



SE3910 – REAL TIME SYSTEMS

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Gstreamer

ROADMAP

- Today
 - Gstreamer and OpenCV Introduction
 - Image processing / image handling
- Friday
 - Introduction to Qt
- Monday
 - Exam Review
- Wednesday
 - Midterm Exam

Next week

OBJECTIVES

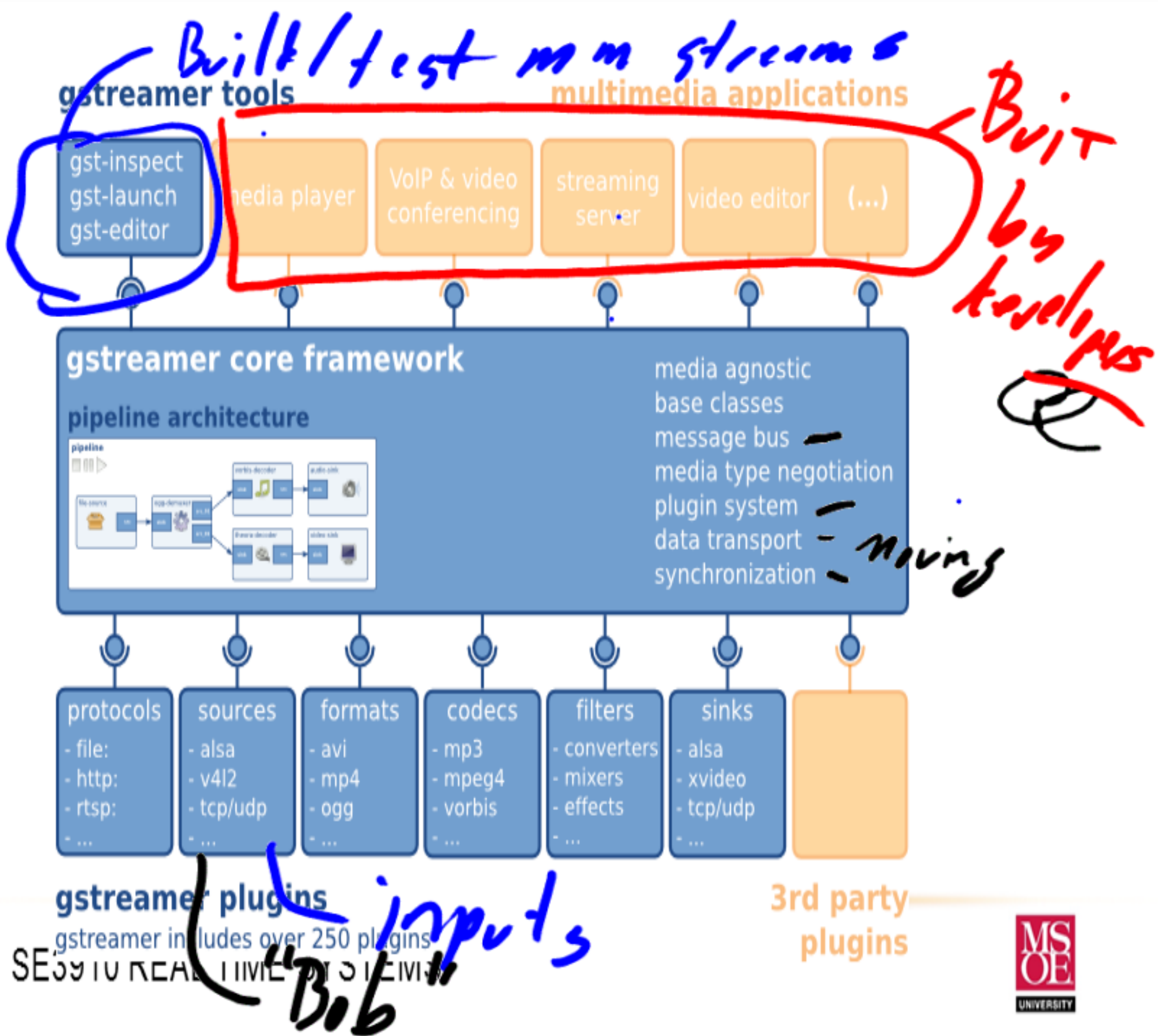
- Explain the purpose for the GStreamer libraries
- Define the concept of pads, bins, and pipelines
- Compare and contrast source, sink, and filter elements
- Explain how a pipeline can be graphically represented
- Explain how we can use an oscilloscope to measure execution time of a method

WHAT IS GSTREMER

- Gstreamer is a pipeline-based multimedia ~~framework~~ written in the C programming ~~language~~ with a type based on the GObject concept *framework*
- *language* Allows a programmer to create a variety of media-handling components
 - Audio playback — Record
 - ✓ Audio and video playback
 - Recording
 - Streaming — web
 - Editing
- Pipeline concept allows easy creation of new features and functionalities

⇒ Image Capture

GSTREAMER STRUCTURE



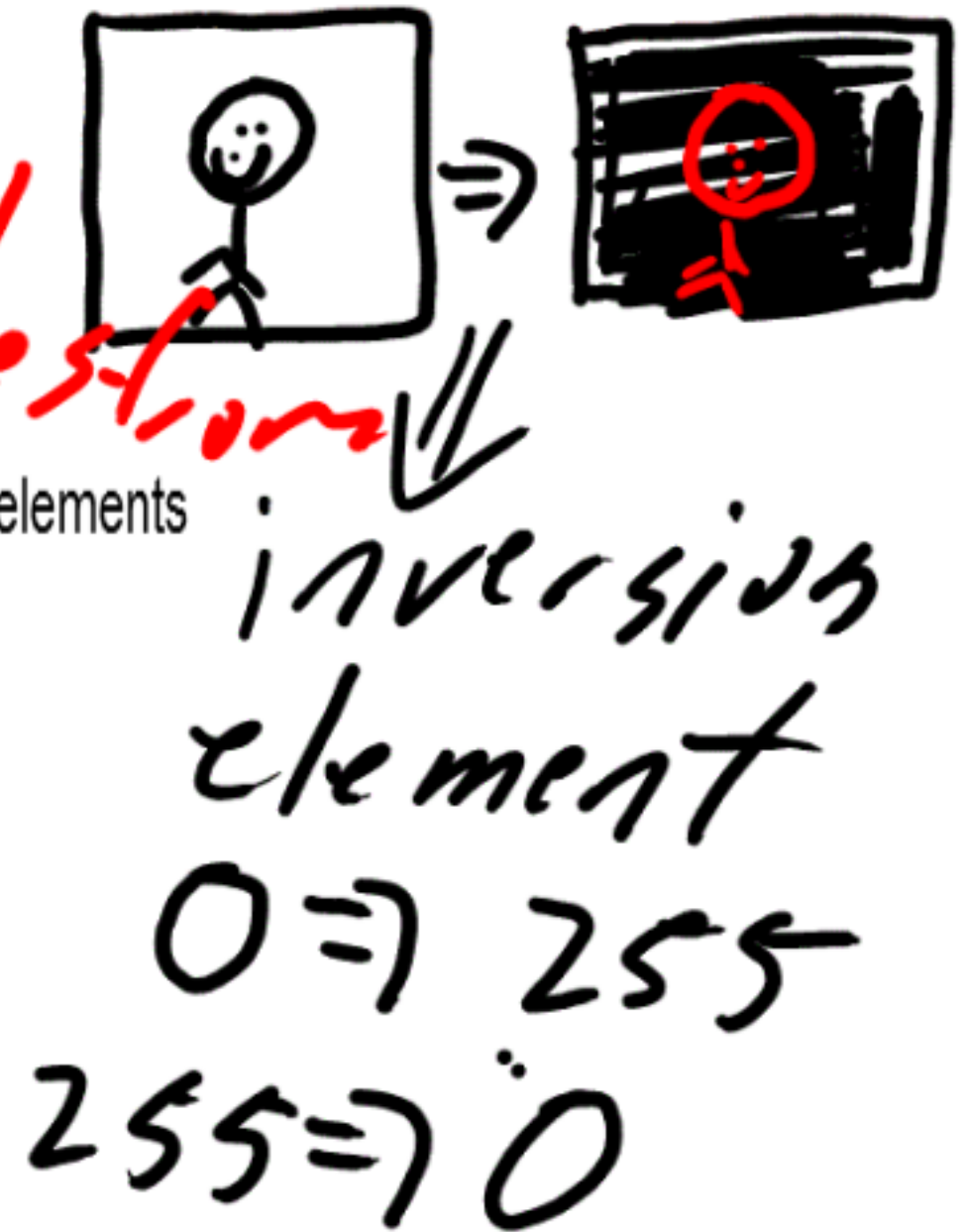
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ELEMENTS, PADS, BIN, AND PIPELINES

- Element *↳ "Do things"*
 - The most important class of objects in Gstreamer
 - One specific function for each element
 - Chained together to solve a problem

- Pads *⇒ Where data goes / comes from*
 - Elements inputs and outputs
 - Where connections are made with other elements
 - Source pads – Where data comes from
 - Sink Pads – Where data is sent

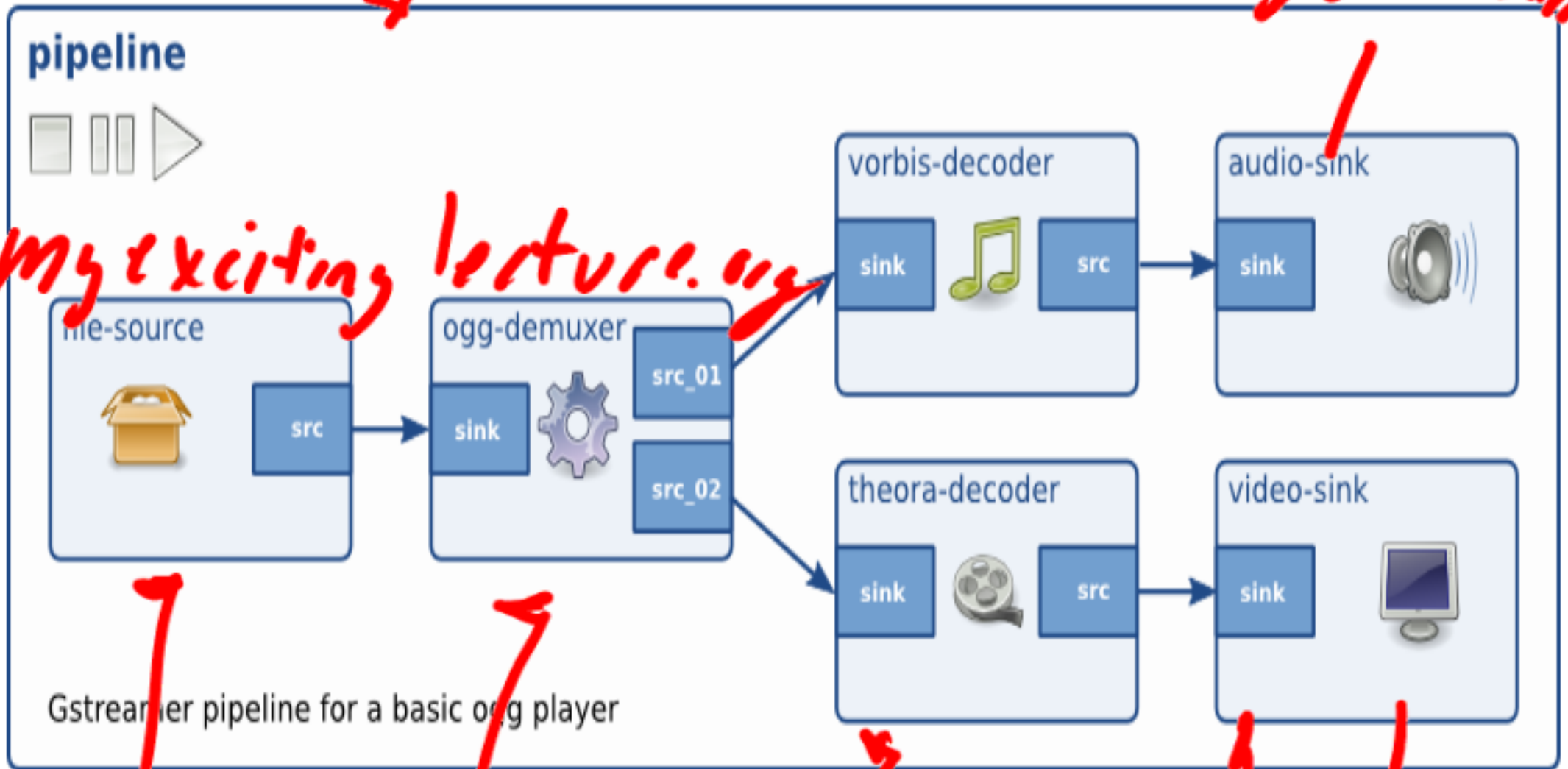
- Bin
 - A container for a collection of elements



multiple elements in a bin

- A top level bin

PIPELINE



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Source

Gstreamer pipeline for a basic ogg player

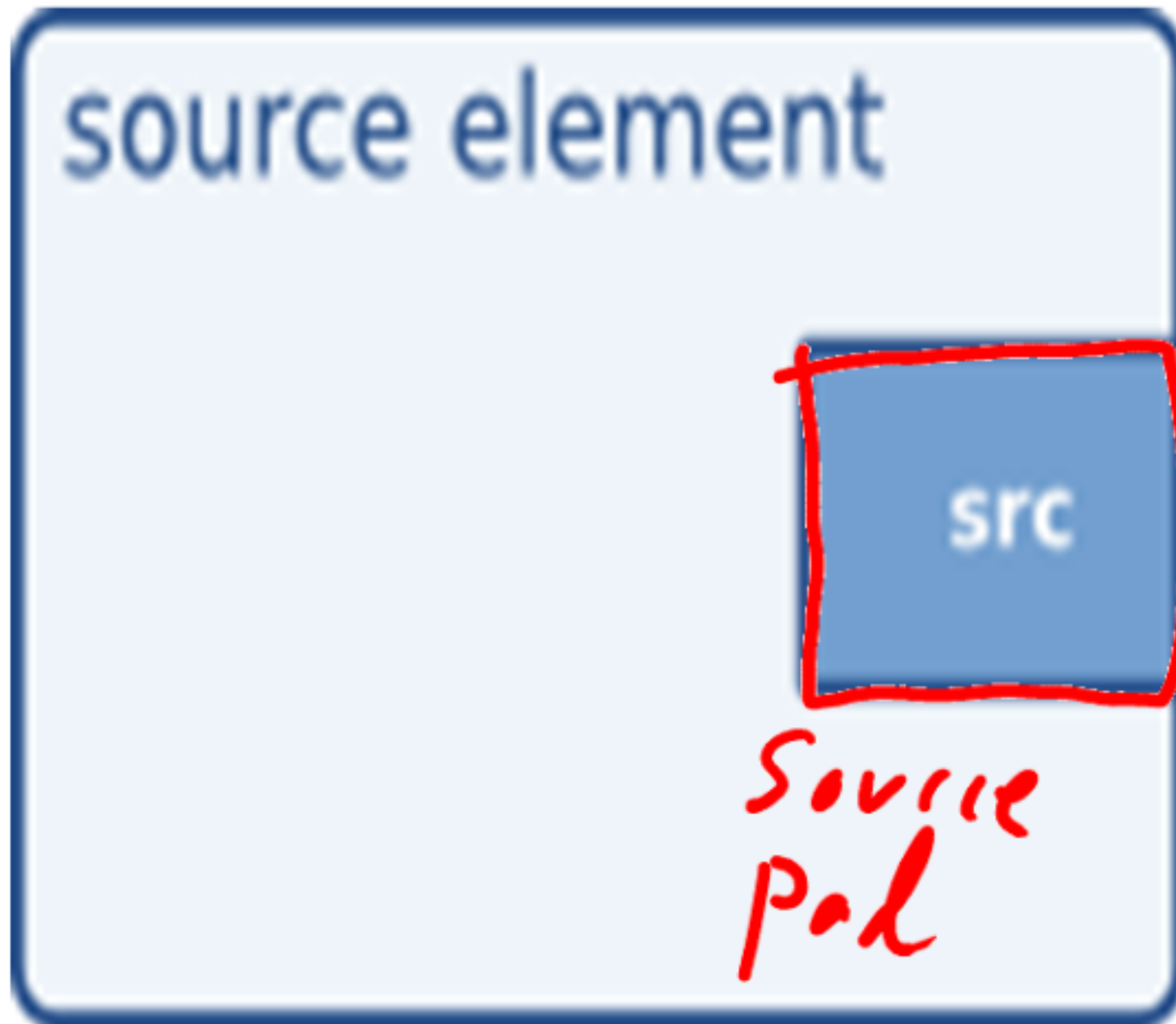
Elements

Screen

SOURCE ELEMENTS

- An element used by a pipeline to read from an input
- They do not accept data, only generate it.

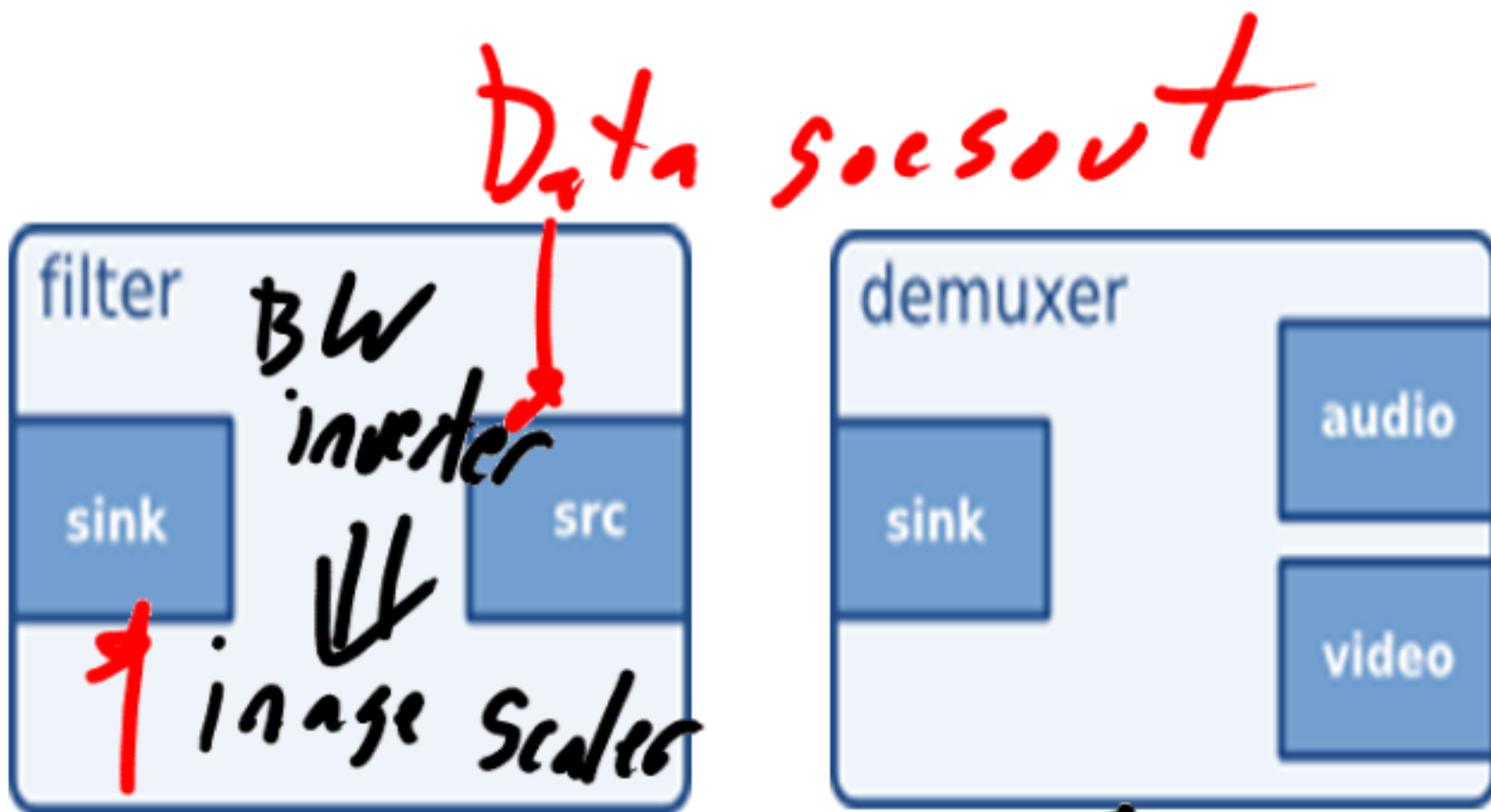
⇒ File, device, etc.



- Have both inputs and outputs
- Translate data from one form to another
- May have any number of source and sink pads

"Middle elements"

FILTER ELEMENT



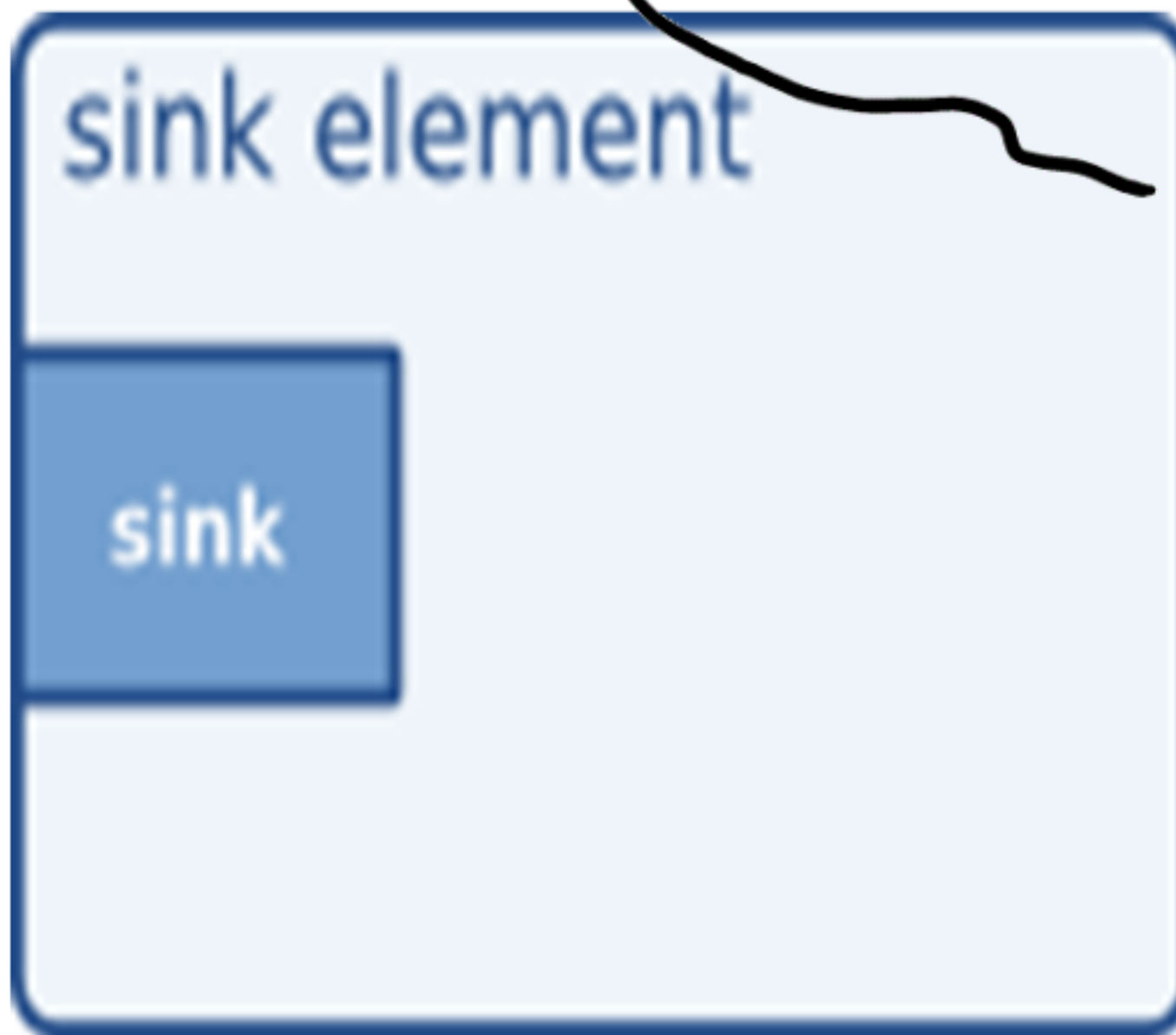
Data comes in

Split audio video

- Endpoints on a pipeline ⇒
 - Accept data but do not produce anything.

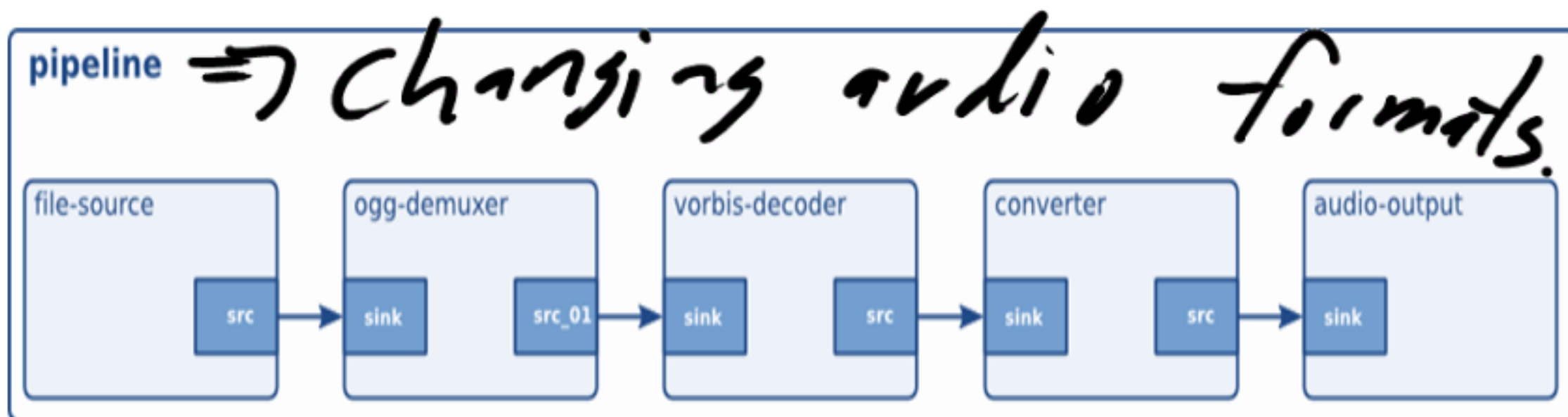
Where data flows

SINK ELEMENT



anything relative to the pipeline

AN EXAMPLE PIPELINE



MEASURING EXECUTION TIME OF A METHOD

"wall time"

Wall time

hello ()

execution time



How long we spend on the processor.

Oscilloscope

Δ is execution time
→ | | ←

