

# Where Did All My Beautiful Code Go?

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*"We hire only the brightest  
engineers in the industry."*

--Your Company

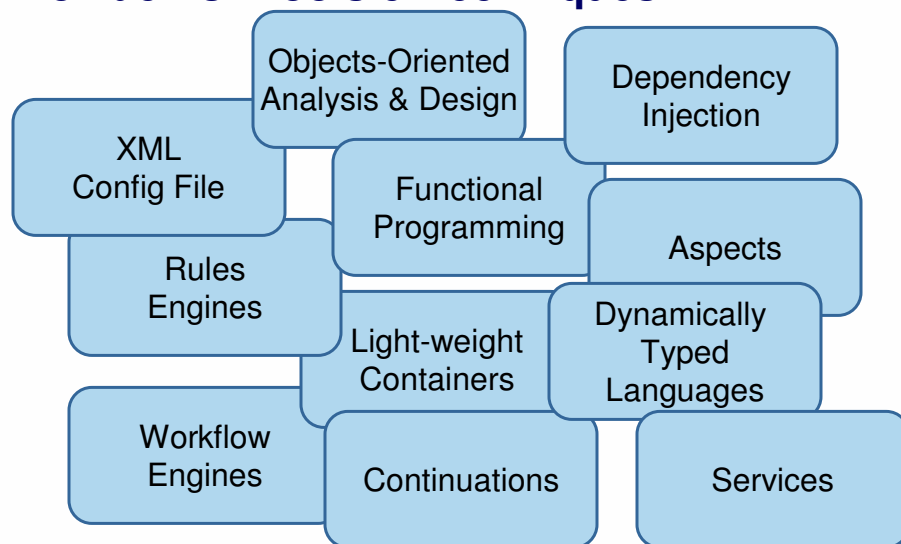
## Still Code Tends To Look Like This...

```
// This code is wrong. It should use the session
// manager instead of the parameter manager.
// [joe] I think this is no longer true
```

```
/**
 * Returns the customer's account. If there are
 * multiple accounts returns the oldest account.
 * TODO make this less confusing by better
 * supporting the notion of multiple accounts per
 * customer.
 */
Account getOnlyAccount() { ... }
```

```
/**
 * Performs a set of arcane checks such as
 * circles etc.
 */
```

## No Lack Of Tools & Techniques





*"No one actually writes the  
bad code.*

*It magically appears."*

--Gregor



- 1. Understand your domain**
- 2. Choose your model(s)**
- 3. Choose a language to represent the model**
- 4. Map the model well to the language**
- 5. Protect Your Model**
- 6. Program for humans, not machines**

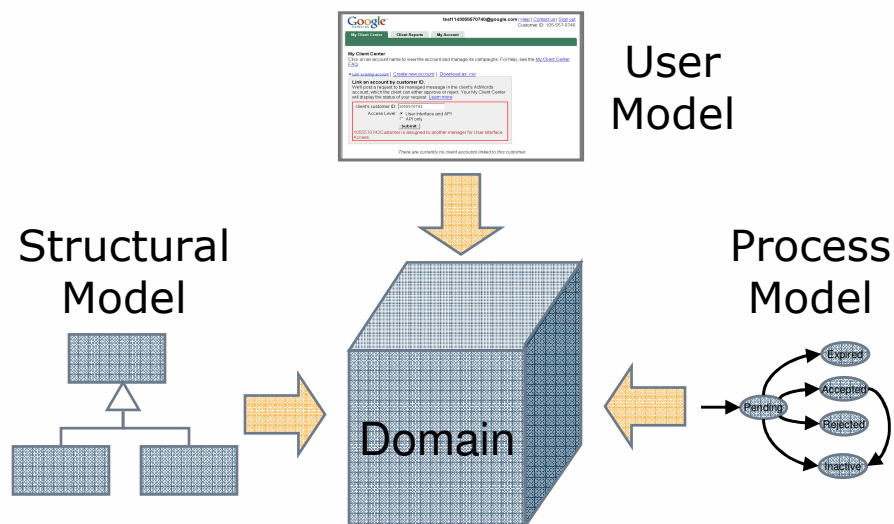


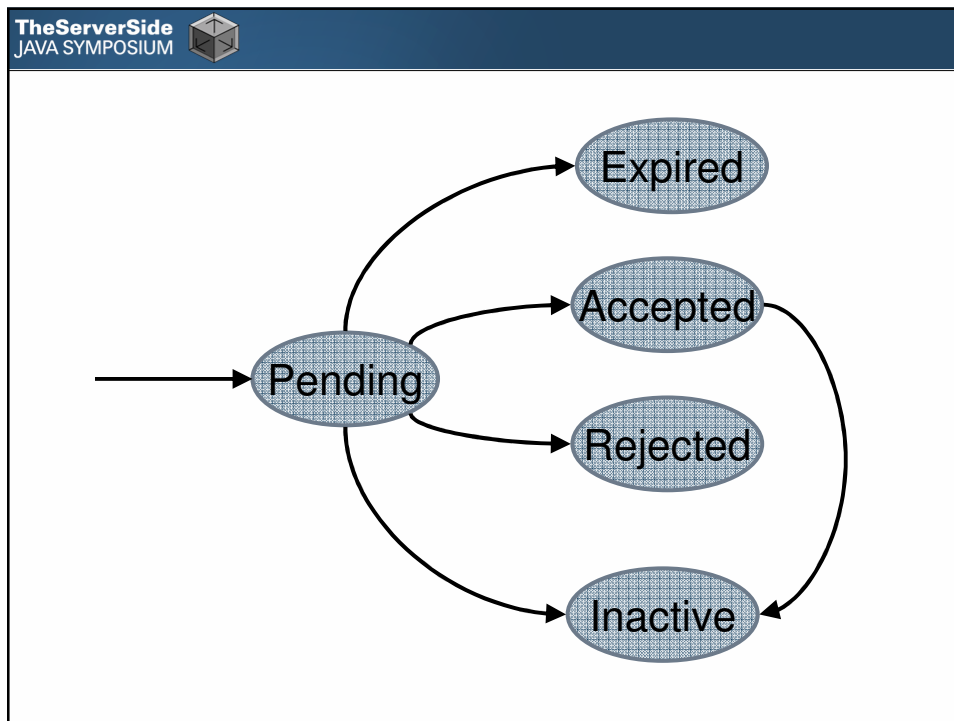
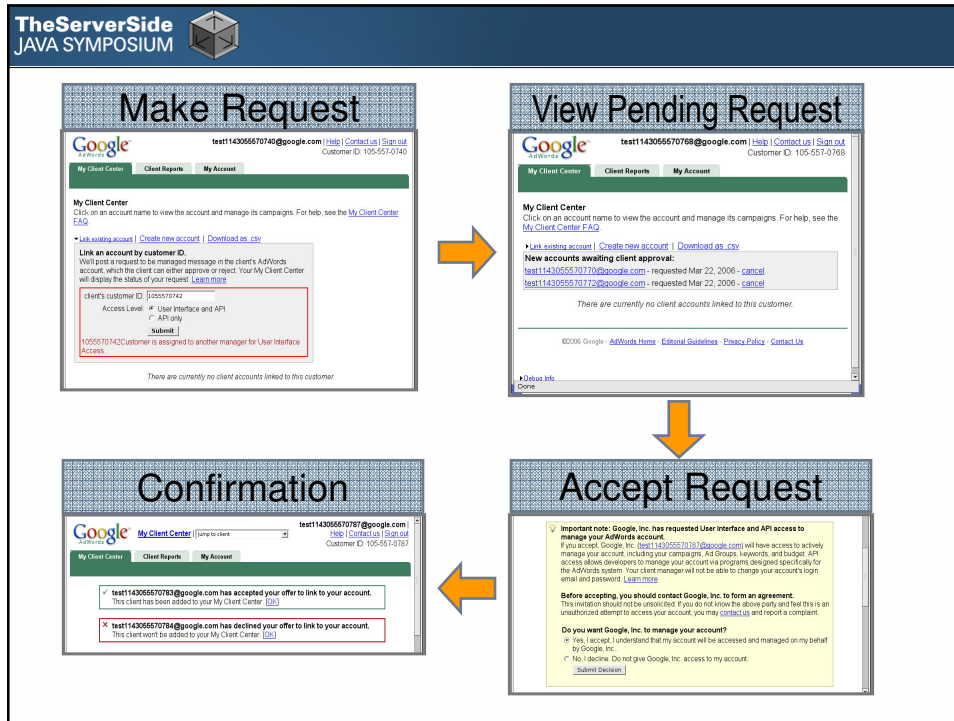
## A Domain Of Managers And Advertisers...

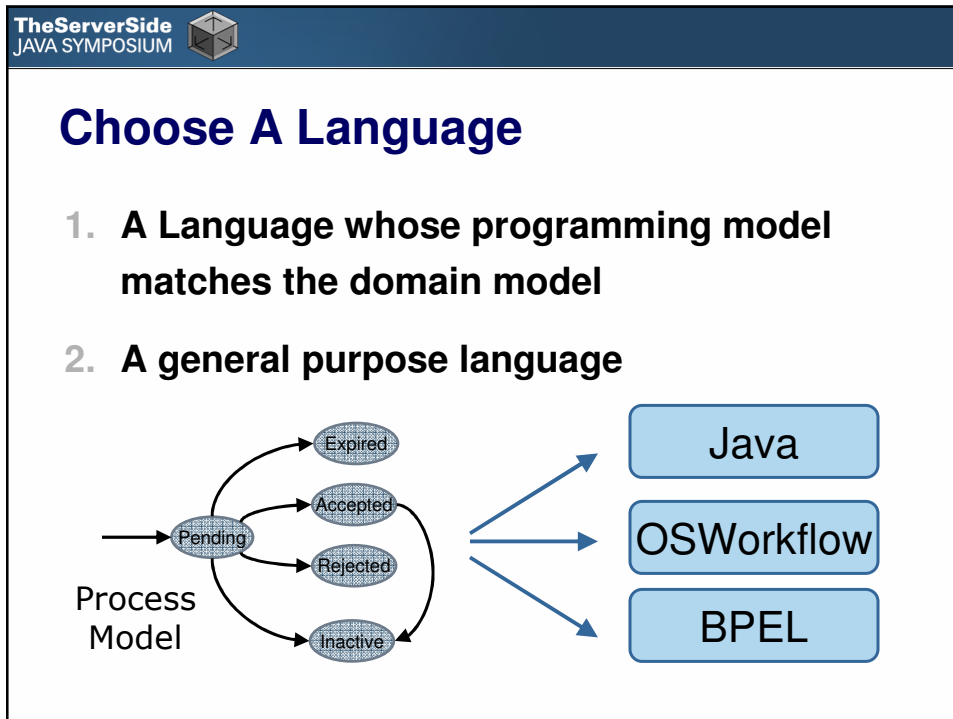
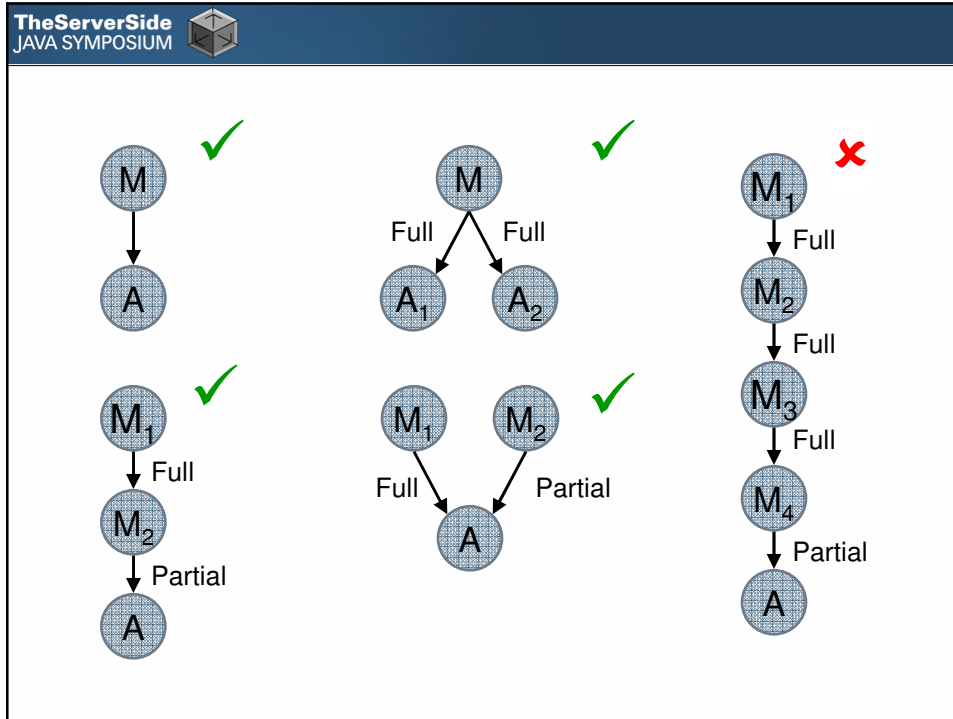
- A manager can manage one or more advertisers
- A manager has to request access to a advertiser's account first ("invite the advertiser")
- A manager can request full access or partial access
- Subsequently, the advertiser can accept or refuse
- An advertiser can later revoke the manager's access
- An advertiser can have a manager for each access type
- Managers can manage other managers, up to 3 levels deep



## Choose Your Model(s)









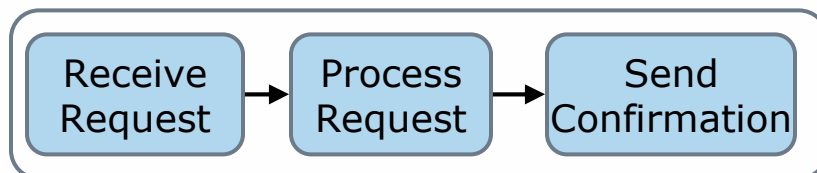
## Flows In a Flow Language

```
<step id="1" name="Pending">
  <action id="1" name="Accept">
    <results>
      <unconditional-result step="2"/>
    </results>
  </action>
  <action id="2" name="Reject">
    <results>
      <unconditional-result step="3"/>
    </results>
  </action>
</step>
<step id="2" name="Accepted">
<step id="3" name="Rejected">
```



## Programming Flows In An OO Language

```
seqActivity1 = new SequenceActivity();
seqActivity1.Activities.Add(
  ReceiveRequest);
seqActivity1.Activities.Add(
  ProcessRequest);
seqActivity1.Activities.Add(
  SendConfirmation);
seqActivity1.Name = "sequenceActivity1";
```



## Language Trade-Offs

- Switching cost can be high
- Language workbenches try to solve this
- Don't forget your favorite tools
  - Debugger
  - Refactoring
  - Version Control Integration

## Map The Model Well To The Language

- "Invitations expire 30 days after the end of the month in which they were made"

```
TimeZone zone = TimeZone.getTimeZone("Universal");
Calendar calendar = Calendar.getInstance(zone);
calendar.set(Calendar.YEAR, year);
calendar.set(Calendar.MONTH, month-1);
calendar.set(Calendar.DATE, day);
calendar.set(Calendar.HOUR_OF_DAY, 0);
calendar.set(Calendar.MINUTE, 0);
...
```

- Did I say anything about time zone? Hours?
- Month - 1 ??

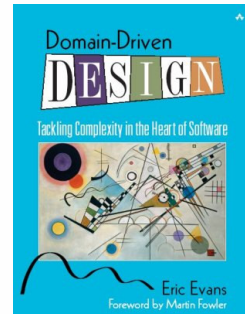




## March Is Not A Number

```
CalendarDate invited = CalendarDate.from(2006, 3, 23);  
int allowedDays = 30;  
CalendarDate expiryDate =  
    completion.month().end().plusDays(allowedDays);
```

- `month()` is a `CalendarInterval` (a range of days, not a number)
- `end()` is a `CalendarDate` (a specific day, not a point in time)



## Protect Your Model

- No longer a code issue
- Make it beautiful but accessible
- Anticorruption layer
- Validation tools, e.g. imports etc.
  
- Good test coverage can actually hurt



## Program For Humans Not Machines

- People will read your code
- Make it easy for them
- Misunderstandings are not the user's but the designer's fault
- Usability test your interfaces
- Learn from usability design: affordances,...



## "Programmers Are People, Too"

- Kevlin Henney
  - "Effective Interface Design"
  - Affordances (Don Norman's Design of Everyday Things)
- Josh Block
  - "How to Design a Good API and Why it Matters"
  - "Conceptual Weight" of an API
- Ken Arnold
  - "Programmers are people, Too"

*"Write code worth reading"*

-- Ward Cunningham

**Thank You!**