



# Hacking Java EE

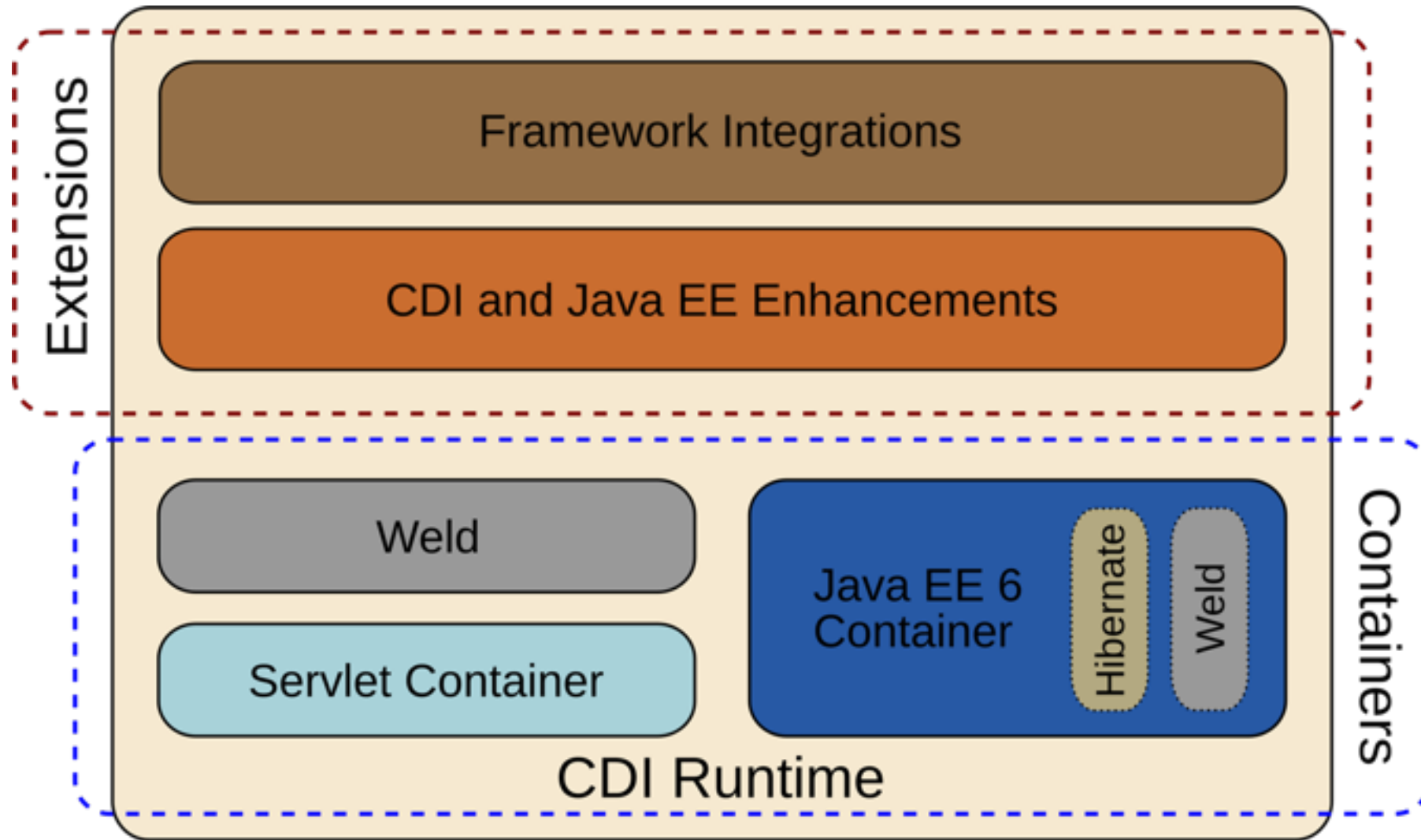
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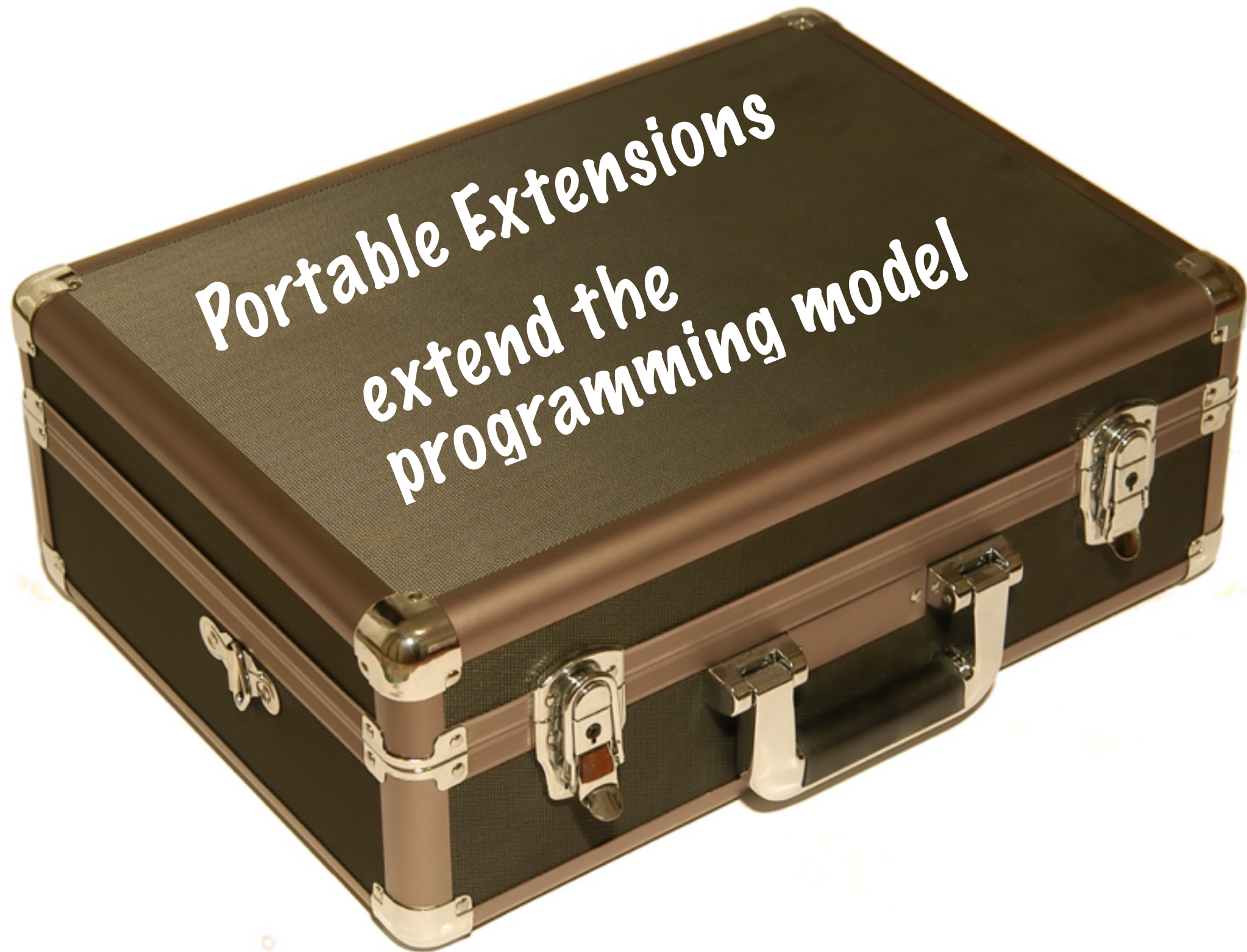
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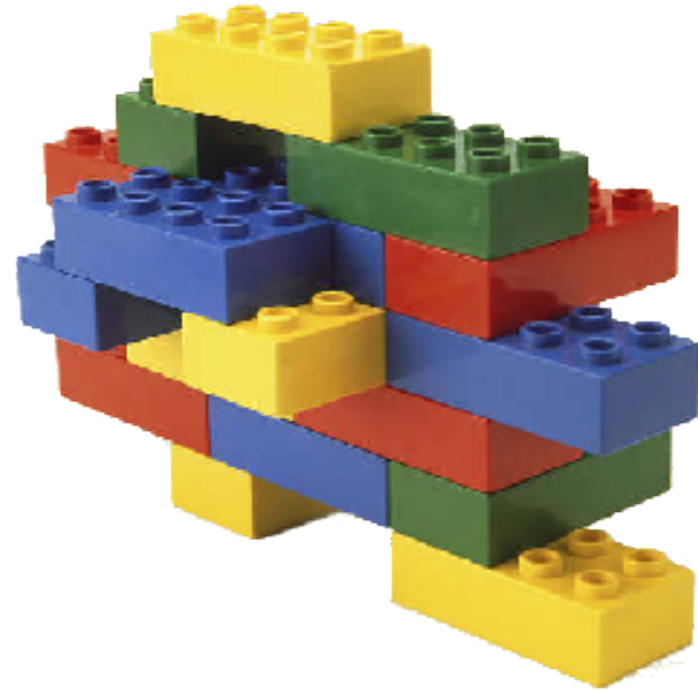
# Building on Common Ground





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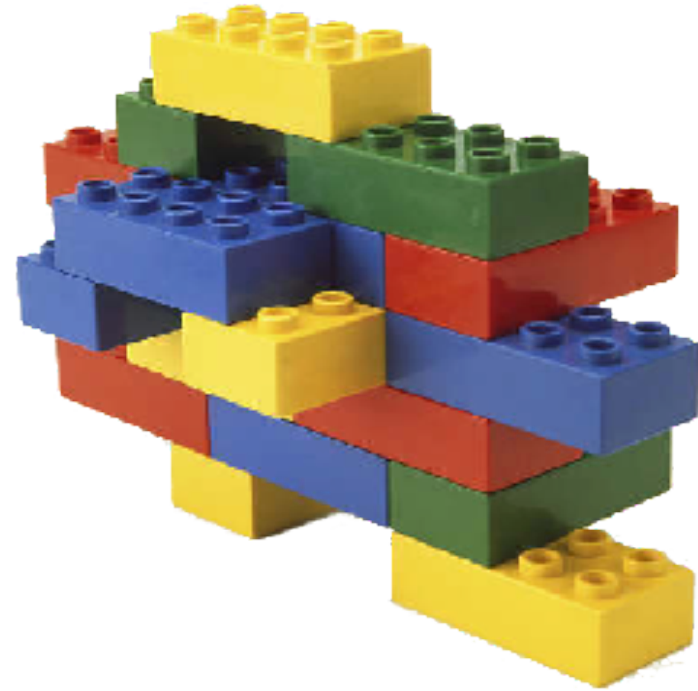
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Register extension

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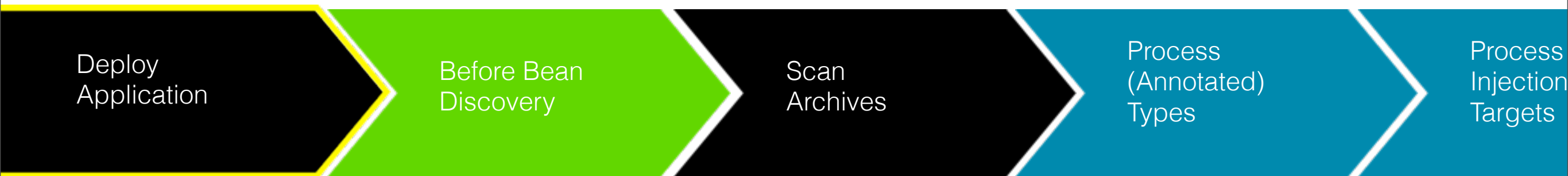
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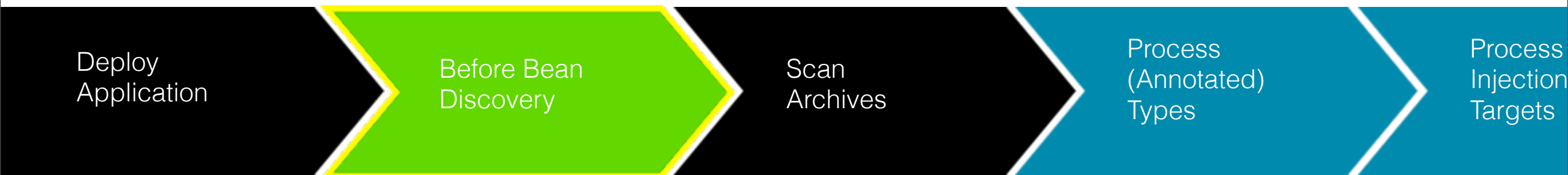
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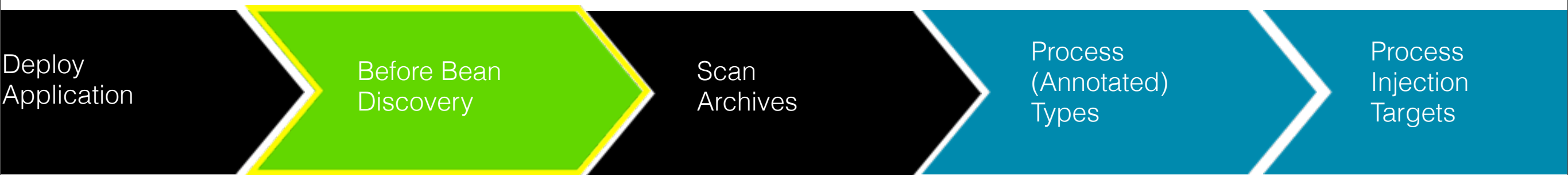


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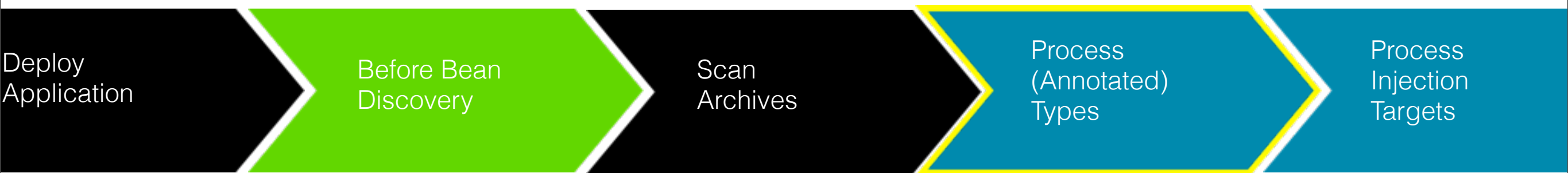
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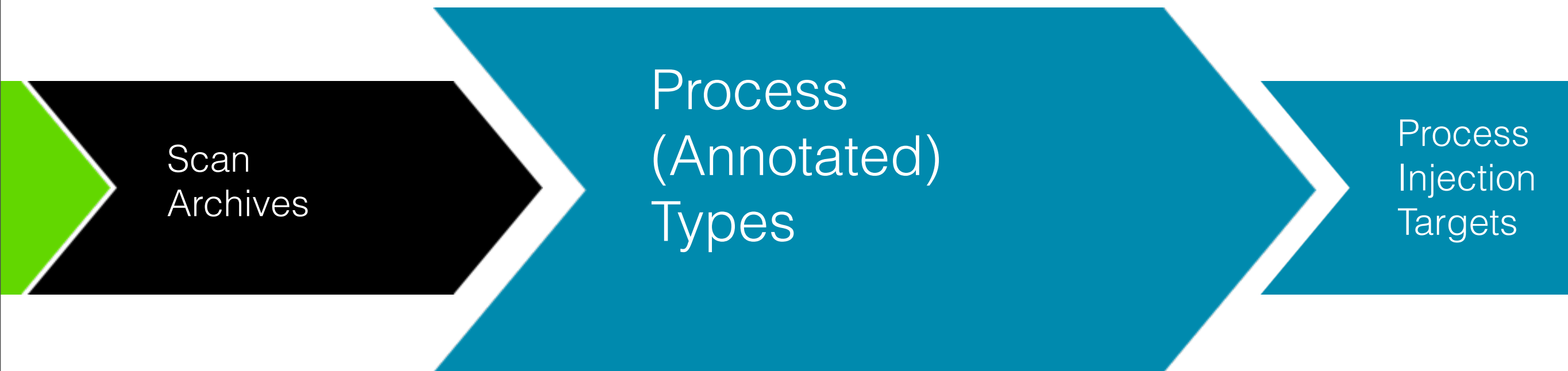
- + add scope
- + add annotated type
- + add qualifier
- + add interceptor binding
- + add stereotype











- + veto types and prevent further processing
- + replace annotated type

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+ prepare additional beans

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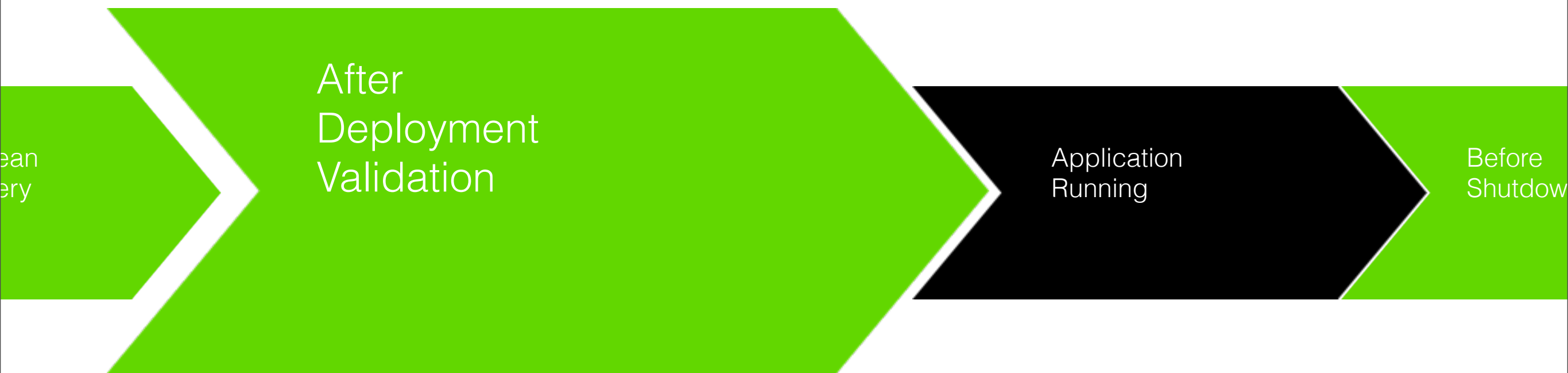


Process  
Producers

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- + add bean
- + add observer method
- + add context



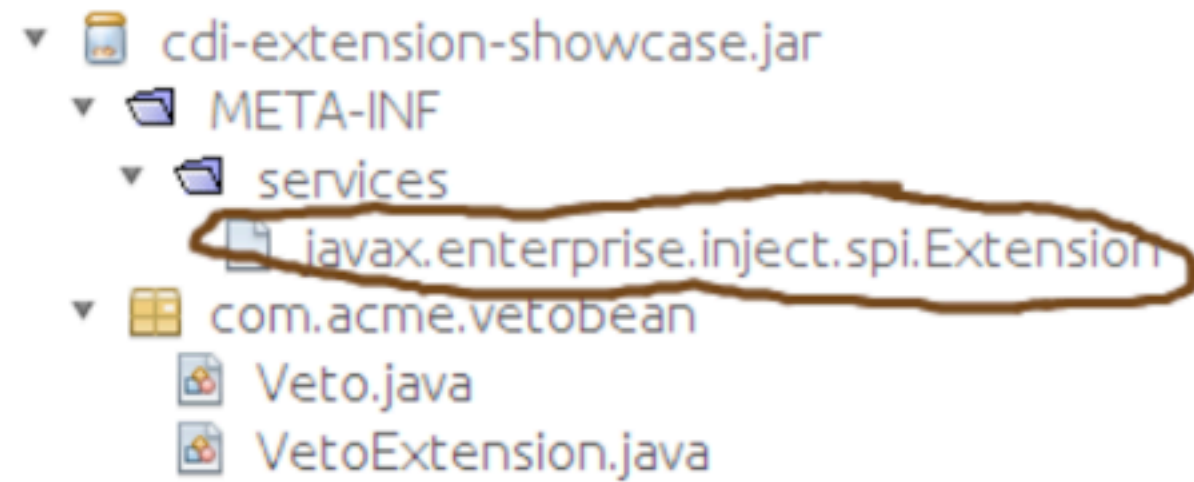
- + assessment
- + cleanup





A woman with dark brown hair and bangs is peeking over a large, plain white rectangular sign. Her eyes are wide and looking directly at the camera. Her hands are visible, gripping the top edge of the sign. The background is a solid, light gray.

**When is an extension  
recognized?**



**META-INF/services/javax.enterprise.inject.spi.Extension**

com.acme.vetobean.VetoExtension



# Extensions



**"All we have to decide is what  
to do with the beans that are  
given to us."**



# Extending Java EE

Portable extensions

Built-in components:  
beans, producers  
interceptors,  
decorators,  
observers

Servlet context listeners

Request listeners

Servlet filters

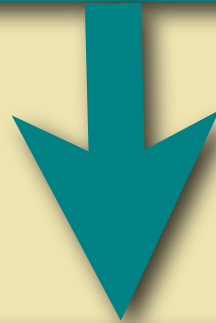
Entity listeners

System event  
listeners

Phase listeners



AnnotatedType




Bean



# Substituting bean metadata






A man's head is visible at the bottom center, peeking over a white surface. He has a surprised or overwhelmed expression. On either side of him are towering, chaotic stacks of papers and folders in various colors like yellow, orange, green, and pink. Above his head is a large grey thought bubble containing the text "I think I need to create an annotation...". Below the main bubble are two smaller, empty grey circles, one above the other, suggesting a sequence of thoughts or a continuation of the idea.

I think I need to create  
an annotation...



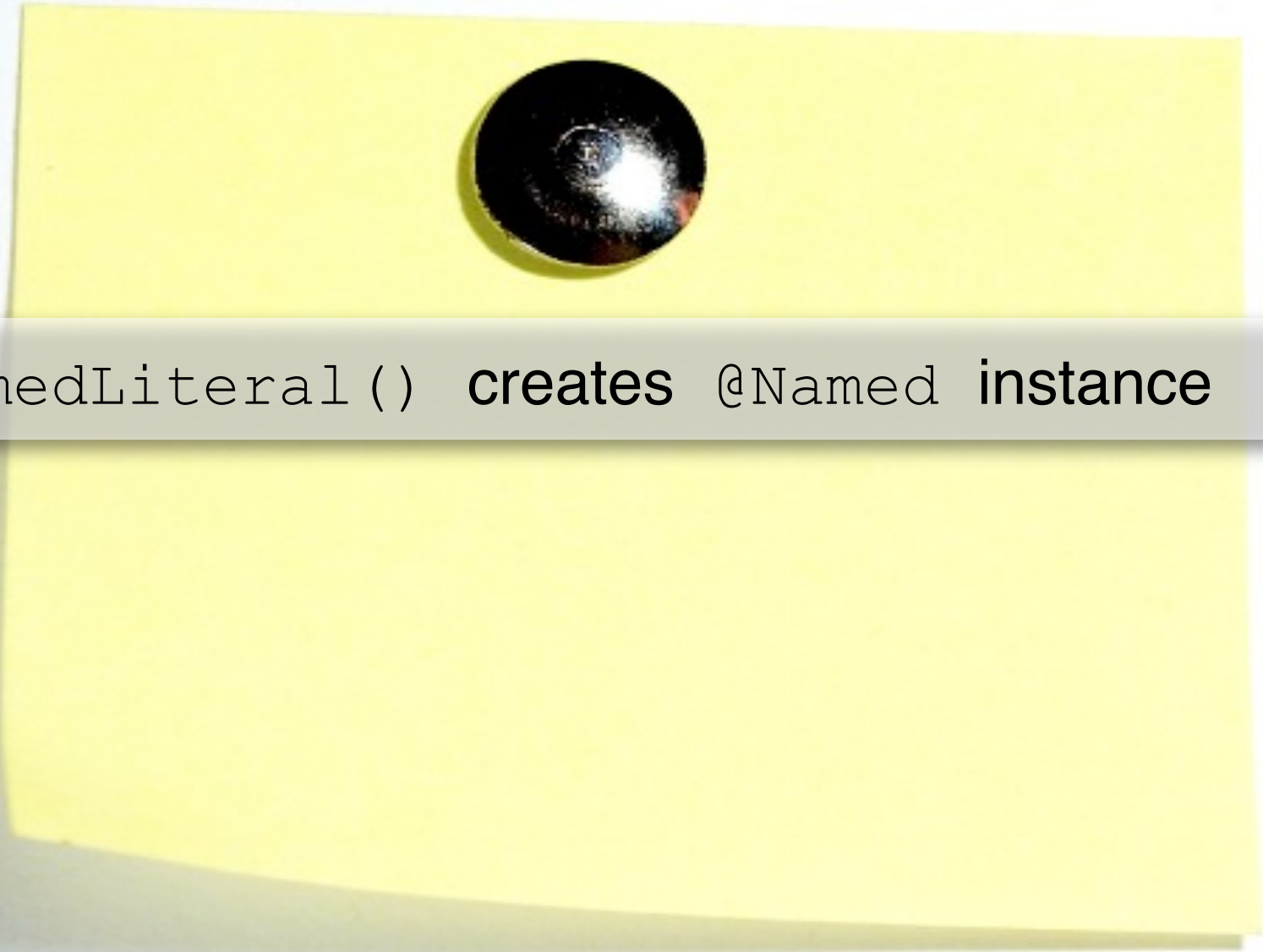


`new AnnotationLiteral<X>() {}` **creates** annotation X instance





```
new AnnotationLiteral<Named>() {} creates @Named instance
```



`new NamedLiteral()` creates @Named instance







# Seam Solder

**Generally usefully stuff for CDI applications.  
A swiss army knife for extension writers.**





**AnnotatedType builder**

**Bean builders**

**Annotation inspectors**

**Reflection utilities**

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**BeanManager locator**

**Annotation literals**  
(for standard annotations)

**Resource loading**

**Method injector**

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**Ah, but can  
we test it?**







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```
@RunWith(Arquillian.class)
public class GreeterTestCase {
    @Deployment
    public static JavaArchive createDeployment() {
        return ShrinkWrap.create(JavaArchive.class)
            .addClass(Greeter.class)
            .addAsManifestResource(EmptyAsset.INSTANCE, "beans.xml");
    }

    @Inject Greeter greeter;

    @Test
    public void shouldBeAbleToInvokeBean() throws Exception {
        Assert.assertEquals("Hello, Earthlings", greeter.greet("Earthlings"));
    }
}
```



# Extension Showcase

- Alias annotations
- Veto beans
- Register beans from third-party library
- Introduce behaviors to built-in annotations
- Override injection point types
- Bridge Servlet events to CDI
- Expose standard component as beans
- Emulate EJB services for managed beans
- Set conversation boundaries declaratively
- Initialize beans on application startup



# Who's writing extensions?



Seam 3 project - <http://seamframework.org/Seam3>

MyFaces CODI - [http://www.irian.at/myfaces\\_codi](http://www.irian.at/myfaces_codi)

SoftwareMill - <https://github.com/softwaremill/softwaremill-common>

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**You are!**



List your extension @  
<http://tinyurl.com/cdi-extensions>





CDI combines loose coupling with strong typing.

CDI makes Java EE flexible, portable and extensible.

CDI extensions make Java EE competitive and awesome!





# Q & A

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