Preserve Host Virtualizability

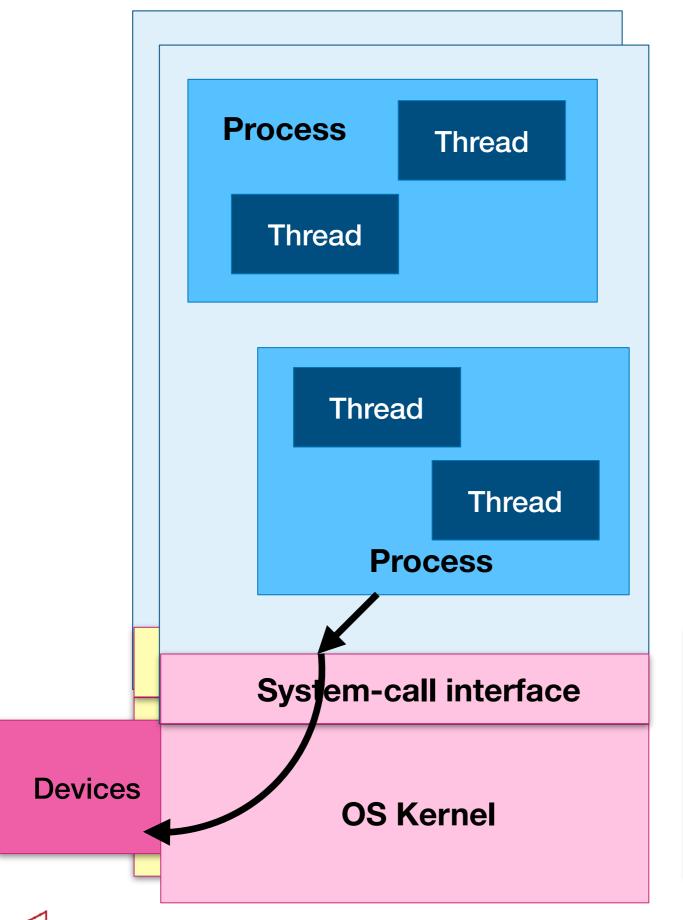
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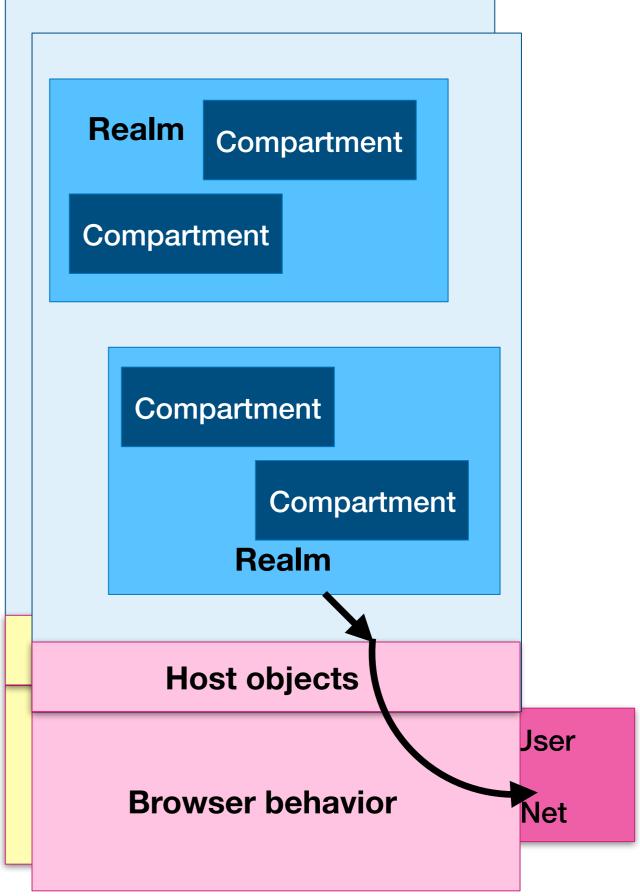
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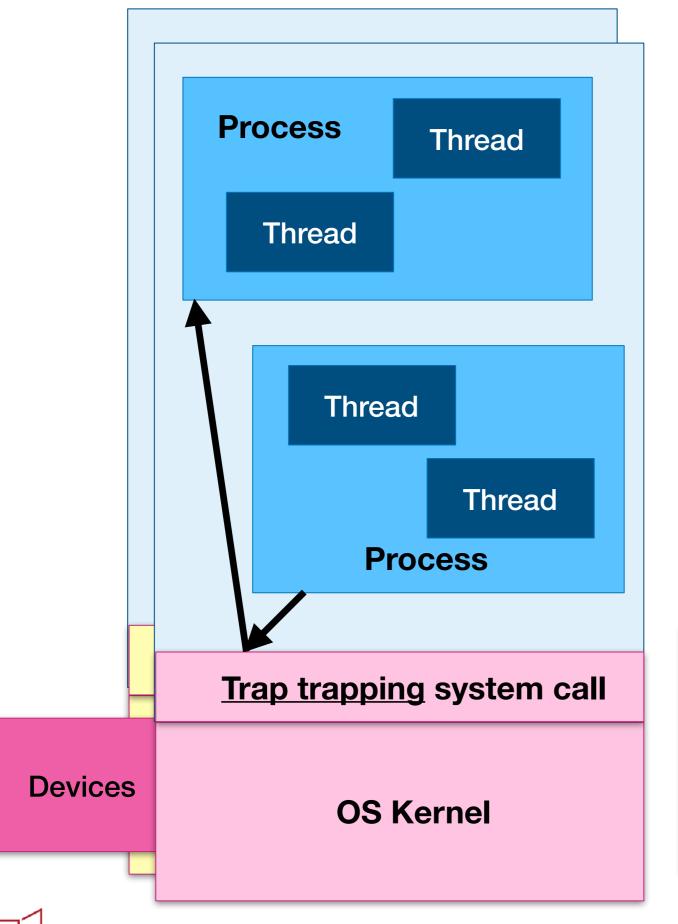
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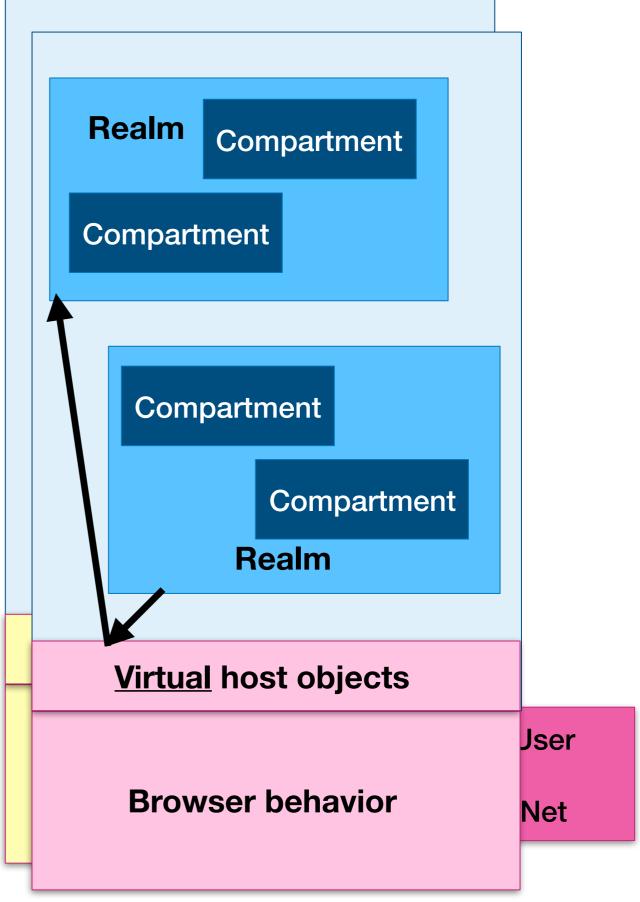




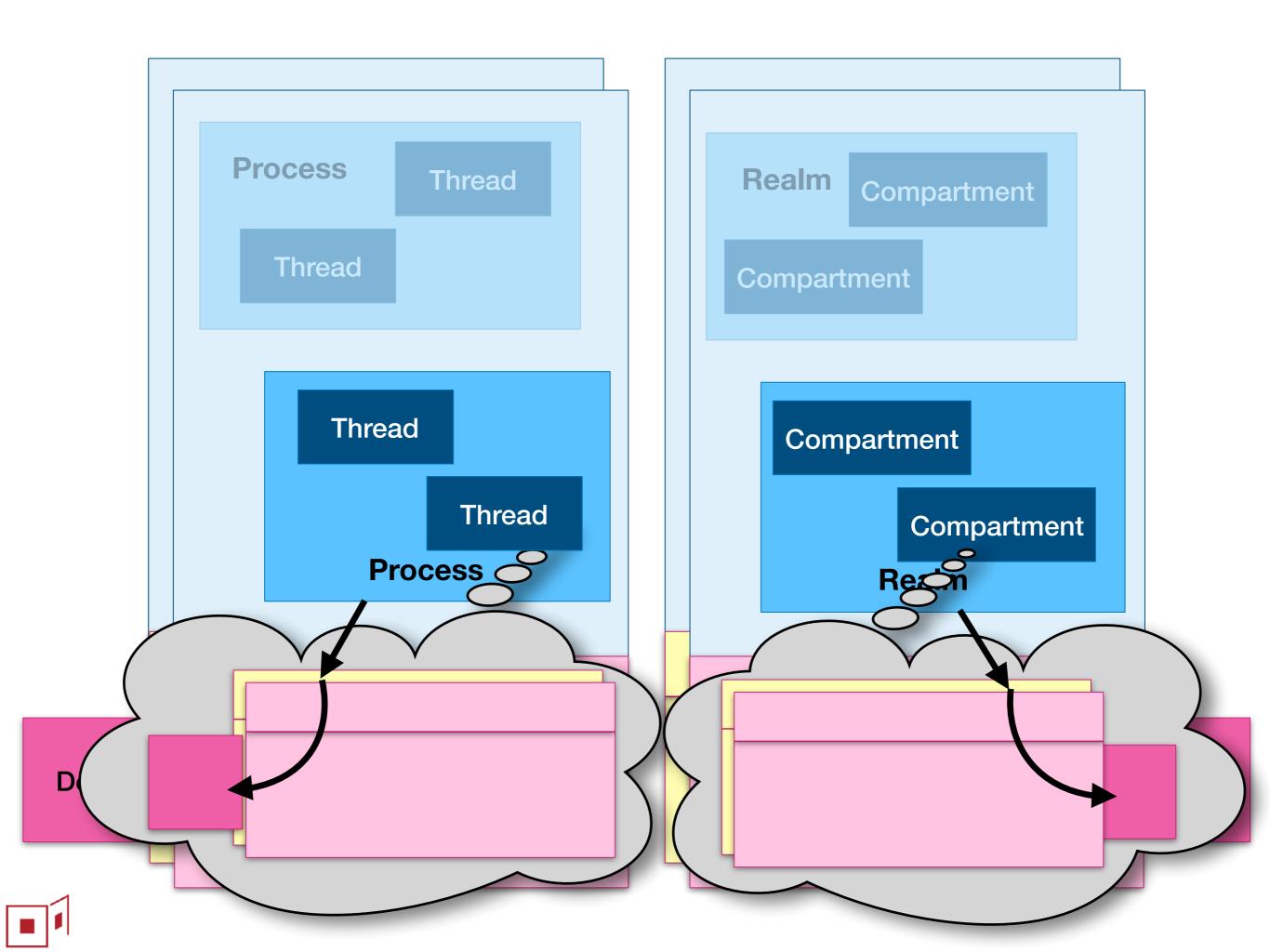












Threats to virtualizability

Implementation adds:

```
defineProperties(Array.prototype, {
  peek: { value: peekFn, writable: false, configurable: false },
  poke: { value: pokeFn, writable: false, configurable: false },
});
```

Shim tries:

```
Array.prototype = ...;
Array = ...;
```

Doesn't matter

```
[] poke(0x4f35bc40, 0x59cd97b0)
```



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Better:

```
defineProperties(Array.prototype, {
  peek: { value: peekFn, writable: false, configurable: true },
  poke: { value: pokeFn, writable: false, configurable: true },
});
```

Shim deletes whatever's not on whitelist:

```
delete Array.prototype.peek;
delete Array.prototype.poke;
```



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How host should not influence behavior

Prevent shimming

Extra properties, extra behavior, extra syntax

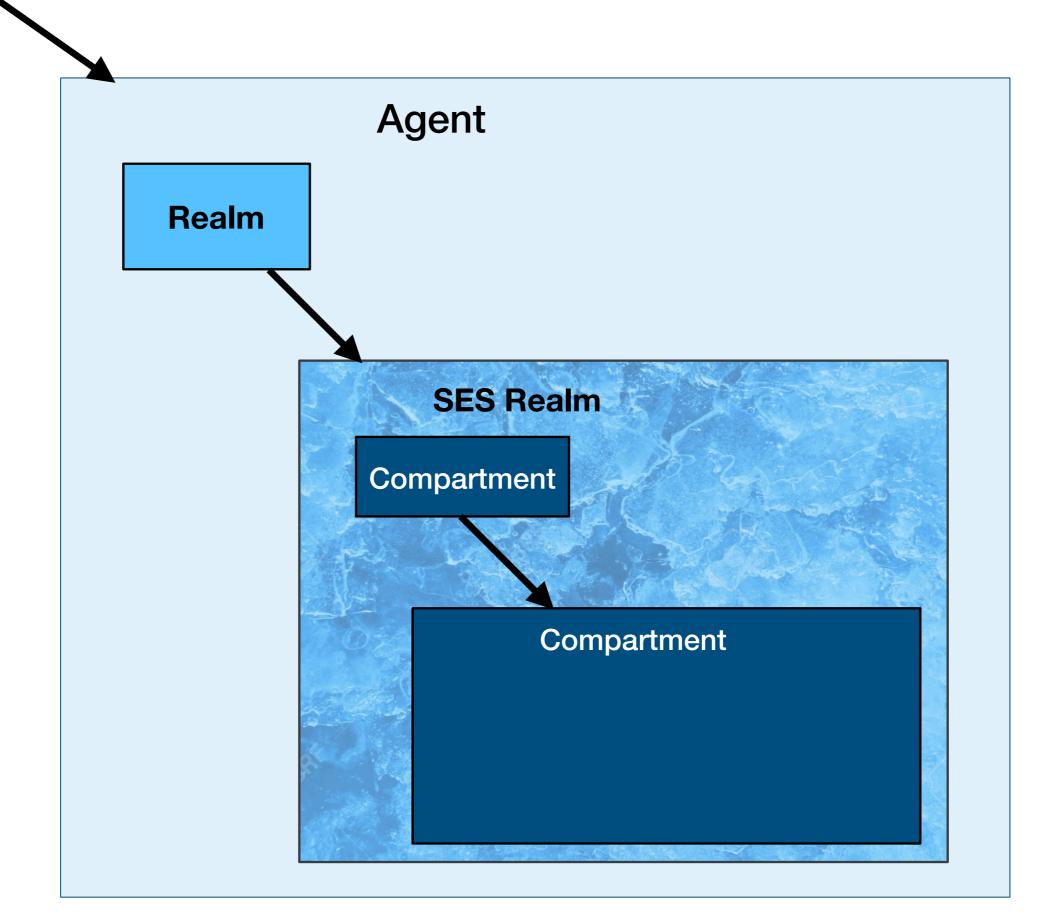
Badly behaved exotics (document.all)

Accidental host hooks

Hidden state, hidden I/O



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