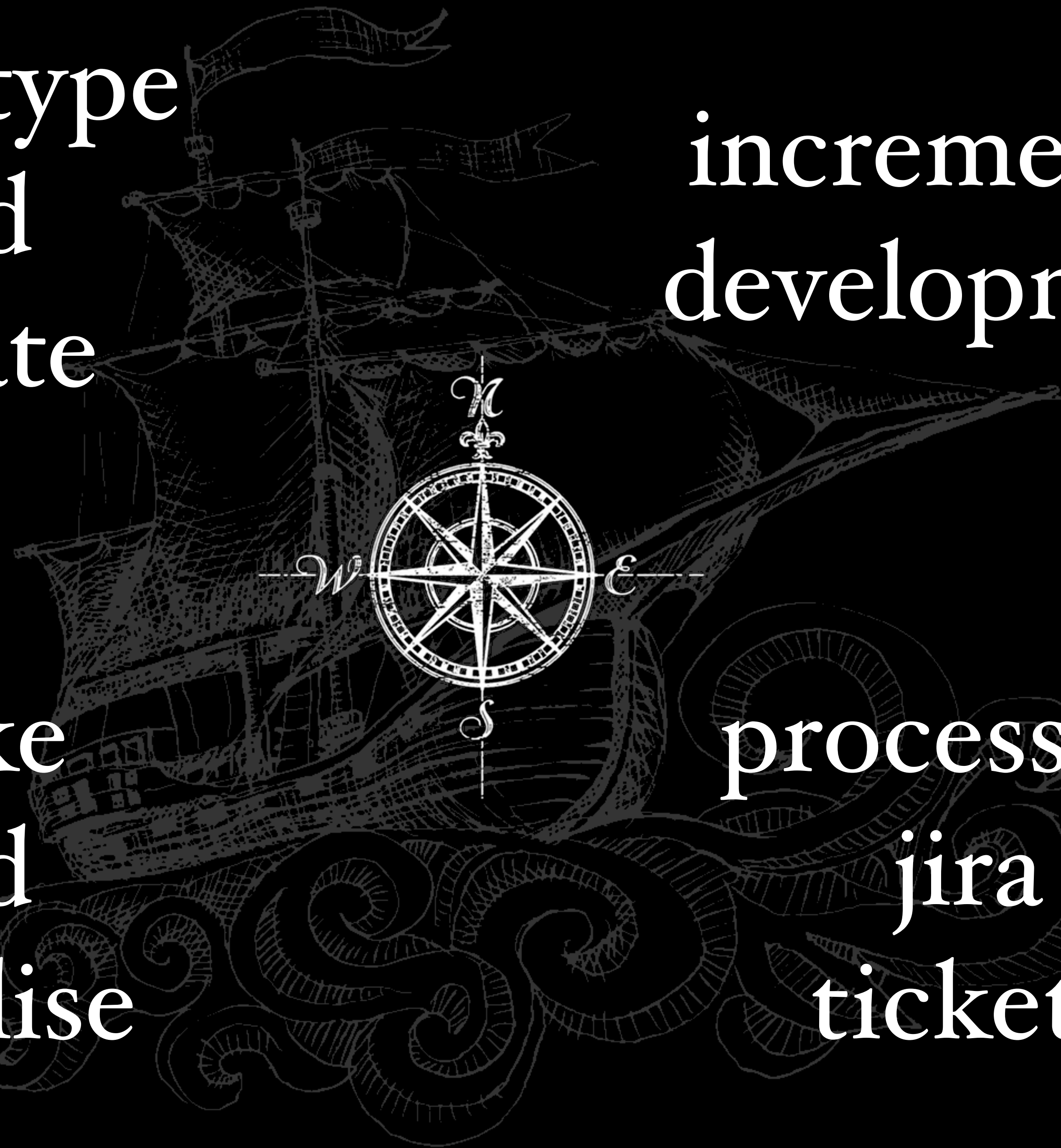
methods

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architecture

emerging
architecture

evolving
architecture

unborn
architecture

straitjacket
architecture



design

library

framework

stack overflow

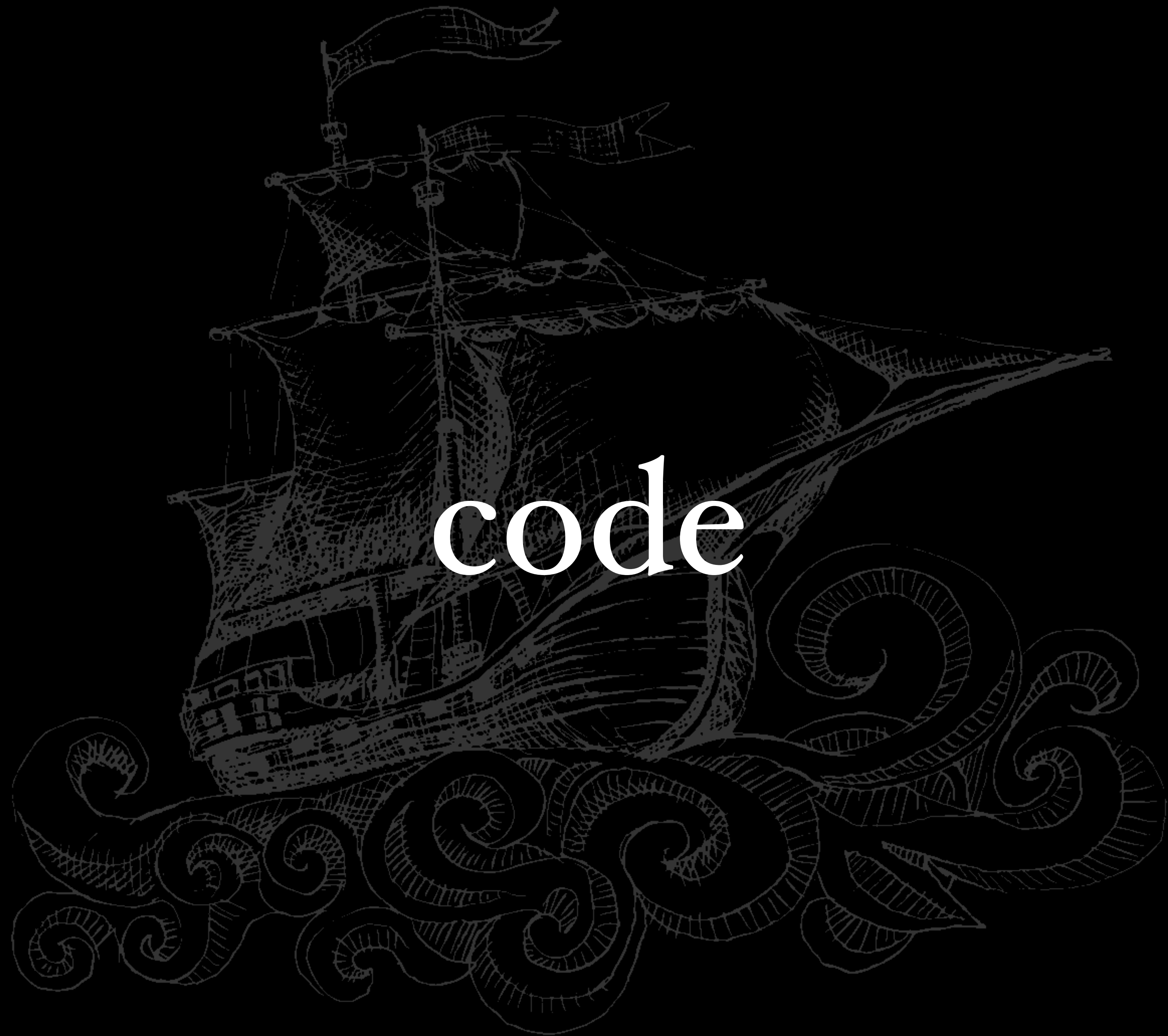
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refactor
towards
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ad-hoc mess

live in a
pattern



code

ruby

java

bash

excel



dynamic/weak typing static/strong typing

scripting language code generator



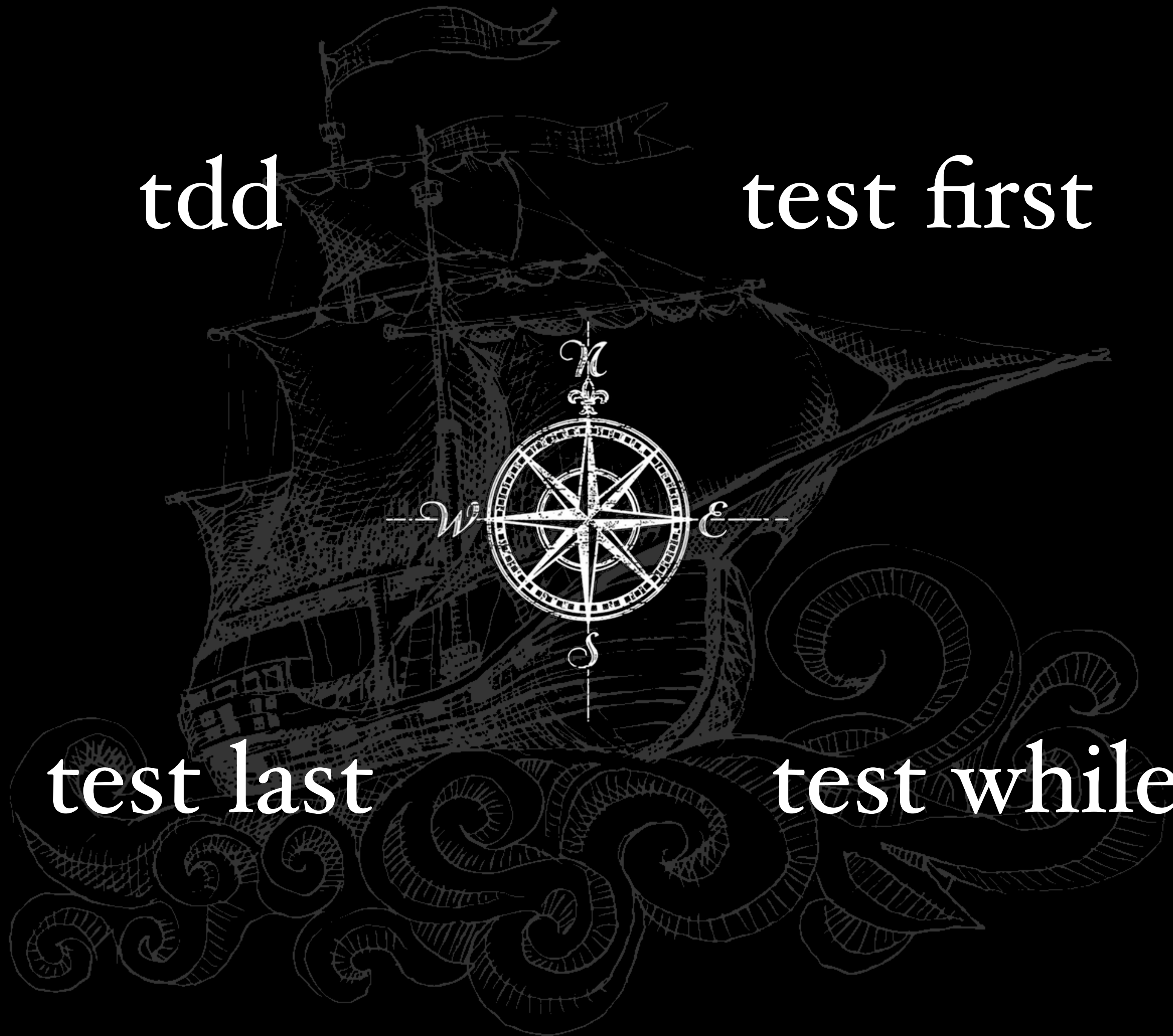
testing

tdd

test first

test last

test while





codefin ftw

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“where am i”

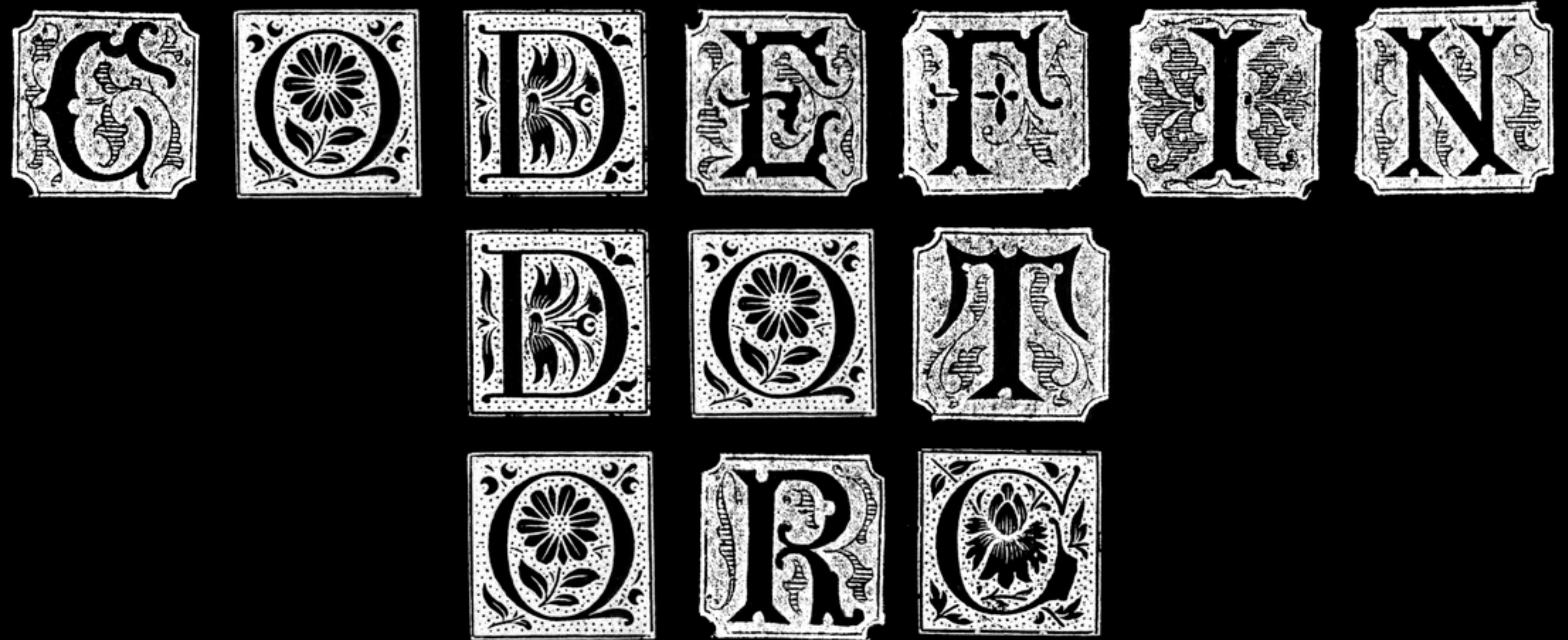
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“where should i go”

head north



thank you



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