Velosiraptor: Why program yourself when you can synthesize address translation?







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Memory translation and protection is essential to many abstractions.

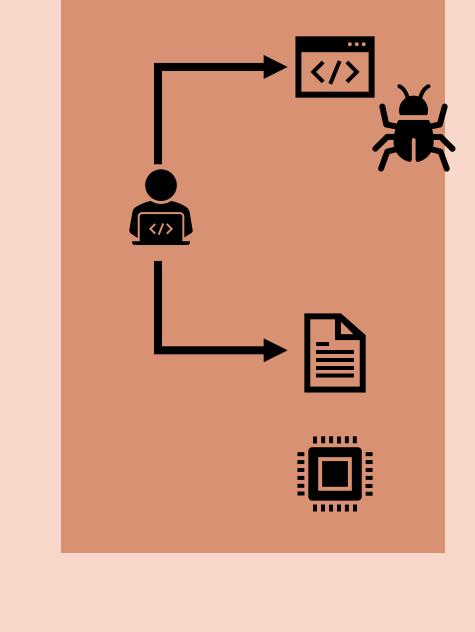
Correct configuration of translation hardware is security critical.

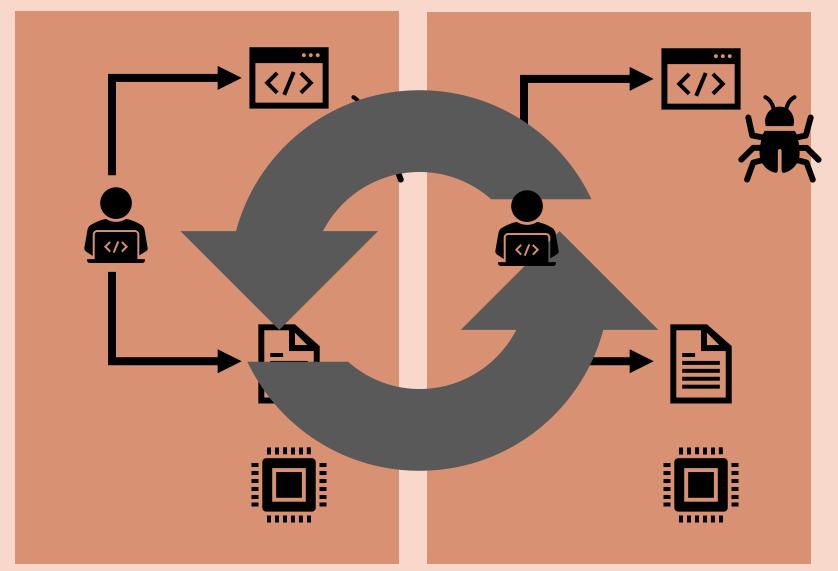
Today: developer reads documentation and manually writes OS code.

- time and effort to develop and debug implementation
- possible error prone process
- ambiguous documentation

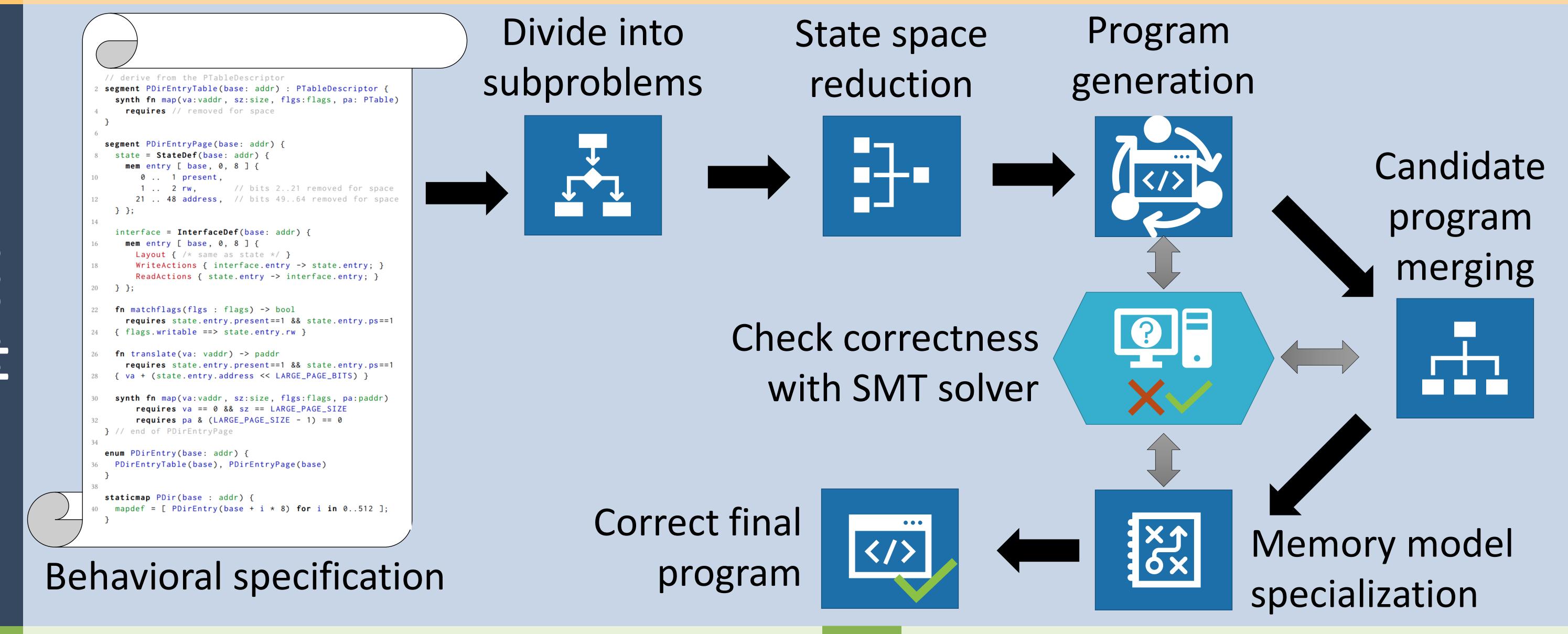
New translation hardware: repeat the process

- spend more time and effort manually writing code



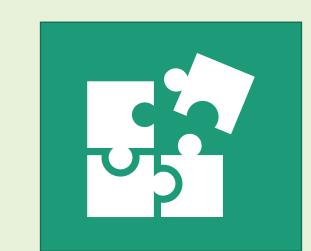


Automatically synthesize correct, low-level operating systems code from a behavioral specification.



Designed with decomposition in mind

Writing specifications as a combination of building blocks:



Specification of **OS-visible interface** and translation-defining internal **state**

Defining remap semantics in terms of translation and protection

Successfully synthesized OS code for different translation hardware:

- multi-level page tables
- segmentation
- TLBs

Synthesis time ~400-800ms

Generate hardware components for simulators from the same specification.





