

Scaling Selenium

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Why Do We Test?

To provide confidence that the software being released to production works as intended.

Your First Test

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    driver.findElement(By.name("email")).sendKeys(EMAIL);
    driver.findElement(By.name("password")).sendKeys(PASSWORD);
    driver.findElement(By.tagName("button")).click();

    wait.until(d -> d.findElement(By.linkText("Create a todo"))).click();

    WebElement title = driver.switchTo().activeElement();
    title.clear();
    title.sendKeys(...keysToSend: "Write presentation");

    WebElement dueDate = driver.findElement(By.name("dueDate"));
    dueDate.clear();
    dueDate.sendKeys(...keysToSend: "08/12/2018");
    title.click();

    driver.findElements(By.tagName("button")).stream()
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Fragile Locators

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Grey Box Testing: Locating Elements

- Let the app help
 - Add meaningful identifiers to elements
- Let Selenium help
 - Write your own locators
 - Use JavascriptExecutor to find values.

Waiting Just Long Enough

```
/**
 * A generic interface for waiting until a condition is true or not null. The condition may take a
 * single argument of type .
 *
 * @param <F> the argument to pass to any function called
 */
public interface Wait<F> {

    /**
     * Implementations should wait until the condition evaluates to a value that is neither null nor
     * false. Because of this contract, the return type must not be Void.
     *
     * <p>
     * If the condition does not become true within a certain time (as defined by the implementing
     * class), this method will throw a non-specified {@link Throwable}. This is so that an
     * implementor may throw whatever is idiomatic for a given test infrastructure (e.g. JUnit4 would
     * throw {@link AssertionError}).
     *
     * @param <T> the return type of the method, which must not be Void
     * @param isTrue the parameter to pass to the {@link ExpectedCondition}
     * @return truthy value from the isTrue condition
     */
    <T> T until(Function<? super F, T> isTrue);
}
```

Grey-Box Testing: Waits

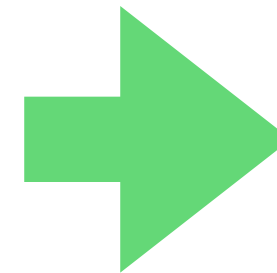
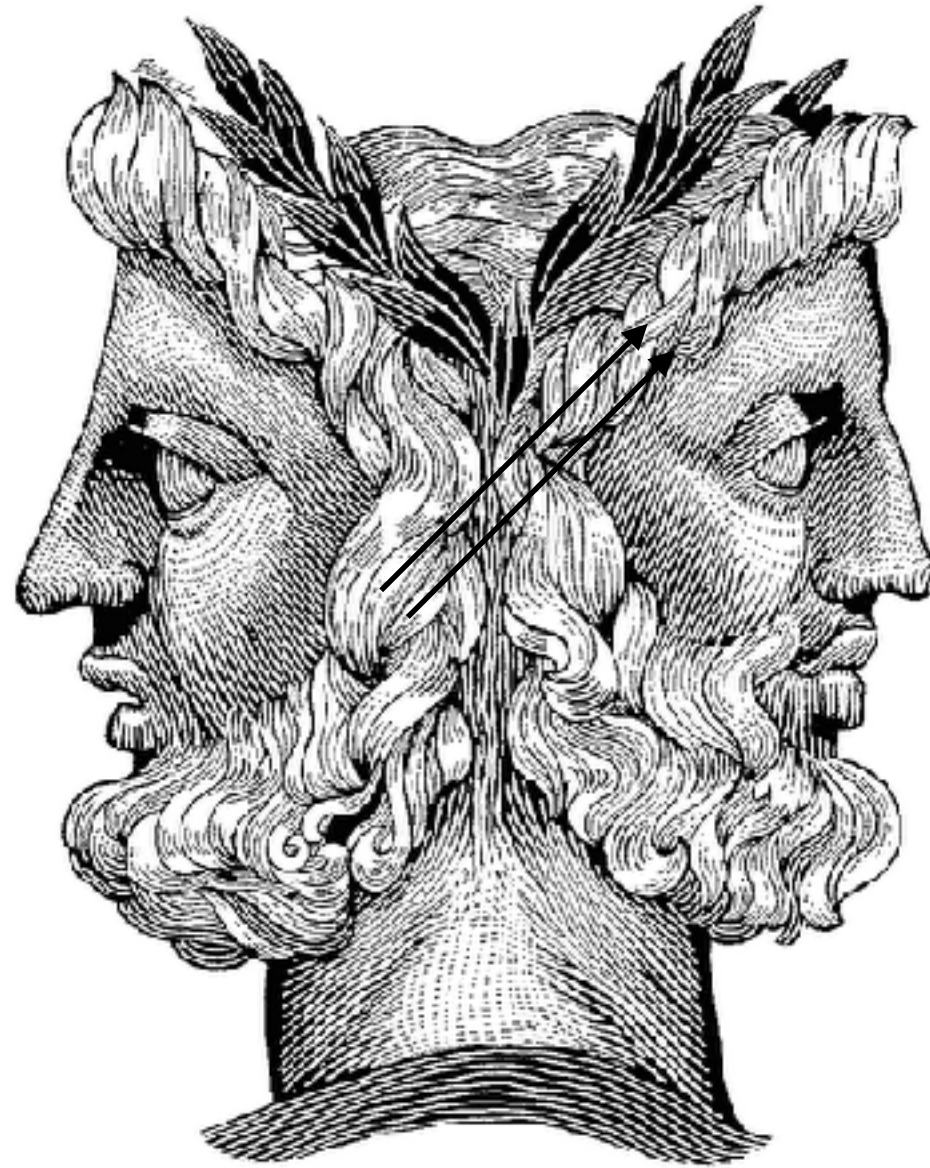
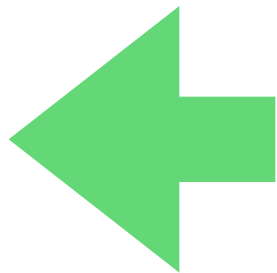
- Let the libraries you use help

```
public boolean isJqueryDone(WebDriver driver) {  
    JavascriptExecutor js = (JavascriptExecutor) driver;  
    return (Boolean) js.executeScript("return jQuery.active == 0");  
}
```

- Let your app help
 - Add a JS attribute somewhere well know to indicate progress
- Let Selenium help
 - Get a reference to something that will go stale, wait until it actually goes stale before continuing to wait.

Page Objects

**Code &
Structure**



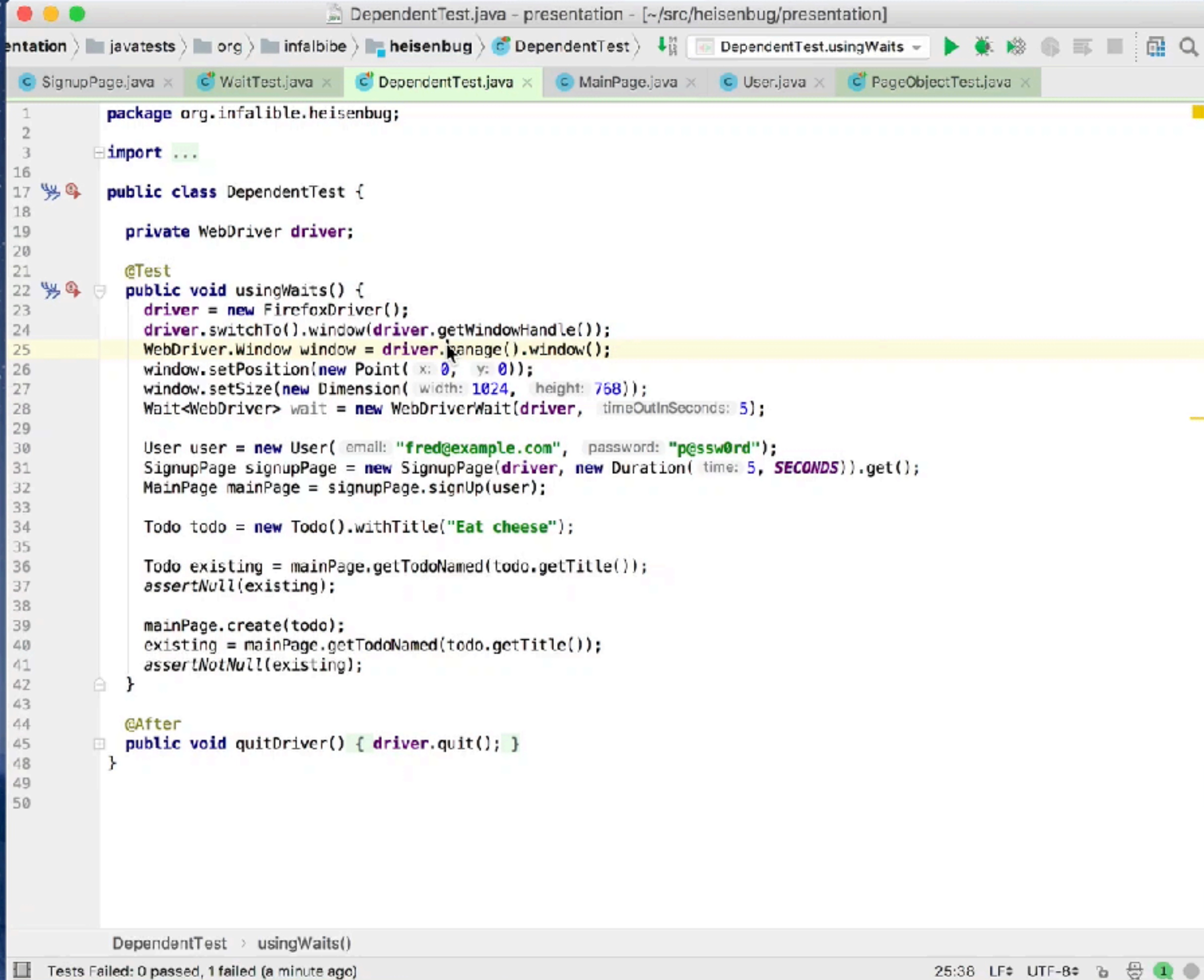
**User-facing
Services**

Enough of the Basics!

You and Your Data

Prepare for Parallelisation

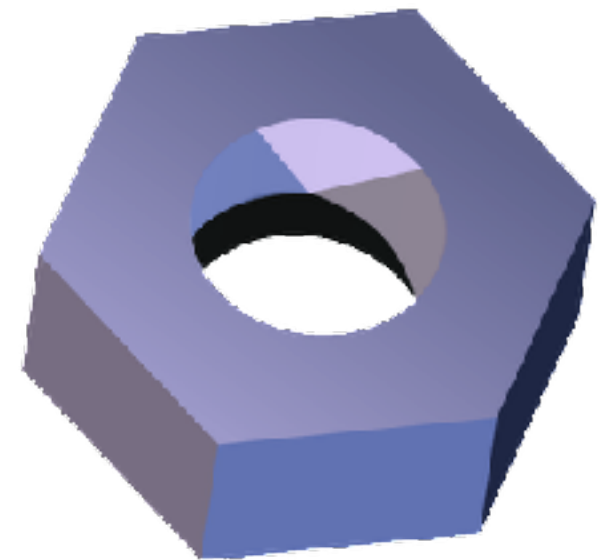
- The `static` keyword is evil
- `ThreadLocals` are also evil
- Code should be immutable and stateless



Now Add CI



> go



The same tests in multiple independent locations

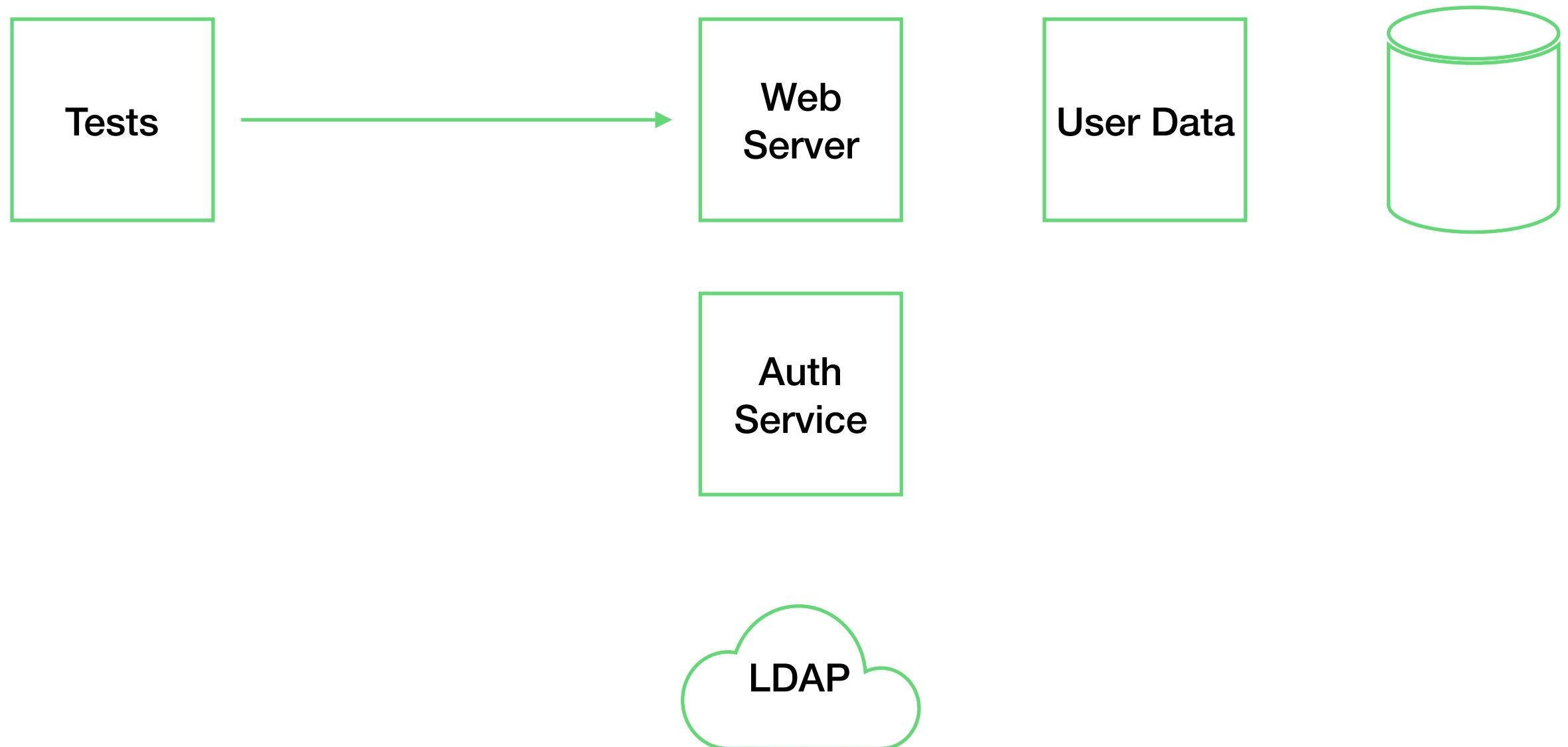
Ossification of Data

Definition of OSSIFICATION

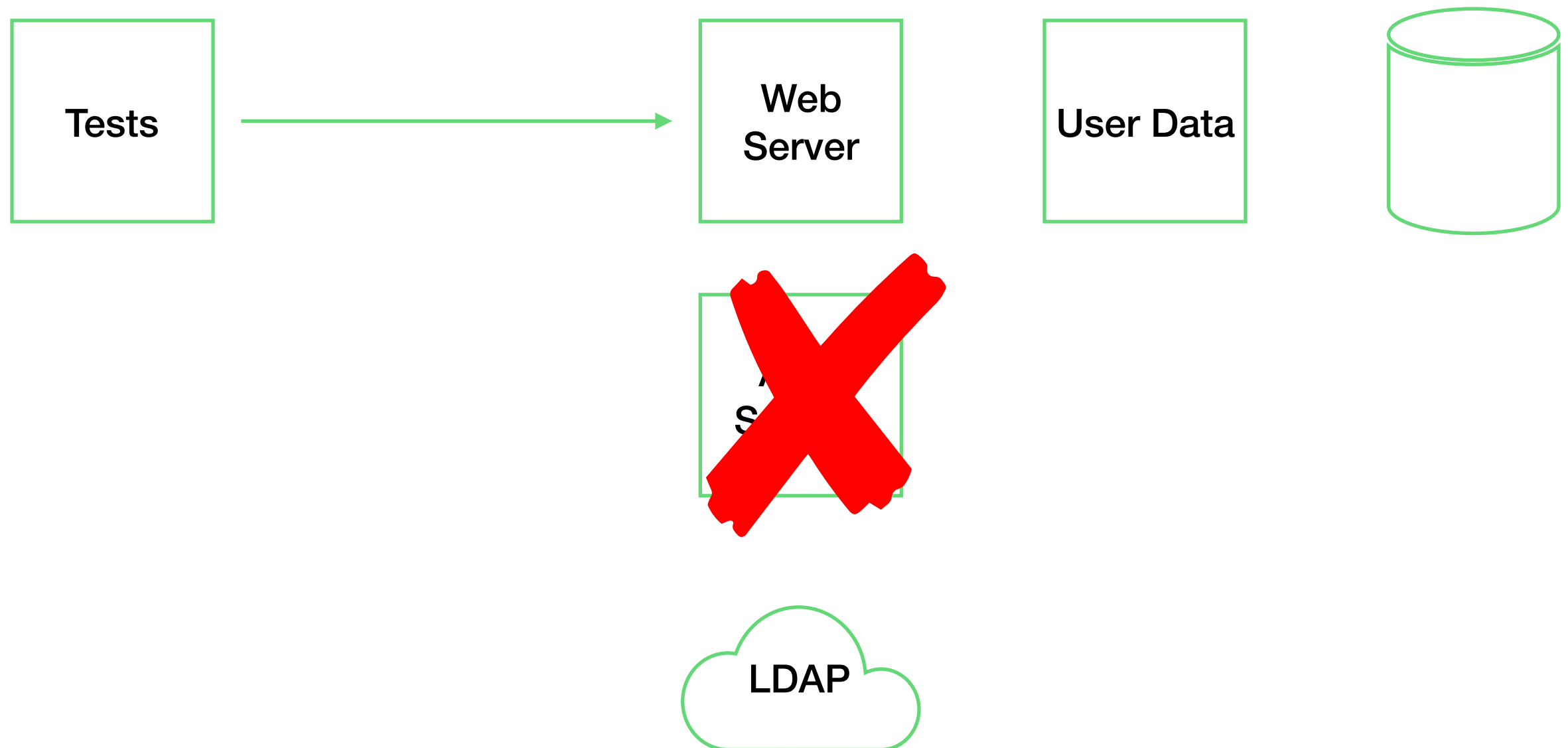
- 1 a : the natural process of bone formation
 b : the hardening (as of muscular tissue) into a bony substance
- 2 : a mass or particle of **ossified** tissue
- 3 : a tendency toward or state of being molded into a rigid, conventional, sterile, or unimaginative condition

- The closer to production you are, the more rigid your test data becomes.
- Can set up anything you like in a dev env
- Can't inject random data into prod

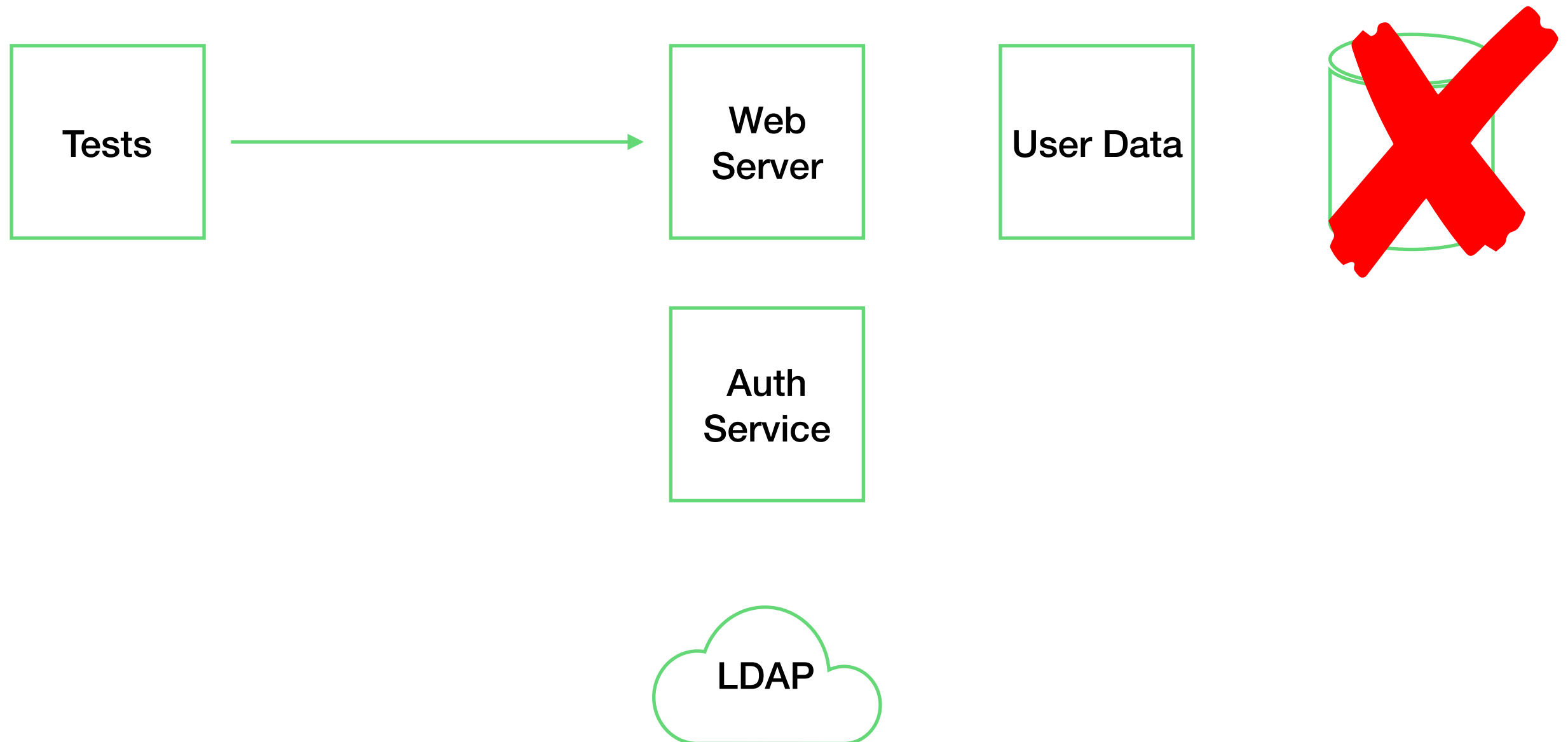
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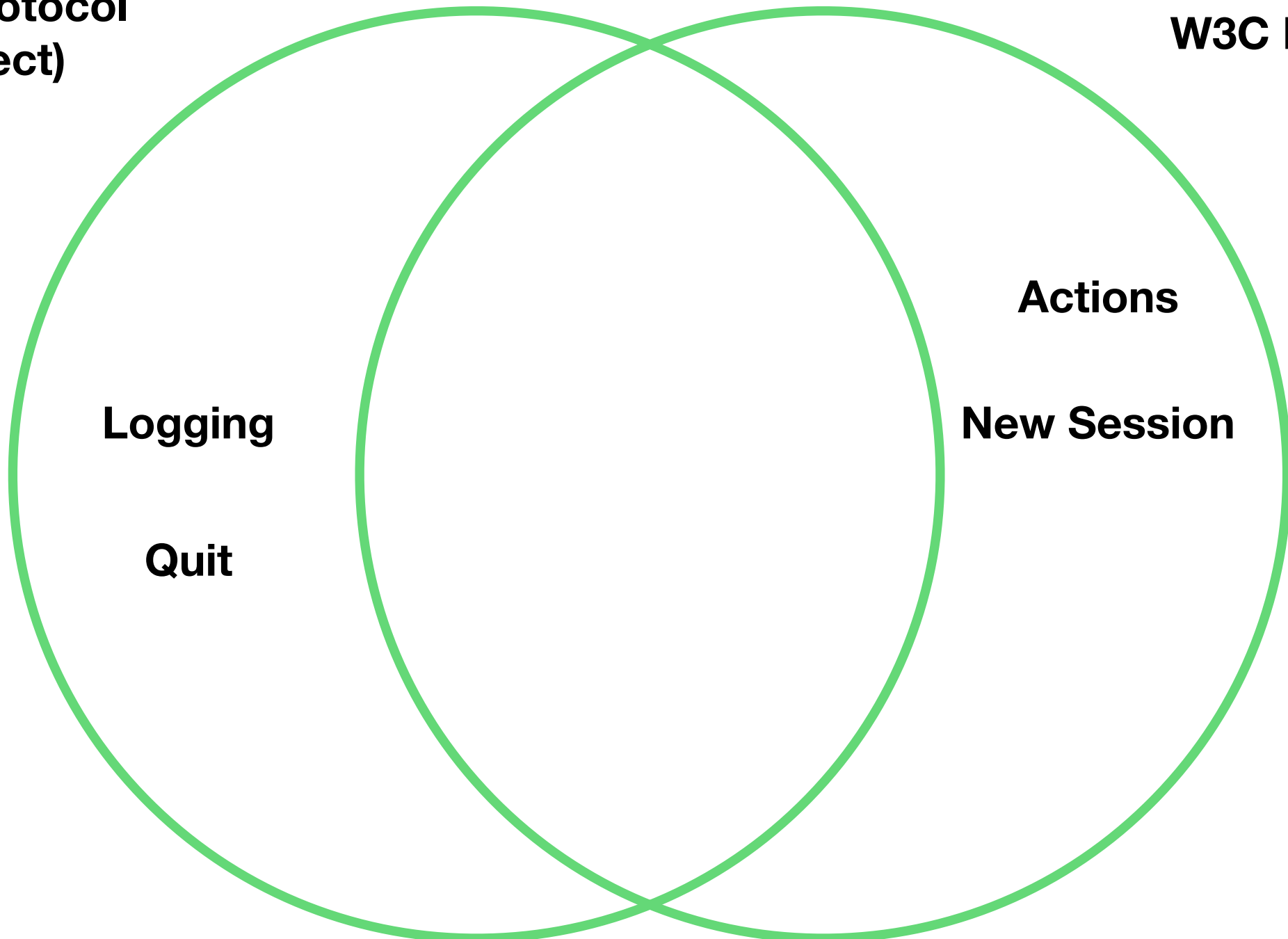


Go Big or Go Home

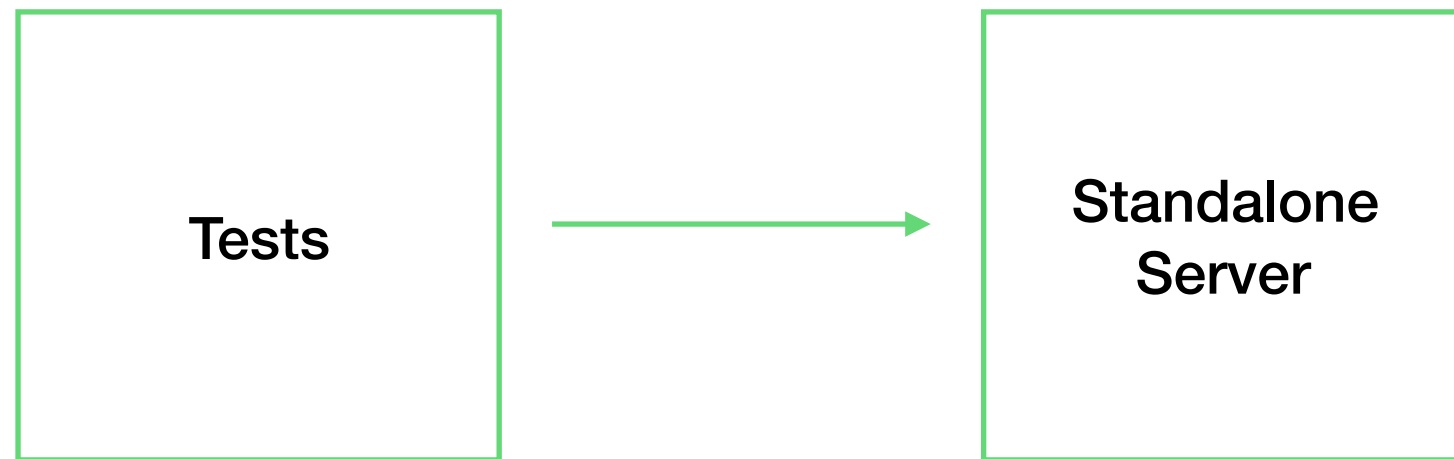
Wire Protocols

**Json Wire Protocol
(OSS Dialect)**

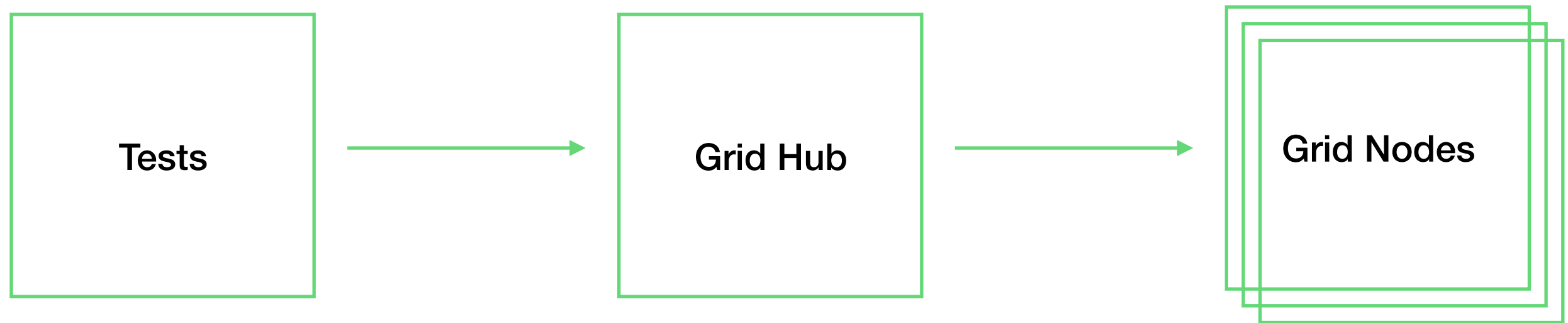
W3C Dialect



Selenium Architecture



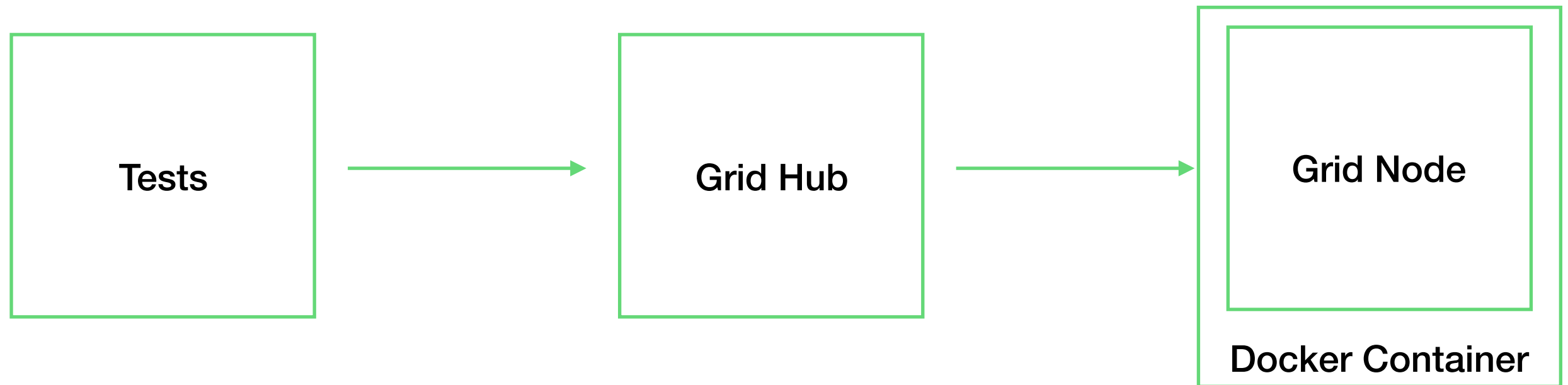
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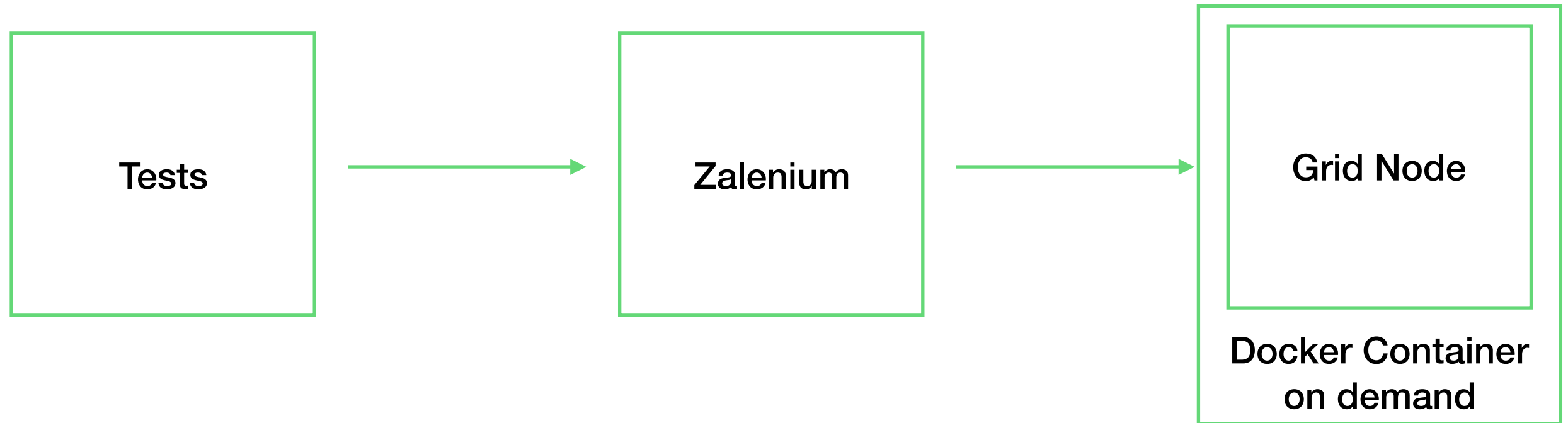
Selenium Docker

- Consistent browser images for use with testing
- Avoids problems with machines having different versions of browsers and vendor drivers (eg. geckodriver) installed

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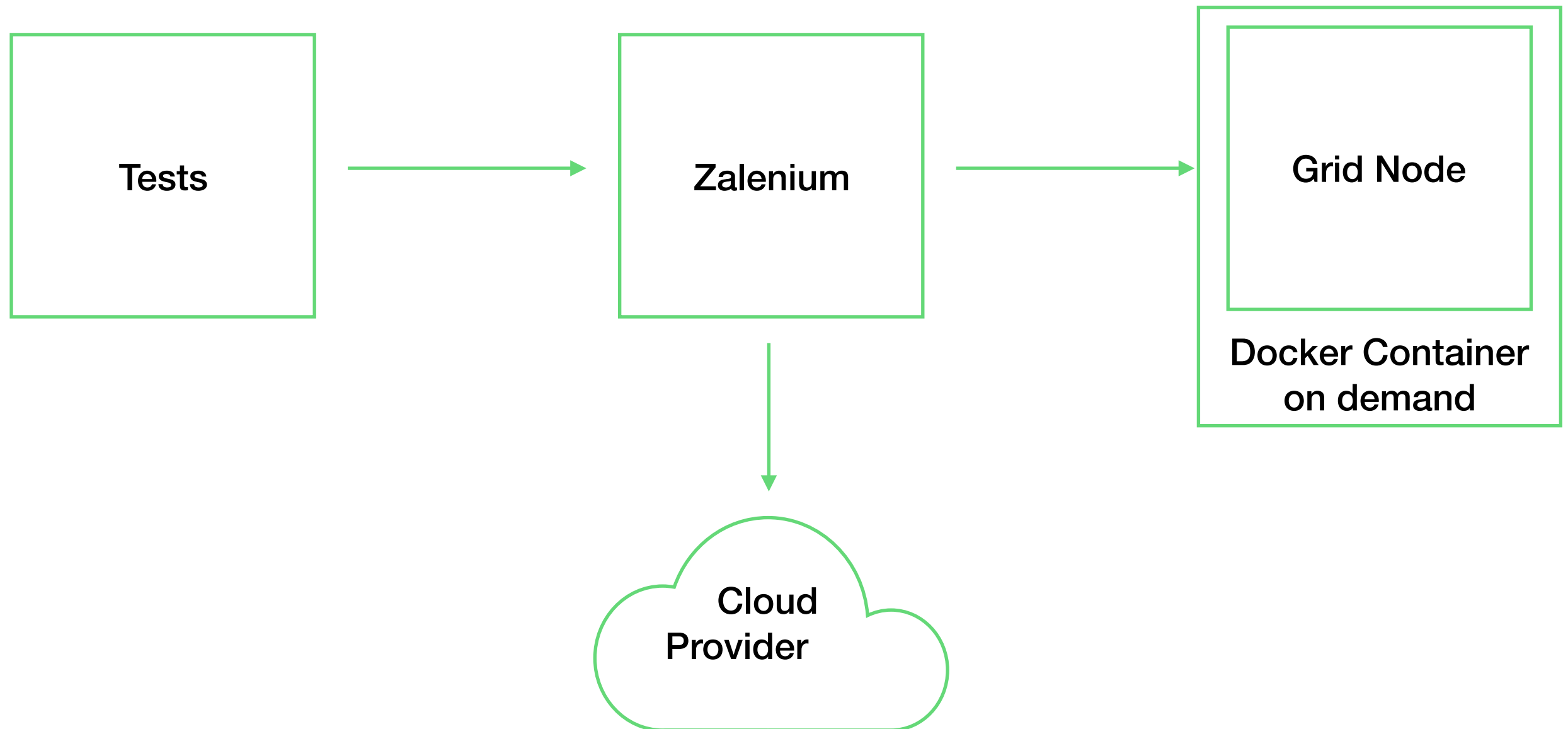


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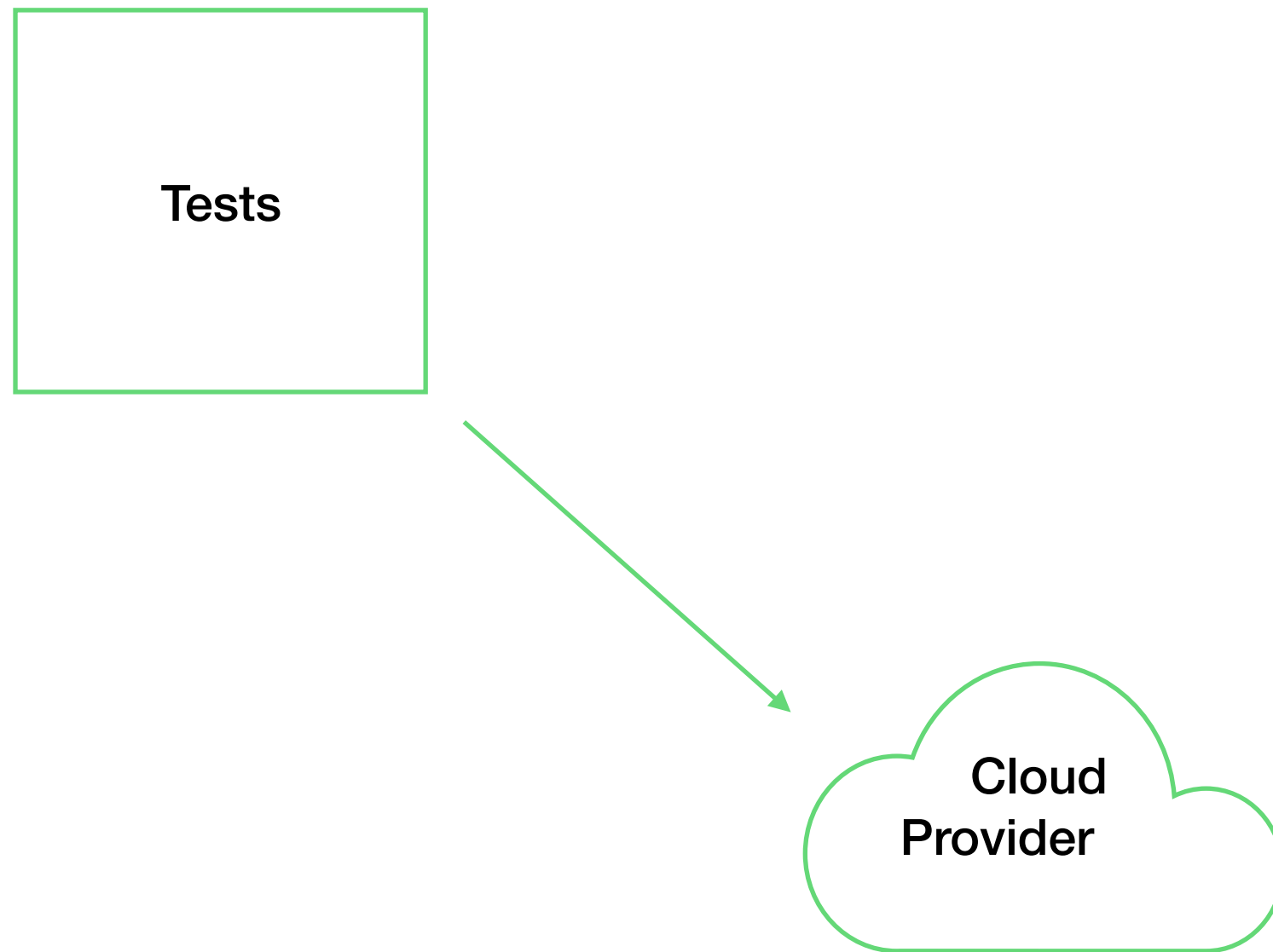


<https://github.com/zalando/zalenium>

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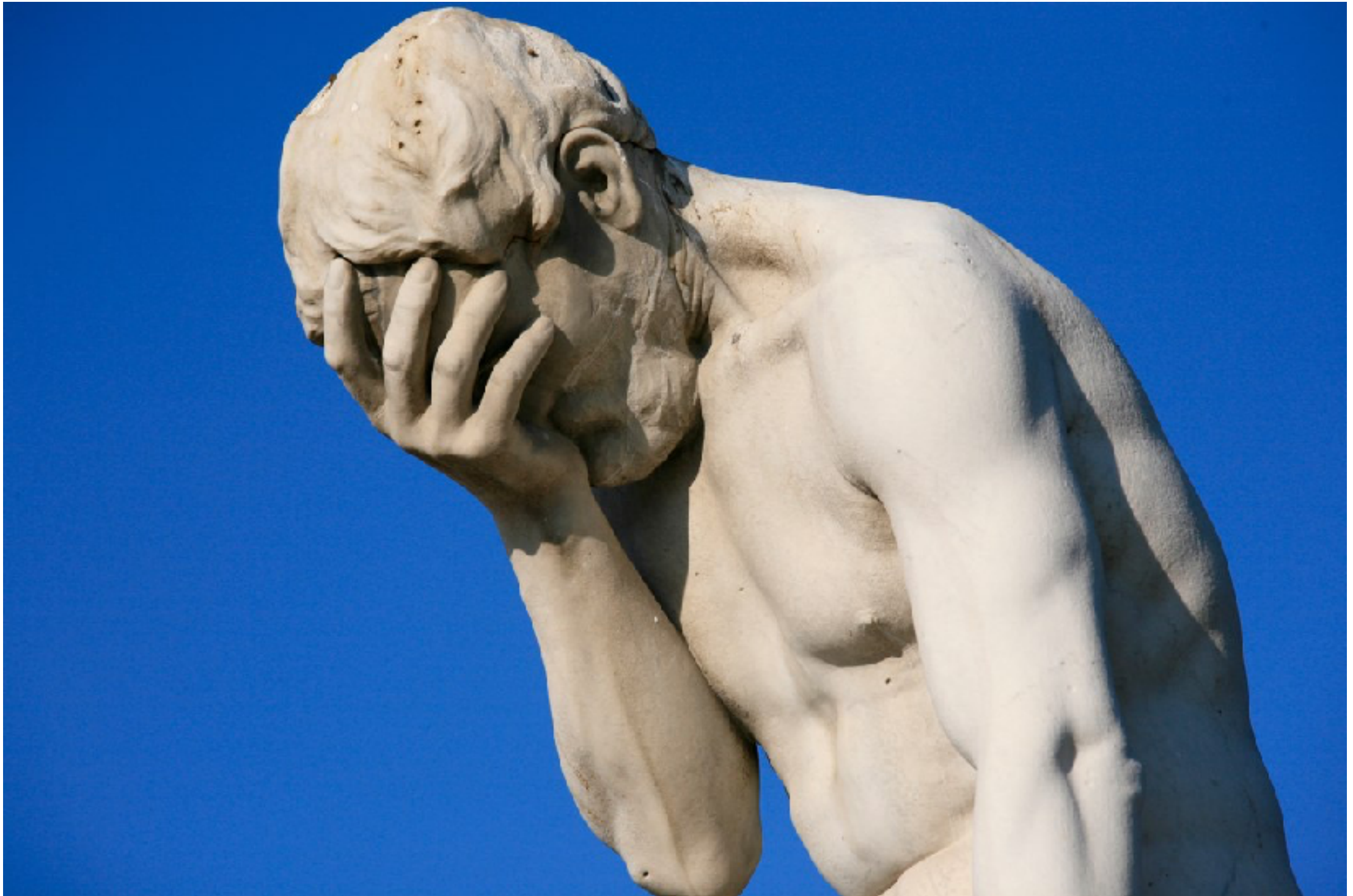


Selenium Architecture



**Something's Got to
Give**

Accidental DDoS

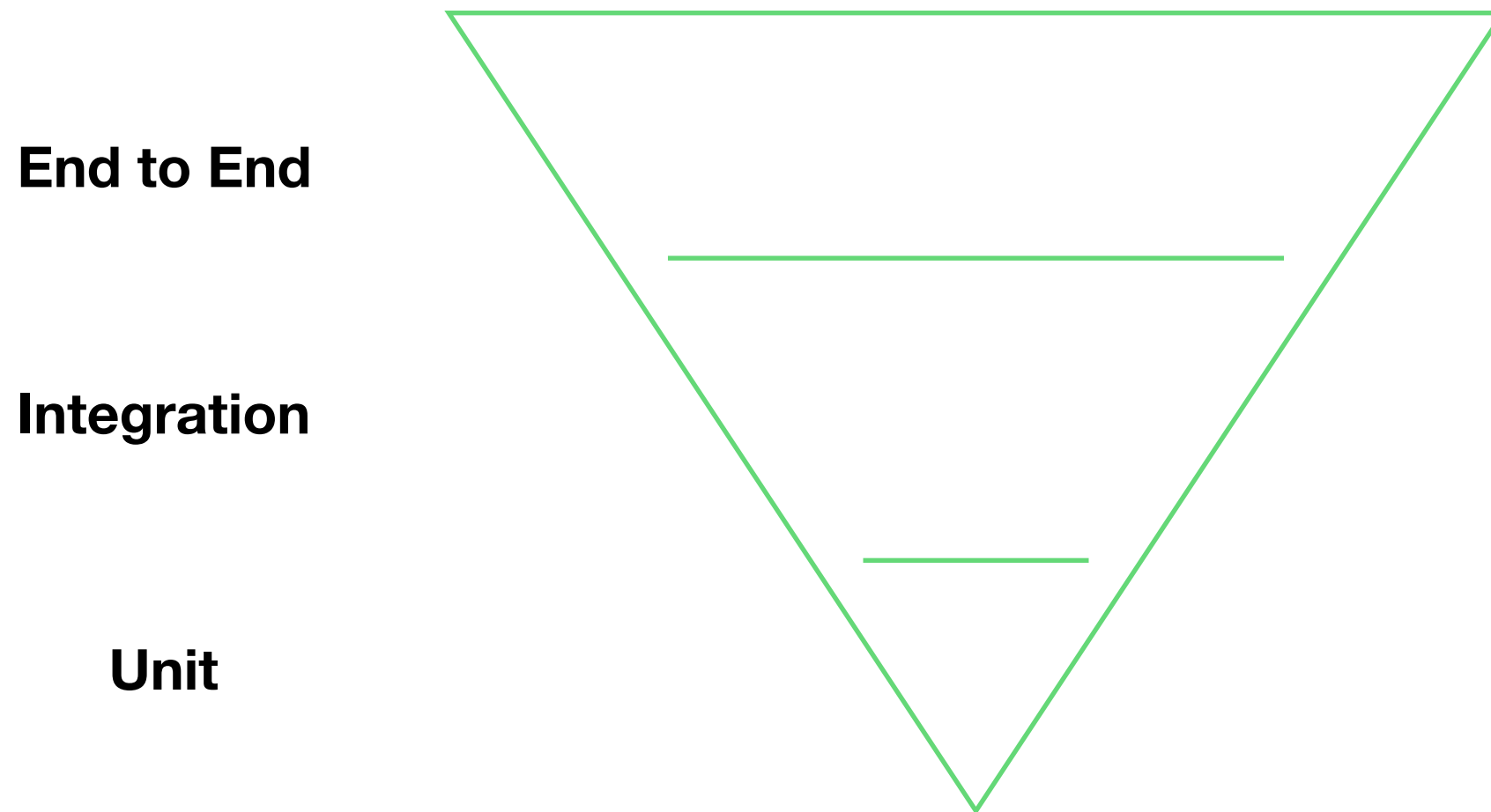


Root Cause Analysis



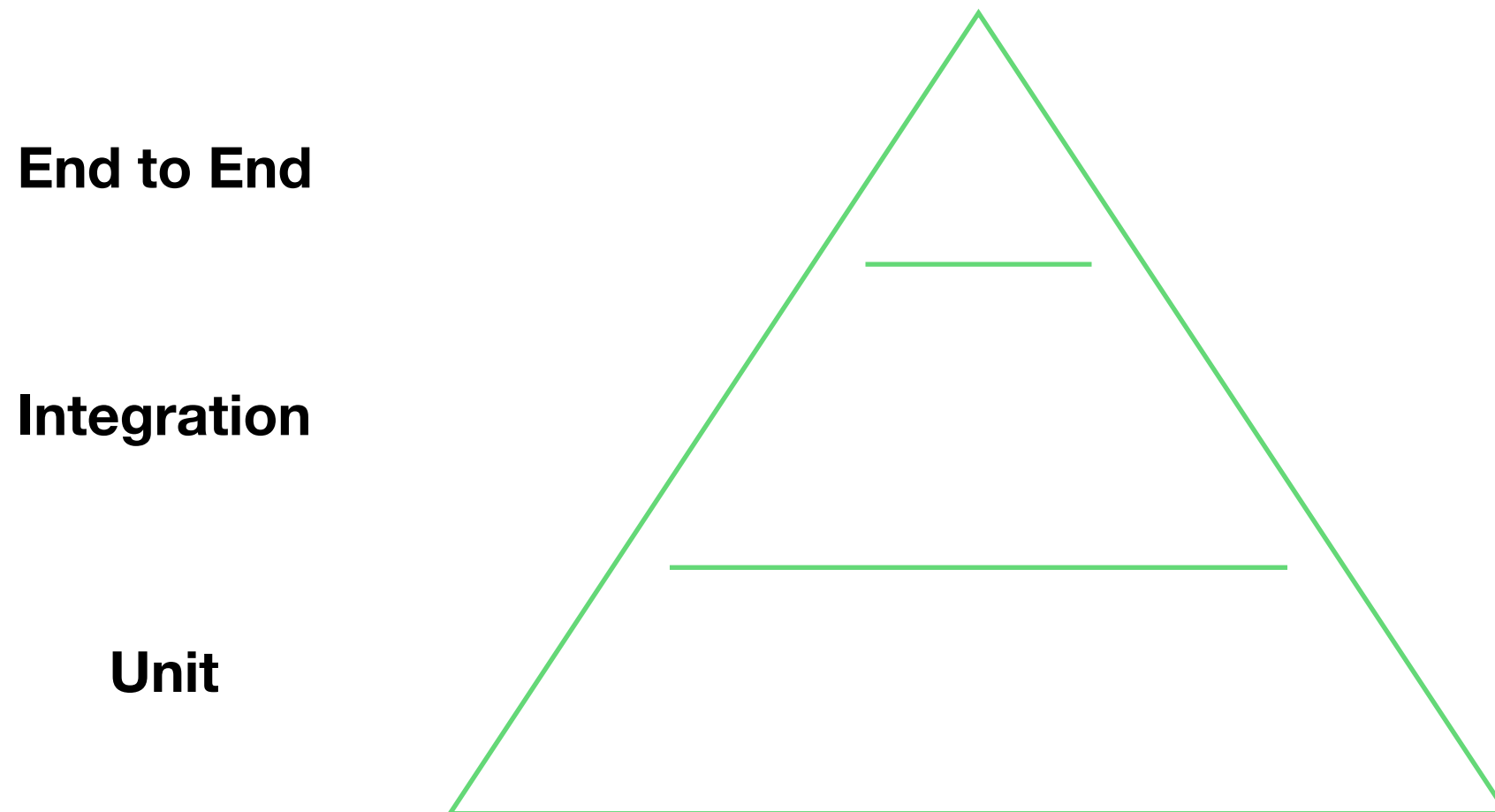
Too often, people “fix” problems in the Selenium tests without understanding why they happen

The Test Ice Cream Cone



They'll only tell you that *something* in the stack is failing, but won't pinpoint where.

The Test Pyramid

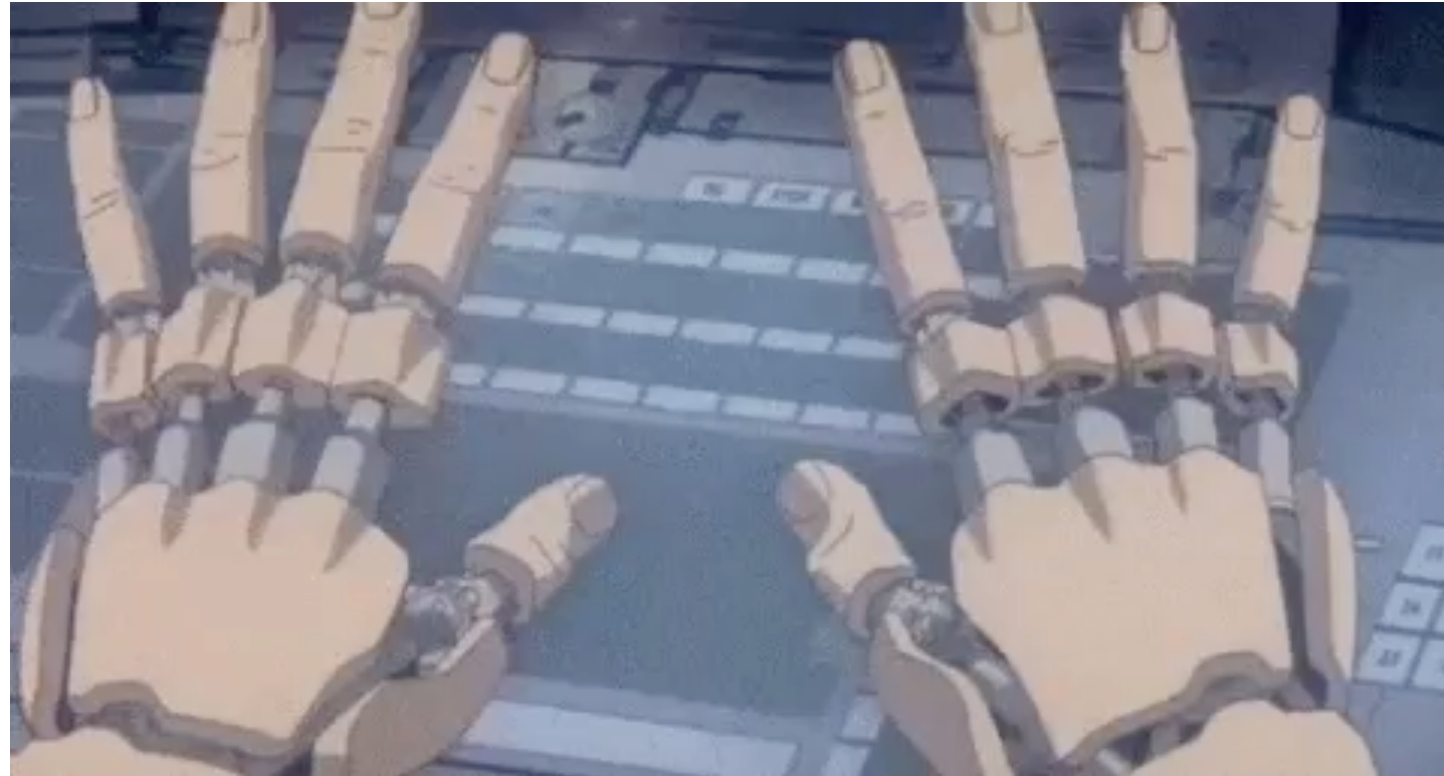


Stop writing Selenium tests. Start writing unit tests

Test Identification

- Not all changes need all tests to run. Reduce the test time by only running those tests that need to be run.
- Graph analysis
 - Build tools like Buck or Bazel help
- Test labeling

Data Driven Testing



- Consider running sanity checks in a wider range of browsers than you use for all the detailed tests
- Base browser choices on current user data + future trends

Q & A

- Selenium Docker: <https://github.com/SeleniumHQ/docker-selenium>
- Zalenium: <https://github.com/zalando/zalenium>
- Cloud Providers:
 - Sauce Labs: <https://saucelabs.com>
 - Browser Stack: <https://www.browserstack.com>
 - TestingBot: <https://testingbot.com>
- Build Tools
 - Buck: <https://buckbuild.com>
 - Bazel: <http://bazel.io>