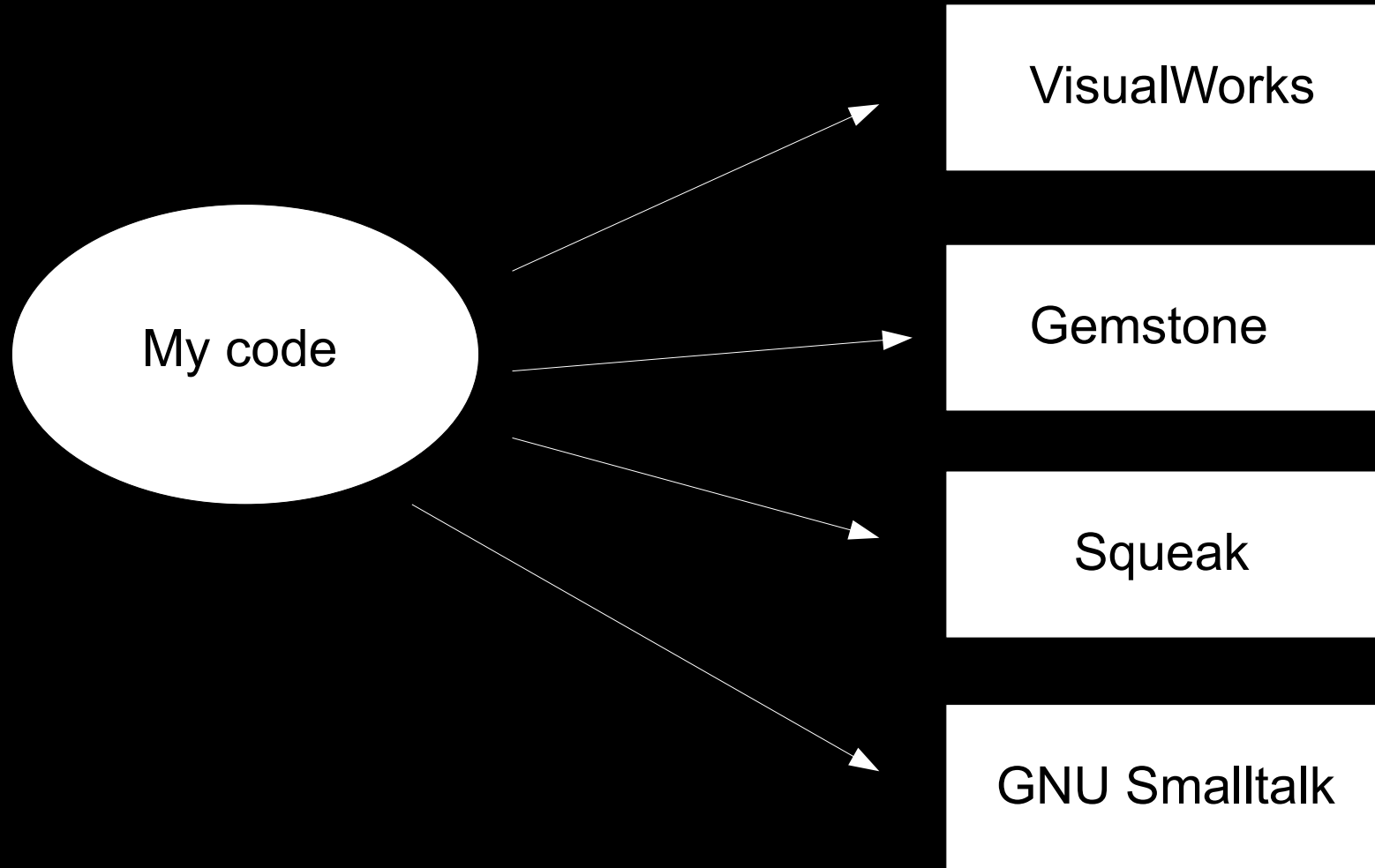# Smalltalk Standards Project

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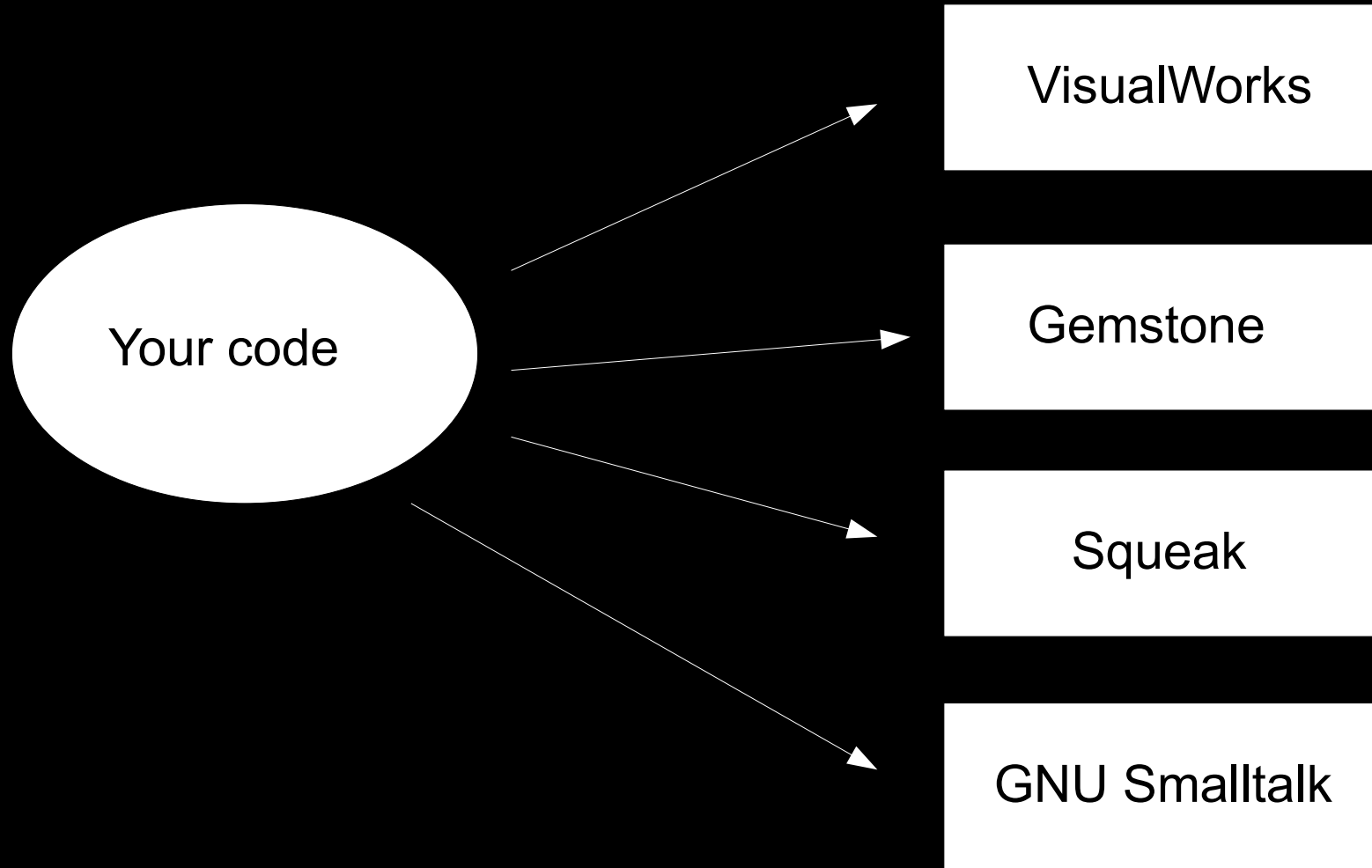
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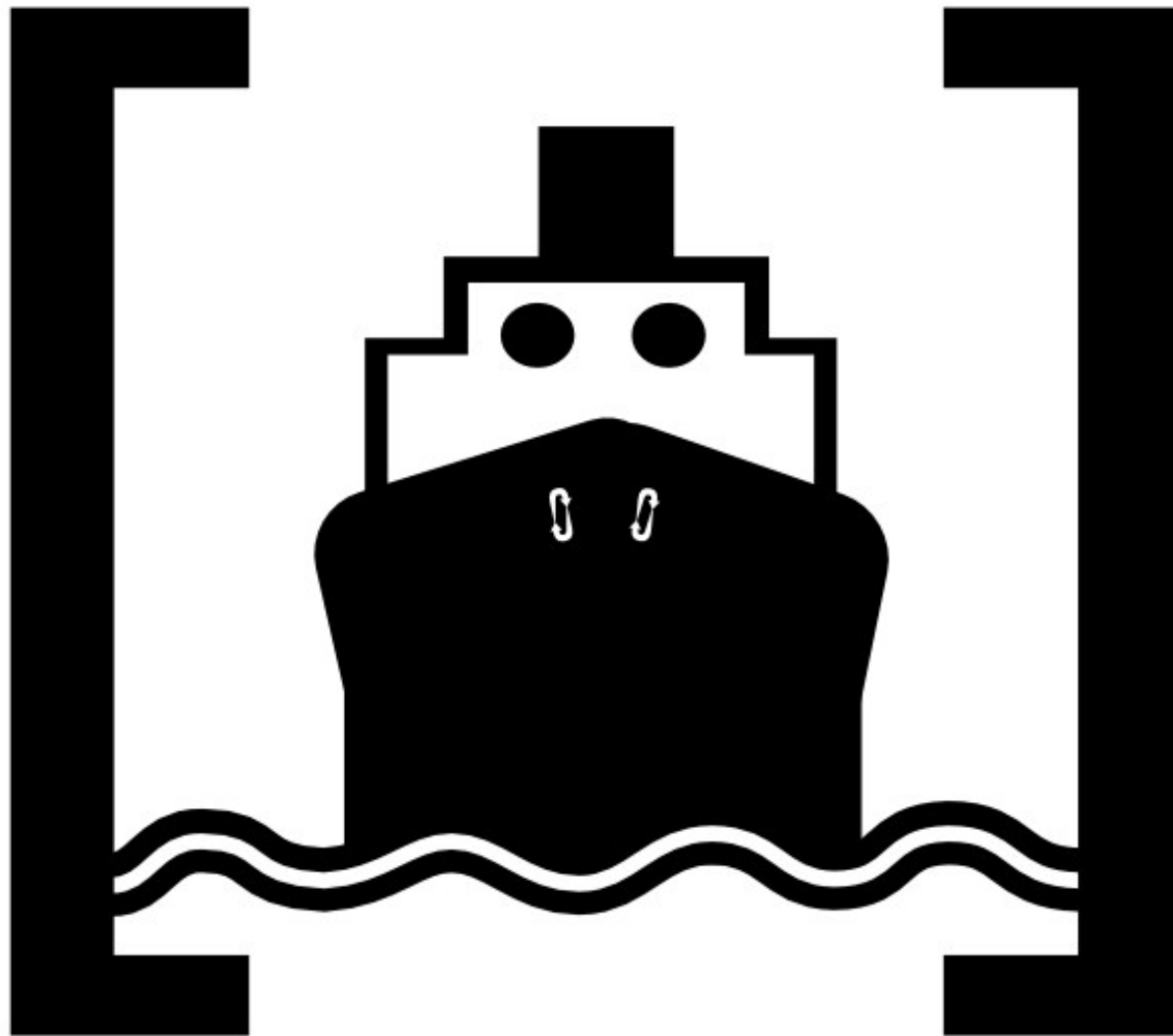
Portability

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Sport

Standards

- ESUG 2007:
    - Sport should go away
    - Standards should take it's place
    - ... someone should ...

… so …

Community Effort

- Mailing List

- Wiki

- Talking to ANSI

- Working out how to work together

- Voting

ANSI

- Well defined process

- Gravitas

but

- $1,200 membership

and

ANSI

All your work are belong to us

STEP

- Paolo Bonzini proposed "STEP"
  - Smalltalk Enhancement Process
  - based on the Python PEP

- What of ANSI?

Where are we now?

- 81 people on the mailing list
- Several STEPs with owners

- Need to keep up momentum
- Need help with ANSI from commercial dudes

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- Yet more standards talk at ESUG last year
  - Sport & ANSI etc
- Oct: contacted ANSI/INCITS, mailing list starts
- Nov:
  - Admin (voting tools and mail list config)
  - Started ANSI/INCITS application process
  - Motto?:
    - Portable Smalltalk across evolving implementations

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- Dec:
  - Response from ANSI/INCITS
    - We pay membership, they get all the rights
- Jan:
  - Discussion about ANSI
  - Trying to generate more interest
    - Squeakers & Vendors
- Feb:
  - Voted to administer ourselves
  - STEP process (based on Python PEP)

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- Mar
  - Lively debates on what and how
  - Widening the scope of the standard
    - missing methods
- Apr
  - Array creation syntax debate
- To now
  - More discussion, but quiet

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- Good progress over the year
  - Mail list & Wiki
  - ANSI explored and rejected
  - STEP process
  - Lots of discussions
- Slowing down for the summer
- Need to re-build and maintain momentum

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- http://smalltalk.gnu.org/wiki
- http://lists.openskills.org/

... and click on ANSI-Smalltalk