Compassionate Refactoring

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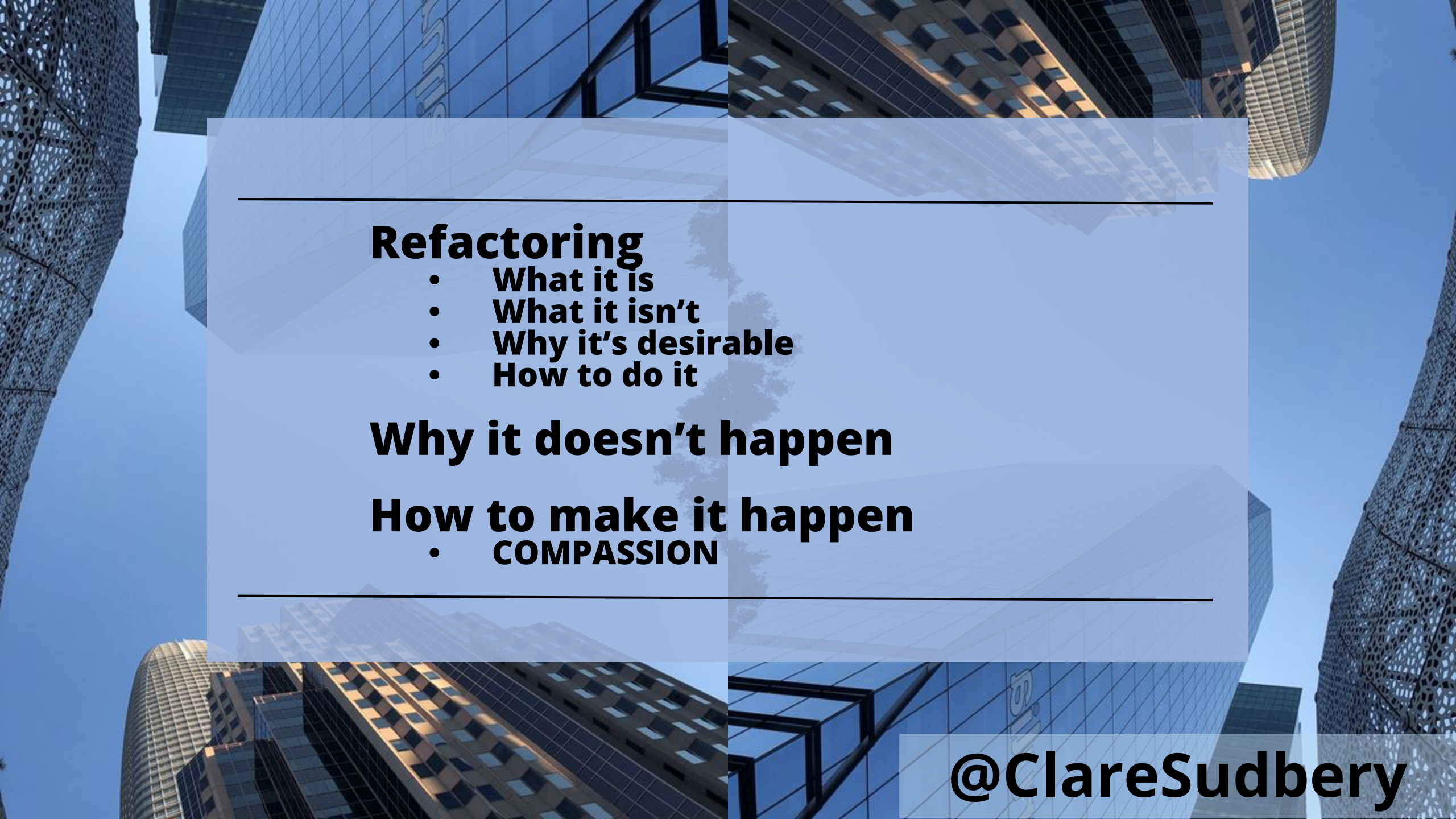

Refactoring

- What it is
- What it isn't
- Why it's desirable
- How to do it

Why it doesn't happen

How to make it happen

- COMPASSION

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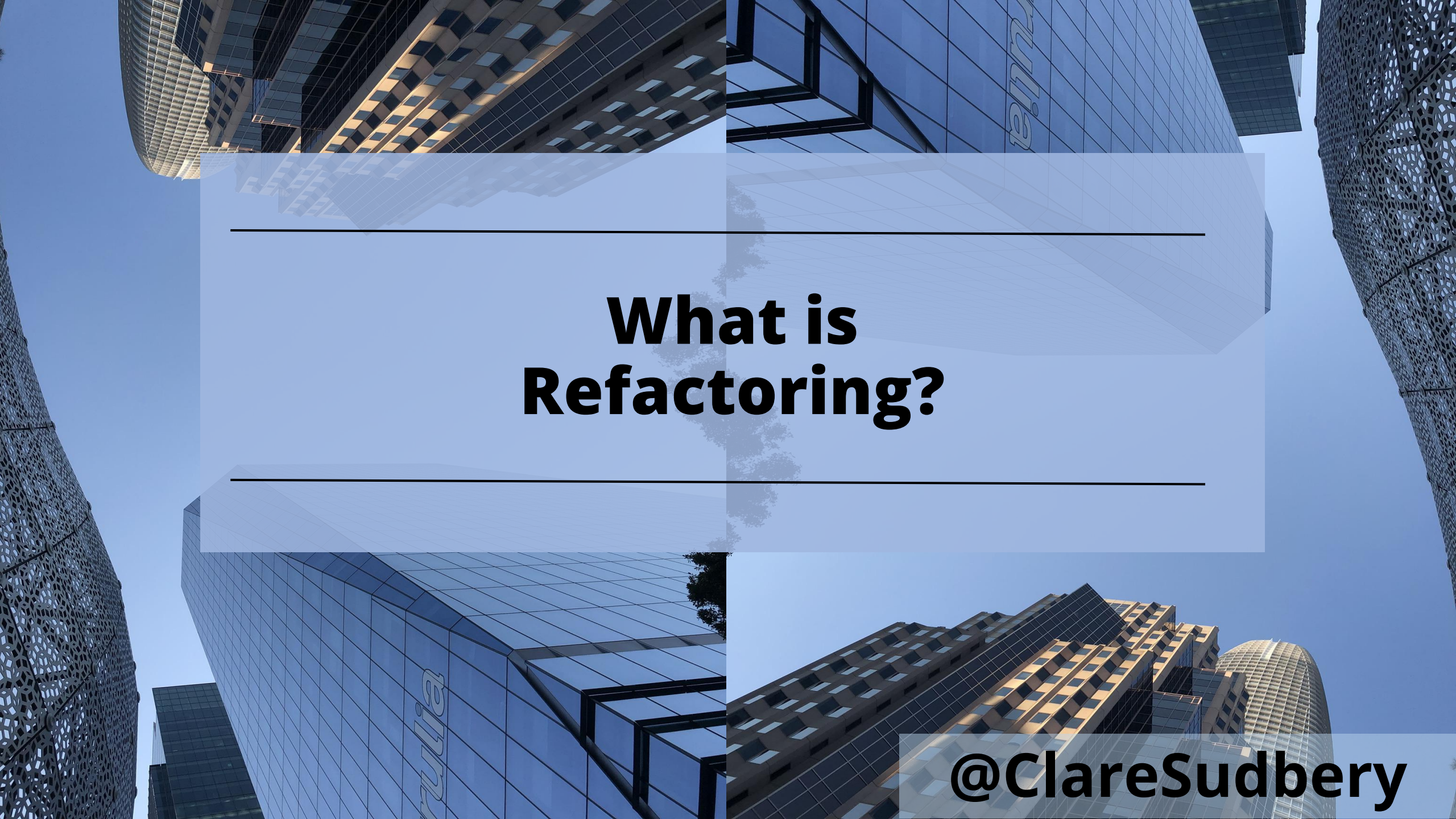

What is Refactoring?

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https://martinfowler.com/books/refactoring.html

Martin Fowler

REFACTORING

In my refactoring book, I gave a couple of definitions of refactoring.

Refactoring (noun): a change made to the internal structure of software to make it easier to understand and cheaper to modify without changing its observable behavior.

Refactoring (verb): to restructure software by applying a series of refactorings without changing its observable behavior.

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Not just code

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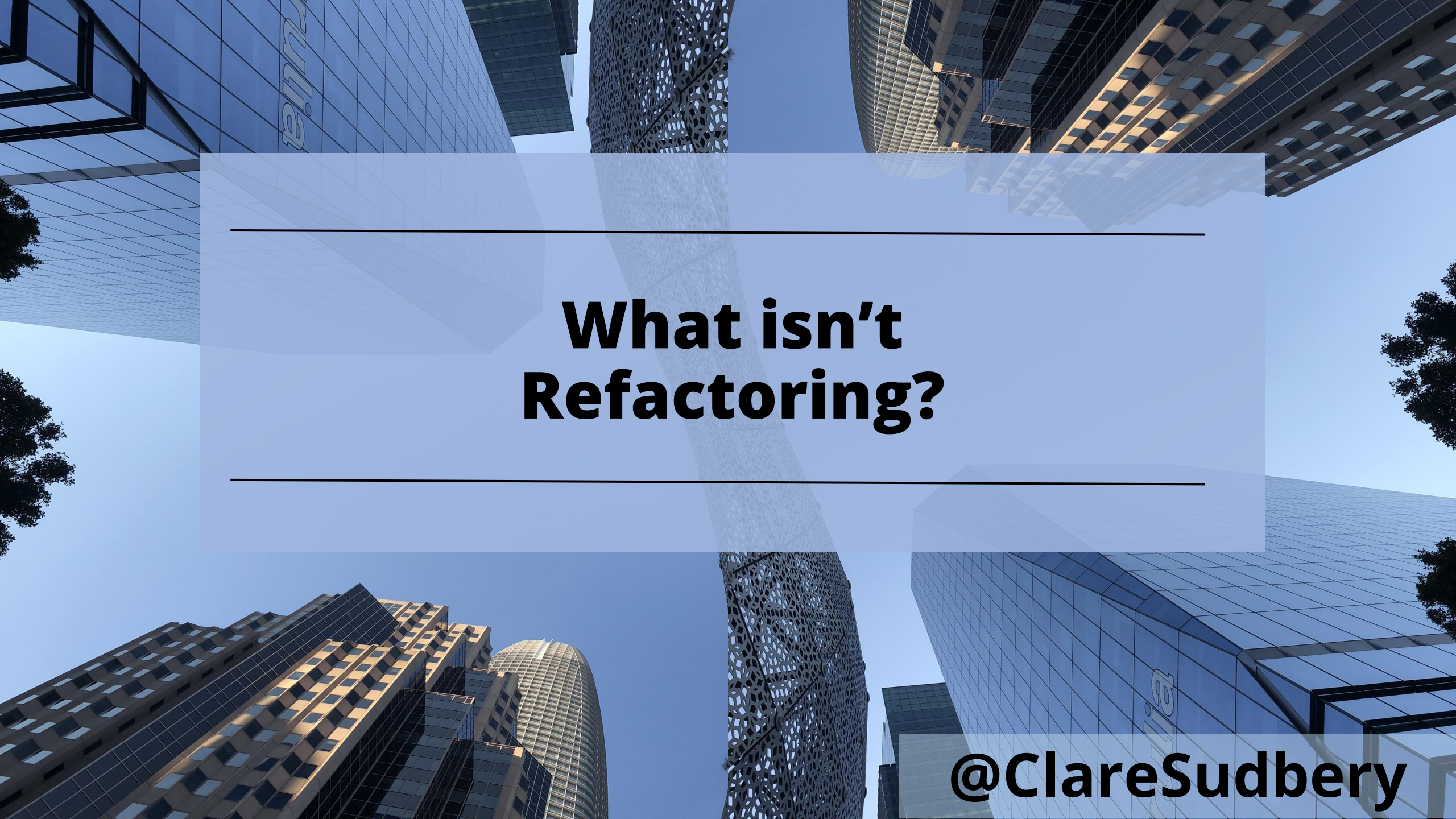

What isn't Refactoring?

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How to refactor
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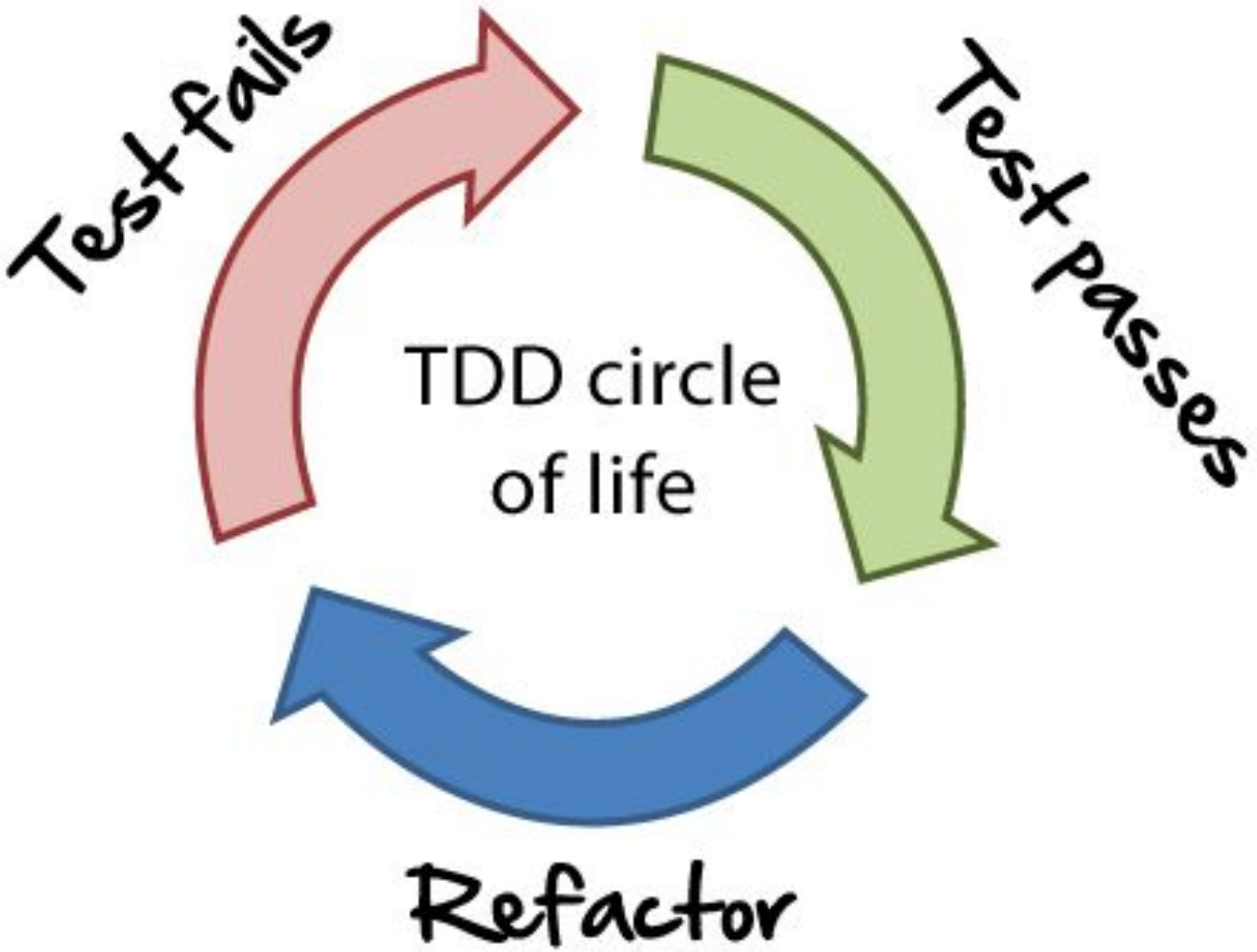

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Refactoring blockers
External pressure
Impatience
Seeking perfection
No self-belief
No compassion...
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Guilt
Shame
Despair
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I don’t know
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No compassion...

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How to facilitate refactoring

Use compassion to…

- Mitigate external pressure
- Balance impatience
- Embrace imperfection
- Believe in ourselves
- Seek joy

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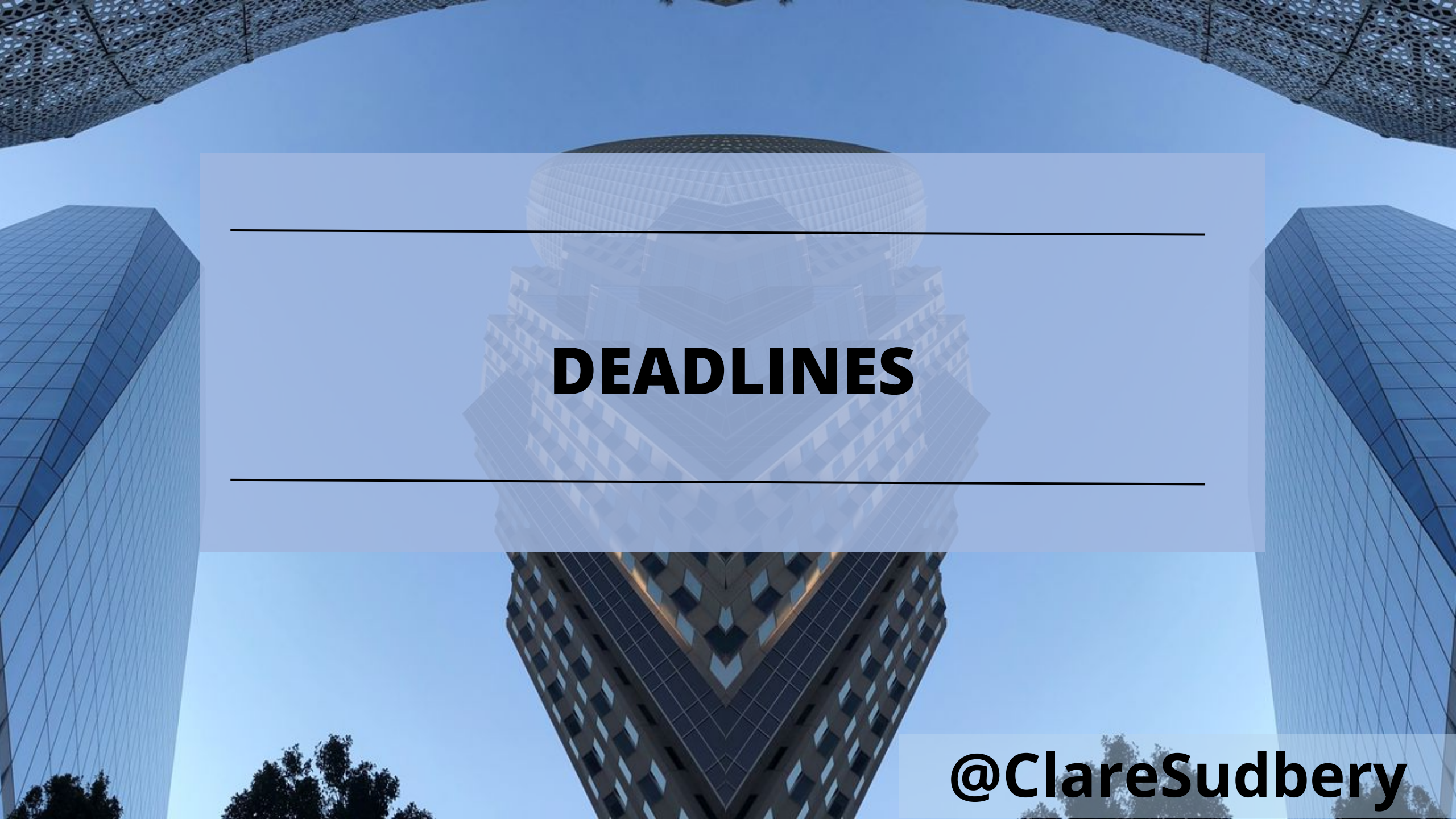
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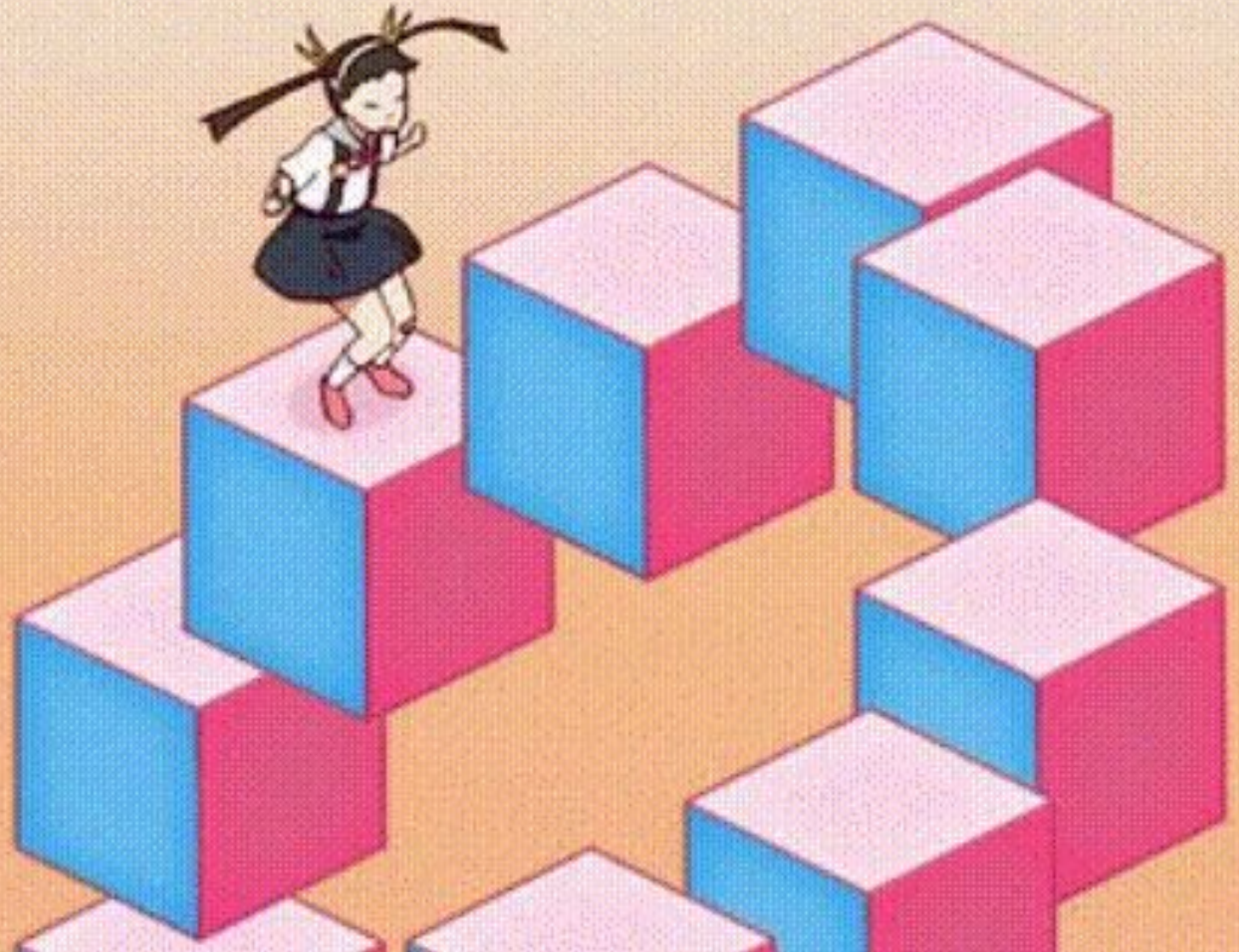

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The drive for perfection

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"I don’t tell people what to do or what not to do. I just show people what I do and what happens when I do it.

... There are things that I think are good but that I don’t always do, and things that I think are not so good, that I sometimes do.“ – Ron Jeffries

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"When code needs improvement and we don't improve it, things get worse. Somehow they don't manage to stay the same: they get worse.

Worse is not good. I'd go faster and be happier if I refactored more. But sometimes, I do not."
– Ron Jeffries

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https://www.geepawhill.org/2021/09/29/many-more-much-smaller-steps-first-sketch/

Many More Much Smaller Steps – First Sketch

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The first plank of my take on fixing the trade is MMMSS: If you want more value faster, take Many More Much Smaller Steps.

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THE MOST
IMPORTANT THING
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THIS IS A CRITICAL MOMENT
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Self belief
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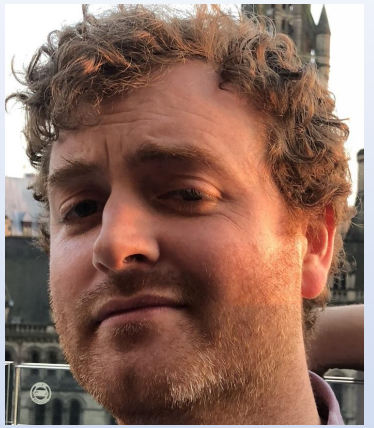

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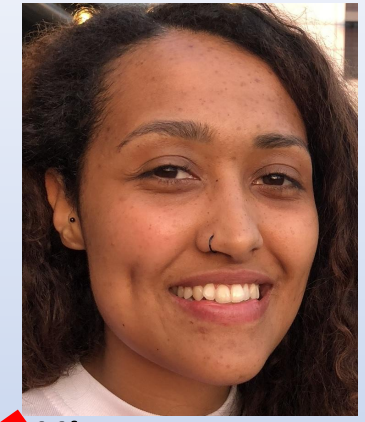

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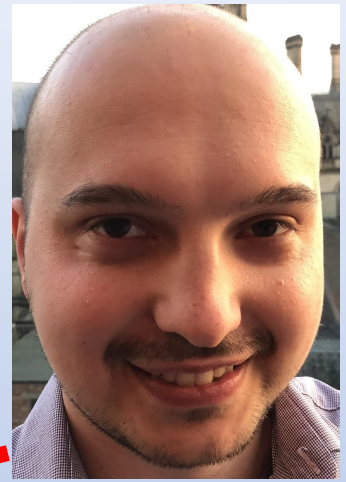

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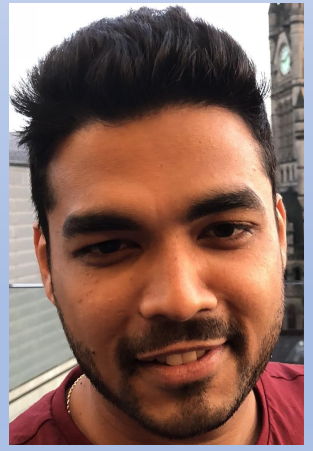

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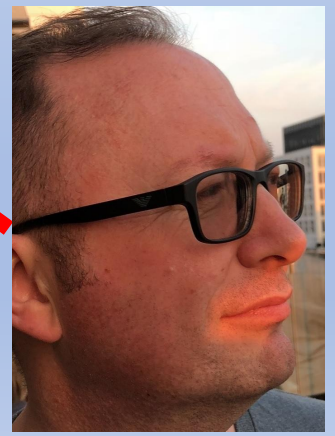

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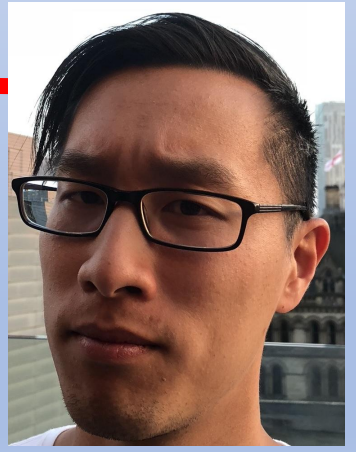

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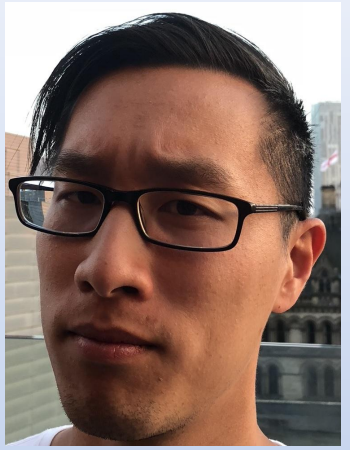

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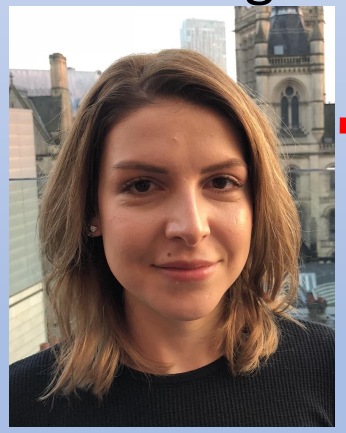

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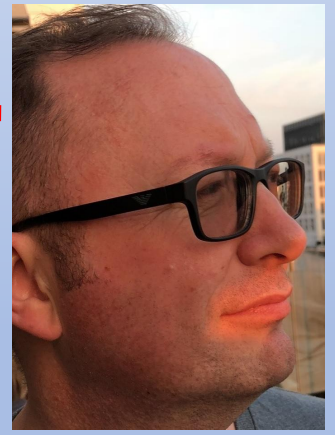

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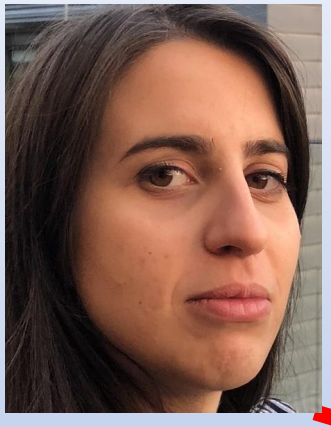

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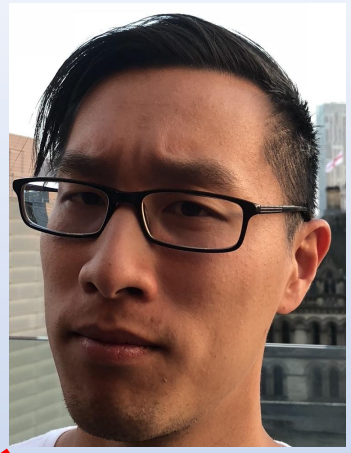

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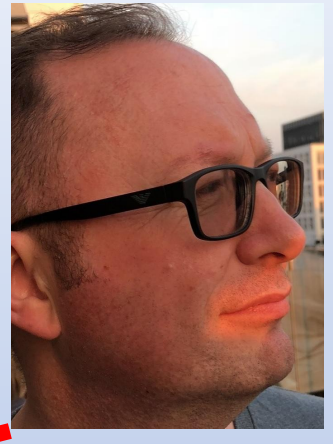

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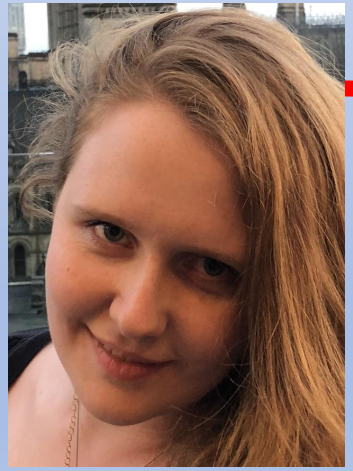

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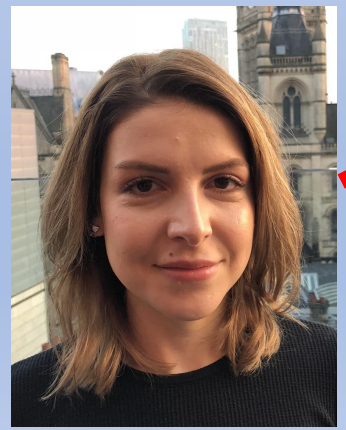

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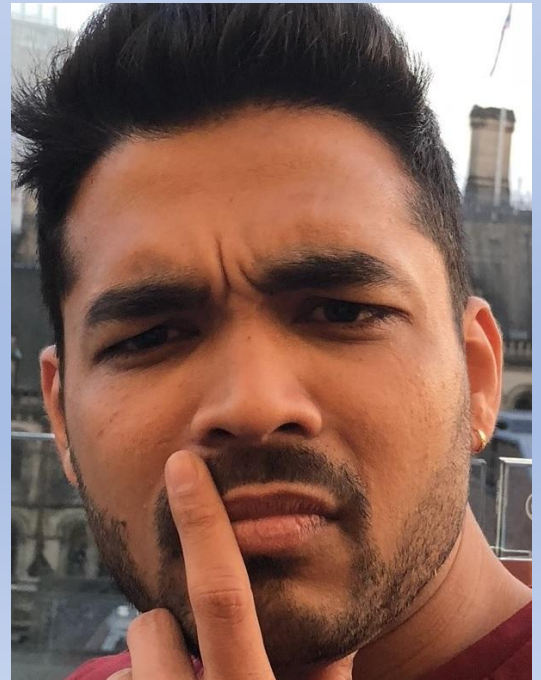

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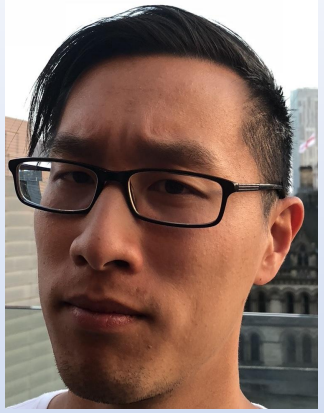

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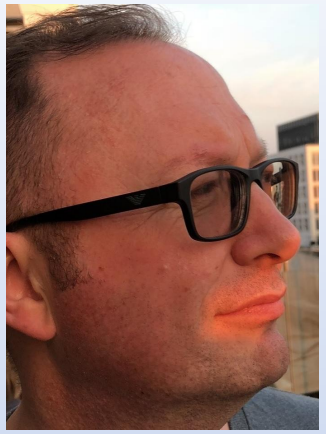

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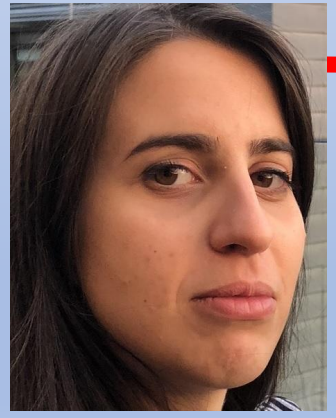

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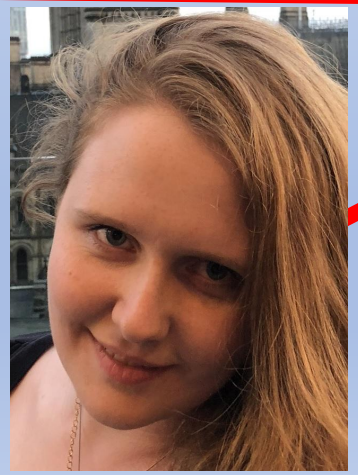

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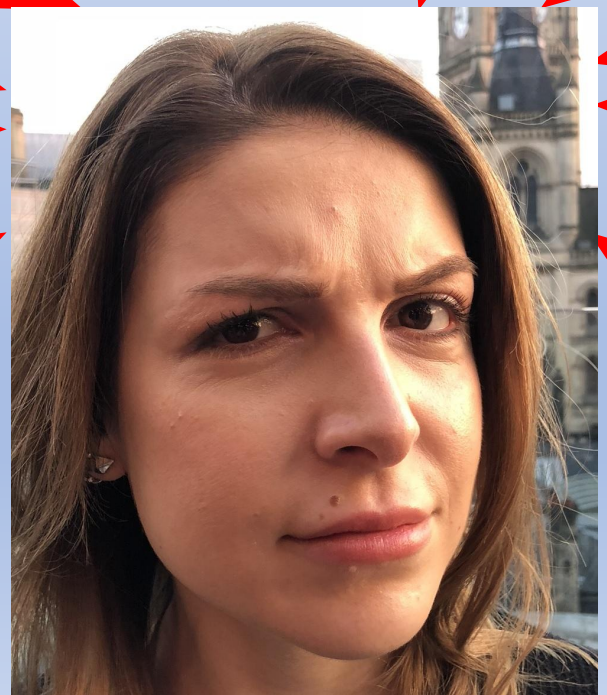

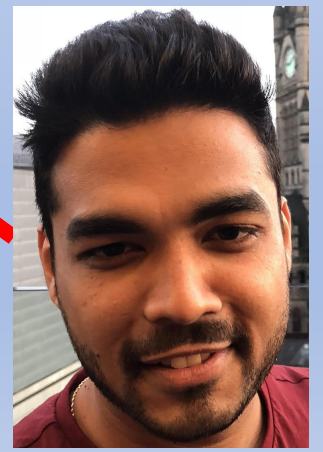

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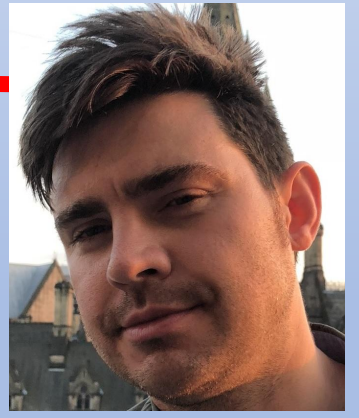

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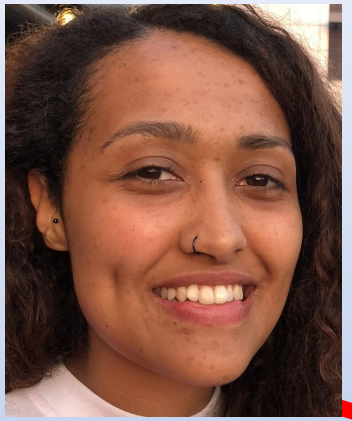

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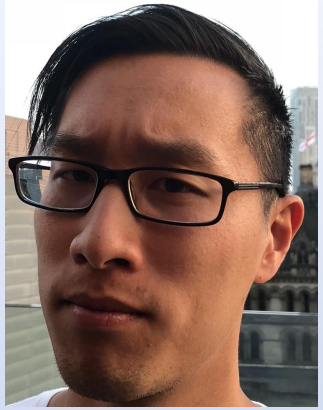

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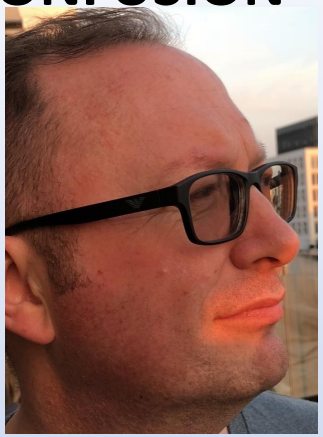

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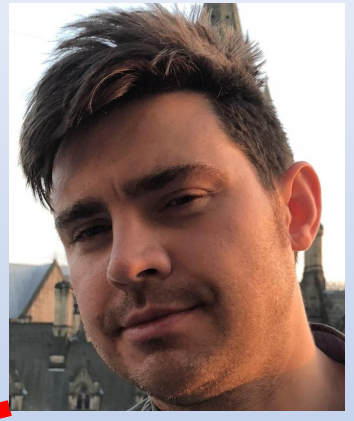

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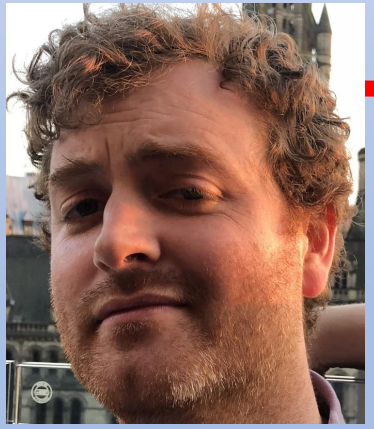

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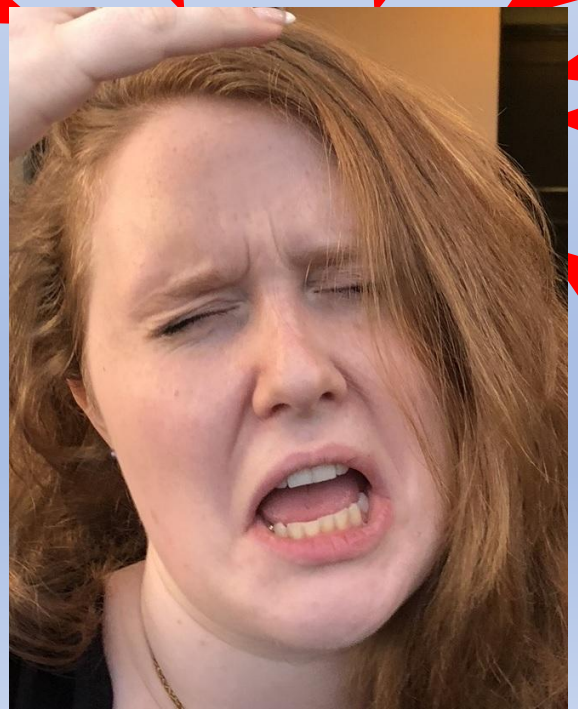

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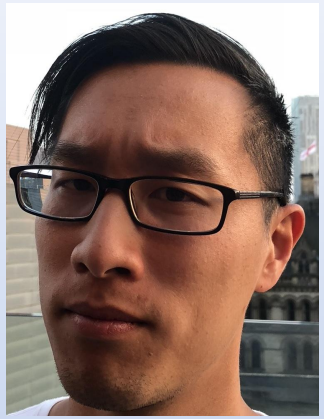

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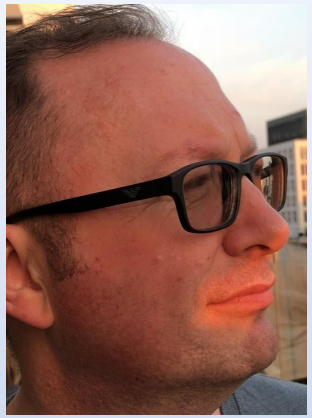

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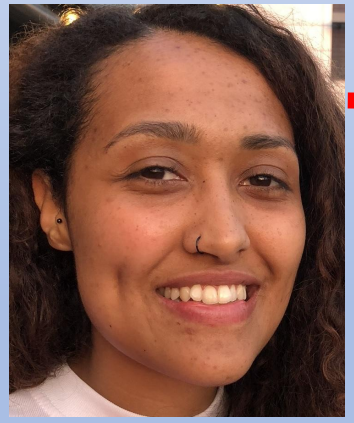

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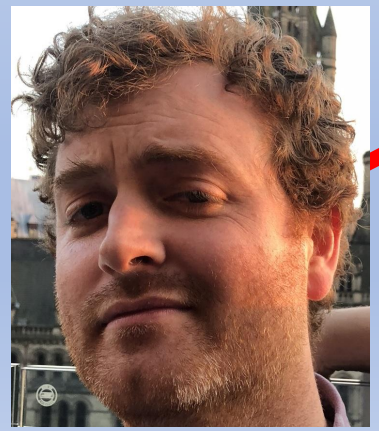

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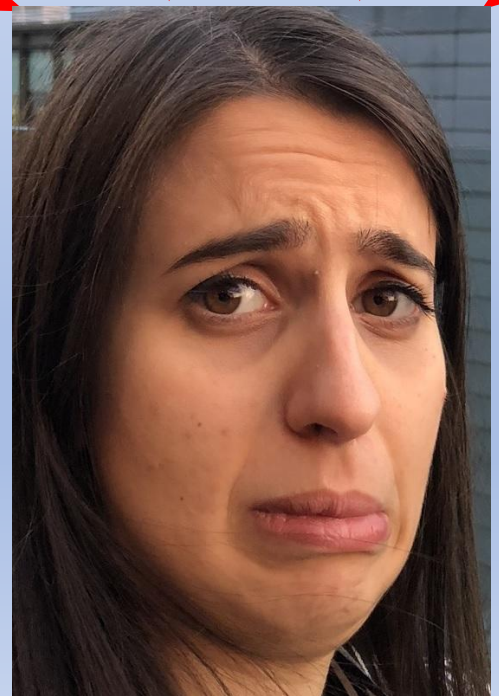

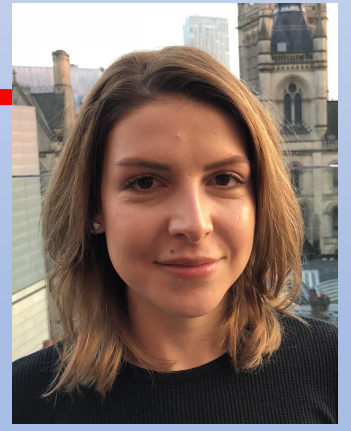

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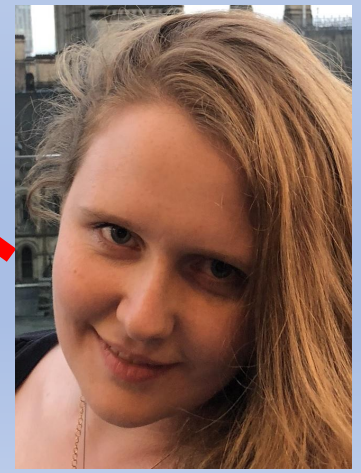

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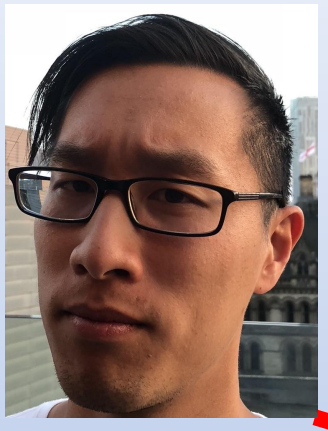

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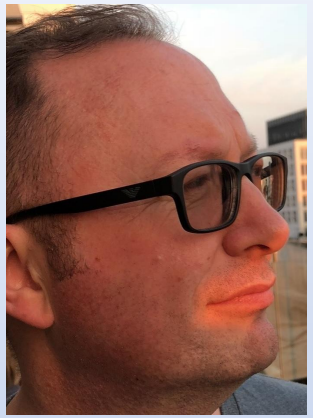

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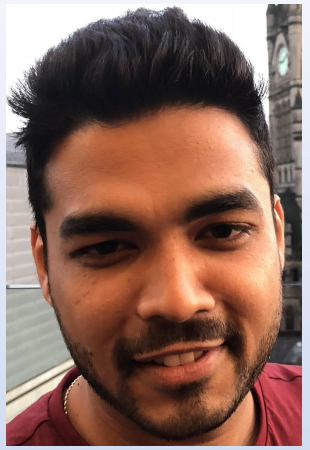

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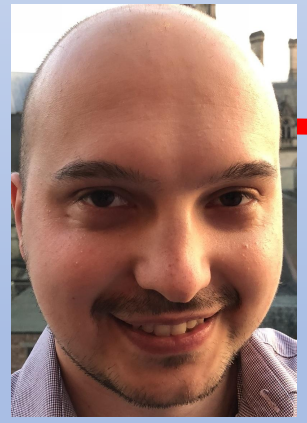

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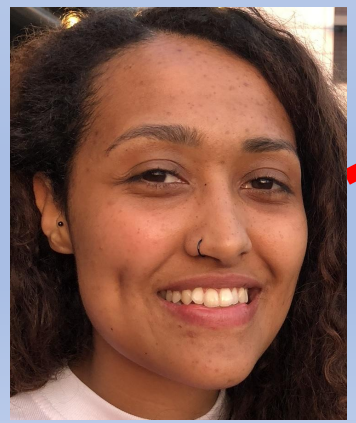

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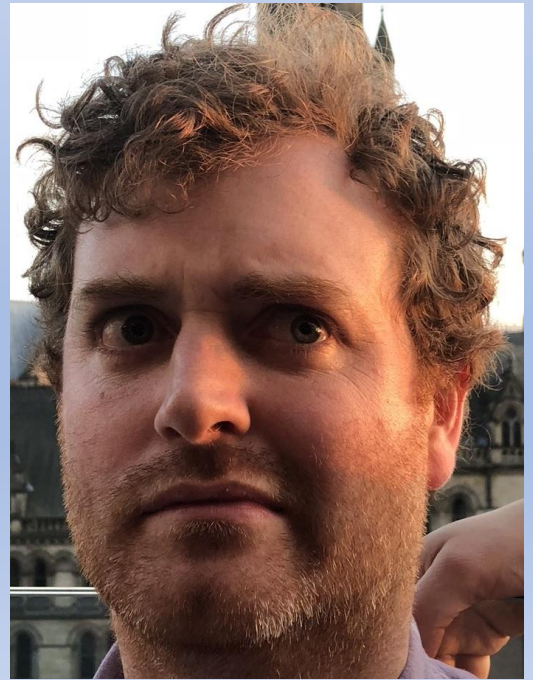

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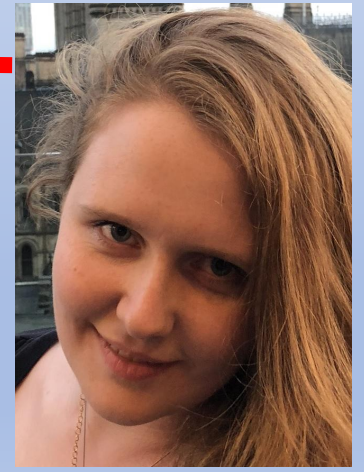

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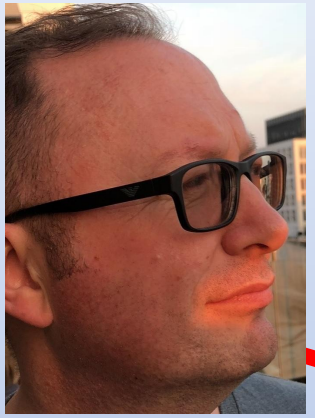

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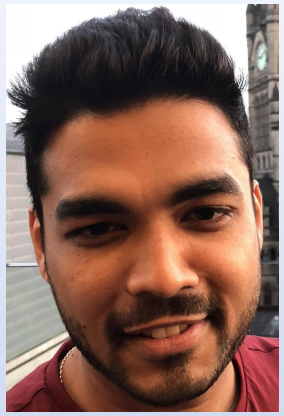

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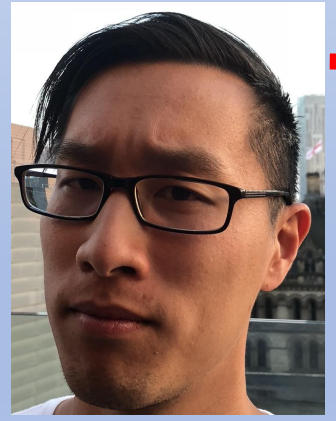

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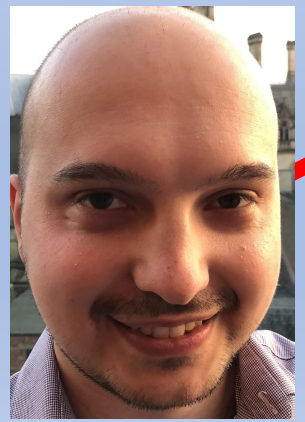

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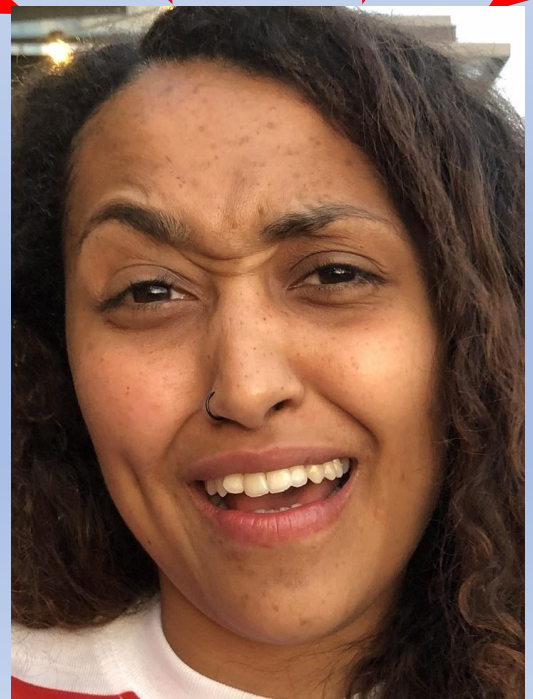

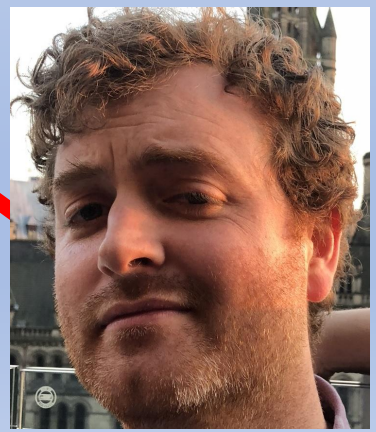

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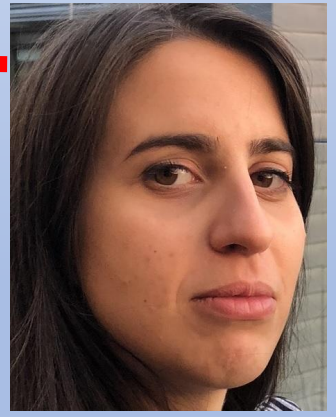

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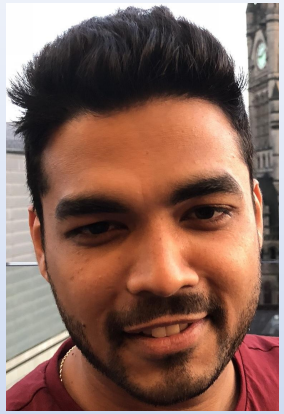
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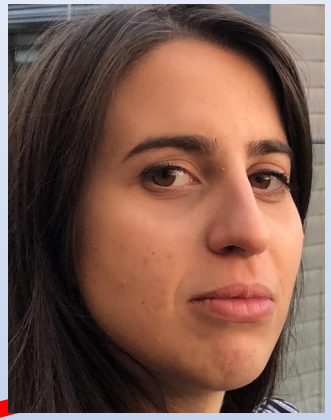
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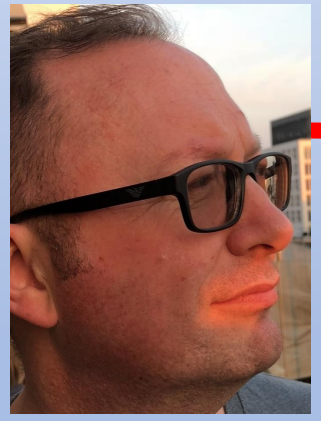
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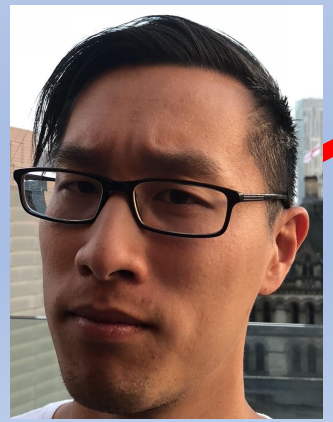
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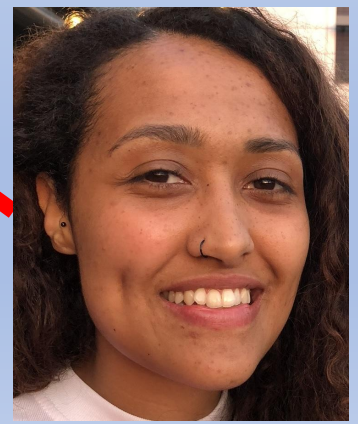
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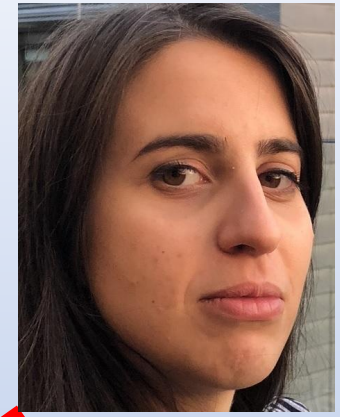

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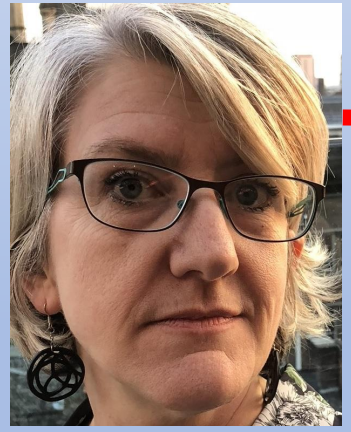

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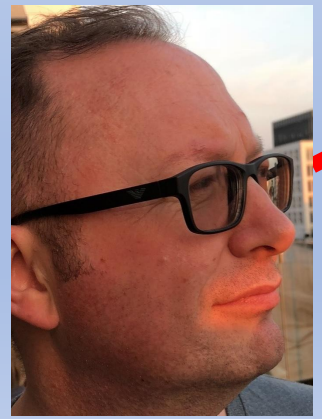

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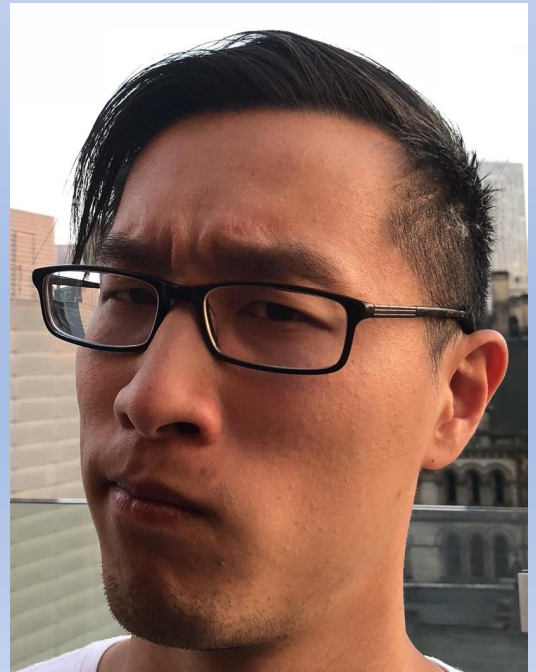

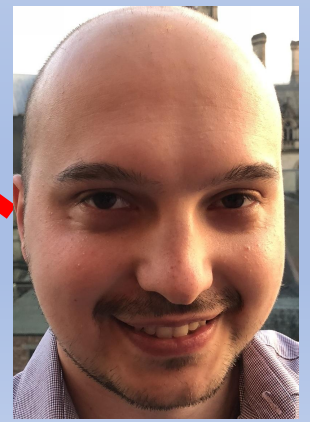

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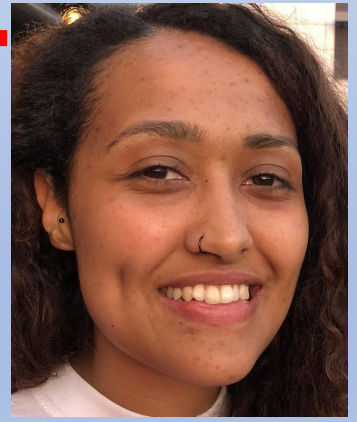

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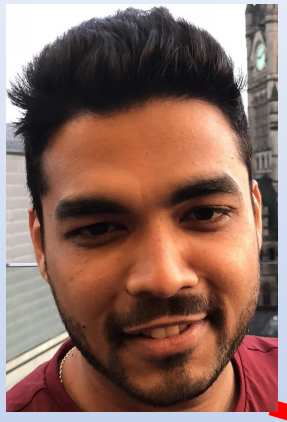

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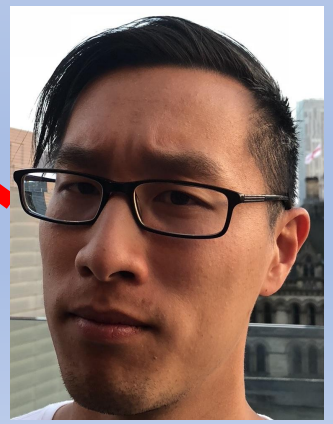

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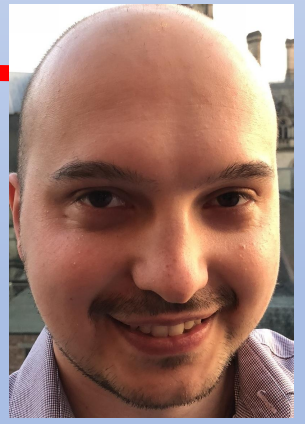

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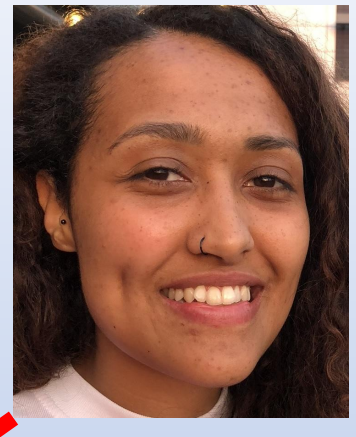

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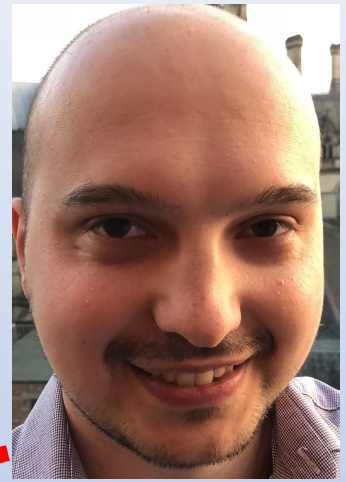

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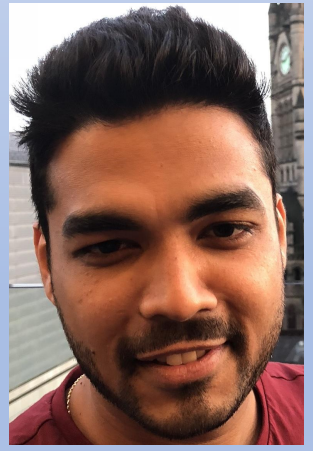

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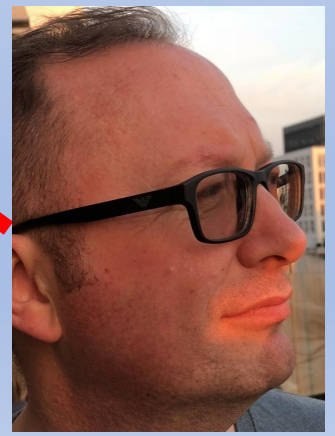

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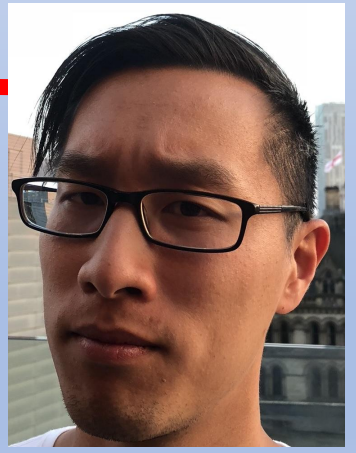

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Refactoring: Easier to understand / cheaper to modify

- Continuous
- Tiny low-risk steps
- Testable

Less likely when...

- Low compassion
- Unreasonable deadlines
- Unrealistically high standards
- Feeling guilt or shame

More likely with...

- COMPASSION
- Time
- Embrace imperfection
- Focus on tiny improvements (MMMSS)
- Believe in ourselves
- Find ways of enjoying what we do

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