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GRAILS 3 EVENTS FOR LOOSELY COUPLED AND REACTIVE APPLICATIONS

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN

REACTIVE?



Responsive



Resilient



Elastic



Message driven

ASYNC FEATURES IN GRAILS 2.X

- ▶ Promises
- ▶ Async GORM
- ▶ Async Requests Handling
- ▶ Servlet 3.0 async

**I WANT TO CREATE A LOOSELY
COUPLED APPLICATION WITH A
HIGH COHESION**

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COUPLING REVISED

ARTICLE CONTROLLER

SAVE()

SAVE TO DATABASE
WITH GORM

PUBLISH ON TWITTER

PUBLISH ON
FACEBOOK

NOTIFY CHIEF FOR
REVIEW (BY MAIL)

THESE QUALIFY FOR ASYNC PROCESSING

ARE THEY REALLY A CORE CONCERN OF THE ARTICLE
CONTROLLER?

**EVEN BY USING PROMISES WE
TIGHTLY COUPLE OUR
COMPONENTS**

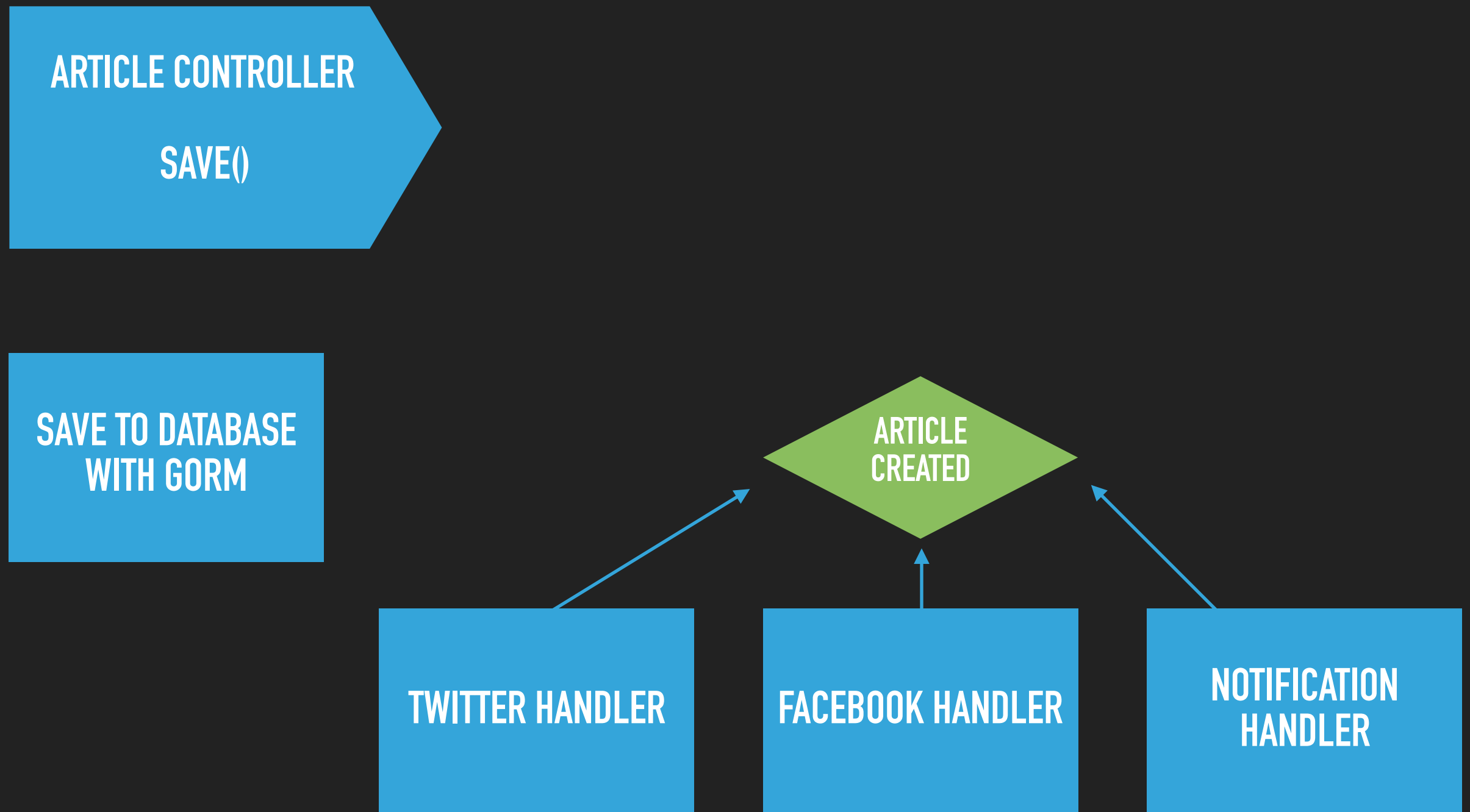
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LET'S BE HONEST

< THIS
IS THE ANATOMY OF A TYPICAL
SYSTEM AFTER A FEW YEARS

EVENTS: AN INTERESTING ALTERNATIVE



WHAT IS REACTOR

- ▶ Foundational Framework for asynchronous applications on the JVM
- ▶ Abstractions for Java, Groovy and other JVM languages
- ▶ Aims at making event and data-driven applications easier
- ▶ High performance (15.000.000 events / second with the fastest non-blocking dispatcher)
- ▶ <https://github.com/reactor/reactor>.

```
IMPORT STATIC REACTOR.FN.$;  
  
REACTOR REACTOR = R.CREATE();  
  
REACTOR.ON$("PARSE"), NEW  
CONSUMER<EVENT<STRING>>() {  
    PUBLIC VOID CALL(EVENT<STRING> EV) {  
        SERVICE.HANDLEEVENT(EV);  
    }  
});  
  
REACTOR.NOTIFY("PARSE", FN.EVENT("HELLO  
WORLD!"));
```

THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS ARE:

SELECTORS, CONSUMERS AND EVENTS

REACTOR IN GRAILS 3

- ▶ Configuration
- ▶ Consuming Events
- ▶ Sending Events
- ▶ Events trait for Services and Controllers
- ▶ Spring Annotations
- ▶ Events trait for other classes (that aren't Services or Controllers)
- ▶ GORM Events
- ▶ Spring Events

CONFIGURATION IN APPLICATION.YML

reactor:

dispatchers:

default: myExecutor

myExecutor:

type: threadPoolExecutor

size: 5

backlog: 2048

CONSUMING EVENTS WITH CONSUMERS AND SELECTORS

```
on("myEvent") {  
    println "Event fired!"  
}
```

```
on(„articlePublishedEvent“) { Article article ->  
    //do something with the article  
}
```

SERVICES AND CONTROLLERS IMPLEMENT THE EVENTS TRAIT

```
class EventController {  
    @PostConstruct  
    void init()  
    {  
        on("articlePublished") { payload ->  
            println "article published "  
        }  
    }  
    ...  
}
```


SERVICES MUST BE ANNOTATED WITH @CONSUMER

@Transactional

@Consumer

class TwitterService{

 @PostConstruct

 void init()

 {

 on("articlePublished") { payload ->

 println "article published"

 }

 }

}

YOU CAN ALSO USE SPRING ANNOTATIONS FOR SELECTORS

@Transactional

@Consumer

```
class TwitterService{
    @Selector('articlePublished')
    void publishArticleOnTwitter()
    {
        ....
    }
}
```

EVENTS OF NON-SERVICE OR -CONTROLLER CLASSES

```
@Component
```

```
@Consumer
```

```
class TwitterPublisher implements Events {
```

```
    @PostConstruct
```

```
    void init()
```

```
    {
```

```
        on("articlePublished") { payload ->
```

```
            println "article published"
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

YOU CAN EVEN REACT TO EVENTS FROM GORM

- ▶ gorm:preInsert
- ▶ gorm:postInsert
- ▶ gorm:preDelete
- ▶ gorm:postDelete
- ▶ gorm:preLoad
- ▶ gorm:postLoad
- ▶ gorm:preUpdate
- ▶ gorm:postUpdate
- ▶ gorm:saveOrUpdate
- ▶ gorm:datastoreInitialized
- ▶ gorm:validation

```
on("gorm:preInsert") { PreInsertEvent e ->  
    //do something with the event  
}
```

GORM EVENTS ARE ASYNCHRONOUS: THEY CAN'T MODIFY PERSISTENCE OPERATIONS

SPRING ALSO FIRES EVENTS

```
on("spring:applicationStarted") { ApplicationStartedEvent event ->  
    // ....  
}
```

```
on("spring:servletRequestHandled") { RequestHandledEvent event ->  
    // ....  
}
```



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**LET'S GET OUR
HANDS DIRTY**

THANK YOU!

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Example: <https://github.com/mploed/grails-event-example>