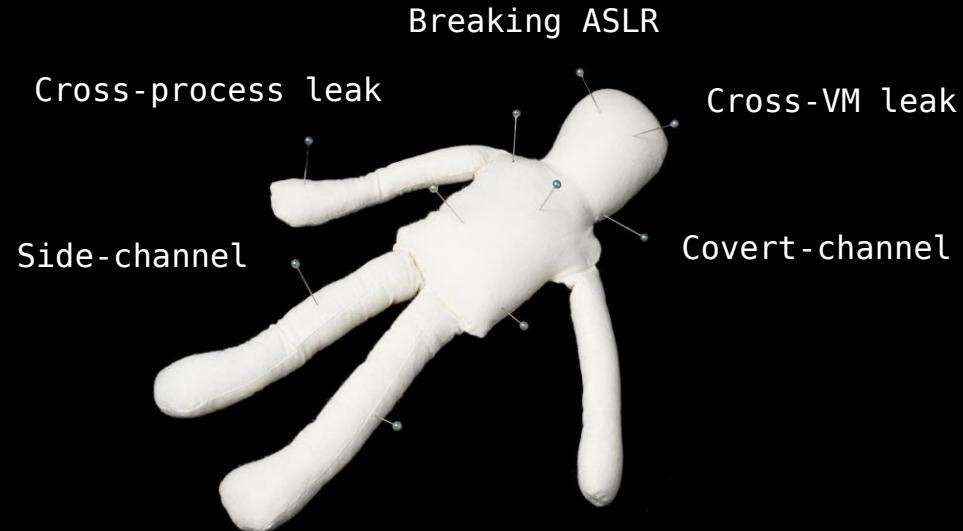


Memory Deduplication: The Curse that Keeps on Giving



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Our message today...

ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY

ENABLE MEMORY DEDUPLICATION

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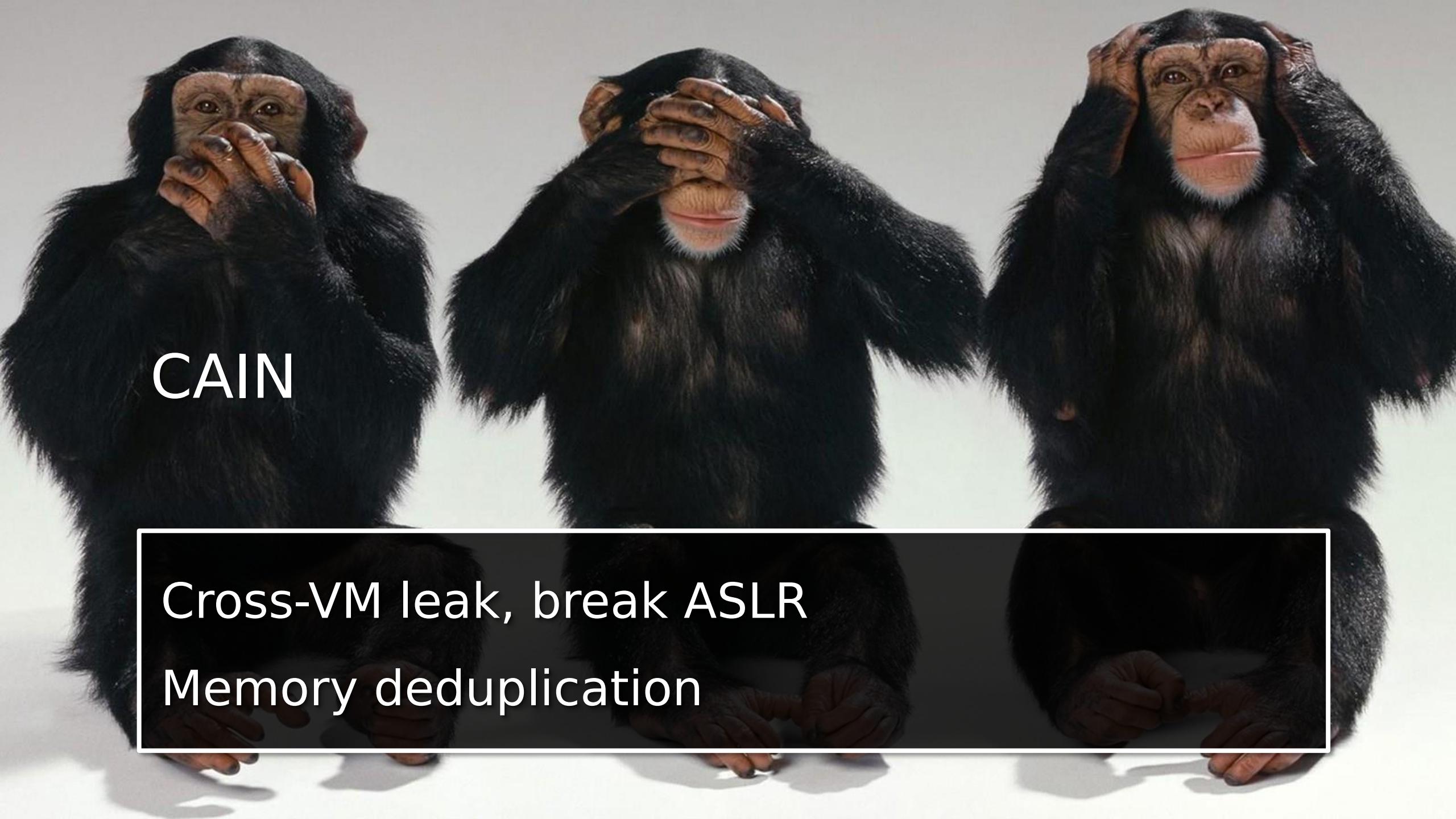
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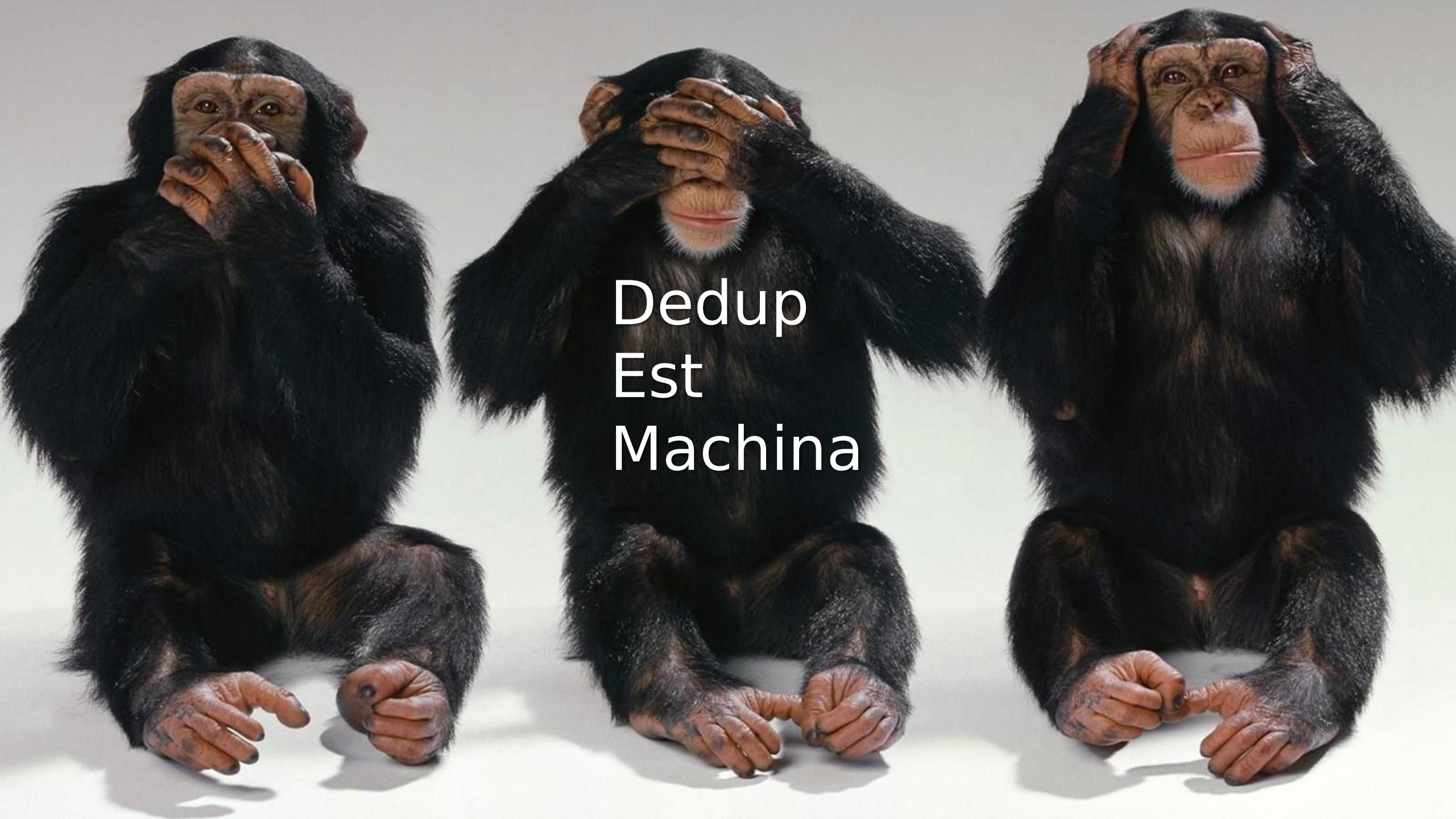


A photograph of three chimpanzees against a white background. The first chimpanzee on the left has its hands over its mouth, appearing to be silent. The second chimpanzee in the middle has its hands over its eyes, appearing to be blind. The third chimpanzee on the right has its hands down by its sides, appearing to be deaf. This image serves as a visual metaphor for the 'three monkeys rule' mentioned in the text.

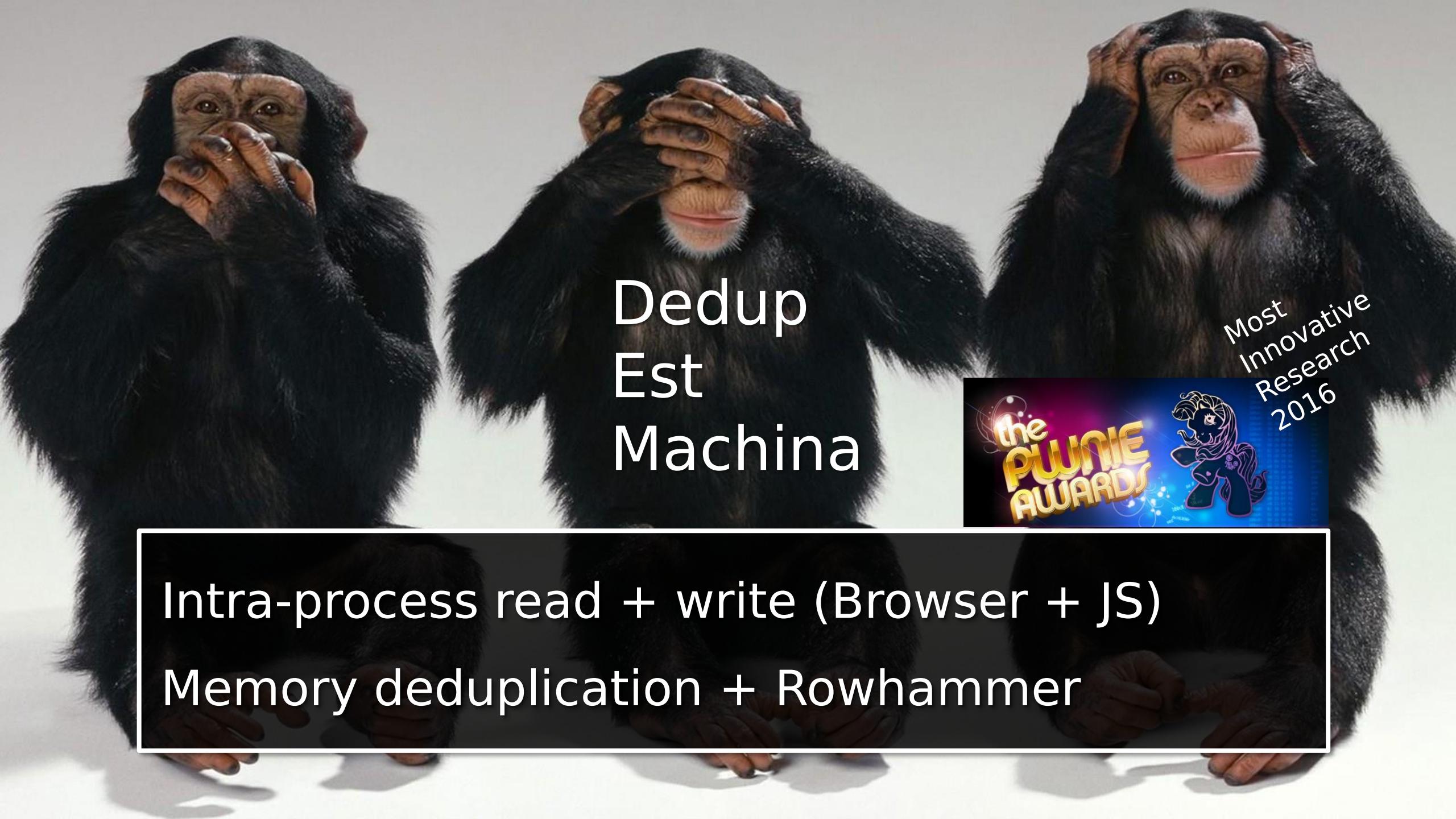
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Cross-VM leak, break ASLR

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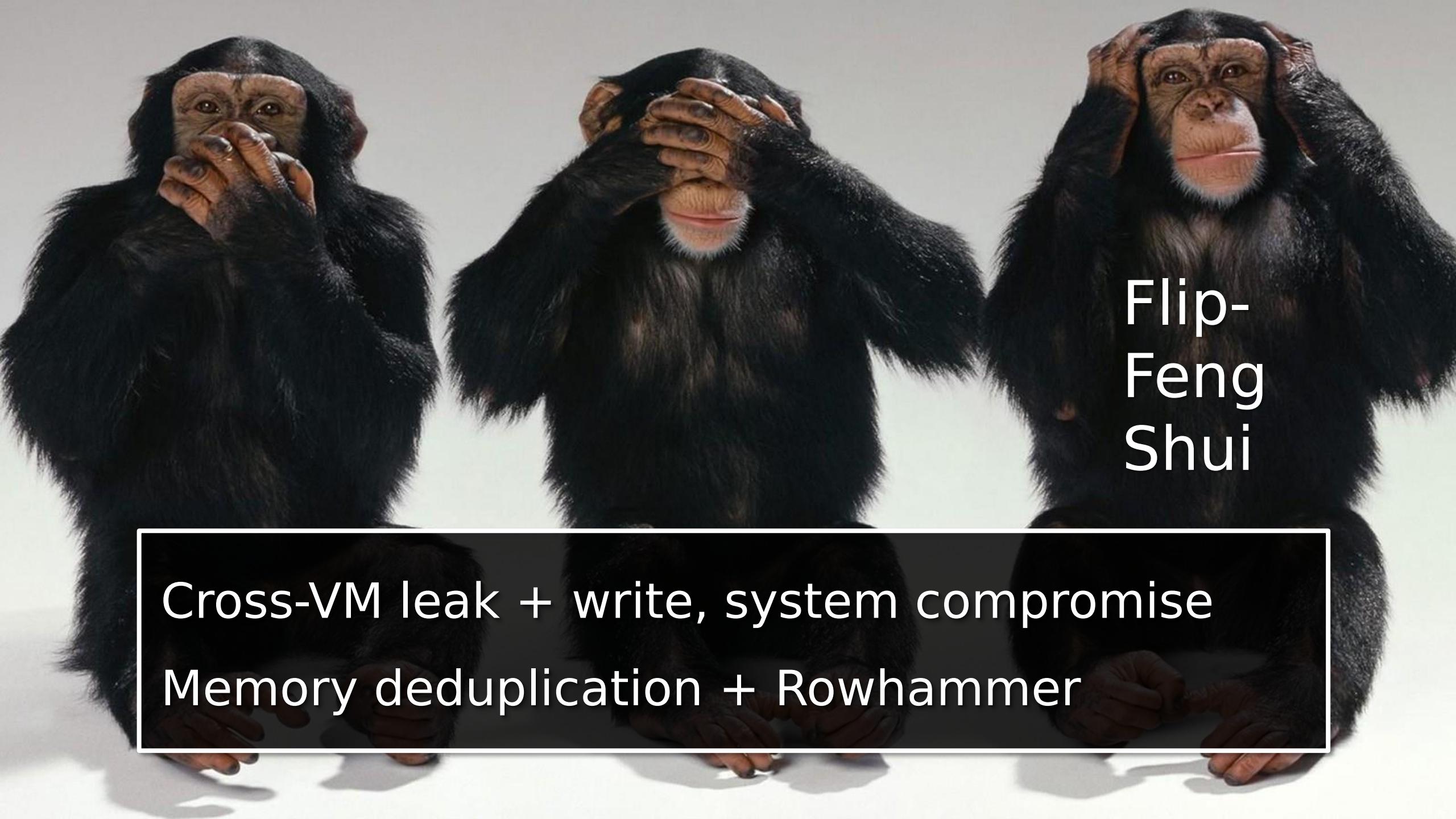


Most
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Intra-process read + write (Browser + JS)
Memory deduplication + Rowhammer

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Cross-VM leak + write, system compromise

Memory deduplication + Rowhammer

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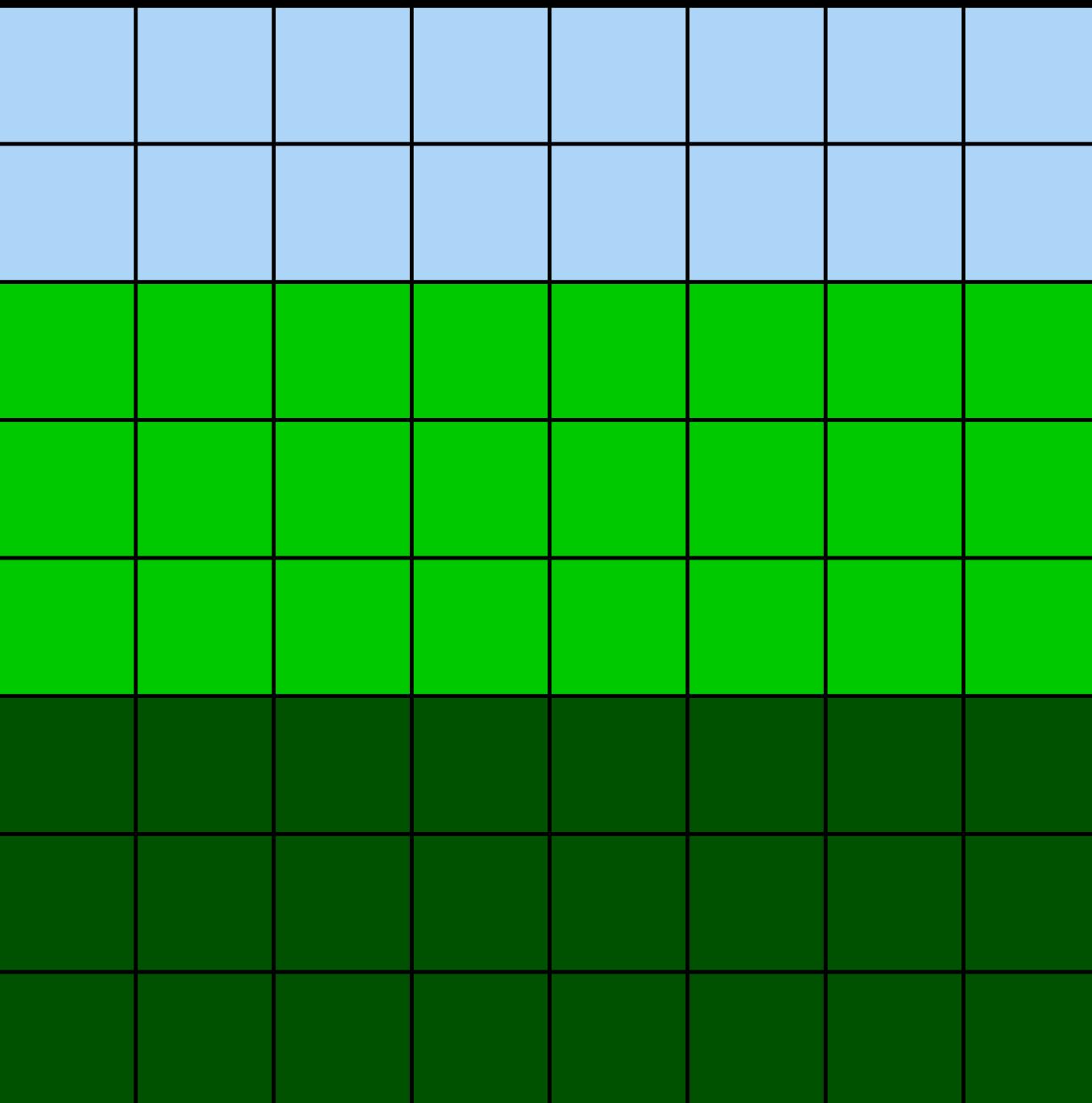
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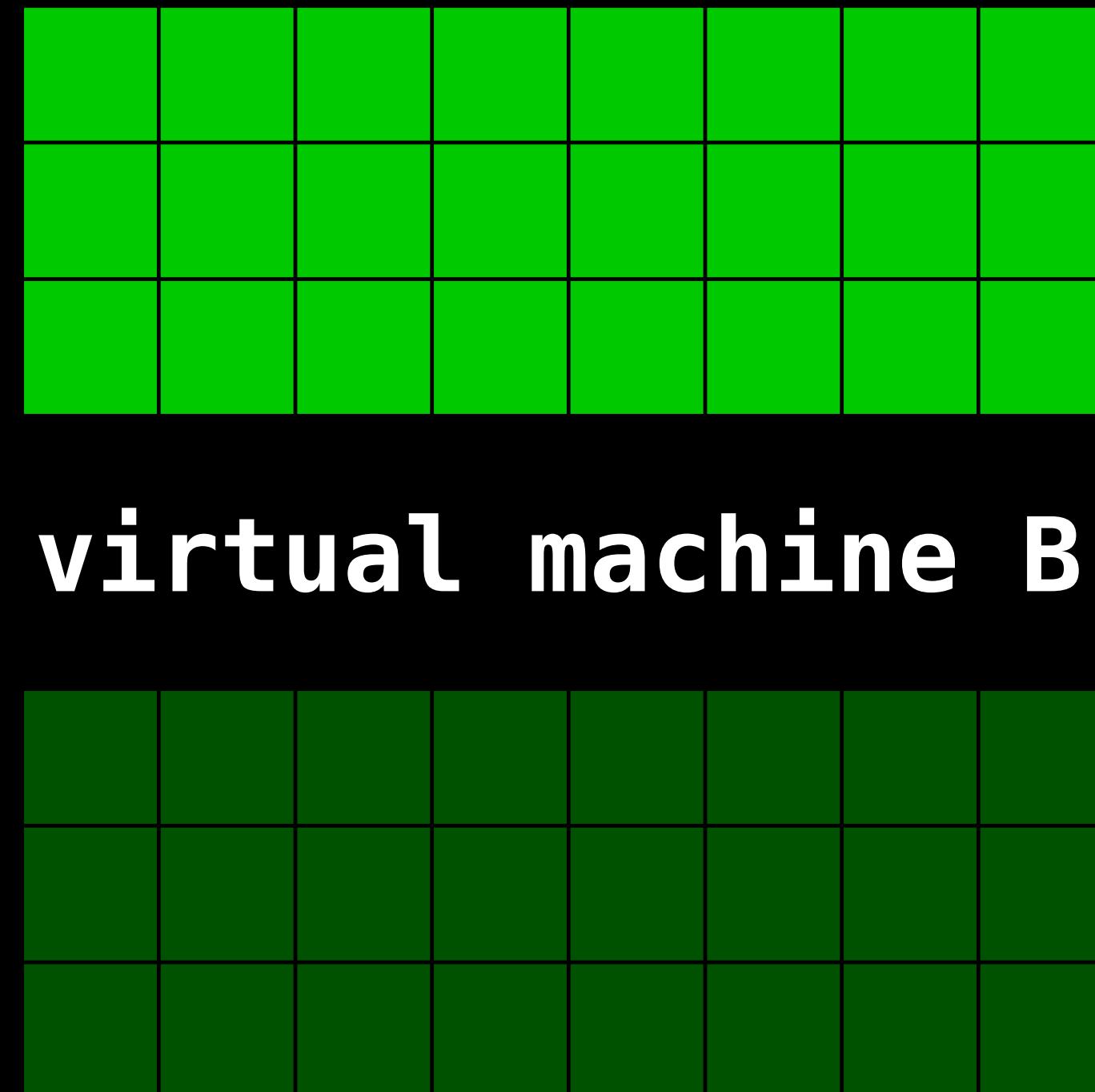
Now we can sell even more VMs... \$\$\$

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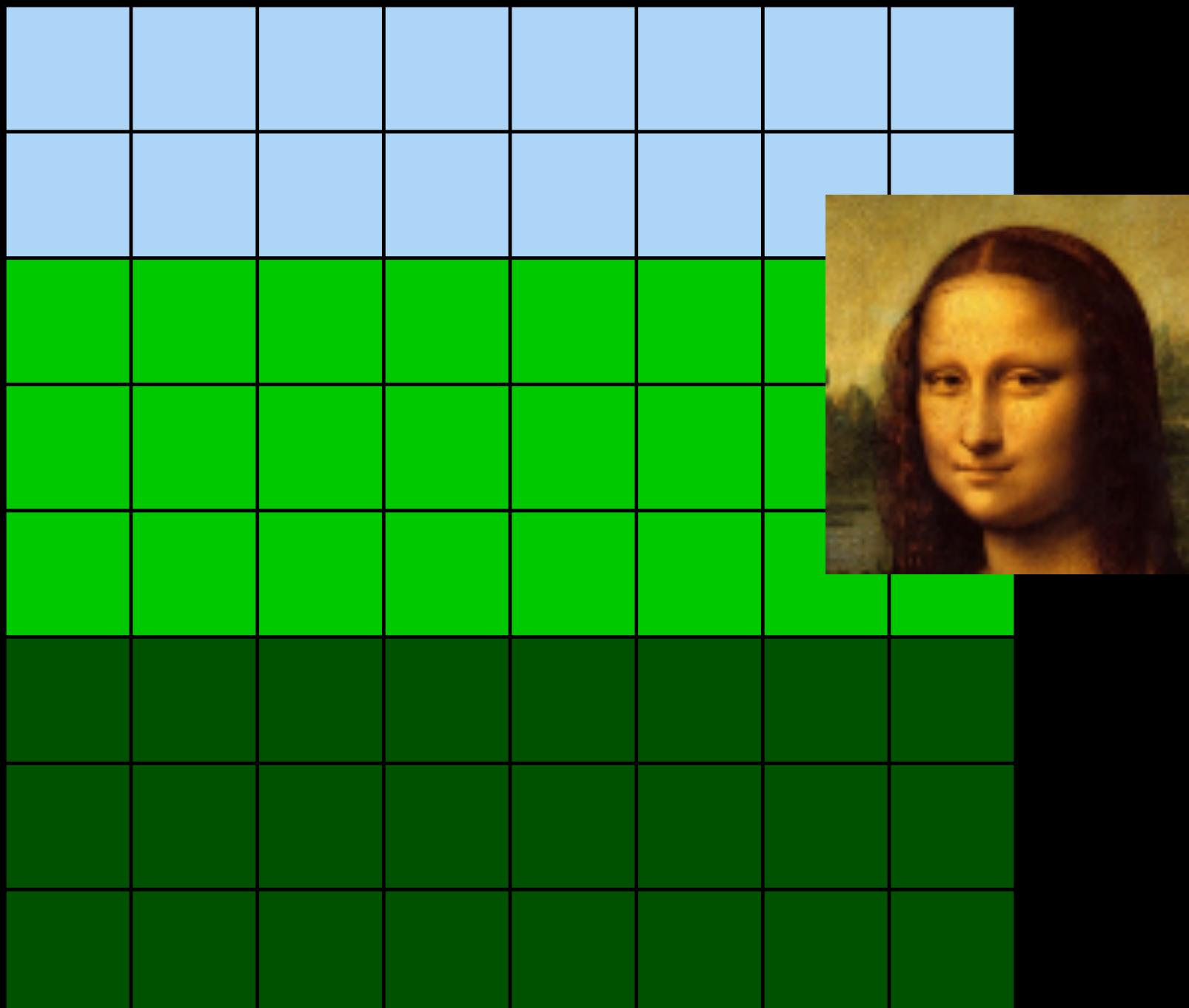
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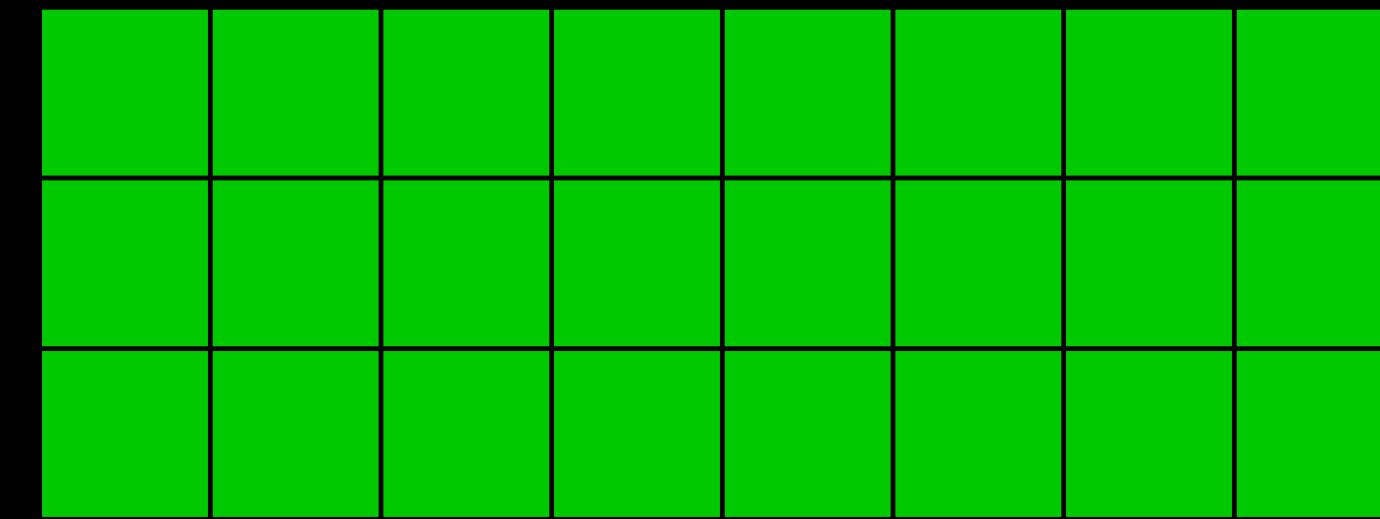
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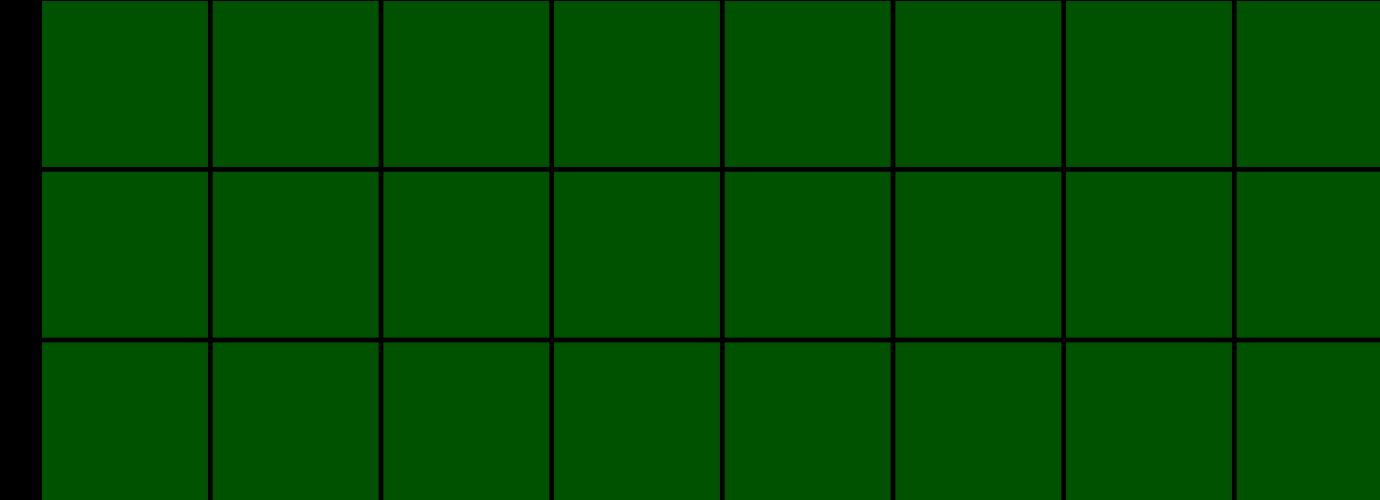
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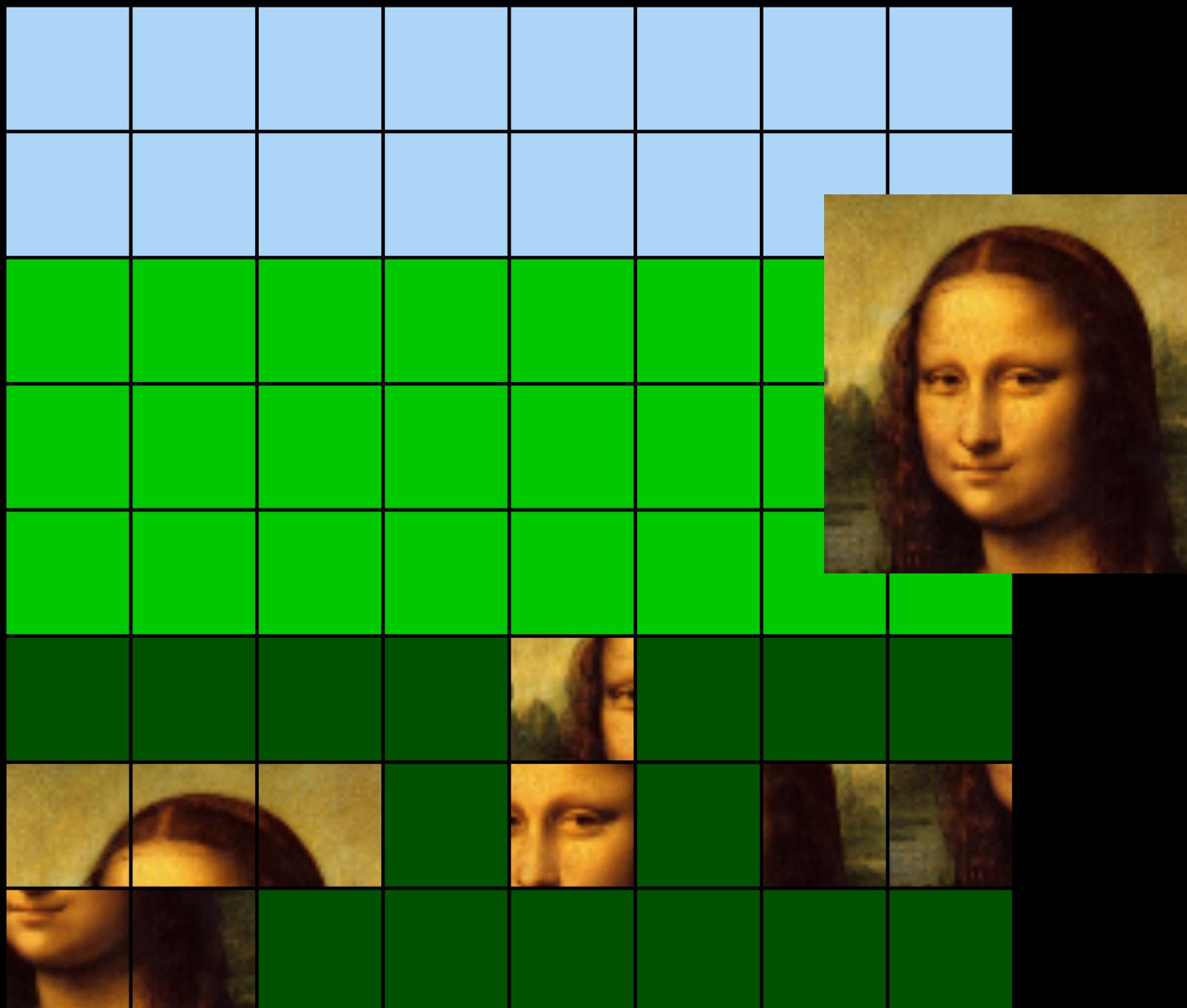


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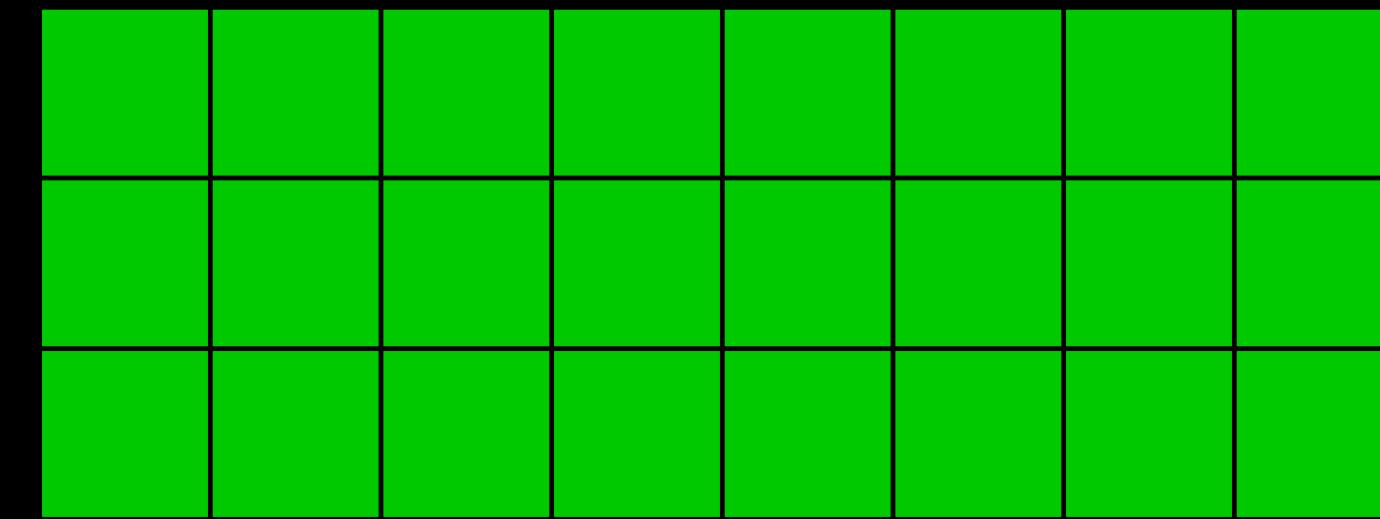


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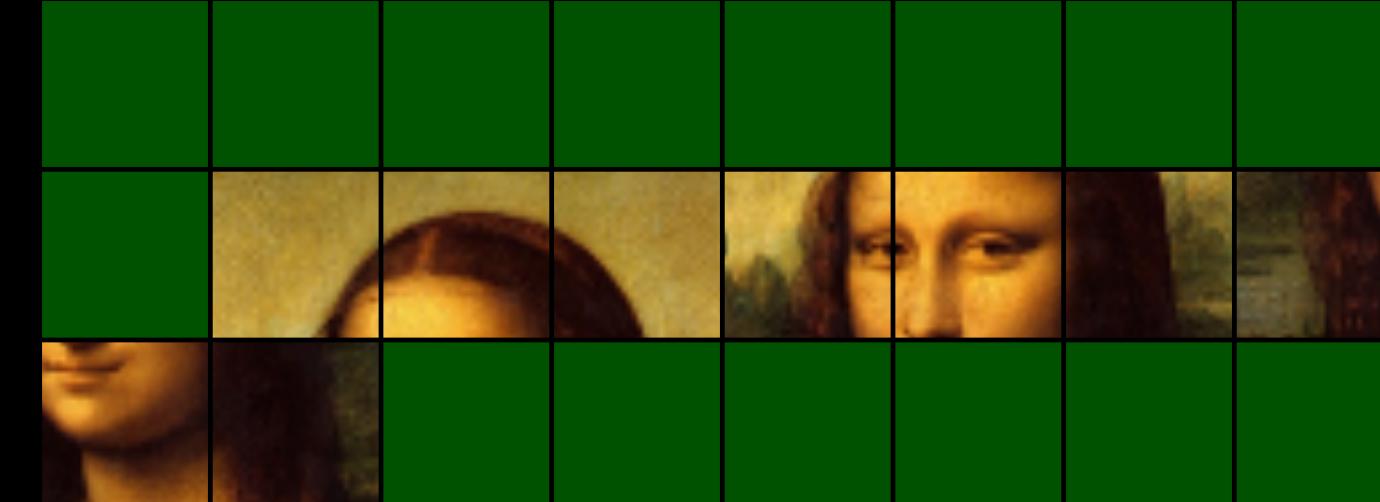
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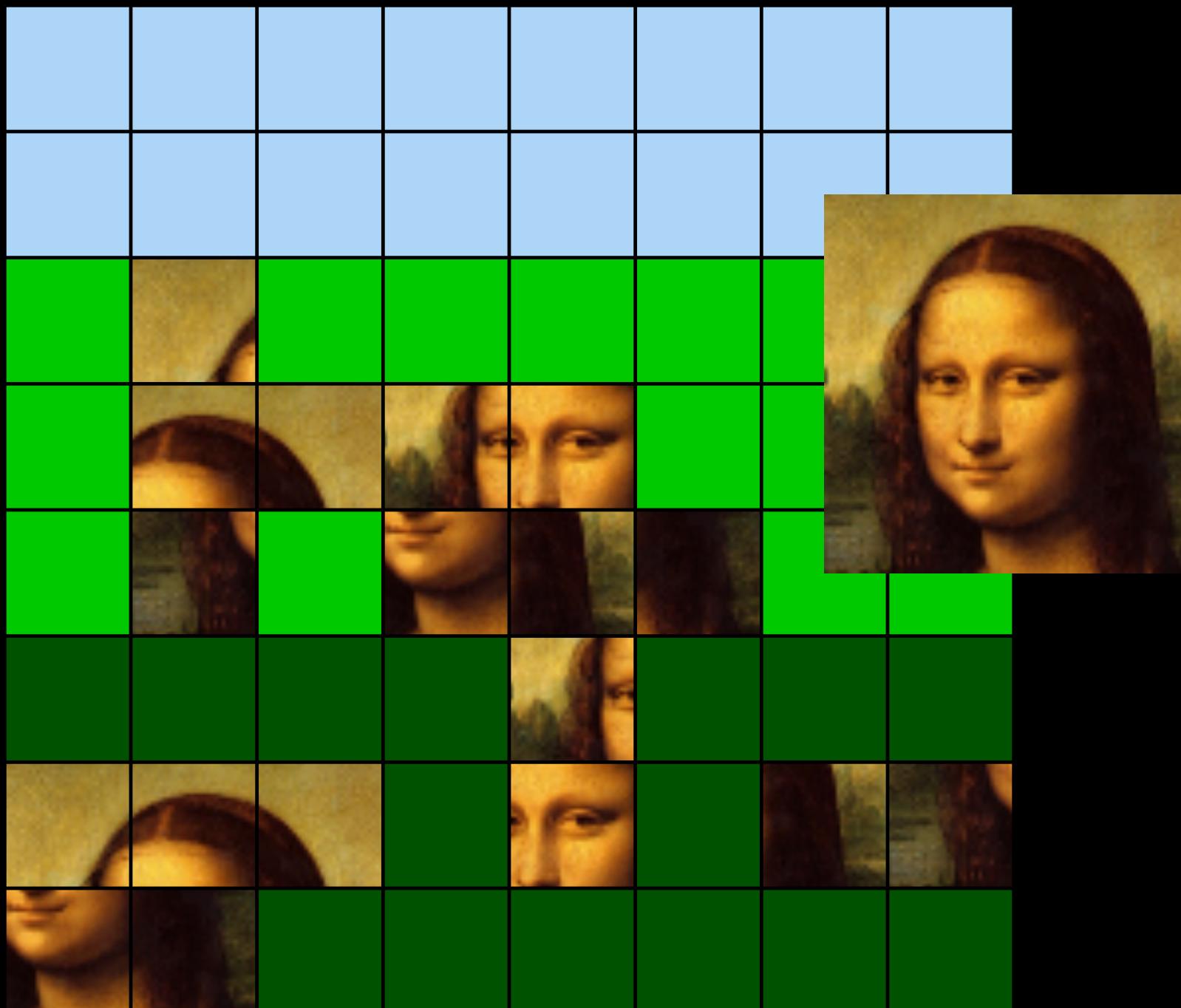


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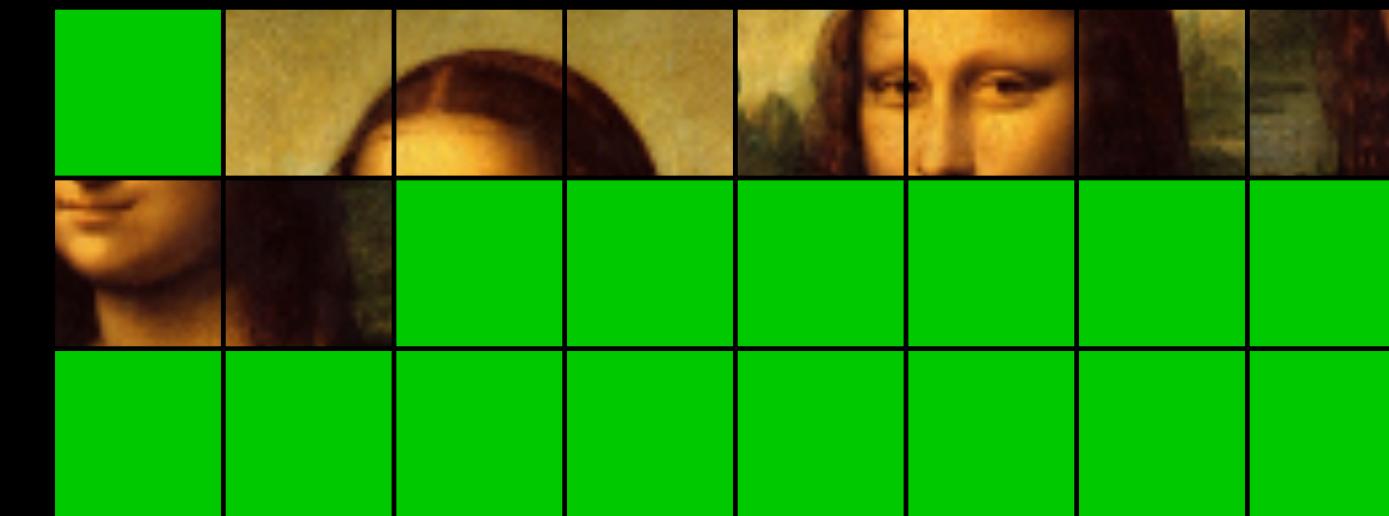


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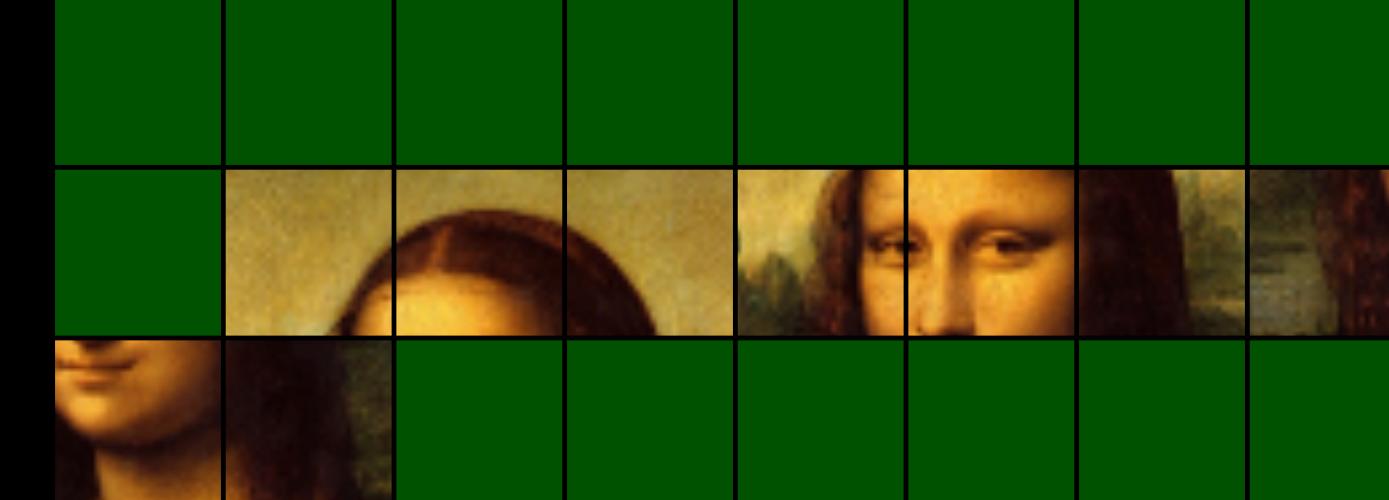
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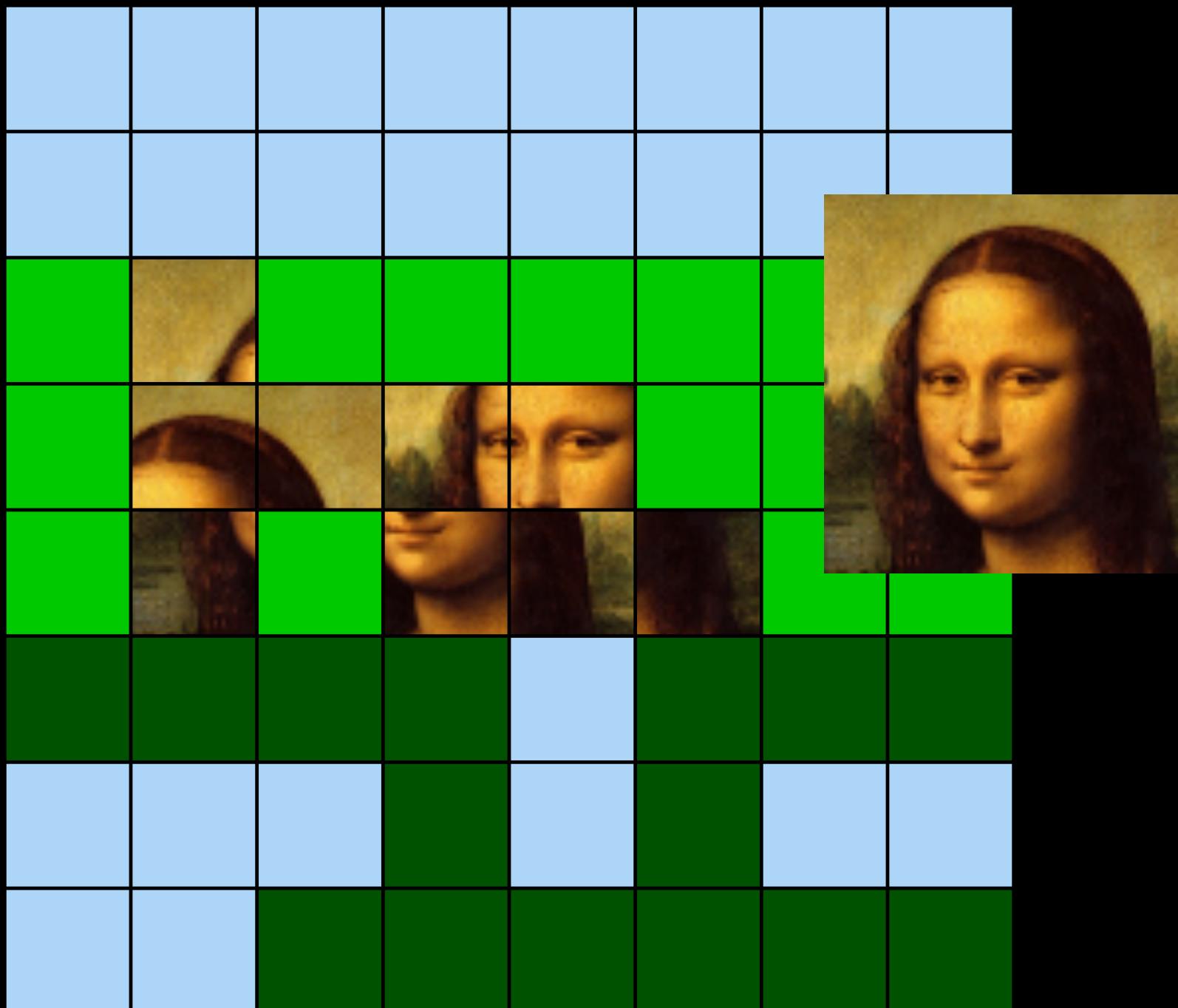


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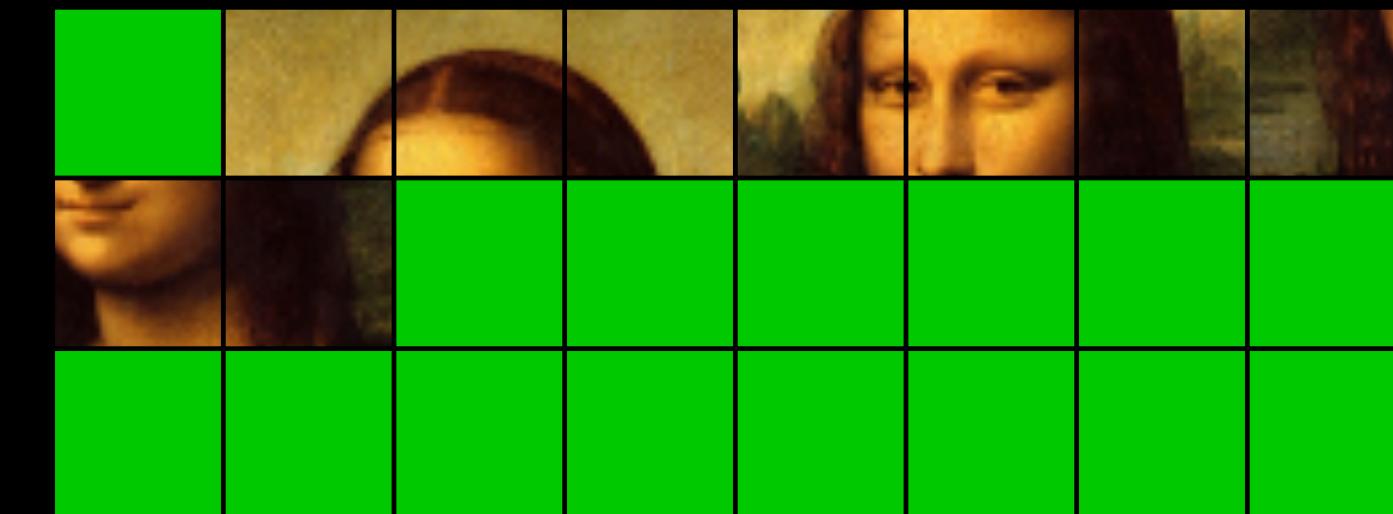


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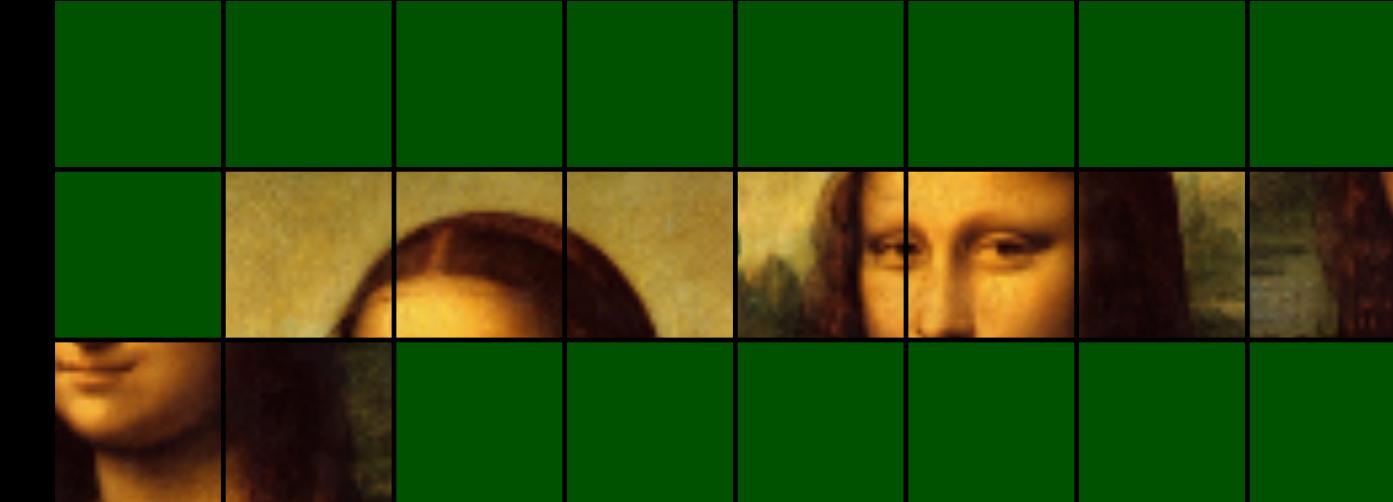
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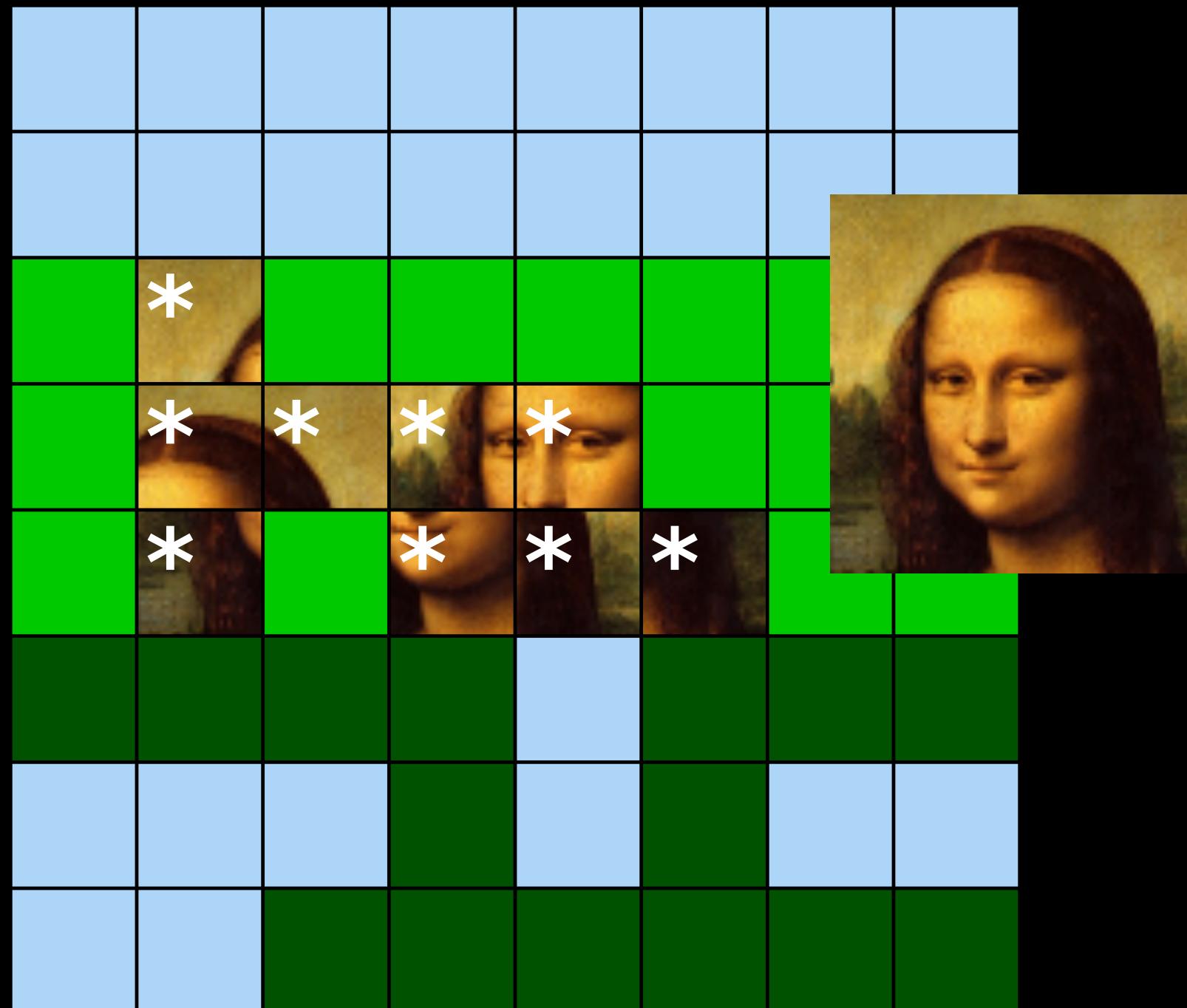


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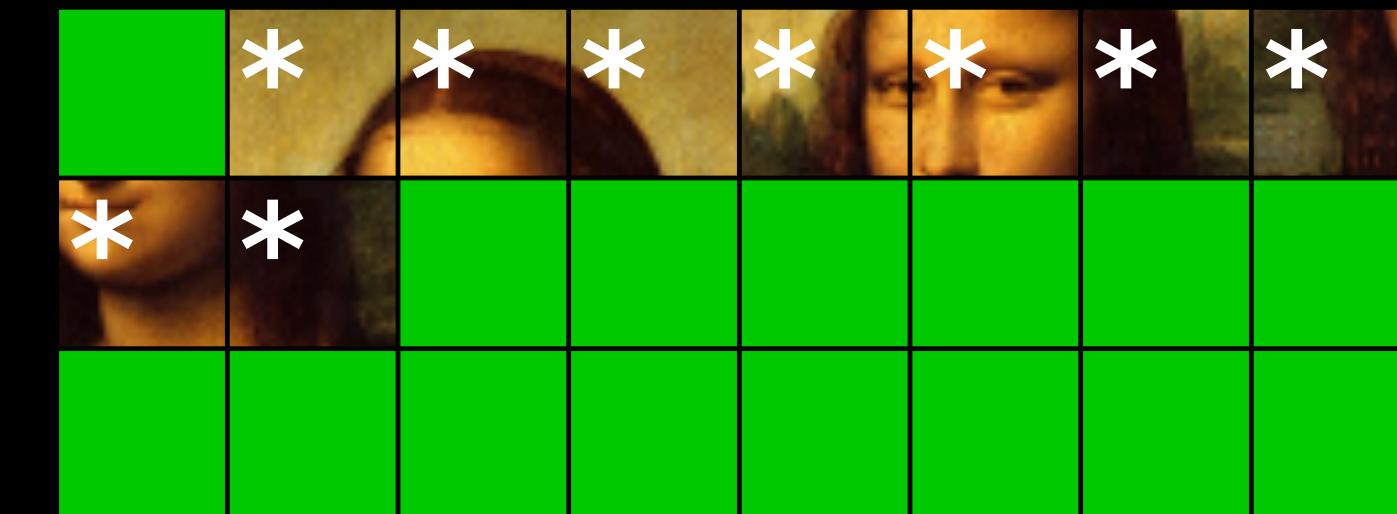


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<code>/sys/kernel/mm/ksm/pages_to_scan</code>	e.g., 100

`1000/sleep_millisecs * pages_to_scan = pages per second`
e.g., $(1000/200\text{ms}) * 100 = 500 \text{ pages/sec}$

Memory deduplication: The Problem

Deduplicated memory does not need to have
the same security domain.

(unlike `fork()`, file-backed memory)

An attacker can use deduplication
as a side-channel.

Deduplication side-channel attack

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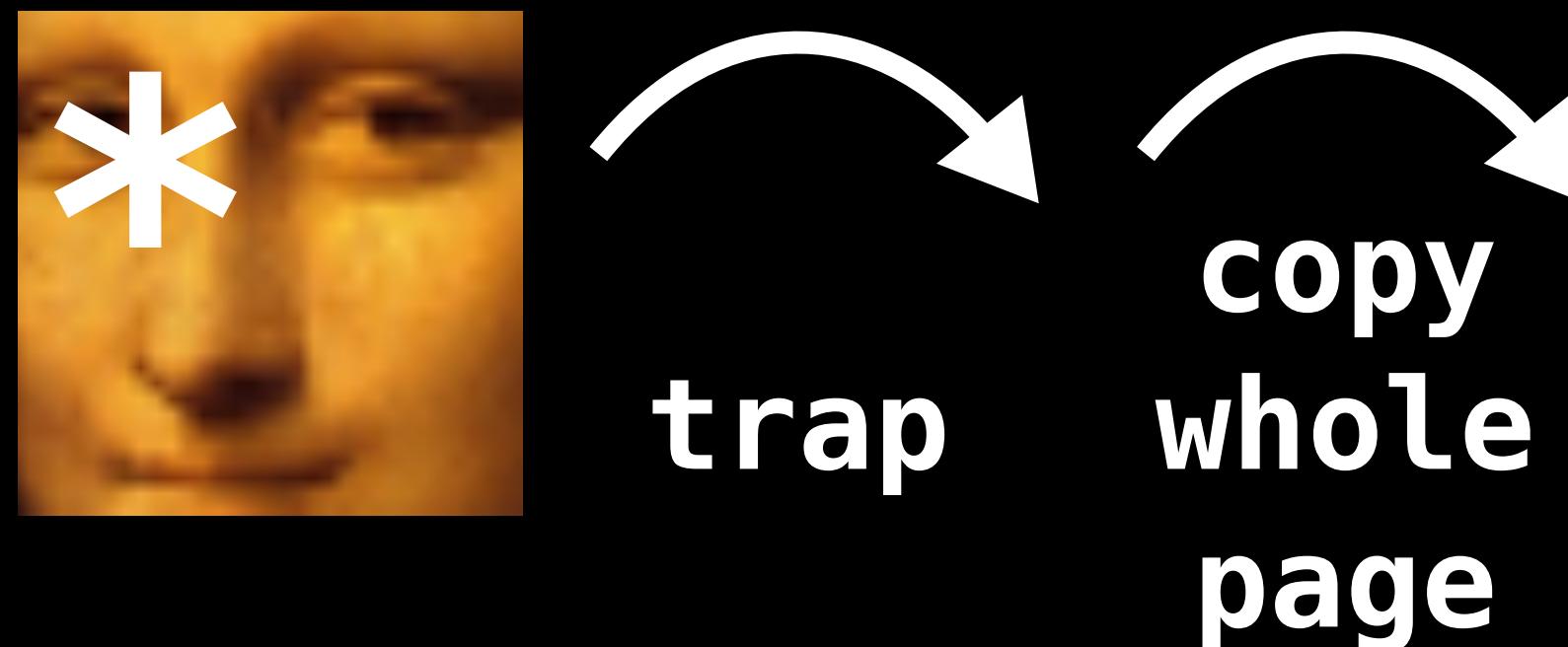


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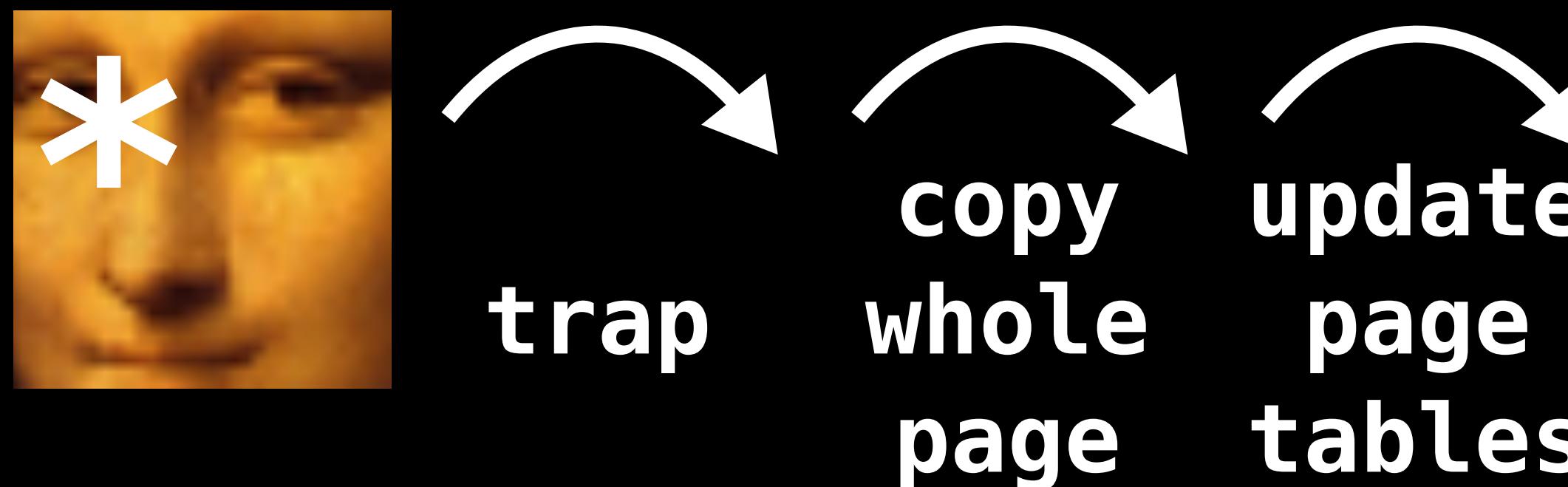


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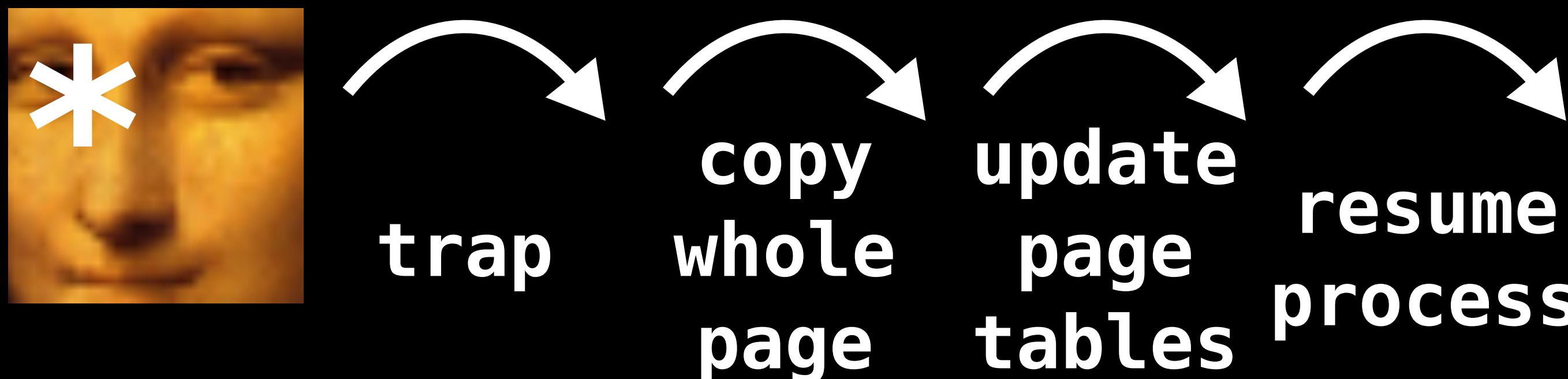


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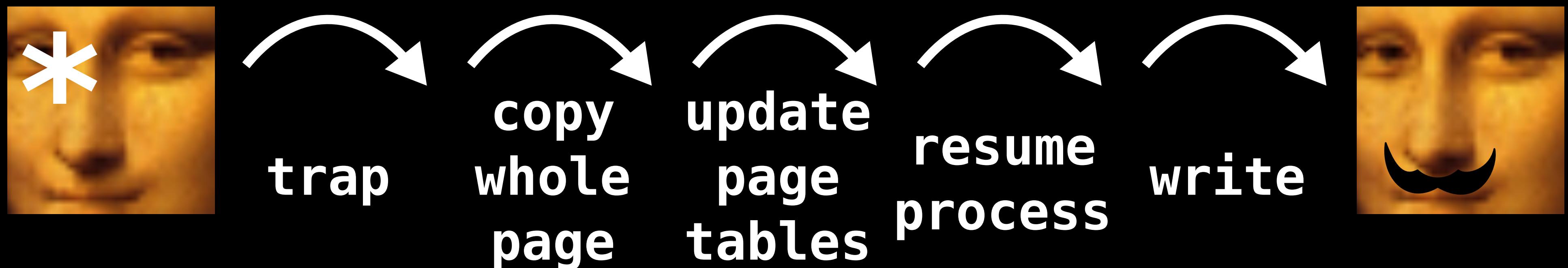


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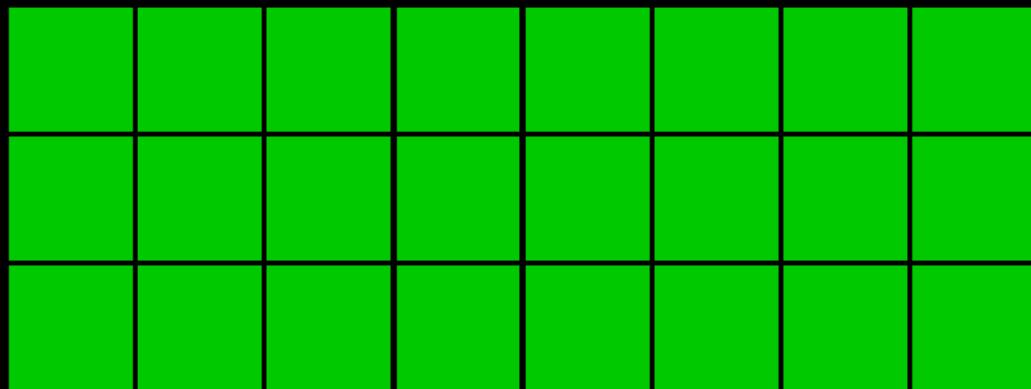
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- > Intra-process, leak process data from JavaScript

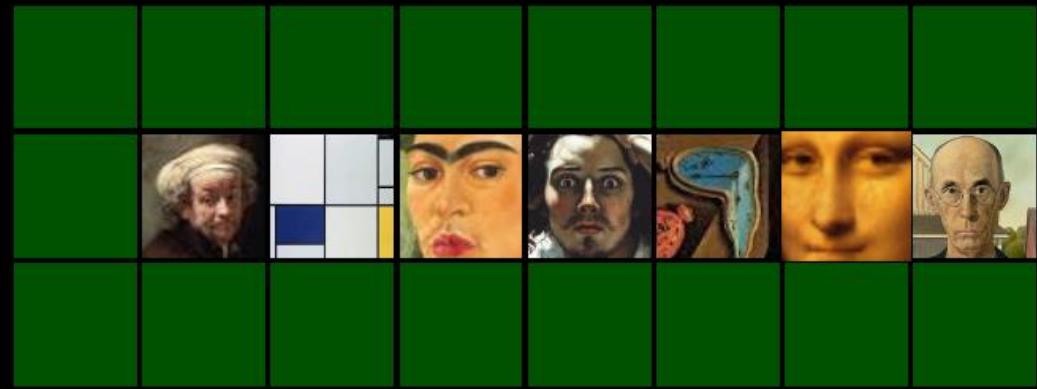
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Exploitation of the side-channel

attacker memory



victim memory

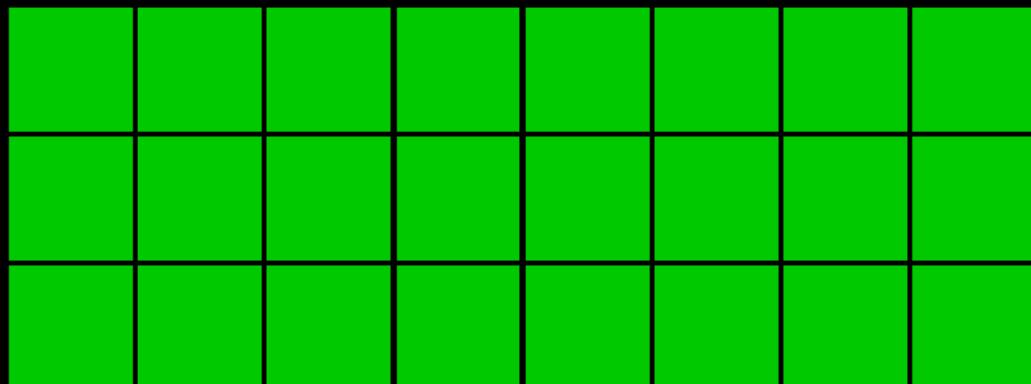


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secret page

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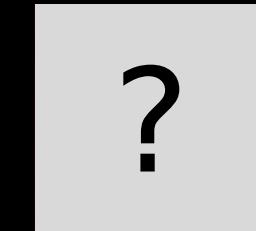


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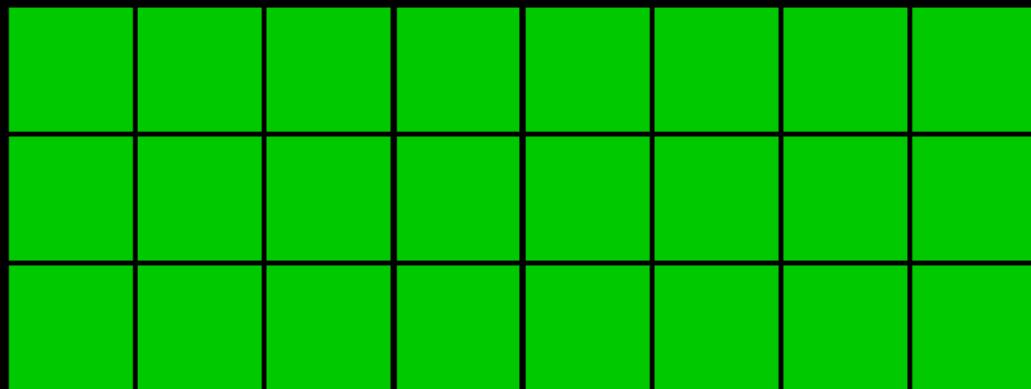
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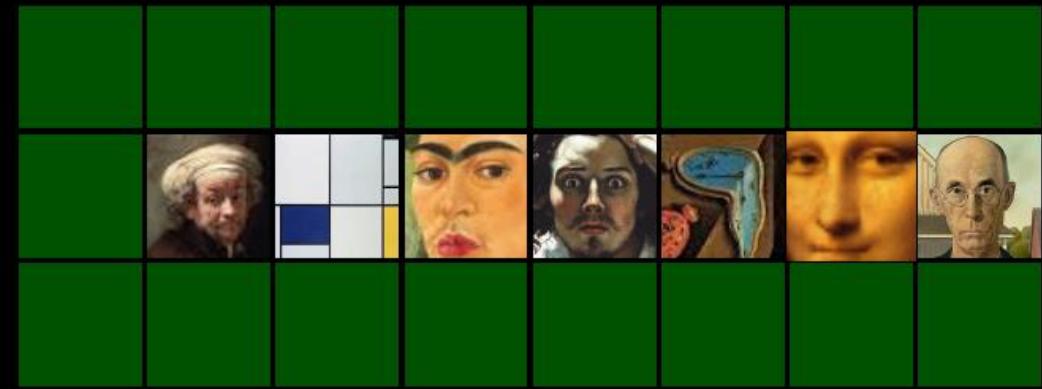


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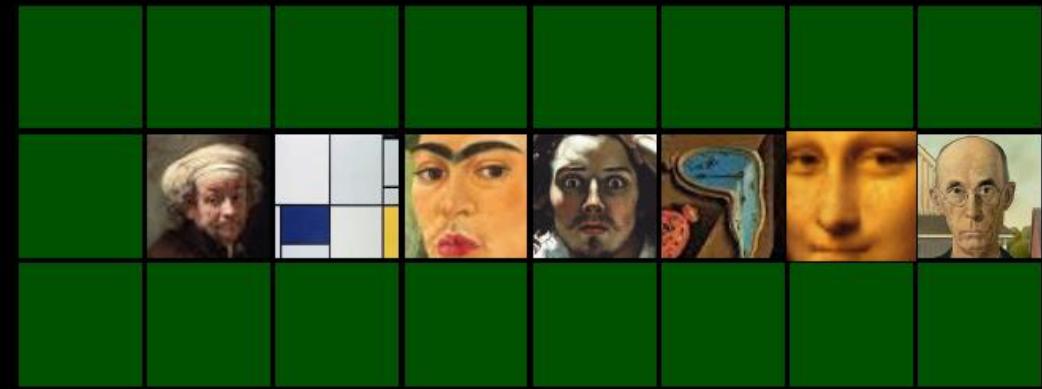
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wait(t)



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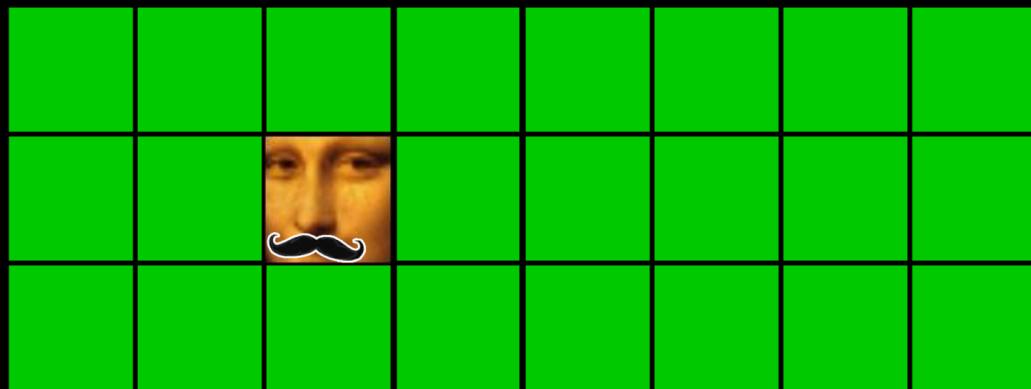
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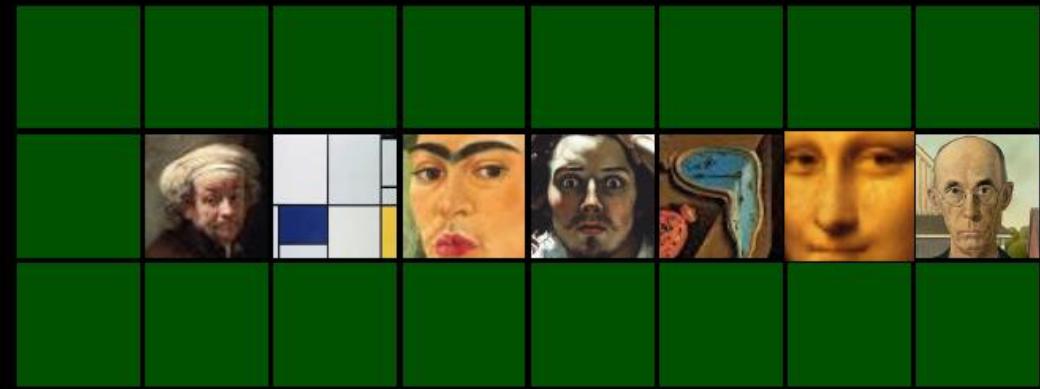


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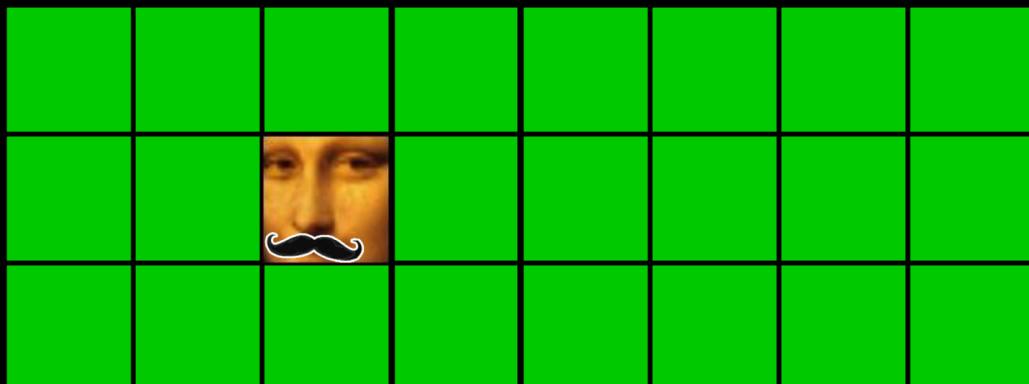


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secret page

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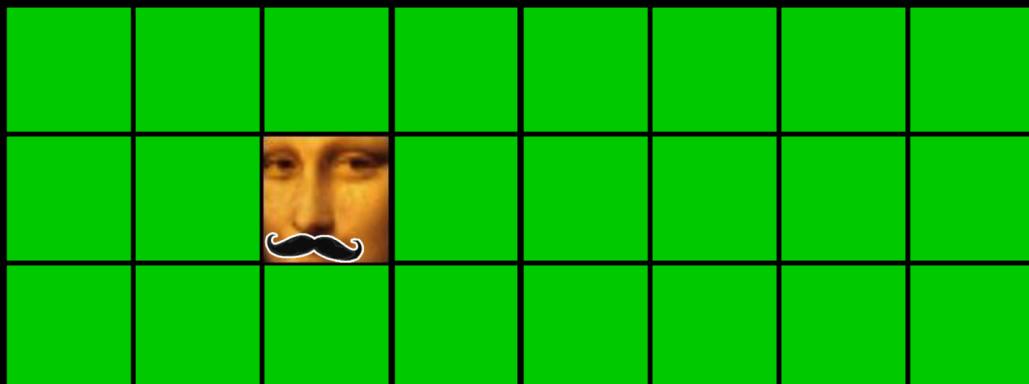


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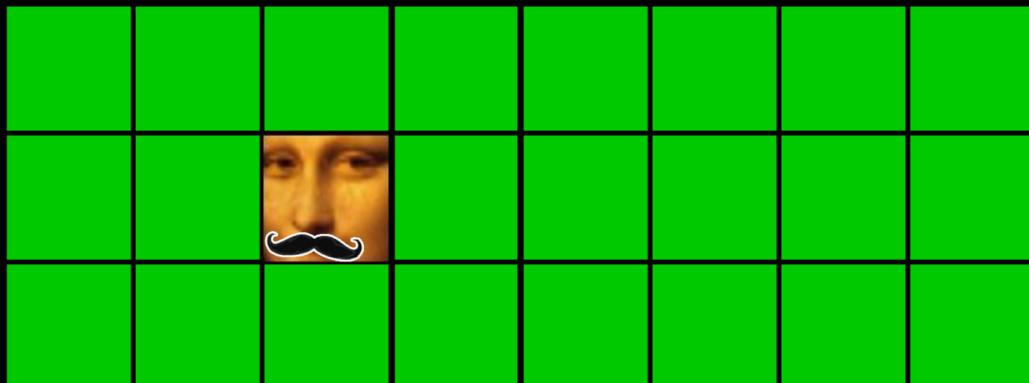


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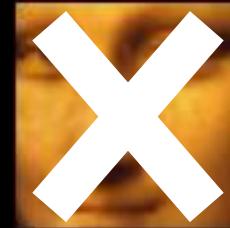
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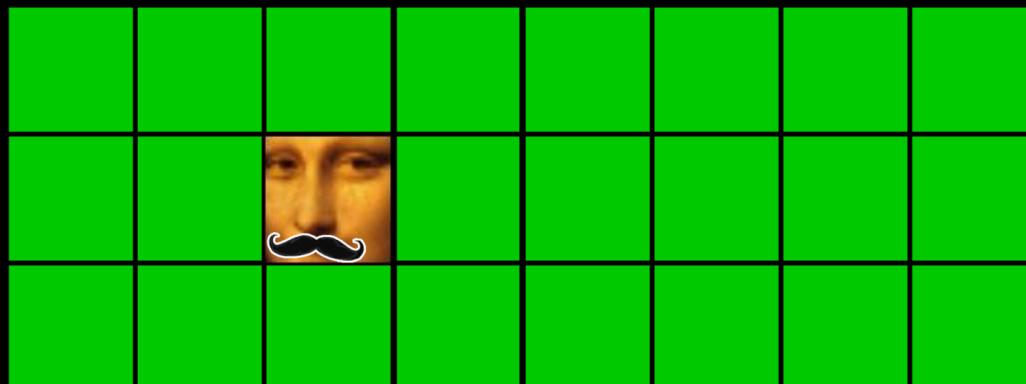


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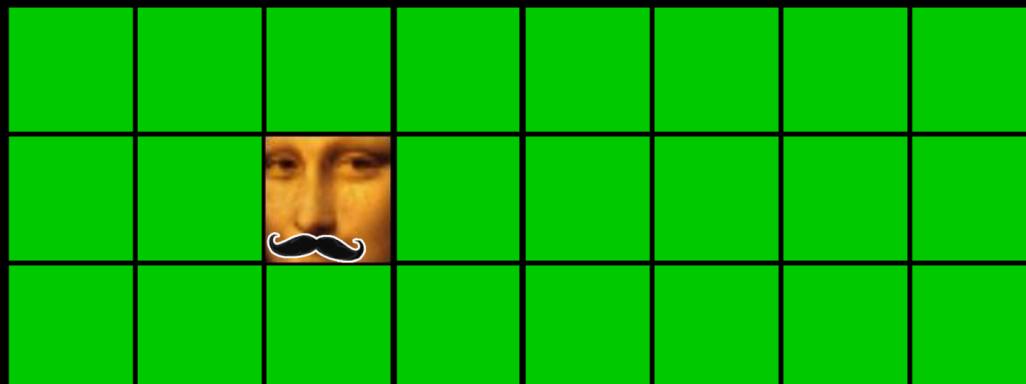


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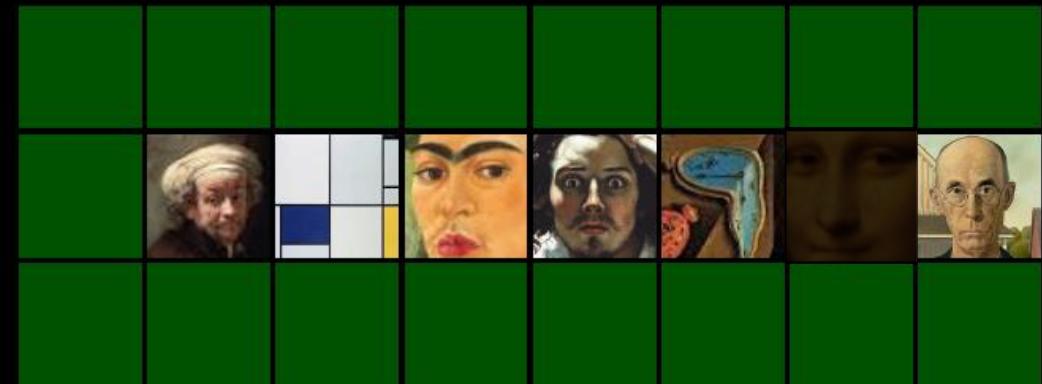


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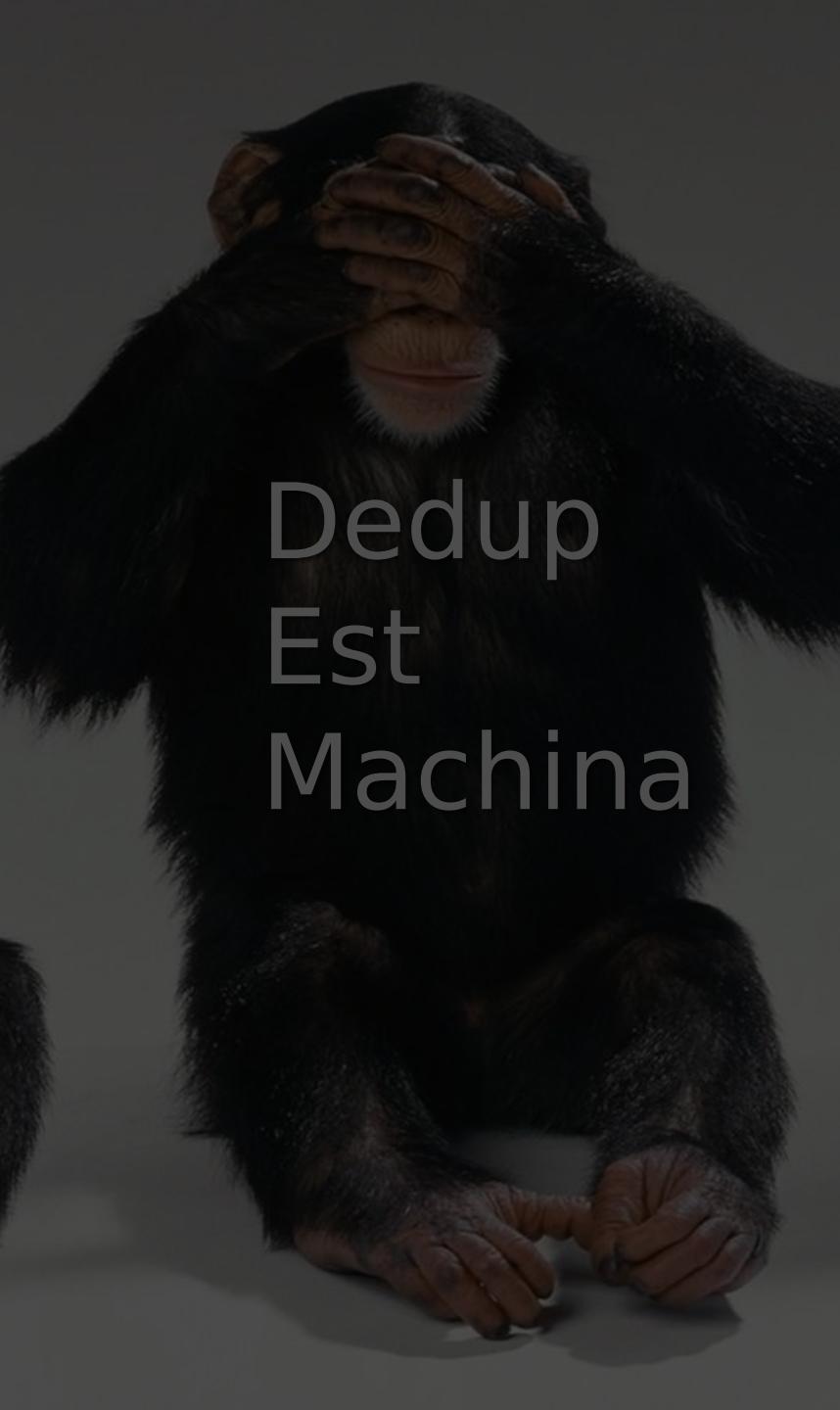


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Cross-VM leak / ASLR bypass

CVE-2015-2877 / VU#935424 (<https://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/935424>)

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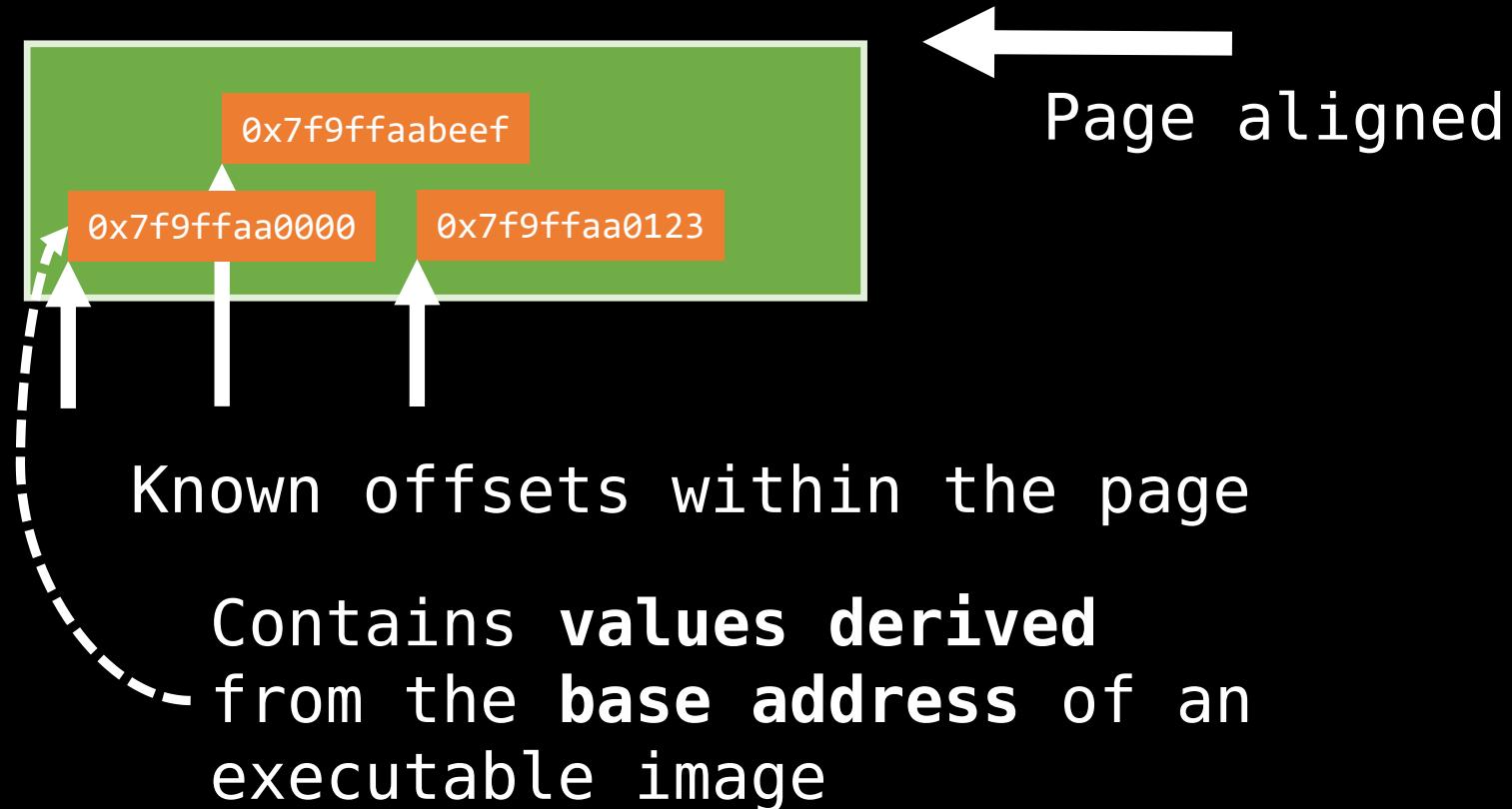
Page aligned

- > **Mostly static**
- > **Read-only in victim VM**
- > **Known to exist**

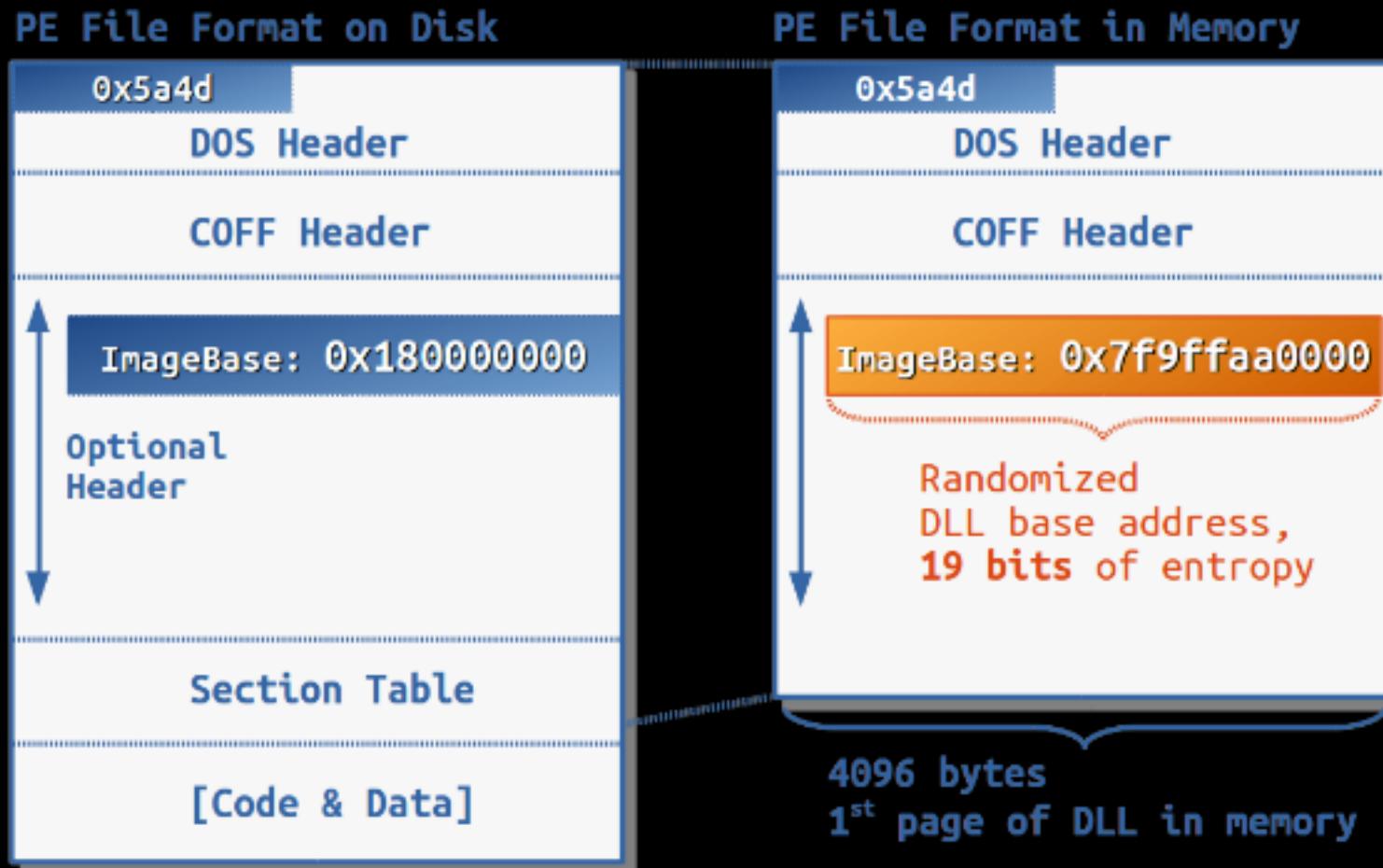
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Suitable page under Windows



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BRUTE FORCE

If it doesn't work, you're just not using enough.

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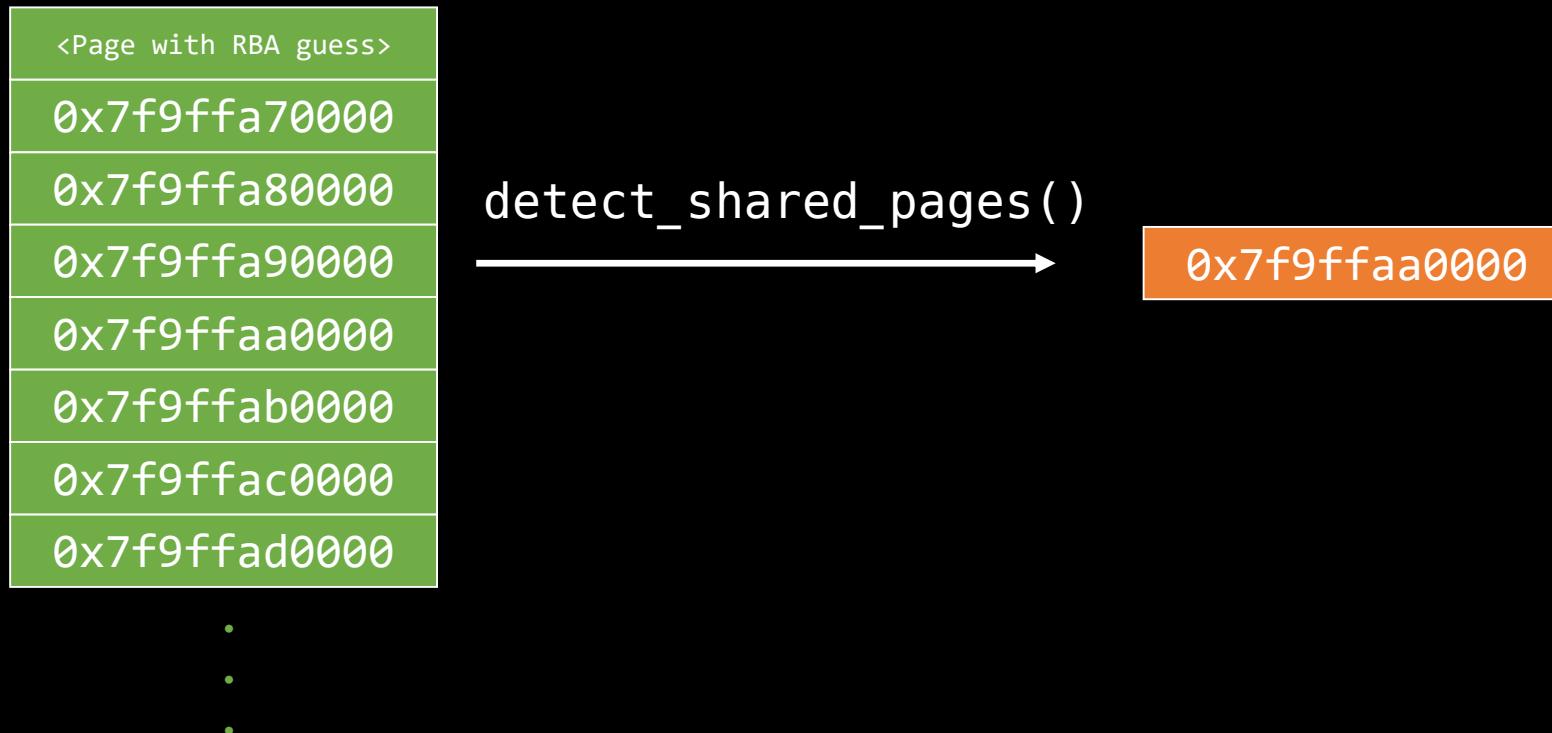
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<Page with RBA guess>
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0x7f9ffa90000
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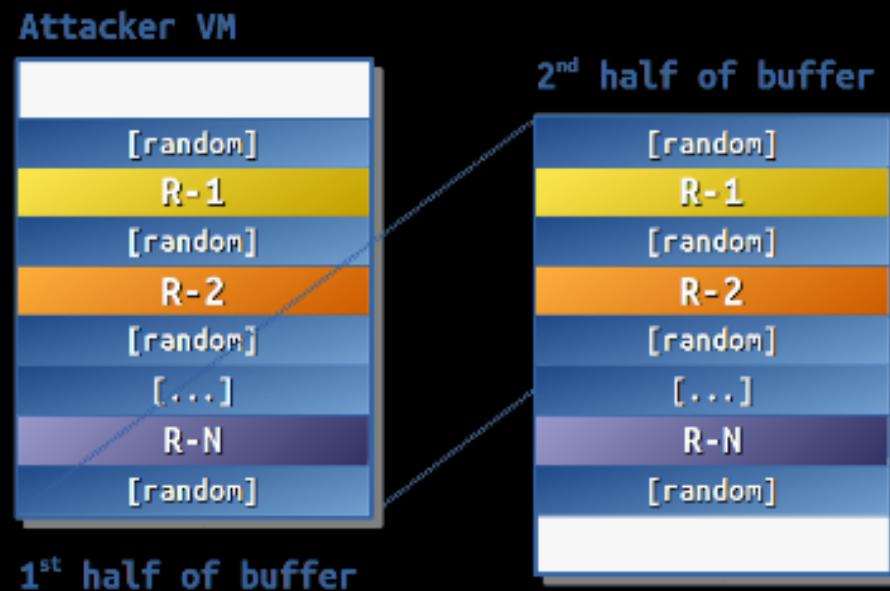
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- > Attacker trade-off
 - > Waiting too little obstructs the attack
 - > Waiting too long increases attack time

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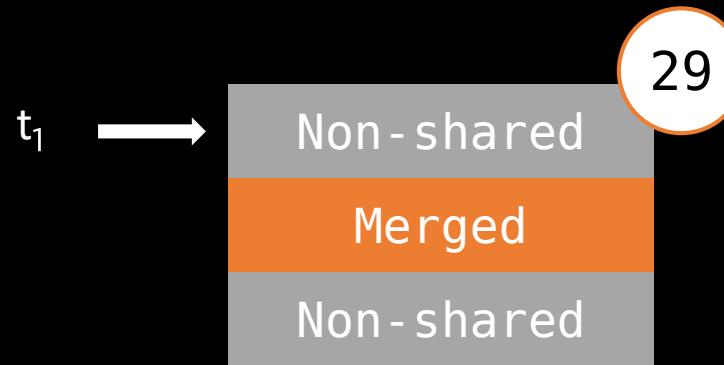
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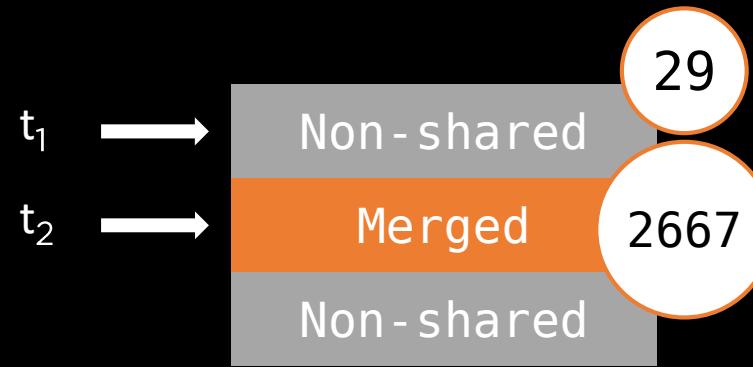
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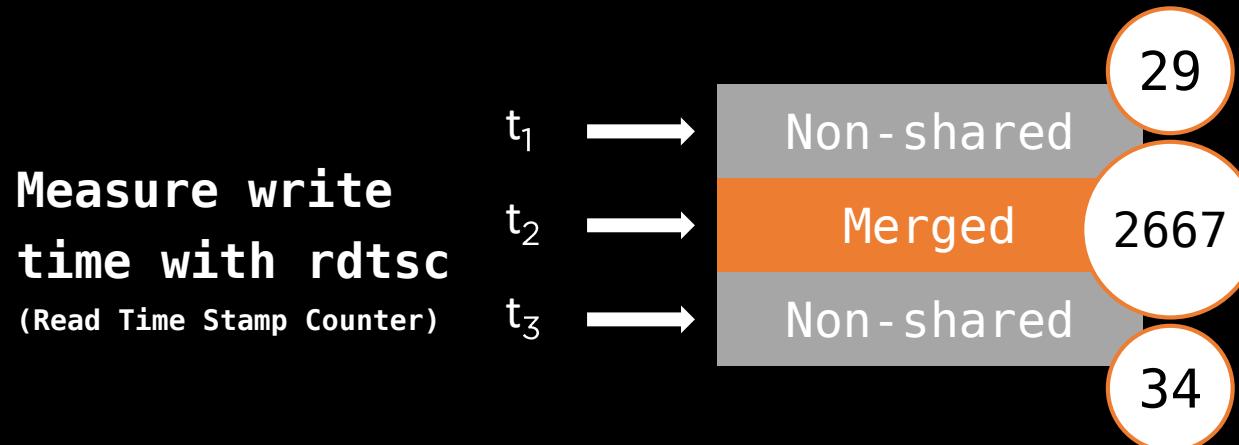
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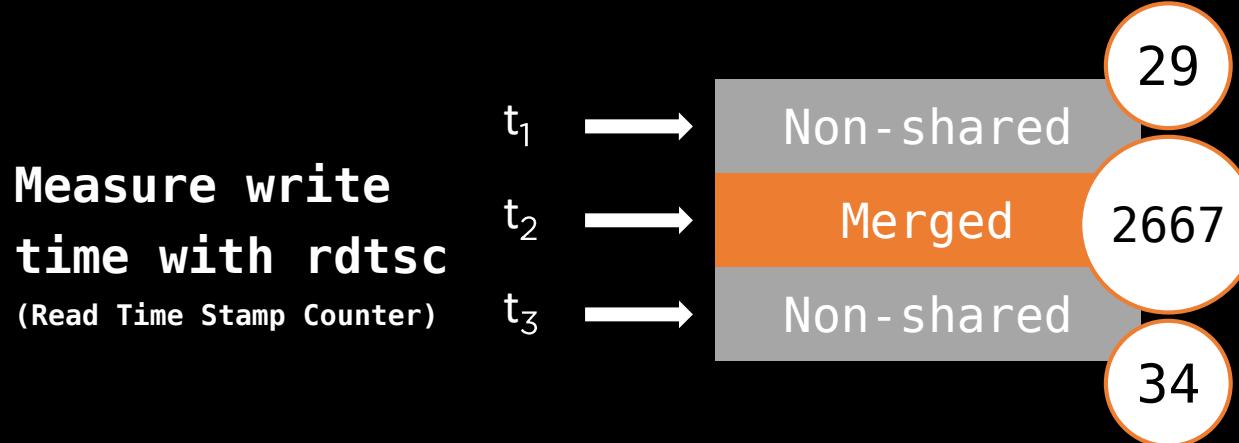
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$$t_2 > 2 * (t_1 + t_3) / 2 \quad t_{1,3} < M = 1000 \quad t_1 < t_3, \quad (t_3 - t_1) < t_3 / 3$$

Detect merged pages

These heuristics
worked for different
HW configurations

$$t_2 > 2$$

1000

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Handling noise

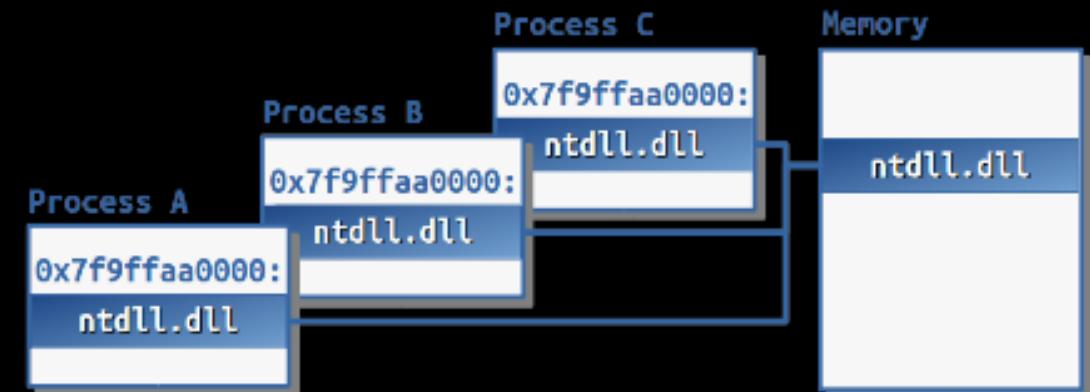
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- > Probability that same guess is affected by noise in different rounds is low

Windows x64 ASLR

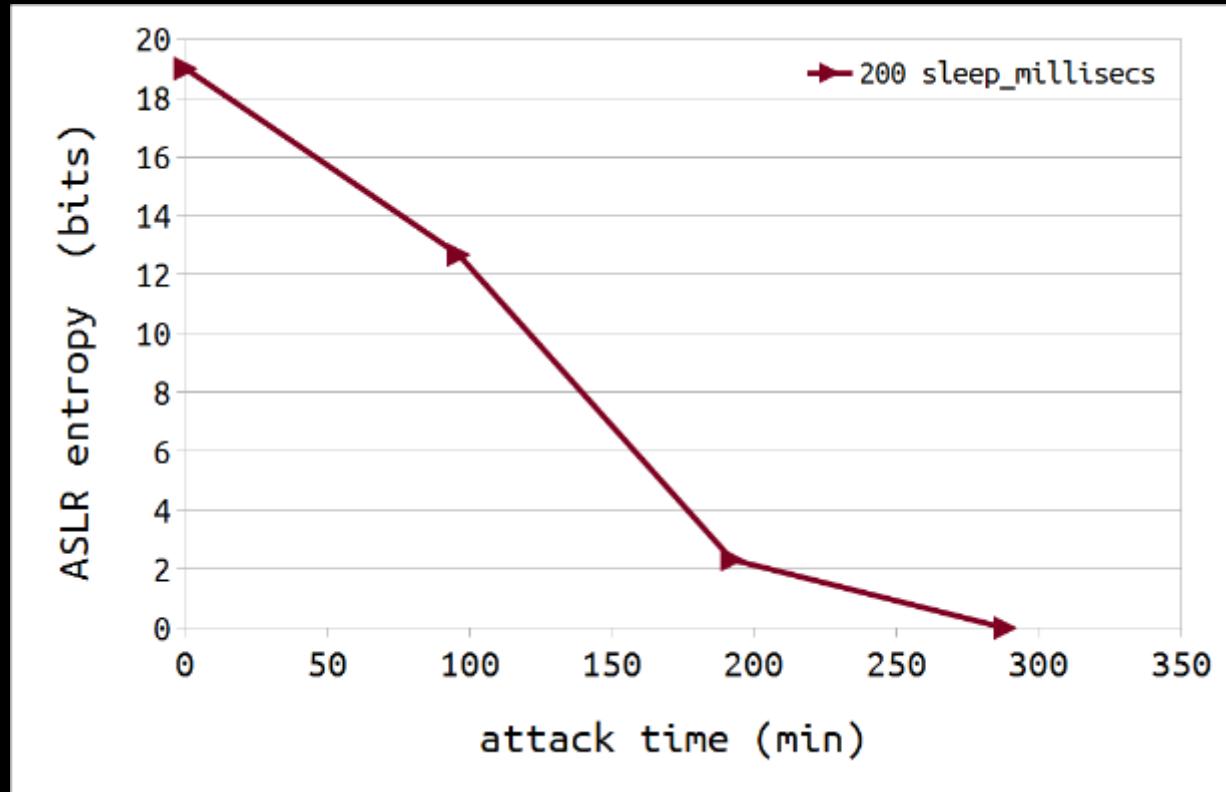
- > High Entropy ASLR
- > 33 bits for stacks
- > 24 bits for heaps



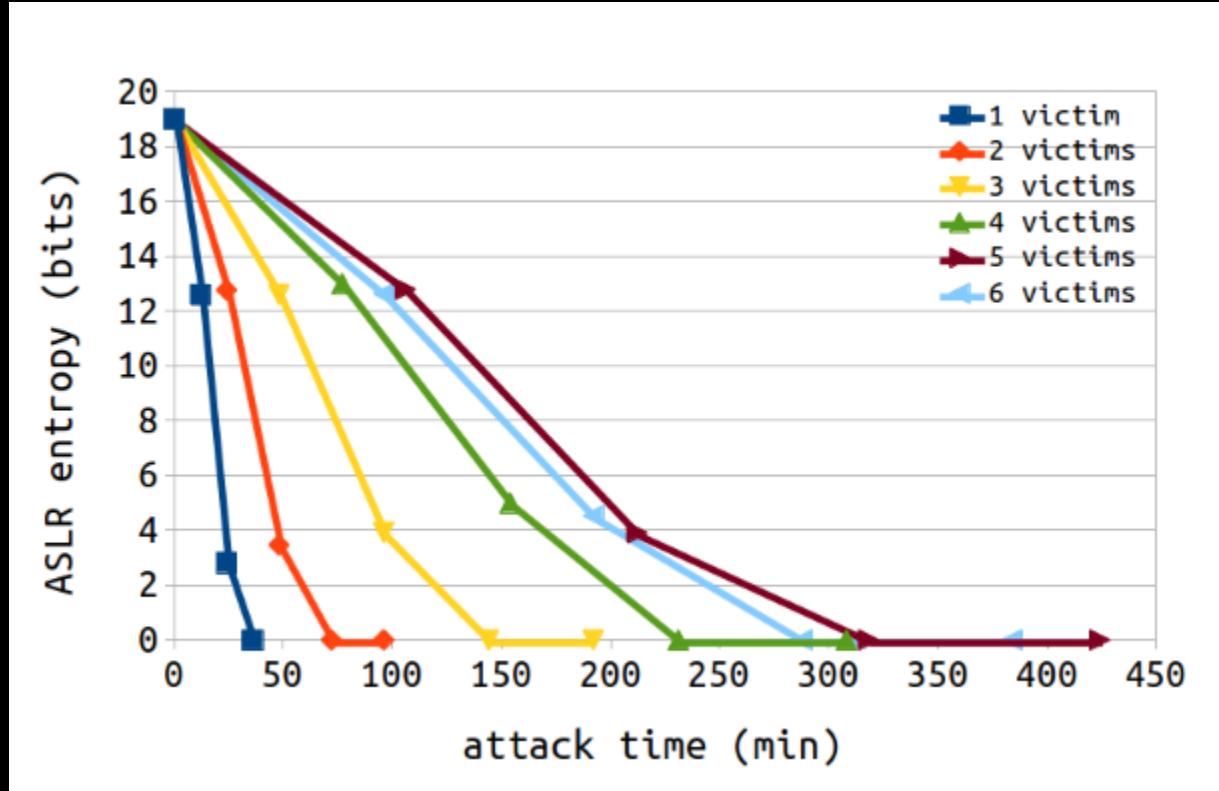
- > 17 bits for executables
- > 19 bits for DLLs

} System-wide at boot-time for certain images

Attacking a single Windows VM



Attacking multiple Windows VM



sleep_millisecs = 20

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root@vmm:~
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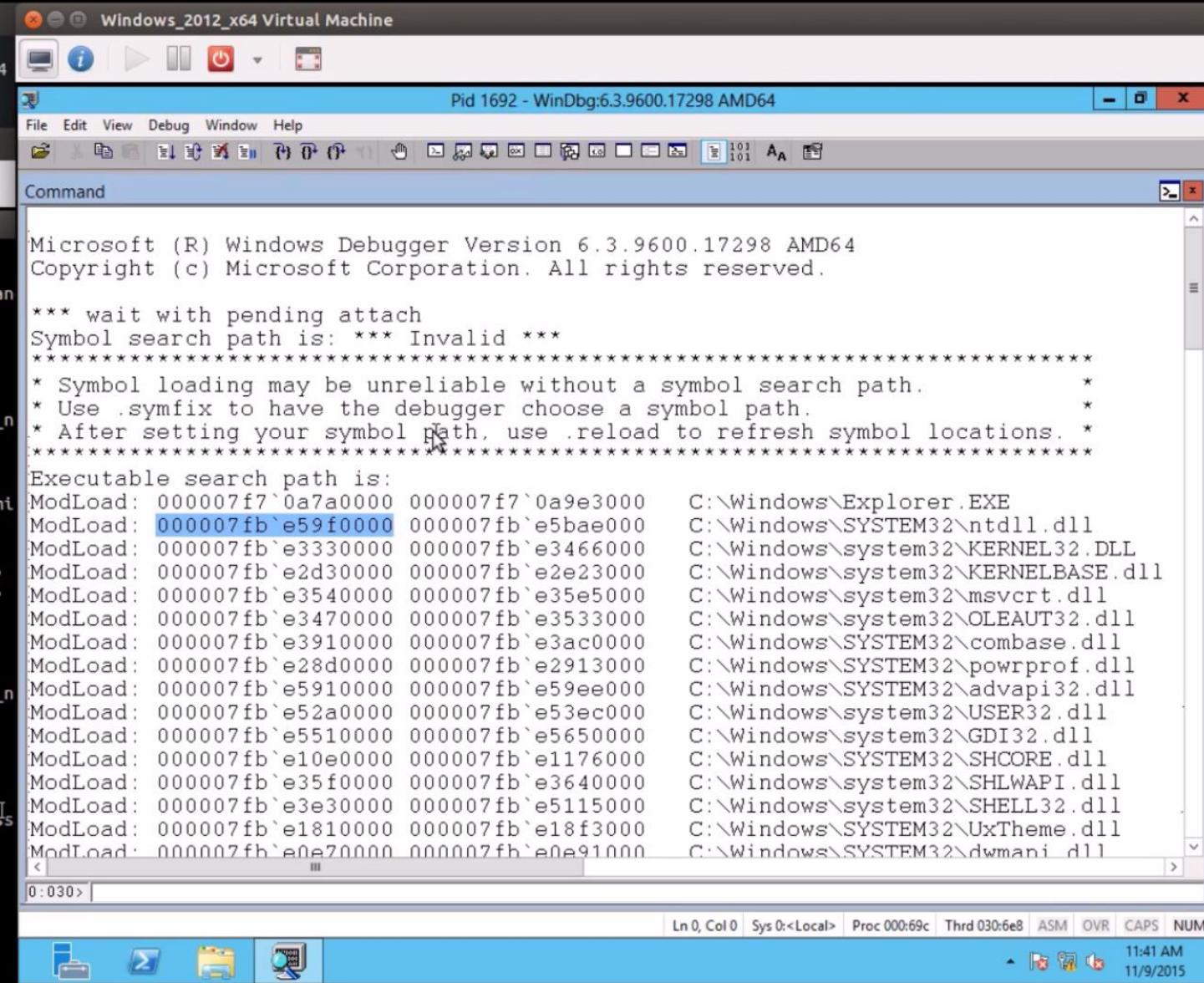
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Ubuntu_14_04 Virtual Machine
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user@user-virtual-machine:~/svn/vmap
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* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] start verification rounds (total of 16)  
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* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] verification round 1 done  
  
* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] *** candidate: 000007FBE59F0000,  
* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] *** candidate: 000007F9FFAA0000,  
  
* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] recreating 38 attack pages  
  
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* [ATTACK SUMMARY]  
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> HITS 1  
> FILTERING ROUNDS 1  
> VERIFICATION ROUNDS 1  
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* [done]  
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Ln 0, Col 0 Sys 0:<Local> Proc 000:69c Thrd 030:6e8 ASM OVR CAPS NUM

11:41 AM
11/9/2015

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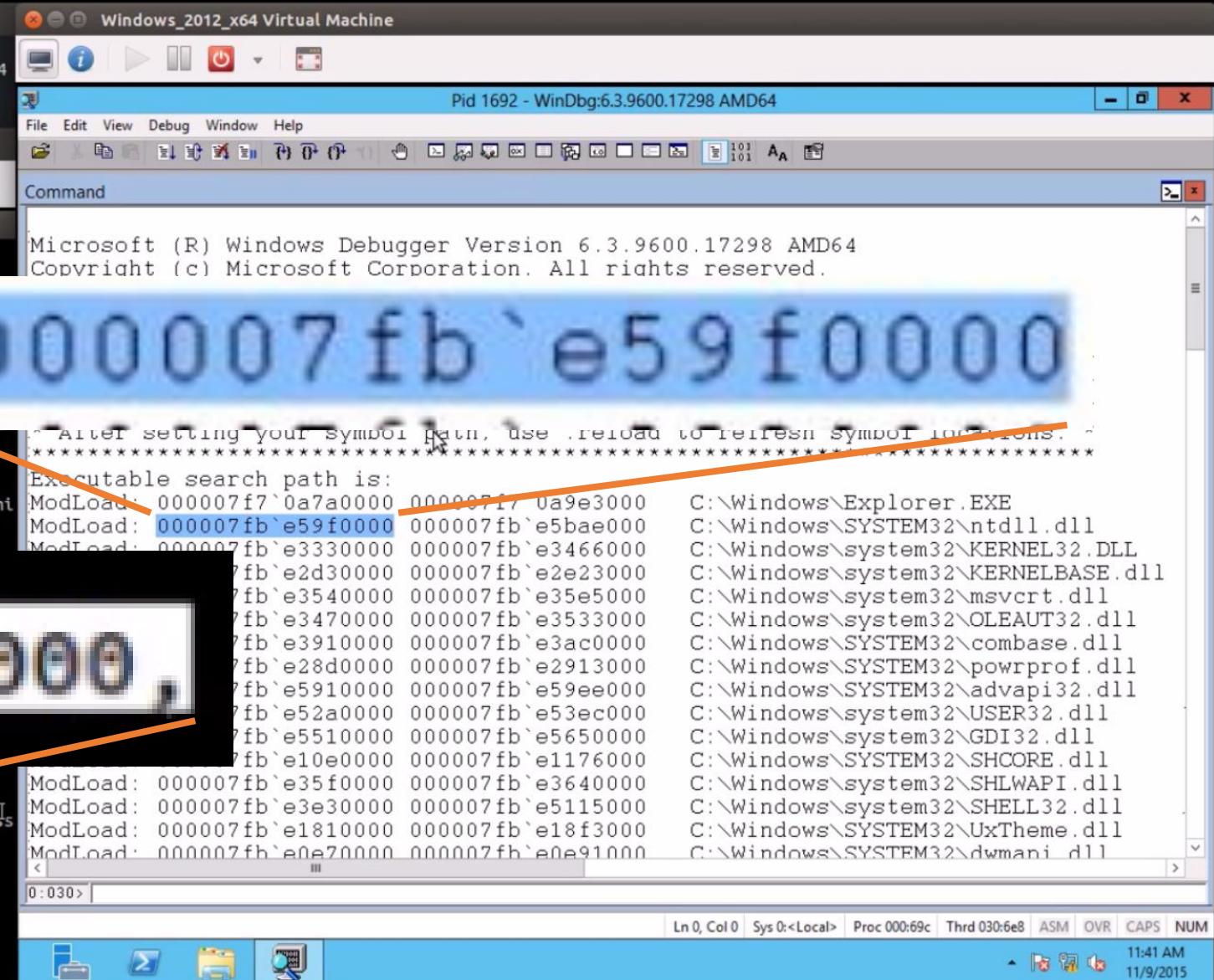
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000007FB E59F0000
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* [done]
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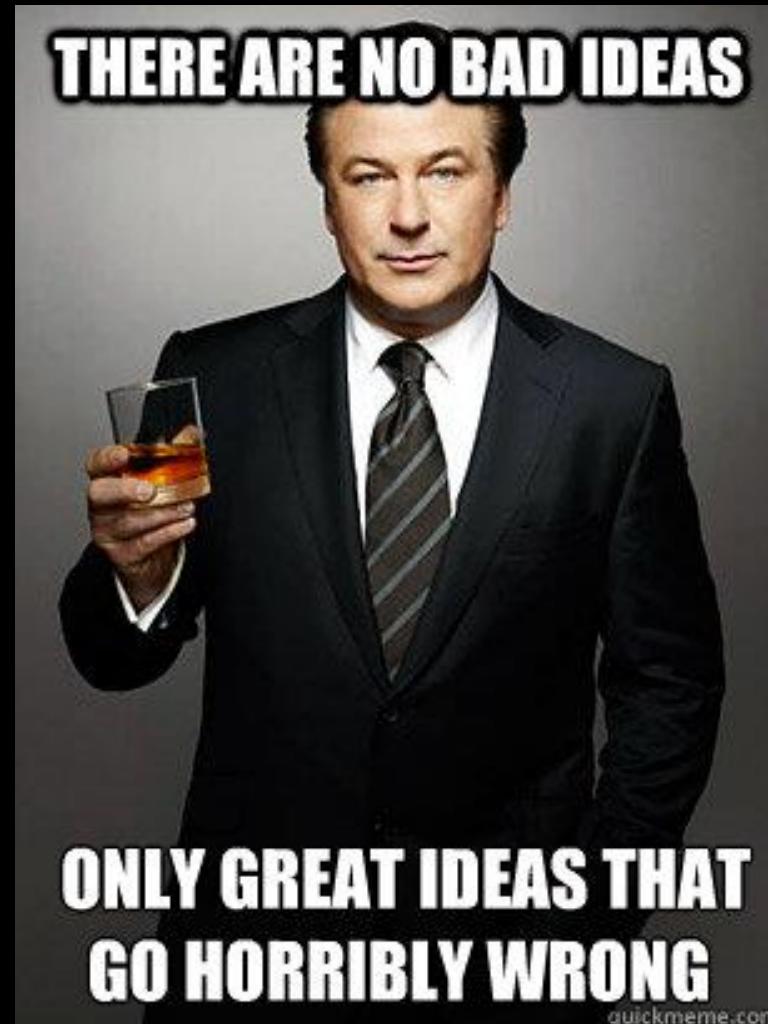
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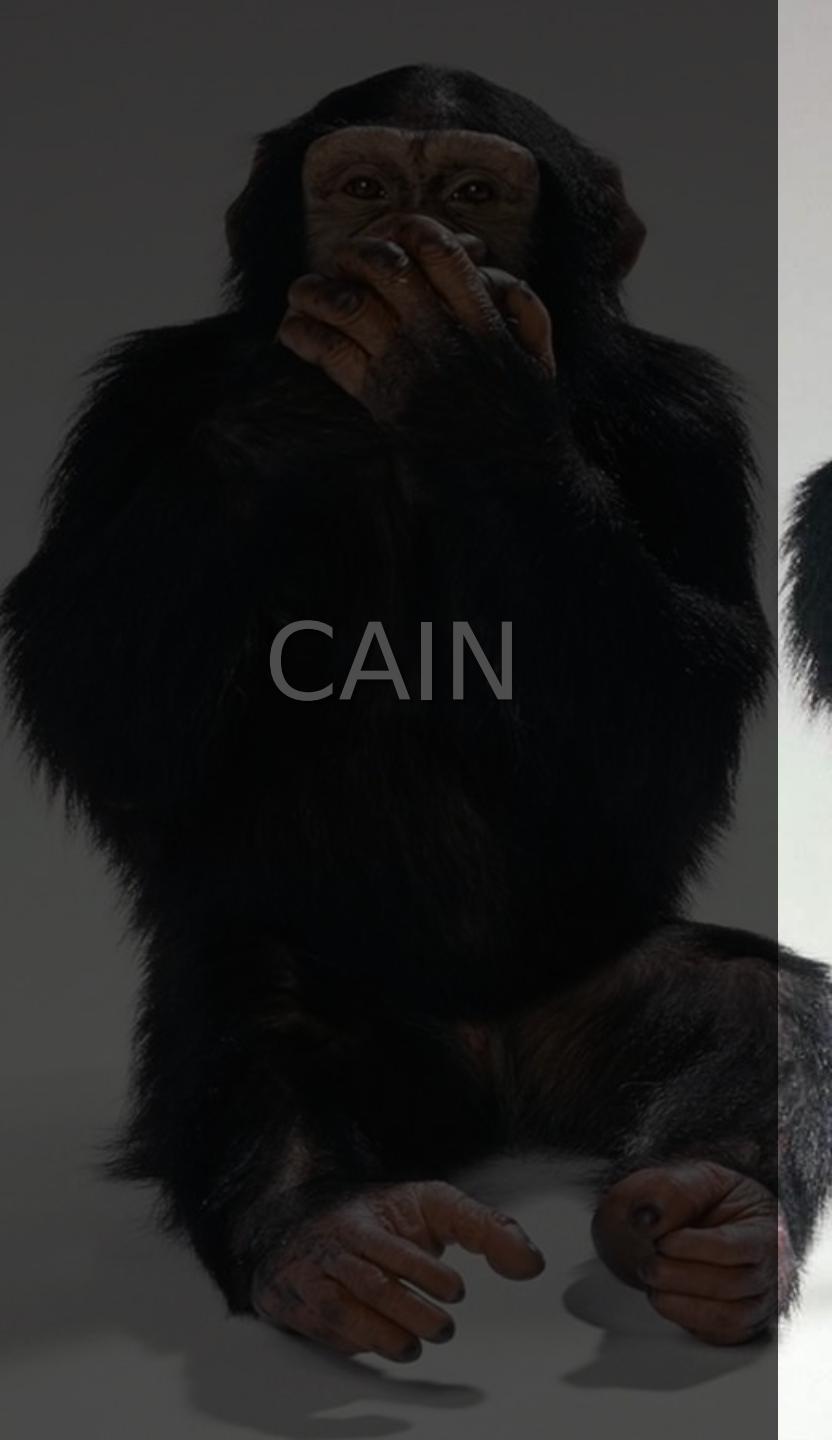
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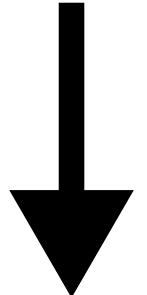
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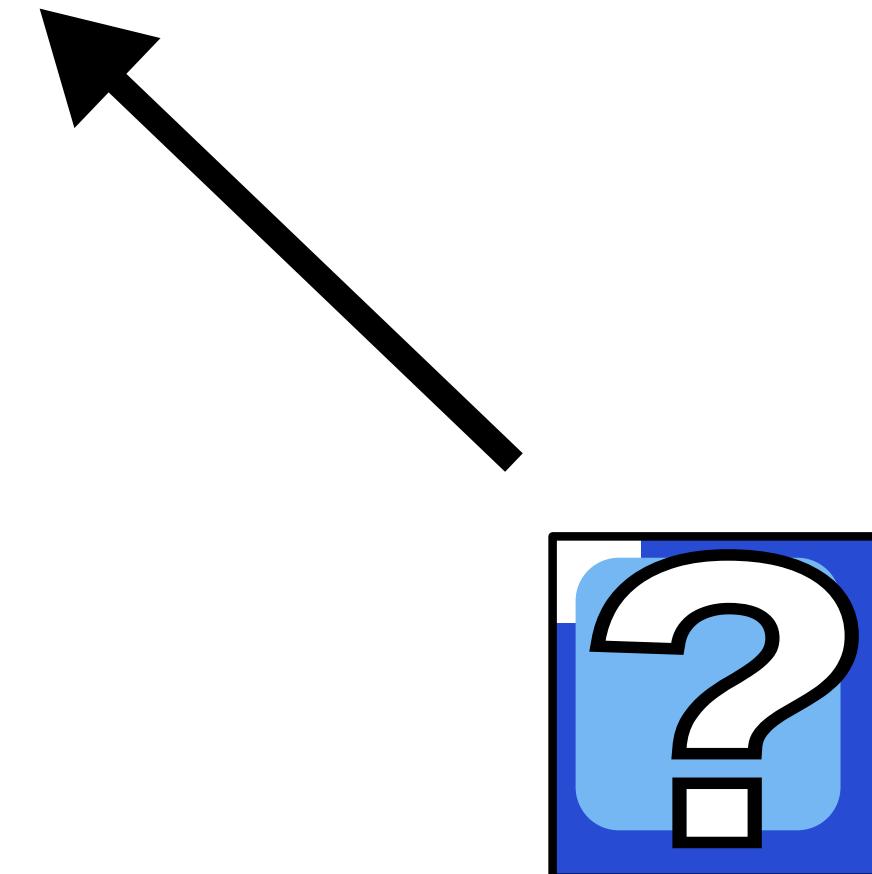
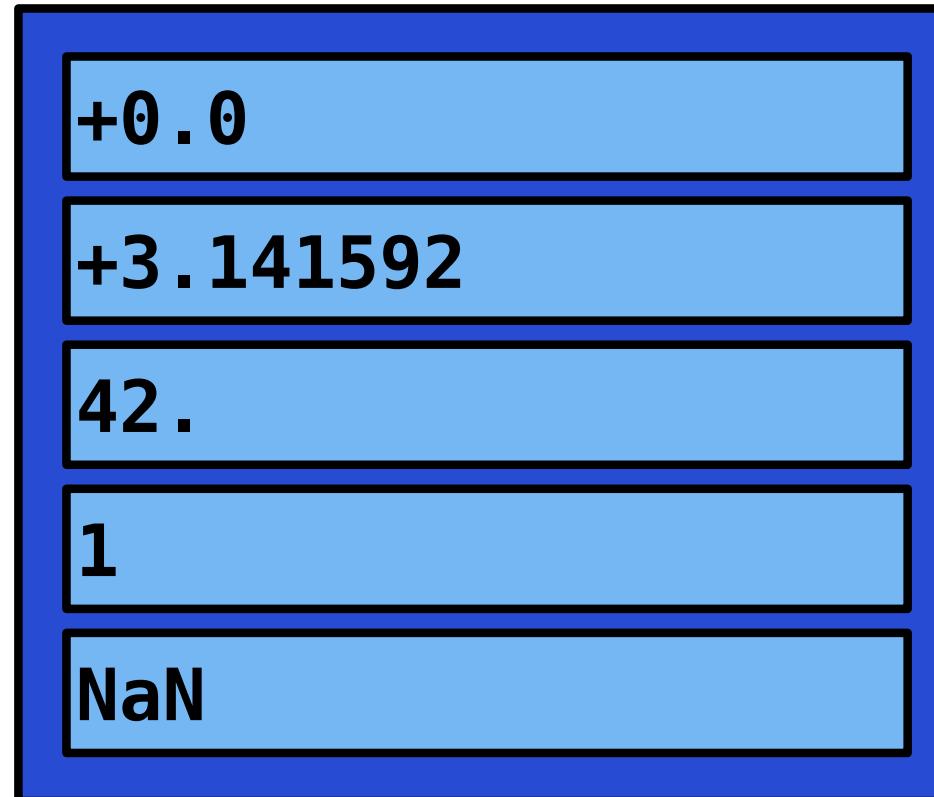
**Exploit MS Edge without software bugs
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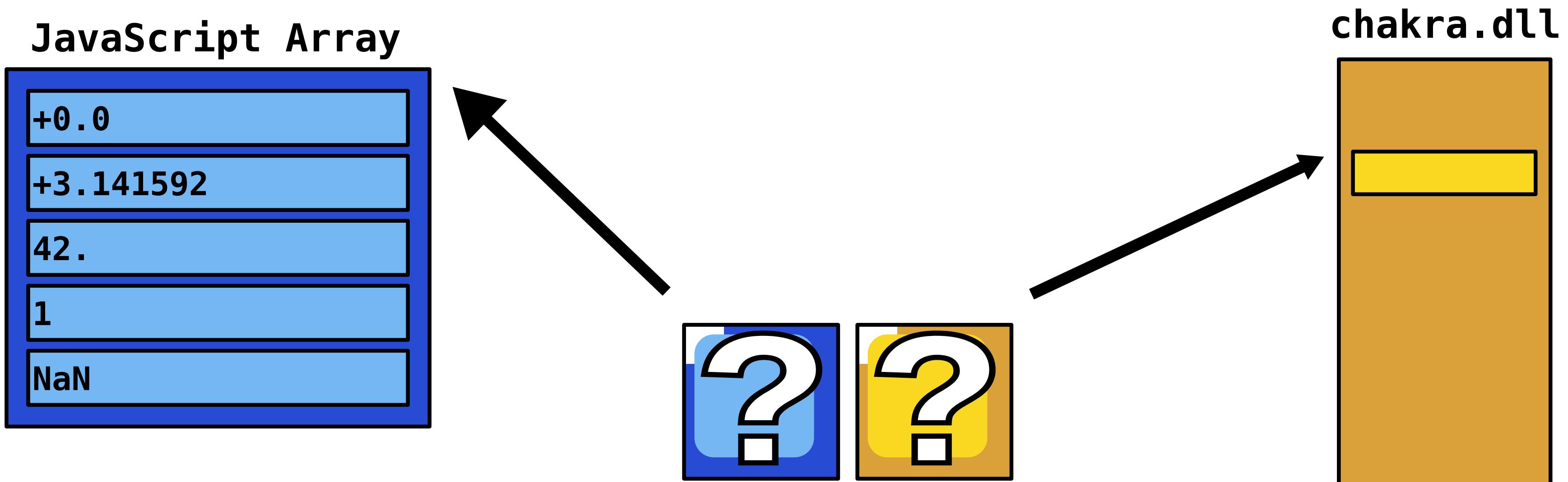
JavaScript Array



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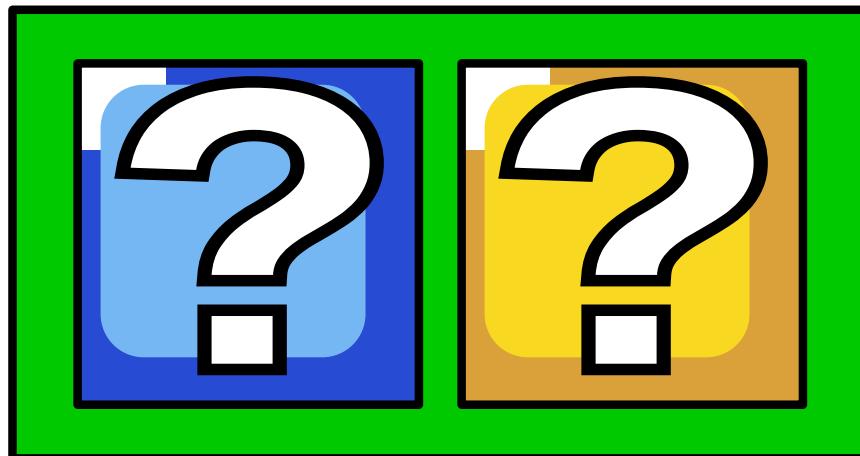
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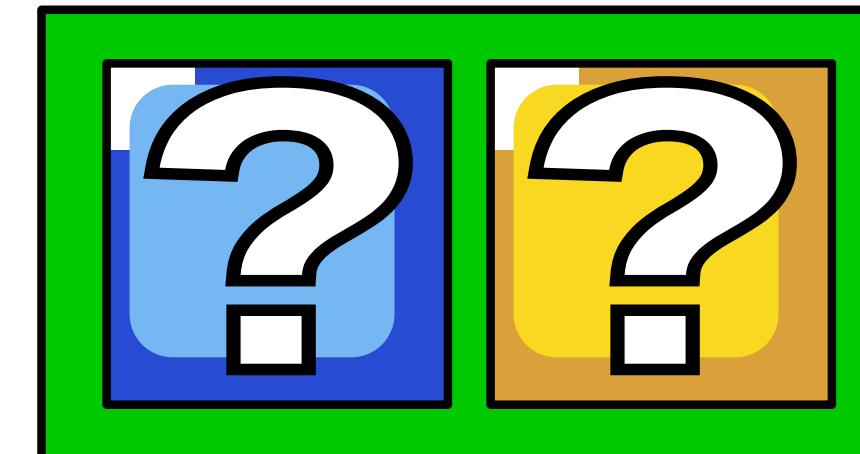
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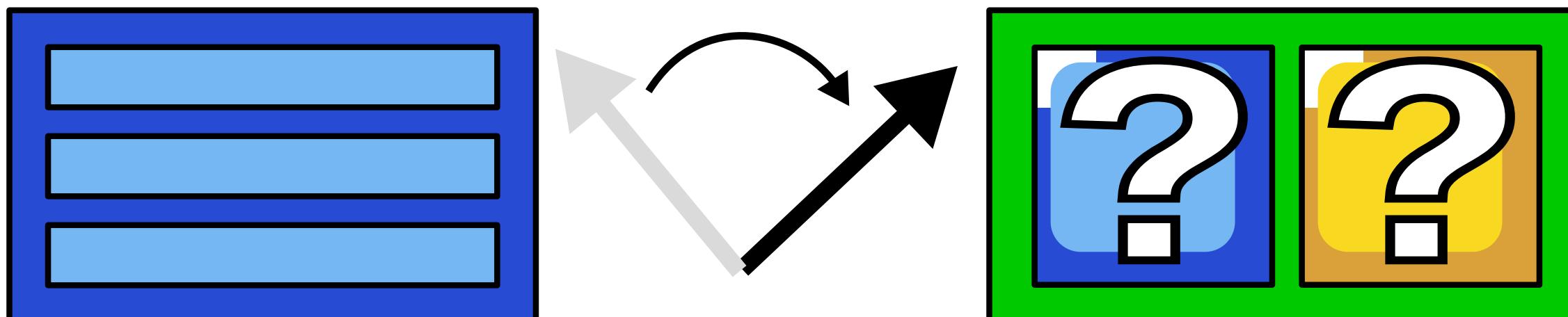
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Leaking existing pages is slow and the gained information is limited.

What if we can manipulate the contents of the victim's memory to leak secrets hand-picked by the attacker.

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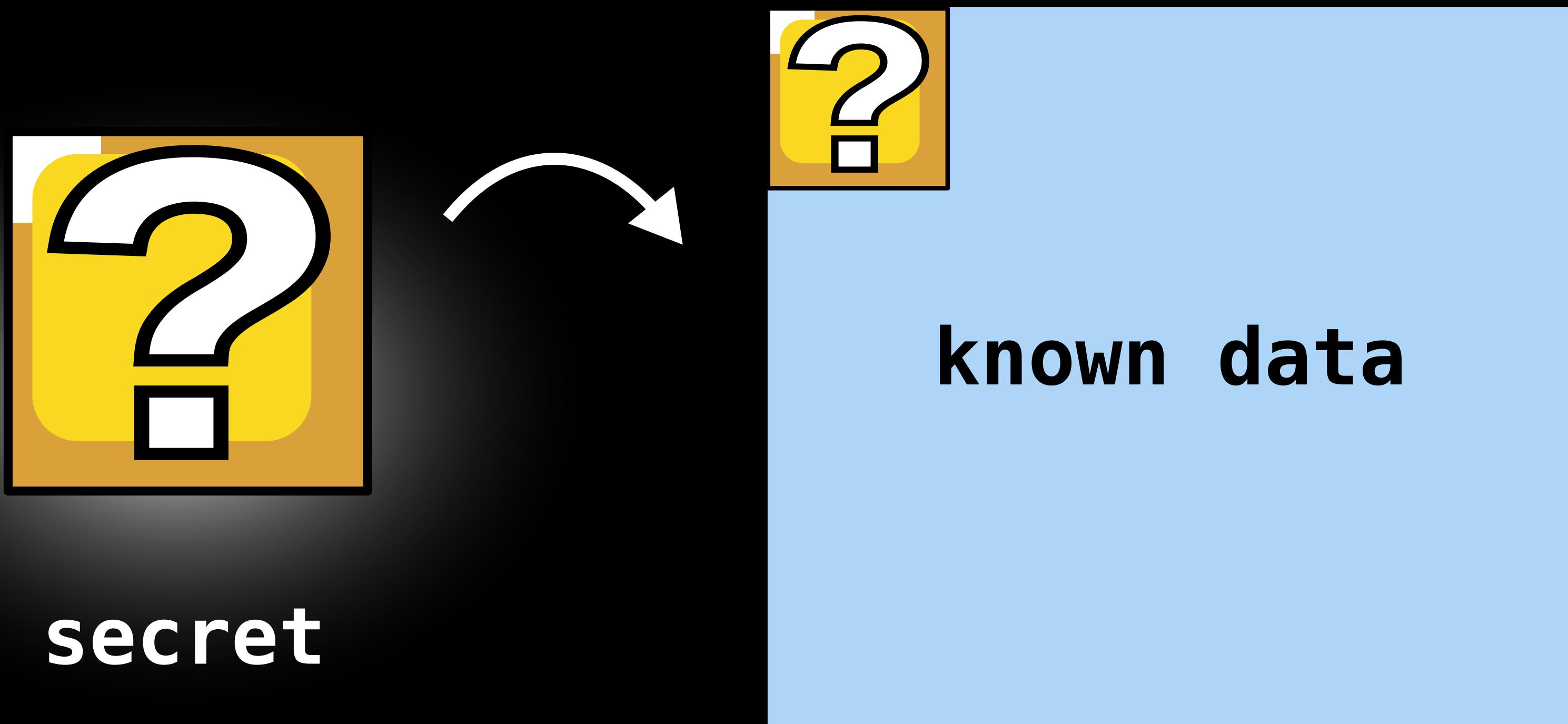
The secret we want to leak does not span an entire page.

Turning a secret into a page



secret

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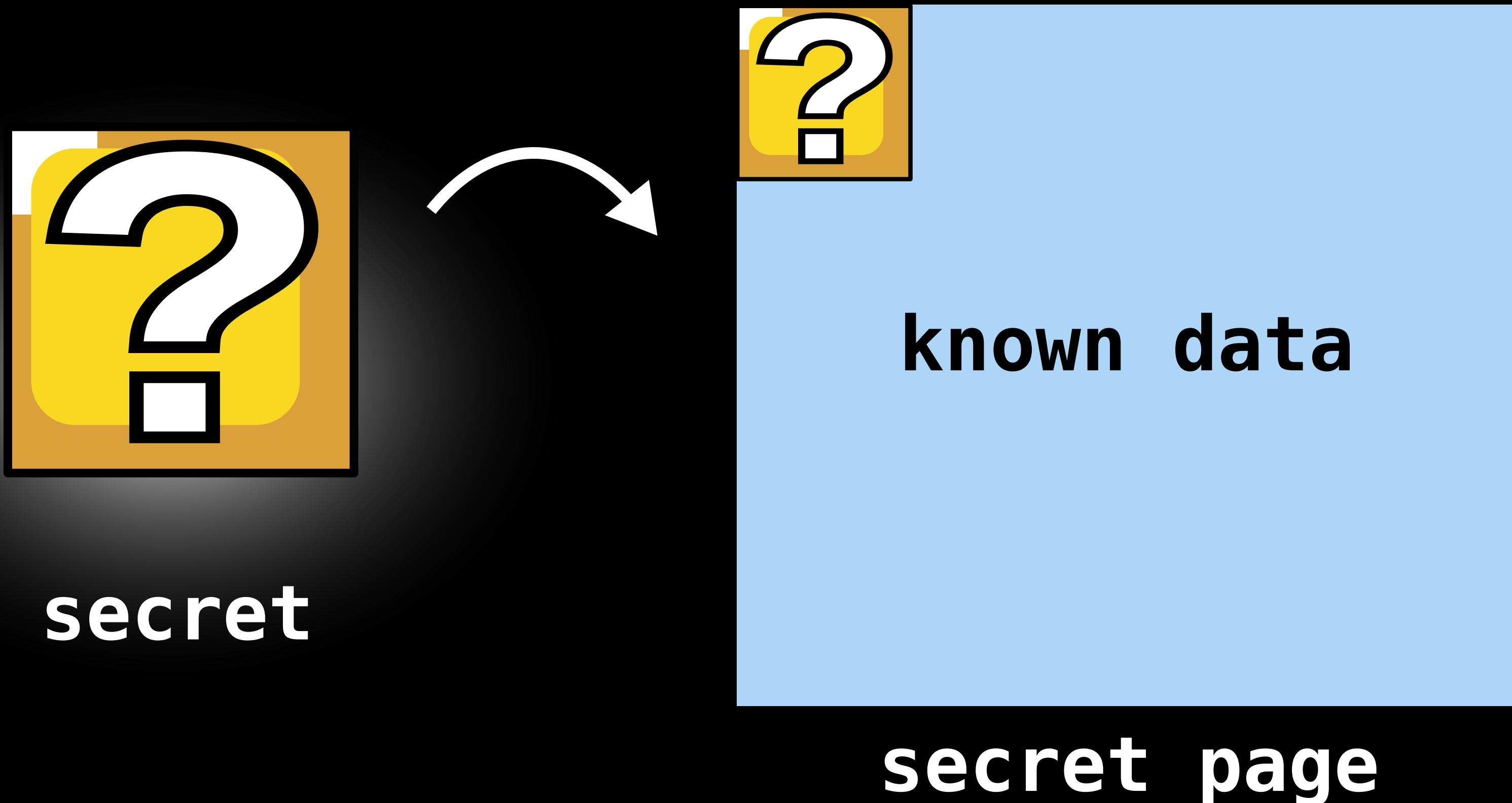


secret page

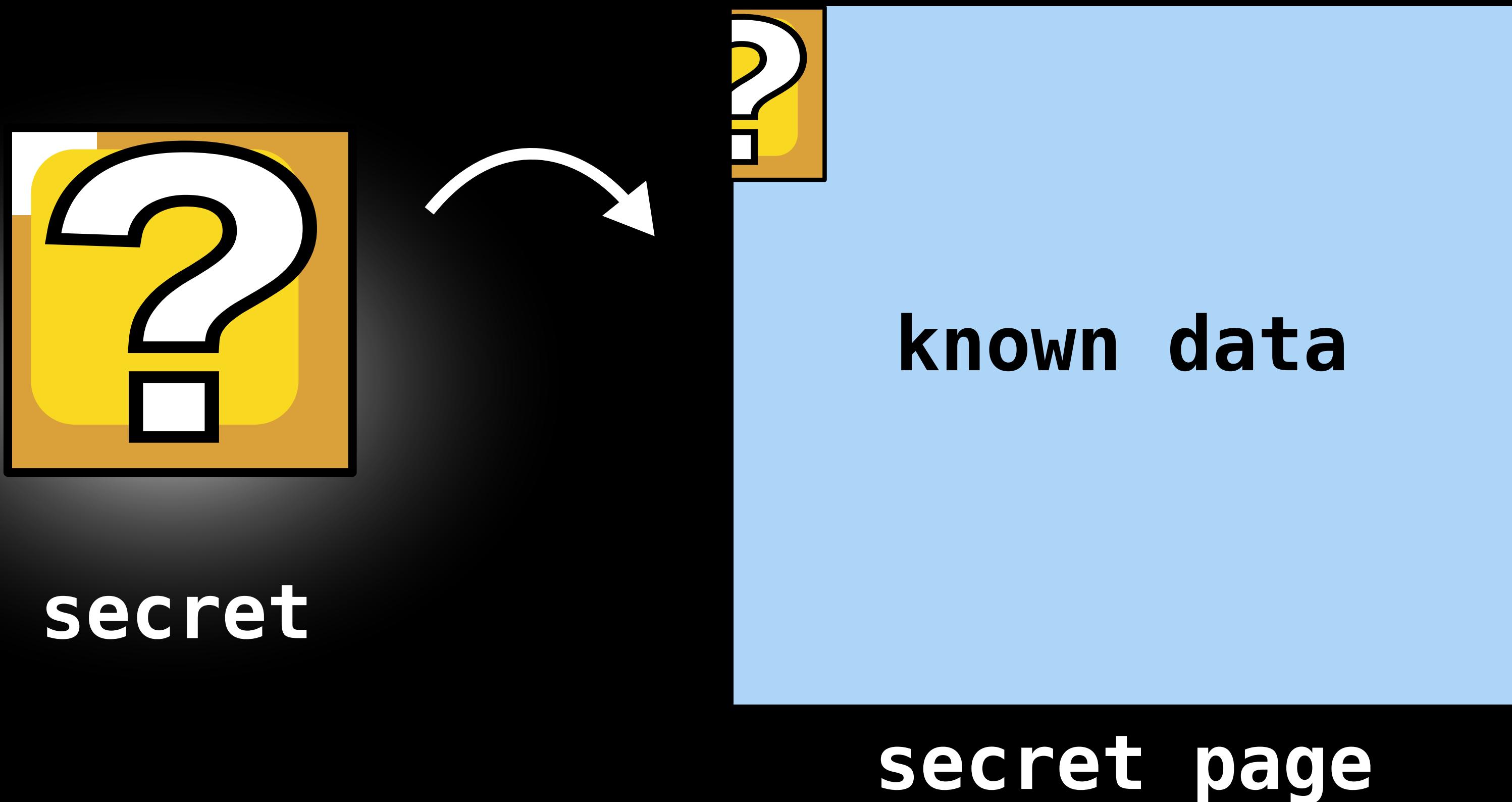
Challenge 2:

The secret we want to leak has too much entropy to leak all at once.

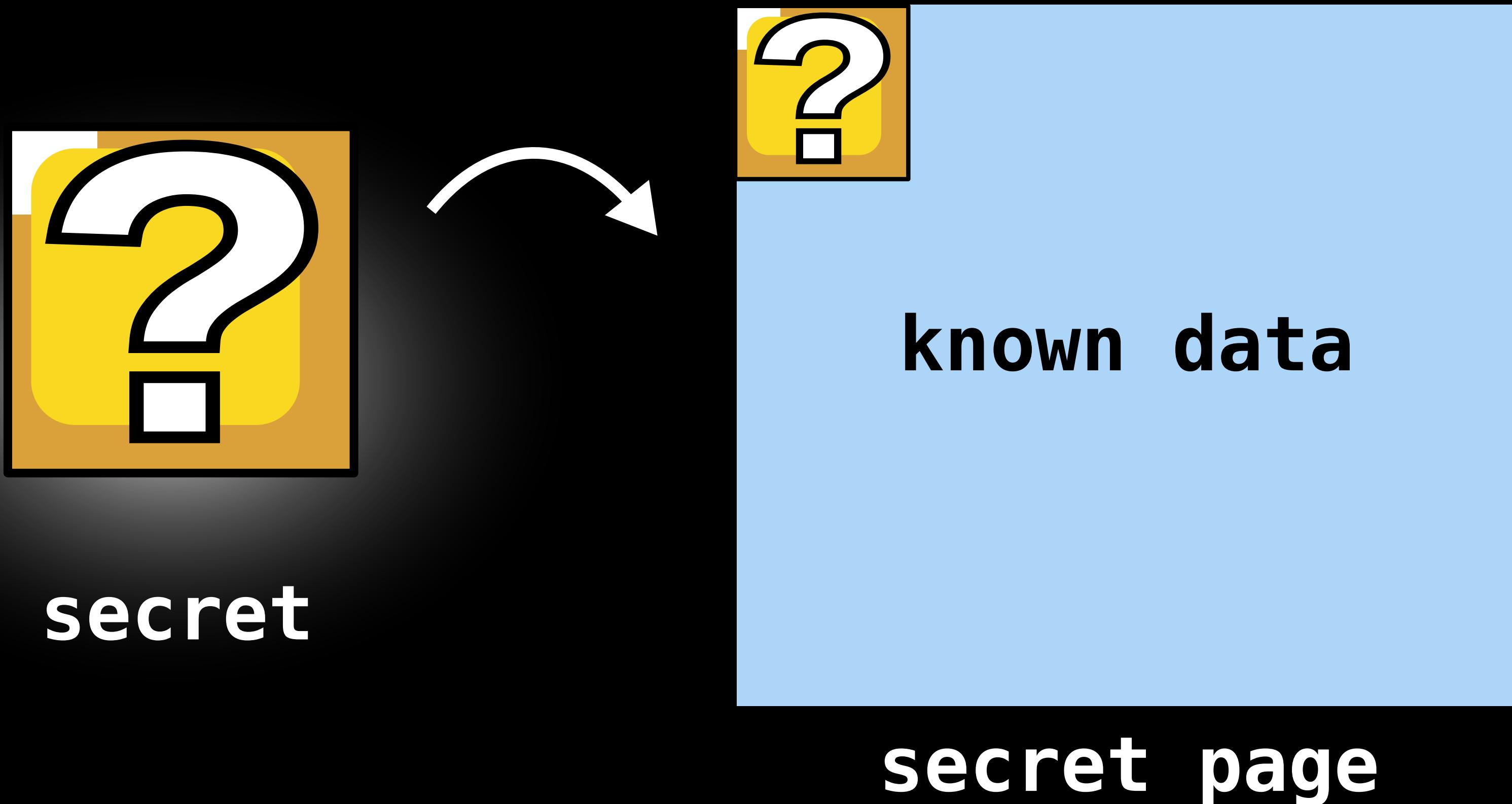
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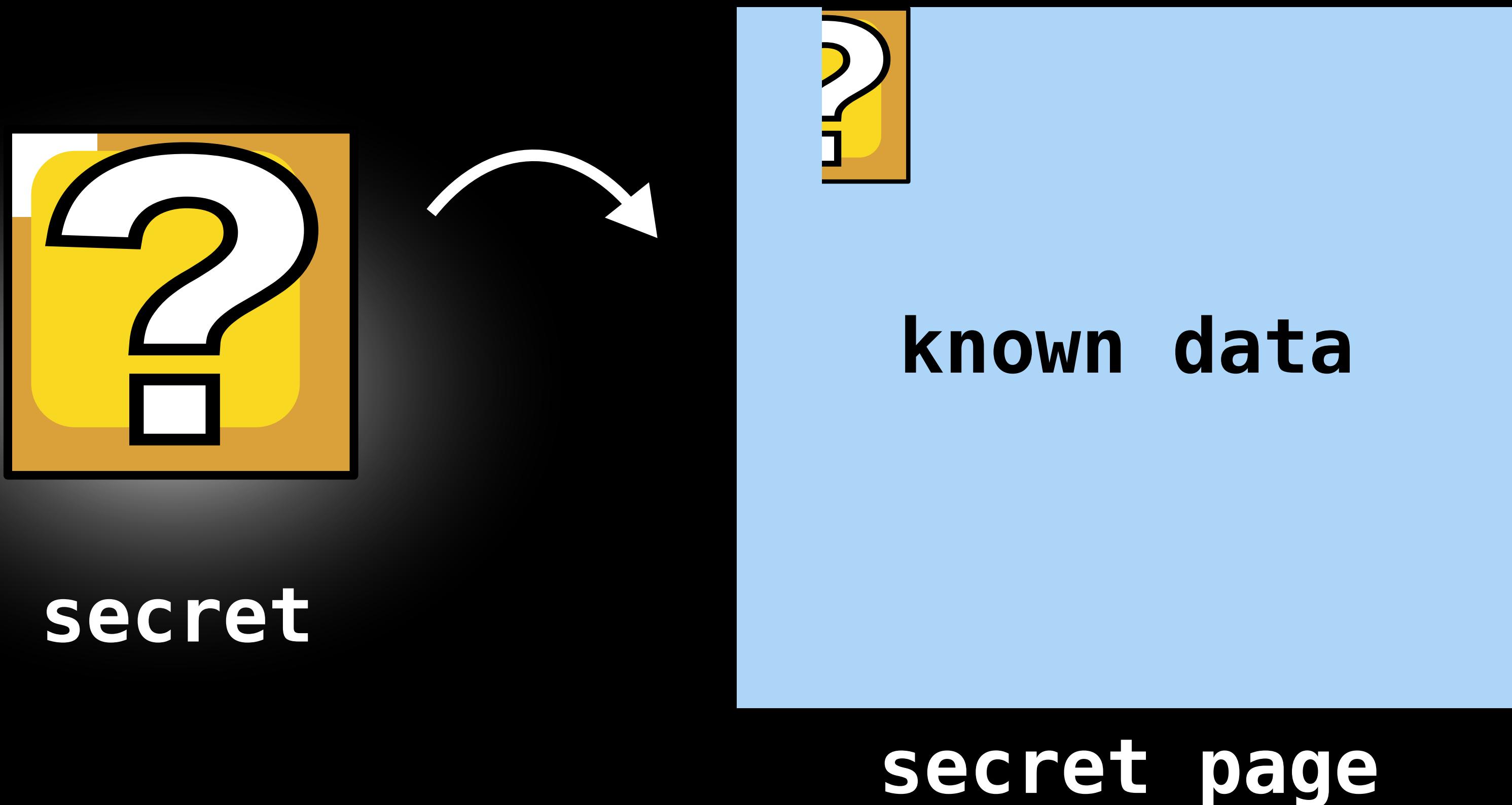
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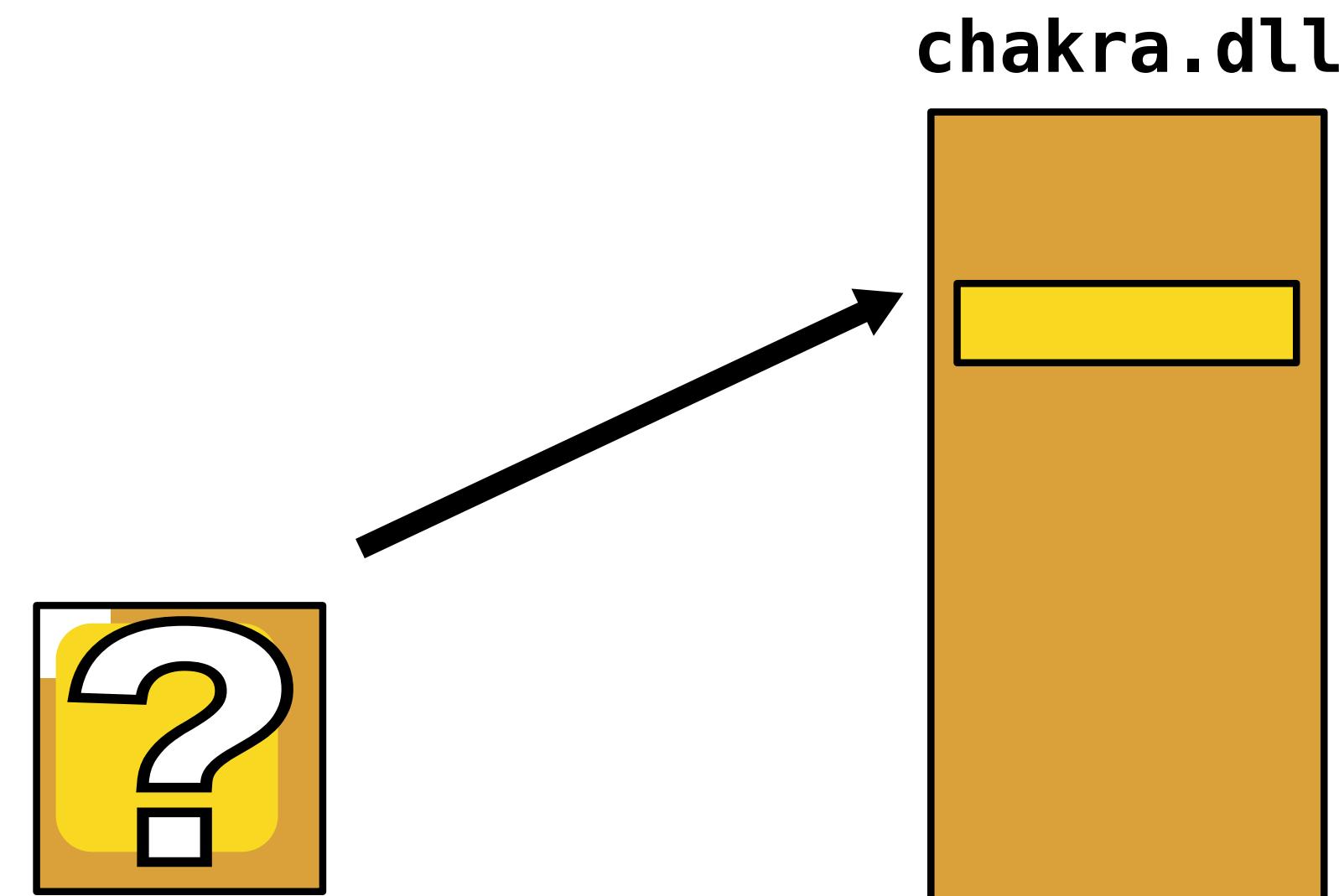
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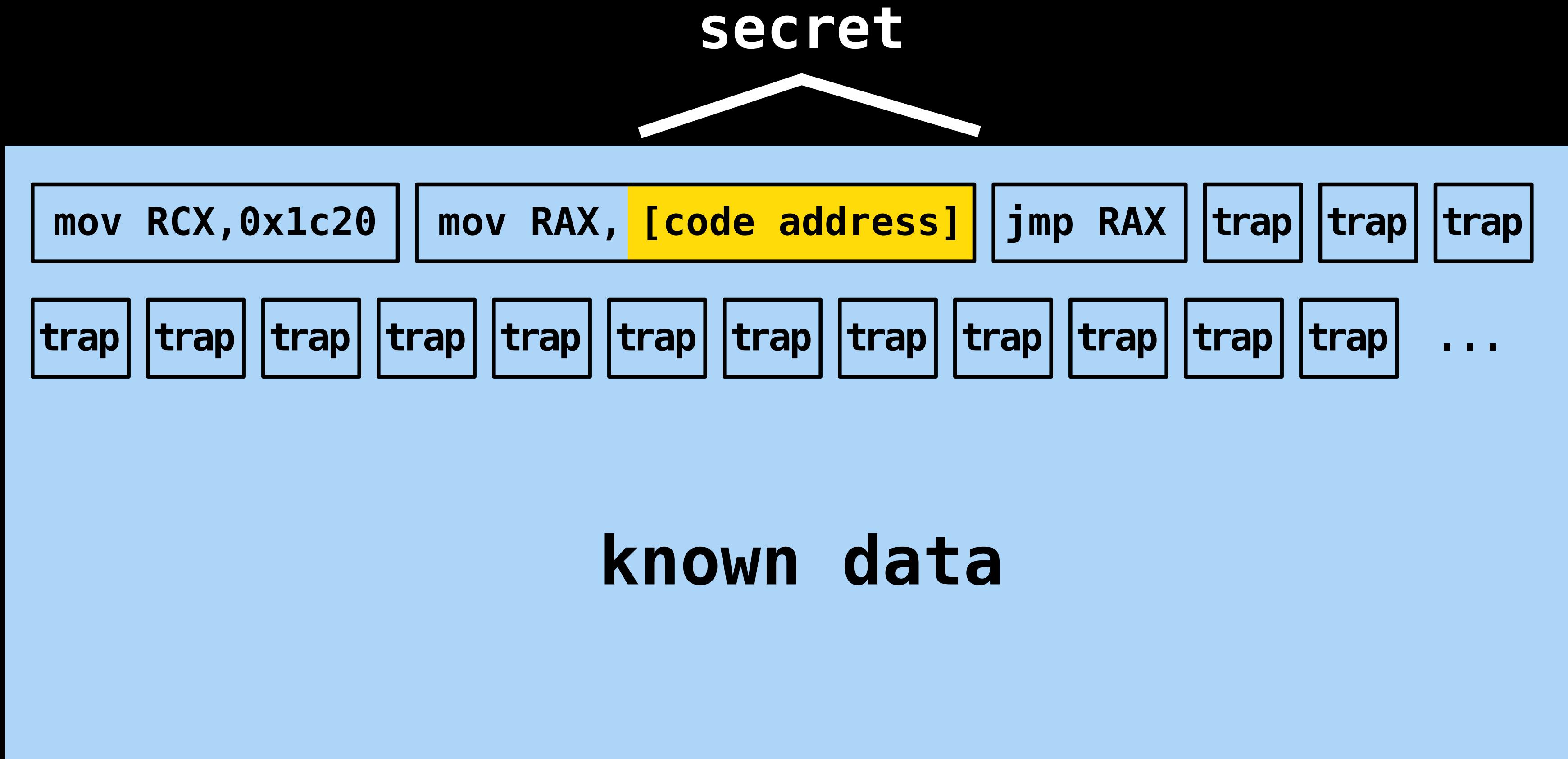
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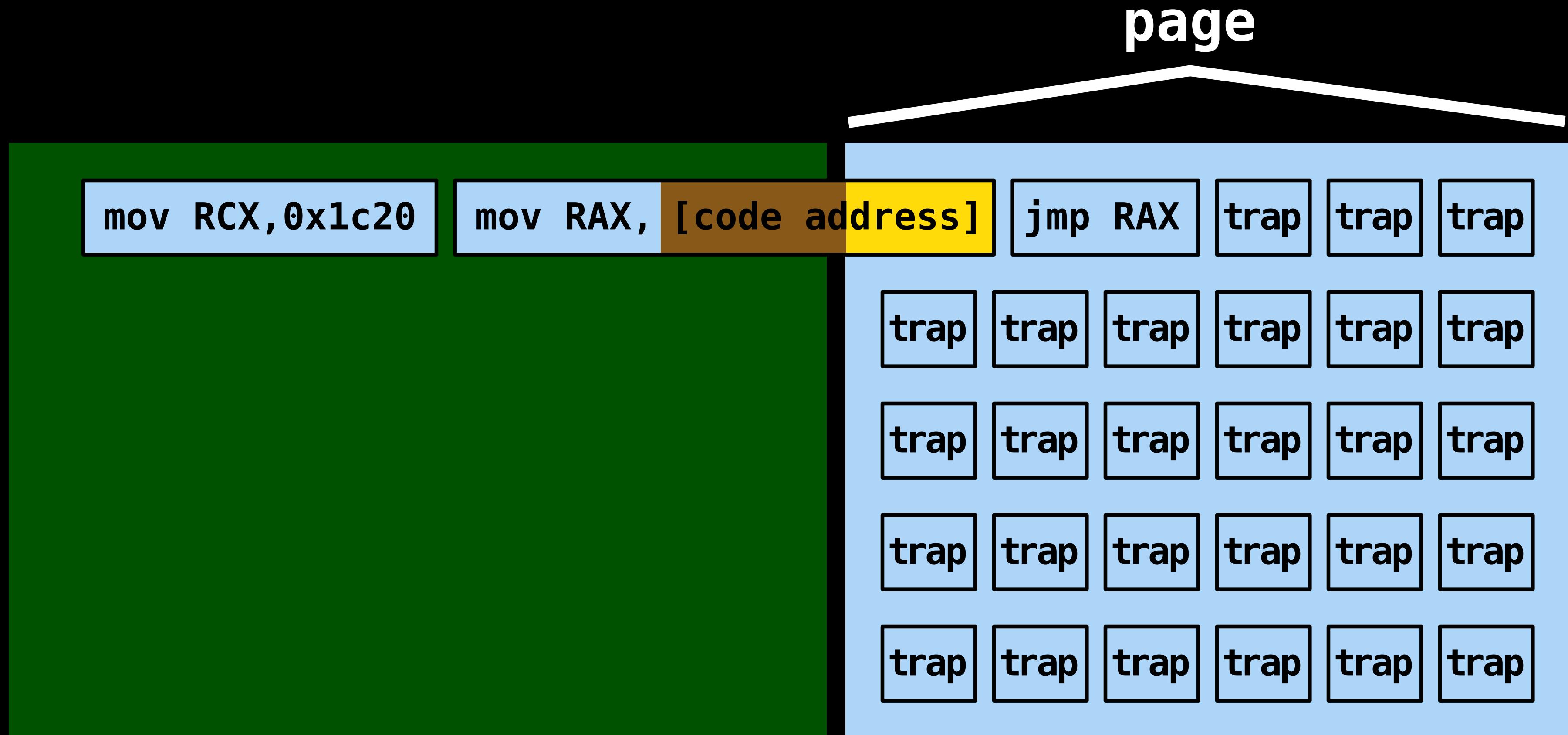
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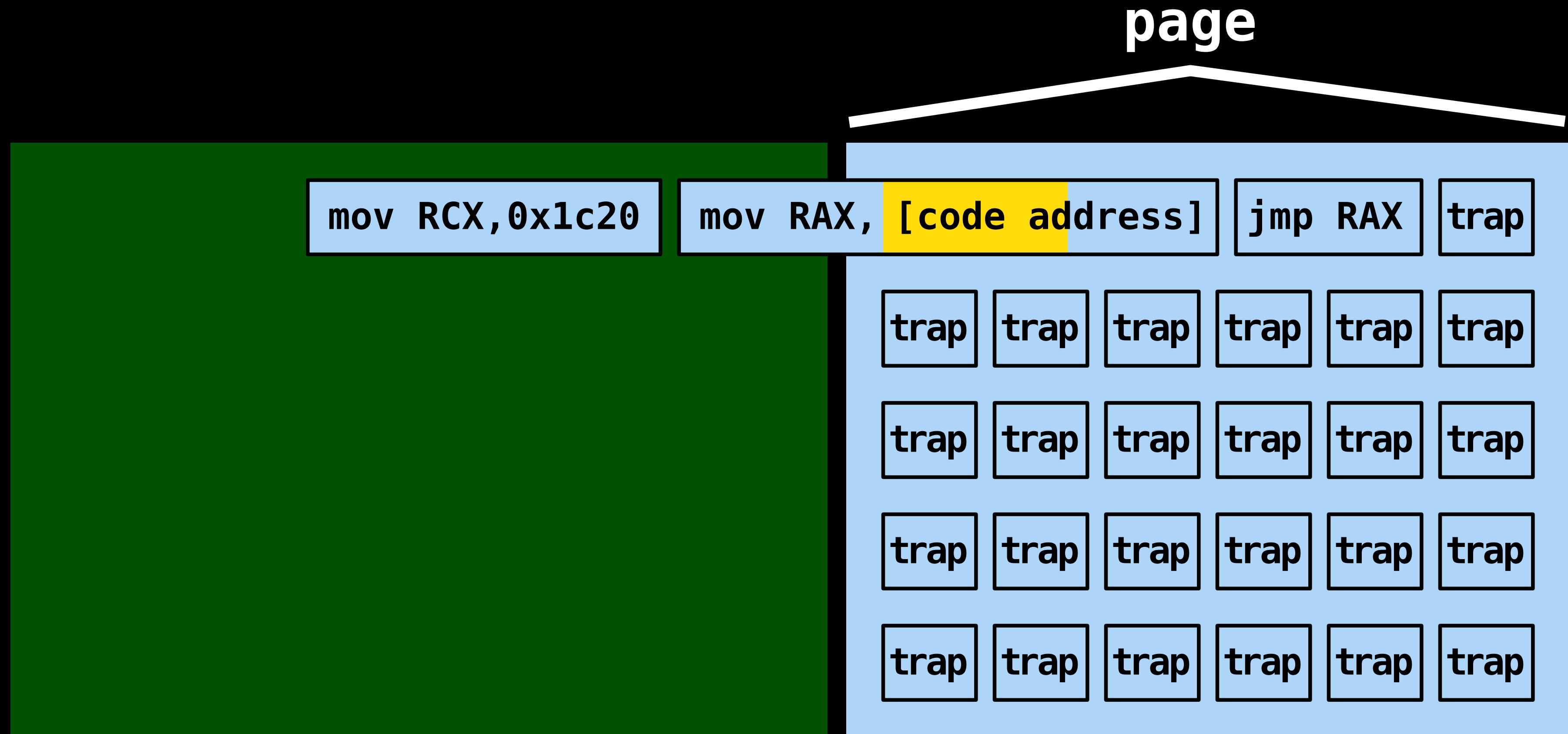
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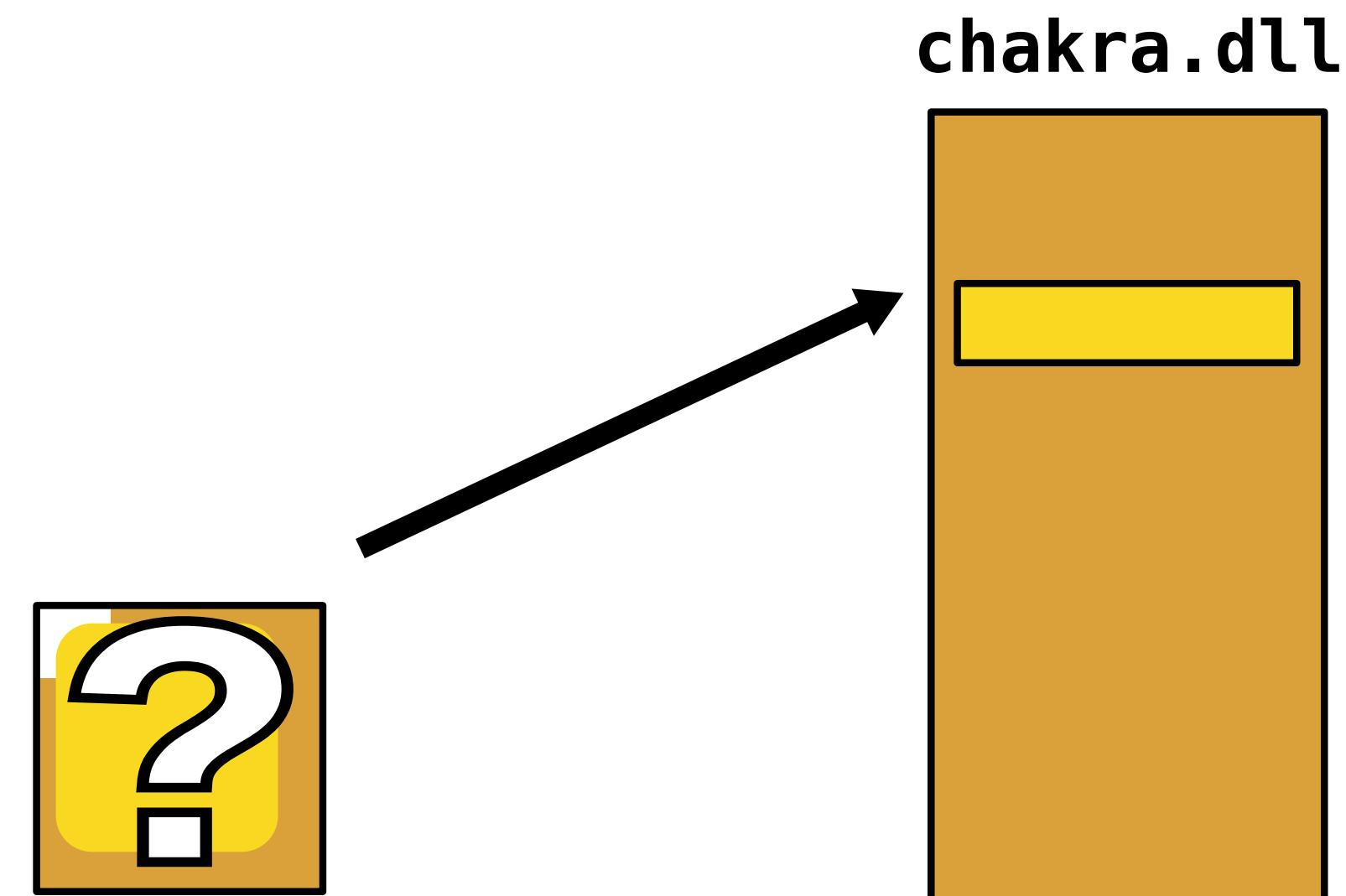
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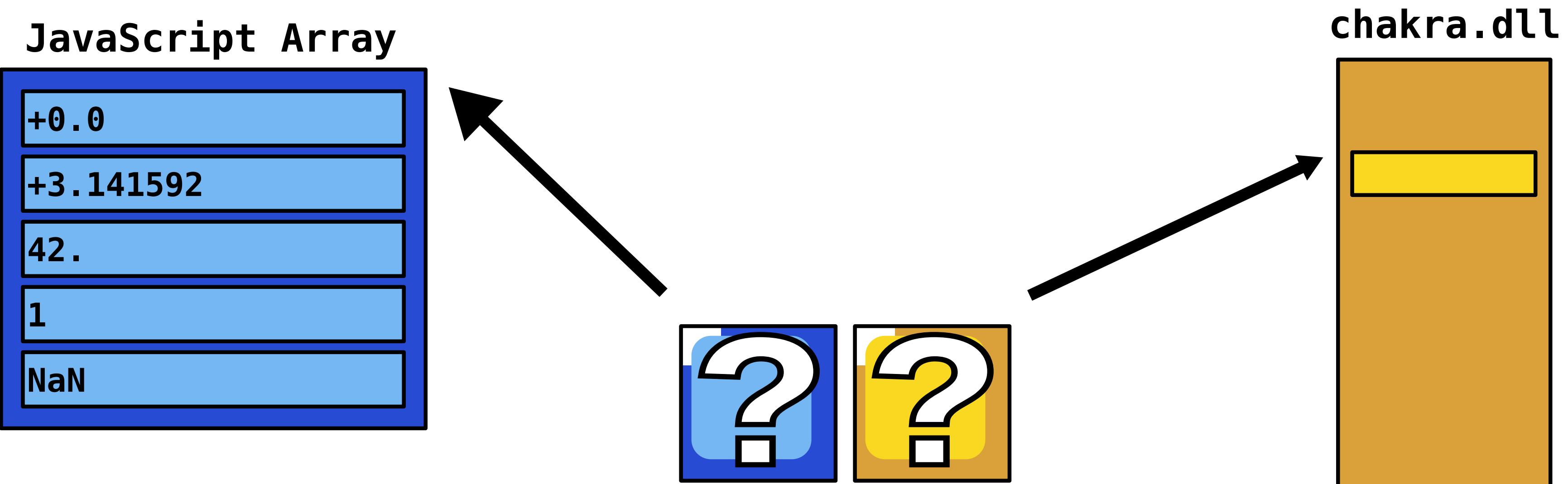
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What if leaking a heap pointer in stages is not possible...

We need to guess a page containing the complete pointer.

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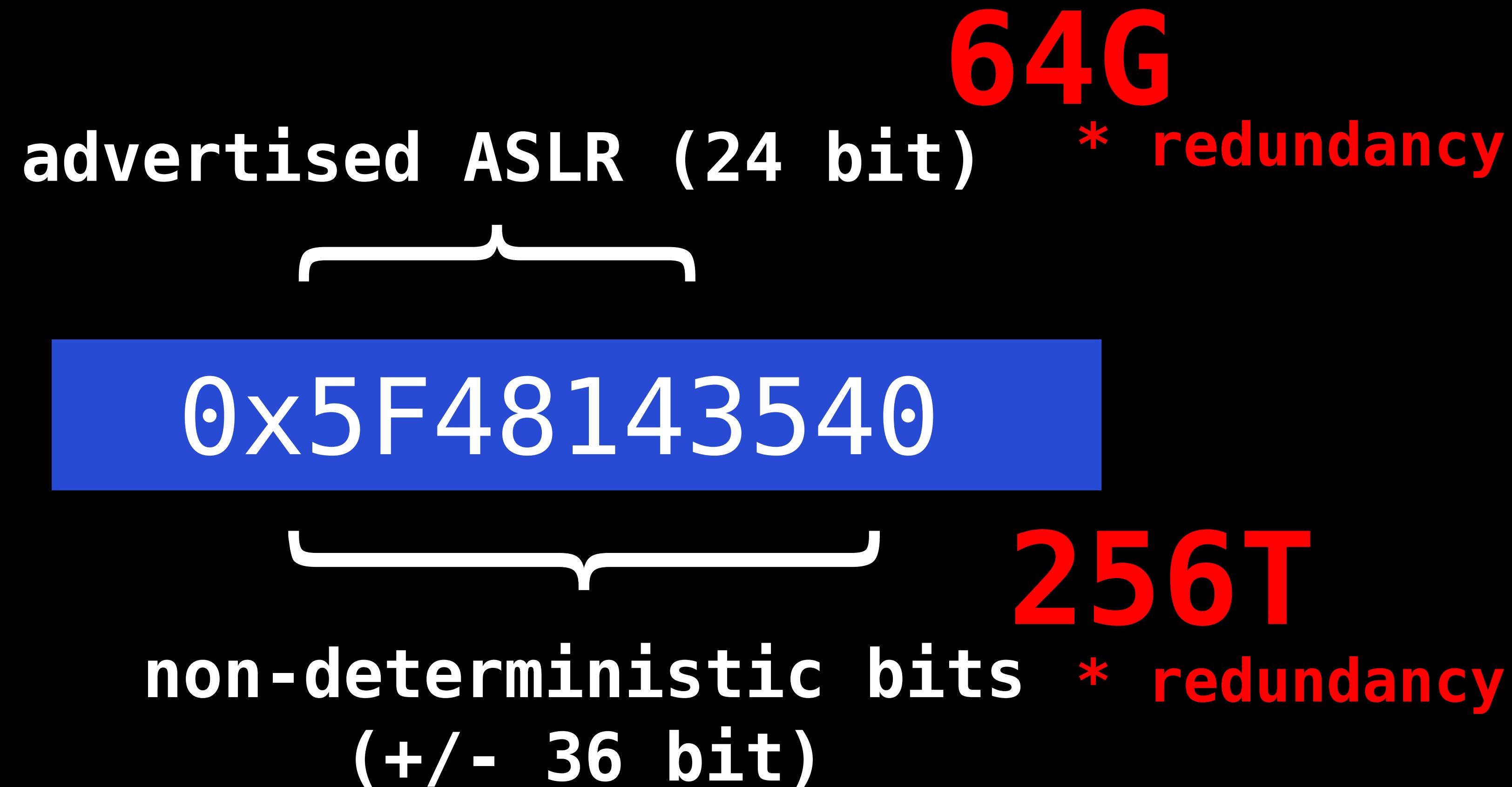
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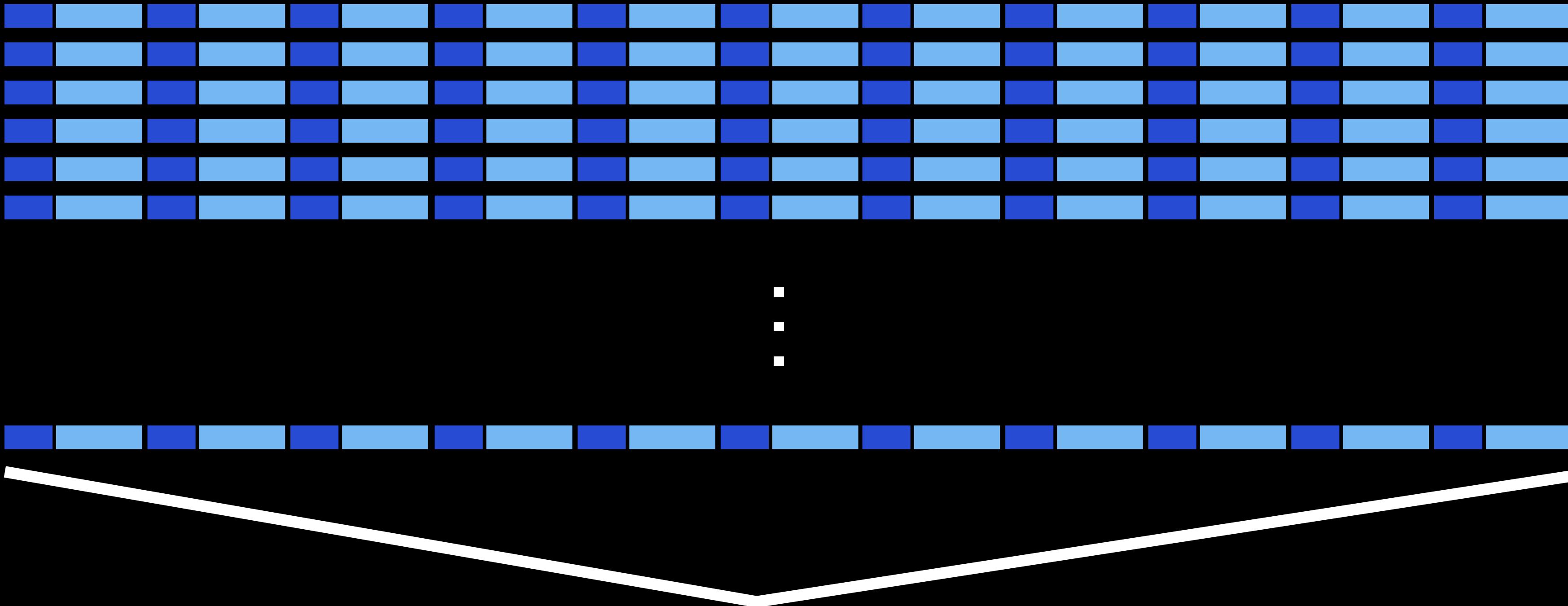


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1M VirtualAlloc()

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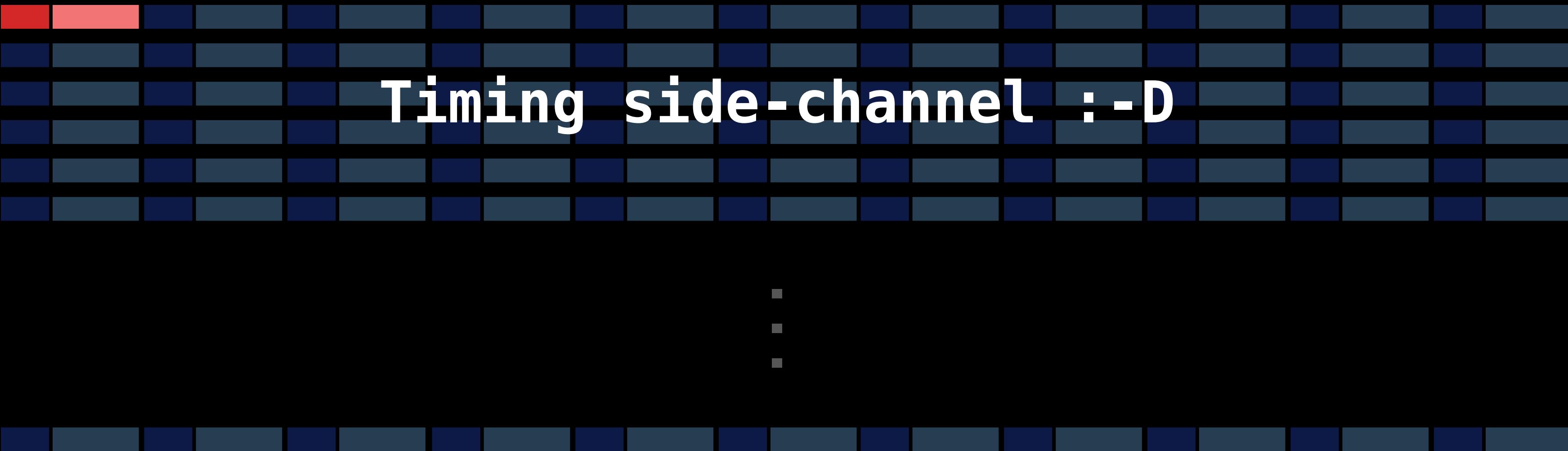
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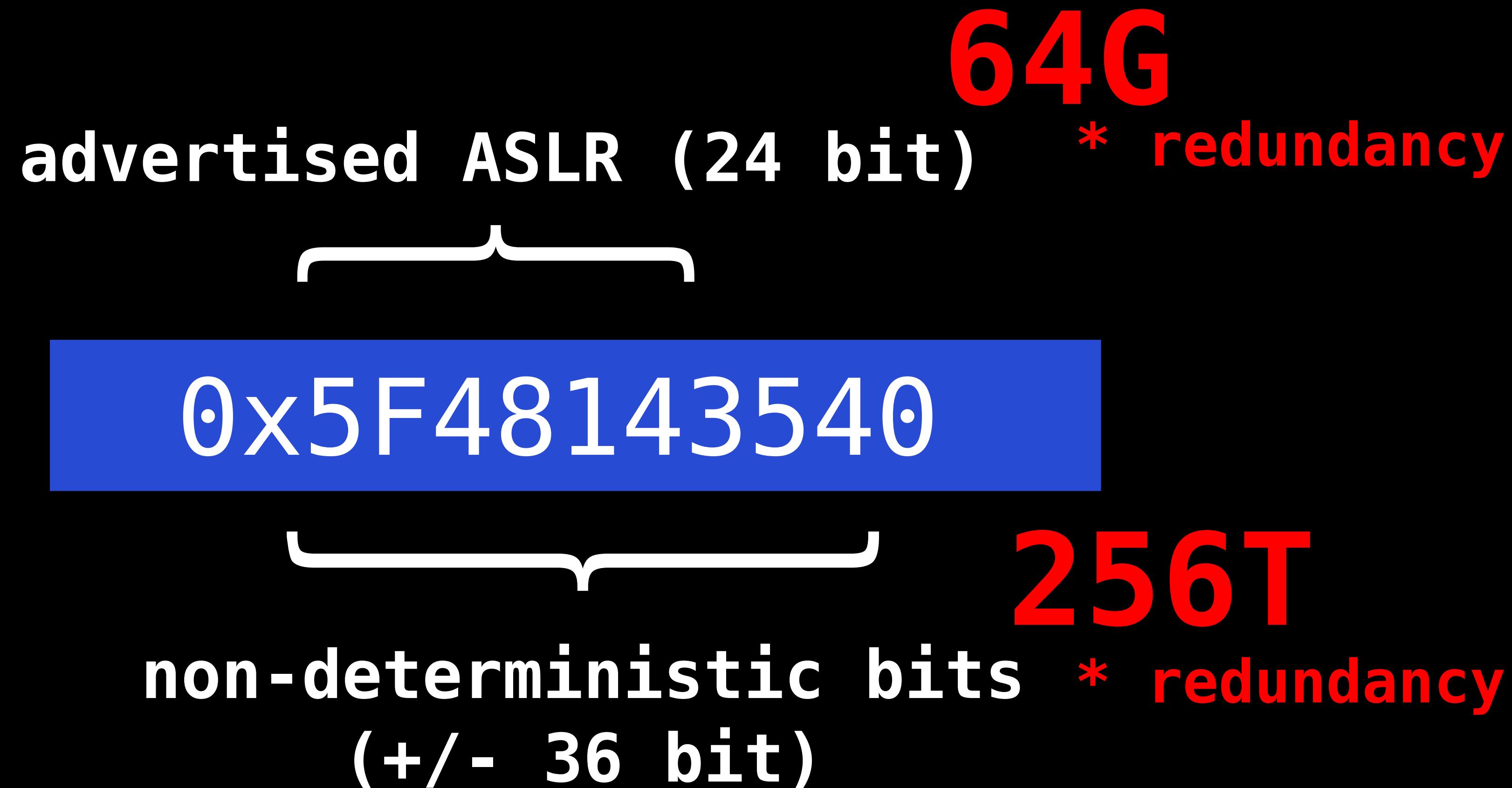
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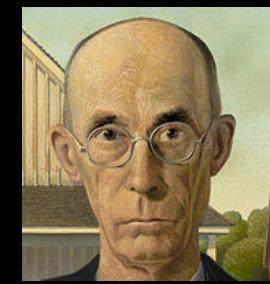
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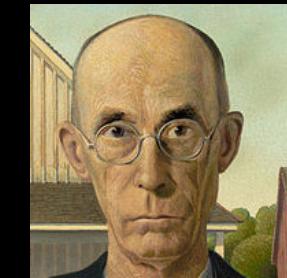
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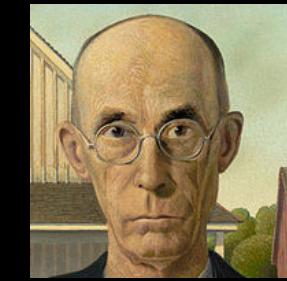
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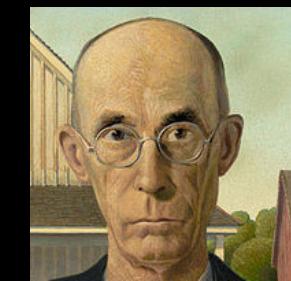
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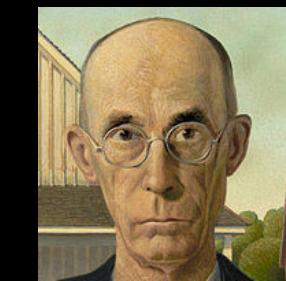
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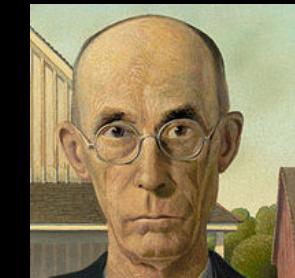
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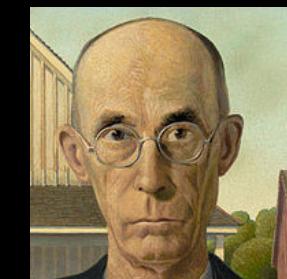
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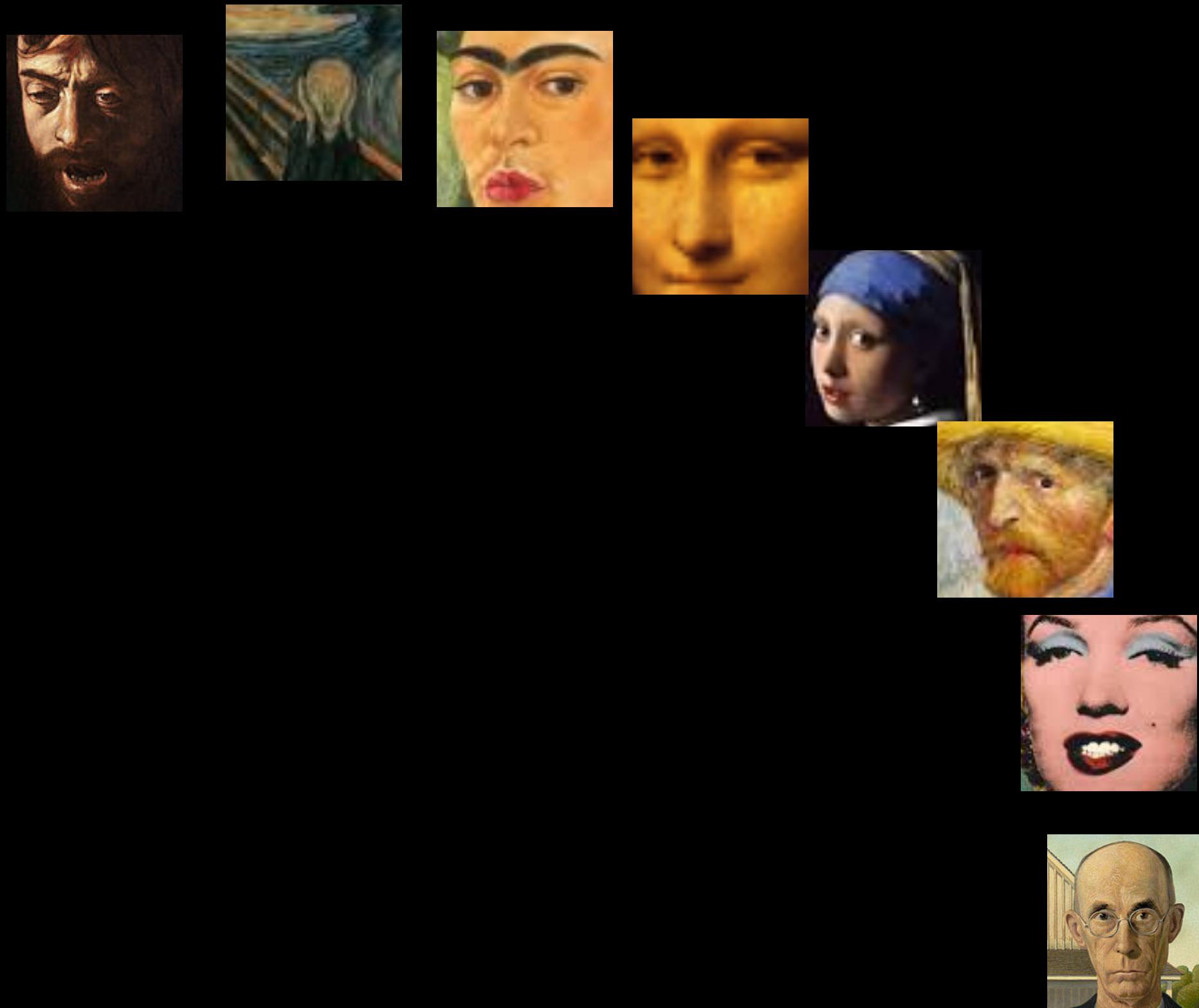
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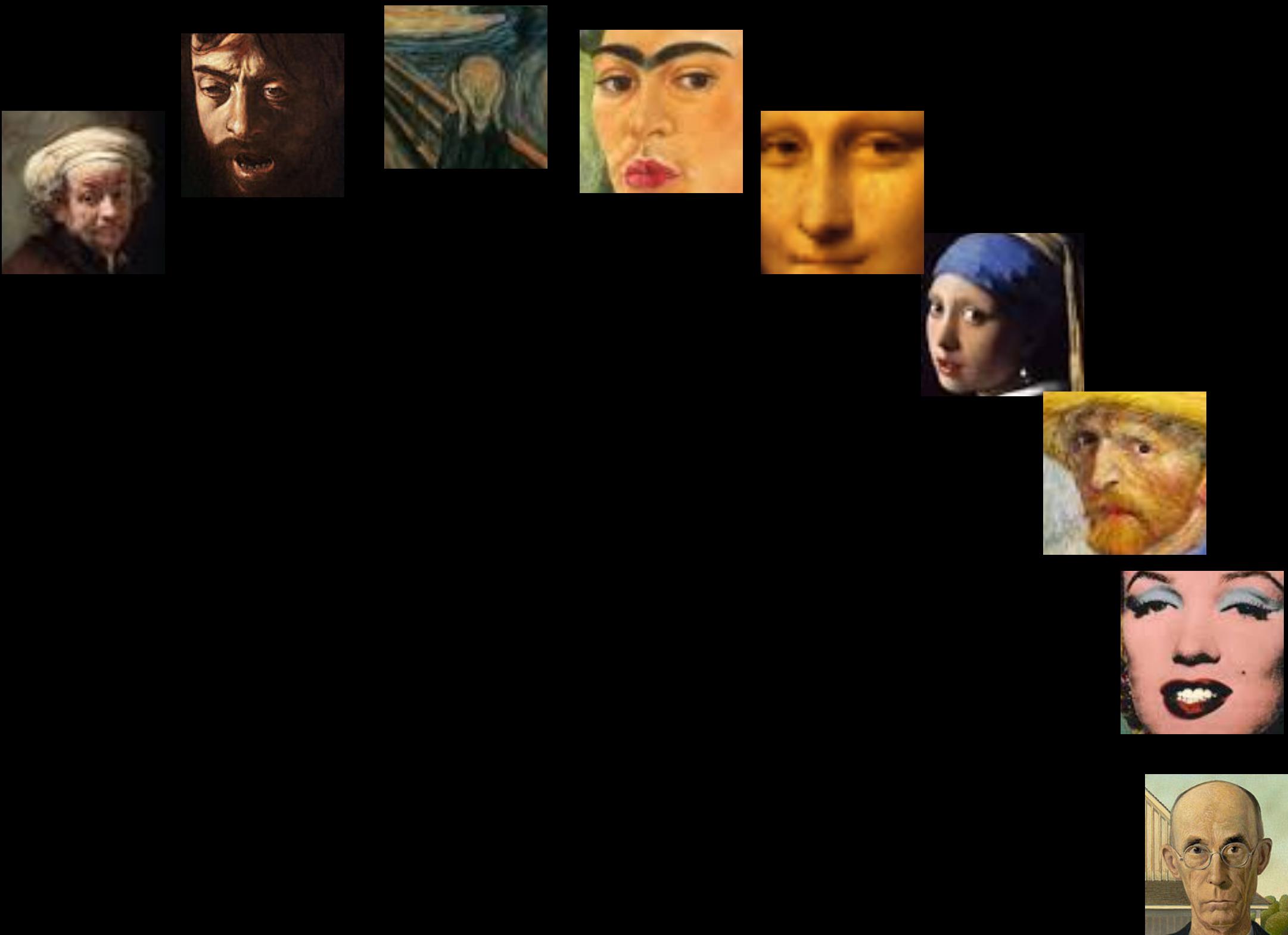
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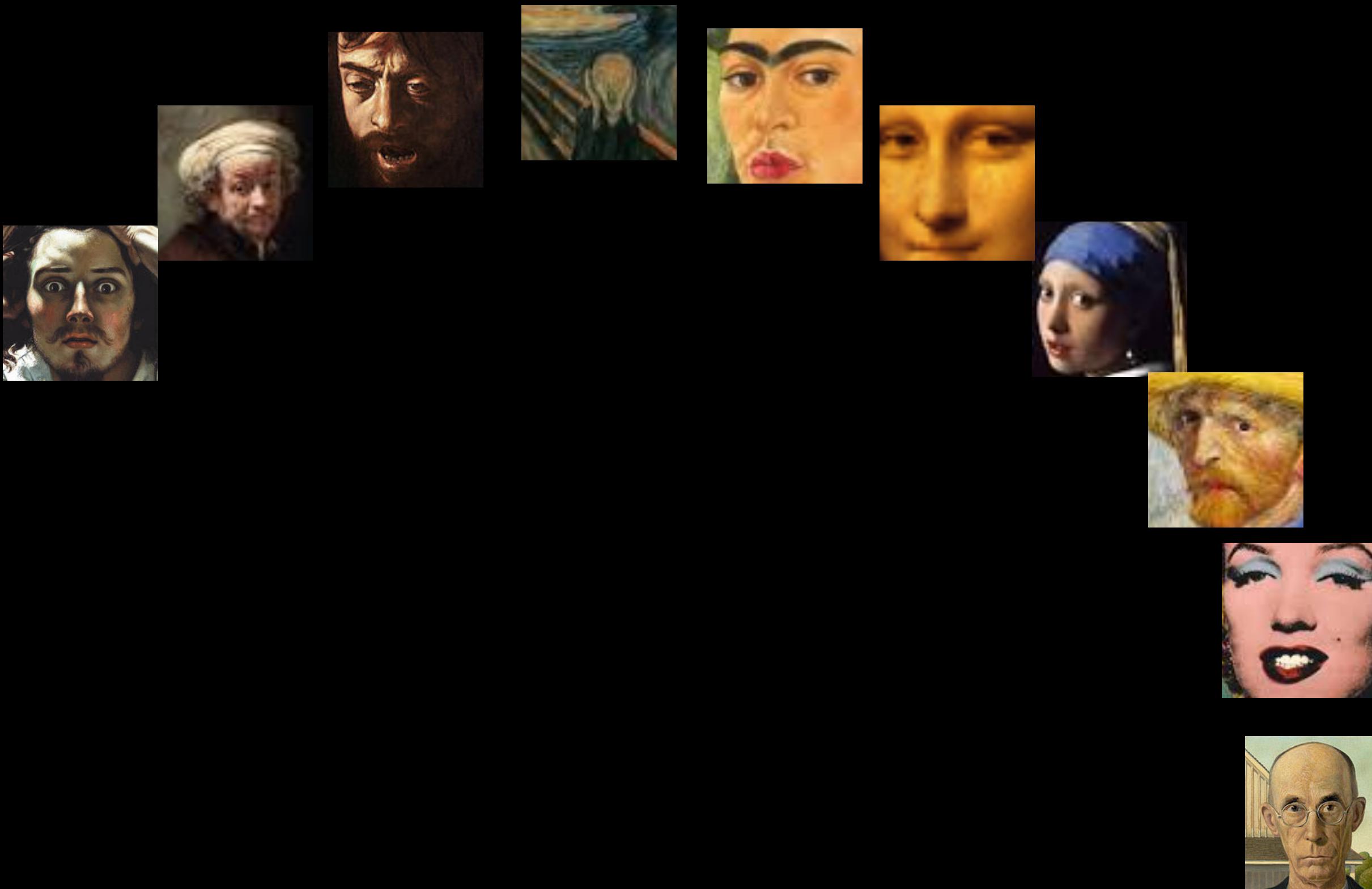
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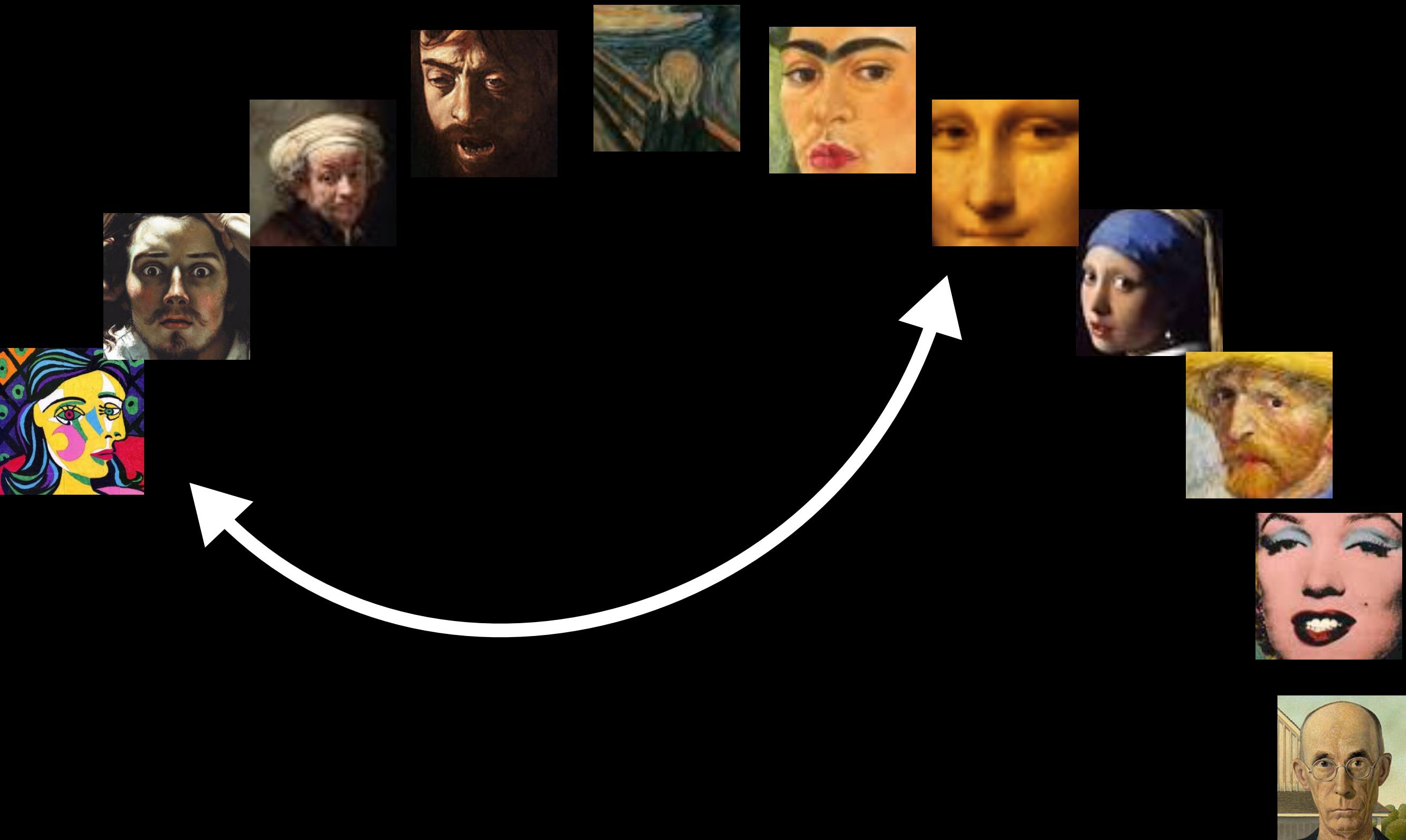
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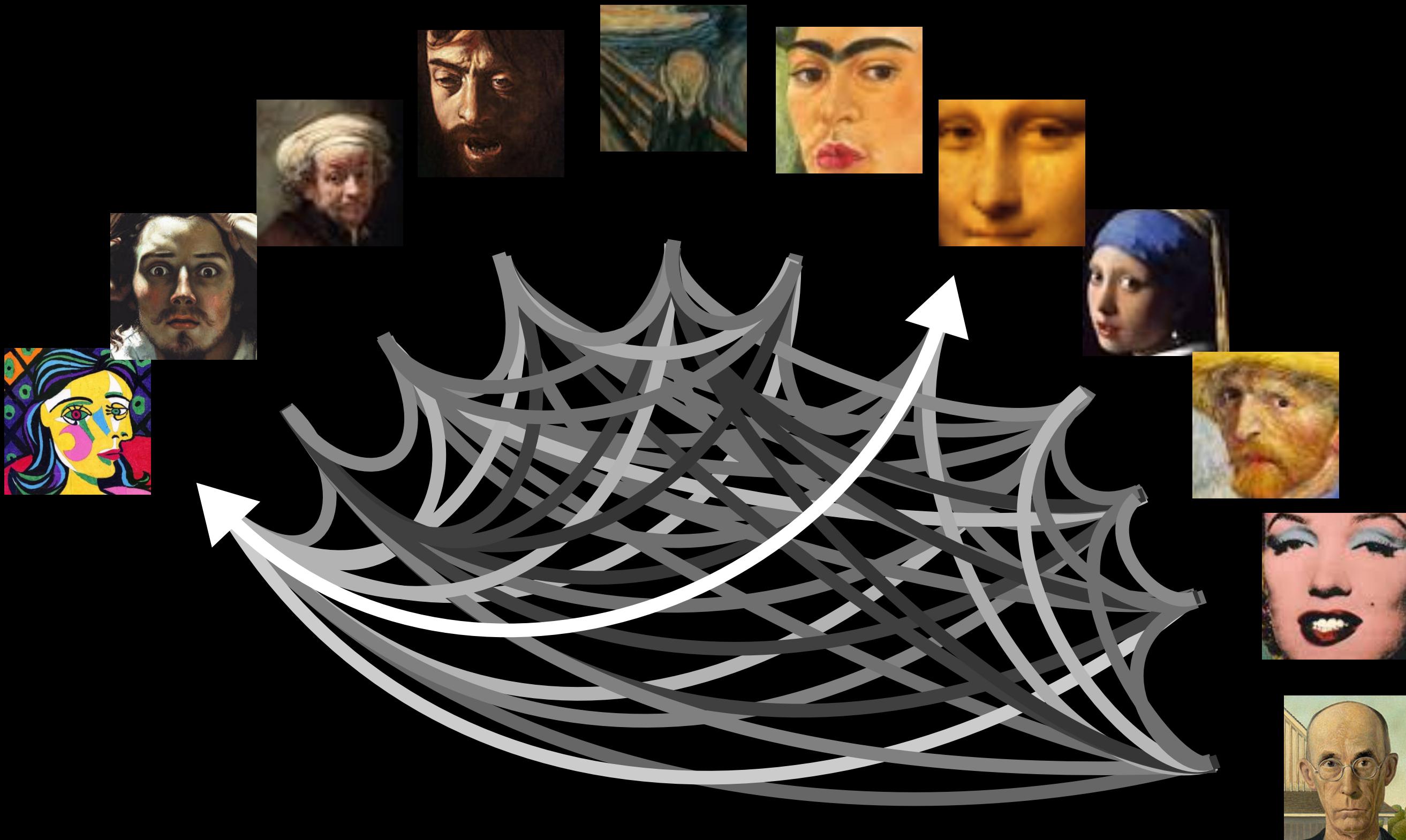
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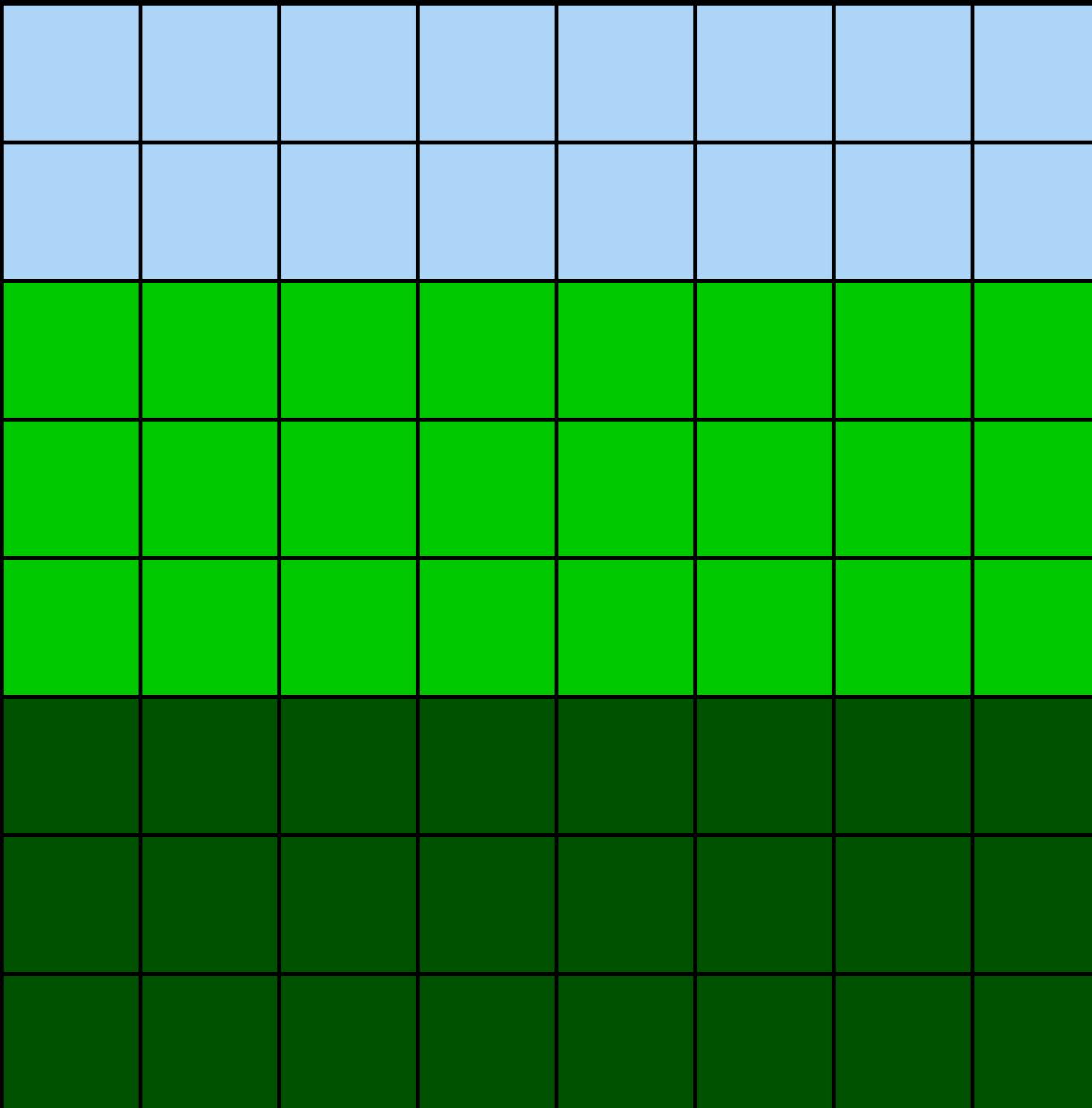


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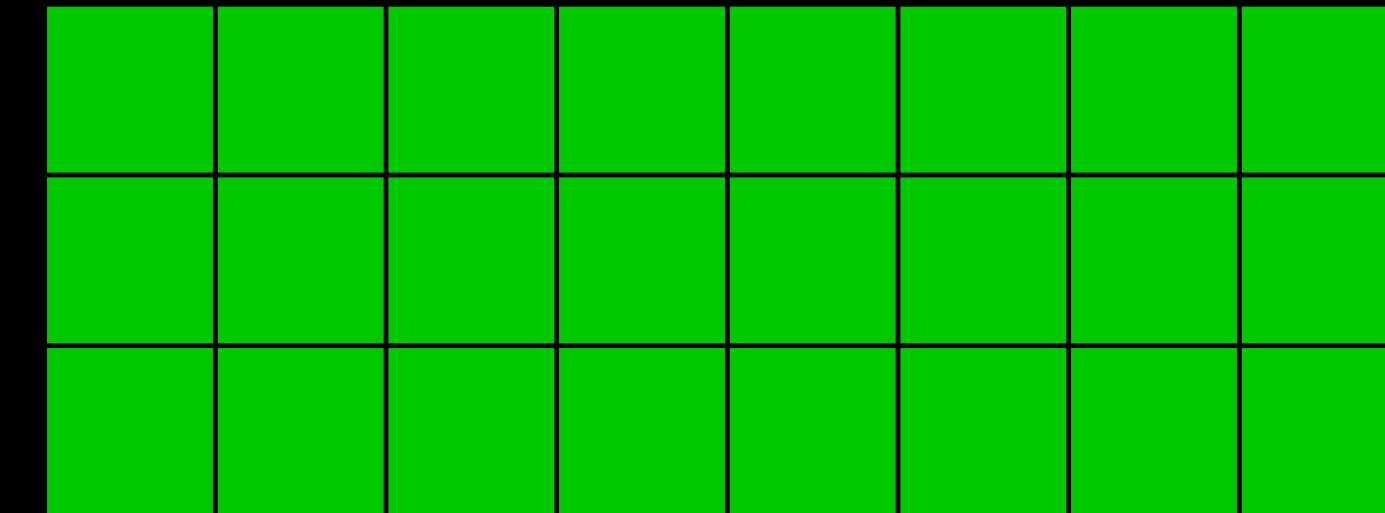


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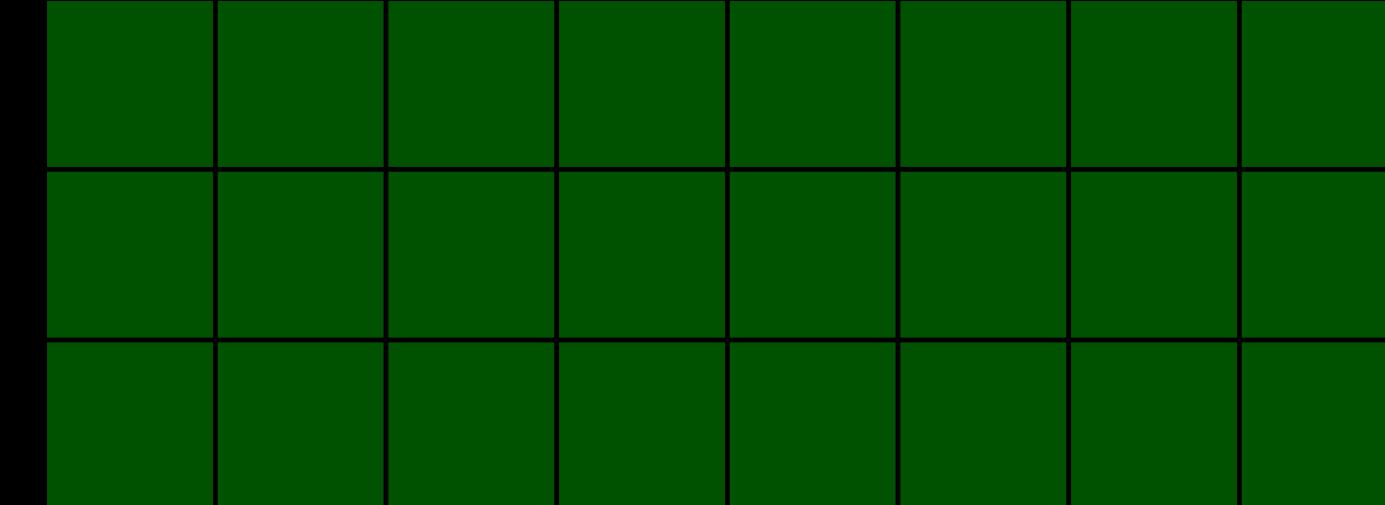
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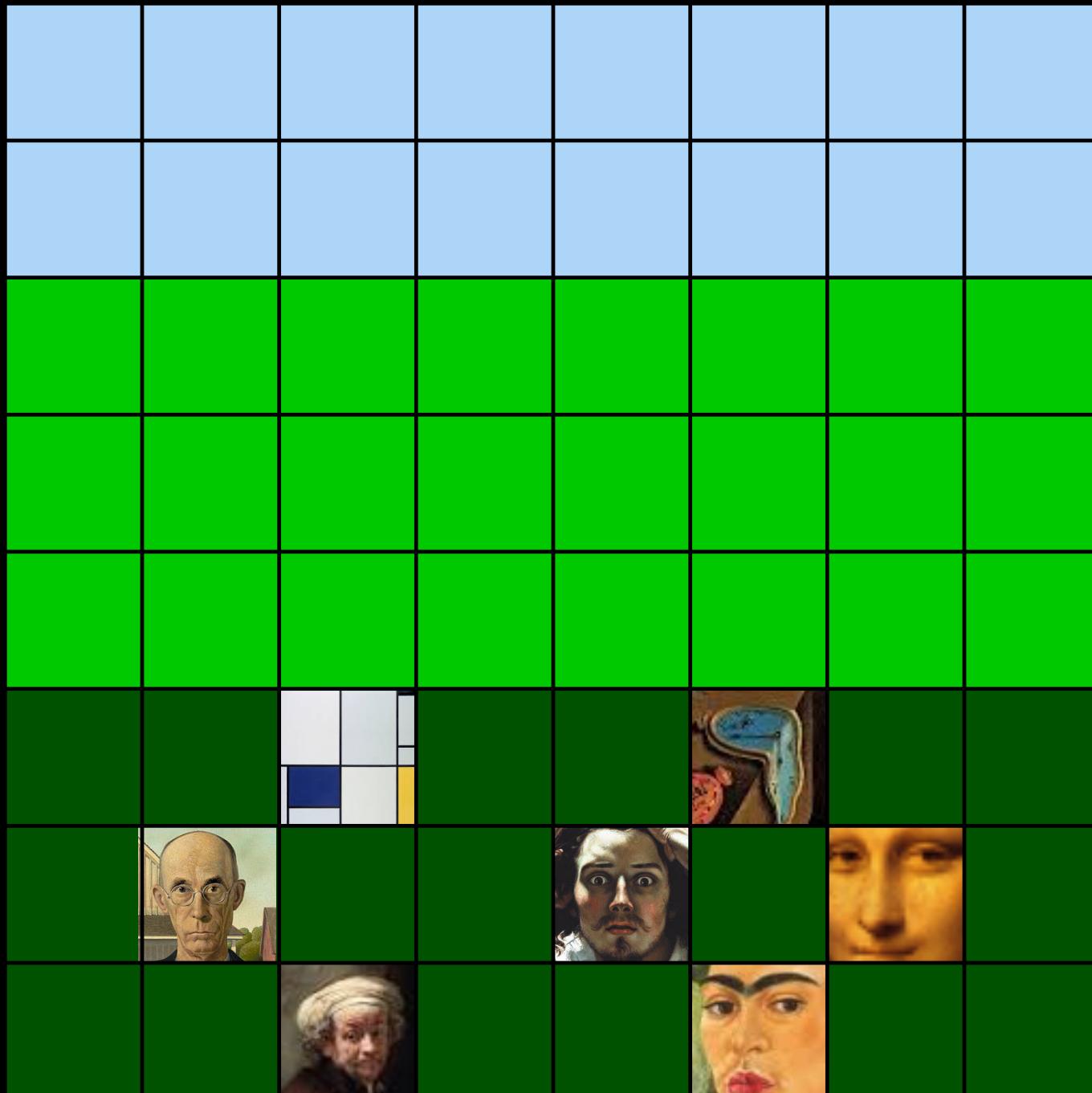


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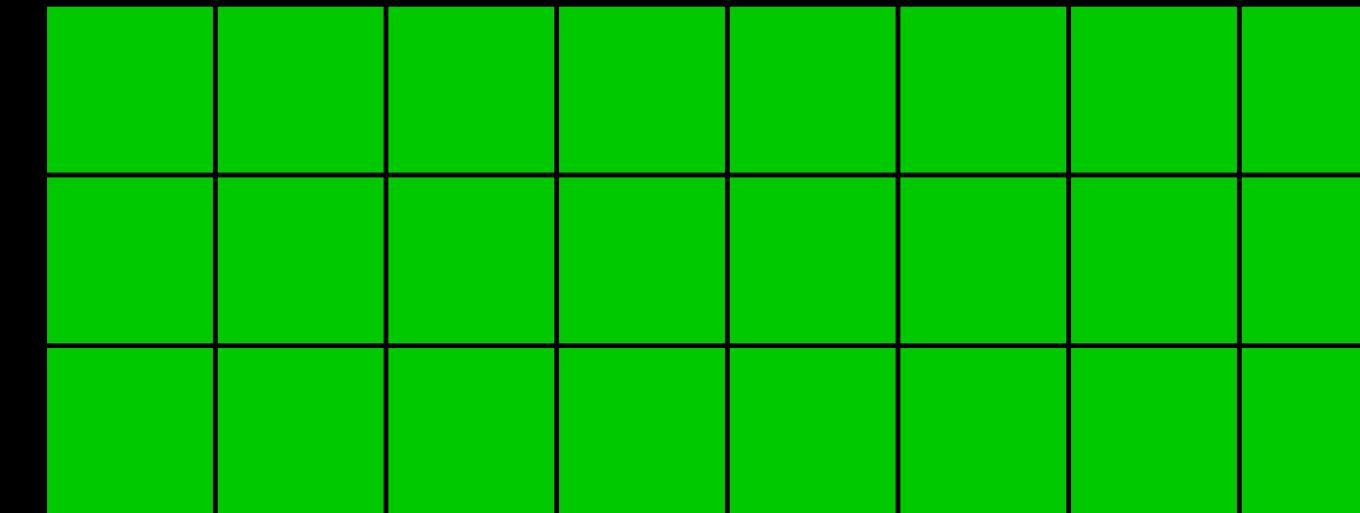


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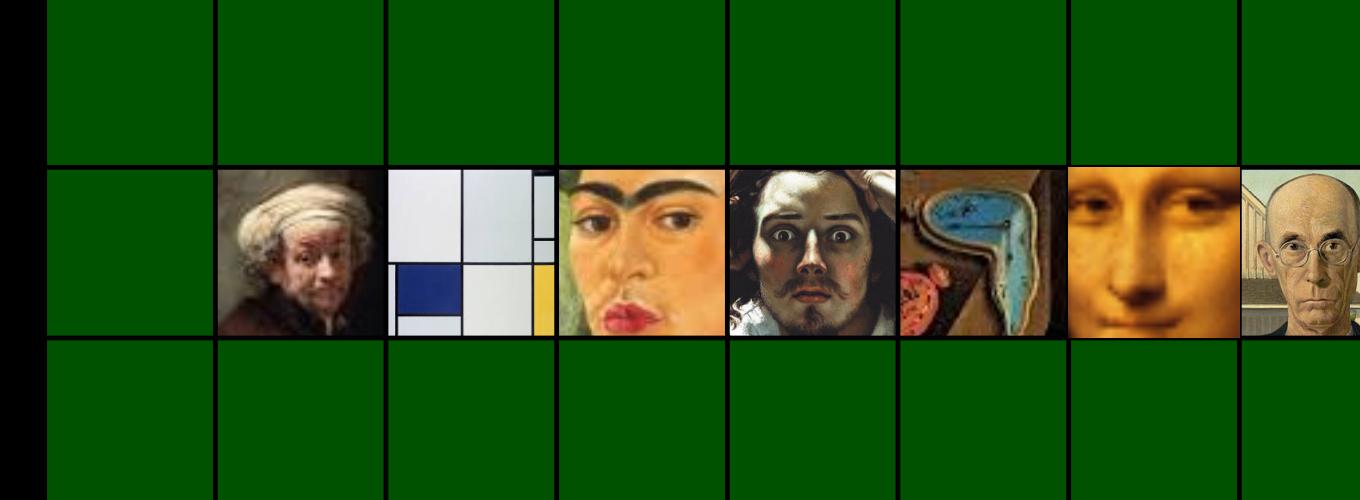
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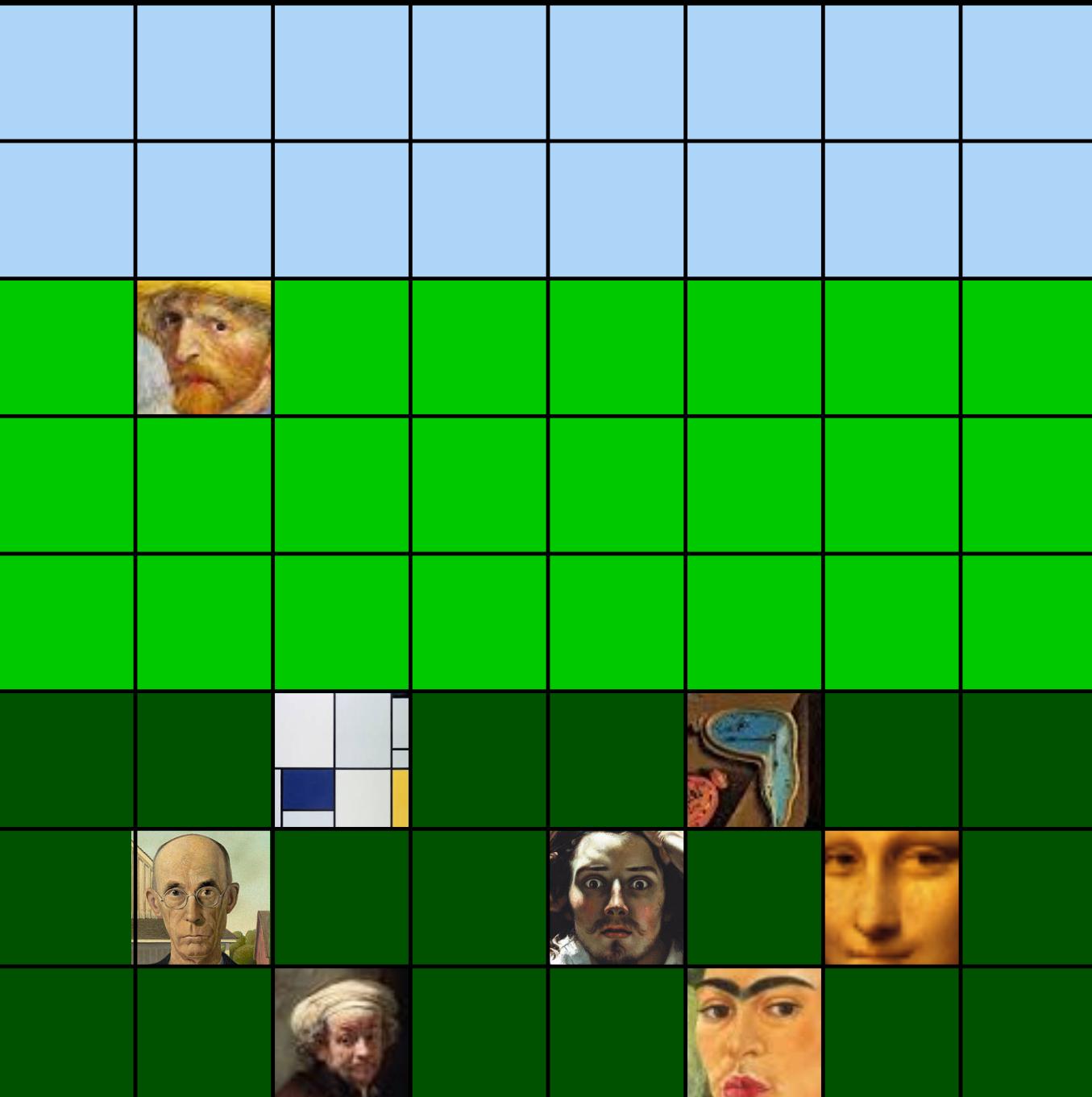


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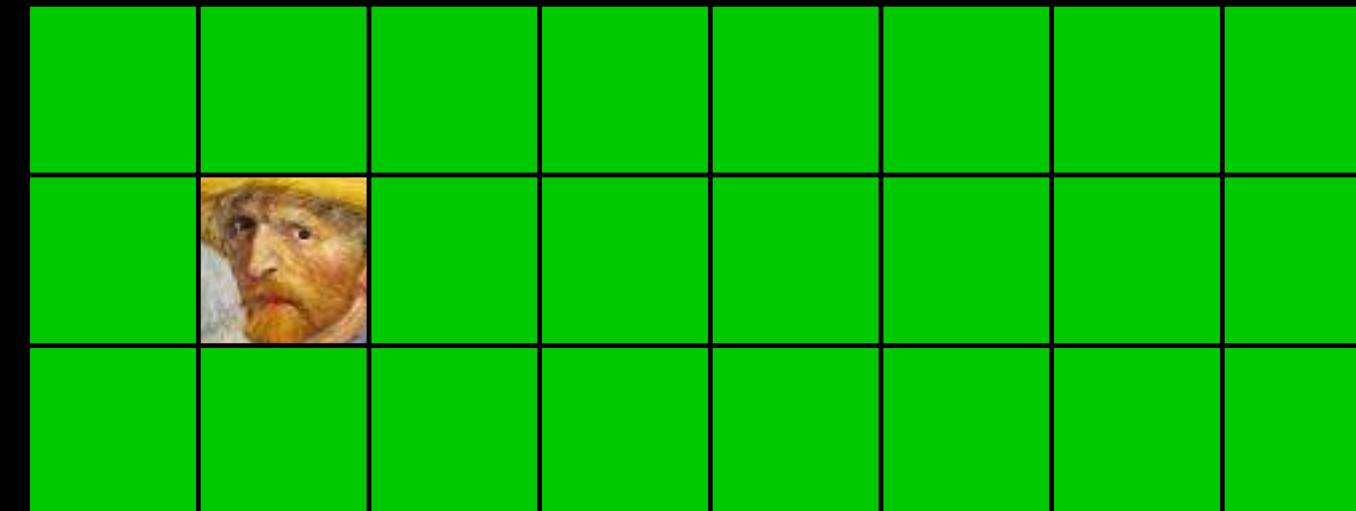


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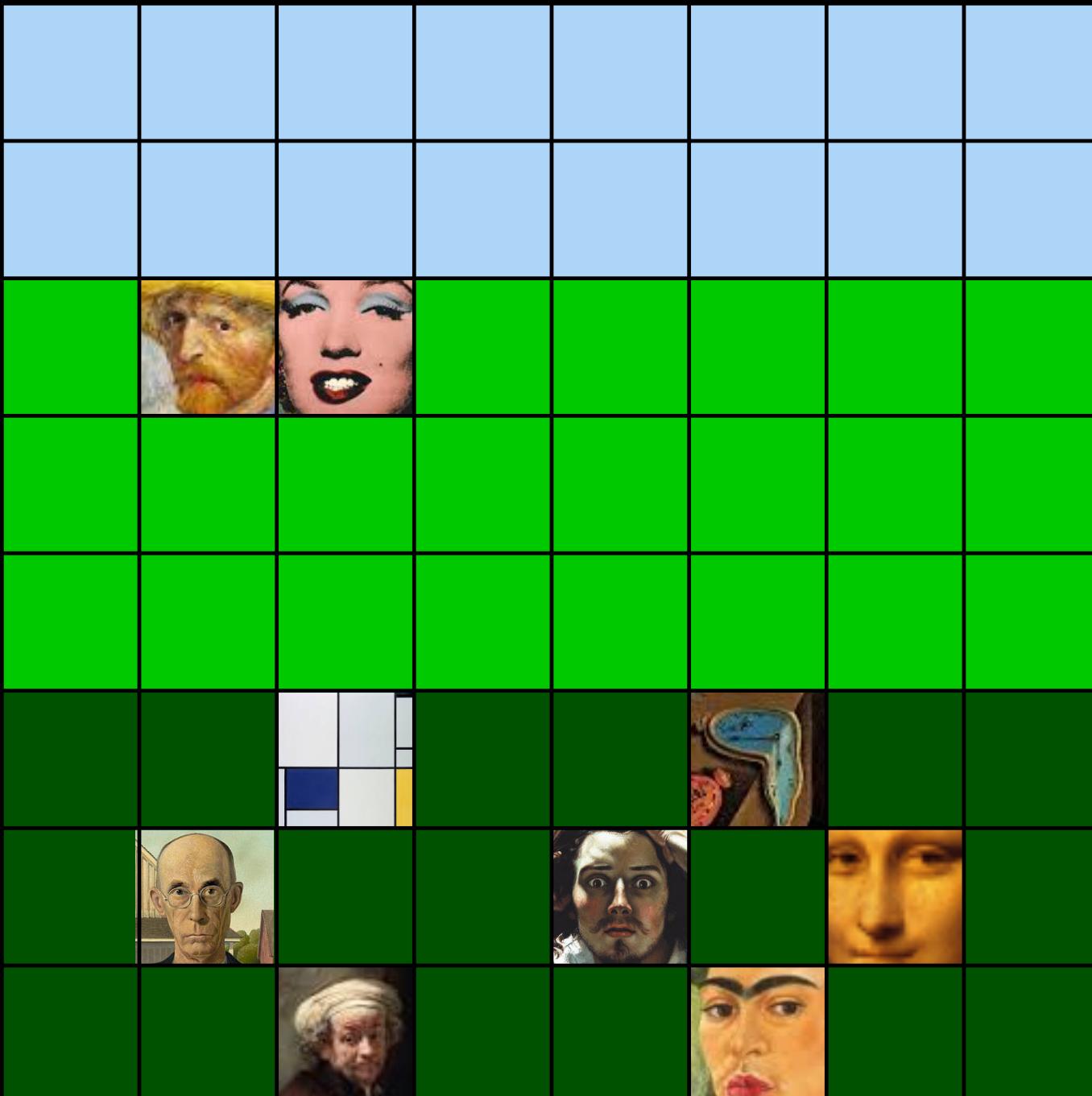


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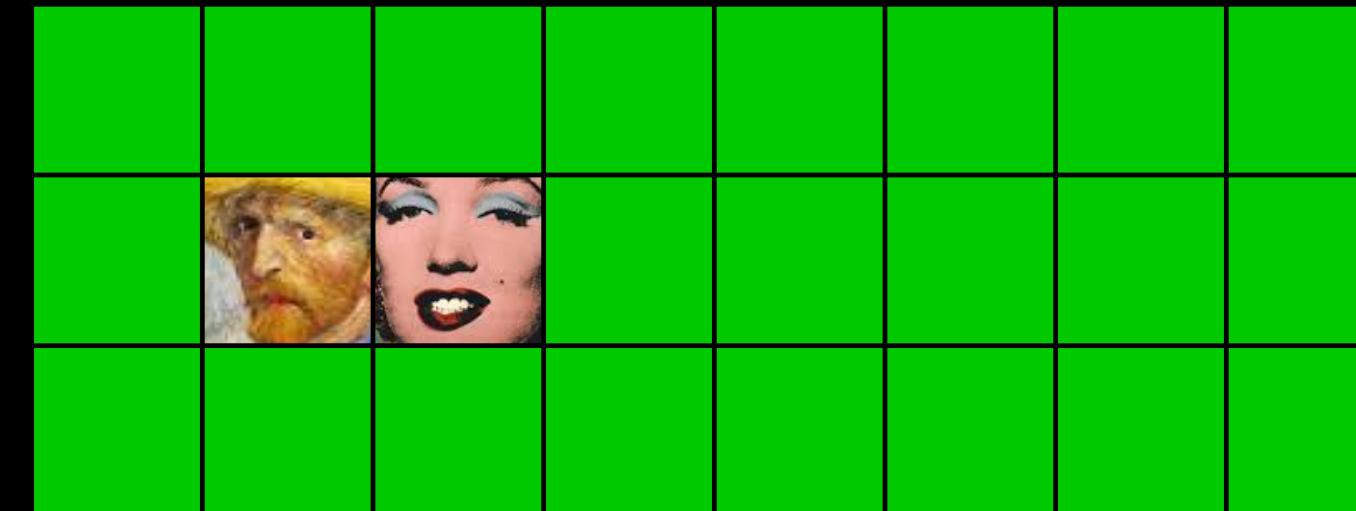


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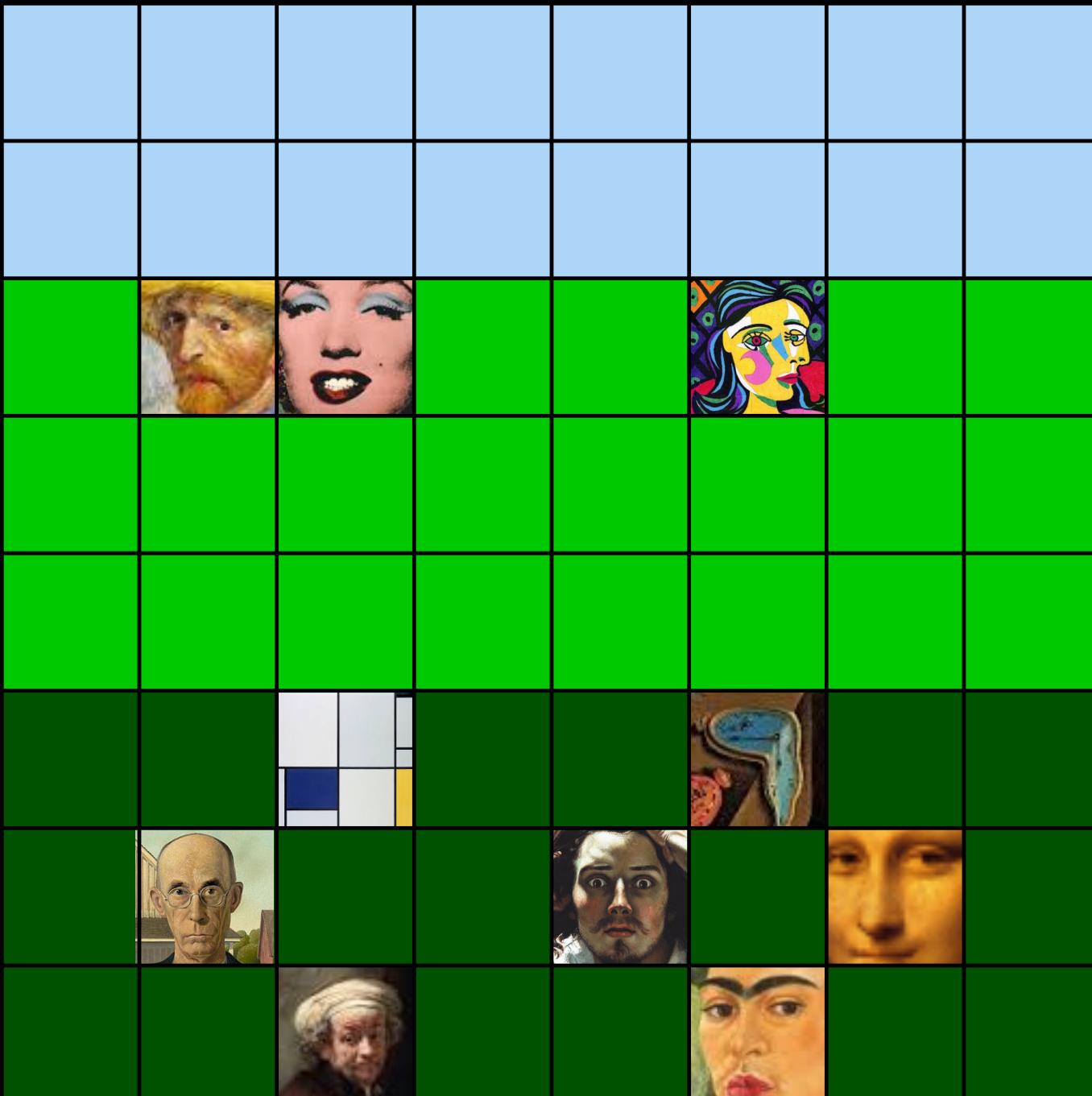


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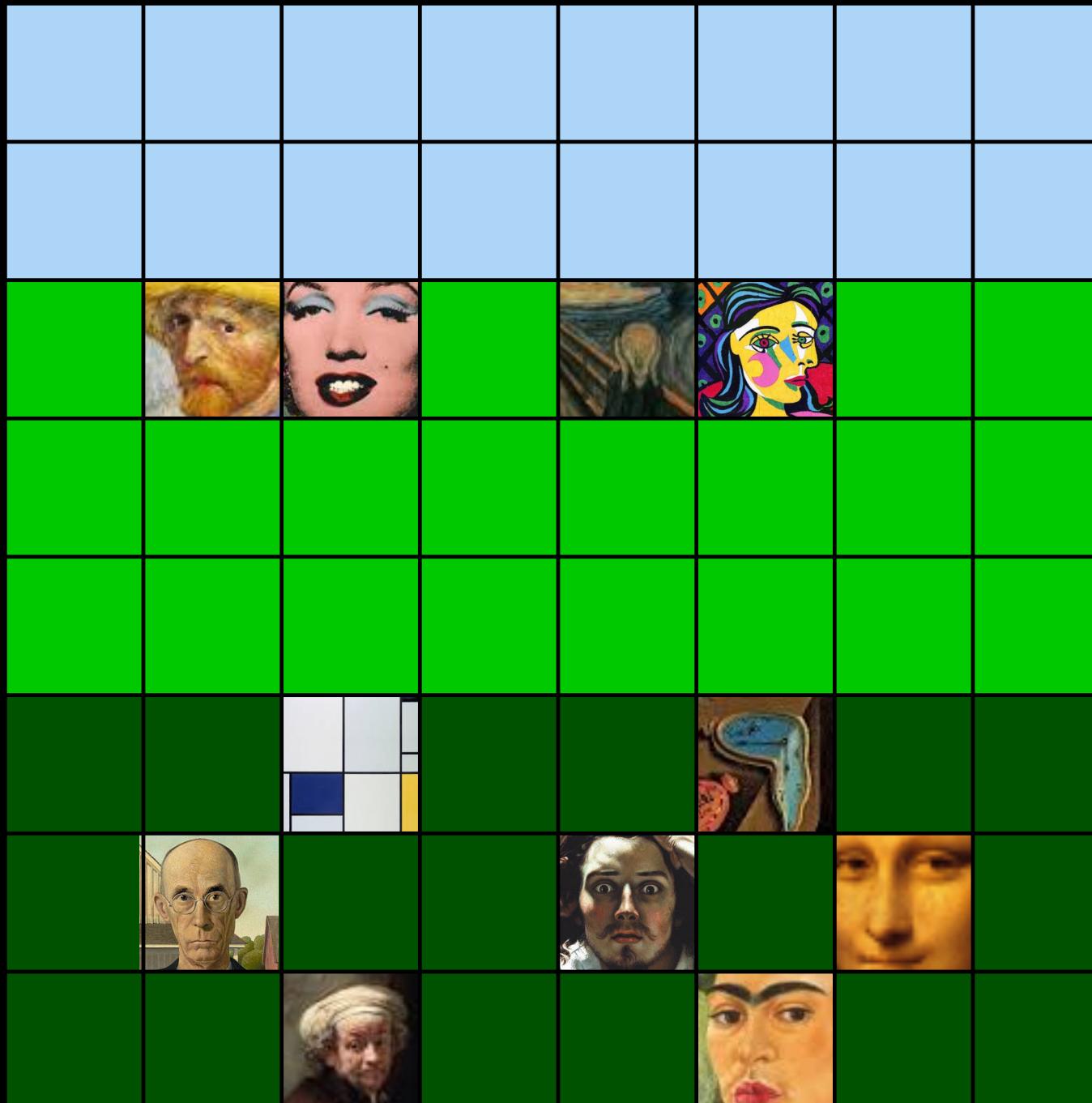


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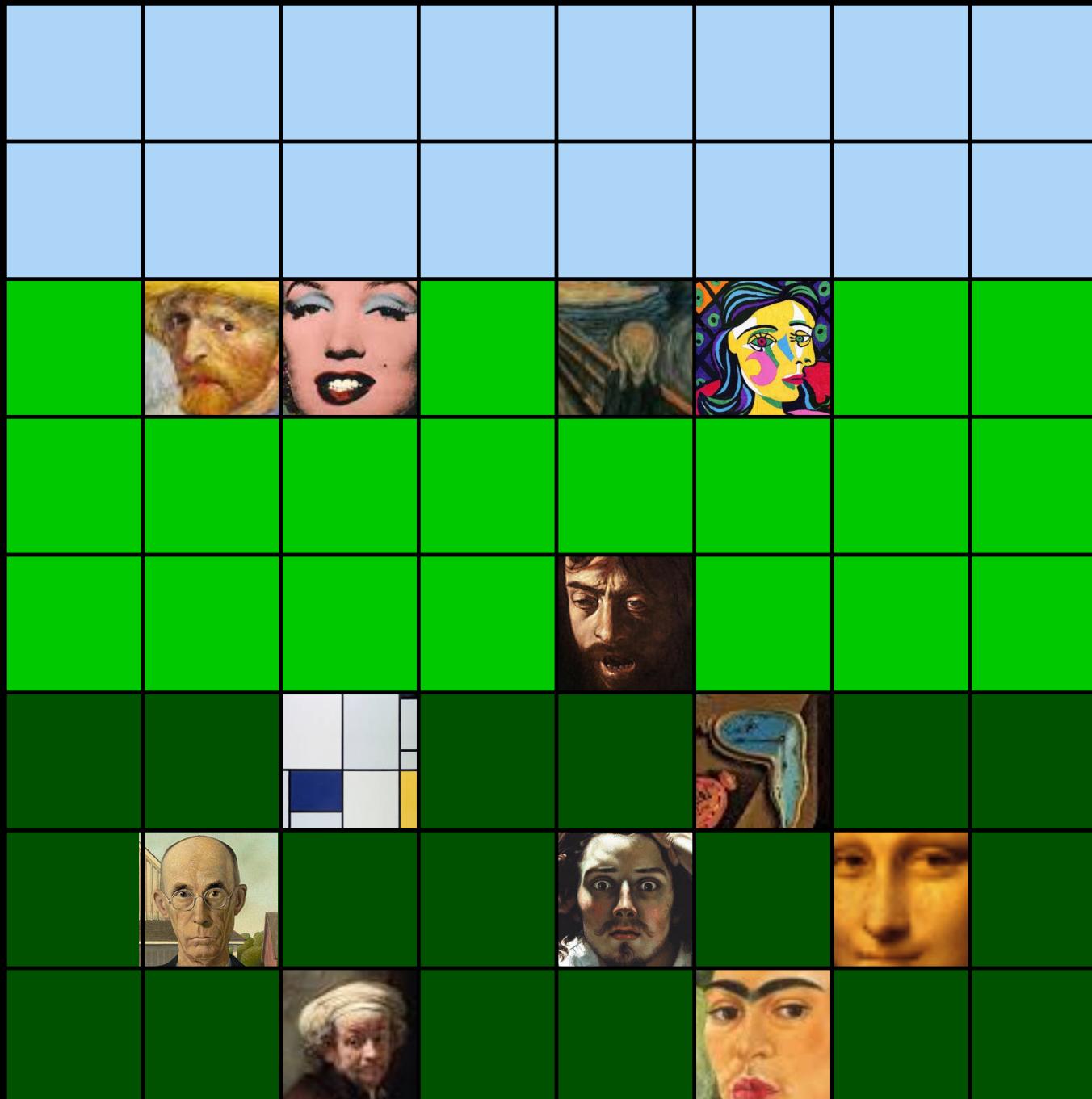


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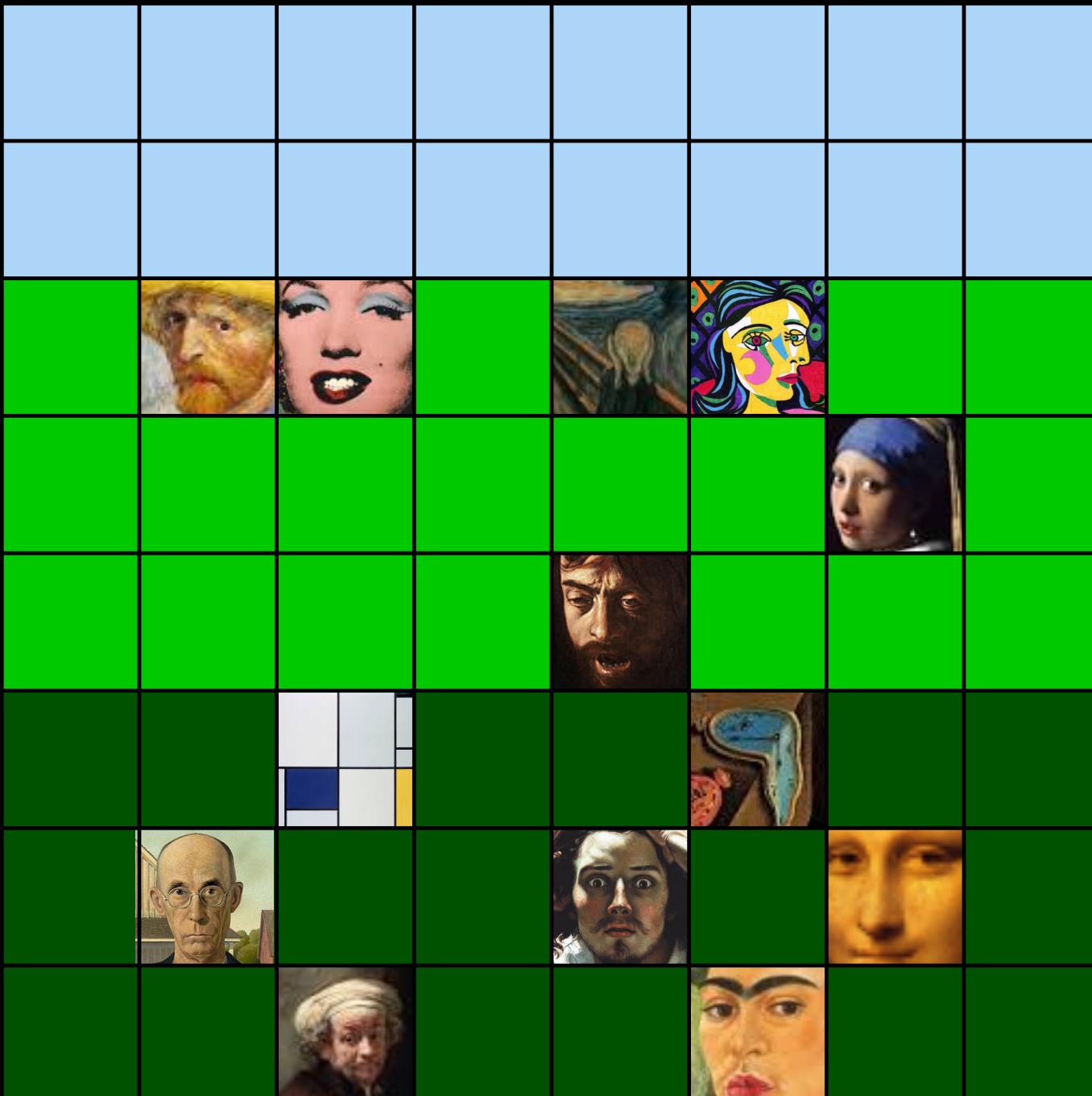


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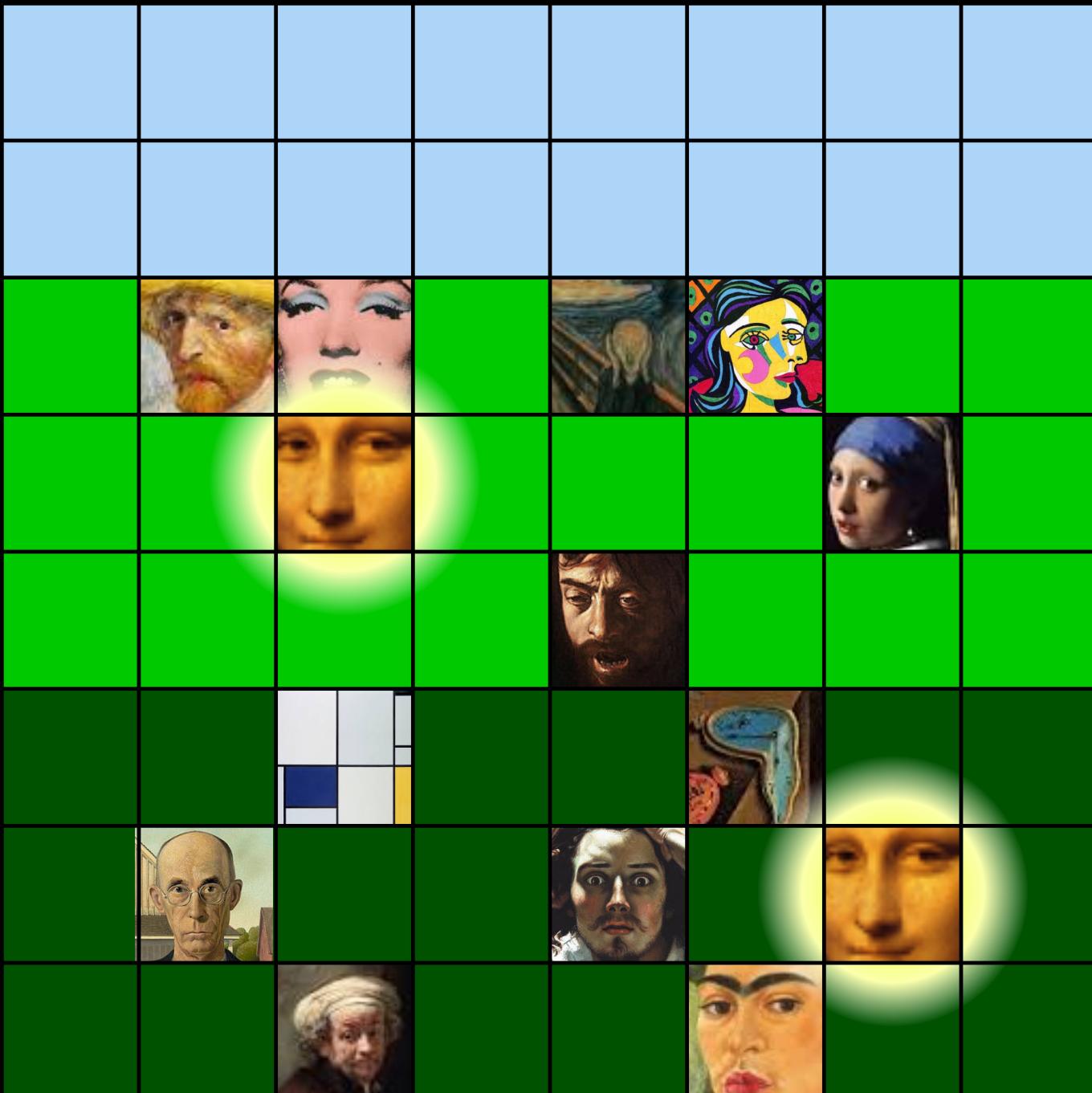


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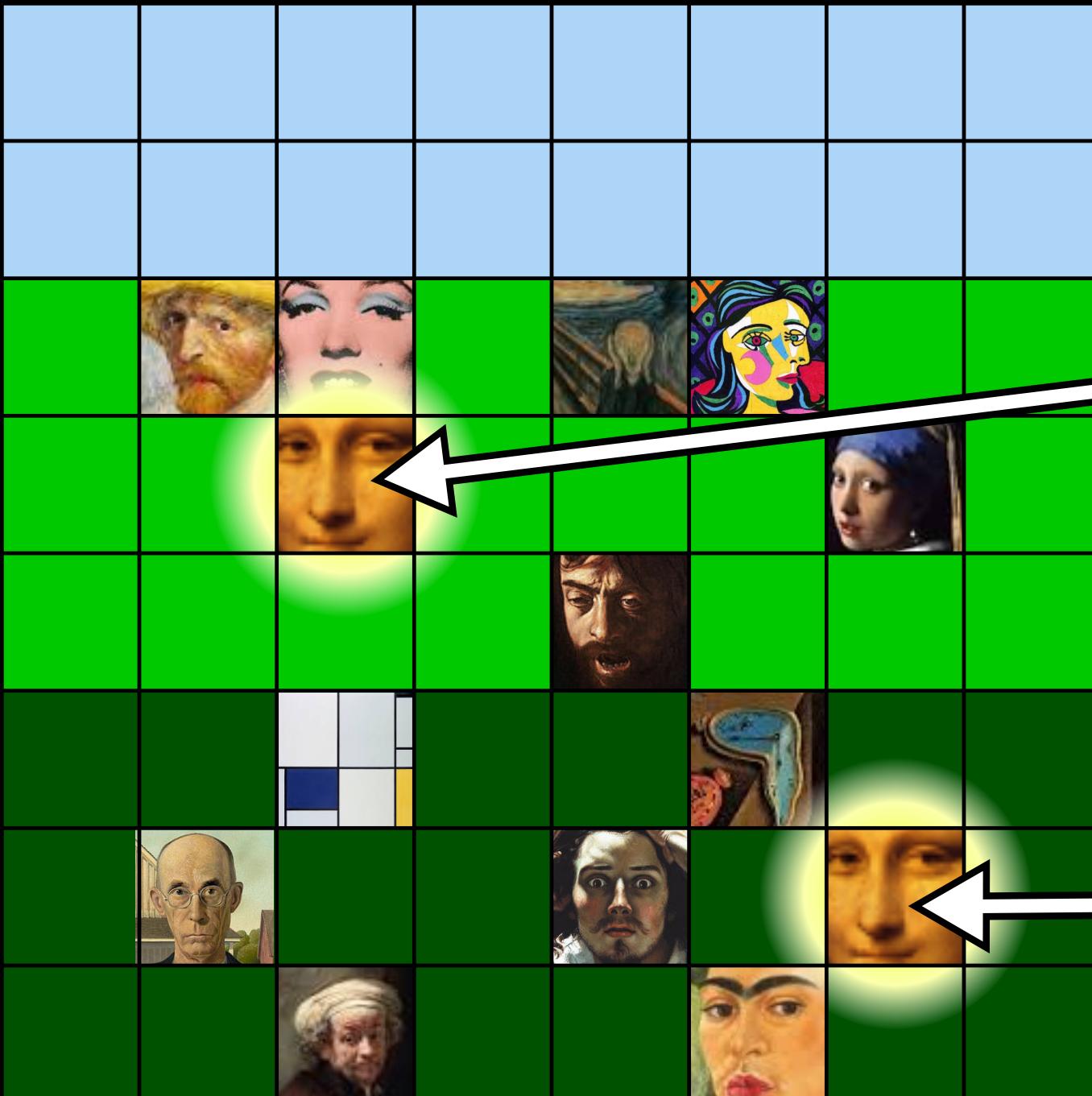


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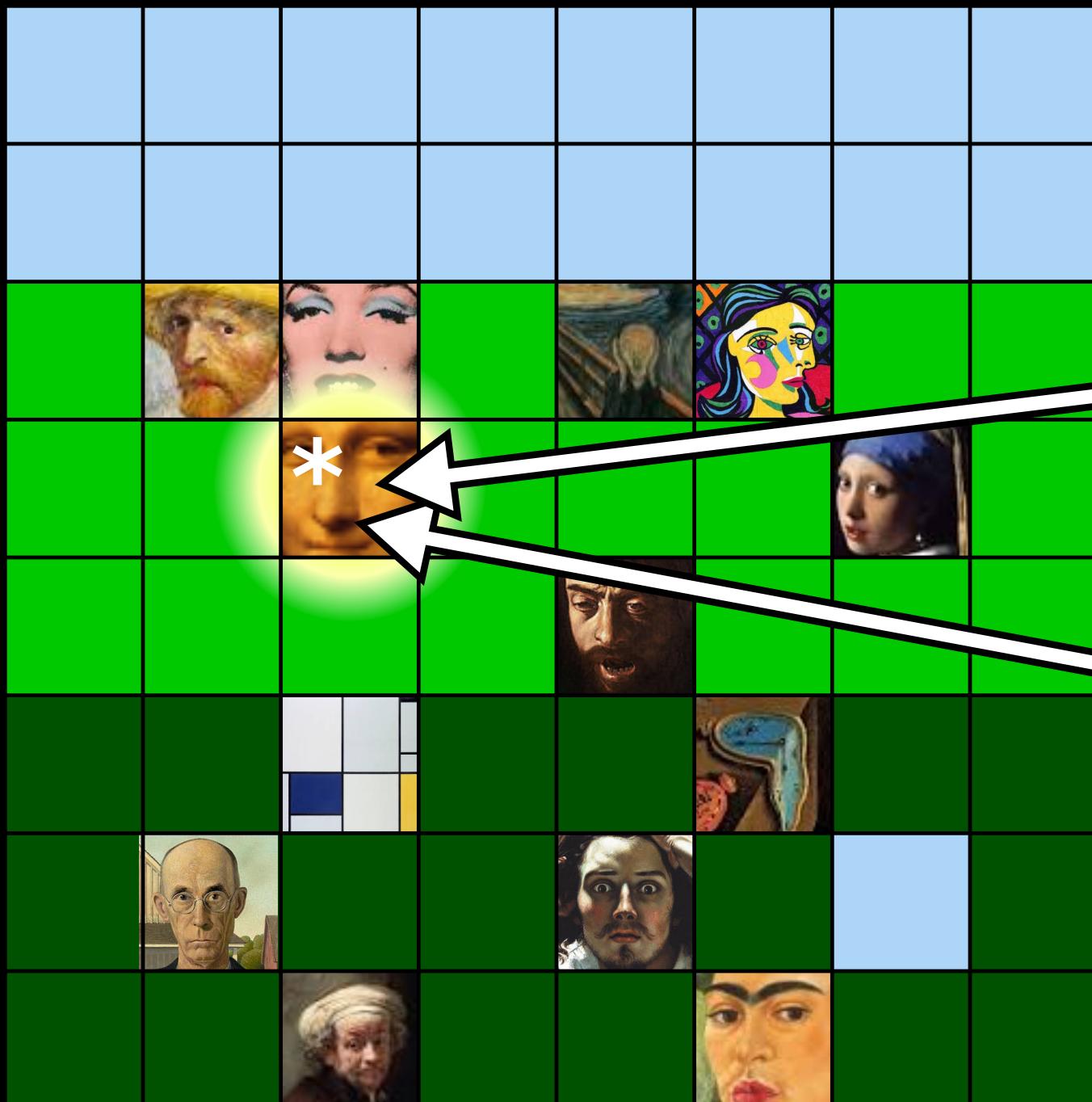
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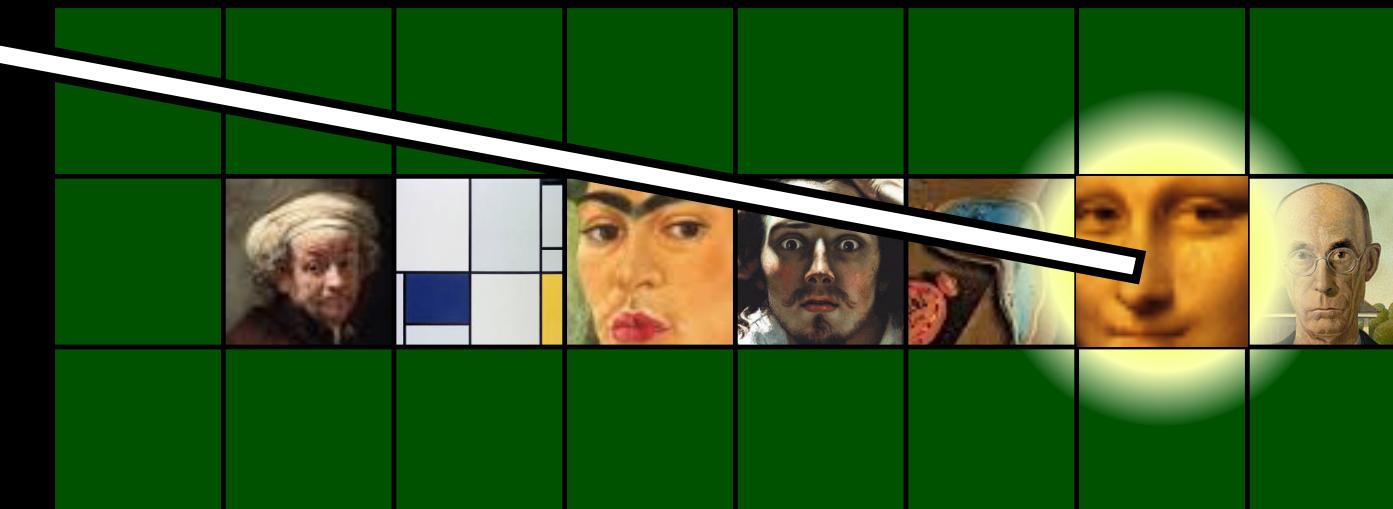
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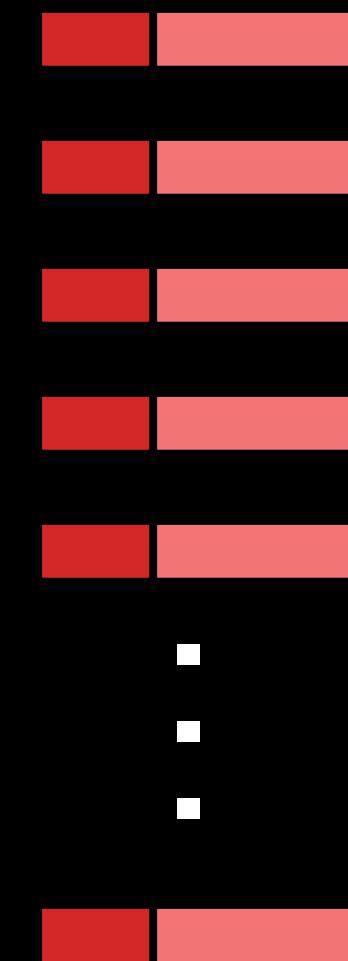
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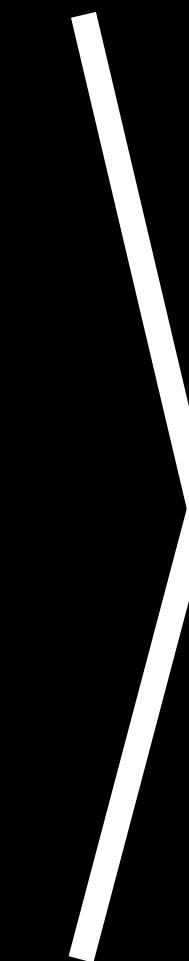
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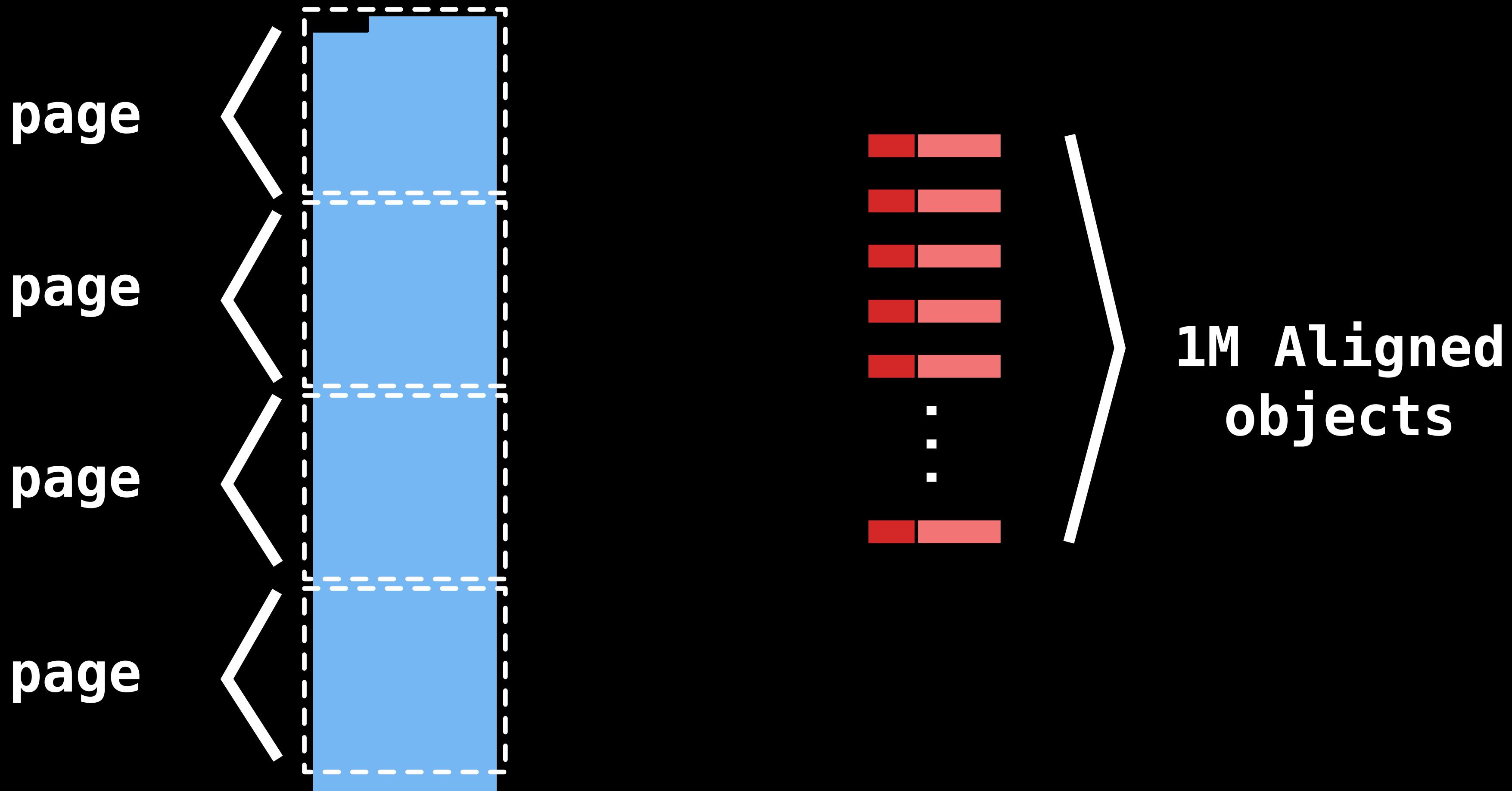


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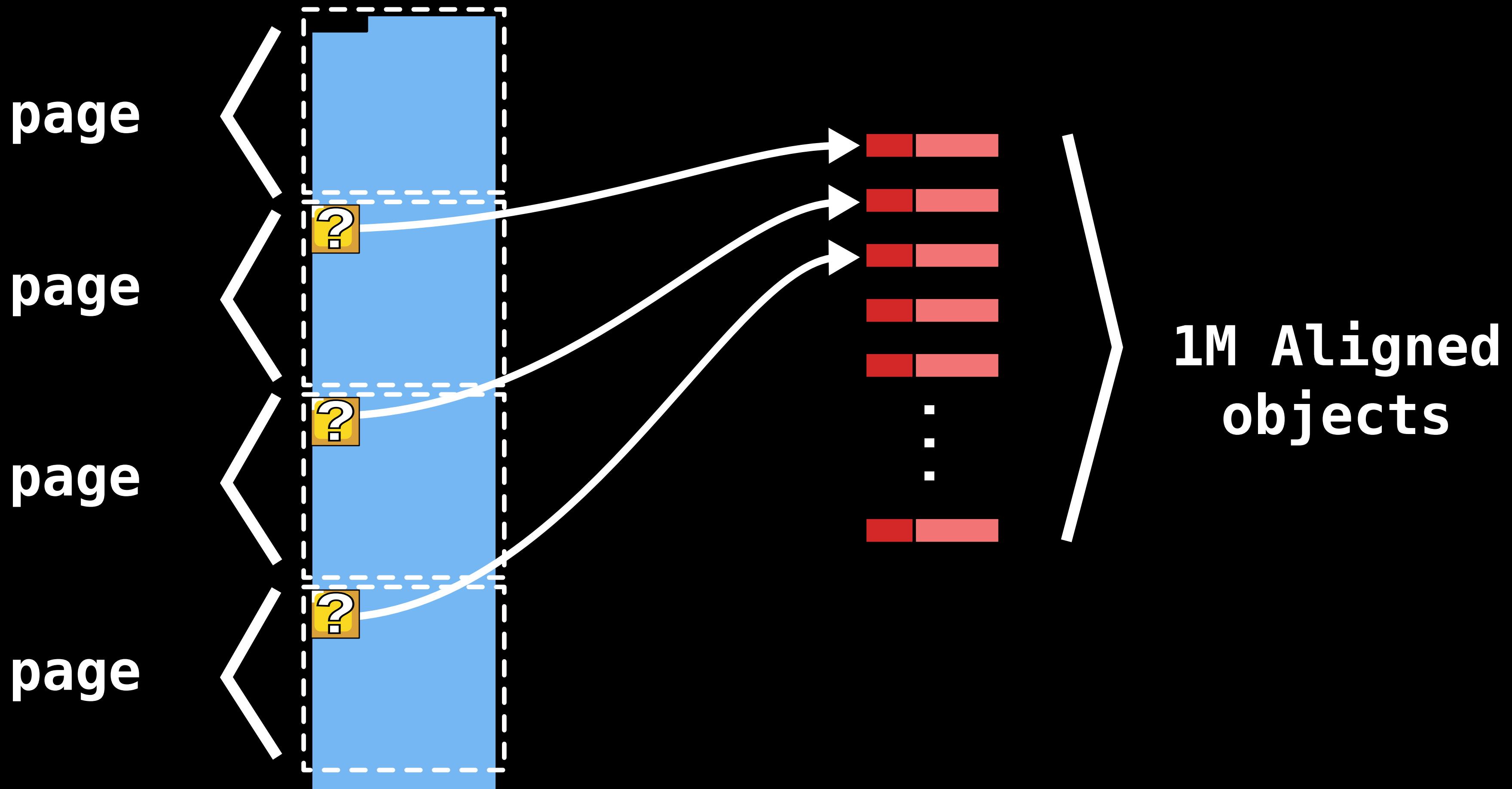


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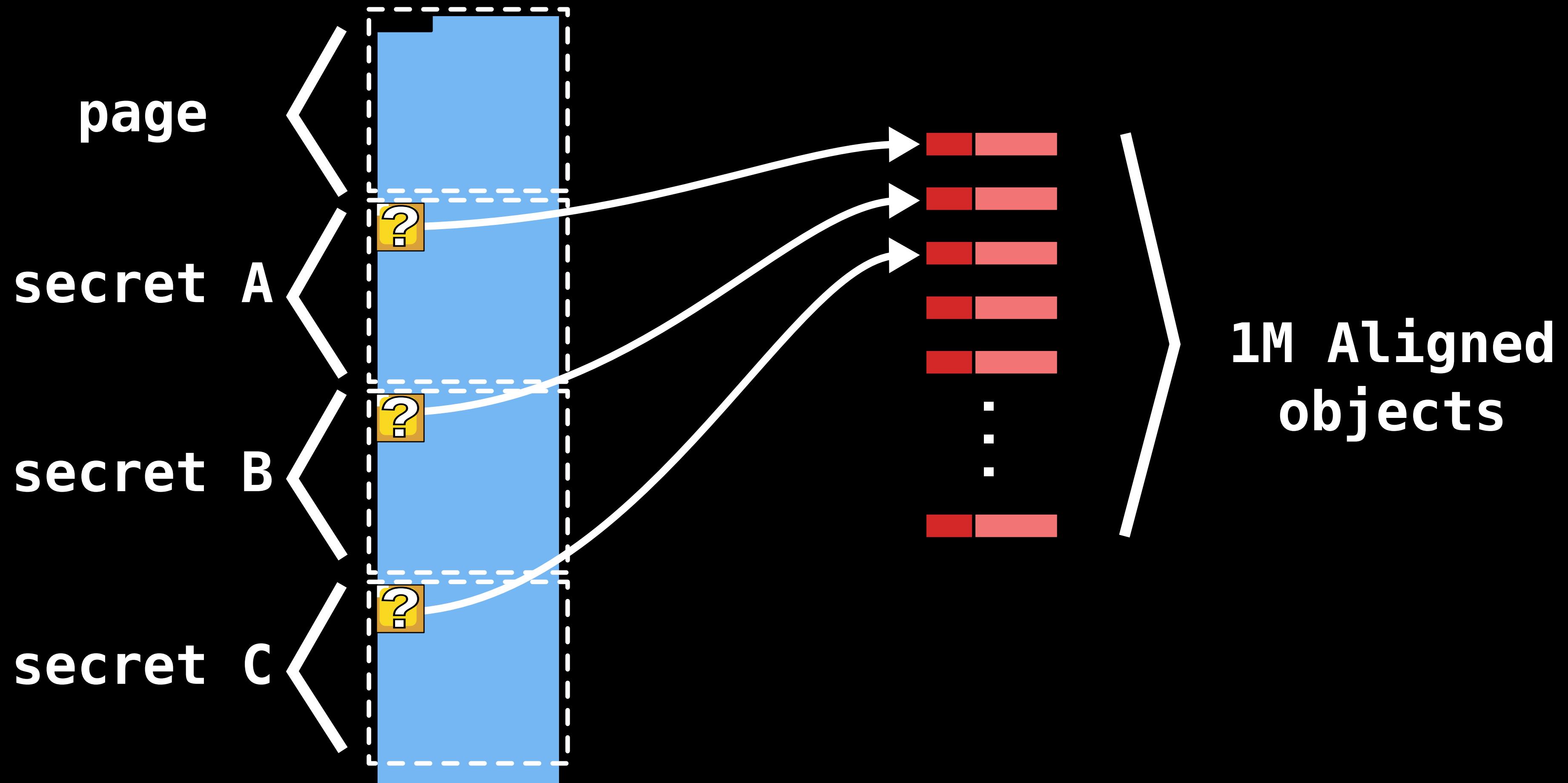
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Creating Guess Pages

typed
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addresses,
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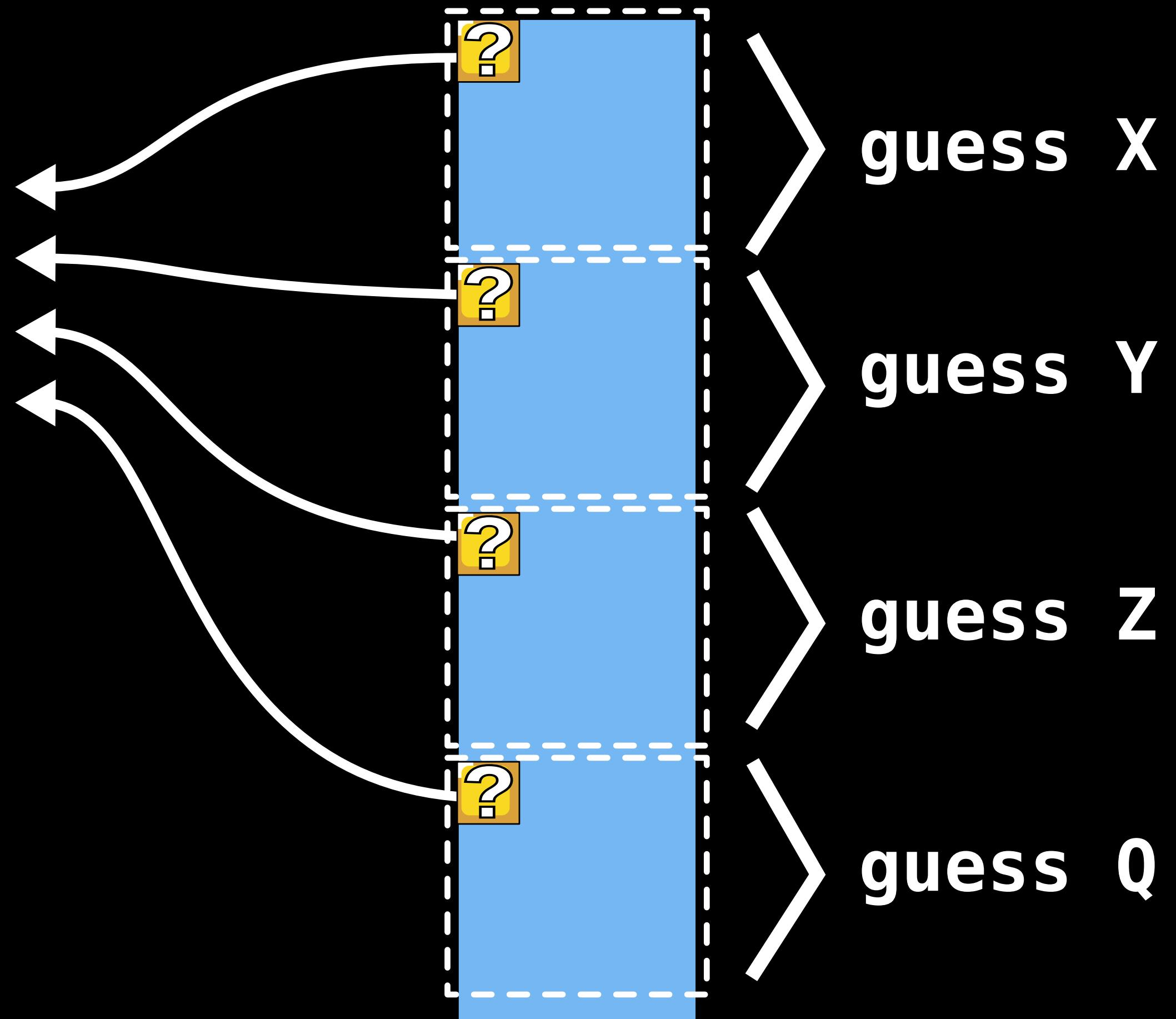


typed
array
data

Creating Guess Pages

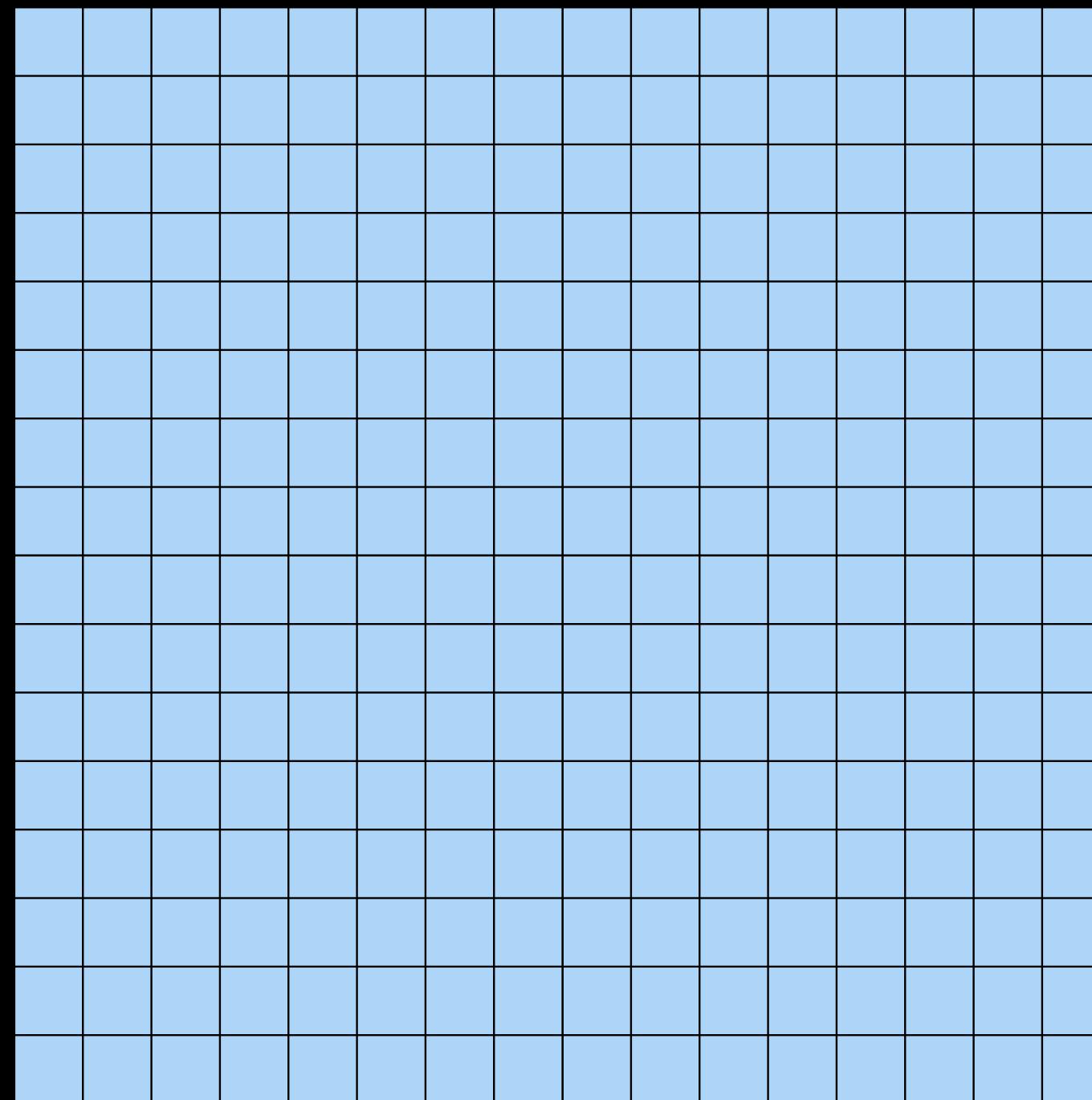
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aligned
addresses,
128M apart

??? [red] [pink]
 :
 :
??? [red] [pink]



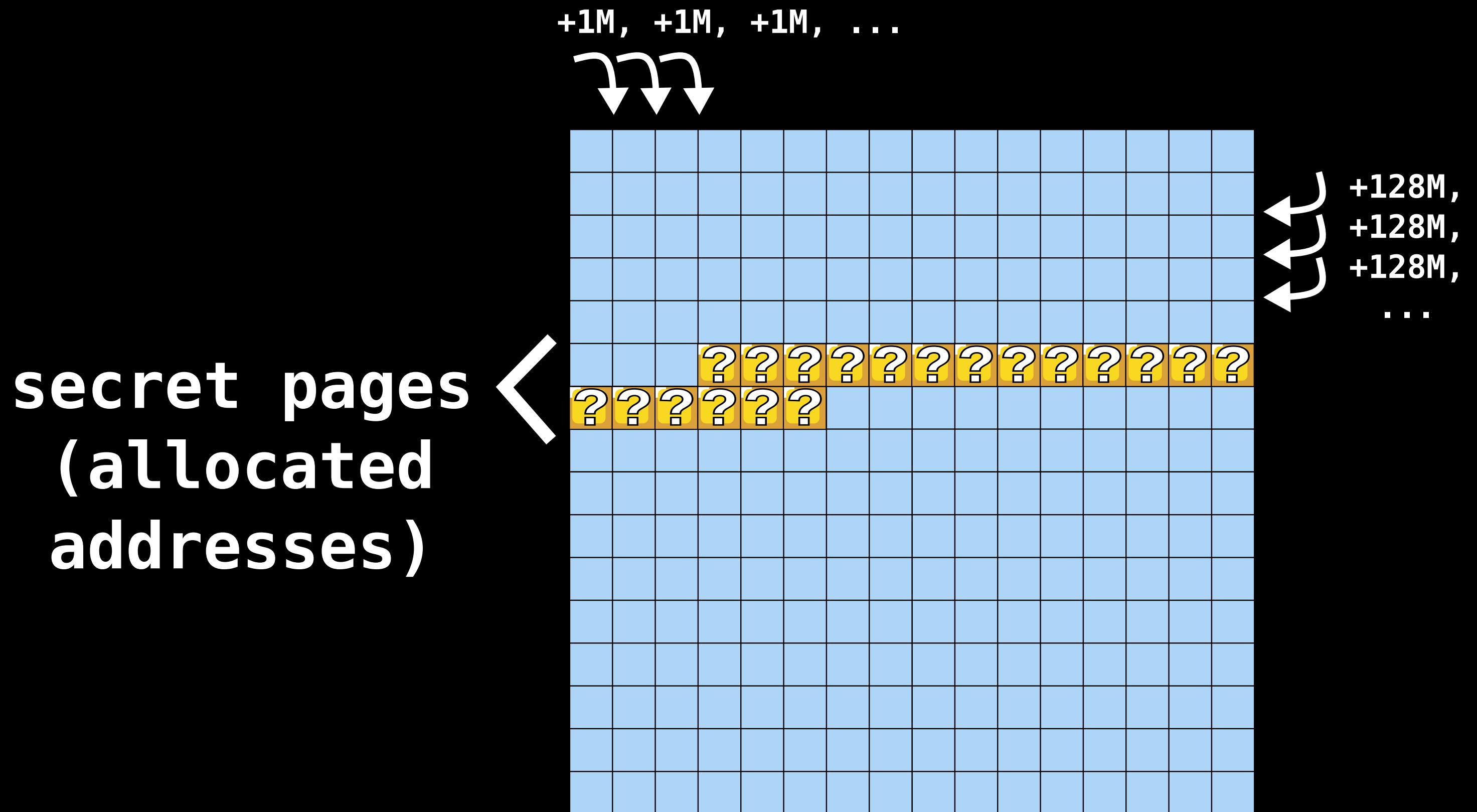
Birthday heap spray

+1M, +1M, +1M, ...

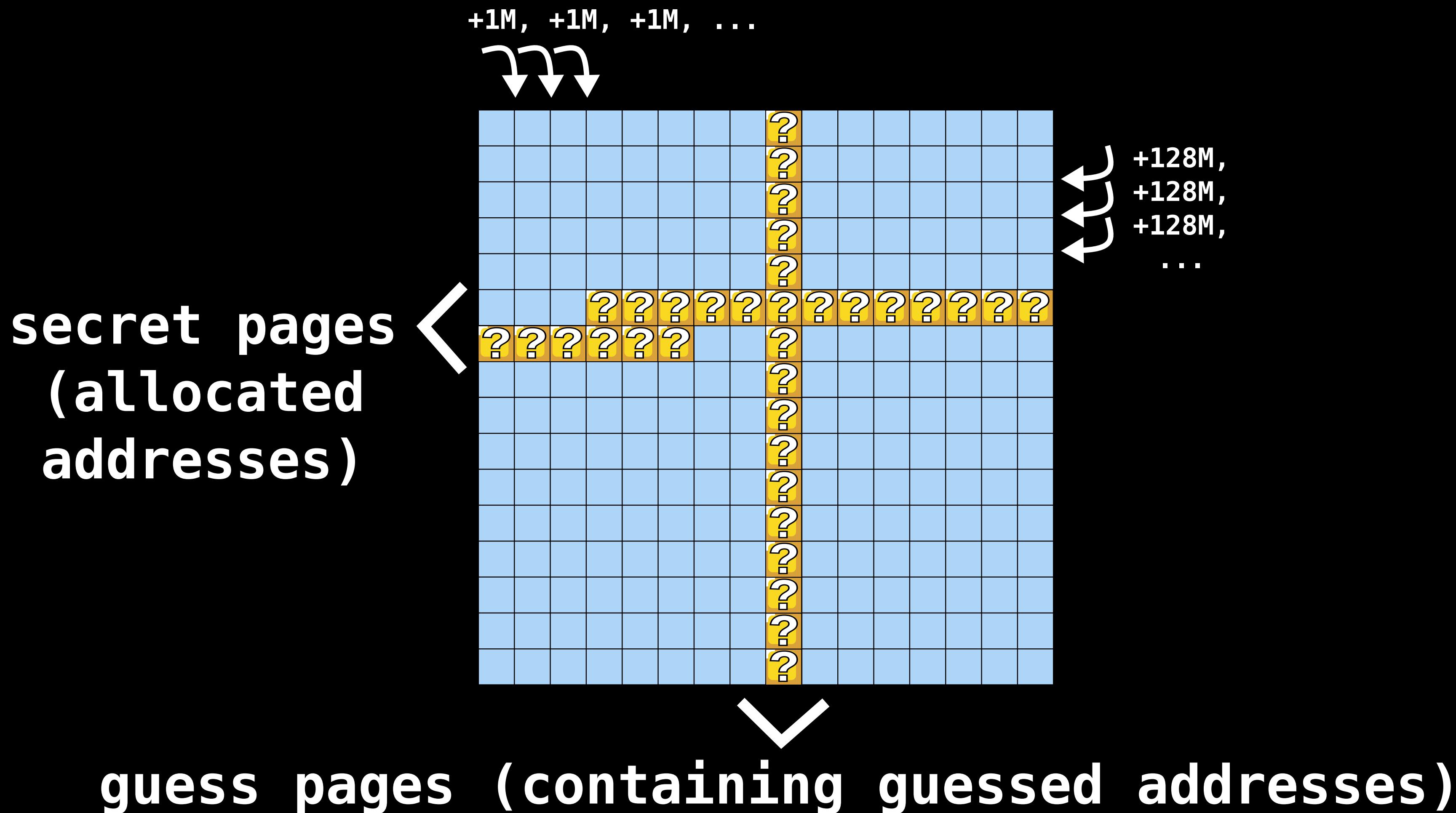


+128M,
+128M,
+128M,
...
↑
↑
↑

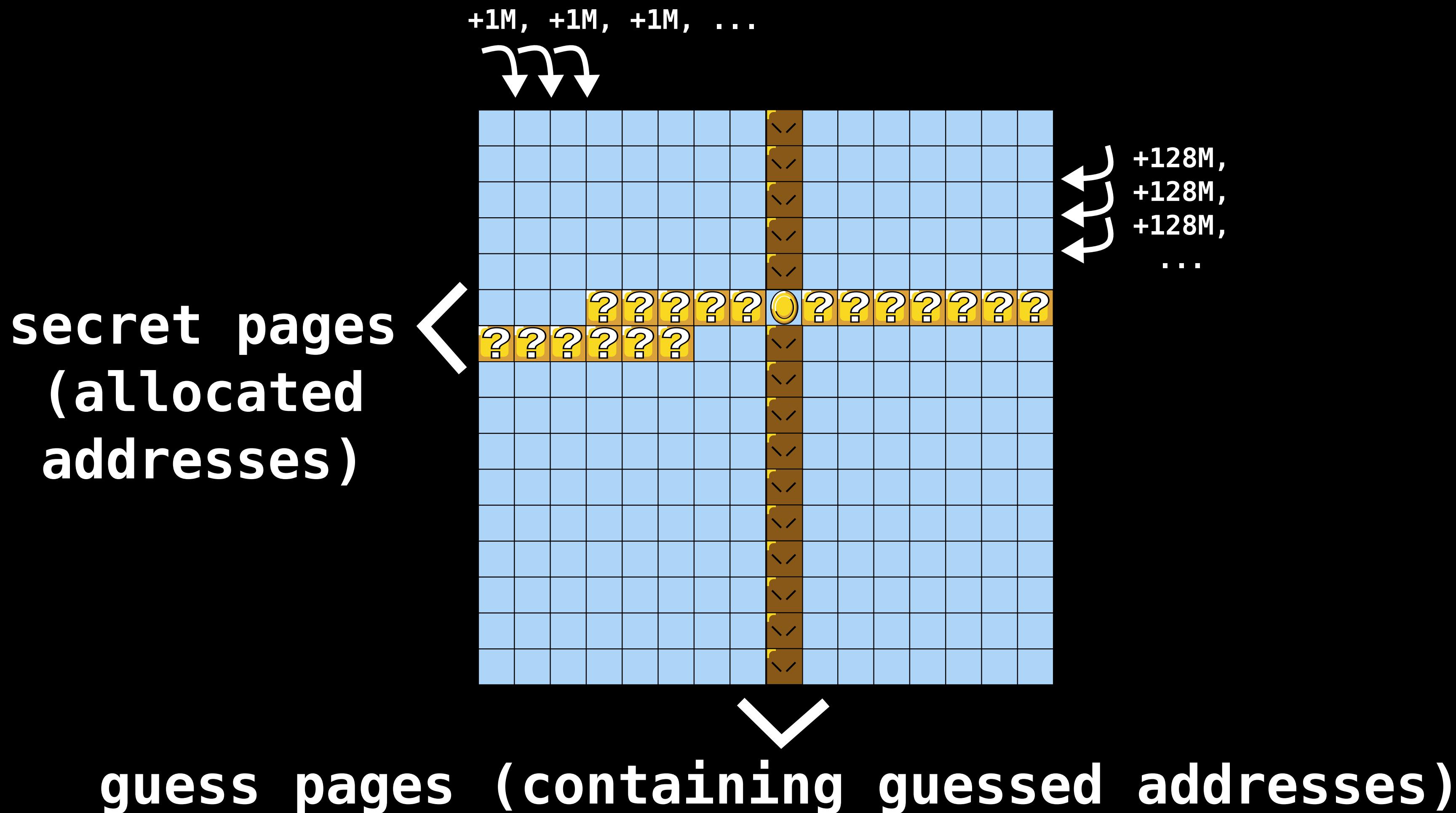
Birthday heap spray



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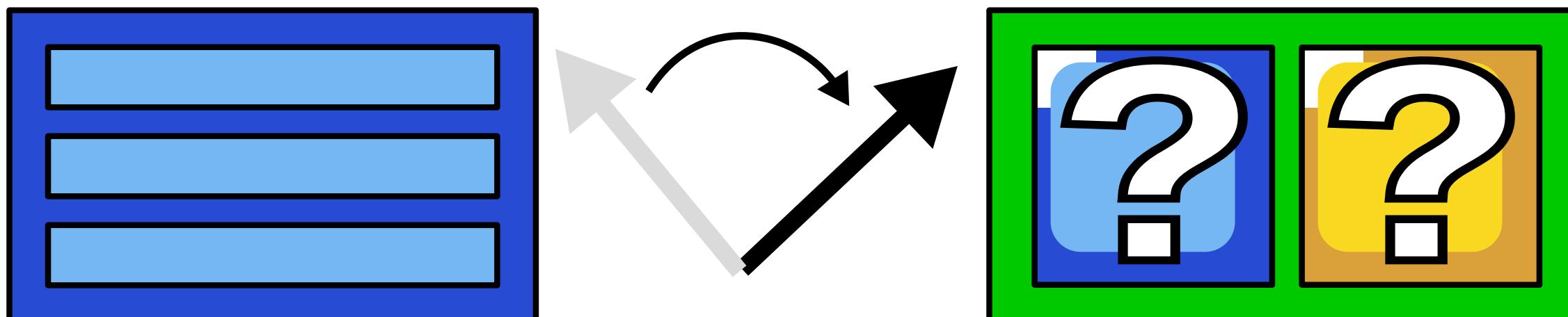
Outline:

Deduplication

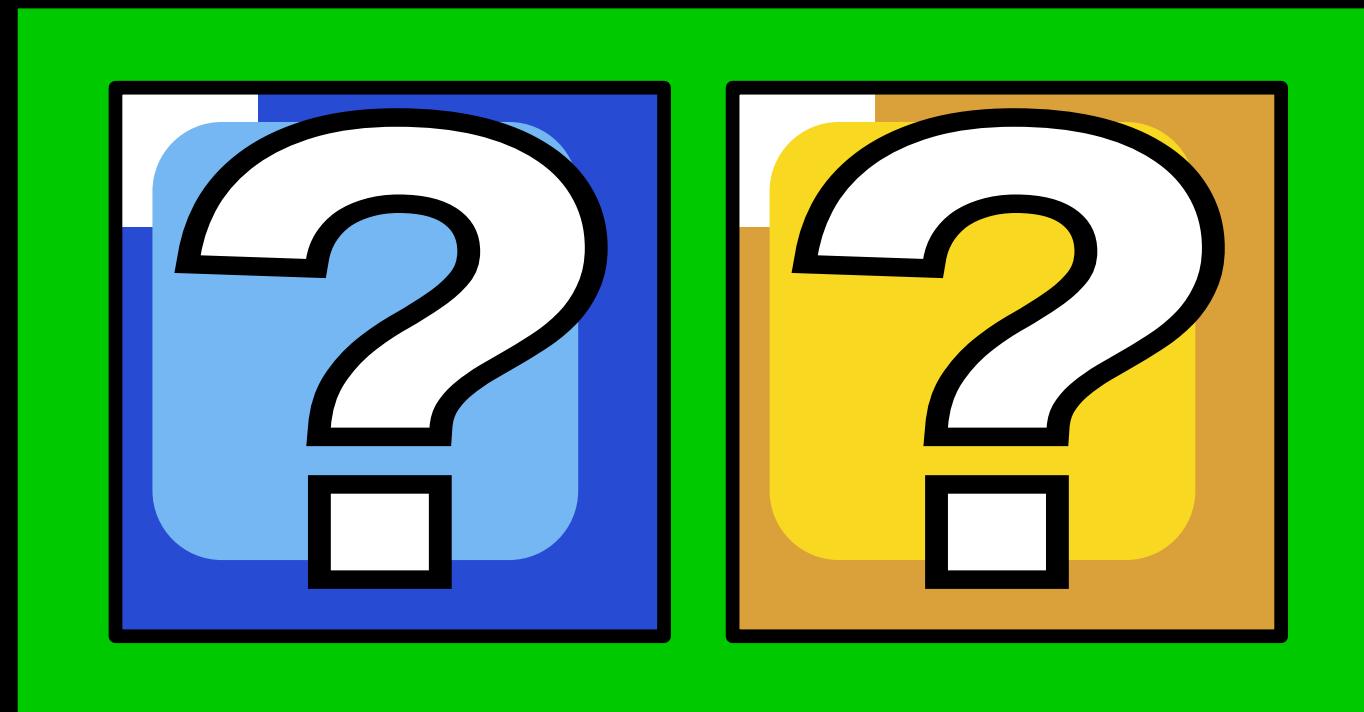
- leak heap & code addresses
- create a fake object

Rowhammer

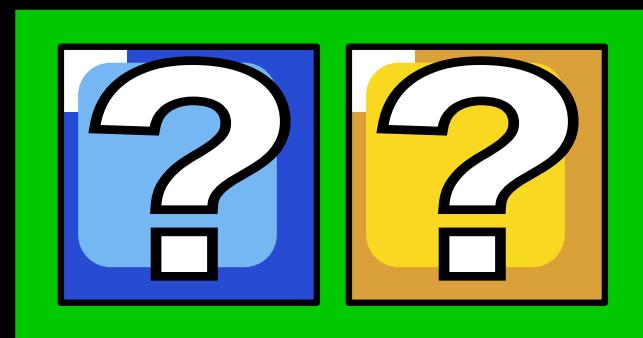
- create reference to our fake object



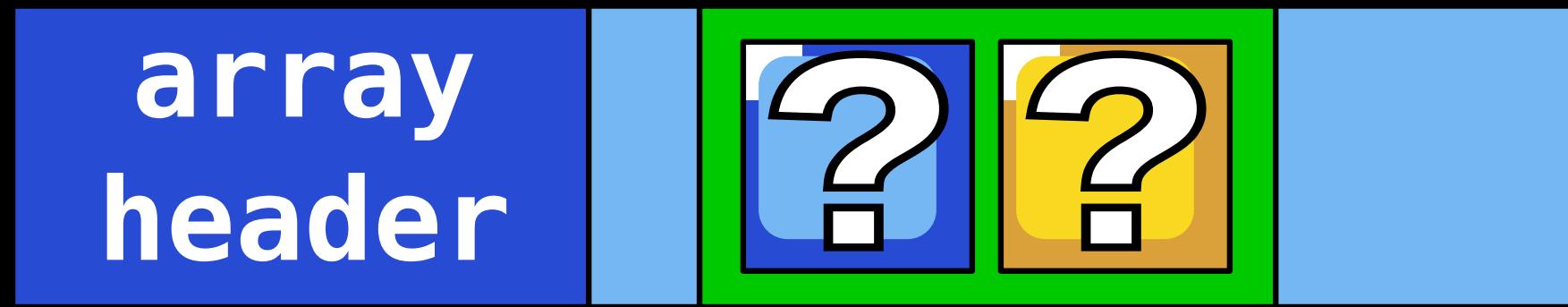
Fake Uint8Array object



Pointer pivoting

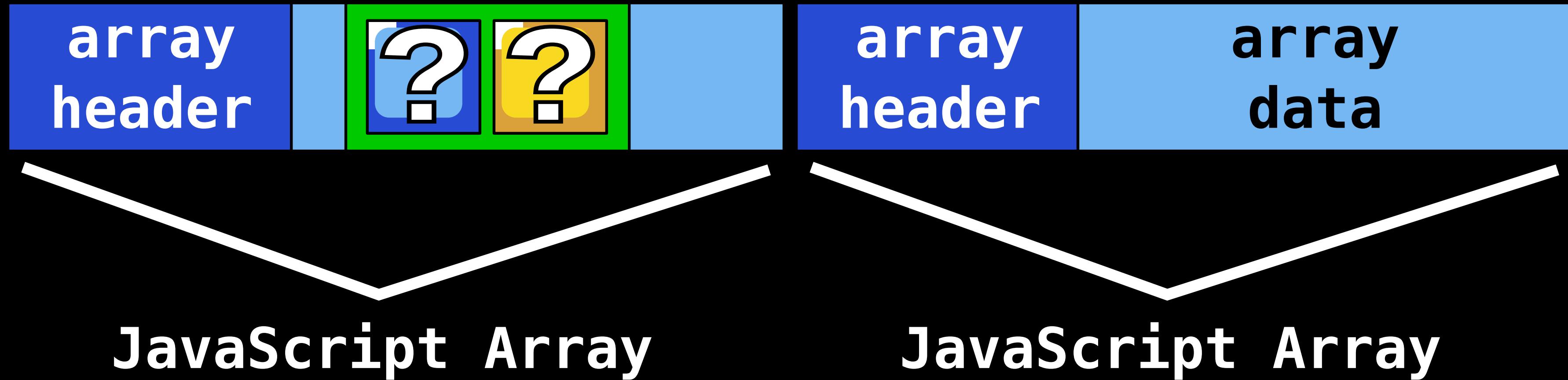


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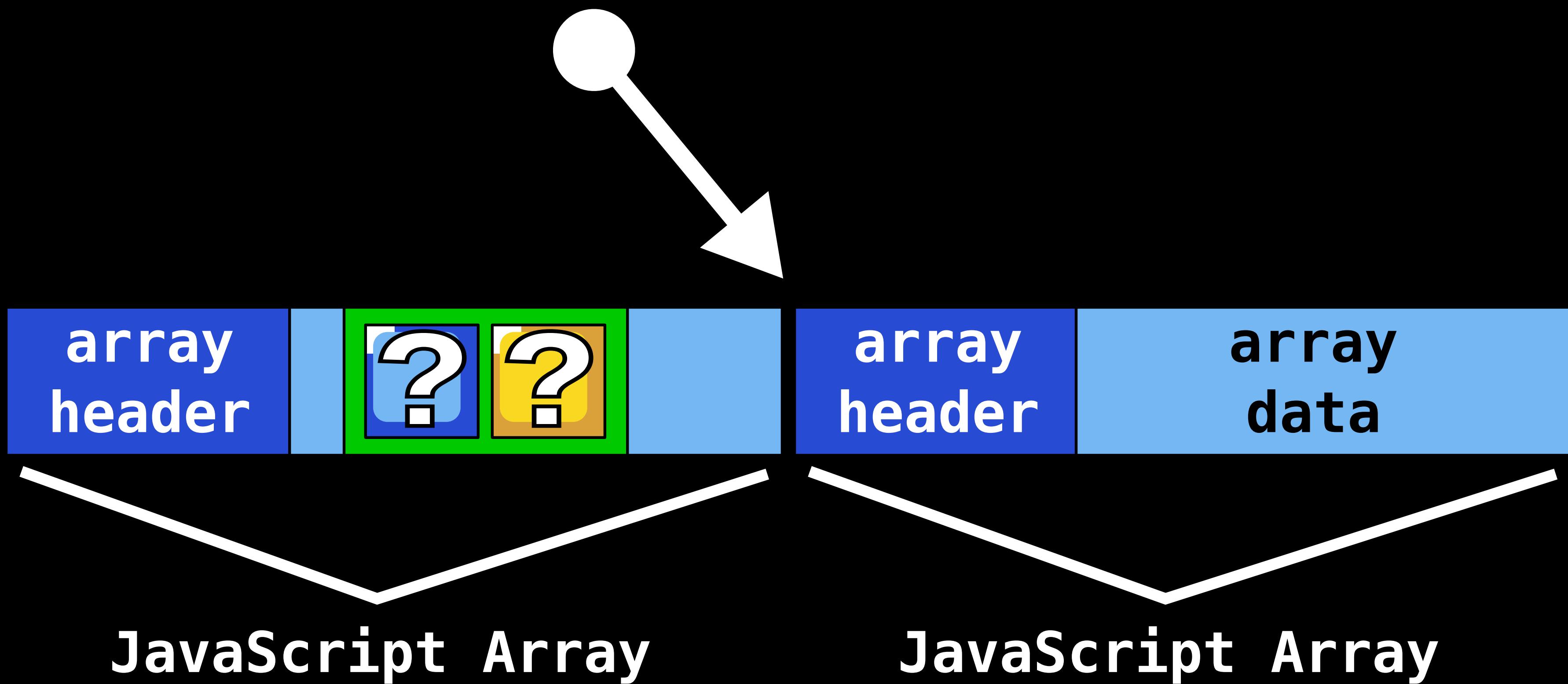


JavaScript Array

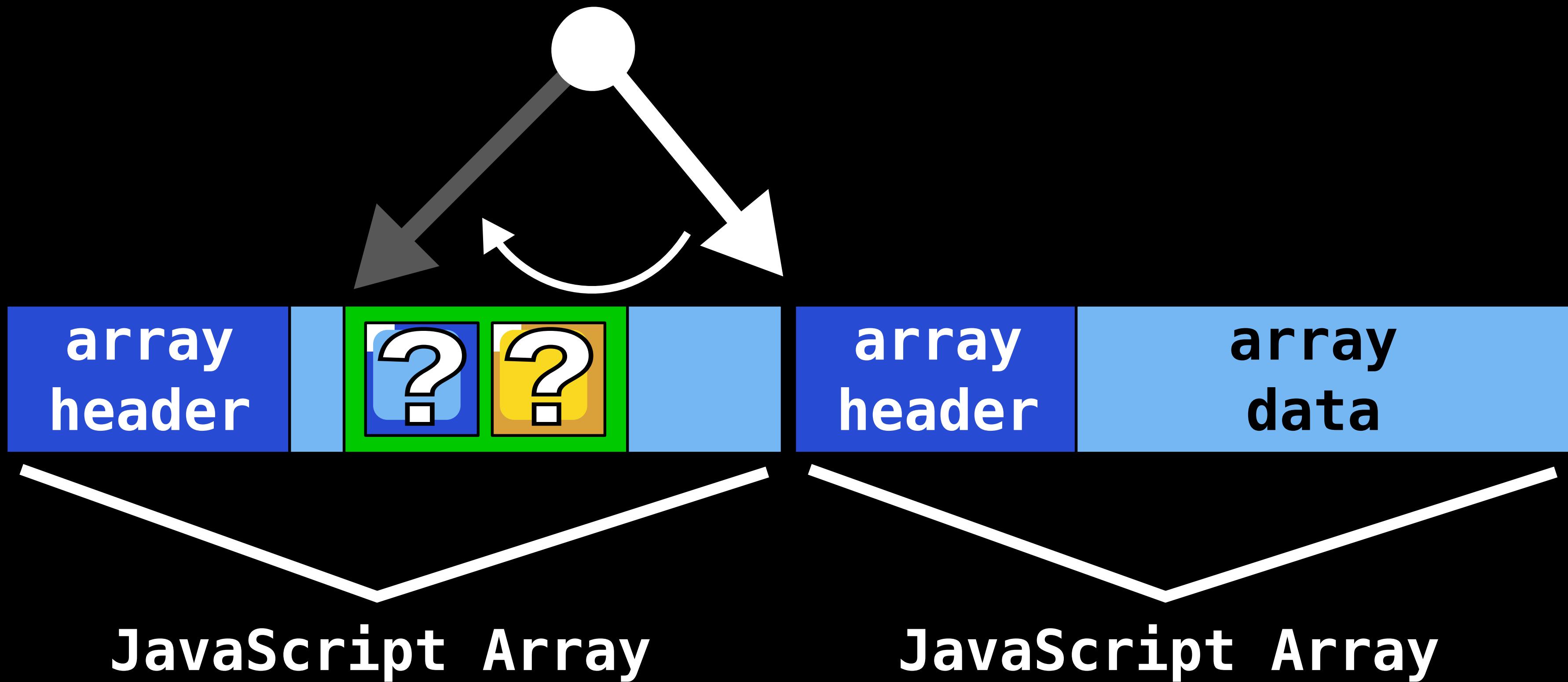
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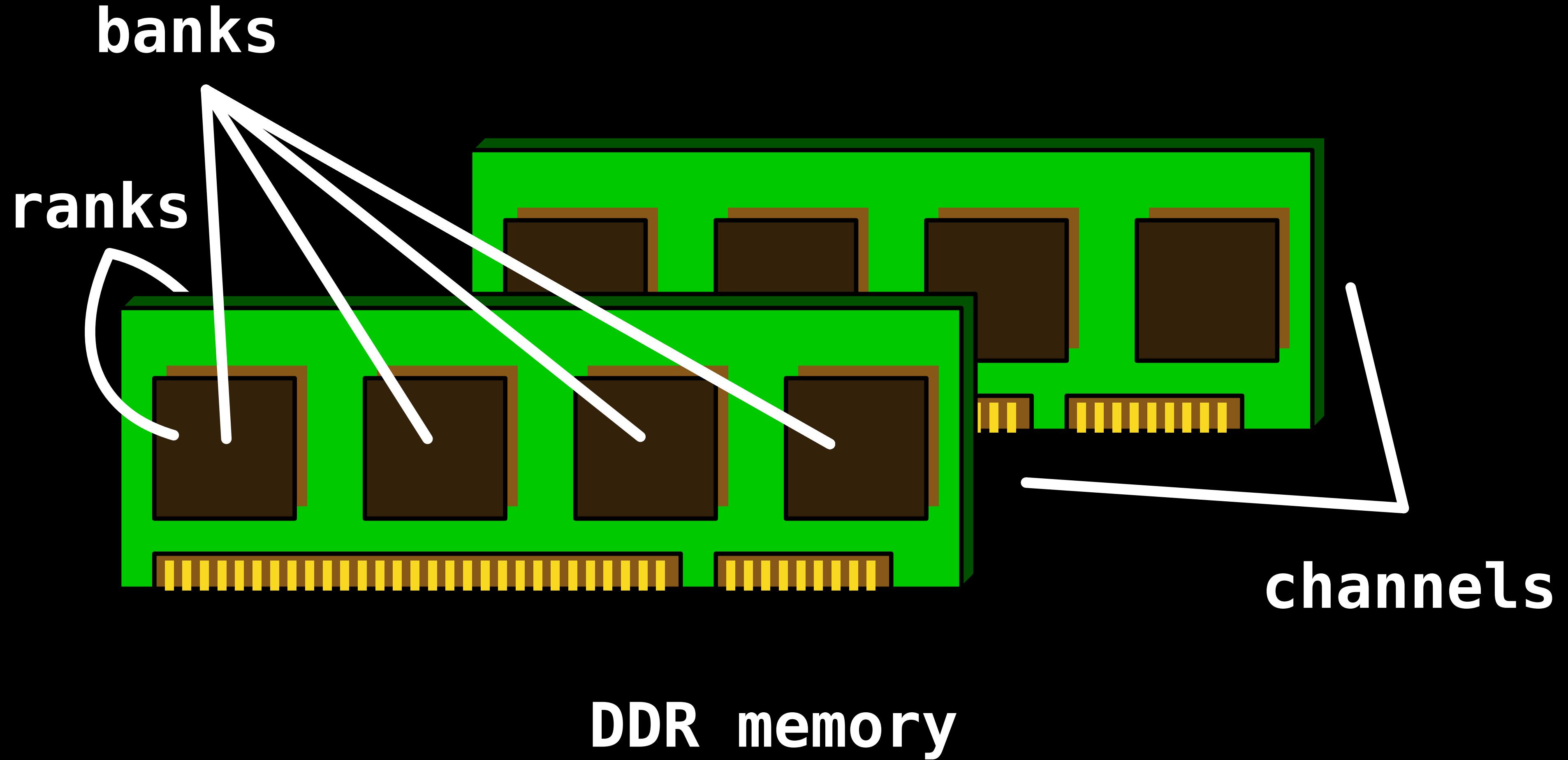
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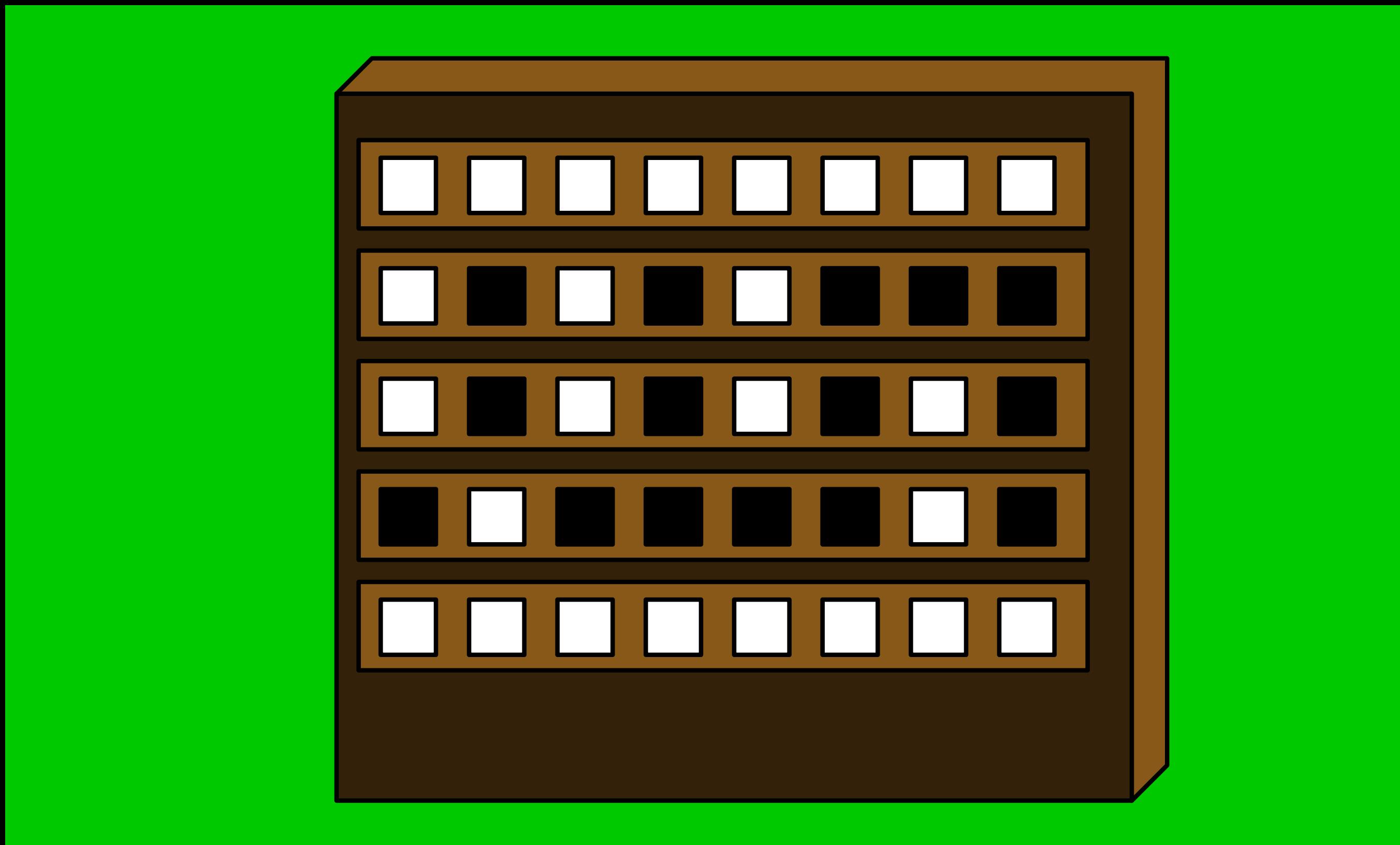
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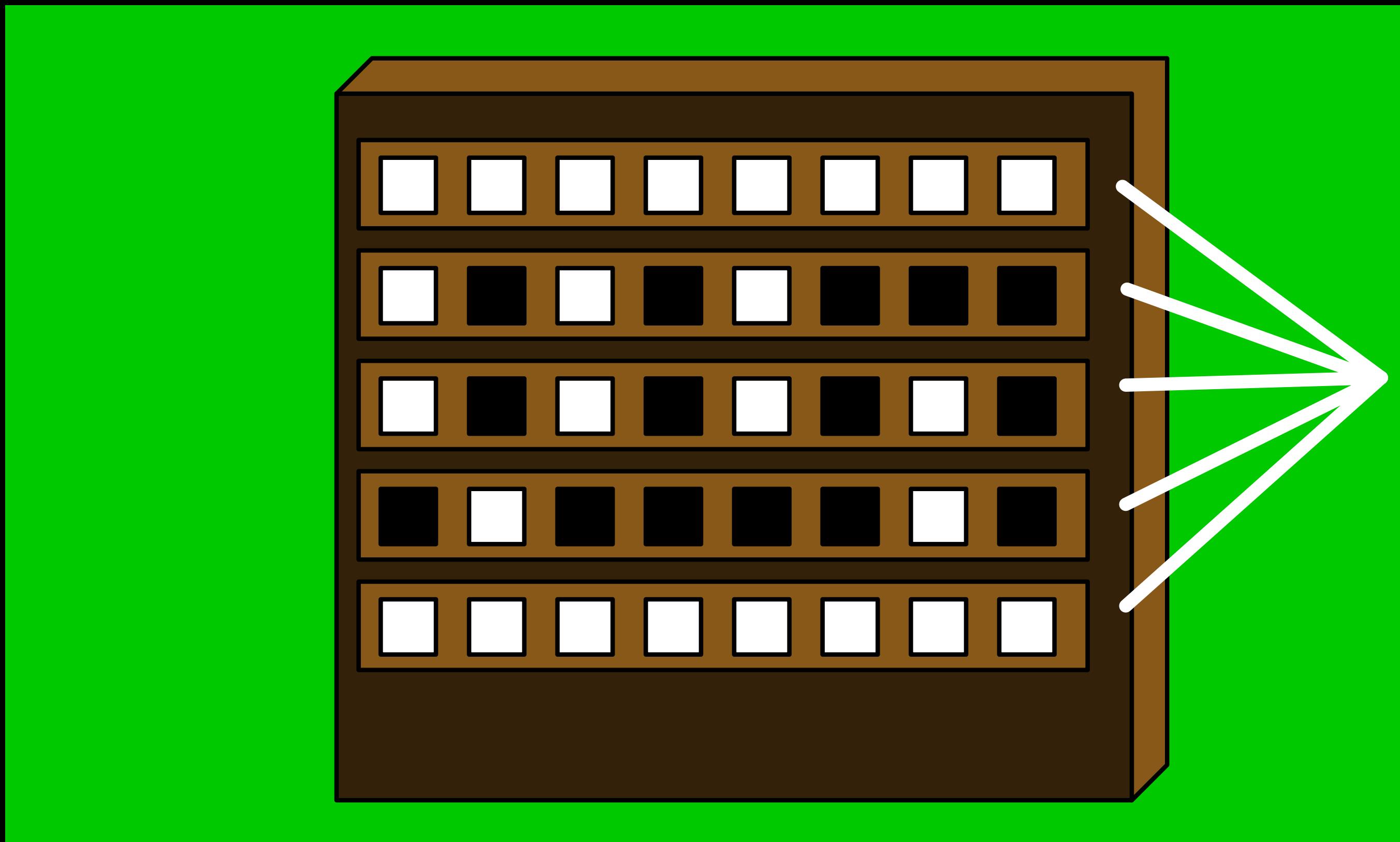
Rowhammer attack



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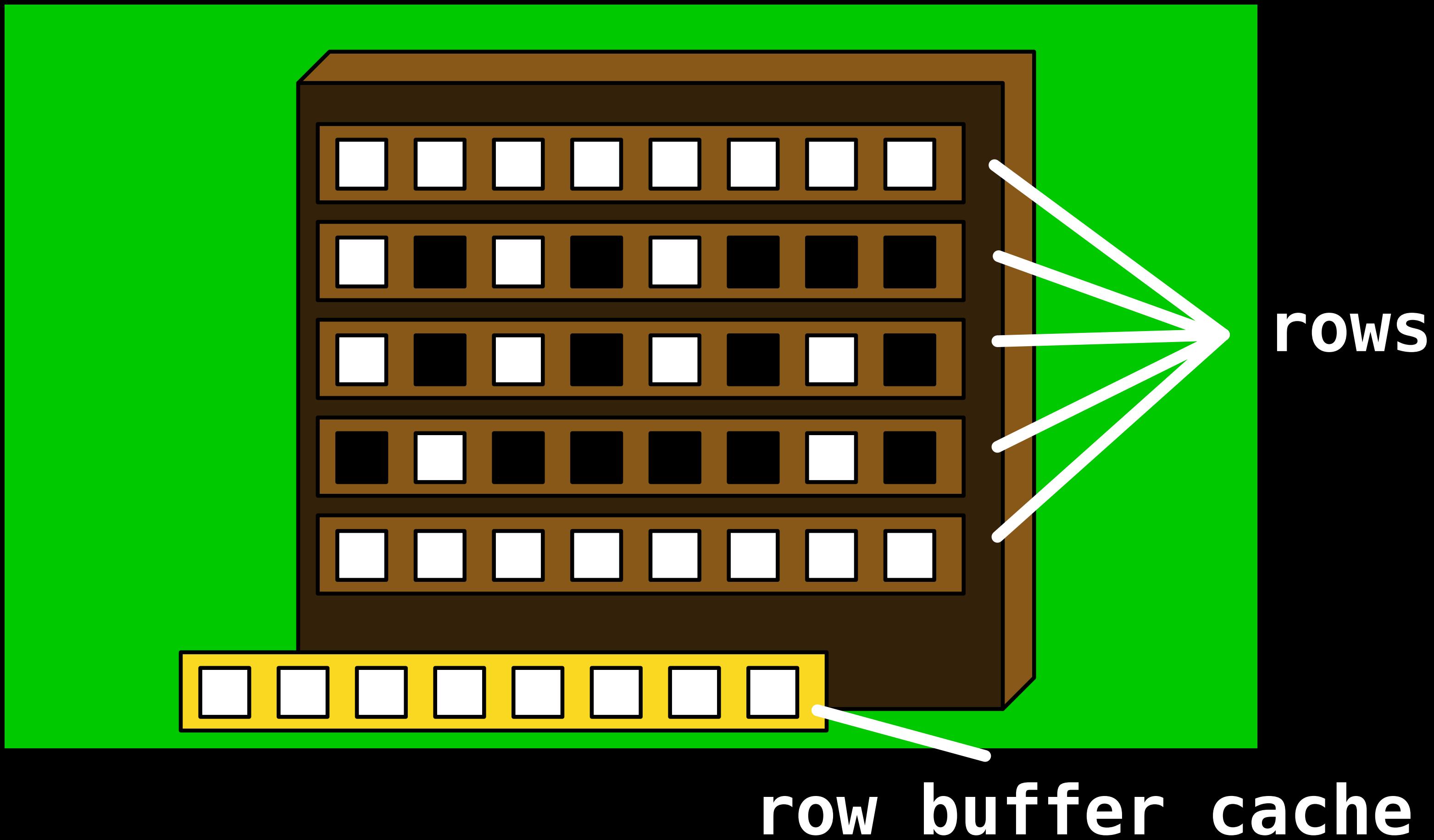


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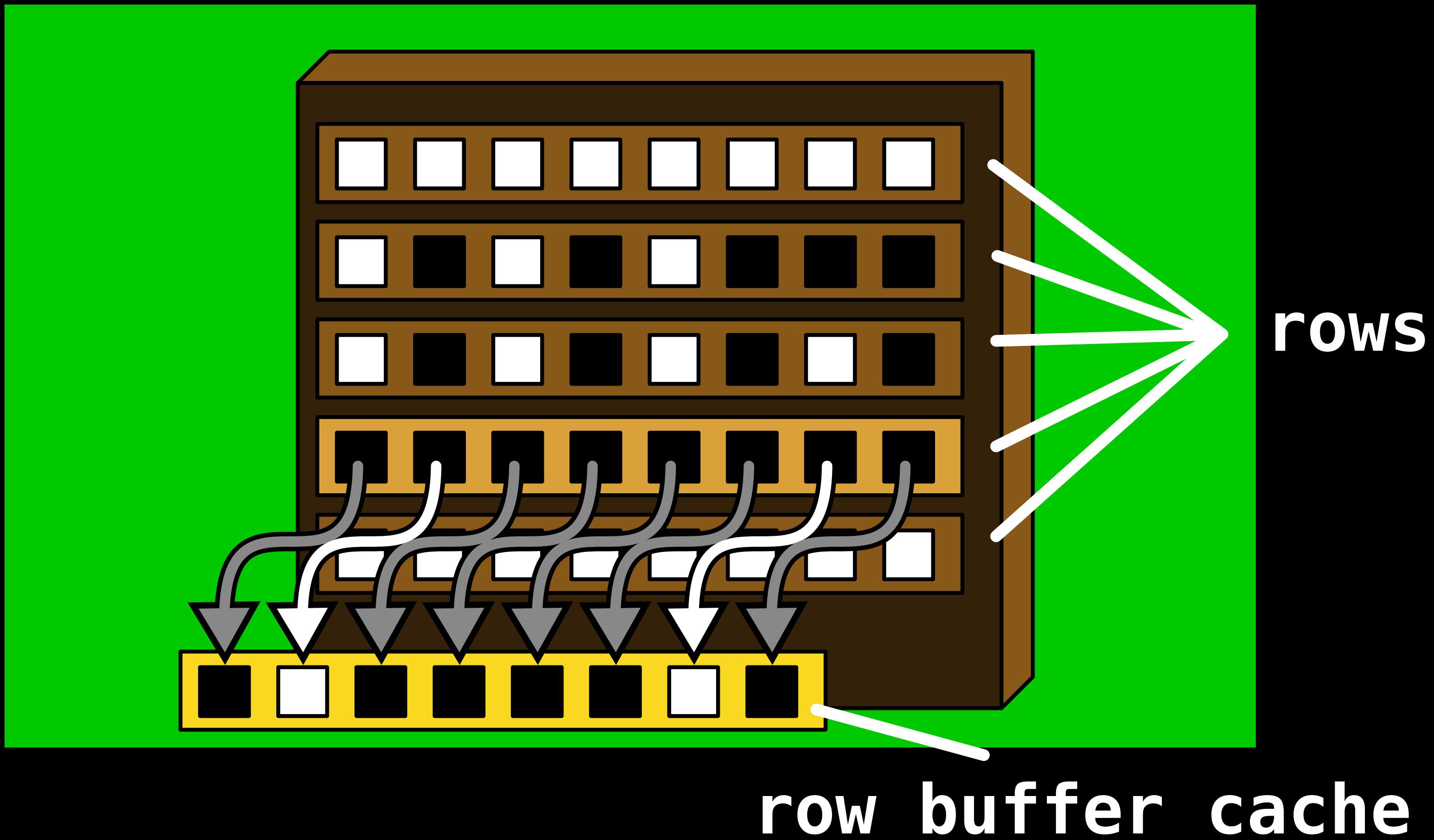


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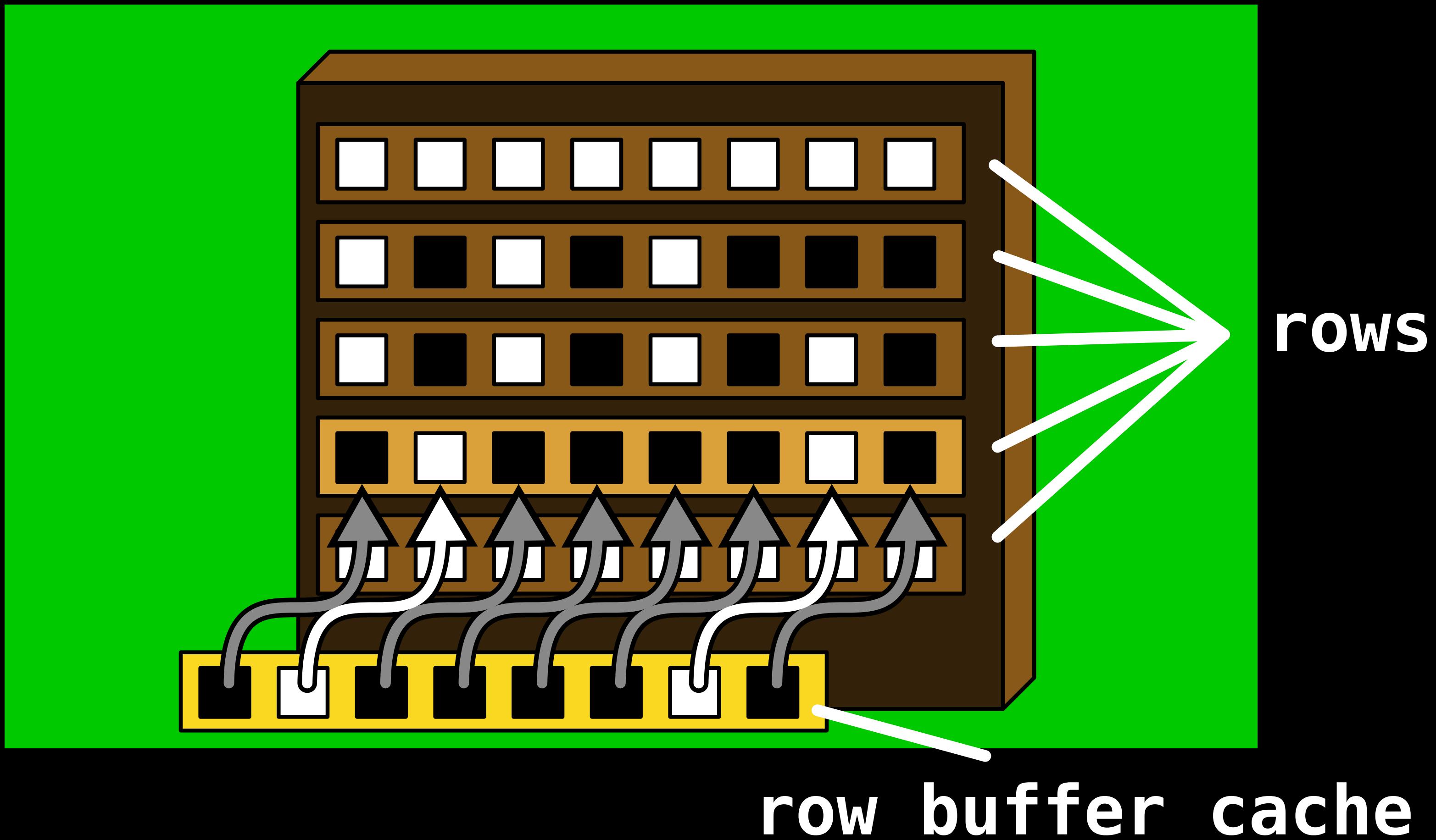
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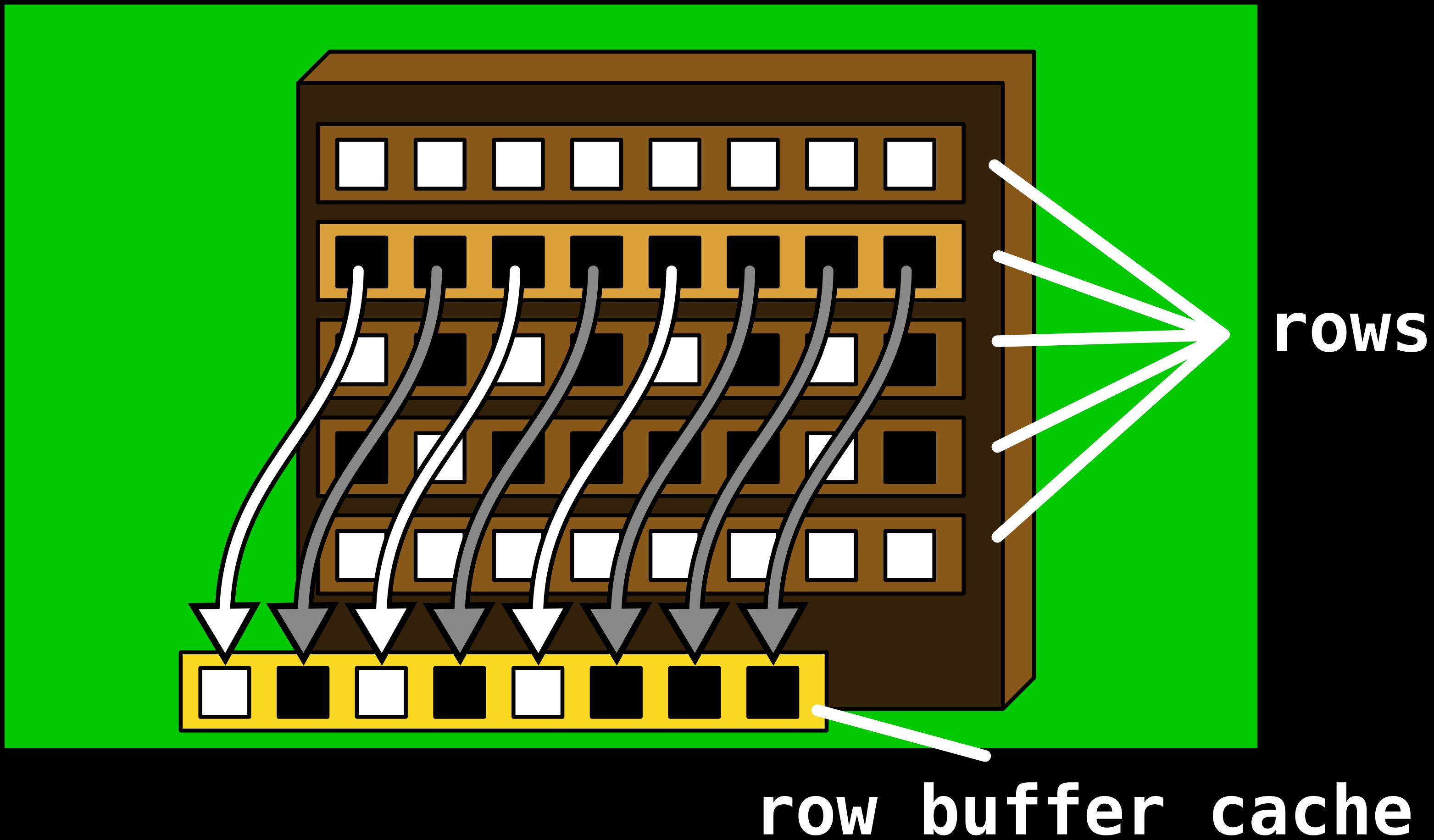
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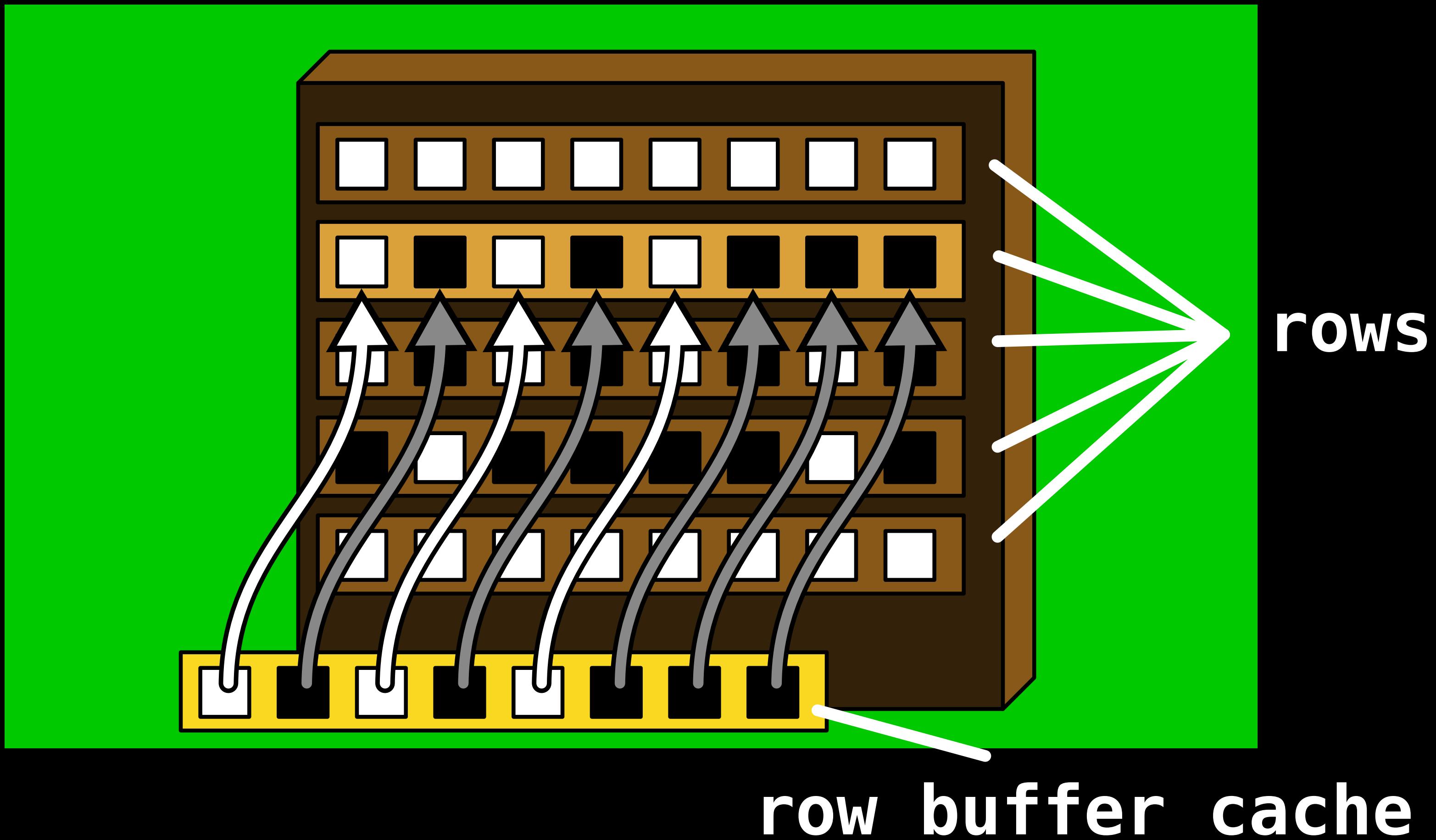
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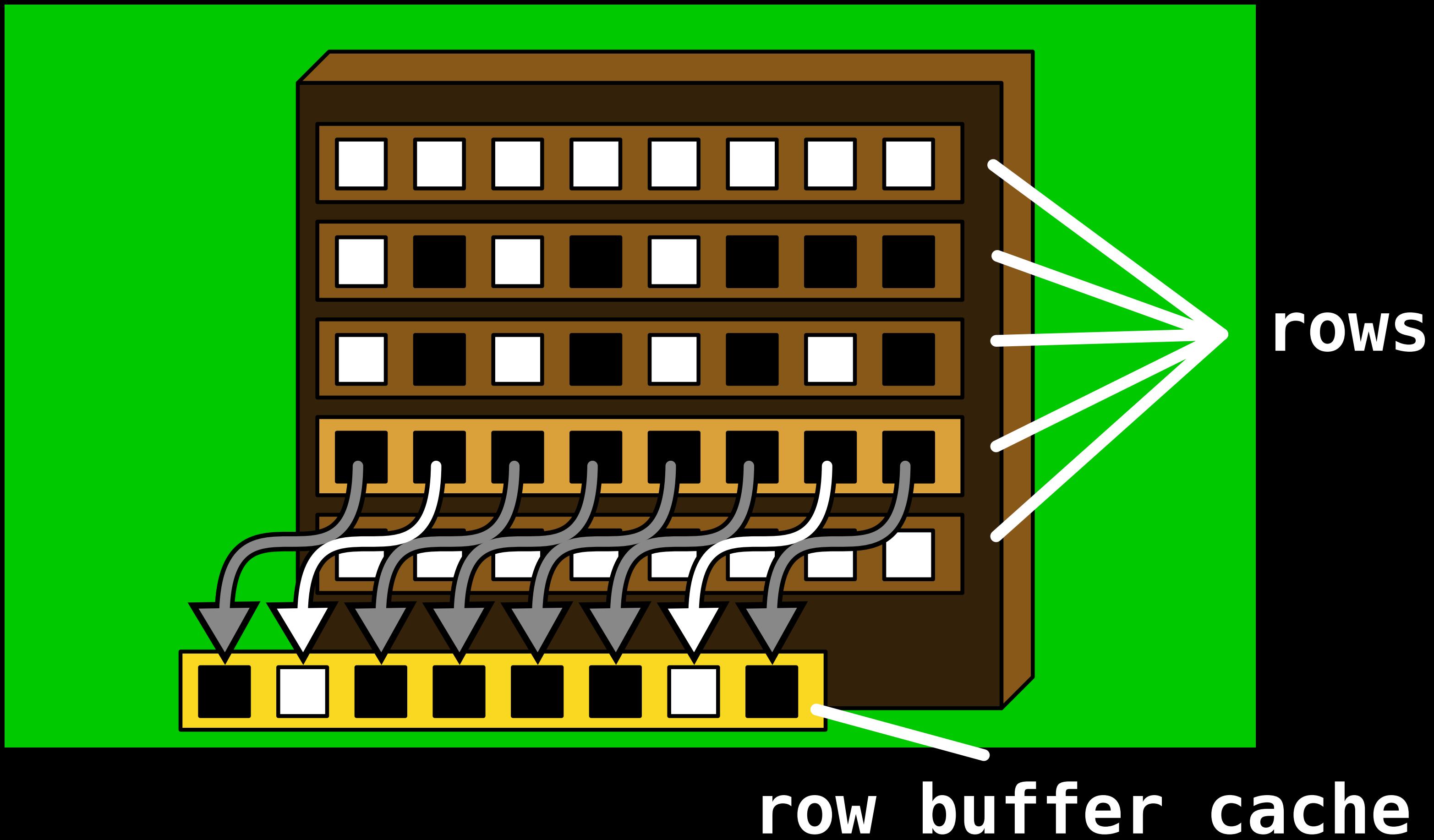
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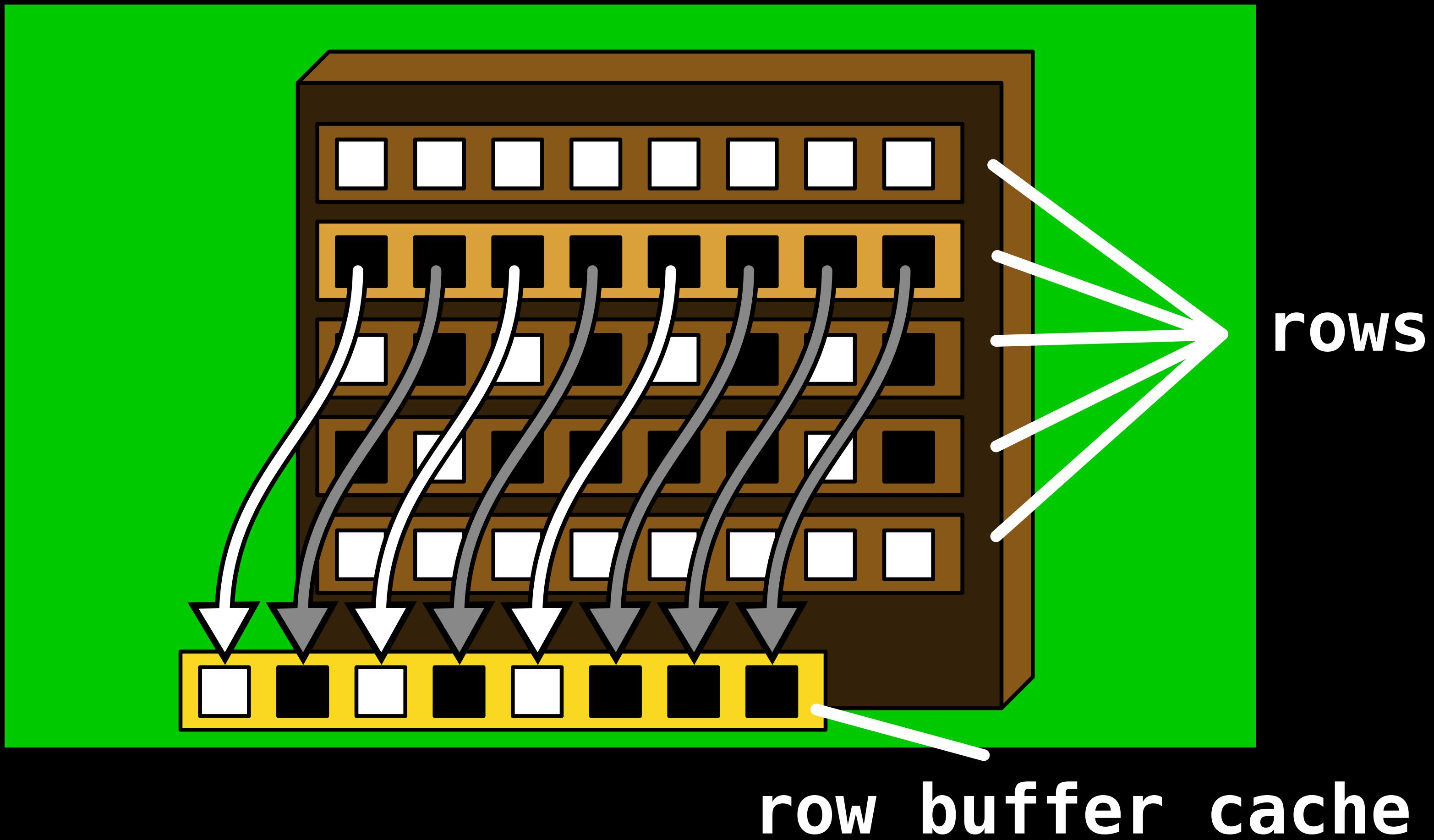
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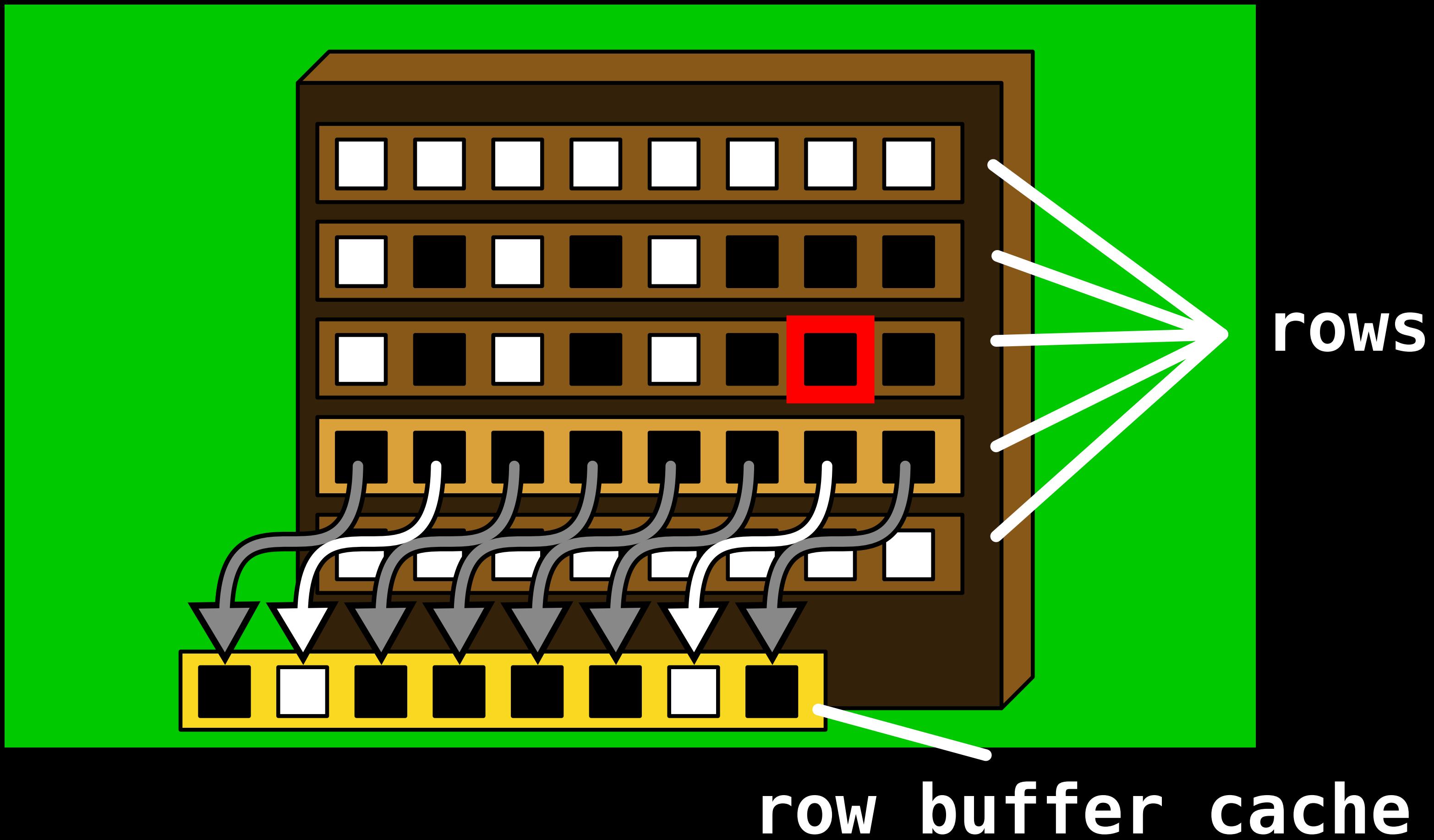
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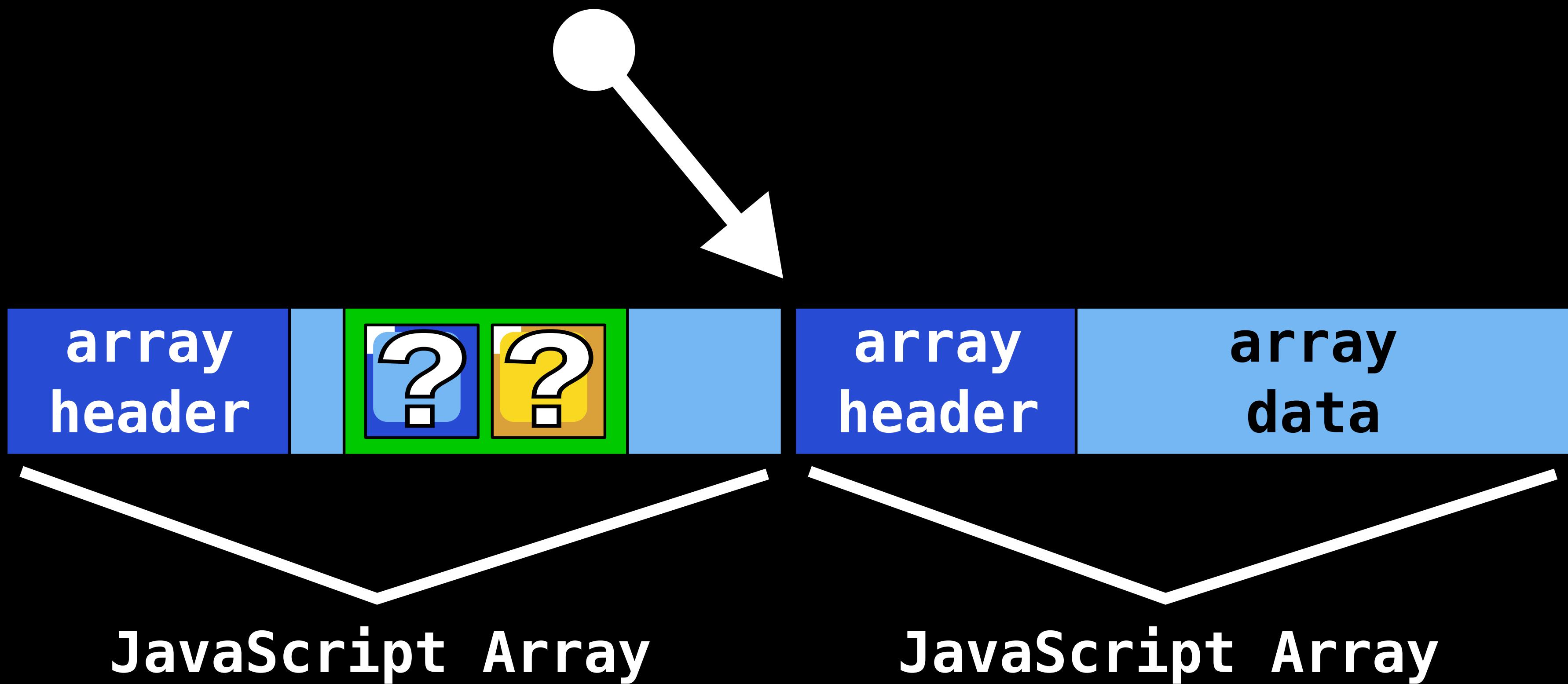
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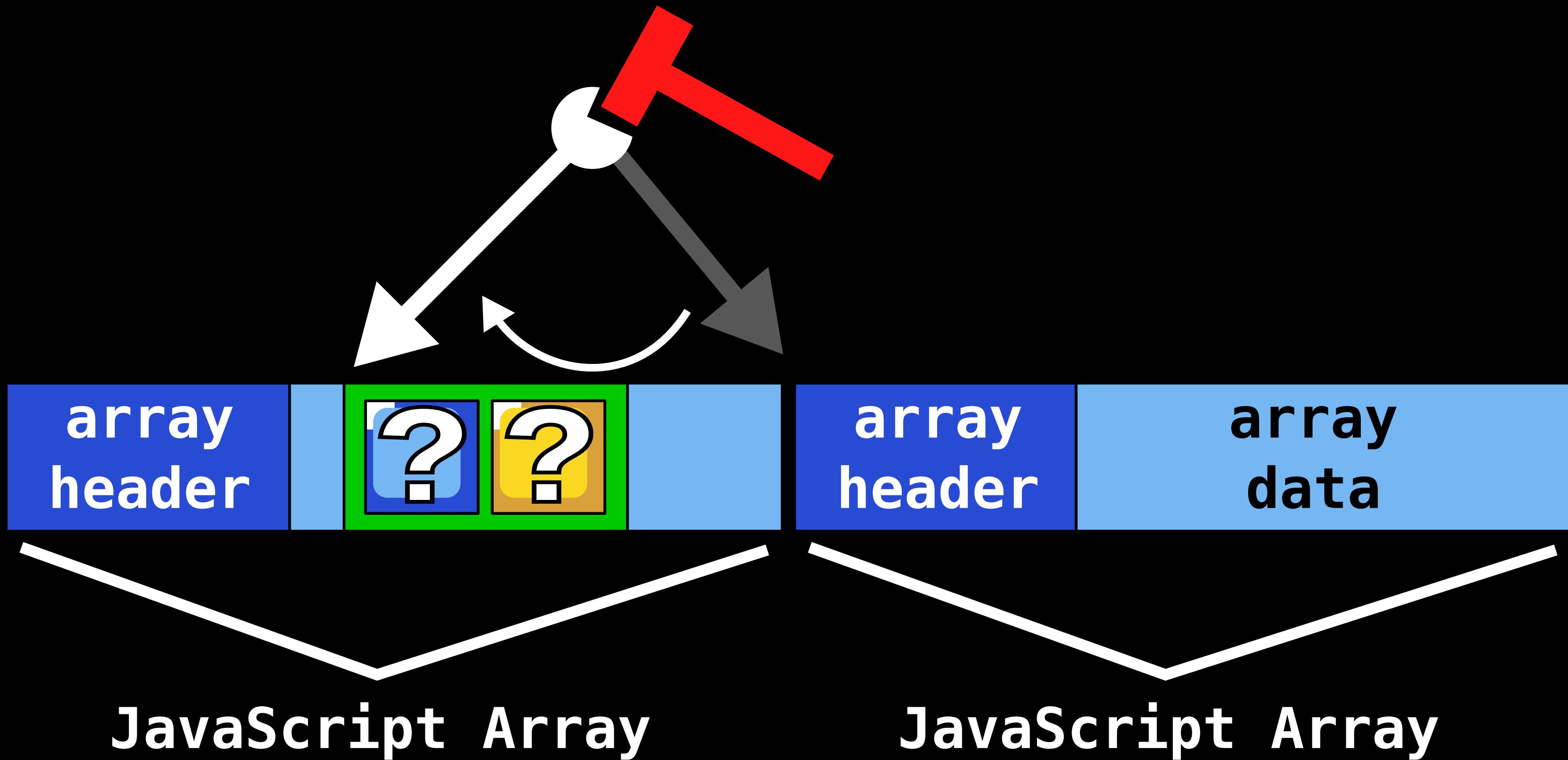
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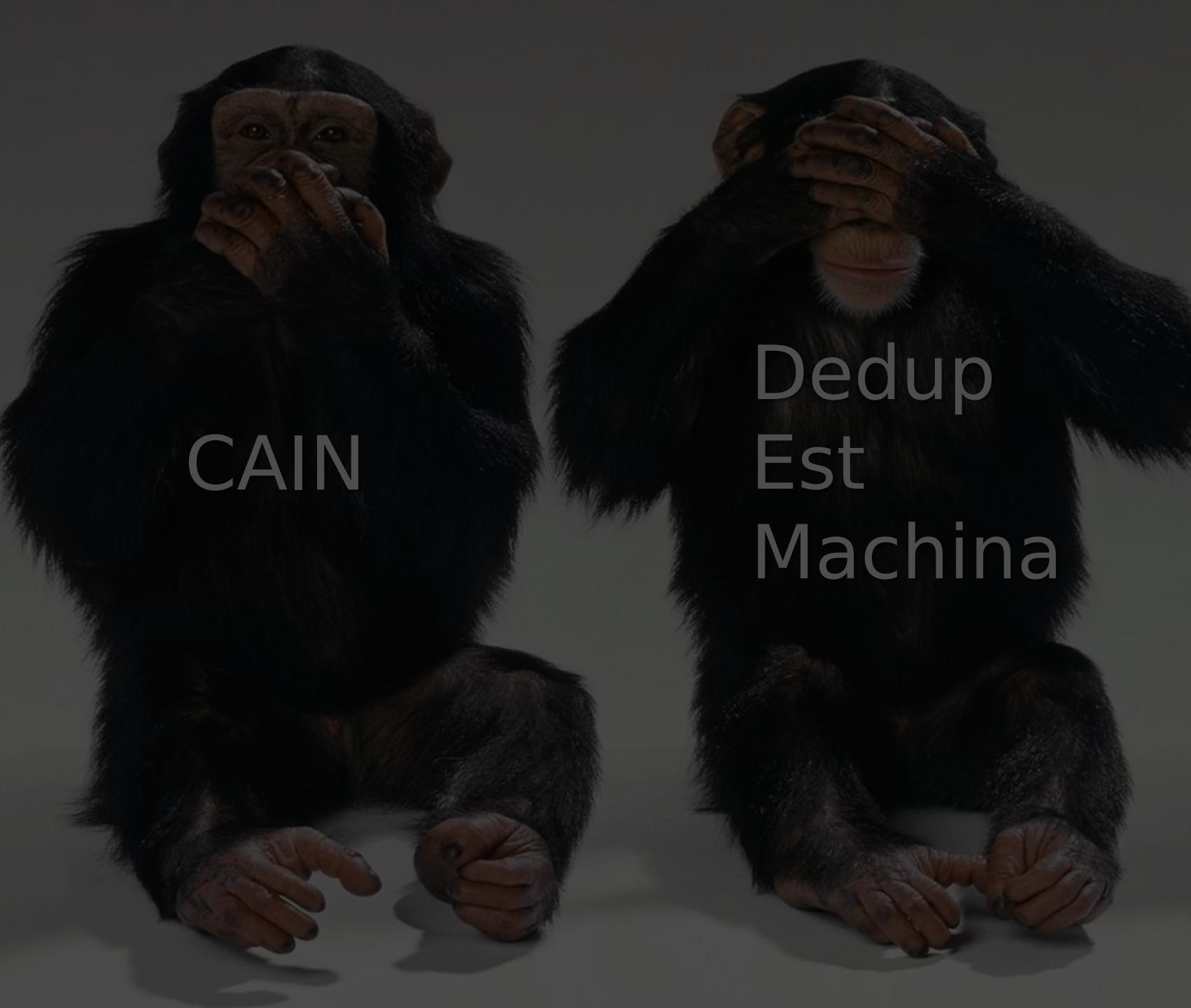


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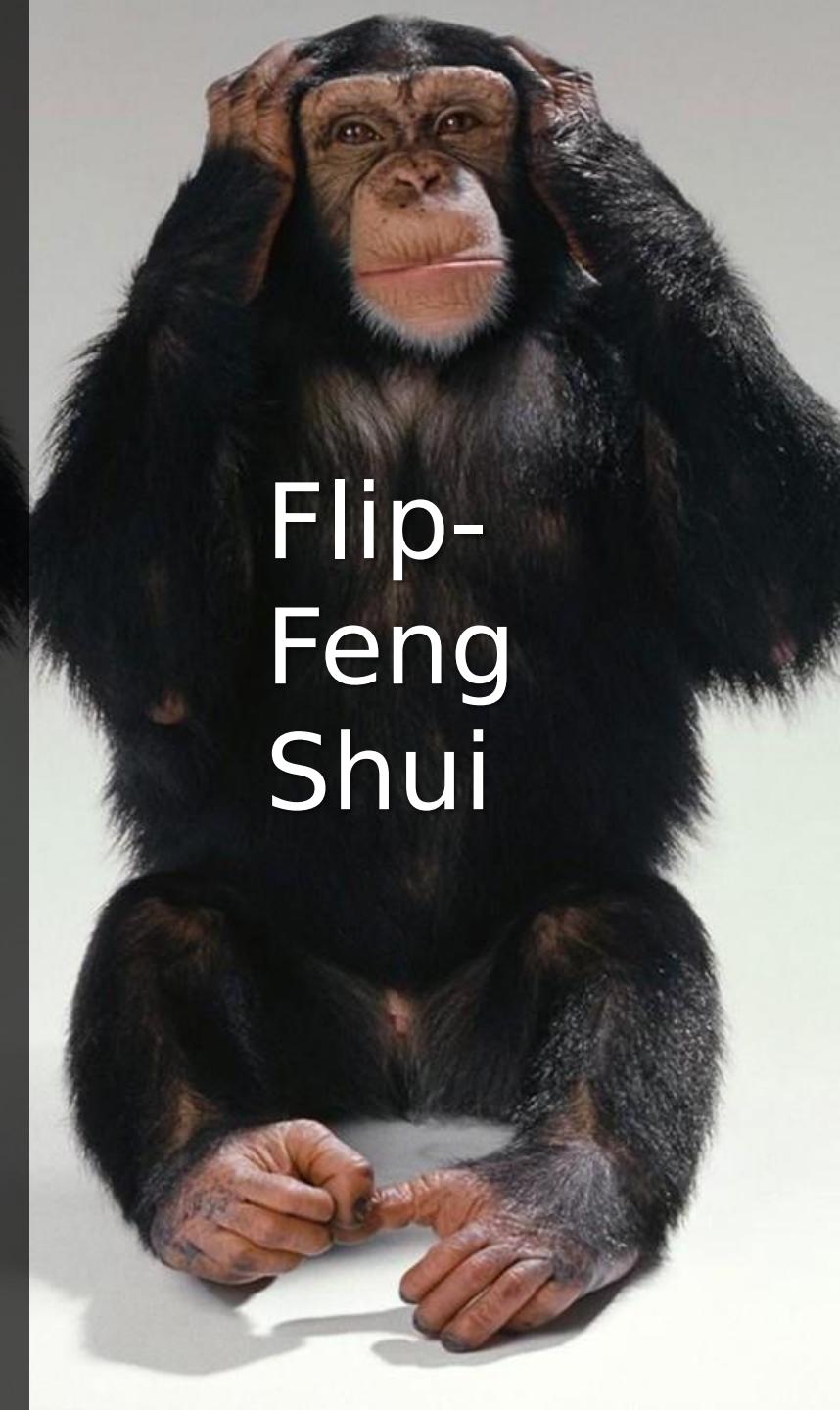
Pointer pivoting





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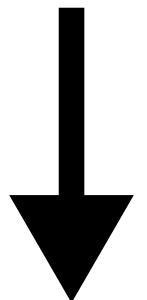
Deduplication (more than a software side-channel)

Flip Feng Shui

**Rowhammer
(hardware bug)**

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**Deduplication
(more than a software side-channel)**



Cross-VM compromise

Rowhammer bit flips:

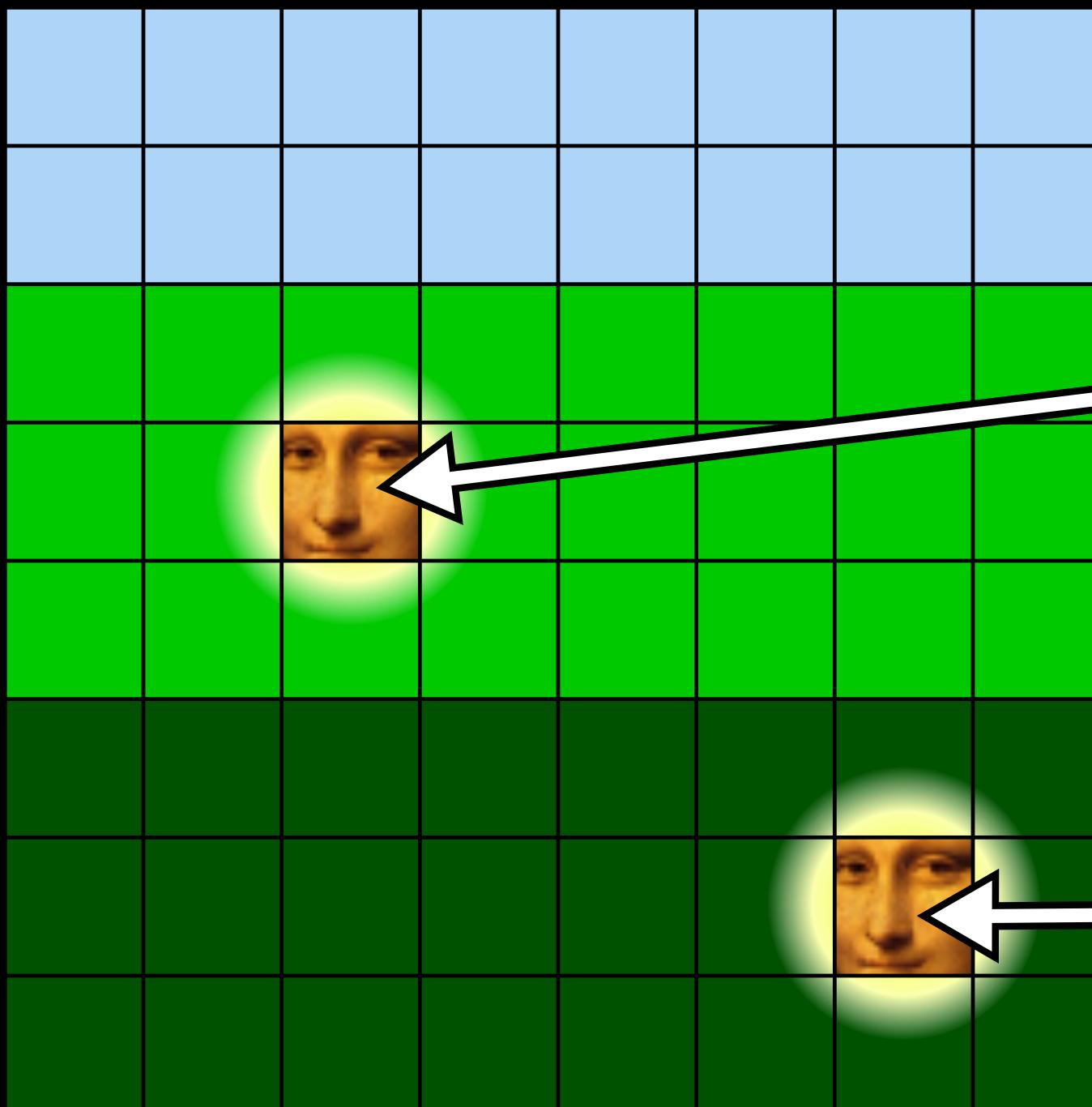
- 1) Unpredictable on which (virtual) page
- 2) Unpredictable where in the page
- 3) Repeatable once you've found a flip

Flip Feng Shui goal:

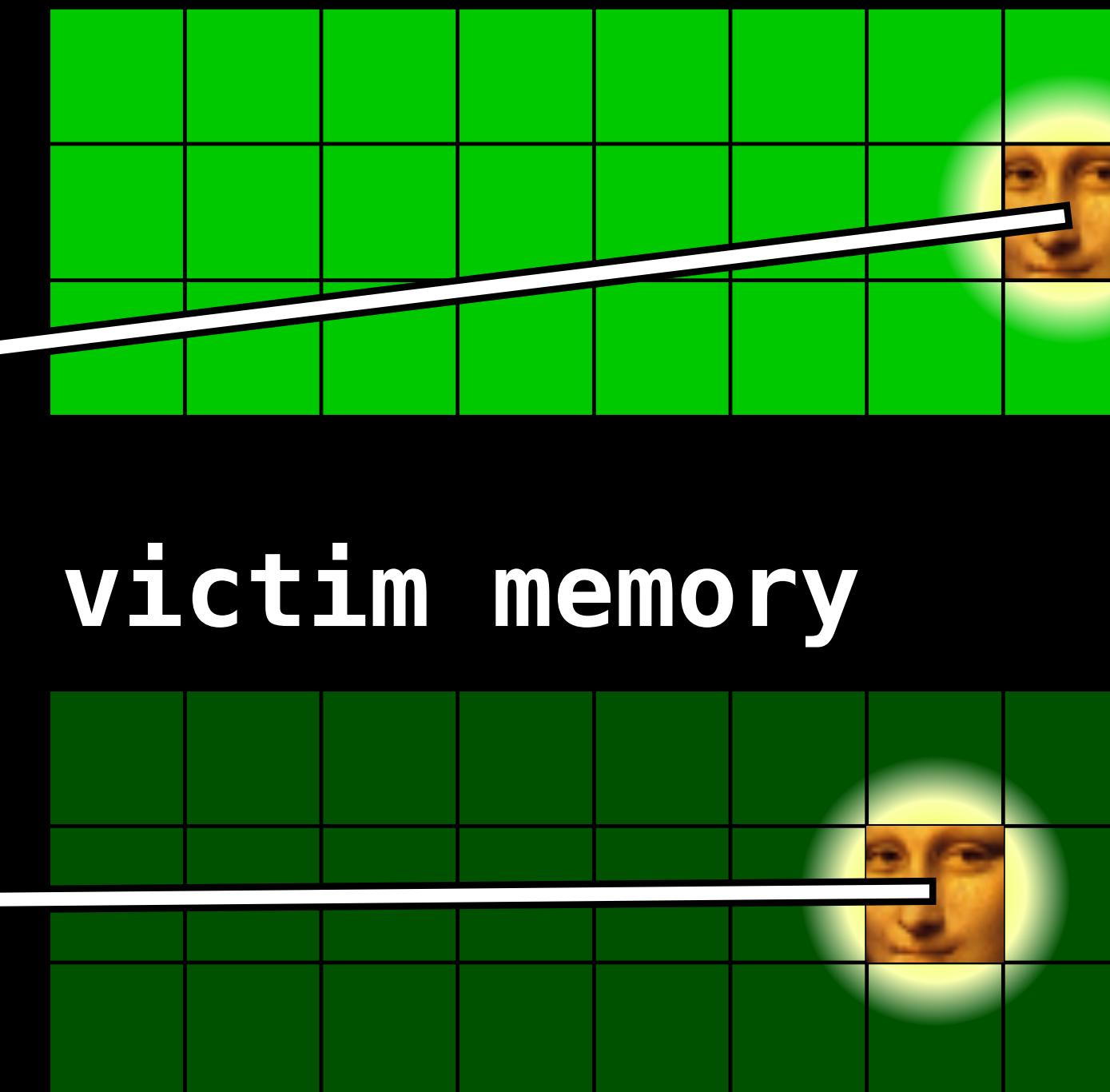
- > Find victim pages with known content which allow for exploitation when certain bits are flipped
- > Land this victim page in a physical memory location where this bit is flippable

Deduplication implementation: Windows 10

physical memory



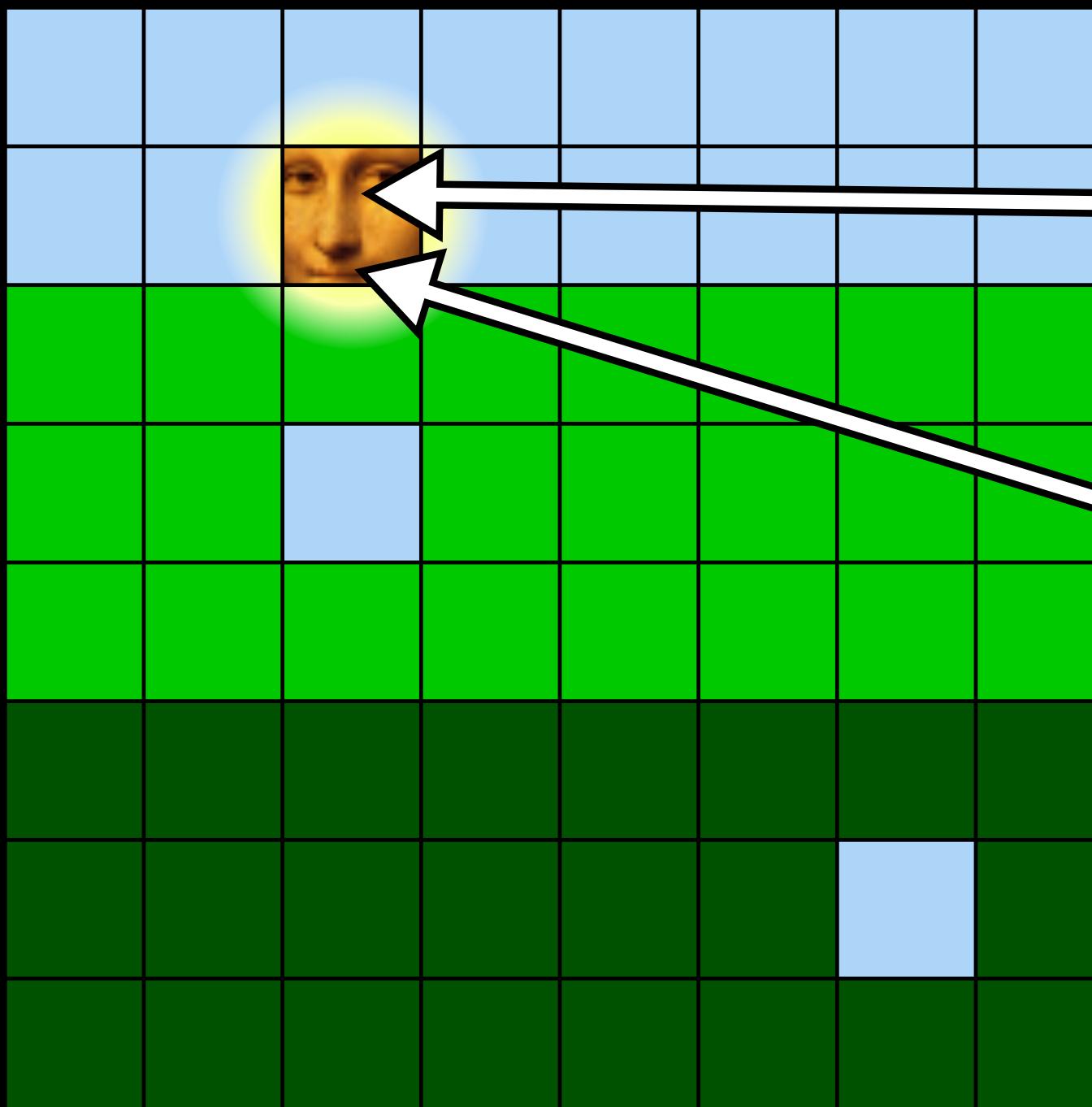
attacker memory



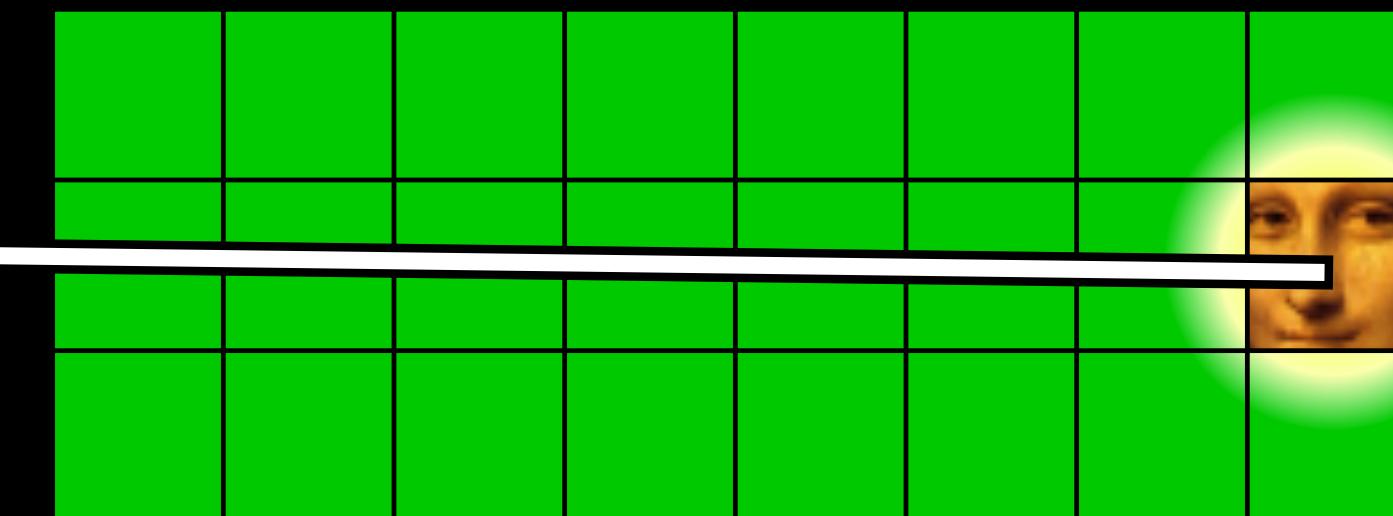
victim memory

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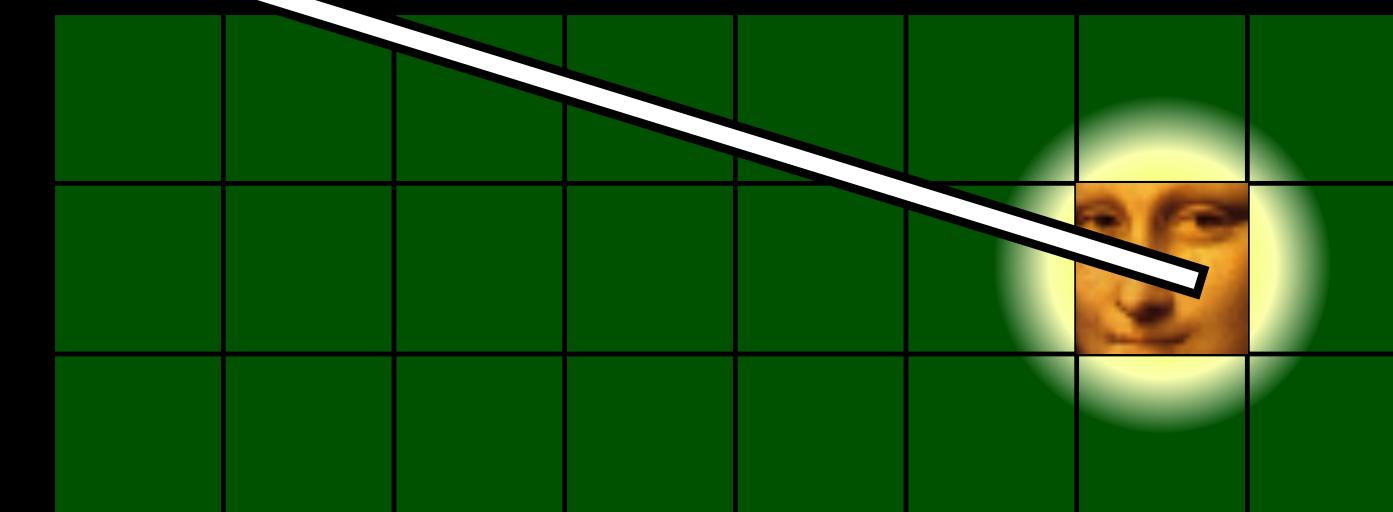
physical memory



attacker memory

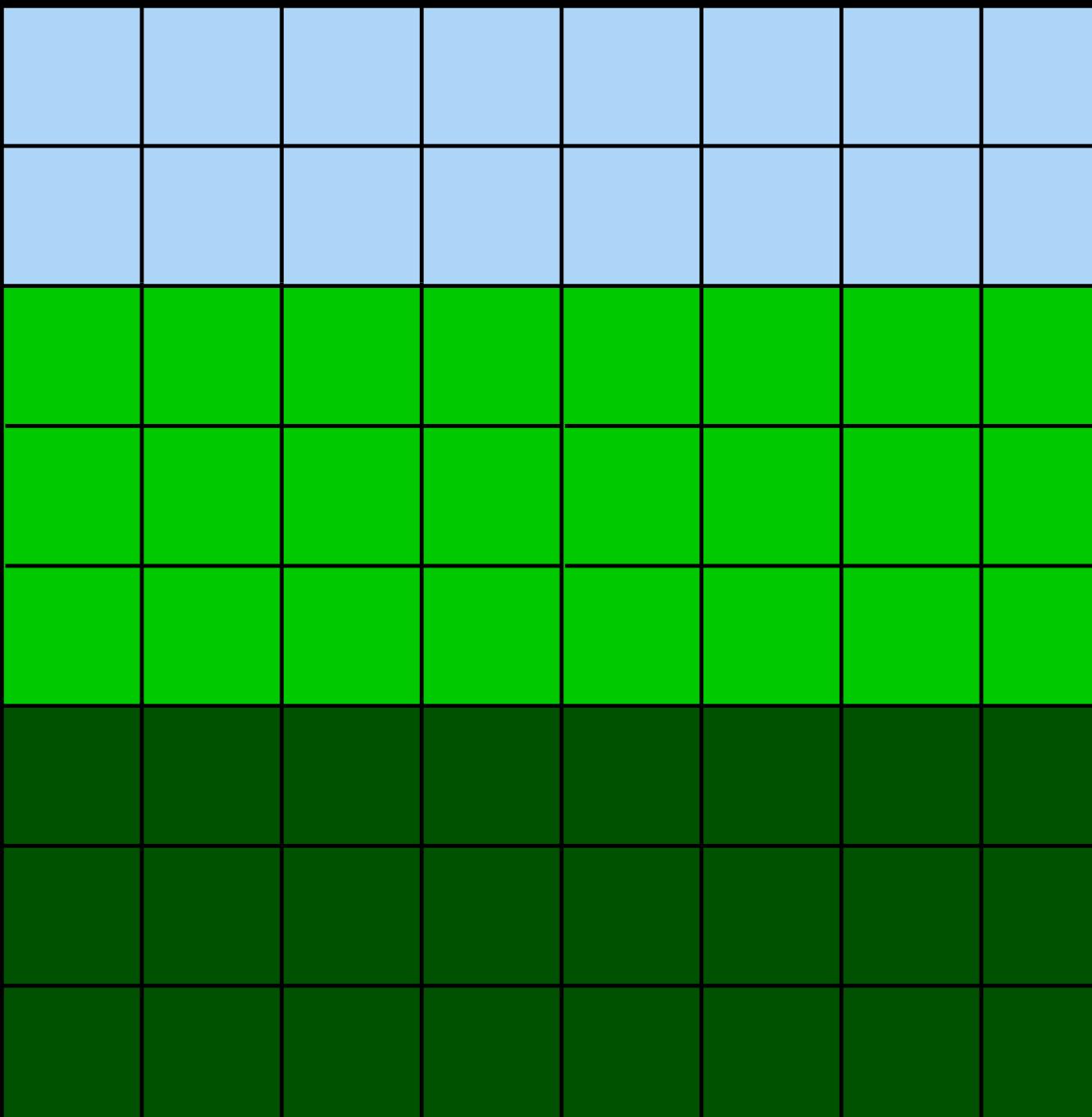


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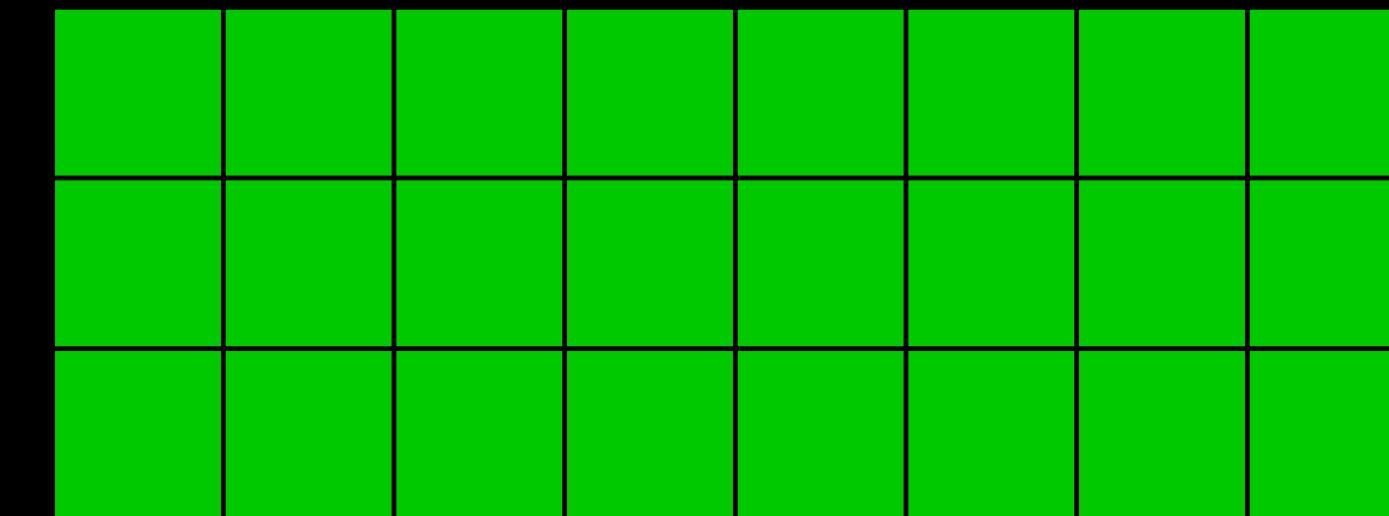


Deduplication implementation: KVM on Linux (KSM)

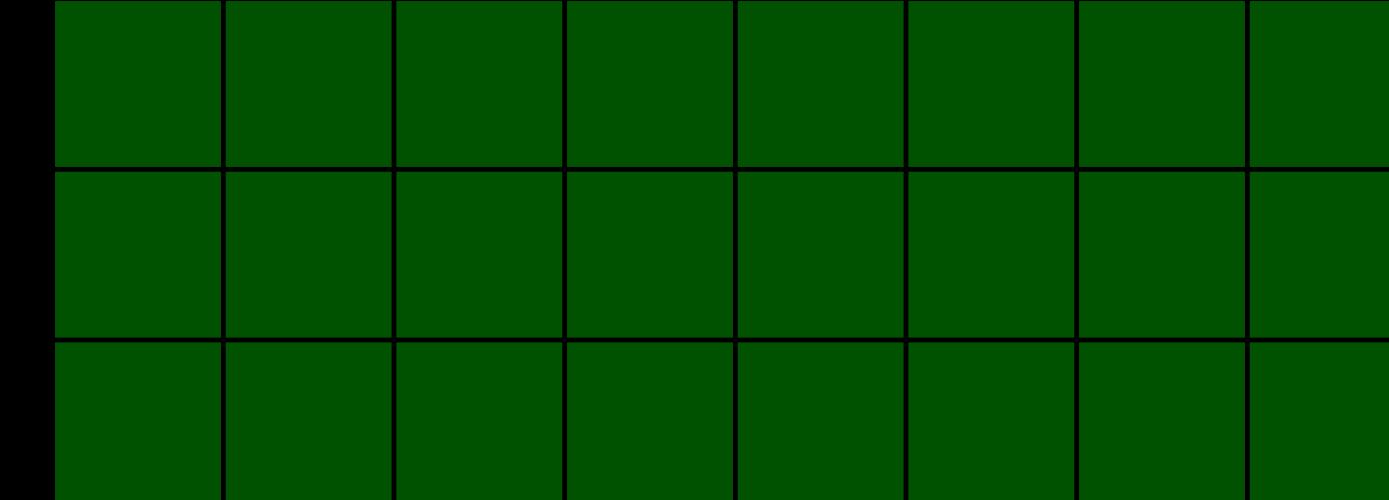
physical memory



attacker memory

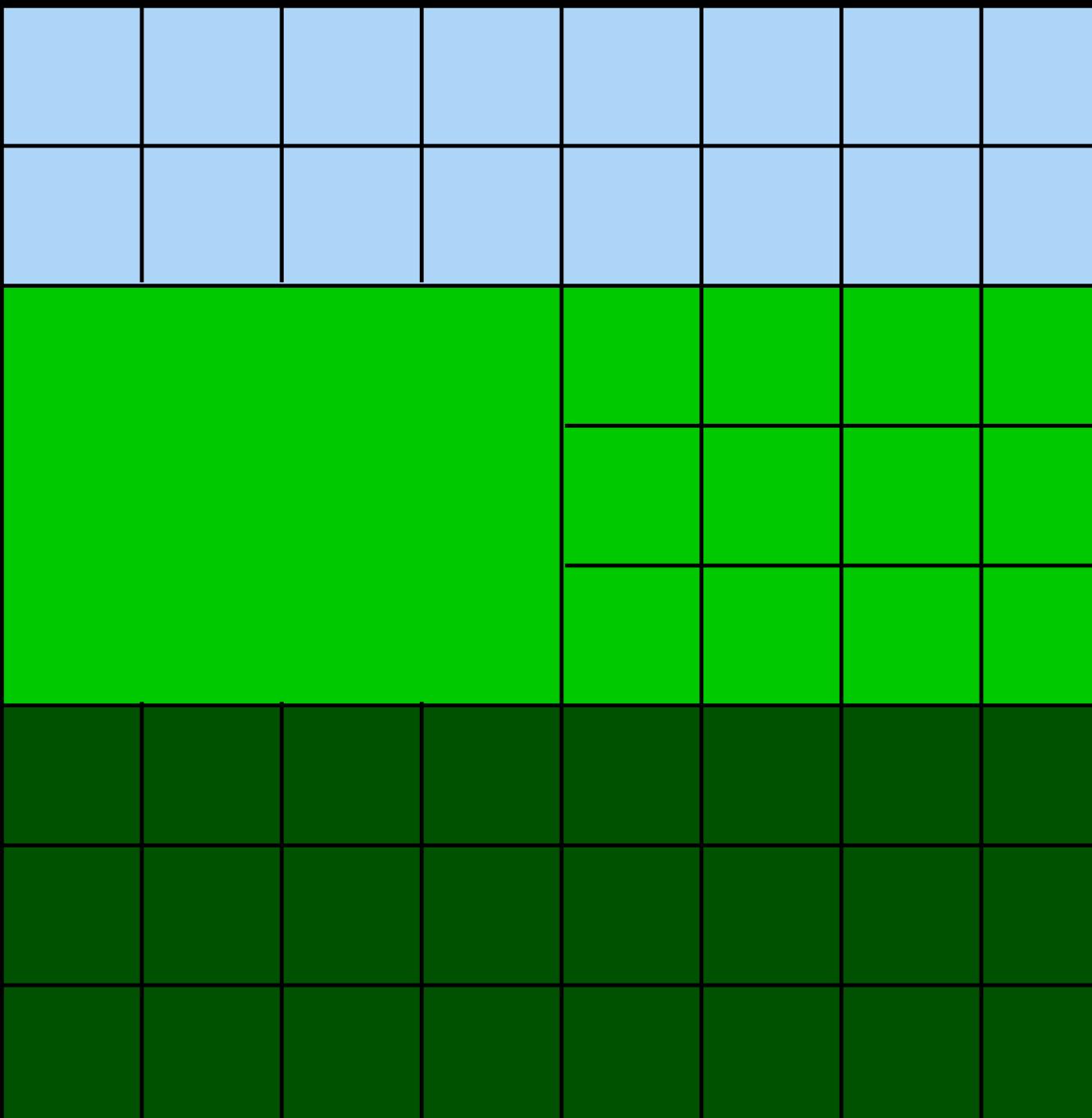


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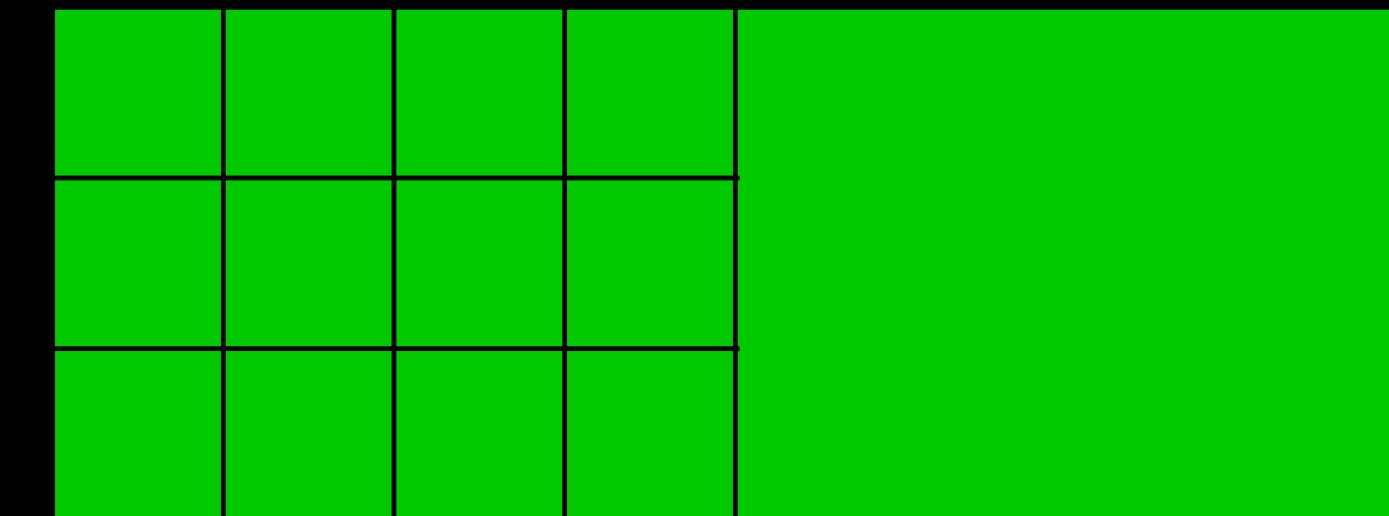


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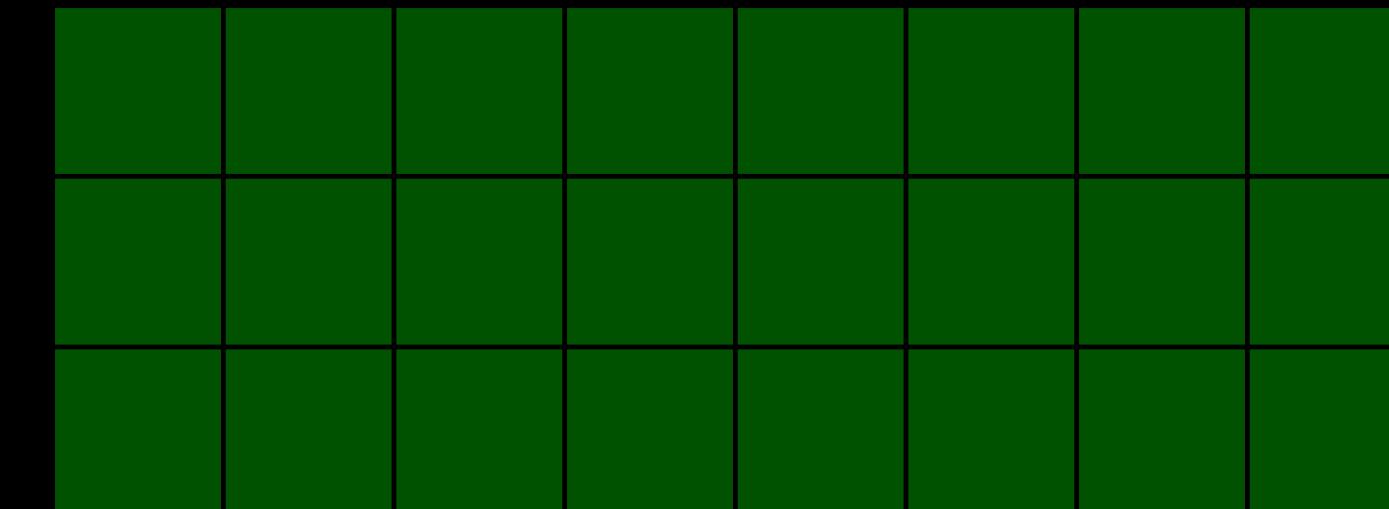
physical memory



attacker memory

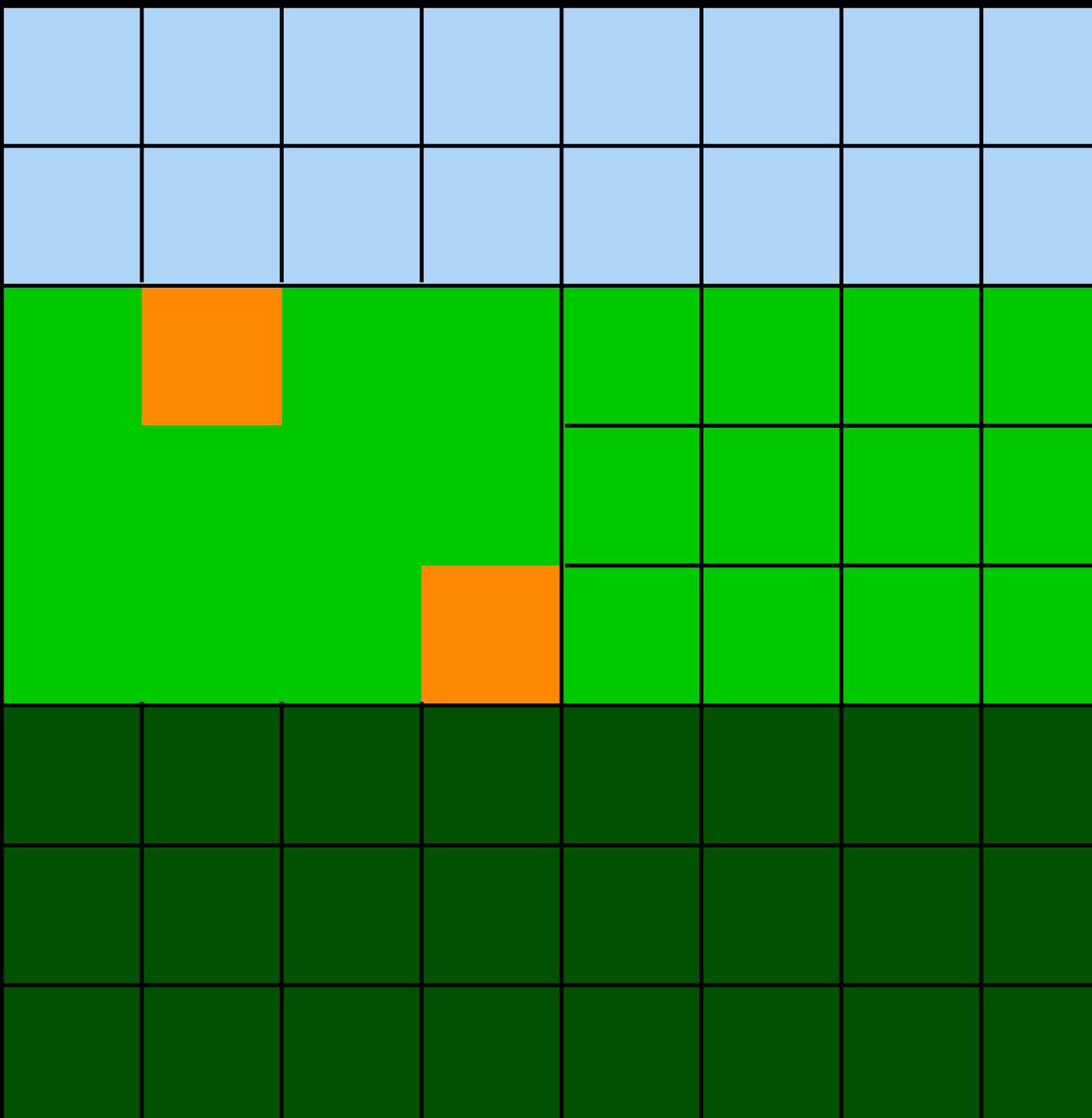


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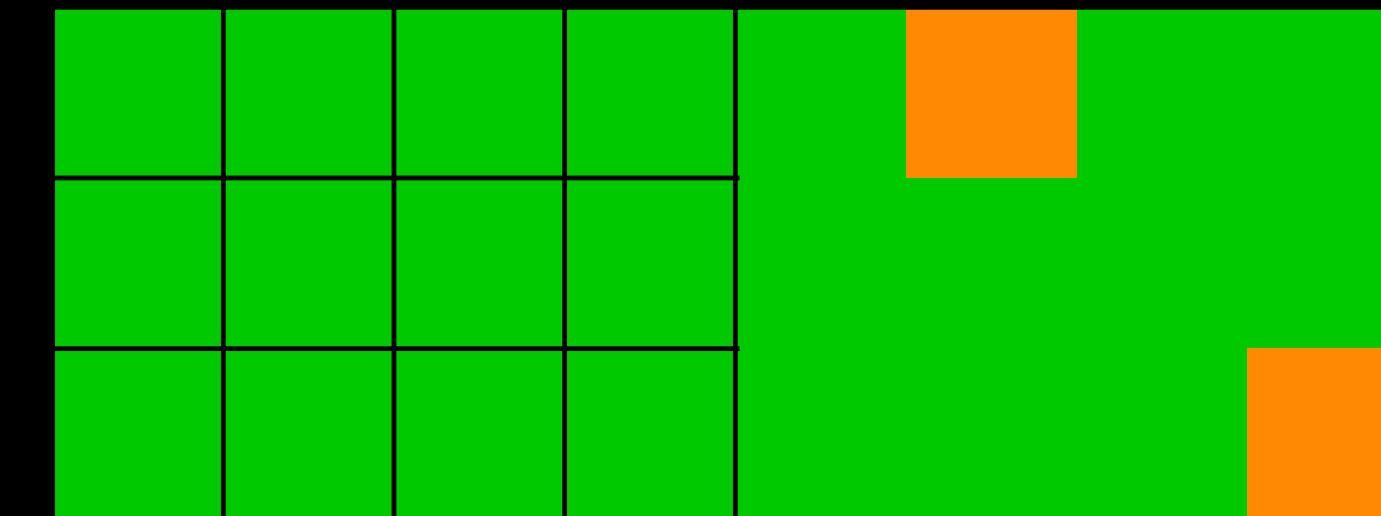


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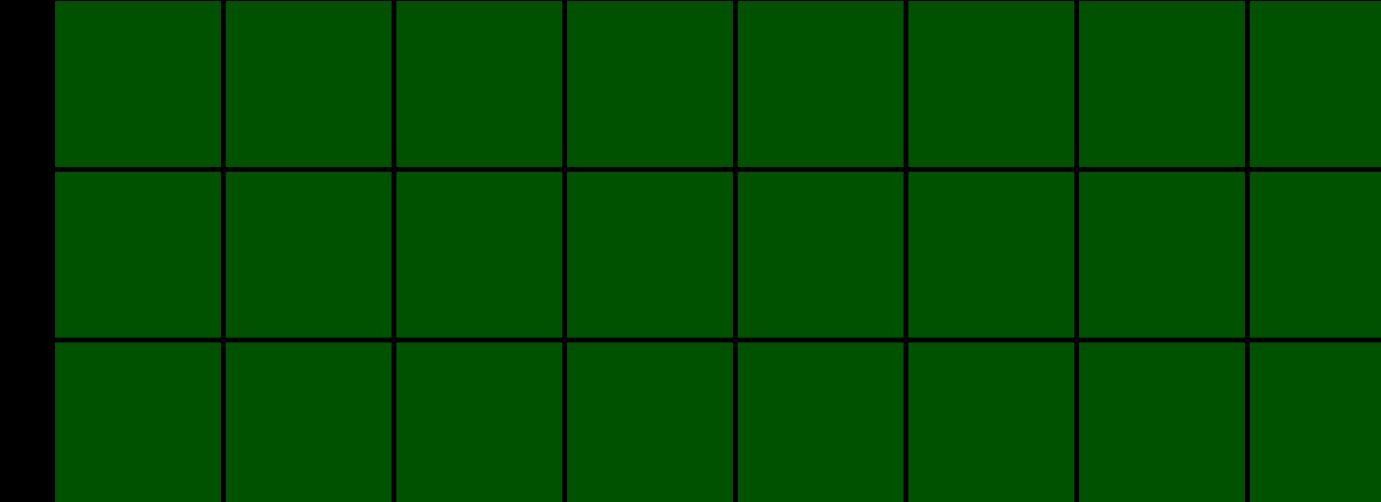
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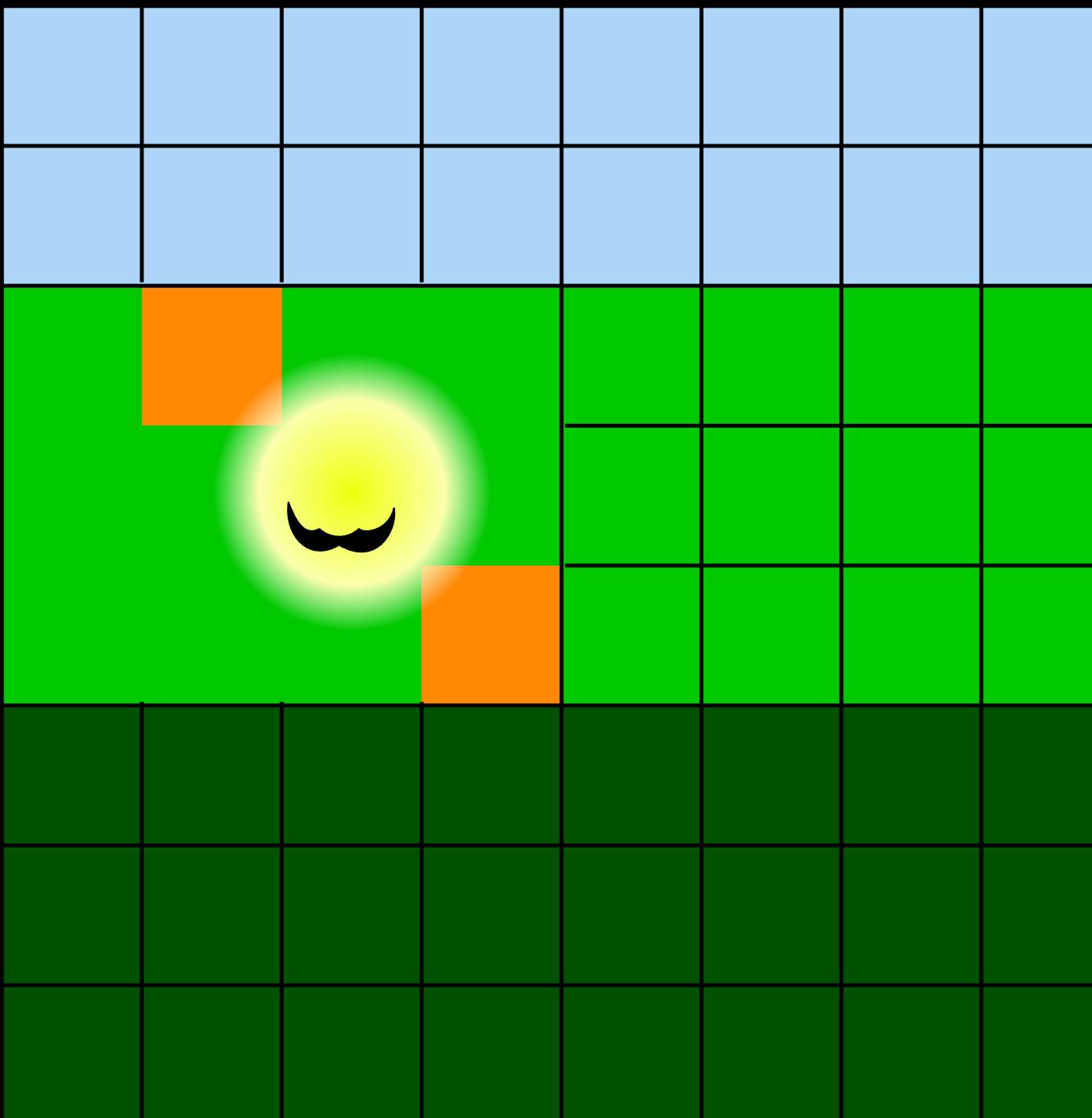


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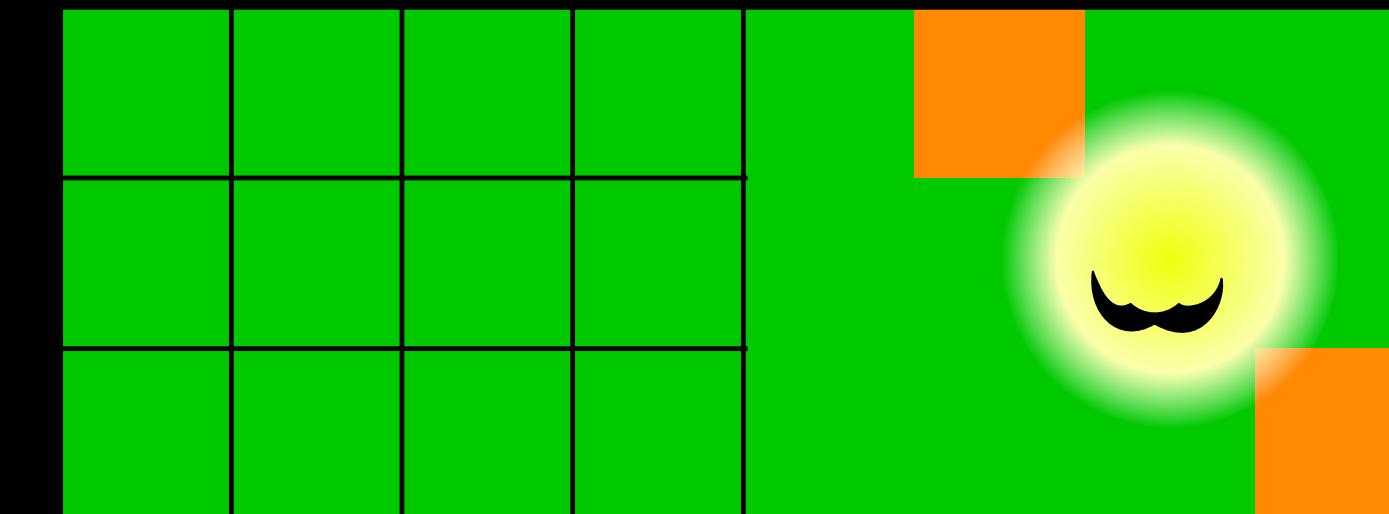


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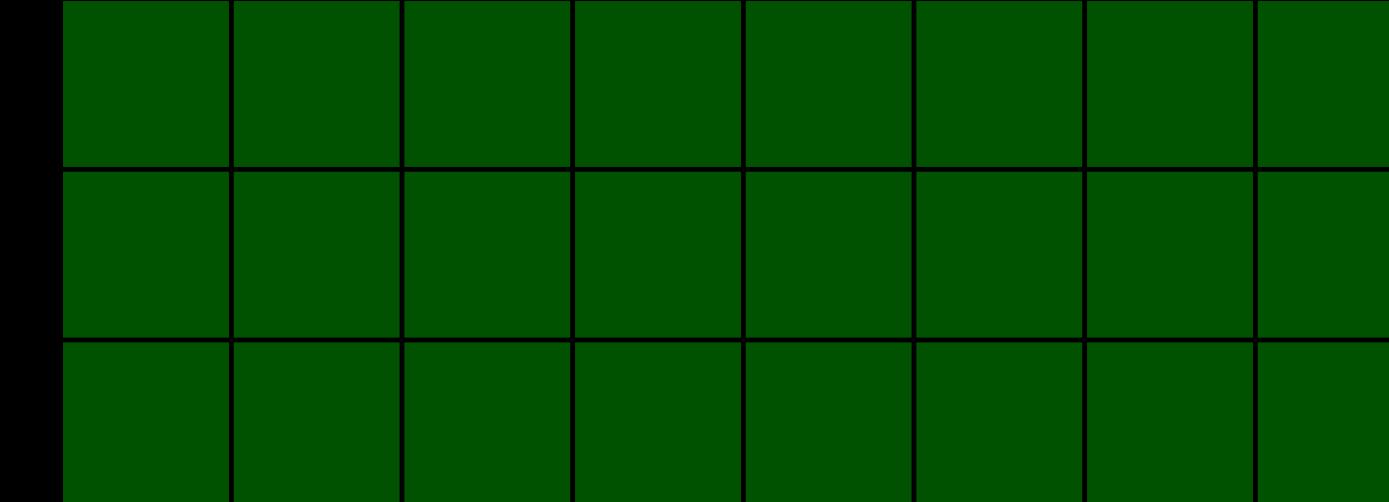
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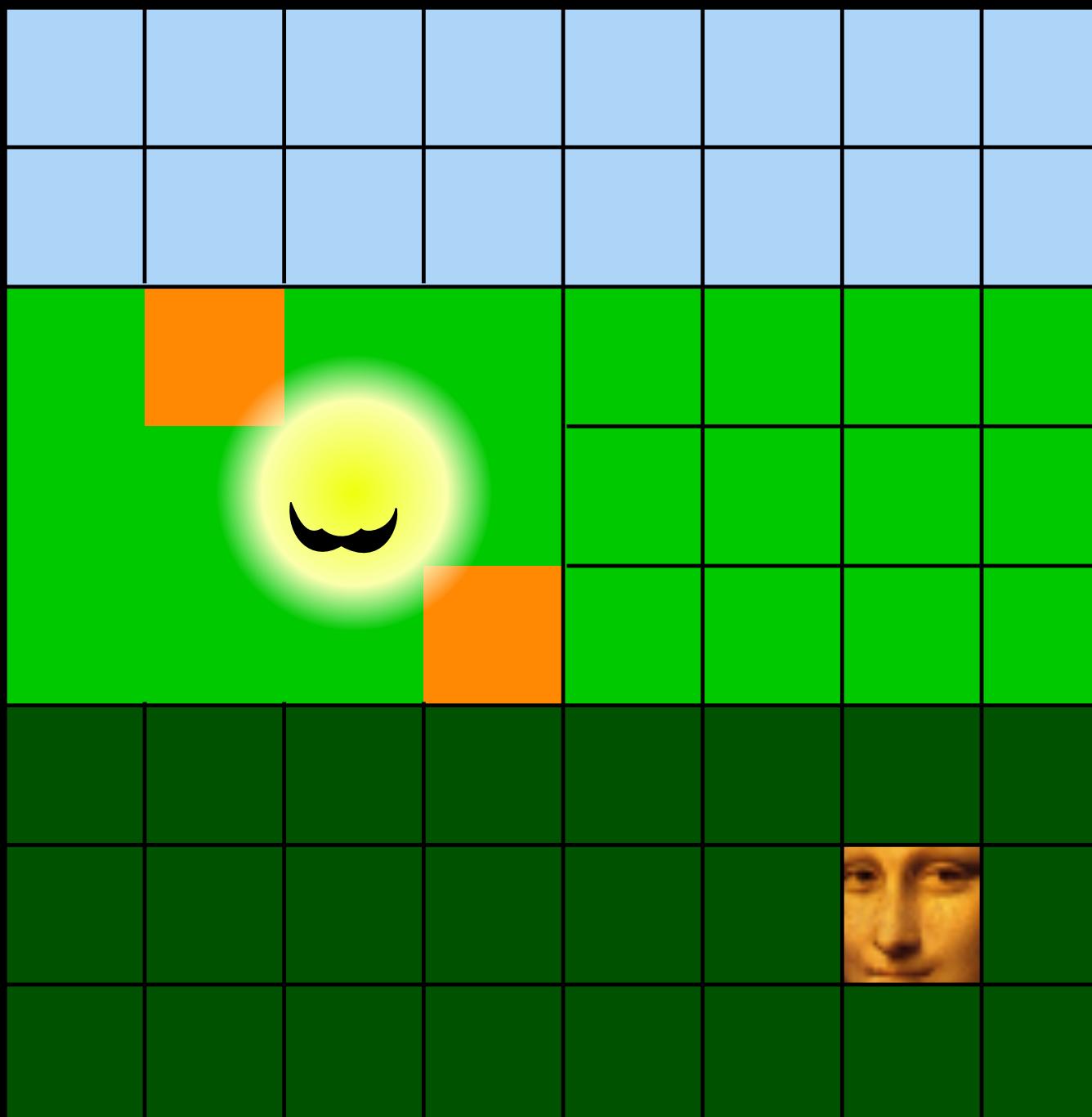


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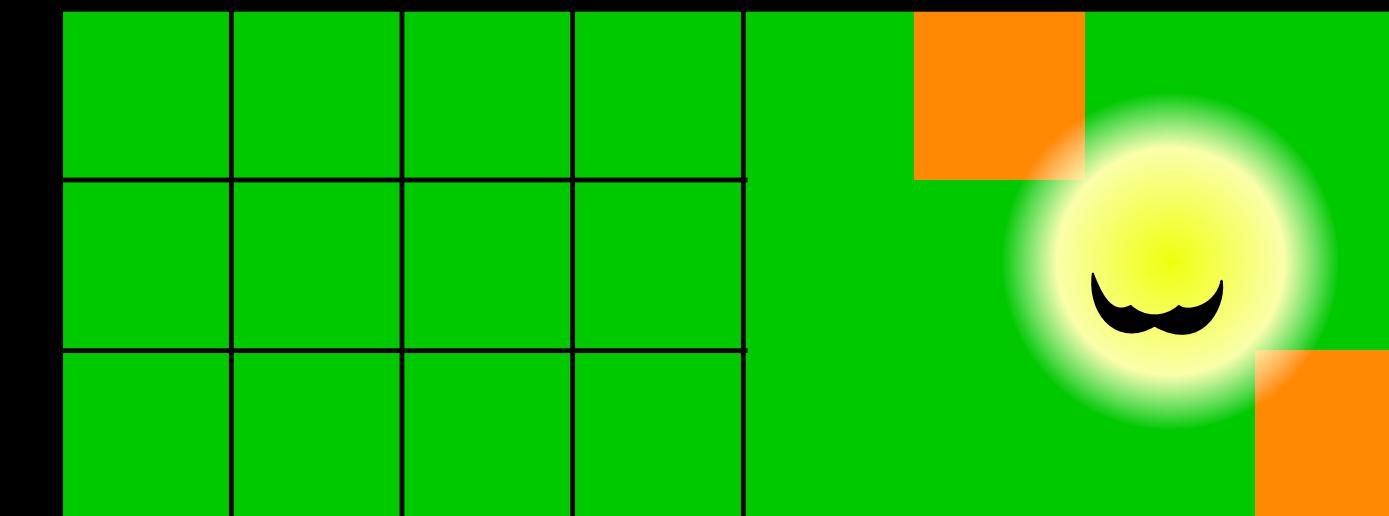


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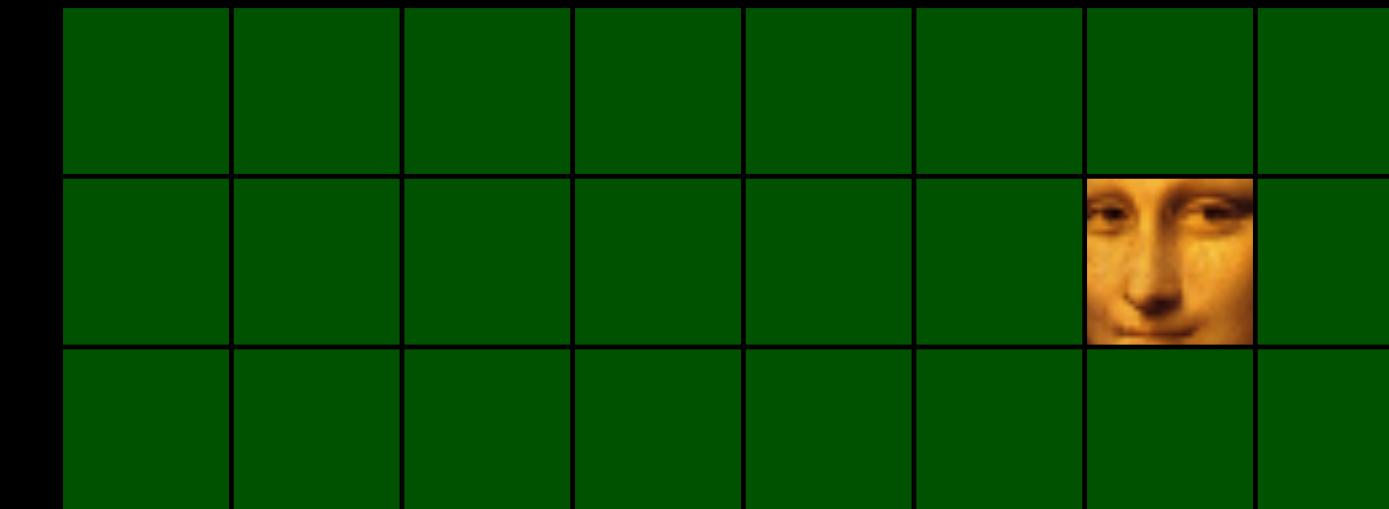
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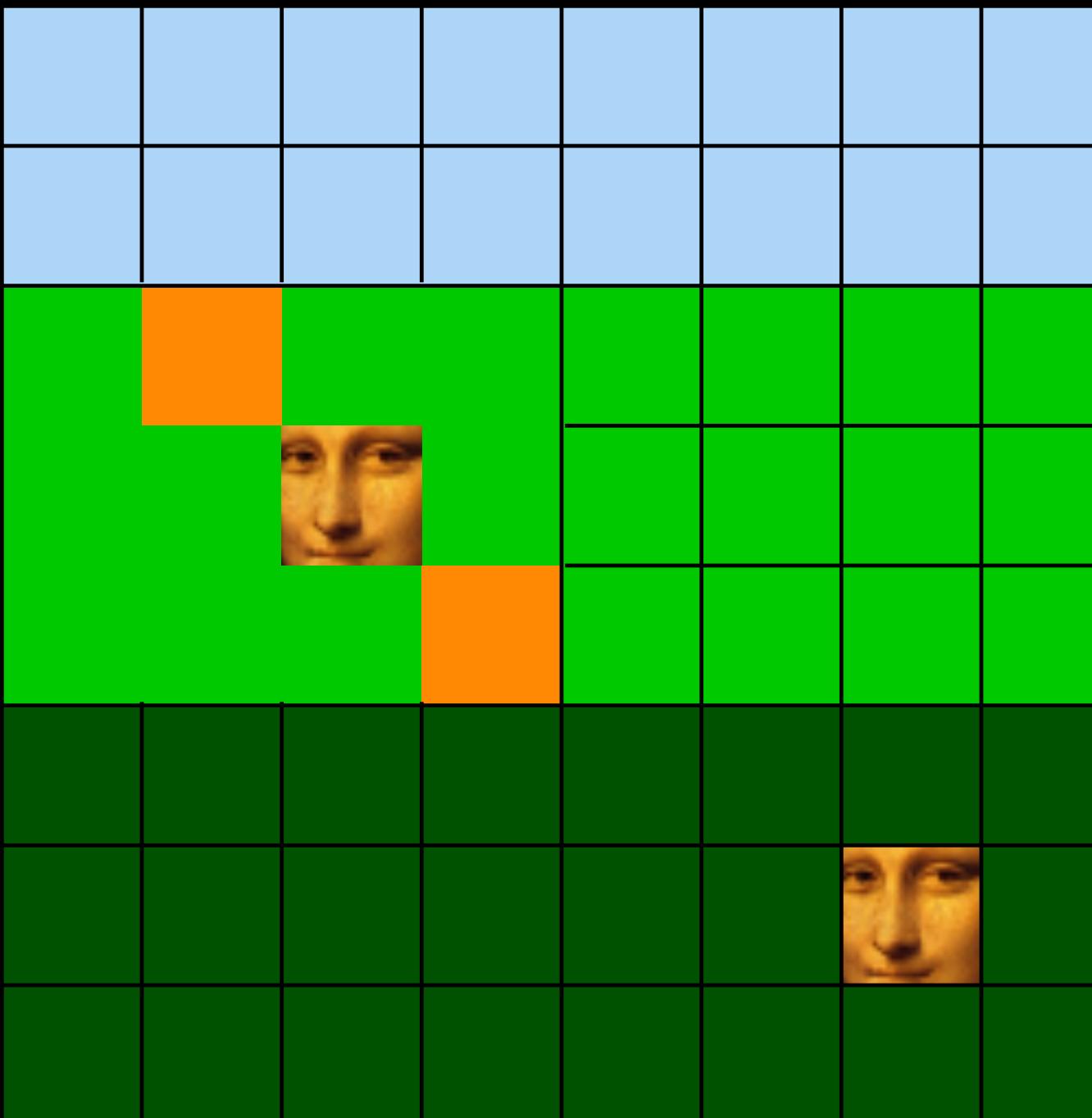


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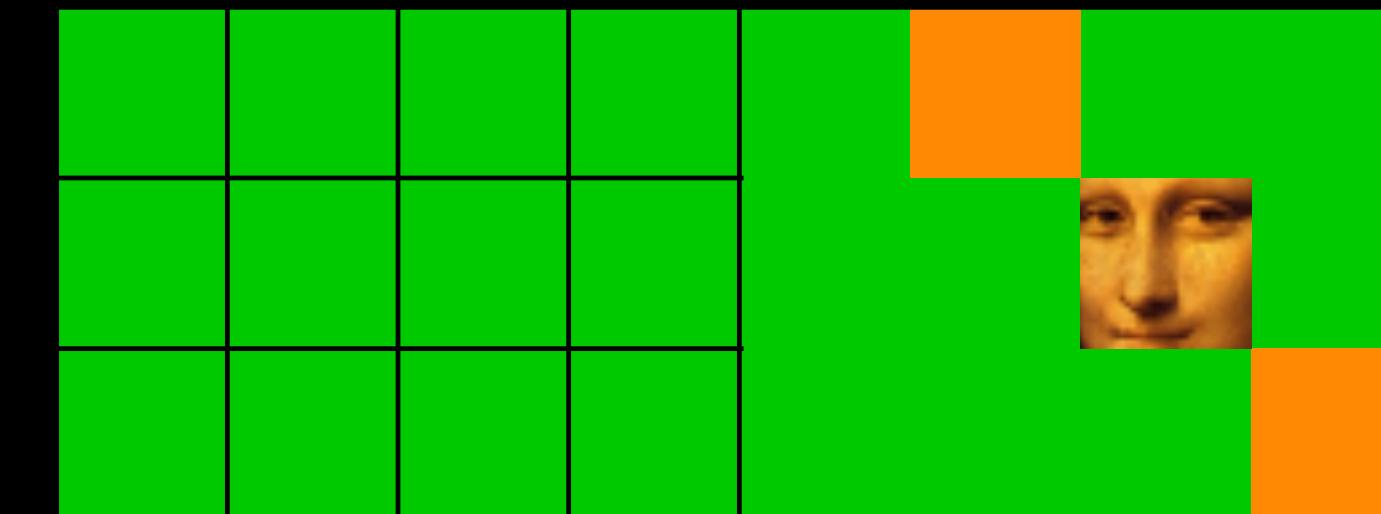


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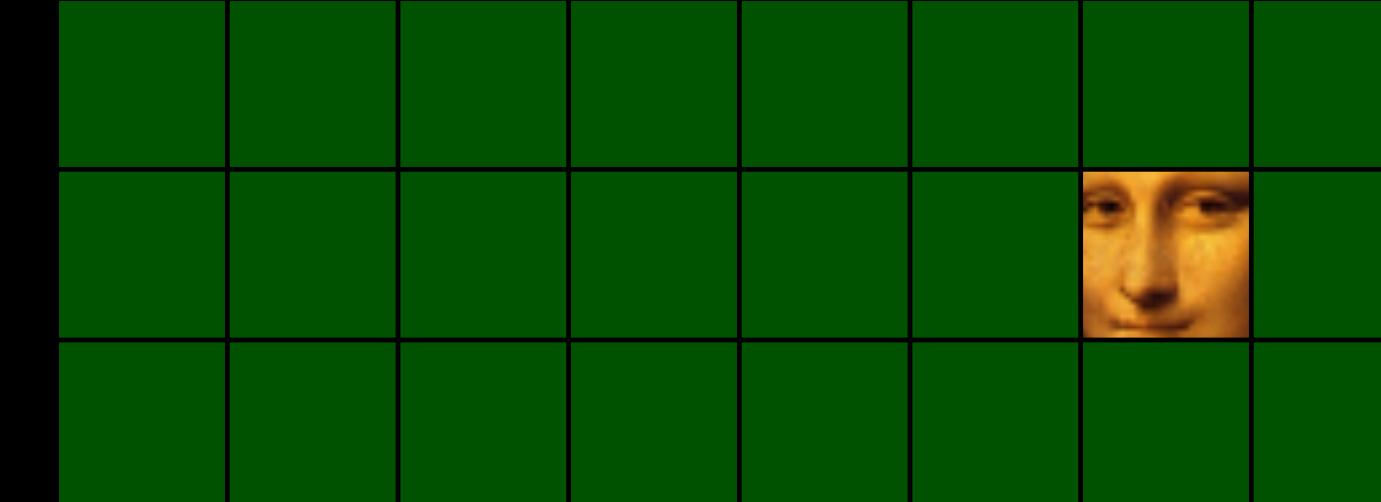
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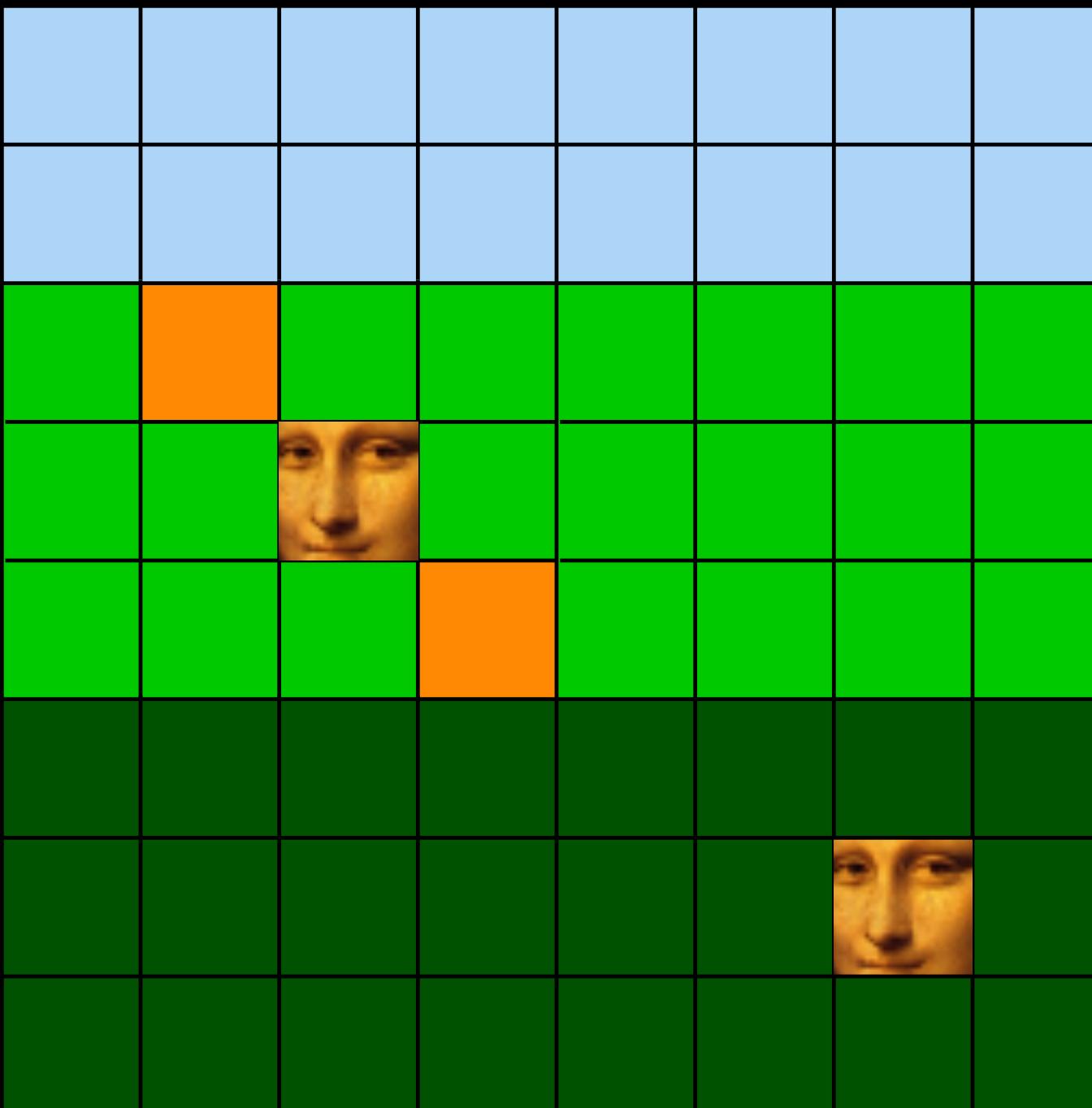


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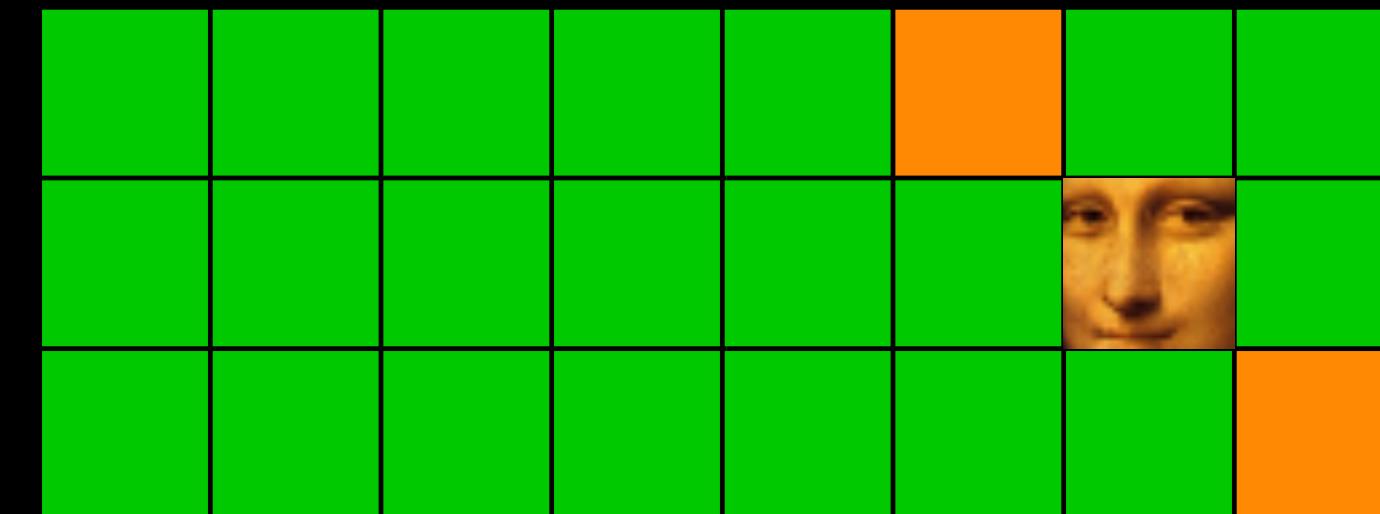


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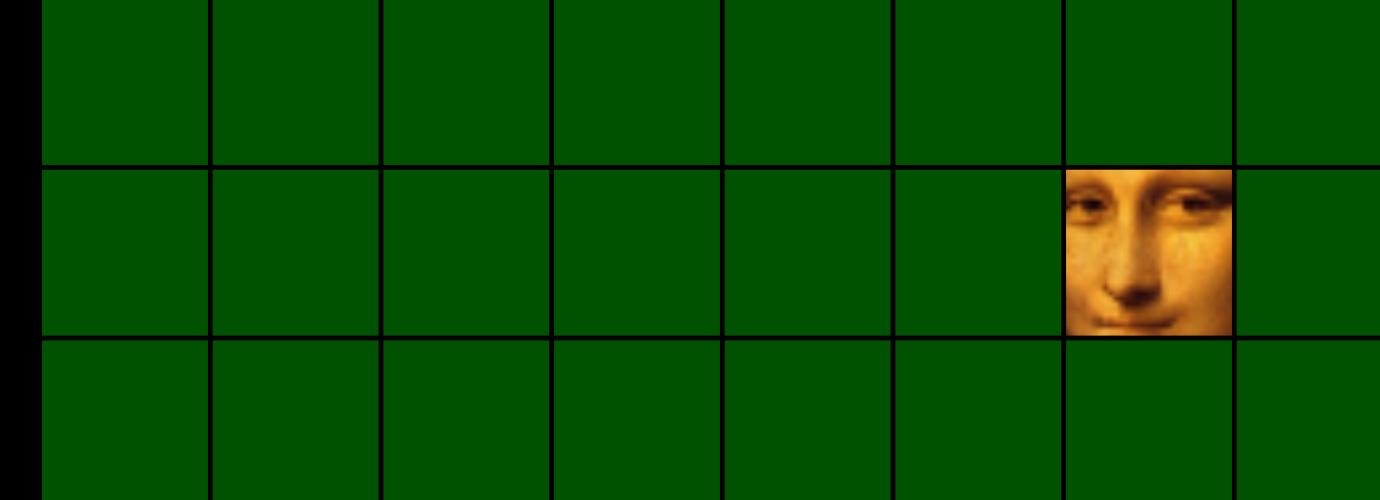
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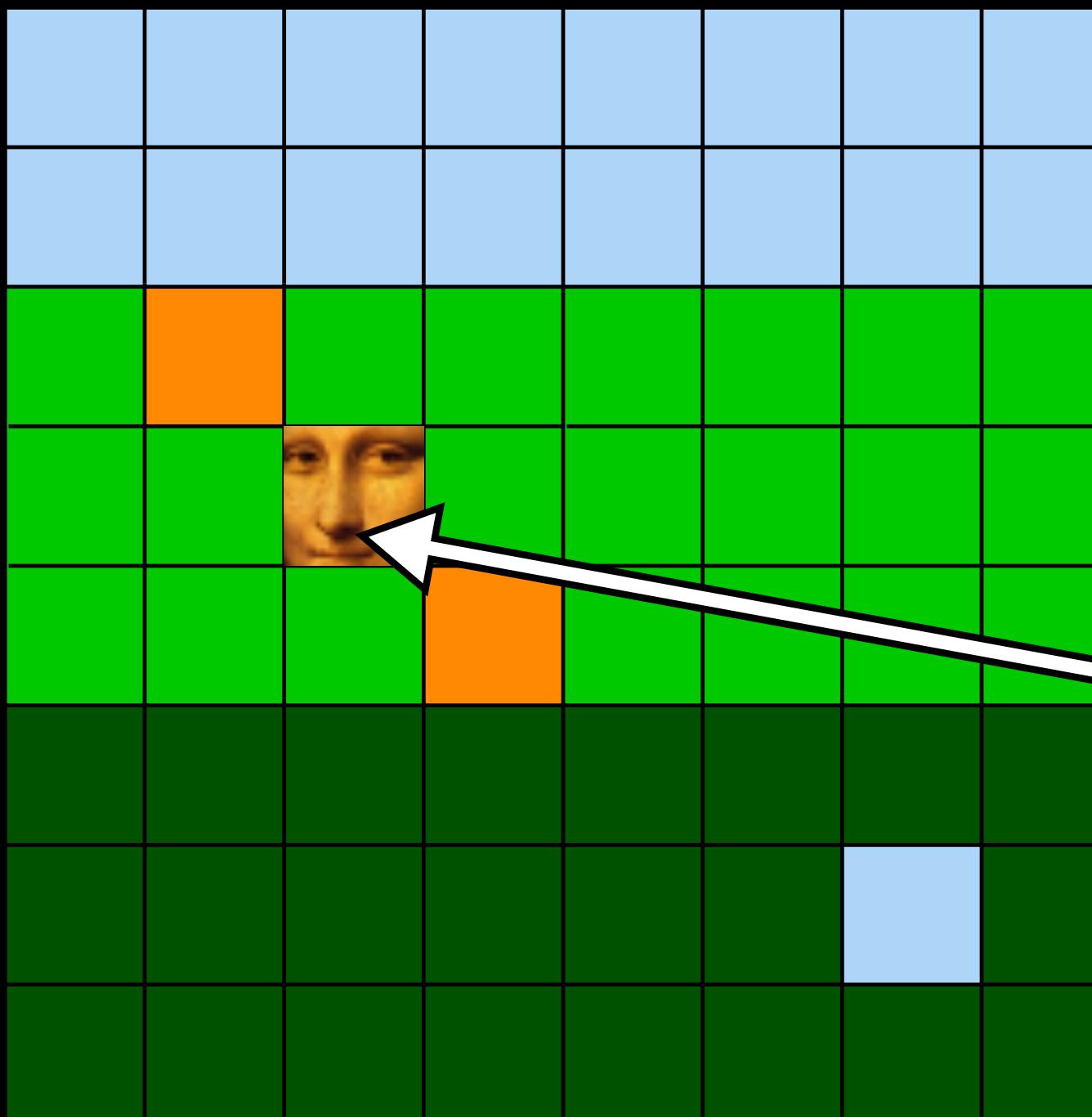


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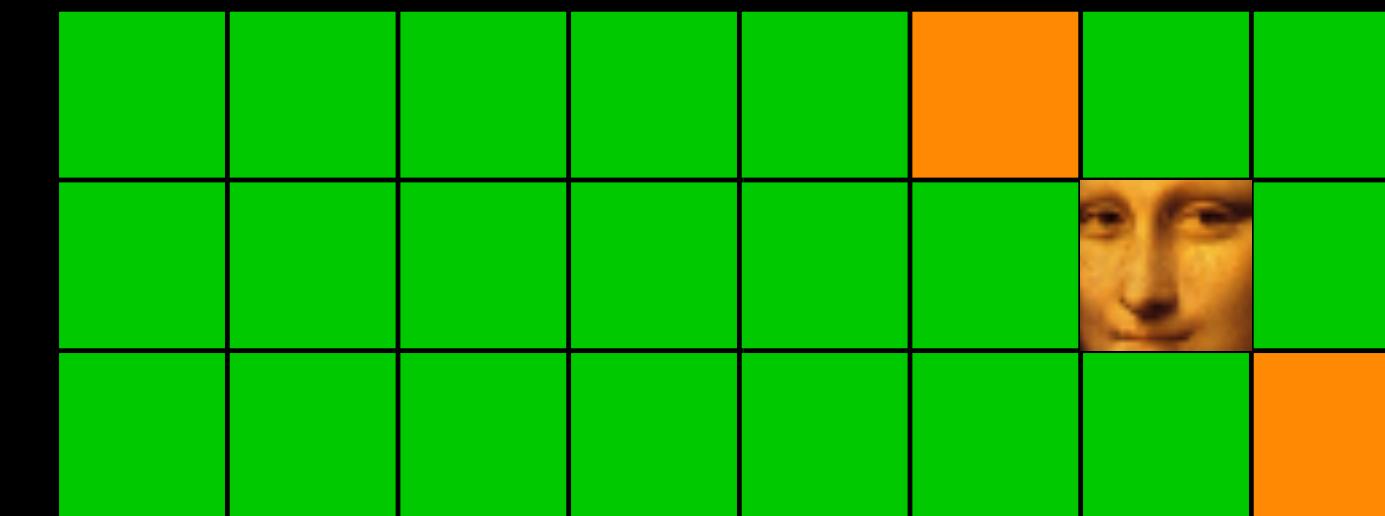


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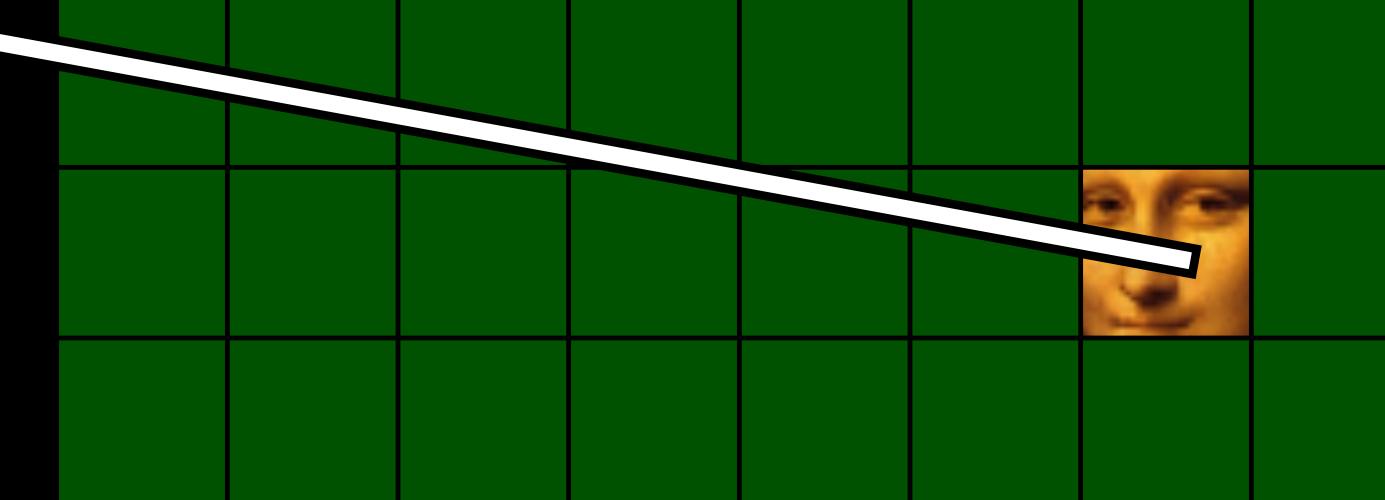
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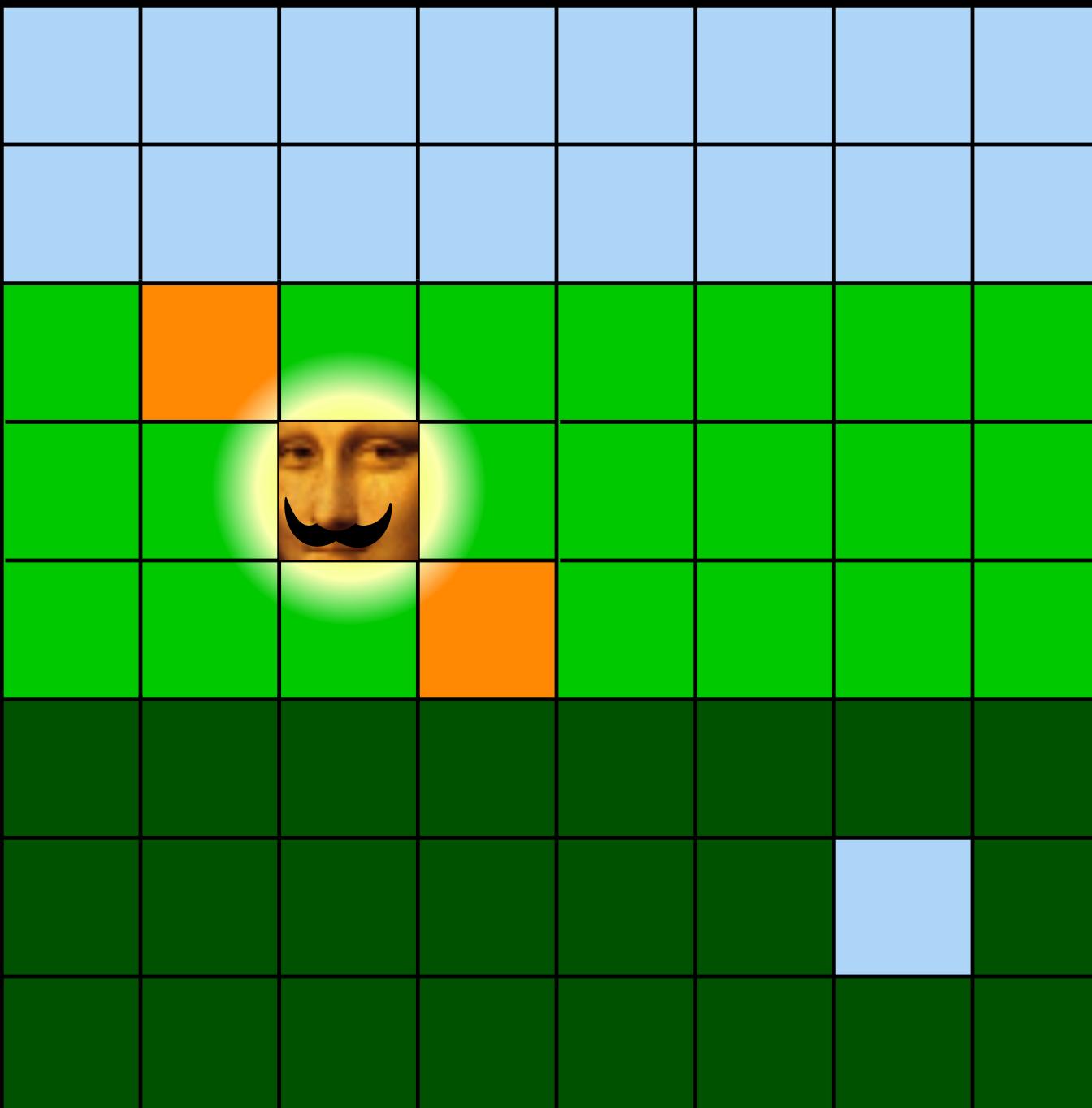


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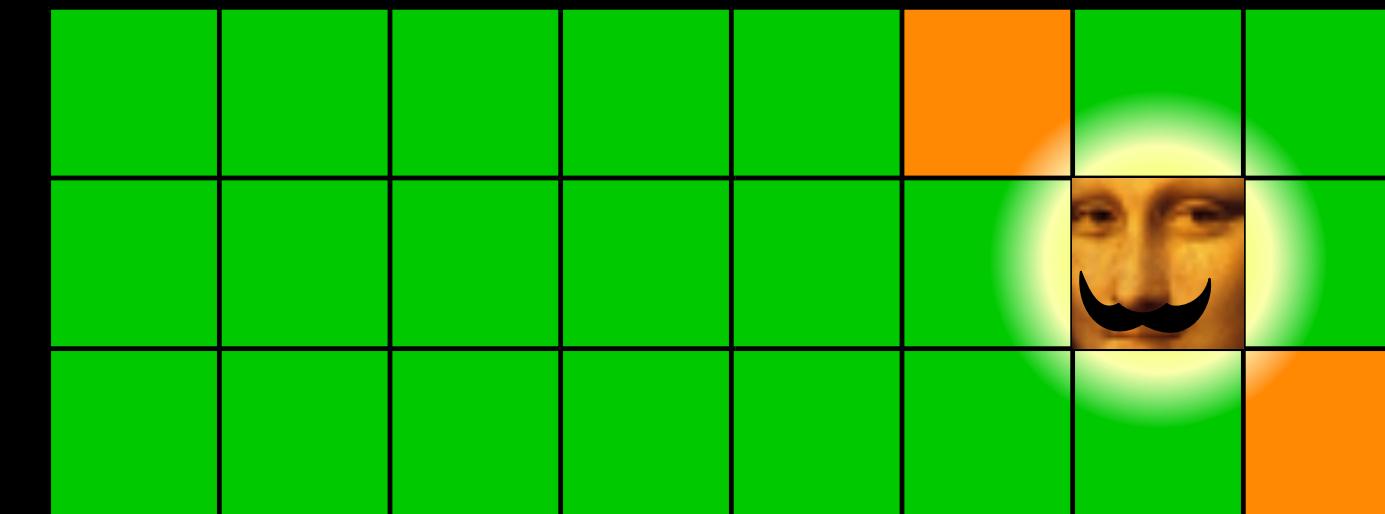


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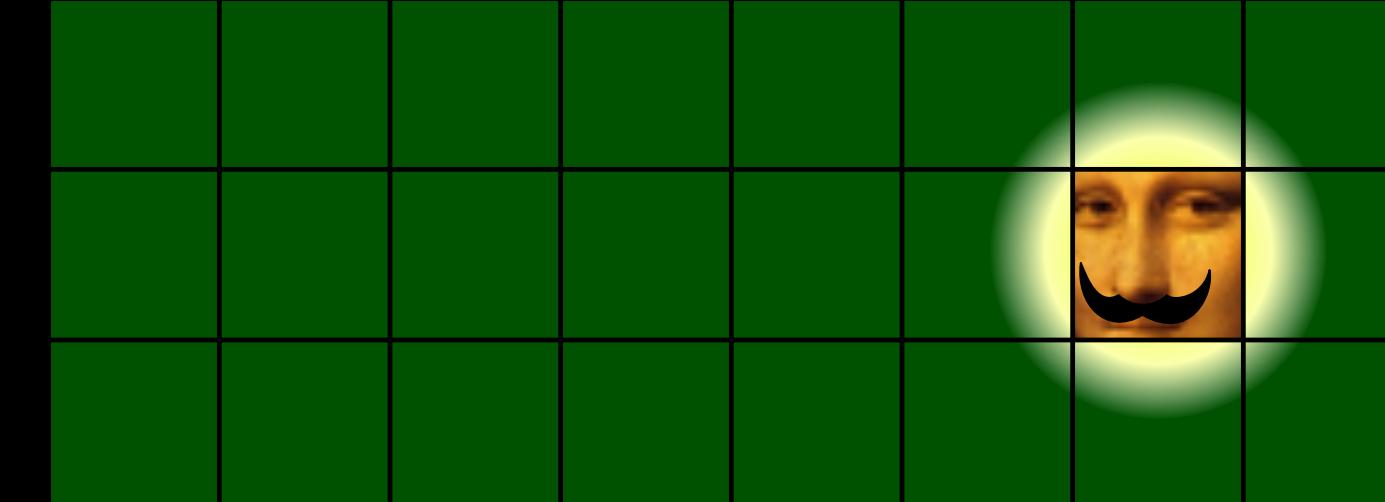
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Example 1: OpenSSH

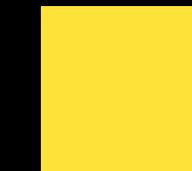
Target: `~/.ssh/authorized_keys`

OpenSSH ~/.ssh/authorized_keys

```
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el7ESr+/D/PWZ6Ljkhlu8yv35bEEoTwXm9eGxJyzV+1s68tRyzpD  
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jmghxQj8RRzGUtd1 victim@laptop
```



Exponent



Modulus (p * q)

OpenSSH ~/.ssh/authorized_keys

```
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAQABAAQCB52/Uk84iUmmic  
el7ESr+/D/PWZ6Ljkhlu8yv35bEEoTwXm9eGxJyzV+1s68tRyzpD  
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BnkPD0LrEyAKRygEfi7gwciix0vQR79by8LL6ypJ4kM5eyobSBsNC  
jmghxQj8RRzGUtd1 victim@laptop
```



Exponent



Modulus (p' * q' * r' ...)

Example 1: OpenSSH

Target: `~/.ssh/authorized_keys`

- > Flip a bit in the RSA modulus
- > Factorize it
- > Reconstruct the new private key

Example 2: GPG & apt-get

Targets: sources.list

flip package repository domain name
eg. ubuntu.com -> ubunvu.com

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GPG keyring

corrupt signing key

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- > Well, or just disable it

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Rowhammer (seaborn attack)

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