

Bytecode Testability Transformation

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```
boolean flag = x < y;  
  
if(flag) {  
    // target branch  
}
```

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    // target branch  
}
```

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```
1 package test;
2
3 public class Stack {
4
5     private int maxStack;
6     private int emptyStack;
7     private int top;
8     private char[] items;
9
10    public Stack(int size) {
11        maxStack= size;
12        emptyStack = -1;
13        top = emptyStack;
14        items = new char[maxStack];
15    }
16
17 }
```

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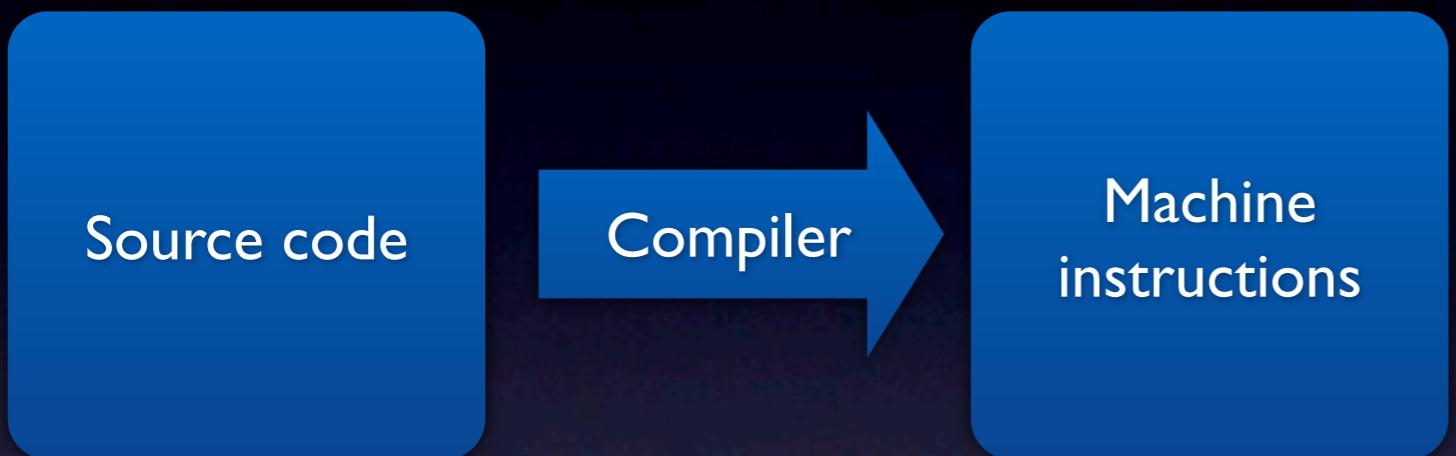
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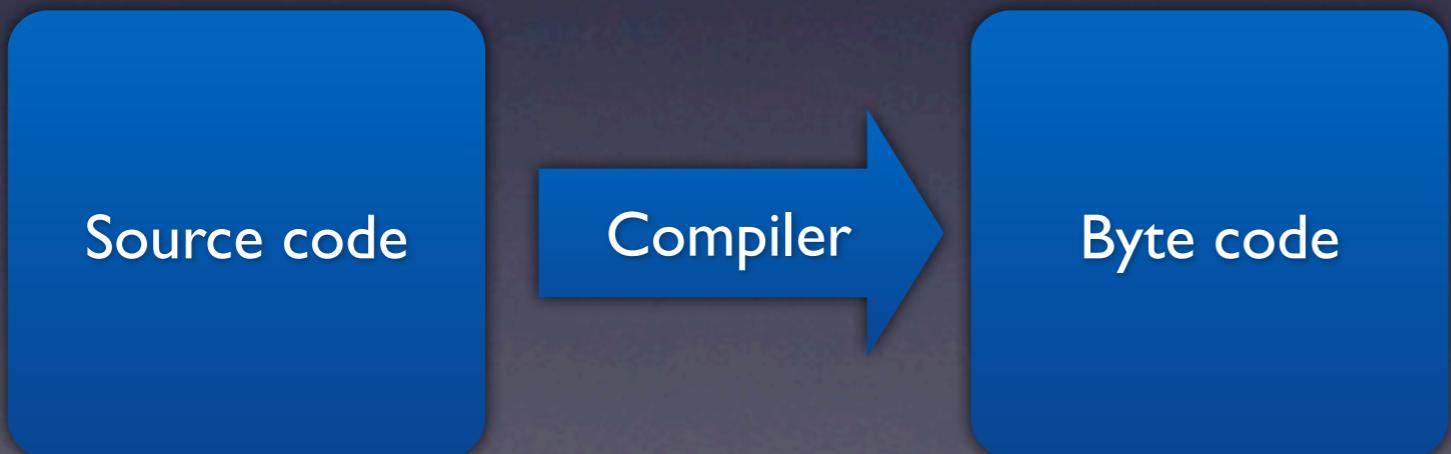
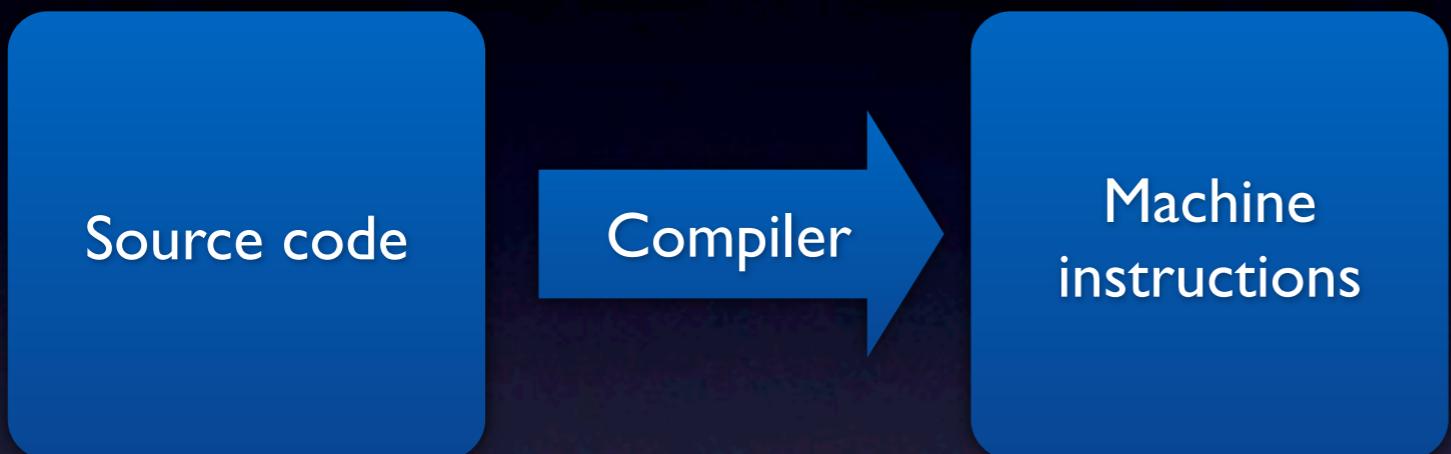
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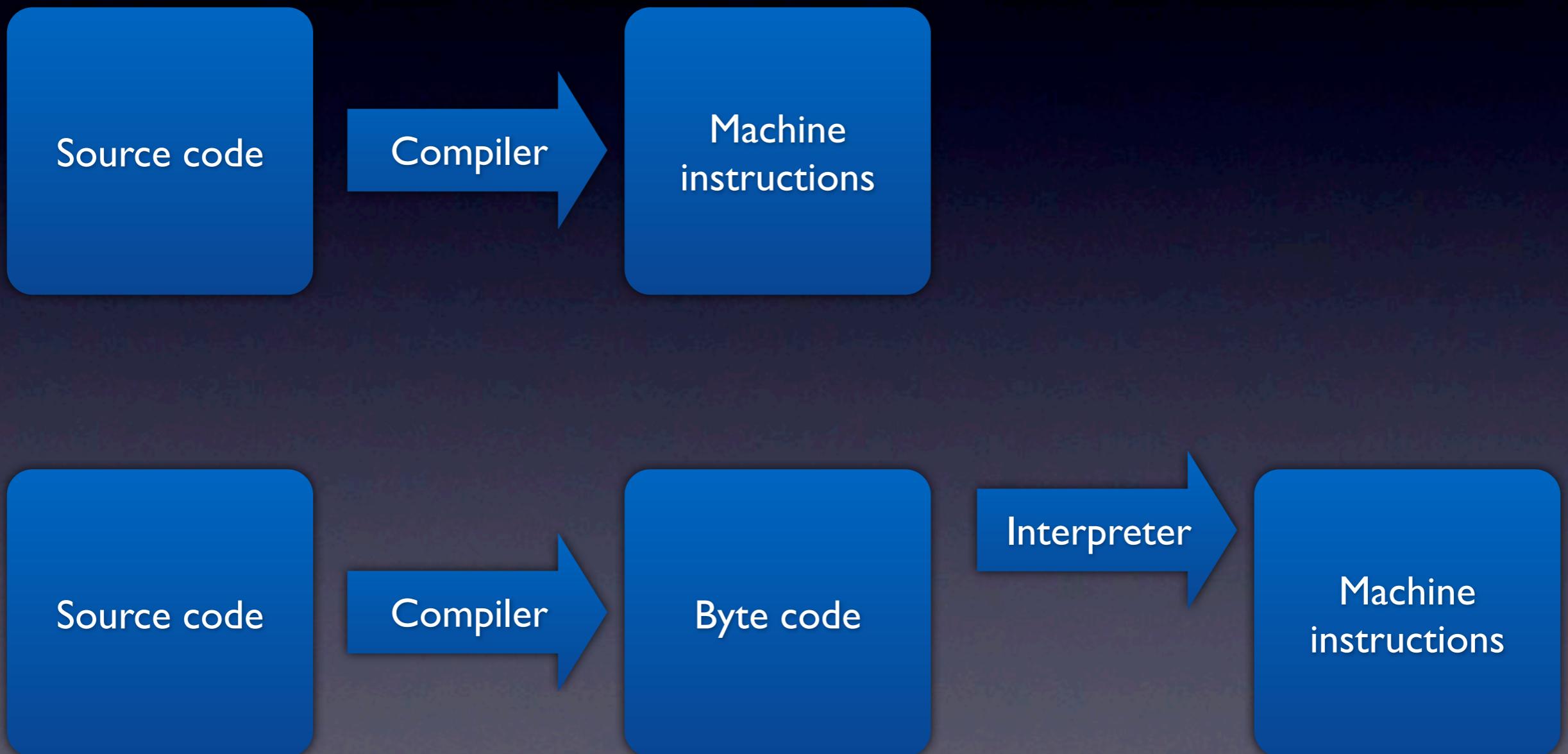
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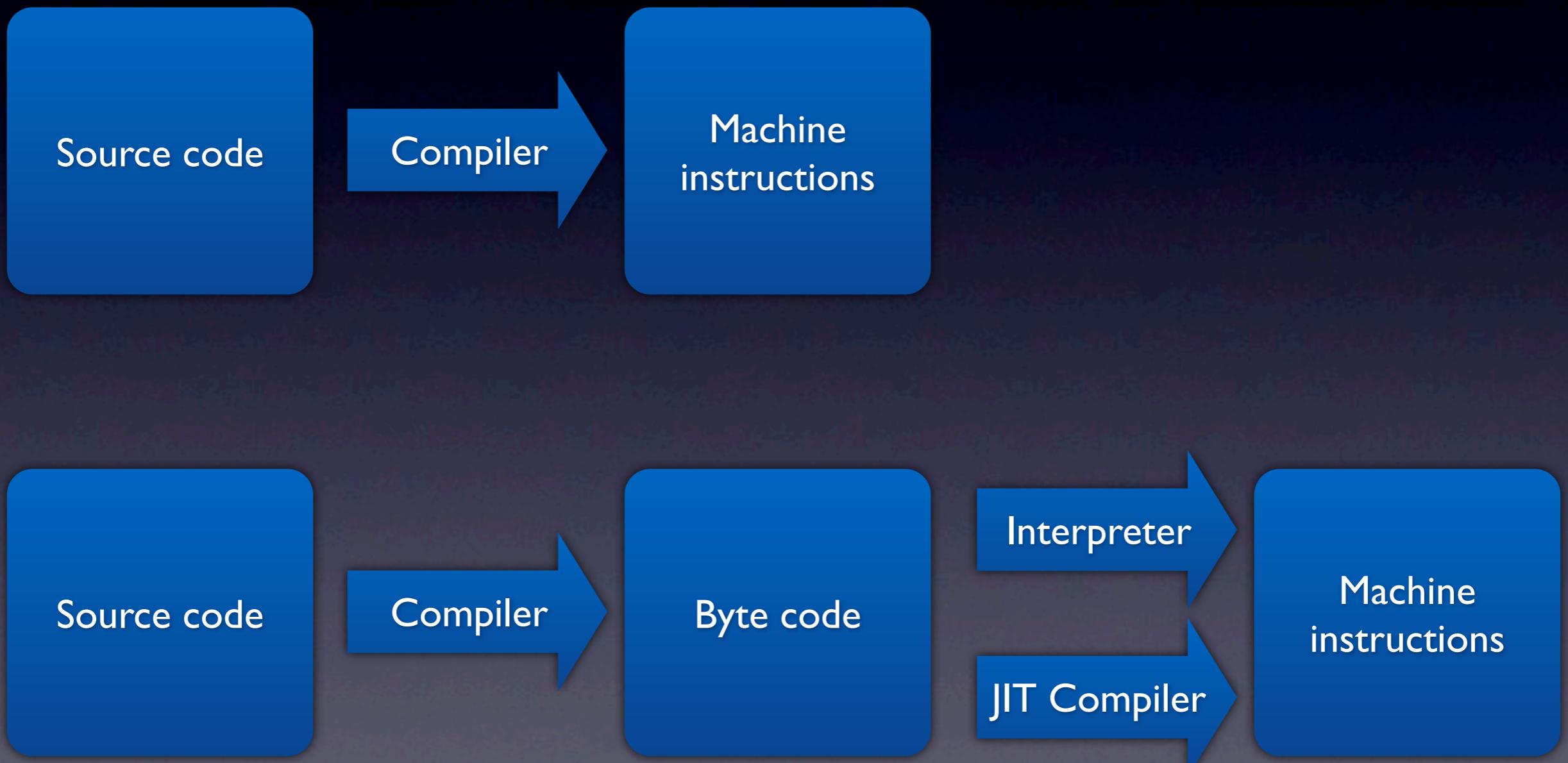
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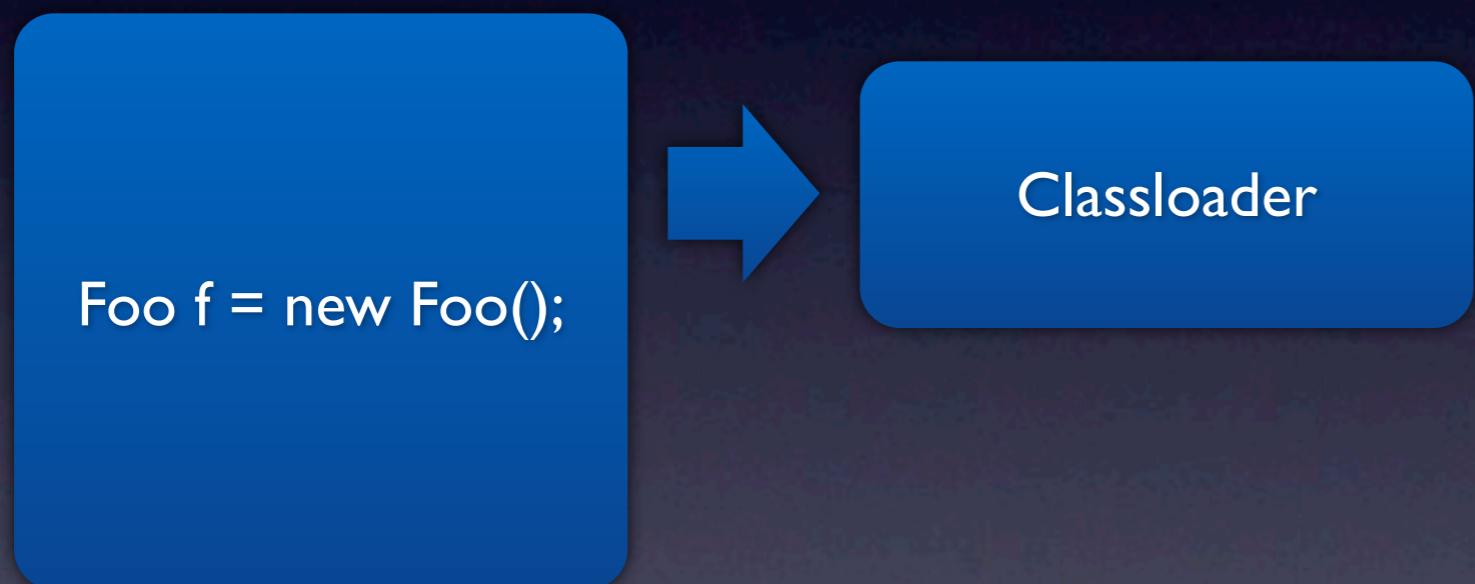
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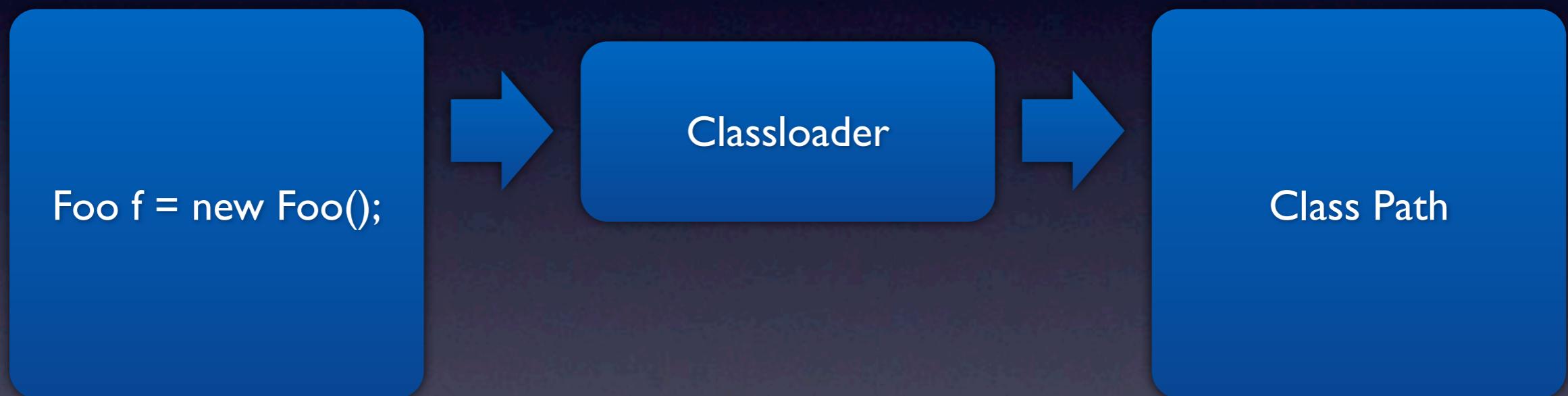
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```
Foo f = new Foo();
```

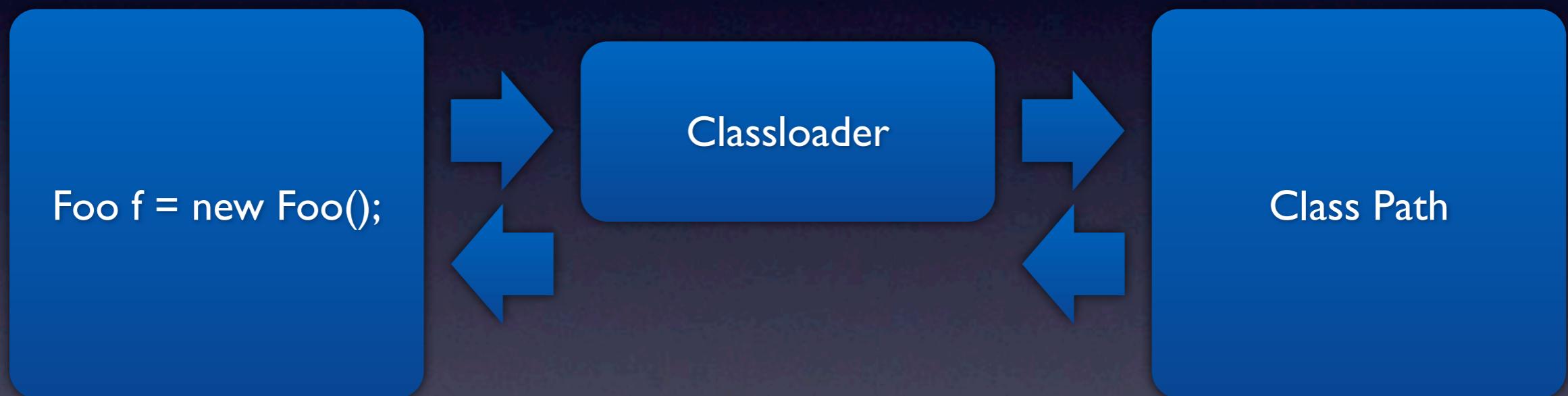
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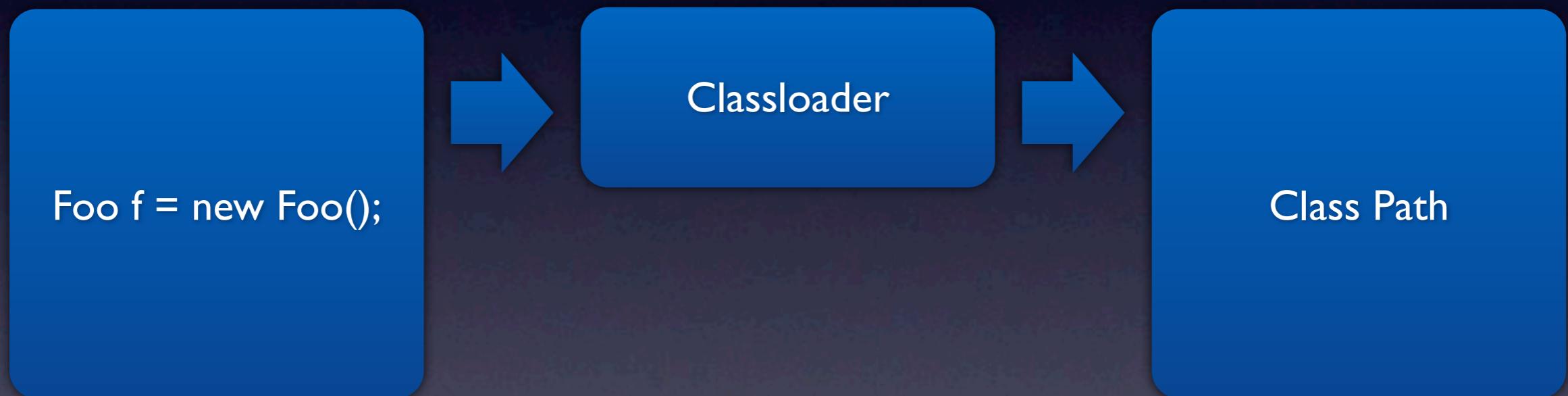
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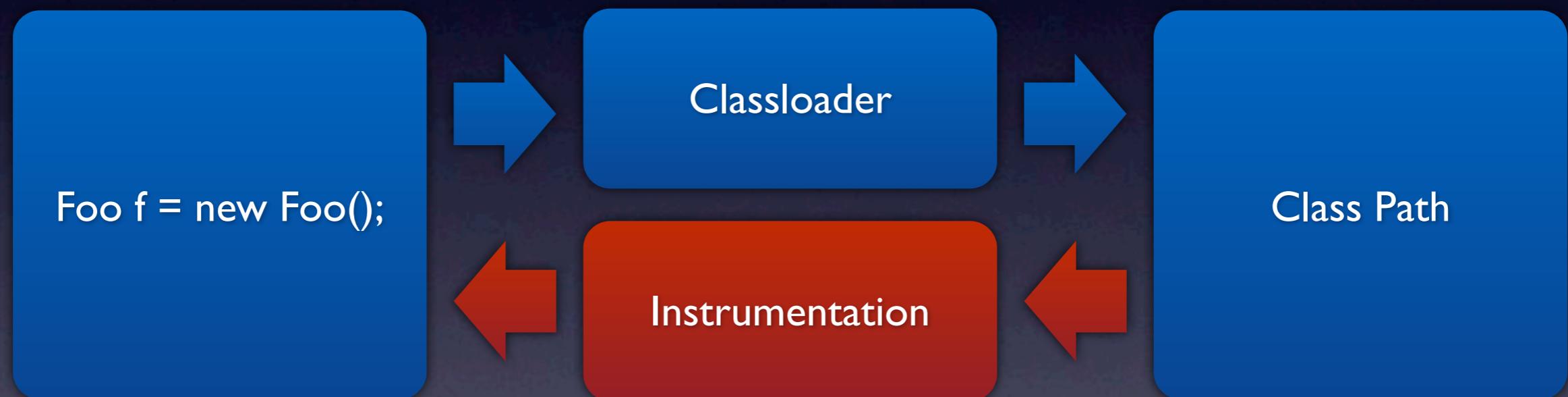
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Bytecode

ICONST_0

Bytecode

ICONST_0

0

Bytecode

**ICONST_0
ICONST_1**

0

Bytecode

**ICONST_0
ICONST_1**

0

|

Bytecode

ICONST_0
ICONST_1
IADD

0

I

Bytecode

ICONST_0

ICONST_1

IADD

Bytecode

**ICONST_0
ICONST_1
IADD**

|

Bytecode

ICONST_0
ICONST_1
IADD
IFNE L1

|

Bytecode

```
ICONST_0  
ICONST_1  
IADD  
IFNE L1
```

...



LI

Bytecode

ICONST_0

ICONST_1

IADD

IFNE L1

...

INVOKEVIRTUAL ...



Bytecode

ICONST_0
ICONST_1
IADD
IFNE L1

X

...
INVOKEVIRTUAL ...



Bytecode

ICONST_0

ICONST_1

IADD

IFNE L1

...

LI

INVOKEVIRTUAL ...

IRETURN

X

Bytecode

ICONST_0

ICONST_1

IADD

IFNE L1

...

INVOKEVIRTUAL ...

IRETURN



Bytecode Branches



Bytecode Branches

if(x == 0)

IFEQ

if(x != 0)

IFNE

Bytecode Branches

if(x == 0)

IFEQ

if(x != 0)

IFNE

if(x == y)

IF_ICMPEQ

if(x <= y)

IF_ICMPLT

Bytecode Branches

if(x == 0)

IFEQ

if(x != 0)

IFNE

if(x == y)

IF_ICMPEQ

if(x <= y)

IF_ICMPLT

if(x == null)

IFNULL

if(x == this)

IF_ACMPEQ

Side Effects

```
if(foo())
    // some code
else
    // else ...
```

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```
if(foo())
    // some code
else
    // else ...
```

```
0:  ALOAD_0
1:  INVOKEVIRTUAL foo()Z
2:  IFEQ 5
3:  // else ...
4:  GOT0 6
5:  // some code
6:  ...
```

Bytecode Instrumentation

```
if(x == 0)
```

Bytecode Instrumentation

ILOAD_1
IFEQ

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ILOAD_1
IFEQ



ILOAD_1
DUP
LDC branchId
LDC opcode of IFEQ
INVOKE distance
IFEQ

Bytecode Instrumentation

```
if(x >= y)
```

Bytecode Instrumentation

ILOAD_1

ILOAD_2

IF_ICMPGT

Bytecode Instrumentation

ILOAD_1
ILOAD_2
IF_ICMPGT



ILOAD_1
ILOAD_2
DUP2
LDC branchId
LDC opcode IF_ICMPGT
INVOKEDynamic distance
IF_ICMPGT

Flag Assignments

```
boolean flag = x <= 0;
```

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```

```
0: ILOAD_1
1: IFLE 4
2: ICONST_0
3: GOTO 5
4: ICONST_1
5: ISTORE_2
```

Flag Use

```
if(flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

Flag Use

```
if(flag)
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else
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```

```
0:  ILOAD_1
1:  IFEQ 4
2:  // some code
3:  GOTO 6
4:  // else code
5:  ...
```

Flag Use

```
if(!flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

Flag Use

```
if(!flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

```
0:  ILOAD_1
1:  IFNE  4
2:  // some code
3:  GOTO  6
4:  // else code
5:  ...
```

Testability Transformation

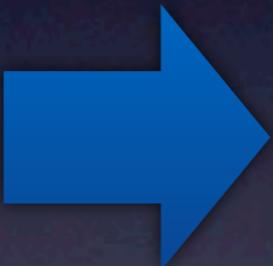
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boolean flag = a < b;
```

```
if(flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

Testability Transformation

```
boolean flag = a < b;
```

```
if(flag)  
    // some code  
else  
    // else code
```



```
int flag = b - a;
```

```
if(flag > 0)  
    // some code  
else  
    // else code
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
boolean flag = a > b;
```

```
0:  ILOAD_1
1:  ILOAD_2
2:  IF_ICMPLE 5
3:  ICONST_0
4:  GOTO 6
5:  ICONST_1
6:  ISTORE_3
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

boolean flag = a > b; → int flag = a - b;

```
0: ILOAD_1  
1: ILOAD_2  
2: IF_ICMPLE 5  
3: ICONST_0  
4: GOTO 6  
5: ICONST_1  
6: ISTORE_3
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

boolean flag = a > b; → int flag = a - b;

0: ILOAD_1
1: ILOAD_2
2: IF_ICMPLE 5
3: ICONST_0
4: GOTO 6
5: ICONST_1
6: ISTORE_3



0: ILOAD_1
1: ILOAD_2
2: ISUB
3: ISTORE_3

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
if(flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code

6:  ILOAD_3
7:  IFNE 10
8:  // some code
9:  GOTO 11
10: // else code
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
if(flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```



```
if(flag > 0)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

```
6:  ILOAD_3
7:  IFNE 10
8:  // some code
9:  GOTO 11
10: // else code
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
if(flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```



```
if(flag > 0)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

```
6: ILOAD_3
7: IFNE 10
8: // some code
9: GOTO 11
10: // else code
```



```
6: ILOAD_3
7: IFLT 10
8: // some code
9: GOTO 11
10: // else code
```

Function Assigned Flags

```
boolean foo(int a, int b) {  
    if(a > b)  
        return true;  
    else  
        return false;  
}
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0:	ILOAD_1
1:	ILOAD_2
2:	IF_ICMPLE 5
3:	ICONST_1
4:	IRETURN
5:	ICONST_0
6:	IRETURN

Function Assigned Flags

```
int foo(int a, int b) {  
    if(a > b)  
        return a - b;  
    else  
        return a - b;  
}
```



0:	ILOAD_1
1:	ILOAD_2
2:	ISUB
3:	IRETURN

Function Assigned Flags

```
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    if(a > b) {  
        // ...  
        return true;  
    } else {  
        // ...  
        return false;  
    }  
}
```

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        // ...  
        return true;  
    } else {  
        // ...  
        return false;  
    }  
}
```



0:	ILOAD_1
1:	ILOAD_2
2:	IF_ICMPLE 5 // ...
3:	ICONST_1
4:	IRETURN // ...
5:	ICONST_0
6:	IRETURN

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
int foo(int a, int b) {  
    int tmp = |a - b|;  
    if(a < b) {  
        // ...  
        return tmp;  
    } else {  
        // ...  
        return -tmp;  
    }  
}
```

0:	ILOAD_1
1:	ILOAD_2
2:	DUP2
3:	ISUB
4:	INVOKE Math.abs
5:	ISTORE_3
6:	IF_ICMPGE 9

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
int foo(int a, int b) {  
    int tmp = |a - b|;  
    if(a < b) {  
        // ...  
        return tmp;  
    } else {  
        // ...  
        return -tmp;  
    }  
}
```

6: IF_ICMPGE 9
 // ...
7: ILOAD_3
8: IRETURN
9: // ...
10: ILOAD_3
11: INEG
12: IRETURN

Bytecode Testability Transformation

IFEQ, IFNE, IFLT,
IFGT, IFLE, IFGE

IF_ICMPEQ, IF_ICMPNE,
IF_ICMPLT, IF_ICMPGT,
IF_ICMPLE, IF_ICMPGE

Bytecode Testability Transformation

IFEQ, IFNE, IFLT,
IFGT, IFLE, IFGE

IF_ICMPEQ, IF_ICMPNE,
IF_ICMPLT, IF_ICMPGT,
IF_ICMPLE, IF_ICMPGE

DUP

INVOKE Math.abs

LDC K

IADD

Bytecode Testability Transformation

IFEQ, IFNE, IFLT,
IFGT, IFLE, IFGE

IF_ICMPEQ, IF_ICMPNE,
IF_ICMPLT, IF_ICMPGT,
IF_ICMPLE, IF_ICMPGE

DUP
INVOKЕ Math.abs
LDC K
IADD

DUP2
ISUB
INVOKЕ Math.abs
LDC K
IADD

Compound Predicates

```
if(a == b && a > 0)
    return true;
else
    return false;
```



0:	ILOAD_1
1:	ILOAD_2
2:	IF_ICMPNE 7
3:	ILOAD_1
4:	IFLE 7
5:	ICONST_1
6:	IRETURN
7:	ICONST_0
8:	IRETURN

Compound Predicates

```
0:  ILOAD_1
1:  ILOAD_2
2:  IF_ICMPNE 7
3:  ILOAD_1
4:  IFLE 7
5:  ICONST_1
6:  IRETURN
7:  ICONST_0
8:  IRETURN
```

Compound Predicates

```
0:  ILOAD_1
1:  ILOAD_2
    DUP2
    ISUB
    INVOKE distance
2:  IF_ICMPNE 7
3:  ILOAD_1
4:  IFLE 7
5:  ICONST_1
6:  IRETURN
7:  ICONST_0
8:  IRETURN
```

Compound Predicates

```
0:  ILOAD_1
1:  ILOAD_2
    DUP2
    ISUB
    INVOKE distance
2:  IF_ICMPNE 7
3:  ILOAD_1
    DUP
    INVOKE distance
4:  IFLE 7
```

```
5:  ICONST_1
6:  IRETURN
7:  ICONST_0
8:  IRETURN
```

Compound Predicates

0: ILOAD_1

1: ILOAD_2

DUP2

ISUB

INVOKE distance

2: IF_ICMPNE 7

3: ILOAD_1

DUP

INVOKE distance

4: IFLE 7

5: ICONST_1

INVOKE getDistance

6: IRETURN

7: ICONST_0

8: IRETURN

Compound Predicates

0: ILOAD_1	5: ICONST_1
1: ILOAD_2	INVOKE getDistance
DUP2	
ISUB	
INVOKE distance	
2: IF_ICMPNE 7	6: IRETURN
3: ILOAD_1	7: ICONST_0
DUP	INVOKE getDistance
INVOKE distance	
4: IFLE 7	8: IRETURN

Compound Predicates

```
0:  ILOAD_1  
1:  ILOAD_2  
    DUP2  
    ISUB  
    INVOKE distance  
2:  IF_ICMPNE 7  
3:  ILOAD_1  
    DUP  
    INVOKE distance  
4:  IFLE 7
```

```
5:  ICONST_1  
    INVOKE getDistance  
6:  IRETURN  
7:  ICONST_0  
    INVOKE getDistance  
8:  IRETURN
```

```
int getDistance(boolean sign) {  
    if(sign)  
        return I+D/2^L;  
    else  
        return -(I+D)/2^L;  
}
```

Bytecode Flags

```
if(x == 1.0)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

Bytecode Flags

```
if(x == 1.0)
    // some code
else
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```

```
0:  DLOAD_1
1:  LDC 1.0
2:  DCMPL
3:  IFEQ 6
4:  // some code
5:  GOTO 7
6:  // else code
7:  ...
```

Bytecode Flags

If the two numbers are the same, the 32-bit integer 0 is pushed onto the stack. If value2 is greater than value1, the integer 1 is pushed onto the stack. If value1 is greater than value2, -1 is pushed onto the stack. If either numbers is NaN, the integer 1 is pushed onto the stack.

```
0:  DLOAD_1
1:  LDC 1.0
2:  DCMPL
3:  IFEQ 6
4:  // some code
5:  GOTO 7
6:  // else code
7:  ...
```

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if(x == 1.0)
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    // else code
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7:  ...
```

Bytecode Flags

```
if(x == 1.0)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

```
0: DLOAD_1
1: LDC 1.0
2: DCMPL
3: IFEQ 6
4: // some code
5: GOTO 7
6: // else code
7: ...
```

```
0: DLOAD_1
1: LDC 1.0
2: DSUB
3: INVOKE distance
4: IFEQ 6
5: // some code
6: GOTO 7
7: // else code
```

Bytecode Flags

```
if(x == 1.0)
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else
    // else code
```

```
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2: DCMPL
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5: GOTO 7
6: // else code
7: ...
```

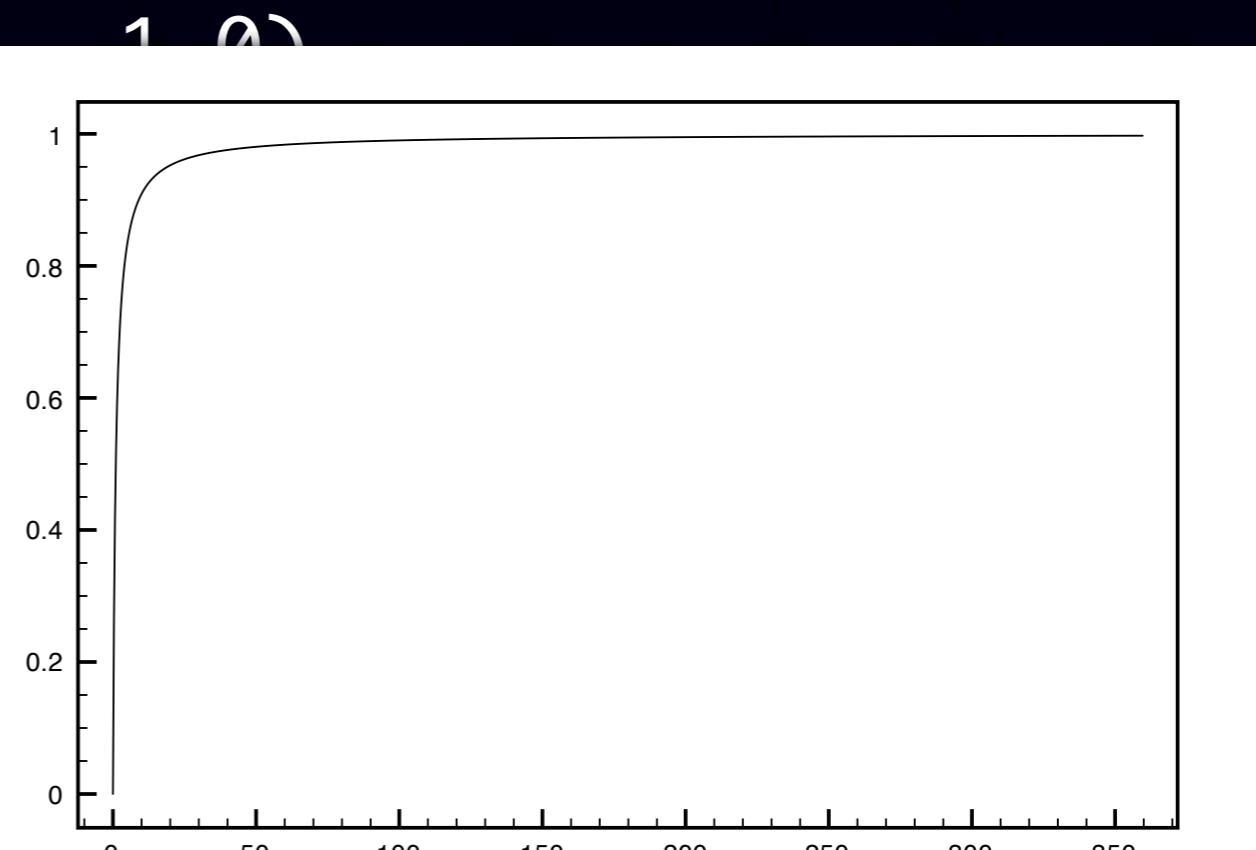
```
0: DLOAD_1
1: LDC 1.0
2: DSUB
3: INVOKE distance
4: TEEQ 6
```

```
int distance(d) {
    return K * sign(d) * abs(d) / (abs(d) + 1);
}
```

Bytecode Flags

```
0:  DLOAD_1
1:  LDC 1.0
2:  DCMPL
3:  IFEQ 6
4:  // some code
5:  GOT0 7
6:  // else code
7:  :::
```

A plot showing a sigmoidal function curve on a coordinate system. The x-axis is labeled 'x' and the y-axis ranges from 0.6 to 1.0 with major tick marks at 0.6, 0.8, and 1.0. The curve starts near 0.6 for small x, rises steeply, and approaches 1.0 as x increases.



```
int distance(d) {  
    return K * sign(d) * abs(d) / (abs(d) + l);  
}
```

Signature Transformation

```
class Foo {  
    boolean x;  
  
    boolean bar(boolean y) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
class Foo {  
    int x;  
  
    int bar(int y) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Signature Transformation

```
Foo foo = new Foo();           Foo foo = new Foo();
boolean x = foo.bar(true);    int x = foo.bar(1);
```

```
INVOKESPECIAL Foo:<init>()
ASTORE_1
ALOAD_1
INVOKEVIRTUAL bar(Z)Z
```

```
INVOKESPECIAL Foo:<init>()
ASTORE_1
ALOAD_1
INVOKEVIRTUAL bar(I)I
```

Signature Transformation

```
Foo foo1 = new Foo();  
Foo foo2 = new Foo();  
boolean x = foo1.equals(foo2);
```

```
INVOKESPECIAL Foo:<init>()  
ASTORE_1  
INVOKESPECIAL Foo:<init>()  
ASTORE_2  
ALOAD_1  
ALOAD_2  
INVOKEVIRTUAL Object>equals(Object)Z
```

Transformation Boundaries

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Transformation Boundaries



Transformation Boundaries

- Integer to $\{0, 1\}$ for outgoing boolean parameters

Transformation Boundaries

- Integer to $\{0, 1\}$ for outgoing boolean parameters
- 0/1 to $-K/+K$ for incoming boolean values

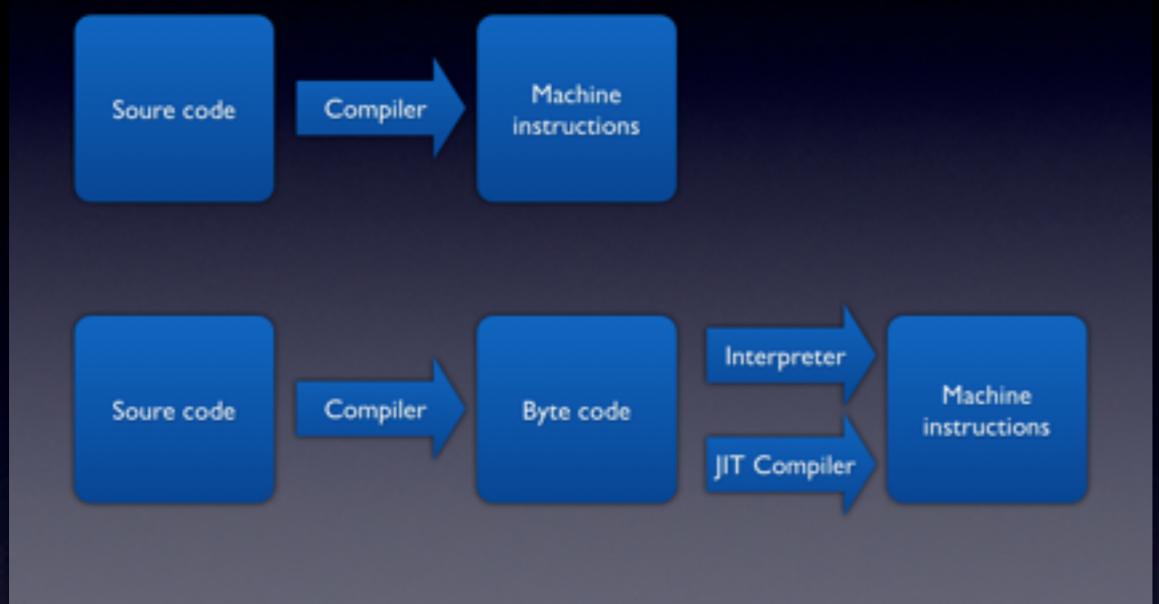
Transformation Boundaries

- Integer to {0, 1} for outgoing boolean parameters
- 0/1 to -K/+K for incoming boolean values
- Duplicate methods:
`boolean flagMethod() {...}`
`int __flagMethod() {...}`

Evaluation

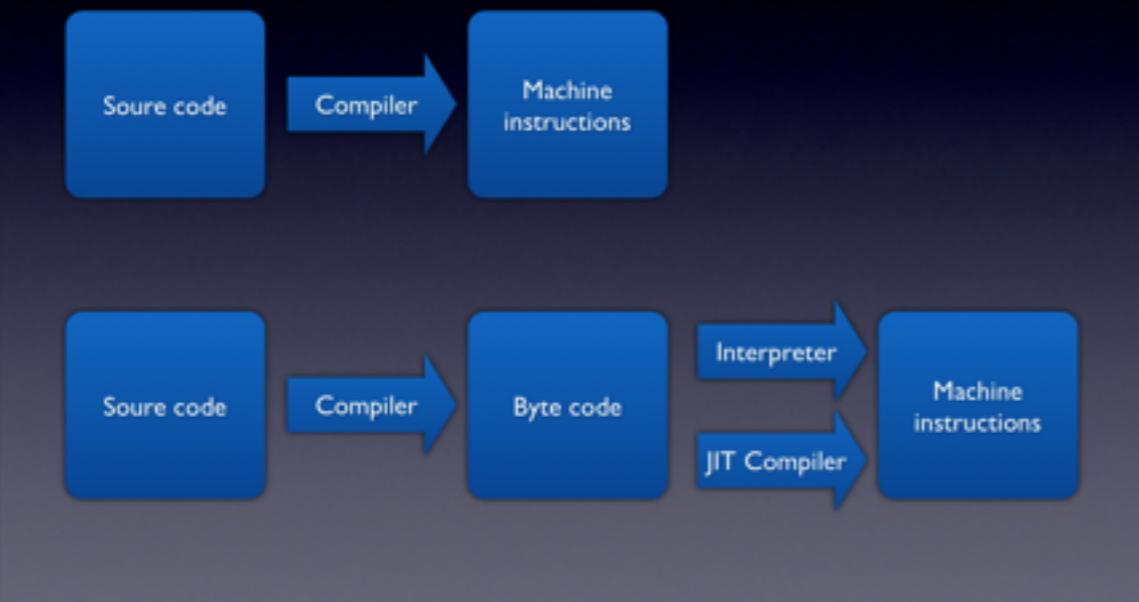
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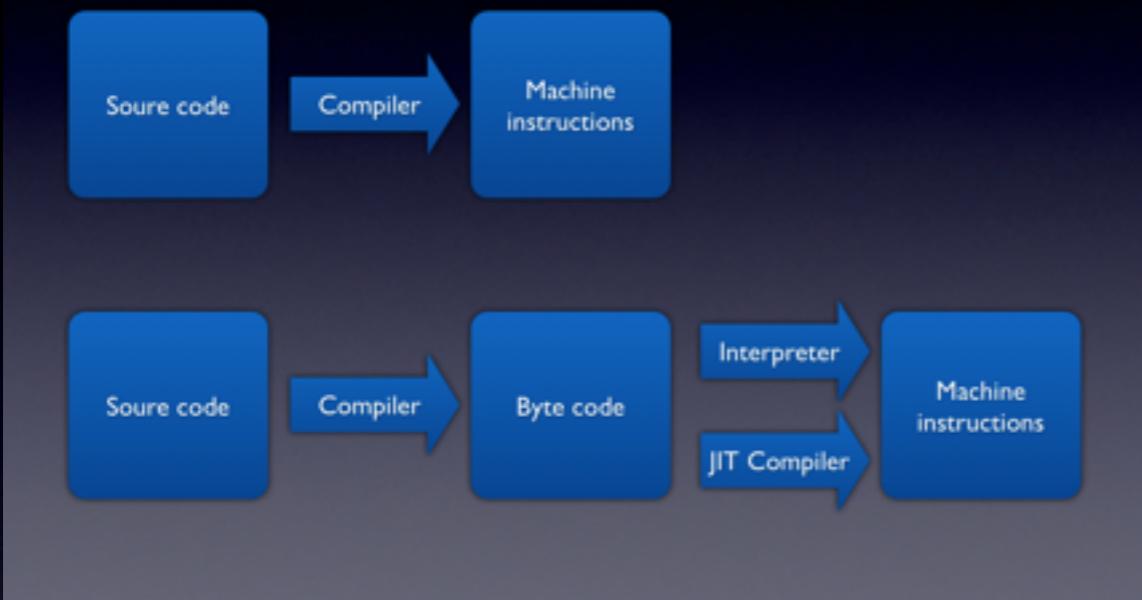
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Testability Transformation



```
boolean flag = a < b;           int flag = b - a;  
if(flag)                      if(flag > 0)  
    // some code               // some code  
else                           else  
    // else code                // else code
```

Bytecode



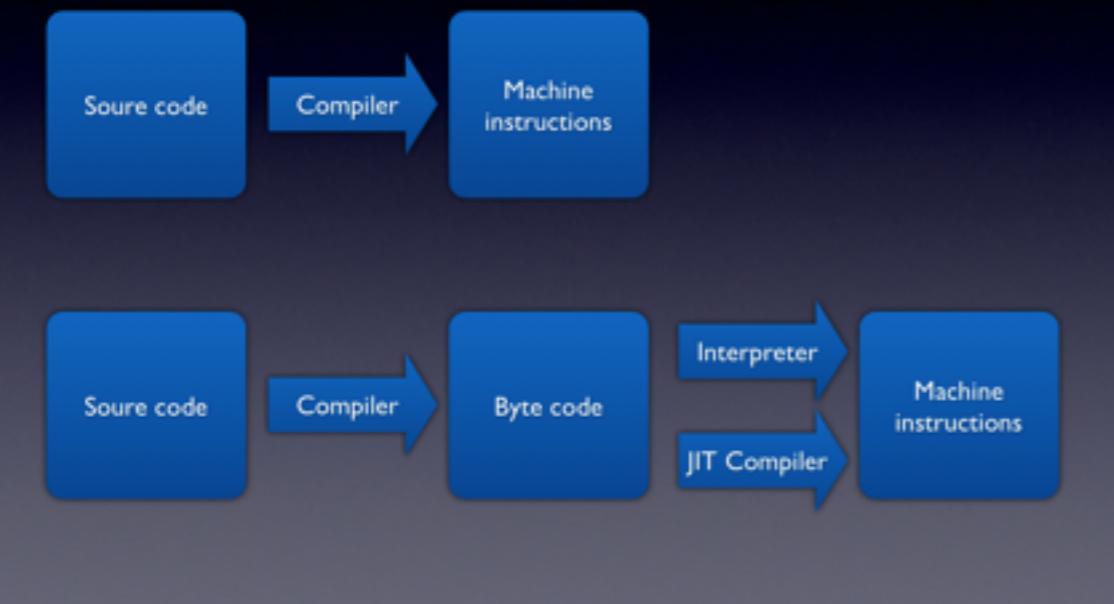
Testability Transformation

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if(flag)                      if(flag > 0)  
    // some code               // some code  
else                           else  
    // else code               // else code
```

Compound Predicates

0: ILOAD_1	5: ICONST_1
1: ILOAD_2	INVOKE getDistance
DUP2	6: IRETURN
ISUB	7: ICONST_0
INVOKE distance	INVOKE getDistance
2: IF_ICMPNE 7	8: IRETURN
3: ILOAD_1	
DUP	
INVOKE distance	
4: IFLE 7	

Bytecode



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else                           else  
    // else code               // else code
```

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   DUP  
   INVOKE distance  
4: IFLE 7  
5: ICONST_1  
   INVOKE getDistance  
6: IRETURN  
7: ICONST_0  
   INVOKE getDistance  
8: IRETURN
```

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