



BUZZWORD COMPLIANCE

Buzzword Compliance

- 3 Slides Per Buzzword
- High Signal To Noise
- Breadth Over Depth
- ★ About EXPLORING Python

Buzzword Compliance

*The
Python
Language*

**Library Building Blocks
(GAMES & GRAPHICS)**

Big Honking Frameworks
(Web Application Frameworks)

★ All are part of Python



LEARNING PYTHON

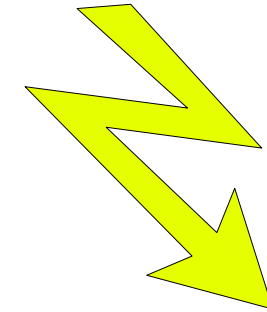
Learning Python

- The Quick Reference Sheet
- Python Tutorial
- Python Challenge
- ★ A Cycle of Learning

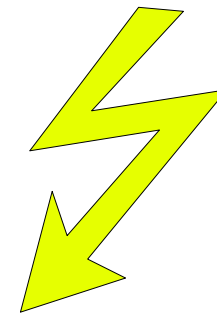
Learning Python



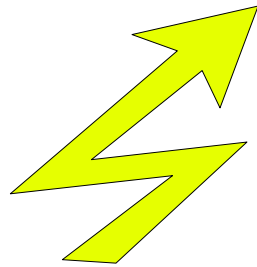
GENERAL READING



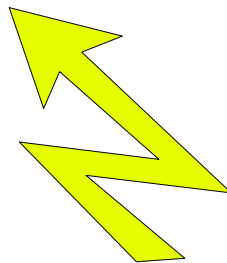
CODE!



EXPLORE LIBRARIES



USE NEW TOOLS



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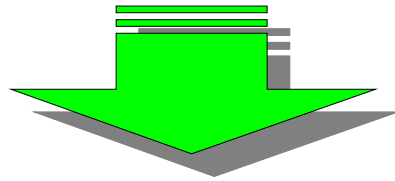
LIST
COMPREHENSIONS

List Comprehensions

- A Cool Idiom of Python
- Enables Conciseness
- Obviates *map*, *filter*, *reduce*
- ★ Unrolls into Simple Loops

List Comprehensions

```
lost = sum([c.billed - c.paid for c  
in customers if c.is_deadbeat()])
```



```
l = []  
for c in customers:  
    if c.is_deadbeat():  
        l.append(c.billed - c.paid)  
lost = sum(l)
```



EXECUTING MODULES

Executing Modules

- Import runs code, once.
- ***def*** is just a statement
- Use to precalculate stuff
- ★ Python just runs scripts in namespaces

Executing Modules

```
class C:  
    print "Hello from C"  
    def help_make_table(size):  
        ...  
c_table = help_make_table(64)  
del help_make_table
```



DECORATORS

Decorators

- Wraps methods with new functionality
- Useful for logging, security, etc.
- Clean Syntax for use
- ★ Unrolls to simple code

Decorators

```
from decorator import decorator
@decorator
def trace(f, *args, **kw):
    print "call %s with args %s, %s"
    % (f.func_name, args, kw)
    return f(*args, **kw)

@trace
def buggy_function(a, b, c)
```





METACLASSES

Metaclasses

- The superclass '*type*' of classes
- Changes functionality of Python
- Adds complexity to entire project
- ★ Shiny things can be traps

Metaclasses

```
class Midnight_Hack(type):
    def __new__(cls, name, bases, ats):
        for a,v in ats.items():
            # post-process ats...
        return type.__new__(cls, name,
                             bases,ats)

class Innocent_PEP_3115(P3000):
    __metaclass__ = Midnight_Hack
```

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UNICODE

Unicode

- Represents **every** human language
- Breaks all ASCII rules
- Designed by Committee
- ★ Real world adds constraints

Unicode

UNICODE: Universal Character Set; The Unicode Standard book; character encodings; enumerate properties; text normalization; decomposition; collation; bidirectional display order; Unicode Consortium; Ligatures; orthographic rules; sidebearing; macron; WGL-4; Multilingual European Subsets MES-1/2/3a/3b; replacement character; LastResort font; UTF-8; codec.open(); ISO 14755; C0 and C1 control codes; Han unification versus TRON; GB-18030; Binary Ordered Compression; Basic Multilingual Plane; UnicodeDecoderError on str.encode() contrasted with UnicodeEncoderError on str.decode(); endianness external metadata; PunyCode; graphemes; syllabaries; ConScript Unicode Registry; Universal Transformation Format versus Universal Character Set mappings; Private Use Area; Hangul Jamo; radicals

★ **Just “make peace” with Unicode**



PYTHON

3000

Python 3000

- Incremental not Revolutionary
- Need to read old code
- Available as Alpha (3.02a)
- ★ Guido exercises restraint

Python 3000

Function Annotations PEP-3107

```
def create_map(x: "in map units",  
              y: "in map units",  
              walls: "2D boolean array (x by y)  
with True meaning a wall",  
              pixel_width: "number of pixels per  
map unit") -> "Graphical PNG map"
```

```
def random_map(x: Coord, y: Coord) ->  
Image:
```



Libraries



Python Imaging Library (PIL)

Python Imaging Library (PIL)

- Reads and Writes Image Formats
- Rock solid with 250 formats
- Interactive image manipulation
- ★ Not all 'batteries included'.

Python Imaging Library

```
import Image
```

```
im = Image.open("cool.jpg")
```

```
im = im.resize(128,128).rotate(90)
```

```
im.save("cool.png")
```

```
(r,g,b) = im.split()
```

```
(x,y) = im.size
```

```
im.show()
```

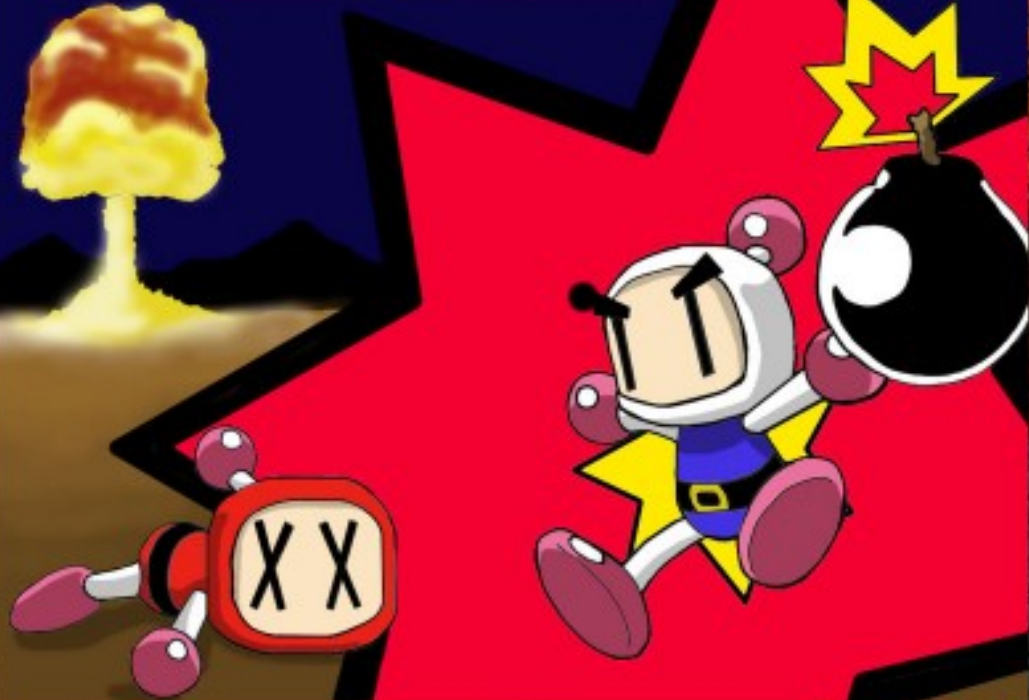
pygame



PyGame

- Easy 2D Game Engine
- Aggressively cross platform
- Continuous contests
- ★ Sometimes static != static

FRINKIAC-7 PYBOMBER





soya

Soya 3D

- Full 3D Game Engine (almost)
- Uses Pyrex for linking modules
- Slow and forked with PySoy
- ★ Avoid Python centric bias



BOOP

Python OGRE

- Game Engine From Wrappings
- Uses Py++ to make Python bindings
- OGRE is popular
- ★ Sometimes a “Mash-up” is best

Python OGRE

- **Rendering** (OGRE 3d + Forests/sky/terrain)
- **I/O** (Object Oriented Input System or OIS)
- **GUI** (Crazy Eddie GUI & Navi & BetaGUI)
- **Sound** (OgreAL & Plib + Noise)
- **Physics** (NxOgre / PhysX, OgreODE / ODE, OgreNewt / Newton, OgreBullet / Bullet)
- Networking (Plib)
- Video (Theora, OgreDshow, ffmpeg)



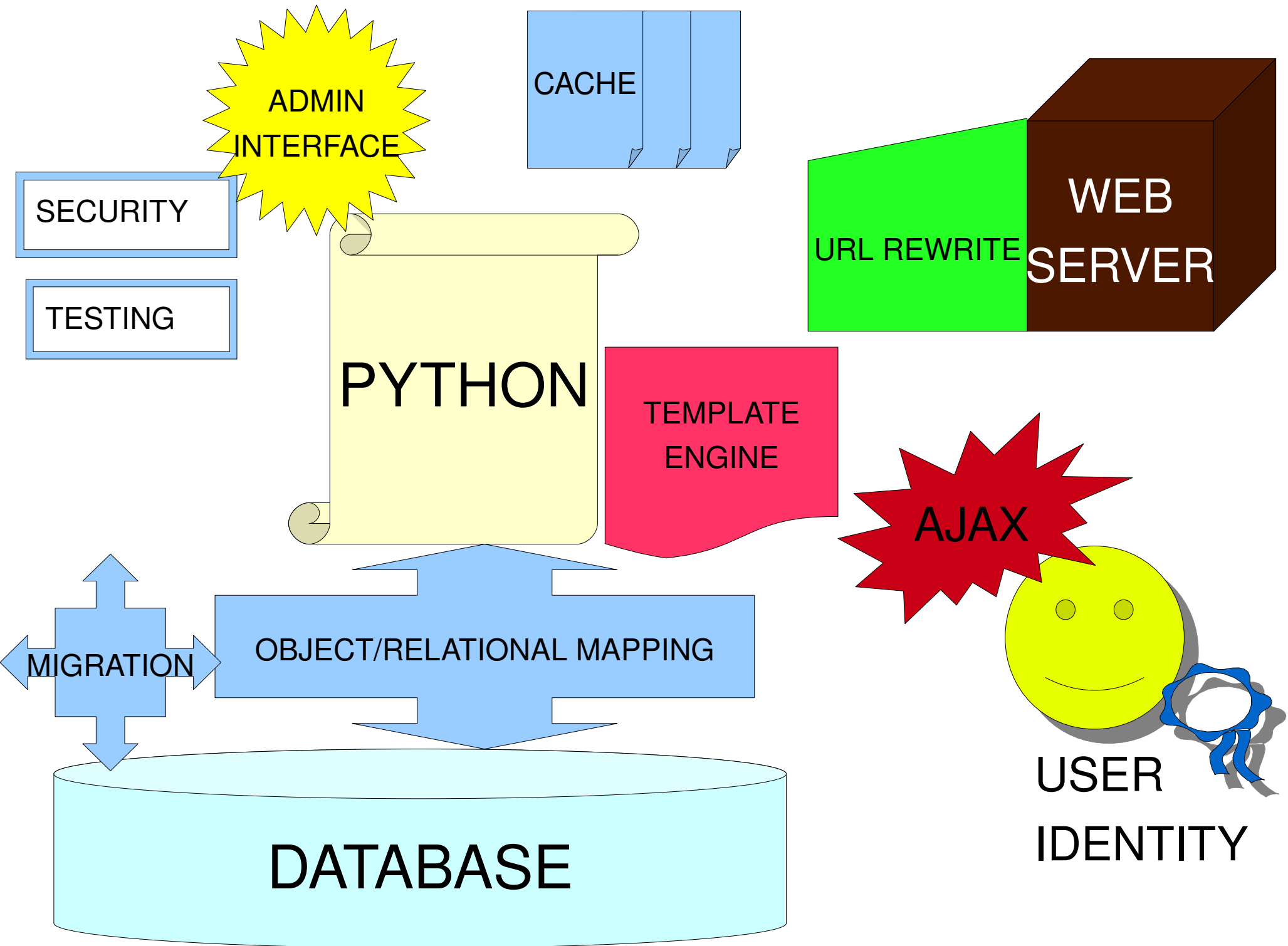
Frameworks



Web Application Frameworks

Web Application Servers

- Deploy Web Applications
- Pile of Parts
- Dozens of Choices
- ★ Indecision Breeds Religious Arguments

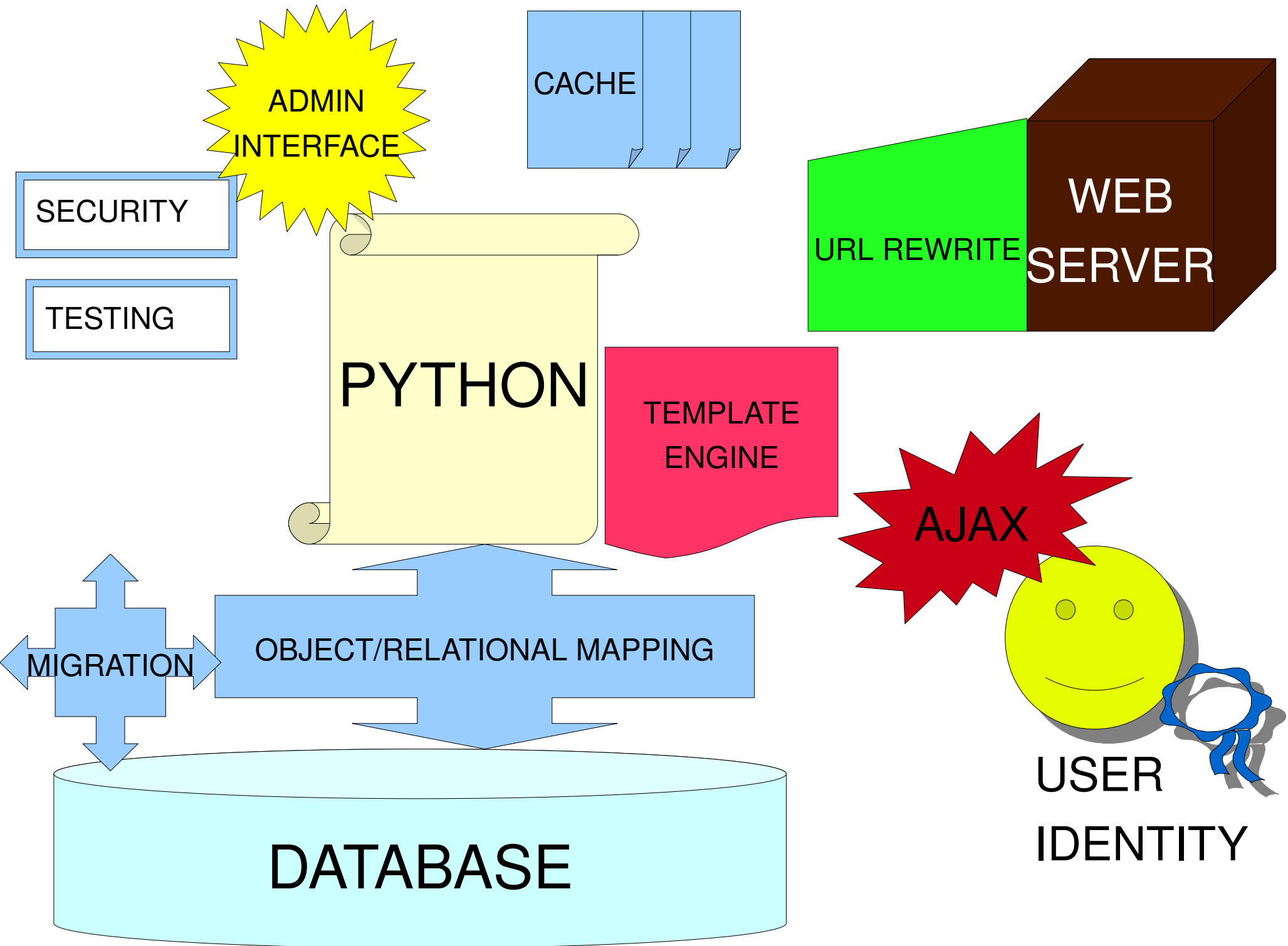


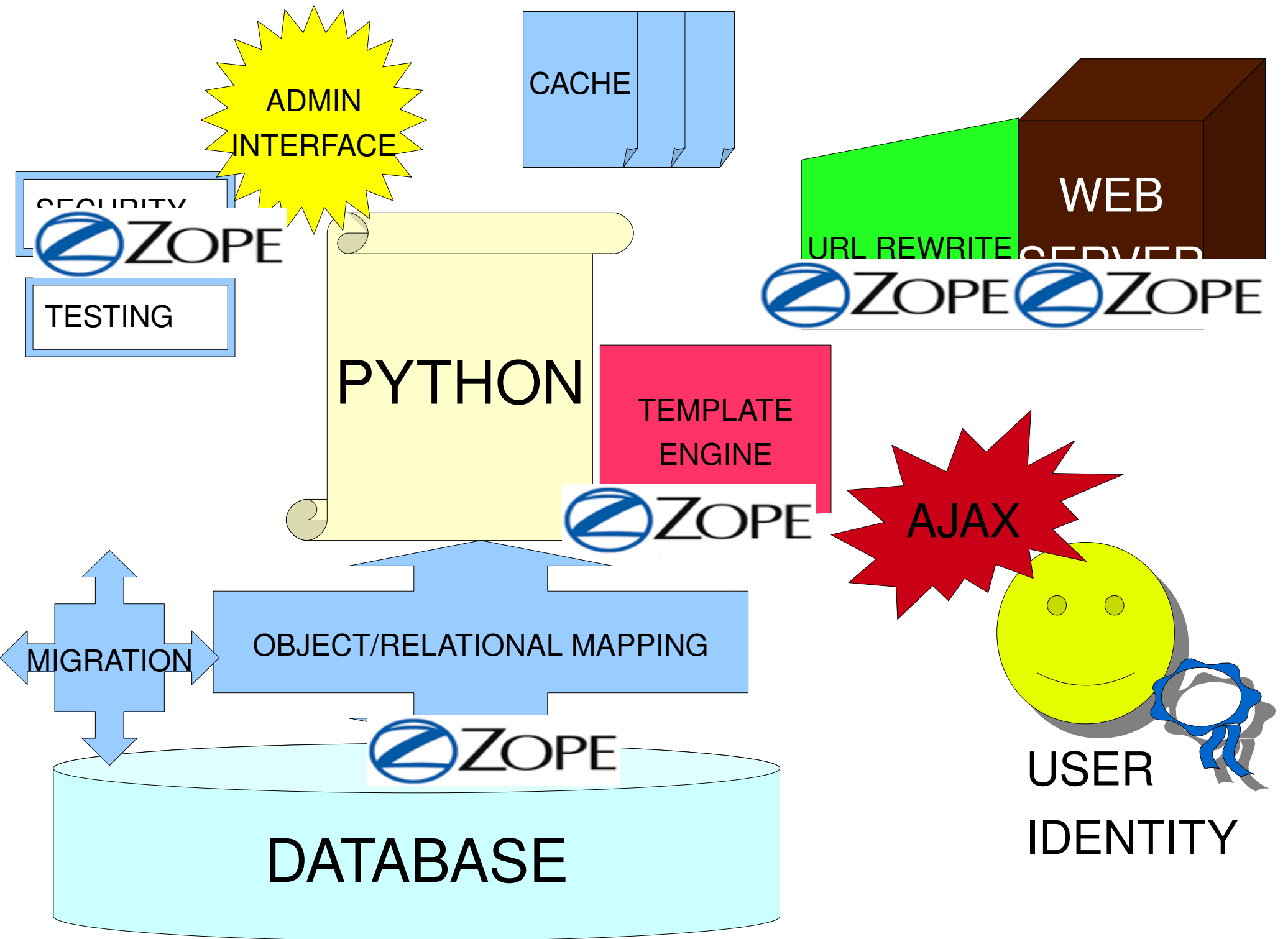


ZOPE

Zope

- Scalable Since 1995
- Full web based interface
- Zope 2 and Zope 3
- ★ Success is its own reward

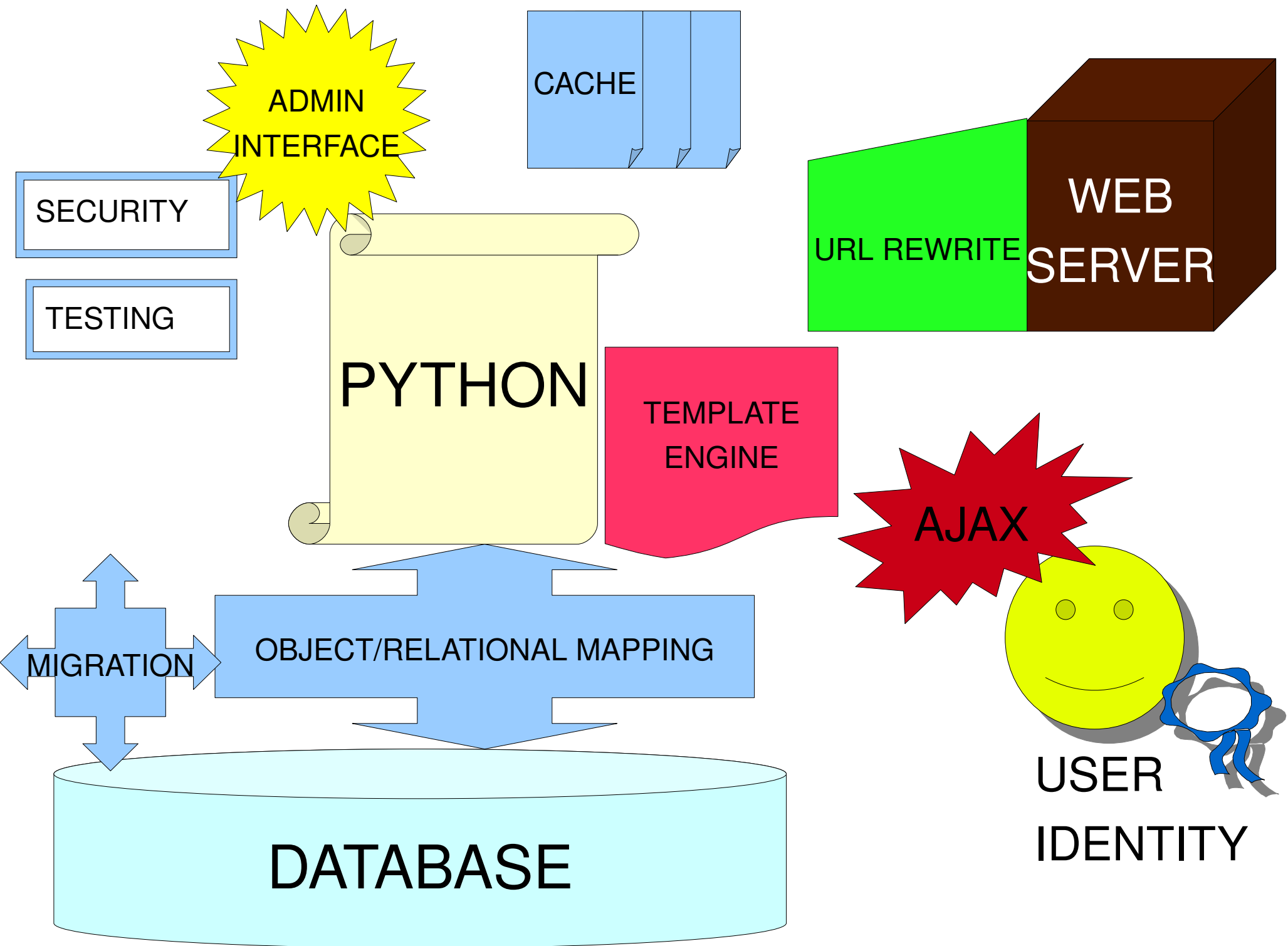


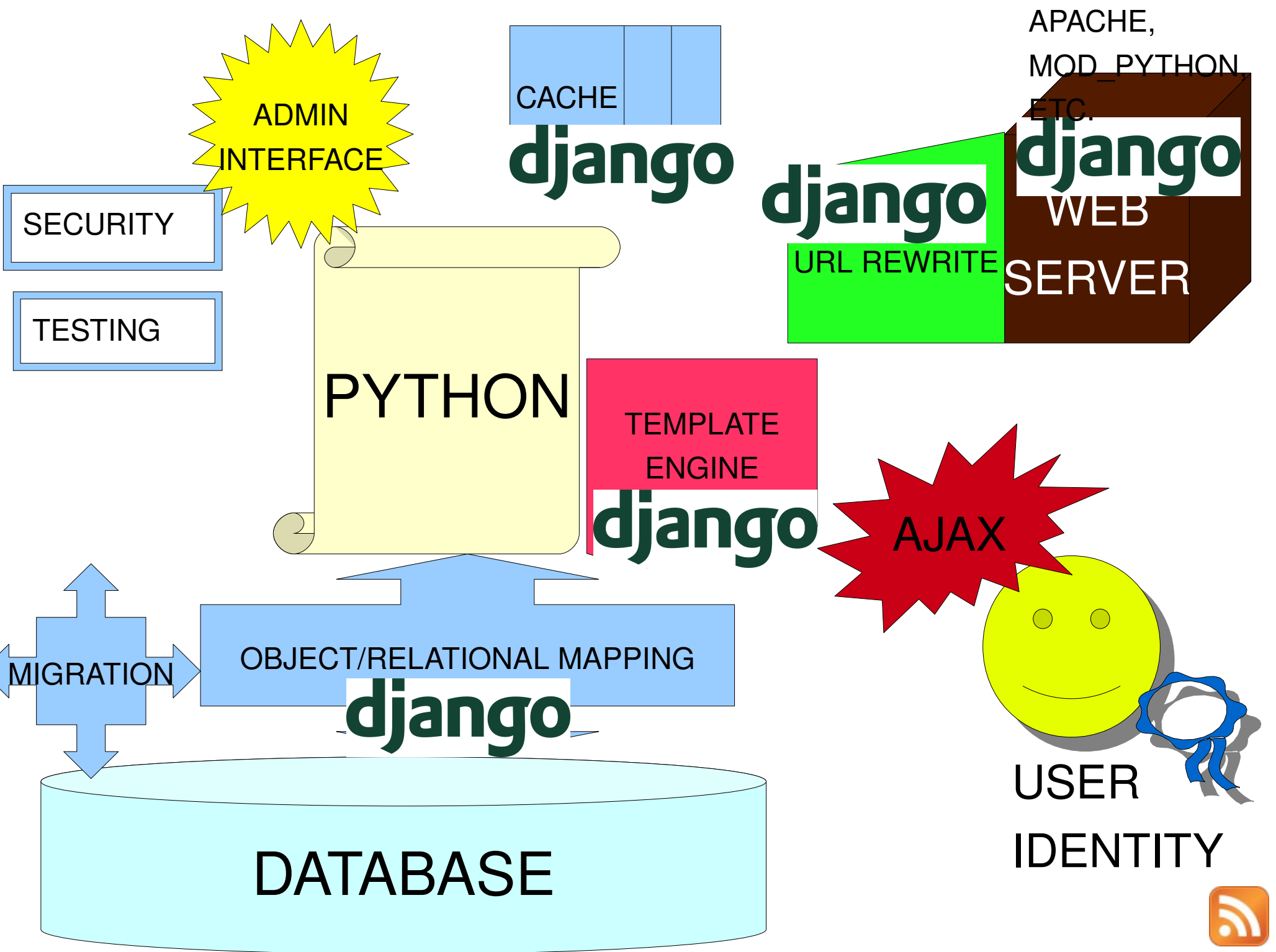


djanggo

Django

- Emphasis on *Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY)*
- Interactive console
- Unfortunate naming, e.g., MVC
- ★ Confusion Comes From Names





CACHE

django

APACHE,
MOD_PYTHON
ETC.

django

WEB
SERVER

django

URL REWRITE

ADMIN
INTERFACE

SECURITY

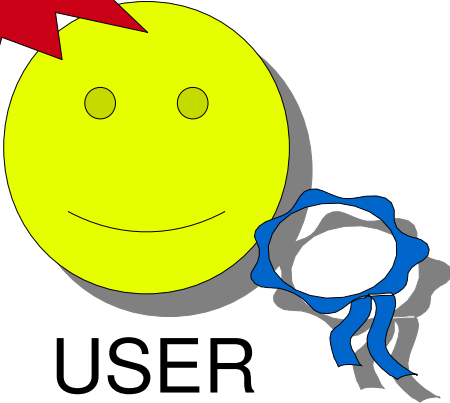
TESTING

PYTHON

TEMPLATE
ENGINE

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AJAX



USER
IDENTITY

OBJECT/RELATIONAL MAPPING

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MIGRATION

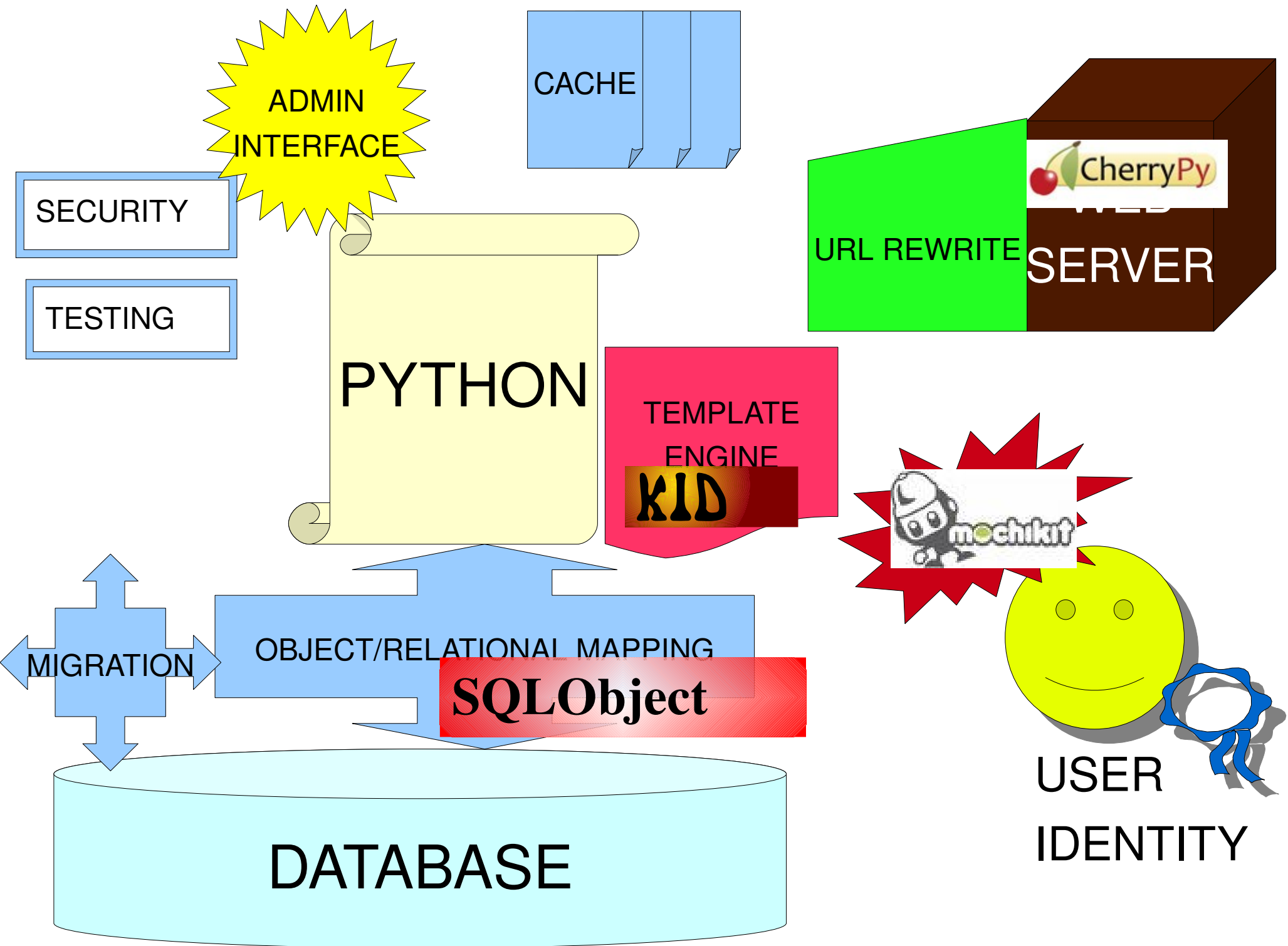
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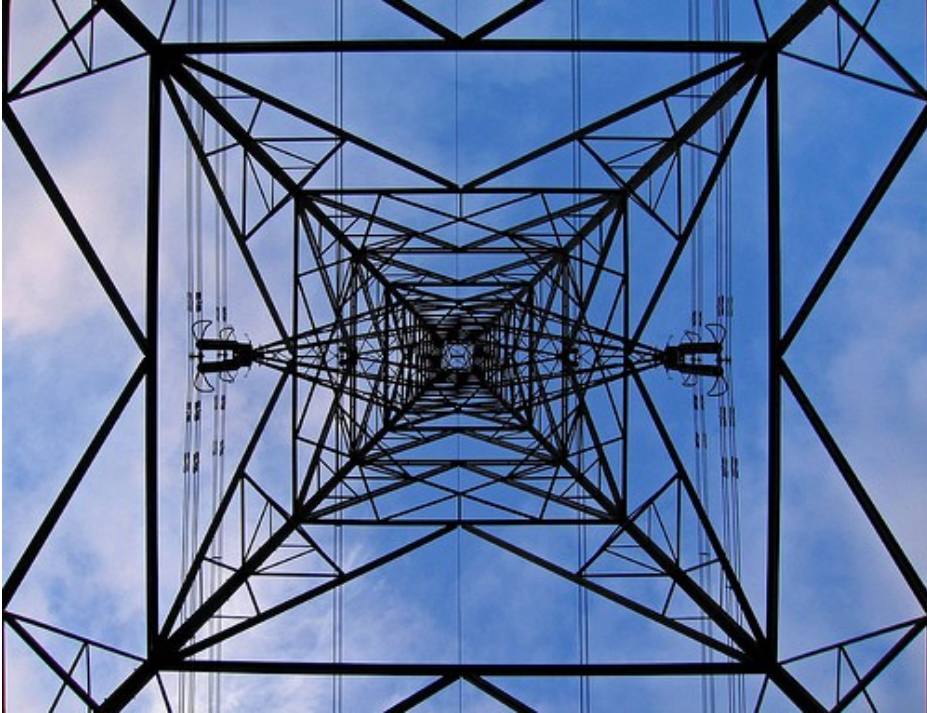




TurboGears

- Assembled from more parts
- More screencasts
- Still fairly young
- ★ Outreach Makes People Happy





Pylons

Pylons

- Reimplements Ruby on Rails
- Lots of Code Generators
- Flexibly Assembled with Python Paste
- ★ Flexibility has its limits



Content Management Systems

Content Management Systems

- Web Site Publishing
- On top of Web Application Servers
- One Serious Choice
- ★ Great When It Just Works!



Plone

Plone

- Built on Zope
- Strong Support Base
- Archetypes and Extendable Content Types
- ★ Right Design Helps a Lot

Plone





Finished!

Summary

- Keep Exploring Python
- Wikipedia is Your Friend
- Ignore Version Numbers
- ★ Learn until you are dead and buried.

Summary

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