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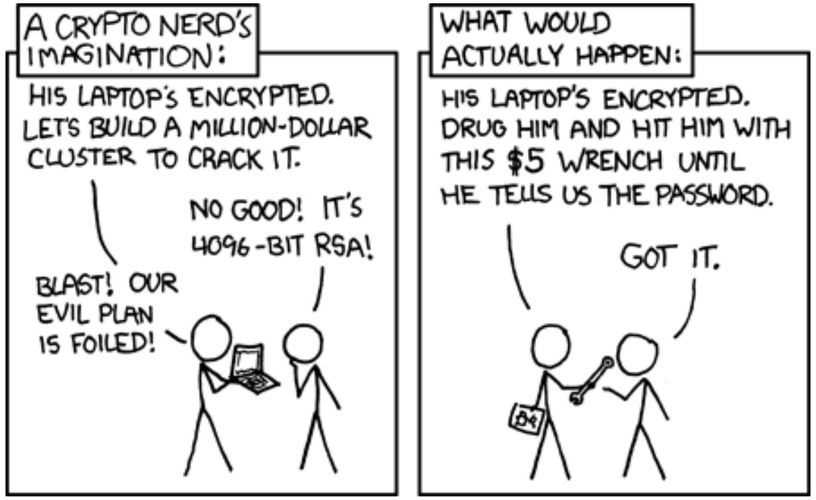

https://xkcd.com/538/

Admin

- No more HWs: Now just projects
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- Remotely compromise a developer machine?
- Compromise a provider you depend on?
- Compromise one of your app’s dependencies?
- Steal a developer’s email credentials?
- Push malicious code to your repo?
- Spoof your app for your users?
- Steal a developer’s GitHub credentials?
- Convince someone on the inside to help them?
- ….

Interlude to inspire fear: what attack surfaces can the attacker use?

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JavaScript is a memory safe language so that’s good right?

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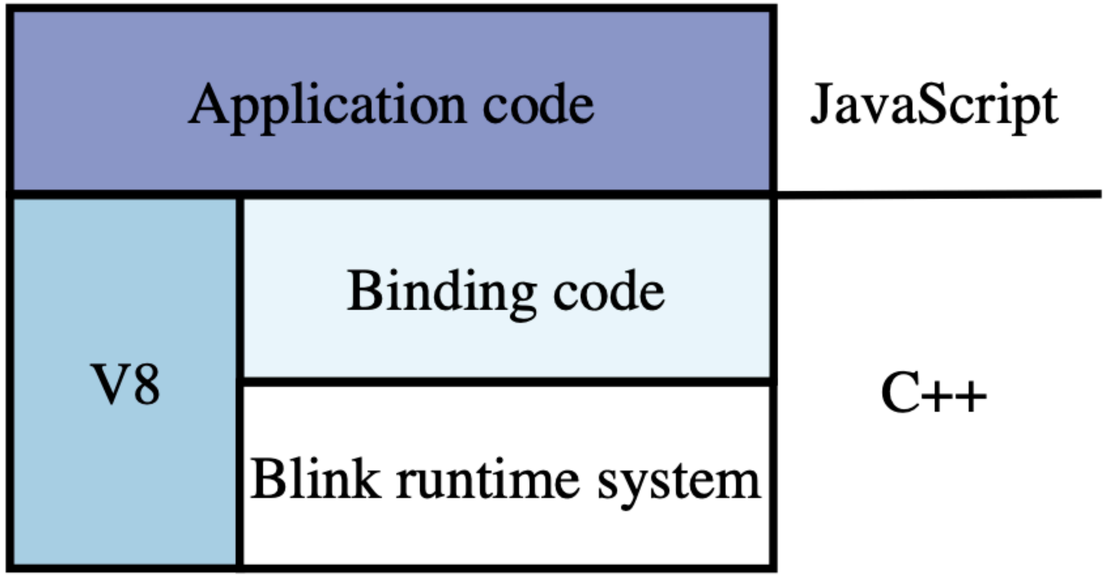

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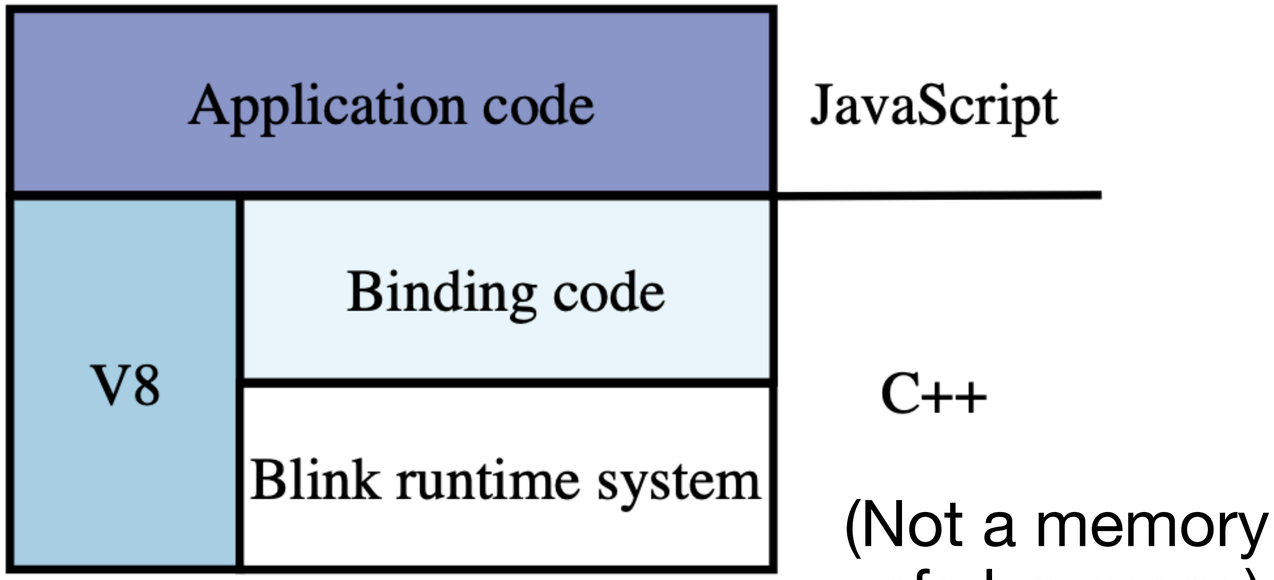

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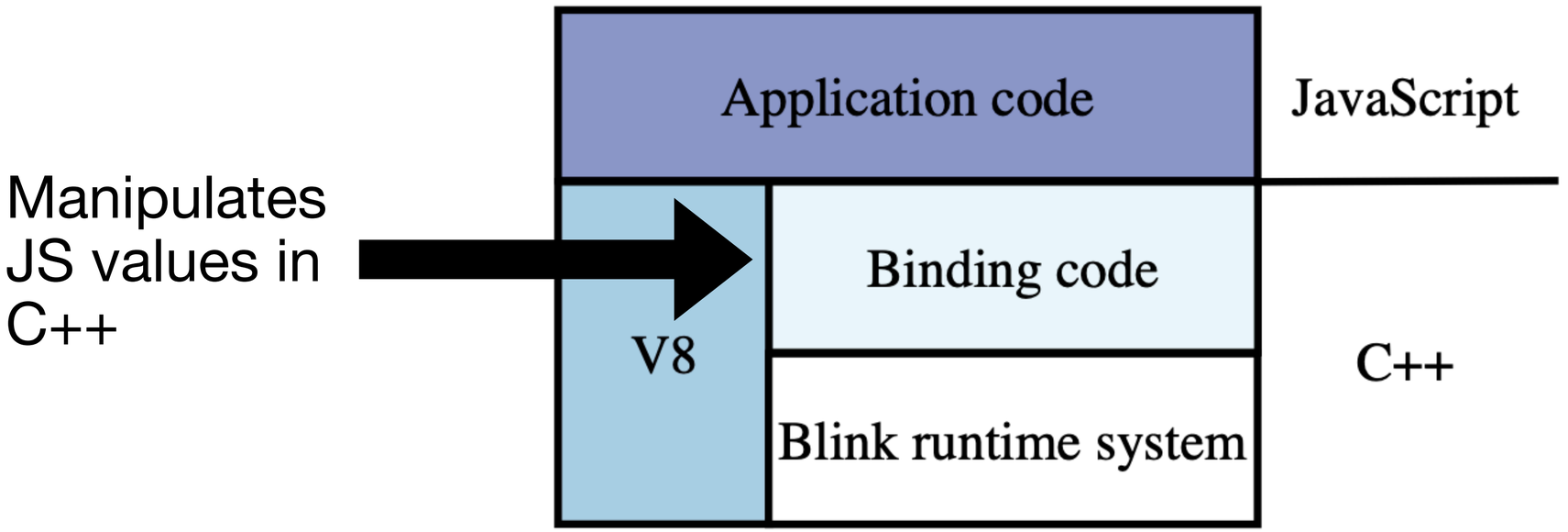

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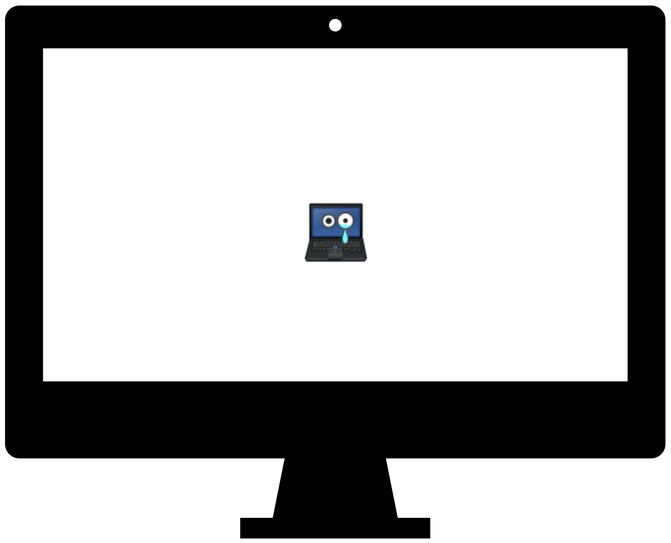

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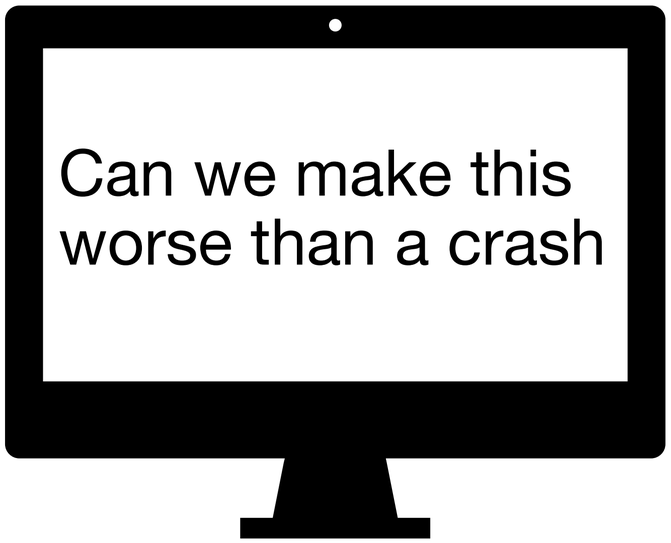

Fear interlude over

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Build your defenses for successively sophisticated attackers

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What counts as really obvious? How do I find them?

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From: CMU-Alert@andrew.cmu.edu
Date: 2024-06-14 16:38:11 UTC
Subject: [Alert] : 1 New Notification

There are 14 messages awaiting your attention.

Please visit <phishing-site> to release these messages to inbox.

Thank you,
Carnegie Mellon University.

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From: info@jonathanconsultants.com
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2024 16:35:59 +0000
Subject: Welding / Tools

Anyone in need of a dependable welding machine or a complete set of tools and accessories could take advantage of this kind offer. An excellent tool for a variety of welding applications is the Miller Dynasty welder. This machine is easy to use and powerful, especially with its wireless foot control and TIG Runner Package. High-quality accessories and the Snap-On Tools Box will also make any task simpler and more effective.

We encourage you to get in touch with Patty through her primary email at (phovis19@outlook.com) she will be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide you with more information about the items.

P. Chris Pistorius
Associate Department Head and POSCO Professor
(412) 268-7228
pistorius@cmu.edu

(1) Phishing: what I would do

Research internship?

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Fraser Brown <fraserb@andrew.cmu.edu>
to Fraser

7:18 PM (0 minutes ago)

Hello Professor Brown,

I am applying to PhD programs in secure and programming languages---including at CMU---and I'd love to chat if you have some time! I'm very interested in your work on microarchitectural weird machines, especially the Flexo compiler. My background is (strangely) in computer architecture and type systems. I've done two research internships and have a second-author paper in submission (see attached).

Let me know if you're interested in chatting!
Cheers,
Fraser

One attachment • Scanned by Gmail

Extremely evil CV

(1b) Spear phishing

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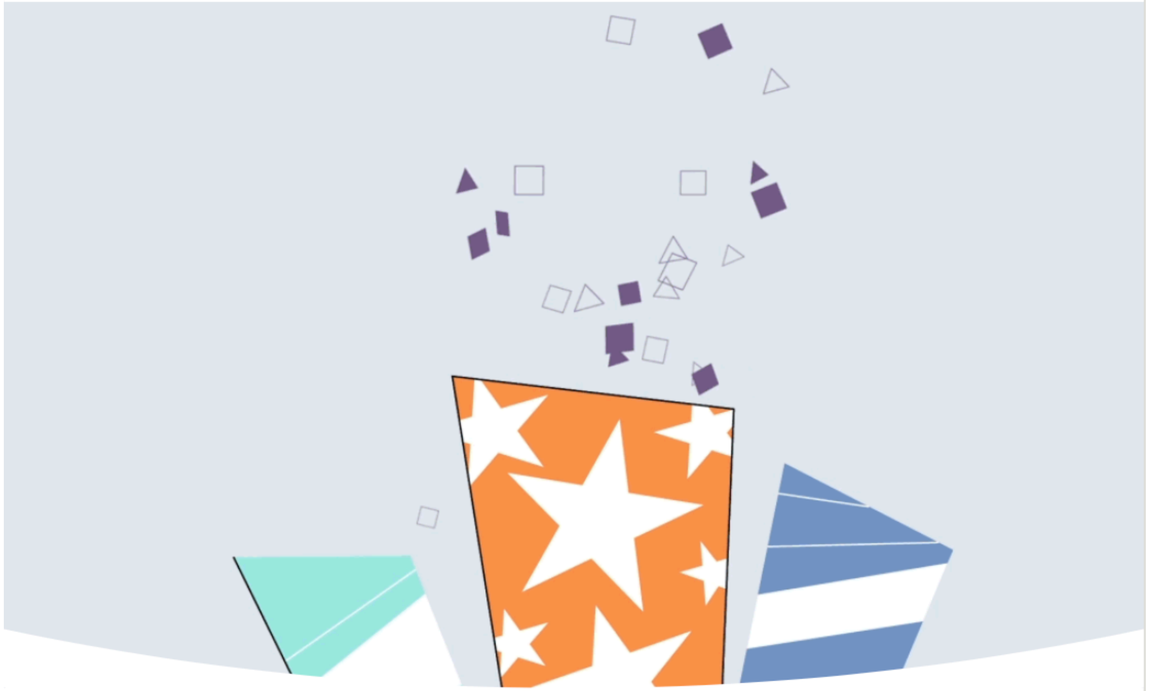

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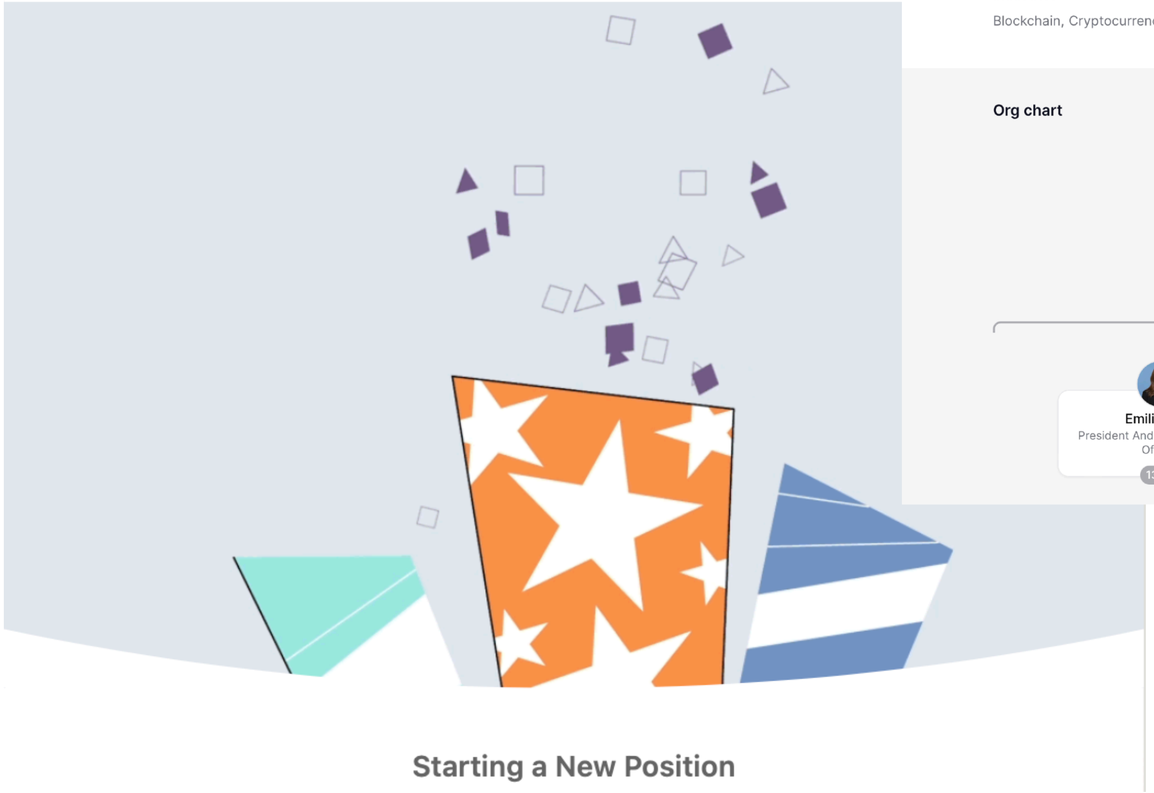

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Set up new commit signing key

Approve with 2FA

Open PR with sneaky backdoor

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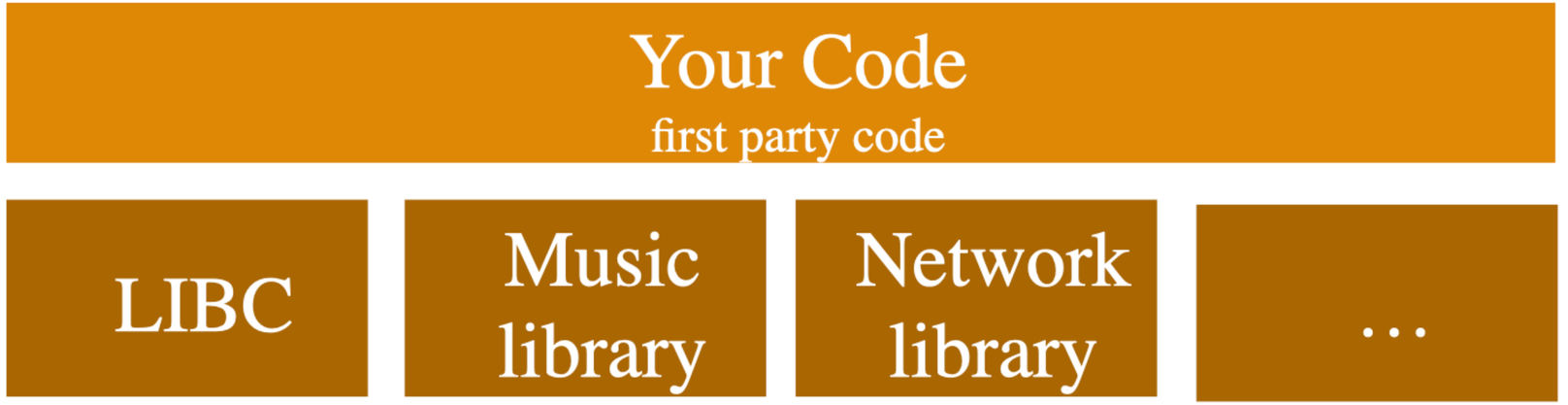

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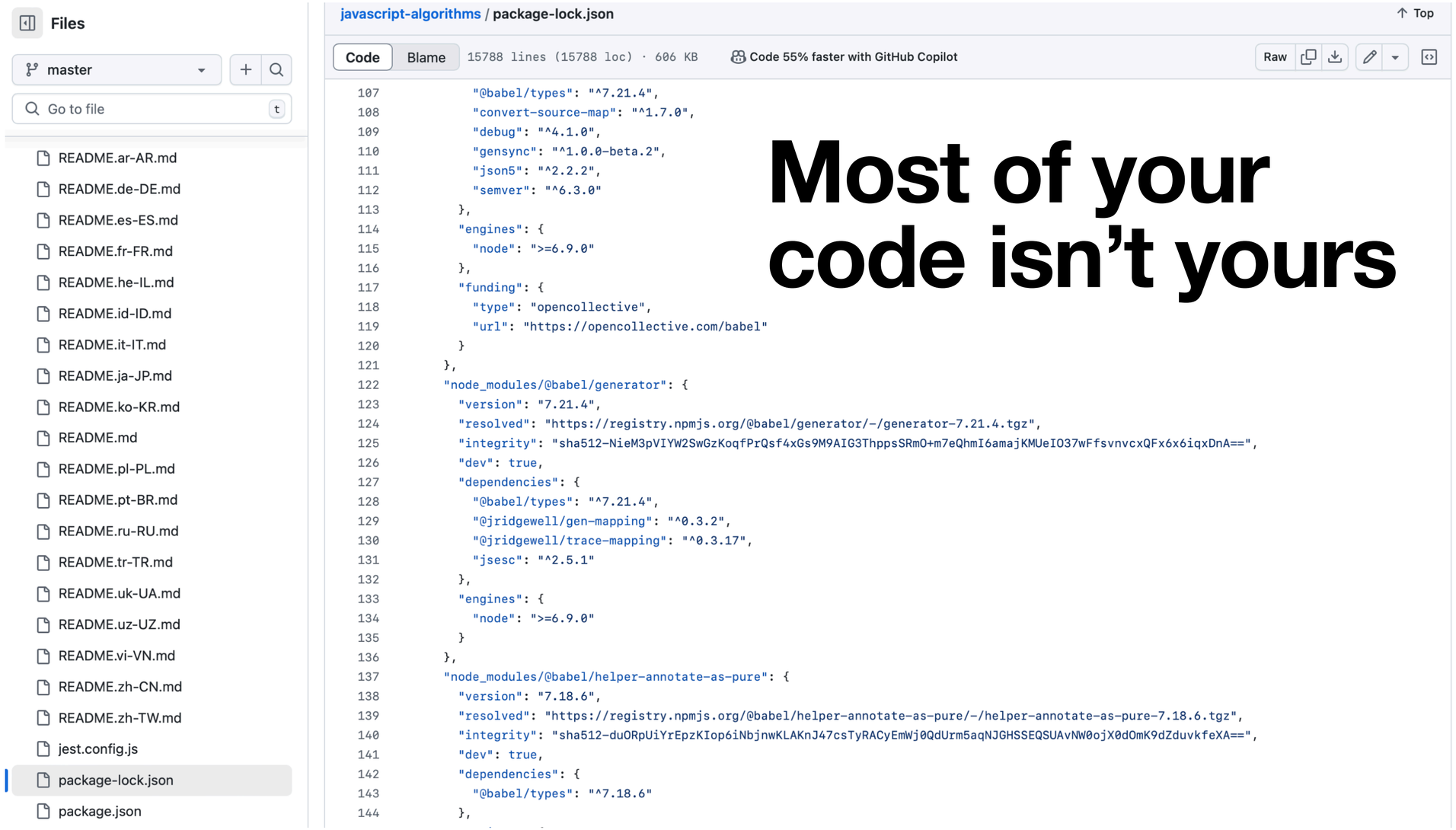

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