

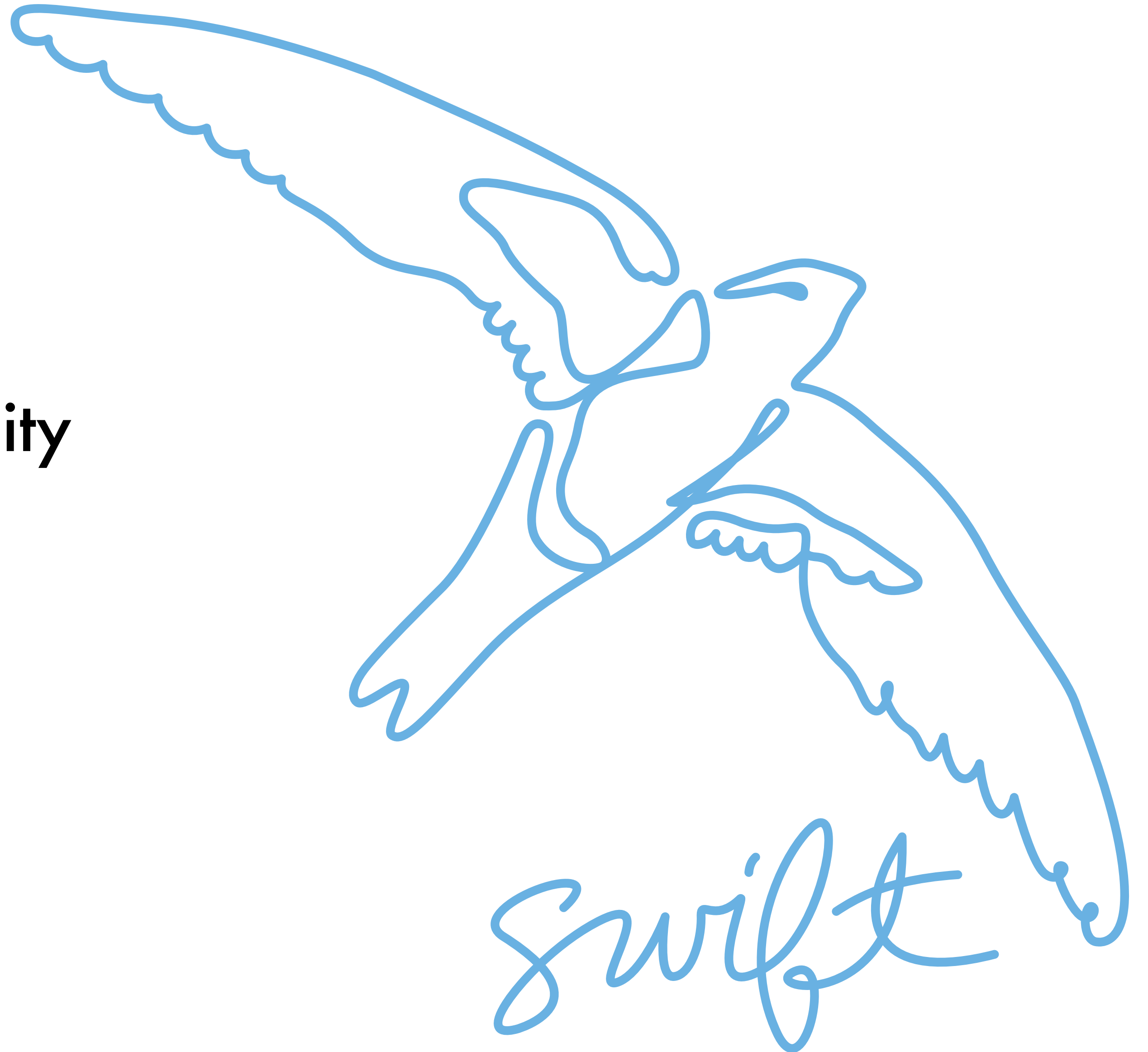
Herding Cats

Getting an Open-Source Community
to Work on the Same Thing

John Dickinson

@notmyname

<http://not.mn>



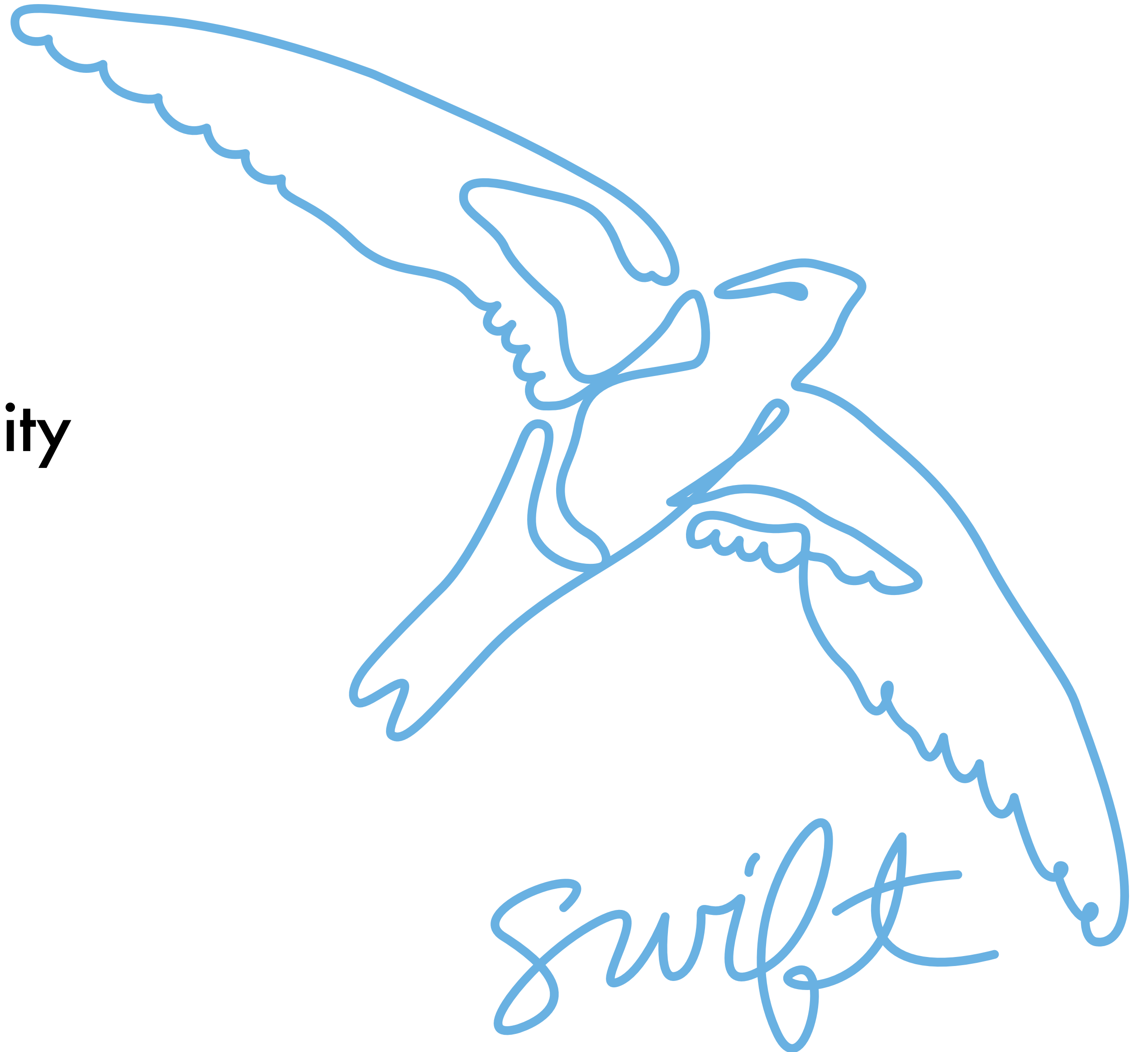
Herding Cats

Getting an Open-Source Community
to Work on the Same Thing

John Dickinson

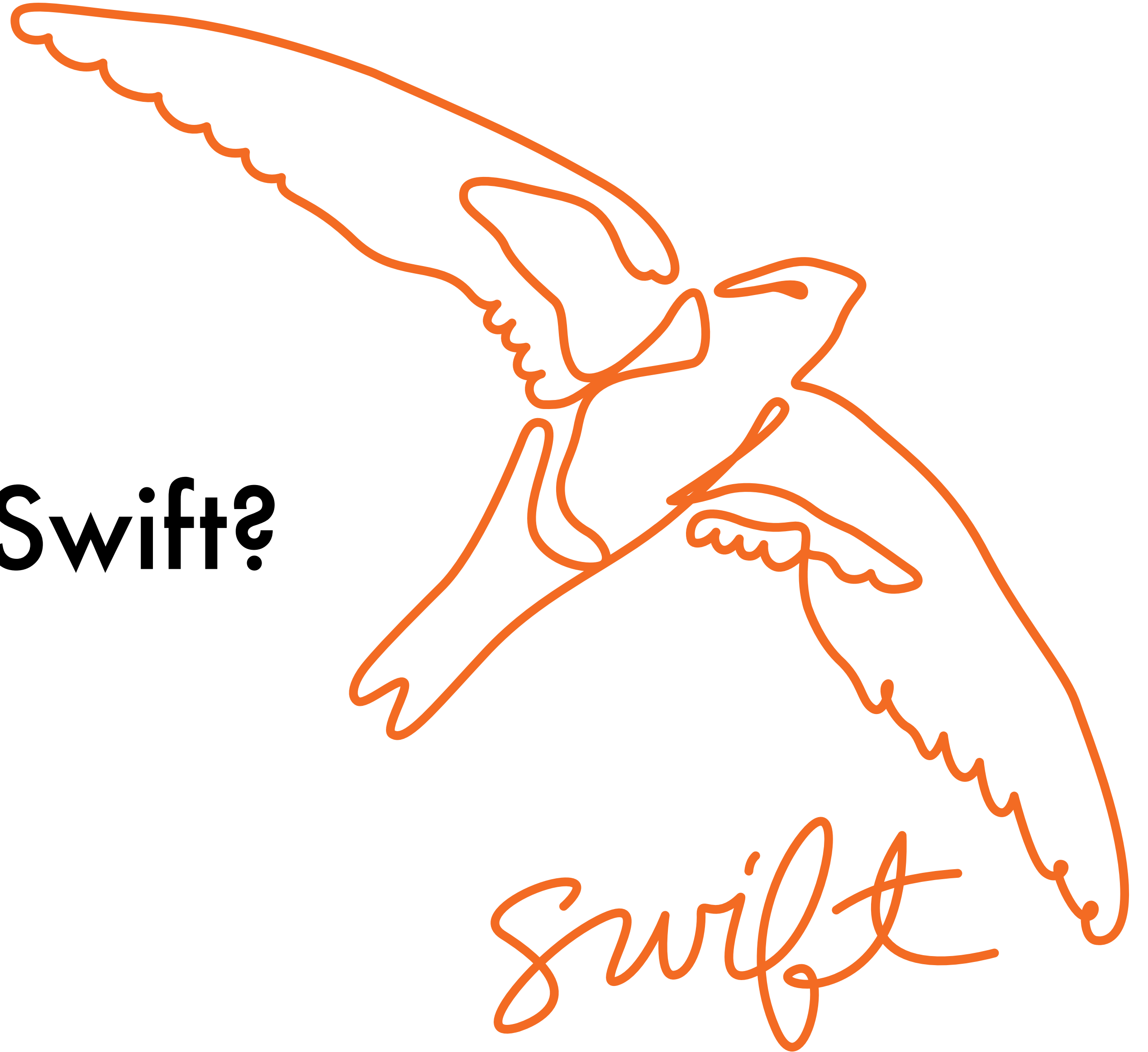
@notmyname

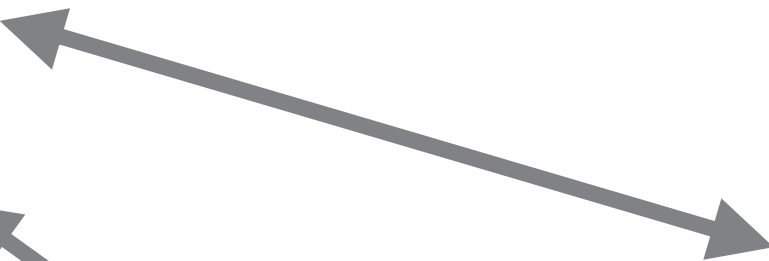
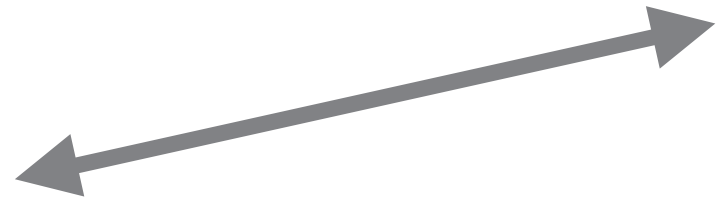
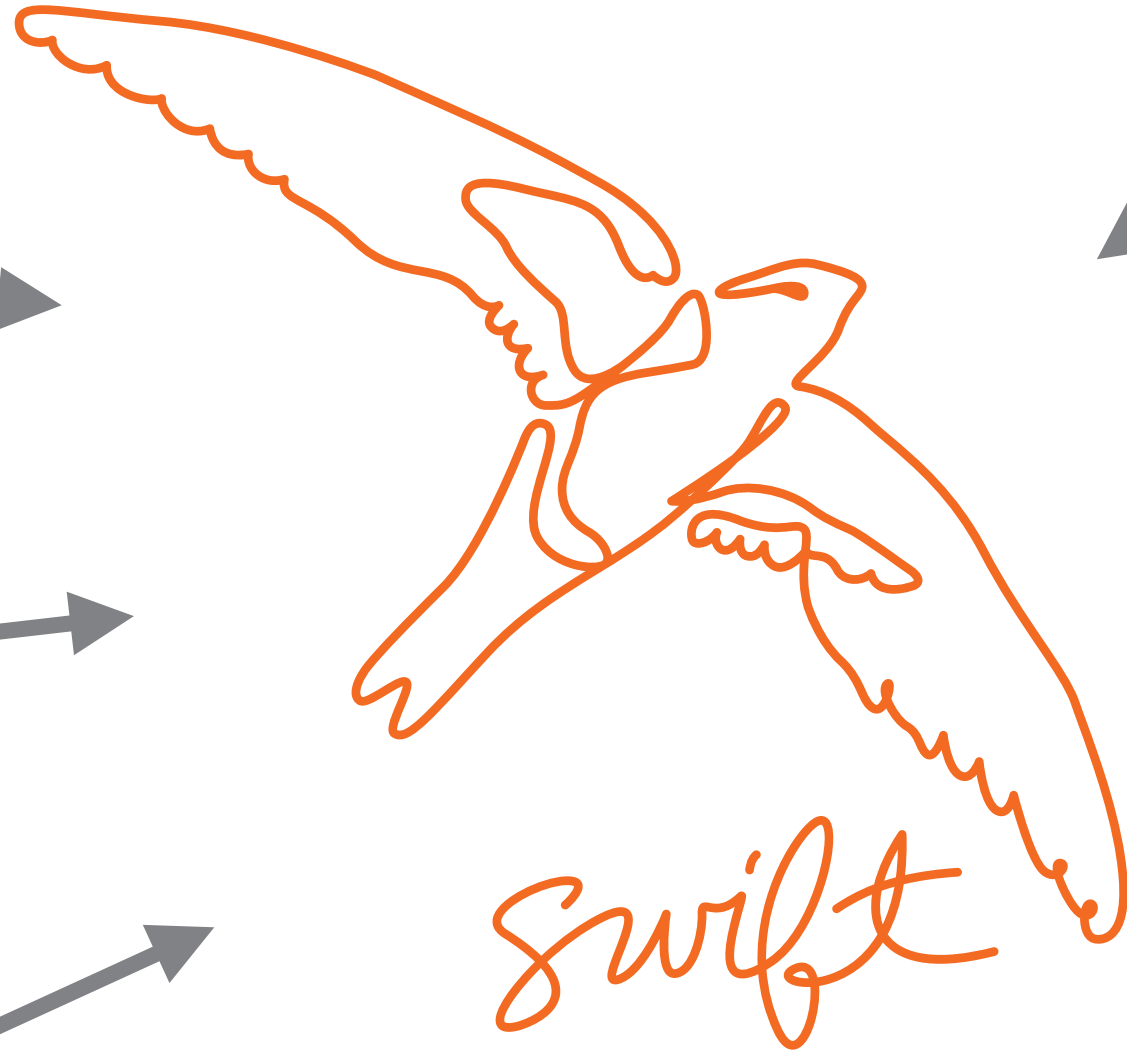
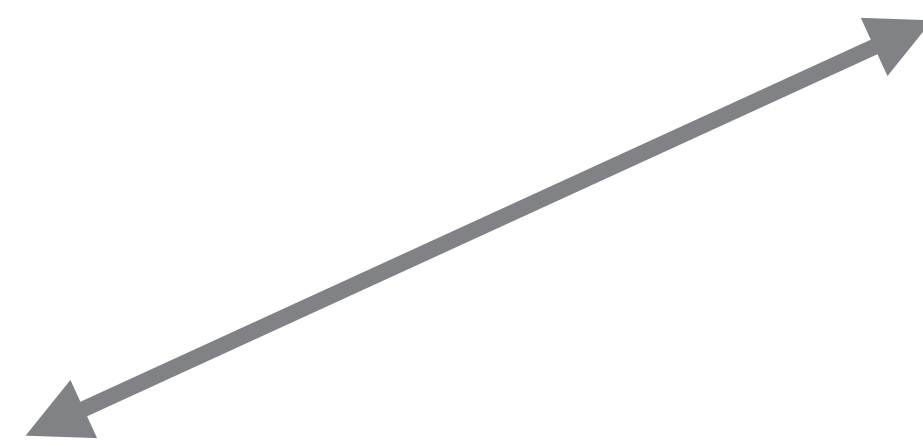
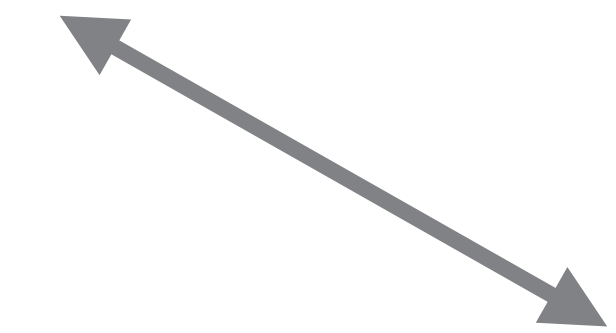
<http://not.mn>



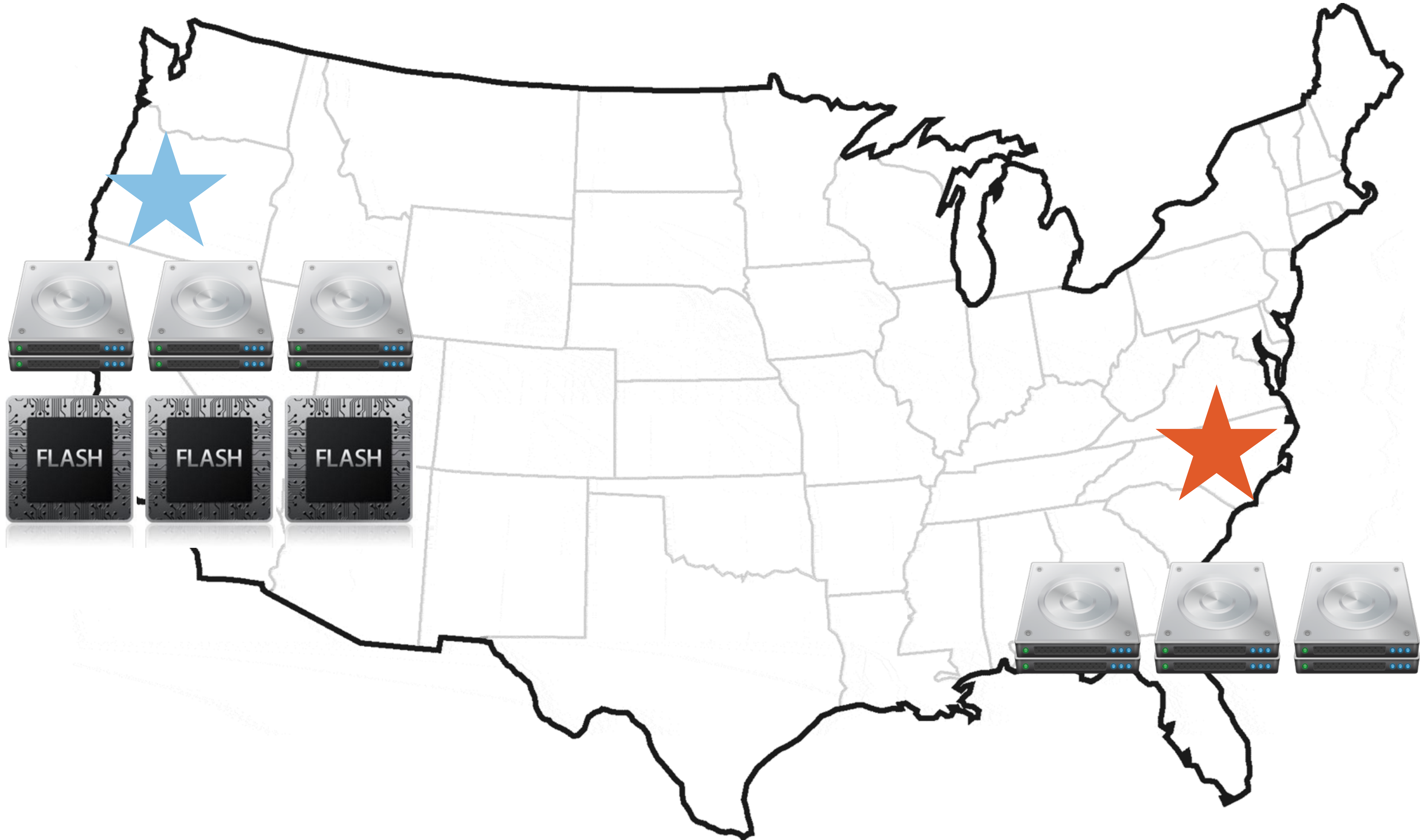
Why *this* talk?

What is OpenStack Swift?





What are storage policies?



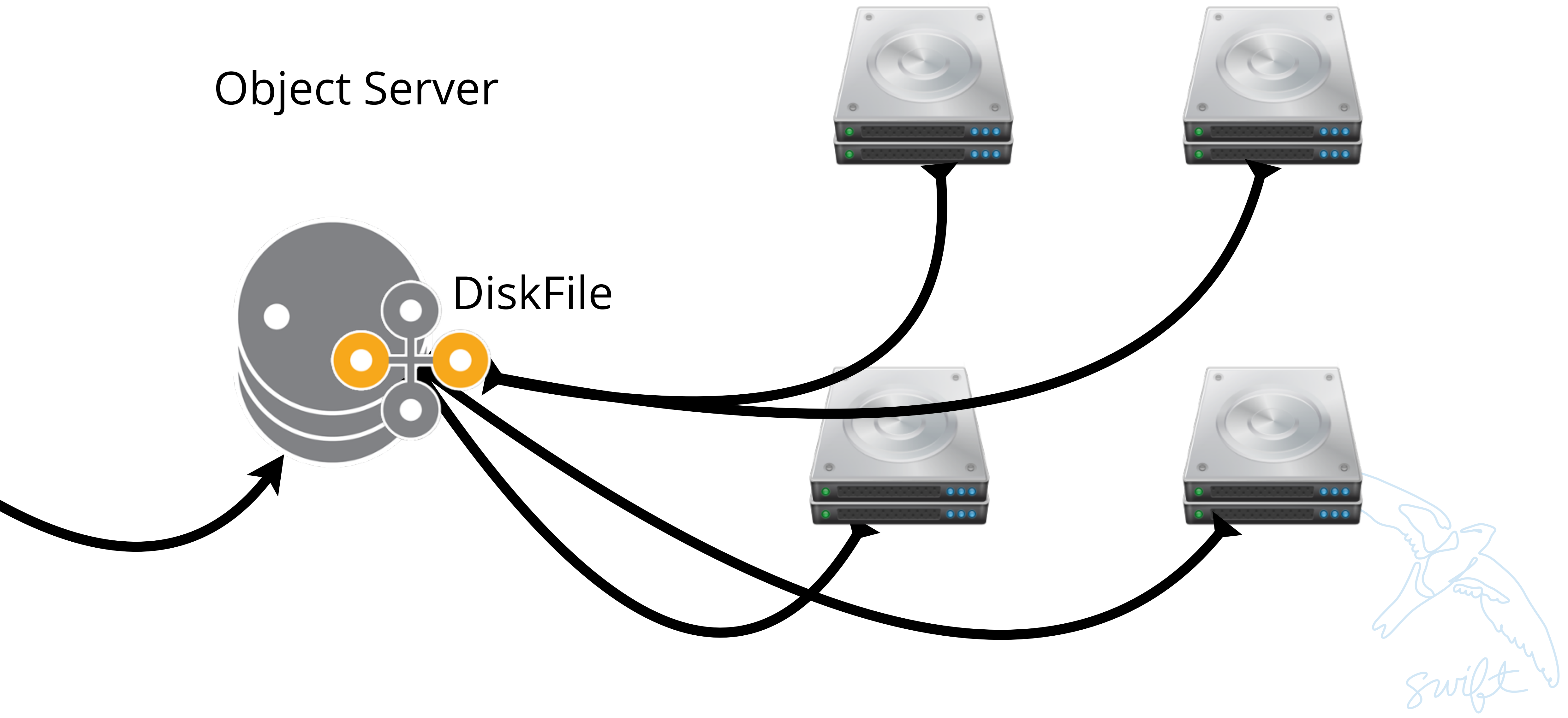
The Idea



What else is going on?

Object Server

DiskFile



“Build your architecture around modularity and option value.”

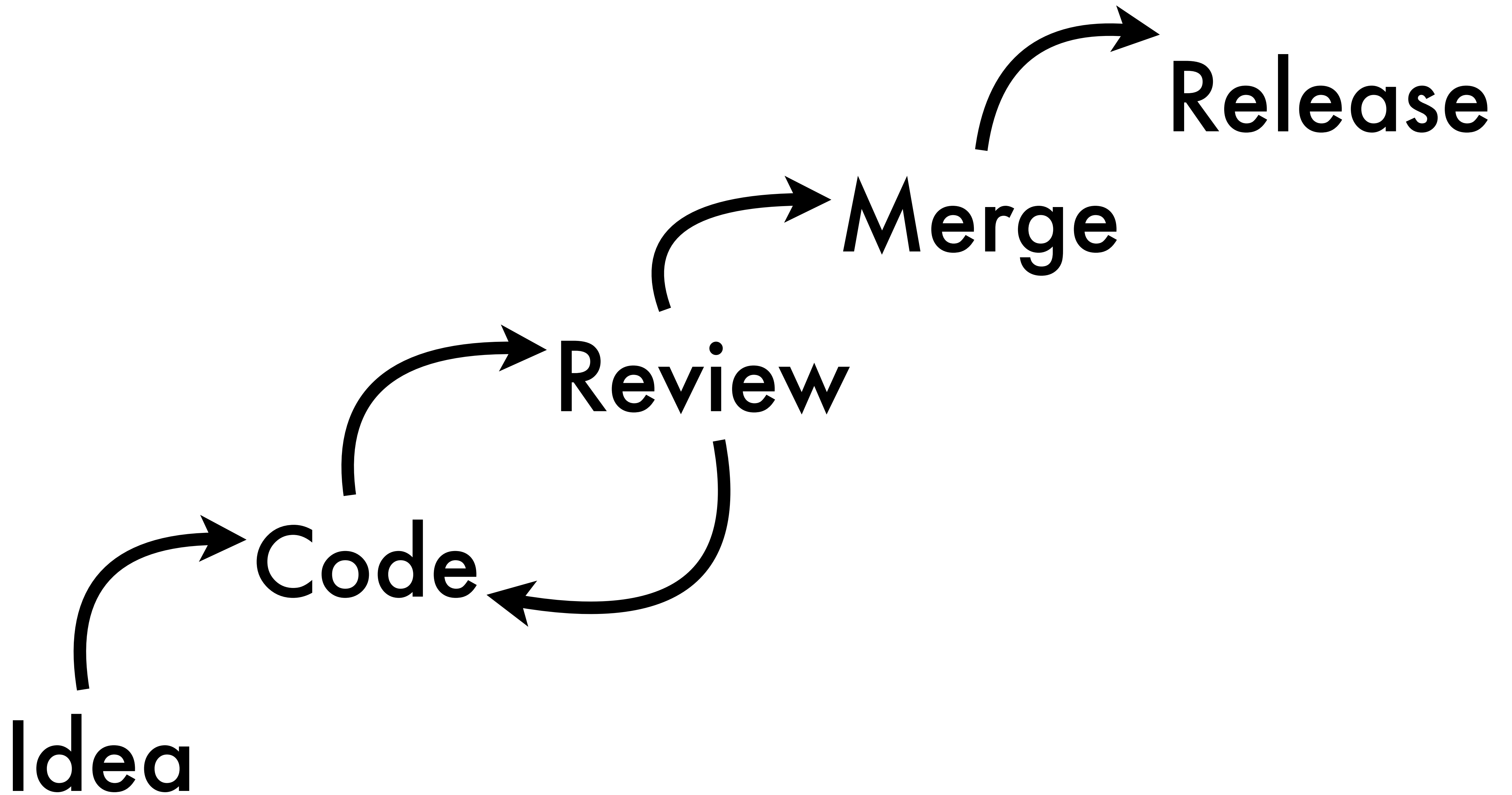
<https://opensource.com/business/14/9/community-best-practices-new-era-open-source>

One story, one vision

Sell the story

How is the community put together?

Lifecycle of a Swift patch



Who is working on it?

Do the dev work

Tools we used to help us

- **Priority reviews wiki page**
- **Trello**
- **In-person meetings**
- **Regular status updates**

**Communication isn't a
technical problem**

The Merge

Release when it's ready

The Release

Sell the story, again

After the release

Important lessons

- Project moves forward, not your code
- It's not your project, it's ours
- But still be courageous
- The dev work is a small part of it
- Say "thank you" and promote others
- Give people the tools they need
- Production makes silly problems go away
- Sometimes it's not up to you
- People look for autonomy and fulfillment
- Vision leaks

Looking forward

Questions?

John Dickinson

@notmyname

<http://not.mn>

