



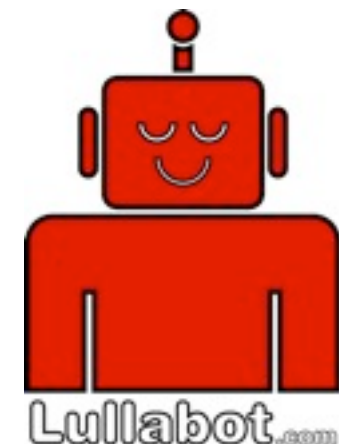
The Drupal Community

Where are we going and how to get involved?

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Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit
Oct 2, 2010

About Me

- One of four committers to Drupal core, heading up forthcoming 7.0 release
- *Using Drupal* lead author
- Recipient of Google-O'Reilly Open Source Award for Best Contributor
- Drupal Association board member
- Drupal-obsessed: Developer, tester, technical writer, evangelist, community manager, and general cat herder
- “Day job” is Drupal consulting and education with Lullabot



Agenda

- Facts/statistics about the Drupal community
- How to get involved
- Why to get involved
- How to be *effective* in your contributions
- Where are we going?



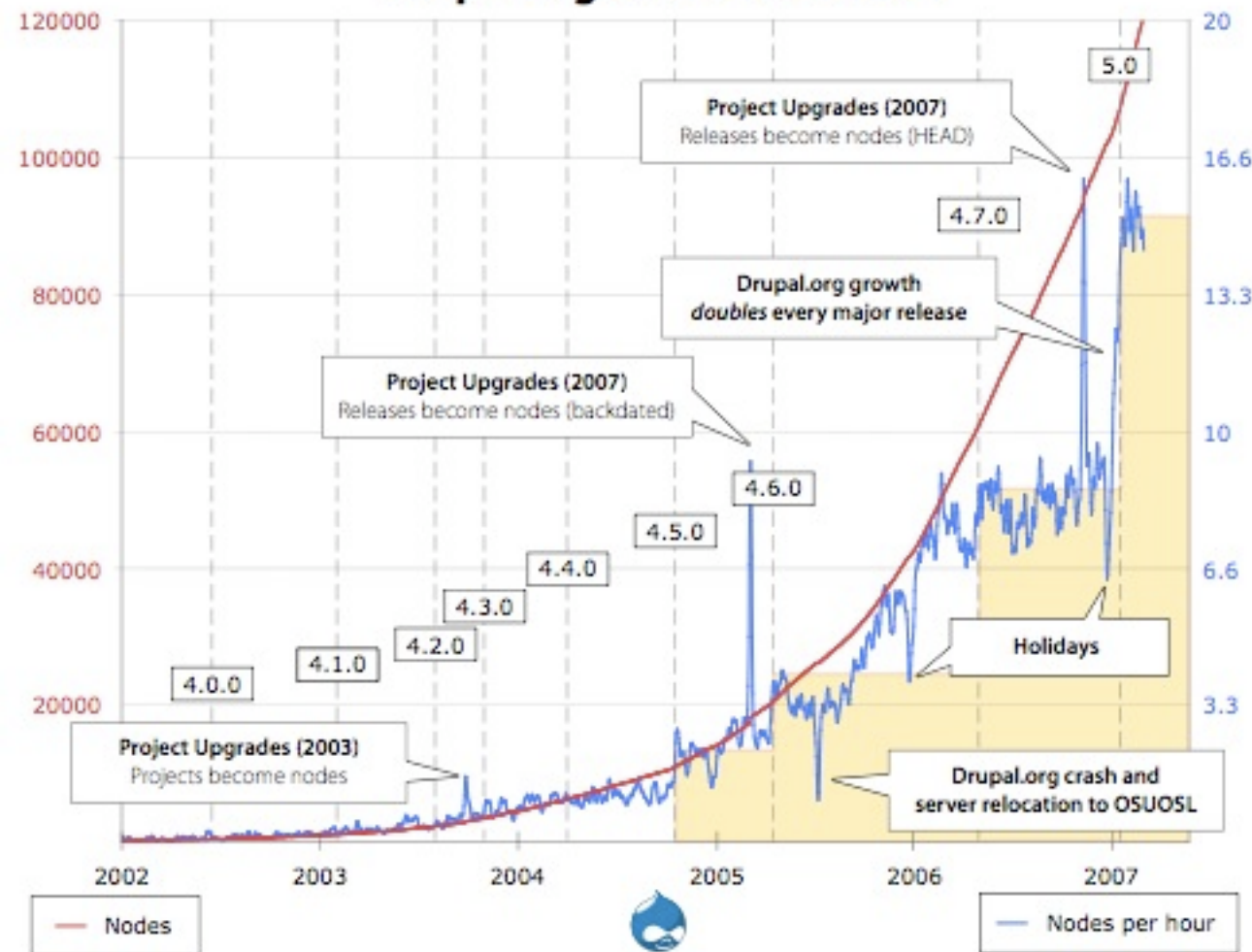


“It’s really the Drupal community and not so much the software that makes the Drupal project what it is. So fostering the Drupal community is actually more important than just managing the code base.”

- Dries Buytaert

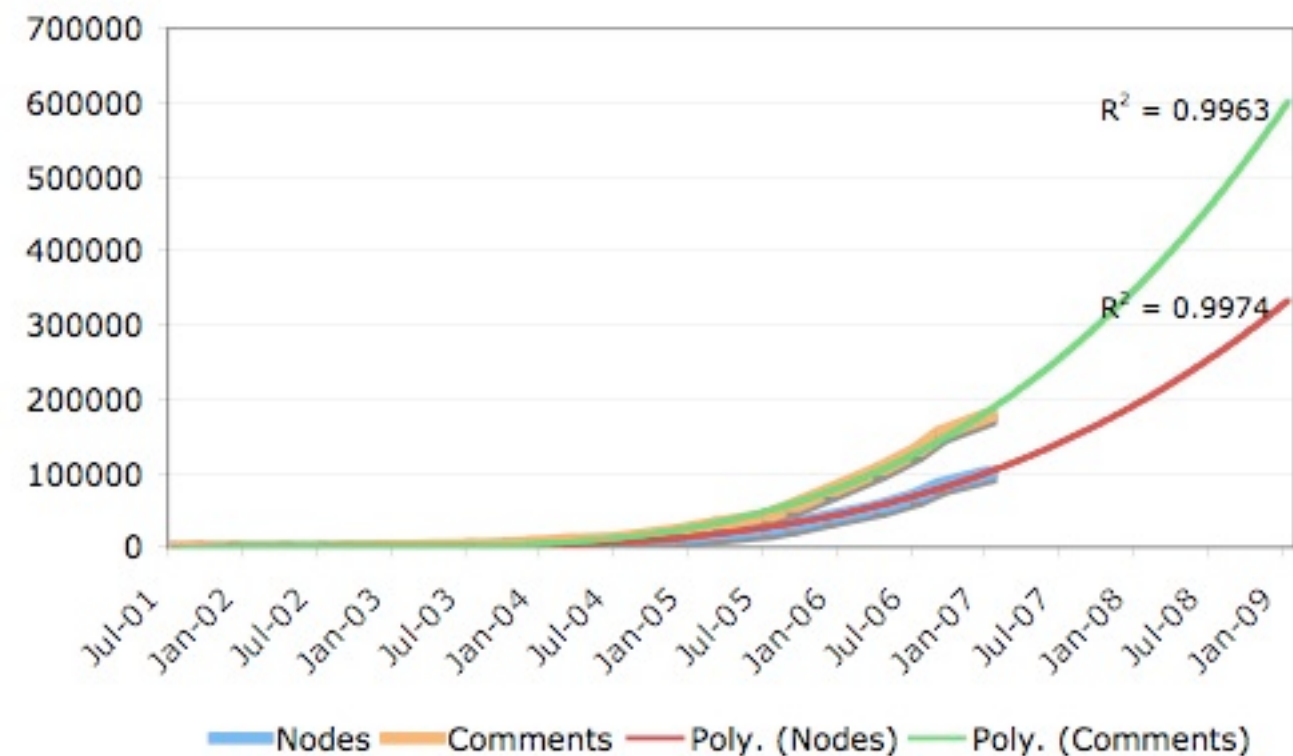
Doubles in size each release

Drupal.org Size and Growth



source: <http://acko.net/blog/drupal-org-explosion-and-trends>

Drupal.org site activity (projections)



source: <http://buytaert.net/drupal-site-statistics>

200+ Local User Groups



...including <http://groups.drupal.org/vancouver>

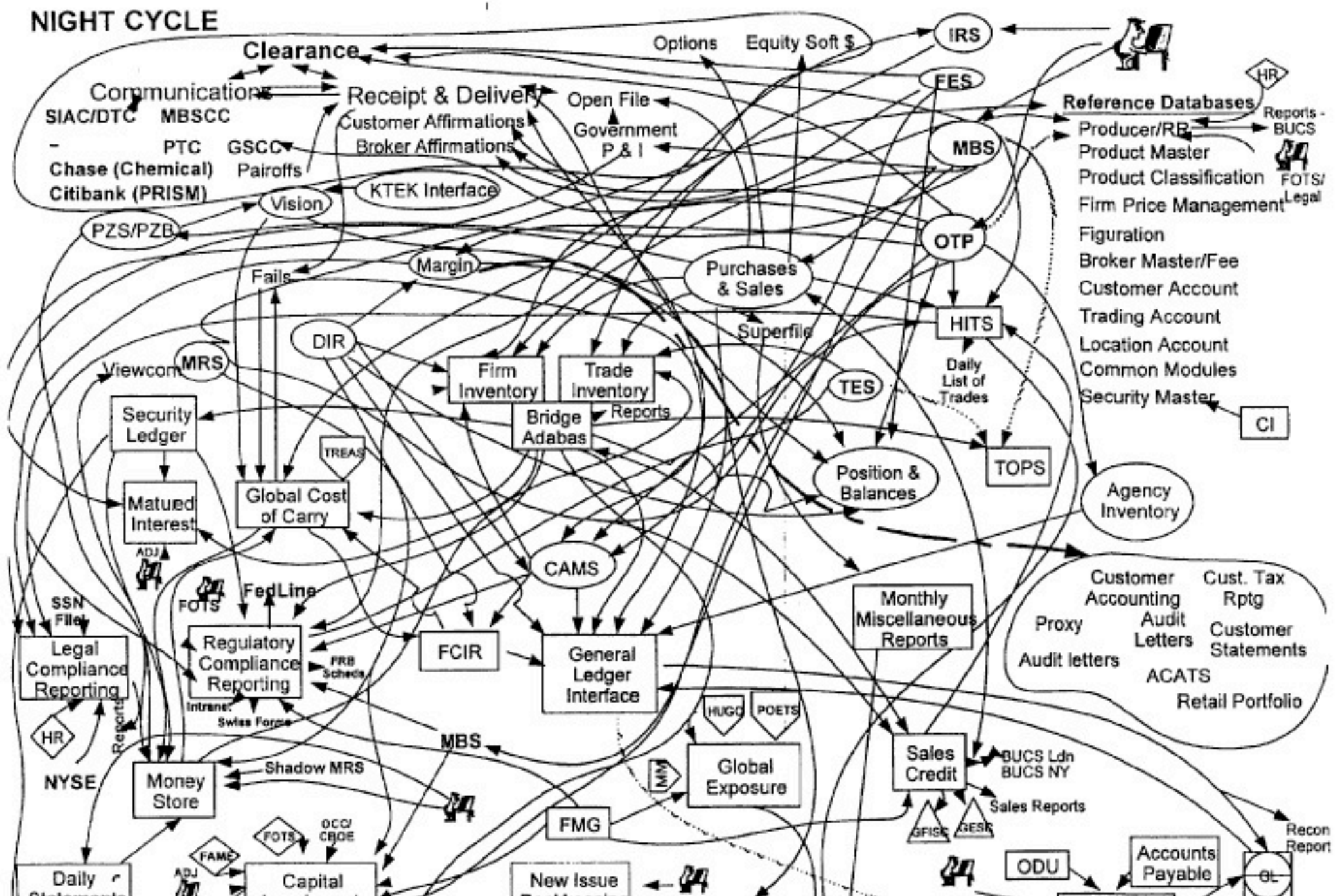
Thousands of Individuals

Each scratching their own itches

Do-Ocracy



We don't know **what**
we're doing...



...but we have fun
doing it. :)



<http://buytaert.net/album/drupalcon-sunnyvale-2007/laughter>

But... but... I'm scared!





What's my *story*?

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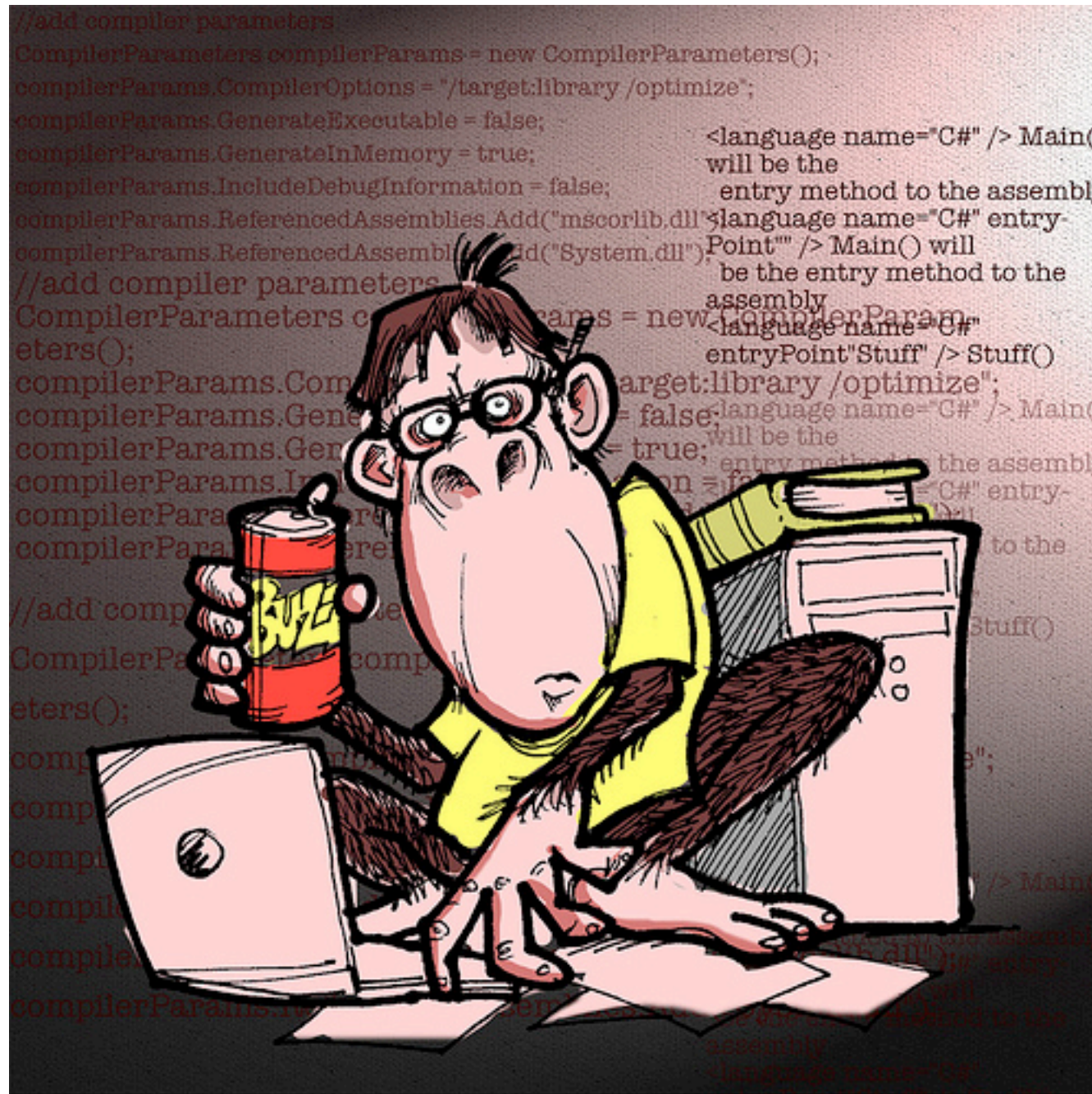
Make sure that this is **never** anyone else's story ever again.

Myth Busters



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kylemay/>

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_monkey

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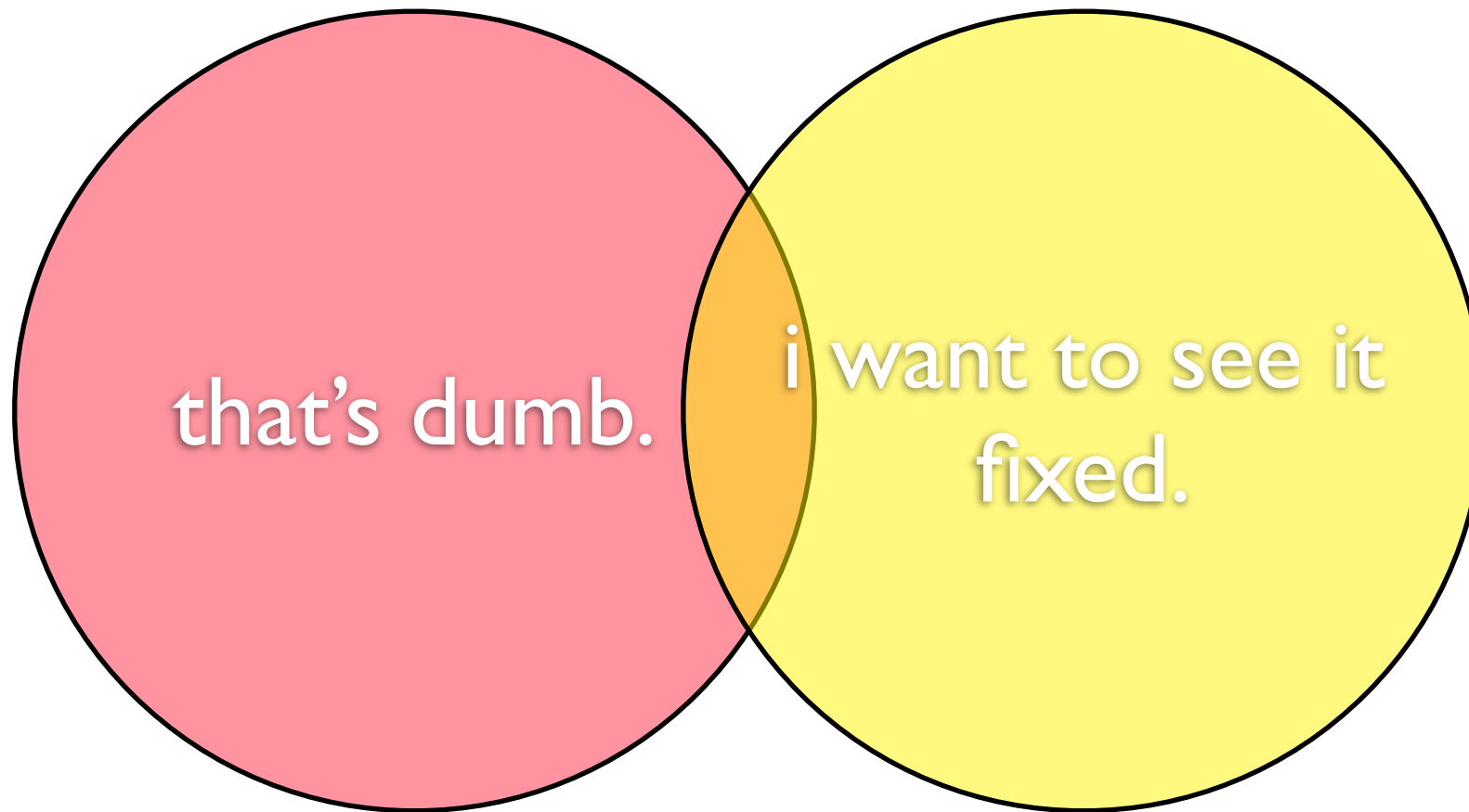
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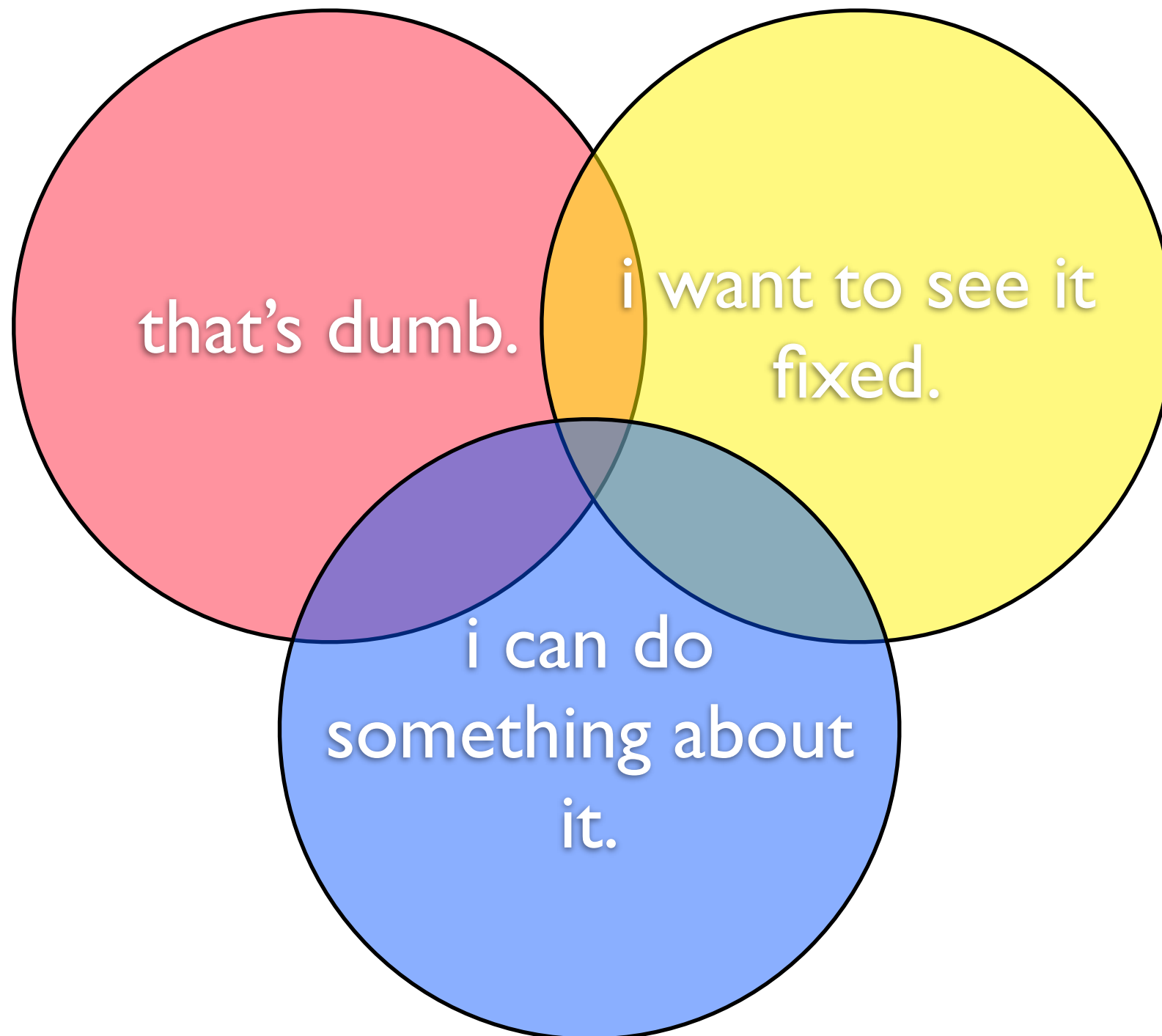


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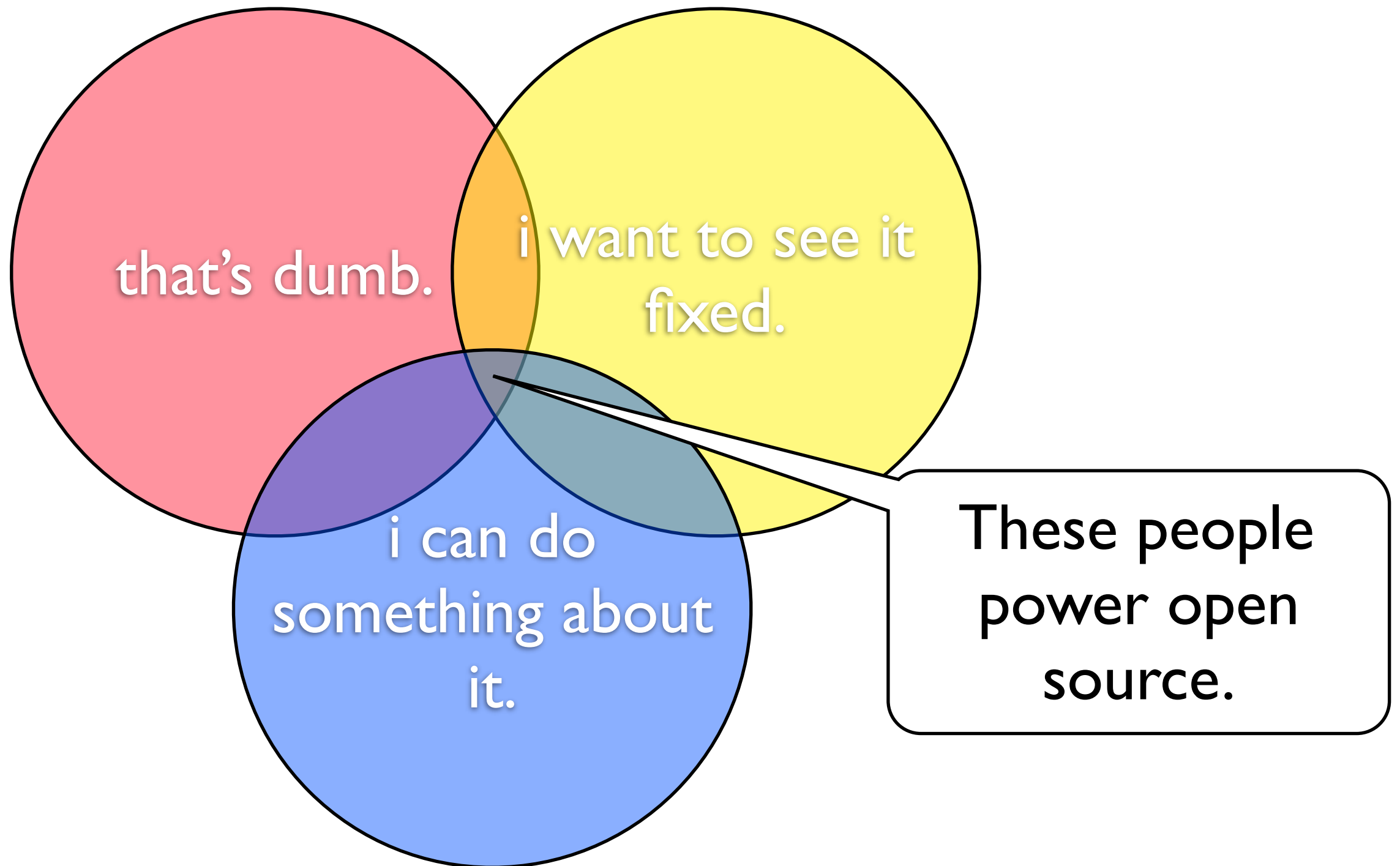
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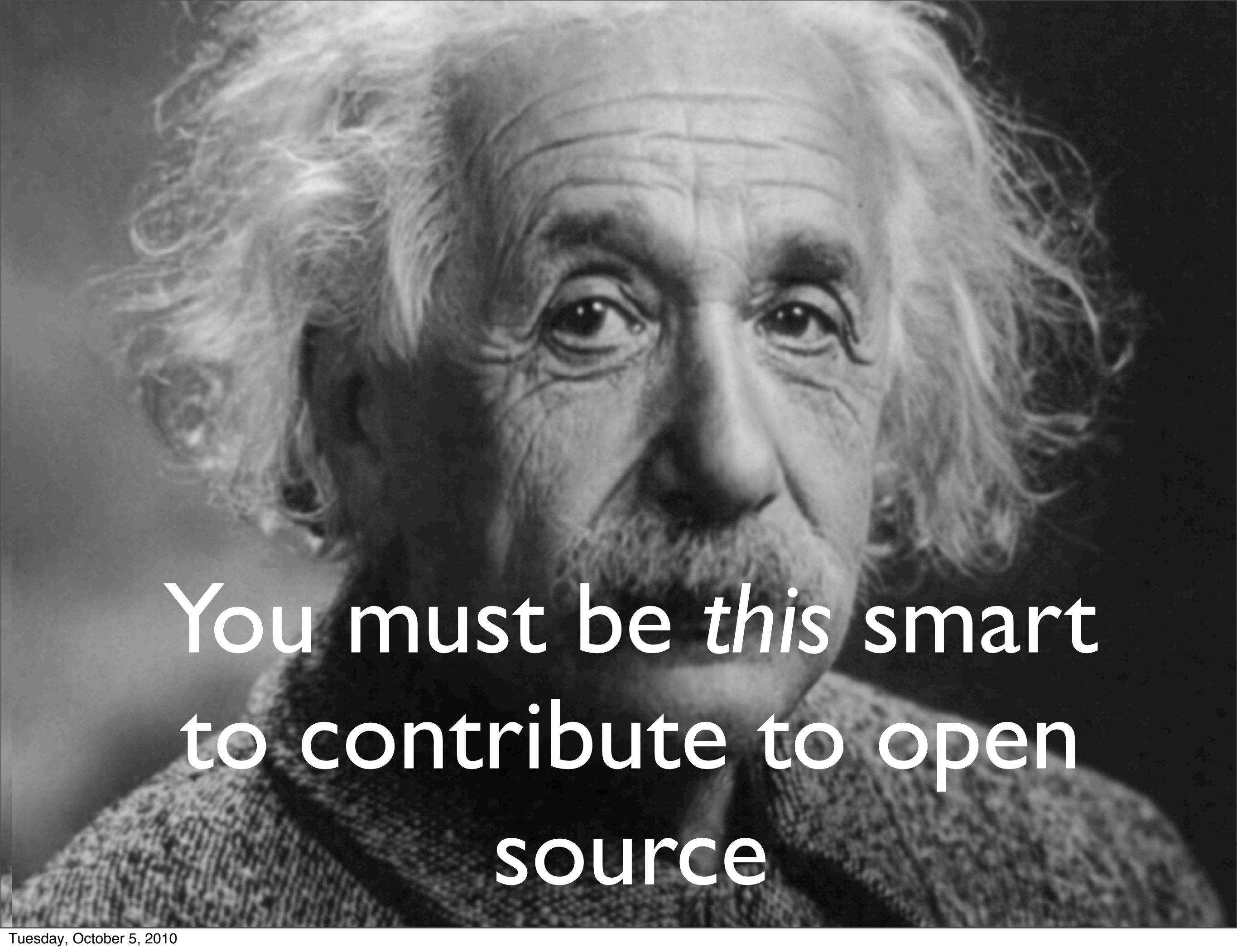


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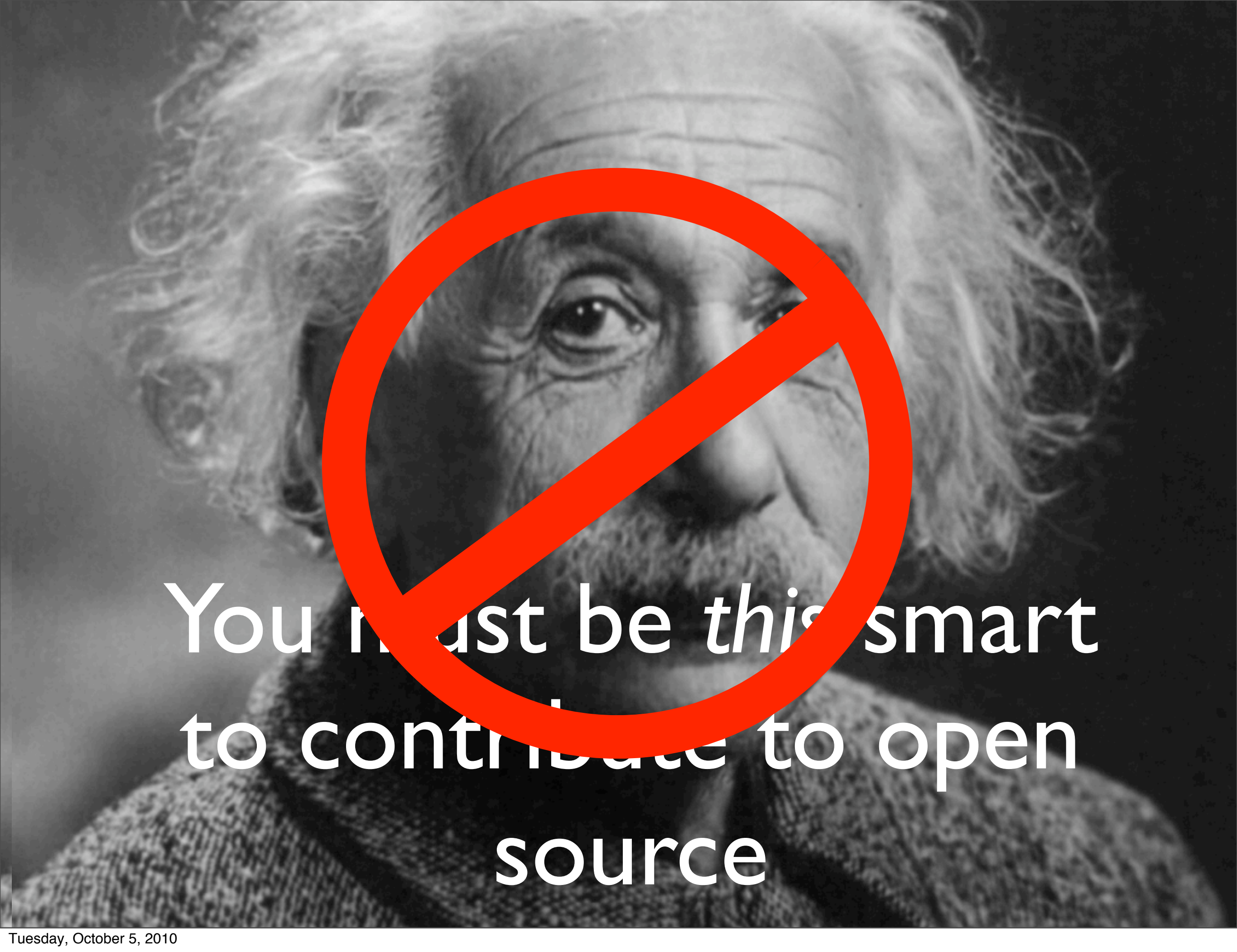


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A black and white portrait of Albert Einstein, showing his characteristic wild, white hair and a mustache. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight, thoughtful expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

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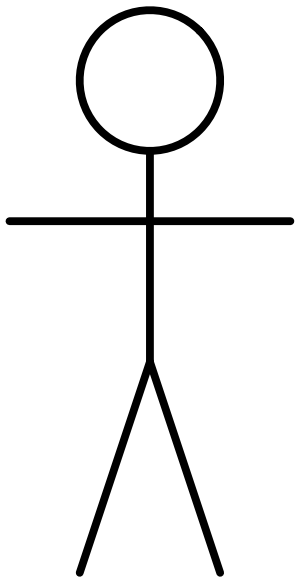
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The more diversity, the stronger the project.

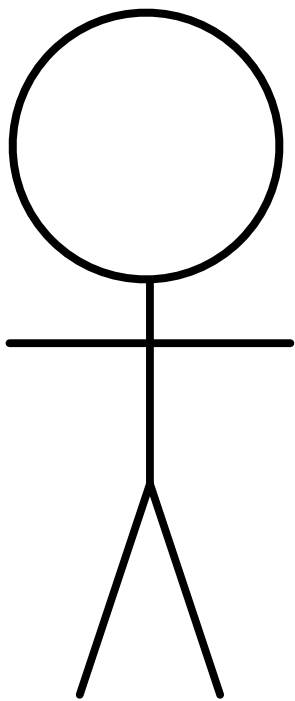
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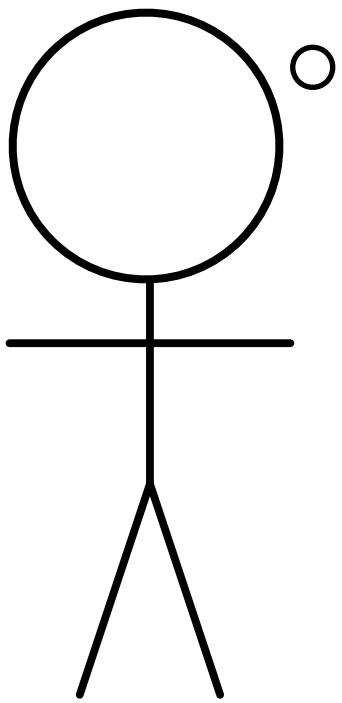
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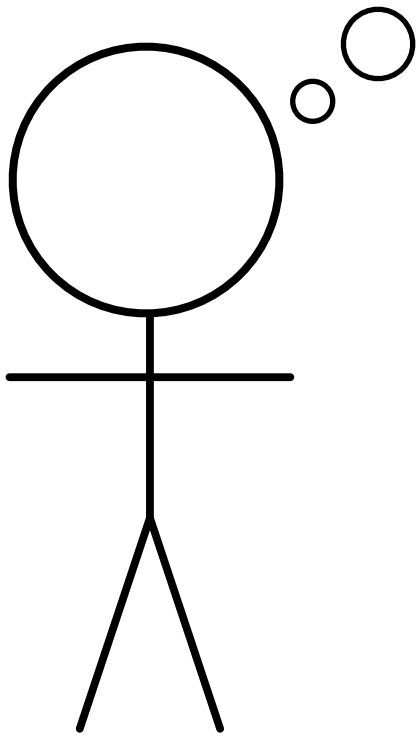
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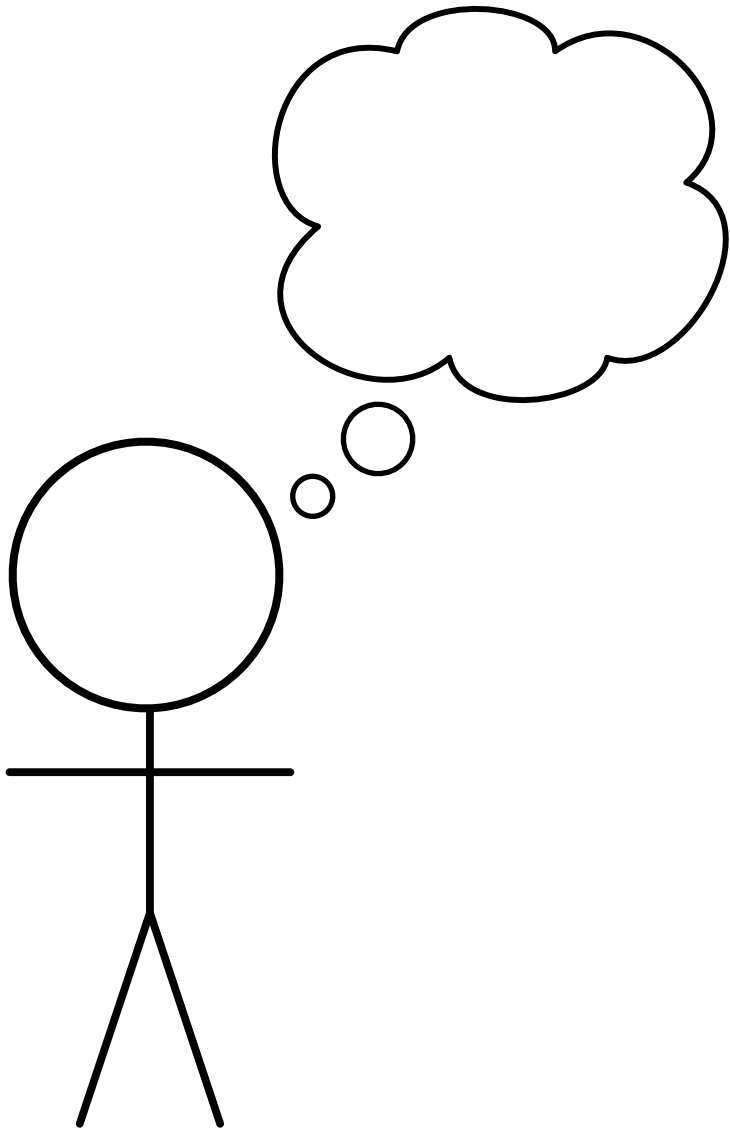
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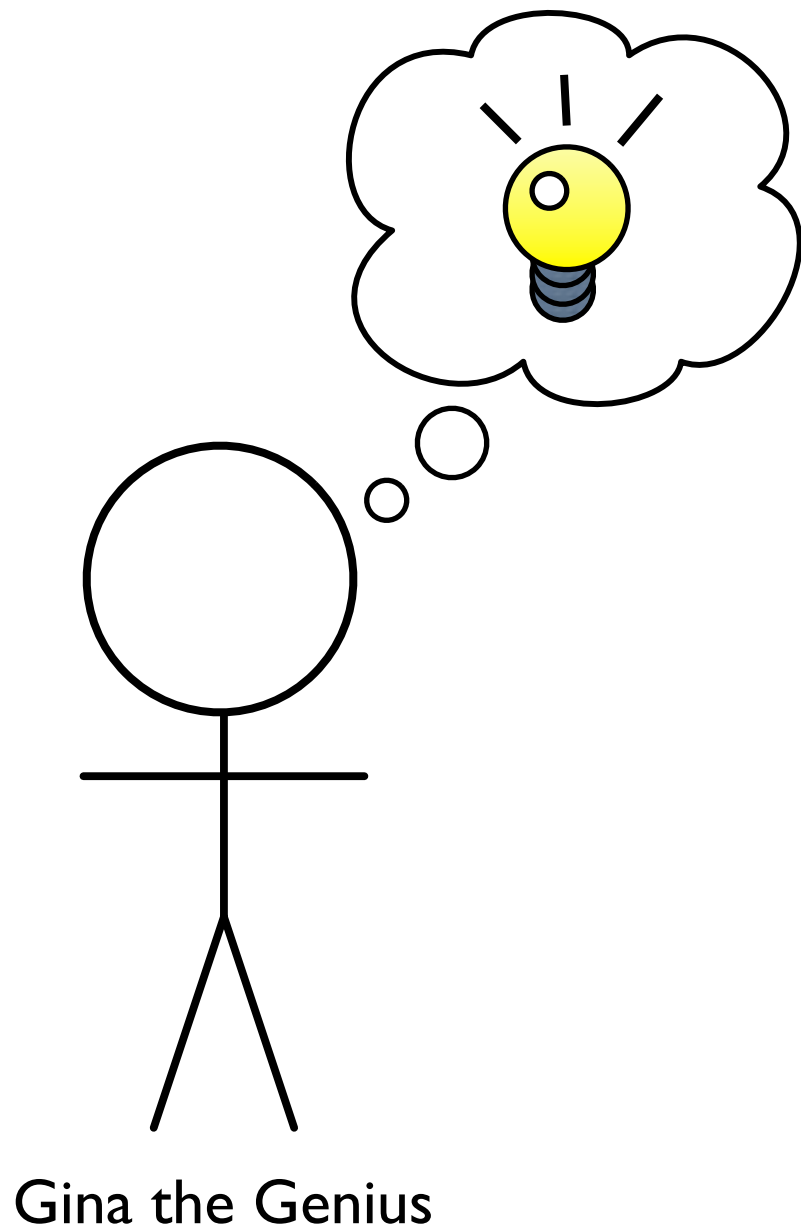
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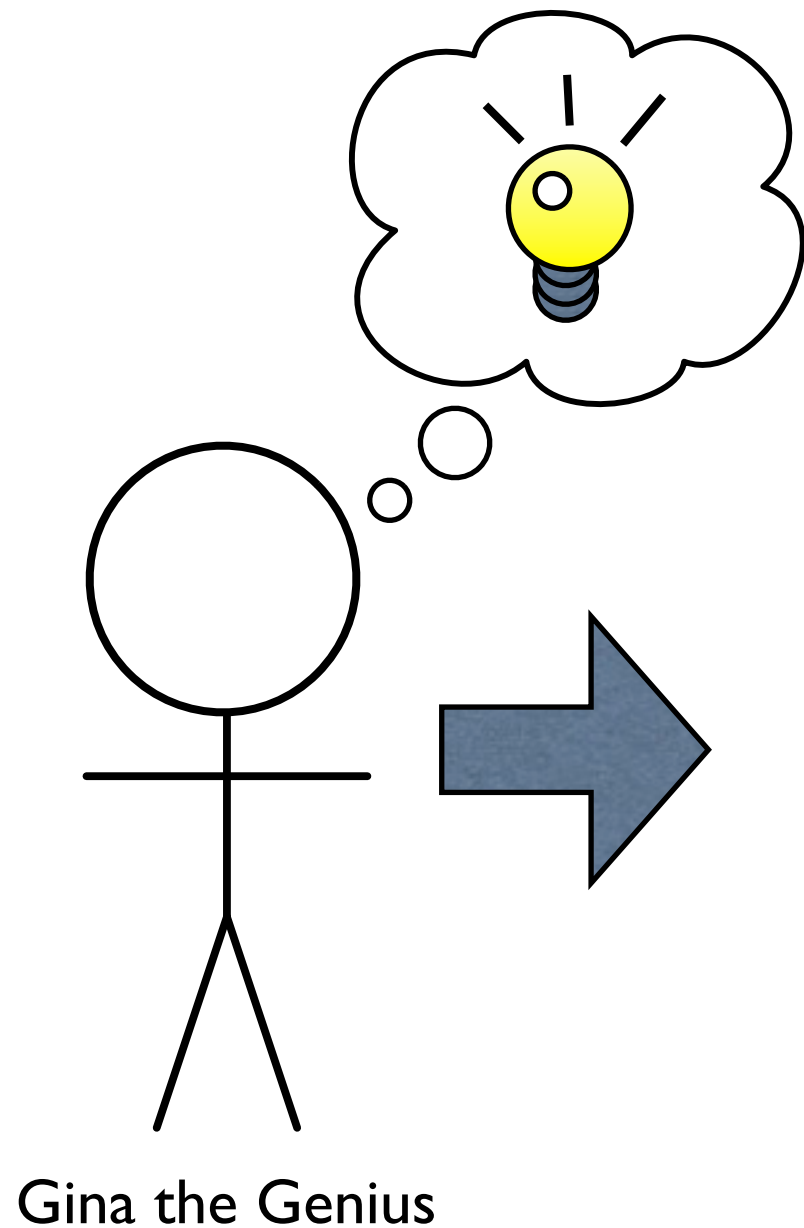


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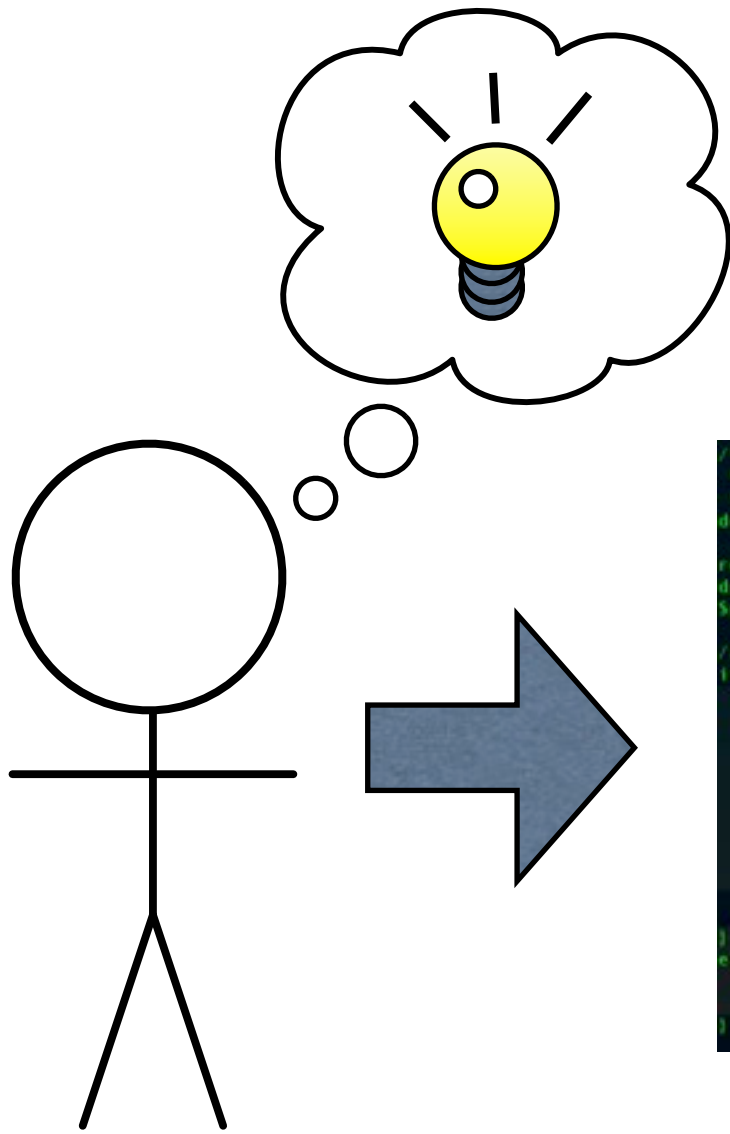
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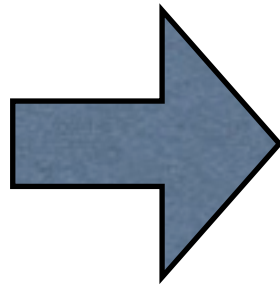
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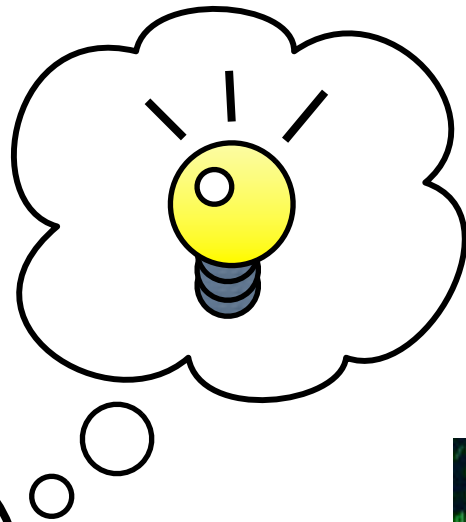


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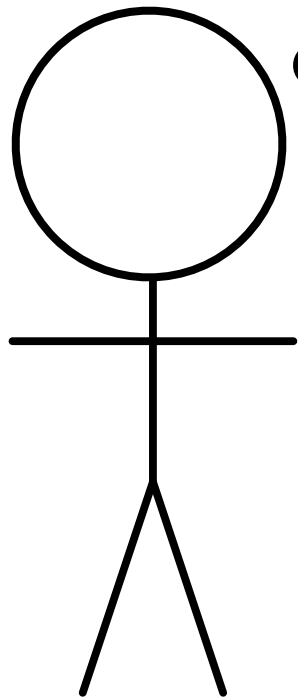
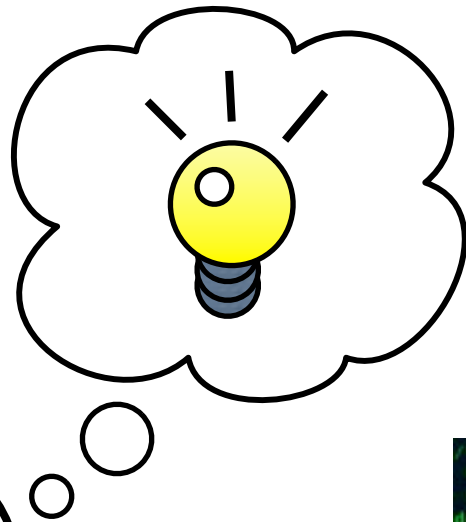
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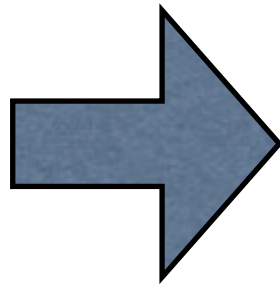
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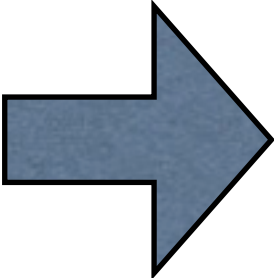
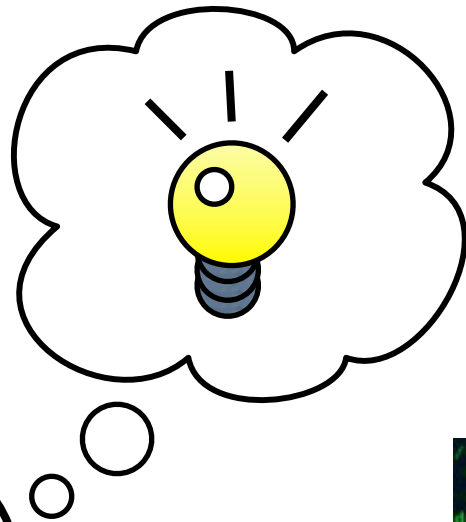
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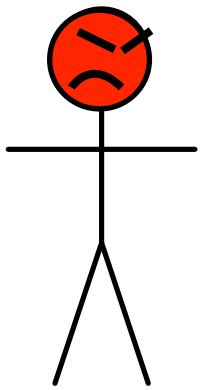
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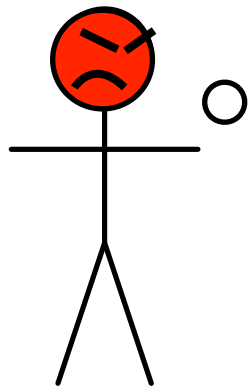
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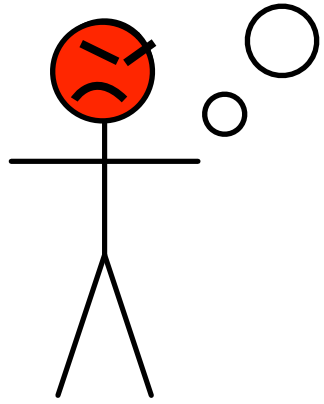
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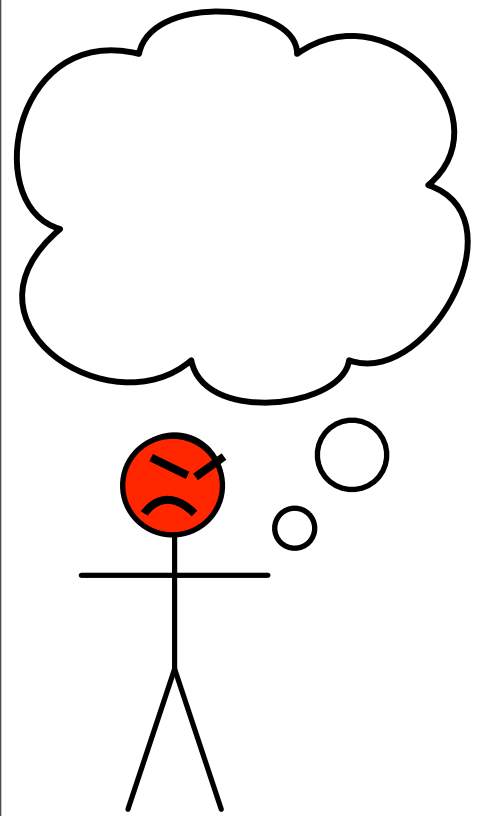
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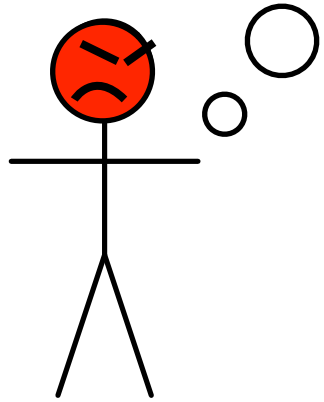
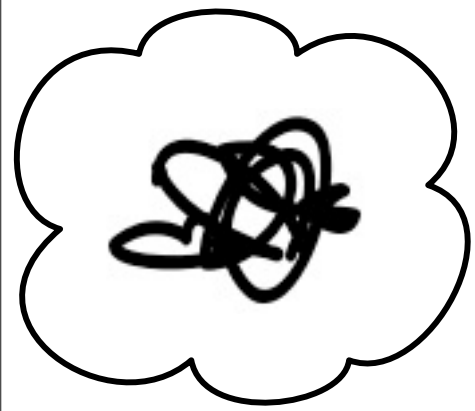
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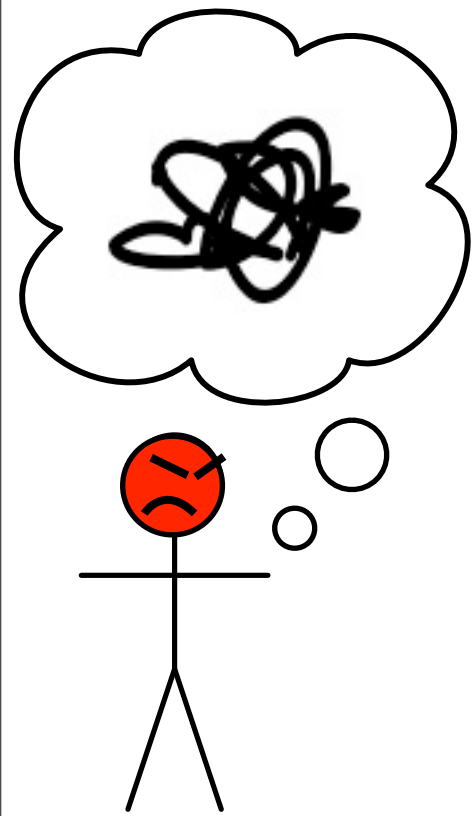
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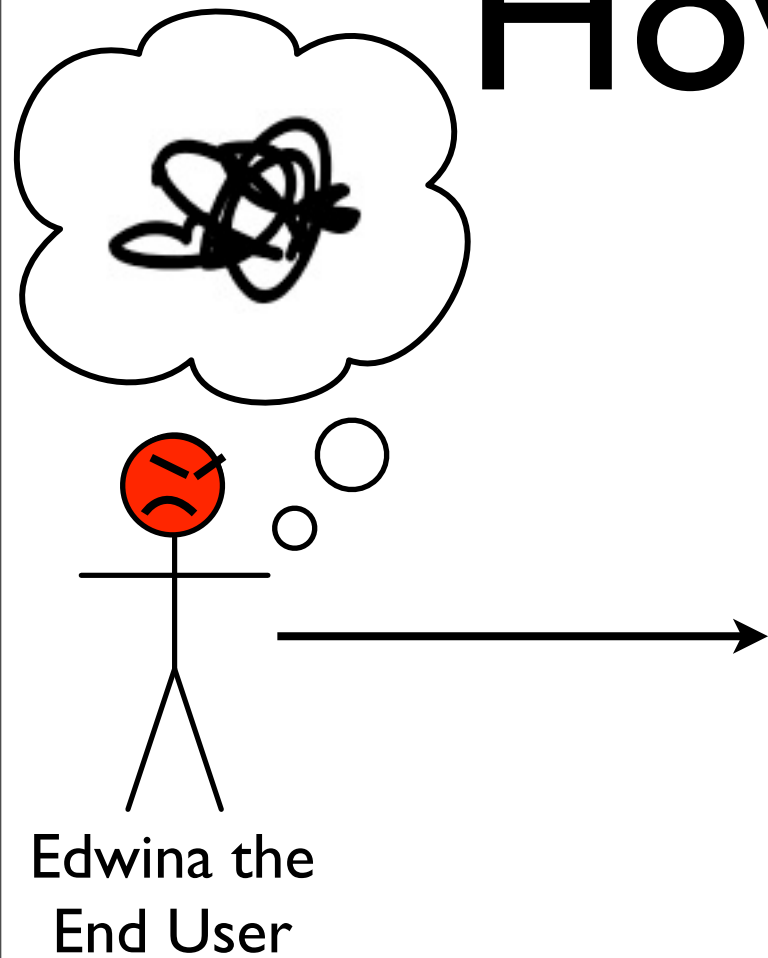
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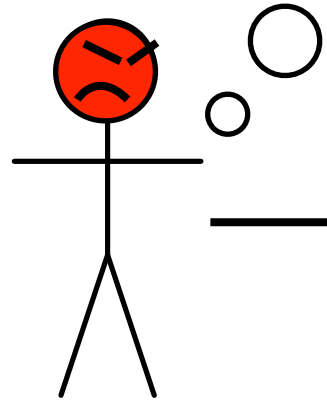
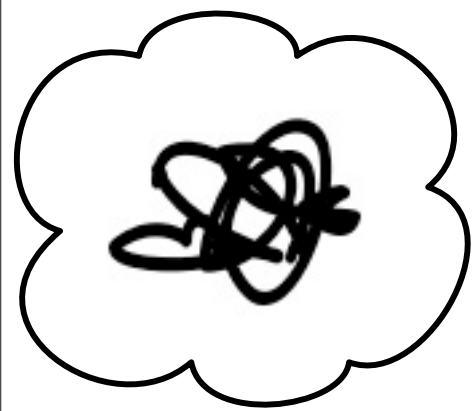
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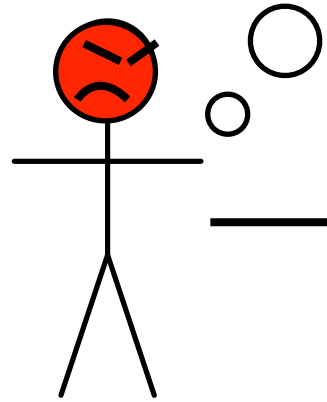
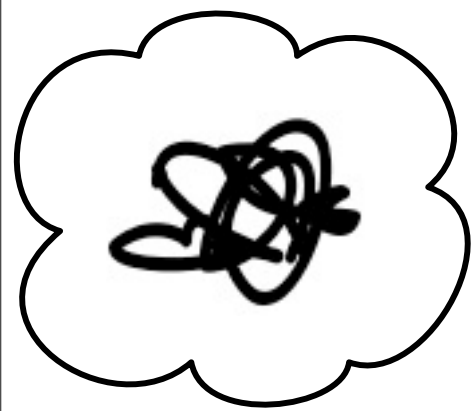
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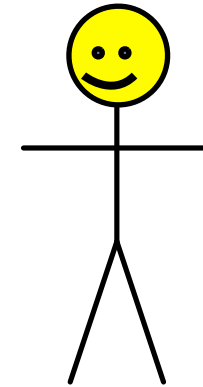


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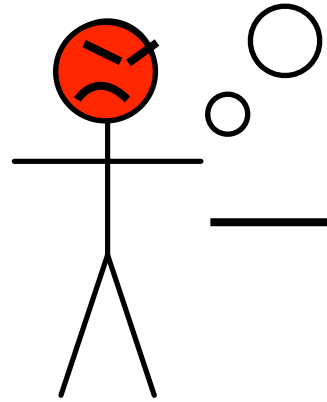
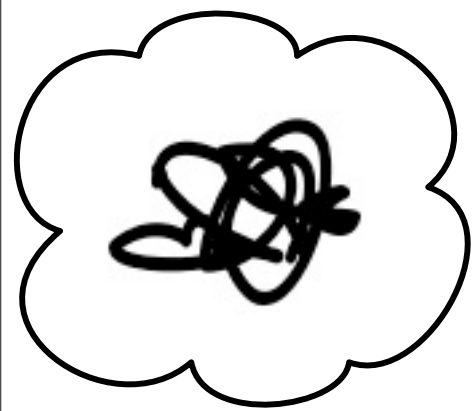
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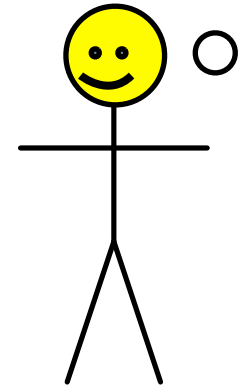


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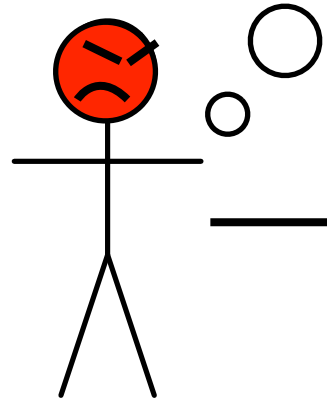
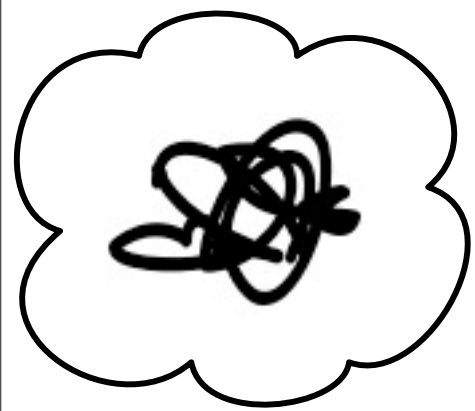
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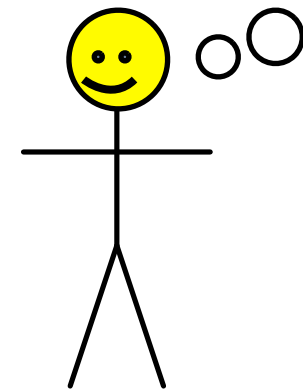


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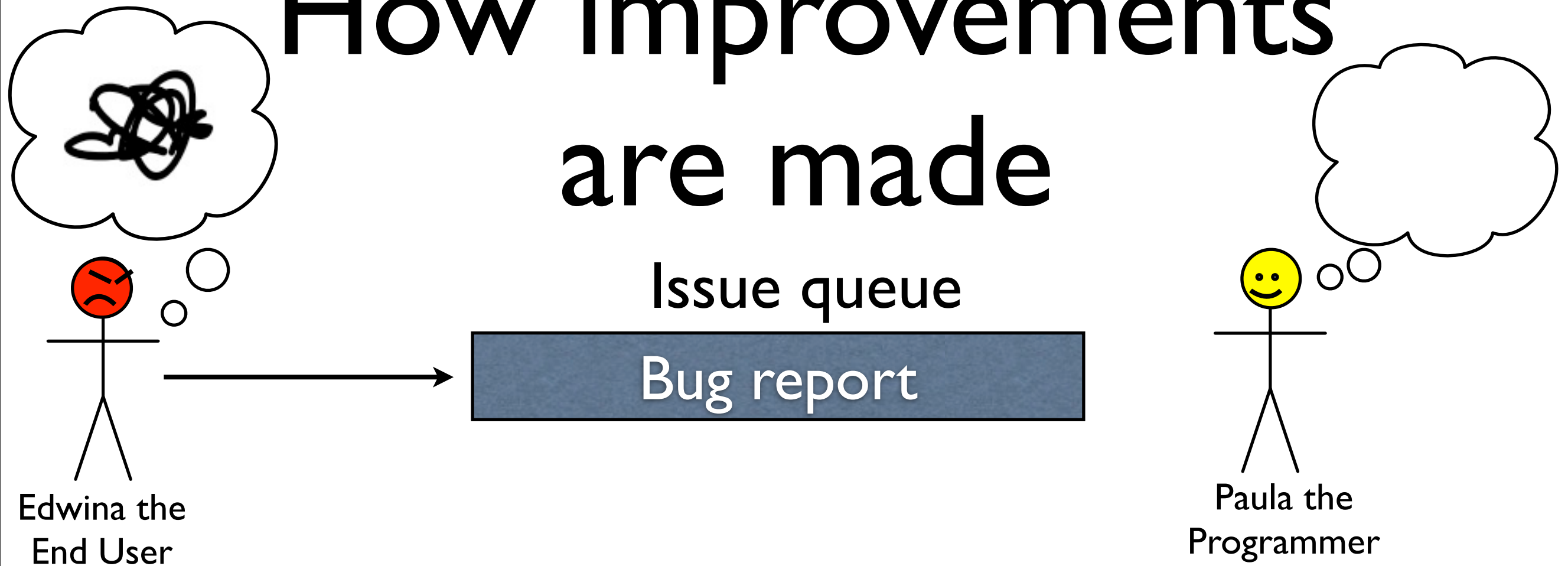
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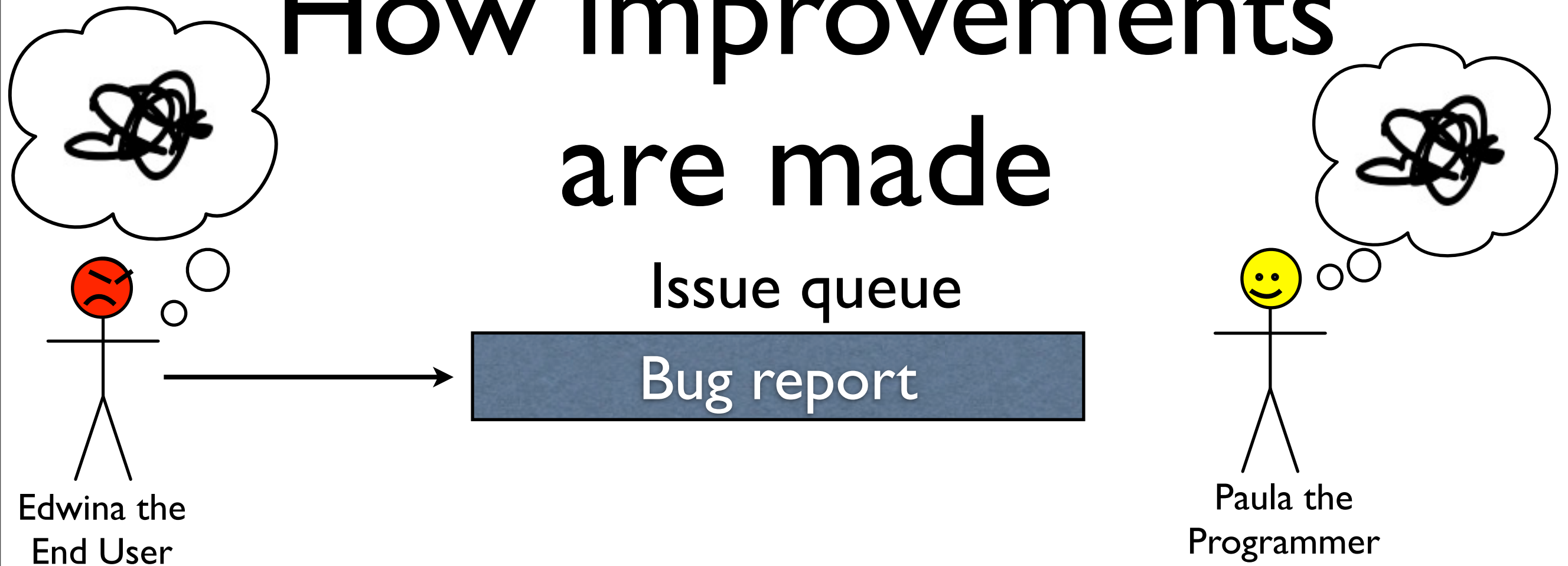


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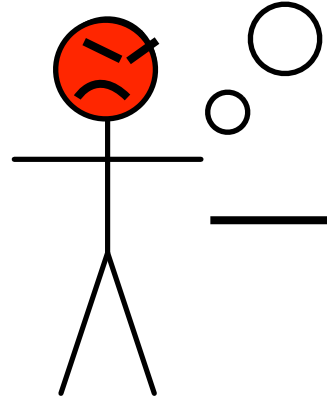
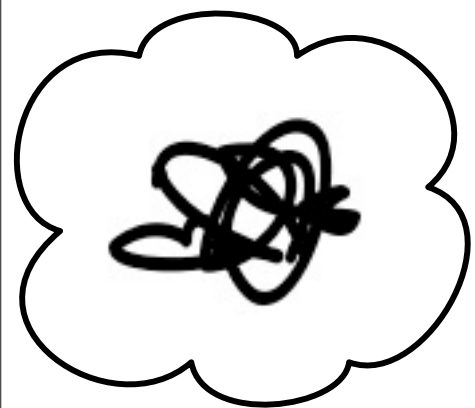
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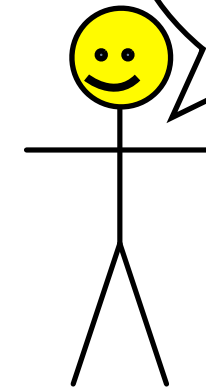


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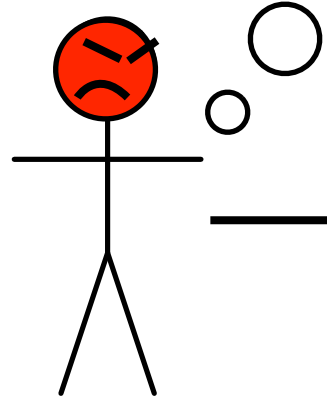
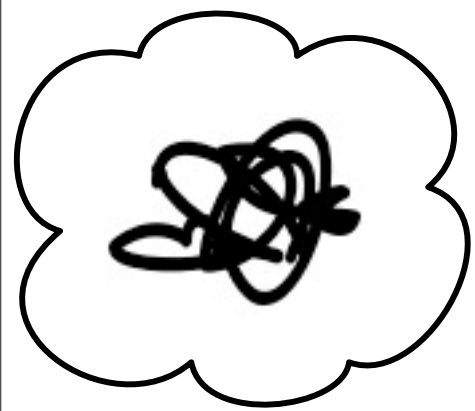
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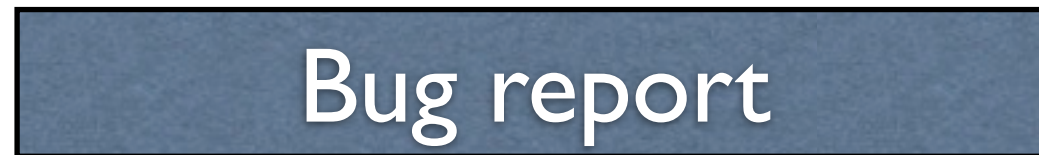
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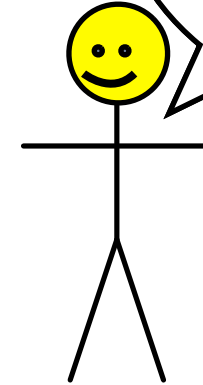


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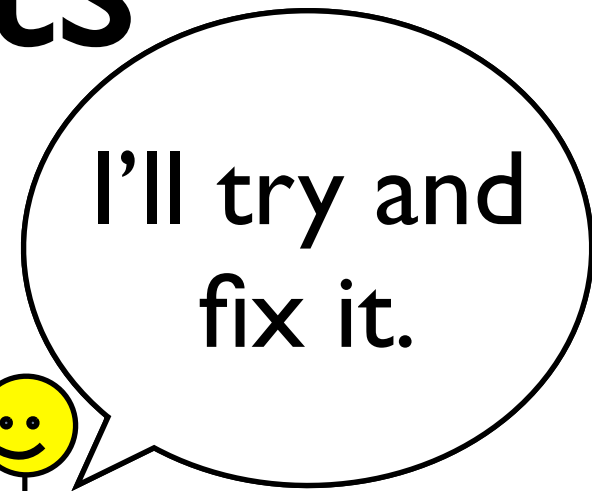


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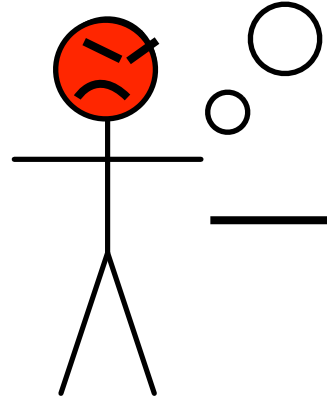
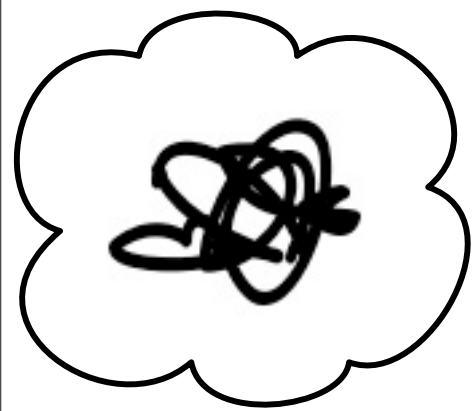
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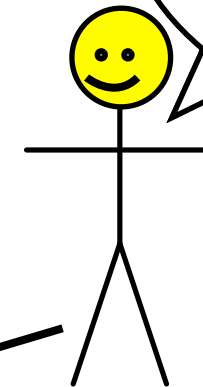


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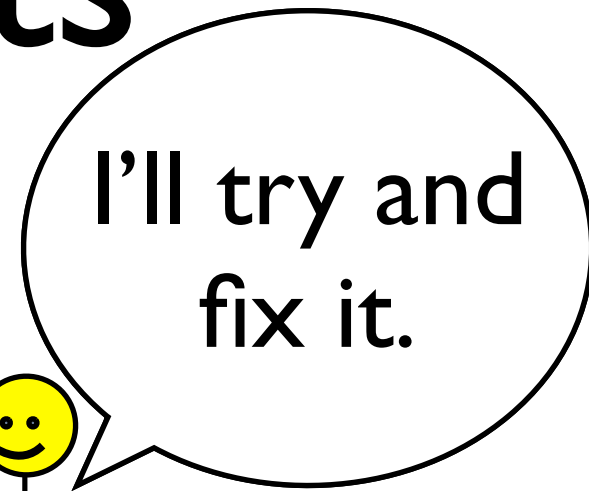


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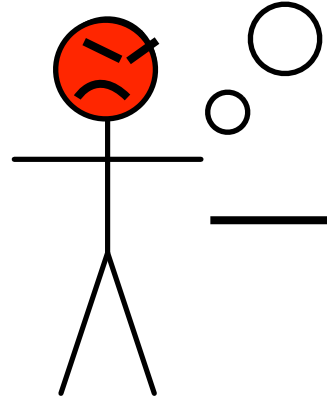
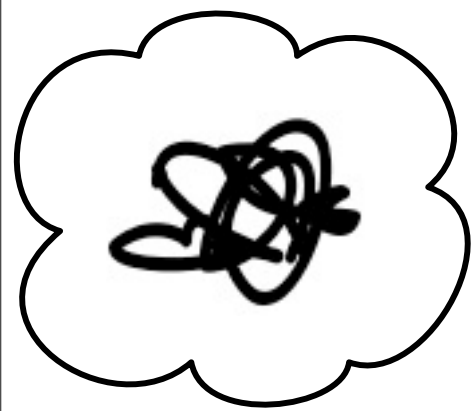
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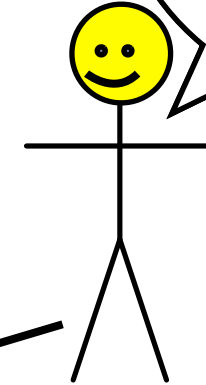


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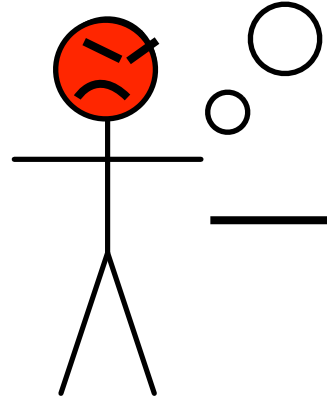
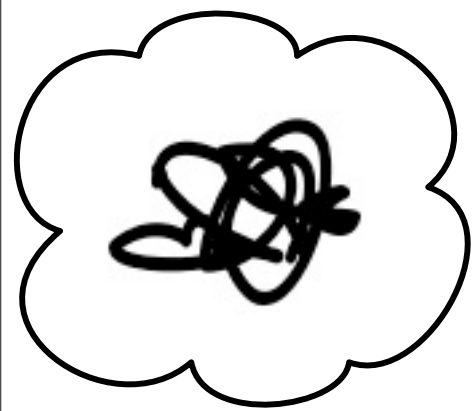
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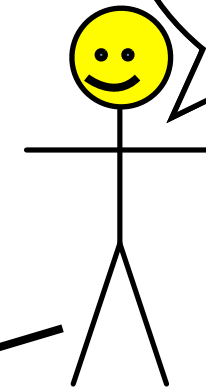
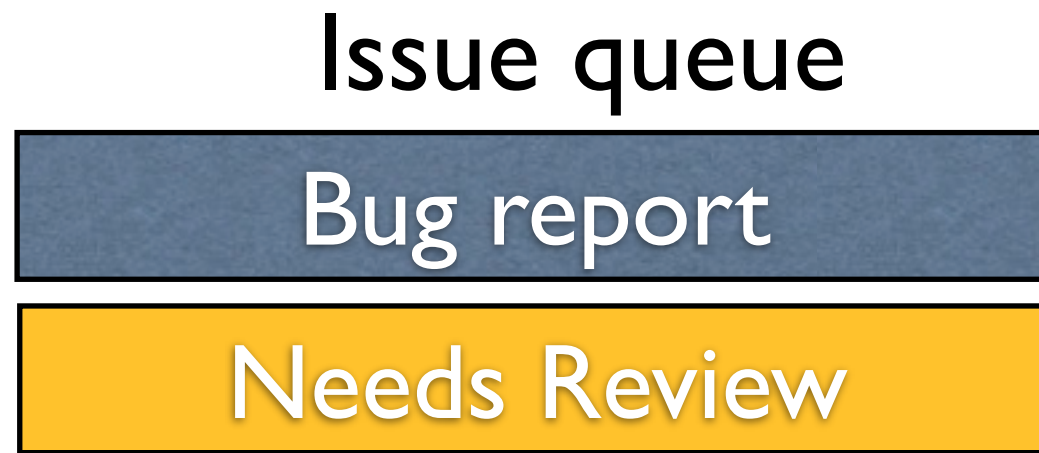
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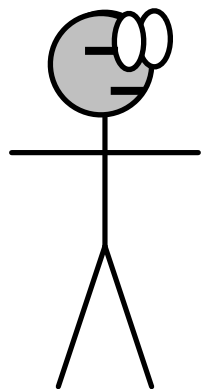


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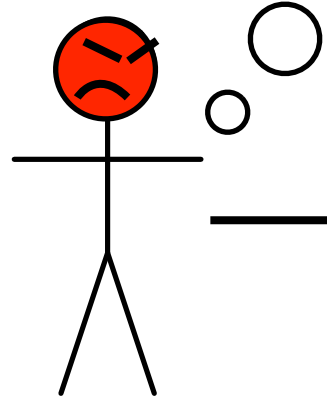
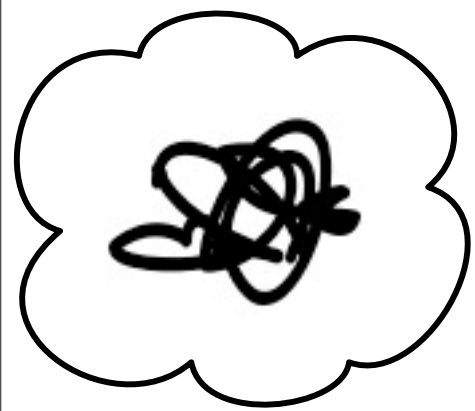
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I'll try and
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Tatiana the Tester

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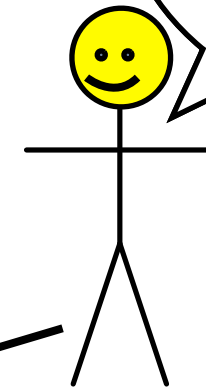


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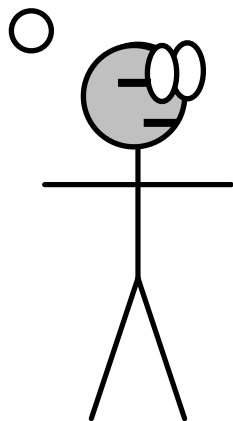
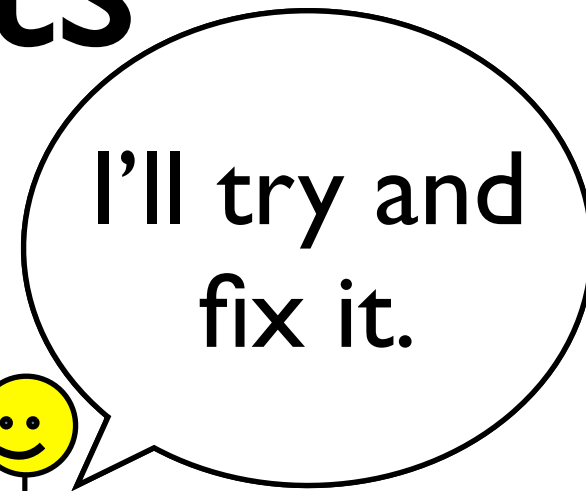


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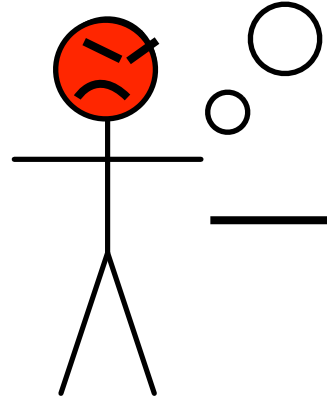
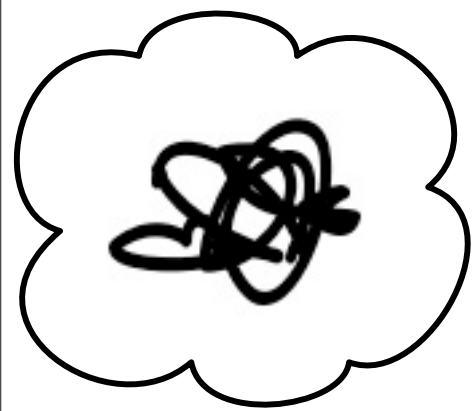


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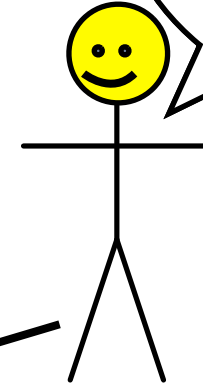
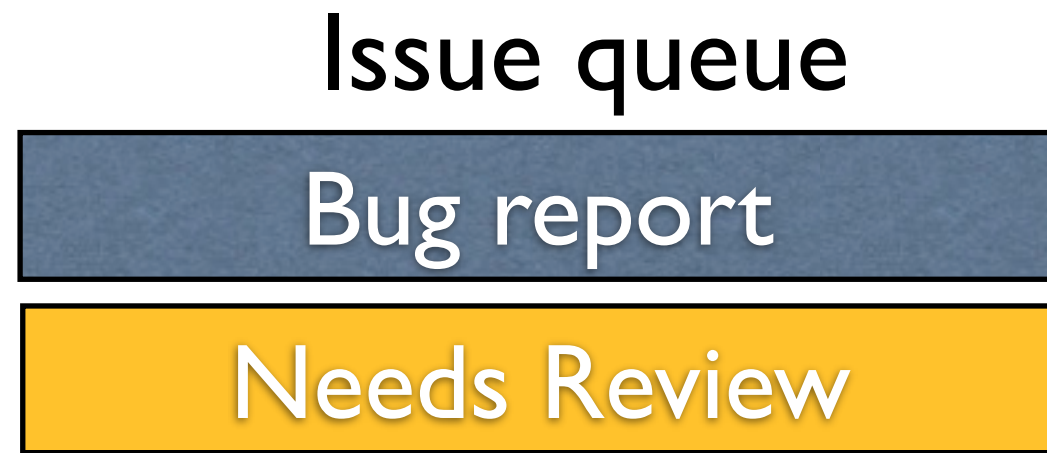


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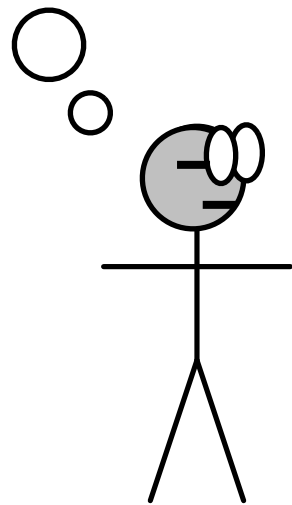
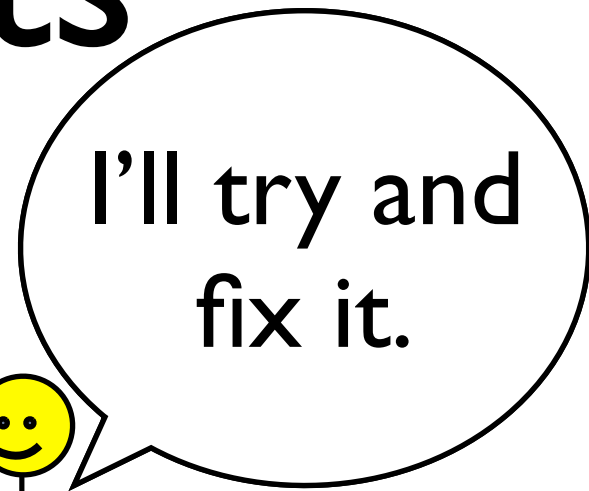
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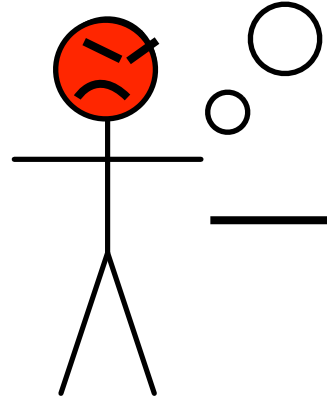
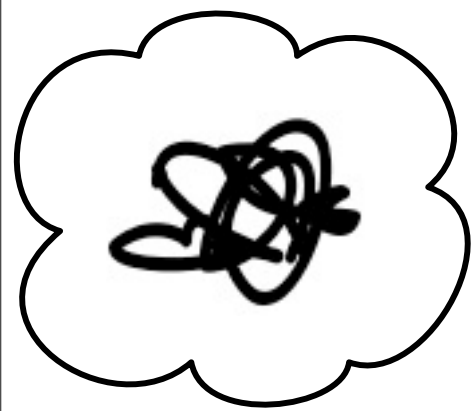


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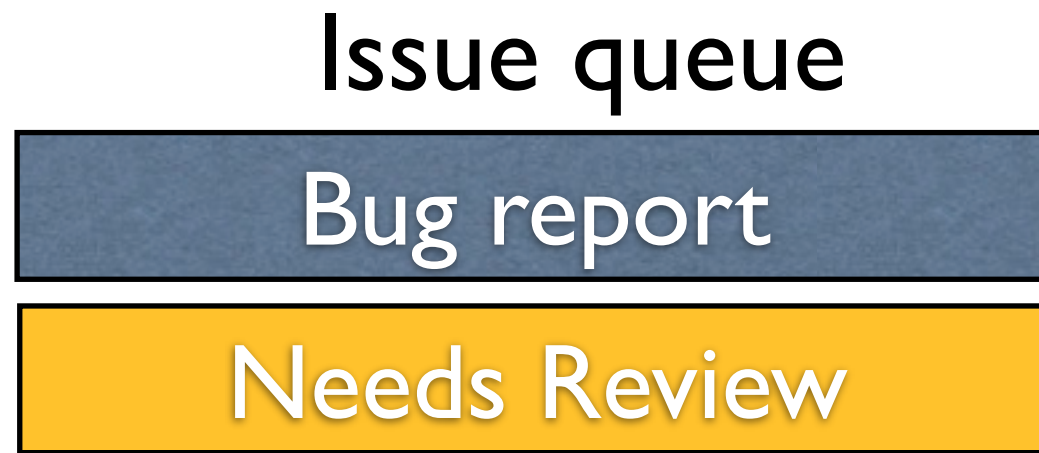


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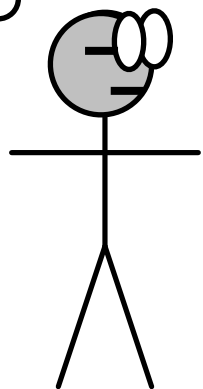
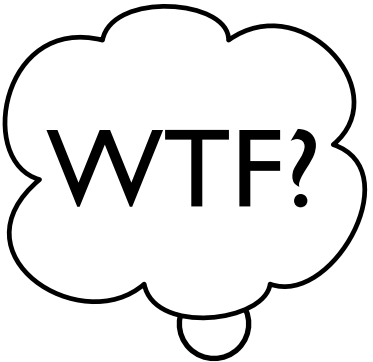


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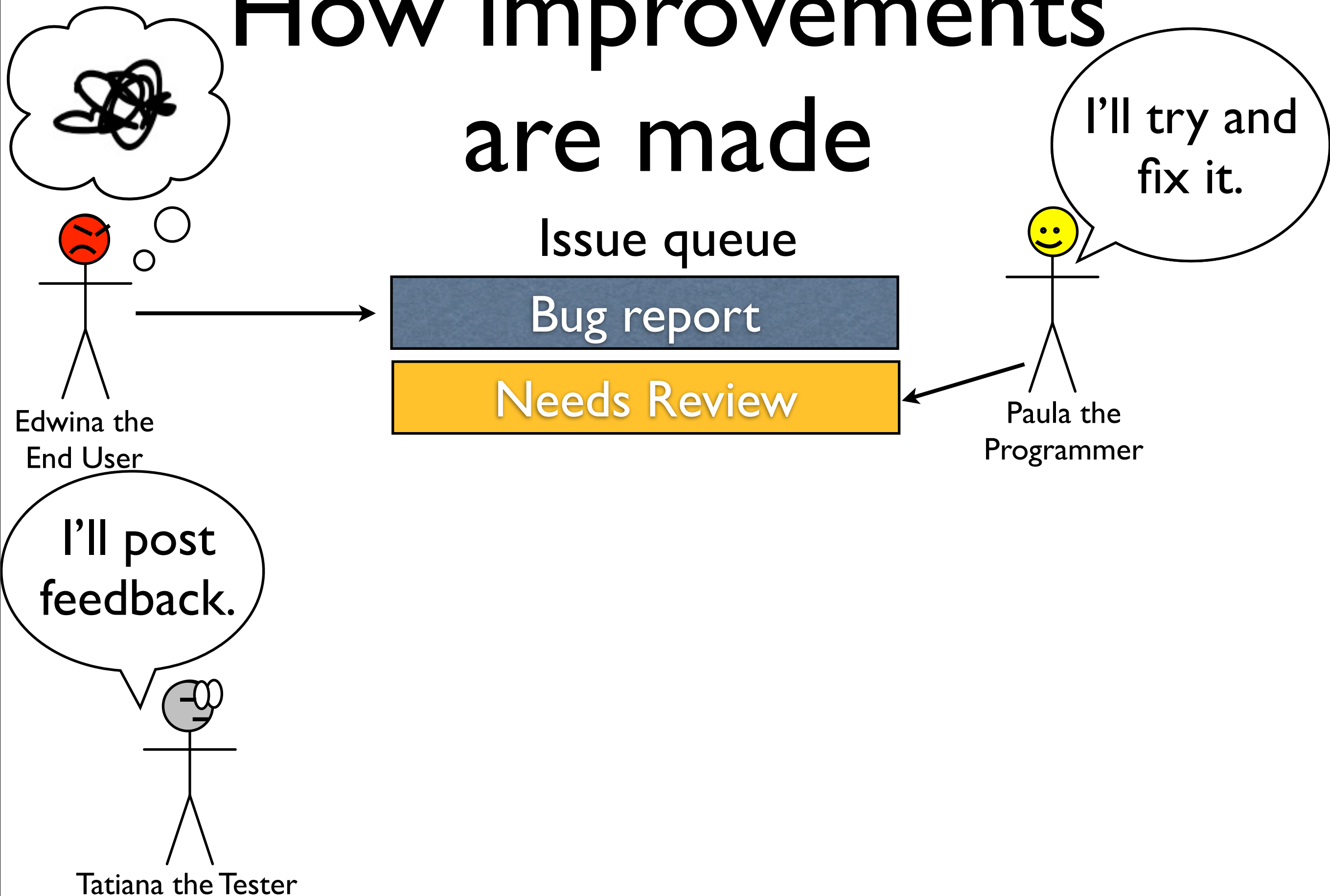
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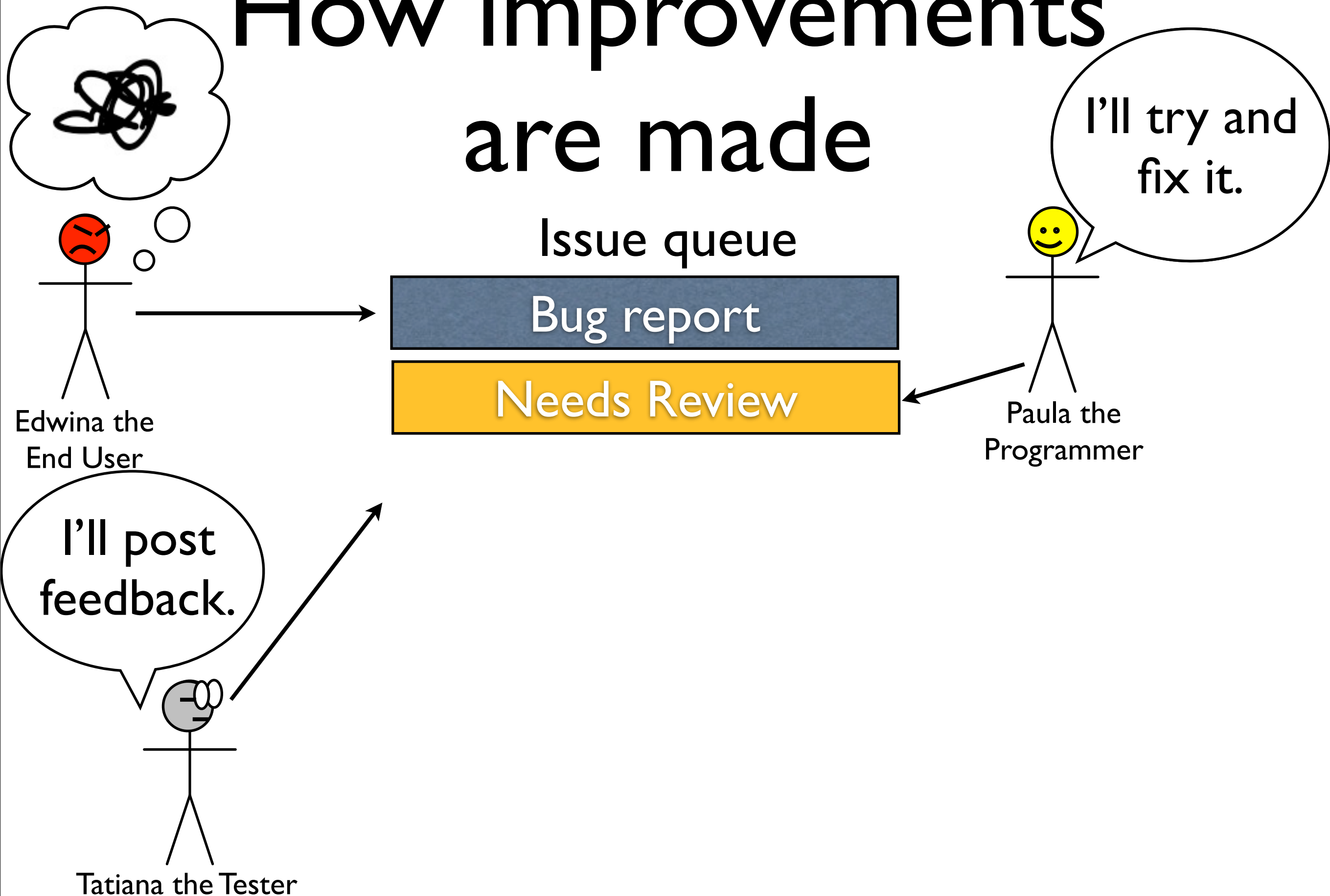


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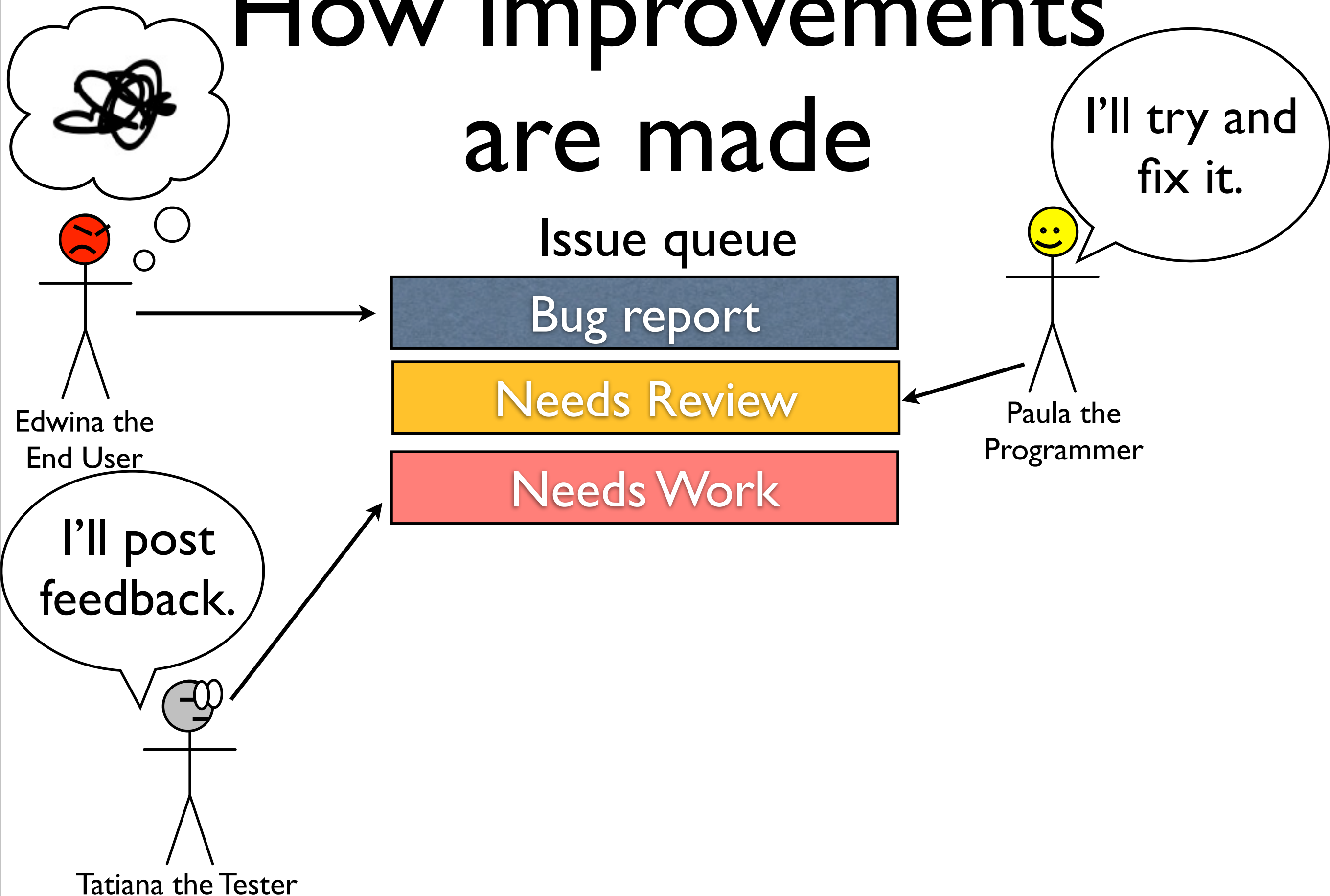
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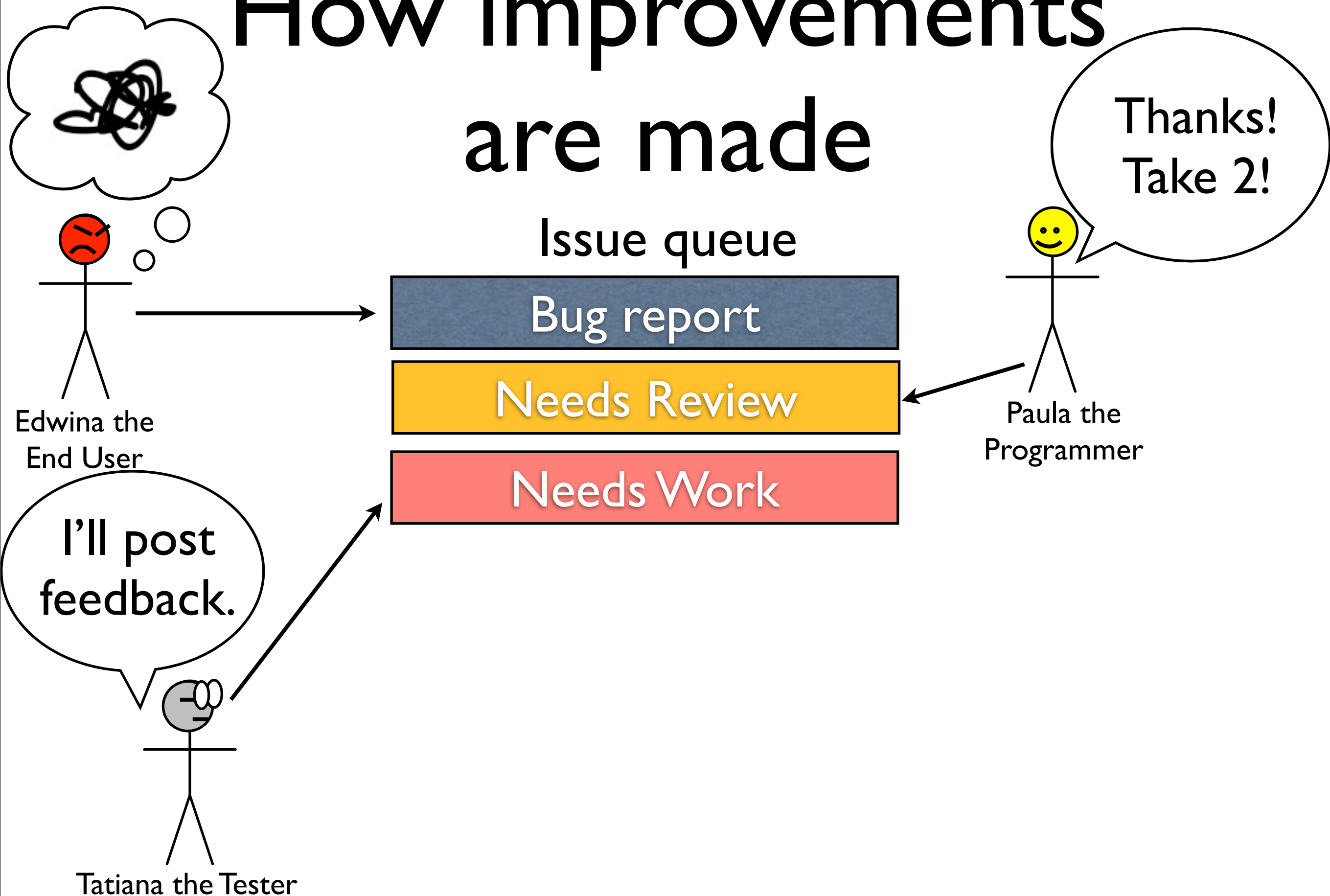
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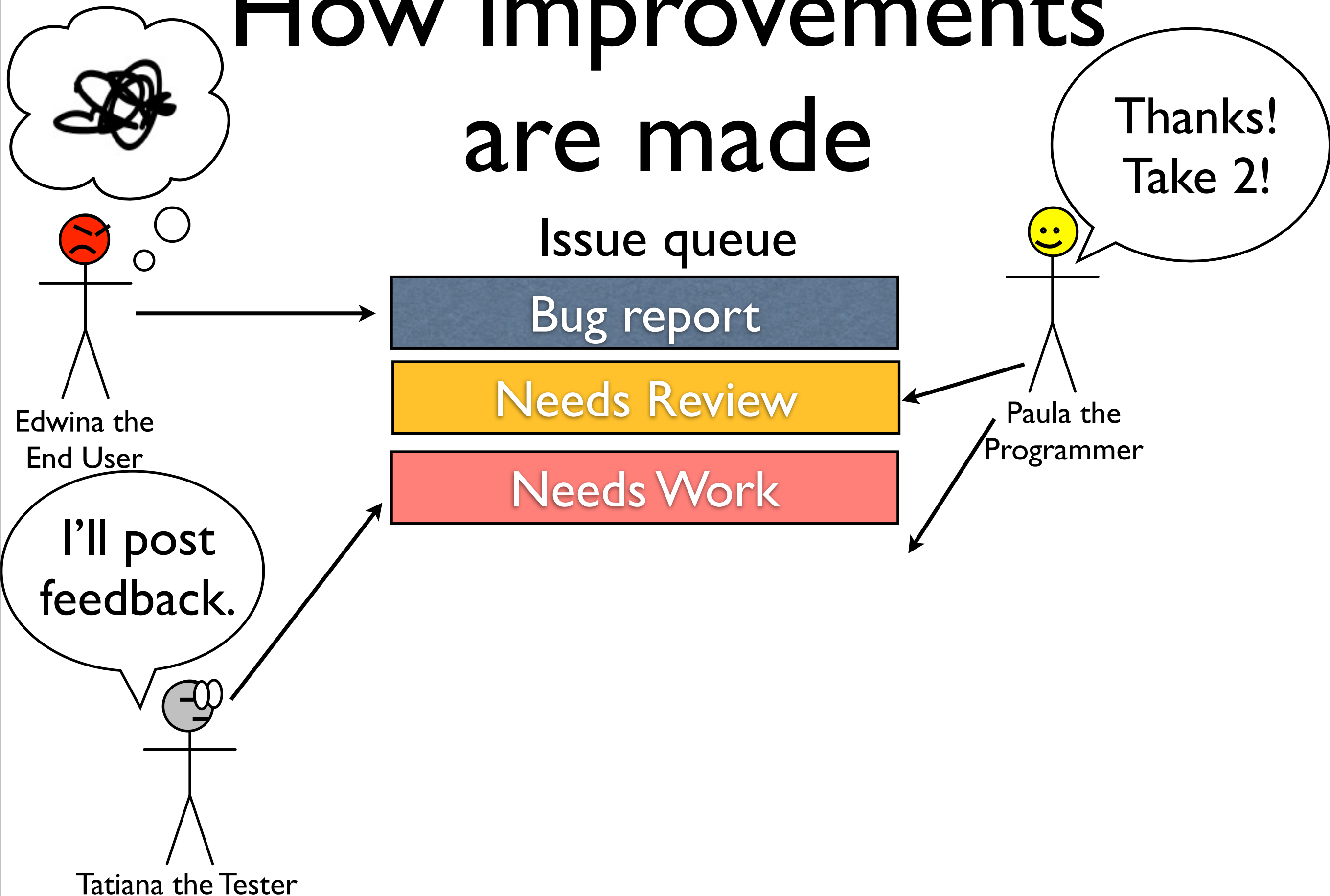
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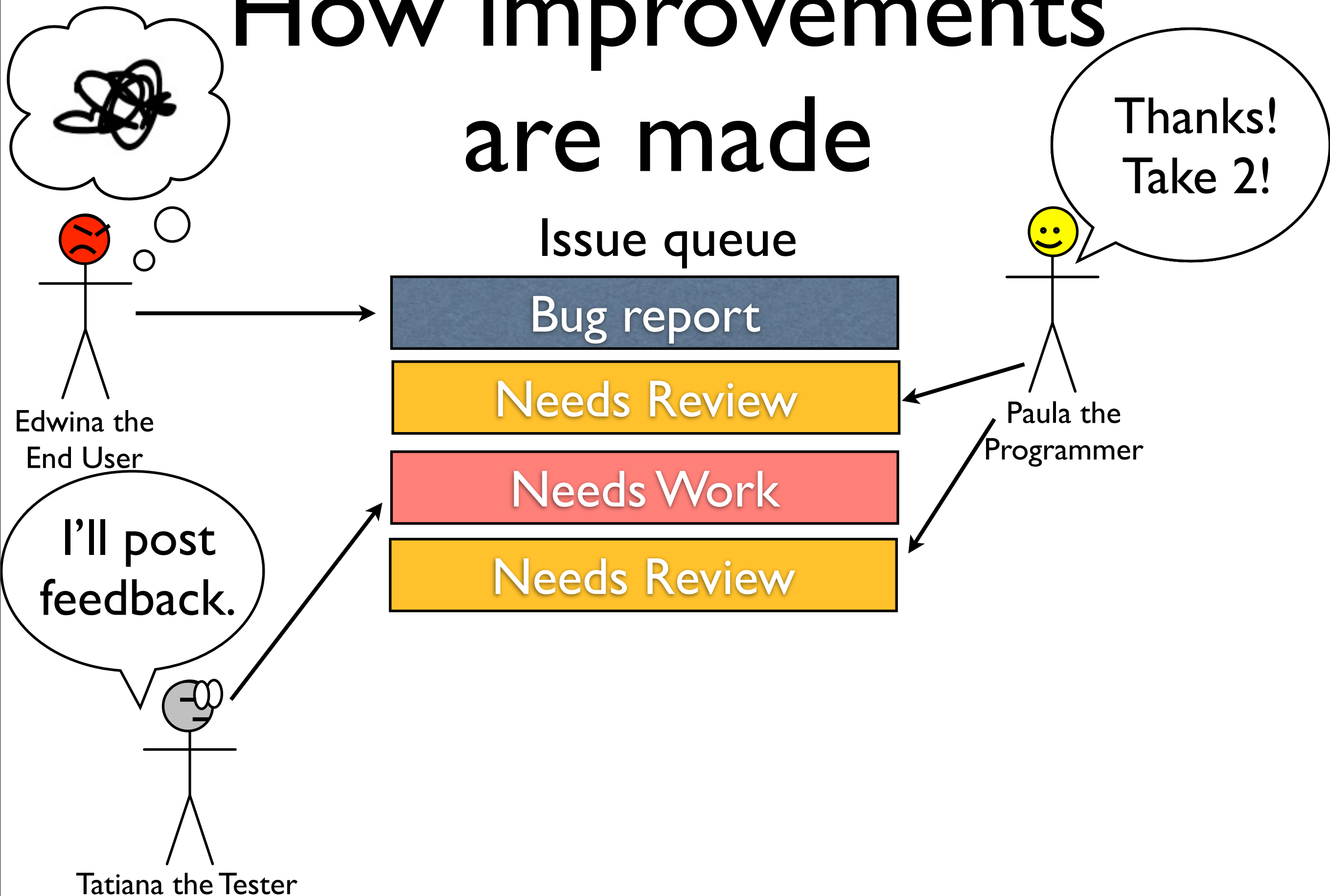
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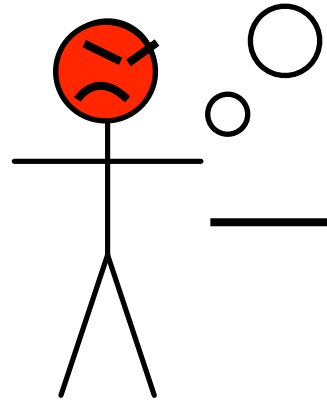
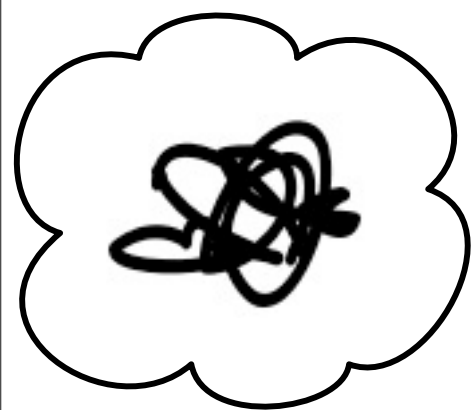
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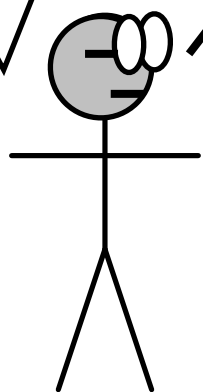
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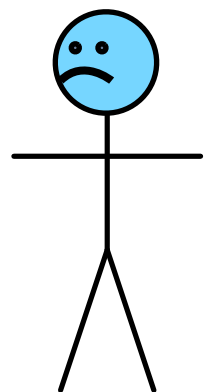
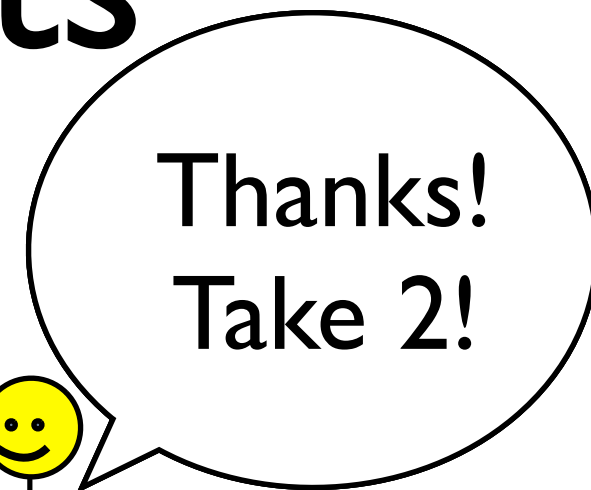
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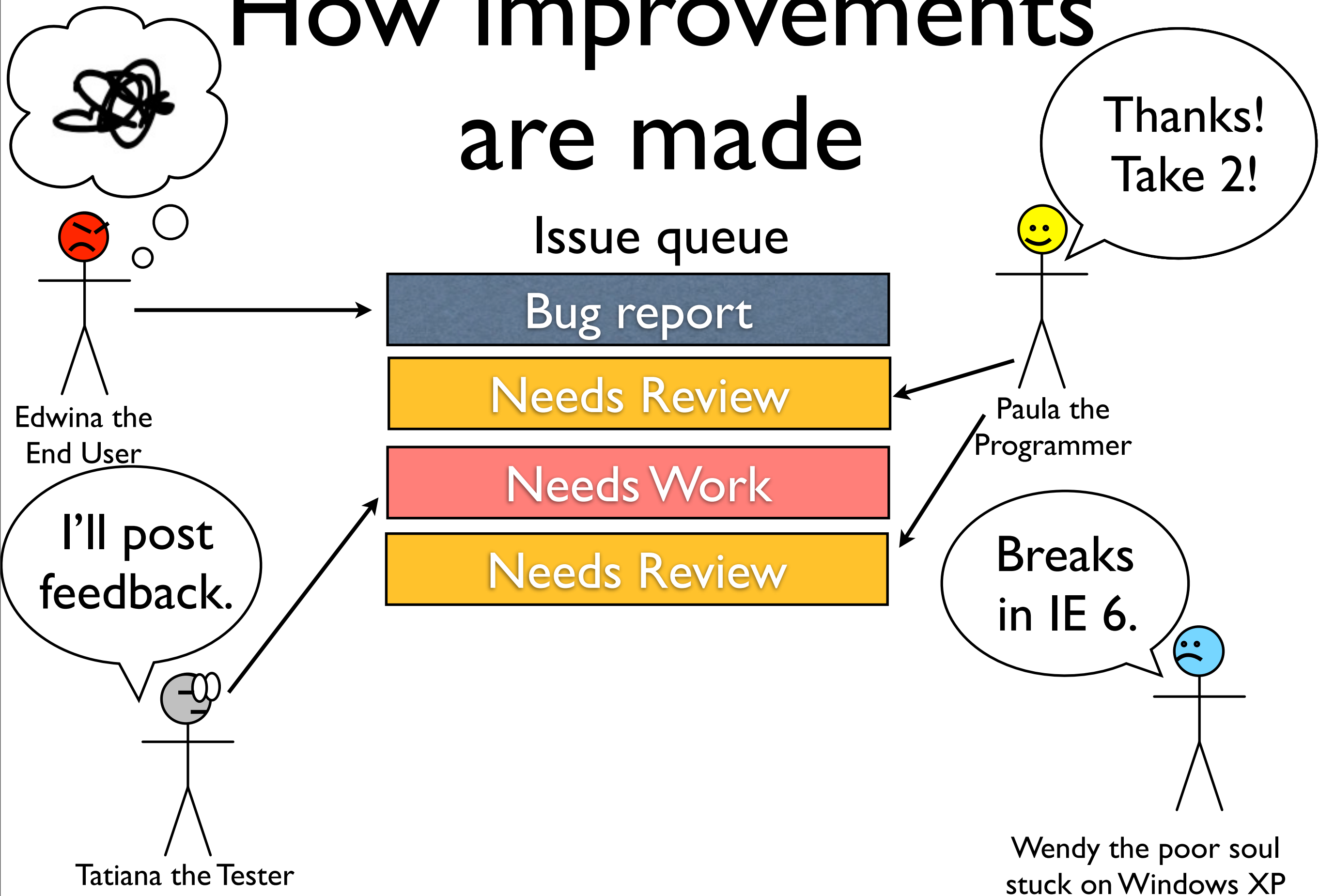


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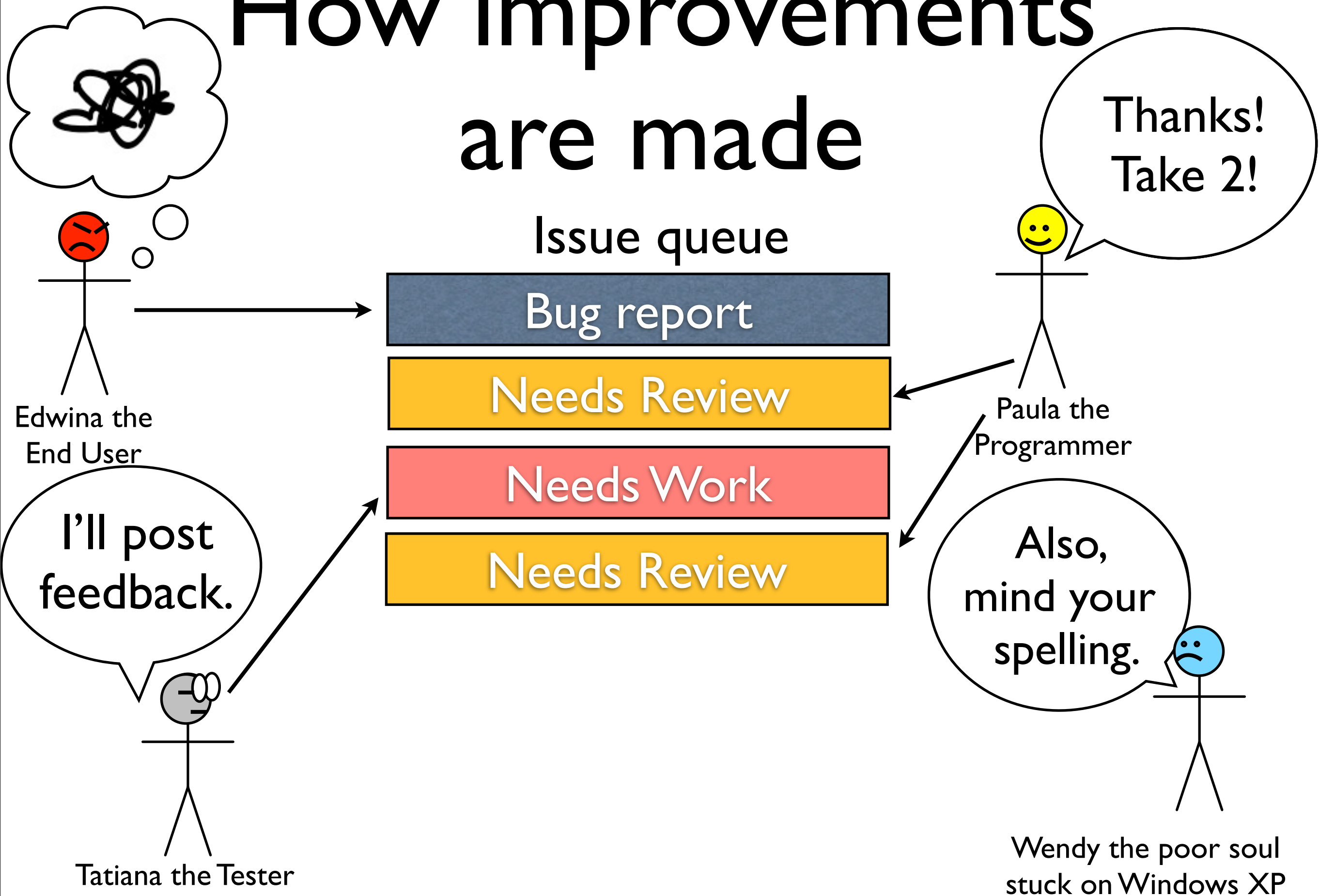


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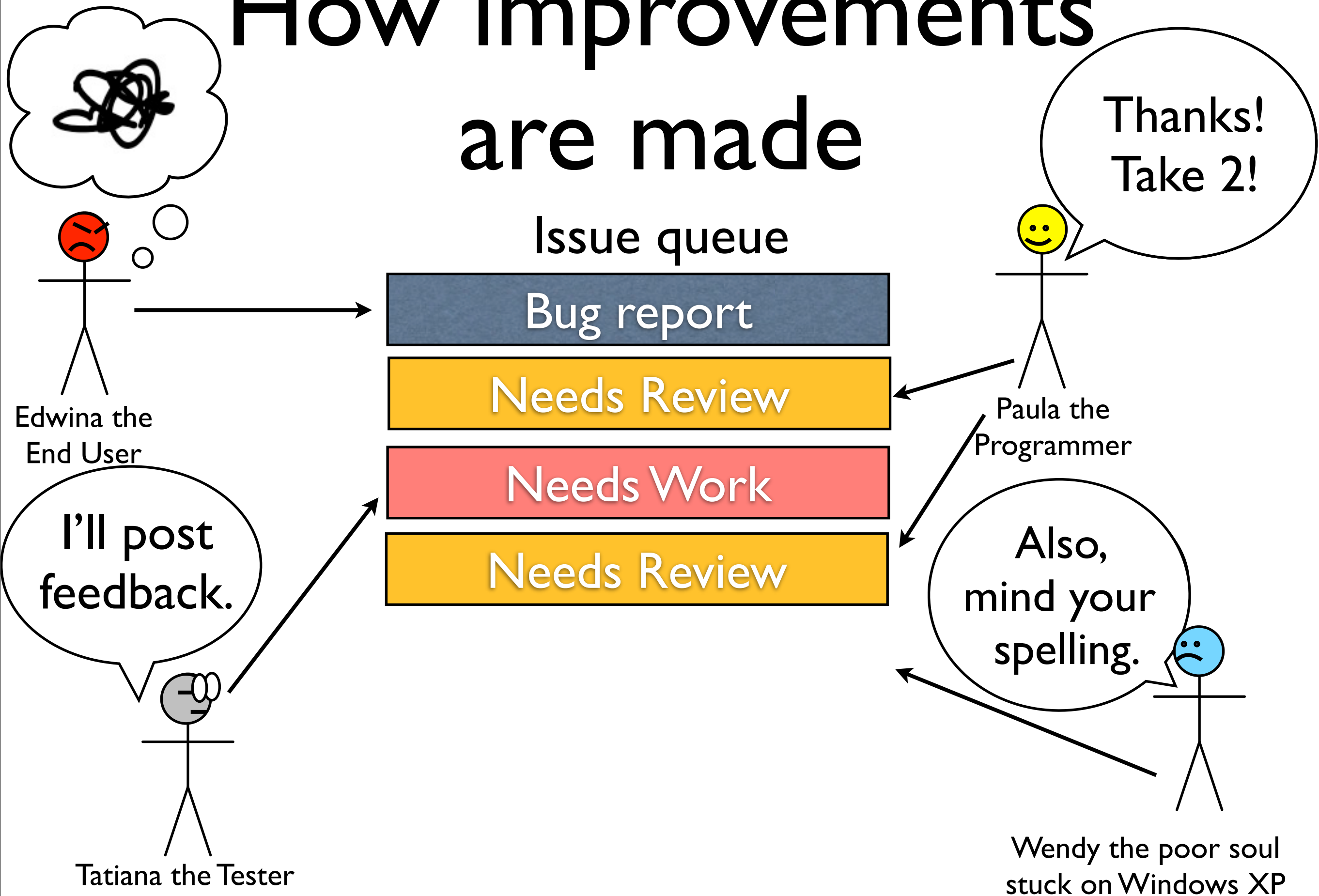
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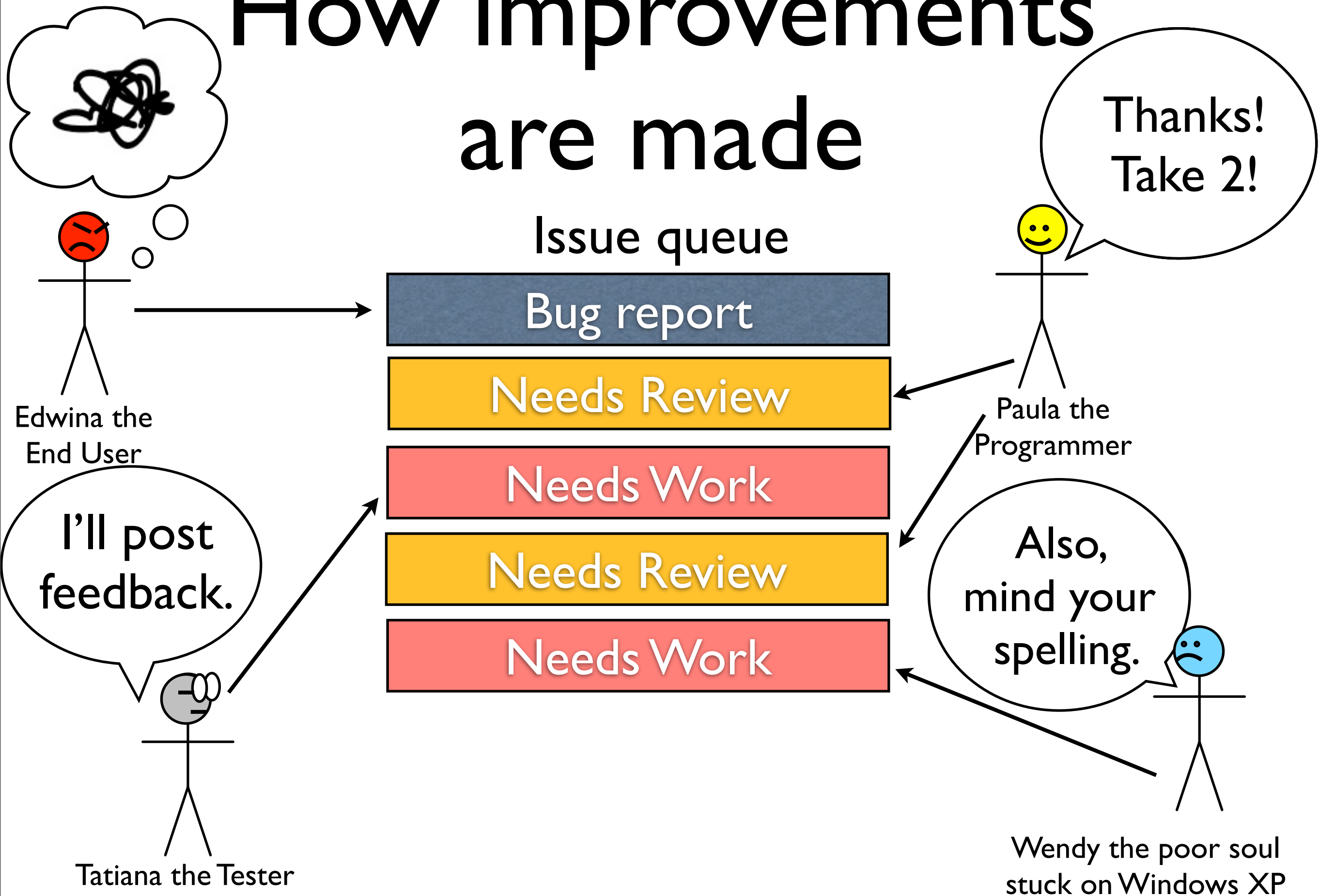
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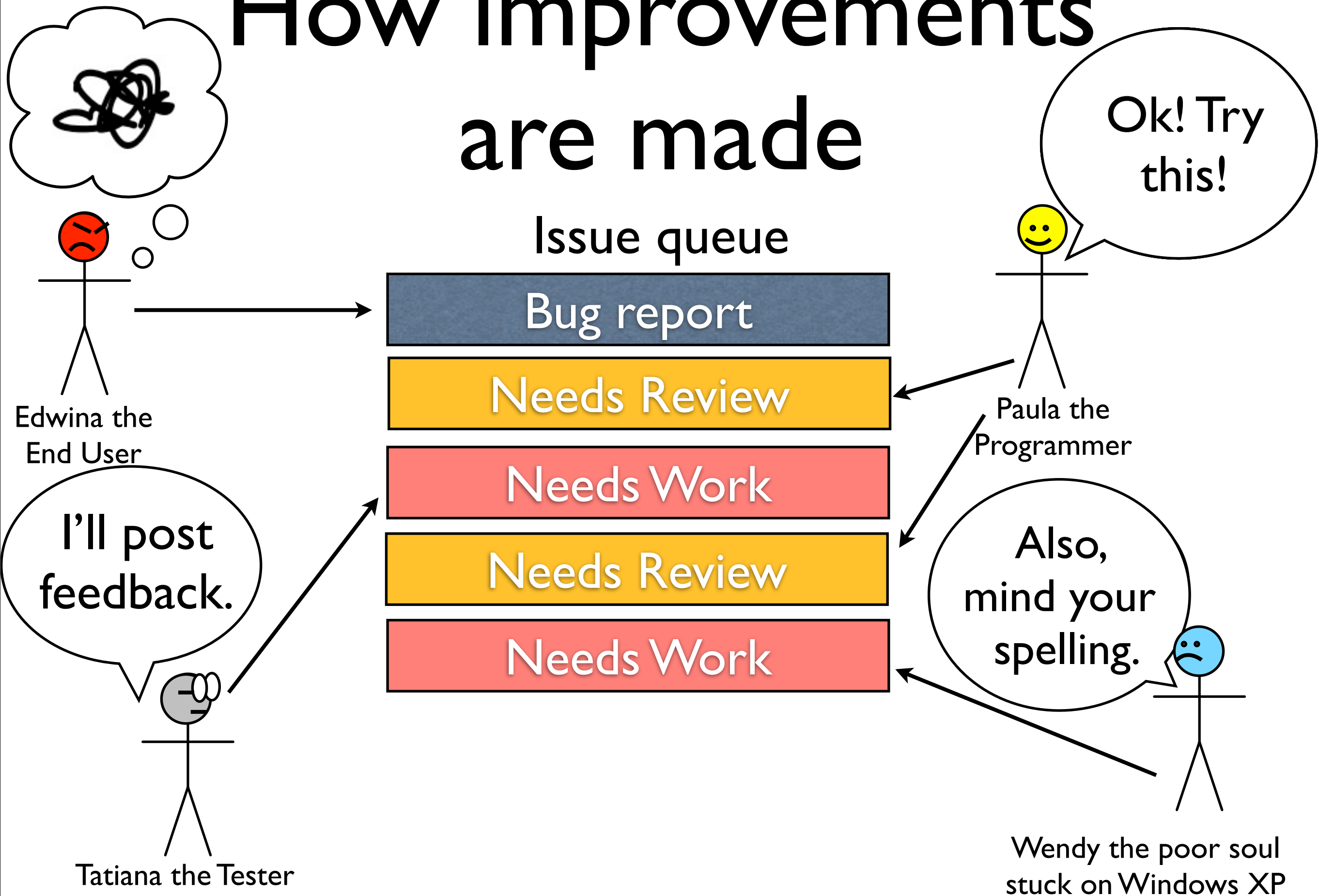
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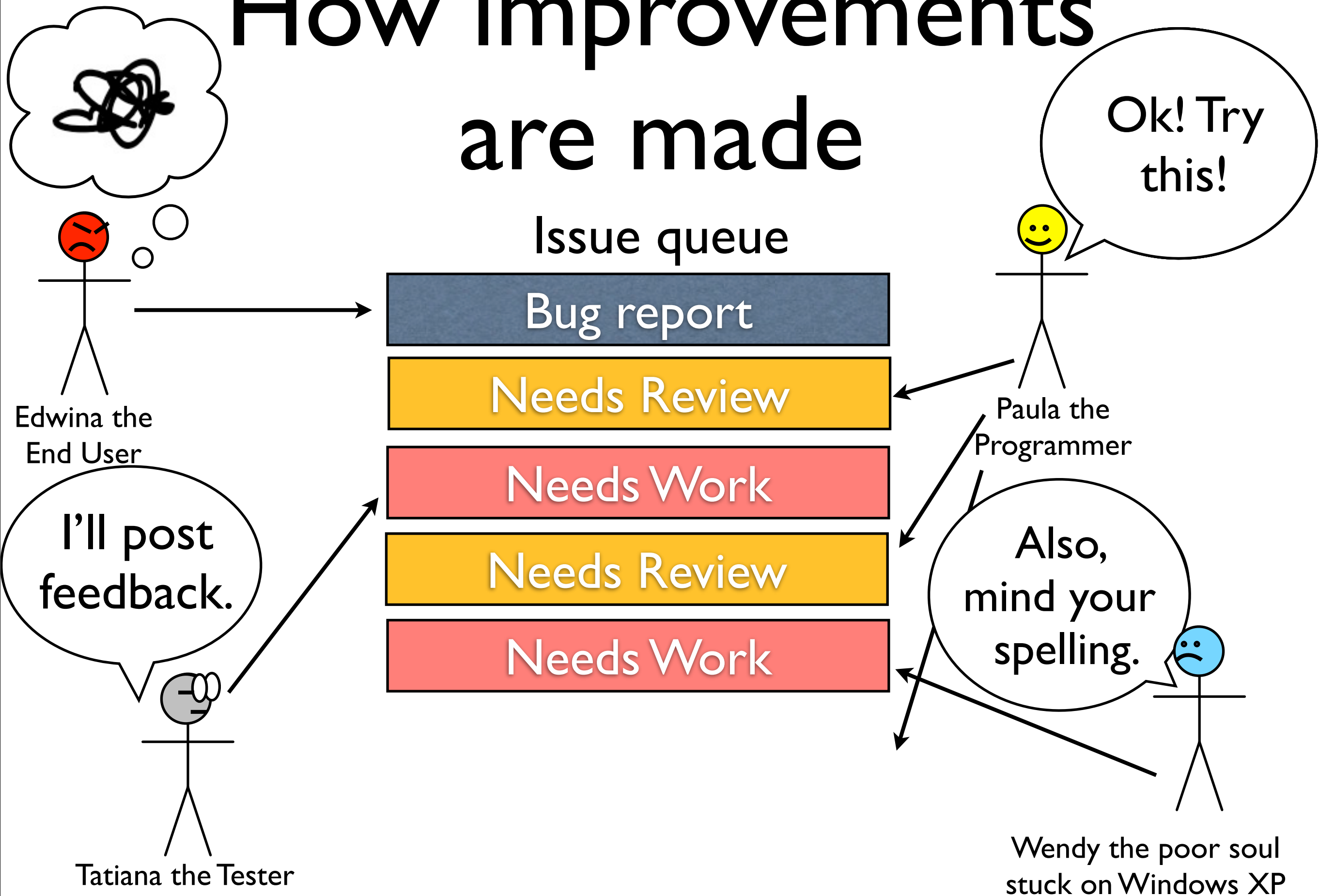
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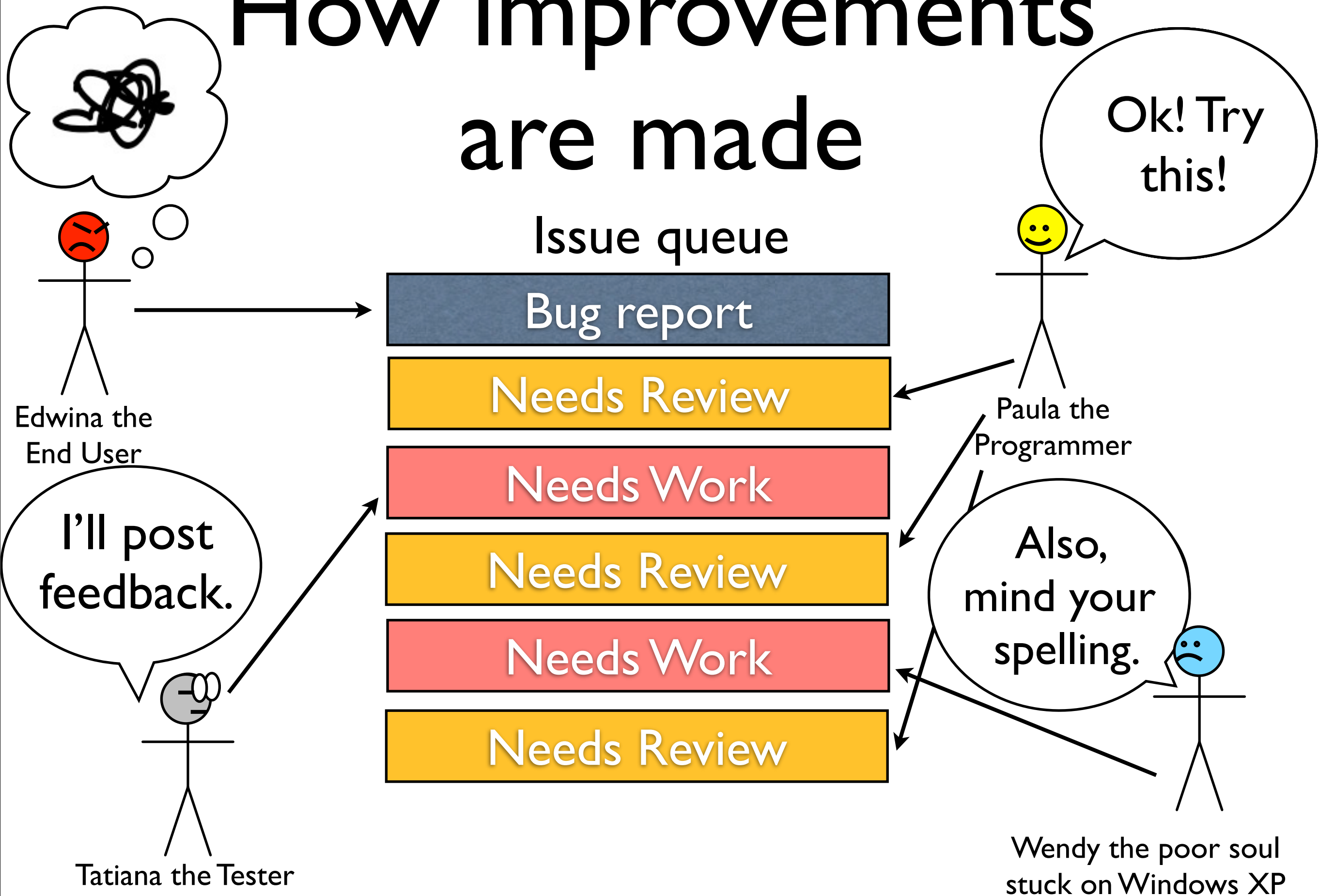
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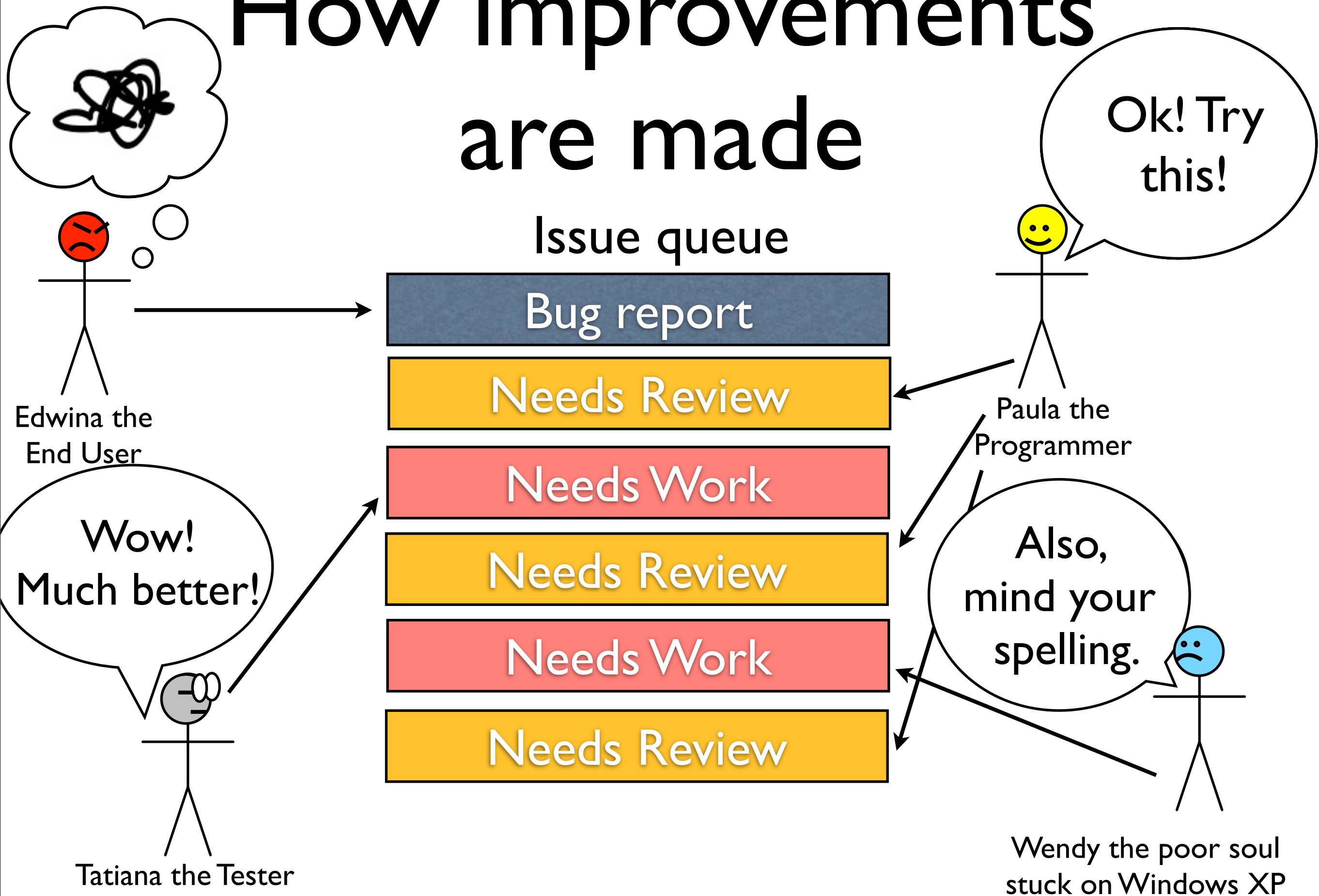
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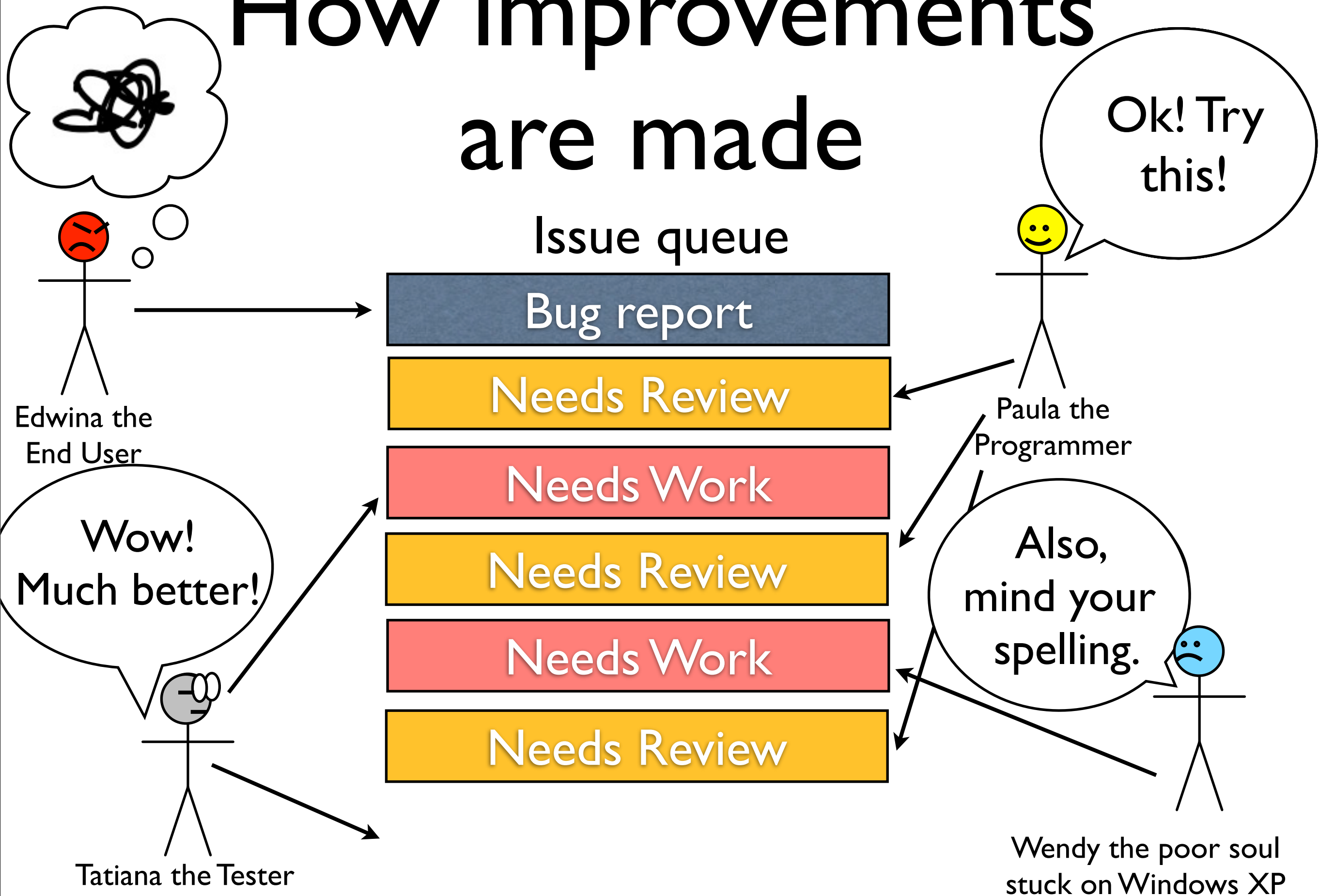
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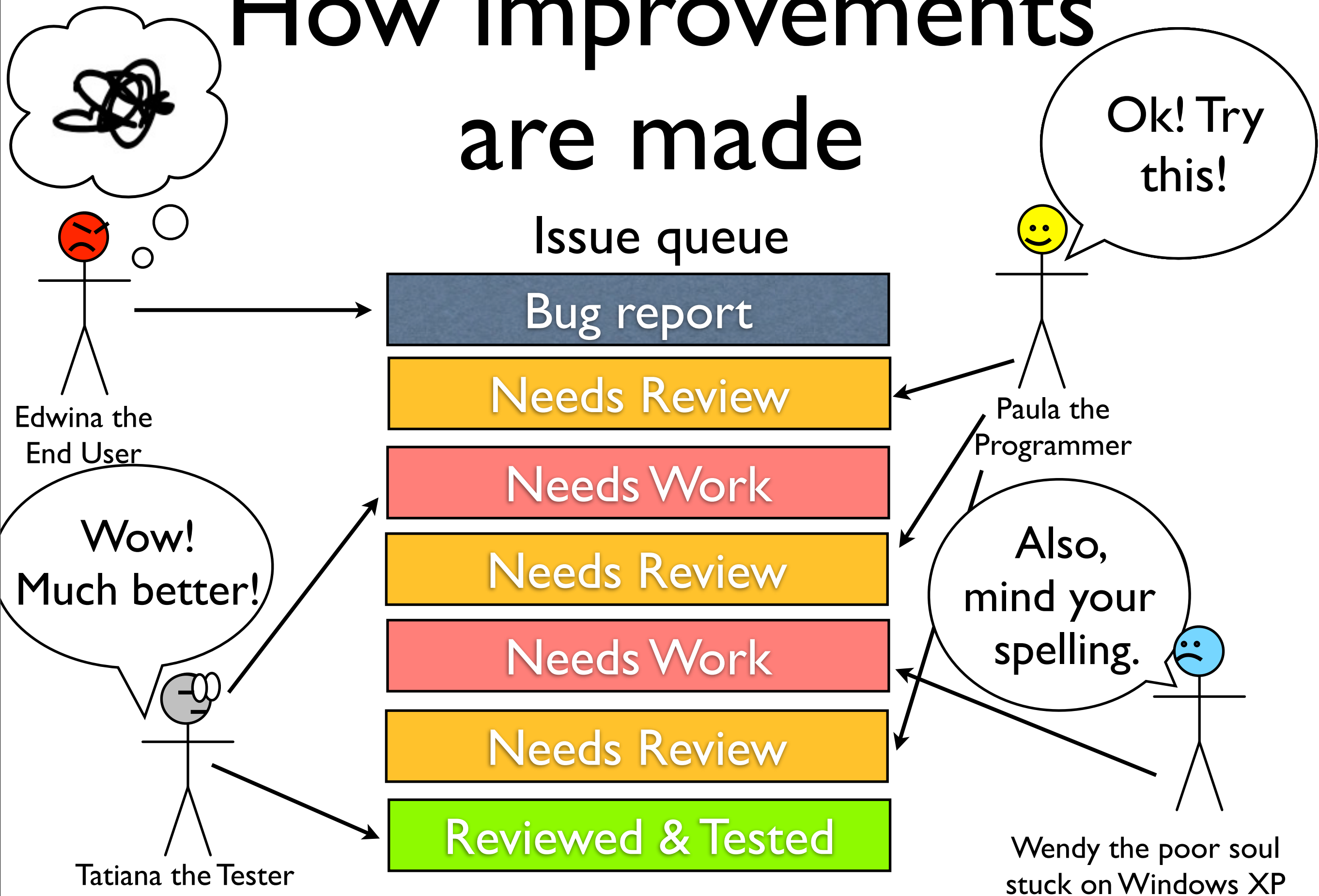
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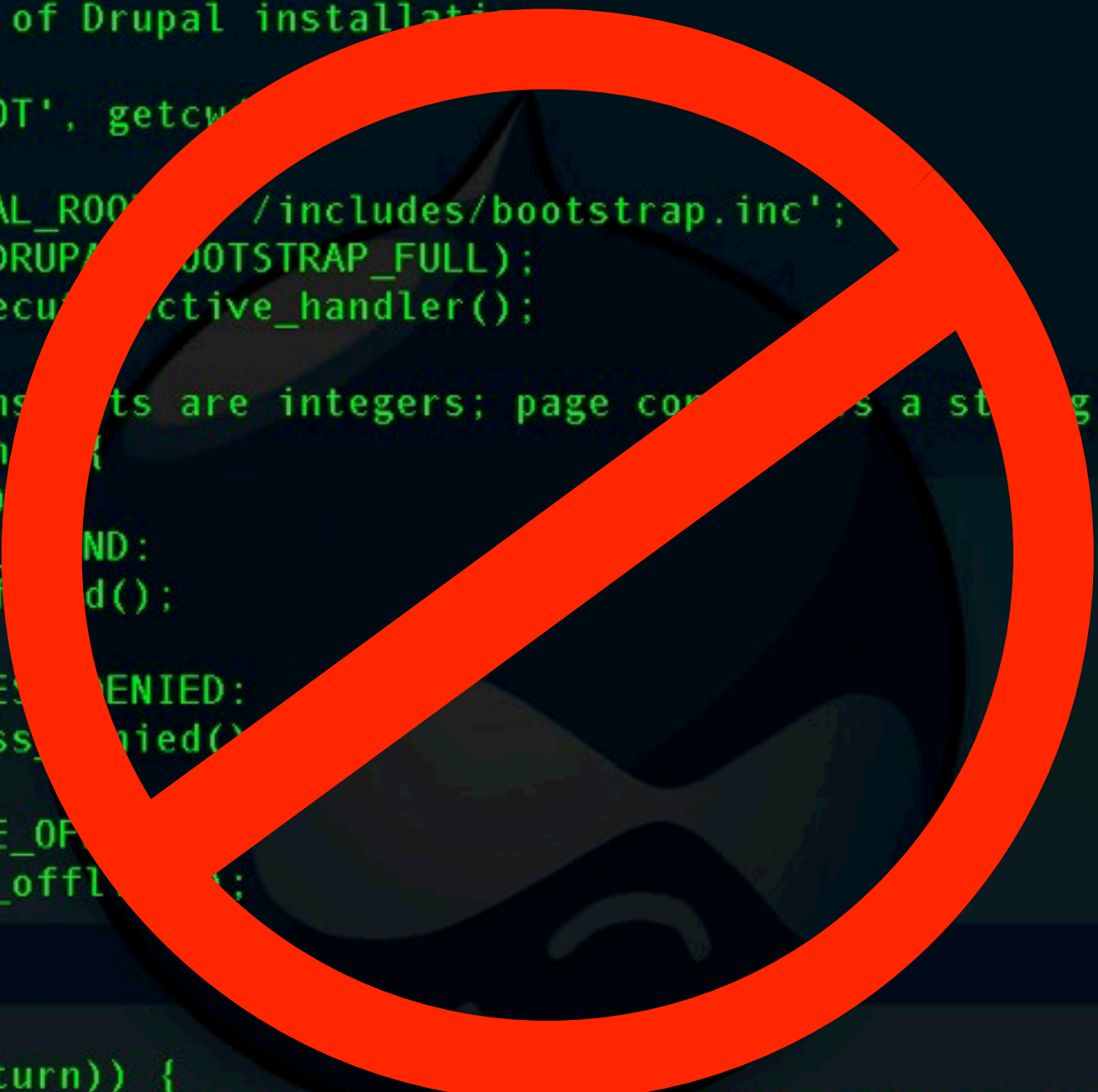
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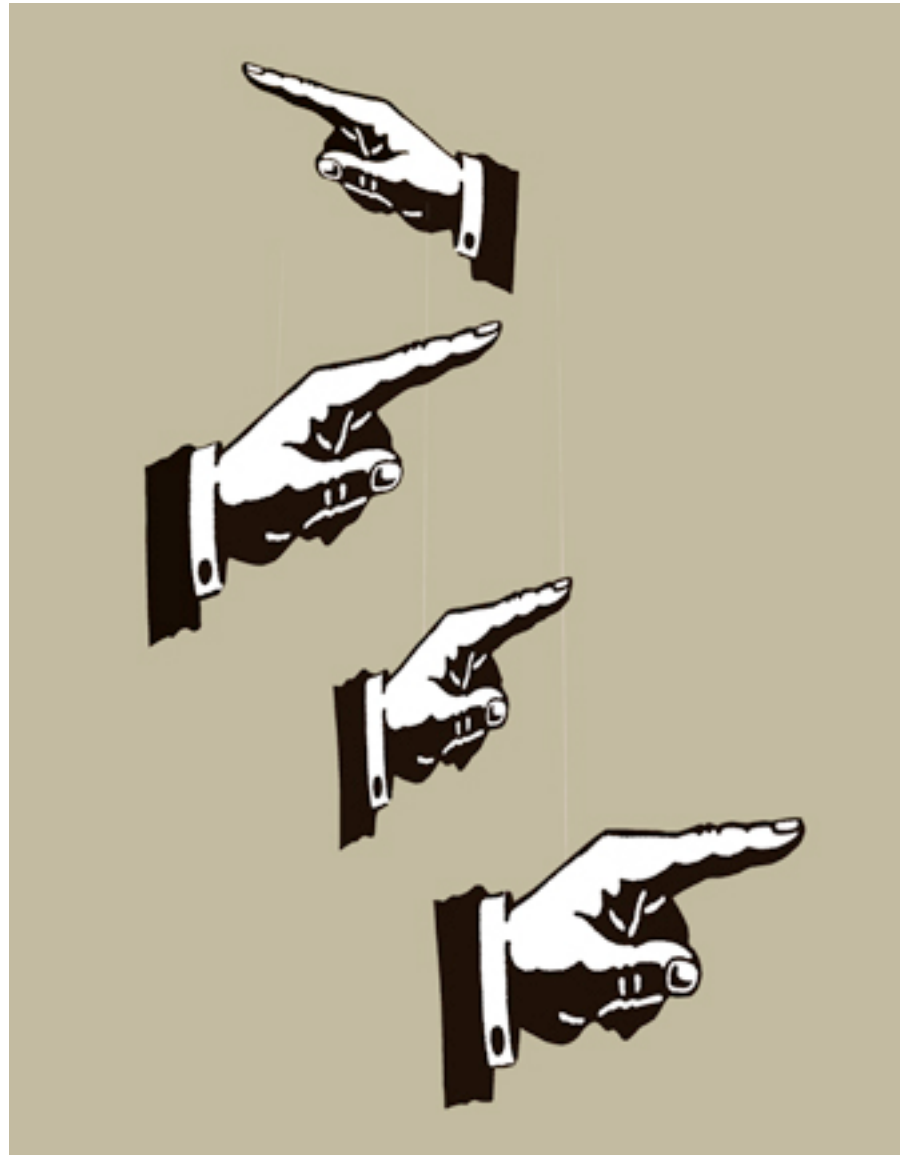
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- ...oh yeah, and coding too. ;)

“They”



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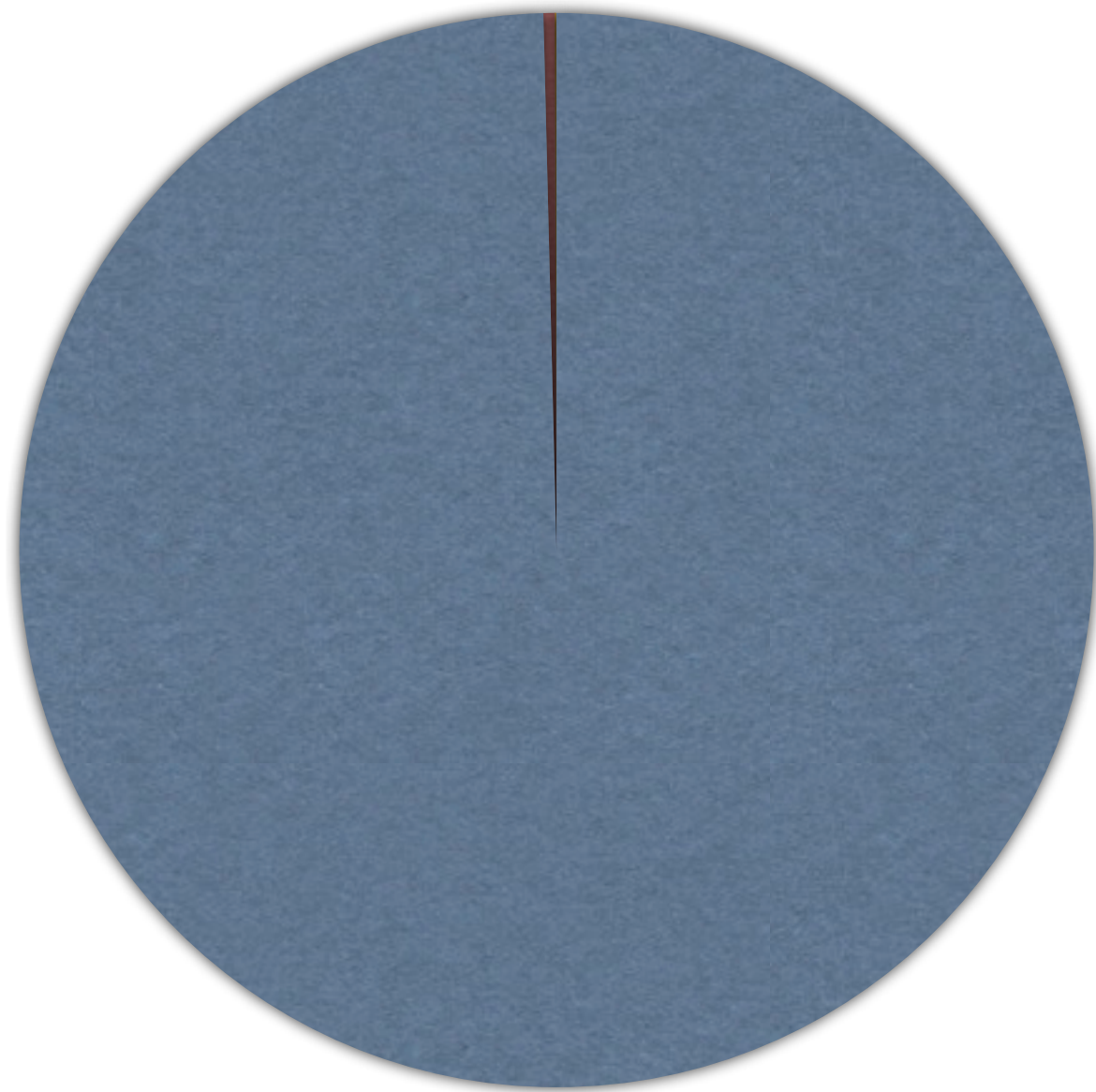
A rectangular doormat with a light brown, fibrous texture. At the top, the word "WELCOME" is written in large, black, hand-drawn capital letters. Below the word is a large, stylized smiley face drawn in black ink. The face has two large, circular eyes and a wide, curved mouth. The entire doormat is framed by a thick black border. The doormat is placed on a light-colored tiled floor.

WELCOME

There is no “they.”
Only “us.”

And **you** are part of us.

And we **need** more of us to participate!



Sample statistics from
Drupal project*

- Downloaded software (99.63%)
- Registered an account (0.32%)
- Did something with their account (0.05%)

* Actual percentage is *much* lower; I had to do unholy things to numbers to get even a sliver of pie to show up.

How to get started



How many people have
installed Drupal before?

Answer **one** support request a day



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<http://drupal.org/forum>

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How many people here know how to use **Views**?

Or CCK, or Drush, or Organic Groups, or...

Make progress on **one** issue per day

The screenshot shows the Drupal project's issue tracker for the Views module. The page has a blue header with the Drupal logo and navigation links: Documentation, Download, Support, Forum, Contribute, and Contact. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: Home » Download » Modules » Views. The main heading is "Issues for Views".

Navigation links: [Create a new issue](#) · [Advanced search](#) · [Statistics](#) · [Subscribe](#)

Search filters:

- Search for:
- Status:
- Priority:
- Category:
- Version:
- Component:

Summary	Status	Priority	Category	Version	Component	Replies	Last updated
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Views Arguments+Content Taxonomy: Allow multiple terms per argument (1,2,3) AND not working new	active	normal	bug reports	6.x-2.11	Miscellaneous	0	5 hours ago
Add new UI for formatter settings options to the field settings panel updated	needs review	normal	bug reports	7.x-3.x-dev	User interface	36 7 new	6 hours ago
Argument validation with PHP: set page title new	fixed	normal	support requests	6.x-2.9	Miscellaneous	3 3 new	7 hours ago
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<http://drupal.org/project/issues/views>

How many have had to
learn something **new** to
build their last site?

And found the documentation... lacking...

Document it as you go.



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<http://drupal.org/handbook>

Document it as you go.

The screenshot shows the Drupal handbook page for 'Drupal concepts'. The 'Edit' button in the top navigation bar and the 'Add child page' link in the footer are circled in green. The page content includes a list of links to various Drupal concepts and a list of contributor links.

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Before you install Drupal and begin using it, it's a good idea to get an overall sense of what it is, and how it works. This section gives you the big picture, helps you to frame how you think about Drupal, and assists you in determining whether it's a good fit for your project. This small investment of time up front will help you immeasurably in the long run.

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Yeah, but... I don't have time!



Make the time.

Why?

It ain't just for the warm fuzzies.



The secret to Drupal success?

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Be one of
the 0.05%

Gives other people
more incentive to
help you.

Helps you
learn faster.

Saves
time and money.

Gets you
more business.

Attracts
better people.

Keeps your finger
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Gives you a
stronger voice
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Being effective at contributing



Find places to jump in.



The screenshot shows the Drupal.org website's 'Contribute' page. At the top is the Drupal logo and a navigation bar with links: Documentation, Download, Support, Forum, Contribute, and Contact. Below the navigation bar is a search box. The main heading is 'Contribute', followed by tabs for View, Edit, Outline, and Revisions. The page content is organized into four columns: 'User support', 'Donations', 'Documentation', and 'Development'. Each column contains a paragraph of text and a link to find out how to help. On the right side, there are two sidebars: 'webchick' with a list of links including DrupalCon Chicago Mar 2011, Issues, My account, My projects, Create content, Recent posts, Feed aggregator, Administer, and Log out; and 'Contributor links' with a list of links including Community initiatives, Queues (My issues, 470 Pending bugs (D7), 13 Critical issues (D7), 1601 Patch queue (D7), 487 Patches to review (D7), Performance issues (D7), Usability issues (D7), Accessibility issues (D7)), and Play patch bingo!.

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Thank you for your interest in contributing to the Drupal project! Contributors are Drupal's most valuable asset, and are the sole force behind improvements to the platform and the community itself. Please check out our project's [mission statement](#) and guiding [principles](#) so you can direct your efforts effectively and in line with the community's goals.

There are several areas in which you can provide assistance:

User support

Even the most gifted Drupal developers were new once, and chances are someone has helped you at some point along the way. No matter your skill level, you can give back by sharing what you know with other users needing support. It's a nice thing to do, and who knows? You might learn something, too!

[Find out how to help with user support.](#)

Donations

Want to help but don't have the time? Want to say "thank you" to the folks who have put work into making Drupal what it is? Want to ensure that Drupal's infrastructure stays healthy and strong? Why not consider a monetary donation?.

[Donate now](#) or [find out how to help with donations.](#)

Documentation

Whether you're interested in providing fine-grained API documentation, writing step-by-step tutorials for the handbook, or producing multimedia screencasts to show people how Drupal works, you can help improve Drupal's documentation and provide a valuable resource to the community.

[Find out how to help with documentation.](#)

Development

Drupal thrives on developer contributions, in the form of both contributed modules and patches to core. Helping out in development helps the project move forward and stay competitive, and is the best way to ensure that Drupal can do what you need it to do on your next project.

[Find out how to help with development.](#)

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The screenshot shows the Drupal.org website with the 'Community Initiatives' page selected. The page has a blue header with the Drupal logo and navigation links: Documentation, Download, Support, Forum, Contribute, and Contact. A search bar is on the right. The main content area is titled 'Community Initiatives' and includes tabs for View, Edit, Outline, and Revisions. Below the tabs, it says 'Last modified: Developers and coders · Documentation contributors · Site users · Themers' and 'July 12, 2010 - 23:06'. A large banner image reads 'Drupal Community Initiatives' with the text 'Infrastructure. Documentation. Service. Coders. Designers. Helpers. Make a difference. We are calling you.' Below the banner, a paragraph states: 'Drupal has a large community with over 365,000 pages on drupal.org alone comprised of news, featured sites, feature requests, bugs, patches, themes, modules, forum threads and documentation not to mention other resources such as Dojo, Groups, API, etc.' This is followed by another paragraph: 'This is a page to aggregate the critical projects that various people in the Drupal community are working on. If you'd like a place to jump in and start contributing, start here!'. The page is flanked by two sidebars. The left sidebar contains 'Community Initiatives' (with links to Documentation project, Drupal core improvements, and Drupal.org), 'Quick links' (with links to Getting Started, Search drupal.org, Support forums, View other handbooks, Suggest documentation improvements, and Join the doc team), and 'Handbook license' (with text about copyright and Creative Commons license). The right sidebar contains 'webchick' (with links to DrupalCon Chicago Mar 2011, Issues, My account, My projects, Create content, Recent posts, Feed aggregator, Administer, and Log out) and 'Contributor links' (with links to Community initiatives, Queues (My issues, 470 Pending bugs (D7), 13 Critical issues (D7), 1601 Patch queue (D7), 487 Patches to review (D7), Performance issues (D7), Usability issues (D7), Accessibility issues (D7)), and Play patch bingo!).

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- Drupal core initiatives:** Help out on the next release of Drupal!

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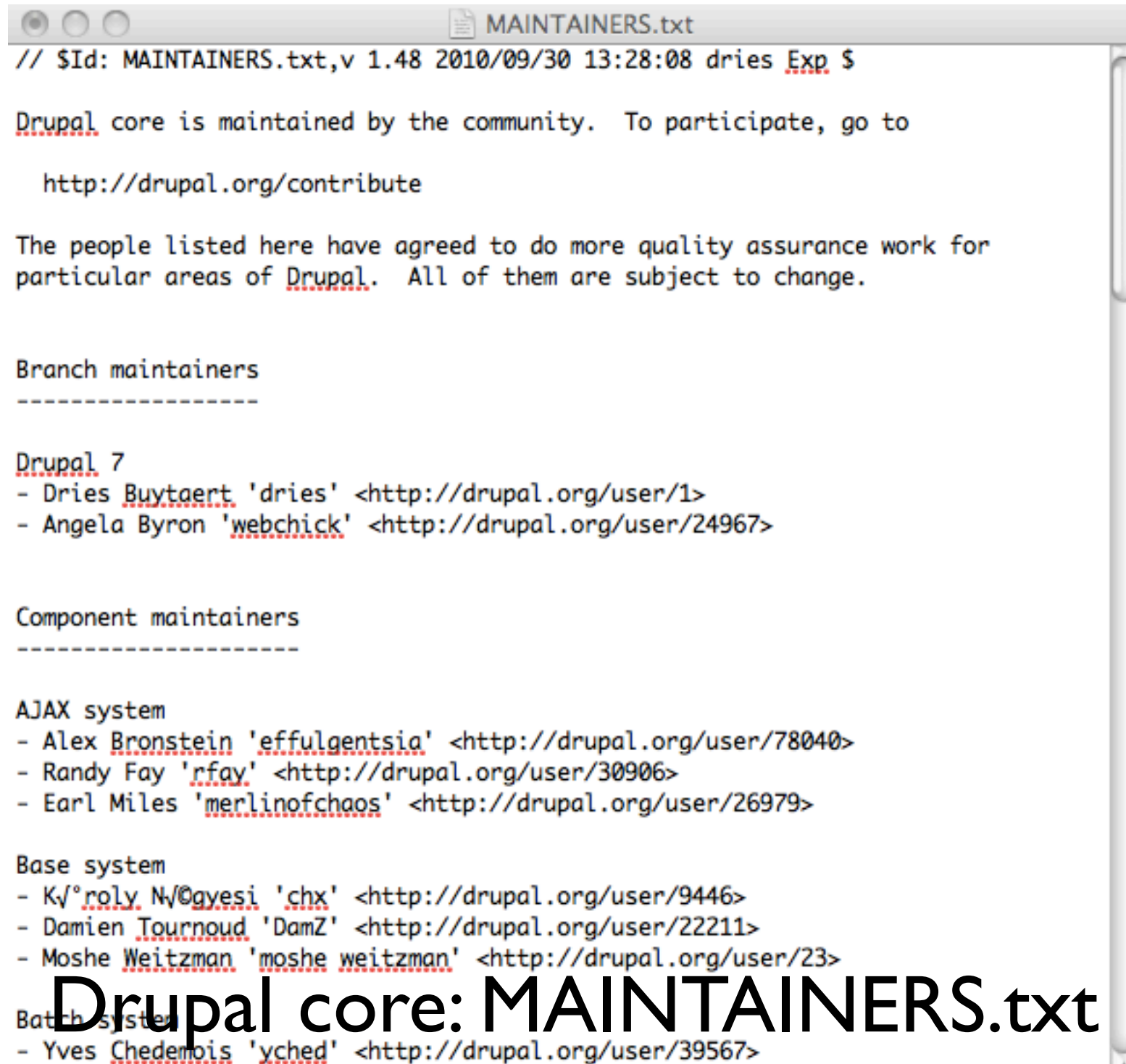
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<http://drupal.org/community-initiatives>

Seek out the do-ers



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Drupal core is maintained by the community. To participate, go to

http://drupal.org/contribute

The people listed here have agreed to do more quality assurance work for
particular areas of Drupal. All of them are subject to change.

Branch maintainers
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Drupal 7
- Dries Buytaert 'dries' <http://drupal.org/user/1>
- Angela Byron 'webchick' <http://drupal.org/user/24967>

Component maintainers
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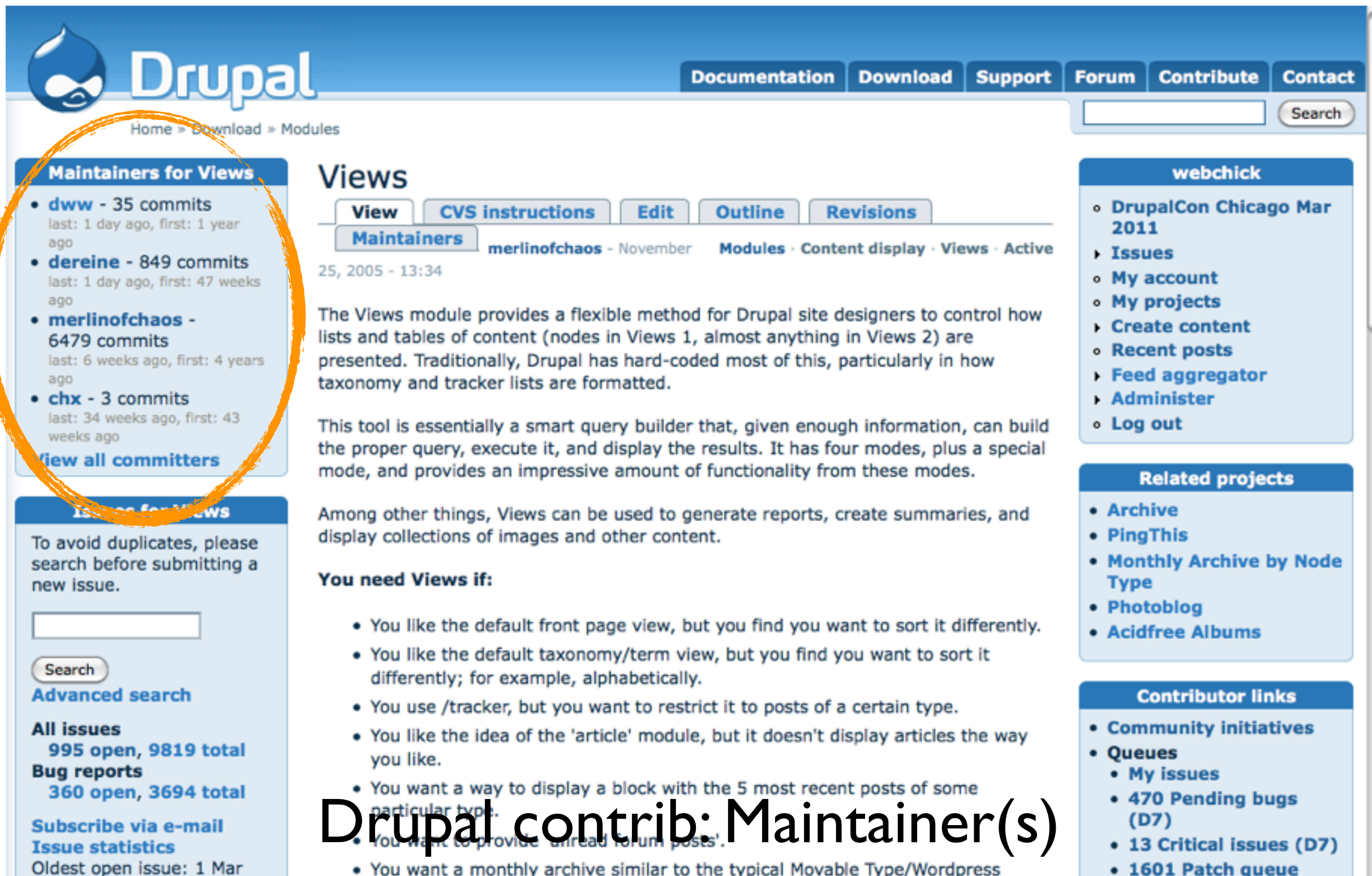
AJAX system
- Alex Bronstein 'effulgentsia' <http://drupal.org/user/78040>
- Randy Fay 'rfay' <http://drupal.org/user/30906>
- Earl Miles 'merlinofchaos' <http://drupal.org/user/26979>

Base system
- Károly Nagy 'chx' <http://drupal.org/user/9446>
- Damien Tournoud 'DamZ' <http://drupal.org/user/22211>
- Moshe Weitzman 'moshe weitzman' <http://drupal.org/user/23>

Batch system
- Yves Chedenois 'yched' <http://drupal.org/user/39567>
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Drupal core: MAINTAINERS.txt

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- dww** - 35 commits
last: 1 day ago, first: 1 year ago
- dereine** - 849 commits
last: 1 day ago, first: 47 weeks ago
- merlinofchaos** - 6479 commits
last: 6 weeks ago, first: 4 years ago
- chx** - 3 commits
last: 34 weeks ago, first: 43 weeks ago

Below the list is a link to 'view all committers'. The main content area describes the Views module and lists related projects and contributor links.

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Drupal documentation relies on volunteer effort.

Looking for documentation?

Sometimes people come to this page through a search... If you are looking for documentation on Drupal, please start at the main **Handbook** page.

Volunteer coordinators

The following people have agreed to coordinate certain areas of documentation, help people get involved and make themselves available as a resource for questions about documentation.

- Issue queue farmer and handbook content/editing coordinator: **Ariane Khachatourians (arianek)** Best to contact Ariane through IRC (use contact tab as last resort).
- API and core documentation coordinator: **Jennifer Hodgdon (jhodgdon)**. Contact Jennifer via the Contact tab on her user profile page, by filing an issue in the Drupal issue queue with component Documentation, or on IRC (see below).
- Handbook structure coordinator: **Lee Hunter (LeeHunter)**. Contact Lee via the Contact tab on his user profile page.
- Docs Lead **Adam Berry (addison)**.

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Documentation team:
<http://drupal.org/contribute/documentation/join>

Where no one's doing, step up



Use the **issue queue**.



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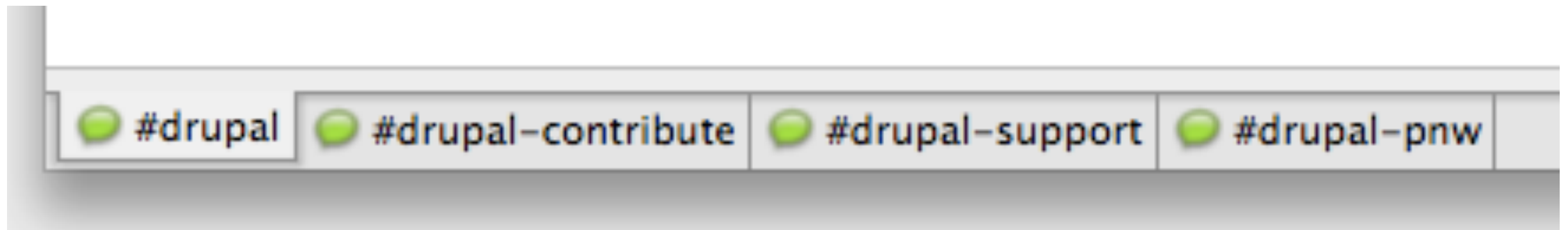
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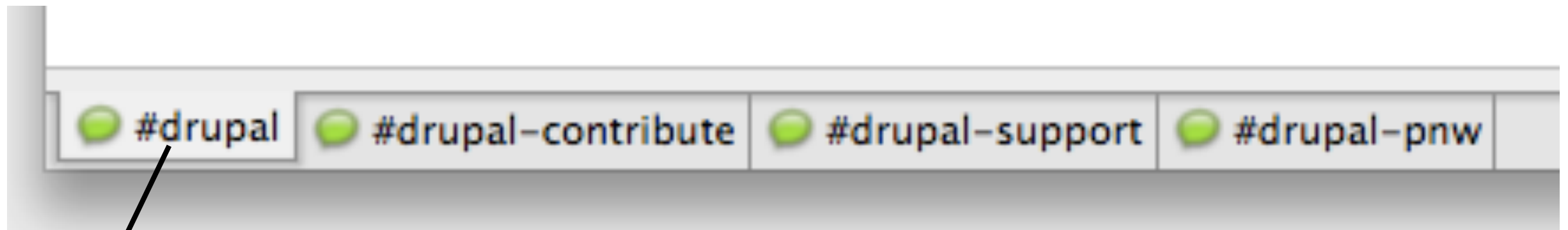
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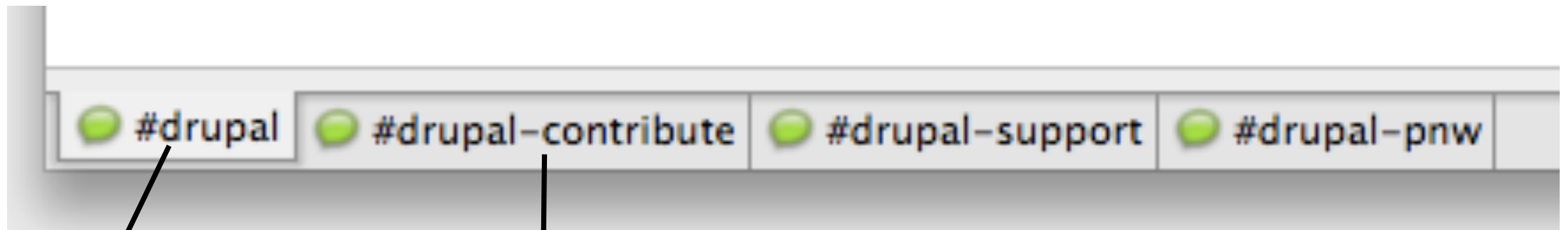
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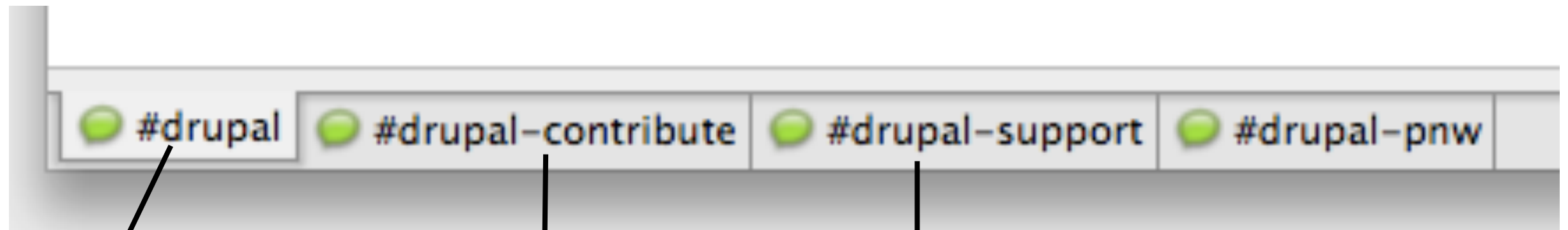


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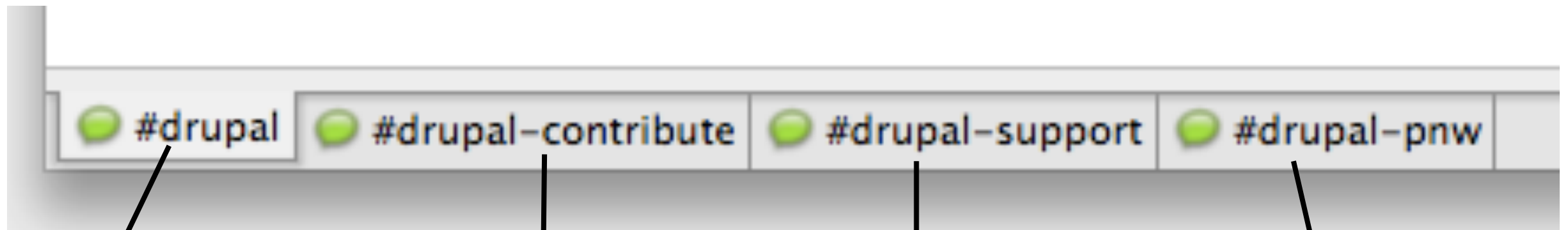
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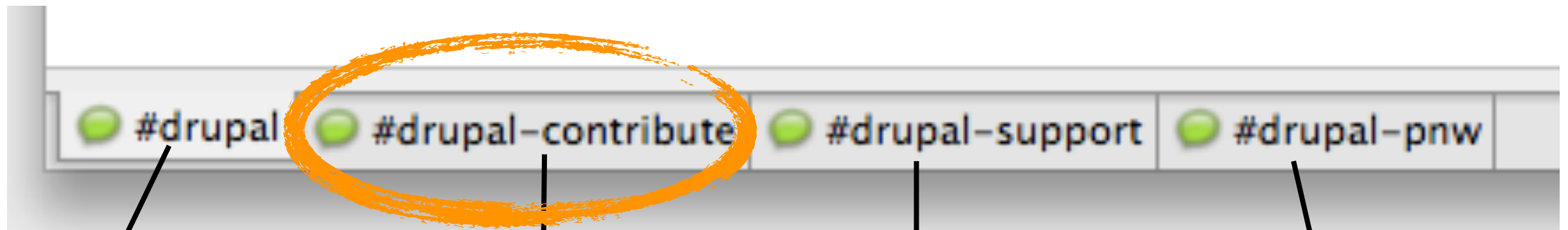
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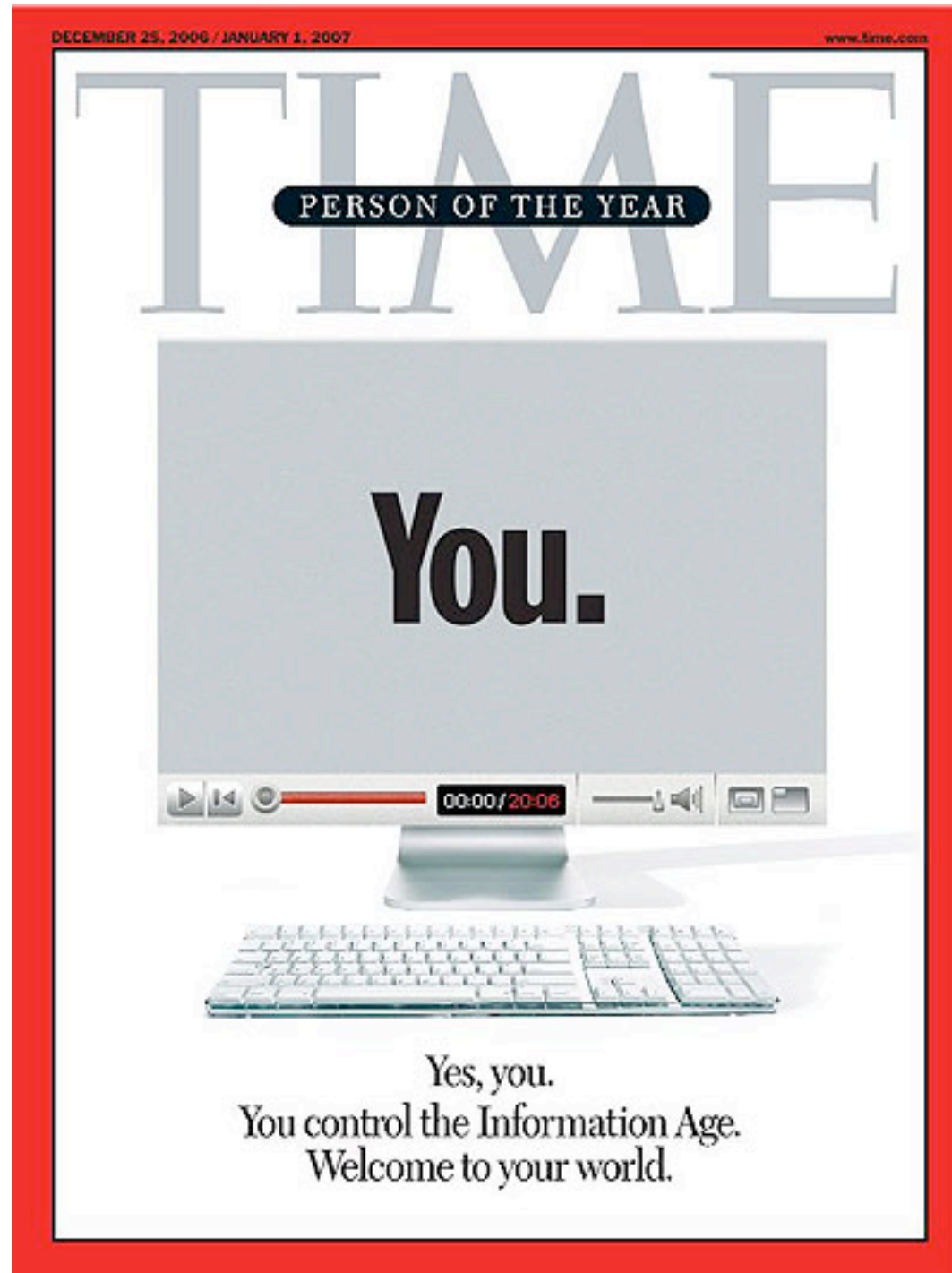
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So **where** are we going?



You tell me :)



<http://drupal.org/getting-involved>