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# Abstract

Much has been said about how the upcoming module feature in C++ will improve compilation speeds and reduce reliance on the C++ preprocessor. However, program architecture will see the biggest impact. This talk explains how modules will change how you develop, organize, and deploy your code. We will also cover the stable migration of a large code base to be consumable both as modules and as normal headers.

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- The C++ language itself lacks a mechanism to characterize and render software at a sufficiently high level of **logical** and **physical** abstraction.

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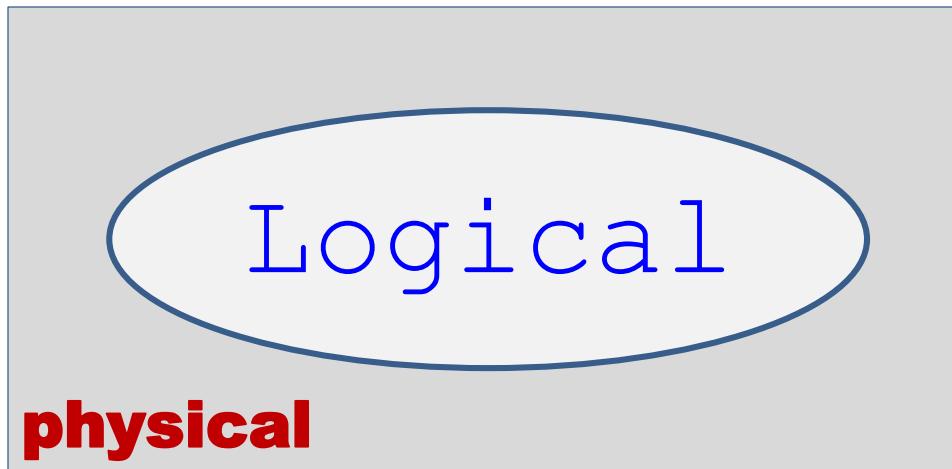
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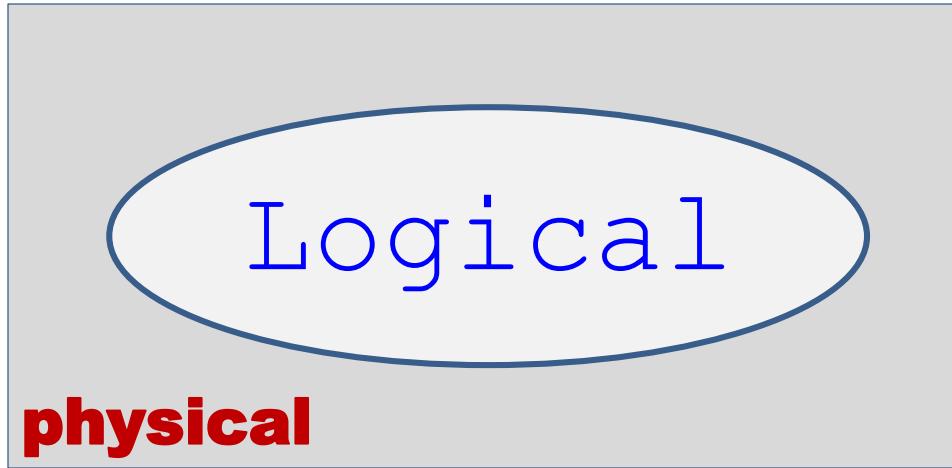
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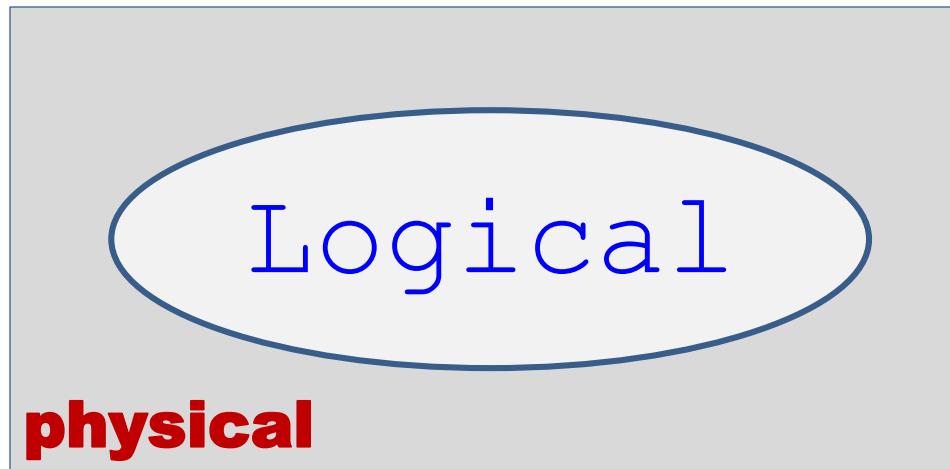


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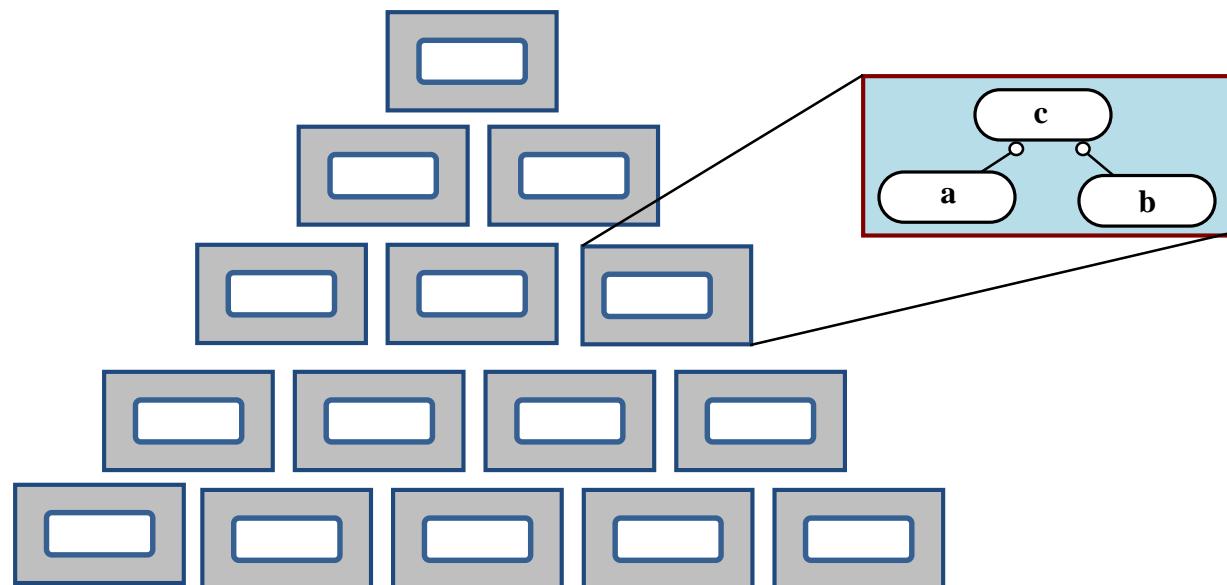
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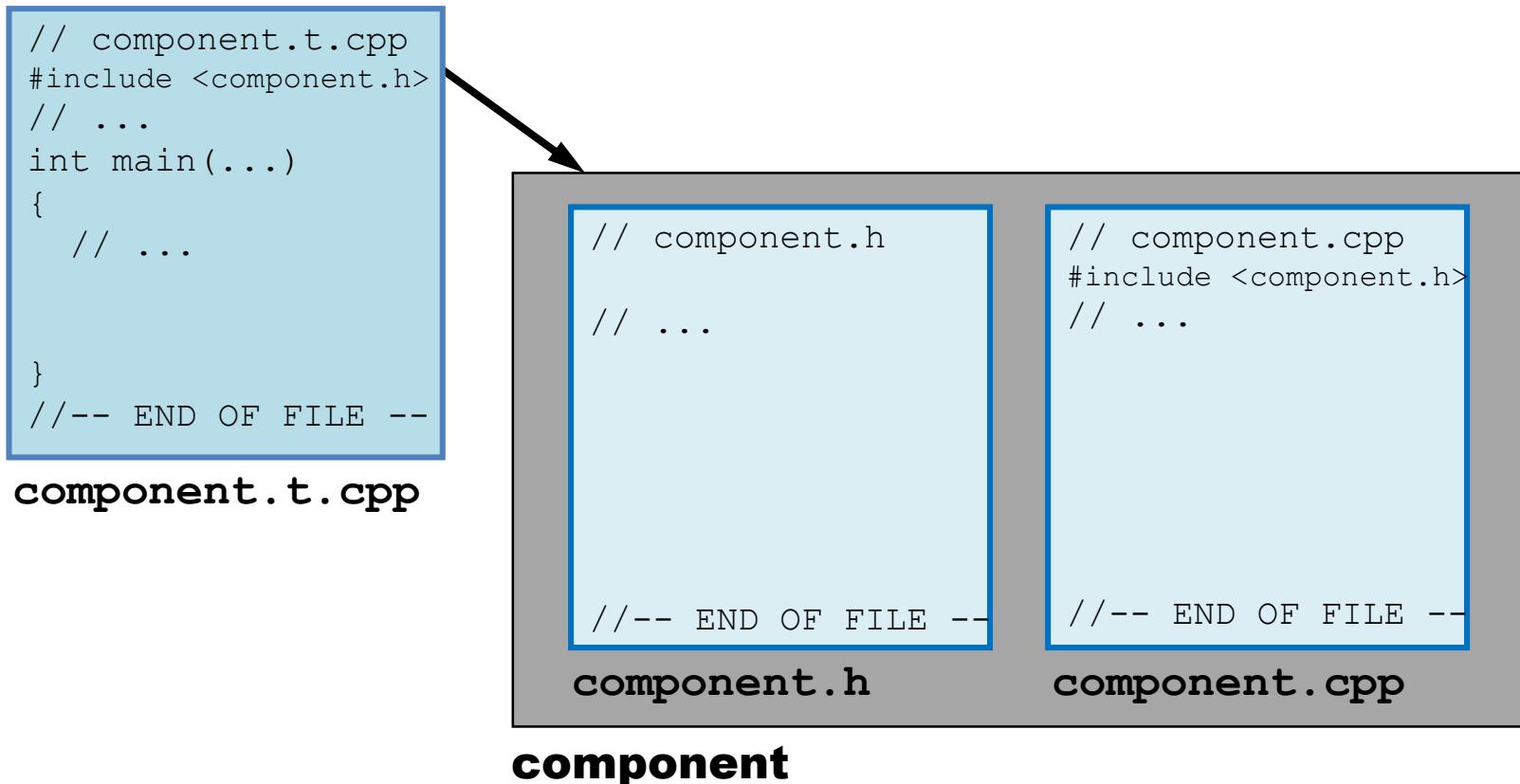
*Logical* content aggregated into a  
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### A Component Is Physical



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## Implementation

```
// component.t.cpp
#include <component.h>
// ...
int main(...)

{
    // ...
}

//-- END OF FILE --
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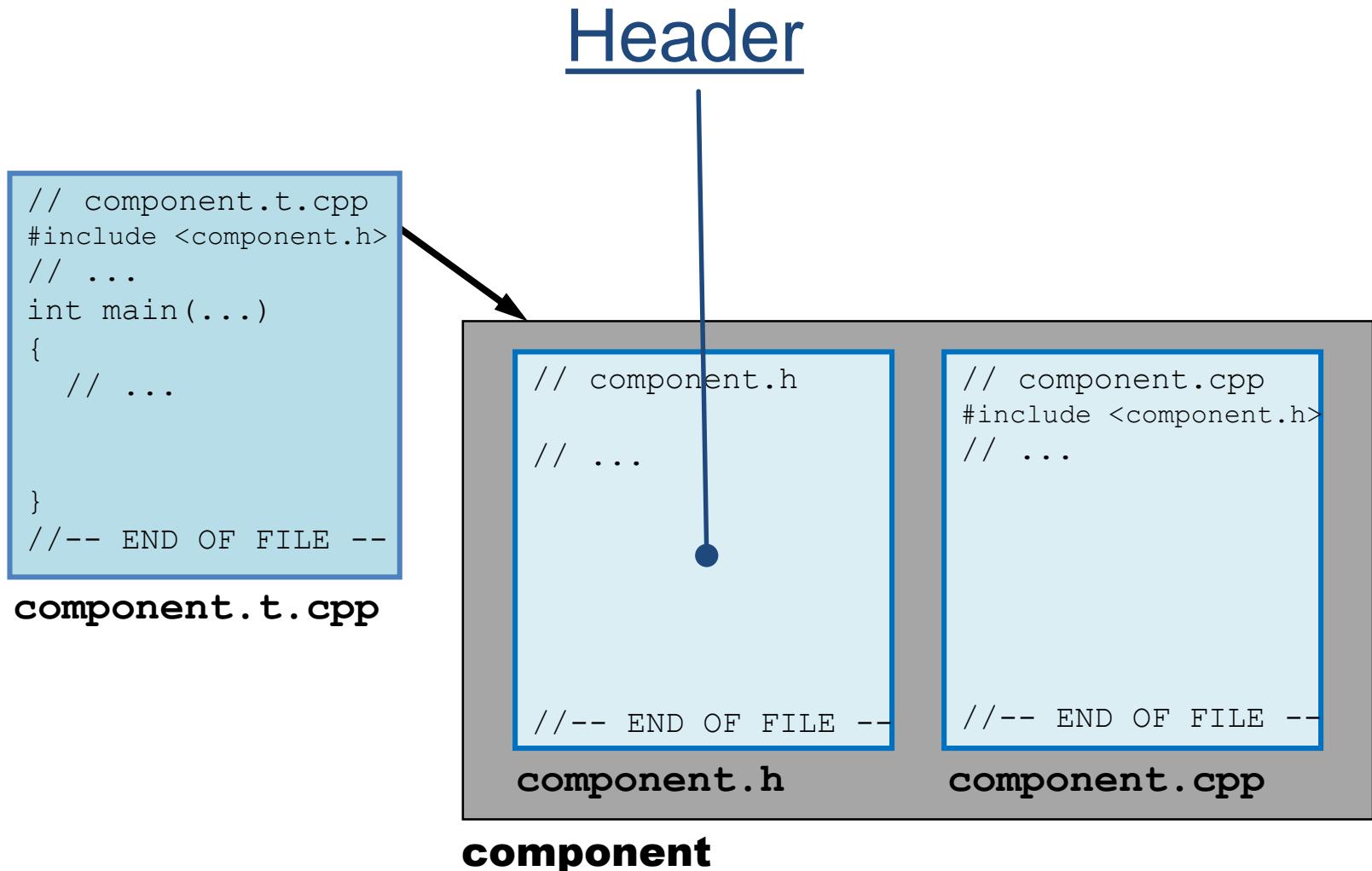
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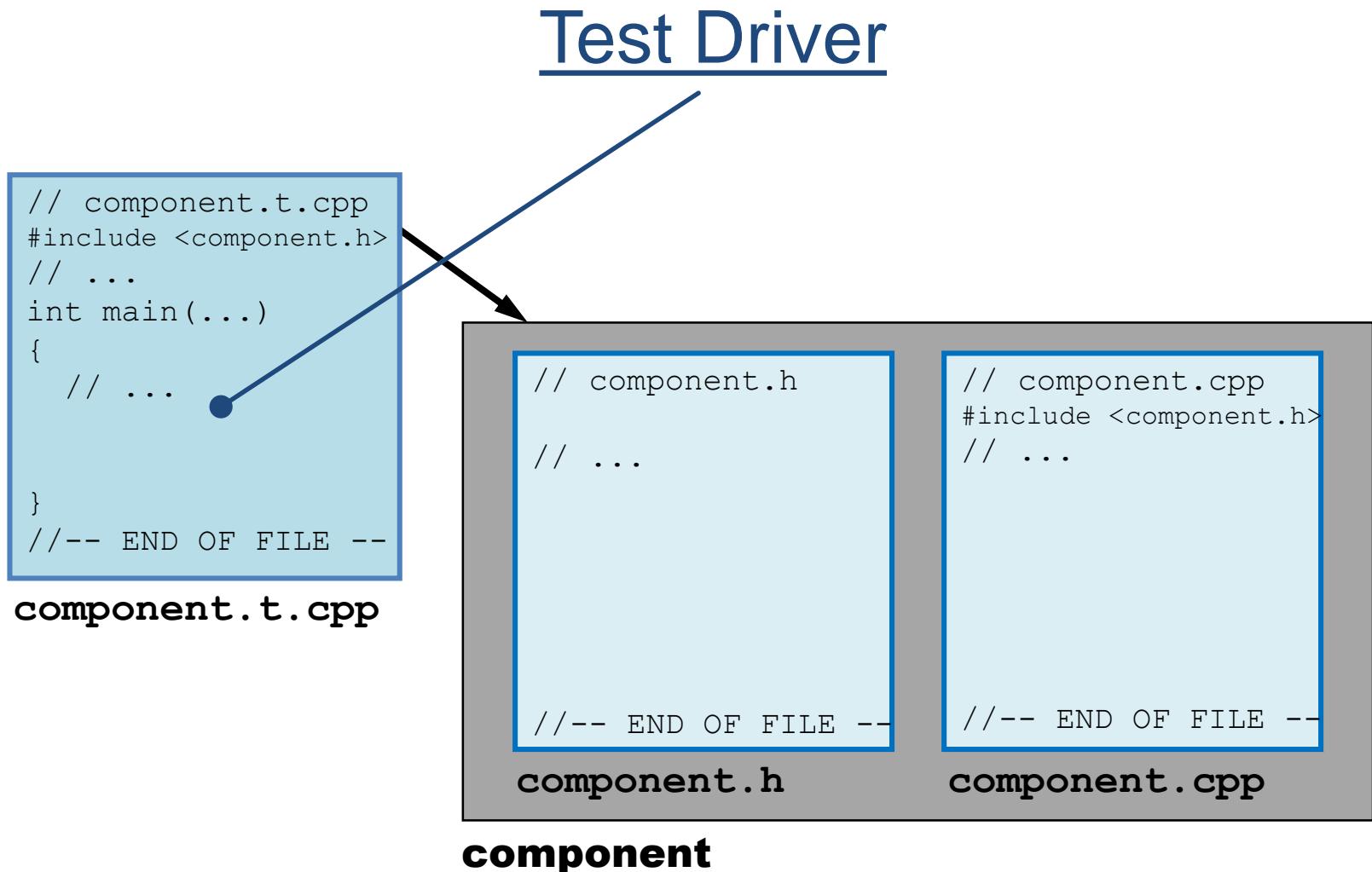
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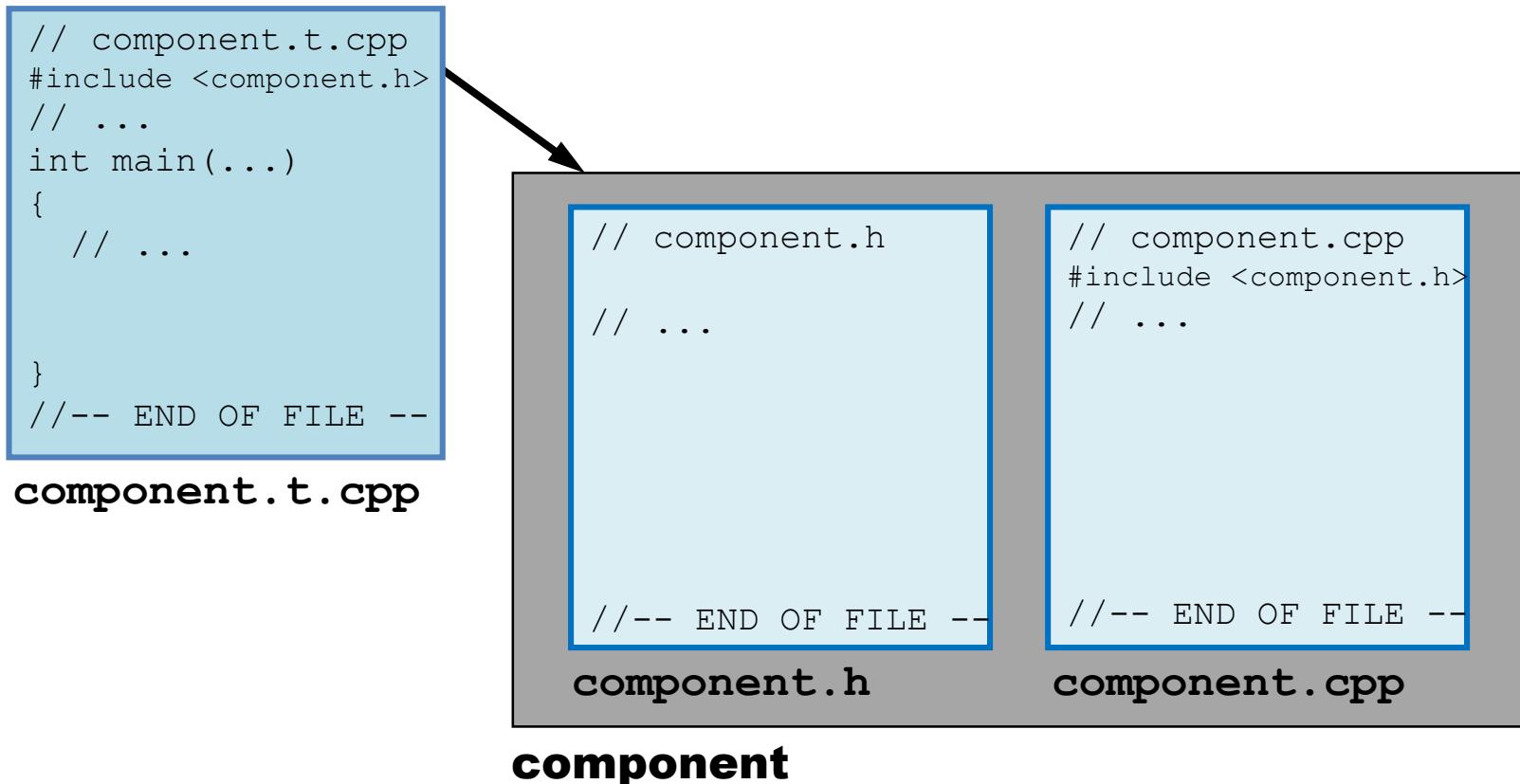
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## The Fundamental Unit of Design



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my::Widget

my\_widget

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**There are four Properties...**

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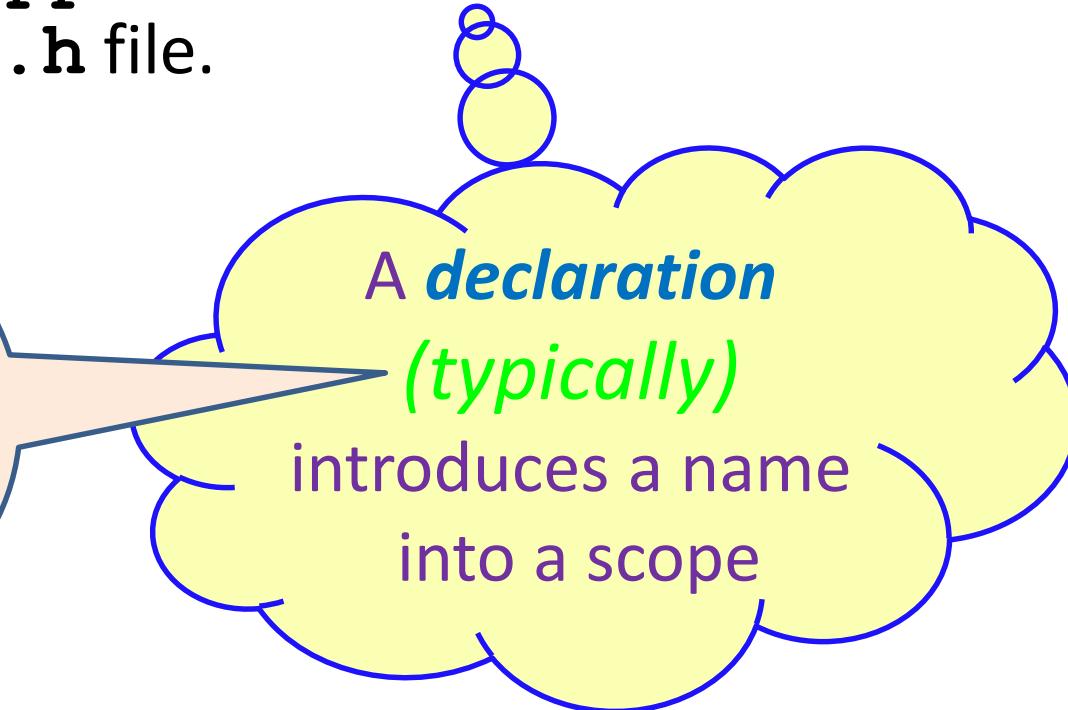
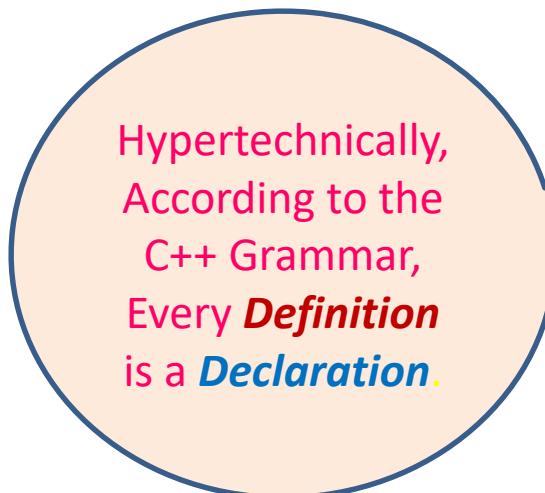
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A **declaration** introduces a name\* into a scope

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extern int a = 0;             // Declaration And Definition
void f();                    // Declaration Only
void f() {}                  // Declaration And Definition
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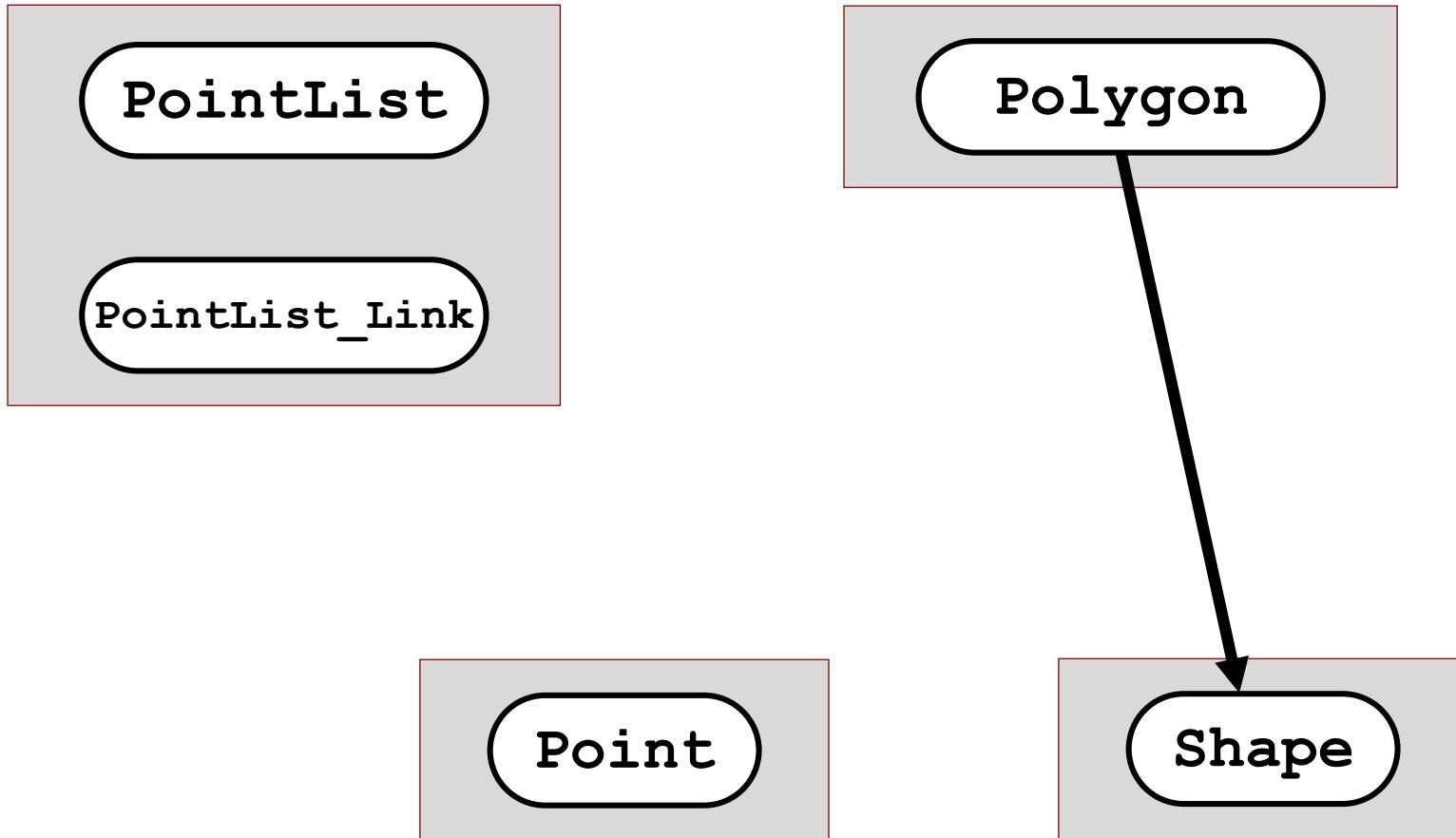
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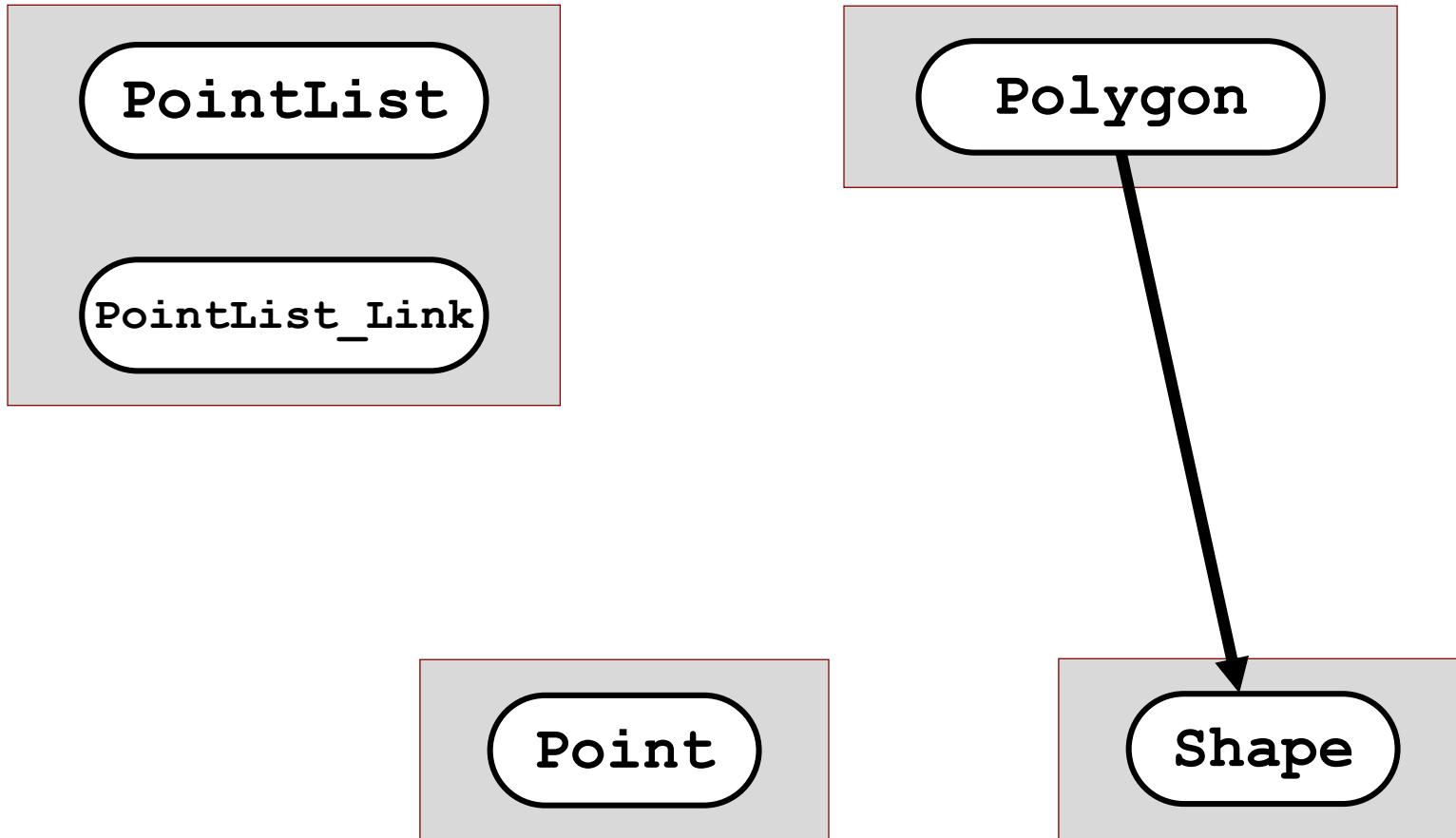
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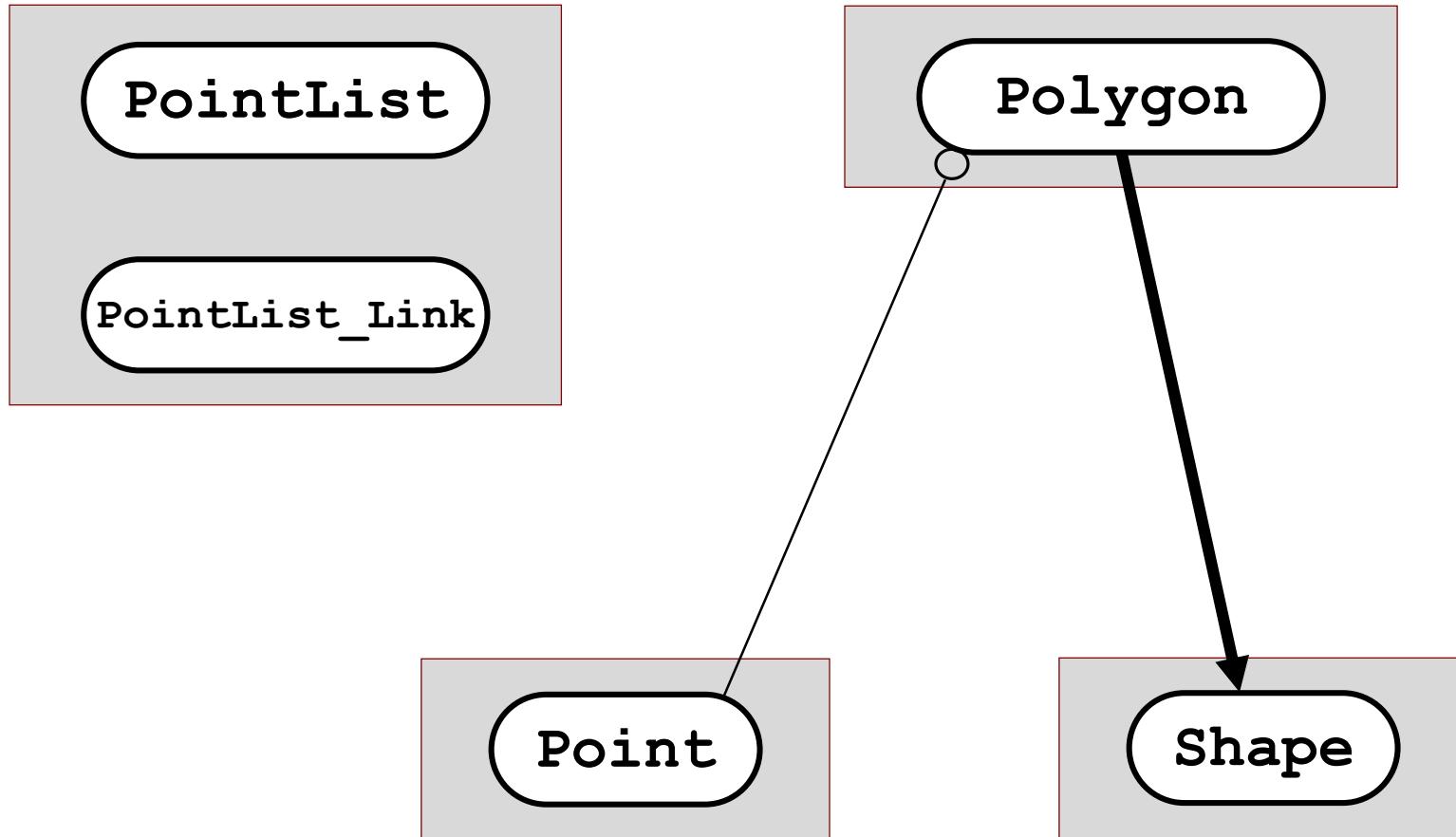
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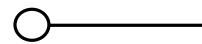
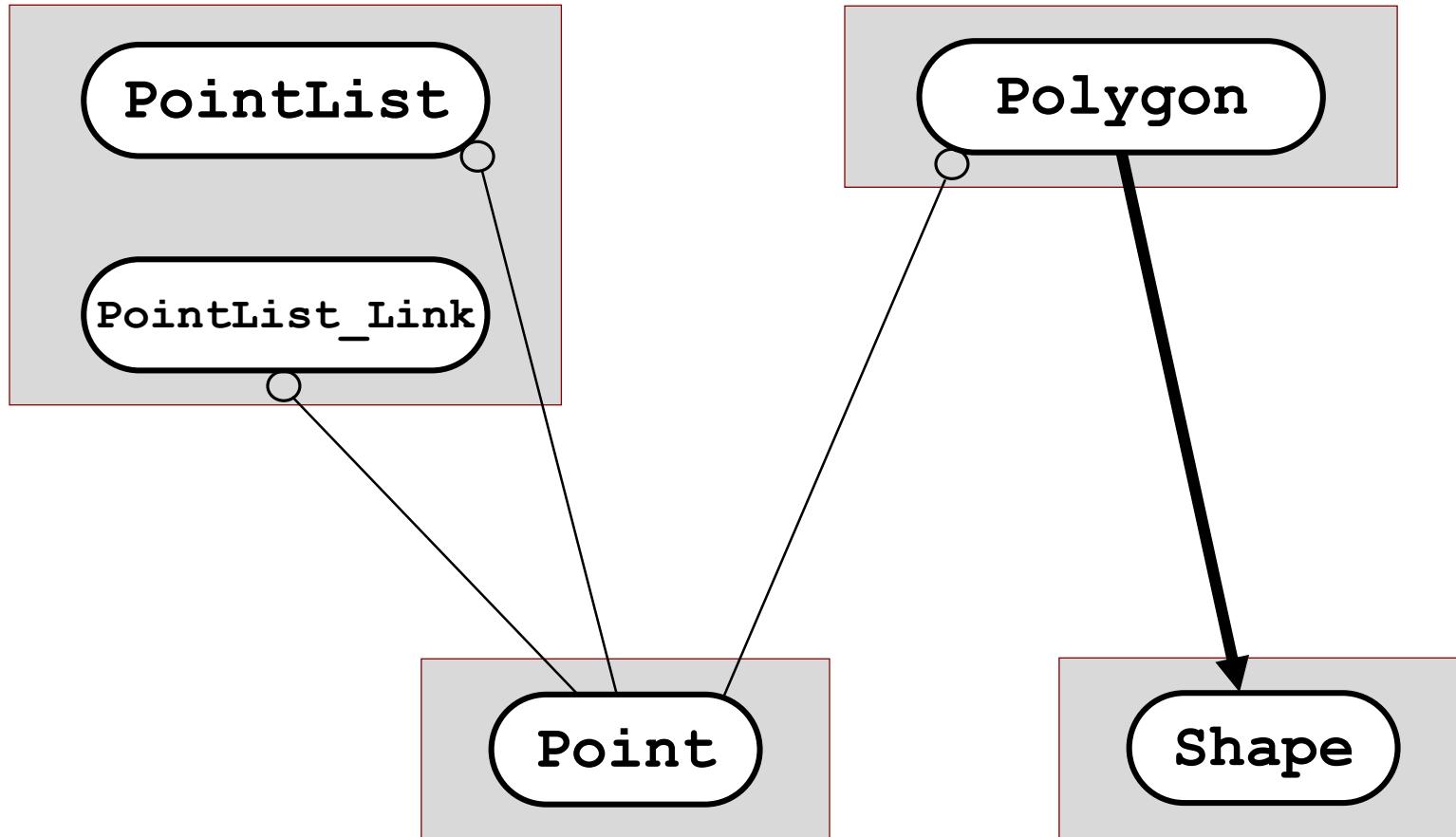
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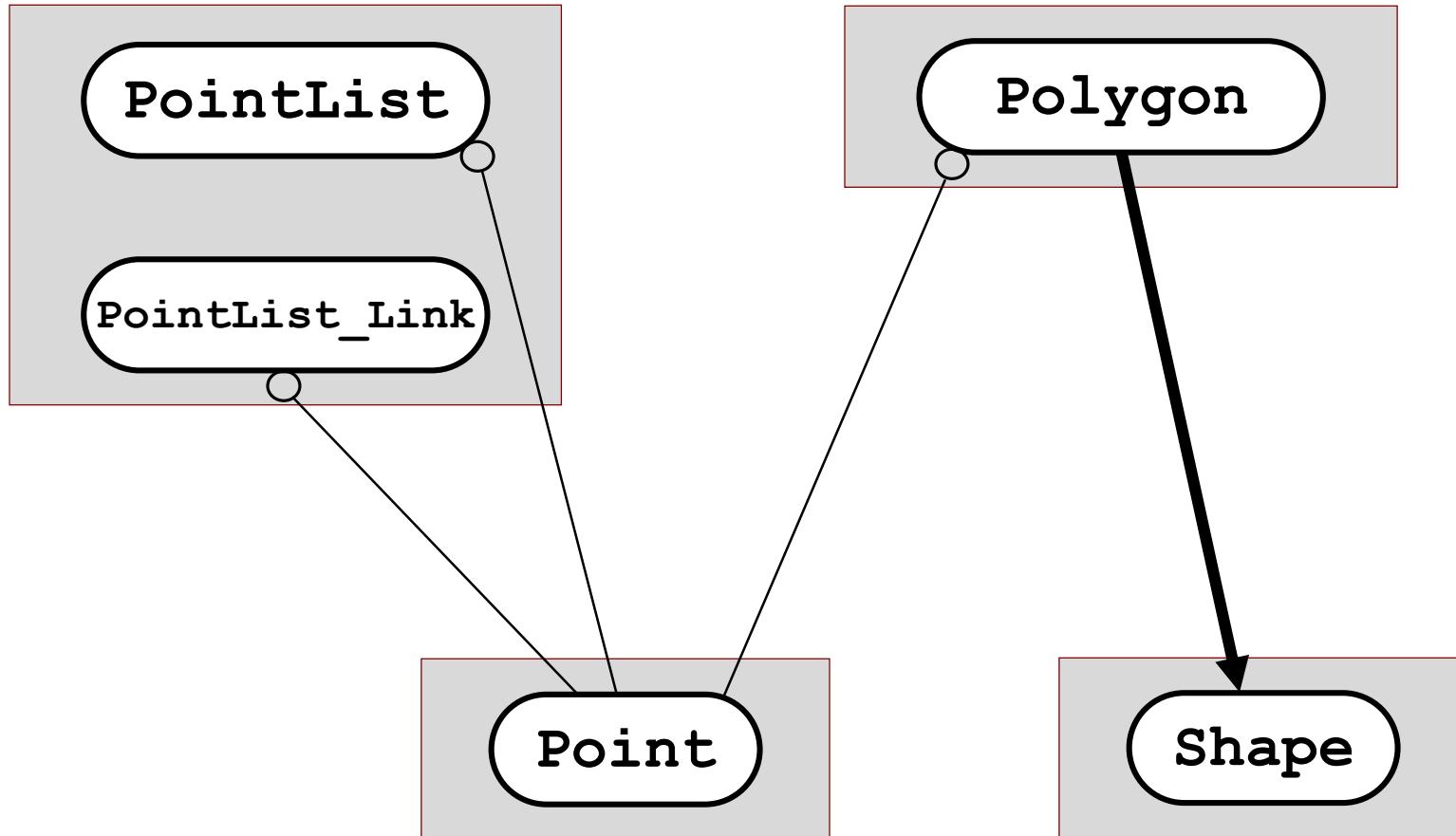
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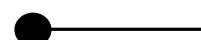
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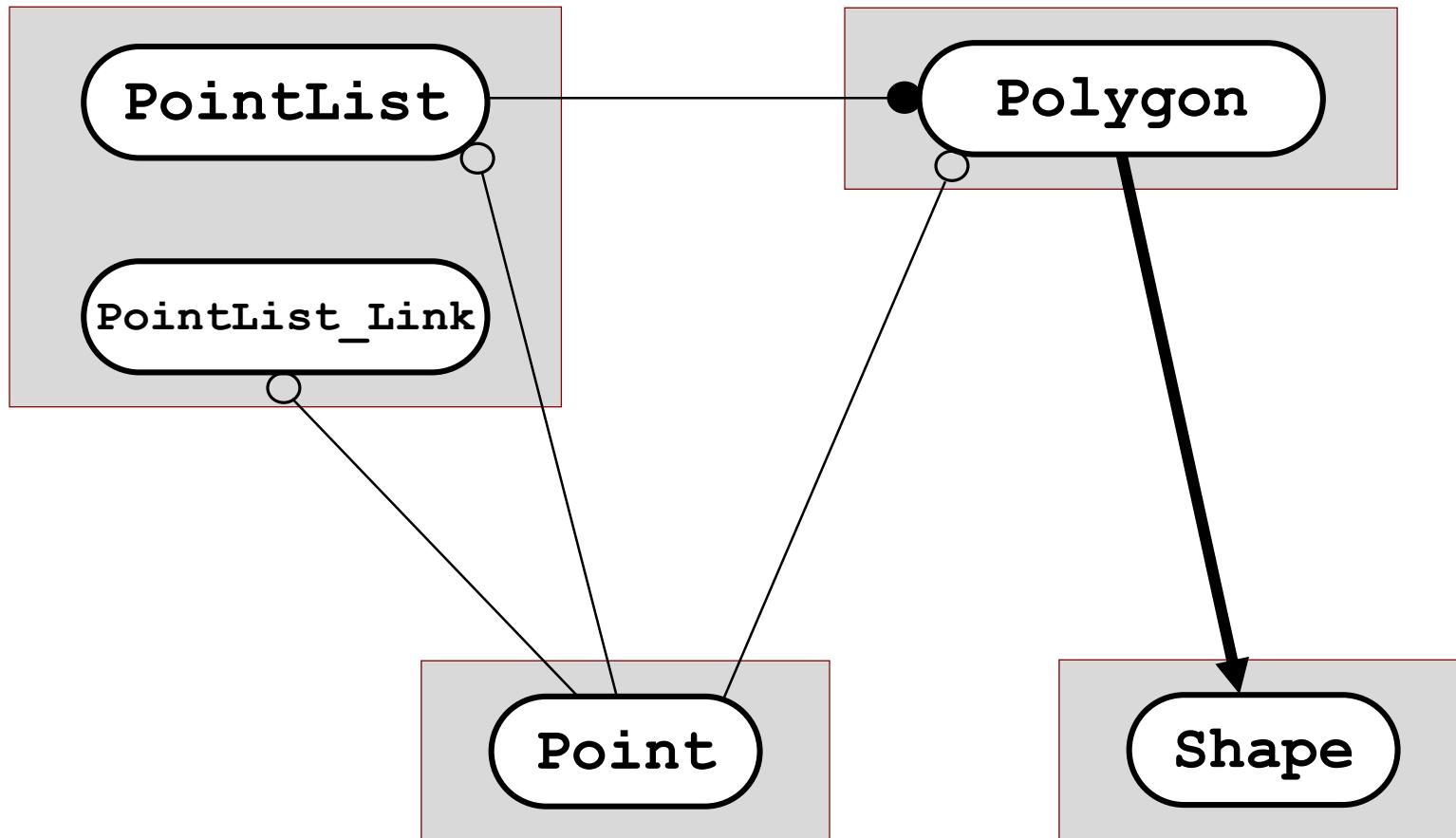
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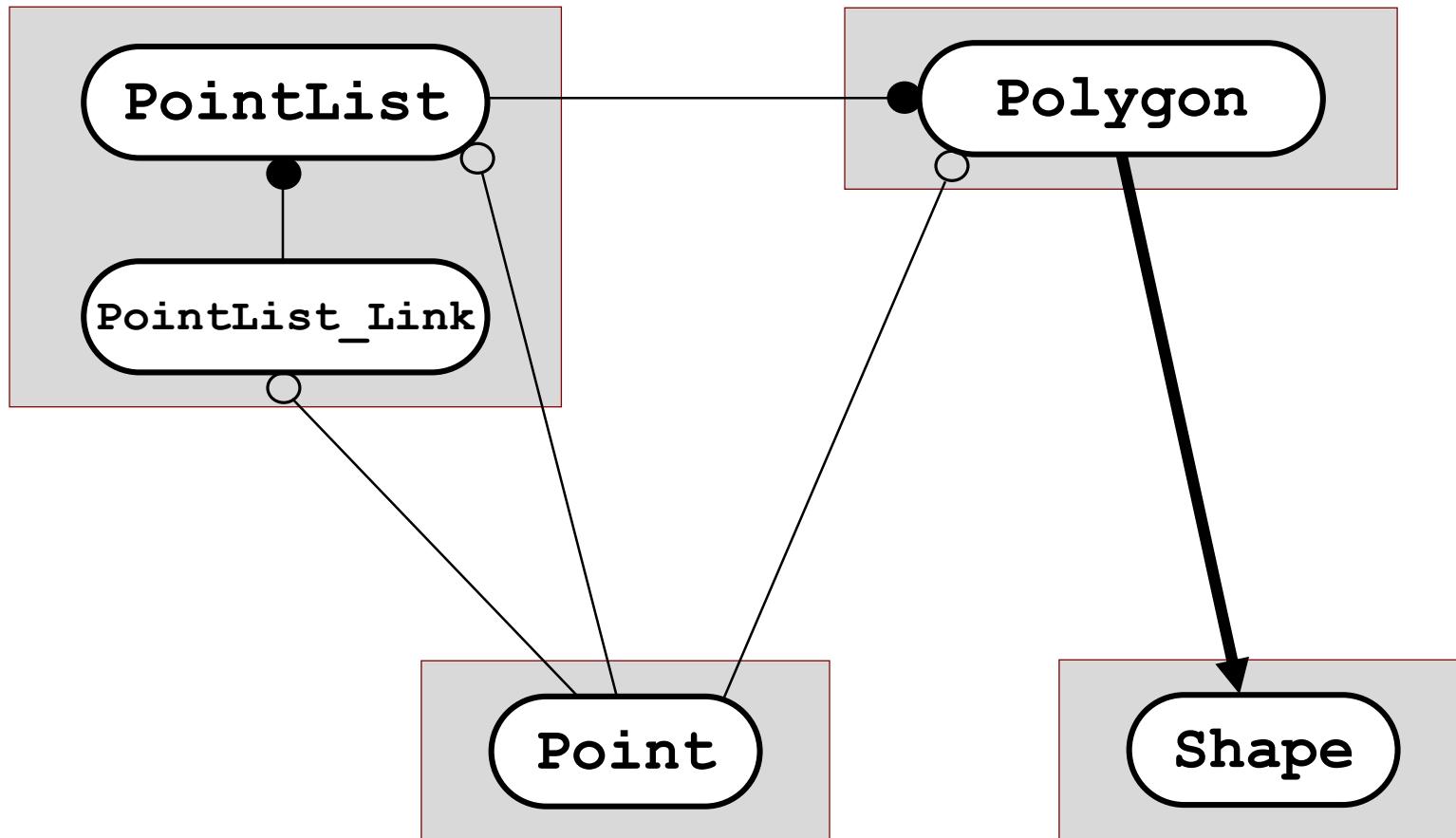


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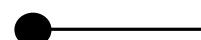
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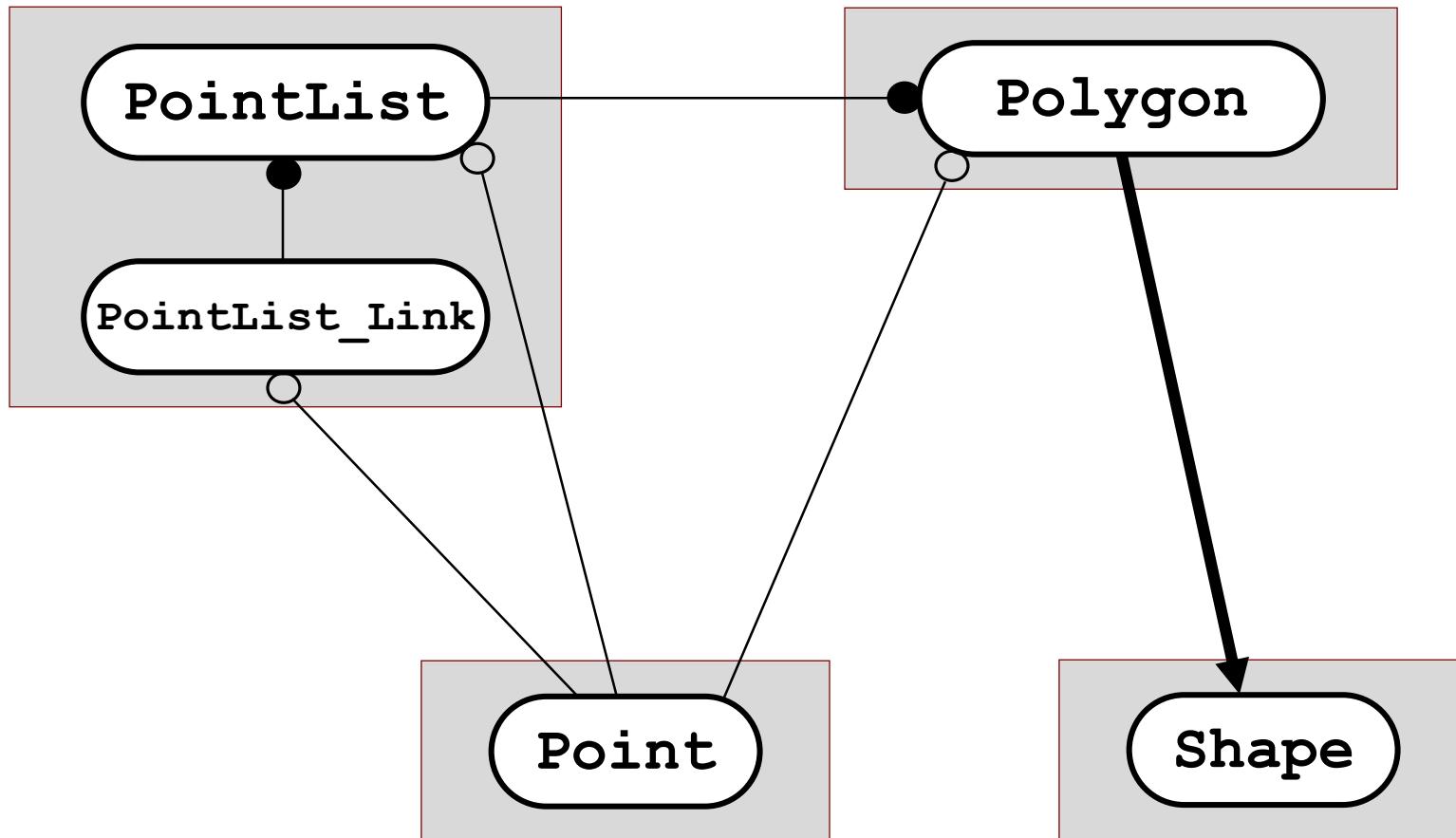
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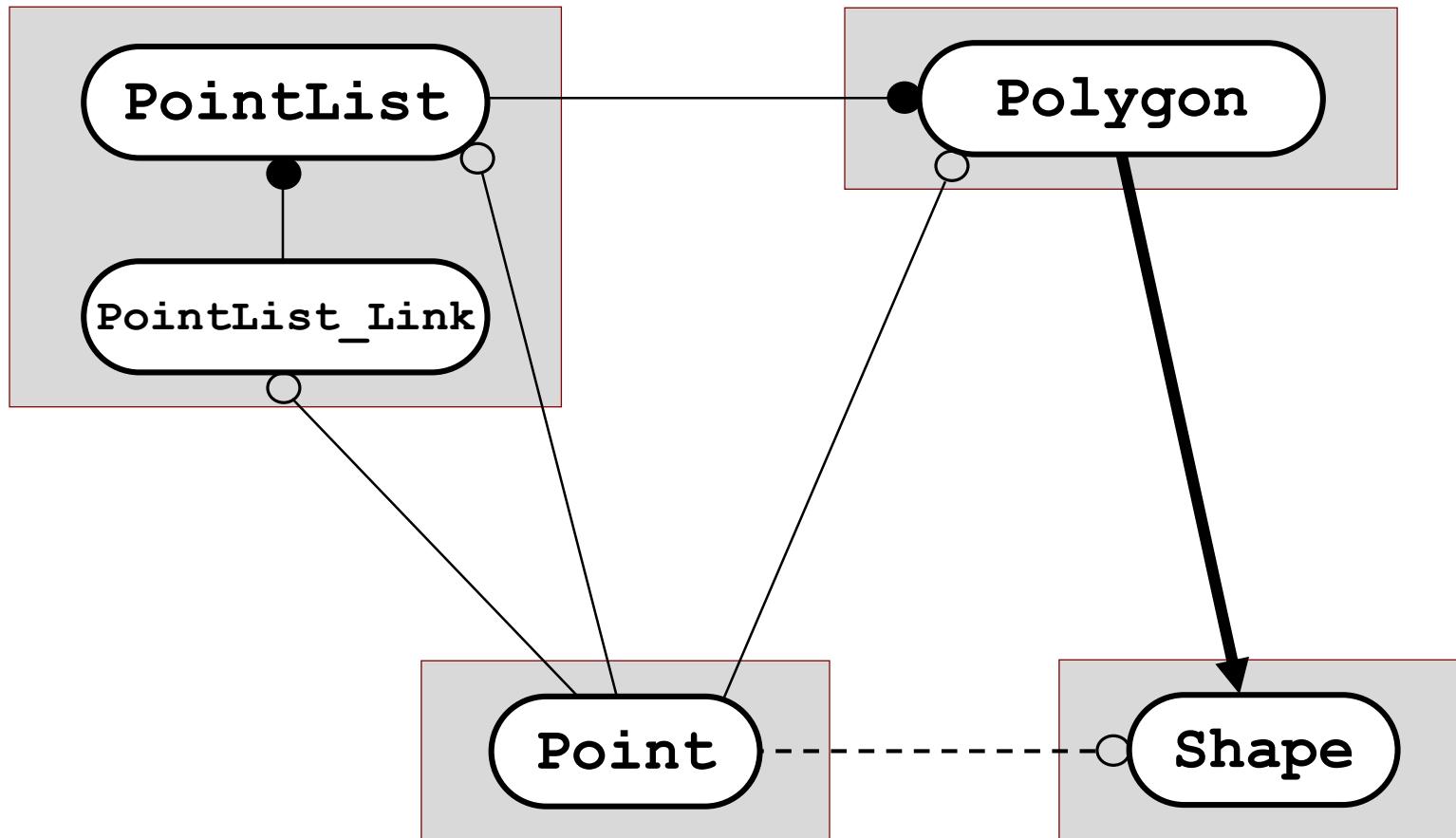


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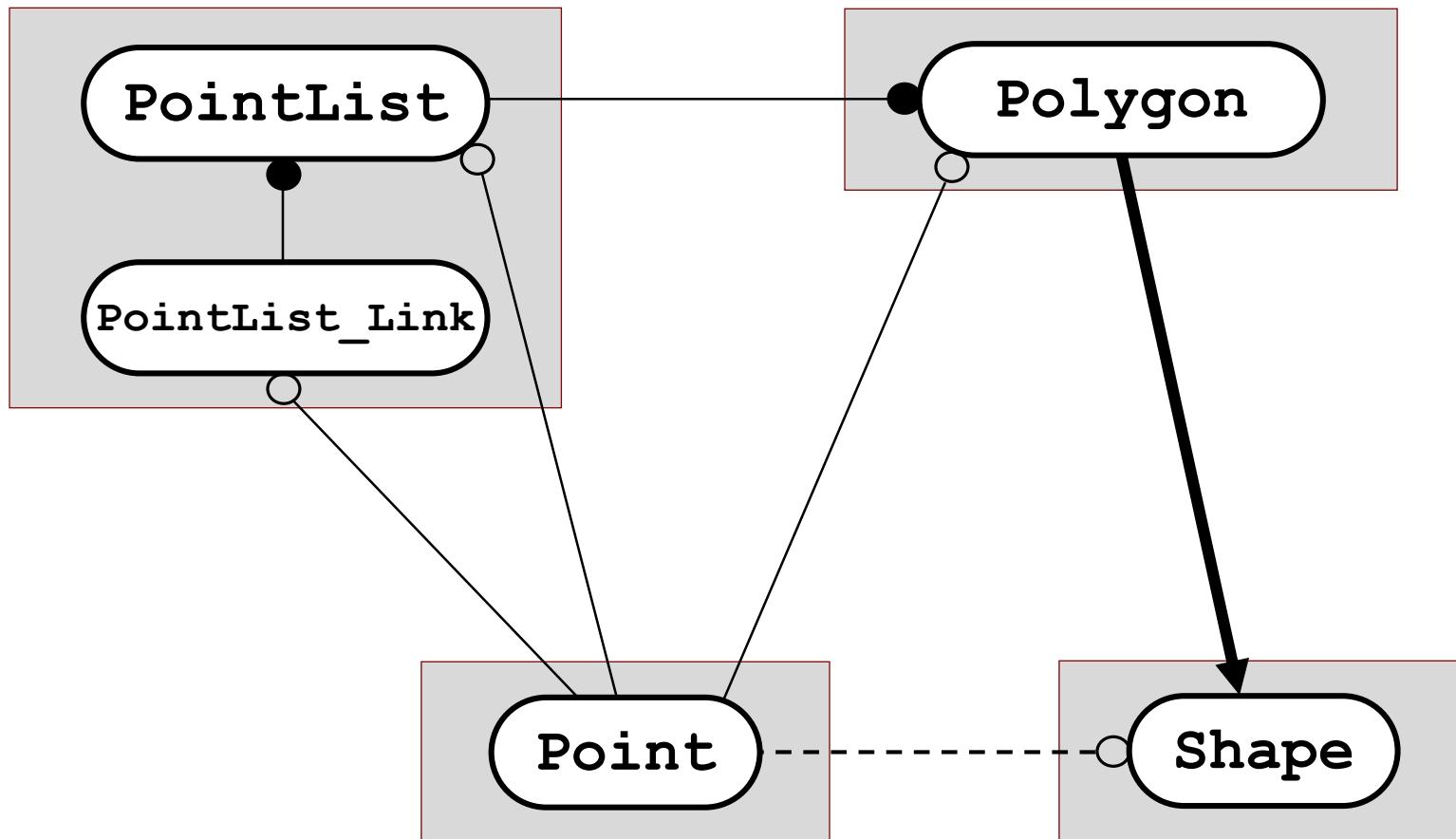


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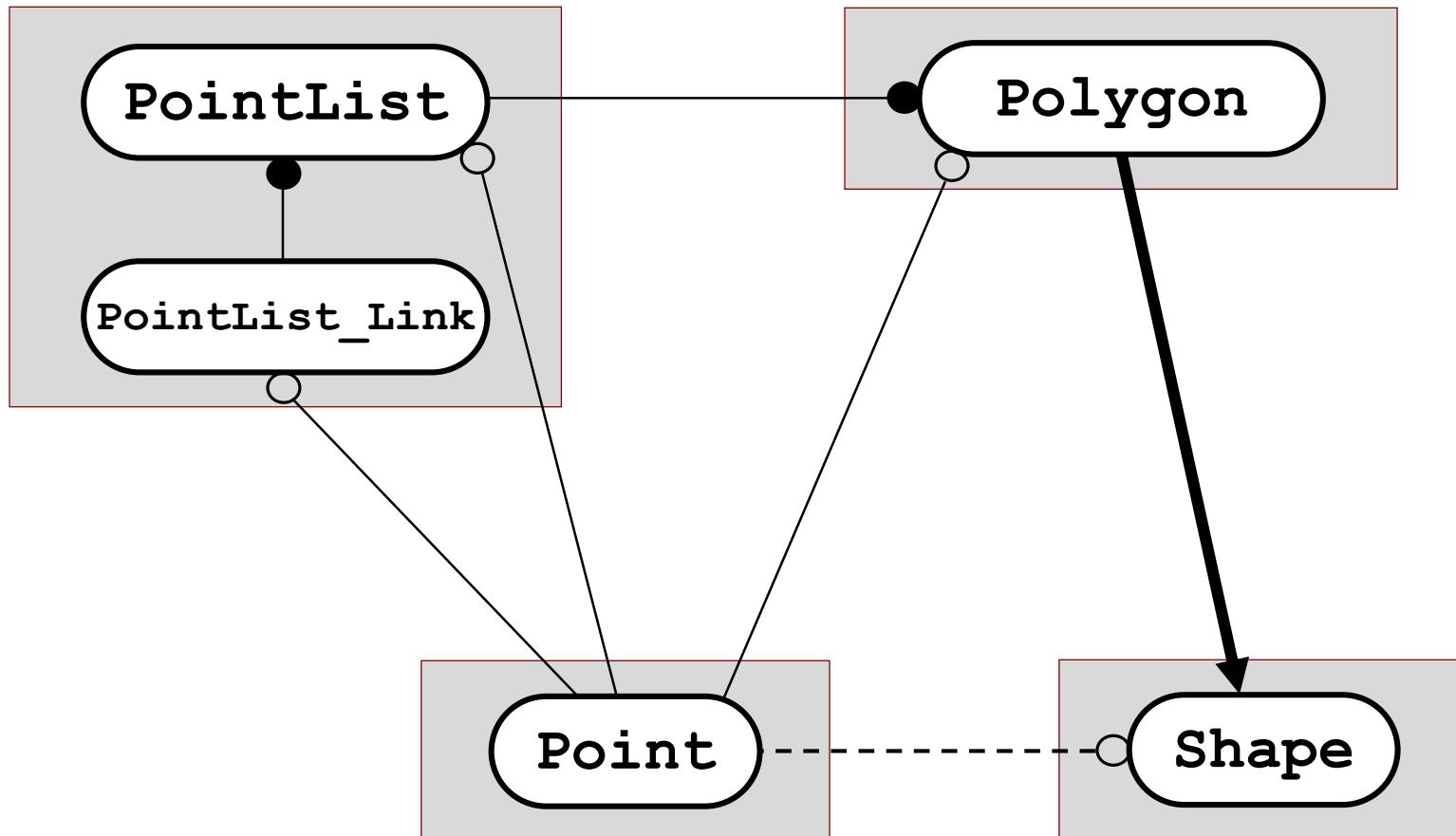


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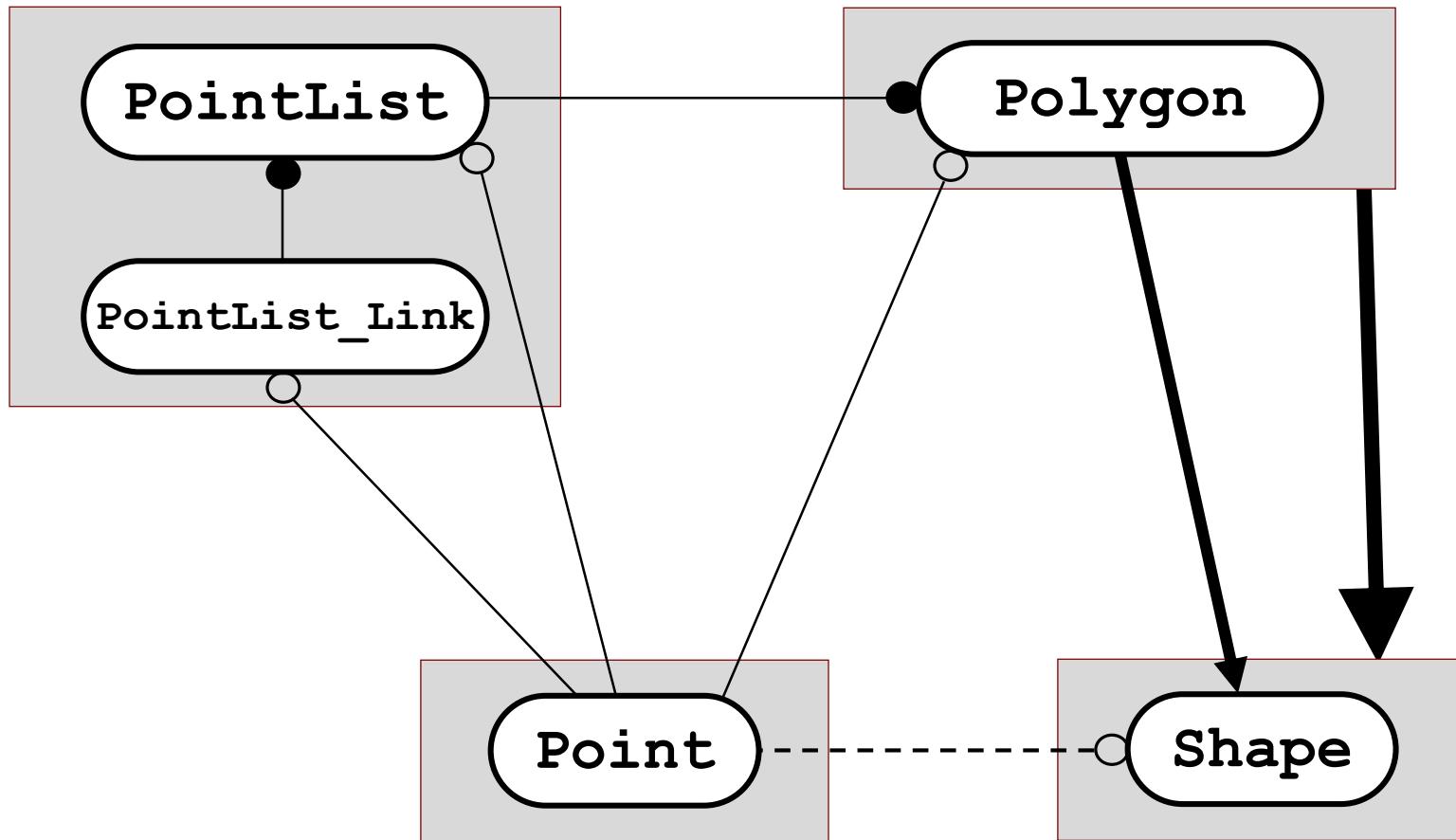


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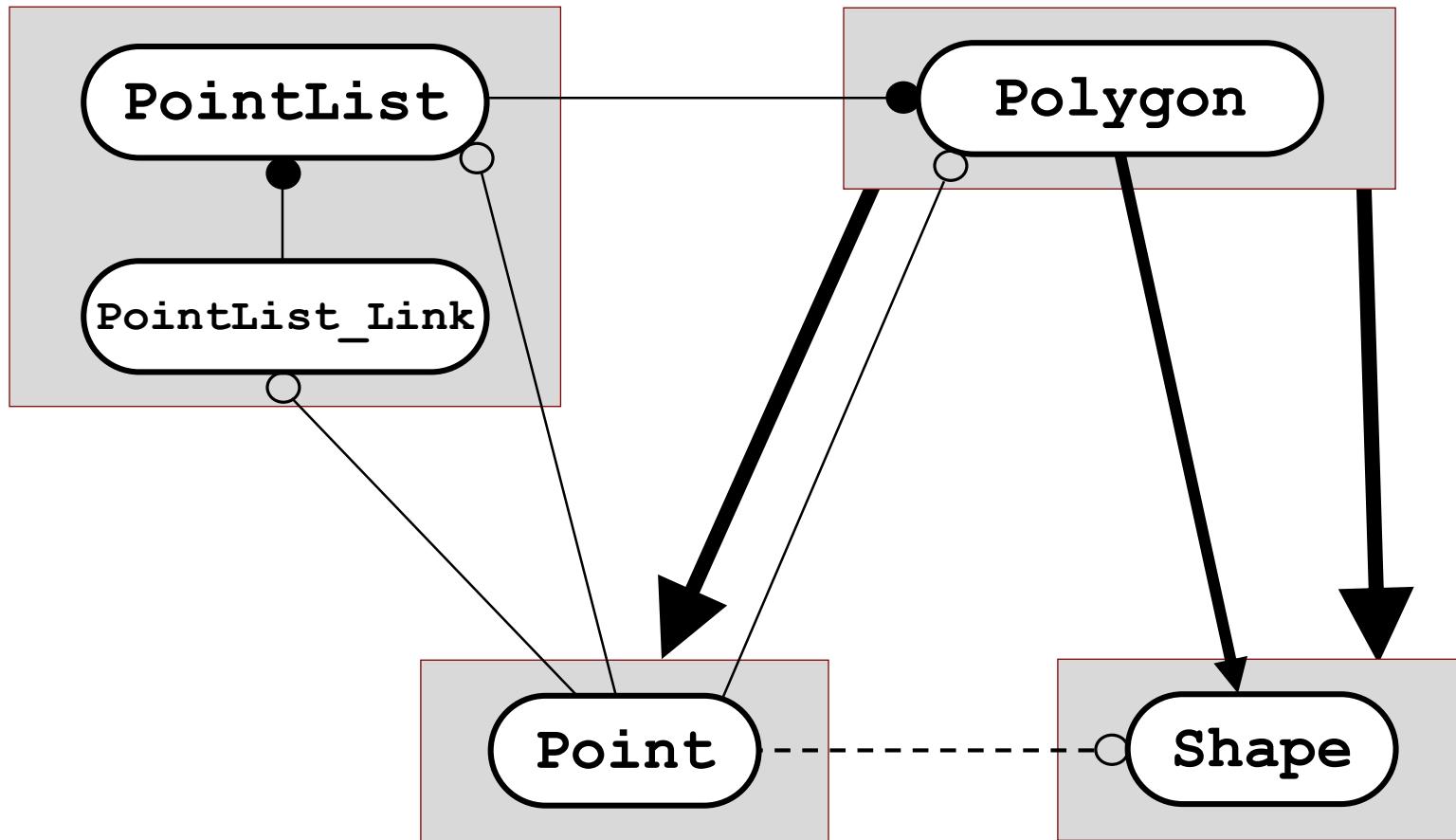


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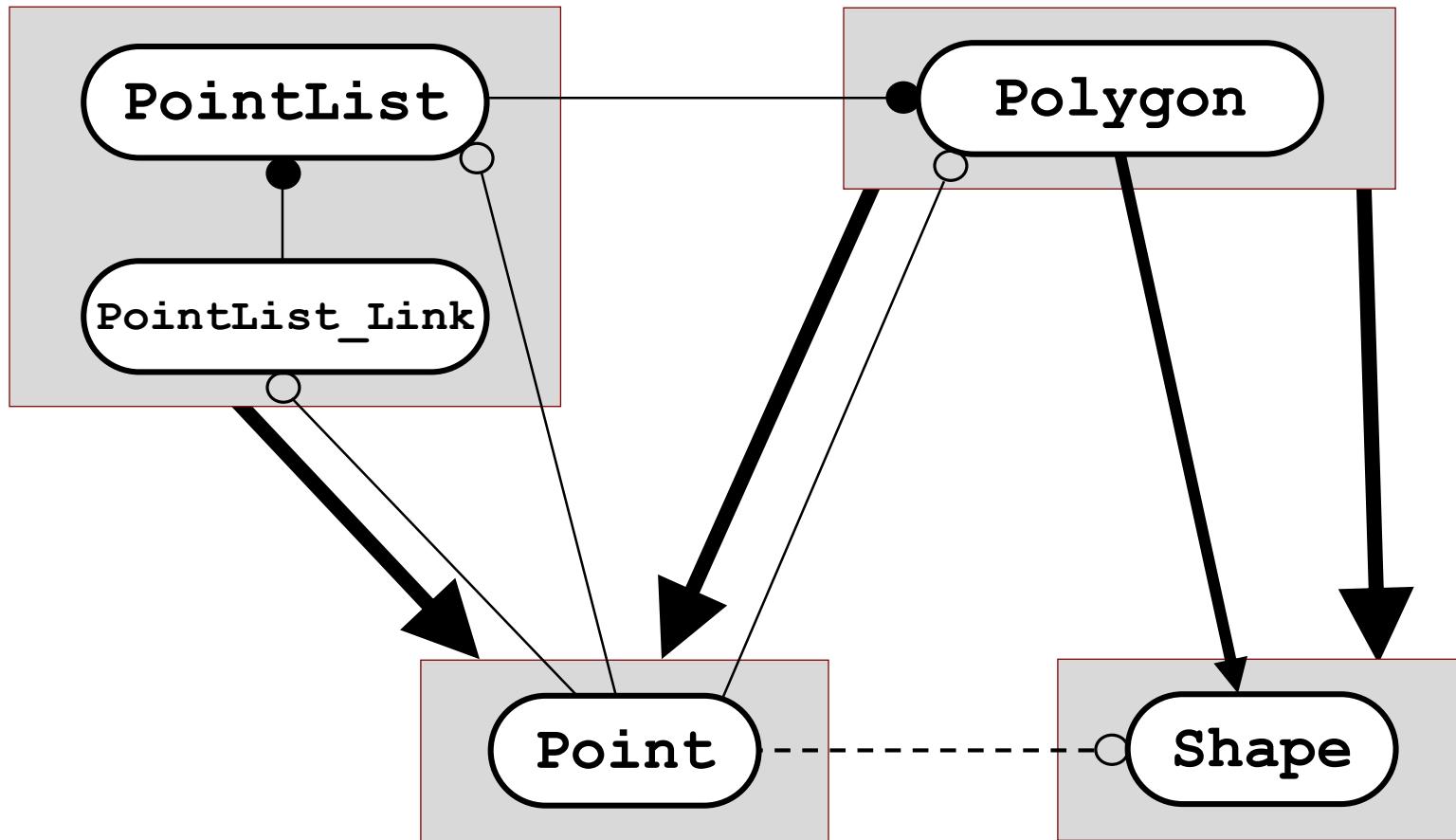


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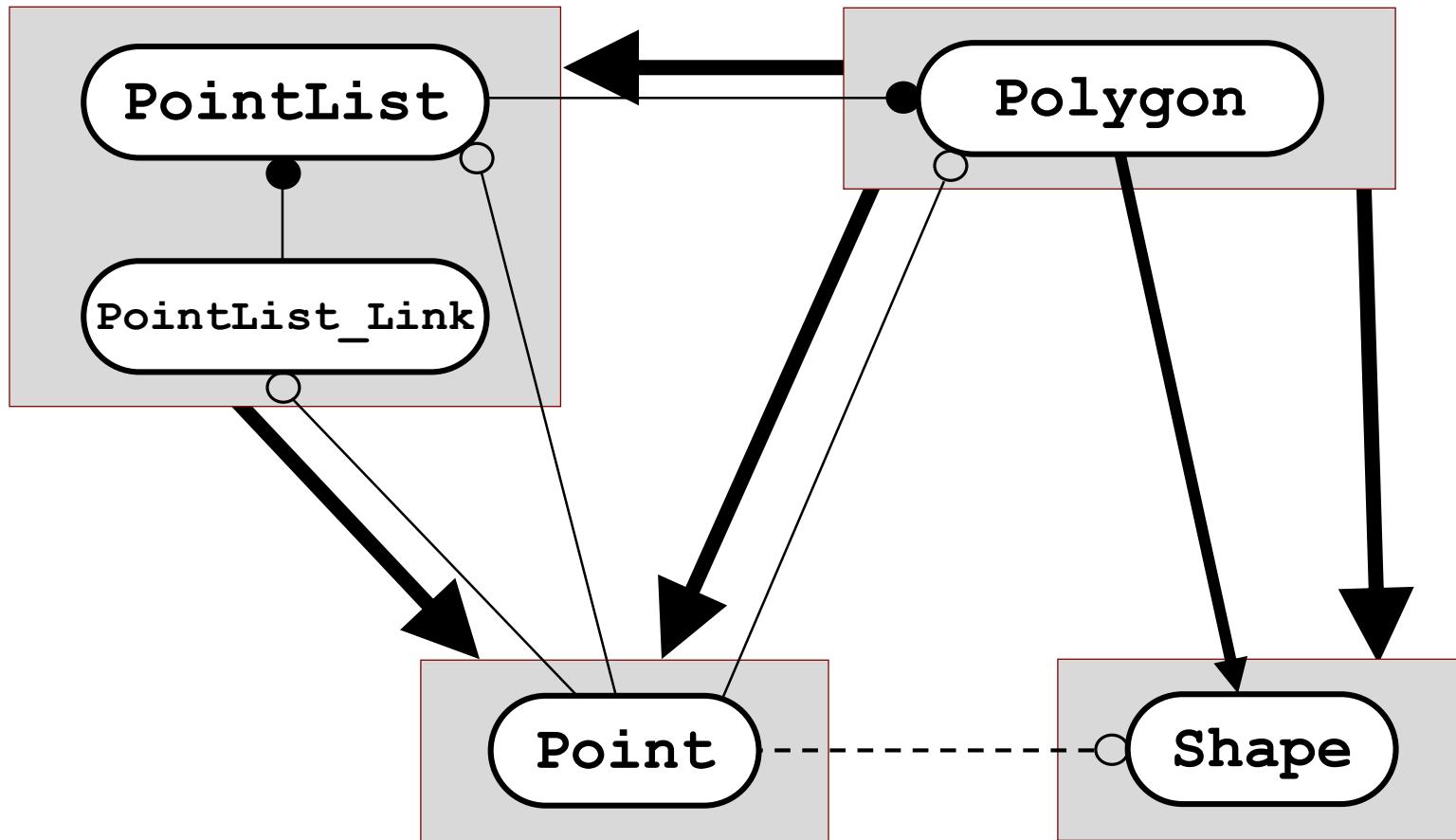


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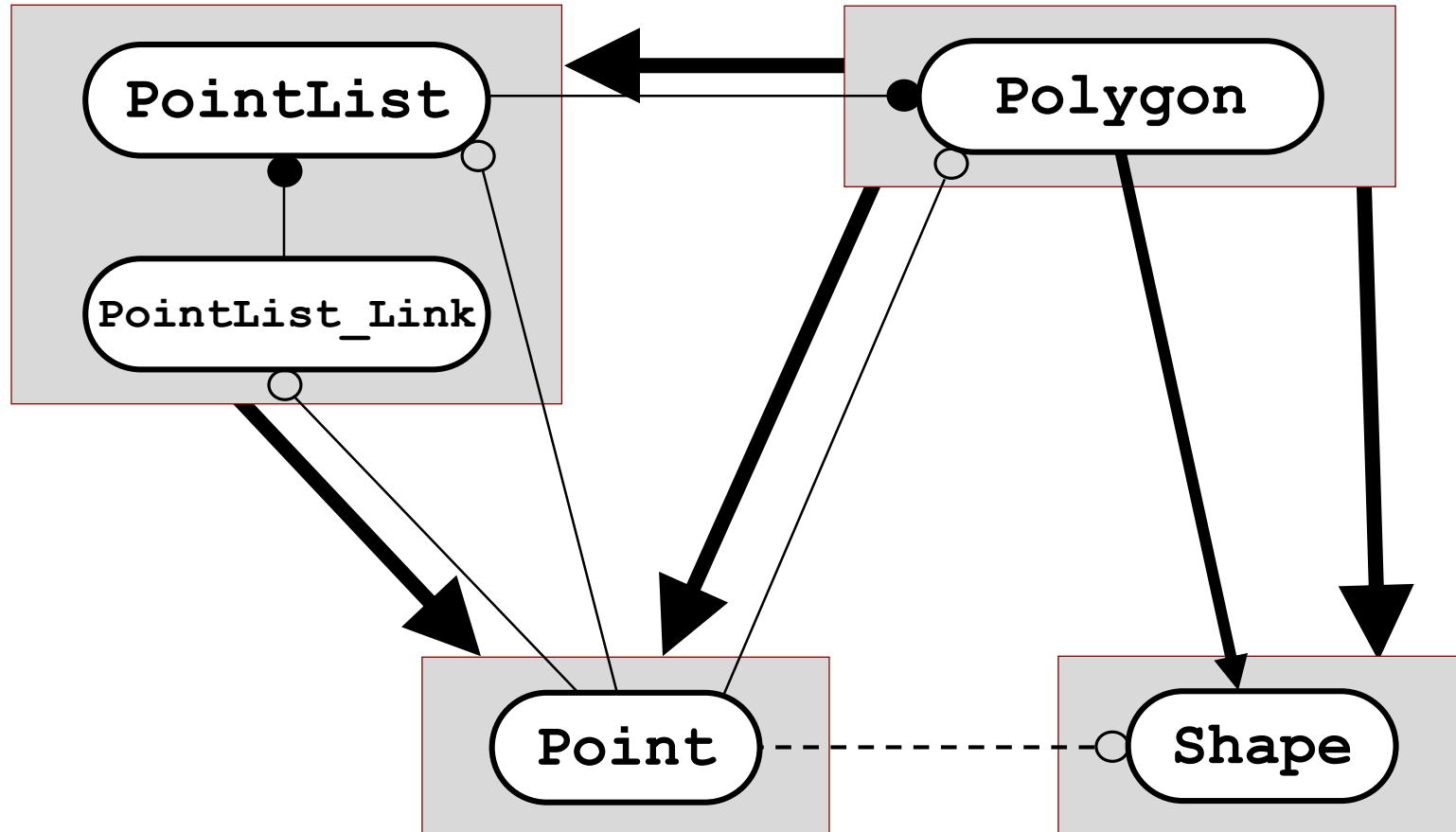


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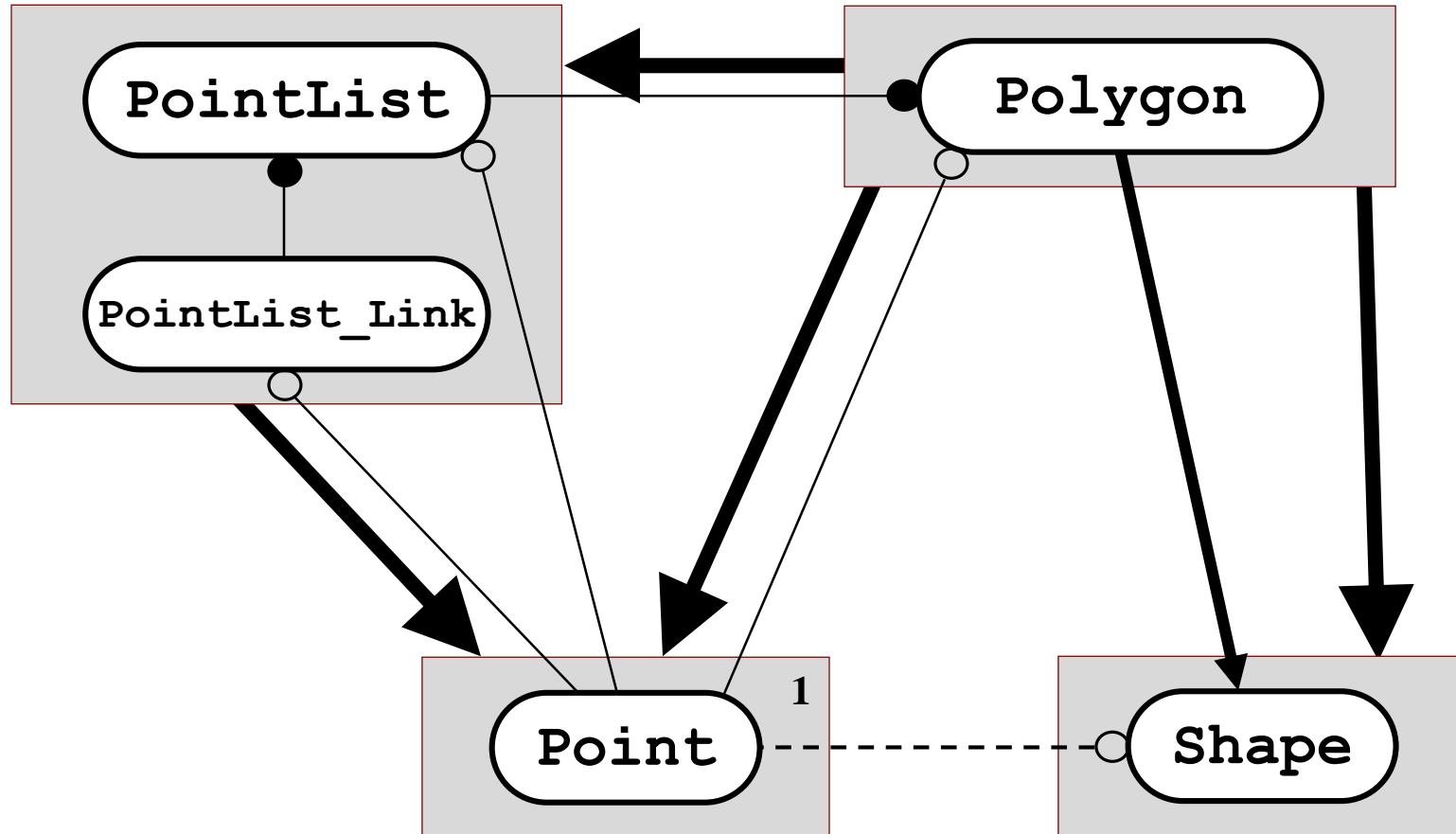


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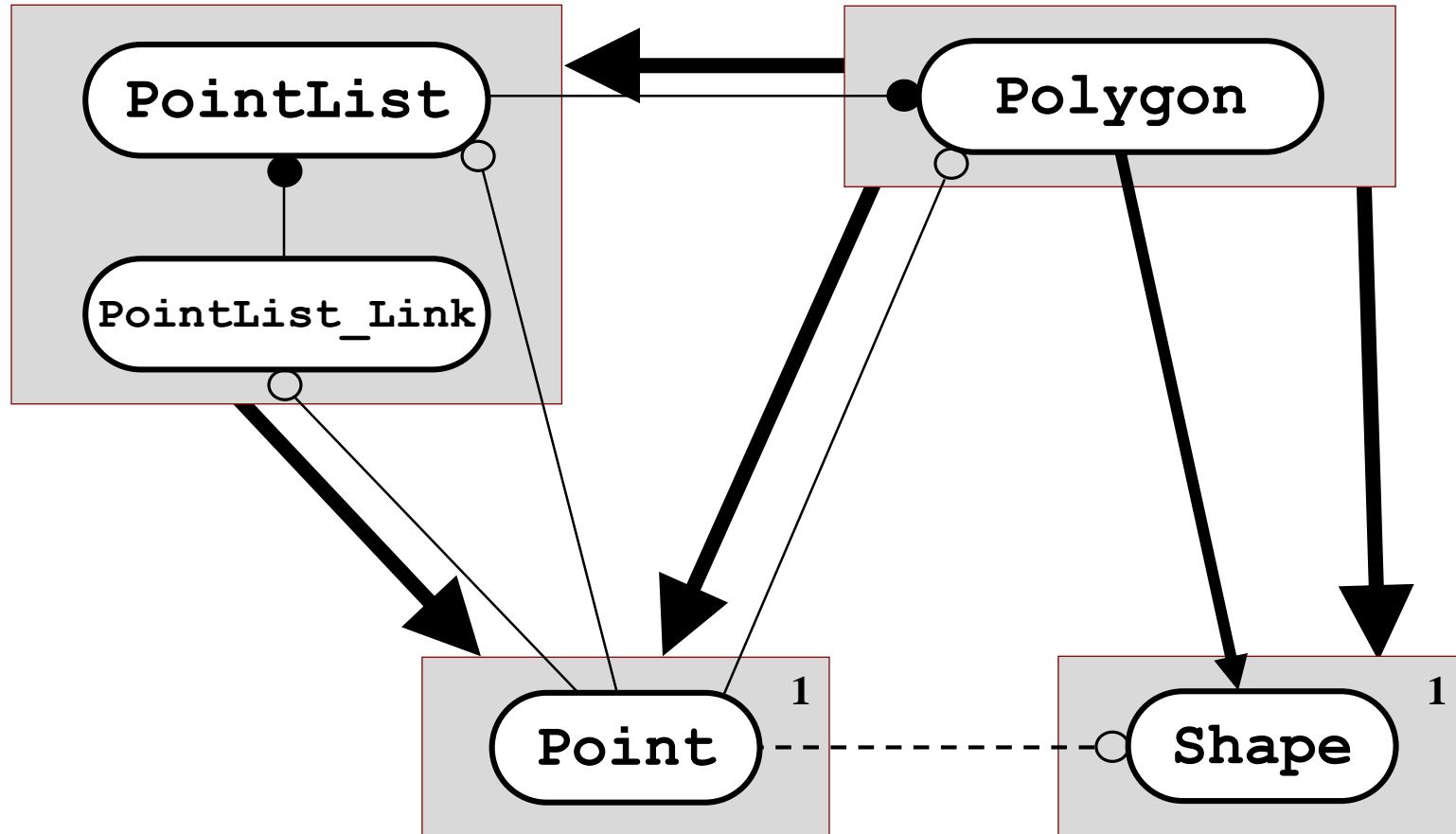


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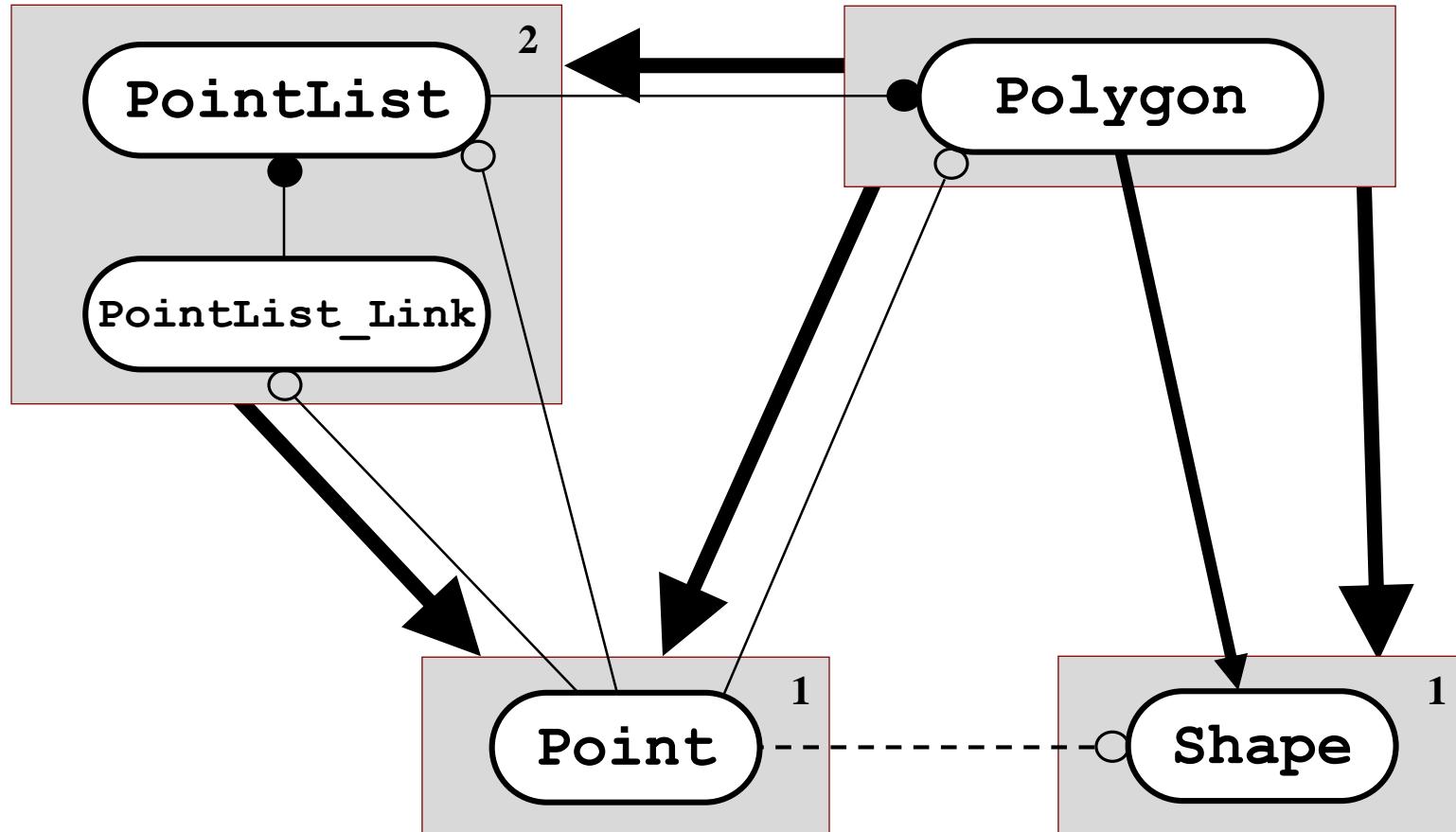


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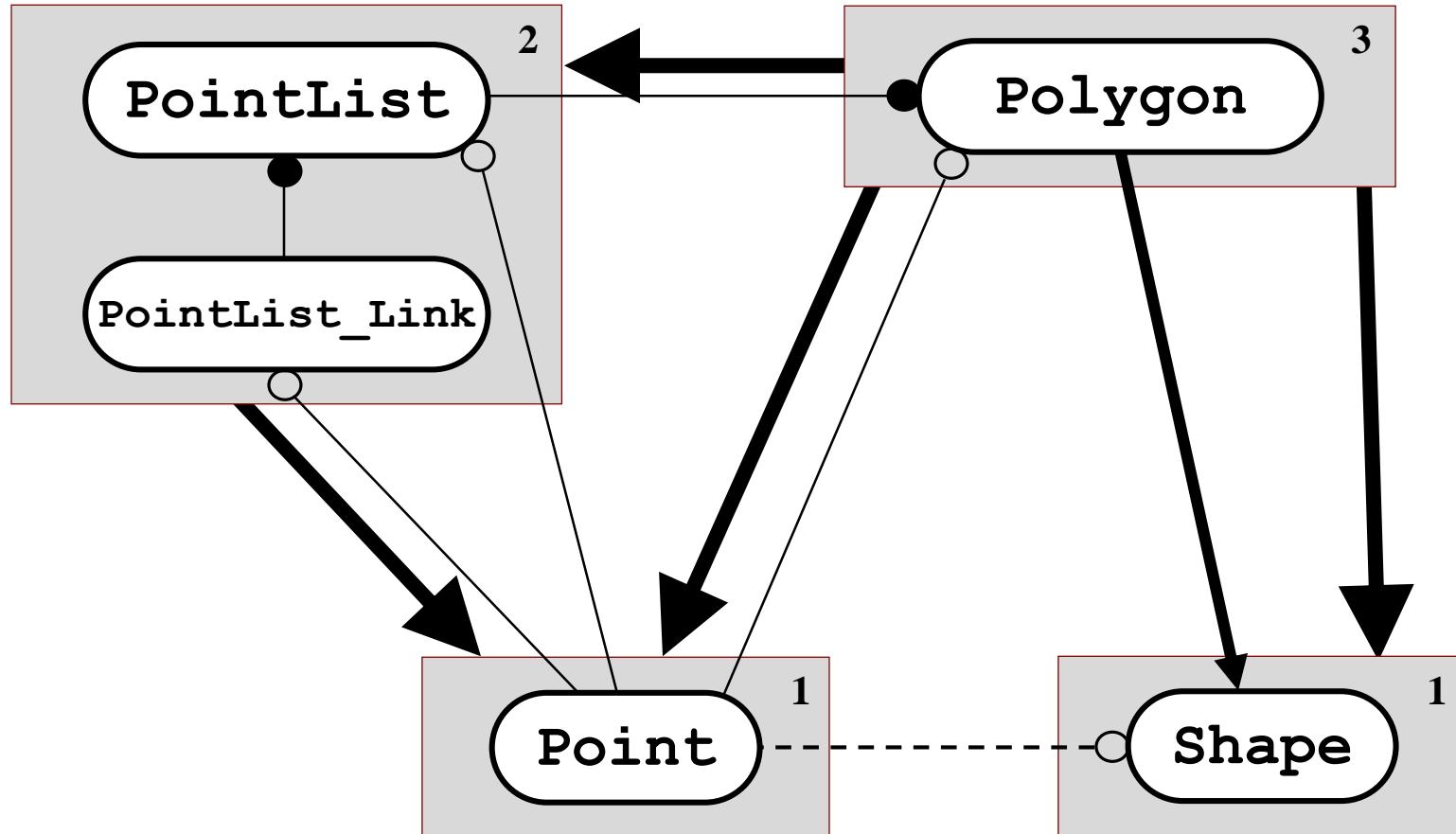


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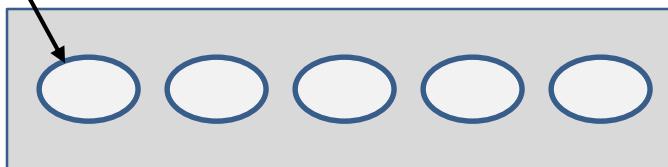
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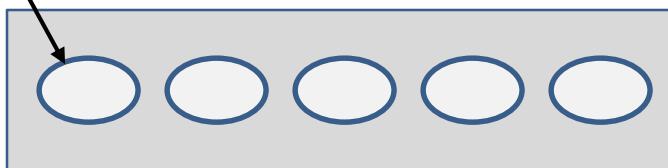


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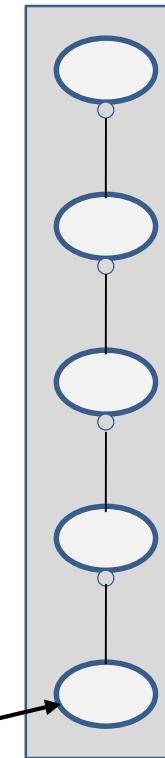
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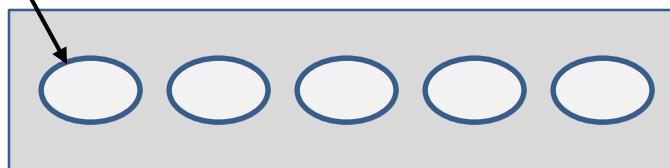


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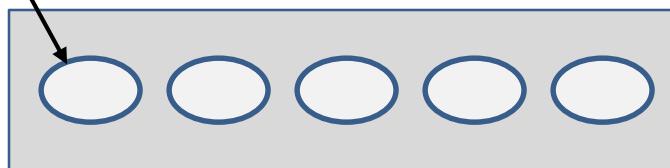


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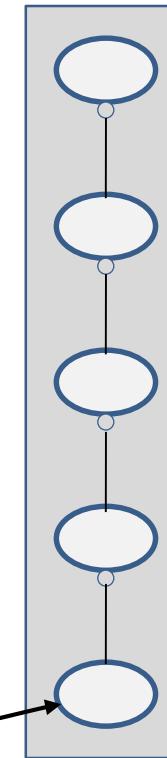
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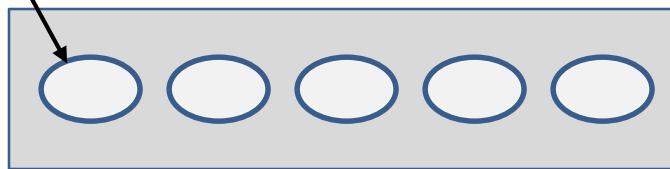


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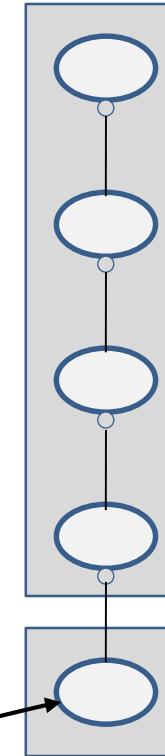
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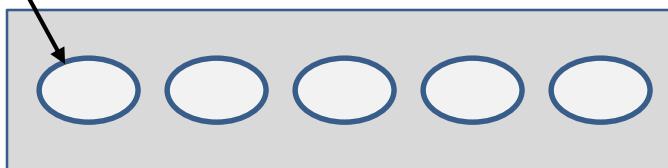


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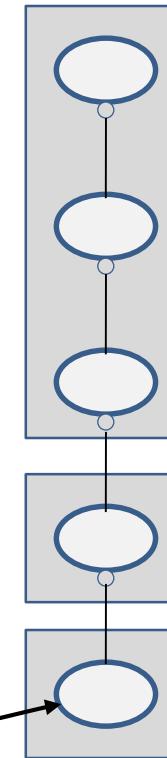
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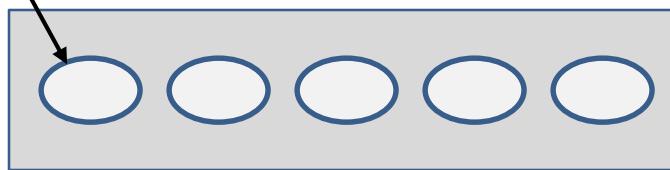


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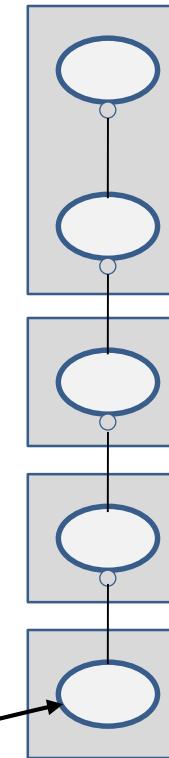
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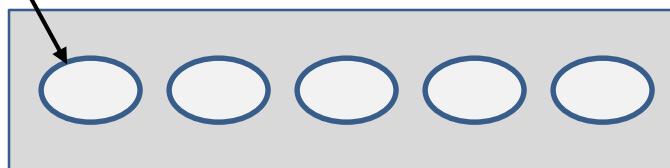


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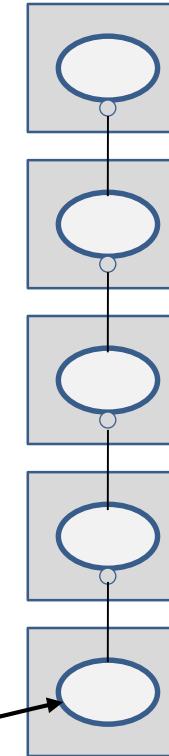
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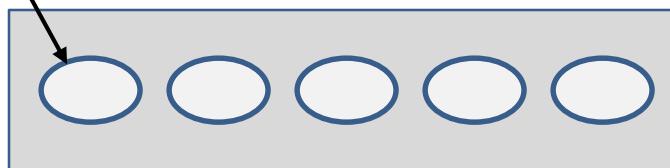


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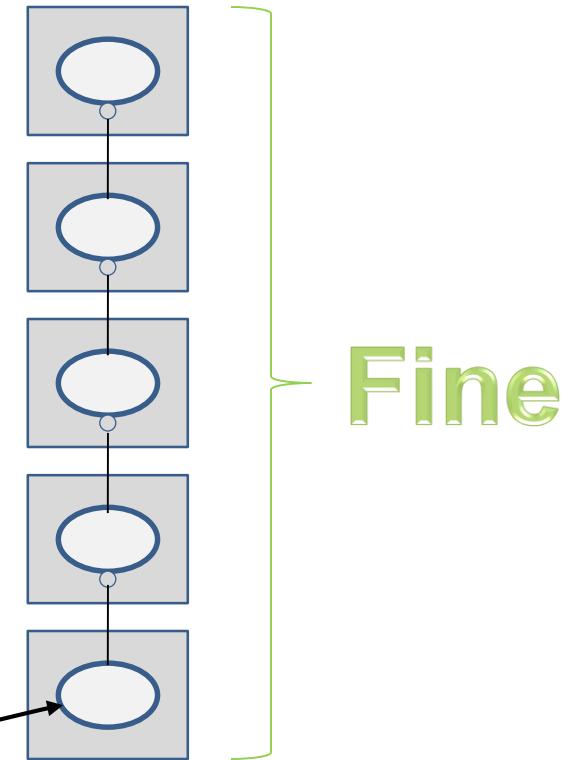
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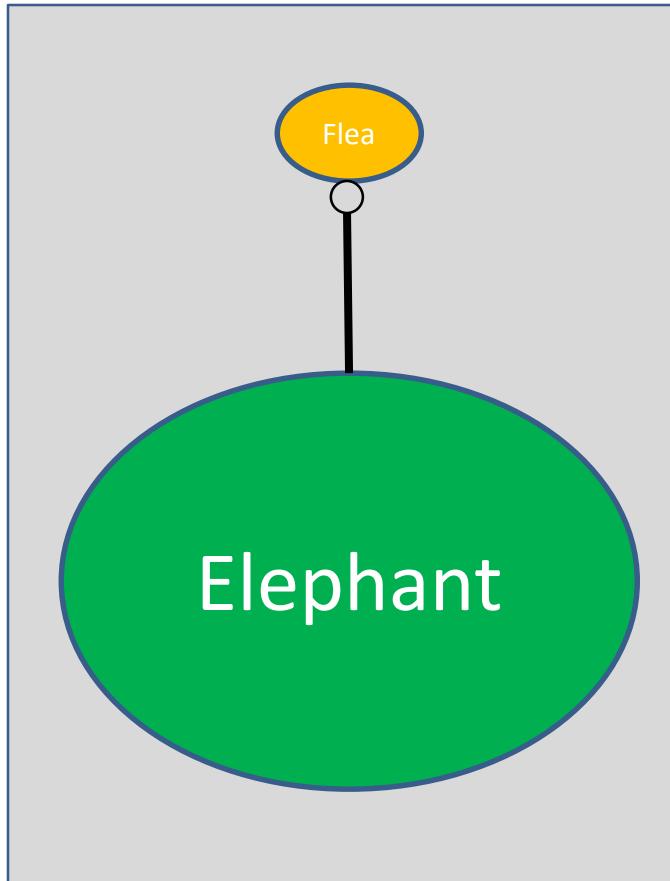
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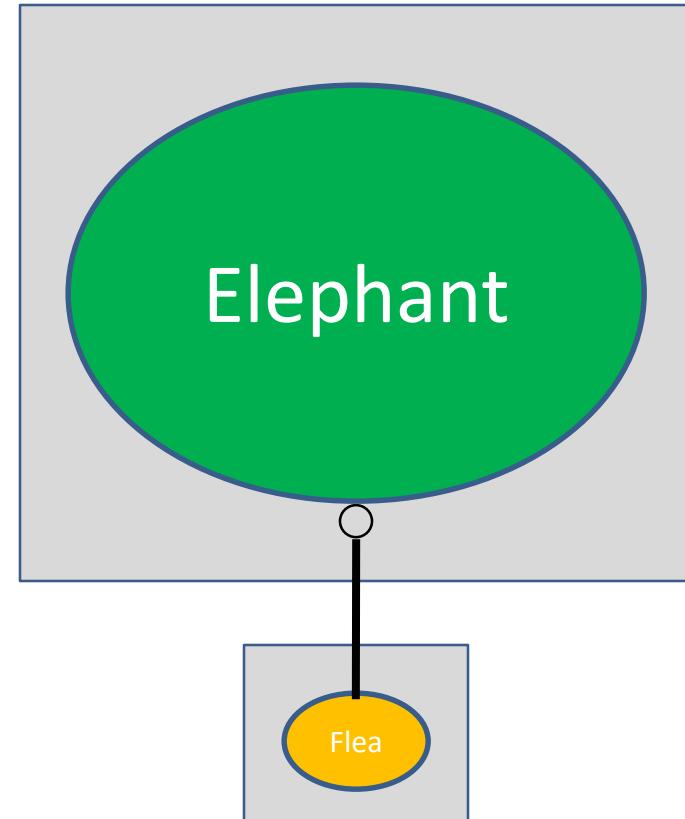
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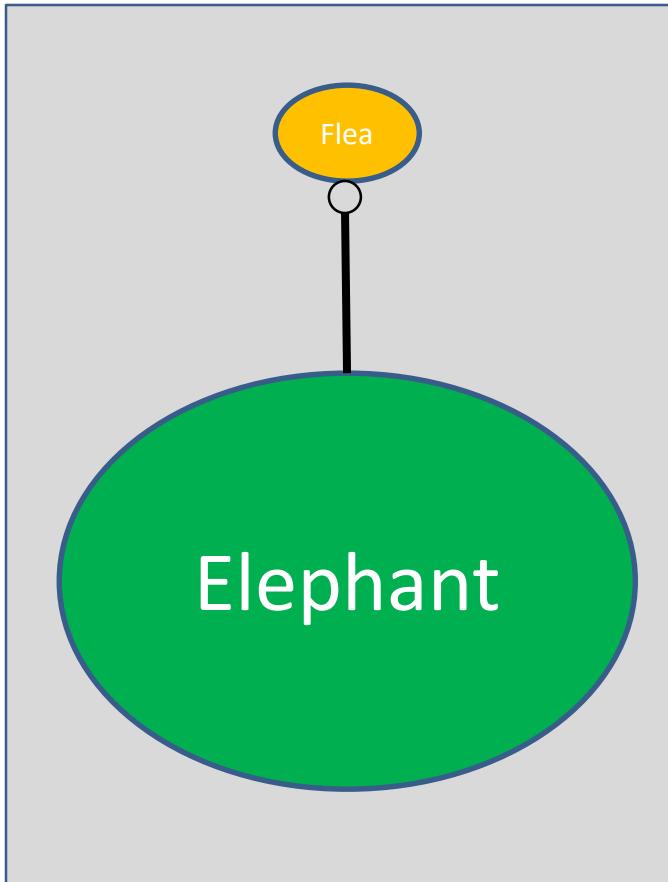
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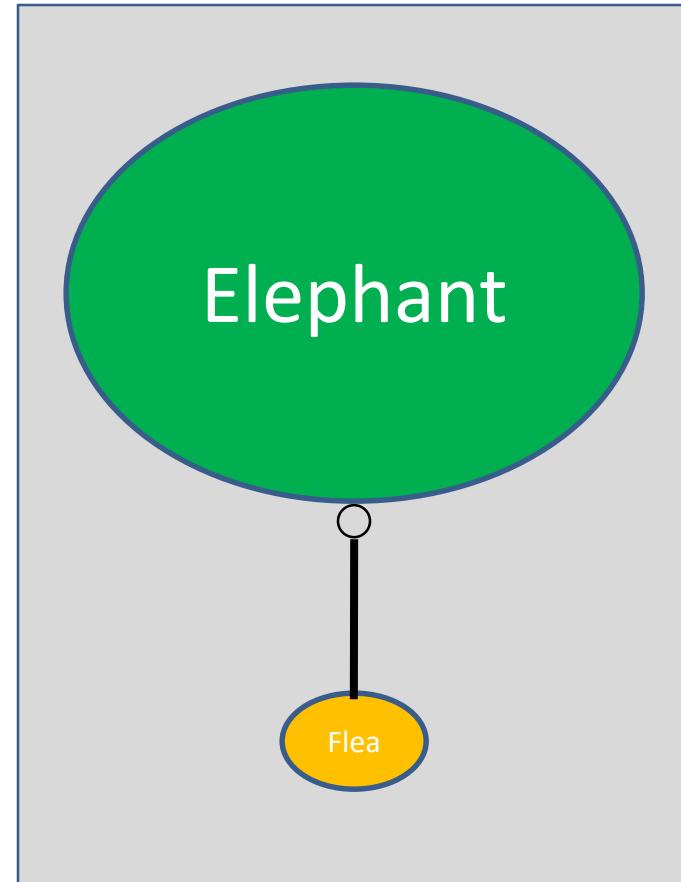
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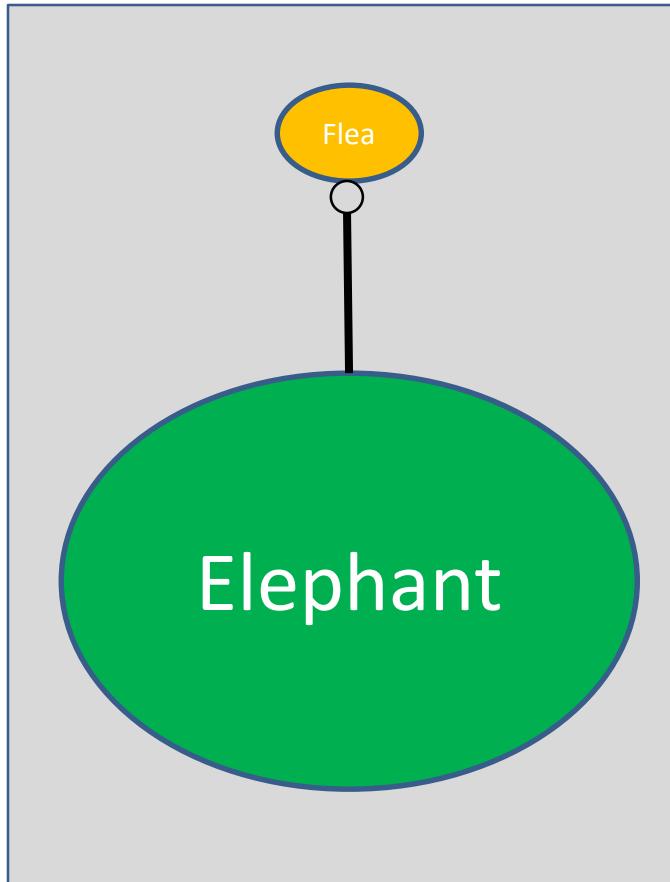
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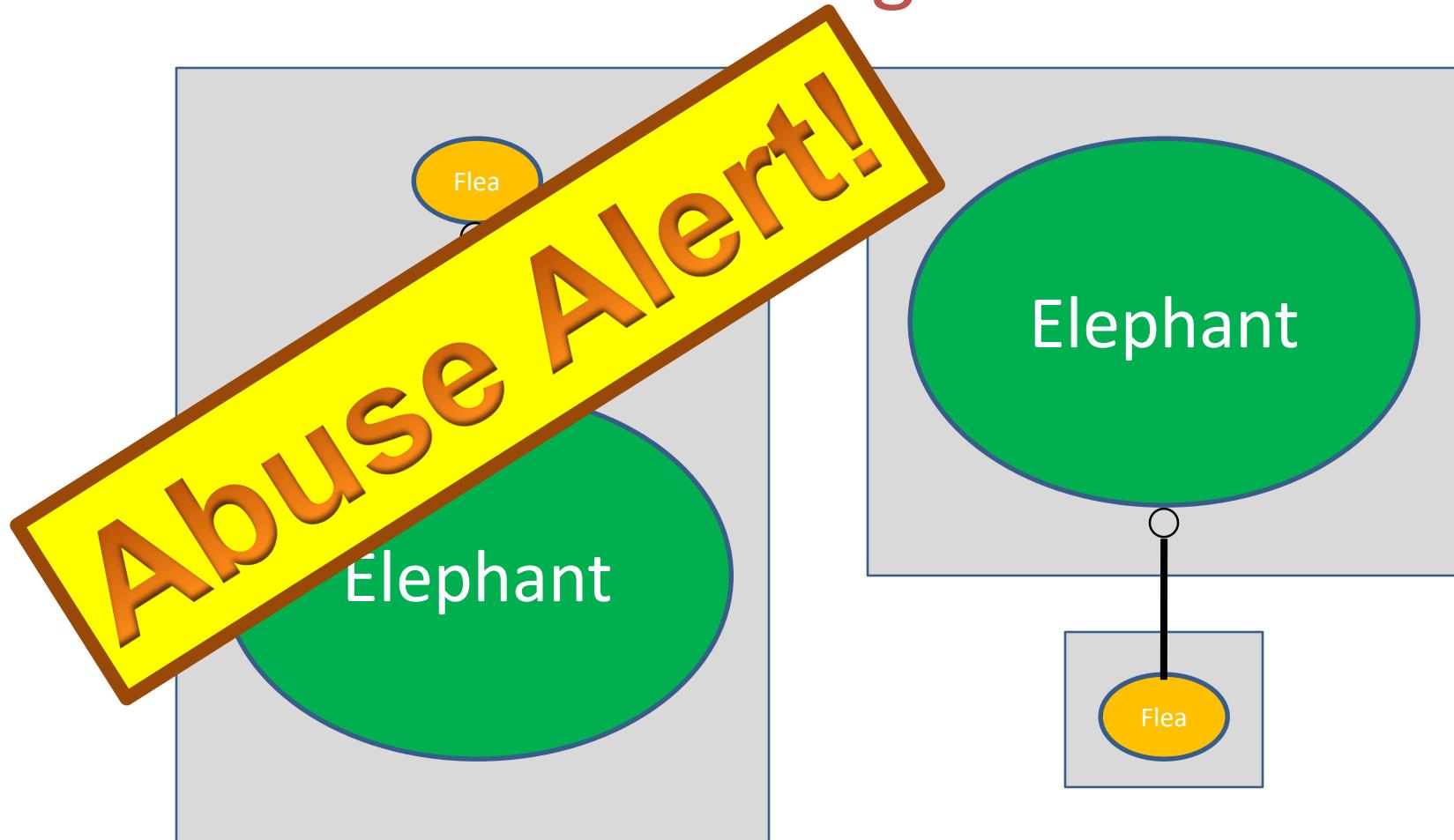
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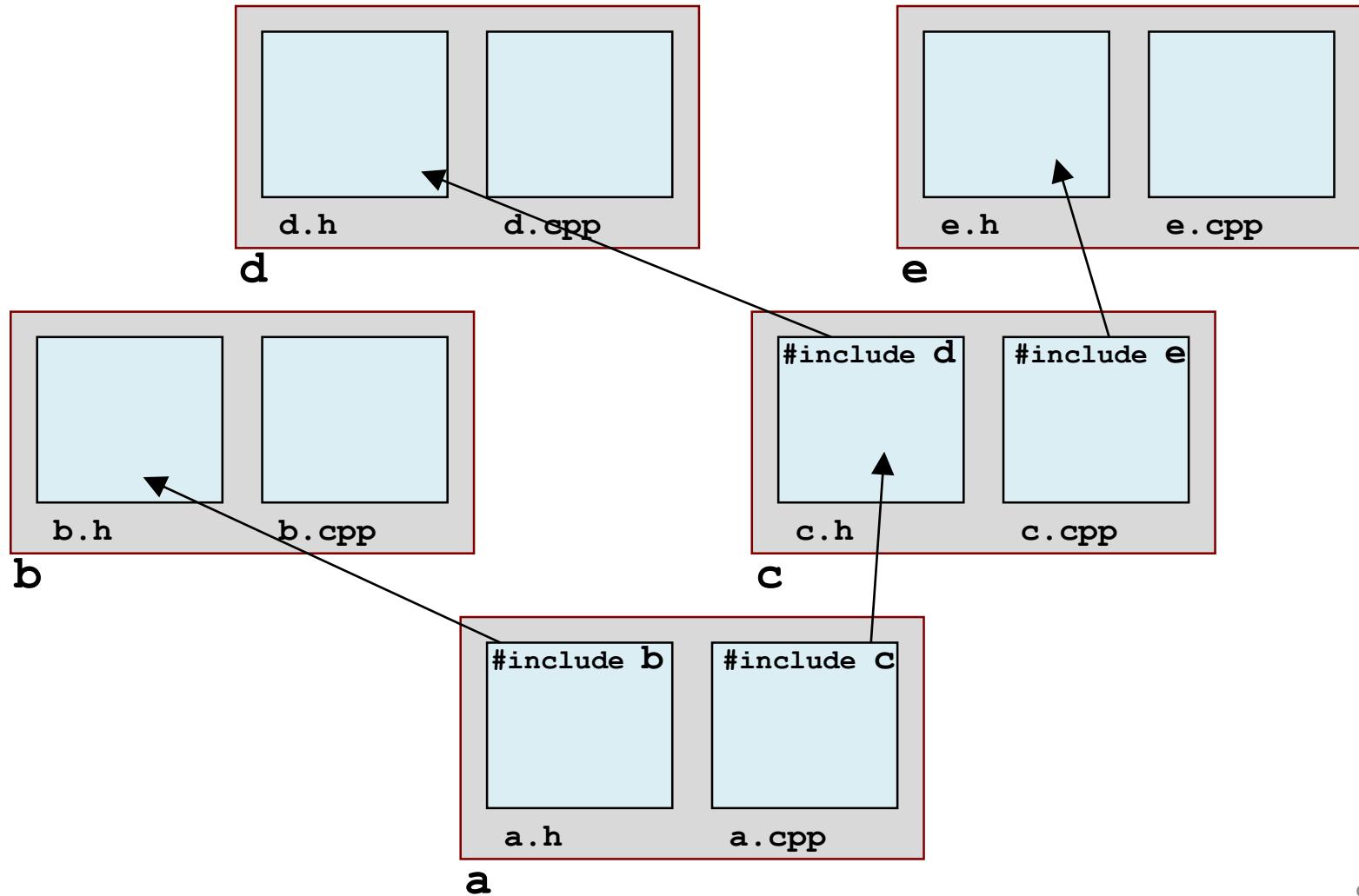
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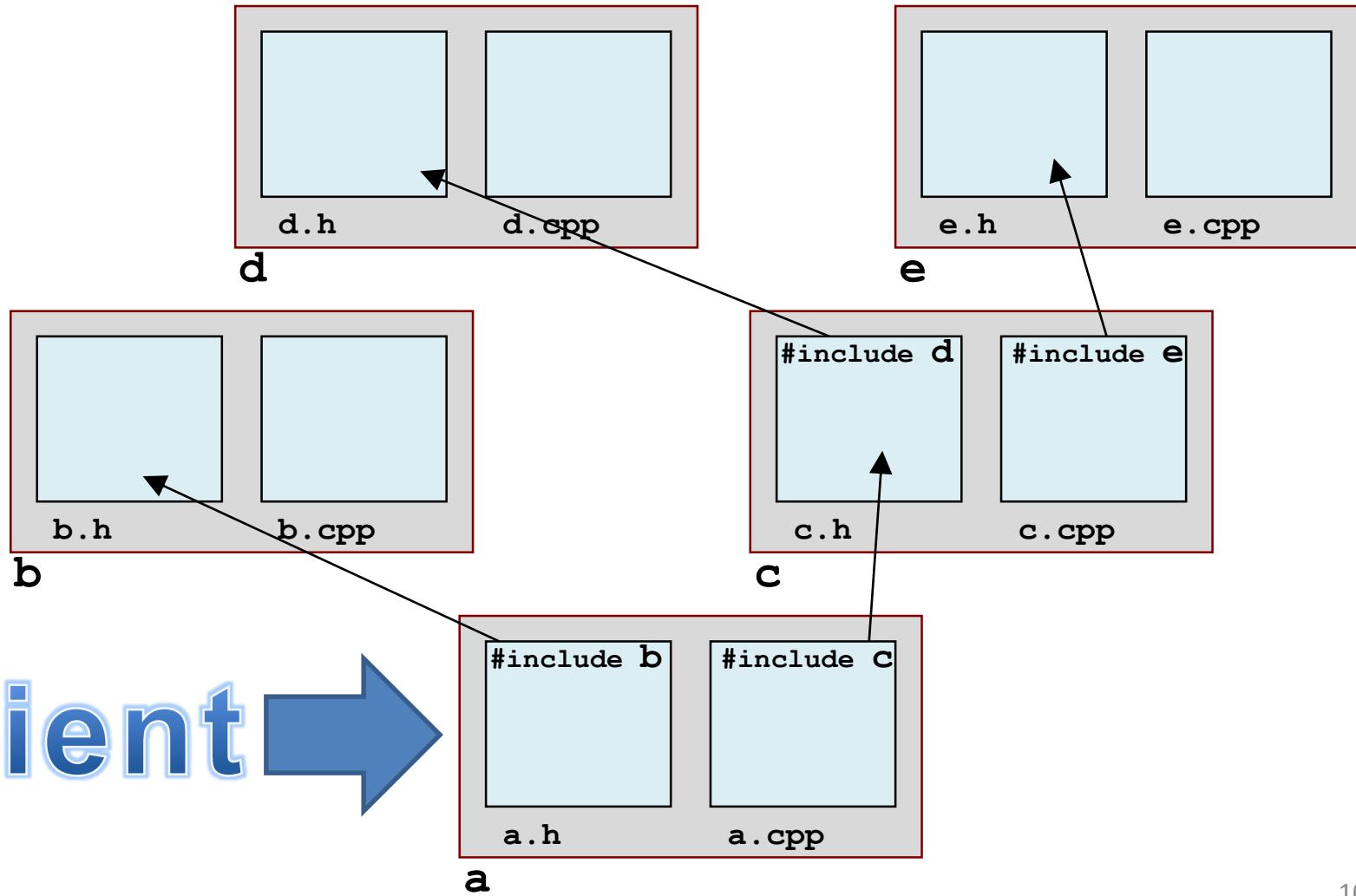
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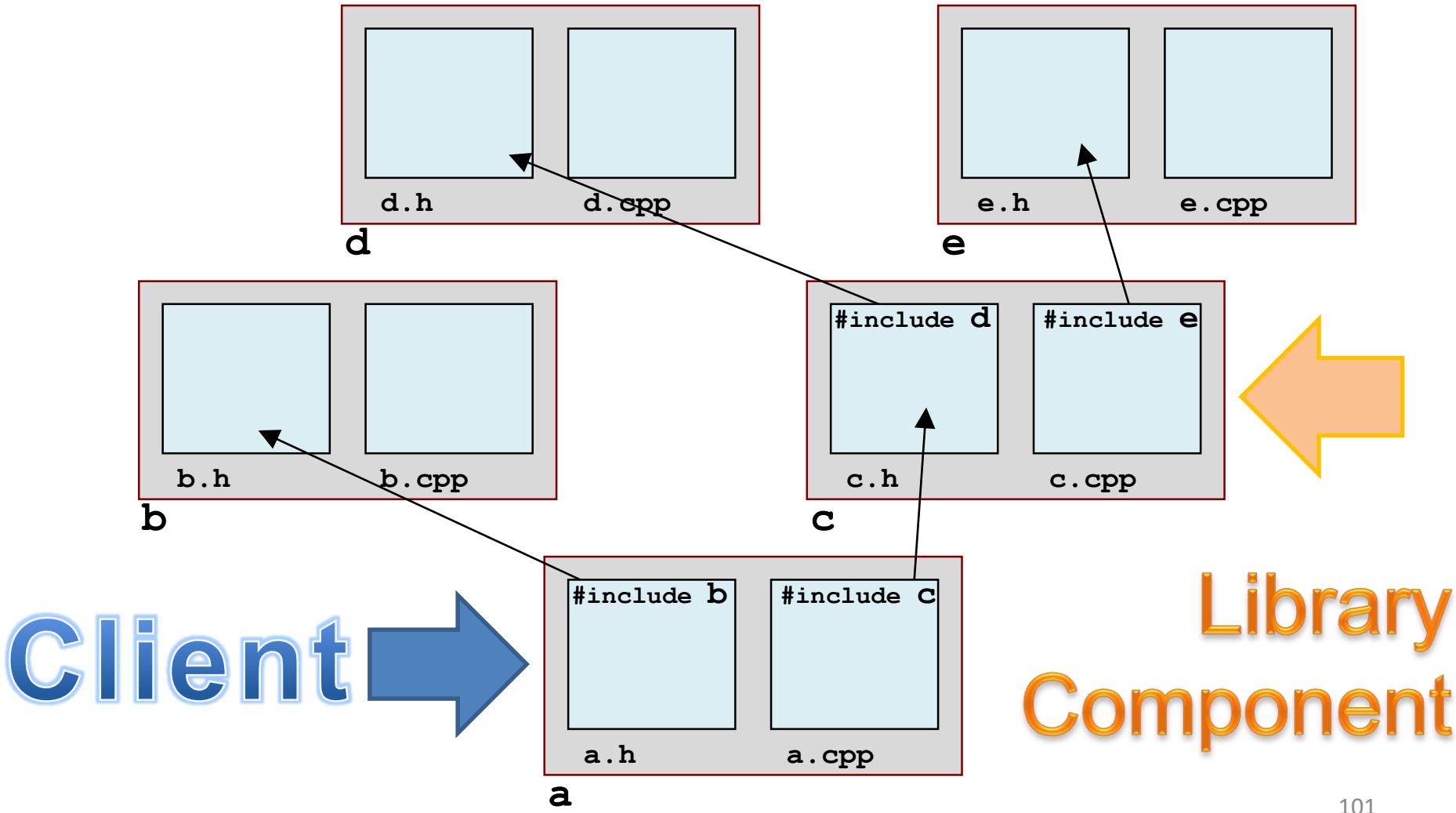
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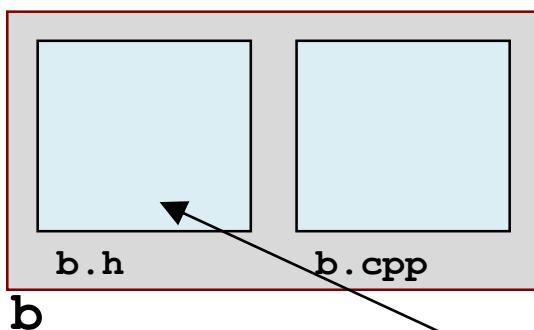
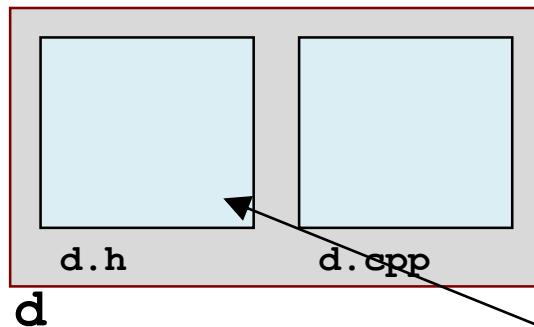
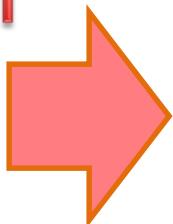
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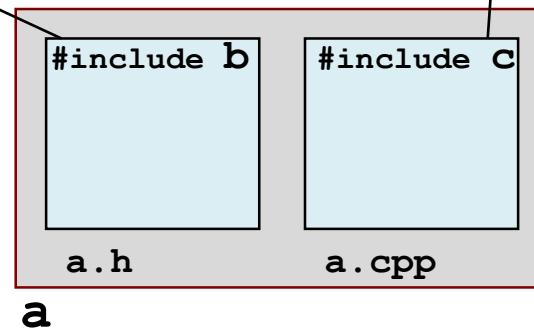
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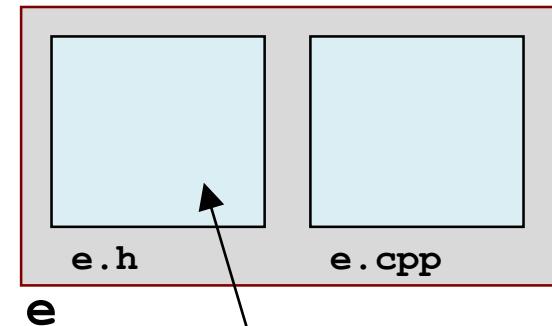


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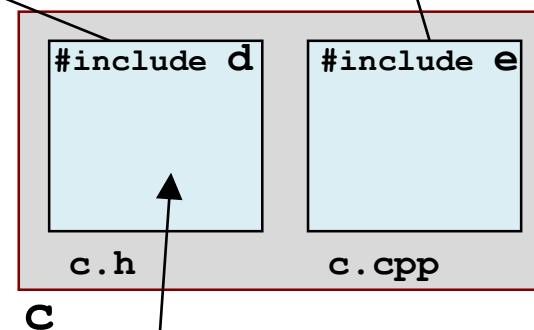
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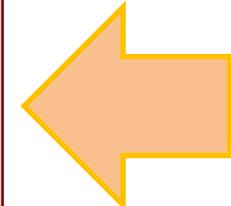
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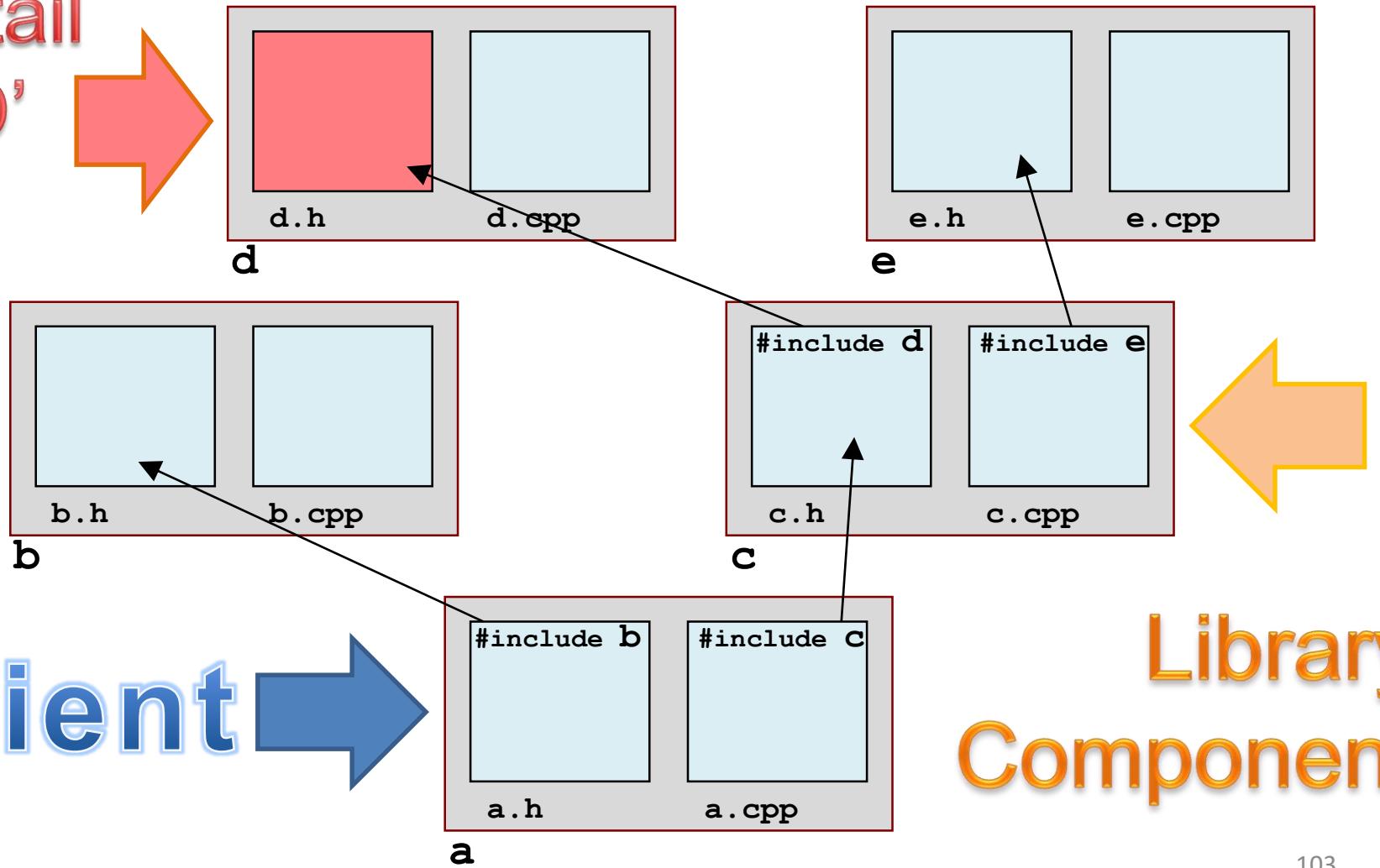
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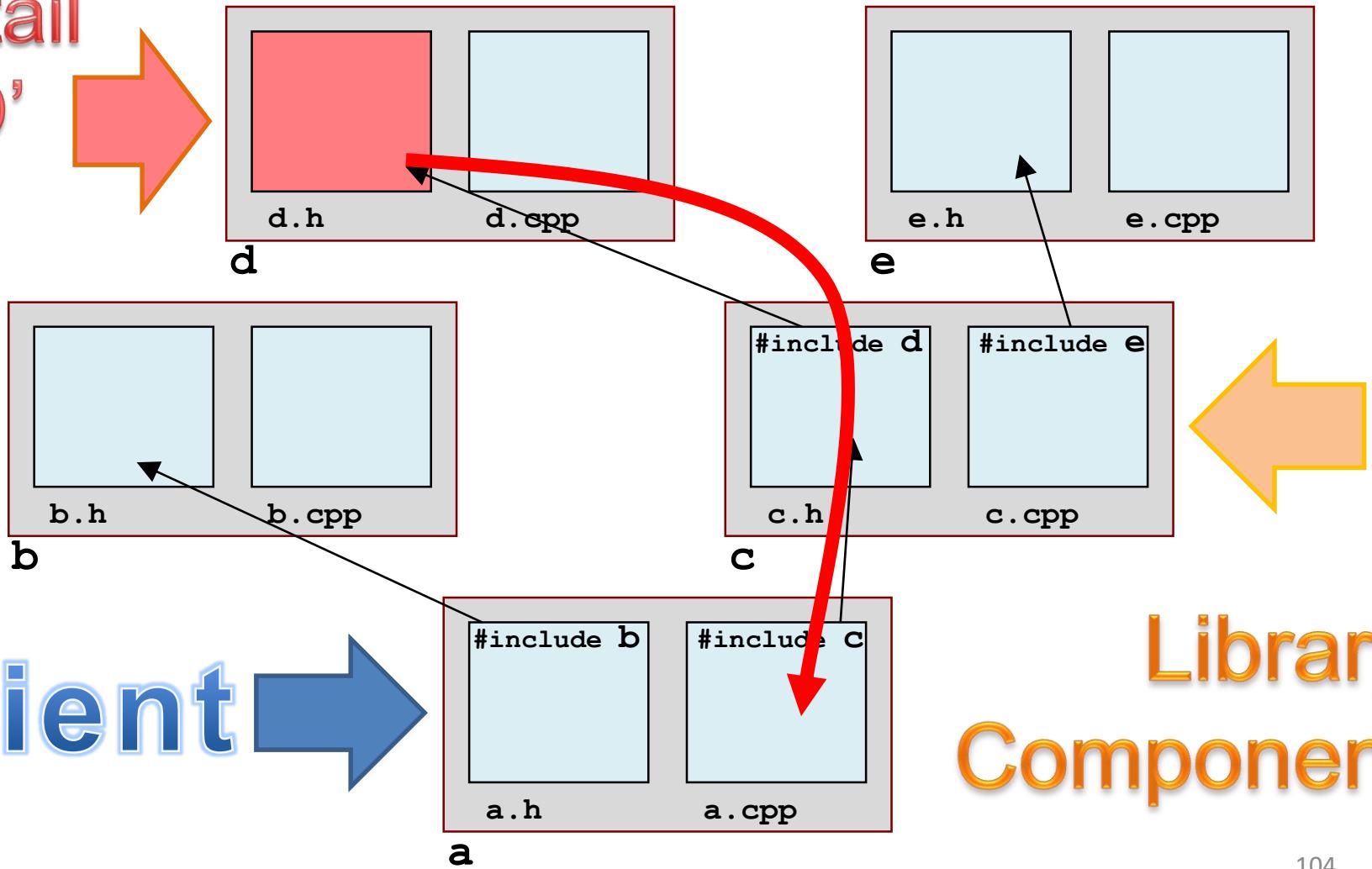


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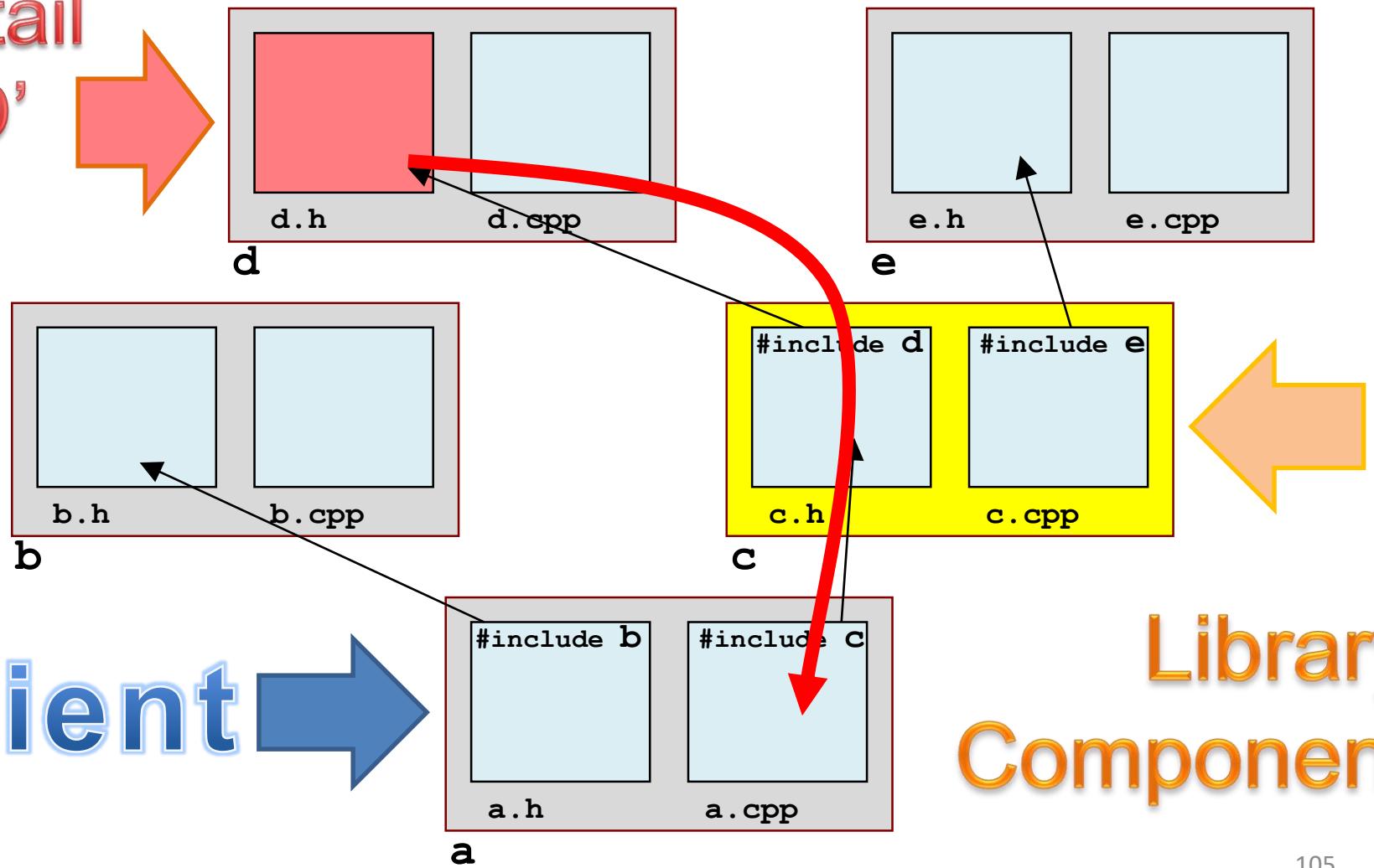


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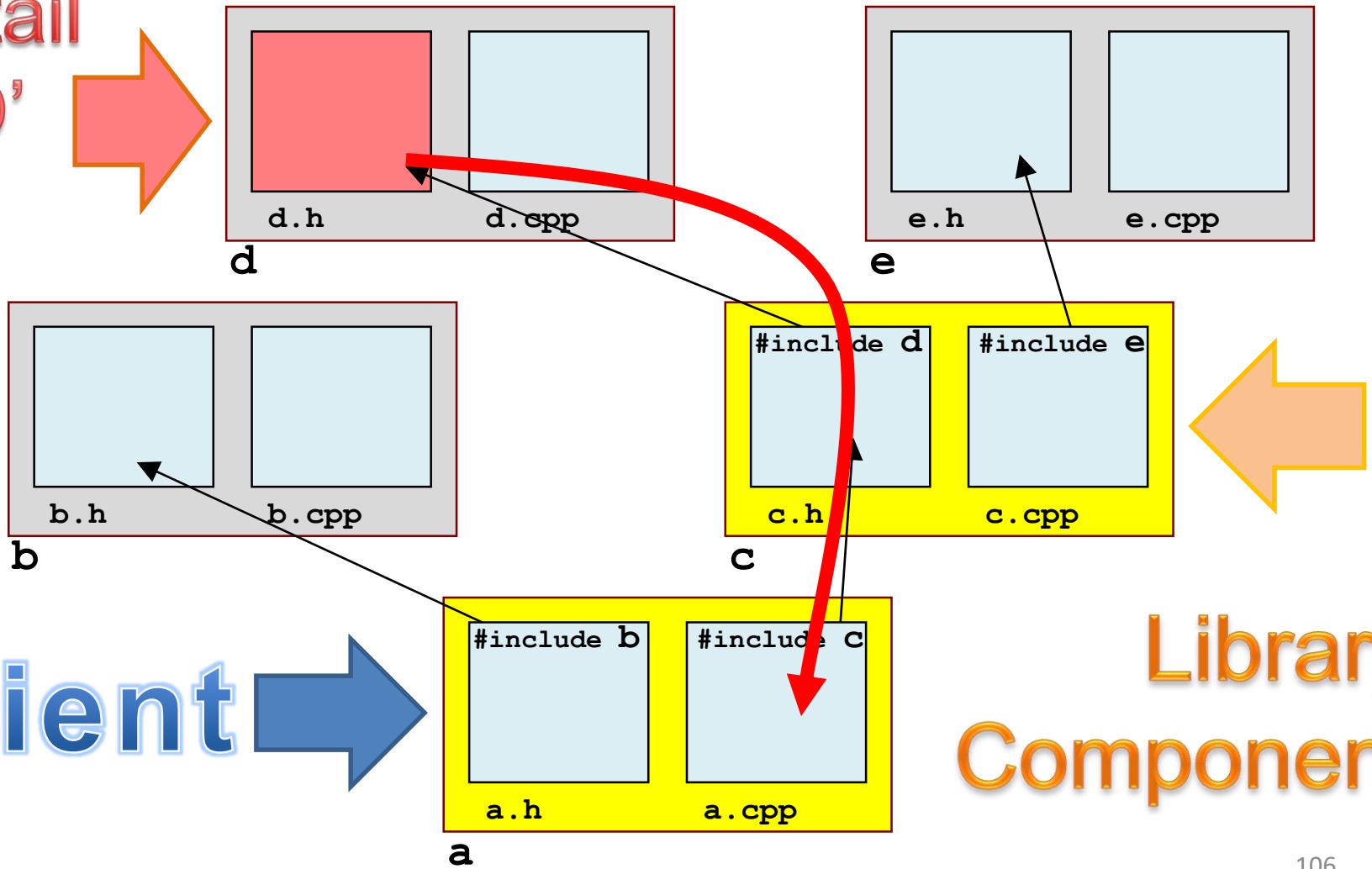


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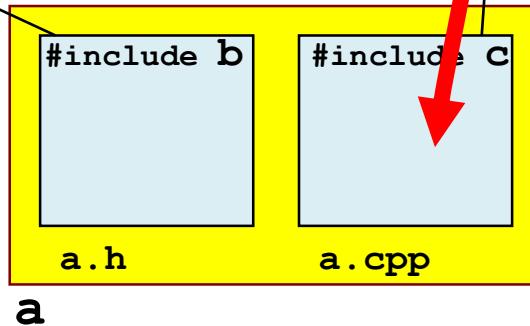
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b.cpp

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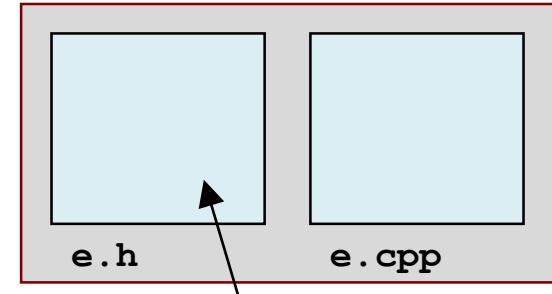
a.cpp

c

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#include d

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e

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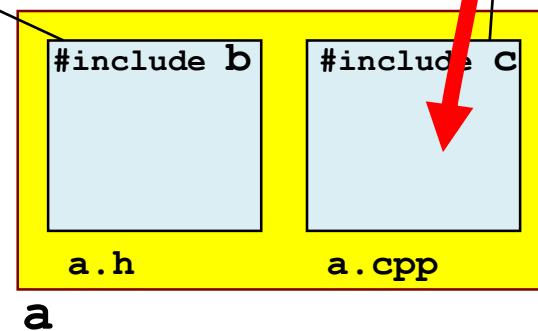
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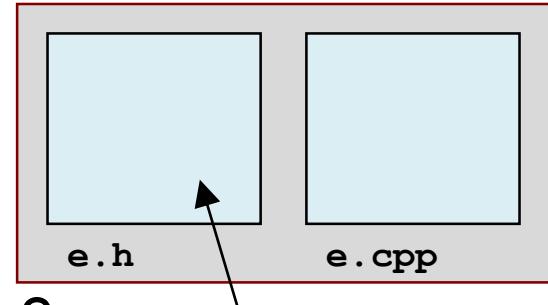
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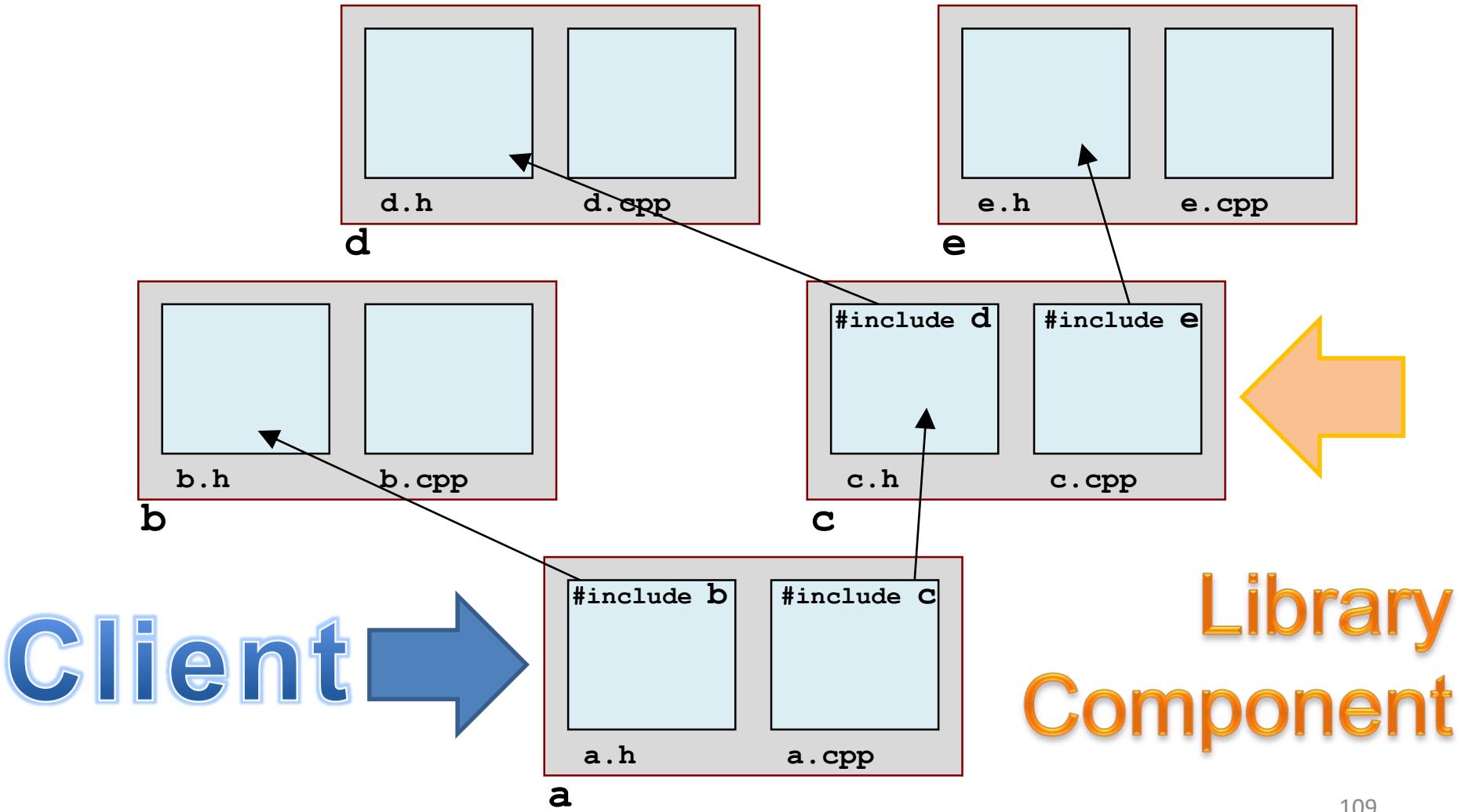


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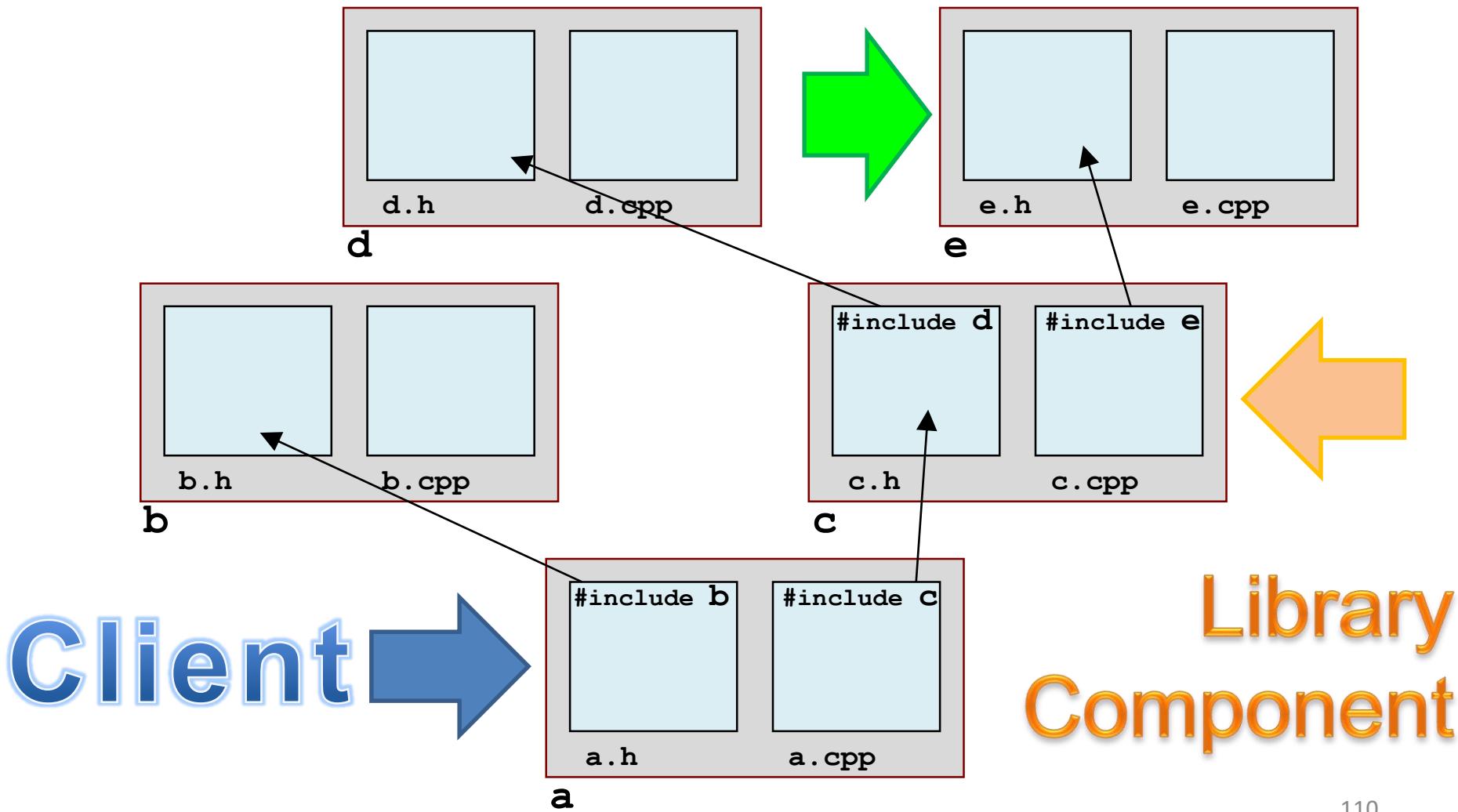
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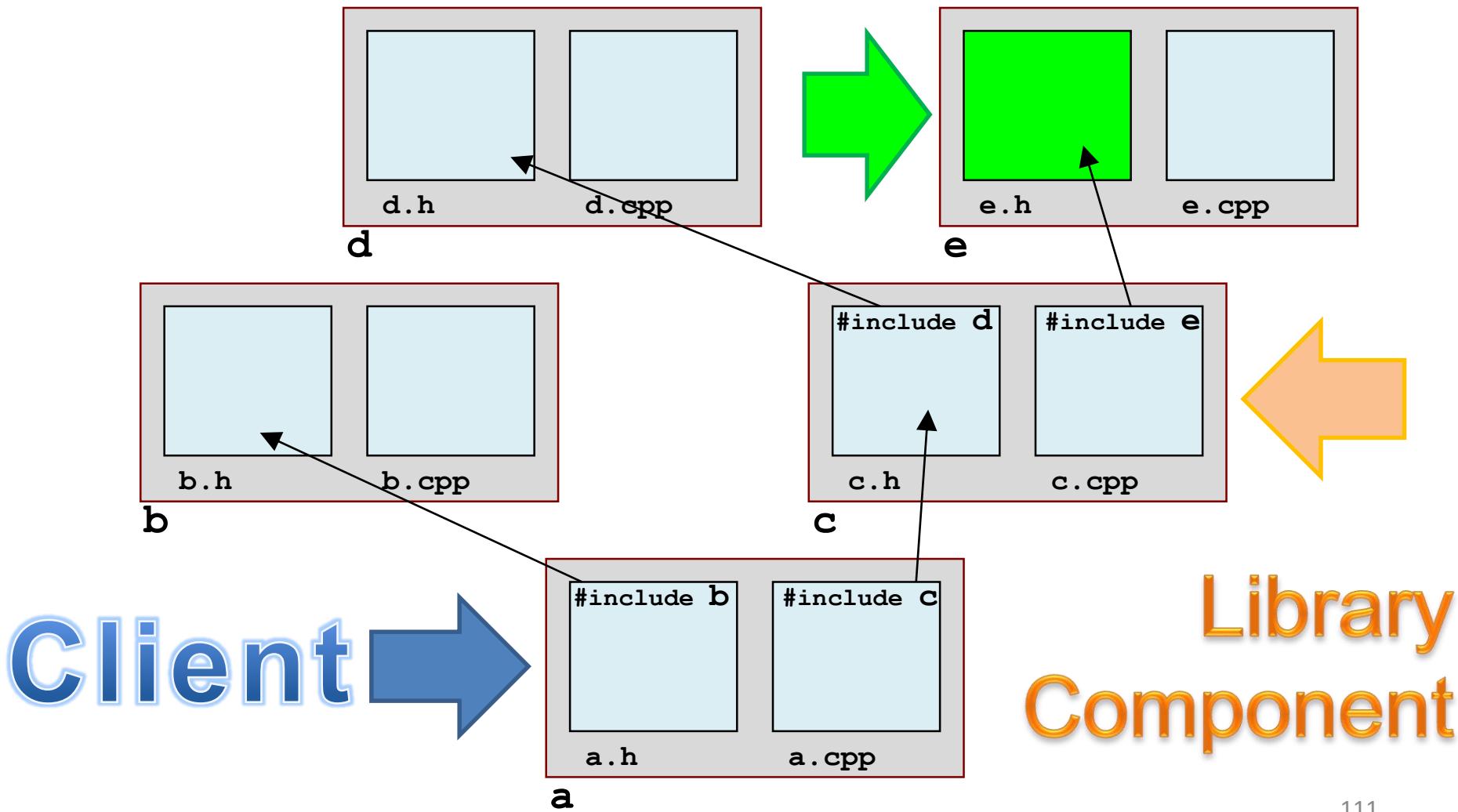
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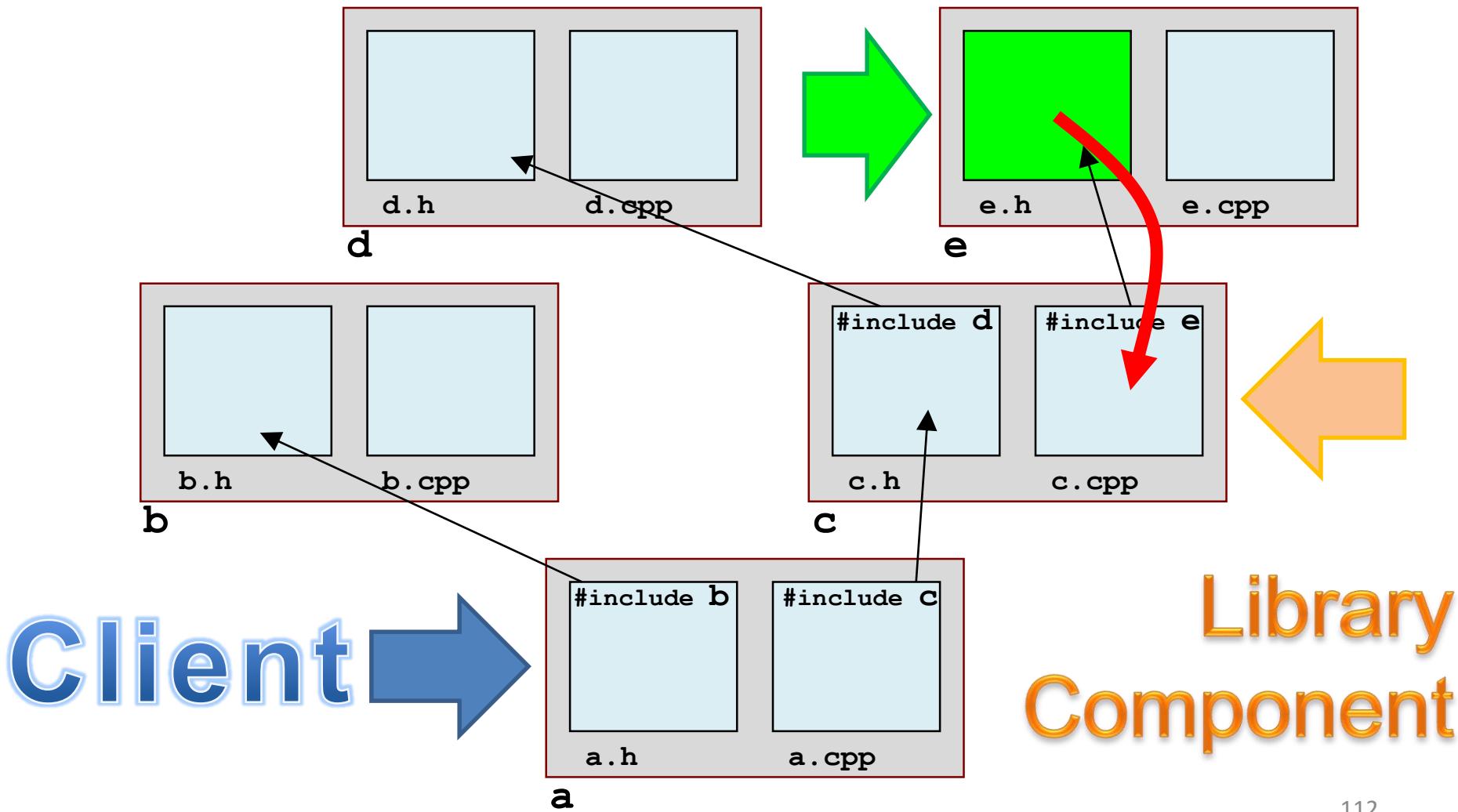
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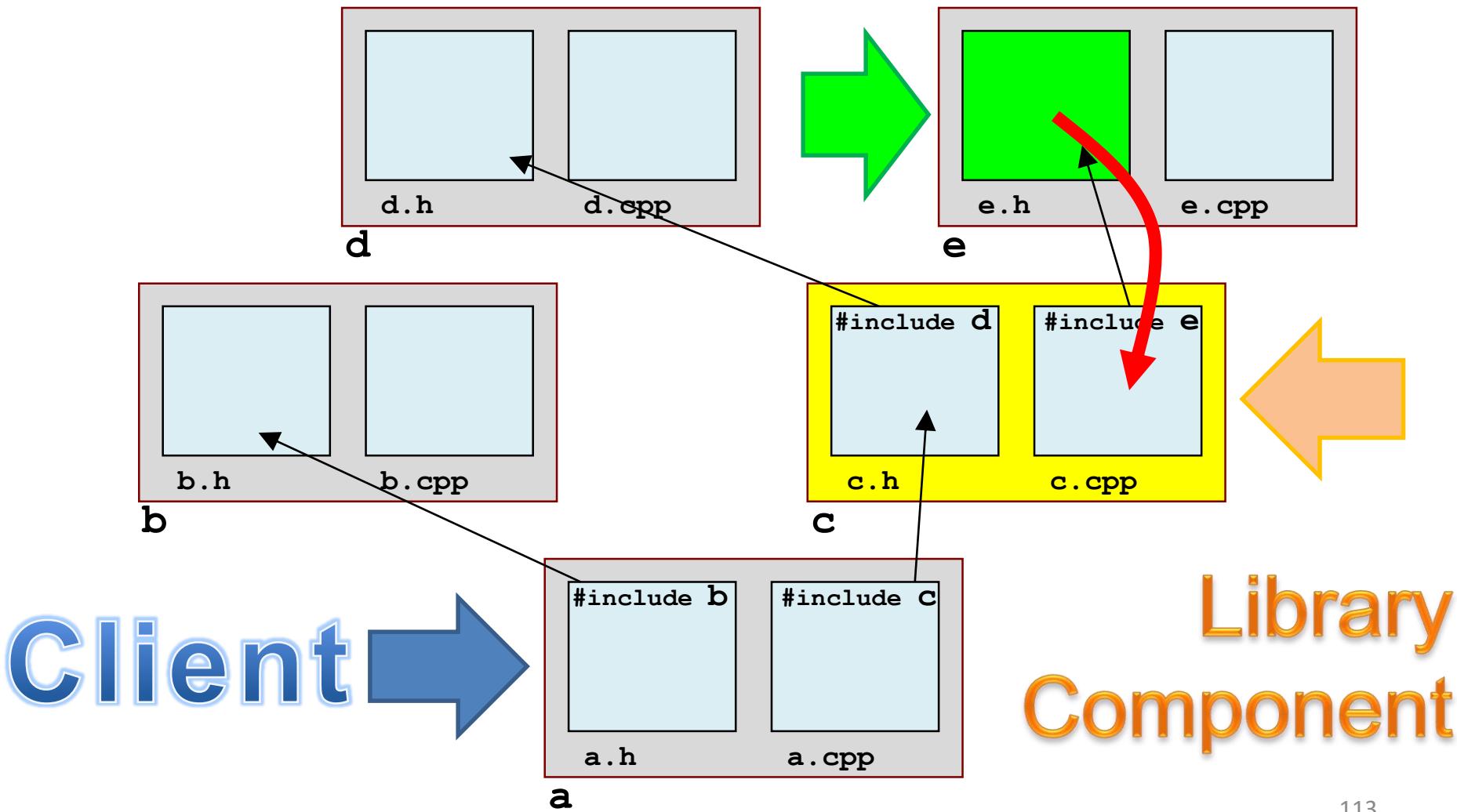
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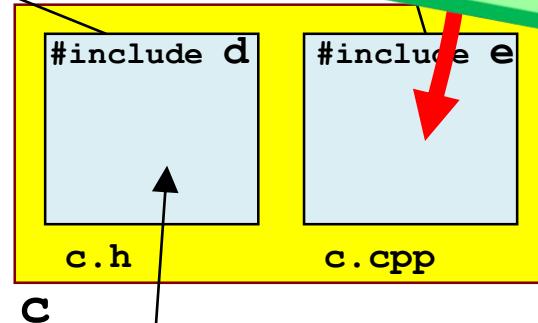
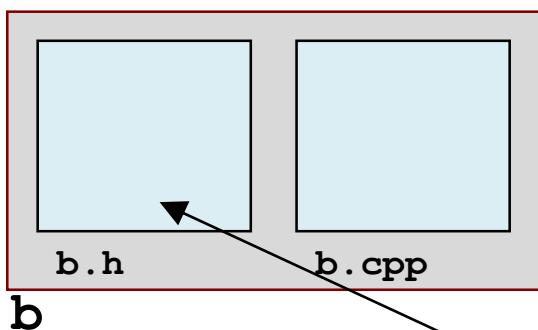
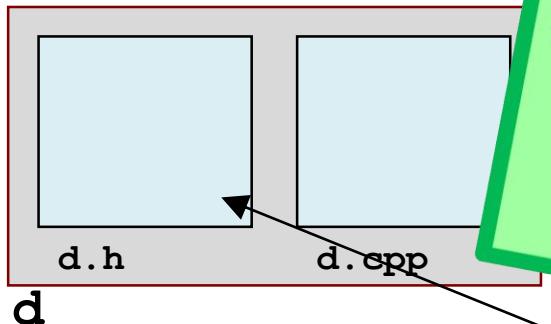
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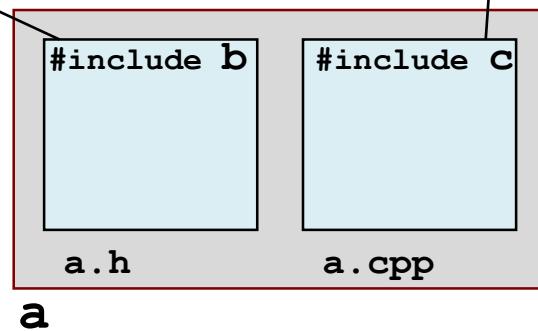
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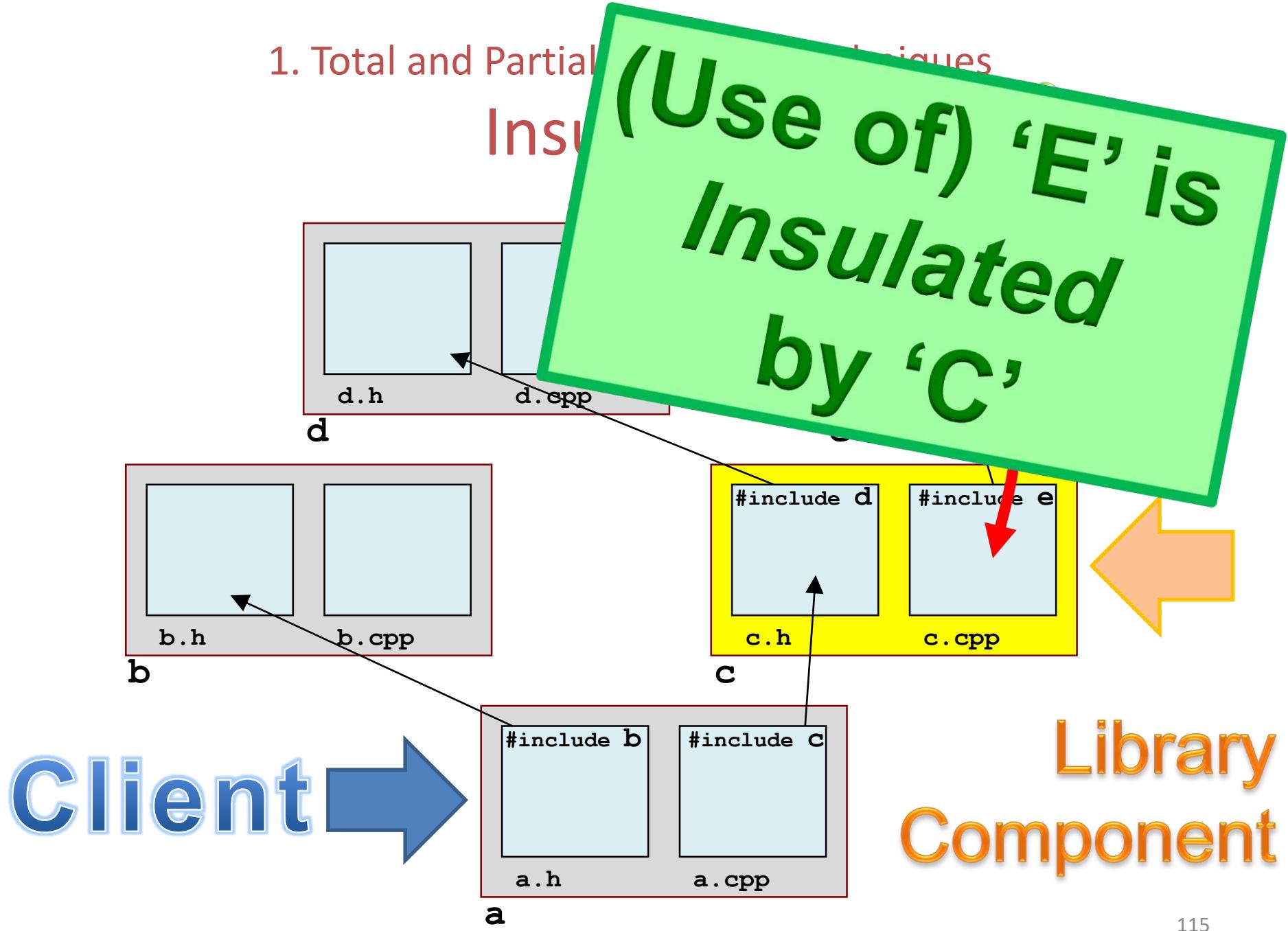


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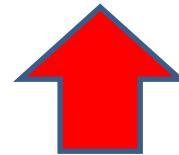
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# What Questions are we Answering?

- What distinguishes *Logical* from *Physical* Design?
- What are the fundamental properties of a **component**?
- How do we infer **dependencies** from *logical relationships*?
- What are *level numbers*, and how do we determine them?
- How do we extract **component dependencies** efficiently?
- What essential **physical design rules** must be followed?
- What are the criteria for **collocating classes & functions**?
- What do we mean by the term *Insulation*?
- How does *Insulation* compare with *Encapsulation*?
- Why/when would we put a **#include** directive in a **.h** file?
- What **cost/benefit** is generally associated with insulation

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## 2. Introduce the Notion of a module in C++

# Business Requirements for Modules

### 1. Introduction and Purpose

Modules are considered to be a **critically needed language feature** by many C++ developers, but the reasons for the urgency vary considerably from one engineer to the next. Some are looking, primarily, to **reduce protracted build times** for template-laden header files (e.g., with **build artifacts**). Others want to use modules as a vehicle to **clean up impure vestiges of the language, such as macros**, that leak out into client code. Still others are looking to **"modernize" the way we view C++** rendering completely — even if it means forking the language. These are all very different motivations, and they may or may not be entirely compatible, but **if the agreed-upon implementation of modules does not take into account established code bases**, such as Bloomberg's, **they will surely fall far short of wide-spread adoption by industry.**

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# Business Requirements for Modules

The primary purpose of this paper is to serve as a proxy for discussion regarding critically important requirements for substantial software organizations, such as Bloomberg, that have very specific architectural needs, yet also have vast amounts of legacy source code that cannot reasonably be migrated to a new syntax in any bounded amount of time.

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# Business Requirements for Modules

### 2. Current Situation

Some of the **strategies require existing code bases to change** before they can take advantage of modules. **Significant work has gone into tooling** that converts existing code bases to become "modularized", **replacing conventional .h/.cpp pairs with the equivalent in module syntax**, import statements in place of **#include** directives, etc. For companies, like Bloomberg, that have an enormous sprawling code base along with numerous disparate clients at every level of the software's physical hierarchy, **any approach that requires transforming the entire codebase along with all the clients is a non-starter.**

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**Don Knuth asserted that premature optimization is the root of all evil.** Any sensible implementation of modules will enable the kind of compile-time optimizations we are all looking for, but the converse is not true. If we come up with an **optimization-oriented implementation of modules and release it first**, it will be **impossible to graft on the necessary architecture-oriented features** that would make modules realize their potential value for large-scale C++ software designers and architects. If we are to be truly successful, we must start with a fully-baked design; only after that should we attempt to optimize it.

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In order for any new module technology to have a plausibly successful path to adoption, its **integration must be (purely) additive, hierarchical, incremental, and interoperable, but not necessarily backward compatible** with traditional rendering (e.g., .h/.cpp pairs). By **(purely) additive**, we mean that providing a module-style interface to existing **code does not require that code to be modified** (in any way whatsoever). By **hierarchical**, we mean that what we **add to an existing code base** to provide module interfaces depends on that code base (and never vice versa). By **incremental**, we mean that adding a module interface to one part of the code **base never implies adding it to some other, disparate part** of the code base. Finally, by **interoperable**, we mean that a **C++ construct consumed through both a module interface and a (conventional) header-file interface** is understood by the client's compiler to be the same construct **without violating the ODR**.

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### 3. High-Level Requirements

Modules will realize their full potential as an important new feature of C++ only if:

- I. Modules deliver effective support for a **larger, more powerful unit of logical and physical architectural abstraction**, beyond what is currently realizable using conventional .h/.cpp pairs to form components compiled as separate translation units.
  - a. **Logical versus physical encapsulation.** Today, if I have a private data member, my client needs to see the definition of that data member. **Modules should allow that definition to be exported to the client's compiler, but not to the client, for arbitrary reuse.** In this way, modules fix an important and **pervasive problem: transitive includes.**

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I.

a.

**b. Modules should be atomic with respect to compilation** for all of the elements they comprise. That is, **if I build a module containing templates and inline functions at a given level of contract assertions, the client will see that level**, rather than the level at which the client was build. While this is just an example, it should apply to any and all build options.

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I.

- a.
- b.

c. **Modules can be used as views on existing software subsystems consisting of arbitrary numbers of .h and .cpp files.** That is, without changing an existing, conventionally implemented subsystem, **one can create a module interface (purely additively) that provides an arbitrary subset of the logical entities that the module comprises.** Ideally, but not necessarily initially, the level of filtering will enable one to drop below global entities to incorporate (or not) nested entities such as **individual member functions.** In this way a module does not encapsulate the original definition of the legacy code, but rather its use through this module interface. Finally it should be possible **for multiple modules to wrap the same conventional software as views aimed at distinct clients** that converge to a single main. All of the entities exported should be **known to be the same with no ODR violation.**

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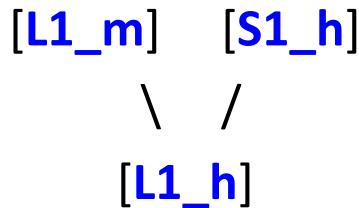
**d. Modules that act as views should behave similarly to C procedural interfaces.** (See Lakos'96, section 6.5.1, pp. 425-445.) What I mean by that is that if a conventional TU is exposed in parallel with a modular view of that TU, then **a client importing entities from both will get the union of access**, and overlapping entities will be considered by the client's compiler as being the **same entity (without violating the ODR)**.

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II. **There exists a well-considered, viable adoption strategy that does NOT require existing software to be altered in any way** in order to begin to make use of the new features to allow new clients to consume legacy software.

- a. Let's take a look at a real-world scenario. Suppose we have a **library, L1\_h**, implemented as .h / .cpp pairs. Suppose further that we have a **subsystem, S1**, that depends on, and traffics in types defined in **L1\_h** in its interface. Now suppose we want to add, hierarchically, a module interface for **L1\_h**, which we'll call **L1\_m**. The current state of affairs now looks roughly like this:



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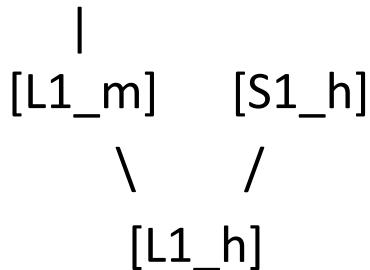
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- b. Now suppose that we get another client subsystem written entirely in module speak, **S2\_m**. This client has no legacy implementation and none of its sub-components are consumable by conventional renderings (which is "fine" because it is new code and no old code currently depends on it):

[**S2\_m**]

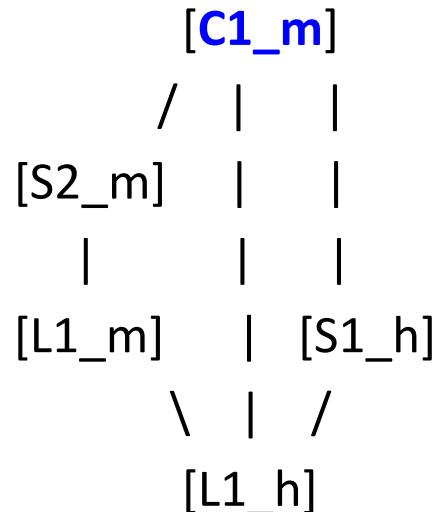


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# Business Requirements for Modules

II.

- a.
- b.
- c. Finally a client, **C1\_m** comes along and wants to use both **S2\_m** and **S1\_h**, both of which make use in their respective interfaces of types defined in **L1\_h**:



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II.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d. Types defined in **L1\_h** and consumed from both **S2\_m** and **S1\_h** need to refer to the same entities. In this way, we can **keep our current code base while continuously evolving towards the "more modern" module only approach**. At some later point, **S1\_m** may be created at which point **C1\_m** **may or may not want to convert to use it instead**, but now **all new code will benefit from using the more powerful, more modern, more efficient S1\_m rendering**.

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III. **The implementation chosen does not require centralized repositories** or other known-to-be brittle techniques that would render important software processes such as distributed development or interaction with source-code control systems significantly more problematics than they already are.

- a. **The Google approach seems to me to rely heavily on a module cache** which, from what I recall with template repositories from the 1990s was **sufficiently problematic that it ushered in the current linker technology** where template instantiations are duplicated locally in each translation unit in which they are used. (By “repository” here, I mean a cache of binary template instantiations that can be reused across translation units.)

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IV. Once we have addressed I, II, and III, it is assumed and expected that compile-times – especially for template-laden interfaces – will realize dramatic improvements over always fully reparsing source text in every translation unit.

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### 4. Conclusion

**There are many different competing ideas surrounding the design and implementation of modules in C++.** There are many ways to realize modules in ways that address the requirements elucidated in this paper. It is hard for me to know, from what I have read, if and to what extent all of these requirements are addressed by the current proposal. It is **my intention that this paper serve as a proxy for a discussion** to learn more about where we currently are, and where we need to be to move forward.

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# Review: Why Modules?

Some typical motivations

- Reduce compilation time.
- Eradicate macros.
- Change look and feel of C++.

Yet must not ignore a serious, real-world concern:

**Large, legacy code bases!!**

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# Properties for Legacy Code

Property	Description
(Purely) Additive	Adding module interfaces need not require changes to existing code <i>at all</i> .
Hierarchical	Added interfaces depend on the existing code, never <i>vice versa</i> .
Incremental	Module interfaces can be added individually, as needed (without requiring it of others).
Interoperable	A C++ construct consumed via a module is no different (w.r.t. ODR) from that same construct consumed via header file.

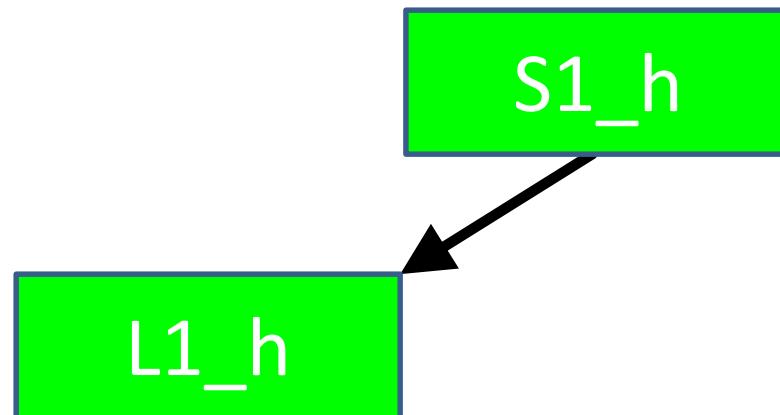
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# Enhancing C++ via Modules

- Fix the transitive `#include` problem. Provide private symbols for compilation, but not arbitrary reuse by clients.
- Contract-assertion level set by the module builder, not the builder of the client.
- *Future:* Modules could provide multiple views of a code base without violating the ODR.
  - Clients w/multiple views get the ***union*** those views.

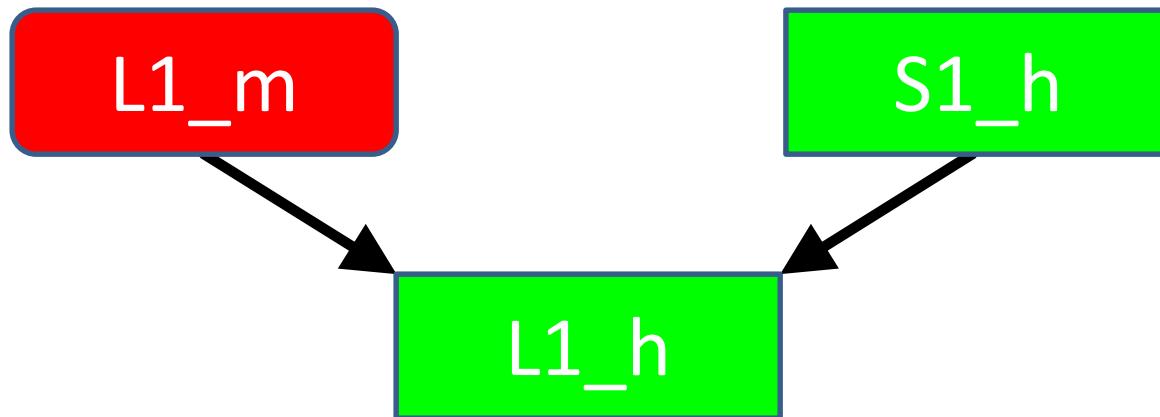
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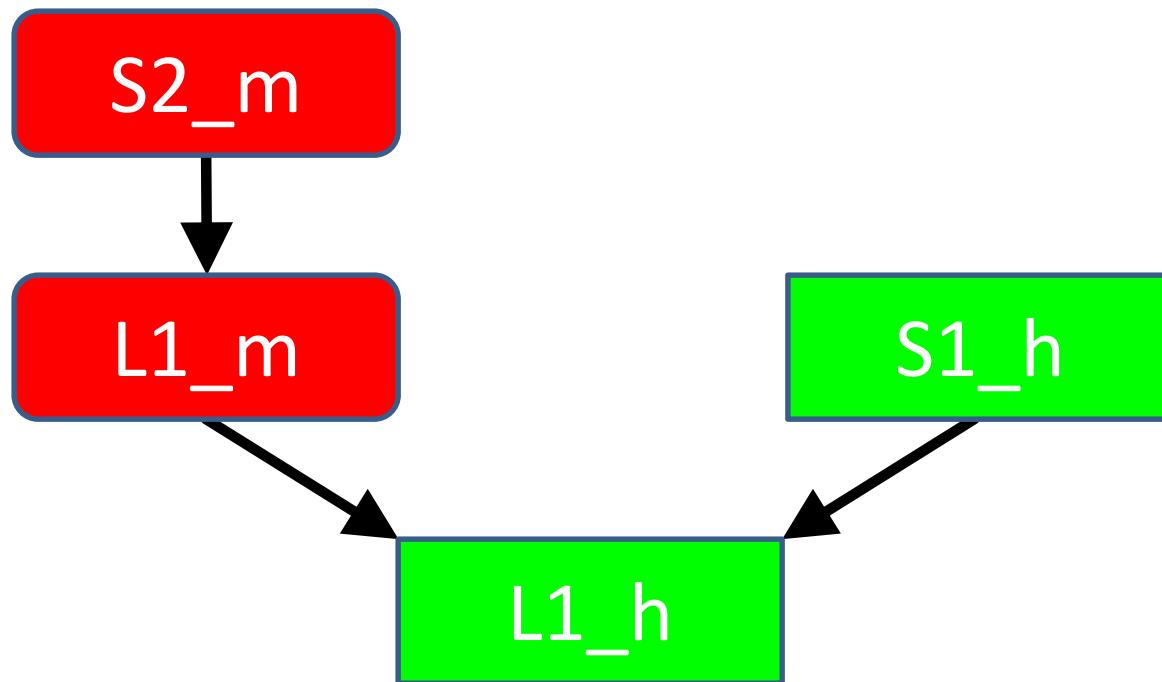
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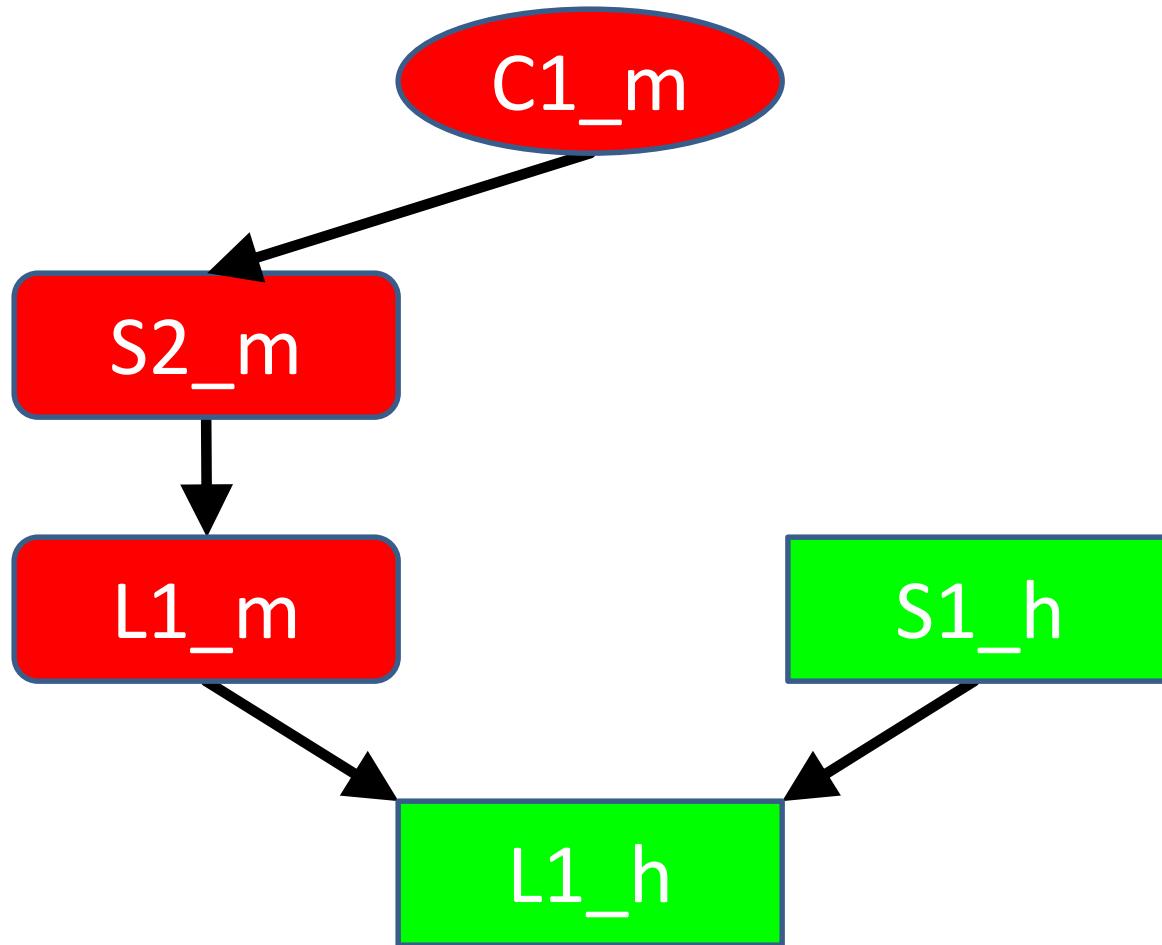
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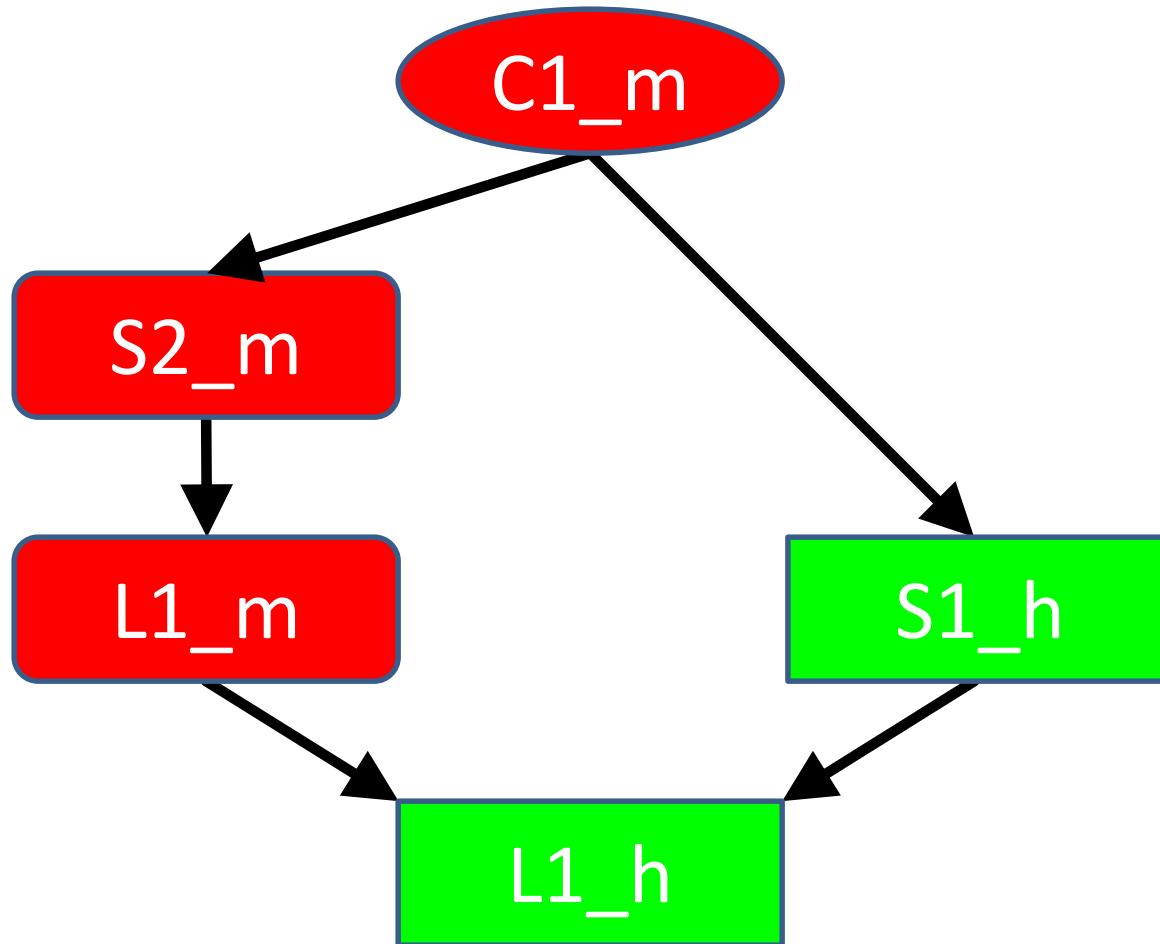
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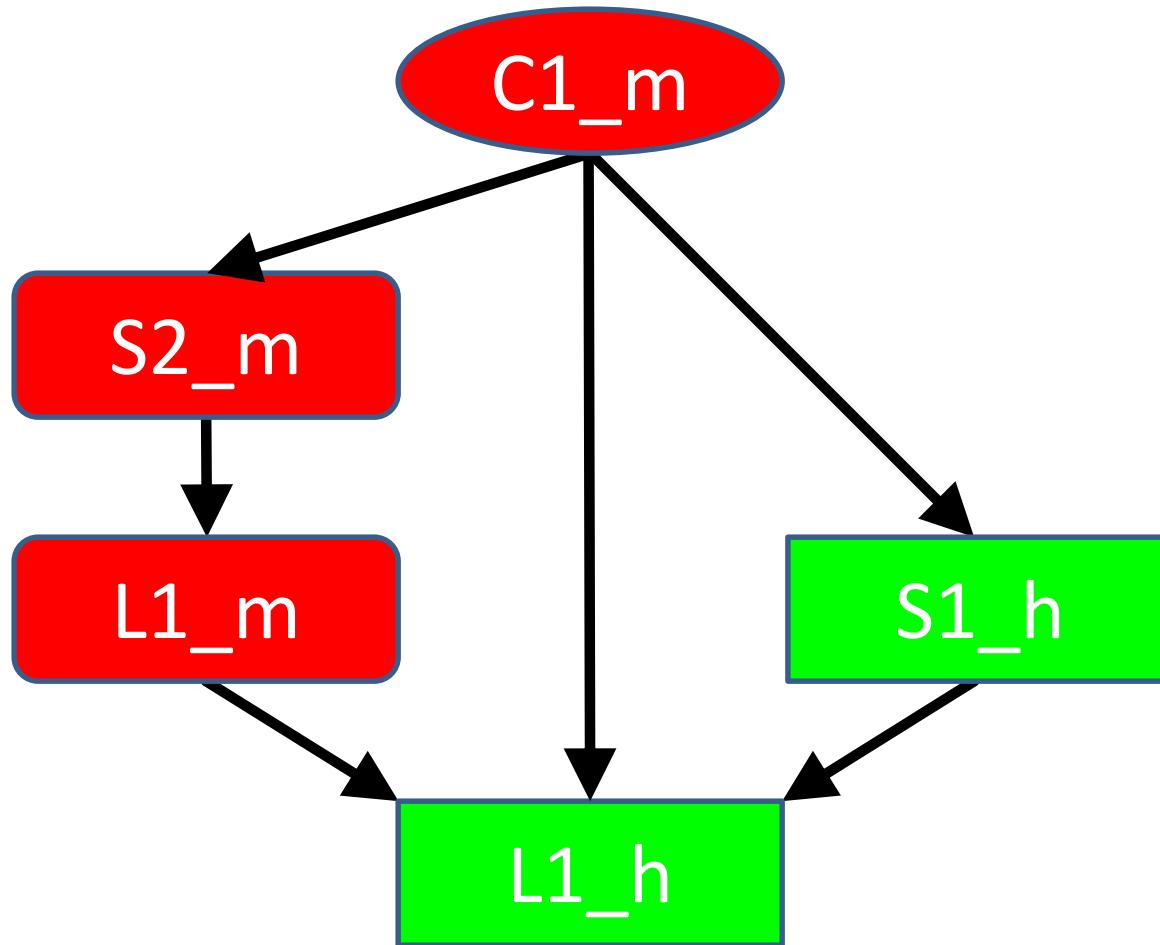
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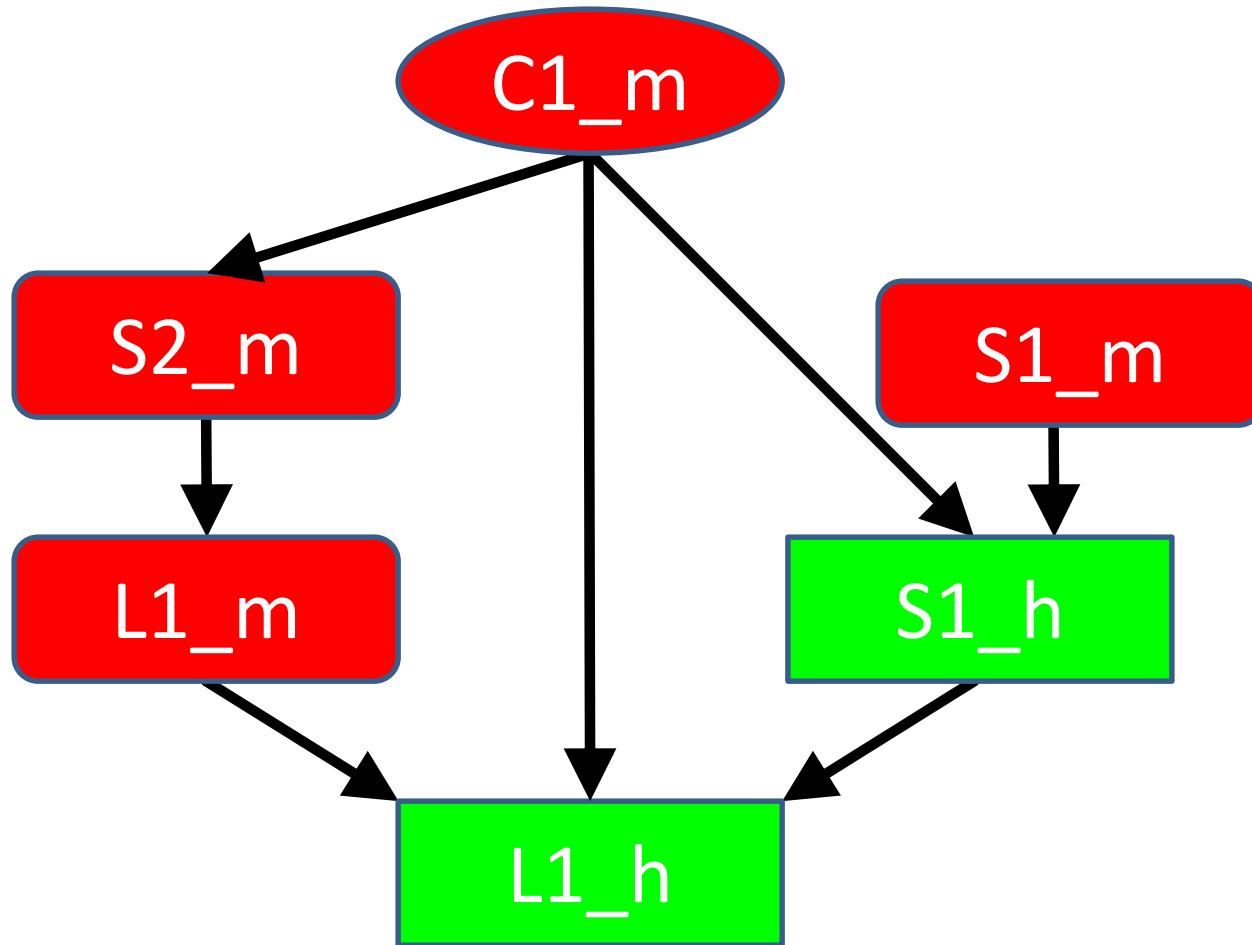
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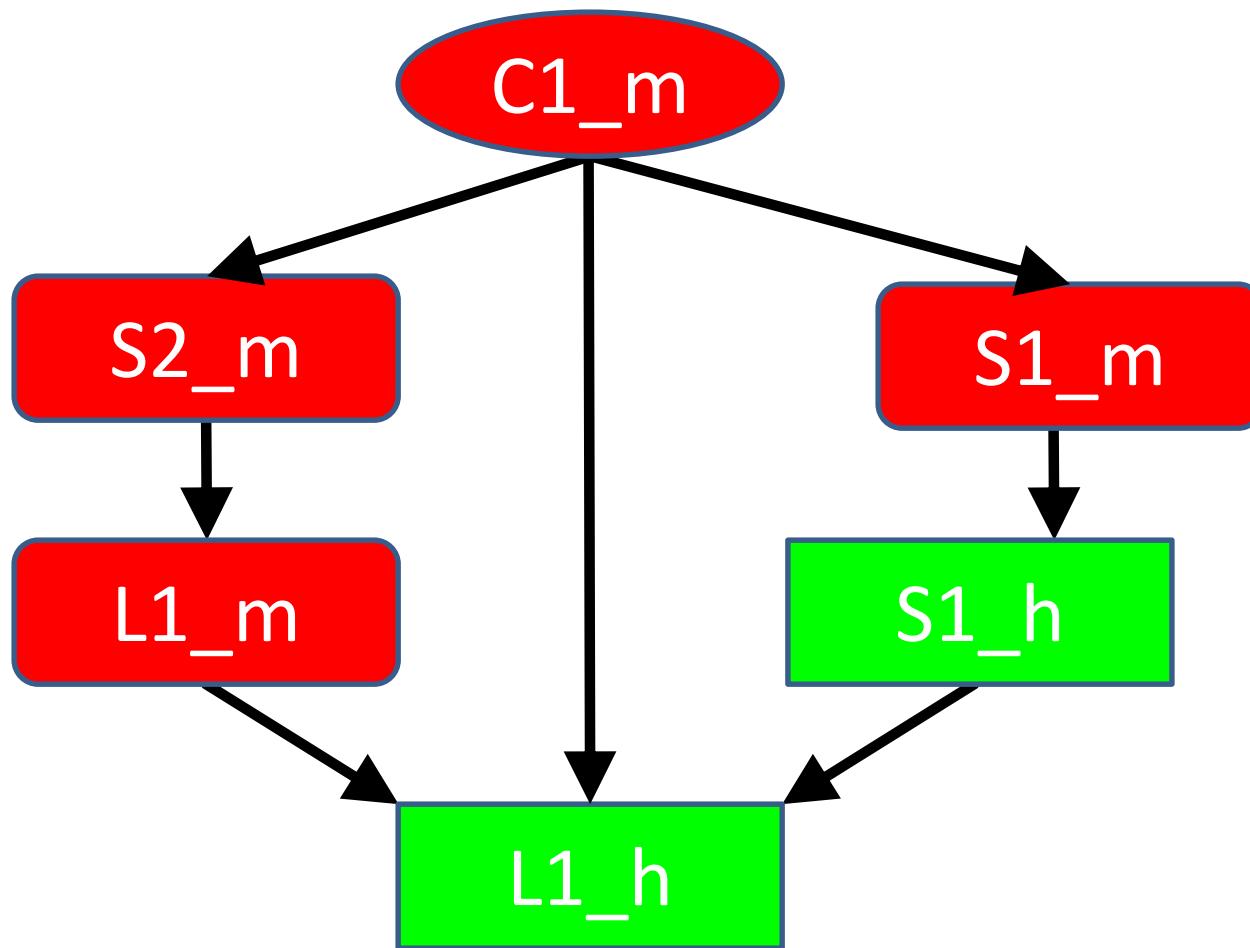
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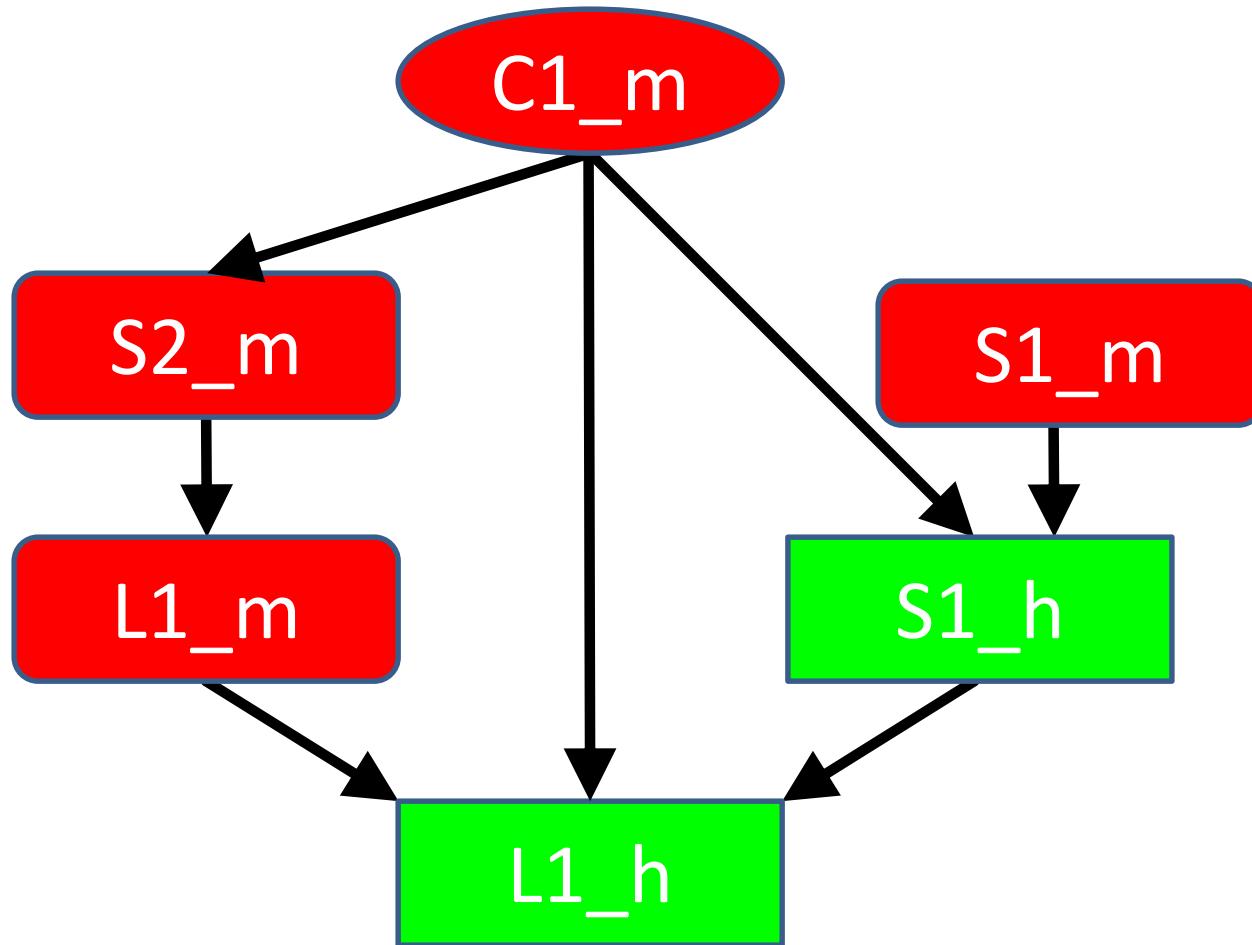
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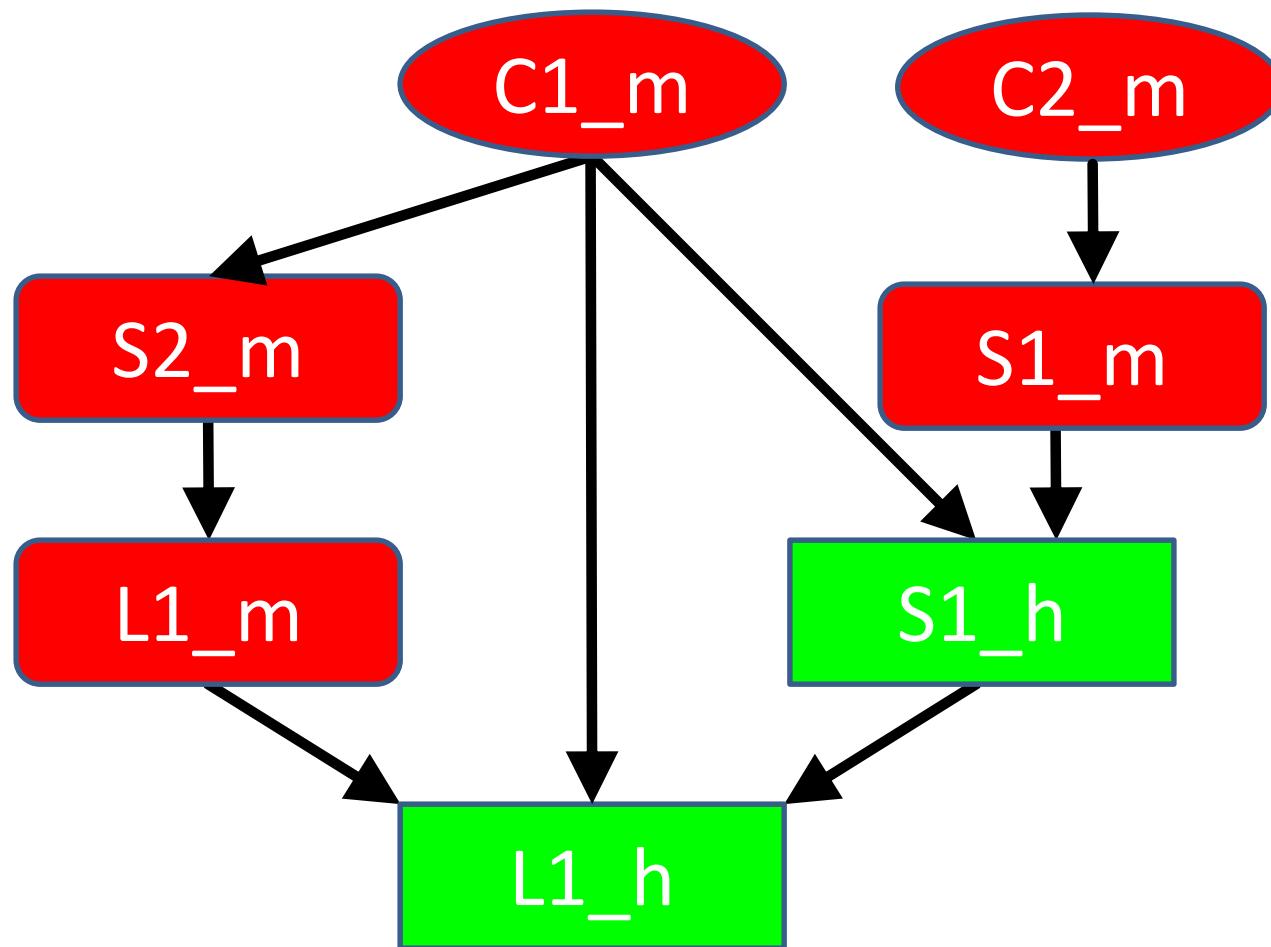
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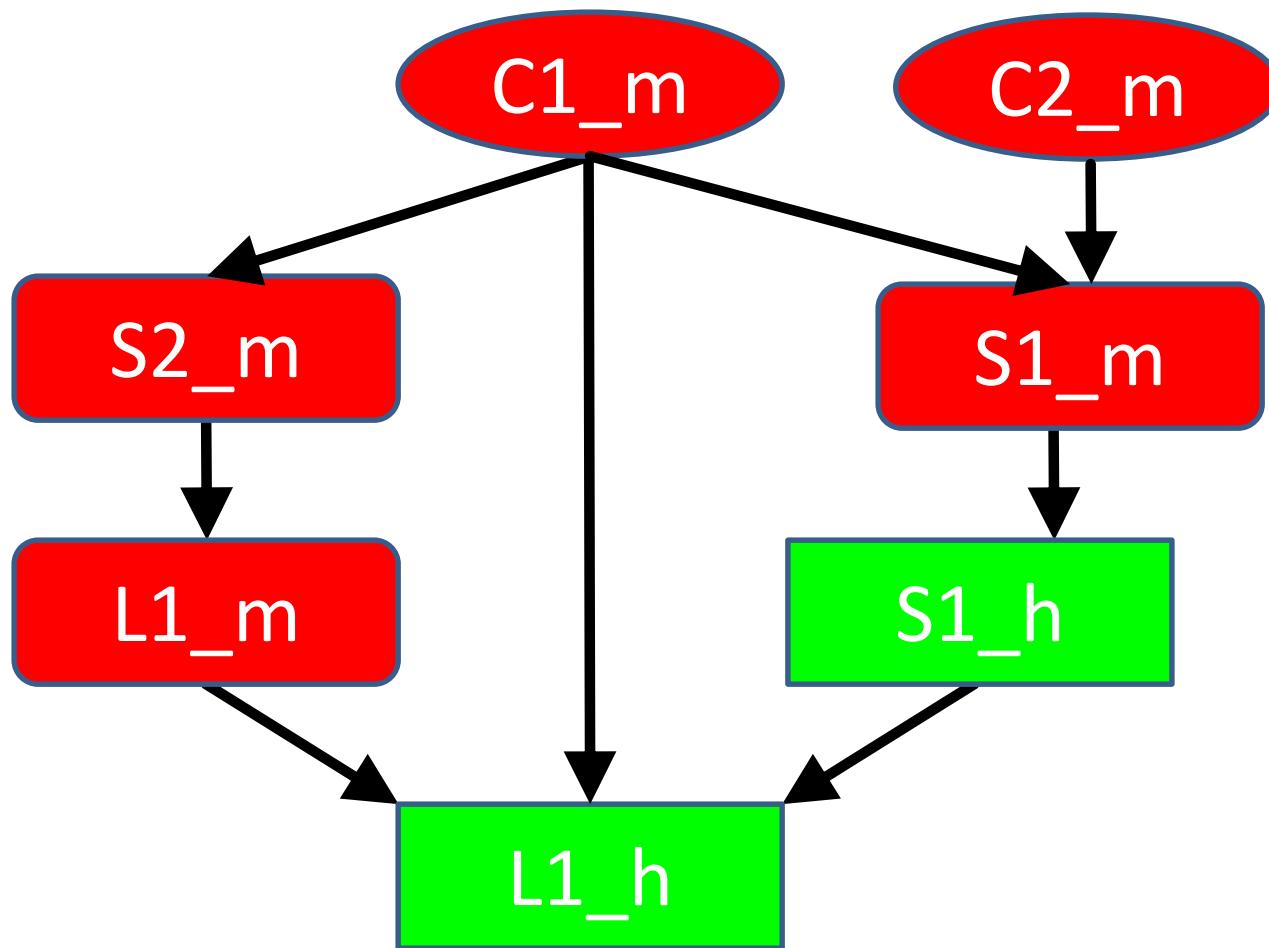
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# Additional Concerns

- Focus on compiler optimization (prematurely) might preclude needed architectural features.
- Implementations requiring centralized repositories (for faster builds) might impede distributed software development:
  - I.e., We need to be able to build any translation unit – independently of any other – directly from source code.
- **To soon to commit to a specific module design.**

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End of Section

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i.e., *Is-A*, *Has-A*, inline, enum, `typedef` -to-template.

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## Physical Dependency

Five levels of **physical dependency**:

Level 5:



Level 4:



Level 3:



Level 2:



Level 1:



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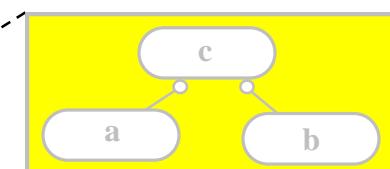
## Physical Aggregation

Only one level of **physical aggregation**:

Level 5:



Level 4:



Level 3:



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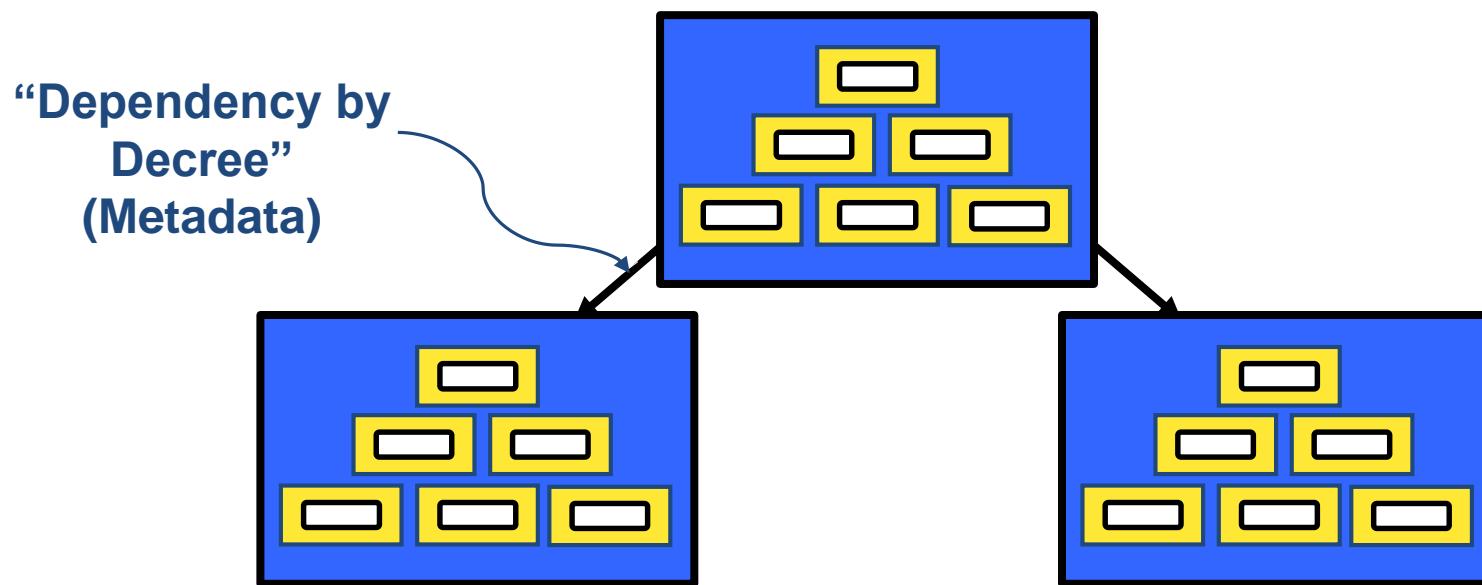
Level 1:



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## The Package

Two levels of physical aggregation:

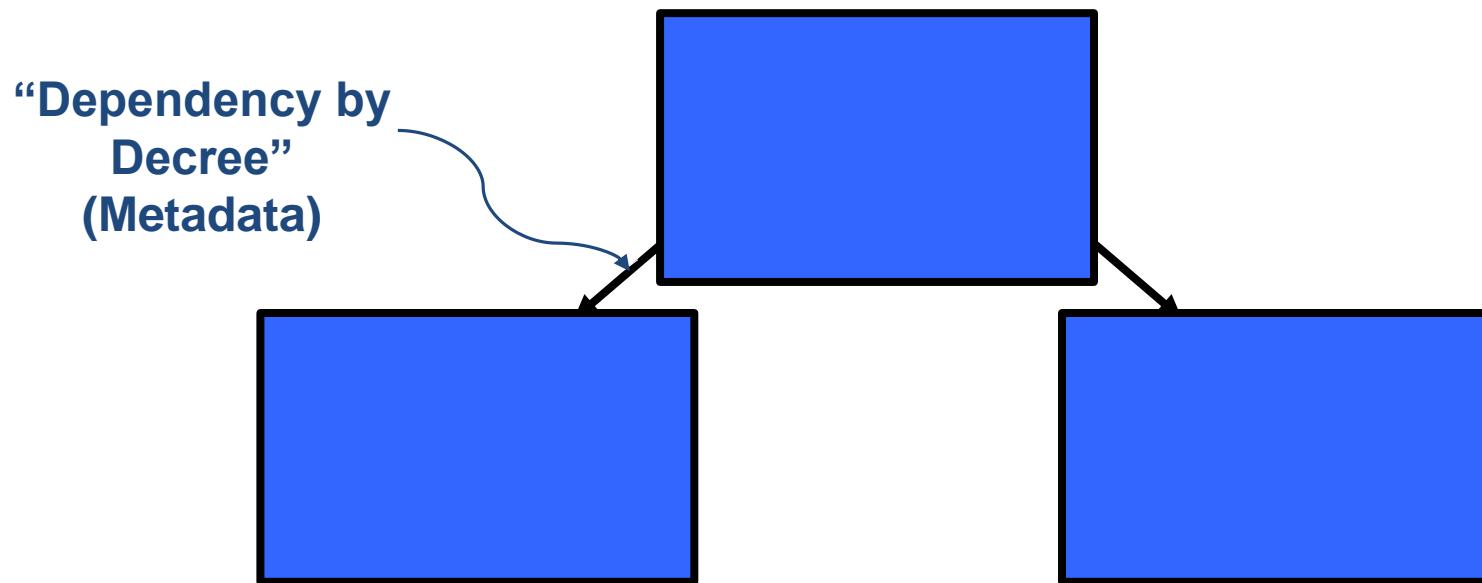


**“A Hierarchy of Component Hierarchies”**

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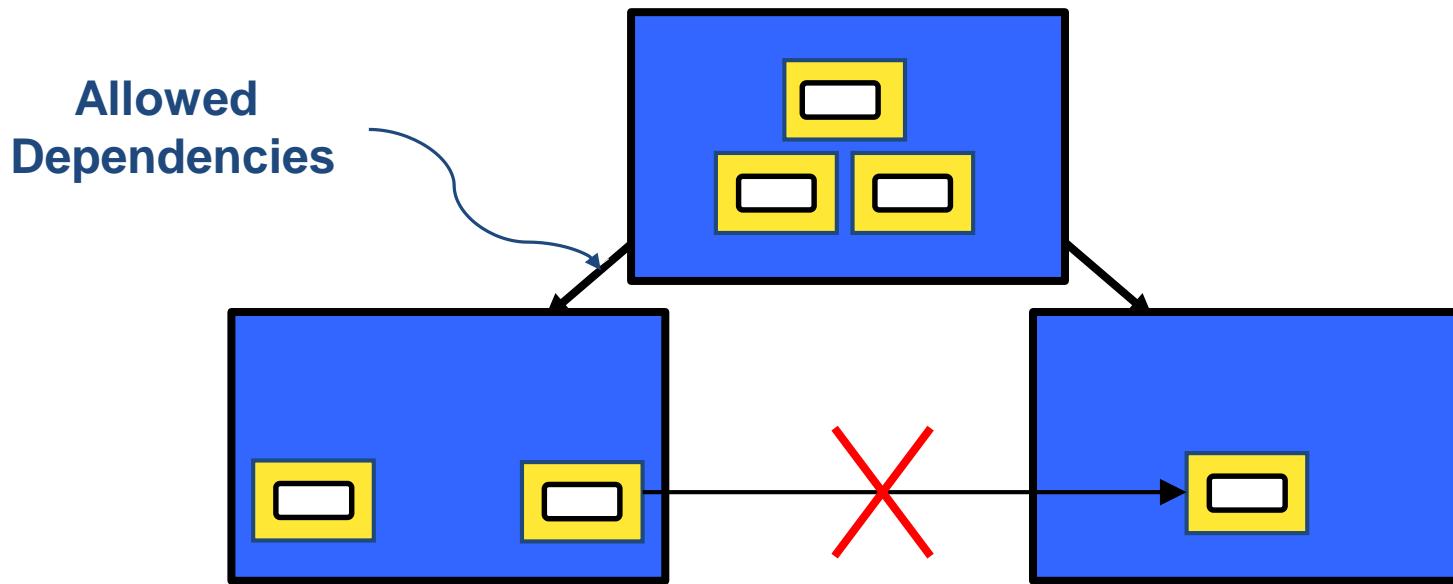


**Metadata governs, even absent of any components!**

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**Metadata governs allowed dependencies.**

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## Package Dependencies

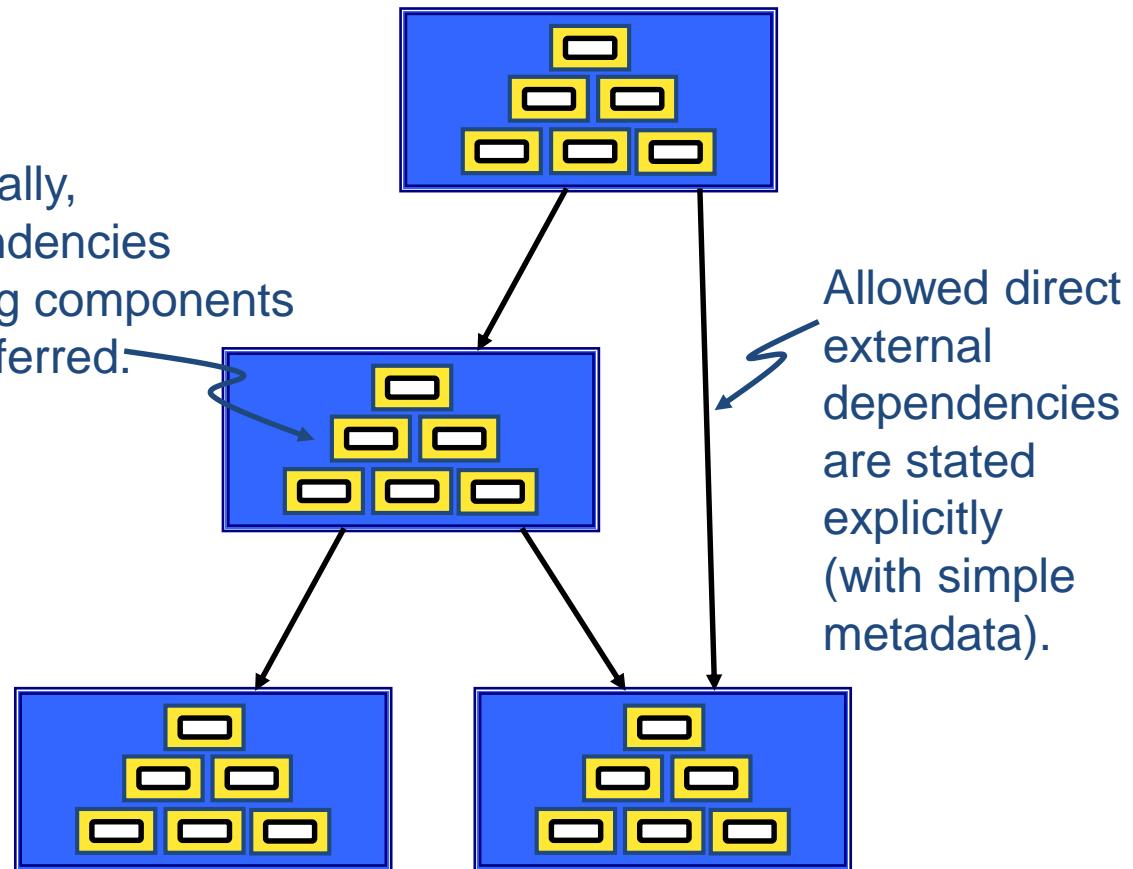
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Aggregate Level 3:

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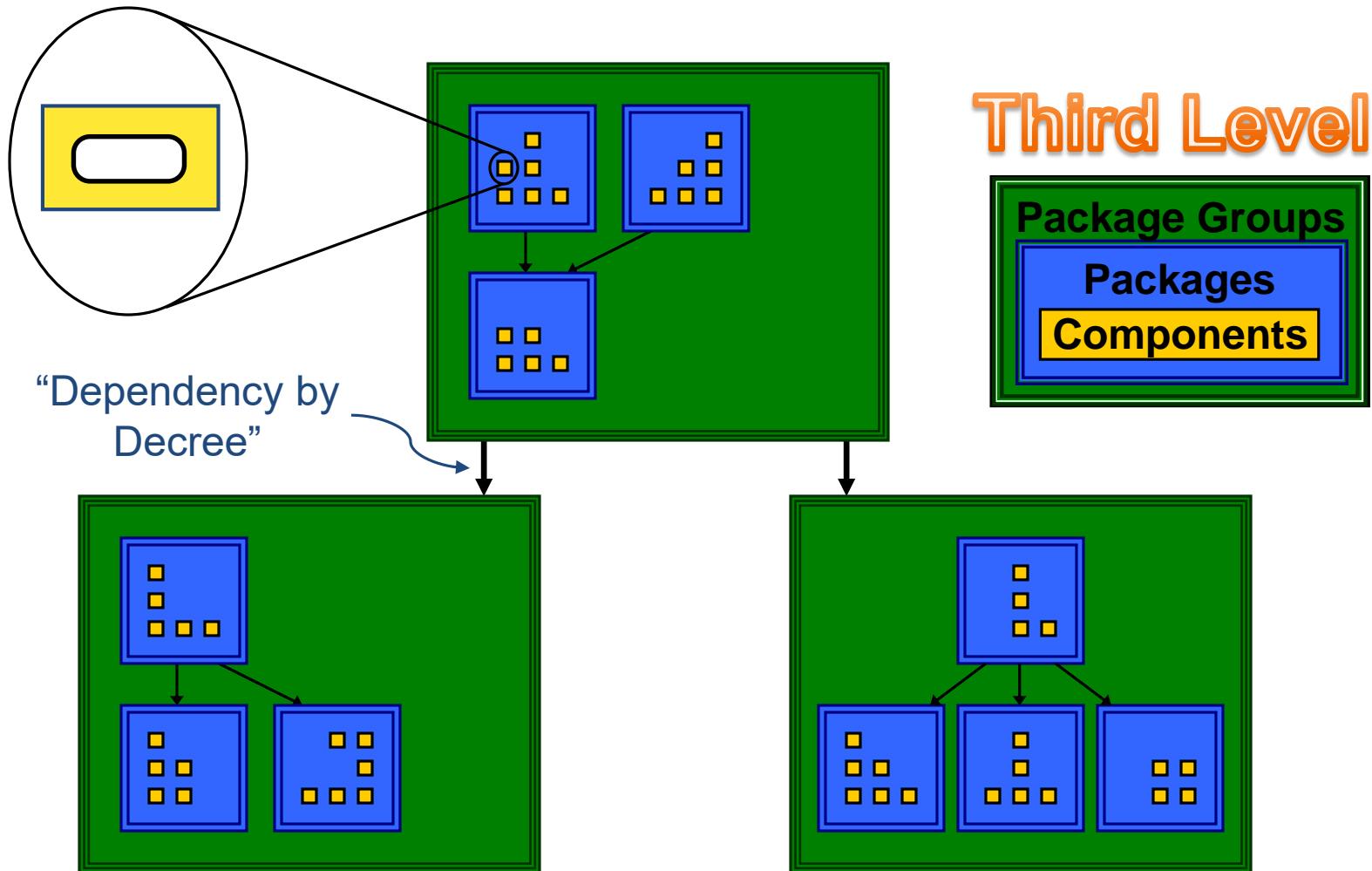
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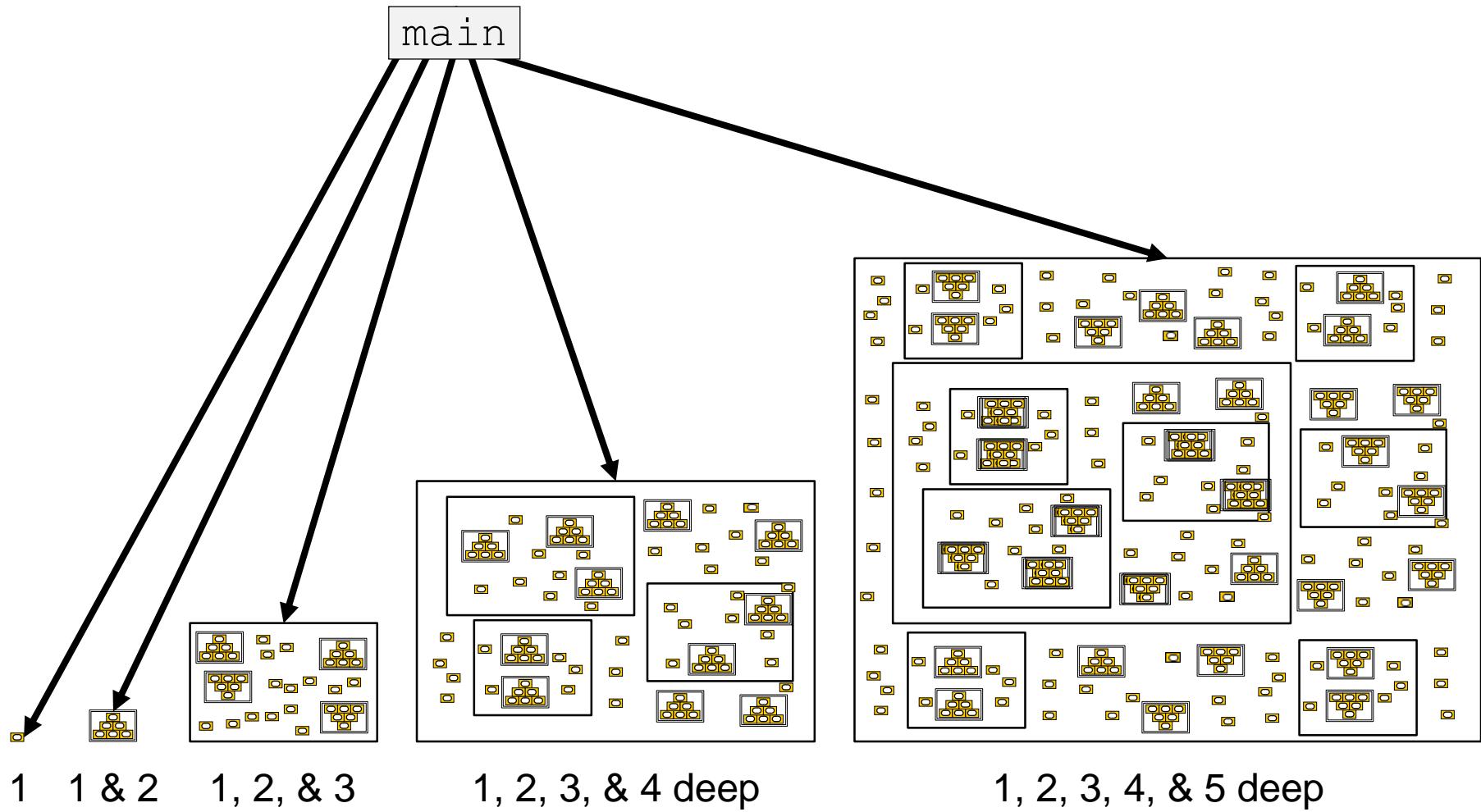
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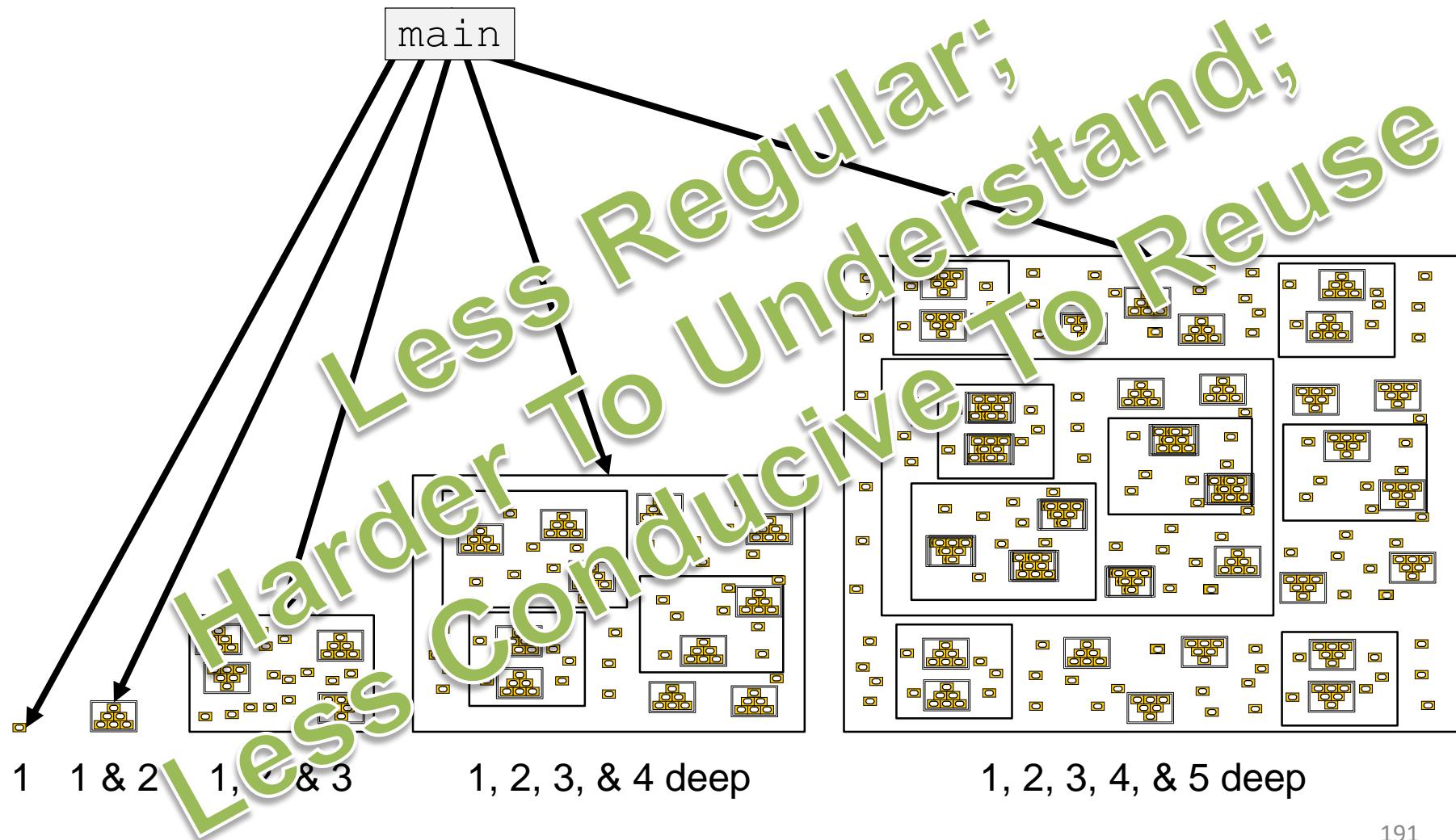
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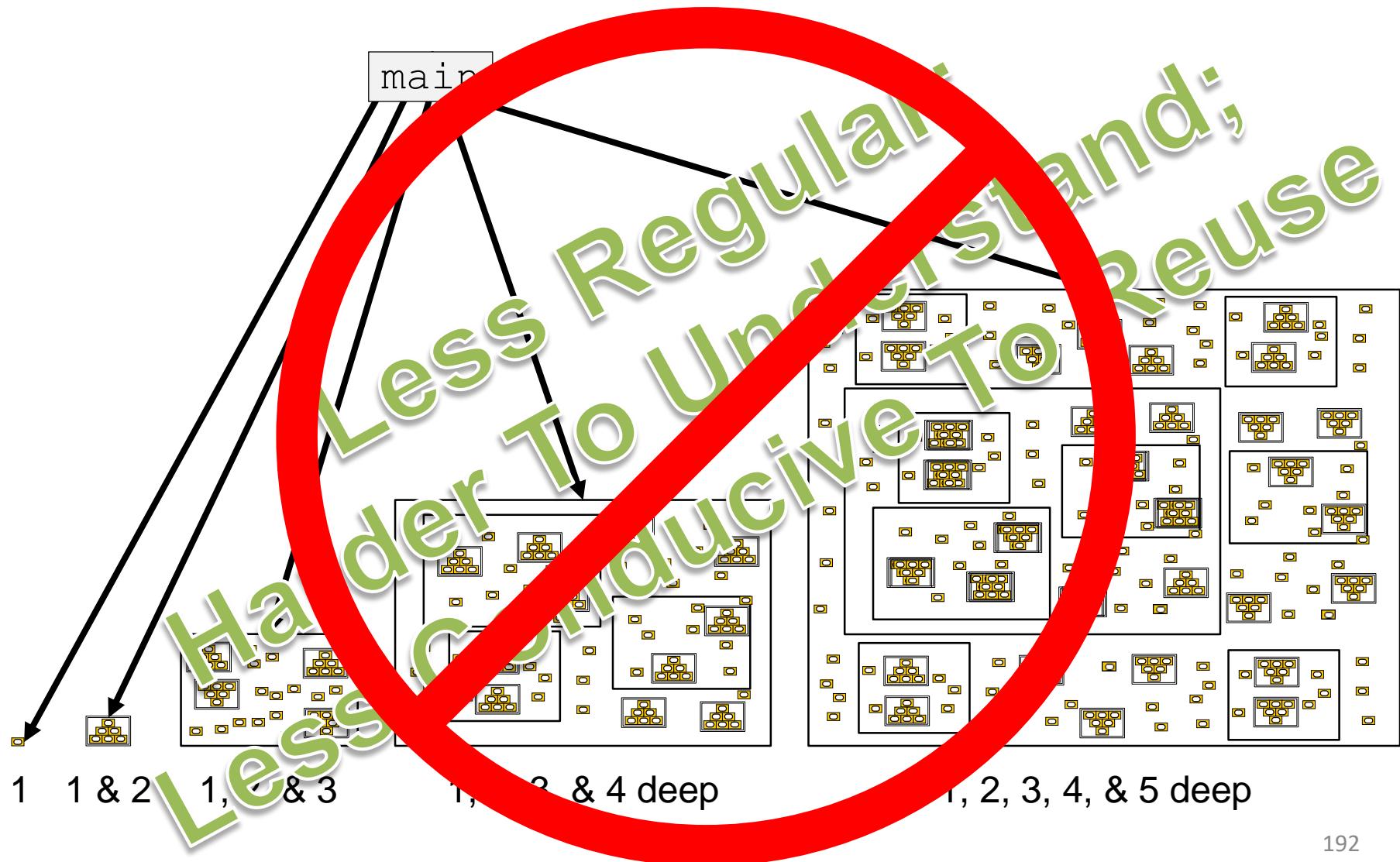
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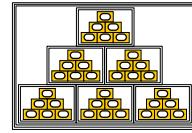
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Component



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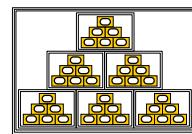
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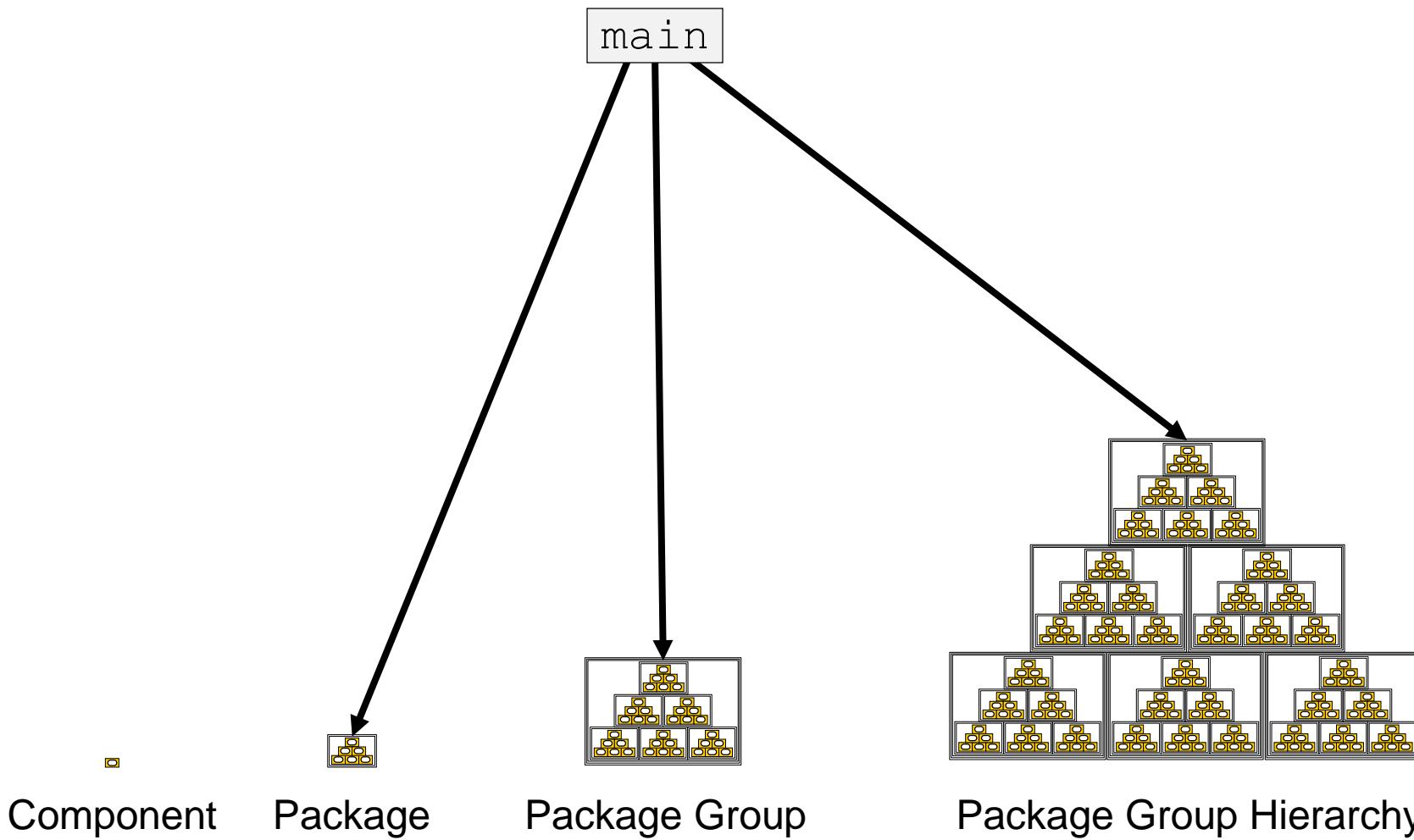
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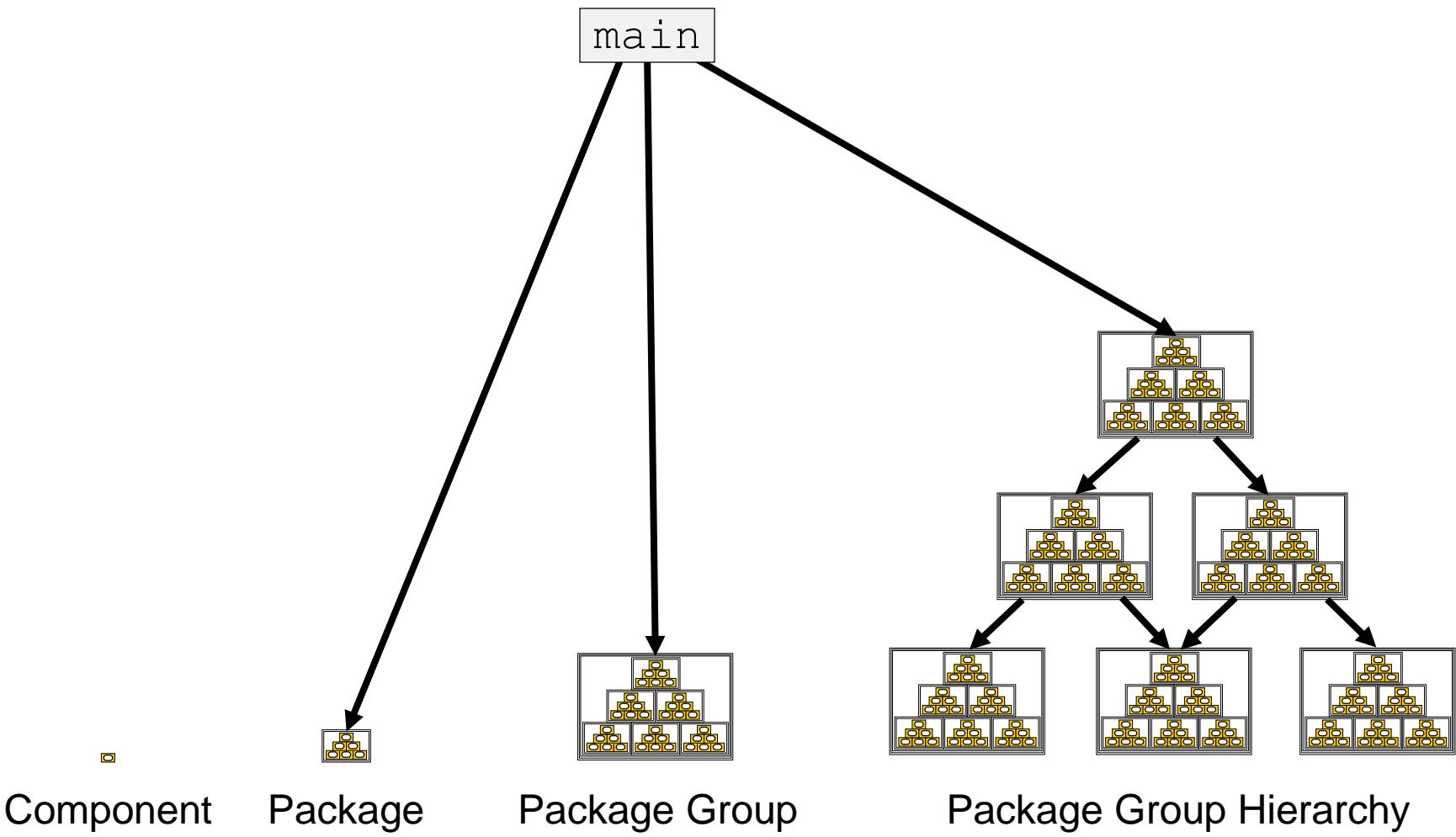
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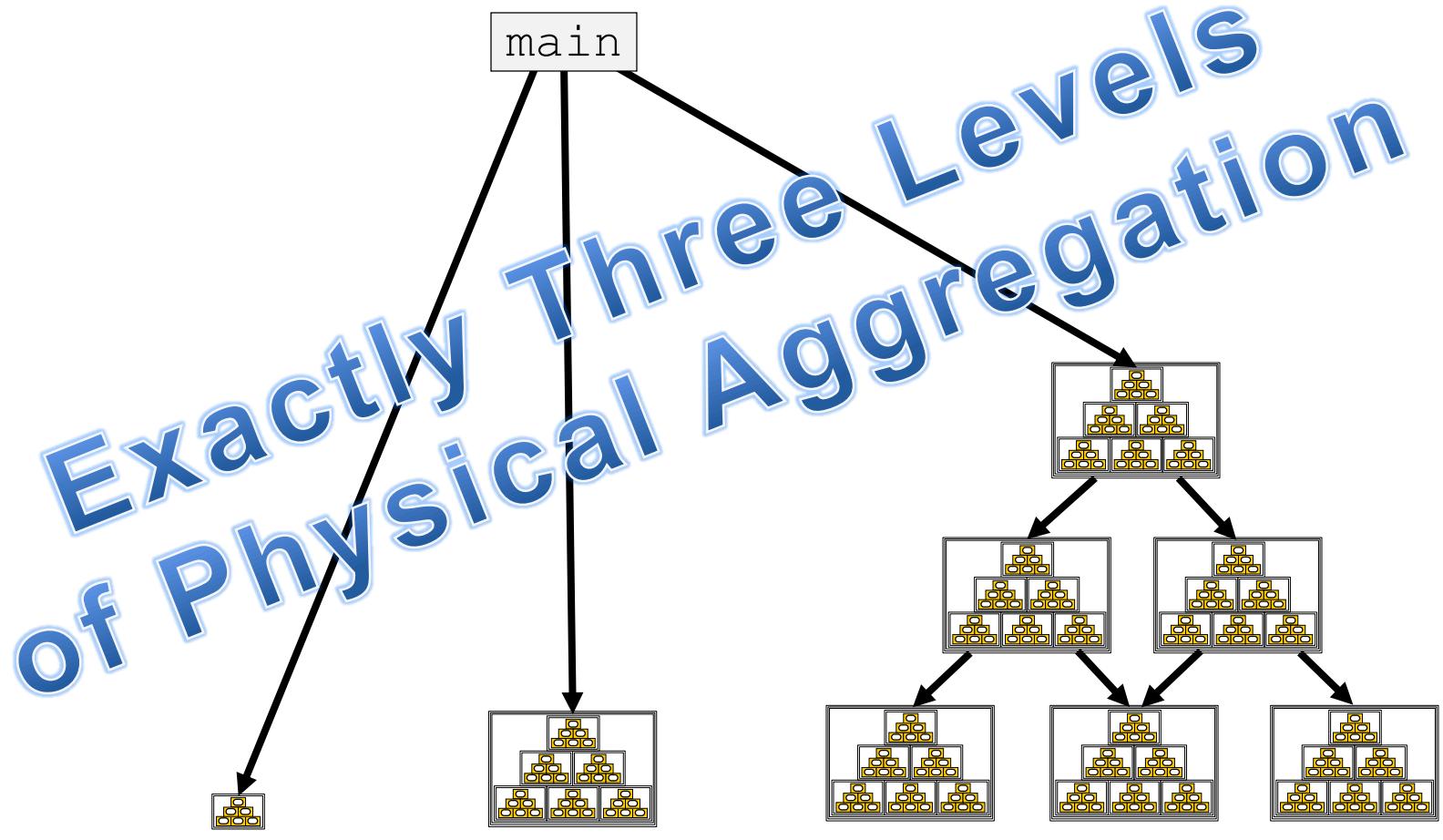
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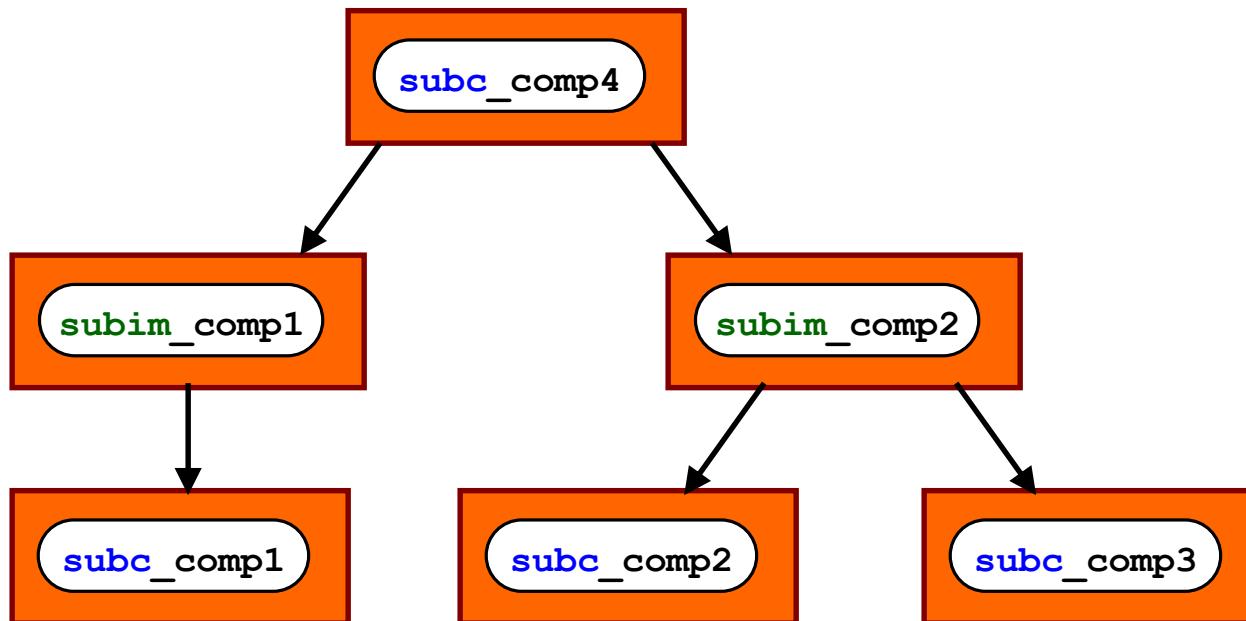
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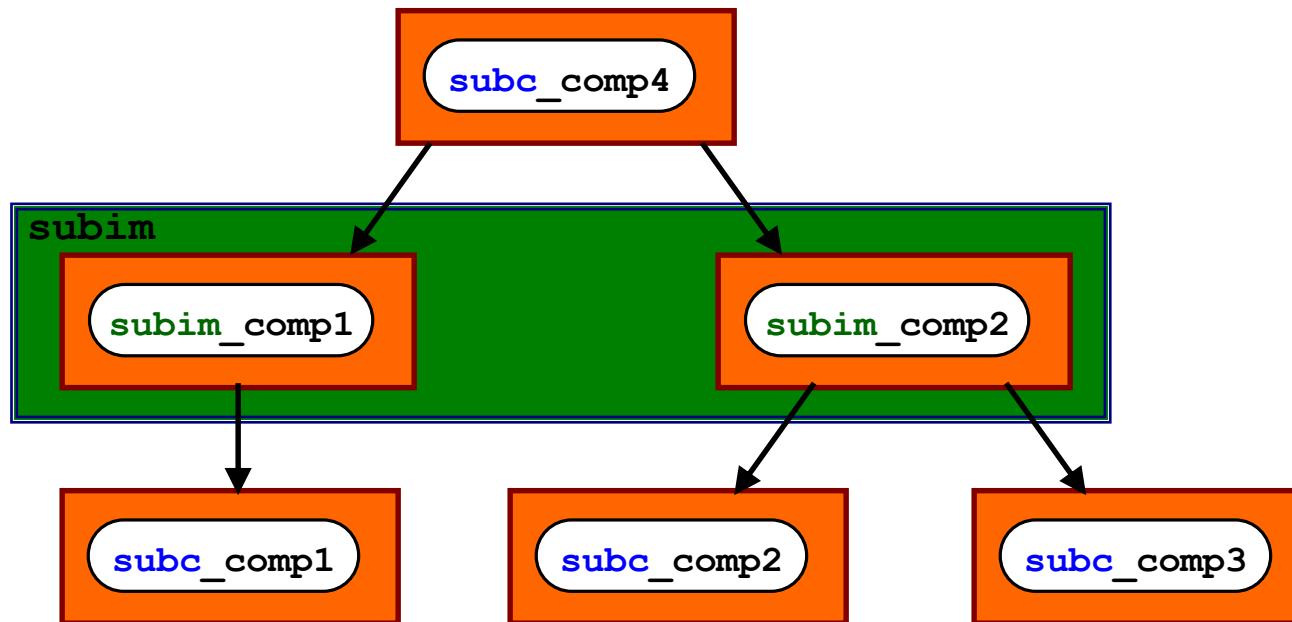
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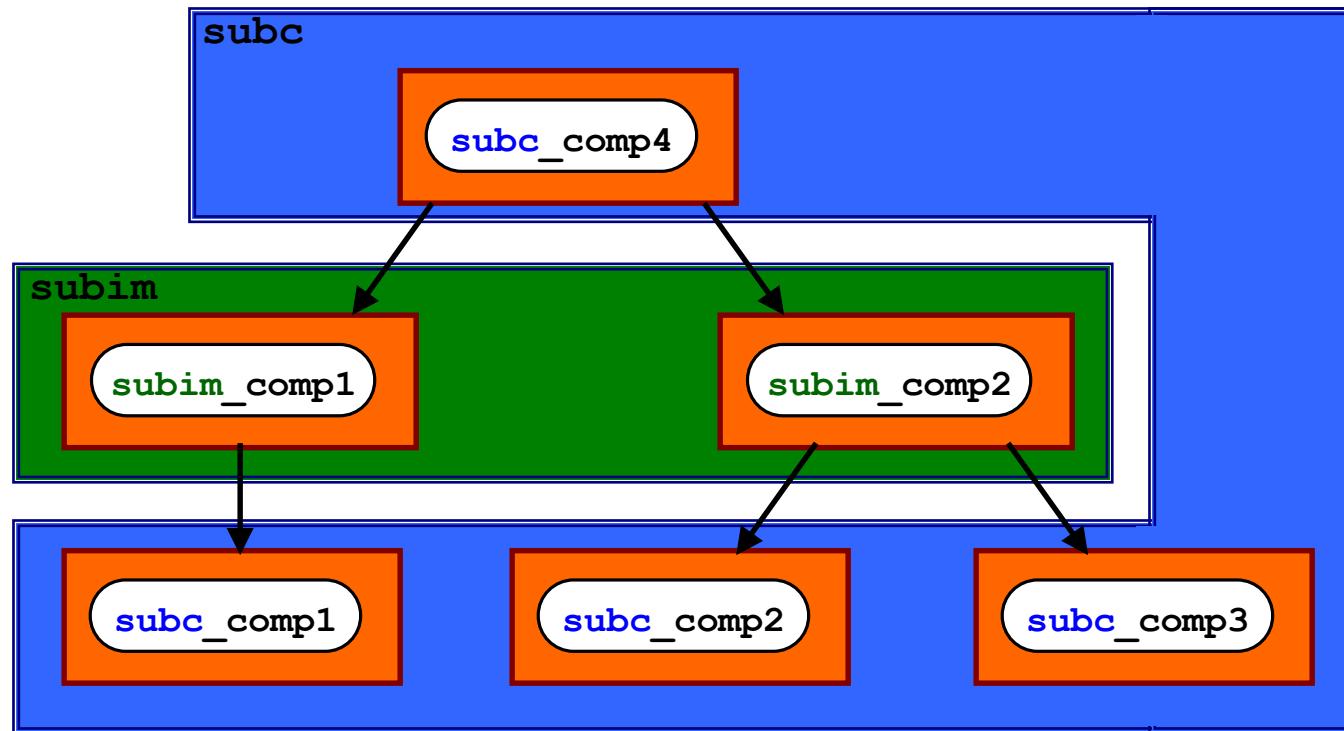
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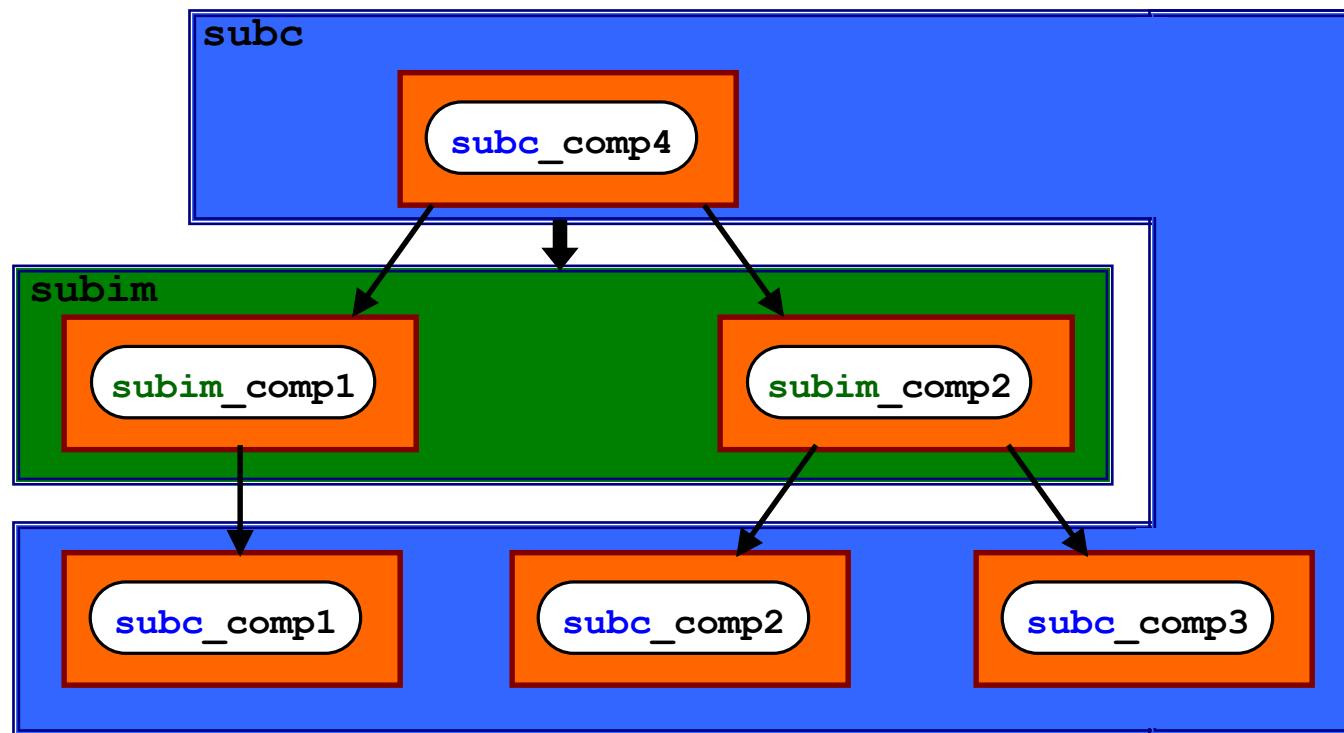
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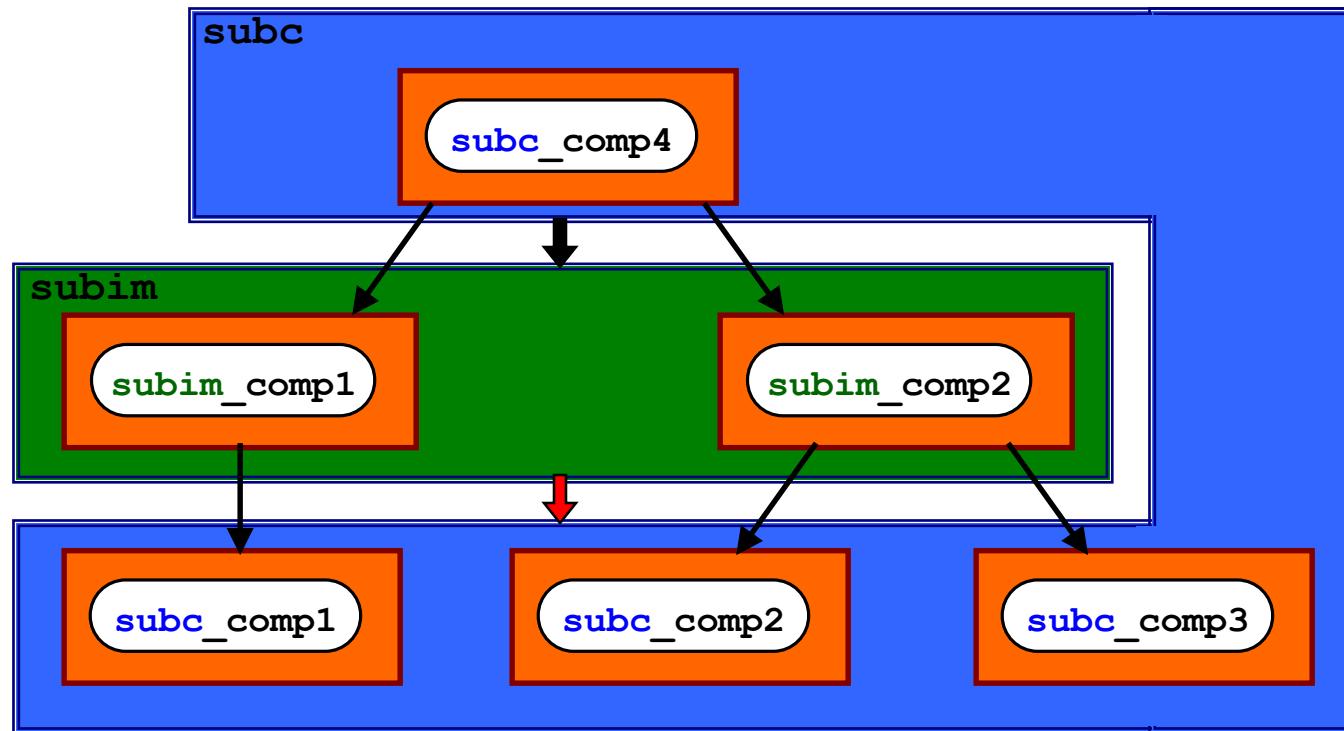
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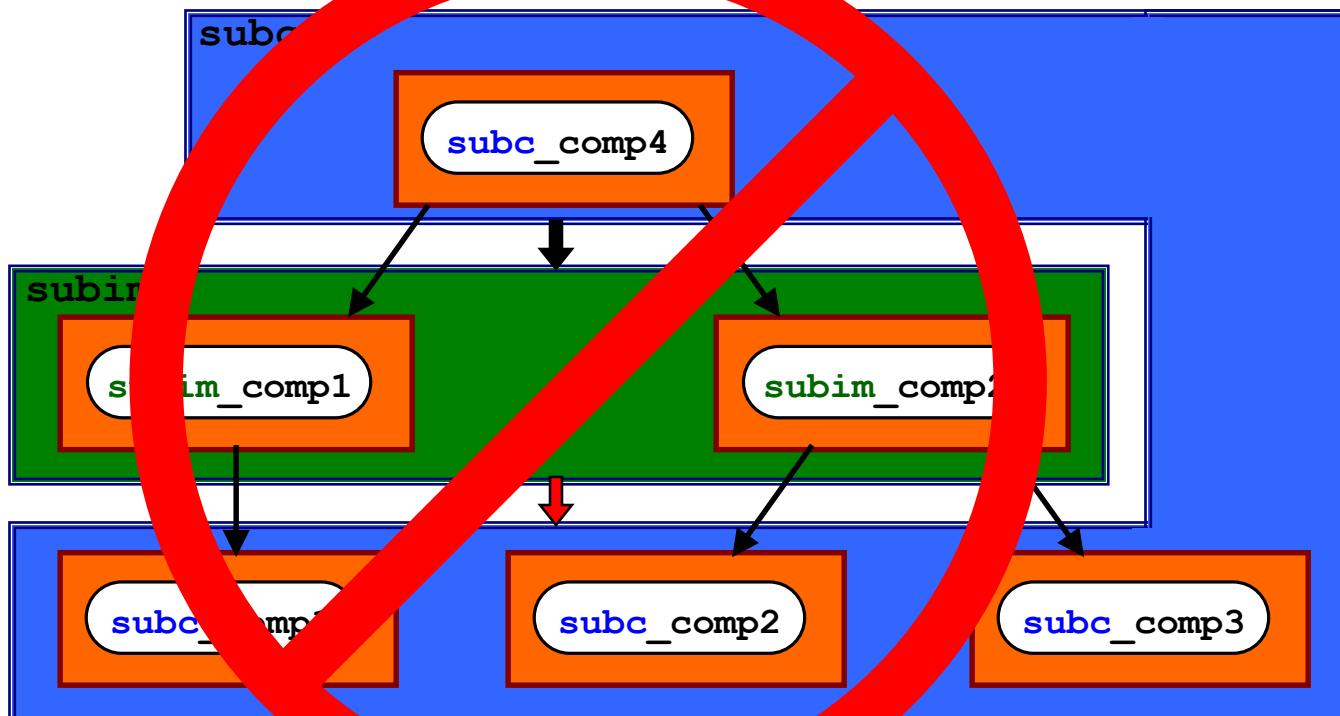
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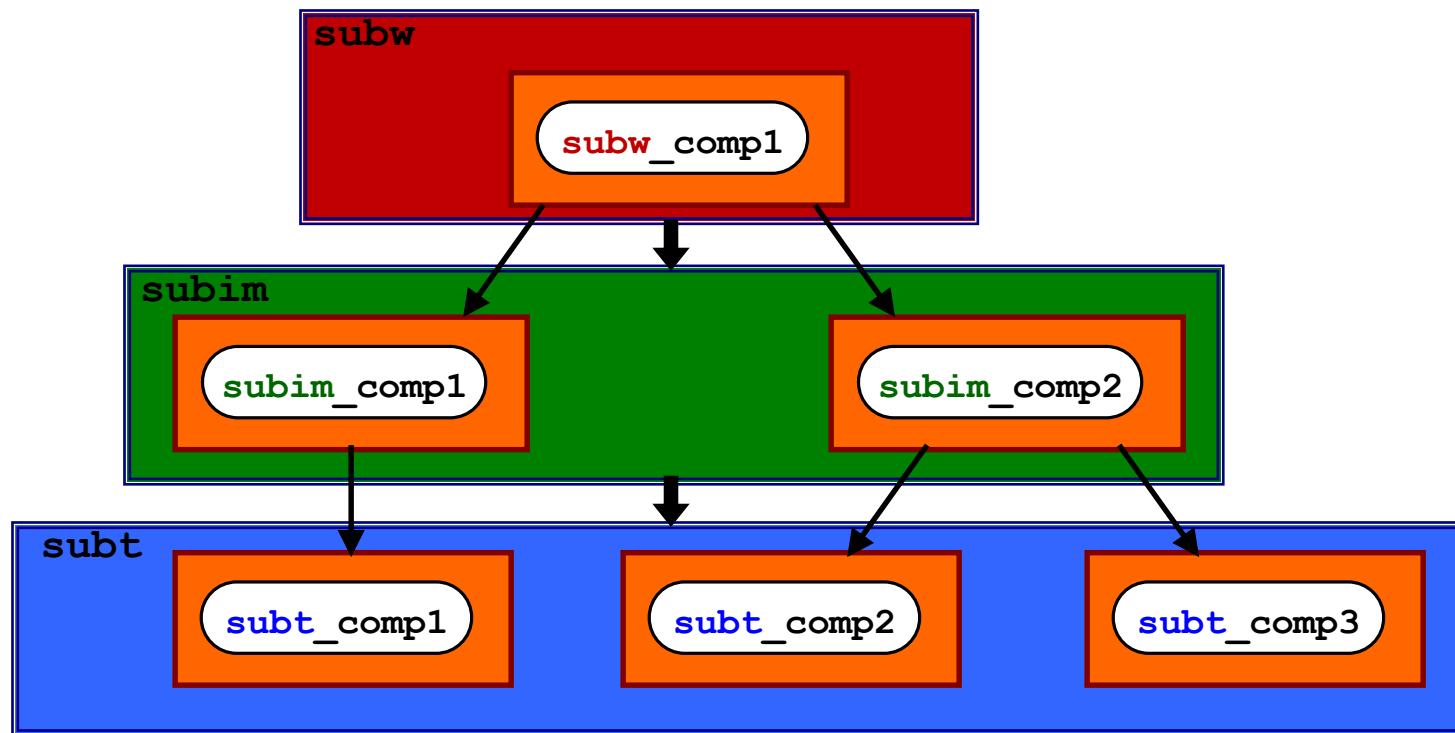
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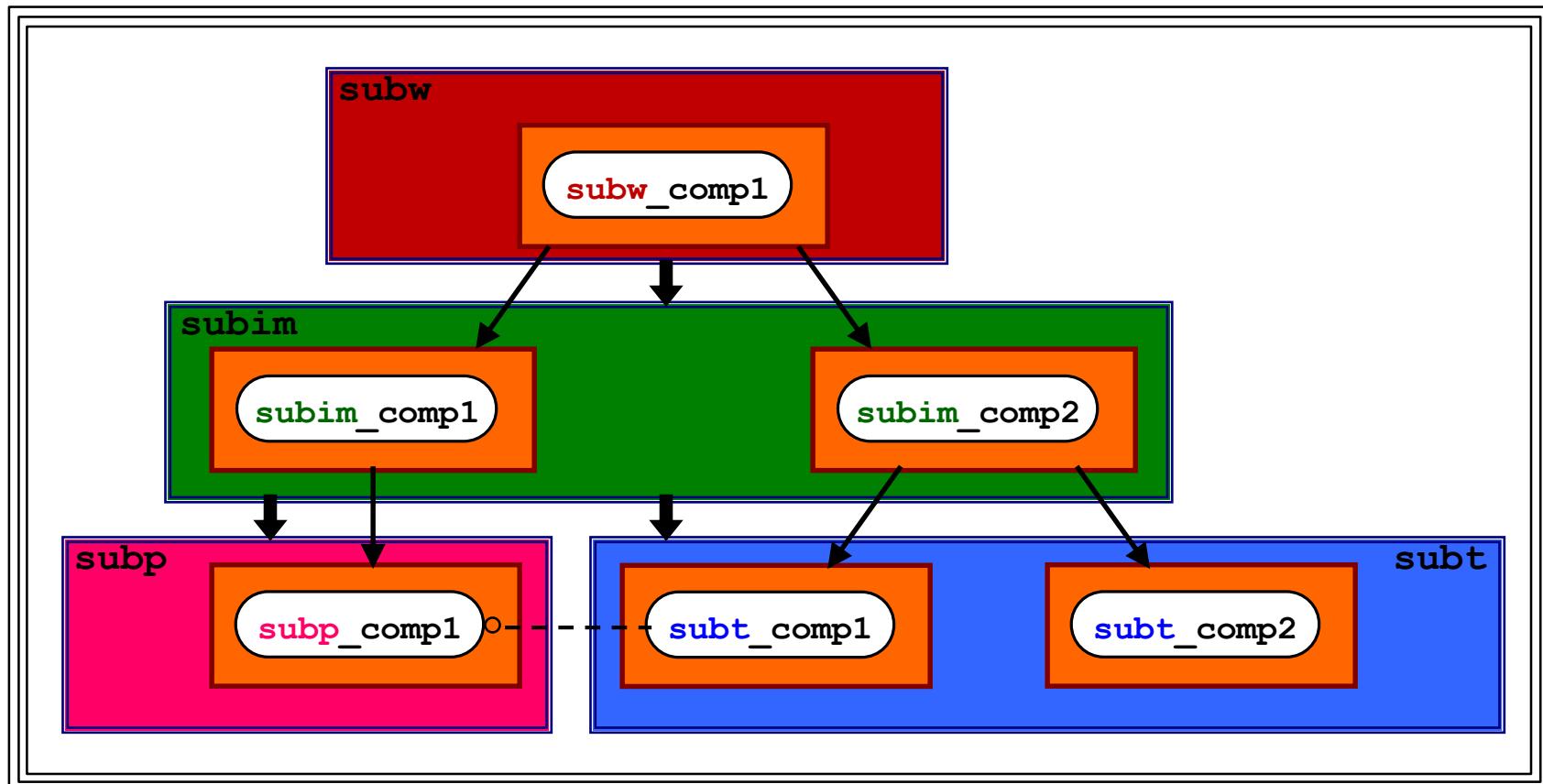
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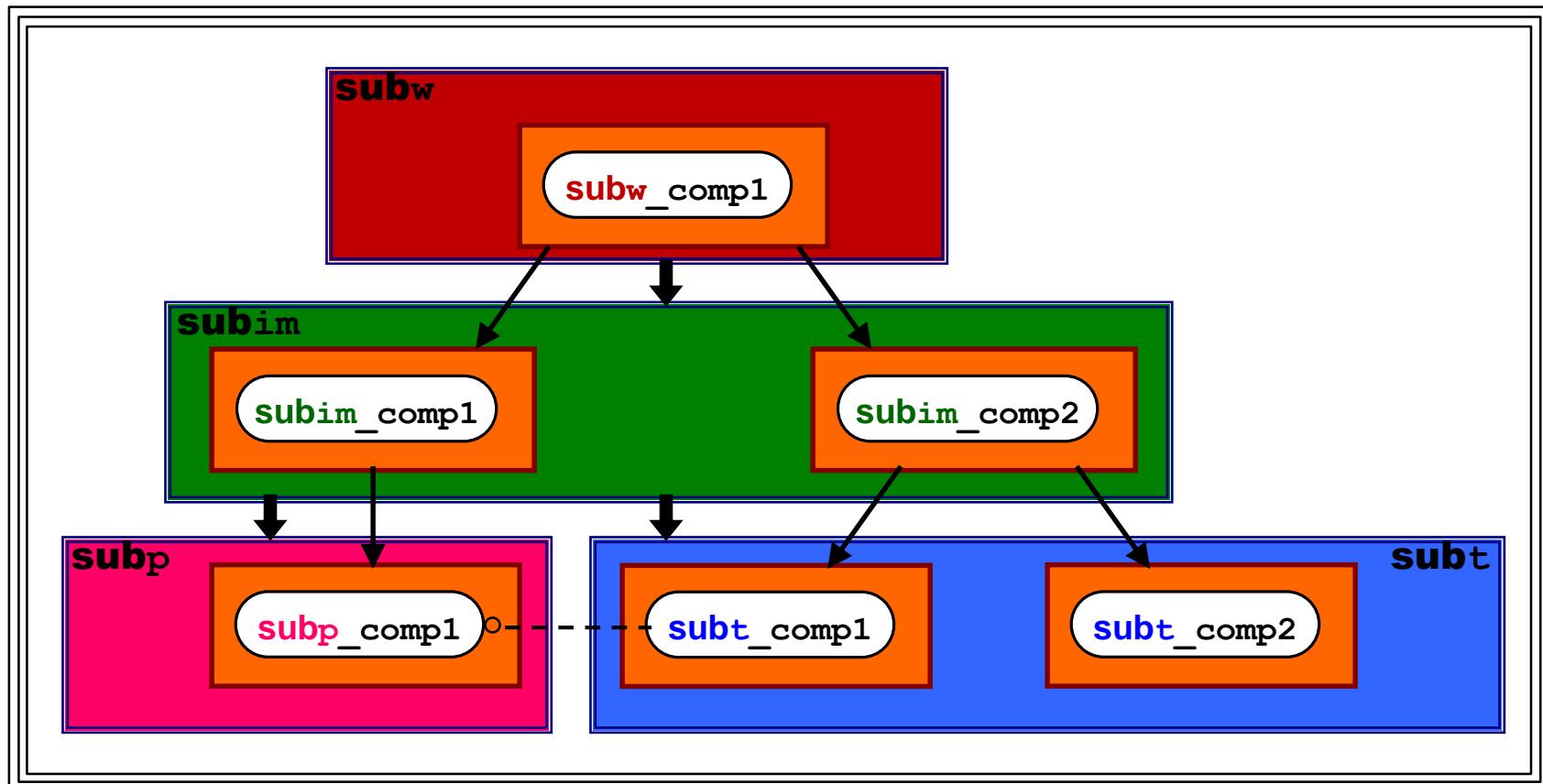
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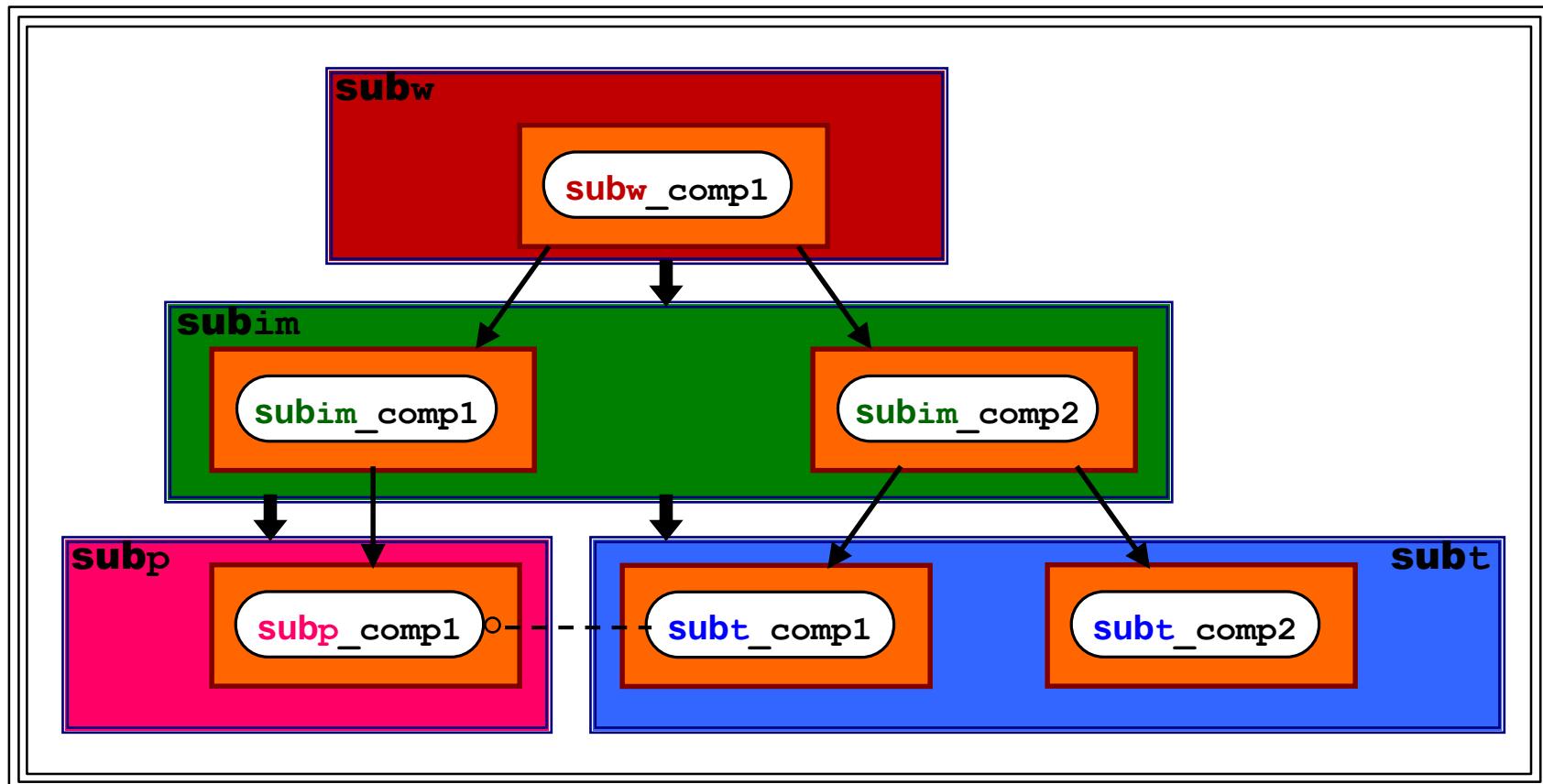
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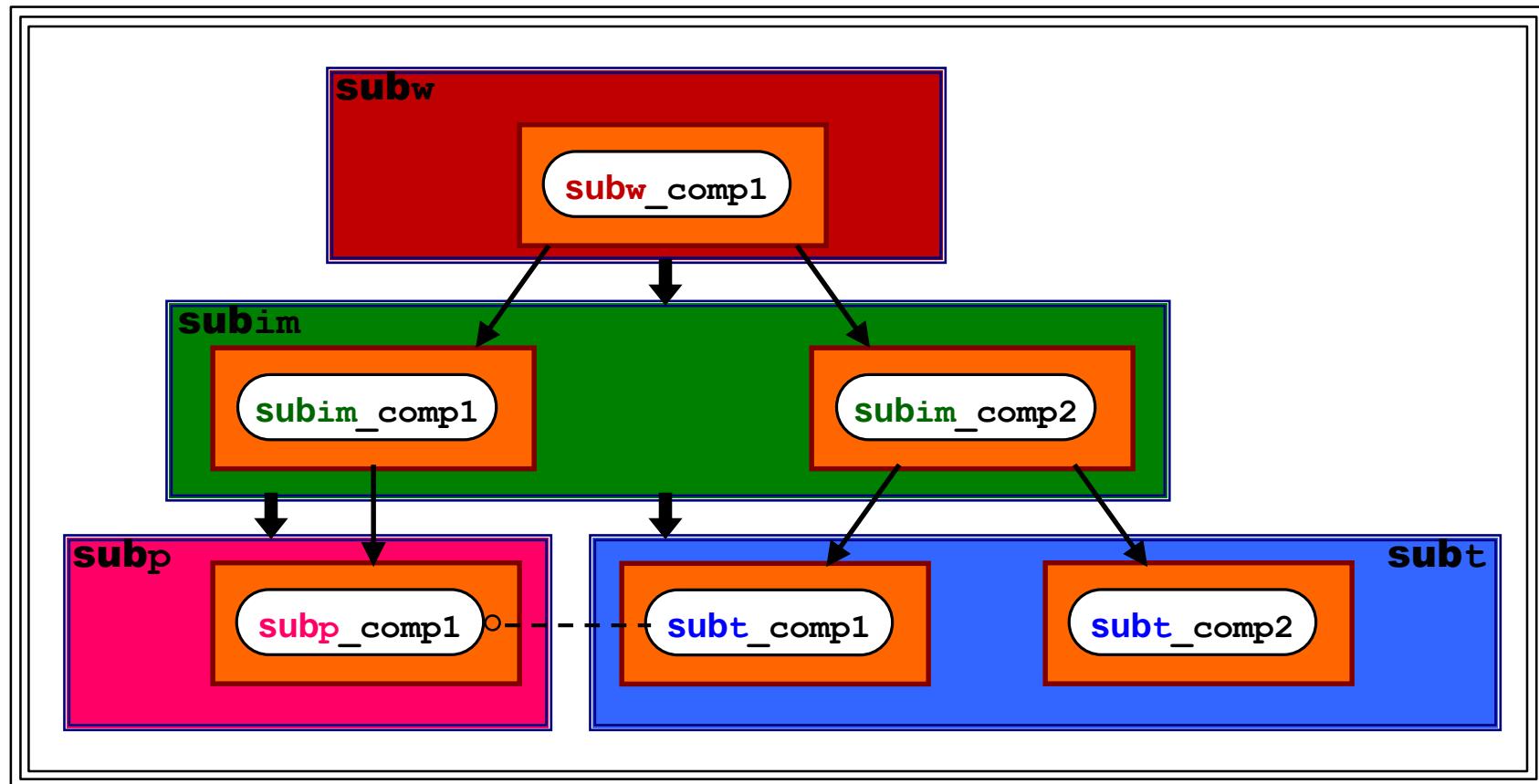


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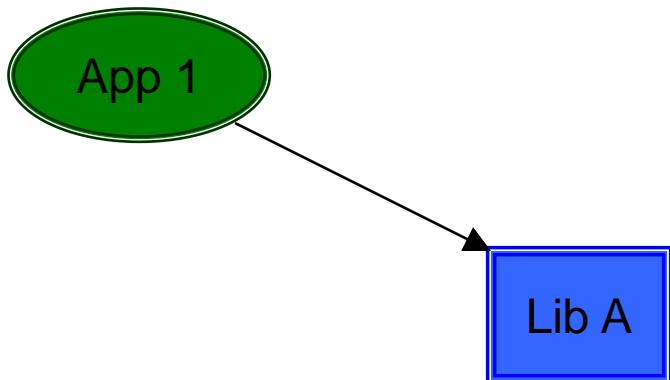
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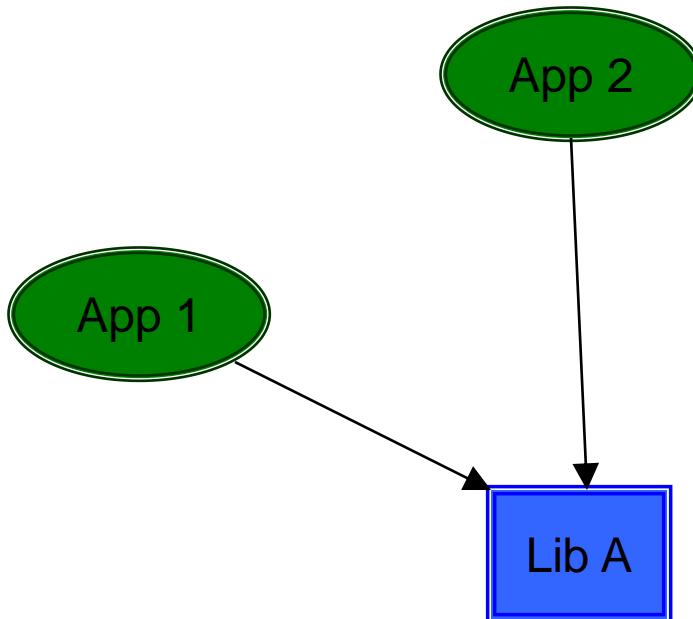
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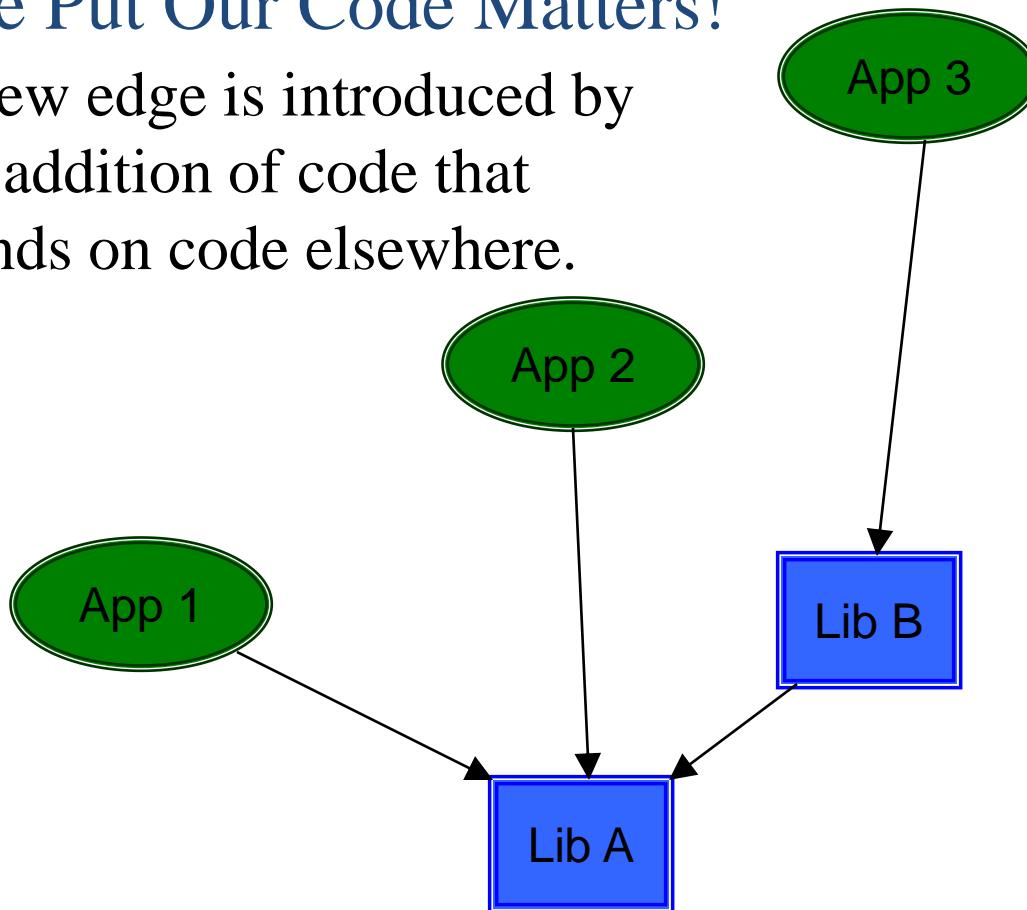


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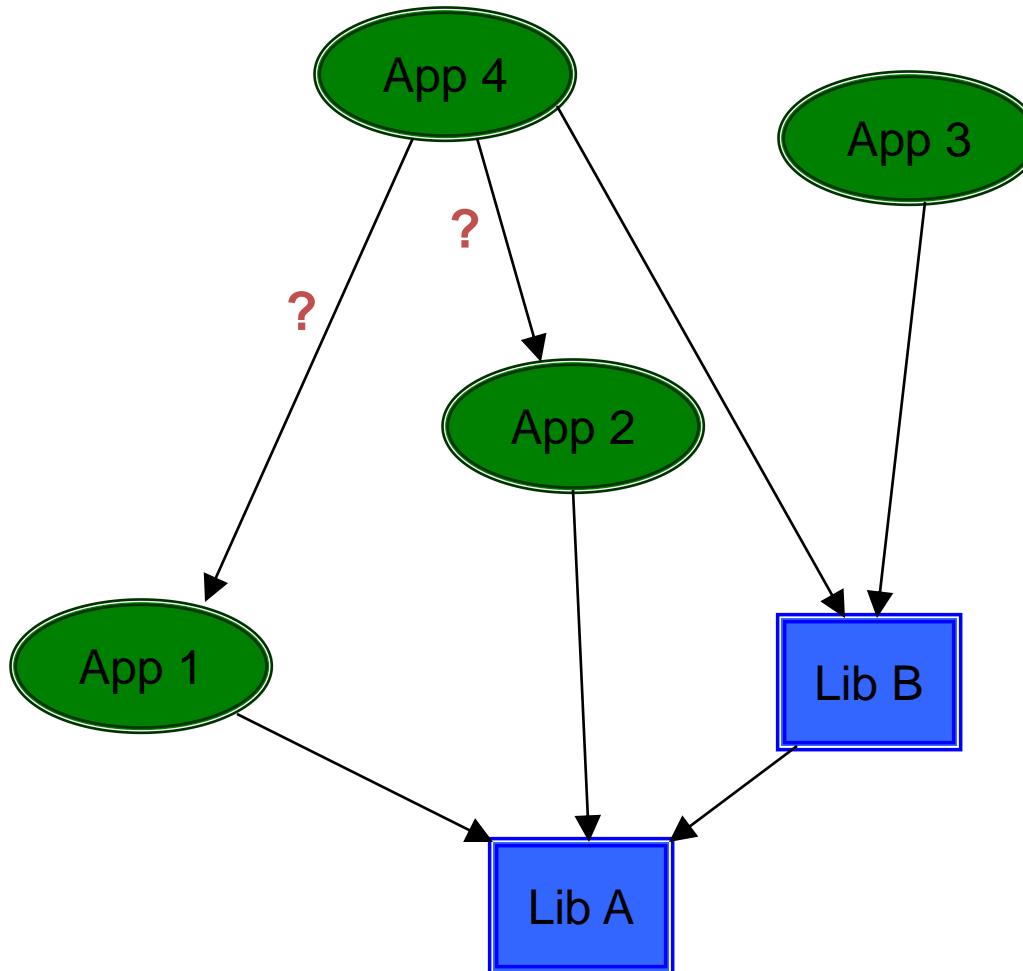
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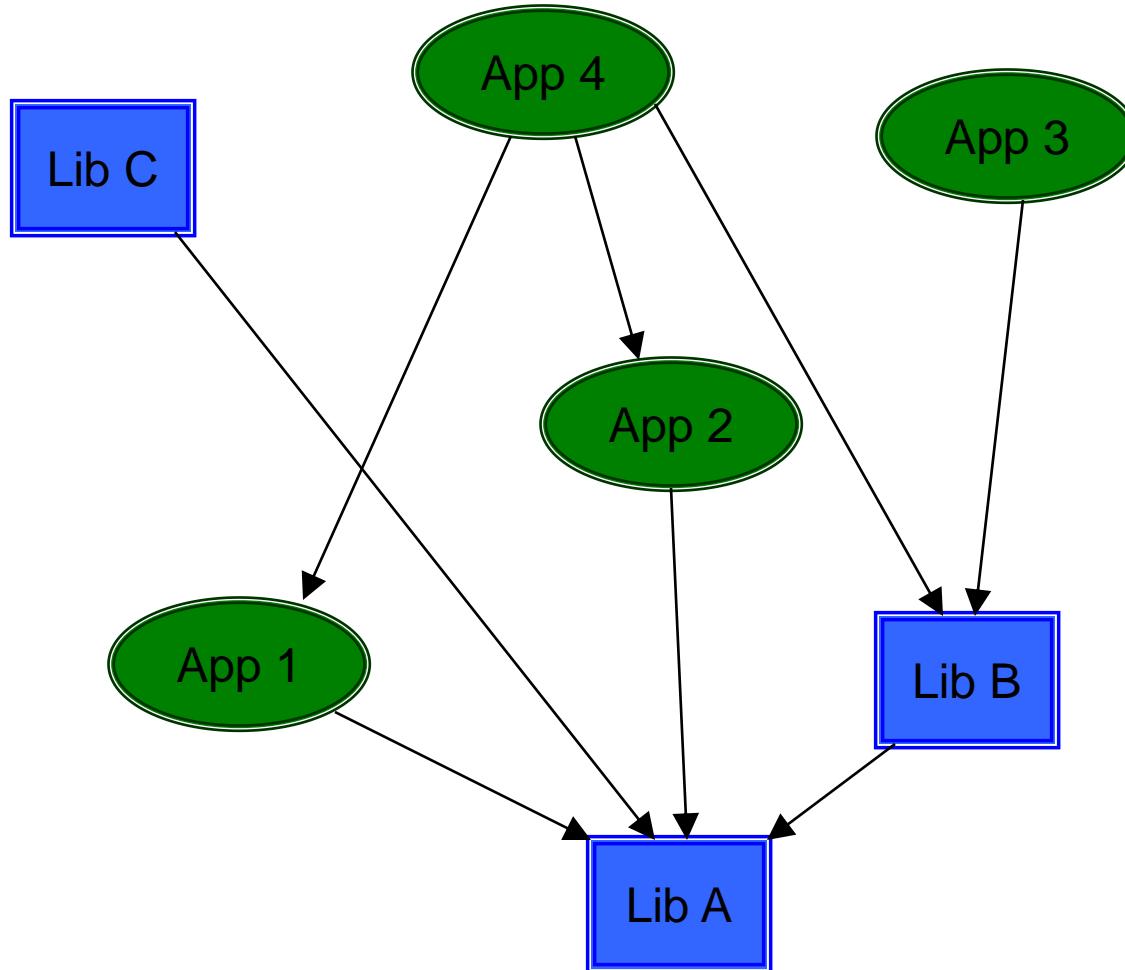
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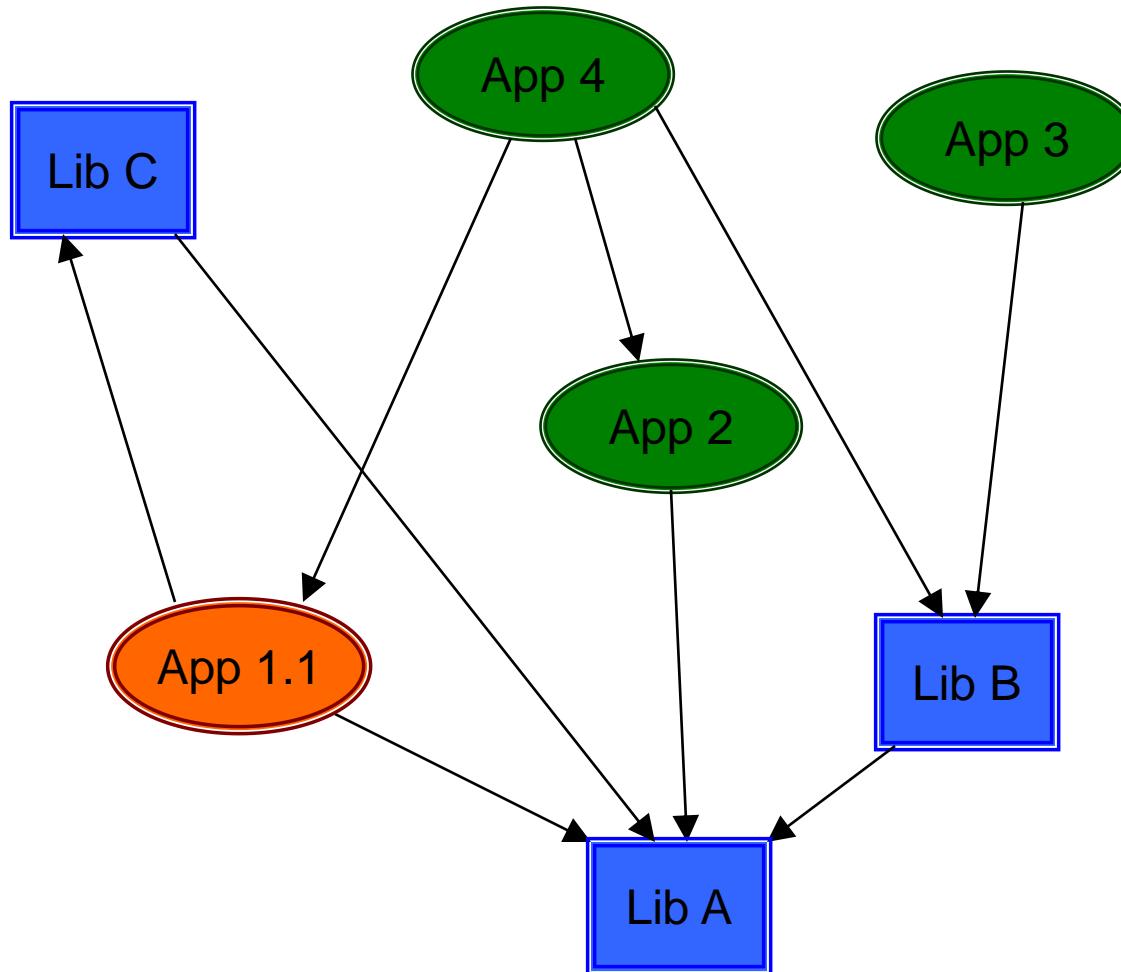
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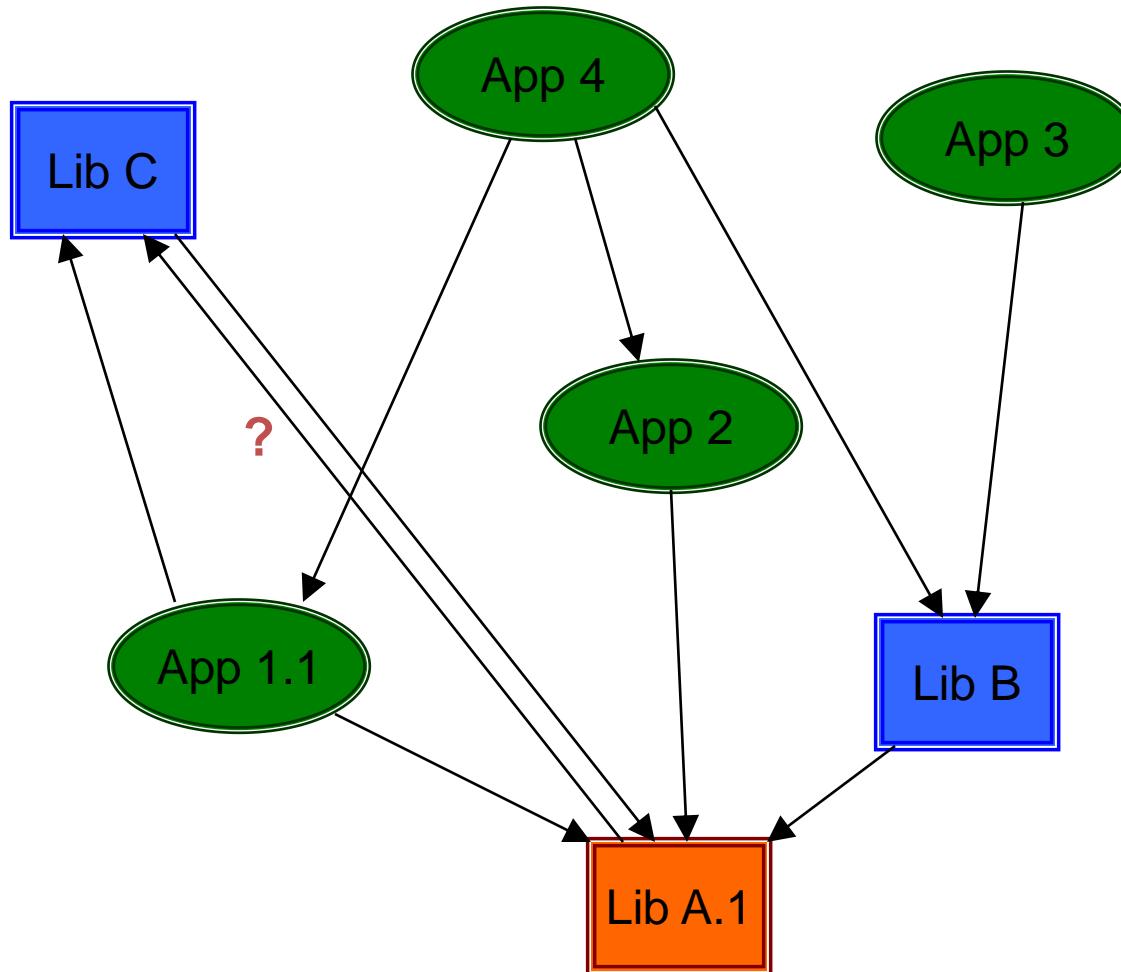
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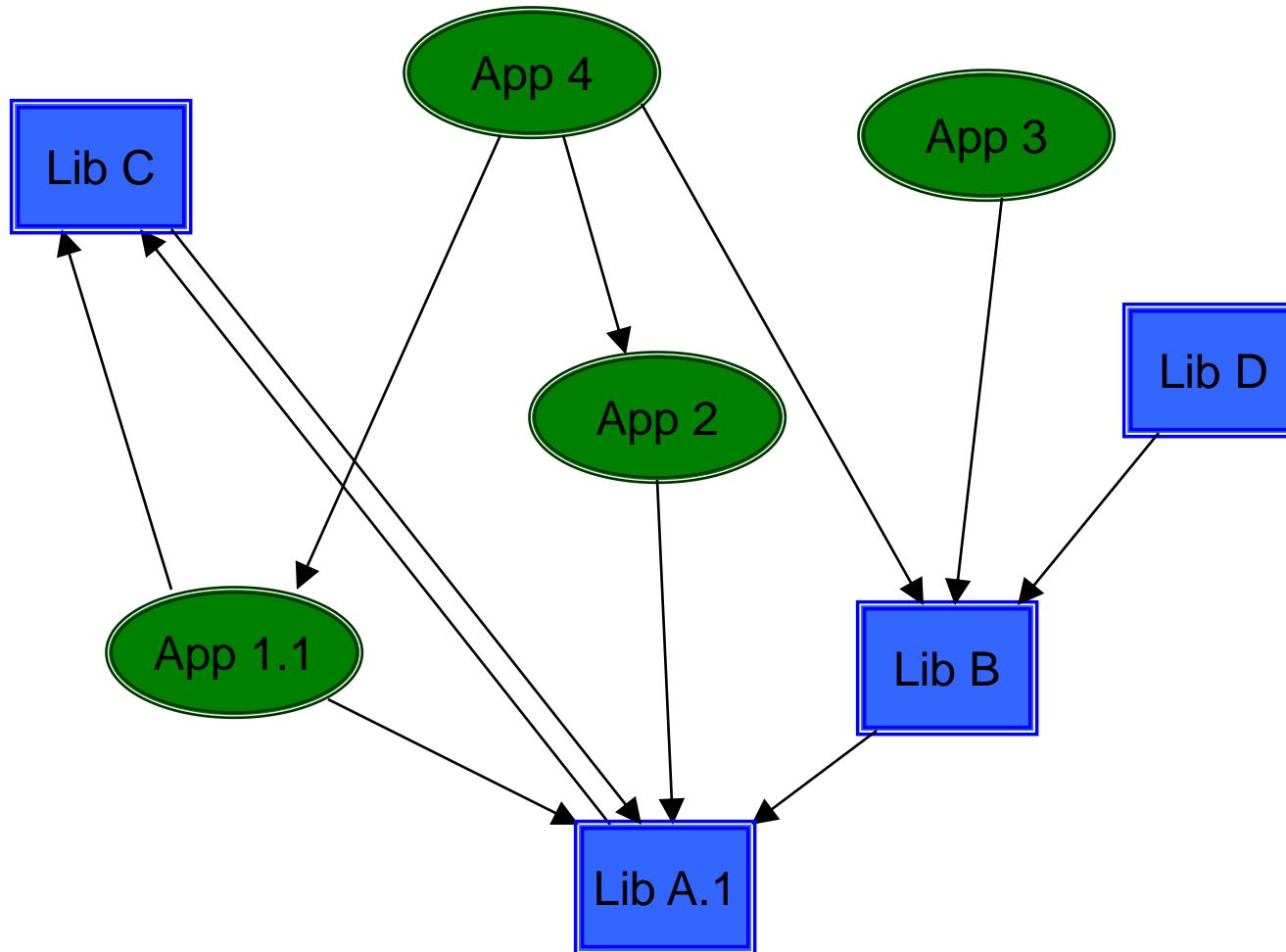
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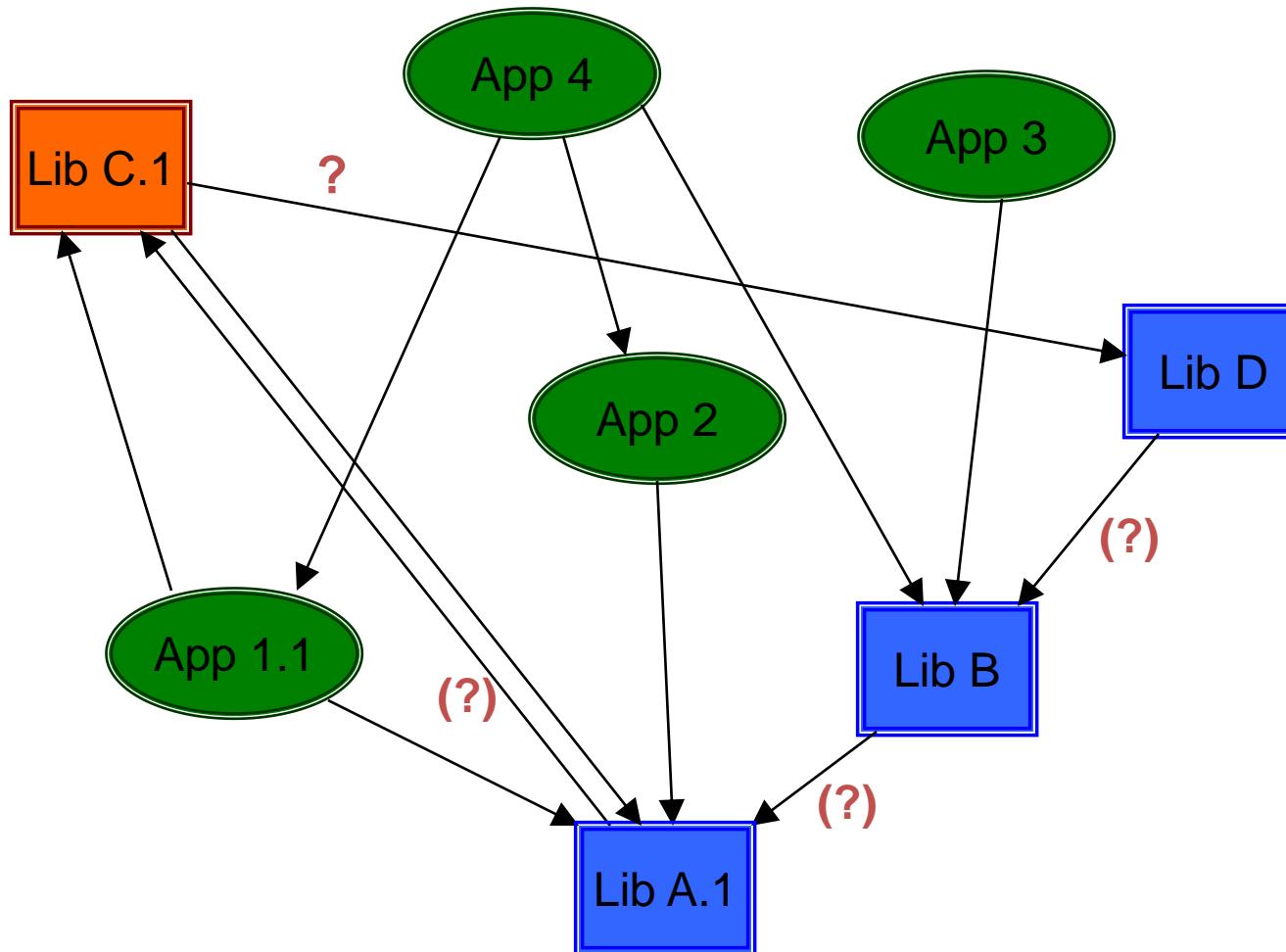
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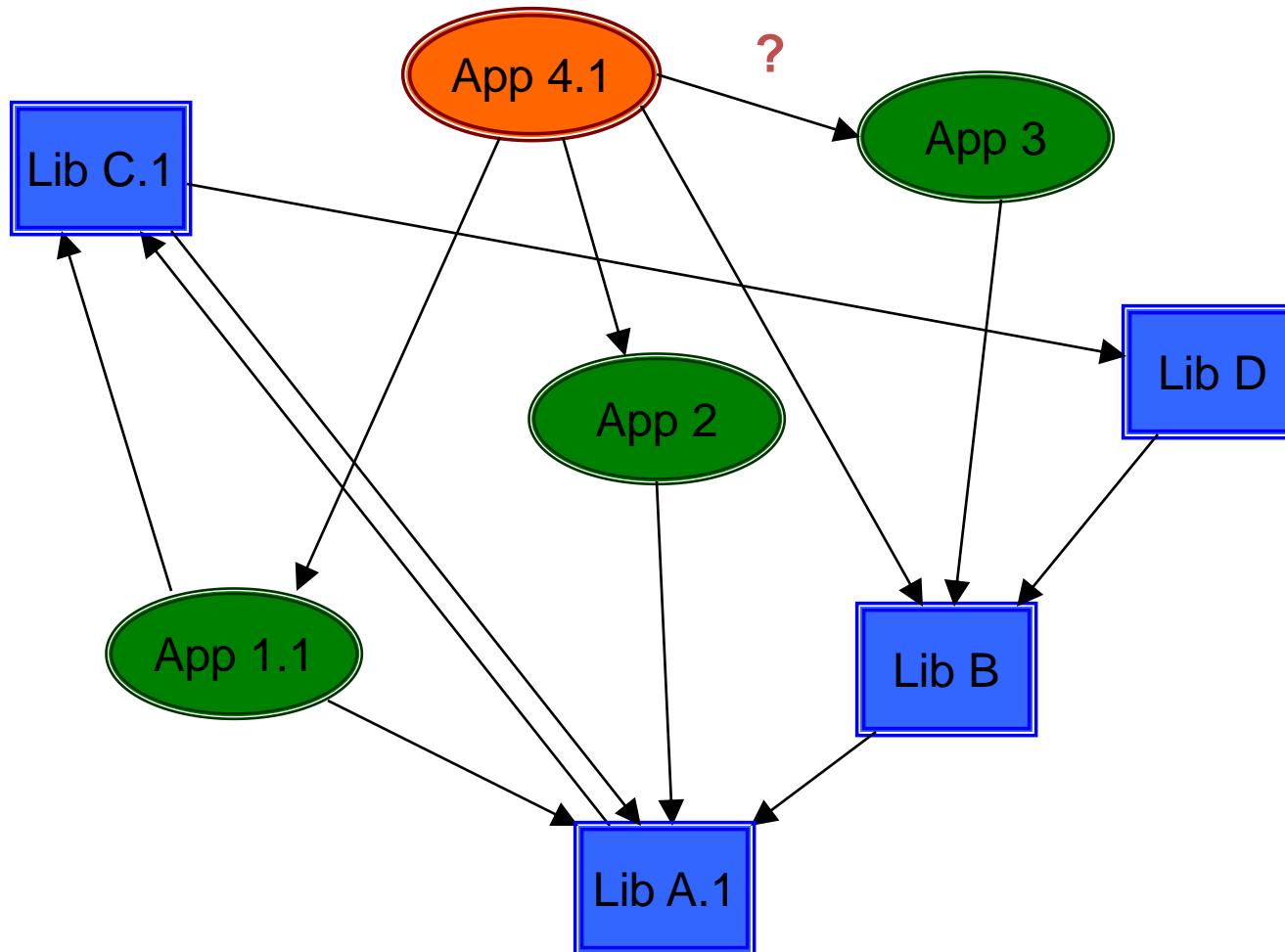
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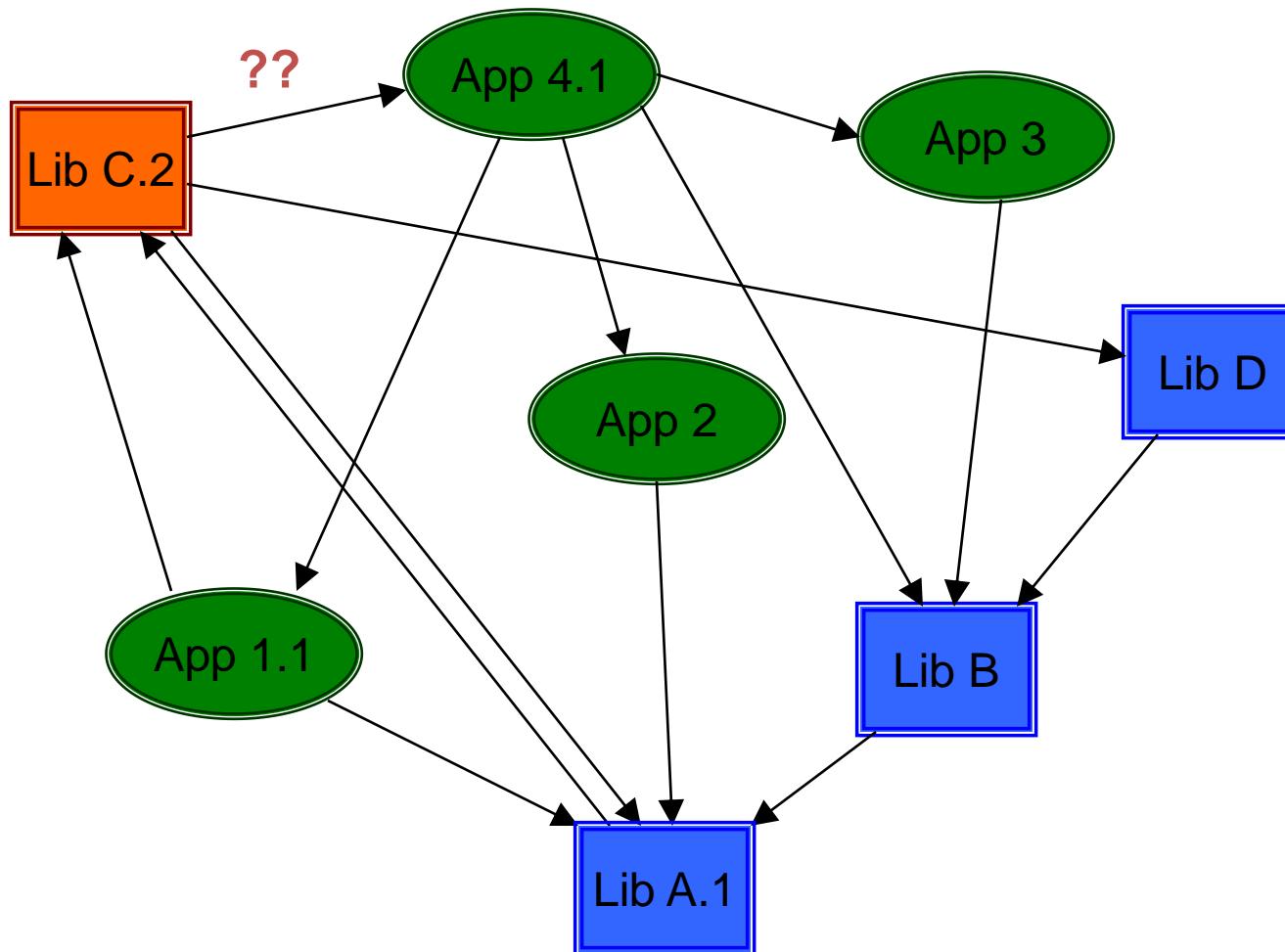
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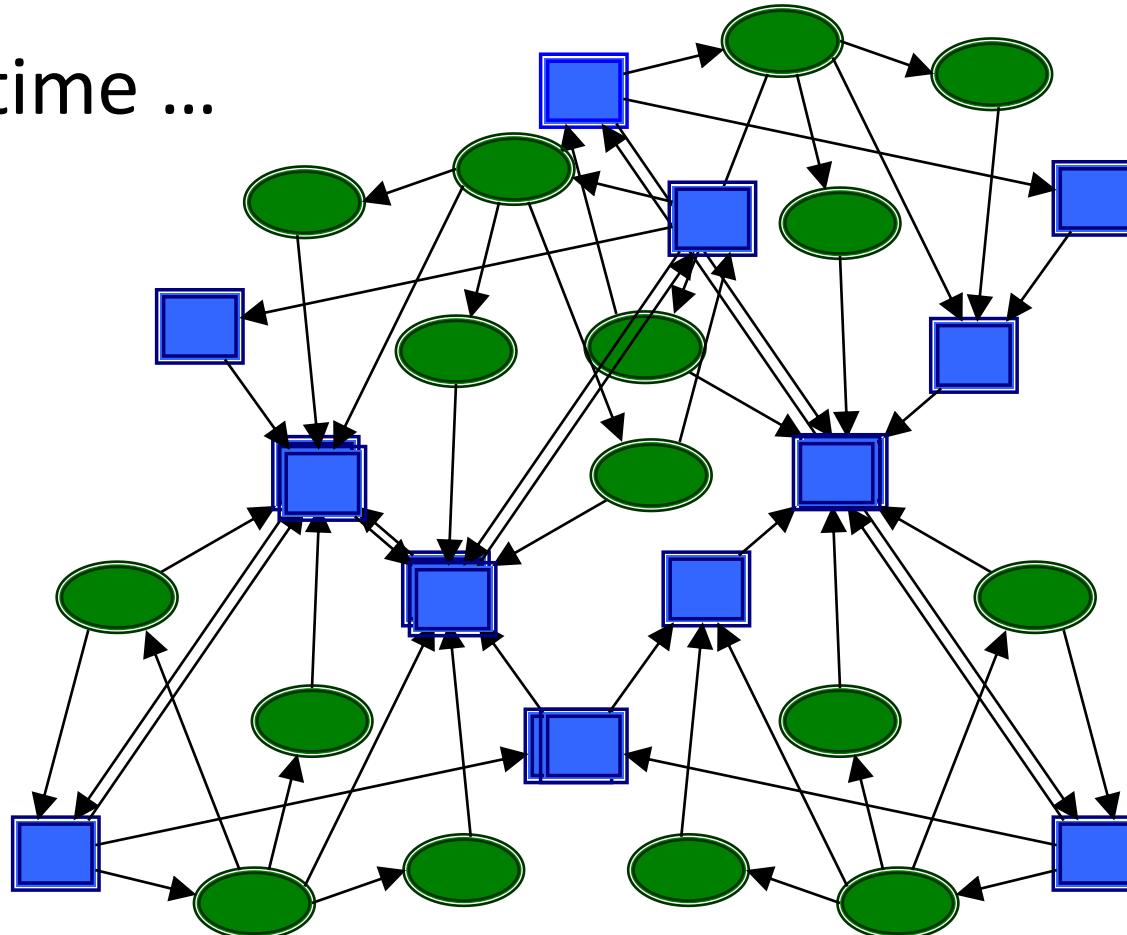
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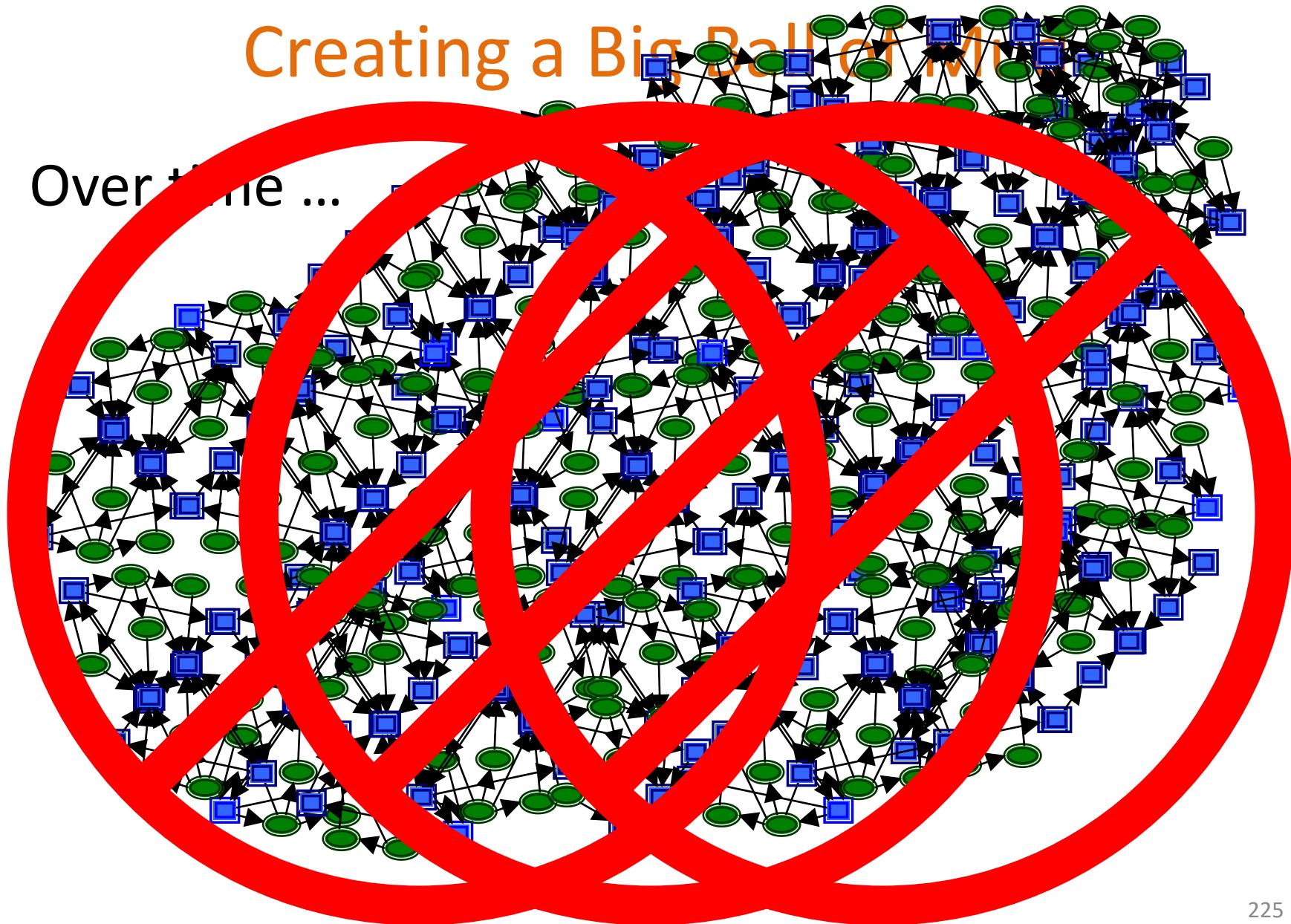
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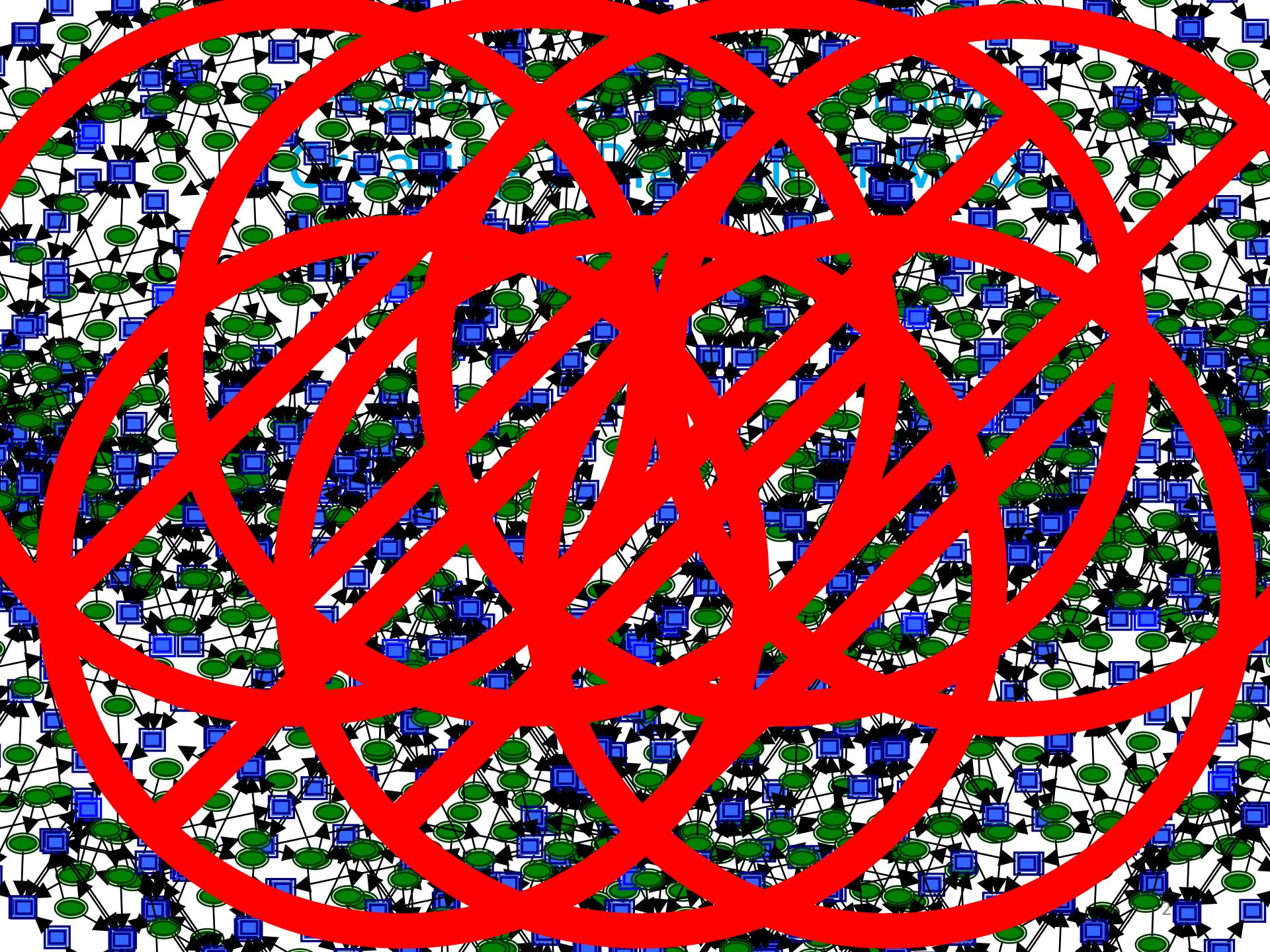


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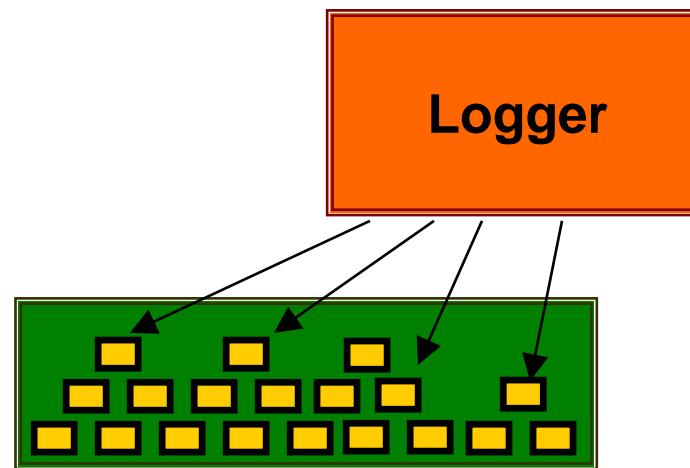
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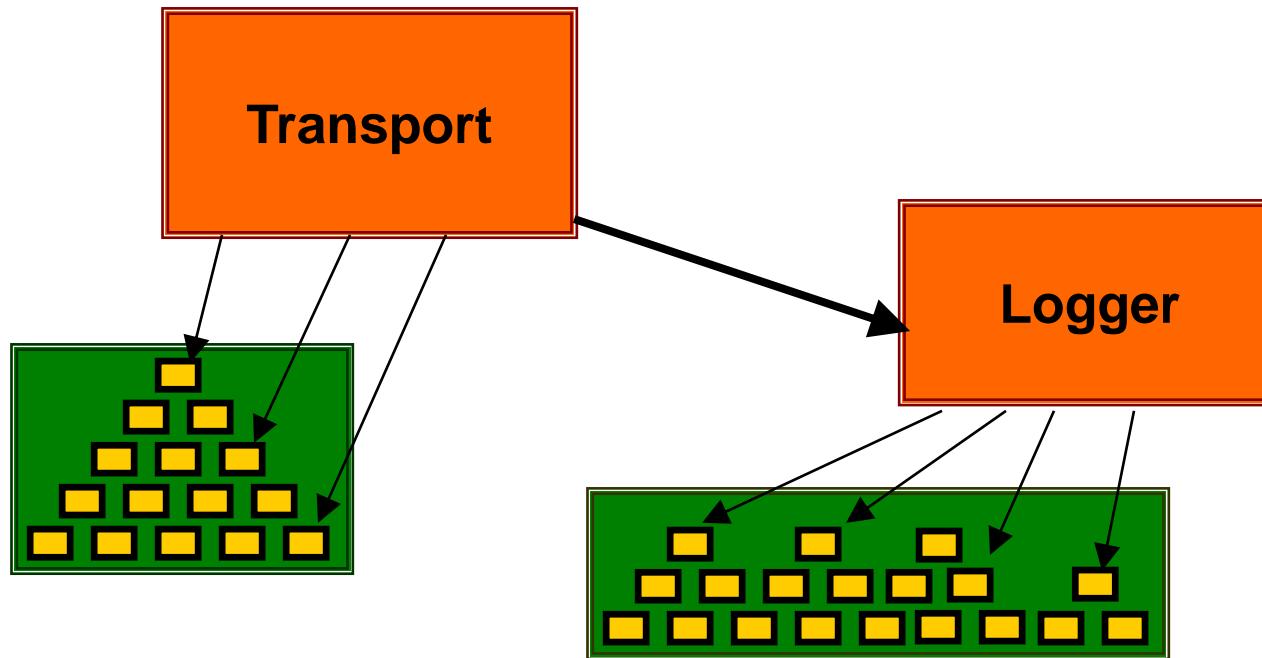
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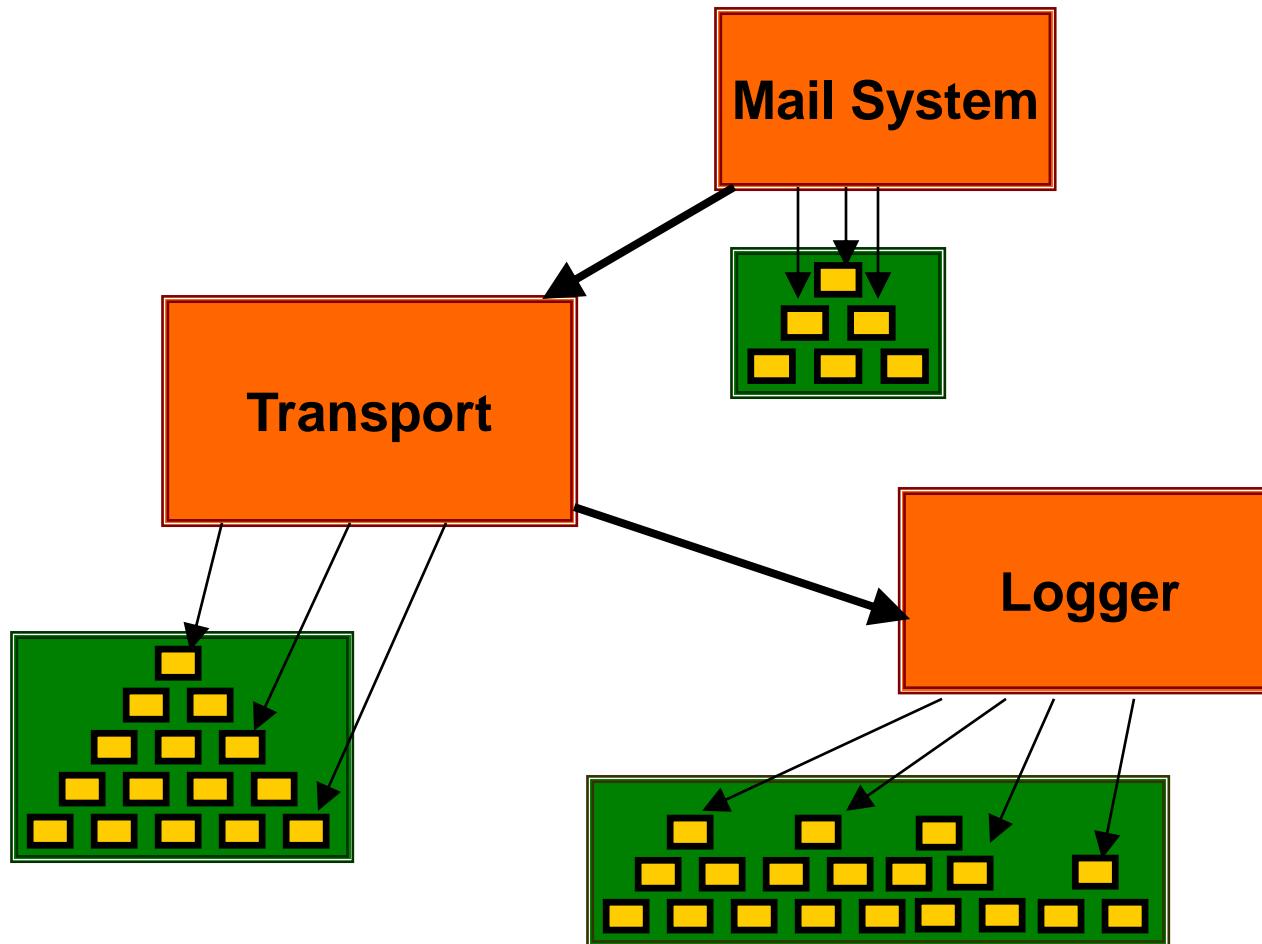
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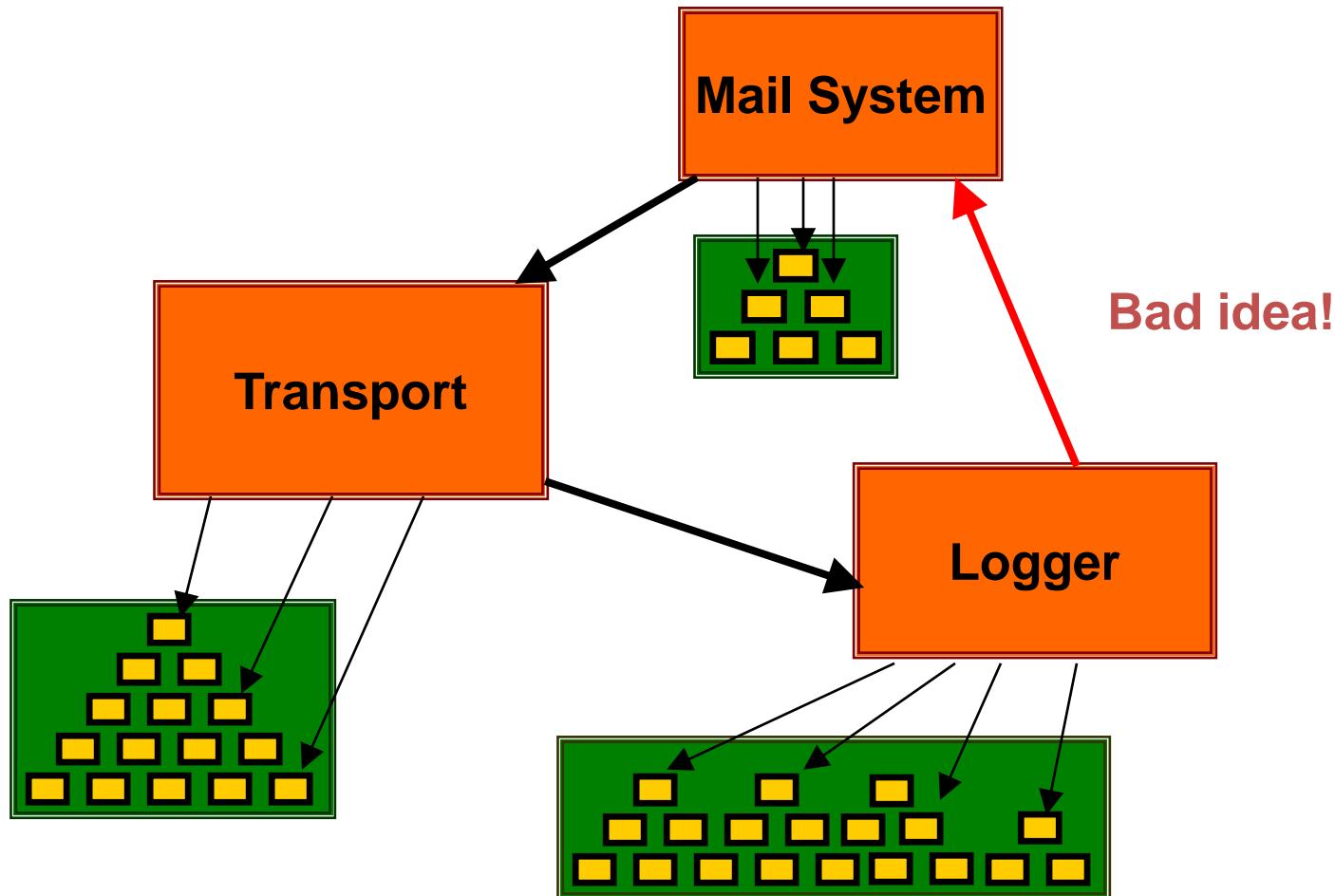
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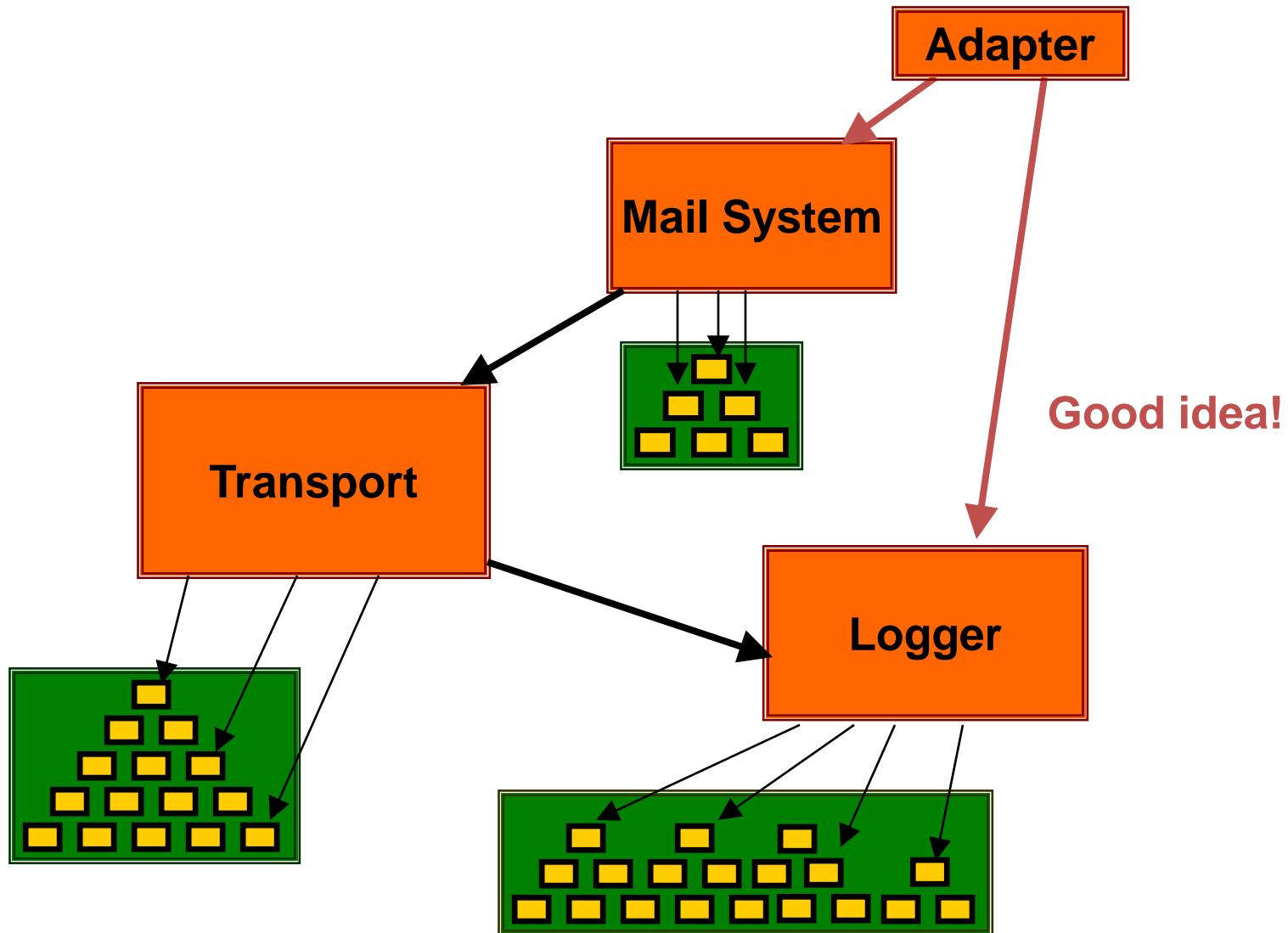
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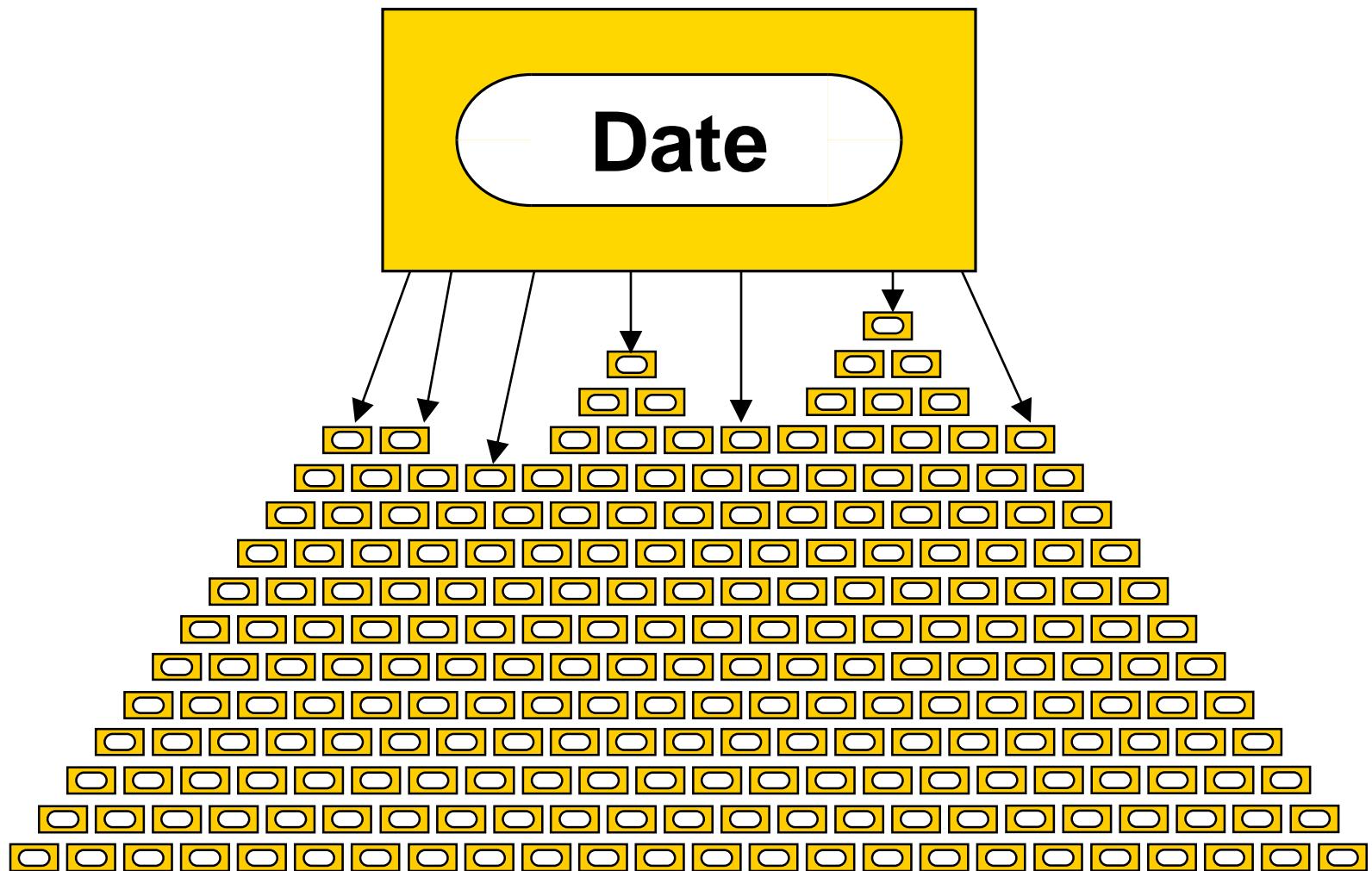
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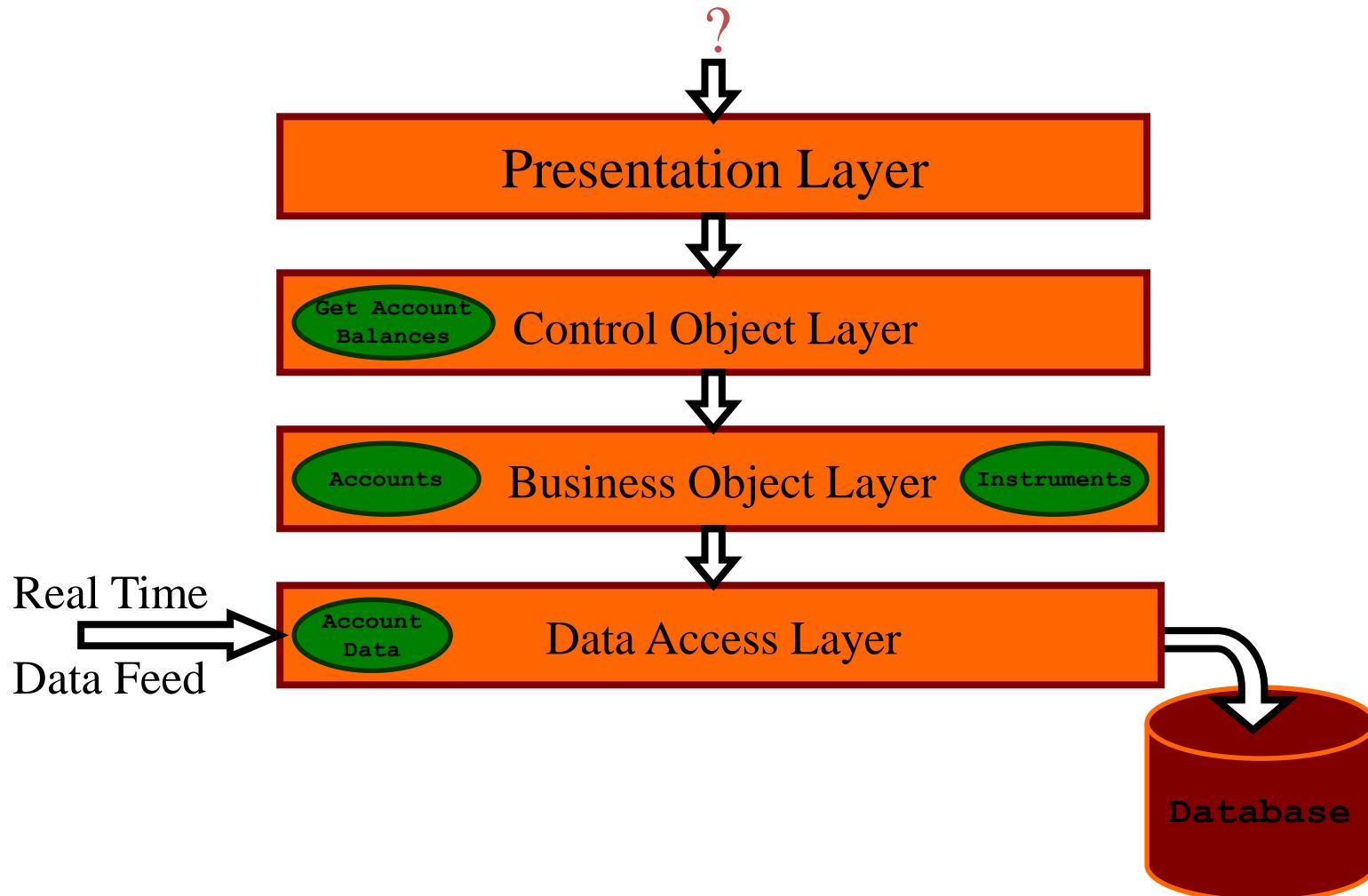
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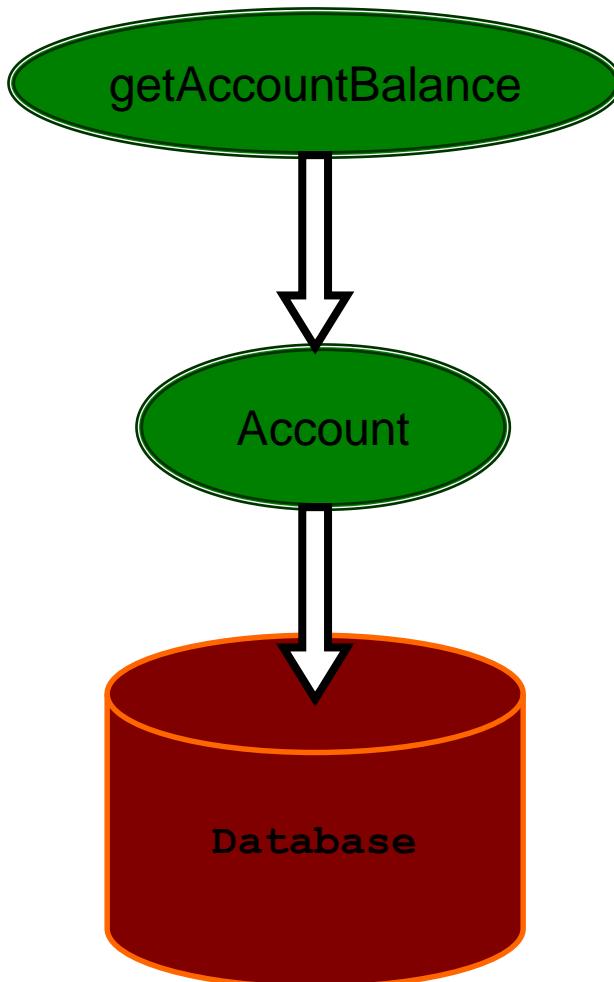
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## What Does Account Depend On?

```
class Account {  
    // ...  
public:  
    Account(int accountNumber);  
        // Create an account  
        // corresponding to the  
        // specified 'accountNumber'  
        // in the database.  
    // ...  
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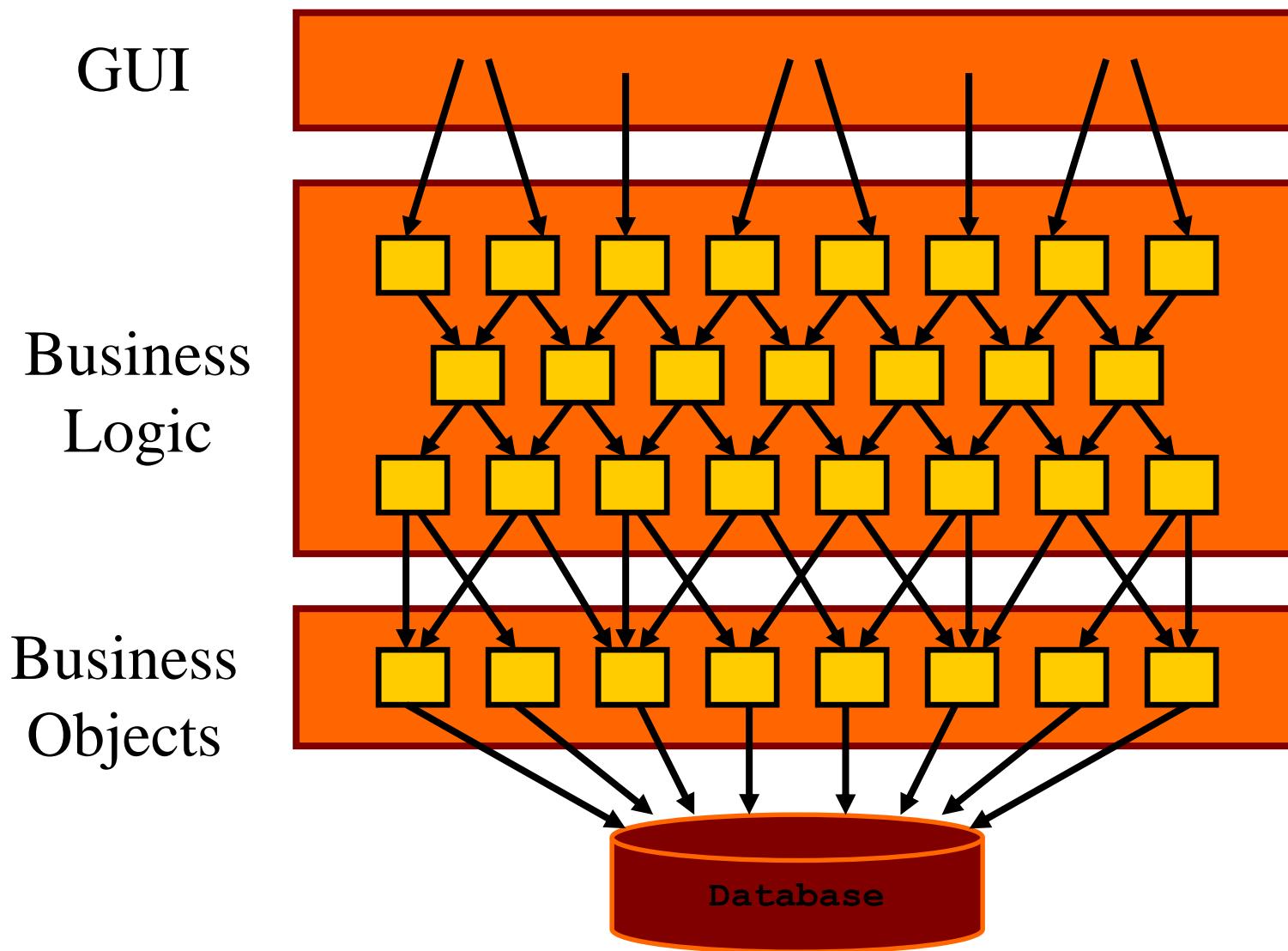
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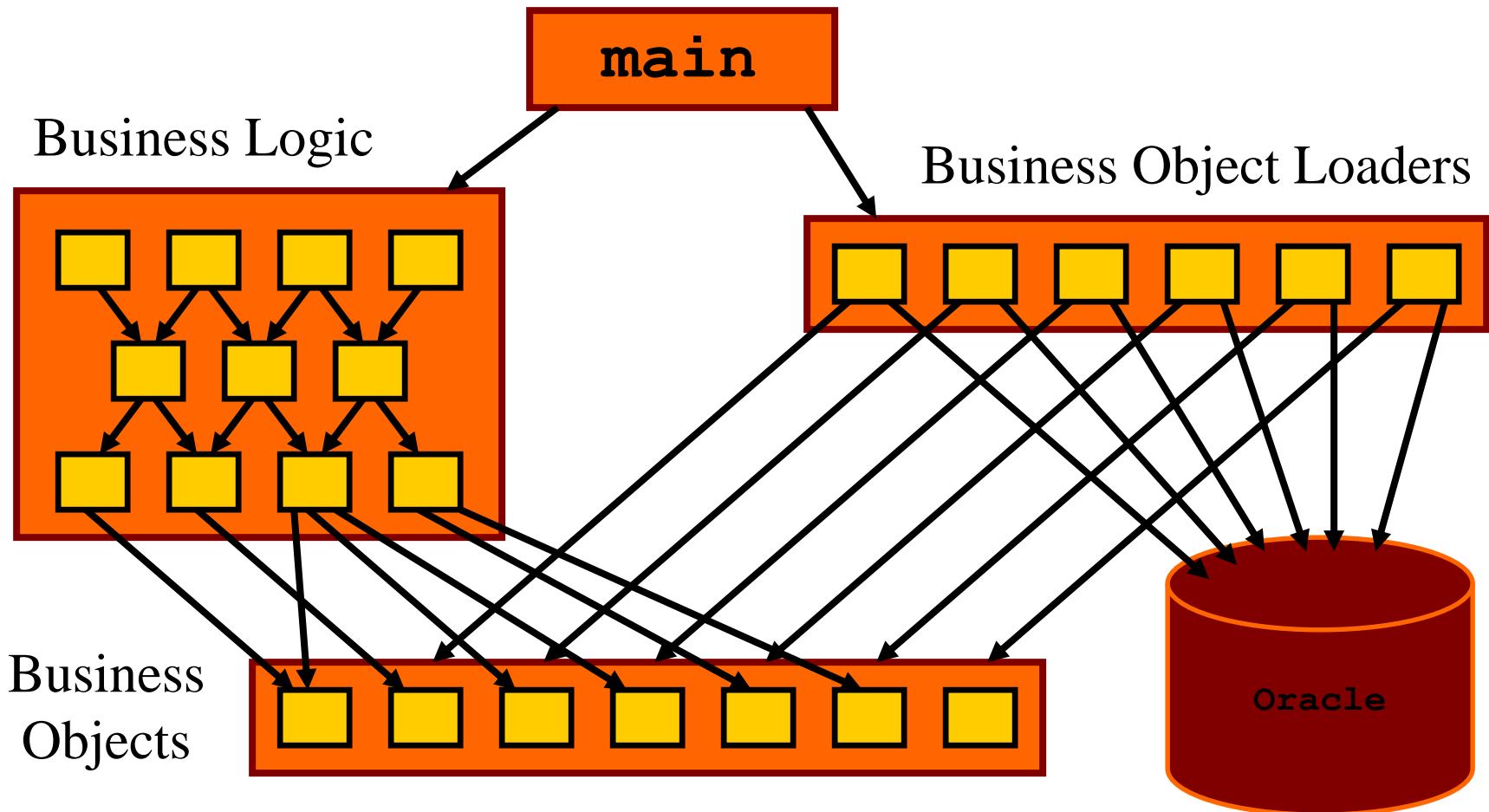
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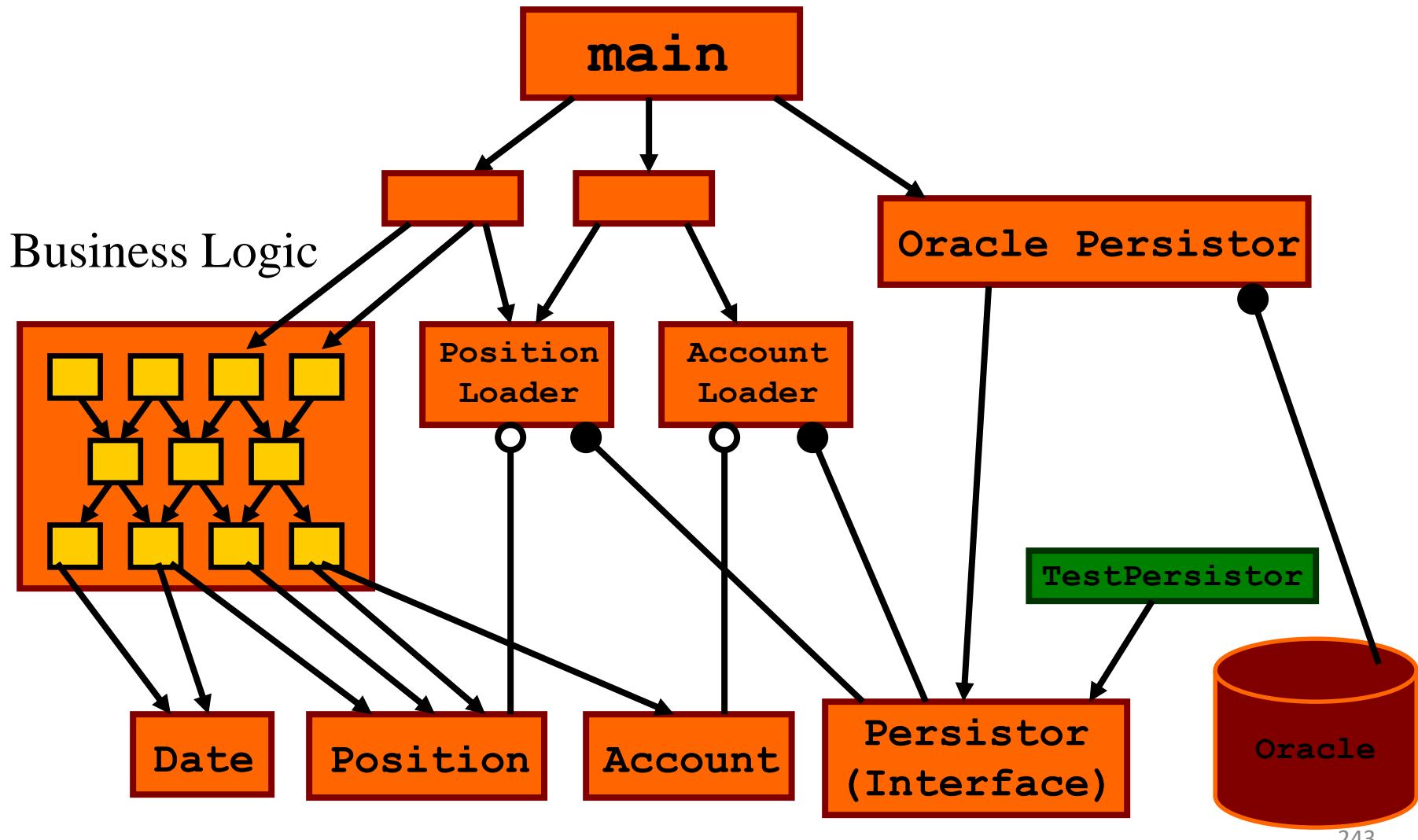
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# Breaking Dependencies Via Interfaces



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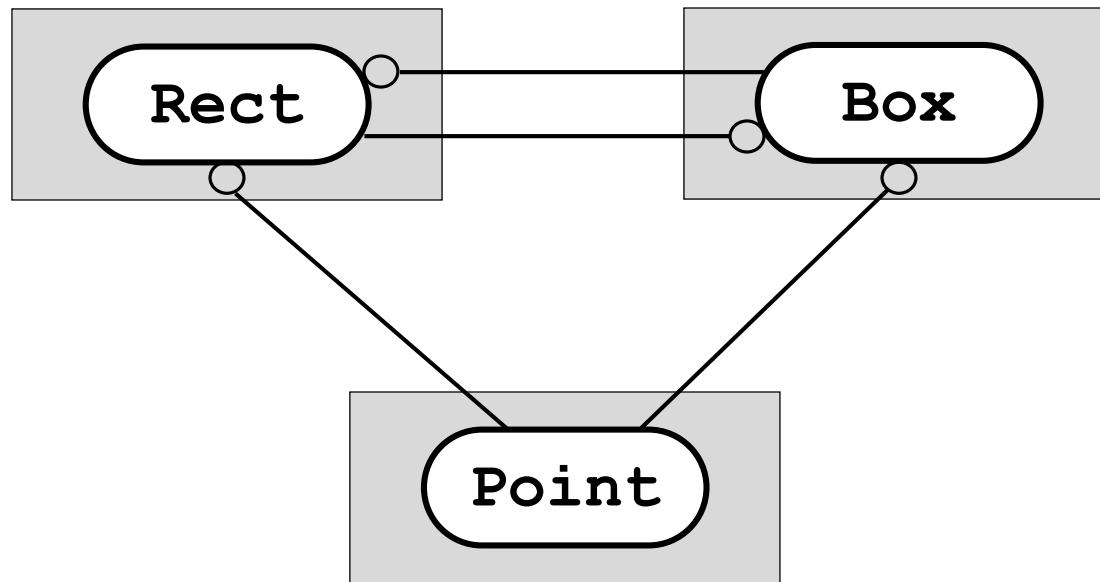
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#### Escalation

***Escalation*** – Moving  
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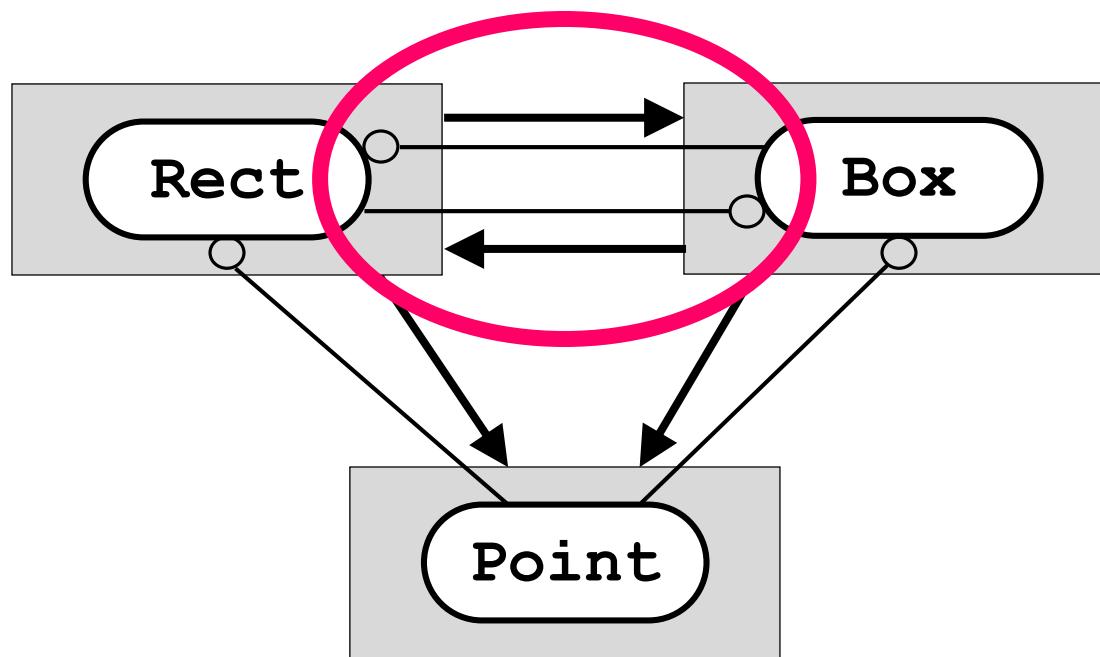
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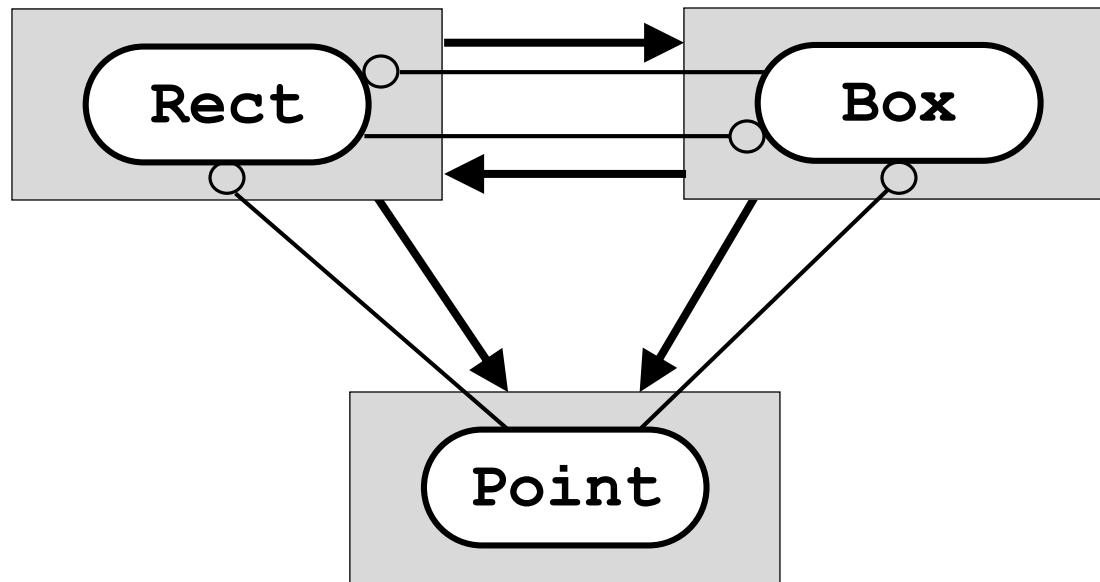
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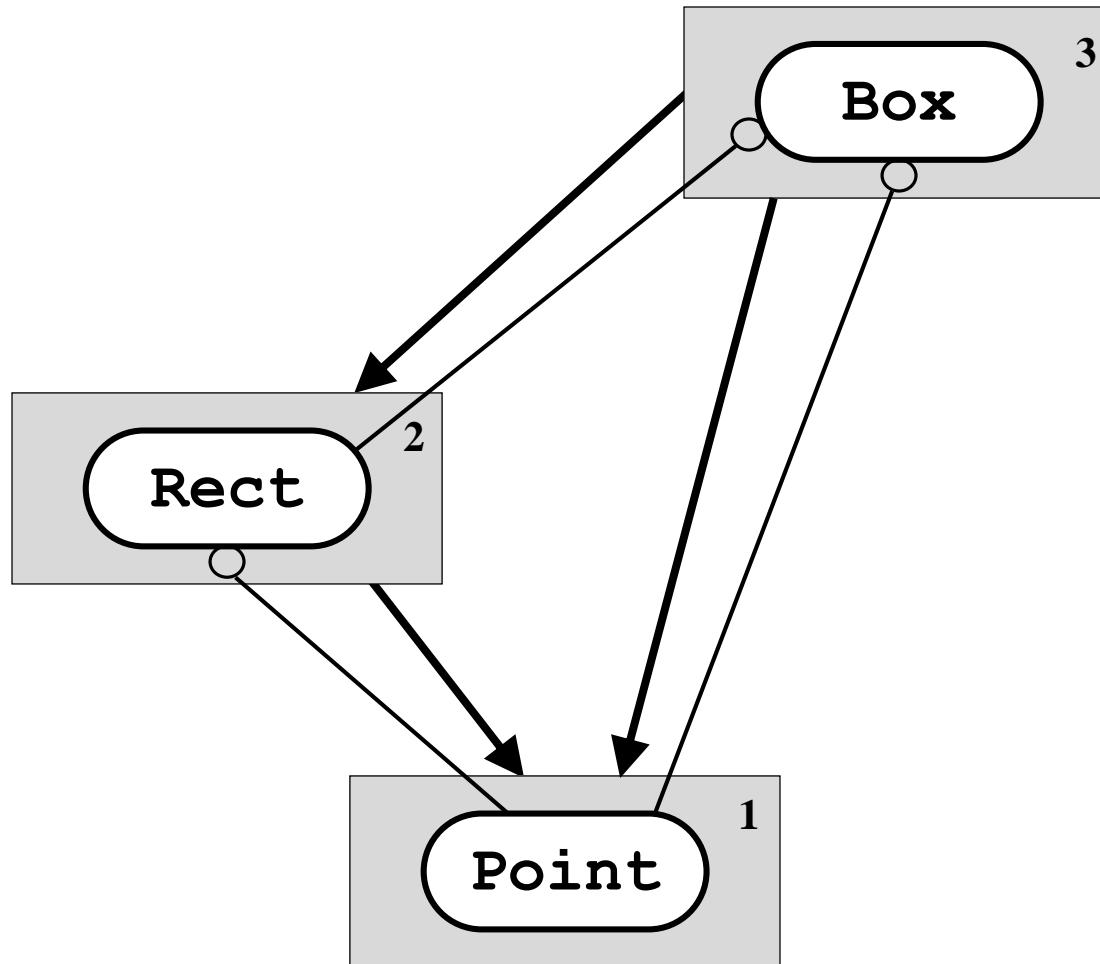
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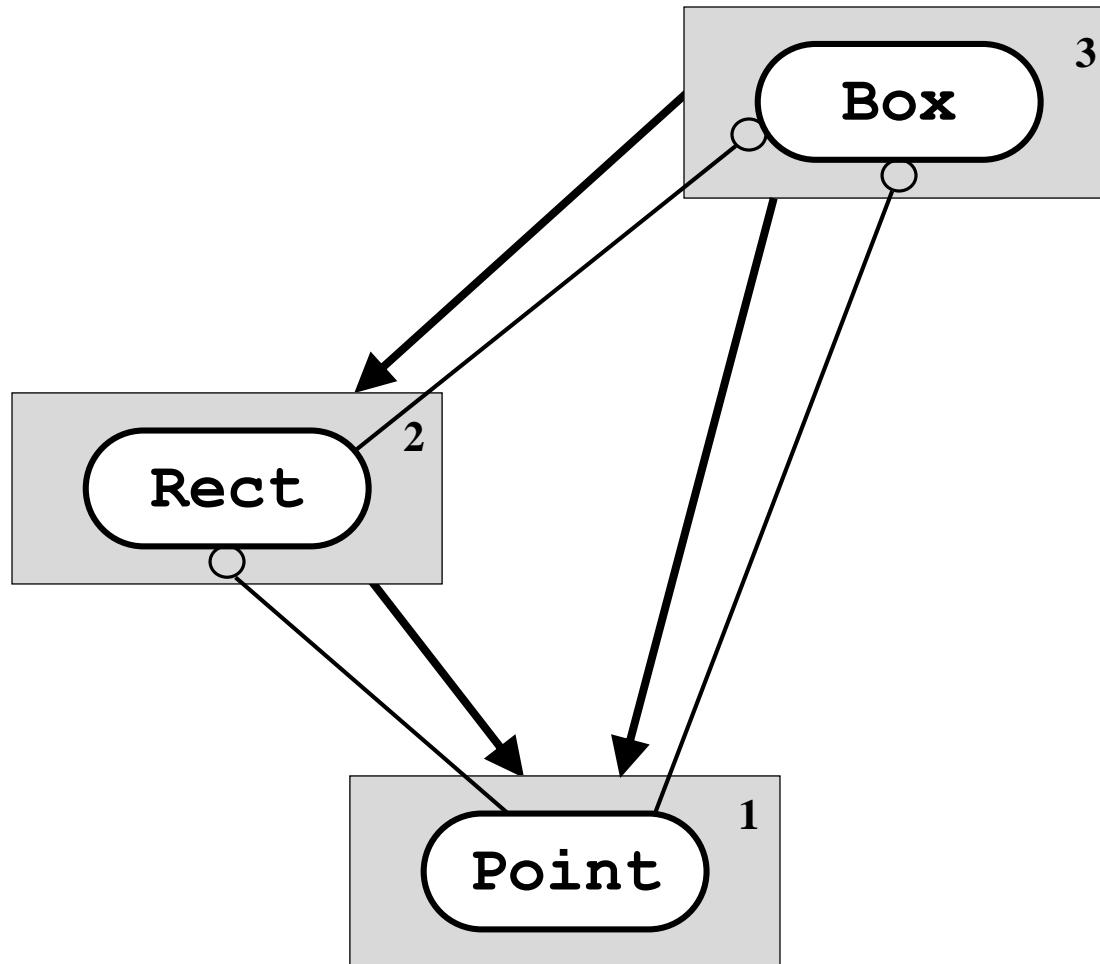
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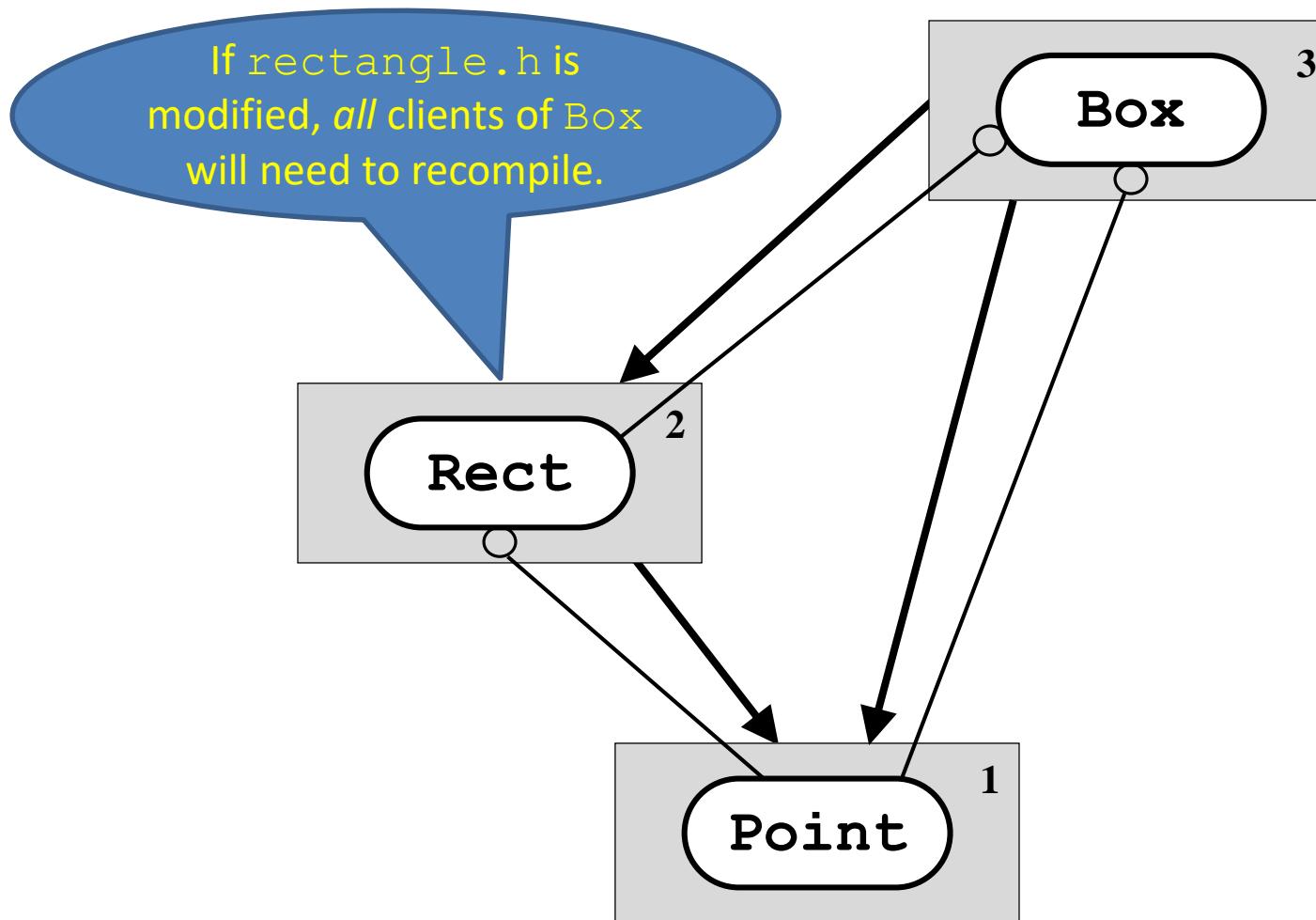
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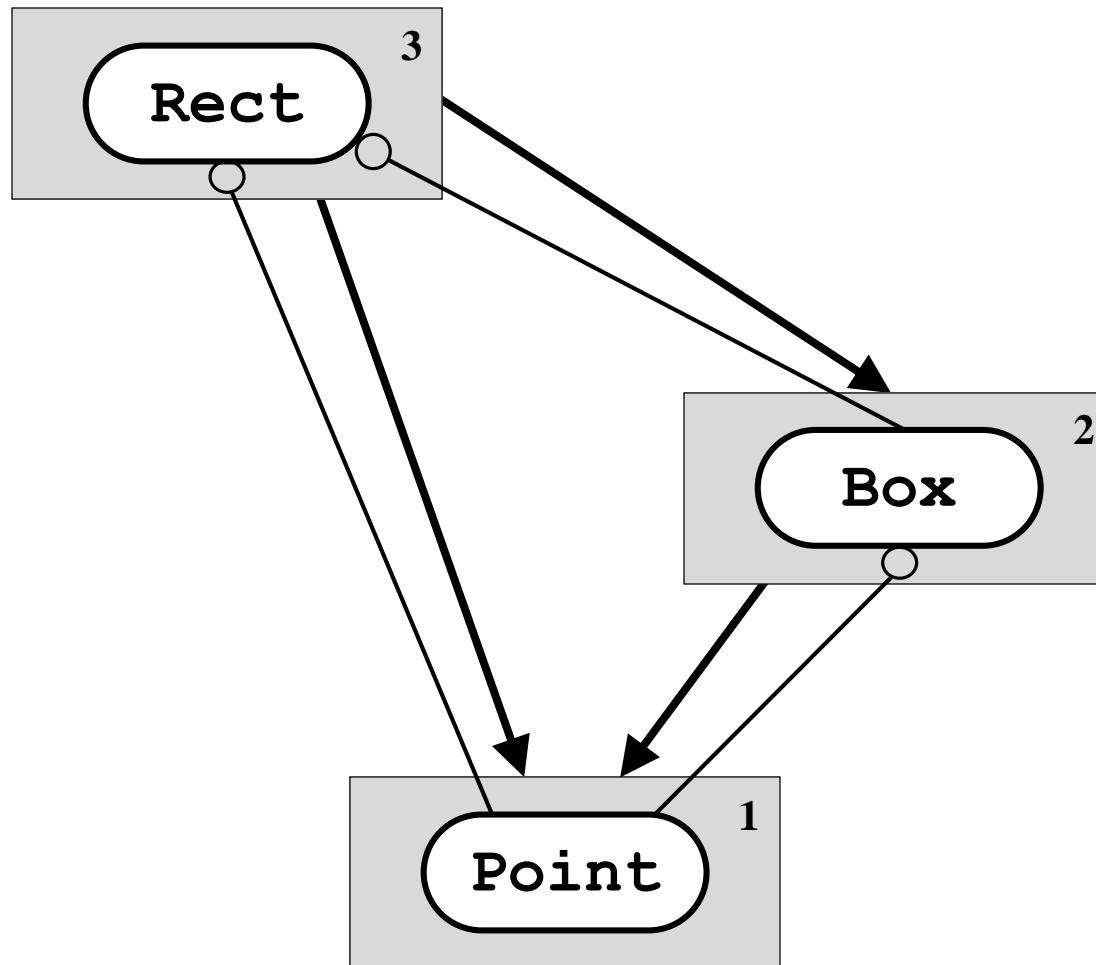
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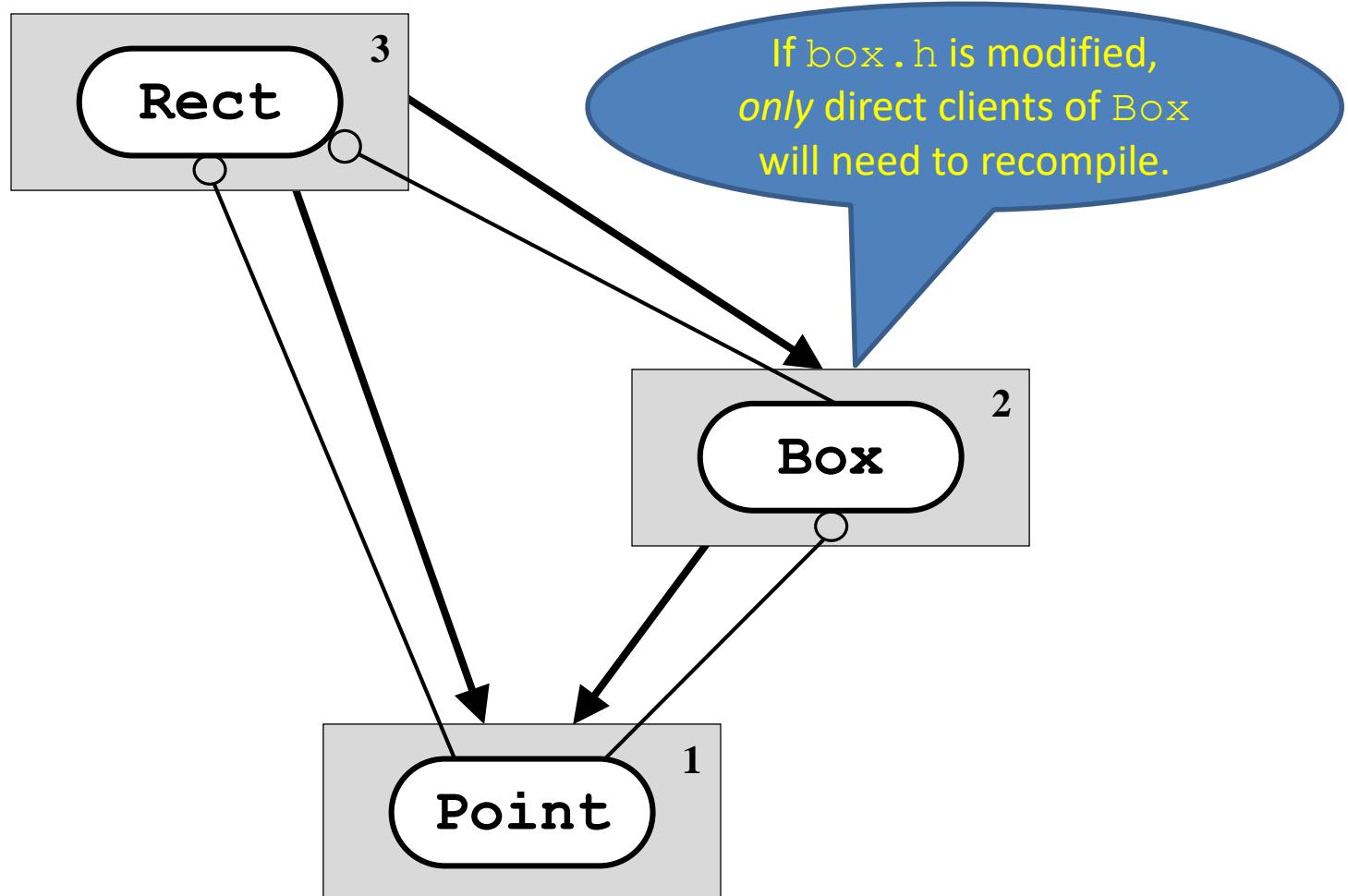
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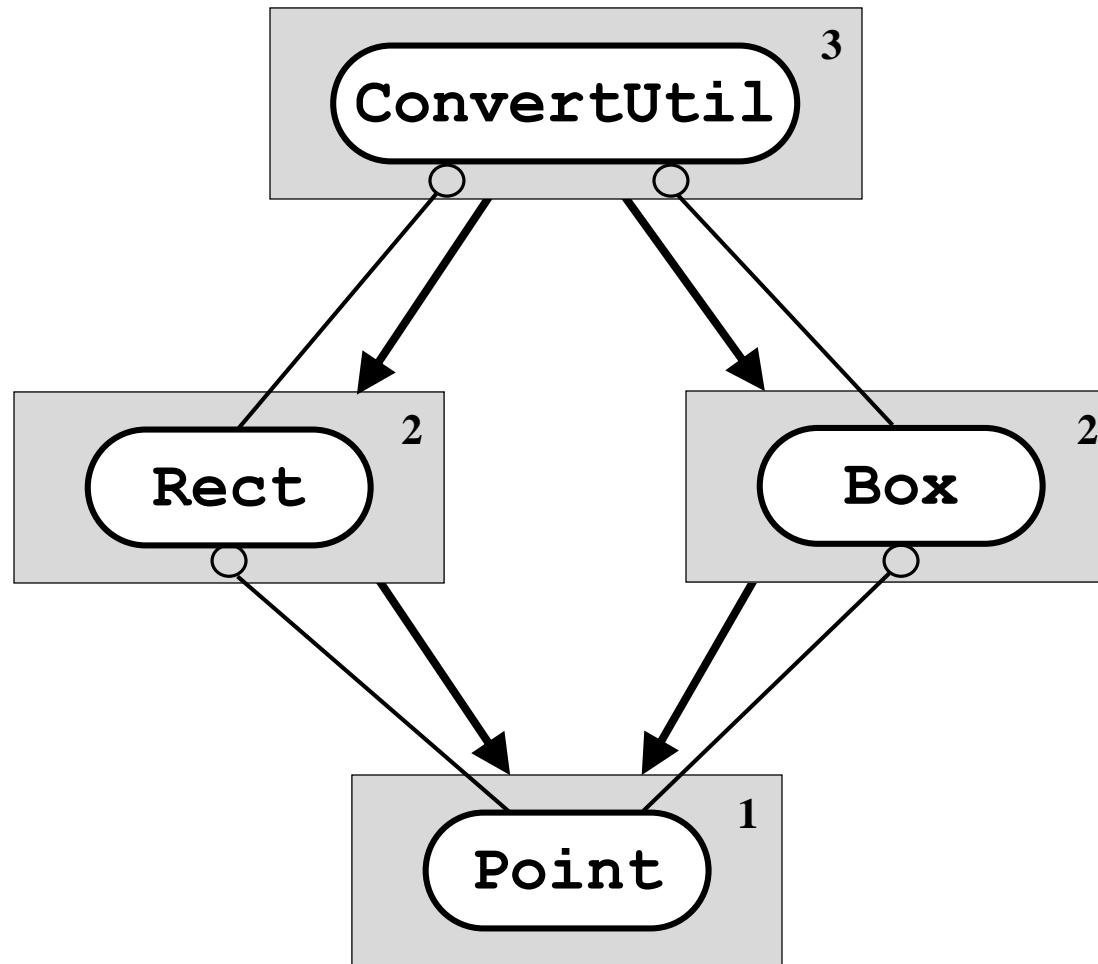
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```
// re
inline
#include "ConvertUtil.h"
class ConvertUtil
{
public:
    Box boxFromRect(const Rect& r)
    {
        int length = r.ur.x() - r.ll.x();
        int width = r.ur.y() - r.ll.y();
        Point origin(r.ll.x() + length/2,
                     r.ll.y() + width/2);
        return Box(origin, length, width);
    }
};
```

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    // ...
};
```

```
// rect.h
class Point;
class Rect {
    // ...
public:
    Rect();
    Rect(const Point& o,
          int w, int l);
    // ...
};
```

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class Point;
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    // ...
public:
    Box();
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```

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class ConvertUtil {
public:
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    Rect boxFromBox(const Box& b);
};
```

**Convertutil.h  
No Longer Compiles!**

```
// convertutil.h
class Rect {
public:
    Rect();
    Rect(const Point& o,
          int w, int l);
    // ...
};

class ConvertUtil {
public:
    Box rectFromRect(const Rect& r);
    Rect boxFromBox(const Box& b);
};
```

```
Box();
Box(const Point& tl,
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// ...
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```

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class Point;
class Rect {
    // ...
public:
    Rect();
    Rect(const Point& p);
    // ...
};
```

```
// box.h
class Point;
class Box {
```

**convertutil.h**

**Again Compiles!**

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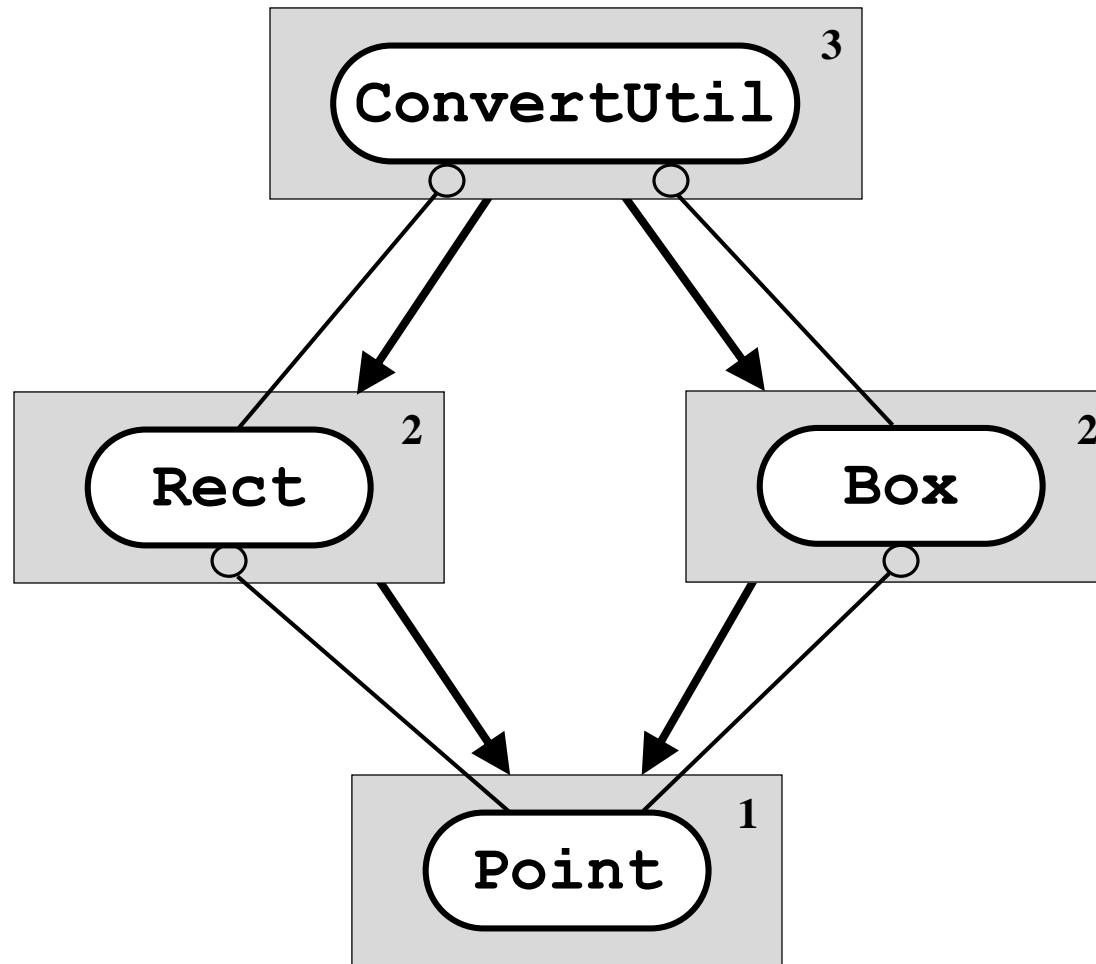
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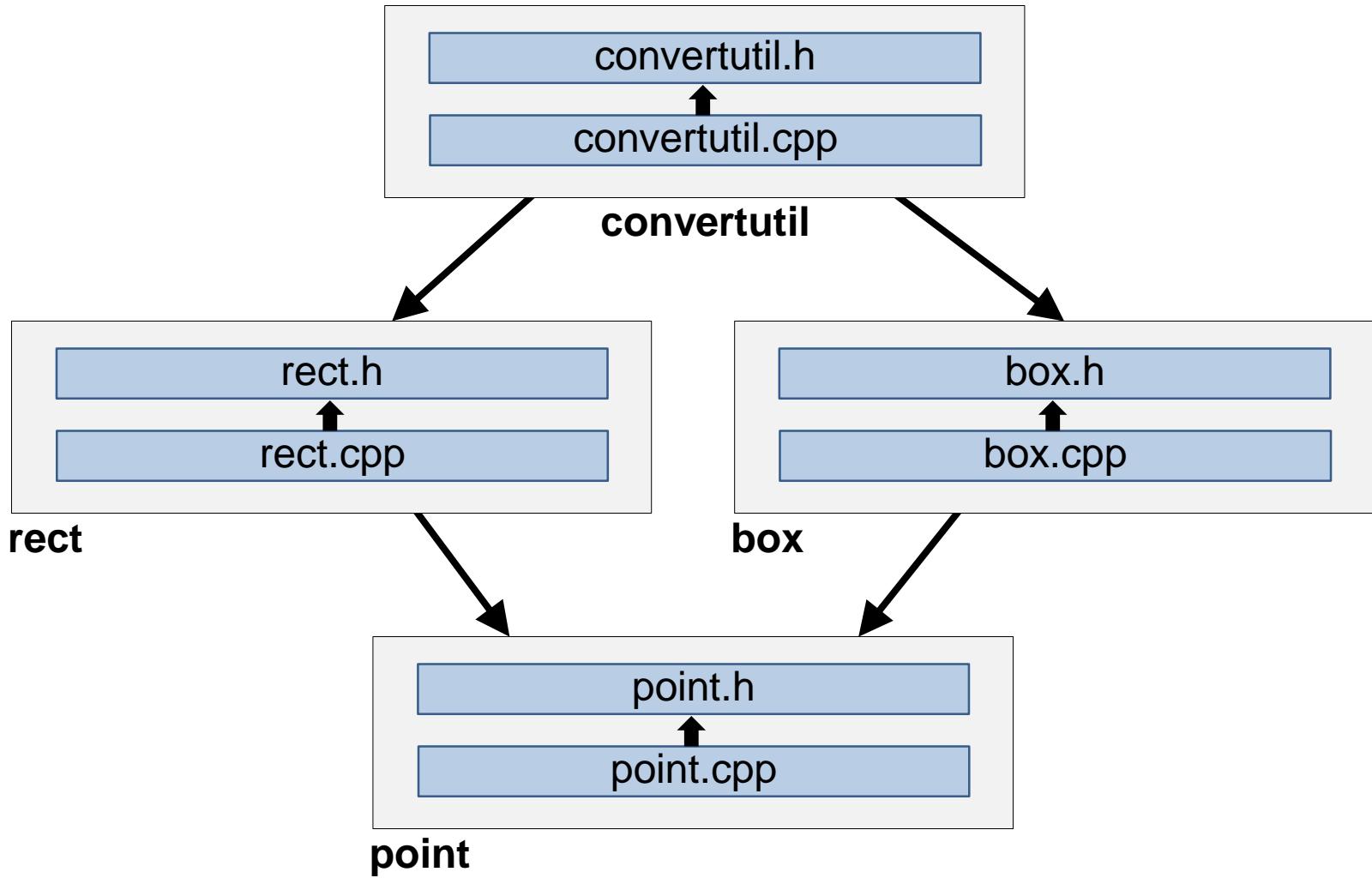
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#### Escalation

Discussion?

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#### Demotion

***Demotion*** – Moving common functionality lower in the physical hierarchy.

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#### Opaque Pointers

***Opaque Pointers –***  
Having an object use  
another *in name only.*

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#### Dumb Data

***Dumb Data*** – Using data that indicates a dependency on a peer object, but only in the context of a separate, higher-level object.

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## Redundancy

### *Redundancy –*

Deliberately avoiding reuse by repeating a small amount of code or data to avoid coupling.

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## Callbacks

***Callbacks*** – Client-supplied functions/data that enable lower-level subsystems to perform specific tasks in a more global context.

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## Callbacks

There are several flavors:

1. DATA (Effectively *Demotion*)
2. FUNCTION (Stateless/Stateful)
3. FUNCTOR (Function Object)
4. PROTOCOL (Abstract Interface)
5. CONCEPT (Structural Interface)

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## Factoring

***Factoring*** – Moving independently testable sub-behavior out of the implementation of a complex component involved in excessive physical coupling.

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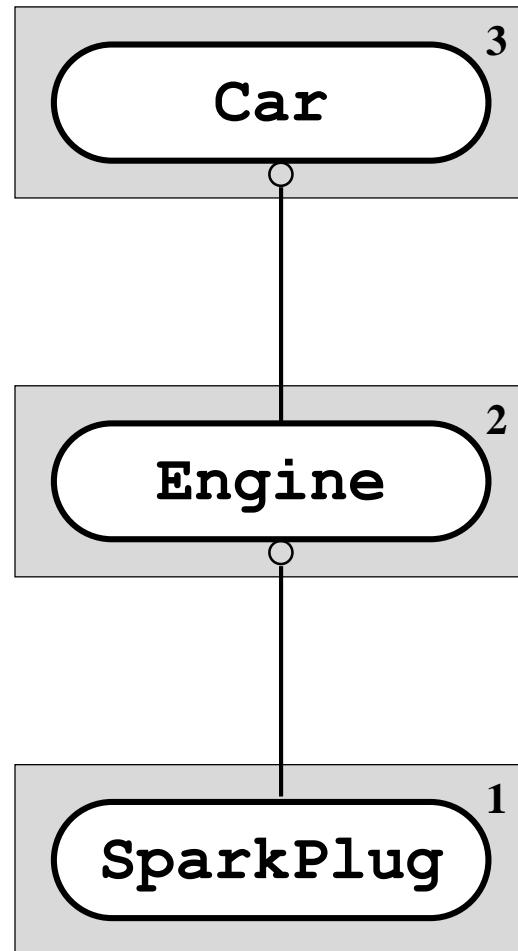
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- Moving the point at which implementation details are hidden from clients to a higher level in the physical hierarchy.

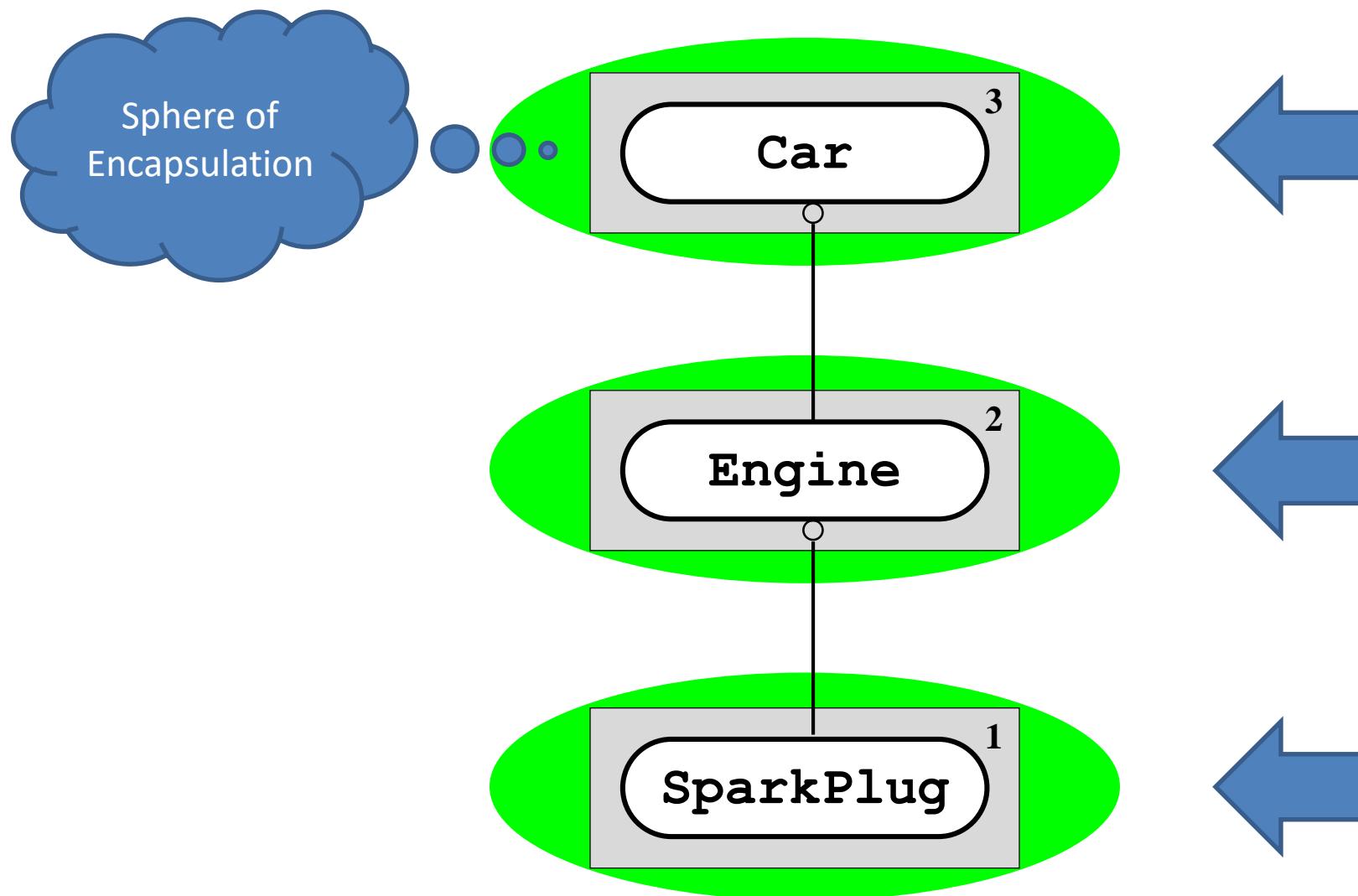
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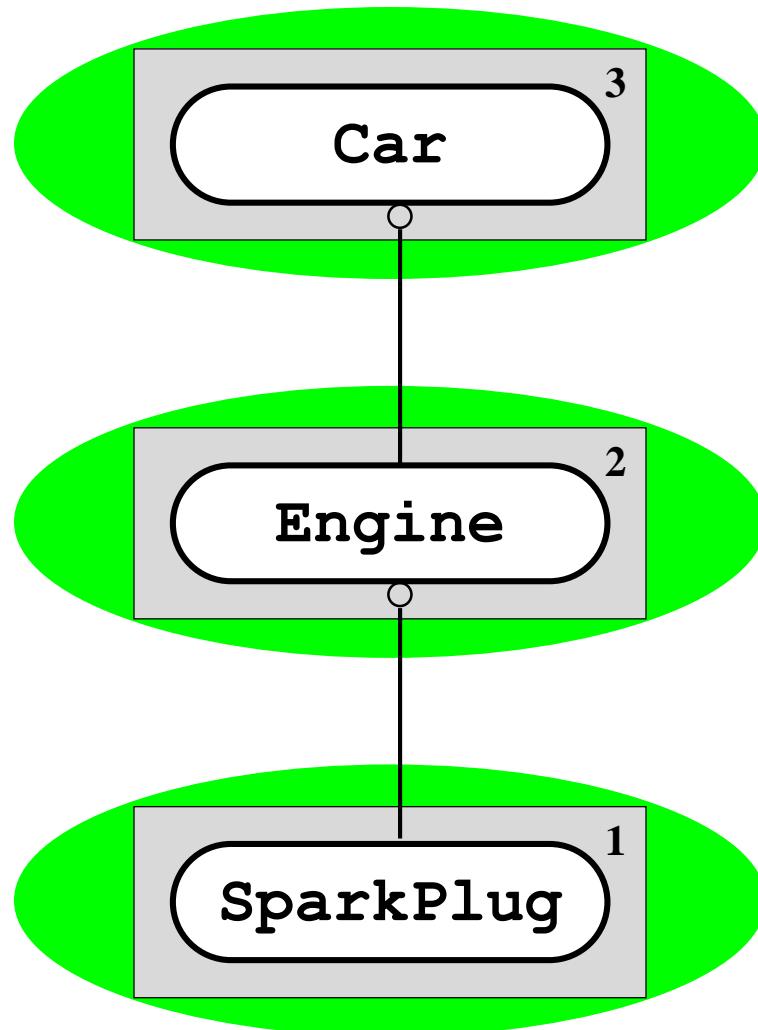
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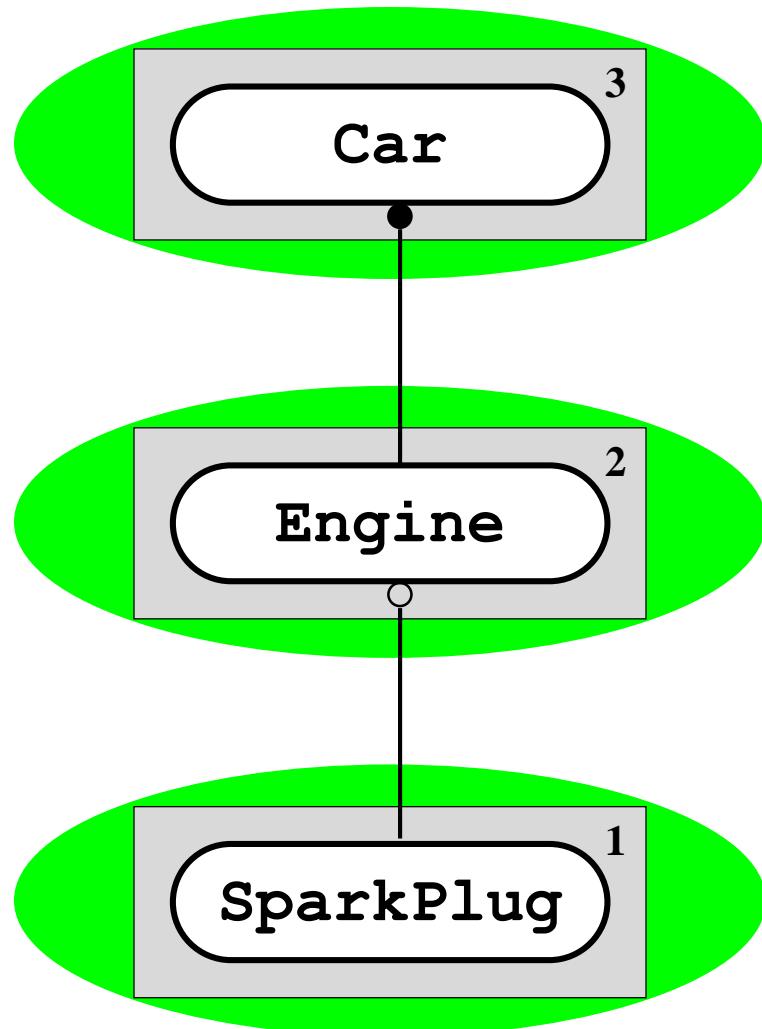
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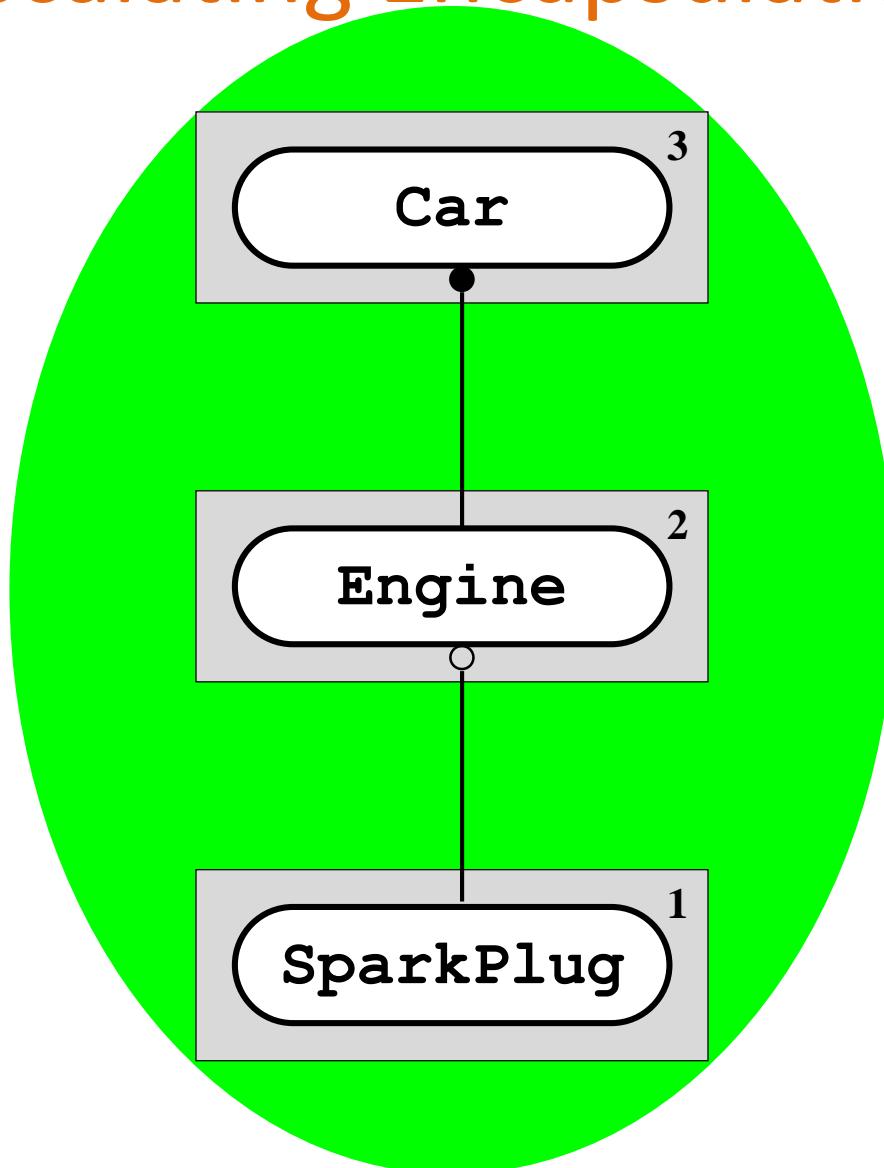
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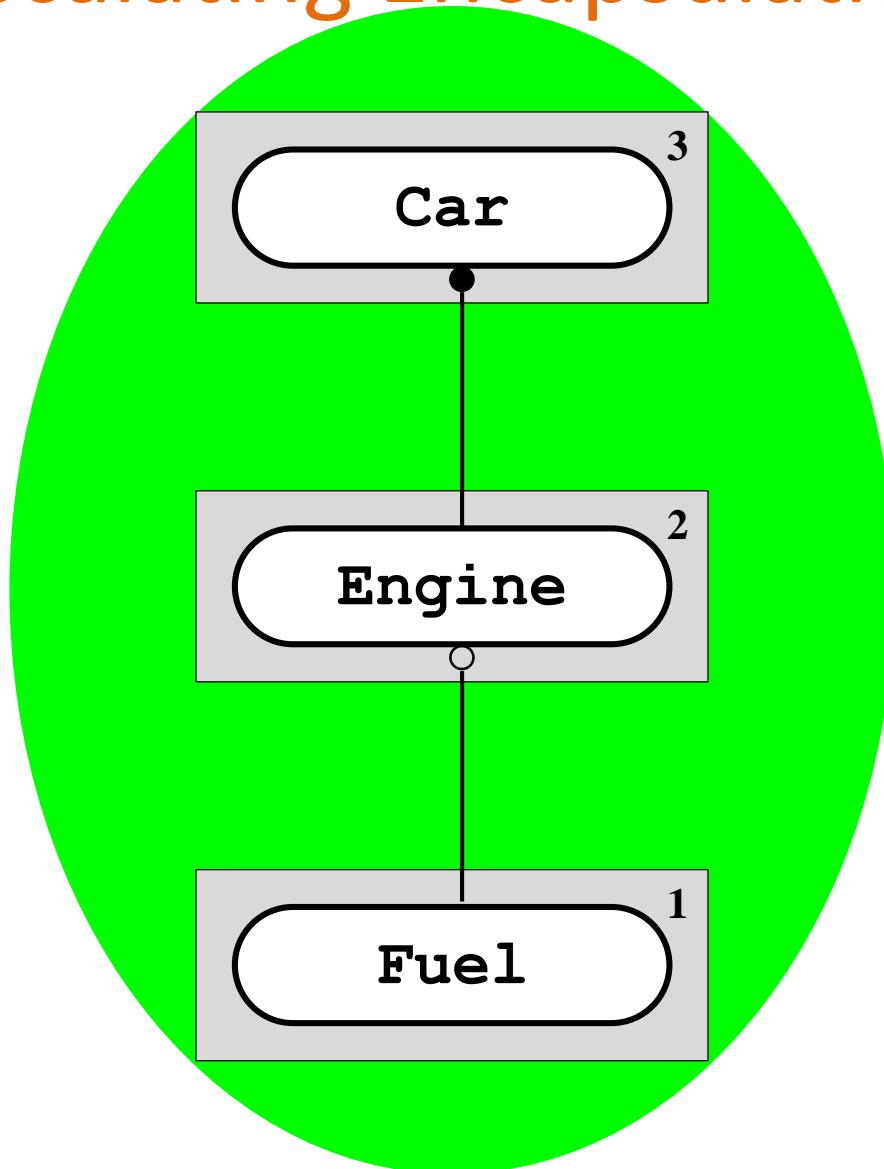
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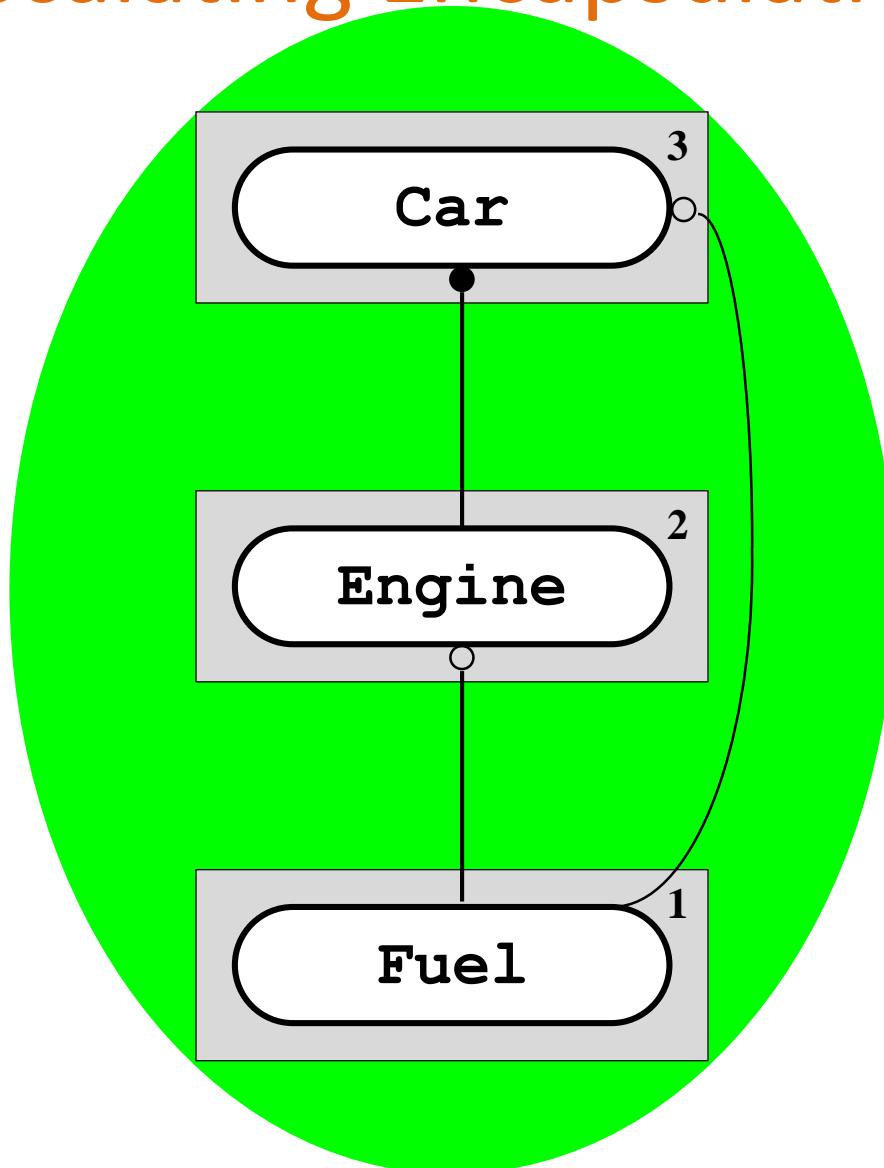
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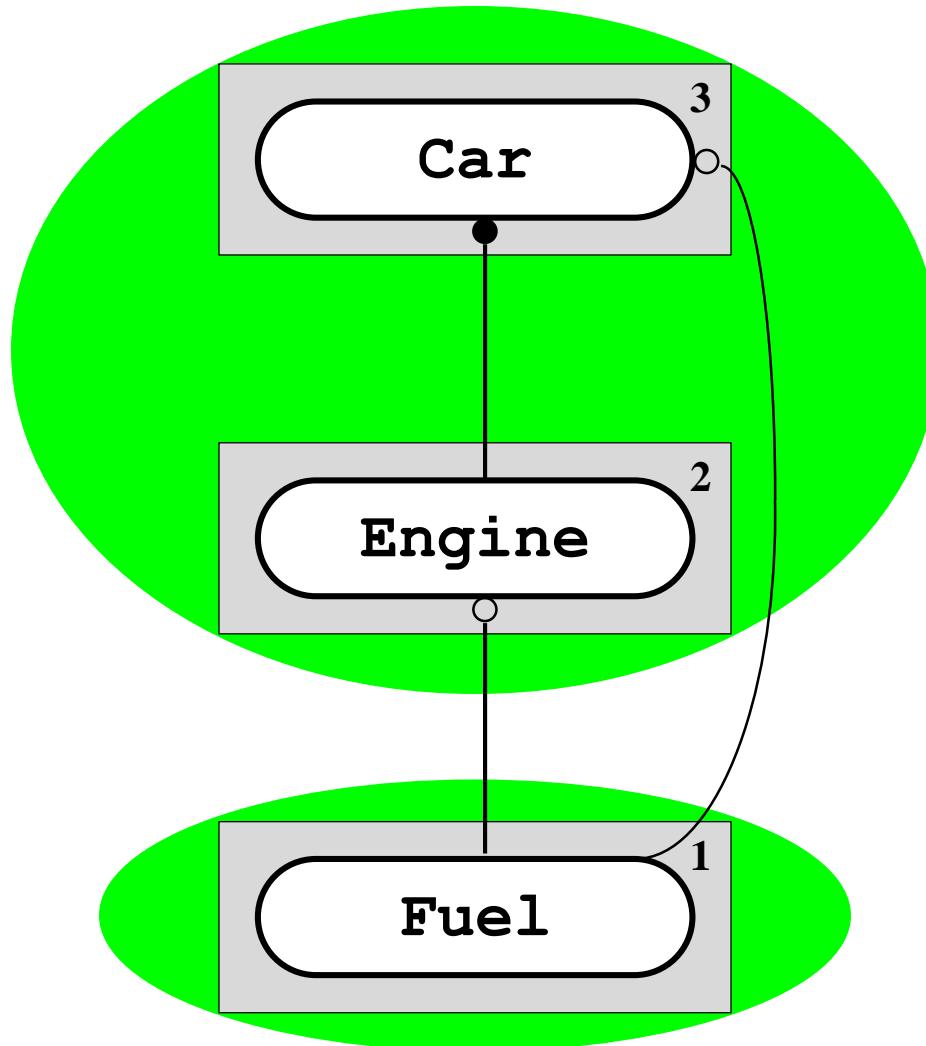
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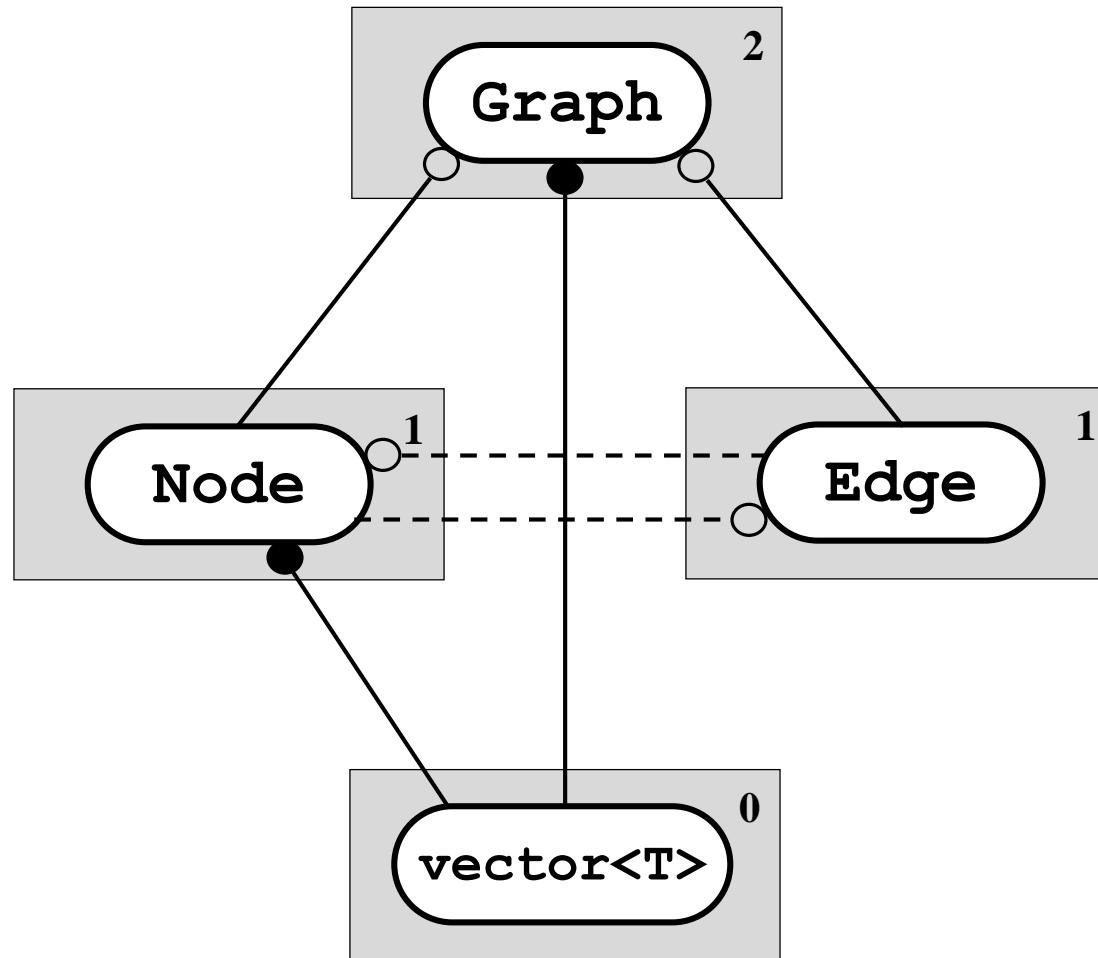
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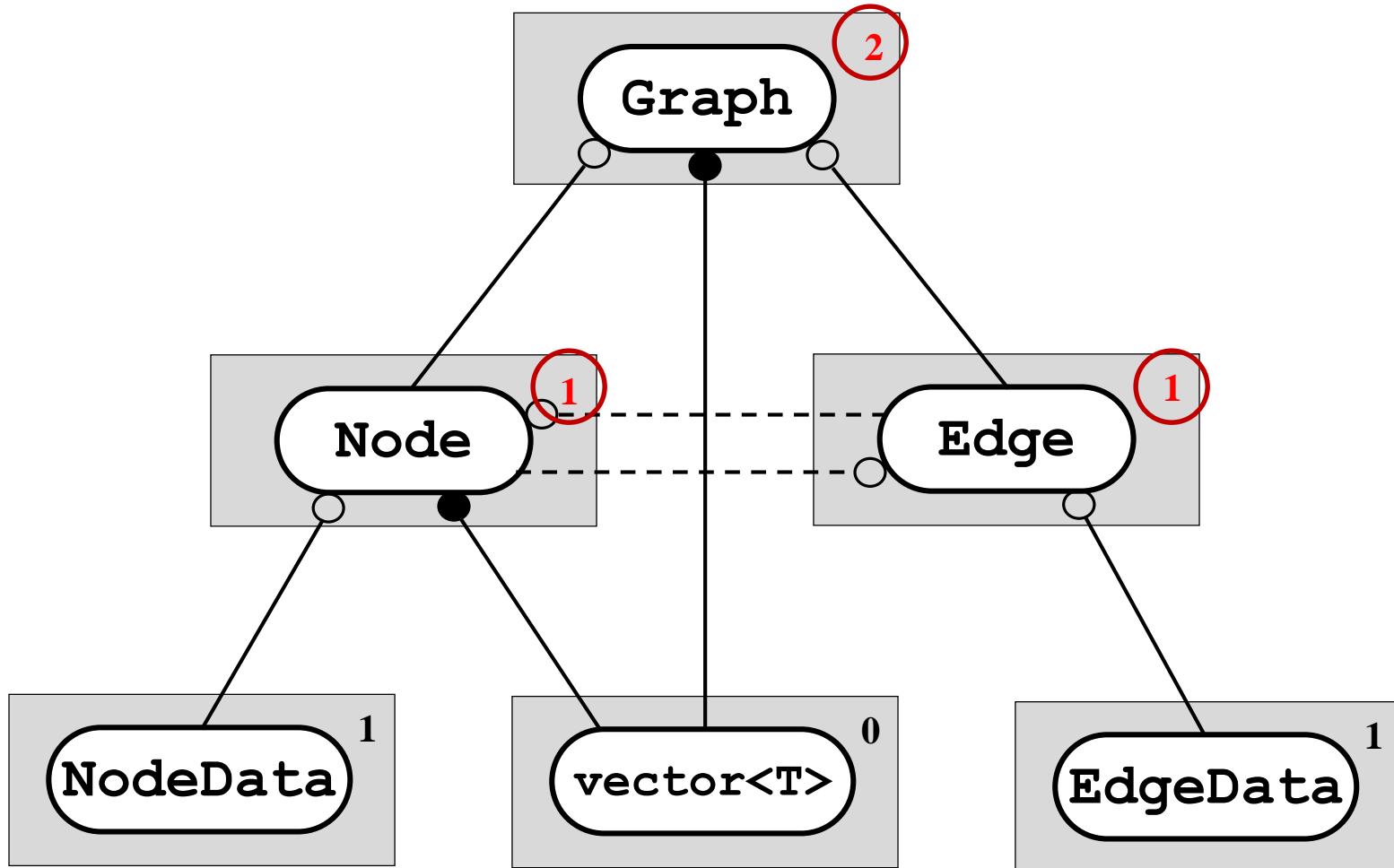
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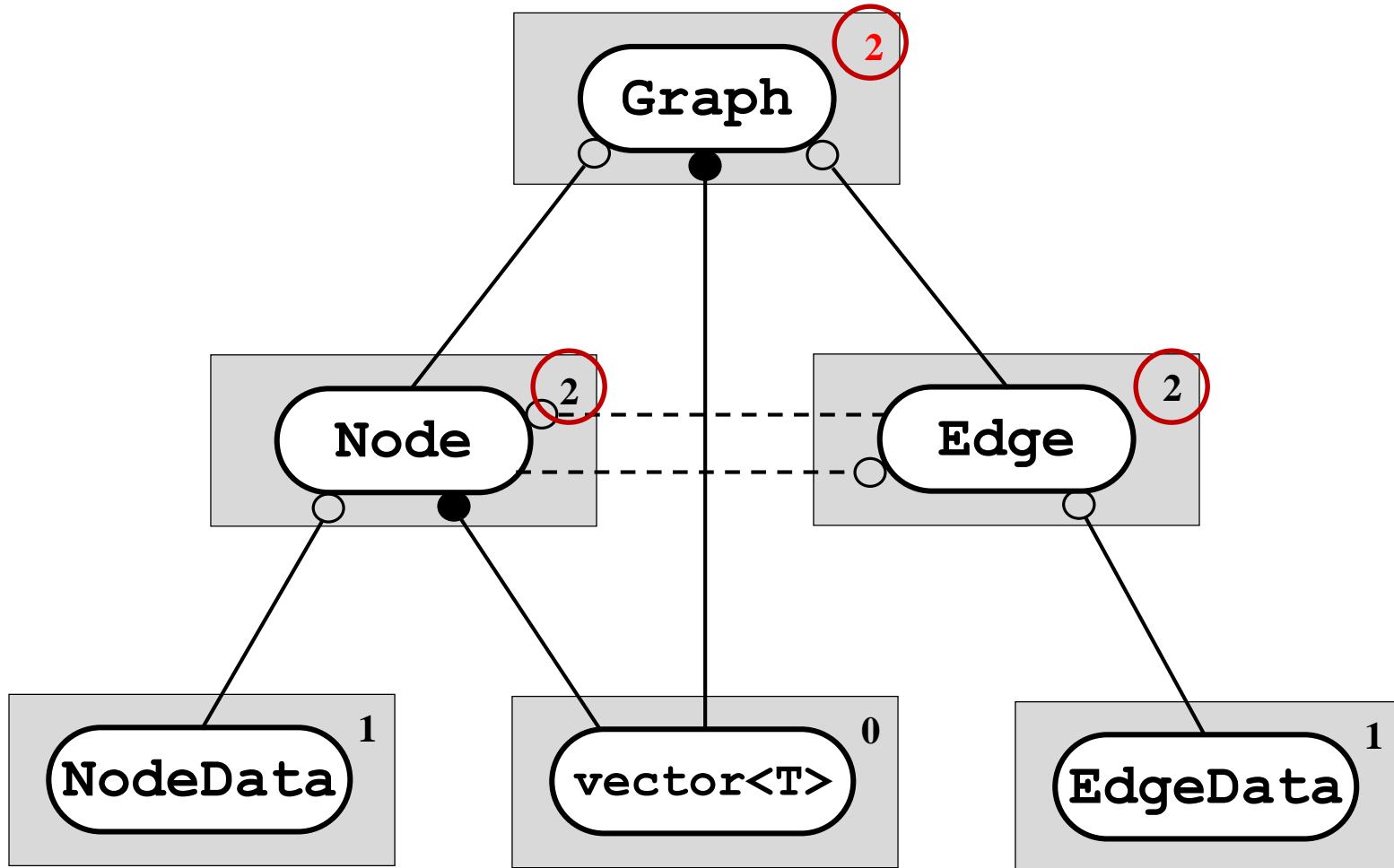
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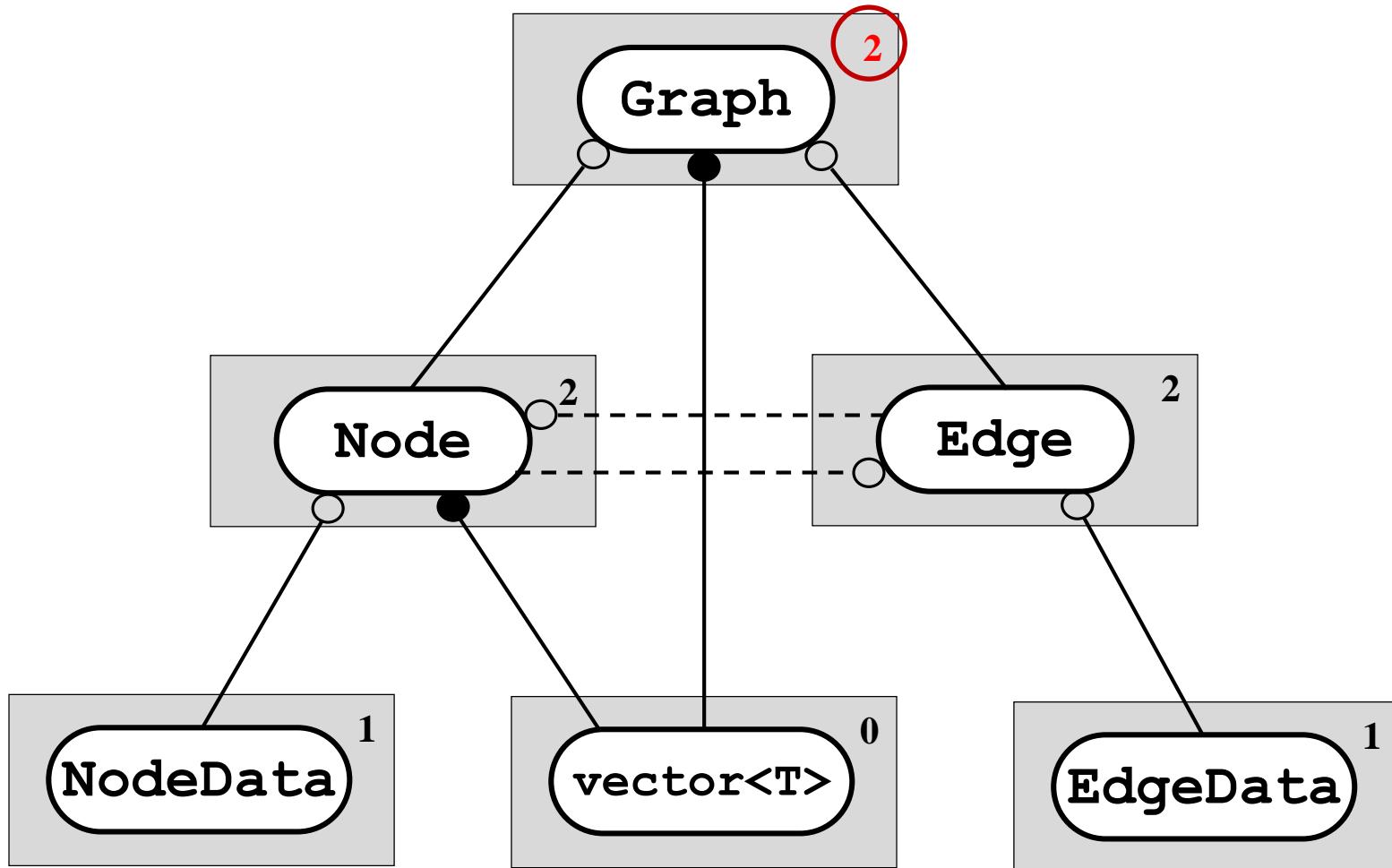
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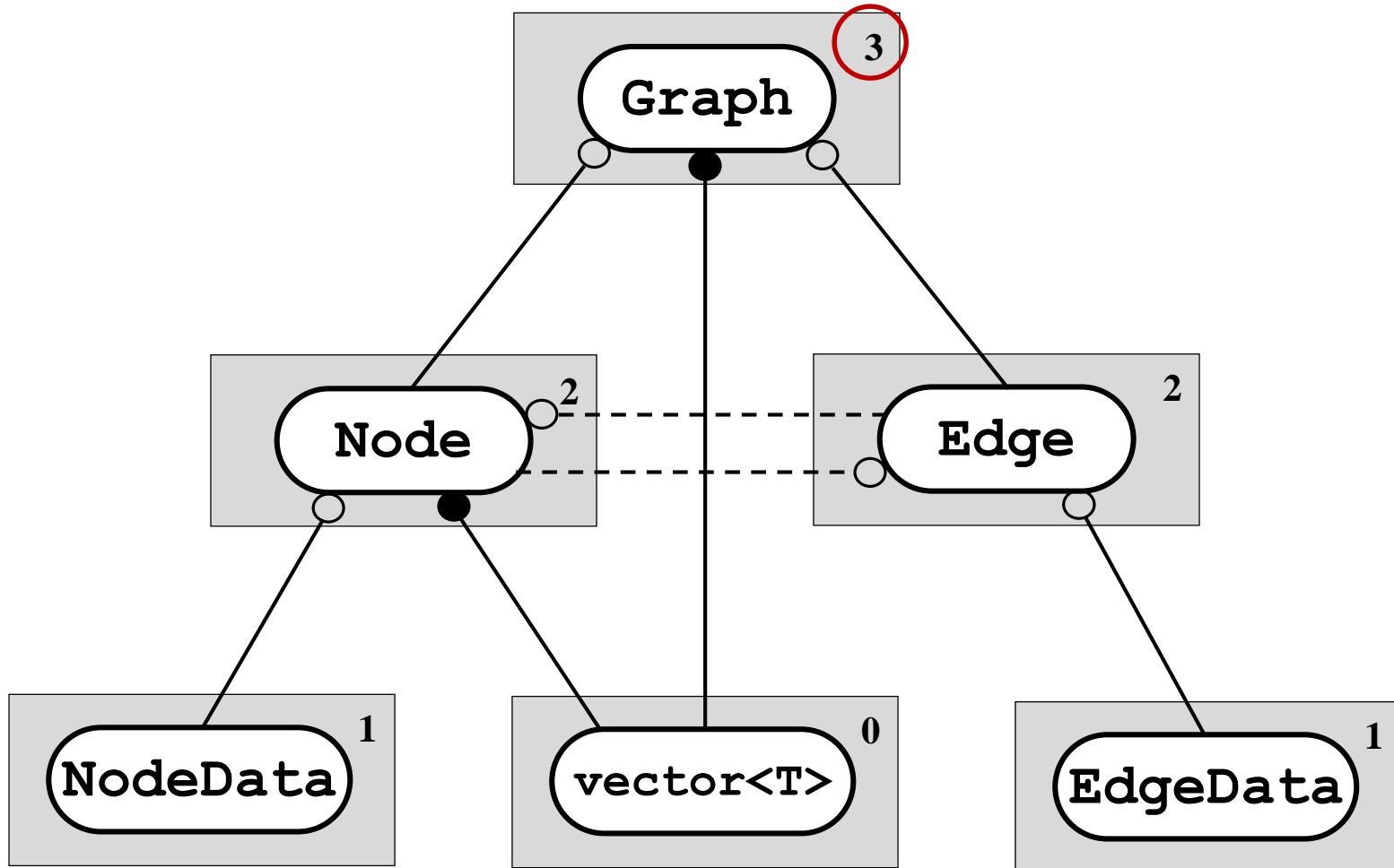
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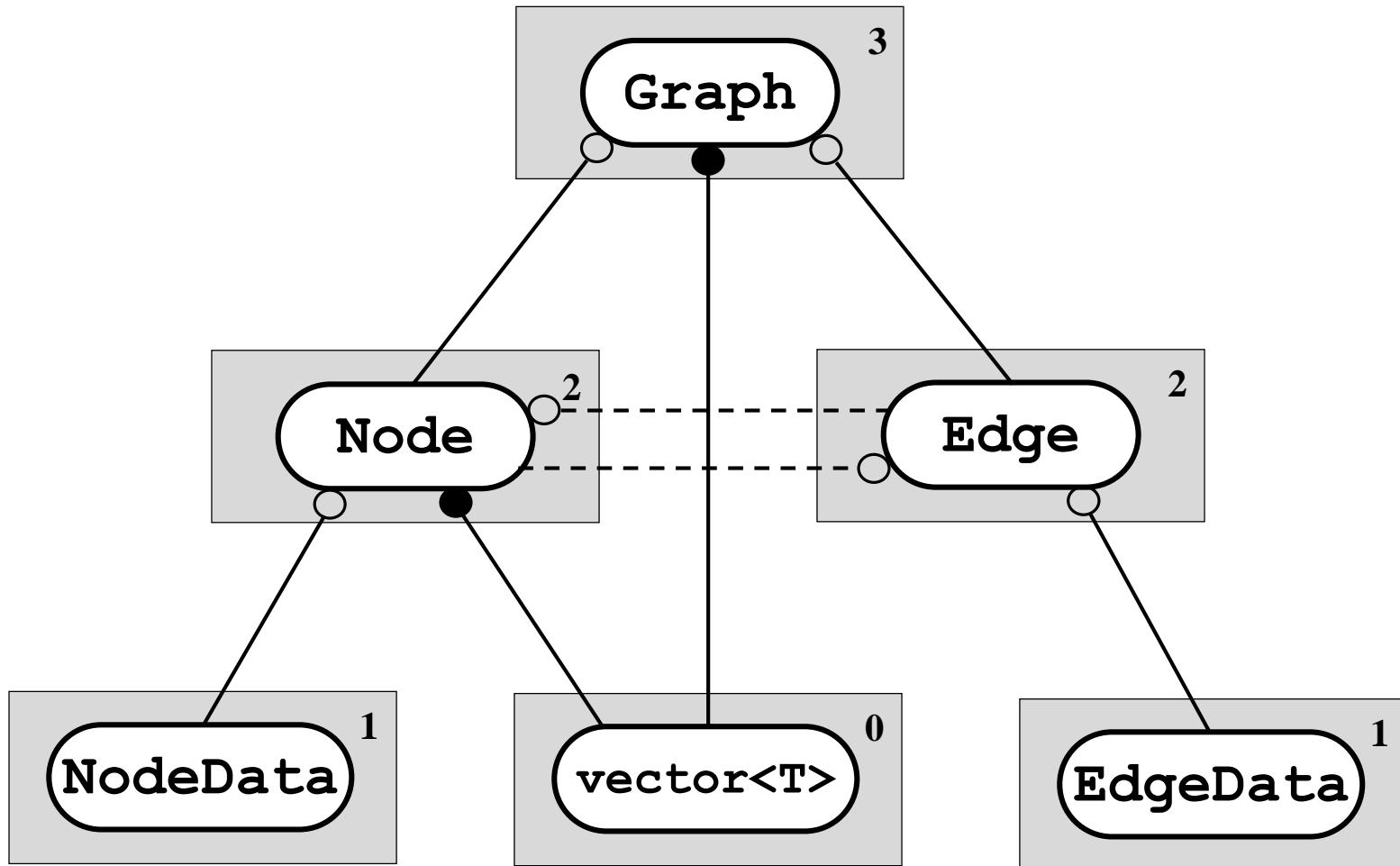
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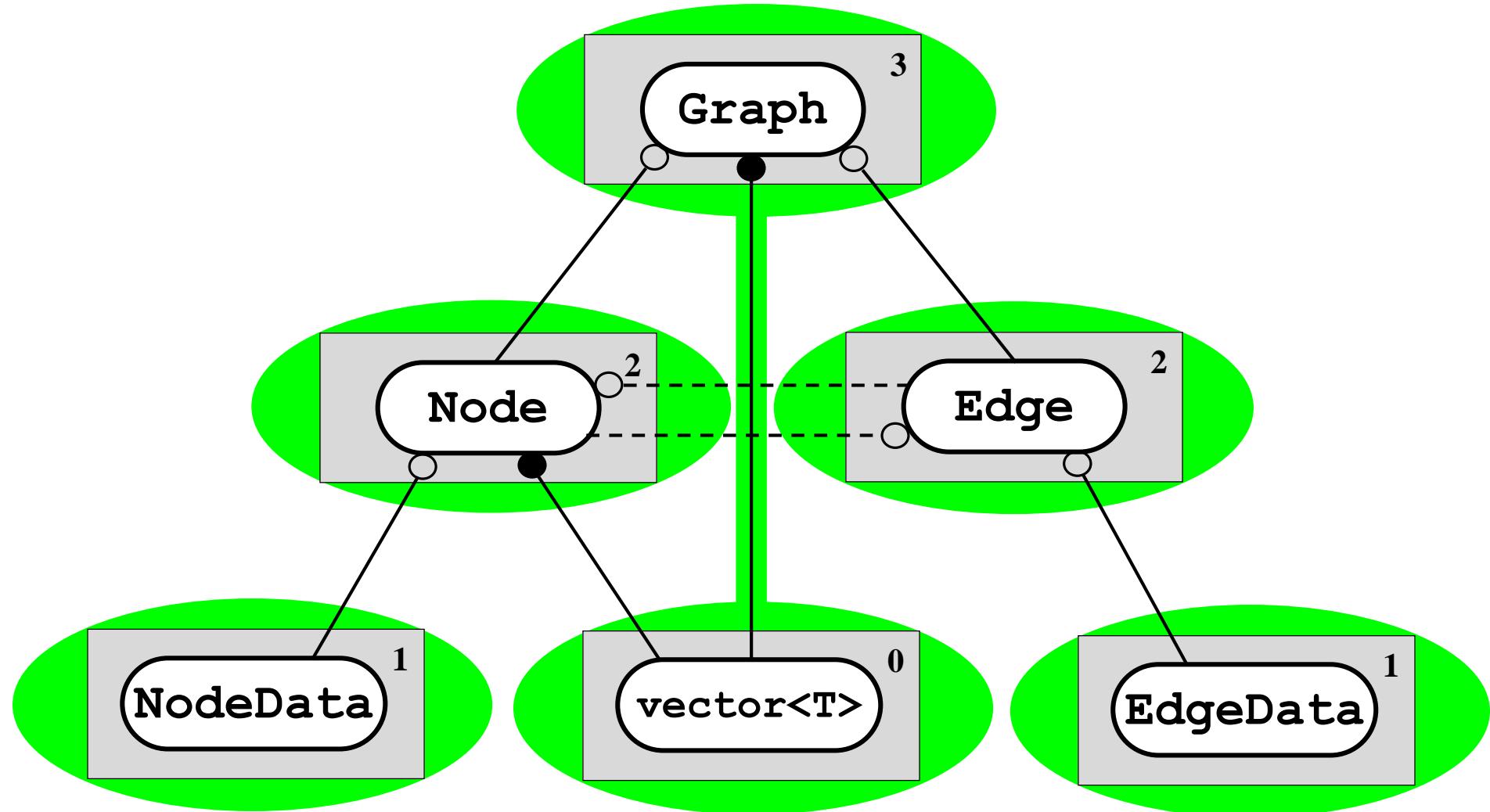
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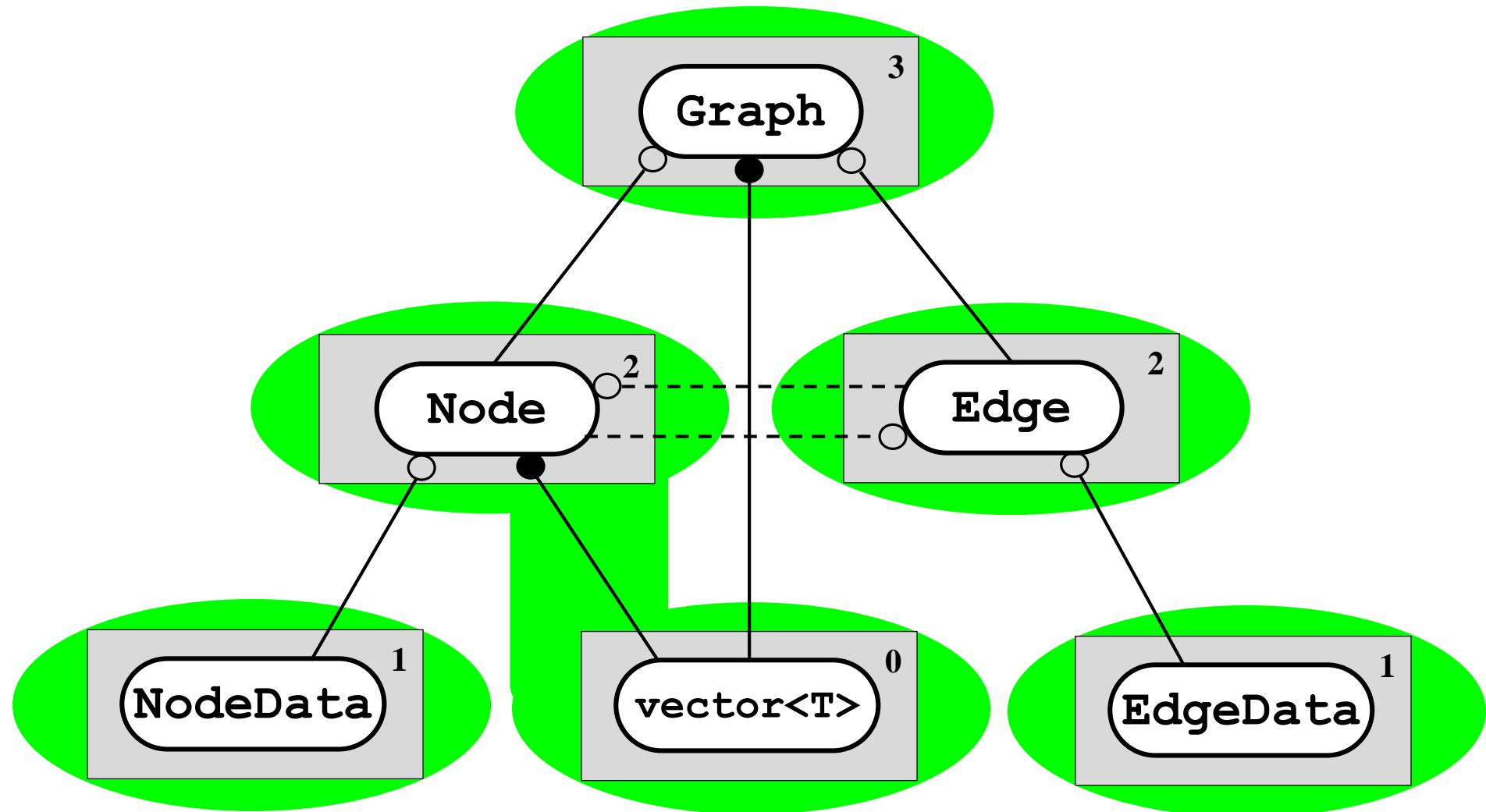
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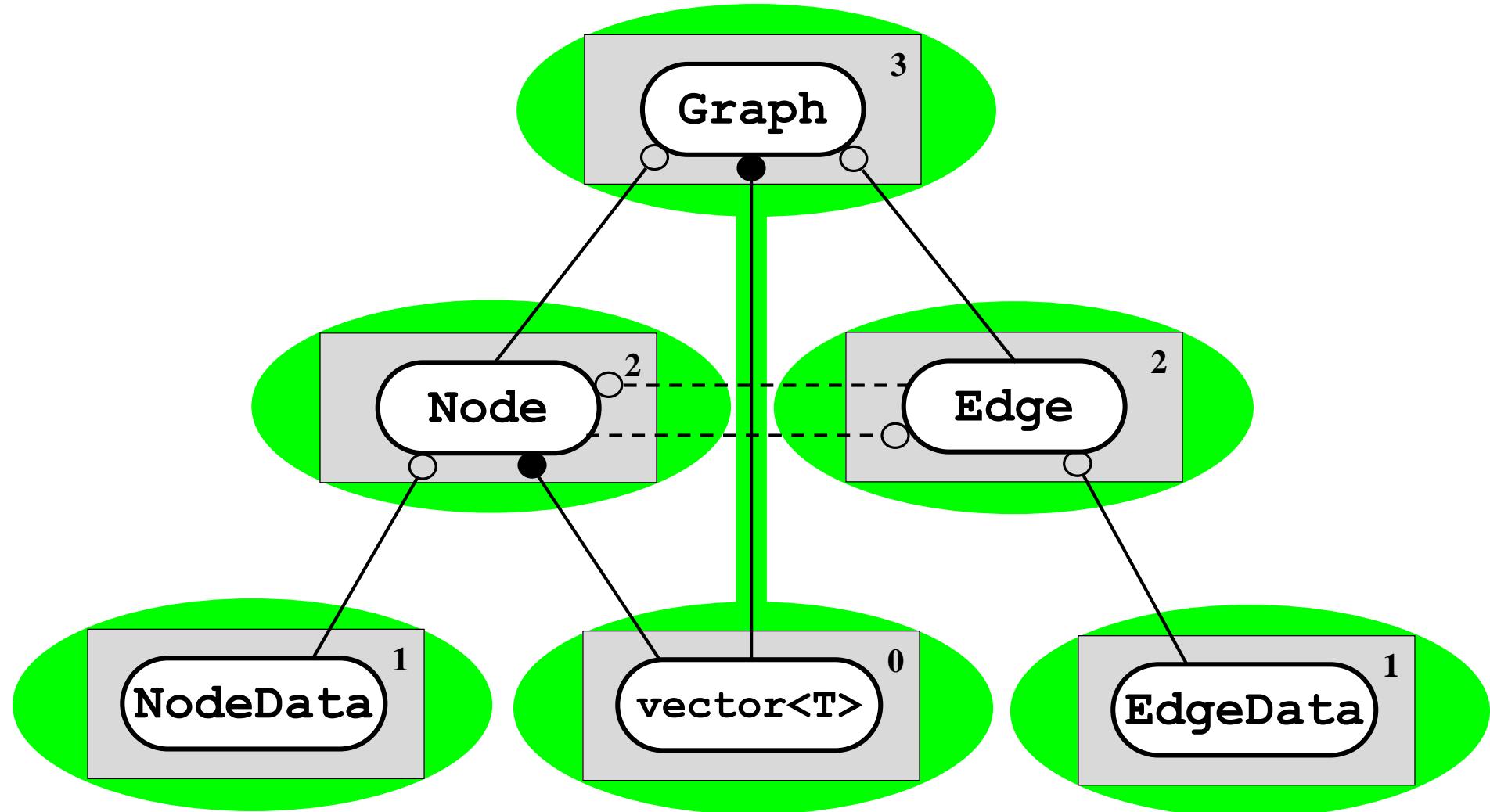
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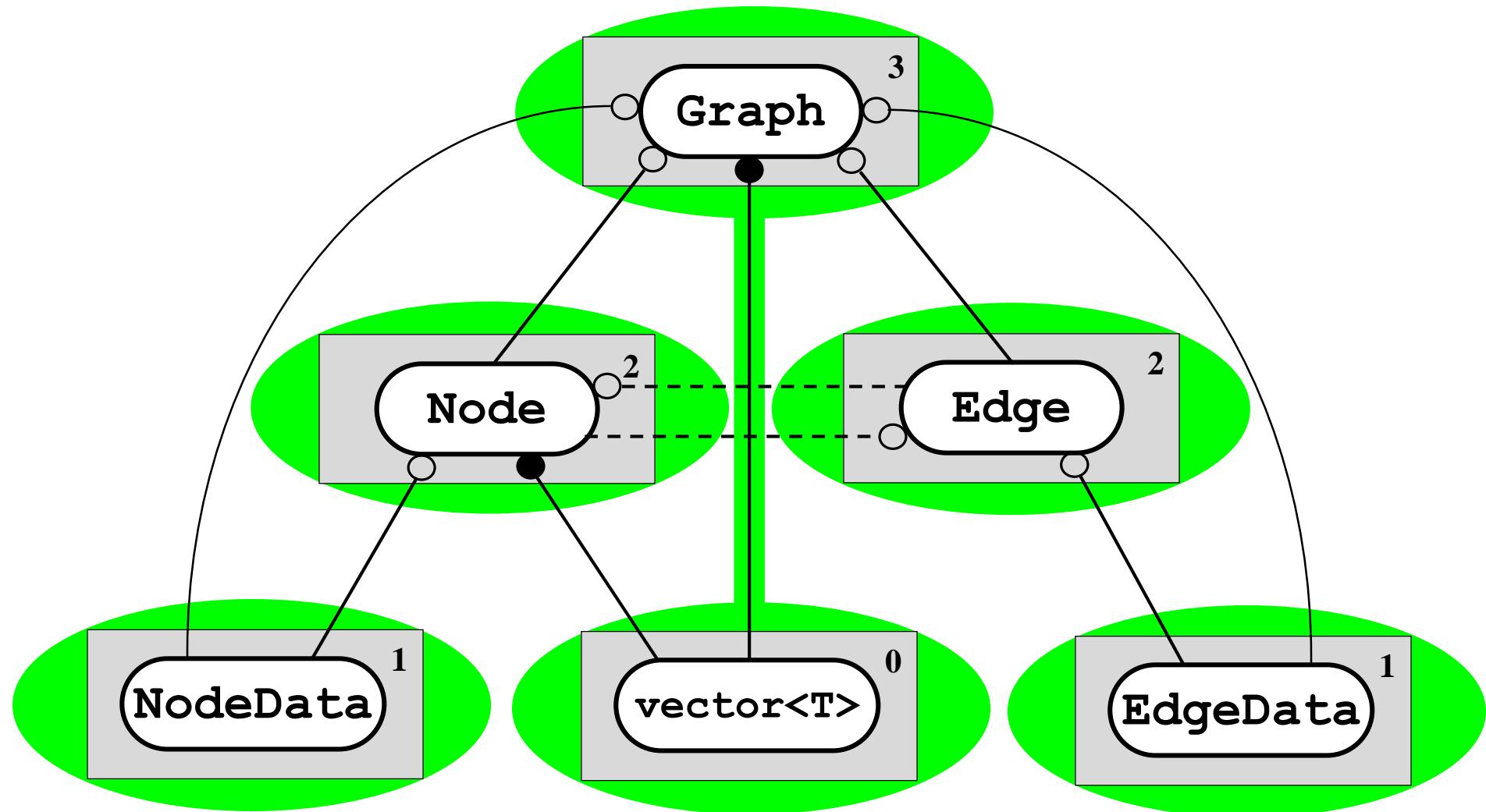
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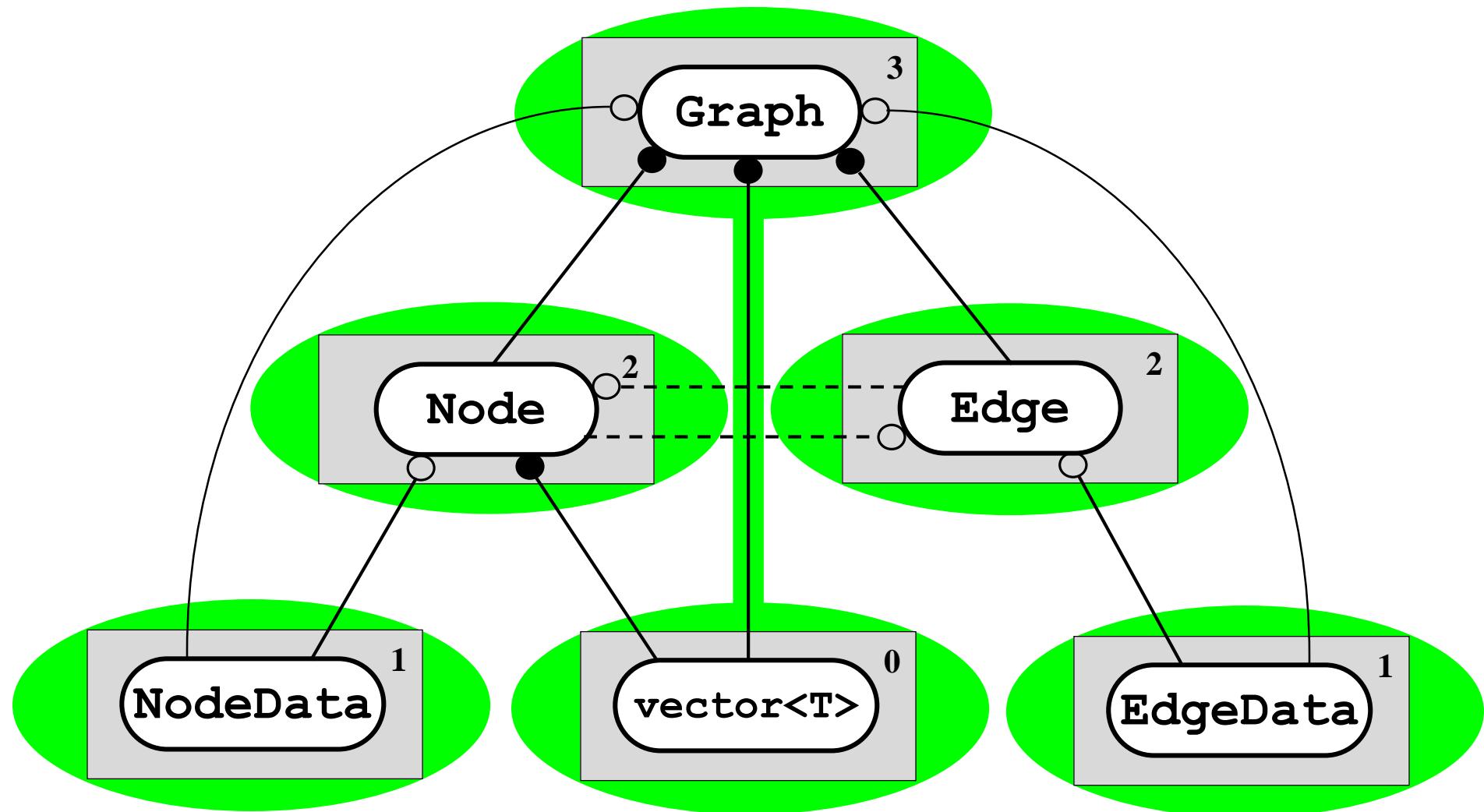
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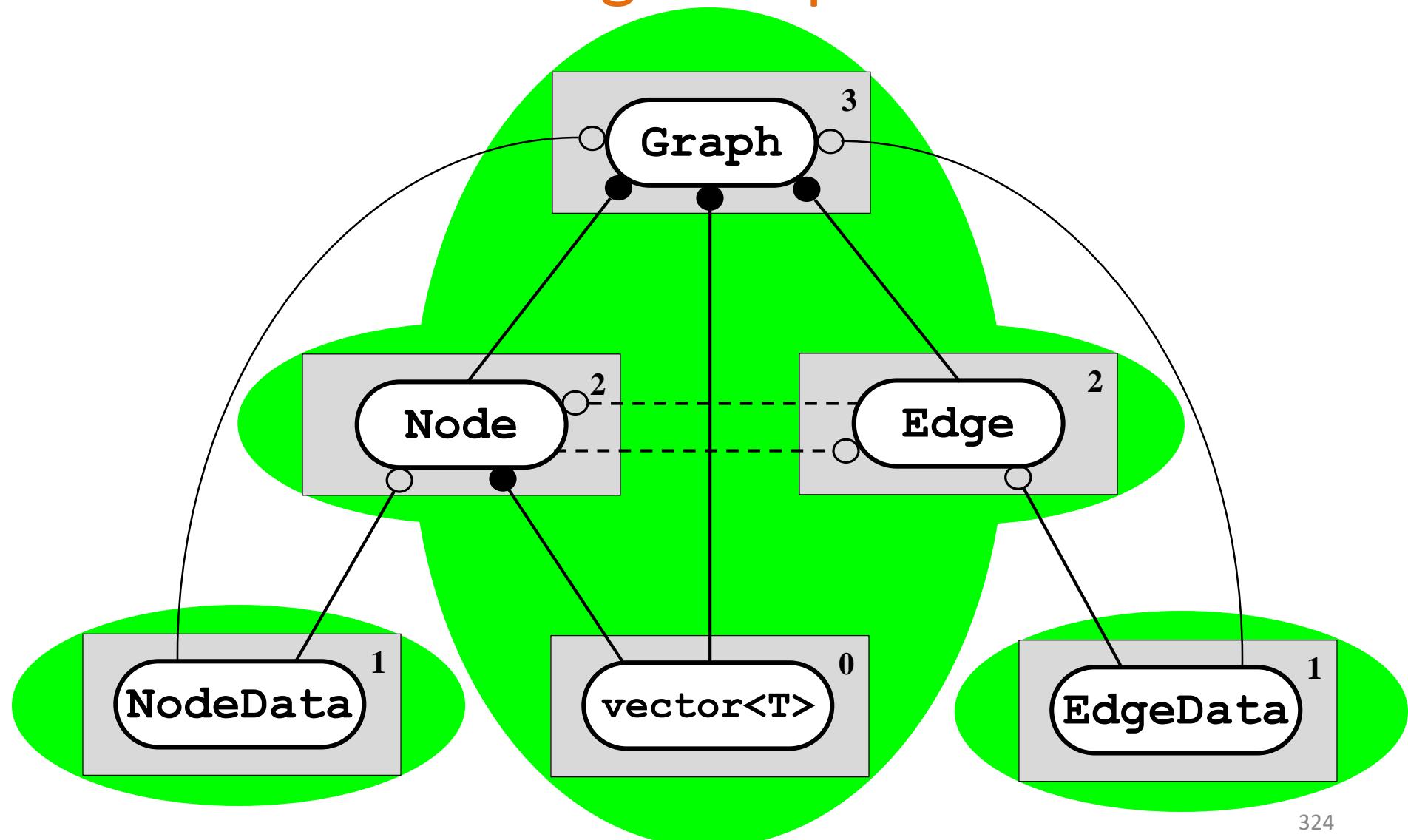
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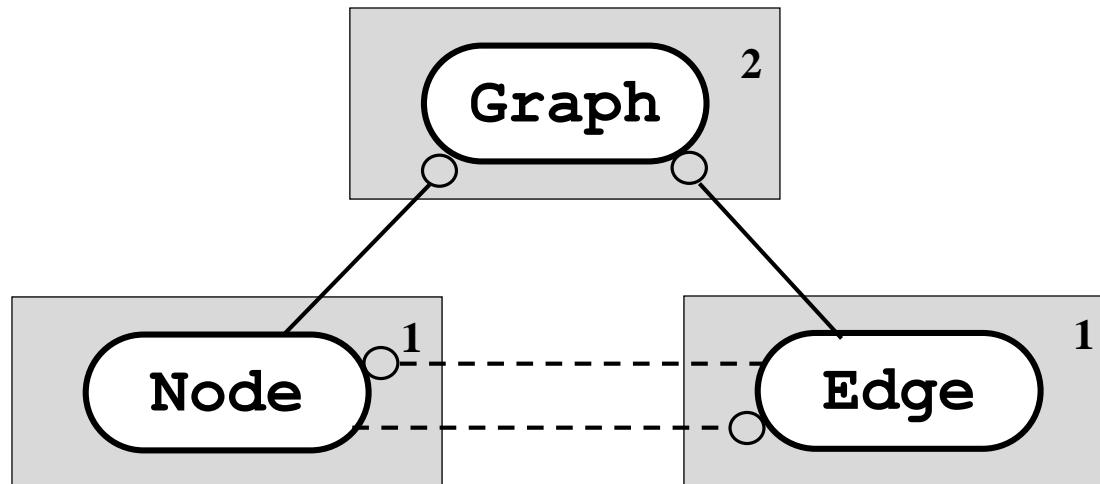
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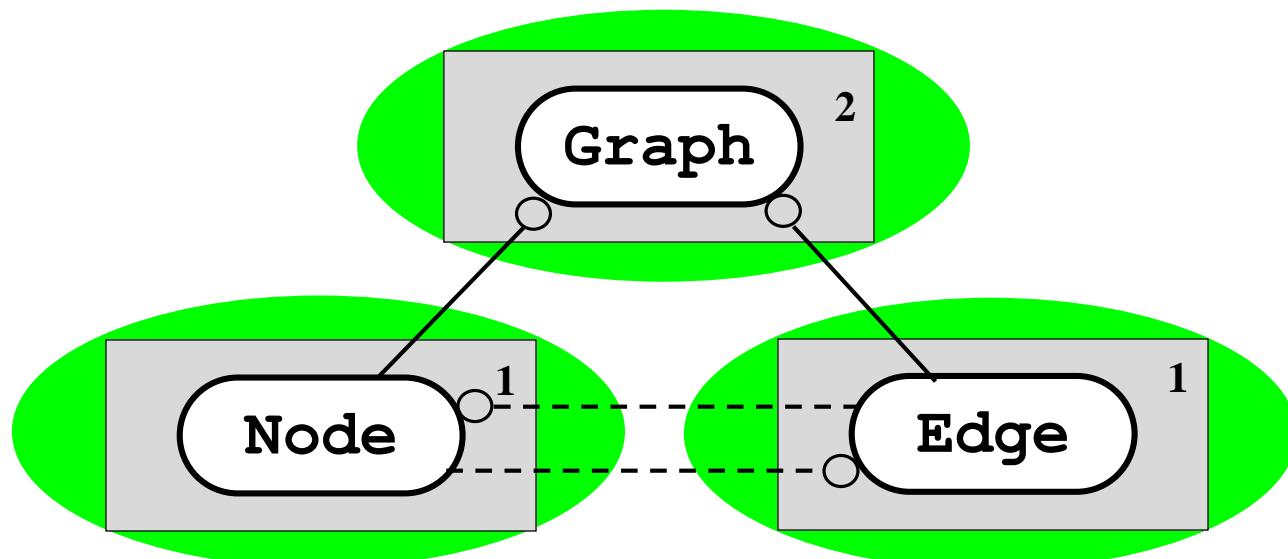
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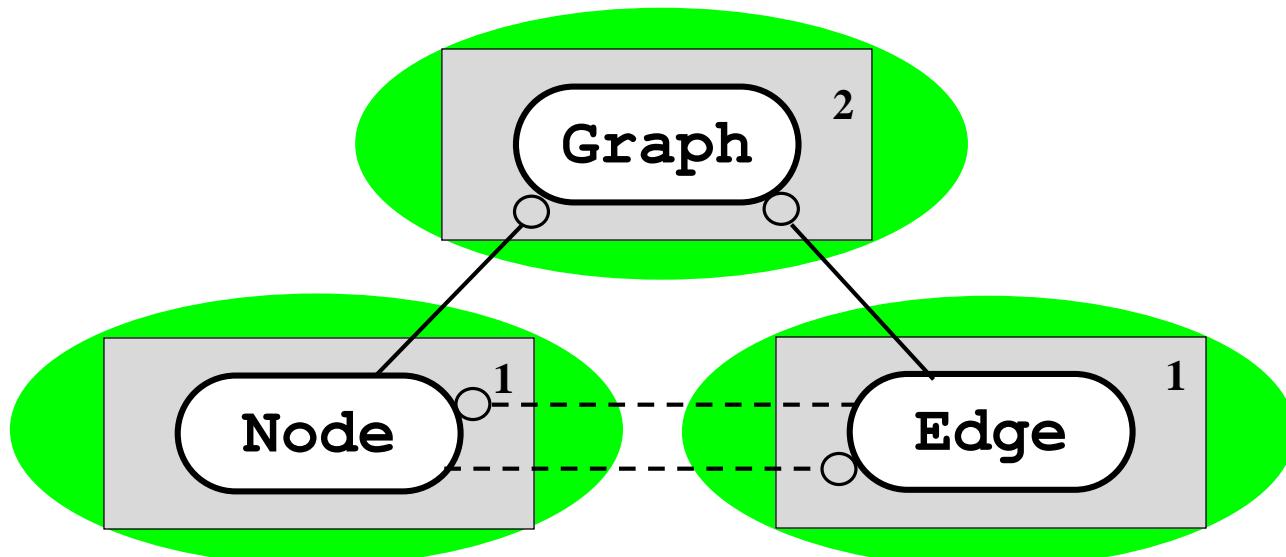
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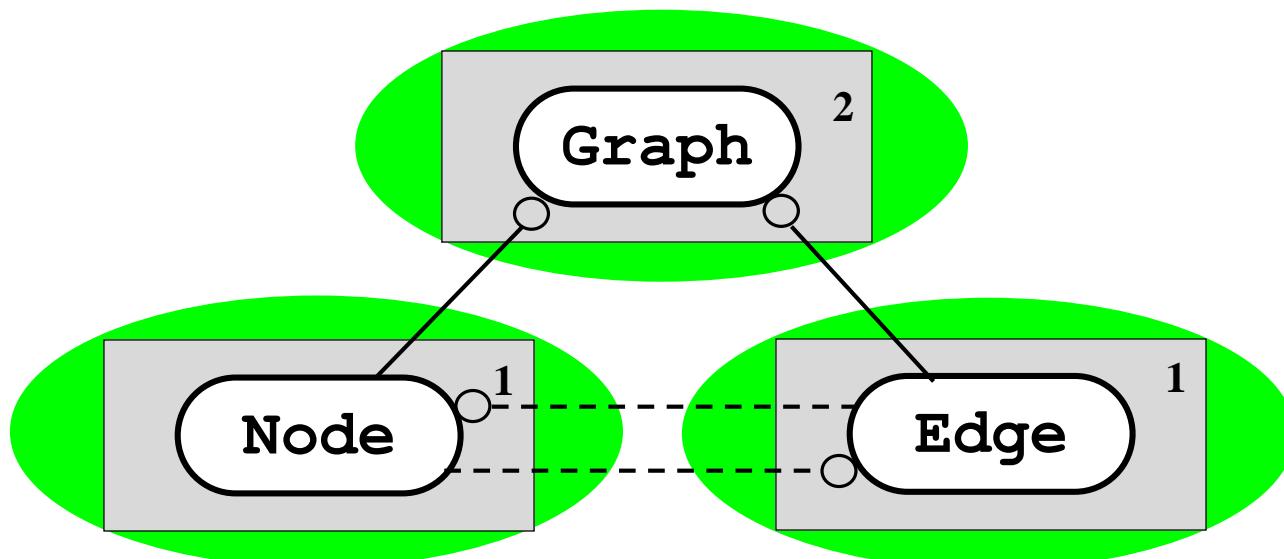
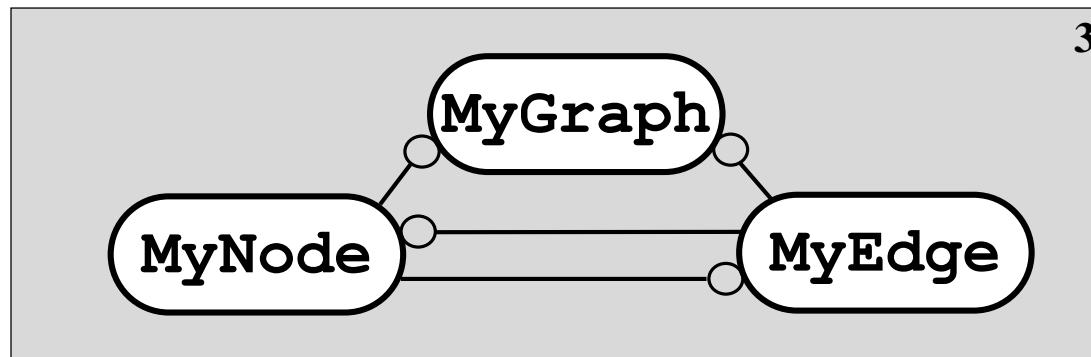
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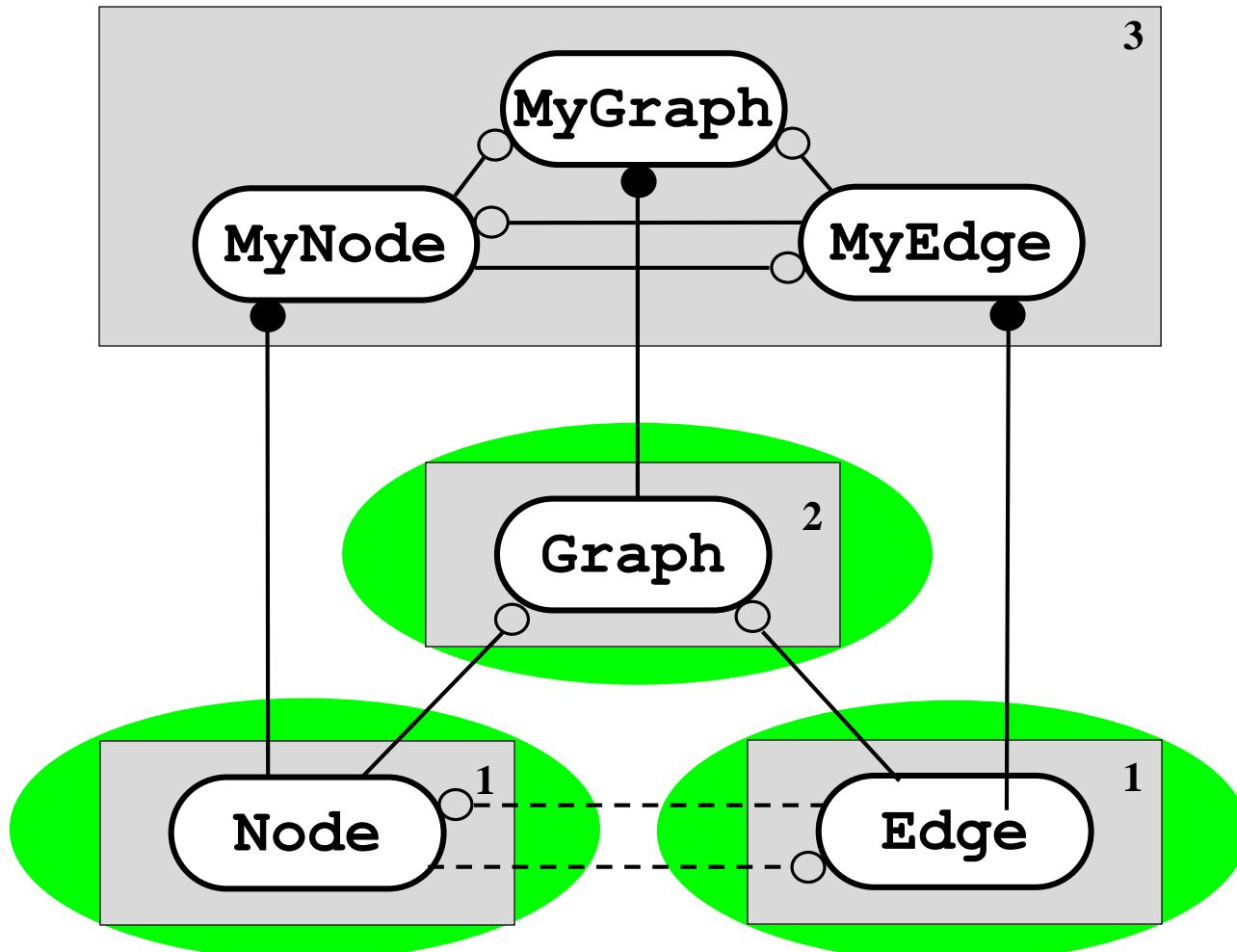
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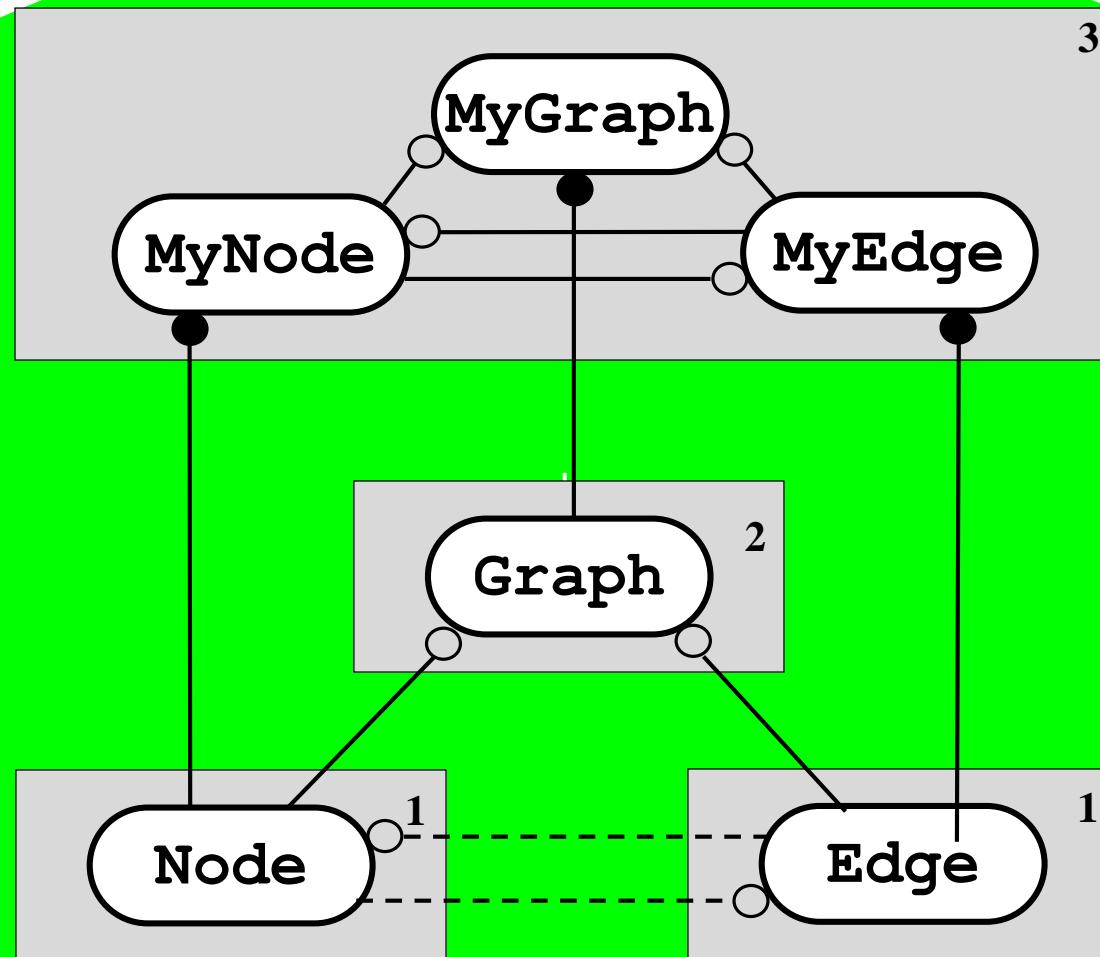
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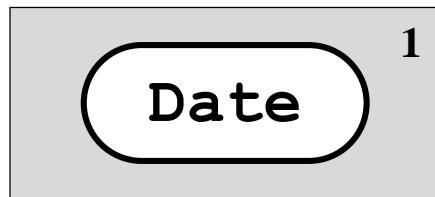
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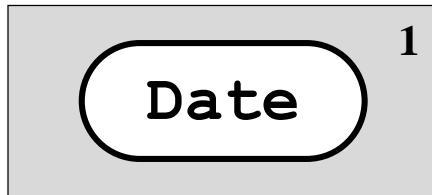
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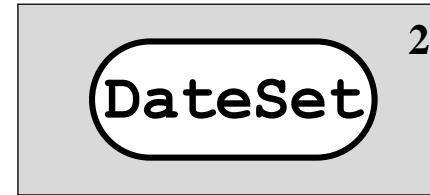


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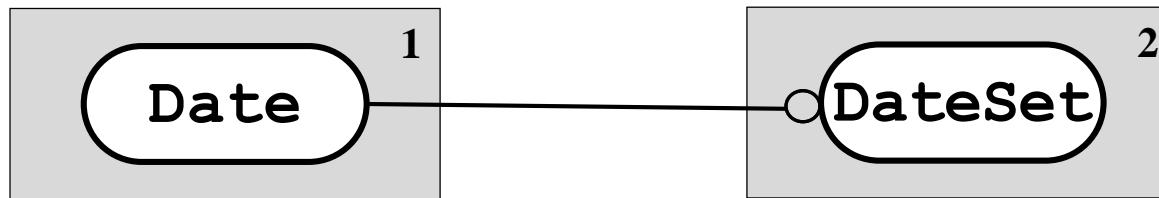
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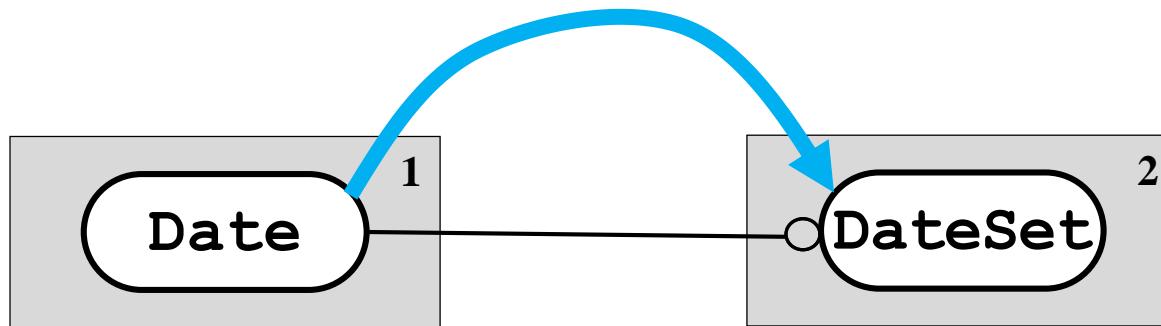
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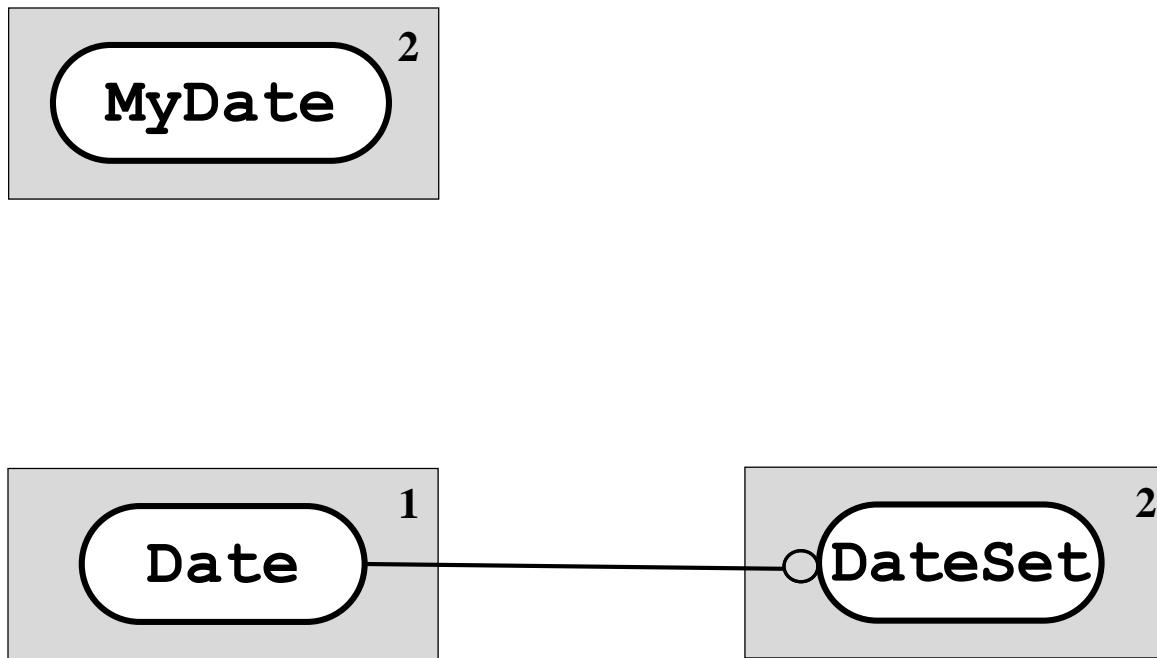
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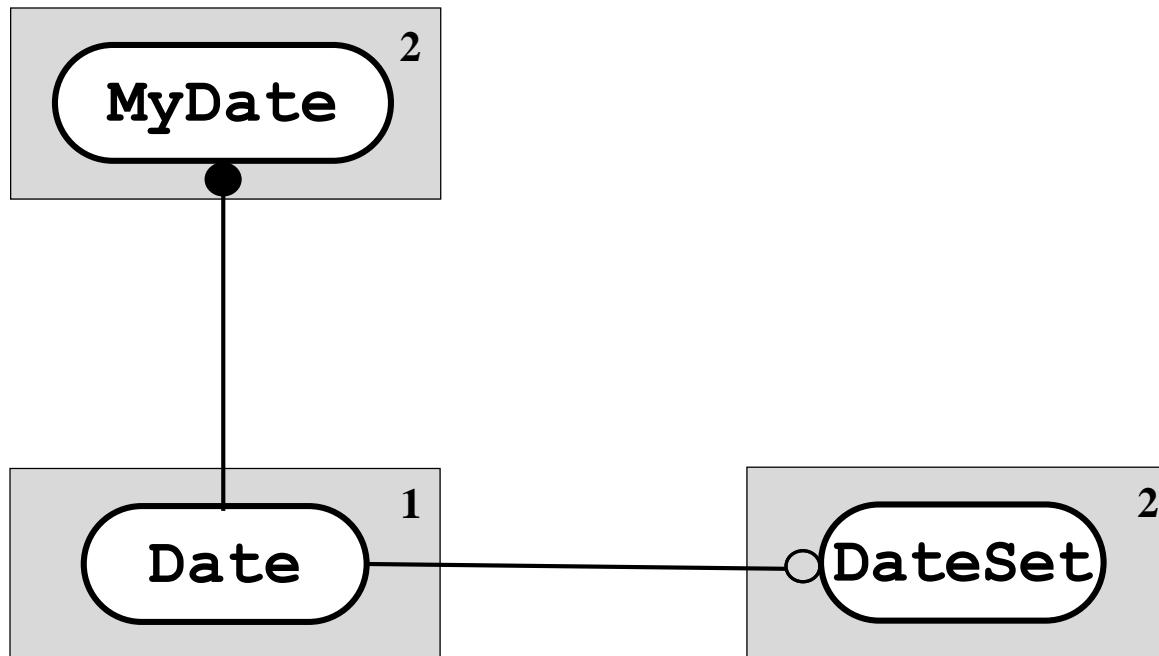
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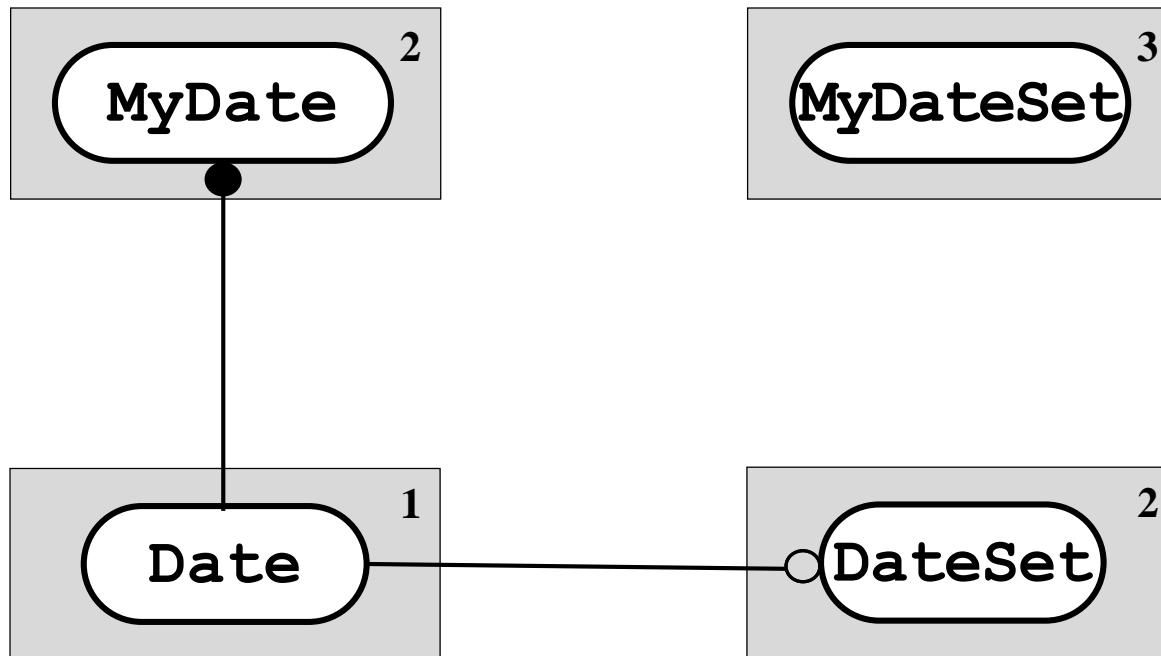
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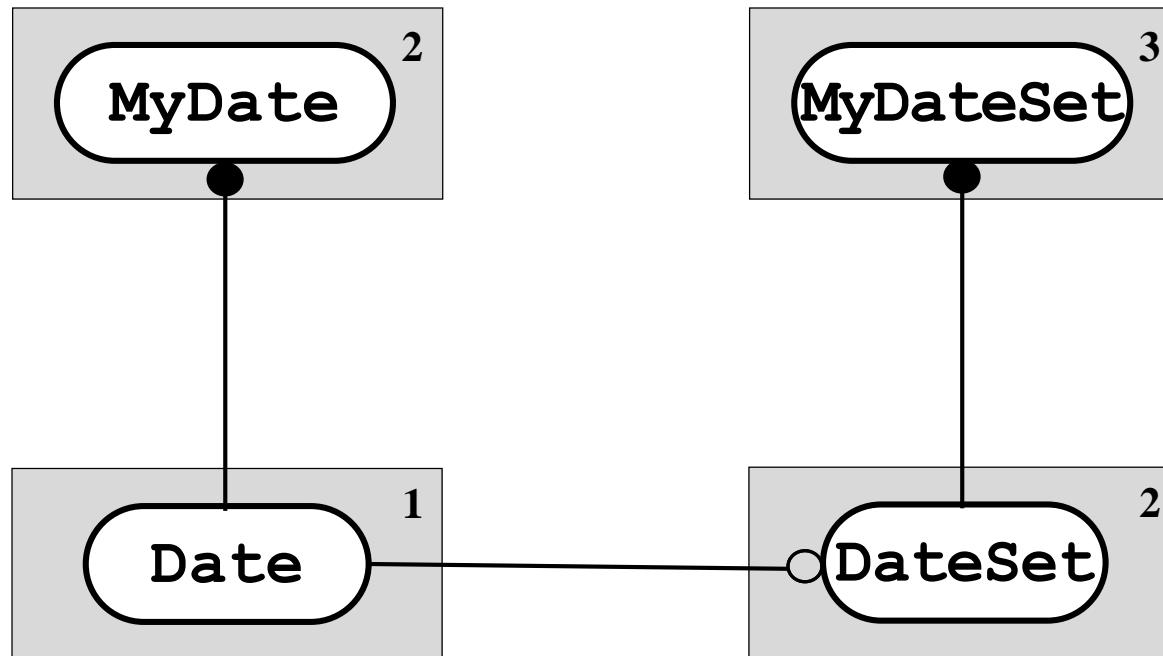
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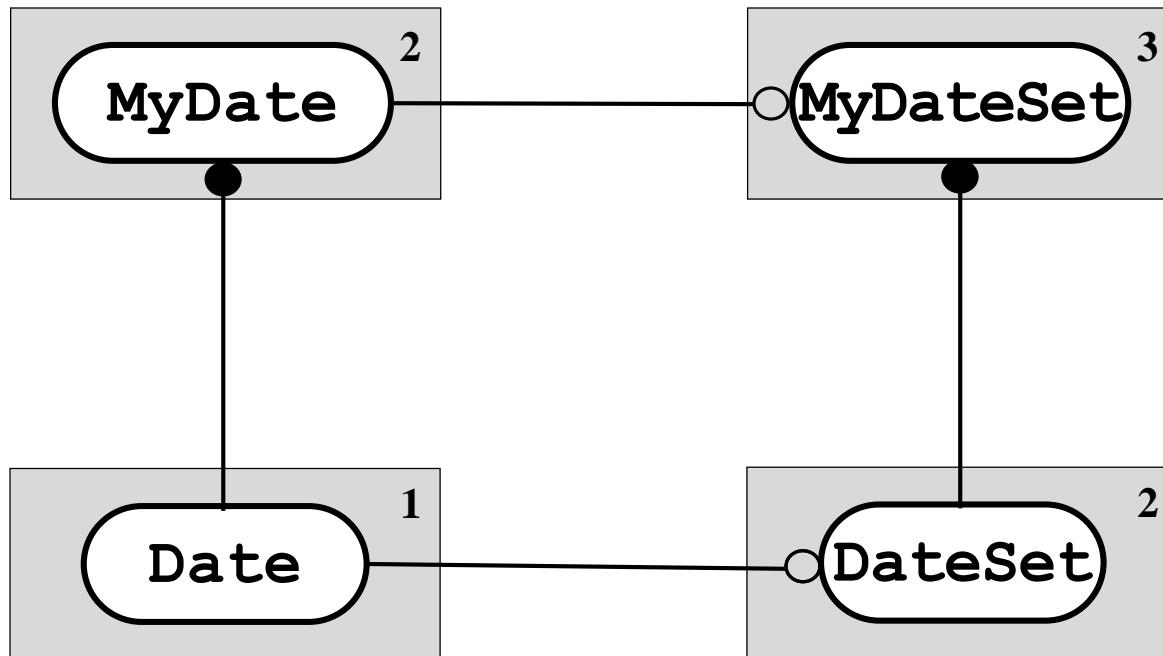
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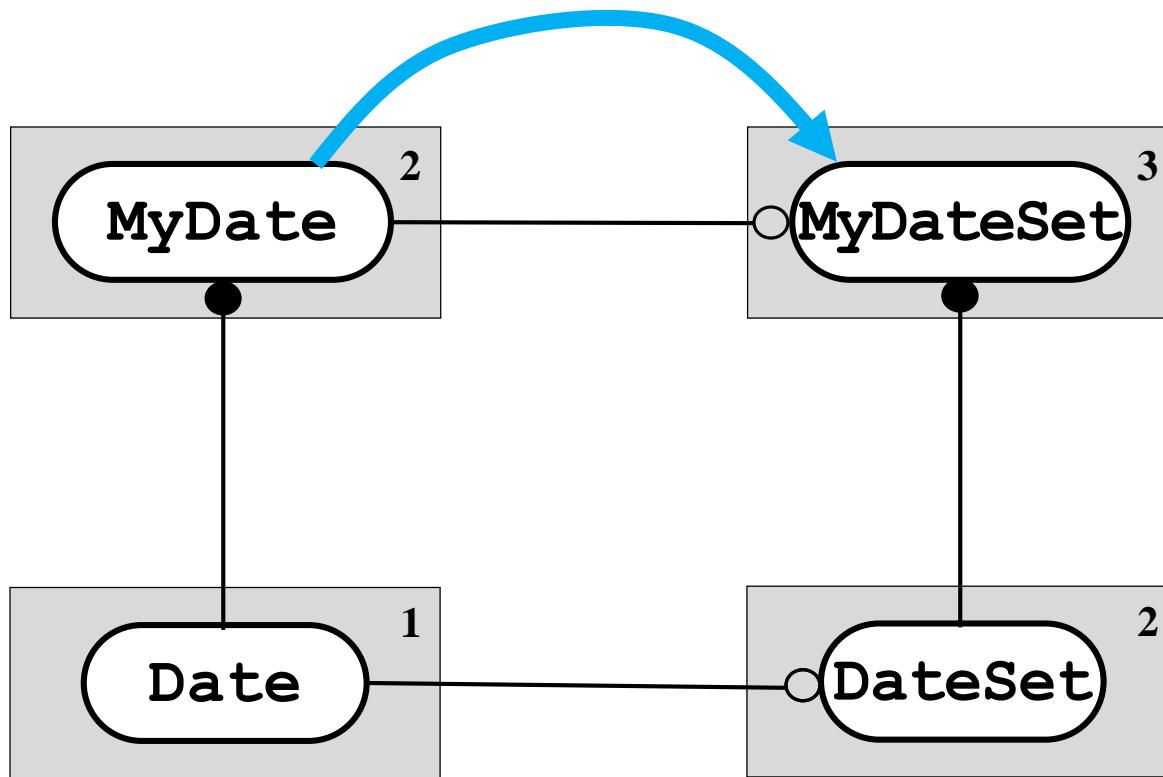
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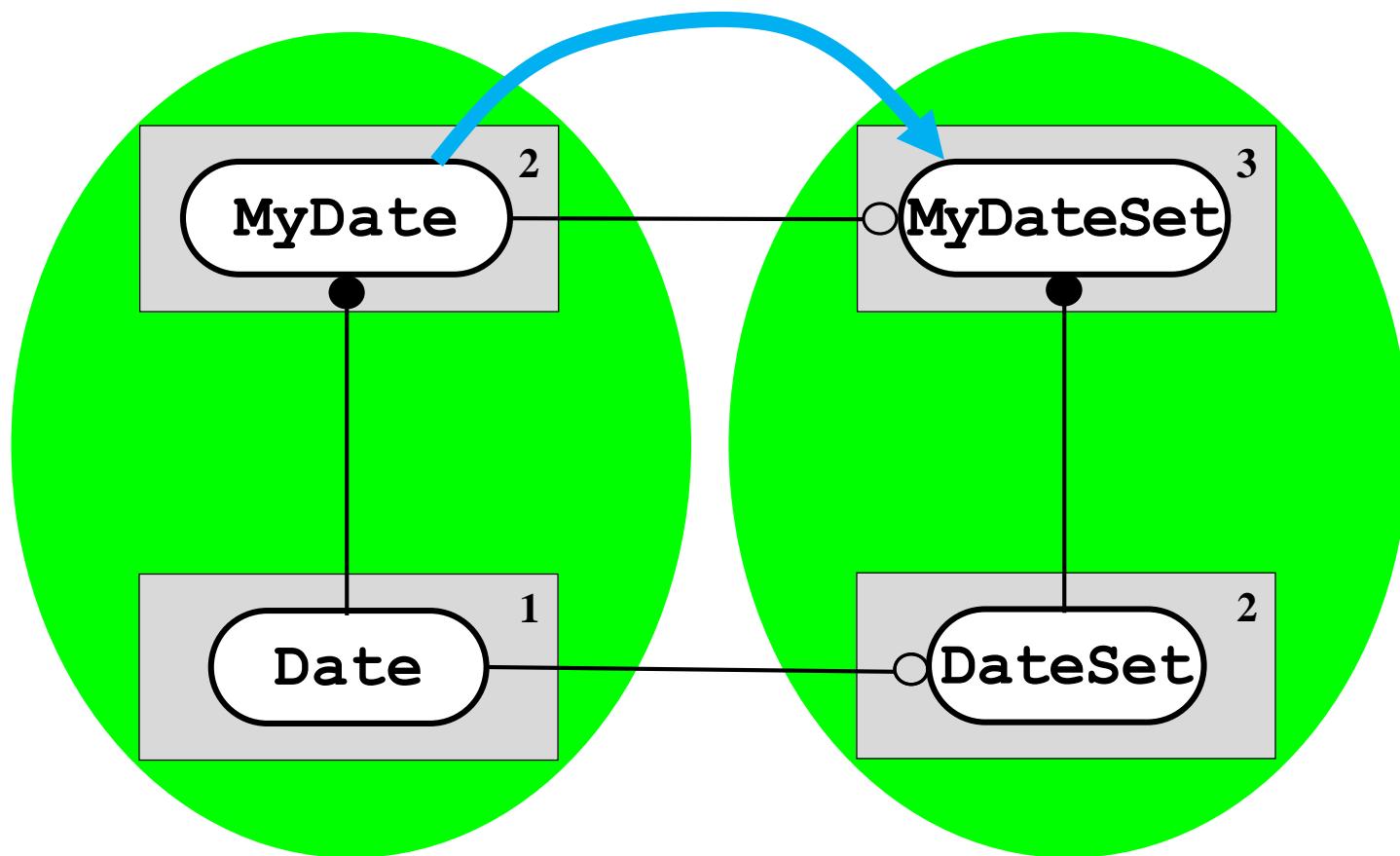
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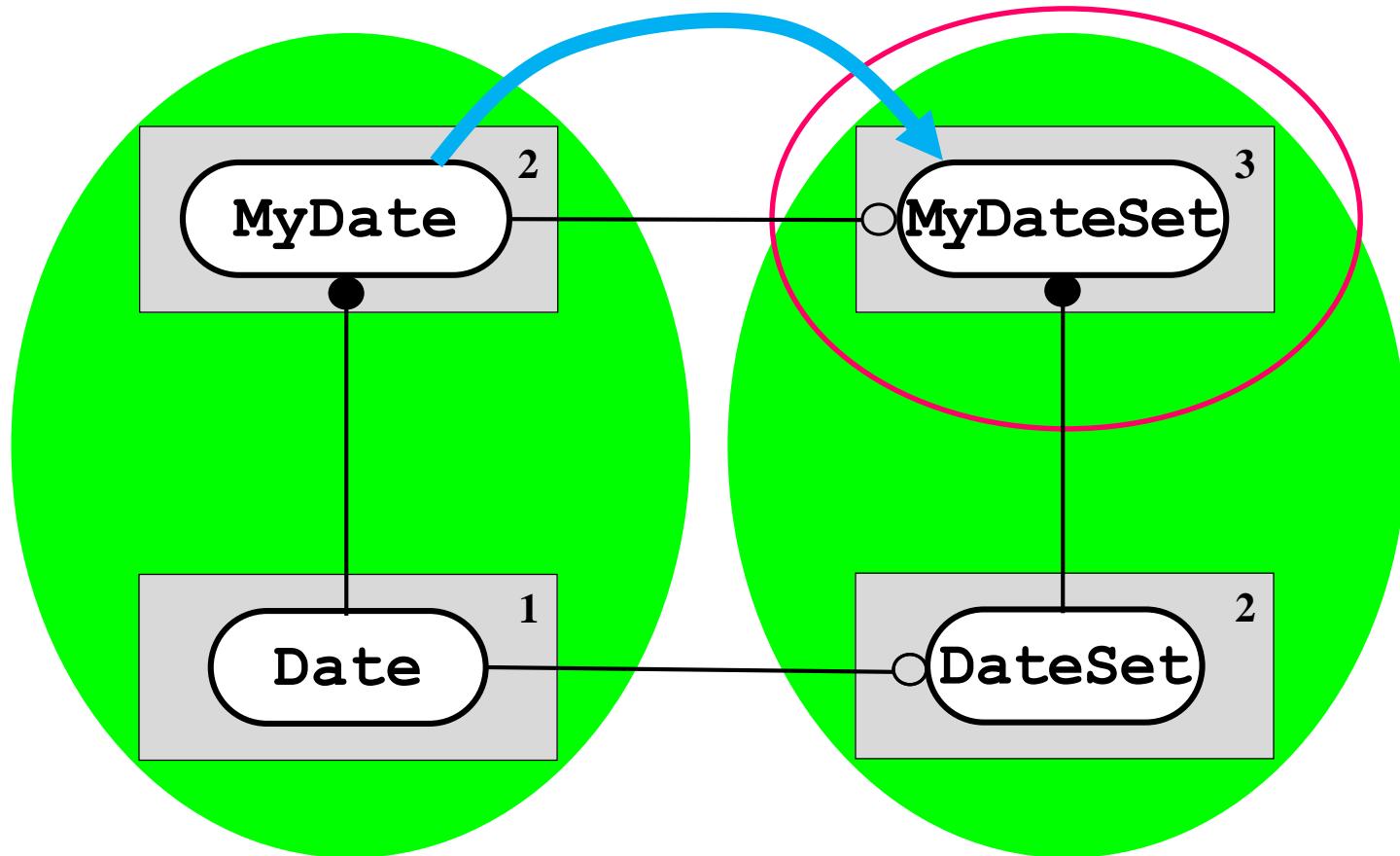
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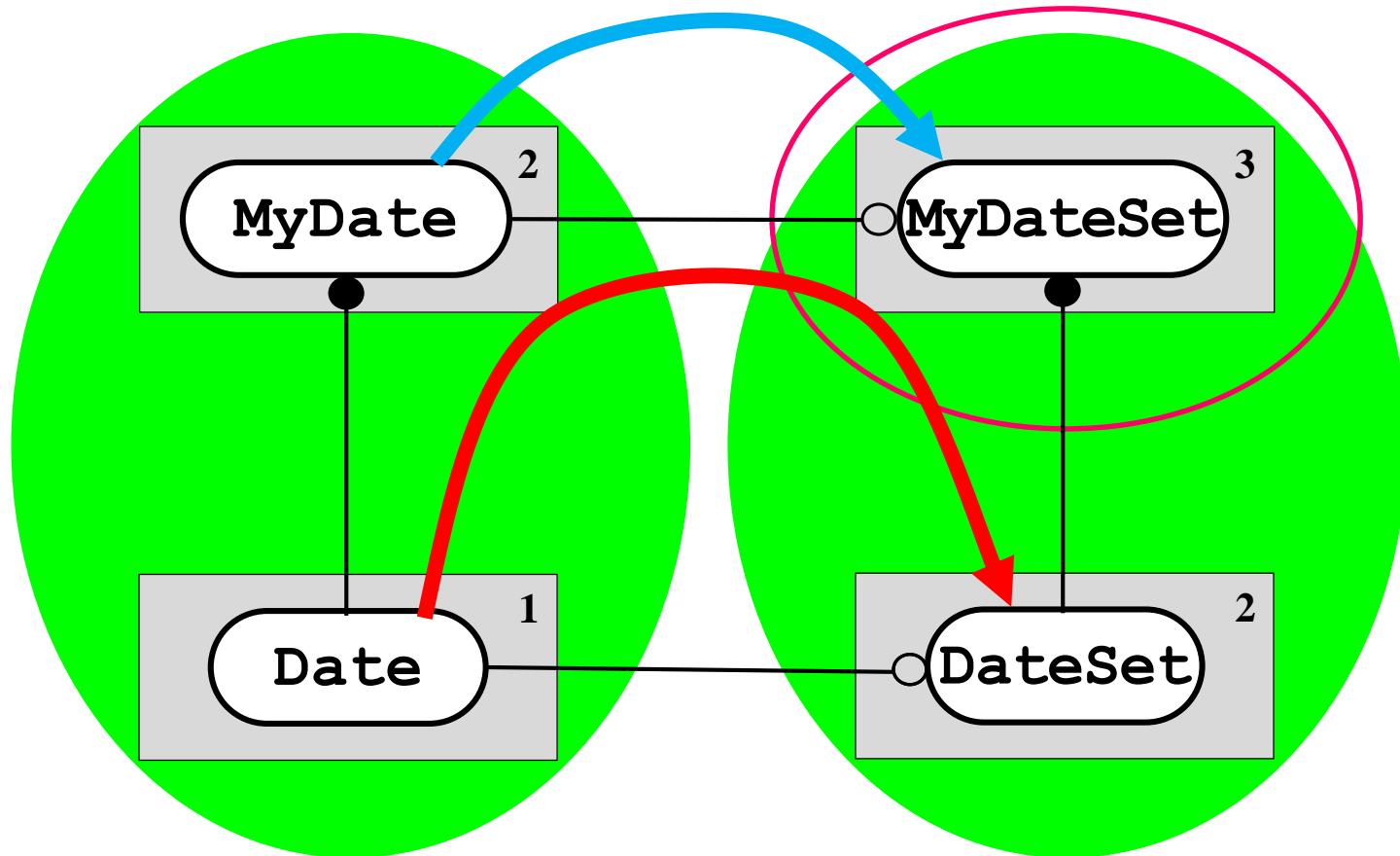
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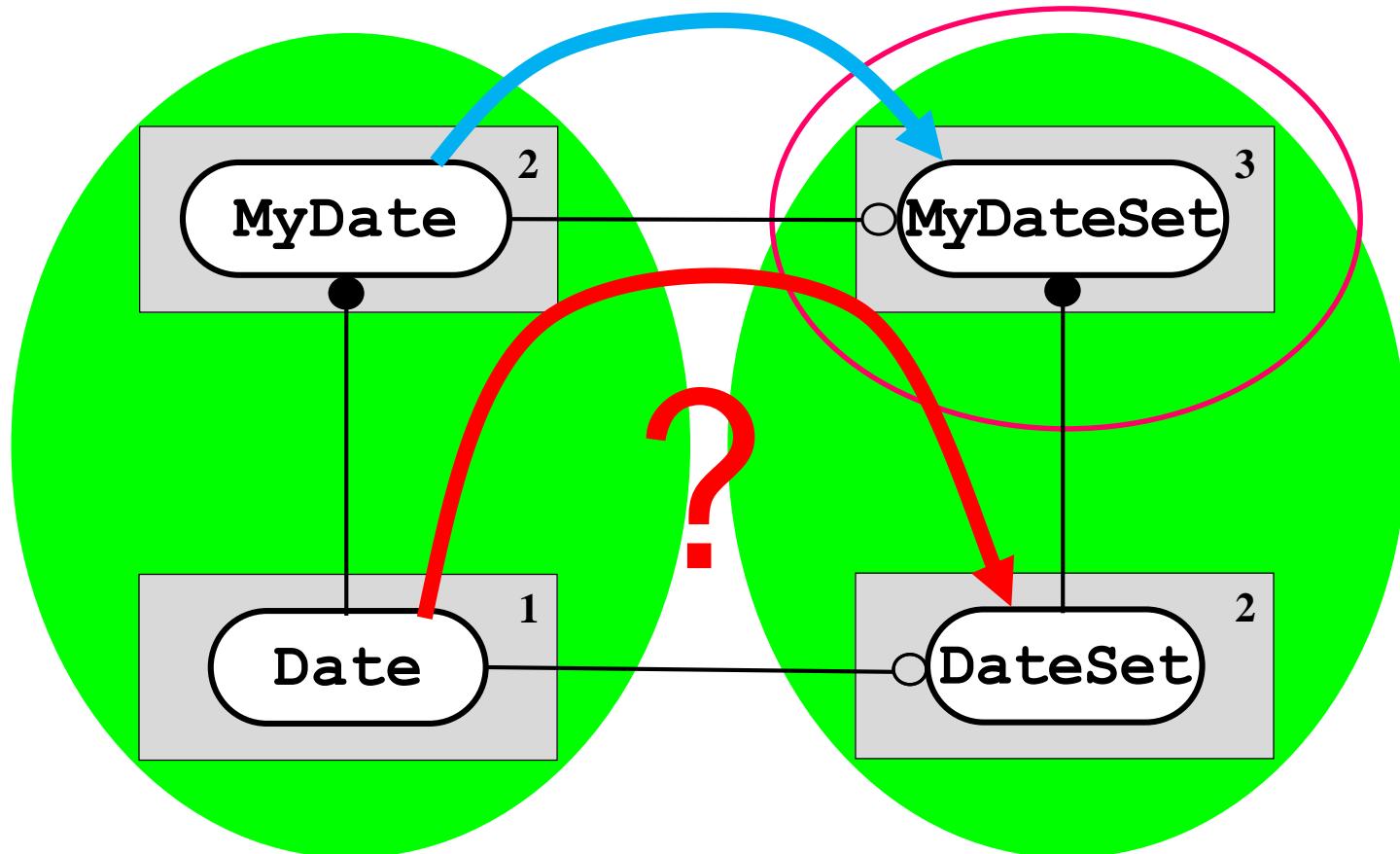
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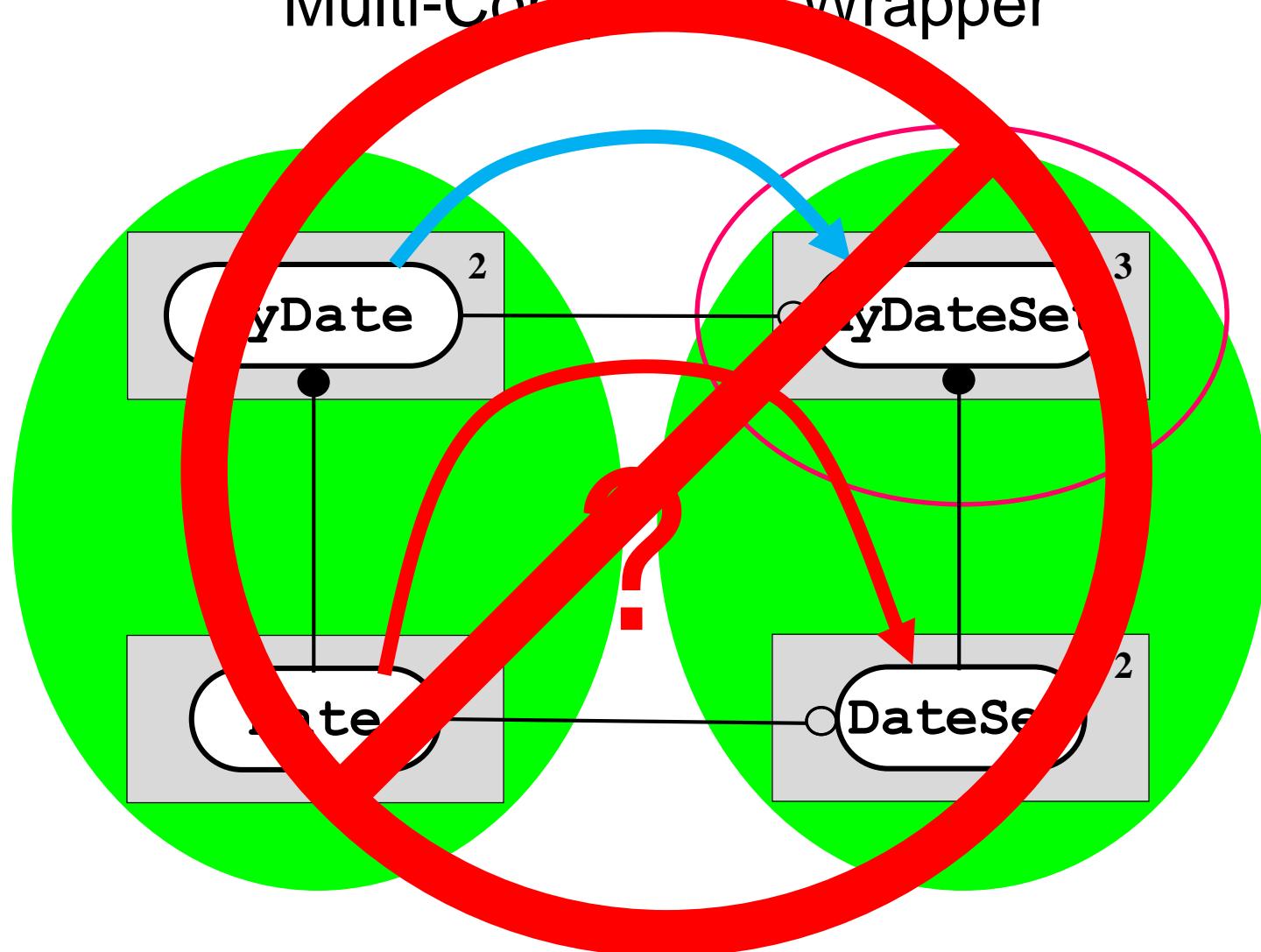
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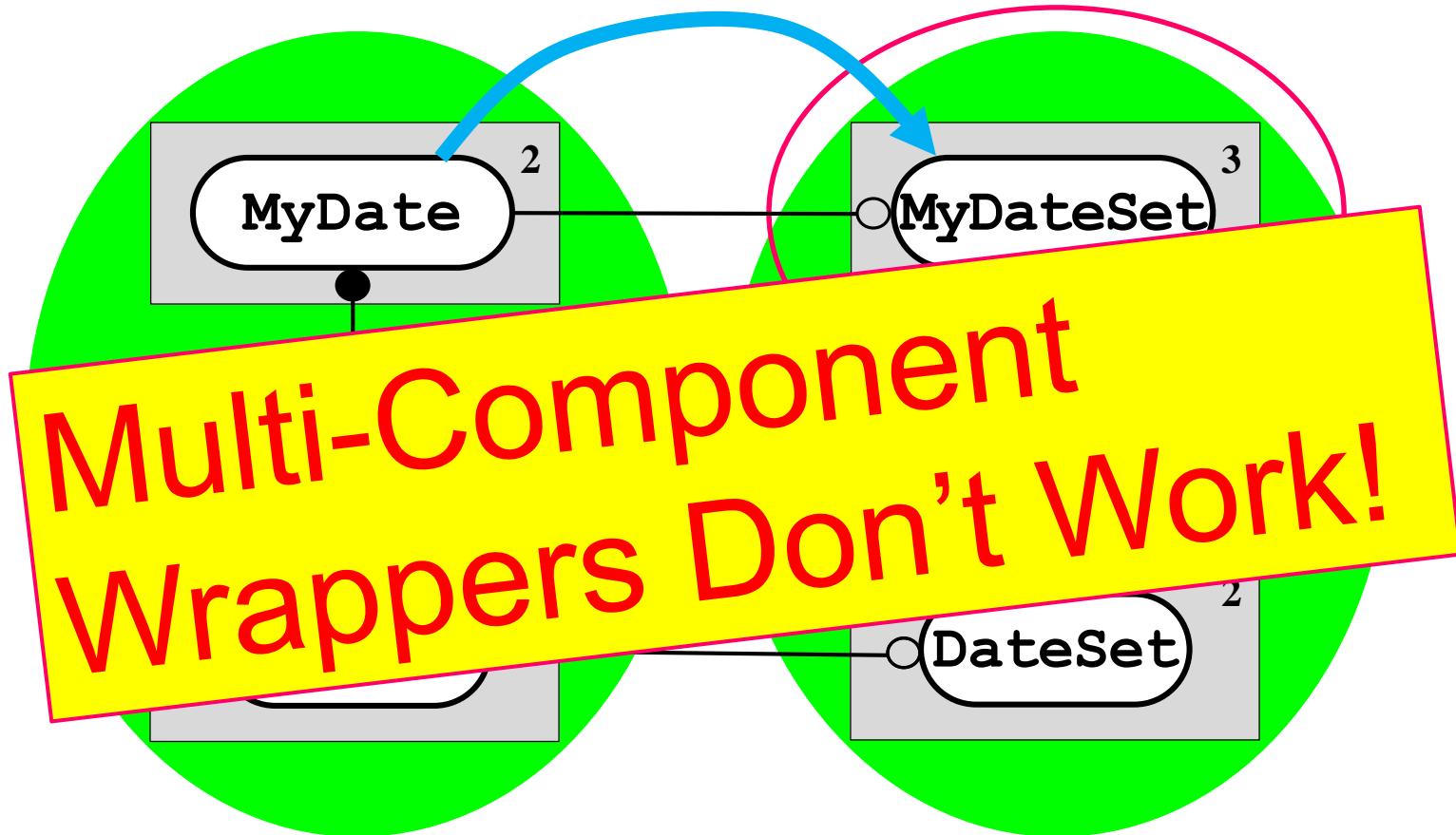
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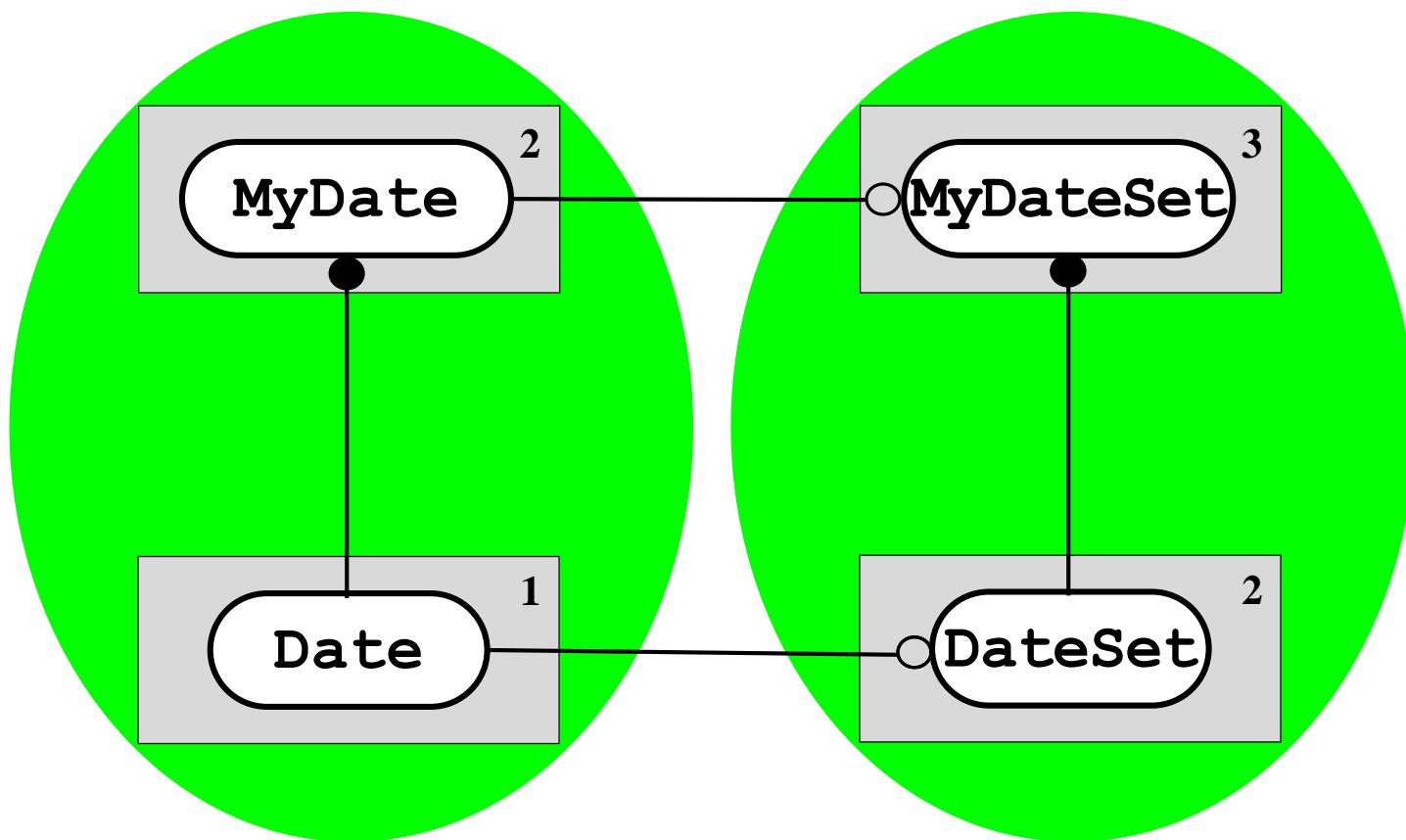
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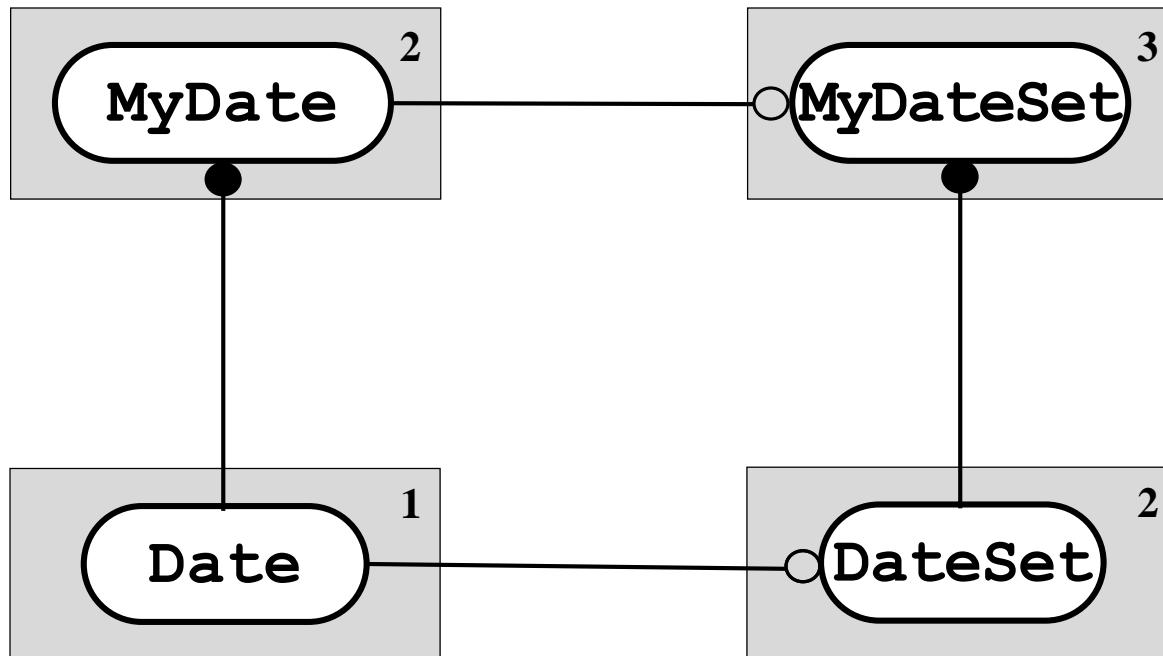
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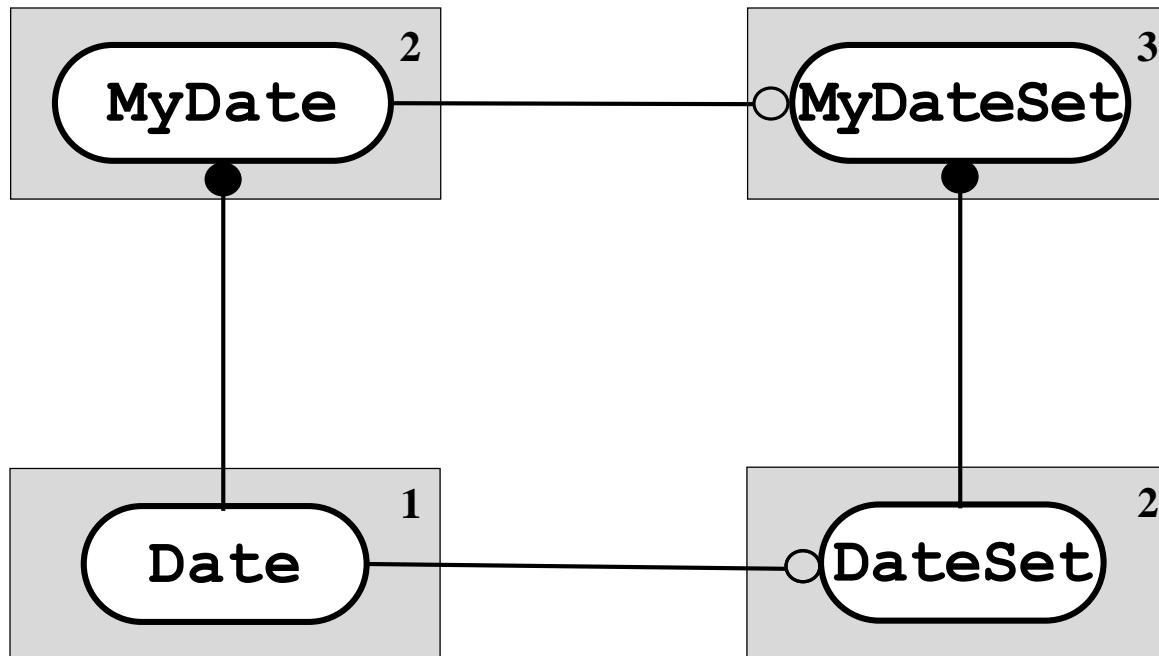
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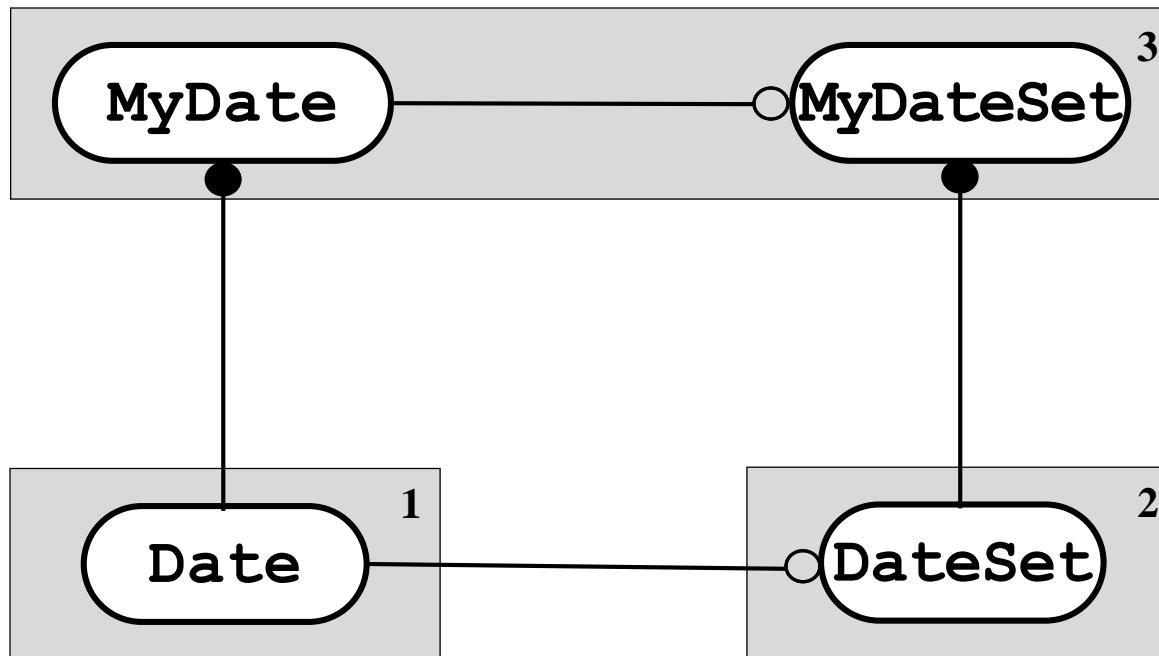
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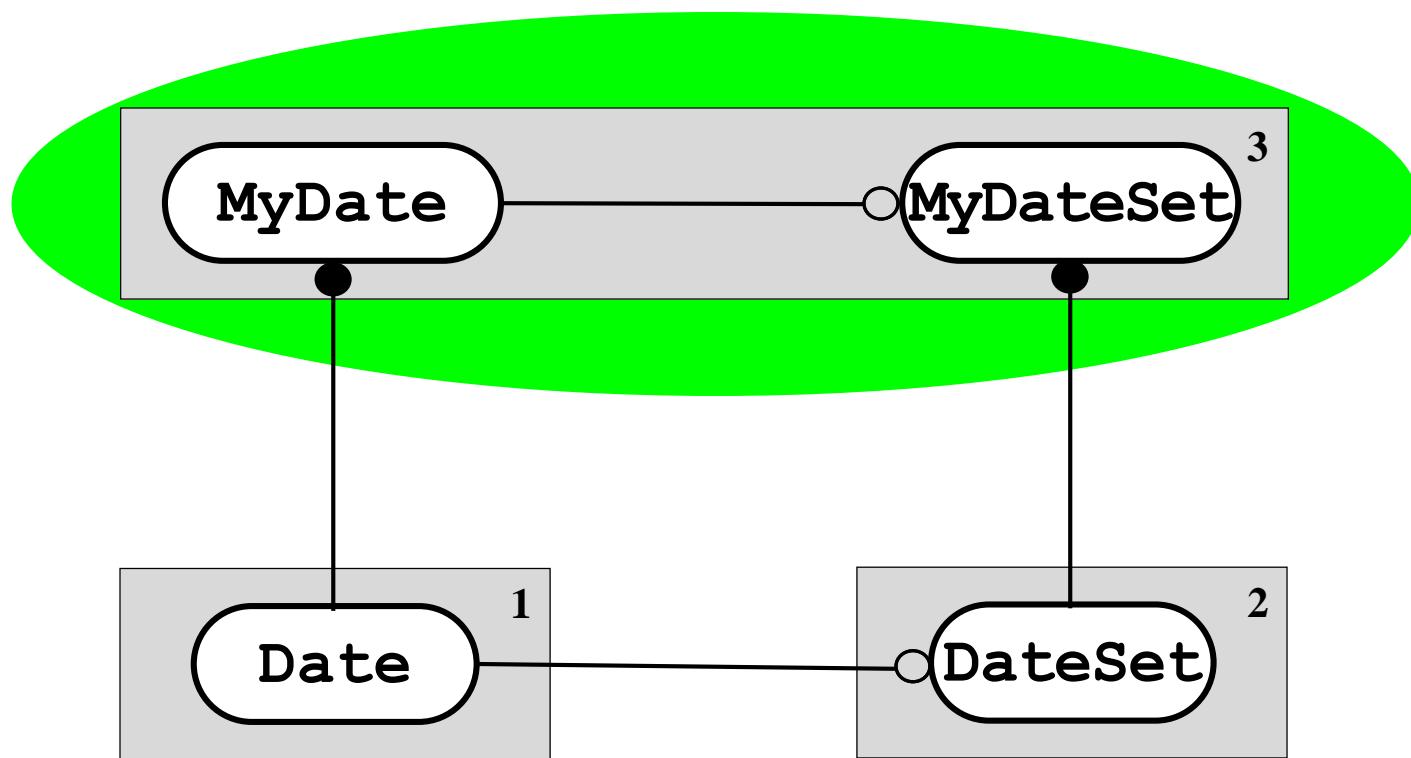
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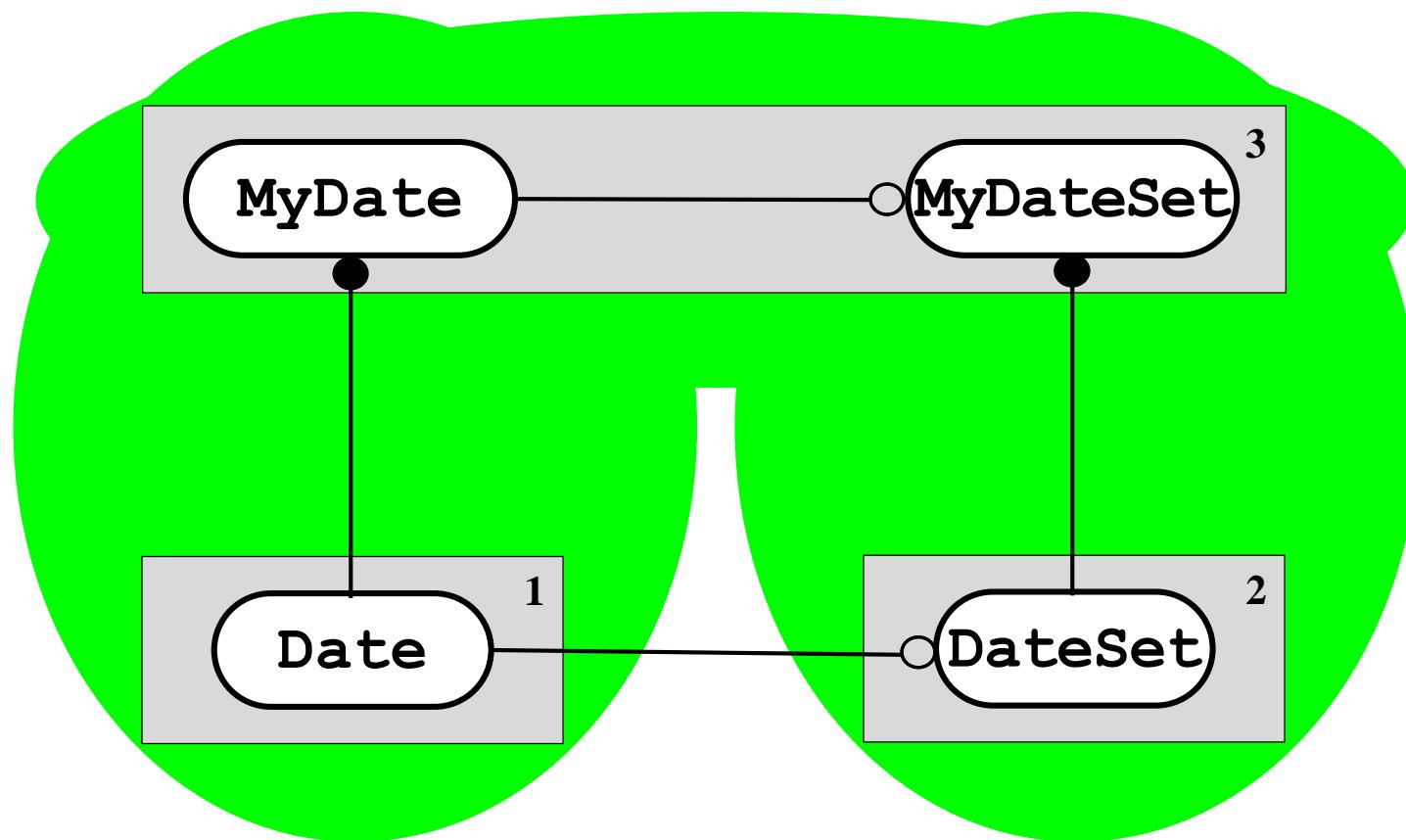
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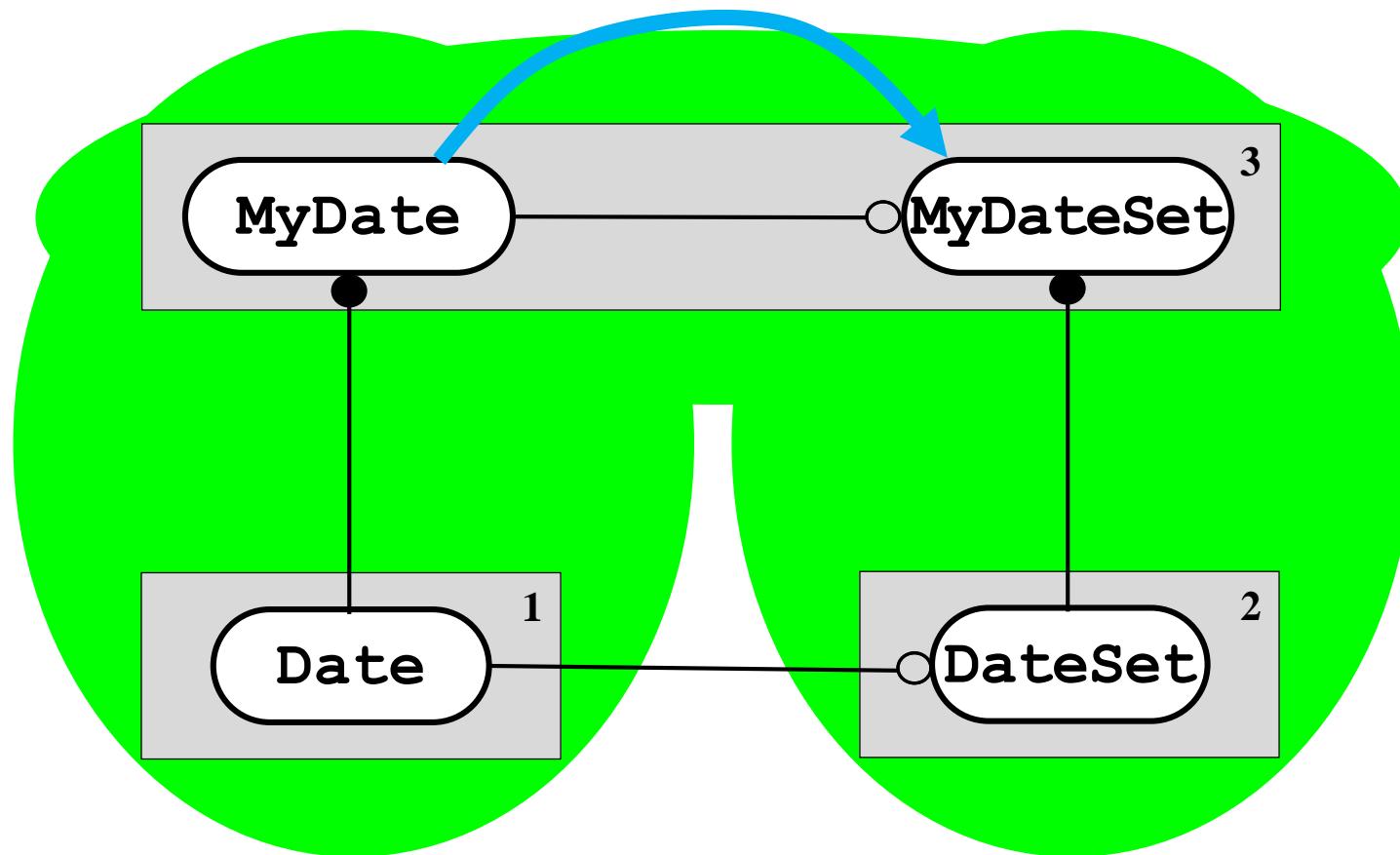
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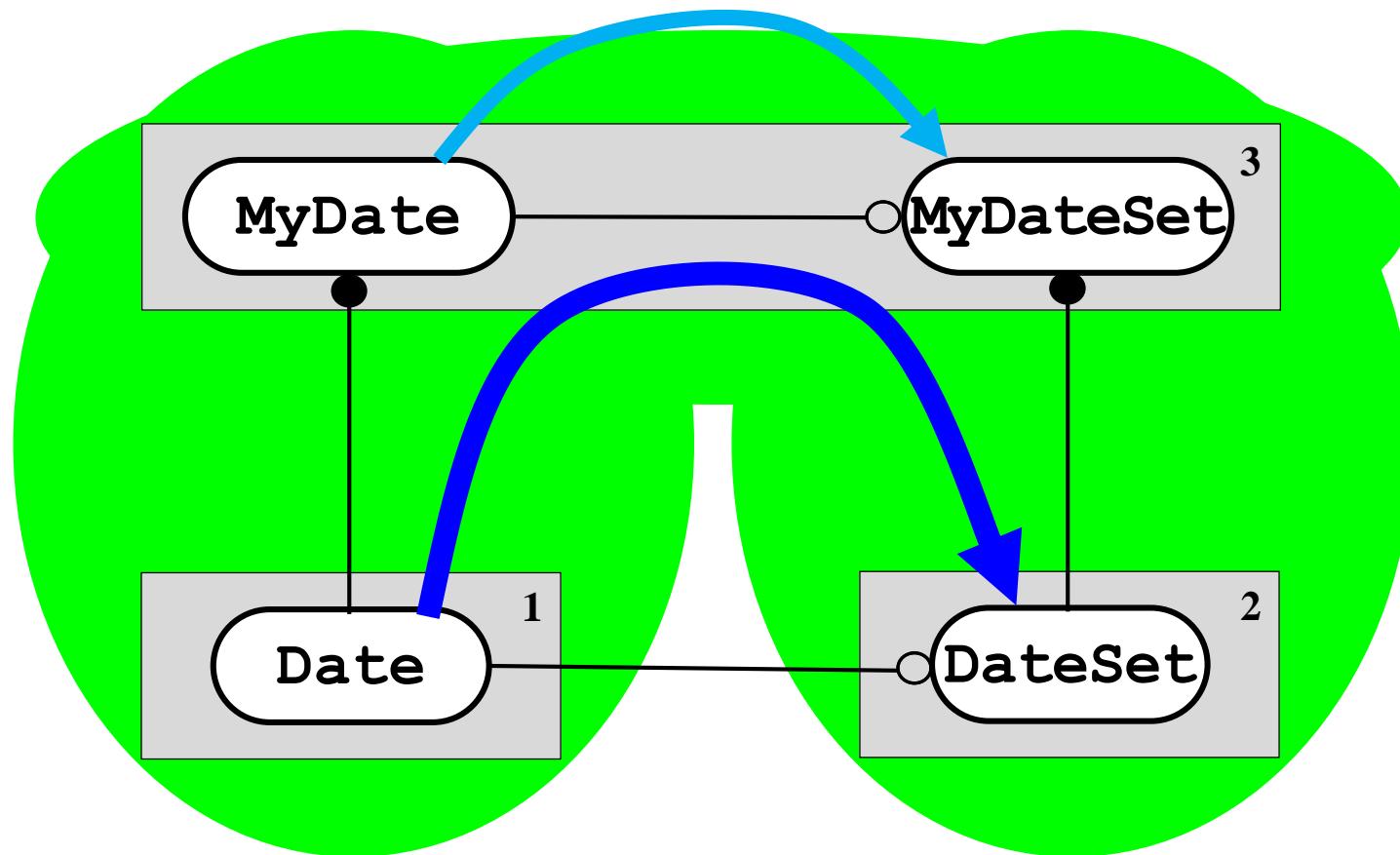
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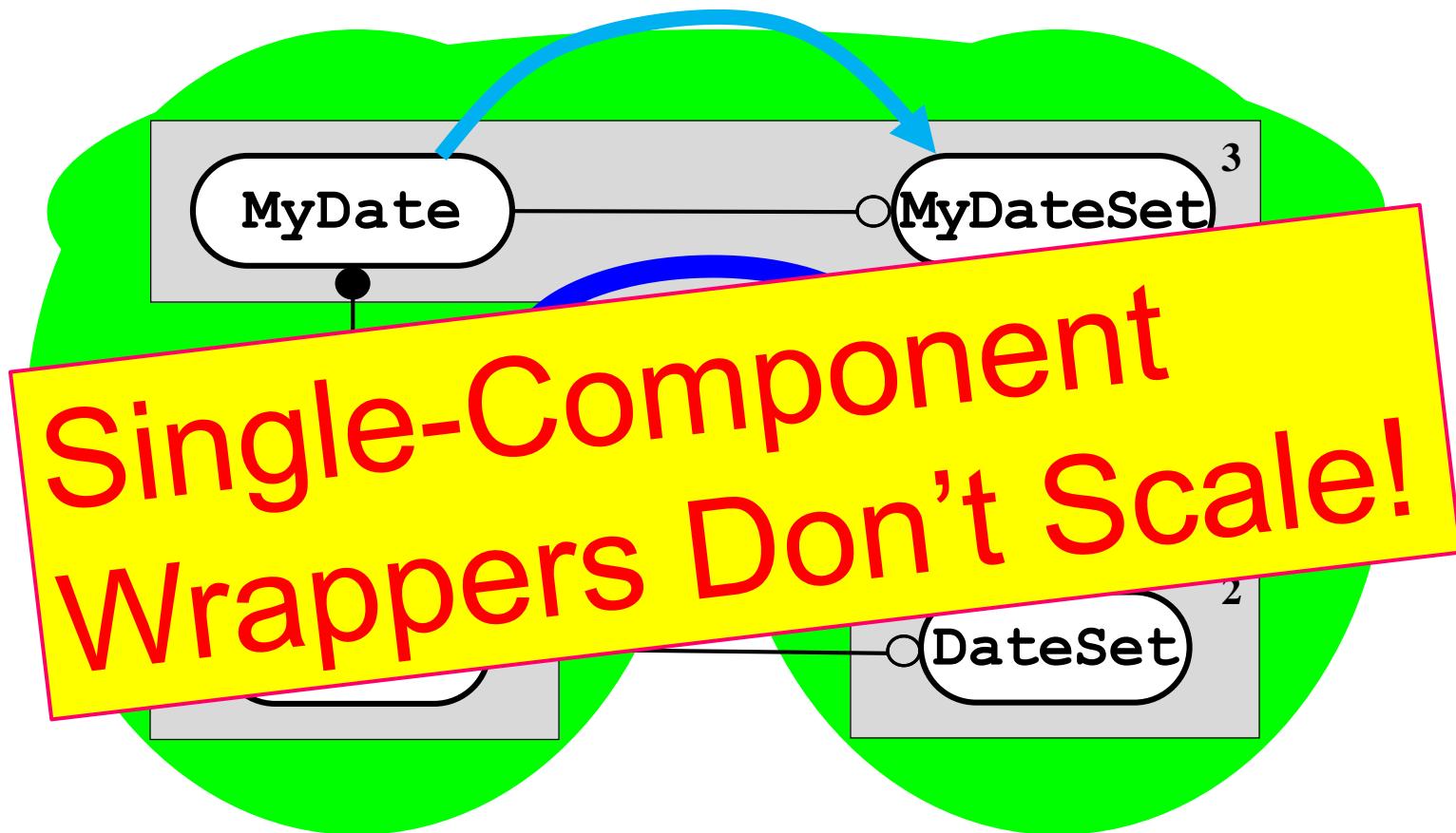
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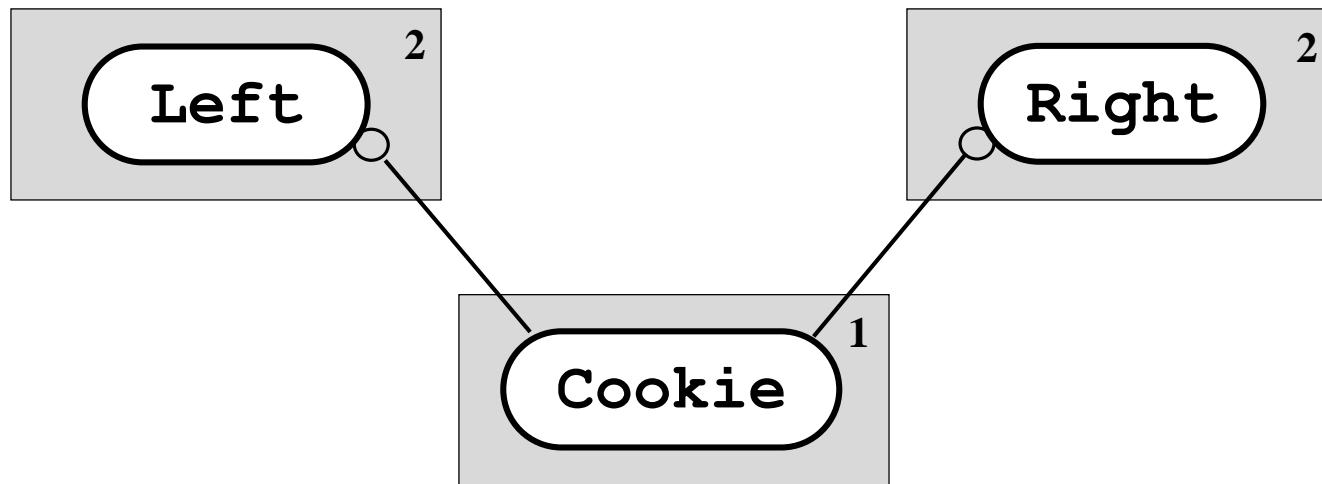
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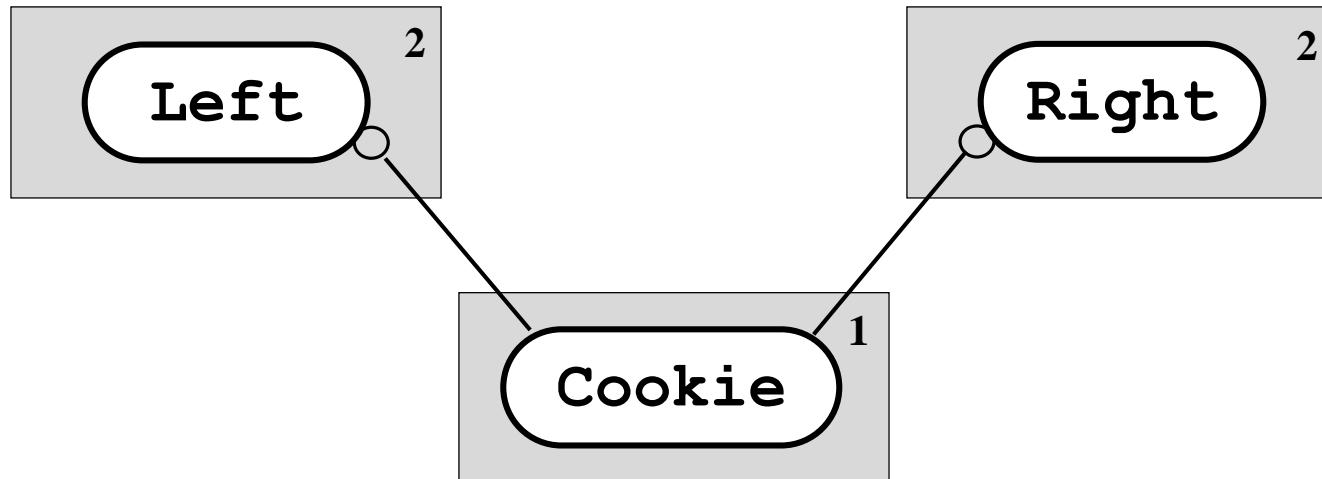


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## Escalating Encapsulation

### Hiding Header Files

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#include <cookie.h>
class Left {
    // ...
    void setC(const Cookie& c);
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};
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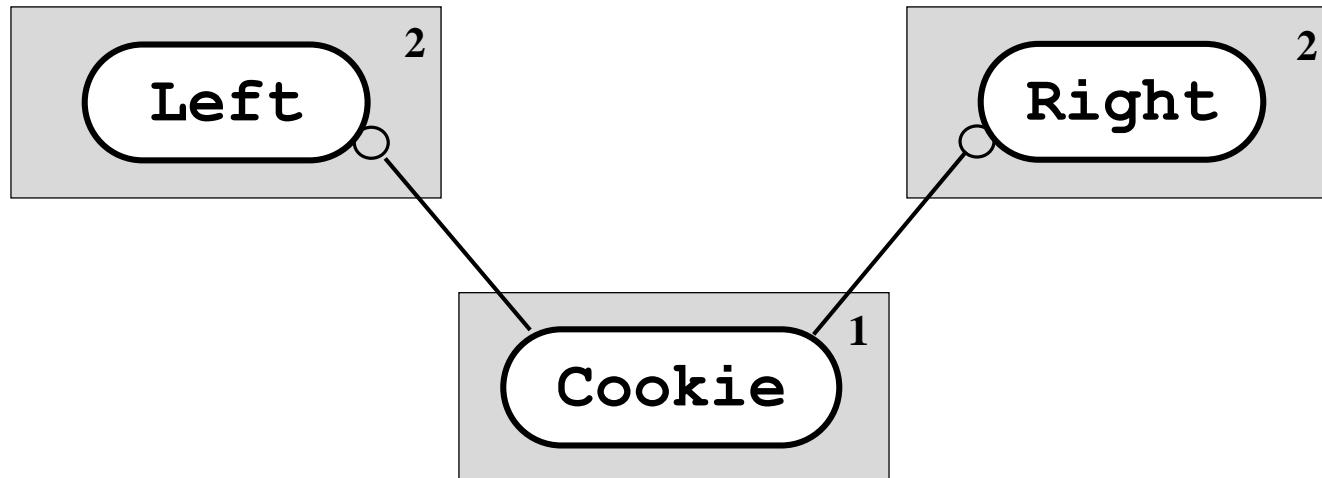
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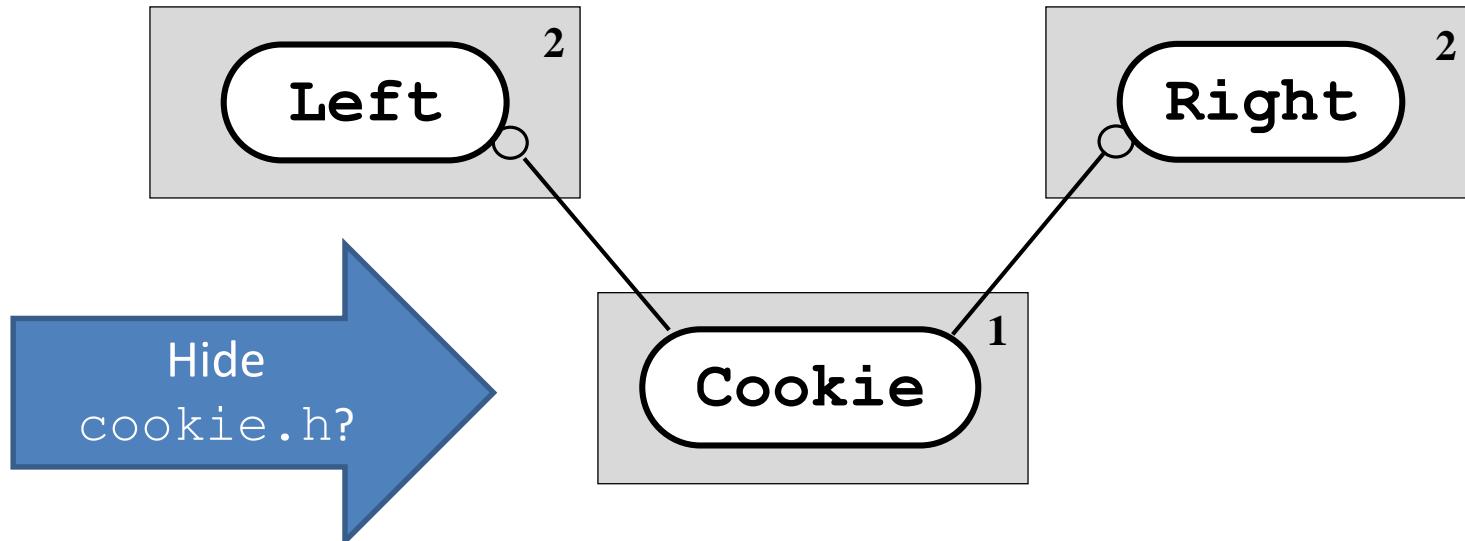
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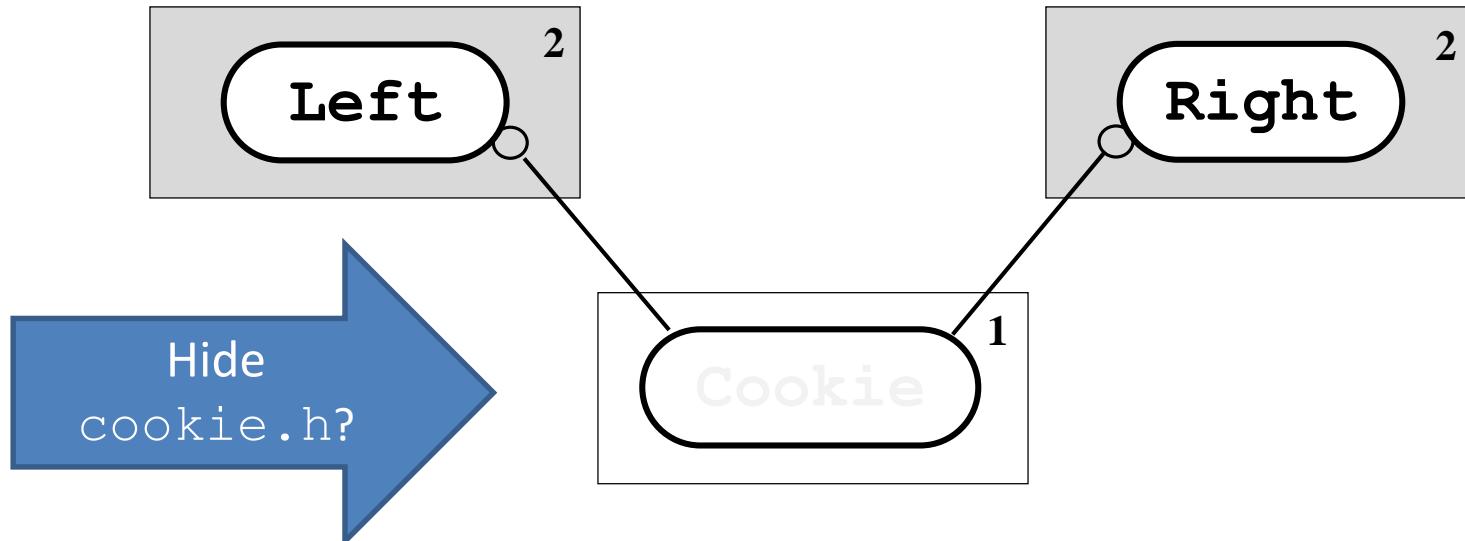
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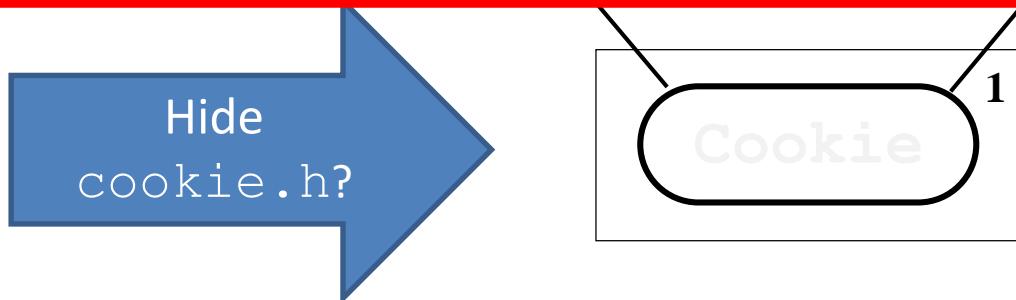


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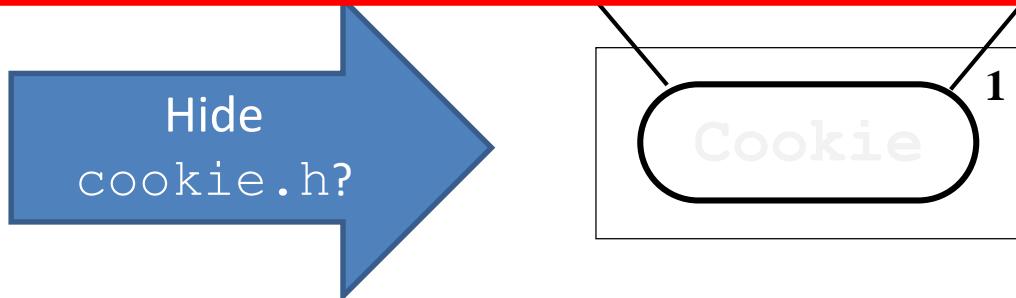


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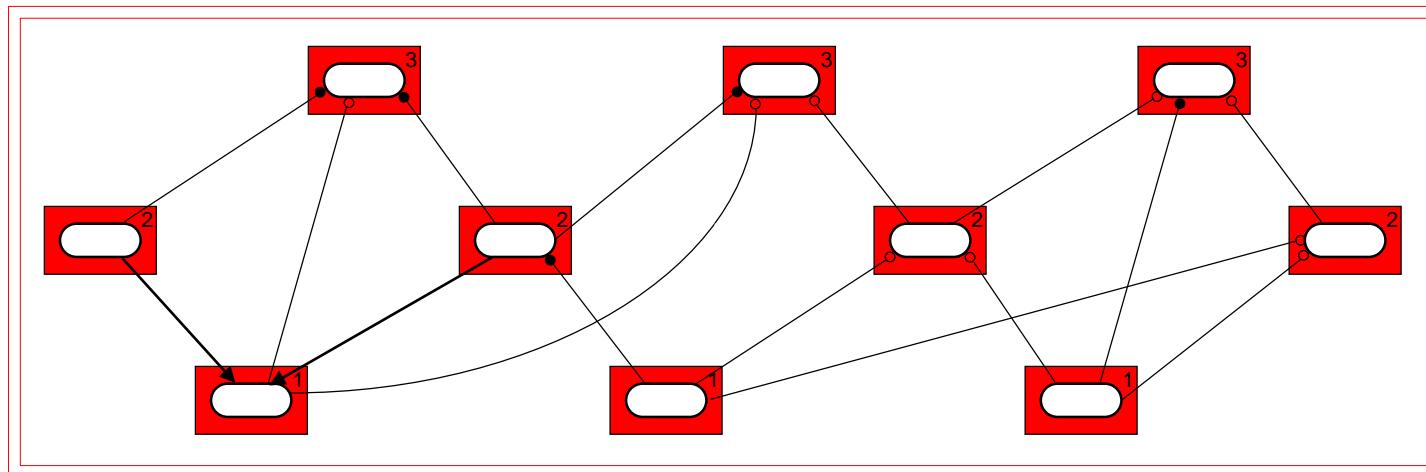
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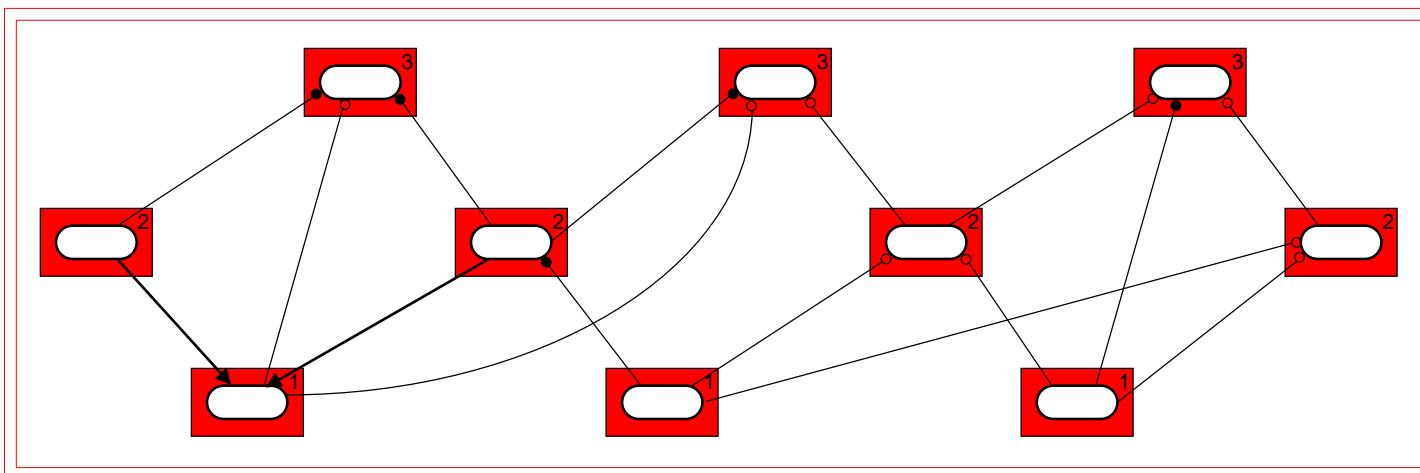
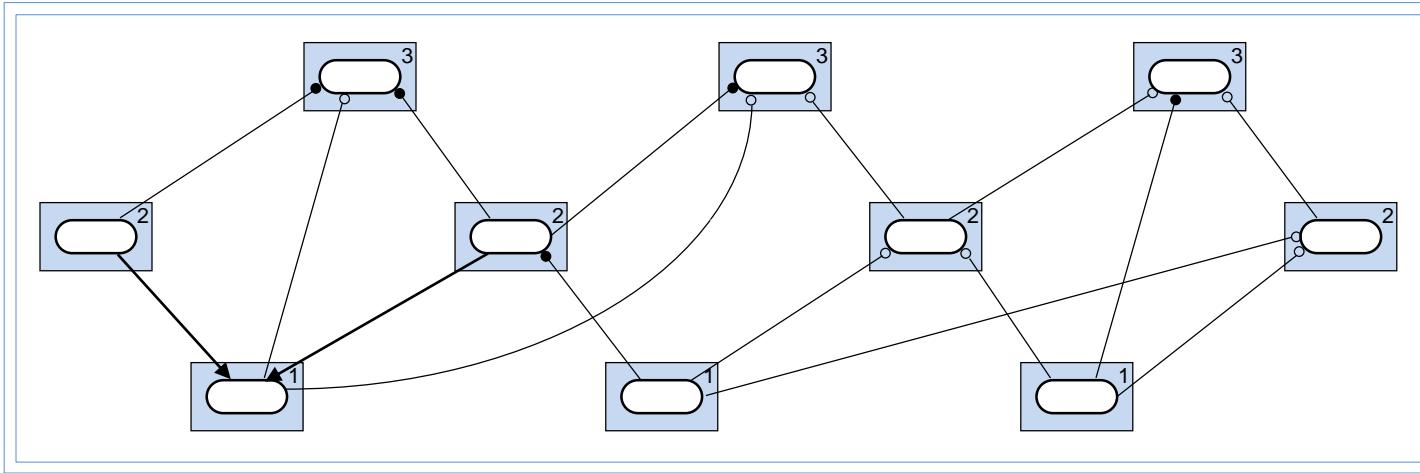
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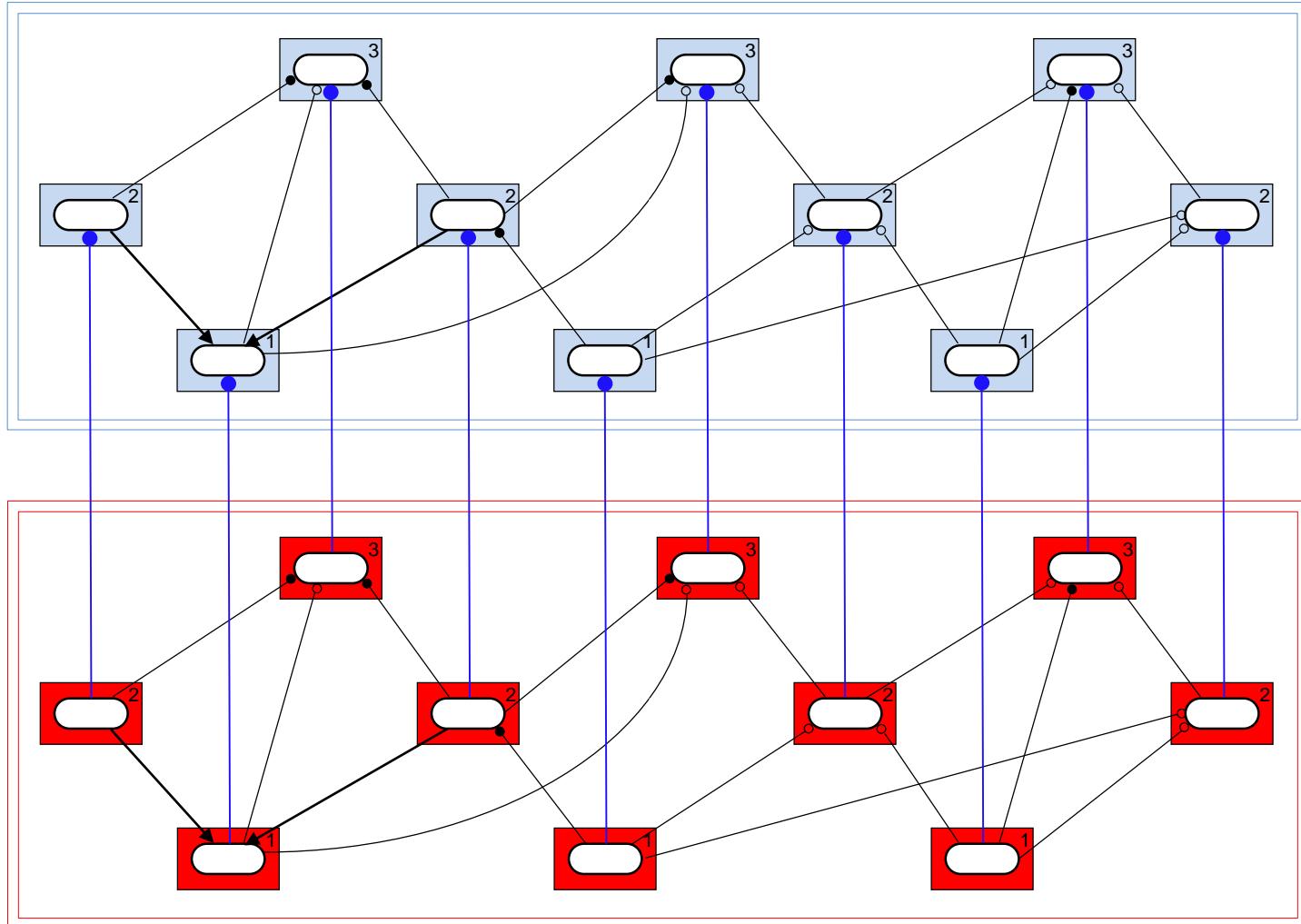
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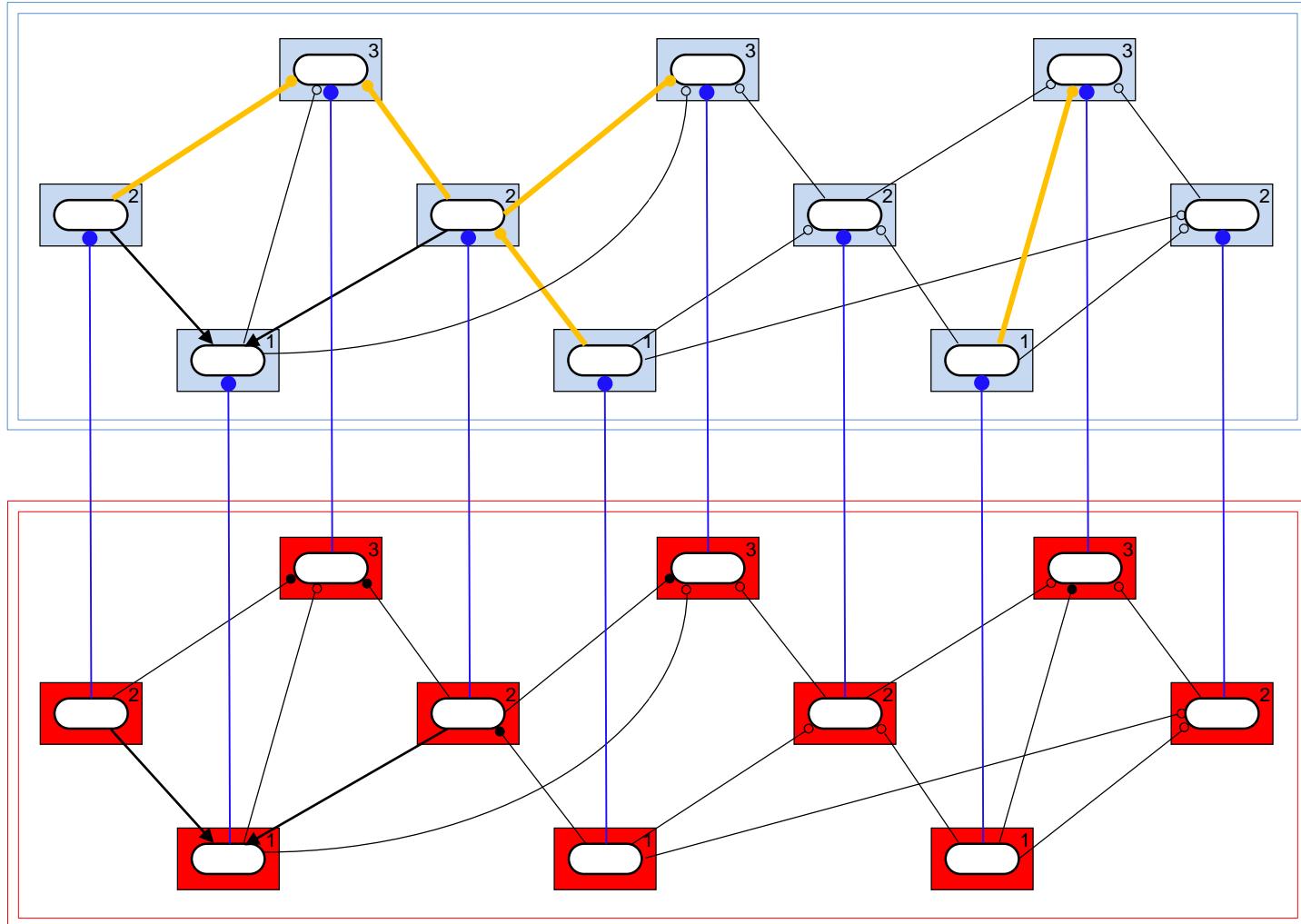
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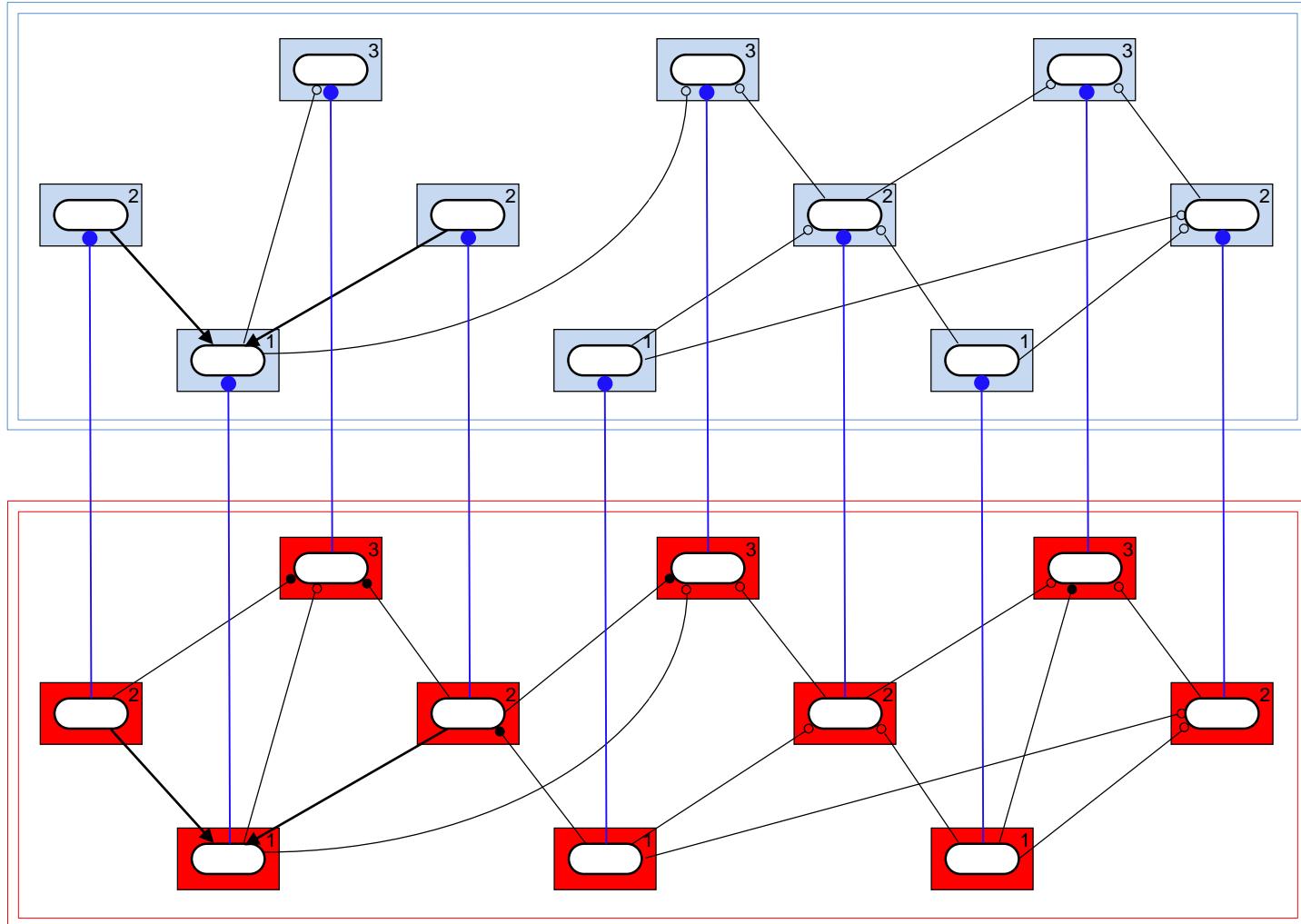
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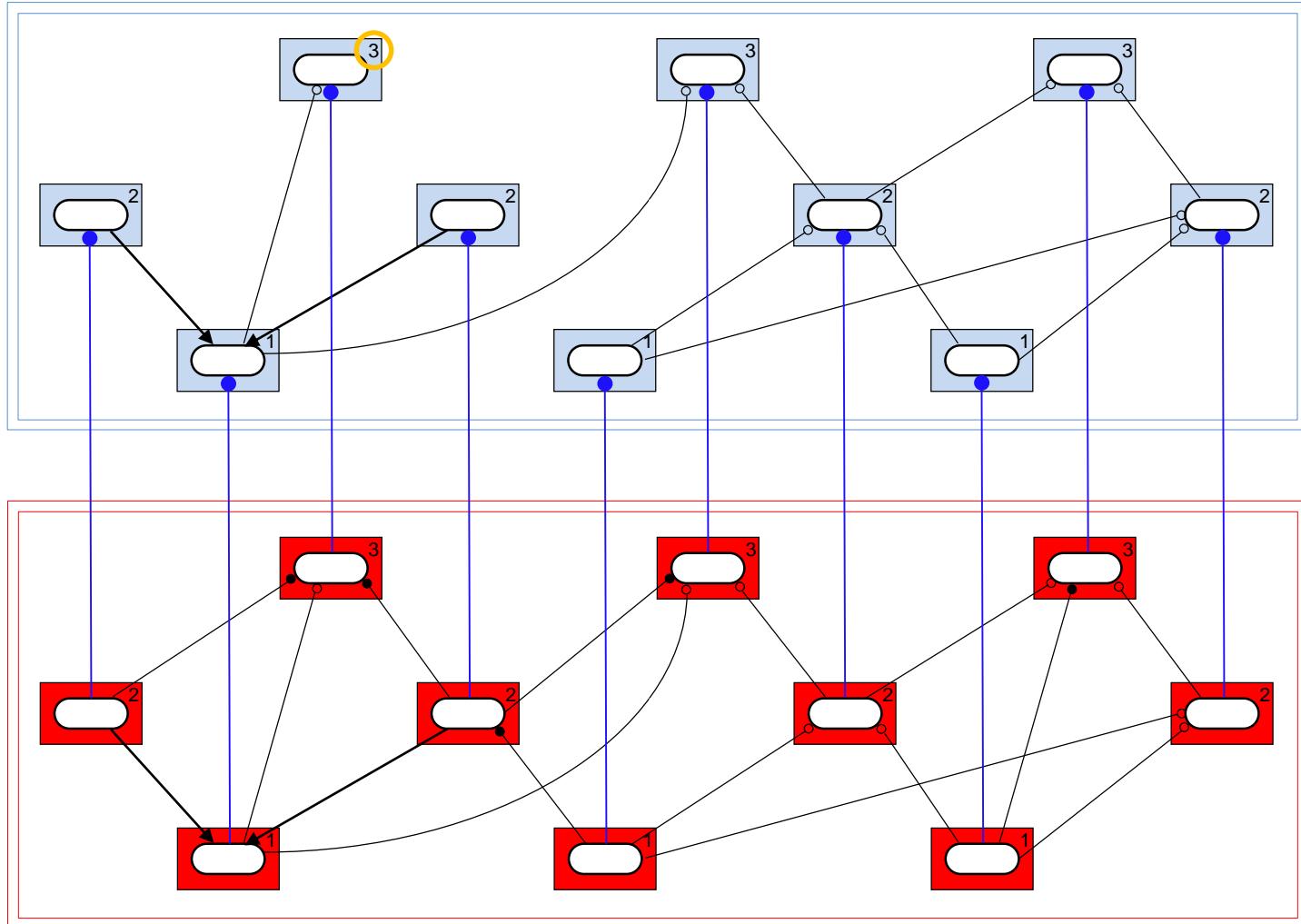
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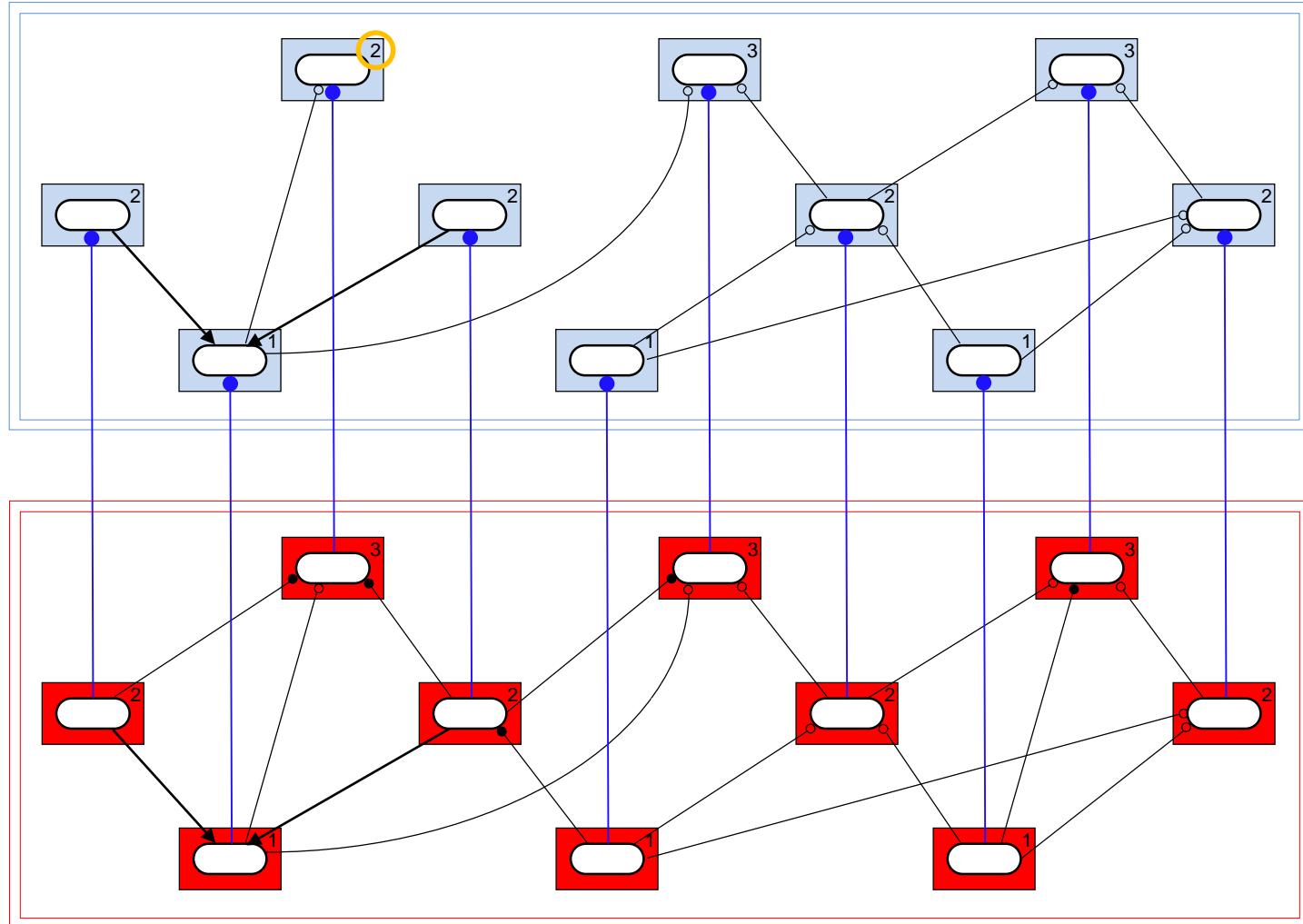
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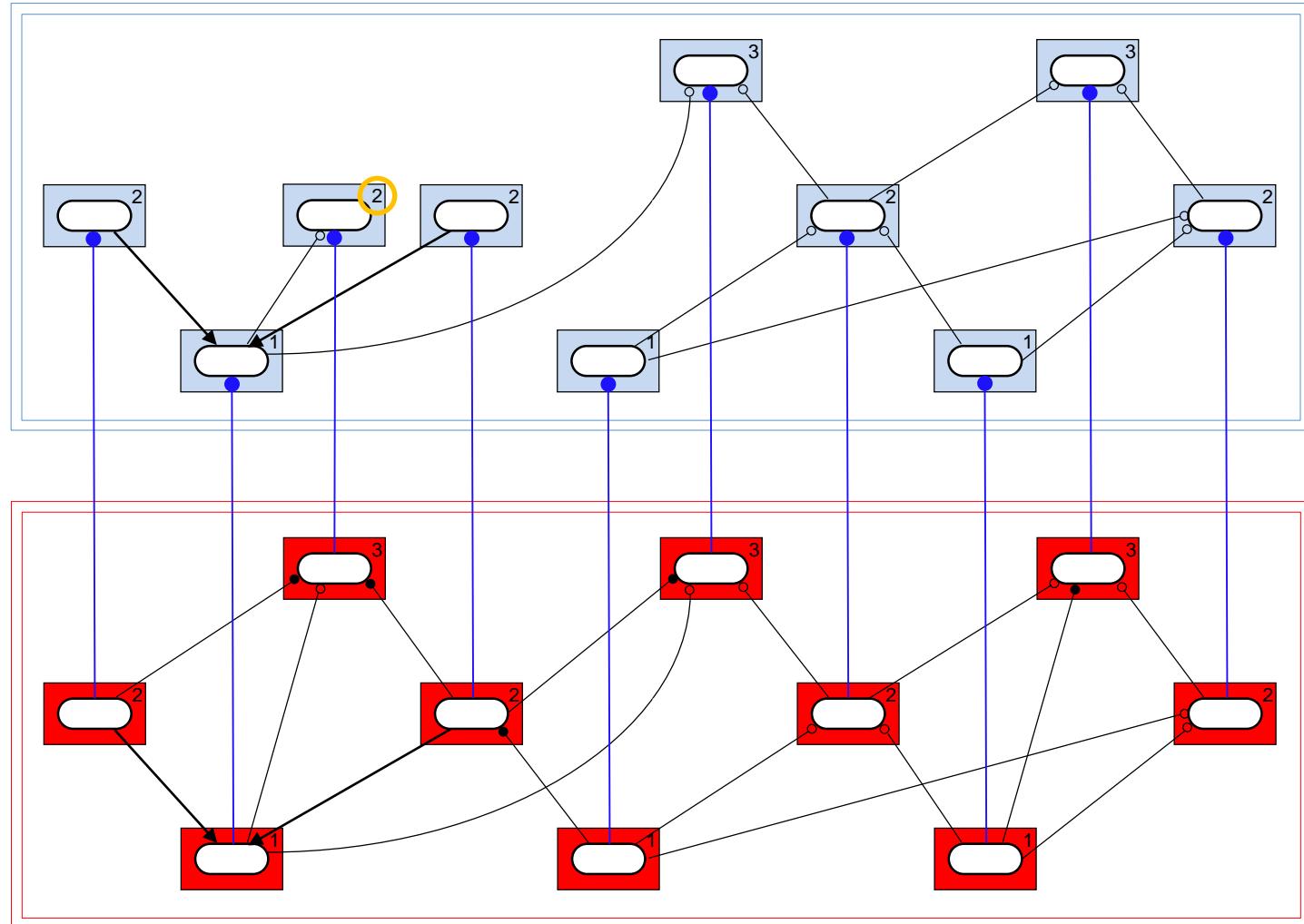
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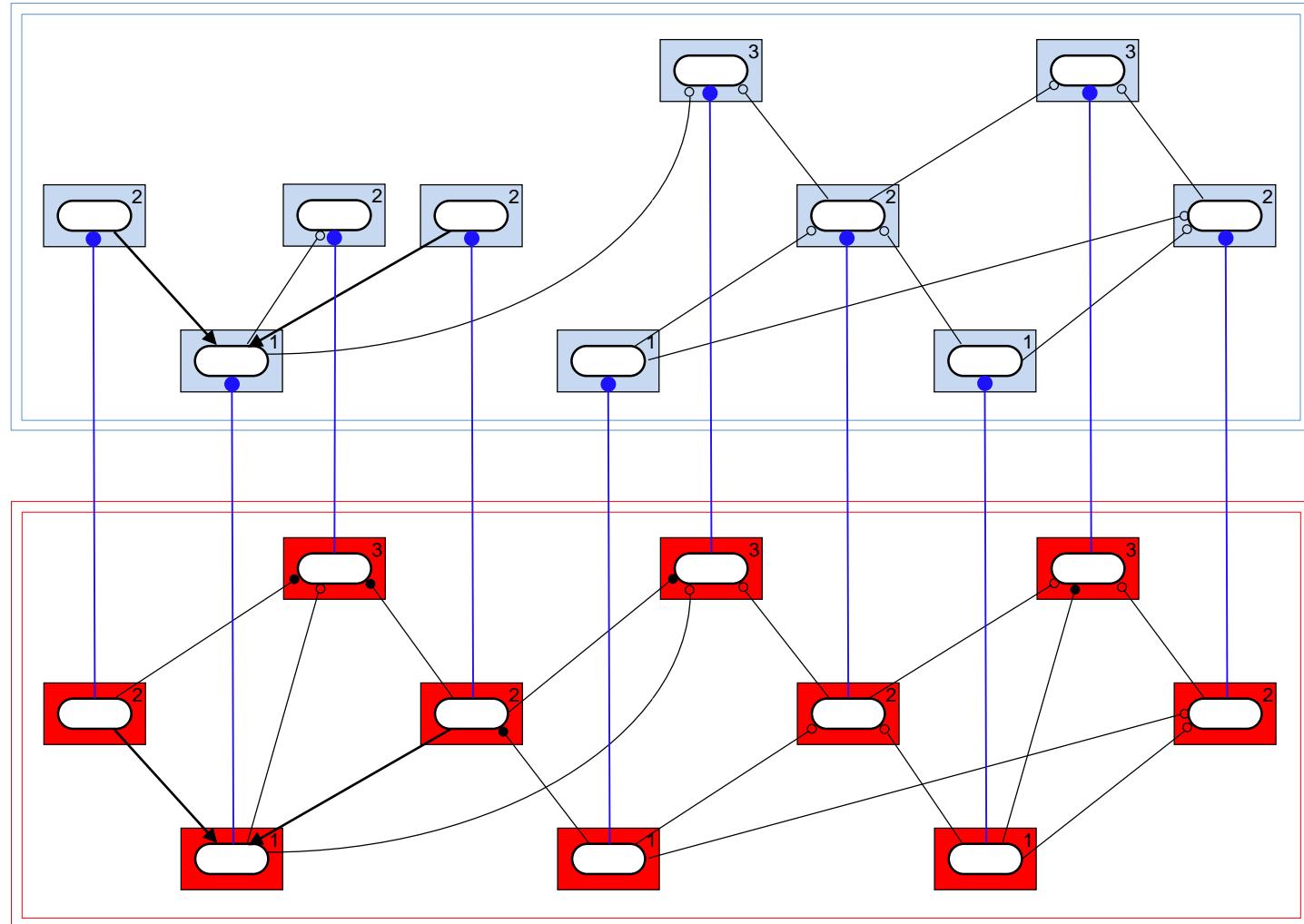
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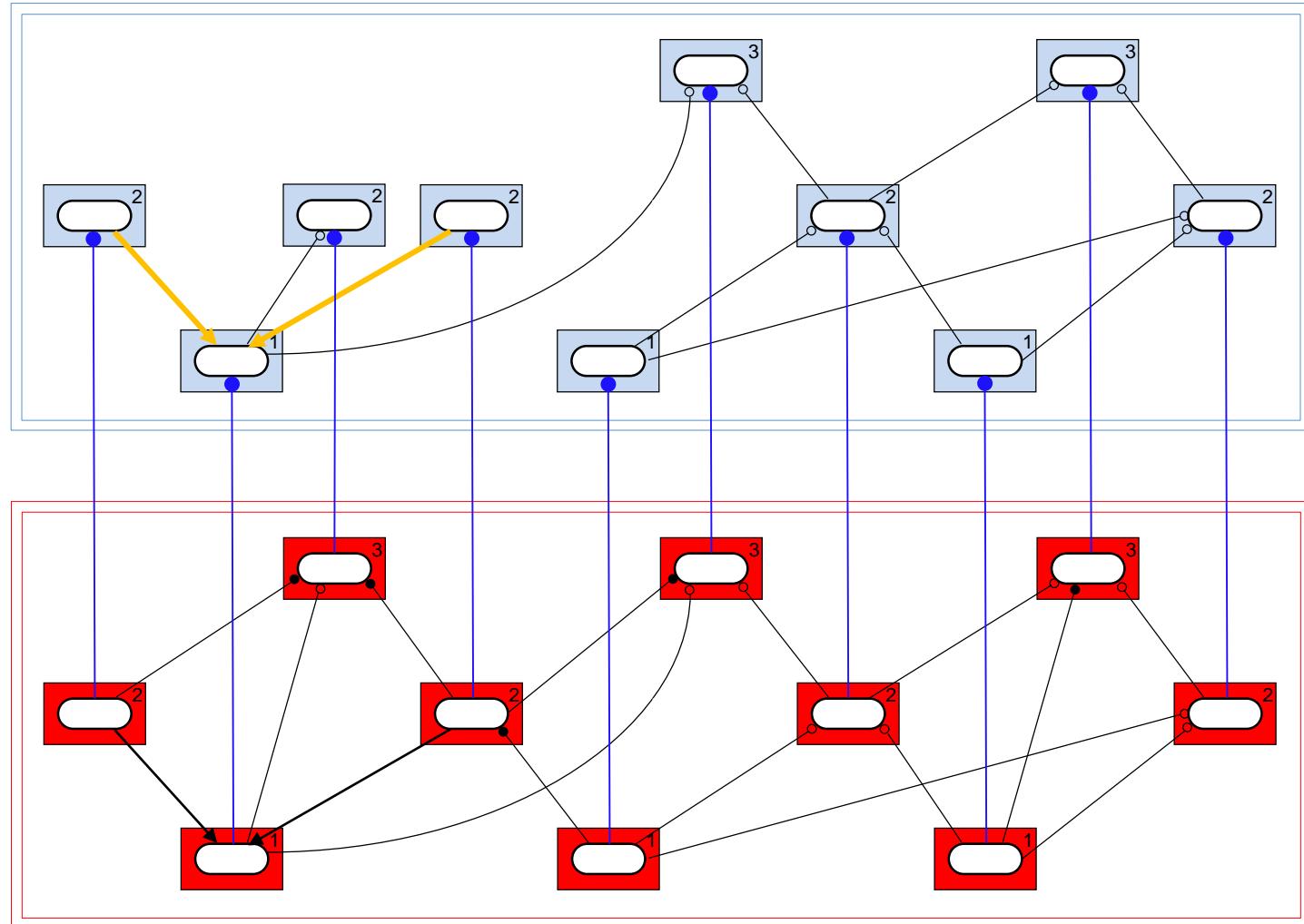
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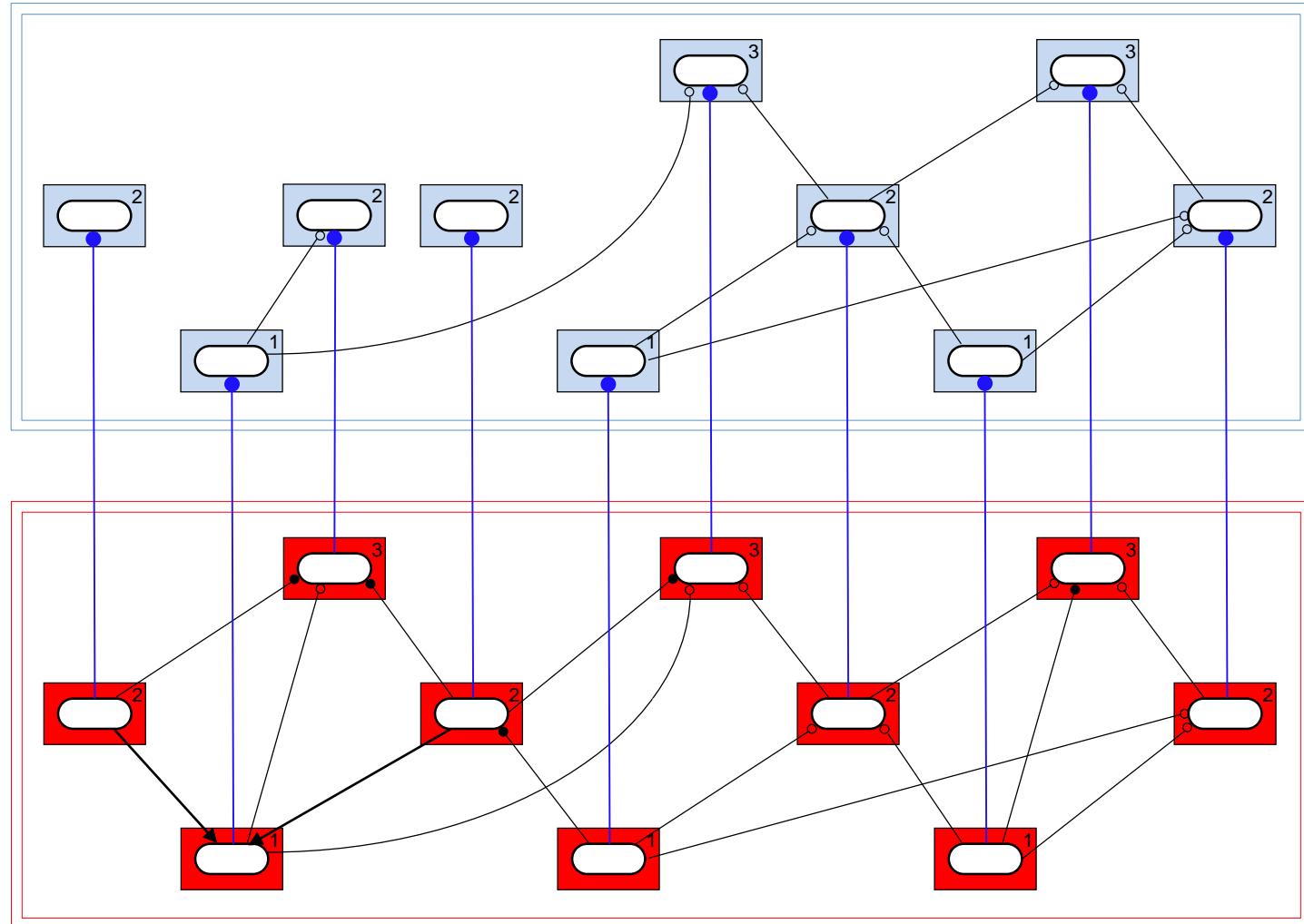
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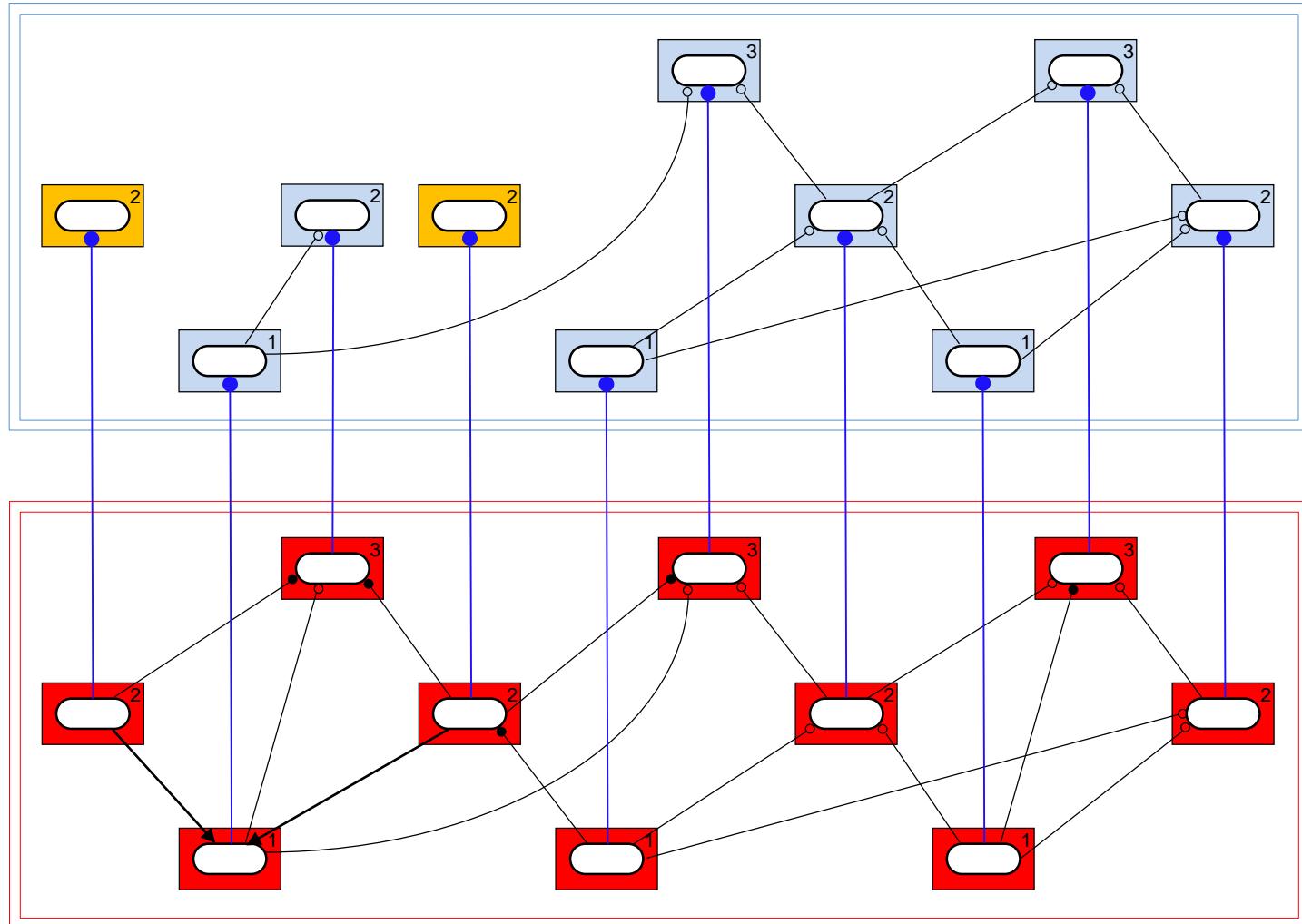
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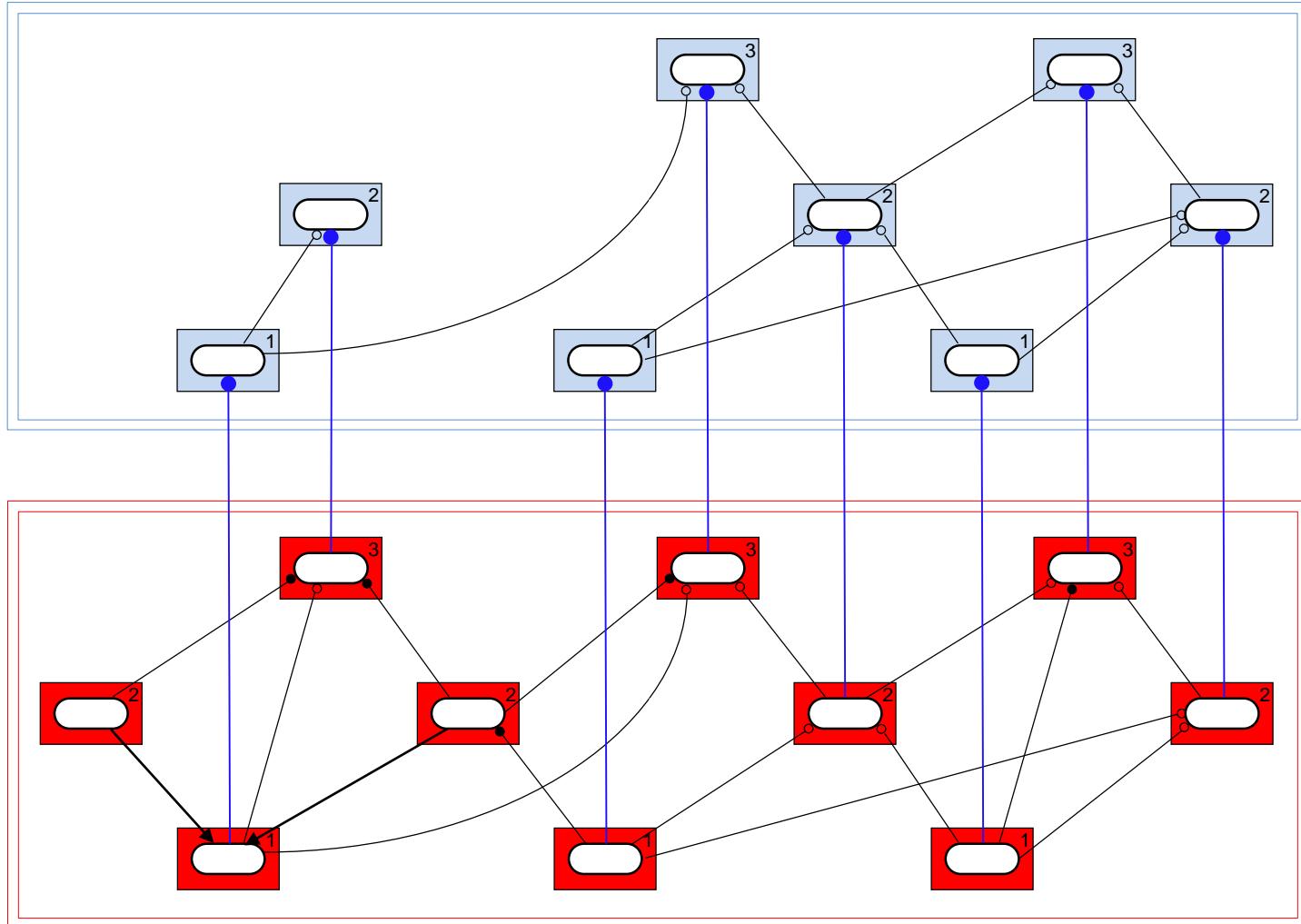
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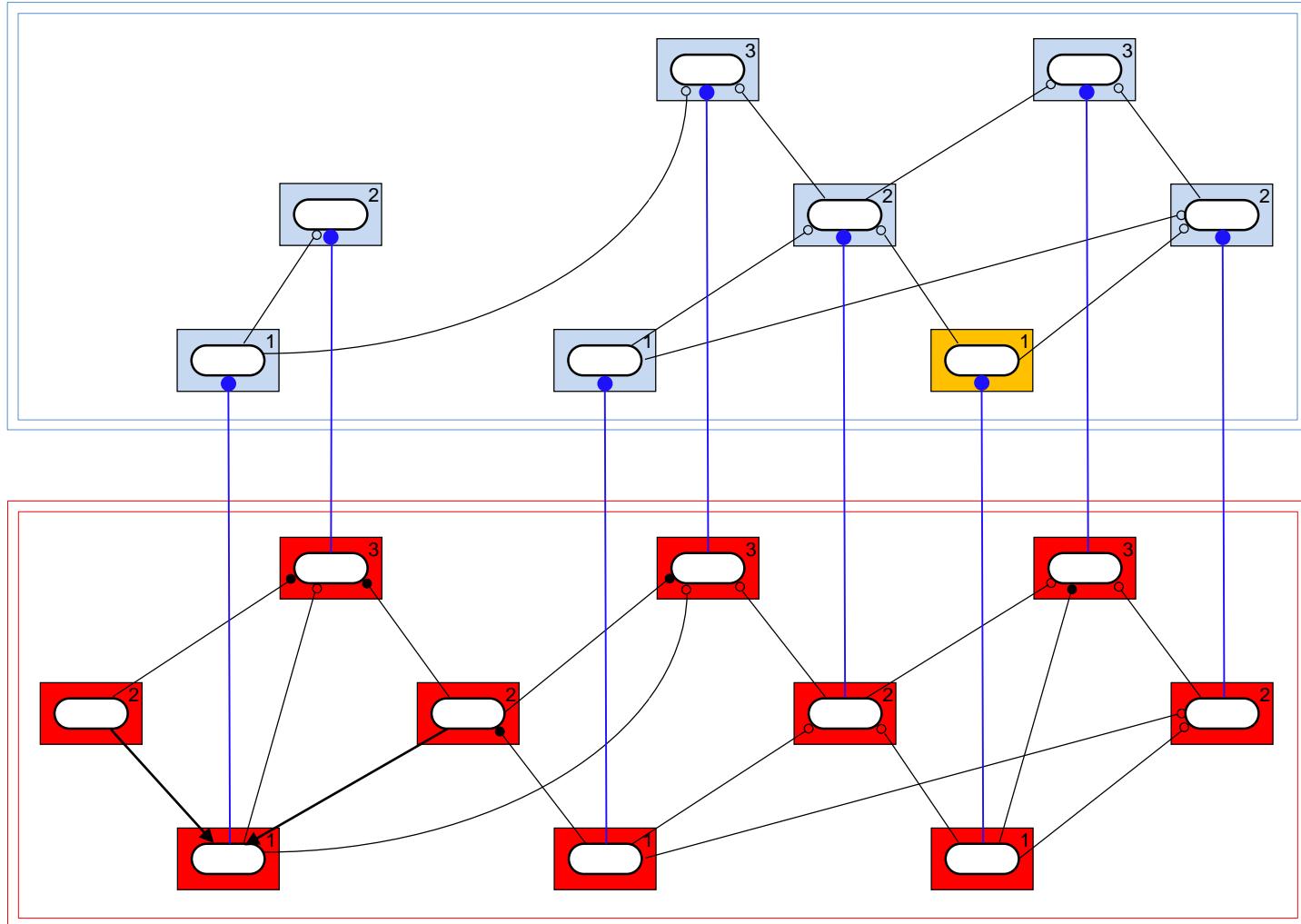
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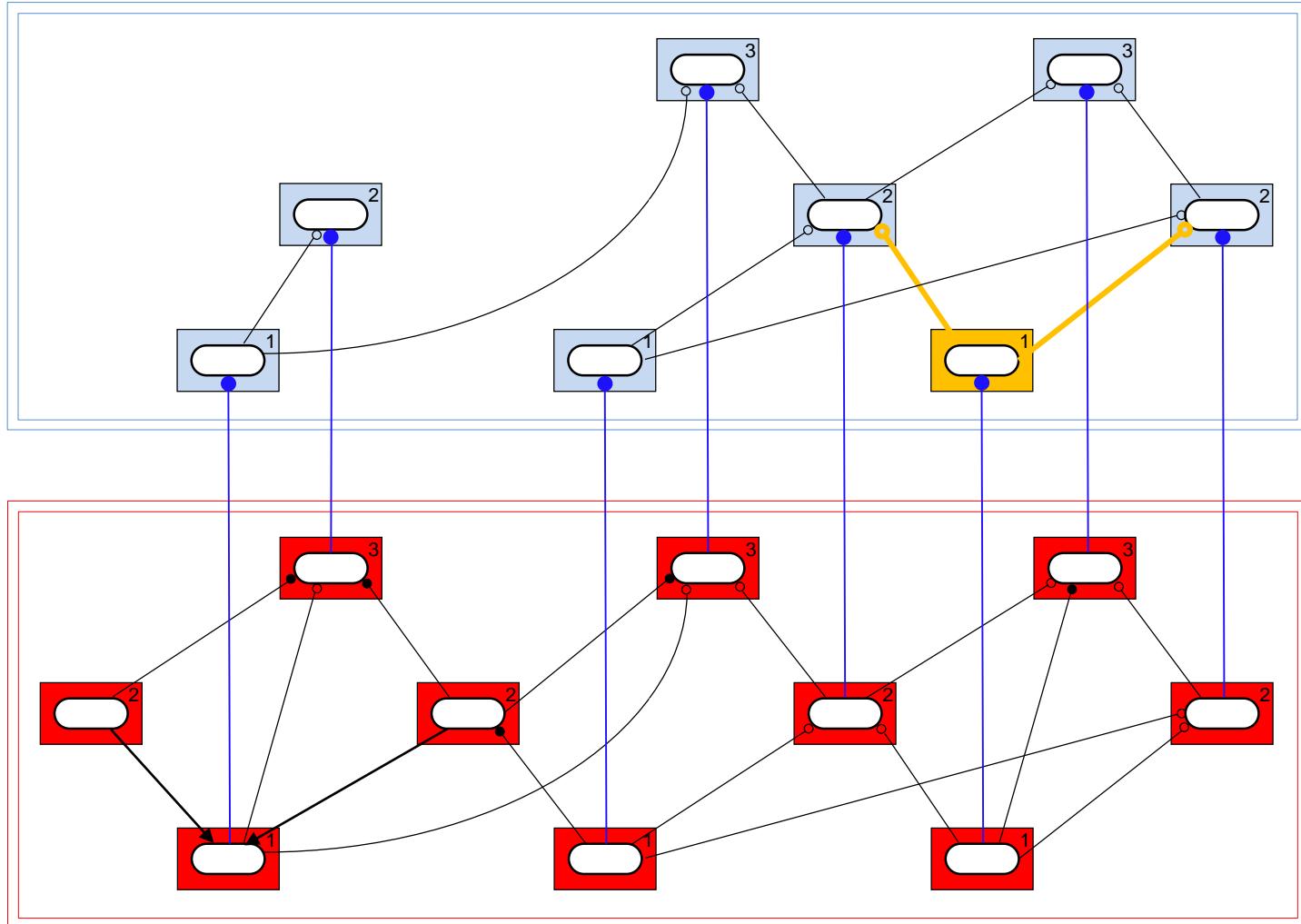
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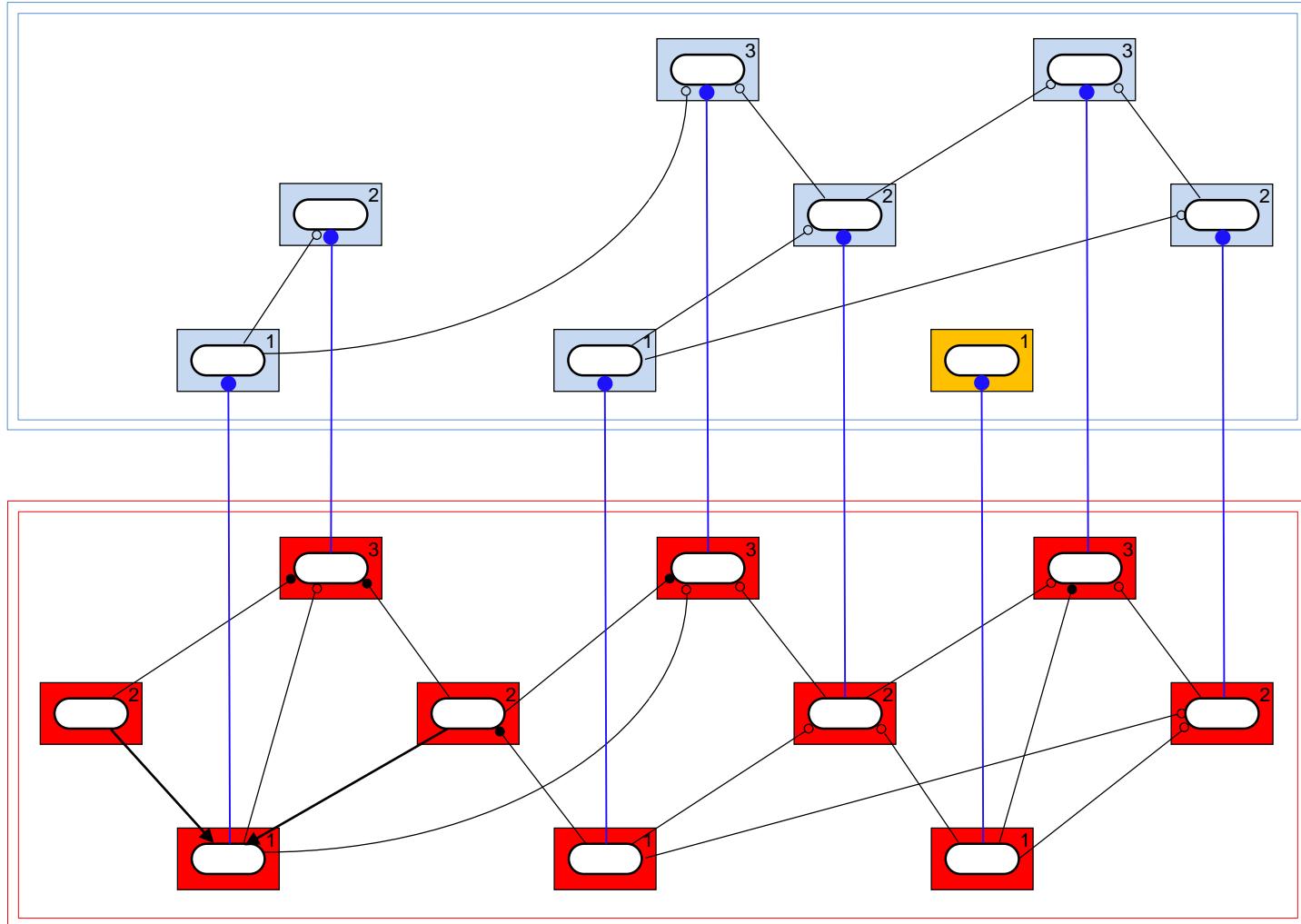
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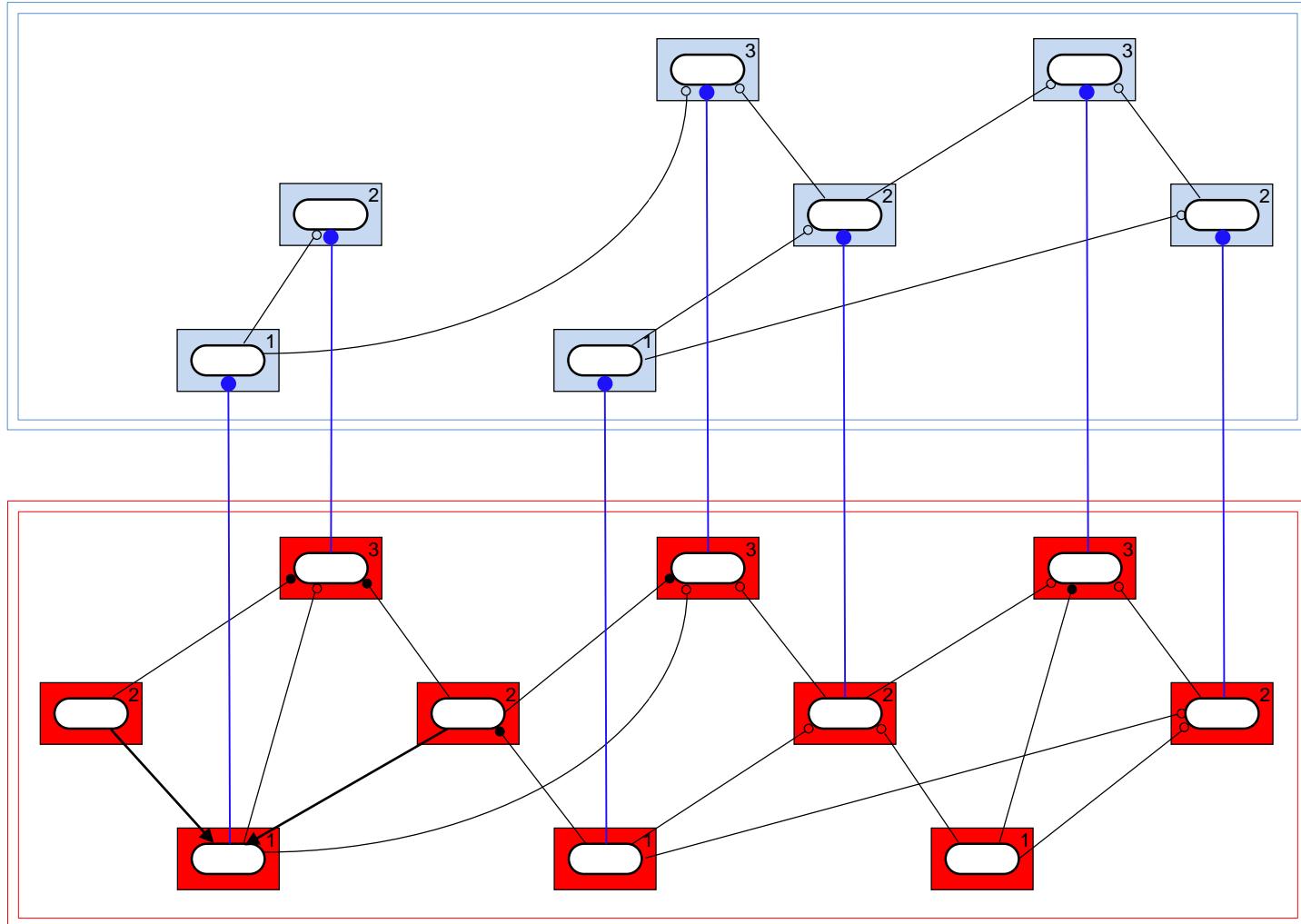
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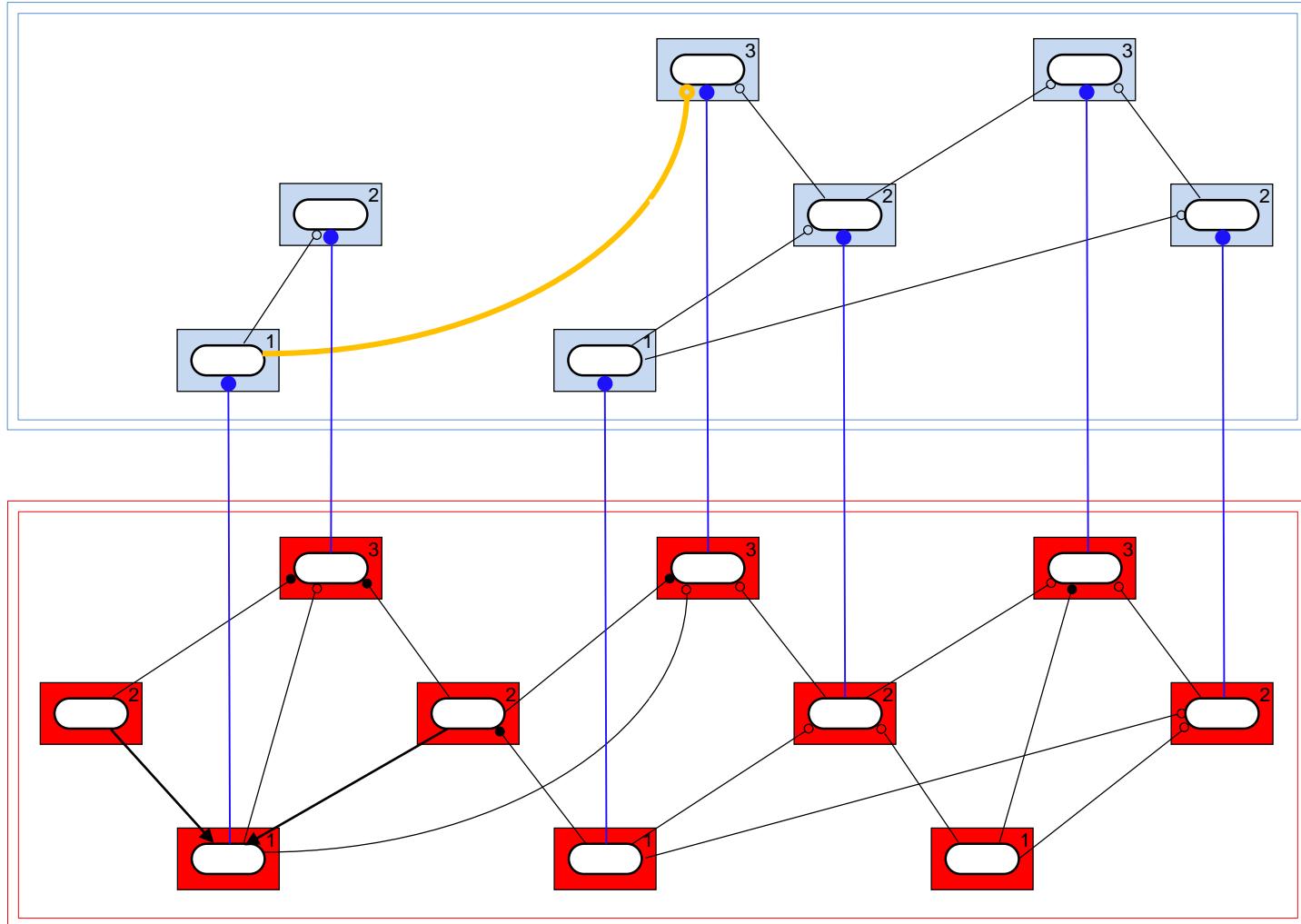
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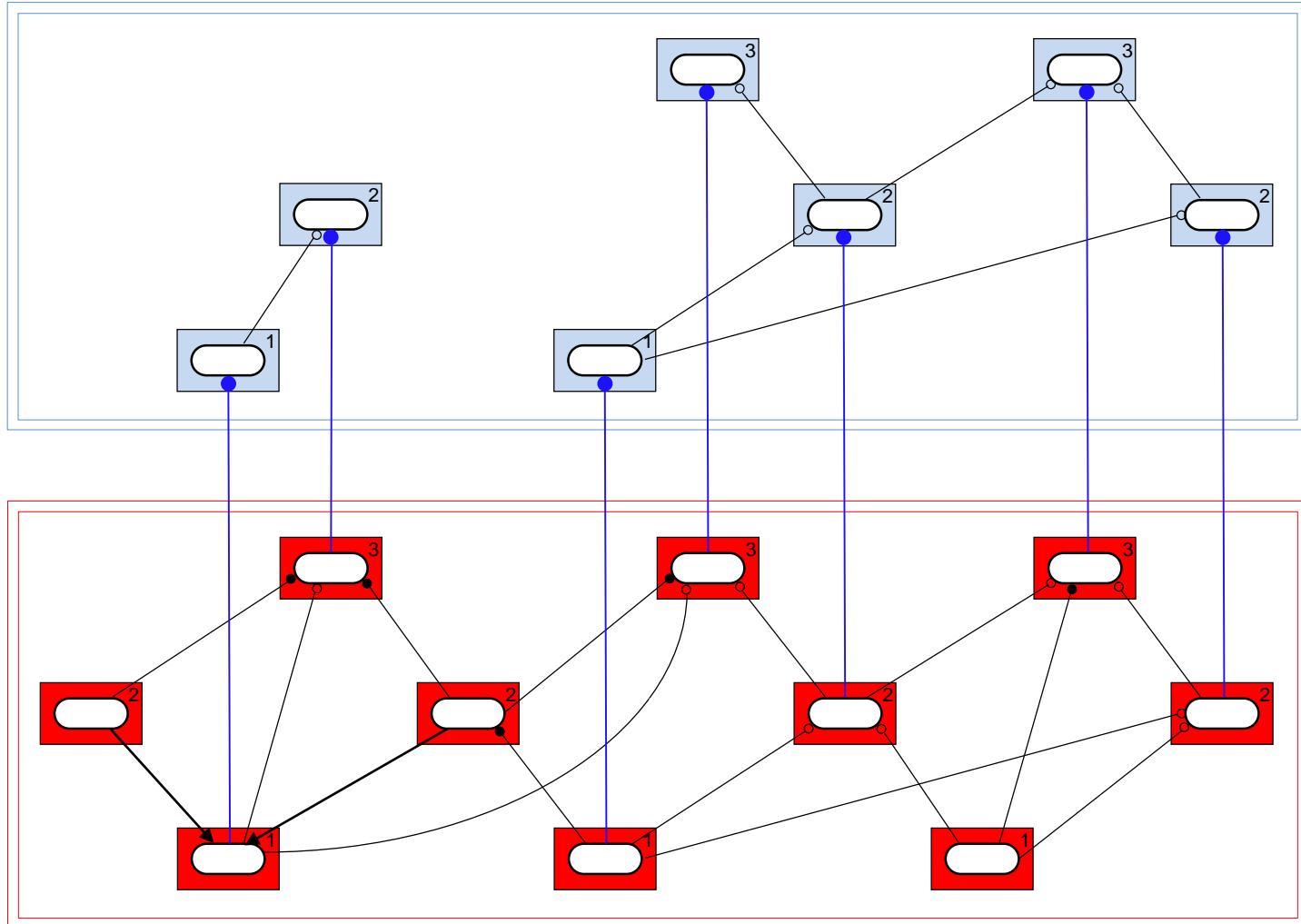
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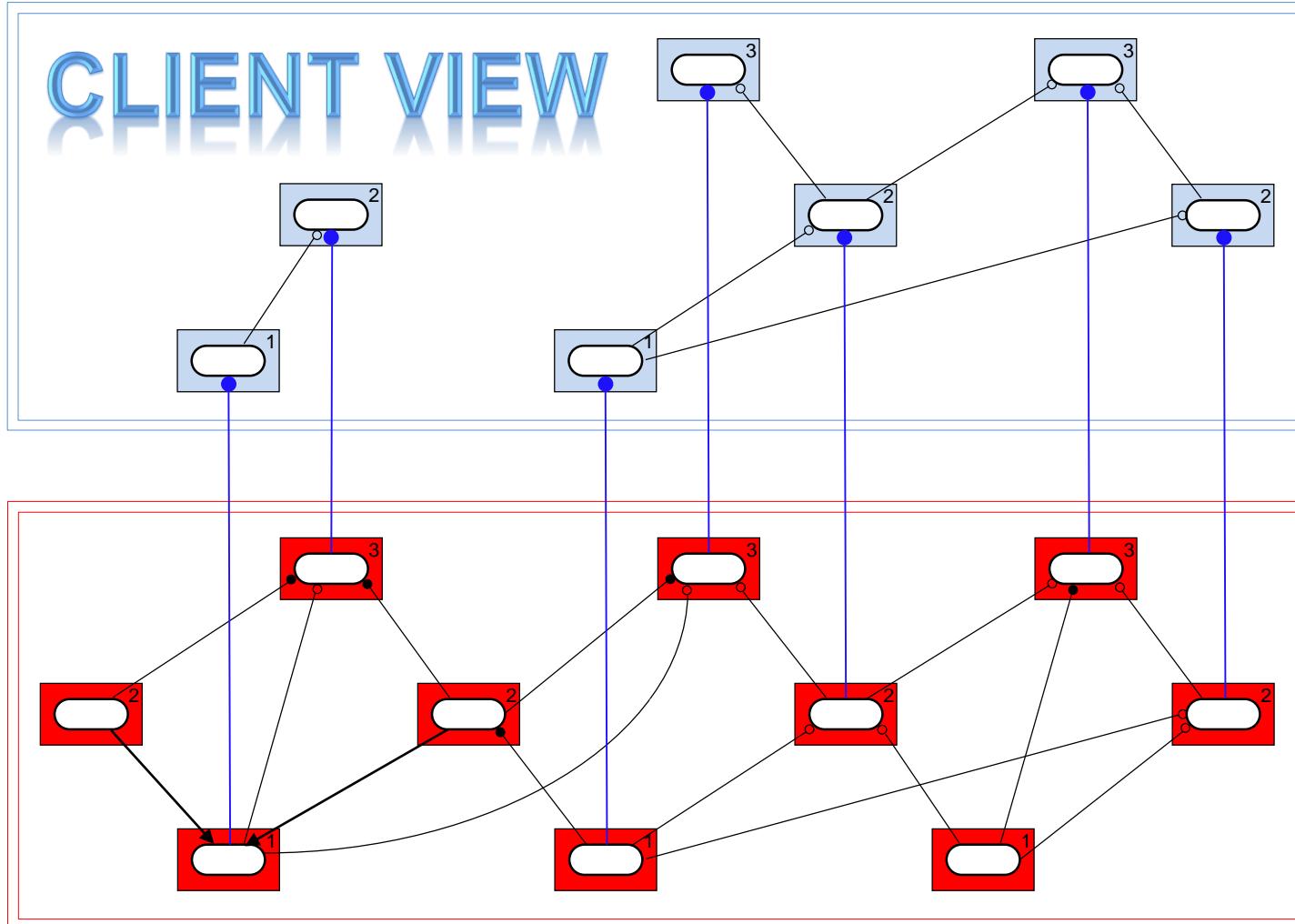
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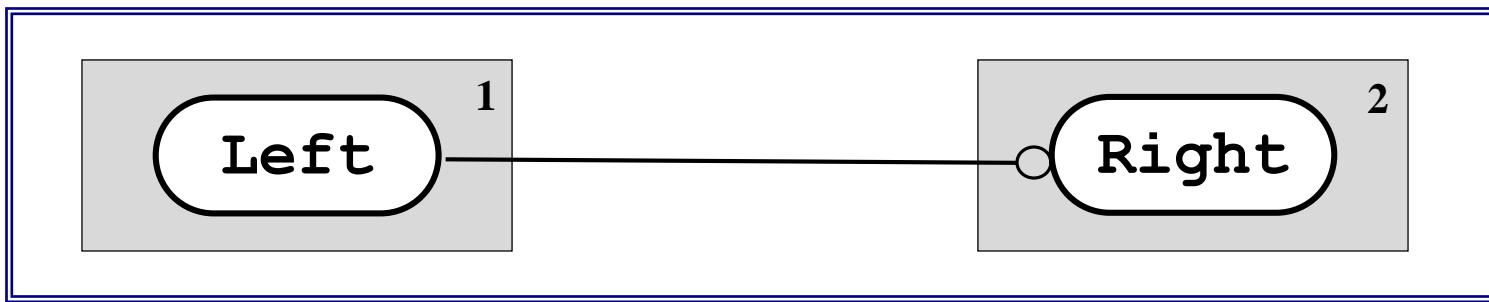
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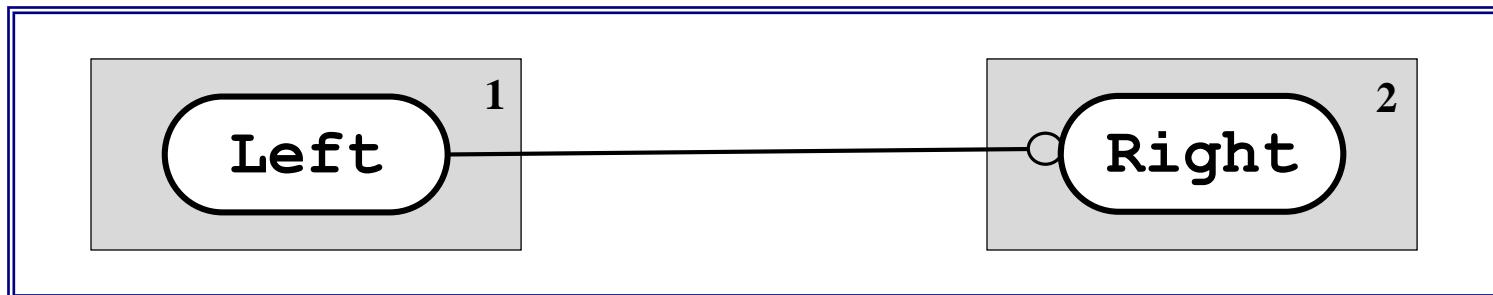
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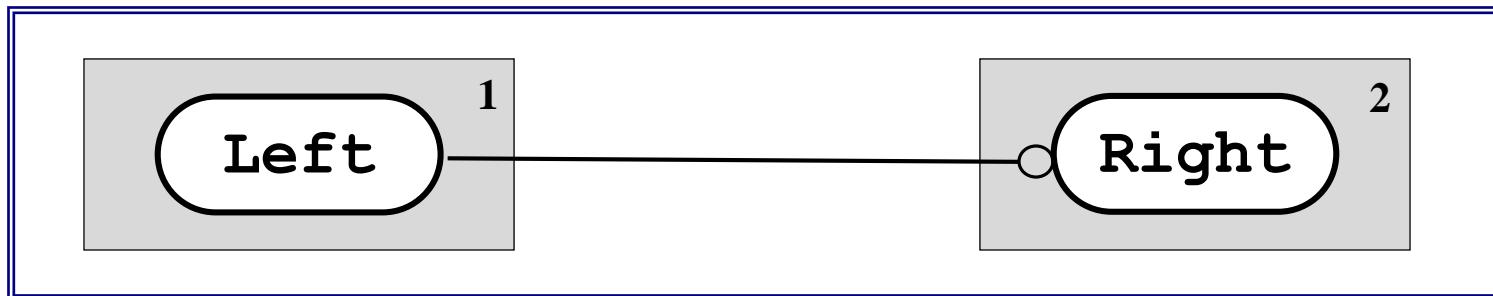
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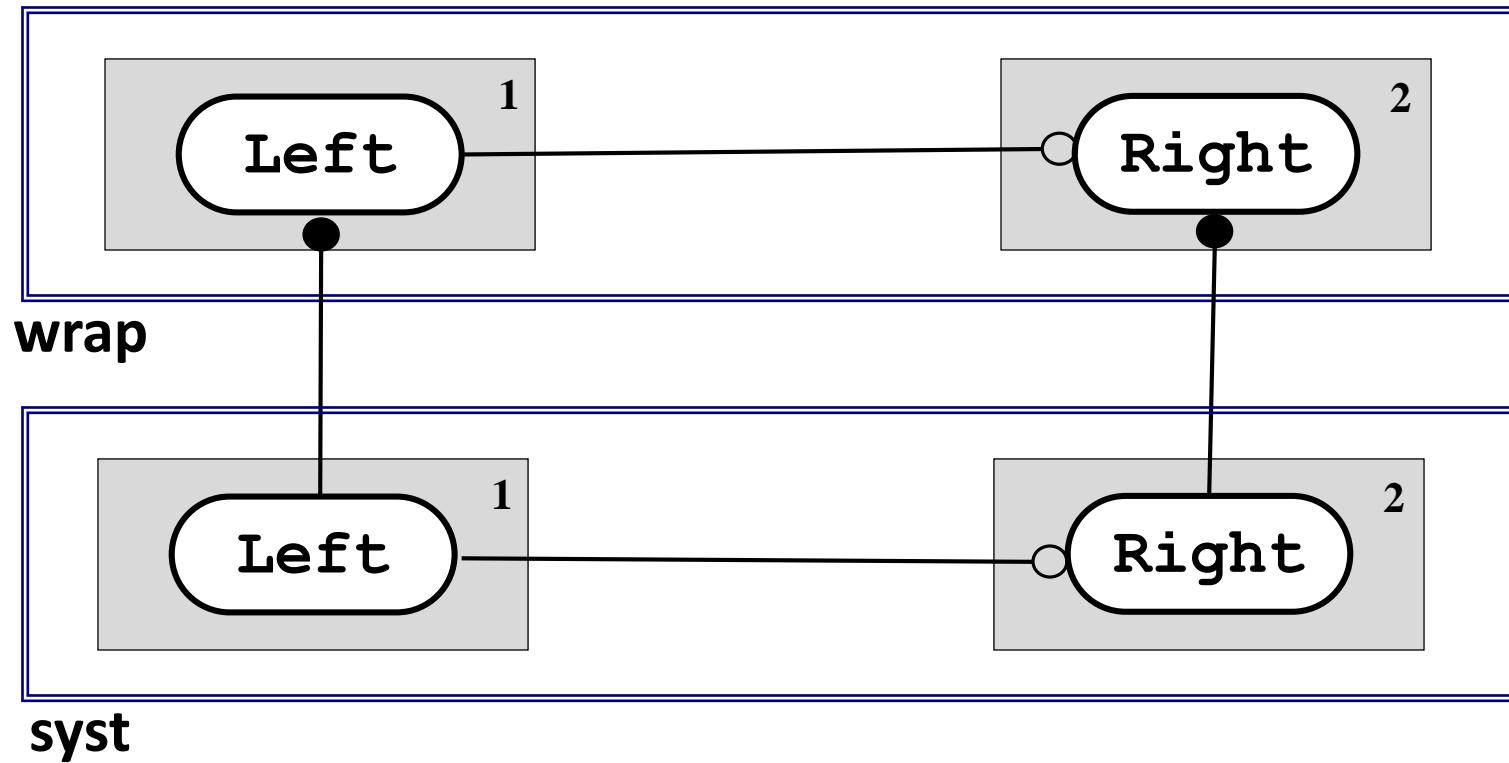


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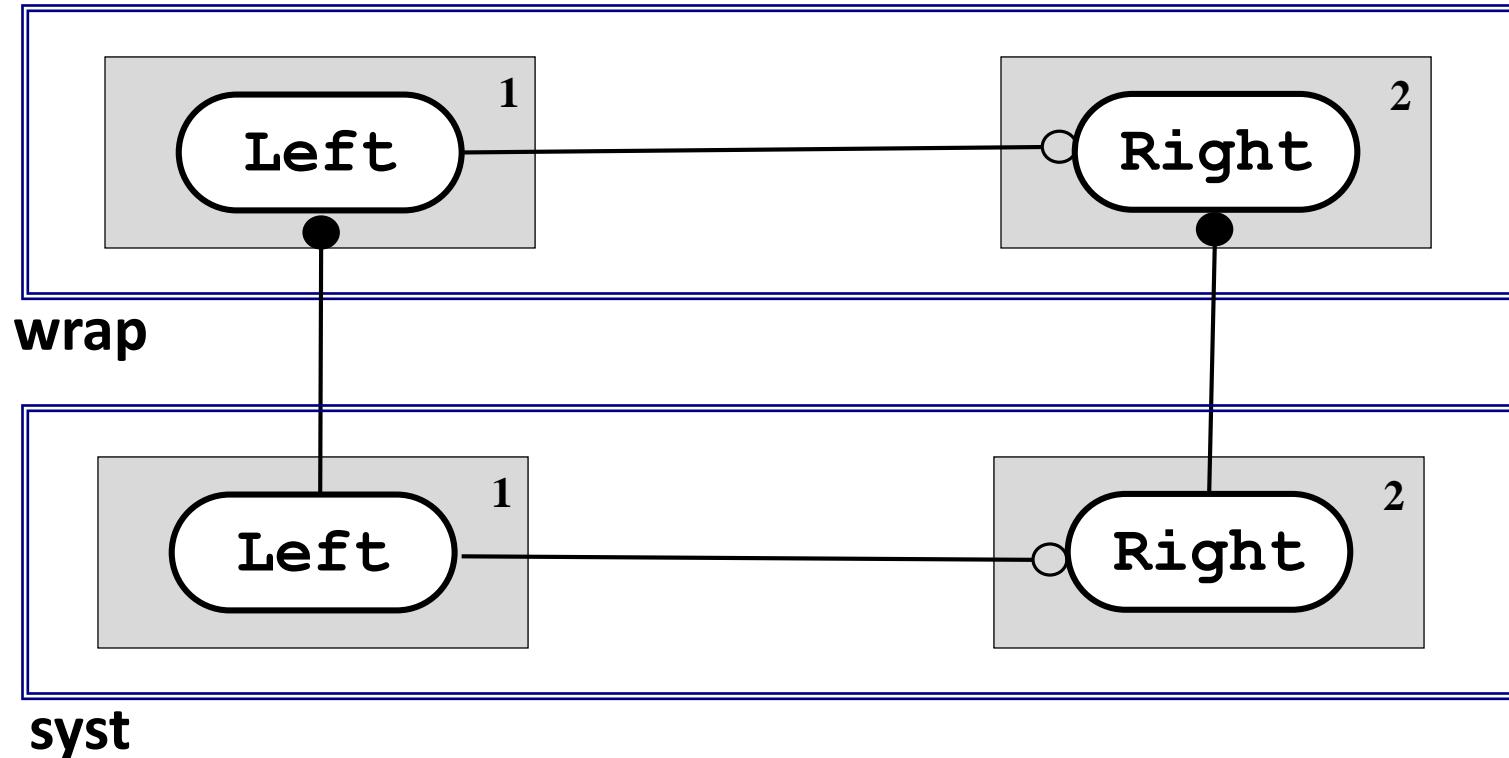
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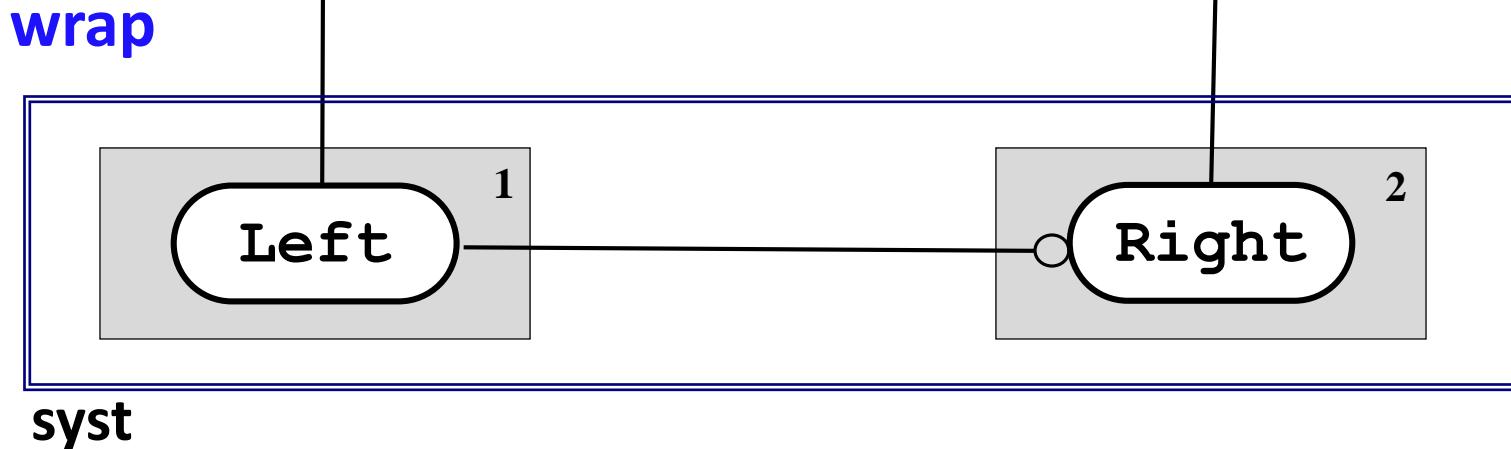
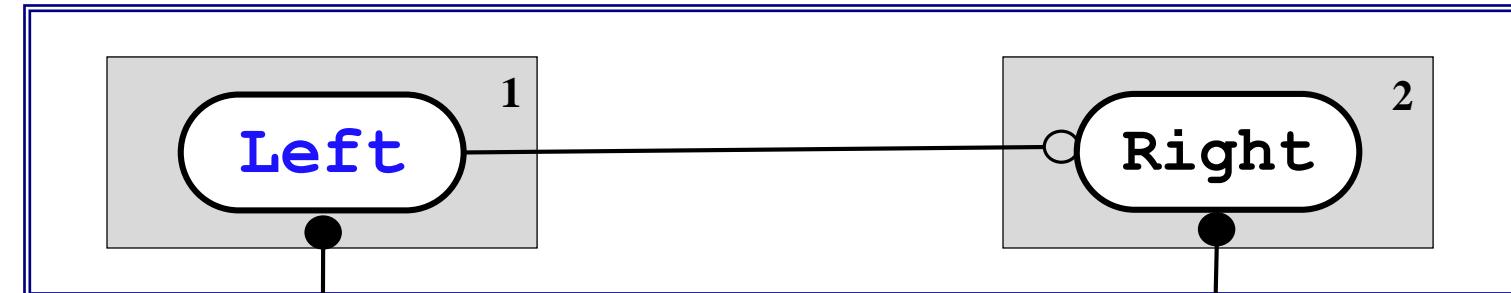
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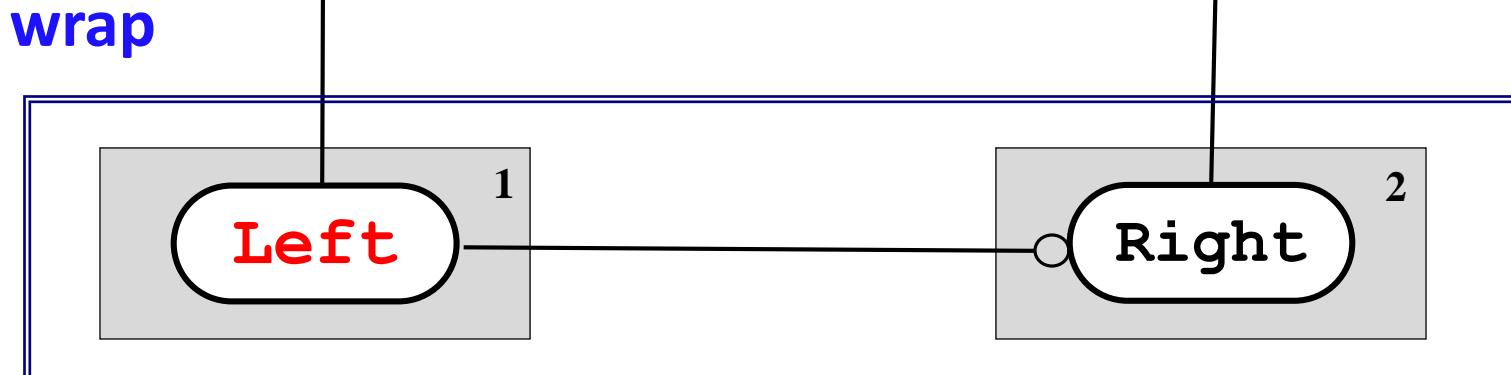
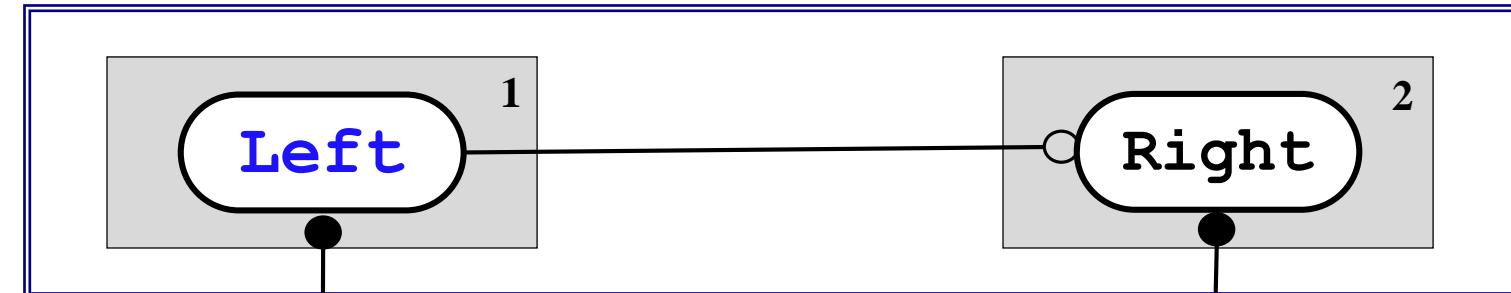
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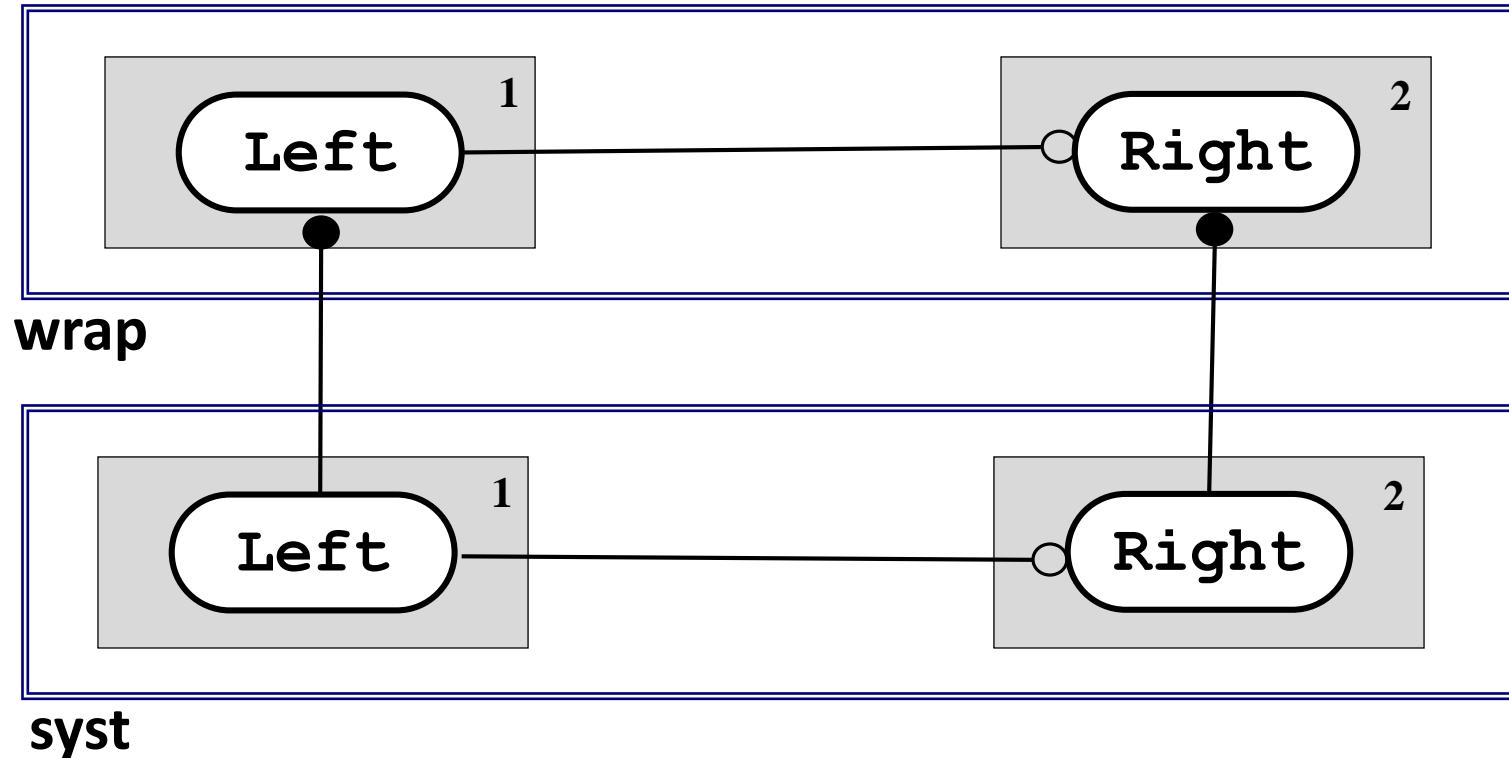
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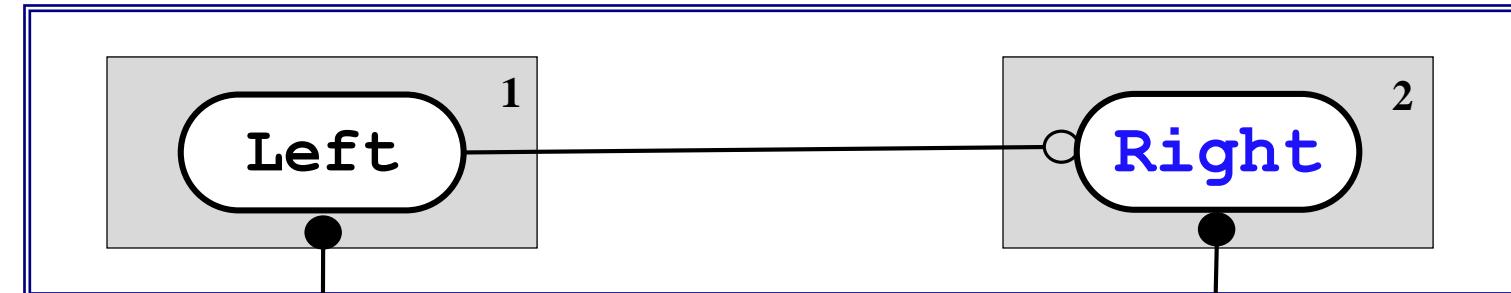
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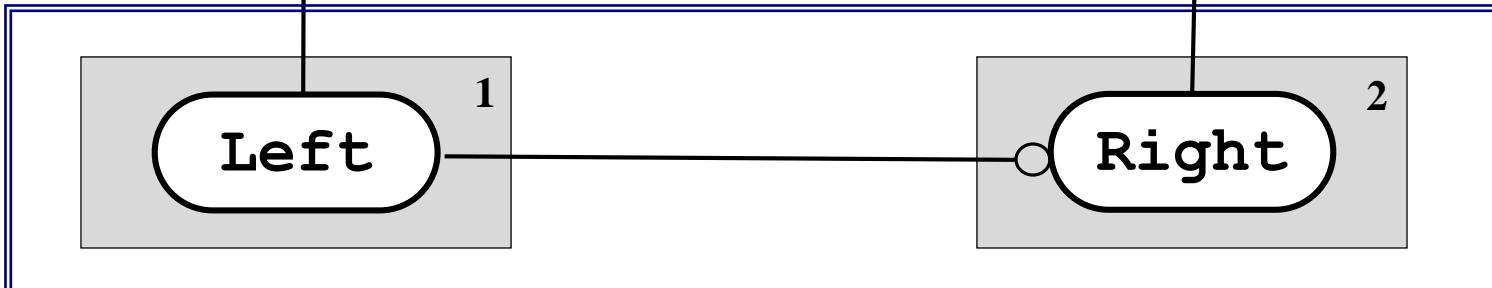
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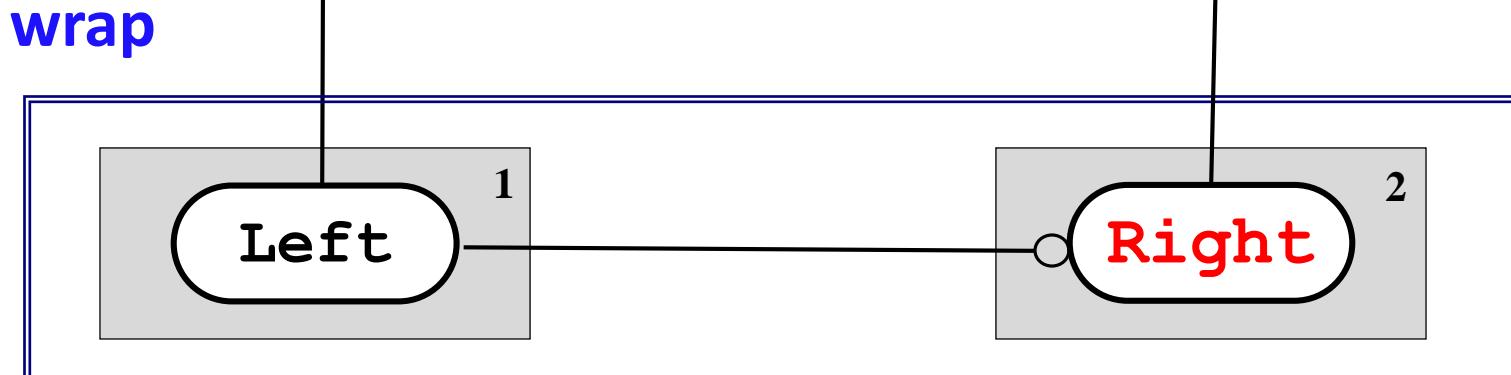
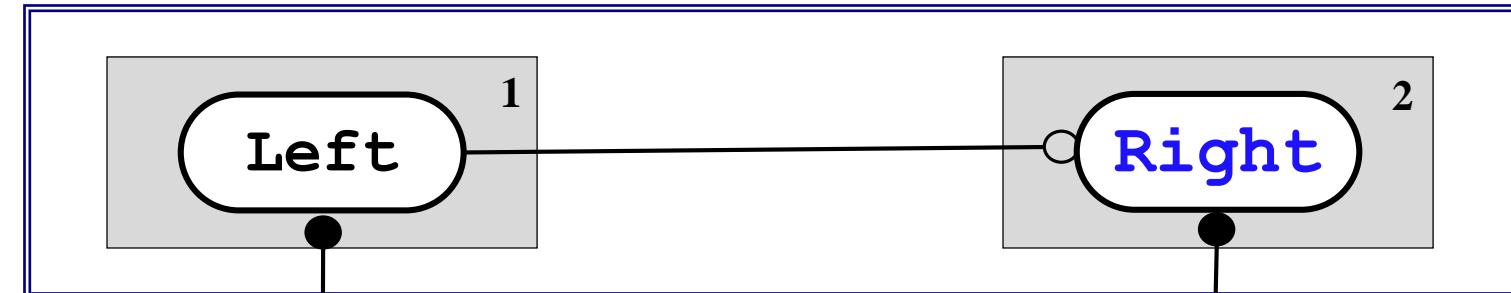
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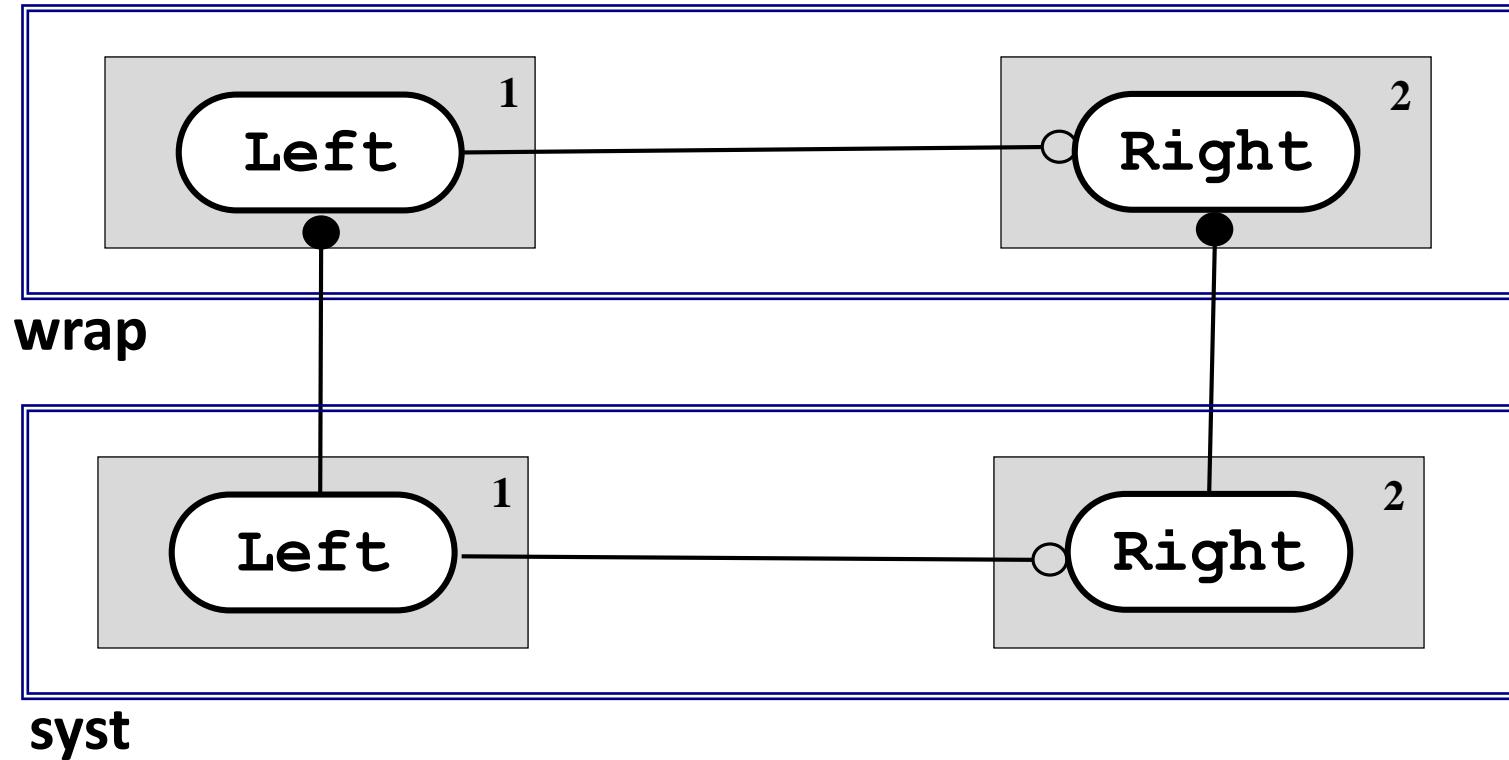
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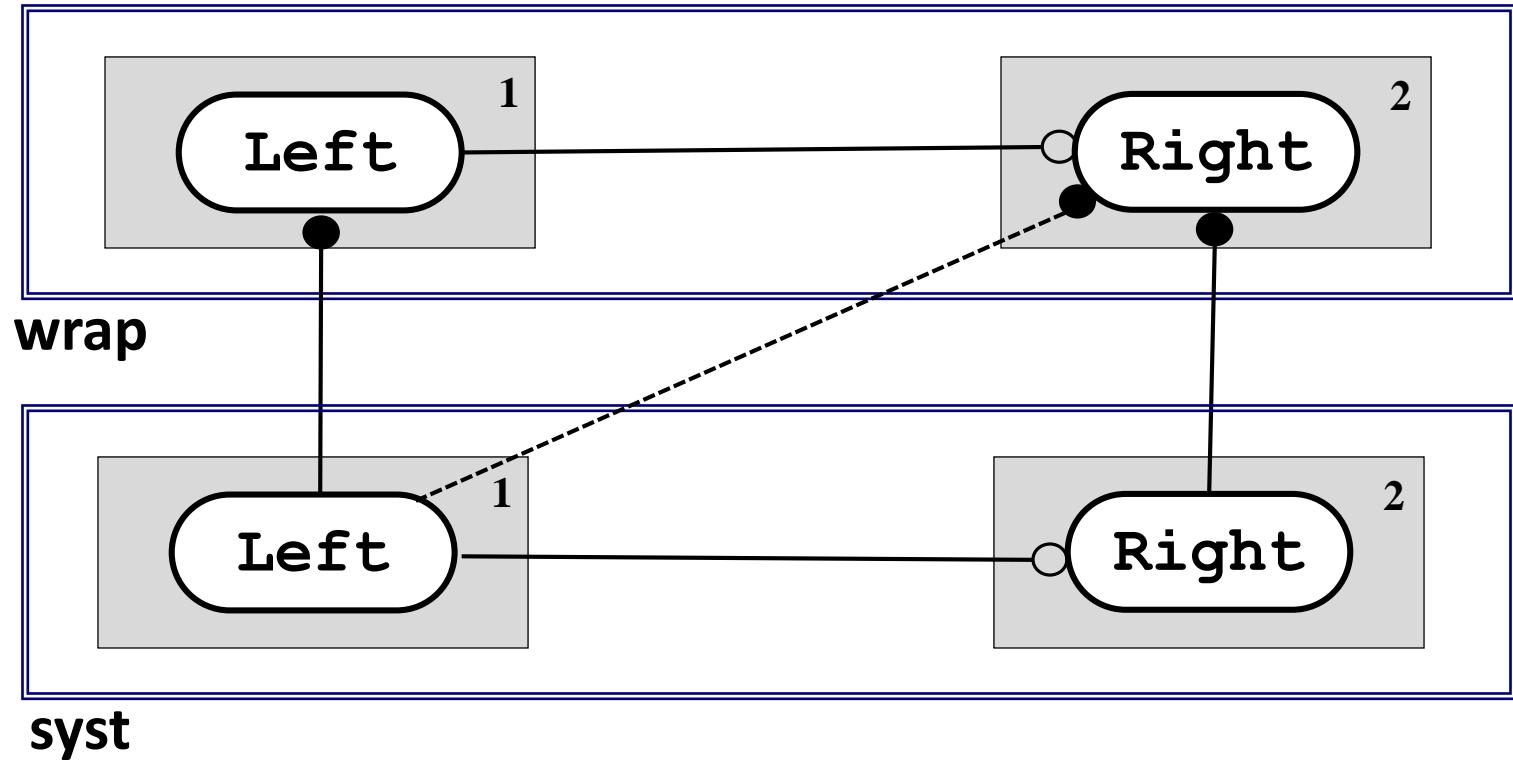
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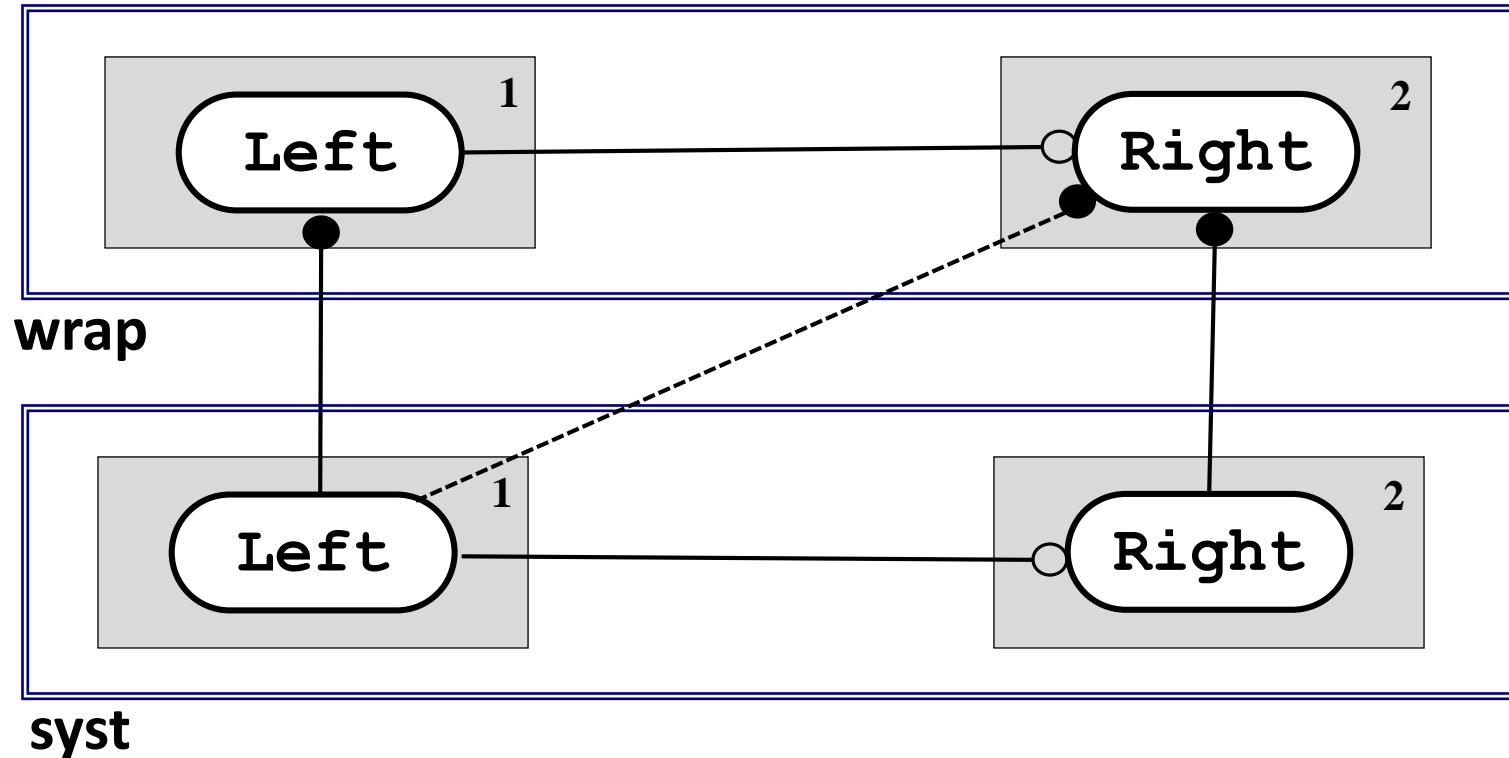


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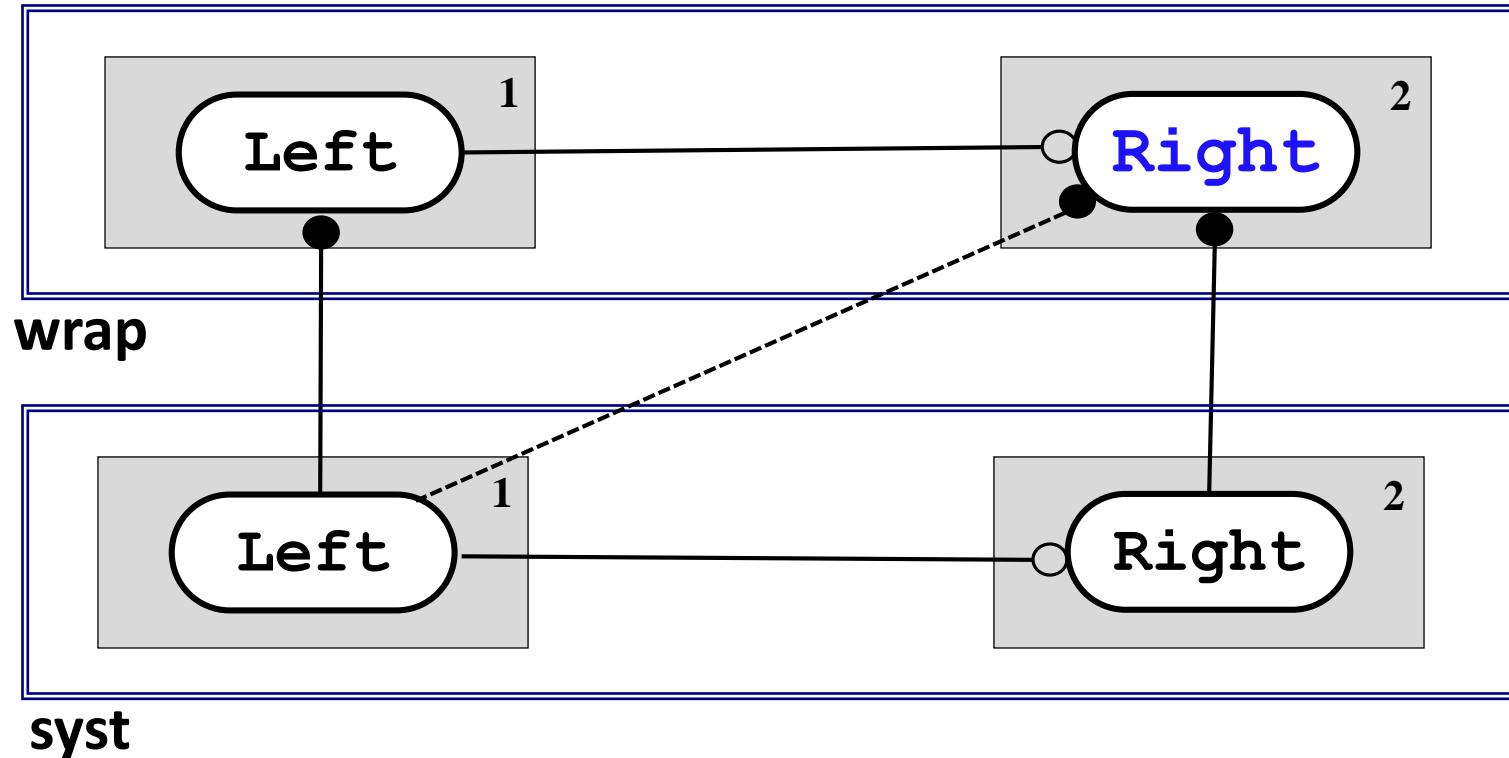


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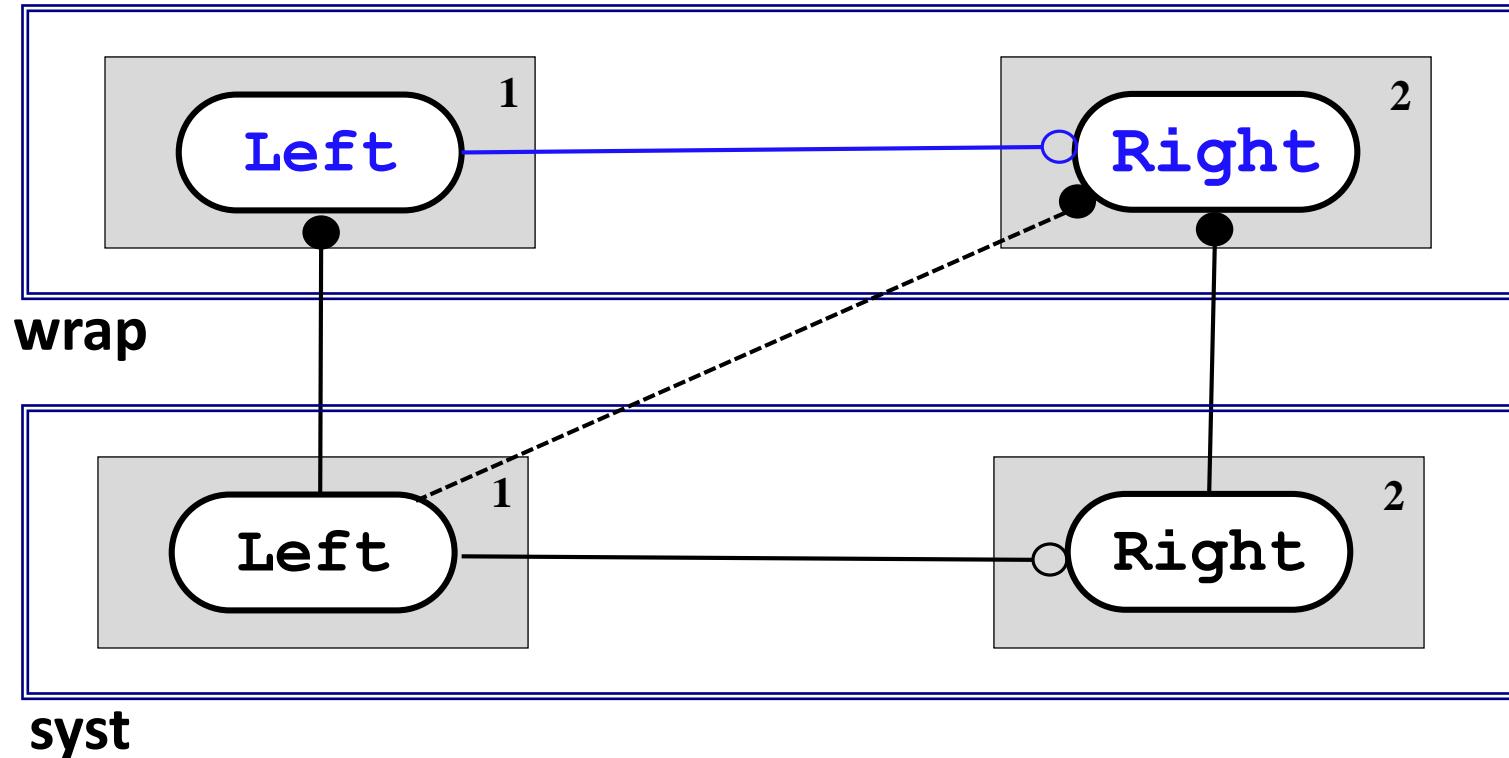


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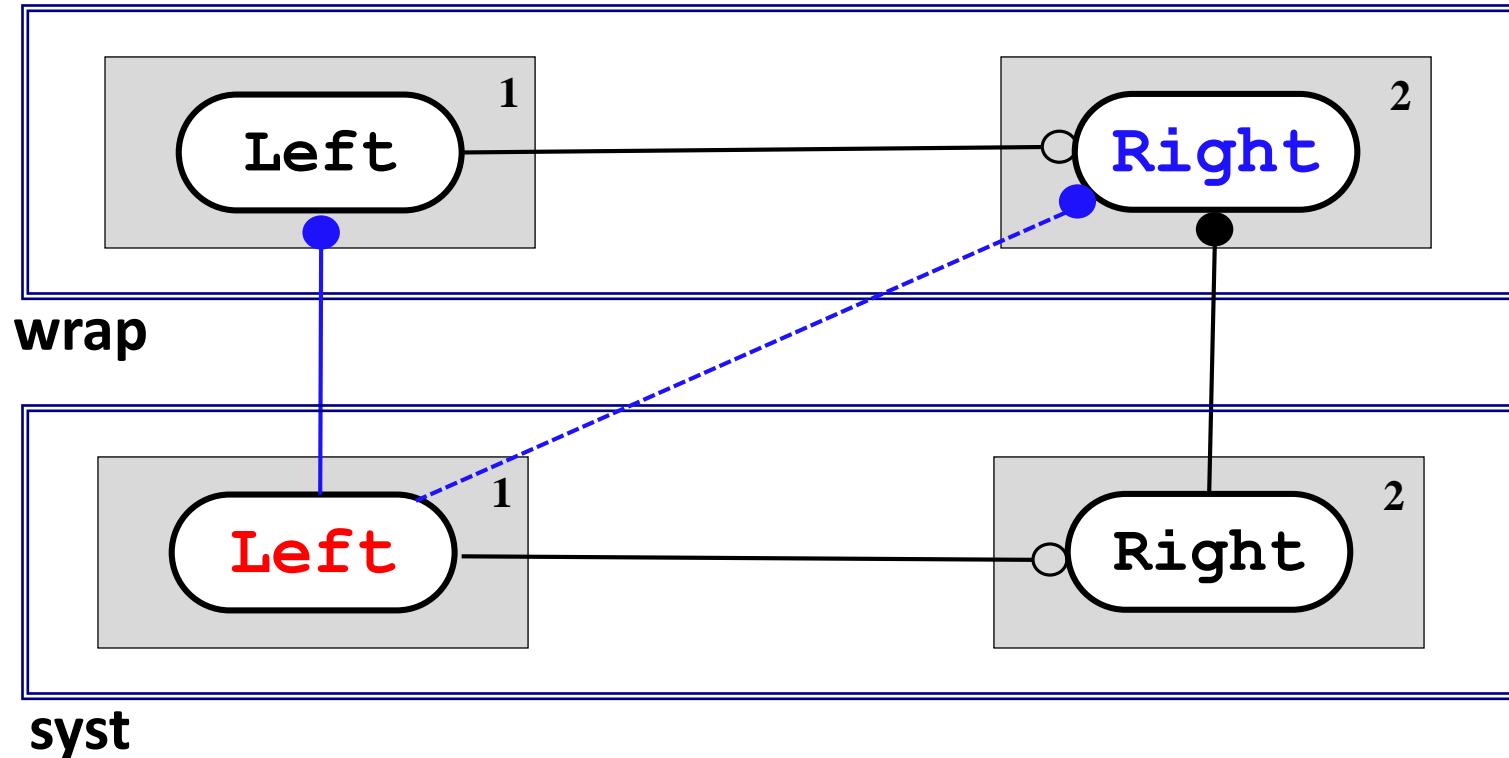


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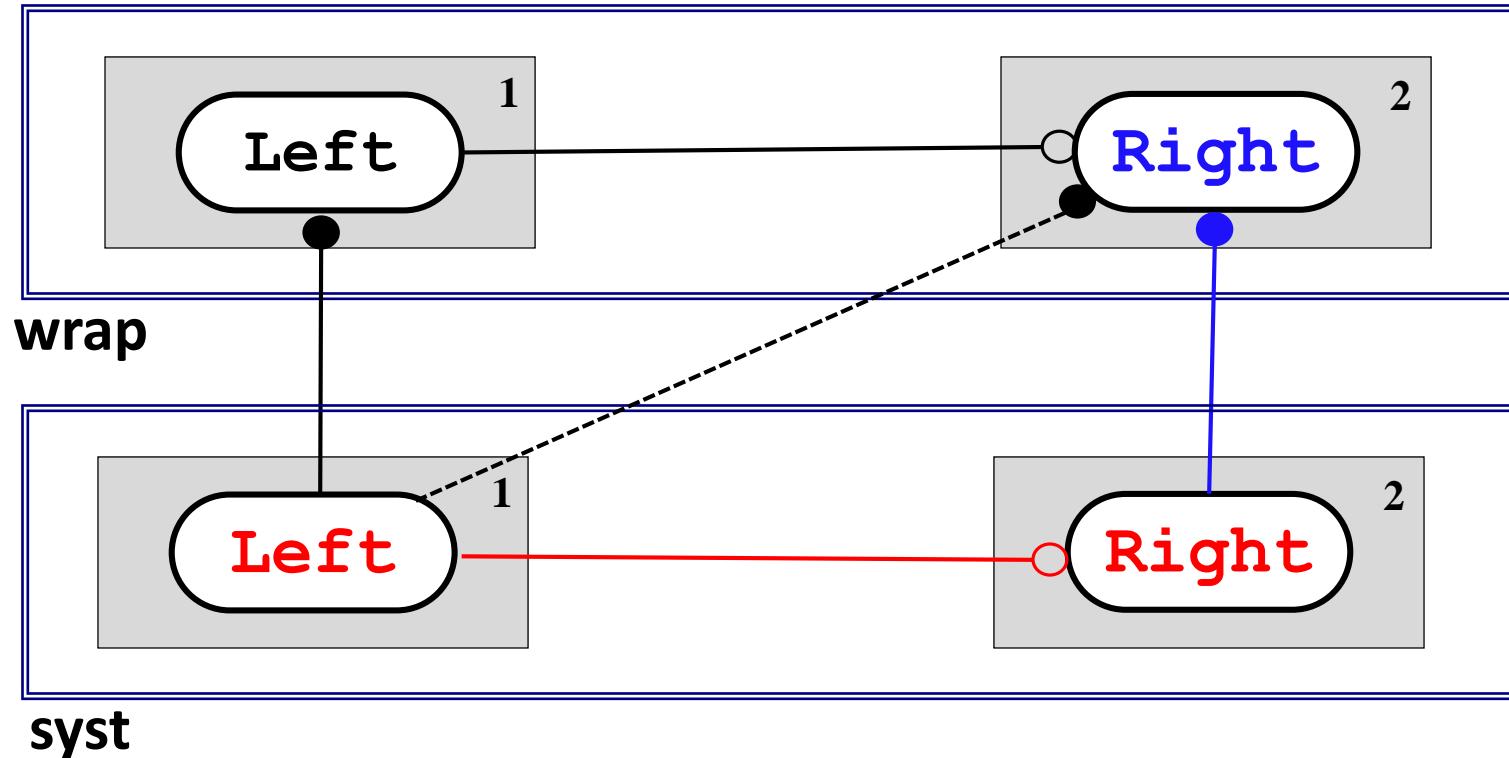


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**Manager Class** – Establishing a class that owns and coordinates lower-level objects.

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(Effective Use of Fine-Grained Filtering)

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