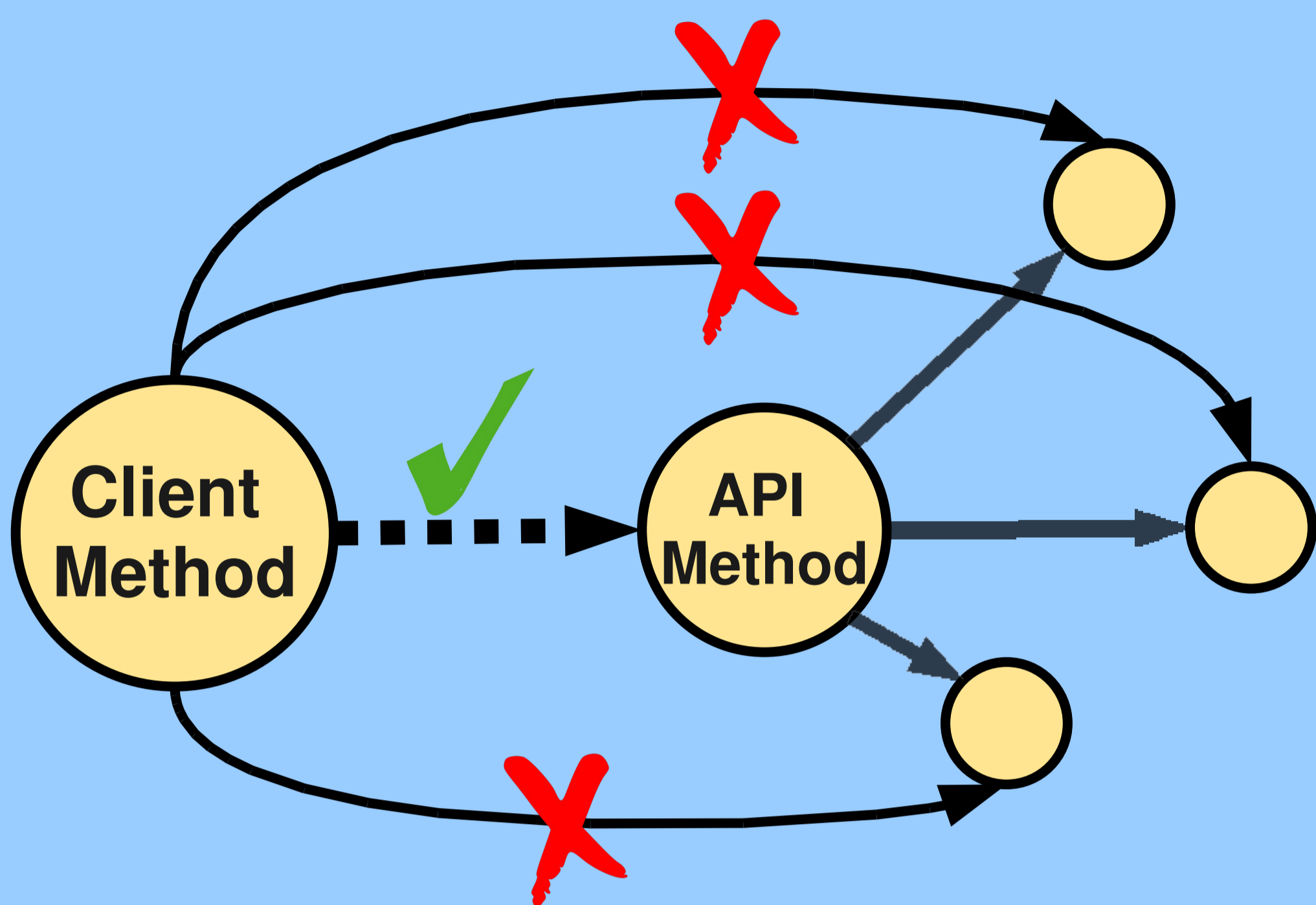


Detecting Inefficient API Usage

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Good API Usage avoids Redundant Code



✓ `gettingURLResponse(String url) {
return new WebConversation().getResponse(url);
}`

vs.

✗ `gettingURLResponse(String url) {
WebResponse response = null;
URL server = new URL(url);
conversation = new WebConversation();
req = new GetMethodWebRequest(server, "");
response = conversation.getResponse(req);
return response;
}`

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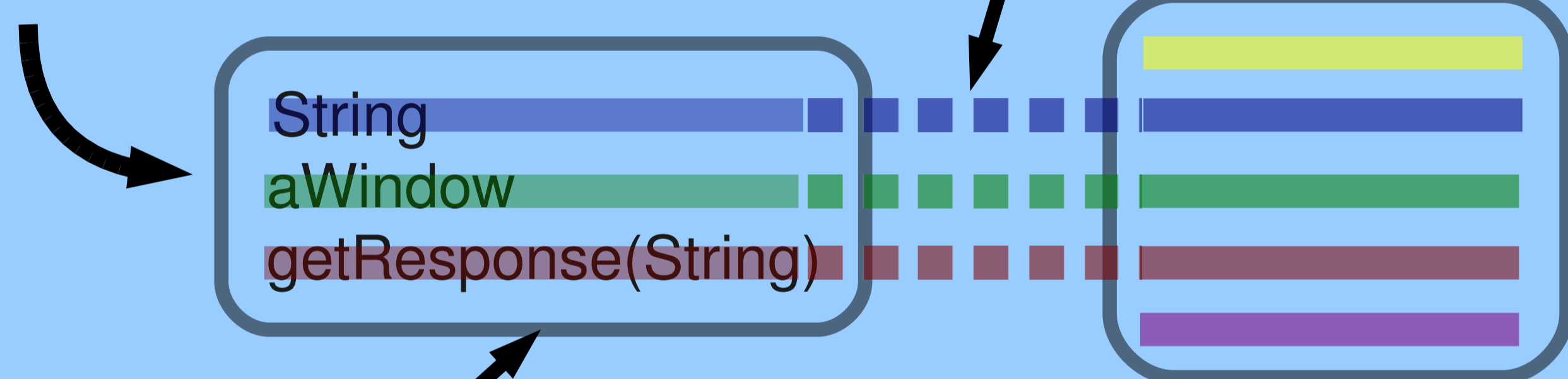
Reimplementing available API methods means more code maintenance.

A Novel Approach for Detecting Inefficient API Usage

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getResponse(String url) {  
return aWindow.getResponse(url)  
}
```

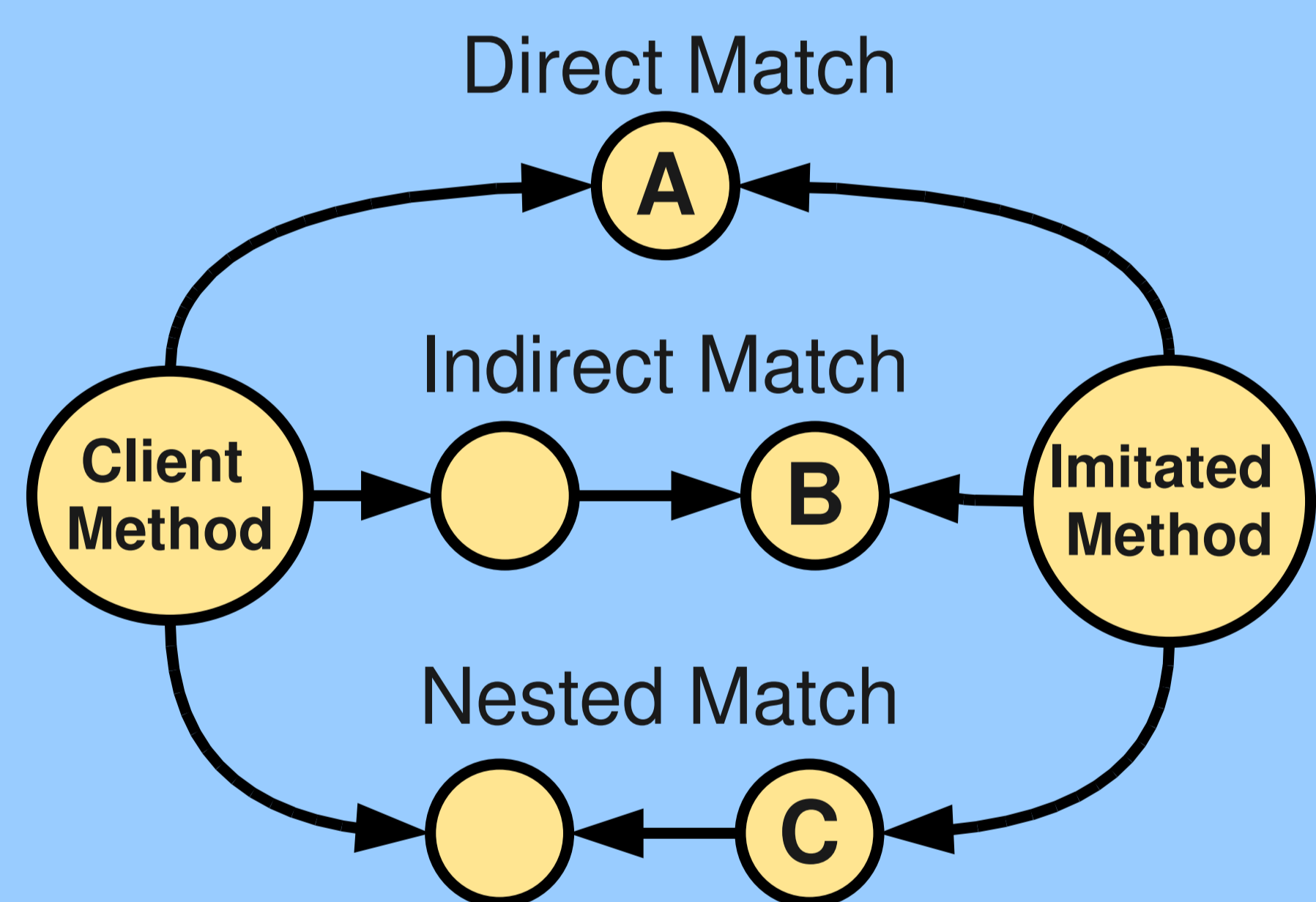
Match

Client Method



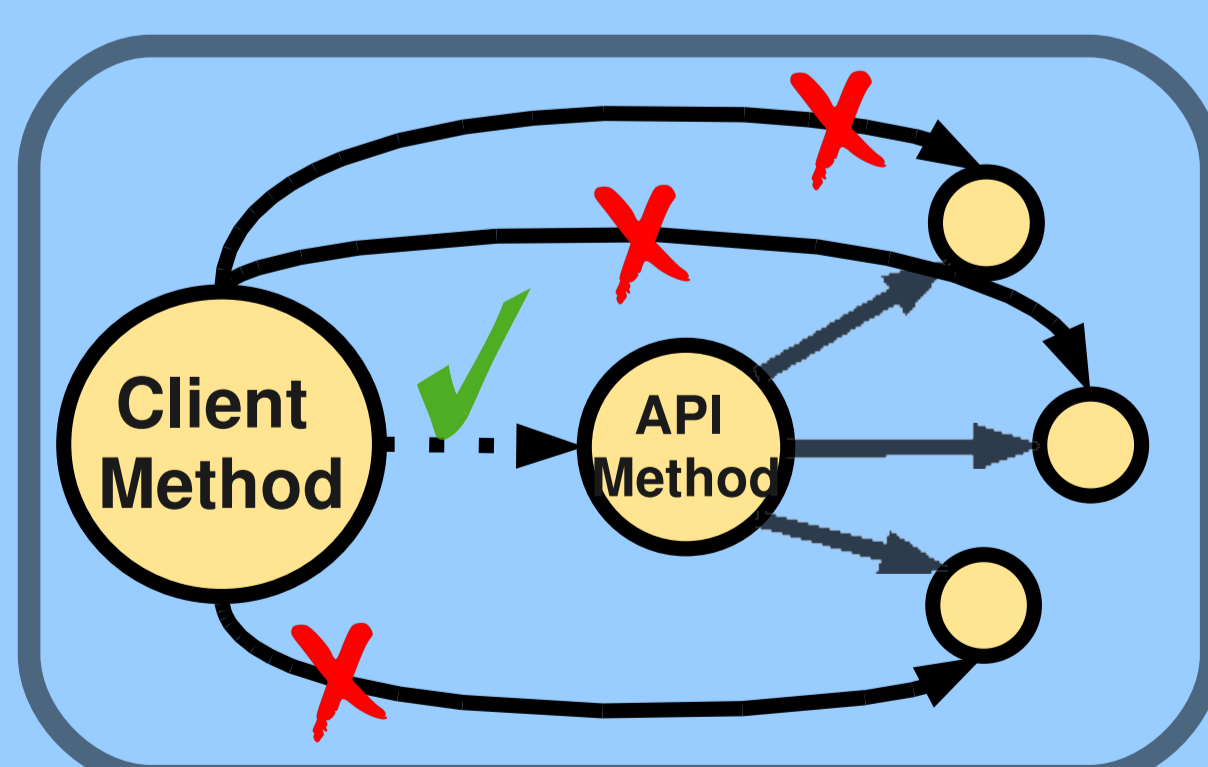
Set of Element References

If a client **matches** the element references of the API method, the API method is considered **imitated**. Various **filters** eliminate false positives.



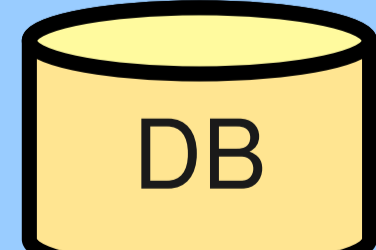
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Reuse Validated Imitations as API Usage Patterns



API Usage Pattern

Store



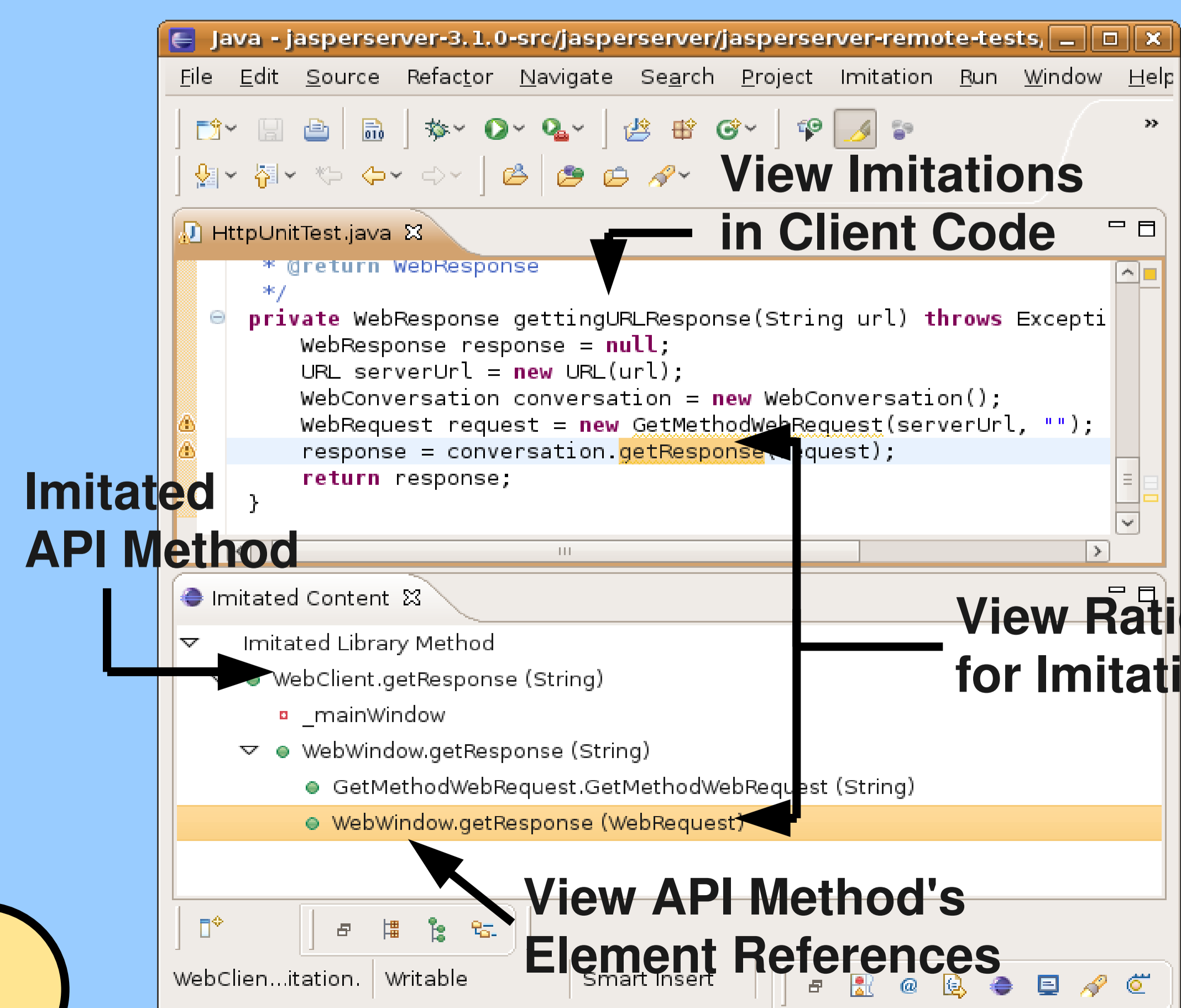
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return response;  
}
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Improve Code Quality

Your Project

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Tool Support



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