

QA IS **NOT** JUST TESTING

PARENTAL  
ADVISORY  
EXPLICIT CONTENT

# About me

- Experience from component to solution level testing
- Focus on Test automation (trainer for internal test framework)
- RST Technical Coordinator / Test Architect for HDS 8000
  - Part of Ericsson Cloud infrastructure

# Guys

Young software developers

Starting own super-cool project

There is a hype around QA

Goal: start testing until JavaCro17

# What „Google says” about testing

- Testing proves that everything works
- Clicking around the GUI
- Boring but ‘everybody do it’
- Testing is easy with right tools
- Anybody can do it

# Charlie

Former Project Manager

Took some Agile trainings

Scrum Master



# What Charlie thinks about testing

- It does not bring 'customer value'
- Test is costly (time and money)
- It is team's responsibility
- It is matter of personal craftsmanship
- Must be automated (100%)
- You can do something more if there is a time left

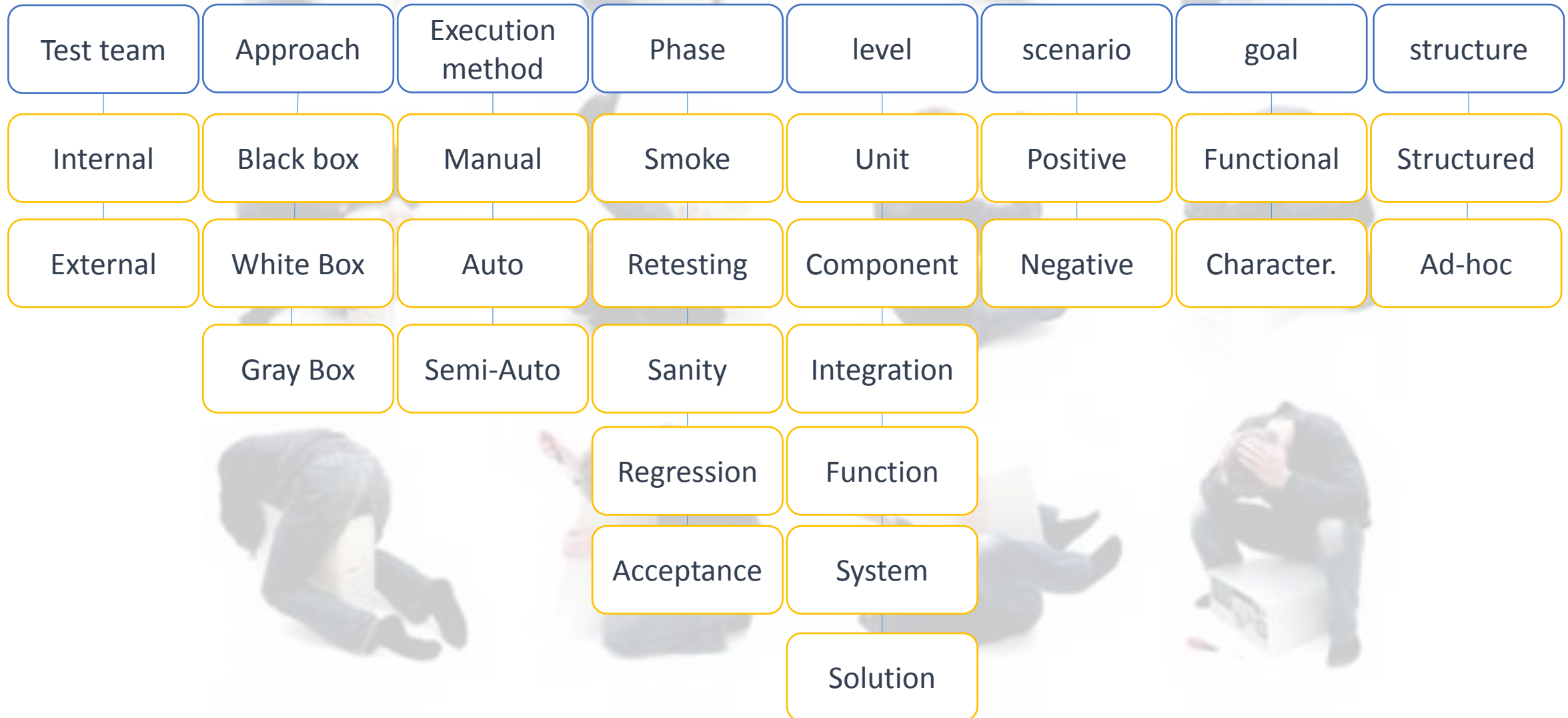
# Hank

Experienced with Waterfall,  
V-model, XP and Agile

QA Coach



# QAma Sutra





# Quality and expectations

- Good looking
- Good functionality – it does the job well
- Reliable – acceptable level of breakdowns or failure
- Consistency
- Durable – lasts as long as it should
- Good after sales service
- Value for money

# V words

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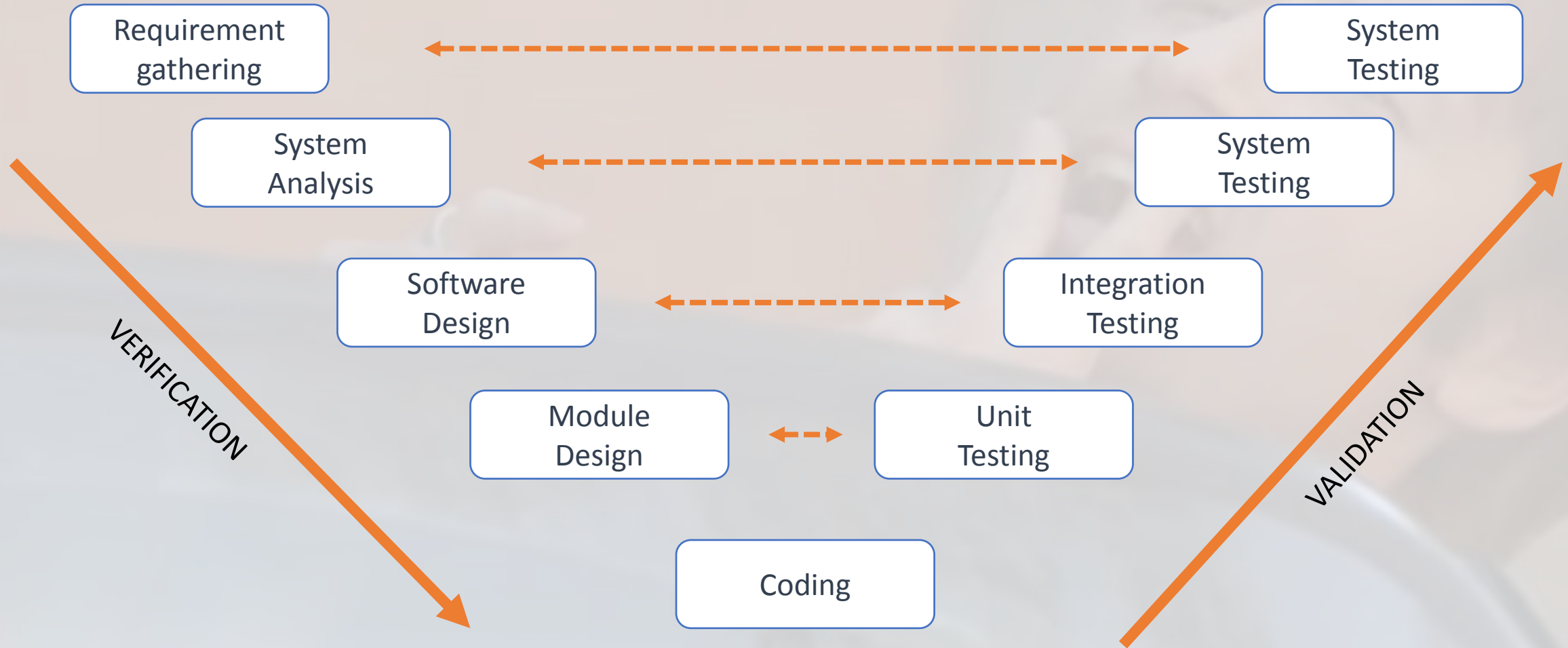
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Validation

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# V model



# Basic facts

- Testing shows presence of defects
- Exhaustive testing is impossible
- Early testing
- Defect clustering
- Pesticide paradox
- Testing is context dependent
- Absence – of – errors fallacy

**Know your process!**

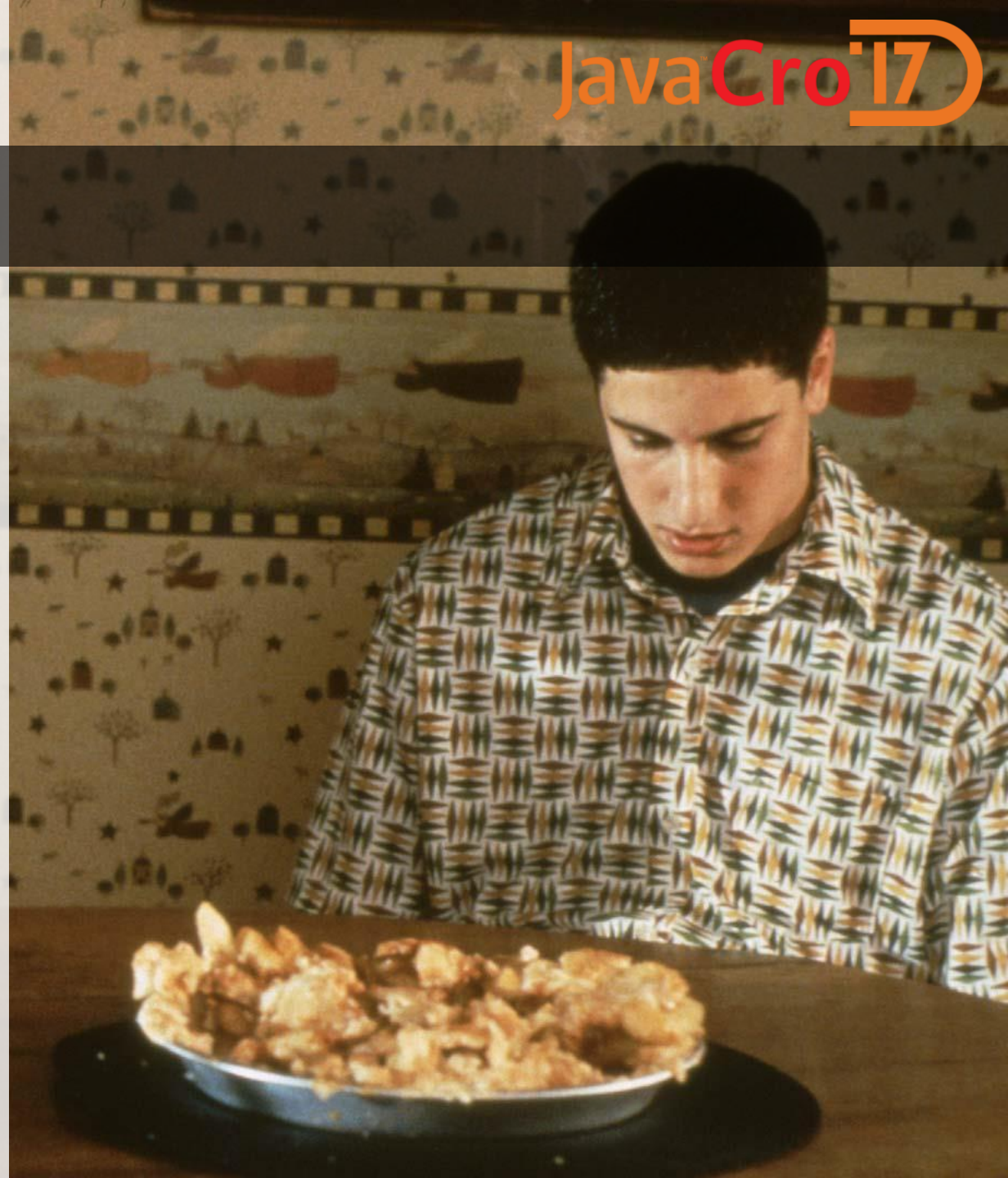
Let's dig into it



# Issue: Holding my own

- Developers can overlook own mistakes
- Task for least experienced developer
- Ignoring issues that 'nobody would notice'

Independence levels:



# Find a partner

## BENEFITS

- Improved Software Quality \*
- No 'insider assumptions'
- Honesty without concerns
- Separate budget
  - For competence ramp-up
  - Prevents skipping testing phase

## RISKS

- Lack of integrity
- Isolation
  - Communication problems
  - Blame festivals
- Lack of commitment
- Perceived as bottleneck

# Issue: *Slow to start, quick to finish*

- Testing start after development
- Testing phase used for compensating delays from development
- Used to detecting defects instead of improving quality

„Why do we never have time to do it right, but always have time to do it over?“



# Issue: Overburden of tools

- Main goal for test scenario is that it can be automated.
- Seeking 100% tests automated
- Altering test scenarios to fit into tools and processes (CI/CD)
- Spending more effort on test development than on product development

„If you automate chaos, all you get is faster chaos!”



# Issue: Ignoring the obvious

- No traceability (*Requirement -> Test Case -> Defect*)
- *Not measuring coverage*
- *Not analyzing the defects (RCA)*

„Discovering the unexpected is more important than confirming the known”



# There is more than V

## Testing

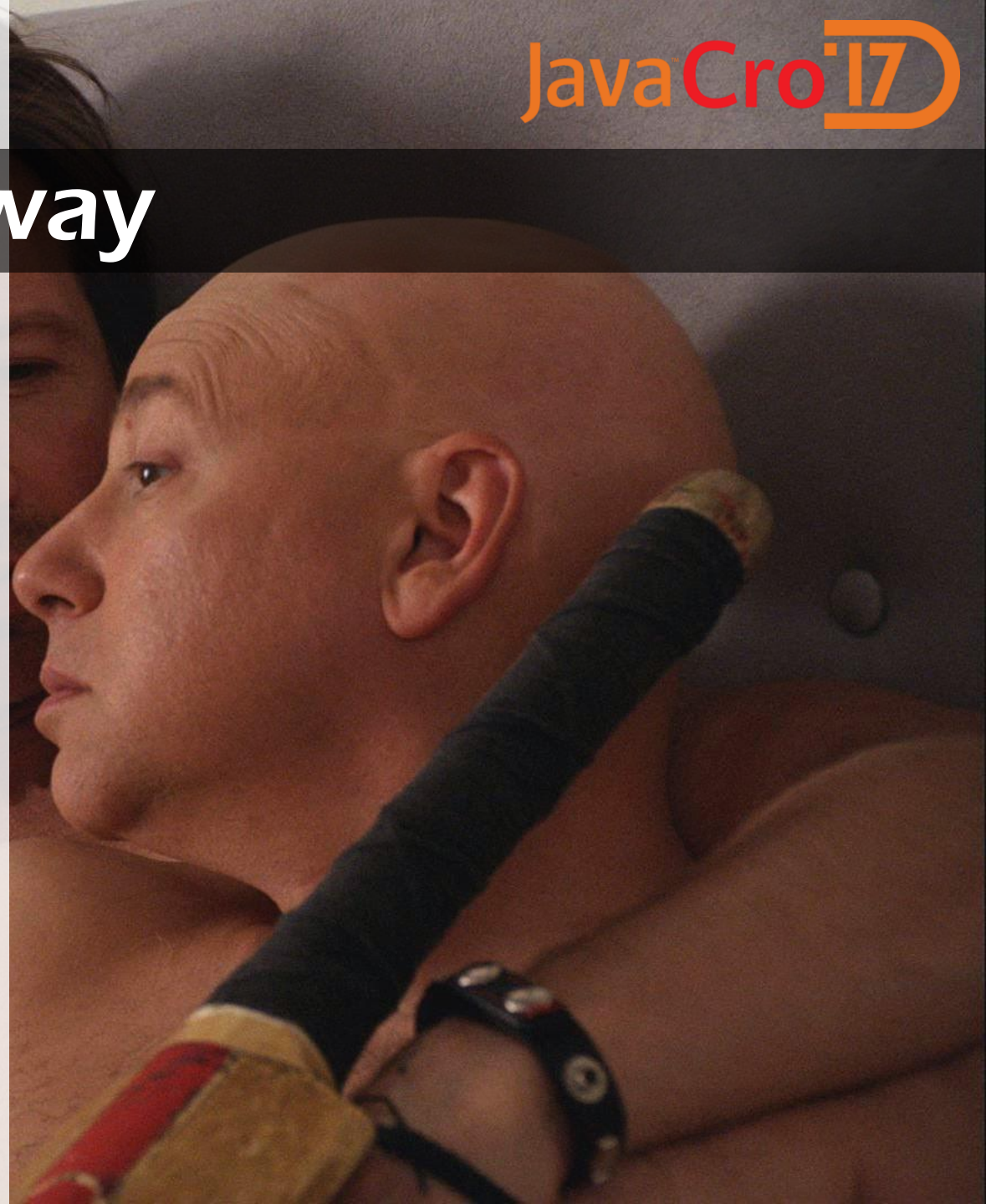
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- Are we doing right things?
- Align it with development life cycle (never vice versa!)

## Quality assurance

- Prevention of faults by (**constant**) inspecting & testing the process
- Are we doing things right?
- Align development life cycle (if needed)

# Personality goes a long way

- Pedantic, skeptical and nitpicker
- Trust the developers but doubt the product
- Testing can be seen as destructive activity
- There is no 'yours' or 'my' problems
- „Tread lightly because your thread on their dreams”



# Hank's cool quotes

“Testing is an infinite process of comparing the invisible to the ambiguous in order to avoid the unthinkable happening to the anonymous.” – James Bach

“The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten” – Benjamin Franklin

“Quality is not an act, it is a habit” – Aristotle

**Questions or concerns?**

