

# PULSE ON

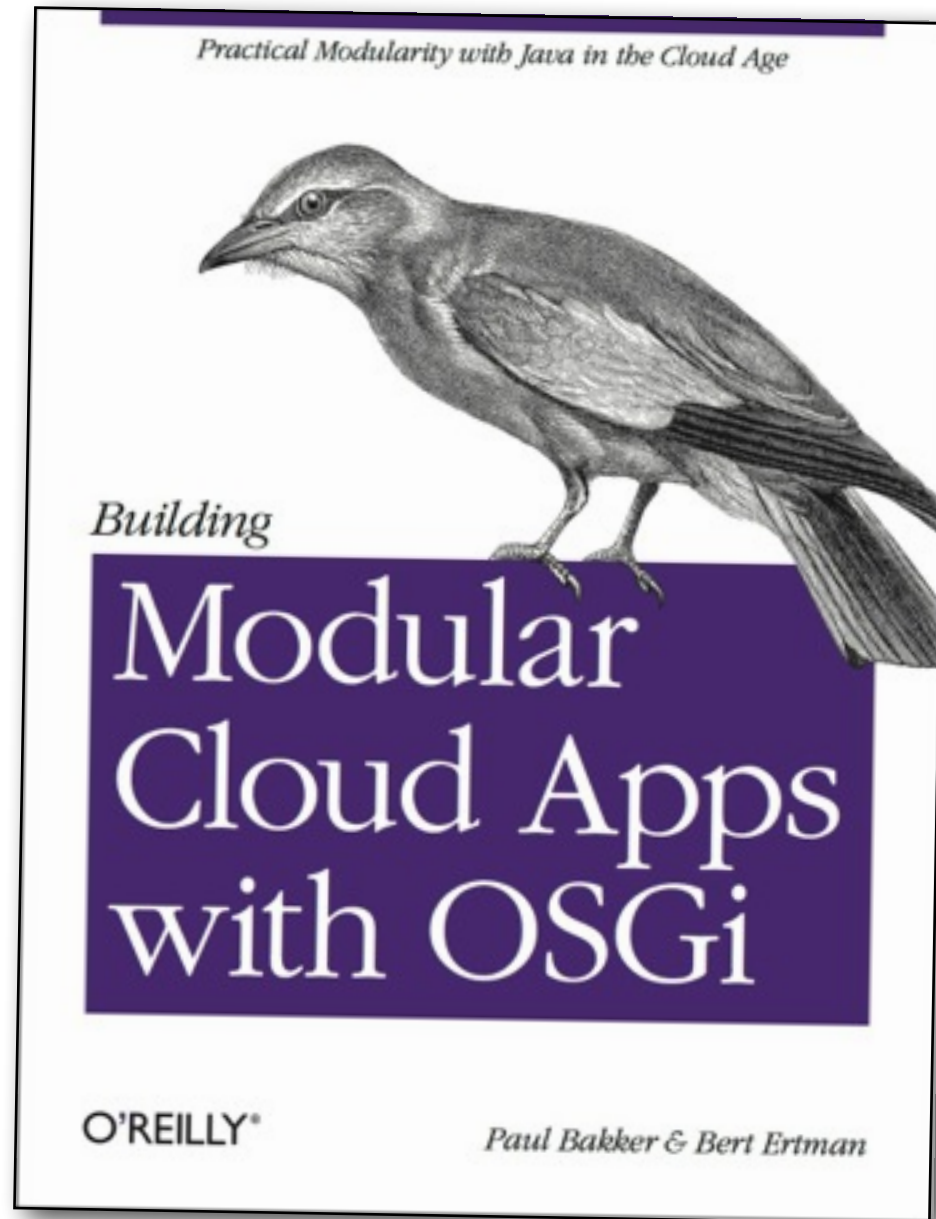
Lessons learned  
from a large scale OSCi web app

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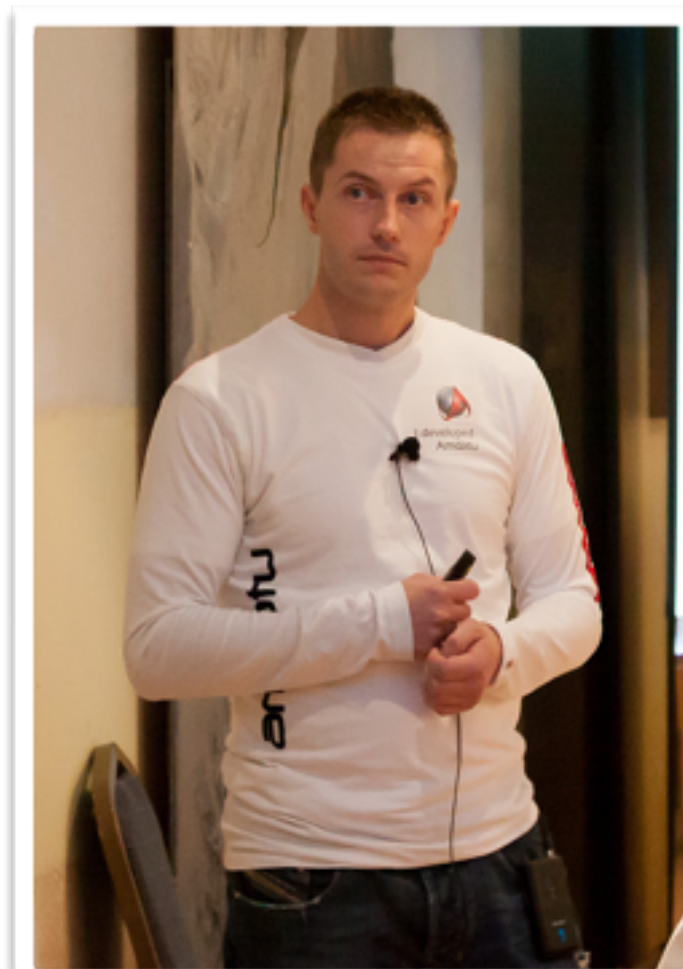




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## Agenda

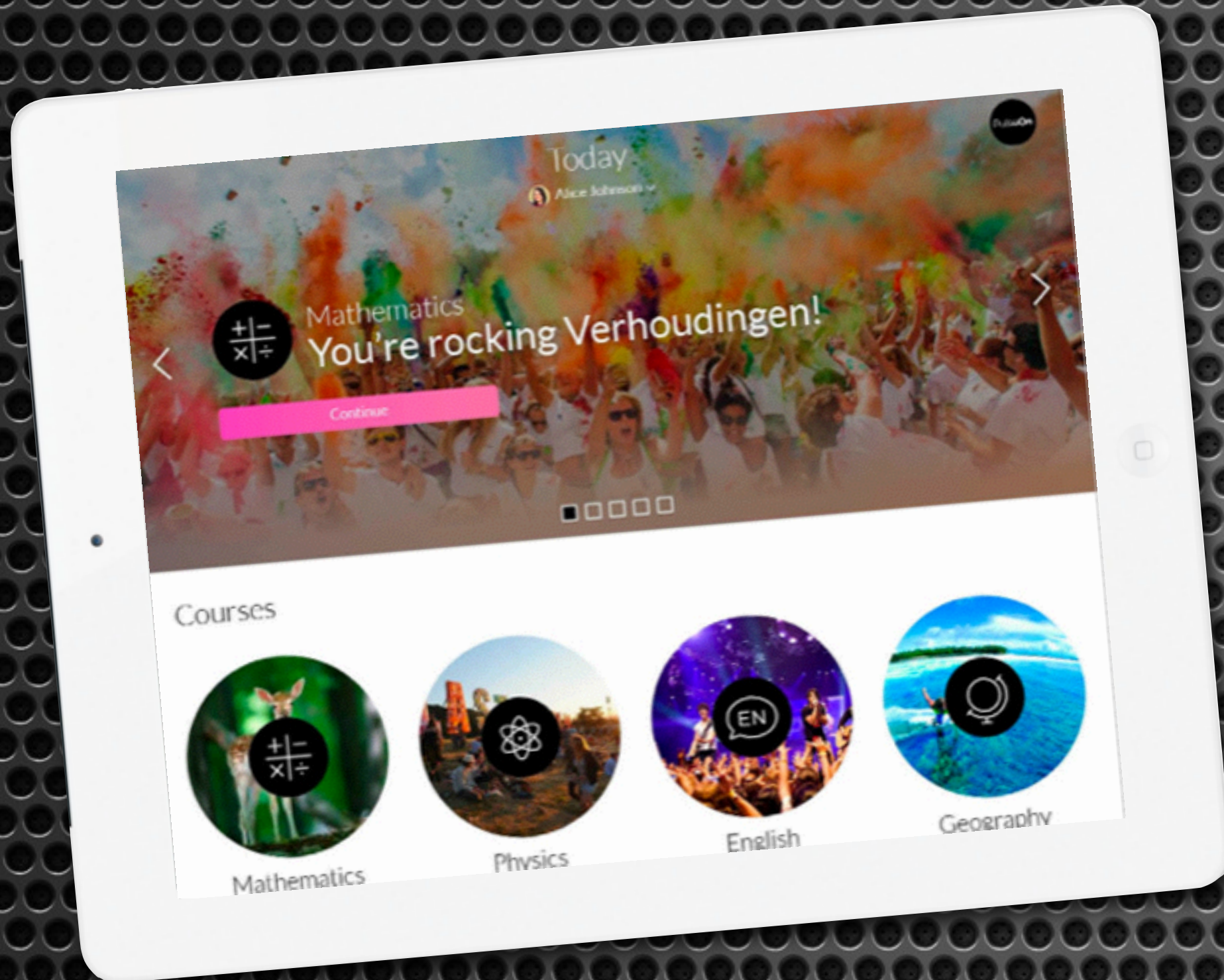
- High level architecture
- Modular architecture
- Modularity with OSGi
- Cloud deployments with Apache ACE
- Frontend frameworks

ANY  
QUESTIONS

?

Ask whenever  
you want!

# The case



## PulseOn

- Educational system focussed on personalized learning
- used in high schools in the Netherlands
- Expand to other countries in the near future

# Tools

bndtools

Eclipse OSGi plugin

<http://bndtools.org/>



Eclipse

<http://eclipse.org/>



Source control



cloud provisioning

<http://ace.apache.org/>



WebStorm

<http://jetbrains.com/webstorm/>

[webstorm/](http://jetbrains.com/webstorm/)



Stash, Jira, Bamboo

<http://atlassian.com/>



## Requirements:

- Agile and modular
- Modern web app
- UI mostly offloaded to clients or devices
- Integration via REST API
- Horizontally scalable

## High level architecture

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HTML 5 + JavaScript

RESTful services

OSGi services

Apache Felix

Mongo

S3



# Components

- Auth
- Blob stores
- MongoDB
- Multi-tenancy
- OpenSocial
- Search
- Remote Services
- REST
- Template
- Web
- ...



**amdatu**

# Deployment

Load Balancer

PulseOn

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School A

Mongo

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School B

Mongo

Load Balancer

DAMS

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Content backend

Mongo



Profiles Rest

Profiles API

Profiles Service

MongoDB

Progress Rest

Progress API

Progress Service

MongoDB

services

all the way down

Curriculum API

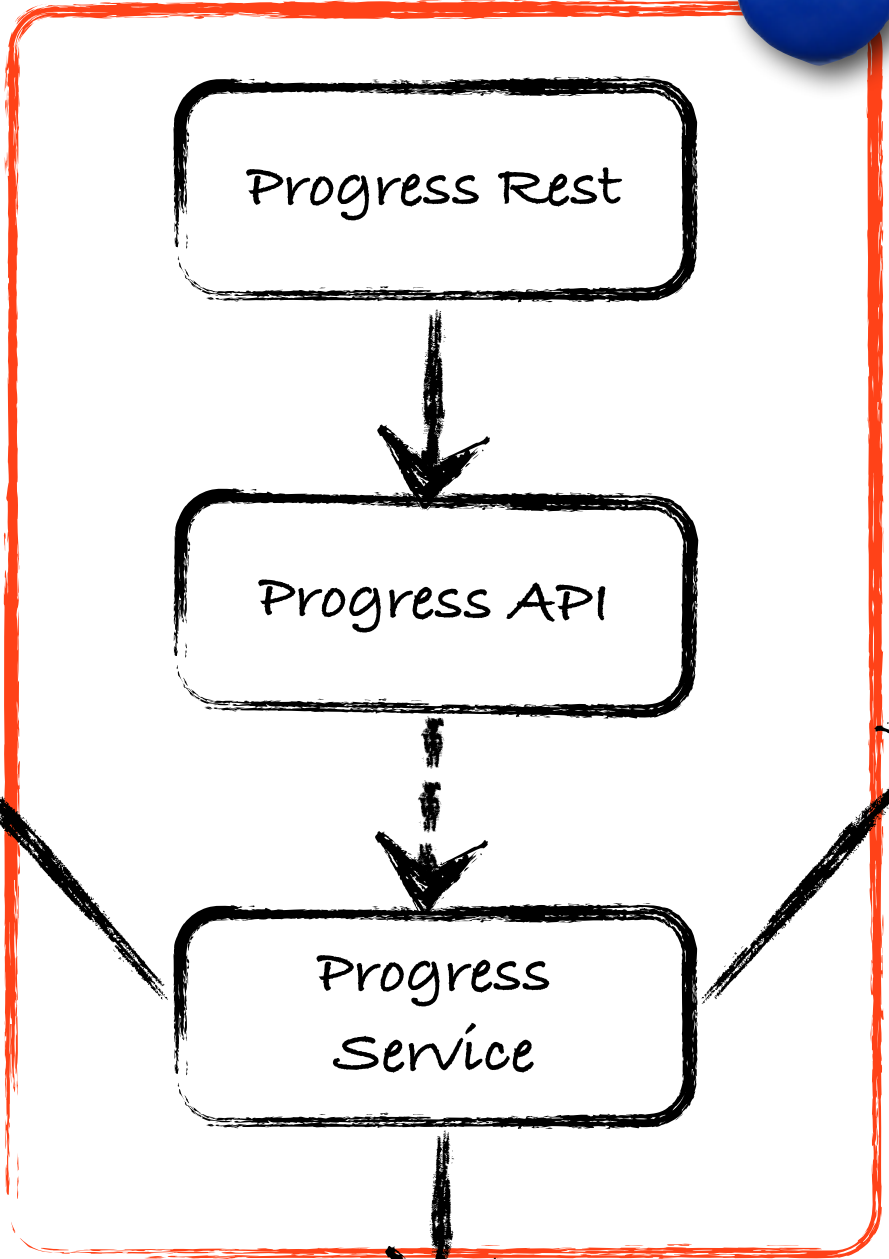
Curriculum Service


MongoDB

... Rest

... API

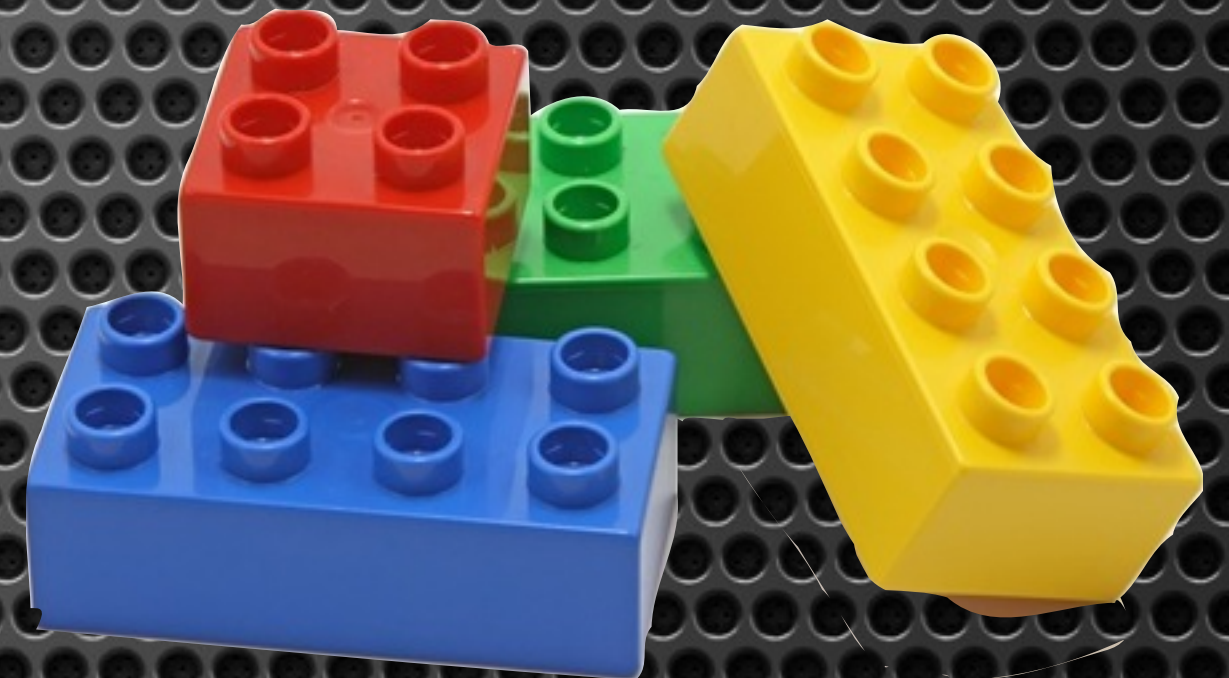
... Service






A service should only  
do **One** single thing

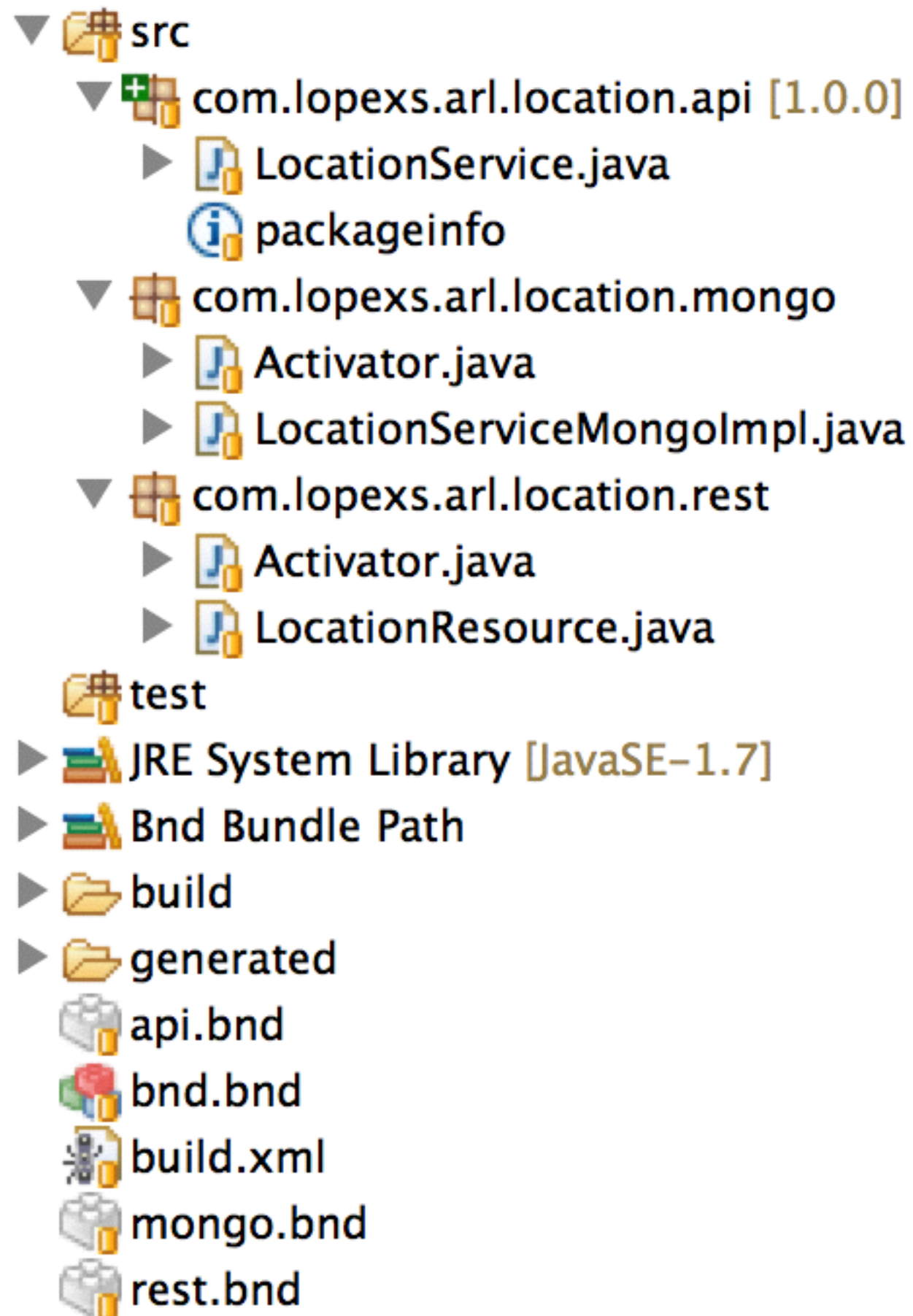
Services are the  
(reusable) **building**  
**blocks** of our  
application





## Benefits of a services based architecture

- Small services are easy to maintain
- Small services are composable
- Services are easily testable



## Packaging services

- Services are packaged in small bundles
- Related bundles may be generated from a single Bndtools project

# Data Storage





Semantic data store  
(triple store)



MySQL  
(with JPA)



MONGODB




Beginning

Now

Relational databases

in a modular system



A part of data should be  
owned by 1 service

How to set boundaries in a relational world!?

# Relational databases

## in the modern web

- ORM is REALLY difficult to get right
- Relational databases don't scale well

## MongoDB: our database of choice

- ❑ Object Mapping trivial
- ❑ Easy to scale
- ❑ Powerful aggregation/map-reduce framework

# Code example: MongoDB with Amdatu

Amdatu  
Mongo Service

Setup Object  
Mapper

Execute query

```
@Component
public class MongoProducts implements ProductService{

    @ServiceDependency
    private volatile MongoDBService mongoDbService;
    private volatile DBCollection collection;
    private volatile JacksonDBCollection<Product, String> products;

    @Start
    public void start() {
        collection = mongoDbService.getDB().getCollection("products");
        products = JacksonDBCollection.wrap(collection, Product.class, String.class);
    }

    @Override
    public List<Product> listProducts(String category) {

        DBCursor<Product> dbCursor = products.find().is("category", category);
        List<Product> result = new ArrayList<>();

        dbCursor.forEach(result::add);

        return result;
    }
}
```

# Release & Deployment



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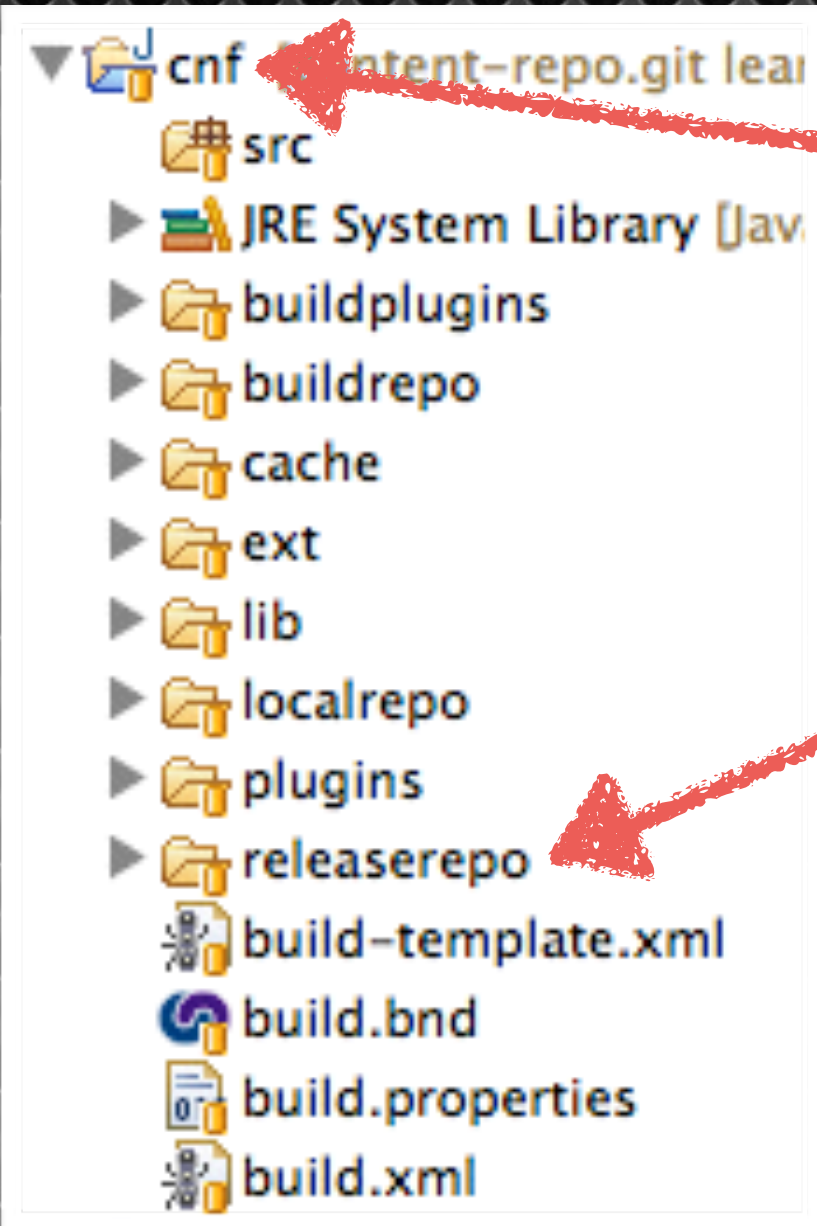
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# Binaries



Release to release ! po  
**bad**

Release to  
release OBR

# JavaScript minification

- closure compiler
  - deterministic? => fixed March 3, 2014

Baseline OBR

Release OBR

CI Build Server

```
graph BT; CI[CI Build Server] --> Baseline[Baseline OBR]; CI --> Release[Release OBR];
```

The diagram illustrates the workflow of the CI Build Server. It is a central component at the bottom, with two red arrows pointing upwards to two separate boxes: 'Baseline OBR' on the left and 'Release OBR' on the right. This indicates that the CI Build Server is responsible for updating both the baseline and release versions of the Open Build Repository (OBR).



# Deployment



- ❑ Software distribution framework
- ❑ Manages the installation and upgrade of bundles, configuration, etc. to heterogeneous targets

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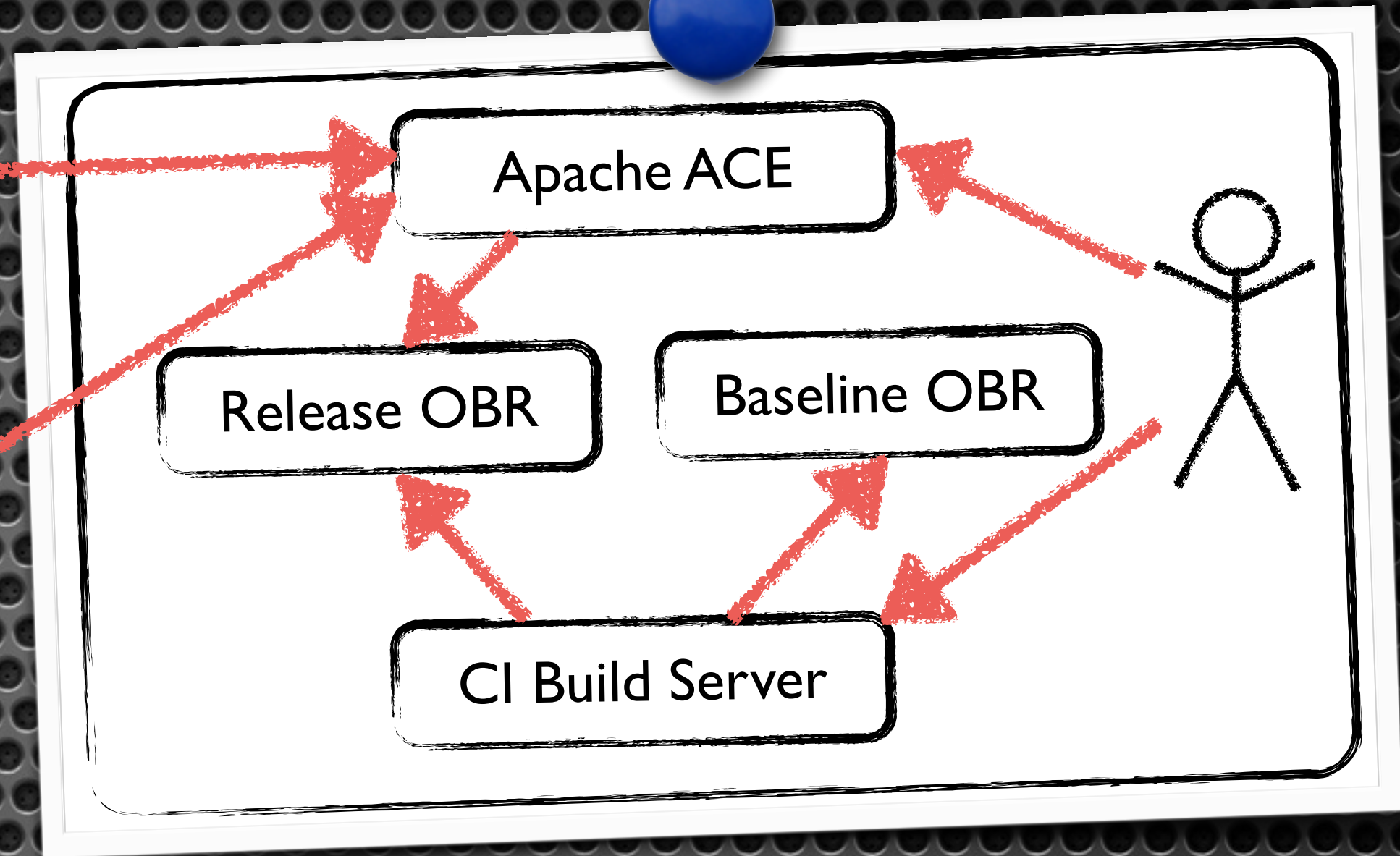
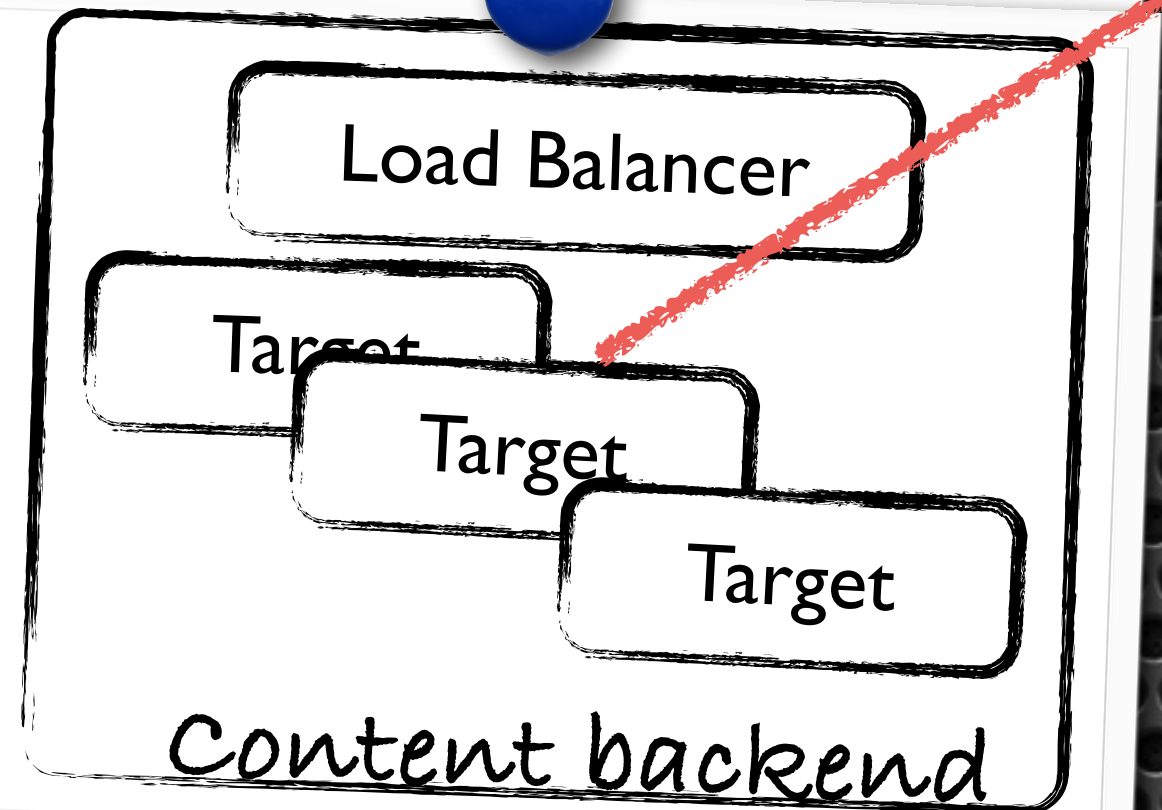
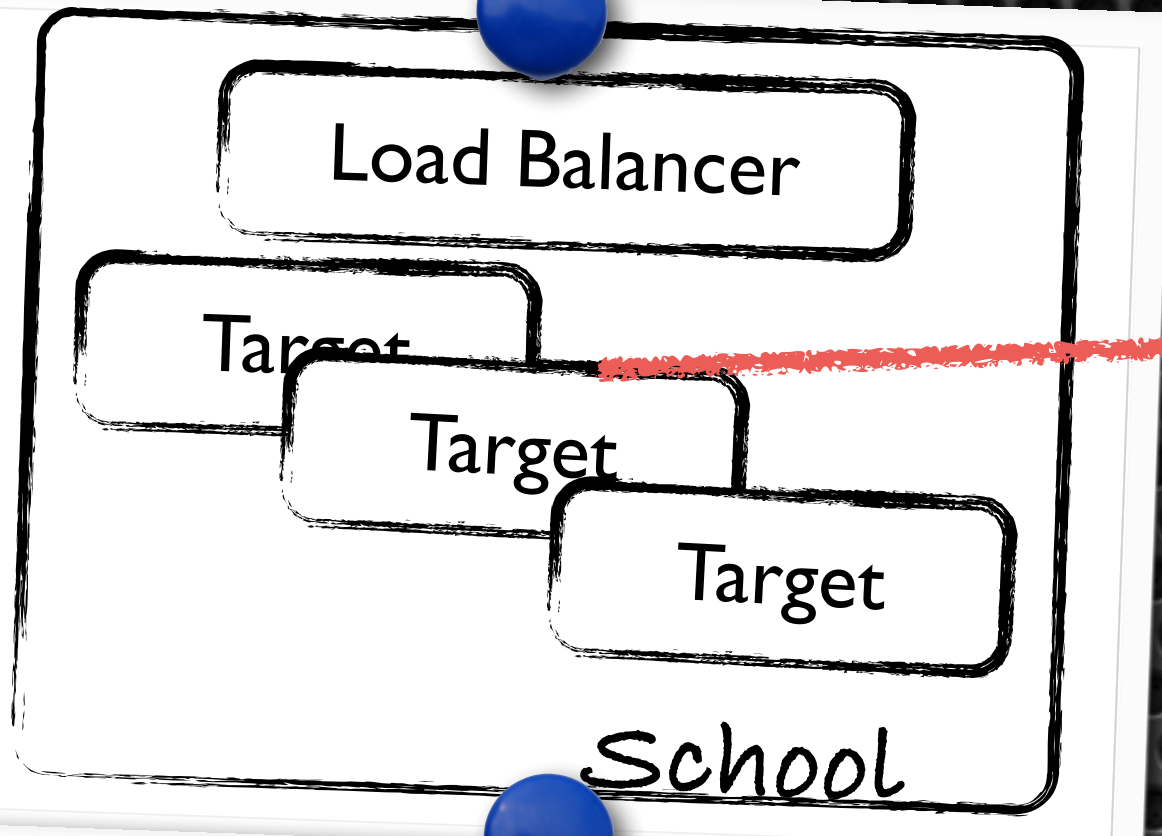
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Content backend

# Deployment



# Continuous Deployment

Load Balancer

Target

School

Load Balancer

Target

Content backend

Apache ACE

Snapshot OBR

CI Build Server

Like to know more?

Continuous Automated Deployment with Apache ACE  
[youtube.com/watch?v=4S\\_zvgG\\_MLW](https://youtube.com/watch?v=4S_zvgG_MLW)



**\*TESTING\***

**PLEASE  
DO NOT  
DISTURB**

Unit testing OSGi code

is trivial

But what if we want

more?

# Integration testing turns out to be trivial as well!

Automated dependency injection of service

```
public class ProductServiceTest extends BaseOSGiServiceTest<ProductService>{  
  
    public ProductServiceTest() {  
        super(ProductService.class);  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void setUp() throws Exception {  
        Properties props = new Properties();  
        props.put("dbName", "osgiwebshop");  
        configureFactory("org.amdatu.mongo", props);  
        super.setUp();  
    }  
  
    public void test() {  
        List<Product> listProducts = instance.listProducts("Books");  
        assertEquals(3, listProducts.size());  
    }  
}
```

Setup  
Config Admin

Junit style  
asserts



# Frontend frameworks



```
32 <div class="row row-fluid">
33   <div class="carrouselTestWindow">
34     <div class="left" data-ng-class="{width: 50%}">
35     <div class="right" data-ng-class="{width: 50%}">
36
37
38
39
40
41     <div class="carrouselTestContainer" style="width: 100%; height: 100px; border: 1px solid black; position: relative; margin: 10px 0 10px 0;">
42       <div class="carrouselRow" data-ng-repeat="item in items">
43         <div class="container">
44           <div class="carrouselItem" data-ng-repeat="item in items">
45             <h2 data-ng-bind="item.name">
46             <h1 data-ng-bind="item.name">
47             <div class="img container" data-ng-bind="item.img">
48           </div>
49         </div>
50       </div>
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# jQuery

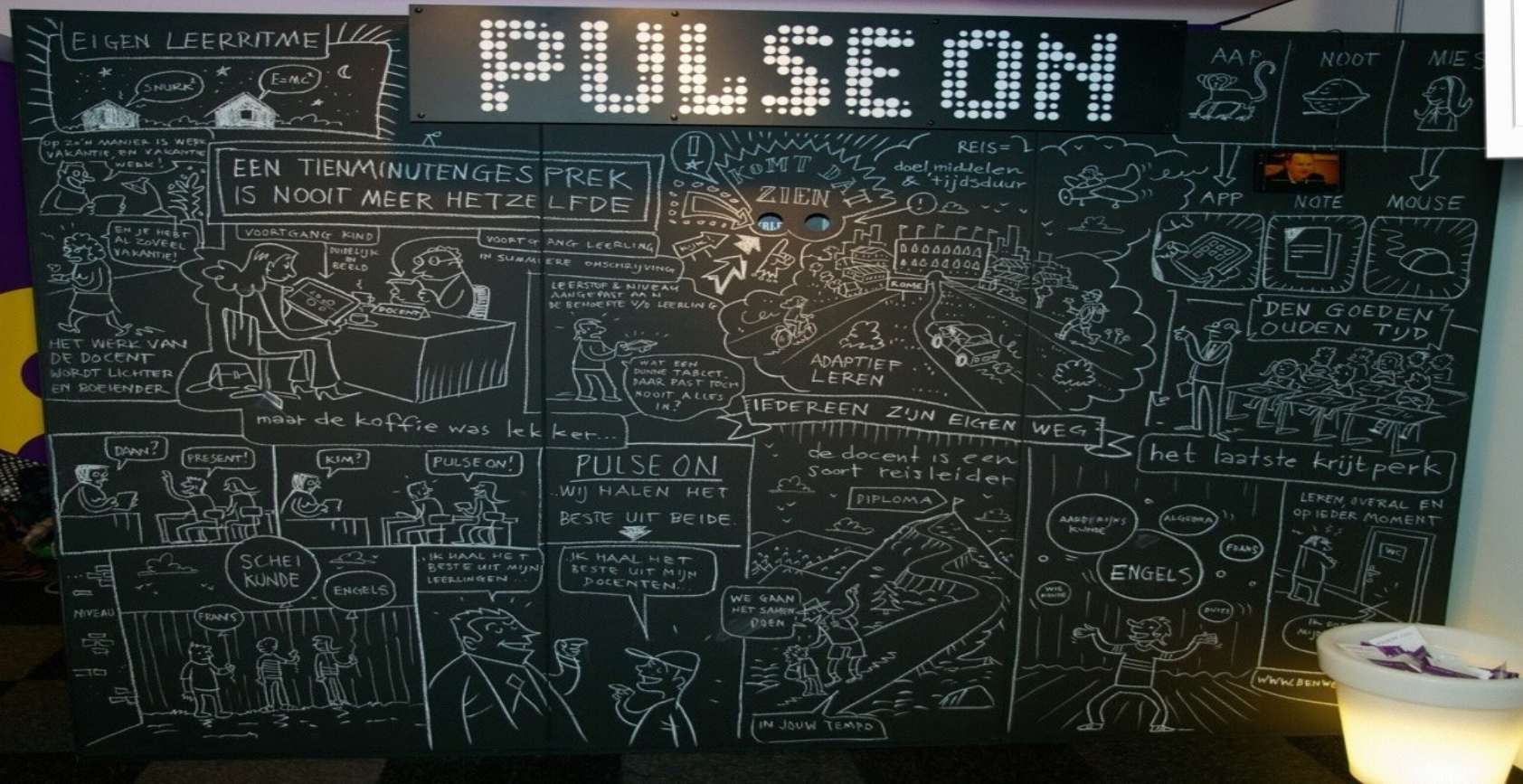
# Pros

```
1 <form>
2   <label>Enter a Todo and hit enter!</label>
3   <input type="text" />
4 </form>
5 <ul></ul>
```

Easy to get started

Can do a lot with not much code

Lot of helpful plugins available



# jQuery

# Cons

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Hard to  
maintain



Hard to test

# Backbone.js

## Pros

well  
structured

Designed  
towards  
consuming  
REST data

```
1 var Todo = Backbone.Model.extend({
2   defaults: { title: '', completed: false }
3 });
4 var Todos = Backbone.Collection.extend({
5   url: '/todos', model: Todo
6 });
7 TodoView = Backbone.View.extend({
8   tagName: 'li',
9   template: _.template($('#todo-item-template').html()),
10  events: {
11    'change .completed-chk': 'completedChanged'
12  },
13  initialize: function() {
14    this.model.bind('change', this.render, this);
15    this.model.bind('destroy', this.remove, this);
16  },
17  completedChanged: function() {
18    var completed = this.$('.completed-chk').is(':checked');
19    this.model.save({
20      completed: completed
21    });
22  },
23  render: function() {
24    this.$el.html(this.template(this.model.toJSON()));
25    return this;
26  }
27 });
28 var TodoAppView = Backbone.View.extend({
29   el: '#todo-app',
30   events: {
31     'click #add-btn': 'addTodo',
32     'click #remove-completed-btn': 'removeCompletedItems'
33   },
34   initialize: function() {
35     this.todos = new Todos();
36     this.todos.bind('all', this.render, this);
```

# Backbone.js

## Cons

A LOT OF  
CODE!!

Hard to  
maintain

Testable

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# AngularJS

```
1 <div class="container" ng-controller="TodoController">
2 <ul id="todos" class="unstyled">
3   <li ng-repeat="todo in todos">
4     <label class="checkbox">
5       <input type="checkbox" ng-model="todo.completed"
6         ng-change="changeCompleted(todo)" />{{todo.title}}
7     </label>
8   </li>
9 </ul>
10 <form class="form-inline">
11   <input id="todo-title" type="text" ng-model="newTodoTitle" />
12   <button id="add-btn" class="btn btn-success" ng-click="addTodo(newTodoTitle)">Add</button>
13 </form>
14 </div>
```

# AngularJS

## Pros

```
1 var todoApp = angular.module('todoApp', []);
2 todoApp.controller('TodoController', function($scope, $http) {
3   $scope.todos = [];
4
5   $http.get('/todos').success(function(todos) {
6     $scope.todos = todos;
7   });
8
9   $scope.addTodo = function(title) {
10    $scope.todos.push({ title : title });
11  };
12
13  $scope.removedTodo = function(todo) {
14    $scope.todos = $scope.todos.splice(
15      $scope.todos.indexOf(todo) ,1);
16  }
17 });
```

Well  
structured

Testable

Designed  
towards  
consuming  
REST data

No  
guessing  
in html

# TypeScript

## Pros

```
class ItemService {  
  private items : string[] = [];  
  public getItems() : string[] {  
    return this.items;  
  }  
}  
  
export = ItemService;
```



```
define(["require", "exports"], function(require, exports) {  
  var ItemService = (function () {  
    function ItemService() {  
      this.items = [];  
    }  
    ItemService.prototype.getItems = function () {  
      return this.items;  
    };  
    return ItemService;  
  })();  
  
  return ItemService;  
});
```

compile  
time checks

code  
completion



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    return ItemService;  
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});
```

## Cons

Need to  
have a  
definition  
to work

Slow-ish

## Wrap up

A modular architecture gives us:

- Maintainability
- Extensibility
- Freedom to change

But what if I want

Spring

EJB

Hibernate?



*Just don't... You really don't need to.*

cloud provisioning

<http://ace.apache.org/>



cloud OSGi services

<http://www.amdatu.org/>



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## Learn more?

Friday 10.20 - 12.50 or  
14.45 - 17.15

Tutorial "Developing modular cloud  
applications with OSGi"