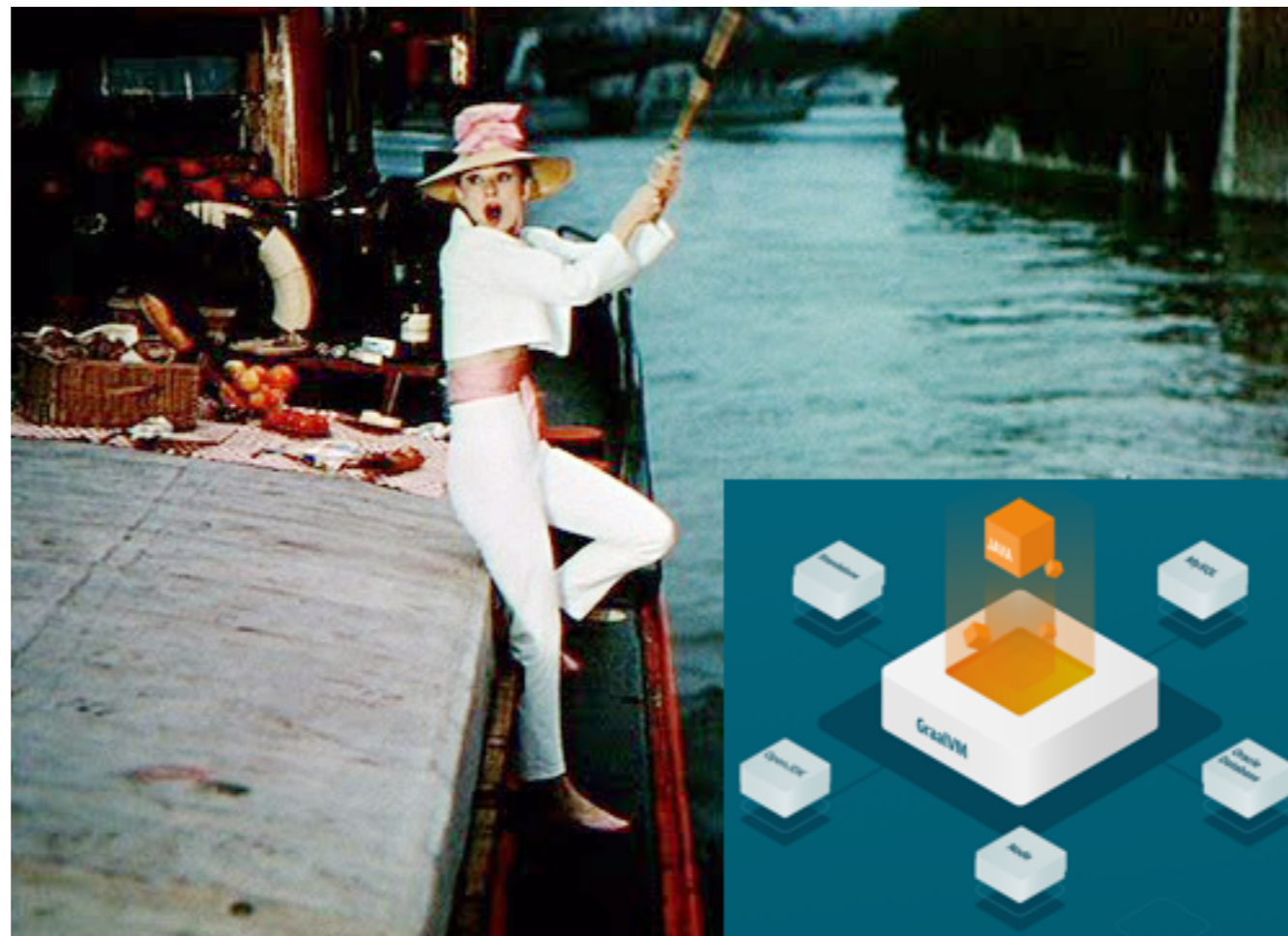


# Audrey

## On Demand Run time Information



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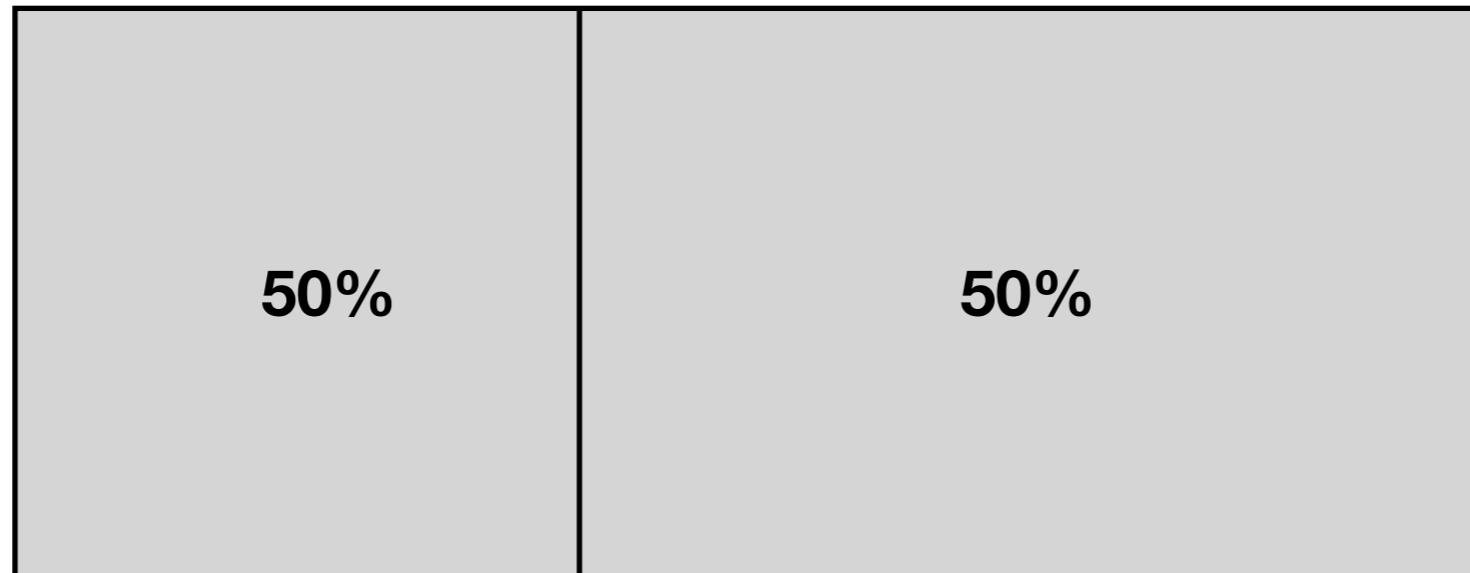


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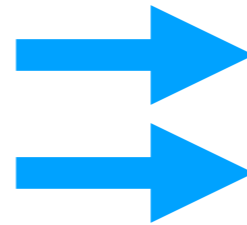
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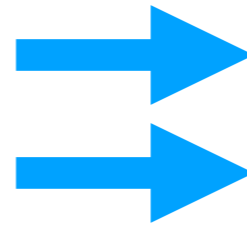
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arbitrary objects / values



some fancy JSON?



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## Solution?

### Language Server Protocol

The Language Server Protocol (LSP) defines the protocol used between an editor or IDE and a language server that provides language features like auto complete, go to definition, find all references etc.

<https://microsoft.github.io/language-server-protocol/>



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Usability tests during change tasks



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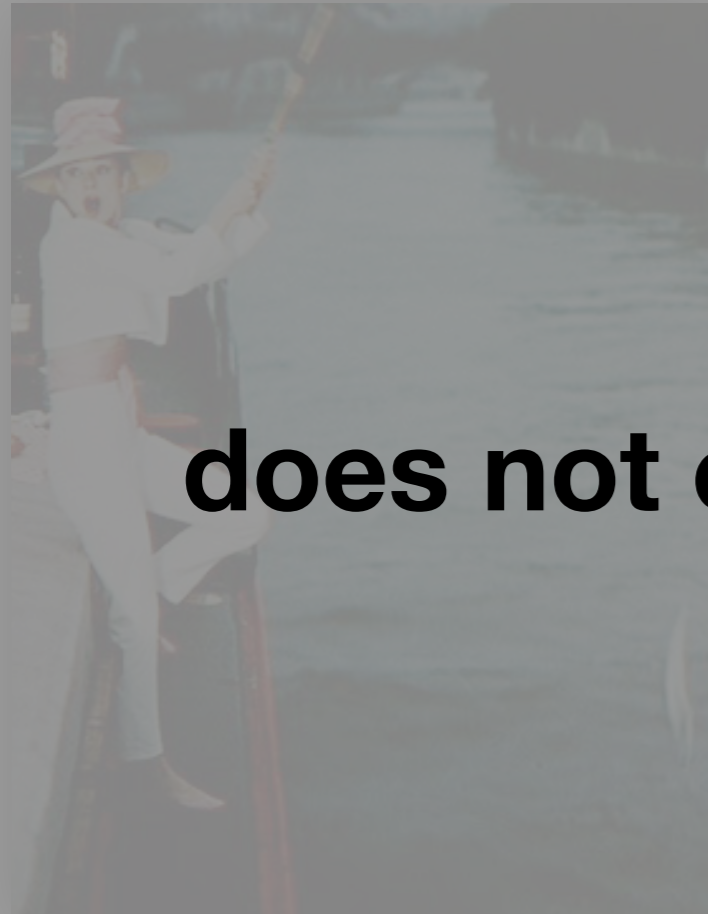


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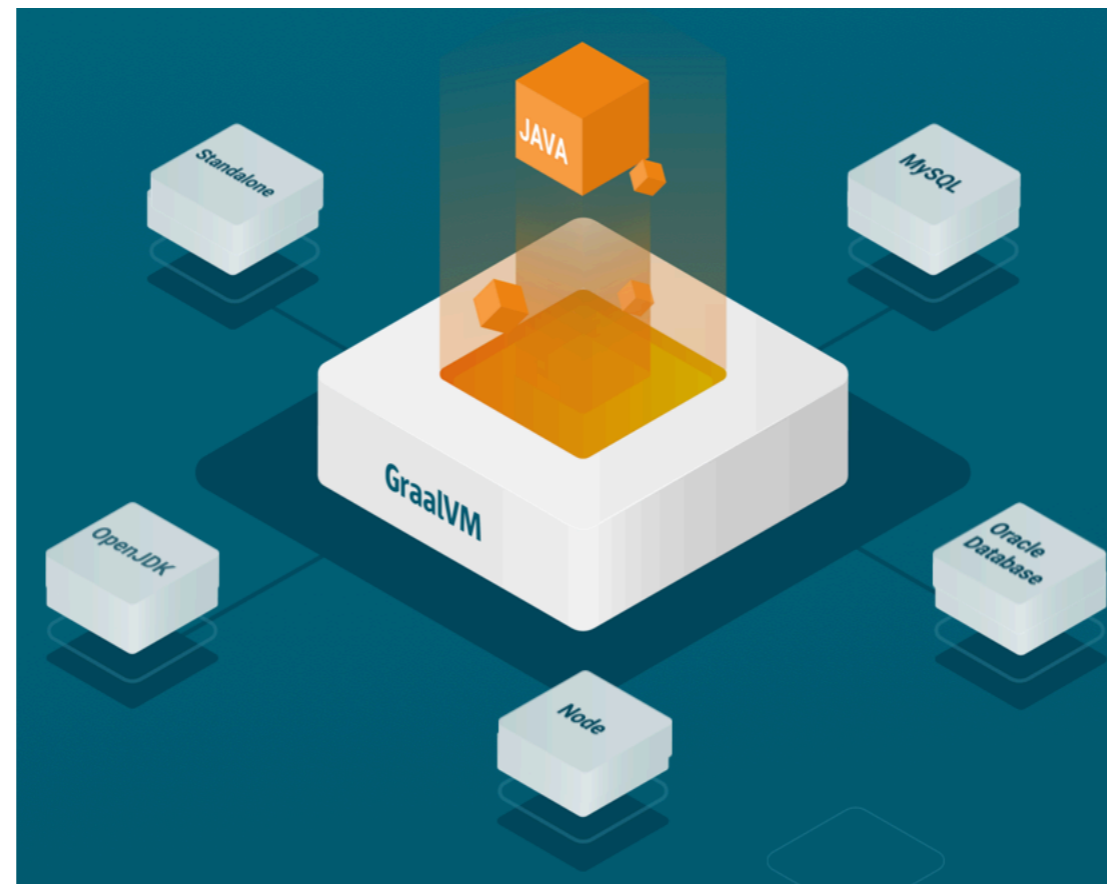
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**does not exist (at the end of this project)**

# Towards a language-agnostic solution



# Why GraalVM?

<https://www.graalvm.org/docs/why-graal/>

## Create Language-agnostic Tools

GraalVM provides a framework for creating language-agnostic tools like debuggers, profilers, or other **instrumentations**. GraalVM provides a standardized way to express and run program code enabling cross-language research and the development of tools that are developed once and then can be applied to any language.

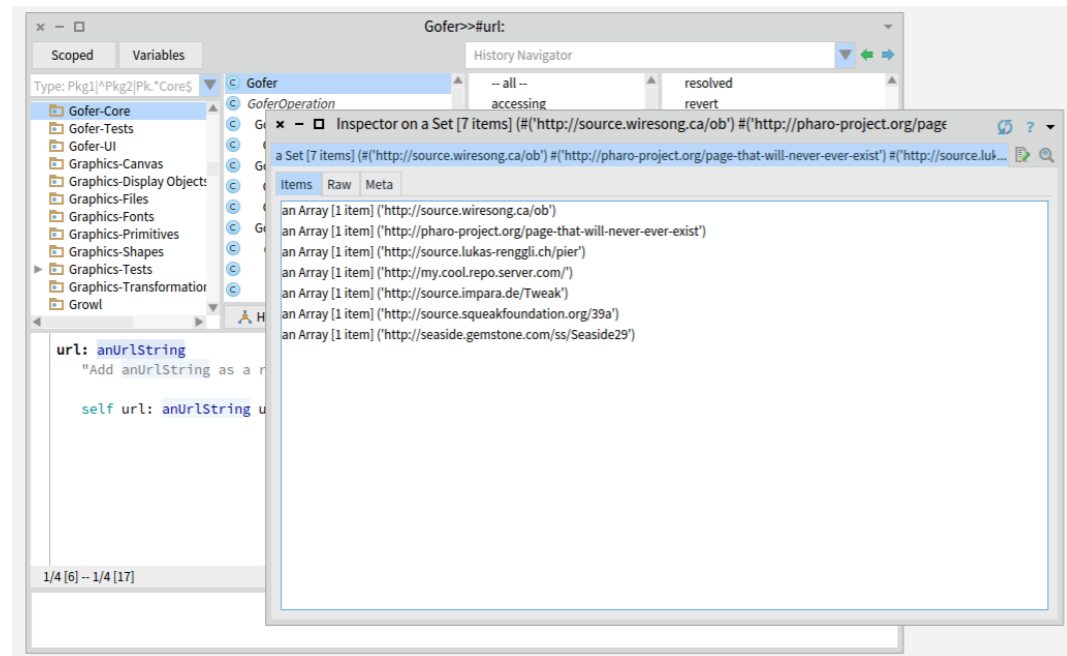


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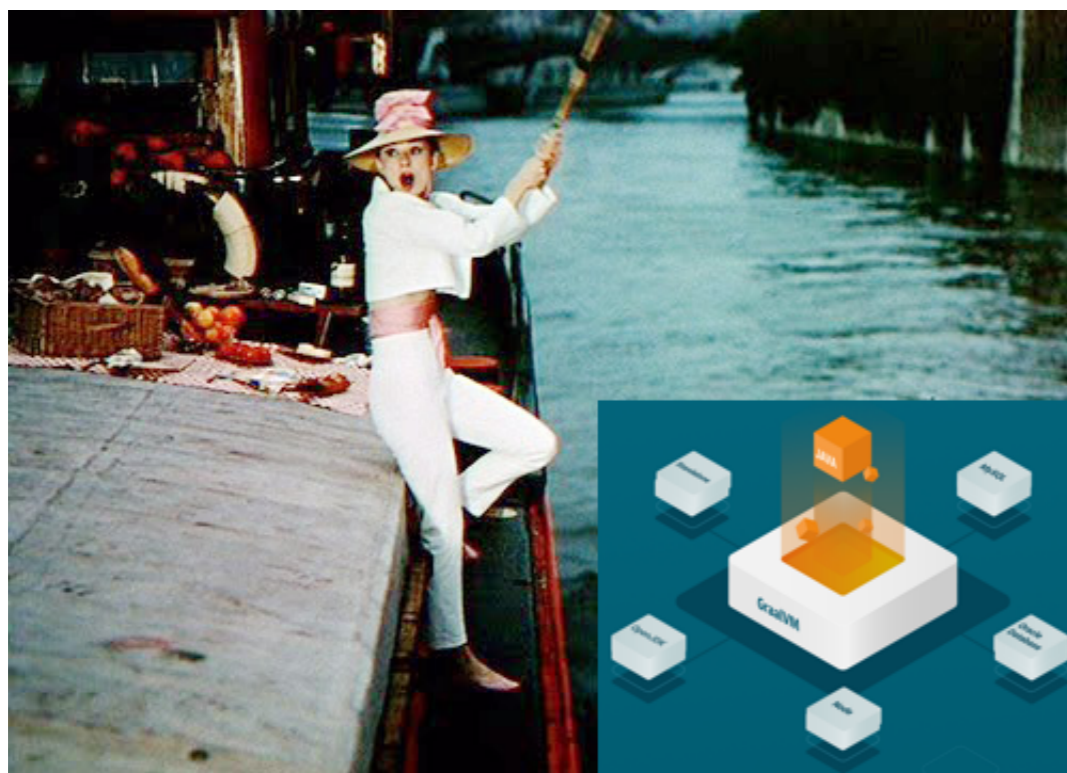
## So far...



## An argument inspector in Pharo. Why?

- To get a feel for the problem
- Quick prototyping

## Next up...



## Audrey on Truffle. Why?

- Language-agnostic tooling