

# Modernizing Drools: From Production Rules to Blended AI

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# OPS

## OPS

- Official Production System.
- pre OPS5 linear Search.
- Conflict Resolution

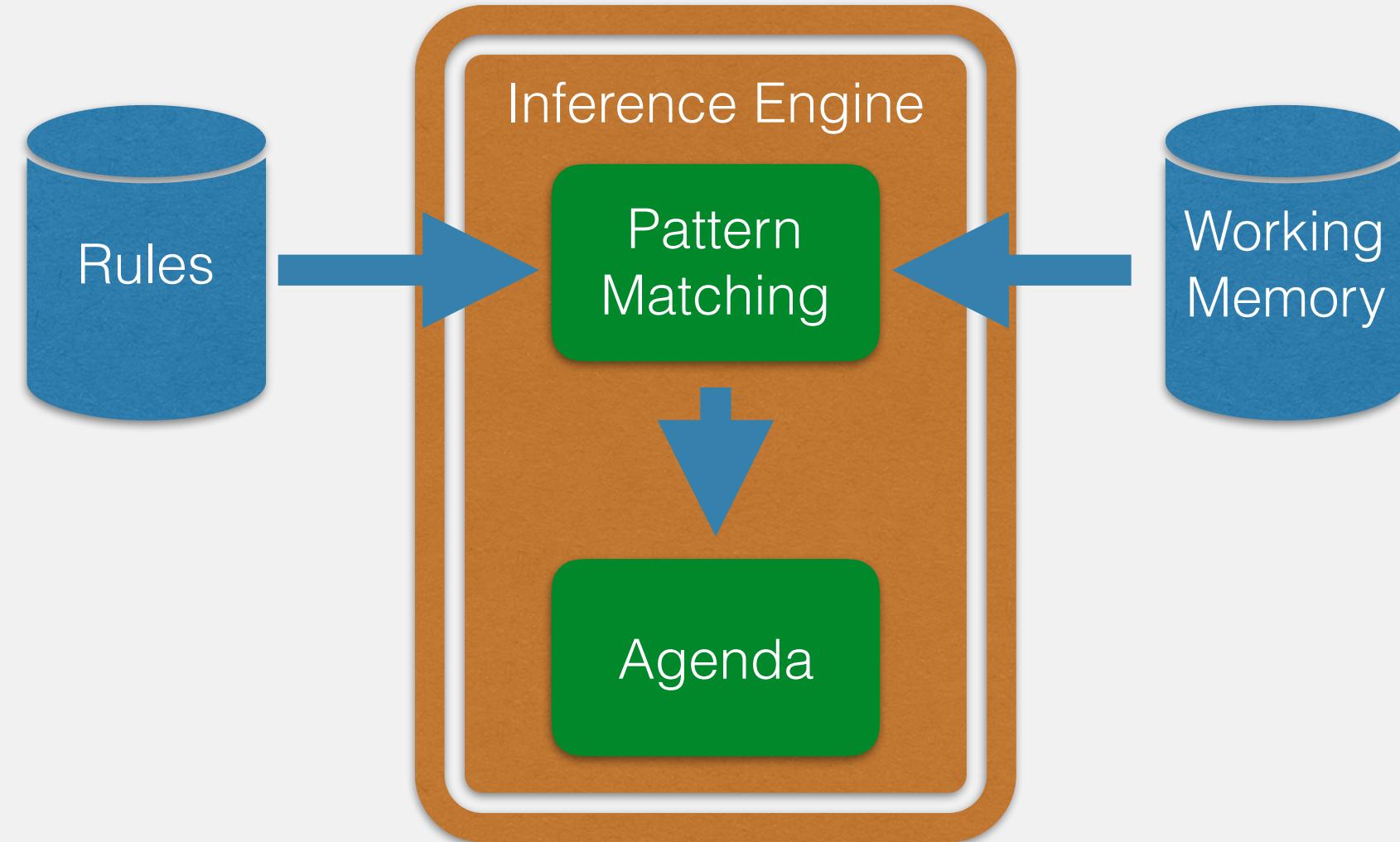
McDermott, Charles L (Charles Lanny) Forgy.  
“Production System Conflict  
Resolution Strategies,” 1976, 23.

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```
(goal ^status active ^type on ^object <o>)  
(object ^name <o> ^at <p>)  
(monkey ^at <p> ^holds nil)  
-->  
(write (crlf) "climb onto" <o>)  
(modify 3 ^on <o>)  
(modify 1 ^status satisfied))
```

## OPS5 1981

- Language
- Rete
- LEX/MEA



# CLIPS

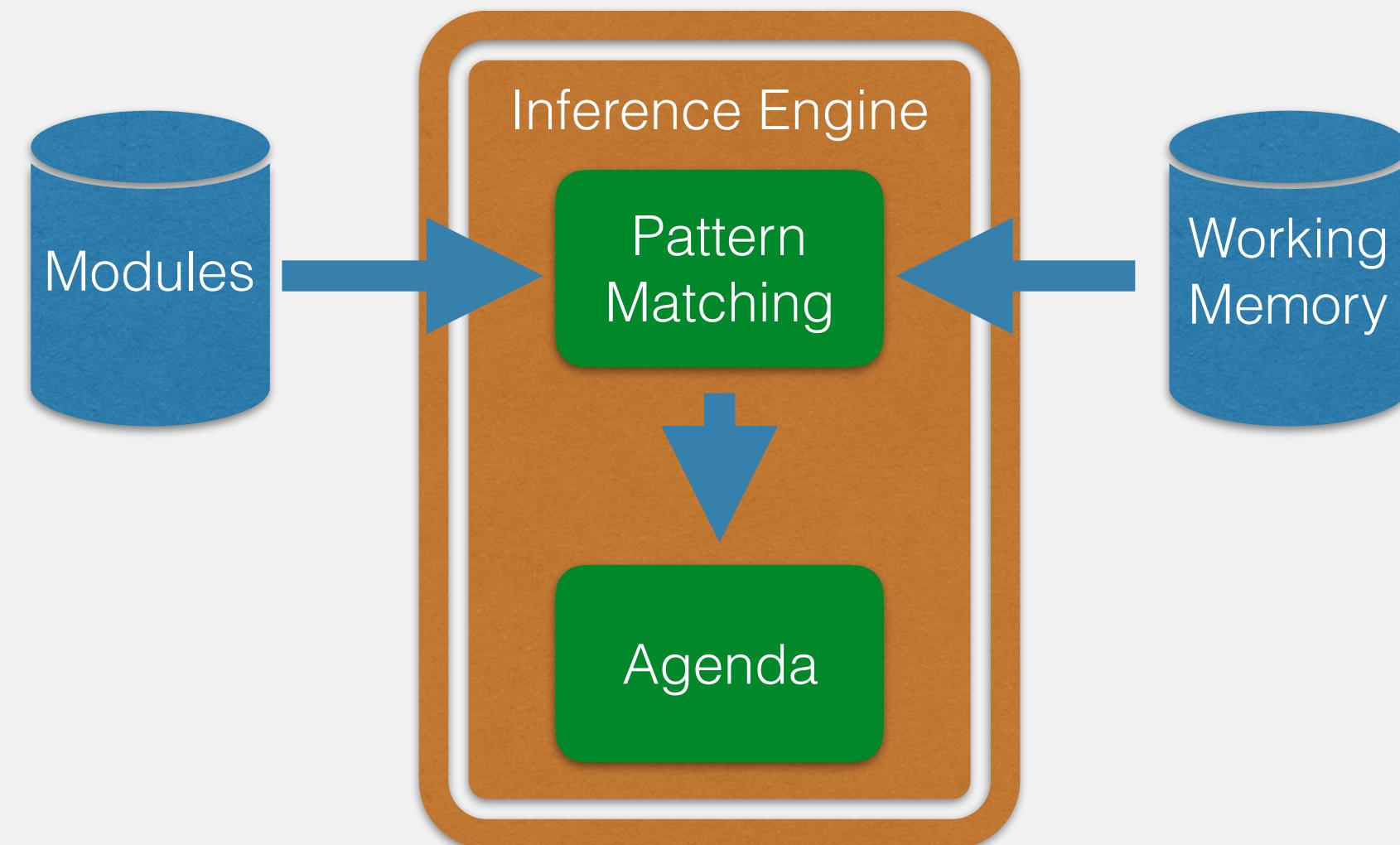
## CLIPS

- Syntax based on ART (Haley Systems)
- Modules based on GoldWorks
- PIE Clips Modules

## CLIPS 1993

- Lisp (ish)
- exists/forall
- Subnetworks
- Modules
- Simple TMS

```
(defrule climb-directly ""
  ?goal <- (goal-is-to (action on) (arguments ?obj))
  (thing (name ?obj) (location ?place) (on-top-of ?on))
  ?monkey <- (monkey (location ?place) (on-top-of ?on) (holding bla
=>
  (printout t "Monkey climbs onto the " ?obj ".") crlf)
  (modify ?monkey (on-top-of ?obj)))
  (retract ?goal))
```



# Jess

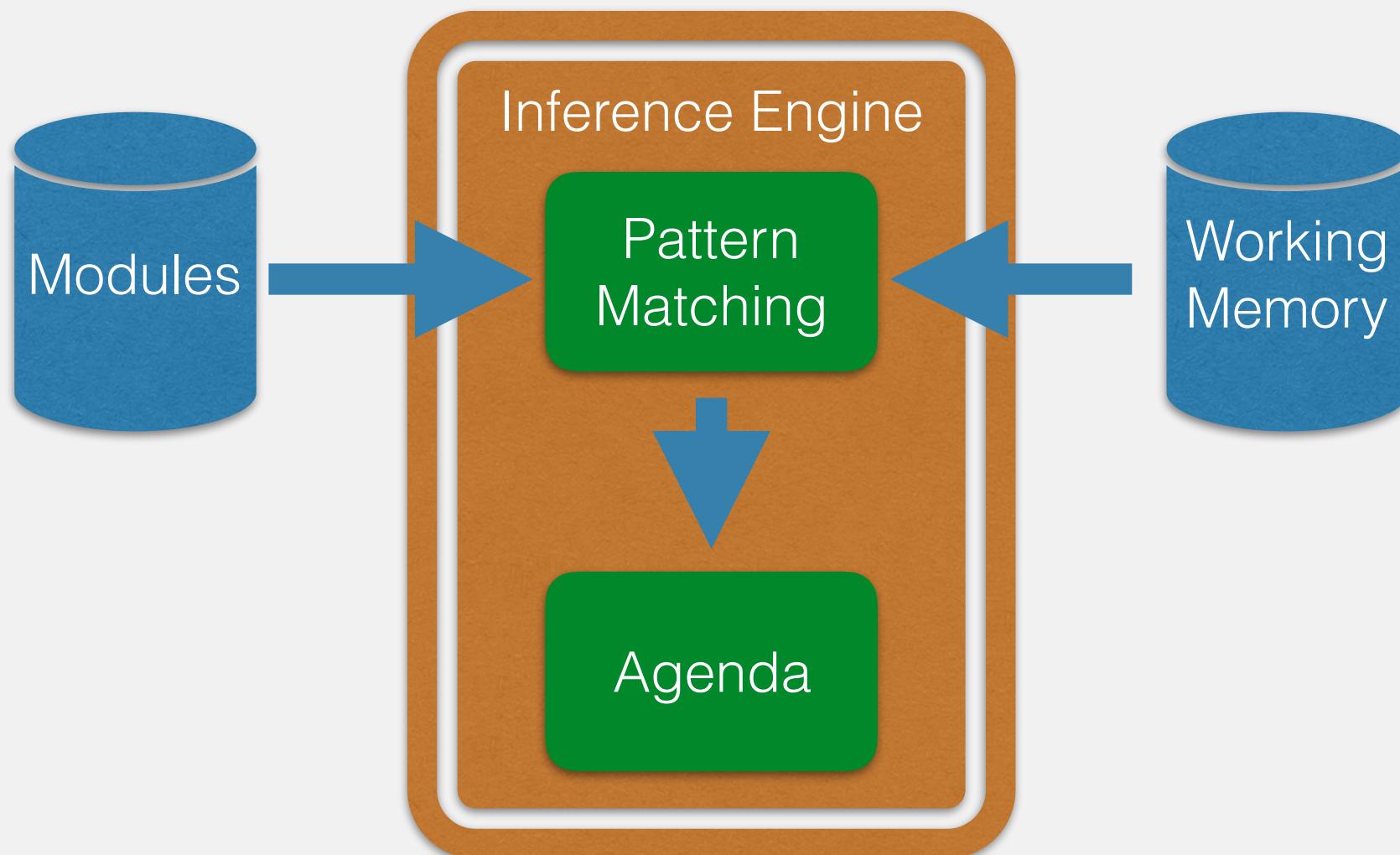
## Jess

- Java implementation of Clips syntax

## Jess7 2006

- Accumulate
- Slot Specific
- Backward Chaining (ish)

```
(deftemplate employee (slot salary) (slot name))  
(defrule count-highly-paid-employees  
    ?c <- (accumulate (bind ?count 0) ;; initializer  
                      (bind ?count (+ ?count 1)) ;; action  
                      ?count ;; result  
                      (employee (salary ?s&:> ?s 100000)))) ;; CE  
    =>  
    (printout t ?c " employees make more than $100000/year." crlf))
```



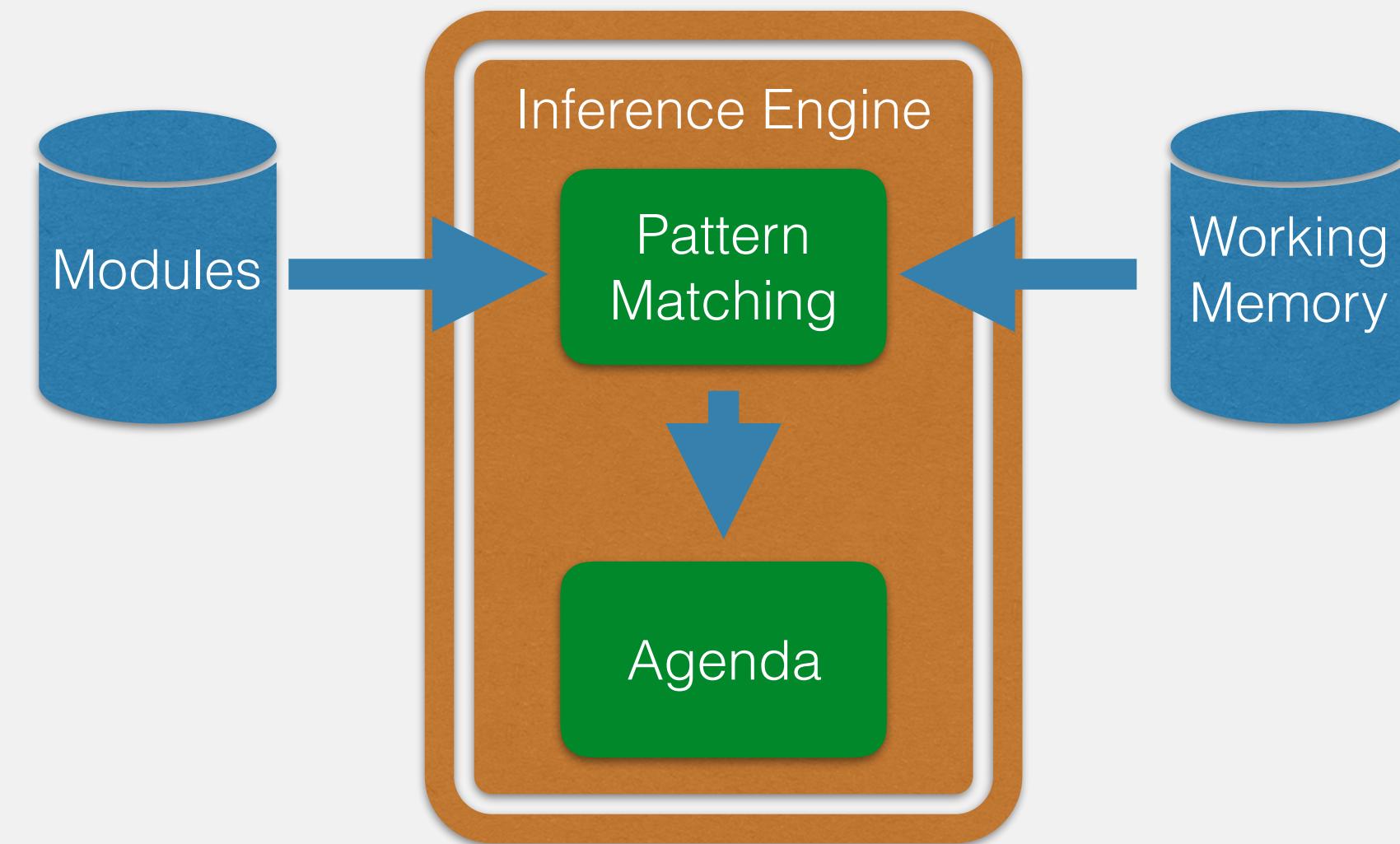
# Drools

## Drools

- Clips/Jess derivative with Java-like language

## Drools 7.x

- Accumulate
- Temporal Operators
- Property Reactive
- Prolog(ish) Backward Chaining
- OOPath



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# Property Reactive

“Advances in RETE Pattern Matching” (1986)

```
@PropertyReactive
public class Employee {
    int salary;
    int lengthOfService
    // getters and setters below
}
```

```
rule “Salary award for min 2 years service” when
    e : Employee( lengthOfService >= 2 )
then
    modify( e ) { setSalary( e.getSalary() * 1.05 ) };
end

rule “Salary award for min 8 years service” when
    e : Employee( lengthOfService >= 8 )
then
    modify( e ) { setSalary( e.getSalary() * 1.02 ) };
end
```

# Property Reactive

```
rule "Salary award for min 2 years service" when  
  e : Employee( lengthOfService > 2 )
```

```
then
```

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rule "Salary award for min 2 years service" when  
  e : Employee( lengthOfService >= 2 )  
    @Watch( !salary )
```

```
then
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```

```
then
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  modify( e ) { setSalary( e.getSalary() * 1.02 ) };  
end
```

```
rule "Record Salary Changes" when  
  e : Employee( ) @Watch( salary )
```

```
then
```

```
  insert( new SalaryChange( e, e.getSalary() ) );  
end
```

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```
rule R1 when
    $student : Student ()
    $plan : Plan ( owner == $student.name )
    $exam : Exam( plan == $plan.code, course == "Big Data" )
    $grade : Grade( exam == $exam.code )
```

then

// RHS

end

```
rule R3 when
    Student( $grade: /plan/exams{course == "Big Data"}/grades )
```

then

/\* RHS \*/

end

	Batch (ms)	Incremental (ms)	Total (ms)
Relational	5596	1844	7440
From	2698	2912	5610
OOpAth	3373	1368	4741

**Table 3.** Benchmark results with 400,000 items (ms.)

# OOPath

## Access by index

```
Student( $grade : /plan/exams[0]{ course == "Big Data"}/grades )
```

## Inline cast for type safety

```
Student( $grade : /plan/exams{ #PracticalExam, lab == "hazard safe",  
course == "Material Explosions"}/grades )
```

## Indexed back reference

```
A( $var: /b/c/d{ f1 == ../../f2}/e ) // the ../../ back references to the 'b' field access
```

## Variable back reference

```
A( $var: /$b : b/c/d{ f1 == $b.f2}/e ) // the $b is inline bound for later use
```

## Back tracking

```
A( $var: /$b : b/c/d{ f1 == $b.f2}/$b/f2 ) // $var is bound to results of the f2 access
```

## Out of Pattern use

```
$student : Student()  
$grade : /$student/plan/exams{course == "Big Data"}/grades;
```

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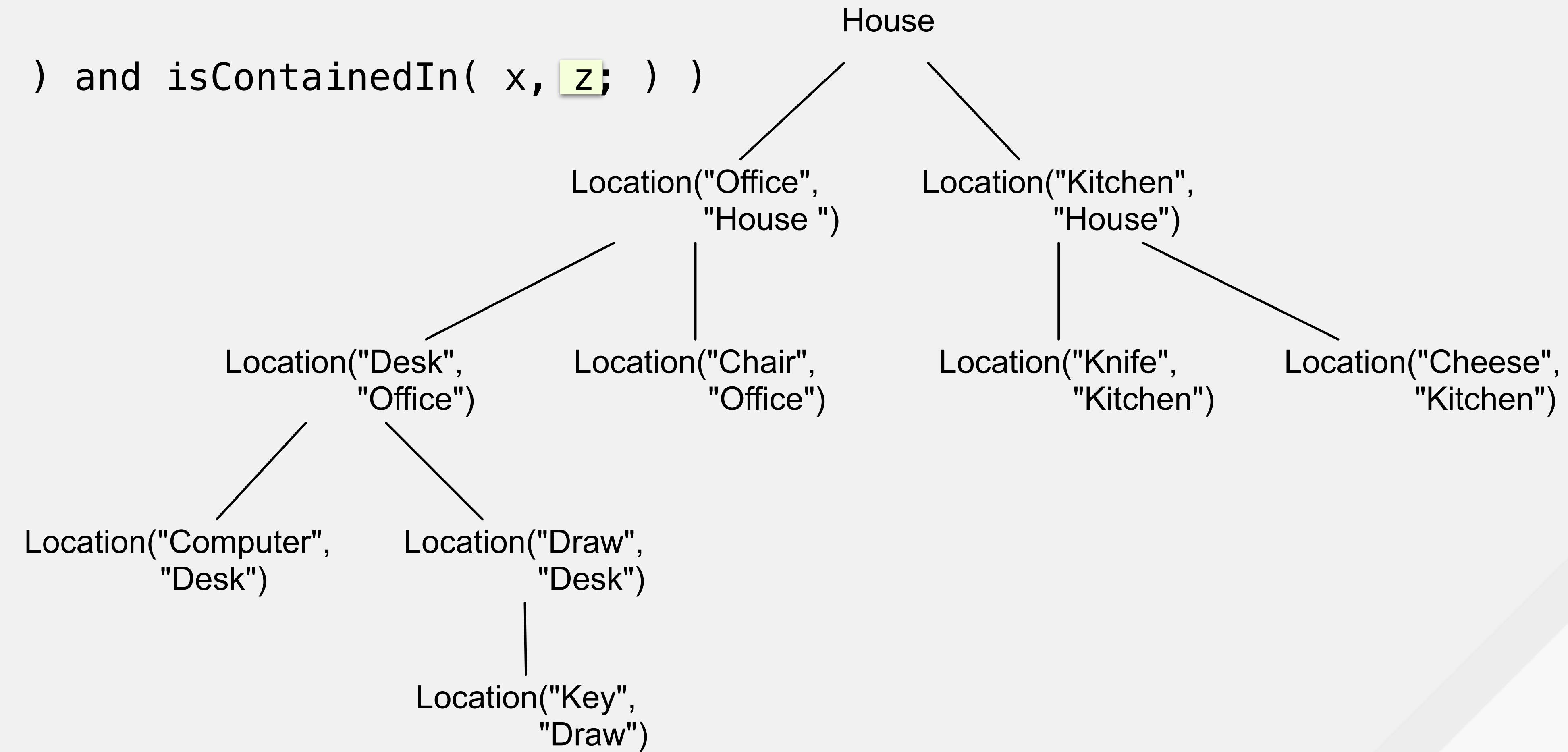
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```
query isContainedIn( String x, String y )
  Location( x, y; )
or
( Location( z, y; ) and isContainedIn( x, z; ) )
end
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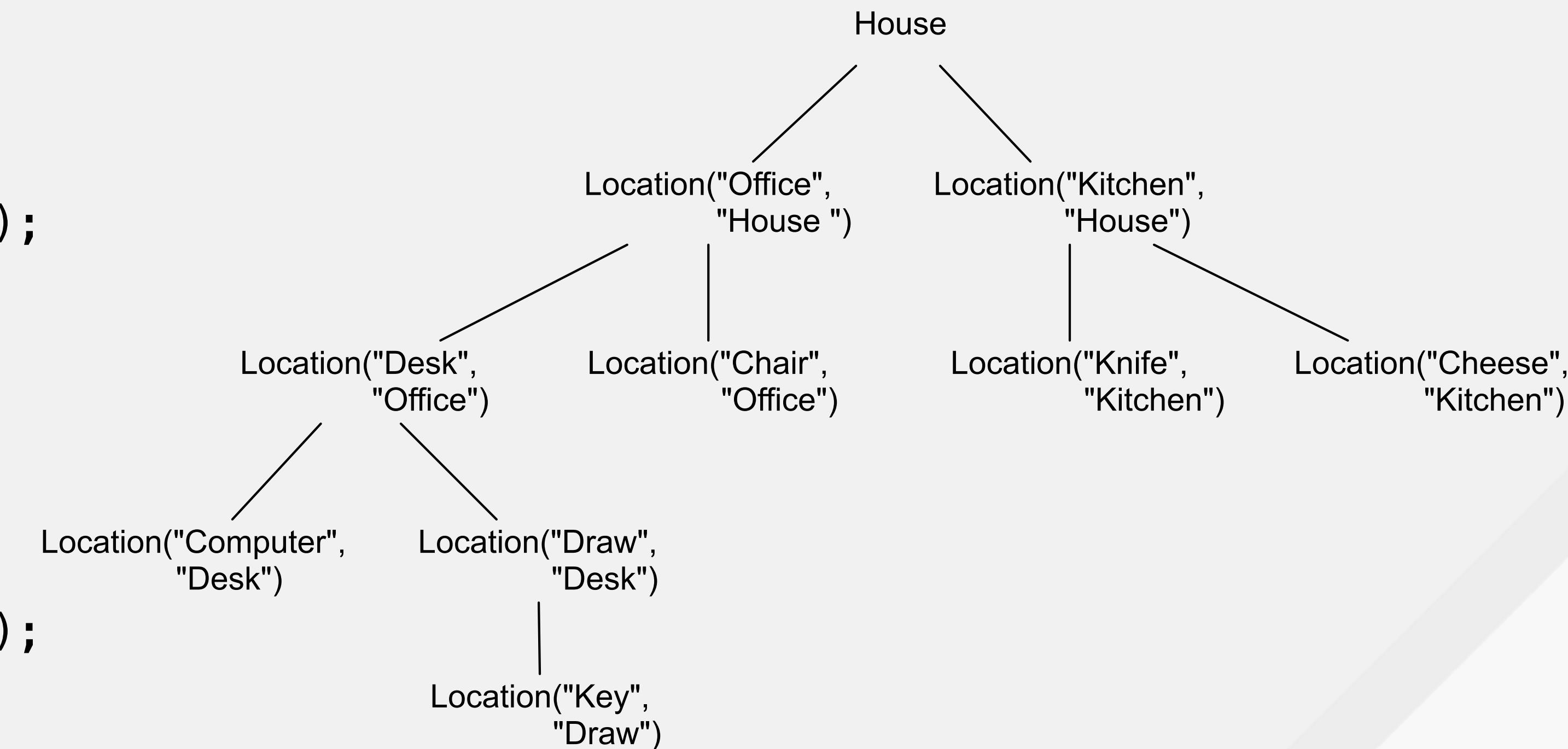


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```
rule "Find Key Rule" when
  Goal( name == "Find Key" )
  isContainedIn("Find", "House"; )
then
  System.out.println( "Key in the House" );
end
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# Games Loops

```
rule GameLoop when
    r : Run()
then
    setFocus( "Draw" );
    setFocus( "Bullet" );
    setFocus( "Move" );
    setFocus( "Keys" );
end
```

```
rule Draw when
    r : Run()
then
    modify( r ) {} // force loop
    fpsTimer.incFrame();
end
```

```
rule Collision agenda-group "Bullet" when
    b : Bullet( ) @watch( y )
    i : Invader( x < b.x, x + width > b.x, y > b.y )
    Run()
then
    modify( i ) { alive = false }
end
```

# Games Loops (TODO)

- Existence-Drive and Data-Drive
  - “Design of a Rule-Oriented System for Implementing Expertise,” ROSIE (1979)
- Incremental and NonIncremental

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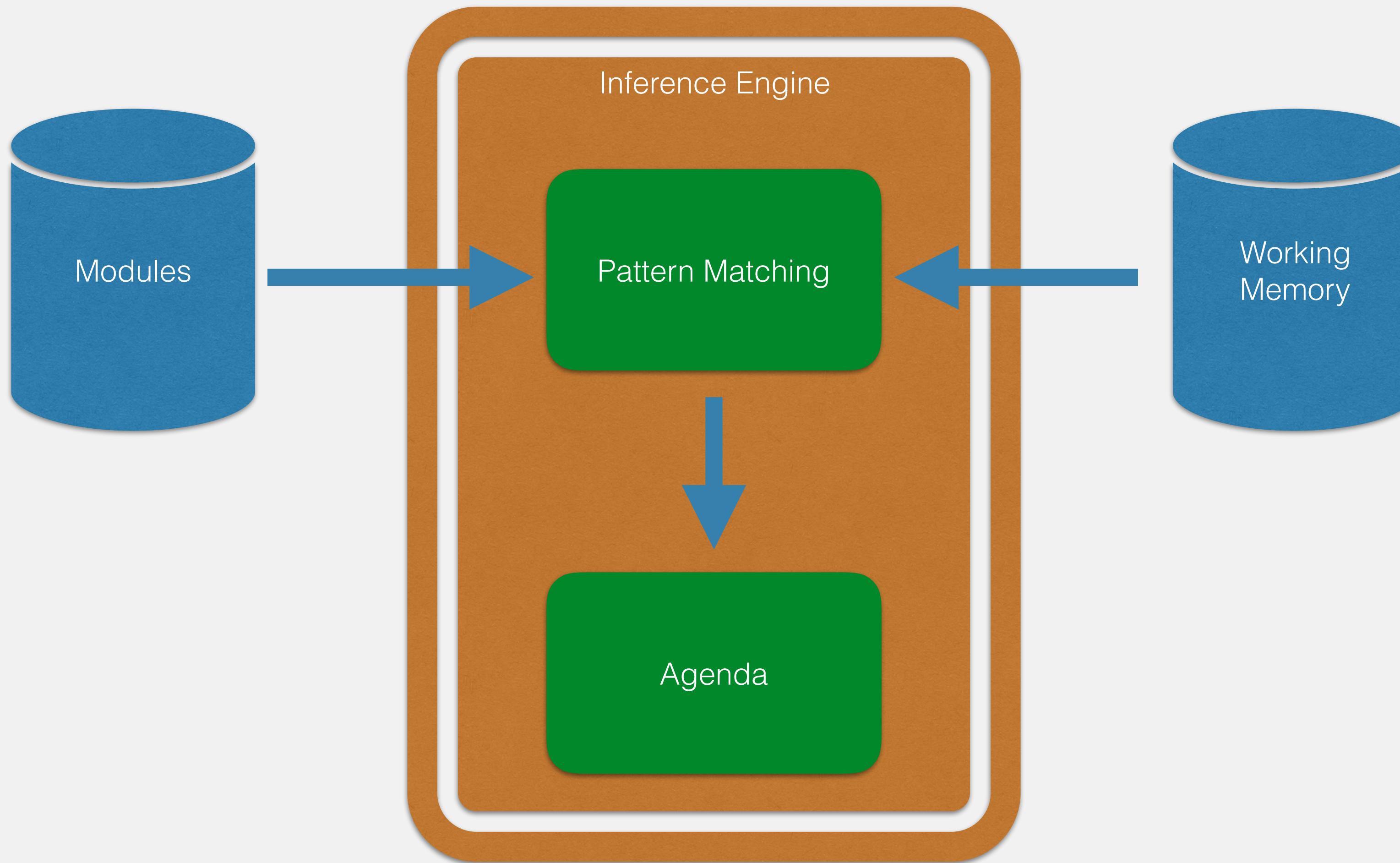
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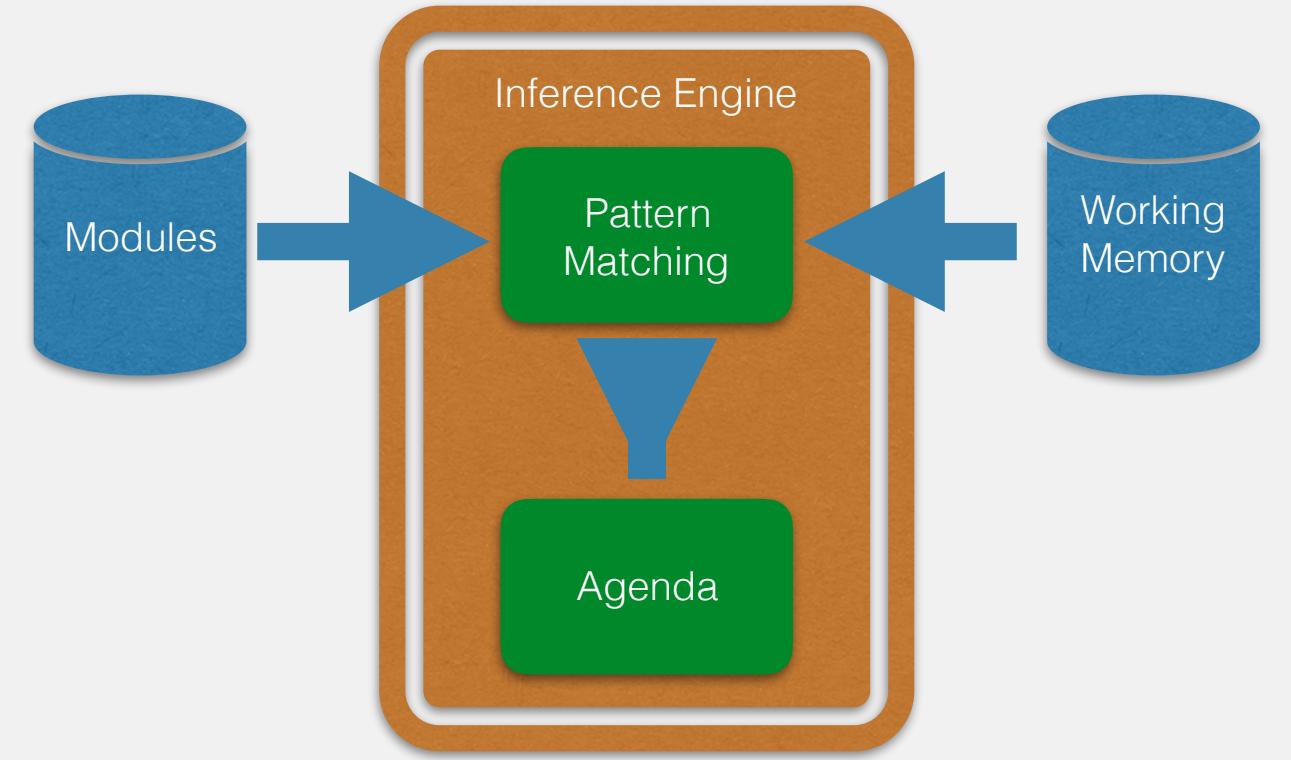
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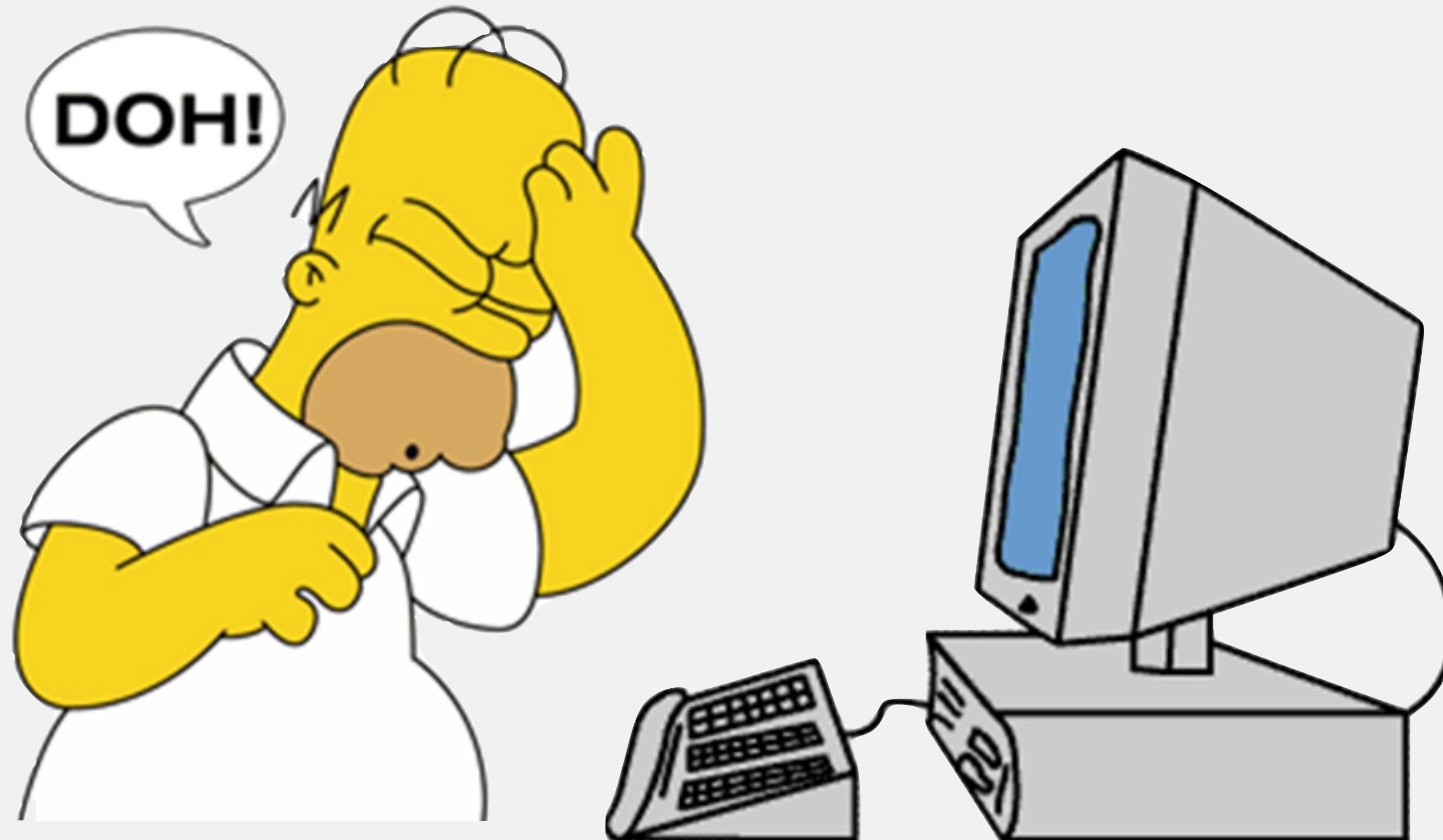
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# Offshoots

## Active DataBases

- Validation enforcement, triggers.
- Simpler semantics, no forward chaining.
- Without 2 phase. Does not allow mutation of selected tables.
- Scoped deterministic execution within the transaction

## Decisioning

- DMN

## CEP

- Power of production system LHS, with additional temporal reasoning
- No inference, rules are isolated

## Reactive Programming with Pattern Matching

- Light Weight, simple facet of a production system
- No Reactive Joins, but can do passive joins
- Built into native language

# Reactive Programming / Pattern Matching

```
public static class Customer {
    int String name;
    int discount = 0;
}
public static class GoldCustomer extends Customer { }
public static class SilverCustomer extends Customer { }
public static class BronzeCustomer extends Customer { }

public static void main( String[] args ) {
    observable.subscribe( customer -> {
        switch (customer) {
            case GoldCustomer g: {
                CriteriaQuery<Double> cr = cb.createQuery(Double.class);
                Root<ShoppingCart> root = cr.from(ShoppingCart.class);
                cr.select(cb.sum(root.get("items.value"))).where("customer = " + g.name);
                Query<Double> query = session.createQuery(cr);
                double total = query.getResultList().get(0);
                g.discount = total > 100 ? 20 : 15;
                break;
            }
            case SilverCustomer s: s.discount = 10; ..... break;
            case BronzeCustomer b: b.discount = 5; ..... break;
            default: customer.discount = 0;
        }
    } );
}
```

# Blended Languages - LinQ / Reactive LinQ

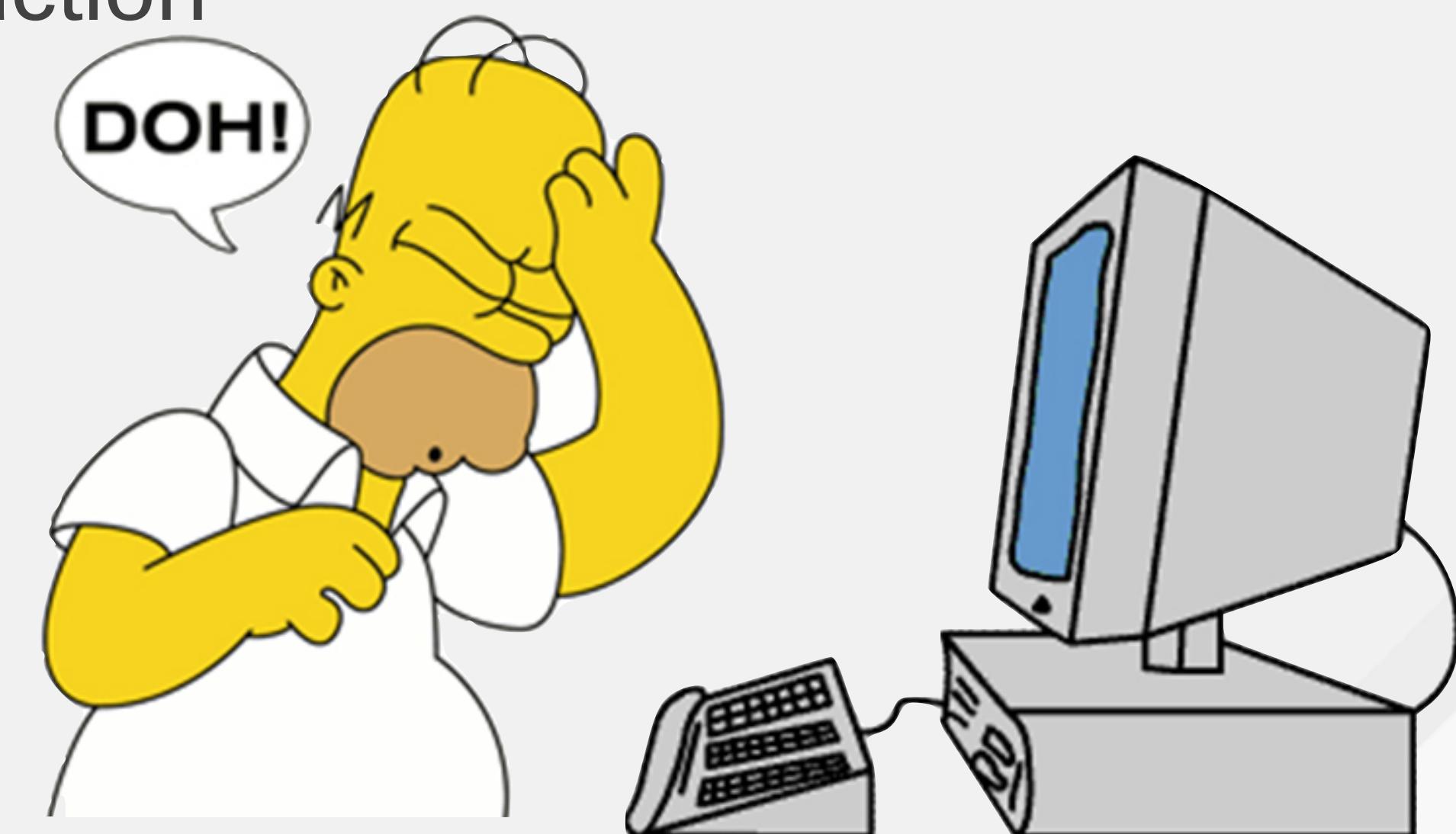
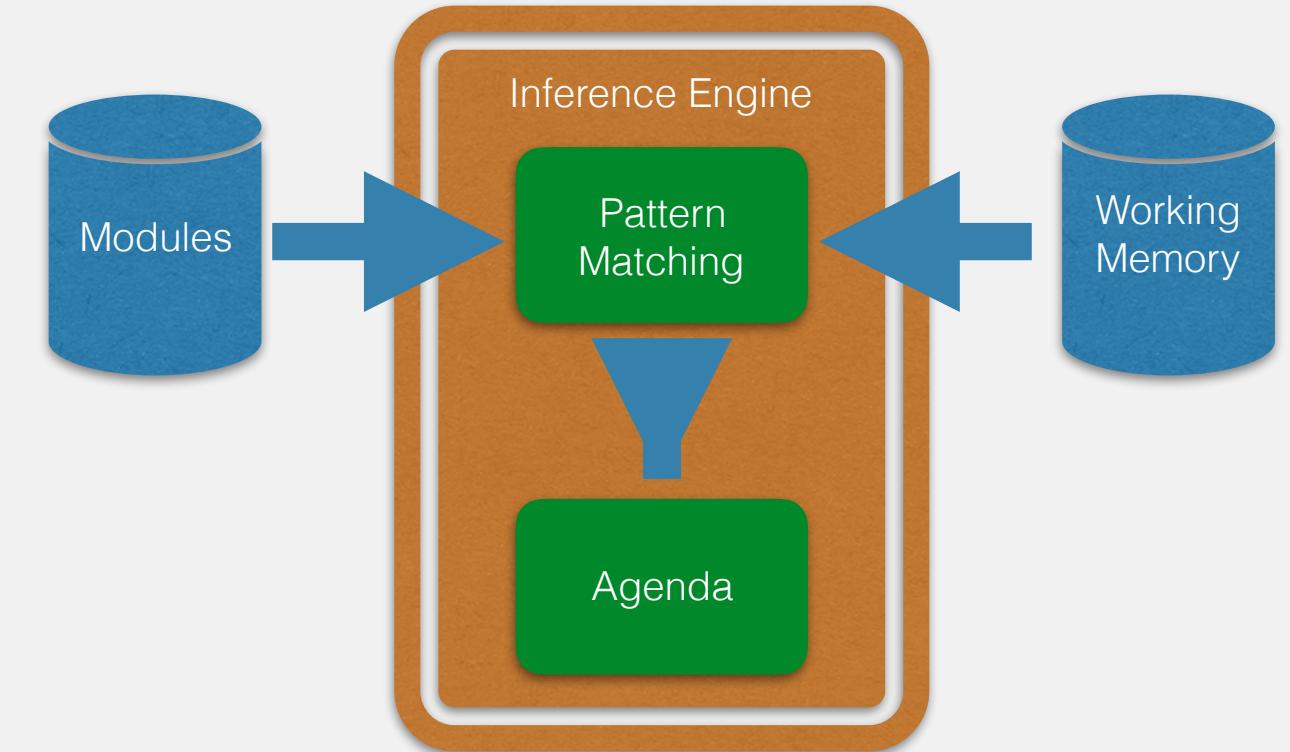
```
var result=  
(  
    from data in myData  
    join inData in incomingData  
        on data.ID equals inData.ID  
    select new  
    {  
        data.ID,  
        inData.LOCATION,  
        data.COUNT  
    }  
).ToList();
```

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“It’s time to trade rule technology dating back to the 80’s for state of the art AI...

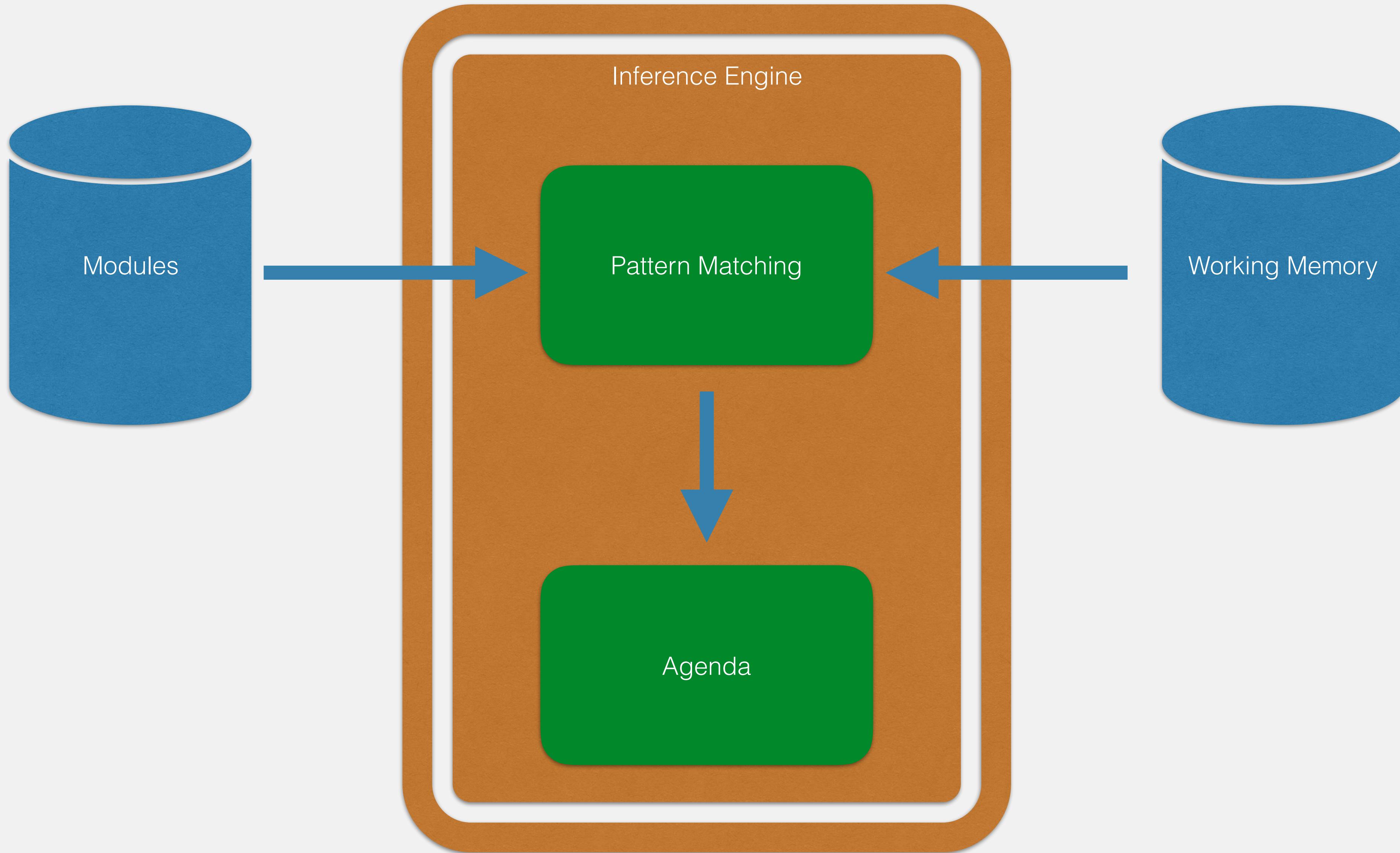
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Logical reasoning technology has advanced while production rule technology remains stagnant” (Paul Haley 2018)

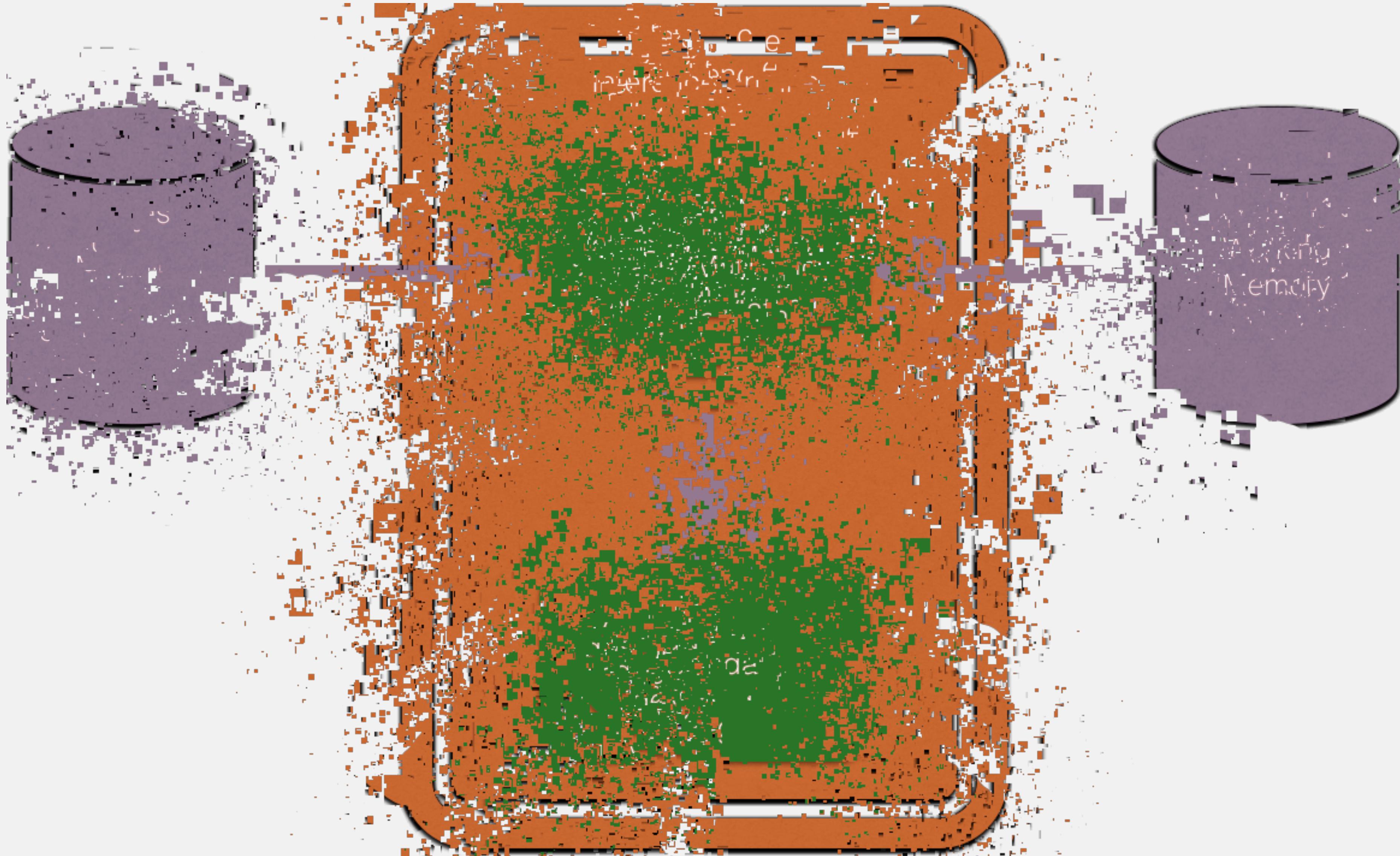


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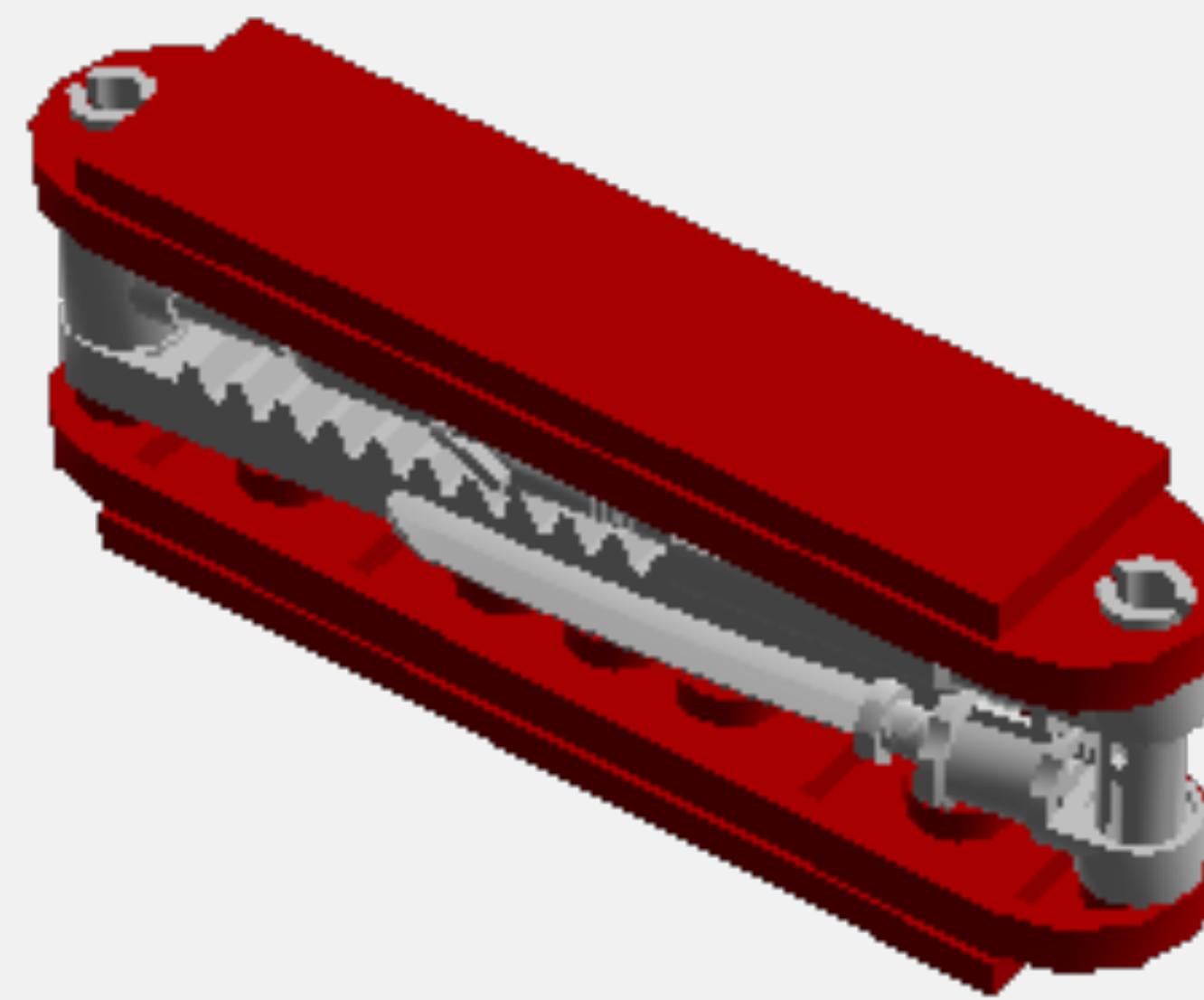
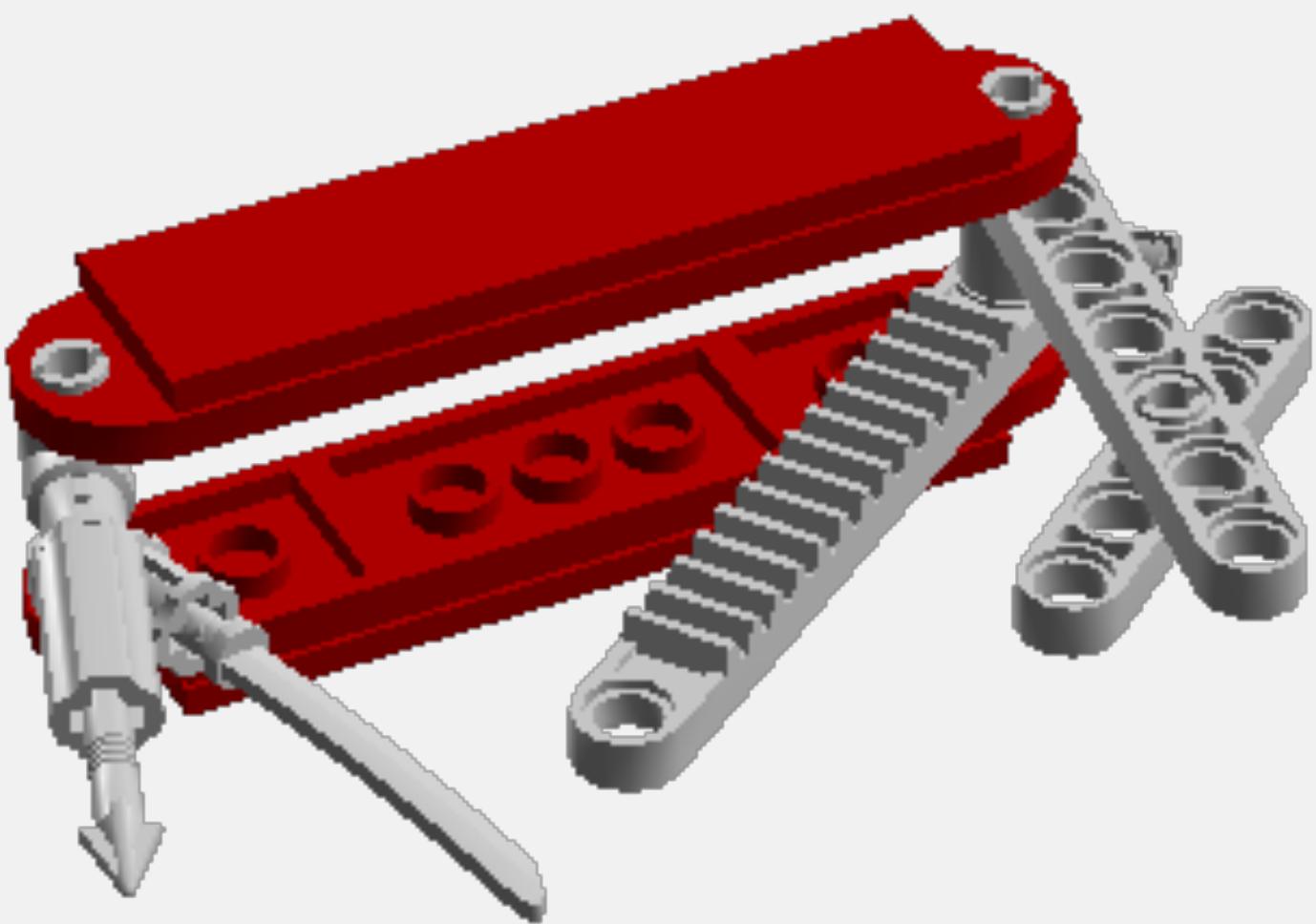
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# Swiss Army Knife



# The Building Blocks of a Swiss Army Knife



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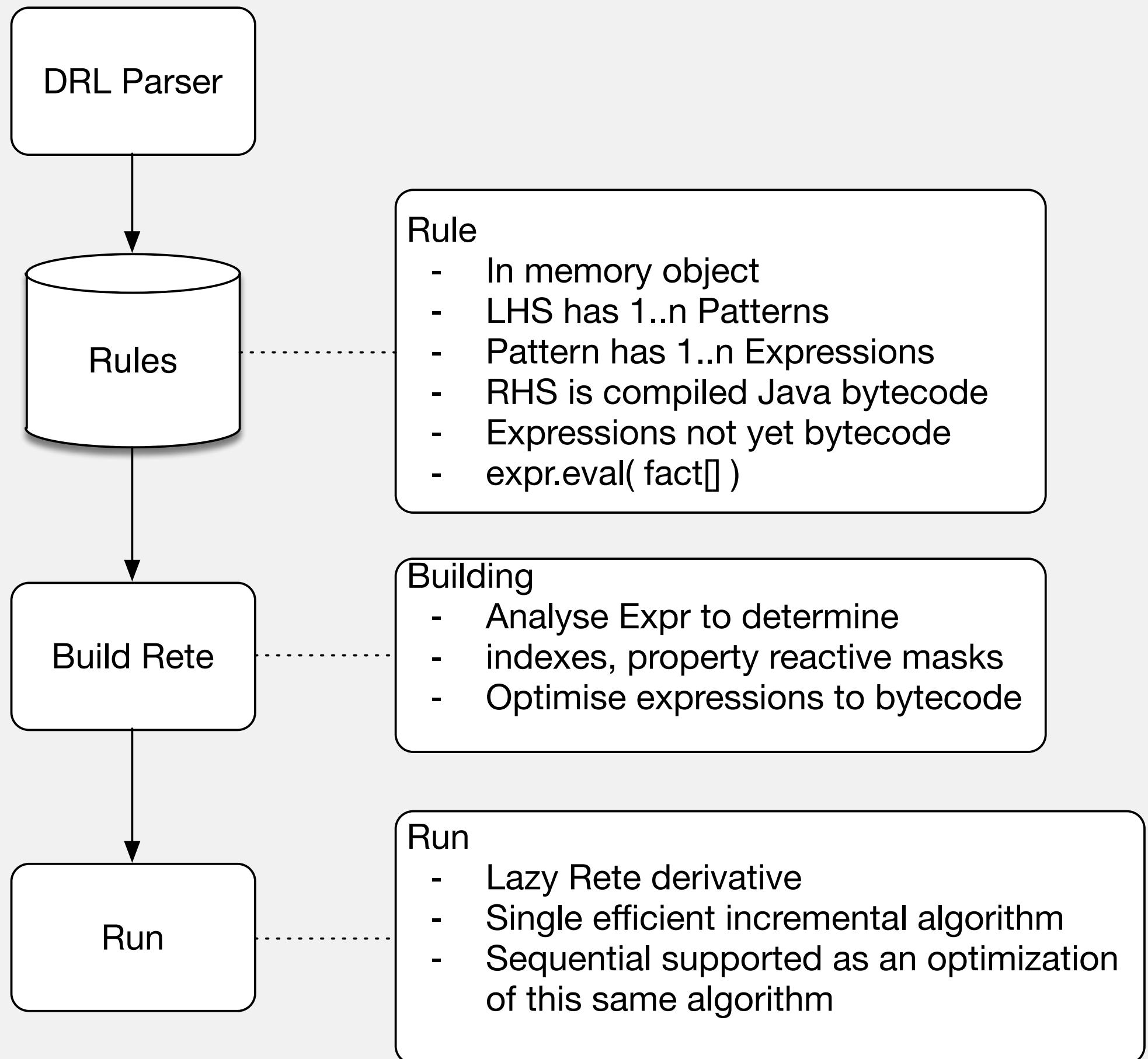
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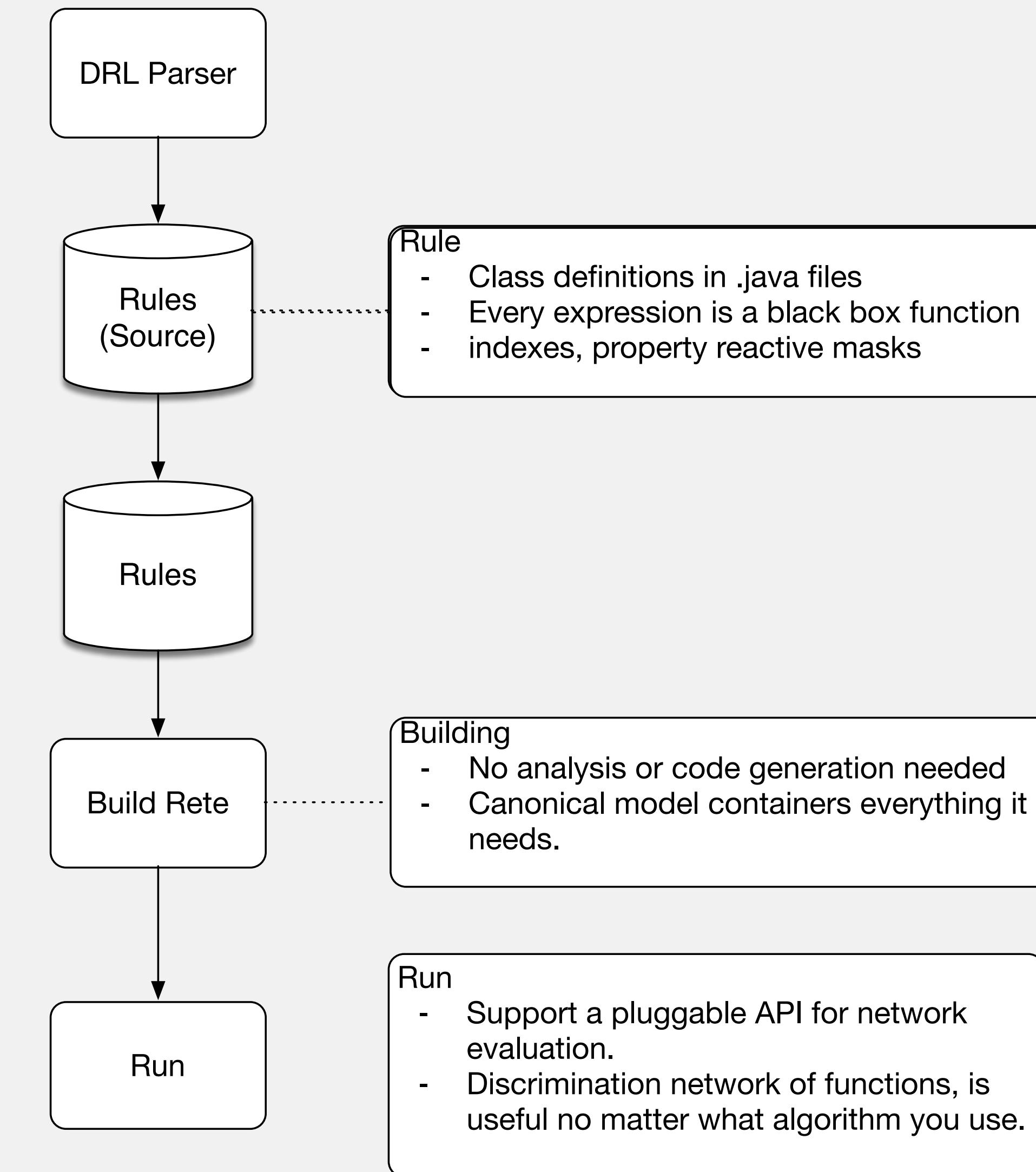
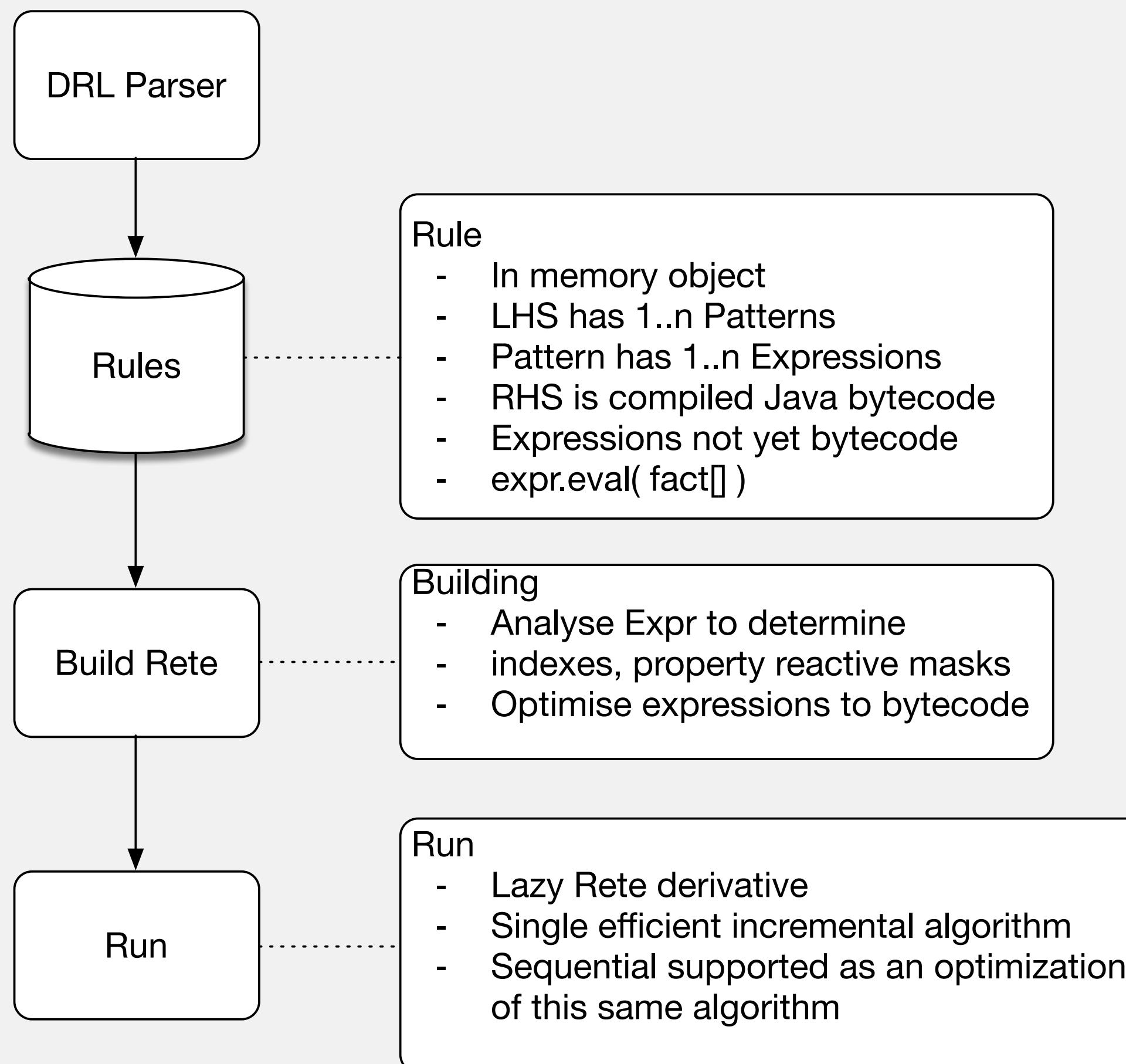
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# Canonical Model

# Canonical Production Rules



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# Canonical Production Rules

```
Rule rule = rule("beta")
    .build(expr("exprA", markV, p -> p.getName().equals("Mark"))
        .indexedBy(String.class, ConstraintType.EQUAL, 1, Person::getName, "Mark")
        .reactOn("name"), // also react on age, see RuleDescr.lookAheadFieldsOfIdentifier
bind(markAge).as(markV, Person::getAge).reactOn("age"),
    expr("exprB", olderV, p -> !p.getName().equals("Mark"))
        .indexedBy(String.class, ConstraintType.NOT_EQUAL, 1, Person::getName, "Mark")
        .reactOn("name"),
expr("exprC", olderV, markAge, (p1, age) -> p1.getAge() > age)
    .indexedBy(int.class, ConstraintType.GREATER_THAN, 0, Person::getAge, int.class::cast)
    .reactOn("age"),
on(olderV, markV).execute((drools, p1, p2) -> drools.insert(p1.getName() +
    " is older than " + p2.getName())));
```

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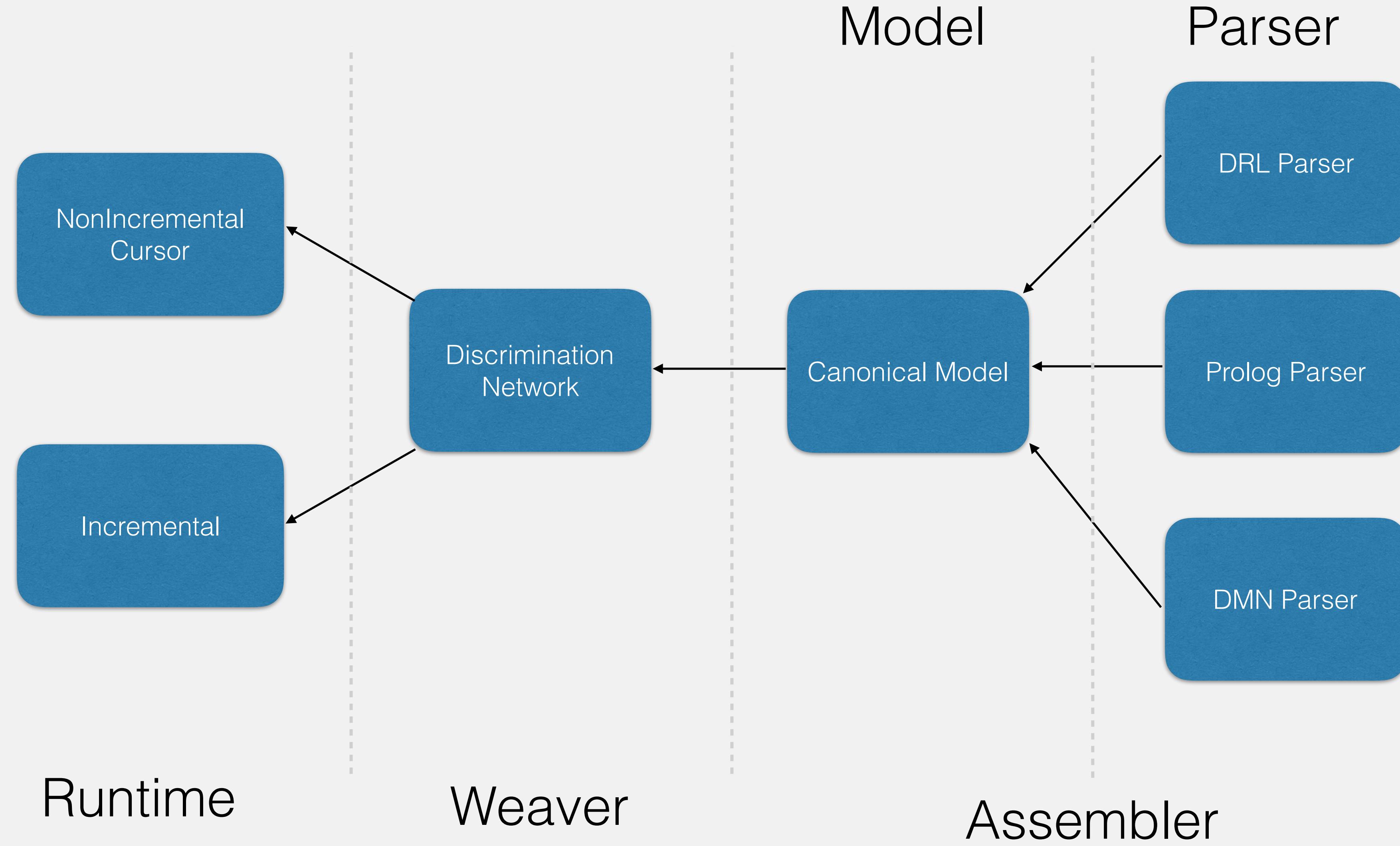
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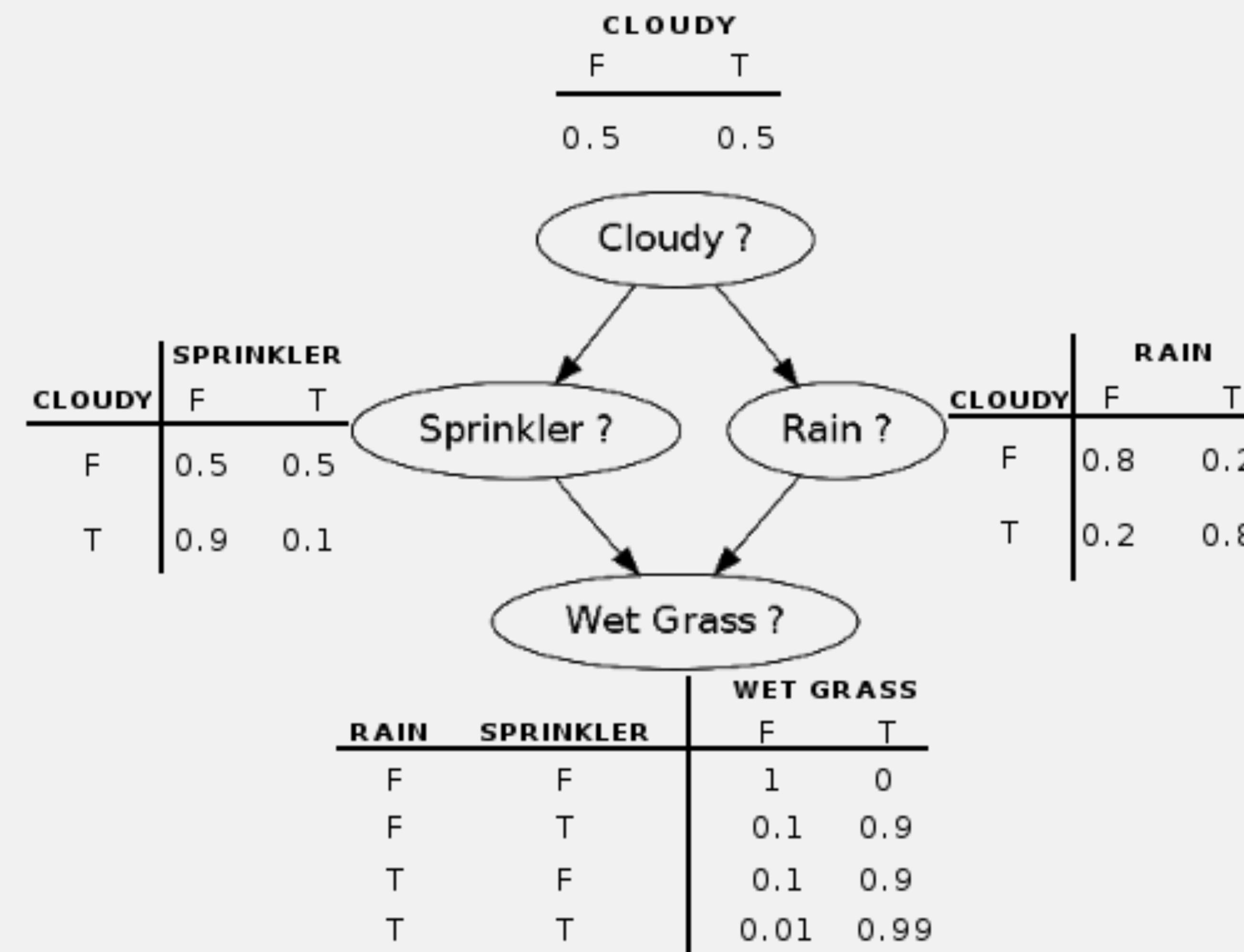
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# Pluggable Knowledge



# Pluggable Knowledge - Bayesian Networks

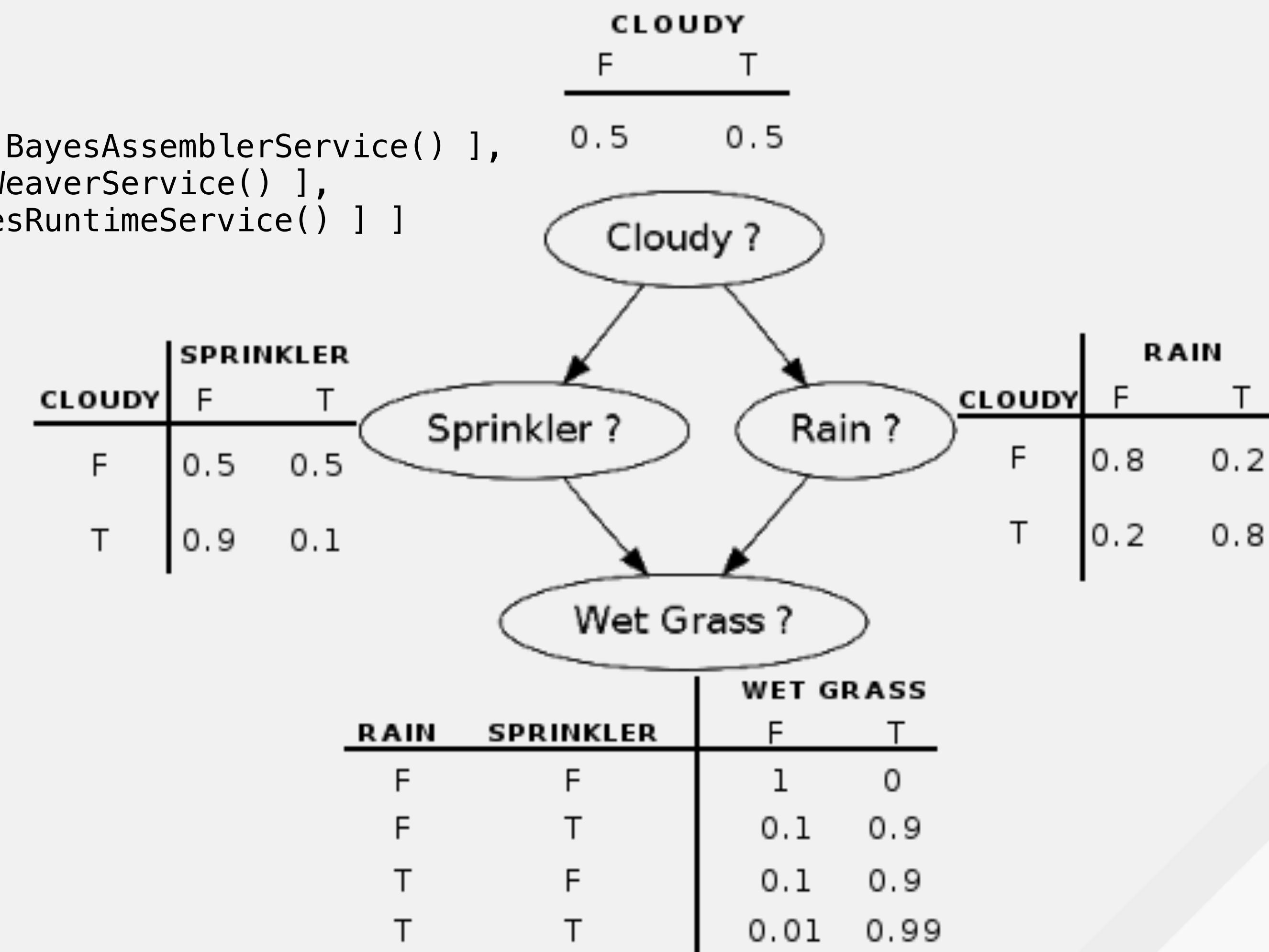
- Bayesian Networks



# Pluggable Knowledge - Bayesian Networks

- Bayesian Networks
- XMLBIF

```
[ 'assemblers' : [ new org.drools.beliefs.bayes.assembler.BayesAssemblerService() ],  
  'weavers' : [ new org.drools.beliefs.bayes.weaver.BayesWeaverService() ],  
  'runtimes' : [ new org.drools.beliefs.bayes.runtime.BayesRuntimeService() ] ]
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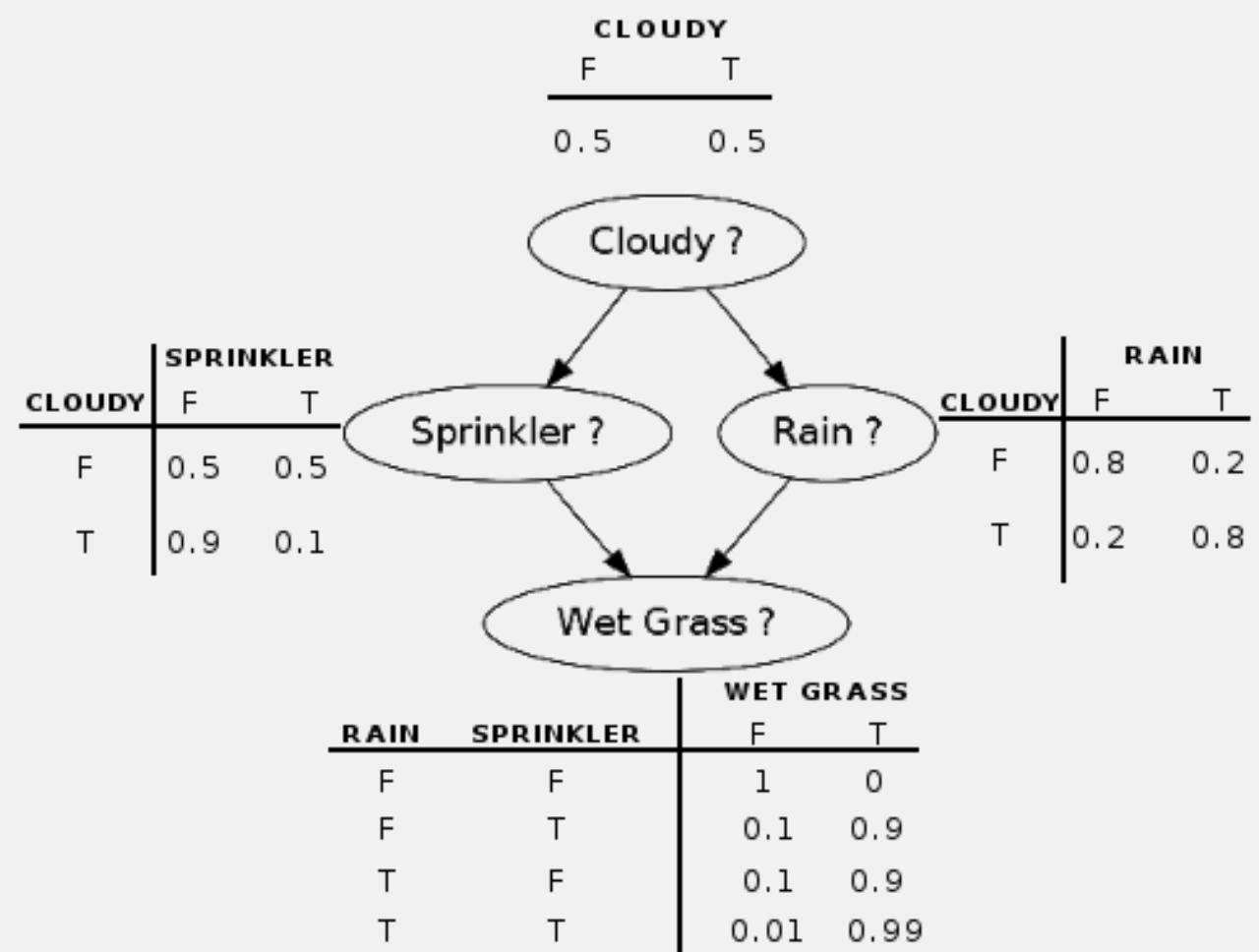
# Pluggable Knowledge - Bayesian Networks

```
KnowledgeBuilder kBuilder = KnowledgeBuilderFactory.newKnowledgeBuilder();
kBuilder.add( ResourceFactory.newClassPathResource("Garden.xmlbif"), ResourceType.BAYES );

KnowledgeBase kBase = KnowledgeBaseFactory.newKnowledgeBase();
kBase.addKnowledgePackages( kBuilder.getKnowledgePackages() );

StatefulKnowledgeSession kSession = kBase.newStatefulKnowledgeSession();

BayesRuntime bayesRuntime = ksession.getKieRuntime(BayesRuntime.class);
BayesInstance<Garden> instance = bayesRuntime.createInstance(Garden.class);
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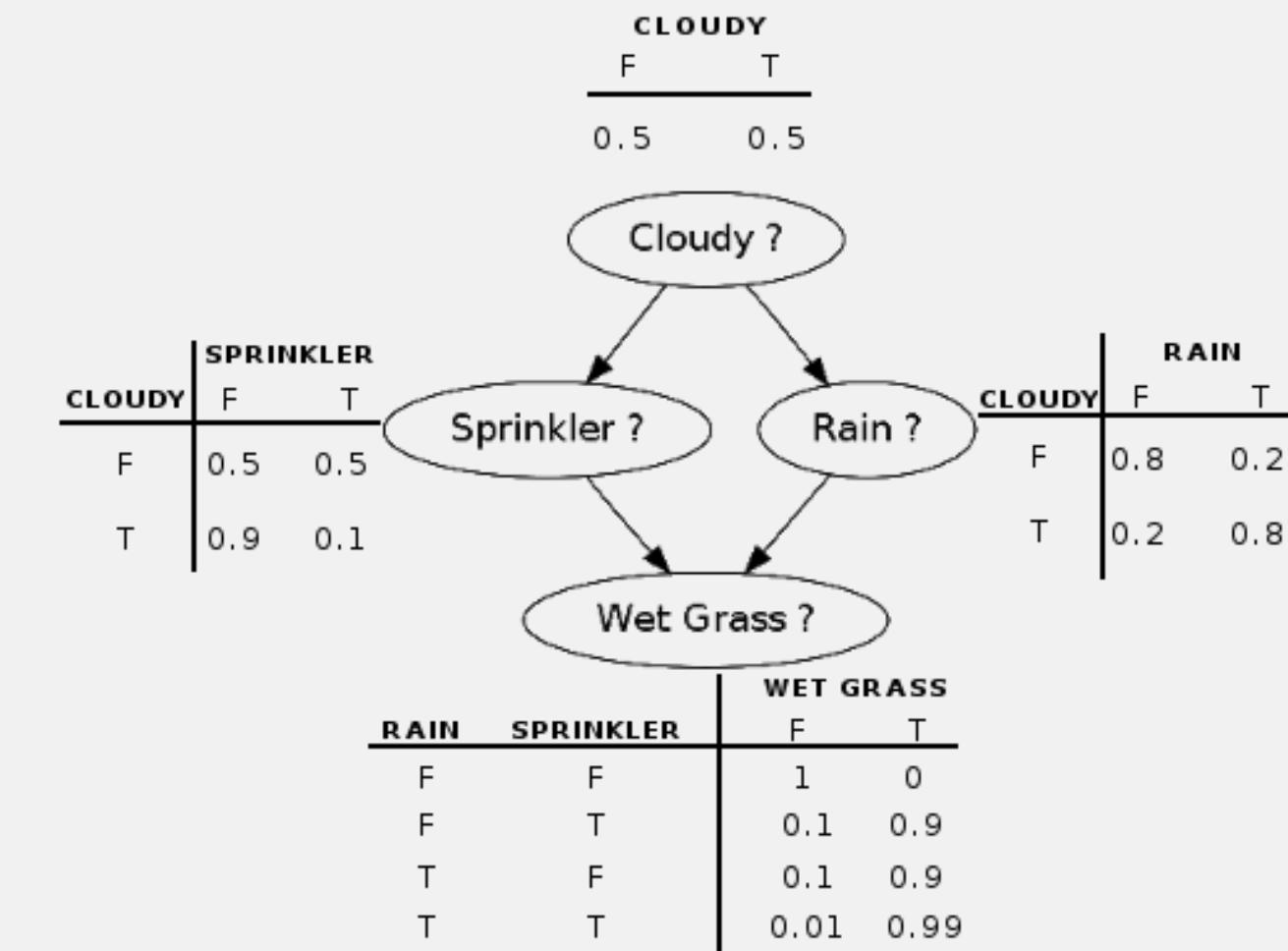
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bayesInstance.setDecided(var, true);
bayesInstance.setLikelihood( var, [1.0,0.0] );

BayesVariable var = ( BayesVariable ) instance.getFieldNames().get( "Cloudy" );
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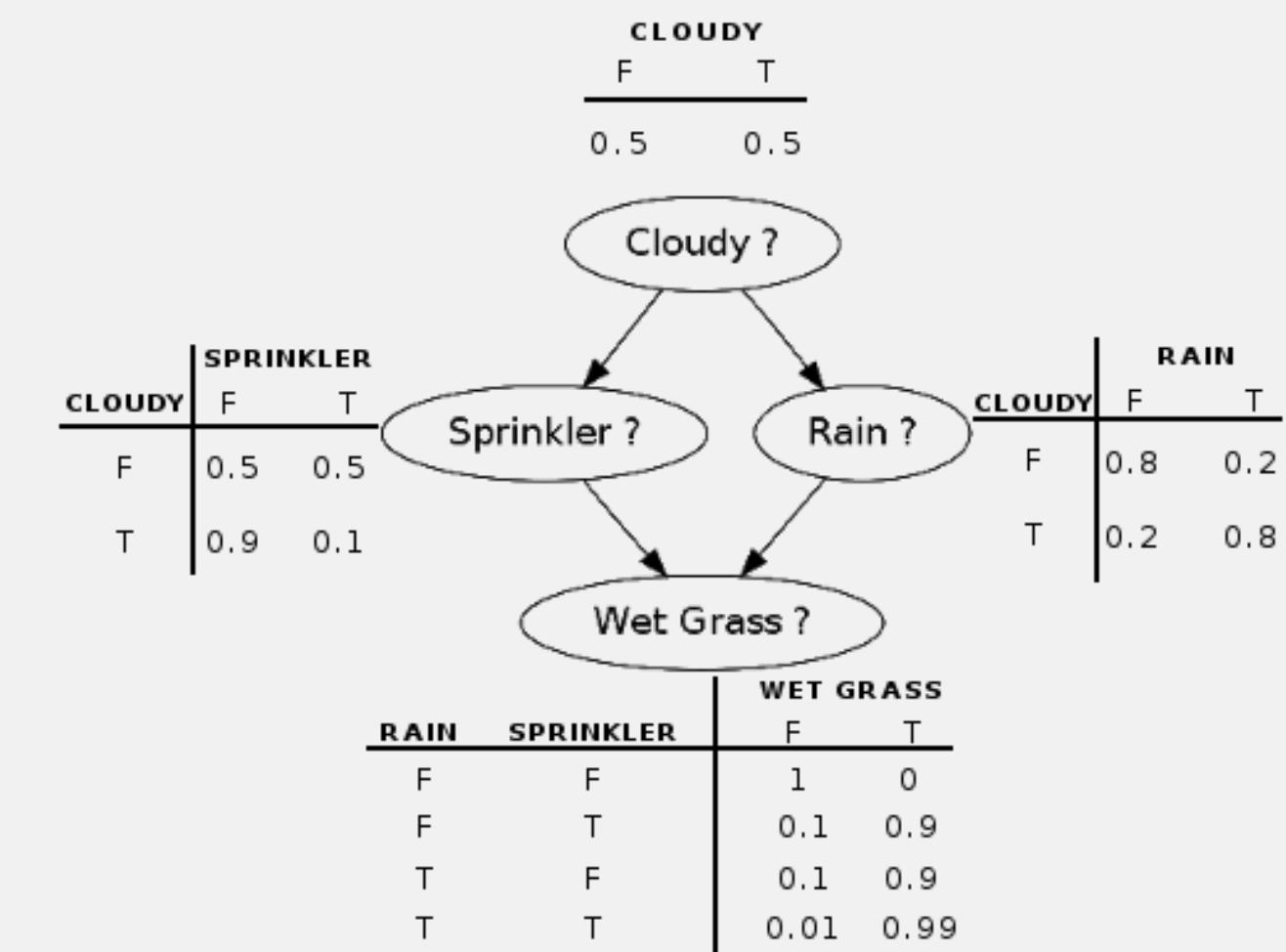
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```
Garden garden = instance.marginalize();
assertTrue(garden.isDecided());
assertTrue(garden.isRained());
```



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# Simple TMS

- A rule “logically” inserts an object
- When the rule is no longer true, the object is retracted.

```
rule "IsChild"  
when  
  $p : Person( age < 16 )  
then  
  logicalInsert( new IsChild( $p ) )  
end  
  
rule "IsAdult"  
when  
  $p : Person( age >= 16 )  
then  
  logicalInsert( new IsAdult( $p ) )  
end
```

```
rule "Issue Child Bus Pass"  
when  
  $p : Person()  
    IsChild( person =$p )  
then  
  logicalInsert(new ChildBusPass( $p ));  
end  
  
rule "Issue Adult Bus Pass"  
when  
  $p : Person()  
    IsAdult( person =$p )  
then  
  logicalInsert(new AdultBusPass( $p ));  
end
```

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# Defeasible

```
rule "All Birds Fly" @Defeasible
when
  $b : Bird( )
then
  logicalInsert(new Fly( $b ) );
end
```

```
rule "Penguins Don't Fly"
  @Defeasible @Defeater
when
  $b : Bird( )
    Penguin($b;)
then
  logicalInsert(new Fly( $b ), "neg" );
end
```

```
rule "Penguins With Rockets Fly"
  @Defeasible @Defeats("Penguins Don't Fly")
when
  $b : Penguin( )
    Rocket($b;)
then
  logicalInsert(new Fly( $b ) );
end
```

# Defeasible

- Defeasible for Legal
  - ‘claim’, ‘objection,’ ‘rebuttal,’ ‘attack,’ ‘refutation,’ ‘rebutting defeater’ and ‘undercutting defeater’
  - [http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?  
doi=10.1.1.858.8225&rep=rep1&type=pdf](http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.858.8225&rep=rep1&type=pdf)
- Deontic logic and Temporal
  - Obligatory, Permitted, Forbidden
  - [https://www.ics.forth.gr/publications/Dimaresis\\_master.pdf](https://www.ics.forth.gr/publications/Dimaresis_master.pdf)

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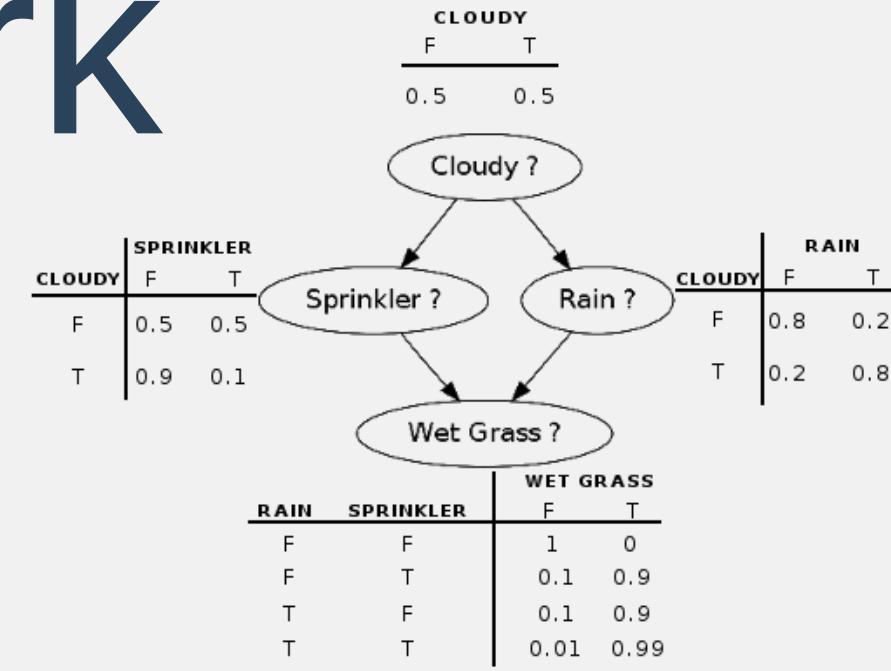
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# Pluggable Beliefs - Bayesian Network

```
KnowledgeBuilder kBuilder = KnowledgeBuilderFactory.newKnowledgeBuilder();
kBuilder.add( ResourceFactory.newClassPathResource("rules.drl"), ResourceType.DRL );
kBuilder.add( ResourceFactory.newClassPathResource("Garden.xmlbif"), ResourceType.BAYES );
```

```
KnowledgeBase kBase = KnowledgeBaseFactory.newKnowledgeBase();
kBase.addKnowledgePackages( kBuilder.getKnowledgePackages() );
```



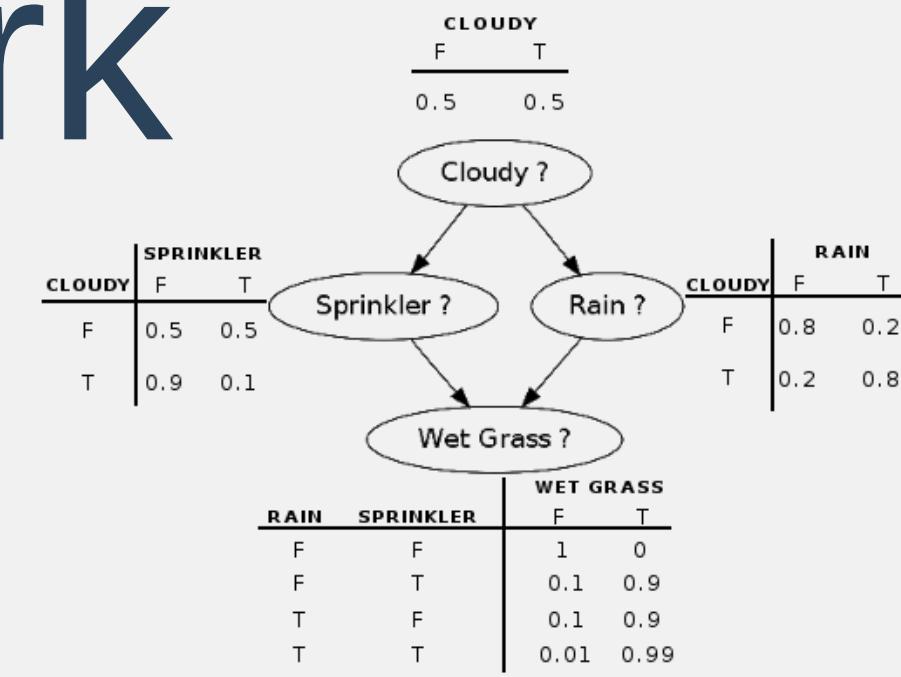
# Pluggable Beliefs - Bayesian Network

```
BayesVariable var = ( BayesVariable ) instance.getFieldNames().get( "WetGrass" );
bayesInstance.setDecided(var, true);
bayesInstance.setLikelyhood( var, [1.0,0.0] );
```

```
Garden garden = instance.marginalize();
FactHandle fh = ksession.insert( garden );
ksession.insert( new Cloud() );
ksession.fireAllRules();
```

```
rule "I see clouds" when
    g : Garden(decided == false)
        exists Cloud()
then
    insertLogical( bayesVar(g, 'Cloudy'),
                    evidenceFactory.create( new double[] {1.0,0.0} ) );
end
```

```
rule "It probably rained" when
    Garden(decided == true, rain == true)
then
    System.out.println( "Rain" );
end
```



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# Venus Rule Language

- Rules and data are decoupled
- Declarative Guards

```
module stipulate_relations(standby[], same[])

rule same_is_symmetric;
if (TRUE) {enforce_symmetry(same[]);}

rule same_is_transitive;
if (TRUE) {enforce_transitivity(same[]);}

rule standby_is_symmetric;
if (TRUE) {enforce_symmetry(standby[]);}
```

```
module enforce_symmetry(Relation r[])
{
    rule enforce;
    from r[*] s;
    from r[?] t;
    if (!(s.domain_oid == t.range_oid &&
          s.range_oid == t.domain_oid)) {

        Relation *ins = new Relation;
        ins->domain_oid = s.range_oid;
        ins->range_oid = s.domain_oid;
        r.insert(ins);
    }
}
```

# Units

```
package org.mypackage.myunit
public class AdultUnit implements RuleUnit {

    private int adultAge;

    private DataSource<Person> persons;

    public AdultUnit( ) { }

    public AdultUnit( DataSource<Person> persons, int age ) {
        this.persons = persons;
        this.age = age;
    }

}
```

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    }
}
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```
package org.mypackage.myunit
unit AdultUnit

rule Adult when
    $p : /persons{age >= adultAge}
then
    System.out.println($p.getName() +
        " is adult and greater than " + adultAge);
end
```

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    public AdultUnit( ) { }
    public AdultUnit( DataSource<Person> persons, int age ) {
        this.persons = persons;
        this.age = age;
    }

    @Override
    public void onStart() { System.out.println(getName() + " started."); }

    @Override
    public void onEnd() { }
}
```

```
package org.mypackage.myunit
unit AdultUnit

rule Adult when
    $p : /persons{age >= adultAge}
then
    System.out.println($p.getName() +
        " is adult and greater than " + adultAge);
end
```

# Guards

```
public class BoxOfficeUnit implements RuleUnit {  
    private DataSource<BoxOffice> boxOffices;  
}
```

```
package org.mypackage.myunit  
unit BoxOfficeUnit  
  
rule BoxOfficeIsOpen when  
    $box: /boxOffices{ open }  
then  
    drools.guard( TicketIssuerUnit.class );  
end
```

```
public class TicketIssuerUnit implements RuleUnit {  
    private DataSource<Person> persons;  
    private DataSource<AdultTicket> tickets;  
    private List<String> results;  
}
```

```
package org.mypackage.myunit  
unit TicketIssuerUnit  
  
rule IssueAdultTicket when  
    $p: /persons{ age >= 18 }  
then  
    tickets.insert(new AdultTicket($p));  
end  
  
rule RegisterAdultTicket when  
    $t: /tickets  
then  
    results.add( $t.getPerson().getName() );  
end
```

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